

Appendix A

Environmental Assessment Prepared for HUD Community Development Block Grant Application

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Environmental Review Record

(24 CFR Part 58)

of:

Youth Studies Center
Roadway Improvements Project (ENV046)
New Orleans, Louisiana

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SECTION 1

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND GRANT CONDITIONS

Environmental Review Record
City of New Orleans
Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Projects (ENV046)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Applicant: City of New Orleans

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City of New Orleans Office of Community Development

Project Name: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Louisiana

Application ID: ILTR-00288

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in multiple roadway improvement actions throughout the city utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. These roadway improvements projects are intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfares by pedestrians. The projects have been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the streets to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Additionally, this updated scope includes utilities work in the project area. This Environmental Review Record specifically addresses actions to take place along Davey Street from Harrison Avenue to Milton Street; Encampment Street from Milton Street to Sere Street; Senate Street from Davey Street to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac Street from Sere Street to Harrison Avenue; and Milton Street from Davey St to Cadillac Street, comprising a total of approximately 5.8 acres.

The Roadway Improvements Projects can most easily be summarized in three categories:

- 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs;
- 2) Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features; and
- 3) Improvements to utilities.

In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within existing rights-of-way within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand beyond the limits of the locally-owned rights-of-way, existing roadway surfaces, or into private or other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of

currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon or revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the street's subsurface foundation. Asphalt patching will also be employed to ensure that any areas of the street subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planing, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

In addition to the repair of existing asphalt and concrete street surfaces, the roadway improvements will also include the repair and/or replacement of existing curbs as necessary. This will be limited to removal of damaged curb features and replacement in-kind and in-location, and will not include alteration of the limits of or removal of median (neutral ground) areas, expansion of current curb limits, new curb cuts for traffic pattern alteration, or changes in existing curbs and/or street surfaces for any other purpose.

In concert with the street repair and resurfacing actions, sidewalk improvements will also be performed. This will include repair and replacement of sidewalk panels along walking routes of existing sidewalk areas only; that is, all sidewalk improvements will be conducted within the limits of existing sidewalk footprints. Sidewalks will not be extended in length to access new areas, nor expanded in width beyond what currently exists. Sidewalk grade and sloping features may be altered to allow for construction of features in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (such as ramps, varied surfacing materials, high contrast color panels, etc.).

In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

To improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved

and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.

Finally, utility work includes: replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement, excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines, point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replaced with a new pipe, and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repair and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND TRENDS

In accordance with 24 CFR 58.36, an Environmental Assessment level of review consists of a project review of potential environmental impacts as described in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) "*Statutory Checklist*" and "*Environmental Assessment Checklist*" addressing the regulatory authorities and laws of 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.36. The following discussion outlines the actions conducted by the City of New Orleans to perform this required level of review.

Internal GIS database mapping was performed for the City by Ramboll Environ US Corporation (Ramboll Environ) for a wide number of environmental indicators including floodplains, historic districts, surface waters, sole source aquifers, wild and scenic rivers, prime farmland, railroad noise, roadway noise, explosive and flammable sites, risk management plan facility locations, radioactive material facility locations, national priority list locations, toxic release inventory facility locations, solid waste facilities, underground storage tanks, leaking underground storage tanks, and hazardous waste generators. These findings are provided in a series of GIS figures included with this report.

Ramboll Environ, on behalf of the City, submitted letters to various state and federal agencies seeking comments on potential environmental impacts from the proposed actions associated with the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project. The letters enclosed an activity description and mapping of the proposed location in Orleans Parish. The agencies were asked to comment on the potential environmental impacts of the improvements to the streetscape. Agencies solicited for comment include: the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Louisiana Office of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Louisiana

Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) the Orleans Levee District (OLD). The agency responses are included with this Environmental Review Record (ERR) in the “State and Federal Agency Response” section.

The USFWS online pre-development self-assessment tool generated responses on November 19, 2013; March 31, 2014; September 30, 2014; and April 23, 2015 indicating that the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species. Similarly, the LDWF responded on November 20, 2013; October 17, 2014; and May 29, 2015 stating: *“no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project.”*

The SHPO was contacted via letter to determine whether there are any recreational, cultural, or historical resources on or near the project location that may potentially be impacted by the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project. In a response dated December 20, 2013, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer noted that *“The proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on historic properties. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.”* The SHPO was contacted again on April 2, 2014; September 30, 2014; and April 23, 2015, in regards to scope changes. On May 1, 2014; October 6, 2014; and May 21, 2015, the agency responded indicating that the project would not affect historic resources.

Ramboll Environ, on behalf of the City, submitted a letter seeking comment from the ACOE on the potential impact of the proposed activities associated with the Roadway Improvements Projects on wetlands and waters of the United States. In responses dated December 13, 2013; April 1, 2014; and July 9, 2015, the ACOE indicated that based on a review of the project, it was determined that a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required.

Ramboll Environ, on behalf of the City, submitted a letter seeking comment from the LDNR regarding a Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency Determination and Coastal Zone Permitting Requirements or Exemptions for the proposed actions associated with the Roadway Improvements Projects. The LDNR responded on November 25, 2013, referencing a September 28, 2012 letter stating that the Office of Coastal Management (OCM) has determined that any and all federal financial assistance is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resource Program. Additionally, the September letter states that if the need to obtain a Coastal Use Permit or other authorization from OCM exists, a Request for Determination or Solicitation of Views should be submitted to LDNR OCM’s Permit and Mitigation Division. However, the requirement of a Coastal Use Permit for this particular project will likely not be necessary due to a “fastlands” exemption under 43 L.A.C. 723.B.2. A “Request for Determination” may be submitted to LDNR to confirm this exemption.

Letters of solicitation of views were sent to LDEQ on November 13, 2013; March 31, 2014; September 30, 2014 and April 23, 2015. The LDEQ responded to the letters on November 20, 2014 and June 8, 2015. The LDEQ correspondence via email states: *“the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal.”* LDEQ also provided a series of general comments within their correspondence, specifically relating to the potential need for a

Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application and/or modification, control of nonpoint source pollution from construction activities, storm water general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre, permitting of sanitary wastewater treatment facilities, work within wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, protection of the groundwater, notification regarding water system improvements including water softeners, renovation or remodeling requirements with regard to lead based paint and asbestos, emission standards for asbestos for renovations or demolitions, and procedures for encountering solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents. Note that if construction activities exceed 1 acre in size, an LDEQ Storm Water General Permit will be required for this action. For the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, if the project disturbs ground greater than one acre, the Department of Public Works must contact LDEQ to determine if a Storm Water General Permit is required.

The OLD responses dated November 22, 2013; April 9, 2014; December 15, 2014; and May 28, 2015 indicate that the project is located greater than 300' from a hurricane levee and 1500' from the Mississippi River levee, and therefore, a permit will not be required.

The NRCS responded within letters dated November 18, 2013; April 3, 2014; October 6, 2014; and May 7, 2015, stating *"The project map submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas are within urban areas and therefore is exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act."*

Ramboll Environ, on behalf of the City, contacted key officials within various local agencies of the City of New Orleans to evaluate the impacts of the project to infrastructure and services. The responses to these inquiries are provided in the "Local Agency Correspondence" section of this Environmental Review Record. Local agencies responding included the New Orleans Department of Public Works, the New Orleans City Planning Commission, New Orleans Office of Community Development (NOOCD) - Economic Development, the NOOCD – Environmental Affairs, the New Orleans Department of Sanitation, the City of New Orleans Department of Parks and Parkways, the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, and the Orleans Parish School Board.

Although solicited for comment on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the following agencies chose not to respond with comments within 30 days: the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission, the New Orleans Recovery School District, the New Orleans Fire Department, the New Orleans Police Department, the City of New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, and the New Orleans Department of Health.

In all responses provided, City Officials reported that the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project would not result in discernable impacts to the local infrastructure.

The City of New Orleans also contacted multiple tribal organizations to provide them the opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements. Organizations contacted include the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma,

the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana.

The majority of the organizations declined to comment on the project within 30 days. A November 23, 2013 response from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma notes, *"The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is unaware of any Choctaw cultural or sacred sites located within the immediate project area. We believe there should be no effects to any known historic properties and that work should proceed as planned."* However, the response also requests that if Native American cultural materials are encountered, work be stopped and their office be contacted immediately. Also, they ask that the stipulation be placed on the construction plans to ensure the contractors are aware. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded on April 2, 2014 to an updated scope solicitation stating, *"The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma concurs that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American cultural materials or human remains are encountered."* The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was contacted a third time in regards to a scope update. The tribe responded stating, *"Orleans Parish, LA lies in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's area of historic interest."* They requested GPS coordinates for the scope update project area in order to provide a determination. The GPS coordinates were provided on November 5, 2014. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma declined to respond within the 30 day period after this request. However, based on the previous determinations, this project scope update should not have a negative impact on possible historic artifacts. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded to the 2015 scope update stating, *"As a federally recognized Tribe, we wish to exercise our right to enter into government-to-government consultation directly with the federal agency. The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department has some concerns regarding this project. The APE lies within the Choctaw Nation's buffer zone for a Choctaw village site and seasonal camp area. Due to the possibility of encountering buried archaeological material in the area, the Choctaw Nation will need some additional information. We ask that you please send out office the comments from the SHPO regarding this project, so that we may have a better idea of its likelihood to impact ancestral Choctaw archaeological sites or sacred areas."* Additionally, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma requested that the following clause be written into the project contract: *"In the advent that ground-disturbing work uncovers significant archaeological materials, such as stone arrowheads, ceramics, or early building foundations, or if work uncovers human burials or human remains, ground disturbing activities will immediately be stopped within a 300 foot radius and the materials protected. The State Historic Preservation Officer and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Historic Preservation Department will be contacted as soon as possible, and given an opportunity to provide input before construction resumes."* The SHPO response noting *"no adverse effect on historic properties"* was sent to Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma on May 26, 2015. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded stating, *"The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department concurs with the finding of 'no adverse effect'. However, as the project lies in an area of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American artifacts or human remains are encountered."*

Additionally, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responded on December 30, 2013 stating, *"We have no concerns at this time. However, if any culturally significant artifacts are discovered*

please contact our office immediately.” The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responded on April 16, 2014 to an updated scope solicitation noting, “In order to properly comment, the Jena Band of Choctaw Tribal Historic Preservation Office is requesting a Cultural Resources Survey and all other pertinent information regarding the project area, due to ground disturbing activities.” However, after further discussion with the City of New Orleans, this April 30, 2014 response was received from the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, “Thank you for providing information clarifying the details of this project. As it seems there shall be no further ground disturbing activities beyond what has already been disturbed, we find there is no further need for consultation on this matter as it pertains to cultural properties. Therefore, please consider this email as formal clearance for your NEPA compliance. However, as always, if by chance any culturally significant artifacts are encountered please contact us immediately.”

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana responded in regards to the updated scope solicitation. The April 17, 2014 response from the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana states, *“Our records and oral traditions do not indicate that a specific Chitimacha archaeological site or Traditional Cultural Property will be affected, therefore we have no objection to the implementation of the proposed activity. However, if archaeological remains are discovered during the process of construction you should stop and contact the tribe and the State Historic Preservation Office Immediately.”* The April 28, 2014 response from the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana Heritage Department concurs with the City of New Orleans’ findings of *“no historic properties affected.”* The letter indicates that the tribe does not know of sacred or ceremonials sites in the project area, and does not believe further Section 106 consultation is necessary for the project. They do note that *“if any cultural resources, such as, bone, pottery, stone tools, etc., are found subsequently, we may elect to discuss additional mitigation steps, including on-site monitoring. In the event that archaeological properties or human remains are discovered, please stop work and contact us immediately, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.”*

Ramboll Environ conducted site reconnaissance of the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project site to identify any environmental hazards in addition to those previously identified in the database search, in accordance with HUD guidance documents. These hazards include visible toxic or flammable sites/items which could potentially affect nearby properties adversely. No explosive or flammable hazards were identified during the site visit.

CONDITIONS OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City will publish a Notice of Intent for the Request for Release of Funds (RROF) for the Roadway Improvements Projects in June 2015. This notice will publish in the Times-Picayune newspaper in New Orleans. A copy of the combined notice will be appended to this Environmental Review Record.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on the City’s review of this project, a review of GIS-based environmental databases, site reconnaissance, and comments received from various local, state, and federal agencies, a number of environmental factors and conditions were identified for the Youth Studies Center Roadway

Improvements Project that may warrant either further assessment or mitigation. These conditions are being placed into the terms of the CDBG grant from Housing and Urban Development. A summary of these conditions is presented in the following section.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The environmental conditions investigated fall into three categories:

- 1) ***Specific Conditions***: These conditions will require further consultation, permitting, or mitigation;
- 2) ***Other Considerations***: These include recommendations for further consideration or consultation; and
- 3) ***Exempt Environmental Conditions***: These conditions, although exempt from HUD standards, are provided for completion of the record.

Specific Conditions

The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project was evaluated for specific environmental conditions listed among the requirements of 24 CFR Part 58 for HUD-assisted projects. For these conditions, further agency consultation or mitigation is required.

Potential Impacts to Water Quality

If the project activities result in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, LDEQ will likely indicate that the wastewater treatment system's Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit be updated before accepting additional wastewater. Storm water discharges resulting from construction activities greater than one acre in size are subject to permitting in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511. The terms of any such permit under LDEQ or EPA jurisdiction may apply to construction activities conducted as part of this planned action. This may include filing a Notice of Intent with LDEQ, preparation of a storm water pollution prevention plan, and complying with the standard permit conditions outlined in LDEQ Storm Water General Permits for Construction Activities (Master Permit Numbers LAR100000 or LAR200000). If the project disturbs ground greater than one acre, the Department of Public Works must contact LDEQ to determine if a Storm Water General Permit is required.

Other Considerations

The following environmental conditions were noted during the performance of this environmental review as being potentially applicable to the subject site and may thus warrant further consideration or consultation.

