PLAQUEMINES PARISH MEETING 1 SUMMARY
ROUND 1 MEETINGS OVERVIEW

The first round of LA SAFE meetings kicked off the planning process. At these meetings, the project team presented data focused on land loss, flood risk, population movements, and economic change (see appendix). This information provided the groundwork for the community conversations. During these conversations, the participants discussed the goals and values that LA SAFE should pursue going forward.

The majority of the meetings centered on two small-group activities, which focused on 3 general aspects of the project: Community & Culture, Environment & Sustainability, and Economy & Jobs. The first activity asked residents to describe the changes and challenges that they have seen over the last 50 years in their communities. This activity included a map that depicted current and future land loss and population shifts between 2000 and 2010.

The second activity asked what aspects of those three categories are important to protect and preserve, and how they can be strengthened, improved, or expanded. The project team organized the feedback from this meeting into 3 categories: Strengths, Opportunities, and Challenges.

At the meeting, the residents sat at round tables. Each table group had a table host and a table scribe. The table host facilitated the conversation and helped capture the residents’ ideas. The table scribe documented the conversation.
MEETING RESULTS

The following pages illustrate the full meeting results. The graphic on the right depicts all of the ideas grouped by similarity. The project team designed the groupings using an emergent thematic coding technique. The team grouped similar ideas into sub-groups, and then arranged the sub-groups into major categories.

The size of the circles in the graphic reflects the frequency of comments within that topic. The larger circles show the most commonly discussed topics, while the smaller circles show topics discussed less often.
STRENGTHS

The project team transcribed all of the comments below directly from the table sheet activities at Meeting 1. Comments in bold represent the ideas that community members prioritized using sticker dots during the activity. The sizes of the subcategory circles correspond to the number of ideas within the suggestion. The subcategories are then organized under major categories, separated by dotted lines. See the key on page 23 for more information.

BUSINESSES

- A lot of businesses opening.
- Post Isaac many small businesses shut down in last 3 years more small businesses opening up.
- Services for community going up. Tax base.

- The amount of different types of jobs.

BUSINESS GROWTH  ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

ACCESS TO JOBS

- Easy access to jobs.
- Building jobs.

- Strong shipping industry (ship port access).

- Low taxes.

COMMUNITY CLOSENESS

- More Cambodians to locate to Buras due to a sense of community and the natural environment which resembles their homeland.
- Citrus industry used to be a good place to find jobs. Knowing customers on a personal level.
- Neighborhood is all family.
- Like teachers, friends, family, boats.
- Enjoys that the community respects and takes care of the community and nature.
- I love that we work together and we need more of that.
- People, culture, close knit community.
- How we stick together, help each other, and keep a community stronger.
- Close-knit, everyone knows each other, “big family”.
- Close-knit community, everyone knows everyone.
- Like that there’s a strong Vietnamese community.
- Tight community, everyone would help each other.
- I love everything about my community. Family and cultural traditions.
- Tightly knit community.
- Turnout for local fund raising events.
- Open, friendly, and warm people.
- I love the support in my community.
- Our communities are family oriented.
- I love my community because it is a strong foundation and everyone knows each other.
- The closeness of the community.
- The way of life, the small town feel.
- Enjoys the strong community that helps one another in times of stress or struggling. Everyone is nice.
- Orange Festival.
- The lifestyle is simple being able to survive on the land and through our culture of the commercial fishing & cattle farming alone.
- Mixture of cultures.

COMMUNITY CLOSENESS  TRADITIONS & CULTURE
PLAQUEMINES PARISH ROUND 1 MEETING SUMMARY

STRENGTHS

FAMILY BUSINESS

- Get to be your own business/boss.
- Self-employed.
- Everybody has their own business and likes to work with their families and for themselves.
- Enjoys their livelihood (shrimping, fishing, oyster) industries.
- Passing on family business.

FAMILY

- Our friends, family, way of life, our small town, was always a small family.
- The youth.
- Vietnamese community. Family.

