

Awards 2016



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Selection Process



- Call for entries publicized at least four months in advance of conference.
- Criteria are set forth in:
 - The Report of the Awards Review Committee (2011); and
 - APA-LA Great Places Award (2014)
 - Both are published on the Chapter website
www.louisianaplanning.com/site/awards

Selection Process



- Five anonymous jurors appointed to one-year term
 - Four jurors from Louisiana Chapter Sections
 - One juror is a faculty member in a Louisiana urban planning program accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)
- AICP certification preferred
- Five years of professional work experience

Award Categories

Great Projects

- A Plan
- Implementation of a Plan
- A Process
- Education or Advocacy
- Student Project

Great People

- Leadership
- Enriching a Community's Quality of Life (Francis P. Keevers)

Great Places

- Louisiana Neighborhoods
- Louisiana Streets
- Louisiana Public Spaces

President's Awards

- Outstanding Service
- Special Recognition
- Lifetime Achievement

Great Projects



APA Louisiana Annual Planning Awards 2016

Excellence Award for a Plan - Cultural & Economic Development

ST. TAMMANY PARISH CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN

Client

St. Tammany Parish

Consultant Team

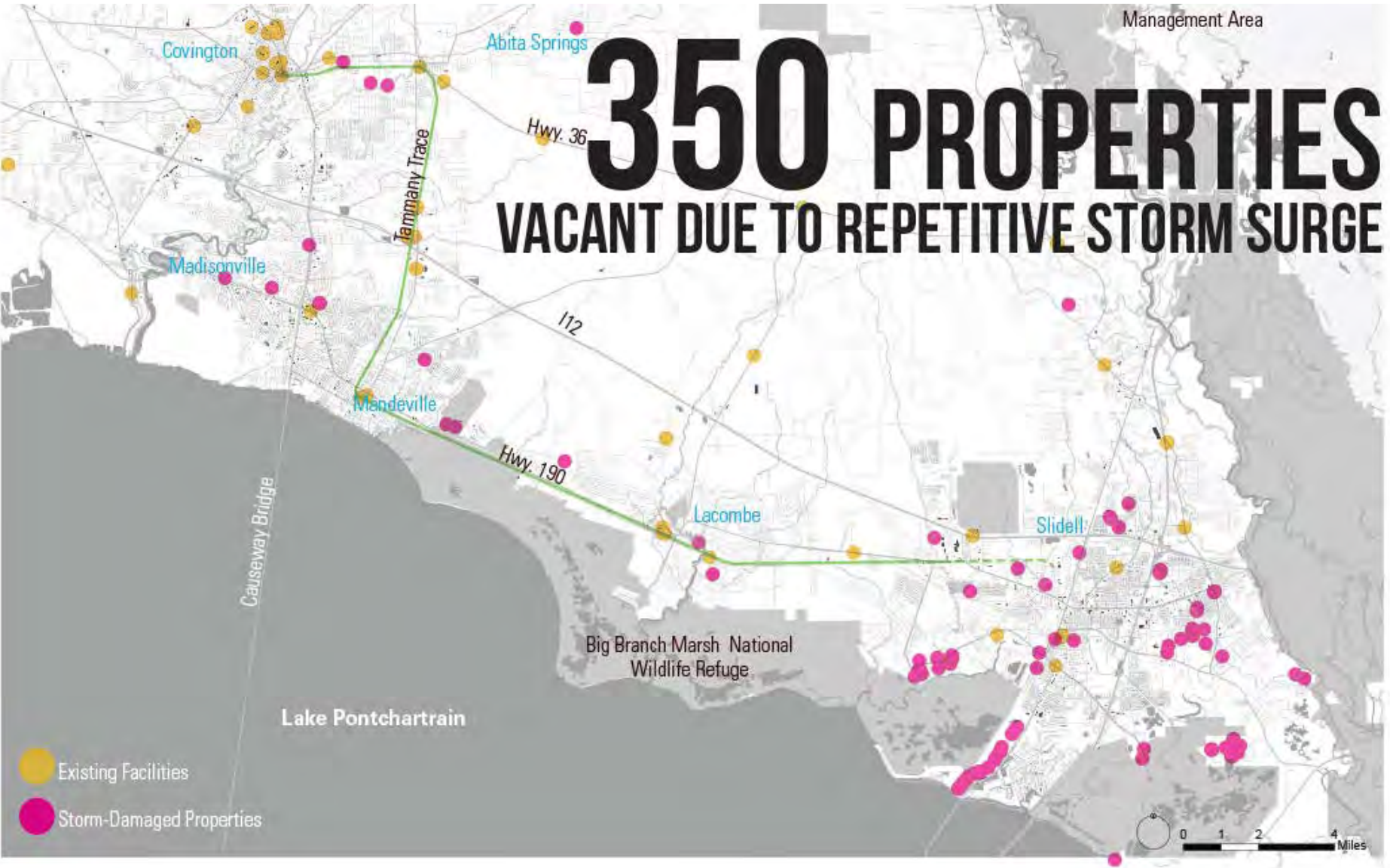
- *Design Workshop*
- *Leo, LLC*
- *Tamerica*
- *Franklin Associates*
- *CK Associates*
- *The Trust for Public Land*

