



**Advocating for the Hurricane Protection
Our Community Needs and Deserves!**

MORGANZA to the GULF PROJECT UPDATE *June 2015*

Formed by Terrebonne Parish residents and business owners in 2006, The Morganza Action Coalition (MAC) is a unified, grassroots voice advocating for federal, state, and local support of the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System (Morganza) in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. This is our one and only focus!

With MAC support over the years, the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (TLCD) has achieved federal authorization for Morganza and won voter approval for two local sales tax initiatives for the hurricane protection system. With only local and state funding, the levee district has aggressively built approximately 50 miles of the 98-mile levee system to date. Five flood gates have been built, and two more will be completed in 2015. Together, we are closing the gap in hurricane protection!

CLOSING THE GAP

Morganza Project Progress (as of June 1, 2015)

Completed or Nearing Completion since 2008	\$ 226 Million
Budgeted Levee and Floodgate Projects	\$ 234 Million
Est. HNC Lock Complex Construction	\$ 465 Million
Total Completed & Planned Project Investments	\$ 925 Million

Funding sources include Local Sales Tax, Sales Tax Bond Revenue, State Capital Outlay, CDBG and CIAP funds - NO Federal USACE Construction Appropriations



Reach G2 south of Lake Boudreaux

By 2018, the TLCD expects to have completed construction of initial levee and floodgates along the Morganza alignment from the west side of Bayou Dularge in Terrebonne Parish to Cut Off in Lafourche Parish, providing much-needed hurricane protection for our coastal communities and the city of Houma.

2015 Priority Projects:

- Reach E – Highest Priority - 4 miles between Houma Navigation Canal and Bayou Dularge
\$21 million - Construction begins Fall 2015
- Point-aux-Chenes Floodgate
\$14 million - Construction begins Fall 2015
- Reach J-3 – Montegut area
\$ 4 million - Phase 1 construction underway, Phase 2 begins Fall 2015
- “Jimmy Dagat” Falgout Canal Floodgate/Levees
est. \$40 million – Final design and permitting underway
- Mitigation – Wetland terracing & marsh creation – System-wide
- Permitting & Design of Lower Dularge Levees
- Raising of Bayou Terrebonne Floodgate
- Design of western tie-in – Gibson/Bayou Black
- Design of the HNC Lock Complex – RESTORE Act funding



**The Bayou Petite Caillou floodgate will
be operational this summer.**

Other Progress:

- By 2018, Terrebonne Parish will have 13 new navigable floodgates in operation along the MTG alignment.
- TLCD is implementing wetland terracing as part of the mitigation for the levee projects, which will promote wetland stabilization and growth along the levee system, providing a natural barrier to protect the levees and us from storm surge.
- TLCD continues to maintain existing levees and floodgates – Humble Canal and Lower Bayou Dularge floodgates will be sand blasted and painted this year.
- TLCD is evaluating constructed levee reaches to determine which areas might be ready for a second lift, providing enhanced protection.



Wetland terracing is implemented as mitigation for levee projects.

BUT, THERE IS MORE WORK TO DO. WE STILL NEED MAC.

Terrebonne Parish has made substantial progress in building an interim levee system along the Morganza alignment with only local, state, and non-traditional construction funds. However, there is still a lot more work to be done! Full implementation and construction of the complete federally-authorized Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System from Gibson to Lafourche Parish, including the HNC Lock Complex, will require federal funding. This is the system that will provide us the highest level of protection from storms that hit our coast.

MAC is committed to:

- Identifying and pursuing federal and state funding opportunities for Morganza – federal appropriations, state capital outlay, RESTORE Act, and GOMESA
- Engaging federal leaders in order to clear regulatory and permitting hurdles and get Morganza projects to construction
- Promoting Morganza and why our region is worth protecting with federal and state leaders
- Communicating Morganza progress and hurricane protection needs to local residents
- Collaborating with other advocacy groups for support of Morganza

Protecting Terrebonne Parish Protects America!

*Help us protect ourselves and this nation by supporting
the Morganza Action Coalition.*