

Downtown Lake Charles
WHAT IS TO BE DONE:
Executive Summary

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1. Prepare Legislation

2. Establish Policy & Management

3. Design Civic Infrastructure

4. Begin Construction

5. Undertake Subsequent Tasks

1. Prepare Legislation

- a. Pass the Downtown Lake Charles Recovery Resolutions

2. Establish Policy & Management

- a. Form the Lake Charles Corporation
- b. Unburden from legislation the City's Lakefront area; from North Beach to the Civic Center South
- c. Create the Lakefront Downtown Economic Development District
- d. Expand the TIF
- e. Form a strategic partnership with the Calcasieu Parish Recovery Authority

2. Establish Policy & Management

- f. Adopt a SmartCode for the downtown
- g. Develop a Downtown Commercial Strategy
- h. Perform an engineering feasibility study of the three canal proposals and finalize the master plan
- i. Establish and manage the recovery of Downtown

3. Design Civic Infrastructure

- a. Design waterfront parks and promenades
- b. Design the streetscape of new and existing Downtown streets
- c. Design parking garages to support surrounding urbanism
- d. Design the marina south of the Civic Center

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- e. Design a new transit hub in the Downtown area
- f. Design the service road system flanking I-10
- g. Design the Americas Wetland Discovery Center
- h. Design the renovation of the Civic Center; inside and out

4. Begin Construction

- a. Build Model Housing Square
- b. Break Ground on the new lakefront development surrounding the Civic Center; in time to take advantage of the GO Zone

5. Undertake Subsequent Tasks

- a. Begin construction of the Civic Center Development and Marina
- b. Prepare the plans for the Transit Oriented Development and for the areas flanking I-10 to the north and south
- c. Prepare a North Lake Charles Master Plan
- d. Prepare a plan for Enterprise Boulevard
- e. Continue to enhance Downtown