

# Bayou Phoenix selected to begin major revitalization of New Orleans East

By Leah Clark  
Contributing Writer

After more than a decade of neglect, a major revitalization will begin after the City of New Orleans selected Bayou Phoenix to redevelop the former Six Flags and Jazzland site in Eastern New Orleans. The city designated an Evaluation Committee which made the announcement on Oct. 11, 2021, after developer Kiernan West and Drew Brees withdrew their proposal.

"This is a huge win for our city. This announcement truly does symbolize my administration's larger approach as we move our city forward in thinking holistically and absolutely having it grounded in resiliency," said Mayor LaToya Cantrell in a press conference. "[This] project is in clear alignment with our overall goal of driving vibrant recovery and creating again a more diverse and equitable economy for our people."

The proposal by Bayou Phoenix, LLC includes locally-owned

Henry Consulting, LLC and TKTMJ, Inc., who together have partnered with Dallas, Texas-based Hillwood, A Perot Company. Local organizations like STEM NOLA have also joined Bayou Phoenix in this \$100 million Phase 1 capital requirement project to revitalize New Orleans East.

New Orleans East Matters, a grassroots collective that advocates for New Orleans East's economic return, had endorsed Bayou Phoenix at the start of the process back in May. The group supported the proposal because it would bring back businesses, entertainment and education to an area that once was bustling with life as well as its attention to community input.

"Our first priority is, first and foremost, the people of East New Orleans. And we are looking forward to moving forward with our partners, and the City of New Orleans, to ensure their needs are fully met," said Troy Henry of Henry Consulting.

Henry, a resident of New Orleans East himself, has witnessed how

far the area has lagged behind in recovery since the former amusement park was abandoned after being devastated by Hurricane Katrina more than 16 years ago. Along with TKTMJ, which is based in the East, they hope to restore the area to what many residents remember with modifications to adhere to the city's requests.

Bayou Phoenix plans to execute their vision of a logistics center, warehousing, hotel, sports complex, and indoor/outdoor waterpark, to name a few. A STEM NOLA district is also set to be part of this redevelopment project to help bring a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education center to the community. As they move forward, Bayou Phoenix said it will continue to promote its commitment to working with members of the community.

"We will continue our community outreach and include the people living in New Orleans East every step of the way. We live and have

an investment here, so we will do everything in our power to make sure this project gets done right the first time," said Henry.

Following Bayou Phoenix's selection, many members of the community have begun to reminisce on life in New Orleans East before its devastation and ways that it could change with this redevelopment project. New Orleans East resident Naya McGill expressed her hopes that Bayou Phoenix will make drastic changes in the right direction for the area. She also said she believes that it will curb youth participation in violence in the area.

"Hopefully, this can decrease some of the crime in New Orleans East. There isn't much for the youth out here, and it gives room for the youth to explore and get into the wrong things. This will give them something enjoyable to do," McGill

said. "I also hope it can be something [the] community will have pride in and love - I want us to take care of it and the area around it."

While many are optimistic about Bayou Phoenix, some residents are not completely convinced that they will fulfill their promises of increasing the quality of life and property values in the area. Alisha Foucha-Mercadel, another New Orleans East resident, believes that Bayou Phoenix will only bring minimal revenue and cannot completely revitalize the area on its own.

"We need way more than Bayou Phoenix to bring back the East. This community was once filled with a richness of businesses. We had a viable mall, plenty [of] eateries, grocery stores, movie theaters...we had it all. Skating rinks, bowling alleys, and the list goes on and on," said Foucha-

Mercadel about life in the area before it was devastated. "But now? We have empty promises and dreams. That's it."

Despite the hesitancy of some residents, Bayou Phoenix said it remains firm in their commitment to restoring New Orleans East to what it once was. It is expected that Bayou Phoenix will reach a final agreement with the city within the next 90 days.

