

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plan Narrative

Department of the Treasury

OMB Approval
No. 1505-0250

Directions: Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Implementation Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Implementation Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.

Multiyear Implementation Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	Amendment #1
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Eligible Entity Name:	St. Charles Parish
Name and Contact Information of the Person to be contacted (POC) on matters concerning this Multiyear Implementation Plan:	
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:
<p>1. Please provide the following for EACH proposed activity (i.e. project or program) listed in the matrix:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Description of the proposed activity (i.e. project or program); - If the activity includes third-party funding, describe the amount and current status of funding (e.g., for another grant, whether the funds have been requested or awarded; if requested, where they are in the approval process) from other sources and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component; - Need (i.e., What is the problem this activity seeks to address, or the anticipated benefit to the community?); -Purpose and objective(s) (i.e., How will the proposed activity address the need? What are the desired outcomes?); -Anticipated milestones (i.e. What are key phases and milestones by which the entity will monitor progress towards completion?); -Milestones for each activity

-Criteria applicant will use to evaluate the success of each activity (project or program), (i.e., How will the entity determine that the activity achieved its objectives and solved or ameliorated the problem the activity(project or program) sought to address or provided the anticipated benefits? Note that this does not need to be at the level of proposed performance metrics, which will be negotiated with Treasury at the time of application for an award.) Please also provide **either** a) an individual map of each and every proposed activity listed on the matrix, clearly showing the location of the activity or b) a single map showing all proposed activities listed on the matrix. Note that all proposed activities must be carried out in the Gulf Coast Region, as defined by 31 C.F.R. 34.2 and pursuant to 31 CFR 34.201, except activities designed for the promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including promotion of recreational fishing; the promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region; and planning assistance.

As an update to the St. Charles Parish's RESTORE Act Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) Initial Plan which was accepted by Treasury on 01/17/2018. This amendment adds one project to the parish's MIP, The Des Allemands Boat Launch located along Bayou Des Allemands in Des Allemands, Louisiana.

Description: The Des Allemands Boat Launch project involves the construction of a new boat launch facility to provide enhanced recreational access to the surrounding natural environment. The total construction cost of the project is estimated to be \$4,845,293.98.

The scope of the project includes the following elements:

- A 4,873-foot-long × 22-foot-wide limestone access road with adjacent drainage improvements for boat ramp traffic from Louisiana Highway 632 to the parking lot (480 feet paved with asphalt at turnoff)
- A paved (asphalt) parking lot with up to 60 spaces large enough to accommodate a vehicle with a trailer as well as 16 single car spaces, four of which would be ADA compliant and two paved access roads (dimensions TBD; est. 30 feet wide x 260 feet long per road) on either side of the parking lot providing access to the four launch ramps at Bayou Des Allemands
- Four concrete boat launch ramps (final dimensions TBD; est. 90-foot-long × 12-foot-wide) with an adjacent approximately 14,400-square-foot maneuvering area and three 50-footlong × 8-foot-wide (400-square-foot each) wooden docks constructed of treated wood
- Two 100-foot-long × 7-foot-wide fishing piers constructed of treated wood
- Two 4-foot-wide ADA-compliant concrete walkways (length TBD; est. 270 feet per walkway) for foot traffic from the fishing pier to the parking area

The proposed site is surrounded by over 250,000 acres of open water and marshland and centrally located near the area's major lakes, Lake Des Allemands and Lake Salvador. It also offers adequate space for a multifaceted recreation area, which will be developed in future phases.

Funding: St. Charles Parish has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority through the National Resource Damage Assessment for \$1,841,116. Chevron USA has donated land for the project site which appraised for \$350,000 in 2021. We are requesting \$514,008.95 in RESTORE Direct Component funds for the construction costs. The remainder of the expenses will be funded through the St. Charles Parish Special Revenue Fund.

