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# Plaquemines Parish

## Levees and Floodwalls Project Fact Sheet

### Plaquemines Parish Non-Federal Levee (PPNFL) Project

The **Plaquemines Parish Non-Federal Levee project (PPNFL)** includes replacing or modifying 32 miles of the current Plaquemines Parish Non-Federal Levees between Oakville and St. Jude, Louisiana, on the west bank of the Mississippi River, and constructing 2 miles of earthen levees from the ground level. Once completed, these levees will be part of the New Orleans to Venice, Louisiana Federal levee system (NOV).

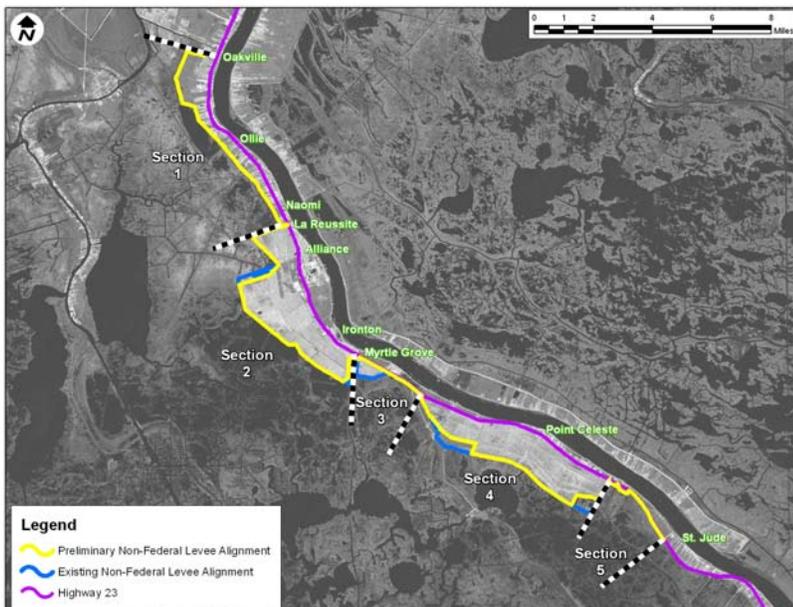
Constructed by Plaquemines Parish Government and private entities, the current Non-Federal levees were breached several times as a result of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike and Gustav which resulted in severe flooding and significant property damage.

The PPNFL project was funded at \$671 million in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Emergency Spending Bills passed by Congress in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricane season. Congressional authorization limited the potential choices of the proposed action, by indicating that the Corps should “replace or modify” the existing PPNFL.

The Corps is currently preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for incorporation of the PPNFL Project into the Federal system. This document will outline the proposed project and the human and environmental impacts. A draft document of the SEIS will be available for public comment in June 2010. Construction is estimated to be completed in 2014.

In addition, the Corps’ team is completing tasks necessary to continue the design process, including soil borings, environmental assessments, real estate actions and hydrological and hydraulic modeling. At this time, a preliminary alignment has been selected.

### Non-Federal Preliminary Levee Alignment



### Regional Collaboration

The Corps’ Mississippi Valley Division Commander Brigadier General Michael Walsh is using the division’s regional resources to complete hurricane recovery projects as expeditiously as possible.

For Plaquemines Parish projects the Corps is using team members from the New Orleans and Vicksburg Districts. Vicksburg District is working closely with New Orleans and assisting with design and construction of the projects.