"What was demonstrated through our RFP process is that Bayou Phoenix is also prepared and has the resources necessary to pull this off. No longer [are we] setting our people up. Making them proud on the front end only to kind of bring them down later on because we didn't deliver," Cantrell said. "We're going to deliver, and we believe Bayou Phoenix has demonstrated their ability to do just that." ♦

## 'A bureaucratic nightmare': Applications to fix Louisiana's failing water systems hit snags

By Rachel Mipro  
Contributing Writer

([lailuminator.com](http://lailuminator.com)) — As the deadline for communities to apply for funding to fix their water and sewer systems approaches, lawmakers are still struggling to untangle the application process.

The program was created by the Louisiana Legislature earlier this year to distribute \$300 million in federal pandemic aid. Eligible water systems can receive up to \$5 million; potentially more for water systems that consolidate.

Hurricane Ida threw off the timeline for funding; the application deadline was extended from Sept. 24 to Nov. 1 to allow communities to focus on hurricane recovery. A second round of funding will open in January.

Sixty-six applications are fully submitted and ready for review, totaling around \$170 million in requests. Around 227 applications have been started but not finished yet, with an estimated \$305 million in requests. Four-hundred-and-fifty additional entities have requested access to the portal but haven't started or submitted anything yet.

The \$300 million the Legislature has set aside is 4 percent of the amount the White House says Louisiana requires to fix its water and sewers' systems. President Joe Biden's administration calculates that Louisiana needs \$7 billion over the next 20 years for its decrepit water systems. In 2017, the Louisiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers rated the state's drinking water a D-.

Around 20 percent out of the 1,287 water systems that the Louisiana Department of Health oversees are not up to code, The *Illuminator* reported in May, with close to 2,000 boil water notices issued in the state every

year. A report on Louisiana infrastructure found that 58 percent of drinking water systems were built before 1960.

Many agree on the pressing need to fix water systems in the state—but the complex application process may slow down this round of crucial repairs.

System consolidation is seen as one solution to Louisiana's increasingly worsening rural water supply. By consolidating two small rural water systems into one, the larger customer base would have more pooled money to make upgrades and repairs.

But Water Sector Commission co-chair and state Rep. Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, R-Houma, said it was going to be difficult to get municipalities to consolidate systems. "Part of the problem is there's almost a disincentive to get people to consolidate the way we have it right now because it's difficult enough for one entity to try to develop an application," Zeringue said. "If you try to get several municipalities working together, who's going to pay for it? How are they going to do it? That's a cluster."

In order to complete an application, an engineer-provided cost estimate must be submitted.

State Rep. Jeremy LaCombe, D-Livonia, said he was getting calls from small towns who were struggling to find engineers, or just were confused about the application forms.

"I want to protect the rurals," LaCombe said. "This whole entire program, all of this was done so that rural water districts and rural municipal districts along with others would be able to have an opportunity to reap this funding to get their old, antiquated, dilapidated systems upgraded and brought up to speed and now I'm starting to see what's looking like a bureaucratic nightmare."

Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne said he expected things to go more smoothly in the next application cycle.

"We'll see if there's some way we can get around this," Dardenne said. "I don't know if there will be, but if not as we've all said, the next batch we'll be better prepared and people will know what they have to comply with going forward."

*Louisiana Illuminator (www.lailuminator.com) is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization.* ♦

### PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to modify telecommunications equipment at centerline heights of 57 and 60 feet on the rooftop of an existing 50-foot tall building located at 1601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana (N29° 56' 18.4"; W90° 4' 35.2"). AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to [publicnotice@eca-usa.com](mailto:publicnotice@eca-usa.com). Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. X2085/CMJ

La. Weekly: November 1, 2021

## Classifieds

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY BECOME A PUBLISHED AUTHOR!** We edit, print and distribute your work internationally. We do the work; you reap the REWARDS! Call for a FREE Author's Submission Kit. 1-877-287-9291

**Become a published author!** Publication sold at all major secular & specialty Christian bookstores. Call Christian Faith Publishing for your FREE author submission kit. 1-877-497-3255

**EDUCATION Flexible Healthcare Career Training.** Medical Billing and Coding Program. Call Now For Information: 1-866-746-4143

