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# Finance



Erica Duplechain, Director

- ❖ The Finance Department oversees all financial accounting functions for Iberia Parish Government, including:
  - Collection of Revenues
  - Payment of Expenditures
  - Conducting Related Reconciliations
  
- ❖ It also plays a key role in budgeting and auditing processes to ensure accurate financial management and accountability.



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### Finance - Cash On Hand

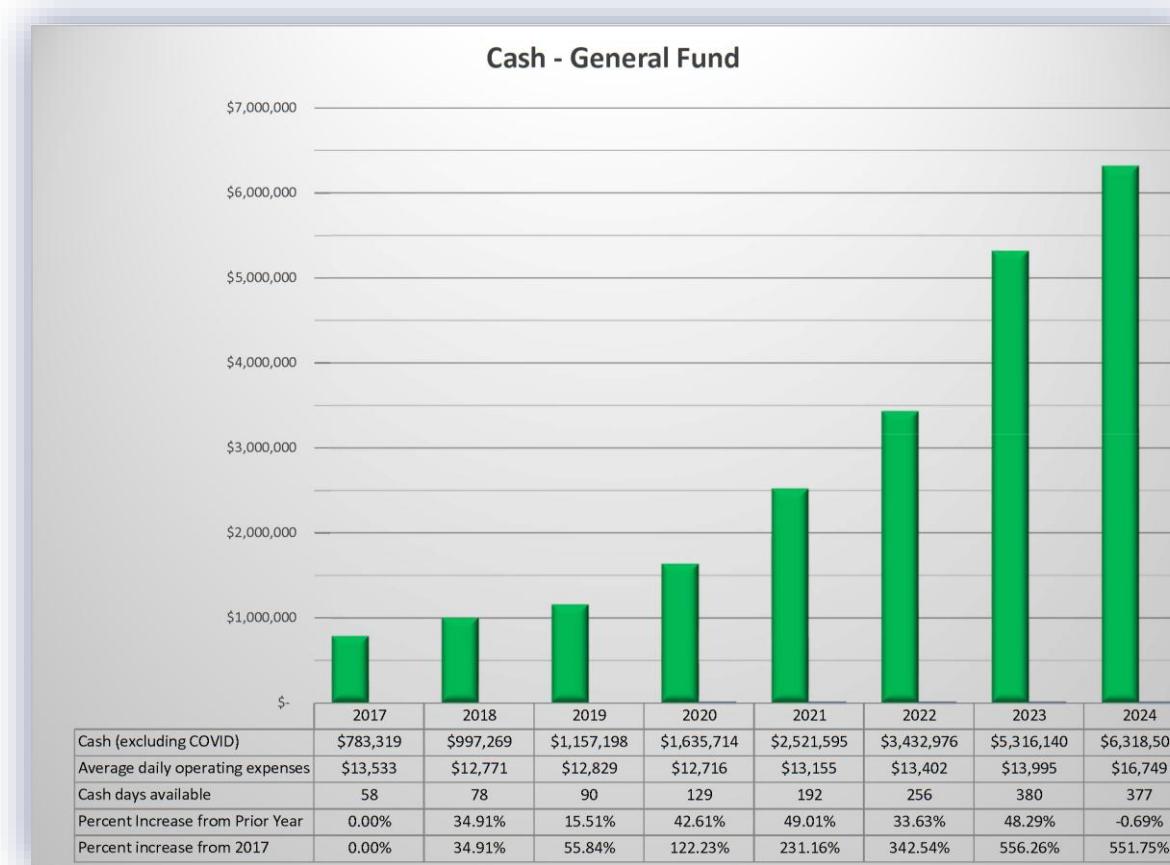
Year	Cash On Hand	Days of Sustainable Operation	Growth (Days)
<b>2024</b>	<b>\$6,318,508</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1100%</b>
2023	\$5,316,140	380	1210%
2022	\$3,432,976	256	783%
2021	\$2,521,595	192	562%
2020	\$1,635,714	129	345%
2019	\$1,157,198	90	210%
2018	\$997,269	78	169%
2017	\$783,319	58	100%
2016	\$460,014	29	-



