

Providing Hurricane and Flood Protection Is Up to You!

A special election is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 so citizens can vote on a 7 mil property tax for flood protection. The tax will fund the parish's portion of an 18 mile Hurricane/Flood Protection Levee extending from the Bonnet Carré Spillway in Montz to the Hope Canal in Garyville.

Why build a levee?

Hurricanes Isaac, Gustav and Ike fully exposed our vulnerability to flooding and tidal surges and The Great Flood of 2016 threatened homes and businesses. After more than 40 years of study, the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Risk Reduction Project received congressional authorization to move forward in December of 2016.

How much will this levee cost?

Approximately \$718 million will pay for earthen levees, flood walls and pump stations. St. John's cost share is \$50 million, with annual maintenance costs of \$5 million.

How much will I have to pay?

An additional 7 mils will cost St. John property owners only \$1.50 to \$13.12 more per month for homes valued from \$100,000 to \$300,000 and only \$18.95 to \$53.95 per month for homes valued from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000. Residences valued at less than \$75,000 will pay no additional tax. Most monthly values are less than a tank of gas, for peace of mind and protection from storm surge.

What are the benefits?

- Flood protection for people, homes and businesses
- Evacuation routes shielded
- Economic development and growth in areas previously prone to flooding
- Reduced or stable flood insurance rates

Saturday, April 29
It is vital that you vote on building a Hurricane/Flood Protection Levee.

Early Voting April 15 – 22,
except for Sunday, April 16

8:30AM – 6PM

at Registrar of Voters Offices in the
Percy Hebert Building and Edgard Courthouse

