

ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES RESETTLEMENT

OFFICE LOCATIONS & HOURS

MARCH & APRIL 2019

MONDAYS

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Council on Aging Office
995 Tunnel Blvd.
Houma, LA 70360

WEDNESDAYS

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Bourg Lions Club
109 Texas Gulf Road
Bourg, LA 70343

FRIDAYS

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BACKGROUND

The Isle de Jean Charles Resettlement is a federally funded, first-of-its-kind effort that will offer resettlement options to current and former residents of Isle de Jean Charles in a safer and more sustainable community.

Participation in the Resettlement is **voluntary**; the state will not force anyone to leave the island and will ensure that all residents make their own, independent decisions. The Resettlement focuses on developing stronger and less flood-prone homes for the Isle de Jean Charles community that reflect and preserve their unique culture, diversity and history.

NEW COMMUNITY

In December 2018, the Louisiana Land Trust, on behalf of the Office of Community Development, purchased about 515 acres of rural land near Schriever in Terrebonne Parish. This site will serve as the Resettlement community for current and past residents of Isle de Jean Charles. The selection of this location involved extensive research, including evaluations of more than 20 sites, and was overwhelmingly preferred by island residents. More information regarding the site and features of the new community is available at IsledeJeanCharles.la.gov.

RESETTLEMENT OPTIONS

The Resettlement options are first available to residents currently living on the island, or those displaced since Hurricane Isaac's landfall in 2012 who do not own an off-island home. The state also anticipates that former permanent island residents displaced before Hurricane Isaac will be able to rejoin the Isle de Jean Charles community at the new site, if they lived in a federally-declared disaster parish at the time of Hurricane Isaac.

A NEW HOME IN THE NEW COMMUNITY

AVAILABLE BENEFIT

Eligible households will receive a new home built at the community resettlement site.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Current permanent, primary residents on the island.

— or —

Past permanent, primary residents displaced on or after Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), who do not currently own an off-island home. Residents who were displaced after the storm and were not permanent residents of the island at the time of the storm must have lived in a Hurricane Isaac federally-declared disaster parish on Aug. 28, 2012.

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A BUILT HOME IN LOUISIANA

AVAILABLE BENEFIT

Eligible households will receive funding toward an existing home within Louisiana that meets program standards, is located outside the currently recognized 100-year floodplain and is separate from the community resettlement site.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Current permanent, primary residents on the island.

— or —

Past permanent, primary residents displaced on or after Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), who do not currently own an off-island home. Residents who were displaced after the storm and were not permanent residents of the island at the time of the storm must have lived in a Hurricane Isaac federally-declared disaster parish on Aug. 28, 2012.

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A VACANT LOT IN THE NEW COMMUNITY

AVAILABLE BENEFIT

Eligible households will receive a vacant lot on the resettlement site. The program will support residents in identifying potential financing options to build a home on the community resettlement site.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Past permanent, primary residents displaced from the island before Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), who lived in a Hurricane Isaac federally-declared disaster parish on Aug. 28, 2012, and who can demonstrate financial ability to build a new home.

— or —

Past permanent, primary residents displaced on or after Aug. 28, 2012, who presently own a home.

Eligible applicants will be prioritized based on when they left the island.

Application period to open at a later date.

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If properties remain after earlier portions of the program conclude, those properties will be processed in a manner consistent with CDBG requirements while taking community needs into consideration.

Details regarding program eligibility and participation are available upon request, or by visiting IsledeJeanCharles.la.gov.


PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM CAN DO SO IN PERSON OR BY PHONE BY CONTACTING THE RESETTLEMENT STAFF.

Applications for current permanent, primary IDJC residents or any past permanent, primary residents as of Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), can apply now. Applications for people who lived on the island before Isaac will open in the future.

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