

# AMITE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES – COMITE RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT

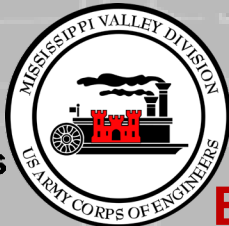
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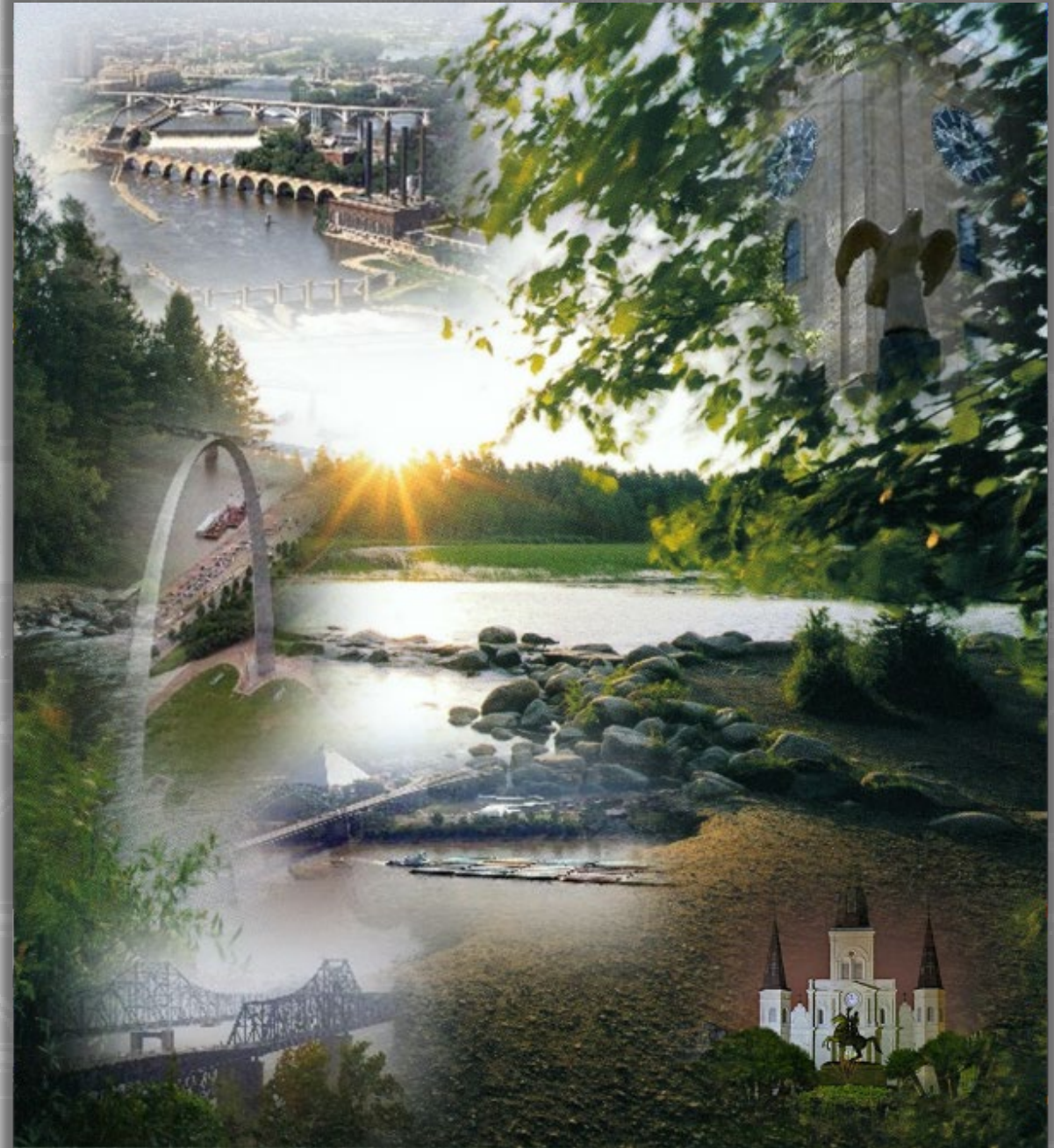
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# COMITE RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT USACE ORGANIZATION CHART

