In green-shaded areas, FEMA recommends that the first floor of the building (including basement(s)) be elevated 3 feet above HAEG at the building site.

Key words in the Parish, the Community Floodplain Administrator may determine a site-specific ABFE other than 3 feet on the information provided above. Using detailed topographic data for the site, the height of the floodwaters during the last flood event (2005) shall be determined and the height compared to the PIRM HFE. Again, FEMA guidance is that buildings should be elevated to whichever of these two elevations is higher at the site.

For more information on how the ABFE guidance was determined for this Parish, please see:
http://www.fema.gov/pdf/hazard/floods/recovery/stateplan/la/la-katrinaسَ