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FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE COASTAL



Plaquemines Parish relies on robust coastal restoration and levee protection to safeguard our unique community. Through multiple lines of defense, numerous projects have been implemented to enhance flood protection.

-\$3.8B Spent Levees, floodwalls, pump stations, and other structures

NOV(USACE)

-\$1.6B in dedicated projects

NOV

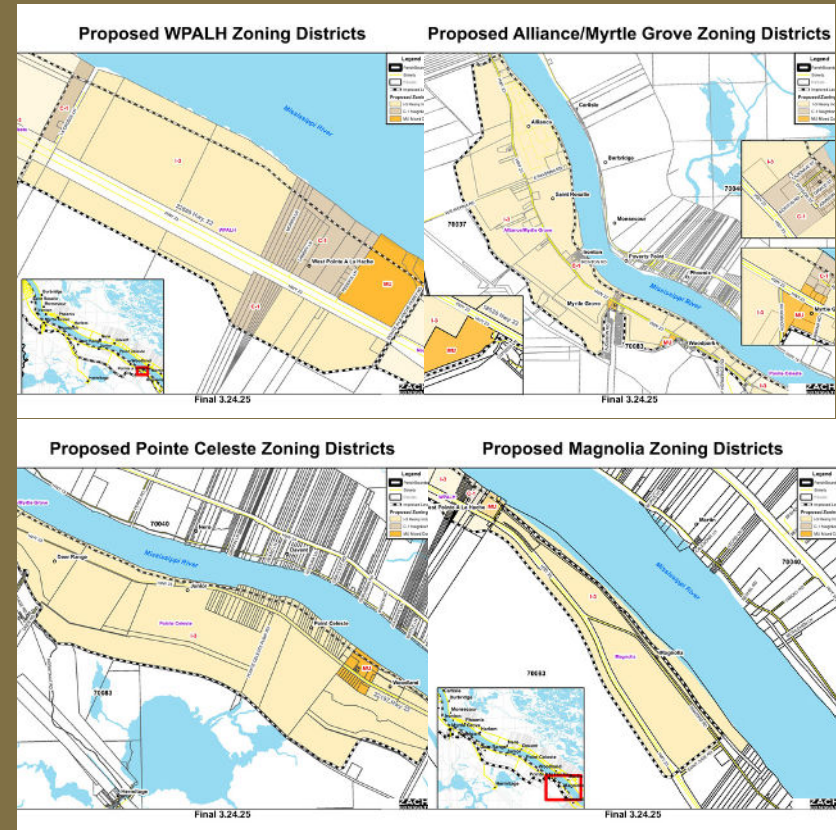
Grande Bayou Ridge & Marsh Restoration- Est 12/25

Breton Land Bridge Marsh Creation-Est 7/25

Bid Mar Wetland Restoration- Est 12/26

-Created a Levee Department

PUBLIC SERVICE



Land Use & Rezoning Study for AMC – Evaluating future development and zoning improvements.



Belle Chasse Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (2022-2025) Increasing water production from 6MGD to 9 MGD for improved service.



Alliance Booster Station completed in collaboration with LA Gateway Port-increase volume of water being pushed to Port Sulphur-Boothville/Venice.



Port Sulphur Water Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrade (Down Since 2020) Increasing water production from 1.5 MGD to 2.5–3 MGD for enhanced capacity.

