

# Press Release



## **Marketing Plaquemines Parish**

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Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser and Economic Development Director Stan Mathes recently met with former New York Governor George Pataki at the home of Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Mitch and Cheryl Landrieu.

Pataki served three consecutive terms as Governor of New York, from 1995-2006 and was in office at the time of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. During his visit the former governor met with local leaders to share his knowledge on recovering after major disasters.

Pataki was accompanied by some members of the New York business community who specialize in infrastructure recovery. With the economic recession having less of an impact on Louisiana than most other states, the group talked about opportunities the state offers new businesses. One of the potential projects discussed was locating a site for a company that builds a new type of utility pole. The company is apparently heavily considering South Louisiana as an option.

“We stressed the amount of land available in Plaquemines Parish and access to the Mississippi River,” said President Nungesser. “That, plus the fact we will have a new bridge and federal levees in the next few years, makes Plaquemines an attractive site.”

This was President Nungesser’s second meeting with Pataki. Shortly after taking office, Governor Bobby Jindal and Nungesser had dinner with Pataki to review economic opportunities and the recovery efforts in Plaquemines Parish.



PHOTO: Billy Nungesser and George Pataki