

# Plaquemines Parish MASTER PLAN

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## MASTER PLAN PROGRESS

*Plaquemines Parish is moving forward in the development of its Comprehensive Master Plan. The Plan will evaluate historic and current trends and lay the foundation for continued recovery and prosperity for the Parish in the future.*

March 2010 was an important month for the Plan. Progress was made in the following areas: completion of interviews with Parish senior staff, collection of past studies and base data, and initiation of the existing conditions document. The Community Assessment will be finished in April, and May 2009 will bring forth the most critical time for the Plan. Public Visioning Workshops will be held throughout the Parish for a two-week period to gather input from community members regarding their vision and goals for Plaquemines Parish.

## What does the Master Plan Address?

- Demographics
- Economic Development
- Transportation System
- Water and Wastewater Systems
- Drainage and Stormwater Management
- Public Facilities and Services
- Parks and Recreation Facilities and Services
- Parish-owned Property
- Future Land Use
- Government

## Visioning Workshops

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Master Plan Visioning Workshops this spring. Plaquemines Parish wants to hear from you! All community members are encouraged to attend. All meetings are on **SATURDAYS**.

May 15	9am-12pm	<b>Diamond/Port Sulphur/Homeplace</b> <b>South Plaquemines High Gym</b>
May 15	3pm-6pm	<b>Boothville/Venice/Buras/Empire</b> <b>Boothville School Gym</b>
May 22	9am-12pm	<b>Phoenix/Davant/Pointe a la Hache/Bohemia</b> <b>St. Thomas Church Office</b>
May 22	3pm-6pm	<b>Braithwaite/Scarsdale/Dalcour/Bertrandville</b> <b>St. John the Baptist Church</b>
June 5	9am-12pm	<b>Jesuit Bend/Myrtle Grove/Ironton/Lake Hermitage</b> <b>Belle Chasse Middle Gym</b>
June 5	3pm-6pm	<b>Belle Chasse</b> <b>Belle Chasse High Cafeteria or School Auditorium</b>

The workshops will include interactive exercises, facilitated conversations, and voting activities. You will be asked to roll up your sleeves and share your ideas. The format of these meetings will be very interactive. The goal of these workshops is to develop specific visions for your individual communities and a unified vision for the whole Parish as you move forward. These workshops are to help increase excitement about the future of the Parish.

*The visioning process will be followed by development of an action plan for the future of the Parish.*

# Recap of Interviews

Consultant staff held one-on-one interviews with Parish senior staff to gather preliminary information on the goals, vision, and needs of Plaquemines Parish.

- Interviews were held with leaders from various departments, including Recreation, Public Service, Coastal Zone Management, Community Action, Administration, Permits, Planning & Zoning, Land Department, Economic Development, Libraries, and more.
- Transferring knowledge and experience from Parish staff is critical to developing a truly comprehensive, cohesive and implementable master plan.
- Among the findings of the interview process was the repeated feeling that the storms of 2005 led to “everyone coming together,” “resiliency,” and “camaraderie.” These are the sentiments that make communities succeed and empower them to implement long-term visions. This is the same energy that will be crucial to implementing the Master Plan!

## What to Expect *Stay involved and connected!*

- **Project Website** – The project website contains facts, maps, pertinent documents, contact information, and comment forms. To be launched in late April 2010.
- **Newsletters** - Sign up for the project newsletter – a source for project updates, meeting notices, and other information on how to get and stay involved. Sign up to receive your newsletter by emailing: [website@plaqueminesparish.com](mailto:website@plaqueminesparish.com)
- **To Hear from Steering Committee Members** – The Parish has put together a Steering Committee to help guide the Master Plan. This group is made up of community members representing local government, local civic groups, development interests, business leaders, and concerned citizens. These volunteers are charged with increasing awareness of the plan within their social network.

### Project Milestones and Anticipated Dates



#### **Beginning of 2010**

Begin Project and Collect Data

#### **Spring 2010**

Hold Community Visioning Workshops

#### **Summer 2010**

Complete Community Assessment

#### **End of 2010**

Draft Community Agenda; Begin Action Planning Process

#### **Winter/Spring 2011**

Complete Action Planning; Hold Public Hearings; Adopt Master Plan

**\*More details on these milestones will be available on the project website in early spring 2010.**

**What are your top 3 hopes for the Parish for the next 5 years?**

**How do you envision Plaquemines Parish in 2030 and beyond?**

*The same, different, a little bit of both . . .*

**Think about it, write it down, and then tell us what you think at the Visioning Workshops!**



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