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STATE PROJECT NO.: H.014197
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LA 604: REALIGNMENT NEAR MISSISSIPPI RIVER
TENSAS PARISH

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) with the early identification of possible adverse economic, social, or environmental effects or concerns. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

As we are in the beginning stages of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, very limited data concerning the proposed project exists. We have, however, attached maps showing the general location of the project, along with a preliminary project description.

We request that you review the attached information and furnish us with your views and comments by **May 11, 2022**. Replies by mail should be addressed to LADOTD; Environmental Engineer Administrator; P.O. Box 94245; Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245. Please reference the captioned project in your reply. Comments can also be left digitally by clicking the link titled La DOTD Project Comments and Public Feedback Form and selecting the magnifying glass next to this project. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Patrick Vines at Patrick.vines@la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Noel Ardoin", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Noel Ardoin
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The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD), in conjunction with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), proposes a project to relocate a portion of LA 604 from approximately lat. 31.943084, long. -91.204169 to lat. 31.973735, long. -91.193476 between the Mississippi River and Lake Bruin in Tensas Parish, Louisiana (See Location Map). The proposed realignment is in association with a larger USACE project to expand the levee that LA 604 currently parallels. LADOTD would be responsible for realigning LA 604 to the west of its current alignment and building up the portion of new, extended berm that the roadway will sit on. The project scope includes new asphalt concrete pavement and base course with associated drainage works, driveways and turnouts, and construction of the levee berm under the roadway. Portions of the existing LA 604 would be removed after construction of the new alignment. The total project length is approximately 2.3 miles. LA 604 is classified as a rural collector with a posted speed of 55 mph. The predicted Average Daily Traffic is 1,025 vehicles per day (vpd) for 2023 and 1,250 vpd for 2043.

During Phase I of construction, a detour would be constructed at the State Park Road tie-in and other side road intersections would be constructed and LA 604 would remain open. Sections of LA 604 and associated drainage would be constructed on the new alignment. No LA 604 closure is anticipated for Phase I. During Phase II, the new State Park road tie-in would be constructed and portions of LA 604 would be removed. LA 604 would be temporarily closed north of State Park Road, requiring an approximately 15-mile detour (See Detour Maps). Access to the State Park would be maintained using the detour road constructed in Phase I. During Phase III, LA 604 would be removed from Robertson Road to State Park Road to allow construction of the levee berm, after which LA 604 would be reconstructed on existing alignment atop the new berm. Phase III would require that LA 604 be temporarily closed between Robertson Road and State Park Road, requiring an approximately 15-mile detour (See Detour Maps). Phase IV includes the application of a wearing course to LA 604 from Robertson Road to State Park Road, which would remain open, and the shift of traffic to the new roadway beyond. No road closure is anticipated for Phase IV. An additional approximately 27 acres of right-of-way would be required (See ROW Maps) to accommodate the levee berm and new LA 604 alignment. The relocation of two structures is anticipated. Impacts to wetlands are anticipated.

