



2010 Smart Growth Summit

Louisiana Speaks: Walking the Talk

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The Louisiana Recovery Authority

The Louisiana Recovery Authority was created in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 to lead the most extensive rebuilding effort in American history.



Planning Always Part of Recovery

LRA was charged not only with recovery policy, but also with seizing on the opportunity to build back in new ways that would improve the infrastructure and economy of our communities.

Input was sought from:

- Local residents
- Community leaders
- Design and planning experts and
- Federal and state policy makers



Louisiana Speaks

- In January 2007, Louisiana Speaks representatives began holding community meetings across South Louisiana
- The LA Speaks Planning Toolkit was distributed as a guidebook to help communities rebuild and manage growth





Louisiana Speaks

Our Voice. Our Plan. Our Future.

Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan

Vision and Strategies
for Recovery and Growth
in South Louisiana

May 2007



Louisiana Speaks is the long-term
community planning initiative of the LRA

- More than 27,000 citizens weighed in on South Louisiana's Regional Vision, including 1,200 responses from residents living in 32 different states
- The Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan was published in May 2007



Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan

- Combined the efforts of local, state and federal partners along with many experts, stakeholders and citizens
- Was a comprehensive approach in order to guide Louisiana's recovery and growth over the next 50 years
- Includes more than 100 action items, supporting three broad goals:
 - Recover Sustainably
 - Grow Smarter
 - Think Regionally



Katrina and Rita Recovery

The Parish Planning Capacity Building Program

- Disbursed \$3 million to the 13 parishes most affected by the 2005 storms
- Funded a full-time planner for each parish
- Planners worked closely with the LRA planning team on recovery-related issues

Parishes Funded	
Calcasieu	St. Bernard
Cameron	St. Tammany
Iberia	Tangipahoa
Jefferson	Terrebonne
Lafourche	Vermilion
Orleans	Washington
Plaquemines	



Gustav and Ike Recovery

- \$565.5 million of total \$1 billion allocation dedicated to the 53 impacted parishes
- State OCD staff working with parishes on their recovery plans
- Some parishes in the original LA Speaks planning process have been able to use Gustav/Ike recovery dollars to being implementing their plans and strategies developed post-Katrina/Rita

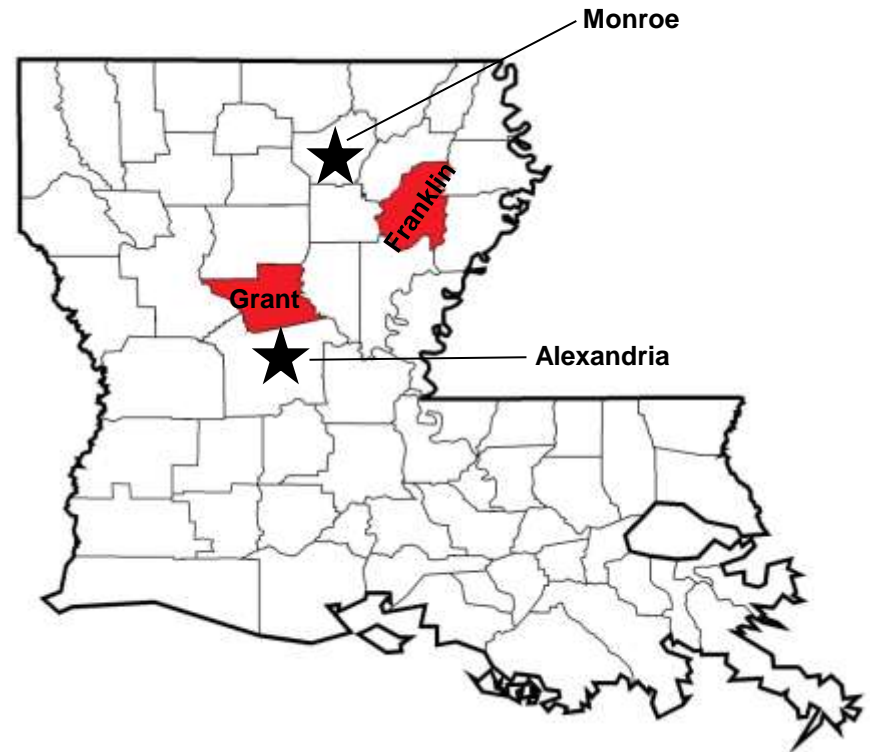


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LRA/OCD-DRU Director of Planning worked with parishes in North Louisiana who received federal hurricane recovery dollars for the first time

As a result:

- Parishes like Franklin and Grant have begun work on their first community plans
- Cities like Monroe and Alexandria have money to update their codes and comprehensive plans





Gustav and Ike Recovery

\$10 million Comprehensive Resiliency Program

- \$8.8 million awarded to 29 projects in June 2010
- \$1.3 million awarded to 10 parishes/municipalities for Code Enforcement in August 2010



