From: French Branch Civic Association
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The French Branch Civic Association represents the concerns of more than 300 residents in the French Branch subdivision which is in Eastern Slidell just off Military Road.

The Corps of Engineers has a difficult task in designing safe and effective flood protection for Eastern St. Tammany Parish. A critical requirement of any such design is the equitable protection of all residents in Eastern St. Tammany Parish. The residents along Military Road in Eastern Slidell are concerned about the effects of the proposed levee on their homes and safety.

We feel at a minimum that any Corps proposal must include, as a design requirement, that all non-structural flood control steps be accomplished in concert with the completion of structural flood control projects. For an equitable project, the Corps must require that all non-structural flood protection steps be completed concurrent with or prior to the completion of each relevant stage of the proposed levee. Only with such a requirement can the residents of Eastern St. Tammany be assured that the proposed project will not increase the risk of life-threatening flooding in their homes.

Sincerely,

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