**St Tammany Parish
Culture, Recreation and Tourism Strategic Plan**

**EXPLORE.
ENHANCE.
ENRICH.**

350 PROPERTIES

VACANT DUE TO REPETITIVE STORM SURGE





WOODLAND



PROMENADE



MARKET



Regional findings drove site specific recommendation and conceptual designs were provided for properties prioritized by the public, providing seeds for future funding and implementation efforts.

ANALYSIS

Property Suitability Assessment

The 95 properties analyzed as part of this Plan were placed upon each of the four preceding suitability maps, and the underlying suitability for each recorded. These suitability scores were then compared, and the highest ranked suitability category was recorded for each property.

In many cases, multiple categories were similarly ranked. In these instances, a property would receive multiple categories. The color coded map on this page illustrates the final recommendations for each property across the Parish.

Percent of total properties suitable to each category

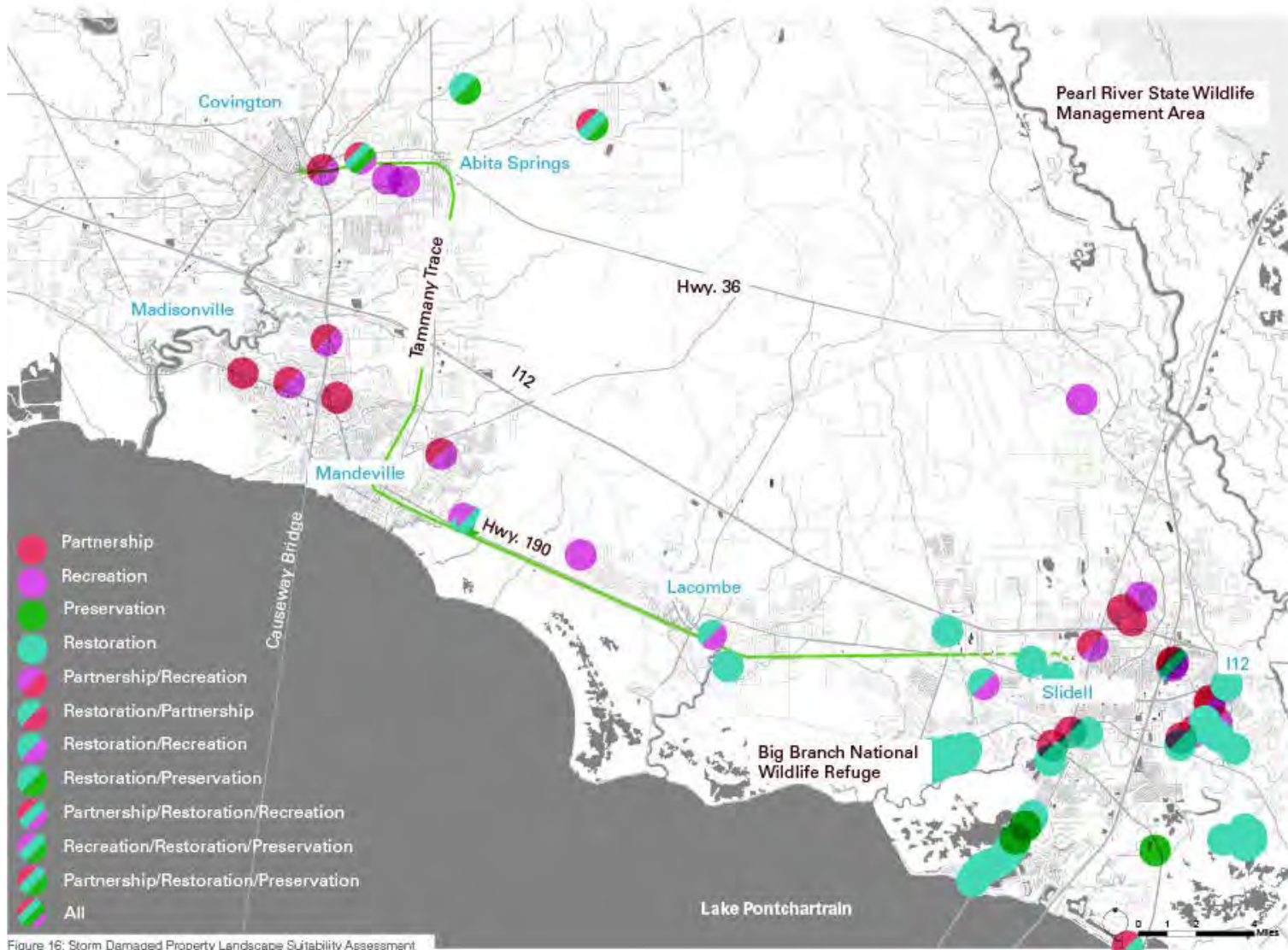


Figure 16: Storm Damaged Property Landscape Suitability Assessment

Congratulations to St. Tammany Parish and the
Design Workshop Team

Excellence Award for a Plan - Transportation



