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June 1, 2007

Mr. Ray Aycock
Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jackson Field Office
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Suite A
Jackson, MS 39213

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Aycock:

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Geologist

Cc: Brian Mehok, FEMA Transitional Recovery Office – Biloxi, MS

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Mr. Claiborne Barnwell
Chief
Mississippi Department of Transportation, Environmental Division
Administration Building
P.O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215-1850

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

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Mr. James D. Giattina
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Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Giattina:

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Mr. Andy Prosser
Director of Market Development
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
P.O. Box 1609
Jackson, MS 39215

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

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Mr. Don Underwood
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Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 23005
Jackson, MS 39225-3005

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Underwood:

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Ms. Michelle Vinson
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permits Division
P.O. Box 10385
Jackson, MS 39289-0385

**Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center,
Gulfport, Mississippi**

Dear Ms. Vinson:

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U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Suite 1321 Federal Bldg.
Jackson, MS 39269

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Wilkes:

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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
1141 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Zantow:

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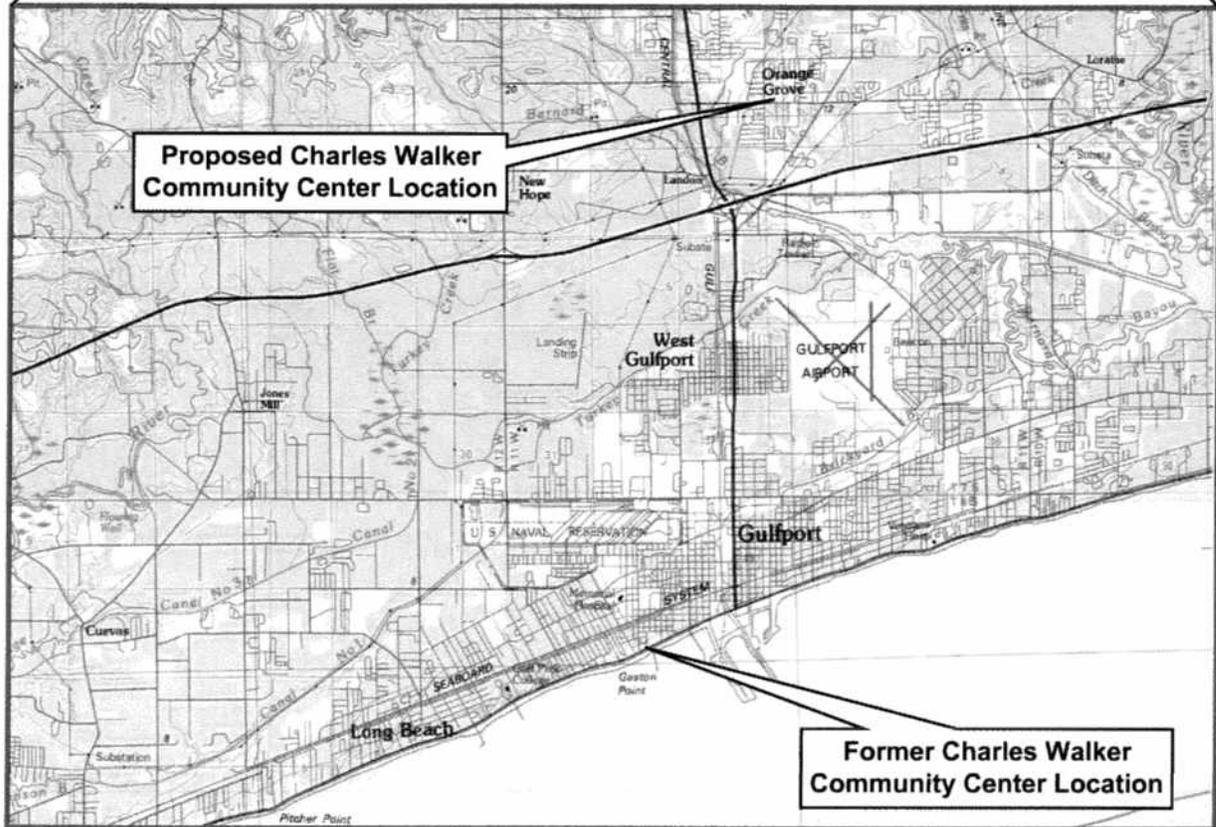
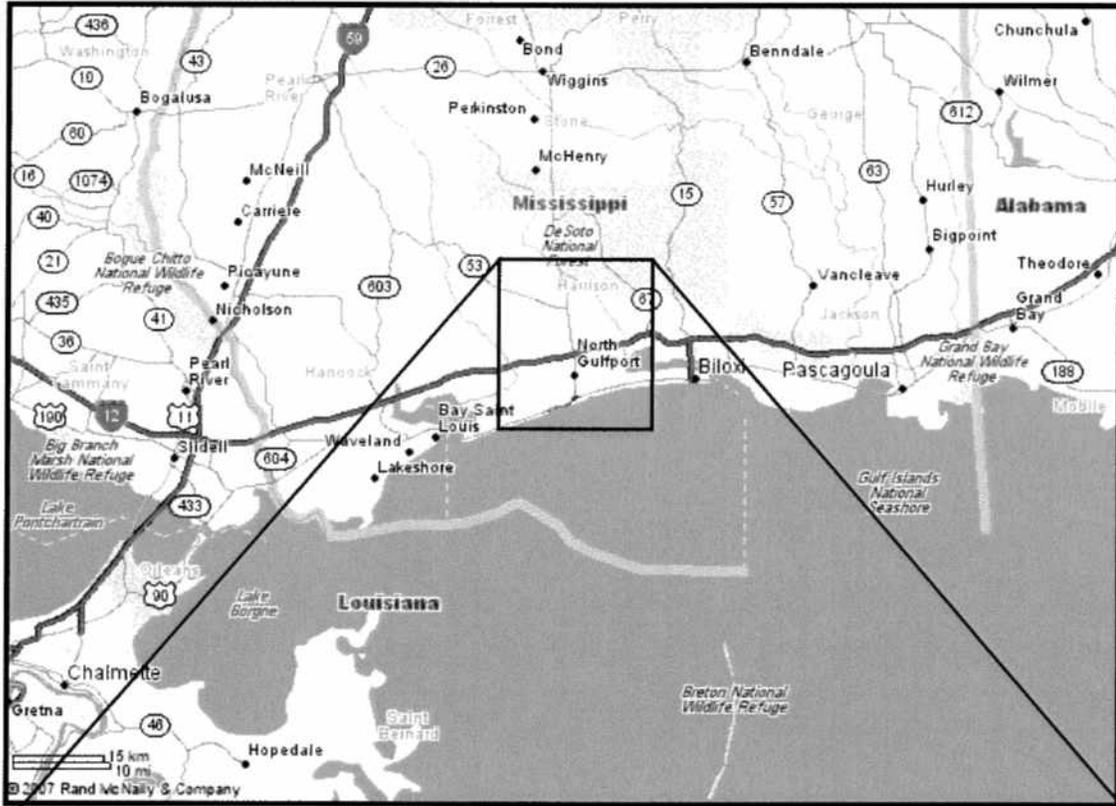
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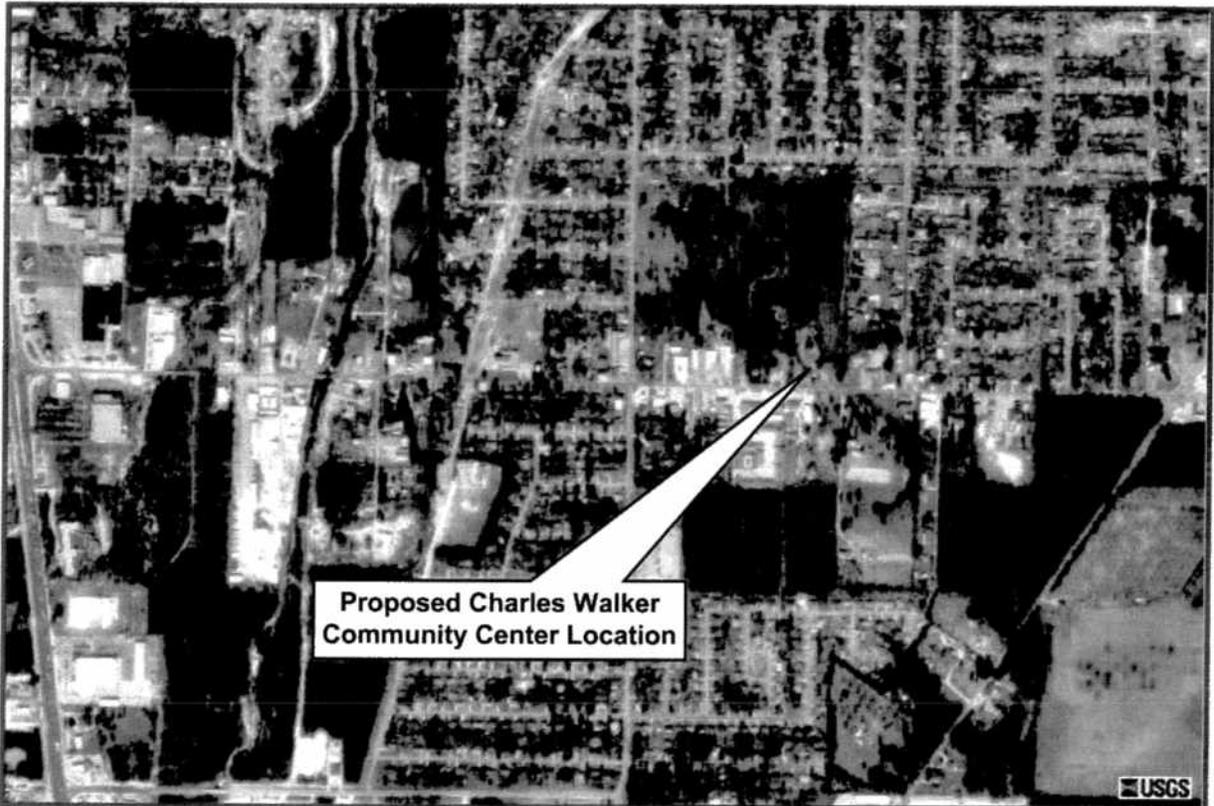
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Former Charles Walker
Community Center Location

