Lafourche Parish is a Sportsman’s Paradise with some of the world’s best commercial and recreational fishing areas. The seafood industry is one of the leading employers in Louisiana, and produces millions of pounds of shrimp, oysters, crabs, and fish annually. However, as flood risk increases and land loss continues to occur, this industry faces significant threats to its viability—specifically to vital equipment and infrastructure. This proposal would create a harbor of refuge for vessels to shelter in place during disaster events. The parish-operated harbor would be a low-cost option for those commercial fishermen who do not own bayouside property, making docking safe and convenient.

**Community Benefits**
- Reduces potential flooding in surrounding areas by expanding detention capacity on site through pervious paving, bioswales and rain gardens.
- Enhances quality of life in surrounding area, providing facility for local markets and venue for local vendors.
- Provides safe harboring and storage capacity for vessels operating in local waterways; protects seafood industry supply chain.
- Grows the direct seafood to consumer market and provides fishermen and farmers with a permanent location to sell and market goods.
- Enhances arts and festival opportunities in the parish and creates eco-tourism opportunity.

**Key Info**
- **Project Area:** 6 acres
- **LA SAFE Investment:** Up to $6.3M
- **Estimated Project Cost:** $6.3M - $7.6M
- **Partners:** Lafourche Parish, Louisiana SeaGrant
- **Location:** Golden Meadow

**Plan View**
- Harbor of Refuge and Boat Docks
- Pathway
- Boat Dock
- Permeable Paving and Bioswales

**Perspective View**
- Picnic Pavilion / Seafood Market (Optional)
- Raised Convenience Store and Restrooms (Optional)