**TRAIN Online To DO MEDICAL BILLING.** Become a Medical Office Professional online at CTI! Get Trained, Certified & ready to work in months. Call 1-866-350-4447. (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

**COMPUTER & IT TRAINING PROGRAM!** Train ONLINE to get the skills to become a Computer & Help Desk Professional now! Grants and Scholarships available for certain programs for qualified applicants. Call CTI for details! 1-855-471-2636 (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

**FINANCIAL SERVICES SAVE YOUR HOME!** Are you behind paying your MORTGAGE? Denied a Loan Modification? Threatened with FORECLOSURE? Call the Homeowner's Relief Line now for HELP! 1-866-470-1641

**Over \$10K in debt?** Be debt free in 24-48 months. Pay nothing to enroll. Call National Debt Relief at 1-855-794-1033

**ARE YOU BEHIND \$10K OR MORE ON YOUR TAXES?** Stop wage & bank levies, liens & audits, unfiled tax returns, payroll issues, & resolve tax debt FAST. Call 855-832-2310

**Denied Credit??** Work to Repair Your Credit Report With The Trusted Leader in Credit Repair. Call Lexington Law for a FREE credit report summary & credit repair consultation. 1-855-527-0217. John C. Heath, Attorney at Law, PLLC, dba Lexington Law Firm

**FOR SALE Put on your TV Ears** and hear TV with unmatched clarity. TV Ears Original were originally \$129.95 - NOW WITH THIS SPECIAL OFFER are only \$59.95 with code MCB59! Call 1-855-935-3524

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS Attention: Oxygen Users!** Gain freedom with a Portable Oxygen Concentrator! No more heavy tanks and refills! Guaranteed Lowest Prices! Call Oxygen Concentrator Store: 1-855-382-4168

**ATTENTION DIABETICS!** Save money on your diabetic supplies! Convenient home shipping for monitors, test strips, insulin pumps, catheters and more! To learn more, call now! 1-888-723-9462

**Become a published author!** Publications sold at all major secular & specialty Christian bookstores. CALL Christian Faith Publishing for your FREE author submission kit. 1-877-497-3255

**Still paying too much for your MEDICATION?** Save up to 90% on RX refill! Order today and receive free shipping on 1st order - prescription required. Call 1-855-978-2676

**ATTENTION: OXYGEN USERS!** The NEW Inogen One G5. 1-6 flow settings. Designed for 24-hour oxygen use. Compact and Lightweight. Get a FREE Info kit today. 1-855-874-9438

**FREE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT QUOTES!** Top Providers. Excellent Coverage. Call for no obligation quote to see how much you can save. 1-877-326-0344

**MobileHelp, America's Premier Mobile Medical Alert System.** Whether you're home or away. For safety and peace of mind. NO LONG TERM CONTRACTS! Free Brochure! Call Today! 1-855-411-0949

**SelectQuote** is dedicated to finding a Medicare plan right for you and your wallet. Call 1-844-668-3694 today and receive a free quote from one of our multiple carriers

**Stroke and Cardiovascular disease** are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart Association. Screenings can provide peace of mind or early detection! Contact Life Line Screening to schedule your screening. Special offer - 5 screenings for just \$149. Call 1-866-470-1458

**VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS!** 50 Pills SPECIAL \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW! 1-855-403-6345

**HOME AND GARDEN Eliminate gutter cleaning forever** with LeafFilter, the most advanced debris blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. Call 1-866-846-0785

**HOME IMPROVEMENT The bathroom of your dreams** for as little as \$149/month! BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Limited Time Offer - FREE virtual in-home consultation now and SAVE 15%! Call Today! 1-866-806-5009

**BATHROOM RENOVATIONS EASY ONE DAY updates!** We specialize in safe bathing. Grab bars, no slip flooring & seated showers. Call for a FREE in-home consultation. 1-855-238-1870

**GENERAC Standby Generators** provide backup power during utility power outages, so your home and family stay safe and comfortable. Prepare now. Free 7-year extended warranty (\$695 value!). Request a free quote today! Call for additional terms and conditions. 1-888-718-6066

