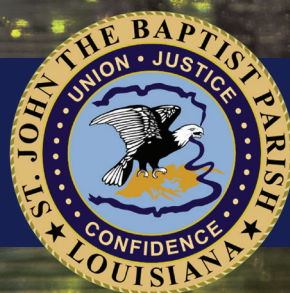




St. John the Baptist Parish  
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## A MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRESIDENT HOTARD

As I reflect on my first term as parish president, I am pleased about the progress and accomplishments we have achieved despite the unprecedented times. Regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Ida, St. John the Baptist Parish has remained resilient and strong, and it comes with no surprise that we continue to move forward.

During the pandemic, we were able to quickly pivot our recreational programming to include kid and adult art, yoga, cheer camps, soccer, tennis clinic, and more. Hurricane Ida damaged over 100 parish facilities, but our quick activation of recovery efforts allowed us to collect approximately 750,000 cubic yards of construction debris in the first 60 days following the storm.

One of the biggest achievements has been our focus on the implementation of major water and wastewater improvement projects. We have successfully secured over \$120 million to begin comprehensively upgrading parishwide water systems and to consolidate aging wastewater systems.

**When completed, parish water systems will provide residents with a safe, reliable water system, and the wastewater improvements will increase efficiency while saving the parish approximately \$1 million annually.**

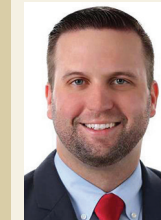
We have been named a Louisiana Development Ready Community by the Louisiana Economic Development Department – a designation which helps communities prepare for new investments and jobs. Additionally, we have established the first “Coats for Kids” drive and launched the Parish President’s Scholarship, which is annually awarded to a recipient at each local high school to support their academic endeavors.

I am proud of the progress that we have made in our first term, but we are just getting started and have more work to do. It would be an honor to contribute to the community in which I was born and raised for a second term. I am humbled and excited about the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of St. John.



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# ST. JOHN COUNCIL ON AGING

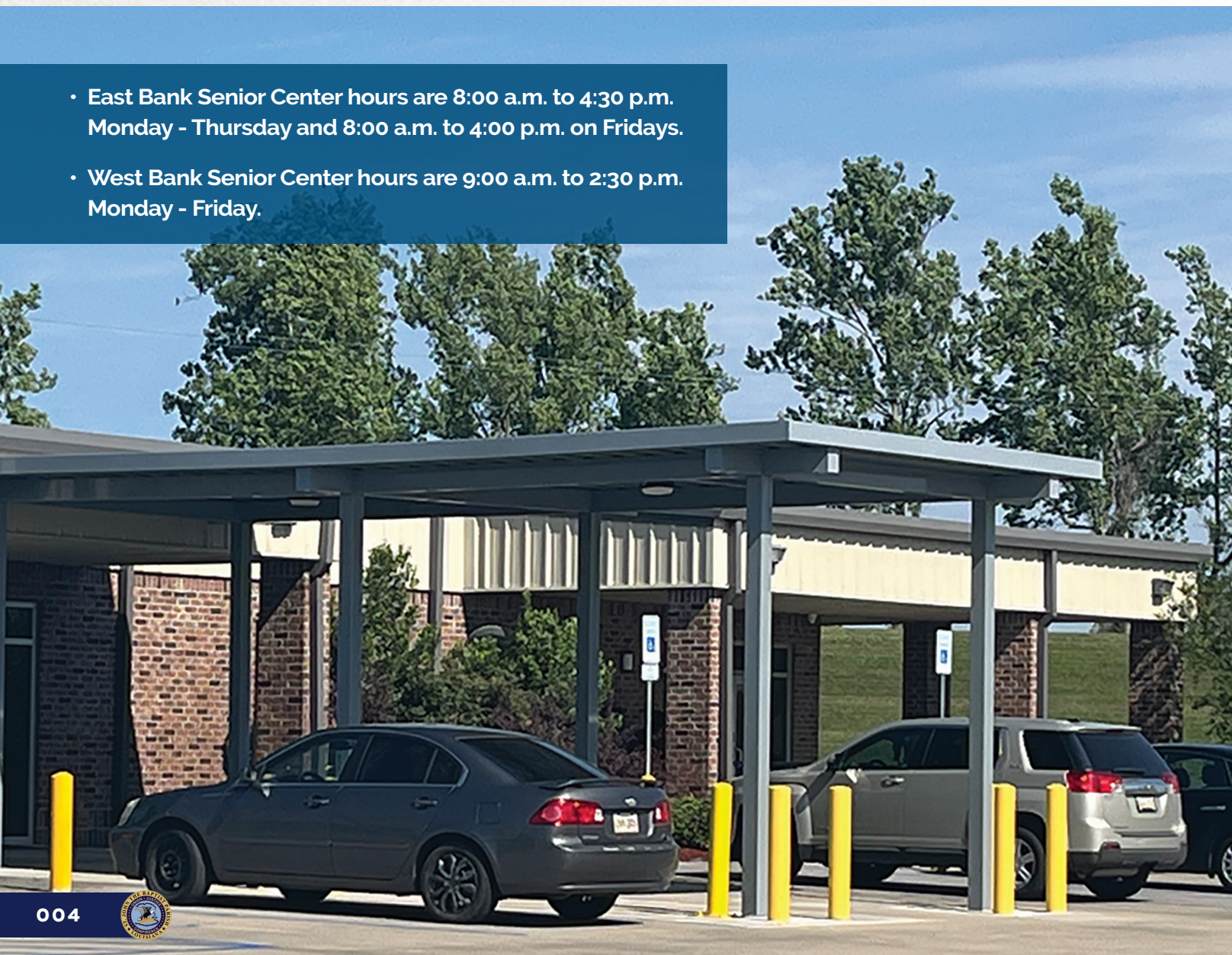
The St. John the Baptist Parish Council on Aging Senior Centers are aimed to enhance the quality of life of senior citizens living in St. John Parish.

