



Greetings:

We wish to invite you to participate in this research project on sustainable development in the Mississippi Delta. This research project is part of a course on sustainable development (SOC/COD 521) in the Division of Social Sciences at Delta State University. The researchers are graduate students registered in this course.

Your contributions will assist us in developing a better understanding of the attitudes and perceptions of Delta residents towards local culture and community development. We anticipate this research activity will last about ____ minutes, during which we will ask you to converse with the researchers and perhaps with other Deltans on topics pertaining to your experiences in your community.

We wish to assure you that your participation in this research project is voluntary, and you can choose to discontinue your participation at any time. You are not required to answer any of the questions if you do not wish. All of the information you provide will be held in confidence by the researchers, and we will not divulge your identity nor will we link any information you provide to your identity in any reports that are produced from this research. You should be aware, however, that the researchers cannot control individuals not associated with Delta State University, so if others are present during your interview, they may divulge information that is discussed.

If you have any questions about this project or would like to know more about your rights as a participant in this study, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study.

Sincerely,

Please read and sign below:

I agree that my participation in this research project on sustainable development is voluntary, and that I have read and agree to the statement of informed consent.

Signature

Date