Need: Des Allemands, known as the Catfish Capital of the World, has a rich heritage as a fisherman's paradise. Early settlers relied on fishing and trapping as a way of life and today, many residents continue this cultural lifestyle. The local economy benefits from several factories situated along the bayou's banks, where fishermen can directly sell their catch from their boats. Additionally, the surrounding waters attract numerous boaters on weekends, engaging in activities such as fishing, trawling, and leisurely cruising. St. Charles Parish lacks the adequate boating infrastructure to access the abundance of lakes, waterways, and marshes the southwest region of the parish offers. The proposed Des Allemands Boat Launch is the solution to serve the demand in this area.

The existing public launch nearest to the proposed project site is in Des Allemands on Down the Bayou Road. Only a single ramp is offered with very limited parking available in a state-owned right-of-way beneath the Highway 90 bridge. It is difficult to access the boat launch, as it requires vehicles and boat trailers to back onto the ramp from one public street (Twin Bridge Road) across another public street (Down the Bayou Road), blocking both streets simultaneously. This creates a dangerous situation for others traveling through the residential area and can inhibit emergency response vehicles as well. During potential storm surge events the launch is obstructed with flood control barriers (sandbags and HESCO baskets) and unusable by emergency personnel thereby preventing any emergency watercraft rescue efforts. Nearby residents have expressed on social media the need for a new launch. Additionally, the Parish receives numerous complaints regarding the noise pollution caused by vehicles and boats throughout the day and night. The launch has been in existence for many years and has reached the end of its useful life, adding further justification that it is not feasible to make improvements to this launch.

There are two other launches within a five-mile radius of the proposed project site – a boat launch located across Bayou Des Allemands in Lafourche Parish, and the Bayou Gauche boat launch in Bayou Gauche. Boaters can access these launches for a nominal fee, which are all located on private property and offer a total of four ramps. The Hahnville and Pier 90 boat launches are more than 10 aerial miles from the proposed project site and offer four ramps total. Due to the distance of these launches from the water bodies, it would not be practical for recreational boaters and anglers of the southwest region of St. Charles Parish to utilize these launches.

Purpose & Objective: The site of the new launch is in a remote area away from any residential neighborhoods. By relocating the launch, safety will improve within the residential area where the current boat launch exists. The new location will also help remove noise pollution caused by vehicles and boats throughout the day and night. The inadequate capacity of the existing launch would be addressed with multiple ramps and ample parking in the proposed project. The new launch will also be designed to be available to emergency personnel during storm surge events. It will also be ADA-compliant to encourage visitation and participation by all individuals.

In 2021, the Parish accepted a donation of 110 acres of land from Chevron USA Inc where the launch will be located. Future development of the donated property is in the planning phase and the master plan will be focused on incorporating prospective projects for a cultural area, active and passive recreation areas, and a wetland area. The project site is adjacent to an elementary school so integrating educational elements for the

cultural and wetland areas will be a priority. This educational component could also expand the Parish's Swamp School summer program, which is hosted at the Wetland Watchers Park in Norco and in high demand each year.

Land adjacent to the donated property has been approved as a wetland mitigation bank by the US Army Corps of Engineers. In early 2024, almost one million trees will be planted across 5,000 acres of wetlands to create, enhance and preserve the natural features of the surrounding area.

Milestones: The site of the roadway and launch area required the placement of additional dirt, or pre-loading, prior to the construction of the roadway and boat launch. The pre-loading began in the first quarter of 2024 and will require time for settling. The parking lot, boat launch, and complimentary elements are expected to be advertised for bids by the end of first quarter of 2025. The tentative implementation schedule is as follows:

