

ST. HELENA PARISH COMMUNITY ASSET GUIDE



2021

**Food Systems
Physical Activity
Community Assets**





In 2018, the LSU AgCenter entered into a 5-year cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address the nutrition and physical activity environments in six rural Louisiana parishes with some of the highest obesity rates in the state (Assumption, St. Helena, Tensas, Madison, Morehouse, and East Carroll). Through the LSU AgCenter's Cooperative Extension Healthy Communities initiative, multi-level, community-driven approaches are utilized to identify and implement Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) change strategies, with the goal of promoting healthy behaviors among residents and improving obesity rates and quality of life.

Healthy communities are places where people come together to make their communities better for everyone through collaboration, inclusion, community ownership, and a long-term commitment to healthy lifestyles. The mission of St. Helena Parish Healthy Communities is to improve the health and well-being of St. Helena Parish residents through education, community outreach programs, partnerships and collaborations, and engagement in physical activity.

The following pages detail the strong network of resources, stakeholders, and community assets within St. Helena Parish.

This asset guide provides information about the resources, knowledge, and skills that your community possesses.



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Healthy
Communities
coalitions



34,289

people impacted
by food system
enhancements



12,414

people impacted
by physical activity
enhancements



\$44,554

in outside funding
to support PSE
changes

FOOD SYSTEMS PSE CHANGES



13 food outlets across 6 rural parishes implemented healthy retail changes reaching an estimated 34,289 residents.



7 food pantries increased capacity to procure healthier foods by installing new refrigeration and storage.



4 food pantries adopted policies to improve the healthfulness of donated and procured foods.



2 new farmers' markets were established, and 4 existing farmers' markets were enhanced by implementing SNAP acceptance and connecting produce vendors to local markets.



24 new connections made between local producers and food retail opportunities as a result of farmers' market efforts.

"SNAP acceptance at the St. Helena Farmers Market brought much needed economic stimulation to the parish. Six months after we launched the SNAP Match program, our customer base increased 112% and vendors made over \$9,000 from SNAP Match alone.

Now, customers come from 11 different parishes to shop with us!"

- Marquette Anderson, LSU AgCenter Healthy Communities Extension Agent, St. Helena Parish

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PSE CHANGES



10 destinations and 8 linear miles have been enhanced through policies and/or plans, potentially impacting 12,414 rural residents. From these plans, 2 linear miles of activity-friendly routes have been improved through the installation of wayfinding signs, speed bumps, crosswalks, and sidewalks.



3 connectivity plans have been passed to address 6 linear miles of activity-friendly routes, which include enhancements like bike repair stations, playground equipment, and recreation amenities (e.g., benches, lighting, trash cans, and signage) at various community sites (e.g., libraries, parks, schools, and levees). Collaboration with community stakeholders has also resulted in policies that seek to leverage existing community assets to create more opportunities for physical activity.



A joint-use policy was passed in St. Helena that allows community members to use an existing school track for physical activity outside of school hours.

MEET THE AGENT!

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"When I think of what healthy communities means to me, I think of the issue of chronic disease in our country. Programs like Healthy Communities are essential to reduce health gaps. The current path of rising costs and rising rates of chronic disease is simply not sustainable. Greater access to effective, efficient medical care is important for our nation's well-being, however medical care cannot deliver wellness alone, nor by reforming the health care system. Instead, we need a new vision of health that begins on the community level, one in which all residents have access to a quality education, safe and healthy homes, adequate employment, transportation, physical activity, and nutrition."

ST. HELENA PARISH

Demographics

St. Helena Parish Ranks **50** out of **64** parishes in terms of overall health.



26%

Obesity Rate

18%

Food Insecure

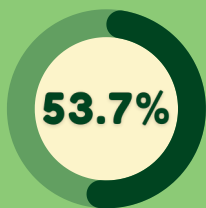
36%

Physically Inactive

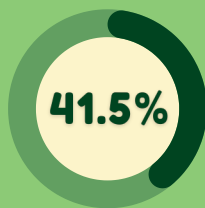
The Healthy Communities cooperative agreement between the Centers for Disease Control and the LSU AgCenter utilizes economic development strategies to improve the local food system and physical activity environment.



