



POST-EVENT REPORT

For the LOUISIANA SYMPOSIUM ON RECOVERY AND
RESILIENCE – December 8, 2016

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Louisiana Symposium on Recovery and Resilience – Post Event Report



Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016
Time: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm; Reception 5 to 7:00 pm
Location: LITE Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise
537 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70506

The symposium:

- Provided attendees the opportunity to hear from and dialogue with both peers and subject matter experts with experience in addressing recovery issues and resilience in both Louisiana and other parts of the nation.
- Provided information about regional and state watershed management within Louisiana with an opportunity for a targeted discussion on implementation going forward.
- Provided more specifics on how the State of Louisiana’s approach in responding to the needs created by the floods - by establishing the Restore Task Force and implementing the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) in conjunction with FEMA and other federal partners.

Overall purpose and objectives

The purpose of the **Louisiana Symposium on Recovery and Resilience** was to provide the parishes and municipalities, which were impacted by the 2016 flooding, a time and place to learn about and share best practices. Also, will share tools on risk reduction, resilient implementation, and long term community planning and recovery. The one day event will be followed up by other statewide training opportunities and targeted workshops in individual communities. Intended outcomes and objectives of the Symposium as determined by the planning work group:

- Assist with the transition of thinking from Response to Recovery
- Enhance understanding of the Post-disaster Recovery process – NDRF and RSFs – State and Federal
- Foster collaborative thinking on regional and statewide around effective Watershed or floodplain management – across parish lines / to reduce risk
- Define Resilience for Louisiana and how to better plan and implement effective resiliency in communities
- Enhance Networking opportunities with various agencies, communities, and organizations
- Provide impacted community leadership with connections to peers from other disaster impacted communities - Share lessons learned
- Hear directly from impacted community leaders and decision makers about their needs and issues
- Define gaps and future training and technical assistance needs

Parishes represented at the Symposium	
1.	Acadia
2.	Ascension
3.	Assumption
4.	Caddo
5.	Cameron
6.	Desoto
7.	East Baton Rouge
8.	East Carroll
9.	Lafayette
10.	Livingston
11.	Ouachita
12.	St. Charles
13.	St. Landry
14.	St. Martin
15.	Tangipahoa
16.	Terrebonne
17.	Vermilion
18.	West Carroll

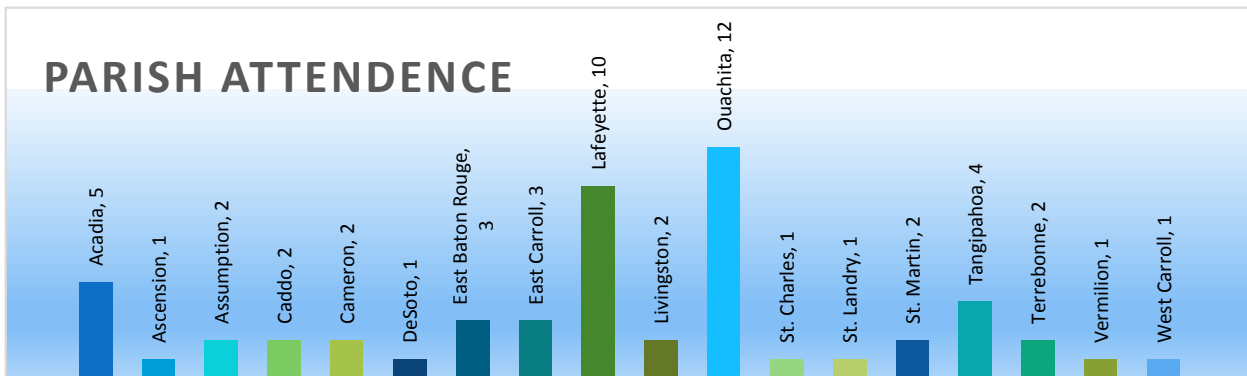
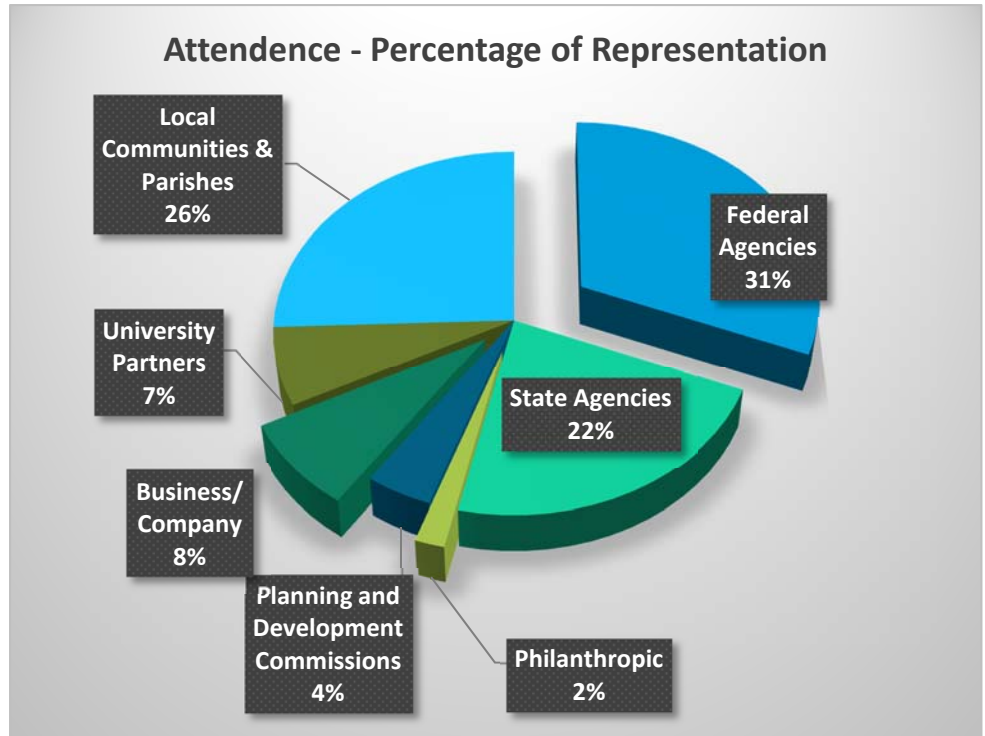
The intended audience:

- Parish Presidents or Administrators
- Police Jurys, Town & City Mayors

- Chief Administrative Officers
- Planning & Community Development Directors
- Floodplain or Emergency Managers
- Grant Administrators
- School Administrators
- Department of Public Works Directors or Engineers
- Planners and Architects

The intended audience was reached as evidence by the broad list of attendees. The

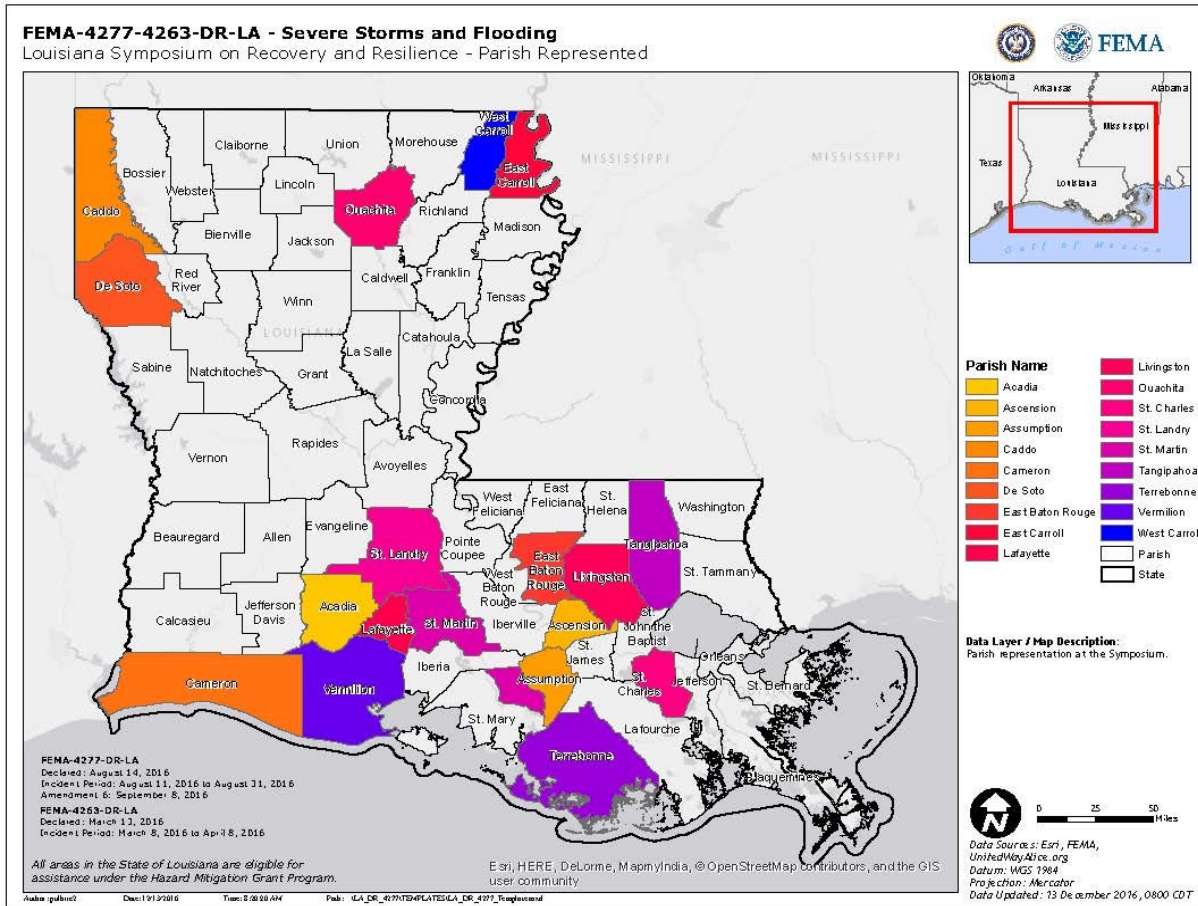
list of attendees included five (5) mayors; three (3) Restore LA Task Force members; nine (9) community development professionals; five (5) grant managers; four (4) planning commissions represented; and many from the parish and state levels of government.



