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OAKDALE HWY. 10 PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The City of Oakdale, LA has recently completed a Transportation Enhancement Project along the Highway 10 corridor through Oakdale. Highway 10 is the second most traveled roadway through the City of Oakdale, next to Highway 165. Dim street lighting and high pedestrian traffic has resulted in several pedestrian injuries and even some fatalities on this busy section of Highway 10. MML&H's project goals were to increase safety on this highway corridor by providing pedestrians with a place to walk and improve the lighting, while also enhancing the aesthetics of this important city thoroughfare.



This project included 3,000 feet (.56 mile) of 5 foot wide concrete sidewalks, 51 thirty foot tall decorative street lights, and 77 Natchez white crepe myrtle trees. The total construction cost was approximately \$838,000, which was funded by LaDOTD's Transportation Alternative Program.

The TAP program offers 80% grant funding with 20% match by the sponsoring municipality. A typical project timeline is 3 years from the funding application stage to the project's completion.

Eligible Projects Include:

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Safe routes for non-drivers
- Conversions of abandoned railway corridors to walking trails
- Construction of scenic turnouts, over looks and viewing areas
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Vegetation management



If your municipality is interested in applying for the next cycle of LaDOTD TAP project funding, a member of our staff will be glad to meet with you to discuss potential project ideas.

Take the First Step to Bringing Economic Development to Your Town

The basic rule of economics is to create jobs and the prosperity will follow. One of the key strategies to market your municipality to the industrial and commercial job creators of the world, is to show them that you have the land they are looking for and are serious about supporting industry. The LED Site Certification Program has been designed to do this by laying the foundation for marketing directly to industrial developers by showcasing certified sites for industrial development.

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CERTIFIED SITES PROGRAM

The LED Site Certification Programs provides entities with a path for compiling and thoroughly vetting all of the information that an industrial developer will need to choose their site for industrial development. LED Certified Sites are “Development Ready” Industrial/Commercial Sites that have been extensively reviewed and formally recognized by the State for its compatibility for commercial and industrial development. Approved sites are showcased on the LED website and granted priority for advertisement to prospective commercial/industrial companies looking to build in Louisiana.



Does your site have what it takes to be LED Certified?

LED Sites are the crème of the Industrial Site Development crop and must include the following, at a minimum, to be considered a Certified Site (all items listed below are typically compiled and vetted by MML&H during the certification process):

- ◆ 25 contiguous acres, unencumbered by inappropriate structures, soil contaminants, wetlands, protected species or cultural resources
- ◆ Above the 100 year flood plain
- ◆ Detailed maps, aerial imagery, topography
- ◆ Boundary Survey
- ◆ Must either own property or have option to purchase property
- ◆ Access to or sound conceptual plan for providing electricity, potable water, sanitary sewer service, natural gas and road access
- ◆ Environmental Clearance (Wetlands, Contamination Potential, Endangered Species, etc.)
- ◆ Cultural Resources Review
- ◆ Other items that are not part of the minimum requirements but are highly beneficial selling points include proximity to freight transport—Example: Rail, Airports, Highways, Interstates and Ports

MML&H has successfully completed three LED Site Certifications to date with one of the three sites having been selected for industrial development. A complete listing of LED’s approved certified sites can be found at: <https://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/sites/search-certified-sites>.

Application Process and Funding Assistance

LED offers a 75% (LED)/25% (Local Match) incentive to assist the entity in bearing the cost for the certification process. Getting started is easy. LED has a one page pre-application form that must be completed and submitted for reviewed to ensure the site meets the minimum requirements.

Let MML&H assist you in getting your industrial site on the market and out into the world.



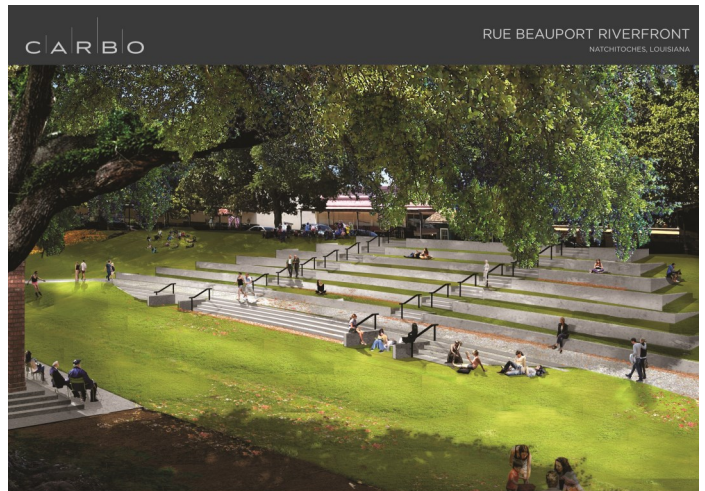
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Rue Beauport Riverfront – Natchitoches, Louisiana

The City of Natchitoches and the Cane River Waterway Commission have initiated a large scale redevelopment project along the banks of the Cane River in downtown Natchitoches. Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. has played a significant role in providing professional engineering and surveying services for the Rue Beauport Riverfront project serving as the civil, site and structural engineer, along with providing partial inspection services and topographic surveys. CARBO, a Louisiana based landscape architecture firm, is currently guiding the \$4 million redevelopment of approximately five acres of land centrally located on the heavily used Cane River waterfront in historic downtown Natchitoches. The Rue Beauport Riverfront project’s purpose is to revitalize the downtown riverbank area and create a destination for both locals and tourists, improving the quality of life in the local community. The project



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includes new restrooms on the south end of the riverbank, introducing accommodations for handicap access down to the riverbank with new stairways and an ADA compliant ramp built into the existing slope, a new 40’ x 60’ stage and pavilion with amphitheater style seating, and a riverfront promenade that visually and physically connects the entire riverfront together.

The design process included community engagement and was fast-tracked to meet important deadlines and work around major civic events taking place at the project site.



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Eagle Point Subdivision, Farmerville, LA

As a result of the torrential rains on the night of March 8, 2016, several Farmerville water department employees were called out to investigate the reason the residents of the Eagle Point Subdivision did not have water service. As they began their investigation, walking along the roadway into the subdivision, they heard the sound of crushing metal and fled as the roadway, 8" water line, and culverts washed out behind them. Fortunately, the Town's water department employees made it to safety, but the road crossing and the water main did not fare so well.



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The Town of Farmerville sought assistance from MML&H to coordinate and work with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to get the washed out bayou crossing and the existing water main installed as quickly as possible. MML&H immediately began preparing the

application for a Corps of Engineers permit. Ultimately, MML&H determined that three 20' x 12' by 32' aluminum multi-plate arch corrugated metal arch pipes with headwalls and wing walls could be installed to reduce the costs as compared to the original installation and still meet the project requirements.

MML&H completed the plans and specifications by September and FEMA's approval for funding was received in late November. The project was advertised for bids and construction began in May 2017 at a cost of \$936,341. The project is expected to take 4 months to complete.

The FEMA share of the project is 75% with a 25% local match required. The Town expects to apply for and receive reimbursement for all or a portion of the local project match through the Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit.

In addition to this project, some 25 other sites within the Town were damaged by The Great Floods of 2016 which will produce four additional construction projects in Farmerville.