Chemical/Physical Hazards Associated with the Existing Structures and Features

For properties to be demolished or rehabilitated, it is recommended that proof of utility disconnections that could otherwise pose a safety or health hazard (e.g., natural gas, fuel gas, sewer and electrical service lines, and underground storage tanks) be provided to contractors prior to the commencement of work. Contractors are required to comply with applicable OSHA

worker protection standards for construction workers for protection against hazards. Construction and demolition debris must be managed and transported by licensed contractors and disposed at permitted solid or hazardous waste facilities. These permits include but are not limited to those required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and applicable State of Louisiana Solid and Hazardous Waste rules, regulations, and standards (including actions associated with construction and demolition debris generated as a result of Hurricane Katrina). Contractors must be made aware of these safety and waste-related requirements. See LAC 33:III.5151 for specific requirements regarding demolition debris.

Potential Impacts to Air Quality

Proper permits with LDEQ must be acquired if a new air emission source should be created at the project location. The project will not create a new air emission source. Construction activities at the site will be subject to the control of airborne particulates to avoid visibility impairments along adjacent highways in accordance with LAC 33:III.1303.B through 1305.

Properties Located Within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone

All land in Orleans Parish is located in the Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) of Louisiana. Unless otherwise exempt, surface alterations that may have direct and significant impacts on coastal waters require notification and a Coastal Use Permit from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Division and must comply with the guidelines of 43 LAC I:711. Activities requiring notification or permits include urban development involving more than one structure and most activities requiring permits from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Exemptions from permitting generally include single family residential construction, repair and maintenance, activities in fastlands, and activities on land above elevation of 5 feet mean sea level. The improvements are likely exempt from permitting due to the location in a fastlands area. A "Request for Determination" can be filed with the LDNR to confirm this exemption.

Exempt Conditions

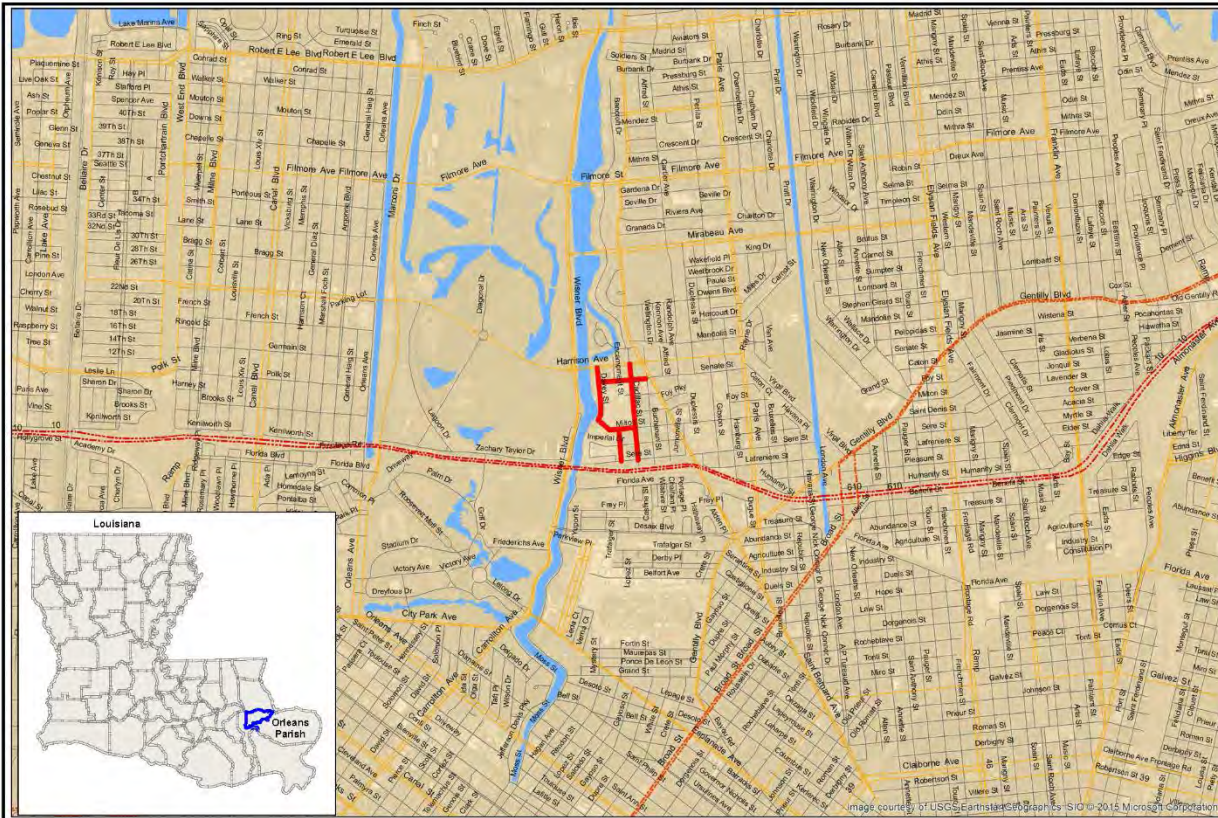
Certain conditions were identified as part of this environmental review, and determined by HUD to be exempt from the environmental review requirements of Part 58. These are described in the attachment "Listing of Significant Environmental Considerations".

DISCLAIMER:

Grantee acknowledges that the environmental review conducted for the property is not intended to constitute "All Appropriate Inquiry" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). Grantee acknowledges that the City of New Orleans and its contractors are released from any and all liability that may be associated with recognized environmental conditions that may exist in connection with the property.

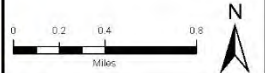
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FIGURES



Legend

- Street Scapes Project Location
- Water (CENSUS 2010)
- Orleans Parish



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SITE LOCATION MAP CITY OF NEW ORLEANS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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SECTION 3

LISTING OF CONSIDERATIONS

**LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
YOUTH STUDIES CENTER ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

Chemical/Physical Hazards Associated with the Existing Structures and Features

The existing structures/features on the property that will be either demolished or rehabilitated require that contractors and workers be made aware of potential hazards associated with Lead-Based Paint (LBP) and Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM). Testing for LBP should be performed on all painted surfaces associated with buildings or features installed prior to 1978. According to HUD guidelines, such evaluation would include a Lead Hazard Screen and/or Risk Assessment to determine if lead impacts are present above applicable standards. The risk assessment identifies lead hazards and, if appropriate, lead hazard reduction methods required at the site. A certified risk assessor must conduct the Lead Hazard Screen and the subsequent Risk Assessment. If LBP is present and will be removed by activities being proposed, then contractors must be properly licensed for removal of LBP in accordance with LDEQ requirements. An ACM survey should also be completed for buildings or structures that will be demolished. In the absence of dates of known construction and ACM surveys, it should be assumed that these hazards exist. For properties to be demolished or rehabilitated, it is recommended that proof of utility disconnections that could otherwise pose a safety or health hazard (e.g., natural gas, fuel gas, sewer and electrical service lines, and underground storage tanks) be provided to contractors prior to the commencement of work. Contractors are required to comply with applicable OSHA worker protection standards for construction workers for protection against hazards. Furthermore, activities at the site must comply with the requirements of the USEPA "Renovation Repair, and Repainting" (RRP) Rule (40 CFR Part 745) that became effective April 22, 2010. Although applicability of this rule is subject to the interpretation of "Child Occupied Facility," as defined in the rule; for the purposes of this ERR it should be assumed that all activities at the site are subject to RRP requirements. Construction and demolition debris must be managed and transported by licensed contractors and disposed at permitted solid or hazardous waste facilities. These permits/licenses include but are not limited to those required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and applicable State of Louisiana Solid and Hazardous Waste rules, regulations, and standards (including actions associated with construction and demolition debris generated as a result of Hurricane Katrina). Note that an asbestos survey must be performed on all structures prior to demolition and in accordance with LDEQ regulations. Based on the results of this survey abatement and special disposal requirements may apply to construction debris. Contractors must be made aware of these safety and waste-related requirements. See LAC 33:III.5151 for specific requirements regarding asbestos and demolition debris.

Actions Located Within the Effective 100-year Floodplain

Properties located within the 100-year floodplain (including those located within the Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps) must provide proof of flood insurance at the time of closing for new structures constructed on the property and for substantial improvements to existing structures. These structures must be elevated above the base flood elevation established by FEMA or the local parish. Alternatively, the structures must be designed to meet flood-proofing requirements in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program. Design measures will be

employed to minimize floodplain risk to the fullest practical extent. In the absence of meeting base flood elevation criteria or flood-proofing requirements, a justification must be provided in the ERR. Note that new structures built within New Orleans, regardless of floodplain designation, must be elevated above the base flood elevation established by FEMA or the local parish, or designed to meet flood-proofing requirements in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program. For this project, insurance is not required as the scope does not involve structures requiring flood insurance. For an in depth analysis of floodplain and wetlands management, refer to the attached document; "Procedure for Making a Determination on Floodplain Management and Wetlands: Eight Step Process".

Wetlands Jurisdictional Determination Required from the United States Army Corps of Engineers

Properties potentially containing wetlands require a Wetlands Jurisdictional Determination from the United States Army Corps of Engineers prior to any planned improvements. Exceptions to this requirement apply to rehabilitations that do not expand the current footprint of existing structures. The subject property does not contain wetlands.

Properties Eligible for Historical Preservation

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (particularly Section 106 and Section 110) mandate that agencies with jurisdiction over Federally assisted, licensed or approved activities afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the SHPO reasonable opportunity to comment on the project's impact to historic properties. Therefore, all properties within state-recognized historic districts will be required to acquire SHPO approval of any plans for new construction, exterior renovations, or structural demolition. This project has been approved in accordance with the December 20, 2013 SHPO response to the ENVIRON solicitation of views. If the scope of this project varies from the project descriptions submitted to SHPO by ENVIRON on November 13, 2013, April 2, 2014, September 30, 2014, or April 23, 2015, than a new SHPO approval will be required. The SHPO was contacted on April 2, 2014, September 30, 2014, and April 23, 2015, in regards to the scope changes. The agency responded on May 1, 2014, October 6, 2014, and May 21, 2015 indicating that the changes in scope would not affect historic resources. This SHPO approval does not absolve a property from obtaining a local HDLC "Certificate of Appropriateness" for activities involving new construction or exterior rehabilitation within local historic districts, or a local clearance to proceed with demolition activities within local historic districts. This condition may apply to demolition, rehabilitation, and new construction activities.

Properties Within Runway Protection Zones, Clear Zones, and Accident Potential Zones

Properties located within runway protection zones, clear zones, or accident potential zones (associated with civil or military airports) may not be conveyed using HUD assistance, subsidy or insurance unless the grantee or buyer is advised, in writing, that the property is in an applicable zone, what the implications of such a location are, and that there is a possibility that the property may, at a later date, be acquired by the airport operator. The buyer must sign a document acknowledging receipt of this information. Specifically, the site is not located within such a zone.

Properties Located Near Potential Releases of Toxic Substances

The project site is located at a distance or direction from a site that may have released hazardous substances or petroleum into the environment. Such sites may include solid waste landfills or dumps, leaking underground storage tanks, or National Priority List (i.e., "Superfund") facilities falling under the contamination/toxic policy of 24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)(iii). Further consultation with LDEQ would be required to verify current conditions and to evaluate potential impacts to the property, if any, from these sources. Impacts from these sites on the subject property, if found, may require future land use and development restrictions depending on the constituents of concern and their concentrations, media impacted, and potential exposure pathways. Specifically, the site is not located within the buffer of properties located near potential releases of toxic substances.

Potential Impacts to Air Quality

Proper permits with LDEQ must be acquired if a new air emission source should be created at the project location. The project will not create a new air emission source. Construction activities at the site will be subject to the control of airborne particulates to avoid visibility impairments along adjacent highways in accordance with LAC 33:III.1303.B through 1305.

Potential Impacts to Water Quality

If the project activities result in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, LDEQ will likely indicate that the wastewater treatment system's Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit be updated before accepting additional wastewater. Storm water discharges resulting from construction activities greater than one acre in size are subject to permitting in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511. The terms of any such permit under LDEQ or EPA jurisdiction may apply to construction activities conducted as part of this planned action. This may include filing a Notice of Intent with LDEQ, preparation of a storm water pollution prevention plan, and complying with the standard permit conditions outlined in LDEQ Storm Water General Permits for Construction Activities (Master Permit Numbers LAR100000 or LAR200000). If the project disturbs ground greater than one acre, the Department of Public Works must contact LDEQ to determine if a Storm Water General Permit is required.

Potential for Elevated Lead Concentrations in Soils

Properties that have had former structures present may have been coated with lead-based paint (e.g. built prior to 1978). Lead from the paint as well as from historical activities associated with the urban area, such as leaded gasoline combustion in cars, could have impacted surface soils at the site. If the proposed activities at these locations would have the potential to expose workers and/or the public to soil particles, further evaluation or abatement may be necessary. According to HUD guidelines, such evaluation would include a Lead Hazard Screen and/or Risk Assessment to determine if lead impacts are present above applicable standards. The risk assessment identifies lead hazards and, if appropriate, lead hazard reduction methods required at the site. A certified risk assessor must conduct the Lead Hazard Screen and the subsequent Risk Assessment if necessary. If it is determined that a Risk Assessment is required, then the LDEQ may need to be consulted based on soil sampling results. As an alternative to conducting screening and assessments at the site, covering the entire site with three to six inches of clean top soil may mitigate potential concerns with lead, dependent upon the intended use. Lead

concentrations within the soil along the subject area of Davey St, Encampment St, Senate St, and Cadillac St are unknown. However, due to the scope of work proposed, lead exposure to individuals in the post development condition does not represent a significant risk.

Properties Within Proximity of a Flood Control Structure

Properties within 300 feet of a hurricane control structure or 1,500 feet of Mississippi River floodwall/levee must consult with the Orleans Levee District to obtain work permits for renovations outlined in the March 17, 2009 Orleans Levee District memorandum. Such consultation may include obtaining letters of no objection from interested agencies such as the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Zone. The site is not located within any applicable distances from flood control structures and will not require work permits regarding flood control structures.