Number of total participants

Total attending which signed in or pre-registered; this amount does not include all support staff: 184 (215 - with state staff, support staff, and speakers). Eighteen different parishes were represented with 55 persons attending. Over 70 different state agencies, state university partners, planning commissions, and other organizations. Business and companies were in attendance – with 17 person from varies for-profit organizations. There was a heavy presence of Federal agencies attending throughout the day averaged about 67 persons to support the State’s event serving in the roles of staff support, logistics

staff, subject matter experts, and presenters and/or facilitators. There were 49 speakers and facilitators supporting the event. Refer to the chart for more information and ratio of attendance.



Tabulation and summary of evaluation comments & additional technical assistance needed (Top 3 to 5 topics, takeaways, or concerns discussed during each breakout session and the total number attending):

RSF/Session Breakout Top Topics of Discussion or Takeaways	Total Attended (both tracks)
<p>CPCB – RSF1: Planning for Recovery and Resilience – Getting Ahead of the Curve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you live in Louisiana you live in a floodplain. • Communication of risk information is very important – how do we take scientific data and relay it to citizenry so that is understandable and actionable? How can community leaders convey information that makes sense? • Anecdotal information on flooding and risk is insufficient. Insurance agents have sometimes been informing citizens that “they don’t need flood insurance”. • Water does not respect parish boundaries. Regional planning is needed. 	34 Attended
<p>Economic – RSF 2: Economics of Recovery - The Economic RSF breakout session discussion allowed participants to identify opportunities to work together on cross cutting issues. The big take away from the breakout session was OCD-DRU Economic Development Program Manager announcing that \$12 Million of the Disaster Recovery funds allocated to Louisiana will be set aside for business recovery.</p>	15 Attended

- OCD-DRU has proposed three small business programs (Bridge, Technical Assistance, and Loan).
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI), Local Credit Unions, and Non-Profits will administer the proposed loan programs.
- 80% of the funds allocated will go to the 6 most impacted parishes and 20% to the remaining impacted parishes.
- The following businesses will have first priority based on the immediate need to the community: Grocery stores, Gas Stations, Pharmacy's, Local Restaurants, Child Care providers, and Construction.
- Criteria for businesses qualifying for the program was provided.