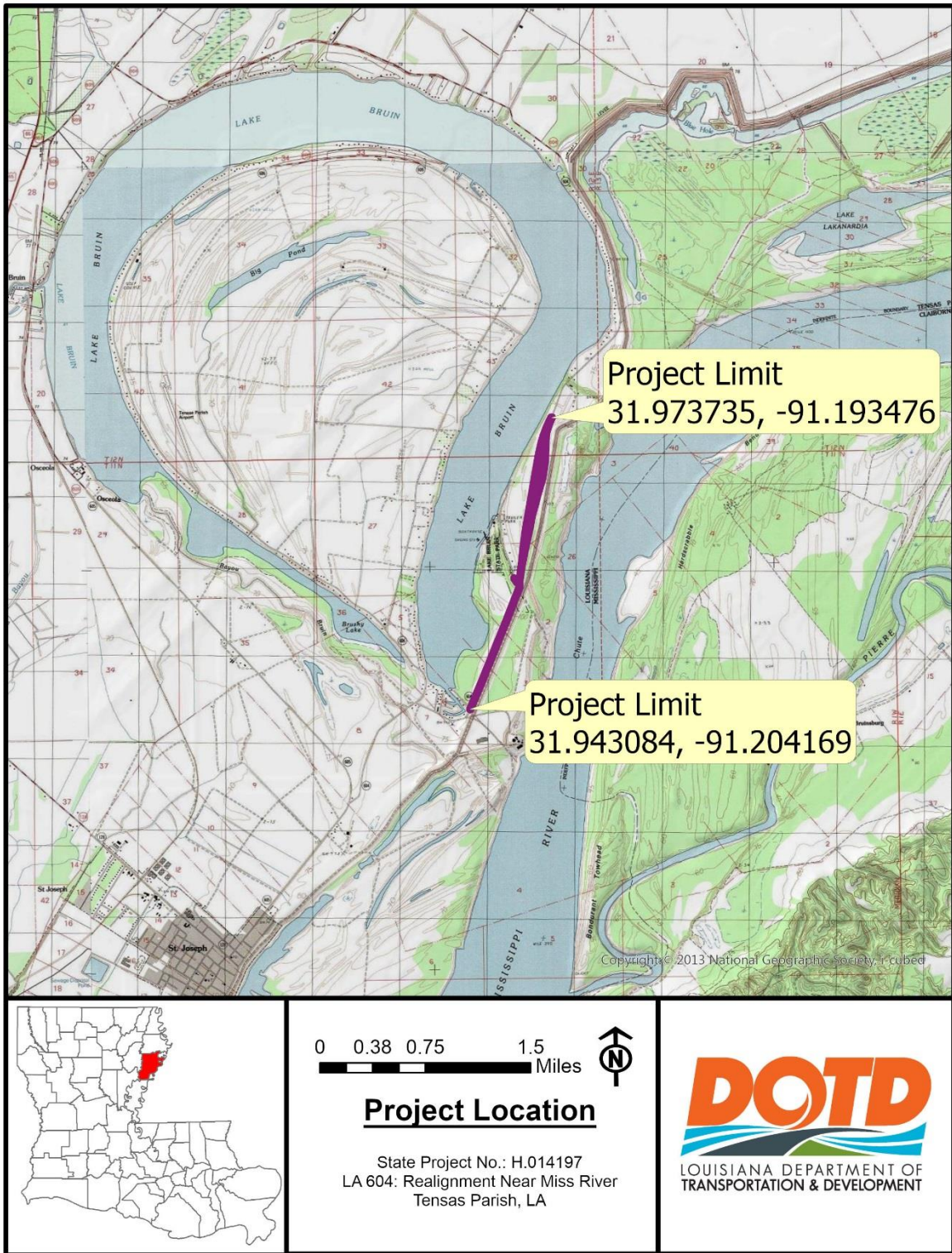


Figure 1. Location Map

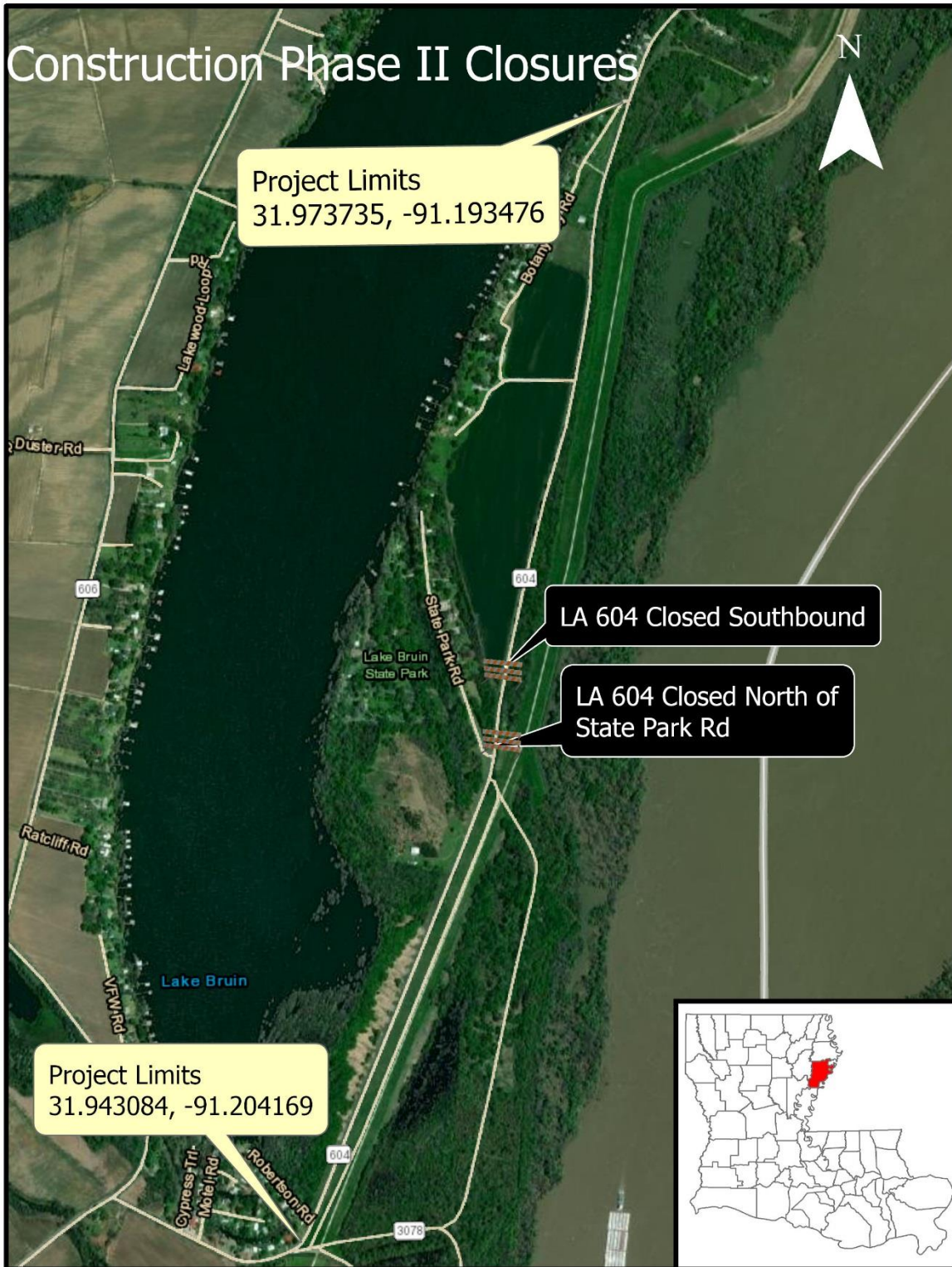


Figure 2. Detour Map for Construction Phase II.

