Safe Haven – Community Recreation and Groundwork for Growth

• Integrate surrounding community services and amenities such as the greenbelt along Cane Bayou into future plans for use.

• Ensure that pre-expansion design work incorporates green building practices (retention ponds, bioswales) and community amenities (boardwalks, pavilions) that would provide multiple uses.

• Provide recommendations for potential partnerships to create a wide array of benefits and encourage a variety of uses. Such benefits would increase exposure to the surrounding facilities and attempt to destigmatize behavioral health services.

**Blue-Green Gateways**

- Six “Gateways” are planned in conjunction with the six economic development districts along I-12.

- Gateways would include community desire for expressive, coordinated, vibrant, and resilient features and have potential to be highly visible stormwater management features.

- Gateways would support economic development, connectivity to trails, and provide greenspace.
Drainage Amenity Retrofits

**W-14 and W-15 Canal Improvement**

- Ongoing canal improvements in Slidell present an opportunity for beautification projects, bike/pedestrian trails, and wildlife habitat preservation.

- All projects would improve Slidell’s ability to manage stormwater, helping to alleviate stress on the drainage system.

**Ben Thomas Drainage Pond**

- Turn the drainage pond and surrounding area into a public amenity.

- The pond and surrounding area could be a public park with bike/pedestrian paths, recreation, and an amphitheater.
Mandeville Landbridge Shoreline Protection and Recreation

- Existing Comprehensive Plan efforts seek to establish a breakwater/land bridge that protects cypress swamps at the far west end of Lakeshore Drive.

- The project would protect and potentially revitalize the cypress swamps that are being encroached upon where the lake meets land.

- The project would create a bike/pedestrian linkage between the Mandeville lakefront and Sunset Point Park.
Front Street Train Station
Transit and Community Hub

• Currently home to an art gallery, Slidell Cultural Center, and restaurant, this facility has the potential to be a transit hub with significant economic and environmental benefits.

• All expansions and improvements would improve the areas ability to manage stormwater, helping to alleviate stress on the drainage system.

• Aligns with the parish objective of inter-parish and regional connectivity.

• Enhances economic and social resilience across the parish.
Covington Multi-Benefit Flood Reduction

• Seek opportunities for reducing flood risk in town centers through street redesign, stormwater retention parks, and other urban green features.

• Preserve and enhance downtown Covington’s beauty, character, and quality of life.

• Pedestrian friendly streetscape areas could also function as school bus pick-up sites.

Above: This map identifies 5-minute and 10-minute walk distances from the identified pick-up and drop-off locations.
Existing Efforts Map

This map shows existing plans, projects, and efforts underway in St. Tammany Parish.

Key
- Economy, Education, Jobs
- Greenspace & Stormwater Mgmt
- Transportation
- Culture & Recreation
- Housing & Development
- Tammany Trace Extension
- Existing Private Boat Launch
- Existing Public Boat Launch

Freese Nichols Research:
- Upgrade to Major Connector
- New Principal Arterial
- New Minor Arterial
- New Interchange
- 2044 Urban Growth

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