

FEMA: Week in Review



March 2012

WOMEN'S

HISTORY MONTH



Barbara McClintock

1983 Nobel Laureate for
Physiology or Medicine

March 16, 2012

Announcements

FEMA's Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Program

Federal [environmental and historic preservation laws](#) and executive orders provide the basis and direction for the implementation of federal environmental and historic preservation review requirements for FEMA-funded projects. These laws and executive orders are aimed at protecting our nation's water, air, coastal, wildlife, land, agricultural, historical and cultural resources, as well as minimizing potential adverse effects to children, low-income and minority populations. Failure to comply with these laws could result in project delays and denial of funding. FEMA, through the Environmental and Historic Preservation Program engages in a process to ensure that FEMA funded activities comply with these laws. Applicants can greatly aid FEMA in streamlining the environmental and historic preservation review of proposed actions by:

- ◇ [designing projects to address the requirements or avoid problem areas](#)
- ◇ [writing good project descriptions](#)
- ◇ [gathering useful information](#)
- ◇ [coordinating closely with the state and FEMA](#)
- ◇ [IS-253 Coordinating Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance](#)
- ◇ [anticipating requirements under applicable laws](#)

For more information on the FEMA EHP Program and activities that may trigger EHP review as we move further into recovery and rebuilding for Louisiana, please visit www.fema.gov.

Tornado Facts

- ◆ Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May.
- ◆ Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes.
- ◆ Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Events

Treme Community Center

Another important milestone in the recovery of New Orleans took place on May 5, 2012 with the official groundbreaking of the Treme Community Center at 900 N. Villere Street in the Treme neighborhood.

The two-story recreation center, which is a focal point for the neighborhood, was severely damaged in Hurricane Katrina.

Funding comes from FEMA dollars, state capital outlays and bond funding.

FEMA obligated \$320,000 for the project. Work on the \$4.8 million upgrade to the Treme Community Center began in January.



New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, FEMA Public Assistance Division Supervisor Eddie Williams and other dignitaries attend the groundbreaking ceremony at Treme Community Center. FEMA/Leon Tarver

Calendar

March 20: Norman Mayer Library Grand Opening, 4200 Old Gentilly Road, New Orleans, La. 2 p.m.

March 22: Robert E. Smith Library Grand Opening, 6301 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, La. 11:30 a.m.

March 23-24: Louisiana State Citizen Corps Conference, Pontchartrain Convention Center, Kenner, La. Please contact [Chelsea Brown](#) at (225) 922-0260.

Housing Update

Active Leases
Katrina/Rita: 0 units
Gustav/Ike: 2 units

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