HUNTING & FISHING

- Catch on the fishing- Mississippi River.
- Availability of seafood. Being able to live off the land.
- Likes that fishing is accessible right outside their doors.
- Fresh and salt water fishing.
- What I love about the community is you can kill the wild animals and eat them. We live off the land.
- Hunting, fishing, living off the land.
- Most of my life I love hunting, fishing, mostly duck hunting.
- Going trowling, fishing, camping, peaceful.
- Wildlife environment (marsh, hunting, fishing, Mississippi river, etc) are vital to Plaq Parish.
- Wildlife, shrimp, oysters, fishing.
- Fishing and hunting.
- Our land, our life here, hunting and fishing.

GOOD SCHOOLS

- I like to live near the coast. My job is here and it is what I know. The schools in which kids attend are comfortable.
- The school is new, my child loves it.
- Schools.
- Good schools.
- Good schools, small communities, safe.
- Education, maintaining “A” schools.
- Good schools.

SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

- We enjoy our fresh caught seafood from our business.
- I like my job as a fisherman.
- We enjoy our fresh caught seafood from our business.
- I’m a fisherman, the cost of living is cheaper than the city.
- Commercial fishing.
- Seafood industry.
NATURAL RESOURCES
- The land is what makes us. Whether it be economic, population, or environment.
- Taking the kids out to enjoy wildlife/fishing.
- Bond, because I work with my husband and we get to really get hands on experience of good days and bad.
- Homes near work. Working and living by the water.
- Being able to live & survive off land.
- Family business- chicken, eggs, jelly, satsuma oranges, veg. gardening.
- Enjoys that their livelihood is here near their homes.
- Best creole tomatoes & citrus in the world. Histories of the communities.
- Rural atmosphere 20 minutes from city and all it can offer.
- Living on the land.
- Agriculture- oranges, citrus.
- Gardening.
- Wildlife
- I like raising my chickens, ducks and geese.
- The wild life coming in the yard.
- I like the weather here.
- The weather is nice.
- We have a lot of land and we’re spread out.
- Fresh air.
- Quiet life.
- Garden/open space for agriculture. Scenery.
- Protection for the land.

QUALITY OF LIFE
- It is quiet and peaceful living here. Living in Buras for 15 years, I feel at peace, it is quiet here. I don’t have to worry about anything especially crime rate is lower.
- It is quiet and peaceful.
- Peaceful
- My family and fairness, peace.
- Peace, tranquility & low crime rate.
- Helpful government- good assistance
- Parish transportation van.
- Quality of life.
- I love my life. Life expectancy has increased. I love to be a fisherman. The convenience of my job is easy for me. Want to be closer to the supermarket.

SAFETY
- Always felt protected from floods.
- Safe.
- Safety.
- Low crime. Safe community.
- Low crime.
- Very safe area.
- Low crime.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- Friends, closeness, welcoming.
- Culture, security/safety, lifestyle.
OPPORTUNITIES

DIVERSIFY & DEVELOP ECONOMY

- Bring oil field back.
- Increased business development.
- More retail in lower Plaq., more small businesses.
- Grocery stores.
- More plants and terminals north of Plaquemines.
- Economy & jobs – schools, hospitals, needs assistance with necessities.
- Jobs are the future of Plaq. parish.
- Need more jobs, schools, open workshops/factories/companies.
- Help support new economies and new jobs.
- More commercial businesses for our community.
- Build more businesses, retail, services.
- Need clothing stores, more affordable supermarkets.
- Options for retail stores.
- My future goal is to get more jobs and to get more things for the kids.
- Want a Chucky Cheese Pizza.
- Grocery stores on the East bank.
- We need more marine and supply stores in the area.
- Needs more jobs, hospital, schools, improvement in drainage system.

