

# ABBREVIATED RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

See 44 Code of Federal Regulation Part 10.

**Project Name/Number:** Slidell City Museum, PW# 6187, FIPS# 103-70805-00

**Project Location:** 2020 1<sup>ST</sup> Street, Slidell, St. Tammany Parish Parish, Latitude: 30.27531, Longitude: -89.7832

**Project Description:** On August 29, 2005, high winds and floodwaters associated with Hurricane Katrina (DR-1603-LA) caused catastrophic damage to the Slidell City Museum. The building was inundated with 49" of floodwater which did not reside for several days. Floodwaters caused extensive damage to hardwood floors (748 SF), surfaces of plaster and lath walls (60 SF), painted surface of plaster walls and ceilings (2,764 SF), two (2) wooden exterior doors (delaminated), interior drywall (592 SF), electrical and phone outlets, suspended acoustical ceiling paneling (330 SF). Hurricane force winds blew off or damaged 1,744 SF (80%) of the asphalt shingle roof. Hazard Mitigation proposes to replace (VCT) vinyl tile flooring with ceramic tile flooring. Ceramic material is not a water sensitive material and would be more resilient to future flooding events.

## Documentation Requirements

- (Short version) All consultation and agreements implemented to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, and Executive Orders 11988, 11990 and 12898 are completed and no other laws apply. **(Review Concluded)**
- (Long version) All applicable laws and executive orders were reviewed. Additional information for compliance is attached to this REC and/or included in project files, as applicable.

## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination

- Statutorily excluded from NEPA review. **(Review Concluded)**
- Programmatic Categorical Exclusion - **(Review Concluded)**
- Categorical Exclusion - Category
- No Extraordinary Circumstances exist.  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Extraordinary Circumstances exist (See Section IV).  
 Extraordinary Circumstances mitigated. (See Section IV comments)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
- Environmental Assessment
- Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Reference EA or PEA in comments)
- Environmental Impact Statement

### **Comments:**

The project meets the criteria for an Alternative Arrangement 'Government and Court Administration Buildings' type of project.

### HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

- No historic properties that are listed or 45/50 years or older in project area. **(Review Concluded)**
- Building or structure listed or 45/50 years or older in project area and activity not exempt from review.
  - Determination of No Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
  - Determination of Historic Properties Affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
    - Property a National Historic Landmark and National Park Service was provided early notification during the consultation process. If not, explain in comments
    - No Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file).  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
    - Adverse Effect Determination (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
      - Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file)  
Are project conditions required  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:**

The scope of work has been reviewed and meets the criteria in Appendix A, Programmatic Allowances, Items (II)(A)(2&4), (II)(B)(1), (II)(C)(1) and (II)(E)(1) of FEMA's Programmatic Agreement (PA) dated December 3, 2004. In accordance with the PA, FEMA is not required to determine the National Register Eligibility of properties where work performed meets the Appendix A criteria. This concludes the section 106 review for this project.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

NHPA effect determinations made by Chelsea Klein, FEMA Historic Preservation Specialist.

### ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Project affects only previously disturbed ground. **(Review Concluded)**
- Project affects undisturbed ground.
  - Project area has no potential for presence of archeological resources
    - Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence or consultation on file). **(Review Concluded)**
  - Project area has potential for presence of archeological resources
    - Determination of no historic properties affected (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)  
Are project conditions required  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
    - Determination of historic properties affected
      - NR eligible resources not present (FEMA finding/SHPO/THPO concurrence on file).  
Are project conditions required  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
      - NR eligible resources present in project area. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
        - No Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
        - Adverse Effect Determination. (FEMA finding/ SHPO/THPO concurrence on file)
          - Resolution of Adverse Effect completed. (MOA on file)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** None

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

### THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

- No listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action. **(Review Concluded)**
- Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in the areas affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action.
  - No effect to species or designated critical habitat. (See comments for justification)  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
  - May affect, but not likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat (FEMA determination/USFWS/NMFS concurrence on file) **(Review Concluded)**  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**

- Likely to adversely affect species or designated critical habitat
- Formal consultation concluded. (Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion on file)  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:**

Project is located in an urban or previously developed area. Neither listed species nor their habitat occur in or near this site, thus FEMA finds there will be no effect to threatened or endangered species.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

USFWS emergency consultation provisions determined in letter dated September 15, 2005.

