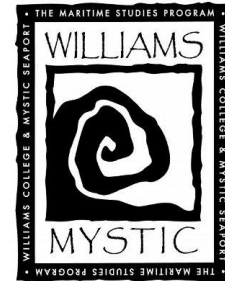


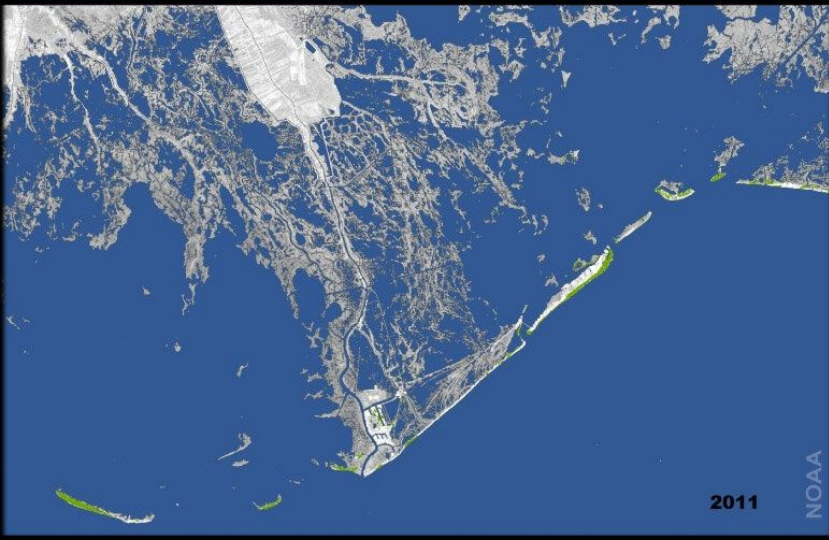


Mitigating Land Loss and Flood Risk in Indigenous Communities in Southern Louisiana

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Background

- Biloxi, Chitimacha, Choctaw
- Land loss & repeated storms
- Oil & gas extraction, levees, and climate change
- Displacement



Funding Climate Resilience

Community center & storm shelter

Marsh restoration

“Grants take up so much of my plate. If I had the money and resources to do all the work I wanted, I would not have the capacity to do it.”

– Chief Devon Parfait



Disaster Response & Preserving Community

- No centralized federal strategy
- Funding kicks in *after* disaster
- Assistance for individual households, not whole communities



Recommendations

- Distribute federal funds based on need
- Build tribes' capacity
- Reform disaster response programs
- Reduce restrictions on federal funds



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