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July 11, 2008

Lori Valadez
NRCS, Texas State Office
101 S Main St.
Temple, TX 76501-7602

Re: Request for Project Review – Construction of the City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center, McLennan County, Texas

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Jeffrey B Parker
for

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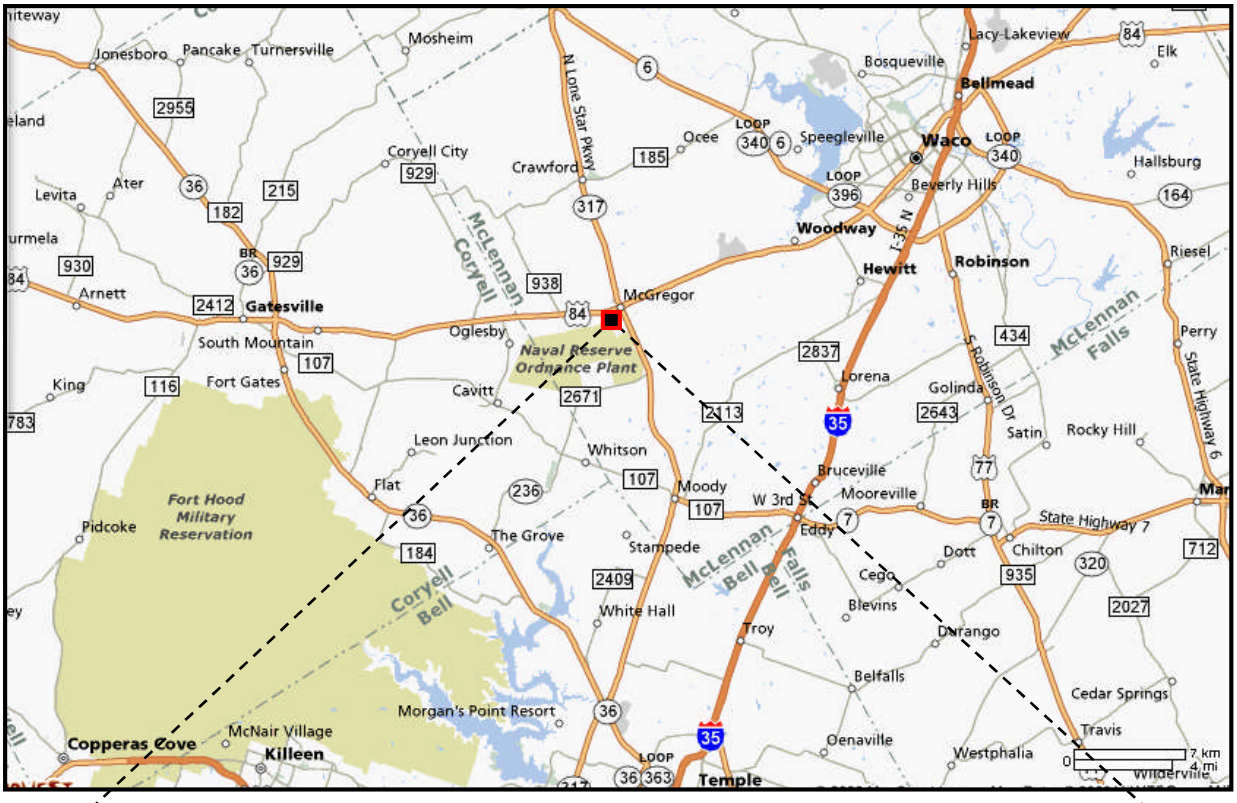

