

Hurricane Katrina

A Decade of Progress through Partnerships

Waveland Civic Center

335 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, Miss. 39576

Applicant: City of Waveland

Total amount: **\$1.3 million**

Hancock County

BACKGROUND: The Civic Center was the only building left standing on the main street in this small Gulf Coast town after Katrina. Built originally as a school in the late 1920s in Tudor revival style architecture, it became the heart of the community, and historic preservationists were passionate about restoring it. The Tudor style was popular for educational institutions at the time because of its association with Shakespeare in the Elizabethan period. The civic center was built with a castellated roof (its turrets meant to replicate a castle) that was replaced over the years with gables. After the building was damaged during Hurricane Camille in 1969, it was reopened as a civic center in 1972. Its auditorium was used for community theater programs and meetings rooms. It also served as a senior center. The restoration was completed in 2009.



THE DAMAGE: The structure's southern wall collapsed from a storm surge of 11 feet, as did the gabled roof that was added in 1980. Restoration included a "surgical demolition," where historic parts of the building were salvaged and later additions, such as the roof, were discarded.

FEMA FUNDING: **\$1.3 million** went toward replacing the floor, which had buckled under the floodwaters, the collapsed wall and roof and the electrical, heating and air conditioning systems.

