

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3759

COUNCIL SPONSOR: BINDER/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PATRICIA P. BRISTER, PRESIDENT OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR PLANNING GRANT TO ACCESS HURRICANES KATRINA/RITA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish sustained damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita due to hurricane force winds and storm surge; and

WHEREAS, in response to the damages sustained by St. Tammany Parish and other parishes in Louisiana, Federal funds have been appropriated to address the damages and aid parishes with recovery; and

WHEREAS, in order to access the Federal funds, St. Tammany Parish developed an action plan whereby funds from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Office of Community Development, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program so Disaster Recovery can be utilized; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish is in the process of implementing multiple projects pursuant to this action plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish requires additional planning grant funds to further address the effects of Hurricanes Katrina/Rita and, specifically, to further the need to conserve, manage and mitigate property within the area between Highway 36 and Lake Pontchartrain (also referred to as the Environmental Corridor); and

WHEREAS, Parish President, Patricia Brister, and staff have determined that additional planning within the Environmental Corridor is warranted pursuant to the action plan to be paid for with Office of Community Development CDBG funds.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that Parish President, Patricia Brister, is authorized to submit the Environmental Corridor Planning Grant application to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development for funding under the CDBG Program for Disaster Recovery, and to take all other necessary actions in order to implement these projects.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 6 DAY OF JUNE, 2013, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

St. Tammany Parish is seeking planning grant funds to further address the effects of Hurricanes Katrina/Rita and, specifically, to further the need to conserve, manage and mitigate property within the area between Highway 36 and Lake Pontchartrain (also referred to as the Environmental Corridor). The plan will identify opportunities for mitigation, conservation, recreation and tourism. It will further set out a strategy for maintaining and enhancing public green space in a cost effective manner.

The Parish hopes to obtain an Environmental Corridor Planning Grant from the Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit, utilizing CDBG funds.