Jefferson Parish Bicycle Master Plan

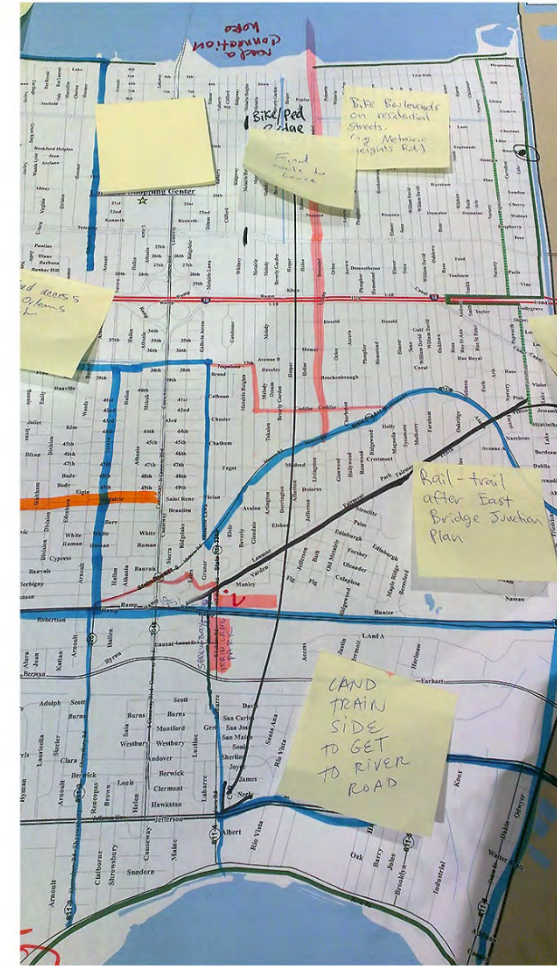
Client

Jefferson Parish

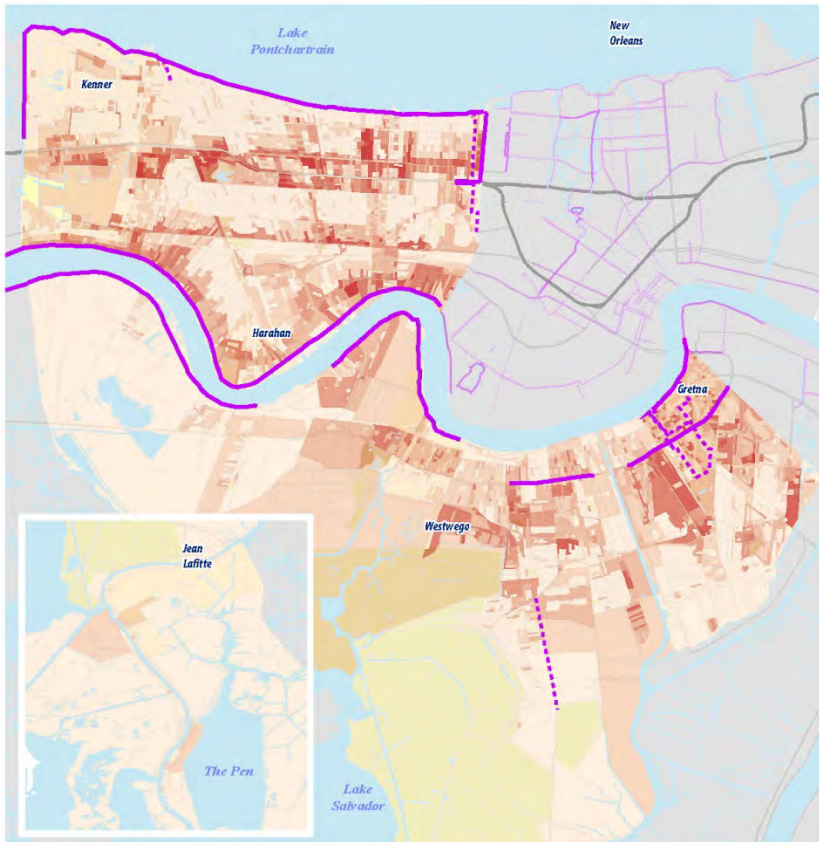
Consultant Team

- *New Orleans Regional Planning Commission*
- *GCR, Inc.*

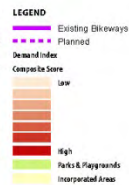




Jefferson Parish Bicycle Master Plan



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December 26, 2013



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HOME ABOUT DOCUMENTS EVENTS CONTACT US CITIZEN SURVEY UPLOAD PHOTOS

Posted by admin on January 7, 2013

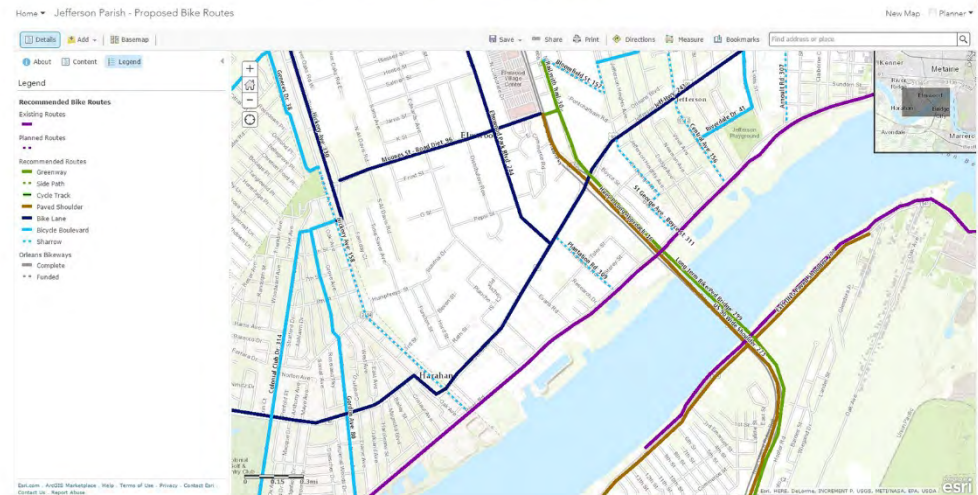
Public Forum dates announced

Posted in: [Uncategorized](#)

