

**I've had a few people ask about the pile driving near the Harvey Canal. The below update will explain the work being done and flood protection progress along the Harvey Canal.**

Here's the latest news:

1. By June 1, the "interim" levee (along the canal) will be at the full 8 foot elevation - the best protection to date along the East side of the Harvey Canal.
2. The pile driving is going ahead of schedule and should be finished by the end of June north of Boomtown.
3. The northern reach (Boomtown to the sector gate) should be 99% complete by September 2009.
4. The gates for the floodwall are already being fabricated and will be in place by the time the wall panels are completed.
5. By hurricane season 2010, the floodwall will be functionally complete, except for a small section near the Hero pumping station. This gap can be quickly "plugged" in the event of a storm.
6. The western closure, below the juncture of the Algiers and Harvey canals, is progressing on schedule and should provide functional protection by 2011.