

LEVEES AND PUMPS IN BARATARIA-TERREBONNE THE PARISH PERSPECTIVE

Greater and greater portions of the populated areas in the Barataria-Terrebonne Basin need the ability to control rainfall, river level and tidal water through levees, pumps and other water control structures. This need has developed due to building techniques, structures in questionable locations and relative sea level rise.

Several strategies may accomplish flood protection and benefit the basin's ecological health. The choice of making better decisions in relation to the population and its flood protection must be based on better understanding of the land and its relationship with the water in the basin.

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