

PUBLIC NOTICES

2021 PROPERTY TAX SEASON UNDERWAY

Notices for property taxes will be mailed out the week of November 1, 2021. If you have not received your tax notice by the end of November, 2021, please call the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office at 318-744-5411. All taxes become DELINQUENT after December 31, 2021. To avoid interest, pay your taxes on or before December 31, 2021. This year, taxpayers may pay their taxes online. The website to go to is: <https://snstaxpayments.com/catahoula>

VOTING PRECINCT LOCATIONS December 11, 2021 ELECTIONS CATAHOULA PARISH

WARD	PRECINCT	LOCATION
01	01 (IN PART)	MAITLAND RECREATION CENTER
01	03 (IN PART)	CATAHOULA PARISH COURTHOUSE
02	02 (IN PART)	LELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
03	01	ENTERPRISE FIRE STATION
03	02	MANIFEST COMMUNITY CENTER
03	03	CATAHOULA PARISH COURTHOUSE
03	04	CATAHOULA PARISH COURTHOUSE
04	01	HARRISONBURG TOWN HALL
04	02	CATAHOULA PARISH COURTHOUSE
05	01 (IN PART)	WOODMEN OF THE WORLD LODGE
09	02 (IN PART)	LA DELTA PLANTATION
09	03	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Jack F. Owens, Jr., Paul Lemke, Margie Doshier Bass,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The proposed budget for the District Attorney's Office, 7th JDC, for the year ending December 31, 2022 has been prepared, as well as the Amended Budget for the year ending December 31, 2021. The budgets are available for inspection. A public hearing on the proposed budget and amended budget will be held on December 13, 2021 in the Concordia Parish District Attorney's Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Bradley R. Burget
District Attorney, 7th JDC

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year/500-year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Louisiana Office of Community Development (LA OCD) under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under actions by which Statewide Federal Assistance for Homeowner Recovery Programs is proposed. The locations for proposed project activity encompass various residential properties in up to all 64 parishes of Louisiana. Grant recipients will be based on an application and eligibility process and thus the specific locations of these housing units are not known at this time. Criteria for selection will be further determined within the program policies and procedures based on availability of funds and number of applications. The LA OCD is proposing to implement programs to assist homeowners and rental unit owners and tenants that have been and continue to be affected by disasters. These programs are modelled after the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program deployed in response to the Great Floods of 2016. These applicants and intended recipients of current or upcoming programs are homeowners and rental unit owners/tenants who are at various stages of rehabilitating residences in existing locations or relocating. Grants may provide for construction financing activities in addition to any previous federal loans or funds received in order to provide assistance to eligible homeowners to rebuild and re-occupy their homes and rental units or participate in buyout and relocation programs with the goals of rebuilding neighborhoods, reducing blight, mitigating against future storms and increasing overall resiliency. The types of construction-related activities will consist of either major or minor rehabilitation, reconstruction, elevation or demolition within the original footprint of each damaged structure or developed lot. Under the buyout option, properties with pre-existing structures may be retained as greenspace following demolition with homeowners relocated to more resilient areas. In some cases, new construction or elevation may be required with potential expansion beyond or outside of the footprint of the original structure and utilities.

LA OCD has determined that the proposed project activities could involve more than 100,000 properties and up to an estimated total of 21,250 acres with a substantial portion of these activities anticipated to be located within the 100-year floodplain. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, the total number of homes and combined acreage of these

properties that are proximal to wetlands listed in the National Wetland Inventory will be reviewed on an individual basis after being identified. However, at this time, given the nature of the proposed activities and previous correspondence with state and federal agencies for similar projects, zero acres of wetlands impact are anticipated as a result of this project.

LA OCD has considered alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. These included the following alternatives:

Alternative 1. Locations outside of and not affecting the 100-year floodplain/wetlands;

Alternative 2. Alternative methods to serve the identical project objective; or

Alternative 3. Not approving action to occupancy or modify the floodplain.

For each of these alternatives, various factors were considered including natural value, feasibility, technology, hazard reduction, related economic value and other environmental impacts. The evaluation of each alternative is summarized below.

Alternative 1 – In most cases, aside from the proposed buyout program actions, re-location of these activities to areas outside of the floodplain or wetlands would result in abandonment of existing homes that are in an unfinished state of repair as well as the purchase and development of land for the relocation of citizens. In order to be considered for relocation, any such land would need to be: a) outside the 100-year floodplain and wetlands, b) not currently developed for other land uses, and c) not designated for other uses (e.g., prime farmlands, parks, recreational areas).