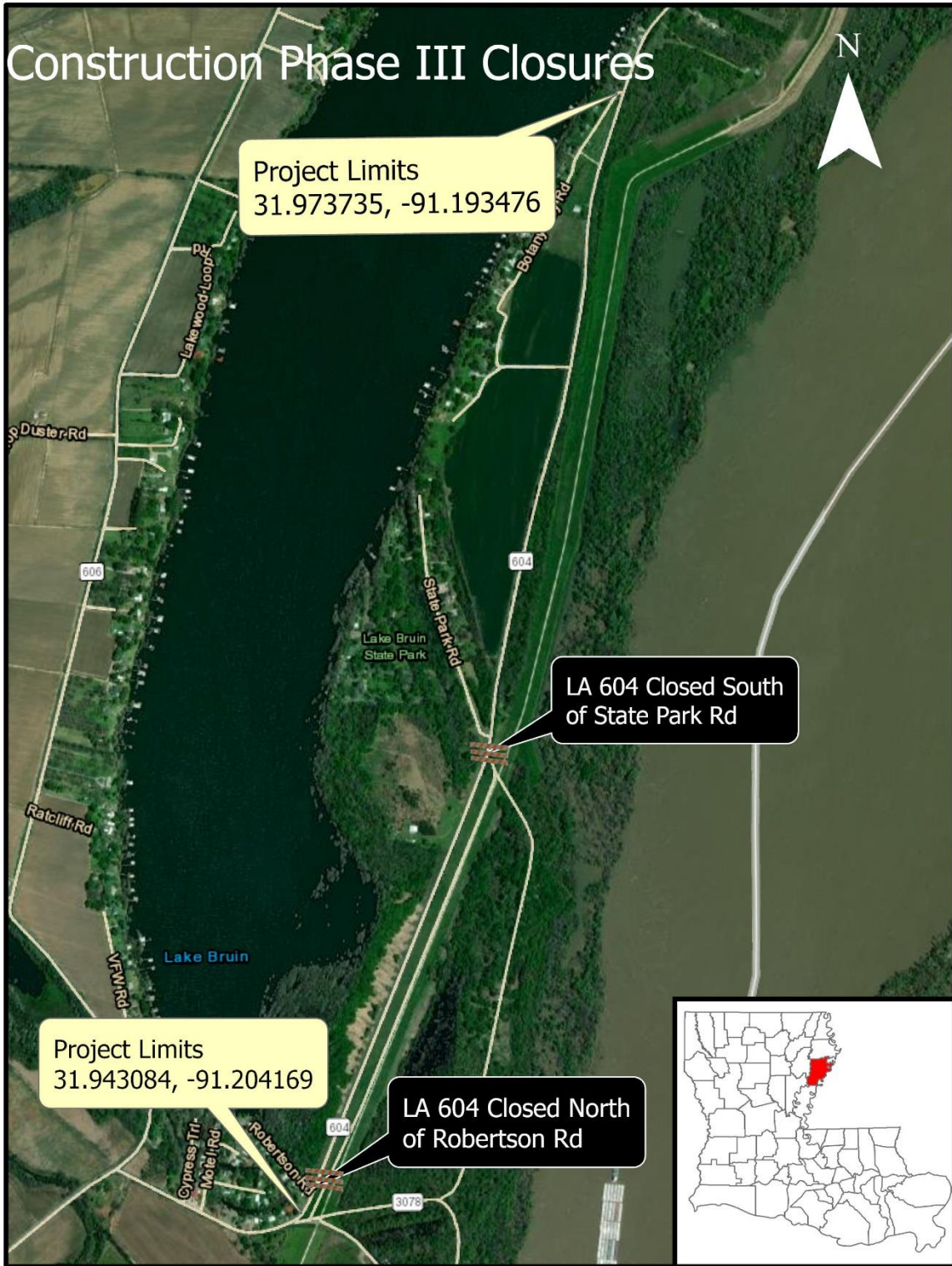


Figure 3. Detour Map for Construction Phase III.

