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Ms. Robin Zantow, Administrative Asst.
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
1141 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Bay-Waveland Garden Center, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi

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Mr. Don Underwood
Executive Director
Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 23005
Jackson, MS 39225-3005

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Bay-Waveland Garden Center, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi

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Planning Division
109 Saint Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Bay-Waveland Garden Center, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi

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Bureau Director
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
P.O. Box 1609
Jackson, MS 39215

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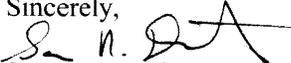
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Ms. Michelle Vinson
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control
Environmental Permits Division
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39289-0385

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Bay-Waveland Garden Center, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi

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Mr. Claiborne Barnwell, Chief
Mississippi Department of Transportation Environmental Division
Administration Building
P.O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215-1850

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Bay-Waveland Garden Center, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi

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Mr. Ray Aycock, Field Supervisor
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Jackson Field Office
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Jackson, MS 39213

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Bay-Waveland Garden Center, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi

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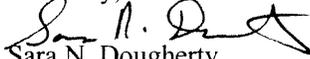
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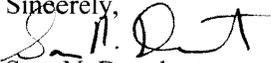
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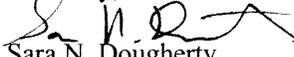
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The garden center building would be relocated to a 0.4-acre portion of a larger, City-owned undeveloped lot located on the northeast corner of Highway 90 and Main Street in Bay St. Louis (see Figures 1 and 2). The proposed site is outside of the 100-year floodplain and the ABFE and consists of mowed grass with a few trees along the eastern edge of the site. The proposed site is bound on the west by the City Hall complex, on the north by private residences, on the east by a small commercial property, and on the south by Main Street (from which access would be provided to the new building). The site was temporarily used by the City for housing mobile trailers which provided emergency services and operations immediately after Hurricane Katrina. The new building will utilize municipal water, electricity, sewerage, and telephone utilities that presently serve Main Street businesses.

The proposed facility would be a 1,380-square-foot building that would include an assembly room, stage, ADA-compliant restrooms, kitchen, and porch (see Figure 3). To replicate the historic nature of the original building, the new structure will be a wood-frame building raised on rusticated cement block piers in the "Craftsman Bungalow" style, with elaborate column capitals, rake board brackets, heavy gauge corrugated metal roofing, beaded board walls and ceilings, salvaged heart pine flooring, period French doors and windows, and other Craftsman details.

