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Corps advertises two contracts *SELA work continues in Jefferson Parish*

NEW ORLEANS – Two Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Damage Reduction (SELA) contracts in Jefferson Parish are scheduled for advertisement early this summer.

The Grand Cross Canal at Lapalco Boulevard project is west of the Harvey Canal on the West Bank. Contractors will supplement the existing two 7x10 ft. box culverts in the Grand Cross Canal beneath Lapalco Boulevard with two new 10x12 ft. box culverts, flume monoliths and slope paving. This work will relieve the current flow restriction that exists at that point and bring the planned improvements to the Westminster Subbasin one step closer to completion. The only remaining piece will be improvements to the Mayronne Canal, which empties into the Grand Cross Canal.

A second project, East Bank Basin discharge tubes, Hickory Ave. section, consists of placing three parallel 84 inch diameter steel discharge pipes for a distance of approximately 750 ft. along Hickory Ave. in the reach between the proposed pumping station and Jefferson Hwy. The overall East Bank Basin project (also known as Pump to the River) will draw water from the Soniat Canal and pump the water south to the Mississippi River. Future phases of the project will follow as funding permits.

Soheila Holley, SELA project manager for Jefferson Parish, said “the Grand Cross at Lapalco Project will provide a reduction of flood damages in the Westminster sub-basin. The East Bank Basin discharge tubes are important components of the Harahan Pump to the River Project which will provide a reduction of flood damages in the East Bank basin of Jefferson Parish.

The SELA project was authorized by the 1996 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act and the Water Resources Development Act of 1996.