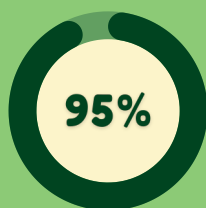
As of 2020, the unemployment rate of St. Helena Parish was **17.3%**, compared to the state average of **4.8%**, and **10.3%** of the parish population lacked health insurance.



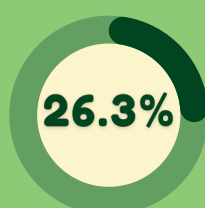
African American



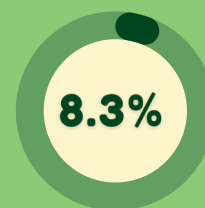
Non-Hispanic White



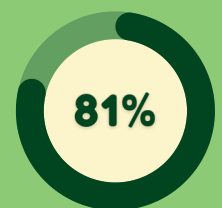
Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch



Households Receiving SNAP



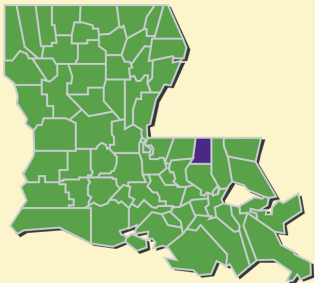
Households with No Vehicle



Lack Access to Exercise Opportunities



GREENSBURG COMMUNITY SURVEY



**31% OF
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**



REPORT WALKING AT LEAST
WEEKLY FOR TRANSPORTATION

**9 OUT
OF 10**
HOUSEHOLDS
HAVE A WORKING
VEHICLE



**MORE THAN
1 IN 5**



HOUSEHOLDS
HAVE A WORKING
BICYCLE

12%
OF RESIDENTS
HAVE ACCESS
TO SIDEWALKS
NEAR THEIR
HOME

**DAYS PER WEEK
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ARE
PHYSICALLY
ACTIVE**



STRAY DOGS

KEEP ME FROM WALKING
OR BIKING NEAR MY HOME.

39%
AGREE

61%
DISAGREE



66%

OF COMMUNITY
MEMBERS FEEL
SAFE FROM
TRAFFIC
WALKING OR
BIKING NEAR
THEIR HOME

SIDEWALKS

ARE CONNECTED SO THAT
YOU CAN WALK FROM PLACE
TO PLACE IN GREENSBURG

85% DISAGREE



15%
AGREE

**RESIDENTIAL ROADS
HAVE A PLACE TO
WALK OR BIKE**

23%
AGREE

77%
DISAGREE



WHERE DO RESIDENTS SHOP FOR FOOD?

1 GREENSBURG MARKET

2 OUTSIDE ST. HELENA

3 OTHER

4 DOLLAR STORES



WHY DO RESIDENTS SHOP FOR FOOD LOCALLY?

1 LOCATION

2 PRICE

3 PRODUCT QUALITY

4 OTHER



TOP 5 PLACES RESIDENTS BUY FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES



1 GREENSBURG MARKET

2 OUT-OF-PARISH GROCERS

3 ST. HELENA FARMERS MARKET

4 HATFIELD'S

5 OUT-OF-PARISH FARMERS MARKETS

41% 

OF RESIDENTS FEEL THAT LOCAL STORES PROMOTE HEALTHY ITEMS

28% 

OF RESIDENTS FEEL THAT LOCAL STORES PROMOTE UNHEALTHY ITEMS

27% 

OF RESIDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SELECTION OF FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES IN ST. HELENA PARISH

St. Helena Parish Community Assets



Education

Public Schools

St. Helena College & Career Academy 	14340 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Arts & Technology Academy	1798 LA-1042, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Virtual Academy	Greensburg, LA 70441

Early Care and Education (ECE)

