Indigenous Roots for Sustainable Futures: Proactive Solutions for a Time of Change

Chief Albert Naquin Isle de Jean Charles Tribe

Map of area in 1940

Map of area Today



Isle de Jean Charles, LA



Isle de Jean Charles Relocation and Rejuvenation Plan

- Relocation of the community: the vision, a seventh generation community
- Zero impact/best practices in the:
 - Conceptual sequence of development
 - Planning and design proposal
 - Energy independence and resilience

Local, National and International Engagement

- United Nations
- UN Rapporteur for Human Rights
- Clinton Global Initiative
- National Climate Assessment
- NOAA Coastal

- Ambassador
- EPA- trainer for community outreach
- Neighbor to Neighbor Network- FEMA
- Indigenous Climate
 Change Network
- Rising Voices

Local, National and International Engagement

- Intertribal Agricultural Council
- National HazardsMitigation Association
- First Peoples'Conservation Council
- Natural HazardsWorkshop
- William and Mary College

- University of New Orleans
- Tulane
- Fond du Lac Water Forum
- Minnesota Public Radio
- Numerous interviews to journalists (e.g., PBS, The Weather Channel)

Current Grants Under Review

- HUD: resilience
- USDA: value added agriculture
- EPA: environmental justice and hazard mitigation
- NIH: health disparities
- First Nations Development Institute: Native Youth and Culture

Legislative Engagement

- President's State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate
 Preparedness and Resilience:
 - Explore Federal role in addressing climate change-related displacement, needs of affected communities, and institutional barriers to community relocation.

Between Now and Then

- Isle de Jean Charles as exemplar model for learning, developing, and coordinating support for relocation
- Proactive response
- Creating positive solutions, innovations and collaborations

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