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Mr. Nick Sims
US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
7400 Leake Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Mr. Sims,

The Restore the Mississippi River Delta Campaign is a coalition of Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation. We work together to advocate for science-based restoration of coastal Louisiana.

We believe in the necessity of transparency in documenting the progress that the State and the Corps have made in providing non-structural improvements to properties located in the Louisiana coastal zone. We believe that this proposed Silver Jackets project will provide a clear picture of where progress has been made and where we need to focus efforts to protect communities.

I would like to request a Flood Risk Management Assessment Study through your Silver Jackets Interagency Pilot Project Program. This assessment will promote shared responsibility, leverage State and Federal resources, and increase innovation in Louisiana's Floodplain Management.

With the resources this pilot project will provide, the organizations in our campaign will be able to better support partners including coastal residents and coastal parishes in determining the risks they have related to the lack of nonstructural improvements to properties and businesses in their parishes. Our organizations are happy to provide our complete support to this project proposal.

Sincerely,