Health and Social Services – RSF 3: Public Health, Mental/Behavioral Health, Children’s Special Needs, School Recovery, Disaster Case Management, and Human/Social Services for vulnerable populations

15 Attended
(9 – Track A
6 – Track B)

- Disaster impacts to health and social services systems are difficult to measure/quantify because – in many cases – damages affect the delivery of care in addition to physical infrastructures.
- Many smaller communities lack the resources to administer the FEMA Crisis Counseling and/or Disaster Case Management Grants and, therefore, can’t apply.
- A third of DCFS staff members – were mobilized for this effort, impacting the ability of workers to perform their regular responsibilities in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.
- For DCFS, 90% of child welfare workers were also affected by flooding, so staff capacity was stretched to the limit resulting in delays and potential disruption of services.
- Children in Disasters (formerly School Impacts) - when children are displaced, the services they previously received must follow them to new locations.
- Being able to quantify the impacts of a disaster is very important and requires hard data; for instance DR-4263-LA, RSF #3 was not activated so consequently, there is a lack of data to gauge impacts in northeast Louisiana.
- LA is on track to be the first state in the country to be reimbursed with FEMA Public Assistance funding for childcare provided at an emergency shelter.
- Emphasized importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, which usually occurs after a disaster, but can be far more effective if these relationships can be established prior to a disaster.
- Behavioral health concerns and the lack of resources and providers continue to be an issue.

Housing – RSF 4: Successful Planning and Design for Resilient Communities and Neighborhoods?

30 Attended
(Approximated)

- Topics discussed were focused on Design; Codes; and Rental Housing Solutions
- The take away for the housing session:
- A more cohesive more resilient approach to “Whole Community” development;
- Incorporating the utilization of housing as a platform for improving the quality of life;
- Accomplished by working collaboratively across all fronts and supporting partnership dedicated to helping with pre- and post-disaster housing issues.

Infrastructure Systems – RSF 5: Public Facilities & Infrastructure – Status of LA Stafford Act Grant Programs

35 Attended
(12 from local
communities)

- Heavy interest in PA programs that are new to the latest legislation (can use leftover funds for other infrastructure improvements?)
- Interest in Corps planning and infrastructure programs such as Continuing Authorities Program and Planning Assistance to the State
- Ensuring that 4263 is not forgotten in the larger 4277 disaster
- Lots of Q&As on FEMA Programs, ESFs vs RSFs, FEMA mitigation programs, HUD grants

- Audience was generally comprised of local grant writers (parish level) and other State/Federal agency representatives

Natural and Cultural Resources – RSF6: NCR and Mitigation of Floodplain

22 Attended

- Interest and discussion with the USGS speaker on data collection techniques and inundation models used in production of inundation maps for both floods.
- Interest in the use of native wetland vegetation in restoration projects that may qualify as "green infrastructure".
- The costs of growing/"culturing" native plants and planting native plants for wetland/floodplain restoration projects.
- NCR breakout has three local Mayors in the audience.

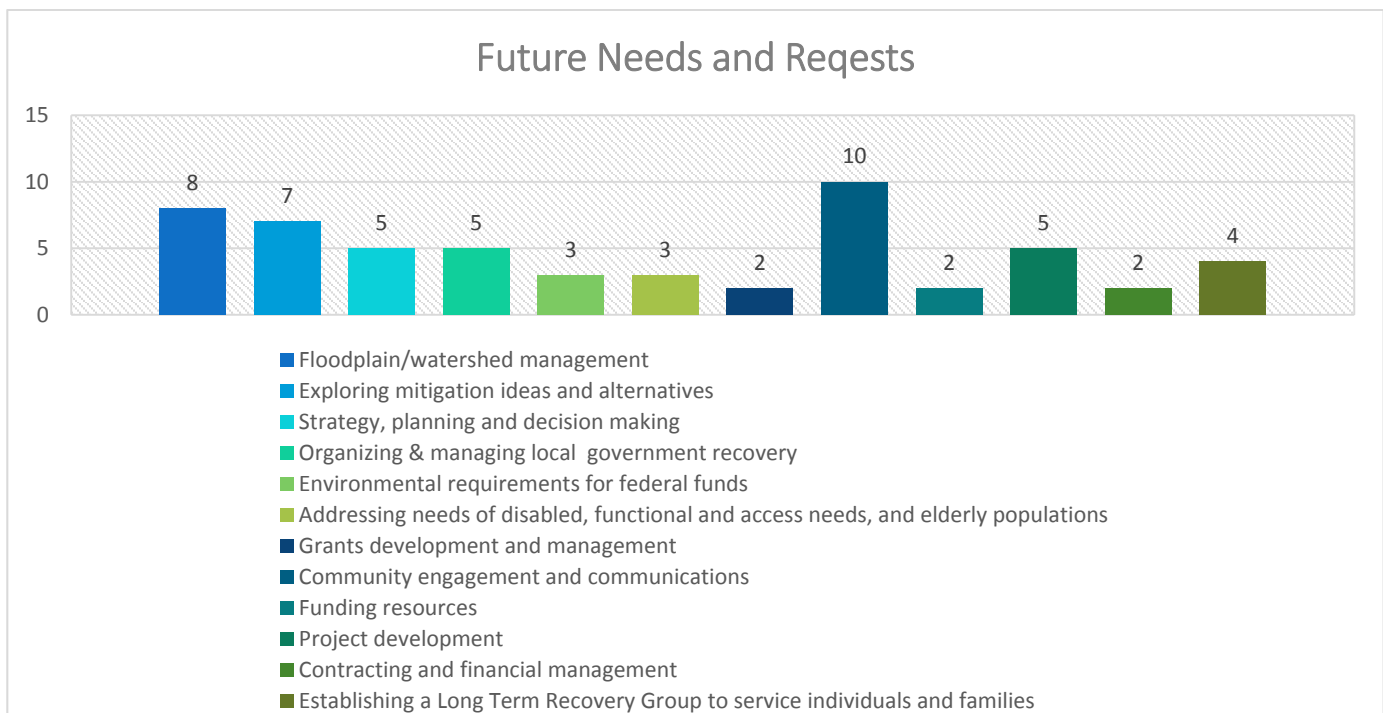
Philanthropic and Non-Profit Resources and other pieces of the Funding Puzzle: The LA Disaster Recovery Alliance (LDRA) and Louisiana Non-Profits

