



Long Term Community Recovery Program

Please complete the following four questions. A copy of the Parish Council or Police Jury Ordinance or Resolution approving the Parish Recovery Plan must be attached. Failure to attach the ordinance or resolution will result in the application being upheld until a certified ordinance or resolution is received.

Parish: Acadia

Name of Submitting Official: Acadia Parish Police Jury

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1. Please provide details on the following elements of your recovery plan:

a) How does this plan address long term community recovery and rebuilding in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes?

Local elected officials initiated the process, accessing professional expertise and community ideas in a collaborative manner, so as to arrive at a plan, that successfully implemented, will make Acadia Parish a better community. Local officials especially relied on expertise from key leaders throughout all departments. The planning process was thoughtful of various municipalities, inclusive and comprehensive. Acadia Parish officials captured the vision and ideas guided entirely by local interests addressing both needs and opportunities to provide a clear framework for Acadia's recovery and its future.

b) If all essential services are not restored, what measures does the recovery plan outline to restore essential services and associated infrastructure damaged by the storms?

All services were restored after the event. Maintenance measures were taken (ie: cutting back trees around utility service lines.)

c) How are future economic development and post-storm population changes addressed in this plan?

- Enhance opportunities to build skills for employment and entrepreneurship.
- Foster the development of entrepreneurship throughout the Parish.
- Expand Industrial areas and parks and utilize Industrial sites for redevelopment.
- Assist airport to expand its runways, build additional hangars and aprons to attract public, private users of the area.
- Expand property of Port of Mermentau for expansion services.
- Revitalize Town Centers.

d) What measures does this plan outline to increase emergency preparedness and responsiveness for future disasters?
Train workshops for Community and Parish personnel. Maximize tools and resources for better response and recovery. Train officials to collectively understand and coordinate resources. Relocate the Administrative Office a critical facility closer to 911 Emergency Operations Center and OHSEP allowing for continuity of parish operations under emergency conditions.

e) Describe the risk mitigating aspects of this plan?

All risks are high risk due to cost and time frame for work to be done.

~ Describe how this plan addresses the following five principles for recovery and rebuilding adopted by the LRA: i) Create infrastructure that supports recovery by restoring confidence, enhancing quality of life, and withstanding future disasters;

ii) Promotes economic growth that benefits everyone;

iii) Provides public services that enhance quality of life for everyone;

iv) Pursues policies that promote a healthy environment and healthy people;

v) Planning and design of communities that advances livability.

i) Implement Mitigation Projects to Assure Continuity of Community Services and Prevent Flooding. - Provide generators as backups to operate pumping stations to maintain critical public services, such as water and sewer systems, during a natural hazard event or other loss of power.

-Provide debris removal equipment in order to keep ditches, waterways and public byways accessible and to allow for water drainage with less flooding.

-Provide for additional water capacity and linkage between water systems throughout the parish in order to maintain constant water supply.

ii) Enhance opportunities to build skills for employment and entrepreneurship -Foster the development of entrepreneurship throughout the parish. -Expand industrial areas and parks, and utilize sites for redevelopment.

iii) Provide generators to operate pumping stations and maintain critical public services.

vi) Institute smart growth planning principals.

-Establish a transportation route planning to develop north and south routes into three or four lane structures.

-Establish a land use plan to use as a baseline for redevelopment and expansion projects. -Establish/update a hazard mitigation plan to reduce loss of life and property from hazard events.

v) Develop affordable livable housing.

-Coordinate and partner with housing organizations and develop to construct new, affordable housing development.

-Repair and redevelop existing housing stock.

-Create livable communities with appropriate infrastructure to support sustainable neighborhoods. -Shelter development-create shelters.

2. From the issues addressed in your plan, please provide a ranked list of top priority projects for your Parish recovery. Include a description of each project (attach additional sheets if necessary). If your parish has familiarity with the traditional CDBG program administered by the Office of Community Development, please highlight the projects in the plan that you believe to be COBG eligible.

See attached list.

3. Are any of the projects contained in this plan currently on the State of Louisiana capital outlay list or in line for funding from other local, state, federal, or private sources?

No

4. Describe the process(es) that parish government utilized to garner community input and support in the creation of this plan. Please provide at a minimum 2.3 examples of community directed ideas and input that became part of the plan as submitted to the LRA. (Note: local governments must conform to the Office of Community Development's "Citizen Participation Requirements for Local Governments" for CDSG funding approval.)

Meetings with Mayors of Municipalities, Parish law Enforcement Delegates, Fire Districts Representatives, Drainage Districts Representatives, and Elected Parish Officials were held to collect community ideas.

1. Evacuation shelters located within the Parish.
2. Debris removal equipment in order to keep ditches, waterways and public byways accessible, and to allow for water drainage.
3. Generators to operate pumping stations to maintain critical public services.

5. Describe the official process(es) that Parish government used to approve the plan as submitted (attach copy of Parish Council or Police Jury ordinance or resolution).

Advertised for public hearing to receive comments two weeks prior to the Public Hearing in three (3) parish newspapers.

A Public Hearing to receive comments was held prior to the Acadia Parish Police Jury regular meeting November 20, 2007.

The Acadia Parish long Term Community Recovery Plan was adopted by resolution at the regular meeting November 20,2007.

