



NEW ORLEANS ILLEGAL DUMPING CONVENING RECOMMENDATIONS

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Participant Recommendations And Proposed Implementation Plan

Participants called for a coordinated response that combines prevention, dependable cleanup, visible accountability, lasting reuse of sites and sustained funding. This report returns their input to participants and provides a shared record for local and state follow-up.

Recommendations at a Glance

Bucket 1 Education and Prevention	Blue
Reach adults, youth and businesses repeatedly; explain reporting and disposal services.	
Bucket 2 Remediation and Waste Management	Green
Make cleanup dependable and disposal convenient; protect sites after debris is removed.	
Bucket 3 Enforcement, Reporting and Notice	Red
Improve 311, track tires from source to disposal and make enforcement outcomes visible.	
Bucket 4 Repurposing and Beautification	Purple
Move neglected sites into responsible care and create lasting community uses.	
Bucket 5 Funding and Resources	Orange
Fund public services and community work through dependable, diverse resources.	

These are participant proposals, not adopted policy or confirmed commitments. No vote totals or priority rankings were supplied. Repeated entries are retained in the complete record; the local and state tables consolidate related ideas.

How to Read and Use this Report

The report follows the bucket numbers and colors in the September 24 support team planning agenda. The supplied recommendation document used a different order; recommendations remain in their original work areas and are renumbered here to match the convening materials.

The implementation plan comes first, followed by the complete recommendation record. The L/S registers give every consolidated local and state proposal a proposed lead, support request and first deliverable. The bucket record preserves all 174 listed entries and their original action-level tags.

How We Work Together

Group	Contribution
Core	Coordinates, communicates and keeps the work moving.
Stakeholders	Bring knowledge, authority, services, relationships and resources.
Base	Residents, neighborhoods and community groups bring direct experience and community priorities.

Commitment, consistency and continual collaboration connect the people to all five areas of work. Community knowledge should remain central as recommendations are refined and acted on.

From Recommendations to Follow Through

Begin with the written handoffs and action register in this report. Confirm owners by email or written response, use existing service and approval processes, and report progress in writing. A new general meeting is not a prerequisite for sending requests, producing evidence or starting approved service work.

Before implementation, confirm current service information, funding eligibility and legal authority. The record includes distinct ideas about free and fee-based disposal, surveillance, land stewardship, tire reuse and youth work. These alternatives remain visible for discussion rather than being treated as settled decisions.

Participant Feedback

Participants can identify omissions, clarify a recommendation or offer resources and support by contacting Sage Michael at sagemichael@healthygulf.org. Include the bucket and recommendation reference when possible.

Put the Recommendations into Action

Every consolidated local and state recommendation now has a proposed lead, a specific support request and a first deliverable. These implementation steps were developed for this report on October 6 2026; they are not additional participant-card submissions or confirmed agency commitments.

The proposed lead is the office to approach first for responsibility or referral. Supporting partners provide the resources listed. A named staff contact becomes the accountable owner only after accepting the work in writing. Targets run from the date the request is sent, not from the convening date.

Start with Written Handoffs

Target	Who could coordinate	What to do
Days 1 to 3	Proposed coordinator Sage Michael or a designated Healthy Gulf staff member	Send each office only its relevant L/S references. Ask for a named owner, a first-step response and any resource or authority gap. Record sent date and reply deadline.
By day 7	Proposed coordinator and receiving offices	Record accepted, referred, clarification needed or not accepted. No response remains pending. Send one reminder, then route an unresolved agency request through its director or appropriate Council district office.
By day 14	Accepting lead with supporting partners	Deliver the first listed product or a written barrier and decision request. Related references may share one product, but each reference keeps a status.
By day 30	Proposed coordinator and accepting leads	Publish a written status update with owners, delivered products, pilot results and unresolved decisions. Use existing agency processes and committee channels for approvals; the planning team does not need a new general meeting to start.

Recommended first batch: send Sanitation L02, L07 and L14 for a hot-spot cleanup pilot; 311 L22 through L26 for a reporting test; city communications L29 and L30 for verified education materials; the city property lead L35 and L36 for a stewardship pilot; and LDEQ S01, S02, S03 and S08 for tire-program review and agency routing. These are proposed starting points based on connected tasks, not a participant vote or ranking.

Make Support Specific and Trackable

Ask each partner for a concrete contribution: crew hours, equipment, hauling capacity, disposal receipts, a site permission, data, an approved message, a staff contact or a cost funding request. Avoid open-ended requests to help. Residents and community groups can supply local knowledge and follow-up observations; accepting agencies remain responsible for public services within their authority.

Track for each L or S reference	Required entry
Owner	Named staff contact and written acceptance date, or pending confirmation.
Support	Partner, specific resource offered and whether confirmed.

Track for each L or S reference	Required entry
First deliverable	Product named in the action register, request date and target date.
Status	Not sent; awaiting acceptance; accepted; in progress; blocked; completed.
Evidence and next decision	Link or file for the deliverable; unresolved barrier; person who can decide; next response date.

Measure delivery and results separately. A submitted proposal is complete as a proposal, not as implementation. For site work, record before/after evidence, disposal receipts where applicable, revisit results and repeat dumping. For 311 work, record routing and closure accuracy. For policy work, record the written decision, approval stage and funding gap.

