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

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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 Hazards Mitigation Association
- First Peoples' Conservation Council
- Natural Hazards Workshop
- 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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