AUGUST 17, 2023, THURSDAY
6:00 P.M.
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM
Government Tower, 8026 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Houma, Louisiana

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I. CONVENE AS THE ZONING & LAND USE COMMISSION
A. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
B. ROLL CALL
C. CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE
D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   1. Approval of Minutes of Zoning & Land Use Commission for the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2023
E. COMMUNICATIONS
F. NEW BUSINESS:
   1. Planning Approval:
      Establish a church in a C-3 (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district; 1934 Prospect Boulevard; Ministerio Cristiana Ciudad Refugio, applicant (Council District 1 / City of Houma Fire)
G. STAFF REPORT
H. COMMISSION COMMENTS:
   1. Zoning & Land Use Commissioners’ Comments
   2. Chairman Comments
I. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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II. CONVENE AS THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
A. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
B. ROLL CALL
C. CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE
D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
   1. Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2023
E. APPROVE REMITTANCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE AUGUST 17, 2023 INVOICES AND THE TREASURER’S REPORT OF JUNE/JULY 2023
F. COMMUNICATIONS
G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. a) Subdivision: Division of Property belonging to William J. Washam to create Tract WW-1 and Tract WW-2
   Approval Requested: Process D, Minor Subdivision
   Location: 7060 & 7064 Main Street, Terrebonne Parish, LA
   Government Districts: Council District 5 / Bayou Cane Fire District
   Developer: William J. Washam
   b) Public Hearing
   c) Consider Approval of Said Application

H. APPLICATIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

   Approval Requested: Process D, Minor Subdivision
   Location: 2079 Hwy. 55, Terrebonne Parish, LA
   Government Districts: Council District 9 / Montegut Fire District
   Developer: Charlotte G. Trosclair
   Surveyor: Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors
   b) Public Hearing
   c) Consider Approval of Said Application

   Approval Requested: Process D, Minor Subdivision
   Location: 5762 North Bayou Black Drive, Terrebonne Parish, LA
   Government Districts: Council District 2 / Gibson Fire District
   Developer: David P. LeCompte
   Surveyor: Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors
   b) Public Hearing
   c) Consider Approval of Said Application

3. a) Subdivision: Tracts 1-5, Charles John Lajaunie
   Approval Requested: Process D, Minor Subdivision
   Location: 1731 Bull Run Road, Terrebonne Parish, LA
   Government Districts: Council District 2 / Donner-Chacahoula Fire District
   Developer: Stephanie Leonard
   Surveyor: Charles L. McDonald Land Surveyor, Inc.
   b) Public Hearing
   c) Variance Request: Variance from the fire hydrant distance requirements within the 10% allowance
   d) Consider Approval of Said Application

4. a) Subdivision: Imperial Landing Subdivision, Phase D
   Approval Requested: Process C, Major Subdivision-Conceptual & Preliminary
   Location: Terrebonne Parish, LA
   Government Districts: Council District 4 / Schriever Fire District
   Developer: Onshore Materials, LLC
   Surveyor: David A. Waitz Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
   b) Public Hearing
   c) Consider Approval of Said Application

5. a) Subdivision: Tracts "A" & "B," A Redivision of Property belonging to Poule D'eau Properties, LLC
   Approval Requested: Process D, Minor Subdivision
   Location: 1727 Coteau Road, Terrebonne Parish, LA
   Government Districts: Council District 9 / Coteau Fire District
   Developer: Poule D'eau Properties, LLC
   Surveyor: Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors
   b) Public Hearing
   c) Consider Approval of Said Application
6. a) Subdivision:  *Tracts 1 & 2, A Redivision of Property belonging to Ryan Pitre*
Approval Requested:  Process D, Minor Subdivision
Location:  1504 Acadian Drive, Terrebonne Parish, LA
Government Districts:  Council District 8 / City of Houma Fire District
Developer:  Ryan Pitre
Surveyor:  Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors
b) Public Hearing
c) Consider Approval of Said Application

7. a) Subdivision:  *Lots 18A & 18B, A Redivision of Lot 18, Block 4, Deweyville Subdivision*
Approval Requested:  Process D, Minor Subdivision
Location:  1102 Wallis Street & 1511 Bonvillain Street, Terrebonne Parish, LA
Government Districts:  Council District 1 / City of Houma Fire District
Developer:  Patrice Sims
Surveyor:  Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors
b) Public Hearing
c) Consider Approval of Said Application
d) Variance Request:  Variance from the minimum lot size requirements

e) Consider Approval of Said Application

8. a) Subdivision:  *Tracts A, B, C, & D, A Redivision of Property belonging to Gustave John Theriot*
Approval Requested:  Process D, Minor Subdivision
Location:  1952 Highway 311, Terrebonne Parish, LA
Government Districts:  Council District 2 / Schriever Fire District
Developer:  Gustave J. Theriot
Surveyor:  Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors
b) Public Hearing
c) Consider Approval of Said Application

d) Variance Request:  Variance from the fire hydrant distance requirements
e) Consider Approval of Said Application

9. a) Subdivision:  *Division of Property belonging to Floyd McFarland (Tracts 3-A & 3-B)*
Approval Requested:  Process D, Minor Subdivision
Location:  1597, 1603, & 1609 West Main St., Schriever, Terrebonne Parish, LA
Government Districts:  Council District 2 / Schriever Fire District
Developer:  Savior Property Management, LLC; Angie Aysen
Surveyor:  Charles L. McDonald Land Surveyor, Inc.
b) Public Hearing
c) Consider Approval of Said Application

d) Variance Request:  Variance from the fire hydrant distance requirements

e) Consider Approval of Said Application

10. a) Subdivision:  *Tract 1 and Tract 2 being a Redivision of Property belonging to WDR Properties, LLC*
Approval Requested:  Process D, Minor Subdivision
Location:  2713 Bayou Blue Road, Terrebonne Parish, LA
Government Districts:  Council District 4 / Bayou Blue Fire District
Developer:  Walton Russ
Surveyor:  Red Stick Power, LLC
b) Public Hearing
c) Consider Approval of Said Application

I. STAFF REPORT
1. Presentation by CSRS, Inc. and discussion regarding the adoption of the Main Street Corridor Master Plan, and call a Public Hearing on said matter for Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL(S):
July 2023
1. Lot Line Adjustment between Rev. Tract 2A, Lot 39 & Lot 45 into Rev. 2 Tract 2A, Rev. Lot 39 & Rev. Lot 45; Section 93, T21S-R18E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (7822, 7818, & 7816 Waterfront Drive / Councilman Dirk Guidry, District 8)
2. Revised Lot 10, Block 43 of Add. No. 16, Phase B & Revised Lot 11, Add. No. 18, Phase B to Summerfield Place Subdivision; Section 82, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (418 Lancaster Drive & 261 Newsom Drive / Councilman Darrin Guidry, District 6)
3. Revised Lot 3, Block 2, A Redivision of Lots 3 thru 5, Block 2, Add. No. 1 to St. Michel Subdivision; Sections 8 & 96, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (110 thru 114 St. Michel Avenue / Councilwoman Jessica Domangue, District 5)
4. Lot Line Adjustment located in Greenacre Subdivision (Lots 26B, 27A, 27B, Block 1) & Greenacre Subdivision, Addendum 1 (Lot 4, Block 3); Section 6, T17S-R18E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (306 Mason Drive / Councilman Steve Trosclair, District 9)

August 2023
1. Lot Line Shift of Lot 14, Block 1, Fesi Court Subdivision, belonging to Brian and Kaylie Robichaux, and Lot 19, Parcel 3, and portion of Parcel 4, of Addendum No. 3 to Mulberry Heights Subdivision, belonging to Paul and Sandra Larose, into Lot 14-A and Lot 14-B; Sections 64 & 65, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (300 Bellwood Drive / Councilman John Amedée, District 4)
2. Lot Line Adjustment of Property belonging to William & Michelle McDonald into Tract 1 and Revised Tract B-2; Sections 64 & 65, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (300 Bellwood Drive / Councilman John Amedée, District 4)
3. Lot Line Shift of Lot 8, Block 1, Cameron Isles Business Park and the Remainder of Matherne Realty Partnership, LLC into Lot 8A, Block 1, Cameron Isles Business Park and the Remainder of Matherne Realty Partnership, LLC; Sections 101 & 102, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (815 Centurion Lane / Councilman Carl Harding, District 2 & Councilman Darrin Guidry, District 6)
4. Revised Tracts 4-2 & 5-2, A Redivision of Property belonging to Frogco Amphibious Equipment, LLC, et al; Section 54, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (110 Doris Court / Councilman John Amedée, District 4)
6. Redivision of Lot Lines of Property belonging to Bon Villa Mobile Home Park, LLC; Section 7, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (106 Bon Villa Court, Gray / Councilman John Amedée, District 4)

K. COMMITTEE REPORT:
1. Subdivision Regulations Review Committee

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS:
1. Planning Commissioners’ Comments
2. Chairman’s Comments

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N. ADJOURN
A. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Rogers, called the meeting of June 15, 2023 of the HTRPC to order at 6:18 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Barry Soudelier. The Chairman, Mr. Robbie Liner, was unable to attend the meeting.

B. Upon Roll Call, present were: Ms. Rachael Ellender, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Jan Rogers Vice-Chairman; Mr. Travion Smith; Mr. Barry Soudelier; and Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux. Absent at the time of Roll Call was: Mr. Ross Burgard; Mr. Kyle Faulk; and Mr. Robbie Liner, Chairman. Also present were Mr. Christopher Pulaski, Director, Department of Planning & Zoning and Mr. Derick Bercegeay, Legal Advisor.

C. CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE: The Vice-Chairman reminded the Commissioners that if at any time tonight, a conflict of interest exists, arises or is recognized, as to any issue during this meeting, he or she should immediately disclose it, and is to recuse himself or herself from participating in the debate, discussion, and voting on that matter. There were no conflicts to report.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
1. Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Soudelier: “THAT the HTRPC accept the minutes as written, for the Regional Planning Commission for the regular meeting of May 18, 2023.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

2. Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Smith: “THAT the HTRPC remit payment for the June 15, 2023 invoices and approve the Treasurer’s Report of May 2023.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

E. Mr. Pernell Pellegrin, Martin & Pellegrin, CPAs, presented the 2022 Annual Report to the Commission and said it was a favorable report overall.

1. Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Soudelier: “THAT the HTRPC ratify and accept the 2022 Annual Audit as presented by Mr. Pernell Pellegrin, Martin & Pellegrin CPAs.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

F. COMMUNICATIONS:
1. Mr. Pulaski read an email from Leonard Chauvin P.E., P.L.S., Inc. dated June 15, 2023 requesting to table Item H.7 regarding property belonging to William Washam until the next regular meeting of July 20, 2023 [See ATTACHMENT A].

a) Mr. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Smith: “THAT the HTRPC adopt a motion to table the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, Division of Property belonging to William J. Washam to create Tract WW-1 and Tract WW-2 until the next regular meeting of July 20, 2023 as per the Developer’s request [See ATTACHMENT A].”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Thibodeaux. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
G. OLD BUSINESS:
Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Smith: “THAT Old Business be removed from the table and be considered at this time.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

1. The Vice-Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Four Geaux Louisiana, LLC requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Revised Parcel 3-A & Lot 49, Redivision of Revised Parcel 3-A.
   a) Mr. Ken Rembert, Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors, discussed the location and division of property. He stated it was tabled at the last meeting because a variance was needed that wasn’t published.
   b) There was no one present to speak on the matter.
   c) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Smith: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

   d) Discussion was held regarding the existing camps on property to be sold to the camp owner.
   e) Mr. Pulaski discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff would recommend approval of the variance and conditional approval of the subdivision provided upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat.
   f) Mr. Soudelier moved, seconded by Mr. Smith: “THAT the HTRPC grant approval of the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Revised Parcel 3-A & Lot 49, Redivision of Revised Parcel 3-A belonging to Four Geaux Louisiana, LLC with a variance from the minimum lot size requirement and conditioned upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Soudelier. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Soudelier; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers and Mr. Thibodeaux; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

H. APPLICATIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Vice-Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Melissa F. Fesi requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Lots 5-A & 5-B, A Redivision of Lot 5 belonging to Michael A. Fesi, II and Melissa F. Fesi.
   a) Mr. Ken Rembert, Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors, discussed the location and division of property.
   b) There was no one present to speak on the matter.
   c) Mr. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Soudelier: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Thibodeaux. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

   d) Mr. Pulaski discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff would recommend approval with no conditions.
   e) Mr. Soudelier moved, seconded by Ms. Ellender: “THAT the HTRPC grant approval of the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Lots 5-A & 5-B, A Redivision of Lot 5 belonging to Michael A. Fesi, II and Melissa F. Fesi.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Soudelier. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr.
2. The Vice-Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Emmanuel Gutierrez requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Lots 8-A & 8-B of Block 6, A Redivision of Lot 8 of Barrow Subdivision, Property belonging to Jyothi Chuvatta-Madhava.

   a) Mr. Ken Rembert, Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors, discussed the location and division of property. He stated the applicant wanted to divide the lot so each building was on an individual lot of record, but they would have to get a variance from the Board of Adjustment.

   b) There was no one present to speak on the matter.

   c) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender.

THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

d) Mr. Pulaski discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff would recommend conditional approval provided upon approval from the Board of Adjustment for a 17’ rear yard setback variance.

e) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Soudelier; “THAT the HTRPC grant approval of the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Lots 8-A & 8-B of Block 6, A Redivision of Lot 8 of Barrow Subdivision, Property belonging to Jyothi Chuvatta-Madhava conditioned upon approval from the Board of Adjustment for a 17’ rear yard variance.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender.

THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

3. The Vice-Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Joann Kaack requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Revised Parcel 3-A & Lot 50, A Redivision of Revised Parcel 3-A belonging to Four Geaux Louisiana, LLC.

   a) Mr. Ken Rembert, Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors, discussed the location and division of property.

   b) There was no one present to speak on the matter.

   c) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender.

THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

d) Mr. Pulaski discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff would recommend approval of the variance and conditional approval of the subdivision provided upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat.

e) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Smith; “THAT the HTRPC grant approval of the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, with a variance from the minimum lot size requirement and conditioned upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender.

THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Soudelier; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers and Mr. Thibodeaux; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

4. The Vice-Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Katherine E. Florek requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for the Survey and Division of Property belonging to Katherine E. Florek into Lot 1 and Lot 2.
a) Mr. John Daigle, David A. Waitz Engineering & Surveying, Inc., discussed the location and division of property.

b) There was no one present to speak on the matter.

c) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Smith: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

d) Mr. Pulaski discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff would recommend conditional approval provided upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat and at least one permanent-type benchmark be depicted on the plat.

e) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux: “THAT the HTRPC grant approval of the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, the Survey and Division of Property belonging to Katherine E. Florek into Lot 1 and Lot 2, conditioned upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat and at least one permanent-type benchmark be depicted on the plat.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

5. The Vice-Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Ricky & Laci Melancon requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for Survey and Division of Property belonging to Ricky C. Melancon and Laci Melancon into Lot 1, Lot 2, & Lot 3.

a) Mr. John Daigle, David A. Waitz Engineering & Surveying, Inc., discussed the location and division of property.

b) There was no one present to speak on the matter.

c) Mr. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Ms. Ellender: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Thibodeaux. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

d) Mr. Pulaski discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff would recommend conditional approval provided upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat, at least one permanent-type benchmark be depicted on the plat, and submittal of all utility letters.

e) Mr. Soudelier moved, seconded by Ms. Ellender: “THAT the HTRPC grant approval of the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, conditioned upon municipal addresses being depicted on the plat, at least one permanent-type benchmark be depicted on the plat, and submittal of all utility letters.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Soudelier. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

6. The Vice-Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Gail Thibodaux requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision, for a Redivision of Tract II belonging to Gail Thibodaux, now or formerly, being a portion of Lot 40 of the Waubun, St. George & Isle of Cuba Plantation Subdivision to create Tract IV and Tract V.

a) Mr. Tré Chauvin, Leonard Chauvin P.E., P.L.S., Inc., discussed the location and division of property.

b) There was no one present to speak on the matter.
c) Mr. Soudelier moved, seconded by Ms. Ellender: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Soudelier. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

d) Mr. Pulaski discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff would recommend conditional approval provided upon submittal of all utility letters and the municipal address for Tract II be depicted on the plat.

e) Ms. Ellender moved, seconded by Mr. Soudelier: “THAT the HTRPC grant approval of the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision, conditioned upon submittal of all utility letters and the municipal address for Tract II be depicted on the plat.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. Ellender. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

7. Tabled until July 20, 2023 as per the Developer’s request. Division of Property belonging to William J. Washam to create Tract WW-1 and Tract WW-2 [See ATTACHMENT A]

H. STAFF REPORT:

1. Discussion was held regarding the 2022 Annual Report and the omission of the parish-wide sewer treatment collection in the goals section. The report will be modified prior to sending to the Parish President and Council Chairwoman. It was requested that a draft of the report be sent to the Commissioners before printing in the future.

a) Mr. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Soudelier: “THAT the HTRPC ratify the 2022 Annual Report, as amended.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Thibodeaux. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL(S):

Mr. Thibodeaux moved, seconded by Ms. Ellender: “THAT the HTRPC acknowledge for the record the following Administrative Approvals 1-6.”

1. Lot Line Adjustment between Tracts of Land for T. Baker Smith, Jr., Inc., C & J Real Estate Holdings, LLC and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government; Section 105, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (Industrial Boulevard / Councilman Brien Pledger, District 1 & Councilman Dirk Guidry, District 8)

2. Line Line Shift of Lots 25 & 26, Block 1, Tall Timbers Subdivision belonging to Travis M. Buquet Family Holdings, LLC; Section 89, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (510 & 512 Bayou Gardens Drive / Councilman John Amedée, District 4)

3. Lot Line Adjustments of Lot 1, Tract 3 and Tract 4 into Revised Lot 1, Revised Tract 3 and Revised Tract 4 belonging to Best Boat & RV Park, LLC; Section 53, T19S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (1741 Dr. Beatrous Road / Councilman Danny Babin, District 7)

4. Revised Lots 25 & 26, A Redivision of Lots 25 & 26, Block 10 of Acadialand Subdivision belonging to Fairchild Investments, LLC, et al; Section 105, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (2206 & 2208 Mary Hughes Drive / Councilman Dirk Guidry, District 8)

5. Lot Line Shift between Lots 27 and 31 of the Redivision of Lots 27, 29, & 31, Block 1 to Gibson Gardens Subdivision; Section 6, T16S-R14E, Terrebonne Parish, LA (611 & 613 Cypress Street / Councilman Darren Guidry, District 6)


The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Thibodeaux. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

K. COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. Subdivision Regulations Review Committee:
   a) Mr. Pulaski further discussed rear lot drainage from the meeting held on June 8, 2023 regarding Rienzi subdivision in Lafourche Parish and the use of concrete swales to assist with incidental rear lot drainage. He stated he spoke to the designer, and they don’t seem to have issues with the concrete swales as it pertains to private servitude or with the homeowners privately maintaining as well as no security issues. They will be looking into developing some sort of policy or exhibit to encourage developers to utilize.
   b) The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

1. Planning Commissioners’ Comments:
   a) Mr. Thibodeaux inquired about the Houma Restoration District Committee that was formed to help preserve and revitalize downtown Houma.

2. Vice-Chairman’s Comments: None.

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

N. Mr. Thibodeaux moved, seconded Mr. Smith: “THAT there being no further business to come before the HTRPC, the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m.”

The Vice-Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Thibodeaux. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Ms. Ellender, Mr. Smith, Mr. Soudelier, and Mr. Thibodeaux; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Rogers; ABSENT: Mr. Burgard, Mr. Faulk, and Mr. Liner. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

Becky M. Becnel, Minute Clerk
Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission
From: Nicholas Billiot
To: Christopher Pulaski
Cc: Becky Brecel; Tre Chauvin
Subject: Tabling of William Washam’s Division
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:10:26 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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Christopher,

I would like to request that William Washam’s division, on this month’s agenda, to be tabled to next month’s meeting. This is made by the request of the developer, William Washam.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Billiot, L.S.I.
Land Surveying Intern
627 Jackson St.
Thibodaux, LA 70301
Phone: 985-449-1376
Fax: 985-449-1050
Email: nicholas@ljcpe.com

ATTACHMENT A
### HOUMA-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission

**June 2023**

**Balance Brought Forward**

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Total: $1,569.30

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July 2023
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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 64,525.64

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Outstanding invoices and disbursements

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

1. Name of Subdivision: A division of property belonging to William J. Washam to create Tract WW-1 and Tract WW-2
2. Developer’s Name & Address: William J. Washam, 7060 Main St. Houma, LA 70360
   Owner’s Name & Address: William J. Washam, 7060 Main St. Houma, LA 70360
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary
3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: Leonard Chauvin, P.E., P.L.S., Inc. 627 Jackson St., Thibodaux, LA 70301
4. Physical Address: 7060 & 7064 Main St. Houma, LA 70360
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: Section 6, T17S-R17E
6. Purpose of Development: Create one (1) New Lot of Record
7. Land Use: x Single-Family Residential
   Multi-Family Residential
   Commercial
   Industrial
8. Sewerage Type: x Community
   Individual Treatment
   Package Plant
   Other
9. Drainage: x Curb & Gutter
   Roadside Open Ditches
   Rear Lot Open Ditches
   Other
10. Planned Unit Development: Y □ N □
11. Date and Scale of Map: 05-25-2023 1″ = 30′
13. Number of Lots: 2
14. Filing Fees: $ 141.20

CERTIFICATION:

I, Leonard J. Chauvin III, certify this application including the attached data to be true and correct.

Leonard J. Chauvin III

Print Applicant or Agent
5/26/23

Signature of Applicant or Agent
5/26/23

The undersigned certifies that he/she is the owner of the entire land included within the proposal and concurs with the Application or that he/she has submitted with this Application a complete, true and correct listing of all of the owners of the entire land included within the proposal, that each of the listed owners concur with this Application, and that he/she has been given specific authority by each listed owner to submit and sign this Application on their behalf.

William J. Washam

Print Name of Signature
5/26/23

Evelyn M. Washam

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RPC / G.1

Revised 11/3/2021
APPLICATION 
SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

APPROVAL REQUESTED:

A. _______ Raw Land
B. _______ Mobile Home Park
C. _______ Re-Subdivision
D. _______ Residential Building Park
C. _______ Major Subdivision
D. _______ Conceptual/Preliminary
  _______ Conceptual
  _______ Preliminary
  _______ Engineering
  _______ Final
D. _______ Minor Subdivision

Variance(s) – Provide brief description below. On a separate sheet of paper, provide a detailed description of the variance, demonstrate valid hardship(s), and demonstrate why the issuance of the variance would not nullify the intent and purpose of the ordinance which may include the public health, safety, and welfare. (Sec. 24.9.2.1)

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

   CHARLOTTE G. TROSCLAIR 109 LOIS AMY ST MONTEGUT, LA 70344
2. Developer’s Name & Address: CHARLOTTE G. TROSCLAIR 109 LOIS AMY ST MONTEGUT, LA 70344
   Owner’s Name & Address: CHARLOTTE G. TROSCLAIR 109 LOIS AMY ST MONTEGUT, LA 70344
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary
3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: KENETH L. REMBERT, SURVEYOR

SITE INFORMATION:

4. Physical Address: 2079 HWY 55
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: SECTION 8, T19S-R19E
6. Purpose of Development: CREATE TRACTS FOR SALE
7. Land Use:
   X Single-Family Residential
   ______ Multi-Family Residential
   ______ Commercial
   ______ Industrial
8. Sewerage Type:
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   X Individual Treatment
   ______ Package Plant
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9. Drainage:
   ______ Curb & Gutter
   X Roadside Open Ditches
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   ______ Other
10. Planned Unit Development: Y □ N ☒
11. Date and Scale of Map: DATE: 06/06/2023 SCALE: 1”=50’
12. Council District / Fire Tax Area: 9 Trosclear / Montegut
13. Number of Lots: 3
14. Filling Fees:

CERTIFICATION:

I, KENETH L. REMBERT , certify this application including the attached data to be true and correct.

KENETH L. REMBERT
Print Applicant or Agent

6/28/23

Date

The undersigned certifies that he/she is the owner of the entire land included within the proposal and concurs with the Application or that he/she has submitted with this Application a complete, true and correct listing of all of the owners of the entire land included within the proposal, that each of the listed owners concur with this Application, and that he/she has been given specific authority by each listed owner to submit and sign this Application on their behalf.

CHARLOTTE G. TROSCLAIR
Print Name of Signature

6/28/23

RPC / H.1
RPC / H.2

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

TRACTS 1-A, 2-A & 3-A. A REDIVISION OF TRACT "A" BELONGING TO

1. Name of Subdivision: DAVID P. LECOMPTET AL
   Developer's Name & Address: DAVID P. LECOMPTET 116 THIRD ST HOUMA, LA 70364
   Owner's Name & Address: SEE ATTACHED LIST
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary

3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: KENETH L. REMBERT, SURVEYOR

SITE INFORMATION:

4. Physical Address: 5762 NORTH BAYOU BLACK DR
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: SECTION 100, T16S-R15E
6. Purpose of Development: CREATE TRACTS FOR SALE
7. Land Use:
   _____ Single-Family Residential
   _____ Multi-Family Residential
   _____ Commercial
   _____ Industrial
9. Drainage:
   _____ Curb & Gutter
   _____ Roadside Open Ditches
   _____ Rear Lot Open Ditches
   _____ Other
10. Planned Unit Development: Y [ ] N [x]
11. Date and Scale of Map: DATE: 6/27/23 SCALE: 1"=60'
12. Council District / Fire Tax Area:
    2 Harding / Gibson
13. Number of Lots: 3
14. Filing Fees:

CERTIFICATION:

1. KENETH L. REMBERT [ ], certify this application including the attached data to be true and correct.

KENETH L. REMBERT
Print Applicant or Agent

6/28/23
Date

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DAVID P. LECOMPTET
Print Name of Signature

6/28/23
Date

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"MINOR SUBDIVISION"
LAND USE: RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPERS: DAVID P. LECOMpte
IN SECTION 100, TIES-RISE, TERRIBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA
JUNE 21, 2023
SCALE: 1" = 20'

RPC / H.2

SURVEY OF TRACTS 1-A, 2-A & 3-A
A REDIVISION OF TRACT "A"
BELONGING TO
DAVID P. LECOMpte & AL
IN SECTION 100, TIES-RISE, TERRIBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA
JUNE 21, 2023
SCALE: 1" = 20'

RPC / H.2

SURVEY OF TRACTS 1-A, 2-A & 3-A
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BELONGING TO
DAVID P. LECOMpte & AL
IN SECTION 100, TIES-RISE, TERRIBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA
JUNE 21, 2023
SCALE: 1" = 20'

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APPLICATION  
SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

APPROVAL REQUESTED:  
A. _____ Raw Land  
   _____ Re-Subdivision  
B. _____ Mobile Home Park  
   _____ Residential Building Park  
C. _____ Major Subdivision  
   _____ Conceptual  
   _____ Preliminary  
   _____ Engineering  
   _____ Final  
D. _____ Minor Subdivision

Variance(s) – Provide brief description below. On a separate sheet of paper, provide a detailed description of the variance, demonstrate valid hardship(s), and demonstrate why the issuance of the variance would not nullify the intent and purpose of the ordinance which may include the public health, safety, and welfare. (Sec. 24.9.2.1)

** Request for a variance from the 250' requirement for the fire hydrant location for Tract 1. There are two fire hydrants located within the allowable 10% difference of 275 feet. One is located at 262.1 feet and the other is located at 259.7 feet away from Tract 1.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:  
1. Name of Subdivision: MAP SHOWING SURVEY OF THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CHARLES JOHN LAJAUNIE
2. Developer’s Name & Address: Stephanie Leonard for Charles John Lajaunie 1731 Bull Run Road Schriever, LA 70395
   Owner’s Name & Address: Charles John Lajaunie 1731 Bull Run Road Schriever, LA 70395
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary
3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: Charles L. McDonald, Land Surveyor, Inc.

