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Subject: Request for Solicitation of Views (SOV) for a Relocation and Consolidation Project on Xavier Univeristy
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Emergency Management Agency

FEMA-DR 1603/1607
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August 15, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO: See Distribution

SUBJECT: Scoping Notification/Solicitation of Views

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For questions regarding this matter, please contact Melanie Pitts, Environmental Specialist at (504) 762-2912.

Tiffany Spann-Winnfield

Deputy Environmental Liaison Officer

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From: [Linda \(Brown\) Hardy](#)
To: [Pitts, Melanie](#)
Cc: [Lynn Wilbanks](#)
Subject: DEQ SOV 130815/1660 Relocation & Consolidation Project On Xavier University
Date: Thursday, September 05, 2013 13:53:27

September 5, 2013

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RE: 130815/1660 Relocation & Consolidation Project On Xavier University
FEMA Funding
Orleans Parish

Dear Ms. Pitts:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent must be submitted no later than January 1, 2013. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to

determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.

- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

Currently, Orleans Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at linda.hardy@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Hardy

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Operations Division
Operations Manager,
Completed Works

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U. S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMA-DR 1603/1607 LA
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Dear Ms. Pitts:

This is in response to the Solicitation of Views request dated August 15, 2013, concerning the construction of a new building at Xavier University of Louisiana, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in Orleans Parish.

We have reviewed your request for potential Department of the Army regulatory requirements and impacts on any Department of the Army projects.

We do not anticipate any adverse impacts to any Corps of Engineers projects.

Based on review of recent maps, aerial photography, and soils data, we have determined that this property is not in a wetland subject to Corps' jurisdiction. A Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required for the deposition or redistribution of dredged or fill material on this site.

You are advised that this approved jurisdictional determination is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision prior to the expiration date or the District Commander has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.

Off-site locations of activities such as borrow, disposals, haul-and detour-roads and work mobilization site developments may be subject to Department of the Army regulatory requirements and may have an impact on a Department of the Army project.

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Please contact Mr. Robert Heffner, of our Regulatory Branch by telephone at (504) 862-1288, or by e-mail at Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil for questions concerning wetlands determinations or need for on-site evaluations. Questions concerning regulatory permit requirements may be addressed to Mr. Michael Farabee by telephone at (504) 862-2292 or by email at Michael.V.Farabee@usace.army.mil.

Future correspondence concerning this matter should reference our account number MVN-2013-02225-SQ. This will allow us to more easily locate records of previous correspondence, and thus provide a quicker response.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Clement
Solicitation of Views Manager



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State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

ROBERT J. BARHAM
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Date August 21, 2013

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Project Relocation & Consolidation Project
Xavier University

Project ID

Invoice Number 13082106

Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,


Amity Bass, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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August 27, 2013

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Dear Ms. Pitts:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed your request for a solicitation of views concerning the relocation and consolidation project on Xavier University. The comments that follow are being provided relative to the EPA's *404(b)(1) Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material (40 CFR Part 230)*.

Our preliminary review revealed that jurisdictional waters of the U.S. do not occur at the proposed site. At this time, the EPA does not object to the project as proposed. Thanks for the opportunity to review the proposed project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (214) 665-6697 or Gutierrez.raul@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D.
Wetlands Section
Water Quality Protection Division

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STEPHEN CHUSTZ
INTERIM SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

08/19/2013

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RE: P20131192, Solicitation of Views
FEMA - DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Description: Construct a consolidated building to be used as office and storage space on the campus of Xavier University of Louisiana.
Location: Consolidated Building @ Lat. 29° 57' 50.77"N, Long. -90° 06' 20.44"W; Xavier University; New Orleans, LA.
Orleans Parish, LA

Dear Melanie Pitts:

We have received your Solicitation of Views for the above referenced project, which has been found to be inside the Louisiana Coastal Zone. In order for us to properly review and evaluate this project, we require that a complete Coastal Use Permit Application packet (Joint Application Form, locality maps, project illustration plats with plan and cross section views, etc.) along with the appropriate application fee be submitted to our office. Using your complete application, we can provide you with an official determination, and begin the processing of any Coastal Use Permit that may be required for your project. You may obtain a free application packet by calling our office at (225) 342-7591 or (800)-267-4019, or by visiting our website at <http://www.dnr.state.la.us/crm/coastmgt/cup/cup.asp>.

