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## St. Bernard is awarded \$60,000

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The St. Bernard Community Foundation has awarded \$60,000 to St. Bernard Parish government, which will allow the parish to hire a consulting firm to rewrite the parish's zoning regulations in an effort to simplify the rebuilding process for officials and private developers.

Donald Poland Consulting, of Hartford, Conn., will update and modernize the regulations by the end of the year, according to a news release from the St. Bernard Community Foundation.

Under the effort, a design development district will be created to introduce mixed uses and the latest in "smart codes" along major entryways and high-traffic areas, such as Judge Perez Drive near Jackson Barracks, the St. Bernard Highway gateway, the parish government complex area and Village Square.

The new designs will allow the parish to phase in more pedestrian-friendly, mixed use development without excessive, complicated requirements that could slow the rate of reinvestment. The approval and permitting processes also will be streamlined.

The St. Bernard Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater New Orleans Foundation.