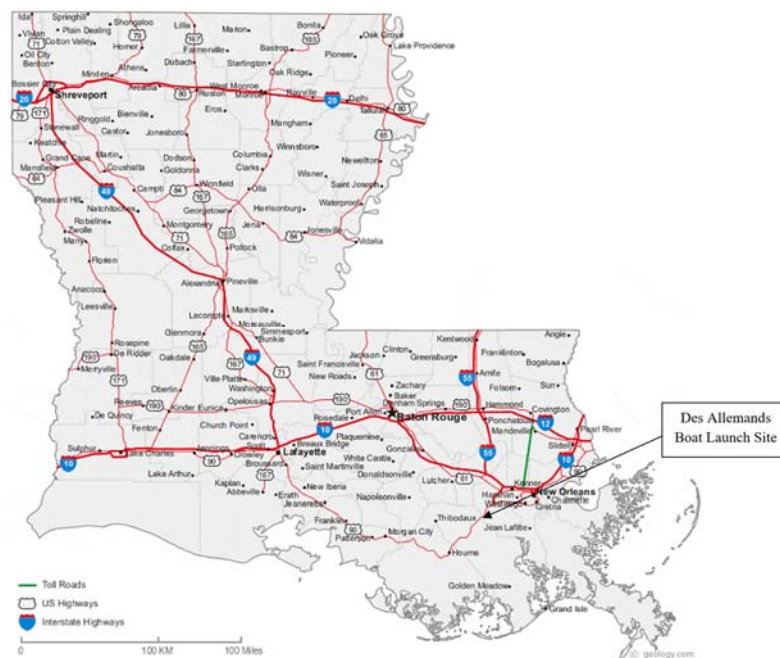
- Pre-Loading & Settling of Roadway Complete 01/2025
- Roadway and Boat Launch Design Complete 03/2025
- Roadway and Boat Launch Construction Bid Advertisement 3/2025
- Roadway and Boat Launch Notice to Proceed 06/2025
- Roadway and Boat Launch Completion 04/2026

