Community Involvement Plan

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1.0 Community Involvement Plan Overview

This Community Involvement Plan (CIP) has been developed for Lafourche Parish (Parish) and outlines the ways in which the Parish intends to engage with the community as outlined in the FY2025 Brownfields Assessment Grant application. This focuses on the implementation of the Cooperative Agreement over the four-year project period.

The CIP will identify the surrounding areas and how the Parish will continue to encourage communication between all parties throughout the duration of the project. This can be accomplished through methods including:

- Identify community stakeholders, including but not limited to local residents, local businesses, local churches, property owners, local schools, and other interested parties to encourage involvement.
- Development of informative community fliers and other public material to inform and educate the local community of the activities to be performed under the grant.
- Continue discussion of the needs, concerns and aspirations of neighbors and stakeholders with active interests in the project. This can be accomplished through community informational sessions and by utilizing electronic outreach methods such as the City's/Parish's website and social media platforms.
- Establish a clear understanding throughout the community of the project outcome(s).
- Ensure that the community engagement has real worth. Value all voices and ensure that they are heard.

2.0 Brownfield Project/Target Area Description

2.1 Project Description

The mission of the Parish's Brownfields Program is to develop a self-sustaining model program for the identification, assessment, remediation, and redevelopment of brownfield sites. The Parish seeks to raise awareness regarding economic incentives for redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the target area, which is **census tracts (CTs) 22057021800 and 22057021700** in **Raceland** CDP and the Town of **Lockport**, Louisiana. Through this project, the Parish intends to bring citizens, environmental regulatory agencies, environmental contractors, developers, landowners, and lenders together around a common goal of redevelopment. The Parish will use the FY2025 Brownfield Assessment Grant to work towards this mission over the life of the project.

The objectives/tasks of the four-year Cooperative Agreement period are to conduct inclusive community outreach activities, to identify an inventory of potential brownfield sites, perform Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) on priority sites, and conduct reuse and remediation planning activities on properties throughout the Lafourche Parish geographic boundary. This grant will further the efforts of the Parish towards redeveloping

brownfields and improving communities. The Parish intends to accomplish the following over the four-year time period of this award:

Program Objectives:

1. Educate the local community about the impact of brownfields and the utilization of the properties in fostering redevelopment as a part of a larger community reinvestment strategy.
2. Conduct site assessments based on environmental, health, social impact, and economic criterion.
3. Develop reuse plans for the affected sites to facilitate new employment opportunities, amenities, and infrastructure.

Program Activities:

1. Develop the Parish's Brownfields Program Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
2. Create an interactive Inventory of Brownfields Sites and GIS-based maps for planning and redevelopment purposes.
3. Prepare a Community Involvement Plan and conduct community engagement activities.
4. Complete up to six (6) Sampling and Analysis Plans (SAPs) coupled with Health and Safety Plans (HASP).
5. Perform activities up to sixteen (16) Phase I ESAs and six (6) Phase II ESAs.
6. Perform additional Soil and Groundwater Assessments (as needed).
7. Conduct two (2) charrettes and visioning sessions to develop reuse plans and engage community members.
8. Prepare two (2) Site Reuse Plans, one (1) Resilient Brownfield Plan, one (1) Market Study and one (1) Brownfield Revitalization Plan.
9. Maintain grant reporting requirements and coordination with Region 6 EPA.
10. Develop up to three (3) Analysis Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) plans based on information gathered through completed environmental assessments.

2.2 Brownfield Project Area Description

The target area of focus for this grant application are **census tracts (CTs) 22057021800 and 22057021700** in **Raceland** CDP and the Town of **Lockport**, Louisiana. Priority sites identified by the Parish within the target area include the **Former Lockport Self-Serve Fuel Station** located at 420 Crescent Avenue, Lockport, the **Former Raceland Fueling Station** located at 3921 Hwy 1, Raceland, and the **Former "Fast Eddies" Mechanic Shop** located at 3907 Hwy 1, Raceland.

The Parish will utilize EPA Assessment Grant funding to complete a more thorough inventory of brownfields properties. Parish staff will work with local residents and community partners to review the inventory and prioritize sites identified based on redevelopment goals and potential. The Parish will utilize this inventory to engage potential developers and incorporate site development potential into site prioritization and selection. The Parish has started engaging property owners of potential Brownfields sites, providing them with

information on the "Brownfields Process" and the benefits of brownfields redevelopment. The **Former Lockport Self-Serve Fuel Station, the Former Raceland Fueling Station, and the Former "Fast Eddies" Mechanic Shop** have been identified as high priority sites by the Parish and its community partners.

