

# East Ascension

## Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 1

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East Ascension Drainage Works

Policy and Procedure Memo # 4

### Off Road Bridge Construction Policy and Procedure

#### **Purpose for Policy and Procedure**

EA Drainage Works continue to have problems with determining and justifying public need for off road bridges. In an effort to satisfy both present legal opinions and past parish practices, please consider the following drainage ditch bridge policy revision:

#### **Bridge Construction Policy and Procedure**

Bridges and other crossings will be installed or repaired under the following conditions:

1. Existing bridges or other crossings will be repaired or replaced if:
  - a. The site of existing bridge is at a location that the EA Drainage Works has a desire or need to maintain.
  - b. The site is not any part of a commercial enterprise.
  - c. The crossing is not on a parish or state road servitude.
  - d. The bridge was constructed prior to 1994.
2. And under the following conditions and in consideration of:
  - a. A new, perpetual and permanent maintenance servitude of 15' for regular drainage channels and 25' for major drainage channels from top of bank on both sides and entire length of drainage ditch on subject property is given to the Drainage District. Maintenance of this ditch shall include both routine weed control and ditch cleaning/shaping as needed and able within stated servitude. No permanent structures are allowed in this servitude. The Drainage District shall also have right of way across this structure.
  - b. The permanent maintenance servitude shall be attached to the subject property as per its legal description and recorded with the Clerk of Court.
  - c. The bridge or other crossing will be installed and paid in full by the Drainage District on a one time basis. As part of the servitude agreement, the property owner enacts a hold harmless and acknowledgement to the Drainage District of his ownership of the bridge and responsibility for all future maintenance or future replacement.
  - d. A maximum of one crossing allowed per undivided segment of ditch or channel per land owner.
  - e. If deemed necessary by EA Drainage Works, servitude of access from a public road or other public servitude onto and through the subject property

to the ditch to be maintained is provided and recorded in the servitude agreement.

3. All new bridge requests will be considered only as part of a cost share agreement but with the same conditions and considerations as stated above.
4. The Drainage District will bear all costs to replace or repair any structure directly and exclusively damaged by the action of maintaining associated ditch or required due to the enlargement or upgrade of associated ditch.

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Date of Approval by EACGDD \_\_\_\_\_