



# Parish of Ascension

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## Ascension Parish Government Urges Residents to Participate in Critical Income Survey to Qualify for Federal Grant for Bayou Verret Drainage Improvements

**Lemnaville, LA** - Ascension Parish Government is calling on residents of Lemnaville, Abend, and parts of Donaldsonville to attend a community event on October 1, 2024, at Buena Vista Baptist Church, located at 10633 Hwy 18, St. James, LA 70086, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be a free jambalaya dinner. The purpose of this event is to collect essential household income data through a voluntary survey, which is a key step in qualifying for federal funds under the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

The survey is part of the Ascension Parish Government's application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round II—Bayou Verret Drainage Improvements project. Completing the survey will help determine the community's eligibility to receive this crucial funding. The CDBG Program supports community development activities that benefit low-to-moderate-income (LMI) households.

The survey asks simple questions about household size, family income, and demographics. It will take less than five minutes to complete, and all information provided will be confidential. The accuracy of this information is vital for our community's success in securing the grant. The funds available through this grant would directly benefit the Lemnaville, Abend, and Donaldsonville areas by providing the resources needed to improve drainage infrastructure. This infrastructure is essential for reducing flooding and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. To qualify, we need robust participation in this survey effort to reflect the community's needs accurately.

#### Event Details:

**Date: October 1, 2024**

**Location: Buena Vista Baptist Church**

**Address: 10633 Hwy 18, St. James, LA 70086**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Residents are encouraged to attend the event on October 1 and fill out the voluntary and confidential survey on-site. Ascension Parish Government representatives will be available to assist with any questions and provide additional information about the grant application process. The survey is voluntary and will take less than five minutes to complete. There will be a free jambalaya dinner.

Your participation could significantly impact our community's future. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to vital infrastructure improvements in Lemnaville, Abend, and Donaldsonville.

Ascension Parish Government is committed to improving the quality of life for its residents by seeking funding opportunities to address critical infrastructure needs. Your participation is crucial to our success in securing resources that will benefit our community for years to come.