

Plaquemines Parish MASTER PLAN

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President Billy Nungesser

Visioning

Plaquemines Parish is moving forward in the development of its Comprehensive Master Plan. Late May and June 2010 brings the planning process to its most critical time – VISIONING. The Public Visioning Workshops set the foundation for the Comprehensive Master Plan that will describe how the Parish should move forward in the future. Please check the dates for the Visioning Workshops for the location near you. Even if you cannot attend the Workshop, you can take part in the planning process. Be sure to visit the website www.plaqueminesmasterplan.com for details, including documents, PowerPoint presentations and maps. Also look for a set of questions for you to answer to help guide the direction of the planning process. Citizen input is the key to the success of the plan.

Late April and May 2010 have been a difficult time for the people of Plaquemines Parish. The Deepwater Horizon Well disaster in the Gulf has disrupted the minds, the hearts and the livelihood of many of the citizens in the area. There may never be a better time for citizens, Parish officials and professional planners to work together to find creative ways to make the Parish stronger, smarter, and safer for its future.

What does the Master Plan Address?

- Coastal Restoration
- Demographics
- Economic Development
- Transportation System
- Water and Wastewater Systems
- Drainage and Levees
- Public Facilities and Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Parish-owned Property
- Land Use
- Government

Check the project website at www.plaqueminesmasterplan.com for focus sheets on each of these topics.

Visioning Workshops May 22nd, June 5th & June 12th

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Master Plan Visioning Workshops. Plaquemines Parish wants to hear from you! All community members are encouraged to attend. All workshops are scheduled on **Saturdays**. The schedule is on page 2.

The workshops will include an overview presentation, an interactive exercise using keypad voting – instantly see how your fellow citizens feel about topics, and facilitated conversations. You will be asked to roll up your sleeves and share your ideas. The format of these meetings will be very interactive. The goal of these workshops is to develop specific visions for your individual communities and a unified vision for the whole Parish as we move forward. These workshops are to help increase excitement about the future of the Parish.



Wireless keypad voting...see the results instantly.

**What are your top 3 hopes for the Parish for the next 5 years?
How do you envision Plaquemines Parish in 2030 and beyond?**

How will it be the same? How will it be different?

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

Visioning Workshop Schedule

Date	Time	Location
May 22	9am-12pm	Carlisle/ Burbridge/ Monsecour/ Phoenix/ Harlem/ Bellevue/ Nero/ DaVant/Pointe a la Hache/ Martin/ Beshel/ Bohemia/ Nestor/ Ostrica/ Fort Saint Phillip/ Olga/ Pilot Town St. Thomas Church Office 17605 Hwy 15, Pointe a la Hache, LA
May 22	3pm-6pm	Braithwaite/ English Turn/St. Clair/ Port Nickel/ Scarsdale/ Stella/ Dalcour/ Promised Land/ Linwood/ Greenwood/ Bertrandville/ Woodlawn/Wills Point/ Belair St. John the Baptist Church Hwy 39, Braithwaite, LA
June 5	9am-12pm	Sarah/ Live Oak/ Ollie/ Jesuit Bend/ Gloria/ Becnelville/ Naomi/ La Reussite/Alliance/ St. Rosalie/Ironton/ Myrtle Grove /Deer Range/Lake Hermitage/ Point Celeste/Woodland/ West Pointe a la Hache Belle Chasse Middle School Gym 13492 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA
June 5	3pm-6pm	Noble Manor/ Belle Chasse/ Augusta/ Cedar Grove/ Oakville Belle Chasse High School Cafeteria 8346 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA
June 12	9am-12pm	Magnolia/ Diamond/ Grandbayou Village/ Happy Jack/ Potash/ Port Sulphur/Homeplace South Plaquemines High School Gym 311 Civic Drive, Port Sulphur, LA
June 12	3pm-6pm	Bremond/ Hesperides/ Nairn/Tropical Bend/ Empire/ Sunrise/ Buras/ Gulf Town/ Triumph/ Fort Jackson/ Boothville/ Duvic/ Venice/ Ochar/ Tidewater Boothville School Gym 1 Oiler Drive, Boothville, LA

What to Expect *Stay involved and connected!*

Check out the project website: www.plaqueminesmasterplan.com

- **Project Website** – www.plaqueminesmasterplan.com The project website contains facts, maps, pertinent documents, contact information, and comment forms.
- **Newsletters** - Sign up for the project newsletter – a source for project updates, meeting notices, and other information on how to get and stay involved. Sign up to receive your newsletter by emailing: website@plaqueminesparish.com
- Talk to **Steering Committee Members** – The Parish has put together a Steering Committee to help guide the Master Plan. This group is made up of people representing local government, local civic groups, development interests, business leaders, and concerned citizens. These volunteers are charged with increasing awareness of the plan within their social network. For a list of members, please visit the project website.
- If have a special interest or expertise from the list of topics covered in the Master Plan, please contact our project team to discuss how you can help.
- An online **questionnaire** (*paper copies will also be available*) will be available fall 2010. Please be on the lookout, for it as it is another opportunity to voice your opinion on the direction of the master plan.

For questions or more information, please contact:
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Project Milestones and Anticipated Dates



Beginning of 2010
Begin Project and Collect Data

May/June 2010
Hold Community Visioning Workshops

Summer 2010
Complete Community Assessment

End of 2010
Draft Community Agenda;
Begin Action Planning Process

Winter/Spring 2011
Complete Action Planning;
Hold Public Hearings; Adopt Master Plan

***More details on the Website**

