



Project Fact Sheet

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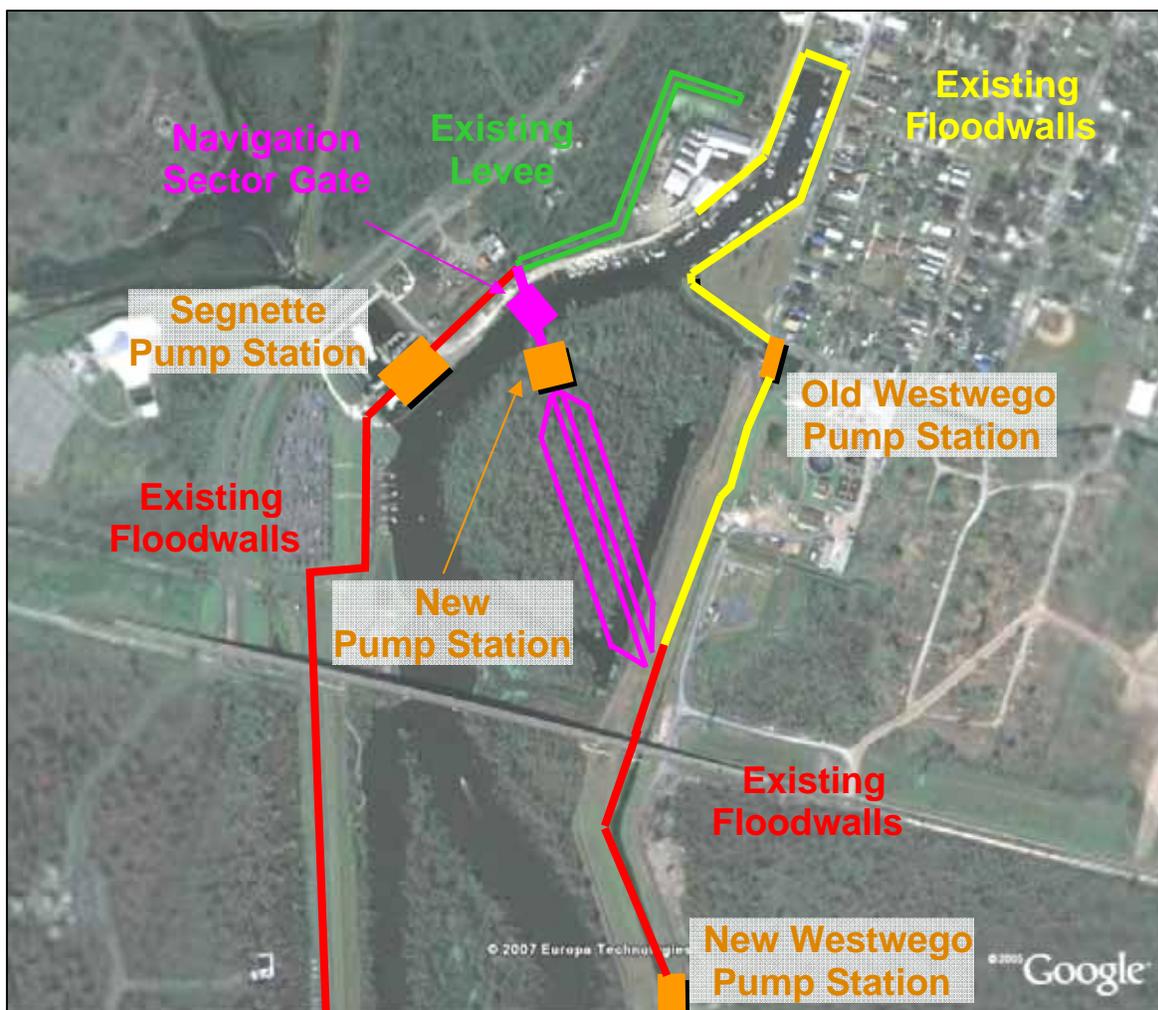
Company Canal 100-Year Risk Reduction West Bank and Vicinity, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System

PROJECT PURPOSE:

The Company Canal project is designed to reduce the risk of impacts to residents and businesses in the project area from a storm event that has a 1 percent chance of occurring in any given year. The US Army Corps of Engineers is committed to providing a 100-year level of risk reduction in 2011 for the Greater New Orleans area. The Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) seeks to upgrade existing flood risk reduction features (such as levees and floodwalls) and introduce new features authorized by Congress and deemed necessary to complete the system.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project is located on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Westwego, LA on the Company Canal and Bayou Segnette waterways. The Company Canal project area extends from the Bayou Segnette State Park boundary to the New Westwego Pumping Station.



PROJECT FEATURES:

The approved government action, as outlined in Individual Environmental Report (IER) 17, is designed to reduce risk for residents and businesses in the area of Company Canal and Bayou Segnette, as well as surrounding areas of the West Bank. The project area is one of high-density residential and commercial development, with businesses and residents that require access to the surrounding waterways. Much of the area is subject to flooding during moderate tropical storms. When completed, the Company Canal Project will consist of levees, floodwalls, a navigable floodgate and a pump station.

The features of this project will reduce risk for vulnerable areas from the previously authorized standard project hurricane event, and they will further enhance the levels of risk reduction necessary to achieve the certification required for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

PROJECT STATUS:

To provide the 100-year level of risk reduction for the Company Canal and Bayou Segnette area, the Corps plans to build a navigable floodgate and levee south of the canal. The Corps will replace approximately 3.3 miles of the existing 9.5-foot floodwall with a 14-foot "T-wall" floodwall, construct approximately 1,000 to 1,200 feet of earthen levees, install a navigable floodgate structure across the waterway and place a new pump station in Bayou Segnette.

To address the critical vulnerability of the Company Canal floodwalls, an interim closure gate was installed across the canal and is currently operable. The floodwall replacement work will begin as early as this summer with construction of the floodgate structure and associated pump station starting early next year to support the completion goal of hurricane season 2011.

RESOURCES:

For information on and access to the environmental compliance and description documents regarding IER 17, "Company Canal Floodwall, Jefferson Parish," please visit www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

For further information on the upcoming project construction and the 100-year risk reduction features of the Company Canal Project, as well as many other Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System projects, please visit: www.mvn.usace.army.mil.

Please direct any questions you may have to the New Orleans District Public Affairs Office, phone: 504-862-2201 and e-mail: askthecorps@usace.army.mil.