



# Parish of Ascension

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## **Pumps Placed at Alligator Bayou Road and Frog Bayou Lock**

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PRAIRIEVILLE – Crews with Ascension Parish’s East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 are shown installing a float collar on one of two massive floating pumps (blue frame) that were placed in Frog Bayou Thursday. The pumps will begin pumping water into Bayou Manchac Friday morning lowering water levels in the Bluff Swamp Basin, officials said. The Bluff Swamp Basin is located in the northwestern part of Ascension Parish and remains with high water levels left over from heavy rain that passed through the area the past two weeks. Officials said each pump is capable of pumping 68,000 gallons of water per minute through 42-inch pipes. Officials said the basin would take at least one month to drain back to normal levels if the pumps were not used. Pumping operations will begin Friday morning prompting the closure of Alligator Bayou Road at 7 a.m. Pumping is expected to take approximately two weeks. Shown from left to right: Thad Denham (red vest), two unidentified drainage crew members, Regina Thomas (back to camera), Pete Dupre, Carlton Moore and Allen Allred.

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