

Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico



Gulf of Mexico

- **Study Status:**
Feasibility Study began
Feb 2002
- **Feasibility Study Cost:**
\$7M (cost share 50/50)
- **Study Issues:**
None
- **FY05 Bud Request:**
\$800K
- **FY05 Funds Needed:**
\$1.2 Million



Project Fact Sheet

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PROJECT AUTHORITY: The study was authorized by a resolution adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives on May 6, 1998.

PROJECT SPONSORS: The project sponsors are the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Lafourche Basin Levee District.

PROJECT LOCATION: The study area is located in Southeast Louisiana and includes portions of the Parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Lafourche, St. Charles, and Jefferson. The study area is located between Bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi River, from Donaldsonville, Louisiana, to the Gulf of Mexico.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The project purpose is to provide flood and hurricane protection for the study area. The area consists mostly of wetland and agricultural lands with numerous communities located adjacent to major highways and adjacent to the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche. The basin is subject to rainfall, tidal and hurricane flooding, resulting in structural, agricultural, and environmental damages. This area has been declared a Federal disaster area four times since 1985, the most recent in 2001. Several additional storms have caused FEMA to provide disaster assistance.

PROJECT FEATURES: Three alternatives were deemed economically justified and environmentally acceptable in the reconnaissance report (June 2000, approved October 2000). The report recommends proceeding to the feasibility phase contingent upon the availability of funds and the execution of a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) with a non-federal sponsor.

PROJECT COSTS:	<u>Feasibility</u>
Estimated Federal Cost:	\$3,500,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost:	\$3,500,000
Total Estimated Cost:	\$7,000,000

PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE: FCSA was executed on 6 February 2002. FY 2005 funds will be used to continue the feasibility study. As a result of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000, the non-Federal sponsors decided to provide the entire non-Federal share of the feasibility study (50%) as in-kind services. The FY 2005 President's budget for the study is \$800,000.

ISSUES: The FY 05 capability is \$1.2 million to advance feasibility completion by six months.