Properties Located Within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone

All land in Orleans Parish is located in the Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) of Louisiana. Unless otherwise exempt, surface alterations that may have direct and significant impacts on coastal waters require notification and a Coastal Use Permit from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Division and must comply with the guidelines of 43 LAC I:711. Activities requiring notification or permits include urban development involving more than one structure and most activities requiring permits from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Exemptions from permitting generally include single family residential construction, repair and maintenance, activities in fastlands, and activities on land above elevation of 5 feet mean sea level. The improvements are likely exempt from permitting due to the location in a fastlands area. A "Request for Determination" can be filed with the LDNR to confirm this exemption.

Project Noise Considerations

Property is located within HUD-specified distance of major roadways and is thus potentially subject to excessive noise levels. If property is designated for residential use, the potential exists for excessive exterior noise levels (>65 decibels) and noise attenuation measures may be required to reduce interior noise levels to a day-night average sound level of 45 decibels or less. Further evaluation or actual sound measurements may be warranted to determine whether exterior noise sources meet the HUD thresholds and whether noise attenuation measures would be recommended. Exemptions from these requirements include removal of debris and wreckage and new construction or rehabilitation that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster. Specifically, the project is located within a major road noise buffer zone and within HUD-specified distance of railways. The project is exempt from noise attenuation requirements as the project involves the renovation and improvement of a street. The property will not be designated for residential use.

Properties Located in Prime Farmlands

Consideration was made of the impact on the project to prime farmlands, unique farmland or farmland of statewide or local importance that are regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act. While many properties lie on lands indicated as Prime Farmlands, a number of exemptions apply under this act. Based on a review by the Natural Resources Conservation

Service, although the project does lie in an area designated as prime farmland, the activity was deemed to be exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act due to the location within lands designated as “urban and built up.”

Wild and Scenic Rivers

There is one federally designated Wild and Scenic River, Saline Bayou, located in the west-central part of Louisiana in Natchitoches Parish. Since the project is not located near this stream, there is no impact on federally listed Wild and Scenic Rivers. The project is located in proximity to Bayou St. John, a state listed Wild and Scenic River; however, the proposed improvements will not impact this waterway.

GENERALLY EXEMPT CONDITIONS

The following issues were investigated as part of this environmental review, although it has been determined by HUD they are exempt from the environmental review requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. These considerations are provided below simply for purposes of documenting additional pertinent information.

Site Located Near Handlers of Toxic Substances and Radioactive Materials

Some properties are located near registered or licensed handlers of toxic substances or radioactive materials, such as hazardous waste generators, registered underground storage tanks, licensed radiation sources, or regulated emissions of toxics to air, water or land. However, these substances are regulated by federal and state environmental agencies and are required to be contained and controlled to avoid impacts to the public. The listing of these facilities does not imply that releases to the environment have occurred to date. At this time, the information provided does not indicate the listed sites are likely to affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of property. HUD has therefore determined that the properties listed under this designation are exempt from the contamination/toxic policy under 24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)(i). Specifically, the site is located within the 3,000 foot buffer of RCRA Treatment, Storage, and Disposal sites; and the 1,000 foot buffer of hazardous waste generator locations.

EXPLOSIVES AND FLAMMABLES CONCERNS

In evaluating the applicability of Subpart C (Explosives and Flammables), HUD provided the following determination:

“the definition for HUD assisted projects in Subpart C is predicated on whether the HUD project increases the number of people exposed to hazardous operations; therefore, HUD has determined that the environmental review for grants to elevate, rehabilitate or reconstruct housing that existed prior to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita where the number of dwelling units is not increased is not required to apply 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C.”

Based on the nature of the project involving improvements to roadways, it has been determined that the proposed action will not result in an increase in densities that existed prior to the storm of 2005. The above exclusion therefore applies to the project. The designation is provided below for completion of the record.

Properties Located Near Chemical Accident Prevention Sites

Properties within 1 mile of a facility listed as being subject to Chemical Accident Prevention Regulations may have the potential to be impacted in the event of an uncontrolled release, depending on the substances stored, distance to the property and shielding by other structures. The actual radius of potential impact from an accident at these facilities and mitigation measures in place are chemical and site-specific and subject to review and approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Further consultation with these agencies would be required to evaluate potential risks, if any, for properties within the estimated area of potential impact. Specifically, the site is not located within 1 mile of a Risk Management Plan Facility.

Properties Located Near Explosive and Flammable Operations

Properties within the calculated Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) of a site that handles in excess of 100 gallons of flammable or explosive material and the site may have the potential to be impacted in the event of an uncontrolled release. The potential area of impact is dependent on the substance stored, distance to the property, and shielding by other structures. Further consultation with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality would be required to evaluate potential risks, if any, from any nearby explosive or flammable material. Specifically, the site is not located within buffer areas associated with explosive and flammable operations.

SECTION 4

COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST for 24 CFR §58.6, Other Requirements

Project Name: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project **Application ID:** ILTR-00288
Project Description: The Roadway Improvements Projects can be summarized in three categories: 1. improvements to existing streets and curbs, 2. improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features, and 3. improvements to utilities.
Project Location: Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St, New Orleans, Louisiana

Level of Environmental Review Determination: **4**

Select One: (1) Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34, or (2) Categorically Excluded not subject to statutes per 58.35 (b), or (3) Categorically Excluded subject to statutes per 58.35(a), or (4) Environmental Assessment per 58.36, or (5) EIS per 40 CFR 1500

1. §58.6(a) and (b) Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended; National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994

a. Does the project involve new construction, major rehabilitation, minor rehabilitation, improvements, acquisition, management, new loans, loan refinancing or mortgage insurance?

- ☒ Yes, continue
☐ No, compliance with this section is complete

b. Is the project located in a FEMA identified Special Flood Hazard Area?

- ☐ Yes, continue
☒ No, compliance with this section is complete

c. Is the community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)?

- ☐ Yes; Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained. If HUD assistance is provided as a grant, insurance must be maintained for the economic life of the project and in the amount of the total project cost (or up to the maximum allowable coverage, whichever is less). If HUD assistance is provided as a loan, insurance must be maintained for the term of the loan and in the amount of the loan (or up to the maximum allowable coverage, whichever is less). A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file in the ERR.
☐ No, Federal Assistance may not be used in the Special Flood Hazards Area.

2. §58.6(c) Coastal Barrier Improvement Act, as amended by the Coastal Barriers Improvement Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3501)

a. Does the project involve new construction, conversion of land uses, major rehabilitation, of existing structures, or acquisition of undeveloped land?

- ☒ Yes, continue
☐ No, compliance with this section is complete

b. Is the project located in a coastal barrier resource area?

- ☐ Yes; Federal assistance may not be used in such an area.
☒ No, compliance with this section is complete

3. §58.6(d) Runway Clear Zones and Clear Zones [24 CFR §51.303(a) (3)]

a. Does the project involve the sale or purchase of existing property?

- ☐ Yes, continue
☒ No, compliance with this section is complete

b. Is the property located within 2,500 feet of the end of a civil airport runway (Civil Airport's Runway Clear Zone) or within 15,000 feet of the end of a military runway (Military Airfield's Clear zone)?

- ☐ Yes, Notice must be provided to the buyer. The notice must advise the buyer that the property is in a Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone, what the implications of such a location are, and that there is a possibility that the property may, at a later date, be acquired by the airport operator. The buyer must sign a statement acknowledging receipt of this information, and a copy of the signed notice must be maintained with the ERR.
☒ No, compliance with this section is complete

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SECTION 5

STATUTORY CHECKLIST



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Application ID: ILTR-00288

Project Name: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project (ENV046)

Project Description:

Roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair, construction of ADA ramps; installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping; installation of new way finding and other street signage; upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features; replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement; excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines; point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replace with a new pipe; and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repairs and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

Location: Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St, New Orleans, Louisiana

Status Definitions:
A: The project does not require formal consultation, compliance measures, or actions.
B: The project requires formal consultation, compliance measures, or actions.

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| 1. Historic Preservation [36 CFR Part 800] | A | <p>The project site does not lie within an existing historic district.</p> <p>In correspondence, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism State Historic Preservation Officer noted <i>"No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking."</i> The SHPO was contacted additional times, in regards to the scope changes. The agency responded to each scope change indicating that the change in project scope would not affect historic resources.</p> <p>The City of New Orleans contacted multiple tribal organizations to provide them the opportunity to comment on the proposed renovations.</p> <p>A response from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma notes, <i>"The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is unaware of any Choctaw</i></p> | <p>These determinations were made by the agency after review of the November 13, 2013, April 2, 2014, September 30, 2014, and April 23, 2015 solicitation of views provided by Ramboll Environ.</p> <p>GIS Figure 3B depicting the historic district; the December 20, 2013, May 1, 2014, October 6, 2014, and May 21, 2015 SHPO responses; the November 23, 2013, April 2, 2014, November 1, 2014, May 26, 2015, and June 23, 2015 Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responses; the December 30, 2013, April 16, 2014, and April 30,</p> |



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| 1. Historic Preservation (continued) [36 CFR Part 800] | | <i>cultural or sacred sites located within the immediate project area. We believe there should be no effects to any known historic properties and that work should proceed as planned.</i> However, the response also requests that if Native American cultural materials are encountered, work be stopped and their office be contacted immediately. Also, they ask that the stipulation be placed on the construction plans to ensure the contractors are aware. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded to an updated scope solicitation stating, <i>"The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma concurs that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American cultural materials or human remains are encountered."</i> The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was contacted a third time in regards to a scope update. The tribe responded stating, <i>"Orleans Parish, LA lies in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's area of historic interest."</i> They requested GPS coordinates for the scope update project area in order to provide a determination. The GPS coordinates were provided on November 5, 2014. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma declined to respond within the 30 day period after this request. However, based on the previous determinations, this project scope update should not have a negative impact on possible historic artifacts. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded to the 2015 scope update stating, <i>"As a federally recognized Tribe, we wish to exercise our right to enter into government-to-government consultation directly with the federal agency. The Choctaw Nation Historic</i> | 2014 Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responses; the April 17, 2014 response from the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana; and the April 28, 2014 response from the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana can be found as attachments to the ERR. |



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| | | <p><i>Preservation Department has some concerns regarding this project. The APE lies within the Choctaw Nation's buffer zone for a Choctaw village site and seasonal camp area. Due to the possibility of encountering buried archaeological material in the area, the Choctaw Nation will need some additional information. We ask that you please send out office the comments from the SHPO regarding this project, so that we may have a better idea of its likelihood to impact ancestral Choctaw archaeological sites or sacred areas."</i></p> <p>Additionally, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma requested that the following clause be written into the project contract: <i>"In the advent that ground-disturbing work uncovers significant archaeological materials, such as stone arrowheads, ceramics, or early building foundations, or if work uncovers human burials or human remains, ground disturbing activities will immediately be stopped within a 300 foot radius and the materials protected. The State Historic Preservation Officer and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Historic Preservation Department will be contacted as soon as possible, and given an opportunity to provide input before construction resumes."</i></p> <p>The SHPO response noting <i>"no adverse effect on historic properties"</i> was sent to Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma on May 26, 2015. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded stating, <i>"The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department concurs with the finding of 'no adverse effect'. However, as the project lies in an area of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American artifacts or human remains are encountered."</i></p> | |



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| | | <p>Additionally, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responded stating, <i>"We have no concerns at this time. However, if any culturally significant artifacts are discovered please contact our office immediately."</i> The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responded to an updated scope solicitation noting, <i>"In order to properly comment, the Jena Band of Choctaw Tribal Historic Preservation Office is requesting a Cultural Resources Survey and all other pertinent information regarding the project area, due to ground disturbing activities."</i> However, after further discussion with the City of New Orleans, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians replied, <i>"Thank you for providing information clarifying the details of this project. As it seems there shall be no further ground disturbing activities beyond what has already been disturbed, we find there is no further need for consultation on this matter as it pertains to cultural properties. Therefore, please consider this email as formal clearance for your NEPA compliance. However, as always, if by chance any culturally significant artifacts are encountered please contact us immediately."</i></p> <p>The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana responded in regards to the updated scope solicitation. The response states, <i>"Our records and oral traditions do not indicate that a specific Chitimacha archaeological site or Traditional Cultural Property will be affected, therefore we have no objection to the implementation of the proposed activity. However, if archaeological remains are discovered during the process of construction you should stop and contact the tribe and the State Historic Preservation Office Immediately."</i> The</p> | |



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| | | <p>response from the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana Heritage Department concurs with the City of New Orleans' findings of "no historic properties affected." The letter indicates that the tribe does not know of sacred or ceremonials sites in the project area, and does not believe further Section 106 consultation is necessary for the project. They do note that "if any cultural resources, such as, bone, pottery, stone tools, etc., are found subsequently, we may elect to discuss additional mitigation steps, including on-site monitoring. In the event that archaeological properties or human remains are discovered, please stop work and contact us immediately, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law."</p> <p>The other organizations declined to provide project- specific comments within 30 days.</p> | |



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| 2. Floodplain Management [24 CFR Part 55, Executive Order 11988] | B | <p>The proposed project site is located within the FEMA Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (PDFRIM 2014) 100-year floodplain.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the project as improvements to an existing roadway, impacts to the floodplain as a result of the project are not anticipated to occur. Flood insurance will not be required as no structures exist on the site, and no new structures will be built. A detailed discussion on project alternatives and potential impacts, as they relate to the location of the site within the floodplain, are included in the attached "Floodplain and Wetland Management 8-Step Process" document.</p> | GIS Figures 4aB (1999) and 4bB (2014) depicting the floodplain are provided as an attachment to this ERR. |
| 3. Wetland Protection [24 CFR Part 55, Executive Order 11990] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>No wetlands were identified in the project area as depicted on the National Wetland Inventory and LDNR Coastal Wetland maps.</p> <p>A response from the Army Corps of Engineers stated that the site does not fall within areas designated as wetland and will not require Department of the Army (DA) permitting.</p> <p>Ramboll Environ did not observe any wetland indicators at the site, such as wetland vegetation.</p> | <p>The NWI map in relation to the project site is depicted on GIS Figure 1B. The LDNR Coastal Wetlands map in relation to the project site is depicted on GIS Figure 2B.</p> <p>The December 13, 2013; April 1, 2014; and July 9, 2015 responses from the ACOE and the GIS Figures can be found as attachments to the ERR.</p> |



