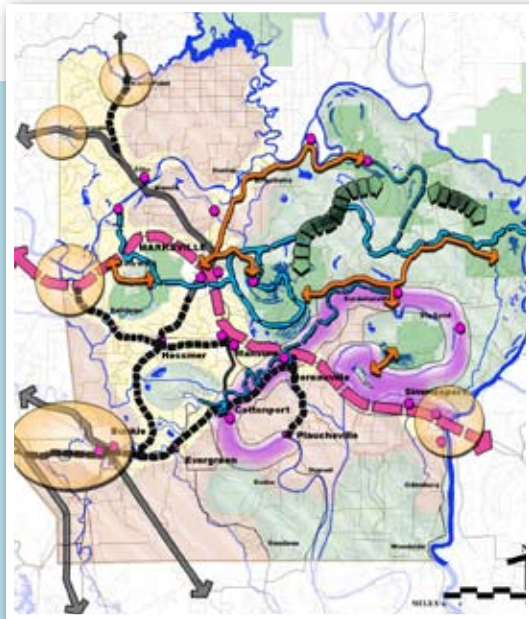


Avoyelles Parish Community Master Plan



Parish leaders and citizens use the Avoyelles Parish Community Master Plan to help guide the sustainable growth and development of the parish. Avoyelles Parish has a rich history of successfully using its unique character and strengths to overcome challenges. Moore Planning Group, LLC (MPG) recognized this uniqueness as an asset, and integrated it into the Master Plan for infrastructure and economic development that preserves and enhances essential parish character. MPG helped establish the following Master Plan objectives:

- Identify the prevailing needs of the community.
- Bring together ideas, goals, and strategies for possible solutions and concentration of resources.
- Identify funding opportunities.
- Implement assistance including establishing funding priorities and schedules.

The planners' research facilitated identification of specific opportunities, including creating parish gateways, linkage between developed areas and public recreation/tourist destinations, cultural trails, wildlife corridors, highway improvements to better facilitate commerce, safety improvements, and parish image enhancements. The Master Plan provides funding opportunities through a listing of grant and assistance programs available through various government agencies and private programs.

The Master Plan also stimulated the establishment of the Avoyelles Parish Economic Development District. The board is composed of representatives from the police jury, school board, each of the nine parish municipalities, and area businesses. This board played a prominent role on the master plan steering committee and assumed the primary role in plan implementation, and retained MPG to serve as implementation and funding assistance consultant.



- Louisiana Chapter, ASLA Presidents Award of Excellence, 2006
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