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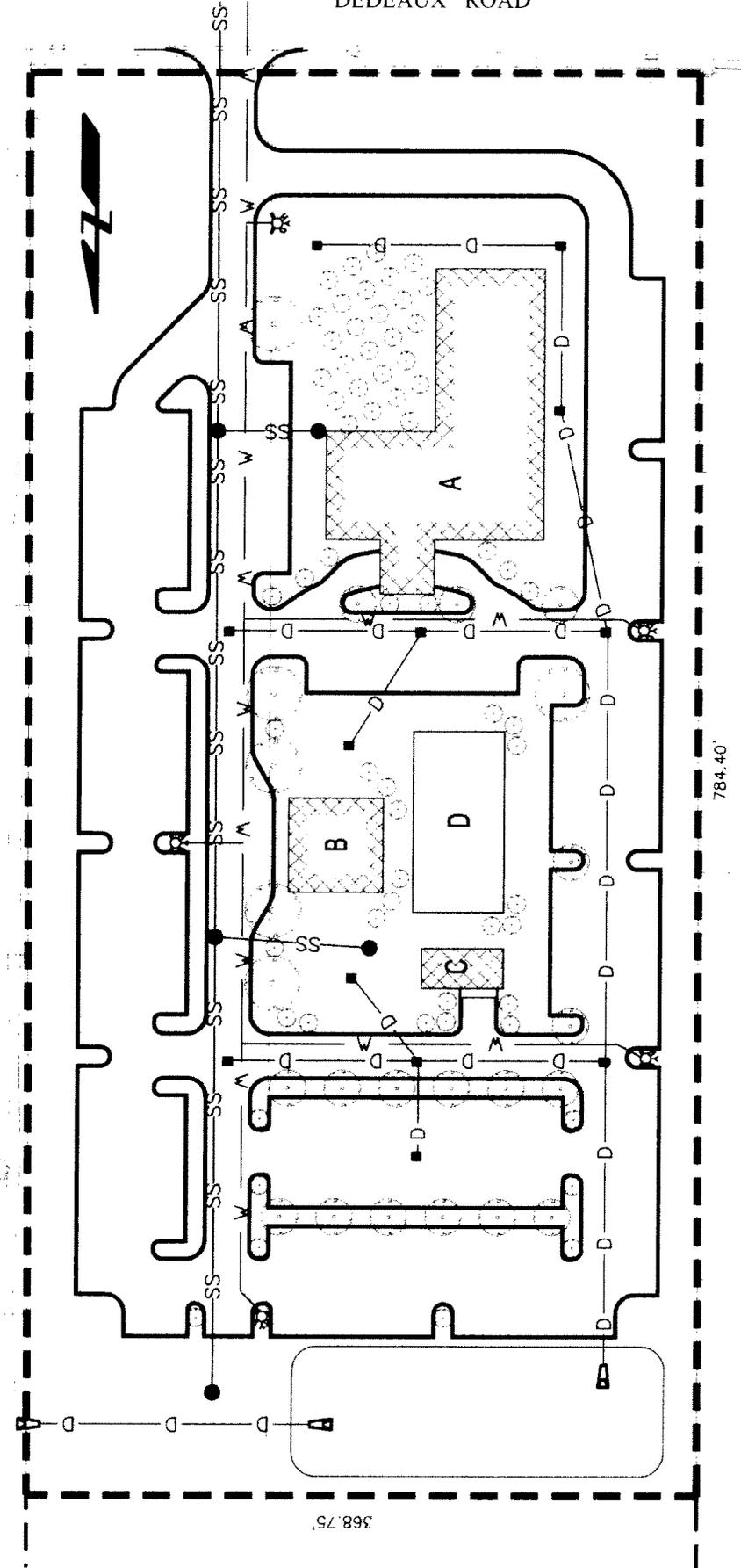
Proposed Charles Walker
Community Center Location