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| 4. Coastal Zone Management [Coastal Zone Management Act 16 U.S.C. 1451, §§ 307(c), (d)] | B | <p>A response from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources referenced their September 28, 2012 letter, which states that the Office of Coastal Management (OCM) has determined that any and all federal financial assistance is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resource Program.</p> <p>Additionally, the September letter states that is the need to obtain a Coastal Use Permit or other authorization from OCM exists, a Request for Determination or Solicitation of Views should be submitted to LDNR OCM's Permit and Mitigation Division. However, the requirement of a Coastal Use Permit for this particular project will likely not be necessary due to a "fastlands" exemption under 43 L.A.C. 723.B.2. A "Request for Determination" may be submitted to LDNR to confirm this exemption.</p> <p>If the project disturbs greater than one acre of ground, a LDEQ General Permit for Small Construction Activities (Master Permit Number LAR200000) will be required.</p> <p>Based on the review conducted by Ramboll Environ, no aspects of this project appear likely to impact Coastal Zones of Louisiana.</p> | The November 25, 2013 response from LDNR can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 5. Sole Source Aquifers [40 CFR Part 149] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>No Sole Source aquifers occur within Orleans Parish.</p> | <p>The project's location in relation to Sole Source aquifers is located on GIS Figure 5B, which is attached to this ERR.</p> <p>This information can also be found on the EPA's Region 6 Sole Source Aquifers map (http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/swp/ssa/maps.htm).</p> |



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| 6. Endangered Species [Endangered Species Act 50 CFR Part 402] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>Generated responses from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services online pre-development self-assessment tool indicate that the project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species. Additionally, responses from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries indicate the proposed project will not result in negative impacts to rare, threatened or endangered species, or critical habitats.</p> <p>Ramboll Environ did not observe any suitable habitat or evidence of endangered species at the property during the January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015 site inspections.</p> | The responses dated November 19, 2013; March 31, 2014; September 30, 2014; and April 23, 2015 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Louisiana Field Office and the November 20, 2013; October 17, 2014; and May 29, 2015 from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 7. Wild and Scenic Rivers [Wild and Scenic Rivers Act 16 U.S.C. 1271, §§ 7(b), and (c)] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>No federally listed Wild or Scenic rivers occur in Orleans Parish. One state listed wild and scenic river, Bayou St. John, occurs within Orleans Parish. A section of the project is located approximately 100 feet from Bayou St. John. However, based on the project scope, adverse impacts to the bayou are not anticipated to occur.</p> <p>Based on visual observation, Bayou St. John was in line-of sight from Davey Street.</p> | The project's location in relation to wild and scenic rivers is located on GIS Figure 6B, which is attached to this ERR. |



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| 8. Air Quality [Clean Air Act 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, and 93] | A | A response from Louisiana Departments of Environmental Quality indicates that the department has no objections to the project and that the proposed project will not result in adverse impacts to air quality. Note that local and state regulations will be adhered to during construction to control particulate matter, in order to ensure air quality. | Letters were sent to LDEQ on November 13, 2013; March 31, 2014; September 30, 2014; and April 23, 2015. LDEQ responded on November 20, 2014 and June 8, 2015. The sent letters and response can be found as attachments to this ERR. |
| 9. Farmland Protection [Farmland Protection Policy Act 7 CFR 658] | A | Not Applicable to the Project The project location lies within an area designated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as "Prime Farmland." The NRCS responded in letters stating the project area is located within a pre-existing urban area, and is therefore exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act. Ramboll Environ did not observe any farming or agriculture activities during the site visits in January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015. | The project location is depicted on GIS Figure 7B. Responses were received from the NRCS dated November 18, 2013; April 3, 2014; October 6, 2014; and May 7, 2015. The letters and the GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR. |



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| 10. Noise Abatement and Control [24 CFR Part 51 Support B] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>This was not a noise sensitive project, and therefore, a noise assessment was not required.</p> <p>The project is located within the HUD-specified 3,000 foot noise buffer zone for railroads and within the 1,000 foot noise buffer zone for major roads.</p> <p>Noise conditions experienced by citizens utilizing the roadway are not anticipated to differ from pre-Katrina levels, nor are they anticipated to significantly impact activities proposed for the site. Noise may be generated by construction activities, but noise generated from construction equipment and machinery used to improve hurricane damaged areas (i.e. trucks and backhoes) is considered exempt from HUD standards. However, construction noise is not anticipated to impact the surrounding neighborhood, and noise level generated by the post-construction are not expected to differ significantly from pre-construction levels and are not expected to impact the surrounding community.</p> | <p>The noise buffer zone for railroads is depicted on GIS Figure 8B, and the noise buffer zone for major roads is depicted on GIS Figure 9B.</p> <p>The GIS Figures can be found as attachments to the ERR.</p> |
| 11. Explosive and Flammable Operations [24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>The site is not within the buffer zone for explosive or flammable operations. Therefore, impacts to the project or resulting from the project related to explosive or flammable factors are not anticipated to occur.</p> <p>Ramboll Environ did not observe any explosive or flammable operations at the property during the January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015 site inspections.</p> | <p>The buffer zone information is depicted on GIS Figure 19B.</p> <p>The GIS Figure can be found as an attachment to the ERR.</p> |



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24 CFR § 58.5 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations
NEPA Related Federal Laws and Authorities

Responsible Entity:
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Environmental Compliance Unit
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New Orleans, LA 70112

| COMPLIANCE FACTORS [Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations cited at 24 CFR §58.5] | STATUS (A/B) | COMPLIANCE FINDING | SOURCE DOCUMENTATION |
|---|--------------|---|---|
| 12. Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones [24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D] | A | Not Applicable to the Project Louisiana Department of Transportation 2007 data indicates no active airports are located within one mile of the site. | The information is depicted on GIS Figure 18B, which is attached to this ERR. |
| 13. Contamination and Toxic Chemicals [24 CFR Part 58.5(i)(2)] | A | The project location is not located within the following applicable buffer zones: Leaking Underground Storage Tanks; Risk Management Plan Facility Locations; State Listed Radioactive Materials Facility Locations; Toxic Release Inventory areas; National Priority List Site Areas; or Registered Underground Storage Tanks. The project location is within the applicable buffer zone of RCRA Treatment, Storage, and Disposal areas; and Hazardous Waste Generators. However, this proximity alone does not represent an environmental concern to the site or project. Further consultation with the LDEQ would be necessary to determine impacts, if any, from this source. Refer to the executive summary for additional details. Ramboll Environ did not observe any obvious evidence of contamination or chemical release during the January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015 site visits. | The project location is depicted on GIS Figures 10B-14B, 16B, and 17B. The figures can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 14. Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898] | A | Not Applicable to the Project Based on information provided in the Environmental Justice Protocol, such as the benefits to the surrounding minority and low to moderate income population, it is not anticipated that the improvements of the roadway will have a negative impact on environmental justice issues. | Please see the attached " <i>Environmental Justice Protocol</i> " document for an analysis of potential environmental justice issues and mitigating measures. |



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DETERMINATION:

- ☐ **Box "A" has been checked for all compliance factors/authorities.** For Categorically Excluded actions pursuant to §58.35(a), the project can convert to Exempt, per §58.34(a)(12), since the project does not require any compliance measures (e.g. consultation, mitigation, permit, or approval) with respect to any law or authority cited at §58.5. The project is now made Exempt and funds may be drawn down; OR
- ☐ **Box "B" has been checked for one or more compliance factors/authorities.** For Categorically Excluded actions pursuant to §58.35(a), the project cannot convert to Exempt since one or more authorities require compliance, including but not limited to consultation with or approval from an oversight agency, performance of study or analysis, completion of remediation or mitigation measure, or obtaining license or permit. **Complete pertinent compliance requirement(s), publish NOI/RROF, request release of funds (HUD 7015.15), and obtain HUD's Authority to Use Grant Funds (HUD 7015.16) per §58.71 before committing funds** (See Executive Summary for details regarding further consultation, mitigation, permit requirements or approvals required to be incorporated into public notices and project requirements such as contracts, grants, loan conditions, etc. as described in the Statutory Worksheet.); OR
- ☒ This project is not a Categorically Excluded action pursuant to §58.35(a), or may result in a significant environmental impact to the environment, and requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). Prepare the EA according to 24 CFR Part 58 Subpart E.

PREPARER:

John L. Hebert

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Date

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Title

ATTACHMENT

STATUTORY CHECKLIST WORKSHEET

Worksheet for Preparing 24 CFR §58.5 Statutory Checklist

[Attach to Statutory Checklist]

1. §58.5(a) Historical Properties [36 CFR Part 800]

Historic Properties

- a. Does the project include the type of activity that would have the potential to affect historic properties such as acquisition, demolition, disposition, ground disturbance, new construction or rehabilitation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, the project is not the type of activity that has the potential to affect historic properties. Compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Do the RE and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have a Programmatic Agreement (PA) that does not require consultation for this type of activity?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, document compliance with the PA. Compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue.

Is the project located within or directly adjacent to a historic district?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the structure or surrounding structures listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (e.g. greater than 45 years old)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Were any properties of historical, architectural, religious or cultural significance identified in the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes any of the questions above, continue.

If No to all of the questions above, the project will not affect historic properties. A concurrence from the SHPO that "no historic properties will be affected" is required. Compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Have you consulted with the SHPO to determine whether the project will have “No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties?”

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, consultation with the SHPO is required.

Does the SHPO concurrence letter received for this project require mitigation or have conditions?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority. Note that if SHPO stamps the SOV letter than “No” should typically be checked for this response.

Have the SHPO and RE agreed on required mitigation or conditions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, include mitigation requirements and/or conditions from the SHPO in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue with consultation until resolved.

Historic properties of religious and cultural significance to tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations

Does the project include the types of activities such as those listed below that have the potential to affect historic properties of religious and cultural significance to tribes?

- Ground disturbance (digging);
- New construction in undeveloped natural areas
- Incongruent visual changes – impairment of the vista or viewshed from an observation point in the natural landscape;
- Incongruent audible changes – increase in noise levels above an acceptable standard in areas known for their quiet, contemplative experience;
- Incongruent atmospheric changes – introduction of lights that create skyglow in an area with a dark night sky;
- Work on a building with significant tribal association;
- Transfer, lease or sale of a historic property of religious and cultural significance.

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, tribal consultation is not required.

Does HUD's Tribal Directory Assessment Tool indicate that tribes have an interest in the location where the project is sited?

(http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/tribal)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, contact federally recognized tribe(s) and invite consultation. Continue.

If No, document the result in the ERR. Tribal consultation is not required.

Did the tribe(s) respond that they want to be a consulting party?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responded.

If No, (no response within 30 days or responded that they do not wish to consult), document response or lack of response in ERR. Further consultation is not required.

After consulting with the tribe(s) and discussing the project, were any properties of religious or cultural significance to the tribe(s) identified in the project's APE?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, notify tribe(s) and other consulting parties of your finding of "No Historic Properties Affected." Tribe(s) has 30 days to object to a finding.

After consulting with the tribe(s), will the project have an adverse effect on properties of religious or cultural significance to the tribe(s)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, consult with tribe(s) and other consulting parties to resolve adverse effects, including considering alternatives and mitigation measures that would avoid or minimize adverse effects.

If No, notify tribe(s) and other consulting parties of your finding of "No Adverse Effects." Tribe(s) has 30 days to object to a finding.

Were any objections to a finding received from a consulting tribe?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue with consultation until resolved.

If No, consultation is complete.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Correspondence with SHPO/THPO. How determination of "no potential to cause effects" to historic properties was made.)

Information Resources:

The SHPO responses, Tribal responses, and the historical GIS Figure can be found as attachments to this ERR.

National Register of Historic Places:

<http://nrhp.focus.nps.gov/natreghome.do?searchtype=natreghome>

National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers:

<http://ncshpo.org/>

Map of Currently Recognized THPO's:

<http://www.nathpo.org/map.html>

HUD Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT):

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/tribal

Section 106 Agreements Database:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/section106

§58.5(b) (1) Floodplain Management [24 CFR Part 55]

- a. Does the project include minor repairs or improvements on up to four dwelling units that do not meet the thresholds for “substantial improvement” under §55.2(b)(8)?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue.

- b. Is the project located within (or have an impact on) a 100 year floodplain (Zone A) or Coastal High Hazard (Zone V) identified by FEMA maps?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the project involve a “critical action,” per §55.2(b)(2)(i), located within a 500 year floodplain (Zone B) identified by FEMA maps?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes to (b) or (c), follow HUD’s Floodplain Management Regulations 8-Step decision-making process of §55.20 to comply with 24 CFR Part 55. The 8-Step decision-making process must show that there are no practicable alternatives to locating the project in the floodplain, and if there are no alternatives, define measures to mitigate impacts to floodplains and location of the project in the floodplain. Completion of the 8-Step decision-making process must be completed before the completion of an EA per §55.10(a). See Attachment 1 for an example of the 8-Step decision-making process. The findings of the decision-making process must be included in the ERR and summarized in Part 55 and Part 58 public notices, as well as NOI/RROF and FONSI notices. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No to (b) and (c), compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Does the project involve a critical action in a coastal high hazard area or a floodway?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If, Yes, HUD assistance may not be used for this project.

Does the project involve a non-critical action which is not a functionally dependent use that is located in a floodway?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, HUD assistance may not be used for this project

Does the project involve a non-critical action which is not a functionally dependent use that is located in a coastal high hazard area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, project is allowed *only* if it is designed for a location in a coastal high hazard areas *and* is processed under Section 55.20. Design requirements must be noted in Statutory Checklist and 8-Step decision-making process.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (FEMA flood map used to make this finding with the project location marked on the map. Include the community name, map panel number and date of map. As applicable, §55.20 8-Step decision-making process analysis. If FEMA has not published the appropriate flood map, the RE must make a finding based on best available data.)

Floodplain GIS Figures can be found as attachments to the ERR.