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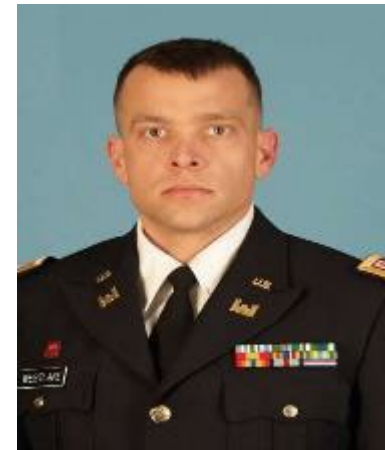
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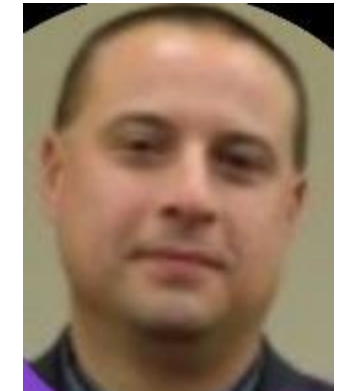
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## Comite River Diversion Project



**USACE will deliver 18 construction contracts**, to include four main channel segments, two vehicular bridges, one railroad bridge, three rock chutes, diversion structure and four low flow pumping stations.

**LADOTD will deliver 3 construction contracts**, to include three vehicular bridges, one railroad bridge, land acquisition, and utility relocations.





# COMITE RIVER DIVERSION USACE RECENT PROGRESS

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- The project consist of 21 separable contracts:
  - **18 USACE Construction Contracts**
    - 13 of 18 contracts awarded
    - 6 construction contracts are complete
    - 7 construction contracts are ongoing
    - 5 remaining contracts
  - **3 DOTD Construction Contracts**
    - LA 964 (advertise March 2022)
    - LA67 (contract being executed)
    - LA19 (contract being executed)



*Hwy 61/KCS RR Construction*



*Channel Segment 4 Construction*



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# COMITE RIVER DIVERSION USACE LED EFFORTS

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## ■ 18 USACE Construction Contracts

### ■ 6 of 18 construction contracts complete

- ❑ COM 07: Channel Segment 3 Phase 1
- ❑ COM 08: McHugh Rd Phase 1
- ❑ COM 09: Channel Segment 4 Phase 1
- ❑ COM 10: White Bayou Rock Chute Phase 1
- ❑ COM 11: Diversion Structure Phase 1
- ❑ COM 13: Lilly Bayou phase 1

### ■ 7 of 18 construction contracts ongoing

- ❑ COM 01: Hwy 61 Bridge (52% complete)
- ❑ COM 05: Channel Segment 2A (3% complete)
- ❑ COM 06: Cypress Bayou Rock Phase 2 (2% complete)
- ❑ COM 16: McHugh Phase 2 (31% complete)
- ❑ COM 17: Channel Segment 4 Phase 2 (33% complete)
- ❑ COM 18: White Bayou Rock Chute Phase 2 (28% complete)
- ❑ COM 21: Lilly Bayou phase 2 (35% complete)

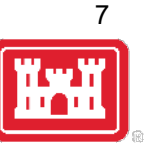


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# COMITE RIVER DIVERSION USACE LED EFFORTS



- 5 remaining contracts

\*Scheduled to award Q2 CY22

- COM 03: Channel Segment 1
- COM 04: Bayou Baton Rouge Structure

\* Awaiting relocations

- COM 15: Channel Segment 3 Phase 2 (Florida Gas)
- COM 19: Diversion Structure Phase 2 (Florida Gas)
- COM 20: Channel Segment 2B (Rockall & Shell)

- Design is 95% complete for all remaining contracts
- 100% of all land mitigation has been acquired for the entire project.