Ray Smith Memorial Early Learning Center	7067 Highway 10, Greensburg, LA 70441	Early Head Start/Head Start Number of students: 8
St. Helena Head Start and Early Head Start 	77 Greensburg St., Greensburg, LA 70441	Early Head Start/Head Start Number of students: 72
St. Helena Early Learning Center  	1590 LA 1042, Greensburg, LA 70441	St. Helena Parish School District; Number of students: 256

Community College

Northshore Technical Community College	7067 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
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School Board

St. Helena Parish School Board	354 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441
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Citizen's Associations

Community Centers

St. Helena Multipurpose Center and Recreation Park 	31676 LA-16, Amite City, LA 70422
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Seniors' Groups

Council on Aging	48 Kendrick St., Greensburg, LA 70441
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Youth Groups

4-H	LSU AgCenter, Southern University AgCenter
School Athletic Programs	St. Helena College & Career Academy, St. Helena Arts & Technology Academy



= On-site produce garden



= Food pantry

Other Citizen's Associations

American Legion

Greensburg, LA 71366

Community Organizations

Faith Based Organizations

Andrew Chapel 	50311 LA-16, Dennis Mills, LA 70706
Antioch Baptist Church	50113 Antioch Rd, Tickfaw, LA 70466
Apostolic Assembly of Christ 	48123 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA 7070
Day's United Methodist Church	23689 LA-43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Dale's Chapel	991 LA-43, Independence, LA 70443
Darlington United Methodist	14264 LA-38, Greensburg, LA 70441
First Baptist Church	6260 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg United Methodist Church	6146 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Jackson Chapel AME Church	77 Jackson Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441
Lazzard Temple	15643 LA-43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Matthews Chapel	491 Otis & Willie Matthews Rd., Denham Springs, LA 70706
Mount Everett AME Church	4289 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
Montpelier United Methodist Church	2087-2099 St Helena Ave, Montpelier, LA 70422
New Hope Church	325 New Hope Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441
Redbluff Baptist Parsonage	361 Palmer Ln., Greensburg, LA 70441
Rocky Hill Church 	151 Rocky Hill Rd, Amite City, LA 70422
Pine Grove United Methodist Church	3335 LA-449, Greensburg, LA 70441
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	4225 LA-449, Pine Grove, LA 70453
Rick Chapel	211 Zachary Rd., Amite City, LA 70422
Shiloh Baptist Church	Shiloh Baptist Church Rd., Pine Grove, LA 70453
Tangipahoa Baptist Church	40 LA-440, Kentwood, LA 70444
Turner Chapel AME Church 	875 Turner Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441
Venable Chapel AME Church	Venable Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441



= Food Pantry

Housing Organizations

Sitman Heights Apartments	735 Old Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Morgan Hills Apartments	713 LA 10, Greensburg, LA 70441

Substance Abuse Homes, Domestic Violence Shelters, Counseling Services

St. Helena Drug Abuse Clinic	161 North Second St., Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Hospital (Substance abuse)	16874 Hwy 43 North, Greensburg, LA 70441
Southeast Community Health Systems (Behavioral health facility)	490 Sitman St., Greensburg, LA 70441

Private Sector

Chamber of Commerce

Baton Rouge Area Chamber (serves 9 parishes in the capital region)	564 Laurel St., Baton Rouge 70801
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Banks

First Guaranty Bank	6151 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
SHPE Federal Credit Union	1110 Hwy 1042, Greensburg, LA 70441
Bank of Greensburg: Montpelier Branch	Hwy 16, Montpelier, LA 70422

Local Business

Cajun Country Corn Maze	40833 LA-16, Amite City, LA 70422
Lucky Dollar Casino	5869 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
NAPA Auto Parts	42360 LA-16, Pine Grove, LA 70453

Local Retail

Double R Hometown Hardware	1072 LA-10 Spur, Greensburg, LA 70441
Bear Creek Western Store	35999 LA-16, Montpelier, LA 70422
Dykes Feed and Seed	35504 LA-16, Montpelier, LA 70422

