

Sustaining Culture in the Face of Land Loss

Louisiana Folklife Program

Folklife IN Louisiana

A WEALTH OF INFORMATION TO HELP YOU LEARN, TEACH AND PLAN PROJECTS ABOUT LOUISIANA FOLKLIFE



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Louisiana's
Living Traditions

Louisiana
Voices

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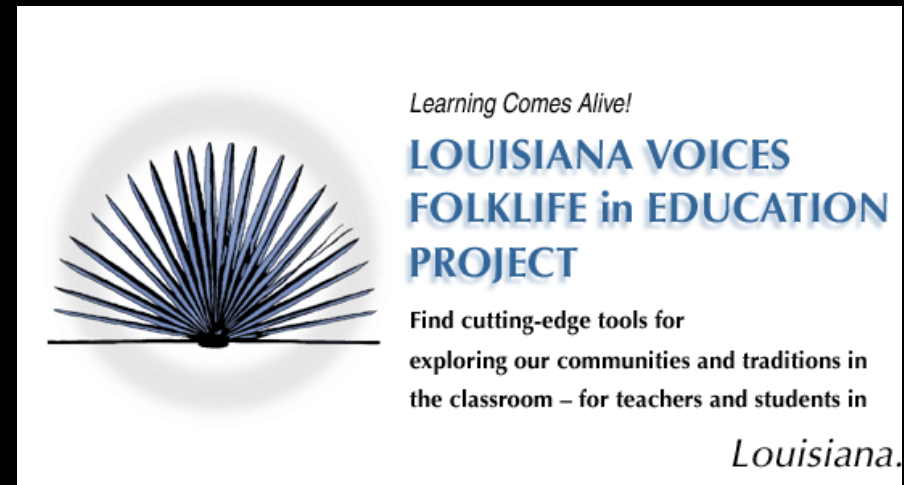
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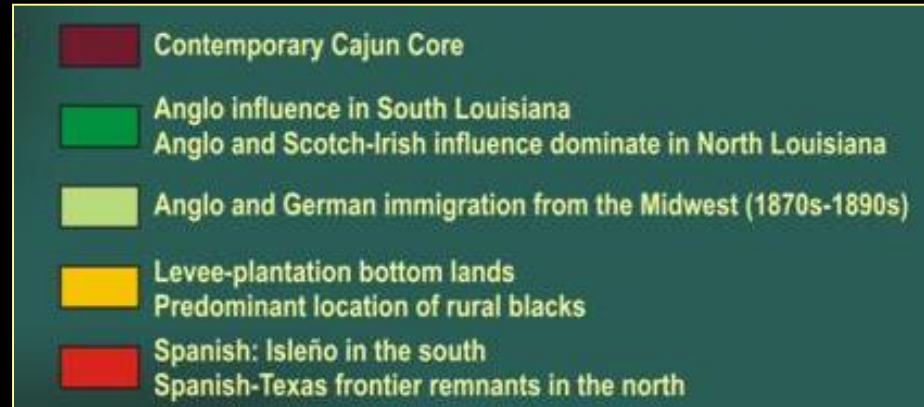
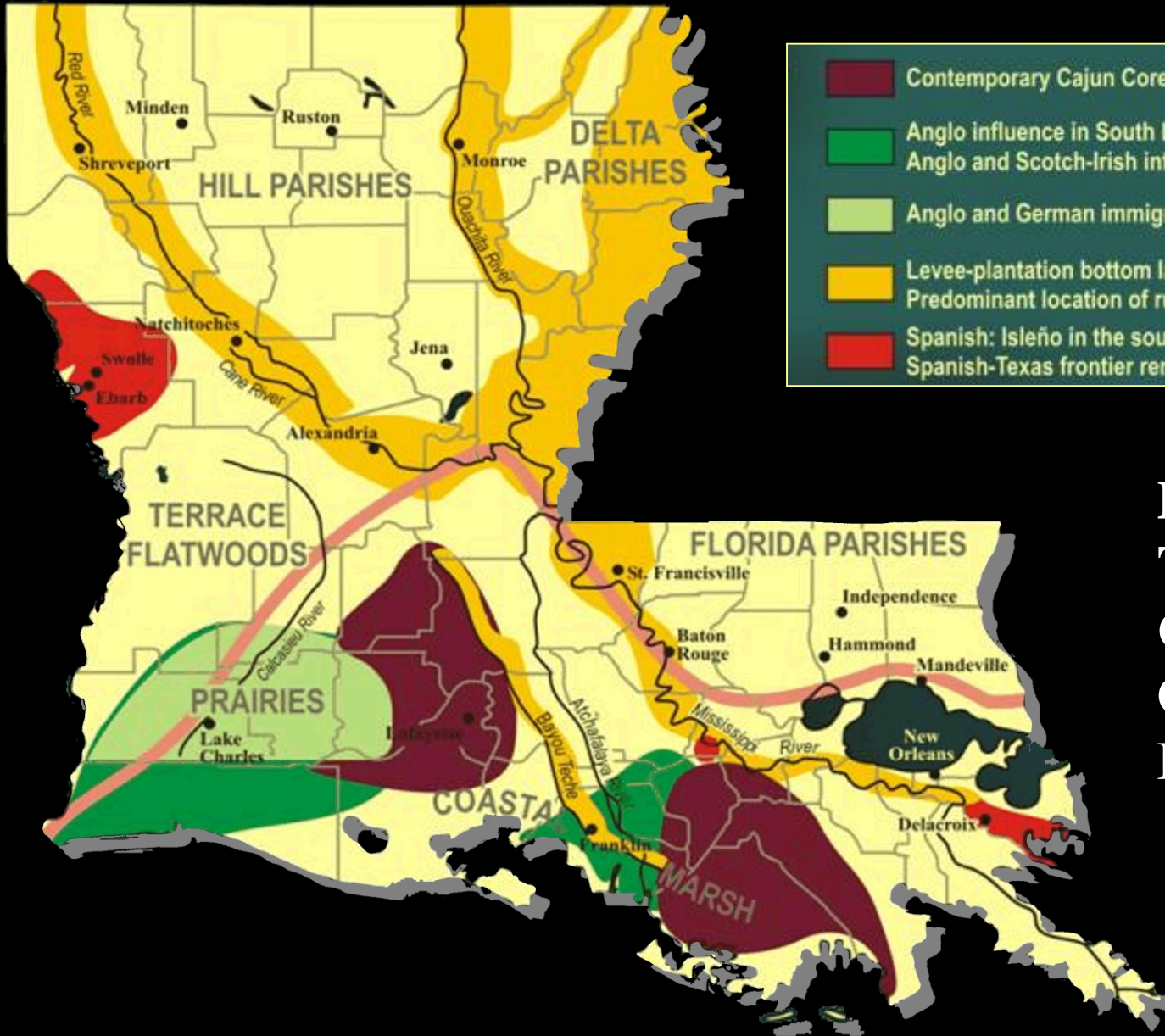
Mission

