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**FEDERAL FUNDING SECURED FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS**

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser announced today that four Louisiana communities have been approved for Federal matching funds through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for outdoor recreation developments. Communities of Walker, Patterson, Haughton and Houma will receive a total of \$1 million in Federal funds for projects that will enhance the quality of life through new recreational facilities.

“The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is proud work with communities across the state to develop outstanding recreation facilities,” said Lt. Governor Nungesser, whose office oversees the disbursement of LWCF funds through the Office of State Parks. “I encourage communities across the state to participate in the Land and Water Conservation Fund to assist development of outdoor recreation amenities.”

The projects receiving LWCF funding include:

- **Sidney Hutchinson Park** in Walker – development of a Challenger Ball Field, including a playground, restrooms and concession area, designed specifically to accommodate individuals with special needs.
- **Morey Park** in Patterson – expansion of the downtown park with new playground equipment, a walking trail, picnic tables, handicap-accessible restrooms, a plaza seating area and green space.
- **Joe Delaney Memorial Park** in Haughton – in honor of former NFL player Joe Delaney, who died while saving a young boy from drowning. The park will feature a public pavilion with restrooms, two playgrounds, a splash pad, walking trail, two ball fields, a climbing feature, sand volleyball court, picnic pavilions and parking.
- **Bayou Country Park** in Terrebonne Parish – includes a multi-purpose support building, walkways and a splash park. This project will also enhance an existing pond to include a public beach area.

The LWCF program has invested more than \$73 million in Federal matching funds through projects in 62 of Louisiana’s 64 parishes since the program was signed into law in 1964. Louisiana’s program is administered by the Office of State Parks in the Department of Culture,

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Recreation and Tourism. Monies are available through the LWCF to political subdivisions and state agencies for the acquisition of and/or development of outdoor recreation facilities. Additional information about the program and how to apply is available at [LaStateParks.com](http://LaStateParks.com) by clicking on “Grant Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation.”

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