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Morganza Minute

News from the Morganza Action Coalition

MAC Celebrates Completion of Bayou Petit Caillou Floodgate in Chauvin

Governor John Bel Edwards and local officials cut the ribbon on the newest feature of the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System.

The [Morganza Action Coalition \(MAC\)](#) joined Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove, and many state and local officials yesterday for a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of the Bayou Petit Caillou Floodgate, a critical feature in the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System. It is the fifth floodgate completed within the levee system in the past five years.



Bayou Petit Caillou Barge Floodgate in Chauvin

The Bayou Petit Caillou Canal Floodgate is a 110' wide steel barge structure nestled between Morganza to the Gulf Reaches H2 and H1, where it intersects Bayou Petit Caillou at LA Hwy 56 in Chauvin. It was designed by CB&I and built by Massman Construction Co. Inc. The total cost of this gate and associated floodwalls is \$19.8 million. The floodgate also has a roller-gate feature that closes off LA Hwy 56 for a storm event.

In his remarks, Governor Edwards complimented the Terrebonne Levee District (TLCD) and our community for the effort and vision to complete this \$20 million project with only state funds and local sales tax collections.

TLCD Executive Director Reggie Dupre pointed at that \$350 million in local and state money has been spent or committed to date on the Morganza system - a federally-approved system that currently receives no federal funds.

MAC Chairman Jay Walker noted that MAC was created a decade ago solely to support the TLCD and promote Morganza. "We are going to fight to get this levee system finished," he said.

MAC recently expanded its focus to also support the North and South Lafourche Levee Districts.



The Bayou Petit Caillou Floodgate and levee tie-ins are part of the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System that provides protection to 200,000 residents of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes.



SLLD's Windell Curole Talks Levees and Sea Levels on October 25 Edition of HTV's "Going Public"



South Lafourche Levee District General Manager Windell Curole was the guest on the October 25 edition of the "Going Public" news segment on HTV.



In [Segment 1](#), Curole narrated a video demonstrating the impacts of sea level rise on the local levee system.

In [Segment 2](#), he showed drone footage of the South Lafourche Levee System and current levee projects.

The North Lafourche Levee District will be featured on "Going Public" on Tuesday, November 22. Stay tuned and visit Morganza.org to view recorded segments of past shows with our Lafourche and Terrebonne levee officials.

growth of our region. Today, MAC advocates for comprehensive levee protection for Terrebonne & Lafourche Parishes.

[Learn more at www.Morganza.org.](http://www.Morganza.org)

MAC relies on financial contributions from local businesses and individuals to support these advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. and in Baton Rouge, as well as to fund outreach and communication activities to gain public support for the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System and levee projects in North and South Lafourche.

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