

## Northern Louisiana Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment
23	Northern Louisiana	LA0014	199,291	6,186	33%	12%

The Northern Louisiana Renewal Community contains parts of the parishes of Bienville, Caldwell, Claiborne, Desoto, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Red River, Richland, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn. Parts of this region have been an Enterprise Community since 1994. It lost its EC designation when it became a Renewal Community. The Northern Louisiana Renewal Community's Course of Action includes the six required goals and actions, which will be outlined briefly below.

### Reducing Tax Burdens

State and local governments are planning to implement the following tax burden reductions: tax credits to medical doctors who relocate to rural areas, eliminating the first year's fee for occupational license taxes, reducing the health unit tax and removing the ½ percent building tax.

### Improving Local Services

The Northern Louisiana Renewal Community will improve local services through establishing a website which connects all economic development websites in RC, expanding educational facilities, targeting Welfare-to-Work single mothers, and disseminating information to residents on the benefits of the RC.

### Reducing Crime

The RC plans to provide funding opportunities for criminal justice professionals, offer drug abuse education and prevention services, enhance academic skills of inmates, provide substance abuse and job training to former offenders, involve residents in crime reporting, provide domestic violence services and improve environmental awareness.

### Reducing Government Requirements

The RC plans to implement one-stop multi-media environmental permitting, implement a voluntary remediation program, provide a one-stop business information source and implement a one stop center for all city applications and permits.

### Soliciting In-Kind Donations

Local governments plan on making abandoned schools and facilities available in the RC for economic and community development and making real property available for sale to low-income residents.

### Involving Community Partners in Economic Development

- Louisiana Technical Colleges
- Workforce Commission
- Louisiana Economic Development Corporation
- Chambers of Commerce