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DEDEAUX ROAD



- A=COMMUNITY CENTER
- B=PAVILION
- C=STORAGE
- D=TENNIS COURT

ACREAGE REQUIRED FOR THIS LAYOUT = 6.64

LEGEND:

- W — PVC WATER LINE
- ☼ FIRE HYDRANT
- SS — PVC SEWER LINE
- SEWER MANHOLE
- D — RCP DRAINAGE CULVERT
- CONCRETE DRAIN ILET
- CONCRETE CURB

CLIENT		City of Gulfport	
SITE LAYOUT			
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Source: Guild Hardy Architects, PA, 2/27/07



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June 5, 2007

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History
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Jackson, MS 39205-0571

**Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker
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A FEMA Archeologist and Architectural Historian, both qualified in their respective disciplines under *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards* (36 CFR Part 61), conducted an assessment of the project's potential to affect historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The APE is the geographic area within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if such properties exist. For archeological resources, the APE consists of the proposed site; for above-ground historic properties, the APE is extended out to a 0.5-mile

radius around the proposed project site. This APE was previously established through FEMA consultation with the Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

On April 18, 2007 a FEMA Archaeologist and Architectural Historian visited the APE to determine if any historic buildings/structures or archaeological sites listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) were visibly present within the APE. The USGS Topographic Map (Gulfport North, 7.5 Min) shows that the APE sits atop the terrace of a natural drainage area that terminates at Bernard Bayou to the south. The area is wooded, relatively level terrain and contains a variety of old growth and new growth trees. Vegetation is thick and consists of pines with low shrubs and brush. Many trees have been toppled or broken due to Hurricane Katrina. The ground was covered by a thick layer of pine needles and thick vegetative debris. No signs of past human occupation were visible from surface observations with the exception of the house mentioned below.