The Regional Planning Commission and Jefferson Parish invite you to participate in the Jefferson Parish Bicycle Master Plan public forums. These public events will provide an overview of the planning process and give attendees an opportunity to voice ideas and concerns for bicycling in the Parish, and inform the content of the plan. It will also be a chance for residents to learn about what

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Jefferson Parish Bicycle Master Plan

Congratulations to Jefferson Parish and the GCR Team

Excellence Award for a Plan - Community Development

Lafitte Greenway + Revitalization Corridor | Restoring the Urban Environment



The Lafitte Greenway is a 3.1-mile long right-of-way that was once used for the transportation of goods along a rail corridor. It is currently envisioned as a multi-modal transportation corridor linking residents to the heart of the French Quarter.

Lafitte Greenway + Revitalization Corridor

Client

City of New Orleans

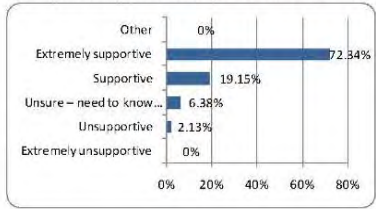
Consultant Team

- *Design Workshop*
 - *Applied Ecological Services, Inc.*
 - *Bright Moments*
 - *Chris Davala, CPTED Consultant*
 - *Eskew + Dumez + Ripple*
 - *Gandolfo Kuhn, LLC*
 - *Greenplay, LLC*
 - *Michael Willis Architects*
 - *RCLCO*
 - *Three Fold Consultants, LLC*
 - *Walter Kulash, Transportation Engineer*



Lafitte Greenway + Revitalization Corridor

Initially, how supportive are you of the Greenway?



Workshop 1 design charrette

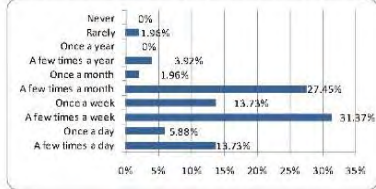


Workshop 1 presentation



Workshop 1 open studio

How often do you think you will use the Greenway?



charrette design comments

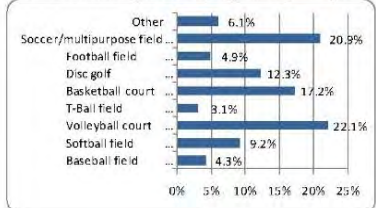


Workshop 2 presentation

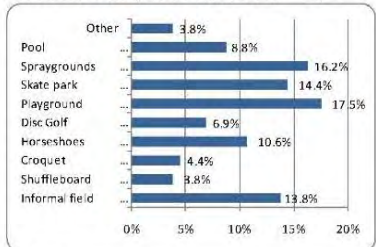


chip game, Warren Easton High School

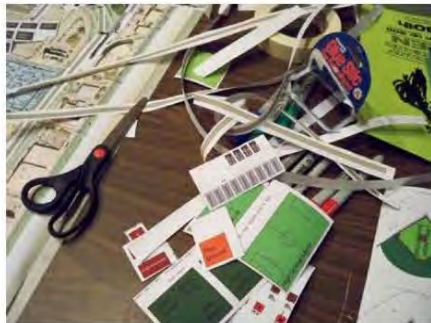
Active recreation priorities (Organized)? – Top 3



Active recreation priorities (Informal)? – Top 3



survey



chip game pieces



Friends of Lafitte Corridor chip game



chip game board and game pieces

Lafitte Greenway + Revitalization Corridor



100% stormwater treated on-site

community connection

canal/recreational amenity

local artisan benches

18% impervious surfaces

46% new tree canopy

Portions of the historic canal are re-envisioned as recreational spaces and provide artistic opportunities to display ecological and historic processes. By capitalizing on existing infrastructures, the design achieves the goal of mitigating stormwater and increasing quality of life.