Breakfast and lunch are served daily, and activities include Bingo, card games, birthday month celebrations, and sponsored field trips. All residents 60 years and over are welcome.

The East Bank Senior Center is located at 214 Regala Park Rd., Reserve and can be reached at 985-479-0272, and the West Bank Senior Center is located at 3445 LA 18, Edgard and can be reached at 985-267-1010.



- East Bank Senior Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays.
- West Bank Senior Center hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department of Community Services, formerly Health and Human Services, provides financial assistance and case management services, educational programs, community resources, and emergency assistance to residents.

The Department aided more than 4,621 families with utilities, food, rental, mortgage, and other assistance in 2022.

**The Department of Community Services met 100% of the CSBDG Annual Performance Standards in 2022.**

*To contact the Department of Community Services, please call (985) 536-4955.*





# PARKS & RECREATION

The Mission of the St. John the Baptist Parish Parks & Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for all parish residents by providing well-maintained parks and facilities, outstanding programs, as well as activities for the community.

To register for activities and sports, please call Parks & Recreation at 985-536-4933.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

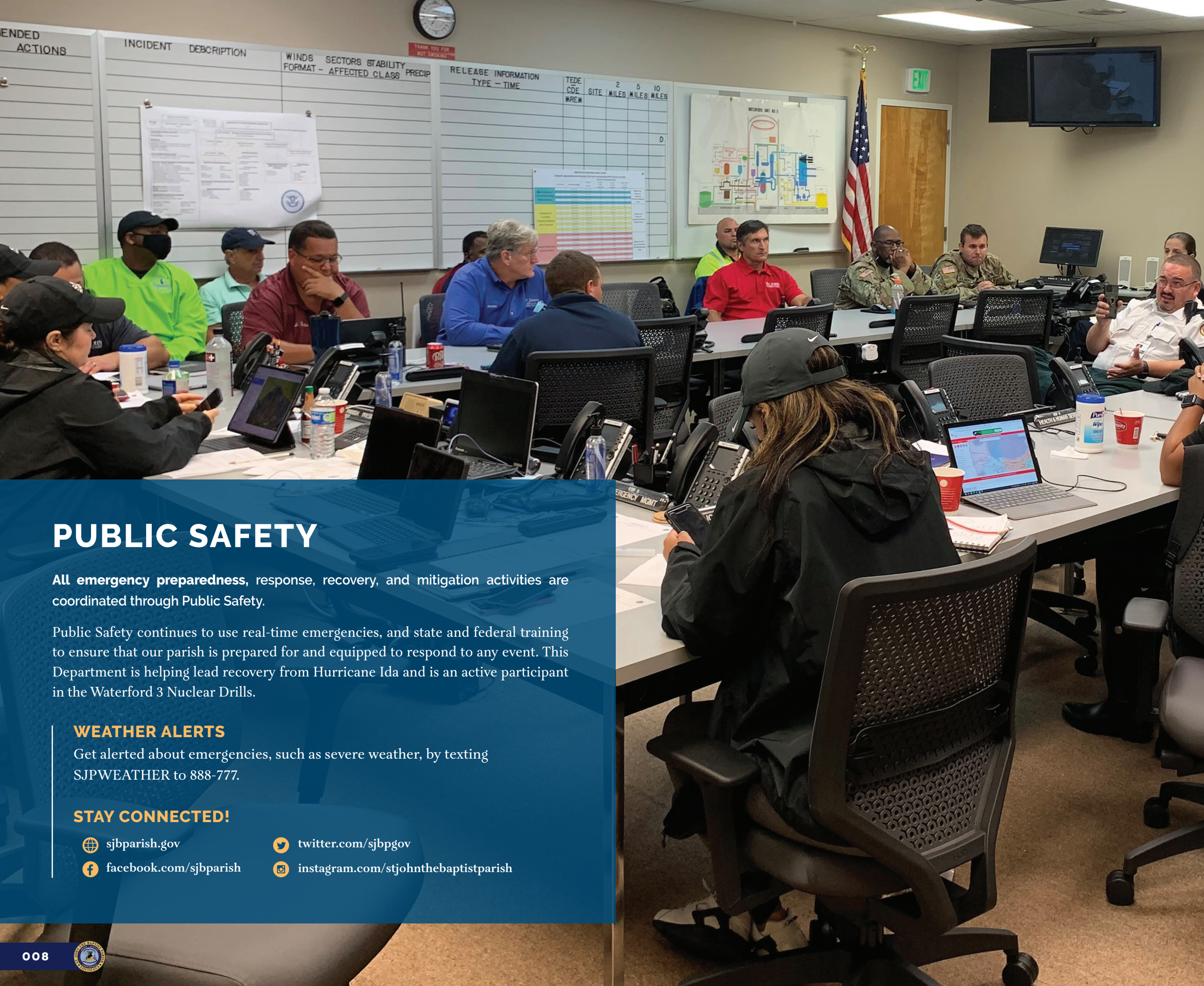
- Volleyball
- Tee Ball
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Art
- Flag Football
- Swimming Lessons
- Tennis Clinic

## ADULT PROGRAMS

- Art
- Volleyball
- Line Dancing
