

Louisiana Development Ready Communities

The **Louisiana Development Ready Communities (LDRC) Program** encourages and supports selected Louisiana communities to become **development ready, competitive and “open for business.”** Continuing the momentum of the grassroots community development effort building in Louisiana, Louisiana Economic Development launched LouisianaCommunityNetwork.org to connect communities to resources and tools to use for best practice community and economic development strategic planning. The LDRC program is an extension of these resources. 59 Louisiana communities have completed this intensive planning process.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications to participate are available and can be downloaded through www.louisianacommunitynetwork.org. The application process is competitive and generally takes place in the spring of each year. LED will support the selected communities and provide these unique benefits to each:

1. Each community will have an experienced Resource Team for on-going coaching and professional guidance during community assessment and facilitation of the strategic planning process.
2. “Roadmap to Readiness” toolkit, clearly describing the process, resources and deliverables.
3. A current economic and demographic base analysis.
4. Ready-to-go, online business and/or citizen surveys with training/coaching on how to conduct a successful survey.
5. LED representatives will visit with candidate communities and assist with strategic planning by more fully familiarizing the communities with the state’s Entertainment, Small Business, Business Retention and Expansion, Site Selection, Recruiting and Incentive programs.

ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

Any municipality in Louisiana may apply. This program is for Louisiana towns, villages and cities of all sizes. If a community just needs to update its existing strategic plan, the community will benefit from the structure of the program and the encouragement to move forward quickly with implementation. If a community has never done a strategic plan, the LDRC Resource Team will provide assistance all the way – from start to celebration!

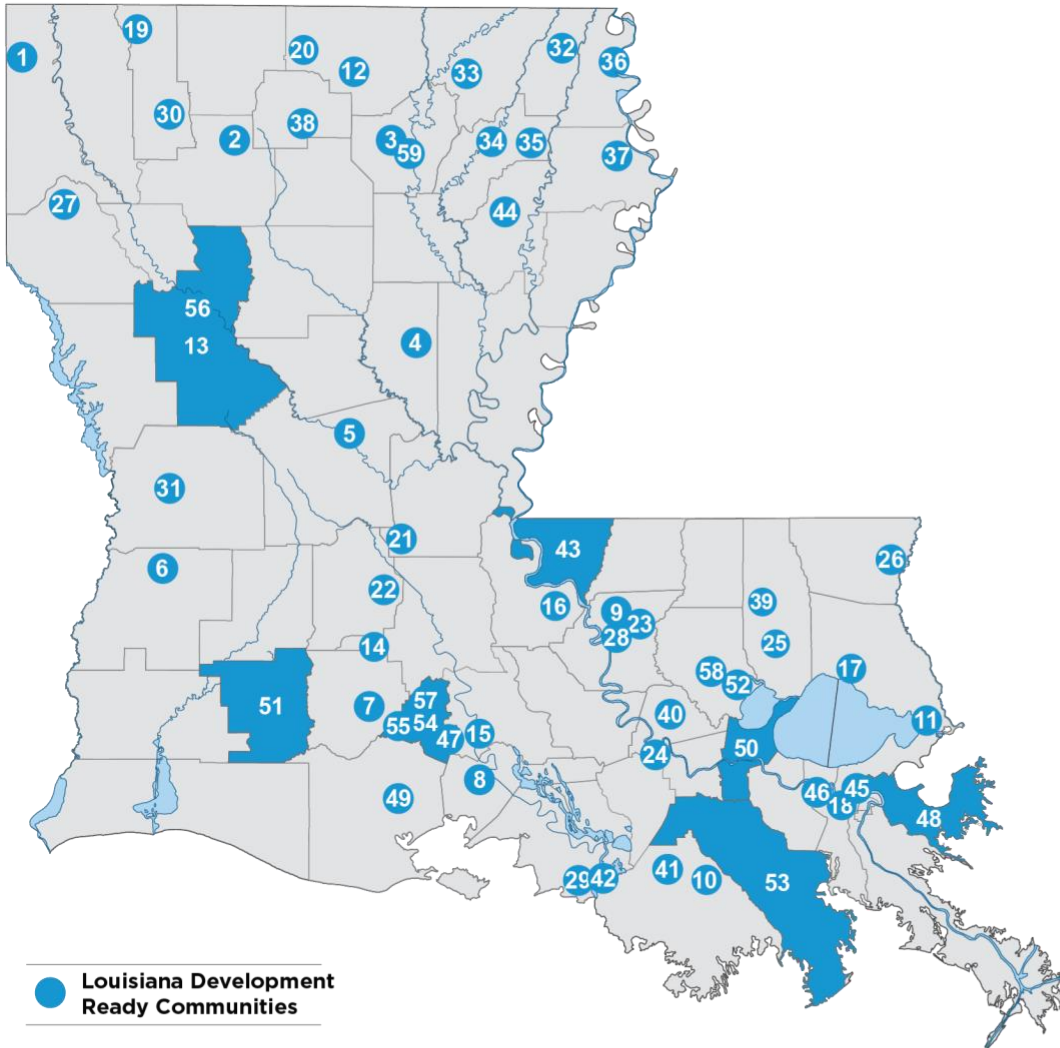
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AEP/SWEPCO, ALEC, CLECO, Entergy, Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), LSU/SU Ag Centers, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, Planning & Development Districts and Regional Economic Development Organizations (REDO’s)

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| 1 Vivian
2009 | 12 Farmerville
2010 | 23 Central
2011 | 34 Rayville
2016-2017 | 45 Algiers
2021 | 56 Natchitoches Parish
2023 |
| 2 Arcadia
2009 | 13 Natchitoches
2010 | 24 Donaldsonville
2011 | 35 Delhi
2016-2017 | 46 City of Harahan
2021 | 57 City of Carencro
2023 |
| 3 West Monroe
2009 | 14 Eunice
2010 | 25 Hammond
2011 | 36 Lake Providence
2016-2017 | 47 City of Broussard
2021 | 58 Town of Livingston
2024 |
| 4 Jena
2009 | 15 St. Martinville
2010 | 26 Bogalusa
2011 | 37 Tallulah
2016-2017 | 48 St. Bernard Parish
2021 | 59 City of Monroe
2024 |
| 5 Pineville
2009 | 16 New Roads
2010 | 27 Stonewall
2012 | 38 Ruston
2018 | 49 City of Abbeville
2022 | |
| 6 DeRidder
2009 | 17 Covington
2010 | 28 Baker
2012 | 39 Amite
2018 | 50 St. John the Baptist Parish
2022 | |
| 7 Crowley
2009 | 18 Gretna
2010 | 29 Patterson
2012 | 40 Gonzales
2018 | 51 Jefferson Davis Parish
2022 | |
| 8 New Iberia
2009 | 19 Springhill
2011 | 30 Minden
2013 | 41 Morgan City
2019 | 52 Killian
2022 | |
| 9 Zachary
2009 | 20 Bernice
2011 | 31 Leesville
2013 | 42 Town of Berwick
2019 | 53 Lafourche Parish
2022 | |
| 10 Houma
2009 | 21 Bunkie
2011 | 32 Oak Grove
2015 | 43 West Feliciana Parish
2020 | 54 City and Parish of Lafayette
2023 | |
| 11 Slidell
2009 | 22 Ville Platte
2011 | 33 Bastrop
2016-2017 | 44 Winnsboro
2020 | 55 City of Scott
2023 | |