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Southwest Coastal Louisiana Project

NONSTRUCTURAL COASTAL STORM DAMAGE RISK REDUCTION



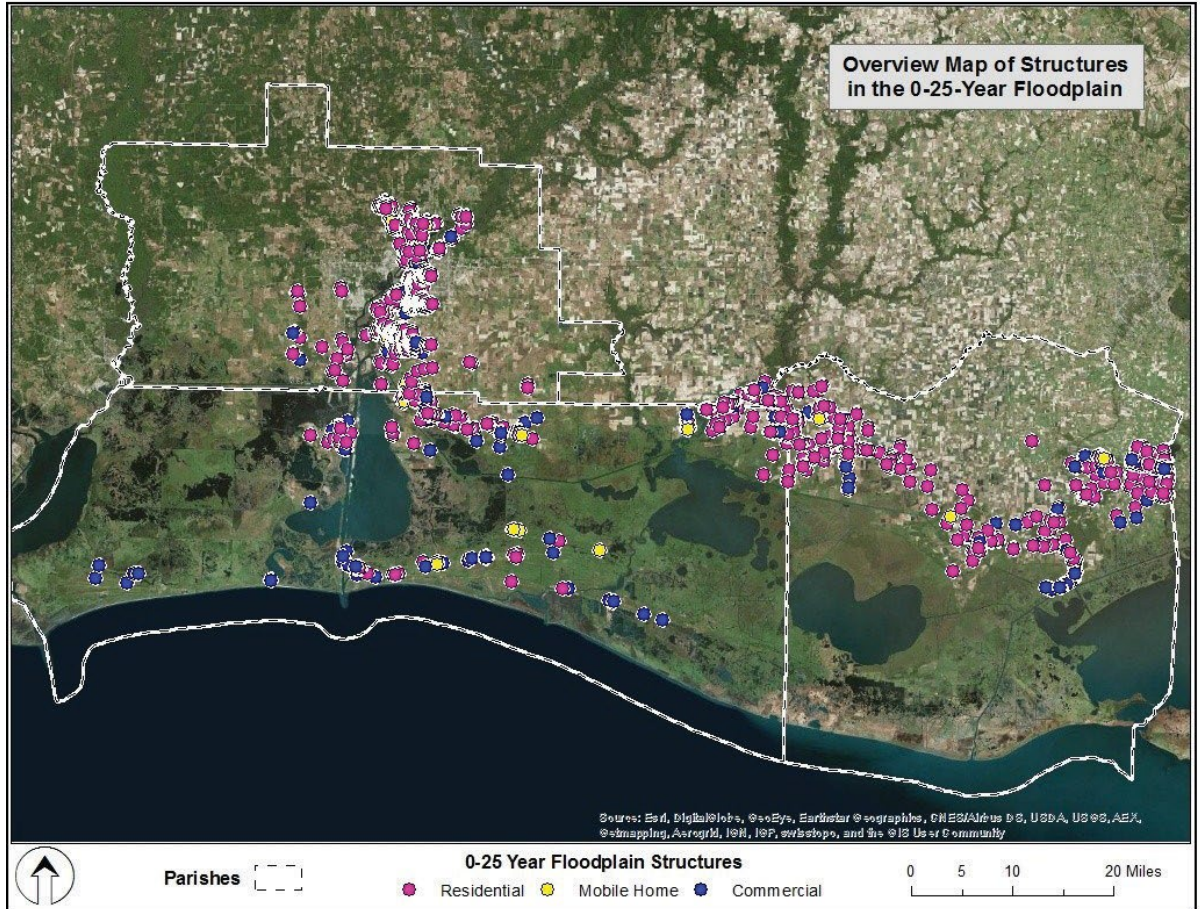
Project Purpose and Location

The purpose of the Southwest Coastal Project is to implement localized storm surge risk reduction features to reduce hurricane storm surge damage risks to structures in Cameron, Calcasieu, and Vermilion Parishes. Nearly 4,000 structures were identified as preliminarily eligible in the 2016 Final Feasibility Study.

The Project
is 100%
voluntary.



Buyouts and
acquisitions
are not
part of the
Project.



The Project includes structures at or below the 2025- 25-year base flood elevation (BFE).

3,462

STRUCTURE ELEVATIONS



The Project recommends 3,462 residential structures will be considered for elevation equivalent to the 2075 100-year BFE. Qualifying residential structures will be raised approximately 5 feet on average, but no higher than 13 feet.

342

DRY FLOOD-PROOFING



342 non-residential structures will be considered for dry flood-proofing to 3 feet above ground.

157

LOCALIZED RISK REDUCTION



Localized risk reduction measures (constructing berms) for 157 warehouses will be considered less than or equal to 6 feet above the ground.



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Project Status

The Project was authorized in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 (WIIN Act of 2016).

Construction funding was received in the amount of \$286 million through the 2022 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and \$10 million in FY22 Community Projects Funding for a total of \$296 million. The State of Louisiana will contribute an additional 35% cost share to the Project. The funds are slated for the storm damage risk reduction features of the Project. The \$296M in combination with the State's cost-share are projected to elevate approximately 800-1000 of the potential 3,462 residential structures identified in the feasibility report.

USACE has executed a Project Partnership Agreement with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (CPRAB) who will serve as the Non-Federal Sponsor (NFS). USACE will proceed to solicit and award a design/build type construction contract to prepare individual elevation plans in coordination with homeowners. CPRAB and USACE will then issue notices to proceed to elevate the structures to the projected year 2075 100-yr base flood elevation. Homeowners will be required to sign an agreement to refrain from using space below the first floor as living space.

To date 27 structures have been cleared for elevation, which is anticipated in 2024. 10 of the structures are in Calcasieu Parish and 17 of the structures are in Vermillion Parish. USACE and CPRAB have prioritized the structures by their first-floor elevation and the State's low to moderate income areas. Public meetings have been scheduled in each parish to familiarize parish officials and homeowners with the Project and stress the need to submit registration forms as the Project is 100% voluntary. Only structures identified in the feasibility study are eligible to participate in the Project. We will be re-sending letters to the addresses we have on file as eligible and contacting the homeowners who have filed applications. The Project will cover 100 percent of the cost to elevate the structure and all spaces covered under the roof line. The Project will be cost shared with CPRAB at 65% Federal and 35% NFS. More specific guidelines and criteria will be distributed at the public meetings.

Public meetings have been scheduled, and the dates are posted [here](#). Meeting invites were distributed via mail to eligible properties, and local officials have received meeting details. Please monitor mail for correspondence from the Corps and CPRA alerting property owners of their eligibility in the Project. The public is also welcome to email the Project team at SWCoastalAdmin@usace.army.mil or call 1-877-814-2539.

For more information about the project, or for copies of the Integrated Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement, please visit the project webpage: www.mvr.usace.army.mil/SWCoastal/

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