We recommend that, during your planning process, you make every effort to minimize impacts to vegetated wetlands. As our legislative mandate puts great emphasis on avoiding damages to these habitats, in many cases the negotiations involved in reducing such disturbances and developing the required mitigation to offset the lost habitat values delay permit approval longer than any other factor. Additionally, the following sensitive features may require additional processing time by the appropriate resource agencies: The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana contact Kimberly S. Walden (Cultural Director) or Melanie Aymond (Research Coordinator) at (337) 923-9923 or (337) 923-4395.

Should you desire additional consultation with our office prior to submitting a formal application, we recommend that you call and schedule a pre-application meeting with our Permit Section staff. Such a preliminary meeting may be helpful, especially if a permit application that is as complete as possible is presented for evaluation at the pre-application meeting.

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If you have any questions, would like to request an application packet or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting, please contact Cornelius Williams at (225) 342-1793 or cornelius.williams@la.gov.

Sincerely,

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Karl L. Morgan
Administrator

Karl L. Morgan/cw

Attachments

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Final Plats:

1) P20131192 Final Plats 08/19/2013

cc: Jessica Diez, OCM w/plats
Tim Killeen, CMD/FI w/plats
Orleans Parish w/plats

From: Pitts, Melanie
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August 15, 2013

Ms. Amy Trahan
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Subject: Xavier University of Louisiana
5016 Howard Ave in New Orleans, LA
Change in Location and Consolidation Project for the Physical Plant Building and Jani King
Building
Project #AI 2072 FEMA-1603-DR-LA

Dear Ms. Trahan:

FEMA is considering providing Public Assistance Program funding for the attached project in relation to Hurricane Katrina (FEMA-1603-DR-LA). This letter requests consultation with your office regarding impacts this project may have on all federal trust resources. Since this proposed project entails building construction within a previously disturbed, urbanized area, we respectfully request your concurrence with our No Effect determination. We would appreciate your comments on this project within thirty (30) days. If we do not receive comments from you within this time period, we will assume that you have no concerns or issues with the proposed project. If appropriate, FEMA will condition funding approval or funding continuance based on the applicant's obtaining applicable permits from your office. Attached is a detailed project description, along with other relevant project information.

If you would like to mail in your response please include Melanie Pitts-Environmental Department 4th floor in the address or you may fax to our office at (504) 762-2353. Please contact Melanie Pitts, Environmental Specialist, at (504) 762-2912, with any questions.

Sincerely

Tiffany Spann-Winfield,
Deputy Environmental Liaison Officer, FEMA LRO
FEMA 1603/1607-DR-LA

Attachments: Damage Description/ Scope of Work
Project Vicinity Map and Proposed Project Area
Site Plan for Proposed Building

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FEMA

This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and management covered by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). Findings are as proposed,
 Will have no effect on Federal trust resources.
 Is not likely to adversely affect Federal trust resources.
This finding fulfills the requirements of Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Deborah A. Fuller Aug 27, 2013
Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

August 15, 2013

Ms. Amy Trahan

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August 19, 2013

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RE: Request for Solicitation of Views for Relocation and Consolidation Project on Xavier University

Dear Ms. Pitts:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas are within urban areas and therefore is exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549. Furthermore, we predict no impact to NRCS projects in the vicinity.

No identified cultural resources will be impacted by the above mentioned project.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Haymaker".

Sarah Haymaker **ACTING FOR**
State Conservationist

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August 28, 2013

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RE: Section 106 Review Consultation, Hurricane Katrina, FEMA-1603-DR-LA

Applicant: Xavier University of Louisiana

Undertaking: Construction of New Physical Plant and Janitorial Building, 1111 S. Clark Street, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana (A/I 2072)

Determination: No Historic Properties Affected

Dear Ms. Breaux:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be providing funds authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended, in response to the following major Disaster Declarations:

FEMA-1603-DR-LA, dated August 29, 2005, as amended.