2.3 Site Selection

During the grant application process, the Parish and community partners identified at least 20 potential sites for assessment including old fueling stations, warehouses, retail fronts, and restaurants all within walking distance of Hwy 1. The Parish will utilize the EPA Assessment Grant funding to complete a more thorough inventory of Brownfields properties within the target area.

The Parish's Brownfields Team will work with target area residents and project partners to identify potential sites for the brownfield site inventory. Sites will be added to the inventory and addressed in the order as determined by an evaluation ranking system. Parish staff will use the inventory to prioritize sites based on need and redevelopment potential, and then they will work to engage potential developers for those properties.

2.4 Community Involvement Plan Objectives

Through this Community Involvement Plan (CIP), the community will be provided opportunities for participation and engagement in the project through an effective and efficient two-way communication system. Members of the community will gain knowledge of the Brownfields assessment and redevelopment process. This CIP will ensure that the communication process is ongoing, evolving and information is available as the project moves forward. The Parish will maintain an open line of communication with the community so that they remain informed.

2.5 Site Documentation

Documents related to this project are available for public review at the sites listed above under Section 3.6 Information Repository and at the designated webpage located at the dedicated Brownfields website located at: https://www.lafourchegov.org/

The following items are currently available or will be made available upon completion:

- Community Involvement Plan (CIP).
- Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
- Informational handout available during public meeting.
- Brownfield Site Application/Consideration Form.
- Any additional required documentation if applicable.

3.0 Community Involvement Activities

The Parish understands that community engagement is crucial for a successful Brownfields Program. The Parish will use their resources to develop the necessary community

engagement efforts to generate community involvement and participation. The Parish will utilize the following 3-step approach to promote community involvement:

1. **Plan** – The **Community Involvement Plan** will lay the foundation for community involvement efforts and establish a schedule for community engagement activities. **Meetings** with the project team will provide project updates.
2. **Get Involved** – An initial community-wide **kick-off meeting** will notify the community of project commencement, present an anticipated project schedule, and solicit public comment and input. **Community meetings and presentations** will serve to keep the community updated on project happenings and provide a platform for public comment and input. **Charrettes and visioning sessions** will be utilized in the development of cleanup, reuse, and redevelopment plans.
3. **Spread the Word** – The Parish understands that utilizing multiple forms of media is necessary to expand outreach efforts. The Parish will utilize various forms of media to communicate with the community throughout the life of their Brownfields Program and beyond, including:
   a) Development of a **project brochure** which will be distributed by the Parish, as well as community organizations, residents, and business owners;
   b) Development and maintenance of a **project webpage** to provide project news, updates, educational materials, and other information;
   c) Regular **press releases** to local newspapers to keep the community up to date on project milestones and upcoming project events;
   d) Utilization of **social media** to provide real-time project updates, project photos, news, and provide easily accessible opportunities for public comment and input; and,
   e) **Word-of-mouth** - By properly educating the community, this time-tested method of communicating will serve as the cornerstone of public outreach activities, allowing community members to take ownership of their Brownfields Program and express their pride in its accomplishments.

Communicating Progress:

The Parish will provide regular updates and project news to the community and stakeholders by utilizing the 3-step approach described above. By utilizing a wide range of communication methods, the 3-step approach will effectively communicate progress of grant activities to all community members. Frequent communication will keep the community engaged and invested in their Brownfields Program and will ensure the program's success.

3.1 Point of Contact

Kristi Lumpkin, Lafourche Parish Government (LPG) Director of Grants and Economic Development, will serve as the Parish's Brownfields Project Director and will serve as the primary point of contact and is responsible for the overall management of the project. Ms. Lumpkin's role is to provide direct access between the Parish and the community and to provide any necessary updates to this CIP during the project. Ms. Lumpkin will also serve as the Emergency Contact should any issues arise during the project.

Information will be distributed to the community on the Parish's Brownfields webpage located on the Parish's website:www.lafourchegov.org. Additional information will be circulated through brochures and handouts presented at public meetings. Ms. Lumpkin's contact information is as follows:

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Thibodaux, LA 70302
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985.493.6681

Additional points of contact for community stakeholders, media, and federal, state, and local representatives are presented in Appendix A.

3.2 Distribution of Information

Information will be provided on a dedicated Parish webpage that will have a link from Parish's website, www.lafourchegov.org. The site will include information regarding this project, as well as important dates, including any prescheduled meetings. Announcements of additional or unscheduled meetings will be distributed to the community at least two weeks (10 business days) prior to such meetings.

Presentations and agendas from all public meetings will be archived on the Brownfields Program webpage and will be made available upon written request to the Parish's Brownfield Project Director.

