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COUNCIL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 5, 2026

TO: MR. MICHAEL ALBERT
PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

FROM: MICHELLE IMPASTATO
COUNCIL SECRETARY 

RE: ST. CHARLES PARISH SHIELD PLAN: STABILIZING HABITATS
THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE, ECOLOGY, AND LAND DEFENSE

On March 2, 2026, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Resolution No. 6892 adopting the St. Charles Parish SHIELD Plan: Stabilizing Habitats through Infrastructure, Ecology, and Land Defense.

A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your records. Please notify the appropriate parties of the Council's action in this regard.

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Enclosure

cc: Parish Council
Parish President Matthew Jewell via Electronic Notification
Mr. Grant Dussom via Electronic Notification
Ms. Marny Stein via Electronic Notification
Mr. Clay Ledet via Electronic Notification

2026-0067

**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING)**

RESOLUTION NO. 6892

A resolution adopting the St. Charles Parish SHIELD Plan: Stabilizing Habitats through Infrastructure, Ecology, and Land Defense.

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2024, St. Charles Parish entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC (the consultant) pursuant to Ordinance 24-6-13; and,

WHEREAS, the consultant interviewed stakeholders regarding potential coastal restoration projects; and,

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2025, the consultant presented seven (7) projects to the public for prioritization: Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection, Couba Island Shoreline Protection, Bayou Couba Shoreline Protection, Tank Pond Shoreline Protection, Rock Jetty Extension at Bayou Des Allemands, Lake Salvador Interior Marsh Hydrologic Restoration, and Labranche Area Marsh Creation; and,

WHEREAS, the consultant reviewed public comment and delivered a draft document entitled the St. Charles Parish SHIELD Plan: Stabilizing Habitats through Infrastructure, Ecology, and Land Defense which included the prioritized projects and seven (7) programmatic concepts Education, Access & Recreational Use, Invasive Species Management, Native Vegetation Planting, Abandoned Vessel Removal, Mitigation Banks, and Land Conservation; and,

WHEREAS, the consultant presented the draft plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission, who, acting as interim Coastal Zone Advisory Committee, opened a public comment period for the draft plan on July 10, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2025, the consultant delivered a final plan revised to include an additional programmatic concept: Addressing Marsh Fires; and,

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2025, the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee approved 2025-1-RES, adopting the SHIELD plan as their strategic plan for coastal restoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL hereby provides this resolution in support of the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee 2025-1-RES adopting St. Charles Parish SHIELD Plan: Stabilizing Habitats through Infrastructure, Ecology, and Land Defense.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, COMARDELLE, O'DANIELS, FISHER, DEBRULER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2026, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: _____
SECRETARY: Michelle Dupontals
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: March 2, 2026
APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell
RETD/SECRETARY: March 2, 2026
AT: 8:00pm RECD BY: [Signature]