

Watershed Facts

DID YOU KNOW...

...46% OF CALCASIEU PARISH IS IN A FEMA SPECIAL HAZARD FLOOD ZONE?

...THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGION (SWLA) IS POISED TO UNDERGO A PROLONGED PERIOD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OVER \$65 BILLION IN ANNOUNCED CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPECTED TO BRING OVER 18,000 PERMANENT JOBS TO THE AREA

... THE 5-YEAR FORECASTED GROWTH RATE IS 4.7%/YEAR FOR 2014-2018. A 4.7% GROWTH RATE WOULD PLACE SWLA AMONG THE NATIONAL LEADERS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION GROWTH

...THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON SWLA WILL BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DECISIONS TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY ESCALATES IN THE COMING YEARS

SO... THE COMMUNITY MUST CAREFULLY MANAGE GROWTH AND USE DEVELOPMENT CODES THAT PROTECT PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. WETLAND MITIGATION BANKS, STORM WATER DETENTION, URBAN SPRAWL, ETC. ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES THE COMMUNITY MUST ADDRESS THROUGH ITS DECISIONS



The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury supports the mission of the



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CALCASIEU PARISH

*Drainage Mission,
Guiding Principles,
and Objectives*



In anticipation of the economic boom expected for SWLA, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury has taken steps designed to manage the future growth of the Parish. In order to avoid negatively impacting the overall quality of life with regard to drainage issues, the mission outlined in this brochure provides a blueprint that will help the community develop in a responsible way.

Mission

TO ENHANCE STEWARDSHIP AND PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S DRAINAGE WATERSHED RESOURCES IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND RESPONSIVE MANNER.

Guiding Principles

- Protect the existing public and private investments in residential, commercial and industrial properties.
- Optimize capacity for economic growth and development following accepted guidelines for community and environmental sustainability.
- Reduce the potential for impacts from natural disasters.
- Ensure protection of water resources for future generations.
- Maximize efficiencies of watershed management and maintenance with uniform funding structures.

Policy Objectives

- Formalize an organizational structure for a watershed management program.
- Review existing policies and ordinances with the goal of establishing requirements for responsible stormwater management.
- Coordinate policy development with input from watershed stakeholders such as member cities, drainage districts, large landowners, non-profits, utility companies, building contractors, realtors, construction design firms, and others.
- Establish a conceptual framework for prioritizing local and regional drainage projects.
- Apply sound criteria for the allocation of funds toward parish-wide drainage management functions.
- Seek funding source for existing subdivision drainage system improvements and upgrades.

Possible Outcomes:

- ★ Enhanced program of ordinances and policies that foster watershed management, and promotes growth

Operational Objectives

- Establish consistent “best management practices” in areas such as:
 - i. Operations
 - a) Priority Setting
 - b) Work Order Systems
 - c) Utilization of Equipment
 - d) Maintenance Schedules
 - ii. Finance
 - a) Purchasing and Bids
 - b) Asset Management
 - c) Budget Preparation and Analysis
 - iii. Human Resources
 - a) Training
 - b) Recruiting and Hiring Process
 - c) Classification and Compensation Plan
 - iv. Risk Management:
 - a) Insurance Coverages
 - b) Safety/Accident Prevention
 - c) Worker's Compensation
- Align operational activities with drainage mission and objectives

Possible Outcomes:

- ★ Revised processes or structures to optimize efficiencies in operations