

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. 40 Louisiana municipalities 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!

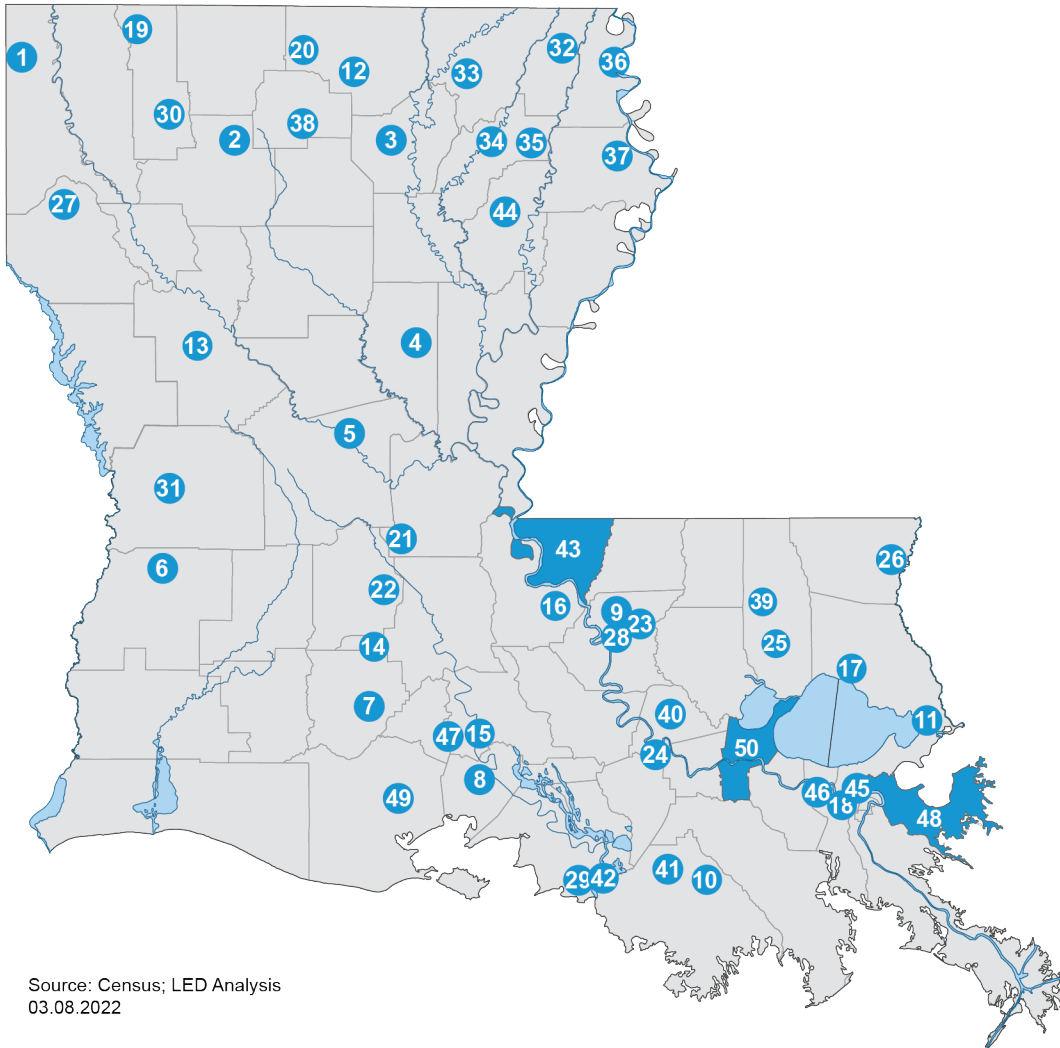
LDRC PARTNERS WITH LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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 3,707 | 11 Slidell
2009 27,369 | 21 Bunkie
2011 4,121 | 31 Leesville
2013 6,817 | 41 Morgan City
2019 12,080 |
| 2 Arcadia
2009 2,927 | 12 Farmerville
2010 3,813 | 22 Ville Platte
2011 7,351 | 32 Oak Grove
2015 1,700 | 42 Town of Berwick
2019 4,928 |
| 3 West Monroe
2009 13,082 | 13 Natchitoches
2010 18,299 | 23 Central
2011 27,548 | 33 Bastrop
2016-2017 10,881 | 43 West Feliciana Parish
2020 15,625 |
| 4 Jena
2009 3,408 | 14 Eunice
2010 10,379 | 24 Donaldsonville
2011 7,473 | 34 Rayville
2016-2017 3,720 | 44 Winnsboro
2020 4,910 |
| 5 Pineville
2009 14,557 | 15 St. Martinville
2010 6,094 | 25 Hammond
2011 20,122 | 35 Delhi
2016-2017 2,941 | 45 Algiers
2021 57,137 |
| 6 DeRidder
2009 10,578 | 16 New Roads
2010 4,831 | 26 Bogalusa
2011 12,044 | 36 Lake Providence
2016-2017 3,821 | 46 City of Harahan
2020 4,910 |
| 7 Crowley
2009 13,189 | 17 Covington
2010 9,058 | 27 Stonewall
2012 1,841 | 37 Tallulah
2016-2017 7,181 | 47 City of Broussard
2021 12,090 |
| 8 New Iberia
2009 30,846 | 18 Gretna
2010 17,754 | 28 Baker
2012 13,890 | 38 Ruston
2018 22,281 | 48 St. Bernard Parish
2021 44,482 |
| 9 Zachary
2009 15,565 | 19 Springhill
2011 5,231 | 29 Patterson
2012 6,088 | 39 Amite
2018 4,130 | 49 City of Abbeville
2022 12,173 |
| 10 Houma
2009 33,707 | 20 Bernice
2011 1,655 | 30 Minden
2013 12,992 | 40 Gonzales
2018 10,933 | 50 St. John the Baptist Parish
2022 45,856 |