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Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System

Westbank and Vicinity Projects

Individual Environmental Reports 12, 14 and borrow

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Building Strong



Why we are here tonight

To discuss the status of in-progress improvements, recommended plans and government actions that will reduce risk to communities in the Westbank and Vicinity portion of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.



National Environmental Policy Act: NEPA

- Required of all major federal actions
- Analyze potential impacts to the human and natural environment and investigate reasonable alternatives
- Public Involvement is KEY! We want to hear from you!
- Goal: more informed decision making through public involvement
- Analysis documented in Individual Environmental Reports (IER)



Ongoing Construction

Harvey Floodwalls



- Boomtown Casino to Hero Pump Station awarded Mar. 2007
- Lapalco to Boomtown awarded Feb. 2008
- Hero Pump Station awarded Jul. 2008
- Boomtown Floodwall awarded Jul. 2008
- Final Task Order awarded Dec. 2008

Harvey Floodgate



- Harvey Floodgate operational
- Provides protection across canal to elevation +11



Ongoing Construction

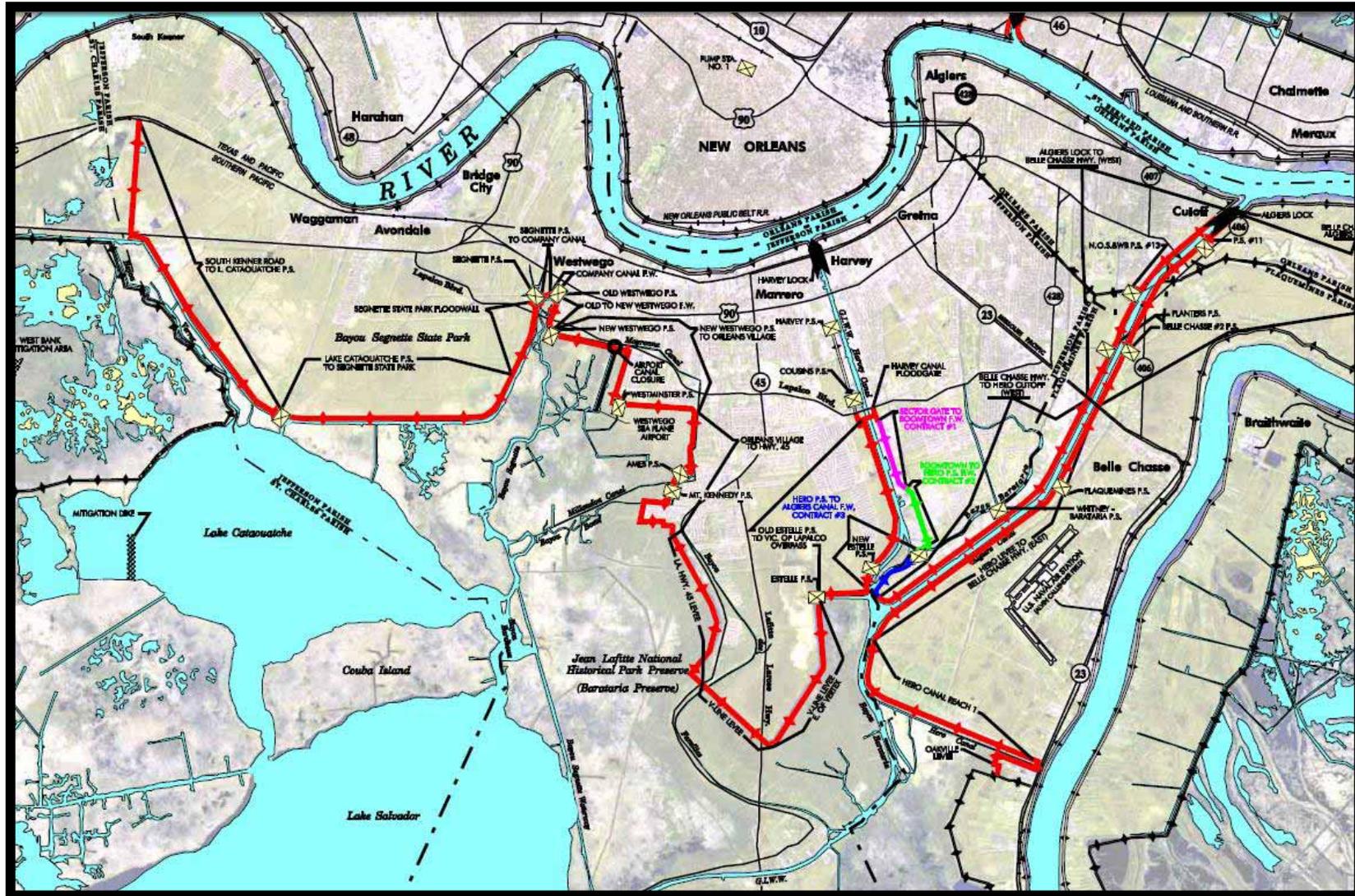
Algiers Canal Levees

- Contract awarded Jan. 2008 to raise the levee along the west bank of the Algiers Canal from Belle Chasse Hwy to Hero Cutoff to elevation +10.
- Remaining levees on the west bank, and all levees along the east bank of the canal, have been previously improved for hurricane protection.
- Contract awarded Apr. 2008 to raise levees along the west bank of the Harvey Canal.
- Construction is 34 percent complete