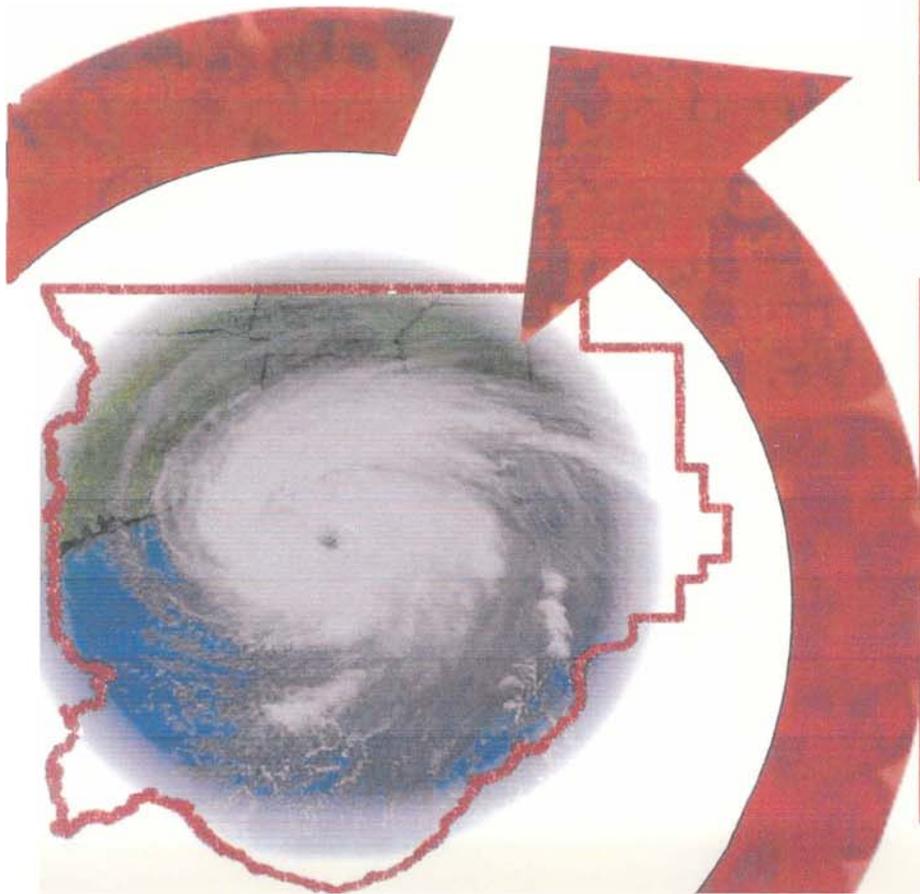
Please forward this form together with a certified copy of the Parish Council or Police Jury Resolution or Ordinance and the parish approved Recovery Plan to:

Louisiana Recovery Authority
Attn: L TCRP
150 Third Street, Suite 200
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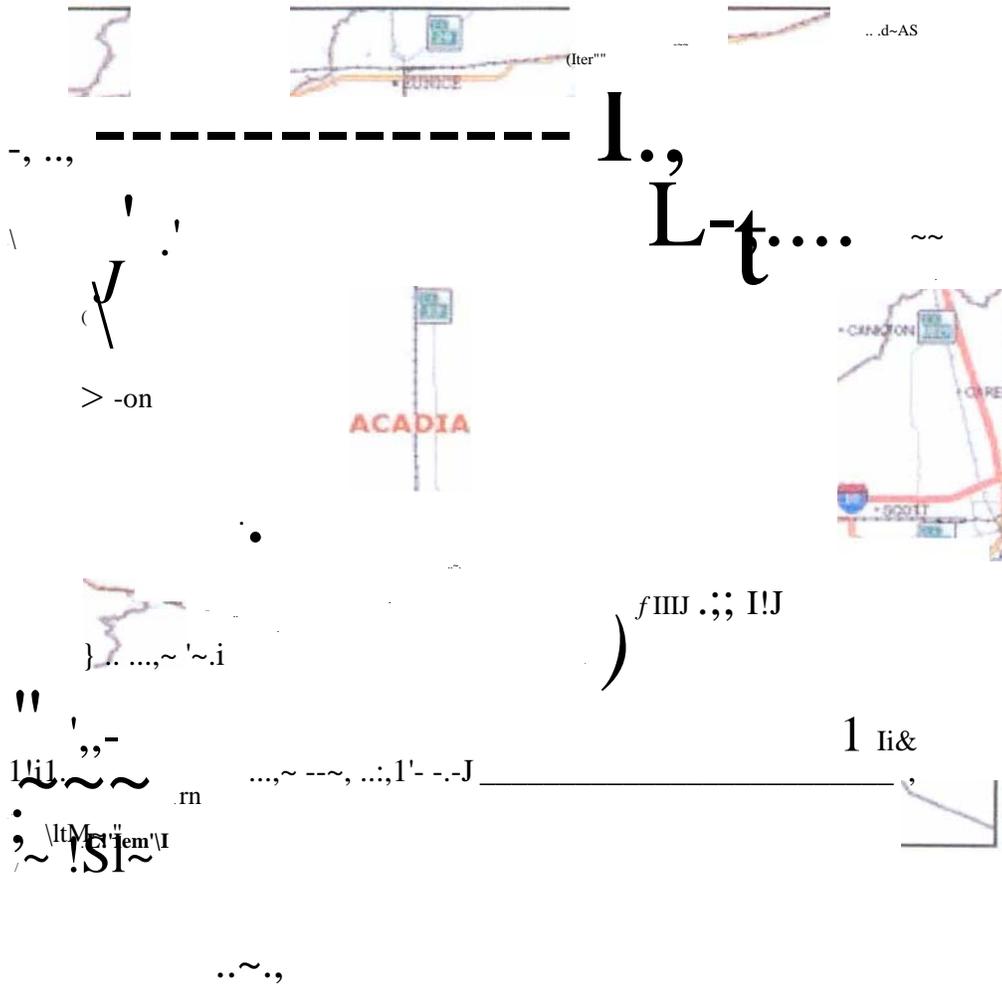
For more information or assistance contact Lynn Bankston at 225-342-1802.

