

# RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative

## Department of the Treasury

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**Directions:** Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.

Multiyear Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	Amendment 02
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	11/21/2016
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	8/9/2019

Eligible Applicant Name:	St. John the Baptist Parish
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

1. A description of each activity, including the need, purpose, objective(s), milestones and location. Include map showing the location of each activity.

Amendment #2 adds one new activity, the Manchac Greenway Master Plan project. The Belle Terre Blvd Streetscape and Stormwater Management Enhancements project was funded by Direct Component in Award No. RDCGR400062-01-00 at \$328,799.29 on 4/3/2020 and is to remain as part of St. John the Baptist Parish's Multiyear Plan.

Manchac Greenway Master Plan project:

Description: The proposed planning assistance project for infrastructure benefiting the economy includes the development of a Master Plan for the Manchac Greenway along the Manchac Landbridge in St. John the Baptist Parish, LA. The Master Plan will develop conceptual improvements for evaluation and implementation along the greenway, including projects for improved access to outdoor recreation and natural resources; increased connectivity for multi-modal transportation; economic development through eco-tourism; and protection/preservation of wetlands, wildlife habitat, and natural areas. The proposed project serves to accentuate the natural environment along the existing corridor between St. John the Baptist Parish and Tangipahoa Parish, benefiting the economy and advocating for the use of sustainable development techniques such as greenways as a model for future development in Louisiana. All subsequent improvements will be made on publicly-owned property and will be maintained by St. John the Baptist Parish.

Need: Old US 51 runs North and South in the northeast portion of the Parish, parallel to Interstate 55, beginning at Interstate 10 until merging with Interstate 55 in Tangipahoa Parish. The roadway, which originally was part of US 51 connecting New Orleans to Jackson, Mississippi and Memphis, Tennessee prior to the Interstate System, remains as a corridor along the Manchac Landbridge used by locals and tourists to access the area's boat ramps and restaurants. With easy access to I-10 and I-55, the route is easily accessible and offers a scenic alternative to Interstate 55 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Tangipahoa Parish, while also serving as the sole means of access to a portion of the Parish's potable water source. Old US 51 also offers the most direct access to the Manchac WMA, a popular destination for hunters, fishermen, and birders. So popular are the recreational and tourism attractions along Old US 51 that, due to the efforts of local non-profit group Friends of the Manchac Greenway, the Manchac Greenway was formally established by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in 2016. Officially, the Manchac Greenway

includes the portion of US Highway 51 between US Highway 61 (Airline Highway) and Interstate 10 in addition to Old US 51.

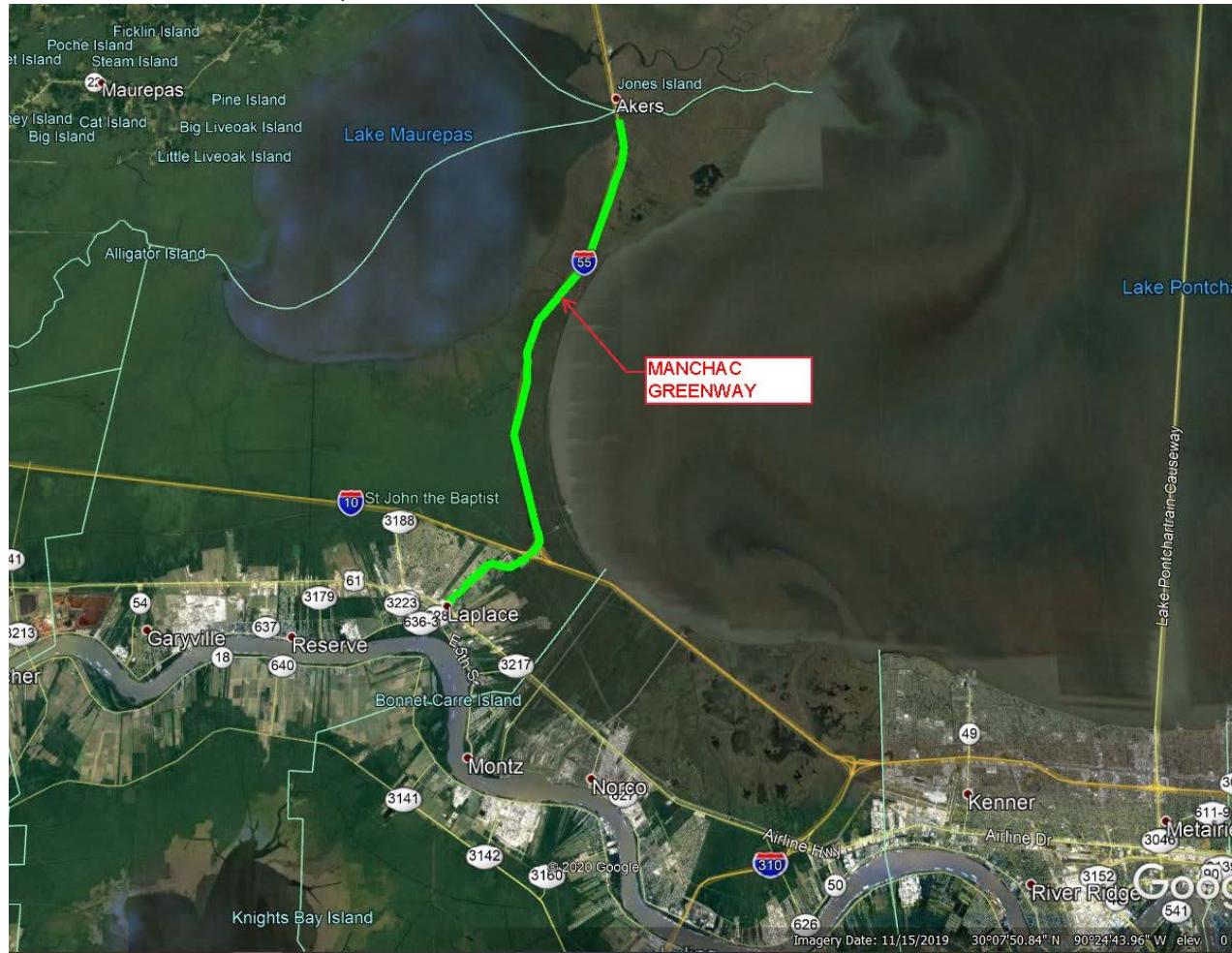
For potential components of the Greenway to receive state funding, a Master Plan must be developed that guides the development of the Greenway. The Manchac Greenway Master Plan project needs to be developed so that the Parish has a guidance document for projects along the Greenway that improve access to outdoor recreation to promote active lifestyles for the health and well-being of St. John the Baptist Parish residents; increase connectivity for multi-modal, sustainable transportation; support economic development through eco-tourism opportunities; and protect and preserve wetlands, wildlife habitat, and natural areas.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed project is to develop a master plan that will prioritize projects that improve access to outdoor recreation, increase connectivity for sustainable transportation, support economic development through eco-tourism, and protect and preserve natural areas.

