THANK YOU FOR COMING!
TONIGHT:

• A presentation of the vision residents have described in previous meetings

• A preference survey about the vision

• A table discussion activity about the projects, programs, and policies that can support that vision
LA SAFE MISSION

Working together for community resilience, economic prosperity and a better quality of life for everyone in Louisiana.
CO-DESIGN PRINCIPLES

1. SHARE POWER
2. PRIORITIZE RELATIONSHIPS
3. INCLUDE ALL POINTS OF VIEW
4. USE ALL KINDS OF KNOWLEDGE
5. TEST SOLUTIONS EARLY & OFTEN
USE ALL KINDS OF KNOWLEDGE
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COMMUNITY
STAKEHOLDER
VISION
USE ALL KINDS OF KNOWLEDGE

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER VISION

CURRENT & FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS
WE’VE HONED IN ON YOUR IDEAS THAT WE THINK HAVE THE MOST POTENTIAL.

USE ALL KINDS OF KNOWLEDGE

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER VISION

BEST PLANNING PRACTICES

CURRENT & FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS
aligned with future conditions

current & future environmental conditions
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CURRENT & FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER VISION

ALIGNED WITH FUTURE CONDITIONS

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER VISION
YOU SET VALUES & GOALS FOR THIS PROCESS

MEETING 1
MEETING 2
YOU RECOMMENDED
STRATEGIES
FOR THE FUTURE
Discussion Summaries

**SLIDELL**
- Minimize high-risk development
- Increase **recreational access to water**
- Elevate roads without creating a levee-like effect
- Insure new road construction doesn’t negatively affect **stormwater management**
- Protect and promote **natural assets**
- Increase connectivity between parks and trails
- Adapt and **renovate existing structures**

**MANDEVILLE**
- Prepare for **population growth**
- Increase **public transit**
- Expand walking and biking infrastructure
- Implement **more restrictions** on building practices
- Regulate impact studies for all future developments
- Increase **inexpensive housing** stock to attract younger people
- Address the **full scope of flooding needs**
- More connectivity between parks and trails
- Connect with environmental organizations to clean up pollution in waterways

**COVINGTON**
- Synchronize **traffic lights** for maximum efficiency
- Implement a **public transit system** (bus line)
- Improve and add more **sidewalks**
- Grow **jobs** within Covington to reduce city-wide daily commute
- Grow medical facilities and aides for the elderly
- Increase support for **“green” jobs** (solar panels, Tesla) and advanced manufacturing
- Develop less concrete and more **greenspace/retention ponds**
- Connect existing **greenspaces** for education and recreation
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WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS VISION AND GET YOUR FEEDBACK
But first, we want to start with snap polling.

Your table host will hand out clickers so everyone can vote anonymously.
If you could have a superpower, what would you choose?

A. Able to fly 23%
B. Read minds 11%
C. Time travel 25%
D. Invisibility 2%
E. Superhuman strength 2%
F. Know the future 23%
G. I like life just the way it is 14%
Have you been to any other LA SAFE meetings?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Not sure
I am/I represent:

A. Resident/neighborhood
B. Coastal restoration organization
C. City/Parish representative
D. Development industry
E. Economic development/chamber
F. Arts organization
G. Non-profit
H. Education
I. Other
How long have you lived in St. Tammany Parish?

A. All my life
B. More than 20 years
C. 10 to 20 years
D. 5 to 10 years
E. 1 month to 4 years
F. Never
If LA SAFE invested in a transportation project, which project would you most like to see funded?

A. Transit service
B. Bike trails
C. Park-and-ride
D. Complete streets (sidewalks, improved shading, bike lanes)
Which types of job opportunities would you like to see expanded in your parish?

A. Healthcare
B. Alternative energy
C. Commerce (transportation logistics, marine engineering)
D. Warehousing & distribution industry
E. Oil, gas, and chemical industries
F. Tourism
G. Aquaculture and agriculture
H. Other
Which of the following is most important in envisioning a future St. Tammany Parish?

A. Increase green spaces and recreation
B. Provide more affordable housing options
C. Limit wetland development
D. Regulate development in the floodplain
E. Alleviating Traffic Congestion
F. Other
Which of the following opportunity types should be prioritized first in a future St. Tammany Parish?

A. Education opportunities
B. Job opportunities
C. Job training opportunities
D. Recreational opportunities
E. Commercial opportunities
F. Other

A. 32%
B. 24%
C. 27%
D. 5%
E. 7%
F. 5%
To improve stormwater management, St. Tammany Parish should do which of the following?

