HURRICANE KATRINA SURGE INUNDATION and ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MAP
Orleans Parish, Louisiana
Map Number: LA-FF40

Date of Event: August 29, 2005
Date of Map: June 6, 2006

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2. The highest Existing Approval Date (EAD) for the building site. This EAD is calculated as the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction, plus the proposed wall of a structure.

Using the best-available data, FEMA has mapped the areas of the Parish where each of these two options should be applied.

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In flood-exposed areas (green-shaded areas), the elevation of the building (including basements) to be elevated by the community’s FIRM. FEMA has provided the highest elevation for the building site. For these areas, buildings should be elevated to this elevation.

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