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Louisiana's Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments

OVERVIEW /

A community-centered adaptation planning process piloting in 6 coastal Louisiana parishes: *St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Jefferson, Terrebonne, Lafourche, & Plaquemines*

RESOURCES /

\$40M HUD Grant to Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD) for parishes with unmet needs from Hurricane Isaac in 2012; additional support from Foundation for Louisiana; continued efforts to leverage and expand resources.

FOCUS ON ADAPTATION /

Complementing past and current planning efforts through value-added process oriented around future flood risk and vulnerability, predicted land loss, population shifts and economic changes.

CO-DESIGNED WITH COMMUNITY /

Our Co-design process invites all community stakeholders to the table early and often, through an iterative meeting process. Residents will work together to recommend and hone plans *before* any final decisions are made.

PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, & POLICY /

- Identify and prioritize programs that will help facilitate adaptation and support community needs
- Plan and prioritize projects for each Parish based on environmental risk factors, economic sense, and social/cultural benefits
- Develop policies that incentivize growth in higher ground, safer area

OUTCOMES /

- Inspire innovation
- Create and grow new economies
- Reduce economic and social risk
- Enhance quality of life
- Prepare lower-risk areas for population growth
- Improve mobility and transportation
- Build community knowledge & capacity

How can we make this better? Please send questions or comments to **Mathew Sanders**

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