

Restoring The Earth



Making a difference today for a better world tomorrow.



Key Facts:

Location: Mississippi River Basin, North America's Amazon

Project Type: Landscape Scale Forest Restoration

Standard: Climate Action Reserve – Climate Forward Program

Environmental Benefits:

- Mitigates climate change
- Provides habitat protection
- Improves water quality
- Protects from storm surges and flooding
- Reverses impact of the Gulf of Mexico's Dead Zone

Community Benefits:

- Protects restored forests
- Creates jobs
- Provides recreational opportunities
- Supports working lands within the river basin
- Protects native tribal lands

Restoring the Earth Together

ClimeCo and Restore the Earth Foundation (Restore the Earth) are partnering together to help make a difference when it comes to our forests and wetland's ecosystems. Restore the Earth is currently undertaking an ambitious program to plant trees in the Mississippi River Basin, the most ecologically degraded area in the US, with the goal of reforesting a total of one million acres. In cooperation with the

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Restore the Earth launched their first project to reforest 5,000 acres of the historic Bald Cypress forest in Pointe aux Chenes, Louisiana.

To support further funding efforts, the Pointe aux Chenes project will generate environmental commodities, referred to as Forward Mitigation Units (FMUs), using the Reforestation methodology from the Climate Action

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Reserve's (CAR) Climate Forward program. The Climate Forward program is designed to facilitate investments in activities today that will result in future GHG reductions that are aligned to mitigate forecasted emissions that will occur from new economic activity. Each Climate Forward project is third-party confirmed to ensure that emission reductions are real, additional, permanent, quantifiable, and assured against leakage prior to the issuance of FMUs.

In addition, Restore the Earth utilizes EcoMetrics, a methodology and tool that assesses and values a project's economic, environmental, and social impacts, to determine the auditable social return-on-investment (SROI) on the Pointe aux Chenes project. In addition to the permanent restoration of 5,000 acres of newly planted forest, which will be protected by a conservation easement, the project is estimated to reduce 1,000,000 metric tons of CO₂e, replenish 10 billion gallons per year of water, and deliver approximately \$272,500,000 of combined economic and social value. Improved social outcomes include protection of the community from storm surges



and resulting floods, the creation of economic and recreational activities and the jobs that support them, and protection of the area's native tribes, to include the United Houma Nation and Biloxi-Chitimacha Native Tribes. Every \$1 invested in this project will yield \$14 in combined value.

About ClimeCo Corporation

ClimeCo serves as the exclusive marketer of the FMUs that this project will generate, which in turn will help fund future reforestation efforts. ClimeCo is a leader in the management and development of environmental commodities. We combine unrivaled commodity market expertise to help clients maximize their environmental assets and minimize their regulatory costs. We actively invest in a variety of voluntary projects and maintain a diverse portfolio of offsets to meet our customers' volume, project and geographical diversification criteria.

ClimeCo is a three time winner of the Climate Action Reserve's Project Developer of the Year Award for Most Registered Carbon Offset Projects.

