

Association for Bayou Conservation, Inc.

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WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE? This newsletter is produced by the Association for Bayou Conservation, Inc. (ABC), a local *not-for-profit* organization of concerned citizens founded to protect and preserve natural and historic resources of, in, and around our local bayous and bay.

IMMEDIATE CONCERN: The Air Force is in the process of planning to award a contract for new housing to a private national developer for Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field. The Air Force has many alternatives and locations it can use/available to achieve its goals. **However, Air Force leaders are promoting the alternative/location most damaging to our natural and historic resources, with the biggest negative impact to our local area.** Your help is needed right now to help prevent an irreversible ecological disaster and still another ill-planned, inadequately supported development.

OUR IMMEDIATE GOAL: **Be assured, this organization supports quality, affordable housing for our military families.** Our intention is to convince the USAF to meet with all stakeholders to pursue an alternative that best meets the needs of our military, our environment and our local community's future. The Association needs your help to influence the USAF to explore the alternatives and select a course of action not catastrophically damaging! We have requested a congressional investigation and are preparing for legal action if required. We will not allow local historic forest lands to go under the bulldozer's blade and the bayou's to be destroyed without the citizens of our area having our say!

WHY SHOULD YOU BE INVOLVED? Unless we voice our concerns now and take action immediately to change the preferred housing locations, the undeveloped ecosystem, historic resources and natural resources habitat at the head (north end) of Garnier's Bayou will be forever lost. Your voice and support are needed now; time is of the essence, and we need you to get involved today!

WHERE/WHEN IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN? The Air Force's current preferred Alternative location for this housing is **Alternative 6:** Develop 220 acres at Camp Pinchot and another 960 acres on Eglin's Main Base. Final EIS expected end of September 2005. When it is approved, they will award a contract soonest to a national developer, and the bulldozers will roll as soon as Spring 2006!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Get yourself and your neighborhood residents involved! Become a member of the Association for Bayou Conservation and contact members for more information and how you can help and get involved today! **It is time for ACTION.**

- Sign up and join the Association for Bayou Conservation and pledge your moral and financial support for a worthy and noble civic cause. We have retained an outstanding national environmental law firm to help guide our efforts with the USAF. We need **serious financial** support for the Association to be effective and keep the effort meaningful and focused. Your support and trust will not be misguided.

1. Volunteer your time to help raise the needed funds and execute our initiatives; just say YES on the form below. Give your donation to one of our volunteers today. (**NOTE:** The association is incorporated as a not for profit organization in the state of Florida. We are proceeding to secure IRS tax-exempt status but have not obtained such status at this time. We will let you know when it is approved.) Or, send your check and pledge form to Association for Bayou Conservation, P.O. Box 264, Shalimar, Florida 32579.
2. Contact the following members of the Association for Bayou Conservation for more information:
Cloyce Darnell, cloyce@darnell.coxatwork.com 850.609.0048, John Jannazo, 863.1167, Jannazo@aol.com
Barbara Smith, jonesmd3@cox.net, 862.5100 Neil Arnott, seadog6@nwfl.net, 862.3408

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