For more information see:

FEMA Map Service Center:

<http://www.store.msc.fema.gov>

§58.5(b) (2) Wetlands Protection (E.O. 11990)

- a.** Does the project involve new construction, land use conversion, major rehabilitation, or substantial improvements?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project within or adjacent to or will it affect wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, mud flats or natural ponds per field observation and maps issued by the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there drainage ways, streams, rivers, or coastlines on or near the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there ponds, marshes, bogs, swamps or other wetlands on or near the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the project involve new construction and/or filling located within a wetland designated on a USFWS National Wetlands Inventory map?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes to any of the above, comply with wetlands decision-making process of 24 CFR §55.20. (Use proposed Part 55 published in the Federal Register January 2012 for wetland procedures). Continue.

If No to all of the above, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Will the project require a permit from the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or will USFWS require wetland mitigation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, ensure this is noted in Part 55 and Part 58 public notices. Include all mitigation measures and permit requirements in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist. Compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (NWI Map with project location noted in reference to wetlands. §55.20 8/5-Step decision-making process analysis for new construction and/or filling, and any permits received.)

The NWI map GIS figure and ACOE responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

For more information see:

USFWS National Wetlands Inventory – Geospatial Wetlands Digital Data:

<http://www.FWS.gov/wetlands/data/index.html>

Recognizing wetlands:

http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/regulatory/techbio/rw_bro.pdf

§58.5(c) Coastal Zone Management [Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, Sections 307(c) & (d)]

- a. Does the project involve new construction, land use conversion, major rehabilitation, or substantial improvements?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project located within a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Plan?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, the State CZM Agency must make a finding that the project is consistent with the approved State CZM Plan. Mark box "B" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority. Also check "No" and mark "A" if the project is located within a designated fastland and will disturb less than 1 acre of land.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Map showing project in relation to the nearest Coastal Zone Management area. If applicable, State's findings.)

Coastal Zone map GIS figure can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For additional information see:

States and Territories Working with NOAA on Ocean and Coastal Zone Management:

<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/mystate/welcome.html>

Texas Coastal Zone Management Program:

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/caring-for-the-coast/grants-funding/cmp/index.html>

Texas Coastal Zone Boundary:

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/caring-for-the-coast/documents/landing-page-folder/CoastalBoundaryMap.pdf>

Louisiana Office of Coastal Management:

<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=85&ngid=5>

Louisiana Coastal Zone Boundary:

<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=88>

§58.5(d). Sole Source Aquifers [40 CFR Part 149]

- a. Does the project involve new construction or land use conversion?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project located within a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-designated sole source aquifer watershed area per EPA Ground Water Office?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, consult with the Water Management Division of EPA to design mitigation measures to avoid contaminating the aquifer and implement appropriate mitigation measures. Include mitigation measures in mitigation section of Statutory Checklist. Mark box "B" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Map showing project in relation to the nearest Sole Source Aquifer.)

The Sole Source Aquifer GIS figure can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For more information see:

Region 6 Sole Source Aquifers: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/swp/ssa/maps.htm>

§58.5(e) Endangered Species [50 CFR Part 402]

- a. Does the project involve the type of activities that **are likely to have "no effect on endangered species"**, such as:
- Demolition and construction or placement of a single family residence within a developed lot, and/or any loans or mortgages affiliated with such construction, demolition or placement provided they are not within 750 feet of habitat for federally-listed species or 300 feet of mapped wetlands, wildlife refuges, fish hatcheries, wildlife management areas, or related significant fish and wildlife resources?
☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Rehabilitation or renovation activities associated with existing structures (*e.g.*, houses, buildings), including additional structures attached to or associated with the primary structure, and/or any loans or mortgages affiliated with such rehabilitation or renovation?
☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Acquisition of existing structures (*e.g.*, houses, buildings), including additional structures attached to or associated with the primary structure, and/or any loans or mortgages affiliated with such acquisition.
☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Purchase and placement of playground equipment within existing parks?
☐ Yes ☒ No

- Resurfacing, repairing, or maintaining existing streets, sidewalks, curbs, trails, parking lots and/or any other existing paved surfaces where additional ground disturbance, outside of the existing surface is not necessary?
☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to any of the above, the project is likely to have “No Effect” on federally protected species and critical habitat. Informal consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (Services) is not necessary. The RE is required to make this finding and include a memorandum to the file supporting the finding (note that this finding should be made by the RE, and not by third party contractors and non-RE grant recipients). Compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No to all of the above, continue.

Does the project constitute a major construction activity (a major Federal action that modifies the physical environment and would normally require the preparation of an EIS)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, formal consultation with the Services is required in accordance with procedural regulations contained in 50 CFR Part 402. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue.

Have the Services identified federally protected species or critical habitat within the project area?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, the project is likely to have “No Effect” on federally protected species and critical habitat. Informal consultation with the Services is not necessary. The RE is required to make this finding and include a memorandum to the file supporting the finding (note that this finding should be made by the RE, and not by third party contractors). Compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If federally protected species or critical habitat have been identified within the project area, has a special study been conducted by a qualified professional to determine the effects of the project on each species and critical habitat?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, a special study should be conducted to determine the effects of the project on federally protected species and critical habitat. Continue.

Has the RE made a determination based on professional findings that the project is “Not Likely to Adversely Affect” any federally protected (listed or proposed) threatened or endangered species (i.e., plants or animals, fish, or invertebrates), nor adversely modify critical habitats?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Service’s concurrence with findings is required. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue.

Has the RE determined based on professional findings that the project “May Affect” federally protected (listed or proposed) threatened or endangered species (i.e., plants or animals, fish, or invertebrates), or adversely modify critical habitats?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, formal consultation is required with the Services, in accordance with procedural regulations contained in 50 CFR Part 402, which mandates formal consultation in order to preserve the species. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, contact your FEO for assistance in determining impacts to federally protected species and critical habitat.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Memorandum to the file by the RE supporting the finding of “No Effect.” Concurrence memo from one or both of the Services for a finding of “Not Likely to Adversely Affect.” Biological Opinion from one or both of the Services for a finding of “May Affect.”)

Responses from USFWS and LDWF can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For additional information see: (The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.* as amended: particularly Section 7 (b) and (c). 50 CFR 402).

USFWS ESA Species Search:

<http://www.FWS.gov/endangered/species/index.html>

NMFS ESA Species Search:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/>

USFWS Critical Habitat Maps:

<http://crithab.FWS.gov/>

NMFS Critical Habitat Maps:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/criticalhabitat.htm>

Endangered Species Consultation Handbook:

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/laws/esa_section7_handbook.pdf

§58.5(f) Wild and Scenic Rivers [36 CFR Part 297]

- a.** Does the project involve new construction, land use conversion, major rehabilitation, or substantial improvements?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project is located within one (1) mile of a designated Wild & Scenic River, or river being studied as a potential component of the Wild & Scenic River system?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, determination from the National Park Service (NPS) must be obtained, with a finding that the project will not have a direct and adverse effect on the river nor invade or diminish values associated with such rivers. For NRI Rivers, consultation with NPS is recommended to identify and eliminate direct and adverse effects. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Comments: No federal Wild and Scenic Rivers occur near the project site.

Cite and attach source documentation: (Maps noting project location and showing proximity to protected rivers. Relevant determinations or results of consultation.)

The Wild and Scenic Rivers GIS figure can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For further information see:

National Park Service:

<http://www.rivers.gov/wildriverslist.html>

<http://www.rivers.gov/study.html>

National River Inventory (NRI) listed rivers: <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtea/nri/>

§58.5(g) Air Quality [40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 61 and 93]

- a.** Does the project involve demolition or renovation of buildings likely to contain asbestos containing materials?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, ensure the project is in compliance with EPA’s Asbestos regulations found at 40 CFR Part 61 (NESHAP) and all State and local regulations. Continue.

If No, continue.

Does the project involve, for five or more dwelling units, acquisition of undeveloped land, a change of land use, demolition, major rehabilitation, or new construction?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project located in a Non-Attainment area?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project consistent with the air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If **Yes**, obtain letter of consistency showing that the project is consistent with the SIP. Compliance is complete. Mark box "B" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue.

Has EPA determined that the proposed activity is one that requires a permit under the SIP?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance is complete. Mark box "B" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Will project exceed any of the *de minimis* emissions levels of all non-attainment and maintenance level pollutants or exceed the screening level established by the state or air quality management district?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "B" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority. Attach all documents used to make your determination (See Conformity determination thresholds at 40 CFR 93.153(b) Include engineering/construction assessments of emissions during construction and operating phases).

Can project be brought into compliance through mitigation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, list mitigation measures required to achieve conformance with SIP in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist. Mark box "B" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, Federal assistance may not be used at this location.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Letter of consistency with SIP, assessment of emissions, air permits received, mitigation measures taken, etc.)

For further information see:

The Green Book Nonattainment Areas for Criteria Pollutants:

<http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/greenbk/>

Region 6 Air State Implementation Plans:

<http://www.epa.gov/region6/6pd/air/pd-1/sip.htm>

§58.5(h) Farmlands Protection [7 CFR Part 658]

- a. Does the project involve acquisition of undeveloped land, conversion of undeveloped land, new construction or site clearance?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

- Is project located in an area committed (zoned) to urban uses?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue.

- Does the project site include prime or unique farmland, or other farmland of statewide or local importance as identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (formerly the Soil Conservation Service)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, request evaluation of land type from the NRCS using Form AD-1006, and consider the resulting rating in deciding whether to approve the proposal, as well as mitigation measures (including measures to prevent adverse effects on adjacent farmlands). Mark box "B" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority. Include mitigation measures in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Zoning map with project location noted. Form AD-1006 from NRCS.)

The zoning map GIS figure and responses from the NRCS can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For additional information see:

NRCS Soil Maps:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

Form AD-1006 and instructions:

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045394.pdf

Farmland Protection Policy Act

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/alphabetical/fppa/?&cid=nrcs143_008275

§58.5(i) (1) Noise Abatement and Control [24 CFR Part 51B]

- a. Does the project involve a noise sensitive use such as a residential structure, school, hospital, nursing home, library, etc.?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project located within:

- 15 miles of a civilian or military airfield with more than 9,000 carrier operations annually;
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 1000 feet of a major highway or busy road;
☐ Yes ☐ No
- within 3000 feet of a railroad.
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to any the above, complete a noise calculation assessment. Use adopted DNL contours if the noise source is an airport. Continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Do noise calculations or airport noise contour maps indicate noise levels above 65dB (outside)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Do noise calculations or airport noise contour maps indicate noise levels above 75dB (outside)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, for projects in the normally unacceptable zone (65dB – 75dB), noise attenuation measures are strongly encouraged for rehabilitation and required for new construction to reduce noise levels to below 65dB (outside). Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority. List all attenuation measures in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist.

If Yes, HUD assistance for the construction of new noise sensitive uses is generally prohibited for projects with unacceptable noise exposure (>75dB). Noise attenuation measures are strongly encouraged for rehabilitation projects with unacceptable noise exposure to reduce noise levels to below 65dB (outside). Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority. List all attenuation measures in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Maps with project location indicating distance from noise sources. DNL calculations and/or NAG worksheets.)

Airports GIS Figure can be found as attachment to the ERR.

For more information see:

HUD noise guidebook:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/review/noise.cfm>

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/dnlcalculator.cfm>

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/mitigation.cfm>

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudstracat/noiseCalcEntry.jsp>

FAA:

http://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/npas/reports/

§58.5(i) (1) Explosive and Flammable Operations [24 CFR 51C]

- a.** Does the project involve development, construction, rehabilitation, modernization or land use conversion of a property intended for residential, institutional, recreational, commercial, or industrial use?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Was a field observation performed by a qualified environmental professional? Did the observer identify that **no** above ground storage tanks are within line of site of the project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the project site within 1 mile of current or planned stationary aboveground storage tanks of more than 100 gallon capacity, containing common liquid industrial fuels OR of any capacity, containing hazardous liquids or gases, that are not liquid industrial fuels?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are industrial facilities handling explosive or fire-prone materials such as liquid propane, gasoline or other storage tanks adjacent to or visible from the project site?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to any of the above, use HUD Hazards Guide to calculate an Acceptable Separation Distance to comply with 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart C. Continue.

If No to all of the above, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the project located at an Acceptable Separation Distance from any above-ground explosive or flammable fuels or chemicals containers as calculated above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, continue.

Can mitigation measures, such as construction of a barrier of adequate size and strength, reduce the blast overpressure or thermal radiation hazard to protect the project (per 24 CFR §51.205)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority. List all mitigation measures in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist.

If No, HUD assistance cannot be used for this project.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Maps with project location noted showing distance from explosives and flammable operations. ASD calculations/worksheet.)

Explosive and flammable operations GIS figure can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For additional information see:

HUD Guidance on Siting Projects near Explosive and Flammable Facilities:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/review/explosive

§58.5(i) (1) Airport Hazards [24 CFR 51D]

- a.** Will the project use HUD assistance, subsidy or insurance for construction; land development; community development or redevelopment; substantial modernization and rehabilitation which prolongs the physical or economic life of existing facilities; provide facilities and services which make land available for construction; change the use of a facility; increase the density or number of people at the site?
☒ Yes ☐ No

If **Yes**, continue.

If **No**, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Is the property within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport, the Runway Clear Zone (RCZ)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the project is within 15,000 feet of a military airfield, the Clear Zone (CZ) or Accident Potential Zone (APZ)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If **Yes** to either of the above questions, request a written finding from the airport operator stating whether or not the project is located in a RCZ, CZ or APZ. Continue.

If **No** to both of the above questions, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If the project is within 15,000 feet of a military airfield or within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport, did your written confirmation from the airport operator confirm that the project is located in a RCZ, CZ or APZ?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If **Yes**, continue.

If **No**, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If the project is located in a military airfield APZ, is the project consistent with the Land Use Compatibility Guidelines for Accident Potential Zones (32 CFR Part 256, DOD Instruction 4165.57).

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, attach copy of written assurance from airport operator. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, HUD funds may not be used for this project.

If the project is in a RCZ/CZ will the project be frequently used or occupied by people?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, HUD funds may not be used for this project.

If No, continue.

