

Welcome to the BTNEP Q2
**MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE**

Nicholls Coastal Center
Thibodaux, LA



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Barataria–Terrebonne
NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

May 14, 2026



CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. Quenton Fontenot

NEW MEMBER CONSIDERATION

Coastal Technical Assistance Center (CTAC)





DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bren Haase



PROGRAM UPDATES



NEP Week in D.C.



MBNEP visit



GulfCon 2026



State Library Program

EDUCATION



“Claude & Claudette’s Estuary Adventure”



Water Quality Lessons at the Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic



“Louisiana’s Saltwater Situation”



“Trash Talkin” Field Trip

ENGAGEMENT + OUTREACH



LUMCON Open House



Coastal Day at the Capitol



Cook-Off for the Coast

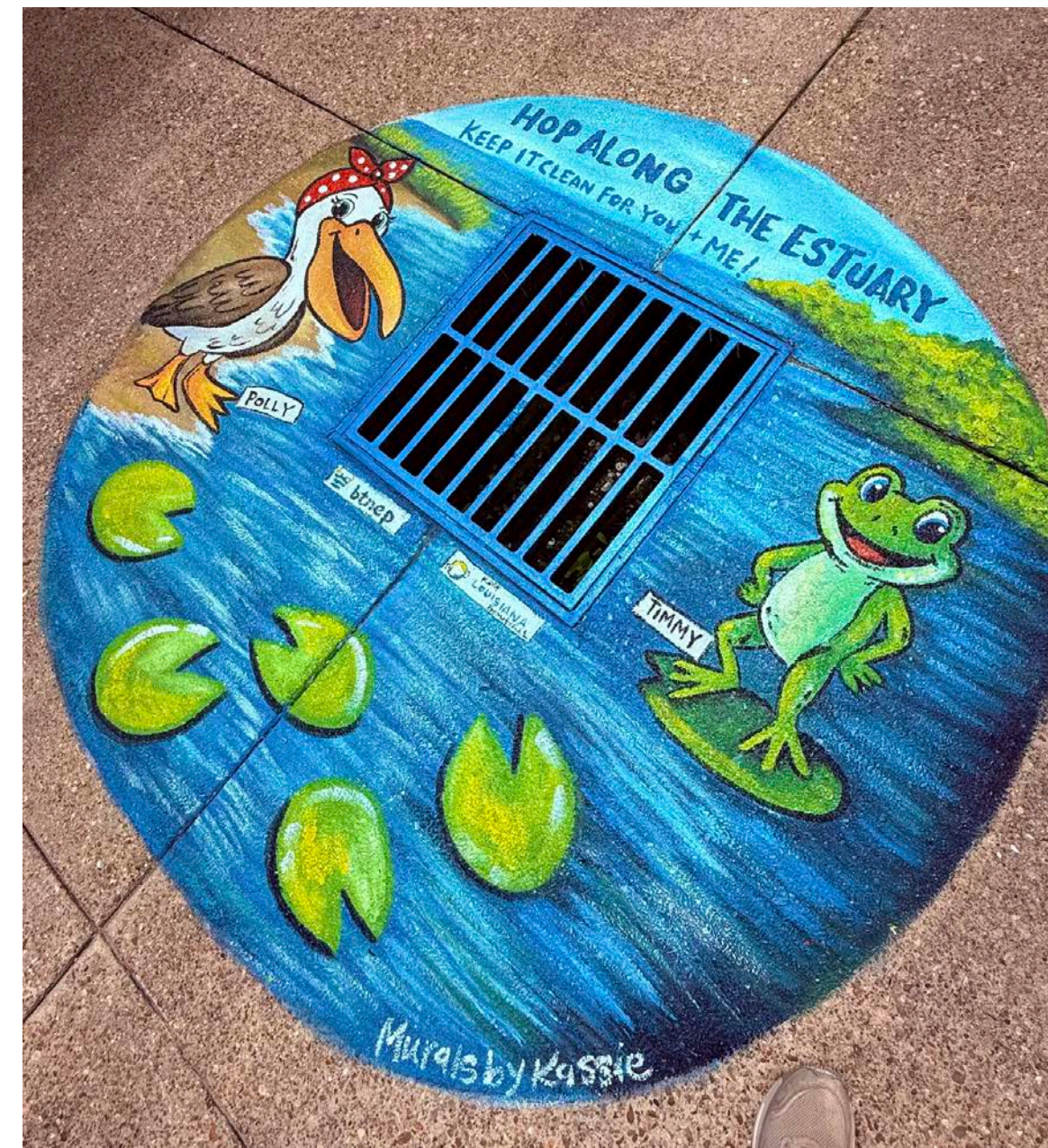


ATC Grant to Update the BTNEP "Paddle Guide"

MARINE DEBRIS



BTNEP's Bayou Clean Up



**Storm Drain Project
Completion**



**We need Green Team
members!**

**Contact Emily Braud
(emilyb@btnep.org)**

NATIVE PLANT NURSERY



Native Tree Giveaway



Farm Fridays



Volunteer Visits:

**South LA Bank
Shell
LOOP
Schlumberger**

HABITAT & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION



**Warbler Nest
Boxes**



**Sparrow Banding
at the Farm**



**Purple Martin
Conservation
Initiative**

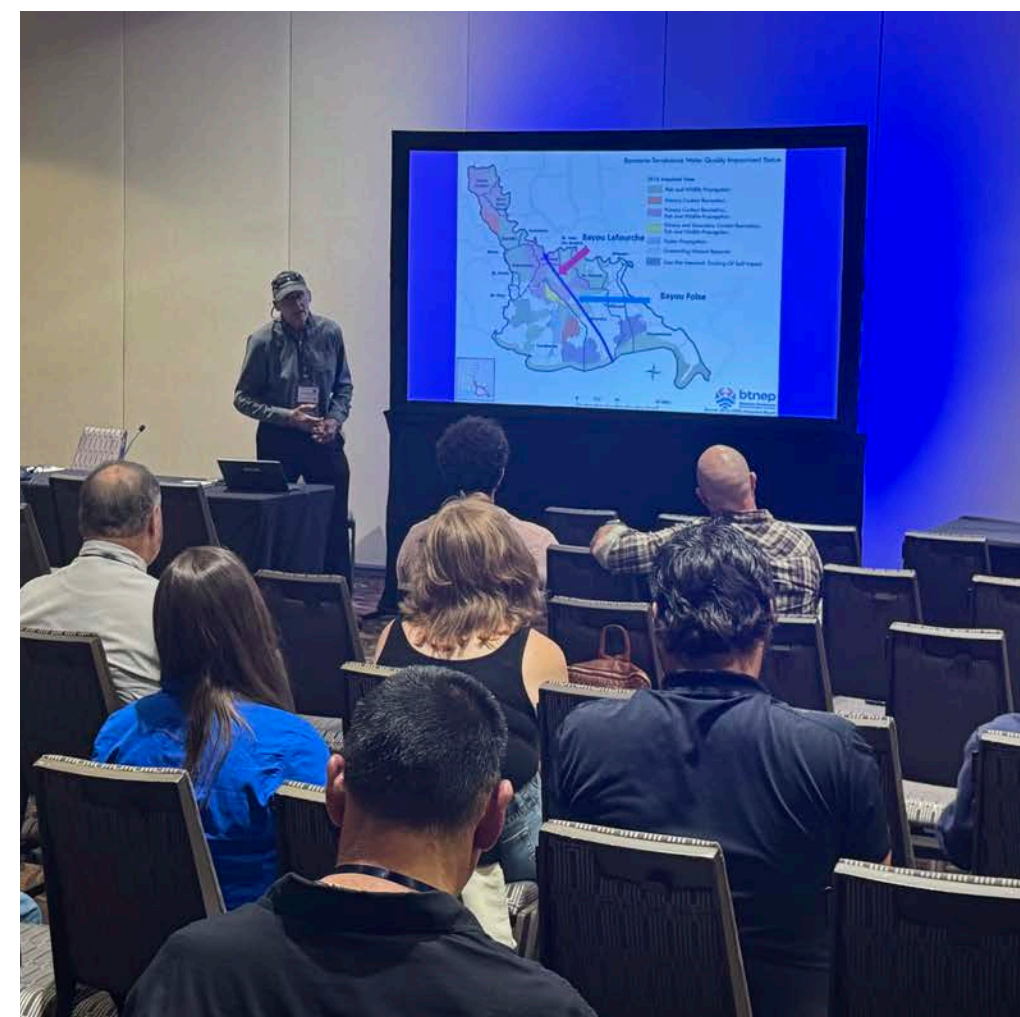


**Diamondback
Terrapin Release**

WATER QUALITY



**SCPDC
Presentation**



**Southern Division
of the American
Fisheries Society**

**WE'LL PAY YOU TO FIX
YOUR HOME SEWAGE SYSTEM!**

Home Sewage Assistance Program for
Residents along Upper Bayou Terrebonne

Eligible homeowners can receive:

- ✓ Sewage system repair or replacement
- ✓ Up to \$2,000 or \$4,000 in reimbursement

WHERE? This program is being provided to homeowners in parts of Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes along Upper Bayou Terrebonne.

CALL NOW TO SIGN UP:
→ 985-851-2900
Email: Projects@scpd.org
Speak to: Deborah or Ebony

Upper Bayou Terrebonne
Watershed

The flyer features a background image of a bayou with willow trees. At the bottom, there are logos for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Lafourche Parish, btnep (Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program), and SCPDC (South Central Planning & Development Commission).

**Home Sewage
Assistance
Program: Upper
Bayou Terrebonne**

BTNEP Explores the Estuary

ST. CHARLES PARISH

Davis Pond and Bonnet Carre Spillway



We want YOU to be an **ESTUARY EXPLORER!** Thibodaux and Lafourche Parish



**Bayou Country Children's
Museum and BTNEP Storm
Drain**



**BTNEP Native Plant
Nursery @ Nicholls Farm**



**BTNEP Native Seed
Library @ Thibodaux