Insurance Companies

Farm Bureau Insurance	6156 LA-10 Greensburg, LA 70441
The General	6131 LA-10 Ste B Greensburg, LA 70441
Carter's Insurance	Zachary Taylor Pkwy., Greensburg, LA 70441

Local, State and Federal

Post Office

Greensburg Post Office	6638 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Pine Grove Post Office	7185 Shiloh Baptist Church Rd., Pine Grove, LA 70453

Police

Greensburg Police Department	14516 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Department	53 North 2nd St., Greensburg, LA 70441

Emergency Personnel

North Helena VFD FPD #3	5138 Hwy 1043, Greensburg, LA 70441 (2 Substations)
Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department	13775 Hwy 37, Greensburg, LA 70441
South 2nd Ward Fire Department	1021 Turner Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441 (1 Substation)
St. Helena District #4	8352 Hwy 37, Greensburg, LA 70441 (2 Substations)
Montpelier VFD	36400 Hwy 16, Montpelier, LA 70422
Pine Grove VFD #2	72 Matthew St., Pine Grove, LA 70453 (1 Substation)
Sixth Ward VFD	3986 Highway 38, Kentwood, LA 70444
Hillsdale VFD	3313 Hwy 1045, Amite, LA 70422 (2 Substations)
St. Helena Parish Hospital Ambulance Services	16874 Highway 43, Greensburg, LA 70441

Library

The Audubon Library	6108 LA-10 Greensburg, LA
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Transportation Services

Department of Public Safety/Office of Motor Vehicle	38 S Main St., Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Council on Aging Para Transit Vans.	Service area: St Helena Parish, Hammond \$5 for seniors; \$10 for non-seniors

Government Agencies

St. Helena Tourist Commission	8140 Highway 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Courthouse	369 Sitman St., Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Registrar of Voters	Parish Courthouse 369 Sitman St. #104, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Jail	Corner of N. Main St. and Sitman St., Greensburg, LA 70441

Assessor's Office	351 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441
Clerk of Court	369 Sitman St. #101, Greensburg, LA 70441
Office of Emergency Preparedness	17911 Highway 43 North, Greensburg, LA 70441

Medical and Healthcare

Public and Private Hospitals

St. Helena Parish Hospital	16874 LA-43 Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Hospital Emergency Room	16874 LA-43 Greensburg, LA 70441
Southeast Community Health Systems 	490 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Health Unit	53 North Second St., Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg Walk-In Clinic	6763 Hwy. 10, Greensburg, LA 70441

Private Medical

Varnado Family Practice	6214 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
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Pharmacies

Greensburg Family Pharmacy	6166 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
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Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

St. Helena Parish Nursing Home	32 N 2nd St., Greensburg, LA 70441
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Dental

Myron Culberson, DDS	449 College, Greensburg, LA 70441
Leach Thomas R DDS	490 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441



Tourism

Hyde Park

6748 Hwy 38 Greensburg, LA 70441

This local hub has a wide range of recreational activities such as golf, swimming, and fishing for the whole family.

Natalabany Creek Campground and RV Park

30218, Greensburg, LA 70441

Activities here include full services of RV parking, cabin rental, and mobile home availability as well as a family arcade and numerous events held throughout the year.

Greensburg Donut Shop

14474 Hwy 37, Greensburg, LA 70441

A popular small, cozy, and locally owned café that is a crowd favorite for breakfast and brunch type foods.

Old St. Helena Parish Jail

369 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441

Built in the 1850s, this jail is one of the few examples of 19th century prisons in the country as well as the oldest building in St. Helena Parish.