DEVELOP NEW COMMUNITIES

- Need to build communities, not lakeside shopping center in Elmwood.
- How to attract investors for affordable houses.
- Partners with neighbor to leverage areas to grow.
- Build up rather than out.
- Prepare smaller communities north of I-10 to double population within 40 years due to population shift.
- Government should be better stewards of monies for raising homes.
- Create area that attracts young professionals to solve old housing stock.

INCREASE FOOD ACCESS

- More accessible, less expensive food.

INVEST LOCALLY

- Ferry service needs to improve at Belle Chase.
- More water based transportation=Nav. lock in proposal.
- Perpetuate agriculture economy.

GROW BUSINESSES & JOBS

- To come back in 30 years and there is a better us. What can be better is money being brought into our community.
- More business- hire young people so they don’t move away.
- Stores- accessible, affordable in parish.

DEVELOP ON THE RIVER

- Develop the river.
- Develop port to maximum potential.
- Make a port down in Venice like they have in Fourchon, LA.
- Need a port at the mouth of the river.
- The river corridor is underdeveloped.
- Businesses along river.
- The river corridor is underdeveloped.

WATER-BASED TRANSPORTATION

- More accessible, less expensive food.

TOURISM/ECO-TOURISM

- Tours for people. Promote tourism.
- Perpetuate agriculture economy.

SUSTAIN AGRICULTURE ECONOMY
**OPPORTUNITIES**

**BUILD FOR WATER**

- Raising houses, levees.
- Lift all homes on East bank.
- Elevate homes.
- Everyone elevate, level off land with levees then build all land up to levee level, then elevate.
- Help with the rebuilding of our homes and elevation of homes so we can endure hurricanes. Build tall houses (elevation of homes). When it storms/floods, we have to evacuate our homes.
- Have homes here that are only accessible by water—water taxis.
- Our homes need to be elevated or the land needs to be elevated. We need our homes to be elevated. Erosions of land is affecting us, we need more assistance with our homes, more elevation of land & homes need to be elevated.
- We will not leave our home-I would like my house to be raised like others who left.

**ELEVATE HOMES**

- Floating School

**IMPROVE EDUCATION**

- More Schools.
- GED programs on the East bank.
- Educate our kids on what’s going on with the coastal erosion and teach them what their role could be in improving it and helping not to cause further harm.
- English as second language in schools.
- Teaching our children to care for the environment
- Build community knowledge & capacity.

**K-12 SCHOOLS**

**EASTBANK GED PROGRAM**

**COASTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**IMPROVE HEALTHCARE**

- Hospital on the East bank.
- We need clinic on East Bank.
- More doctors, more experienced/expertise in health care.
- Correction to rampant drug use.

**HEALTH SERVICES ON EASTBANK**

**ADDRESS DRUG USE/ABUSE**
OPPORTUNITIES

IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Alternative shipping routes.
- Dredge our passes.
- Improve navigation.
- Better drainage water and sewerage systems.
- Improvements to drainage system to prevent or help with flooding issues.

HIGHWAYS & ROADS

- Improved highway access, improved bridges.
- We need more assistance from the state and government. Need the state and government to build roads and repair homes.
- Internet improvement, parks.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

DRAINAGE & SEWAGE

SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES & TRAINING

- As a fisherman you are your own boss. Fishing is only job option- need more skills, education, etc.
- Seafood industry jobs.
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- New jobs created for off season fishing!!!
- Jobs- shrimpers are employed seasonally and need jobs outside of the shrimp season.
- Hire local.
- Hire locals.
- Must protect jobs as they are the lifeline of the community.

HIRE LOCAL

JOBS & JOB TRAINING

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HIRE LOCAL

PREPARE FOR POPULATION SHIFTS

- Increase our population.
- More people coming back to the community.
- Bringing in more people. Building a larger population.
- To build up the community. And working together to make our community better and bigger.
- Also, increasing our population.
- Voluntary acquisition.
- Clearly identify high-risk areas, subject relocation.
- Connect the dots, between communities, parishes.

