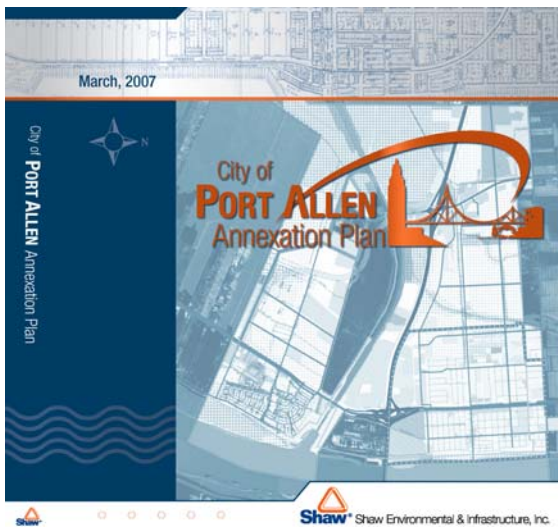


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Plans and Reports



The City of Port Allen Annexation Plan was a year long study of a small bedroom community just across the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A decreasing population had led the city to narrowly avoid losing its status as a City in the 2000 Census. This spurred the city council and the mayor's office to plan strategies for increasing the resident population. The city came to our planning team with the premise of annexing additional land around their city in the hopes of capturing and attracting new residential subdivisions on undeveloped sugarcane fields. Our team examined and inventoried the existing conditions: land use, city budget, growth trends, infrastructure costs, etc., and presented an alternative model for growth that replaces city subsidized sprawl with urban redevelopment and annexation of an adjacent traditional neighborhood development.

Chief responsibilities: GIS/mapping, authored section on vicinity analysis, charts and illustrations, future land use and transportation network, population growth projections, editing and proofreading text.



LOUISIANA SPEAKS
Our Voice. Our Plan. Our Future.
A LONG-TERM COMMUNITY PLANNING INITIATIVE OF THE LRA

Following the devastation of Hurricane Rita in September 2005, a division of FEMA responsible for Long-Term Community Planning (ESF-14) initiated a multi-parish recovery planning process in concert with a Louisiana state initiative supported by the Louisiana Recovery Authority entitled, *Louisiana Speaks*. Teams of planners, civil engineers, and economic development specialists were deployed in small teams to each of the affected parishes. The Vermilion Parish team was headquartered in Abbeville, just south of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Chief responsibilities: authoring Community Baseline Study, interviewing stakeholders and team experts, liaising between field team and ESF-14 regional field office in production of website and plan materials. Cooperation with the DPZ neighborhood planning project in Vermilion Parish with Andres Duany.




In 2005, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) asked the Center for City Park Excellence to research and report on the non-profit conservation organization's experience designing, planning, developing, and preparing community stewardship of park lands, as part of a comprehensive strategy for acquiring and conveying land to public park agencies. The report necessitated interviews of project managers in all of TPL's regional field offices and identified recurring problems, considerable experience, and many opportunities for park development within the organization.

Chief responsibilities: interviewing project managers, authoring report on urban park design, planning, and development experience. Presenting conclusions to TPL administrators and directors.

Published Articles & Research

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
CONSERVING LAND FOR PEOPLE

Learning Virtually Everything About Your City's Parks



The Best Sites on the Internet to Find Park Information

By Peter Harnik and Aharon Varady

Do you need information about your park system? Looking for a place to run your dog off-leash or to catch a game of chess during lunch hour? Wondering what your favorite park looked like 20 or 100 years ago? Feeling like joining a greenway clean-up organization?

Ten years ago, if you were driven by any of these needs you would have gone to the phone book, made a few calls and hoped to receive a referral or a publication. Today, your first stop might likely be your city park department website. But what would you find there?

If you live in Seattle or Cincinnati, you would be pleasantly surprised – even amazed. You'd find interactive maps, lists of parks with their addresses and hours of operation, compilations of facilities and events, photos, prices and registration forms. You'd even find written histories of each park. And, for good measure, a way to directly contact the park director with your questions or suggestions.


In fact, in an analysis of the park agency websites of the 75 largest cities, these cities plus Fresno, Calif. and Wichita, Kan. ranked tops for the quantity of information they provided their citizens and the ease in finding it. The study was carried out by the Trust for Public Land's Center for City Park Excellence (CCPE).

