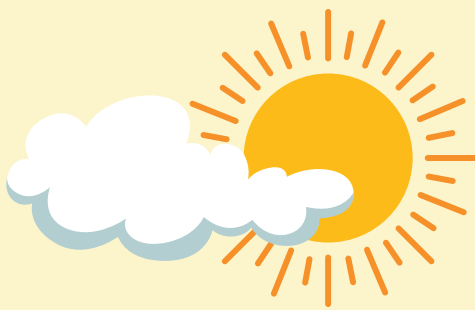


TENSAS PARISH COMMUNITY ASSET GUIDE



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 Tensas Parish Healthy Communities is to improve the health and well-being of Tensas 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 Tensas Parish.

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

CDC HIGH OBESITY PROGRAM (HOP) HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IMPACT

2018-2021

Assumption, East Carroll, Morehouse, Madison, Tensas & St. Helena parishes



6

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!

Joy K. Sims



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FIND US ONLINE!

www.facebook.com/tensashcc

www.facebook.com/groups/tensashcc

TikTok: @joyinthecommunity

"Working for communities, especially rural communities, requires a certain level of patience, empathy, and understanding. Being exposed to Extension early in life helped me develop these traits and a passion for serving and helping my fellow man. Healthy Communities gives me an opportunity to work with communities that are near to my heart to make long-term, sustainable changes for health!"

TENSAS PARISH

Demographics

Tensas Parish Ranks **59** out of **64** parishes in terms of overall health.



37%

Obesity Rate

23%

Food Insecure

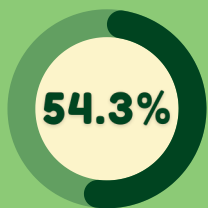
34%

Physically Inactive

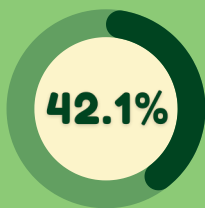
The Healthy Communities cooperative agreement between the Centers for Disease Control and the LSU AgCenter utilizes economic development strategies to improve the local food system and physical activity environment.



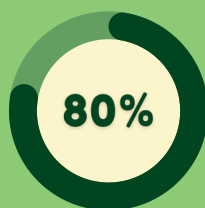
As of 2020, the unemployment rate of Tensas Parish was **14.2%**, compared to the state average of **4.3%**, and **12.5%** of the parish population lacked health insurance.



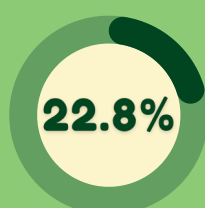
African American



Non-Hispanic White



Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch



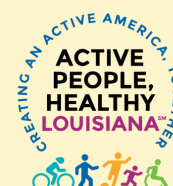
Households Receiving SNAP



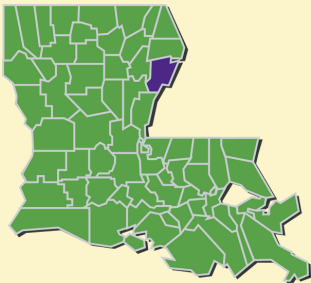
Households with No Vehicle



Lack Access to Exercise Opportunities



ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SURVEY



**31% OF
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**



REPORT WALKING AT LEAST WEEKLY FOR
TRANSPORTATION TO AT LEAST ONE
DESTINATION

**8 OUT
OF 10**

HOUSEHOLDS
HAVE A WORKING
VEHICLE



**NEARLY
2 IN 5**



HOUSEHOLDS
HAVE A WORKING
BICYCLE

30%

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.

53%
AGREE

47%
DISAGREE



61%

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 ST. JOSEPH

50% DISAGREE



50%
AGREE

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

31%
AGREE

77%
DISAGREE



WHERE DO RESIDENTS SHOP FOR FOOD?

1 MAC'S

2 OUTSIDE TENSAS

3 DOLLAR STORES

4 OTHER



WHY DO RESIDENTS SHOP FOR FOOD LOCALLY?

