

# 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](http://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](http://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!

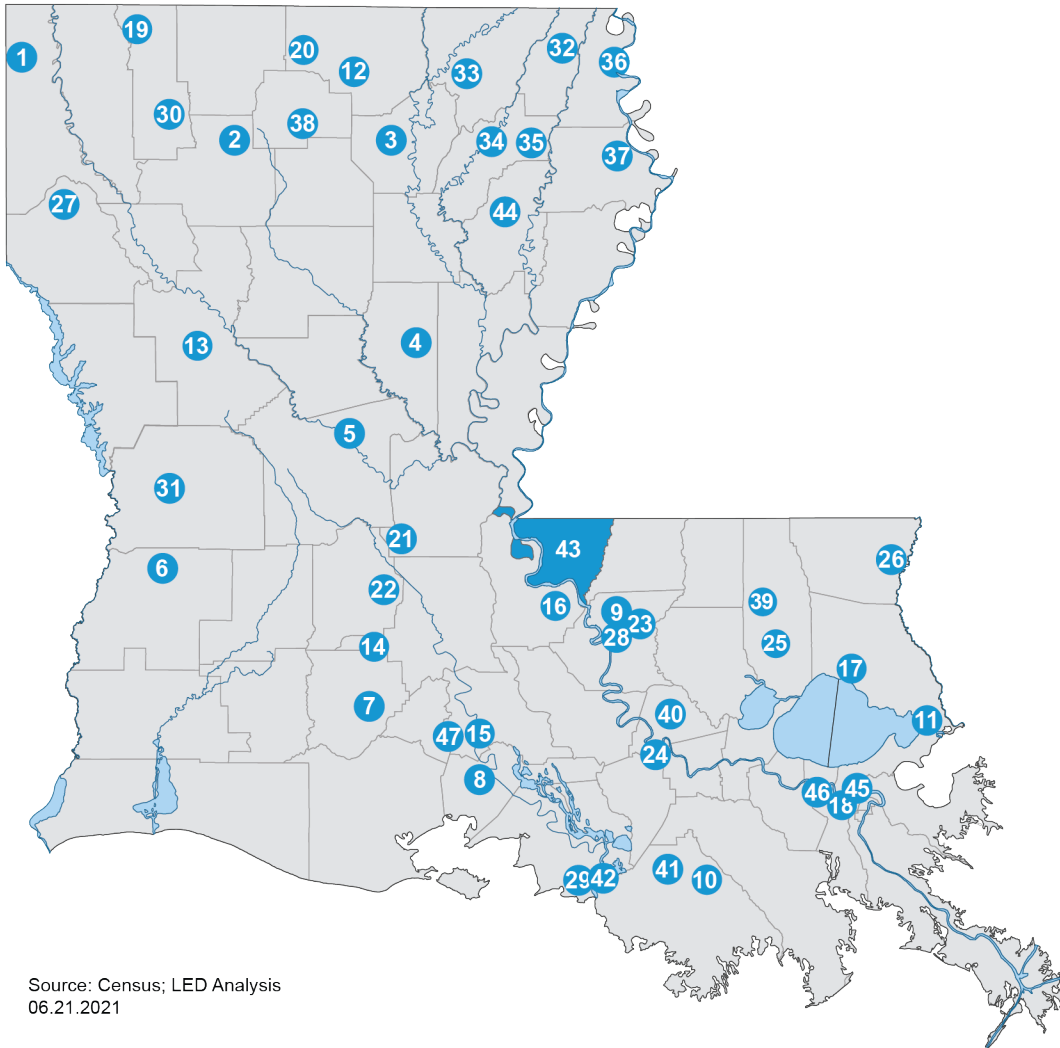
## LDRC PARTNERS WITH LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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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| <b>1</b> Vivian<br>2009   3,707       | <b>10</b> Houma<br>2009   33,707          | <b>20</b> Bernice<br>2011   1,655        | <b>30</b> Minden<br>2013   12,992              | <b>40</b> Gonzales<br>2018   10,933              |
| <b>2</b> Arcadia<br>2009   2,927      | <b>11</b> Slidell<br>2009   27,369        | <b>21</b> Bunkie<br>2011   4,121         | <b>31</b> Leesville<br>2013   6,817            | <b>41</b> Morgan City<br>2019   12,080           |
| <b>3</b> West Monroe<br>2009   13,082 | <b>12</b> Farmerville<br>2010   3,813     | <b>22</b> Ville Platte<br>2011   7,351   | <b>32</b> Oak Grove<br>2015   1,700            | <b>42</b> Town of Berwick<br>2019   4,928        |
| <b>4</b> Jena<br>2009   3,408         | <b>13</b> Natchitoches<br>2010   18,299   | <b>23</b> Central<br>2011   27,548       | <b>33</b> Bastrop<br>2016-2017   10,881        | <b>43</b> West Feliciana Parish<br>2020   15,625 |
| <b>5</b> Pineville<br>2009   14,557   | <b>14</b> Eunice<br>2010   10,379         | <b>24</b> Donaldsonville<br>2011   7,473 | <b>34</b> Rayville<br>2016-2017   3,720        | <b>44</b> Winnsboro<br>2020   4,910              |
| <b>6</b> DeRidder<br>2009   10,578    | <b>15</b> St. Martinville<br>2010   6,094 | <b>25</b> Hammond<br>2011   20,122       | <b>35</b> Delhi<br>2016-2017   2,941           | <b>45</b> Algiers<br>2021   57,137               |
| <b>7</b> Crowley<br>2009   13,189     | <b>16</b> New Roads<br>2010   4,831       | <b>26</b> Bogalusa<br>2011   12,044      | <b>36</b> Lake Providence<br>2016-2017   3,821 | <b>46</b> City of Harahan<br>2021   9,038        |
| <b>8</b> New Iberia<br>2009   30,846  | <b>17</b> Covington<br>2010   9,058       | <b>27</b> Stonewall<br>2012   1,841      | <b>37</b> Tallulah<br>2016-2017   7,181        | <b>47</b> City of Broussard<br>2021   12,090     |
| <b>9</b> Zachary<br>2009   15,565     | <b>18</b> Gretna<br>2010   17,754         | <b>28</b> Baker<br>2012   13,890         | <b>38</b> Ruston<br>2018   22,281              |  |
|                                       | <b>19</b> Springhill<br>2011   5,231      | <b>29</b> Patterson<br>2012   6,088      | <b>39</b> Amite<br>2018   4,130                |  |