United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

OMB No. 0578-0030
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DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT (DSR)
Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Recovery

NRCS Entry Only
Eligible: YES X NO
Approved: YES X NO
Funding Priority Number (from Section 4) 1C
Limited Resource Area: YES NO X

Section 1A

Date of Report: 11/30/2005

DSR Number: 103-05-053K Project Number: Ponchitalawa CK

Section 1B Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name: St. Tammany Parish

Address: P.O. Box 628

City State Zip: Covington, LA 70434

Telephone Number: (985) 898-2552 Fax: (985) 898-5205

Section 1C Site Location Information

County: St. Tammany State: LA Congressional District: 01

Latitude: see comments Longitude: see comments Section: 17 Township: 7S Range: 12E

UTM Coordinates: 16

Drainage Name: Ponchitalawa Creek - Upper Reach # 4 Reach: 3100 Feet

Damage Description: Debris is reducing the capacity of Channel. Drainage is severely impeded. Debris consists mostly trees.

Section 1D Site Evaluation

All answers in this Section must be YES in order to be eligible for EWP assistance.

Site Eligibility	YES	NO	Remarks
Damage was a result of a natural disaster?*	✓		Hurricane Katrina - August 29, 2005
Recovery measures would be for runoff retardation or soil erosion prevention?*	✓		
Threat to life and or property?*	✓		
Event caused a sudden impairment in the watershed?*	✓		
Imminent threat was created by this event?**	✓		
For structural repairs, not repaired twice within ten years?**	✓		
Site Defensibility			
Economic, environmental, and social documentation adequate to warrant action (Go to pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 ***)	✓		
Proposed action technically viable? (Go to Page 9 ***)	✓		

Have all the appropriate steps been taken to ensure that all segments of the affected population have been informed of the EWP program and its possible effects? YES ✓ NO

Comments: [illegible]

* Statutory
** Regulation
*** DSR Pages 3 through 5 are required to support the decisions recorded on this summary page. If additional space is needed on this or any other page in this form, add appropriate pages.

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Section 1E Proposed Action

Describe the preferred alternative from Findings: Section 5 A:

Removal of storm debris from channel using conventional methods involving skidders, cable equipment and Trackhoes.

Total installation cost identified in this DSR: Section 3: $ ~~96,425.00~~ 43,600 M HR

Section 1F NRCS State Office Review and Approval

Reviewed By: _____ Date Reviewed: 12/7/05
State EWP Program Manager

Approved By: Donald W. Gohmert Date Approved: 12/8/05
State Conservationist

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Section 2 Environmental Evaluation

2A Resource Concerns	2B Existing Condition	2C Alternative Designation		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
		Debris removal using conventional equipment	Leave debris in stream	Debris removal using helicopter
		2D Effects of Alternatives		
Soil				
Bank erosion	20 tons/acre	5 tons/acre	20 tons/acre	5 tons/acre
Soil quality	Soil quality reduced	Soil quality improved	Soil quality reduced	Soil quality improved
Water				
Downstream water rights	Will not have to drain Bayou to conduct debris removal.	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
DO	Low/potential problem	Improved DO	Low /potential problem	Improved DO
BOD	Raised BOD	Lower BOD	Raised BOD	Lower BOD
Petroleum products	attainment	Short-term increase during removal	attainment	Short-term increase during removal
SVAP	4	5	4	5
Air				
PM-10	attainment	attainment	attainment	attainment
Plant				
Aquatic health/vigor	Poor	Improved	Poor	Improved
Forestland Health/Vigor	Decreased	Increased	Decreased	Increased
Animal				
Fisheries access	Impaired due to blockage	Restore hydrologic flow regime	Access restricted.	Restore hydrologic flow regime
Forest habitat	Ecological balance upset	Ecological balance restored	Ecological balance upset	Ecological balance restored
Other				

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Section 2E Special Environmental Concerns

