

# 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 01
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	11/21/2016
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	11/21/2016

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 #1 deletes the Lake Pontchartrain Shoreline Protection and Restoration Project - Survey and Geotechnical Services project and adds one new activity, the Belle Terre Blvd Streetscape and Stormwater Management Enhancements project. The Lake Pontchartrain Shoreline Protection and Restoration Project - Survey and Geotechnical Services project was funded by Direct Component in Award No. RDCGR400062-01-00 at \$219,782.12 on 08/28/2018. This project is being deleted in Amendment #1 because of project prioritization and eligibility requirements. The Lake Pontchartrain Shoreline Protection and Restoration Project - Survey and Geotechnical Services Award No. RDCGR400062-01-00 will be closed out and \$219,782.12 will be de-obligated from the award and used towards the Belle Terre Blvd Streetscape and Stormwater Management Enhancements project.

**Belle Terre Blvd Streetscape and Stormwater Management Enhancements project:**

**Description:** The proposed planning assistance project for infrastructure benefiting the economy includes the design of a suite of streetscape and stormwater management enhancements along Belle Terre Boulevard, including new lighting; stormwater management features; a multi-use path; interpretive signage; and public displays of art. The proposed project serves to accentuate the natural environment along this major gateway to St. John the Baptist Parish, benefiting the economy and to advancing the use of green infrastructure to alleviate flooding within the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. All subsequent improvements will be made on publicly-owned property and will be maintained by St. John the Baptist Parish.

**Need:** Belle Terre Boulevard runs North and South through the Parish from Interstate-10 to U.S. Highway 61 and is one of only two thoroughfares connecting St. John Parish tourists, residents and industry to the Interstate system. As the major gateway entrance for St. John the Baptist Parish, Belle Terre Boulevard serves not only as the first visual identity to visitors to the Parish but as one of the main economic arteries of the Louisiana River Region. From here, visitors enter to enjoy ecotourism opportunities, commercial activity, and both historic and cultural landmarks. Further, Belle Terre Boulevard includes ample publicly owned land (in the form of a median) which can be used to advance green infrastructure principles regionally, alleviate flooding locally, and improve water quality in the adjoining coastal areas. Funds to design the streetscape enhancements as described above have not previously been available; moreover, such a comprehensive approach to streetscape enhancement will serve to capitalize on the natural features along the highway to meet the goals of both the St. John the Baptist Parish Comprehensive Plan and the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council's Comprehensive Plan.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed project is to design an infrastructure project to benefit the economy by enhancing tourism and resilient economic activity, alleviate flooding and provide stormwater management enhancements, and provide alternative mobility options for residents and visitors along Belle Terre Boulevard which serves as a gateway to the Parish.

**Objectives:** The following planning activities are necessary before construction of the enhancements can begin: topographic survey, geotechnical analysis, and design. Further, project objectives include obtaining a topographic survey along the Belle Terre Boulevard corridor from Interstate 10 to U.S. Highway 61, obtaining geotechnical information and recommendations for pavement sections and groundwater levels related to stormwater management features, and design of the proposed suite of streetscape and stormwater management enhancements.

**Milestones:** Milestones for this project shall be marked as measures of success including survey, geotechnical investigation, and design activities to begin within two months of project initiation. Topographic survey, geotechnical analysis, and 100% design documents to be completed by October 2020.

See attached map and figures for a graphical representation of the project location

**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).**

The St John the Baptist Parish Council advertised its revised RESTORE Act Multi-Year plan for use of Federal RESTORE Act funds during a 45-day public comment period concluding on June 5, 2019. The revised multiyear plan was also available on the parish's website and at the St. John the Baptist Parish Planning and Zoning Department for review prior to the public hearing on June 4, 2019. Public comments could also be received via e-mail by St John the Baptist Parish Coastal Zone Administrator Devin A. Foil at d.foil@stjohn-la.gov or in person or by mail to St. John the Baptist Parish Planning and Zoning Department located at 1811 W. Airline Highway, LaPlace, LA 70068. Before, during, or after the 45-day public comment period ended, the Parish did not receive any comments from the public. On July 25, 2019, the St. John the Baptist Parish President, Natalie Robottom, approved the submission of the final amended multiyear plan to Treasury for review and acceptance.

**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 (Belle Terre Blvd. from Interstate 10 to Airline Highway) 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 topographic survey, geotechnical report and design documents which will allow for the construction of the streetscape and stormwater management enhancements along Belle Terre Blvd. from Interstate 10 to Airline Highway. These services are necessary before construction of the enhancements can begin.

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

The Belle Terre Blvd Streetscape and Stormwater Management Enhancements project is the sole project proposed for the multi-year plan as per amendment 1. The project was prioritized because Belle Terre Blvd is the main economic corridor in St. John the Baptist Parish. The corridor desperately needs enhancements to ensure sustainable commerce that benefits the economy and for building resilience into the drainage infrastructure.

**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.**

This planning project will be funded 100% by RESTORE. Currently St. John the Baptist Parish is actively seeking a source of funds for the construction of the proposed enhancement project.