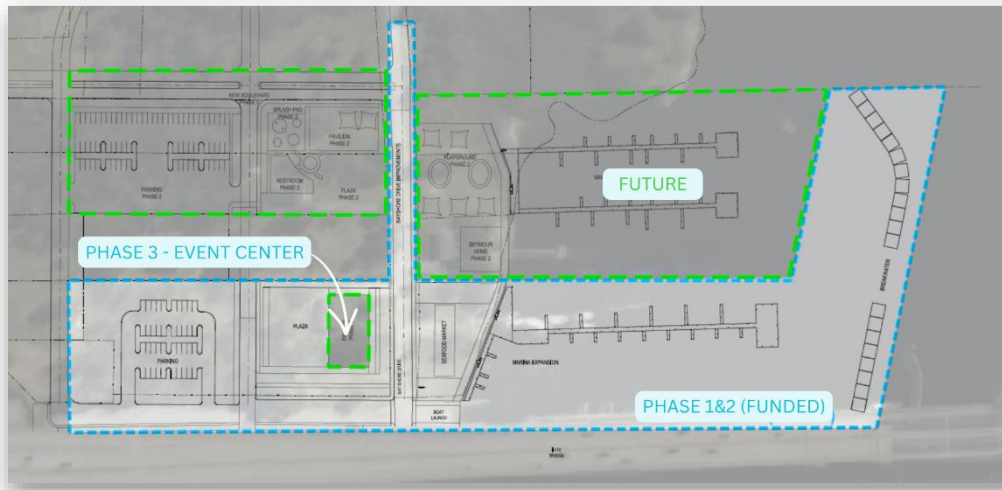


WORKING WATERFRONT AND COMMERCIAL SEAFOOD HARBOR PROJECT – PHASE 3: Waterfront Event Center

Project Description

The City of D'Iberville proposes a modification and expansion of the existing *Working Waterfront and Commercial Seafood Harbor Project* to include Phase 3 construction of a Waterfront Event Center within the City's developing waterfront district on the Back Bay of Biloxi.

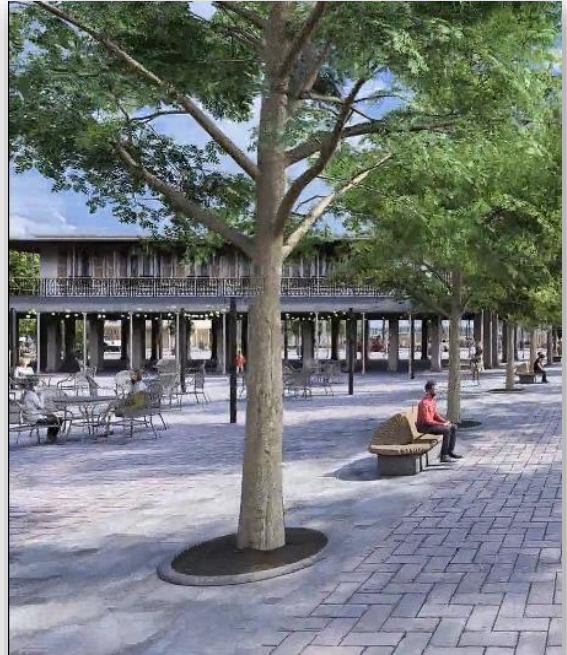


The City is requesting \$2,500,000.00 in GOMESA funding assistance to construct the Waterfront Event Center. The total estimated cost for the Waterfront Event Center is \$6,550,000.00. In addition to the GOMESA funding request, the City of D'Iberville will combine funding from RESTORE Act and Tidelands applications to complete the cost of the event center. This phase represents a major public-use and economic development component of the City's long-term Working Waterfront initiative and will maximize the return on prior RESTORE investments already committed to the harbor, marina, breakwater, bulkhead, boardwalk, and supporting waterfront infrastructure.



The **Waterfront Event Center** will serve as the **economic and community centerpiece** of the Working Waterfront district.

The facility will be designed to complement the adjacent commercial seafood harbor and marina while creating a year-round destination that attracts residents, visitors, businesses, and commercial seafood interests to D'Iberville's waterfront.



Since the early 1990s, the City of D'Iberville has pursued the creation of a working waterfront along the Back Bay of Biloxi as a catalyst for economic development and downtown revitalization. Through prior funding, the City has acquired the necessary property, completed planning and engineering activities, constructed new boat ramps and slips for the marina, advanced environmental permitting, and initiated development of the commercial seafood harbor.

Phase 3 represents the next logical step in implementation by providing the permanent infrastructure necessary to support commercial activity, public access, tourism, and year-round utilization of the City's waterfront investment. While previous phases have focused on creating the physical harbor infrastructure, Phase 3 will create the destination and economic activity that maximizes the long-term economic benefits of prior state and local investments.

Project components may include:

- Construction of a waterfront event center facility
- Flexible indoor and outdoor gathering spaces
- Commercial kitchen and food service support facilities
- Meeting, educational, and workforce development spaces
- Public restrooms and visitor amenities
- Associated parking, utilities, landscaping, and site improvements
- Waterfront access improvements and connectivity to the marina and boardwalk system

The completion of Phase 3 will further GOMESA goals of developing infrastructure that benefits the Gulf Coast economy while enhancing the sustainability, resiliency, and long-term economic viability of D'Iberville's working waterfront. The project will transform prior investments into a fully activated waterfront destination that supports public access for generations to come.