

## conservation proposals

The value of the land -  
provides crucial wildlife habitat  
startling beauty  
provides 1/5th of America's  
domestic oil  
huge amounts of seafood, a  
billion dollar industry  
hurricane protection for nearly 1  
percent of the nation's  
population, 2 million people.

Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana,  
Mark Davis conservationist  
christmas trees - nearly all sold in the  
usa would protect only about 1/1000 f  
the total Louisiana land in need of  
help  
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Louisiana's only hope: a proposed 95  
mile long "controlled diversion" of the  
lower Mississippi River No more than  
40% of the lower Mississippi can be  
diverted to coastal marshes for land-  
building due to ship navigation  
requirements to the city of New  
Orleans.  
- essentially an earth ditch on a colossal  
scale which would bring as much as a  
third of the lower Mississippi's flow  
down what is called the Third Delta  
Conveyance Channel it is a hulking  
waterway carrying up to 200,000 cfs of  
water for \$2 billion in construction  
costs.

7,000 years to create  
and in another 10 or 20  
it will all be destroyed

Louisiana needs the  
Mississippi River to  
manufacture land - islands,  
wetlands, stable shorelines -  
so that an entire culture and  
economic way of life can  
survive. and it needs this to  
happen right away.