If the project will not frequently be used by people, has the airport operator provided a written statement that there are no plans to purchase the land involved with such facilities as part of an RCZ/CZ acquisition program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, attach copy of written assurance from airport operator. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, HUD funds may not be used for this project.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Map with project location noted showing the distance from civilian airports and/or military airfields. Written confirmation from airport operating stating whether or not project is located in a RCZ, CZ or APZ. Written assurance from airport operator on purchase of property.)

Airports map GIS figure can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For further information see:

Airport Information: <http://www.airnav.com/airports/>

HUD Airport Hazards Q&A:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/review/qa/airport

§58.5(i) (2) Contamination and Toxic Substances

- a.** Is the property located within the search distances of any of the types of environmental contamination sources?

| Standard Environmental Record Sources | Approximate Minimum Search Distance (mi) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Yes | No |
| Federal National Priorities List (NPL) | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Federal Delisted NPL Site List | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) List | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Federal CERCLIS No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP) Site List | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Federal RCRA Correction Action (CORRACTS) Facilities List | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Federal RCRA Non-CORRACTS Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) Facilities List | 0.5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Federal RCRA Generators List | Property/Adjoining Properties | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Federal Institutional Control/Engineering Control Registries | Property Only | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Federal Emergency Response and Notification System (ERNS) List | Property Only | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State- and Tribal-Equivalent NPL | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| State- and Tribal-Equivalent CERCLIS | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| State and Tribal Landfill and/or Solid Waste Disposal Site Lists | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| State and Tribal Leaking Storage Tank Lists | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| State and Tribal Registered Storage Tank Lists | Property/Adjoining Properties | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| State and Tribal Institutional Control/Engineering Control Registries | Property Only | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State and Tribal Voluntary Cleanup Sites | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State and Tribal Brownfield Sites | 0.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The database report has identified the abovementioned off-site facilities located within applicable ASTM search radii. Several of these listings (e.g., non-CORRACTS TSD Facility, registered underground storage tanks [USTs]), by themselves, are not necessarily indicative of an environmental concern, and these listings are therefore not discussed herein. Therefore, for the purposes of this worksheet, the database listings above do not merit further review and support an "A" designation on the checklist.

Did a visual inspection of the site show the following?

| | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Distressed vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Vent or Fill Pipes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Storage Oil Tanks or Questionable Containers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Pits, Ponds or Lagoons | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

| | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stained Soil or Pavement (other than water stains) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Pungent, Foul or Noxious Odors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Dumped Material or Soil, Mounds of Dirt, Rubble, Fill, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Has the property ever been used for any of the following types of uses?

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Gas Station | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vehicle Repair Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Car Dealership | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Auto Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Depot | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Commercial Printing Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Industrial or commercial warehouses | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dry Cleaners | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Photo Developing Laboratory | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Junkyard or landfill | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Agricultural/Farming Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Tannery | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Live stock Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Does the project have an underground storage tank other than a residential fuel tank, or known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the project site near an industry disposing of chemicals or hazardous wastes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If No to all of the above, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If Yes to any of the above, a qualified environmental professional must undertake investigations necessary to ensure that the project is free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances such that there is no hazard which could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property. Continue.

Could nearby toxic, hazardous or radioactive substances affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property?

☐ Yes or ☐ No

Are there unresolved concerns that could lead to the RE being determined to be a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, provide written documentation from a qualified environmental professional which documents that identified potential sources of contamination does not pose a hazard which would restrict the intended uses of the property or to the occupants.

Was an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) report completed for this project? (Note: HUD regulations do not require an ASTM Phase I ESA report for single family homes of 1-4 units. An ASTM Phase I ESA report is required for multifamily (5 or more units) and/or Non-residential properties.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Did the ASTM Phase I ESA or other documentation uncover any Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) or recommend a Phase II, special/specific Phase II, or recommend Phase III environmental site assessments?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Do ESAs or other documentation conclude that nearby toxic, hazardous or radioactive substances could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property?

☐ Yes or ☐ No

If Yes, continue below.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Did any of the ESA reports or other documentation identify the need to mitigate the environmental condition by removing, stabilizing or encapsulating the toxic substances in accordance with the requirements of the appropriate Federal, state or local oversight agency?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, continue.

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box "A" on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

Can all adverse environmental conditions identified in any of the ESAs or other documentation be mitigated?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, compliance with this section is complete. List specific remedial actions or mitigations in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist, according to the requirements of the appropriate Federal, state, or local oversight agency. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, HUD cannot provide assistance for the project at this site.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Maps showing project distance to contaminated sites. Phase I (ASTM) Report. All ESAs and mitigation plans performed for this project.)

Source documentation (GIS Figures) can be found as attachments to the ERR.

For additional information see:

HUD Information on Hazardous, Toxic or Radioactive Substances

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/review/hazardous

EPA Envirofacts Data:

<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/>

EPA Toxic Release Inventory (TRI):

http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/toxic_releases.html

EPA Maps:

<http://www.epa.gov/emefdata/em4ef.home>

EPA CERCLIS/NPL – Superfund database:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/query/basic.htm>

ATSDR “ToxFAQs” summaries about hazardous substances:

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq/index.asp>

Right-To-Know Network: <http://www.rtknet.org/>

§58.5(j) Environmental Justice (E.O. 12898)

- a. Is the project located in or designed to serve a predominantly minority and low-income neighborhood?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If Yes, continue.

Would there be an adverse environmental impact caused by the proposed action, or would the proposed action be subject to an existing adverse environmental impact?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If Yes, perform an Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis using census, geographic and other data to determine if a low-income/minority population is disproportionately impacted. Continue.

Will the adverse environmental impact of the proposed action disproportionately impact minority and low-income populations relative to the community-at-large?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, compliance with this section is complete. Document the determination of no disproportionate impacts. Mark box “A” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If Yes, Mitigation or avoidance of adverse impacts must be considered to the extent practicable; and, public participation processes must involve the affected population(s) in the decision-making process. Continue.

Has the mitigation plan been approved by the RE and the impacted community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, compliance with this section is complete. Include mitigation plan in the mitigation section of the Statutory Checklist. Mark box “B” on the Statutory Checklist for this authority.

If No, Project cannot move forward until EJ issue is mitigated to the satisfactory of the RE and impacted community.

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation: (Mapping of low-income and minority populations in the vicinity of the project site. EJ analysis. Mitigation Plan.)

Environmental Justice Review can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

For additional information see:

EJ maps & analysis, by location:

<http://www.scorecard.org/community/ej-index.tcl>

EPA’s “EJ View” Tool provides information relevant to EJ assessments:

<http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/entry.html>

Census data and maps also available at:

<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

Tract-level data on race & income:

<http://www.ffiec.gov/geocode>

Summary of Mitigation Measures:

(Required for Incorporation into Project Design, included in Public Notices, and included as requirements of contracts, grants, loans, etc.)

See Executive Summary.

References:

(List the Federal, State, or local agencies contacted to obtain their existing environmental reports and other data used for the environmental review of the proposed project.)

See Executive Summary.

List of Major Reports Obtained:

(Attach report(s), such as wetlands delineation studies, biological evaluations or habitat assessments, Phase I and II environmental site assessments.)

Determination by Environmental Professional:

The project does not appear to present substantial risk of exposure to users of the site based on the data reviewed.



Signature

July, 2015

Date

John L. Hebert

Printed Name

See Executive Summary.

SECTION 6

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



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24 CFR Part 58 Subpart E

Responsible Entity:
City of New Orleans
Environmental Compliance Unit
1340 Poydras Street, 9th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70112

Application ID: ILTR-00288

Project Name: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project

Responsible Entity Contact: Shirley Smith – (504) 658-4357

Applicant Contact: Jerry Williams – (504) 658-8416

Project Description:

Roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair; construction of ADA ramps; installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping; installation of new way finding and other street signage; upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features; replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement; excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines; point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replace with a new pipe; and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repairs and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

Location: Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St, New Orleans, Louisiana

This project is determined to require an Environmental Assessment according to §58.36.

| RESOURCE | IMPACT (see Table 1) | SOURCE OF DOCUMENTATION (Conditions or mitigation measures are listed if required) |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Land Development | | |
| 1. Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning | In Conformance | A response in the local agency correspondence section of the ERR dated May 6, 2015 from R. Rivers, Executive Director of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, indicates that the project conforms to the comprehensive plans and zoning. The May 6, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. All streetscape modifications will be subject to conformance with state and local statutes, particularly those concerning construction and modification regulated by the City of New Orleans. |
| 2. Land Use Compatibility and Urban Impact | Compatible | A response dated May 6, 2015 from R. Rivers, Executive Director of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, indicates that the project is compatible with the local community and overall society of the urban environment. Since the streetscape is being improved to aid in accessibility and enhancement, no impacts to compatibility and urban environment are anticipated. The May 6, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |



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| 3. Slope and Erosion | No Impact | A response dated May 6, 2015 from R. Rivers, Executive Director of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, indicates that the project will not negatively impact the topography of the site or nearby locations. During the site visit on April 22, 2015, Ramboll Environ observed the area as flat with no significant erosion such as gully, rain drop, sheet, rill, or stream bank erosion. The May 6, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 4. Soil Suitability | No Evidence of Soil Issues | A response dated June 3, 2015 from E. Horan, Zoning Administrator for the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, indicates that local soil conditions are suitable for the proposed project. The June 3, 2015 response from Ed Horan can be found as an attachment to the ERR. Ramboll Environ did not observe any unsuitable soil conditions on April 22, 2015. |
| 5. Hazards and Nuisances and Site Safety | No Impact | A response dated June 3, 2015 from E. Horan, Zoning Administrator for the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, indicated that the project will not create any hazards or nuisances. Ramboll Environ did not observe any obvious contamination or chemical release during the site investigation on April 22, 2015. The June 3, 2015 response from Ed Horan can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 6. Energy Consumption | Not Applicable | A response dated May 29, 2015 from T. Adams, Policy and Program Manager of the Office of City of New Orleans Office of Coastal and Environmental Affairs, indicates that the energy consumption for the project does not present a significant increase over the current energy uses of the community. He also noted, "I have no relevant data as it relates to the energy demands of this community. You may choose to contact Entergy for more information on the energy supply to this community." The May 29, 2015 response from Tim Adams, Jr. can be found as an attachment to the ERR. As the project involves roadway improvements, the energy consumption should not have a significant increase; therefore, no impacts to energy consumption are anticipated. |



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|--|--|--|
| Socioeconomic | | |
| 7. Demographic Character Changes | No Impact | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, no changes in the demographic character of the surrounding area will occur as a result of the project. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The general nature of this streetscape will not be changed significantly from pre-Katrina conditions. |
| 8. Displacement | No Displacement | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, the project will not lead to displacement of residents or local businesses. Because the streetscape improvements will not extend outside the city owned right-of-ways, no impacts are anticipated to current population. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 9. Employment and Income Patterns | Beneficial | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, the project will not have an adverse impact on employment and income patterns. However, jobs will be available for short-term construction activities associated with the project activities. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| Community Facilities and Services | | |
| 10. Educational Facilities | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated May 29, 2015 from R. Combre from the Orleans Parish School Board, indicated that no impacts to local educational facilities are anticipated to result from the project. The roadway improvements will benefit the McDonogh #35 High School and Youth Studies Center being built in the area around the roadway improvements. The May 29, 2015 response from Rashaun Combre can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 11. Commercial Facilities | Planned / Existing Facilities are Adequate | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, the project will not have a negative impact on local commercial business facilities. The attraction to this area as a result of the project and the future school and Youth Studies Center will increase the patronage of current and future surrounding properties. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |



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|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 12. Health Care | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Health Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, as the project scope involves roadway improvements, impacts to local healthcare services and facilities are not anticipated to result from the proposed project. The closest hospital to the site is LSU University Hospital located approximately 3.5 miles from the site. |
| 13. Social Services | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Health Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, as the project scope involves roadway improvements, impacts to local social services are not anticipated to result from the proposed project. |
| 14. Solid Waste | Existing Facilities are Adequate | There are no municipal or industrial solid waste facilities within the vicinity of the project (GIS Figure 15). Additionally, solid waste generated as a result of the proposed action will be disposed of in a manner consistent with applicable state and local regulations. The New Orleans Department of Sanitation responded April 23, 2015, stating that the proposed project is not anticipated to have an impact on solid waste services in the city. The April 23, 2015 response from Cynthia Sylvain-Lear and GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 15. Waste Water | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, as the project involves roadway improvements, no impacts relative to community water concerns are anticipated to result from the proposed action. |
| 16. Storm Water | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, the proposed project is not anticipated to result in a significant increase of storm water runoff into surrounding property or stress the current water handling infrastructure. The LDEQ stated in correspondence dated June 8, 2015 that no objections exist based on submitted information, and the LDEQ recommends investigating certain listed water-quality requirements that may affect the project. The response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 17. Water Supply | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, the project is not anticipated to create an additional demand on the community water supply or negatively impact the quality of the local water supply. The City gets drinking water from the Mississippi River, which is approximately 2.8 miles from the site. The water treatment plant that services the site is located approximately 5.7 miles away on 8800 S. Claiborne Avenue. |



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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Public Safety | | |
| 18(a). Police | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Police Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, police services are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project, as the area is currently serviced by the 3 rd District Police Department located approximately 0.9 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 18(b). Fire | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Fire Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, fire department services are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project, as the area is currently serviced by Engine 21 located approximately 0.5 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 18(c). Emergency Medical | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Emergency Medical Services are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project. The area is currently being serviced. The City of New Orleans EMS station is located approximately 4.9 miles from the project site. |
| Open Space and Recreation | | |
| 19(a). Open Space | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated April 24, 2015 from Ann Macdonald, Director of the New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department notes that the project will not have a negative effect on existing open space that is used by members of the community. The April 24, 2015 response from Ann Macdonald can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The closest open space area is City Park, which is approximately 0.1 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 19(b). Recreation | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated April 24, 2015 from Ann Macdonald of the New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department notes that the project will not have a negative effect on local recreation in the area. The April 24, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The closest recreation area is St. Bernard Recreation Center, which is approximately 0.4 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 19(c). Cultural Facilities | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated April 24, 2015 from Ann Macdonald of the New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department notes that the project will not have a negative effect on local cultural facilities. The April 24, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The closest cultural facility is St. Bernard Community Baptist, which is approximately 0.1 of a mile away from the project site. |