Project information will be released in appropriate newspapers and press releases. The program staff regularly communicates with residents via its website and social media to establish and maintain interest in ongoing projects. In addition to web-based information, written correspondence and community meetings, the local media outlets are alternative sources of information for the community regarding the project. Contact information for the media is provided in Appendix A.

3.3 Public Meetings

The Parish has and continues to actively seek and encouraging citizen input throughout the Brownfields process and will continue these efforts throughout the grant implementation process, including preparing outreach/promotional materials to be distributed via email, neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, professional association meeting(s), newspapers, and through social media blasts, postings on the website and other social multi-media resources. Local officials and Community-based Organizations (CBOs) involved in the initial grant process will be included and kept informed of community meetings and project status. Meetings are always open and accessible to the public.

The use of public meetings is vital to the exchange of information between the Parish and community stakeholders. To ensure ample opportunity for full participation of stakeholders, meetings will mostly be held during evening hours. The following is a list of potential facilities that are heavily utilized by the community and are accessible to people of all abilities:

Lockport Community Center
5610 Highway 1
Lockport, LA 70374
985.805.1936

Lafourche Parish Government Matthews Office
4876 Highway 1
Raceland, LA 70375
985.537.7603

3.4 Digital Engagement

Keeping the public and community informed about the Parish's Brownfields Program is an essential economic development strategy. The Parish will work with Terracon to develop and implement a digital engagement process to reach community members and stakeholders, for those who prefer this method of communication over in-person meetings.

Digital engagement provides an alternative to the traditional in-person meeting. The digital engagement process will increase awareness, encourage participation in virtual meetings, and provide an opportunity for comments and questions. Digital engagement also increases participation among residents who prefer to receive their information via social media communications. Effective use of social media and virtual meetings will increase awareness among individuals who have an interest in the redevelopment of the urban core. Digital engagement will provide timely information for local residents and will give the community a voice before, during, and after community meetings and events.

The Parish's brownfields digital engagement process will include several social media and digital platforms including the Parish's Grants and Economic Development webpage, social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn), YouTube, virtual meetings such as Zoom or Teams, and e-mail. Traditional public meetings will be available to the public, and the digital engagement process will complement the traditional meeting process.

3.5 Community Support

The Parish will continue its partnership with the community stakeholders, as well as state and federal agencies. The grant project values the support of local partnerships that are detailed within Appendix A under Contacts. Community Contacts are outlined as well as federal, state, local, environmental, municipal, state agencies and media. The Parish is open to and is actively encouraging new partners to join the initiative.

3.6 Information Repository

Keeping the public and community informed about the Parish's Brownfields Program and benefits to local stakeholders is essential to the economic development strategy. The Parish

will establish and maintain a dedicated Brownfields Program webpage that links to the Parish's website to provide general information and meeting notices in support of the program. The Parish will make project related information available to residents within the Brownfields website. Information that needs Council action will be advertised per the Parish's regulations and be readily available for the public, municipal, officials, agencies, partners and media for easy access and review.

A physical copy will also be available at the Parish's office through the assistance of:

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3.6.1 Table 1 – Community Involvement Activities

Target Date	Event	Representatives/Attendees
September 2026	Community Brownfields Kick-Off Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
October 2026	Create Brownfields Brochures & Update Webpage	Brownfields staff participation and Environmental Contractor
November 2026	Community Brownfields Meeting - Evaluation Ranking Process Begins	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
December 2026	Parish Council Meeting: Grant Project Update	Community Members, Parish Personnel, and Brownfields Project Team
February 2027	Vision Session/Charette Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
May 2027	Community Brownfields Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental

		Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
September 2027	Community Brownfields Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
October 2027	Parish Council Meeting: Grant Project Update	Community Members, Parish Personnel, and Brownfields Project Team
December 2027	Site Reuse Plan	Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
March 2028	Community Brownfields Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
May 2028	Site Reuse Plan	Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
July 2028	Resilient Brownfields Plan & Market Study	Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
August 2028	Community Brownfields Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
September 2028	Parish Council Meeting: Grant Project Update	Community Members, Parish Personnel, and Brownfields Project Team
October 2028	Vision Session/Charette Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
November 2028	Brownfields Revitalization Plan	Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team
February 2029	Community Brownfields Meeting	Community Members, Parish Personnel, Environmental Contractor and Brownfields Project Team

June 2029	Parish Council Meeting: Grant Project Update	Community Members, Parish Personnel, and Brownfields Project Team

4.0 Appendix

Appendix A – Contact Information

A.1 Community Partner Contacts

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South Central Planning & Development Commission
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455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
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U.S. Senator John Kennedy
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202.224.4623

