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 residents are encouraged to make their own, independent decisions. The Resettlement focuses on developing stronger and less floodprone homes for the Isle de Jean Charles community that reflect and preserve its unique culture, diversity and history.

THE NEW ISLE

After extensive research, evaluation and input from island residents, the Louisiana Land Trust, on behalf of the Louisiana Office of Community Development, purchased 515 acres of rural land near Schriever in Terrebonne Parish to serve as the site for the Resettlement community. The selected site, about 40 miles north of Isle de Jean Charles, is a higher, safer and more resilient location.

Resettlement team members continue to develop and refine a master plan for the community that includes features and needs expressed by current island residents. In November 2019, Isle de Jean Charles residents agreed to name the Resettlement community The New Isle.

More information on the site can be found at IsleDeJeanCharles.la.gov.



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RESETTLEMENT OPTIONS

A NEW HOME IN THE NEW ISLE

AVAILABLE BENEFIT

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Current permanent, primary residents on the island.

— or —

Past permanent, primary residents who lived on the island on Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), have been displaced since that time and do not currently own an off-island home.

AN EXISTING 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 resettlement site.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Current permanent, primary residents on the island.

— or —

Past permanent, primary residents who lived on the island on Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), have been displaced since that time and do not currently own an off-island home.

AN IMPROVED LOT IN THE NEW ISLE

AVAILABLE BENEFIT

Eligible households will receive an improved lot within the resettlement site that is ready for construction. The program will support residents in identifying potential financing options—as needed—to build a home on the resettlement site.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Past permanent, primary residents who:

- Were displaced from the island before Aug. 28, 2012 (Hurricane Isaac), and lived in a program eligible parish at the time of the storm.
- Were displaced on or after Aug. 28, 2012, and currently owns an off-island home.
- Lived in a program eligible parish on Aug. 28, 2012, and lived on the island after that time.
- In addition, Option B participants:
- Must demonstrate financial ability to build a new home at the resettlement site. The program will support participants in identifying potential financing options.
- Will be prioritized based on when they lived on the island.

PROGRAM-ELIGIBLE PARISHES: JEFFERSON, LAFOURCHE, PLAQUEMINES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. TAMMANY AND TERREBONNE

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 <u>IsleDeJeanCharles.la.gov.</u>



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OFFICE HOURS & LOCATION

MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities Building 1220 Aycock St. Houma, LA 70360

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