PROPOSAL

In locations projected to have moderate future flood risk, it will become more important to maximize natural areas for their capacity to absorb and retain stormwater, providing flood mitigation to surrounding communities and commercial corridors. This project utilizes a parish-owned parcel west of Airport Road to create a park including increased stormwater capacity, new trail connections to the Tammany Trace, new market and picnic spaces, a promenade and educational signage and installations outlining the importance of stormwater management in Louisiana.

Community Benefits

- Enhances stormwater capacity and infiltration rates within the critical drainage area, reducing flood risk to surrounding commercial developments.
- Creates a community asset and provides flood risk relief, increasing property values for nearby commercial and residential corridors.
- Reduces potential for street flooding and danger to motorists by detaining stormwater runoff; increases neighborhood walkability and connectivity to nature.
- Creates an educational tool highlighting the benefits of stormwater management projects; creates new marketplace for vendors and entrepreneurs.
- Provides community recreational opportunities through access to water and trails; creates new event spaces and a cultural and social hub.

Key Info

- Project Area: 48 acres
- LA SAFE Investment: Up to $5.0M
- Estimated Project Cost: $5.0M
- Partners: St. Tammany Parish, FEMA, City of Slidell; potential corporate partners via Walmart/Walton Family Foundation and Northshore Mall

Location: Slidell

Plan View

Design Workshop

Nature Play Area

Riverfront

Promenade

Native hardwoods

Stormwater display ponds

Kayak connection

Markets

Fleischmann Park

Tammany Trace connection

Pavilions

Trails

Comments