



# CURRENT Authority Fiscal Plan

FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND 2027

# Background

**Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation (CURRENT)** was established by the Legislature **Acts 418 (2025)** to deliver comprehensive water resource planning in the non-coastal parishes.

- The legislation emphasizes **watershed-scale planning, flood risk reduction, water management, coordination, and transparency.**
- The CURRENT Authority is responsible for watershed planning across **non-coastal areas** of the state.
- Planning integrates **flood risk, water supply, navigation, environmental, recreation, and economic considerations.**

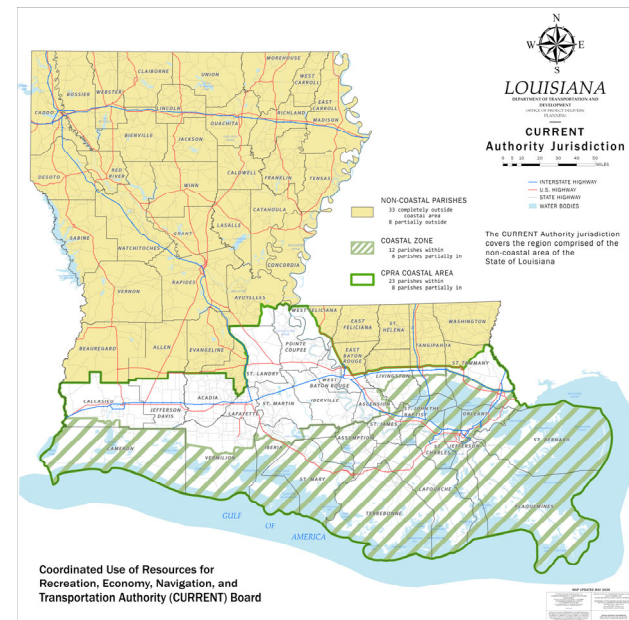
## Fiscal Plan for Board Action

FY26:  
**\$1M**

Priority actions

FY27:  
**\$1M**

Priority actions (continued)



# Year 1 Priority Actions

**Set Strategic Direction**

**Build Master Plan**

**Assess & Prioritize Resources**

**Coordinate Stakeholders & Agencies**

**Launch Public Engagement**

# Set Strategic Direction

- Establish CURRENT Authority **goals, objectives, and principles**
- Define **geographic jurisdiction and regional planning areas** for the Master Plan to ensure consistent, watershed-based analysis and coordinated decision-making



## OUTCOMES

Board-endorsed goals and objectives defining mission, role, and priorities to guide investments, project evaluation, and stakeholder communication

Defined geographic and regional planning structure to enable scalable analysis, align state/regional initiatives, and support effective project delivery

# Build Master Plan

- Adopt detailed **Master Plan framework**, including scope and initial schedule
- **Establish key engagement groups** (steering committees, advisory groups)
- **Define key deliverables, content, and schedules** for plan reports
- Consider mechanisms for **adaptive adjustment** of the framework
- Establish **administration, data management, and retention policies**

## OUTCOMES

Board-approved Master Plan framework defining scope, assumptions, and schedule to enable efficient implementation and predictable delivery

Established advisory/steering bodies representing key interests and regions to provide transparent, defensible input on prioritization

Defined deliverables with clear content, format, and timelines to ensure accountability, inform decisions, and track progress toward Master Plan completion

Adaptive planning mechanisms to continuously refine framework, priorities, and analyses based on new data, risks, stakeholder input, and legislative changes

Defined administrative, data governance, and retention policies to ensure consistency, accountability, compliance, and long-term data usability

# Assess & Prioritize Resources

- **Conduct baseline assessments** of flood risk, water supply and demand, navigation systems, and environmental conditions
- Evaluate **watershed conditions, hydrology, and system interactions**
- Identify priority **regions, risks, and investment needs**

**Data** Studies, models, programs

**Analysis** Hydrology, risk, supply/demand

**Priorities** Regions, needs, investments

## OUTCOMES

Transparent prioritization of resource elements and statutory requirements to guide analysis sequencing and ensure legislative compliance

Inventory of statewide and regional efforts to identify aligned projects, reduce duplication, and leverage existing investments

Documented priority technical and policy issues to inform focused analyses and targeted investment strategies

Consolidated inventory of LWI data, models, and findings to reduce redundancy and improve analytical efficiency

Identification of LWI projects for accelerated study, prioritization, or funding based on alignment with Master Plan goals