Community and Private Partners Can Start Too

Partner	Concrete support request	First product
Neighborhood associations and resident groups	Send mapped sites, ticket numbers and recurrence dates; test the reporting card and share verified materials. Offer a steward or liaison for a specific site.	Within 7 days: site list and named contact.
Cleanup organizations	Submit a short scope with crew capacity, tools, hauling/disposal needs, cost and follow-up plan. Work at authorized sites.	Within 14 days: costed scope and capacity offer linked to L03.
Tire businesses and processors	Provide current authorized disposal routes, records and costs; offer a compliant partnership or processing quote.	Within 14 days: written offer linked to L06 or S01.
Businesses and sponsors	Offer a defined contribution such as printing, disposal sponsorship, equipment, staff time or a maintenance pledge.	Within 14 days: amount or in-kind value, conditions and recipient.
Schools, youth ministries and universities	Offer approved curriculum or supervised service-learning placements. Scope age-appropriate tasks and operator approvals before youth activity.	Within 14 days: pilot classroom or program contact linked to L31.
Arts and reuse partners	Offer a site-specific design or material-reuse concept, permissions needed, costs and upkeep plan.	Within 30 days: feasible concept linked to L38, L41 or S11.
Community event organizers	Request a verified education table at an existing event, or submit a costed festival/fundraiser concept rather than committing to a new event.	Within 14 days: confirmed outreach slot or event concept.

Other card ideas remain available in the complete record, including surveillance methods, youth apprenticeships, corporate partnerships and distinct tire-reuse designs. Related ideas can enter the action route for their work area; ideas without a consolidated L/S reference need a scoped written proposal and an accepting lead before implementation. No original card entry is removed.

Local Recommendation Action Register

Proposed leads and supporting partners below have not been confirmed. First-step targets begin when requests are sent. References match the consolidated recommendation list in the earlier report. Each recommendation is retained; ownership is refined to an initial routing proposal.

Education and Prevention

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L29 Run a citywide Stop the Litter campaign, with 311 and bulk pickup education Work areas Education	Proposed lead City communications lead with Sanitation Support needed Healthy Gulf, neighborhood groups, schools and businesses offer distribution channels and audience testing.	Within 7 days, draft prevention, reporting and disposal messages using verified service information. Output by day 14: approved starter materials and publishing schedule; track reach and reporting use.
L30 Distribute 311 "push cards" and run commercials, billboards and flyers Work areas Education; Enforcement	Proposed lead 311 communications lead Support needed Community groups, schools and businesses distribute materials; media partners offer placement or in-kind support.	Within 7 days, draft and test a one-page reporting card. Output by day 14: agency-checked card and distribution list; request quotes before committing to paid placements.
L31 Teach prevention in early-education centers, schools and electives for 7th and 8th graders Work areas Education; Funding	Proposed lead Participating school operator curriculum lead Support needed NOLA Public Schools, early-learning providers and Healthy Gulf educators offer curriculum and pilot classrooms.	Within 14 days, seek written interest from school operators and draft age-appropriate lessons. Output by day 30: pilot partner, lesson plan and approval requirements; electives require operator approval.
L32 Commission a cost-of-dumping meter and post it publicly Work areas Education	Proposed lead City finance or performance lead Support needed Sanitation provides labor, hauling and disposal costs; a university economics partner helps calculate estimates.	Within 14 days, request available cost data and define the method. Output by day 30: sourced baseline estimate; label limitations before publishing a cost meter.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L33 Survey residents to gauge the community pulse Work areas Education	Proposed lead Council district constituent-services lead Support needed Neighborhood groups recruit respondents; Healthy Gulf helps consolidate results across districts.	Within 7 days, circulate a short common survey on dumping, disposal access and service response. Output by day 14: district summaries with response counts and gaps in representation.

Remediation and Waste Management

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L02 Add sanitation resources now to remediate dumping promptly Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation Support needed Contractors provide crew availability, equipment and lawful disposal capacity; residents identify recurring sites.	Within 7 days, request a surge schedule for selected hot spots using available capacity. Output by day 14: crew dates, disposal destination and before/after records.
L08 Increase pickup days and keep weekly large-item pickup consistent Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation contract management Support needed Collection contractors provide route capacity; residents document missed collections and bulk-service gaps.	Within 14 days, compare requested weekly bulk pickup and added days with current contracts. Output by day 30: corrected service schedule or costed contract-change proposal.
L09 Hold a quarterly designated dump day Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation Support needed Authorized haulers and disposal facilities quote services; community groups identify accessible locations and outreach channels.	Within 14 days, scope one collection event with accepted materials, capacity and costs. Output by day 30: feasible pilot date or written resource gap; use results to assess quarterly events.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L10 Add more free, well-kept drop-off sites, especially for furniture, appliances and tires Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation Support needed City property staff locate sites; LDEQ advises requirements; operators price hauling, staffing and disposal.	Within 30 days, screen candidate sites for access, ownership, permitted materials and operating costs. Output: ranked site options and one proposed free-disposal pilot.
L11 Provide dumpsters for residents; consider a fee-based drop-off for very large loads Work areas Education; Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation Support needed Haulers quote supervised dumpsters; neighborhood groups identify demand; finance staff compare resident and commercial load costs.	Within 14 days, scope a supervised dumpster pilot and separate household service from large-load proposals. Output by day 30: materials rules, cost and fee/free-service options.
L12 Deliver two trash cans to every household automatically Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation cart program Support needed 311 and contractors identify missing carts and delivery capacity; residents verify household needs.	Within 14 days, confirm current cart entitlement before proposing two carts automatically. Output by day 30: missing-cart delivery list plus cost and eligibility review of the two-cart proposal.
L13 Pay residents to bring in tires and large items Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation Support needed LDEQ, finance staff and authorized operators help design traceable incentives; residents identify barriers.	Within 30 days, assess a capped redemption pilot with eligible items, origin checks and disposal receipts. Output: costed design that avoids paying for unverified or imported waste.
L14 Set follow-up schedules and maintenance contracts, with a named person accountable for each site Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Sanitation site operations lead Support needed Public Works and the property custodian identify maintenance needs; community groups provide repeat-site observations.	Within 7 days, assign a proposed custodian to each pilot site. Output by day 14: maintenance checklist, revisit dates and escalation contact; record recurrence at day 30.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L15 Let the city clean private lots while court cases play out Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Code Enforcement director Support needed City legal staff assess access, notice and court constraints; Council staff review any needed ordinance change.	Within 14 days, submit recurring private-lot cases for a written review of existing cleanup authority. Output by day 30: lawful case-specific route or narrowly defined policy-change request.
L16 Set stiffer fines for owners who let dumping pile up, and higher fines for violators Work areas Remediation; Enforcement	Proposed lead Council policy staff Support needed Code Enforcement, Sanitation enforcement and city legal staff provide current penalties, collection results and repeat-offender data.	Within 30 days, compare current penalties with enforcement gaps and draft options for stronger consequences. Output: ordinance concept with authority, due process and implementation costs.
L20 Have NOPD write up violations and monitor active sites regularly Work areas Remediation; Enforcement	Proposed lead NOPD district command Support needed Sanitation enforcement coordinates coverage; residents provide dates, locations and incident numbers.	Within 7 days, request targeted patrol attention at selected repeat sites. Output by day 14: assigned contact, applicable response route and documented patrol or referral plan.
L21 Grow the Department of Code Enforcement Work areas Remediation; Enforcement	Proposed lead Code Enforcement director Support needed Mayor budget staff cost additional positions; Council reviews funding; residents provide backlog examples.	Within 14 days, request vacancy, caseload and response-time data. Output by day 30: staffing request tied to inspection and resolution targets.

