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Alligator Bayou/Fish Bayou reopened Ascension and Iberville Parishes complete joint construction project

Parish officials in both Ascension and Iberville Parishes are excited to reopen Alligator Bayou road to residents for travel starting Monday, August 29th, 2022, at 10:00 am. The new Fish Bayou flood Control structure is nearing completion and is now operational. Some fieldwork will take place in Iberville Parish on Monday before the 10:00 am timeline. Residents attempting to travel the area before 10:00 am may be turned around until the fieldwork is completed.

This new flood control structure has been built at Fish Bayou's confluence with Bayou Manchac. It will reduce flood duration in the Bluff Swamp/Spanish Lake basin. It includes constructing a new double 12' x 12' control structure, channel restoration, and wetland rehabilitation. It was completed with a budgeted cost of \$3.5 million, \$1 million from the Pontchartrain Levee Board, and \$2.5 million funded by the East Ascension Drainage Board.

"Working together with our neighbors in Iberville parish, we have improved this area for our residents. Where once, they have worried about flood waters overtaking the levee, we now have a new mechanism in place to abate the waters." said President Cointment