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A Plan for Acadia's Long-Term Recovery
With professional technical assistance By
Acadiana Regional Development District

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INTRODUCTION

The Long-term Community Recovery Plan was encouraged as part of an Emergency Support Function-14 program, a federally supported effort put in place following an incident of national significance; this specifically being conducted in Louisiana following hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Acadia Parish was designated as a self-help parish, so the contents of this plan were entirely guided by local interests and ideas on making the community more resilient to future natural hazards and more competitive economically.

Local elected officials initiated the process, accessing professional expertise and community ideas in a collaborative manner, so as to arrive at a plan, that successfully implemented, will make Acadia Parish a better community. Local officials especially relied on expertise from key leaders throughout ~11 departments. The planning process was thoughtful of various municipalities, inclusive and comprehensive. As it was designated a self-help area, Acadia Parish officials captured the vision and ideas, but relied on professional assistance of the Acadiana Regional Development district to quickly package the message and provide a clear framework for Acadia's recovery and its future.

The Acadia Parish Long-term Community Recovery Plan is designed to support a sustainable, healthy community through holistic activities. Activities are specific and are formulated for actions addressing both needs and opportunities.

SECTION I

PARISH-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Local Impact

The Louisiana Gulf Coast was ravaged in August and September 2005 with the landfall of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Hurricane Rita, occurring September 23, 2005, is responsible for damages to Acadia Parish.

Though local government of Acadia Parish was relatively lucky, as most critical facility structures experienced limited damage. The local governments' significant and widespread impacts were related to massive debris and numerous damaged signs, utility poles, and some rail crossings. The hardest hit municipality was the Village of Mermentau.

FEMA project worksheets showed that heavy winds and driving rain caused the damages. The Village of Mermentau lost power



A Louisiana Department of Transportation and

Development crew clears storm debris left behind from Hurricane Rita in Crowley.

for seven days, affecting the water supply. Though FEMA provided a generator, it could not be immediately connected to the potable water pumping equipment. A contract was issued for emergency services to

restore water services

and FEMA also

reimbursed the community for fuel costs

associated with operating the generator and some vehicles, but the Village declined other resources at the time for vehicle rental and overtime labor for police and fire professionals.

~The power fluctuation and power surge prior to the loss of power caused damages to the village water supply pumps and related electrical components, cutting off the water supply to the entire village. During this seven-day blackout the police and fire departments performed emergency protective measures including search and rescue and directing evacuation traffic. GPAS coordinates recorded at the village water works on Church St."

Furthermore, the tributaries leading up the river were blocked, so the southwestern flow was limited, and Mermentau flooded, without good drainage southward, as is the normal course.



An assessment from Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office included slight damage to 475 homes, other structures and businesses, moderate damage to 535, and heavy damage to 442. Individuals suffered greatly with the economic losses due to crop damages (from saltwater intrusion and wind damage), livestock losses and damages, closed or downsized businesses and with individual losses to residential structures. Many residences were uninsured or underinsured, and more than six months later, numerous homes still have "temporary," blue-tarp roofs.

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Demographics

Acadia Parish population was estimated in 2002 at 59,085. Roughly half the population lives outside of municipal boundaries and only 40% of the population is located within its two cities.

Community	2000 Population	2000 Unemployment Rate*	% Below Poverty (2000 Census)
Acadia Parish	58,861	3.8%	24.5%
Basile	1,660	3.0%	31.9%
Church Point	4,756	6.3%	30.5%
Crowley	14,225	4.7%	28.0%
Estherwood	807	2.5%	15.0%
Iota	1,376	4.0%	25.8%
Mermentau	721	5.2%	26.4%
Morse	759	6.0%	22.9%
Rayne	8,552	4.1%	29.5%
Louisiana	4,468,976	4.3%	19.6%

*The unemployment rate is derived from surveys and is not an actual count reflective of those desiring to be employed combined with those civilians employed. Nor does this rate account for underemployment.

Community	2002 Population Estimate (La. Tech)	2000 Housing Units	Median Household Income
Acadia Parish	59,085	23,209	\$26,684
Basile**	1,660	696	\$18,922
Church Point	4,918	1,863	\$20,365
Crowley	14,613	5,904	\$24,495
Estherwood	781	314	\$29,444
Iota	1,425	583	\$24,107
Mermentau	795	344	\$26,786
Morse	786	313	\$24,922
Rayne	8,774	3,480	\$22,369
Louisiana	4,482,000	1,847,181	\$32,566

**The center of Basile is actually located in a parish north of Acadia, but a significant portion of that municipality and its surrounding population resides in rural Acadia Parish.

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SECTION II

COMMUNITY BASELINE

Parish-Wide

Though Acadia Parish has a large number of low income and disadvantaged persons, several entities are engaged in activities to improve the community. The Crowley Chamber of Commerce is interested in pursuing a community (parish)-wide reach and membership, so as to build business activity for Acadia Parish. Chambers of commerce are also located in Rayne and Church Point. Other major civic organizations involved and engaged in community enhancements are Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs.

The primary sources of employment are in agricultural production, predominately rice, or related to oil and pipeline activity. The parish also has a manufacturing facility of wellness equipment.

