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Dear Community Members in Morgan City and Berwick:

Building the Foundation for a New Economy along the Atchafalaya River was the title of the Urban Land Institute Report issued in 2019 after a thorough expert evaluation of our area.

In 2018, when we asked for \$135,000 from local government agencies, private citizens, and local philanthropic groups to fund an **Urban Land Institute Study**, we did not expect the study to help us generate over **2.2 million dollars** in grant monies for our area.

In 2018, when we asked for \$135,000 for the Urban Land Institute Study, we didn’t put the results on the shelf. We listened to what the experts said, and we made long-term plans based on their advice.

We are now a 501c (3) and looking to expand our efforts in the community in order to continue our work to build that foundation along the Atchafalaya River which those experts from all around the country recognized as our strength. We continue our work to implement the recommendations from the study.

If you’ve been one of our supporters, you have received our quarterly reports and you have seen the progress. We will continue to work across political subdivisions, but we need your help as we seek new funding sources in the form of grants to finance exciting opportunities. If you have not seen our presentation to the Atchafalaya Intracoastal Coalition this summer, you can access it here:



If, after watching this video, you appreciate our work and want us to continue advocating for the area, please consider joining us as a member or renewing your commitment to support our economic diversification efforts. We ask that you complete the form below or electronically submit a business tax-deductible membership by September 30, 2023. We will acknowledge your contribution by emailing membership recognition.



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As a member, you will receive St. Mary Excel quarterly reports e-mailed to you. Thank-you for considering membership in St. Mary Excel!

Sincerely,

Catherine P. Holcomb

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