



**PRESS ALERT**  
**CITY OF GRETNA**  
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**Downtown Drainage Project Phase I**  
**Groundbreaking:**

**Gretna, LA**—The City of Gretna will break ground on a major retrofit of its central public plaza using extensive green infrastructure applications for improved stormwater management. The ceremony will take place on the neutral ground in front of the Jefferson Memorial Arch at:

**740 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gretna**  
**Friday, October 18, 2019**  
**10:00am**

**About the Downtown Drainage Project Phase I:**

The project will be among the first public infrastructure projects in the State of Louisiana to incorporate sustainability and resilience best management practices. Additionally, the project serves as the keystone investment supporting the City's Downtown 2020 plan, with an emphasis on placemaking and downtown development. Once complete, the project will be a demonstration point for communities around the Southeastern United States – showcasing infrastructure design capable of meeting multiple community demands.