Welcome to Working for Our Coast
Restore or Retreat, Inc.
Working for Our Coast
A Coastal Business Workshop for the Bayou Region

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Who We Are

- Celebrated 15 year anniversary in 2015
- Established by concerned stakeholders in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes focused on implementation of long-term coastal restoration in this region
- Executive Committee
  - Timothy Allen
  - Charlotte Bollinger
  - Henri Boulet
  - Berwick Duval
  - Ted Falgout
  - Chett Chiasson
  - Robert Naquin
  - Mike Plaisance
MISSION STATEMENT

Restore or Retreat (ROR) is a non-profit coastal advocacy group created by coastal Louisiana residents and stakeholders who recognize that the Barataria and Terrebonne basins are the two most rapidly eroding estuaries on earth, and that this erosion represents an economic and ecological crisis.

With a growing membership of businesses and individuals, ROR seeks to identify and expedite the implementation of aggressive, large-scale restoration projects to protect this irreplaceable region.
ROR Priorities

- Project Development
  - Focusing on the identification and implementation of large scale projects to benefit the entire Barataria and Terrebonne Basins, especially for the long term survivability of our coast, community, and culture

- Community and Government Relations
  - Keeping the community and its representatives abreast of coastal issues

- Membership Development
  - Being a resource for our members and the community
Project Focus

- 2017 Master Plan Development
- Master Plan Implementation
  - Freshwater and Sediment Diversions
  - Marsh Creation
  - Outfall Management
  - Shoreline Protection
  - Barrier Island
- Funding
- Policy
Project Development

- Meet with CPRA and stakeholders on the status of numerous restoration and protection projects and issues
  - Increase Atchafalaya Project Team Member
  - 2017 Framework Development Team
- Host and participate in site visits
- Provide coastal funding, policy, and educational resource materials
- Co-host NGO and stakeholder meetings for Barataria and Terrebonne Basins
Government and Community Relations

- Appointed to Governor’s Advisory Commission
  - Diversion Subcommittee Vice Chair
- Membership e-newsletter and project updates for ROR members and stakeholders
- Strong relationship with local, state, and federal delegation
- Continued membership and active participation in South Central Industrial Association, Bayou Industrial Group, and local chambers of commerce
ROR’s Continued Mission: Long Term Restoration for Our Area

**There is no time (or money) to waste.**

- Continue to work with state, federal agencies and restoration partners to expedite planned and potential projects for the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins
- Advocate for already existing and planned projects such diversions and barrier islands
- Continue to be a resources for the State and our community
- Remain active in local, state, federal planning process
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