

AMERICA'S WETLANDS

The wetlands in South Louisiana are America's wetlands. They are America's wetlands because every bit of soil was built by flood waters from 41% of the Continental United States. They are America's wetlands because they provide 30% of the nation's seafood production and are a conduit for 25% of the nation's energy needs. They are America's wetlands because they are the cradle of music and food born from America's freedom which allowed South Louisiana's cultural gumbo.

With 30% of the United States' coastal wetlands, South Louisiana has 90% of the nation's coastal wetlands' loss. The loss is over a football field every 20 minutes, or in other terms, a staggering 30 square miles a year. We now have the understanding to solve the problem.

The solution will take all America to save what we cannot afford to lose.

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