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Members of the St. Charles Parish Council
P.O. Box 302
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RE: Boat Ramp, Des Allemands



Dear Members of the St. Charles Parish Council:

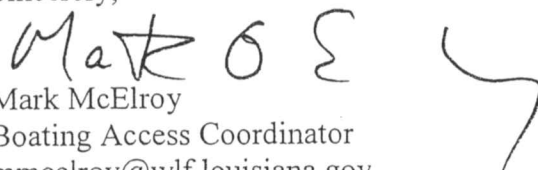
Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the construction of a new boat ramp in Des Allemands. I appreciate the comments regarding the existing ramp as I too have launched from that facility on numerous occasions.

Under our Wallop-Breaux Boating Access program, the parish may request up to 75% federal funding to assist in construction of either new or additions to existing boating access facilities. The 25% match can be assessed land value, in-kind services, cash, or any combination of the three. Reasonable funding requests should range between \$150,000 to \$400,000.

My advice to you at this point is the following: Send me detailed information about the site and include maps; Begin preparing a draft narrative to include the reason for the project; Specifically state the objective(s) of the project (2 sentences that state exactly what it is you intend to construct); State the expected results; And most importantly develop a budget with as much detail as possible. An engineer or architect should begin drafting a schematic of the project and should oversee the development of a budget. This information will be the heart and soul of your application and it would be wise to start on it first.

I am available to meet with parish officials at the site to discuss your project and application, should you see the need. Otherwise, keep me informed by email and you are encouraged to contact me should you have any questions. The deadline for this year's funding is September 15, so there isn't much time.

Sincerely,


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