FEMA, through its Public Assistance Program, proposes to fund the construction of a new combined physical plant and janitorial building (Undertaking) as requested by Xavier University of Louisiana (Applicant). FEMA is initiating Section 106 review for the above referenced properties in accordance with the "Programmatic Agreement among FEMA, the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer, the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, the Caddo Nation, the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation" executed on August 17, 2009 and amended on July 22, 2011 (2009 Statewide PA as amended) and providing the State Historic Preservation Office with the opportunity to consult on the proposed Undertaking. Documentation in this letter is consistent with the requirements in 36 CFR §800.11(d).

Description of the Undertaking

The Applicant proposes to construct a new, combined physical plant and janitorial building at 1111 S. Clark Street, southeast of the main campus (Figure 1.). The proposed building is a one-story, approximately 5281 square-foot structure with a flat roof. The facility would include ADA-compliant ramps, and a small parking lot of fewer than 10 parking spaces accessed by way of

Calliope Street. (Figures 2 and 3). Utility work will be confined to the property boundary and existing right-of-way.

Area of Potential Effects (APE)

In accordance with Stipulation VII.A of the 2009 Statewide PA as amended, the APE for both the standing structures and archaeology were developed in coordination with SHPO staff. The standing structures APE includes the area proposed for construction and the viewshed from the proposed building area (Figure 4). The archaeological APE is 0.28 acres (0.12 ha) and takes into account all ground disturbing activities and staging areas associated with Undertaking (Figure 4).

Identification and Evaluation

FEMA Historic Preservation staff consulted the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Database, and the Louisiana Cultural Resources Map on June 20, 2013, and determined that the standing structures APE is not located within a NRHP-listed historic district. The area proposed for construction (Photo 1) is composed of a grassed and paved area vacant of standing structures.

On August 19, 2013, FEMA Historic Preservation Staff conducted a windshield survey to confirm site conditions and current extent of standing structures within the APE. The viewshed APE is composed of vacant land, a small number of altered residences greater than 50 years of age, an altered industrial building greater than 50 years of age, and the Washington Ave. Canal. The residences and industrial building do not represent significant examples of a type or style or the work of a master, and lack integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. Neither are they associated with an individual, event or broad pattern of history that is significant at the local, state or national level. Table 1 summarizes FEMA’s NRHP eligibility determinations for all properties greater than 50 years of age within the APE. Photographs are attached to this letter.

Table 1: Summary of FEMA’s NRHP Eligibility Determinations

Property Description	Construction Date	FEMA’s Determination of NRHP Eligibility	Photograph No.
Crescent Plywood- 1111 S. Clark Street	ca. 1940	Not eligible due to lack of integrity and significance.	1
Washington Ave. Canal	ca. 1878 Altered ca. 1965	Not eligible due to lack of integrity.	2
Residence- 1054-1056 S. Genois Street	ca. 1940	Not eligible due to lack of integrity and significance.	3
Residence- 4716- 4718 Euphrosine Street	ca. 1940	Not eligible due to lack of integrity and significance.	4
Residence- 4710-4712 Euphrosine Street	ca. 1940	Not eligible due to lack of integrity and significance.	5

Upon consultation of data provided by SHPO on August 12, 2013, there are seven recorded archaeological sites within a ½ mile of the archaeological APE: 16OR327, 16OR341, 16OR391, 16OR409, 16OR504, 16OR576, and 16OR579 (Figure 5). Archaeological Sites 16OR327, 16OR341, 16OR391, 16OR409, 16OR504 are domestic residences dating from the late 1890s to early 1900s that were identified after demolition by walk-over surveys based on FEMA-funded demolition program. None of these sites have been assessed for their eligibility for the NRHP. Archaeological site 16OR576 is the Louisiana/Arkansas Railroad roundhouse identified during a FEMA-funded replacement project; it has been determined to be ineligible for the NRHP.

Archaeological site 16OR579 is early to mid 1900s domestic residences identified during the FEMA-funded YWCA replacement project; it has been determined ineligible for the NRHP. These sites are outside of the archaeological APE, and will not be affected by the current Undertaking.

