

Town of Washington Master Plan



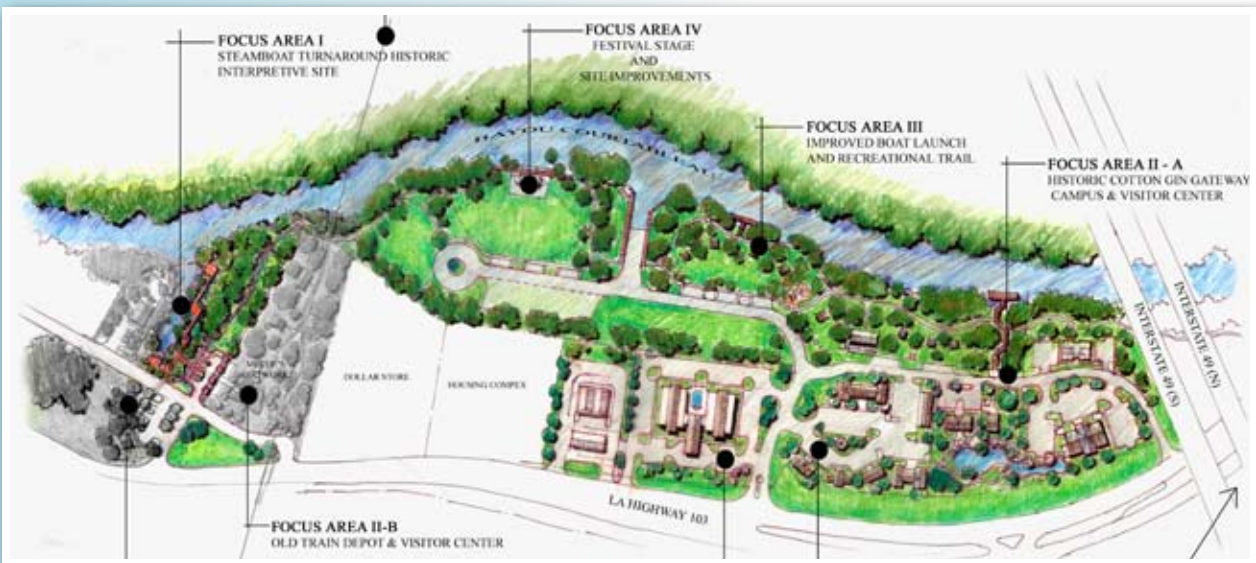
Founded in 1720, Washington is the third oldest settlement in Louisiana. With a population of 1,400 people, this friendly town struggles to maintain its primary economic generator - its centuries old charm. Some new buildings have been constructed, but 80% of the town is recorded in the National Register of Historic Places. Known as Church's Landing until 1835, Washington once prospered as a trading post and the only inland port between New Orleans and St. Louis.

Moore Planning Group, LLC (MPG) worked with the Atchafalaya Basin Program and the Army Corps of Engineers to develop a Master Plan to guide future direction. The plan emphasized the preservation and enhancement of the town's cultural richness and natural assets, and finding ways to connect these assets with regional assets and new area developments.



Through community visioning sessions and extensive inventory and research, goals were established to help the town once again become a thriving community. Corridor and gateway enhancements were developed to showcase the town's finest assets. A Town Center area was developed to solidify the character of the town and provide an area for cultural events and an Interpretive facility is planned to connect the citizens of Washington with Bayou Courtableau, and interpret the bayou's importance in the town's early history.

Based on the local community's visions and the goals, the Master Plan is an action plan for advancements in the areas of tourism, infrastructure development, educational and cultural facilities, recreational development, and other areas required to help realize the community's future vision.



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