Westbank and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project



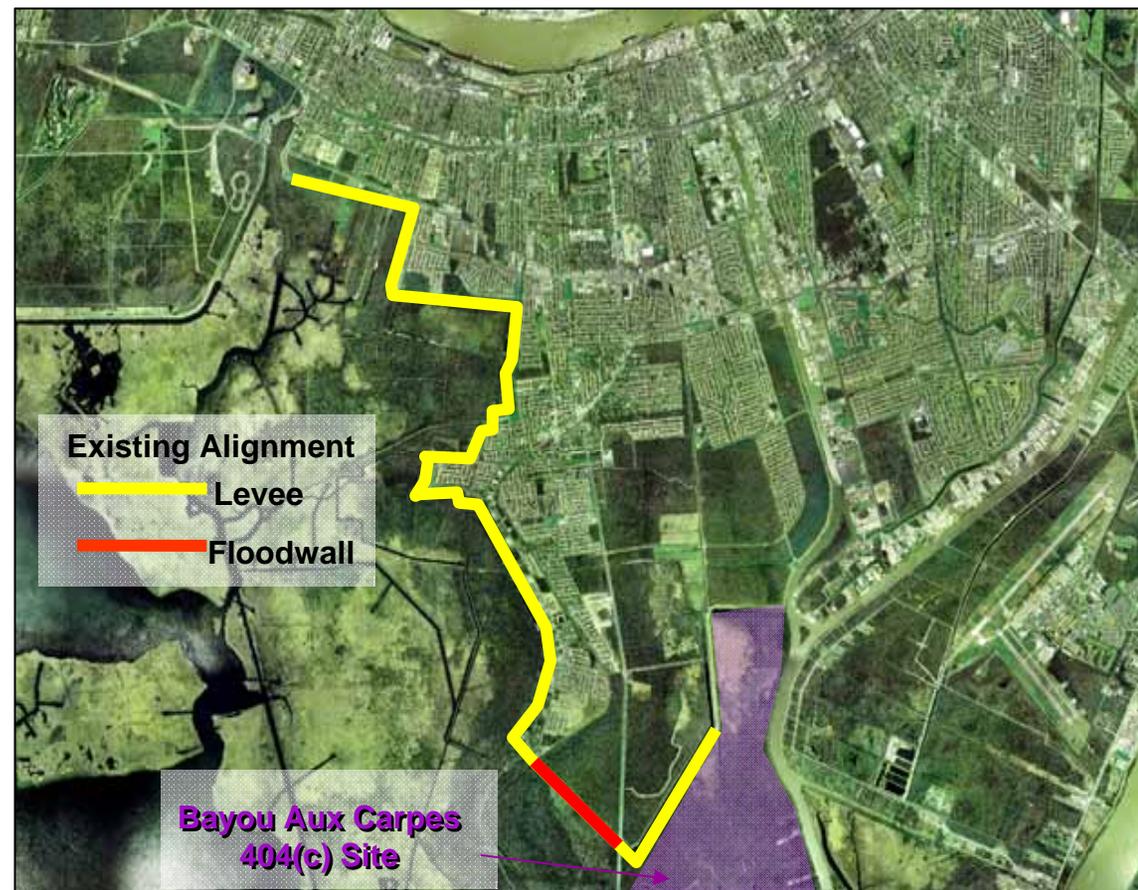


Westwego to Harvey Levees and Floodwalls (IER 14)

- Public comment period closed in early Aug. 2008.
- New Orleans District Commander, Col. Alvin Lee, signed the IER 14 Decision Record in late Aug. 2008

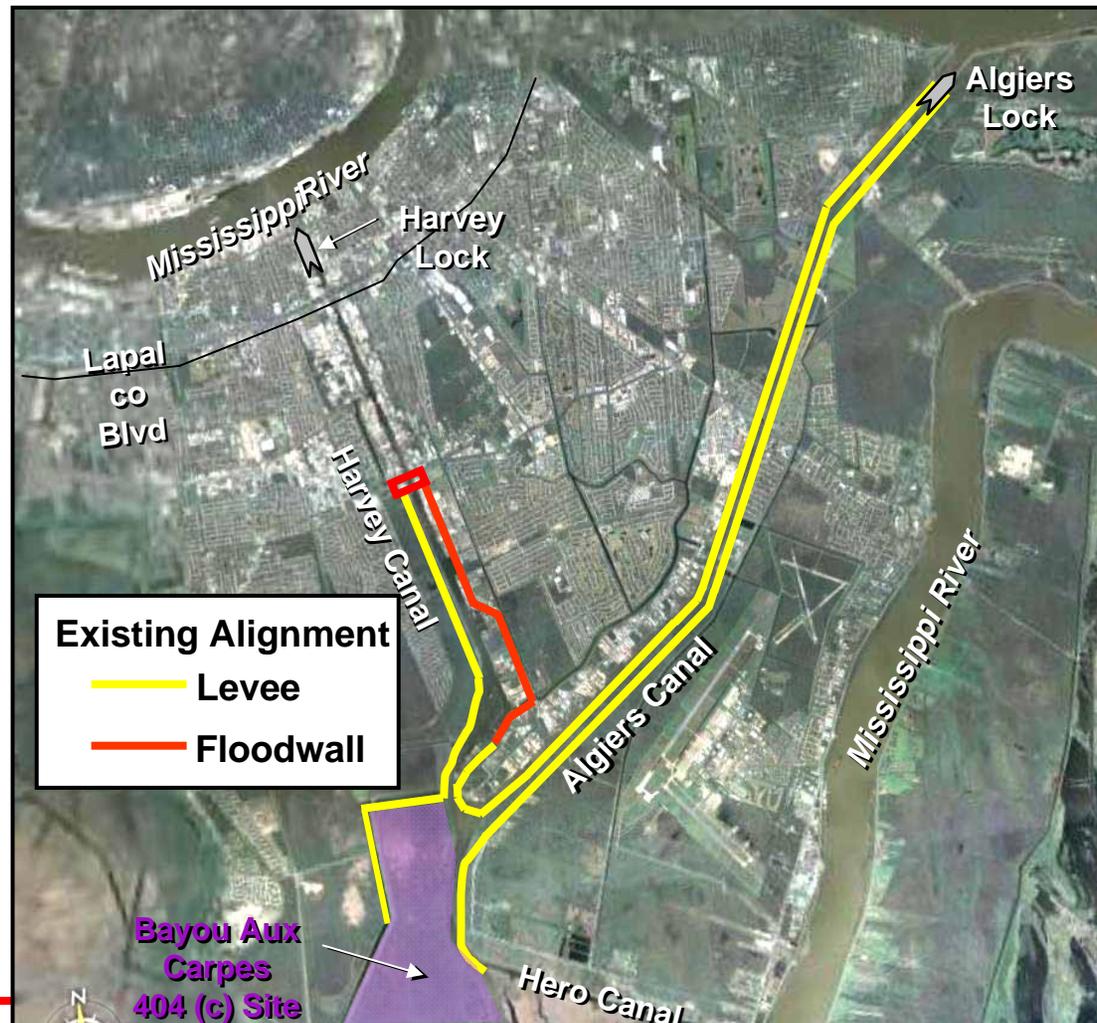
Government Action:

- Raise earthen levees along the current alignment to elevation 14
- Replace existing I-walls with T-walls





Harvey and Algiers Canals (IER 12)





Proposed Action (IER 12)

Floodgate on GIWW and Pump Station GIWW West Closure Complex

Floodgate and permanent bypass channel in the GIWW below the confluence of the Algiers and Harvey Canals to the 100-yr level of protection



Lapalco Floodgate and Cousins PS Discharge Channel Walls at previously authorized level of protection



Proposed Floodgate and pump station at 100-yr level of protection



GIWW permanent bypass channel



Levees and Floodwalls to the previously authorized level of protection or greater



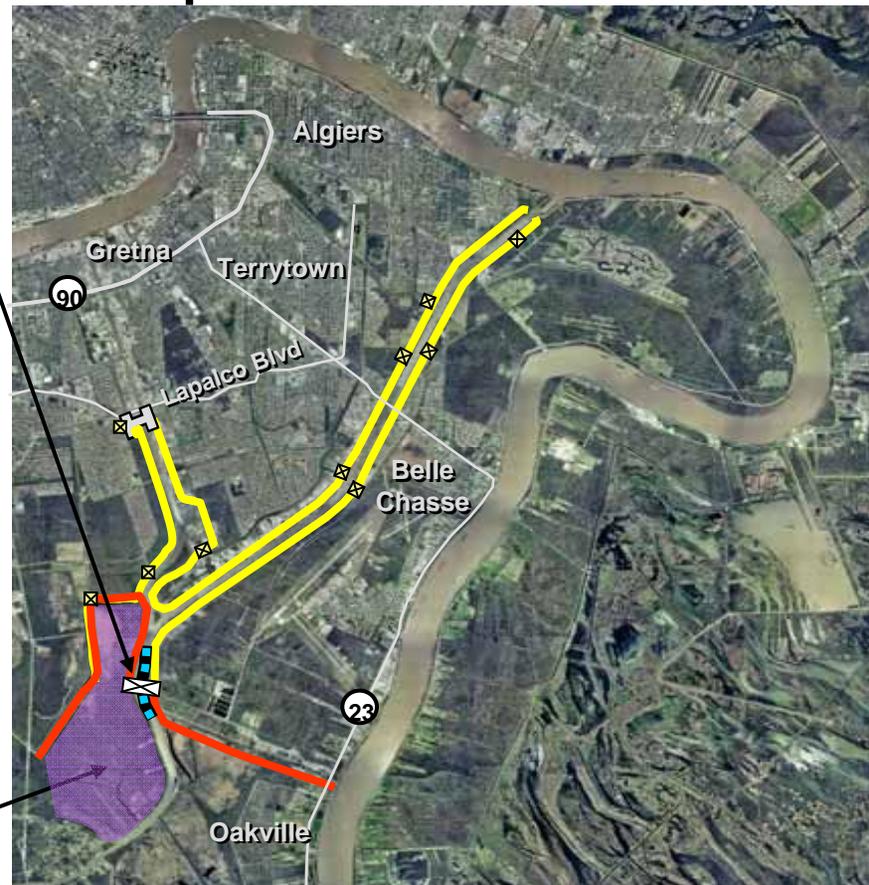
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Pump Stations



