



# Spring A. Gaines

Research and Policy Manager  
Center for Planning Excellence

## EDUCATION

B.S. in Marine Biology | Nicholls State University

J.D. and LL.M. in Environmental Law | Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

## BIOGRAPHY

Spring is the Research and Policy Manager at the Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX), where she develops and supports policy initiatives aimed at creating a climate-resilient, equitable, and economically strong energy future for Louisiana. She has expertise in marine science, education, and environmental and animal policy, having worked with organizations like Louisiana 4-H, AmeriCorps, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Prior to CPEX, she was a 2022 Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellow, where she worked with Rep. Nicole Malliotakis on advancing offshore wind initiatives and clean energy legislation in the Northeastern Atlantic.

## STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX) is Louisiana's only nonprofit focused on urban, rural, and regional planning. It collaborates with residents and leaders to promote growth and development with a focus on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. Through its PowerUp Initiative, CPEX supports the expansion of renewable energy in the state. Spring's work with the council aims to ensure renewable energy benefits are accessible to communities across Louisiana. Her role helps unify efforts to reshape the state's energy future and foster a more livable and prosperous Louisiana.

## ORGANIZATION: Center for Planning Excellence

CPEX is non-profit organization that coordinates urban, rural and regional planning efforts in Louisiana. We provide best-practice planning models, innovative policy ideas, and technical assistance to individual communities that wish to create and enact master plans dealing with transportation and infrastructure needs, environmental issues, and quality design for the built environment.

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