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SWCLA Project Seeks Applicants

The Southwest Coastal Louisiana Nonstructural Coastal Storm Risk Management Project (SWCLA) continues to seek eligible applicants interested in home elevations or non-residential property floodproofing.

Approximately 3,900 properties in the Louisiana Parishes of Cameron, Calcasieu, and Vermilion, lying at or below the lowest (2025 4% Annual Exceedance Probability) floodplain are eligible. Residences will receive a no cost-share elevation to the 2075 1% Annual Exceedance Probability floodplain level; the average home elevation will be around 5 feet, but will not exceed 13 feet. Commercial and industrial properties are also eligible for other no cost-share floodproofing measures.

There are three phases to the project: (1) First Priority Group Design-Build Phase, (2) Screening Phase, and (3) Design-Build Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC) Phase. The project has just entered the Screening Phase, with properties being assessed to ensure they can successfully undergo floodproofing. The First Priority Group Design-Build Phase began construction in December 2024 and is ongoing.

The SWCLA Project aims to provide hurricane and storm risk reduction to the most vulnerable properties in coastal Louisiana. The project is a joint effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' New Orleans and Rock Island Districts and the State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

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Project Phases

- The First Priority Group Design-Build Phase had a groundbreaking on October 16, 2024. The first property to be elevated under the SWCLA Project will be completed in March, with the remaining 17 awaiting elevation. These properties act as the “pilot” group prior to floodproofing remaining eligible properties.
- The Screening Phase contract was awarded in late January 2025. Approximately 320 properties have been cleared to begin screening, and project contractors will coordinate with property owners to perform the required property assessments.
- The Design-Build Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC) to elevate or floodproof the remaining properties is undergoing review before solicitation. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in Winter 2025-2026. Project contractors are expected to begin elevating/floodproofing properties that have had their Screening Phase and design plans completed in Summer 2026.



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