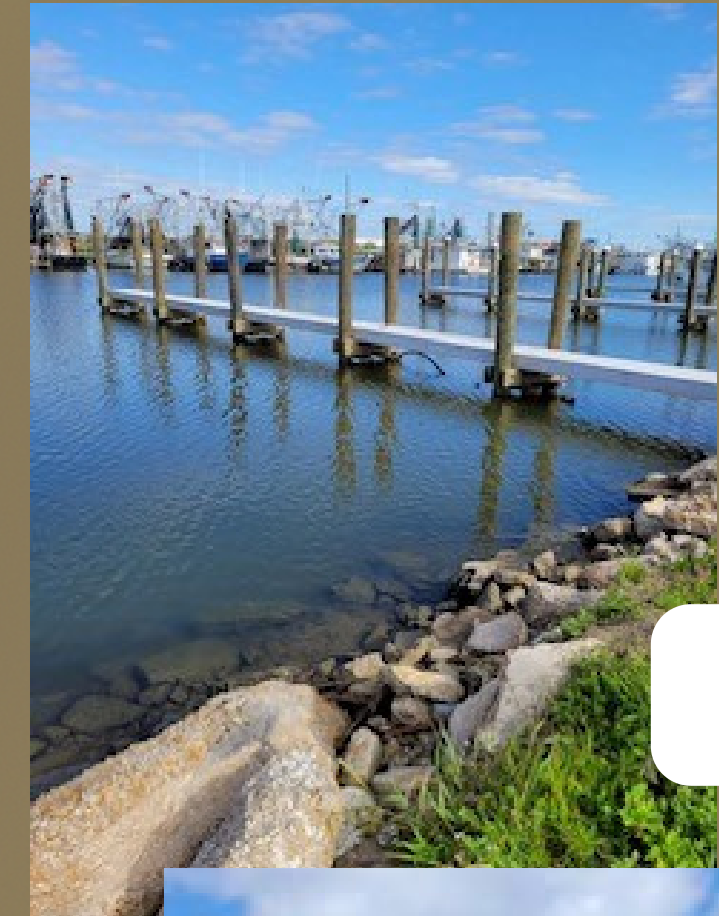
OPERATIONS



**Ditch
Clearing**



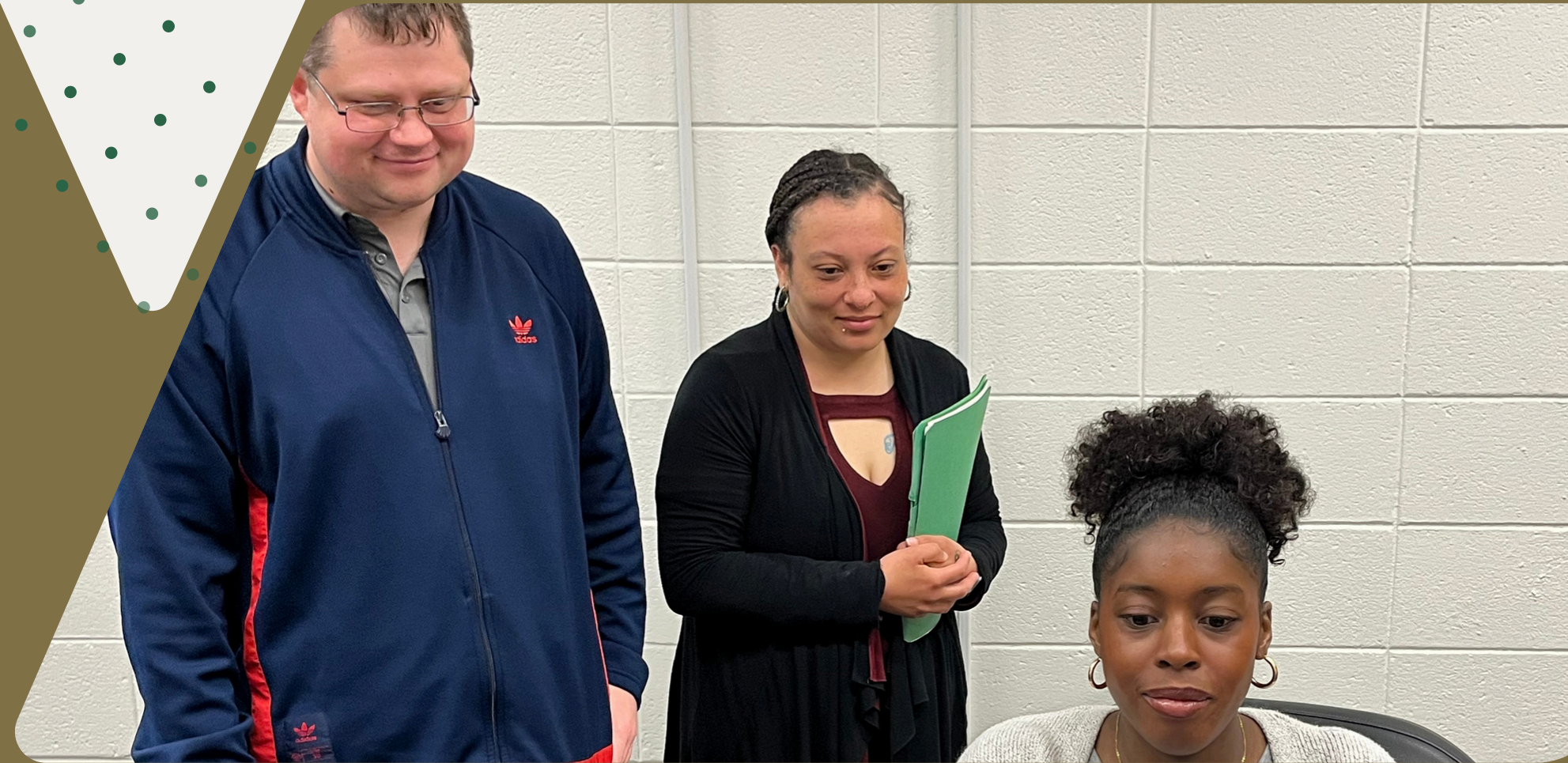
Equipment



Repairs



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



\$50M Sales Tax Collected (2024)

Last year at this level due to LNG plant & bridge completion in 2025.

Preparing for Revenue Decline

\$25M in Surplus, \$16M in Emergencies to sustain operations.

\$3M Invested

New vehicles & equipment for most departments after years of financial constraints.

Sustainable Budgeting

Sales tax revenue budget kept at \$15M to avoid a \$30M cut when revenues normalize.

\$19.5M in Defense Grants

JEEC (\$13.7M) & Basin 2 Flood Control Structure (\$5.8M) now under construction.

Permanent Funding

Emergency Medical Services funding to be established within annual budget.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANUFACTURING CORRIDORS

▶ **Site Development Master Plan**

▶ **Levee Certification**

▶ **Remapping/Rezoning**

▶ **Site Certification**

▶ **TIF Alignment**

▶ **Greenfields Inventory**

▶ **Brownfields Assessments**

▶ **ITEP**

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

Focus: Promote economic growth in Plaquemines Parish by supporting existing local businesses, while encouraging business retention, expansion, job creation, and long-term economic sustainability.

- Economic Stability
- Community Development
- Organizational Awareness
- Relationship Building
- Preserve 90% of enterprises
- 11 Economic Drivers (2 Visits Annually)
