

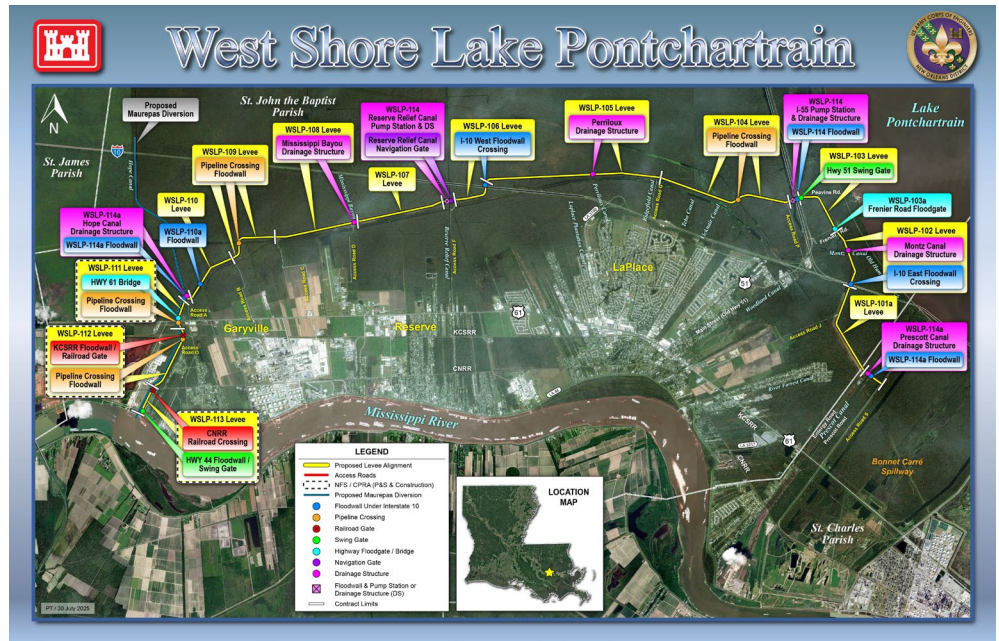


# West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Risk Reduction Project – Fact Sheet

The West Shore Lake Pontchartrain project is located in southeast Louisiana on the east-bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James parishes in southeast Louisiana. The West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Chief’s report was published in June 2016 and the project received \$760 million in funding in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. The project received an additional \$450 million in funding from the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

## Project Purpose & Features

More than 60,000 people in the three-parish study area have little to no hurricane risk reduction in place. Additionally, the dominant evacuation route for the New Orleans metropolitan area (I10) bisects the study area. During Hurricane Isaac, storm surge inundated approximately 7,000 homes and the interstate was submerged for several days slowing emergency response across the region. The Project will construct a 100-year level risk reduction system extending from the Bonnet Carre spillway to Garyville.



Project Features in St. John the Baptist and St. Charles

## Project Status

The West Shore Lake Pontchartrain (WSLP) project features an 18.5 mile risk reduction system, comprising 18.5 miles of levees, 11 flood walls, 7 drainage structures, 5 gates, 2 pump stations, 1 bridge, and fresh water diversion. To date, 12 of the 14 USACE construction contracts in St. John the Baptist and St. Charles have been awarded, with a total obligation of over \$1B across all WSLP efforts. The most recent contract award for WSLP-114 for \$419M on 1 Apr 2026 for the construction of two 2,000 cfs pump stations. Engineering efforts are underway in St. James Parish.

The remaining floodwall and floodgate contracts will be awarded in 2026 and 2027. Coordination is ongoing with the State of Louisiana’s Maurepas Diversion project, a critical swamp mitigation feature of the WSLP initiative. This feature compensates for unavoidable swamp habitat while enhancing ecosystem resilience. Construction of the WSLP project is slated for completion in 2030.

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