TABLE ONE: Louisiana Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments (LA SAFE) Adaptation Strategies Goal 2 Summary.¹

GOAL 2: HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

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<th>Parishes</th>
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| Regional | **Strategy 1:** Encourage elevation of homes based on current and future flood risk. | **Action A:** Require all new development or substantial rehabilitations of existing properties be built to two feet above the base flood elevation for a 100-year flood or to the 500-year floodplain.  
**Action B:** Develop equitable financial incentives and education to assist with home elevations and ensure elevation support for all residents.  
**Action C:** Include weatherization programs and wind fortification, extreme heat, and seismic upgrades with home elevations to address multiple risk factors.  
**Action D:** Develop an education and marketing program to encourage pier-and-beam construction. |
|          | **Strategy 2:** Plan for future development based on risk typologies (i.e., low, moderate, and high flood risk) with mixed-use residential growth in low risk areas. | **Action A:** Create small area plans to accommodate future development in low risk areas.  
**Action B:** Develop zoning incentives to attract mixed-used development in low risk areas.  
**Action C:** Create an optional buyout program for full-time residents in high risk areas.  
**Action D:** Ensure demolition at the end of life of commercial developments in high risk areas upon long-term vacancy. |
|          | **Strategy 3:** Identify ways to address insurance affordability. | **Action A:** Analyze the feasibility for Louisiana to leave the National Flood Insurance Program and develop its own flood insurance program.  
**Action B:** Provide support and incentives to communities in the floodplain for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Community Rating System. |

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| Jefferson | Strategy 1: Encourage dense, sustainable, mixed-use development on higher ground. | Action A: Restrict development in high risk areas to recreational, fishing, and coastal/water-based business support uses.  
Action B: Prepare areas on higher ground for increased concentrations of development.  
Action C: Create a housing relocation fund.  
Action D: Repurpose unused properties and retrofit existing developments and amenities. |
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|          | Strategy 2: Create and maintain a diverse and resilient housing stock for people at all income levels. | Action A: Expand affordable housing and senior housing.  
Action B: Create a more resilient housing stock throughout the parish.  
Action C: Increase housing choices.  
Action D: As growth occurs, maintain and enhance the parish’s existing diverse communities.  
Action E: Expand access to legal help for low-income homeowners with title issues. |
| Lafourche | Strategy 1: Concentrate development and redevelopment to maximize access to transportation options, housing, recreation, education, retail, and employment. | Action A: Continue to implement the Lafourche Parish Comprehensive Resiliency Plan.  
Action B: Develop a small area plan for the region around Thibodaux.  
Action C: Develop a small area plan for Larose.  
Action D: Continue repurposing unused properties. |
|          | Strategy 2: Encourage housing and commercial development within and around existing communities. | Action A: Create a plan to assess the growth potential for the Mathews-to-Thibodaux corridor, identifying areas for concentrated development.  
Action B: Create a plan to assess development potential and establish development guidelines at US 90 nodes.  
Action C: Establish a Housing Relocation Assistance Fund. |
|          | Strategy 3: Diversify housing options and encourage the use of historic building types to increase resilience. | Action A: Adopt resiliency design standards for residential and commercial construction.  
Action B: Increase the supply of affordable and multifamily housing without sacrificing aesthetics or compatibility with existing neighborhoods and communities. |
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<td><strong>Strategy 2:</strong> Create a downtown Belle Chasse with amenities that will attract and retain youth in the parish.</td>
<td><strong>Action A:</strong> Improve streetscape and public realm amenities within Belle Chasse. <strong>Action B:</strong> Create more opportunities for street life and active uses. <strong>Action C:</strong> Develop a comprehensive open space plan. <strong>Action D:</strong> Build upon existing wayfinding and public art programs to incorporate art and culture into the district’s signage and public spaces.</td>
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<td><strong>Strategy 3:</strong> Plan for clustered, concentrated communities with multiple lines of defense features.</td>
<td><strong>Action A:</strong> Create community centers that can be sustained over the long term. <strong>Action B:</strong> Study current community assets and future needs. <strong>Action C:</strong> Evaluate and adapt corridor transportation infrastructure.</td>
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<td><strong>Strategy 1:</strong> Direct growth to lower-risk areas on higher ground.</td>
<td><strong>Action A:</strong> Adopt policies and incentives to direct growth and development toward the east and west bank areas on higher ground. <strong>Action B:</strong> Create a housing incentive program to encourage development on higher ground. <strong>Action C:</strong> Protect undeveloped low-lying land from development and increase green buffer zones. <strong>Action D:</strong> Update zoning to establish growth districts. <strong>Action E:</strong> Address residential-industrial adjacency issues.</td>
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<td><strong>Strategy 2:</strong> Provide a range of housing and development types and develop neighborhoods that promote health and help manage stormwater.</td>
<td><strong>Action A:</strong> Provide a range of housing and development types, styles, and price points to accommodate all ages and income groups by increasing housing density in targeted areas. <strong>Action B:</strong> Increase the supply of affordable and multifamily housing without sacrificing aesthetics or compatibility with existing neighborhoods. <strong>Action C:</strong> Plan for well-located new neighborhoods that are walkable and connected to amenities, shopping, and services. Revise development regulations to incorporate smart-growth principles that create walkable, healthy communities while also supporting parish water management goals.</td>
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<td><strong>Strategy 3:</strong> Address environmental degradation to improve air quality, water quality, and address legacy pollution.</td>
<td><strong>Action A:</strong> Negotiate land remediation actions with industries so that land can be reused in the future. <strong>Action B:</strong> Inventory areas with known environmental degradation concerns and identify remediation measures needed.</td>
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| St. Tammany | **Strategy 1**: Encourage focused, mixed-use development patterns to promote public health through walkable/bikeable neighborhoods. | **Action A**: Restrict development in high risk areas.  
**Action B**: Encourage higher-density, multi-generational, residential, and mixed-use developments.  
**Action C**: Consider repurposing unused properties.  
**Action D**: As growth occurs, maintain and enhance the parish’s existing diverse communities. Protect natural assets and guide development. |
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|  | **Strategy 2**: Create and maintain a diverse and resilient housing stock for people at all income levels. | **Action A**: Expand affordable and senior housing.  
**Action B**: Create a housing incentive program to encourage development on higher ground.  
**Action C**: Increase housing choices.  
**Action D**: Expand access to legal help for low-income homeowners with title issues. |
| Terrebonne | **Strategy 1**: Encourage housing and commercial development on higher ground. | **Action A**: Prepare areas of higher ground for increased concentrations of development.  
**Action B**: Develop a housing incentive program to encourage development on higher ground.  
**Action C**: Consider repurposing unused properties. |
|  | **Strategy 2**: Continue revitalization of downtown Houma. | **Action A**: Develop a comprehensive open space plan.  
**Action B**: Improve streetscape and public realm amenities within downtown.  
**Action C**: Create more opportunities for street life and active uses.  
**Action D**: Build upon existing wayfinding and public art programs to incorporate art and culture into the district’s signage and public places. |
**Action B**: Study development potential at US 90 nodes.  
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