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LOUISIANA AND GULF COAST NEWS:

NORTHSHORE CITY EXAMINES LAKEFRONT

FLOODING. Leaders in the Northshore city of Mandeville are considering strategies to address flooding in the historic district near Lake Ponchartrain, reports the New Orleans [Times-Picayune](#)

(10/13/17, Chatelain). Near Baton Rouge, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is working with the city of Baker to rebuild better after 2016 flooding, reports [The Advocate](#) (10/17/17, Cogburn).

LOUISIANA LAWMAKERS UNITED ON FLOOD-PROGRAM REFORM.

Louisiana's members of Congress have banded together as D.C. lawmakers consider reauthorization of the troubled National Flood Insurance Program, reports [The Advocate](#) (10/15/17, Stole). An editorial in the New Orleans [Times-Picayune](#) (10/15/17) says separating NFIP reform from short-term disaster relief is the right approach.

DEVELOPER SLOWS PROJECT AMID FLOOD CONCERNS.

The developer of a proposed subdivision near Baton Rouge will postpone the project to more closely consider flood concerns expressed by nearby residents, reports [The Advocate](#) (10/16/17, Hardy). Meanwhile, a sharp drop in offshore energy revenue could undermine projects to rebuild flood-prone coastal areas of Louisiana, reports [The Lens](#) (10/18/17, Hasselle).



NATIONAL INDUSTRY NEWS:

BILLION-DOLLAR DISASTERS: 15 SO FAR IN 2017.

Fifteen disasters in the U.S. have caused at least \$1 billion in damage so far in 2017, reports [USA Today](#) (10/18/17, Rice). Determining whether a threat is "imminent" is a key criterion federal officials use in denying or providing aid to local governments after a disaster, reports the [Associated Press](#) (10/15/17, Foley). An expert cites changes to the National Flood Insurance Program and rising roadway deaths as key issues for the U.S. insurance industry, reports [Intelligent Insurer](#) (10/16/17).

SOME HOUSTON HOMES BUILT IN RESEVOIRS. Some Houston homeowners have learned in the weeks since Hurricane Harvey that their homes were built inside reservoirs meant to protect the city from flooding, reports the [Texas Tribune/Pro Publica](#) (10/12/17, Satija). Meanwhile, drones and other emerging methods to measure disaster impacts are speeding claims processing, reports the [Insurance Journal](#) (10/12/17, Johnson).

POLITICAL SCRAMBLING OVER ACA SUBSIDIES. There was confusion in recent days after President Trump backed away from a bi-partisan Senate plan to preserve premium subsidies created under the Affordable Care Act known as Obamacare, reports the [Associated Press](#) (10/18/17).



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