



Plaquemines Parish
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN
**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
PLAN**

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1 Introduction

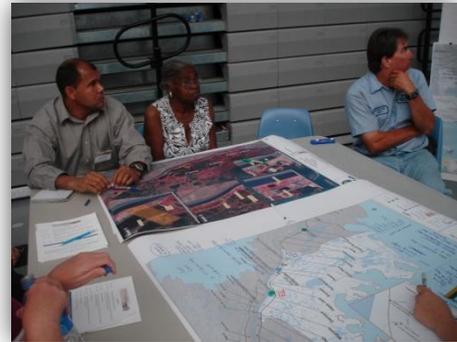
Communities that have a high level of public involvement during a Comprehensive Master Planning process will reach a better understanding of the values and desires of community members. Capturing this vision is a critical element to designing a comprehensive plan that meets the needs of Plaquemines Parish; both parish-wide and in each of its unique communities. With a clear understanding of what is needed and expected from the community, the most appropriate resources, policies, and programs can be established and pursued by the best means possible. This plan ensures that a cross-section of citizens as well as a diverse group of community stakeholders are actively involved in the process of defining these critical policies and tools for the Parish's future growth.

On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster and the months of uncertainty that followed resulted in changes to the original scope of work for the Comprehensive Master Plan. Plaquemines Parish staff's priorities were focused on the oil spill and the public's attentions were as well. This revised public involvement plan addresses some of the additional techniques that have been used as the project progressed. Please note that this Public Involvement Plan is intended to be a fluid document and can and will change to best meet the needs of the planning process, staff and community.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Public Involvement Plan is two-fold:

1. To establish:
 - The roles of stakeholders and citizens
 - Various participation techniques
 - Communication strategies
 - Project Schedule
2. To guide the education efforts of the master planning process. These efforts are designed to educate and engage stakeholders and the public based on sound planning principles such as quality of life, sense of place, appropriate economic development, transportation alternatives and improvements, strategic infrastructure investment, environmental protection, and effective development processes.



By fully outlining this approach in advance, the most inclusive tactics can be prepared and established by identifying key elements at the start of the planning process.

1.2 Objectives

Community participation is much more than informing the public of plans that are already established. The participation process shapes the plans that are being constructed. Success in informing the public about the future of Plaquemines Parish is only one measure of the effectiveness of the public involvement program. Two other important measures are that 1) the public has meaningfully contributed to making final decisions, and 2) the public understands that, while each participant may not have had his or her recommendations adopted, the final product is in the best interest of the Parish as a whole.

With this philosophy in mind, the objectives of the public participation process for the Plaquemines Parish Comprehensive Master Plan are to:

- Identify and engage the key stakeholders in the parish from Belle Chasse to Venice and on both the east bank and the west bank;
- Identify the community's issues related to a variety of issues and their vision;
- Engage the community in the process of preparing the comprehensive master plan; and
- Foster a sense of ownership throughout the Parish.

These objectives have played a fundamental role in the development of the Public Involvement Plan outlined in this document.

Implementation are most effective when diverse members of the community not only provide support but are chief champions of the new policies, programs, and regulations. To create this sense of ownership, community input must be reflected in the drafting of the regulations. By doing so, the process will accomplish the following objectives:

- Provide greater public understanding of overall goals and objectives
- Improve the quality of decisions
- Increase ease of implementation

Creating an effective community input program begins by identifying the key stakeholders to involve in that process, which is discussed in Section 2.

1.3 Scope

This Public Involvement Plan outlines the approach that was used through the life of the project, and was updated from time to time to reflect changing conditions, such as project schedule and participating stakeholders

2 Stakeholders

Stakeholders are defined as those individuals and groups that have a "stake" or investment in the community. The group of relevant stakeholders ranges from an individual resident of the community to homeowner associations, civic organizations, developers, homebuilders, realtors, contractors, business-owners, and the formal planning agencies such as the Regional Planning Commission and Louisiana Speaks. The following list identifies a comprehensive group of stakeholders in Plaquemines Parish. It should be noted that not all stakeholders are invested to the same degree in the Comprehensive Master Plan process. The public participation strategy and the outreach menu reflect the different levels of involvement expected from the various stakeholders (e.g., involving developers and neighborhood associations in focus groups and providing flyers or handouts to member of community organizations).