Identify
Document
Preserve, and
Present
the folk traditions of Louisiana



Past Projects





Louisiana's Traditional Cultures: An Overview By Maida Owens

Lt Governor Billy Nungesser

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
(State Parks, Tourism, State Library, State Museum)

Office of Cultural Development

Division of Historic Preservation

Division of Archaeology

Council for the Development of French in Louisiana

Atchafalaya National Heritage Area

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*Helping to sustain the traditional cultures of
coastal Louisiana*

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Current Strategy

Supporting or Producing Workshops

Passing It On Workshops

Tradition bearers pass on
a tradition

Janie Luster,
Houma palmetto weaver



Sense of Place – and Loss Workshops

Bring together tradition bearers, folklorists, artists, scientists and administrators to inspire advocacy and creativity in the face of land loss and cultural shifts.



**Culture is passed on through
gatherings and education.**

Informally and formally





Laotian New Year's Celebrations
Near New Iberia, Louisiana



Italian St Joseph Altar







Offer gatherings and educational opportunities
for community members

Festivals – storytelling stages, crafts demonstrations

Folklife Centers – classes, workshops

In-School activities – LouisianaVoices.org





What Could We Be Doing Now?

- Support the cultures of coastal communities
- Prepare receiver communities

- **Offer Capacity Building Grants**
 - Needs assessment of cultural groups
 - Planning grants for receiver communities
- **Offer Artist grants** to engage communities, increase awareness of issues, and encourage creative solutions
- **Create Opportunity Zones** to incentivize growth
- Help make people realize that population migration is a statewide issue and not only a coastal issue.



*Sense of Place—and Loss:
A Workshop on Facing Change through
Folklife, Science, and the Arts*

Wednesday, March 25
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Century Room

In partnership with BTNEP



Louisiana Folklore Society
annual meeting



March 27-28

Arnaudville

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