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## **Thibodaux Has A Certified Cultural District**

**Thibodaux, LA** - Mayor Tommy Eschete announces that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism has certified the Thibodaux Cultural District, effective July 1, 2014. Thibodaux's Cultural District boundaries are detailed in map and boundary description (below). Thibodaux's Cultural District application process was coordinated through the mayor's office and Thibodaux Main Street, Inc. A public meeting, featuring Gaye Hamilton, the Cultural Economy Initiative Program Manager, will be scheduled in August and Ms. Hamilton will explain the specifics and benefit (s) of the cultural district.

The Louisiana Cultural Districts Program was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 2007 to spark community revitalization based on cultural activity through tax incentives. The program waives local and state sales taxes on original, one-of-a-kind art sold in the district as well as provides tax credits for eligible expenses for rehabilitation of owner-occupied or revenue generating historic structures within the district.

Original art is defined as visual art conceived and made by hand of the artist or under his/her direction and not intended for mass production, except for limited editions. Examples of eligible art include visual arts and crafts such as drawings, paintings, sculptures, clay, ceramics, fiber, glass, leather, metal, paper, wood, installation art, light and digital sculpture, wearable art, or mixed media, traditional and fine crafts, and limited, numbered editions (up to 100) of lithographs, photography, silk screen, intaglios, and etchings. Program success is tracked by tax exempt sales reported on the vendors' normal sales tax schedule.

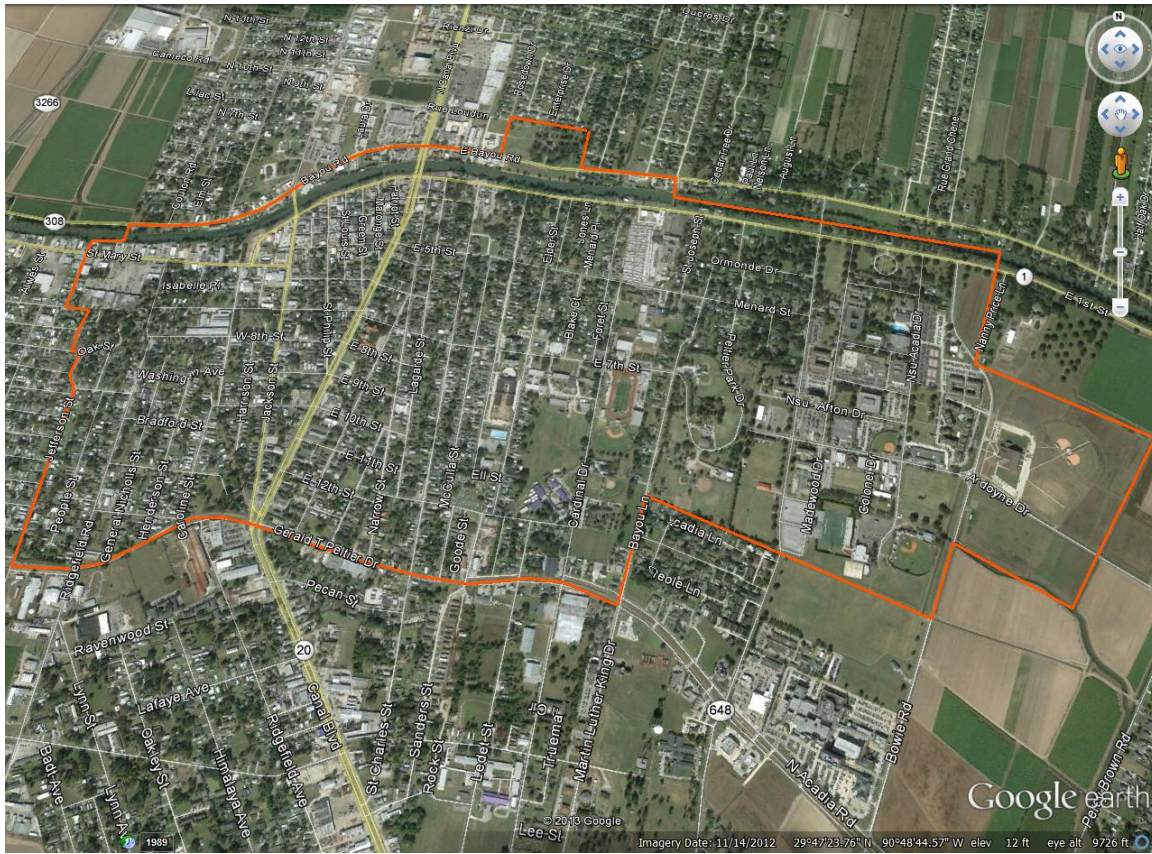
Tax credits are available on eligible rehabilitation expenses of owner-occupied or revenue generating historic structures within the district. Each property owner should contact the Division of Historic Preservation to determine eligibility. The credit is calculated for income producing properties up to 25% of the eligible renovation cost with a maximum tax credit capped at \$5 million per tax payer. Minimum eligible expenses must exceed \$10,000. For properties that are determined to be qualified residences the credit is calculated up to 25%. If the building is determined to be vacant and blighted, the credit award is increased to 50%. The three-part application process requires approval or "certification" by the Division of Historic Preservation.