Enforcement, Reporting and Notice

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L07 Focus resources, cameras and monitoring on hot spots Work areas Funding; Remediation; Enforcement	Proposed lead Sanitation operations and enforcement lead Support needed NOPD, 311 and community partners contribute repeat-site data, patrol capacity and site observations.	Within 7 days, select a small hot-spot pilot using severity and recurrence. Output by day 14: cleanup and monitoring assignments; camera proposals require site authority, privacy rules and costs.
L17 Require community service in the area where violators dumped Work areas Education; Enforcement	Proposed lead Appropriate court or diversion administrator Support needed Prosecutors, city legal staff and cleanup groups assess authorized service options, supervision and safe tasks.	Within 30 days, request an authority review and draft a supervised cleanup-service protocol where legally available. Output: eligible cases, placement process and completion documentation.
L18 Revoke business licenses of businesses caught dumping Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead City licensing authority and legal staff Support needed Safety and Permits, finance/licensing staff and investigators establish which license and sanction apply.	Within 30 days, identify available license sanctions and evidence requirements. Output: referral checklist or proposed amendment; no automatic revocation without the required process.
L19 Prosecute violators to the fullest extent, and do it visibly Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead Orleans Parish District Attorney or appropriate prosecutor Support needed Sanitation enforcement and NOPD provide documented case referrals; community partners provide usable observations.	Within 14 days, request an evidence checklist and designated referral contact. Output by day 30: usable referral protocol and non-identifying case-status reporting approach, subject to case restrictions.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L22 Simplify 311 with map pins or parcel IDs instead of addresses, and modernize categories Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead 311 service owner Support needed City IT/GIS and Assessor staff help link map pins, parcels and service categories; residents supply no-address test cases.	Within 14 days, test a small set of known reporting failures. Output by day 30: requirements and a map/parcel intake pilot or usable interim location workaround.
L23 Close 311 tickets only after the reporter confirms the issue is resolved Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead 311 service owner Support needed Responding departments provide completion evidence; residents test confirmation and reopening options.	Within 14 days, review prematurely closed tickets and draft a confirmation workflow. Output by day 30: pilot closure rule with photo evidence, response window and a fallback when reporters cannot be reached.
L24 Send 311 status updates by text or email Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead 311 service owner Support needed IT and communications staff assess notification tools, consent and language access; residents test messages.	Within 14 days, draft status messages and test available notification functions. Output by day 30: proposed text/email pilot with opt-in, delivery checks and assigned response contact.
L25 Build a better public 311 dashboard, with easy access to images and tickets for remediation sites Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead City IT/GIS dashboard lead Support needed 311 and Sanitation define fields and update frequency; residents identify useful public information.	Within 14 days, request a sanitized ticket export and draft a simple site-status view. Output by day 30: public pilot or mockup showing open, cleaned and recurring sites without personal data.
L26 Audit 311 monthly; audit Assessor records so every property matches the 311 database Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead 311 quality assurance lead Support needed City GIS and Assessor staff validate parcel mismatches; responding agencies supply closure evidence.	Within 14 days, sample tickets and cross-check location, routing and resolution. Output by day 30: mismatch list, corrections owner and monthly audit checklist.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L27 Use college IT students to support 311 follow-up Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead 311 service owner Support needed University IT/service-learning coordinators recruit supervised students; city IT controls access and security.	Within 14 days, request a scoped university partnership. Output by day 30: project agreement, supervisor and sanitized tasks; students do not receive unrestricted resident records.
L28 Accept video evidence for agency accountability Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead Mayor performance or accountability lead Support needed City legal and records staff define evidence handling; residents provide timestamps and original files.	Within 14 days, draft a secure submission and retention procedure for service-response evidence. Output by day 30: accepted format, review owner and escalation path; separate service review from criminal evidence.