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# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

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*McHugh Rd Bridge*



*White Bayou Rock Chute*



*Channel Segment 4*



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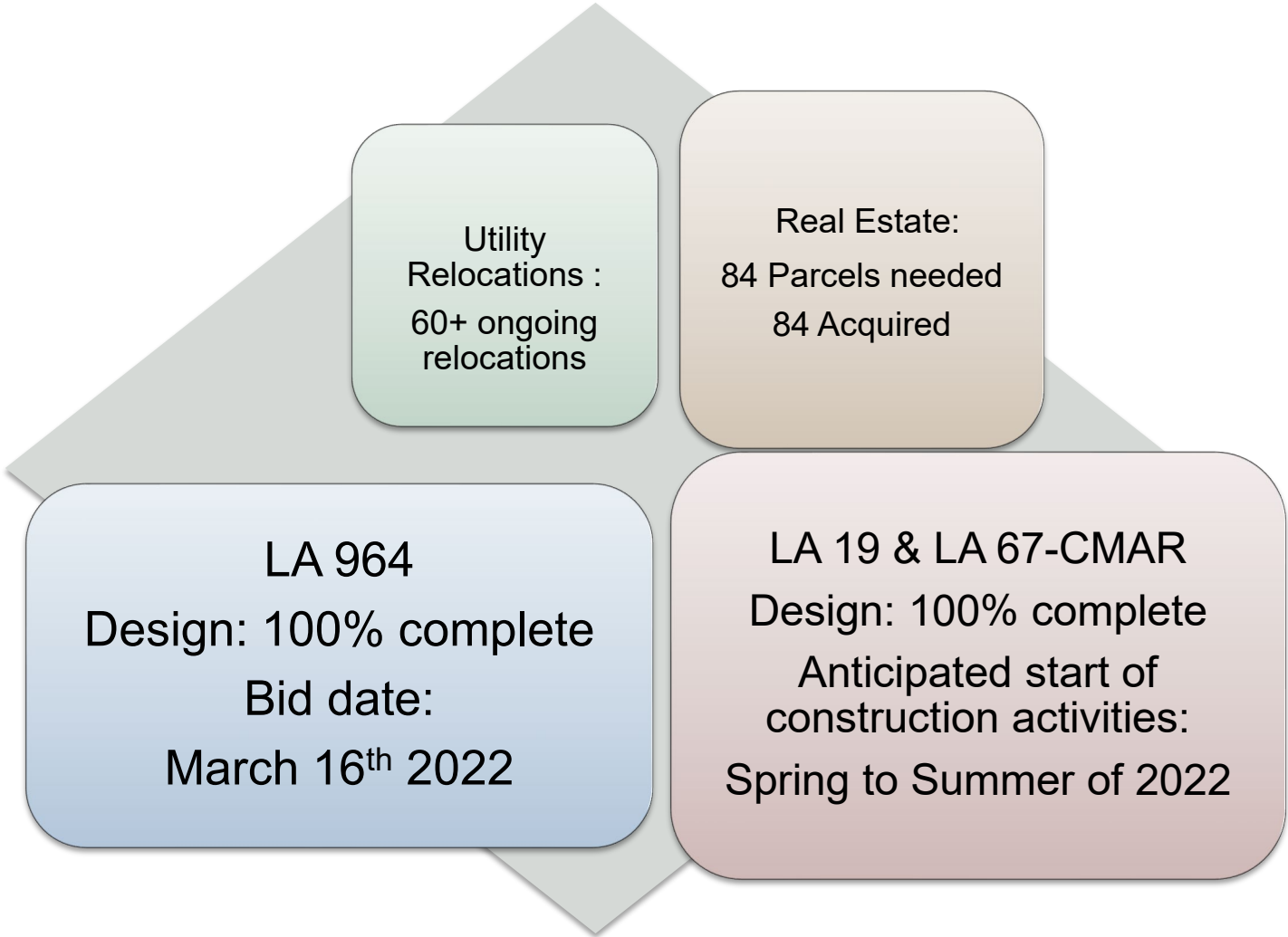




# DOTD PROJECT TASKS 2020-2021



## Ongoing DOTD tasks







# REAL ESTATE ACQUISITIONS TO DATE-US 61

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Status |

- Public Right of Way
- Waiting for Appraisal Approval
- Negotiating
- Closing
- Expropriation Suit Pending
- Acquired
- Design change or other delay



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# REAL ESTATE ACQUISITIONS TO DATE- CHANNEL SEGMENT 1 & BAYOU BATON ROUGE

