A Town Too Smart to Die

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Hurricane Katrina

Biloxi, MS 2003

SOURCE: R. Emmer; NOAA; C. Johnson
WE HAVE HAD BETTER SEPTEMBER’S

HOLLY BEACH, LA

Pre-Hurricane Rita

SOURCE: R. Emmer

HOLLY BEACH, LA  2005

Post-Hurricane Rita

SOURCE: D. Davis
DELCAMBRE, LA

Legend
- Parish Boundary
- Southern Pacific Railroad

Source: LA Sea Grant; R. Emmer

2005 DOQQ aerial imagery is courtesy atlas.lsu.edu
DELCAMBRE’s WATERFRONT

SOURCE: J. Wiggins
DeLcambre

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The DELCAMBRE TOWN/PORT STEERING COMMITTEE

• Jim Wiggins, Business owner, Twin Parish Ports Commission
• Wendell Verret, Lawyer
• Scott Saunier, Delcambre City Council
• Connie Landry, Delcambre Shrimp Festival & Fair Association
• Greg Touchet, Lawyer
• Mike Tarantino, Iberia Parish Business Non-profit
• Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Delcambre Steering Committee Monthly Meeting
And did I mention the food?
BUSINESS PLAN (WORKPLAN)

TASKS

A. Identify Projects for Long-term Economic Program
B. Build a Pilot (Model) Recreational Community
C. Prepare Grant Applications & Assess Financing Options
D. Identify Legal Issues
E. Garner Assistance from Universities
F. Public Involvement and Media
PUBLIC MEETING
The FUTURE – A Working Waterfront

Waterfront Development

The town of Delcambre is located along the Southern Louisiana coast between Le and Pierre Part's. It's north of Lafayette and south of New Orleans. All along LA 1, Delcambre is known for its shrimp fishing industry and its annual Shrimp Festival. On the right is the Delcambre Basin, a natural harbor that provides the potential for revival.

On September 24, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit Delcambre. The Delcambre Canal opened and expansion of coastal erosion and water was pushed into the town of Delcambre causing a breach, which would eventually drain the entire town. The main levee that protected the town from flooding and the high winds and damage was damaged by the property it protected. Theohen goal is to foster economic growth and bring back businesses and homes, Delcambre's main economic activity along LA 1. Rather than being a town that was flooded, Delcambre was flooded.

The Community Design Workshop uses an array of design principles while working with residents. These include: reducing flood damage, creating green, and sustainable spaces, improving public spaces through open green spaces, squares, small parks, and in the water. The proposal includes: a park and public space by the harbor, creating a registry for wetlands and unique spaces, and improving public access to the harbor and waterfront.

Proposal

The main goal of this proposal is to create adaptive reuse of existing facilities and strategic placement of new much needed and valuable development.

Waterfront Development

This proposal reconsiders existing waterfront with a circular boardwalk along the canal and a wet dock where ships to serve as a boat launching facility. A large park and green space are created with open space and green space. In addition, new levees are constructed to protect the levees from future storms. A new boardwalk and piers for waterway users, including a restaurant, and piers for waterway users and residents is added.
SUMMARY

• COMMUNITY LEADERS TAKE THE INITIATIVE

• THEY ASK FOR HELP – Enter Sea Grant

• THEY ARE WORKERS, NOT ATTENDERS

• THEY WILL MAKE DECISIONS
DELCAMBRE – A TOWN TOO SMART TO DIE

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