The 1798 Trudeau map has the archaeological APE overlaying the back-swamp. The 1878 Hardee map also has the APE overlaying the back-swamp, but also adjacent to the St. Louis and Chicago Railroad and Washington canal. The 1932 USGS New Orleans East quad has the area platted. The 1940 Sanborn Fire Insurance map (Vol. 6A, Sheet 640a) is the first time that historic construction is identified within the archaeological APE (Figure 6). At this time, just east of the APE is the Davis Manufacturing Company, and a shed and small outbuilding from that company is within the APE. The 1951 Sanborn Fire Insurance map (Vol. 6A, Sheet 640a) is similar to the 1940 Sanborn map (Figure 7), but the shed is now destroyed. Today, the defunct Crescent Plywood Corp. lumber company is in the location of the Davis Manufacturing Company. Additionally, the area that once had the shed from the Davis Manufacturing Company is now covered in concrete (Photo 1). On August 19, 2013, FEMA archaeologist conducted a site visit. No archaeological material was identified within the archaeological APE. The APE is located within the Moderate Probability Zone for archaeological resources. The soils within the APE consist of Harahan-Rita-Westwego, a fresh water gulf coast marsh.

Based on all the available evidence, it is unlikely that intact NRHP-eligible archaeological deposits would be uncovered within the APE as the area was originally backswamp, the earliest historic constructions appears to be around 1940, the main structure that was within the APE is now covered in concrete, and the site visit identified no archaeological material.

Assessment of Effects

Based on the aforementioned identification and evaluation, FEMA has determined that there are no historic properties as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(l) within the APE. Therefore, FEMA has determined a finding of **No Historic Properties Affected** for this Undertaking and is submitting this Undertaking to you for your review and comment. FEMA requests your comments within 15 days.

We look forward to your concurrence with this determination. Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding this Undertaking, please contact Jeramé Cramer, Deputy Environmental Liaison Officer, at (504) 762-2917 or jerame.cramer@fema.dhs.gov, or Catherine M. Dluzak, Lead Historic Preservation Specialist, at (504) 762-2423 or catherine.dluzak@fema.dhs.gov, or Jason Emery, Lead Historic Preservation Specialist at (504) 762-2228 or jason.emery@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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FEMA-DR-1603-LA, FEMA-DR-1607-LA

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Division of Historic Preservation Reviewer
State Historic Preservation Office

Enclosures

The Division of Archaeology Reviewer concurs with the eligibility determinations and with the finding that there will be **No Historic Properties Affected** as a result of this Undertaking.

Division of Archaeology Reviewer

Date

The Division of Historic Preservation Reviewer concurs with eligibility determinations and the finding that there will be **No Historic Properties Affected** as a result of this Undertaking.

