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NERR Selection Process Begins

Louisiana Sea Grant (LSG) is spearheading the effort to determine where a possible National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) might be located in the state's coastal zone.

The multi-year process began in July 2019 when Gov. John Bel Edwards sent a request to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to proceed with a NERR initiative in Louisiana. Edwards appointed LSG as the lead organization to manage the site pre-designation process. The entire process of establishing a NERR typically takes four to six years.



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Lindstedt Retires from LSG

Dianne Lindstedt, Louisiana Sea Grant (LSG) marine education coordinator, retired in October after four decades with Louisiana State University (LSU).

She first began her LSU journey in 1975 as a graduate student and research associate for the Center for Wetland Resources. "I came to LSU because I was interested in learning about the wetlands, and what made LSU work well is that other people from different disciplines would gather and talk about the environment. This form of unity helped contribute to a changing tide in how people viewed the environment, more specifically, the wetlands," recalled Lindstedt.



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You haven't missed it! Ocean Commotion Online is still *live* at www.laseagrant.org/education/projects/ocean-commotion/oc2020/.

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A Coastal View

There's no disputing that 2020 has been a challenging year. Despite COVID and hurricanes, there's an exciting opportunity for Louisiana on the horizon – the designation of a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR).

Currently, the NERR network is made up of 29 coastal sites designed to protect and study estuarine systems. The reserves represent a partnership between the federal government and coastal states. For decades, the idea of siting a NERR in Louisiana has been a point of discussion; and last year the first step toward establishment was taken when the governor's office requested the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to advance the initiative.

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