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Gather signatures. Anyone who cares about Bayou Manchac may sign. (You don't have to live on the banks of the bayou to love it.)

Fill in your personal information at the bottom of each signature page.

Return completed petition and signatures by **March 11** to:

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Nomination of Bayou Manchac for Inclusion in Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System

To Members of the Louisiana State Legislature:

We, the undersigned, request the nomination of Bayou Manchac for inclusion in the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System (Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act - Acts 1988, No.947, §1, eff. Jul 27, 1988) as an Historic and Scenic River.

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac is one of few Louisiana streams meeting the qualifications for Historic River status, presently held by only one waterway in the Louisiana Scenic Rivers System - Bayou St. John in Orleans Parish;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac, which lies along the boundaries of three parishes - Ascension, East Baton Rouge and Iberville - was a river significant in Louisiana history, and has been included in the Louisiana State Historical Markers program;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac's banks have revealed historical Native American mounds and artifacts, as well as prehistoric mastodon remains;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac was a route well known to Native Americans, the current name originating with the Choctaw words "im" and "shaka";

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac hosted numerous native cultures, as well as later European settlements including Galveztown, Fort Bute, Fort San Gabriel, Manchac, and Hope Villa;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac served as an international boundary in the original Louisiana Purchase;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac, known for a time as the Iberville River, is described in the journals of Pierre le Moye, Sieur d'Iberville, and in later writings of William Bartram;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac's rich history is detailed in numerous books, articles, and academic papers, including Bayou Manchac in the 1920's (Abbott, 2001); Bayou Manchac and Its People (Willie, 1999); and Winding Through Time, The Forgotten History and Present-Day Peril of Bayou Manchac (Sternberg, 2007);

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac and its banks provide habitat for a wide variety of plants and wildlife;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac remains a quiet, natural, scenic waterway, easily accessible from all surrounding parishes;

Therefore, we, the below signed petitioners, request that Bayou Manchac—from its beginning at the Mississippi River to its junction with the Amite River—be nominated for designation as an Historic and Scenic River within the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System.

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