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## Arkema Inc. to fund improvements to Lake Pontchartrain fishing jetty

NORCO – A popular recreational fishing spot at one of St. Charles Parish's northernmost points will receive an upgrade thanks to a \$25,000 grant from Hahnville company Arkema.

The Norco Fishing Jetty is located at the end of the Bonnet Carre Spillway's West Guide Levee Road and has provided fishing access to Lake Pontchartrain for decades. Upcoming improvements will consist of a new 4-inch concrete surface along the length of the jetty, replacing the current limestone surface.

Residents and visitors will enjoy a safer, more permanent walking surface. The work is also expected to reduce the jetty's long-term maintenance costs.

"As a sportsman myself, I am excited any time we can provide better access for all people to enjoy the natural resources we hold so dear here in St. Charles Parish," Parish President V.J. St. Pierre Jr. said. "Thanks to Arkema for supporting this important quality of life project."

The jetty is adjacent to Wetland Watchers Park, which is recognized as the leading wetland educational venue for students in the River Region. The upgrade work will also allow more students to better utilize the jetty for educational opportunities.

"Arkema is committed to promoting conservation and education and the Wetland Watchers Park represents those ideals," Arkema Plant Manager Brian Vallieu said.

The improvements are projected to begin \_\_\_\_\_.

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