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RE: St. Tammany Parish Feasibility Study

To Whom It May Concern:

We respectfully request that the ACE reconsider and reject the proposed Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement specifically for Eastern Slidell.

We chose to live in the French Branch neighborhood because of its natural environment, community values, and excellent schools. It was a place where children could have many adventures fishing in ponds, talking nature walks and planning scavenger hunts.

We fear the prospect of the degradation of the once nationally recognized schools in our district. Families invested in the school district not only with our tax dollars and volunteerism, but also through time and fundraising efforts to improve the district schools by adding playgrounds and lights for night baseball games. All of these are examples of the ways the people invested into the community to make it a vibrant and aspirational living area. We feel, if the feasibility study was implemented, the results would drastically change our community and make it unrecognizable in a few years.

Additionally, we fear that if the plan is implemented by the ACE, it would change the attitude of the community. As consequences of the plan, our natural environment would be less protected, our homes and schools would lose value and unfortunately, our property taxes and insurance would increase dramatically. Most of the homeowners living in French Branch would not be able to afford the higher property and tax rates. As a result, this plan would leave an inferior community in its wake.

Sincerely,
Mary Lambert
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