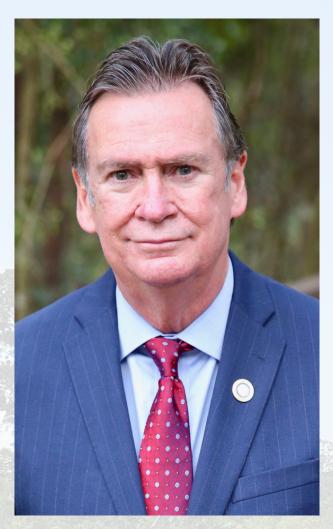


### A Message from the President

2022 was a year of tremendous growth and opportunity for St. Tammany Parish. With the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Ida effectively in our rearview, my administration was able to focus our efforts on moving forward with our planning initiatives and major infrastructure improvements.

Proper planning for the future is the most effective measure to ensure we do not repeat the mistakes of our past. For too long, St. Tammany Parish was developed without proper guidance and constraints. My administration has established multiple 'first of their kind' initiatives to ensure that our community's expected quality of life is preserved for generations to come.

In 2022, we budgeted \$27 million for our roadways and drainage systems, the most in our parish's history! These much-needed infrastructure improvement projects will improve the flow of our traffic and fortify our defenses against storm waters. We were also successful in our applications for competitive funding opportunities to upgrade and expand our water systems on the east side of St. Tammany. The award totaled \$23 million of state and federal funding coming back to St. Tammany Parish!



As we look forward to the future of St. Tammany Parish, this administration has well positioned our community to preserve the values that led us to choose St. Tammany as our home and to anticipate the needs of generations to come. We know that St. Tammany Parish is special; it's our job to keep it that way.

Despite the obstacles we've faced, our hard-working employees continue to focus their efforts on improving our quality of life through upgrading roads, drainage, water quality and the multitude of other services we provide. This 2022 Annual Report is a look back on accomplishments and important initiatives we've set in motion.

We appreciate the opportunity for transparency and open communications between residents and Parish Government. Please email my office at president@stpgov.org, and we will be happy to communicate directly with you. Please stay up-to-date on happenings in Parish Government through our website: www. stpgov.org; our Public Educational and Government Access Television station: STPG-TV; our Social Media Channels: Facebook - @sttammanyparish, Twitter - @stpgov, Instagram - sttammany, and LinkedIn - St. Tammany Parish.

Serving as your Parish President remains one of my most humbling honors.

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Michael B. Cooper Parish President

### A Message from the Chairman

I am proud to have led the Parish Council as Chairman in 2022 as we faced increased infrastructure and development challenges. The Council, working with our Simple Solutions Committee, amended the Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance to limit its application and to significantly slow the approval of any new overly dense residential developments. Residential building permits are down to levels not seen since 2011. However, St. Tammany Parish continues to grow in population. Without development that encompasses good planning, including putting infrastructure in place prior to building, we will not ultimately solve this problem. The Council is committed to working toward a solution. We will continue to work with the Parish President, his staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission, to reform the Uniform Development Code. Reforming the Code and related initiatives are necessary to ensure sustainable development which will create a place for our families to live, work and stay.

As Council Chairman I am also proud of our achievements in 2022, encouraging economic development to broaden our tax base and create good jobs. This work included: clearing road blocks, permitting of commercial business

expansion, and furthering plans for the Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics corridor.

