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### **Additional Waterway Clean Up Announced**

*Coast Guard to Begin Cleaning Navigable Waterways*

*FEMA Issues Project Worksheets for Some Canals*

Parish President Kevin Davis announced today that the United States Coast Guard has agreed to remove sunken vessels and debris from the following commercially navigable waterways in St. Tammany Parish:

- Salt Bayou
- North Shore Canal
- Geoghegan Canal
- Tchefuncte River
- Oyster Factory Canal
- East Diversion Canal
- The Rigolets
- Pearl River
- Bayou Bonfouca
- Bayou Liberty

“Work is expected to begin on this project before the end of March,” said Davis. “I want thank the Coast Guard for their assistance in this project. We are working as quickly as we can to clear waterways before the spring rains begin. Every project undertaken reduces the threat of flooding to St. Tammany citizens.”

The U.S. Coast Guard criteria used to determine which waterways are eligible cleaning include:

- Is the water body impacted by the ebb and flow of the tide?
- Is the water body capable of sustaining commerce?
- Is the waterway used currently, or has it been used in the past, by commercial shipping traffic on interstate or international routes?
- Does the waterway have clearly defined geographic limits?

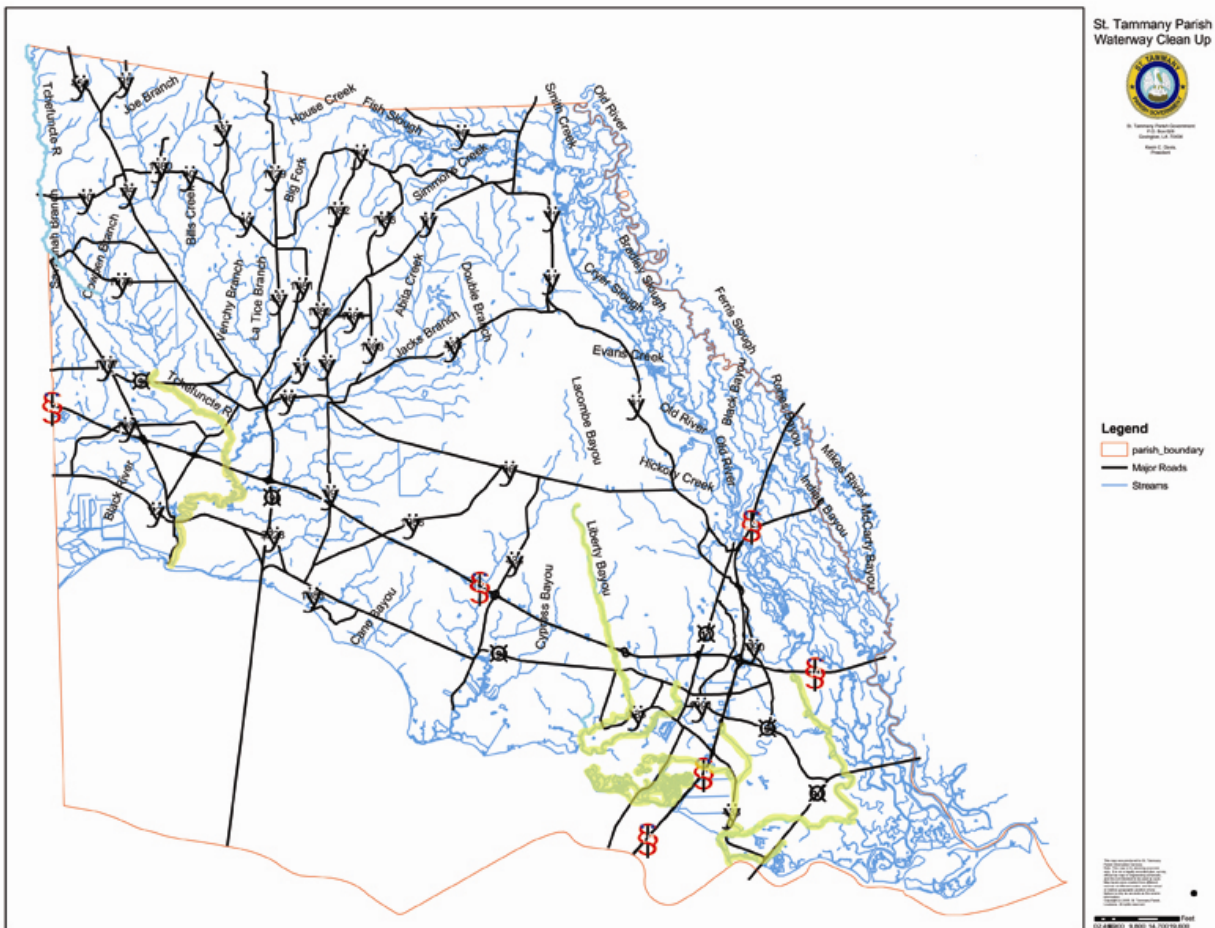
These criteria are based on the definition of commercially navigable waterways in the Code of Federal Regulations.

In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued Project Worksheets to remove construction debris and vessels from the following non-commercial waterways:

- Highway 433 Canal
- Grand Lagoon
- Eden Isles Canal
- Coin du Lestin Canals
- Highway 11 Canal & Islander Drive @ South Levee
- Lake Shore Community Levee

The total funding allocated by FEMA for these projects is \$1,373,865.00. The FEMA funded projects will remove construction debris and vessels from these canals. This funding may also be used to clear the canal to reach the construction debris. It may not be used to remove marsh mud or other vegetative debris from the canals. St. Tammany Parish is pursuing other funding for the removal of vegetative debris.

“We plan to have bid packets ready by the end of this week,” said Davis. “We will bid for two weeks and be ready to proceed with work by mid-April.”



NOTE: JPEG file sent concurrently shows navigational canals

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