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US Army Corps of Engineers:

Amphibian populations are declining worldwide, and amphibians are experience high extinction rates due to habitat loss, chytrid fungus, pollutants, pesticides, and climate change (see references below). Amphibians are the most threatened class of vertebrates and merit special attention in the St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana Feasibility Study. Amphibians, such as the southern dusky salamander, Fowler's toad and Gulf Coast toad, may be present in freshwater wetlands and forested habitats in the project area. We recommend conducting amphibian monitoring to locate occupied amphibian habitats in the project area. Implement avoidance measures to mitigate impacts to amphibian habitat. Consider establishing protected areas for amphibians.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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