2.1 Parish Departments

Name	Position	Department
Janice Acosta	Director	Administration
Raymund Ferrer	Superintendent	Animal Control/Health Department/ Code Enforcement
William L. Paradelas	Director	Civil Service
Jiff Hingle	Sheriff	Sheriff's Office
Othella Hughes	Superintendent	Community Action Agency
Larry Ducombs	Computer Manager	Data Processing
Gina Meyer	Superintendent	Ambulance Department
Wanda Buras	Manager	Human Resources
Lori Meyers	Manager	Finance Department
Christopher Denney	Supervisor	Mosquito Control Department
Alan Vaughn		Farm and Home Economics
Scott Lott	Director	Operations
L. V. Cooley, IV	Special Asst. Parish Attorney	Oil, Mineral and Gas Department
Mike Metcalf	Superintendent	Permits, Planning & Zoning
Byron Williams, Jr.	Director	Public Service
Angie Barthelemy	Supervisor	Water Department
Joel Horton Jr	Ferry Manager	Ferry Department
Toni Martinez	Superintendent	Buildings Department
Todd J. Schouest	Librarian	Libraries
Jeffrey Boone	Communications Manager	Telecommunications
Robert Means	Superintendent	Maintenance Department
Corey Buie	Superintendent	Recreation Department Fort Jackson Museum Port Sulphur Golf Course
Scott Rousselle	Superintendent	Solid Waste North Department
Narry Sylve	Foreman	Solid Waste South Department
Chief Joel Frederick	Fire District 1: Pointe-a-la-Hache	Volunteer Fire Department
Chief Roy Robichaux	Fire District 2: Belle Chasse	
Chief Douglas Marange	Fire District 3: Port Sulphur	
Chief A.B. Croft	Fire District 4: Buras	
Chief Ray Carter	Fire District 5: Boothville-Venice Fire	
Chief Donald Durr	District 6: Lake Hermitage	
Chief Urban Treuil	Fire District 7: Woodlawn/ Braithwaite	
Blair Rittiner	Land Superintendent	Land Department
Michael L. Mullin	Assistant Parish Attorney	Legal Department
Ken Dugas		Engineering
Mario A. Arteaga, Jr.	Assistant Parish Attorney	Legal Department
P.J. Hahn	Director	Coastal Restoration
Kurt Fromherz	Media Specialist	Public Awareness
Stan Mathes	Director	Economic Development
Robert Spears	G.I.S. Manager	Geographic Information System
Michelle Tassin	Director	Emergency Management
Bobby Gravolet	Assessor	Personal Property Department

Name	Position	Department
Yvette Glass		Council on Aging
Angelo Alimia		Drainage Department
Benny Puckett	Administrator	Grants
Joey Horton		Ferry Department
Kristi Savoie		Finance Department
Fran Martinez		Soil and Water Conservation

2.2 Boards, Councils and Commissions

Parish Leadership

Billy Nungesser - Parish President

Plaquemines Parish Council

Don Beshel - Council Chairman	District 1
Keith Hinkley - Council Member	District 2
Jerry Hodnett - Council Chairman	District 3
Dr. Stuart J. Guey, Jr. - Council Member	District 4
Anthony Buras - Council Member	District 5
Burghart Turner - Council Member	District 6
Jay Friedman - Council Member	District 7
Lynda Banta - Council Member	District 8
Marla Cooper - Council Member	District 9

Plaquemines Parish School Board

Reverend Michael W. Jiles, Sr.	District 1
Nancy LaHaye	District 2
Anthony St. Philip	District 3
Joyce Lamkin	District 4
Sharon Branan	District 5
Carlton LaFrance	District 6
Paul W. Lamaire, Jr.	District 7
Helen Barrois	District 8
William Mertz Jr.	District 9

