

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 2890 ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL SPONSOR MR. STEFANCIK PROVIDED BY: FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
INTRODUCED BY: MR. STEFANCIK SECONDED BY: MR. CANULETTE  
ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2004

ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING THE ABNEY PROPERTY; TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government ("Parish") has determined that it is in the public interest to pursue the acquisition of the Abney property, 16.4769 acres located in Section 37, Township 8 South, Range 14 East on Bayou Liberty near Northshore Boulevard, Slidell.

WHEREAS, the property is highly attractive to commercial developers; and further development of this critical and sensitive area would be detrimental to residents in the area.

WHEREAS, taking the property out of commerce would provide flood protection to the residents in the Bayou Liberty watershed, improve drainage and assist in further enhancement of the area's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has determined that it is in the public interest to request assistance from the Trust for Public Land ("Trust") to obtain the Abney property; and

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land, a national not-for-profit land conservation organization, is willing to assist the Parish with the services and financing needed to acquire the property until grant funds or other financial resources become available to the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has determined that it is in the public interest for the Trust to acquire the Abney property and for the Parish to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the Trust as soon as possible.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it authorizes the Office of the Parish President to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the Trust to acquire the Abney property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the 2004 Capital Improvement List be amended to reflect the addition of this project.

REPEAL: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.