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### **Alligator Bayou Road Cut**

Ascension Parish Department of Public Works personnel cut in to Alligator Bayou Road at Fish Bayou, today, May 28th, to facilitate the drainage of flood water from the Spanish Lake & Bluff Swamp basin. Much of the 17-thousand acre basin is currently underwater from recent rains. Flood water at some points are up to 11-feet deep.

Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment describes today's action as a "significant event on a dramatic day" and acknowledged the dedication and commitment of DPW personnel to the safety and protection of Ascension Parish residents and their property.

The cut is located at the point where the future Fish Bayou flood control structure will be constructed and will house two 12-foot by 12-foot box culverts with a lock & gate system. The future structure will be an additional tool in the Ascension Parish arsenal used to facilitate drainage.

In addition to today's cut, DPW Director Ron Savoy said crews are operating a total of seven pumps, four 30-inch axle driven pumps, and three 24-inch tractor pumps.

To ensure the safety of residents in the area, Ascension Parish officials are monitoring weather forecasts and DPW crews stationed on-site are ready to backfill the cut should any rain occur causing Bayou Manchac to rise to 14 feet.

Alligator Bayou Road will remain closed until further notice. Remember, this is an active construction site and is accessible only by authorized personnel.

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