1 LOCATION

2 PRICE

3 CUSTOMER SERVICE

4 OTHER



TOP 5 PLACES RESIDENTS BUY FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES



1 MAC'S

2 OUT-OF-PARISH GROCERS

3 TENSAS FARMER'S MARKET

4 ROADSIDE STAND IN TENSAS

5 OUT-OF-PARISH FARMERS MARKETS

48% 

OF RESIDENTS FEEL THAT LOCAL STORES PROMOTE HEALTHY ITEMS

43% 

OF RESIDENTS FEEL THAT LOCAL STORES PROMOTE UNHEALTHY ITEMS

63% 

OF RESIDENTS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SELECTION OF FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES IN TENSAS PARISH

Tensas Parish Community Assets



Education

Public Schools

Tensas Elementary School	192 Highway, 897-6, Beech St., St. Joseph 71366	Pre-K – 6 th grade
Tensas High School	720 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366	7 th – 12 th grade

Private Schools

Tensas Academy 	418 LA-128, St. Joseph 71366	All grades
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Early Care and Education (ECE)

Mrs. Martha's 	St. Joseph, LA 71366	Family Home Provider Number of students: 6
Head Start 	703 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366	Early Head Start/Head Start Number of students: 108

Citizen's Associations

Community Centers

Tensas Parish Community Center	107 Arts Dr., St. Joseph, LA 71366
St. Joseph Community House	501 Levee St., St. Joseph, LA 71366

Seniors' Groups

Council on Aging- St. Joseph	114 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Council on Aging- Newellton	111 Main St., Newellton, LA 71357

Youth Groups

4-H	LSU AgCenter, Tensas Elementary, Tensas High School
Clover Buds	LSU AgCenter, Tensas Elementary
Beta Club	Tensas Elementary, Tensas High School, Tensas Academy
More Than Pretty	Tensas High School
Positive Behavior (PBIS)	Tensas High School
STEM Club	Tensas Academy
Student Council	Tensas Elementary, Tensas High School, Tensas Academy
School Athletic Programs	Tensas Elementary, Tensas High School, Tensas Academy



= On-site produce garden

Other Citizen's Associations

American Legion	St. Joseph, LA 71366
St. Joseph Arts, Inc./St. Joseph Orchestra	118 Arts Dr., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Tensas Garden Club	St. Joseph, LA 71366
Rotary Club/Citizen Association	
Waterproof Council on Recreation and Wellness	

Community Organizations

Faith Based Organizations

Maryland Church	679 LA-3024 St., St. Joseph, LA 81366
Saint Joseph United Methodist Church	301 Levee Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Shilake Church	239 Washam Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
St. Joseph Church of God	407 4th St., St. Joseph, LA 71366
St. Joseph Catholic Church	913 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Goldbell Baptist Church	121 Stanton Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Guildfield Baptist Church	401 Washington, St. Joseph, LA 71366
Christ Episcopal Church	120 Hancock, St. Joseph, LA 71366
Oneonta Church  	463 Hubbard St., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Monclova Church	3576 LA-573, Waterproof, LA 71375
Richland Church	461 Miller Rd., Waterproof, LA 71375
Saint Mark Church	501 LA-566, Waterproof, LA 71375
United Pentecostal Church	108 Verona St., Newellton, LA 71357
Solomon Church	2601 LA 608, Newellton, LA 71357
Saint Luke Church	1011 Middle Rd., Newellton, LA 71357
Saint Peter Church	825 LA-65, Newellton, LA 71357
St. Joseph Baptist Church	711 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
First Baptist Church Newellton	1822 Hwy 605, Newellton, LA 71357
Newellton Union Church	1916 Hwy 605, Newellton, LA 71357
Bethany Baptist Church	118 Bamburg Rd., Newellton, LA 71357
Flowers Landing Baptist Church	2302 Hwy 888, Newellton, LA 71357

Housing Organizations

Tensas Home Health	Newellton, LA 71357
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= Food Pantry

Substance Abuse Homes, Domestic Violence Shelters, Counseling Services

Well Spring

Winnsboro, LA 71295

Private Sector

Chamber of Commerce

Tensas Chamber of Commerce

1884 Hwy 605 Newellton, LA 71357

Banks

Cross Keys Bank

307 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366

Tensas State Bank

921 Plank Rd. St Joseph, LA 71366

Local Business

Helena Chemical Company

4684 US-65 St., Joseph, LA 71366

Newellton Elevator Co.

