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## Public meeting to discuss proposed LCA project to benefit Maurepas Swamp

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 Amite River Diversion Canal Modification project to benefit the Maurepas Swamp. This project is part of the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) ecosystem restoration program.

"The Amite River Diversion Canal Modification project would complement, but is independent of, two other proposed LCA projects, the Small Diversion at Hope Canal and the Small Diversion at Convent/Blind River," said Renee Sanders, OCPR study manager. "The objectives of the project would be to reverse the current habitat decline in the western portion of the Maurepas Swamp."

The meeting presentation will cover all alternatives considered in the planning of the proposed diversion canal modifications 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: Thursday, June 24, 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: French Settlement High School**

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Questions or comments concerning the LCA "Amite River Diversion Canal Modification" feasibility study should be addressed to:

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