19 Attended

- Resources for recovery-scarcity
- LA Recovery Task Force- how to influence
- Voluntary Agency capacity-what they need to continue
- Positive reaction for the LDRA and what it means for the future of LA.

Summary of other comments/accolades received and post surveys/evaluation:

Summary of Evaluation forms received – Fifteen (15) evaluation forms were returned. Evaluation forms will be sent out to attendees as a follow-up to gather more feedback on the event.



However based on the evaluation forms received thus far; the top three (3) future needs and requests for additional information or technical assistance were for:

1. Community engagement and communications
2. Grants development and management
3. Exploring mitigation ideas and alternatives

Some Comments and Accolades Received:

“Great event yesterday, and we were proud to have played a role in it. I look forward to working with you both as the Resilience and Recovery Task Force moves forward and our strategy matures.” W. Michael Dunaway, NIMSTAT, Sponsor; December 9th at 7:18 AM via email

“I concur with Brett's remarks. As the LMA Interim Executive Director and a member of the Restore Louisiana Task Force thank you all for your hard work and dedication as we continue the recovery efforts.” John Gallagher, Interim Executive Director, Louisiana Municipal Association Friday December 9th at 9:07 AM via email

“The symposium was a great hit, as far as LMA is concerned and all of the comments I heard were very upbeat.” Brett Kriger, Dec 9, 2016, at 8:19 AM via email

“Thanks to all of you and the supporting cast (sorry I don't have emails for all - please pass on) that put on the very professional, informative, and truly first class symposium. The sessions were informative and the networking opportunity super. LMA is proud to have been included as a co-sponsor and bask in some of the reflected glory of your hard work and dedication to the resilient recovery for our municipalities.” Brett Kriger, Louisiana Municipal Association, Deputy Director – Disaster Recovery via email

“West Monroe had 7 people attend so that we could cover all the breakout sessions. The consensus opinion on our post program meeting was that everyone had gained new information that stimulated ideas about approaches to solving problems and creating new opportunities. All our people we asked to make new contacts and get cards. Everyone did so. We meet again next Wednesday to share ideas. Well done.” Mayor Dave Norris/West Monroe & Task Force member Friday, 12/8, 6:12pm

“The Governor was pleased. You guys handled the Symposium beautifully. Great job today!” Pat Forbes, OCD-DRU, via text and in person

“The organization and flow of the presentations was right on point.” Jim Waskom, GOSHEP, in person

“This was extraordinary! This was implemented very well! Thanks!” Ryan Rockabrand, FEMA FDRC; in person

“Good Symposium! Congrats. U put together a lot of info and speakers in a short time period. Lots of coordination” John Dardis – Restore LA Task Force; via email