Zoning Board

Steve Bledsoe	District 1
Rodney Gunnell	District 2
John Lacour	District 3
James "Sonny" Honea	District 4
Jeff DiMarco	District 5
Anthony Duplessis	District 6
Edward J. Derouen	District 7
VACANT	District 8
Benny Bacas	District 9
Jerome Robinson	At-Large
Dan Musmanno	At-Large



2.3 Community Stakeholder Groups

Zion Travelers Cooperative Center
Plaquemines Parish Aging Agency
Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry (Robert Thomas, Executive Director)
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
French American Chamber of Commerce
Project Rebuild Plaquemines
Plaquemines Parish Economic Development
Plaquemines Parish Tourism (<http://www.plaquemines tourism.com/>)
Plaquemines Medical Center
Plaquemines Community CARE Centers Foundation Inc. (<http://www.pcccf.org/>)
LSU AG Center
Millennium Port Authority
Mississippi River Bank
Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Nunez Community College
Plaquemines Parish Oyster Association
Venice Marina
Venice Port Complex
Commercial and Recreational Fishing Business Leaders
Louisiana Shrimpers Association
Shell Pipeline Company
Port Association of Louisiana
Women of the Storm

2.4 Regional Planning

The local Regional Planning Commission (RPC) has agreed to be a data resource for this project, and they want to be a part of public outreach efforts and regional planning coordination issues. The primary RPC contact for this project is:

Lynn E. Dupont, ASLA, GISP
Principal Planner/GIS Coordinator
Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and
St. Tammany Parishes

2.5 Additional Stakeholders

Business community	Local trade organizations
Churches	Media (local)
Community service organizations	Property owners
Healthcare agencies and hospitals	Residents
Libraries	Schools
Local service organizations	Students

3 Project Administration and Oversight

Project administration and oversight will play an integral role in the completion of the Plaquemines Parish Comprehensive Master Plan. The Project Management Team and the Steering Committee, as well as Parish Officials and staff, will lead these efforts. They are discussed in more detail below.

3.1 Project Management Team

The successful execution and overall effectiveness of the community involvement segment requires strong leadership and guidance. The Project Management Team (PMT) will carry out this role throughout the implementation of the public participation process and subsequent development of the Plaquemines Parish Comprehensive Master Plan. Members of the PMT consist of key consultant staff and parish officials and include:

Plaquemines Parish

Benny Puckett – Grants Administrator
Stephanie Armstrong – Staff Liaison
Kurt Fromherz – Public Media

Consultant Staff

Tom Roberts, Jacobs
Jim Summerbell, Jacobs
Jeff Rader, Jacobs
Amanda Hatton, Jacobs
Troy Loetzerich, JJG
H Davis Cole, HDC

Role

New Orleans Project Manager
Deputy Project Manager
Senior Planner
Senior Planner
Project Engineer
Project Planner

3.2 Steering Committee

The Comprehensive Master Plan Steering Committee (Steering Committee) was formed at the beginning of the process to offer guidance to the Parish and JJG on the work in progress. The Steering Committee will have monthly communications on the progress of the plan and for information sharing. The committee will plan to meet as a group five (5) times during the process. The Steering Committee is comprised of a small group of 23 people representing the local and regional government, local civic groups, development interests, businesses leaders, and concerned citizens. The members of the Steering Committee were asked to make a full commitment to the process.



Steering Committee Members

Name	Location
Diana Alfortish	Belle Chasse
Ed Theriot	Belle Chasse
Dr. Stuart Guey	Belle Chasse
Irvin Juneau	Belle Chasse
Laurie Soileau	Belle Chasse
Rev. Michael Jiles	Braithwaite
Rev. Theodore Turner	Boothville
Keith Hinkley	Belle Chasse
Bonnie Buras	Belle Chasse
Stanley Gaudet	Belle Chasse
Benny Bacas	Buras
Guy Lagaist	Belle Chasse
Warren Lawrence	Port Sulphur
John Barthelemy	Braithwaite
Lynn Perez	Braithwaite
Rose Jackson	Belle Chasse
Lisa Flair	Belle Chasse
Lynda Banta	Buras
John Carlton	Belle Chasse
Nancy Fridge	Belle Chasse
Jeff White	Belle Chasse
Rev. Jim Woodward	Belle Chasse
Rev. John Riley	Pointe -a- la- Hache

Addition of High School Leadership:

Student leaders from each of the Parish's three public high schools (Phoenix High School, Belle Chasse High School and South Plaquemines High School) were asked to join the Steering Committee. Because the school year is coming to a close at the initiation of public involvement activities, these individuals

were to join at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, in the period between the completion of the Community Assessment/Visioning Process and development of the Community Agenda.