GROW POPULATION

VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION

PLAN REGIONALLY

OTHER

- What can be stronger- the foundation.
PLAQUEMINES PARISH ROUND 1 MEETING SUMMARY

OPPORTUNITIES

PRESERVE COMMUNITY STABILITY & QUALITY OF LIFE

- Keep people in communities.
- The only way we can get this done by working together as a family.
- Keeping generations alive.
- Fishing down the business to kids & grand kids.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

- Restore Ft. Jackson for festivals & tourism.
- National park, Ft. Jackson.
- Preserve historic properties.

PROMOTE COMMUNITY EVENTS

- More events in lower end, monthly yard sales, rental booths, circus at Fort Jackson.

ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE

- I hope that assistance is given to help residents live a better life.

PROTECTION & RESTORATION

RESTORE WETLANDS

- Protect the fish habitat.
- More marshes and trees.
- Instead of dumping sand in the Gulf, put it back in the marshes in the freshwater developments.
- More fresh water, cypress trees.
- More use of natural processes to rebuild land.
- All the mountains in the Appalachians, knock one down, build up the land then maybe we’ll be sea level.
- House jobs, preserving wetlands, marsh, recreational, better drainage. Land lost.
- Restore barrier islands
- Rebuild robust wetland buffer.
- Responsible parties to contribute to restoration & adaptation. Lack of communication/cable.
- Fill the holes from all the pits.

PROTECT FROM FLOODS

- Improved storm protection.
- My future goal is to see a decrease in our flood risk by building levees much longer that they are now.
- Better levees.
- What can be better about the community - our levees.
- One way we decrease our flood risk is by building more flood gates or add sand in the area where there is a high flood depth.
- My future goal is to decrease our flood risk.
- More protection on the water (portals).
- Protect levees, job growth, tax base.
OPPORTUNITIES

RECREATION & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Create new things for young people.
- Recreation for kids.
- Youth activities (2 hrs to prom).
- More adult recreational opportunities.
- More things for kids to do. There's not much for them to do besides go to the community center.
- Fishing piers for our kids.

REGULATION & POLICY

- We need a more friendly business environment to attract business.
- Make citrus industry regulations easier to adapt to for the time we have left.
- Tax sportsman, not just locals.
- Parish needs to do their part for oil and gas and seafood in parish name, somehow someway.
- Oil industry going through backways, channels need to be properly marked better.

STABILIZE & SUPPORT FISHING INDUSTRY

- Better price for fish.
- Farmers markets, fish markets.
- Invest more in commercial fisherman- shrimp industry.
- State get more involved in the commercial fishing industry to improve it.
- Get oyster fishermen to work with us. Work with oyster fishermen.
- Borrow pits as a resources (harbors).
- Balance out the harm that fresh water has done (killed off the oysters).
**CHALLENGES**

**CONTINUED LAND LOSS**

- Sinking land. Talk of land rebuilding - redevelopment has no more marsh land to protect people and homes. Sand deposit needed from river-gulf.
- Losing land- fresh water is coming in, which is making us lose seafood.
- Less land- more water.
- Land loss.
- Cannot build basin with new flood zone and requirements.
- Salt water intrusion, where populations shift.
- Changes in waterway & prop washing off.
- Restoration due to population loss.
- Mailboxes went down, we had 2 now only 1.
- No land for dock.
- Tremendous loss of land. Storm surges, no buffer zone.
- Sinking, no buffer to levee, orange trees.
- Bugs are also eating away land, this is occurring where we have restoration projects.