Greensburg Land Office

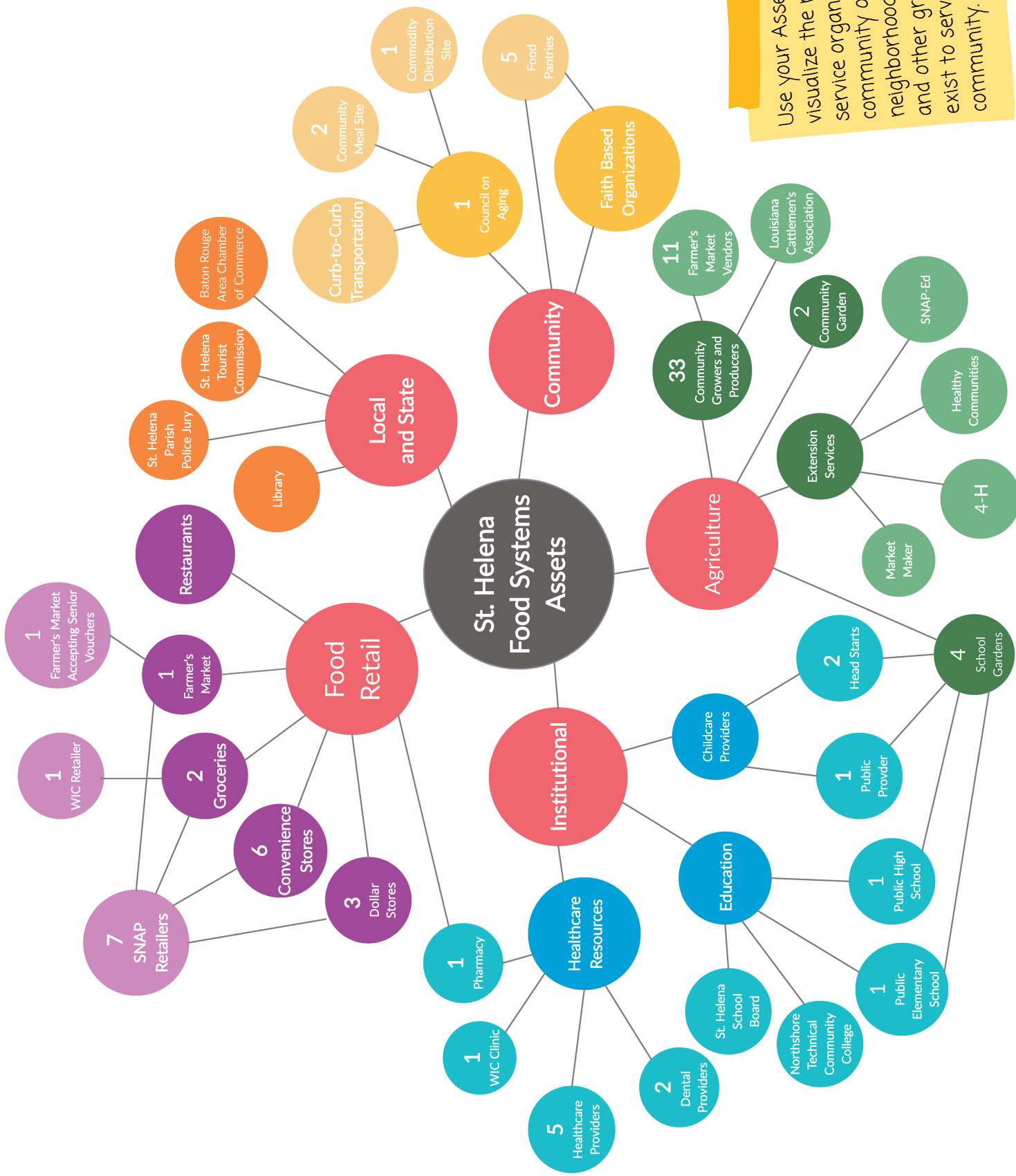
Greensburg, LA 70441

This office is a primary example of rural Greek Revival architecture and happens to be one of the three oldest public buildings in the Louisiana Florida parishes, encompassing a rich political history.

Whispering Pines Plaza

325 Hwy. 10, Greensburg, LA 70441

A three in one gas station, café, and casino right off Hwy 10 that is known for homecooked meals, welcoming hospitality, and a fun and restful family atmosphere.