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# REAL ESTATE ACQUISITIONS TO DATE- LA 964 & CHANNEL SEGMENT 2

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- Negotiating
- Closing
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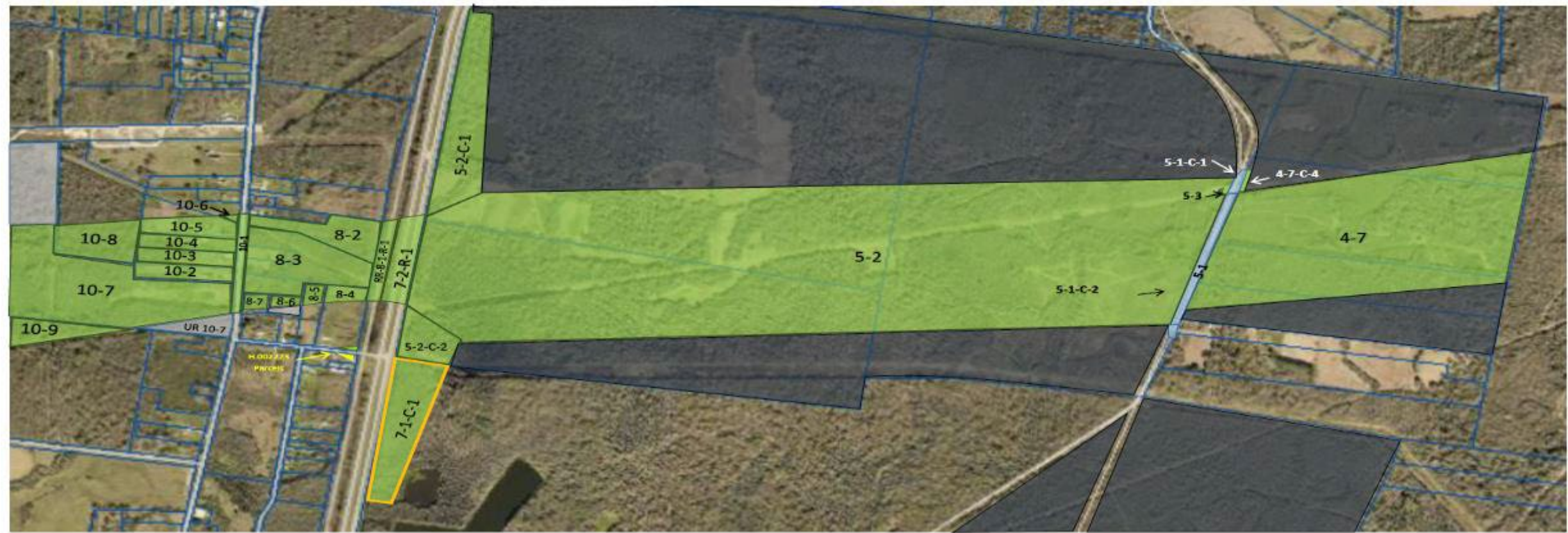


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# REAL ESTATE ACQUISITIONS TO DATE-LA 19 & CHANNEL SEGMENT 3 & MCHUGH RD.



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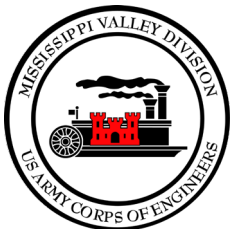
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# FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