**NEED NEW FLOORING?** Call Empire Today to schedule a FREE in-home estimate on Carpeting & Flooring. Call Today! 1-844-275-9869

**HOME SERVICES DIRECTV for \$69.99/mo for 12 months with CHOICE Package.** Watch your favorite live sports, news & entertainment anywhere. One year of HBO Max FREE. Directv is #1 in Customer Satisfaction (JD Power & Assoc.) Call for more details! (some restrictions apply) Call 1-866-734-0452

**Earthlink High Speed Internet.** As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-866-794-6858

**BEST SATELLITE TV** with 2 Year Price Guarantee! \$59.99 per month with 190 channels and 3 months FREE Premium Movie Channels! FREE next day installation! Call 1-844-284-8095

**DISH NETWORK \$59.99 for 190 Channels!** Blazing Fast Internet, \$19.99 per month. (where available.) Switch & Get a FREE \$100 Visa Gift Card. FREE Voice Remote. FREE HD DVR. FREE Streaming on ALL Devices. Call today! 1-855-654-8207

**HughesNet** - Finally, super-fast internet no matter where you live. 25 Mbps just \$59.99 per month! Unlimited Data is Here. Stream Video. Bundle TV & Internet. Free Installation. Call 855-723-9424

718-6060. Special Financing for qualified customers.

**Secure your home with Vivint Smart Home technology.** Call 1-888-894-0402 to learn how you can get a professionally installed security system with \$0 activation

**AT&T TV** - The Best of Live & On-Demand On All Your Favorite Screens. CHOICE Package, \$64.99 per month plus taxes for 12 months. Premium Channels at No Charge for One Year! Anytime, anywhere. Some restrictions apply. With 24-month agreement TV price higher in 2nd year. Regional Sports Fee up to \$8.49 per month. i.extra & applies. Call IVS 1-833-317-1353

**ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS!** If you have water damage to your home and need cleanup services, call us! We will get in and work with your insurance agency to get your home repaired and your life back to normal ASAP! Call 1-888-706-1445

**DIRECTV NOW. No Satellite Needed.** \$40/month. 65 Channels. Stream Breaking News, Live Events, Sports & On Demand Titles. No Annual Contract. No Commitment. CALL 1-844-246-2428

**\$59.99 per month DIRECTV Special.** 155+ Channels, HBO for 12 months and 3 months of Premium Movie Channels! Whole Home GENIE HD DVR! Call Now! 1-888-498-4312

**DIRECTV** - Every live football game, every Sunday - anywhere - on your favorite device. Restrictions apply. Call IVS - 1-866-734-0452

**Two great new offers from AT&T Wireless!** Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e ON US with AT&T's Buy one, Give one offer. While supplies last! CALL 1-866-393-0713

**Viasat Satellite Internet** Up to 12 mbps Plans Starting at \$30 per month. Our Fastest Speeds (up to 50Mbps) & Unlimited Data Plans start at \$100 per month. Call Viasat today! 1-855-801-0860

**INSURANCE DENTAL INSURANCE** from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. NOT just a discount plan, REAL coverage for [350] procedures. Call 1-855-268-0108 for details. [www.dental50plus.com/morning](http://www.dental50plus.com/morning) 6118-0219

**SAVE BIG ON HOME INSURANCE!** Compare 20 A-Rated insurance companies. Get a quote within minutes. Average savings of \$444/year! Call 1-877-533-3917 (Monday-Friday 8am-8pm Central)

**ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS!** Are you protected in case of property damage or if you have an interruption in service due to a property event? Business Owner Property insurance IS AFFORDABLE and WILL PROTECT YOU when the unexpected happens! For free quote, call 1-877-370-3233 (M-F 7:30am-9:30pm ET)

**AUTO INSURANCE STARTING AT \$49 PER MONTH!** Call 1-844-430-4651 for your free rate comparison to see how much you can save!