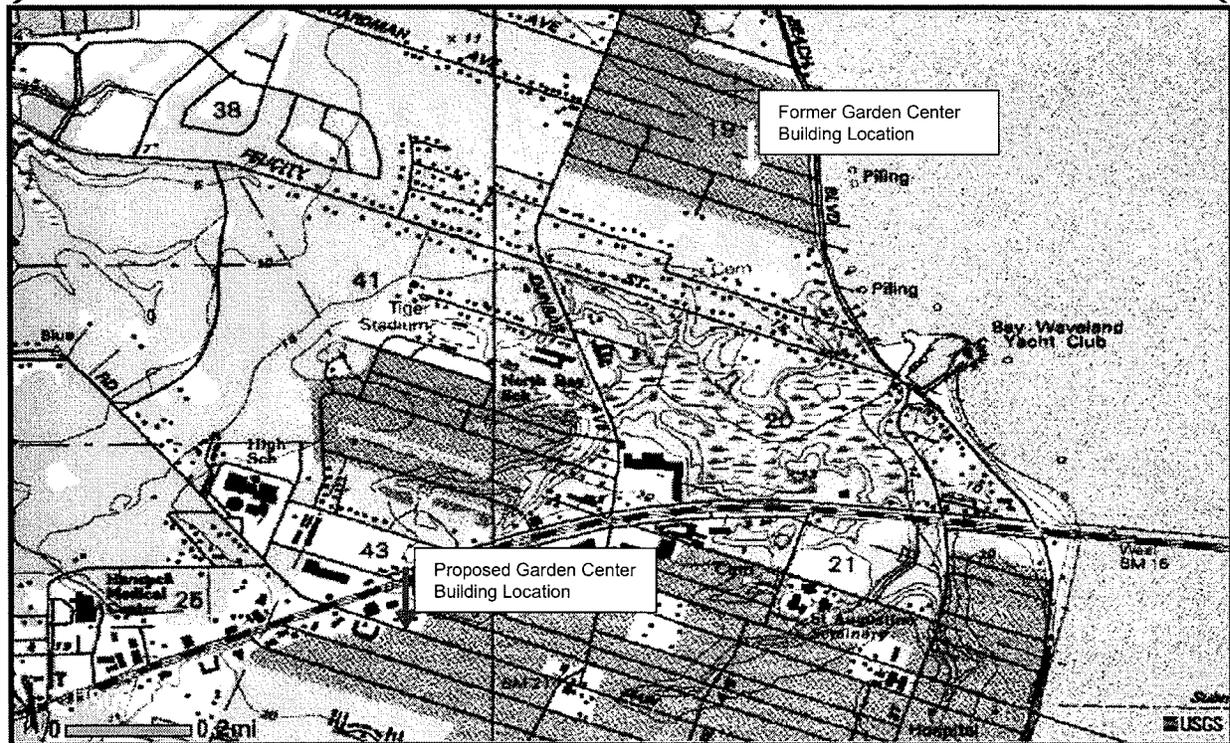
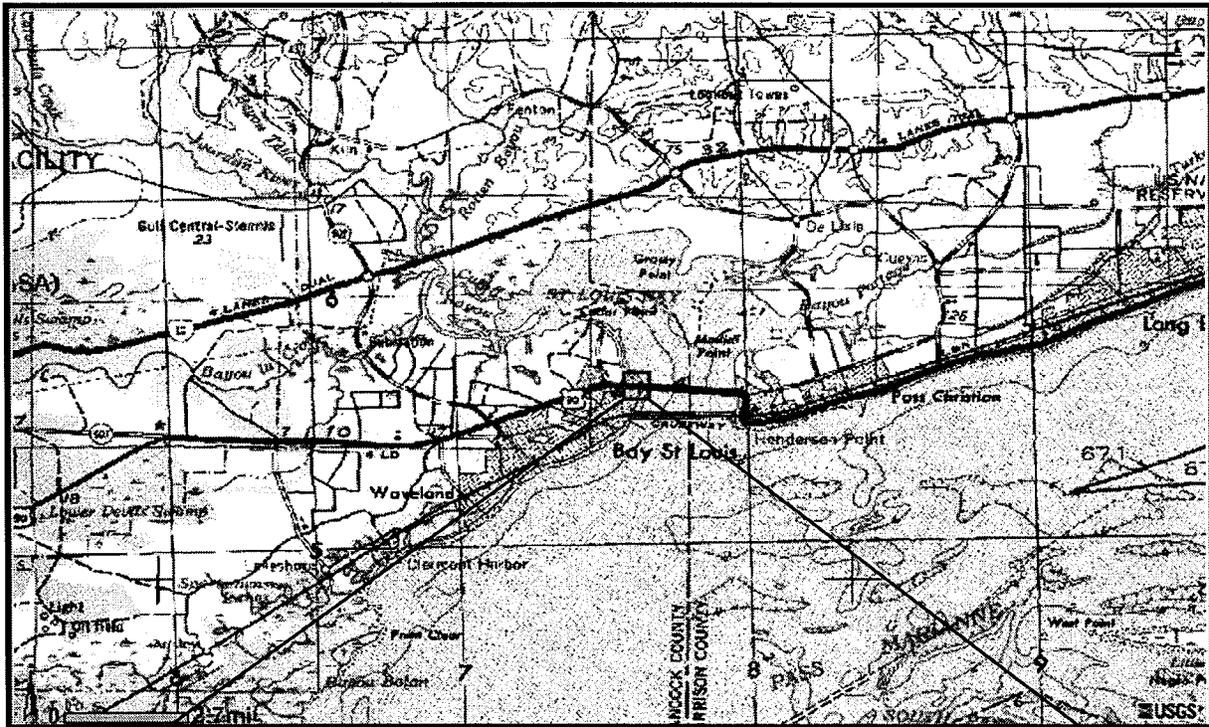
NISTAC has been retained by FEMA to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, NISTAC requests that your agency review the proposed project and provide comments and any available information or resources under your agency's jurisdiction within the project area. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by telephone at 973-739-9400 x 3211, electronic mail at sdougherty@dewberry.com, or U.S. mail at 600 Parsippany Road, Third Floor, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