COMITE RIVER DIVERSION CANAL PROJECT  
Task Team Briefing

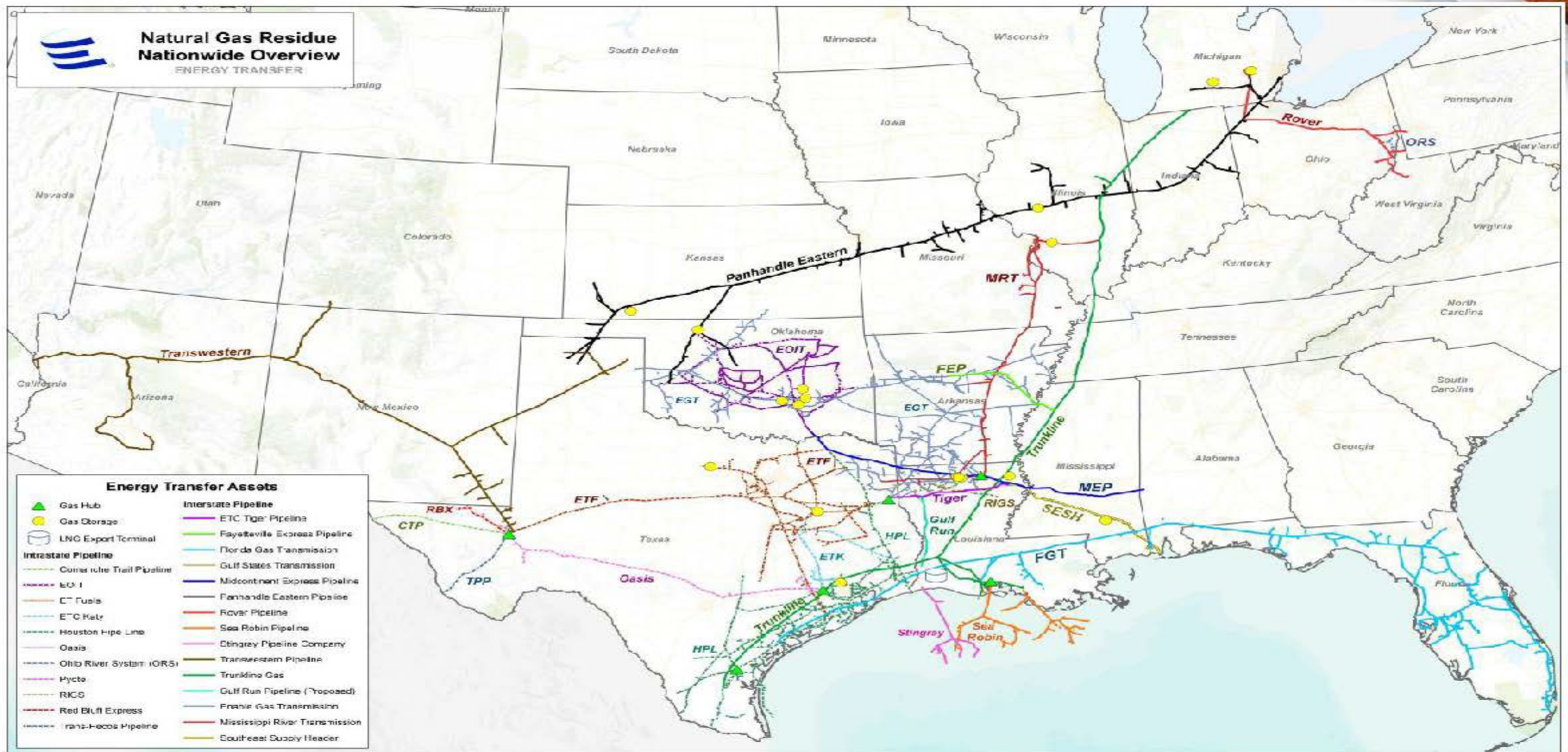
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# ENERGY TRANSFER NATURAL GAS TRANSPORT ASSETS