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| RESOURCE | IMPACT (see Table 1) | SOURCE OF DOCUMENTATION (Conditions or mitigation measures are listed if required) |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| 20. Transportation | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated May 29, 2015 from the Department of Public Works indicated that no significant effect to local transportation systems will occur as a result of this project. The project area is currently serviced by the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority on St. Bernard Ave (GIS Figure 21) with the closest bus stop at St. Bernard Ave and Senate St. The May 29, 2015 response from Brian K. Jones and GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| Natural Features | | |
| 21. Water Resources | Permit Required | The LDEQ stated in correspondence dated June 8, 2015 that no objections exist based upon the information submitted. However, the Department recommends investigating certain listed water-quality requirements (e.g. wastewater and storm water permitting, groundwater protection, point source pollution) which may result in impacts from the proposed project. Based on current improvement plan for the streetscape no significant impacts to water resources are anticipated. The June 8, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. If the project disturbs ground greater than one acre, the Department of Public Works must contact LDEQ to determine if Storm Water General Permits for Construction Activities (Master Permit Numbers LAR100000 or LAR200000) will be required. |
| 22. Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands | No Impact | The project location lies within an area designated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as "Prime Farmland" (GIS Figure 7). A response from the Natural Resource Conservation Service dated May 7, 2015 indicates the proposed project is located within a pre-existing urban area, and is therefore exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act. The May 7, 2015 response from the NRCS and GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 23. Vegetation and Wildlife | No Impact | An April 23, 2015 generated response from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services online pre-assessment self-assessment tool indicates that the project will have no effect on resources protected by the Endangered Species Act. Additionally, a response dated May 29, 2015 from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries indicates the proposed project will not result in negative impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species, or critical habitats. The April 23, 2015 USFWS and the May 29, 2015 LDWF responses can be found as attachments to the ERR. Ramboll Environ did not observe suitable habitat or evidence of endangered species at the property during the April 22, 2015 site inspection. |



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Summary of Findings and Conclusions

A complete summary of all findings and conclusions can be found in the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record. The following environmental conditions were investigated: floodplain location, wetlands, coastal management zones, historical preservation, threatened and endangered species, noise, airport clear zones, prime farm lands, aquifer protection, wild and scenic rivers, toxic chemicals and radiation, air and water quality, explosives and flammables, environmental justice, coastal zones, location in relation to flood control structures, solid waste disposal, land development, socioeconomic factors, community facilities and services, public safety, open space and recreation, transportation, and state and local statutes. Please refer to the Executive Summary referencing how significant environmental conditions apply to the project.

Summary of Environmental Conditions

A complete summary of environmental conditions can be found in the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record (specifically within the Summary of Findings and Conclusions). Environmental Conditions and Other Considerations include chemical/physical hazards associated with the existing structures and features, potential impacts to water quality, potential impacts to air quality, and properties located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone.



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Purpose of the Project:

The purpose of the roadway improvements project is to improve safety, accessibility, and utilities for the community surrounding the improvements and all of Orleans Parish.

Alternatives:

Please see the attached document "Alternatives and Cumulative Impact Analysis"

Summary of Existing Conditions and Future Trends:

A complete summary of the Existing Conditions and Future Trends can be found within the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record.

Additional Studies Performed:

An 8 Step Process was performed in accordance with 24 CFR Part 55 and Part 58.5 and can be found attached to this Environmental Review Record.

Mitigation Measures Needed:

A summary of Mitigation Measures needed can be found in the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record.



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FINDING [§58.40(g)]

- ☒ Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- ☐ Finding of Significant Impact

Conditions for Approval are provided in the Executive Summary and include all mitigation, permit requirements, approvals, or project requirements associated with this action.

PREPARER:

Preparer's Signature

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Date

John L. Hebert

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Director of Environmental Compliance

Title

ATTACHMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST WORKSHEET

Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Land Development

1. Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning:

- a. Is project in conformance with existing zoning or consistent with community's general development plans?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will a special permit or change in zoning be required? Will the project need to be modified to conform to zoning requirements (e.g. reduce the density or height)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source of documentation (e.g. Zoning Map):

The CPC and DSP responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

Land Use Compatibility and Urban Impact:

- a. Will the project be compatible with surrounding land uses?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will there be a change in land use?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project contribute to urban sprawl?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The CPC and DSP responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

Slope and Erosion

- a. Slopes: ☒ Not Applicable; ☐ Steep; ☐ Moderate; ☐ Slight.

If moderate to steep slope, does the design plan include measures to overcome potential erosion, slope stability and runoff problems?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is there evidence of slope erosion or unstable slope conditions on or near the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is there evidence of ground subsidence, high water table or other unusual conditions on the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project significantly affect or be affected by the slope conditions?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The CPC and DSP responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

Soil Suitability

- a. Is there any visible evidence of soil problems (foundations cracking or settling, basement flooding, etc.) in the neighborhood of the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have soil studies or borings been made for the project site or the area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do the soil studies or borings indicate marginal or unsatisfactory soil conditions?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is there indication of cross-lot runoff, swales, or drainage flows on the property?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there visual indications of filled ground?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there active rills and gullies on site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If the site is not to be served by a municipal waste water disposal system, has a report of the soil conditions suitable for on-site septic systems been submitted?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is a soils report (other than structural) needed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are structural borings or a dynamic soil analysis/geological study needed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The DSP response can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

Hazards, Nuisances and Site Safety:

- a. Will the project be affected by natural hazards?

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Faults, fracture | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fire hazard materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cliffs, bluffs, crevices | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wind/sand storm concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Slope-failures from rains | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Poisonous plants, insects, animals | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unprotected water bodies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hazardous terrain features | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Will the project be affected by built hazards and nuisances?

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hazardous street | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Inadequate screened drainage catchments | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Dangerous intersection | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hazards in vacant lots | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Through traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Chemical tank-car terminals | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Inadequate separation of pedestrian/vehicle traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other hazardous chemical storage | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Children's play areas located next to freeway or other high traffic way | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | High-pressure gas or liquid petroleum transmission lines on site | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Inadequate street lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Overhead transmission lines | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarries or other excavations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hazardous cargo transportation routes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Dumps/sanitary landfills or mining | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Oil or gas wells | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Railroad crossing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industrial operations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Will the project be affected by nuisances?

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Gas, smoke, fumes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Unsightly land uses | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Odors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Front-lawn parking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Vibration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Abandoned vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Glare from parking area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vermin infestation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Vacant/boarded-up buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industrial nuisances | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Are there other unusual conditions on the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has the site been used as a dump, sanitary landfill or mine waste disposal area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is there indication of:

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Distressed Vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | oil/chemical spills | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Waste material/containers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | abandoned machinery, cars, refrigerators, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Soil staining, pools of liquid | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | transformers, fill/vent pipes, pipelines, drainage structures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Loose/empty drums, barrels | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |

Is the project compatible with surrounding land uses in terms of:

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Land Use | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Building type (low/high-rise) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Height, bulk, mass | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Building Density | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Will the project be unduly influenced by:

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Building deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Transition of land uses | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Postponed maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Incompatible land uses | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Obsolete public facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Inadequate off-street parking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Are there air pollution generators nearby which would adversely affect the site?

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Heavy Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Large parking facilities (1000 or more cars) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Incinerators | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heavy travelled highway (6 or more lanes) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Power generating plants | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Oil refineries | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cement plants | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The site visit observations can be found within the Executive Summary. The CPC and DSP responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

Energy Consumption:

- a. Has the project design taken full advantage of potential energy saving measures such as insulation, solar panels, window design and placement, lighting, heating, cooling and hot water systems?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are they in conformance with HUD Minimum Property Standards and other applicable energy saving codes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the project location in close proximity to transit, shopping, services and employment locations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The site visit observations can be found within the Executive Summary. The EnvAff, NOOCD and DSP responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

Socioeconomic Factors

Demographic/Community Character Changes:

- a. Will the proposed project significantly alter the demographic characteristics of the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the proposed project severely alter residential, commercial or industrial uses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the proposed project destroy or harm any community institution, such as a neighborhood church?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The CPC; EcoDev,NOOCD; and EnvAff,NOOCD responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

Displacement:

- a. Will the project directly displace individuals or families?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project destroy or relocate existing jobs, community facilities or any business establishment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the displacement covered by the Uniform Relocation Act and are funds available for payment?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The EcoDev,NOOCD response can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

Employment and Income Patterns:

- a. Will changes occur in employment and income patterns as a result from the project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project either significantly increase or decrease employment opportunities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will it create conditions favorable or unfavorable to commercial, industrial, or institutional operation or development?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

The conditions will be favorable.

Cite and attach source documentation:

The EcoDev, NOOCD response can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

Community Facilities and Services

Educational Facilities:

- a. Will the additional school age children in the proposed development exceed the capacity of existing or planned school facilities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do the potentially affected schools have adequate safe access facilities given the projected population increase?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Will additional or alternative facilities need to be provided to ensure safe suitable access?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The OPSB response can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

Commercial Facilities:

- a. Is there adequate and convenient access to retail services? Do local retail services meet the need of project occupants/users?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will existing retail and commercial services be adversely impacted by the proposed project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The EcoDev, NOOCD response can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

Health Care:

- a. Is emergency health service available within approximately three to five minutes?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are non-emergency health care services located within a reasonable proximity to the proposed project?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the number of doctors, dentists, nurses and other trained medical staff in realistic proportion to any increase in residents/users?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Social Services:

- a. Are social services currently located in close proximity to the prospective users/residents?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the number of trained staff including social workers, counselors, psychologists, psychiatrist and related administrative and managerial personnel in realistic proportion to the anticipated increase in residents/users?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Solid Waste:

- a. Will the existing or planned solid waste disposal system adequately service the proposed development?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Will project overload the design capacity of these facilities?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Trash collection and solid waste disposal
☒ Municipal ☐ Private

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The Sanitation Department response can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

Waste Water

- a. Will the existing or planned waste water systems adequately service the proposed development?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Will project overload the design capacity of these facilities?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the proposed project be adversely affected by proximity to these facilities?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Sanitary sewers and waste water disposal systems
☒ Municipal ☐ Private

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Storm Water:

- a. Will existing or planned storm water disposal and treatment systems adequately service the proposed development?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will project overload the design capacity of these facilities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Water Supply:

- a. Will either the municipal water utility or on-site water supply system be adequate to serve the proposed project?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the water supply quality safe from a chemical and bacteriological standpoint?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If the water supply is non-municipal, has an acceptable "system" been approved by appropriate authorities?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If the sanitary sewers and waste water disposal systems are non-municipal, has an acceptable "system" been approved by appropriate authorities and agencies?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Public Safety:

- a. Does the project location provide adequate access to police, fire and emergency medical services?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the average response time for police, fire and emergency medical services in the area of the project sufficient to meet the needs of the project?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the area have a particularly high crime rate?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the quality of the police, fire protection and emergency medical services available to the project adequate to meet project needs?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Open Space, Recreational and Cultural Facilities:

- a. Are open spaces, recreational and cultural facilities within reasonable proximity to the project area?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is adequate public transportation available from the project to these facilities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the project cause any overloading of these facilities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The bus route GIS figure and PPW and NORDC responses can be found as attachments to the ERR.

Transportation:

- a. Will transportation facilities and services be adequate to meet the needs of the project's users?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is adequate parking available for the project? Will existing or proposed transportation services be adequate to meet the project needs?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the project create a situation whereby facilities are seriously under used?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

The DPW response can be found as an attachment to the ERR.

Natural Features

Water Resources:

- a. Will the project use groundwater for its water supply?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Are there large numbers of wells or wells that pump large quantities of water from the water table near the proposed project site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there visual or other indications of water quality problems on or near the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project involve discharge of sewage effluent into surface water bodies?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Land:

a. Is the site near natural features (i.e., bluffs or cliffs) or near public or private scenic areas?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are other natural resources visible on site or in vicinity? Will any such resources be adversely affected or will they adversely affect the project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the unique natural feature pose safety hazards for a proposed development?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Vegetation and Wildlife:

a. Will the project damage or destroy trees without replacement?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project create an environmental condition that might threaten the survival of existing vegetation, particularly changes in the native plant community habitats?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project create conditions favorable to nuisance species?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments:

Cite and attach source documentation:

Summary of Findings and Conclusions

Project Alternatives Considered [24 CFR 58.40(e), Ref. 40 CFR 1508.9] (As appropriate, identify other reasonable courses of action that were considered and not selected, such as other sites, design modifications, or other uses of the subject site. Describe the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of each alternative and the reasons for rejecting it. Include consideration of the No Action Alternative, that is, not implementing the preferred alternative).
See Alternatives Analysis.

Mitigation and Project Modification Measures Recommended

[24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1508.20]

(Recommend feasible ways in which the proposal or its external factors should be modified in order to minimize adverse environmental impacts and restore or enhance environmental quality.)

See Executive Summary.

Additional Studies Performed

(List the reports, studies or analyses performed for this assessment, and attach studies or summaries.)

See Eight Step, etc.

List of Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

(List agencies and persons consulted for this assessment.)

See Executive Summary

SECTION 7

ALTERNATIVE AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ANALYSIS

**Alternatives and Cumulative Impact Analysis:
Environmental Assessment of the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Louisiana**

An alternatives analysis has been completed for this project in accordance with 24 CFR 58.40(e). The alternatives analysis for floodplain and wetland impacts has been provided within the Floodplain/Wetland Management 8-Step Process and the Final Floodplain Notice attached to this Environmental Review Record. The analysis considered the cumulative impact of the activities considered by this action. The specific alternatives considered as part of the 8-Step review included:

1. Relocation of the project
2. Finding construction alternatives and/or alternative methods
3. Taking "No Action"

Due to the fact that flooding is the primary environmental factor of concern, the three proposed alternatives to the project are considered appropriate with respect to a wider consideration of alternatives to meet the goals of the overall project. These alternatives are further evaluated below for other environmental factors.

