

Environmental Justice Advocacy Trainings

Councilwoman Chauna Banks, is set to host a series of Environmental Justice Advocacy Trainings to teach East Baton Rouge parish residents how to be “influencers and community leaders with the mechanics to develop their advocacy platform.”

The new “Advocacy in Environmental Justice” workshops are scheduled to be held Thursday, August 9th, 16th, and 23rd. The first training will be held at the Baker Library, 3501 Groom Road, Baker, LA. The last two trainings will be held at the BREC Alsen Recreation Center, 601 Old Rafe Mayer Road, Alsen, LA. All trainings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Training facilitator is Wilma Subra, an environmental scientist. She is President of the Subra Company, an environmental consulting firm. Subra served for seven years as vice-chair of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology, for six years on the EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, and for five years on the National Advisory Committee of the US Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. She appeared in the 2010 documentary Gasland.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has determined that a draft solid waste permit and solid waste permit renewal application for Ronaldson Field, LLC – Ronaldson Field Landfill, 5800 One Perkins Place, Suite 6A, B.R., LA 70808 for the Type III Landfill is technically complete and acceptable for public review. The facility is located at 1500 Rafe Meyer Road, B.R., and East Baton Rouge.

Each training is collaborated with the expertise of The Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN), a community based not-for-profit organization that has been working since 1986 to resolve the unique environmental struggles present in Louisiana. Through education, empowerment, advocacy, and support; LEAN provides the necessary tools and services to individuals and communities facing environmental problems. Problems that often threaten their health, safety and quality of life.

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