Industrial parks located at Crowley, between Crowley and Rayne, and at Church Point have 75-90% occupancy, so there is a critical need to identify, acquire, and develop additional property as industrial sites and parks. There is a terrific opportunity to develop cultural tourism as an industry for the parish. Most communities have unique and interesting histories and interpretive opportunities.

Higher education is available in Acadia, too. The campus of Louisiana State University at Eunice is located in the north-central part of the parish, with one portion of the campus in Acadia Parish and the balance in the town of Eunice, in St. Landry Parish. LSUE has become a premiere learning institution in south Louisiana.

Municipalities

Basile

Basile is located in the northwestern corner of Acadia Parish, and is steeped in Cajun culture and French speaking people. The area around Basile supports farming and aquaculture. Many rice and soybean fields have given way to the crawfish industry, with local crawfish farms providing an abundance of product throughout the Parish.

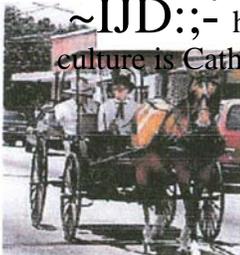
The Basile area also supports the production of petroleum and refined petroleum products which contribute hundred of thousands of dollars in tax revenue to the



Acadia Parish economy. Every effort should be made to support and promote this vital industry.

Church Point

The Town of Church Point is in the northeastern portion of Acadia Parish on Louisiana Hwy 35, but near no major highways. The town is generally considered to be a bedroom community to Opelousas and the Lafayette metropolitan area and



~IJD;- has small, rural subdivisions of middle income to upscale homes. The culture is Catholic and French and the Buggy Festival is their annual celebration.

Church Point's residents are primarily employed within farming operations, oil and pipeline operations, a wholesale food distributorship, other agricultural products, and construction. The town does have a small industrial park which is under development, with

an old refinery that is not in use due to bankruptcy proceedings. Further, the industrial area has no access to rail.

Additional projects of interest to the Town of Church Point are the upgrading of the water system, repairs to the Old Train Depot, and the construction of a community center that could double as a shelter of last resort during serious natural events or for local needs.



Crowley

The City of Crowley is the hub of Acadia. The city is both steeped in history and engaged in economic development with an industrial park, a threefloor structure intended as an incubator, and an interest in entrepreneurship. The primary transportation corridors are Interstate :1.0, U.S. Highway 90, and Louisiana Highway :1.3. The elected officials are culturally conscious and have a desire to create gateways to the community.



Beautification and preservation efforts are among the primary activities the city undertakes for downtown revitalization. Crowley is a Main Street community.



A large German heritage and culture is celebrated with an annual German Festival in Roberts Cove, and historic homes are a premium. Further, historic recording studios are being restored, and an interpretive center on the rice industry is located within City Hall.

Though Crowley is engaged in projects to enhance its future, the demand for uninterrupted community services will continue to persist. The water system serving the City of Crowley is operated by a private entity, and the City operates the sewer system. The immediate need following Hurricane Rita was for the restoration of power. The loss of power resulted in the loss water and sewer systems. Backup generators were required, but, in spite of this, the systems were offline for :1.5 hours.

As the area has many lower income families, this would have contributed to the need for a public community center to be available for temporary use as a shelter. Interests in the West End neighborhood are specifically tied to such a center and to the provision of affordable housing.

Estherwood

The Village of Estherwood is located on U.S. Highway 90 between Mermentau and Crowley along a railroad corridor. Just south of Estherwood, the LeGros Memorial Airport, serves the needs of Acadia Parish. It is located on a 640-acre tract of land that is only partially developed. Under consideration is a plan that would further develop 246 acres, to include new hangars, aprons, and warehouses, which will support the growing needs for airport and industrial park expansion and future economic development.

Iota

The Village of Iota is in the northwestern quadrant of the parish. The village is small and generally not engaged in recruiting large industry to the area.

Iota boasts the long-term location of a state school for the disadvantaged, specifically for the handicapped students who are deaf or otherwise hearing impaired.



The village is in the midst of an oil field area and has predominately middle-income families residing. The families celebrate annually with the Tee Mamou-Iota Mardi Gras celebration. Cajun and Zydeco music abound.

Mermentau

The Village of Mermentau is located approximately five miles east of Jennings and 13 miles west of the City of Crowley. The only road north out of Mermentau requires the use of a ferry in order to cross the river and move north across Interstate 10 for evacuation during tropical events. Mermentau has a history of issues with flooding during a normal rainstorm, so severe weather during a tropical event exponentially exacerbates the problems. Rita was no different. Mermentau has a lower area with drainage 'streams' flowing through toward the south and southwest. The water backs up, and the Corps of Engineers does not generally focus its attention on opening the tributaries to the canals during this type event, so local flooding continues for several days consecutively. Some projects are already underway to elevate certain homes in the low-lying area of Mermentau.

Mermentau operates a pumping station constructed in 1958 with two electric pumps and two diesel backups. One electric pump and one diesel backup are generally problematic and/or not working. Sales tax receipts and money donated from the Acadia Parish Police Jury are being used for the repair to one of the nonworking pumps.

The Village of Mementau's competitive advantage (economically) is its operation of a shallow-water port. The Port of Mermentau is 5-15 ft. in depth, supporting barge traffic only. The Port is in the process of obtaining funds through the Port Development program (State of Louisiana) to acquire an additional strip of land and make improvements to allow for additional users.