- Yoga
- Water Aerobics
- Tennis Clinic







# PUBLIC SAFETY

All emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities are coordinated through Public Safety.

Public Safety continues to use real-time emergencies, and state and federal training to ensure that our parish is prepared for and equipped to respond to any event. This Department is helping lead recovery from Hurricane Ida and is an active participant in the Waterford 3 Nuclear Drills.

## WEATHER ALERTS

Get alerted about emergencies, such as severe weather, by texting SJPWEATHER to 888-777.

## STAY CONNECTED!

-  [sjbparish.gov](http://sjbparish.gov)
-  [twitter.com/sjbpgov](https://twitter.com/sjbpgov)
-  [facebook.com/sjbparish](https://facebook.com/sjbparish)
-  [instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistparish](https://instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistparish)

# THE WEST BANK MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX



Construction on the 13,500-square-foot multipurpose building on the West Bank is slated for this summer. Building features include a large multipurpose room for hosting events, a meeting room and commercial kitchen.

*"This facility will provide disaster response services, including a distribution center for water, food, etc. following a natural disaster, post-disaster shelter for residents and emergency personnel, and other emergency services," said Parish President Jaclyn Hotard.*







## OFFICE OF FIRE SERVICES

The St. John Parish Office of Fire Services provides fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and technical rescue services to everyone who lives, works or visits St. John the Baptist Parish.

