Areas subject to future flood risk must consider stormwater management features in addition to current and planned structural protection systems. This proposal is to design and construct an improved canal with enhanced drainage capacity and a shared trail connecting Fairway Dr. to Dominican Dr. on the grounds of Place Dubourg Senior Independent Living Facility, water storage expands into a new park with detention ponds to further improve drainage and provide senior citizens a beautiful outdoor space for recreation. The proposed linear park connects two schools, a park, a senior living facility, and adjacent neighborhoods, while a future phase envisions cutting through Riverlands Shopping Center and extending to Airline Hwy. This project improves drainage to alleviate flooding in the area and provides an educational and recreational amenity to the community.

**Key Info**

- **Project Area**: Canal - 3,600 LF, Park - 5 acres
- **SAFE Investment**: Up to $4.7M
- **Estimated Project Cost**: $4.7M
- **Partners**: St. John the Baptist Parish; property owners; nonprofits
- **Location**: LaPlace

**Community Benefits**

- Onsite retention capacity and stormwater management interventions slow water flow as it moves into the bayou.
- Provides walking and recreational amenities and the opportunity to learn about the natural systems that have helped shape the parish’s culture.
- Creates a park and natural walking amenities to adjacent neighborhoods and nearby civic facilities.
- Extends a shared trail system connecting commercial centers and residential developments.
- Potential for outdoor nature learning center, parks and recreational areas to make area attractive for neighborhood and business reinvestment.
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