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LDEQ announces Waste Tire Pilot Program recipients

BATON ROUGE, LA — The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has selected the first six recipients of the agency’s Waste Tire Pilot Program, an initiative designed to empower municipalities and parishes with resources to address unauthorized waste tire disposal.

The following municipalities and parishes have been awarded funding under the program:

- City of Gretna
- City of West Monroe
- Iberville Parish
- Lafourche Parish
- Ouachita Parish
- Terrebonne Parish

Launched earlier this year, the Waste Tire Pilot Program provides reimbursement-based funding of up to \$20,000 per recipient to support local governments in combating unauthorized waste tire disposal. Eligible uses of funding include equipment purchases related to cleanup or prevention, costs for municipal or parish workers handling enforcement or collection, installation of barriers or fencing and cleanup of newly discovered unauthorized dump sites.

“This program is a win for Louisiana’s environment and for the communities we serve,” **LDEQ Secretary Courtney J. Burdette said**. “For too long, unauthorized tire dumping has created health, safety and environmental concerns across our state. By partnering directly with local governments, we’re putting resources where they are most needed and working together toward cleaner, safer communities.”

The pilot program grew out of a series of town hall meetings hosted by LDEQ in 2024, followed by the release of a comprehensive report in March 2025. The pilot program is funded through fees collected under WTMP, consistent with statutory requirements to further the program’s environmental goals.



Since its establishment in 1989, WTMP has played a critical role in ensuring the effective management and beneficial reuse of recycled waste tires across Louisiana. The new pilot program reflects LDEQ's ongoing commitment to supporting municipalities and parishes with the tools they need to tackle longstanding environmental challenges at the local level.

For more information about LDEQ's Waste Tire Pilot Program and other environmental initiatives, visit www.deq.louisiana.gov.

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