

# *Vision* 2030



*Building Sustainable Communities*

**Community Presentations – March, 2012**



# Acknowledgement

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# **WELCOME EVERYONE!**

**Terrebonne Parish  
Planning Director  
Patrick Gordon**

# **Acknowledgement and Introduction of Elected Officials, Planning Commission, and Steering Committee Members Present**

## Purpose of Plan...

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To prepare to **respond** to coming changes that will present both **opportunities** and **challenges** so that we can **achieve** the goals that will build ***resiliency*** ***and sustainability*** into our **future**.

# PROGRESS TO DATE...

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- ❖ Parish adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2004; committed to 5 year review cycle and update as necessary, based on change.
- ❖ What has changed?
  - Most recommendations from 2004 Plan completed
  - 2005 and 2008 storms accelerated change
  - Continued population shifts from South Terrebonne to North Terrebonne Parish
  - Changing population dynamics; More “Seniors” next 20 yrs.
  - Completion of Phases I and II of Plan Update November 2009
  - 1<sup>st</sup> round of Community Meetings last summer

# Getting Involved

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## ❖ Community Meetings:

- Parish-wide Kick-Off Meeting-May 2011
- Round 1 Community Input Sessions in 2011:
  - ❖ *JULY 7 – Dularge Gym*
  - ❖ *JULY 12 - Chauvin Gym*
  - ❖ *JULY 14 - Municipal Auditorium*
  - ❖ *JULY 19 - Bayou Black Gym*
  - ❖ *July 26 - Schriever Gym*
  - ❖ *July 28 - Montegut Gym*
  - ❖ *August 2 - East Houma Gym*
  - ❖ *August 4 - Grand Caillou Gym*
- Round 2 Community Input Sessions: Spring 2012
- Parish-wide Draft Plan Review: Late Spring/Early Summer

# Terrebonne's Future: Your Ideas

- ✓ Terrebonne is...“a wonderful Parish with abundant seafood and clean water for fishing and scenic enjoyment; a Parish where the land and marshes have been restored to sustain agriculture and fishing.”
- ✓ “Terrebonne Parish has beautiful parks, and boating facilities allow residents and visitors to take advantage of scenic outdoors. The Parish is beautiful, free of litter. People are concerned about not “trashing” the outdoors.”

## FUTURE...(continued)

- ✓ “(Priorities should be) preserving our culture and our heritage, saving our land, and protecting the bayou communities. Mitigation banks (should be) owned by the parish. The barrier islands (should be) restored, and (we should have) marsh restoration instead of mitigation dollars.”
- ✓ Terrebonne Parish is “...a work in progress” ...and what is seen “...today is a mix of yesterday being restored and tomorrow being improved.”

## FUTURE (more)...

- ✓ Terrebonne Parish is considered “...a ‘working coast.’ We have beautiful wetlands and barrier islands with great ecological importance, but we utilize the landscape through navigation, oil and gas production and commercial fisheries. [Our] culture, as well as the economics in Terrebonne Parish, is tied closely to the environment.”
  
- ✓ “Terrebonne Parish is not a place; it is a State of Mind.”

***IT DEFINES WHO AND WHAT WE ARE.***

# TOPIC AREAS YOU DISCUSSED

- **PARISH SERVICES/INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT/LAND USE**
- **HOUSING**
- **TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION**
- **FLOODING/DRAINAGE/LEVEES**
- **COASTAL/MARSH RESTORATION; RELATED ISSUES**
- **RECREATION/PARKS**
- **QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES**
- **SCHOOLS/EDUCATION**
- **CULTURE/HERITAGE**
- **NATURAL RESOURCES/ECONOMY**
- **DOWNTOWN HOUMA**
- **ENVIRONMENT**
- **SUSTAINABILITY/RESILIENCY**

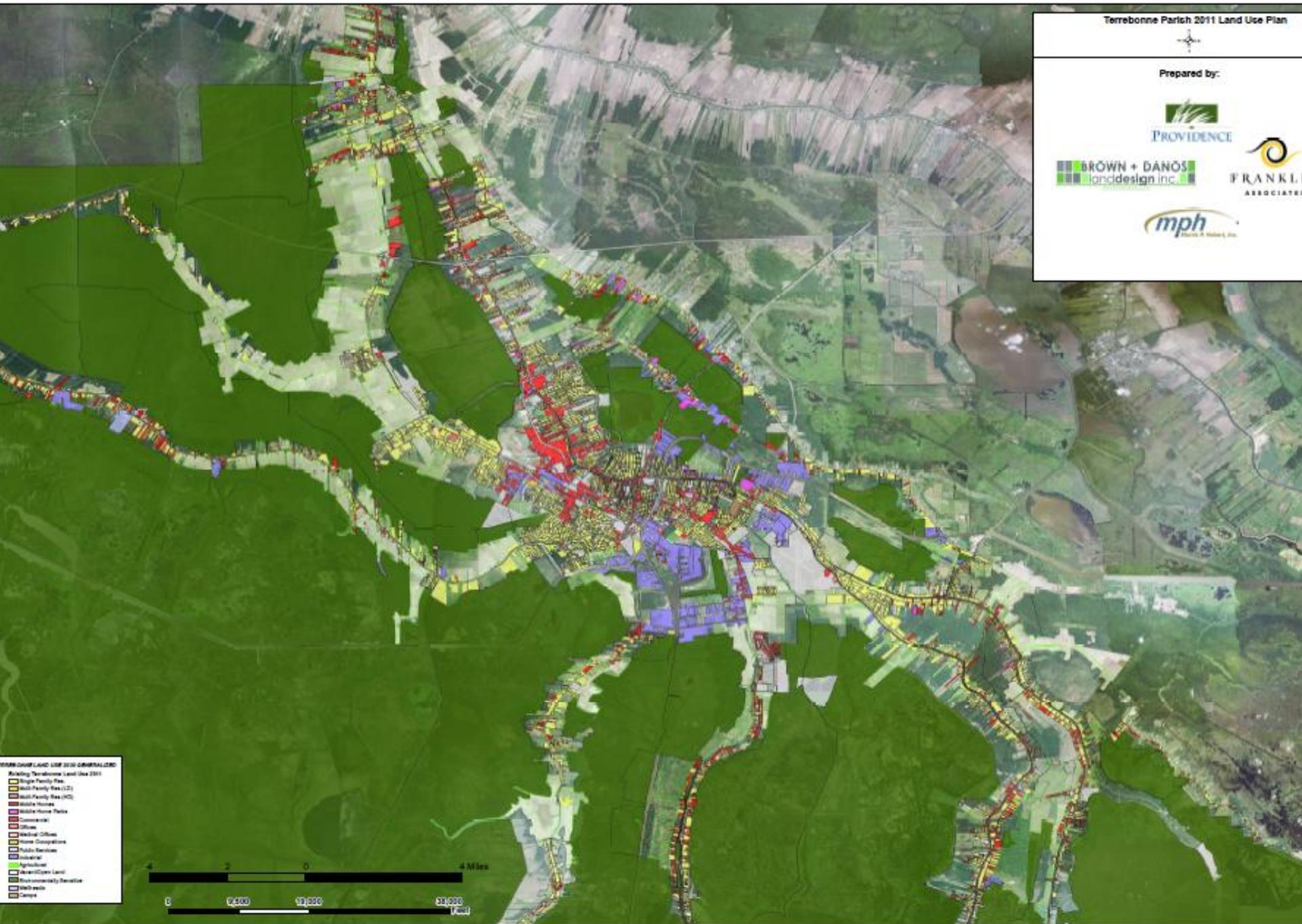
# **PLAN'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES...**

- 1. Sense of Place and Connectedness**
- 2. Safe and Efficient Transportation System**
- 3. Efficient and Attractively Varied Land Uses**
- 4. A Sustainable Community Through Avoidance of Hazards, Nuisances, and Environmental Degradation**
- 5. High-Quality Infill Projects and Redevelopment throughout Parish.**
- 6. Effective Public Services and Facilities**

# **SUMMARY OF PLAN (draft) RECOMMENDATIONS**



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- 2011 TERREBONNE LAND USE PLAN**
- Single Family Res.
  - Multi-Family Res. (2)
  - Multi-Family Res. (4)
  - Mobile Homes
  - Mobile Home Parks
  - Commercial
  - Offices
  - Medical Offices
  - Home Occupations
  - Public Services
  - Industrial
  - Agricultural
  - Open Space Land
  - Environmentally Sensitive
  - Wetlands
  - Other



