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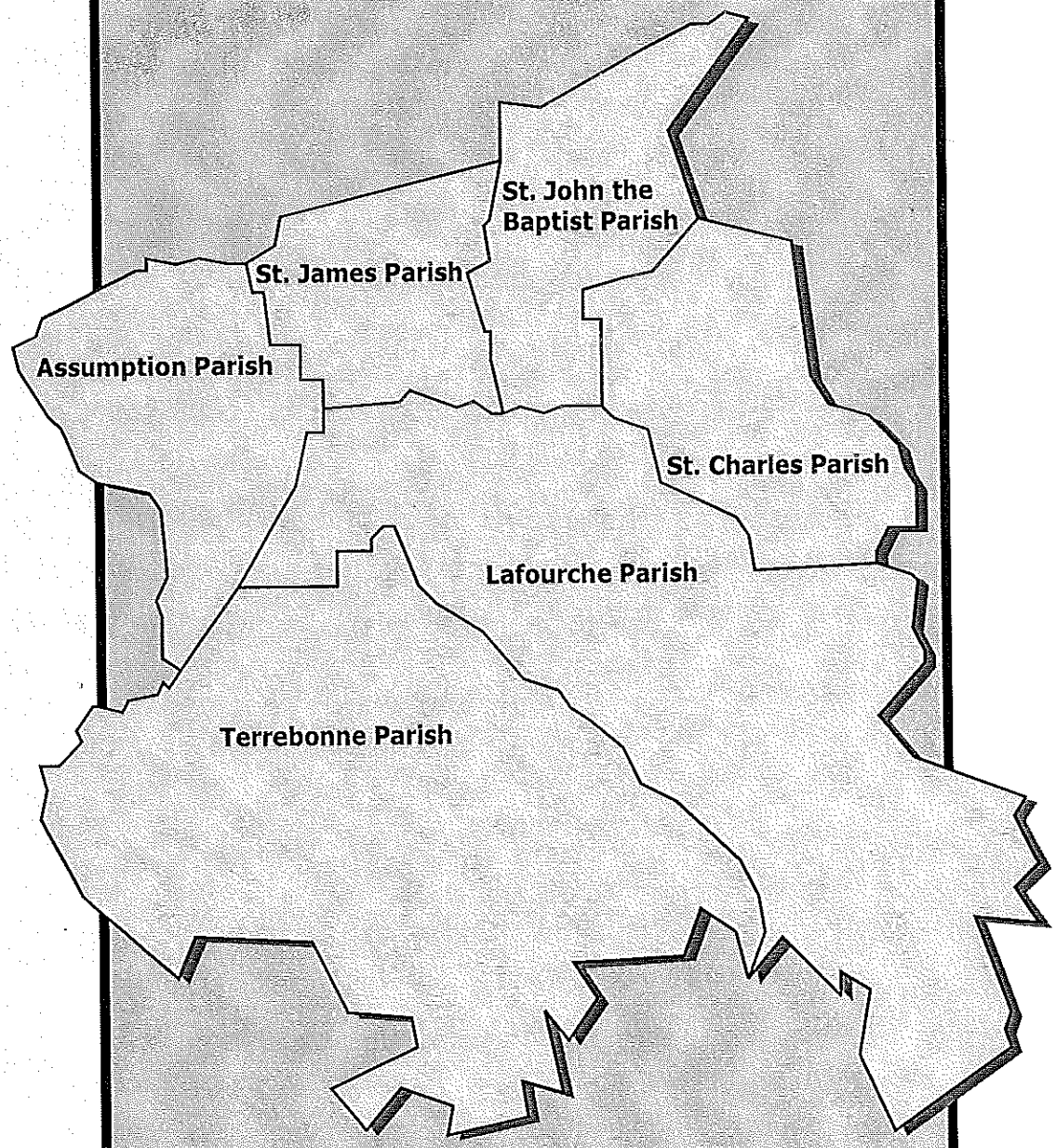