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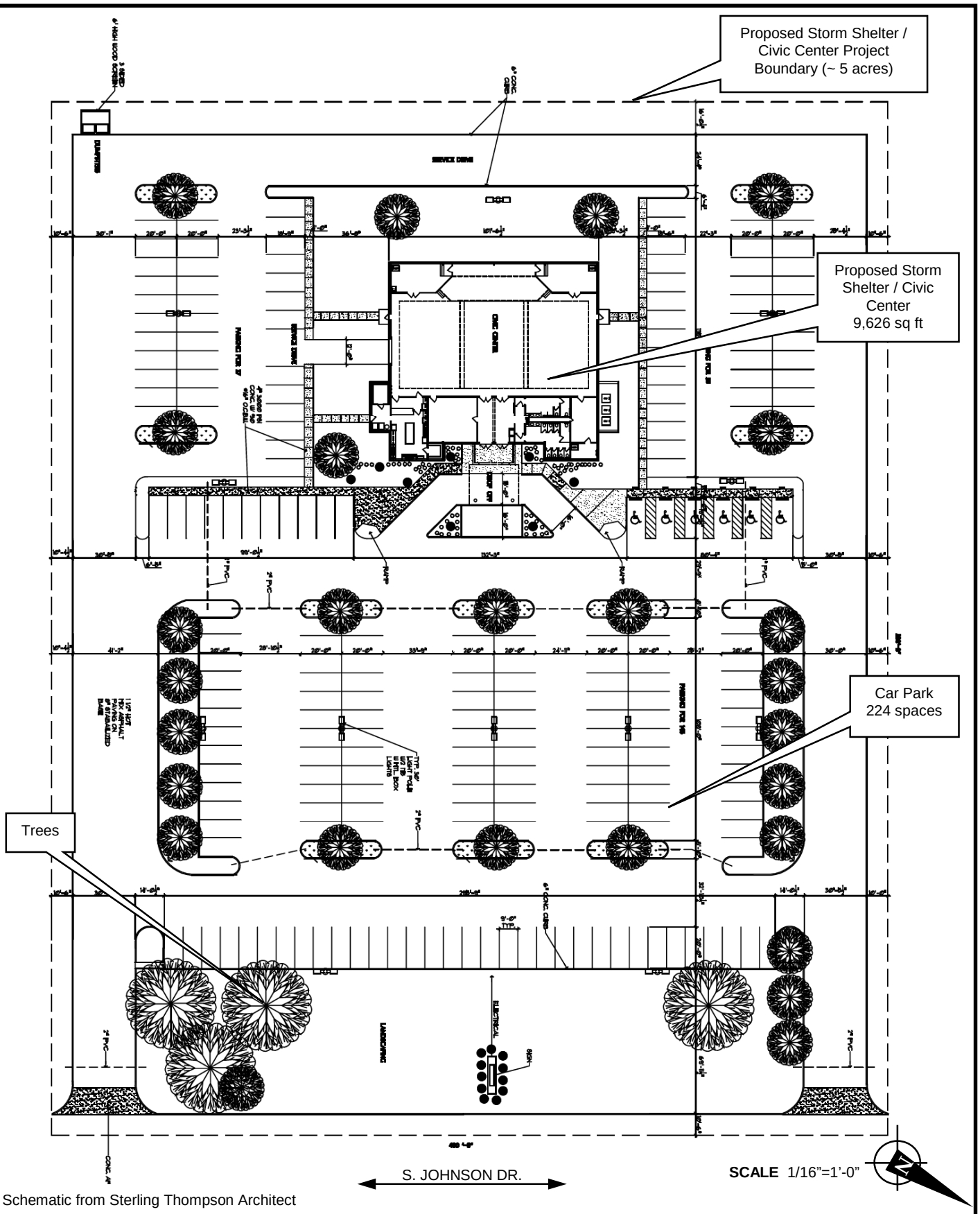
CLIENT	FEMA	TITLE	PROJECT LOCATION MAP		
PROJ	City of McGregor Storm Shelter / Civic Center Project				
REVISION NO		DES BY		FEMA	PROJ NO 15300303
SCALE	NTS	DR BY	MKH	05/30/08	FIGURE 1
FILE		CHK BY	BSM	06/04/08	



Schematic from Sterling Thompson Architect

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				FIGURE **2**

United States Department of Agriculture
NRCS
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Phone: 254-742-9960
FAX: 254-742-9859