SITE INFORMATION:

4. Physical Address: 1731 Bull Run Road
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: Section 62 & 63, T165-R15E
6. Purpose of Development: To create five tracts of record

7. Land Use:  
   _____ Single-Family Residential  
   _____ Multi-Family Residential  
   _____ Commercial  
   _____ Industrial

8. Sewerage Type:  
   _____ Community  
   _____ Individual Treatment  
   _____ Package Plant  
   _____ Other

9. Drainage:  
   Curb & Gutter  
   _____ Roadside Open Ditches  
   Rear Lot Open Ditches  
   Other

10. Planned Unit Development: Y [ ] N [ ]
11. Date and Scale of Map: 14 JUNE 2003 1” = 50’
12. Council District / Fire Tax Area:

13. Number of Lots: 5 Lots
14. Filing Fees: ________________

CERTIFICATION:

1. Alisa Champagne, certify this application including the attached date to be true and correct.

ALISA CHAMPAGNE
Print Applicant or Agent
June 29, 2023
Date

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Charles J. Lajaunie
Print Name of Signature
JUNE 29, 2023
Date

LEONA H. LAJAUNIE
Signature

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APPLICATION
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   Conceptual/Preliminary
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   _______ Final
Variance(s) – Provide brief description below. On a separate sheet of paper, provide a detailed description of the variance, demonstrate valid hardship(s), and demonstrate why the issuance of the variance would not nullify the intent and purpose of the ordinance which may include the public health, safety, and welfare. (Sec. 24.9.2.1)

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1. Name of Subdivision: IMPERIAL LANDING SUBDIVISION - PHASE D
   ONSHORE MATERIALS, L.L.C.
   127 LINCOLN LANE, THIBODAUX, LA 70301
2. Developer's Name & Address: INTERSECTION OF MONROE ST. & CORE DR., THIBODAUX, LA 70301
   Owner's Name & Address: SECTION 77, T15S-R14E
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary

SITE INFORMATION:
4. Physical Address: INTERSECTION OF MONROE ST. & CORE DR., THIBODAUX, LA 70301
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: SECTION 77, T15S-R14E
6. Purpose of Development: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
7. Land Use:
   _______ Single-Family Residential
   _______ Multi-Family Residential
   _______ Commercial
   _______ Industrial
   _______ Curb & Gutter
   _______ Roadside Open Ditches
   _______ Rear Lot Open Ditches
   _______ Other
8. Sewerage Type:
   _______ Community
   _______ Individual Treatment
   _______ Package Plant
   _______ Other
   _______ Planned Unit Development: Y    N    L
   _______ Date and Scale of Map:
   _______ JUNE 29, 2023 1:1,000
   _______ Council District / Fire Tax Area:
10. _______ Filing Fees: $399.40

CERTIFICATION:
   I, JOSHUA L. ARABIE, AGENT OF
   ONSHORE MATERIALS, L.L.C., certify this application including the attached data to be true and correct.

Print Applicant or Agent
JOSHUA L. ARABIE, AGENT
7/6/23
Date

Signature of Applicant or Agent
JOSHUA L. ARABIE

Print Name of Signature
JOSHUA L. ARABIE
7/6/23
Date

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JOSHUA L. ARABIE, AGENT OF
ONSHORE MATERIALS, L.L.C.

Print Name of Signature
JOSHUA L. ARABIE
7/6/23
Date

Signature
JOSHUA L. ARABIE

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APPLICATION  
SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

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C. _____ Major Subdivision
   Conceptual
   Preliminary
   Engineering
   Final
D. _____ Minor Subdivision

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:
1. Name of Subdivision: TRACTS "A" & "B", A REDIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO POULE D'EAU PROPERTIES, L.L.C.
2. Developer's Name & Address: POULE D'EAU PROPERTIES, LLC PO BOX 2617 HOUMA, LA 70361
   Owner's Name & Address: POULE D'EAU PROPERTIES, LLC PO BOX 2617 HOUMA, LA 70361  
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary
3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: KENETH L. REMBERT, SURVEYOR

SITE INFORMATION:
4. Physical Address: 1727 COTEAU RD
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: SECTIONS 16, 17 & 18M T17S-R17E
6. Purpose of Development: CREATE TRACT FOR SALE
7. Land Use:
   Single-Family Residential
   Multi-Family Residential
   X Commercial
   Industrial
9. Drainage:
   Curb & Gutter
   X Roadside Open Ditches
   Rear Lot Open Ditches
   Other
10. Planned Unit Development: Y  [ ] N  [x]
11. Date and Scale of Map: DATE: 7/19/23 SCALE: 1"=100'
12. Council District / Fire Tax Area:  [ ] Township / [ ] Parish
13. Number of Lots: 2

CERTIFICATION:
1. KENETH L. REMBERT, certify this application including the attached date to be true and correct.

KENETH L. REMBERT  
Print Applicant or Agent
7/25/23

Date

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PPROLE D'EAU PROPERTIES, LLC
by: Arlen B. Cenac, Jr.
Print Name of Signature
7/25/23

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C. _____ Major Subdivision
   _____ Conceptual
   _____ Preliminary
   _____ Engineering
   _____ Final
D. _____ Minor Subdivision

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

1. Name of Subdivision: _TRACTS 1 & 2, A REDIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO RYAN PITRE_
2. Developer’s Name & Address: _RYAN PITRE 1504 ACADIAN DR HOUMA, LA 70363_
   Owner’s Name & Address: _SAME_
   _All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary_
3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: _KENETH L. REMBERT, SURVEYOR_

SITE INFORMATION:

4. Physical Address: _1504 ACADIAN DR_
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: _SECTION 105, T17S-R17E_
6. Purpose of Development: _CREATE TRACT FOR SALE_
7. Land Use:
   _____ X Single-Family Residential
   _____ Multi-Family Residential
   _____ Commercial
   _____ Industrial
8. Sewerage Type:
   _____ X Community
   _____ Individual Treatment
   _____ Package Plant
   _____ Other
9. Drainage:
   _____ X Curb & Gutter
   _____ Roadside Open Ditches
   _____ Rear Lot Open Ditches
   _____ Other
10. Planned Unit Development: _Y_ □ _N_ X_
11. Date and Scale of Map: _DATE: 7/25/23 SCALE: 1"=50'
13. Number of Lots: _2_
14. Filing Fees: _$104.71_

CERTIFICATION:

1. _KENETH L. REMBERT_ , certify this application including the attached data to be true and correct.

KENETH L. REMBERT
Print Applicant or Agent
7/25/23

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RYAN PITRE
Print Name of Signature
7/25/23

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APPLICATION
SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

A. _____ Raw Land  
B. _____ Mobile Home Park  
C. _____ Re-Subdivision  
D. _____ Residential Building Park  
C. _____ Major Subdivision  
E. _____ Conceptual/Preliminary Engineering
F. _____ Preliminary Engineering
G. _____ Final

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VARIANCE REQUESTED FOR SUBSTANDARD LOT SIZES

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

1. Name of Subdivision:  

LOTS 18A & 18B, A REDIVISION OF LOT 18, BLOCK 4, DEWEYVILLE

2. Developer's Name & Address:  

PATRICE SIMS 1102 WALLIS ST HOUMA, LA 70360

Owner's Name & Address:

PATRICE SIMS 1102 WALLIS ST HOUMA, LA 70360

All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary

3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect:  

KENETH L. REMBERT, SURVEYOR

SITE INFORMATION:

4. Physical Address:  

1102 WALLIS ST & 1511 BONVILLAIN ST

5. Location by Section, Township, Range:  

SECTION 39, T17S-R1E

6. Purpose of Development:  

RECONFIGURE LOT LINES

7. Land Use:  

X Single-Family Residential

Multi-Family Residential

Commercial

Industrial

8. Sewerage Type:  

X Community

Individual Treatment

Package Plant

Other

9. Drainage:  

X Curb & Gutter

Roadside Open Ditches

Rear Lot Open Ditches

Other

10. Planned Unit Development:  

Y ☐ N ☒

11. Date and Scale of Map:  

DATE: 7/26/23 SCALE: 1"=30'

12. Council District / Fire Tax Area:  

Pledger / COH Fire

13. Number of Lots:  

2

14. Filing Fees:  

$142.00

CERTIFICATION:

KENETH L. REMBERT  
Print Applicant or Agent

7/26/23

Date

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PATRICE SIMS
Print Name of Signature

7/26/23

Date

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LAND USE: SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPER: PATRICE SIMS

"MINOR SUBDIVISION"

SURVEY OF LOTS 18A & 18B
A REDIVISION OF LOT 18, BLOCK 4
DEWEYVILLE SUBDIVISION
LOCATED IN SECTION 39, T17S-R17E
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

JULY 26, 2023

SCALE: 1" = 20'
APPLICATION
SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

A. _______ Raw Land
   Re-Subdivision
   _______ Major Subdivision
         Conceptual
         Preliminary
         Engineering
         Final

B. _______ Mobile Home Park
   _______ Residential Building Park
   _______ Conceptual/Preliminary
         Engineering
         Final

C. _______ Conceptual
         Preliminary
         Engineering

D. _______ Minor Subdivision

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

1. Name of Subdivision: BEARING TO GUSTAVE JOHN THERIOT
2. Developer's Name & Address: 1952 HIGHWAY 311, SCHRIEVER, LA 70395
   Owner's Name & Address: SAME
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary
3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: KENETH L. REMBERT, SURVEYOR
4. Physical Address: 1952 HIGHWAY 311, SCHRIEVER, LA 70395
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: SECTIONS 11, 56 & 57, T16S-R16E
6. Purpose of Development: SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND
7. Land Use:
   X Single-Family Residential
   Multi-Family Residential
   Commercial
   Industrial
8. Sewerage Type:
   X Community
   Individual Treatment
   Package Plant
   Other
9. Drainage:
   X Curb & Gutter
   X Roadside Open Ditches
   X Rear Lot Open Ditches
   Other
10. Planned Unit Development: X
11. Date and Scale of Map:
    7/31/23 SCALE 1" = 100'
12. Council District / Fire Tax Area:

13. Number of Lots: 4

CERTIFICATION:

1. KENETH L. REMBERT, certify this application including the attached date to be true and correct.

KENETH L. REMBERT
Print Applicant or Agent
7/31/23
Date

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GUSTAVE JOHN THERIOT
Print Name of Signature
7/31/23
Date

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   _____ Final
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   _____ Conceptual/Preliminary
   _____ Engineering
   _____ Final

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See attached letter

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

1. Name of Subdivision: MAP SHOWING THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO FLOYD MCFARLAND
2. Developer's Name & Address: ANGE ASYAN w/ SAVIOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC 6153 West Main St. Houma, LA 70360
Owner's Name & Address: FLOYD MCFARLAND 202 Rienzi Drive Thibodaux, LA 70301
   All owners must be listed, attach additional sheet if necessary
3. Name of Surveyor, Engineer, or Architect: Charles L. McDonald, Land Surveyor, Inc.

SITE INFORMATION:
4. Physical Address: 1597 1603 & 1609 West Main Street Schriever, LA
5. Location by Section, Township, Range: Section 65, T16S-R16E
6. Purpose of Development: To create two lots of record
7. Land Use:
   _____ Single-Family Residential
   _____ Multi-Family Residential
   _____ Commercial
   _____ Industrial
9. Drainage:
   _____ Curb & Gutter
   _____ Roadside Open Ditches
   _____ Rear Lot Open Ditches
   Other
8. Sewerage Type:
   _____ Community
   _____ Individual Treatment
   _____ Package Plant
   _____ Other
10. Planned Unit Development: Y □ N □
11. Date and Scale of Map:
    22 May 2023 / 1" = 40'
12. Council District / Fire Tax Area:
13. Number of Lots: 2 Lots
14. Filing Fees:

CERTIFICATION:
1. ALISA CHAMPAGNE, certify this application including the attached date to be true and correct.

ALISA CHAMPAGNE
Print Applicant or Agent
7/31/2023

Date
The undersigned certifies that he/she is the owner of the entire land included within the proposal and concurs with the Application or that he/she has submitted with this Application a complete, true and correct listing of all of the owners of the entire land included within the proposal, that each of the listed owners concur with this Application, and that he/she has been given specific authority by each listed owner to submit and sign this Application on their behalf.

FLOYD MCFARLAND
Print Name of Signature
8-1-2023

Date

RPC / H.9
July 31, 2023

Good Day Honorable Board and Council Members!

My name is Floyd McFarland, owner of the land and buildings addressed as 1597, 1603, and 1609 West Main Street, Schriever, LA 70395. The legal description for the above property is:

ON THE RIGHT DESCENDING BANK OF BAYOU TEREBONNE. TRACT 3 ON "SURVEY PLAT SHOWING TRACTS 1, 2 & 3 CREATED BY THE DIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF ANATOLE HEBERT JR., IN SECTION 85 T15S R16E. NEAR THE TOWN OF SCHRIEVER," CONTAINING 0.56 ACRES. CB 1461/337.

