

Plaquemines Parish MASTER PLAN

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President Billy Nungesser

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Master Plan Progress

Plaquemines Parish is nearing the end of the development of its Comprehensive Master Plan. Visioning was completed in 2010, followed by development of the preliminary Community Agenda during 2011.

The study process is now entering its final stages. As summer 2012 gets underway, an Action Plan of recommendations is being vetted by subcommittees of technical experts to prioritize the top recommendations to be included in a Short Term Work Program for the next five years. A similar process was pursued with Plaquemines Parish Government staff. The final work product that will complete the Master Plan is a five-year Short Term Work Program for the future.

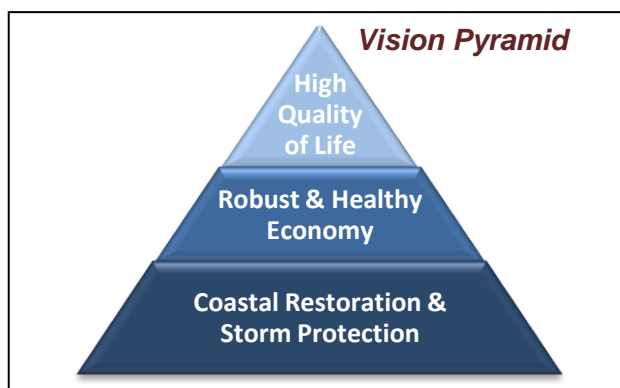


What Elements does the Master Plan Address?

Nuts & Bolts of the Short Term Work Program

- A detailed implementation plan that covers the **first 5-year interval** of the **20-year Master Plan** and addresses top priorities for each major element of the plan:
 - Major steps to achieve project, policy, study, or program
 - Costs estimates for each step
 - Identification of implementation leaders and partners
- **The STWP includes** any ordinances, administrative systems, investments, financing arrangements, or programs and initiatives that must **be immediately established in order to implement the Action Plan** and the Master Plan.
- The intent of the STWP is that it be realistic, implementable, supported by public and private sectors, and is a steward of the community's vision.

- Coastal Protection and Restoration
- Demographics
- Economic Development
- Transportation System
- Water and Wastewater Systems
- Drainage and Levees
- Public Facilities and Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Parish Owned Properties
- Land Use
- Government (Finance and Organization)



Upcoming Meetings

Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, July 30 6:00 pm **Lions Club**, 308 Ave. J, Belle Chasse

Subcommittee Meetings

Monday, August 6 6:00 pm **Lions Club**, 308 Ave. J, Belle Chasse

Tuesday, August 7 6:00 pm **Lions Club**, 308 Ave. J, Belle Chasse

The goal of the Steering Committee Meeting is to confirm the top Action Plan priorities for each element of the Master Plan. Draft Action Plan priorities have been compiled based on a prioritization methodology of all Master Plan recommendations and the additional input of the Parish staff and subcommittee technical experts.

The Subcommittee meetings will help establish a realistic Short Term Work Program for the top Action Plan priorities. The subcommittee meeting goals will primarily be accomplished in small group work sessions. There are five subcommittees:

1. Transportation, Infrastructure, and Utilities Committee
2. Coastal Restoration, Levees, Natural Resources and Environmental Committee
3. Business, Economic Development and Tourism Committee
4. Quality of Life Committee (Housing, Aging, Health, Education, Parks & Recreation)
5. Land Development Committee

Perspective from the Parish

We are in the home stretch of our Comprehensive Master Plan and our goal is to keep the unique feeling of our community while allowing for growth changes the future will bring. Over the course of its life we believe the Parish's economy will steadily improve, and we want to attract the necessary resources to rebuild our natural and public works infrastructure. Our growing momentum makes the Master Plan an essential tool in helping to make wise decisions about new development, and public services, while preserving the unique quality of life that is Plaquemines Parish. Other Parish staff and I have been working with other community leaders and technical experts on Master Plan Subcommittees to help refine recommendations and design a roadmap in the form of a Short Term Work Program to give us direction for the next five years and beyond.

Phyllis DiFebbo, Superintendent of Zoning & Planning Department

Project Milestones and Anticipated Dates



Beginning of 2010
Begin Project and Collect Data

May/June 2010
Hold Community Visioning Workshops

Summer 2010
Complete Community Assessment

2011
Draft Community Agenda; Begin Action Planning Process

Spring-Fall 2012
Complete Action Planning; Hold Public Hearings; Adopt Master Plan

***More details on the website**

What to Expect *Stay involved and connected!*

Visit the project website: www.plaqueminesmasterplan.com

- **New Information Posted to Website** – The Summer Workshop page contains several documents and presentations given to the Steering Committee and subcommittees in late spring and early summer 2012.
- **Talk to Steering Committee Members** – The Parish has a Steering Committee to help guide the Master Plan. This group is made up of people 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. For a list of members, please visit the project website.



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