Branch**



**Wetlands Acadian
Cultural Center**



**Louisiana's Cajun
Bayou Visitor's
Center**

A few more options:

Walk the Nicholls Campus

Relax along Bayou Lafourche

Take a stroll in Downtown Thibodaux!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 30:** Pollinator Plant Giveaway @ Native Plant Nursery
- **June 5 & August 7:** Farm Fridays (*No Farm Friday in July*)
- **August 13:** Q3 Management Conference, Morgan City
- **October 6:** White Boot Gala @ Danos
- **October 31:** BTNEP's Paddle
- **November 5*:** Q4 Management Conference, New Roads
- **February 11, 2027:** Q1 Management Conference, Thibodaux

*Previously slated for November 12, 2026.





DRAFT WORK PLANS

Base Funding (CWA Sec. 320) & IIJA 5

BUDGET // BASE FUNDING (CWA Sec. 320)

	Cost
a. Personnel Salary	\$533,109
b. Personnel Fringe	\$213,243
c. Travel	\$0
d. Equipment	\$13,200
e. Supplies	\$6,600
f. Contractual	\$0
g. Construction	\$0
h. Other	\$44,000
i. Program Income	\$0
Total Direct Charges (Sum of a through i)	\$810,152
Indirect Charges (5%)	\$39,848
TOTAL	\$850,000

Project Title	Performing Organization	
Where Tradition Grows: The Expanded Folklife Village at Rougarou Fest	South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center (SLWDC)	\$44,000
*Sources of Toxic Cyanobacteria to Southern Louisiana Estuaries	Dr. Zhengchen (John) Zang and Dr. Kevin T. Du Clos; Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON)	\$62,430
TOTAL		\$106,430

*Project is not a sub award or contract. Project budget is incorporated into workplan budget rollup.

