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CASE STUDY: Protecting biodiversity and reducing impacts during construction

We take steps to mitigate biodiversity impacts during the construction of our facilities and pipelines, and support restoration projects to help offset our impacts.

When choosing a building site for our Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, we selected an already disturbed former dredge material placement site of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, which helped avoid impacts to intact local ecosystems. While building the terminal, we created over 70 acres of new tidal wetlands, double the area that was actually impacted by the project.

In 2020, we began expanding the facility to include a third cargo berth. We offset our impacts by purchasing wetland credits at the Rockefeller Refuge, enhancing and expanding a large and healthy existing wetland complex. We also found a beneficial use for the project's dredge material, using it to rebuild the shoreline along Louisiana Point, which will help further expand local wetlands and protect existing wetlands from degradation.

In 2020, we completed the construction of the Midship Pipeline, which connects natural gas from Oklahoma's Anadarko Basin to the Gulf Coast and the southeastern United States. Through careful pre-project assessments and planning processes, we avoided any significant, lasting impacts to biodiversity, wetlands or other water systems. For example, we rerouted the pipeline to avoid a forested wetland in the pipeline corridor. Thanks to this rerouting, the permitting authorities confirmed that the project did not have any wetland impacts that required mitigation.