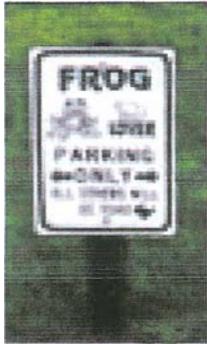
Morse

The Village of Morse is extremely small and is the southernmost municipality of Acadia Parish. It has one store and a single U.S. Post Office. Their annual celebration is the Morse Recreational Festival and is organized as an old-time, street fair. It's location in the southern part of the parish, lends itself of some flooding.



Rayne

The City of Rayne is largely located between U.S. Highway 90 and Interstate 10 and has rail



access. The community is progressive and participates with Crowley for a jointly operated industrial park that is currently at approximately 85 percent capacity. The city is progressive and operates its own utility, water and sewer systems.

As an additional source of income and tourism attraction, the City of Rayne owns and operates an RV park and provides hook up opportunities. Its location on I-10 should increase tourism, as it develops additional hotel and motel capacity, as well as increasing the number of restaurants and public facilities.

Rayne celebrates annually with a festival linked to its status as the "Frog Capitol of the World." One complementary asset is a small, retail-type museum. The community has had an interest in luring snowbirds for visits. And, the community is visually appealing as the Louisiana City of Murals, referring to the murals gracing the sides of buildings throughout town.



SECTION III

RECOVERY STRATEGY: ACADIA PARISH GOALS AND PROJECTS

The Acadia Parish Long-term Recovery Planning process incorporates broad-based support and directs goals and activities that will serve to guide recovery and future development. Acadia Parish followed guidance in the e5-14 process to set the priority for its goals and projects. High priority value requires post disaster community need, leveraging and linkages, private investment, community-wide support and impact, access to resources for completion, realistic for achievement, and efficient use of resources. Moderate priority value requires clear and positive impact on recovery but lesser scope, span and impact or benefits, less than community-wide significance and/or support, and related to damage from the disaster. Low priority value is assigned when there is no direct link to the disaster and its damages, a limit to public support and benefits related to disaster recovery. Community interest value is assigned when the goal/projects are important to a community even if there is not a significant recovery value.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DESIGN

Develop Affordable, Livable Housing

Recovery Value

A large number of homes suffered damage from Hurricane Rita, and many of the owners were uninsured or underinsured and still have "temporary," blue-tarp roofs six months after the event. The recovery value is high because restoring homes will contribute to healthy communities.



Goal

Identify and obtain opportunities and resources to assist homeowners and community leaders, in order to stabilize neighborhoods. Create additional housing stock.

Project

Coordinate and partner with housing organizations, such as ASSIST and Habitat for Humanity (Lafayette regional chapter), and developers to construct new, affordable housing developments (meeting more stringent building codes).



Specific Elements:

Implement home ownership counseling to provide for responsible first-time homebuyers.

Consider creation of a Community Land Trust to acquire and redevelop neglected property for redevelopment into affordable housing.

Seek additional funding support for housing development

Implementation:

The ASSIST Agency is anticipated to be the strongest champion for this project, as this organization is experienced and equipped to implement housing development. Recently, ASSIST was approved by the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency to develop 48 homes in the Crowley area and has partnered with the Federal Home

Loan Bank in Dallas, Iberia Bank, and USDA Rural Development. The project will proceed upon funding.

Project

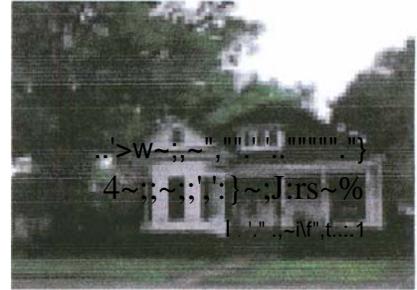
Repair and Redevelop Existing Housing Stock

Specific Elements:

Identify programs to assist with repair and restoration of single-family structures, keeping with existing neighborhood styles of the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Gather information on resources and utilize existing providers to maximize residential use.

Implementation:

Potential programs that may be utilized include the HUD Self-Help Homeownership Program and ASSIST Agency program for Hurricane Rita repair. Though ASSIST is seeking additional funds to serve the low-income population, this will be an ongoing project. Other participants in the process will be lenders, housing counseling agencies, housing authorities, utility companies, and Habitat for Humanity. Based on the tremendous need created by the devastating hurricanes, Habitat for Humanity has adapted to serve the communities with some repair crews in addition to crews for new homes. Volunteers are critical to this effort.



Project

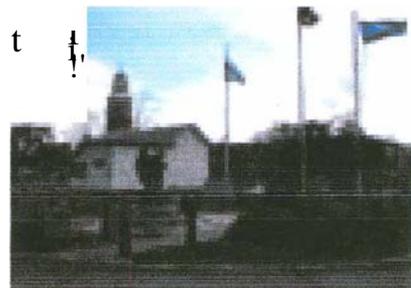
Create livable communities with appropriate infrastructure to support sustainable neighborhoods. Parks and community centers create gathering places for neighbors to become friendly and communities to be cohesive.

Specific elements:

Side walks improvements, beautification, parks, and community centers

Implementation:

Champions will include all local officials and local civic groups. An example of the projects and tasks to be achieved and types of funding source is a \$25,000 award (from Governor's Office) for Church Point's sidewalks to be improved on MLK DR. These projects will be conducted over time and will cost roughly \$50,000 per year.



Shelter Development

Recovery Value

Shelters are needed to provide safe cover for evacuees and residents in an emergency. The recovery value of this project is high, as it provides for a reduction in impact on life during a hazard event and includes every part of Acadia Parish.