**FLOODING**

- Quicker changes of tides (water).
- When wind blows from the south have 2-3 miles of water on road coming from marsh. Wall/levee between SBP and PPG caused major flooding. New flood maps because flood events have significantly changed way of life. Drawing on map on East Bank across from Belle Chasse closed during Isaac caused 21’ of water.
- The homes that aren’t elevated will suffer from the floods.
- Foundations change in that their homes easily flood. Floods more easily, roads are more uneven and have split. Changes in vegetation in that there’s less fruit since flooding. Waterway floods easily.
- When it floods/storms, we have to evacuate our homes.
- Sea level rising. More risk of flooding.
- Braithwaite Park to White Ditch on the East Bank was left out of a Federal Wall. I feel all the homes on the east bank of the parish and all the lower part of the parish should be raised. Belle Chasse on the West bank, the Mississippi river levee is being raised and the east bank levee still has holes. Why are West bank levees higher than East bank. Grants were given to some homeowners and others were left out.
- Foundation changes in that their home easily floods.
- Flooding hazard everywhere since Katrina.
- Lost everything and having to start over was tough.
- Have restoration projects.

**WILDLIFE MOVEMENT/ DEATH**

- No vegetation growth/harder.
- No vegetation.
- All wildlife has decreased.
- More nuisance animals causing problems- bugs, mosquitoes all blown into our environment. Loss of wetlands, loss of wildlife nursery, loss of oysters.
- Cattle can no longer graze where they once have 70+ years.
- Pipeline right of ways, bulkheads of water.
CHALLENGES

INCREASING COSTS & PROPERTY LOSS

- Flood map requirements make development harder (if using state or Fed funds).
- Insurance premium.
- Higher rent, higher insurance.
- Lower insurance rates so businesses can start/stay.
- Insurance increase.

HOME VALUES DECLINING/ COST INCREASES

- Culturally different people, lack of pride of home. Drop of property values.
- Acquisitions will not happen—people do not want to leave, people not going anywhere. Proud people.

NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, & COST OF BUILDING

- New maps not adopted, so can build slab on grade until maps passed—then will not be in.

HOME DAMAGE

- More mold that grows into homes.

INCREASING COST OF LIVING

- As fishermen, they experienced more open water, which also means having to buy bigger boats.

UNCERTAINTY ABOUT ECONOMIC ADAPTATION

- Flood map requirements make development harder (if using state or Fed funds).
- Insurance premium.
- Higher rent, higher insurance.
- Lower insurance rates so businesses can start/stay.
- Insurance increase.

JOBS LOST/ INCOME INSECURITY

- Affects my job security—no work. Needs assistance. If we don’t get assistance now, our future is unknown. Please assist.
- Job adjustments for mainly single women, mothers and families.
- Jobs have relocated.
- Less job desire.
- Less jobs.
- Job security.
- Seasonal Workers.
- It creates job losses.
- My life and work will be more difficult. I am affected by the changes. Hopes the government assists with job securities so we can have a better life. My livelihood. When we do not have enough to make ends meet, we need assistance. Lost the way of living and work.
- No more jobs.
- Hard to make money for living.
- Less jobs.
- No one hiring locally.
- Majority of jobs are from out of town and state people. Labor shortage.
- My job. It affects me in my job security—no work. It makes my life and jobs more difficult. It affects me in that I lose my job security—no work.
- No money coming in, workers are being affected and even our schools.
- Not enough jobs for our community. Jobs that are available are filled by people outside the parish.
- Job loss, changing to different careers.
**CHALLENGES**

**SEAFOOD INDUSTRY INSTABILITY**

- Fishing on East bank is in dire straights. Mardi Gras pass is blocked- fresh water is pouring into the saltwater.
- Decades ago, shrimping was good. Oyster fields are less so, not as prosperous as before. Oysters dying from floods. Commercial fishers supplement income with living off the land, growing vegis, raising beef, chickens etc. More people need to do this.
- Losing land- fresh water is coming in, which is making us lose seafood.
- **Boat, bread winner- blood, sweat, tears, MONEY INTO BOAT.**
  - Oysters dying from floods.
  - Fishery has been affected. Wildlife decrease.
  - Fresh water diversion impacts where you can fish and what you can catch. Before fresh water diversion on the East bank it was more white shrimp than Brazilian, and also made a huge impact on oysters.
  - Fishery has been affected. Wildlife decrease.
  - They have to go further out to shrimp. They have learned to adapt by locating the shrimp even though they have to go further out.
  - Economic changes in the shrimping industries.
  - Prices for shrimping & oysters has dropped. No profits in 6 months of working.
  - Price of seafood.
  - As a commercial fisherman, have to go further out in rougher areas.
  - They have to go further out to shrimp. They have learned to adapt by locating the shrimp even though they have to go further out.