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### Finance - General Fund

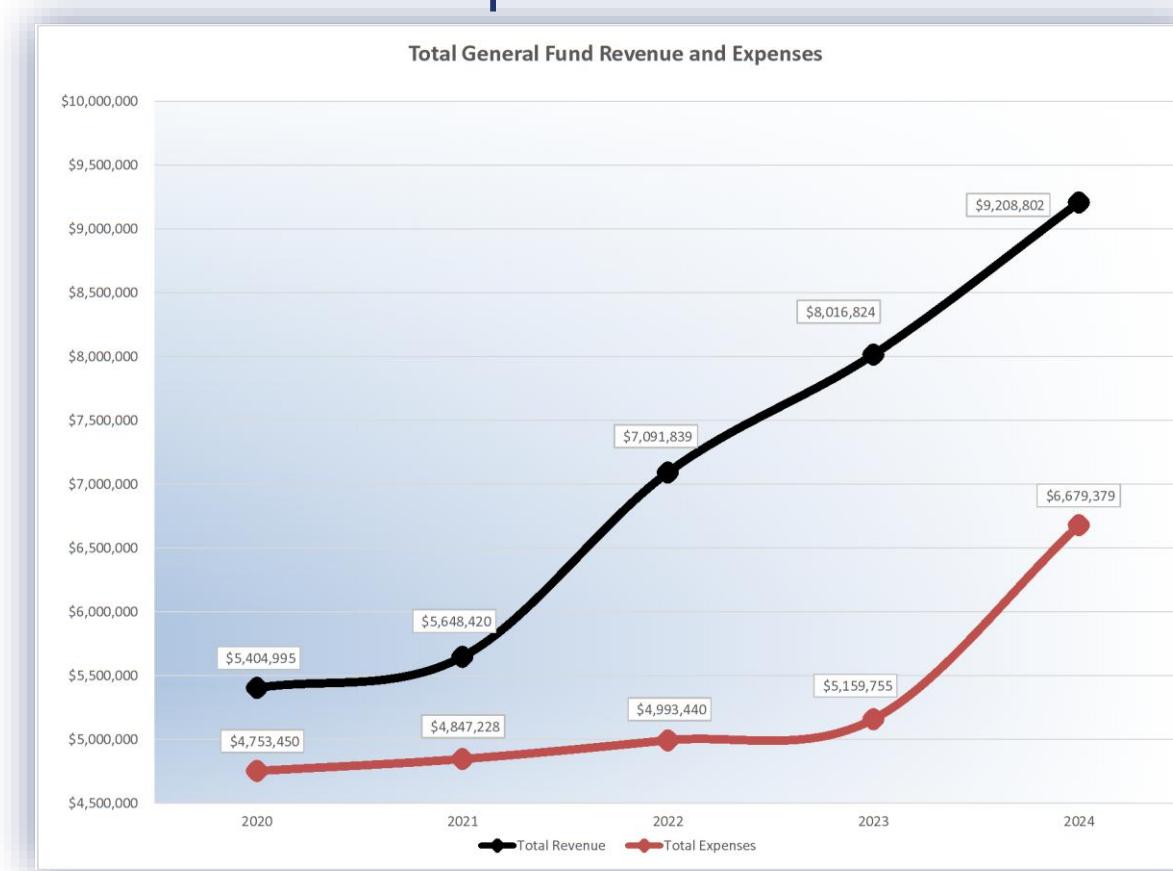




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### Finance – Revenues & Expenses

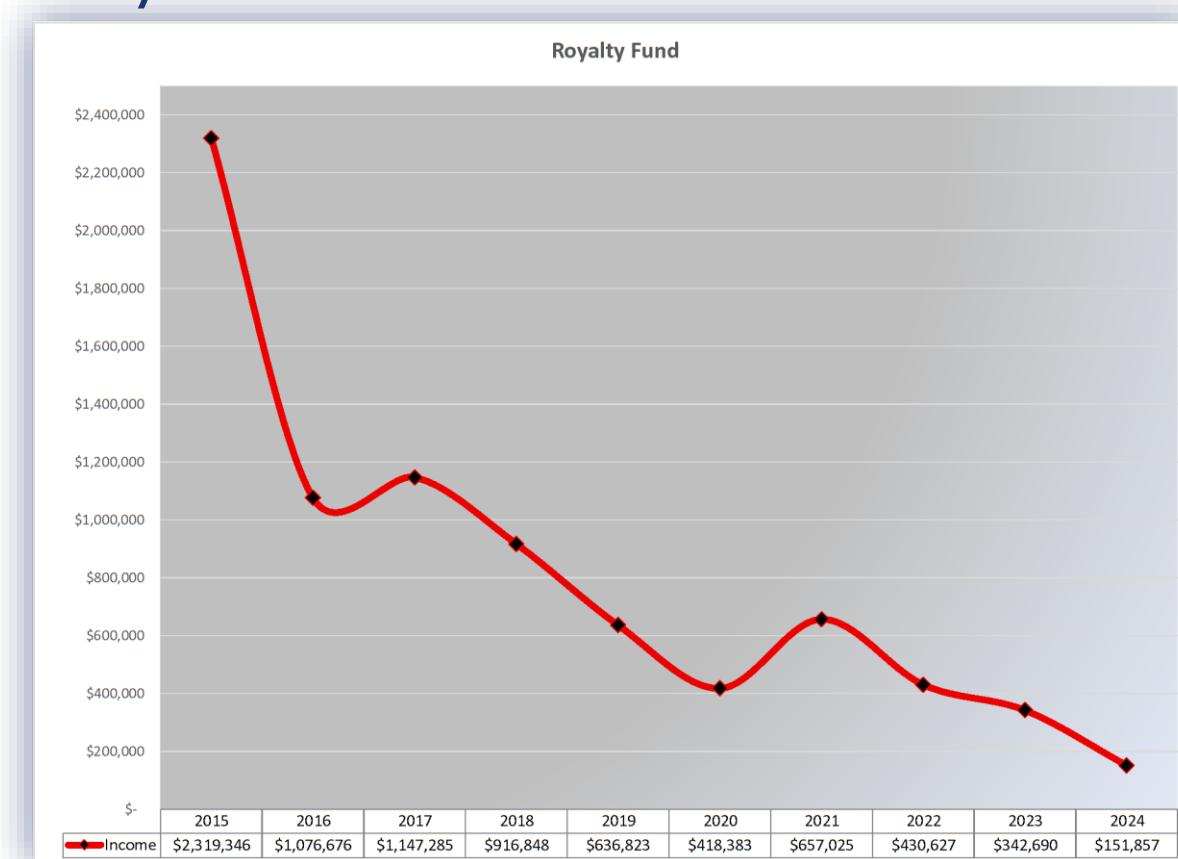




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### Finance - Royalty Fund





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# Public Works



Jean D. Romero, Director

- ❖ Public Works is responsible for Land Management and Water Management in Iberia Parish.
- ❖ The department employs 30 workers and is currently hiring.