Resource Consideration	Existing Condition	Alternatives and Effects		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
Clean Water Act Waters of the U.S.	CWA permit will be required by sponsor if work is to be done in channel.	CWA permit required	No permit required.	CWA permit required
Coastal Zone Management Areas	Water flow patterns altered	Water flow patterns restored; minimal adverse impacts as a result of project	Water flow patterns altered;	Water flow patterns restored; minimal impacts as a result of project
Coral Reefs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural Resources	(FOTG) none observed on-site	(FOTG) none observed on-site	(FOTG) none observed on-site	(FOTG) none observed on-site
Endangered and Threatened Species	(FOTG) (Federal/State lists) none observed on-site	(FOTG) (Federal/State lists) Habitat could be suitable(RCW	(FOTG) (Federal/State lists) none observed on-site	(FOTG) (Federal/State lists) Habitat could be suitable (RCW
Environmental Justice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Essential Fish Habitat	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH	(FOTG) No EFH
Fish and Wildlife Coordination	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; Consultation will be required Quillwort/RCW value.	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; Consultation required.	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; Consultation not required.	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; Consultation required.
Floodplain Management	Ponchitalawa is located within 100-year flood plain. Debris in bayou are increasing flood potential.	100-year floodplain historic range restored.	100-year floodplain is increased in size due to debris.	100-year floodplain historic range restored.
Invasive Species	None identified	None identified	None identified	None identified
Migratory Birds	Food&cover quality reduced	Food&cover quality improved	Food&cover quality reduced	Food&cover quality improved
Natural Areas	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present
Prime and Unique Farmlands	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present
Riparian Areas	Riparian habitat impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian habitat improved by debris removal	Riparian habitat impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian habitat improved by debris removal
Scenic Beauty	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present	(FOTG) None present
Wetlands	Open water containing debris. Emergent/wooded wetlands also littered with debris.	Debris removed from open water and adjacent to stream. Wetlands not adversely impacted.	Open water containing debris. Emergent/wooded wetlands also littered with debris.	Debris removed from open water and adjacent to stream. Wetlands not adversely impact
Wild and Scenic Rivers	(FOTG) (LDWF scenic streams list) Scenic stream tributary Increased SS/Turbidity	(FOTG) (LDWF scenic streams list) Scenic stream tributary Decreased SS/Turbidity	(FOTG) (LDWF scenic streams list) Scenic stream tributary Increased SS/Turbidity	(FOTG) (LDWF scenic streams list) Scenic stream tributary Decreased SS/Turbidity

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Section 2F Economic

This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).

	Future Damages ($)	Damage Factor (%)	Near Term Damage Reduction
Properties Protected (Private)			
9 Homes @ $180,000/Home -	1,620,000.00	25	405,000.00
Properties Protected (Public)			
Business Losses			
Other			
Total Near Term Damage Reduction $			405,000.00
Net Benefit (Total Near Term Damage Reduction minus Cost from Section 3)			~~308,575.00~~ 361,400

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Section 2G Social Consideration This section must be completed by each alternative considered

Has there been a loss of life as a result of the watershed impairment?	☐	✓	Not in the immediate area but several deaths attributable to the storm occurred in the Parish
Is there the potential for loss of life due to damages from the watershed impairment?	✓	☐	
Has access to a hospital or medical facility been impaired by watershed impairment?	✓	☐	Yes - many downed trees blocking access
Has the community as a whole been adversely impacted by the watershed impairment (life and property ceases to operate in a normal capacity)	✓	☐	Impairment increased flooding impacts throughout the community
Is there a lack or has there been a reduction of public safety due to watershed impairment?	✓	☐	

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Section 2H Group Representation and Disability Information

This section is completed only for the preferred alternative selected.