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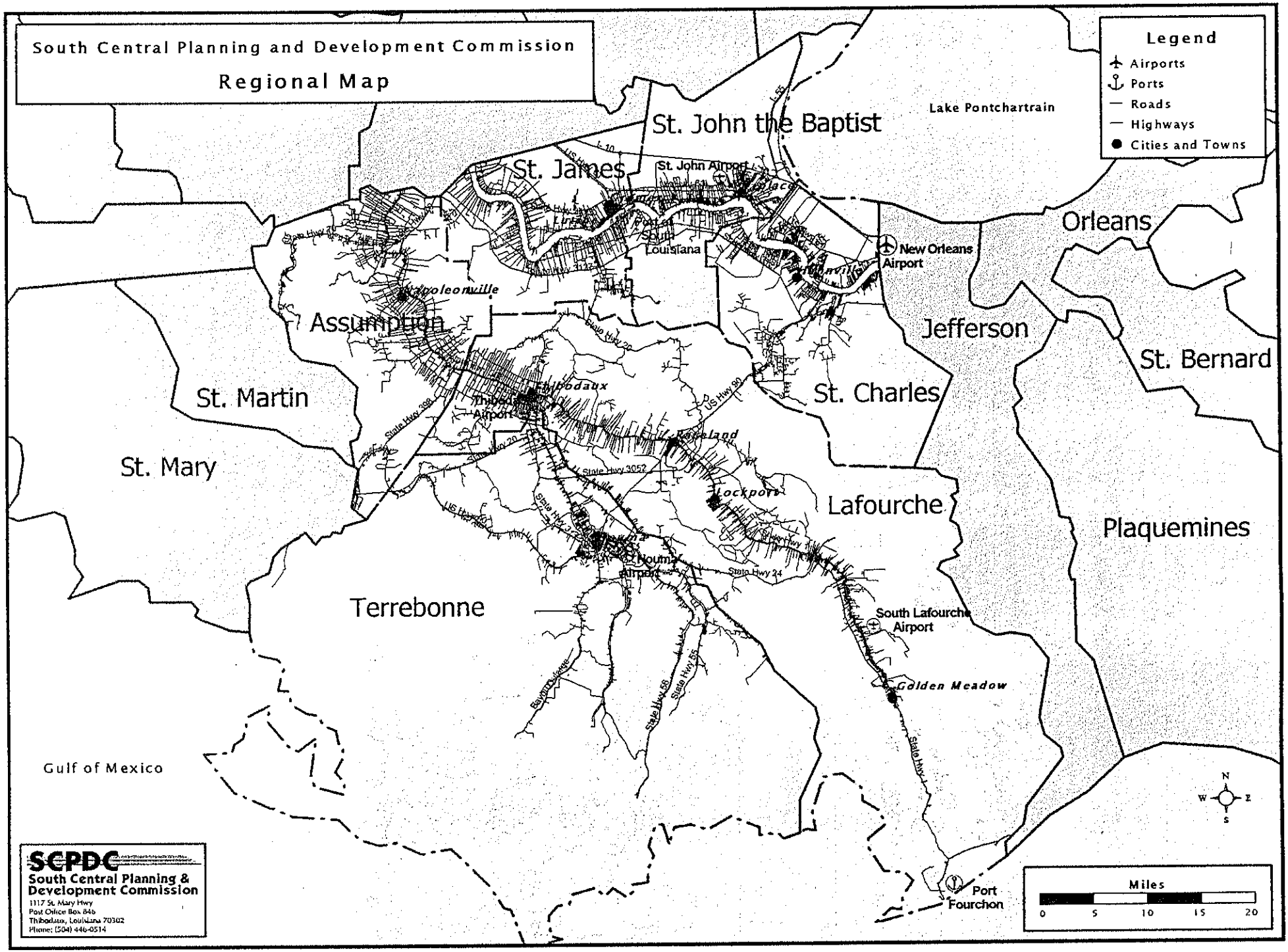
Introduction

INTRODUCTION

The Annual Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Report serves to (1) summarize and assess the past year's activities; and (2) present new or modified program strategies. This assessment is based on the goals, objectives, activities, and strategies presented in the "Regional Overall Economic Development Plan Report", dated June 1997. To obtain a copy of the 1997 OEDP Plan, contact South Central Planning and Development Commission, P. O. Box 846, Thibodaux, LA 70302; or call (504) 446-0514.

To assess the activities over this past year, and to formulate new or modified program strategies, input was received from each Parish OEDP Committee, through the Regional OEDP Committee Task Force. The Task Force met on August 4. The final annual assessment was adopted by the Regional OEDP Committee on August 12, 1998.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The OEDP Committees

THE OEDP COMMITTEES

The prominent tool for long range regional planning remains the OEDP process. The OEDP through the support of regional coordination continues to function efficiently at the parish level. Changes in the composition of the various OEDP Committee activities at the parish level are the true indication of the value of the planning process. The Regional OEDP Task Force has become a sounding board for innovative ideas and concepts that can be applied successfully throughout the region. The Task Force has made a commitment to improve the overall quality of life in the region by utilizing the fundamentals of collaborative planning.

Activities Conducted
in 1997-98 Program Year

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN 1997-98 PROGRAM YEAR

PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

FEMA Community Rating System. Communities continued to make efforts to improve their Community Rating under the National Flood Insurance Program. Through steps taken locally, communities can improve their insurance rating and thus realize reductions in the cost of premiums.

River Parish Coalition. During the past year the River Parishes Coalition took shape. The Coalition has as its goal the resolution of common issues among St. Charles, St. James and St. John the Baptist Parish. As a first step in this effort, the Coalition hired a professional legislative liaison to monitor and propose legislation that is of import to all concerned.

Historic Structures Survey: The regional inventory of historic structures continued though funding by the Louisiana Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism.

Business Directories. St. James annually updates its directory of businesses licensed in the Parish. SCPDC maintains a similar listing of businesses located throughout the region.

St. John the Baptist Parish Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. The Parish of St. John the Baptist is in the process of updating its zoning and subdivision regulations in an effort to both streamline and modernize standards and procedures.

St. Charles Parish Civic Center. The Parish continued its search for a suitable site for location of a Civic Center. Funds were allocated in the State Capital Outlay Program for the facility.

Local Government: Changes were made to the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter reducing its membership from fifteen (15) to nine (9) councilmen for representation of the parish in March, 1998. SCPDC was selected to re-draw and present district boundary revisions to the Council.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Louisiana Tax Incentives Workshop. In cooperation with the La. Dept. of Economic Development, SCPDC sponsored the "Louisiana Industry Tax Incentives Workshop". The workshop was designed to inform and generate interest within area industries in taking advantage of programs offered by the State that may make a difference in consideration of new start-ups or expansions.

Job Bank. St. James Parish continued its maintenance of a Parish Job Bank, a valuable tool used by local industries and businesses in their hiring efforts.

