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SEN. LANDRIEU SECURES INTERIOR FUNDING

Louisiana projects to receive \$6.731 million.

WASHINGTON – Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., announced today \$6.731 million in funding for Louisiana projects in the Interior Appropriations bill that passed the Senate Appropriations Committee this afternoon.

“This funding is extremely important to Louisiana,” said Sen. Landrieu. “It helps to further develop our national wildlife refuges, parks and other environmental priorities for the state.

“In this time of record high deficits, I have worked hard with my colleagues to preserve funding for Louisiana. With the passage of this bill, I am proud of what we have ultimately received.”

Sen. Landrieu is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee that passed the \$26.3 billion bill.

The Interior Appropriations bill funds the U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and programs for American Indians. The Senate bill was \$241 million more than the version passed by the House, and \$370 million more than requested by the Administration.

“It is my hope that during the conference of this bill we will be able to keep the Senate numbers in,” Sen. Landrieu said. “The lower funding increases that were promoted by the White House and offered by the House leadership will not help Louisiana nearly as much.”

The Louisiana projects funded in the Interior Appropriations bill include:

- **\$1,931,000 for the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training**
This funding will help the Center to stimulate technology transfers from the academic and private sectors into the disciplines of archeology, architecture, landscape architecture and museum conversation.
- **\$1,900,000 for Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge**
This funding will assist the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge acquire the

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first phase of the Chicago Mills tract in Madison Parish. This property will serve as wildlife corridor for refuge species, such as the Louisiana black bear.

- **\$800,000 for Cane River National Heritage Area**
This funding will assist the Cane River National Heritage Area preserve and enhance the cultural landscape and traditions of the Cane River region.
- **\$500,000 for Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation**
A number of projects are currently in progress to restore Lake Ponchartrain. This funding will help continue these projects.
- **\$500,000 for Smart Growth for Louisiana**
This funding will provide for a center for technical assistance with Smart Growth efforts in Louisiana. The Senator has been a long supporter of Smart Growth efforts and has participated in multiple summits this year throughout the state on the subject.
- **\$400,000 for the Louisiana Municipal Water Distribution System Backflow Prevention in Shreveport**
The city of Shreveport is currently conducting a study and developing an overall plan for installing backflow preventers in the city's water distribution system. This funding will assist in installing the backflow preventers.
- **\$200,000 for Grambling State University Water Quality Research and Improvements**
Several ponds on the campus of Grambling State University are used for water quality research and water management programs. This funding will help restore these ponds and develop an outdoor education area for university students.