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## Corps' June 22 public meeting to discuss proposed White Ditch diversion

NEW ORLEANS, LA - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, in partnership with the Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, is hosting a public meeting to gather comments on the proposed Medium Diversion at White Ditch project on the east bank of Plaquemines Parish. This project is part of the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) ecosystem restoration program.

"The Medium Diversion at White Ditch was proposed to reverse the current decline of wetlands in the Breton Sound Area," said Andrew MacInnes, USACE study manager. "The objectives of the project would be to provide additional freshwater, nutrients, and sediments to the area between the Mississippi River and the River aux Chenes ridges."

The meeting presentation will cover all alternatives considered in the planning of the proposed diversion and will provide a venue for the public to comment on the tentatively selected plan identified in the draft feasibility study. Copies of the draft feasibility study are available online at [www.lca.gov](http://www.lca.gov).

The LCA Program, and the recommended projects contained within it, are the culmination of the Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Study, which was initiated in 2001 and is jointly managed by the Corps and the state of Louisiana to help address the state's severe coastal land-loss problems.

Meeting details are:

**When: Tuesday, June 22, 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: Phoenix High School**

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Questions or comments concerning the LCA "Medium Diversion at White Ditch" feasibility study should be addressed to:

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