**Objectives:** The objective of the proposed project is to implement the planning activity to develop a Manchac Greenway Master Plan that includes conceptual level projects that can be prioritized and implemented to meet the stated purpose.

**Milestones:** Milestones for this project shall be marked as measures of success and include development of the draft Master Plan; Public Involvement and Outreach; and development of the final Master Plan.

**Location:** The project will encompass the extents of the Manchac Greenway in LaPlace and Ruddock, LA. Central coordinates 30° 11' 02.67" N; 90° 26' 24.48" W.



2. How the applicant made the multiyear plan available for 45 days for public review and comment, in a manner calculated to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations, such as through public meetings, presentations in languages other than English, and postings on the Internet. The applicant will need to submit documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that it made its multiyear plan available to the public for at least 45 days. In addition, describe how each activity in the multiyear plan was approved after consideration of all meaningful input from the public and submit documentation (e.g., a letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear plan).

This section will be updated following the end of the public comment period.

3. How each activity included in the applicant's multiyear plan narrative meets all the requirements under the RESTORE Act, including a description of how each activity is eligible for funding based on the geographic location of each activity and how each activity qualifies for at least one of the eligible activities under the RESTORE Act.

This project meets the RESTORE Act definition of planning assistance for an underlying public infrastructure project benefiting the economy and or ecological resources as defined in 31 CFR 34.201 of the RESTORE Act Final Rule.

The planning assistance for this project will be conducted within the Gulf Coast Region and the underlying project site (US Highway 51 / Old US 51 from US Highway 61 to Parish Line) is located within the Gulf Coast Region.

4. Criteria the applicant will use to evaluate the success of the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative in helping to restore and protect the Gulf Coast Region impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The success of this project will be measured by the completion of a Master Plan for the Manchac Greenway. These services are necessary before design and construction of any enhancements can begin.

5. How the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative were prioritized and list the criteria used to establish the priorities.

Both the Belle Terre Boulevard Streetscape and Stormwater Management Enhancements and Manchac Greenway Master Plan projects are prioritized because of the need for the Parish to develop economic corridors in a sustainable way that promotes healthy lifestyles, eco-tourism, and preservation of natural areas. Specifically, the Belle Terre Boulevard Streetscapes and Stormwater Management Enhancements project was prioritized because Belle Terre Blvd is the main economic corridor in St. John the Baptist Parish. The corridor needs enhancements to ensure sustainable commerce that benefits the economy and for building resilience into the drainage infrastructure. The Manchac Greenway Master Plan project was prioritized specifically because the Manchac Greenway needs a Master Plan for the Parish to receive grant funds for sustainable development projects along the recreational and economic corridor in St. John the Baptist Parish. The corridor needs a master plan for enhancements to ensure sustainable commerce that benefits the economy and protects the natural state of the area.

6. If applicable, describe the amount and current status of funding from other sources (e.g., other RESTORE Act contribution, other third party contribution) and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component.

These planning projects will be funded 100% by RESTORE. St. John the Baptist Parish will seek sources of funds for the design and construction of projects that are generated by the planning documents.