905 Verona St., Newellton, LA 71357

Tensas Co-op & Gin

4762 Hwy 65 Newellton, LA 71366

Lake Bruin Airport

178 Airport, St. Joseph, LA 71366

River Traders Antiques

130 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366

L. Ratcliff Art

Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366

A-Bour-K Florist

3091 Hwy 65, Newellton, LA 71357

Goldman Equipment LLC

3369 Hwy 65, Newellton, LA 71375

Nutrient Ag Solutions

8049 Hwy 65, Waterproof, LA 71375

Tensas Laundromat

301 Newton St., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Hours: 6:30 am – 10 pm daily; self-serve

Open Season Daiquiri Shack

303 Newton St., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Hours: Sun-Thurs 11 am – 8 pm; Fri, Sat 11 am -11 pm

Plank Fitness

100 Plank Rd, St Joseph, LA 71366

LJ's Nutrition

606 Verona St., Newellton, LA 71357
Contact: 318-467-8505

Tensas Exposure Studio and Gifts

26 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Hours: Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm
Contact: tensasexposure@gmail.com; 318-282-2418

Wolf Disposal

1109 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 5 pm
Contact: 1-855-783-WOLF; contact@wolfdisposals.com

Folkway Mercantile

120 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366

Shop All Daye

118 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, 71366

B Viz Design

142 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, 71366

Local, State and Federal

Post Office

Newellton Post Office	930 Verona St Newellton, LA 71357
St. Joseph Post Office	144 Plank Rd St Joseph, LA 71366
Waterproof Post Office	338 Main St Waterproof, LA 71375

Police

Sheriff's Department	212 Hancock St. Suite B, St. Joseph, LA 71366
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Emergency Personnel

Tensas Parish Fire Protection District #1	118 Arts Drive, St. Joseph, Louisiana 71366 (10 stations throughout parish)
EMT/Northeast Ambulance Services	St. Joseph, LA 71366

Library

Tensas Parish Library	 135 Plank Rd, St Joseph, LA 71366
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Newspaper

The Tensas Gazette	tensasgazette@bellsouth.net
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Transportation Services

Council on Aging Van*	Waterproof, LA 71282
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**As of September 2020, the Council on Aging Van is not being used by the public.*

Government Agencies

St. Joseph Town Hall	125 Plank Rd, St Joseph, LA 71366
Tensas Parish Police Jury	St. Joseph, LA 71366
Tensas Parish Clerk's Office	Tensas Parish Courthouse; 201 Hancock St., St Joseph, LA 71366
Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office	124 Hancock St., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Delta Regional Authority	107 Arts Dr., St Joseph, LA 71366

Medical and Healthcare

Public and Private Hospitals

Tensas Community Health Center	 402 Levee St., St. Joseph 71366
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Pharmacies

Britt's Pharmacy 

102 Main St., Newellton, LA 71357

Fred's Express Pharmacy

705 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA

Dental

Tensas Dental Clinic

406 Levee Rd St., Joseph, LA 71366

Tourism

Lake Bruin State Park

201 State Park Road, St. Joseph, 71366

This state park has 25 campsites along Lake Bruin with fishing piers, a boat launch, and so much more.

Tensas Parish Courthouse

201 Hancock St., St Joseph, LA 71366

With original work from 1905, the English Baroque features of architect P.H. Weathers are present at the courthouse.

Buckhorn Wildlife Management Area

Newellton, 71357

Consisting of over 11,000 acres, the Buckhorn Wildlife Management Area of bayous, ATV trails, and hiking trails where a large amount of game species can be found.

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

2312 Quebec Road, Tallulah, 71282

This refuge has the state's largest population of federally listed threatened Louisiana black bears as well as many other native species.

Hunting and Fishing Day

2312 Quebec Road, Tallulah, 71282

This event is free and family oriented designed to showcase the refuge service initiative of the youth through a variety of outdoor activities.

Tensas Wildlife Management Area

Newellton, 71357

Over 400 species are found on this refuge that was established to preserve one of the largest privately owned wildlife centers in the MS Delta.

Lake St. Joseph

Newellton, 71357

This lake is adjacent to the town of Newellton where fishing is excellent and public boat launches are available.

Yucatan Lake

Newellton, 71357

Located between Newellton and Lake St. Joseph, this lake also provides excellent finishing with public boat launches.

Newellton Cemetery

Newellton, 71357

This historic cemetery provides engraved entrances detailing the founding of Newellton.

Tensas Parish Library Museum

St. Joseph, 71366

Built in 1858, the ground floor contains the Tensas Parish Library while the main floor is home to the Plantation Museum.