I purchased this single piece of property in May 1995.

My current plan, is to split off the vacant section of this property, addressed as 1597 West Main Street, Schriever, LA 70395, measuring 83.5 x 125.63 x 113.64 x 122.50, and offer it for sale. This land is vacant of any building or structure, except for a small area of concrete remaining from a previous home, now gone from existence.

As informed by a surveyor hired to divide off this section of vacant property, the placement of a fire hydrant may be required to comply with the local ordinance. This is why I respectfully request a variance, from the fire hydrant regulations of, Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 24, Section 24.7.6.1.8 Fire Hydrants, when separating this small lot. According to the Ordinance "...Legal lots of record in a residential development shall have a portion of the lot within 250 feet of the hydrant..."; as stated my property would not qualify even with a customary 10% allowance for overage distance. This non-compliance is solely due to the extended distance of the original fire hydrants, originally placed by the Parish water department, in the geographical area and not under the control of individual owners/residents/taxpayers.

The sole reason for requesting the variance is the undue financial burden that would be caused by the demand requiring the owner to hire a qualified contractor for fire hydrant installation and the exorbitant price charged for such services, which would have to be suffered by a single owner.
The placement of a fire hydrant would be for the benefit of all surrounding property and property owners, not just one, and therefore should be the responsibility of the applicable local government entities; both the water service system and the fire protection system are under the authority of parish government collectively for the benefit of all taxpayers.

Factors supporting the accessibility of the current water system to extinguish any potential fire that may occur includes, an existing and active fire station of Schriever Fire Department within 1 mile of the property with modern fire-fighting equipment, two existing fire hydrants within 500 feet of the property originally placed according to the applicable fire hydrant ordinance when installed, and a constant water source located to the rear of the property in the form of Bayou Terrebonne which can be accessed via pumper fire truck upon need.

Thank you for service to the public, and your time and attention to this important matter.

Regards,

[Signature]

Floyd McFarland
NOTICE: This map does not purport to show all improvements, underground utilities, wetlands, pipelines, rights of way, restrictive covenants or servitudes which may affect this property.

NOTE: All title information shown hereon was provided by the client and no additional title research was done by Charles L. McDonald, Land Surveyor, Inc.

NOTE: The tracts shown hereon shall utilize the DOTD maintained roadside ditch along LA State Hwy 24 and Bayou Terrebonne as indicated by the drainage arrows shown hereon.

ADDRESS:
TRACT 3-A = 1597 West Main Street
TRACT 3-B = 1603 & 1609 West Main Street

NOTE: This property is situated within ZONE "C", as shown on the F.E.M.A. Flood Insurance Rate Map dated May 1, 1985 (Map No. 225202 (405 C)).

LEGEND
- Indicates 1/2" Pipe Set
- Indicates 1" Pipe Fd.
- Indicates Natural Ground Elev.
- Indicates Existing Fire Hydrant
- Indicates Drainage Flow

MAP SHOWING THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO FLOYD McFARLAND LOCATED IN SECTION 85, T15S–R16E, TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

SCALE: 1" = 40'
22 MAY 2023

CHARLES L. MCDONALD
P.O. Box 1390, Bay, LA 70359
Ph: (985) 876-4412/Fax: (985) 876-4806
Email: clmsurveyor@comcast.com

I CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY WAS DONE UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR PROPERTY SURVEY PLANS AND THAT THE ACCURACY STANDARDS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLASS "C" SUBSURFACE SURVEYS AS INDICATED IN THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

APPROVED:

CHARLES L. MCDONALD
REG. PLS. No. 3402

STATE OF LOUISIANA
REG. NO. 3402
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

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APPLICATION
SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE TO ENSURE PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION:

1. Name of Subdivision: TRACT 1 AND 2 - RE-DIVISION OF WDR PROPERTIES, LLC.
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   _____ Commercial
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   Individual Treatment
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   Other
9. Drainage:
   Curb & Gutter
   Roadside Open Ditches
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INTRODUCTION
MURAL, DOWNTOWN HOUMA
IMAGE SOURCE: The Courier
ARTIST: Hans Geist
Introduction

Vibrant downtowns are the economic and cultural heart of a city. They support businesses, draw new residents, and provide opportunities and spaces to draw community together. Downtown Houma has the potential to become, once again, such a downtown, and to spur rippling investment and growth in the greater Houma region. Advantages such as historic structures, rich local culture, and a central waterway (Bayou Terrebonne), can draw new visitors, residents and businesses if the right incentives and programs are put in place. Downtown Houma is poised to take advantage of a unique confluence of community interest and support, renewed energy, and one time funding opportunities to make change happen.

The destruction caused by Hurricane Ida and influx of subsequent recovery funding, the creation of the new Houma Restoration District, and the new federal infrastructure programs all lead to a one-time opportunity for significant investment in Downtown Houma. Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) recognized this opportunity and commissioned a Downtown Houma Master Plan.

This plan will examine the current conditions of Downtown Houma, relevant case studies to envision success, implementation strategies, funding mechanisms.
Revitalization of Downtown Houma will be a multi-faceted endeavor combining incentives for business and housing, policies to shape future development that build on existing assets, and investments in infrastructure to create high quality and welcoming built environment. Progress across all of these initiatives will result in increased businesses, residents, visitors, and a general uptick in all activities.

Creative ideas, adaptive programming, and partnerships can harness the authentic character and opportunity Downtown Houma offers, allowing entrepreneurialism and innovation to thrive.
1.1 Community Engagement

When developing a plan of any kind, it is crucial to engage the community for guidance and input. CSRS worked closely with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Houma Restoration District Board to include the Downtown Community. This took the form of a Downtown Houma walk with area stakeholders, TPCG officials, planners, and designers, followed by a series of meetings and presentations to all parties including the Downtown Houma Master Plan Steering Committee, the Houma Restoration District Board, Parish Administration, and Parish Council as well as the general public.
1.2 History

In 1834, Terrebonne Parish established the city of Houma as a centrally located and easily accessible parish seat. Bayou Terrebonne was a major factor of Downtown Houma becoming the commercial center of Terrebonne Parish, allowing for transportation and trade related largely to the seafood industry, and as a result, the city was oriented facing the Bayou.

Fishing and seafood dominated local industry until the discovery of oil in the early 1900’s. Oil companies took advantage of the numerous canals and waterways to transport oil near and far. The increase in trade activity led to the building of new canals, such as the Houma Navigational Canal and the Intracoastal Waterway, which decreased travel time and further increased trade activity. The Works Progress Administration funded improvements in the 1930’s that included new streets, a post office, and the Downtown Courthouse, expanding downtown Houma and moving commercial activity away from the banks of Bayou Terrebonne. These improvements also coincided with the rise of the automobile, resulting in an emphasis on vehicle-focused development.1

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During the late twentieth century, downtown Houma, like many small towns across the country, experienced a decline, as people and businesses moved to the outskirts. The downtown area and neighboring residential areas were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 as the Houma Historic District.

CHURCH STREET
ca. 1935. TPCG
The Main Street corridor, while home to many historic storefronts, is not the bustling commercial center that it once was. Vacancy rates are high, many shop fronts are boarded up, and occupancy is scattered throughout Main Street and not clustered in a particular area. This decline has been most recently exacerbated by Hurricane Ida, which made landfall in August 2021. Terrebonne Parish sustained significant wind damage to structures and homes, loss of electricity and water utilities for a prolonged period, and the closing of hundreds of businesses. The category 4 storm, with winds of 150 mph, damaged many downtown structures and the area has been in a prolonged state of recovery ever since.
In many ways, the challenges Downtown Houma faces are common to once bustling small town Main Streets across America. Many historic downtowns have become automobile-centric commercial corridors, characterized by a wide road with multiple lanes, high-speed traffic, and nonexistent or limited transit service. In Houma, some buildings are separated from the street by large parking lots, there are unsightly utility poles and wires, a lack of trees and vegetation, and sidewalks that are narrow, not always connected, and unbuffered from the travel lanes. These hostile conditions discourage the pedestrian activity crucial to Downtown Houma activity. These will be detailed in the Current Conditions section.
1.4 Downtown Houma Jurisdictions

There are numerous public agencies and commissions tasked with making decisions around the development of downtown Houma. One goal of this plan is to unify these groups around the goals and strategies that will be discussed in upcoming chapters, furthering a clear vision and priorities for future Houma. What follows is an illustration of these groups, their roles in downtown, and the specific geographies of their jurisdictions.

Drawing attention to these jurisdictions shows the overlap of some of the areas ideal for collaboration. These jurisdictions within Houma come with potential funding opportunities, resulting in areas of Downtown where this funding can be layered.

Properties in the Federal Historic District (which is the same as the Historic District Development Corporation) are eligible for Federal Tax Credits. Properties in the Houma Historic District and the two Cultural Districts are eligible for State Tax credits and properties in both districts are eligible for both tax credits. Properties in local, national Historic Districts and Opportunity Zones are eligible for Property Tax Abatement (see Map 1).

HOUMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  This historic building constructed in 1931 was rehabilitated in 2014 into mixed-income senior housing apartments. IMAGE SOURCE: National Park Service
**Houma Downtown Development Corporation**

Economic development-focused board that administers Louisiana Main Street program. Created by the State legislature with members approved by the Parish Council. This is also the National Historic District.

**Houma Historic District Commission**

Responsible for permit approvals in Houma Historic District. Member appointment subject to the majority of the Parish Council.

**Houma Restoration District**

Political division with latitude to buy/sell property within the district, collect taxes, apply for/administer federal funds. Created by state legislature, members nominated by the State and Parish and Local Entities.
MAP 1: DOWNTOWN HOUMA JURISDICTIONS

This map displays not only the jurisdictions of the Downtown Houma groups, but also the districts eligible for certain tax breaks, which will be discussed in detail in the implementation section.
02.

CURRENT CONDITIONS
Many of the current challenges identified in this Plan are longstanding and have been previously documented in the Terrebonne Parish 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Issues identified in the Comprehensive Plan included the lost potential of Bayou Terrebonne, need for restoration of historic buildings, lack of streetscape, and pedestrian friendly improvements and lack of commerce. Progress made in these areas was curtailed by Hurricane Ida, the snowballing impacts of which have made many challenges more acute.
MOVIE FILMED IN DOWNTOWN HOUMA
Filming for “Where the Crawdads Sing”, set in 1950s and 60s, in downtown Houma, LA
IMAGE SOURCE: Houma Today
2.1 Challenges

LOW COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY/ HIGH VACANCY

The Main Street corridor, while home to many historic storefronts, is not the bustling commercial center that it once was. Not only are storefronts vacant, but many show signs of long-term disinvestment. A common refrain on the downtown walk was dismay at the state of disrepair of many buildings, and the lack of code enforcement related to blight standards.

FROM MAIN STREET WALK
IMAGE SOURCE: Carbo and Associates
POOR PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

Coupled with the lack of commercial draw to attract pedestrians is a streetscape with design features that are unfriendly to pedestrian traffic. High curbs, combined with a lack of crosswalks and walk signals, create an environment where crossing the street feels unsafe. Furthermore, the high curbs are not ADA compliant, and create an environment not only unfriendly, but impassable to persons with impaired mobility.
MAIN STREET/ LA24 HIGHLY TRAFFICKED STATE HIGHWAY

A major factor contributing to the current lack of commercial/pedestrian activity on Houma’s West Main Street is its dual function as a Louisiana State Highway (Route 24). It is a one-way, two-lane highway; allowing for higher speeds and frequent passage of commercial trucks. The traffic noise, proximity of high-speed truck traffic to the sidewalk, and lack of pedestrian crossing contribute to the feeling that Main Street is more of a highway than downtown center.
PARKING

Related to the lack of commercial activity and abundance of empty storefronts is an excess of largely unutilized parking. Street parking is metered, parallel parking on the highly trafficked Main Street, which makes parking unappealing although it is plentiful.

There are numerous surface lots on both sides of Bayou Terrebonne, in addition to the parallel street parking on West Main Street. The pedestrian bridges spanning Bayou Terrebonne are a unique asset of downtown Houma, indicating a prioritization of pedestrian traffic, though the parking lots at either side diminish the potential of human-centered activity that might otherwise occur there. A benefit of the abundance of parking is that much of the north side of Bayou Terrebonne, facing Park Avenue, is owned by Terrebonne Parish (see map below).

This provides a unique opportunity for Terrebonne Parish to control the future of downtown Houma.
BAYOU RELEGATED TO BACKYARD

A unique and central feature of downtown Houma is the waterway that runs through it: Bayou Terrebonne. There are many physical features of the built environment that might draw pedestrians to the bayou; including the pedestrian bridges as well as the Bayou Walk that runs along the south side of the bayou from Church Street to Barrow.

However, without commercial activity or recreational amenities to complement these features, the Bayou remains underutilized by pedestrians.

While there are a few restaurants with back patios facing the bayou, all storefronts face East Main Street or Park Avenue, and where there is space between buildings facing East Main Street and the Bayou, it is utilized predominantly for parking. During the walking tour and community meetings, many attendees expressed a desire for the bayou to become a focus of downtown Houma rather than a backdrop.
LACK OF DESIGN STANDARD

A strong visual impression is crucial when attracting visitors and businesses. Currently, there is a lack of consistency to signal that Downtown Houma is a focus of investment and center of the community. Signage, street quality, sidewalks, and lighting are inconsistent, and street planting on sidewalks facing Main Street is minimal. Also apparent is the downtown utility infrastructure, where aging above-ground power lines clutter overhead. Many attendees of the downtown walk and public meetings cited the power lines as a concern, both for safety and visual appeal.

Up to date and consistent wayfinding signage not only provides visitors with crucial information, but they also create an important sense of identity and serve as marketing for Downtown Houma.

DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE

IMAGE SOURCE: CSRS
Despite very real challenges, Downtown Houma is abundant in historic structures, boasts a beautiful waterway, and has momentum and energy from residents and organizations invested in change. The Downtown Walk in November 2022 with officials, key stakeholders, and consultants demonstrated a community ready and willing to engage in new ideas. The stakeholders engaged in this Master Plan process were enthusiastic and committed to improving Downtown Houma.

For example, the non-profit Hache Grant Association engaged community members by soliciting opinions and spurring their imagination through the “I Wish This Was” project. The momentum generated through grass roots community engagement is coupled with existing assets in Downtown Houma that will be leveraged in its revitalization.
ASSETS

Cultural Programming – Festivals and Events

Houma, in the heart of Cajun Country, is home to one of the richest, most distinct cultures in America. Downtown Houma does an excellent job attracting visitors and locals alike due to its joyful and welcoming culture evidenced in these events. Festival culture is alive in Houma, and the Main Street boasts multiple annual events, the largest being Mardi Gras. White Boot Stroll, Bayou Terrebonne Boucherie, Rougarou Fest, and Downtown Live After 5 concerts are other examples of cultural and programming events.

Festivals and Events are an important way to draw visitors and highlight improvements and are already drawing crowds to Downtown regularly.
ASSETS

Public Space

Another asset in downtown Houma is the numerous new public space improvements providing recreational opportunities for the community. The new bandstand in courthouse square, completed in 2022 to replicate the original bandstand built in the early 1900s, and near-complete Rotary Centennial Plaza and pedestrian walkway, are helping to restore a sense of community pride that is grounded in Downtown. These visible public investments signify that downtown Houma is in the process of change, and have helped spur the revitalization momentum that this plan draws from:

- Rotary Centennial Plaza
- Repaved Bayou Walk
- Live Healthy Houma Fitness Trail
- Courthouse Bandstand
- The recent renovation (partially with public funds) of Le Petit Theatre
- Houma Heights Park
- Houma Memorial Fountain and Park
- Downtown Marina Park
ASSETS

Historic Buildings

A key asset in downtown Houma, one that cannot be built or created today, is the existing historic fabric. Small towns around the country draw tourists and residents by highlighting the sense of history created through preservation of the late nineteenth, early twentieth century buildings that abound in downtown Houma.

As the historic downtown was built to be compact and walkable, the oldest buildings in downtown Houma are clustered together around Main Street—creating the sense of place that is unique to Houma. The recently restored La Petit Theatre de Terrebonne exemplifies the potential held in these buildings. Many of the historic storefronts have been restored, but some still lie dormant or underutilized—holding great potential for future cultural or consumer opportunities.

LE PETIT THEATRE

IMAGE SOURCE: CSRS
03.

HOUMA

MARKET ANALYSIS
Downtown Houma exists in the larger context of Houma and the Metro Area. What affects the larger community will impact Downtown. Understanding demographic and market trends will allow Downtown programs and development to be receptive to demand. These findings and additional ones in the attached report (Appendix 1) support the recommendations in this plan.

Riverbend Research performed a Houma Market Analysis and produced the following:

» Demographic Analysis
» Residential Analysis
» Jobs & Industry Analysis
» Surplus/Shortfall Analysis
SOUTHDOWN MARKETPLACE
ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL
at grounds of Southdown Plantation
House and Museum in Houma
IMAGE SOURCE:
Country Roads Magazine
DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

- **Houma’s population is declining but the number of households are increasing.**
  About 3,500 residents have left the Houma Metro since 2010, another 2,600 are projected to leave by 2027. However, there are about 4,200 more households in Houma now than there were in 2010. Also, the number of people in the average household has fallen slightly, from 2.8 in 2010 to 2.6 today.

- **Houma’s population is aging.**
  The number of residents age 65+ increased by more than 7,000 in the last 12 years; it’s projected to increase by another 4,000 in the next 5 years.

- **Higher education degrees are becoming more common for Houma residents.**
  Between 2010 and 2020, the number of Houma Metro residents with a bachelor’s degree or higher increased by about 4,500.

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RESIDENTIAL ANALYSIS

- **Housing is becoming more expensive.**
  In the next 5 years, the Houma Metro is projected to lose 35% of its housing stock available for purchasing at $200k or less—meaning that previously affordable housing is becoming more expensive, and new affordable housing is not coming onto the market.

- **Occupied multifamily housing is growing significantly faster than single-family housing.**
  Occupied multifamily housing grew 18% in the last decade, outpacing the 7% growth in single-family homes which continue to dominate the residential market.

- **There are limited affordable options for renters.**
  Almost half of renters in the Houma Metro spend more than 35% of their income on housing.

- **Renter-occupied housing is remaining stable, while owner-occupied units are decreasing and vacancies are increasing.**
  There are 2,400 more vacant units in the Houma Metro today than there were in 2010, making an 11% vacancy rate, only 3.9% of which are rentals.

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**Rental Vacancy Rates (2021)**
- Terrebonne Parish: 2.4%
- Houma Metro: 3.9%
- Louisiana: 6.4%
- United States: 5.2%
JOB AND INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

- Jobs are decreasing in downtown Houma.
  Total jobs in the downtown area have fallen from 7,000 in 2002 to 3,400 in 2019.

- Middle-income jobs are increasing in the metro area.
  Oil and gas unit operators and manager-level jobs increased more than any other occupations in the Houma Metro area in the last five years.

- Despite a decrease in jobs, business growth is on the rise in Terrebonne Parish.
  Terrebonne Parish ranked in the top 10% of all US counties for business application growth between 2019 and 2021; Lafourche in the top 12%, indicating that entrepreneurship is on the rise.

Office workers made up 3 of the top 10 declining occupations; service workers in retail establishments and restaurants also saw their numbers decline.
SURPLUS/SHORTFALL ANALYSIS

- Retailers have the potential to capture millions in potential sales currently being lost to retailers outside of Houma. The majority of retail spending in the metro area takes place outside of downtown Houma—over $42 million in general merchandise spending could be captured by the City of Houma.

The Houma Urban Services District is the metro’s primary urban center and, as such, it has the potential to attract additional consumer spending at businesses like general merchandisers, auto dealers, and department stores.
Market Analysis

Recommendations

1. Encourage affordable residential development, particularly for renters in the downtown core; missing-middle style housing could appeal to young talent (which is in high demand) and retired populations alike.

- Houma is growing middle class jobs (managers, oil & gas workers) but a lack of rental affordability and a rapidly declining stock of affordable homes coupled with household incomes that are not keeping pace with income growth nationally could jeopardize Houma residents’ ability to find housing that fits their needs.

MIXED-USE LIVING CENTER
Bayou Cane apartments in Houma are multi-family, mixed-income development with accessible units and several recreational amenities for the residents.

IMAGE SOURCE: Donahue Favret Contractors
While single-family homes still outnumber apartments, the number of apartments in Houma is growing rapidly – and the low vacancy rate shows that they are popular. Residents may appreciate more diverse options for apartment-living, particularly in areas where walkability to shops, bars, and restaurants is possible.

» Lean into the region’s aging population: below-average cost of living, comfortable climate, and expanding healthcare systems could support strong retirement communities.

2 Tap into the region’s entrepreneurial spirit to spur business growth in downtown & bring back jobs.

Houma is among the top areas in the country for business application growth; considering Houma is losing millions in potential retail sales to other regions, residents may enthusiastically embrace programming and policies that encourage local retail development. Encouraging business growth will make downtown Houma more desirable and ultimately result in job growth.

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FOR SALE IN DOWNTOWN HOUMA

IMAGE SOURCE: Crexi
CASE STUDIES
Case studies are an important component of urban plans because they illustrate ideas discussed in the plan itself. In addition, it is useful to know what the components of successful and thriving downtowns are. What lessons and examples can be applied to Downtown Houma? Will the images spark an idea or goal for Downtown Houma?

The following case studies have been selected by Carbo and Associates to highlight successful elements that are applicable to Downtown Houma.

- Assembly Row, Sommerville, MA
- Buffalo Bayou Park, Houston, TX
- Vancouver Waterfront Park, Vancouver, WA
- Mellerummet, Copenhagen, Denmark
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- Wheaton Downtown Revitalization, Wheaton, IL
WHEATON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION
Wheaton, IL
IMAGE SOURCE: CARBO
4.1

**ASSEMBLY ROW**

*Sommerville, Massachusetts*

The scale of the public spaces here is a great example of what is possible in Downtown Houma. They are appropriately sized to the surrounding setting and more pedestrian centric in scale. The use of site furnishings, such as street lighting, string lights, benches, and trash receptacles contribute to the overall character without creating visual clutter. The balance of hardscape and landscape elements creates a welcoming and comfortable space for patrons of downtown.

![Image of Assembly Row](image1.jpg)

4.2

**BUFFALO BAYOU PARK**

*Houston, Texas*

The Buffalo Bayou Park in Houston Texas is similar in character and context to the open green space along the bayou near Intra-coastal Waterway. The green space along the bayou could support more active recreational activities and gathering spaces for visitors, taking cues from some of the components along Buffalo Bayou.

![Image of Buffalo Bayou Park](image2.jpg)
CASE STUDIES

ASSEMBLY ROW Sommerville, Massachusetts

BUFFALO BAYOU PARK Houston, Texas
4.3

**VANCOUVER WATERFRONT PARK**

*Vancouver, Washington*

The industrial aesthetic of this place is similar to this area of Houma. This project illustrates how local context can be used for inspiration and the design can incorporate elements from the surroundings to create a beautiful, comfortable, and inviting space. This project balances hardscape elements with landscape elements and celebrates its connection to the water. The design of this park is focused more on passive activities and social interaction promoting a sense of community.

4.4

**MELLERUMMET**

*Copenhagen, Denmark*

Mellerummet is a good example of bringing nature into the city. This park is located in an urban area of Copenhagen, surrounded by buildings. Rather than designing an urban plaza with more hardscape components, this space deliberately includes more lawn areas, planting, and natural hardscape materials. This provides a nice contrast to the surrounding setting and provides a small retreat from the urban setting.
CASE STUDIES

VANCOUVER WATERFRONT PARK Vancouver, Washington

MELLERUMMET Copenhagen, Denmark
4.5

PAPROCANY WATERFRONT

*Poland*

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4.6

WHEATON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

*Wheaton, Illinois*

The revitalization efforts in this downtown have had an incredible impact on this community. The scale, style, and overall feel of this downtown area share many similarities with downtown Houma. The spaces are organized in a way that makes the pedestrian more of a priority, while still accommodating vehicular traffic. The configuration of the streetscape elements promotes greater community interaction. The use of bulb-outs here helps with traffic calming and creates appropriately sized spaces that encourage social interaction among visitors. This also provides opportunities for restaurants and other businesses to extend their presence outside of the building walls into the streetscape.
PAPROCANY WATERFRONT Poland

WHEATON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION Wheaton, Illinois
5.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES
BREAKING GROUND ON THE
ROTARY CENTENNIAL PLAZA
by Terrebonne Parish and Houma
Rotary Club members

IMAGE SOURCE: Houma Today
In a 2018 report, American Planning Association summarizes a successful process for downtown revitalization as one that is: additive, incremental, cumulative, and long-term.

When a downtown district is thriving, the resulting business activity means that investing in downtown development typically provides a higher rate of return compared to other parts of the city. With high rates of profit and efficient consumption of public resources, downtowns have a high private return on public investment.

The Downtown Vision Statement from the Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2013 remains consistent with the feedback and research conducted for this Plan. During stakeholder outreach, participants were united in their view that Downtown Houma can and will be a vibrant place again. What they want to see and believe is possible are the goals that were so well articulated in the 2030 Plan.

“By 2030, Downtown Houma will have become a desirable, safe and secure, mixed-use destination, attracting visitors, workers and shoppers to its diverse venue of businesses and shops – many of which have been established to capitalize on and promote local culture and heritage – supporting a variety of commercial and residential developments in a well-maintained, attractively landscaped, less congested, pedestrian-friendly environment.”
To continue to support the goals outlined above, 6 actions need to be undertaken in coordination:

- Increase Housing
- Create Business and Pedestrian Friendly Streetscapes
- Adapt Historic Structures for Reuse
- Update Land Use Regulations
- Improve Public Space
- Attract New and Cultivate Existing Businesses

Throughout the Implementation section, the plan will point to existing programs that could be utilized to better effect, propose new ones specific for Downtown Houma, drawing from best practices, and discuss funding opportunities.
5.1 Increase Housing

As indicated by the market analysis, increasing the number of housing units in Downtown Houma is critical to its revitalization. Residents will draw services and new business, create pedestrian traffic, and spur investment.

Residential density in and around downtown contributes significantly to the customer base for local merchants, as residents within walking distance of retail are significantly more likely to frequent those establishments. According to a study by the International Council of Shopping Centers, residents and workers within walking distance of retail shops spend up to three times as much at those retailers. By incorporating a higher density of residents in Downtown, the purchasing activity also increases. This, in turn, creates an even more vital, desirable downtown economy. Specifically, housing contributes to the demand for additional shops, services, home-oriented products, entertainment, and food facilities.

Housing that is mixed with commercial uses also means downtown businesses and streetscapes remain active even after working hours. This enhances public safety with more eyes and ears paying attention to activity and adding people to the street during evening hours.
Downtown housing typically targets smaller households in studios, one-, and two-bedroom units as those are what historic buildings can be adapted to accommodate. Rental and senior housing home values within a historic district rise more quickly than comparable areas because buyers are willing to pay a premium for homes in preservation zones (Advisory Council for Historic Preservation). Such historic buildings are under-supplied throughout the U.S. and unable to be replicated with new development. This makes preservation and rehabilitation very important.
On the Downtown walking tour, participants commented on the desire to rent in Downtown Houma and said there was very little rental housing available. As mentioned in the market analysis, demographic trends indicate that, while the overall population has been falling, the number of households in both Terrebonne Parish and the City of Houma is increasing—and household size is decreasing.

