

# MAC

## Morganza Action Coalition



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

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In 2006, Terrebonne Parish community leaders created the Morganza Action Coalition (MAC) to promote federal authorization and funding of the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System. MAC founders knew that the 98-mile lock, levee and floodgate system was critical to the sustainability and growth of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes.

For more than a decade, MAC has aggressively promoted the Morganza system as critical protection for our valuable coastal community and has pushed for authorization and funding of the project in Washington DC and in Baton Rouge. In 2016, MAC expanded our work to advocate for levee projects in our neighboring communities of Lafourche Parish.

Today, MAC is a 501(c)4 organization supporting the efforts of North Lafourche Levee District (NLLD), the South Lafourche Levee District (SLLD) and the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District (TLCD). MAC is the voice for our local communities as we push for Terrebonne and Lafourche flood protection that is critical to our survival and that will help us continue to feed and fuel our entire nation.



### MAC Achievements:

**2012** Local voters approve a half-cent parish sales tax dedicated to Morganza construction.

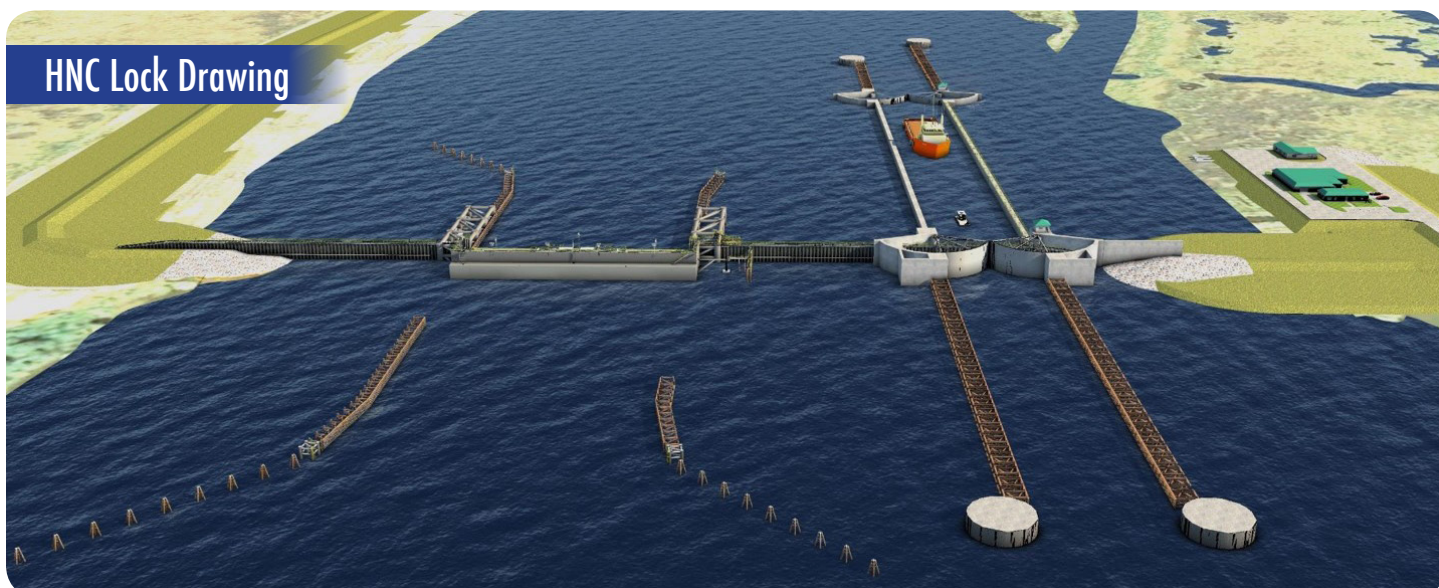
**2013** MAC advocates for changes to federal mitigation policy to reduce the cost and time required for levee construction.

**2014** The Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection Project receives federal authorization.

**2016** Congress approves the Water Resources Development Act with language to streamline permitting and accelerate Morganza construction.

**2017** Funds from the Gulf Oil Spill fines are designated for the HNC Lock.

**2017** LA Coastal Master Plan is approved, including Morganza, HNC Lock and Lafourche levee and restoration projects.





# Morganza to the Gulf

The Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System is a 98-mile levee, lock and floodgate system designed to provide 100-year, Category 3 storm protection to 150,000 residents in Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes and 1,700 square miles of wetlands.



Bubba Dove Floodgate



Levee Reach H3



Bush Canal Floodgate

*\$350 million in local and state funds have been invested to date on the Morganza system, and projects totalling \$500 million are in the planning phase.*

## Recent Project Milestones:

**Bubba Dove Floodgate** - Completed in 2013, the Bubba Dove Floodgate on the Houma Navigation Canal in Dulac is the linchpin of the existing system, protecting most of the population of Terrebonne and the city of Houma.

**Bayou Petit Caillou Floodgate in Chauvin** - Completed in October 2016, it was the fifth floodgate constructed in five years along the Morganza alignment.

**Pointe-aux-Chenes Floodgate** - The \$12.5 million floodgate near the eastern end of Morganza was completed in 2017 and is operational.

**Falgout Canal Floodgate** - Work on the \$40 million floodgate is currently 30% complete and the floodgate is expected to be operational in May 2019. When completed, this floodgate will help provide 35 miles of continuous levee and floodgate protection from Dularge to Pointe-aux-Chenes. Construction is funded by local sales tax revenue, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, and state capital outlay funds.

**Reaches K & L in Lafourche** - Permitted in 2016, the South Lafourche and North Lafourche levee districts are managing construction of these levee segments that tie Morganza into the Lafourche system near Cut Off.

**HNC Lock** - In spring 2017, the LA CPRA approved funding for the \$366 million Houma Navigation Canal Lock as part of the state's share of the Gulf oil spill fines. In April 2018, funding was allocated to complete the design and engineering work for the HNC Lock. The lock could be constructed by 2022.

**Closing the Gap** - As of May 2018, approximately 45 miles of levees and floodgates along the Morganza alignment from Dularge to Cut Off are permitted, under construction, or completed - **all with only local and state funding.**



Pointe-aux-Chenes Floodgate



Lower Reach F Levee



## Join MAC!

Membership in Morganza Action Coalition is open to everyone, and all of our voices are needed to push for federal and state support of levee protection for Terrebonne and Lafourche.

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