1st District
U.S. Congressman Steve Scalise
266 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
202.225.3015

2nd District
U.S. Congressman Troy Carter
442 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
202.225.6636

3rd District
U.S. Congressman Clay Higgins
572 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
202.225.2031

A.4 State Elected Officials

Governor Jeff Landry
Louisiana Office of the Governor
PO Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804
225.342.0991

District 51
House of Representatives
Representative Beryl Amedee
PO Box 1140
Gray, LA 70359
985.876.2141

District 54
House of Representatives
Representative Joseph Orgeron
15063 East Main Street
Cut Off, Louisiana 70345
985.693.9000

District 55
House of Representatives
Representative Bryan Fontenot
406 W. 3rd Street, Suite 107
Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301
985.447.0999

District 19
Senator Michael "Big Mike" Fesi
7910 Main Street, Suite 430
Houma, Louisiana 70360
985.858.2979

District 20
Senator Gregory A. Miller
P.O. Box 190
Norco, Louisiana 70079
985.764.9991

District 21
Senator Robert Allain
600 Main Street
Franklin, Louisiana 70538
337.828.9107

District 2
Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price
2115 S. Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, Louisiana 70737
225.644.6738

A.5 Lafourche Parish Elected Officials

Lafourche Parish Council
Thibodaux Office
402 Green Street
Thibodaux, LA 70301
985.446.8427

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A.8 Media

Local Newspapers
The Daily Comet
Published Through USA Today Co., Inc.
985.444.7600
www.dailycomet.com

The Lafourche Gazette
Addy Melancon
Publisher
985.693.7229
www.lafourchegazette.com

Local Radio Stations
KCIL – 96.7 FM
985.274.0117
Website: www.967kcil.com

KBZE – 105.9 FM
985.385.6266
Website: www.kbze.com

KQKI – 95.3
985.395.2853
Website: www.kqki.com

WGUO-Gumbo – 94.9 FM
985.274.0117
Website: www.gumbo949.com

Local Television Stations
HTV 10
985.876.3456
Website: www.htv10.tv

WWL-TV Channel 4
504.529.4444
Website: www.wwltv.com

Appendix B – Information Repository and Meeting Locations

B.1 Information Repository

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B.2 Meeting Locations

Public meeting will be held at:

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Appendix C – Glossary of Terms

Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternative (ABCA):

Remedial plan document that includes analysis of cleanup alternatives: identifies the objectives of the cleanup and provides an analysis of cleanup alternatives based on effectiveness, ability to be implemented and cost; documents if the situation meets the need for a cleanup; provides information pertaining to the site background and health and safety; and identifies the proposed action, and explains the rational for its selection.

Brownfields:

Abandoned, idled, or under used industrial, commercial, or residential facilities/sites where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

Community:

An interacting population of various types of individuals in a common location; a neighborhood or specific area where people live.

Community Involvement:

The term used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify its process for engaging in dialogue and collaboration with communities. EPA community involvement is founded in the belief that people have a right to know what the Agency is doing in their community and to have a voice in it. The purpose is to give stakeholders the opportunity to become involved in Brownfields activities and help shape the decisions that are made.

Community Involvement Plan:

A management and planning tool outlining the specific community involvement activities to be undertaken during the course of a site investigation and cleanup. It is designed to (1) share communication between the affected community and the EPA, and (2) ensure public input in the decision-making process related to the affected communities.

Enhancements:

To make greater, as in value, beauty, or effectiveness; augment.

Grant:

An award of financial assistance, including cooperative agreements, in the form of money, or property in lieu of money, by the Federal Government to an eligible grantee.

Information Repository:

A dedicated Brownfields Website that is convenient for local residents, community members, stakeholders and developers.

Objective:

Something that one's efforts or actions are intended to attain or accomplish; purpose; goal; target.

Preservation:

To maintain safety from injury, peril or harm; protect.

Public:

The community or people in general or a part or section of the community grouped because of a common interest or activity.

Public Meeting:

Formal public sessions that are characterized by a presentation to the public followed by a question-and-answer session.

Site:

Location selected for brownfields or environmental activity; place for potential redevelopment.

Spokesperson:

An advocate who represents the policy or purpose of a particular organization/entity.

Stakeholder:

Any organization, government entity or individual affected by the project or with a particular interest in the project.

Appendix D – Acronyms

ABCA	Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives
CIP	Community Involvement Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Environmental Site Assessment
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
SAP	Sampling and Analysis Plan
LDEQ	Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Appendix E – Figure 1 Area Map – Lafourche Parish