Meeting #1: The first meeting was held on **April 13, 2010** and included brief presentations by the staff and consultants to provide an overview of the process and to review the consultant's recommended strategy in the format and goals of the upcoming visioning workshops.

Meeting #2: The second meeting was held on **May 12, 2010**. The Steering Committee reviewed the presentation and materials for the visioning workshops.

Meeting #3: The third meeting was held on **August 24, 2010** and the committee worked with staff and consultants to develop the strategic plan.

Meeting #4: The fourth meeting was held on **June 4, 2012** to review work accomplished in the development of the Community Assessment and Community Agenda, which form the basis of the Action Plan and Short Term Work Program. Action Plan priorities were reviewed, and the Top Ten priorities for each area of the Action Plan were identified.

Meeting #5: The fifth meeting was held on **July 30, 2012** to review Subcommittee input to the Master Plan. Subcommittee comments on previously completed plan elements, the Action Plan Top Ten, and the role of the Short Term Work Program were discussed.

3.3 Sub-Committees

Four (4) Sub-Committees were formed to support the Steering Committee. Sub-committees were comprised of a Steering Committee member, one or more Parish staff and up to six citizens who are stakeholders or experts in the subject area of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committees focus on key elements of the plan such as Transportation, Infrastructure and Utilities (drainage, water, sewer etc.), Businesses and Economic Development (including Fishing and Marine Infrastructure), Education, Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and Housing. The Sub-Committees were formed after the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting. Once formed, the Sub-Committees were in communication with the committee head and the PMT through electronic notifications and updates and met four (4) times during the project.

3.4 Focus Groups

Focus Groups were formed after the 3rd Steering Committee meeting to provide guidance for the community agenda related to specific elements in the plan. The specific topics and participants for the focus groups were determined in part by the steering committee. It is anticipated that the focus groups would include individuals or stakeholders who may be influential in the implementation of policies as the plan moves forward. Having these stakeholders present and their concerns and ideas addressed during the development of the policies benefits the overall policies and goals of the CMP. The focus groups will meet one time in the same timeframe as the subcommittee meetings. Communication with focus group members will continue through the project. As the planning process concludes the focus group participants will be invited to the open house and adoption hearings.

4 Public Participation Techniques

A variety of participation techniques are utilized to ensure that public involvement extends into all aspects of the community. The participation techniques outlined below are jointly designed to create a community involvement program that logically builds upon itself from the first stakeholder interview to the last public hearing. These techniques will create community awareness, excitement, and support for the Comprehensive Master Plan. The major elements that will complete a full circle of the successful

participation are project oversight, public hearings, interactive community meetings, and targeted communication outreach strategies.

4.1 Interviews with Parish Officials, Staff, and Community Stakeholders

The consultant team has and will conduct interviews or small group meetings with Parish officials and staff to solicit ideas and insights into the current issues that must be dealt with in the near future, and interview them regarding the nature of existing intergovernmental agreements and coordination mechanisms in place to deal with those issues. Originally, ten interviews were scoped, but in part due to the Deepwater Horizon Disaster, it was determined that additional interviews were necessary to gather additional information and to help garner the stakeholder support and buy-in that will be critical to CMP implementation. The following are the list of those interviewed or are to be interviewed:

1. Othella Hughes, Superintendent (Community Action Agency, PPG)
2. Janice Acosta, Director (Administration, PPG)
3. Scott Lott, Director (Operations, PPG)
4. Mike Metcalf, CBO, CFPM, Superintendent (Permits, Planning & Zoning, PPG)
5. Byron Williams, Director (Public Service, PPG)
6. Blair Rittiner, Land Superintendent (Land Department, PPG)
7. Todd Schouest, Director (Libraries, PPG)
8. P.J. Hahn, Director (Coastal Zone Management, PPG)
9. Corey Buie, Superintendent (Recreation, PPG)
10. Kurt Fromherz, Media Specialist (Public Awareness, PPG)
11. Stan Mathes, Director (Economic Development, PPG)
12. Lori Meyers, Chief Financial Officer (Finance Manager, PPG)
13. Tommy Serpas, Assistant Finance Director (Finance, PPG)
14. Lynda Banta (Council – District 8)
15. Keith Hinkley (Council – District 2)
16. Dr. Stuart Guey (Council – District 4)
17. Burghart Turner (Council – District 6)
18. Jerry Hodnett (Council – District 3)
19. Anthony Buras (Council – District 5)
20. Marla Cooper (Council – District 9)
21. Don Beshel (Council – District 1)
22. John Pennison (Plaquemines Port Authority)
23. Dr. Suhayda
24. Wendy Buckel (Chevron Oronite)
25. John Tesvich, Oyster Industry Representative (President, AmeriPure)
26. L.V. Cooley (Oil and Minerals Legal Counsel to PPG)
27. Betsy Brien, Public Affairs Director (Conoco Phillips Alliance Refinery)
28. Denis Rousselle, Superintendent (Plaquemines Parish Schools)

29. George Gefrich, VP Transportation Planning (Trident Holdings)
30. Ruth Meyers (United Way)
31. George Pivach II (Venice Port)
32. Lynn DuPont (Regional Planning Commission)
33. Walter Brooks (Regional Planning Commission)
34. Bruce Keller (NAS JRB Belle Chasse)
35. Joey Horton, Jr. Manager (Ferry Department, PPG)
36. Bobby Thomas, Executive Director (Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry)

These discussions will help the consultant team build a statement of the community's values and to identify the kinds of issues to be addressed in the visioning process.

4.2 Public Meetings

Public meetings constitute key decision points in the public involvement process that have a great deal to do with the direction of guidance and policies for the Comprehensive Master Plan. Public meetings along with other participation techniques can educate, generate support and understanding of the project, and allow for interaction between the client, consultants and members of the community. The guiding documents and events described below will help build consensus for the development of the Plaquemines Parish Comprehensive Master Plan.

4.2.1 Visioning Logistics Plan

The consultant team developed a specific plan for conducting the Community Visioning Workshop including a detailed agenda and a logistical plan for the community visioning workshops. The consultant team developed the materials for the Visioning Workshop including:

- ◆ Base maps
- ◆ Agendas and handouts
- ◆ Meeting materials (directional signs, sign in sheets, name tags, etc.)
- ◆ Questionnaire
- ◆ Website updates
- ◆ Graphic boards (Boards with photographs and maps to help visualize the communities)
- ◆ Interactive exercise materials and tools

4.2.2 Visioning Workshop

In May 2010 and June 2010, a series of six (6) visioning workshops were held in different parts of the parish. Each community visioning workshop was approximately three (3) hours and included a variety of activities designed to engage the participants in identifying key issues to be addressed in the plan and in defining a vision statement for the community and the Parish as a whole.

PLANNING AREA 3**Phoenix – Bohemia Planning Area**

Phoenix/ Davant/ Pointe a la Hache/ Bohemia/Nestor/ Ostrica/ Beshel/ Nero/ Bellvue/ Harlem/ Olga/
Fort Saint Phillip/ Martin/ Pilot Town/ Burbridge/ Monsecour

Meeting May 22

St. Thomas Church Office, Pointe a la Hache, LA

PLANNING AREA 2**Braithwaite – Bertandville Planning Area**

Braithwaite/ Scarsdale/ Dalcour/ Bertrandville/ Carlisle/ English Turn/ St. Clair/ Port Nickel/ Stella/
Promised Land/ Belair/ Greenwood/ Linwood/ Woodlawn/ Wills Point