Congratulations to the City of New Orleans and
the Design Workshop Team

Excellence Award for Education or Advocacy

Louisiana Smart Growth Summit

Agency

- *Center for Planning Excellence*



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John Fregonese

Innovative Community Planner



Summit sessions pair national speakers with experts from Louisiana, as can be seen in the 2015 Smart Growth Summit closing session with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Sherri LeBas.



The Summit offers educational opportunities alongside its sessions. The 2015 Smart Growth Summit included a day-long resiliency workshop, partnering with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority and 100 Resilient Cities.

Smart Growth Summit



The comprehensive communications collateral from the past shows the highest quality proving easy-to-use materials including programs. The 2014 and 2015 Summits also offered mobile-friendly access to the conference agenda, speaker information, and other details.



Smart Growth Summit

Congratulations to the Center for Planning Excellence

Louisiana Great Places



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Great Places in Louisiana - Place

River Road – Downtown Baton Rouge

Agency

- DDD – Downtown Development District

RIVER ROAD: A TRANSFORMATION AND CELEBRATION

OF THE

Mississippi River

Baton Rouge Downtown Development District

Category: Public Spaces



River Road: Louisiana Arts & Science Museum

A Louisiana Great Place



River Road: Florida Street Gateway

A Louisiana Great Place 2016



Success

Connecting the **Greenway & Levee Trail**

Special event usage / **spontaneous** programming

First **complete street** in BR/ pilot project

Transformation of River Road / reconnect to river

Creating the Vision

Design Team: Susan Turner Associates, WHLC Architects, Reed Hilerbrand, Reich Associates, Joseph Furr, DDD, DPW

Interagency coordination (Army Corps, CN Railroad, LA DOTD)

Design charrettes & community **input**

Providing **amenities** for recreation & leisure

Strategic planting of **native riverine tree species**

Congratulations to Baton Rouge's
Downtown Development District and
consultant team.