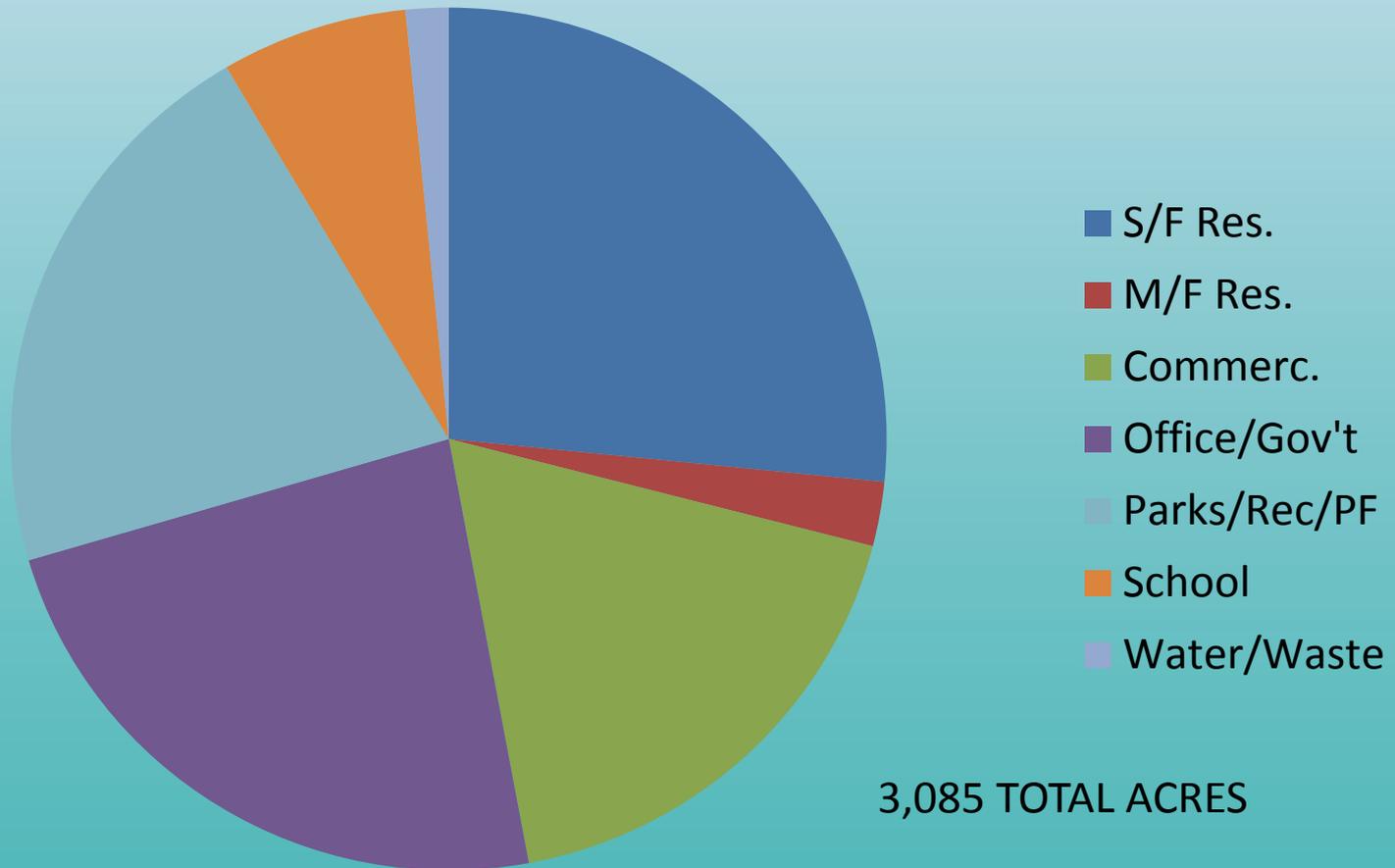
# Land Use “Drivers”

- Intra-parish population shifts
- Changes in parish population composition next 20 yrs:
  - 0-19 cohort: increasing by 4%; but steadily decreasing % of total pop.(29% to 27%)
  - Females 20-44 cohort: decreasing by 4%; decreasing as % of total pop. and as % of all females
  - 20-64 cohort: increasing by 2%; but steadily decreasing % of total pop. (60% to 56%)
  - 65+ cohort: increasing by 51%; and increasing % of total pop. ( 11% to 16%)
  - Total parish population expected to grow about 8% next 20 years (previous 20 yrs. @ 15+%). Fastest growing segment next 20 years: SENIORS

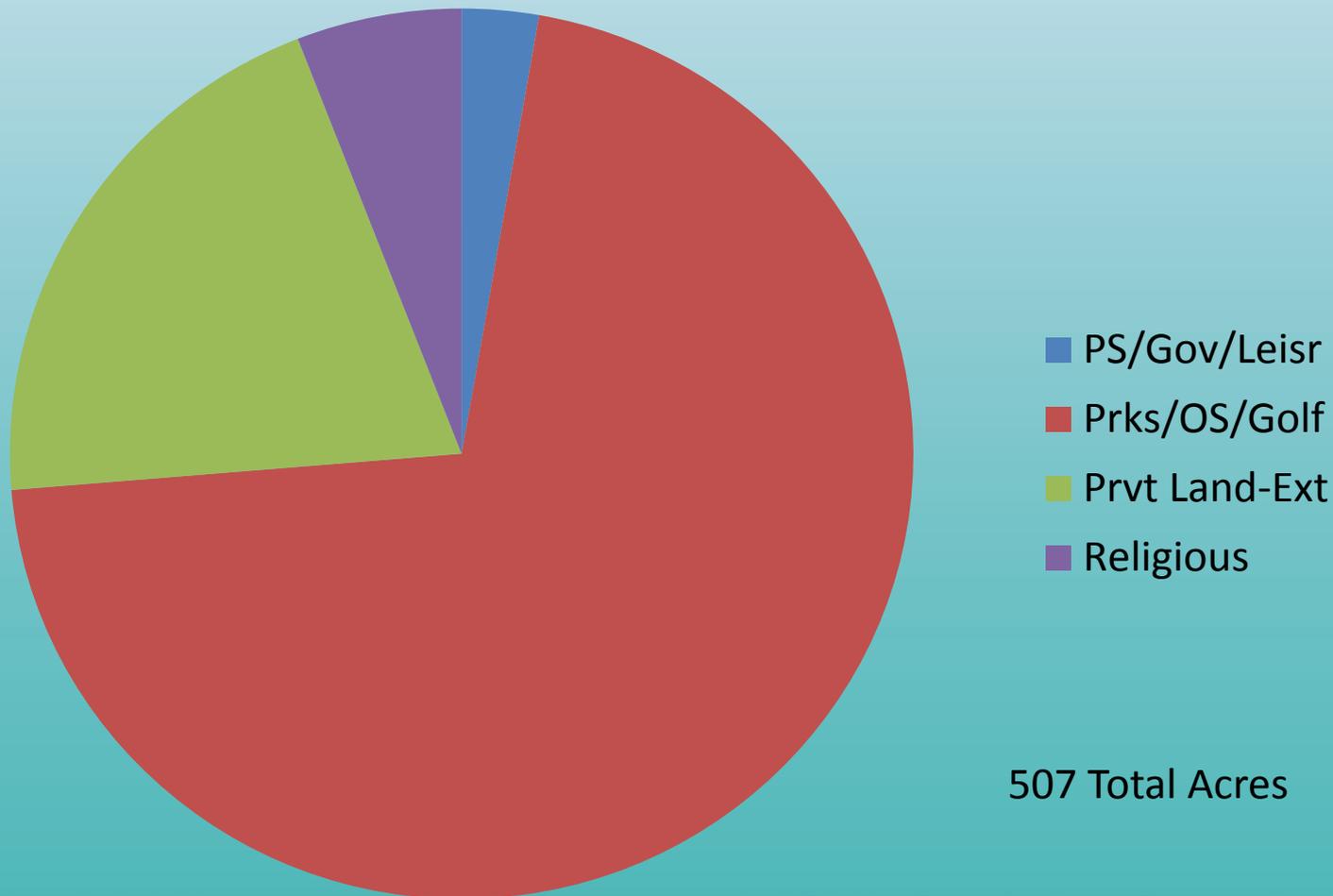
# Additional Land Use Needs as per Model NEXT 20 YEARS...

