



## Report Highlights

# Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

## Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Restoration

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### Why We Conducted These Procedures

We performed agreed-upon procedures in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* to assist the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) in evaluating the completeness and accuracy of the documentation submitted by CPRA during the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for activities funded with Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act dollars, Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) dollars, and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation settlement and/or grant dollars, and whether those expenditures complied with the applicable federal and/or state laws and regulations.

### What We Found

We did not note any exceptions for the \$238,832,868 in expenditures that we analyzed during the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

#### Barataria Ridge and Marsh Creation: Spanish Pass Increment

Located in Venice, Louisiana (Plaquemines Parish), this project includes building a seven-mile stretch of land and marsh that will extend westward using 16 million cubic yards of material dredged from the Mississippi River. The 132 acres of ridge habitat will be planted with woody stemmed species to mimic natural ridges. This will include various species of trees and/or shrubs which will create the desired ridge habitat. It is expected that natural vegetation will colonize the new marsh platforms and produce a healthy habitat to fulfill the project goals. Of the \$238,832,868 we analyzed, \$135,499,159 is funded by NRDA and \$34,788,519 (25.67%) in expenditures relate to the Spanish Pass Ridge and Marsh Creation.



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