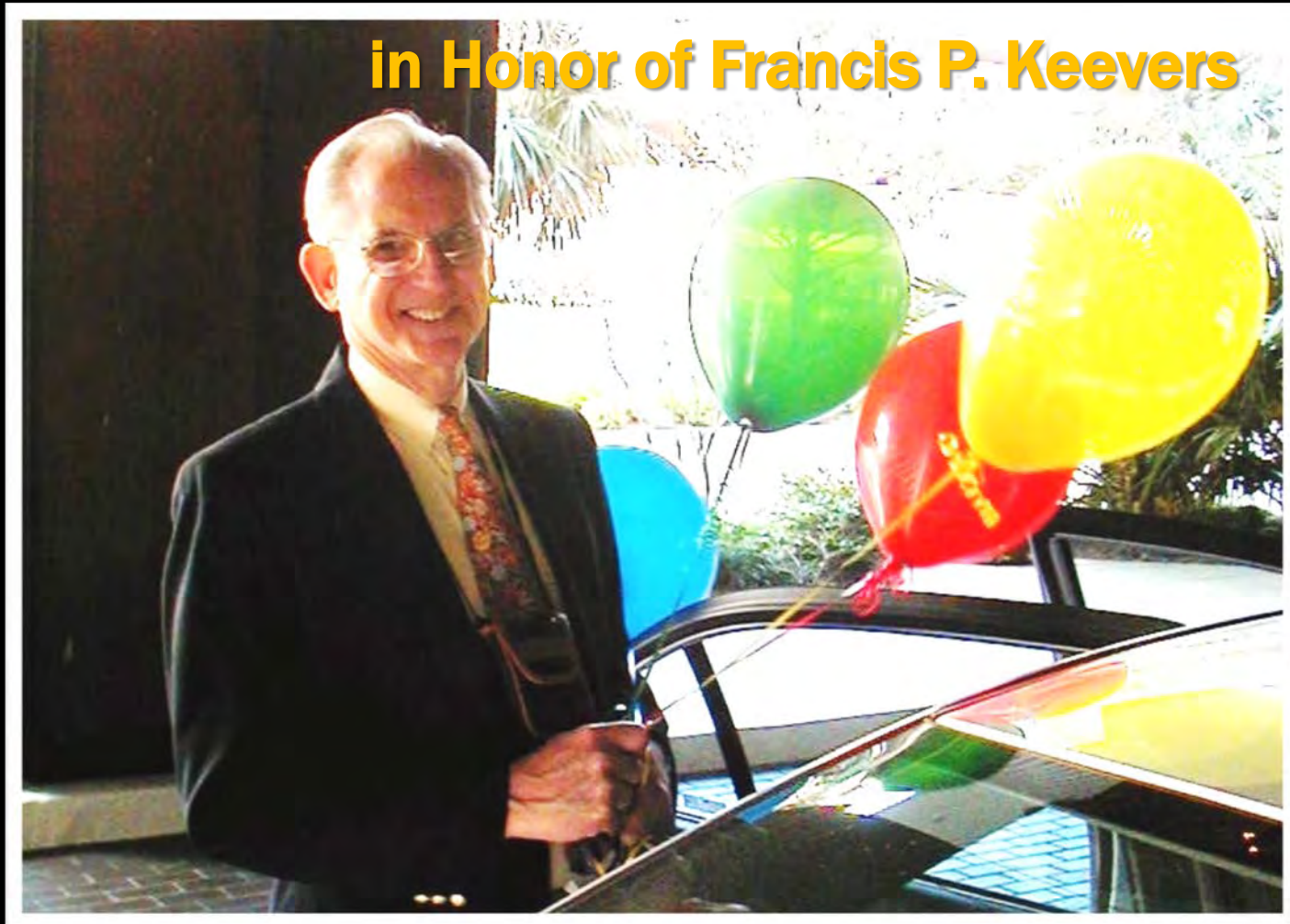
Great People



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Achievement Award for Enriching a Community's Quality of Life

in Honor of Francis P. Keevers



Achievement Award for Enriching a Community's Quality of Life



Salvador G. Longoria

- Chairman of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority



Salvador G. Longoria
RTA Chairman

2016 Achievement Award for Enriching a Community's Quality of Life



RTA Regional Transit Authority

Message from the Chairman of the RTA



About Salvador Longoria

Salvador G. Longoria is the Chairman of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Board of Commissioners

The tourism industry is an important part of the city's economic backbone goes without saying. The businesses and cultural experiences that support New Orleans' unique visitor experience provide job and wealth opportunities for our citizens, tax revenues to support city services, and an expanded cultural economy to support local artists, musicians and craftsmen. The importance of the tourism industry cannot be understated in this of the 24 hour city - and the 70,000+ citizens that create the 24 hour city - and the 70,000+ visitors unique cultural experience for the 8 million+ visitors must have access to the city's Downtown - the Central Business District and the French Quarter - the nexus of tourism business and job opportunities.

Providing safe, efficient and reliable transit to connect the citizens of New Orleans and the region to work, school, worship and play is our primary mission here at the RTA and this is as important for our late evening riders as it is for the passengers we carry from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. So, to serve this great 24-hour tourism destination and the emerging 24-hour health-care economy the RTA is currently engaging key community and transportation stakeholders in identifying the needs and opportunities for expanded late evening transit service. Our partners in this project include government, non-profit, community-based, business, educational, organized labor and civic organizations to identify the strengths and challenges and to develop concrete and actionable recommendations for serving late evening transit users.

But more important than the advice and input from institutional stakeholders and partners is the voice of the citizens - those of you who ride the busses and streetcars to and from work every day, and those of you who would like to ride the busses and streetcars if we could get you where you're going when you need to be there. We need you to tell us how we can better serve your needs for later evening service.

Please go to our website at www.norta.com or <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/RTALateNight/> and take a 10 minute survey.

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Copies of the survey are also available at the Regional Transit Authority A. Philip Randolph Administrative Facility located at 2817 Canal Street, on-board bused and streetcars and at local libraries. After completing the survey, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of five 31-day Jazzy Passes valued at \$55.