**DECLINING ASSETS & TAX BASE**

- We lost commercial development.
- Lack of road system- hard on business development- only have ferry.

**DECLINING DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE**

- People move, causes less money.

**OTHER**

- GAP/TAX/SCHOOLS

**DISCONNECTS ACROSS PARISH**

**CULTURAL/LANGUAGE BARRIERS**

- Language and cultural barriers make it difficult for the Cambodian community to fully participate.
- New cultures have made residents make new adjustments.

**LACK OF TRUST & COMMUNICATION**

- We the people won’t be heard. We’re tired of being looked over.
- Without people, our government will fail. Our biggest problem is our government not hearing our voice. They are looking over us. They only worry about themselves.

**DISCONNECT ACROSS RIVER**

- This is hard because of the 2 sides of long parish.

**FRUSTRATION WITH PROJECTS**

- Mardi Gras Pass is a failed diversion process that needs to be closed.
CHALLENGES

LACK OF BUSINESSES
- Lack of financial, retail, stores, options.
- Driving into NOLA for supplies and servicing.
- Travel further for supplies/gear.
- Travel further for groceries.
- Shop in New Orleans for car services, groceries, supplies.
- Yes, restaurants are further. Supplies are further.

LACK OF EDUCATION & INFO
- East Bank communities are not educated about what is going on around the coast.
- No newspaper.
- Less options for education.
- No knowledge of economic changes.

LACK OF SOCIAL RESOURCES
- Less doctors.
- Lack of medical.
- Reduction of society health at YMCA.

LACK OF RECREATION OPTIONS
- No recreations in Plaquemines.
- No recreation opportunities except fishing.

LACK OF RESOURCES
- Remove resources. Parish doesn’t have the money.
- Losing out on resources- parish doesn’t have enough money to spend on the resources we are losing out on.

LACK OF UTILITIES
- Lack of utilities.
- No internet on East bank. No cable down East bank, only dish stuff. Digging lines now.

LOSS OF BUSINESSES
- Loss of business (less people coming to my business) had a business in Venice, Hurricane Camille drove me out.
- Yes population has shifted businesses. Business and livelihood is most important.
- A lot of businesses closed.
- Lots of restaurants have closed. Stores closed here- have to travel farther.
- Since Katrina, groceries, restaurants closed. Some new businesses.
- More businesses are closing. No new businesses are opening.
- Lack of businesses all around.
- We are losing our economic engine.
- Lack of retail options.
- No money coming in workers are being affected and even our schools.

OIL & GAS INDUSTRY DOWNTURN
- Downturn in oil and gas affecting parishes, but we need O&G industry here.
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CHALLENGES

