

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT UNIT INFORMATION*

Name of Water Management Unit: Lake Warner

Location and Boundaries: Located in the east-central part of the Lower Atchafalaya Basin Floodway. Generally bounded by the Atchafalaya River on the northwest, on the southwest by the Atchafalaya River, the Butte LaRose Cutoff Channel, Upper Grand River, Bayou LaRompe, Devil's Cut, Tensas Bay and Spice Island Chute, and on the east and southeast by Lake Mongoulois, Tensas Bay, and Spice Island Chute.

Issues: Elevated banks do not allow river inflows from the upper portions of the unit. Flooding is primarily from the lower end, and low dissolved oxygen levels limit aquatic habitat and associated fisheries values. Limited hydrological inputs are at the canal southeast of Warner Lake and at Big Tensas Bayou; it is not known if those locations also serve as outflows points.

Strategies: To be developed*

Implementation Status:

There no state or federal water management projects currently authorized for this unit and none are known to have been completed there.

Available Funding:

Federal: None at this time. The Lake Warner Water Management Unit (WMU) is one of the 13 water management units identified in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) 1982 Feasibility Report for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System (ABFS). Only five of the thirteen WMUs were recommended for federal improvements by the Corps as part of the ABFS project; the Lake Warner WMU was not one of those recommended.

State: None at this time.

Additional Funding Needed: Future funding needs for projects will be identified as part of the Atchafalaya Basin Program Annual Plan development process.

* Focus is on measures needed for maintaining, restoring and/or enhancing the Basin's aquatic and wetland habitats