COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE & PROPOSAL POLLING

WELCOME! The activities tonight are in an open house format. We hope you enjoy, learn, and participate in the polling on the six pilot proposals for your parish.

Before you get started, grab some food, catch up with your neighbors, and enjoy the art and music! If you are new to LA SAFE, visit the boards near the entrance to get caught up on the work so far.

TONIGHT’S PREFERENCE POLLING

There are six proposal boards around the room. Visit each of them, ask questions, and fill out your comment cards. Once you have thought about each of the proposals, visit the polling station.

You will be given six tokens: two gold, two green, and two blue. Drop one token in each tube based on your level of preference. At 7:30 pm, polling will close and the results will be revealed!

Gold is best! These are for your two favorite projects. Each gold token is worth 2 points.

Green is second! These are for your third and fourth favorite projects. Each is 1 point.

Blue is last. These are for your two least favorite projects. No points.

WHY YOUR PREFERENCE MATTERS

These criteria will be used to evaluate the final proposals:

1. Public Preference - The result of the preference polling tonight and an online poll for other past meeting participants.
2. Leverage Funds - The level of matching funds from other sources to implement the project.
3. LMI Benefit - Points awarded to projects that predominately benefit a low-to-moderate income population.
4. Public Benefit (Quantitative) - The level of benefit to the public that can be measured. For example, the number of units created in a housing proposal, or the amount of water stored in a stormwater management proposal.
5. Public Benefit (Qualitative) - The degree to which the project addresses future flood risk in a unique way and/or improves quality of life for residents.
6. CRS Score - Awarded to projects that gain points in FEMA’s Community Rating System (CRS), which lowers flood insurance rates.

The final plan, including funding, will be released in the first quarter of 2018!
ST. TAMMANY PARISH PILOT PROPOSALS
For more information, visit the proposal boards or online at lasafe.la.gov/project-boards.

A FRENCH BRANCH POND CONNECTIVITY
This proposal adds recreational and educational amenities to the French Branch Pond stormwater retention project, including a walking/biking path, floodable boardwalks and a new trail under I-10 connecting to the City of Slidell’s existing trail network.

B SAFE HAVEN BLUE-GREEN CAMPUS & TRAILS
This project will divert stormwater into existing forested land within critical drainage areas. This project will demonstrate how to develop near critical drainage areas to minimize exposure to severe, repetitive flood events.

C NORTHSHERE LAUNCHPAD
This proposal will program and construct a business incubator and accelerator, supporting new businesses in alternative energy, construction, coastal restoration, and digital manufacturing. The building will house shared working space and a makerspace with equipment and tools. An accelerator program will partner entrepreneurs with mentors in their field to help them start and grow their business.

D COVINGTON GREEN BLOCK
This proposal develops a water garden and green street along S. Jefferson Avenue in Covington that will help address street flooding issues and provide safe access to a planned multi-use trail in the area. The project’s close proximity to William Pitcher Jr. High School will enable it to be an educational asset to students and the public.

E BAYOU LIBERTY PARK
This proposal transforms a parish-owned parcel of land next to a Walmart into a stormwater detention space with trail and blueway connections to the Tammany Trace. The resulting park will incorporate trails, waterways, and a promenade, and could be used to educate the public on the benefits of stormwater management.

F VILLAGE IN THE WOODS PROTOTYPE
This proposal will invest in a “village-in-the-woods” development prototype. The “village-in-the-woods” model creates nodes of walkable, higher density, mixed-use neighborhoods, surrounded by natural areas and connected by trails and roads. This land use strategy preserves natural areas for stormwater management and recreational uses.