- **Residential: 698 acres.**
  - S/F: 640 ac.
  - M/F: 58 ac.
- Commercial/Retail: 435 ac.
- **Industrial: 678 ac.**
- Office/Government: 563 ac.
- Parks/Open Space/Trails/Pub. Facilities: 507 ac.
- Public/Private E&S Schools: 166 ac.
- Water/Wastewater Capacity: 38 ac.
- **TOTAL 2030 NEW L/U needs: 3,085 ac. (+/-5.6% of land avail. for developep.)**

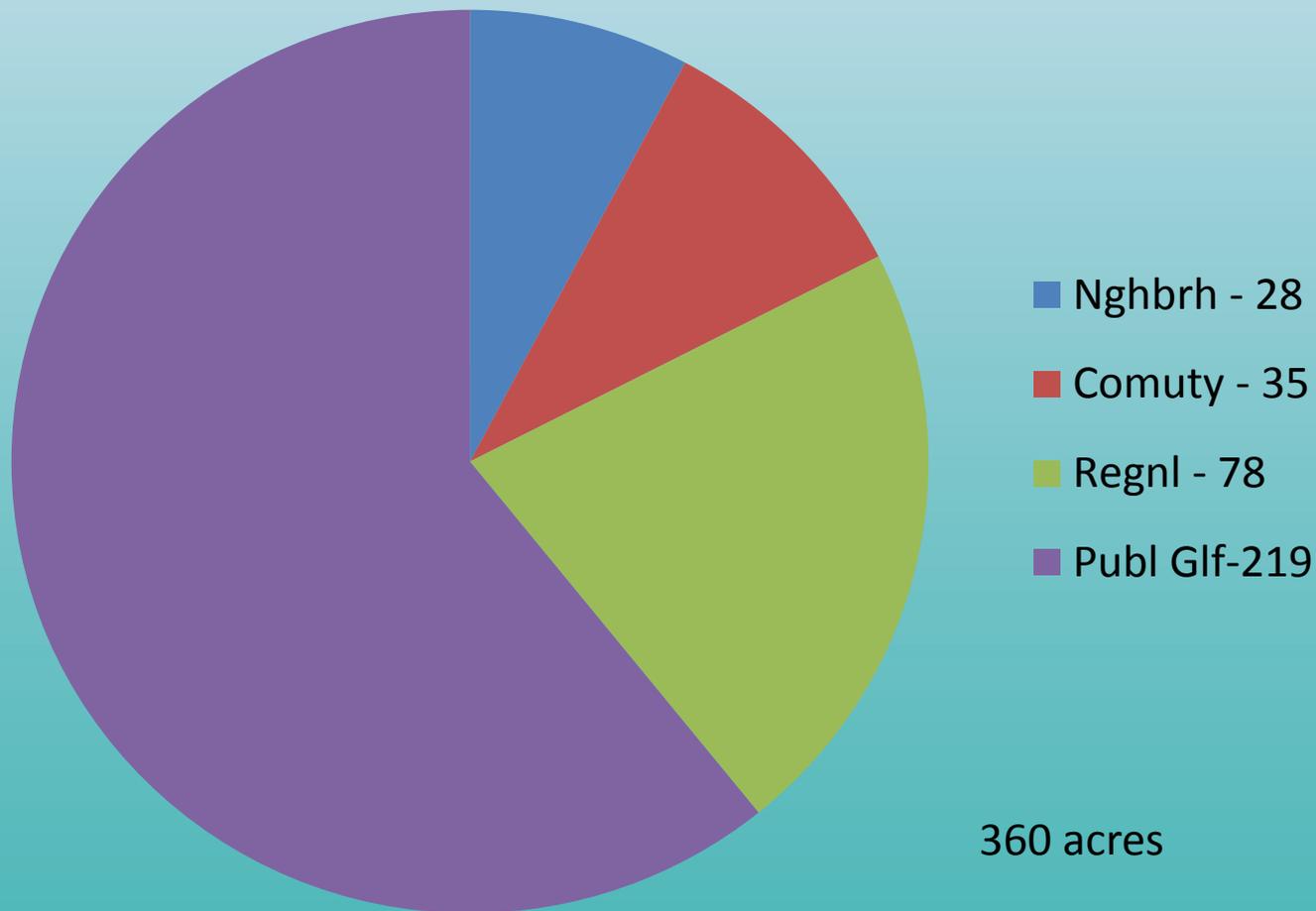
## Projected 20-yr Land Use Needs in Acres



## 20-yr. Projected Parks/Open Space in Acres



## Parks/Open Space Types in Acres

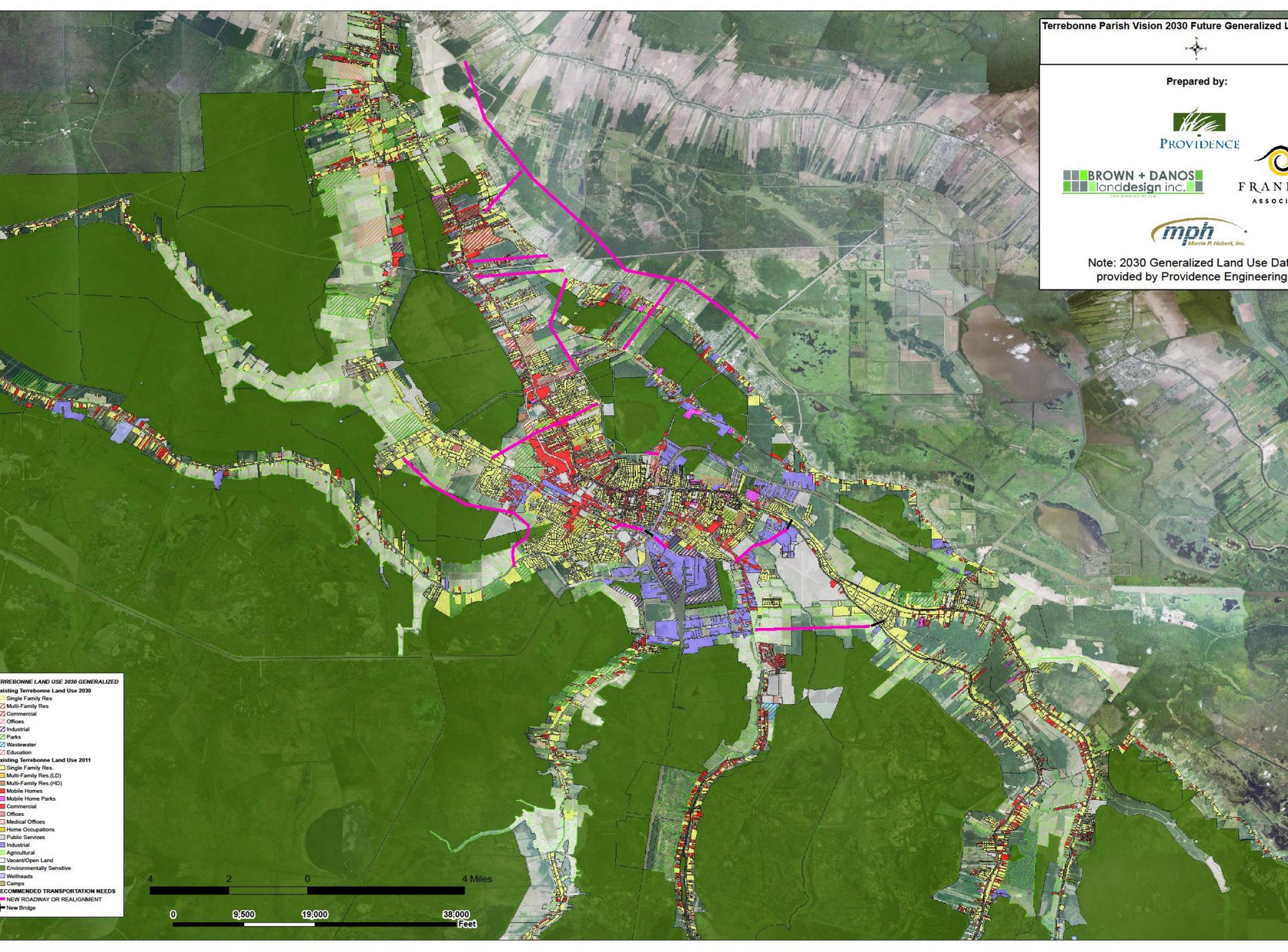




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Note: 2030 Generalized Land Use Data provided by Providence Engineering