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This article, originally published by the National Recreation and Park Association in September 2005, summarizes the research findings of what data is available to the public at the websites of city park agencies for the 75 largest cities in the U.S. (as of 2005). The article indicates which sites provide a high quality of content for the public, and which provide scant or unusable information. Additionally, the trend of providing access to public GIS systems as a surrogate for well authored content is examined and discussed.

BOND HILL
Origin and Transformation of
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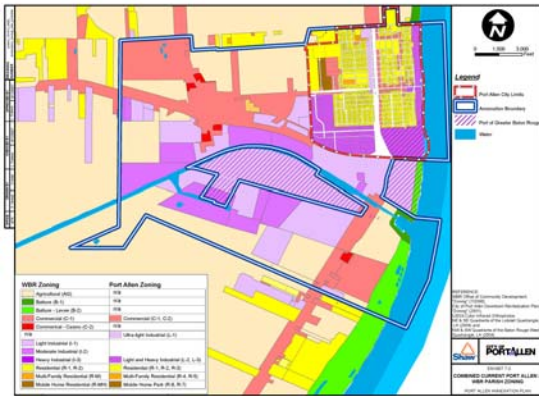


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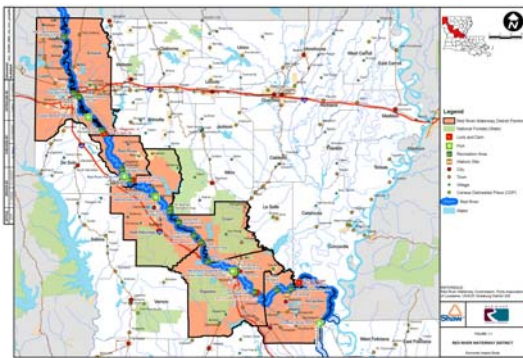
Bond Hill

Bond Hill was one of a series of railroad suburbs developed just north of Cincinnati, Ohio in the 1870s. Established in 1871 by Cincinnati's first post-Civil War housing cooperative, the idea for Bond Hill first started as a dream for a temperance community in nearby Cumminsville. Three of the cooperative founders were Episcopalian teetotallers from Cumminsville but they found it easier to develop their suburb on unincorporated land nearby where a fellow cooperative member was living, an English printer by the name of Henry Watkin. This planning history chronicles the origin and transformation of Bond Hill, from railroad suburb and rural temperance community to an urbanized and developed neighborhood of Cincinnati. Lessons learned from this history provide the basis for recommendations to Bond Hill residents, the Bond Hill Community Council, and city planners for the City of Cincinnati. An earlier edition of this book was originally submitted as a thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Community Planning at the School of Planning, University of Cincinnati, in June 2004. The most recent edition containing new findings dates to November 2005.

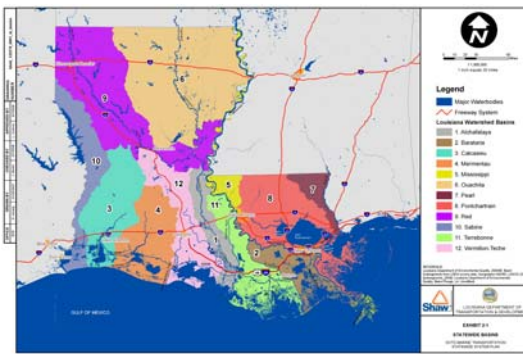
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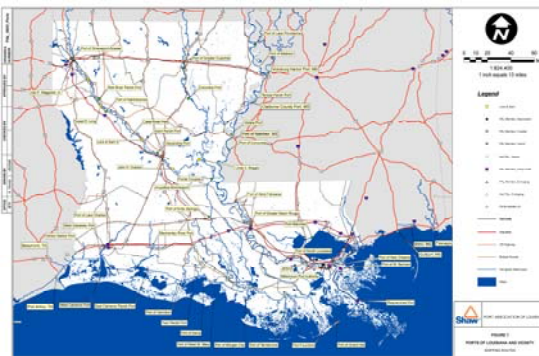
Over thirty detailed maps were created for the City of Port Allen Annexation Plan, each of which underwent successive revisions and repurposing for different aspects of the plan preparation and presentation. The maps were created with ArcGIS 9.2 software with data provided by parish, state, and federal sources. Certain maps, such as those of neighborhood building conditions and underground utilities (water, gas, and sewerage lines), did not exist as GIS shapefiles prior to mapping. These maps required onsite research for the correct plotting and drawing of shapefile data.