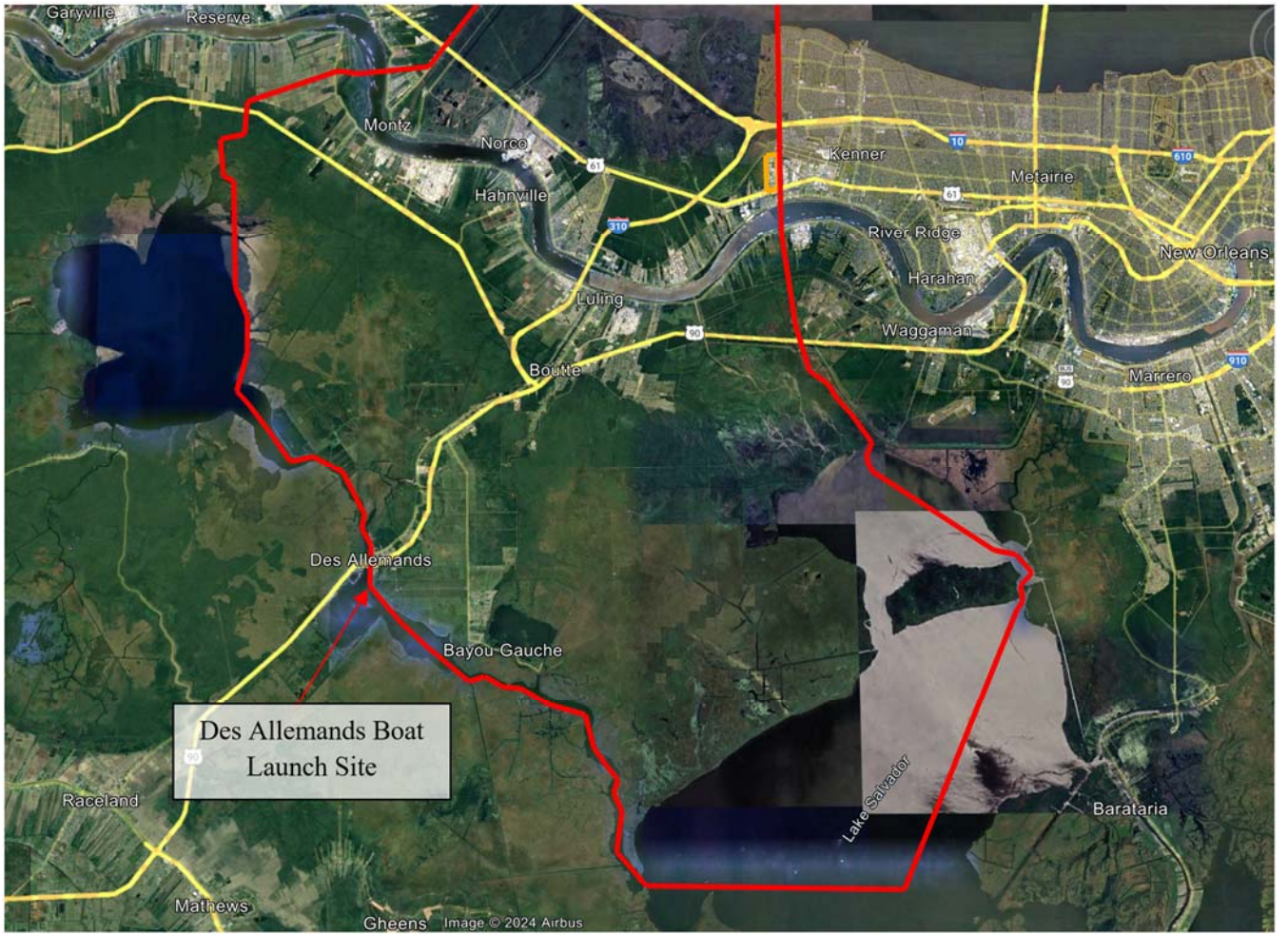
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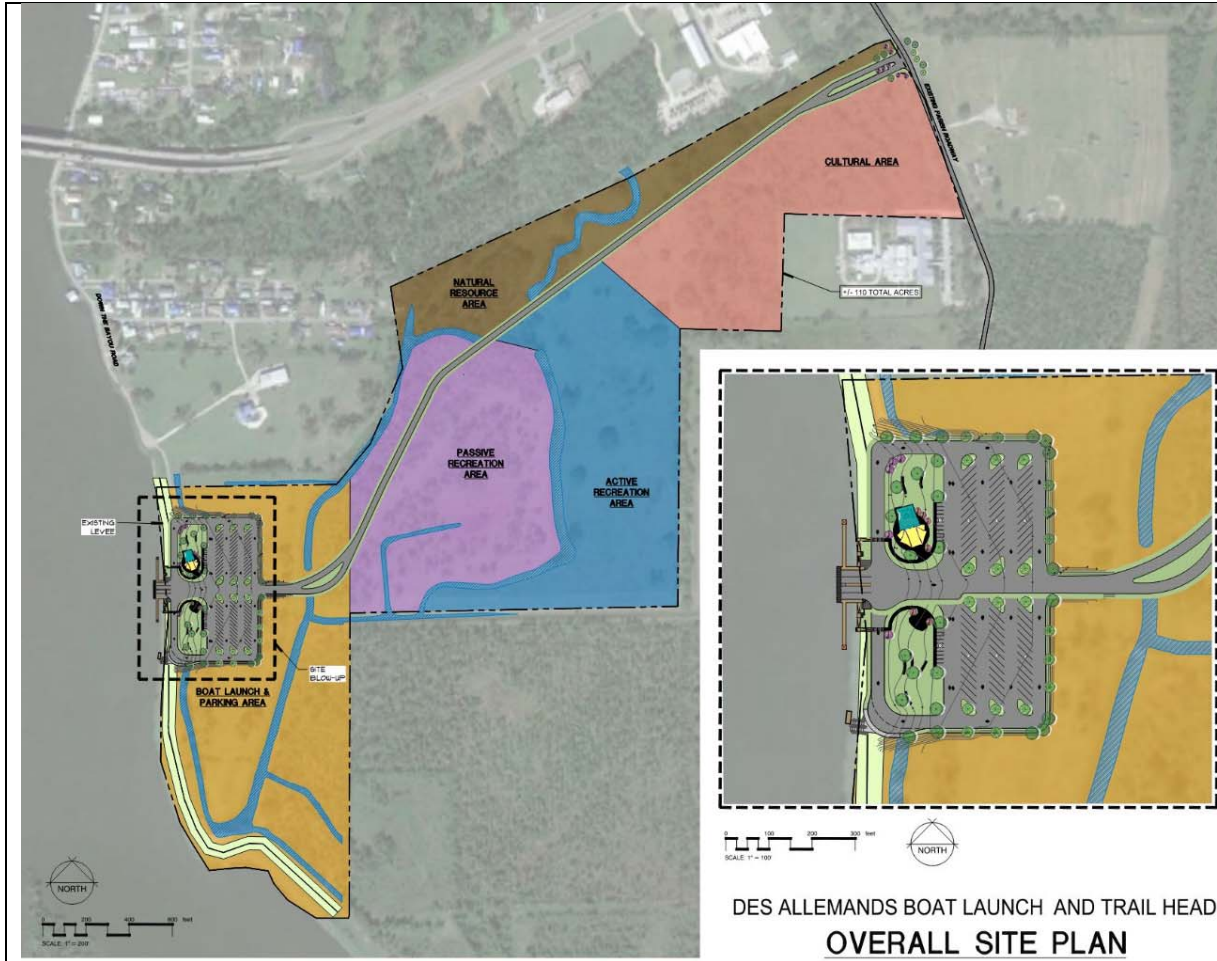
- Advertisement for Bids
- Award construction contract
- Issue Notice to Proceed
- Issue Substantial Completion