Repurposing and Beautification

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L35 Adopt a nonprofit stewardship policy for blighted, abandoned lots Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead City property-management lead Support needed Code Enforcement identifies candidate lots; city legal staff and nonprofits review ownership, agreements and maintenance capacity.	Within 14 days, screen a small list of candidate lots. Output by day 30: stewardship-agreement outline and eligible pilot site; private land requires owner consent or lawful authority.
L36 Name the agency responsible for maintaining each city-owned site Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Mayor administration property-management lead Support needed City departments verify ownership and custody; residents identify unclear responsibility at repeat sites.	Within 7 days, circulate a pilot-site custodian list for agency correction. Output by day 14: named maintenance department and escalation contact for each verified city site.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L37 Light cleaned sites well and add them to a regular upkeep list Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Public Works lighting lead and site custodian Support needed Parks or other custodians provide upkeep schedules; residents identify outages and repeat dumping.	Within 14 days, inspect pilot-site lighting and submit repair tickets. Output by day 30: repair status, costed upgrades where needed and maintenance revisit schedule.
L38 Plant trees and add green infrastructure on cleaned sites; build parks and gardens Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Parks and Parkways site-project lead Support needed Public Works, Waters By You partners and residents assess drainage, soil, access and desired use.	Within 14 days, select one consented, suitable pilot site and sketch a community-supported design. Output by day 30: scope, cost, site assessment needs and named long-term custodian.
L39 Name restored sites after local culture bearers Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Council district office Support needed Residents and culture bearers propose names; property custodians identify naming procedure and signage needs.	Within 14 days, collect nominations and confirm the applicable naming process. Output by day 30: nomination packet with community support and sign/upkeep cost.
L40 Run citywide beautification contests with prize money for upkeep Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Mayor administration neighborhood-engagement lead Support needed Community groups propose judging criteria; sponsors identify prizes and maintenance support.	Within 30 days, draft contest rules and request sponsorship pledges. Output: feasible contest budget, transparent judging and an upkeep requirement before launch.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L41 Buy or partner on a tire grinder, and reuse tires as planters, barricades and art Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Sanitation materials-reuse lead Support needed LDEQ, permitted processors and businesses supply processing requirements, quotes and market demand; arts partners assess reuse options.	Within 30 days, compare permitted processing partnerships with equipment purchase. Output: feasibility memo with buyers, costs and environmental controls; approve reuse designs before placing tires at sites.
L42 Designate official, monitored drop-off sites Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Sanitation disposal-access lead Support needed City property staff and LDEQ assess sites; operators quote staffing and transport; residents identify access needs.	Within 30 days, assess one monitored drop-off pilot with materials, hours and removal schedule. Output: authorized-site plan and costs; do not designate an unmanaged dump as an official site.

Funding and Resources

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L01 Fund sanitation, code enforcement and city services at levels that match the problem Work areas Funding; Remediation	Proposed lead Mayor budget office; Council budget oversight Support needed Sanitation and Code Enforcement provide backlog, staffing and disposal costs; community groups document service gaps.	Within 14 days, request a costed service-gap memo and identify an existing appropriation, adjustment or next budget request. Output: line-item request with expected service improvement.
L03 Fund and formally partner with community organizations doing cleanup work Work areas Funding; Remediation	Proposed lead Mayor administration grants or contracts lead Support needed Cleanup groups submit scope, service area, unit cost and capacity; Council supports a lawful funding route.	Within 14 days, collect short cleanup proposals and request an eligible grant or contracting mechanism. Output by day 30: proposed pilot scope, funding source and selection method.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
L04 Create a simpler, uniform process for community groups to access funding Work areas Funding	Proposed lead Mayor administration grants lead Support needed Community groups test a short application; finance and legal staff check eligibility and payment rules.	Within 14 days, draft one intake form and checklist; circulate for written corrections. Output by day 30: designated intake contact and simplified pilot process.
L05 Create a security-district-style tax, or use TIF and other tax tools Work areas Funding	Proposed lead Council fiscal staff Support needed City finance, legal staff and affected residents assess options, distribution of costs and required approvals.	Within 30 days, request a comparison of a district tax, TIF and existing revenues, including authority, cost and equity. Output: options memo; any tax proposal follows the required approval process.
L06 Incentivize tire businesses in New Orleans East to participate Work areas Funding	Proposed lead City economic development lead Support needed Tire businesses supply disposal costs and participation barriers; LDEQ explains program requirements.	Within 14 days, invite written expressions of interest in a compliant tire-disposal partnership. Output by day 30: incentive concept with eligibility, cost and documented disposal requirements.
L34 Hold district-level forums on dumping, using one approach citywide Work areas Funding; Enforcement	Proposed lead Council district constituent-services lead Support needed Community organizations collect written priorities and support offers; agencies respond to routed issues.	Within 7 days, use the same written intake across districts instead of waiting for forums. Output by day 14: district action list; use existing office hours for follow-up only where needed.

State Recommendation Action Register

Proposed leads and supporting partners below have not been confirmed. First-step targets begin when requests are sent. References match the consolidated recommendation list in the earlier report. Each recommendation is retained; ownership is refined to an initial routing proposal.

The state task force can receive and synthesize proposals, while the appropriate agency or Legislature must decide administrative, funding and legislative changes. LDEQ already publishes waste-tire manifest, payment and reporting tools; S01 and S02 therefore start with a review of existing controls and gaps. A proposed law is a drafting or review step, not a promised outcome.