**E.O. 11988 – FLOODPLAINS**

- No Effect on Floodplains/Flood levels and project outside Floodplain - **(Review Concluded)**
- Located in Floodplain or Effects on Floodplains/Flood levels
  - No adverse effect on floodplain and not adversely affected by the floodplain. **(Review Concluded)**,  
Are project conditions required?  Yes (see section V)  No **(Review Concluded)**
  - Beneficial Effect on Floodplain Occupancy/Values **(Review Concluded)**.
  - Possible adverse effects associated with investment in floodplain, occupancy or modification of floodplain environment
    - 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:** The site is located in Zone AE.

<http://store.msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:** FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 22051C 0010C, revised 3/23/1995.

**E.O. 11990 – WETLANDS**

- No Effects on Wetland(s) and project located outside Wetland(s) - **(Review Concluded)**
- Located in Wetland or effects Wetland(s)
  - Beneficial Effect on Wetland - **(Review Concluded)**
  - Possible adverse effect associated with constructing in or near wetland
    - Review completed as part of floodplain review
    - 8 Step Process Complete - documentation on file  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:**

No wetlands were observed during site visit or determined to be present by checking the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

USFWS NWI map accessed on-line (<http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/wtlnds/launch.html>) 06/19/2006.

**E.O. 12898 - Environmental Justice For Low Income and Minority Populations**

- No Low income or minority population in, near or affected by the project - **(Review Concluded)**
- Low income or minority population in or near project area
  - No disproportionately high and adverse impact on low income or minority population- **(Review Concluded)**
  - Disproportionately high or adverse effects on low income or minority population  
Are project conditions required?  YES (see section V)  NO **(Review Concluded)**

**Comments:**

Project scope of work will have no adverse impact on any population.

**Correspondence/Consultation/References:**

U.S. Census bureau 2000 data at <http://factfinder.census.gov>, referenced 06/19/2006.

**OTHER RELEVANT LAWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

- No impacts to other substantive laws/Executive Orders identified. Review concluded.
- Other applicable substantive laws/Executive Orders. (Identify law/E.O. and conditions if any below).

**Comments:**

**Resource Conservation and Recovery Act:**

Unusable equipment, debris and material shall be disposed of in an approved manner and location. In the event significant items (or evidence thereof) are discovered during implementation of the project applicant shall handle, manage, and dispose of petroleum products, hazardous materials and/or toxic waste in accordance to the requirements and to the satisfaction of the governing local, state and federal agencies.

**Correspondence/Consultation/Reference:**

**V. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT CONDITIONS**

**Project Conditions:**

**This project must comply with all conditions of the attached Programmatic Categorical Exclusion. In addition, the following conditions apply as a condition of FEMA funding reimbursement:**

- This project is located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LA DNR) has determined that receipt of federal assistance is consistent with the Louisiana Resource Program. Projects within the Coastal Zone may still require a coastal use permit or other authorization from DNR. Projects may be coordinated by contacting LA DNR at 1-800-276-4019.
- The Parish of Jefferson enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) 10/01/1971. Per Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 22051C 0010C, dated 3/23/1995, site is located in Zone "AE", area of 100-yr flooding, base flood elevation determined. Project is repair/replacement of building materials. Per 44 CFR 9.11, building contents, materials and equipment (mechanical or electrical) must, where possible, be elevated to or above Advisory Base Flood Elevations. In compliance with E.O. 11988, an 8-step review was performed per 44 CFR 9.12, applicant must publish a final public notice 15 days prior to the start of construction activities. Final public notice is to be forwarded to the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and FEMA for inclusion in the permanent project files.

**No extraordinary circumstances as described in 44 CFR 10.8(d)(3) were identified during project review.**

**REVIEWER AND APPROVALS**

FEMA Environmental Reviewer.

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