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### Public Works - Land Management

#### ❖ Maintaining 400+ miles of Parish Roads and 66 Bridges (55 off-system)

- Road Repairs
- Road Grading
- Road Striping
- Roadside Weed Control
- Road Signage
- Washouts
- Tree Removal
- Tree Trimming
- Right of way Clearing
- Slashbusting
- Grass Cutting
- Spraying
- Landfill Operations

- Illegal Dumping
- Tire Disposal
- Litter Abatement





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### Public Works - Water Management

- ❖ Maintaining over 800 miles of roadside ditches, field laterals, and main channels
  - Bulkheads
  - Catch Basins
  - Culverts
  - Boat Landings
  - Ditch Cleaning
  - Channel Cleaning
  - Silt Removal
  - Beaver Dams





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### Public Works - Drainage Work Completed

❖ January 2016 - November 2025

- Roadside Drainage/Cleaning: 561 Miles = 2,962,080 ft
- Slashbusting/Right-of-Way Clearing: 103.3 Miles = 545,424 ft
- Main Channel/Lateral Cleaning: 186.8 Miles = 986,304 ft





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### Public Works - Drainage Work Completed

❖ Channel M-10 (Outsourced)



❖ Channel L-2D4 (Outsourced)





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### Flood Control Structures

- ❖ Jefferson Canal North
  - Completed June 2024



- ❖ Jefferson Canal South
  - Completed September 2024



- ❖ Peebles Coulee
  - Under Construction



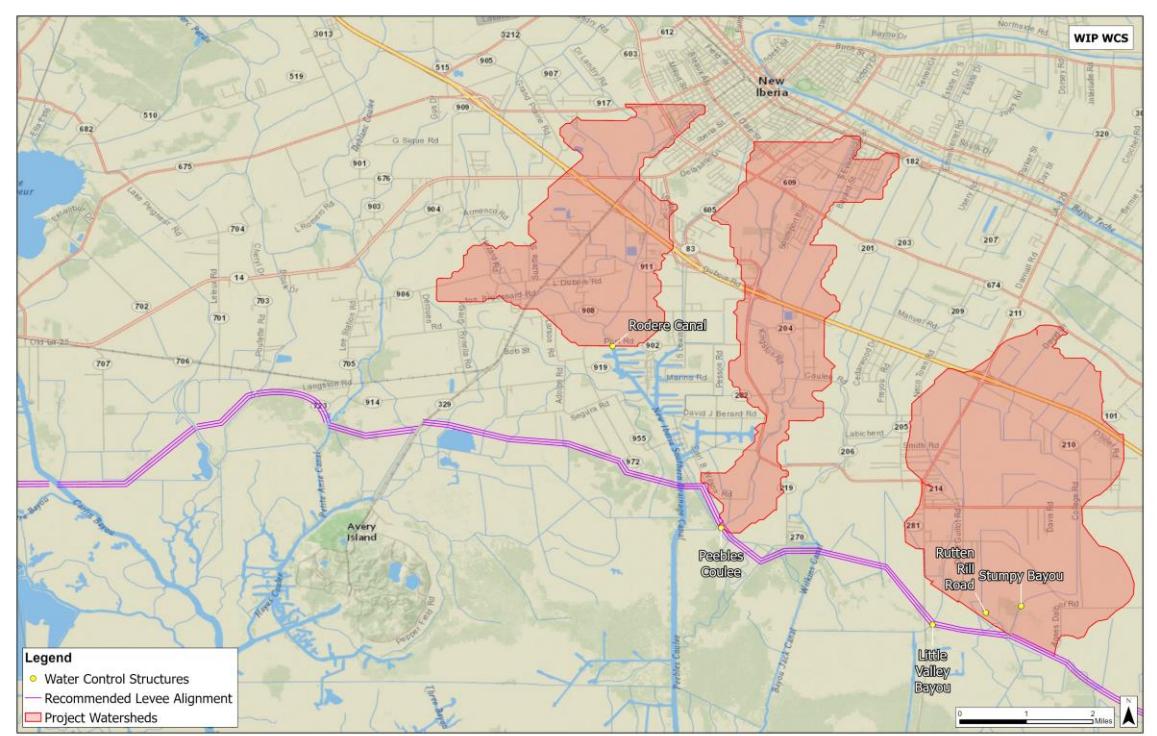


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### Flood Control Structures

- ❖ Upcoming Projects (Bidding)
  - Little Valley Bayou
  - Rutten Rill
  - Stumpy Bayou
  - Project Total \$19.3 Million
  - Funded by CPRA & GOMESA





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### Flood Control Structures

- ❖ Upcoming Projects (Beginning Design)
  - Commercial Canal
  - Delcambre Canal
  - Engineering & Design \$15 Million
  - Construction \$210 Million
  - Funded by CPRA