Division of Historic Preservation Reviewer

Date

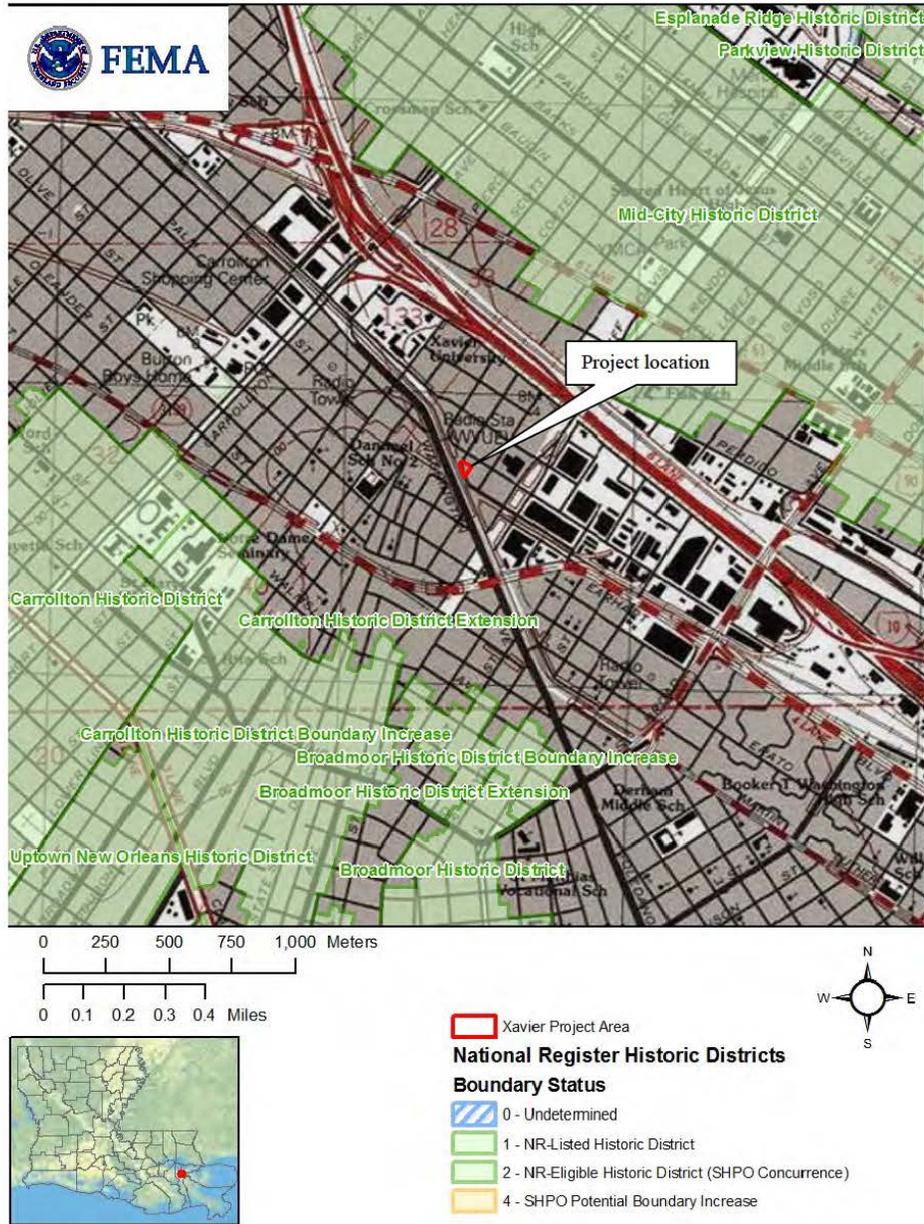
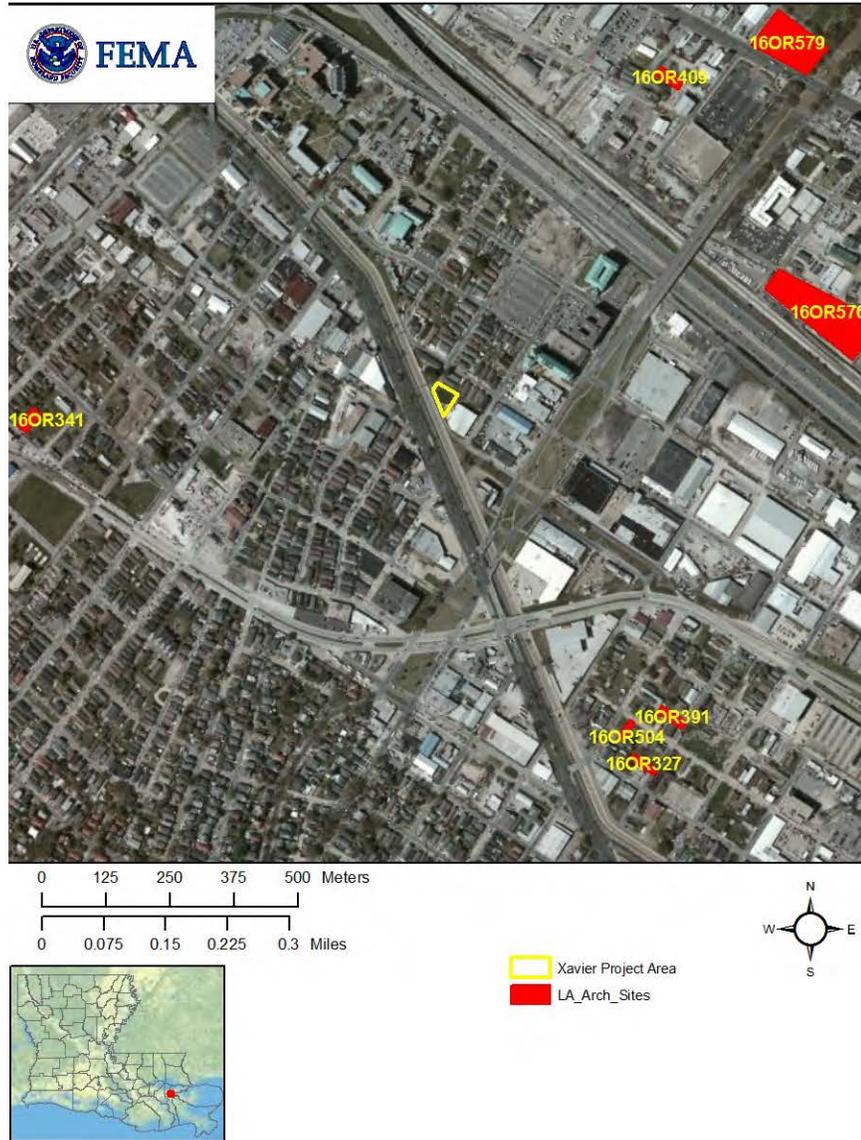