Group Representation	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Non-Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Non-Hispanic	
Asian Female Hispanic	
Asian Female Non-Hispanic	
Asian Male Hispanic	
Asian Male Non-Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Non-Hispanic	5
Black or African American Male Hispanic	
Black or African American Male Non-Hispanic	3
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Non-Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Non-Hispanic	
White Female Hispanic	10
White Female Non-Hispanic	
White Male Hispanic	12
White Male Non-Hispanic	
Total Group	30

Census tract(s) T040701,BG-1

Completed By: AB Date: 11/30/2005

Section 2I. Required consultation or coordination between the lead agency and/or the RFO and another governmental unit including tribes:

Easements, permissions, or permits:

Access permission will be required.

Sponsor shall obtain a CWA permit prior to construction in channel.

The sponsor shall obtain a Water Quality Certification

The sponsor shall obtain a scenic streams permit.

Mitigation Description:

Avoid impacts to eastern side of channel to prevent damage to riparian zone adjacent to channel. Work should be conducted from western side of channel whenever possible.

Debris will be disposed of off-site to minimize impacts to adjacent riparian areas and to minimize detriment to fish habitat within stream.

Agencies, persons, and references consulted, or to be consulted:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District	LDEQ
Brain Breaux	USFWS

LDWF

St. Tammany Parish Government

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Section 3 Engineering Cost Estimate

Completed By: YS Date: 11/29/2005

This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).

Proposed Recovery Measure (including mitigation)	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost ($)	Amount ($)
Proposed Action- Debris removal with conventional equipment				0.00
Debris removal	3100	Ft.	~~27.75~~ 12.00	~~86,025.00~~ 37200
Mobilization	1	LS	~~10,000.00~~ 600	~~10,000.00~~ 600
Seeding and Fertilization	2	Ac	200.00	400.00
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Total Installation Cost (Enter in Section 1F)$				~~96,425.00~~ 43600

Unit Abbreviations:

AC	Acre	LS	Lump Sum
CY	Cubic Yard	SF	Square Feet
EA	Each	SY	Square Yard
HR	Hour	TN	Ton
LF	Linear Feet	Other (Specifiy)	

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Section 4 NRCS EWP Funding Priority

Complete the following section to compute the funding priority for the recovery measures in this application (see instructions on page 10).

Priority Ranking Criteria	Yes	No		Ranking Number Plus Modifer
1. Is this an exigency situation?	☑	☐		1 E
2. Is this a site where there is serious, but not immediate threat to human life?	☐	☐		
3. Is this a site where buildings, utilities, or other important infrastructure components are threatened?	☐	☐		
4. Is this site a funding priority established by the NRCS Chief?	☐	☐		
The following are modifiers for the above criteria			**Modifier**	
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve federally-listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat?				
b. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve existing wetlands?				
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives maintain or improve current water quality conditions?			e	
f. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve unique habitat, including but not limited to, areas inhabited by State-listed species, fish and wildlife management area, or State identified sensitive habitats?				

Enter priority computation in Section 1A, NRCS Entry, Funding priority number.

Remarks:

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Section 5A Findings

Finding: Indicate the preferred alternative from Section 2 (Enter to Section 1E):

Removal of Storm debris from channel by conventional methods.

I have considered the effects of the action and the alternatives on the Environmental Economic, Social; the Special Environmental Concerns; and the extraordinary circumstances (40 CFR 1508.27). I find for the reasons stated below, that the preferred alternative:

✓ Has been sufficiently analyzed in the EWP PEIS (reference all that apply)
Chapter 5.2.2.1.2
Chapter 5.2.2.2.2
Chapter _____
Chapter _____
Chapter _____

____ May require the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.
The action will be referred to the NRCS State Office on this date: _____

NRCS representative of the DSR team A. Beaubonet.