- TERREBONNE LAND USE 2030 GENERALIZED**
- Existing Terrebonne Land Use 2030
    - Single Family Res
    - Multi-Family Res
    - Commercial
    - Offices
    - Industrial
    - Parks
    - Wastewater
    - Education
  - Existing Terrebonne Land Use 2011
    - Single Family Res
    - Multi-Family Res (LD)
    - Multi-Family Res (FD)
    - Mobile Homes
    - Mobile Home Parks
    - Commercial
    - Offices
    - Medical Offices
    - Home Occupations
    - Public Services
    - Industrial
    - Agricultural
    - Vacant/Open Land
    - Environmentally Sensitive
    - Wellheads
    - Camps
  - ECOMMENDED TRANSPORTATION NEEDS
    - NEW ROADWAY OR REALIGNMENT
    - New Bridge



# LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Generally, extend land use regulations in the direction of growth when DZ reaches 25% development
2. Extend land use regulations now from existing up to one mile beyond U.S. 90 ROW at LA 311 and LA 24 Couplet.
3. Extend land use regulations from US 90 north to parish boundary as additional development reaches 25% mark.
4. Amend zoning ordinance to permit one additional lot per net acre in s/f residential classifications
5. Amend zoning ordinance to allow accessory dwellings in residential classifications
6. Amend s/d regs. to require sidewalks and pedestrian/bicycle connectivity in new development

# TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In general and in conjunction with SCPDC, work to implement the recommendations in MTP 2035:
  - Roadway Preservation and Rehabilitation:
    - funding priority to preserve existing system
  - Transportation Demand Management:
    - Cost –effective ways to reduce number of vehicles on road; reducing traffic congestion; improving air quality
  - Traffic Operations Improvements:
    - Increasing efficiency of system: signalization; access management; turn lanes/prohibitions; truck routes
  - Public Transportation and other Non-Traditional Modes:
    - Transit; pedestrian and bicycle improvements; “Complete Streets”, connectivity
  - Intelligent Transportation System: incident management; emergency response; work zone management; travel and weather information
  - Roadway Capacity Improvements: addressing forecasted deficiencies; staged improvements and funding

# TRANSPORTATION CONSTRAINTS

- **Air quality:** marginal ozone non-attainment (potential)
- **Funding:** not all improvements can be funded; “fiscally constrained; unfunded, but needed improvements remain (actual)

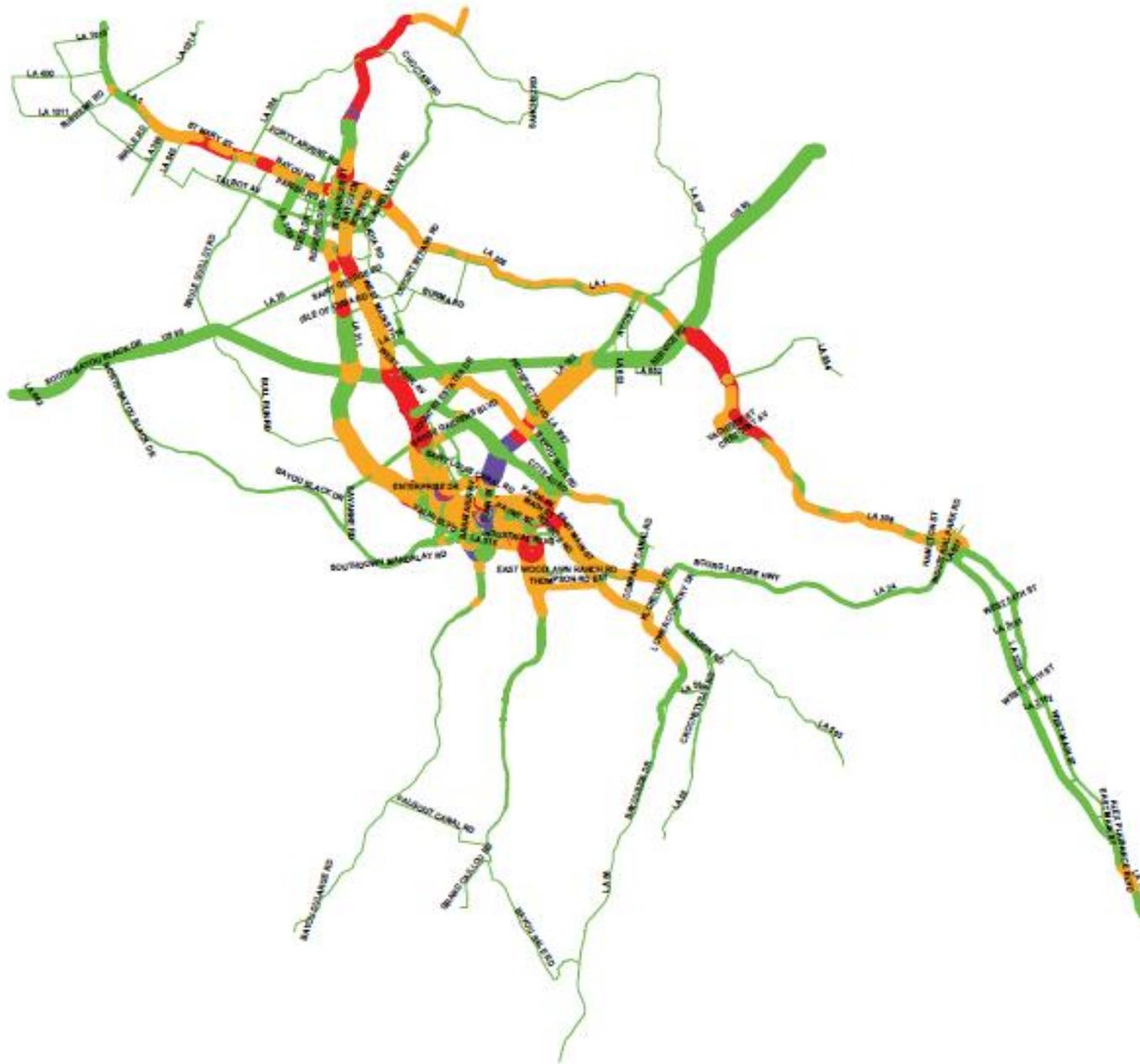
## In addition to above MTP 2035

### Recommendations, Plan Update Emphasizes...

1. **Transit system improvements:** movement toward capturing the “choice” rider to get more vehicles off street: high reliability; shorter wait times
2. **“Complete Streets” implementation:** streets designed to safely accommodate ALL users (drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles/users)
3. **Connectivity improvements:** facilitating pedestrian/bicycle travel safely and seamlessly (can reduce need for some roadway capacity projects; money can be spent on other related needs.)
4. **Land use policy adjustments:** less sprawl; in-fill development; connectivity between developments; development regulations to de-emphasize reliance on auto for trip-making needs.

# Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Transportati 2035

Figure 2-10  
2035 Stage 3 VOC M



## LEGEND

**Volume/Capacity**

- 0.00 to 0.50
- 0.60 to 0.75
- 0.75 to 1.00
- 1.00 to 10.00
- Other

**Vehicle Flows**

30000 16000 7500

0 3 6

Miles

Stage 3 Network

Source: NSI

Prepared for:



Prepared by:



In Association with:



# Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Transportation 2035

Figure 2-11

Vision Plan

## LEGEND

- Study Area
- Parish Lines
- Improvement
- Widen Add 2 Lane
- New 2 Lane
- New 4 Lane
- Reconstruction
- Local Connector
- New Bridge
- Replace Bridge
- New Interchang

Source: NSI

Prepared for:



Houma-Thibodaux  
**MPO**

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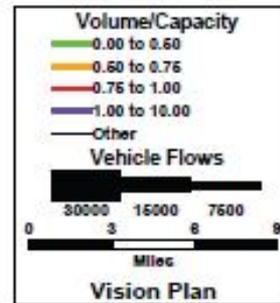
**ALLIANCE**  
Transportation Group

**TBS** T. BAKER SMITH  
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# Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Transportation 2035

