



**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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**CPPC Takes Its Place On The World Wide Web**

To better serve residents, developers and others seeking planning information for East Baton Rouge Parish, the City-Parish Planning Commission provides information and data via World Wide Web.

Information seekers can obtain a wealth of planning and development information via their home or office computers. Users of the Internet can visit the Planning Commission site through the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge web site at the following Internet address:

[www.brgov.com/](http://www.brgov.com/)

From the City-Parish site, web surfers simply need to click the link titled "Directory," and select the Planning Commission from the list of departments. A new window will then lead visitors to various types of planning information.

**Planning Commission Web Site**

The City-Parish Planning Commission site on the World Wide Web includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions and general planning information, plus the following information and items:

**Who We Are**

**Awards** A listing of Planning Commission awards and proclamations from local, state, and national entities.

**Contact Us/FAQs** Common questions and answers, including contact information.

**Planning Commission Members** The nine members of the Planning Commission are listed.

**Staff and Organizational Chart** The Staff listing includes current staff members and individual e-mail addresses, as well as the organization of the Planning Commission staff.

**Zoning Advisory Committee** Displays information regarding ZAC meeting dates, agendas, and subcommittees.

**Advance Division**

The Advance Division is comprised of two sections working to implement and update the Horizon Plan, complete special studies, amend zoning codes, and research economic, environmental, and demographic needs for the City-Parish.

Visit us on the web at [www.brgov.com/dept/planning/](http://www.brgov.com/dept/planning/)

**Brownfields Program** This page contains information about the Baton Rouge Brownfields program, incentives for brownfield redevelopment, and how to get involved with the program.

**Comprehensive Plan Update** Provides links to pertinent information regarding FUTREBR.

**Economic/Demographic Information** This portion of the web site offers easy access to business directories, Enterprise Zone information, and an economic profile of East Baton Rouge Parish.

**Growth Centers** This page includes information on the 2002-07 Growth Center planning program, including maps and photos of the Growth Centers, and associated reports and documents.

**Neighborhood Survey** An ongoing Planning Commission survey which will permit planners to better understand planning and land use issues in your area to guide future land use amendments.

**Sustainable Development** Provides resources and information about sustainability such as Information Bulletins and websites.

**Urban Design and Special Districts** Lists design and special districts.

**Wetlands Program** Information on the CPPC's ongoing wetlands program. Includes educational and background information on wetlands and records of recent wetlands workshops.

**Current Division**

The Current Division provides professional assistance to the public for the development of land throughout the City-Parish and process applications involving subdivision and zoning regulations.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiative** Provides information on bicycle and pedestrian transportation in the City-Parish, including the Baton Rouge Bicycle Map.

**Draft Ordinances** Draft versions of proposed revisions and updates to the City-Parish Unified Development Code (UDC).

**Historic Preservation** Information on historic preservation efforts in the City-Parish including activities of the Historic Preser-

**Unified Development Code (UDC)** The UDC is a single document that includes all of the City-Parish land development regulations and ordinances. A fee is required for purchasing copies of the UDC. The entire document, however, is presented on the Planning Commission's web site, and it is regularly updated as revisions or new ordinances occur.

### **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division**

The GIS Division responsibilities include map production, analysis, and the development of applications utilizing geospatial data.

**Bike Baton Rouge** Allows bicycle riders to plan a route through Baton Rouge and select areas of interest such as restaurants, libraries, and retail centers

**Historical Land Development** Part of the Parish-wide GIS, this is a display of the history of land development in Baton Rouge. (See Information Bulletin 58 for more details.)

**Internet Property Finder** Link to the City-Parish online Parcel Finder Map at [gis.brgov.com/](http://gis.brgov.com/).

### **Land Development Application Search Tool**

**Maps and Listings** Various thematic maps of the City-Parish. Includes a map of the current Major Street Plan, street map, and subdivision maps. Official street and subdivision names lists are updated every week.

### **Publications**

**Information Bulletins** The series of Information Bulletins describes the Planning Commission's work, projects and procedures. The bulletins are available for download in PDF format.

**Land Development Guide** A document which outlines and explains City-Parish regulations and procedures for land use amendments, subdivisions, and rezoning. (In PDF format)

Planning District Profiles

**Planning, What is it?** An explanation of the planning process and what it can do for communities. (In PDF format)

**Quarterly Newsletter** The Planning Commission's quarterly newsletter, "Planning News". The newsletter is available for download in Adobe format.

### **Communicate with Planners**

All of the Planning Commission Staff members have individual e-mail addresses, which are listed in the "Planning Commission Staff" pages of the web site. The Planning Commission also offers a general e-mail site for residents and developers to submit comments, questions, or other information. You may send e-mail to the Planning Commission at:

**[planning@brgov.com](mailto:planning@brgov.com)**

### **The Technological Future**

The Planning Commission website is only the beginning. The technological future holds some fascinating possibilities for the dissemination and administration of planning and zoning information.

The Planning Commission has recently made available the following online services:

- **Electronic Case Tracking** Developers and applicants can track the status of their case online.
- **Land Development Application Search Tool** An interactive mapping application containing information about current planning and zoning cases.

### **Surfing for Planning Services**

The Planning Commission's location on the information highway allows for better and more efficient service for the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish, as well as those outside of the area doing business with the Parish. The Internet represents a valuable resource for the provision of planning services, and the Planning Commission is dedicated to being on the cutting edge of this exciting, developing technology.

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