This alternative was rejected due to a number of factors including the following: a) this would not provide any significant benefit to the floodplain since the existing areas will remain developed regardless of any action taken, b) this would require displacement of homeowners that may be still living in the homes, c) the lack of existing infrastructure and services in areas outside the floodplain and the unfeasible costs to provide such amenities, and d) the resulting blight that would occur as current homes fall further into disrepair and abandonment. This alternative further does not meet the overall objectives of the proposed action in that it does not result in allowing residents to rebuild their lives, homes and communities.

Alternative 2 - Alternative methods to serve the project objective are limited but could include multi-family housing at specified locations in the general vicinity of the affected communities. The multi-family housing could be located either at a few sites within the floodplain or at sites outside of the floodplain or a combination of both. Such an alternative would conceptually allow for similar populations but with a smaller footprint. However, this alternative was rejected due to many of the same disadvantages as Alternative 1 regarding no real benefit to the floodplain, resulting blight in the neighborhoods as the existing home sites fall further into disrepair, the displacement of the homeowners, and failure to meet the goals of the proposed action in helping to rebuild impacted communities to their prior state.

Alternative 3 - The alternative to not approve any action, essentially a "No Action" alternative, would result in the properties remaining in disrepair. This alternative would not result in a reversion of floodplain back to its natural state. Additionally, no beneficial value would be anticipated since homes would be surrounded by other residences in most cases. If the homes are not rehabilitated, then the homes will deteriorate lowering property values and preventing homeowners from either returning to their homes or possibly causing those still living in the homes to eventually leave. The "No Action" would thus lead to eventual blight and hinder the ability of the impacted communities to rebuild and regain their identity that existed prior to the storms.

Based on this detailed review, it has been determined that there is no practical alternative to the proposed action being located potentially in a floodplain. This includes careful consideration and rejection of the alternatives above. The proposed actions of repairing/rehabilitating existing homes will meet objectives while not hindering the natural values of the floodplains.

Mitigating measures will be incorporated into the housing programs as part of the rebuilding process. This includes elevation of homes within the floodplain that have substantial damage and adoption of various building codes for rehabilitation of residential structures in the floodplain. These construction measures and contractor standards, outlined in the LA OCD Master Action Plan for the Utilization of Community Development Block Grant Funds, will result in more resilient and sustainable communities.

LA OCD has re-evaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined there is no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public

inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Tina Cantrell of LA OCD at the following address on or before December 10, 2021: State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095 and (225) 342-1731, Attention: Ms. Tina Cantrell, Environmental Specialist. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 617 N. Third St. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Comments may also be submitted via email at Tina.Cantrell@la.gov.

Town of Jonesville to Receive Bids for Surplus Property

The Town of Jonesville will receive sealed bids for the following surplus properties listed. Bids are to be turned in by 3:00 pm December 10, 2021, at the Jonesville Town Hall located at 104 Lilly St. Any bids received after 3:00 pm December 10, 2021, will be returned.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Town of Jonesville regular meeting to be held at 6:00 pm December 14, 2021. Awarding of bids will be to the highest bidder of each item.

- List of Items up for Bid
- 2002 White Ford F150 Truck – Vin # 1FTRX17L22NB39416
 - 2003 Red Chev 1500 Truck (Wrecked) – Vin # 1GCEC14Z727302234
 - 2005 Ford F150 Truck – Vin # 1FTRXX12W85NB61037
 - 1996 Freightliner FL70 Bucket Truck – Vin # 1FV6HFBA9TL709822
 - 1986 Ford Bucket Truck Vin 1FDPK74N5GVA07879
 - GMC Digger Truck - Vin # 1GDM7H1J7MJ519268
 - 1996 International Digger Truck, Model 4700 4x4 - Vin # 1HTSCAAP5VH458971
 - 140 Komatsu Backhoe (No Vin #)
 - FMC Sewage Jetter
 - Generac Generator (Trailer Not Included)

All surplus items are located behind the Old Town Hall, located at 300 Third Street and can be viewed by the public within the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday -Friday. Persons interested in viewing items for bid may call (318) 339-8596.

All items bid on must be listed on a sheet of paper and itemized with the Name of the Item with VIN number (except for Generator, Backhoe and Jetter), the name of the item and the bid figure for that item. Bid sheet must be placed in a sealed envelope and mark as Surplus Property Bid on the outside of the envelope. The bidder's Name and address along with a telephone number must be listed on the outside of the envelope.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a cashier's check or money order to the Town of Jonesville within five days of notification of their award and will have 14 days to remove his property from the Town of Jonesville premises.

All items are listed as surplus. The Town of Jonesville makes no warranty of conditions of any items listed.

The Town of Jonesville reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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