Use your Asset Guide to visualize the networks of service organizations, community organizations, neighborhood resources, and other groups that exist to serve the community.

St. Helena Parish Food System Assets



Restaurants

Ace's Cafe	Corner of Hwy 10 and LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg Donut Shop	14474 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
Big Guy's	5831 LA-10 Spur, Greensburg, LA 70441

Grocers

Hatfield's Country Store	  24358 Hwy 43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg Market	   724358 Hwy 43, Greensburg, LA 70441

Farmers Markets

St. Helena Farmers Market	   Corner of Sitman & LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441 Hours: every Friday, 8 am – 1 pm
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Pharmacies

Greensburg Family Pharmacy	6166 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Fred's Pharmacy	6216 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441

Convenience Stores

Main Street Market & Deli of Greensburg	 6032 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
M&M Community Grocery & Deli	
Greensburg Seafood & Deli	16815 LA-43 N, Greensburg, LA 70441
Chevron Station	5831 LA-10 Spur, Greensburg, LA 70441
Darlington Grocery	13827 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Grand Paradise Truck Stop & Convenience Store	46447 LA-16, Pine Grove, LA 70453

Dollar Stores

Dollar General 10210	 16924 Hwy 43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Family Dollar 8482	 6194 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Dollar General 17361	 42487 Hwy 16, Pine Grove, LA 70453



= Currently sells fresh fruits and vegetables

Food Pantries

West St. Helena Food Pantry		50311 Hwy 16, Dennis Mills, LA 70706 (Andrew Chapel United Methodist) Distribution: 2 nd & 3 rd Sat of month; 8 am -12 pm Contact: Lynette Williams (225-202-4108)
Mobile Food Pantry		31676 Hwy 16, Amite, LA 70442 (St. Helena Multipurpose Center)
Rocky Hill Church Food Pantry		151 Rocky Hill Rd, Amite City, LA 70422 Distribution: 2 nd Thurs & 4 th Wed; 8 am – 1 pm Contact: Pastor Cheney (225-222-3930, 985-514-3842)
Food for Families Commodity Distribution Site		87 Paddio Johnson Lane, Greensburg, LA 70441 (MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home) Distribution: Every other month; 2 nd Wed. of month Contact: Irene Fugler (225-235-2813)
Council on Aging Feeding Site		48123 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726 Distribution: 2 nd Thursday 10 am – until; seniors only Contact: Dorothy Muse (225-222-6070)
Apostolic Assembly of Christ		48123 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726 Distribution: Mon-Fri, 11 am – 12:30 pm Contact: Dorothy Muse (225-222-6070)
Turner Chapel AME Church		875 Turner Chapel Rd, Greensburg, LA 70441 Distribution: Mon-Fri, 11 am – 12:30 pm Contact: Dorothy Muse (225-222-6070)
Louis Ruben Dickerson Helping and Feeding Our Seniors Organization		6271 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441 Distribution: 2 nd Thurs. & 4 th Wed., 10 am – 2 pm Contact: Kathryn White (281-683-9754)

Summer Feeding Sites

St. Helena College and Career Academy	14340 Highway 37, Greensburg, LA 70441 May 1 – August 31, Breakfast and lunch
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Nutrition Programs

Smart Bodies
Regional Cookery
Parish Cookery



= Interested in becoming a Summer Feeding Site

Community and School Gardens

Arts & Technology Academy
2nd Ward Community Garden
St. Helena Head Start ECE
St. Helena Early Learning Center ECE
Ray Smith Memorial Early Learning Center ECE
St. Helena Early Courthouse

Youth Agriculture Programs

4-H
Junior Master Gardeners
Youth Wetlands
Livestock Project

AgCenter Programs and Resources

Edible School Garden Project
Ag Wonders
Ag Magic
LSU and Southern University AgCenter St. Helena Parish Extension Office

Growers and Producers

Hall Farms 🍏	Ruthie Holmes 🍏
Cryer's Family Produce 🍏	Muse 3 Farm
Jones Family Farm 🍏	Fuchsia Farms
Starkey Farmstead	Lazarus Farms
Black Creek Farm	Robert Sharkey Jr.

