

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

A Resolution to approve St. Mary Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan

September 11, 2007

OVERVIEW: A Resolution recommending the official approval of the St. Mary Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) is charged with establishing policy and plans for the immediate and long-term recovery of regions of the state affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the parishes of Louisiana and created long-lasting problems including, but not limited to those impacting; the economy, environment, housing, public safety, education, health care, and transportation among other problems;

WHEREAS, very robust planning efforts have been completed at the local, regional, and state levels to ensure a wise, forward-looking investment of very limited resources;

WHEREAS, these planning efforts have provided and continue to provide guidance to our recovery effort;

WHEREAS, prioritization of projects that drive local recovery must ultimately come from local communities;

WHEREAS, consistency between local priorities and projects and regional plans provides the best opportunities for wise recovery investments;

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2006, the LRA Board approved a resolution directing LRA and Office of Community Development (OCD) staff to develop and publish for public comment an Action Plan Amendment for the allocation of \$200 million of CDBG funds for the implementation of long-term community recovery projects in the most heavily affected parishes;

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2007, the LRA Board approved a resolution recommending the Louisiana Parishes Allocation Plan Amendment for Disaster Recovery Funds to the Governor and Louisiana Legislature for approval;

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2007, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted the St. Mary Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan as the official recovery plan for the Parish of St. Mary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby approve the St. Mary Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan as the official recovery plan for the parish of St. Mary.