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## State of Louisiana Approves More Than \$6 Million for Two Major Drainage Projects in Lafourche Parish

BATON ROUGE, La. — The state of Louisiana's Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit has approved \$6.1 million in disaster recovery funding for two major drainage projects in Lafourche Parish, allowing parish officials to access federal Community Development Block Grant money needed to implement the project.

The funding amounts are:

- \$3,665,136 for Des Allemands Breakwater Bulkhead; and
- \$2,345,030 for District 12, Pump Stations 1 and 2.

Commissioner of Administration Paul Rainwater said, "During Hurricane Gustav, Lafourche Parish had to deploy much-needed manpower to deal with the real danger to life, property and livestock that was posed by flooding from damaged drainage infrastructure. These disaster recovery projects will help the parish mitigate against future flooding during heavy rainfall and large storm events."

Lafourche Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph said, "These two projects will serve to further protect our central Lafourche residents, who have waited a long time for these improvements. They are also important to the protection of a valuable evacuation route, Hwy. 90."

**Des Allemands Breakwater Bulkhead:** Hurricane Gustav severely damaged a bulkhead and its associated levee system, which was already weakened from natural storm forces in the community of Des Allemands. The hurricane damage caused extensive flooding of homes situated along Bayou Des Allemands. In addition, U.S. Highway 90 -- the primary east/west evacuation route for Southcentral Louisiana -- was threatened with flooding.

This \$3.6 million disaster recovery project will demolish the existing wooden bulkhead to accommodate a new tie-back system; install 2,000 feet of steel and vinyl sheet pile walls with a tie-back and dead-man system; backfill all excavations from the dead-man installation and

reconstruct West Bayou Drive; excavate the levee supporting the existing bulkhead; and add 650 tons of stone rip-rap to shore up the existing levee system.

**District 12, Pump Stations 1 and 2:** For all intents and purposes, Hurricane Gustav caused failure at District 12 pump stations 1 and 2, necessitating extraordinary efforts by parish personnel to avert calamity and placing great strain on the remaining pump stations in other parts of the system.

This \$2.3 million disaster recovery project will consist of the following:

- Pump Station 1 – Installation of new steel sheet pile on both sides of an existing drainage levee to eliminate further erosion; installation of 300 feet of discharge pipe; rehabilitation of existing pumps and engines; installation of new trash screen to eliminate discharge of debris into drainage canal; installation of new handrail and lighting system to ensure worker safety; purchase and installation of new 24-inch electric pump, engine and discharge pipe to increase capacity from 30,000 GPM to 60,000 GPM; installation of new metal grating floor; and refurbishment and installation of parish-owned 48 inch pump; and-
- Pump Station 2 – Installation of 200 feet of new discharge pipe; rehabilitation of existing pumps and engines; installation of new trash screen to eliminate discharge of debris into drainage canal; installation of new handrail and lighting system to ensure worker safety; and refurbishment and installation of parish-owned 48 inch pump.

The funding is part of more than \$1 billion in disaster recovery Community Development Block Grant money received by the state from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for damages inflicted by Gustav and Ike.

In total, the OCD-DRU has allocated \$33,633,297 in Gustav-Ike disaster recovery funding to Lafourche Parish.

*The Disaster Recovery Unit within the Office of Community Development is dedicated to helping Louisiana's citizens recover from hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike. As the state's central point for hurricane recovery, the OCD-DRU manages the most extensive rebuilding effort in American history, working closely with local, state and federal partners to ensure that Louisiana recovers safer and stronger than before.*

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