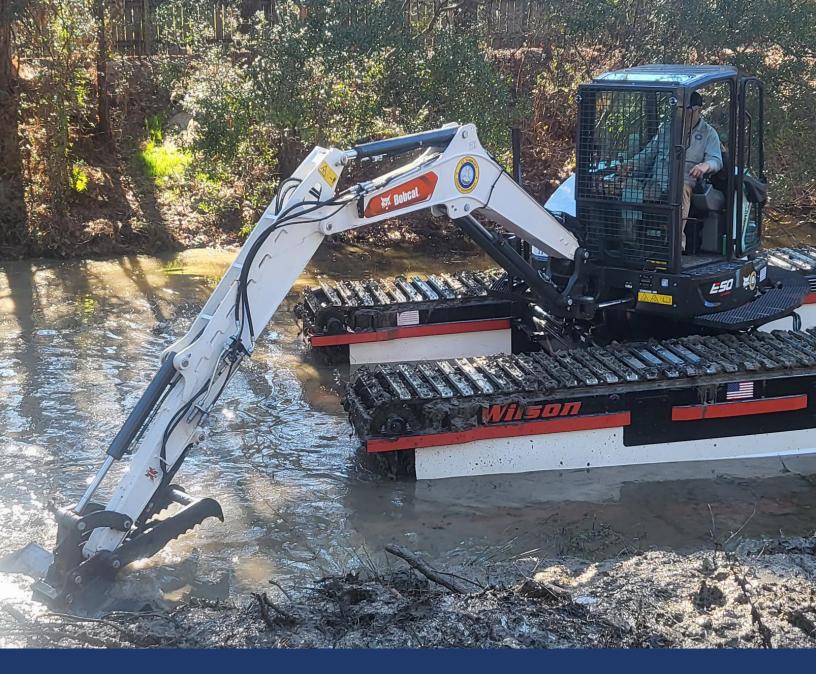


St. Tammany Parish, however, finds itself at a crossroads. There is an unprecedented budget shortfall looming. The State has mandated funding for agencies, including all the agencies that make up our Justice System. Those agencies were funded \$6 million less than requested for 2023 due to funding shortfalls. Budget reductions for these agencies in 2024 and beyond will be significantly more.

The only recurring funding source to fund these mandates are general fund revenues. All other revenues are dedicated by law to specific purposes which do not include the Justice System. The Parish general fund is inadequate to pay for all costs submitted by the Justice System agencies. In order to pass a balanced budget not all funding requests can be approved.

Therefore, Parish Government and the leaders of our Justice System agencies must come together to agree on a plan to sustainably fund the Parish Justice System. While numerous attempts have been made to obtain passage of a funding source, the citizens of this Parish have declined to pass one. We must continue to work together to find a solution which is acceptable to the people we serve.

Jerry Binder
Council District 12

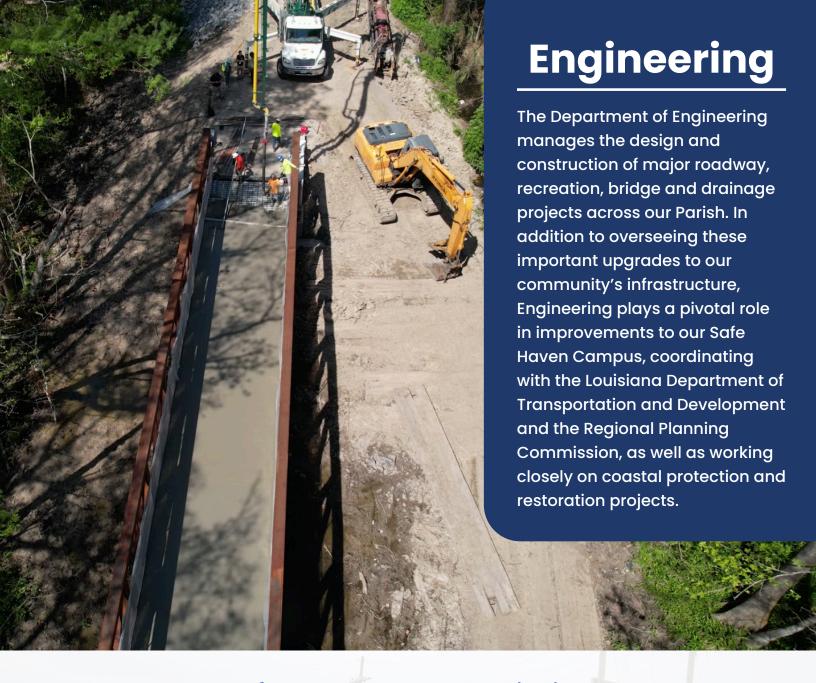


### **PUBLIC WORKS**

The Department of Public Works deploys crews throughout our Parish's communities to repair roadways and improve drainage systems. In 2022, crews successfully completed over 150 capital projects and 18,500 work order requests. This year, the Department of Public Works procured a marsh buggy which allows our crews to clear creeks, rivers and hard to reach areas of our vast drainage system. Completing this work "in-house" allows Public Works to efficiently and cost-effectively clear our waterways.

