

# ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES RESETTLEMENT



## 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](http://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 program eligible parish (Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Terrebonne) at the time of Hurricane Isaac.

### A NEW HOME IN THE NEW COMMUNITY

#### AVAILABLE BENEFIT

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

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Current permanent, primary residents on the island.

— or —

Past permanent, primary residents who do not currently own an off-island home and:

- lived on the island on Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), have been displaced since that time and currently live in a program eligible parish.

- or -

- lived in a program eligible parish on Aug. 28, 2012, lived on the island after that time and currently live in a program eligible parish.

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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 who do not currently own an off-island home and:

- lived on the island on Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), have been displaced since that time and currently live in a program eligible parish.

- or -

- lived in a program eligible parish on Aug. 28, 2012, lived on the island after that time and currently live in a program eligible parish.

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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 program eligible parish at the time of the storm, currently reside in a program eligible parish and can demonstrate financial ability to build a new home.

— or —

Past permanent, primary residents displaced on or after Aug. 28, 2012 who currently own an off-island home.

*Eligible applicants will be prioritized based on when they lived on 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](http://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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## OFFICE HOURS & LOCATION

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