Locally Produced

Fresh produce	Turnips
Lettuce	Citrus
Cauliflower	Beef
Broccoli	Goat



= Currently sells fresh fruits and vegetables

St. Helena Physical Activity Assets



Parks, Playgrounds, Fields, and Courts

5th Ward Park	31676 Hwy 16 Amite, LA 70422	Pond for fishing & basketball court
Charlie Overton Park	222 Trailride Ln Greensburg, LA 70441	Basketball court & baseball field
Greensburg Park	South 3rd St., Greensburg, LA 70422	

Fitness Centers

St. Helena Parish Hospital Gym
Fifth Ward Recreation & Community Center

Walking Trails

Greensburg Park Walking Path
5 th Ward Park Walking Path

Use your Asset Map as a resource when considering advocacy and policy in your community. Asset Maps highlight the availability or lack of community assets, and they can serve as a powerful tool when trying to make a case for needed policy, locally or on a state level.

Louisiana Obesity Prevention Standards and Legislation

Policy Type	Policy #	Policy Description
	HCR 150	Directs the Department of Social Services to assess efforts in Louisiana to promote healthy food choices among recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
	HCR 231	Requests the Office of Group Benefits to conduct a study on the financial benefits of establishing a program to address the high rate of obesity in Louisiana.
	Act 388	Aims to stimulate investment in healthy food retail outlets in underserved areas and to combat food deserts by insuring everyone has access to fresh fruits and vegetables.
	Act No. 252	Healthy Food Retail Act to stimulate investment in healthy food retail outlets in underserved areas. Program created in the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and currently not funded.
	ACT 306	Amended 2005 Act 331, School Vending Bill, to provide that 100 (previously 50%) of beverages sold on high school campuses adhere to healthy guidelines.
	SCR 94	Requests the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Department of Education to implement a Farm to School Program and to assist schools with local procurement options for fresh fruit, vegetables, meats, and seafood.
	SCR 96	Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to submit jointly a report to the legislature regarding the availability of water for student consumption at elementary and secondary schools.
	HB 1	Among other items, sets standards for nutritious meals. The bill sets performance indicators for the School Food and Nutrition Program and for child and adult care food and nutrition activities to ensure that nutritious meals are served to children.
	HB 193	Authorizes the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules and regulations to implement U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition programs. The bill requires the Department of Education to implement the nutrition programs pursuant to such rules and regulations. It allows the department to conduct studies regarding methods of improving and expanding nutrition programs and promoting nutritional education in the schools, and also authorizes the department to conduct appraisals of the nutritive benefits of nutrition programs and report its findings and recommendations to the governor.

	HB 767	Revises nutrition standards for beverages sold in public high schools. The bill states that beverages offered for sale to high school students will be comprised of bottled water; no calorie or low-calorie beverages that contain up to 10 calories per eight ounces; up to 12-ounce servings of beverages that contain 100 percent fruit juice with no added sweeteners and up to 120 calories per eight ounces; up to 12 ounce servings of any other beverage that contains no more than 66 calories per eight ounces; or low-fat milk, skim milk and non-dairy milk. It requires that at least 50 percent of non-milk beverages be water and no-calorie or low-calorie options that contain up to 10 calories per eight ounces.
	SB 299	The Healthy Food Retail Act requires the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to establish a program that provides grants and loans to healthy food retailers that increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables and other affordable healthy foods in underserved communities. The program can finance new grocery store construction and renovations, farmers' markets and public markets; and food cooperatives, mobile markets and healthy food delivery projects. Applicants must demonstrate that they will sell fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved communities, especially to SNAP and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants.
	HCR 209	Requests the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the feasibility of increasing PE units required for high school graduation.
	Act No. 256	Provides for health-related fitness assessments to determine physical fitness levels of students in schools. Review of current pilot program using Fitnessgram with intent to expand statewide.
	Act 180	Requires the Department of Education to hire a Health and Physical Education Coordinator who will be responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of health and physical education curricula in all public elementary and secondary schools in the state.
	Act 734	Physical fitness and nutrition of students. Establishment and implementation of a pilot program and School Health Awards for outstanding program of physical activity. Public schools, grades K-6, provide 30 minutes each school day of quality, moderate to vigorous physical activity.
	ACT 286	Requires physical activity for students (K-8, at least 30 min per day) and establishment of School Health Advisory Councils in each city, parish and other local public school board.
	ACT 351	Provides that elementary, secondary, or charter schools that enter into a joint-use agreement do not incur any liability for injuries to persons or property. Joint use agreements expand access to playgrounds, gymnasiums, and tracks that are already located within communities