Education and Prevention

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
S12 Track water and air quality in high-dumping areas Work areas Education	Proposed lead LDEQ environmental assessment lead Support needed LDH, community partners and a qualified university/laboratory partner identify exposure concerns and sampling needs.	Within 14 days, submit mapped sites and observations for technical screening. Output by day 30: sampling decision or plan with parameters, quality controls, funding and result-sharing method.
S14 Pass a law requiring schools to provide mental health support to students and parents Work areas Education	Proposed lead Legislative sponsor office Support needed Louisiana education and health agencies, school operators, parents and students assess existing support and gaps.	Within 30 days, scope the proposed mental-health requirement, staffing, access and costs. Output: education-policy referral memo; assess separately from dumping prevention before any bill request.

Remediation and Waste Management

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
S09 Pass a law that residents are not charged for government-paid disposal services Work areas Remediation	Proposed lead Legislative sponsor office Support needed LDEQ, municipal operators and legislative fiscal/legal staff compare fees, publicly funded services and access gaps.	Within 30 days, define which charges participants want removed and how service will be funded. Output: scoped policy memo; seek drafting only after fiscal and authority review.

Enforcement, Reporting and Notice

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
S01 Track waste tires from vendor to disposal, including tires coming in from out of state Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead LDEQ Waste Tire Program Support needed Tire vendors, authorized haulers and processors supply sample records; task-force partners document missing links.	Within 14 days, request current manifest, origin and reconciliation procedures. Output by day 30: gap memo covering vendor-to-processor records and out-of-state tires; propose administrative fixes first.
S02 Pay tire processors only after a paper trail confirms proper disposal Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead LDEQ Waste Tire Program payment administrator Support needed Program compliance and finance staff explain existing payment checks; processors identify reconciliation barriers.	Within 14 days, request payment-verification requirements. Output by day 30: control-gap memo and proposed corrective procedure or specific rule/statute change if needed.
S03 Audit tire businesses Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead LDEQ compliance lead Support needed Waste Tire Program supplies registered-business data; local enforcement provides documented anomalies.	Within 14 days, request a risk-based audit review of recurring tire sources. Output by day 30: agency response on audit priorities and allowable reporting of findings.
S04 Live monitoring of dumping sites with Wildlife & Fisheries and Levee Board Police Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead Relevant landowner and enforcement agency lead Support needed LDWF, levee police and local enforcement determine jurisdiction; technology staff cost monitoring and evidence storage.	Within 14 days, confirm jurisdiction at proposed pilot sites. Output by day 30: monitoring scope, responsible reviewer and cost; camera operation needs authorized access and evidence rules.
S05 Make it easier to report dumping to LDWF and LDEQ Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead LDEQ complaint-intake lead Support needed LDWF supplies its appropriate reporting route; 311 and community partners test referrals.	Within 7 days, request verified state complaint channels and routing criteria. Output by day 14: shared reporting guide with reference numbers and a missed-referral escalation route.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
S06 Fund more state enforcement officers Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead Relevant state agency budget lead Support needed LDEQ and LDWF document workloads and vacancies; legislative budget offices assess funding routes.	Within 30 days, request a costed staffing need tied to inspection or case-response targets. Output: agency funding request for legislative consideration, with ongoing costs identified.
S07 Barricade unused access roads on state and levee land Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead DOTD or levee property custodian for each road Support needed Emergency-access staff, enforcement and residents identify problem access points and service needs.	Within 14 days, request ownership and access review of identified roads. Output by day 30: approved barrier locations, costs and installation plan that preserves necessary access.
S08 Remove barriers so state, federal and local agencies work in concert Work areas Enforcement	Proposed lead LDEQ task-force coordination lead Support needed Local and state agencies name referral contacts; legal staff identify specific data-sharing or jurisdiction barriers.	Within 7 days, circulate a contact-and-referral matrix for written correction. Output by day 14: agreed routing; output by day 30: identified barriers and proposed written agreements or targeted policy changes.

Repurposing and Beautification

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
S10 Pass a law letting the state or city give property owners the option to convert blighted land to green infrastructure, splash pads, substations, affordable housing, cooling stations, solar parks or wellness spaces Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead Legislative sponsor office Support needed City property/legal staff, community groups and landowners identify barriers to voluntary conversion.	Within 30 days, compare existing stewardship/conversion tools with the proposal. Output: specific authority-gap memo and, only if required, draft request preserving consent and property rights.

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
S11 Beautify interstate exits and grassy areas with art Work areas Repurposing	Proposed lead DOTD district asset-management lead Support needed Arts organizations and communities propose designs; maintenance crews assess right-of-way conditions.	Within 14 days, identify a candidate location and request written site requirements. Output by day 30: design concept, permissions, cost and maintenance sponsor before installation.

Funding and Resources

Reference and recommendation	Who could own the work and what help looks like	First action and evidence of progress
S13 Pass a law creating environmental grants for youth Work areas Funding	Proposed lead Legislative sponsor office Support needed Youth groups, schools and grant administrators define eligible activities, award sizes and administration costs.	Within 30 days, prepare a youth-grant concept and inventory existing funding routes. Output: costed program outline and administrative option or bill-drafting request where required.

Bucket 1 Education and Prevention

Color Blue | Participant input

What participants said

"If you know better, you do better." Participants called for a sustained, repeated, multi-channel campaign that reaches adults, youth and businesses; teaches people how to use 311 and bulk pickup; and makes the cost of dumping visible.

Multiple campaigns for multiple audiences: prevention, community reporting, and messaging about penalties.

Teach existing services: 311 how-to cards and bulk pickup steps.

Meet people where they are: TV, social media, billboards, schools, churches, and events.

Start young: early education, middle school electives, and youth stewardship.

Make cost visible: clear trash boxes, a cost meter, and dumping-site tours.

Community ownership: signage, symbols, neighborhood partnerships, and resident surveys.

