

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Industrial Park Road Floodwall and North Intracoastal Drainage Improvements, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.  
HMGP-DR-1603-LA Project #154

Interested persons are hereby notified that the parish of Lafourche has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the parish of Lafourche for construction of a floodwall and related drainage improvements located in Larose, Louisiana just northwest of the intersection of Bayou Lafourche and the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway. The proposed action would reduce recurring flood damage resulting from natural disasters.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10). The draft EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives evaluated include (1) no action; (2) the proposed action described above.

The draft EA is available for review and comment at Thibodaux Government Complex 402 Green Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301, Office Hours: 7:30-4:30 M-T - closed on Friday and at the South Lafourche Library, 16241 East Main St. ,Cut Off, LA 70345, Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-7:00 Fri. – Sat. 9:00-5:00 closed on Sunday.

An electronic version of the draft EA can be requested from Linda Depa, FEMA Region 6, at [linda.depa@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:linda.depa@fema.dhs.gov) or viewed on FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents>.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to Linda Depa, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 1500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, Fax: 225-267-2686; [linda.depa@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:linda.depa@fema.dhs.gov). If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.