December 8, 2008

URS Corporation
9801 Westheimer, Suite 101
Houston, TX 77042
Attention: Brian Mehok, Environmental Specialist

Subject: LNU—Farmland Protection
City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center
McLennan County, Texas

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the proposed construction of the City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center as outlined in your letter of July 11, 2008. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The soils at the proposed site may contain Important Farmland Soils; however, by the description of the area which describes the presence of the road, fire hydrants, and the sunken gas valve stations, the work area has already been converted to urban uses. The FPPA excludes from the definition of "Farmland" areas that are already converted to urban uses. We have completed a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (form AD-1006) indicating the exemption. We encourage the use of accepted erosion control methods during the construction of this project.

We are enclosing the completed AD-1006 for the project indicating the approval status. Thank you for the resource materials you submitted to evaluate this project. I apologize for the delay in this response. If you have any questions please call Laurie Kiniry at (254)-742-9861, Fax (254)-742-9859.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kiniry

Laurie N. Kiniry
Soil Scientist

Enclosure

U.S. Department of Agriculture

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I *(To be completed by Federal Agency)*	Date Of Land Evaluation Request 7/11/08
Name of Project City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center	Federal Agency Involved FEMA
Proposed Land Use emergency evacuation facility	County and State McLennan, Texas
PART II *(To be completed by NRCS)*	Date Request Received By NRCS 7/18/08

Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? *(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)*	YES ☐ NO ☒	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size

Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS

PART III *(To be completed by Federal Agency)*	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly				
C. Total Acres In Site				
PART IV *(To be completed by NRCS)* Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)				

PART VI *(To be completed by Federal Agency)* Site Assessment Criteria *(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)*	**Maximum Points**	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use	(15)				
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use	(10)				
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	(20)				
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government	(20)				
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area	(15)				
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	(15)				
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	(10)				
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland	(10)				
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	(5)				
10. On-Farm Investments	(20)				
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	(10)				
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	(10)				
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160				
PART VII ***(To be completed by Federal Agency)***					
Relative Value Of Farmland *(From Part V)*	100				
Total Site Assessment *(From Part VI above or local site assessment)*	160				
TOTAL POINTS ***(Total of above 2 lines)***	260				

Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES ☐ NO ☐

Reason For Selection:

Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:	Date:

(See Instructions on reverse side) **Form AD-1006 (03-02)**

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Mr. Richard Greene
Regional Administrator
EPA Region 6
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Dallas, TX 75202

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Mr. Tom Cloud
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arlington, Texas Ecological Services Field Office
711 Stadium Drive, Suite 252
Arlington, Texas 76011

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NO ACTION
Date: 07-28-2008
Consultation #: 21450-2008-I-0225
Approved by William Seawell
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

23 September 2008

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division
Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2008-00302, City of McGregor Storm Shelter and Civic Center

Mr. Brian Mehok
URS Corporation
9801 Westheimer, Suite 101
Houston, TX 77042

Dear Mr. Mehok:

Thank you for your letter received 16 July 2008, concerning the proposal by the City of McGregor to construct a storm shelter and civic center in the City of McGregor, McLennan County, Texas. This project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2008-00302. Please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project. Failure to reference the project number may result in a delay.

We have reviewed this project in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Under Section 404, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. The USACE responsibility under Section 10 is to regulate any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States. Based on your description of the proposed work, other information available to us, and current regulations and policy, we have determined that this project will not involve any of the above activities. Therefore, it will not require Department of the Army authorization under the above laws. However, it is incumbent upon you to remain informed of any changes in USACE Regulatory Program regulations and policy as they relate to your project.

The USACE based this decision on a preliminary jurisdictional determination (JD) that there are not waters of the United States on the project site. This preliminary JD is valid for a period of no more than five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the delineation before the expiration date. It is incumbent upon the applicant to remain informed of changes in the Department of the Army regulations.

Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please contact Ms. Heather Markway at the address above or telephone (817) 886-1745 and refer to your assigned project number.