	SCR 95	Requests the Department of Education to issue a report as to the number of joint-use agreements in place throughout the state and include a plan to promote the use of such agreements.
	SB 309	Provides for health-related fitness assessments to determine physical fitness levels of students in schools to reduce childhood obesity, including baseline measures of fitness and body mass index and measurement of the effectiveness of interventions. The bill expands a pilot program to provide statewide implementation focused on school systems with high poverty levels.
	HB 400	Requires public schools to provide at least 30 minutes of physical activity each school day for students in grades seven and eight. The bill also requires each city, parish and local school board to establish a local school health advisory council, the members of which shall be appointed by the school board.
	Bulletin 741	Requires students in grades 1-8 to receive 150 minutes of physical education per week. Allows an approved Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp program to be substituted for the 2 credits of health and physical education upon board approval. This code further allows students to be exempted from this requirement for medical reasons only, but the number of credits required for graduation remains at 23.
	RS 17:17.1	Requires each elementary and secondary school to provide improved physical activity and fitness in schools by encouraging innovative physical education programs.
	Bulletin 741	Requires 1.5 units of physical education for public high school graduation. In The Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators (2005), requires 2 units of health and physical education for non-public high school graduation.
	RS 17:276	Requires each public secondary school to offer, as part of the physical education program, sexually segregated contact sports and sexually integrated noncontact sports with the options for students to choose either or both.
	RS 17:1941	Requires school districts to make available physical education services, specially designed if necessary, to every student with a disability receiving a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). It also requires schools to make available specially designed physical education (Adapted Physical Education) for students with disabilities as prescribed in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP).
	Bulletin 102	Outlines state Physical Education Content Standards (2009). The standards document also serves as a suggested curriculum framework, although local schools are not required to adhere to it.
	RS 17.17.5	Provides for health-related fitness assessments to determine physical fitness levels of students in school. The bill expands a pilot program to provide for statewide implementation focused on school systems with high

		poverty levels.
	Act No. 147	Provides for bicyclists and vehicle safety.
	SCR 110	Requests formation of a complete streets work group in the Department of Transportation and Development that will develop complete streets guidelines that will apply any time state or Federal funds are used to build a roadway or bridge.
	SCR 77	Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and DOE to examine the adequacy of current practices for ensuring preventive health and well-being of adolescents in Louisiana.
	ACT 288	Provides for the establishment and administration of a targeted coordinated school health program for the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and a grant program to assist public school governing authorizes with implementation.
	HB 538	Creates the Agricultural Products Processing Development Fund to support development and enhancement of processing raw agricultural products by providing loans to eligible facilities through the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority.
	HB 358	Provides that elementary, secondary, or charter schools that enter into a joint-use agreement do not incur any liability for injuries to persons or property. It does not exclude liability for gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Provides that the school executing a joint-use agreement shall require the other party to maintain and provide proof of insurance coverage. Provides much needed clarification and will expand access to playgrounds, gymnasiums, and tracks that are already located within communities.

Policy Type Key



Physical



School



Nutrition



Transportation

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