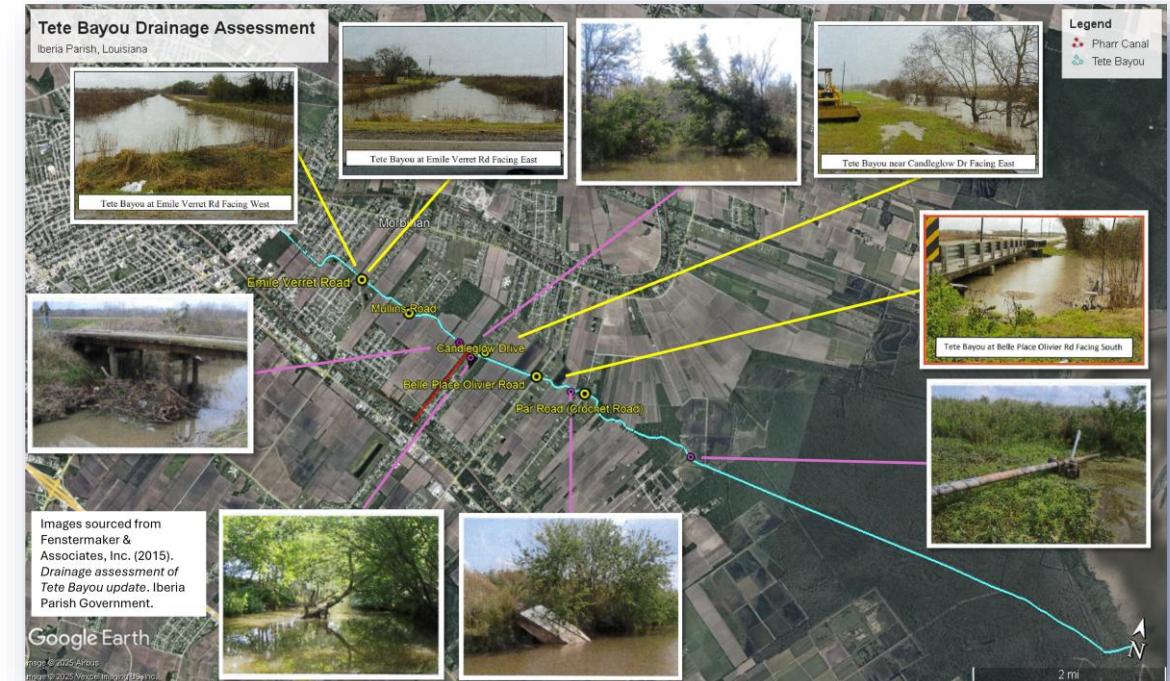
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### Drainage Studies

#### ❖ Tete Bayou

- Sedimentation and restricted channels are key flooding drivers.
- Flooding impacts homes, farmland, and road access.
- Targeted channel and outfall improvements increase conveyance.
- Combined improvements provide the greatest watershed benefit.





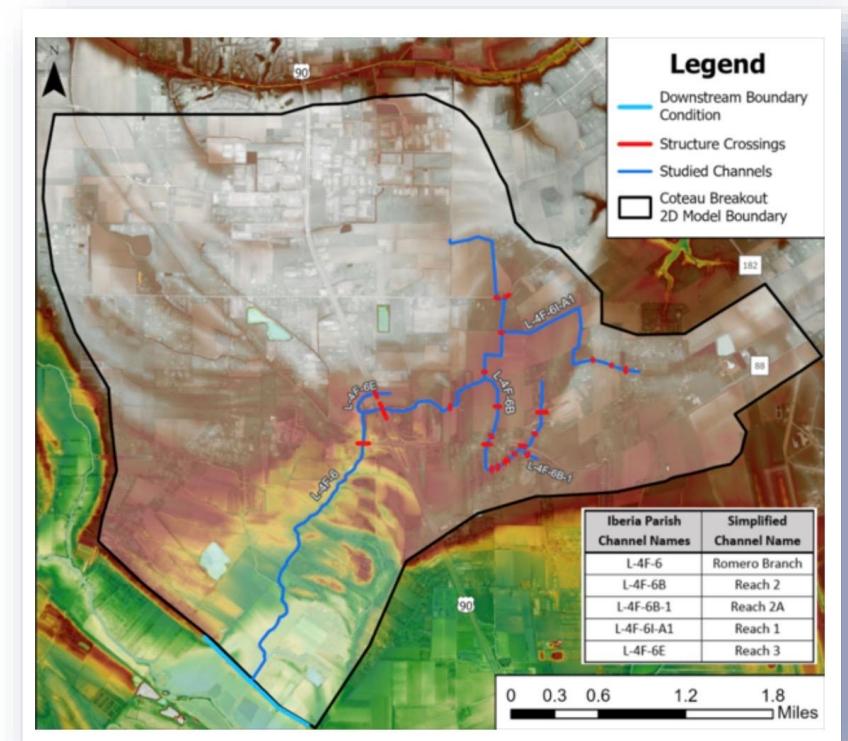
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### Drainage Studies

#### ❖ Coteau

- Limited channel capacity, adverse slopes, and undersized culverts drive flooding.
- Flooding is concentrated near Coteau Park and along Laurent Armentor Road.
- No single project eliminates flooding; combined improvements perform best.
- Channel regrading, added detention, and a diversion channel provide the greatest long-term benefit.





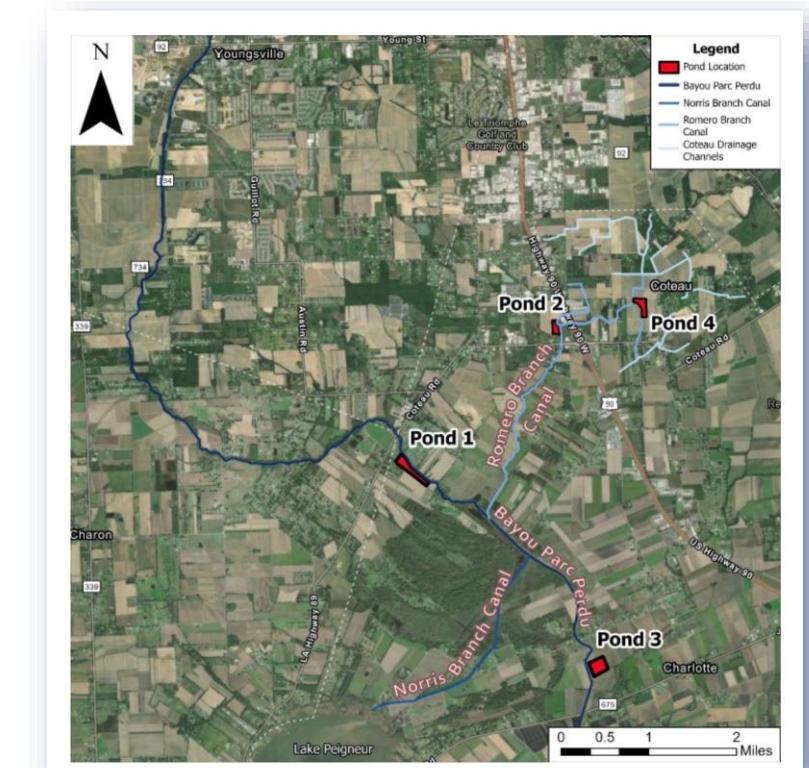
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### Drainage Studies

#### ❖ Bayou Parc Perdu

- Regional detention delivers the highest flood-reduction benefit.
- 11-acre basin provides ~83 acre-feet of stormwater storage.
- Flow controls reduce peak flooding and downstream impacts.
- Modeling confirms measurable flood-level reductions.





