

St. Tammany Parish  
Government

# Annual Report

2019





# A Message from the President

It is an honor to write this letter as your Parish President. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve St. Tammany Parish. I look forward to building on the foundation that has been established by the two previous administrations. The 2019 Annual Report is a look back on accomplishments completed and important initiatives set in motion.

## IN 2019

- Parish Government secured \$52 million in additional federal funding to widen I-12.
- The Cane Bayou Mitigation Bank, and conservation project; the first of its kind in St. Tammany Parish was officially established eliminating the need to purchase wetlands mitigation credits from out-of-state banks.
- \$950,000 in Capital Improvements started at the St. Tammany Fairgrounds.
- Ground was broken on the Crisis Receiving Center on the Safe Haven campus.
- Nearly 40,000 trees were planted through St. Tammany's Adopt-A-Pond program.
- Over 56 Miles of roads were improved.



As we move ahead into 2020 and beyond, my administration will continue to serve the citizens of St. Tammany, as we provide essential services through all departments in Parish Government. We look forward to completing current projects, improving and maintaining infrastructure, and starting new initiatives.

We welcome and ask for open communications between residents and Parish Government. Please use the [president@stpgov.org](mailto:president@stpgov.org) email address to contact us and we will be happy to communicate directly with you. Please also stay up-to-date with what is happening in Parish Government through our website – [www.stpgov.org](http://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.



As we navigate this time of uncertainty, I am both humbled and grateful for the resolve of our parish employees and our citizens who have shown determination and resiliency in the face of an unprecedented health and safety crisis. Although our focus is always on moving forward, we should not forget to reflect on the efforts and successes that have made our community strong.

The past year presented several opportunities to move St. Tammany Parish forward in a positive way. As the challenges we face due to geography, population growth, and economic development are growing and changing, our solutions and strategies must adapt to meet the new demands while also preparing our Parish for future success.

In 2019 we took the first of many crucial steps to alleviate residential property flooding in St. Tammany Parish. The success of that endeavor is owed to all of the council members and working group members that gave their time and knowledge to address an issue that affects many residents. As a result of those efforts, we strengthened the ordinance that developers must comply with when designing rainwater management in new subdivisions. We undertook important efforts to design a system of positive growth for the Parish so that St. Tammany residents can enjoy living in a safe and reliable community for generations to come, and we adapted Parish operations to meet new budget constraints while continuing to provide quality service and response to resident needs.

Parish leadership moved forward also, as we welcomed a new president and four new council members following the November elections. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Council Chair and to work with these new leaders and our returning council members in 2020 as we continue forward progress for St. Tammany Parish.

*Michael R. Long*

# ...And the Chairman







DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

**4422** INTAKES

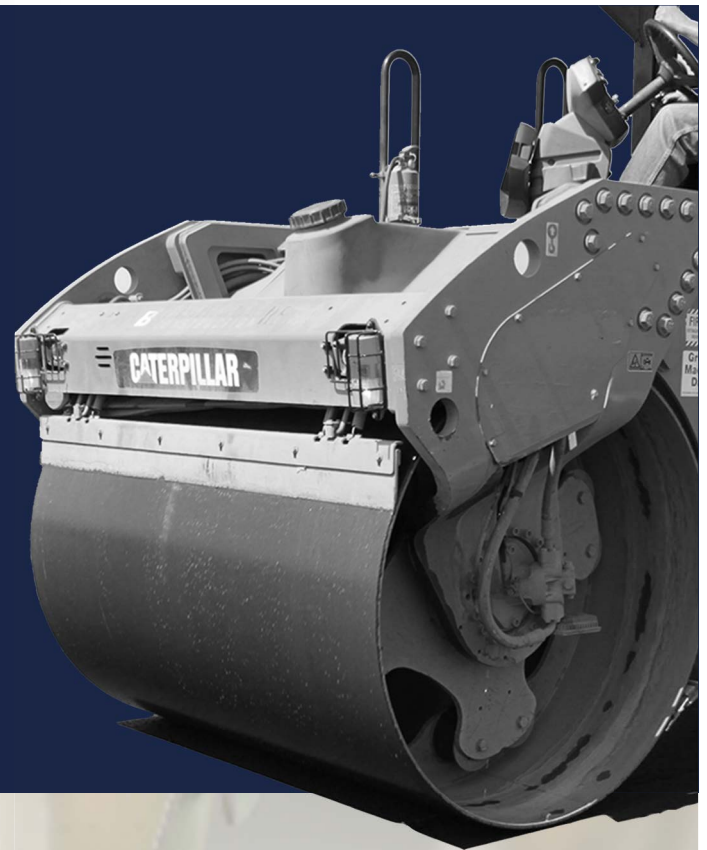
**284** RETURNED TO OWNER

**1228** ADOPTIONS

**409** TRANSFERRED TO A RESCUE GROUP

**56.6**

**MILES OF ROAD  
IMPROVEMENTS**



GROUND BROKEN ON  
LOUISIANA'S FIRST **CRISIS**  
**RECEIVING CENTER**

"Safe Haven will be a place where the pieces can be reassembled, where comprehensive care at every stage is the only goal, where people can move through to a brighter season in a humane, multi-faceted network of care in St. Tammany. Safe Haven will heal."

