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Saturday's Open House at Port Commission seeks ideas for a new Louisiana

(GALLIANO, LA., JANUARY 17, 2006) - The Louisiana Recovery Authority announced locations for open house events Saturday, January 21, 2006 for Louisiana Recovery Planning Day. In South Lafourche an open house will be hosted from 10am-4pm at the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's Administration Building in Galliano. There are now 30 open house meetings scheduled January 21 to collect public input on rebuilding areas impacted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In a proclamation issued last week declaring Jan. 21 "Louisiana Recovery Planning Day," Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco urged the public to participate and to provide input on rebuilding. "This opportunity to participate in the planning effort is critical to making sure that the final plans reflect the needs and desires of Louisiana citizens, and lay a good foundation for the future of the State of Louisiana."

Louisiana Recovery Planning Day is an important part of the Long Term Community Planning (LTCP) effort, which is being coordinated through the Louisiana Recovery Authority in partnership with local, state and federal agencies.

"Reaching out to displaced Louisianans for their ideas and visions on rebuilding their communities is vital to the long-term recovery process," says Brad Gair the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Long-Term Community Recovery Director. "I realize that it is hard to think about the future for those still in need of housing, or a job, or a way home, but generations to come will be thankful for everyone who took valuable time out from their own personal agendas to help plan for a new Louisiana."

ABOUT US

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission was established by the state of Louisiana in 1960 and exercises jurisdiction over an area of Lafourche Parish, south of the Intracoastal Waterway, including Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport. Over 40 years later, the commission has developed the nation's premiere oil and gas support services port on the Gulf of Mexico, Port Fourchon, and continues to develop the South Lafourche Airport in the support of the hydrocarbon, fishing, tourist, and recreational industries.

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