Figure 2-12  
2035 Vision Plan VOC Map

## LEGEND



Source: NSI



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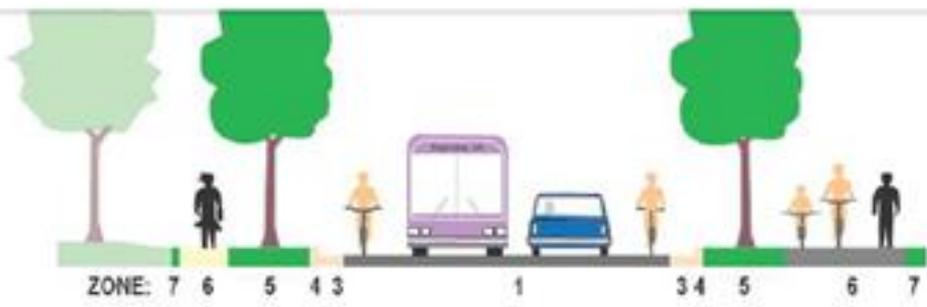


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**ART (2a)**  
 Zone 1: Travel - 28' (11' lanes w/striped bike lanes)  
 Zone 2: Parking - 0'  
 Zone 3: Gutter/Drainage - 4'  
 Zone 4: Curb - 1'  
 Zone 5: Planter/Utilities - 14'  
 Zone 6: Pedestrian - 15' (5'/10')  
 Zone 7: ROW Edge - 3' (6"/2'-6")  
**Total ROW: 65'**



**ART (4a)**  
 Zone 1: Travel - 50'  
 (11' lanes w/striped bike lanes)  
 Zone 2: Parking - 0'  
 Zone 3: Gutter/Drainage - 4'  
 Zone 4: Curb - 2'  
 Zone 5: Planter/Utilities - 31' (8'/15'/8')  
 Zone 6: Pedestrian - 15' (5'/10')  
 Zone 7: ROW Edge - 3' (6"/2'-6")  
**Total ROW: 105'**

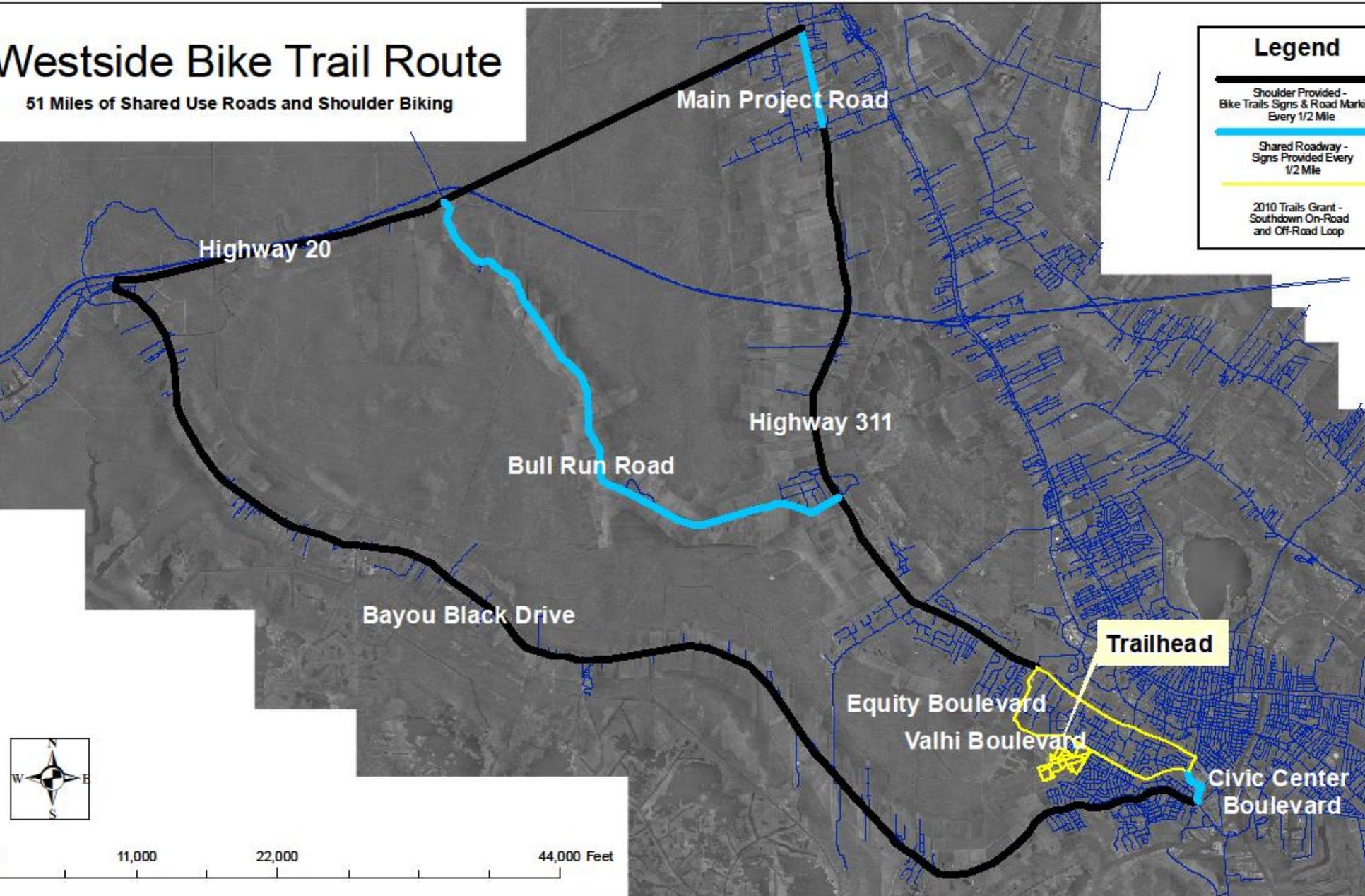
ZONE: 7 6 5 4 3 1 4 5 4 1 3 4 5 6 7 **ART (6a)**





# Westside Bike Trail Route

51 Miles of Shared Use Roads and Shoulder Biking



## Legend

Shoulder Provided -  
Bike Trails Signs & Road Markings  
Every 1/2 Mile

Shared Roadway -  
Signs Provided Every  
1/2 Mile

2010 Trails Grant -  
Southdown On-Road  
and Off-Road Loop

# HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Housing policies (and market response) should begin to reflect demographic shifts over next 10 to 15 years:**
  - Seniors ('46-'64)– changing lifestyles (more convenience; ease and walkability; ok with higher densities; suburban subdivisions not first choice for seniors)
  - Gen Y ('81-'00) – less auto dependent by choice; ok with higher density; more urban; less interested in “traditional” homeowner chores)
  - Aggressive CRS program to reduce flood insurance premiums
  - Elevate, Elevate, Elevate!
- **Get creative in meeting affordable housing needs:**
  - Public/private/non-profit partnerships for afford. housing developmts.
  - Remove policy barriers to HUD-Code manufactured housing
  - Promote infill development at higher densities in urbanized area
  - Reduce minimum lot size to yield one additional lot per net acre
  - Allow accessory dwelling units in residential areas

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**Terrebonne Parish  
Comprehensive Plan**