American Iron Reduction. The company, located in St. James Parish is now fully operational employing 72 people, 83% of whom are from St. James Parish.

Industrial Growth in St. Charles. The James Business and River bend Business Parks in St. Rose continued to receive new and expanding businesses.

Revolving Loan Funds: South Central Planning and Development Commission has loaned over $800,000 to regional businesses from its EDA RLF. This program has been successful in creating hundreds of jobs and currently does not have any defaults or problem loans.

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Loan Program: The Economic Development Division of Terrebonne Parish maintains a RLF funded entirely with CDBG funds. This loan fund is creating jobs for low-moderate income citizens in Terrebonne Parish. Terrebonne currently has a total of 15 loans with more planned to be approved this year.

Business Incubator: Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has awarded a contract to a Business Incubator consultant to conduct a feasibility study in Terrebonne to determine if an incubator would assist in Economic Development of the Parish. The study should be completed in 1999.

Road Projects: Some of the industrial road projects completed this year are: the Cameco Road Overlay Project and the North American Shipyard Road paving project both in Lafourche Parish. Terrebonne Parish received funds from the State to extend Palm Avenue thereby rerouting industrial traffic around a residential area.

Port Fourchon: Phase II of the renovations to the "E" slip have been completed at Port Fourchon and implementation of Phase III and final phases are beginning.

Dickson Road: In March, 1998 Terrebonne parish was awarded an EDA grant to extend and resurface Dickson Road which will serve the Woodlawn Industrial Park area. Installation of this infrastructure will help further the regional goal of improving the potential for the location of new and expanding businesses in the district.

Terrebonne Parish Port Commission: The Terrebonne Parish Port Commission has recently awarded a contract to create a *Port of Terrebonne* on 400 acres of waterfront property. The acreage is prime industrial property for attracting manufacturers and companies who are reliant upon the waterways.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Job Fair: Many of the regions local governments and economic development agencies participated in job fairs.

New Commercial Development in Houma: The completion of the new Highway 90 between Houma and Morgan City is expected to cement Houma's position as a regional commercial center. The new four-lane limited access road will provide easy access to smaller cities and communities to the West and North of Houma, a amenity already enjoyed by those to the East. Martin Luther King Boulevard in Houma has experienced phenomenal growth with major new retail establishments appearing over the last year, including a super Lowe's Home Improvements Store, Pier One Imports, Books-a-Million, Stage, Outback Steak House, Hampton Inn and Fairfield Inn to name a few.

Commercial Interest in the Towns of Gramercy and Lutcher has grown as a result of the completion of new access roads to the Veterans Memorial Bridge and I-10. New retail establishments are appearing along La. Hwy. 3125 in both towns.

The Small Business Development Center at Nicholls State University provides assistance to businesses in the area. Funded through the Small Business Administration, local businesses can obtain counseling and training assistance. Continuing education programs are also offered through the Center for Certified Public Accountants and Insurance Agents.

Annexation. Gramercy annexed a substantial area along Louisiana Highways 3125 and 641 within the past year, allowing additional areas to enjoy services offered by the Town. The Lockport Annexation Committee continued to explore the possibilities of annexing territory adjacent to it.

Commercial Growth in St. John the Baptist Parish has been steady; in particular in LaPlace, the region's largest unincorporated place. It is anticipated that a major new subdivision announced for Luling in St. Charles Parish would include commercial sites that will no doubt boost the local economy. Establishments offering goods and services to the petroleum industry continue to grow in areas adjacent to Port Fourchon.

Downtown Revitalization: The revitalization of downtown Thibodaux is becoming more noticeable as previous *business tenants* are now purchasing their buildings and renovating their respective businesses. Terrebonne Parish has been awarded the Louisiana Main Street Program designation and has participated for a full year. The Houma Downtown Development Corporation was formed and a Bayou Life Museum is currently being constructed along with a Bayouwalk and outdoor park. Facade grants and other participation have brought a measure of life into the Downtown area of Houma.

Kirk Building: Terrebonne Parish has an Economic Development speculative building which it is currently negotiating to lease to a manufacturer. This project was started with the assistance of the State of Louisiana and is designed to utilized the available building which measures 70,000 square feet to attract a manufacturer to create jobs in Terrebonne.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways and Roadways: Improvements to U. S. Hwy. 90 are underway with resurfacing between Des Allemands and Boutte. The last remaining stretches of the new relocated Highway 90 between Houma and Morgan City are expected to be complete by the end of 1998. This will provide a continuous four lane improved highway between New Orleans and Lafayette.

With U. S. Hwy. 90 nearly complete, much needed improvements to Louisiana Highway 1 and completion of approaches to the western terminus of the Veterans Memorial (Gramercy/Wallace) Mississippi River bridge are a top consideration for the region. The State recently announced that funds have been secured for the Bridge approach road. Repair to segments of La. Hwy. 1 are scheduled but major funding for some of the worst stretches of the road is still necessary.

Other area highways scheduled for improvements include La. Hwy. 57, overlay of about 10 miles.

St. James Parish and the Village of Napoleonville completed improvements to many local streets during the past year through a combination of local and LCDBG funds.

In St. Charles Parish, La. Hwy. 312, which provides access from La. Hwy. 3127 to La. Hwy. 18, (the River Road) was resurfaced.

