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WHY DO WE NEED AN OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING (OSP)?

- >>> **Focus on Statewide Goals** to build safer, smarter and stronger than before.
- >>> **Leverage existing resources** to yield the best value for taxpayer dollars.
- >>> Provide a **transparent and efficient process for investment** by synchronizing policies and incentives.
- >>> Assist in **maintaining Hazard Mitigation Plans** and keeping current for future natural disasters.
- >>> **Support local planning efforts** with best practices, capacity building and technical assistance.
- >>> An OSP would operate with a **Carrot, not a Stick.**



LOUISIANA SPEAKS REGIONAL PLAN

is the

VISION PLAN

the OSP is the Vehicle for Implementation.

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CURRENT STATE OF PLANNING

- >>> Louisiana has planning enabling legislation (1926) yet limited capacity for implementation.
- >>> No official means of coordination across Federal, State and Local Agencies.
- >>> The Regional Planning organizations vary in their capacity and operations.
- >>> 40 parishes have Planning Commissions but only 22 have a Planning Director or paid staff.
- >>> Only 14 parishes have a Comprehensive (Master) Plan.
- >>> Only 21 parishes have zoning regulations.

24 States mandate local comprehensive plans but requirements vary.

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HOW WILL IT WORK?

- >>> The best state-facilitated planning in the U.S. **uses investments and incentives** to encourage positive actions.
- >>> **Independence** is important, but so is **effectiveness**.
- >>> The OSP could create a solid foundation by setting guidelines for hazard mitigation and storm protection.
- >>> The OSP will require **dedicated, long-term funding**.
- >>> The OSP could serve as a **One-Stop Shop for Statewide Data** to guide public and private investment.
- >>> An OSP could **house the State Trust Fund for Community Reinvestment** recommended in the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan*.

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INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION

- >>> The OSP should **enhance existing agencies' goals** through focused and increased coordination.
- >>> The OSP will need **strong linkages to state and regional agencies** that deal with Transportation, Economic Development, Coastal Protection, Natural Resources, Infrastructure, and Emergency Preparedness.
- >>> The OSP could **coordinate with the LRA** by building on momentum and plan for future recovery needs.
- >>> To **ensure current and future local recovery efforts are leveraged** for the greatest benefit, the OSP could facilitate Federal and State assistance.



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Louisiana is the only state which has a plan that integrates land use planning with coastal restoration, protection, transportation planning, and economic development.

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CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT

- >>> The OSP should have an **autonomous public-private board of commissioners** charged with oversight.
- >>> An independent non-profit citizens group with members across the state would **take politics out of the OSP**.

Action: The Louisiana Speaks, Inc. non-profit has been created and has appointed a board.

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SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS

- >>> The OSP Task Force Workshop, December 18th, 8:00 A.M., State Office Building, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge
- >>> Hold Governor's Institute on Community Design. (A free national, nonpartisan program created specifically to assist governors, their cabinet, and top staff as they make investments in their communities and guide growth and development in their states.)
- >>> Governor to create an OSP by Executive Order.
- >>> Legislature to Adopt State Planning Legislation.
- >>> Create a line item in the State Budget.
- >>> OSP to begin implementing the State Planning Legislation.