In 2022 the Office of Fire Services:

- Purchased and placed into service a new fire engine on the West Bank at the Wallace Fire Station, a \$525,000.00 investment.
- Conducted over 130 Fire Safety Education Sessions, reaching over 2,500 residents.
- Installed 330 free smoke alarms in 178 homes throughout the parish.
- Firefighter and Operator Spencer Perilloux was named the 2022 Best of River Parishes Best First Responder.
- Improved our search and rescue capabilities by purchasing several assets, including a new rescue boat and drone, a \$35,000.00 investment.



**The Office of Fire Services responded to a total of 2,107 incidents in 2022.**





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Under Parish President Hotard's leadership, the St. John the Baptist Parish Department of Economic Development

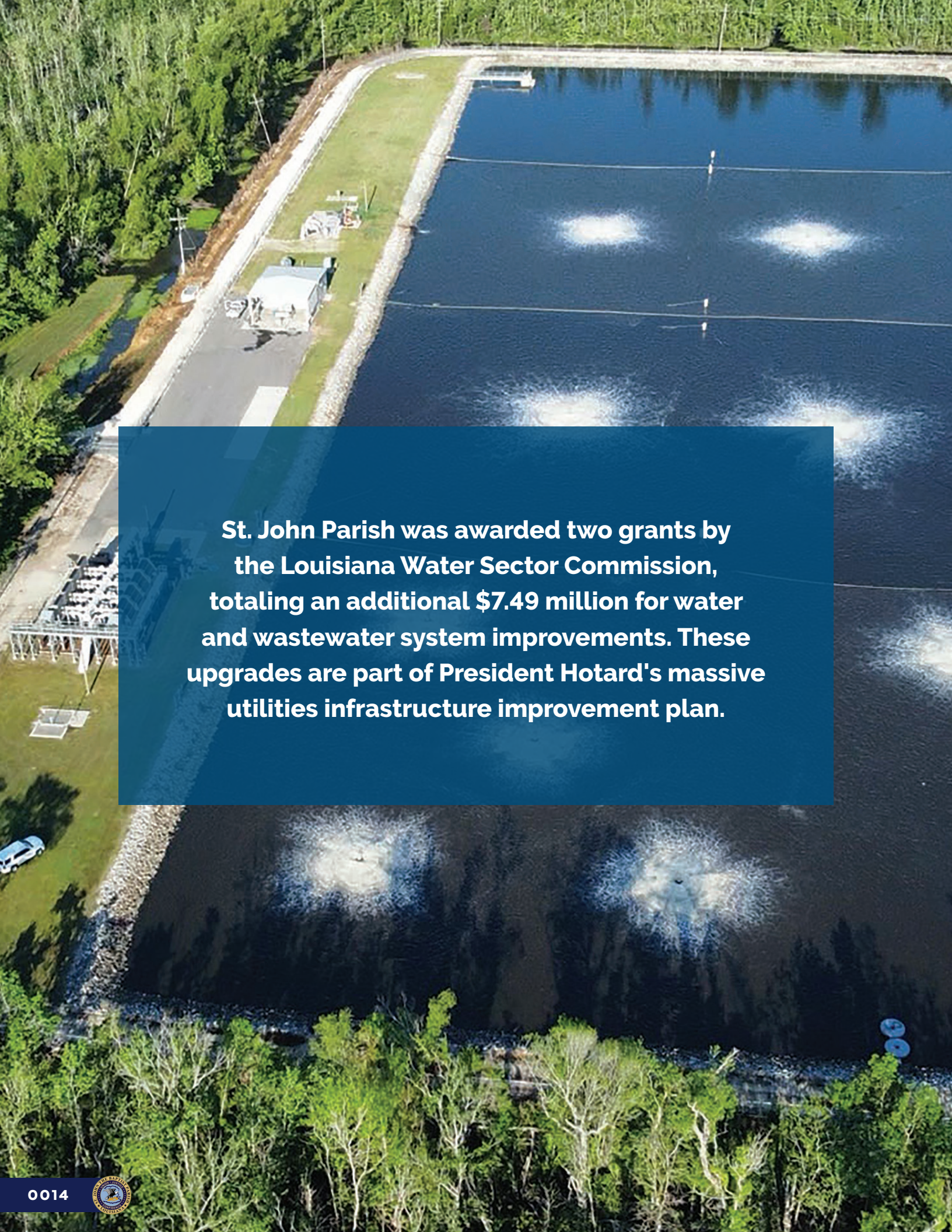
- Completed the Louisiana Economic Development's Louisiana Development Ready Communities Program.
- Partnered with CAFA (Capital Area Finance Authority) in which qualified homebuyers are allocated grant funds that can be used for down payments, closing costs, prepaid items, and even for assistance with private mortgage insurance costs.
- Continued to work together with Louisiana Economic Development and Small Business Training Center on the FASTTRAC program and other initiatives that help small business owners grow.