Meeting May 22

St. John Baptist Church, Bertrandville, LA

PLANNING AREA 4**Jesuit Bend – Lake Hermitage Planning Area**

Jesuit Bend/ Myrtle Grove/ Ironton/ Lake Hermitage/ Naomi/ Sarah/ Live Oak/ Ollie/ Gloria/
Becnelville/ La Russite/ Alliance

Meeting June 5

Belle Chasse Middle School Gym, Belle Chasse, LA

PLANNING AREA 1**Planning Area – Belle Chasse Planning Area**

Belle Chasse/ Noble Manor/ Augusta/ Cedar Grove/ Oakville

Meeting June 5

Belle Chasse High School Cafeteria, Belle Chasse, LA

PLANNING AREA 6**Diamond – Home Place Planning Area**

Diamond/ Port Sulphur/ Homeplace/ St. Rosalie/ Deer Range/ Point Celeste/ Woodland/ West Pointe
a la Hache/ Magnolia/ Grandbayou Village/ Happy Jack/ Encalade/ Potash

Meeting June 12

South Plaquemines High School Gym, Port Sulphur, LA

PLANNING AREA 5**Empire – Venice Planning Area**

Boothville/ Venice/ Buras/ Empire/ Nairn/ Triumph/ Tidewater/ Bremond/ Hesperides/ Tropical Bend/
Sunrise/ Gulf Town/ Fort Jackson/ Duvic/ Orchard

Meeting June 12

Boothville School Gym, Boothville, LA

4.2.3 Virtual Online Workshop

In order to offer the visioning workshop opportunity to additional citizens in Plaquemines Parish, a virtual online workshop was launched on the project website. The workshop was intended to offer 24/7 access to meeting materials and the opportunity to provide input to the future needs and issues of the Parish. The virtual online workshop page walked participants through the presentations, materials and interactive questionnaires that were presented at the Visioning Workshops. The site also referenced links to other documents and websites.

Virtual Welcome Table (Step 1)
Get Oriented - Welcome, Introductions (STEP 2)
Watch Overview Presentation (STEP 3)



Provide Input - Interactive Exercise & Break-out Session Questions (STEP 4)
Overall Conditions, Vision and Needs for the future of your community
How do we make our Visions the Reality? Implementation Strategies (STEP 5)
Presentation & Discussion
Wrap Up and Next Steps

The Virtual Online Workshop page was available from early June 2010 through July 31, 2010.

4.2.4 Community Visioning Summary

After the completion of the meetings, the consultant team summarized the results of the community visioning workshops in an illustrated summary report that describes the process, who attended, and the key issues discussed during the workshops, results of the surveys and opinion polls, and the key conclusions from the information that was collected.

4.2.5 Open House

After draft copies of the Comprehensive Master Plan have been reviewed by the Parish staff and Steering Committee and made available to the public through the public website and in public libraries, a series of Open Houses will be held. The consultant team will prepare a brief presentation of the recommendations of the plan, including a series of large map displays. The open houses will be held in the same six (6) areas of the parish where the Community Visioning Workshops were held to ensure easy public access to the meeting. At each open house, the consultant team will make a brief presentation, and then members of the team will distribute themselves around the room to meet with members of the public on a one-on-one basis to discuss aspects of the plan and answer questions without a “public hearing” atmosphere.

4.2.6 Public Hearings

Once complete, the Plaquemines Parish Comprehensive Master Plan will enter a round of up to five (5) public hearings leading to adoption by the Plaquemines Parish Council. Once the final draft is prepared, additional comments or revisions received after that point will be compiled into an errata sheet listing the revision, source, and date of origin.

4.3 Outreach to Plaquemines Parish Youth

The Plaquemines Parish Government, Plaquemines Parish Schools, CMP Steering Committee, and Project Management Team sought the involvement of the Parish’s youth in the development of the Comprehensive Plan. Possible opportunities for the youth’s involvement included representation on the Steering Committee, presentations to classrooms, and drawing or essay contests on the Parish’s future. Due to the schedule of the project and school schedules, an effort to coordinate the details for youth involvement with Plaquemines Parish Schools’ leadership was attempted in late summer/early fall 2010, but other important curricular priorities made it infeasible for students to devote time to this effort.

