

MEDIA ADVISORY

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LA SAFE ANNOUNCES INITIAL PLANNING SESSION DATES

Citizens invited to plan for changing coastlines

LA SAFE is launching a planning process to develop a common vision with coastal residents intended to guide parish-specific decision-making in coming decades relative to projected future flood risks throughout the region. The process is kicking off with six parish-specific meetings hosted by the Louisiana Office of Community Development's Disaster Recovery Unit, in partnership with the Foundation for Louisiana's Coastal Resilience Leverage Fund and the elected leadership of the parish. The planning process is a key step in the implementation of LA SAFE, a \$40 million initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Once plans are developed, the LA SAFE team will use the balance of funds to invest in proposed programs and projects within the 6-parish area. LA SAFE is a community-focused resilience and adaptation framework designed to complement the state's Coastal Master Plan.

Representatives of OCD-DRU, FFL and the project team will be present at these meetings to work with citizens to begin discussing how their communities can best adapt and develop in the future. The LA SAFE team encourages all interested parties to attend.

PARISH-SPECIFIC SESSION DETAILS (in order of meeting occurrence)

Plaquemines Parish

Monday, March 27: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Port Sulphur YMCA
278 Civic Drive, Port Sulphur

Terrebonne Parish

Tuesday, March 28: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center
346 Civic Center Drive, Houma

Jefferson Parish

Wednesday, March 29: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The Alario Center
2000 Segnette Blvd., Westwego

St. John the Baptist Parish

Thursday, March 30: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Parish Community Center
2900 U.S. Hwy. 51, LaPlace

Lafourche Parish

Tuesday, April 4: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Mathews Government Complex
4876 La. Hwy. 1, Mathews

St. Tammany Parish

Wednesday, April 5: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Northshore High School Library
100 Panther Drive, Slidell

The LA SAFE team will give a pair of brief presentations alongside resident-facilitated activities and discussions during the meetings. Each meeting offers similar content with additional parish-specific information. Learn more about this initiative at LASAFE.la.gov.

Anyone requiring special assistance due to a disability to participate in a meeting, or who requires child care or transportation to attend, should contact the Foundation for Louisiana at 225.772.1372 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

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