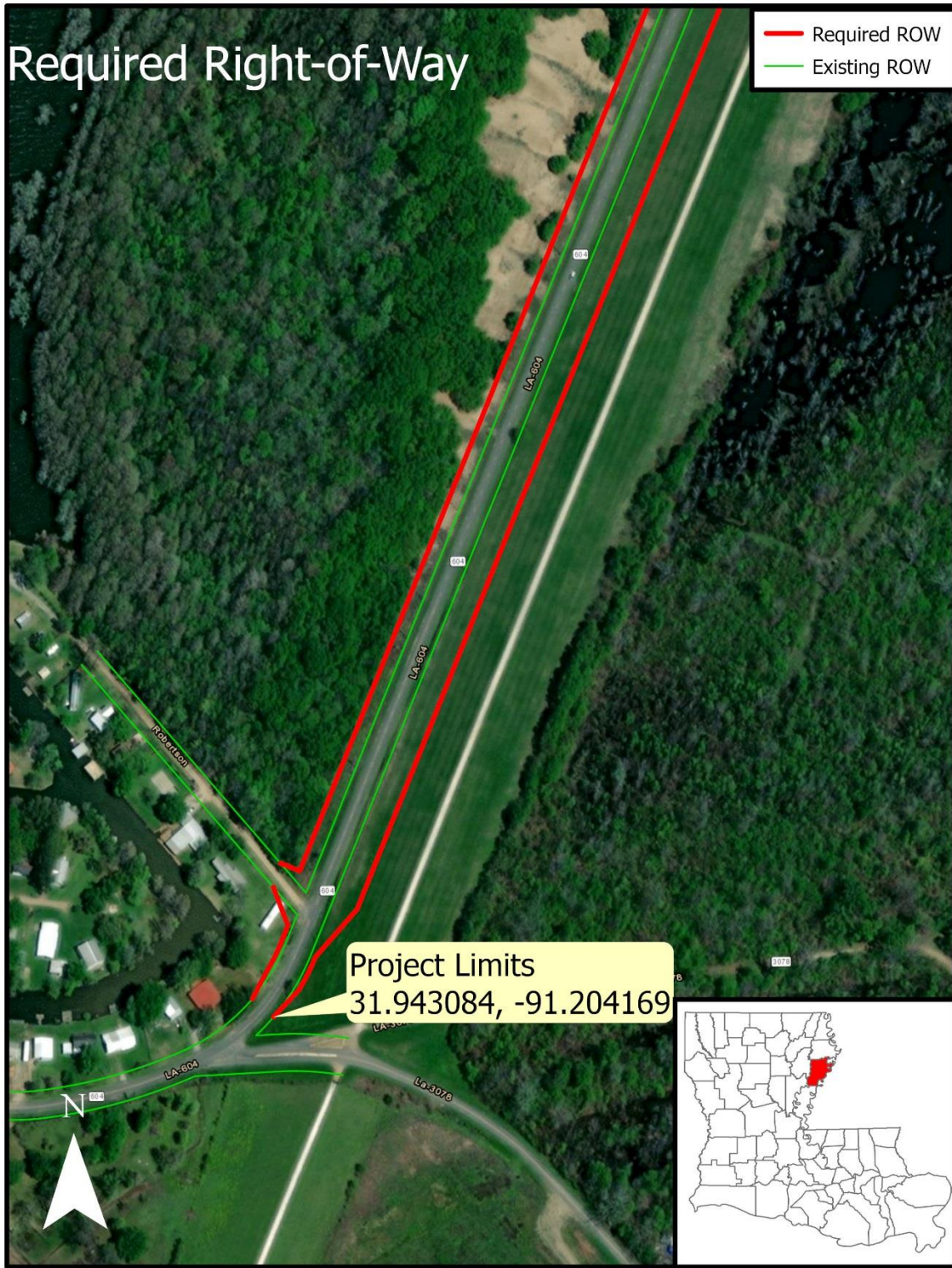


Figure 4. Required ROW near Robertson