Transit: Terrebonne Parish implemented its new Parish transit system. Construction of a downtown transfer station and establishment of identifiable and accessible bus stops is ongoing.

Road Tax: A one percent (1%) sales tax was approved by Lafourche Parish voters for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and resurfacing public roads within the created taxing districts.

The five (5) lane Bayou Gardens Blvd Bridge and LA Hwy 24 (Terrebonne Parish) is nearing completion after delays due to shifting soils in Bayou Terrebonne. The four (4) lane Bayou Gardens to S. Louis Canal Road project is in progress.

EDUCATION

Endeavors of area School Districts to improve the overall systems continue. St. Charles School Board expanded its two high schools with the addition of more classrooms of each. The additions are necessary to handle the influx of students entering these two 9th to 12th grade facilities. The Board is also undertaking building improvements at other facilities where the increase in enrollments due to population growth within the parish has resulted in the need to utilize over a $1 million of portable classrooms.

All of the school systems in the region have focused much attention on the need to improve overall student performance in response to changes in the standards the State of Louisiana uses to monitor such performance. The end result of this exercise will be higher achievement by the region's students.

Distance Learning Center. The SCPDC was the recipient of funds through the Department of Agriculture, which will be used to provide a Distance Learning Center at its planned new facility in Terrebonne Parish. The Center will offer adult education opportunities and will be able to be utilized by the region's school districts for interactive programs with K to 12 students.

Vocational-Technical School. Assumption Parish voters recently approved a millage proposal which will provide for construction of a new Vocational-Technical School in the next five (5) years.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

St. Charles Sewerage Improvements. The St. Charles Parish Council has undertaken a parishwide sewerage program through a combination of grant, loan and bond opportunities. The Parish has received loans through the State Department of Environmental Quality to provide rehabilitation and/or replacement of some existing facilities and to install new facilities

Globalplex Water Line. The South Louisiana Port Commission recently began procedures to obtain bids for installation of a water line, which will connect the Globalplex Terminal to the Parish water supply.

Gramercy Water Lines. The Town of Gramercy received a grant through LCDBG to upgrade water service in the Town. Officials anticipate completion of the project in the upcoming year.

St. John the Baptist Parish Water Facility Improvements: St. John received LCDBG funds to rehabilitate two water towers and two water storage tanks serving the entirety of the Parish's West Bank. Replacement of the water service line from Ruddock Well to LaPlace and expansion of the Lions Water Treatment Plant in Reserve will greatly enhance water service to these two East Bank communities experiencing much growth.

New Government facilities are planned for both Assumption and Lafourche Parishes. These two parishes were able to individually acquire bank buildings being vacated as a result of mergers and consolidations. The additional space will improve the ability of the Parishes to serve the public and offer more accessible offices.

An Agricultural Center is now planned for Assumption Parish as the result of a successful millage election. The Center will provide an arena for livestock shows and fairs and house the County Agent offices.

Sewerage Expansion. The Parish of St. John expanded sewer service lines in LaPlace and Reserve increasing the area on the parish sewerage system.

Recreation. St. John Parish improved public boat launches in Reserve.

Drainage Improvements in St. Charles Parish are ongoing as in most of the South Central Region.

Regional Center: SCPDC has been awarded Capital Outlay funds to establish a regional center to disseminate census, statistical, and other planning data to be utilized by the general public. The building will also be utilized as a Distance Learning Center providing interactive, video-conferencing equipment for interactive classes. Estimated time for completion of the building is the summer of 1999.

Drug Court: Lafourche Parish has received a federal grant award in the amount of $382,000 for a "Drug Court" as an alternative method of treating and rehabilitating individuals convicted of "drug-driven" crimes.

Civic Center: Terrebonne Parish is in the final stages of construction on a Civic Center and the grand opening is scheduled for the fall of 1998. The Civic Center is a 5000 seat arena set-up, 1,500 seat performing arts set-up, meeting room and convention, trade show hall.

Lafourche Parish Water Projects: The Parish of Lafourche Water District No. 1 is proceeding with work to provide a waterline to Des Allemands. The project is funded with LCDBG funds. The District is also planning to install a 12" water line along La. Hwy. 308. This will increase water capacity to Port Fourchon.

Lewistown Sewerage Project: The Parish of Lafourche received funds from LCDBG to complete Phase III of a community sewerage project in Lewistown.

Assumption Parish was able to complete two new community sewer systems; Louisville in Belle Rose and Violet Street in Labadieville, with LCDBG funds.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Solid Waste: Communities of the South Central Region continue to seek alternative ways to dispose of waste. Through Louisiana DEQ demonstration grants, SCPDC and the Regional Planning Commission were able to assist parishes in providing small composting bins at a reduced cost to interested residents. This demonstration project will hopefully generate interest in the recycling of yard waste.

Non-Point Source Pollution: SCPDC continued work with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to develop and utilize a non-point source pollution educational tool. The power point presentation and educational package is geared toward middle and high school students with the goal of raising public awareness about non-point source pollution problems and solutions.

Davis Freshwater Diversion: This project is now under construction and will provide freshwater into Lake Salvador. Such diversion projects have been found useful in generating new marsh growth and stemming saltwater intrusion.

Dredged Material from West Belle Pass in Lafourche was used to create new wetlands west of Port Fourchon. The project was funded through the Breaux Bill.