GOAL

Provide shelters as safe havens for residents and evacuees.

PROJECT

Create shelters. After Hurricane Rita, despite the lack of any recognized shelters in the parish, roughly 3000 evacuees were housed in Rayne, 300 at Richard Baptist Center, 250 in Church Point's civic center, and 300 throughout parish churches.

Specific Elements:

Locations are needed, primarily north of 1-10, in multiple locations (Rayne, Crowley, Church Point) to provide for resident and evacuee shelters.

A boilerplate agreement must be developed for use between Acadia Parish and the Red Cross to utilize existing facilities of private non-profit organizations as shelters.

Implementation:

The Acadia Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security will champion this project. The estimated cost is negligible, as a boilerplate agreement can likely be obtained from a neighboring parish or the State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and the cost of technical revisions be absorbed by existing funding. The project can be implemented in phases as a facility is identified and will likely require five years to develop a parish-wide network of shelters and trained volunteers.



Training Workshops for Community and Parish Personnel

RECOVERY VALUE

Moderate and also of substantial community interest for parish-wide officials and staff of critical facilities and public bodies to understand Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and Federal Emergency Management Agency protocols on the provision of food and water distribution, debris removal, sheltering and other emergency undertakings in crisis periods during and following a hazard event.

GOAL

Maximize tools and resources for better response and recovery.

PROJECT

Train officials to collectively understand and coordinate resources.

Specific Elements:

Use tabletop and mock exercises to improve understanding and knowledge of available and potential resources to be employed during and immediately following a hazard event. Encourage local officials and public works personnel to obtain Disaster Resistant training through FEMA courses.

Implementation:

Utilize opportunities through workshops of LOHSEP and FEMA to obtain training with limited expense. Champions will be the communities and implementation will occur over the next five years, with initiation, in the first year with some local officials and continuation until all primary public works and emergency personnel (paid and volunteer staff) obtain appropriate training.

ENVIRONMENT

Institute Smart Growth Planning Principles

Recovery Value

Acadia Parish has a need for new industrial parks and sites, improved neighborhoods, new shelters, downtown development in many municipalities and other construction and development projects. Instituting Smart Growth principles and establishing good planning tools will allow for these often times competing projects to move forward in a more coordinated approach and will preserve the natural charm of the parish community. The recovery value is high because it affects a broad spectrum of the community.

Goal

Approach the design of the parish's future through the implementation of Smart Growth principles that require the balance of competing interests and the use of such tools as transportation planning, land use planning, and mitigation plans.

Project

Establish a transportation plan to develop north-south routes into three-or four-lane structures that will accommodate both evacuees in an emergency and commerce development during non-hazard situations.

Specific Elements:

Louisiana Hwy 13 needs to be improved in order to access nearby Interstate 49.

Louisiana Hwy 35 needs to be improved for evacuation and commerce purposes.

Routes out of Mermentau need to be raised.

Engage the Metropolitan Planning Organization to expand their reach to include rural opportunities and needs; request an Acadia Parish transportation plan be drawn.

Propel projects with possible service for hurricane evacuation onto the State Transportation Plan.

Implementation:

The Acadia Parish Police Jury will champion this project and use its participation in the Police Jury Association of Louisiana for it to be addressed as a set of projects with statewide impact. The estimated cost for planning is largely dependent on the expense of baseline data development for land use. This is a long-term process and is expected to cost roughly \$200,000. Funding and technical resources will be sought through the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization. Further, funding for implementation will be subsequently sought from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Department of Transportation. The timing for the institution of a planning document is anticipated at seven years in order to incorporate parish wide improvements.

Project

Establish a land use plan to use as a baseline for redevelopment and expansion projects.

Specific Elements:

Map existing land uses to understand the ideal locations and specific environmental limitations and considerations before locating and constructing new projects.

Implementation:

The Acadia Parish Police Jury will champion this project and use its existing funds to initiate land use planning through the services of Acadiana Regional Development District. The project is underway, but it is anticipated to require approximately one year to complete.

Project

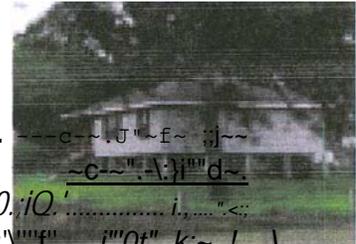
Establish a hazard mitigation plan to reduce loss to life and property from hazard events.

Specific Elements:

Complete the Acadia Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan and have each jurisdiction formally adopt the plan.

Implementation:

The Acadia Parish Police Jury is championing this project through its office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security. Funds and resources being used to implement this plan are from local in-kind services and other match and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The project is underway, and approval of the plan is desired prior to Fall 2006.



INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Implement Mitigation Projects to Assure Continual of Community Services and Prevent Flooding

Recovery Value

The continuity of providing critical, public services creates a sense of security and prevents impact to the human condition during a natural hazard event. The recovery value of this project is high, as it provides for a reduction in impact on life and property during a hazard event and includes every part of Acadia Parish.

GOAL

Maintain critical public services during the loss of power and prevent flood damage.

PROJECT

Provide for generators as backups to operate pumping stations and to maintain critical public services, such as water and sewer systems, during a natural hazard event or other loss of power.

Specific Elements:

Provide Church Point 2 - 3 KW, 240 V single phase for police department and city hall.

Provide Crowley 1-450 KW, 440 V.

Provide Estherwood a 7-220 V units for sewer and water system operation (must be 3 phase).