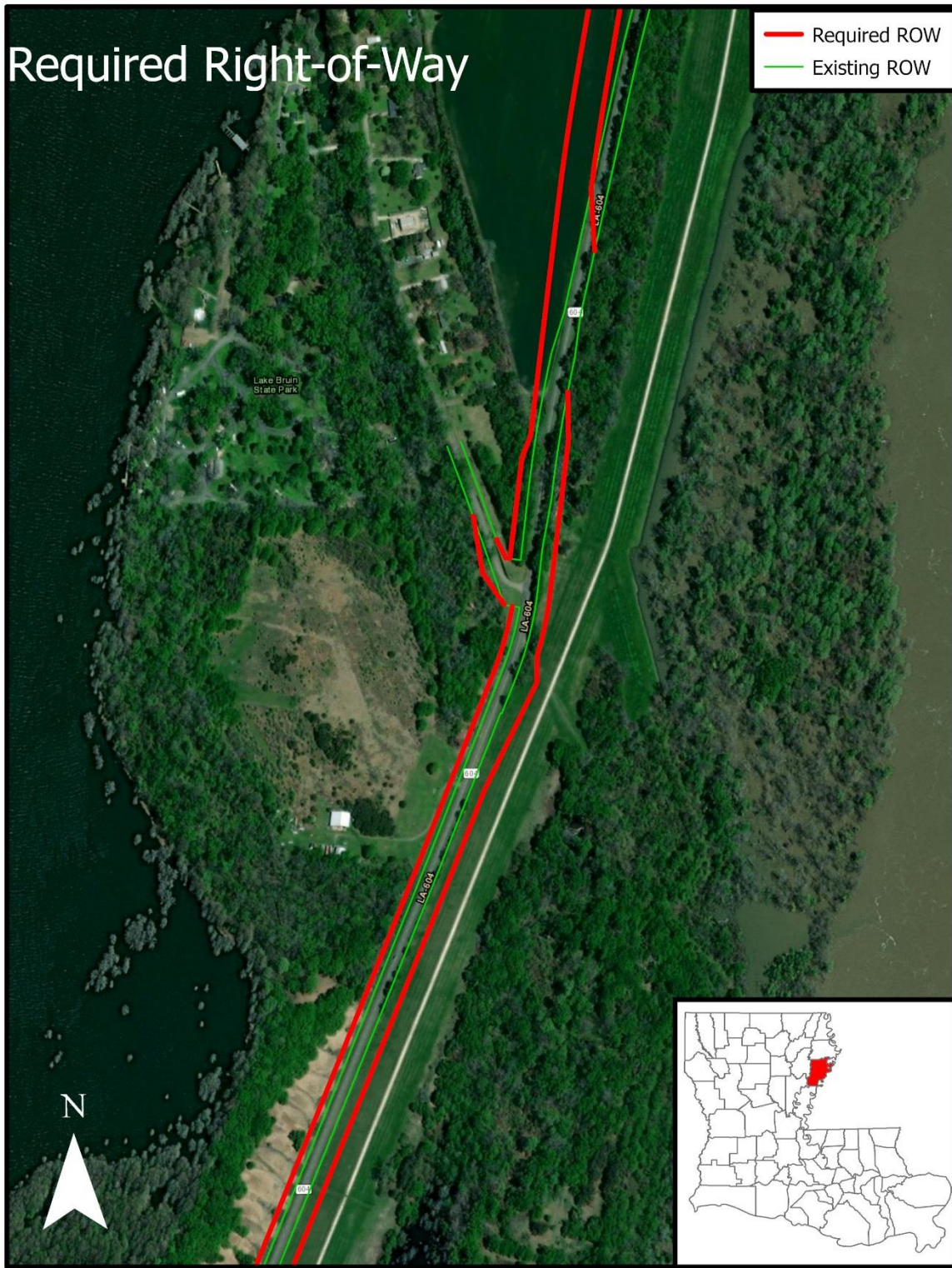


Figure 5. Required ROW near State Park Rd.

