

Louisiana Restoration Area

Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment for the Lake Charles Science Center and Educational Complex Project Modification



The Preferred Alternative for the Lake Charles SCEC would include the following features:

- Collocating the Lake Charles SCEC with the LCCM would offer the SCEC potential synergies, such as enhanced visibility, improved access, and location in a natural environment adjacent to Lake Charles.
- The Port Wonder facility would house a 6,900-square-foot science center operated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; a 12,300-square-foot children’s museum operated by an independent non-profit organization; and 8,800 square feet of shared space that would include a lobby, bathrooms, classrooms, offices, a break room, and other miscellaneous support space.
- The Preferred Alternative would include an additional 6,900 square feet of outdoor program area and a recreational fishing pier over Lake Charles.
- The revised location would provide enhanced opportunities for the public to play and learn in one centralized area that is located near other recreational amenities.
- \$7 million of Natural Resource Damage Assessment funds would contribute to the construction, operations, and monitoring of the Lake Charles SCEC.

RATIONALE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL RESTORATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Following the release of the Final Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment #2 (RP/EA #2) in 2018, the City of Lake Charles requested that the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group (LA TIG) consider collocating the Lake Charles Science Center and Educational Complex (SCEC) with the Lake Charles Children’s Museum (LCCM) as part of the planned Port Wonder Facility. The Draft Supplemental RP/EA evaluates modifications to the Lake Charles SCEC project and considers alternatives consistent with the purpose and need of the project.

PREFERRED MODIFICATION TO PROJECT SCOPE

The Original Project Scope of the Lake Charles SCEC project in the Draft Supplemental RP/EA is the same as in the Final RP/EA #2 and would be developed on state-owned property southeast of Lake Charles (Figure 1). The Preferred Alternative would involve collocating the Lake Charles SCEC at the Port Wonder Facility and would include a recreational fishing pier over Lake Charles (Figure 2). This factsheet provides information on the proposed project modifications.



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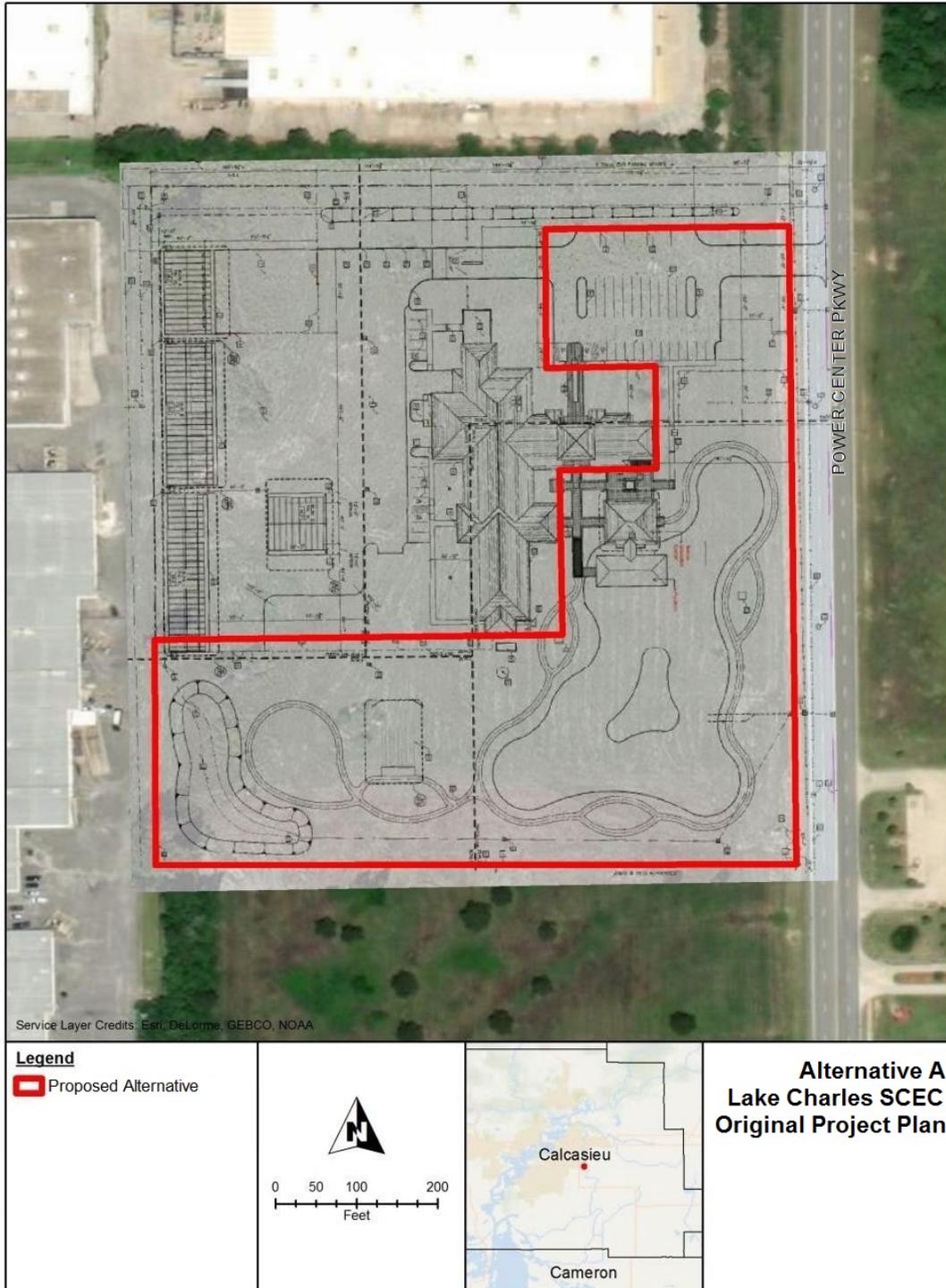


Figure 1. Lake Charles SCEC Original Project Scope

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Figure 2. Preferred Modification to Project Scope (Revised Location)

