ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES
RESETTLEMENT PLANNING

CDBG Boot Camp March 2019
Meet the winners.

Announced by President Obama in 2014, the National Disaster Resilience Competition was developed to help U.S. communities recover from prior disasters through innovative resilience projects.

67 disaster-affected communities
13 competition winners
1 billion dollars to rebuild better

#RebuildBETTER

Louisiana: $92.6 million
• $40m LA SAFE
• $48m Isle de Jean Charles Resettlement
FLOOD RISK & LAND LOSS - 2027
POPULATION SHIFTS 2000-2010

- **Lafayette** 29,871
  - +9%

- **Thibodaux** 14,566
  - +1%

- **Waggaman** 10,015
  - +6%

- **Bayou Cane** 19,355
  - +13%

- **Houma** 33,670
  - +3%

- **Cutoff** 5,976
  - +7%

- **Dulac** 1,463
  - -29%

- **Golden Meadow** 2,101
  - -3%

- **Lafitte** 972
  - -31%

- **Belle Chasse** 12,679
  - +29%

- **Buras-Triumph** 945
  - -67%
Client Account Management
Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles

Phase 1: Outreach & Needs Assessment
- June 2016 – November 2016

Phase 2: Site Selection & Master Planning
- December 2016 – February 2019

Phase 3: Development/Construction
- Currently underway
PHASE 1: OUTREACH & NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Phase 1: Initial Outreach & Needs Assessment

LAND USE ON ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES

- Primary Residence: 26
- Camp / Unoccupied: 35
- Abandoned Structure: 8
- Vacant Land: 67
- Other: 5

[Map of land use on Isle de Jean Charles]
PHASE 1

Community Meeting #1
- Land Use & Infrastructure Survey
- Resident Interviews

Community Meeting #2

Site Selection Activities

Final Visit & Data Confirmation

Final Phase 1 Report

THE RESETTLEMENT OF ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES
RESIDENT INTERVIEWS

DESIRE TO RESETTLE
BY HOUSEHOLD, 37 TOTAL

Yes - with community: 20
No: 8
Unsure: 3
Yes, but separate from community: 3
No data: 3

DESIRE TO RESETTLE
BY RESIDENT, 99 TOTAL

Yes - with community: 49
No: 28
Unsure: 7
Yes, but separate from community: 11
No data: 4
NEW COMMUNITY
SITE SELECTION
## Site Selection Criteria

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METHODOLOGY

Zone A - Areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors not determined.

Zone C - Areas of minimal flooding (determined to be outside 500-year floodplain)

Area within the 100-year Floodplain ±164 Acres

Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles

EFFECTIVE FIRM
2 FT MSL

EVERGREEN SITE
LIDAR FLOOD MODEL

Resettlement of
Isa de Jean Charles

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The Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles

Map of Considered Sites

The Resettlement of
Isle de Jean Charles

Community Meeting 3: Site Selection

July 1, 2017

State of Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit

Site Colors:
- Evergreen Site
- Main Project Road Site
- Rebecca Site
- Previously Considered Sites

Google earth. 7 mi.
COMMUNITY MEETING #3
SITE PREFERENCE SURVEY

Site Selection Preference Survey

Revertiement of Isle de Jean Charles

Rank sites from 1 to 5:
1: least favorite, 5: being your least favorite

Evangeline/Chawan Site A
Evangeline/Chawan Site B
Main Project Rd.

Asking Price:
Appraisal Price:
Acres:

$11,744,000
$11,755,000
367 acres

$15,046,990
$21,563,000
570 acres

$6,950,000
$8,045,000
1403 acres

Rank sites here:
1 2 3 4 5

Rebecca Site A
Rebecca Site B

Asking Price:
Appraisal Price:
Acres:

$222,500,000
$35,989,000
603 acres

$28,420,000
$29,500,000
457 acres

Rank sites here:
1 2 3 4 5

Flip over for an overview of the potential site
HOWEVER,

THE COMMUNITY THOUGHT CLOSER ACCESS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND HIGHER GROUND OUTWEIGHED THE ADJACENCY TO ATTACHED SWAMP LANDS AND EXISTING AQUA CULTURE.

COMMUNITY CONSENSUS AND CONCURRENCE BY OCD DETERMINED THAT THE EVERGREEN SITE WAS THE FINAL PREFERRED SITE CONSIDERING THE FACTORS OF LOCATION AND PRICE.
THE PREFERRED & OPTIONED SITE

EVERGREEN SITE CONFIGURATION - C
±515 ACRES
PHASE 2: RESETTLEMENT
MASTER PLANNING
**CORE VALUES OF PLANNING PROCESS**

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**Reduce Hazard Risk (Economic + Health & Safety)**
Reduce future hazard risk for both participating households and the State/taxpayers

**Maintain Meaningful Connections to the Island (Cultural)**
Current and former residents maintain a meaningful connection to the island

**Establish Meaningful Connections to and within the New Community (Cultural)**
New community will be designed and operated/maintained to enable residents to establish meaningful connections and facilitate the development of a sense of place

**Enable and Support Economic Prosperity**
New community will provide support infrastructure to help households and the surrounding community to thrive economically

**New Community is a Model of Sustainability and Resilience (Environmental)**
Place-sensitive and culturally-accommodating design of new site and structures will be of award-winning caliber reflecting best practices in sustainability and resilience
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
RESETTLEMENT CHALLENGES

- Involves physical and non-physical assets
- Keeping the community together
- Continuity of livelihood and traditions
- Lack of resources
COMMUNITY-SPECIFIC CHALLENGES

- Resettlements are always context-dependent and location-specific
- Long goodbye
- Complex process, land issues
- A diverse community – power/control/leaders
- Community is already separated - people have been leaving for decades
- 2 previous attempts and mistrust
  - Want answers before participation
  - Old objectives vs. new objectives
CHALLENGES OF MULTIPLE AUDIENCES

- Current residents
- Former residents
- Steering committee
- Academic committee
- New/Receiving community neighbors
- Other stakeholders – elected officials, professionals, media, public
“There will never be a place like home.”
METHODS

• Build capacity with the residents for making decisions
• Take a holistic yet individual approach to engagement
• Create an inclusive process
• Documentation of lessons learned/best practices
METHODS: BUILDING CAPACITY

- Engage island residents to collaboratively design a new community
- Steering committee
- Academic committee
- Larger meetings
- Issues of power: who speaks for whom
METHODS: ENGAGING INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

• Face-to-face communication
• Continuous communication
• Interviews & photographs that document the process
• This is not a traditional planning project
• Social scientists- anthropologists, sociologists, geographers
• Social workers
METHODS: CREATE INCLUSIVE PROCESS

• Residents are at the center of the process
• Participant input for every decision
  • Future of the island
  • New community design
  • Allocation of funding – resident-led prioritization
• Resettlement will be increasingly common
  • Complex process, every community is unique
• An iterative process, need to make changes along the way
  • Revisit challenges to inform lessons learned
• Recreating the community includes diverse perspectives
• Transparency, access to information builds trust
• For those who have opted into the temporary housing program:
  • Relief from daily uncertainty and from facing another hurricane season
  • Challenge of new schools, new neighbors, new social structures
• For those still on the island:
  • Thinking through the decision-making process
• CDBG funding may not be best-suited for future resettlements
The Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles

Isle de Jean Charles

7/19/17
“One more storm and it’s gone.”

- IDJC resident
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DESIGN
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

OPTION A

Island Residents

Hurricane Isaac / August 28, 2012 - Present

OPTION B

Past Residents

Past – August 27, 2012
Planning to Live With Water
ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES RESETTLEMENT
With CDBG funding