

Hurricane Orat Levee - WB + PP

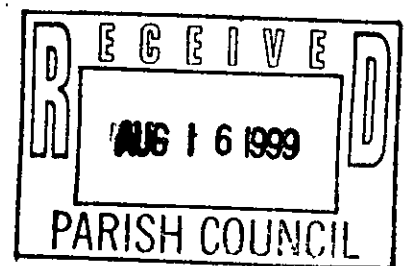



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**TO:** ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL  
**FROM:** CHRIS A. TREGRE  
PARISH PRESIDENT 

This memo is in reference to Ordinance No. 99-8-4 concerning the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee. I have worked long and hard on this Project seeking the best possible protection for the residents of the West Bank of St. Charles Parish.

On July 28, 1999 a formal response to the meeting we had in Congressman Tauzin's office was submitted to the Corps addressing and complying with the issues raised by the various agencies. We have guaranteed with this submittal that the vast majority of the wetlands enclosed by the Parish's proposed alignment will never be developed by the establishment of perpetual conservation easements. Unfortunately, Ordinance No. 99-8-4 cuts the process short and will allow the Corps and other agencies to ignore rather than make a decision on our final proposal.

I am asking for your support to sustain my veto and allow me sixty (60) days to meet again with our Federal officials and the permitting agencies in order to get a conclusive decision on our proposal. If I fail to receive a favorable response then you, as the Council, can bring forth the Ordinance once again and I will commit to you that your decision at that time will go without my objection. We have gone this far--let us at least allow the Corps to respond to our latest and final concession.

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