• National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)
• Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG)
• Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
ABOUT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

- Population: 45,924
- Cities: LaPlace, Reserve, Garyville, Mt. Airy, Wallace, Edgard, Lucy, Pleasure Bend
- Average Household Income: $53,005
- Availability of interstate, air, rail, and the Mississippi River
- Located along Interstate-10 between Baton Rouge & New Orleans
HURRICANE ISAAC TIMELINE

• Isaac makes **landfall** along the coast of **Southeastern Louisiana** at approximately 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, 2012
  – **Category 1 Hurricane** - Winds up to **75 mph**
  – Heavy rainfall – **14 inches**
  – **Unprecedented Storm Surge** - **5-8 foot surge** expected
  – **Search & Rescue** for 48 hours

• Water service shut off to residents due to high water at water plant
• **Shelter activated at local church** to stage residents rescued from homes
• **Power outages** affected 95% of residents
PARISH PREPARATIONS
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• Approximately **30,000 sand bags** issued
• **Voluntary evacuation** issued for **low-lying areas**
• Plans in place for **Parish Shelter & Transportation**
• **Emergency contact information** released by the Parish to residents
• **Sheriff** doubles shifts & prepares to enforce **6:00 p.m. curfew**
• **St. John Faith-Based Organizations for Disaster Preparedness** activated
PARISH PREPARATIONS (Continued . . .)

• No one was prepared for this . . .
**RESPONSE**

- LA National Guard, LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries, LA Dept. of Children and Family Services, U.S. Coast Guard, Fire Department, Sheriff’s Office & Volunteers:
  - Assisted in **search** and **rescue** efforts
- **Local Church** served as staging for residents & pets before chartered to **state shelter** locations

*Indigo Lakes Boat Rescue*
RESPONSE (Continued . . .)

• EVACUATIONS:
  – Over 6,000 rescued from flooded areas
  – Approximately 3,900 transported to state shelters
  – 79 buses used to transport residents
  – 93 Medical Special Needs patients transported
  – Animal Control worked with ASPCA and LSRT to transport approximately 180 pets
IMPACTS
IMPACTS ON THE PARISH

More than half of the Parish’s most populated areas including two public schools flooded.

- Tide Gauge: 6.64 ft
- Wind Gauge: Topped at 75 mph
- Rainfall Gauge: 14.34 in
- Estimated structures flooded: 7,000
- Water levels in homes: Approximately 3-4 ft
SPRING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Over 1800 homes and apartments
EAST ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL
1400 Students – 9 through 12

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN ELEMENTARY
700 students
• No local hotels available due to flood & wind damage
RECOVERY
St. John the Baptist Parish provides services for Parish residents:

- FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)
- Parish Shelter (St. John Civic Center)
- **Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Program** (DSNAP)
- Business Call/Resource Center
- Transitional housing provided for more than 10,000 residents
- **Red Cross** managed parish shelter
- Donations and food distribution sites opened with help from Faith-Based Organizations
- **Monetary Recovery Fund** established
LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP

• The SJBP Long Term Recovery Group was created to address the needs of homeowners in St. John the Baptist Parish who were either uninsured or underinsured and sustained damage from Hurricane Isaac.

• Committees
  – Case Management
  – Volunteer & Donation
  – Construction/Clean-up
  – Emotional & Spiritual Care
  – Unmet Needs
St. John the Baptist Long Term Recovery Group

Volunteer & Donation Coordination
- Assists in housing and feeding requests for volunteers
- Coordinate Spontaneous Unsolicited Volunteers
- Serves as focal point for non-financial donations intake and distribution from Parish Warehouse.

Case Management
- Initial Intake for unmet needs
- Qualify clients for LTRG services
- Assists clients with recovery plans
- Refers clients to agencies to match needs with services

Construction/ Clean Up Coordination
- Estimate home repair costs
- Plan projects and oversees construction
- Works closely with case managers and volunteer coordinators

Executive Board

Unmet Needs
- Agencies that can provide resources (dollars or other items) for the recovery
- Case Managers present cases to this committee for assistance

Emotional & Spiritual Care
- Assists individuals with emotional needs
- Refers clients to LTRG for material assistance
- Set up “Listening Posts” for those affected
To date the LTRG is still **active**. It has accomplished the following:

- **Homeowner Requests**: 1273
- **Projects Completed**: 1227
- **Volunteers**:
  - 4,125 Volunteers
  - 191,093 Hours
- **Donations**: $259,488.54
- **Total Community Impact**: $6,820,518.41
National Disaster Recovery Framework

