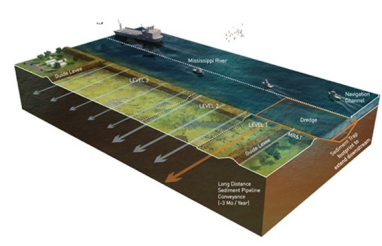
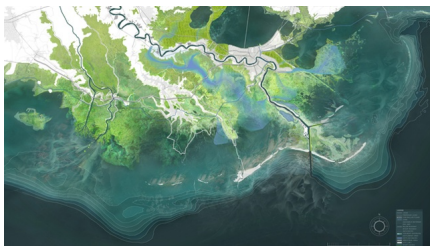


# MOFFATT & NICHOL | WEST 8 | LSU-CSS TEAM DECLARED A WINNER IN CHANGING COURSE COMPETITION

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The international [Changing Course](#) design competition today announced its winning teams and the teams' 100-year visions for restoring and sustaining the Mississippi River Delta for the people and industries that call it home. The winning teams – comprised of some of the world's top engineers, coastal scientists, planners and designers – are [Baird and Associates](#), [Moffatt & Nichol](#) - [West 8](#) - [LSU-CSS team](#), and [Studio Misi-Ziibi](#).

"We challenged the world's top experts to find the most innovative ways to make sure that New Orleans and southeast Louisiana aren't held hostage to worsening storms, rising seas and a disappearing delta," said Steve Cochran, Associate Vice President of Ecosystems at [Environmental Defense Fund](#) and a member of the Changing Course Leadership Team. "We hope the winning ideas will help citizens, communities, industries and governments engage in real conversations about what it's going to take to make this important region more resilient and prosperous."

The winning teams' designs are based on a 100-year planning horizon and focus on maximizing the Mississippi River's natural and sustainable land-building potential while taking into the account of needs of navigation and other industries, flood control and sustainable community development – a challenge raised by the state of Louisiana's master planning process.

Over the last century, nearly 1,900 square miles of Louisiana's coastal wetlands have vanished. Every hour, a football field-sized swath of land drowns in the Gulf's advancing tides. At this rate, by 2100, Louisiana's protective coast will be gone. The solutions proposed by the winning teams focus primarily on the Mississippi River south of New Orleans.

While each of the winning teams offered a different vision, all three identified three major themes as critical to sustaining the Mississippi River Delta today and into the future:

- A clear focus on a sustainable delta through using the natural forces of the Mississippi River;
- Maximum integration of navigation, flood control and restoration, including consideration of ideas for a better and more sustainable navigation channel;
- Consideration of a gradual transition of industry and communities into more protected and resilient communities, over time.

Team [Moffatt & Nichol](#) - [West 8](#) - [LSU-CSS Team](#) proposal - [The Giving Delta](#) - proposes six primary strategies that will bring a self-sustaining Delta into being over the next century.

Read more about the teams and see their designs at [ChangingCourse.us](#).

more information: [The Giving Delta](#)