Sincerely,

for Stephen L Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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Mr. Leroy Biggers
Regional Director
TCEQ- Region 5 Office
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Tyler, TX 75701-3734

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RE: Proposed Storm Shelter/Civic Center, City of McGregor, McLennan County

Dear Mr. Mehok:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received the request for review and comments concerning the proposed construction project referenced above located in the City of McGregor. TPWD staff has reviewed the information provided and offers the following comments concerning this project.

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Recommendation: A list of rare, threatened, and endangered species that may occur in McLennan County is attached for your reference. Please review this list, as rare species could be present depending upon habitat availability. The TPWD county lists for rare and protected species may now be obtained online at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/maps/gis/ris/endangered_species.phtml. If during construction the project area is found to contain rare species, natural plant communities, or special features, TPWD recommends that precautions be taken to avoid impacts to them. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) should be contacted for additional species occurrence data, guidance, permitting, survey protocols, and mitigation for federally listed species. For the USFWS rare species lists please visit http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/EndangeredSpecies/lists/.

I appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on this project. Please call me at (512) 389-4579 if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Julie C. Wicker

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Attachment

MCLENNAN COUNTY

BIRDS

		Federal Status	State Status
American Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus anatum*	DL	E

year-round resident and local breeder in west Texas, nests in tall cliff eyries; also, migrant across state from more northern breeding areas in US and Canada, winters along coast and farther south; occupies wide range of habitats during migration, including urban, concentrations along coast and barrier islands; low-altitude migrant, stopovers at leading landscape edges such as lake shores, coastlines, and barrier islands.

Arctic Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus tundrius*	DL	T

migrant throughout state from subspecies' far northern breeding range, winters along coast and farther south; occupies wide range of habitats during migration, including urban, concentrations along coast and barrier islands; low-altitude migrant, stopovers at leading landscape edges such as lake shores, coastlines, and barrier islands.

Bald Eagle	*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*	DL	T

found primarily near rivers and large lakes; nests in tall trees or on cliffs near water; communally roosts, especially in winter; hunts live prey, scavenges, and pirates food from other birds

Golden-cheeked Warbler	*Dendroica chrysoparia*	LE	E

juniper-oak woodlands; dependent on Ashe juniper (also known as cedar) for long fine bark strips, only available from mature trees, used in nest construction; nests are placed in various trees other than Ashe juniper; only a few mature junipers or nearby cedar brakes can provide the necessary nest material; forage for insects in broad-leaved trees and shrubs; nesting late March-early summer

Henslow's Sparrow *Ammodramus henslowii*

wintering individuals (not flocks) found in weedy fields or cut-over areas where lots of bunch grasses occur along with vines and brambles; a key component is bare ground for running/walking

Interior Least Tern	*Sterna antillarum athalassos*	LE	E

subspecies is listed only when inland (more than 50 miles from a coastline); nests along sand and gravel bars within braided streams, rivers; also know to nest on man-made structures (inland beaches, wastewater treatment plants, gravel mines, etc); eats small fish and crustaceans, when breeding forages within a few hundred feet of colony

Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus*	DL	E T

both subspecies migrate across the state from more northern breeding areas in US and Canada to winter along coast and farther south; subspecies (F. p. anatum) is also a resident breeder in west Texas; the two subspecies' listing statuses differ, thus the species level shows this dual listing status; because the subspecies are not easily distinguishable at a distance, reference is generally made only to the species level; see subspecies for habitat.

