

PRESS RELEASE- PARISH APPLICATION FILED FOR BREAKWATER COMPLETION

Tangipahoa Parish's President Robby Miller recently announced the submission of a \$4.9 million dollar grant request to the State of Louisiana for completion of the previously started, but not completed, Rock Jetty-Breakwater project along the Parish's shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. The application for construction funds was submitted to the State's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in an effort to slow or stop shoreline erosion along the Tangipahoa Parish portion of Lake Pontchartrain. In order to complete the project that was designed to run from near the mouth of the Tangipahoa River to Pass Manchac, an additional 7553 linear feet needs to be constructed to add to the original construction done in 2013. The State has available BP oil spill grant funds available to assist local parishes with this type of project, although there is stiff competition for those funds. The Parish and its environmental scientists have estimated that the original portion of the constructed breakwater has already (in a 3 year period) resulted in about 36 acres of land formation and sediment buildup along the Lake's shoreline, helping to reverse a long-term trend in shoreline land loss.

Further information about this project will be released soon, as well as an opportunity to provide public input about further work on this project.