List of sponsors and supporting agencies and organizations

1. Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit
2. Louisiana Economic Development (LED)
3. Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
4. Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)
5. Police Jury Association of Louisiana
6. Acadiana Planning Commission
7. Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC)
8. One Acadiana Economic Development
9. National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies of ULL (NIMSAT)
10. University of Louisiana – Lafayette
11. Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise (LITE) Center
12. Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (LA BEOC)
13. Louisiana Department of Health
14. Louisiana Housing Corporation
15. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
16. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration (EDA)
17. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
18. Department of Housing and Urban Development
19. US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
20. Department of the Interior (DOI)
21. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RD)
22. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
23. Louisiana Disaster Recovery Alliance

- 24. The American Institute Architects
- 25. Louisiana Sea Grant

- 26. Louisiana LSU – Coastal Sustainability Studio?

Other:

In addition, a flash drive or jump drive was provided to each person that attended the event as a takeaway – the American Institute of Architects of Baton Rouge sponsored the flash drives. Below is a snapshot of list of items preloaded on the flash drives. Also, Information will be available on the Max.Gov website.



Folders:

- Symposium Resources and Presentations
- RSF
- Presentation Material
- American Institute of Architecture
- Maps
- Infrastructure System
- Housing
- Environment Protection Agency
- Mitigation
- Community Planning and Capacity Building
- OCD
- State Organizations
- Stephen Cauffman CPCB
- Economic
- Philanthropic
- Miscellaneous Resources
- Resource Identification Aids
- Other
- Speakers Bio Packet 12 6th DR

- NIST Community Resilience Guide and Activities LA Symposium
- Community Recovery mgmt. Toolkit 1-pager
- Ready to Respond
- Community Engagement Model – Providence & Enterprise
- PPT for VOAD LDRA Symposium w/ edits
- Philanthropic Session - Laura Olson VOAD LDRA
- GOHSEP Director Recovery Symposium Slides

Handouts:

- Mitigation Handout Section March 2016
- Unmet Needs Summary
- Stakeholder Priorities NDRS
- Simplified 4263/4277 Combo
- ACD – Document Desk Reference
- Architects of Resilience
- Resilience Industry Statement
- EPA Handout FY17 Solicitation
- Federal Grant Writing Manual (National Rural Health)
- Sa Urban Waters Fact Sheet

NDRS RSFs:

- What is CPCB 2-Pager
- RSF Infrastructure Systems
- RSF Natural and Cultural
- RSF CPCB
- RSF Economic
- RSF Health and Social Services
- RSF Housing
- Resource Guide Appendix
- NDRF Brochure
- RLTF Working Groups NDRF
- LA Recovery Coordination Structure

Maps:

- LA4277 Stakeholder Priorities NDRS
- LA DR4277 SOVI 12-5-16
- LA DR4277 Failed-test Child Poverty
- LA DR4263 /4277 Alice Parish
- LA 4277 FVL By Dollar Value
- LA 4277 FVL
- LA 4277 Displacement
- LA 4263 Zip Code IAApps
- LA 4263/4277 Zip Code IAApps
- LA DR4263 SOVI 12/5/16
- Owner Renter IAApps
- Understanding Resilience
- CAP E 4277/4263
- 5 Class SOVI
- March and August Flood
- Resource Center – 4/14
- CVC Aim High Poster
- MVD Poster Sustainability Day 2016
- Compendium of Disaster Assistance Programs
- National Disaster Recovery Framework
- Declaration 2005 to Present
- Symposium 2nd Invite Draft

Presentations:

- PPT for Resilience Symposium 12/8/2016
- Pat Forbes Louisiana Symposium 12-5-16
- Ryan Rockabrand FDRC Expanding Recovery and Resilience
- Louisiana DAC Presentation
- Michelle Whetten Enterprise Resilience deck
- Jane Cage – Louisiana Resilience Symposium
- Benscoter resilient Communities FINAL
- Martha Marak Food Bank Food Hub
- Thomas Pepper CGR Symposium Slides
- Perkes Symposium Dec. 2016
- OCD Mat Sanders Symposium
- Louisiana Symposium on Recovery and Resilience Cauffman Process
- Wandell - USACE Resilience Symposium Presentation IS RSF
- Edward Knight Flood Symposium
- Mitigation Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide Appendix
- Matthew Sanders OCD Symposium
- Ryan Bourriaque Cameron Parish Recovery Symposium

Miscellaneous:

- Louisiana Links Contacts
- Project Development Guide
- Useful Links
- FEMA Acronyms
-