RESEARCH

Crime Lab. The SCPDC is working with the Nicholls State University to assist in funding opportunities for a Regional Crime Lab. This facility will offer a forensic research laboratory not now available in the area. Particular attention is being given to the need for drug testing.

Hydrologic and Water Quality Data Collection. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality conducted a time-of-travel study on Bayou Lafourche in Assumption, Lafourche and neighboring Parishes. This analysis, done with dyes, is part of ongoing research to obtain hydrologic and water quality data for streams all over the state.

Barrier Island Restoration Study is an ongoing joint effort through the Louisiana Coastal Restoration Trust Fund.

ENERGY

The energy industry had taken a dramatic upturn in the region with the development of new drilling technologies suitable to offshore conditions and deeper petroleum finds. While gas prices remain stable, the impact of a very recent and sudden decrease in the price of a barrel of oil is now being analyzed in order to prepare for impacts on other areas of the economy. However, because deepwater projects are long-term projects most companies are taking a "wait and see" attitude. The lower oil prices are expected to generate profits for the chemical industries and for refineries of gasoline. The

drop in oil is due to more foreign oil on the market. Such an event should increase activity at the LOOP terminal.

LOOP, Inc., into its 16th year of operation, now handles 30% of the nation's crude oil transfers. The facility, which handles transfer of oil from super tankers, is now Lafourche Parish's largest tax contributor. Growth at the LOOP facility along with growth in the oil field have overtaxed an already dated infrastructure system. In particular, the condition of the aging La. Hwy. 1 has further deteriorated with the heavy influx of traffic responding to the energy industry. These facts have resulted in diverse groups joining under the LA. 1 Coalition to seek a resolution to the problems.

PROMOTION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

St. James Welcome Center: St. James continued its efforts to provide a tourist information center. With property and a building donated to the Parish, plans are now being made to prepare the site and improve the building so that it suits the needs of the Parish.

Tourism: St. James Parish continued its public relations and promotional efforts with the annual update of its event brochure. Terrebonne, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes now have home pages that provide information about the community and the local governments. All of the Parish School Districts have information sites that offer information on schools and the community in general. Other communities in the area including Assumption and Lafourche are online through the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The Town of Gramercy issued a promotional brochure featuring a map identifying commercial establishments and points of interest throughout the town.

Promotion. The region continues its efforts to promote itself for industrial development in order to maintain a diversified economy. While recent growth in the oil and gas industry has spurred growth in all sectors of the economy, diversification remains a prime consideration. As a whole regional leaders agree that heavy reliance on one industry was the major component of economic problems when the petroleum industry busted in Louisiana. With this in mind, Parishes and larger towns in the region have wisely spent funds and time in maintaining knowledgeable economic development personnel who work hand in hand with the regional economic development district to promote the area and coordinate efforts regionally.

Proposed Projects

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Each of the following proposed projects or activity to be initiated during the upcoming year is an extension, addition or further refinement of an existing goal within the OEDP plan.

PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Local Code Improvements. The Parish of St. Charles continues to research the possibility of establishing a parish building code. St. John the Baptist Parish continues to update and streamline the Parish subdivision and zoning regulations.

St. John the Baptist Parish Master Drainage Plan. The Parish received approval for a drainage development tax that will fund a Master Drainage Plan and provide over $4.5 million for improvements. The Plan is expected to get underway in the upcoming year.

Atchafalaya River: The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources intends to begin the federally funded Atchafalaya Basin Project next year. Intentions are to improve water flow by opening up all of the blocked streams in the area.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Parish and community leaders will continue efforts to coordinate their economic development activities in order to produce the greatest benefit to the region as a whole.

Revolving Loan Fund: Recently EDA has provided an additional $568,000 for SCPDC to add to the RLF. This addition brings the available lending capacity for 1998-99 to over $668,000.

Utilities Incentive Program: Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government maintains a utility operation in the central Houma area. This Utilities Division is planning to develop some Economic Development incentives for job creation.

Plans to Extend Denley Road in Terrebonne Parish will provide access to an industrial park and simultaneously improve the flow of traffic along a heavy commercial area of Grand Caillou Road (LA Hwy. 57).

Terrebonne Parish Port Commission: The Port Commission in Terrebonne parish is scheduled to receive $3.9 million from the State Capital Outlay program over a 3 year period. The Terrebonne Parish Council has agreed to match that amount bringing the total to $7.8 million dollars for construction of a Port facility.

Port Fourchon opened its C-Port intermodal transfer station during the last year. The facility provides a transfer point for shipment of goods and materials needed on offshore drilling facilities.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commercial development is expected to continue in the area. Activity is anticipated to increase in the existing hub of Houma with the completion of the relocated U. S. Hwy. 90. The Gramercy, Lutcher and Wallace areas will experience new interest from commercial ventures as a result of improved transportation and Interstate access. Continued growth in the offshore oil and gas industry will generate new business spin-offs in key locations such as Port Fourchon.

TRANSPORTATION

Highway Improvements include the overlay work on U.S. Highways 90 and 61 in St. Charles Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish. Louisiana State Highways scheduled for improvements include Louisiana State Highways 70 in St. James, 44 in St. John and 48 in St. Charles.

The State of Louisiana plans to improve La. Hwy. 641, Main Street in Lutcher and Gramercy.

St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes and the Town of Gramercy have applied for FY 1998-99 LCDBG funds to overlay and/or reconstruct various local streets.

Assumption Parish has an ongoing street rehabilitation program.

