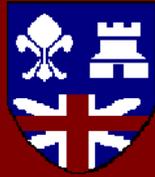


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City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East

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Planning Commission

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Presenter

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Economic and Environmental Research



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Accomplishments

- 173 sites/potential sites in inventory
- \$1.3 million in assessment and clean-up funding
- \$24 million in redevelopment leveraged
- Assist non-profit, for-profit, and governmental entities.
- National and international recognition



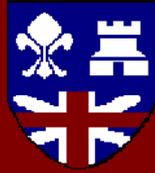
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Fulfills goals established in the Horizon Plan for Baton Rouge.

- Promotes infill development.
- Redevelopment of existing neighborhoods.
- Construction of affordable housing.
- Neighborhood revitalization.
- Encourages partnerships in neighborhood planning.



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Three examples of partnerships with non-profits:

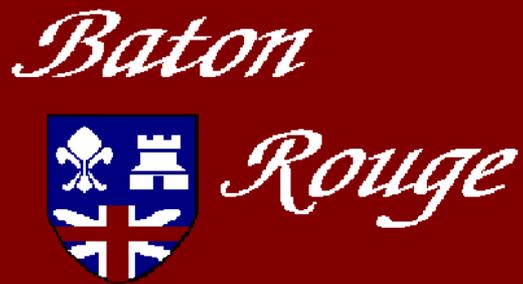
- Pelican Nest Learning & Resource Center (2003) \$40,000
- HOPE CDC/Lot 49 (2003) \$35,000
- Old South Baton Rouge Land, LLC (2008) \$200,000

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Pelican Nest Learning and Resource Center

- Non-profit purchased adjudicated property.
- Site was a former gas-station, converted to a restaurant, abandoned for over 30 years when the area went into decline.
- Assisted with assessment. Determined there was a UST, with minimal soil impacts.
- Clean-up: UST removal, Soil Excavation and Removal.





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Hope Community Development Corporation

- Hope CDC builds and rehabilitates housing for low- to moderate-income families.
- It purchased a block of lots, and discovered that a vacant “buffer lot” was previously adjacent to a mechanic’s shop.
- CPPC funded the site assessments. Found lead impacts (possibly from car battery disposal) on the vacant lot.
- EPA funded cleanup of the impacted area, 50x50 ft. area, its 1st cleanup grant in LA.
- Today the site is a basketball court.



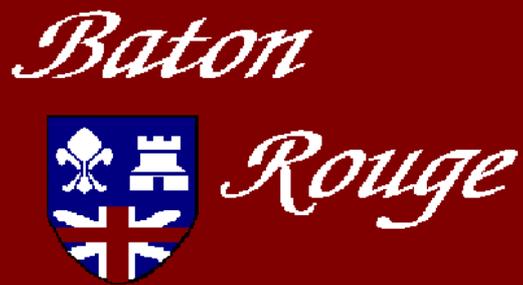


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OSBR Land, LLC

- “Gateway lots”
- Former gas station, presently used as car wash, detailing, and tire repair.
- CPPC used assessment grant funds to identify petroleum contamination and four USTs.
- Clean-up will be finished by end of 2009, and will include removal of the USTs and soil excavation.
- Mixed-use redevelopment that will include, retail, multi-family housing and greenspace.
- Environmental conditions will be incorporated into site design.





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Non-profit organizations are great partners

- Likely to have good public outcomes
- Patient developers/Motivated to find “diamond in the rough”
- Willing to take risks
- Actions stimulate good growth/neighborhood revitalization

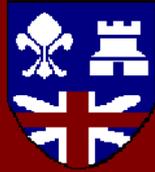


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Tips for working with Non-profit organizations

- Build partnerships with Eligible Cleanup Grant Recipients.
- Dedicate more assessment funding to eligible organizations.
- Educate Non-Profits on the project timeline.

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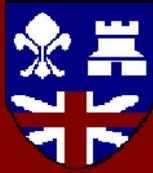
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How we mentor non-profit organization partners

- Application preparation
- Demographic info/Site plan reviews (fee waivers)
- Programmatic support after the award
- RFPs & selecting contractors.
- Facilitate meetings with LDEQ.
- Reviews, support during clean-up process.

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Questions and Answers

More information available at

www.brgov.com/dept/planning/brownfields.htm