Bayou Aux Carpes 404 (c) site





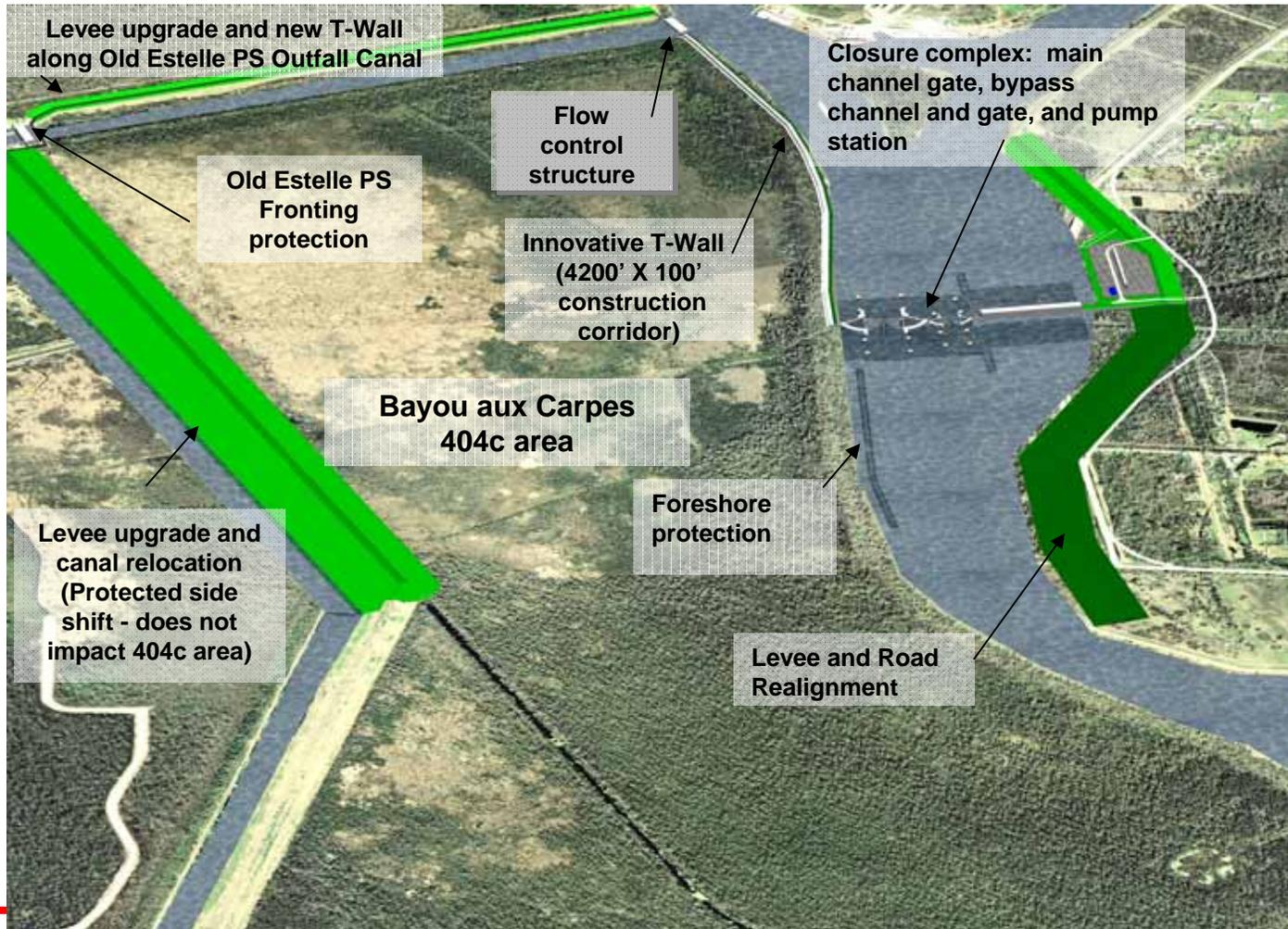
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Impacts

- Increased system reliability and risk reduction
- Relocation of a pipeline
- Dredging 700,000 cubic yards of Algiers Canal
- Beneficial use of dredged material for marsh restoration
- Detention basin improvements
- Construction of floodwalls around the Belle Chasse Tunnel
- Construction of a 20,000 cubic feet per second pump station
- Construction of a permanent bypass channel
- Realignment of Bayou Road
- Acquisition of 240 acres of additional right-of-way



