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## **Contract awarded for Green Space Restoration work along South Claiborne Ave.**

*Work related to the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project (SELA)*

**NEW ORLEANS** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, recently awarded a contract to restore green infrastructure previously removed for the construction of SELA underground drainage improvements on South Claiborne Avenue. The project will stretch from **Leonidas Street to Pine Street**. Final landscape design, which was presented to the public in October 2019, calls for the planting of approximately **98 trees**. Select areas will receive bio retention features which will incorporate a drainage soil layer, allowing storm water to permeate and be stored for uptake by trees and other vegetation.

The **\$1,396,434.41 contract** was recently awarded to Tarpon Construction. Work will begin in March of 2020 and is estimated to take between 3-6 months to complete.

Development of the design plans were coordinated in partnership with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Coastal Restoration Authority Board (CPRAB), the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board (SWB), Parks and Parkways, and the Louisiana State Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) and with consideration of the City's Master Plan, "Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," and input collected from the public.

For more information on the SELA project:

- Construction Hotline: (877) 427-0345
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