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Morganza To The Gulf Hurricane Protection Project

Levee Protection for a Community That Serves This Nation



Protecting Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, Is Protecting America:

- **Energy** - 20 percent of America's energy supply is produced by, supported by, or transported through our region.
- **Economy** - When storms strike our unprotected region, fuel prices increase an average of 30 percent.
- **Jobs** - Terrebonne Parish's robust economy has consistently achieved one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country.
- **Food Production** - The region is a leading producer and distributor of seafood that feeds our nation.
- **Disaster Aid** - With levee protection, \$450 million in FEMA flood payments may have been averted following past storms in Terrebonne Parish alone.

**The Completed Federal Morganza to the Gulf System
Will Provide \$307 Million Per Year in Net Benefits to This Nation.**


(as estimated by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

What is Morganza to the Gulf?

- A 98-mile system of earthen levees, floodgates and environmental control structures designed to protect 200,000 Americans in the Terrebonne Parish, LA region, 60 miles southwest of New Orleans.
- Will significantly reduce the risk of flooding from hurricanes and tropical storms.
- Will secure a valuable coastal region with a robust economy that faces an ever-increasing exposure to storm surge due to coastal erosion and subsidence. This region has the highest land loss rate in the nation.
- Will reduce the need for federal disaster aid and preserve significant national infrastructure during catastrophic storm events.



Without Federal Protection, the Risk Is Real

- According to a state study, storms striking southeast Louisiana are twice as likely to be CAT 2 or higher than storms striking Galveston, TX.
 - **The Morganza project will save federal dollars.** The area that will be protected by Morganza has cost taxpayers \$450 million in FEMA flood claims over the years, compared to \$66 million spent in an adjacent parish that is levee protected.
 - It is less costly to protect before disaster than to risk continued exposure to catastrophic storm events that could cost the U.S. billions of dollars in relief and reconstruction, as well as impact our energy supply and the American economy.
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- An aerial photograph showing a wide river with two white ferries crossing it. The ferries are carrying vehicles and have yellow safety railings. In the background, there are green trees and some buildings along the riverbank.



THE TIME IS NOW FOR MORGANZA TO THE GULF:

- 1992 - Reconnaissance Study authorized for project.
- 2000 - Morganza receives contingent authorization within WRDA 2000.
- 2001 - Local residents vote for a 1/4 cent sales tax dedicated to Morganza.*
- 2002 - Chief's Report completed, but past the deadline imposed by WRDA 2000.
- 2007 - Project authorized within WRDA 2007.
- 2007 - USACE calls for re-evaluation of the project in order to accommodate post-Katrina standards.
- 2012 - Local residents vote for a second sales tax at 1/2 cent dedicated to Morganza.*
- 2013 - Post-Authorization Change Report completed. Chief's Report submitted to OMB.

**Local dedicated taxes and state investments will provide \$400-500 million worth of construction.*

PROJECT FEATURES:

- **98 miles of earthen levees**
- **22 floodgates on navigable waterways**
- **23 environmental control structures**
- **9 road floodgates**