Western Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia hypugaea*

open grasslands, especially prairie, plains, and savanna, sometimes in open areas such as vacant lots near human habitation or airports; nests and roosts in abandoned burrows

White-faced Ibis	*Plegadis chihi*		T

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BIRDS

		Federal Status	State Status
prefers freshwater marshes, sloughs, and irrigated rice fields, but will attend brackish and saltwater habitats; nests in marshes, in low trees, on the ground in bulrushes or reeds, or on floating mats			
Whooping Crane	*Grus americana*	LE	E
potential migrant via plains throughout most of state to coast; winters in coastal marshes of Aransas, Calhoun, and Refugio counties			
Wood Stork	*Mycteria americana*		T
forages in prairie ponds, flooded pastures or fields, ditches, and other shallow standing water, including salt-water; usually roosts communally in tall snags, sometimes in association with other wading birds (i.e. active heronries); breeds in Mexico and birds move into Gulf States in search of mud flats and other wetlands, even those associated with forested areas; formerly nested in Texas, but no breeding records since 1960			

FISHES

		Federal Status	State Status
Guadalupe bass	*Micropterus treculii*		
endemic to perennial streams of the Edward's Plateau region; introduced in Nueces River system			
Sharpnose shiner	*Notropis oxyrhynchus*	C	
endemic to Brazos River drainage; also, apparently introduced into adjacent Colorado River drainage; large turbid river, with bottom a combination of sand, gravel, and clay-mud			
Smalleye shiner	*Notropis buccula*	C	
endemic to upper Brazos River system and its tributaries (Clear Fork and Bosque); apparently introduced into adjacent Colorado River drainage; medium to large prairie streams with sandy substrate and turbid to clear warm water; presumably eats small aquatic invertebrates			

MAMMALS

		Federal Status	State Status
Cave myotis bat	*Myotis velifer*		
colonial and cave-dwelling; also roosts in rock crevices, old buildings, carports, under bridges, and even in abandoned Cliff Swallow (Hirundo pyrrhonota) nests; roosts in clusters of up to thousands of individuals; hibernates in limestone caves of Edwards Plateau and gypsum cave of Panhandle during winter; opportunistic insectivore			
Plains spotted skunk	*Spilogale putorius interrupta*		
catholic; open fields, prairies, croplands, fence rows, farmyards, forest edges, and woodlands; prefers wooded, brushy areas and tallgrass prairie			
Red wolf	*Canis rufus*	LE	E
extirpated; formerly known throughout eastern half of Texas in brushy and forested areas, as well as coastal prairies			

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MOLLUSKS

		Federal Status	State Status
False spike mussel	*Quincuncina mitchelli*		

substrates of cobble and mud, with water lilies present; Rio Grande, Brazos, Colorado, and Guadalupe (historic) river basins

Pistolgrip	*Tritogonia verrucosa*		

stable substrate, rock, hard mud, silt, and soft bottoms, often buried deeply; east and central Texas, Red through San Antonio River basins

Rock pocketbook	*Arcidens confragosus*		

mud, sand, and gravel substrates of medium to large rivers in standing or slow flowing water, may tolerate moderate currents and some reservoirs, east Texas, Red through Guadalupe River basins

Smooth pimpleback	*Quadrula houstonensis*		

small to moderate streams and rivers as well as moderate size reservoirs; mixed mud, sand, and fine gravel, tolerates very slow to moderate flow rates, appears not to tolerate dramatic water level fluctuations, scoured bedrock substrates, or shifting sand bottoms, lower Trinity (questionable), Brazos, and Colorado River basins

Texas fawnsfoot	*Truncilla macrodon*		

little known; possibly rivers and larger streams, and intolerant of impoundment; flowing rice irrigation canals, possibly sand, gravel, and perhaps sandy-mud bottoms in moderate flows; Brazos and Colorado River basins

REPTILES

		Federal Status	State Status
Texas garter snake	*Thamnophis sirtalis annectens*		

wet or moist microhabitats are conducive to the species occurrence, but is not necessarily restricted to them; hibernates underground or in or under surface cover; breeds March-August

Texas horned lizard	*Phrynosoma cornutum*		T

open, arid and semi-arid regions with sparse vegetation, including grass, cactus, scattered brush or scrubby trees; soil may vary in texture from sandy to rocky; burrows into soil, enters rodent burrows, or hides under rock when inactive; breeds March-September

Timber/Canebrake rattlesnake	*Crotalus horridus*		T

swamps, floodplains, upland pine and deciduous woodlands, riparian zones, abandoned farmland; limestone bluffs, sandy soil or black clay; prefers dense ground cover, i.e. grapevines or palmetto

Instructions for County Lists of Texas' Special Species

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RE: Request for Project Review – Construction of the City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center, McLennan County, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehok:

The Waco District (TxDOT) is in receipt of your letter to Mr. Bobby Littlefield, District Engineer, for the Paris District of TxDOT. Since the City of McGregor, McLennan County is located within the Waco District, we are the appropriate office for response.

