

Press Release



Re-routing Waste

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The parish has a project underway to improve the wastewater collection system for parts of Belle Chasse. Currently, waste from some of the area between Barriere Canal and Avenue A flows from one lift station into another, overwhelming the station during rain events and power outages. Crews are now working to relieve the overload. Wastewater will be re-routed to bypass the second lift station and go directly into the force main on the Naval Base.

“This project has been years in the making. It started in the 80’s and the bond was issued in 2003,” said District 3 Council Member Jerry Hodnett. “Ultimately, this will prevent backup in houses on K and L Streets, and it will improve the quality of life.”

The next phase of improvements enlarges the wastewater treatment plant which will increase its capacity.

“I don’t know why these projects were approved years ago and never started,” said Parish President Billy Nungesser. “We’re working to get every project that’s been on the books and funded for years out and improved. It doesn’t make sense to have projects funded sitting there year after year when work needs to be done. Our goal is to get everything out of the engineering and design phase onto the street as soon as possible to keep moving forward.”



PHOTO: PVC Pipe lined up behind homes to be used to re-route the wastewater lines.