



REGION 8 OUTREACH

BUILDING ON REGIONAL INPUT

In 2018 and 2019, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative hosted dozens of meetings with stakeholders throughout the state, including the 2018 Listening Tour and parish leadership meetings. This document outlines input provided by Region 8 stakeholders, which informed early LWI efforts and guides the program today.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM PROFESSIONALS

PROJECTS

- The region should prioritize catalytic projects that shift ways of thinking around project design and management approaches.

POLICY AND PLANNING

- Stakeholders must support regional coordination, especially in creating a regional watershed plan.
- The state should offer financial incentives to support effective floodplain management policies.
- The region must consider future flood risk in developing planning tools and approaches.
- LWI should house an online library of best practices and standards.
- The state must set an example for local and regional entities by adopting and following higher standards for state agency projects and investments.

DATA MANAGEMENT

- The state should develop a single clearinghouse for data from all state agencies.
- Data should be specific enough to support decision-making, which will help the region properly plan watershed projects.