

# *“Reuniting with the River”*

## *The Ascension Parish Riverfront Project*

### *Introduction: A Parish with a Vision*

The foremost purpose of the Riverfront Project is to reunite the two banks and provide passage back and forth across the river for pedestrians, bicyclists, and tourists alike, thus spurring economic and recreational development in all parts of Ascension Parish. Donaldsonville, with its large batture area provides a location and unique destination for a new riverboat dock and festival area to welcome tourists and water taxis that will unite both sides of the Parish and the entire Mississippi River corridor.

Another benefit to uniting the citizens of Ascension Parish through this waterfront project is the establishment of the Bayou LaFourche eco-tourism passageway trailhead and Fort Butler Interpretive Center. This will provide another avenue for recreation and economic development for the entire region.



### *Project Plan – Obtaining Opportunities & Achieving Goals*

Working alongside key business and government representatives, Ascension Parish and the City of Donaldsonville will create vital synergy to drive this development project to completion.

#### *Parish Opportunities*

- Connect the east and west sides of the Parish for residents and tourists.
- Promote the rich cultural and historical tapestry of Ascension Parish and Donaldsonville.
- Establish an Interpretive Center for Fort Butler and the Bayou LaFourche headway.
- Create a welcoming river gateway.
- Create a linear park/trail system.
- Provide a hub for plantation tours.





## Rough Order-of-Magnitude – Cost Estimate

▪ Levee top walkway/park – Phase One	\$1,000,000
▪ LePelican Salvage	\$600,000
▪ Riverfront Dock/walkway/parking	\$6,000,000
▪ Amphitheatre	\$4,500,000
▪ Utilities/Site work	\$950,000
▪ Engineering Design	\$1,060,000
▪ Contingency	\$2,610,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,720,000</b>



Riverfront Design

## Next Steps

Ascension Parish is not waiting for the future to happen - its creating the future today. Innovative Parish leaders envision a prosperous community and tourism destination where people live, work, shop and play.

Complete  
Master Plan

Begin  
Engineering &  
Design

Initiate  
Construction  
Phase One

Project  
Marketing &  
Promotion

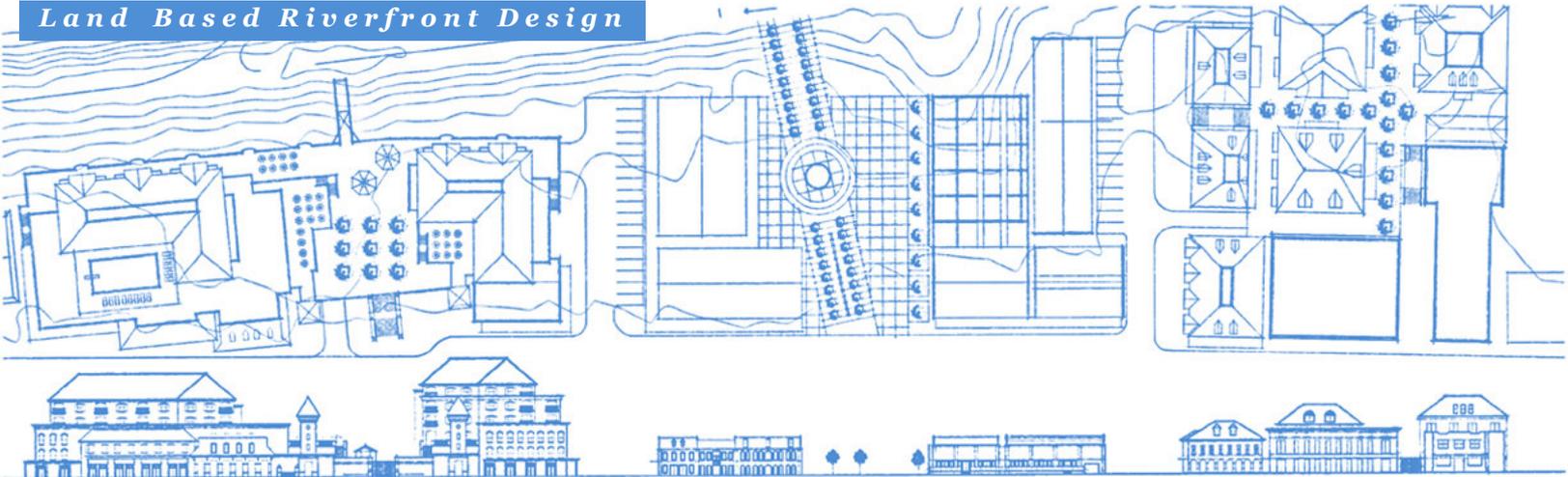
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Ongoing

## Land Based Riverfront Design



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