

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain AND Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that **Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG)** under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under **Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program (RCIP) Project Number 55LDRC7705** is located in the **Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain AND Wetland**, and **TPCG** will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the **floodplain AND wetland** and the potential impacts on the **floodplain AND wetland** from the proposed action, as required by **Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690**, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project locations are at **South Madison Road & Highway 55 in Montegut and Grand Caillou Road & Berwick Bay Court in Dulac, Terrebonne Parish**. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a **0.2 percent flood approach**. The proposed project involves the acquisition and construction of public boat launches and fishing piers in two coastal communities. The Montegut site includes a 160 foot by 45 foot ADA accessible public boat launch and fishing pier and the Dulac site includes a 25 foot by 60 foot ADA accessible public fishing pier. Each site will include parking, lighting, and security features. The improvements are located in FFRMS Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Zone AE coastal floodplain for the Dulac project site, and Zone VE coastal floodplain for the Montegut project site. The Montegut project site includes two wetland areas classified as E1UBL5 and E2SS1P5 estuarine and marine deepwater and non-deepwater wetlands. The Dulac project site includes E2EM1N and E1UBL classified as estuarine and marine deepwater and non-deepwater wetlands. These wetland areas provide valuable ecological functions such as stormwater retention, shoreline stabilization, water quality improvement, and habitat support for aquatic and coastal species. The two project areas support recreational, economic, and cultural uses tied to local fishing and tourism.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in **floodplain AND wetland** and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the **floodplain AND wetland**, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the [floodplain/wetland]. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about **floodplain AND wetland** can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in **floodplain AND wetland**, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by **TPCG** at the following address on or before **July 2, 2025**: **terrebonneenvironmental@csrsinc.com**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed below.

Problem Definition

Instructions:

- All required fields are marked with an *.
- Given you have the proper permissions, use the **SAVE** button to save information and calculate data on each page.
- Save at least every 30 minutes to avoid losing data.

Please fill out the sections below or provide attachments with requested information.

Provide a comprehensive description of the problem this project will address. Including, but not limited to:

- What are the expected results?
- Is this a new/existing problem?
- What was the previous use of the site?
- Does the problem affect a historic area?

This project addresses the Parish goal to revitalize Terrebonne Parish's fishing industry infrastructure following the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida. The hurricane severely damaged or destroyed many public docks, launches, and fishing piers, deeply impacting the parish's seafood industry, which accounts for over 20% of Louisiana's seafood production. This damage has also negatively impacted tourism, particularly saltwater fishing charters, with ripple effects on associated businesses like icehouses and supply shops. The residents of the parish have always been reliant on its waterways for economic and recreational purposes and the increase in storms and extreme weather events have exposed vulnerabilities that require a resiliency strategy and investment in improvements. The reconstruction of essential infrastructure and facilities to support the fishing industry is needed to ensure that residents can continue to access the water safely and improve the resilience of the infrastructure and the industry in the face of future storms.

The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) developed a strategy termed "Activate the Bayous" that is rooted in key interventions that aim to restore and enhance public access to waterways, supporting both the local economy and the quality of life of those in the surrounding communities. The Boat Docks (Phase 1) project aims at reconstructing and improving the vital infrastructure that will help revitalize the fishing industry by providing local commercial fishermen with a critical asset to launch their boats and access fishing areas. The boat docks will also draw in visitors with enhanced amenities that will contribute to the stimulation of economic activities in the nearby communities through increased spending on fishing charters, short-term lodging, and other industry-related services. Finally, the investment by the Parish in this recovery priority is important to local residents in improving safe and accessible access for fishing and bayou recreational activities that are a tradition of life in Terrebonne Parish.

The Activate the Bayous Phase 1 project focuses on two key locations. In the southern bayou town of Montegut, the Parish will acquire a privately-owned boat launch that is currently in poor condition and rehabilitate and upgrade the dock for better access, provide improved amenities and will be open for public use, free of charge. In the town of Dulac, the Parish will construct a new fishing pier and boat dock on parish-owned land where Bayou Plat meets the Houma Navigational Canal. Both of the facilities will be ADA compliant and will include parking lots, ample lighting, and 24-hour security monitoring.

Like much coastal land in Terrebonne, both areas are under a Coastal Protection Restoration Authority (CPRA) servitude easement. TPCG will work with CPRA to ensure the project aligns with coastal protection goals, particularly regarding the potential use of adjacent marshes for sediment repositories. CPRA approval requires a review of engineered plans of the proposed facilities. TPCG has extensive experience working with CPRA on prior projects and has factored in the review process in the project schedule.