Title: District Conservationist Date: 11/30/2005

Section 5B Comments:

Section 5C **Sponsor Concurrence:**

Sponsor Representative

Title: DRAINAGE CIVIL ENGINEER Date: 11/30/2005

Section 6 Attachments:

A. Location Map
B. Site Plan or Sketches
C. Other (explain)

SITE MAP
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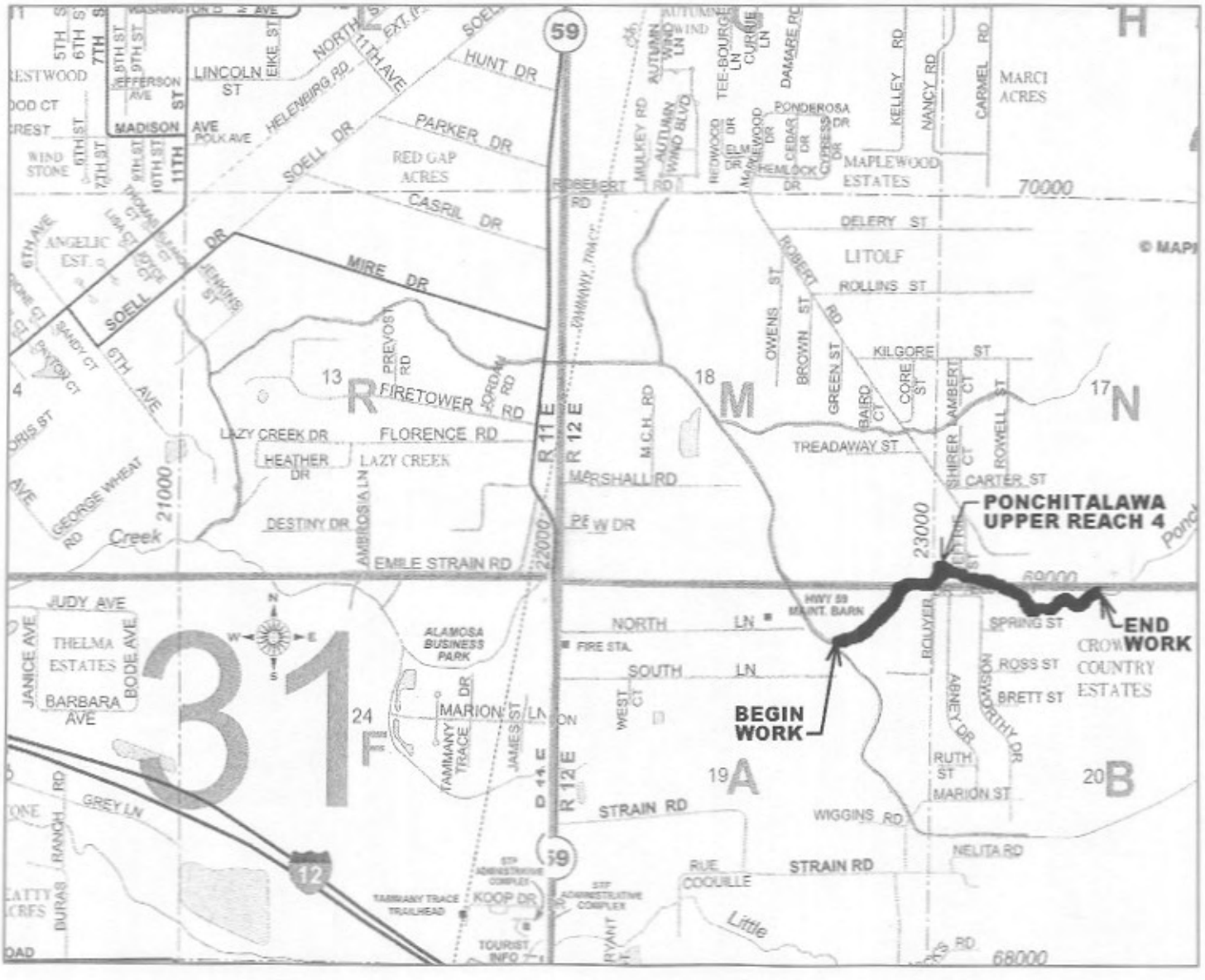
