



Beyond Vegetation Cover: Examining the Broader Ecological Functions of Coastal Wetland Restoration in the Northern Gulf of Mexico

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Benefits of Wetland Restoration

- Created and restored wetlands are generally assumed to eventually provide the same functions and services as natural wetlands
- “If you build it, they will come”
- How well do the existing data support these assumptions?

Future Applications

- Restoration planning, especially where specific functions and services are targeted
- Setting appropriate restoration targets and performance criteria for monitoring and evaluation
- Scaling restoration needs for future NRDA cases in the northern Gulf of Mexico

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