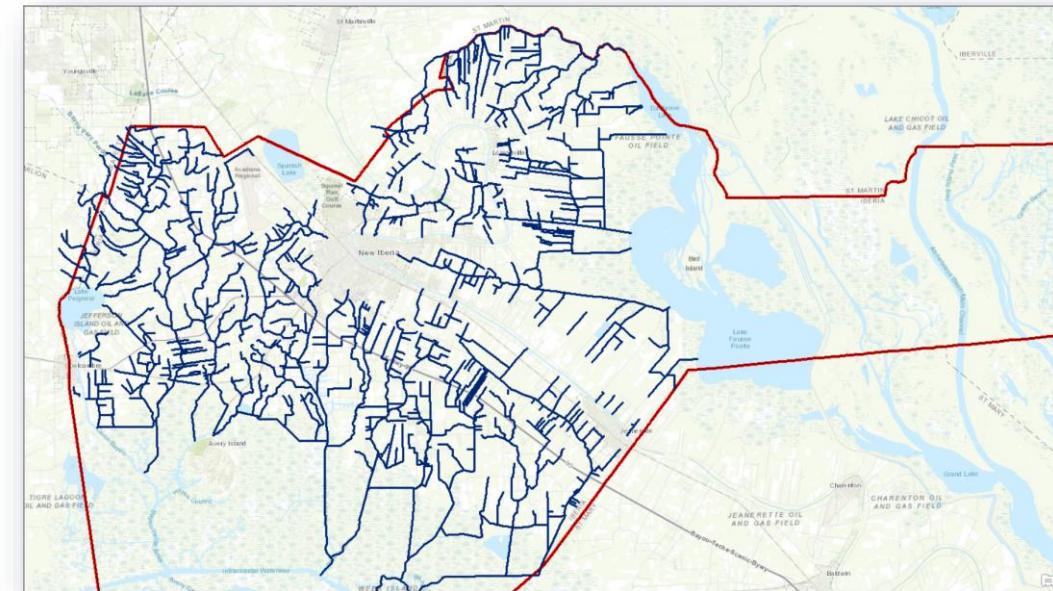
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# Drainage Studies

## ❖ Iberia Parish Drainage Maintenance Prioritization

- Targeted maintenance in confined canals provides the greatest flood-reduction benefit.
- Brush clearing and debris removal significantly improve drainage conveyance.
- Certain channels show high hydraulic sensitivity and should be prioritized.
- Maintenance in low-lying floodplain areas yields more limited results due to tailwater effects.





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### Roadway Improvement Projects

- ❖ Phase 1 Project A – Engineering Firm: Berard, Habetz & Associates | Contractor: Glenn Lege
  - C. Romero Rd. (District 5) – **under construction**
  - Jack Brooks Rd. (District 10) – under contract
  - Monnet Rd. (District 12) – under contract
  - L. Dubois Rd. (District 13) – **under construction**
  - Soilleau Rd. (District 14) – **under construction**
  - General Patton Rd. (District 14) – **under construction**
  - General Bradley St. (District 14) – **under construction**
  - General Chappuis St. (District 14) – **under construction**
  - General Collins St. (District 14) – **under construction**
  - General Middleton St. (District 14) – **under construction**



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### Roadway Improvement Projects

- ❖ Phase 1 Project B – Engineering Firm: Sellers& Associates | Apparent Low Bidder: Glenn Lege
  - Daspit Rd., RR to Hwy 86 (Districts 3 & 8) – pending contract
  - Country Ln. District 8) – pending contract
  - Northside Rd. (District 9) – pending contract
  - Teche Lake Canal Rd. (District 9) – pending contract



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### Roadway Improvement Projects

#### ❖ Phase 1 Project C – Engineering Firm: GEC | Contractor: Elliott Construction

- Leon Landry Rd. (District 2) – under construction
- Agnes Broussard Rd. (District 2) – under contract
- Julian Buteaux St. (District 2) – under contract
- Joey St. (District 2) – under contract
- Wanda St. (District 2) – under contract
- Ronald Cir. (District 2) – under contract
- Brenda Dr. (District 2) – under contract
- Phyllis Dr. (District 2) – under contract
- Cromwell Dr. (District 3) – under contract
- Leonce Theriot Rd. (District 3) – under contract
- George Sigue Rd. (District 3) – under contract
- Kramer Dr. (District 5) – under contract
- Erath St. (District 5) – under contract
- S. Kramer Dr. (District 5) – under contract
- Chet St. (District 5) – under contract
- Charlotte St. (District 5) – under contract
- Oil Center Dr. (District 6) – under contract
- Darnall Rd. (Districts 10 & 11) – under contract
- Nelson Canal Rd. (District 11) – under contract



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### Roadway Improvement Projects

- ❖ South Lewis Street – Engineering Firm: Berard, Habetz & Associates | Contractor: Glenn Legé



construction complete





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### Roadway Improvement Projects

- ❖ Innovation Boulevard – Engineering Firm: Fenstermaker | Contractor: Glenn Lege



construction complete





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### Roadway Improvement Projects

