



AMITE RIVER & TRIBUTARIES COMITE RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT

AMITE RIVER BASIN TASK FORCE MEETING

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- Bachelor of Science, U.S. Military Academy
- Masters of Arts, Columbia University
- Commissioned into the Corps of Engineers in 2002.
- Previous assignments:
 - US-NATO Integration Lead for JFC-Brunssum, Netherlands.
 - Commanded a Battalion in the 82nd Airborne Division.
 - Deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.
 - USACE experience with Galveston and Los Angeles Districts, with deployments to Mosul Dam, Puerto Rico, and the Border Wall.
 - Deployed to Louisiana and Mississippi in response to Hurricane Katrina.



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USACE AND DOTD PROJECT COLLABORATION

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KCS RAILROAD & LA 61 BRIDGES CHANNEL SEGMENT 1



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Channel Segment 4 Construction



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**Florida Gas newly installed 30" high pressure gas pipeline at
Channel Segment 3**

Estimated Completion Date: 17 January 2026



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**Channel Segment 1 – Completed East Baton Rouge 48” diameter
(with a 64” casing) forced sewer main relocation**



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PATH FORWARD TO PROJECT COMPLETION

USACE Contract Construction Schedule														
	Calendar Year/Quarter													
	2025		2026				2027				2028			
	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Final Awarded Contracts														
Bayou Baton Rouge	1087 days - construction													
Channel Seg #2B	Award	517 days - construction												
Channel Segment #3	Award	775 days - construction												
Diversion Structure	Award	870 days - construction												
Brooks Lake Closure	Award	380 days - construction												
Clearing & Snagging	Award	360 days - construction												
LADOTD - HWY 19	919 days - construction													



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QUESTIONS?



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Comite River Diversion Canal LA DOTD Project Briefing

Comite River Diversion Canal/Amite River Basin Task Force

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January 14, 2026

Project Overview

- 8-mile diversion canal connecting Comite River and Mississippi River authorized by Congress in 1992.
- PCA amended on February 15, 2019 to provide full federal funding through reimbursement of project costs.
- Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between DOTD, USACE, ARBC, and EBR executed on October 1, 2001.



DOTD's Project Responsibilities

- DOTD responsible for providing lands, easements, rights-of-way, and utility relocations determined by USACE to be necessary for the project. (LERRDs)
- DOTD also constructing four (4) state highway bridges and (1) railroad bridge.



DOTD Project Tasks

LA 964-DBB

Award Date:
March 24th 2022

Construction:
99% complete

LA 19 & LA 67-CMAR

LA 67

Awarded Date: March 8th 2022
99% complete

LA 19

Award Date: December 22nd 2022
Construction: Began Q2 2025
17% Complete; 4Q 2027

Project Delivery

Utility Relocations :

56 out of 63
ongoing relocations
are complete

Remaining Real Estate:

Brooks Lake Parcels: 5 in fee and 24 servitudes
Additional Drainage Servitude parcels needed
not officially identified/requested.

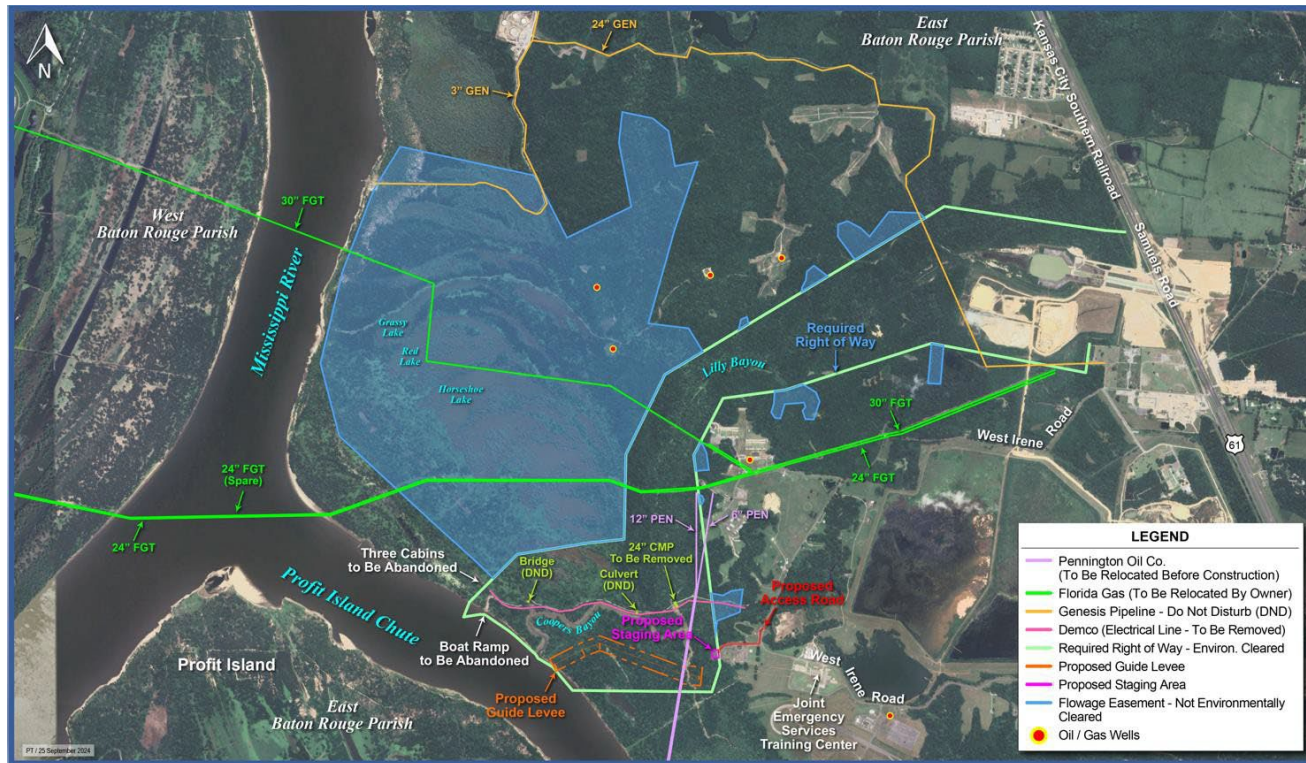
*work in progress

LERRDs



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ROW acquisition



FGT relocation



LA 67 Bridge

- Facing South



- Facing North



LA 67 Bridge Facing West



LA 67 Bridge Facing East



LA 964 Bridge Facing West



LA 964 Bridge Facing East



LA 19 Bridge Piles



Thank you!

Any questions?

