Tangipahoa Parish enjoys an enviable location in the Greater New Orleans region with easy access to major highways and rail lines and with its shipping port and regional airport. Businesses in the parish benefit from a low tax base and many in the workforce trained at a major state university or a local technical college. The Tangipahoa population has increased from 117,000 pre-Katrina to 125,000 in 2015.

Tangipahoa did not experience the widespread, Katrina-related flooding of other parishes, but the hurricane impelled the parish to become focused about development and risks. Since Katrina, Tangipahoa created a parish-wide master plan, a hazard mitigation plan, and an emergency response plan.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

The importance of Tangipahoa as a regional hub for manufacturing and distribution keeps increasing, as seen by the openings of Scariano Brothers Meat Distributors, Guico Industries, Intralox, Boh Bros., and Universal Plant Services and by the expansions at Elmer Chocolate, Bradken, J&M Industries, and Smitty’s Supply.

In Port Manchac, Tangipahoa offers on-site access to warehousing and ground transportation routes. The Canadian National (CN) Railroad’s north-south main rail line runs directly adjacent to the port’s property and provides regular service to the facility. The terminal is also located directly adjacent to I-55 with nearby direct links to I-12, I-10, and I-59.

The 900-acre Hammond Northshore Regional Airport is open to general, corporate, and military aircraft.

More than 20,000 students work toward undergraduate or graduate degrees at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, supplying a steady stream of educated employees for local businesses. Northshore Technology Community College offers vocational coursework in dozens of specialized areas.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Tangipahoa’s business friendly environment is characterized by low taxes, ease of permitting, excellent transportation infrastructure, and high elevation for commercial sites and facilities. Residents enjoy a good quality of life with access to outdoor activities such as canoeing, sailing, fishing, water skiing, and hunting. The parish has a local commitment to culture and community activities. Southeastern Louisiana University and the surrounding area is a center for cultural and sporting events. The cost of living is low, and housing is affordable and accessible.

KEY COMMUNITY FOCUSES

The government of Tangipahoa is efficient and business friendly with a strategic mindset. The regional airport, the port, railways and highways make the parish a hub of manufacturing and distribution. Southeastern Louisiana University and Northshore Technical College provide workforce training for the parish’s businesses.

NEW PHYSICAL ASSETS

**Storm protection**

- Construction of breakwater (jetty) along Lake Pontchartrain to reduce erosion, funded by Coastal Impact Assistance Project (CIAP) Grant – $6 million
- Design has begun on 2 safe room-shelters, also used as emergency operations centers, 1 near Hammond and 1 in Amite – $5 million
- Shore line erosion protection and restoration along Lake Pontchartrain near Manchac – $4 million
• Elevation of residential structures and acquisition of 2 structures – $3 million
• Windretrofitsandhardeningof18publicbuildings(somefor use as temporary community shelters), including schools, fire stations, courthouse, sheriff substations, the animal shelter, etc. – $1.7 million
• New radios for emergency responders as part of the State LWIN Interoperability System – $1.6 million
• New generators for many public buildings – $1 million
• Roofing, wind-damage repair, and ADA improvements to 40 single family homes occupied by elderly – $420,000

Industry and Infrastructure

• Army National Guard facility at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport – $125 million
• Widening of Wardline Rd. and Club Deluxe Rd. (in progress) – $7 million
• Construction of a new Environmental Services Building in Hammond – $5 million
• 3 large drainage projects (in design stage) – $3.5 million
• Tower at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport – $1.9 million
• Rail siding extensions and upgrades at Port Manchac – $165,000

Culture and Community

• Construction of a new Amite area library and community room – $4.5 million
• New buildings/facilities at the Agricultural Events Center/Florida Parishes Arena including community events room, small animal barn ($3 million) and along with new RV stations

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