Provide Iota with 1 -50 KW, 480 V for sewer plant; 1 - 50 KW, 480 V for water plant;. 1 -50 KW, 240 V for lift stations, 1 - 25 KW 240V for life stations, 1-50 KW single phase for city hall.

Provide Mermentau 1 - 440 KW generator for pump, 1- 110 KW pump, 1.: 65 KW for water pump, and 1-65 KW for sewer plant.

Provide Morse 1 - 15 KW, 440 V for sewer plant, 2 - 15 KW, 220 V for water plant.

Provide Rayne 1 - 30 KW, 230 V for sewer plant, 1-50 KW, 460 V for sewer plant.

Implementation:

The public works directors, including water and sewer system operators for each of the municipalities and for the Acadia Parish Police Jury, along with the Parish emergency preparedness and homeland security director will coordinate to champion this project. The cost includes generator expenses that are estimated to require approximately \$3,000 - \$6,000 per generator, dependent on the type and availability. The most likely funding sources include local funds as matching dollars to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Homeland Security funding. Other funding being pursued currently by some communities are Louisiana Community Development Block Group grants under the Disaster Recovery Fund. The time required to implement this project will be dependent on funding, but it is anticipated that as funds become available, implementation would proceed and the project be completed within two years.

PROJECT

Provide for debris removal equipment in order to keep ditches, waterways and public byways accessible and to allow for water drainage.



Specific Elements:

Remove debris and realign parish waterways, specifically begin with Mermentau River and the tributaries flowing into the Mermentau River.

Implementation:

The public works director for the Village of Mermentau and the Acadia Parish public works together will coordinate to champion this project. The estimated cost includes equipment and initial project expenses, but ongoing maintenance following the initial project will be absorbed through existing public resources. The estimated cost of equipment is around \$300,000. Some of this expense can be funded using Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding and/or resources of the local levee board or U.S. Corps of Engineers, where possible, to reduce the cost of the project. The project will likely require a minimum of five years for initial implementation.



PROJECT

Provide for additional water capacity and linkages between water systems throughout the parish in order to maintain constant water supply.

Specific elements:

Provide for water system line links and valves to connect systems.

Provide training to meet the higher level water system certification, in case the system or network of systems must be activated for use.

Implementation:

Public works and water superintendent staff are the champions. They will rely on the support of elected officials for dedicated funding streams to serve as local match"; Additional resources may be obtained through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and the USDA Community Facilities programs. Training support can be provided, in part, by the Louisiana Rural Water Association. The first project to be implemented is anticipated as the \$323,896 award to Church Point by the LCDBG program for replacement of water well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Enhance Opportunities to Build Skills for Employment and Entrepreneurship

Recovery Value

Better skills for employees and would-be employers will provide additional and improve jobs and wages. Acadia Parish does not have enough jobs to support its residential population, let alone the 1,500 new residents locating following Hurricane Rita. Nationally, up to 90% of all jobs are with small businesses, so increasing the number of business owners and the skills of employees and employers, alike, would enhance the economic environment and job outlook in Acadia Parish. The recovery value of these activities is high, as it provides the means for unemployed and underemployed individuals to achieve great wealth and invest in their homes and communities.

Goal

Focus training programs on workforce development and entrepreneurship.

Project

Foster the development of entrepreneurship throughout the Parish.



Specific elements:

Entrepreneurship training classes to be conducted at the regional level.

Support resources to be provided, such as computer access, through various communities and the Workforce Employment Program and the State Employment Office located in Acadia Parish.

Develop technical resources and accessibility to loan funds for small business development and micro-business development.

Explore the creation of additional incubator facilities and programming support.

Implementation:

The Acadiana Regional Development District (ARDD) has secured funding from the Small Business Administration and the Louisiana Economic Development Council, to conduct small business training throughout the region, including Acadia Parish. In partnership with local communities and local workforce development programs, classes of instruction in management, marketing, personnel, business planning and development are offered at no cost to the participant. Additionally, students are assisted by staff in the development of a business plan, which will become the basis of future business development and funding applications.

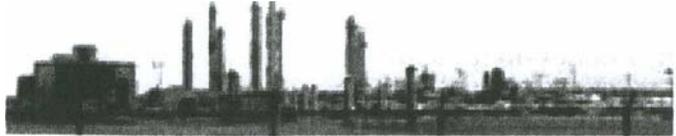
Training locations are being provided by city and parish entities throughout the district. For instance, the city of Crowley has provided a building in the downtown Crowley area, which meets all of the requirements of a classroom. Computer access is also provided at an adjacent facility, jointly operated by the Workforce Investment Program and the State Employment Office. With this program serving as the cornerstone, ARDD will expand the program throughout Acadia Parish. In addition to the training, start-up funding will be available through a revolving loan program, provided by the Economic Development Administration, administered through ARDD. Loans will average between \$1,000 and \$100,000. In the near future, SBA funds should be available for smaller projects, from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Expand Industrial Areas and Parks and Utilize Industrial Sites for Redevelopment Recovery Value

Existing industrial parks are near capacity, and high-paying quality jobs are needed so that the largely lower income families populating this parish can improve their quality of life. This recovery activity has the added benefit of enhancing the tax base, which would provide the means for local government at all levels to implement this and other projects. The recovery value is high, as this project would better the quality of life and support a higher median income.

Goal

Acquire and develop/redevelop additional property for promotion of job creating and wealth producing activities.



Project

Assist the LeGros Memorial Airport to expand its runways and build additional hangars and aprons, to attract both public and private users of the airfield.

Specific elements:

Expand LeGros Memorial Airport runways.

