



STATE OF THE CITY - MANDEVILLE

As a thriving municipality in the fast growing parish in the State of Louisiana, the City of Mandeville has experienced both growth and prosperity in the last decade. Our Administration and City Council have worked closely together to develop and propose integral projects to anticipate and maintain the steady pace of City growth. An overview of these projects are as follows:

Capital improvements were performed in both the sewer and water departments

Water improvements included:

Upgrading the fire hydrant and transition line systems.

- Three new wells were constructed: Well #5 on the west side of the city and Well #'s 6 and 7 on the east side.
- A new 750,000 gallon storage tank was constructed near Well #4 on St. Ann Drive.

Sewer improvements include:

- A new aeration system and new telemetry system.
- New lift stations were installed, including N. Causeway, Hwy 22, West Causeway Service Road and Chinchuba Oaks.
- With the acquisition of the approximately 1200 acre Dendinger Tract, the Department of Public Works acquired an LPDES sanitary wastewater permit for wetland assimilation. This Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project will include installation of approximately 13,750 linear feet of piping for distribution of treated effluent into the 1200 acre wetland. Approximately 2500' of boardwalk will access the pipeline. Construction will begin in 2004.

Drainage is a constant source of study and projects are ongoing. Improvements were made to:

- Carroll, Lafayette, Oak, Carondelet, Aurora and Wilkinson Streets, as well as at the Mandeville Harbor.
- New culverts were installed along 1900' of Garden Avenue.
- Seventy two new manholes and catch basins were installed along Foy, Lafitte, Oakwood, Rosewood and Jefferson Streets as well as Cedarwood and Lotus Drives.

Our Streets Program continues on a yearly basis, with improvements of asphalt paving and repaving throughout the City.

- A grant for \$920,000 was received for Gerard Street, allowing for a major facelift, including drainage, lighting, planting and watering system.
- As part of the City Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway Plan, over 30,000 linear feet of asphalt and concrete pathways were laid out. Locations include: City Hall Park, Lover's Lane, West Causeway Approach to Hwy 22, Jackson Avenue, the Mandeville Harbor and Lakeshore Drive. Associated cross drainage was also installed.
- The Administration and City Council along with our consulting engineers and architects proposed the Gateway Overlay Ordinance, which was passed unanimously by the City Council. This ordinance contains design guidelines that development can use to enhance our corridors.
- The City also purchased approximately 16 acres in Beau Rivage Subdivision which will be used for our "Neighborhoods" Project. This naturalistic park will help model storm water and cleansing techniques in the west side of town.

Several new projects included construction around town:

- The new Public Works Facility was erected on Mandeville High Boulevard, next to the Sewerage Treatment Plant, where the Streets Barn has also relocated.

- The Mandeville Trailhead was constructed and dedicated in February of 2000. This cultural interpretative center located on the Tammany Trace includes an amphitheater, pavilions and an interactive water park, modeling water flow and drainage in the parish.
- Additional Trailhead parking on Woodrow St. was also completed.
- The Dew Drop Inn, now on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places was renovated.
- A pedestrian tunnel was constructed under the Tammany Trace located on Florida Avenue. Improvements include the installation of upsized drainage piping, catch basins, manholes, tee inlets, clean outs and sump pumps to serve both the adjacent area and the facility itself.
- A \$15,000 grant was obtained for Sunset Point where new gates were installed.
- A new pavilion was constructed at the Lamarque Street Playground.
- New rest room facilities were constructed in the park located behind City Hall.

In order to maintain the beauty of our city, the Administration and City Council organized "Keep Mandeville Beautiful," a program designed to educate the community and over 2500 students on litter as well as enlist residents and volunteers to perform clean up projects during the year. Keep Mandeville Beautiful became a national affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

Many of the above projects have been secured by grants, thereby saving taxpayer's money while greatly improving our quality of life in the City of Mandeville. We feel it is vitally important to maintain the infrastructure and beauty of our City not only for today's lifestyles, but for future generations to come. We are proud of the achievements we have accomplished in the past and look forward to continued success in the future.

**See "Mayoral Initiatives" for project costs.