5 Public Communication

5.1 Website

The consultant team will create, host and maintain a project website during the course of the project to aid in project communication and public information. The website was crafted to be interactive and informative and will be linked with the Parish's website. Included within the website will be project information, documentation, monthly newsletters, reports, photographs, maps and other project related documentation. The website will be updated as new information becomes available.

www.plaqueminesmasterplan.com

5.2 Newsletters

Monthly updates have been created and sent to steering committee members and others who sign up for the project emails. The newsletters will also be posted on the website and was distributed through the Plaquemines Parish list serv. The newsletters will update the Parish on the status of the project, pertinent information, meeting notices, and other project highlights.

5.3 Media

- *Times Picayune*
- *The Plaquemines Gazette* – online at www.plaqueminesgazette.com
- *Plaquemines Watchman*
- Plaquemines Cablevision
- Radio Stations
 - KNOU 104.5FM Empire (<http://www.hot1045no.com/>)
 - KAGY 1510 AM Port Sulphur
 - KMLR 91.9 FM Buras

5.4 Online Resources

The Parish utilizes a number of online resources for both information sharing and data gathering. News sites as well as social networking sites can be useful sources for connecting with additional members of the community, advertising the public meetings, and keeping in touch with the big issues in the communities of Plaquemines Parish.

- www.plaqueminesparish.com – Plaquemines Parish government website
- www.topix.net/city/belle-chasse-la/
Local news for Belle Chasse, LA updated from thousands of sources on the web through Topix.net.
- www.BayouBuzz.com
Online news source – primarily for New Orleans area, but some stories come out of Plaquemines Parish.
- www.Facebook.com
Social network site with focused on specific groups/events. Followers are “Friends”
 - Plaquemines Parish - Buras Louisiana - DTR
 - Plaquemines Parish Heritage & Seafood Festival
 - Orange Fest Plaquemines Parish

- Southern Plaquemines Parish

5.5 Local Events

Organizations in the Parish hold a number of events throughout the year. Using these public events to meet and talk to members of the community can be used gather additional information on the vision and future of the Parish.

- Buras Fire Department Boil-off (April 17, 2010) – Fort Jackson Ball Field – Buras
- Plaquemines Parish Seafood Festival (May 28-30, 2010) Metal of Honor Park – Belle Chasse
The Seafood Festival took place in between the first two and last four visioning workshops. Flyers about the remaining Visioning Workshops were handed out at the festival to remind and inform the public about the upcoming meetings.
- Empire South Pass Fishing Rodeo (August 12-14, 2010) The Delta Marina – Empire
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Fair (October 8-10, 2010) – OLPH School – Belle Chasse
- Orange Festival (December 3-5, 2010) Historic Fort Jackson - Boothville

6 Schedule

Schedule of Project Phases, by Month	2010												2011					2012					2013									
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May			
PHASE 1: PROJECT INITIATION	█	█										█																				
PHASE 2: COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT		█	█	█	█							█																				
PHASE 3: VISIONING			█	█	★	█						█																				
PHASE 4: COMMUNITY AGENDA							█	█	█	█	█	█																				
DEEPWATER HORIZON DISASTER IMPEDES LOCAL ENGAGEMENT				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█																
PHASE 5: ACTION PLAN/STWP												█			█	█	█	█	█													
PHASE 6: DOCUMENTATION AND ADOPTION												█								█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Steering Committee Meetings			★	★			★			★		█							★	★											★	

- ** Visioning Workshops:** ★
- #1 - 5/22/2010
 - #2 - 5/22/2010
 - #3 - 6/5/2010
 - #4 - 6/5/2010
 - #5 - 6/12/2010
 - #6 - 6/12/2010

- *** Steering Committee Meetings:** ★
- #1 - 4/13/2010
 - #2 - 5/11/2010
 - #3 - 8/24/2010
 - #4 - 6/4/2012
 - #5 - 7/30/2012

- *** Open Houses:** ★
- Spring 2013



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