

Myths and Facts about Sasol and Mossville

We're not in the habit of responding to every criticism; in fact, we welcome constructive criticism. But when accusations are made against us that are egregiously false and misleading, it's our duty to set the record straight. Below is the truth about some falsehoods that have been spread about Sasol's engagement with Mossville.

Myth:

Sasol's Voluntary Property Purchase Program forced Mossville residents to move to make room for its new facility.

Fact:

The property in Sasol's Voluntary Property Purchase Program (VPPP) area is land that Sasol neither needed nor wanted. The Voluntary Property Purchase Program was just that – voluntary. No one in the VPPP area was forced to move; in fact, many chose to stay. Sasol instituted the VPPP to give our near neighbors choices – choices they asked for.

Myth:

Sasol undervalued Mossville properties.

Fact:

The VPPP offered prices well above market value. Independent appraisers evaluated the properties and established fair prices by comparing the homes to recent sales in high-value areas of Calcasieu Parish. Property owners were also able to select their own appraisers to further ensure fair prices. Offers on owner-occupied homes typically amounted to the appraised value of the property plus 40-60 percent, with a minimum offer of \$100,000 for owner-occupied homes. Other allowances and bonuses were made available to help ease the burden of relocation and intangible losses, including an early registration bonus, a miscellaneous expense allowance, a professional advice allowance, closing cost assistance, title work allowance and a clear site bonus. Mineral rights remained with the seller.

Myth:

Most Mossville residents were unhappy with Sasol's offers for their properties.

Fact:

The program's results demonstrate that owners of eligible properties embraced the VPPP. Perhaps that's because they asked for the program. They also had an opportunity to review the program and provide input prior to its launch. Many of the residents who accepted their offers described the program as "a blessing."

The more than 85% program participation rate and the positive reception is indication that the VPPP and the other collaborative social investment programs executed by Sasol and Mossville residents were well-received.

Myth:

Sasol paid more for properties based on the race of property owners.

Fact:

This is egregiously false. Respect for all people is a core value of Sasol. Allegations of racism against Sasol are untrue, disgraceful and an insult to our employees. Under no circumstances were property owner demographics taken into account when determining property value, appraisals and/or offers. To be clear, there were property owners of white and African American descent in both the needed property acquisitions and the voluntary property purchase program acquisitions.

All VPPP participants were held to the same program parameters regardless of race or where they lived. It was especially important to the integrity of the VPPP program that the parameters of the program be followed consistently, otherwise it would appear that Sasol was favoring certain property owners over others. The non-negotiable nature of the VPPP is consistent with best practices found in other buyout programs.

Myth:

Sasol used heavy-handed tactics to force owners to sell.

Fact:

Many Mossville residents who participated in the voluntary property purchase program would tell you just the opposite. The terms of the VPPP were easy to understand and transparent, and we made significant effort to make the process as easy as possible. Honest, open communication and ethical practices are the hallmark of our engagement with our neighbors. Sasol initiated the VPPP as a result of ongoing dialogue with near neighbors. The community requested the program, and Sasol responded.

Myth:

Sasol received more than \$100 million from the State of Louisiana to purchase property in Mossville.

Fact:

The Louisiana state government was not involved in the Voluntary Property Purchase Program (VPPP). The VPPP was planned, executed and funded entirely by Sasol, at the request of the Mossville community. The company did not receive any money from the state of Louisiana for any property purchases. Sasol self-funded the purchase of the VPPP properties and these expenditures were not reimbursable by the state.