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## Port Expansion

Since commencing operations in the mid-1990's, the Port's mission has been to serve, not only as a multi-modal commerce hub, but also as a key economic development agency working to attract investments and create and retain jobs at The Port complex, as well as throughout Caddo and Bossier parishes.

On April 9, 2016, a substantial majority of citizens throughout Caddo and Bossier parishes voted to renew a 2.5 mil property tax to support The Port of Caddo-Bossier. In order to continue fulfilling our mission to attract investments and create good paying jobs, these monies will be used to purchase land and to continue developing a multi-modal transportation network to attract world-class industries to North Louisiana.

Shortly after Benteler Steel chose The Port complex as the site for their \$975 million steel tube manufacturing facility, The Port began a thoughtful process for land acquisition for one reason: Of the roughly 2,600 acres that belong to the Port of Caddo-Bossier, only 700-acres of greenfield sites remained available and that acreage was made up of much smaller tracts of land. The Port no longer owned a site that could accommodate another Benteler Steel or Pratt Industries in our area.

As part of an in-depth Five Year Master Plan, this comprehensive expansion plan was completed in the fall of last year and revealed 18 viable sites - roughly 10,000 acres of land - in both Caddo and Bossier Parishes. These sites were determined "viable," because each site met a list of pre-determined criteria. Within these 18 sites are hundreds of separate tracts of land. The Port's goal is to purchase 3,000 acres and develop at least two 500-acre "mega" sites for large footprint companies. The remainder of the property would be for smaller developments in the 10-100 acre range. We believe additional land will facilitate the fulfillment of The Port's mission, which is to enhance commerce, attract dollar investment and create employment for the parishes of Caddo and Bossier.

## Important Links

February 2019 Special Board Meeting Presentation

July 2016 Resolution & Map

Port of Caddo-Bossier – Current Site Map

Port Expansion Study – 18 Candidate Site Map

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