

# Hurricane Katrina

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## Waveland City Hall and Municipal Complex

301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, Miss. 39576

Applicant: City of Waveland

Total amount: **\$2.3 million**

Hancock County



**BACKGROUND:** City employees, including the police and fire departments, worked out of temporary facilities provided by FEMA and set up in a local soccer field after City Hall and the rest of the municipal buildings on Waveland's main street were destroyed by Katrina.

**THE DAMAGE:** Waveland was ground zero of the hurricane, a target of the northeast wall of the storm. When it came ashore, it destroyed all but one building on the town's main street. The only thing left of City Hall was a staircase (left).



**FEMA FUNDING: \$2.3 million** went toward rebuilding City Hall and the attached fire station. Built to withstand a major hurricane, it is constructed of cast-in-place concrete on the first floor and steel-reinforced cinder block on the second floor, which will make it much more resistant to strong winds gusts. The building was raised 23 feet above mean sea level, which is at the 500-year flood elevation level (a .2 percent chance of an

annual flood). The part of the building below the flood zone is equipped with a hydrostatic drainage system that allows water to enter and then exit, preventing flooding and water pressure from knocking out the walls.



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