Conceptual Images West Closure Complex

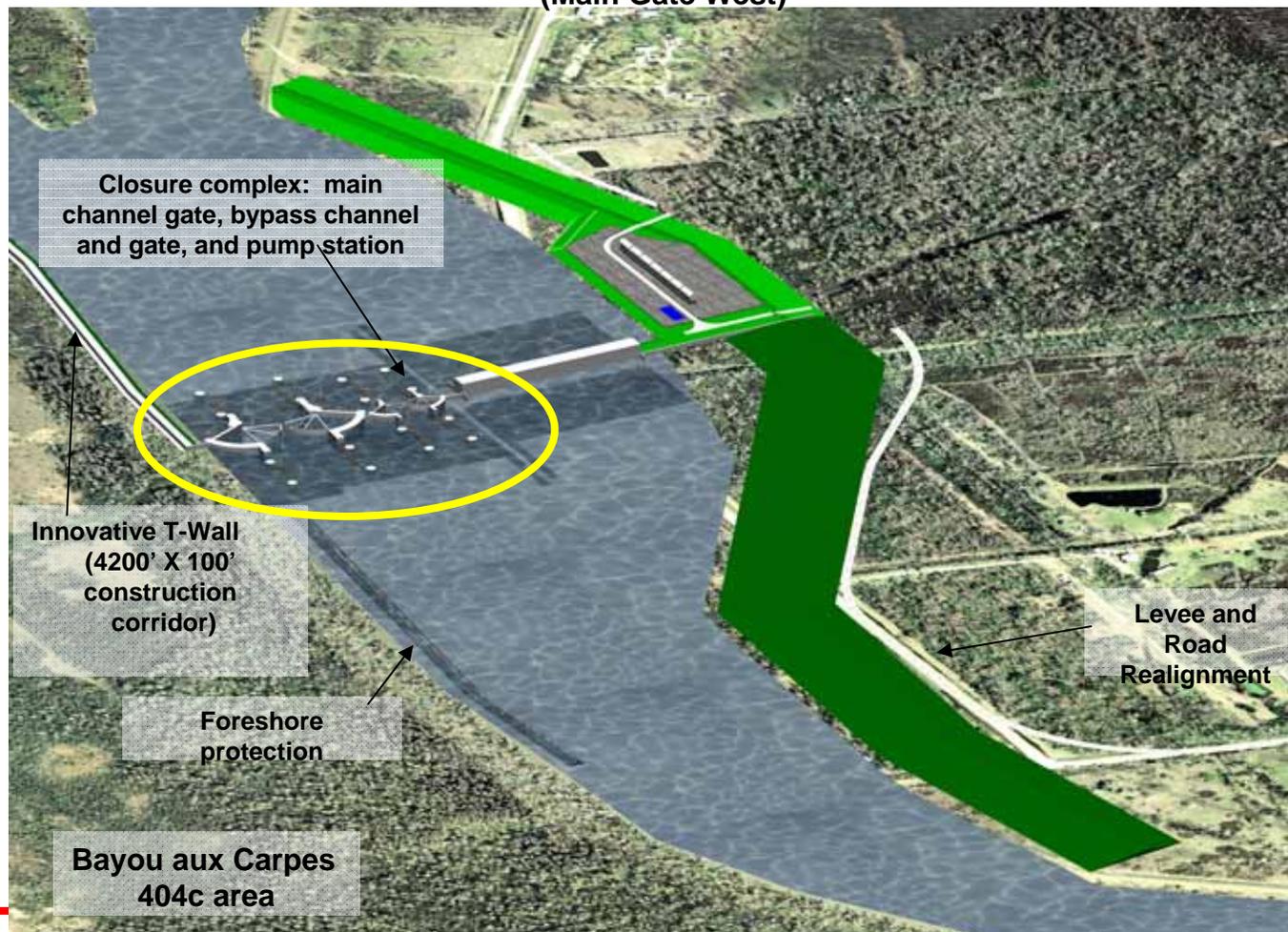




Conceptual Images

Close up of West Closure Complex

(Main Gate West)

