

## **Bayou Manchac Watershed (Louisiana) Study**

The Bayou Manchac Watershed (Louisiana) study will review existing projects in the basin and prepare an action plan for the 30,000 acre watershed to achieve flood-damage reduction and ecosystem restoration benefits. An ideal opportunity exists to develop a multi-purpose project to address flood damages and environmental needs. One of the largest remaining tracts of seasonally flooded bottomland hardwoods left in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley exists in the lower basin. Consideration will be given to many public issues including navigation, water quality, recreation, eco-tourism, bird watching, and education. The study team is comprised of Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as several representatives of the public. See: <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/prj/bayou-manchac-watershed>. Another study involving the Amite River and tributaries (Mississippi and Louisiana) is underway to investigate a watershed approach to addressing ecosystem restoration, flood damage reduction, and better management practices, e.g. involving sand and gravel operations, in the watershed.