Complete Recommendations

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
1.01	Communicate through the mayor's office, the city newsletter and social media.	Local
1.02	Put anti-dumping messages on City Sanitation bus signs.	Local
1.03	Offer environmental education and electives in schools for 7th and 8th graders.	Local
1.04	Give schools incentives, and engage college students studying environmental fields.	Local
1.05	Engage church youth ministries.	Community
1.06	Adopt-a-Corner with student service hours.	Community
1.07	Have businesses give incentives for participation.	Private
1.08	Bring outside organizations in to give service hours on city-organized projects.	Local
1.09	Run a campaign on the harmful impact of illegal dumping: "If you know better, you do better."	Local
1.10	Reach parents and pre-school children, not just older youth.	Community
1.11	Educate businesses about dumping.	Local
1.12	Create a one-page "push card" on how to file a 311 dumping complaint.	Local
1.13	Table on tires and public health at Bugfest in October.	Community
1.14	Increase interest in education among adults.	Community

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1.15	Create stewardship training for organizations and churches so they can both resource and report.	Community
1.16	Educate youth and young adults through environmental stewardship programs.	Community
1.17	Track water and air quality data in high-dumping areas.	State
1.18	Teach prevention in early-education centers: why litter and dumping harm health, economic development and quality of life.	Local
1.19	Promote the city's bulk item collection for large items, furniture, vegetative debris, white goods, e-waste and tires.	Local
1.20	Teach the bulk pickup steps: request through 311, set debris at the curb the evening before collection, and keep it clear of trees, utility lines, fire hydrants and mailboxes.	Local
1.21	Split education into three tracks: prevention curriculum that builds a culture of caring, a community "see something, say something" campaign, and messaging about penalties to deter offenders.	Local
1.22	Schools should provide mental health support to students and parents, written into law.	State
1.23	Teach the importance of a clean environment and how contaminants affect the body.	Community
1.24	Require people caught dumping to do community service in the area where they dumped.	Local
1.25	Place a large clear box in high-traffic areas and fill it with trash collected by neighborhood teams.	Community
1.26	Have an economist build a progress meter of the cost of illegal dumping and post it on a large banner.	Local
1.27	Offer tours for residents to see illegal dumping sites.	Community
1.28	Run Community Ownership campaigns with signage, spray-painted symbols, sayings and action steps.	Community
1.29	Launch a professional TV and social media prevention campaign aimed at youth that shows the mental, emotional, environmental and community impacts of dumping.	Local
1.30	Create signage and include beautification in campaigns.	Local
1.31	Improve collective advertising.	Community
1.32	Form community partnerships with neighborhood associations.	Community
1.33	Make sure dumping areas are monitored.	Local

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
1.34	Start neighborhood watch groups.	Community
1.35	Run an effective social media campaign.	Community
1.36	Promote 311 more often through commercials, billboards and flyers.	Local
1.37	Go into schools to educate students.	Local
1.38	Create a citywide Stop the Litter campaign, neighborhood by neighborhood, with recycling education.	Local
1.39	Have teams of public officials run community surveys to gauge the community pulse and earn buy-in.	Local
1.40	Create a place that accepts large dumping for a fee.	Local

Bucket 2 Remediation and Waste Management

Color Green | Participant input

What participants said

Cleanup today is too slow and unreliable, and debris left in place draws more dumping. Participants want scheduled service, free and convenient disposal, clear accountability, and a community "force multiplier" to clear the backlog so government can maintain.

Capacity and response time: add sanitation resources in the short term.

Easy, free disposal: more drop-off sites, more pickup days, quarterly dump days, and cans for every household.

Reliable systems: follow-up schedules, maintenance contracts, and a named person accountable for each site.

Private property: let the city clean lots during court cases, and set stiffer fines.

Collective effort: government, organizations, households, and residents working in tiers.

Tires at the source: corporate recycling and reuse.

Complete Recommendations

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
2.01	Provide dedicated funding for remediation.	Local
2.02	Assign committees to actively monitor dumping sites.	Local / Community
2.03	Schedule regular pickups.	Local
2.04	Create a dump site location.	Local
2.05	Set planned follow-up schedules and maintenance plans with contracts and checks and balances.	Local
2.06	Appoint someone to move each project along, while building community stewardship to maintain the space.	Local / Community
2.07	Build a reliable reporting and follow-up system first.	Local
2.08	Revise and tighten the city's ability to clean up private lots while court processes play out.	Local
2.09	Impose stiffer fines on private property owners who let dumping collect over time.	Local
2.10	Allow college students to earn service hours for cleanups.	Local
2.11	Build up code enforcement and the sanitation department.	Local
2.12	Fund community organizations doing the cleanup work.	Local

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
2.13	Ask Firestone about re-used waste tire volume and a corporate recycling program to keep tires from clogging waterways and drainage (River Network; contact Dr. Jeff Ambrose, The 3rd Line NOLA).	Private
2.14	Implement more robust 311 reporting and tracking.	Local
2.15	Focus on hot spots and high-risk zones.	Local
2.16	Clarify which application city cleanup workers use after remediation.	Local
2.17	Short term: add sanitation resources to remediate dumping promptly, since debris left in place attracts more and waste tires breed mosquitoes.	Local
2.18	Make cleanup, collection, disposal and site restoration more reliable.	Local
2.19	Do not charge residents for government-paid services; pass a state law to that effect.	State
2.20	Identify the most active dump sites and install cameras at all of them.	Local
2.21	Have NOPD monitor active sites on a regular basis.	Local
2.22	Keep large-waste pickup consistent, weekly.	Local
2.23	Use facial recognition technology to deter illegal dumping.	Local
2.24	Organize a collective, tiered effort across government, organizations, community, households and individuals to build self-determination and community buy-in.	Community
2.25	Track cleaned areas by location and keep them on a pickup schedule.	Local
2.26	Protect cleaned areas from repeat dumping.	Local
2.27	Provide more free dumping sites.	Local
2.28	Hold a designated dump day quarterly.	Local
2.29	Provide more places to dispose of furniture and appliances, the most-dumped items besides tires.	Local
2.30	Provide dumpsters for residents, as some northern parishes do.	Local
2.31	Actively encourage recycling and repurposing of dumped items.	Local
2.32	Increase pickup days.	Local
2.33	Make free dumping sites environmentally pleasing.	Local
2.34	Pay residents to bring in hard-to-dispose refuse such as tires and large items.	Local
2.35	Deliver two trash cans to every household automatically, since many residents don't know they are available.	Local
2.36	Treat community as a force multiplier to clear the backlog; government then maintains.	Local / Community

