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!
LAFOURCHE PARISH PILOT PROPOSALS
For more information, visit the proposal boards online at lasafe.la.gov/project-boards.

A. EMERGING INDUSTRY BUSINESS INCUBATOR
This business accelerator will help diversify the economy by supporting new small businesses in alternative energy, hospitality, coastal restoration, and eco-tourism. The building will house shared working space and the accelerator program will partner entrepreneurs with mentors in their field to help them start and grow their business.

B. GALLIANO GREEN STREETS
This project will provide street improvements near Galliano Elementary School that will incorporate green infrastructure to capture and store water, alleviating flooding in lower-lying areas downstream. The project will also add shared-use paths and street lights to increase safety for pedestrians and bikers.

C. RESILIENT HOUSING PROTOTYPE
This elevated medium-density housing prototype incorporates building techniques that resist flood and wind damage, supplements electrical generation with renewable energy, and manages stormwater in a shared green space and by using permeable materials. The development will serve as a model for resilient and affordable housing in moderate risk areas.

D. GOLDEN MEADOW WETLAND PARK & OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
This project will create a 20-acre park near Golden Meadow Upper Elementary School, combining recreational trails and educational opportunities with best stormwater management practices. The park will capture and store water during rain events, reducing nearby flooding and slowing subsidence by allowing water to enter back into the ground.

E. OAK RIDGE SEAFOOD MARKET
This project will create a seafood market in Golden Meadow’s Oak Ridge Park, adjacent to an existing boat launch. The market will help promote the local seafood industry by providing a centralized location for direct sales of locally caught seafood.

F. BAYOU LAFOURCHE HARBOR OF REFUGE
Storm damage to commercial fishing vessels can significantly impact fishermen’s ability to recover after a hurricane. This project will create a harbor of refuge in Golden Meadow to provide a low-cost option for commercial fishermen to shelter their vessels during disaster events.