



Southeast La. Urban Flood Control (SELA) Green space Restoration

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The Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project (SELA) is being constructed to help reduce the risk of flood damages due to rainfall in Orleans and Jefferson parishes. Separate green space restoration contracts will be awarded to restore green infrastructure that was removed during the construction of SELA.

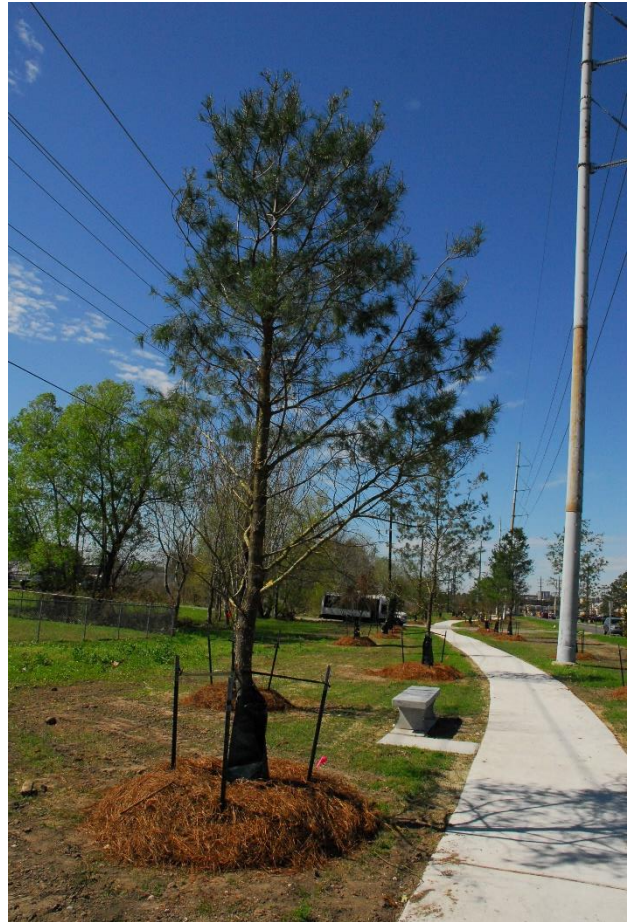
Project Summary

An agreement between the Corps of Engineers, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Coastal Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana (CPRAB) and the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board was put into place to restore green infrastructure that was removed for SELA construction. The agreement is in accordance with guidance provided from SHPO. Overall, six green space restoration contracts will be awarded to include Dwyer Road in New Orleans East and corridors in Uptown New Orleans.

Special Considerations

In developing landscape implementation plans, several considerations were made:

- Historically significant details were documented prior to removal for replacement such as vegetation, granite curbing, encaustic tiles, lighting, etc.
- Coordination with SHPO was necessary because of the historic locations of SELA work.
- Plans were developed to align with the City of New Orleans Master Plan, "Plan for the 21st Century."
- Public input was collected. Landscape architects, historians, arborists, engineers and city planners worked together to develop design guidelines.



Project Status

Currently, one contract has been completed which included planting on Claiborne Avenue (from Louisiana to Nashville Avenues) and on Napoleon Avenue (from S. Broad to S. Claiborne Avenues). The Dwyer Road contract is currently under construction. There are four remaining contracts to be awarded for Jefferson, Louisiana, Napoleon and S. Claiborne Avenues. Currently, the Corps plans to award contracts for Jefferson and Louisiana Avenues in early 2019 and Napoleon and Claiborne Avenues in mid-2019.

For questions or concerns, please call the Army Corps' Construction Hotline at (877) 427-0345 or email Caitlin.E.Campbell@usace.army.mil. For damage claims related to SELA construction, please contact our partners at the Sewerage and Water Board's Claim Hotline at (504) 585-2450.

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