**With hundreds of small businesses in St. John Parish, we encourage residents to shop within the parish. When you shop locally, you support our locally owned businesses and help our economy thrive.**







**St. John Parish was awarded two grants by the Louisiana Water Sector Commission, totaling an additional \$7.49 million for water and wastewater system improvements. These upgrades are part of President Hotard's massive utilities infrastructure improvement plan.**

## UTILITIES

The Utilities Department supplies wastewater and water services to the citizens, businesses and industries, monitors our water systems, and makes necessary repairs.

Utilities is working on a \$60 million project to upgrade all parish Water Treatment Facilities and \$40 million in projects for wastewater.

### ONGOING PROJECTS:

- Cambridge Pump Station Modifications and Force Main Replacement
- Woodland Regional Pump Station
- Sewer Force Main Extension Connection from River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant to Reserve
- Wastewater Treatment Pond
- Central LS Rehabilitation & WWTP Maintenance Repairs Garyville Pump Station and Force Main
- Cambridge #2, Cambridge #3 and Ned Duhé Lift Station Improvements
- Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant Demolition
- Ezekiel Jackson and Esperanza Lift Station Rehabilitation



- W. 13th, E. 13th and W. 8th Lift Station Rehabilitations
- Lions Electrical Building
- River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Clarifier Rehabilitation
- Water Transmission Line to Woodland
- Reserve Wastewater Treatment Pond Capacity Expansion
- LaPlace Water Intake Pump Station and Pre-Treatment Facility
- Expansion of Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility







For more information or to make a Public Works request, call (985) 652-4815 or visit [sjbparish.gov](http://sjbparish.gov).



## PUBLIC WORKS

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard announced \$1.1 million grant award from the National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to remove debris from canals in St. John Parish. To date, more than \$2 million in funding has been awarded to St. John Parish from the National Resources Conservation Services.



*"This additional grant award is a testament to the hard work of my administration to aggressively pursue funding for critical projects, including much-needed drainage improvements."*

- PARISH PRESIDENT HOTARD





# PLANNING AND ZONING

**The Planning and Zoning Department** works to shape the future of St. John by implementing the parish's plans and resilience projects while coordinating with local, state and federal policies.

The department works with residents, businesses and parish administration to review and issue building permits, respond to code violations, and manage coastal and floodplain development. In 2022, Planning and Zoning issued 1,083 permits for a total investment of \$110,487,593.

Planning and Zoning is also working to launch an online permitting option for the parish. This will allow residents and contractors to apply, pay for and track permits online without coming in to the office. Planning and Zoning hopes that this will increase the efficiency and transparency of the permitting process.







## GRANTS

The **Grants Office** is responsible for administration and management of grant programs from inception to closeout, including writing correspondence and grants to prospective foundations, organizations and government-funding agencies, and monitoring to ensure that terms and conditions and any other requirements associated with funding are met.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Capital Projects** is responsible for maintaining and improving all buildings along with street lights, event setup and projects.