- “a scalable, flexible, and adaptable framework coordinating structures to align key roles and responsibilities, linking local, state, tribal and federal governments, the private sector, and voluntary, faith-based and community organizations that play vital roles in recovery.”
NDRF Core Principles

• Individual and Family Empowerment
• Leadership and Local Primacy
• Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning
• Partnerships and Inclusiveness
• Public Information
• Unity of Effort
• Timeliness and Flexibility
• Resilience and Sustainability
• Psychological and Emotional Recovery
Community Considerations

• Accessibility in recovery and rebuilding
• Inclusion of all community members
• Unmet needs
• Unique rural recovery needs
• Unique high density urban area needs
Local Disaster Recovery Manager

• Primary point of contact with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator (SDRC)
• Role is to organize, coordinate and advance recovery.
State Disaster Recovery Coordinator

- Primary Interface with the Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (FDRC) to manage recovery activities.
- In most cases the FDRC will coordinate with local communities through the SDRC.
Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator

- Deputy to the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) or Senior Federal Official
- Coordinating lead for RSF activities
- Facilitates coordination and collaboration
- Primary contact for helping to identify/resolve recovery issues and challenges
- Takes over lead role from FCO when Joint Field Office closes.
Recovery Support Functions

- Community Planning & Capacity Building
- Economic
- Health and Social Services
- Housing
- Infrastructure Systems
- Natural and Cultural Resources
Implementation in St. John

- Citizens Advisory Committee
- Sub-committee Chairs
- Community Outreach/Public Meetings
- Community Recovery Strategy
Community Outreach

• **12** meetings with Senior Citizens, High School students, & Less Accessible populations

• Online Survey

• **330** residents identified over **80 Projects**

• **420** residents cast ballots to identify top five priority projects

• Top Projects were used to complete the Community Recovery Strategy.
Projects Identified

• Economic – 12 projects
• Health and Social Services – 5 projects
• Housing - 15 projects
• Infrastructure Systems – 6 projects
• Natural and Cultural Resources – 6 projects
12 Projects Identified:

- Support Youth Program Development
- Attract a Youth Entertainment Business
- Attract an Outlet Mall to the Parish
- Attract Upscale Restaurants
- Attract a Gas Station to the West Bank
- Build a Welcome Center
- Expand the Economic Development Department
- Convert Second Ward High School to Multi-Use Center
- Create Public Water Features
- Attract Fast Food Restaurants
- Beautify Entrance Signage
- Create West Bank Industrial Park
Health and Social Services

5 Projects Identified

- Improve Mental Health Access and Services
- Expand Public & Medical Transportation
- Increase Physical Health Awareness
- Expand Vocational Education
- Create & Develop Farmers Market
15 Projects Identified
• Safe Neighborhoods Initiative
• Establish Permanent Disaster Recovery Office
• Identify/Remediate Blighted Properties
• Grant and/or Forgivable Loan Homeowner Rehabilitation Program
• Senior Rental Housing Initiative
• First-Time Home Buyers Program
• Special Needs Public Facilities & Shelters
• Voluntary and/or Targeted Buyouts
• Rental Assistance to Homeless/At-Risk People
• Multi-Family Zoning Issues
• Provide Financial Incentives for Small Rental Properties
• Increase Permanent Supportive Housing
• Rebuild Public Housing to include Mixed-Income
• Develop Incentives to Promote Multi-Family Rental Housing
• Establish a Community Land Trust
Infrastructure

6 Projects Identified:

- Reduce Risk of Flooding
- Improve Drainage
- Improve/Increase Water Supply
- Improve Emergency Operations Center
- Connect I-10 to Reserve
- Improve Roadways & Road Maintenance
Natural and Cultural Resources

6 Projects Identified:

- Lake Pontchartrain Park
- Litter & Environmental Project
- Mississippi River Levee Bike Path
- St. John Cultural History Project
- Airline Hwy Scenic Byway
- West Bank Natural Resources Assess
Community Recovery Strategy

- Blueprint for future of St. John
- Over 50 Projects Identified
- 21 projects in various phases of development
- Adopted by Council on May 15, 2013
- First Community to Complete Plan in Nation
Out of a disaster comes **opportunities** and St. John the Baptist Parish has taken advantage of those opportunities as we continue to receive **funding** from various agencies.
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