Cat Island Chain Restoration, Green Bay







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Project Objectives

- Re-establishment of emergent and submerged aquatic vegetation southwest of the Cat Island Chain
- Restoring terrestrial habitat associated with the islands
- Providing capacity for placement of clean dredge spoils of Green Bay Federal Navigation Channel dredging activities
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Project Overview

- Field Investigations
- Geomorphic Analysis
- Numerical Modeling of
 - Waves
 - Hydrodynamics
 - Sediment Transport
- Vegetation Analysis
- Physical Modeling
- Design Development Plan

Field Investigations

- Bathymetric Survey
- Sediment Samples
- Wave Gauge







Geomorphic Analysis

• 1965



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• 2000



Wave Modeling

- WAVAD
 - WaveGeneration

STWAVE

 Wave
 Transformations

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Hydrodynamics





- Nested MIKE 21 Model
- Bathymetry
 - 500m, 180m, 60m, 20m
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Hydrodynamics

 Calibration, Results







Sediment Transport AnalysisMIKE 21- MT Module

Existing



East Island



West Island

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Proposed



Sediment Transport Analysis



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Vegetation Analysis Aquatic vegetation survival criteria

Existing



West Island



East Island



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Depth < 2 * Secchi Depth Orbital Velocity < 0.6 m/s

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Vegetation Analysis





Cat Island Vegetation Analysis









Physical Modeling

 Test Beach Profiles & Revetment Stability of Locally Available Products







Concept Plans

- Beach / Revetment Systems
- Stay in Footprint
- Increase Capacity while Providing Desired Habitat

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Design Development Plan



- Revetment / Coarse Gravel-Cobble Beaches on Exposed Side
- Dredged Material Beaches on Protected Side
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