Fewer people but more, smaller households indicate that smaller households are becoming more common—and smaller households typically indicate more demand for smaller units. Relatedly, the number of residents who are renters is climbing faster than the number of homeowners. The image below, showing units available for rent and for purchase in the Houma Metro Area in January 2023, shows how little rental housing is available downtown.

All this data, along with feedback received during the public engagement process, indicate a need for more rental units in downtown Houma. While Housing is in flux due to displacement from Hurricane Ida, the demand for rental will remain and continue to remain strong due to demographic trends.
The following tax incentives are already available for commercial and residential use in Downtown Houma. As map 1 shows, most of the study area is in a National Historic District, the Houma Downtown Development District, a Main Street District, and a Louisiana designated Cultural District.

In addition, a portion of the Study Area to the west of US90 and north of Bayou Terrebonne is a HUD-designated Qualified Opportunity Zone, which provides added tax incentivization potential for projects within that area.

For the tax credits to be the most impactful, it is best to pair with other programs. While Historic Tax Credits can significantly reduce out of pocket expenses for owners and developers, they are not always simple to navigate. A dedicated staff person could assist interested parties.

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**MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING**  Near Bayou Terrebonne, close to downtown Houma  IMAGE SOURCE: Zumper.com
NEW INCENTIVES TO CONSIDER FOR DOWNTOWN HOUMA

Houma Restoration District

The Houma Restoration District has the latitude to undertake public works, operate public facilities, pursue and accept federal, state, and local funding and grants, acquire property within district boundaries and lease or sell property to private entities committed to undertaking restoration and preservation efforts, determine the design appropriateness of new buildings and renovations of existing buildings within the district, and require approval of signage within the district.

Through the Restoration District, Terrebonne Parish could offer select parcels currently vacant or being used as parking lots for the purpose of mixed-use development or purchase private lots/properties and solicit developers through a competitive RFP process (See Chapter 8: Project and Funding Matrix). Through a RFP process, TPCG and the Restoration District would be able to shape the type of housing unit mix desired (a certain number of affordable units, for example) as well as design standards, thereby creating the type of development most needed.

QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Opportunity Zones are federally designated areas designed to spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities by providing preferential tax incentives for investors investing in businesses within the Qualified Opportunity Zones. This tool can be layered with any others that may apply to the given geography—such as a restoration tax abatement or other incentive programs.
Upper Story Residential Grant Program

A program other Historic Downtown Districts have usefully deployed is an Upper Story Residential Grant Program: a grant program that could be administered by the Restoration District or other public agency to provide assistance to developers or owners creating upper story housing in new or existing buildings in the downtown area—creating desirable downtown residential opportunities and restoring historic buildings. This proposed grant program should be allocated through a competitive process and should make up gap financing for a project, not be its sole source of funding.

*If commercial buildings on Main Street with 2nd stories were to utilize this program, this would double the assessed value and lead to increased property tax revenue.*

PADUCAH, KY MAIN STREET

The City of Paducah, KY implemented this program as part of a suite of incentives (including new business grants, roof stabilization assistance and others) to spur development in a historic downtown area. Property owners/developers within a defined area in historic downtown are eligible to apply for financial assistance to create new upper story living spaces in new or existing buildings. The grant does not exceed 20 percent of the construction costs or a maximum of $15,000 per Upper Story Residential Rental Unit. For a residential owner-occupied unit, the grant is either 15 percent of the construction costs or a maximum of $15,000 per unit.
5.2 Adapt Historic Structures for Reuse

An adaptive reuse program provides targeted assistance to property owners of existing buildings with significant challenges to redevelopment. While historic buildings are valued for their sense of history and authenticity, it can be complicated and expensive to adapt them to modern use. During the walking tour, attendees discussed how there is a significant desire to restore blighted buildings, but a lack of finances prevents it.

Adaptive reuse encompasses both commercial and residential structure, therefore all the tax incentives listed in the Housing section also apply.

The following existing incentives and grants could be coordinated and leveraged to encourage restoration of existing buildings in downtown Houma.
EXISTING RESTORATION INCENTIVES

Main Street Façade Grants

Houma is a member of the Louisiana network of Main Streets through the State Office of Cultural Development and Division of Historic Preservation. The purpose of the Main Street Program is to encourage the revitalization of historic downtowns and offers funding incentives through the State to do so. Commercial properties in eligible Main Street districts can apply for matching façade restoration grants up to $10,000.

Restoration Tax Abatement

This is a program administered by the State of Louisiana that provides an up-to 10-year abatement of property taxes on renovations and improvements to existing commercial structures (and owner-occupied residences) in economic development districts, downtown development districts, historic districts, and opportunity zones.

MAIN STREET FACADE GRANT Before and After images of facade restoration of a historic building at Crowley, LA

IMAGE SOURCE: Preservation resource center of New Orleans
NEW INCENTIVES TO CONSIDER FOR DOWNTOWN HOUMA

In addition to these existing programs there are several other investment tools that can be created, leveraging the one-time CBDG-DR funds and the Restoration District seed money (See Chapter 8: Project and Funding Matrix).

Grants

The Houma Restoration District has the latitude to administer incentive grants for restoration projects within Restoration District boundaries.

Houma Restoration District Restoration Program

Restoration Grant Program, wherein matching funds could be provided for historic restoration projects. These funds could be targeted specifically to priority properties or for renovation of the rear facades of buildings facing Bayou Terrebonne, to encourage reorientation towards the Bayou, for example.

Credit/Loans

In addition, the HRD could create vehicles of investment by establishing direct loans, micro-loans, loan guarantees, and revolving loan funds. Revolving Loans are a particularly appealing tool and have been used to great effect around the country.

Revolving Loan Fund programs are tools that can be used to support small businesses and affordable housing. Revolving Loan Funds are designed to become self-funded as they are maintained by the repayment of principal and grow through interest payments.

Establishing a revolving loan fund provides access to a flexible source of capital that can be used in combination with more conventional sources. Often the Revolving Loan Fund is a bridge between the amount the borrower can obtain on the private market and the amount needed to start or sustain a business. For example, a borrower may obtain 60 to 80 percent of project financing from other sources.

All the loan products outlined above can be layered with State and Historic Tax Credits.

Recommendation: downtown program liaison

A overarching recommendation that will advance all of the implementation actions is a designated staff person, either employed by the Downtown Houma Restoration District Committee or TPCG, to be a resource for all of the programs in Downtown Houma, both existing and any new programs that result from this plan.

This employee will be a “one stop shop” for all things Downtown: knowledgeable about how to layer existing tax credits, up to date on the status of the vacant properties, able to target businesses and developers, and educated on land regulations and code enforcement.
Kokomo, Indiana offers three Revolving Loan Fund programs through their Department of Development, aimed at revitalizing the community by providing targeted, flexible low-interest financing for business growth. The programs enable borrowers to construct, expand, or renovate buildings, purchase land or buildings, purchase machinery or equipment, and access working capital. One program provides $15,000-$150,000 in loans to businesses impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, and requires the goal of one full-time job created per $40,000 loaned. One program provides low interest loans to new/expanding businesses having difficulty achieving the full loan needed through conventional sources, and also requires job creation. The third program applies specifically to new and emerging businesses with less than $1 million in expected annual gross revenue.
5.3 Update Land Use Regulations

The Main Street Revitalization Plan area includes a variety of existing zoning districts—C-1, C-2, R-1, and Medical Services. Most of the Plan area falls within commercial districts: C-1 (Central Commercial District) and C-2 (General Commercial District). These two districts have similar zoning restrictions, though C-2 districts allow for a wider variety of retail goods and services that might serve the greater community, such as automotive sales and major shopping centers. Both commercial districts allow for residential (single and multi-family) use. The Medical Services District is designed to encourage an appropriate grouping of medical

EXISTING ZONING FOR HOUMA, LA

IMAGE SOURCE: Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government: Public LandMap
service facilities—in the downtown area, this District is home to Terrebonne General Health System hospital. The R-1 residential district is designed for predominantly single-family residential use, prohibiting commercial uses and multi-family housing.

Creating consistency is necessary when encouraging desired land uses. Regulatory tools, such an overlay zone can recognize the unique character of a historic downtown and protect property values and a sense of place through well-crafted regulations.
RECOMMENDED FOR DOWNTOWN HOUMA:
DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE

A zoning overlay for Downtown Houma is the most effective way to ensure what kind of development is appropriate to the scale and historical character of Downtown. A zoning overlay is the recommended approach, details to be determined by the Planning and Zoning staff and commissioners. An overlay zone guarantees investors that the characteristics that drew them to Downtown will remain as well as creating a level playing field. These requirements will not be seen as extra or unfairly applied if the same requirements are in place for the entire area and add to the property’s value.

An overlay district (zone), is a geographic zoning district layered on top of another existing zoning district, or districts, that implements additional regulations. Overlay districts can be used in zoning codes to preserve historic buildings or promote specific types of development. Like other zoning regulations, overlay districts can control building codes and urban design, permitted land use, density, and other factors. Overlay districts can streamline the implementation of additional regulations in all applicable areas without having to amend the codes.

A Downtown Historic District Overlay Zone should:

» Define which “by right” uses are best,
» Align with arts and culture goals,
» Provide design guidelines – for rehab of existing structures and infill (setbacks, space between buildings, etc.),
» Incorporate existing Historic District guidelines,
» Set building height and massing standards,
» Create special requirements for development over a certain square footage,
» Set streetscape requirements,
» Reduce or modify parking requirements,
» Create signage and visual consistency standards,
» Create specific requirements for surface parking lots (decorative fencing, planting, etc.)

When a Downtown Historic District Overlay zone standard conflicts with the underlaying base zoning, the Overlay Zone will always govern.
TERREBONNE PARISH 2030 GENERALIZED LAND USE PLAN
from the Terrebonne Parish Comprehensive Plan Vision 2030

IMAGE SOURCE: TPCG.org
Create Business and Pedestrian Friendly Streetscapes

A safe, connected, and accessible transportation system is fundamental to downtown development, land use, economy, and character. Intentional streetscape design can provide a street network that is welcoming and supportive of the local economy.

The street-level pedestrian environment is primarily shaped by transportation infrastructure. Inclusive, welcoming streets contribute to vibrant downtown retail districts where people feel safe, comfortable, and engaged when they walk or bike. Streets with vacant storefronts, large blank walls, little activity, and surface parking lots create an inhospitable environment and make it difficult for businesses to thrive.

Main Street is struggling with these challenges and key to jumpstarting improvements is reducing the impact of Main Street/LA 24. Main Street is also a state designated truck route (LA 24) and the two highly-trafficked lanes are designed to be vehicle focused, with little regard for pedestrian and bicyclists.

A “Complete Streets” approach would be ideal for Main Street. The Complete Streets model enables safe use and supports mobility for all users rather than prioritizing automobiles and fast-moving traffic. Although the guiding principle for complete streets is to create roadways and related infrastructure that provide safe travel for all users, each complete street has to be customized to the characteristics of the area the street serves.

IMAGE SOURCE: Smart Growth America
A complete street plan for Main Street should include traffic calming measures, increased signage, signalized crosswalks, tree plantings, a bicycle lane, and other beautification measures. In the following section, landscape architects Carbo and Associates present options for a re-design of Main Street using these design principles and show what they would look like in Downtown Houma.

Because Main Street is a Louisiana State Road, any alterations or changes will have to be approved by LaDOTD and are subject to its Design Review.

Alternatively, Terrebonne Parish could initiate a road transfer process. Which would move the jurisdiction for the road from the State to the Parish, which would also assume the maintenance obligation.

There are pros and cons to each approach, but both will require an official LaDOTD Stage 0 Feasibility study which has been requested and funded. TPCG will have a better sense of which approach to take once the 0 Feasibility study is complete. In either case, an alternate truck route would have to be identified and approved by LaDOTD.

In either case, TPCG can and should pursue Federal Department of Transportation grants aimed at enabling communities to undertake improvements to roadways to increase safety and connectivity. Many of these grants promote and fund complete street types of projects. Initiating a road transfer process with LaDOTD does not mean TPCG cannot access these grant funds (See Chapter 8: Project and Funding Matrix).
Corridor Zones & Street Sections

CHARACTER ZONES

Main Street is divided into three Character Zones:

» Residential (50’ and 80’ R.O.W.)
» Commercial (50’ R.O.W.)
» Recreational
Moving east down the corridor, toward the Intracoastal Waterway, the character changes from a more structured downtown feel to more of a loose open feel. This area focuses more on the bayou and creates more opportunities for interaction. Dubbed “Bayou Activation”, the interventions here focus less on the street R.O.W and more on the bayou, creating more opportunities for interaction and passive recreational opportunities. The R.O.W. within these Character Zones varies from 50’ to 80’.
The size of the 80’ R.O.W. provides more room for new streetscape elements, including buffer planting along streets and sidewalks, as well as benches, lighting, and other street furniture. The recommendations provide a range of options for the organization of the street section. Planted areas are included between the road and sidewalk to buffer pedestrians from vehicular traffic on Main Street. Street trees are incorporated to provide shade as well as traffic calming to help slow vehicular traffic. The sidewalks are proposed at a minimum of 6’ wide to allow for a more comfortable experience when walking through the corridor.

» The first option maintains two lanes of traffic with parallel parking along each side.

» The two travel lanes remain in the second option and one of the parallel parking lanes is replaced with a BRT lane (Bus Rapid Transit) and bus stops to accommodate alternative forms of transportation. Wide sidewalks and vegetated buffers with street trees are also included.