Your review request related to the City of McGregor's proposed Storm Shelter/Civic Center does not appear to abut any TxDOT facilities or property from our review of your project location map. Therefore, TxDOT does not have jurisdiction within the project area and offers no further comment. The nearest TxDOT facility to the project site is US Highway 84 by way of South Johnson Drive, which is a city street.

If additional information is needed, contact Mr. Michael Rhodes, District Environmental Coordinator, at (254) 867-2739.

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Reference: Request for Project Review - City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center Project, McLennan County, Texas.

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Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, and implemented by 36 CFR Part 800, requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) an opportunity to comment on federal projects that will have an effect on historic properties prior to implementation. Historic properties are defined as archeological sites, standing structures, or other historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

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The online records of the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas (http://nueces.thc.state.tx.us/) and of the National Register of Historic Places (http://www.nps.gov/nr/) were used for this records review. The Texas Archeological Sites Atlas map indicates that a single linear cultural resources investigation was completed in 1983 within a 1 mile radius of the proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center (Figure 2). This survey follows along the eastern boundary of the subject property; however, the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas database indicates that significant recorded cultural resources were not encountered within, or in close proximity to, the proposed project as a result of this survey effort.

A total of five (5) cultural resources have been identified within a 1 mile (1.6 km) radius of the proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center: three archaeological sites (41ML113, 41ML256, and 41ML257); one Texas Historic Landmark (Glenn Crain and Mary Gulledge House); and a single National Register of Historic Places listed property (the Brown-Mann House) (Figure 2). Site 41ML113 was located 0.6 mi (0.96 km) south-southeast of the proposed property, while Site 41ML256 is positioned 0.75 mi (1.2 km) southwest of the proposed Storm Shelter/Civic Center footprint. Site 41ML257 was recorded approximately 0.14 mi (0.23 km) to the north of the northwest corner of the proposed project area. These three archaeological sites were characterized as historic surface scatters of building materials and foundation remnants, possibly representative of ranching or farming structures. None of these sites was considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Glenn Crain and Mary Gulledge House was constructed in 1892 and is representative of the Shingle architectural style. It is located approximately 0.63 mi (1 km) to the east-northeast of the project area (Figure 2). This property was listed as a Texas Historic Landmark in 2002. The Brown-Mann House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, is situated about 0.63 mi (1 km) to the northeast of the proposed Storm Shelter/Civic Center (Figure 2). This structure was built in the late 1890's and is considered an example of the Colonial Revival and Queen Anne styles. None of the five (5) cultural resources identified above are positioned within the currently proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center.

Given the level of previous land-altering disturbance represented with the subject property, and as no known historic properties are located in close proximity to the proposed project area, we respectfully request that your office review the attached maps and provide a finding of No Historic Properties Affected.

If you have any questions regarding the records review, or require additional information for your review, please do not hesitate to contact Environmental Specialist Brian Mehok at (713) 914-6490 or Project Archaeologist Martin Handly at (225) 231-6328.

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Figure 1: Location of proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center, McLennan County, Texas.