**Life Insurance up to \$15,000 of GUARANTEED Life Insurance!** No Medical Exam or Health Questions. Cash to help pay funeral and other final expenses. Call Physicians Life Insurance Company 1-877-535-2381 or visit [www.Life55plus.info/louisiana](http://www.Life55plus.info/louisiana)

**WE SHOP, YOU SAVE** on your Medicare Supplement Insurance! Call 1-844-885-9650 today to compare Medicare benefits and costs from up to 20 top-rated carriers. Receive the best option for you.

**LEGAL SERVICES Applying for Social Security**

**Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim?** Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys, 1-844-883-2045 FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. (TX/NM Bar)]

**Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim?** Call Bill Gordon & Assoc. Our case managers simplify the process & work hard to help with your case. Call 1-844-883-2045 FREE Consultation. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar.)]

**Attention: Auto Injury Victims.** If you have suffered a serious injury in an auto accident, Call US! Our attorneys have the experience to get you the full compensation you deserve! Call Now: 1-877-920-9734

**Were you an INDUSTRIAL or CONSTRUCTION TRADESMAN** and recently diagnosed with LUNG CANCER? You and your family may be entitled to a SIGNIFICANT CASH AWARD. Call 1-855-954-4792 for your risk free consultation

**Recently diagnosed with LUNG CANCER** and 60+ years old? Call now! You and your family may be entitled to a SIGNIFICANT CASH AWARD. Call 1-888-290-0193 today. Free Consultation. No Risk

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT Portable Oxygen Concentrator** May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 855-636-1667

**MISCELLANEOUS.** Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Anna C. Ettl, Wendy J. Comly, Irma de la Garza Frank, Linda Buttron Garces** and/or **Michael J. Graces, Kimberly Sharp Graf** and/or **Richard A. Graf**, please call Attorney Royce Duplessis at 504-300-2680.

**DONATE YOUR CAR TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND.** FREE 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing. All Paperwork Taken Care Of. Call 1-844-605-9298

**Donate your car, truck, or van.** Help veterans find jobs or start a business. Call Patriotic Hearts Foundation. Fast, FREE pickup. Max tax-deduction. Operators are standing by! Call 1-866-934-5706

**DONATE YOUR CAR TO UNITED BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION!** Your donation helps education, prevention & support programs. FAST FREE PICKUP - 24 HR RESPONSE - TAX DEDUCTION 1-888-405-0326

**Timeshare Cancellation Experts!** Wesley Financial Group, LLC Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 1-855-473-0818

**FREE WANTED:** We pay \$\$\$ for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312-291-9169 or visit [RefrigerantFinders.com](http://RefrigerantFinders.com)

**\$\$\$ I buy Rv's, 5th wheel, bumper pull in any area!** Any condition!!! Old or new!! Dirty / clean!! I pay cash [Missing title, no problem we can apply for one 9565451118. Call Mr. R. anytime

**YOUR AD HERE!** Place your classified ad in 120 Louisiana newspapers, with a total circulation of more than 1 million starting at \$265. We also offer out of state placement. For information call Dana at The Louisiana Press Association 225-344-9309.

## Legal Notices

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA SALEM CIRCUIT COURT ROANOKE COUNTY DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES V. CALEB JAMES RAYMOND-CASTRO CASE NO: CJ21-38, CJ21-39, CJ21-40, CJ21-41 ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is to terminate the residual parental rights and respon-

sibilities of Caleb James Raymond-Castro to Noah James Raymond-Castro pursuant to Virginia Code § 16.1-283 and to approve a permanent entrustment agreement which provides for the termination of parental rights of Samantha Raymond-Castro to Noah James Raymond-Castro. "Residual parental rights and responsibilities" are defined by Virginia Code § 16.1-228 as all rights and responsibilities remaining

with the parent after the transfer of legal custody or guardianship of the person, including but not limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed for-

ever, and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that Caleb James Raymond-Castro appear at the above-named Court to protect his interest on or before February 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.  
**STACY L. OWEN Deputy Clerk**  
Atty: Marta J. Anderson Publication: La. Weekly 10/25; 11/1; 11/8; & 11/15/21