

# GRASSROOTS PLAN

## TO MEET LONG RANGE NEEDS

### OF LAKE BISTINEAU

(rev 042010)

#### **1. Establish a LAKE BISTINEAU TASK FORCE (BTF) to address the needs of Lake Bistineau**

- a. The Mission of the BTF will be to build a coalition of stakeholders to coordinate with the state to rehabilitate Lake Bistineau.
- b. The TASK FORCE will be closely linked with the police juries in Bienville, Bossier, and Webster parishes.
- c. The BTF will work with all groups who share the same mission.
- d. The BTF will include equal representation from the 3 parishes.
- e. Three Members will be appointed by each police jury and two by each of the SWCD's (Saline, Dorcheat & Bodcau).
- f. Each member will have one vote.
- g. "Other groups" & their roles will be defined by the BTF.
- h. The BTF will establish and publicize a meeting schedule and work plan, annually.
- i. The BTF will choose a leader and/or officers.
- j. Agency representatives will serve in an advisory capacity only.
- k. Trailblazer RC&D will provide staff support for all work team/project activities.

#### THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES TO BE ENCOURAGED BY THE TASK FORCE:

- A. Work with the LDWF to achieve a lake drawdown to the Dorcheat Level (approximately 13 feet)
  - a. Help secure funding for the draw down.
  - b. Support the installation of an auxiliary control structure.
  - c. Install a "skimmer".

- B. Plan and conduct a public information campaign
  - a. Target key community groups to help with project activities
    - i. Inventory & ID those groups
  - b. Reach out to civic organizations & volunteer groups
    - i. Conduct an Inventory of interested groups
      - 1. ID names of key personnel
      - 2. ID contact information
      - 3. Make introductory contact
  - c. Reach out to schools
    - i. Conduct an Inventory of affected schools
      - 1. ID names of key personnel
      - 2. ID contact information
      - 3. Make introductory contact
    - ii. Introduce educational opportunities for water quality
  - d. Reach out to businesses
    - i. Conduct an Inventory of affected businesses
      - 1. ID names of key personnel
      - 2. ID contact information
      - 3. Make introductory contact
  - e. Reach out to fire and police departments
    - i. Conduct an Inventory of applicable fire and police departments
      - 1. ID names of key personnel
      - 2. ID contact information
      - 3. Make introductory contact
  - f. Reach out to local media
    - 1. Step 1. Decide what you want to achieve.
    - 2. Step 2: Clearly define a hook that will increase the interest of the media
    - 3. Step 3: Compile a media list database
    - 4. Step 4. Develop a press kit or media packet
    - 5. Step 5: Prepare a pitch letter
    - 6. Step 6. Mail the materials, then follow-up.
- C. Develop and distribute monthly press releases regarding BTF activities

- D. Plan and conduct SPECIAL EVENTS to improve the lake and to involve citizens
  - a. All “special events” will be conducted TASK FORCE
  - b. Enlist Volunteers as labor source
    - i. Environmental clubs
    - ii. College Student groups
    - iii. HS students w/ adult sponsors
  - c. Enlist support of SO’s & Prison labor crews
  - d. Enlist assistance of National Guard
- E. Conduct inventories of the following:
  - a. Identify all camp sites & homes on the lake
    - i. ID owner’s name and address
    - ii. Types of ID types of waste disposal system
  - b. Identify point and nonpoint source pollution
    - i. Phase I: within one mile of the main lake
    - ii. Phase II: remainder of the total watershed
- F. Develop a management plan for the entire watershed.
  - a. Appoint a work team leader
  - b. ID potential sources of funding
  - c. Request funding
- G. Encourage and support research for a biological control agent to work against Salvinia
  - a. Maintain links with Dr. Walker’s Research at LaTech
- H. Encourage and support the installation of channel markers in the lake
- I. Support strategic tree removal as needed
  - a. Conduct inventory of all trees; record data
  - b. ID and rank diseased trees
  - c. ID trees targeted for removal
  - d. ID market for these cypress trees
  - e. Develop a plan for tree removal
    - i. ID permits & approvals needed
- J. Establish a “BISTINEAU RECOVERY FUND” based on contributions & donations
  - a. Design a campaign seeking contributions
  - b. Establish policies on the use of the funds.