Source of Funds	Amount
Non-Federal Match: State General Funds	\$547,158
*Non-Federal Match: Waived IDC (38%)	\$302,842
Federal Funds	\$850,000
TOTAL	\$1,700,000

*LUMCON will waive 38% of its approved IDC of 43% and claim only 5% IDC

BUDGET // IIJA 5

Administrative Operating Services Direct Spending	Cost
a. Personnel Salary	\$396,393
b. Personnel Fringe	\$158,557
c. Travel	\$2,900
d. Equipment	\$0
e. Supplies	\$11,071
f. Contractual	\$49,242
g. Construction	\$0
h. Other	\$250,313
Total Direct Charges (sum of a-h)	\$868,476
Indirect Charges (5%)	\$41,624
TOTAL	\$910,100

Project Name	Performing Organization	Cost
Update to BTNEP CCMP	TBD	\$34,242
2028 BTNEP Calendar Design, Layout, and Printing	TBD	\$15,000
Understanding Fish Kills in the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System: An Education Project	Louisiana State University (LSU) Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences (DOCS), Dr. Cassandra Glaspie	\$40,000
Heart of Atchafalaya Museum Heritage Trail Kiosks	Pierre Part Belle River Museum, Inc.	\$66,000
Assessing Potential Impacts of Invasive Giant Apple Snails on Egg-laying Native Fishes	University of New Orleans Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences, Dr. Martin O'Connell	\$49,263
*Derelict Crab Traps Detection and Bycatch Assessment in the Terrebonne and Barataria Basins Using Imaging Sonar and Automated Species Identification: Guiding Removal Practices with Advanced Technology	LUMCON, Dr. Guillaume Rieucou	\$87,437
*Evaluating Marsh and Mangrove Biophysical Resilience to Storm Events in a Created Wetlands	LUMCON, Dr. Havalend Steinmuller	\$148,271
TOTAL		\$440,213

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PROGRAM-WIDE PROJECTS

1. Review and Potential Update to BTNEP CCMP

Performing Organization: TBD

Funding Source: IIJA (Work plan p. 8)

Amount: \$34,242

2. 2028 BTNEP Calendar Design, Layout and Printing

Performing Organization: TBD

Funding Source: IIJA (Work plan p. 8)

Amount: \$15,000 for design and layout; \$30,000 for printing



WATER QUALITY APT

1. Sources of Toxic Cyanobacteria to Southern Louisiana Estuaries

Performing Organization: LUMCON: Dr. Zhengchen (John) Zang and Dr. Kevin T. Du Clos

Funding Source: 320 (Work Plan p. 13)

Amount: \$62,430

2. Understanding Fish Kills in the BTES: An Education Project

Performing Organization: LSU DOCS, Dr. Cassandra Glaspie

Funding Source: IIJA (Work Plan p. 9)

Amount: \$40,000



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APT

1. Expanded Folklife Village at Rougarou Fest

Performing Organization: South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center

Funding Source: Sec. 320 (Work Plan p. 10)

Amount: \$44,000

2. Heart of Atchafalaya Museum Trail Kiosks

Performing Organization: Pierre Part Belle River Museum Inc.

Funding Source: IIJA (Work Plan p. 12)

Amount: \$66,000



INVASIVE SPECIES APT

1. Assessing Potential Impacts of Invasive Giant Apple Snails on Egg-Laying Native Fishes

Performing Organization: University of New Orleans Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences, Dr. Martin O'Connell

Funding Source: IIJA (Work Plan p. 14)

Amount: \$49,263



BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES APT

1. Derelict Crab Traps Detection and Bycatch Assessment in the Terrebonne and Barataria Basins Using Imaging Sonar and Automated Species Identification: Guiding Removal Practices with Advanced Technology

Performing Organization: LUMCON, Dr. Guillaume Rieucou

Funding Source: IIJA (Work Plan p. 17)

Amount: \$87,437

2. Evaluating Marsh and Mangrove Biophysical Resilience to Storm Events in a Created Wetlands

Performing Organization: LUMCON, Dr. Havalend Steinmuller

Funding Source: IIJA (Work Plan p. 19)

Amount: \$148,271