The Red River Waterway Commission (RRWC) requested an economic analysis on the effect that their funding for improvements to river navigation, recreational, and port facilities may have had on the Louisiana parishes bordering the Red River. A number of maps were produced for use in the report, for presentations, and for an attractive brochure. The project required plotting the exact location of map features and creating new shapefile data.



As part of a comprehensive economic development strategy focused on improving commerce in Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development requested a study on the shipping capacity of the state's navigable waterways. Physical constraints, such as sunken vessels and bridges were plotted from mariner data, and the location of businesses within a half mile distance of rivers was also plotted by business type.



As part of a comprehensive economic development strategy focused on improving commerce in Louisiana, the Port Association of Louisiana (PAL) requested a study of PAL member and non-PAL ports in the state, as well as competition within the Gulf of Mexico region. A number of maps were produced for the main report, presentations, and an attractive brochure.

Public Outreach: Newsletters, Press Releases, and Websites

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COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY
INTEGRATED PLANNING TEAM

November 2006
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IPT Interagency/SERT Alternative Plans Review Workshop

On October 24 and 25th, 2006, the Integrated Planning Team (IPT) hosted an interagency workshop. Approximately 38 technical experts, including the Science and Engineering Review Team (SERT) gathered to assist the IPT in evaluating technical analyses, stakeholder comments, and addressing unresolved issues associated with the two alternative plans. Included were representatives from federal, state, and local agencies, parishes, levee districts, universities, and specialized nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). Through workshop discussions, the participants sought to define specific areas lacking consensus and to aid in IPT formulation of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan.

In the workshop introduction, the IPT outlined the meeting goals and described the decision making process, objectives of the program, and review materials used in alternative plan analysis and scoring. Attendees divided into working groups based on five coastal planning units described in the plan. During these breakout sessions, one room was devoted to the Deltaic Plain (planning units 1, 2, and 3a), while the second focused on the Chenier Plain (planning units 3b and 4). Each group was tasked with assessing results of alternative plan analysis and beginning to

outline the preliminary draft Louisiana Comprehensive Coastal Preliminary Master Plan.

Overall, the groups sought outcomes that best balance the following four planning objectives:

- 1) Reduce economic losses from storm based flooding
- 2) Promote a sustainable coastal ecosystem
- 3) Provide habitats suitable to support an array of commercial and recreational activities coastwide
- 4) Sustain, to the extent practicable, the unique cultural heritage of coastal Louisiana.

At the end of the workshop, each group presented its proposals for protection and restoration of the coastal areas in the respective regions. These determinations were used as inputs for further analysis at the IPT Plan Refinement workshop held October 31st.

IPT Interagency-SERT Alternative Plan Review Workshop

COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY INTEGRATED PLANNING TEAM

CPRA Integrated Planning Team Newsletter November 2006
louisianacoastalplanning.org

The Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Integrated Planning Team (CPRA-IPT), a partnership between the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development and the Department of Natural Resources, requested that their planning efforts in the creation of a comprehensive master plan for coastal Louisiana be advertised through a public outreach effort comprising a newsletter, website, PowerPoint presentations, and public hearings. From June 2006 through March 2007, the CPRA-IPT newsletter was produced with the aid of a co-worker, Camille Manning-Broome and a layout designer, Yvette Creel. This small team reported ongoing planning activities and liaised with allied agencies and planning organizations to publish and disseminate this newsletter by email, listserv, web, and print copy. Additionally, press releases and advertisement were prepared in advance of public hearings and public meetings for publication in local media outlets: radio, television, and newspaper.

Chief responsibilities: authoring articles; editing content; interviewing planners, scientists, and stakeholders; disseminating newsletters in email blasts.

