

Statewide Coalitions

Justice & Beyond Louisiana

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Louisiana Roundtable for the Environment

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A Community Voice (ACV) was founded in 2009 by a group of low income African Americans, former leaders of Louisiana ACORN, with over 40 years of community organizing work who wanted to formulate their own group to continue to fight for equity in rebuilding the lower income neighborhoods post-Katrina and fight on Statewide issues such as Health Care, lead poisoning and affordable housing. These leaders work towards building power for lower income families.



Press Conference for Medicaid Expansion with Elected Officials



Rallying in Baton Rouge for the Right to Return



"No Bulldozing" campaign gave displaced residents a way to fight back & stopped the City from demolishing at will. (Fats Domino's home).

Protest to Save the Historic Armstrong School Building



At City Hall, saving gutted homes from being demolished.

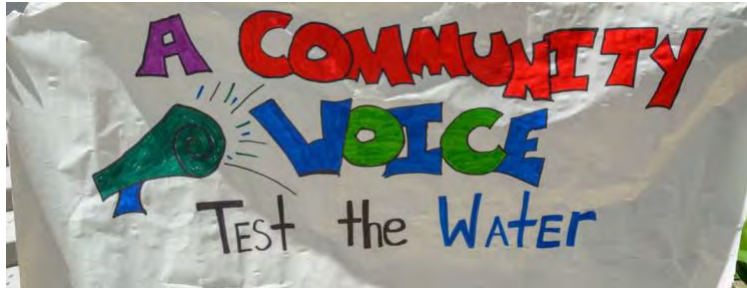


Members Developing Campaign Strategies



Post-Katrina Protests in DC won over 5 Billion in Recovery Funds

Lead Poisoning



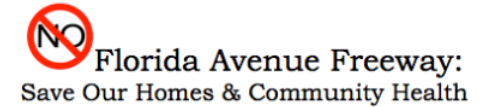
- Founded the Louisiana Roundtable for the Environment, a coalition of academia and community, working together to eradicate lead poisoning.
- Won an ordinance against Dry Sanding.
- Won lead certified water filters for all drinking fountains in Orleans Parish School Board facilities.
- Rehabilitated lead hazards in hundreds of homes.
- Worked with LSU to test homes for lead in drinking water.
- Trained low income community residents and students on identifying lead hazards in the homes.
- Passed state legislation to create a State Task force on Lead in the Drinking Water.



- Fighting for complete removal of all lead service lines in New Orleans.
- Working to require all city municipalities in Louisiana to create concrete timelines and plans to remove all lead service lines.
- Working to create policies and holistic intervention programs to eradicate lead poisoning in Orleans parish.

Florida Avenue Freeway

Campaign to
stop the Florida
Avenue
Freeway – State
Project
H005720 from destroying the 7th, 8th, and 9th Ward with toxic truck
traffic.



- Saved 100 homes on Tupelo street from being demolished by the Freeway.
- Halted the start of this project.
- Worked with St Bernard Parish officials to gain their support against the freeway.
- Demanding all truck traffic be rerouted to Paris Road, safety on the Bridges for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Made the Florida Avenue Freeway a central issue in Election Campaign Forums for State Offices.

Industrial Canal Expansion



1970s

ACORN and a small 9th ward Catholic group fought the Expansion of the Industrial Canal and prevented it at that time from taking 1000 homes.

Strategies included educating the public, mobilizing into direct actions on the Army Corps and elected officials until they helped prevent it.

1998-Katrina

Louisiana ACORN renewed the fight against the Industrial Canal Expansion

- Post Card drive
- Signs in Yards to Mayor Marc Morial and Congressman Jefferson
- Doorknocking with elected officials
- Got Count on Mes from Elected Officials to say they were against the Expansion
- Candidate Forums on the Issues
- Lawsuits to Delay
- Refused to Join the Mitigation Committee – this divided ACORN from all the other groups. Our strategy was no compromise ever.

- Fought for open public meetings
- Action at the Corps pile driving testing

Katrina – fought to save the Lower 9th Ward

ACORN strategy was to not divide the neighborhood into sections but fight for the right to return for the entire neighborhood. You can't concede any part of the neighborhood. No compromise. Very long, hard and bitter fight to save the northside of Lower 9, which was deemed unrecoverable by the City.

2008-2009 again fighting the Industrial Canal Expansion

- Focus on the Corps role in flooding us all during Katrina and the lies around our levee system.
- Louisiana ACORN became A Community Voice in October of 2009.

2017 – Present

- Moving the lock at St Claude to Galvez IS an expansion of the Industrial Canal.
- The Army Corps of Engineers continues its strategy to divide and conquer the community. It has currently prevented full participation by St Bernard Parish in the Historical component of the policy process, but ACV continues to lobby for their participation as well as to keep the community informed of the Corps' dirty misdeeds and the Corps plans to jam it through.
- Got elected officials in St. Bernard Parish to come to the Lower 9th Ward and work together to Stop the Industrial Canal Expansion.



Blight to Bioswales



- Actions/protests have gotten hundreds of blighted lots cut
- Working with LSU Civil & Environmental Engineering Department to install Bioswales/Raingardens in the lower income neighborhoods of New Orleans.
- Testing preamble materials and removing toxics from our water systems.
- Improving drainage and stopping flooding.

ACV STATEWIDE

- Worked with a health care coalition to win Medicaid Expansion for over 480,000 uninsured in Louisiana.
- Worked with the CADA coalition to bring awareness to mass pollution in St. James/St John parishes.
- Training New Generations of leaders in Community Organizing.
- Fighting to change out all lead service lines across the State.
- Documenting and fighting for adequate flood protections.
- Maintains the longest-running local group meeting in Lake Charles, LA every 3rd Thursday for the past 30 years.

Rally for Medicaid Expansion on the Capital Steps in Baton Rouge



Outreach on Flooding & Climate Change



Fighting Blight in
the Upper 9th
Ward



Training New Generations of Community Organizers



Fighting for Equity
in Recovery Funds



Action on Blight in
Lower 9th Ward



Action on Stop
Rape Campaign



Focus Groups on
Lead Poisoning with
Pew Charitable
Trusts



Outreach
Events on
Affordable
Housing

