

Overview

Louisiana’s Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments (LA SAFE) addressed community resilience through a holistic and collaborative planning process, integrating flood risk planning with planning for stormwater management, housing, transportation, economic development, education and recreation. Through LA SAFE, the state sought to prepare communities for rising sea levels and future disasters through a large-scale, community-driven planning effort spanning southeast Louisiana. The final result of the planning process is the LA SAFE Regional Adaptation Strategy, which summarizes goals and action items developed through LA SAFE’s planning effort for implementation across a larger geography over a 50-year time frame.

To develop aspirational-yet-realistic visions of tomorrow’s communities, LA SAFE led a grassroots effort across six parishes to gather information and ideas while harnessing the experience and ingenuity of local citizens. The parishes included: Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Terrebonne. This effort included an extensive planning process of more than 70 outreach and engagement events, more than \$47 million in project investments designed by residents and stakeholders and seven strategy documents highlighting takeaways and recommended actions.

The Louisiana Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery allocated \$39.75 million of the NDR funding to the LA SAFE Program. Other funding sources include:

- Foundation for Louisiana
- The Blue Moon Fund
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Surdna Foundation
- Ford Foundation

TOTAL FUNDING: \$39.75 million

Project Updates

	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED (TO DATE)	% BUDGET USAGE	PROJECT COMPLETION DATE
LOUISIANA WETLANDS EDUCATION CENTER JEFFERSON <i>The Louisiana Wetlands Education Center has expended all NDR funding, but the project is still in progress via other funding.</i>	\$520,000.00	\$520,000.00	100%	Ongoing
GRETNA RESILIENCE DISTRICT JEFFERSON <i>The Jefferson Gretna Resilience District project is complete and fully expended.</i>	\$2,050,000.00*	\$2,050,000.00	100%	May 2023
HARBOR OF REFUGE PLAQUEMINES <i>The Plaquemines Harbor of Refuge project is complete and fully expended.</i>	\$4,515,000.00	\$4,511,139.53	99.91%	June 2024
C.A.R.E. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM PLAQUEMINES <i>The Plaquemines C.A.R.E. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program is complete and fully expended.</i>	\$1,865,000.00	\$1,865,000.00	100%	September 2022
AIRLINE AND MAINE COMPLETE STREETS ST. JOHN <i>The St. John Airline and Main Complete Streets project is 91% complete. Signage has been mounted, the last of the plantings have been installed and the contractors are continuing to round out the last of the punch-list items.</i>	\$6,368,800.00	\$5,88,875.76	91%	July 2024
BLUE-GREEN SAFE HAVEN ST. TAMMANY <i>The St. Tammany Blue-Green Safe Haven project is underway with a projected completion date of March 2025.</i>	\$5,320,000.00	\$1,245,022.09	23%	March 2025
LAKE BOUDREAUX TERREBONNE <i>The Terrebonne Lake Boudreaux project is complete and fully expended.</i>	\$3,845,000.00	\$3,845,000.00	100%	October 2023

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