



10 things we learned from meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers:

1. The minimum on this project is 13 years. As we know the government projects always come in on time.
2. They will remove the St. Claude Bridge, which is on the national historic registrar and "put it in a museum or something"
3. The TEMPORARY bridge will run somewhere between St. Claude and Claiborne. That means they will have to take houses. They say they won't but there are houses in the way of that plan and the TEMPORARY bridge will run on residential streets.
4. They will need some residents to "voluntarily" relocate due to the pile driving. FOR 13 YEARS? You can imagine how the elderly residents felt about that.
5. The size of the lock is currently the size of the Chrysler building on its side. That will have to be removed in order to build the new lock.
6. There is no guarantee if they get partial funding and run out of money that the project will be completed. So we could be without a viable bridge, etc.
7. They do not know if the construction from the lock will impact ground water into our drinking water
8. They do not have a plan on where they will dump the highly toxic materials from dredging the canal or if those toxins will be released into the air, water, mud.
9. They do not have a plan for the rerouting of traffic through residential streets or big trucks carrying heavy materials and the damage to both streets and houses.
10. This will move the Mississippi River inland to Claiborne.

This isn't just a Lower 9th problem, it will affect traffic, noise, property values and potentially the drinking water of the Bywater. Feeling Angry? Scared? Join us at the Umbrella Protest to STOP the Expansion of the Industrial Canal

We are all under the same umbrella, we are against it!