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Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Awarded Funding to Remove Abandoned & Derelict Vessels (ADVs) Across Terrebonne Basin

Funds through BoatUS Foundation and NOAA aid efforts to remove an estimated 170 abandoned and derelict vessels as part of groundbreaking national effort to clear waterways

Houma, LA, September 30, 2025 – As part of a national effort to remove hundreds of abandoned and derelict vessels from waterways in coastal areas, [Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government \(TPCG\)](#) has received funding from the [BoatUS Foundation](#) to remove these navigation and pollution hazards from waterways across Terrebonne Parish.

Terrebonne Parish's project will remove an estimated 170 abandoned vessels throughout the parish, ensuring clean, safe and navigable bayou waterways that are vital to the region's economy, lifestyle and culture.

This project was selected by a panel of independent salvage experts, state boating advocates, nonprofit research organization and government planning agency staff under a four-year program created by the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation. Funding for this program was provided through the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) Marine Debris Program](#) with the ultimate aim of removing abandoned and derelict vessels from the nation's coastal waters and the Great Lakes. Terrebonne Parish received support as well as nine other organizations spanning five states, one reservation and two territories.

"In Terrebonne Parish, bayous are more than just waterways. They are central to who we are: our history, our culture, our being. To take care of them is to take care of our people," **said Noah Lirette, Chief Administrative Officer of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.** "We are excited to have this opportunity through the BoatUS Foundation to go further in derelict vessel abatement. By doing so, we aim to not only restore the beauty of our bayous, but the pride of the communities along their banks."

The BoatUS Foundation's national ADV program will include the creation of a national database to pinpoint locations of abandoned and derelict vessels (ADVs) and track their removal, including abandoned and derelict vessels throughout Louisiana.

"We are honored to be selected for this partnership with the BoatUS Foundation. The funding provided to TPCG will enable us to remove a number of derelict vessels from local waterways and help to move Terrebonne forward," said **Jason Bergeron, President of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.**

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ABOUT THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT:

One of the most southern of all Louisiana parishes, Terrebonne Parish was established on March 22, 1822, from the southern part of Lafourche Interior. Covering an area of 2100 square miles, it is the second-largest parish in the state.

ABOUT THE BOATUS FOUNDATION:

[BoatUS Foundation](#) is leading a nationally competitive grant program for the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels throughout coastal and marine areas of the United States, including the Great Lakes, U.S. territories, and Freely Associated States. This project is supported by the NOAA Marine Debris Program. In an effort to help educate and prevent future ADVs, the Foundation will also create a national ADV database to track the scope of the challenge and measure success, document ADV prevention and removal activities to share with the public, and support a national dialogue and education efforts on boating-related debris disposal. Learn more about the Marine Debris Program by visiting marinedebris.noaa.gov.