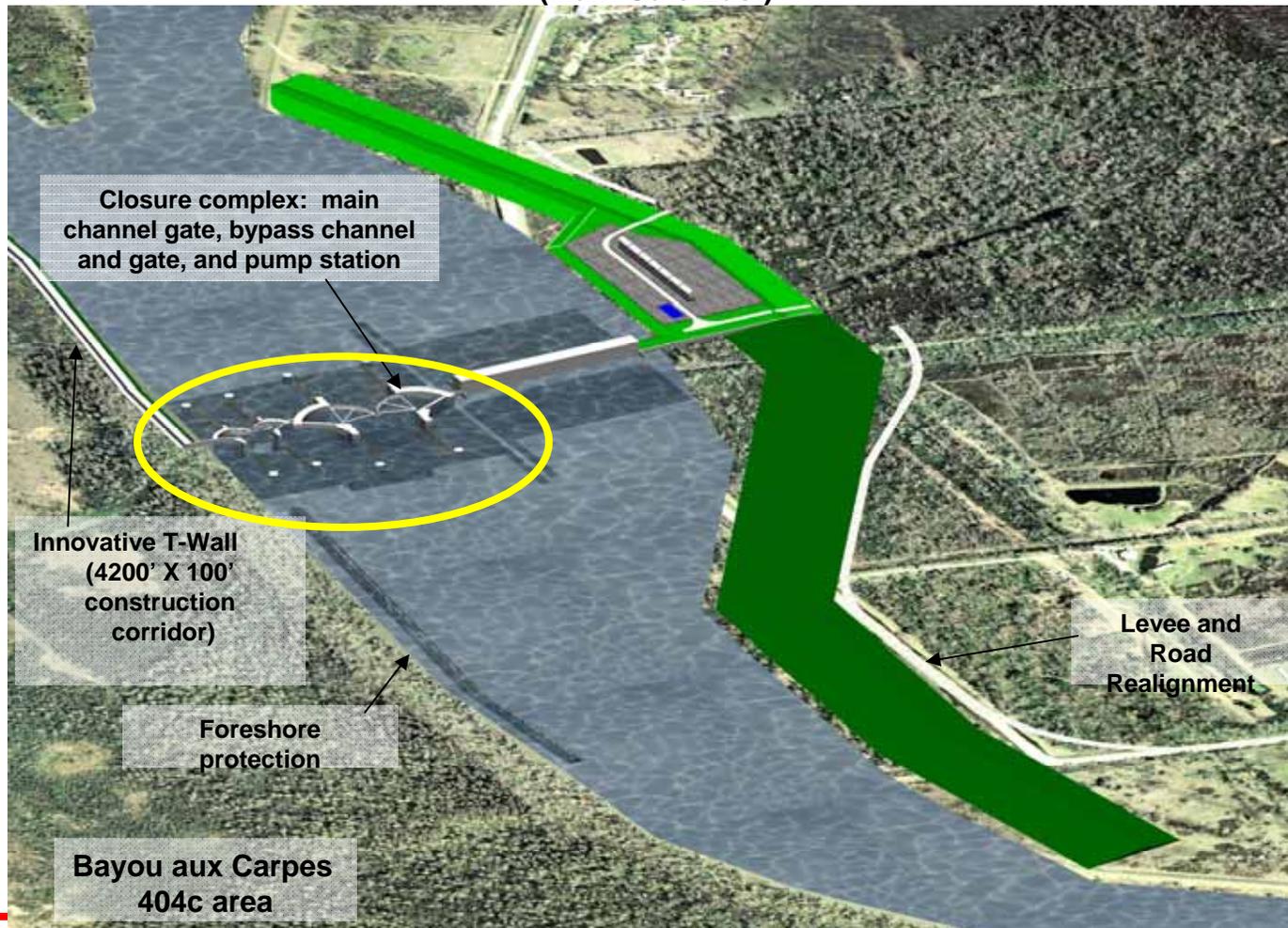




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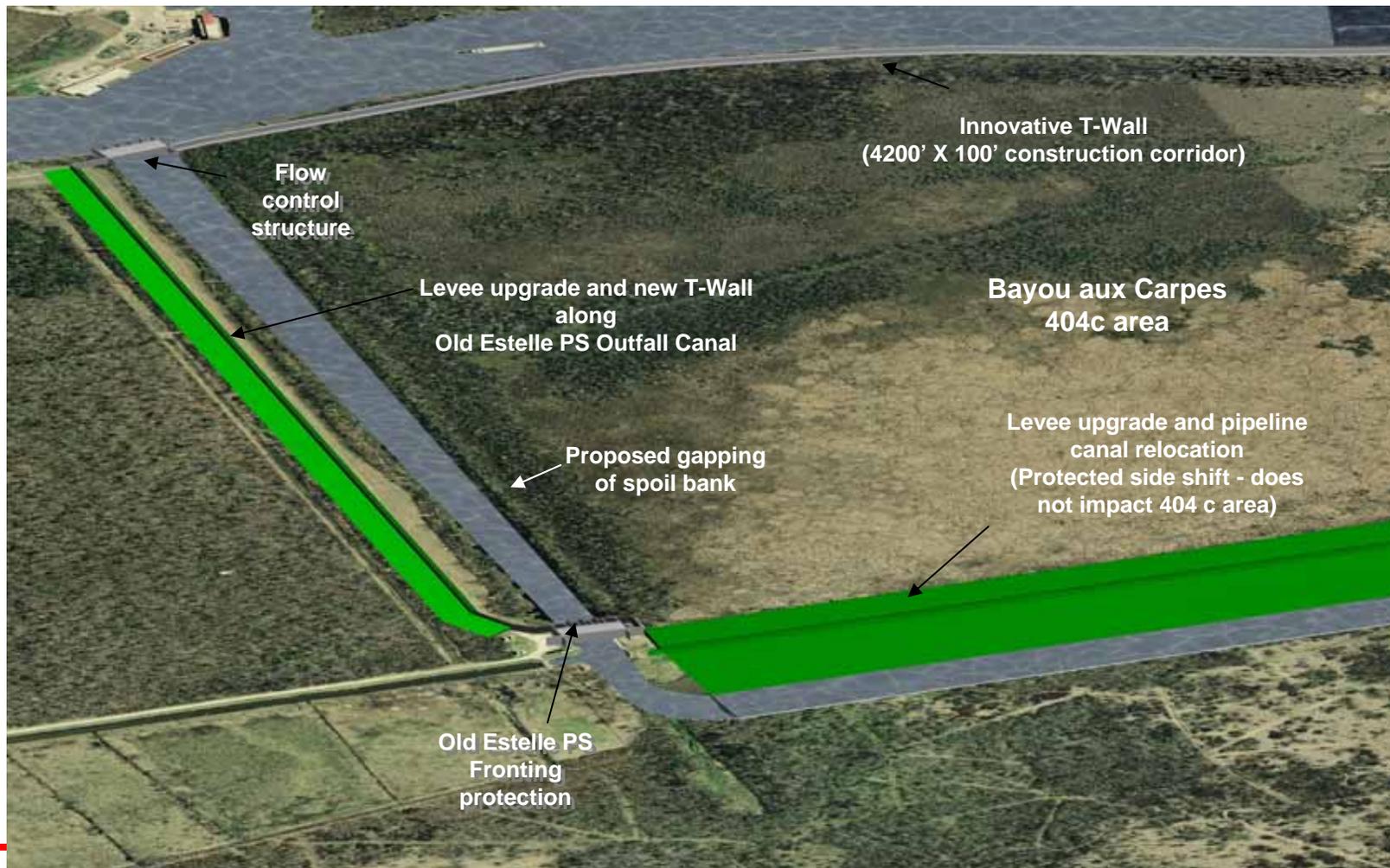
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