

Public Comment Period

During the week of August 27th, copies of the "Draft" St. Charles Parish Coastal Zone Management Program Document and Ordinance were delivered to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the State Library in Baton Rouge and also delivered to St. Charles Parish Government and its East and West Regional Libraries. Additional copies were delivered to the St. Charles Coastal Advisory Committee members and to smaller branch libraries.

An electronic copy of the document/ordinance was uploaded and linked onto the websites of both South Central Planning and Development Commission and St. Charles Parish Government with the following instruction:

South Central Planning and Development Commission and St. Charles Parish have produced an update of the St. Charles Local Coastal Program Document. This notice describes the opportunities for public comment on the updated document.

Please email all typed comments to Brooke Bergeron, South Central Planning and Development Commission Intake Assistant, at brooke@scpdc.org.

Include your contact information along with comments. While general comments are acceptable, comments should state the page number in which you are commenting on and identify clearly what is the suggested change.

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Thank you for taking the time out to review this document. Your comments and efforts are appreciated.

Sincerely,

South Central Planning and Development Staff

As of Monday September 28th, four sets of Comments have been received and were addressed by SCPDC in preparation for a Public Hearing and meeting of the St Charles Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee. The four commenters are Ms. A. Guarino, of the LSU AgCenter, Mr. J. Roux, Mr. M. J. Allemand, Jr. and Mr. W. Nipper, of Dow Chemical Company.

The following reflects SCPDC staff's review and addressing of the comments.

Ms. Guarino's Comments were captured from a meeting of the St. John Coastal Zone Advisory Committee. The comments were relative to a St. John Document being prepared, but were relevant to the St Charles Document/Ordinance. Ms. Guarino pointed to the inconsistent references to the LSU AgCenter (LSU Agriculture Center) in multiple places within Chapter Two of the document.

Staff Addressed Comments by proofing the document and replacing all similar references to read LSU AgCenter.

Mr. Roux's Comments were captured in an email to SCPDC staff dated September 24th 2015. Mr. Roux's comments dealt with specific data and detail within the document.

Staff Addressed Comments by Mr. Roux by reviewing the data and its source.

- Landscape Features/Land Use - Staff found and corrected inconsistencies in the Acreage References in text and in a chart within Chapters One and Three.
- Water Resource – a few sentences were added in Chapter Two referencing Lake Cataouatche to be consistent with other water resources noted within the existing text.
- Parish Development – The word Immigration was properly corrected as migration.
- Levee/Flood Protection – A dated reference “(include if millage passes)” was removed.
- West Bank Community – A community mislabeled on a map is correctly labelled.
- Hydrology – Staff met with St Charles Parish CZM staff and determined that there was an error in the statement and made the correction.
- Land Use – Staff met with St. Charles Parish CZM staff and was reminded that the FLUM does not reflect all jurisdiction requirements.

SCPDC staff met with St. Charles parish CZM staff to review the levee maps within the document.

Mr. Allemand's Comments were captured in correspondence to St. Charles CZM Administrator Earl Matherne dated September 27th, 2015. Mr. Allemand broke his comments into Observations, Suggestions and Questions.

Staff Addressed Comments as follows:

Observations:

- Report should be condensed to make more readable – The Executive Summary and Introduction with the specific intent of providing a summarized “condensed” version. It is correct that some data is then repeated and expanded within the Chapters.

- The Hale Boggs bridge's southern end is at Luling not Hahnville – Good catch and this was corrected.
- Plan should differentiate between actual built Hurricane levees and proposed levees. Staff reviewed maps and determined that they needed to be updated/changed.
- St Charles Parish 2030 Comprehensive Land Use plan is flawed - The comprehensive plan was approved in 2012 and is in the CZM document merely as a reference and it was adopted for information purposes.
- Does not like references to Jefferson Parish Levee and questions the stated location. – Staff reviewed reference to location.
- The map (page 6-39) shows the town of Taft in eastern part of St. Charles – Staff corrected map labelling

Suggestions:

Mr. Allemand's suggestions are well noted and reflect an admirable level of support for environment protection and restoration.

Questions:

Mr. Allemand's question is to the value of the Coastal Zone Program. St. Charles' purpose of formalizing its place within the Federal and State program will speak to its views of the program.

Mr. Nipper's Comments were received via email dated September 28, 2015. Nipper's proposed revisions offer more specificity regarding three Goal/Objective/Policies that deal with waste water disposal.

Staff addressed the comments and accepted the following revisions.

- **GOAL 1: TO MAINTAIN OR ENHANCE OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE PARISH**
Objective 1: Water Quality
Policy #9 – Waste facilities located in wetlands should be designed ~~and built to withstand~~ **in accordance with the substantive requirements of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in consideration of** all expectable adverse conditions so as not to be releasing pollutants.
- **GOAL 1: TO MAINTAIN OR ENHANCE OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE PARISH**
Objective 1: Water Quality

Policy #10 – Waste facilities should be designed and constructed **in accordance with the substantive requirements of the Louisiana Department of Environmental quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** using the best practical techniques to prevent leachate, control leachate production and prevent the movement of leachate away from the facility.

GOAL 1: TO MAINTAIN OR ENHANCE OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE PARISH

Objective 1: Water Quality

Policy #12 – All waste disposal sites should ~~sites should be marked and, to the maximum extent practicable, all components of waste should be identified~~ **comply with the substantive requirements of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.**