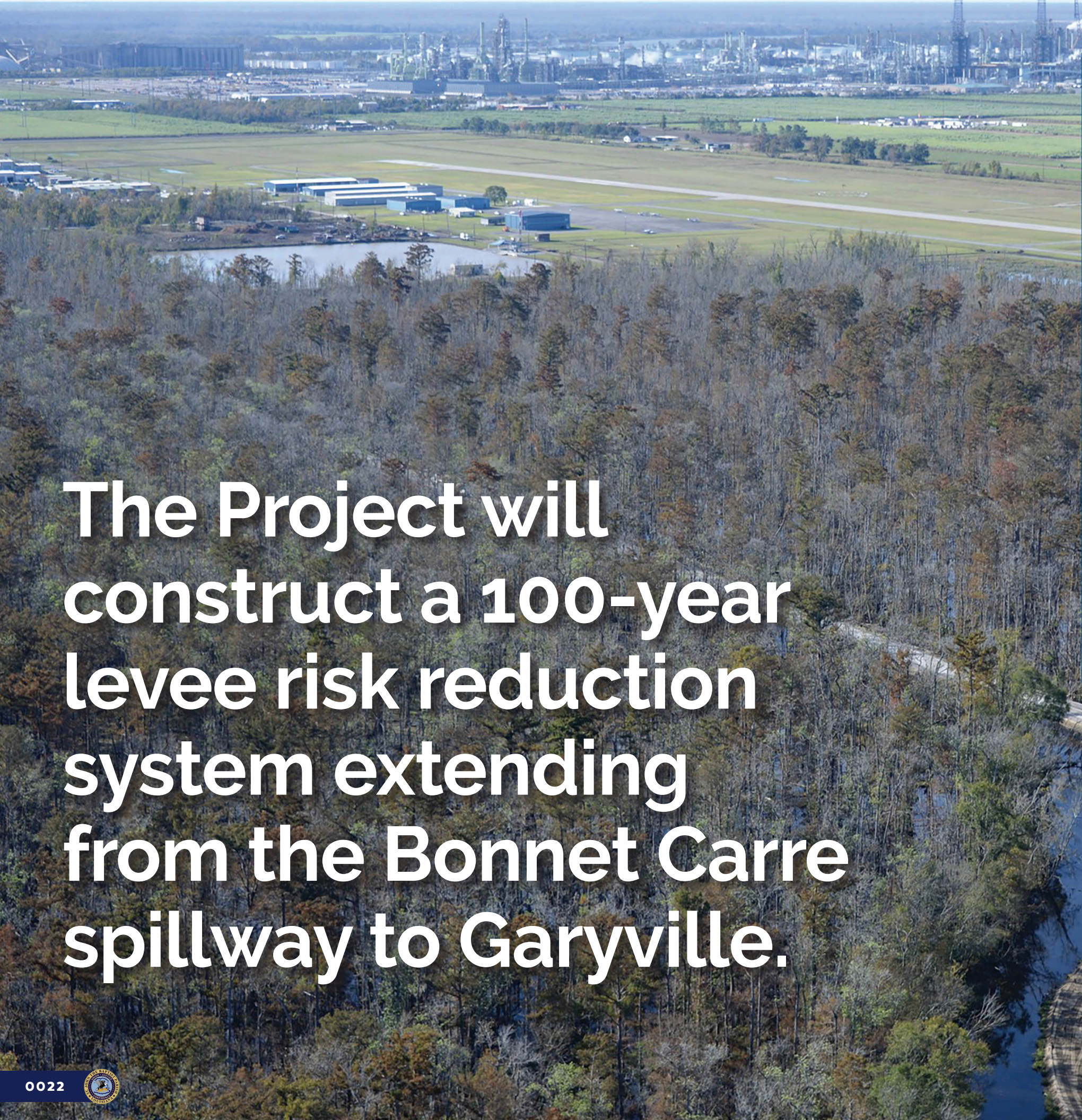
In 2022, Capital Projects completed more than 1,869 work orders across all departments and assisted in events hosted by the parish, including the Independence Day Celebration and Andouille Festival.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

**Human Resources and Emergency Preparedness** lead the effort on National Safety Month each year, providing a variety of safety education courses and training for employees.

