

Bayou La Batre Watershed Management Plan
Special Public Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.
Bayou La Batre Senior Citizens Center

Composite of Written Comments and Responses to Survey

➤ **Waterfront Public Access**

- Property acquisition for public access
- Greenway and blueway trails
- Promotion of kayaking and other sustainable tourism opportunities
- Potential development of multi-user trails along Shellbelt Road
- Other waterfront public access considerations

Responses/Comments

- Need access to the bayou along Little River Road and at the head of the bayou

➤ **Habitat Measures for Consideration**

- Identifying priority areas for acquisition/preservation and restoration
- Other habitat considerations

Responses/Comments

No responses

➤ **Water Quality Measures for Consideration**

- Educational programs for vessel operators and crews
- Additional funding to assist the BLB Utilities Board with issues related to infiltration and inflow of sewer lines
- Develop a City wide study to identify drainage and potential water quality improvements
- Develop education and outreach programs concerning trash issues
- Develop zoning restrictions and City ordinances on the storage of debris and on abandoned (derelict) vessels
- Other water quality considerations

Responses/Comments

- Need public access dumpsters around town
- Pump-out station for boats is “a must”

➤ **Shorelines**

- Seek funding for a comprehensive study of the need and potential locations for a harbor of refuge for vessels
- Identify critical areas for shoreline restoration.
- Other shoreline considerations

Responses/Comments

- The seafood industry would support a refuge harbor
- After Katrina, almost all of the large fishing vessels that were displaced onto private properties were owned and operated by Asians. There needs to be a good educational program to help this segment of our population understand their responsibilities in face of a pending storm.

➤ **Resiliency**

- Develop “migration” plans for locating critical municipal facilities and services outside of established flood zones
- Integrate “migration” plans into the community’s long range master plan
- Other resiliency related considerations

Responses/Comments

- I think it is a must for the City Police and Fire & Rescue to be located outside the flood zone and by the Civic Center.
- Critical that City services are moved away from the storm zone

➤ **Other Topics (not included above)**

Responses/Comments

- The erosion of property on E. Davenport Street caused by the watershed on the north side of E. Davenport needs to be addressed ASAP
- Very informative. Please let me know when there is another meeting
- Need to find a way to get more people to these meetings. They need the information.