- Expansions thus far: 446 Million
 - 18 Billion (Future)

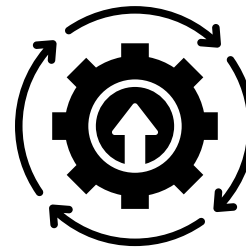


HOMELAND SECURITY



Statewide Support

Assisted in response to the Jan. 1 Terrorist Attack in NOLA.



2025 Upgrades

New equipment & circuit transition will save the Parish over \$100,000.



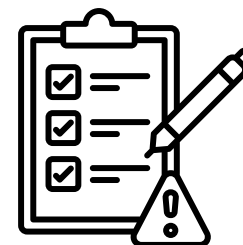
Cybersecurity

Coordinated annual cybersecurity assessment with federal & state partners.



911 Center Operations

- 64,000 calls handled in 2024 (up from 57,000 in 2023)
- 96.5% of calls answered within 10 seconds
- 99.2% of calls met the national standard of 20 seconds or less



Parish Preparedness

Updated the All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan & Hazard Mitigation Plan at little to no cost.



Incident Response

- Over the past year, OHSEP coordinated efforts for:
- Saltwater Intrusion
 - CrowdStrike Cyber Attack
 - Hurricane Francine
 - Winter Storm



External Funding Strategy



Grant Writing Firm

Grants Applied For: **\$15,110,900**

Loans Applied For: **\$21,801,000**
(\$100% Forgiveness)

ARTS, PARKS AND RECREATION

Key Achievements

Completed 2024 with zero employee accidents or injuries. Opened Davant pool(June 2024) for the first summer since 2022. Opened the Percy Griffin Community Fitness Center from Sept.-Dec. Launched open pickleball, Safe Sitter and Home Alone Programs. Installed new play equipment at Braithwaite Park.

Completed updates at Ironton Park including new portable restrooms, play equipment, bleachers, and basketball goals.



