Sustaining Culture in the Face of Land Loss
Mission

Identify

Document

Preserve, and

Present

the folk traditions of Louisiana
Past Projects
Louisiana's Traditional Cultures: An Overview
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Lt Governor Billy Nungesser

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
(State Parks, Tourism, State Library, State Museum)

Office of Cultural Development
Division of Historic Preservation
Division of Archaeology
Council for the Development of French in Louisiana
Atchafalaya National Heritage Area
Division of the Arts
Folklife Program
Bayou Culture Collaborative

Helping to sustain the traditional cultures of coastal Louisiana

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Current Strategy
Supporting or Producing Workshops

Passing It On Workshops

Tradition bearers pass on a tradition

Janie Luster,
Houma palmetto weaver
Sense of Place – and Loss Workshops

Bring together tradition bearers, folklorists, artists, scientists and administrators to inspire advocacy and creativity in the face of land loss and cultural shifts.
Culture is passed on through gatherings and education.

Informally and formally
Offer gatherings and educational opportunities for community members

Festivals – storytelling stages, crafts demonstrations

Folklife Centers – classes, workshops

In-School activities – LouisianaVoices.org
What Could We Be Doing Now?

- Support the cultures of coastal communities
- Prepare receiver communities
• Offer Capacity Building Grants
  Needs assessment of cultural groups
  Planning grants for receiver communities

• Offer Artist grants to engage communities, increase awareness of issues, and encourage creative solutions

• Create Opportunity Zones to incentivize growth

• Help make people realize that population migration is a statewide issue and not only a coastal issue.
Sense of Place—and Loss:
A Workshop on Facing Change through
Folklife, Science, and the Arts

Wednesday, March 25
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Century Room

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