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### **Second round of planning set for Cross Bayou planning**

The second major public event in the Cross Bayou Corridor planning process is set for tomorrow, September 18-19 at Sci-Port and the downtown Shreve Memorial Library.

The planning team will meet with citizens beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Sci-Port for an introductory presentation, followed by an optional boat tour of the project site on Cross Bayou. Participants then will reconvene at the downtown library from 1:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The second part of the design charrette starts at 9 a.m. the next day at the library and wraps up at 3 p.m. This intense two-day event will provide participants an opportunity to better understand the relationship of the Cross Bayou project site to the region, visualize the site from the water and translate what they have learned into workable design concepts for the eventual development of the project site.

A follow-up workshop, to be announced later, will refine the design concepts developed in the September workshop. The September 18-19 event follows the successful and well attended Visioning Forum held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Shreveport Convention Center. Participants there expressed ideas to guide the development of an overall Vision Statement for the project.

The Vision Statement is posted at [www.crossbayoucorridor.com](http://www.crossbayoucorridor.com) and the public is encouraged to visit the website and comment on the Vision Statement.

The boat tour of Cross Bayou will give workshop participants another visual perspective on the project site. At the moment the boat tour is completely full but citizens are still encouraged to participate in the evening charrette

The Shreveport Master Plan highlighted the Cross Bayou site for eventual redevelopment that would create a mixed-use residential neighborhood while ensuring public waterfront access and connectivity to the downtown area and adjacent neighborhoods. The purpose of the upcoming workshop is to begin to better understand how all the desired development ideas for the site could relate to each other while ensuring ample public access to the water and new recreational opportunities.

Interested citizens can follow the project at [www.crossbayoucorridor.com](http://www.crossbayoucorridor.com). Here they will be able to stay informed about progress, access reports and learn of upcoming project events. They can also submit questions and comments to the project team and get responses.



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