Build additional hangars and aprons.

Acquire additional property.

Implementation:

Ron Lawson is expected to be the key champion from the LeGros Memorial Airport. Due to overcrowding at major airports in Lafayette and Lake Charles, owners of small personal planes, as well as commercial aircraft owners, are seeking new locations to house their aircraft and conduct commercial operations. LeGros offers ample space to meet a multitude of needs.

Coupled to the increase in commercial use of the airport, many new flying programs are coming online throughout the country. Specifically, sport-flying, manufacturing of new ultra light aircraft, and supplying of aircraft parts and fuel, have become major economic generators for many small airports.

The future of the LeGros Memorial Airport is poised to become major player in the long term economic development and recovery of Acadia Parish. The airport authority will champion the expansion with support from the Acadia Parish Police Jury. Some funding will be provided through the Federal Aviation Administration and the Louisiana DOTD Aviation division. Initial expansion is estimated at approximately \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Project

Identify property, acquire, and improve to establish additional industrial sites and a new parish industrial park.

Specific Elements:

Identify, acquire and place appropriate infrastructure to provide for additional industrial locations and expansions.

Redevelop Canal Refinery property (in bankruptcy proceedings) for use in encouraging a fuels production facility that would offer additional opportunities

by creating alternative uses for crops and agricultural by-products or wastes as income-producing value-added activities. This may serve also as an economic mitigation project to recover some value from damaged crops in future tropical events that damage crops.

Implementation:

Champions will be municipalities, the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the parish chambers of commerce. Chamber professionals from Crowley (Kayla Link) and from Rayne (Debbie Foreman) are most likely to lead this effort. GNH Seed Co. professional Blain Koch is likely to focus on the value added activities. Funding will be sought in the minimum of \$ 2,000,000 from the Economic Development Administration, USDA Community Facilities, and HUD's Rural Housing and Economic Development Initiative with leverage from private investment. Other programs through which local match will be sought include the Louisiana Capital Outlay program, Louisiana Community Development Block Grant, and the Department of Economic Development's Economic Development Award Program. Practical experience shows that this is a long-term project and will require 10-12 years to complete.

Project

Expand property of Port Mermentau for expansion of services.

Specific Elements:

Acquire property currently owned by Terral River Service for development of additional slip/water frontage access to promote additional port activity

Implementation:

The Port of Mermentau will champion this project. Within 2 years, acquisition and improvements is expected based on anticipated funding from the Port Development program in 2006.



Project

Revitalize Town Centers.

Specific Elements:

Create an energetic and diverse downtown business district for towns and cities and those villages with concentrated business activity through facade improvements and in-filling or other entrepreneurship promotion. May be accomplished by developing downtown business alliances that determine the general "look" to be achieved and promote facade improvements to preserve and or restore charm and historic interest of these "districts."

Implementation:

Champions will include mayors, councils, chambers, and business owners. Ted Carmichael of Carmichael's Cash Way Pharmacy and Paul Keding of the Rayne Tribune Newspaper are expected to drive business and community interest. Private investment will be the driving funding source, but town resources and the chambers' marketing to promote special events will also enhance activity in the downtown areas. This is of ongoing interest and improvements are expected to occur over the next five to fifteen years.



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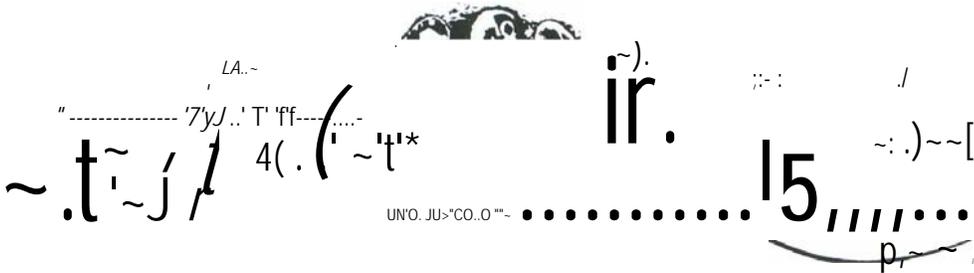
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WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan is designed to support a sustainable, healthy community addressing both need and opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened on this the 20th day of November, 2007, does hereby adopt the Acadia Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan as amended.

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

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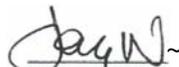
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/s/ A. J. Broussard
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GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 28th day of November, 2007.


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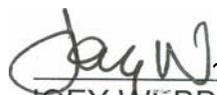
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BY: MRS CECELIA CHAMBERS AND MR JIMMIE PELLERIN

BE IT RESOLVED: by the Acadia Parish Police Jury in regular session duly convened this 20th day of November, 2007, does hereby amend the Acadia Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan to add a Public Safety Project to include the renovating of an existing building or construction of a new building into a critical response facility to ensure a unity in critical emergency response throughout Acadia Parish during natural disasters and emergencies.

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

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WHEREAS, BY: MR CADE BENOIT AND MRS CECELIA CHAMBERS, the projects were reviewed and prioritized by the Acadia Parish Police Jury. eCollery, Li

WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Recovery Authority projects listed in the Acadia Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan must be prioritized and adopted the priority list of projects from the Acadia Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan in the following categories: 1) Infrastructure and Community Services, 2) Public Safety, 3) Housing and Community Design, 4) Environmental Management, 5) Economic Development. LJthority

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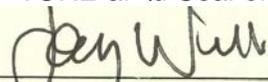
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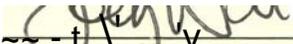
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