



Levee Protection for a Community that Serves our Nation

Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System for Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

Energy that fuels this nation. Seafood that feeds the world. A culture and environment like no other. Morganza to the Gulf ("Morganza") hurricane protection system is a comprehensive plan for flood protection for 200,000 people who live and work at the epicenter of our nation's energy & seafood production.

Morganza is our best hope for survival and federal authorization in WRDA is critical.

The **Morganza Action Coalition** is a grassroots non-profit organization focused on securing support to complete construction of the Morganza lock, levee, and floodgate system in coastal Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes, Louisiana. MAC also works with local and state officials to clear regulatory hurdles for the project, and inform Americans everywhere about the value of our critical communities and our unique hurricane protection needs.

Morganza to the Gulf includes approximately 90 miles of earthen levees and 22 floodgates, and 23 environmental water control structures. along Louisiana's Coast. So far, the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (TLCD) has completed 42 miles of levees and nine floodgates in the system with existing local and state funds. Communities are already benefitting from improved protection.

Federal studies for Morganza began twenty years ago and we are still waiting for a federal authorization by the federal government. Although Morganza was authorized for construction in the 2007 WRDA bill, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that post-Katrina construction standards resulted in a project cost increase of greater than 20%. Therefore, the Corps required that a Post Authorization Change (PAC) report be completed. The PAC report is scheduled to be complete in 2013 with a signed Chief's Report.

Terrebonne Parish citizens demonstrated their support for Morganza by overwhelmingly supporting two sales tax propositions in the past ten years. The most recent show of support was the passing of a half-cent sales tax this past December.

IT IS TIME FOR A FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION OF MORGANZA IN 2013 WRDA

A 2013 WRDA Bill is our best hope for federal authorization of Morganza. A federal authorization will allow the local sponsor to receive in-kind credit for the \$200 million of local/state funds spent thus far on the project, to streamline the permitting process and to accept federal appropriations.