- ❖ Corporate Drive Roundabout – Engineering Firm: Fenstermaker | Contractor: Glenn Lege



construction complete



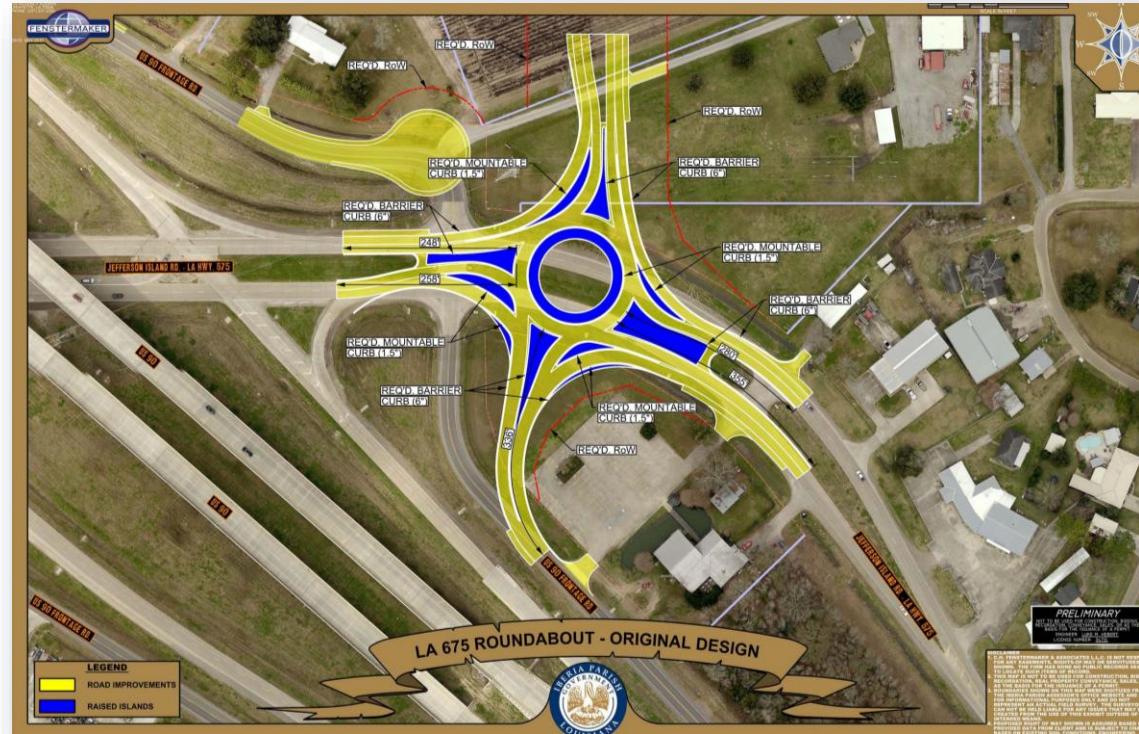


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# Roadway Improvement Projects

❖ Hwy 675 Roundabout – Engineering Firm: Fenstermaker | DOTD project





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# Acadiana Regional Airport



Maurice "Moe" Songy, Director

- ❖ Acadiana Regional Airport is a public use airport owned by Iberia Parish Government.
- ❖ It serves as a helicopter flight training location for several companies and is also used on a regular basis by NASA, the U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Navy as a cross-country flight training destination.
- ❖ Acadiana Regional Airport has approximately 1,200 acres of property for development including prime runway and taxiway frontage.



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Acadiana Regional Airport (ARA)





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### Acadiana Regional Airport (ARA)

#### ❖ First Solar

- \$1.1 billion advanced manufacturing facility creating more than 800+ new jobs and strengthening Iberia Parish's industrial base.
- Significant increase in local and parish revenue through property taxes, payroll, and long-term economic activity.
- Strategic location within Acadiana Regional Airport enhances logistics, infrastructure investment, and long-term economic growth.





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### Acadiana Regional Airport (ARA)

- ❖ **ULL New Iberia Research Center Bio-Safety Lab Level-3**
  - State-of-the-art biosafety research facility under construction.
  - Expands scientific research and vaccine development capacity for UL Lafayette and partners.
  - Represents a major investment in public health, innovation, and economic growth for Iberia Parish.





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### Acadiana Regional Airport (ARA)

#### ❖ Progress Point Business Park

- BioInnovation Accelerator planned as the anchor project, fostering collaboration between UL Lafayette and industry.
- Attracts advanced manufacturing, biotech, and tech-based enterprises to Iberia Parish.
- Offers fully serviced sites with modern infrastructure and key transportation access.
- Drives job creation, private investment, and long-term parish revenue growth.