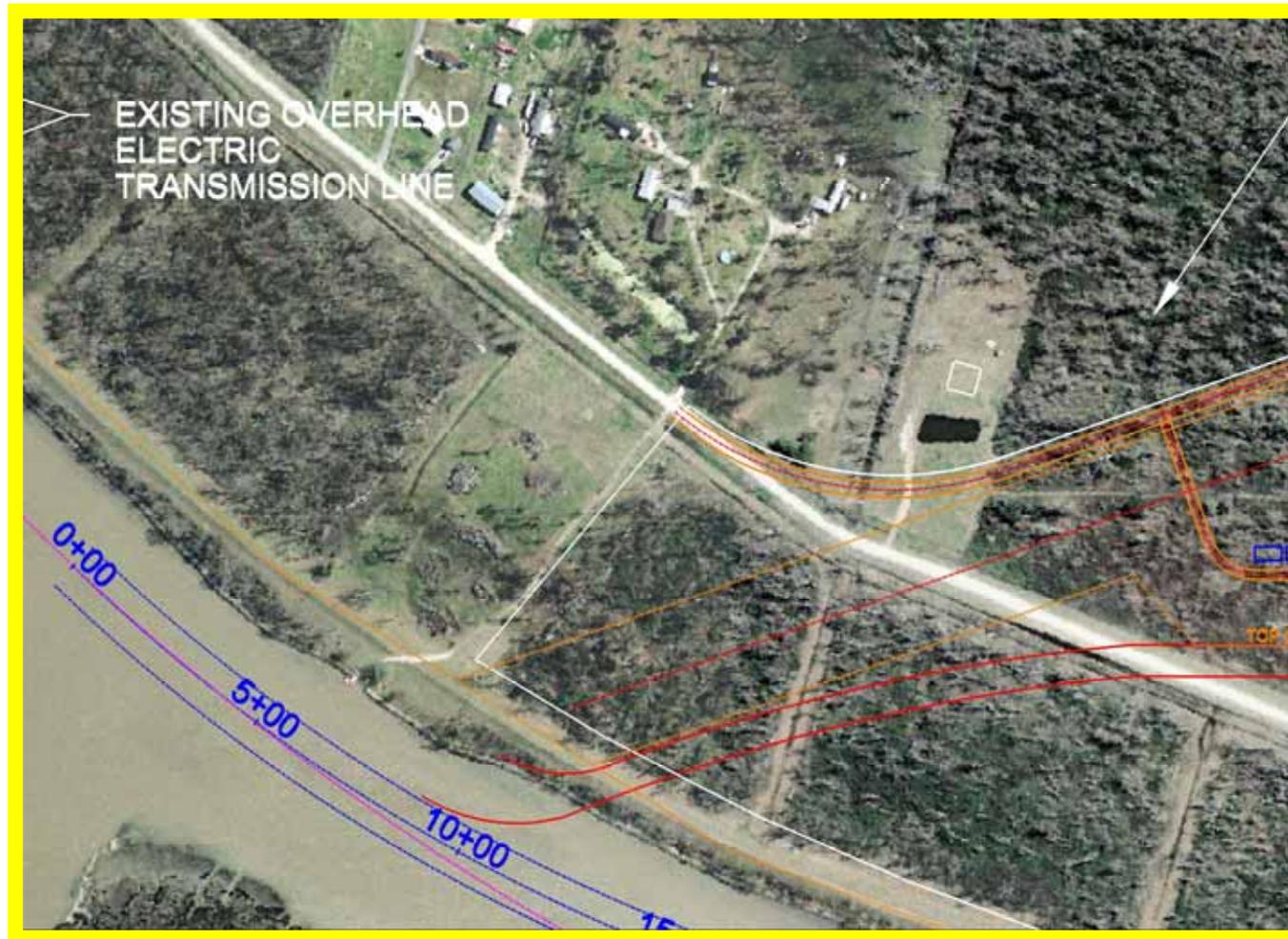
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Old Estelle Outfall Canal Flow Control Structure