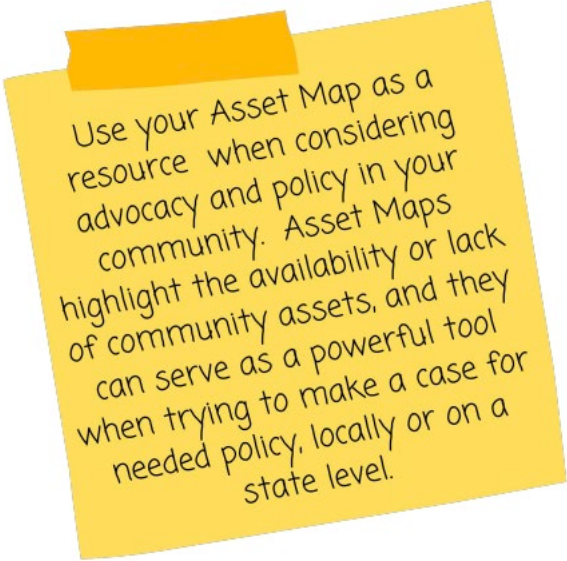
= Currently sells fresh fruits and vegetables

US Civil War Grant's March Markers**Newellton, 71357**

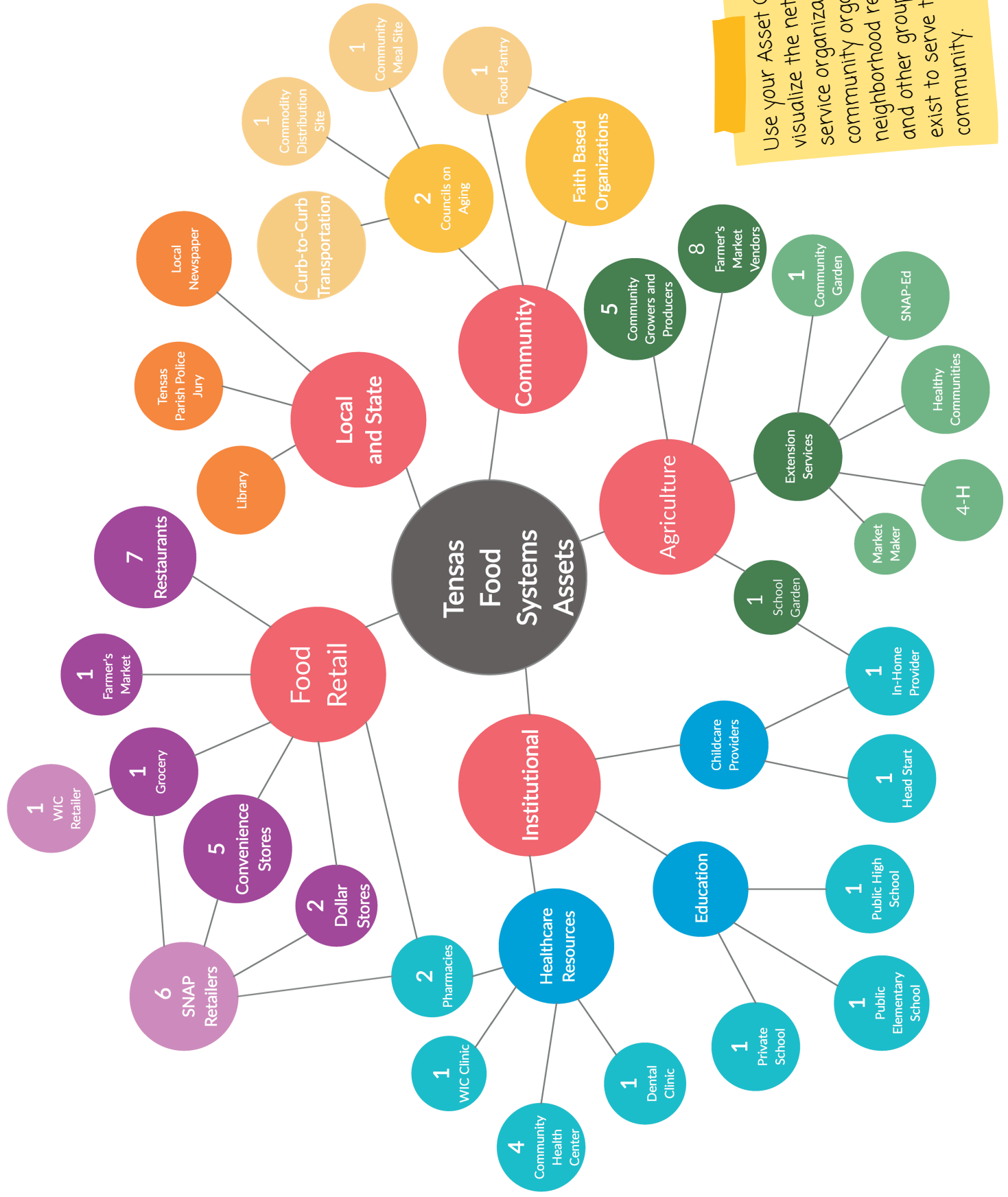
A lovely trail that winds all the way from Madison Parish through Tensas Parish into the Winter Quarters and Newellton.

