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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Spring Bayou, Louisiana, Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, in conjunction with the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, the non-Federal sponsor, is undertaking studies to investigate the feasibility of restoring the Spring Bayou area ecosystem.

DATES: Initiate EIS, June 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Correspondence may be sent to Mr. Larry Marcy, U.S. Army Engineer District, Vicksburg, CEMVK-PP-PQ, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Marcy at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, telephone (601) 631-5965, fax (601) 631-5115, or e-mail at larry.e.marcy@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action. A feasibility level study will identify and evaluate alternatives to restore the Spring Bayou area ecosystem, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. The ecosystem is being degraded by water pollution, sedimentation, and growth of nuisance aquatic weeds. An opportunity exists to restore previously existing hydrology by diverting freshwater from the Red River into the Spring Bayou area to improve water quality, fishery production, and wetland habitat.

Alternatives. Alternative locations for water diversion from the Red River will be identified and evaluated, as well as investigating alternatives to control sediment entering the Spring Bayou area from Chatlin Lake Canal. Combinations of alternatives involving water diversion, sediment control or removal, modification or replacement of existing water control structures, and nuisance aquatic weed control will be developed and evaluated in cooperation with state

and Federal agencies, local government, Native American tribes, and the public.

Scoping. Scoping is the process for determining the range of the alternatives and significant issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). For this analysis, a letter will be sent to all parties believed to have an interest in the analysis, requesting their input on alternatives and issues to be evaluated. The letter will also notify interested parties of the public scoping meeting that will be held in the local area. A notice will be sent to the local news media. All interested parties are invited to comment at this time, and anyone interested in the study should request to be included on the mailing list.

A public scoping meeting will be held July 29, 2008, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Marksville Fire Department, 512 North Main Street, Marksville, Louisiana.

Significant Issues. The tentative list of resources and issues to be evaluated in the EIS includes aquatic resources, recreational fisheries, wildlife resources, water quality, air quality, threatened or endangered species, recreation resources, and cultural resources. Tentative socioeconomic items to be evaluated in the EIS include business and industrial activity, tax revenues, community and regional growth, community cohesion, and navigation.

Environmental Consultation and Review. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will be asked to assist in the documentation of existing conditions, impact analysis of alternatives, and overall study review through the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) consultation procedures. The FWS would provide an FWCA report to be incorporated into the EIS. The draft EIS or a Notice of Availability will be distributed to all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

Estimated Date of Availability. The earliest that the draft EIS is expected to be available is May 2010.

Dated: June 10, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Clear Creek General Reevaluation Study, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston and Harris Counties, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Clear Creek watershed drains portions of Fort Bend, Harris, Galveston, and Brazoria counties, Texas, including portions of Houston and the smaller towns of League City, Friendswood and Pearland, among others. The watershed also forms part of the boundary between Harris County to the north and Galveston and Brazoria counties to the south. Clear Creek flows into the west side of upper Galveston Bay through Clear Lake. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will evaluate several flood detention and conveyance features to reduce flooding of homes and businesses in the Clear Creek Watershed. The study will focus on environmental and social conditions currently present and those likely to be affected by the proposed changes in the watershed. The flood-control project includes construction of several miles of high flow channel adjacent to the existing channel, while preserving the existing channel and floodplain forest. Detention of flood waters would also be provided in some areas where the high flow channel diverges from the low flow channel and in off-line detention areas adjacent to the creek. All flood control measures on Clear Creek occur upstream of the Dixie Farm Road crossing. The proposed project also includes widening three tributaries to Clear Creek, Mud Gully, Turkey Creek, and Mary's Creek, for improved conveyance of flood flows, with detention basins constructed adjacent to Mary's Creek and between Clear Creek and Mud Gully.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Heinly, (409) 766-3992, Planning Lead, Planning Section, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division; or Ms. Andrea Catanzaro, (409) 766-6346, Environmental Lead, Environmental Section, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(1) *Background.* Flooding along Clear Creek has caused problems for over 30