Current Project Footprint



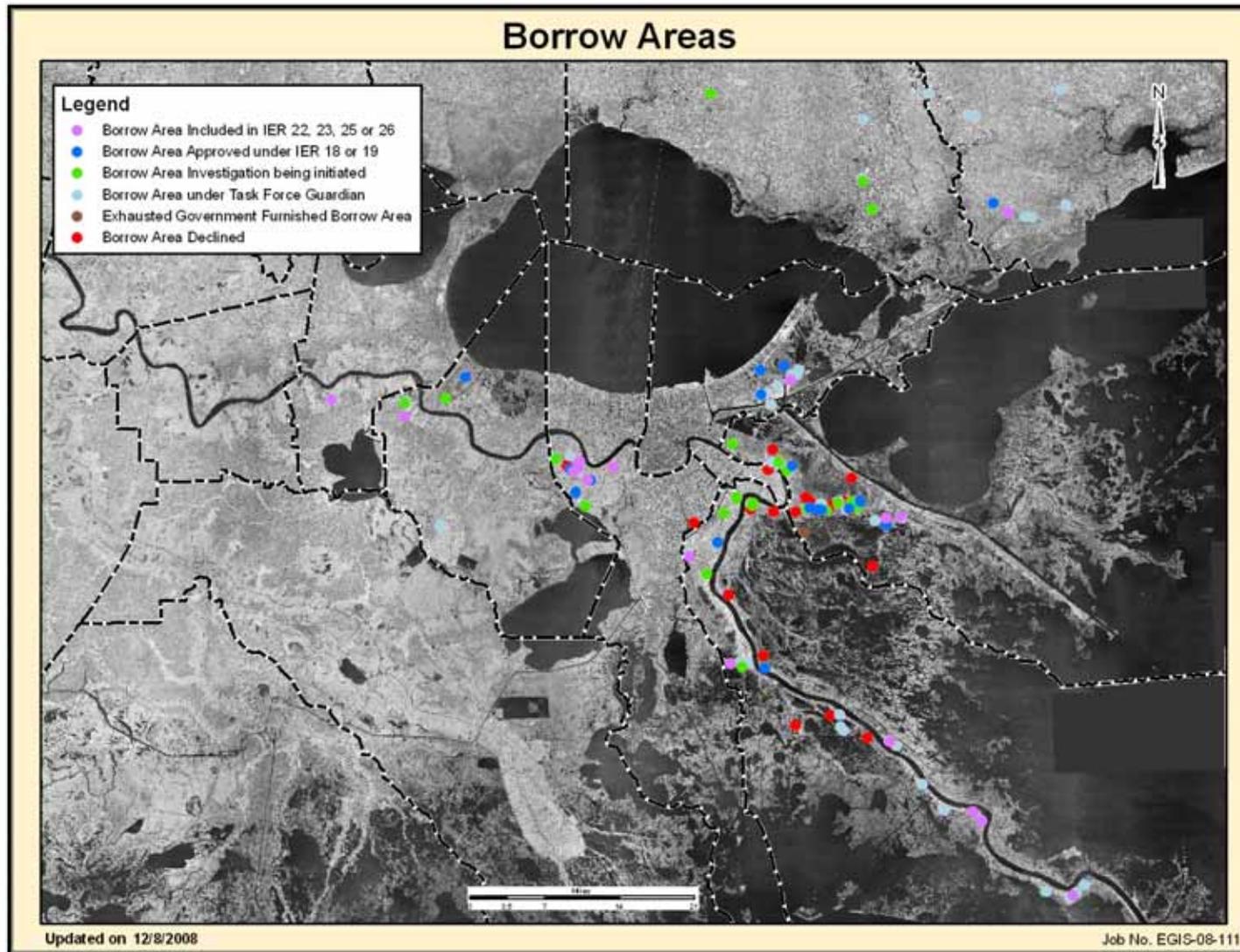


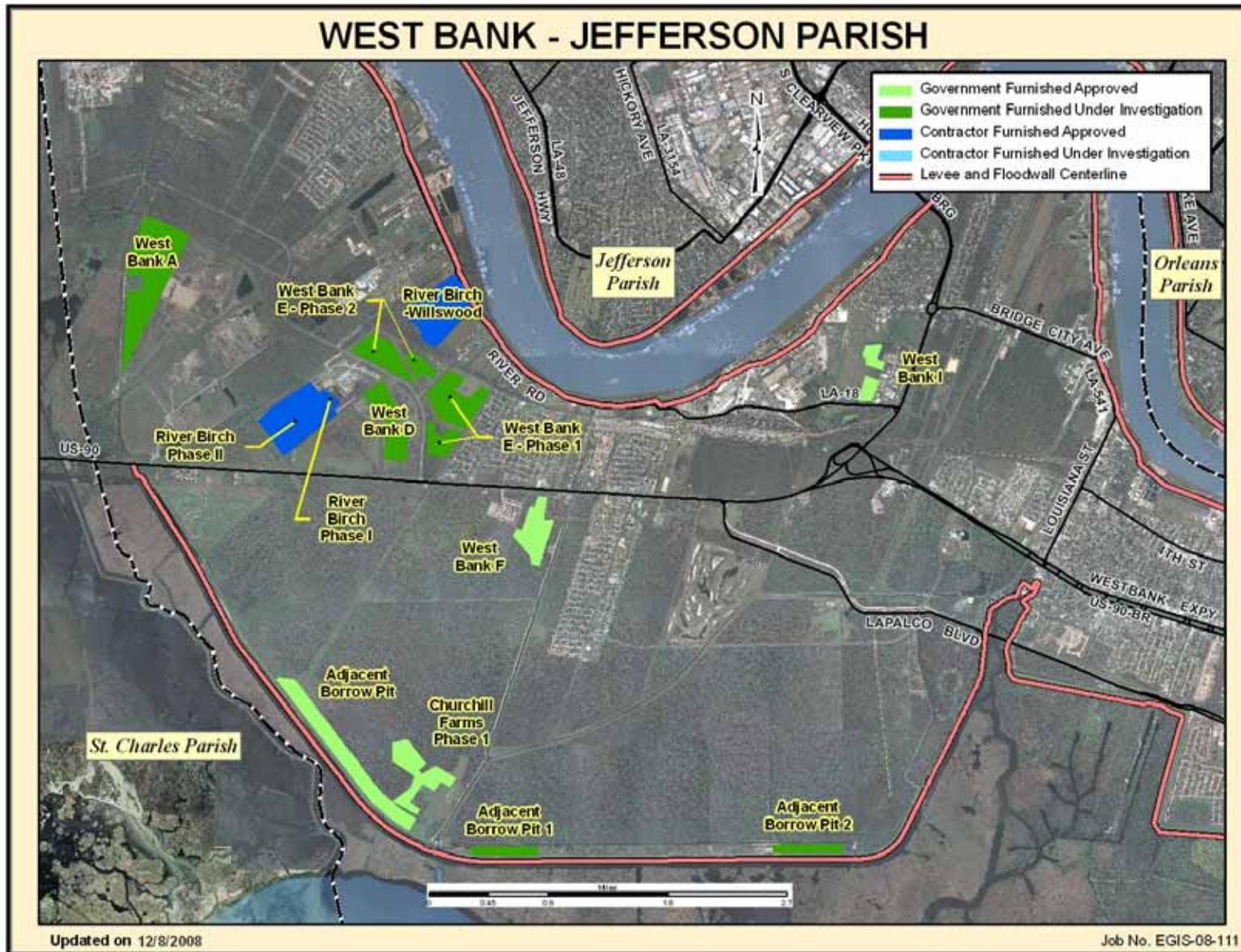
Tentative Project Timeline

- IER 12 is scheduled to be released for 30-day public review the last week of Dec. 2008
- A joint public hearing, held with the Environmental Protection Agency, will be held in Feb. 2009
- Decision Record would be signed by Col. Lee at the end of Feb. 2009 if no substantive comments are received during the comment period
- Construction begins in late Spring 2009



Borrow







IER Currently Available for Public Review

IER 25 – Government Furnished Borrow Material #3 Multiple Parishes

- Released for Public Review and Comment: Dec. 8, 2008
- Public Comment Period closes: Jan. 7, 2009

* copies available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov or by request



Opportunities for Public Input

- Regular public meetings throughout New Orleans area
- Comments can be submitted at: www.nolaenvironmental.gov
- Individual Environmental Reports (IER) 30-day Public Review

Questions and comments regarding Greater New Orleans Storm Damage Risk Reduction System projects should be addressed to:

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Risk Reduction System Projects

Announcements

- Draft [IER 17 Public Comment](#) Period 11/03 - 12/03 ([News Release](#))
- [IER 17 - The Clean Water Act Section 404 Public Notice Comment](#) Period 11/03 - 12/02
- The Decision Record for [IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne](#) has been signed by the District Commander (*October 21, 2008*)
- [IHNC Lock Replacement Project Public Comment](#) Period 10/10 - 1/24

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Upcoming

- [12/09/2008 - Public Meeting \(IERs 12 14\)](#)
- [12/11/2008 - Public Meeting \(IERs 8 - 11\)](#)

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Newly Available

NEW >> [NOLA Environmental Basic Data Viewer](#)

- [Draft IER 25 Government Furnished Borrow Material #3 Multiple Parishes](#)
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Floodwalls

Building them bigger, stronger, better
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is continuing to work expeditiously to complete the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) by 2011. To this end, the Corps is using valuable lessons learned to construct more resilient levees and floodwalls.

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The Corps wants to hear from you!

Q. *Do you have information on the closing of Industrial Locks on August 1, 2008 for 60 days?*

A. *Yes, for information regarding the August 1st closing of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock, [please click here.](#)*

Submit questions or comments to askthecorps@usace.army.mil.

FEATURED VIDEOS

 **West Closure Complex**
Learn more about the alternatives under consideration to reduce risk on the Westbank. [Watch >>](#)

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