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Parish Closely Monitoring Levees & Pumps Due to Excessive Rainfall *Laurel Valley Road blocked in Choctaw with Sandbags*

Lafourche Parish Government officials worked throughout the weekend and will continue to monitor all parish levees and pump stations this week as excessive rainfall continues to affect the area. Parish workers have deployed temporary levee systems in the Chackbay area as flood waters began to overtop a levee.

Due to the rising water, parish workers were also forced to block Laurel Valley Road with sandbags where the blacktopped portion of the road ends in Choctaw. Residents who live on Laurel Valley Road can still turn on to the street from LA Highway 308, but no traffic can pass through to Choctaw. Parish officials will continue to monitor all situations and work closely with the Sheriff's Office in case other closures are necessary.

Citizens are asked to do what they can on their own property to help the situation. If you see that trash, debris or anything is blocking ditches or catch basins, please remove these items as they can seriously hamper drainage efforts. Parish workers are doing everything they can to help protect all Lafourche residents. With such a large amount of rainfall in such a short period of time, even with pumps working at full capacity, there may be little room for stormwater to drain to, especially when the water levels on the outside the levee are as high or higher than the level inside the levee.

A flash flood watch remains in effect through Tuesday afternoon. Lafourche Parish is expected to see an additional one (1) to three (3) inches of rainfall today with higher amounts of four (4) to six (6) inches possible through Tuesday afternoon. Parish officials will continue monitoring all situations and will continue to keep the public informed in case any emergencies arise.

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Portable Levees deployed on the levee behind Schneider Park in Chackbay.

