

# **ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION**

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

**Project Name/Number:** Contents at Torah Academy/PW 10064 Version 1/ FIPS # 051-0726D-00

**Project Location:** 5210 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana 70006  
Latitude: 30.01713, Longitude: -90.20312

**Project Description:** This version was written to add a Hazard Mitigation Proposal to the project. A 12' x 24' x 14' storage room will be built on the second floor above the gymnasium. There will be a set of stairs constructed on the first floor near the kitchen leading up to the second floor storage room. There will be an opening in the storage room floor for access. The storage room will be built from plywood and will have full electrical outlets and lights, 2 doors and shelves. The room will hold library books and computers that are not in use. The proposal also includes the construction of a 18" high metal stand/platform to elevate the kitchen refrigerator.

## **Documentation Requirements**

- ☒ (Short version) All consultation and agreements implemented to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, and Executive Orders 11988, 11990 and 12898 are completed and no other laws apply. **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ (Long version) All applicable laws and executive orders were reviewed. Additional information for compliance is attached to this REC and/or included in project files, as applicable.

## **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination**

- ☐ Statutorily excluded from NEPA review. **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Programmatic Categorical Exclusion - **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Categorical Exclusion - Category
- ☐ No Extraordinary Circumstances exist.  
Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Extraordinary Circumstances exist (See Section IV).  
☐ Extraordinary Circumstances mitigated. (See Section IV comments)  
Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Environmental Assessment
- ☐ Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Reference EA or PEA in comments)
- ☒ Environmental Impact Statement

***Comments: This project meets the definition of critical infrastructure (permanent schools) under the Alternative Arrangements for NEPA compliance.***

## **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

- ☒ No historic properties that are listed or 45/50 years or older in project area. **(Review Concluded)**

- ☐ Building or structure listed or 45/50 years or older in project area and activity not exempt from review.
- ☐ Determination of No Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Determination of Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- ☐ Property a National Historic Landmark and National Park Service was provided early notification during the consultation process. If not, explain in comments
- ☐ No Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file).
- Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- ☐ Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file)
- Are project conditions required ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**

*Comments: Building is not 45 years or older, therefore this project, regarding the construction of a storage room and elevated platform within the existing building, does not have the potential to cause effects on historic resources. Any change to the scope of work will require resubmission for Section 106 review. This concludes the historic review for this project.*

*Correspondence/Consultation/References: A. Martinez, Historic Specialist*

## **ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- ☐ Project affects only previously disturbed ground. **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Project affects undisturbed ground.
- ☐ Project area has no potential for presence of archeological resources
- ☐ Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence or consultation on file). **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Project area has potential for presence of archeological resources
- ☐ Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- Are project conditions required ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Determination of historic properties affected
- ☐ NR eligible resources not present (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file).
- Are project conditions required ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ NR eligible resources present in project area. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- ☐ No Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
- ☐ Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file)
- Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**

*Comments: There are no ground disturbing activities associated with this project.*

*Correspondence/Consultation/References:*

## **THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES**

- ☒ No listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action. **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in the areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action.
- ☐ No effect to species or designated critical habitat. (See comments for justification)  
Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
  - ☐ May affect, but not likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat (FEMA determination/USFWS/NMFS concurrence on file) **(Review Concluded)**  
Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☐ No **(Review Concluded)**
  - ☐ Likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat
    - ☐ Formal consultation concluded. (Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion on file)  
Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see section V) ☐ NO **(Review Concluded)**

### **Comments:**

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** *Endangered Species Summary for USFWS consultation, letter to Don Fairley dated September 15, 2007*

## **E.O. 11988 – FLOODPLAINS**

- ☐ No Effect on Floodplains/Flood levels and project outside Floodplain - **(Review Concluded)**
- ☒ Located in Floodplain or Effects on Floodplains/Flood levels
- ☒ No adverse effect on floodplain and not adversely affected by the floodplain. **(Review Concluded)**  
Are project conditions required? ☐ Yes (see section V) ☒ No **(Review Concluded)**
  - ☐ Beneficial Effect on Floodplain Occupancy/Values **(Review Concluded)**.
  - ☐ Possible adverse effects associated with investment in floodplain, occupancy or modification of floodplain environment
    - ☐ 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file  
Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see section V) ☐ NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** *Jefferson Parish enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) 10/01/1971. Per Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 22051c 0045e, dated 03/23/1995, project is located in zone "ae", special flood hazard area inundated by 100-year flood; base flood elevations determined. Project is for replacement of contents. Per 44 CFR 9.11(d)(9), for the replacement of building contents, materials, and equipment, where possible, the building shall be disaster proofed and/or such future losses shall be eliminated by relocation of these building contents, materials, and equipment outside or above the advisory base floodplain.*

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** *FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 22051c0045e, dated 10/01/1971.*

## **E.O. 11990 – WETLANDS**

- ☒ No Effects on Wetland(s) and project located outside Wetland(s) - **(Review Concluded)**
- ☐ Located in Wetland or effects Wetland(s)
- ☐ Beneficial Effect on Wetland - **(Review Concluded)**
  - ☐ Possible adverse effect associated with constructing in or near wetland
    - ☐ Review completed as part of floodplain review
    - ☐ 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file  
Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see section V) ☐ NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:**

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** USFWS NWI map accessed on-line  
(<http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html>) February 5, 2007.

**E.O. 12898 - Environmental Justice For Low Income and Minority Populations**

- ☒ No Low income or minority population in, near or affected by the project - **(Review Concluded)**  
☐ Low income or minority population in or near project area  
☐ No disproportionately high and adverse impact on low income or minority population- **(Review Concluded)**  
☐ Disproportionately high or adverse effects on low income or minority population  
Are project conditions required? ☐ YES (see section V) ☐ NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** Statistics for 70006: 86.0 % Caucasian, 9.5 % Hispanic, 5.4 % Asian, 8.0 % Individuals below poverty level

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced February 5, 2007.

**OTHER RELEVANT LAWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

- ☐ No impacts to other substantive laws/Executive Orders identified. Review concluded.  
☒ Other applicable substantive laws/Executive Orders. (Identify law/E.O. and conditions if any below).

**Comments:**

***Resource Conservation and Recovery Act***

*Unusable equipment, debris and material shall be disposed of in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project applicant shall handle, manage, and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state and federal agencies.*

***Formosan Termite Initiative Act***

*In accordance with the Formosan Termite Initiative Act, (LA R.S. 3:3391.1 thru 3391.13) the Louisiana Parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington are under quarantine. The movement of wood or cellulose material, temporary housing or architectural components (e.g. beams, doors and other wood salvaged from a structure) may not leave the quarantined parishes without written authorization from the Commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee(s).*

**Correspondence/Consultation/Reference:** Damage description and scope of work from Project Worksheet # 10064 Version 1

**V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS**

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No extraordinary circumstances as described in 44 CFR 10.8(d)(3) were identified during project review.

**REVIEWER AND APPROVALS**

FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

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