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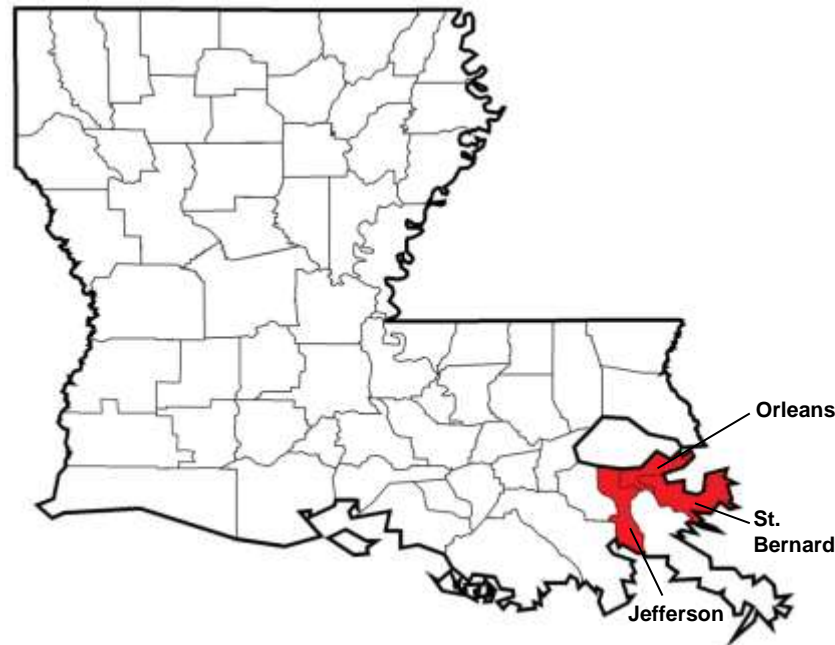
- Funds will enable communities to be proactive in addressing risk and tying those factors into population growth, flood zones and economic development
- Lessons learned from the planning process will be compiled into a best practices resource available to all



Gustav and Ike Recovery

Examples of Comprehensive Resiliency Program Fund Recipients

- \$2 million for the development of a comprehensive, integrated water management strategy and plan for Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard parishes
- Plan builds upon an international partnership between the region, the American Planning Association and the Kingdom of the Netherlands known as the Dutch Dialogues
- The strategy will be one of the first developed for a city located within in a subtropical climate zone and can serve as a model for other regions at risk





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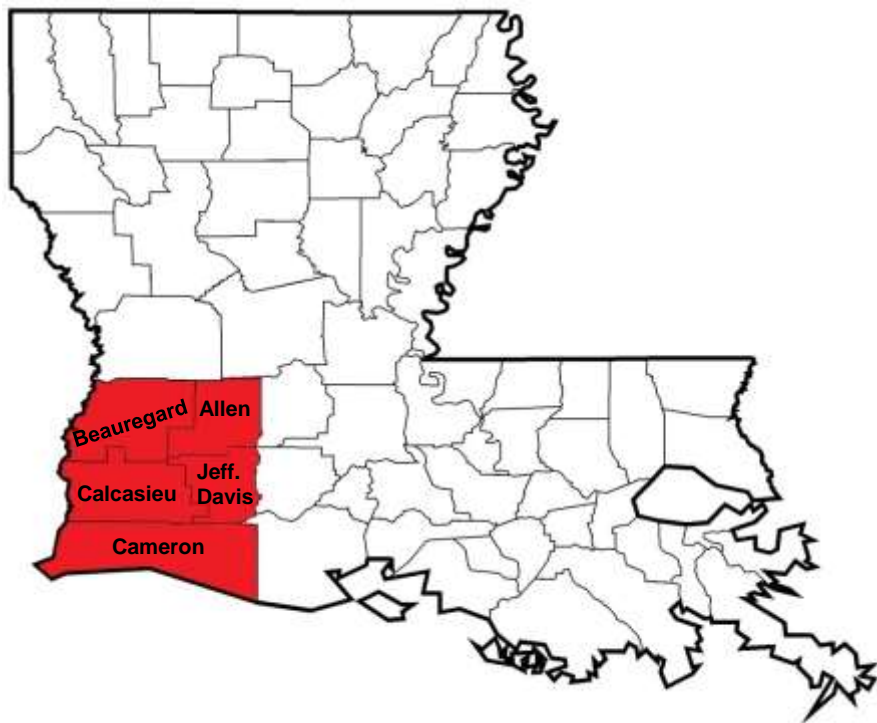
- \$150,080 to the nonprofit Global Green
- The group will create an economic development strategy in coastal parishes, based on wetland protection and carbon sequestration
- Some preliminary wetlands data suggests that coastal wetlands may absorb as much as six times more carbon than forests, placing these wetlands at the forefront of areas where emerging carbon investors might consider putting their dollars



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Examples of Comprehensive Resiliency Program Fund Recipients

- \$380,000 to the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance



- Will develop a comprehensive regional housing study and strategic plan for the five parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis
- These parishes have an increased need for more quality housing units as a result of Gustav and Ike, as well as from previous hurricanes Katrina and Rita



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