A winding path home

More than 80,000 homes in Louisiana were damaged last year by floods in March and August. Across the Baton Rouge area, families are returning to restored houses swamped by the August waters. But many others are just getting started or remain stalled. They wait on flood insurance payments and contractors or hope a new state rebuilding program can help them.

Here are some of their stories from three flooded areas in East Baton Rouge Parish:

Work is slow but sure on John Pace’s home on Debit Drive in the Old Jefferson subdivision of Baton Rouge. The house took on 6 feet of water during August flooding.