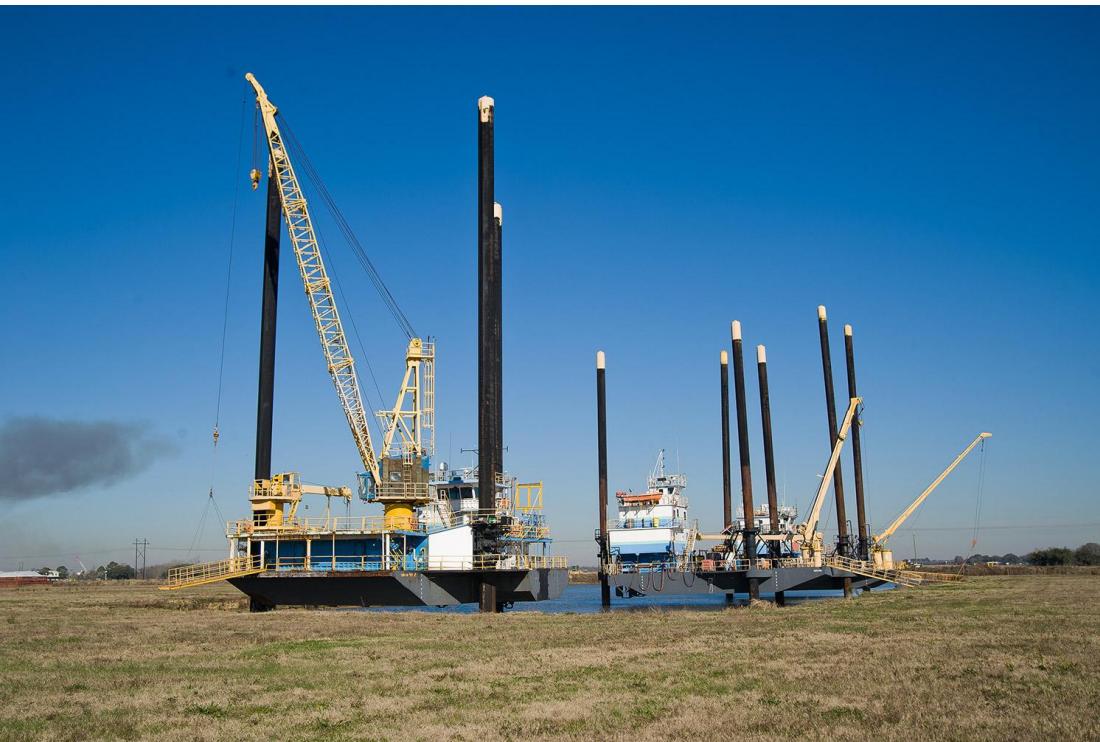


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### Port of Iberia



- ❖ The Port of Iberia is a 2,000-acre industrial and maritime complex serving South Louisiana.
- ❖ It provides multi-modal access by water, rail, and highway to regional and global markets.
- ❖ Located along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, the Port supports energy, marine, and manufacturing industries.
- ❖ A vital hub for commerce, logistics, and economic growth in Iberia Parish and the Acadiana region.



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### Port of Iberia

#### ❖ Road Projects

- Two major road projects are advancing to improve traffic flow and access within the Port.
  - David Berard Rd.
  - Cornelius Voorhies Rd.
- Upgrades will support heavier industrial traffic and enhance safety for tenants and visitors.
- Designed to accommodate current and future expansion of port operations.





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### Port of Iberia

#### ❖ Cajun Industries

- Cajun Industries has established operations at the Port of Iberia.
- Expected to create over 600 new jobs in construction and skilled trades.
- Expands the Port's capacity to support large-scale fabrication, shipping, and workforce development.





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### Port of Iberia

#### ❖ Louisiana Concrete Products

- New production facility at the Port of Iberia manufacturing precast components used in infrastructure and marine construction.
- Will create approximately 300 jobs in production, transportation, and support services.
- Strengthens the Port's position as a regional hub for fabrication and logistics.





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### Port of Iberia

- ❖ E-Crane 'Creole King' Christening
  - A state-of-the-art, barge-mounted stevedoring crane assembled at the Port of Iberia.
  - 75 feet tall, 125-foot reach, and 52-ton lift capacity with advanced clamshell grabs.
  - Uses 80% less fuel and half the horsepower of traditional cranes.
  - A \$6 million investment enhancing logistics capacity and job creation.





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### Port of Iberia

- ❖ Millennium Expansion Groundbreaking
  - Expanding ~90 acres with 50 acres of new waterfront.
  - Includes a 13-ft-deep slip for industrial use.
  - Supported by \$2.4M in state funding.
  - Dredging underway to connect to existing slips.
  - Designed to increase capacity and attract new tenants.





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# Waterworks District #3



- ❖ Waterworks District No. 3 ensures safe and efficient potable water for Iberia Parish residents according to guidelines provided by the Department of Health.
- ❖ The system produces 1.5 million gallons daily, serving 2,900 customers through 150 miles of water lines.

Brad Cradeur, Director



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### Waterworks District #3 (Coteau)

#### ❖ Infrastructure Improvements

- New two-million-gallon-per-day water plant at the Acadiana Regional Airport expanding capacity and improving reliability for residential, commercial, and industrial customers.
- New 1,400 GPM water well and 500,000-gallon storage tank with tri-plex pump system to further strengthen production and distribution.
- Upgrades to the existing water plant include a fourth filter, new valves, fittings, and an electrical control panel to enhance treatment efficiency.
- SCADA monitoring system installed for remote system oversight, alarms, and faster operational response.
- 43,000 feet of new water mains installed since 2016, extending safe, reliable service to new subdivisions, mobile home parks, and businesses throughout the Coteau area.



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# Sewerage District #1



Brad Cradeur, Director

- ❖ Sewerage District No. 1 ensures the health and safety of Iberia Parish residents through wastewater treatment and collection, according to guidelines provided by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency.
- ❖ It maintains over 80 miles of sewer lines, serving more than 3,500 residential and commercial customers.



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### Sewerage District #1

#### ❖ Infrastructure Improvements

- 18-inch force main relocation and new lift station completed at the Acadiana Regional Airport to support First Solar and future industrial expansion.
- Phase 1 Water Sector Grant added 12 permanent and 4 towable generators, improving system reliability parish-wide.
- Phase 2 Water Sector Grant will rehabilitate sewer lines, upgrade lift stations in Orange Grove, construct a new Breaux Estates plant, and replace aging facilities at Beau Fleu and Oil Center.
- Highway 90 Sewer Expansion Project will extend service from Arceneaux Ford to LeBlanc Kia, connecting to Progress Point infrastructure.
- Planned \$60 million, 3 MGD wastewater treatment plant near the Acadiana Regional Airport will expand capacity, enhance reliability, and support continued parish growth.



