



AVOYELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

SIMMESPORT, LA

LOCATED ON LA HWY 105 SOUTH AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF AVOYELLES PARISH ; APPROXIMATELY 0.3 MILES FROM STATE ROUTE 1183 AND 1.5 MILES FROM LA-1

LOCATED ON THE ATCHAFALAYA RIVER APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES FROM OLD RIVER

THE ATCHAFALAYA RIVER HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CENTERPIECE OF BUSINESS FOR SIMMESPORT.

THE AVOYELLES PARISH PORT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SIMMESPORT. THEY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LEVERAGING PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND DRA INVESTMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE AVOYELLES PARISH PORT AND INDUSTRIAL PARK AND THE EXTENSION OF AN ACCESS RAMP AND ACCESS ROAD TO THE PORT SITE.

THE PORT OWNS APPROXIMATELY 865 ACRES THAT INCLUDE AN AREA FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING BARGES AND HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF LAND ZONED INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL READY FOR DEVELOPMENT BY BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

THE PORT OF AVOYELLES CURRENTLY HAS 2 TENANTS:

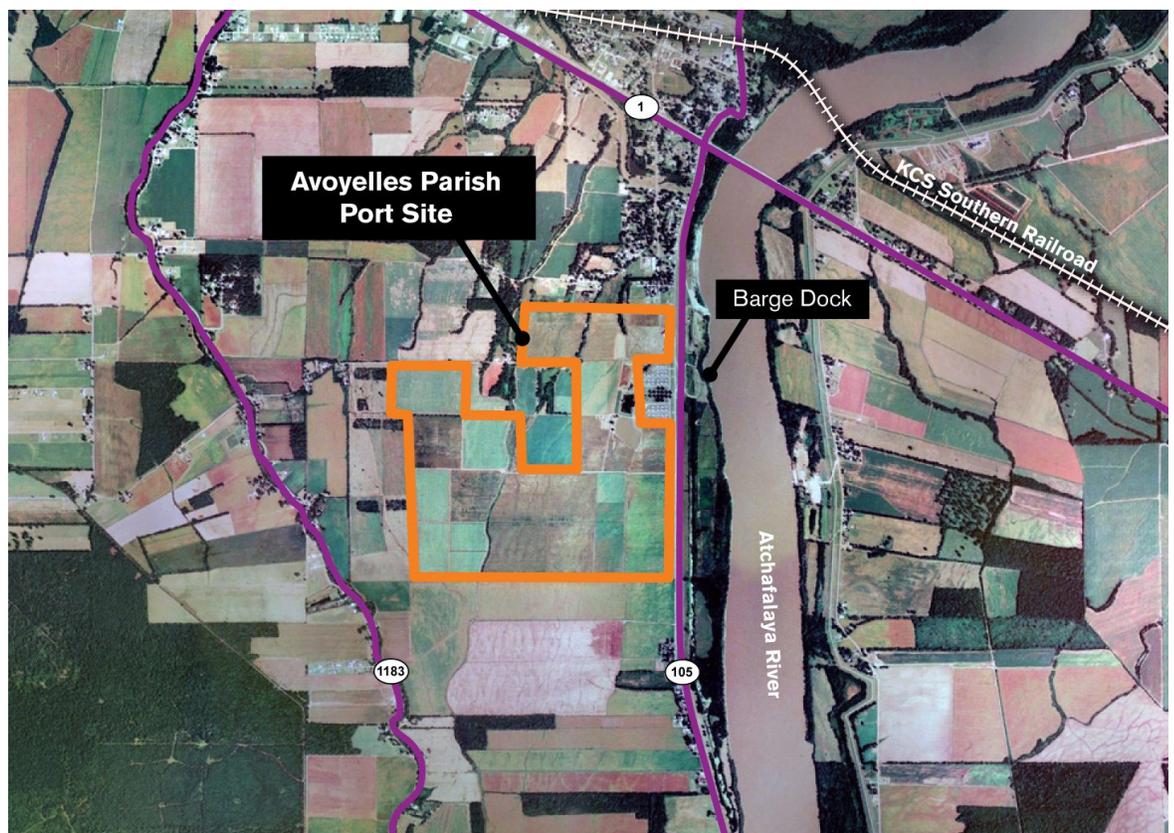
BRUDD CONSTRUCTION—ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

HELENA CHEMICAL COMPANY—PROVIDES THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL COMPANIES WITH FARM CHEMICALS

The Port of Avoyelles continues to develop more property and improve infrastructure to provide for future tenants.

In 2005 a community referred to as “Canadaville” was created in Simmesport by Australian-Canadian industrialist Frank Stronach to serve evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The community occupied 912 acres and officially closed down in 2010. The port inherited about 50 mobile homes when the site was donated to the parish for use by the port for development in 2010. By 2018, there was less than 10 tenants remaining and about half of the units were unsuitable to live in. The Commission determined it was not feasible to be in the housing business. Having a residential community onsite could be a deterrent to the port’s progress, and they began to move forward to remove the residential presence at the port. The last of two home auctions were held recently and that property will be turned back into port industrial development property.

Plans are also being discussed to bring a rail spur from the Kansas City rail line that runs on the north side of Simmesport directly to port property.



197 ACRE LOUISIANA CERTIFIED SITE