Sincerely,

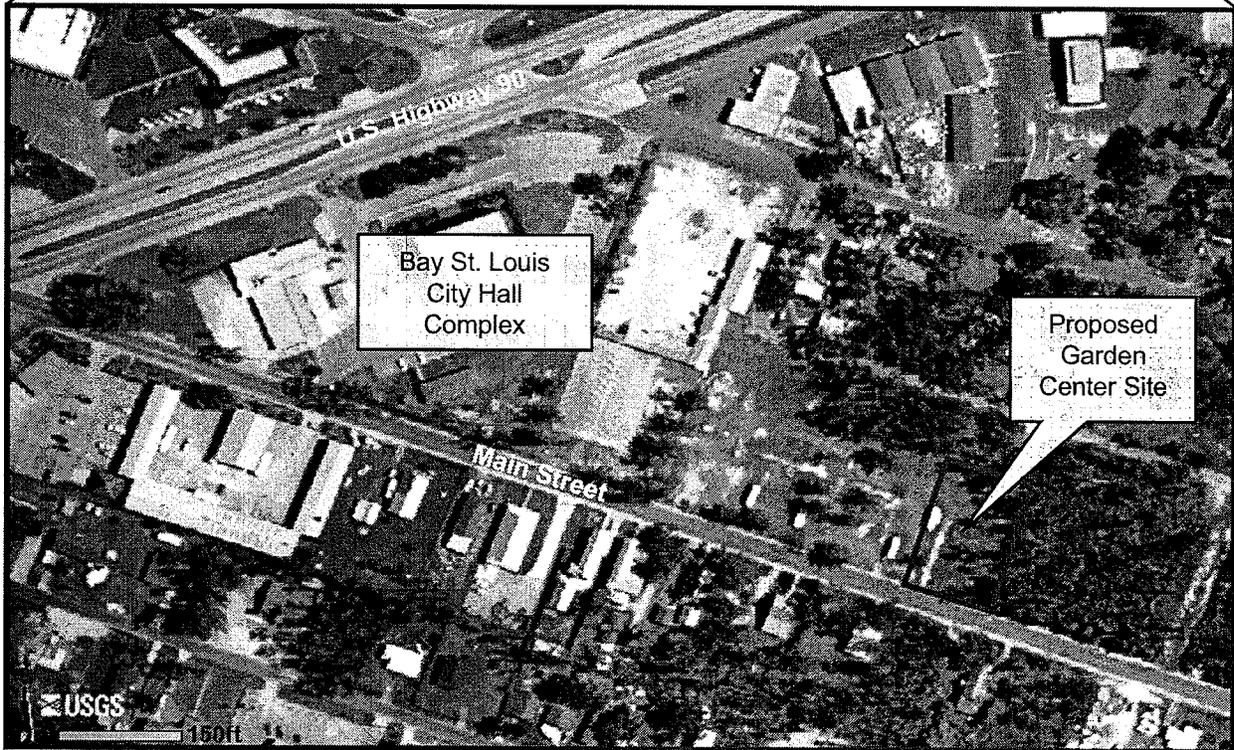
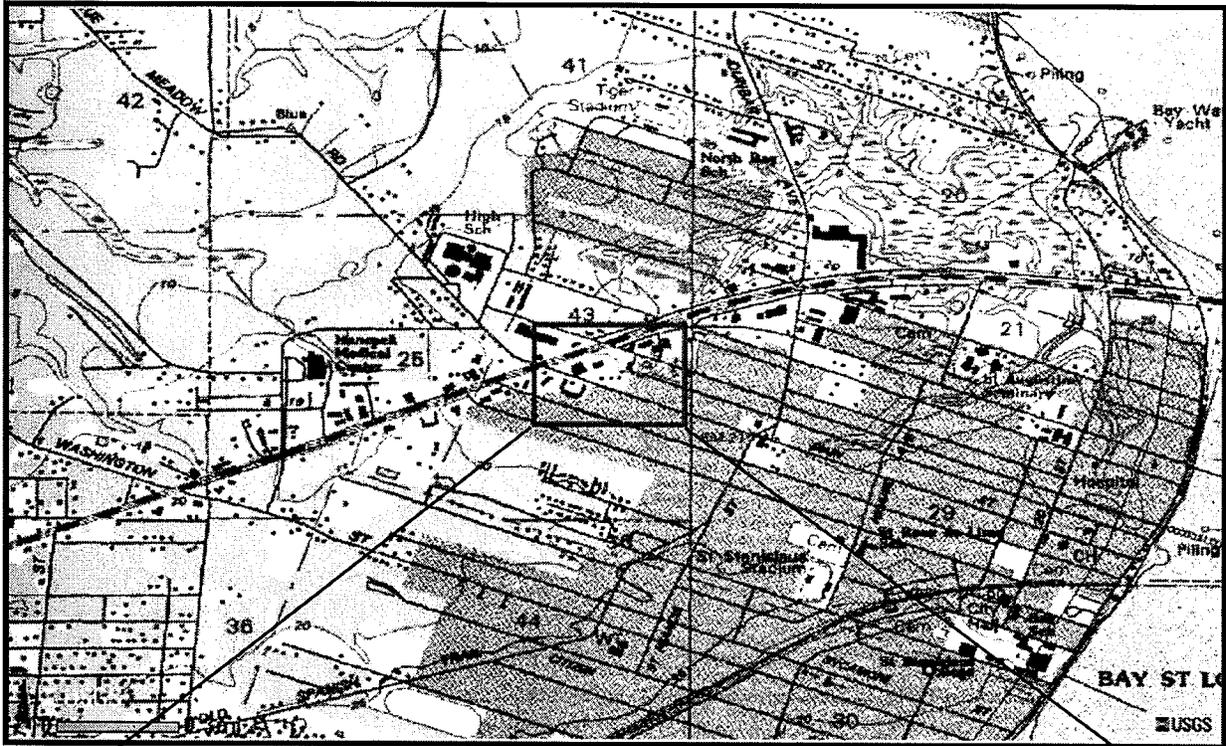

