

After our ancestors freed themselves from slavery, a group of people bought land and carved out the first diverse settlement of people in 1872; it was to this community my grandfather purchased land. Its was a noisy home surrounded by fruit trees, his large garden, fruit trees and nature, birds, crickets, lighting bugs and his large family, this was the 1930s. My mother now 80 grew up here, with fresh air, clean water, and healthy soil. Our house was the neighborhood house, my nine siblings and I grew up here too, each with a set of friends and teammates, we had great health and quality of life, schools nearby and many family reunions.

Today, the environment has been decimated by industry, the robins, cardinals, humming birds, crickets, frogs, and wildlife migrations are gone; the soil won't support even a small garden, the land and floods with the rain and we buy bottled water. The quiet and beauty has been replaced by heavy industry, pipelines, oil tanks storage farms and methanol plants.

On Dec. 12th diesel was spilled into the river, there are spills every month into the air, water or soil, in July there was 6 occurrences with 24 days, in March a 12.5 gallon spill. Our parish council has voted 3-4 along racial lines to allow a company with a serious spill and damage record to build a terminus in our community. Currently, we have approximately 120 tanks with more being built, and no evacuation plan in case of an emergency to exit our community.

Within this 90% African American community my neighbors are South Louisiana Methanol on the left and NuStar Tank Facility on the right within the six miles near my home are Shell Pipeline, NuStar, Plains All American Pipeline, Syngas Energy, Ergon/Sun Fuel Midstream, Yuhuang (Methanol) Chemical, Inc.

Our homes shift, doors and windows don't close properly you are expected to live with health challenges and decreasing quality of life, such headaches, respiratory and other illnesses, you spend less time outside, even walking as an exercise is stressful because you don't know what you are breathing.

-EVE MILLER  
Freetown Resident

## Freetown, LA



## Tribes of the Gulf South



During segregation, "Indians" weren't allowed at ANY public schools in the Gulf South. Our ancestral livelihoods were being over forested and over hunted. There were no options for indigenous peoples but working for the companies that were poisoning us.

The United Houma Nation is a state but not federally recognized tribe. Our federal recognition became increasingly unlikely with the "discovery" of oil in Houma territory. When it was first "discovered", oil field companies would pay tribal members to show them navigation routes as the tribe had been living off the water for a long time. When those "swamps" became valuable, companies enacted the decades old Swamp Land Act to privatize this previously unwanted land to make it more "productive." Dredging has ruined traditional tribal lands, the marshes that were once a haven to people who were allowed no other place, is now cut up with pipelines that snag and ruin fishermen's nets. The tribe and all Louisiana residents are no strangers to the effects of the oil spill but we have let their unchecked and barely regulated damages go on long enough.

1930s - Humble Oil approached Houma people living near Wonder Lake, the only fresh water lake in the area. When it was evident the family had no intention of leaving, Humble Oil dug a canal with a well to spew about 150 feet from their home, destroying the land & forcing them to evacuate.

1994 - Campbell Wells created to open pits to dump toxic sludge from the oil field near another tribal community. Despite evidence of stippled cells and damaged red blood cells, residents lost the impending lawsuit against the company and the site remains open.

1997 - Texaco dug through ancestral burial mounds to build their plant. The tribe was told it was "4 bodies likely from a nomadic people" (I wonder who the heck it could be). It was discovered to be 30 ancestors. When the tribe sued Texaco for the right to rebury the bodies, our lack of federal recognition denied us of rights in the Reparation Act.

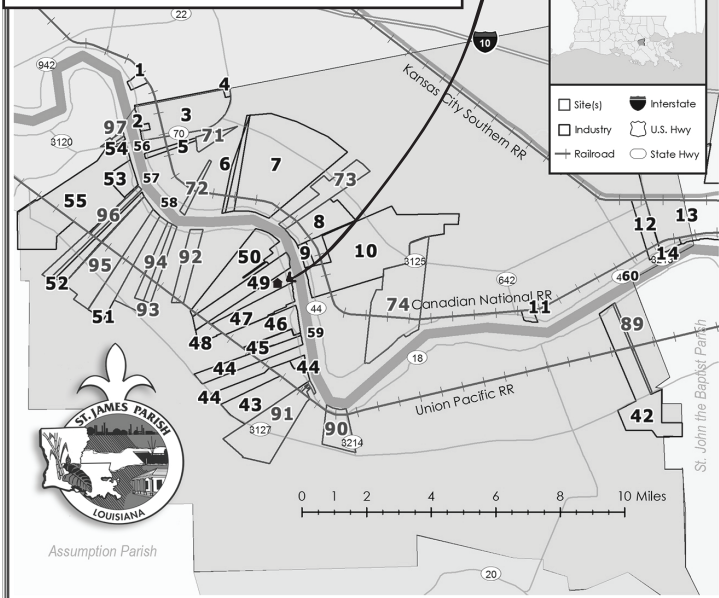
2010 - The BP Deep Water Horizon spilled into the Gulf, it killed many animals that many tribal members now depend on to make a living. The spill alone killed over 82,000 birds of 6,165 sea turtles, and 25,900 marine mammals.

