



City-Parish Mayor-President Josh Guillory
Lafayette Consolidated Government
705 W University Avenue
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506

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Re: Public Records Request for Spoil Bank Removal Project

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Dear Mr. Guillory:

No matter the color of our skin or zip code, we all recognize the need for drainage solutions in our community after the 2016 flood and subsequent smaller-scale flood events.

As concerned citizens, we fear that the spoil bank project undertaken by your administration may adversely affect the Citizens of Lafayette Parish. We cannot afford to do nothing to improve our drainage; we also cannot afford to mismanage public funds. There are other complicating issues such as lawsuits, the disregard for the law, cherry-picking science, and questionable priorities.

The Josh Guillory Administration appears to have potentially violated a set of common sense principles of government by taking action before properly planning. The council continues to sign off on the administration's plans without proper oversight. These actions could leave taxpayers liable for damages.

The Lafayette Parish Democratic Executive Committee has contacted the regulatory bodies including the US Corps of Engineers, the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, and the Lafayette Consolidated Government's local floodplain map. According to the best information we have gathered, Josh Guillory and his administration has also chosen to violate the federal funding requirements for his drainage plan.

The Lafayette Parish Democratic Executive Committee is requesting public records related to the spoil bank project's council ordinance. We request also records related to the National Environmental Protection Act and its permits related to wetlands, floodplains, and archaeological resources. In a separate submission to PublicRecords@lafayettela.gov, we will send a technical description of our request along with this letter.

We will continue to monitor and follow any new developments. By coming together beyond just becoming a voter we can have a say in how decisions are made in our communities and state.

On behalf of unanimous vote of all of the committee members, I remain yours,

Sincerely,

Mary Pritchard, Chairperson
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