BUYOUTS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT HOUSEHOLDS

PROPOSAL

Areas not protected from the planned levee system, which are projected to experience high degrees of flood risk, are not suitable for permanent housing. In Terrebonne Parish most permanent residents living in these areas are located on Isle de Jean Charles. The State of Louisiana is in the process of resettling these residents to higher, safer ground. Approximately 7 permanent households are currently located in areas outside of Morganza to the Gulf. This program provides relocation assistance to a safer location. This program would be supported by policy implementations intended to prevent future permanent resident development in these areas.

Key Info

- Number of permanent resident households: 7
- Estimated Project Cost: Up to $2M
  - $250,000 cap per household
  - $250,000 for administration
- Partners: Terrebonne Parish
- Location: Eligible area outside Morganza to the Gulf

Even as residents leave land outside of protection systems, these areas can still serve a variety of economic and recreational purposes.

Community Benefits

- Vacated properties may be converted for stormwater retention or wave attenuation purposes.
- Residents who choose to relocate will be provided with funds to resettle in a safer area.
- Relocated residents will enjoy closer access to goods and services.
- Vacated properties may be converted to recreational camps, facilitating an economic transition to natural uses.

Comments

"My property value is nil. Been trying to sell my house for 2 years and no one wants it."

-Montegut Resident at Meeting 2