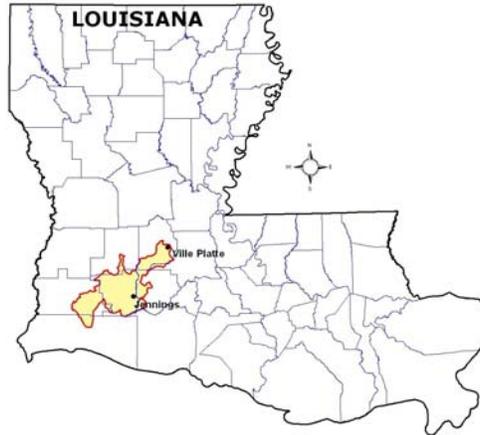


SCOPE (Revised)
LA CREP II - “COASTAL PRAIRIE” RESTORATION

The LA CREP II initiative will concentrate tall prairie grass restoration efforts in the Southwest portion of Louisiana within the historic range of the Louisiana Coastal Prairie in all or portions of the following parishes:

- Acadia
- Allen
- Calcasieu
- Cameron
- Evangeline
- Jeff Davis
- St. Landry



Louisiana historically had over 2.5 million acres of tall grass coastal prairie. Today, less than 1000 acres remain and only then in scattered remnants. Historically, there were as many as 500 different species of native grasses, forbs, and legumes that comprised this grassland mix. The original prairie had over 20 plant species per ¼ meter square. Typical restoration efforts will provide a 5 to 10 plant species mix per ¼ meter square.

This historical range was also home to the endangered and threatened “Attwater” Prairie Chicken, now only found in the 65,000 acres of tall grass prairie remaining in Texas. The “Attwater” Prairie Chicken is extinct to Louisiana due to an almost total loss of habitat. The wet-marsh area of this coastal prairie also provided habitat to the threatened and endangered “whooping crane”.

LA CREP II Initiative:

- Goals – Restoration of **28,000** acres of Louisiana Coastal Prairie
- CREP Practices
 - CP2, Native Grasses (22,400 acres)
 - CP9, Shallow Water Areas (2,800 acres)
 - CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat (2,800)