CLIENT	FEMA			TITLE	PROJECT LOCATION MAP
PROJ	City of McGregor Storm Shelter / Civic Center Project			FEMA	PROJ NO 15300303
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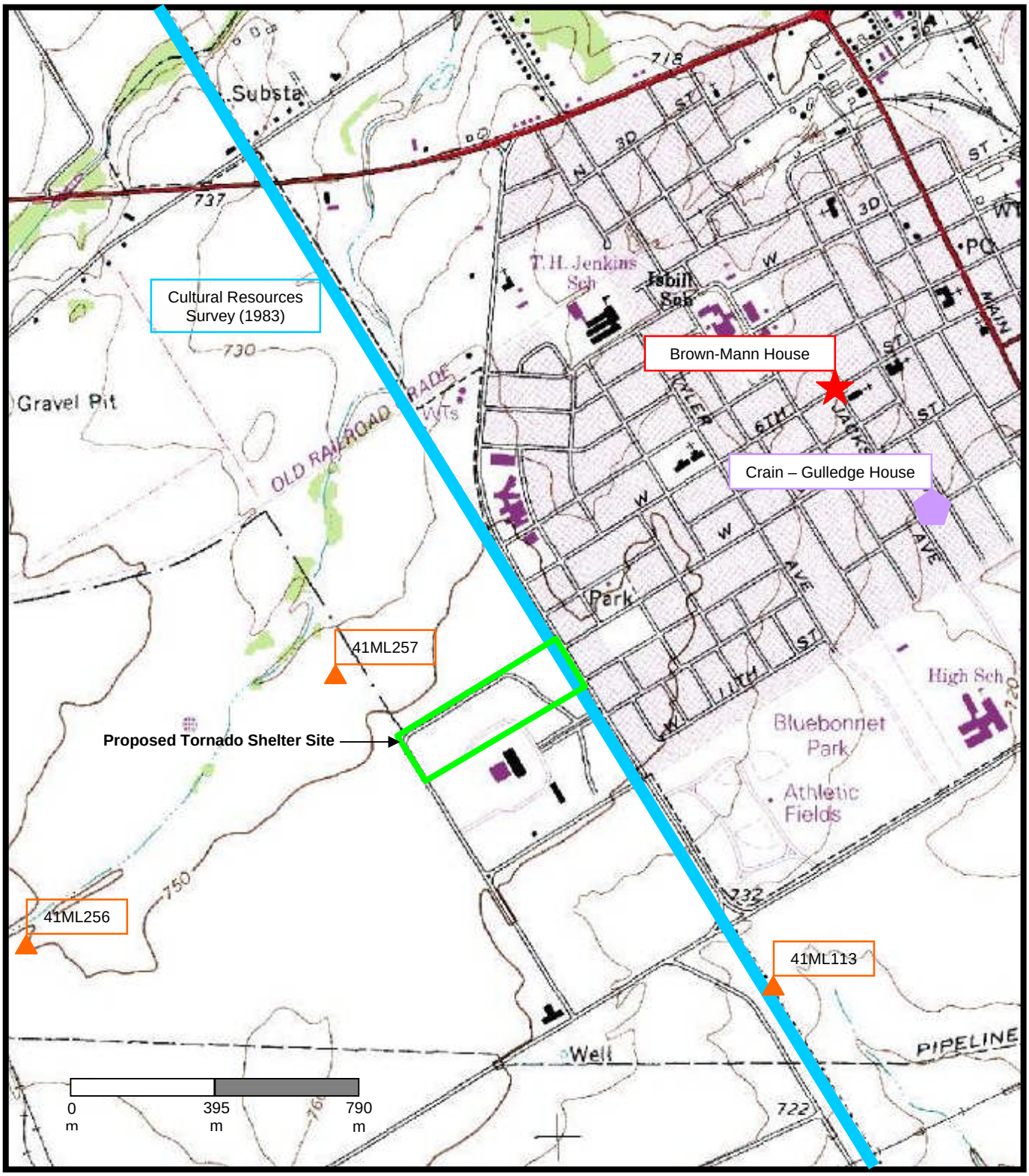
SCALE	NTS	DR BY	MKH	05/30/08	
FILE		CHK BY	BSM	06/04/08	

Figure 2: Locations of previously recorded archaeological sites, Texas Historic Landmarks, National Register of Historic Places properties, and previously completed cultural resources surveys, proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center, McLennan County, Texas.



