

Appendix E
Agency Correspondence



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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P. O. BOX 60267
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

SEP 30 2013

Operations Division
Operations Manager,
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Ms. Catherine Jones
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
1 Seine Court
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Dear Ms. Jones:

This is in response to the Solicitation of Views request dated August 16, 2013, concerning the property renovation at 2308 South Liberty Street, 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.

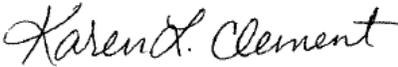
Off-site locations of activities such as borrow, disposals, haul-and detour-roads and work mobilization site developments may be subject to Department of the Army regulatory requirements and may have an impact on a Department of the Army project.

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 2013-02162-SQ. This will allow us to more easily locate records of previous correspondence, and thus provide a quicker response.

We apologize for missing the target date of September 16, 2013 listed in your request. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Clement
Solicitation of Views Manager

Jones, Catherine W

From: Linda (Brown) Hardy <Linda.Hardy@la.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 15:11
To: Jones, Catherine W
Cc: Lynn Wilbanks
Subject: DEQ SOV 130820/1665 Paul S. Morton Scholarship Foundation

September 5, 2013

Catherine W. Jones, Environmental Specialist
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RE: 130820/1665 Paul S. Morton Scholarship Foundation
FEMA Funding
Orleans Parish

Dear Ms. Jones:

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.

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- 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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Trahan, Amy <amy.trahan@fws.gov>

Scoping Notification/Solicitation of Views,

1 message

Jones, Catherine W <Catherine.Jones@fema.dhs.gov>
To: "Amy_Trahan@fws.gov" <Amy_Trahan@fws.gov>
Cc: "Holmes, Leschina" <Leschina.Holmes@fema.dhs.gov>, "Spann, Tiffany" <Tiffany.Spann@fema.dhs.gov>

Fri, Aug 16, 2013 at 12:28 PM

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Federal Emergency Management

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FEMA

August 16, 2013

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

Debra Fuller Aug 23, 2013
Acting Supervisor Date
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

MEMORANDUM TO: See Distribution

SUBJECT: Scoping Notification/Solicitation of Views

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is mandated by the U.S. Congress to administer Federal disaster assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), PL 93-288, as amended. The Stafford Act authorizes FEMA's Public Assistance Program to provide emergency temporary administrative, educational, medical, or other support facilities for areas impacted by disasters while repairs and reconstruction of storm damaged facilities are being undertaken.

The attached scope of work and location maps correspond to a proposed project for which FEMA funding has been requested.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6

1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

August 27, 2013

Catherine Jones
Environmental Specialist
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Dear Ms. Jones:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed your request for a solicitation of views concerning the Paul S. Morton Scholarship Foundation Christian Academy School. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raul Gutierrez".

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D.
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Water Quality Protection Division

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Jones, Catherine W

From: Trahan, Amy <amy_trahan@fws.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 08:35
To: Jones, Catherine W
Subject: Re: Scoping Notification/Solicitation of Views,

Catherine,

I received this project and will review it as soon as I can. I do want to give you a heads up that we have a self-screening website (www.fws.gov/lafayette) and we are having everyone go to that first because of staff and time shortages. All you do is go to the webpage and on the right side will be a button to push that says Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Click that and it will take you to the self-screening part. The questions you answer will lead to either to a page that says your project will have no effect or that it needs to be sent in for further review. If you get a no effect, just print out the report and keep it for your records. You only need to send us the project if it says that the project needs further review. If you could pass this information on to the other people in your office that would be appreciated. If you have any questions or need help with the website do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and have a great day!
Amy

On Fri, Aug 16, 2013 at 12:28 PM, Jones, Catherine W <Catherine.Jones@fema.dhs.gov> wrote:

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FEMA

August 16, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO: See Distribution

SUBJECT: Scoping Notification/Solicitation of Views

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The attached scope of work and location maps correspond to a proposed project for which FEMA funding has been requested.

On August 29, 2005 the intense tidal surge and high winds from Hurricane Katrina resulted in extensive damage to the Christian Academy School. This facility was owned by the Private-Non-Private (PNP) Applicant, Paul S. Morton Scholarship Foundation. The building was approximately 43,400 square feet, single story, block wall with a low slope metal roof design. Instead of repairing the damage facility, the applicant proposes to apply FEMA funds toward an alternate project located at 2306/2308 South Liberty Street in New Orleans, (29.9359; -90.8646). The applicant is proposing to purchase and renovate the building to serve as a Community Center.

To ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Executive Orders (EOs), and other applicable Federal regulations, FEMA-EHP will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA). To assist in preparation of the EA, FEMA-EHP requests that your office review the attached documents for a determination as to the requirements of any formal consultations, regulatory permits, determinations, or authorizations.

Please respond within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this scoping notification. If our office receives no comments at the close of this period, we will assume that your agency does not object to the project as proposed.

Comments may be faxed to (504) 762-2323 emailed to catherine.jones@fema.dhs.gov or mailed to the attention of Catherine Jones, Environmental Department, at the address above.

For questions regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Jones, Environmental Specialist at (504) 762-2127.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Spann-Winnfield,

Deputy Environmental Liaison Officer

Distribution: USFWS

Attachments: Background/Scope

Project location

Catherine W. Jones

Environmental Specialist

Region VI – LRO

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8/16/13

Jones, Catherine W

From: Office of Coastal Management <bpel.mail@la.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 1:52 PM
To: Jones, Catherine W
Subject: P20131199 - Joint Permit Application Received



PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. THIS ACCOUNT IS NOT MONITORED FOR INCOMING MAIL. If you would like to talk to someone about this application please call 225-342-7591 or 1-800-267-4019.

Coastal Use Permit Application Information

Applicant: U.S. Department of Homeland Security - FEMA
Project: Community Center - 2306/2308 South Liberty St, New Orleans
Project Parish(es): ORLEANS

OCM Analyst:
Preliminary Determination:
Application Modification: N/A

Thank you for using Office of Coastal Management's on-line application process. Your application has been received and has been assigned the following number: **P20131199**

You will be contacted within 5 business days regarding the status of your application. You may also follow the progress of your application on-line at:

- [Item Tracking \(text\)](#)
- [Application](#)
- [Make Comments](#)
- [Application Invoice](#)

Paul S. Morton Scholarship Foundation
2308 South Liberty Street
New Orleans, La.
29.9359, -90.8646
Orleans Parish

Background

Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005, caused flood damages to The Greater St. Stephen Christian Academy campus located at 11110 Lake Forest Blvd. The area and facility received 7'-8' of storm surge flooding that remained flooded for 2 weeks. This facility is owned by the Non-Profit (PNP) applicant, Paul S. Morton Scholarship Foundation. The building was constructed in 1981 and is approximately 43,400 square feet. It is a single story, block wall with a low slope metal roof design. The primary use of the facility was for educational purposes as defined in FEMA Policy 9521.3, PNP education. The applicant has provided documentation that verifies the school was approved by the State of Louisiana and in active the at the time of the event.

The Christian Academy building consisted of thirty (30) separate rooms used as classrooms, office, library, and lunchroom (approx. 42,000 sq. ft.). At the time of the disaster, the Academy used 14-16 rooms at the west end of the building and had approximately student of sixty (60) students ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. There were six (6) full time teachers, an administrator, secretary, cafeteria manger, custodian, three (3) support staff, 2-8 parent volunteers, and four (4) college student volunteers.

Scope of Work

In lieu of repairing the Christian Academy, the applicant proposes to purchase and renovate an existing building located at 2308 South Liberty Street in New Orleans, LA (29.9359, -90.8646). The new facility, known as Greater Works Life Family Center and Child Care Center, would serve as a center for several functions which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- DHH/restaurant licensed Feeding Center for the poor and hungry including to but not limited to food drives, food bank and food give-a-way programs in partnership with the 2nd Harvesters Bank.
- Greater Works Community Arts Center would offer multipurpose arts programming and/ or to provide arts services, art classes, performing art classes, arts administration, and management of public art festival festivals. This facility would include performance spaces, rehearsals spaces, shared workspace for artists, exhibitions/gallery spaces, classrooms and studios.
- Community services including, but not limited to, organizing neighborhood clean-up projects, local government meetings, forums to reduce crime and unemployment, blood

- Drives and other similar event/functions.
- Staffed after and before School Tutorial Program for up to 150 participants.
- Certified Drug Counseling Center.
- Certified Marriage and Family Counseling Center.
- Licensed GED programs.
- Community Job Fairs/Work Study Program including, but not limited to, resume writing, interviewing process and employer hiring work programs and events.
- Young Adult Work Study Programs for up to 150 participants.
- Young Adult College Preparation Programs up to 150 participants.
- Weekly Medical Screening Programs by licensed nurses in conjunction with various local rehab centers as required.