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In December 2005, the Louisiana State legislature established the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) as the single state agency with the authority to focus development and implementation efforts for comprehensive coastal protection. The Integrated Planning Team (IPT) was created by the CPRA to coordinate development of a coastal protection master plan with state and federal agencies, and political subdivisions (including levee districts). [More >](#)

Latest News

- [IPT sponsored Interdisciplinary Technical Team workshop on Coastal Protection](#)
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Recent Publications

- [Louisiana Comprehensive Coastal Protection Master Plan - Plan Formulation Summary Report](#)
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Newsletter articles were mirrored on a website (louisianacoastalplanning.org) that also functioned as a document repository and official website for the CPRA-IPT. The client specifically requested that site contain no interactive elements beyond simple hyperlinks. From April 2006 to April 2007, the site and its member listserv was administered and updated in a timely manner with new content, upcoming events, and other relevant data. Beginning in May 2007, after the publication of the IPT's Master Plan, the site was migrated to lacpra.org, the official site of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and administered by an internal state web team.

Chief responsibilities: site design, administration, maintenance, and updates; listserv administration and updates; planning online communication strategy.

Port Allen Community Development Corporation

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Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2006

December 25th, 2006

Meeting Minutes
Port Allen CDC Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Monday, December 11, 2006
Time: 6:05 PM - 8:10 PM
Place: Port Allen City Hall
Port Allen, Louisiana

Board Members Present: Vice-Chairperson Liz Holmes, Reynard Douglas, Terrell Joseph, Tabitha Gray, Gary Hubble, Joyce Jenne, and Virginia Gough

Board Members Absent: Susan Langlois, Lynn Bradley, and Frances Alexander

Guests Present: Aharon Varady, Kathryn Perry, and Lu Cutrera

Type of Meeting: Regular monthly meeting of the Port Allen CDC Board of Directors

I. CALL TO ORDER
Vice-Chairperson Liz Holmes called the meeting to order and introduced members and guests. Susan Langlois' letter of resignation was accepted, bringing the number of board

May 2007

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Resources
Port Allen CDC listserv

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Related to the work on the City of Port Allen Annexation Plan, is the effort to build planning capacity on the local level. This is taking place primarily through the Port Allen Community Development Corporation (CDC). The CDC's major goals have been to improve the Ferry neighborhood in easternmost Port Allen and to improve school quality. As part of an ongoing effort to publicize the groups effort and to attract interest among Port Allen residents, a website was created with a listserv for regularly disseminating CDC communiqués.

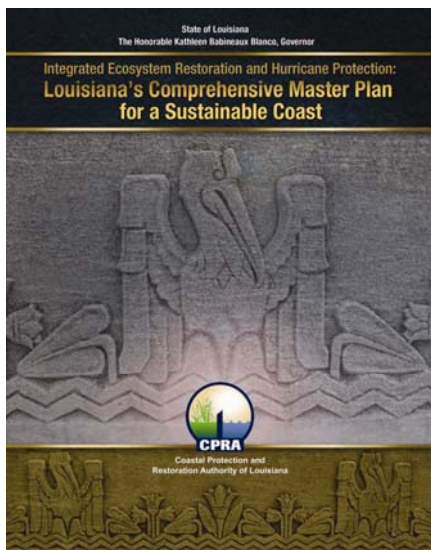
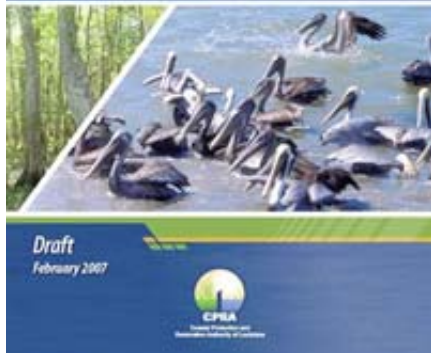
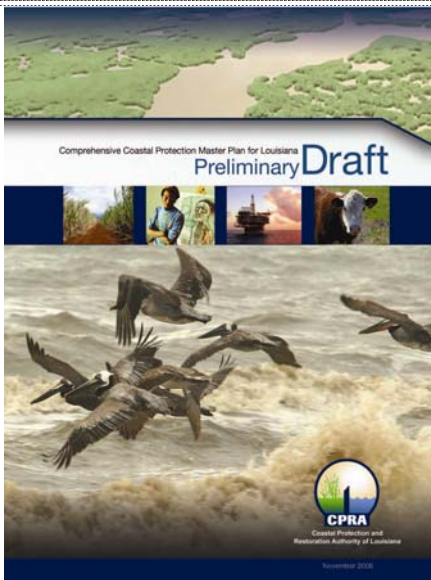
Chief responsibilities: site design, administration, maintenance, and updates;; listserv administration and updates; planning online communication strategy.