**80’ R.O.W.**

**Adding Substantial Buffer Between Vehicles and Sidewalks**

**Converting Right Shoulder Into BRT Lane**
» The third option removes the parallel parking lane on the right side, allowing for protected bike lanes to be incorporated into the streetscape. Wide sidewalks and vegetated buffers with street trees remain in this option as well.

» The fourth option removes both parallel parking lanes and replaces them with angled parking on the right side of the street. Vegetated buffers and street trees are included along the sides of the street.
50’ R.O.W

The 50’ R.O.W., while narrower than the 80’ R.O.W., still provides room for updated streetscape elements. The narrower width creates a more urban feel, yet still allows for 6’ wide sidewalks. Street furnishings are more limited within this section, but items such as benches, lighting, and other street furniture are still feasible. The recommended approaches shown here provide a range of options for the organization of the street section. Buffer plantings can be incorporated but will be limited based on the reconfiguration of the travel lanes and parking.

» The first option maintains two lanes of traffic with parallel parking along each side but introduces bulb-outs at intersections and key points along the corridor. These bulb-outs are useful in traffic calming and provide shorter and safer distances for pedestrians to cross.

» The two travel lanes remain the second option and the parallel parking lanes are replaced with angled parking along the left side. Bulb-outs are also used in this scenario, providing opportunities to create small gathering areas bordered by planters.

» The third option removes all street parking and incorporates dual

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REMOVE PARKING FOR BULB-OUTS & PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS  
DUAL TRAVEL LANES WITH ANGLED PARKING  
DUAL TRAVEL LANES WITH PROTECTED BIKE LANES
travel-protected bike lanes. This option reduces the space available for site furnishings such as benches, planters, and trash receptacles.

» The fourth option removes one parallel parking lane replacing it with a wider sidewalk, street trees, and room for benches. Bulb-outs are incorporated as well, promoting safer crossing distances for pedestrians, and providing traffic calming.

» Option 5 is similar to option 4, allocating more sidewalk space to the left side of the street creating a wide promenade. Bulb-outs are incorporated at intersections and used in mid-block areas to create parking zones and provide larger areas for outdoor dining or additional planting.
BAYOU ACTIVATION

As the corridor makes its way east toward the Intracoastal Waterway, the character changes. The south side of the street is populated with buildings, but the north side is open and offers accessible greenspace along the bayou. This area provides a passive recreational area where people can picnic, fly kites, fish, or stroll leisurely along the bayou.

» The first section shows the addition of piers placed periodically along the bayou allowing visitors an opportunity to get closer to the water. It also provides more accessible locations for fishing. As shown in the plan, these piers are nestled into revegetated zones that soften the water’s edge.

» The second section illustrates how the wetland edge interacts with the bayou. The elevation is lowered to accommodate wetland edge plantings but also provides more floodwater storage during storm events.
BAYOU ACTIVATION (contd.)

» Section three incorporates a more rigid edge along the bayou adding paved terraces providing seating options and potential gathering spaces. The terraced effect can accommodate fluctuations in water levels while still allowing greater access to the water. The terraced profile also allows for greater floodwater storage.

» The fourth section includes a sloped canoe/kayak launch. The gentle slope accommodates seasonal water fluctuations while maintaining ease of access to the water.
RECREATIONAL
VISION

Example images of potential updated streetscape for Main Street.

IMAGE SOURCE: Carbo and Associates
Improve Public Space

INFRASTRUCTURE, CAPITAL PROJECTS

Improving existing public spaces and creating new ones has proven economic value; often correlating with increased surrounding property values and interest in commercial and residential properties. A recent study analyzing the role of public space investments in three American cities that had experienced downtown decline (Flint, MI, Buffalo, NY, and Albuquerque, NM), found that public space activation was key in changing residents’ perception of the liveliness of downtown. The events and programming that occurred in public spaces gave people a reason to go downtown, and to stay there; making it a destination for the first time in decades. This perception of a “destination” then had sourring effects for private investment in the surrounding areas (source: The inclusive economic impacts of downtown public space investments, Brookings Institute, 2021).

PUBLIC LIBRARY AT DOWNTOWN, BATON ROUGE, LA
A centerpiece of the downtown, the new library is designed to be an engaging cultural space and community amenity.

IMAGE SOURCE: WHLC Architecture
Bold, large-scale investments in downtown public space can make a big impact in changing perception of a downtown area. Greenville, South Carolina, took a controversial leap in 2001 to remove the state bridge that covered a natural waterfall and disallowed access to the river that ran through its downtown. The city went on to develop a 20-acre riverfront park complete with gardens and amphitheaters and a pedestrian bridge. This massive investment paid off, resulting in business and residential attraction that has made Greenville one of the fastest growing cities in America.

There are many opportunities for capital and infrastructure investment in Downtown Houma. Projects that have been mentioned during outreach include:

- Improving and replacing bulkheads along Bayou Terrebonne in order to support additional activity along the bayou
- Expanding the Bayou Walk
- Creating new kayak launches and fishing piers
- A downtown seafood market
- An outdoor amphitheater.
- Complete streets.
- Resiliency projects such as additional green space to absorb stormwater.

Most of these projects would be eligible for funding identified in Chapter 8: Project and Funding Matrix.

FARMER’S MARKET - FLINT, MICHIGAN

The aforementioned study called out the Farmer’s Market in Flint, MI as most successful in small business incubation related to public space—because it centered low-cost access and business incubation support in its mission; providing free commercial kitchen access and entrepreneurship training to vendors. The market includes outdoor space as well as permanent indoor space with kitchen access. As one public sector official explained, the goal was to help entrepreneurs “start their own business—not out of their garage, but out of downtown’s Main Street.” (Brookings Institute, ’21).
Attract New and Cultivate Existing Businesses

There are two approaches to business attraction, and both should be deployed to ensure that Downtown Houma has volume and diversity of desired businesses:

» cultivating new businesses, and

» attract existing businesses.

Attracting new business will be more successful once initial downtown revitalization is underway. For example, grocery stores are almost entirely reliant on a residential customer base - a downtown grocery store requires a strong base of housing in the downtown and adjacent neighborhoods.

That is not to say the groundwork should not be laid early. Restoration Board members should be the primary advocates for Downtown Houma and will have a major role to play in economic growth. Conducting outreach to businesses and developers, these advocates can market development and business opportunities, identify barriers and implement corresponding

DOWNTOWN SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA  Local businesses attracting people to historic downtown Solvang.
strategies, and become the liaison between the city and the private sector. Advocates must reach out to and involve local developers and business owners to get their buy-in, add creativity, and build support for the Downtown vision. This would be ideally supported by a staff person who also serves as a resource all Main Street projects.

Board members must be proactive in identifying the needs of businesses by working closely with business and property owners and facilitating partnerships.

Business-friendly policies can be developed while creating a Downtown Historic District Overlay Zone. This new Overlay Zone should simplify the entitlement process to ensure flexibility in the code and development approach.

Cultivating new businesses should be the strategic priority. The low cost of property will be appealing to startup businesses, in conjunction with support navigating the incentives offered for the adaptive reuse of Downtown Houma’s historic buildings. The HRDC should become a clearing house for information and support for entrepreneurs wanting to locate in Downtown Houma.

In addition, if TPCG and the Downtown Restoration Board do assemble vacant downtown properties, short term leases (6 months, 1 year) could be offered for new and emerging businesses. Popup Denver, described later, is a good model for business attraction and incubation.
BUSINESS INCUBATION

As illustrated by the market analysis results, there is a strong spirit of entrepreneurship in Terrebonne Parish. Capitalizing on this energy by incentivizing new businesses/minimizing startup risk in downtown Houma will help spur growth and build community wealth. There are numerous existing new business support programs, such as the Business Loan Guaranty Program offered by Louisiana Economic Development, which provides guarantees to banks and other financial institutions on their loans to Louisiana-based small businesses. The Support Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Nicholls State University offers numerous free programs such as assistance with business plans, workshops on human resources and marketing as well as consultation. The new Bayou Region Incubator in Thibodaux has consolidated many of their services along with some co-working options (See Chapter 8: Project and Funding Matrix).
To bring businesses back to downtown Denver after the Coronavirus pandemic, the Downtown Denver Partnership (DDP) launched a program to place new businesses in targeted vacant store fronts—once a business or entity is approved for the program, DDP works with property managers of vacant commercial spaces to make sure that the license agreements offer a minimum of three months of free rent. Business operators still cover other costs, like utilities, but are awarded a $20,000 package in interior design, setup, and merchandising support to get the business off the ground and increase chances of success and permanent occupancy of the storefront. Due to the success of it first year, the program renewed for a second.
POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR DOWNTOWN HOUMA

A comment heard on the Downtown walk was that Main Street is a great location for a co-working, or maker space. A “maker” space can function as a small-scale manufacturing space. Businesses that are making or manufacturing on a small-scale can operate in storefronts and other small facilities that are not considered “manufacturing” and do not need large industrial spaces to produce their product. Much like a co-working space set up for office workers sharing technology and meeting spaces, a maker space can provide shared tools, 3-D printer, studio space, and other equipment. Individuals that create goods, art, and other items can be housed together.

Another successful model many communities have supported are kitchen incubators or shared kitchen facilities. Kitchen Incubators offer long or short-term leases at reasonable rates on a flexible time-share basis. The kitchens provide commercial grade ovens, refrigerators, freezers, and other equipment. Often, there are programs that support emerging businesses. These are commercial kitchens, inspected and licensed that allow for commercial production and distribution of food items.
Entrepreneurial development can be encouraged in various startup-oriented formats, including (but not limited to) incubators, accelerators, and coworking spaces.

**GAUCHO COLLECTIVE**

The Gaucho Collective was launched to serve the entrepreneurial and community collaborative needs of our historic downtown - Klamath Falls Oregon. Gaucho is an open-concept office with a variety of semi-private and private spaces to suit occupiers’ business and collaborative needs. The members of the Gaucho Collective are a diverse group that work in a variety of fields with daily access to the available workspaces and provided amenities.

IMAGE SOURCE: GauchoCollective.com
RECOMMENDED APPROACH - CLUSTERING
Recommended Approach - Clustering

To have the greatest impact, the aforementioned implementation strategies related to housing, public space investment, business attraction, adaptive reuse, and streetscapes, should initially be focused in a small geographic area of downtown Houma. This approach of focused investment, commonly referred to as “clustering,” creates a strong core that exemplifies the vision for downtown Houma and makes it a reality for residents and investors. Once people can see and experience a dynamic, walkable downtown center, further, similar investment will radiate out from that center.

While programs offered should be available to all in the District, investment should be focused on a specified geographic area to apply all applicable programs – each building, parking lot, bayou frontage, and streetscape in that focused area will be analyzed for improvement. Investments should include streetscape improvements, incentive zoning programs, façade improvement programs, etc., as well as site-specific actions like public-private partnerships, site acquisition, and reduced parking requirements. Private investment will maximize when public investment is strategically focused in specific target areas rather than dispersed across a large area.

There are many potential locations on Main Street that would benefit from this approach and catalyze investment. The identification of such an area (2-4 blocks, on both street sides and including bayou access) will have to done with careful consideration and specific knowledge of the buildings and owners. A clustering approach also allows TPCG and the Restoration District to be proactive and strategic by initiating programs in a focused area, versus reacting to proposed changes spread out among the area that do not necessarily align with revitalization priorities.
EXERCISE FROM COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS ASKING PARTICIPANTS TO IDENTIFY AREAS WITH ASSETS | Map adapted from TPCG Vision 2030

RECOMMENDED APPROACH - CLUSTERING
07.

QUICK WIN
PLACEMAKING
INTERVENTIONS
Quick Win Placemaking Interventions

**LIGHTER, QUICKER, CHEAPER**

The program and infrastructure recommendations in the previous pages, while achievable, will take significant time and investment to implement. While these longer-term strategies are getting off the ground, a “lighter, quicker, cheaper” strategy can also be implemented. Lower risk, lower cost projects that capitalize on the creative energy of the community can efficiently generate new uses and revenue for places in transition to produce successful public spaces. Also, implementation of small projects will indicate to the community that change is happening, and garner community support and buy-in as people start to experience a changing downtown. The following are examples of “quick win” initiatives that easily be implemented in downtown Houma:

**EXAMPLES OF POP-UP ELEMENTS**

![Image of pop-up elements](image-source: AARP Pop-Up Placemaking Tool Kit)
CREATIVE PLACEMAKING

Creative placemaking means creating spaces that are distinctive, engaging, and that attract people, even on a temporary basis. Placemaking reflects and bolsters the identity of a place, whether it is a block, a district, or a city. It is a multidisciplinary approach that can take many forms, including art, events, streetscape, signage, landscaping, logos, temporary installations in vacant storefront windows, and social media and marketing. Pop-up projects help foster community identity and inspire the type of activities that make a downtown a more inviting place to live, work, and play.

Examples:

- PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS
- POP-UP MARKETS IN PARKING LOTS OF VACANT LOTS
- DOWNTOWN BRANDING AND SIGNAGE
- TEMPORARY ART INSTALLATIONS IN VACANT STOREFRONTS

ALLEY ACTIVATION AT PITTSFIELD, MA

Before (left) and after (right) of how an umbrella canopy turned a shabby alleyway into a destination.

IMAGE SOURCE: AARP Livable Communities
Many projects can be implemented on a temporary basis, or as “pilot” projects, with lower-cost materials. This allows road users to get used to changes and provide feedback before more fixed and costly changes are made. An example of this type of “quick-build” project is painting and installing temporary bollards around bike lanes at dangerous intersections (See Chapter 8: Projects and Funding Matrix).

