



Office of the Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell

August 5, 2025

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Services P.O. Box 4313 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313 Attn: Dutch Donlon

RE: LDEQ Waste Tire Pilot Program (City of West Monroe, LA Updated Submission)

Dear Mr. Donlon,

The City of West Monroe is respectfully submitting a proposal to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Waste Tire Pilot Program for funding assistance in battling the issue of unauthorized waste tire disposals in the West Monroe area.

Need for Funding

The City of West Monroe Public Works is the municipal department responsible for the collection and management of all waste tires that are gathered by city Code Enforcement officers, West Monroe Police officers and at community cleanups led by volunteers with Keep West Monroe Beautiful. The recent Franklin Rubber fire in the region has caused significant congestion in tire disposal operations at the sole pickup location, Benson Environmental. This bottleneck is leading to a backlog of uncollected tires, resulting in an increased accumulation of waste tires at the Public Works facility. To handle the current and future waste tire volume at the collection center, the City of West Monroe requests \$17,312.00 to construct a covered open-air pavilion facility to house collected tires during the process of preparing them for appropriate disposal. This funding will help cover the costs of materials for this pavilion. This cost was generated from estimates received by Public Works as well as a quote from a vendors. *

Materials Needed	Cost				
Concrete- 17 cubic yards	\$2,125.00				
Roof	\$13,386.50				
Fence	\$1,800.00				
Total Cost	\$17,312.00				
*Quote attached to document including cost of open-air structure for waste tire storage. Concrete and Fence cost assessed by Public Works Department.					

Operational Ability

On average, the West Monroe Public Works Department currently collects 800 waste tires a year through collection days, code enforcement activities, and responding to reports of illegal waste tire dumping. The Public Works Department is responsible for removing metal rims from all tires, cleaning them, and preparing them to be transported by a local license tire hauler. The proposed storage pavilion would increase efficiency and timeliness of waste tire collections since the allocated space for storage



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would allow for planning and processing of waste tires for disposal. Currently, West Monroe is dealing with an increase of waste tires due to the aforementioned Franklin Rubber fire; these additional tires are waiting for proper disposal and recycling. The proposed additional storage facility will decrease the community impact of the hazardous issues associated with waste tires.

Public Benefit

The construction of a covered open-air pavilion for waste tire storage will improve the ability of the City of West Monroe to respond to promiscuously disposed tires and improve service to the public during collection days. The intention of this proposal is to provide additional infrastructure to facilitate the proper storage and disposal of waste tires and provide additional opportunities for the community to appropriately dispose of unwanted tires to increase the sustainability of the practice.

As acknowledged in the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality 2024 Waste Tire Town Hall Report, "municipalities bear the cost and burden of maintaining clean areas to prevent blight and other detrimental community impacts resulting from illegal tire dumping." The City of West Monroe requests funding to help supplement the ongoing efforts to battle the unauthorized disposal of waste tires and the impact to our community.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with LDEQ to continue the fight against waste tires. We are an active partner with Keep Louisiana Beautiful, and the City of West Monroe leadership has a strong commitment to maintaining the beauty and health of our community.

If you need additional information about this proposal, please contact City of West Monroe Chief of Staff Courtney Hornsby at (318) 396-2600 or chornsby@westmonroe.la.gov. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Staci Albritton Mitchell

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Mayor, City of West Monroe, Louisiana

Attachment: Quote



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20'

RIGHT SIDE

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