Sara N. Dougherty
Geologist

Cc: Brian Mehok, NISTAC
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NATIONWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSULTANTS

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Spoke With

Name: Ralph Thornton Phone Number: 601-296-1173 Recorded By: Mehmet Secilmis

Company / Agency: NRCS - MS Date: April 3, 2008

Client: FEMA - Region II Phone Number: 973-739-9400 Ext.: 3217

Project Information & Routing

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Item Discussed **Subject:** Prime Farmland Soils

I contacted Ralph Thornton (NRCS - MS) regarding the agency consultation for prime farmland soils.

Mr. Thornton indicated that properties within city limits are not considered prime farmland. Since the proposed project site is located within the city limits of Bay St. Louis, it is not considered prime farmland.



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April 21, 2008

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Historic Preservation Division
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Jackson, MS 39205-0571

RE: Section 106 Review Consultation, Hurricane Katrina

Applicant: City of Bay St. Louis
PW #: 5957 Version 2
Undertaking: Bay-Waveland Garden Center Improved Project
Determination: No Adverse Affect to Historic Properties and
No Historic Properties Affected

Dear Mr. Woodrick:

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Presently, there are no standing structures on the proposed building location; nor are there previously recorded sites or surveys. Background research indicates that the nearest previously recorded sites are over 3000 feet to the north, east and south. Site HA558 is a historic site approximately 4000 feet to the north; prehistoric sites are recorded near the Bay of St Louis and over 6000 feet from the proposed project. The density of sites is relatively low and is probably more of a reflection of a lack of systematic survey in the area, than a low density of sites. Based on distance to present-day water sources, approximately 3000 feet, the proposed project is considered a low probability for the presence of prehistoric sites.

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April 21, 2008

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Sincerely,



Michael Grisham
Environmental Liaison Officer
FEMA-1604-DR-MS

Enclosures

The Mississippi SHPO concurs with the finding that there will be “No Adverse Affect to Historic Properties” concerning the view shed and “No Historic Properties Affected” based on the archaeological survey.