**Policies for the Built Environment:  
Essential Community Design Element  
Update**

**February 14, 2012**

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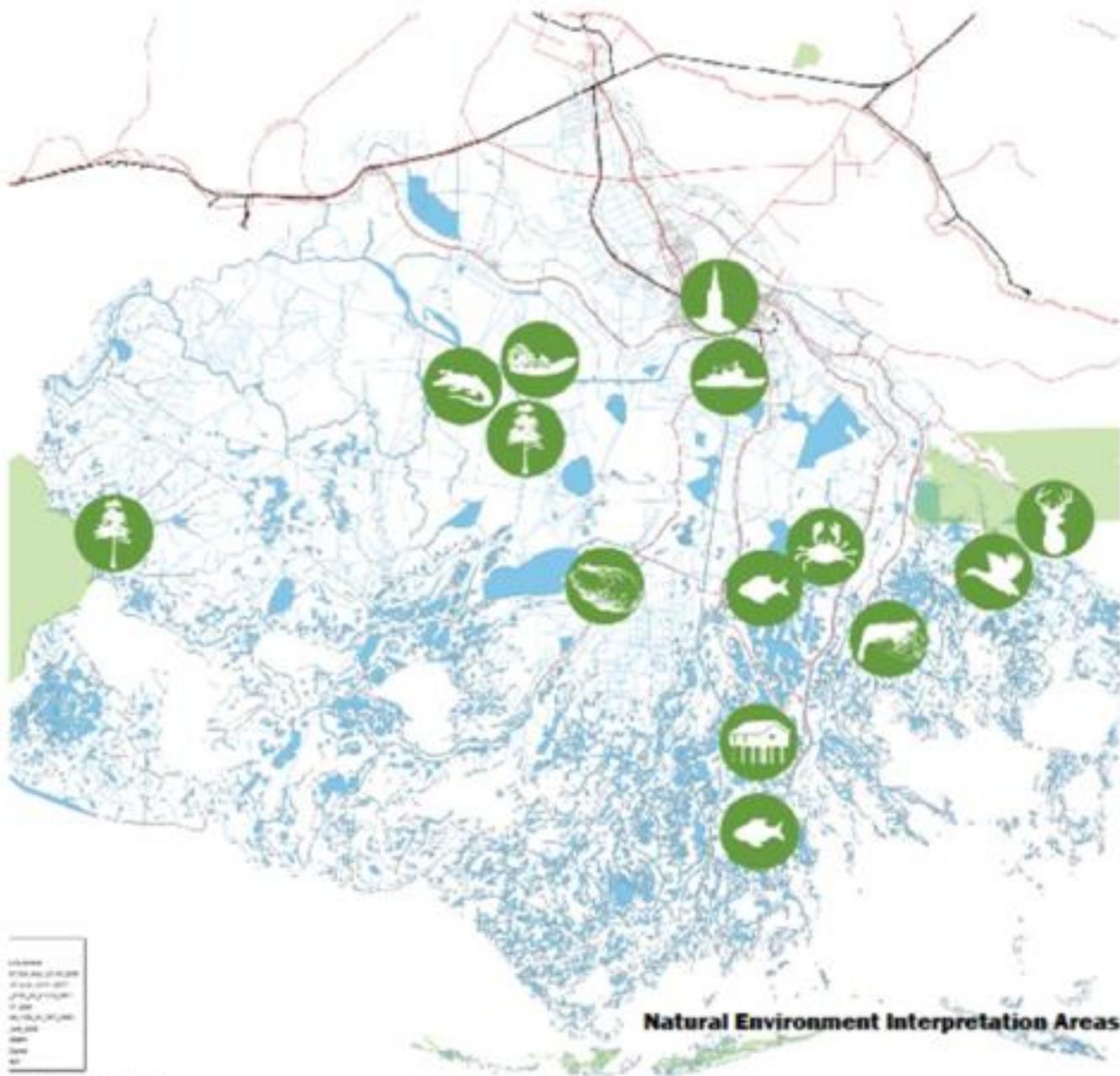


- **Preserve the Natural Environment**
  - Protect environmentally sensitive areas
  - Improve and protect water quality
  - Protect and enhance wildlife habitat
  - Provide interpretation
- **Strengthen the Parish's Identity and Brand**
  - Create identity gateways into the Parish
  - Make Bayou Terrebonne an attraction
  - Protect historical assets throughout the Parish
  - Feature cultural assets
  - Develop a wayfinding system throughout the Parish
  - Clean up blighted properties
- **Enhance Recreational Opportunities**
  - Provide more recreational opportunities in rural areas
  - Develop ecotourism and educational tourism
  - Provide ecological opportunities for visitors
  - Share sports facilities between communities and schools
  - Expand planned pedestrian and bicycle trail system

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- Protect & enhance environmentally sensitive areas
- Improve and protect water quality
- Provide interpretation of the Terrebonne Parish natural environment



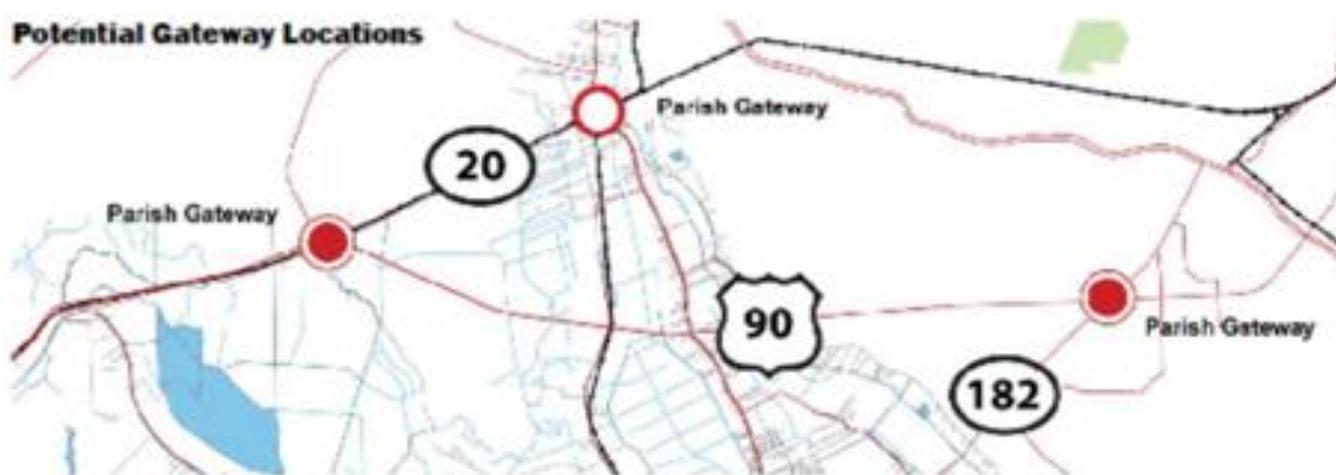
Natural Environment Interpretation Areas

**Goal 1: Preserve the Natural Environment**



- Create identity gateways into the Parish
- Make Bayou Terrebonne an attraction
- Protect historical assets
- Feature cultural assets
- Develop a wayfinding system
- Clean up blighted properties

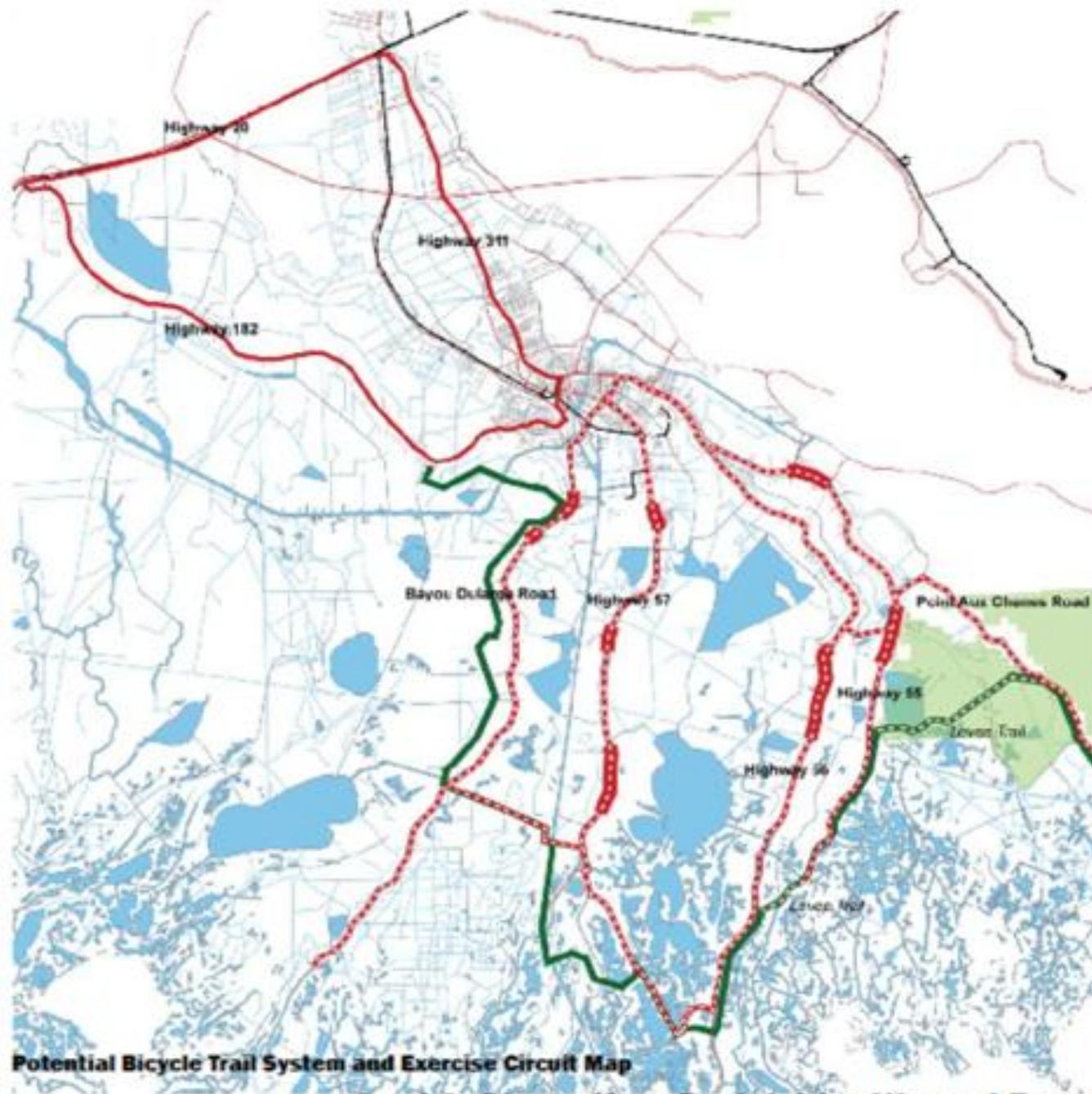
## Potential Gateway Locations



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- Provide more recreational opportunities in rural areas
- Develop ecotourism and educational tourism
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- Expand planned pedestrian and bicycle trail system