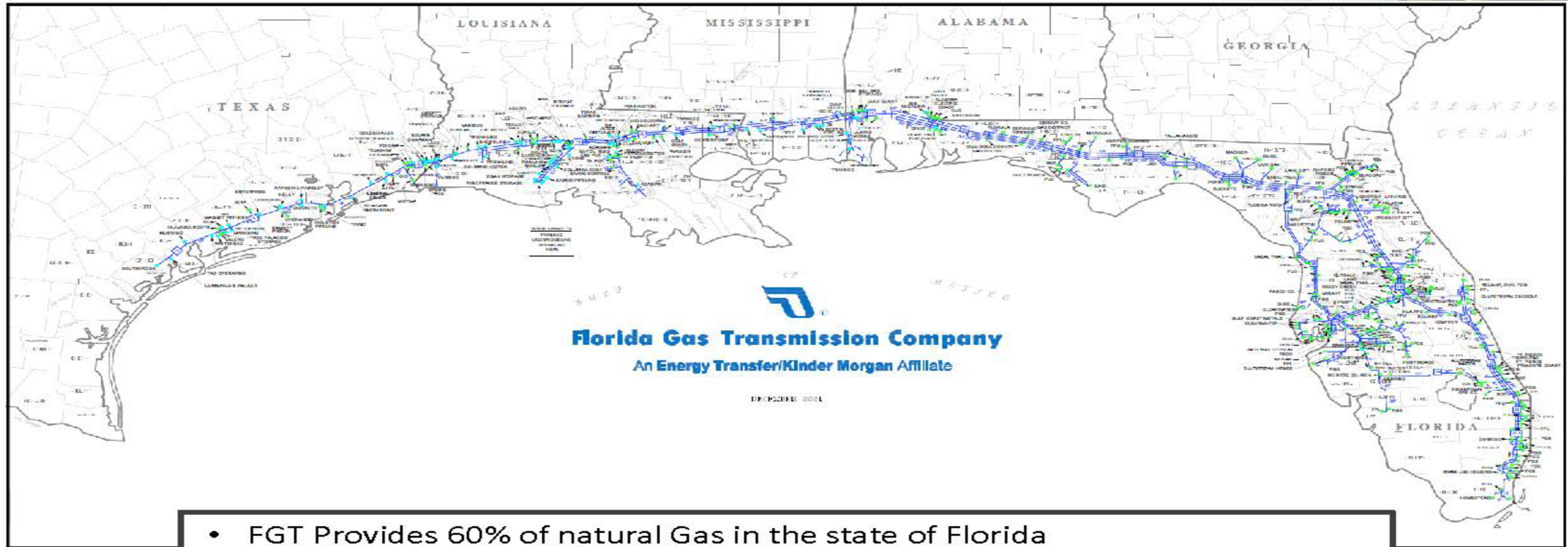


## FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION

- Interstate gas transmission system – 50/50 joint venture between Energy Transfer and Kinder Morgan
- The system consists of 5,362 miles of large diameter, high pressure pipeline which originates in South Texas and terminates in South Florida, passing through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama
- Louisiana is home to 90 meters and interconnects that serve local communities, industry, and power generation customers
- Energy Transfer's Louisiana operations consist of 36 office locations and 650+ employees and ET companies paid the state of Louisiana \$81.9MM in Ad Valorem taxes in 2021.
- FGT operations are regulated by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration – pipeline safety, operations and maintenance
- FGT commercial operations, expansions and major maintenance projects are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission



# FGT SYSTEM DATA



- FGT Provides 60% of natural Gas in the state of Florida
- **140 Receipt and 328 Delivery Points**
- Peak 2021 daily flow of 3.7 BCF/d
- Average 2021 daily flow of 2.9 BCF/d



# FGT LOUISIANA CUSTOMER DATA





## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, is an independent agency that regulates the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, and oil. FERC also reviews proposals to build liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals and interstate natural gas pipelines as well as licensing hydropower projects.

- Regulates the transmission and sale of natural gas for resale in interstate commerce.
- Approves the siting and abandonment of interstate natural gas pipelines and storage facilities.
- Enforces FERC regulatory requirements through imposition of civil penalties and other means.
- Oversees environmental matters related to natural gas projects.



## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

A natural gas transmission company may undertake a restricted array of routine activities without the need to obtain a case-specific certificate for each individual project under certain conditions covered by a blanket certificate. The blanket certificate program provides an administratively efficient means to enable a company to construct, modify, acquire, operate, and abandon a limited set of natural gas facilities, and offer a limited set of services, provided each activity complies with constraints on costs and environmental impacts set forth in the Commission's regulations.

If the blanket certificate program does not apply, then a case-specific certificate is required.