Concur

Date



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April 21, 2008

Mr. Kenneth Carleton
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Archaeologist
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 6257 or 101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39350

RE: Section 106 Review Consultation, Hurricane Katrina

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Sincerely,



Michael Grisham
Environmental Liaison Officer
FEMA-1604-DR-MS

Enclosures

April 21, 2008

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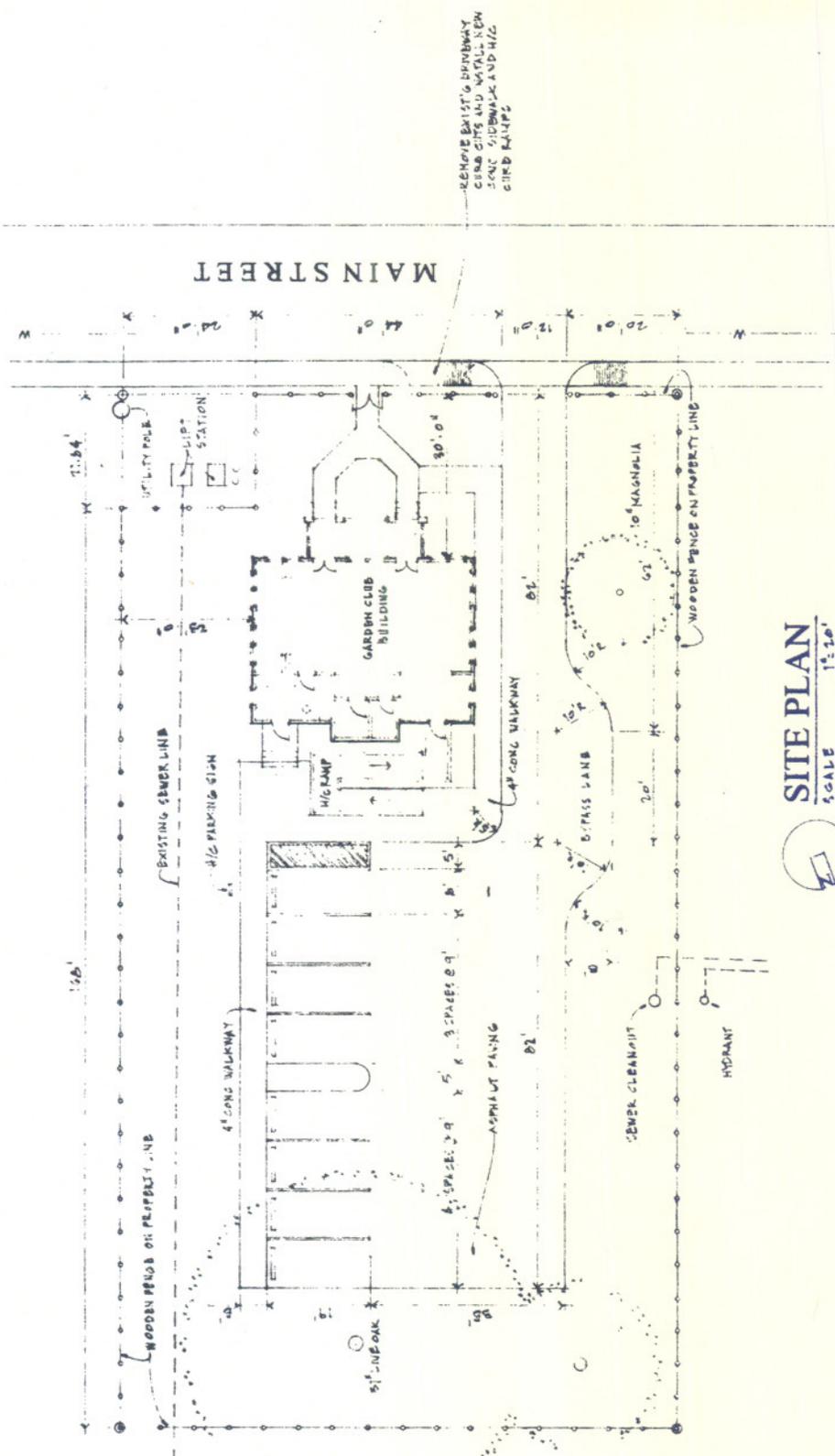
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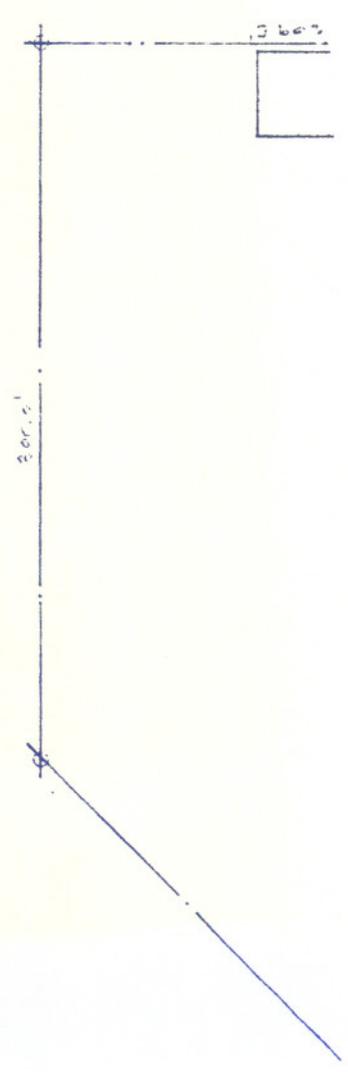
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Project: Bay Waveland Garden Center PW #	USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Map
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Source: USGS Bay St Louis, MS Quadrangle	Figure No. 1 of 1



