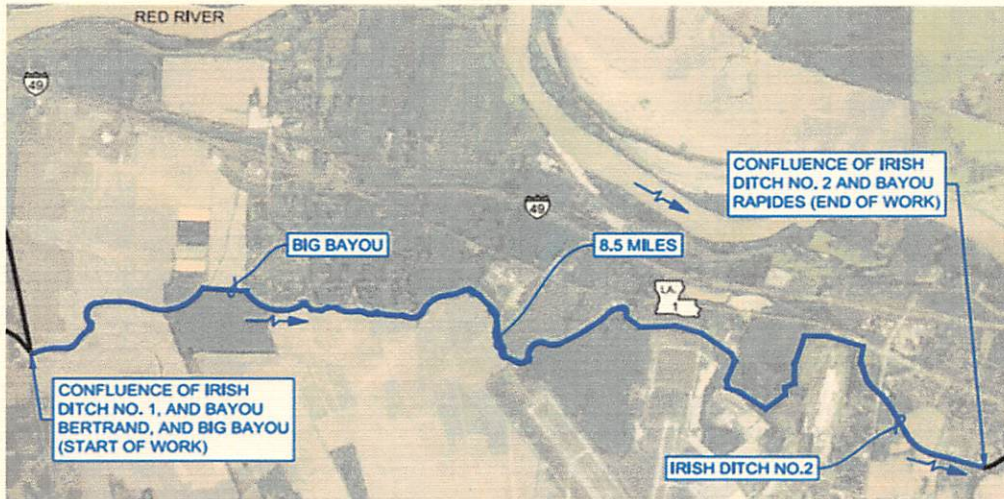


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program Grant Drainage Improvements to Big Bayou and Irish Ditch No. 2

The Rapides Parish Police Jury will host a public hearing on **Monday, August 12, 2024, at 3:00 pm** to discuss the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program (RCIP) Grant for Drainage Improvements to Big Bayou and Irish Ditch No. 2. Public comment will be received at the meeting. After the meeting, public comments can be sent to RPPJ@rppj.com for seven (7) business days. The public comment period will close on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 4:30 pm. Responses will be issued for any questions or feedback from the public.

To meet HUD disaster recovery objectives, the State's Office of Community Development designed the RCIP to assist impacted communities in recovering from the damage inflicted by Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Ida, and the May 2021 Severe Storms.

The Rapides Parish Police Jury selected this project proposing to clear, snag, shape, and re-align approximately 8.5 miles of gravity drainage ditches to improve and restore drains serving areas that experience routine flooding of homes, businesses, utility infrastructure, and roadways. This restoration and improvement of these drains will greatly increase resilience to flooding, reduce damage to and loss of property, and reduce suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future flooding disasters.

We encourage the public to attend, engage in the process, ask questions, and provide feedback.

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