



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

Project Fact Sheet

Official Project Name

CAP - 206 University Lakes

Location

The Lakes District is located near the Louisiana State University in the City of Baton Rouge, the capital of the state of Louisiana, and is located on the East Bank of the Mississippi River. Baton Rouge is located approximately 80 miles northwest from the New Orleans Metropolitan Area and approximately 60 miles east of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance an estimated 300 acres of existing lakes near the Louisiana State University (LSU) campus located in the City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

Background

The Lakes District System consists of seven urban lakes ranging in size from 3 to 195 acres with approximately 300 acres in total. The man-made lakes were formed in the 1930's when cypress swamps were timbered and dammed. Expansion of residential development and the LSU campus surrounding the lakes led to the rapid development of infrastructure and drainage systems, which further subdivided the original lake into its present configuration of seven lakes. The aquatic ecosystem has undergone hydrologic modifications in past years due to unintentional (community development and expansion) human intervention. These activities and others have resulted in limited freshwater inflow and circulation, eutrophication, sewage infiltration, stagnation, limited exchange of nutrients, sedimentation, collapsing drainage infrastructure, retreating bank edges, lack of depth and other factors that limit the performance and health of the aquatic ecosystem.

Authority

Section 206 of the Water Resource Development Act of 1996

Scope

This project seeks to determine if feasible plans can be developed to enhance the lake system.

Progress to Date

Preliminary Restoration Plan approved by Division in February 2005

Completed Project Management Plan in July 2005

Currently developing the Feasibility Study and anticipate completion October 2008

Partners/Sponsors

Baton Rouge Recreation and Park Commission (BREC) provides project guidance and serves as funding sponsor. <http://www.brec.org>

Louisiana State University (LSU) provides project guidance and supports project at local level to Congressional Delegation. <http://www.lsu.edu>

City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana provides project guidance and supports project at local level to Congressional Delegation. <http://www.brgov.com>