Transit. In the area of transit, the River area Parishes continue to discuss the possibility of a transit system that would serve the River Corridor. Terrebonne Parish continues to plan for additions to public amenities with its new transit service, including improvements to bus stops and shelters.

The St. John Council on Aging recently applied for federal funds to acquire vehicles for the transportation of elderly and disabled persons. The new vehicles would replace older equipment.

La. 1 Coalition: The state will receive $6 million in highway funds under recently passed federal laws. The major beneficiary will be the LA. 1 Coalition which is seeking to improve highway infrastructure south of U.S. 90, including a better bridge at Leeville.

North-South Corridor: Another item included in the highway bill is $2.325 million for studies and engineering work for a north-south corridor from Thibodaux and Houma to Interstate 10. The corridor will facilitate hurricane evacuation by increasing northbound traffic away from Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes.

Realignment of La. 308: Construction on the realignment of La. 308 is to begin in November, 1998. While realignment of the road will provide safer conditions in the vicinity of Bollinger Shipyards Inc., economic development was the driving force for the construction. Realignment of the road will allow Bollinger's to build two (2) new fabrication shops next to Bayou Lafourche. The new shops should generate 300 new jobs and $5.6 million in state and local taxes.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is getting closer to establishing its new offices in Schriever (Terrebonne). The new office will enable the DOTD to house all of its subdistrict offices currently scattered in Houma, Thibodaux, and Raceland and possibly become a district headquarters.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Water Improvements. The Town of Lutcher announced plans to construct a new 150,000-gallon water tower utilizing LCDBG funds. The tower will provide additional storage capacity in an area experiencing growth and will be designed to accommodate future expansion

Sewerage Improvements. Parishes continue to look for avenues to provide sewerage in remote and isolated rural locations. The need for sewerage is important in the South Central region not only due to the influx of new residents, but in order to avoid pollution of inland and coastal waters that produce shellfish. Many of the nation's great fisheries are found in coastal Louisiana near populous areas. The discharge of untreated waste into these estuaries has been identified as a main component of pollution.

Both St. Charles and St. James Parishes continue to seek funding opportunities for sewerage improvements in areas that now rely on septic disposal. St. Charles Parish is undertaking millage and bonding proposals in an effort to fund parishwide sewage treatment. It has submitted an application to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant to provide a community sewerage treatment facility in Killona. The Parish also continues to apply for additional loan funds in order to provide sewerage improvements throughout the Parish.

St. John the Baptist Parish has taken steps to identify needed improvements to its existing parishwide sewage treatment facilities. The major element for refurbishment is the Riverbend Oxidation Pond. The Parish plans to undertake the needed improvements as soon as funds are available.

Recreation. St. Charles Parish is considering the acquisition of land near an existing recreational facility in Luling that will add 13 acres to the park. The Parish is working with the Corps of Engineers and Pontchartrain and Lafourche Levee Districts to provide bicycle paths on the River levee. These will form a part of the "Ring Around the Lake" bike trail. Assumption Parish is planning to expand the Attakapas Landing boat launch area in cooperation with the Atchafalaya Levee Board. The landing is the favored launching spot for local fishermen, sportsmen and boating enthusiasts to Lake Verret.

St. John Courthouse Renovations. The Parish has approved a millage for improvements to the two main Government facilities, the Edgard Courthouse and the Percy Hebert Building in LaPlace. Improvements include those making the buildings more accessible to the handicapped.

Assumption Parish has applied for a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for sewer improvements in the Belle Rose Lane area of the parish.

Lafourche Parish has also applied for a sewer treatment facility and water improvements in the Rita and Marydale areas of the Parish through the LCDBG grant process.

NATURAL RESOURCES

A comprehensive study of the entire coastal area of Louisiana is currently underway by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Coast 2050).

RESEARCH

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary System continues its efforts to find solutions to problems within the natural system. This award winning management program seeks to bring diverse groups to the table in order to develop consensus about common problems and realistic solutions in the basin. The recognition of the importance the natural system has on the South Central Region's economy and quality of life has been the impetus to this planning effort.

The assessment phase of a comprehensive study of Bayou Lafourche's flooding problems between Lockport and Larose and the benefits of ring levees has been initiated with the feasibility study to begin after assessment phase.

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission, in cooperation wit the La. 1 Coalition, is researching the possibility of establishing tolls in order to generate revenues needed to improve La. Hwy. 1. The study is funded through the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. The first phase of the report should be complete in the Fall of 1998.

PROMOTION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Updating and improving tourist and promotional information is an ongoing activity in the South Central Region. Expanded press coverage of the River Parishes by metropolitan newspapers has helped keep the business community informed of developments there.

