

Marking Ten Years of MAC:

## Organization Expands Scope to Support Regional Levee Systems



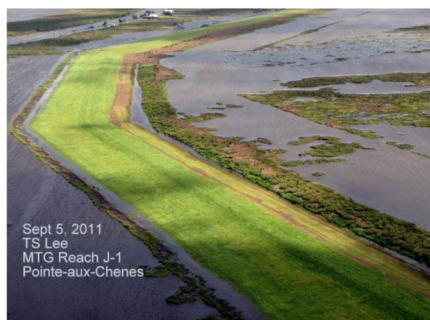
In 2006, a group of Terrebonne Parish residents and business owners created the Morganza Action Coalition (MAC) to promote federal authorization and funding of the Morganza-to-the-Gulf (MTG) Hurricane Protection System. For the past ten years, the organization has aggressively promoted MTG as critical protection for not just Terrebonne but our neighboring parish of Lafourche as well.

"Today, as MAC marks ten years of advocating for hurricane protection in our parish, the organization is also expanding its work to support the levee initiatives of neighboring communities in Lafourche Parish. Our coastal communities are, after all, all in this together," says 2016 MAC President and founding member Danny Walker.

At its January meeting, the MAC Board of Directors approved expanding MAC's scope to include the North Lafourche Levee District and the South Lafourche Levee District in order to work on regional initiatives impacting the MTG hurricane protection system.

Permitting efforts for MTG Reaches K and L in Lafourche Parish, Corps of Engineers mitigation policy, and federal flood mapping issues are all topics that MAC and the individual levee districts have been working on over the past several years.

By uniting under the MAC umbrella for critical issues like these, our voice in Washington will be even stronger!



### HTV Features Morganza Project in New Series

Local television station HTV has kicked off a new series called, "Going Public" which will feature monthly segments with officials from the Terrebonne, North Lafourche, and South Lafourche levee districts. MAC is helping to coordinate the programs featuring the three levee districts.

On March 22, the program included interviews with TLCD President Tony Alford and Morganza Project Manager Mitch Marmande, who gave an update on the hurricane protection project. Segments with SLLD and NLLD representatives will air in April and May.

### Learn About HNC Lock at Public Meetings in April

The Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, together with the Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority of Louisiana will be hosting two public meetings next month concerning the proposed Houma Navigation Canal Lock Complex. The purpose of these meetings is to share information with local residents about the proposed project features, funding sources, and path forward, and to collect stakeholder comments on the project.

#### Meetings:

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**  
**Houma Municipal Auditorium**  
**880 Verret St., Houma**

**Time: Open house 5:30p.m., Meeting 6:00p.m.**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**  
**Grand Caillou Gym**  
**106 Badou Dr., Dulac**

**Time: Open house 5:30p.m., Meeting 6:00p.m.**

The Open house provides attendees the opportunity to learn and ask questions in a more informal manner.

# CLOSING THE GAP

## Permits Give Green Light for Reaches K and L in Lafourche Parish



At the end of February, the South Lafourche Levee District (SLLD) received federal permits for construction of Reaches K and L of the Morganza to the Gulf (MTG) Hurricane Protection Project, which tie the Terrebonne MTG system into the South Lafourche levee system.

Levee Reaches K and L extend 10.5 miles from Pointe-aux-Chenes to Cut Off in Lafourche Parish, and include a floodgate at Grand Bayou. The SLLD and Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District are now finalizing right-of-way agreements and construction is expected to begin later this year.

With these latest permits in hand, approximately 45 miles of levees and floodgates along the MTG Hurricane Protection System from east of Dularge to Cut Off have been permitted, completed, or are under construction or in design. The MTG system alignment includes a total of 98 miles of levees, a lock on the HNC, and floodgates.

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Morganza Project Progress (as of March 1, 2016)

Completed or Nearing Completion since 2008	\$ 300 Million
Budgeted Levee and Floodgate Projects	\$ 234 Million
Est. HNC Lock Complex Construction	\$ 400 Million
<b>Total Completed &amp; Planned Project Investments</b>	<b>\$ 934 Million</b>

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



Founded in 2006 by a group of Terrebonne Parish residents and business owners, the Morganza Action Coalition (MAC) is a 501(c)4 organization solely focused on advocating for authorization and construction of the Morganza-to-the-Gulf Hurricane Protection System. VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [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 project.