A. Invest in pumping and lift stations
B. Slow down new development
C. Require new development to implement stormwater retention strategies
D. Invest in and incentivize green infrastructure (i.e. rain gardens, green roofs, bioswales)
E. Other
St. Tammany Parish should incentivize residential rainwater harvesting systems to help reduce stormwater run-off.

A. Strongly agree
B. Agree
C. Neutral
D. Disagree
E. Strongly disagree
I would support a policy that required a freeboard requirement of 2 feet to help reduce damages and loss during storm events.

A. Strongly agree
B. Agree
C. Neutral
D. Disagree
E. Strongly disagree
How important is improving transportation connectivity in St. Tammany?

A. Very important
B. Important
C. Not important
D. I don’t care

63% 13% 19% 6%
Which of the following housing types would you most like to see more of in your parish?

A. Affordable  
B. Rental  
C. Senior-living  
D. Other  
E. None of the above
Are you aware of alternative forms of flood insurance such as local risk pools?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Not sure

- A. 13%  
- B. 82%  
- C. 5%
Would you choose to purchase a flood insurance policy if not required by a mortgage company or covenant?

A. Yes  
B. No  
C. Not sure
BIG PICTURE VISION

A 50-YEAR VISION FOR LOW, MEDIUM, & HIGH-RISK AREAS
HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

TRANSPORTATION

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN SPACE

EDUCATION, ECONOMY, & JOBS

CULTURE & RECREATION

5 CATEGORIES
3 RISK LEVELS

LOW RISK AREAS

MODERATE RISK AREAS

HIGH RISK AREAS
These are areas in which household populations may decline over the next 50 years, with a future projection of land loss and high flood risk. As a point of emphasis, existing cultural and economic assets will be preserved until which time they may have to be relocated to safer areas.

What we expect over 50 years:
- Land loss
- High flood risk
- Decline in population
“We don’t have modest housing. People in the service industry have no place to live.”
“Stop building on property in the flood plain.”
“Buyout should be considered on undeveloped property to prevent development.”
- Slidell meeting participants
What we heard:

“We should be using boats in emergency situations.”

“Lacombe needs help along 90 so it doesn’t act as a levee backing water up.”

“We have a major transit disconnect...”

- Slidell meeting participants
What we heard:

“I’ll say some of the worst flooding has occurred over the past few years.”

“Re-managing locks around Lake Pontchartrain might help. Cleaning ditches will help.”

“Issues getting boats on water because of blockage and silt.”

- Slidell meeting participants
“We need ecotourism increased. Scenic rivers, bayous, etc. are all assets.”
“We need to teach more about wetlands and environment. Use parks to teach.”
“We don’t have a lot of jobs for those that don’t choose to go to college.”

- Slidell meeting participants
“Fishing tourism has potential.”
“Bayou Liberty area provides a variety of economic and recreational opportunities.”
“We need to market and advertise (our local tourism assets).”

- Slidell meeting participants
Do you agree with this vision for High Risk Areas?

You described a future with *elevated homes, safe evacuation routes, an expanded recreational and ecotourism industry, and infrastructure needed to protect existing industries and development.*
MEDIUM RISK AREAS

What we expect over 50 years:

- Land loss in surrounding areas
- Moderate local flood risk
- Not much change in population
Transportation

- Connectivity Between Parks and Trails
- Multi-modal Regional Transit
- Improved Evacuation Routes
- Improved Sidewalks
- Shuttle Services
- Bike Lanes
- Street Lighting On Major Corridors
What we heard

“Stop building new buildings when we have older buildings that can be repurposed like the old mall.”

“Livable communities surrounded by greenspace would require master plan update.”

“Rehab center, Trauma center needed. Planned in Lakeview.”

- Slidell, Covington, & Mandeville meeting participants
What we heard

“What about multimodal transportation? We got a 2 lane bridge, there’s no space for bicycles…”

“I-12 is bumper to bumper and it was just built.”

“Need more trains and increased walkability for the parish.”

- Covington & Mandeville meeting participants
What we heard

“Series of retention ponds? Needs more of a regional approach.”

“Need to have a river and creeks management department to monitor construction site runoff.”

“If you build low lying coastal areas, developers need to build to incorporate flooding in the future”
- Mandeville & Slidell meeting participants
What we heard

“What we heard:

Education, Economy & Jobs

MODERATE RISK AREA

“Need training in high tech, energy sector jobs.”

“What will it take for St. Tammany to invest in energy future?”

“In education…incentives teaching about what is a wetland, building a mini wetland…We should be celebrating nature, working with it.”

- Covington & Mandeville meeting participants
“Access to recreational activities.”