Ultimately, this project aims to transform the devastation wrought by Hurricane Ida into an opportunity to rebuild a more resilient and vibrant Terrebonne Parish, where the waterways continue to be a source of sustenance, recreation, and community pride for generations to come.

The targeted sites do not affect a historic area.

DISASTER RECOVERY ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Does the proposed project have a tie to at least one of the 2020/2021 disasters? Yes ☒ No

Which disaster does the project tie back to? Select all that apply.

Hurricane Laura

Hurricane Ida

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Hurricane Delta

May Flood

Explain the project rationale for the tie-back to the disaster(s):

The "Activate the Bayou" program was launched in response to the devastating physical and economic effects of Hurricane Ida on the Terrebonne Parish fishing industry. The local bayous play a critical role in the sustainability of the communities and in economic prosperity by providing a vibrant fishing industry and associated business opportunities. The destruction and degradation of fishing amenities as a result of Hurricane Ida has put a great strain on the industry and the communities that rely on the resources. Hurricane Ida caused intense damage in the bayou areas of Terrebonne Parish, causing estimates as high as 60% of all homes to be uninhabitable. The areas were without power for a couple of months, impacting the industry.

Per FR-6303-N-01, HUD requires that grantees demonstrate that they have incorporated mitigation measures into CDBG-DR activities as a construction standard to create communities that are more resilient to the impacts of the recurring natural disasters and the impacts of climate change.

Describe the resiliency efforts and/or performance metrics applicable to this activity.

The "Activate the Bayou" program incorporates several key resiliency measures to ensure the longevity and functionality of its new facilities. Recognizing the vulnerability of coastal areas to extreme weather events, the renovated boat launch and new fishing pier will be built with a goal to withstand the combined forces of wind, storm surge, and breaking waves. Furthermore, both structures will be designed with adequate pile penetration to enhance their structural integrity and will incorporate natural buffer zones to serve as a resilient barrier against storm surges and erosion. Durable and resilient materials resistant to corrosion and erosion will also be used to withstand harsh weather conditions.

By installing new boat launch facilities and fishing piers, the program aims to not only provide local communities with improved recreational opportunities but also to stimulate economic growth by attracting visitors and supporting the resurgence of associated businesses, such as fishing charters, bait shops, and seafood markets. The project will incorporate comprehensive mitigation measures that prioritize sustainable practices and fortification against future storm events. The performance metrics for the project are the number of constructed or improved public facilities. The project success will be measured by the ability of these new facilities to withstand future storms and erosion.

MITIGATION ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Per FRN-6368-N-01, HUD defines mitigation activities as those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

Does the proposed project meet the definition of a mitigation activity?

Yes

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No

Describe the mitigation aspects, including performance metrics applicable to this activity.

The construction of a boat launch and a fishing pier, designed to withstand strong storms and minimize damage, represents a crucial step in fortifying the community against future natural hazards. These new facilities will directly benefit local nearby communities who rely on waterway access for both personal and commercial purposes, mitigating the disruptions they experience when storms damage or destroy essential infrastructure. These new facilities will reduce the hardship experienced by local residents who need public and reliable access to the water. This will significantly improve the community's long-term resilience.

The primary performance metric for this mitigation activity will be the number of constructed or improved public facilities. Success is based on the ability of the new boat launch and fishing pier to withstand future storms. This will be assessed through post-storm evaluations and ongoing monitoring to ensure the structures remain resilient and continue to serve the community effectively.

Flood Risk Information

Attach the appropriate flood profile and discharge tables, if applicable, from the Flood Insurance Study with the project site and elements / improvements marked. Please see the Flood Insurance Study Attachment Examples ([Appendix 2](#)) for guidance.

Upload here:

Attach the FIRMette from the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). FIRMs are typically available from your local floodplain administrator who may be located in the planning, zoning, or engineering office, or the FEMA web page at <https://msc.fema.gov/>. Maps can also be ordered from the Map Service Center at 1-800-358-9616. Clearly mark all construction areas of the project on the map.

Combined FIRMette.pdf

Additional Flood Risk Information

Description

Using the Flood Insurance Study or FIRM, indicate the applicable flood zones for the project site. Check all that apply.

VE or V 1-30

☒ AE or A 1-30

AO or AH

A (no base flood elevation given)

B or X (shaded)

C or X (unshaded)

Floodway

Coastal Barrier Resource Act (CBRA) Zone

Applicant:

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government

Project Name:

TER Boat Launches: Activate the Bayous I

Project #:

RCIP-LDI-Terrebonne Parish-TER Boat Launches-0019