



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
New Orleans District

Project Fact Sheet

Official Project Name

Freshwater Bayou & Freshwater Bayou Lock

Location

Freshwater Bayou is a 23.1 mile navigation channel located in southern Louisiana. The channel extends from the northern boundary at mile 161.2 of the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway (GIWW), west of Harvey Lock, down to the 12 foot depth contour in the Gulf of Mexico. Freshwater Bayou Lock is located at approximately mile 1.5.

Purpose

Provides access to the Gulf of Mexico to Intracoastal City and Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District, as well as the GIWW. The project also includes Freshwater Bayou Lock, which prevents saltwater intrusion into the Mermentau Basin. The basin has several hundred thousand acres of rice and crawfish farms which rely on freshwater.

Authority

The project is authorized under the River and Harbor Act of 14 July 1960, House Document 435, 86th Congress, 2nd Session. Authorized dimensions are -12 ft MLG by 125 feet wide from the GIWW at mile 161.2 to the 12 foot depth contour in the Gulf of Mexico.

Progress to Date

The project is operated and maintained annually as described in the Project Scope above.

Partners/Sponsors

City/Parish East Baton Rouge, Louisiana provides project guidance and serves as steering committee members. Supports project at local level to Congressional Delegation. Initially served as local sponsor under an MOA to provide 100% funding. (www.brgov.com)