We provide a lot of service to a lot of citizens in every neighborhood of this city to meet every need that we can with the dollars that we have to spend. And yet will everything we do, we carry 50,000 citizens every week of the need. Yes, we carry 50,000 citizens every week but is service for 50,000 enough? Are there citizens needing later evening service that have to find other ways of getting to work and back home? If there are then we need to know.

We're seven years into rebuilding and the city continues to grow and change. As we move forward we're hoping that we can continue to grow and change with it. But in order to grow and change to meet the needs of our riders and potential riders, we have to know the needs of our riders. In a 24-hour city like New Orleans, determining the need for later evening service is an important step in the process.

At the RTA we recognize that more and better transportation options for workers mean improved job choices and enhanced economic opportunities while reducing the burden of transportation costs and improving quality of life. Working with our partners and with you this is a goal that we intend to realize.

Salvador G. Longoria
Chairman
Regional Transit Authority Board of Commissioners

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Maximum feasible participation of citizens is a priority at the RTA and as an agency we're constantly striving to find new and better ways to give our riders in particular and the citizenry at large an opportunity to provide input and feedback in the decision-making process. This year we're organizing a Riders' Advisory Committee to provide proactive input from a broad range of transit users on service, infrastructure and operational issues that affect bus, streetcar and para-transit services. The Riders' Advisory Committee will be responsive to transit users, will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners based on public input, and will operate with an absence of parochial bias to ensure that the RTA provides safe, reliable and efficient service to all citizens in all neighborhoods of New Orleans and the Region.

The Riders' Advisory Committee will:

- Provide a forum for the users of public transit to have their voices heard.
- Promote meaningful participation in planning and decision-making.
- Provide a mechanism for informing the larger base of transit users on changes and improvements in services.
- Seek input of and provide feedback from transit users on customer service and public confidence.
- Provide a forum for the agency to meet and exceed Federal Transit Administration requirements for citizen participation and involvement in planning activities.
- Support improvements in service.
- Help the agency to build public confidence.

The Riders' Advisory Committee will be comprised of not more than 21 members to include both transit dependent riders and transit choice riders. It is our expectation that committee members will represent a cross section of the bus, streetcar and para-transit users, and will reflect the geographic and demographic composition of the city in the first year 11 members will be selected as the initial Riders' Advisory Committee and the remaining 10 will be selected in year two in order to stagger the terms of the members.

The Committee will meet monthly

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and capacity-building activities. Once the Committee is up and running meetings will be held quarterly. Like the meetings of the Board of Commissioners, all Riders' Advisory Committee meetings will be advertised and open to the public. As well, meetings will be held after working hours to encourage participation of Committee members and the community at-large.

The role of the Committee is to ensure that citizens general and riders in particular have an opportunity to provide input and feedback on transit service delivery. As such, all voices on positions of account equality. There will be no voting on positions of support of proposed services changes, infrastructure development or planning projects. Recommendation will be approved by consensus of the members. In event that the Committee cannot achieve consensus, positions will be recorded without bias to ensure that the Board of Commissioners has access to the complete needs, concerns and questions of the agency's constituency.

The criteria for membership on the Riders' Advisory Committee includes: transit use, community involvement, availability to participate, and ability to work as a team toward a united goal. This criteria will be listed on application for Committee membership. Members will be selected by an independent panel of community and civic representatives and presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval. The application will be available on the RTA website at www.norta.com at our A. Philip Randolph facility at 2817 Canal Street.

Here at the RTA we have big plans for 2014. We're rolling out new bus lines, improving others and breaking ground on a new streetcar line. We're looking for ways we can improve late evening service to help with the hospitality and health care industries get to work every day. We have technology changes to better ensure that our riders know when the coming and to make it easier for them to board arrives.

We have a lot to do this year - not just for the city but with the community as partners. The Riders' Advisory Committee is a first important step in the part

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Congratulations to Salvador Longoria

President's Awards

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Outstanding Service

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Lifetime Achievement

President's Award

Lifetime Achievement



Mart Black, AICP

- Coastal Restoration and Preservation Department, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government



Congratulations Mart



–Adjourn–