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NO SURVEY REQUIRED
PROJECT MAY PROCEED
by
for F. Lawerence Oaks
State Historic Preservation Officer
Date 8/25/08
Track#

Reference: Request for Project Review - City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center Project, McLennan County, Texas.

Dear Mr. Oaks:

The City of McGregor, Texas has applied for Pre-Disaster Mitigation - Competitive (PDM-C) program funding under Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants funds under this program for pre-disaster mitigation activities which reduce overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. URS Group Inc. (URS) has been retained by FEMA to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center, located in McLennan County, Texas.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, and implemented by 36 CFR Part 800, requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) an opportunity to comment on federal projects that will have an effect on historic properties prior to implementation. Historic properties are defined as archeological sites, standing structures, or other historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

URS Group Inc. has conducted a review of known cultural resources in proximity to the proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center (Figure 1). FEMA proposes to assist the City in the construction of a 9,626-square-foot storm shelter/civic center on a 12-acre site on South Johnson Drive in McGregor. The proposed project would utilize the eastern portion (approximately 5 acres) of the 12-acre site for the construction the shelter building and approximately 225 parking spaces (Figure 1). The proposed site and the surrounding land to the west were formerly part of the Naval Reserve Ordnance Base. The site is bound by residential areas and Bluebonnet Park to the east side, privately owned scrub/shrub land to the north and west, and a commercial property (Convergys) to the south. The site is currently owned by the City of McGregor.

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The site consists currently of mowed grass and contains no standing structures, although some infrastructure is present. A degraded paved road runs through part of the site and five fire hydrants are located along this road. There are seven separated sunken gas valve stations in various parts of the site and a fiber optics line extends north to south across the site. Water and sewer service lines are located along South Johnson Drive. The required site work would consist of site clearing and grading within the 5-acre project area, the demolition or modification of the existing infrastructure, and the installation of water and sewer service with connections to the water and sewer lines along South Johnson Drive.

The online records of the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas (http://nueces.thc.state.tx.us/) and of the National Register of Historic Places (http://www.nps.gov/nr/) were used for this records review. The Texas Archeological Sites Atlas map indicates that a single linear cultural resources investigation was completed in 1983 within a 1 mile radius of the proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center (Figure 2). This survey follows along the eastern boundary of the subject property; however, the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas database indicates that significant recorded cultural resources were not encountered within, or in close proximity to, the proposed project as a result of this survey effort.

A total of five (5) cultural resources have been identified within a 1 mile (1.6 km) radius of the proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center: three archaeological sites (41ML113, 41ML256, and 41ML257); one Texas Historic Landmark (Glenn Crain and Mary Gulledge House); and a single National Register of Historic Places listed property (the Brown-Mann House) (Figure 2). Site 41ML113 was located 0.6 mi (0.96 km) south-southeast of the proposed property, while Site 41ML256 is positioned 0.75 mi (1.2 km) southwest of the proposed Storm Shelter/Civic Center footprint. Site 41ML257 was recorded approximately 0.14 mi (0.23 km) to the north of the northwest corner of the proposed project area. These three archaeological sites were characterized as historic surface scatters of building materials and foundation remnants, possibly representative of ranching or farming structures. None of these sites was considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Glenn Crain and Mary Gulledge House was constructed in 1892 and is representative of the Shingle architectural style. It is located approximately 0.63 mi (1 km) to the east-northeast of the project area (Figure 2). This property was listed as a Texas Historic Landmark in 2002. The Brown-Mann House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, is situated about 0.63 mi (1 km) to the northeast of the proposed Storm Shelter/Civic Center (Figure 2). This structure was built in the late 1890's and is considered an example of the Colonial Revival and Queen Anne styles. None of the five (5) cultural resources identified above are positioned within the currently proposed City of McGregor Storm Shelter/Civic Center.

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