Ancient Mounds Trails**Parish Wide**

These privately owned mounds are knitted together for several self-guided tours across NE Louisiana where viewers can see up to 39 mounds that are filled with 5000 years' worth of history.



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.



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



Tensas Parish Food System Assets



Restaurants

Fish Tale Grill	2214 LA-604, St. Joseph, LA 71366
Netterville Landing Bar/Grill	1248 Hwy-606, St. Joseph, LA 71366
Lake Bruin Cafe	3297 LA-605, Newellton, LA 71357
Southern Soul	709 Verona St., Newellton, LA 71357
Jason's Daquiri Shack	213 Newton St., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Maria's Mexican Restaurant	129 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Walking Pig Restaurant, Bakery, and Bar	139 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366

Grocers

Macs Fresh Market   	320 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
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Farmers Markets

St. Joseph Farmers Market  	Corner of Plank Rd. & Levee St. St. Joseph, LA 71366 Hours: Saturdays, 8 am – 12 pm (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
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Pharmacies

Britt's Pharmacy   	102 N Main St., Newellton, LA 71357
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Convenience Stores

N A Food Mart 	102 Verona Ln., Newellton, LA 71357
Five Star Food and Gas LLC	4851 Hwy 605, St. Joseph, LA 71366
Bubba's	8632 US-65, Waterproof, LA 71375
Tensas One Stop	1106 Plank Rd St. Joseph, LA 71366

Dollar Stores

Dollar General 7948 	324 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Dollar General 18726 	3105 Hwy 65, Newellton, LA 71357
Newellton Family Dollar	1106 Verona St., Newellton, LA 71357

-  = Interested in becoming a Healthy Retail Partner
-  = Currently sells fresh fruits and vegetables

Food Pantries and Feeding Sites

Council on Aging: Food Pantry	114 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366 Distribution: every 3 months Contact: Clarissa Newman (318-766-3770)
Shepard Center	114 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Oneota Baptist Church 	1209 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366 Distribution: third Sat. of each month; 7:30 – 11 am Contact: Linda Coleman (318-341-0828; 318-758-1403)

Community and School Gardens

St. Joseph Garden & Grow	313 Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366
Mrs. Martha's ECE	St. Joseph, LA 71366
Head Start ECE	

Youth Agriculture Programs

4H
Ag Magic Youth

LSU AgCenter Programs and Parish Resources

MarketMaker
Louisiana Master Gardener Program
Tensas Parish 4-H Club
Tensas Parish Healthy Communities
Northeast Research Station

Growers and Producers

Enola Farms	Williams Pecan Farm
Brenda Mize	Ann & Dennis Burns
La Bonne Vie Farm 	

Locally Produced

Okra	Watermelons
Peaches	Cantaloupe
Corn	Wheat
Tomatoes	Honey
Squash	Cotton
Pecans	Rice



= Interested in becoming a Summer Feeding Site



= Currently sells fresh fruits and vegetables



Tensas Physical Activity Assets



Parks, Playgrounds, Fields, and Courts

Waterproof Park	8th St., Waterproof, LA 71282	
Newellton Playground		
Unnamed Baseball Field on Hwy 65	Hwy. 65	
Unnamed Basketball Court (Plank Rd. and Levee St.)	Plank Rd. and Levee St., St. Joseph, LA 71366	
St. Joseph Pocket Park	Newton Rd. and Plank Rd., St. Joseph, LA 71366	
Newellton Baseball Field		
Lake Bruin State Park	201 State Park Rd, St Joseph LA 71366	3 fishing piers, boat launch, water, playground, swimming area, cabin rentals, picnic tables, barbeque grills, playground area, boat rental

Golf Courses

Lake Bruin Country Club	1893 LA-606 St. Joseph, LA	Private/Membership
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Wildlife Refuges/Nature Preserves

Big Lake State Wildlife Management Area	NW corner of Tensas Parish; Hwy 4, LA-888, and Big Lake Rd.	Hunting and fishing
Tensas National Wildlife Refuge	2312 Quebec Rd., Tallulah, LA 71282	

Walking Trails

Mississippi River Levee Trail	Levee St., St. Joseph, LA 71366	Under-utilized
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Private Recreation

Lake Bruin Country Club	1893 LA-606 St. Joseph, LA
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Physical Activity Resources Identified

Food & Fitness Club
Methodist Church-Pilates
St. Joseph-YOGA

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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