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### **Lafourche Experiences Flooding Due to Heavy Rains**

Lafourche Parish Government employees are working today to help recover from torrential rainfall which inundated several areas of the parish, especially in the central area. Between 10 and 12 inches of rain fell in several areas over the course of about seven hours, overwhelming pumping stations and causing flooding in some communities. All pumping stations in these areas have been and continue to work at full power, and water is receding in these areas.

Efforts are continuing as well along the Intracoastal Canal in Larose where flooding has been reported on the North and South banks of the Canal.

“The pumps have been pumping throughout the night, and we continue to monitor these pumps to ensure that they continue working properly,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “Our field workers have been tirelessly working through the morning to clear ditches and assist residents when flood waters threatened.

“It is important to reiterate that this amount of rain is virtually impossible to address quickly,” she said. “There is no pumping system that can handle ten to 12 inches of rain in a short period of time.”

Lafourche Parish assessment teams have reported flooding in 30 homes in the Raceland area and 25 more in Bayou Blue. The Town of Lockport is reporting that 20 homes were affected by flood waters, along with 20 apartments and 4 businesses. Assessment teams will continue working throughout the day to determine the extent of damage from last night’s storm.

Lafourche Parish residents are advised to keep off streets where water covers the road. Traveling on these roadways is dangerous and may cause flood waters to be further pushed into people’s homes. Sandbags are available to residents at four Parish Field Offices:

- Region A Field Office (2565 Veterans Blvd. in Thibodaux)
- Region B Field Office (129 Texas Street behind Raceland Middle School)
- Region C Field Office (6236 Hwy. 308 in Lockport)
- Ward 11 Field Office (104 Myrtle Place in Bayou Blue)

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