- Patricia P. Brister



# Additional \$52 Million for I-12 Widening Secured

\$52 million State LADOTD allocation of Federal Redistribution Funds will be used for an additional phase to widen I-12, from US Highway 190 to LA Highway 59. This funding is in addition to the \$25 million in Federal BUILD Grant funds Parish President Pat Brister secured in December of 2018 for the widening of I-12 from LA Highway 21 to US Highway 190.

## Creation of the Cane Bayou Mitigation Bank and Conservation Project

In 2019, the Cane Bayou Mitigation Bank, and conservation project; the first of its kind in St. Tammany Parish was created. A culmination of over five years of work has resulted in roughly 1,200 acres of tree-populated land which will be preserved, and a portion utilized, for wetlands mitigation. Wetlands mitigation credits, required by federal law when natural resources are disrupted through developmental impacts, were previously purchased from out-of-state companies at a much higher cost. St. Tammany Parish Government will fund the bank out of capital project funds in the amount of \$6,000 per credit, as opposed to market value which can range up \$22,000 per credit.

## Replant St. Tammany

The Adopt-A-Pond Program enlisted St. Tammany Parish Public School students to plant trees in and around Parish-owned and maintained ponds. This preserves our tree canopy, enhances water quality improvements, increases flood mitigation, and creates eco-corridors and wildlife habitat in our community.



## GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES

	General Fund	Special Purpose	Restricted Funds		12/31/2019
			Grants/Capital Projects	Outside Agencies	Total (unaudited)
Sales and use tax:	\$ -	\$ 27,355,010	\$ 26,400,000	\$ 170,942	\$ 53,925,952
2% sales tax for roads, drainage, and bridges					
3/4% sales tax for economic development districts					
1/4% sales tax for the Justice Center (tax ended March 31, 2018)					
1/4% sales tax for the Parish Jail (tax ended March 31, 2018)					
Ad valorem taxes/parcel fees:	5,276,164	6,688,246	3,600,000	23,800,189	39,364,599
Library					
Coroner					
General alimony					
Council on Aging/STARC					
Drainage					
Public health					
Animal services					
Lighting districts					
Federal and state grants	-	-	9,127,905	-	9,127,905
Fees and charges for services:	660,241	589,893	4,555,054	682,873	6,488,061
Impact fees					
Court costs and fees					
Program income-transit					
Rental income					
Sale of capital assets					
Mitigation credit sales					
Licenses and permits:	4,215,584	2,090,093	-	-	6,305,677
Occupational licenses					
Environmental inspections and licenses					
Insurance licenses					
Investment earnings	498,176	1,404,758	3,890,682	362,156	6,155,772
Other taxes:	2,977,870	326,927	-	69,562	3,374,359
Cable franchise tax					
Contributions government access television					
Hotel/motel tax					
Off-track betting/bingo fees					
Severance taxes					
Alcohol tax					
Cigarette paper tax					
Parish transportation funds	-	1,652,258	-	-	1,652,258
Fines and forfeitures:	-	5,062	105,580	1,412,922	1,523,564
Court fines					
Asset/bond forfeitures					
Liquidated damages					
State revenue sharing	114,083	221,243	-	495,546	830,872
Other grants and contributions:	-	84,107	305,793	-	389,900
Contributions-transit					
Homeowner share-hazard mitigation					
Other intergovernmental revenues	75,892	57,682	-	-	133,574
Miscellaneous	5,662	207	-	-	5,869
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,823,672</b>	<b>\$ 40,475,486</b>	<b>\$ 47,985,014</b>	<b>\$ 26,994,190</b>	<b>\$ 129,278,362</b>



GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	Restricted Funds				12/31/2019 Total (unaudited)
	General Fund	Special Purpose	Grants/Capital Projects	Outside Agencies	
Capital Infrastructure and Assets	\$ -	\$ 3,077,432	\$ 31,160,349	\$ 2,682,243	\$ 36,920,024
Highways and Streets	9,330	23,502,750	2,924,940	-	26,437,020
Public Safety:	5,581,142	2,446,950	2,306,865	5,385,240	15,720,197
Parish Jail					
Coroner					
Hazard Mitigation					
Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness					
Cultural and Recreation:	14,726	282,667	181,816	11,543,661	12,022,870
Library					
Tammany Trace					
Camp Salmen					
Arts Commission					
Fishing Pier					
Judicial:	5,979,437	3,197,767	-	1,894,134	11,071,338
District Attorney's Office					
22nd Judicial District Court					
Justice Center					
Criminal Court					
Ward Courts					
Juror Expenditures					
Public Defender's office					
Health and Welfare:	101,213	2,948,548	2,275,771	4,158,176	9,483,708
Public Health					
Council on Aging/STARC					
Community Action Agency					
Animal Services					
Veterans Affairs					
Debt Service:	-	4,898,418	62,573	1,121,170	6,082,161
Sales Tax District No. 3					
Coroner					
Library					
Crossgates Utilities					
Transportation	97,233	-	2,541,548	-	2,638,781
General Government:	1,710,094	690,641	3,611	-	2,404,346
Parish Administrative Departments					
District Attorney's Office-Civil Division					
Registrar of Voter's Office					
Greater St. Tammany Airport					
General Buildings					
Assessor's Office					
Sanitation	-	1,436,026	176,459	-	1,612,485
Economic Development	-	1,189,686	242,691	65,974	1,498,351
Conservation	-	-	15,457	-	15,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,493,175</b>	<b>\$ 43,670,885</b>	<b>\$ 41,892,080</b>	<b>\$ 26,850,598</b>	<b>\$ 125,906,738</b>

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