Activation Programming

Programmed events complement built environments, a method of “continuous placemaking” –can activate vacant parcels and parking lots: outdoor movies, art markets, and other events. Many cultural events already take place in downtown Houma—keep these occurrences consistent and often will nourish a sense of liveliness downtown, and keep people coming back.
PARKING TO PARKLET | London, UK

PAVEMENT TO PARKLET | Groveland, FL
POP-UP COMMUNITY SPACE FOR PLAYFUL ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY GARDENS AS A PLACEMAKING APPROACH FOR RECLAIMING UNDERUTILIZED PUBLIC SPACES
STREET FURNITURE, PLANTER, AND REPAINTED PAVING MAKING STREETS PEOPLE-FRIENDLY | Barcelona, Spain

“PIANO” CROSSWALK AS A TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE FOR IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY | Rochester, NY

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FUNDING AND PROJECTS MATRIX
### PROJECT CONCEPT | POTENTIAL FUNDING | AWARD RANGE
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Conversion of historic structures into Downtown housing | • mix of State and Federal Tax Credits | 20% to 25% of construction costs
Upper Story Grant program for housing | • Restoration District seed funding | Ideally, gap financing - $15,000 to $30,000
Renovations/Conversion of historic buildings for residential or commercial use | • Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement | 10 years abatement on property taxes based on renovation costs
Reuse of historic structures for commercial uses | • Louisiana Main Street Façade Grants/Supplemented with CDBG-DR funds | Up to $10,000 or more if supplemented with CDBG-DR funds
Purchase and packaging of targeted properties for development through an RFP process | • CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program | Must be part of TPCG’s approved proposal for its $24.7M CDBG-DR allocation. Competitive grant process – max award is $30M
Ruhovelling Loan fund- potentially administered by Restoration District to be used for business growth- construction and working capital | • CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program | Must be part of TPCG’s approved proposal for its $24.7M CDBG-DR allocation. Competitive grant process – max award is $30M
Maker Space/Small business Incubator/kitchen incubator | • CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program | Must be part of TPCG’s approved proposal for its $24.7M CDBG-DR allocation. Competitive grant process – max award is $30M
Business Location Incentive Program – including program that offers short term (6-12 month) leases | • Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) – IIJA DOT competitive grant program | Competitive grant process – max award is $45M.
Complete Streets for Main and Park Streets | • Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) – IIJA DOT competitive grant program | Competitive grant process – max award is $45M.
Extension of Bayou Walk | • Safe Streets and Roads for all Grant Program- IIJA DOT competitive grant program | Competitive grant process – max award is $25M.
Bulkhead construction/ New Kayak Launches/Fishing Piers | • Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – LaDOTD Program | Competitive grant process – LA has $13.5M to distribute.
Quick win Placemaking Interventions | • CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program | Must be part of TPCG’s approved proposal for its $24.7M CDBG-DR allocation. Competitive grant process – max award is $30M
Quick win Placemaking Interventions | • EDA Disaster Supplemental program – Economic Development Administration | Competitive grant process – max award is $30M
Quick win Placemaking Interventions | • National Endowment for the Arts-Our Town Grant | Competitive grant process – wards range from $25,000 – to $150,000.
Quick win Placemaking Interventions | • Fundraising/Philanthropy/Partnership with Bayou Regional Arts Council | Created dedicated fundraiser/apply for local grants
DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING PROGRAMS

CDBG-DR HOMETOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM
funds originate with the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are allocated to states based on scope of disaster. Louisiana’s Office of Community Development (OCD) administers these funds to eligible parishes based on approved proposals and plans. The amount allocated to Terrebonne Parish based on Hurricane Ida is $24.7M and all projects must meet the eligibility requirements set by HUD and OCD.

FEDERAL HISTORIC TAX CREDITS are administered through the National Park Service and are eligible only to properties that fall within the boundaries of the National Register of Historic District, which in Houma overlaps with the boundaries of the Houma Downtown Development Corporation (see Map 1).

LOUISIANA HISTORIC TAX CREDITS (State Commercial Tax Credits) are administered by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. These credits are available for properties that fall within the National Register of Historic Places, and the two Cultural Districts in Downtown Houma (see Map 1).

THE RESTORATION TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM is administered by the Louisiana Economic Development office and is eligible for use in both National and State Historic districts and Opportunity Zones (see Map 1).

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION’S DISASTER GRANT PROGRAM (EDA) is a competitive grant program administered by the US Department of Commerce for areas that have been issued a Presidential declaration of major disaster in the calendar years of 2021 and 2022. Parish, city, federally recognized tribal governments, and non-profits are eligible to apply.

REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) grants are administered by the federal Department of Transportation. Parish, city, and federally recognized tribal governments are eligible to apply. This is an annual grant program authorized through the IIJA bill until 2026.

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL grants are administered by the federal Department of Transportation. Parish, city, and federally recognized tribal governments are eligible to apply. This is an annual grant program authorized through the IIJA bill until 2026.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) is a competitive grant program administered by LaDOTD on a bi-annual basis. Parish, city, and federally recognized tribal governments are eligible to apply. Increased funding for this program (in Louisiana, the amount went from $6M to $13M) has been authorized through the IIJA bill until 2026.

OUR TOWN grants are administered by the National Endowment for the Arts annually. Parish, city, federally recognized tribal governments, and non-profits are eligible to apply.
APPENDIX:

HOUMA MARKET ANALYSIS
Houma Market Analysis

Sections

- Demographic Analysis
- Residential Analysis
- Jobs & Industry Analysis
- Surplus/Shortfall Analysis
- Recommendations
Defining the Houma Metro

• The Houma-Thibodaux Metro includes Terrebonne Parish and Lafourche Parish. The term “Houma Metro” is used throughout this report.
Demographic Analysis

Is Houma’s population growing? Getting younger or older?
Is the number of households increasing? In which direction are household incomes trending?
Are education levels increasing?

About 3,500 residents have left the Houma Metro since 2010; another 2,600 are projected to leave by 2027

Population for Terrebonne Parish and the Houma Metro

*2027 figures projected by ESRI Site To Do Business
Source: ESRI Site To Do Business, US Census Bureau
Houma is aging: the number of residents age 65+ increased by more than 7,000 in the last 12 years; it’s projected to increase by another 4,000 in the next 5 years

Age Distribution for Terrebonne Parish and the Houma Metro

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*2027 figures projected by ESR Site To Do Business
Source: ESR Site To Do Business, US Census Bureau

There are about 4,200 more households in Houma now than there were in 2010; the number of people in the average household has fallen slightly, from 2.8 in 2010 to 2.6 today

Number of Households in Terrebonne Parish and the Houma Metro

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*2027 figures projected by ESR Site To Do Business
Source: ESR Site To Do Business, US Census Bureau
The median household income increased 15% in the Houma Metro in the last 12 years, and it’s projected to increase another 14% over the next 5 years.

Household Income (Current & Projected) for Terrebonne Parish and the Houma Metro

- Projected Median Household Income by 2027:
  - Terrebonne Parish: $61,798 (2010 median household income $48,583, Increase between 2010 and 2022 $5,514, Projected Increase by 2027 $7,641)
  - Houma Metro: $63,223 (2010 median household income $48,185, Increase between 2010 and 2022 $7,372, Projected Increase by 2027 $7,666)

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Source: ESR Site To Do Business, US Census Bureau

Between 2010 and 2020, the number of Houma Metro residents with a bachelor’s degree or higher increased by about 4,500.

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Highest Level of Education:
- Less than a high school diploma
- High school graduate, no college degree
- Associate’s degree
- Bachelor’s degree or higher

Source: US Census Bureau– American Community Survey 5-year estimates
Residential Analysis

Are vacancy rates increasing?
Is Houma expanding its housing supply? How does the housing supply differ for homeowners versus renters?
What types of multifamily units are being developed?
Is housing affordable for homeowners and renters?

Houma Catchment Area (for next slide)
The number of housing units in the Houma Catchment Area increased over the last 12 years; about 1/3 of the 120 units are vacant.

The number of new housing units (4,800) surpassed the growth in households (4,200) over the last 12 years.
There are 2,400 more vacant units in the Houma Metro today then there were in 2010; about two-thirds of all units are owner-occupied

Occupied multifamily housing grew 18% in the last decade, outpacing the 7% growth in single-family homes which continue to dominate the residential market

Source: ESR Site To Do Business
Source: US Census Bureau–American Community Survey 5-year estimates
Growth in multifamily-style housing has been driven by larger structures with 10 or more apartments

Multifamily Housing Broken Down by the Number of Units per Structure in Terrebonne Parish and the Houma Metro

Source: US Census Bureau—American Community Survey 5-year estimates

In the next 5 years, the Houma Metro is projected to lose 35% of its housing stock available for purchase at $200k or less

Terrebonne Parish Home Values (for Owner-Occupied Homes)

Houma Metro Home Values (for Owner-Occupied Homes)

2022 figures projected by ESRI Site To Do Business
Source: ESRI Site To Do Business, US Census Bureau
Almost half of renters in the Houma Metro spend more than 35% of their income on housing.

Rental Vacancy Rates (2021)
- Terrebonne Parish: 2.4%
- Houma Metro: 3.9%
- Louisiana: 6.4%
- United States: 5.2%

Source: US Census Bureau–American Community Survey 1-year estimates

Rents in the Houma Metro have increased about 20% in the last year.

Source: Zillow Observed Rent Index (ZORI)
Homes for sale are abundant in Houma, while options for renting are limited.

Source: Zillow, screenshots taken in January 2023
Job and Industry Analysis

How have jobs trended over the past two decades in the Houma Historic District? In the Houma Restoration District?

For the Houma Metro - which occupations are growing in numbers? Shrinking?

For the Houma Metro - which types of industries are expanding? Contracting?

Total jobs in Downtown Houma have fallen from 7,000 in 2002 to 3,400 in 2019

Source: Longitudinal Employer Household Dynamics (LEHD) OnTheMap

Top image: Houma Historic District. Bottom image: Houma Restoration District. Source: CSRE, Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
Total jobs are up 1,100 in the Houma Restoration District thanks to 1,200 new health care jobs created over an 18-year span.

Major Industries in Houma Restoration District (see map to the right)

Source: Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) OnTheMap

Houma has the highest concentration of both sailors/marine oilers and captains/mates of any metro in the country.

10 Most Common Jobs in the Houma Metro (2022)

Source: Lightcast Economic Modeling
Jobs for service unit operators (oil & gas) grew more than any other occupation over the last 5 years; managers made up the 2nd and 3rd fastest-growing occupations.

Office workers made up 3 of the top 10 declining occupations; service workers in retail establishments and restaurants also saw their numbers decline.

Source: Lightcast Economic Modeling
Oil & gas, education, healthcare, and the maritime industry dominate Houma’s local economy

Hospitals, which made up 1.9% of Houma’s gross regional product (GRP) in 2017, make up 3.5% of GRP today after seeing explosive job growth over the last 5 years
Declining employment in local schools tracks with the region’s declining school-age population

Industries that lost the most in the last 5 years (Houma Metro)

Source: Lightcast Economic Modeling

Terrebonne Parish ranked in the top 10% of all US counties for business application growth between 2019 and 2021; Lafourche in the top 12%

Business Applications - Houma Metro

Source: Lightcast Economic Modeling
Surplus/Shortfall Analysis

Based on consumer spending patterns, where is there opportunity for Houma to recapture sales that are being lost to retailers outside the region?

The City of Houma is the metro’s primary urban center and, as such, it has the potential to attract additional consumer spending at businesses like general merchandisers, auto dealers, and department stores.

Consumer Spending Potential (figures represent lost consumer spending to areas outside the City of Houma)

Source: ESR Site To Do Business
Retailers selling a wide range of goods – electronics, clothing, building materials - have the potential to capture millions in potential sales that are currently being lost to retailers outside the region.

*Consumer Spending Potential (figures represent lost consumer spending to areas outside the Houma Metro)*

Source: ESR Site To Do Business
Recommendations

Encourage residential development
Lean into the region’s growing population of retirees
Bring jobs back to Downtown Houma
Utilize the region’s entrepreneurial spirit
Beautify Downtown Houma with a particular focus on the waterfront

Recommendations (1/2)

- Encourage affordable residential development, particularly for renters in the downtown core; missing-middle style housing could appeal to young talent (which is in high demand) and retired populations alike.
  - Houma is growing middle class jobs (managers, oil & gas workers) but a lack of rental affordability and a rapidly declining stock of affordable homes coupled with household incomes that are not keeping pace with income growth nationally could jeopardize Houma residents’ ability to find housing that fits their needs.
    - Median income growth in Houma over the last 12 years (up 15%) has not kept up with inflation (up between 30-35%).
  - While single-family homes still outnumber apartments, the number of apartments in Houma is growing rapidly – and the low vacancy rate shows that they are popular. Residents may appreciate more diverse options for apartment-living, particularly in areas where walkability to shops, bars, and restaurants is possible.

- Lean into the region’s aging population: below-average cost of living, comfortable climate, and expanding healthcare systems could support strong retirement communities.
Recommendations (2/2)

• Bring jobs back to Downtown Houma.
  • The number of jobs in the Houma Historic District boundaries has fallen by half over the last 2 decades.
  • Developing new retail and office space could make Downtown Houma a more desirable place to live and visit.

• Use the region’s entrepreneurial spirit to help spur retail development.
  • Houma is among the top areas in the country for business application growth; considering Houma is losing millions in potential retail sales to other regions, residents may enthusiastically embrace programming and policies that encourage local retail development. Examples include:
    • Short-term leases, particularly in downtown areas of the city.
    • Making small business services easily accessible (closest Small Business Development Center is located at Nicholls in Thibodaux).

• Create a Downtown Houma that residents want to visit.
  • Focus on beautifying Bayou Terrebonne, particularly in Downtown Houma
    • See Greenville, SC, which removed a four-lane bridge in the early 2000s from its downtown waterfront. The initiative helped spur significant downtown revitalization.