### Resident Industry in St. James

- 1 Dupont
  - 2 LaFarge Corporation
  - 3 Shell - Convent
  - 4 Air Products & Chemicals
  - 5 Yara North America
  - 6 Zen-Noh Grain
  - 7 Nucor Steel Louisiana, LLC
  - 8 Occidental Chemical
  - 9 Convent Marine
  - 10 Mosaic - Uncle Sam
  - 11 ADM - Paulina
  - 12 Louisiana Sugar Refinery
  - 13 Noranda Aluminum
  - 14 Rain CII
  - 42 Petroplex International, LLC
  - 43 Yuhuang Chemical, Inc.
  - 44 Plains All American \*
  - 45 LOCAP, Inc.
  - 46 Shell Pipeline
  - 47 NuStar
  - 48 Syngas Energy
  - 49 Ergon/Sun Fuel Midstream
  - 50 South Louisiana Methanol
  - 51 Gavilon Agriculture, LLC
  - 52 INCA Refining
  - 53 Americas Styrenics
  - 54 Valero Asphalt
  - 55 Mosaic Phosphate
  - 56 Associated Terminals  
Sunshine Midstream Buoy
  - 57 Sunshine Anchorage
  - 58 Associated Terminals  
Midstream Buoy
  - 59 Ryan Walsh Stevedoring  
Midstream Buoy
  - 60 Grandview Anchorage
- \* Owned, leased, or financed by the Port of S. Louisiana

### Available Sites in St. James

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 71 Ancient Domain    | 92 Savannah                       |
| 72 Balot & Whitehall | 93 Minnie & St. Louis             |
| 73 Shady Grove       | 94 St. Alice                      |
| 74 Welham            | 95 Winchester/Acadia              |
| 89 Succeed           | 96 Elina                          |
| 90 Rich Bend         | 97 Dunhill                        |
| 91 Zeringue/St. Emma | * Louisiana Sugar Refinery Site A |



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write Gov. Edwards and tell him to take action against environmental racism.  
P.S. - Tell him if you voted for him.

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Go to [NoBBP.org](http://NoBBP.org) to learn more.  
Text "energy" to 88202 for updates.