POPULATION LOSS/MOVEMENT

- Population loss.
- Population decrease.
- Population shift from lower PPG to Belle Chasse. Large population that will not leave- adamant about staying 23000 Plaq, 17000 in Belle Chasse w/in flood gates. More people coming back to East bank in last years, large parcels of land.
- Less population.
- Family says they'll move away if there are more environmental changes.
- People moving out so our communities getting smaller.
- No returns to make residence of Port Sulphur on down due to scare of reliving a Katrina.
- Only 1/3 left in area.
- Our community feels empty.
- Families are separated from each other.
- No longer lives in the same house due to floods.
- People left after Katrina.
- People are moving and they are not coming back.
- Population percentage has decreased.
- People are moving out.
- No single women down here.
- All major companies are currently leaving or have left already.
- Wal-Mart never opened even though they bought land in the last 5+ years.
- As people move to north shore/downtown they take dollars and business with them.
- Ship yard closed.
- Sears closed, Toys'r Us closed, K-Mart closed, no new industries.
- Economy declined after the storm.
- Avondale closing wasn't major but alot of businesses in Jefferson.
- Longer commute for supplies since business moved away.
- More business outside parish.
- Job opportunities have left.
- Jobs.
- Less Jobs
- Major job loss.
- Decreased earnings.
- Revolving jobs.
- Loss of jobs tied to coast/ fisheries hurt communities.
- All of income comes from the water.
- No diversification of industries.
- Having a hard time filling jobs in the oil and gas industry.
- Employees don't return after storms.
- Former farm land being developed into large home properties.
- No more farming.
- Takes longer to sell a house.
- Harder to sell homes.
- A lot of properties are for sale. Plenty of abandoned houses.
- A lot of abandoned homes because residents can't afford to rebuild.
- More renters than home owners.
- Home owners are moving.
- More renters moving in.
- Insurance needs to be deregulated.
- Lower flood insurance.
- Issues with housing stock
- Not a lot of developable land for new development to entice new home owners.
- Parish- lower portion is unprepared more for, say, a Hurricane Camille than ever before.
- If the water won’t get you, the wind will, you cannot fight mother nature.
- Stress/uncertainty.
- Whatever I lost, I can’t replace.
- Living situation within 20 yrs. - uncertainty.

VULNERABILITY

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YOUTH MOVING AWAY

- I would like to have my future family live on my land. We are losing our young people.
- A major problem for our children are they’re taught to graduate- succeed, college degree, yet taught to settle away from the parish due to jobs, hurricanes, etc. Yet how are we to thrive with nothing to thrive upon?
- I will not leave. Children have moved.
- Less youth population.
- Less younger population than older.
- Our children would come home if they could.
The appendix follows this page. It includes maps and graphs shown during the first Plaquemines Parish LA SAFE meeting. The appendix illustrates land loss, flood risk, population shifts, and economic activity in the parish. Larger examples of the table sheets used at the meeting follow the maps and graphs.

**STAY CONNECTED!**

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FLOOD RISK
All shown with Coastal Master Plan

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POPULATION CHANGES IN PLAQUEMINES COMMUNITIES 2000-2010

Data prepared by ESRI, sourced from U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 and Census 2010 Summary File 1.

POPULATION CHANGE SINCE 1970

12% decrease since 2000


POPULATION BY AGE, 2000 - 2015

YEAR 2000
POPULATION: 26,757

“Baby Boom” Generation

YEAR 2015
POPULATION: 23,495

“Baby Boom” Generation

Source: The Data Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data from the decennial census.
MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CENTERS

- Art Catering
- Belle Chasse Primary School
- C&C Marine & Repair
- Scott Armature
- Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base
- Chevron Oronite
- Belle Chasse Middle School
- Pointe à la Hache Courthouse

Source: US Census, Infogroup published under USDOL Guidance

HOUSING TRENDS IN PLAQUEMINES PARISH

Source: The Data Center Analysis of U.S. Census Data; Notes: Estimates of % Owner Occupied Housing for Plaquemines and St. John the Baptist are from 2015 ACS Supplemental Estimates. Estimates from a range of years (2006-2010 or 2011-2015) represent an average across the listed years.

Renters with severe cost burden (>50% of income on housing)

Homeowners with severe cost burden (>50% of income on housing)

Median Gross Monthly Rent (2015)

Median Monthly Housing costs for Homeowners with Mortgages (2015)

Source: The Data Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data from the decennial census.
PARISH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
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PARISH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Source: Data Center analysis of “Multiple Statistics By Site For Total Reported Students” Tables from the Louisiana Department of Education, Accessed April 2017, http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/enrollment-counts
WHAT DOES CHANGE MEAN TO YOU?

ACTIVITY 1 TABLE SHEET

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WHAT DO YOU VALUE?

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