“Expand advertising of tourist attractions on the Northshore.”

“Things like…fairs are important to maintain small town culture.”

- Covington & Mandeville meeting participants
Do you agree with this vision for Moderate Risk Areas?

You described a future with elevated residential and commercial development, multimodal transportation, education and job training programs, and improved stormwater management.

- Strongly Agree: 59%
- Agree: 24%
- Slightly Agree: 9%
- Neutral: 9%
- Slightly Disagree: 0%
- Disagree: 0%
- Strongly Disagree: 0%
These are areas in which economic growth and increases in population are anticipated over the next 50 years, with a future projection of minimal flood risk. They will balance growth while still maintaining the quality of life that is critical to retaining residents and attracting new ones.

**LOW RISK AREAS**

What we expect over 50 years:

- Minimal flood risk
- Economic growth
- Increases in population
What we heard

“Diversity of housing would allow for residents to stay and attract younger families.”

“With population growth, more service/retail workers who can’t afford to live here.”

“Would like to see larger venues, entertainment type districts.

- Covington & Mandeville meeting participants
Transportation

LOW RISK AREA

What we heard

“...you have to have a vehicle to get there...there is no public transportation.”

“No good East-West means to get back and forth, no good corridors except for I-12.”

“Uber may be the best alternative to public transportation.”

- Covington & Mandeville meeting participants
“We need to build some parks in the neighborhoods; there are no parks in these huge neighborhoods, so kids stay in their homes.”

“As development increases, the more water will flow into parish -- water can’t go through concrete.”

“We need inspections of new developments’ stormwater management.”

- Covington meeting participants
"It all fits together, keep quality of life and education good, people will stick around."

"Change culture from energy heavy industry to environmentally friendly."

"Smaller community schools would be nice."

- Covington & Mandeville meeting participants
“Maintaining culture will allow us to maintain tourism.”

“Protect historical areas.”

“Bogue Falaya- park, make more accessible to recreation boats. Known to tourists.”

- Covington & Mandeville meeting participants
Do you agree with this vision for Low Risk Areas?

You described a future with more **residential and commercial development**, greater **transportation options**, better **stormwater management**, and more **green space**.

- Strongly Agree (A) 57%
- Agree (B) 23%
- Slightly Agree (C) 11%
- Neutral (D) 9%
- Slightly Disagree (E) 0%
- Disagree (F) 0%
- Strongly Disagree (G) 0%
NOW LET'S TALK

STRATEGIES

PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, & POLICIES

THAT SUPPORT THE VISION
OUR GOALS ARE TO...

**Learn** which strategies you think are most important for your parish

**Understand** how we can improve

**Gather** more strategies that you think will support your parish vision
ACTIVITY 2

EACH CATEGORY SHEET IS FILLED WITH IDEAS WE HEARD FROM YOU
Some ideas are a better fit for certain risk levels. Other strategies are parish-wide or regional. Take a close look at all of them!
ACTIVITY 2

STEP 1: WHICH STRATEGIES ARE BEST?

YOUR TABLE HAS 8 GREEN STICKERS. DECIDE AS A GROUP WHERE TO PLACE THEM.
ACTIVITY 2

STEP 2: ARE ANY OF THESE BAD IDEAS?

IF YOU THINK SO, PLACE ONE OF YOUR 3 RED STICKERS, AND TELL US WHY YOU THINK SO.
STEP 3: 
TELL US HOW THESE CAN BE IMPROVED AND WHAT WE CAN ADD.

USE YOUR POST-ITS OR WRITE ON THE SHEET
ACTIVITY 2

Each table has 3 sheets to discuss.

15 minutes per sheet
LET'S GET TO WORK!

Our advice:
Take about 5 minutes to place your stickers and about 10 to discuss and add comments.

We will let you know when it is time to switch sheets.
NEXT STEPS
TIMELINE

MARCH/APRIL
Parishwide Meeting

UNDERSTANDING CHANGE & GOALS

MAY/JUNE
Local Meetings

NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

JULY/AUG
Parishwide Meeting

PROJECTS, POLICIES & PROGRAMS

SEPT/OCT
Local Meetings

DRAFT STRATEGIES

EARLY DEC
Parishwide Meeting

DRAFT ADAPTATION PLAN

END OF 2017
FINAL ADAPTATION PLAN
DURING THE PROCESS, WE MAY ASK YOU TO:

- Complete a quick survey after each meeting
- Attend focus groups and interviews
- Fill out an internet survey

CHART will bring back what they found for the community and project team to review
GRAB A TAKEHOME PACKET AND SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!
IF YOU EVER WANT TO GET IN TOUCH,

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