The proposed site is located in a suburban residential-commercial area in North Gulfport. A pedestrian survey conducted by FEMA Archaeologist Paul Drummond and Nationwide Infrastructure Support Technical Assistance Consultants (NISTAC) Architectural Historian Claudia Watson on April 18, 2007, revealed that the only building located on the site is a small, one-story frame house, constructed between 1940-1950. This three-bay-wide, side-gable house has been altered, and is clad in aluminum siding and has replacement windows. A side porch and carport have been attached to the east end of the house. Because of the significant loss of integrity, FEMA has determined that this building is not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

This house faces Dedeaux Road, a major east-west thoroughfare which borders the site on the south. This streetscape is composed primarily of recently constructed one-story commercial buildings; some vacant land remains awaiting development. The 0.5-mile APE for above-ground historic properties consists of the Dedeaux Road commercial strip, as well as subdivisions of one-story ranch houses that surround the site to the east, west and north. Based on an analysis of the APE and the fact that this building is ineligible for listing in the NRHP, FEMA has made a determination of "No Historic Properties Present."

A review of the Mississippi site maps reveal that several archaeological surveys have been conducted within a 2-mile radius of the APE (notably, 00-214, 98-143, 02-051, 97-270, 94-493) but no sites were identified as a result of these surveys.

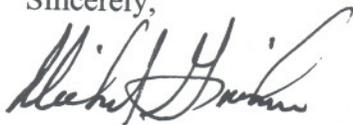
Due to the geographical location of the APE and the fact that it appears to be undisturbed, FEMA has determined that the construction of the proposed facility could potentially affect National Register eligible archaeological resources, if any are present. It is recommended that a Phase I archaeological investigation be performed to determine the existence of any unknown resources.

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Paul Drummond by telephone at (228) 594-2960 or electronic mail at paul.a.drummond@dhs.gov.

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Environmental Liaison Officer
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Mr. Kenneth H. Carleton
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39305

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

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A FEMA Archeologist and Architectural Historian, both qualified in their respective disciplines under *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards* (36 CFR Part 61), conducted an assessment of the project's potential to affect historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The APE is the geographic area within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if such properties exist. For archeological resources, the APE consists of the proposed site; for above-ground historic properties, the APE is extended out to a 0.5-mile radius around the proposed project site. This APE was previously established through FEMA consultation with the Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

On April 18, 2007 a FEMA Archaeologist and Architectural Historian visited the APE to determine if any historic buildings/structures or archaeological sites listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) were visibly present within the APE. The USGS Topographic Map (Gulfport North, 7.5 Min) shows that the APE sits atop the terrace of a natural drainage area that terminates at Bernard Bayou to the south. The area is wooded, relatively level terrain and contains a variety of old growth and new growth trees. Vegetation is thick and consists of pines with low shrubs and brush. Many trees have been toppled or broken due to Hurricane Katrina. The ground was covered by a thick layer of pine needles and thick vegetative debris. No signs of past human occupation were visible from surface observations with the exception of the house mentioned below.

