

# STATE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS



## University Lakes Flood Risk Reduction

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

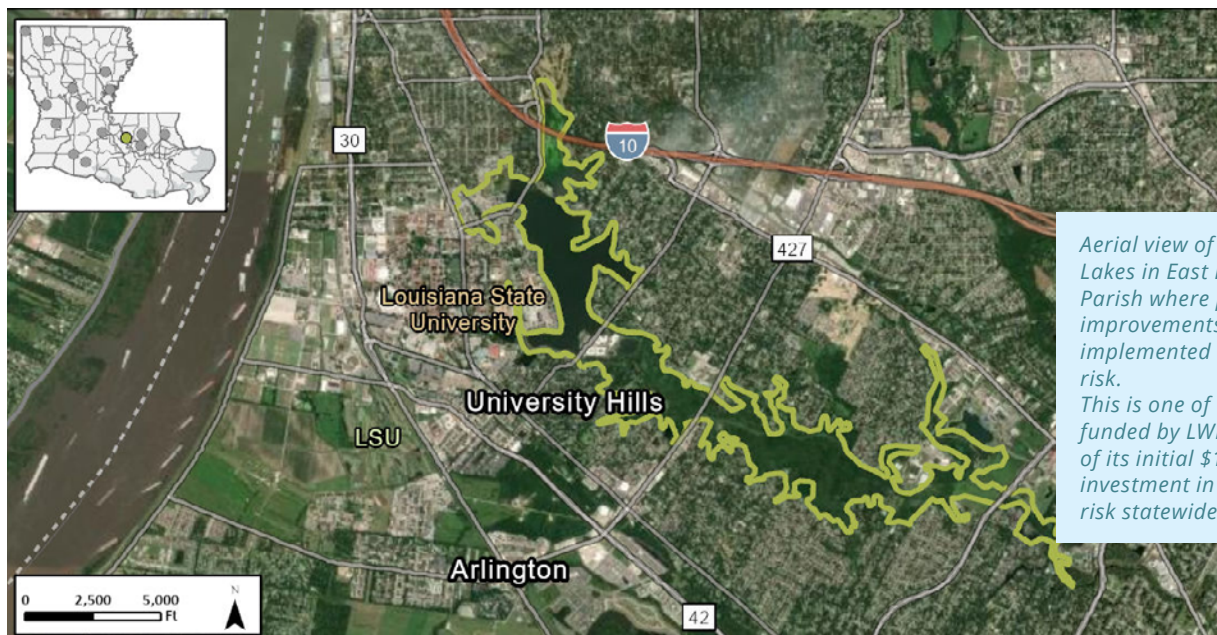
In 2020, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative’s five coordinating state agencies selected 15 projects to receive \$163 million in federal funding. The projects were selected because they align with the missions of these agencies and the long-term resilience objectives of LWI. Specifically, the projects will reduce flood risk in communities throughout the state, store floodwaters in ways that enhance natural habitats and move people in flood-prone areas out of harm’s way. As the granting agency of these funds, the Louisiana Office of Community Development reviewed the projects to ensure they meet HUD requirements and align with the state’s \$1.2 billion CDBG-MIT [Action Plan](#).

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Communities surrounding the University Lakes are subject to flooding during significant rainfall events. Although the lakes are the centerpiece of many area communities, they are not designed to detain stormwater. The University Lakes Flood Risk Reduction project includes the excavation and/or dredging of four lakes (City Park, Erie, Campus and College), the removal, improvement or construction of flood control structures and earthwork and/or grading for the purpose of increasing stormwater detention capacity and reducing area flood risk.

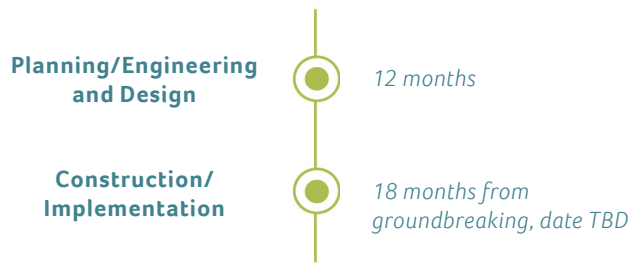
### COST ESTIMATE

**\$ 5 million**



*Aerial view of University Lakes in East Baton Rouge Parish where project improvements will be implemented to reduce flood risk. This is one of 15 projects funded by LWI as part of its initial \$163 million investment in reducing flood risk statewide.*

## PROJECT DURATION



## PROJECT LOCATION

### East Baton Rouge Parish

(HUD-Identified Most Impacted and Distressed Area)

## SCALE OF INFLUENCE



## PLAN CONSISTENCY

### LOUISIANA CDBG-MIT MASTER ACTION PLAN (2020)

The project is consistent with the Louisiana CDBG-MIT Master Action Plan's focus on implementing "state-identified regional retention/detention, natural flood management and infrastructure projects." OCD identifies flood control projects as unmet mitigation needs.

### LOUISIANA STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (2019)

The project is consistent with the Louisiana State Hazard Mitigation Plan's number one goal, which is to "protect the people, property and natural resources of Louisiana by promoting strategies and policies that increase resiliency and minimize vulnerability to natural hazards." The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ranks local flooding as the greatest risk to more than 8,500 state-owned properties.

## PROVISIONAL WATERSHED REGION AND PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Provisional Watershed Region 7, which includes 13 parishes in eastern Louisiana situated among the Mississippi River, Lake Pontchartrain and Mississippi. The University Lakes area is located in the heart of East Baton Rouge Parish near Louisiana State University.

- Project Location(s)
- ▨ Project Location Parish(es)
- Provisional Watershed Region(s)

*Location of Watershed Region 7, with project location indicated by the green circle.*