

### **New Directions 2040**

- New Directions 2040 is an update to the current plan, New Directions 2025, which was adopted in 1999.
- The updated Plan will identify obstacles, policy gaps and needed policy clarifications.
- The updated Plan will incorporate goals, objectives, and tasks to promote the Parish's resilience and sustainability.
- Asakura-Robinson, New Directions 2040's primary consultant, began October of 2020. The project has a 21-member steering committee made up of 14 Council and 7 President appointees to guide the process. Several live and virtual public meetings were held throughout the Parish, and presentations were made to the Planning Commission.
- The project is approximately 80% complete.

### **Unified Development Code Rewrite**

- The Unified Development Code (UDC) was last updated in 2009-2010.
- The UDC is a document in which traditional zoning and subdivision regulations are combined with other regulations, such as design guidelines and water management, into a single document that will promote sustainable and resilient development.
- The updated UDC will help respond better to development applications and help avoid overlapping regulations, therefore streamlining approvals.
- Since the last update, text changes needed for clarification and consistency were made on an as-needed basis.
- Fairway Consulting + Engineering, the primary consultant for the UDC Rewrite, began in 2021.
- The project is approximately 45% complete

### **Parishwide Wetlands Plan**

- St. Tammany Parish currently does not currently have a Parishwide Wetlands Plan.
- A Wetlands Plan is recommended to prevent the further loss or degradation of valuable wetlands.
- Resilient Development & Management, LLC, the primary consultant for the Wetlands Planning and Policy Guide, began January 2022.

### **Parishwide Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

- St. Tammany Parish does not currently have a Parishwide Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- The purpose of the Transportation Plan is to serve as a basis to guide decision making in the implementation of mobility and transportation investments within the Parish.
- The Plan will also serve as a basis for coordinating with other regional agencies, including the Regional Planning Commission and LA-DOTD.
- The project is anticipated to begin summer 2022.

### **Parishwide Comprehensive Drainage Plan**

- St. Tammany Parish does not currently have a Parishwide Comprehensive Drainage Plan.
- The objective of a Parishwide Comprehensive Drainage Plan is to identify and prioritize St. Tammany Parish Government capital projects while recommending parish code and policy revisions to promote improved drainage conditions throughout the Parish.
- An engineering consultant has been selected for this project. It is anticipated that the project will start in Spring 2022 with Phase 1 completed by Spring 2023.

### **Sustainable Growth Pilot Study**

- The Sustainable Growth Pilot Study will include engineering design and planning services within an area of St. Tammany Parish bounded by I-12 on the north, Sharp Road on the south, LA HWY-59 on the east and US HWY-190 on the west.
- To allow development to continue without increasing flood risks to existing and future structures, a consultant is conducting a multi-faceted study with the intention of recommending changes to parish regulations or procedures that will result in more sustainable growth.
- Tasks for the project involve reviewing hydrology and hydraulics of the three drainage basins affecting the study area:
  - Ponchitolawa Creek/Little Creek
  - Bayou Tete L'Ours
  - Bayou Chinchuba
- The overall goal is to address development related drainage areas in St. Tammany Parish with the intent of duplicating the recommended policies and procedures in other problem areas parishwide.
- The Richard Lambert Consultants (RLC) and Neel Schafer (NSI) team are expecting to have a Final Report completed at the beginning of September 2022. Any ordinance/policy changes originating out of the study can be expected to be implemented in the next 6 to 8 months.