



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

## Project Fact Sheet

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### **Official Project Name**

CAP - Upper Bayou Boeuf Snagging and Clearing (208)

### **Location**

The project area is located to the south and west of the city of Alexandria, Louisiana in Rapides Parish.

### **Purpose**

Residential areas within the drainage basin of the upper reaches of Bayou Boeuf and surrounding bayous are experiencing localized flooding because of obstructions that have developed over many years. The residents of the area have reported that the obstructions of within the bayous have created a hindrance to normal drainage runoff. This hindrance has caused several subdivisions developments and recreational areas, such as the City of Alexandria's Golf Course to experience flooding due to the backup of water in Bayou Boeuf. The study will investigate the drainage system related problems in Rapides Parish due to obstructions in local bayous.

### **Background**

Bayous Boeuf, Middle and Flat are in predominantly flat agricultural land, although the urban areas of Alexandria are extending into former farmlands. Some Bayou Boeuf headwaters are impounded by Kincaid Reservoir, which impacts flows into the bayou. Middle and Flat Bayous are tributaries of Bayou Boeuf. The Parish has performed no drainage work, including clearing and snagging since 1975 when voters did not renew the "drainage tax". The Rapides Parish Police jury has adopted a resolution requesting assistance with their flooding problem and submitted a letter of intent dated 25 August 2003. They have indicated their understanding of the required cost share.

### **Authority**

Section 208 Flood Control Act of 1954, as amended.

### **Scope**

Clearing and snagging should only remove selective trees that have fallen into the bayou or are determined to be eminently in danger of falling into the bayou. The project will protect canopy cover and not remove standing trees along the banks. The standing trees provide soil stability and significantly help to maintain water quality.

State law, administered by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, prohibits the destruction or damage of Bald Cypress trees (*Taxodium distichum*) in state water bottoms.

**Progress to Date**

Currently restarting project and will put together a new Project Delivery Team to update the Project Management Plan.

**Partners/Sponsors**

Rapides Parish Police Jury ([www.rppj.com](http://www.rppj.com))