



## Restore America's Estuaries

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# Where have we been? Where are we going?



# The Role of People in Restoration

## We know ecosystem restoration is a job creating and economy-driving machine

- **Mather Report on Everglades Restoration**
  - \$4.04 return on investment
  - Incremental employment impact of 442,000 workers over 50 years
  - 22,000 jobs created
- **Mather Report on Gulf Wetlands Restoration (2012)**
  - Assuming \$25B in funding, 74,492 jobs created in first 10 years
- **Edwards et al. 2013**
  - 33 jobs per \$1 million invested

# What is the “Restoration Economy”?

- **Hard to define because it doesn't neatly fall into one economic sector**
  - **Planning, science & research, tree planting, earth moving, construction, education, engineering, etc.**
  - **Wide variety of programs funding sources, implementing agencies**

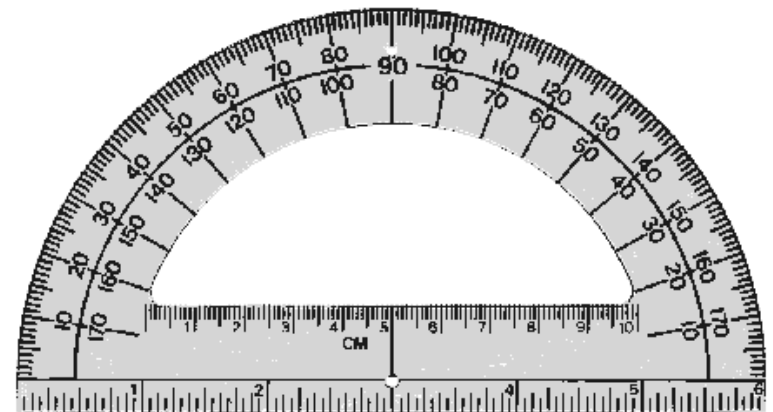


Mississippi River Delta Coalition

# Who is Going to Be Doing this Work?

## And who will they be doing it for?

- Local, State and Federal Agencies
- Universities
- NGOs
- Private Sector



# Getting to Scale

- **Do we have the people?**
- **Will they have the right training?**
- **Is the BP funding enough to jumpstart large-scale restoration labor force development?**
  - *On the job training*
  - *Conservation Corps*
  - *Vocational Training*
  - *Specialized Education Programs*
  - *Continuing Education for current professionals*

# Let's Discuss!

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