REMOVE EXISTING DRIVEWAY
 SET NEW CUTS AND MATERIALS ON
 2" X 4" SUBGRADE AND H/C
 CURB RAISES

SITE PLAN
 SCALE 1" = 10'





May 19, 2008

Mr. Michael Grisham
Environmental Liaison Officer
FEMA-DR-1604-MS
220 Popps Ferry Road, Bldg. A South
Biloxi, Mississippi 39531

RE: Proposed Bay-Waveland Garden Center Improved Project (FEMA PW 5957
Version 2), MDAH Project Log #04-198-08, Hancock County

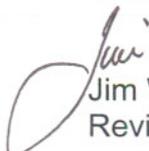
Dear Mr. Grisham:

We have reviewed your request for a cultural resource assessment and archaeological survey report, received on April 29, 2008, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, we concur with FEMA's determination that the proposed undertaking will have No Adverse Effect on the visual impact to cultural resources and No Historic Properties Affected based on the results of the archaeological investigations. Therefore, we have no objection with the proposed undertaking.

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,


Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

c: Clearinghouse for Federal Programs



MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

May 22, 2008

Ms. Sara N. Dougherty
Geologist
Nationwide Infrastructure Support
Technical Assistance Consultants
600 Parsippany Road, Third Floor
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RE: DMR-080676; NISTAC

Dear Ms. Dougherty:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review the proposed relocation of the Bay-Waveland Garden Center to a city-owned, 0.4-acre lot located on the northeast corner of Highway 90 and Main Street in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi. The Department has no objections provided there are no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands and no coastal program agency objects to the proposal. If wetland impacts are anticipated, an application should be submitted to this office for review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Ron Cole with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4117 or ronald.cole@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willa J. Brantley", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Willa J. Brantley
Bureau Director, Wetlands Permitting

WB/rlc

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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June 13, 2008

Sara N. Dougherty
Geologist
NISTAC
200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Dear Ms. Dougherty:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to relocate the Bay-Waveland Garden Center in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi.

The site is located within the city on cleared lots. One has been used as a trailer park, and the other used for storage of construction materials (see attachment). The Natural Resources Conservation Service has no concerns due to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Brunson".

Acting

Homer L. Wilkes
State Conservationist

Attachment

cc: Kim Harris, State Conservation Engineer, NRCS, Jackson, MS
Wesley Kerr, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Hattiesburg, MS
David Smith, District Conservationist, NRCS, Poplarville, MS
James Garner, Planning Biologist, NRCS, Jackson, MS