Potential Bicycle Trail System and Exercise Circuit Map

Goal 3: Strengthen Parish Identity and Brand

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- Provide more recreational opportunities in rural areas
- Develop ecotourism and educational tourism
- Share sports facilities between communities and schools
- Expand planned pedestrian and bicycle trail system

**Potential Bicycle Trailhead**



# ENVIRONMENTAL AND HAZARD MITIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS

## Areas of Concern:

- Air quality issues
- Water quality issues
- Coastal erosion; land loss issues
- Coastal development issues relative to storm surge, sea level rise
- Sustainability (less reliance on federal disaster funds; environmentally sound) and resiliency (recovering more quickly after disasters/storms) issues. “Sustainable development is resilient development.”
- On-going hazard mitigation (structural and non-structural)
- Protection of environmentally sensitive areas; greenways

# ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

## CONTINUED

- **Air Quality:**
  - Establish/publicize Ozone Action Days; brochure
  - Public education; potential costs of non-attainment
  - Emphasize transit; work with employers
  - Look for ways to reduce VMTs in community
- **Water Quality:**
  - Support BTNEP's efforts reduce sewage pollution, reduce agricultural pollution; best practices in storm water management in the region
  - Support efforts to accomplish these objectives in Terrebonne Parish
- **Coastal Issues:**
  - Support integration of coastal restoration/protection, land development, state, local/regional infrastructure investments. Must be on same page to support each other; effective planning
  - Greater safety from storms; comprehensive approach to restoration and protection.



# Downtown Houma Revitalization Plan Update



View looking north down Roussel Street

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- New truck circulation
- New vehicular circulation
- New pedestrian and cyclist circulation



