

Hurricane Katrina

A Decade of Progress through Partnerships

Hancock County Government Annex

854 US-90, Bay St. Louis, Miss. 39520

Applicant: Hancock County

FEMA Funding: **\$6.8 million**



BACKGROUND: Many of the county's government offices, such as Planning and Zoning, Tax Assessor and Human Services, were housed in temporary facilities after the five buildings in which they were previously located were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The new government annex, which now has all those functions in one location, opened six years after the storm in 2011.

THE DAMAGE: Because the five government buildings had more than 50 percent damage, the remains were torn down and removed. County officials consolidated the various government functions into one complex which was rebuilt on land out of the floodplain.

FEMA FUNDING: In addition to Federal Community Block Grants and insurance proceeds, the project received **\$6.8 million** from FEMA. Of that: **\$432,250** went toward land purchase; **\$577,430** for site work; and **\$2.5 million** for the 28,600 square-foot building which houses the tax office, planning department and National Guard warehouse. Another **\$3.2 million** went toward a 25,500 square-foot facility for Human Services (*bottom, left*). A FEMA mitigation grant of **\$124,527** for hurricane shutters was provided.



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