For more information including forms and guidelines go to [www.crt.state.la.us/culturaldistricts](http://www.crt.state.la.us/culturaldistricts) or contact Rhonda Dempster with Thibodaux Main Street, Inc. at (985) 688-4530.

### **Thibodaux Cultural District Boundary Description with Map**

The Thibodaux Cultural District is located entirely within the City of Thibodaux. Commencing in the city limits at First Street and Bowie Road heading east along the city limits for 466 feet, turning south along the city limits for 1,140 feet, turning southeast along city limits for 215 feet, turning east along city limits for 670 feet, turning north along city limits for 330 feet, turning east along city limits for 1,000 feet, turning south along city limits for 2,600, turning west along the ditch following city limits for 1,500 feet to Bowie Road, turning south along the centerline of Bowie Road for 1,400 feet to the boundary of Nicholls State University, turning west along Nicholls State University boundary to Audubon Avenue, turning north along the centerline of Audubon Avenue following the boundary of Nicholls State University and going west for 1,400 feet to Bayou Lane centerline, turning south along Bayou Lane Centerline for 1,200 feet to the centerline of South Acadia Road, turning westward along South Acadian Road centerline for 1,500 feet, continuing along the centerline of Gerald T. Peltier Road for 2,200 feet, crossing over to the centerline of Thompson Place and continuing westward for 720 feet to the centerline of Caroline Avenue, continuing westward along the old railroad right-of-way for 1,100 feet to the centerline of Ridgefield Road, then following the centerline of Candy Lane for 630 feet to the centerline of Jefferson Street turning northward along the centerline of Jefferson Street for 2,500 feet, turning northward along the centerline of Amis Street for 350 feet, continuing northward along the lot line to the centerline of Cherry Street, turning westward along the centerline of Cherry Street to Landry Street for 600 feet to Louisiana Highway 1, continuing north along the lot line to Bayou Lafourche and the city line, turning eastward along the city lines for 540 feet, turning north along city lines across Bayou Lafourche for 220 feet to the centerline of Louisiana Highway 308, turning eastward along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 308 for 4,300 feet to the centerline of Rosedown Drive, turning northward along Rosedown Drive for 500 feet to the corner of the National Historic Rienzi Planation House lot line, turning eastward along the lot line for 900 feet, turning southward along the lot line for 500 feet to the centerline of Louisiana Highway 308, turning eastward along Louisiana Highway 308 for 1,200 feet to the city limits of Thibodaux, turning south along the city limits for 330 feet, turning eastward along city limits for 3,200 feet, turning southward along city limits for 180 feet, ending at the intersection of Bowie Road and Louisiana Highway 1.

### **Thibodaux Cultural District Map**



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