

How to Restore a Bayou

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Located adjacent to the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans, Bayou Bienvenue was once central to a thriving cypress swamp. Over the years, the native ecology of that area has been decimated by storms, subsidence, erosion and saltwater intrusion. A number of projects are now under way to create and maintain a portion of the area as freshwater wetlands.

In this video, see how the [Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy](#) is assisting in the efforts of project planners, community activists and governmental agencies.

"Getting community expectations married with technical feasibility is a challenge any place you do wetland restoration," says Mark Davis, institute director. "This is a place where those questions are coming sooner."

Any large-scale restoration project necessarily needs any number of legal, political, economic and social "ingredients," says Davis, and Bayou Bienvenue is a good place to look at how all those ingredients come together.