The proposed site is located in a suburban residential-commercial area in North Gulfport. A pedestrian survey conducted by FEMA Archaeologist Paul Drummond and Nationwide Infrastructure Support Technical Assistance Consultants (NISTAC) Architectural Historian Claudia Watson on April 18, 2007, revealed that the only building located on the site is a small, one-story frame house, constructed between 1940-1950. This three-bay-wide, side-gable house has been altered, and is clad in aluminum siding and has replacement windows. A side porch and carport have been attached to the east end of the house. Because of the significant loss of integrity, FEMA has determined that this building is not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

This house faces Dedeaux Road, a major east-west thoroughfare which borders the site on the south. This streetscape is composed primarily of recently constructed one-story commercial buildings; some vacant land remains awaiting development. The 0.5-mile APE for above-ground historic properties consists of the Dedeaux Road commercial strip, as well as subdivisions of one-story ranch houses that surround the site to the east, west and north. Based on an analysis of the APE and the fact that this building is ineligible for listing in the NRHP, FEMA has made a determination of “No Historic Properties Present.”

A review of the Mississippi site maps reveal that several archaeological surveys have been conducted within a 2-mile radius of the APE (notably, 00-214, 98-143, 02-051, 97-270, 94-493) but no sites were identified as a result of these surveys.

Due to the geographical location of the APE and the fact that it appears to be undisturbed, FEMA has determined that the construction of the proposed facility could potentially affect National Register eligible archaeological resources, if any are present. It is recommended that a Phase I archaeological investigation be performed to determine the existence of any unknown resources.

NISTAC has been retained by FEMA to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, FEMA requests that your agency review the proposed project and provide comments and any available information or resources under your agency’s jurisdiction within the project area. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Paul Drummond by telephone at (228) 594-2960 or electronic mail at paul.a.drummond@dhs.gov.

Environmental Assessment – Relocation and Replacement of the Charles Walker Community Center, Gulfport, MS
June 5, 2007

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Grisham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Michael Grisham
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June 5, 2007

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Dear Ms. Dougherty:

Re: Environmental Review
Charles Walker Community Center
Relocation
Gulfport, Mississippi

We have reviewed the information submitted on the referenced proposed project. The project is for relocation of the Charles Walker Community Center from W. Beach Boulevard in the City of Gulfport to Dedeaux Road, 6.4 miles to the northeast. From the information reviewed, we know of no adverse environmental impact from this type project.

If this project will be disturbing 1 acre or more of land, coverage under a General Permit for control of erosion and sediment will be required in accordance with the Storm Water Regulations. Please contact Mr. Jim Morris, Chief of the General Permits Branch with the Environmental Permits Division of the Office of Pollution Control for more information at 601-961-5151 or Jim_Morris@deq.state.ms.us.

This letter should not be interpreted as equivalent to any approval or permit that may be required by pollution control laws. We would remind you that the plans and specification for work on a wastewater system must be submitted to our office prior to construction.

If you have any questions, call us at 601-961-5159.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn L. Odom".

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SUBJ: Project Review Relocation and Replacement of Charles Walker
Community Center, Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Dougherty:

Thank you for your June 1, 2007, letter and two figures sent to James D. Giattina, Region 4 EPA Water Division, regarding the subject project.

The City of Gulfport has applied for federal funding from FEMA to relocate the subject community center from future storm damage. The center's current location, at 4010 Beach Boulevard, is within the 100-year floodplain as well as the advisory base flood elevation (ABFE). The facility would be relocated to a 6.6-acre undeveloped site off Dedeaux Roan, north of Interstate Highway 12, outside of both the floodplain and the ABFE.

EPA's primary interests include the protection of wetlands and water quality issues attendant with proposed waste water discharges, if any. Examining satellite imagery did not reveal any obvious wetland areas, however, EPA advises that the City consult with the US Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District to determine if any wetlands/waters of the United States under their jurisdiction would be impacted by this project, as provided under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. While the site appears to be within Gulfport's existing municipal sewer and water utilities jurisdictions, we would nonetheless consult with the City of Gulfport to determine if the proposed center's water and waste water requirements can be met by existing infrastructure and there is sufficient sewer/water capacity to serve the population that is anticipated to use the new Center.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. If more information is needed, please contact me at (404) 562-9617 or at hamilton.john@epa.gov.

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