# PROCESS

## Phase 1- Permit Period

- Path to permit is through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- 2 classifications of permit- *Blanket or Case-Specific*
- Classification will be determined by the FERC process
- Classification will determine the deliverables and schedule

## Phase 2- Construction

- Continuity of Service is required
- Requires specialty techniques and equipment
- Typically 3-4 months in duration depending on season



















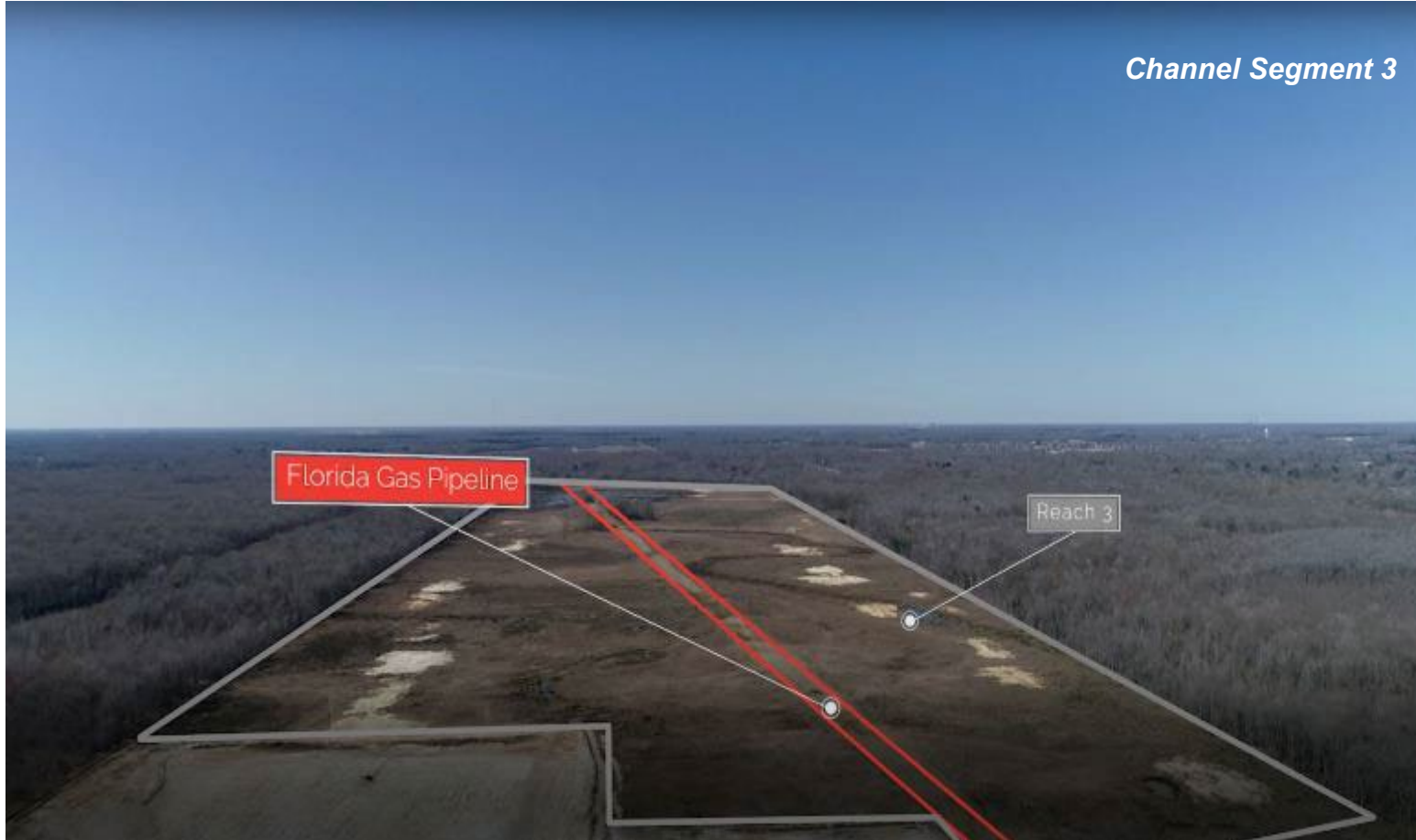






# COMITE PATH FORWARD

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- ❑ USACE & LADOTD will continue to work diligently with Florida Gas on relocation efforts.
- ❑ The anticipated timeframe for Florida Gas relocation is being developed
- ❑ USACE will need approximately 15 months for project completion following relocation
  - ❑ Concurrent relocation/construction may be an option following receipt of relocation plan



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# QUESTIONS ??

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