Appendix A
OEDP Committees Membership

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St. Charles Parish Dept. of Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 302 Hahnville, LA 70302	Community Development	
Edie Michel St. James Parish Office of Economic Development P.O. Box 106 Convent, LA 70732	Small Business	W/F
Tom Watson St. James Parish Office of Community Development P.O. Box 106 Convent, LA 70723	Low Income/Minorities	W/M

Eric St. Amant St. John the Baptist Parish Dept. of Economic Development 1801 W. Airline Hwy. LaPlace, LA 70068	Real Estate	W/M
Patrick Gordon Terrebonne Parish Dept. of Planning & Economic Development P.O. Box 6097 Houma, LA 70361	Floodplain Management	W/M
Brian Chaisson Terrebonne Parish Dept. of Planning & Economic Development P.O. Box 6097 Houma, LA 70361	Business Development	W/M
Gary LaGrange Port of South Louisiana P.O. Box 909 LaPlace, LA 70069-0909	Ports and Waterways	W/M

Lafourche Parish

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Charlene Detro 202 Windsor East Thibodaux, LA 70301 (504) 448-4819	Education	W/F
Rickie A. Pitre South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association P.O. Box 4037 Houma, LA 70361 (504) 446-2298	Utilities	W/M
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Leonard St. Pierre Rt. 2, Box 749 Lockport, LA 70374 (504) 537-5140 (W) (504) 532-5297 (H)	Education	W/M
Al Diez, Jr., President Pope's Parts, Inc. 1315 St. Patrick Hwy. Thibodaux, LA 70301 (504) 446-8485 (W) (504) 447-7865 (H)	Small Business	W/M
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Nathalie Dantin, Director Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission P.O. Box 340 Raceland, LA 70394 (504) 537-5800 (W) (504) 537-5444 (H)	Tourism	W/F
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Rev. Lloyd H. Wallace 1284 St. Charles Street Thibodaux, LA 70301 (504) 447-4804 (H) (504) 446-5842 (W)	Minorities Religion	B/M
Eva Shanklin 943 St. Charles St. Thibodaux, LA 70301	Minorities	B/F
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Kenneth A. Callahan, Director Thibodaux Area Voc-Tech P.O. Box 1831 Thibodaux, LA 70302-1831 (504) 447-0924 (W) (504) 446-7478 (H)	Training	W/M
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Charlotte Riche Chamber of Greater Lafourche & the Bayou Region P.O. Box 941 Raceland, LA 70394	Business	W/F
Mike Guidry South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association P.O. Box 4037 Houma, LA 70361	Utilities	W/M
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St. Charles Parish Economic Development Council

OEDP Committee

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Greg Lier Rathborne Land Company P.O. Box 157 Harvey, LA 70059	Real Estate	W/M
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J. Glenn Wilson, Jr. LP&L P.O. Box 60340 New Orleans, LA 70160-0340	Utilities	W/M
Alan Ray St. Charles Natural Gas P.O. Box 158 Luling, LA 70070 (504) 785-6242	Utilities	W/M
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Mr. Frank Bourgeois P.O. Box 550 Vacherie, LA 70090-0550 (504) 265-2175 (504) 265-2265 (Work)	Banking Vice President	W/M
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Mr. Vernon Rodrigue 13262 La Belle Rue Vacherie, LA 70090 (504) 265-2297 (504) 265-9200 (Work)	Small Business/ Manager	W/M
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Mr. Tyronne Martin 2354 N. Exchange Alley Lutcher, LA 70071 (504) 869-4439	Industry	B/M

St. John the Baptist Parish Economic Development

OEDP Committee

Name/Address	Affiliation	Race/Sex
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Neal Levanda, Chairman 504 Chatsworth LaPlace, LA 70068 504/652-9014 (H) 504/468-3247 (W)	Industry	W/M
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Duaine Duffy, Vice Chairman 24 Pampas LaPlace, LA 70068 504/652-3343 (H) 504/837-9291 (W)	Professional	W/M

Carl Freeman 305 Rosedown Drive LaPlace, LA 70068 504/652-9860 (H)	Professional	W/M
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Terrebonne Parish Economic Development

OEDP Committee

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Patrick Gordon	Ex-Officio	W/M
Paul Labat	Ex-Officio	W/M
AC Fondren	Ex-Officio	W/M
Todd Pellegrin	Ex-Officio	W/M
Barry Bonvillain	Ex-Officio	W/M
Kevin Ghirardi	Ex-Officio	W/M
Mike Robichaux	Medical	W/M
Sharon Alford	Real Estate	W/F
Vic Lafont	Ex-Officio	W/M
Craig Roussel	Ex-Officio	W/M
Claudette Sevin	Ex-Officio	W/F
Sharon Roppolo	Banking & Finance	W/F
Robert Boquet	Banking & Finance	W/M
Troy Liner	Community	W/M
Leigh Larose	Community	W/F
Keith Authement	Community	W/M
David Elmore	Economic Development	W/M
Marvin Marmande	Economic Development	W/M
Marue Soudelier	Education	W/F
Frank Fudesco	Education	W/M
David Chauvin	Housing	W/M
Roy LeBoeuf	Housing	W/M

Billy Coyle	Industrial	W/M
Darrell Walters	Minority	B/M
Charles Brown	Minority	B/M
Kirby Bonvillain	Minority	B/M
Michel Claudet	Professional	W/M
Charles Theriot	Professional	W/M
Julius Hebert, Jr.	Professional	W/M
Sandra Guidroz	Real Estate	W/F
Roland Henry	Rural Business	W/M
George Bourg	Rural Business	W/M
Jerry Cobb	Rural Business	W/M
Edward McCulla	Small Business	W/M
Byron Bennett	Small Business	W/M
Beullah Rodrique	Small Business	W/F
Linton Naquin	Small Business	W/M
Weston Hull	Small Business	W/M
David Smith	Small Business	W/M
Werlien Prosperie	Tourism	W/M
Vernon Bourgeois	Tourism	W/M
Sandra Pellegrin	Tourism	W/F
Luther Fletcher	Training	W/M
Travis Lavigne	Training	W/M
Keith Ortego	Training	W/M
Ken Rachal	Training	W/M
Earl Hicks	Transportation	W/M
John Woodard	Transportation	W/M

