

LaNERR Public Town Hall Meetings Slated (Louisiana National Estuarine Research Reserve)

The search for a **National Estuarine Research Reserve** in Louisiana wants to involve you!

The LaNERR Site Development Committee will host a series of town hall meetings to provide information on three possible sites: Atchafalaya Basin, Barataria Basin and Pontchartrain Basin. Three town hall meetings (virtual and hybrid) have been organized for each site. Webinar links below are specific to each town hall meeting. The public is encouraged to participate.

Virtual meetings are strictly online. Hybrid town hall meetings can be attended either in-person or online. Registration is required for online participation. To register, click the link of the meeting you want to attend.

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System is a network of estuarine areas representative of the various biogeographic regions in the United States. Reserves are established for long-term research, education, stewardship and interpretation to promote informed management of our nation's estuaries and coastal habitats. A reserve represents a partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and coastal states. NOAA provides funding and national guidance, and each site is managed by a lead state agency with input from local partners.

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TOWN HALL SCHEDULE SUMMARY

(Registration will be required when you join the webinar link)

Atchafalaya Basin		
Date	Time	Attendance Info
Wednesday, February 2	12-2pm	Join this Webinar (virtual only)
Tuesday, February 8	6-8pm	<u>Join this Webinar</u> OR Join in-person at Morgan City Municipal Auditorium – 728 Myrtle St. in Morgan City
Thursday, February 10	6-8pm	<u>Join this Webinar</u> OR Join in-person at Sliman Theatre for the Performing Arts – 129 E. Main St. in New Iberia
Barataria Basin		
Date	Time	Attendance Info
Monday, February 7	6-8pm	<u>Join this Webinar</u> OR Join in-person at Lafitte Barataria Museum & Wetland Trace – 4917 City Park Drive in Lafitte
Wednesday, February 9	12-2pm	Join this Webinar (virtual only)
Wednesday, February 9	6-8pm	Join this Webinar (virtual only)
Pontchartrain Basin		
Date	Time	Attendance Info
Tuesday, February 1	6-8pm	<u>Join this Webinar</u> OR Join in-person at Southeastern Student Union Annex - Theater (2nd floor) in Hammond (parking at the corner of Ned McGehee Drive and North Oak Street)
Thursday, February 3	6-8pm	<u>Join this Webinar</u> OR Join in-person at SUNO Auditorium of the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences (AHSS) – 6400 Press Drive in New Orleans
Friday, February 11	12-2pm	Join this Webinar (virtual only)

General Agenda for each Town Hall Meeting:

- 1. National Estuarine Research Reserve System Kristin Ransom, NOAA
- 2. Introduction to LaNERR Process Robert Twilley, Professor, LSU
- 3. Presentation by the specific LaNERR Alternative Site Team
- 4. Public Q&A; Also questionnaire for public to provide feedback
- 5. Adjourn