

# DOWN BY THE RIVER

A photograph showing two people riding bicycles on a paved path that runs alongside a river. The person in the foreground is wearing a bright green long-sleeved shirt and a yellow and black helmet. The person in the background is wearing a pink shirt and a dark cap. In the distance, across the river, there is a large industrial facility with several tall smokestacks and buildings under a grey, overcast sky.

The river parishes of Louisiana have long been exploited, from plantations to the petrochemical companies of today. Industry chokes the region as slavery once did, but there have always been those who stand up to injustice. As local grassroots activist Margie Richard said, **“If my ancestors could stand up to slavery, I can surely stand up to Shell.”**

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Join Sheila on the LABB’s Down by the River Bike Ride and trace the line of resistance from yesterday to today.

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