#### 2022 by the Numbers

1,123	<b>774</b>	<b>750</b>		
Ditches	Asphalt	Sign		
Cleaned	Patches	Repairs		
504	177	131		
Culvert	Catch Basin	Tree		
Repairs	Repairs	Removals		



#### Infrastructure Statistics



130 Projects Managed



114
Projects in
Design Phase



145 Bridge Inspections



20 Traffic Evaluations

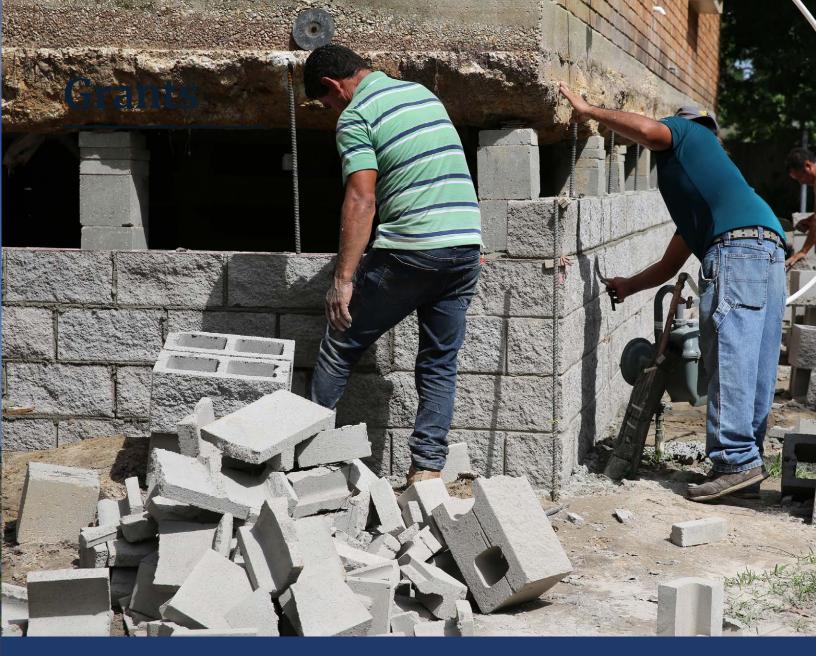
## Coastal Protection

The Coastal Protection and
Restoration Manager works
closely with the Department of
Planning and Development to lead
efforts in enhancing our Parish's
coastline. As a result of President
Cooper's administration bonding
out federal funding, 19 coastal
improvement projects are currently
in development.

### Ongoing Projects

Carr Drive Hydrology Restoration Comprehensive Wetlands Plan **Davis Canal Restoration** Lacombe Trace Trails & Nature Park Lake Pontchartrain Barrier Project Local Coastal Plan Update Lock 1 Boat Launch Restoration Lower Tchefuncte Breakwater Restoration Mandeville Lakefront Wetlands Restoration Materials of Opportunity Study Northshore Living Shorelines Pearl River Diversion Canal Restoration **Pearl River Study** Salt Bayou Marsh Creation Slidell Breakwater Restoration St. Tammany Parish Coastal Strategic Action & Resiliency Plan St. Tammany Parish Feasibility Study Tchefuncte Habitat Restoration

Tchefuncte West Bank Marsh Restoration



### **Grants**

The Department of Grants secures external funding resources and operates programs that assist members of our community in need. This year, several new grant programs, including **Home Elevation** and **Creative Aging**, were inititiated.

The Home Elevation Grant program assisted **31 properties** in 2022 with grant awards totalling **\$29.7 million.** The Creative Aging program provided enrichment classes for our seniors in art and painting skills utilizing state grant funding. Due to the program's success, additional funding was awarded for more classes in 2023.

**\$45.8 Million**Grants Awarded

**\$47 Million**Expenditures Managed

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Grant Funded Programs

# Animal Services

Animal Services has become one of the top performing open-admission shelters in Louisiana with a 97% live release rate for the second consecutive year. The Best Friends Animal Society, a national leader in the no-kill movement, honored our shelter by awarding the prestigious Touchstone Award.