Figure 1. A portion of the New Orleans East 15' USGS topographic map showing the project location.



Figure 4. Area of Potential Effects. The Standing Structures APE is outlined in yellow. The Archaeological APE is outlined in red.



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Figure 5. Archaeological sites within ½ mile of Archaeological APE.



Figure 6. 1929-1940 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Vol. 6A, 1940, Sheet 640A. Archaeological APE in red.

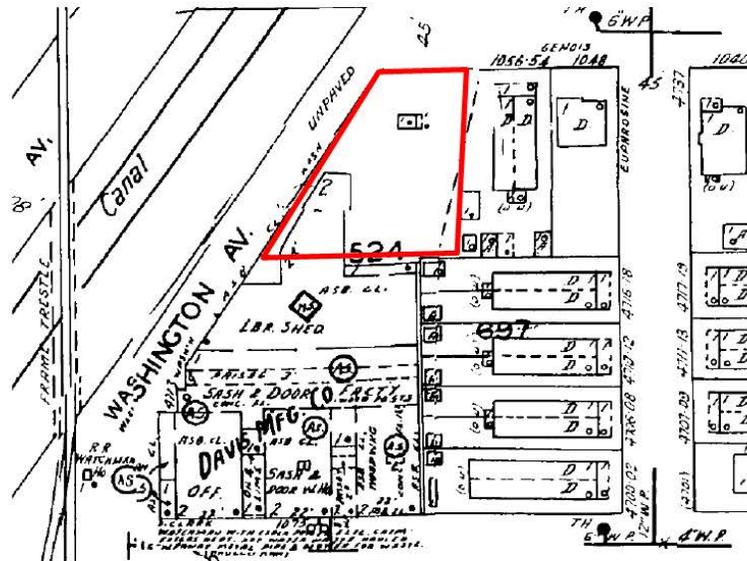


Figure 7. 1937-1951 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Vol. 6A, 1951, Sheet 640A. Archaeological APE in red.

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<p>Photograph 1: View of project site looking southeast from S. Genois St. Project will construct one-story building in this area. View also of Crescent Plywood (1111 S. Clark St.) (FEMA, August 2013).</p>	
<p>Photograph 2: View of Washington Canal (FEMA, August 2013).</p>	

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<p>Photograph 3: 1054-1056 S. Genois St. (FEMA, August 2013)</p>	
<p>Photograph 4: 4716-4718 Euphrosine St. (FEMA, August 2013)</p>	

	A/I 2072, Xavier University, New Physical Plant and Janitorial Building
Photograph 5: 4710-4712 Euphrosine St. (FEMA, August 2013)	 A photograph of a single-story, light-colored house with a gabled roof and a front porch. The porch has a small gabled roof and is supported by columns. There are two sets of stairs leading up to the porch. A dark trash can with the number 4712 is in the foreground. The house is on a grassy lot with a sidewalk. A utility pole is visible on the left side of the image.



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RE: Section 106 Consultation, Hurricane Katrina (FEMA-1603-DR-LA)
Applicant: Xavier University of Louisiana
Undertaking: Construction of New Physical Plant and Janitorial Building
1111 S. Clark Street, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana (A/I 2072)
Determination: No Historic Properties Affected

Dear Ms. Zeringue:

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 2013 regarding the above referenced project. We understand that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Public Assistance Program, proposes to fund the construction of a new, combined physical plant and janitorial building at 1111 S. Clark Street, approximately six blocks southeast of the main campus of Xavier University (Undertaking). Architectural renderings describing the Undertaking are attached to your letter and presented in Figures 2 and 3 as Sheets A1.0 Site Plan/Floor Plan; and A.2.0 Perspectives, Elevations in, "Xavier University Facility Building South Campus Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125" (Heintz Washington & Associates, New Orleans, 05/19/2013). The new facility will consist of (1) a 5,241 sq. ft., single-story building, roughly rectangular in plan, with flat roof, and (2) a new parking lot and underground utilities.

Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, as well as in accordance with the Programmatic Agreement among FEMA, the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office, the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Alabama-Catawba Tribe of Texas, the Caddo Nation, the Choctaw Tribe of Louisiana, the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, the Iroquois Band of Choctaw Indians, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the Osage Tribe of Oklahoma, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Tensas Bienville Tribe of Louisiana, and the Atlatlan Council on Historic Preservation, executed on August 17, 2009 and amended on July 23, 2011 (2009 Statewide PA as amended).

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We agree that the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for standing structures consists of the proposed project area and relevant view shed. Neither the project area nor the view shed lay within a National Register eligible or listed historic district. We agree with your determination that the Washington Avenue Canal and four buildings situated within the standing structures APE are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Table 1 found herein summarizes FEMA's NRHP-eligibility determination and SHPO date of concurrence.

Table 1: Summary of FEMA Determination of Eligibility for Inclusion in NRHP

Property Location in New Orleans	Date Built	FEMA Determination of Eligibility for Inclusion in NRHP	Date of SHPO Concurrence
Crescent Plywood Corp (Commercial Building) 1114 S. Genoa Street	Circa 1940	Subject property lacks integrity and significance, and is not eligible for NRHP	8/30/2013
Washington Avenue Canal	Circa 1878, altered circa 1965	Subject property lacks integrity and is not eligible for NRHP	8/30/2013
Residential Building, 1054-1056 S. Genoa Street	Circa 1940	Subject property lacks integrity and significance, and is not eligible for NRHP	8/30/2013
Residential Building, 471 S. 4718 Esplanade Street	Circa 1940	Subject property lacks integrity and significance, and is not eligible for NRHP	8/30/2013
Residential Building, 4330-4732 Esplanade Street	Circa 1940	Subject property lacks integrity and significance, and is not eligible for NRHP	8/30/2013

Regarding archaeological review, we agree that the 0.28-acre archaeological APE falls into consideration project related, ground-disturbing and staging activities. We understand that FEMA performed standard background review utilizing the requisite Louisiana Division of Archaeology files, FEMA Cultural Resources Maps, and other applicable source data to determine historic land-use conditions within the APE. The archaeological APE is situated within the Moderate Probability Zone for archaeological resources, and project area soils consist of Hardpan Rita Westwegy, a freshwater gulf marsh. According to your letter, it appears that the APE consisted of backswamp which was not developed until circa 1940, and much of the project area lies within the footprint of previously disturbed ground resulting from mid-twentieth century construction activities.

Furthermore, your letter indicates that as of August 12, 2013, seven archaeological sites have been previously recorded within 1/4 mile of the archaeological APE: 16OR337, 16OR338, 16OR391, 16OR400, 16OR504, 16OR576, and 16OR579. The sites are presented in your letter on Figure 5. Archaeological Sites 16OR337, 16OR341, 16OR391, 16OR400, 16OR504 are associated with residential buildings dating from the late 1800s to early 1900s. None of these sites have been assessed for their eligibility for the NRHP. Archaeological Site 16OR338 is associated with the Louisiana and Arkansas Railway Company track layout and

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shops, previously determined ineligible for the NRHP. Archaeological Site 16OR579 is recorded as the remains of nineteenth-century domestic residences previously determined by FEMA to be not eligible for the NRHP. The seven archaeological sites are situated outside of the APE and will not be impacted by the Undertaking.

On August 12, 2013, a FEMA archaeologist conducted a site visit of the project area. The archaeological reconnaissance yielded no archaeological material and found that the circa-1940s building footprint was covered in concrete. We agree that it is unlikely construction activities related to the Undertaking would uncover NRHP-eligible archaeological deposits within the APE.

Therefore, we concur with FEMA's determination that the Undertaking would result in no effects to historic properties as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(f).

For more information, please contact Andrea White at (504) 762-2244, andrea.white@associatesidhs.gov or David Livingston at (504) 762-2264, david.livingstone@associatesidhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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