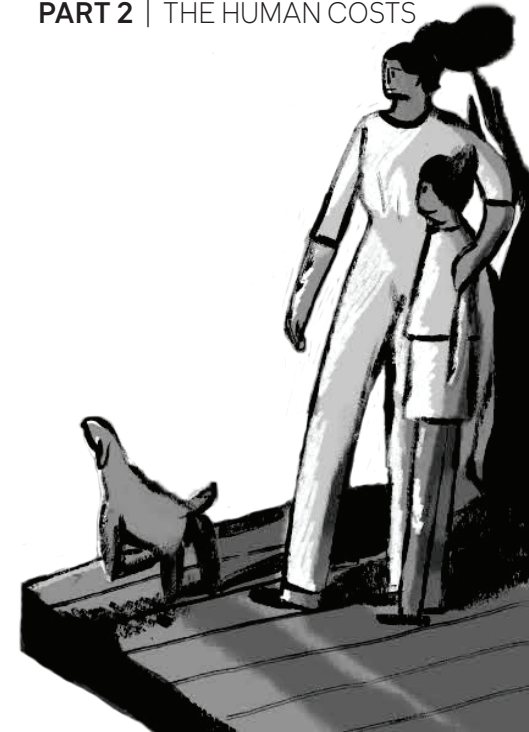
## No Bayou Bridge Zine Series

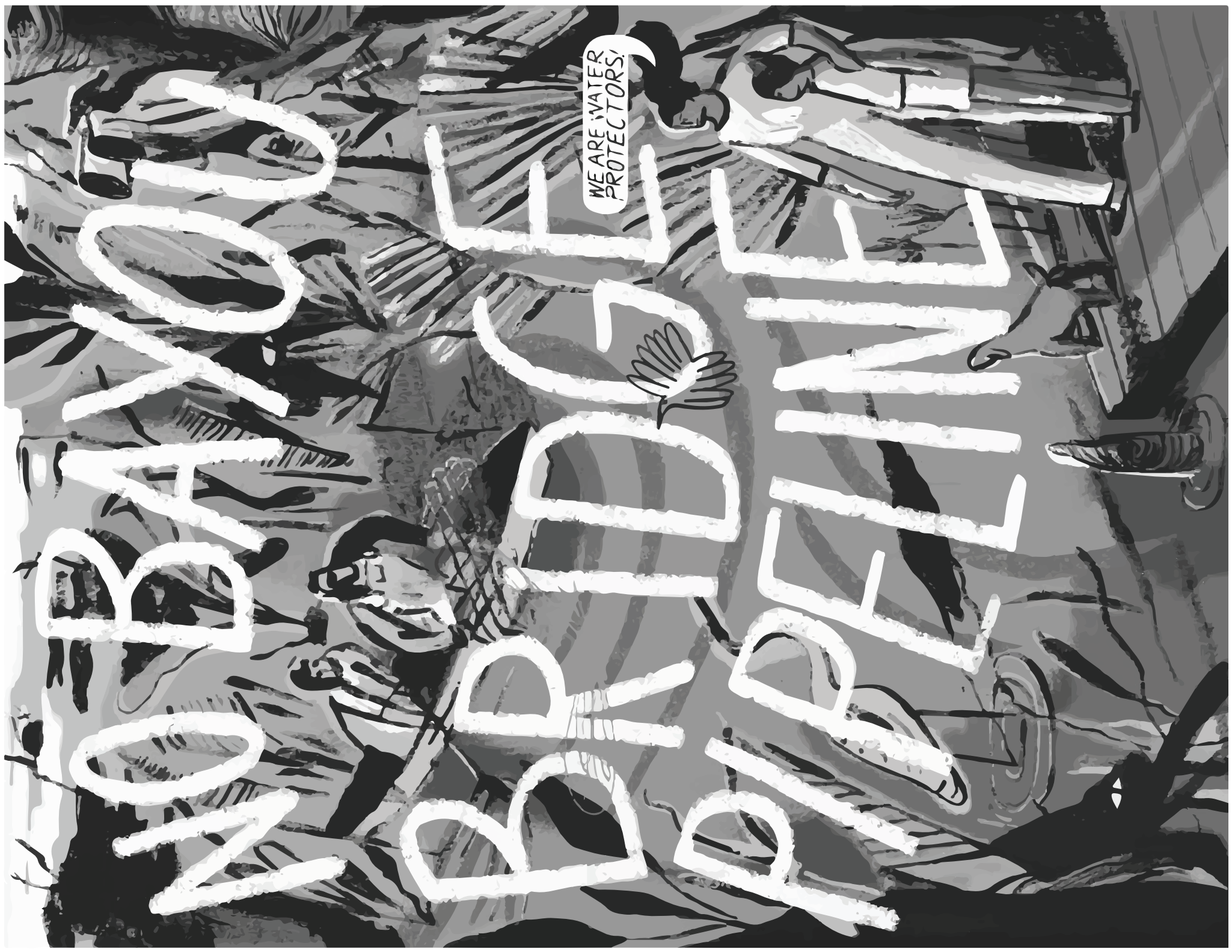
- PART 1 | BBP + ETP OVERVIEW
- PART 2 | THE HUMAN COSTS
- PART 3 | THE COSTS IN NATURE

Go to [NoBBP.org](http://NoBBP.org) + [StopETP.org](http://StopETP.org) for more info + actions.  
Go to [bit.ly/bbpseries](http://bit.ly/bbpseries) to view stakeholder stories.  
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## NO BAYOU BRIDGE PART 2 | THE HUMAN COSTS





WE ARE WATER  
PROTECTOR!

RAINBOW  
WATER  
PROTECTOR