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Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Southwest Coastal Louisiana Project Nonstructural Coastal Storm Damage Risk Reduction

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Project Status

Overview

Participation

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Timeline

Current Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design (PED) effort

June 2023

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October 2022

The Southwest Coastal Louisiana Project has secured \$240 million in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022 and \$10 million in FY22 Community Projects Funding for the National Economic Development Plan (NED) for a total of \$250 million. The SWC NED database identifies 3,961 structures that are preliminarily eligible for either elevation or flood-proofing measures. The Corps is currently working with CPRA to institute a Project Partnership Agreement before proceeding to execute elevations of currently enrolled homes that have been cleared for construction through previously completed surveys. Owners of the remaining, unsurveyed structures will be contacted to coordinate the required pre-construction surveys. Outreach efforts to enroll additional structures listed in the SWC database in the program will begin concurrently.

October 2020

Unfortunately, at this time, Federal Construction funds have not been received from Congress. The Project was not funded in the Federal fiscal year 2020 (October 2019-September 2020) nor was it funded in the 2021(October 2020 – September 2021) President’s Budget. The next opportunity to receive Construction funding will be in the fiscal year 2022 President’s Budget (October 2021 – September 2022) which is currently being developed. We are hopeful that the passage of Hurricanes Laura and Delta will bring renewed attention to the South West region and this project. If

you have provided the Project team with an application form, we will continue to keep your structure information on file and contact you and update the website once construction funds have been received. Upon receipt of construction funding, plans and specifications for your home elevation will be performed and the home will be ready for elevation.

November 2019

After receiving federal funds in 2018 to initiate the PED phase for the nonstructural coastal storm damage risk reduction features of the feasibility study, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Louisiana Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority (CPRA) initiated the current PED effort by signing a design agreement on January 25, 2019 for \$1,196,000. The goal of this initial PED effort is to enable CPRA and the Corps to identify and prepare approximately 50 to 100 eligible residential structures for elevation so that construction can begin when funding is made available. The initial design phase of this project will include contacting the structure owners identified in the feasibility phase, verifying structure eligibility for the project, and conducting surveys to determine structure eligibility.

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Project Information

Project Type(s):

Other

Project ID:

LA-0020

Basin(s):

Calcasieu/Sabine, Mermentau, Teche/Vermilion

CPRA Program:

Federal Revenues (FEDERAL); Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

Federal Sponsor:

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

CPRA Project Phase:

Construction

Parish(es):

Calcasieu (/outreach/factsheets/Parishes/parish_factsheet?parish=Calcasieu), Cameron

(/outreach/factsheets/Parishes/parish_factsheet?parish=Cameron), Vermilion (/outreach/factsheets/Parishes/parish_factsheet?parish=Vermilion)

Estimated Cost:

\$ 3392.2 million

Project Benefits



Acres Benefit:

15448 acres benefited



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