In Metropolitan Washington, D.C. public transit and smart growth transportation activists have long been struggling with their respective state departments of transportation. In Virginia, the touchstone issue is the widening of I-66. In 2004 and 2005 the Virginia DOTD initiated a study on the public support for widening the highway.

The study was carried out by a market research group that discovered, to the surprise of their client, that there was much more support for increasing funding and capacity for public transit than for widening the highway. However, in their public materials, this finding was obscured by emphasizing other statistics that showed some support for reducing traffic congestion. This press release written in 2005 and prepared for the Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation, summarizes a critique of the Virginia DOTD survey result report.

Plan Preparation

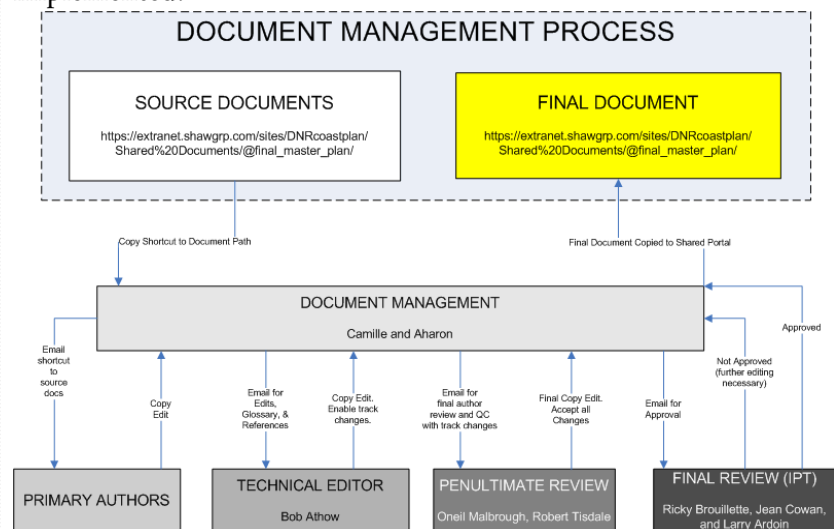


Responsibility for the public outreach component of the CPRA-IPT planning process created an opportunity to manage the plan preparation, edit, and in some cases, write sections of the comprehensive coastal plan, especially those sections relating to public outreach.

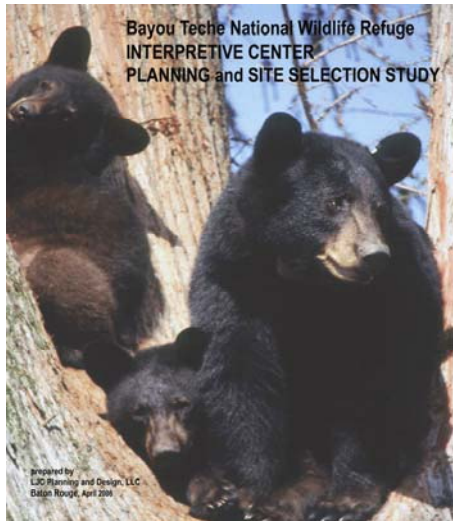
Plan preparation responsibilities began as early as April 2006. The CPRA-IPT and its consultants required help preparing attractive PowerPoint presentations, flowcharts, and pdf documents. Responsibilities for layout and proof editing on plan reports and appendixes continued throughout the year long planning efforts, culminating in the preparation of plan appendixes for the Preliminary Draft, Draft Plan, and Final Master Plan documents.

Beginning with the Draft Plan in January 2007, Camille Manning-Broome and I became responsible for document management process. The process (articulated below) provides a means for synthesizing a coherent document after multiple levels of review and edits with section being prepared by multiple authors.

Facilitating the entire exchange of information was a group intranet portal, as well as multiple agency FTP directories. Appropriate storage and retrieval methods ensuring clear versioning for source documents and final PDF document renderings was required and implemented.



Chief responsibilities: editing, proof editing, document management, PowerPoint, PDF rendering, and technical consulting.



The Bayou Teche National Wildlife Interpretive Center: Planning and Site Selection Study in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana required careful editing and review after an author of the study left soon before the plan was due for delivery.

Chief responsibilities: editing, proof editing, cover art.