Bucket 3 Enforcement, Reporting and Notice

Color Red | Participant input

What participants said

Participants described 311 as the front door for reporting and called for a simpler, map-based, transparent system; tire tracking from vendor to disposal; and visible consequences.

Fix 311: map pins instead of addresses, modern categories, status updates, a public dashboard, and closure only after the reporter confirms.

Track tires end to end: audits, vendor-assigned tracking, and no payment without a paper trail.

Visible consequences: higher fines, community service, prosecution, and loss of business licenses.

Watch hot spots: cameras, penalty signage, live monitoring, and barricaded access roads.

Residents as eyes on the street: reporting tools, campaigns modeled on Crime Stoppers, and community events.

Agencies in concert: remove barriers between local, state and federal agencies.

Complete Recommendations

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
3.01	Use home cameras, app updates and phone reports as evidence.	Community
3.02	Use door-knocking surveys, citations and door warnings.	Local
3.03	Send email newsletters.	Local
3.04	Run organized campaigns like Crime Stoppers or Night Out Against Crime, but for dumping and cleanup.	Community
3.05	Let users drop a debris location on a map in the 311 tool.	Local
3.06	Organize enforcement around equipment, community education and reporting integrated with 311, tire tracking, progress tracking, and a no-money-without-a-paper-trail policy.	Local
3.07	Audit the Assessor's Office so every property in the city is properly identified and matches the 311 database.	Local
3.08	Expand 311 support services through college IT departments, using students for follow-up.	Local
3.09	Audit the 311 system monthly to track progress.	Local
3.10	Create a better public 311 dashboard.	Local
3.11	Have 311 report a completed action only after the person who reported it confirms the issue is resolved.	Local
3.12	Make images and tickets tied to remediation sites easier to view.	Local

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
3.13	Write into policy that video evidence showing the timeframe of an issue and the response counts toward agency accountability.	Local
3.14	Send timely agency updates by text or email, which helps when there's no standard address.	Local
3.15	Increase fine amounts and give violators community service hours.	Local
3.16	Encourage residents to report illegal dumping and record license plate numbers.	Community
3.17	Get NOPD to more actively write up violations.	Local
3.18	Report dumping to Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries and the Louisiana DEQ.	State
3.19	Prosecute violators to the fullest extent possible.	Local
3.20	Fund more enforcement officers.	Local / State
3.21	Put more information in the free 311 app.	Local
3.22	Simplify 311 reporting.	Local
3.23	Adopt better policies and procedures to hold violators accountable.	Local
3.24	Use parcel IDs instead of street addresses in 311.	Local
3.25	Install cameras at dumping sites.	Local
3.26	Post signage that lists penalties.	Local
3.27	Set up live monitoring with Wildlife & Fisheries and Levee Board Police.	State
3.28	Barricade access roads not in operation.	Local / State
3.29	Track tires, with tracking assigned to the vendor.	State
3.30	Prosecute people and businesses visibly, to improve reporting and deter dumping.	Local
3.31	Revoke business licenses of businesses caught dumping.	Local
3.32	Increase community events and foot traffic so problems are spotted sooner and cleanup is done before events.	Community
3.33	Raise awareness of 311's roles and responsibilities.	Local
3.34	Run a "see something, say something" campaign.	Community
3.35	Add surveillance cameras and neighborhood watch programs.	Local / Community
3.36	Audit tire businesses.	State
3.37	Review hot spots with the district and prioritize work on a consistent basis.	Local

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
3.38	Use organizations and residents to watch designated areas, with incentives for those who report.	Local / Community
3.39	Do not pay tire processors until a paper trail confirms proper disposal.	State
3.40	Address out-of-state tires through tire tracking.	State
3.41	Modernize 311 reporting categories so a specific address isn't required.	Local
3.42	Remove barriers between state, federal and local agencies so they work in concert.	Local / State
3.43	Grow the Department of Code Enforcement.	Local
3.44	Educate the community on 311.	Local
3.45	Improve 311.	Local

Bucket 4 Repurposing and Beautification

Color Purple | Participant input

What participants said

A cleaned site stays clean only when someone owns it and uses it. Participants want neglected sites moved into responsible hands, turned into lasting community assets, and made visibly cared for, with waste tires reused as material.

Responsible ownership: move neglected sites to responsible owners through community and government partnerships, including nonprofit stewardship of blighted lots.

Lasting use: green infrastructure, parks, gardens, cooling stations, housing and other community uses.

Visible care: lighting, regular upkeep visits, naming sites after culture bearers, block-by-block branding.

Rewarding care: Adopt-a-Corner and citywide contests.

Tires as material: planters, barricades, art, and a city tire grinder.