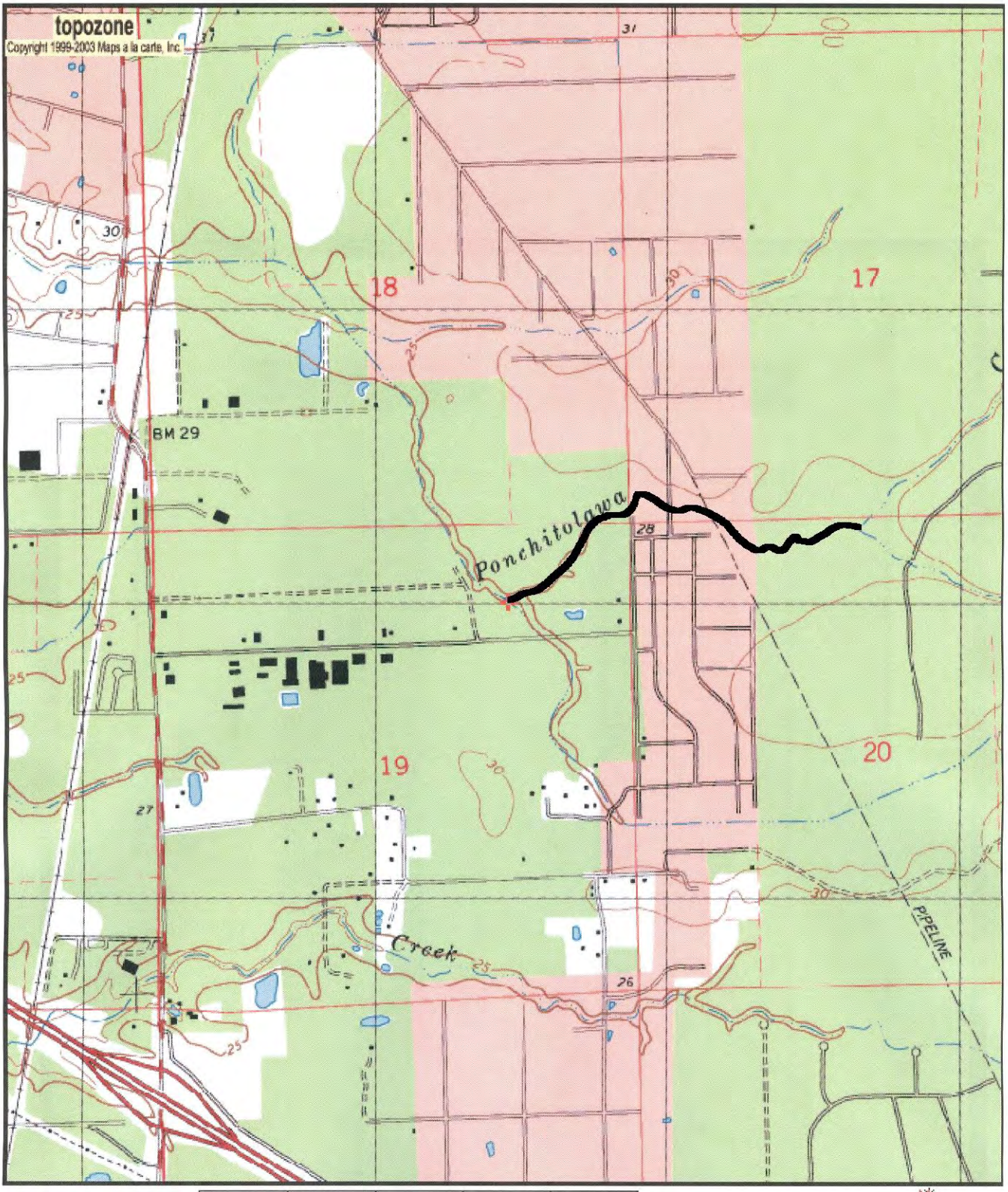
ST. TAMMANY PARISH

PONCHITALAWA UPPER REACH #4
(EST. LENGTH: 3,100')





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Map center is 30.4286°N, 90.0282°W (WGS84/NAD83)
Covington quadrangle
Projection is UTM Zone 15 NAD83 Datum

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G=1.506