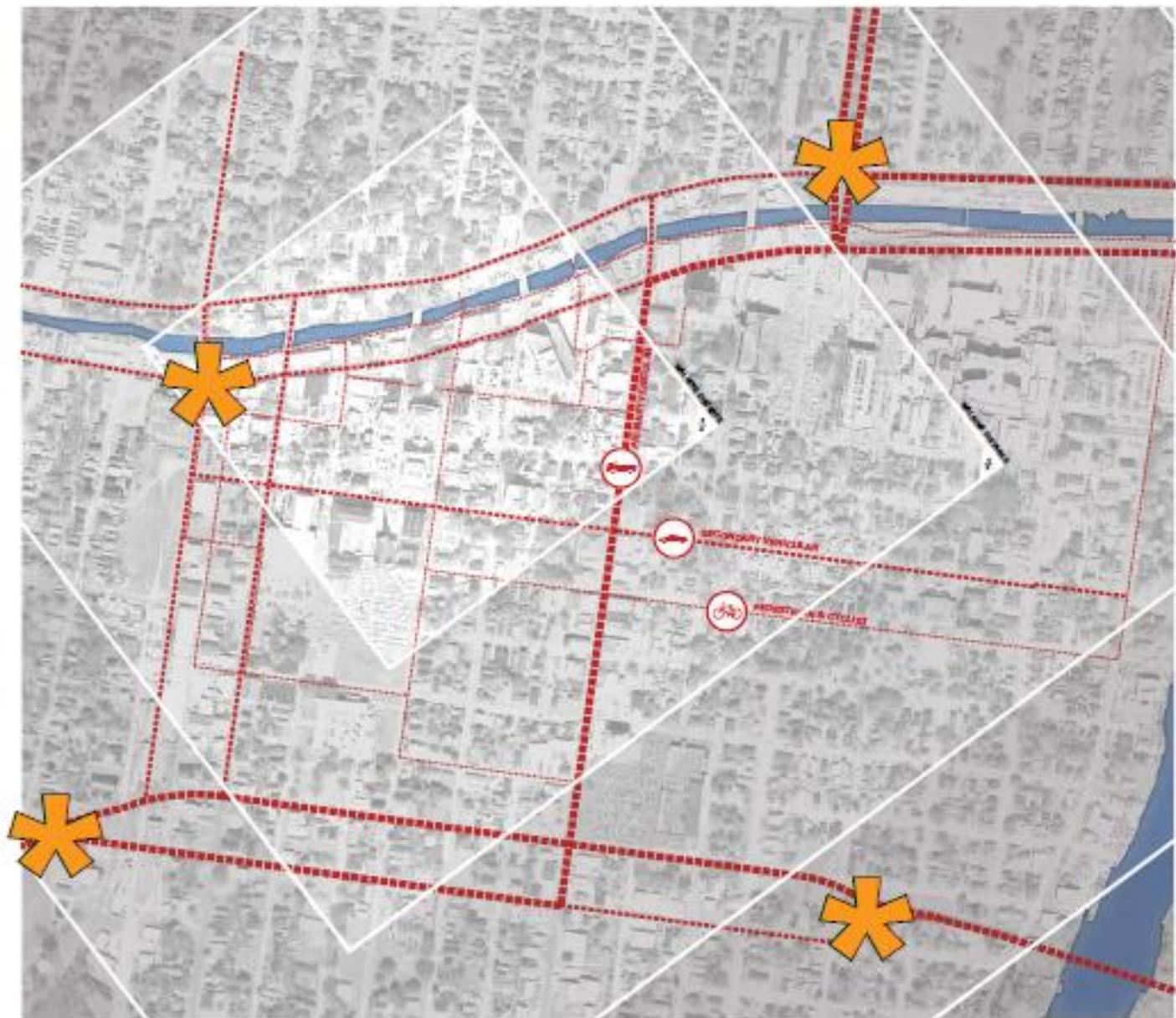


View looking east down Main Street



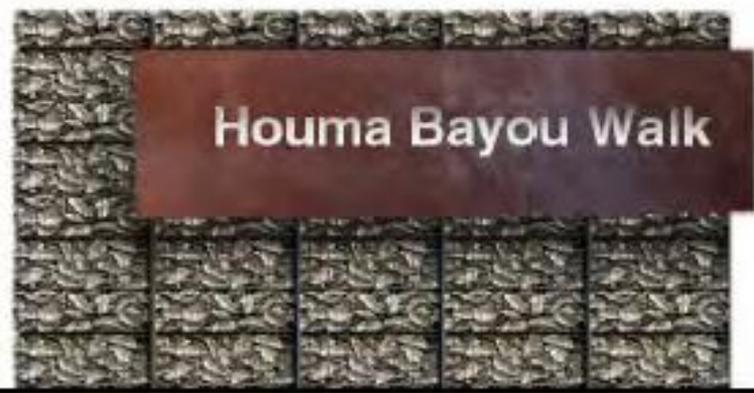
## Gateway Signage

- Key intersections
- Arrival into the downtown area





- Entry signage
- Culturally significant
- Critically placed
- Unique to Houma



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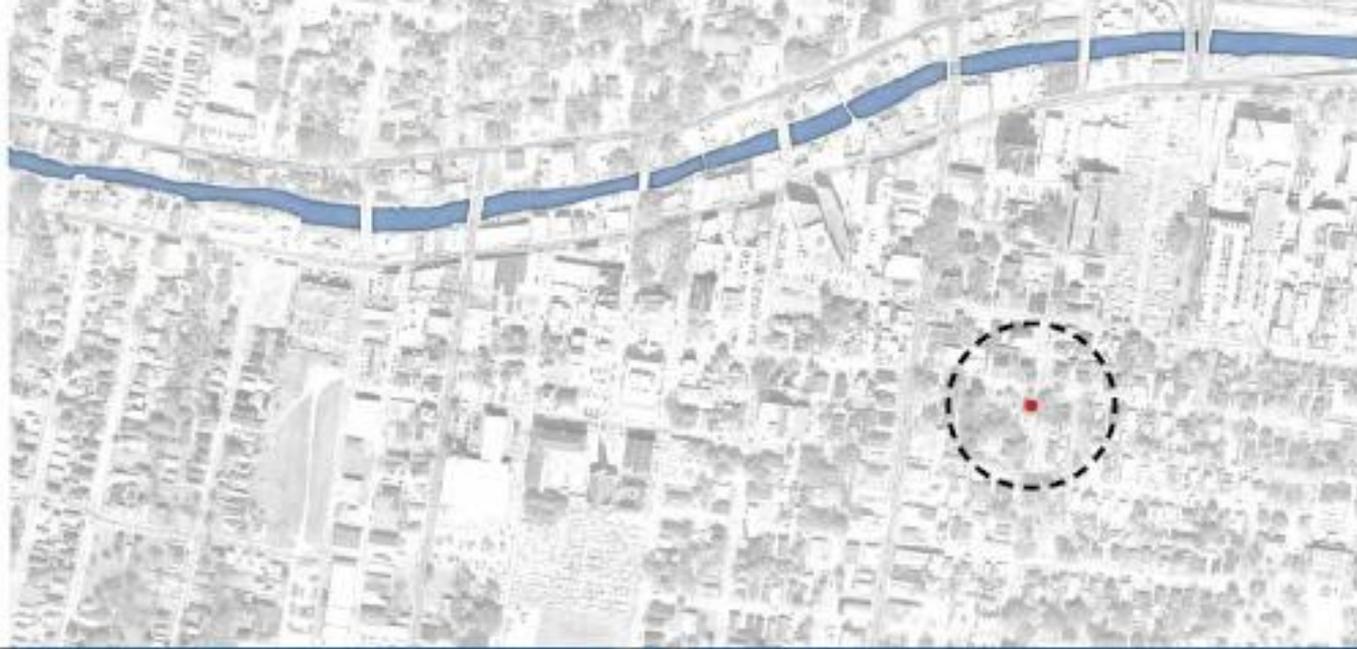
- Lack of streetscape
- Lack of separation between pedestrians and vehicular traffic
- Lacking of wayfinding signage

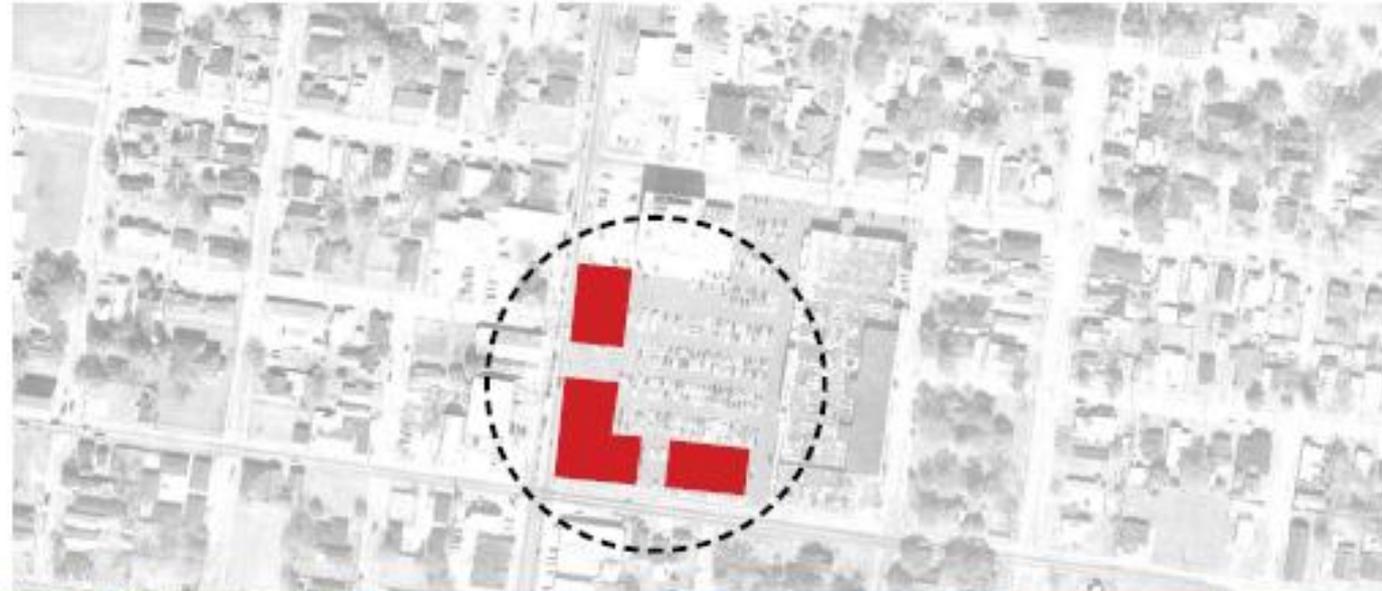






- No pedestrian zone
- Unsightly parking
- Barren walkways
- No shade





Streetscape enhancements looking north on Barrow Street

# PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS

- Police and Fire Departments**
  - Ensure adequate funding to meet changing needs over the planning horizon
- Sheriff's Department**
  - Jail/Detention facility expansion; adequately flood-proof location or relocate
  - Consider substations in other areas of the parish
- Public Library**
  - High quality facilities and services; well positioned for future
- Recreation**
  - More parks; connected greenway system; trails
- Drinking Water**
  - Future appears to be with BLFWD membership for reasonably priced reliable source
- Wastewater Treatment**
  - Excess capacity to handle growth, but future additional improvements could be mandated by DEQ; key element of environmental safety and quality

# REGIONAL COORDINATION RECOMMENDATIONS

**Work regionally to address and solve these issues:**

- 1. Solid waste disposal** (united for better deal at River Birch facility; or go it individually? OR, regional landfill?)
- 2. Potable water:** BLFWD (in or out? If out, securing good water at reasonable cost)
- 3. Transportation:** I-49 South; LA 1; North-South Corridor Route
- 4. Drainage issues**
- 5. Regional transit system** (opportunity to connect Terrebonne, Lafourche, River Parishes with Metro New Orleans area)
- 6. Regional economy/workforce**
- 7. Air/water quality**
- 8. Hurricane evacuation**

**PLAYERS:** All parishes in region; Chambers of Commerce; SCIA; TEDA; coordinated through SCPDC

# NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN

## Group Discussion of Plan's *Goals and Policies* (see handout)

1. Review the Goals and Policies
2. Circle Goals and Policies most important to you
3. Break into small groups and discuss and try to reach consensus.
4. Take no more than 20 minutes; appointed Group Discussion Leader will share your important goals and policies

# Vision 2030 Timeline

<b>Parish-wide Kickoff</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
<b>Round 1 Community Sessions</b>	<b>Summer 2011</b>
<b>Round 2 Community Sessions</b>	<b>Spring 2012</b>
<b>Parish-wide Draft Plan Review</b>	<b>Summer/Fall 2012</b>
<b>Planning Commission Adoption</b>	<b>Late Fall 2012</b>
<b>Parish Council Acceptance</b>	<b>Winter 2012</b>

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Community Meetings

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- ❖ Schriever Gym – March 8
- ❖ Municipal Auditorium – March 13
- ❖ East Houma Gym – March 15
- ❖ Chauvin Gym – March 20
- ❖ Grand Caillou Gym – March 22

**All Meetings begin at 6:00pm.**

# Staying Informed

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- Steering Committee Meetings
  - Next meeting is April 10, 2012
- Planning Commission Meetings
- Parish Council Meetings
- Parish Website [www.tpcg.org/vision2030](http://www.tpcg.org/vision2030)
- Email Updates
- Facebook
- Media:
  - HTV's *Bayou Time* Program (viewer call-in)
  - Letters to Editor in response to newspaper coverage
- Phone Reminders

# Questions

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**THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.  
PLEASE STAY INVOLVED TO MOVE TERREBONNE FORWARD!**

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**Vision 2030: Terrebonne Parish**