Complete Recommendations

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
4.01	Change habits from single-use, throwaway products to multiple-use items.	Community
4.02	Develop ways to turn trash into works of art or economic opportunities.	Community
4.03	Teach people the benefits of a clean environment.	Community
4.04	Partner with a recycling company on streets and materials.	Private
4.05	Turn recycled tire material into products such as shoes, purses and business bags.	Private
4.06	Have the city buy a tire grinder or partner with a business that has one.	Local
4.07	Collaborate with art organizations to use tires.	Community
4.08	Plant trees and add green infrastructure on cleaned dumping sites.	Local
4.09	Name cleaned and repurposed sites after a community culture bearer, so people respect them and don't dump.	Local
4.10	Keep sites well lit so they don't look abandoned.	Local
4.11	Add sites to a list for regular upkeep visits.	Local
4.12	For city property, identify the agency responsible for maintaining it.	Local
4.13	Aim for well-maintained space, active use, collective community involvement and greater investment.	Community
4.14	Create a policy that lets nonprofits become stewards of problem sites in their communities.	Local

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
4.15	Pass a law letting the city or state give property owners the choice to convert land to green infrastructure, splash pads, law enforcement substations, affordable housing, cooling stations, solar parks or wellness spaces.	State
4.16	Run branding campaigns neighborhood by neighborhood and block by block, with logos, symbols, names, green infrastructure, signage and anti-littering taglines.	Community
4.17	Let hyperlocal community groups control blighted properties until owners take care of them, once a property is deemed blighted and abandoned.	Local
4.18	Adopt-a-Corner for commercial businesses and neighborhood associations.	Community
4.19	Hold citywide contests for the most attractive, best-maintained area, with prize money used for further upkeep.	Local
4.20	Designate common dump sites as "official," monitored and regulated drop-offs.	Local
4.21	Move neglected sites into the hands of responsible owners; since government can't manage sites forever, use community and government partnerships to clear the backlog.	Local
4.22	Repurpose tires as planters and painted barricades, as many cities do.	Local
4.23	Use a city tire grinder and sell ground tires to a secondary market.	Local
4.24	Use tires as exercise equipment in dog parks.	Local
4.25	Create tire art for neutral grounds and street exits.	Local
4.26	Beautify interstate exits and grassy areas with art.	State
4.27	Build sustainable parks and ecosystems with rain irrigation, community gardens and outdoor event space.	Local
4.28	Install enough lighting to control activity at sites.	Local
4.29	Coordinate events in newly repurposed spaces.	Community

Bucket 5 Funding and Resources

Color Orange | Participant input

What participants said

Participants want public agencies funded to match the size of the problem, money routed directly to the community groups already doing cleanup, and a diverse mix of private revenue behind it.

Fund city services at scale: budgets that match the problem, with resources aimed at hot spots.

Fund the groups doing the work: partner with and pay neighborhood groups, and simplify how they apply for funds.

Industry pays its share: Firestone and tire businesses contribute.

Diverse revenue: tax tools, corporate and sports-league grants, sponsorships, and festivals.

Invest in youth: grants, paid apprenticeships, and school stewardship programs.

The economic case: clean, safe-looking areas attract business.

Complete Recommendations

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
5.01	Fund municipal agencies at levels that match the gravity of the problem.	Local
5.02	Fund city services at the necessary levels.	Local
5.03	Where municipal capacity isn't available, government must collaborate with, fund and support the organizations already doing the work.	Local
5.04	Allocate more resources to the "hot spots" where illegal dumping occurs most.	Local
5.05	Use technology and cameras to enforce illegal dumping laws.	Local
5.06	Create a uniform structure for receiving public and private funding to cut the time groups spend identifying and securing funds.	Local / Community
5.07	Create a security-district-style tax to support the community.	Local
5.08	Use TIF and tax tools as funding sources.	Local
5.09	Neighborhood associations fund community cleanups.	Community
5.10	Build coalitions tied to organizations working in a specific area, such as nature restoration or group building.	Community
5.11	Firestone should contribute.	Private
5.12	Incentivize tire businesses in New Orleans East to participate.	Local
5.13	Seek corporate sponsorship and grants from corporations such as Folgers and NASA.	Private
5.14	Partner with the NFL, NBA and MLB for grants.	Private

Ref	Recommendation	Action level
5.15	Use adoption programs, advocacy, private donations, fundraisers, organized community support and passionate neighborhood engagement.	Community
5.16	Hold an annual Environmental Stewardship Festival or concert.	Community
5.17	Develop programs with all school systems to promote environmental stewardship.	Local
5.18	Partner with solar and wind pilot programs to promote clean cities and communities.	Private
5.19	Tap into government programs that offer free educational opportunities.	Local
5.20	Make the economic case: clean, safe-looking areas attract new businesses.	Community
5.21	Develop incentive programs that encourage reuse of trash items and show the economic opportunities.	Local
5.22	Hold forums by district to address dumping, using the same approach citywide.	Local
5.23	Pass a law so youth can receive grants for environmental needs.	State
5.24	Create paid environmental apprenticeships for youth ages 10 to 18; include youth in the work and give them a voice.	Local / Community

Sources and Implementation Notes

Participant recommendation source: Illegal Dumping Convening Recommendations by Bucket, September 30 2026, attributed to Sage Michael. All 174 listed card entries are retained in the complete record. The 42 local and 14 state consolidated recommendations retain their L/S references. The implementation register adds proposed routing, support requests, first steps and targets; these additions are editorial proposals dated October 6 2026, not participant commitments.

Planning sources: Support Team Planning Agenda, September 24 2026, page 3, for bucket colors and numbering; 01 Participant Packet for the core, stakeholder and base framework; Revised Master Plan updated September 10 2026 for accountable owners, first steps and follow-up.

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