



December 17, 2008

Josh Marceaux  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
646 Cajundome Boulevard, Suite 400  
Lafayette, LA 70506-4290

RE: Request for Project Review – Hidden Cove, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana  
Alternative Housing Pilot Program Group Housing Project

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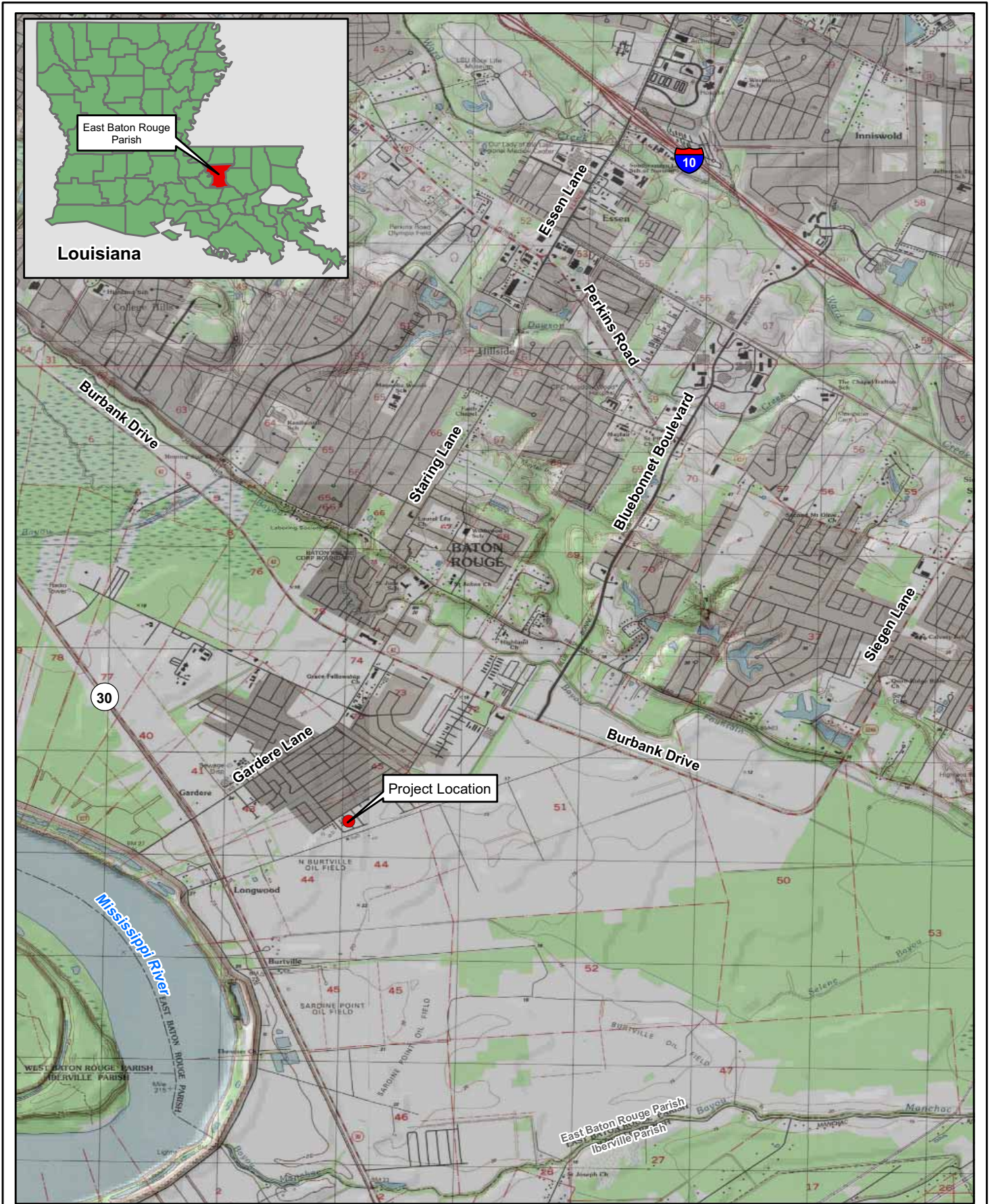


Figure 1: Baton Rouge - Hidden Cove AHPP Vicinity Map



Figure 2: Baton Rouge - Hidden Cove AHPP Proposed Site Map



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Richard Hartman  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NMFS CASC Route: Atmospheric Administration C/O LSU Center for Wetland Research  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-7535

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RE: Request for Project Review – Hidden Cove, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana  
Alternative Housing Pilot Program Group Housing Project

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District  
PO Box 60267  
New Orleans, LA 70160

RE: Request for Project Review – Hidden Cove, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana  
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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
2000 Quail Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

RE: Request for Project Review – Hidden Cove, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana  
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Dear Mr. Balkum:

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Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality  
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Director of Planning and Engineering  
Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission  
6201 Florida Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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Quin Kinler  
Soil Conservationist  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70893

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