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OPELOUSAS CULTURAL DISTRICT EXPANDED

(Opelousas, LA) – The expansion of the Opelousas Cultural District has been approved by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development. The new area is an enlargement of the existing Opelousas Cultural District, which was created in 2012, where the boundaries were the same as the Opelousas Historic District. The cultural district will now expand north to include historical and cultural attractions such as St. Landry Catholic Church, Holy Ghost Catholic Church and the Michel Prudhomme Home.

Along with this designation, property owners are now eligible to apply for state tax credits for renovation projects to historic structures in the district, as well as state sales tax exemption for the sales of original, one-of-a-kind works of art in the district.

The Cultural District Initiative is designed to spur rehabilitation and new growth in communities throughout Louisiana with an eye toward creating dynamic hubs of cultural activity. The mission of the Opelousas Cultural District is to enhance and promote existing cultural heritage using the arts as developmental tools to stimulate economic development. A map of the new cultural district can be found online at www.cityofopelousas.com

The Louisiana Cultural Districts program is an initiative of the Office of the Lt. Governor and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development, and enacted during the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. St Landry Parish towns and cities which have areas designated as cultural districts include Arnaudville, Grand Coteau, Eunice and Sunset. More information about Louisiana Cultural Districts can be found at www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/cultural-districts.