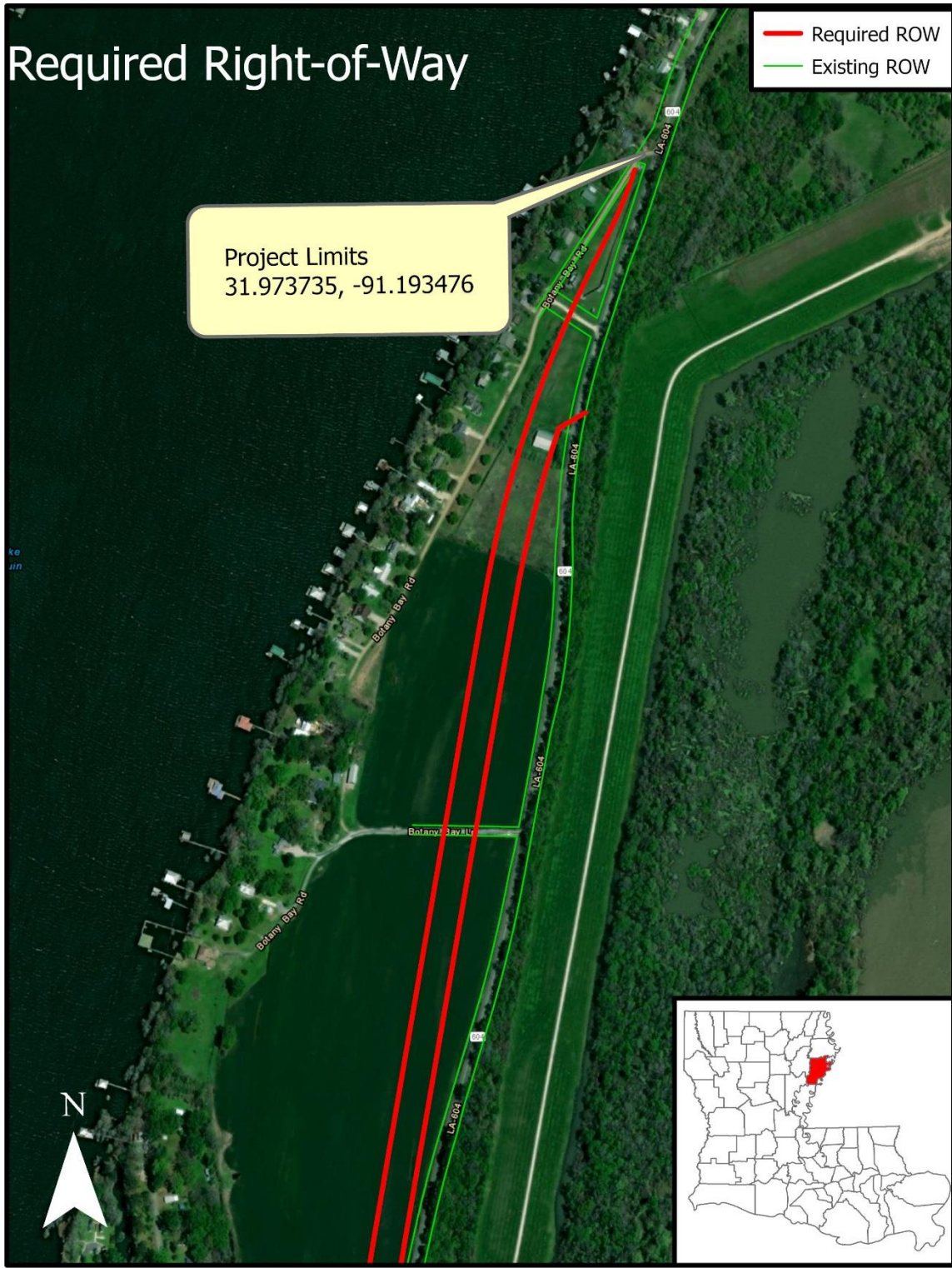


Figure 6. Required ROW near Botany Bay Rd.