

RESOLUTION NO. 1194

A Resolution of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement among Ascension Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, Iberville Parish and the City of St. George for the purposes of collaborating on and completing the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project.

WHEREAS the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District (the “District”) was established to address critical water management, drainage, flood control, and water conservation issues within the Amite River Basin;

WHEREAS the seven parishes of the Amite River Basin include Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, and St. James Parishes, of which Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Iberville Parishes comprise the Bayou Manchac Watershed within the Amite River Basin;

WHEREAS in August of 2016, the Amite River Basin suffered historic damage to life and property from the “Great Flood of 2016” including the areas within the District, particularly within the Parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Iberville, and the City of St. George;

WHEREAS the newly created City of St. George was established as a municipality after the Great Flood of 2016, the City’s entire southern boundary consists of Bayou Manchac from the Mississippi River to the Amite River, and the City suffered extraordinary flood losses during the 2016 Flood and numerous disasters before and since;

WHEREAS the 2016 flooding exposed deficiencies in the State’s approach to flood plain management prompting a reassessment of how Louisiana prepares for increasing flood events resulting in gubernatorial Executive Order JBE 18-16 to create the Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) to be administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development to reform the State’s approach to flood mitigation;

WHEREAS the Louisiana Watershed Initiative provided a special funding allocation of \$100 million to the Amite River Basin Commission for eligible local and regional watershed projects in the most impacted and distressed areas in the seven parishes of the Amite River Basin;

WHEREAS the Amite River Basin Commission has prioritized \$30 million of the \$100 million to be obligated to the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project;

WHEREAS the Louisiana Office of Community Development recommends that individual parishes in the Amite River Basin submit hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) models and full project applications under the sponsorship of the Amite River Basin Commission for transformational projects of regional impact like the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project;

WHEREAS East Baton Rouge Parish, Ascension Parish (on behalf of the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1), Iberville Parish and the City of St. George recognize the benefit of the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project and desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to submit the full application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development for consideration;

WHEREAS all parishes agree that East Baton Rouge will be the project lead and local sponsor for the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Alignment Project;

WHEREAS it is acknowledged and agreed that these parties to the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project will participate through an Intergovernmental Agreement by contributing one fourth (1/4) of the cost incurred by East Baton Rouge for the H&H model and to submit the full project application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative funding, and each of these partners will reimburse East Baton Rouge Parish accordingly for these costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District as follows:

1. East Baton Rouge will act as project lead and LWI applicant for the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project,
2. The City of St. George will support East Baton Rouge Parish with Hydraulic and Hydrologic Modeling,
3. Each party to this Intergovernmental Agreement will contribute no less than one fourth of the cost incurred by East Baton Rouge Parish to submit the full project grant application to the OCD under the Louisiana Watershed Initiative and reimburse East Baton Rouge accordingly for these costs, if necessary, and
4. The parties to the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project Intergovernmental Agreement will provide monthly reports to the Amite River Basin and Water Conservation District at their regularly held monthly meeting until the project is completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Office of Community Development.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion carries, and the resolution was declared adopted on this ____ day of October 2025

I, Toni Guitrau, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and certified copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District at its regular meeting on October ____, 2025 at which a quorum was present and that the motion adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Toni Guitrau
Executive Secretary