# Coordinate Stakeholders & Agencies

- **Establish operating practices** with DOTD, DC&E, CPRA, and other applicable agencies (interagency coordination)
- **Develop comprehensive stakeholder list** of individuals with potential interest in CURRENT (local elected officials, drainage district officials, levee board members, etc.)
- **Initiate formal interagency and stakeholder coordination** and adopt a communication and marketing plan

## OUTCOMES

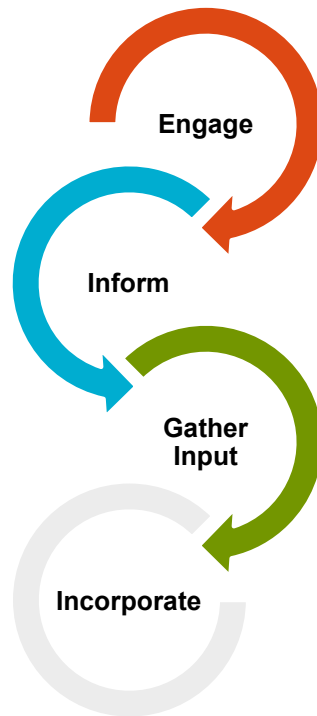
Defined interagency coordination protocols to clarify roles, streamline decision-making, and align with related state programs

Structured, up-to-date stakeholder database to enable targeted outreach, informed engagement, and sustained participation

Ongoing coordination with agencies and stakeholders supported by a formal communications plan to ensure consistent messaging, transparency, and awareness

# Launch Public Engagement

- **Begin public engagement** activities (branding, web presence, communications, roadshows)
- Develop preliminary schedule and locations for **public meetings/hearings**
- **Develop communication materials** explaining Master Plan purpose



## OUTCOMES

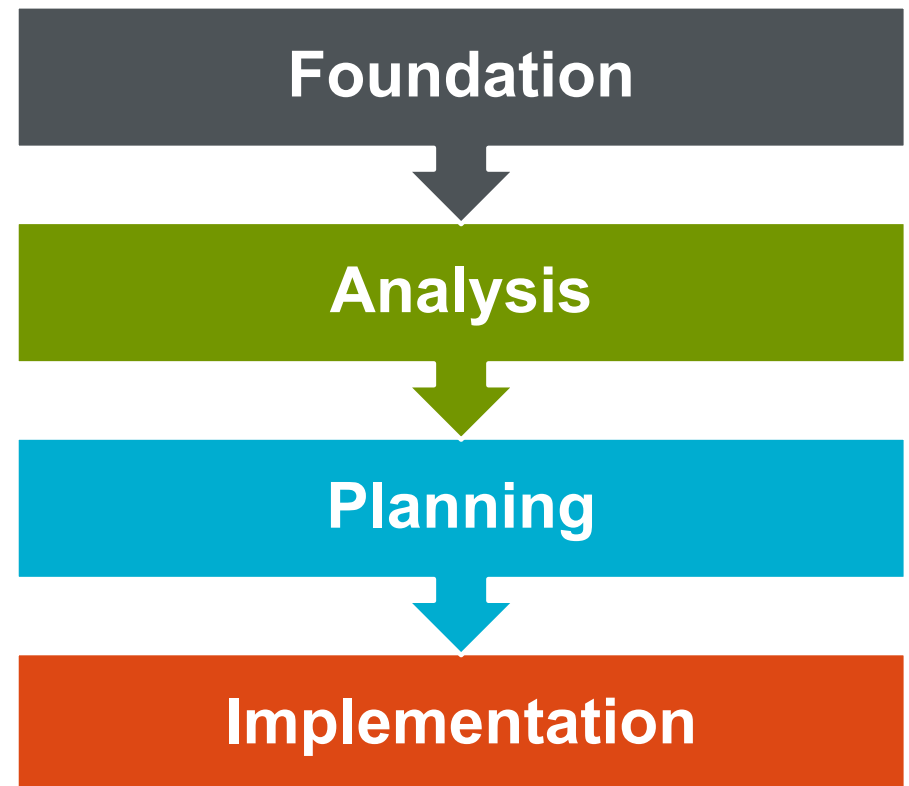
Recognizable public engagement process with branding, website, outreach, and defined timelines to build awareness, trust, and meaningful input

Publicly available schedule and geographic distribution of meetings and hearings to ensure statewide participation and statutory compliance

Clear, accessible communication materials and reports to convey purpose, value, and outcomes, building stakeholder understanding and public trust

# From Planning to Implementation

- Priority actions establish the **foundation for Master Plan development**
- Years 1–2 advance **technical analysis, project development, and project and action prioritization** through Master Plan development
- Annual Plans **translate Master Plan priorities into actions**





Thank You