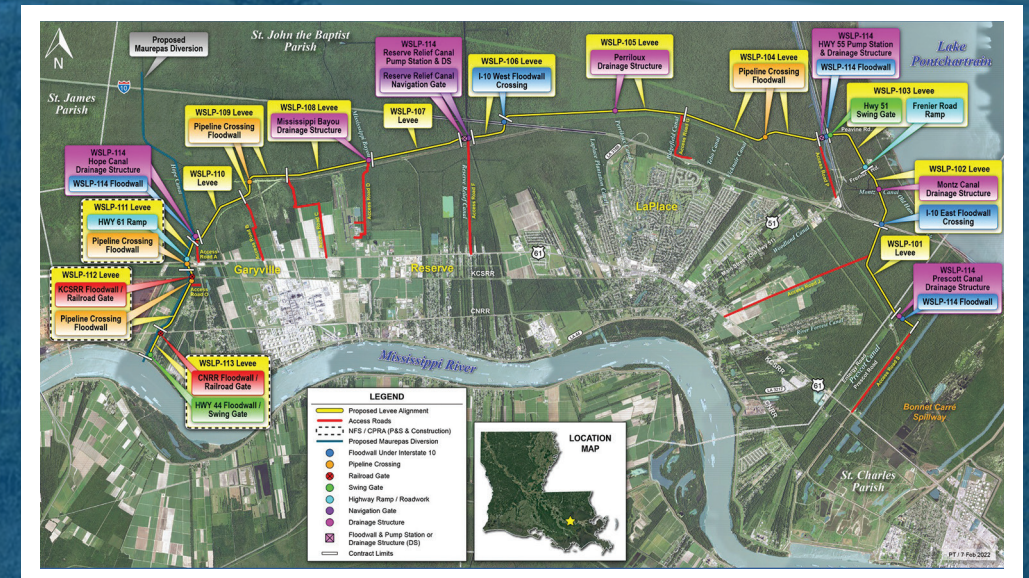
Human Resources also spearheads year-round trainings through the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation.





## MAJOR PROGRESS CONTINUES ON LEVEE CONSTRUCTION

- 2/3 Stockpiling complete
- Access Roads complete
- Sand placement complete
- Test Sections complete
- Pile loading underway



Levee updates can be found on St. John Parish social media pages and on the homepage of [sjbparish.gov](http://sjbparish.gov).

The Project will construct a 100-year levee risk reduction system extending from the Bonnet Carre spillway to Garyville.





## THE ANDOUILLE FESTIVAL RETURNS!

The 47th Annual St. John the Baptist Parish Andouille Festival was held on October 14th, 15th and 16th, 2022. Despite a 2-year hiatus, the return of the Andouille Festival brought out a record number of attendees!

It featured live music, good times and of course great food featuring andouille, the delectable sausage for which the festival was named. Every year thousands of people merge upon the festival grounds for a fun filled weekend. The festival was presented by St. John the Baptist Parish, along with Marathon Petroleum Company LP, and was held on the grounds of the Thomas F. Daley Memorial (Hwy 51) Park.



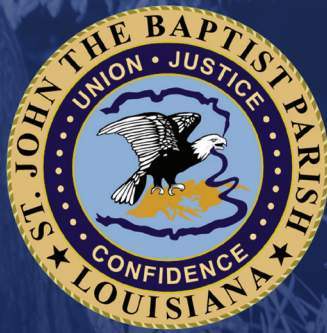




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### FOR AN EMERGENCY

Call 911

### EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

(985) 652-2222

### PARISH PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL

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### UTILITIES EMERGENCY LINE

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### TELEVISION

SJBP Government Access  
Channel 15 (RTC/REVE), 1098 or  
191 (Comcast Xfinity), 99 (AT&T U-Verse)

### INTERNET

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Facebook: [facebook.com/sjbparish](https://facebook.com/sjbparish)

Twitter: [twitter.com/SJBPgov](https://twitter.com/SJBPgov)

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### EMERGENCY MESSAGING

Visit [sjbparish.gov](http://sjbparish.gov) to register for mass notifications and e-releases or call the Communications Department at (985) 652-9569. Text SJPWEATHER to 888-777 for weather alerts.

### RADIO

WWL Radio 870 a.m.  
transmits emergency information

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