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### Fiber to the Home & Business

- Partnership established with Cajun Broadband to deliver high-speed service to underserved areas.
- Over 2,500 homes and businesses in Coteau already connected through earlier FTTH projects.
- Groundbreaking ceremony held in October 2024 to launch parish-wide fiber expansion.
- \$5.2 million broadband grant supporting new fiber routes and system upgrades.
- Additional construction phases underway extending along key corridors near Hwy 90 and Coteau.





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### Expanding Housing Opportunities in Iberia Parish

- ❖ **Ravenwood Subdivision**
  - Phase I development is underway, introducing 100 residential lots to the community.
- ❖ **Coteau Ridge Subdivision**
  - Development continues with Phase 3, expanding the subdivision to 202 total residential lots.
- ❖ **Teche Ridge Subdivision**
  - Residential construction is actively moving forward within this established neighborhood.
- ❖ **Cherokee Real Estate Development**
  - A 22.1-acre tract has been subdivided into 13 residential lots, supporting future home construction.





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# Animal Control



Amanda Istre, Manager

- ❖ Iberia Parish Animal Control is dedicated to promoting public safety and responsible pet ownership through humane animal care and community education.
- ❖ The department responds to animal-related calls, enforces local ordinances, and ensures the safe and compassionate sheltering of stray, lost, and abandoned animals.



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### Animal Control (IPAC)

#### ❖ New Animal Control Shelter

- Bid Opening February 5<sup>th</sup> .
- Modern facility will include expanded kennel space and improved housing conditions.
- Dedicated intake, adoption, and quarantine areas enhance safety and efficiency.
- Designed to support higher adoption rates and improve overall animal welfare.





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### Infrastructure Investments in Iberia Parish

- ❖ Airport Development: **\$8,928,392.43**
- ❖ Community Recreation & Quality of Life: **\$3,218,843.61**
- ❖ Drainage & Flood Control: **\$16,319,231.84**
- ❖ Economic Development & Industrial Expansion: **\$1,317,900,000.00**
- ❖ Library System Enhancements: **\$2,943,706.00**
- ❖ Public Facilities & Buildings: **\$12,419,409.99**
- ❖ Public Safety & Emergency Response: **\$6,175,739.00**
- ❖ Technology & Modernization: **\$4,342,500.00**
- ❖ Transportation & Bridges: **\$221,045,599.75**
- ❖ Water & Sewer Infrastructure: **\$38,025,491.47**



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### Future Investments in Iberia Parish

- ❖ Commercial Canal & Delcambre Canal: **\$235,000,000.00**
- ❖ East Side Development at ARA: **\$63,916,527.00**
- ❖ Post Evacuation Center at Acadiana Fairgrounds: **\$12,000,000.00**
- ❖ Hangar Dr. Extension: **\$16,000,000.00**
  - (Hangar Dr. to LaSalle St., LaSalle St. to Corporate Dr., Roundabout at Corporate Dr, Corporate Dr. widening)
- ❖ Iberia Parish Sewer Plant: **\$60,000,000.00**
- ❖ LA 675 Grand Prairie Rd. Intersection Improvements: **\$3,500,000.00**
- ❖ LA 675 Roundabout: **\$6,900,000.00**
- ❖ Little Valley, Rutten Rill, Stumpy Bayou Water Control Structures: **\$12,900,000.00**
- ❖ Progress Point Business Park Future Roadway: **\$9,700,000.00**
- ❖ West Airport Roadway Project Phases I, II & III: **\$28,800,000.00**
  - Roundabout at LA 88, Corporate Dr. to Seaway Access Rd. & Seaway Access Rd. to LA 88



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Total Investment Dollars  
In Iberia Parish

**\$2,080,035,441.09**



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### Growth in Jobs, Wages & Industry

Key Economic Indicators			
Indicator	2016 (Estimated)	2025 (Current/Estimated)	Change/Trend
Unemployment Rate	7–8%	4.5–5.2%	↓ Significant improvement
Employed Residents	~24,000	~27,000	↑ +3,000 jobs
Labor Force Participation	~48%	~51–52%	↑ More residents working
Median Household Income	~\$42,000	~\$52,000	↑ +\$10,000 growth
Economic Dependence	Heavily tied to Oil & Gas	More diversified employment	↑ Increased resilience
Small Business Activity	Slowed by industry downturn	Growth in service, trade, and contracting	↑ More startups and retention

Sector Overview			
Sector	2016 Primary Role	2025 Trend/Role	Overall Direction
Oil & Gas / Marine Services	Dominant employer	Still active but no longer primary	↓ Relative dependence
Health Care & Social Assistance	Growing sector	Largest employment sector	↑ Strong expansion
Manufacturing & Fabrication	Moderate presence	Increased investment & hiring	↑ Rising demand
Retail & Service	Consistent	Stabilized with population shifts	↔ Steady
Construction & Contracting	Project-based	Boosted by industrial and public works	↑ Rebounded
Logistics & Port Activity	Support role	Strategic driver with port expansion	↑ Accelerating
Small Business / Local Enterprise	Slowed by downturn	More openings, better retention	↑ Recovering and growing



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### Economic Outlook for Iberia Parish

- ❖ Iberia Parish is entering a period of sustained economic momentum driven by private investment and strategic infrastructure improvements.
- ❖ Continued growth at the Port of Iberia is strengthening the parish's industrial base and expanding manufacturing and maritime activity.
- ❖ Major investments at Acadiana Regional Airport are positioning the parish as a hub for advanced manufacturing and aviation industries.
- ❖ Workforce opportunities are expanding across multiple sectors, reducing reliance on any single industry.
- ❖ Strong public-private collaboration is laying the foundation for long-term job growth, higher wages, and economic stability.

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