\$119,235.99 (up 22%)
\$97,476.98 - 2023

2024 Registration,
Rental & Donated Fees

\$25,000 (up 98.8%)
\$300.00 - 2023

2024 Booster Club self
generated funds

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- PPG Geaux App
- First Annual Christmas Bash
- Market In The Park
- Bayou Jeep Bash
- We Work the Waterways



PCDG Hosts First Ever Christmas Festival

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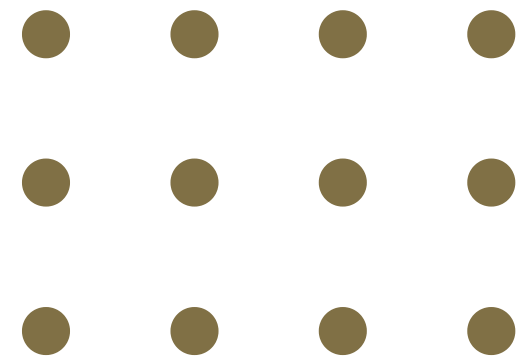
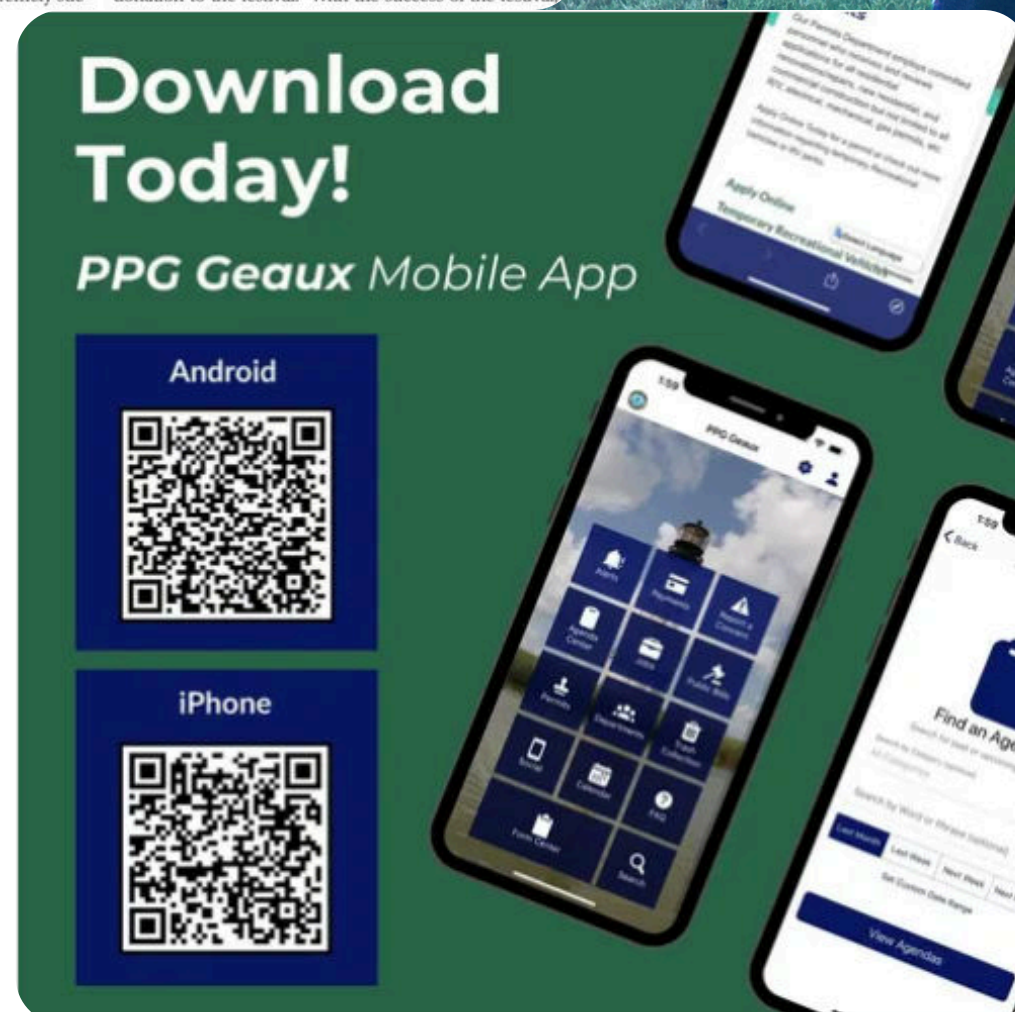
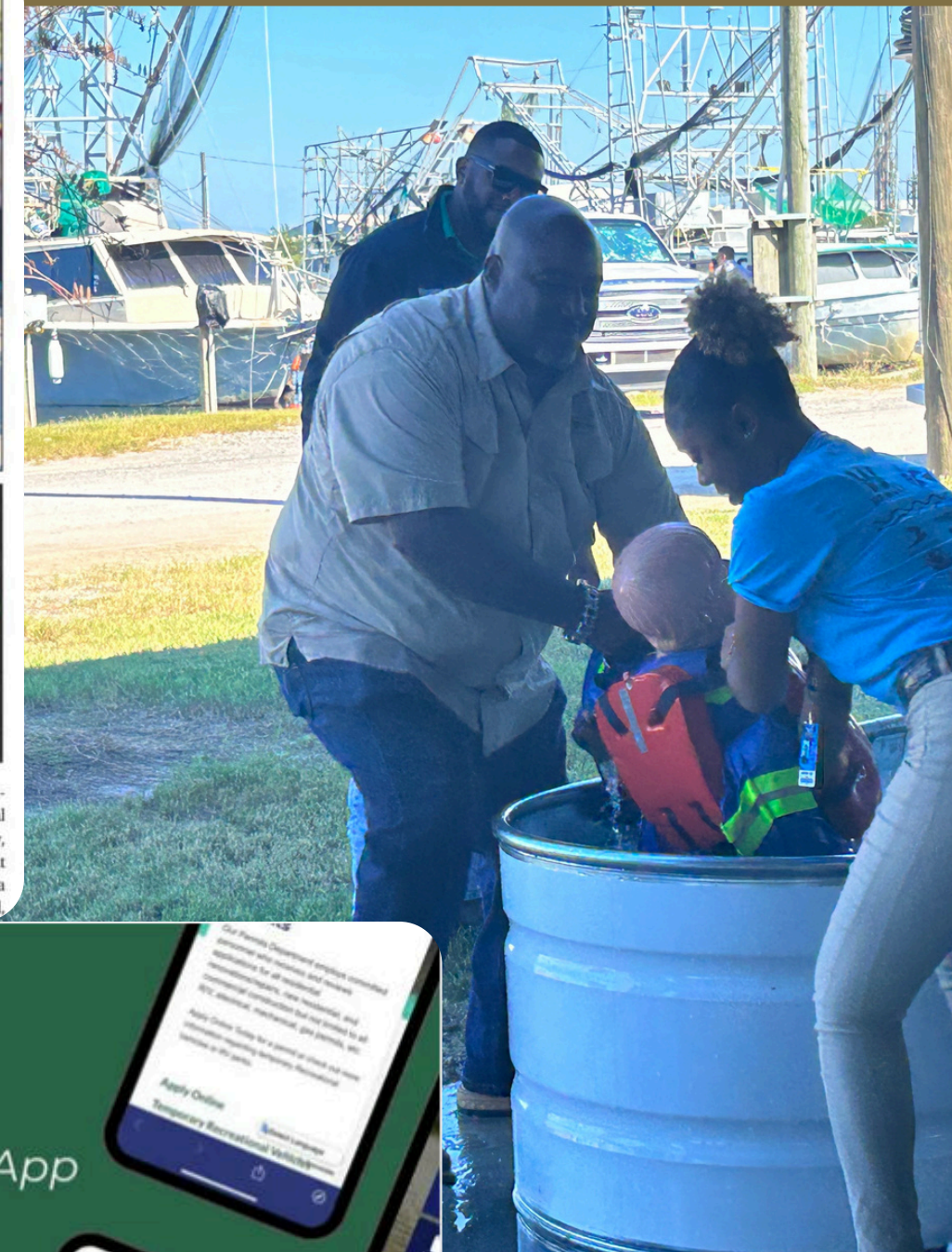
On Saturday, November 30, the local non profit Plaquemines Community Development Group (PCDG) hosted their first ever Plaquemines Christmas Festival. Hosted at the government complex, this first time event was free for those who attended and was held from 4 pm to 9 pm. It featured a "fun run/ walk," a parade, a tree lighting, fireworks, and numerous local craft vendors and food trucks.

Additionally, well known holiday movies such as The Grinch and Home Alone were played during the festival as well.

For a first time event, it appeared to be extremely suc-



and 2,000 attended the festival. Beyond just good attendance, PCDG was able to secure the participation of local school bands, members of the Orange Festival's royalty, numerous local companies, and PCDG even stated that Plaquemines Parish President Keith Hinkley provided a donation to the festival. With the success of the festival,





LOOKING AHEAD

- ✓ **Mid-Barataria Diversion**
- ✓ **Peters Road Bypass and Bridge**
- ✓ **Belle Chasse Bridge**

