

## Overview

The Isle de Jean Charles Resettlement is a first-of-its kind, national initiative that offers resettlement options to current and former residents of Isle de Jean Charles who wish to relocate to a safer and more sustainable community.

The island, located in Terrebonne Parish, is the historic home of a Native American community located deep in coastal Louisiana, connected to the mainland by a two-lane road that regularly floods. Coastal land loss has taken a toll on the island, which once encompassed more than 22,000 acres but now has only 320 acres remaining. The Resettlement focuses on developing a safer place to live that reflects the community's unique culture, history and diversity.

The state won a \$92 million grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development as part of the National Disaster Resilience Competition in 2016. LOCD-DR used \$48 million of NDRC funding to implement the Resettlement, with another \$40 million going toward LA SAFE resilience initiatives in six coastal parishes in Louisiana. The Louisiana Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery administers the programs and actively seeks input from residents, local governments and other stakeholders regarding needs of the resettled IDJC community.

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$92 million**

## About the New Isle

After extensive research, evaluation and input from island residents, the Louisiana Land Trust, on behalf of LOCD-DR, purchased 515 acres of rural land near Schriever in Terrebonne Parish to serve as the site for the resettlement community. The selected site, about 40 miles north of Isle de Jean Charles, is a higher, safer and more resilient location. In November 2019, Isle de Jean Charles residents agreed to name the resettlement community the New Isle.



## ELIGIBILITY

The Resettlement was available to those who lived on the island and those displaced since Hurricane Isaac's landfall in 2012 (Option A). Those displaced before Isaac could also rejoin the Isle de Jean Charles community by building their own homes on free lots (Option B). Participation was voluntary, and the state did not force anyone to leave the island, allowing residents to make their own independent decisions.

## MOVE-IN

As of fall 2024, 37 residents/families have resettled at the New Isle since move-in began in August 2022. Under Phase II of the New Isle development, also called Option B, nine additional homes will be available for purchase by Option B participants by the fall of 2024. The state anticipates more Option B homes to be available for purchase in the future.



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