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Public meetings for LCA Ecosystem Restoration Project scheduled

Opportunity for public to comment on "Convey Atchafalaya River Water to Northern Terrebonne Marshes" feasibility study

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in partnership with the state of Louisiana's Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR), is hosting a series of public meetings to gather input on the feasibility studies for near-term critical restoration projects identified in the Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration Plan (LCA Plan).

Two meetings will be held to discuss the LCA "Convey Atchafalaya River Water to Northern Terrebonne Marshes & Multipurpose Operation of the Houma Navigation Canal Lock" feasibility study. The major goal of this project is to reduce the current trend of degradation of the Terrebonne marshes by providing additional freshwater, nutrients, and fine sediment to the area.

The proposed action consists of increasing freshwater flows and associated nutrients into the project area. The proposed action would involve the construction of 56 structures and other water management features, and the opportunistic operation of the Houma Navigation Lock complex, in an effort to address the declining health of the Terrebonne Marshes ecosystem.

The public meetings will discuss the current status of the feasibility study, the next steps for the study, and provide community members with a venue to ask questions about the project. Subject matter experts will be available to discuss results of the investigation into water flow management and the re-distribution of freshwater within the Terrebonne marshes. The Corps and state project team held scoping meetings for this study in January 2009.

When: Wednesday, June 2, 2010
Open house 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Presentation 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Discussion 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
8026 Main St.
Houma, LA 70360

When: Thursday, June 17, 2010
Open house 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Presentation 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Discussion 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Morgan City Auditorium
728 Myrtle St
Morgan City, LA 70380

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