John Monteiro	Transportation	W/M
Tom Bourg	Utilities	W/M
Rickie Pitre	Utilities	W/M
Raymond Prejant	Utilities	W/M

Appendix B
Parish Letters of Support

Assumption Parish Police Jury

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 7, 1998

Mr. Pedro Garza, Regional Director
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administraiton
611 East Sixth Street
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Garza:

Assumption Parish is a designated Redevelopment Area according to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

As a means to improve our situation and to maintain our Redevelopment Area status, we participate in the efforts of the South Central Planning and Development Commission to establish and maintain an Overall Economic Development process for the parish and the District. The Parish has chosen to participate in the District's OEDP instead of preparing our own Parish OEDP.

Furthermore, Assumption Parish actively participates in and supports the the District OEDP planning process, and intends to continue its support of the District.

We intend to fulfill our annual requirements in future South Central Planning and Development Commission District annual reports and OEDP plans.

Sincerely,

Martin S. Triche
President

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Lafourche Parish Council

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Aaron Caillouet, ***Parish President***

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SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

August 10, 1998

Mr. Pedro Garza, Regional Director
U. S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
903 San Jacinto Boulevard, Suite 121
Austin, Texas 78701-2450

RE: OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS

Dear Mr. Garza:

Lafourche Parish is a designated Redevelopment Area according to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

As a means to improve our situation and to maintain our Redevelopment Area status, we participate in the efforts of the South Central Planning and Development Commission to establish and maintain an overall economic development planning process for the Parish and the District. The Parish has chosen to participate in the District's OEDP instead of preparing its own Parish OEDP.

Furthermore, Lafourche Parish actively participates in and supports the District OEDP planning process, and intends to continue its support of the District.

We intend to fulfill our annual requirements in future South Central Planning and Development Commission District annual reports and OEDP plans.

Sincerely,

LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

Aaron Caillouet
Parish President

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c: South Central Planning and Development Commission

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DISTRICT 4 Robert P. Naquin
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DISTRICT 6 Audie T. Levron
DISTRICT 7 Marvin P. Robichaux
DISTRICT 8 Barry Uzee
DISTRICT 9 Lindel Toups
DISTRICT 10 Thomas W. Guidry
DISTRICT 11 Kenneth "Matt" Matherne
DISTRICT 12 Darryl F. Marlbrough
DISTRICT 13 V. J. "Vince" Melvin
DISTRICT 14 Rod Toups
DISTRICT 15 Daniel Lorraine

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CHRIS A. TREGRE
PARISH PRESIDENT

August 11, 1998

Mr. Pedro Garza, Regional Director
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administrator
Thorneberry Building, Suite 121
903 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Garza:

St. Charles Parish is a designated redevelopment Area according to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

As a means to improve our situation and to maintain our Redevelopment Area status, we participate in the efforts of the South Central Planning Development Commission to establish and maintain an Overall Economic Development planning process for the Parish and the District. The Parish has chosen to participate in the District's OEDP instead of preparing its own Parish OEDP.

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Sincerely,

Chris A. Tregre
Parish President

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Parish of St. James

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Dale J. Hymel, Jr.
President

August 7, 1998

Mr. Pedro Garza, Regional Director
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
903 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 121
Austin, TX 78701-2450

Dear Mr. Garza:

St. James Parish is a designated Redevelopment Area according to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

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Sincerely,

Dale J. Hymel, Jr.
Parish President

St. John The Baptist Parish

1801 West Airline Hwy.
LaPlace, Louisiana 70068

State of Louisiana
Parish President
ARNOLD J. LABAT

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August 10, 1998

Mr. Pedro Garza, Regional Director
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administrator
903 San Jacinto Blvd.
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Austin, Texas 78701-2450

Dear Mr. Garza:

St. John the Baptist Parish is a designated Redevelopment Area according to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

As a means to improve our situation and to maintain our Redevelopment Area status, we participate in the efforts of the South Central Planning Development Commission to establish and maintain an Overall Economic Development planning process for the Parish and the District. The Parish has chosen to participate in the District's OEDP instead of preparing its own Parish OEDP.

Furthermore, St. John the Baptist Parish actively participates in and supports the District OEDP planning process, and intends to continue its support of the District.

We intend to fulfill our annual requirements in future South Central Planning and Development Commission District annual reports and OEDP plans.

Sincerely,

Arnold J. Labat

Arnold J. Labat
Parish President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 6097
HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70361

BARRY P. BONVILLAIN
PARISH PRESIDENT

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August 10, 1998

Mr. Pedro Garza, Regional Director
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administrator
Thornberry Building, Suite 121
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Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Garza:

Terrebonne Parish is a designated Redevelopment Area according to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

As a means to improve our situation and to maintain our Redevelopment Area status, we participate in the efforts of the South Central Planning Development Commission to establish and maintain an Overall Economic Development planning process for the Parish and the District. The Parish has chosen to participate in the District's OEDP instead of preparing its own Parish OEDP.

Furthermore, Terrebonne Parish actively participates in and supports the District OEDP planning process, and intends to continue its support of the District.

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Sincerely,

Barry P. Bonvillain
Parish President

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c.c. Doug Maier, Chief Administrative & Finance Officer
Brian Chiasson, Economic Development Administrator
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