Success Criteria: Success will be measured by the completion of the Des Allemands Boat Launch project.

Location: See attached map.

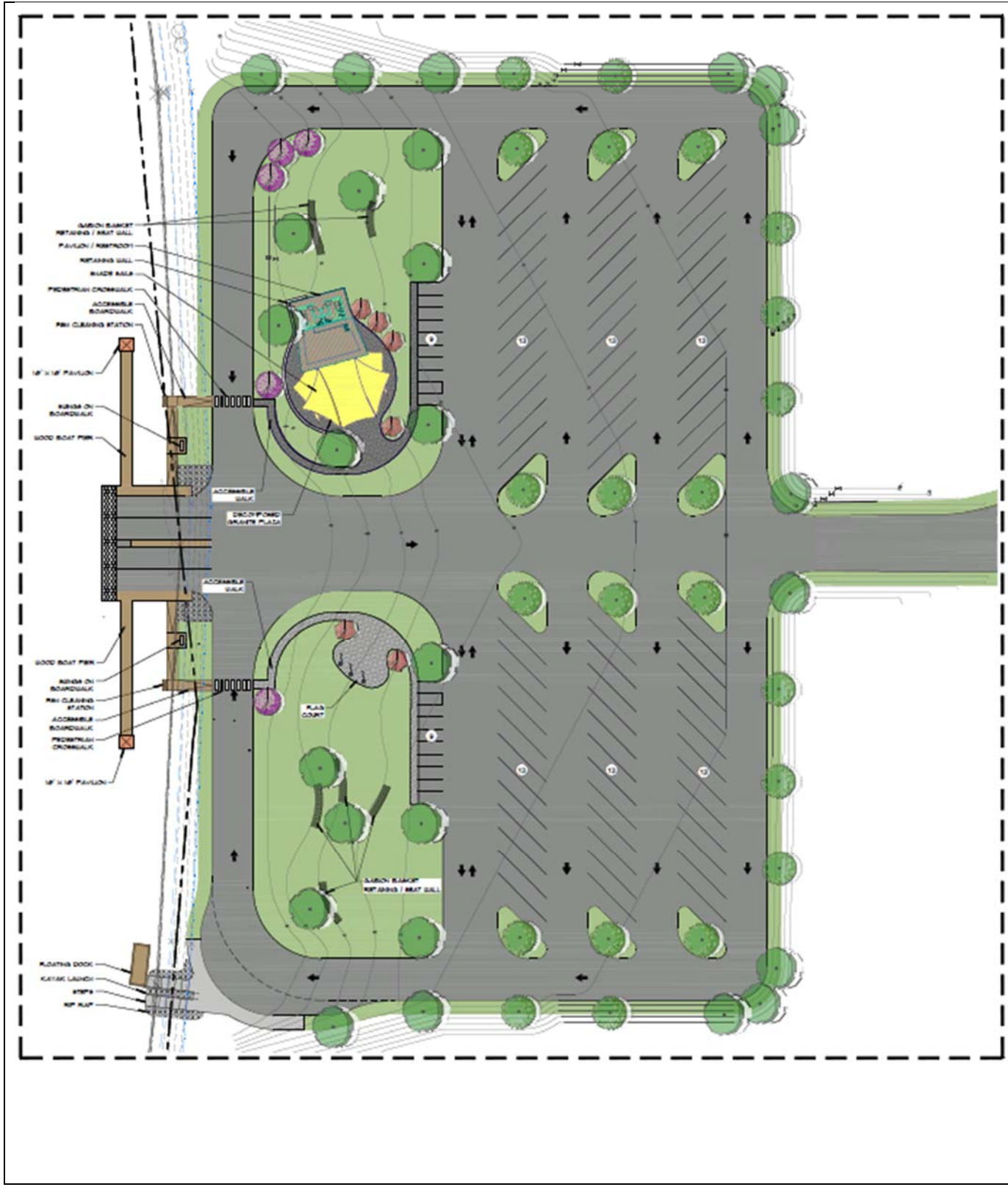






DES ALLEMANDS BOAT LAUNCH AND TRAIL HEAD
OVERALL SITE PLAN





2. Please summarize the process for developing the draft multiyear implementation plan, including how projects were initially evaluated and prioritized, and how the entity made the draft multiyear implementation plan available for a minimum of 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.

Attach:

- Documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that the entity made its multiyear implementation plan available to the public for at least 45 days;
- A copy of all meaningful public comments received (OGCR defines “meaningful” as all comments pertaining to the selection of each activity (projects and programs) or the approach to or design of any proposed activities (projects and program));
- Any responses provided to meaningful public comments;
- A list of changes made as a result of meaningful public comments. If critical comments were received but no changes were made, the entity should explain why incorporating these comments is infeasible or not in keeping with the public interest; and
- A letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear implementation plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear implementation plan.

A public notice was published on the dates below in the Parish's Official Journal, the St. Charles Herald Guide, informing the public of the availability to review and comment on the St. Charles Parish RESTORE Act Direct Component Multiyear Plan – Amendment #1. The advertisement notified the public that the Multiyear Plan was available for review in the St. Charles Parish Grants Office and on the Parish website (<https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/>). The Multiyear Plan was available for public review and comment for 45 days beginning the day following the initial date of publication. The notice included the name and address of the individual in which to submit comments; the deadline for written comment was October 21, 2024. St. Charles Parish also used social media outlets throughout the public comment period to inform the public that they were encouraged to review and comment on the Multiyear Plan. Utilizing these various forms of publication helped St. Charles Parish to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian Tribes, and non-profit organizations.

Key Dates:

Dates of Public Notice: September 5, 2024 and September 12, 2024

Public Comment Period: September 6 – October 21, 2024

Resolution Adopted: TBD

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	12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (refer to Instructions)		\$912,736.06	\$2,540,724.00	\$6,367,633.26	\$9,821,093.32	Please note: Grant awards may reflect non-material changes in proposed dates and estimated funding.	

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1505-0250. Comments concerning the time required to complete this information collection, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information, should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20220.