



Plaquemines Parish

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Question: What progress has been made on repairing the levee in Plaquemines Parish?

Answer: Following Hurricane Katrina, the Corps repaired 150 miles of levee in Plaquemines Parish. In addition, 5.8 miles of new levees were completely rebuilt and one closure structure was repaired. All of this work was completed by June 1, except for one section. This 400-foot section of levee slipped under its own weight because the sub-surface soil conditions were weaker than indicated by earlier soil borings. Work to repair this section is still ongoing.

Question: What are the current costs of the levee rebuilding program in Plaquemines Parish?

Answer: The costs of the total program in Plaquemines Parish was \$151 million which included all levee repair, flood gate repair and other work.

Question: Where did the money come from to repair the levee in Plaquemines Parish?

Answer: The work was funded in the 4th supplemental which includes incorporating non-federal levees into the system and bringing them to authorized heights.

Question: Will the new Plaquemines Parish levee be able to withstand a category 5 hurricane?

Answer: That is being studied through the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Project (LaCPR). A preliminary report was released in July with the final report due to Congress in December 2007. All of southeast Louisiana's hurricane protection system is being reviewed to see what measures should be taken to bring the hurricane protection system to withstand a Hurricane 5 intensity.