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## **Hurricane project: public meeting in Harvey**

*Set Nov. 10 on levees to fill the gap from West Bank to Houma area*

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites the public to a meeting in Harvey on the proposed Donaldsonville to the Gulf Hurricane Protection Project.

The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the West Jefferson Parish School District auditorium, 501 Manhattan Blvd., Harvey, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A new alternative for a hurricane levee alignment will be presented to the audience. The alternative is called the GIWW Levee Alternative, which proposes 30 miles of hurricane protection levee from the Mississippi River, in the vicinity of Hero Canal to Larose, LA. The route would follow the south bank of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The purpose of the meeting is to present details about the feasibility study for the Donaldsonville to the Gulf project that is being conducted by the Corps of Engineers, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the Lafourche Basin Levee District. The study will investigate alternatives to prevent tidal and hurricane surges from entering the study area, and to reduce damages from major rainfall events. Environmental restoration and recreational facilities are also major components of the study.

**Study.** Address questions to Project Manager Frank Duarte, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CEMVN-PM-W, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans 70160-0267, telephone 504-862-1014, e-mail [francisco.Duarte@mvn02.usace.army.mil](mailto:francisco.Duarte@mvn02.usace.army.mil).

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