**4,000**Animals Sheltered



1,021
Animals Adopted



**97%**Release Rate
(2nd Consecutive Year)



### **Health & Human Services**

After a successful relaunch in 2021, Health & Human Services continues to provide vital social services to those in need. The Safe Haven Campus has proven to be a valued mental health resource for our community. Several new buildings were added to the campus, with many more being renovated to provide improved services. Partnerships with NAMI St. Tammany and Tri-Parish Works have continued to flourish with new community gardens and the "Career Exploration Program for Youth in STP" providing industry opportunities for the next generation.

14,000 Individuals
Helped at Safe Haven

3,800 Households
Assisted by Community
Action Agency

3,000
Narcan Kits Acquired

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REVENUES 12/31/2022

		Restricted Funds			
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	General Fund	Special Purpose	Grants/Capital Projects	Outside Agencies	Total (unaudited)
Sales and use tax:  2% for roads, drainage, and bridge  3/4% for economic development		\$ 43,223,316	\$ 33,460,000	\$ -	\$ 76,712,544
Federal and state grants	2,750,000	1,265,671	41,389,776	-	45,405,447
Ad valorem taxes/parcel fees: Library Coroner General alimony Council on Aging/STARC Public health Drainage Animal services Lighting districts	6,108,805	7,323,784	4,814,465	26,248,549	44,495,603
Licenses and permits: Occupational licenses Environmental inspections and lic Insurance licenses	4,645,673 enses	2,659,902	-	-	7,305,575
Fees and charges for services: Impact fees Court costs and fees Sale of capital assets Rental and program income	489,930	1,117,431	1,650,760	433,360	3,691,481
Other taxes:  Cable franchise tax  Hotel/motel tax  Contributions government access Interest on ad valorem  Severance taxes  Off-track betting/bingo fees  Cigarette paper tax  Alcohol tax	2,805,494 television	524,019	9	67,786	3,397,308
Parish transportation funds	-	1,705,182	-	-	1,705,182
Fines and forfeitures: Court fines Asset/bond forfeitures	-	100	-	949,797	949,897
State revenue sharing	120,306	236,166	-	504,007	860,479
Other grants and contributions	-	37,996	157,621	-	195,617
Other intergovernmental revenues	61,499	57,242	-	-	118,741
Miscellaneous	17,965	21,302	-	650	39,917
Investment earnings	(347,295)	(1,788,611)	(3,840,600)	(144,148)	(6,120,654)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 16,681,605	\$ 56,383,500	\$ 77,632,031	\$ 28,060,001	\$ 178,757,137
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES					
Utility operations					\$ 16,688,198
Development					\$ 4,757,937

EXPENDITURES 12/31/2022

		Restricted Funds			
VERNMENTAL FUNDS	General Fund	Special Purpose	Grants/Capital Projects	Outside Agencies	Total (unaudited)
Public safety: Hurricane Ida debris removal Coroner Parish Jail Hazard mitigation Homeland security and emergency	\$ 6,031,174 preparedness	\$ 3,600,048	\$ 26,724,543	\$ 7,212,163	\$ 43,567,928
Capital infrastructure and assets	36,952	2,049,358	29,816,477	1,335,349	33,238,136
Highways and streets	-	25,869,613	4,628,636	-	30,498,249
Health and welfare: St. Tammany Rental Assistance Pro Public health Council on Aging/STARC Community Action Agency Animal services Veterans Affairs	116,803 gram	4,231,019	9,731,927	4,582,672	18,662,421
Cultural and recreation: Library Tammany Trace Camp Salmen Arts Commission Fishing Pier	32,852	240,857	269,918	12,576,465	13,120,092
Judicial: District Attorney's office 22nd Judicial District Court Justice Center Criminal Court Ward courts Juror expenditures Public Defender's building	10,140,270	232,817	157,662	1,440,500	11,971,249
Debt service: Sales Tax District No. 3 GOMESA Coroner Library Crossgates Utilities	-	7,943,273	73,764	1,136,200	9,153,237
General government: Parish administrative departments District Attorney's office-civil division Fairgrounds Arena Registrar of Voter's office Greater St. Tammany Airport General buildings Assessor's office	2,501,704 on	-	222,876	-	2,724,580
Transportation	114,134	<del>-</del>	2,204,010	-	2,318,144
Conservation	-	673,252	1,265,503	-	1,938,755
Sanitation	-	974,043	457,436	-	1,431,479
Economic development	-	388,872	176,366	-	565,238























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