



## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### Upcoming and Completed Downtown Projects in 2017/2018

1. Lofts @ 6C – A local developer, John O. Hearin, is currently constructing a six-story, 142 unit apartment complex on Sixth Street between Florida and Convention Street. Lofts at 6C will have one and two bedroom units as well as a clubhouse, swimming pool, landscaped courtyards, and approximately 3,000 square feet of commercial space. The project was approved for U.S. HUD funding and is expected to be complete in the summer of 2018.
2. Beauregard Quarters – Construction is well underway on a new four-story multifamily housing project located in the Historic Beauregard Town on the corner of Napoleon and America Streets. The development will include 25 one and two bedroom apartments with garages located on the ground floor. It is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2018.
3. Marriott Hotel – The Courtyard by Marriott, located on the prominent corner of Third Street and Florida Street, is currently under construction and expected to be complete by April of 2018. The completion of this \$23.6 million investment will complete four contiguous blocks of urban streetscape and complement the current diversity of the historic Third Street Corridor. Starbucks is also planning to locate on the bottom floor of the development to service hotel patrons and visitors.
4. Downtown Library at Town Square – The vision of the New River Center Library began in 2004 to demolish the outdated structure and replace it with a new, approximately 45,000 square-foot, modern library with the latest in technology. Currently under construction, the new downtown library will be the centerpiece of North Boulevard Town Square and the Central Green – a place where our City's civic and cultural attractions come together. The library is expected to be complete by the end of 2018.
5. City Hall Plaza – Currently under renovation, City Hall Plaza will replace the previous underutilized and harsh hardscapes with a large green lawn and shade trees. A component of the 'Central Green', the City Hall Plaza will also improve ADA accessibility, covering the opening above the parking north of The Crest stage, and creating an open greenspace that allows views and access from both sides of the stage. The project is expected to be complete in December 2017.
6. River Road improvements – Recent, major developments along River Road have prompted plans to improve surrounding bicycle and pedestrian amenities that will increase the safety and experience of travelers. These improvements will include street trees, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and bike paths. Construction is expected to be completed in spring/summer of 2018.



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7. East Blvd. Greenway – The Downtown Greenway is a pedestrian and bicycling corridor that links inner city residential neighborhoods to downtown parks, businesses, and cultural attractions utilizing the BREC parks, interstate infrastructure, and public right of ways. Several components of the Greenway have been completed including Expressway Park, Myrtle Street, and the North Boulevard Promenade. The East Boulevard portion of the Greenway includes bicycle and pedestrian paths, street trees, plantings, and lighting. It is expected to begin construction in the beginning of 2018.
8. Water Campus/ The Water Institute of the Gulf – The Water Campus is the economic and cultural southern anchor of downtown, strengthening the connection to LSU. The 30 acre campus is located on the riverfront near the I-10 bridge and the \$25 million iconic glass building on the Old Municipal Dock is currently under construction, and is scheduled to be complete in March of 2018.
9. North Boulevard Town Square Phase II – NBTS Phase I, located in the Arts & Entertainment District, has been a focal point, continuously displaying significant community events to users of the space. NBTS Phase II will include corridor improvements along St. Phillip Street and North Boulevard, with ongoing beacon programming, event logistics, and landscape maintenance managed by the DDD. The project is scheduled to be complete in summer of 2018
10. Rotary Sculpture Project – The Baton Rouge Rotary chose the Florida Riverfront Access point, located at the intersection of Florida Street and River Road, as the location of its Centennial Project. World-renowned artist Po Shu Wang was selected to design an interactive sculpture that will be visible from the Mississippi River Bridge and capable of processing data frequencies to produce singing sounds. Completion is expected by October 2018.
11. Riverfront Plaza – Originally built in 1984, Riverfront Plaza is a classic water garden style public space and offers ADA accessible entry to the riverfront near the dock. However, several maintenance items have been neglected for years, prompting renovations that include upgraded event space, shade, wildflower and tree plantings, defining the railway space, additional security lighting, concrete repairs, and ADA improvements. Construction is expected to be complete by April of 2018.
12. Louisiana Avenue Connection – Additional design and infrastructure improvements at Louisiana Ave have been planned to connect the Downtown Greenway to the proposed Government Street bike lanes via Eddie Robinson Sr. Drive. The Louisiana Connector will connect currently disjointed sidewalks, bicycle sharrows, ADA compliant crosswalk improvements, wayfinding signage, and streetscape amenities to create a safe traveling experience for bicyclists and pedestrians. The project is expected to commence in 2018, pending grant approval.