Land Development

The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project is in line with the City of New Orleans' Master Plan, and its core goals of "*enhancing neighborhood livability and character.*" The project is consistent with past and present land use, as the roadways being improved are currently in use. The improved sidewalks, utilities, and roadways will be beneficial to residents as they will facilitate increased use of the areas features and improve community appearance and amenities.

Alternative 1, relocating the improvements, could be completed in order to service other parts of the St. Bernard Area neighborhood. However, improved sidewalks, utilities, and roadways will aid in the future of this area (both vehicular and pedestrian). Not only will this area be more accessible to the community, but the improved drainage will aid in a decrease in flooding for the area. All of the Orleans Parish population, and specifically residents of St. Bernard Area, will benefit from the improved conditions resulting from the roadway improvements, which would not happen if the improvements were relocated to another area. Therefore, the current project position was considered the optimal location.

Exploration of Alternative 2 involved finding new construction alternatives or methods to serve the project intent. One of the multiple alternatives considered involved a reduction in the project scope to simply include repairing the damaged areas of the roadways. This would allow for the project to be completed in less time and the cost would decrease. However, this would not allow for the project goal of improving streets, sidewalks, and utilities in the area to decrease flooding and repair damages. Due to the potential negative impacts in the area, the current improvements plan is deemed most suitable for the project.

Alternative 3, taking no action, would negatively impact the surrounding community, as the roadway and additional features would remain in their current state, absent of improvement. Therefore, from a land development standpoint, in order to utilize the space effectively, the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project plan should be undertaken.

Noise

The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, as proposed, will slightly increase daytime noise to nearby residents and site users during construction. However, these construction activities are exempt from noise attenuation measures per HUD noise standards. Ambient noise for surrounding residents will not increase to a significant degree after the proposed activities are enacted, and noise levels are not expected to exceed pre-storm levels in the neighborhood.

Alternative 1, relocation of the improvements, would cause increased daytime noise to any residents nearby during construction. Also, nearby users could be negatively impacted by the increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic along improved areas that have not been designed for such capacity. The construction alternative of simply repairing damaged areas on the roads and sidewalks would decrease the timeframe of noise as a result of the project. However, post-construction ambient noise levels for both nearby residents and site users would not change significantly from the actions as proposed. Alternative 3, taking no action, would not create differences in current noise levels as no construction would be enacted and there would be no change in site utilization from the current levels.

Environmental Design, Historic Values, and Urban Impact

As proposed, the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project will not impact any historic properties or districts. The design is consistent with roadways throughout the city, and the improvements will be completed within existing City of New Orleans right-of-ways. There will be a positive impact on the area as the roadway amenities will be upgraded within a residential area that currently includes schools, churches, and parks.

Alternative 1, relocation of the project, would not be beneficial regarding environmental design, historic values, and urban impact of the currently proposed site vicinity as the areas proposed for improvement would remain in disrepair and unenhanced. Additionally, should the project be moved, the new location may be in an area with historic value which may become disturbed by the proposed improvements.

A construction alternative considered was to simply repave the roadway. This would not result in a significant difference in benefits or negative impacts regarding historic values, as work would still be conducted within the city-owned right-of-ways. However, negative impacts regarding the environmental design and urban impact would result, as the improvements to the drainage and sidewalks would not occur, which would cause further impacts in the area.

Alternative 3, taking no action, would not improve neighborhood character and livability in a positive way. Deterioration of the roadway features could result from taking no action and

without the proposed improvements, the roadway could be underutilized, potentially causing residents to move away from the resulting unsafe neighborhood.

Socioeconomic

As proposed, the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project will not result in the displacement of any citizens or groups that were present in the area prior to Hurricane Katrina. The improvements are not anticipated to cause any negative demographic changes and will provide improved access for the surrounding low/moderate income communities that have been blighted by the storm. The completion of the proposed action will facilitate and encourage resettlement of area residences as community infrastructure is improved.

Alternative 1, relocation of the project, could provide improved drainage and roadways in another blighted community. However, this area is being improved to decrease hazards from damaged roadways in the area, which could cause much more costly damages to this community, if they are not improved. A construction alternative including simply improving the sidewalks in the area would provide benefits to the surrounding low/moderate income community, as the neighborhood would be more accessible to members of community with disabilities and others walking to public transportation. However, this alternative does not account for the damage that could be caused if the utilities are not improved and the need for repaired streets for members of the community driving or biking in this area. Therefore, the current project scope was deemed the best option for improvements. Alternative 3, taking no action, would cause the features to be improved at the site to remain blighted, which will discourage the use of the area and neighborhood value may decrease.

Community Facilities, Services, and Public Safety

The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project is a project with the key intent to improve roadways, sidewalks, and utilities. The roadways are currently in use, but they are in need of repairs. The improvements will eliminate negative impacts, such as limited ADA access and hazardous roadways.

Alternative 1, relocating the roadway improvements, could be beneficial as it would increase public safety on another roadway. However, the roadway may not be able to service the community with bus routes and new businesses. Other construction alternatives could include simply repaving the roadways, which would improve the area; however, utilities, sidewalks, roadway improvements, and ADA compliant features have also been identified as significant concerns. Alternative 3, taking no action, would not generate any benefit to community facilities and services.

Transportation

The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project will not cause any increased demand on transportation resources in the area. The roadways surrounding the site are serviced by the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, allowing low to moderate income families to easily utilize the location. This project will help facilitate access to nearby community features such as

schools, community centers, and churches, and allows for increased use of all such centers of community life.

Alternative 1, relocation of the improvements, would allow for another area to have roadway improvements; however, as this area is in need of utilities repairs for drainage, relocation of this project would allow for this area to be damaged by the impacts of possible flooding. The alternative of simply improving the streets and sidewalks would benefit the neighborhood and would be completed in a shorter timeframe, which would benefit transportation impacts. However, if all the improvements are not completed, roadwork will likely need to be done more often, causing more impacts to transportation over time. Alternative 3, taking no action, would continue to generate risk, as the roadways in the area are a hazard to pedestrians, bikers, and drivers.

Open Space and Recreation, Natural Features, and Air Quality

Improving the roadway features, as proposed, is not anticipated to impact the site or the area's natural features or air quality, providing state and local regulations are adhered to during construction as well as during transport and deposition of construction waste material. Additionally, as the project consists of the improvements to existing roadway features and improvement of public space, impacts to open space and recreational facilities within the City of New Orleans are not anticipated.

The cumulative effects of the project as proposed are determined to be beneficial for all the affected communities and the City of New Orleans. The alternatives evaluated under this assessment could potentially result in greater environmental impact than the proposed action, and will offer no greater benefit to the communities and the environment in nearly all the impact categories considered. For this reason, the alternative activities are rejected and the proposed plan is selected as the final action.

SECTION 8

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROTOCOL

Environmental Justice Review

Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project

| General Requirements | Legislation | Regulation |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations | Executive Order 12898, February 11, 1994 | 24 CFR 50.4(1) and 24 CFR 58.5(j) |

Executive Order (EO) 12898 requires that each Federal Agency identify and address the effects of its programs, policies and activities on low-income and minority populations. The purpose of the EO is to ensure that there are no disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations. However, these same populations often lack access to environmental assets, such as parks and greenspaces. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) created an Environmental Justice strategy in 1995 that identifies the revitalization of central cities, the removal of urban slum and blight, and the distribution of benefits to low-income and minority communities as Environmental Justice priority areas. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was developed with similar national objectives of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons, preventing or eliminating urban slum and blight, and addressing community development needs that have a particular urgency due to existing conditions that pose serious or immediate threats to community health or welfare. As such, the goals and conditions of CDBG funds are tied to Environmental Justice concerns. The following protocol is intended to identify whether the project poses a disproportionate burden of adverse impacts that constitute traditional Environmental Justice concerns, as well as document whether the benefits of project activities are fairly distributed to low-income and minority communities.

1. Briefly summarize the nature of the project or proposed action:

The Roadway Improvements Projects is a public facilities and improvements activity designed to benefit Orleans Parish, while improving the roadways in this area to encourage redevelopment and repopulation of the St. Bernard Area neighborhood. Roadway improvements to Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; and Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St can most easily be summarized in three categories: 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs, 2) Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features, and 3) Improvements to utilities.

In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within existing rights-of-way within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand beyond the limits of the locally-owned rights-of-way, existing roadway surfaces, or into private or other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon or revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the street's subsurface foundation. Asphalt patching will also be employed to ensure that any areas of the street subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planning, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

In addition to the repair of existing asphalt and concrete street surfaces, the roadway improvements will also include the repair and/or replacement of existing curbs as necessary. This will be limited to removal of damaged curb features and replacement in-kind and in-location, and will not include alteration of the limits of or removal of median (neutral ground) areas, expansion of current curb limits, new curb cuts for traffic pattern alteration, or changes in existing curbs and/or street surfaces for any other purpose.

In concert with the street repair and resurfacing actions, sidewalk improvements will also be performed. This will include repair and replacement of sidewalk panels along walking routes of existing sidewalk areas only; that is, all sidewalk improvements will be conducted within the limits of existing sidewalk footprints. Sidewalks will not be extended in length to access new areas, nor expanded in width beyond what currently exists. Sidewalk grade and sloping features may be altered to allow for construction of features in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (such as ramps, varied surfacing materials, high contrast color panels, etc.).

In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

To improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.

Finally, utilities work includes replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement; excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines; point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replaced with a new pipe; and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repair and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

2. Determine the area of project impact:

Consider the following criteria when describing the impacted area:

- Geographic region surrounding the project site(s) [e.g. neighborhood, corridor]
- Likely area of project use [e.g. who is likely to utilize project facilities or infrastructures: employees, customers, school pupils, library patrons, park visitors, etc.], and/or likely area of probability of exposure to project activities.
- Historic uses of the site and patterns of access

The planned construction activities will take place within the existing right-of-way of Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to Paris Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; and Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St. As roadways are a vital element in the City of New Orleans, the improvements will be utilized daily by people from the surrounding neighborhoods and Orleans Parish. This project will bring neighborhood-wide benefits by acting as a catalyst for community revitalization in the St. Bernard Area neighborhood. The St. Bernard Area neighborhood is home to several housing efforts and a community development center. The Original 7 Social Aid & Pleasure Club, still active today, originated in the St. Bernard Housing Development. The Social Aid and Pleasure Clubs were started as a result of the demise of the New Orleans Freedmen's Aid Association, an organization whose mission was to "provide loans, assistance and counsel, and a means of education to newly freed slaves." Social Aid and Pleasure Club Organizations in New Orleans took on the role of mutual aid societies. Today, the Social Aid and Pleasure Clubs act as a "social safety net" where financial support is given and expectations are that the recipients, usually club members, use it to quickly get back on their feet. The money comes from members'

monthly dues. By improving the roadways, the community of St. Bernard Area and Orleans Parish can experience revitalization.

3. Determine the population of project impact:

This question is designed to determine whether the project impacts minority or low-income populations that are the focus of Environmental Justice concerns. The following steps will help you make this determination:

- Describe the demographic profile of people using the project and/or living and working in the vicinity of the project. Include the following criteria: percent minority, percent living below poverty, and percent of population of limited English proficiency (if applicable). The Greater New Orleans Community Data Center (www.gnocdc.org) provides demographic statistics from the latest Census, as well as other useful information.
- Describe the boundaries of the population data (zipcode, census block, census place, neighborhood etc.)
- Describe the *source of information* (e.g. 2000 Census) for that population and the limitations of that data (e.g. demographic statistics based on the 2000 Census may not reflect post Hurricane Katrina conditions).

The primary beneficiaries of the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project will be residents who live within a close proximity of the project and all of Orleans Parish, which are expected to benefit from the attendant boost to local recovery efforts. The most recent demographic data available at the neighborhood level is from the 2010 Census (www.gnocdc.org). According to the 2010 Census, the St. Bernard Area neighborhood was 90.6% African American, while Orleans Parish is 59.6% African American. The most recent income and poverty data available at the neighborhood level is from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey. According to the 2008-2012 American Community Survey, 31.8% of St. Bernard Area was living in poverty, while 27.2% of Orleans Parish was in poverty. This project will benefit not only the community of St. Bernard Area, but residents of Orleans Parish that visit this neighborhood.

Will the project impact low-income or minority populations?

- ☒ YES: The project will impact low-income or minority populations
- ☐ NO: The project will *not* impact low-income or minority populations

4. Determine the nature of project impacts (beneficial and adverse):

A. Will the project result in improvements to the environment or human health, or enhance community wellbeing? Consider the following criteria when making this determination:

- Describe how the project will aid in the elimination of urban slum and blight.
- Determine whether the project might help reduce threats to community health and wellness.
- Consider project activities that provide environmental “benefits” such as the addition of greenspace or landscaping, or that improve the overall aesthetic quality of the area.
- Consider whether the project will improve access to recreation, social, or cultural activities that have a positive health or quality of life impact.

The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project will aid in the revitalization of area damaged by Hurricane Katrina and provide improved community space. The proposed project is part of a larger infrastructure recovery effort from the effects of Hurricane Katrina, which heavily damaged thousands of properties throughout New Orleans, including the St. Bernard Area neighborhood, and the surrounding neighborhoods. The improvements are vital to the sustainability of the St. Bernard Area neighborhood. Furthermore, the improvements to this roadway can be easily accessed, as St. Bernard Ave is part of a RTA Bus Route. The Roadway Improvements Project for Davey St, Encampment St, Senate St, Cadillac St, and Milton St will have a positive impact on residents in the St. Bernard Area neighborhood and Orleans Parish.

☐ NO: The project will not result in improvements to environmental health or community wellbeing.

☒ YES: The project will result in improvements to environmental health and community wellbeing.

Will the project activities benefit low-income or minority populations?

- ☒ YES: The project is not likely to raise Environmental Justice issues. Maintain documentation concerning your determination of no disproportionate impact.

- ☐ NO: The project poses a potential Environmental Justice concern. Consider how the project might be amended to distribute benefits more equitably, enhance public participation in decision-making processes, or improve access to low-income or minority populations.

B. Are there any adverse environmental or human health impacts caused by the project or project activities?

Note: This question is designed to determine how the Environmental Justice analysis is reflected in the Environmental Review as a whole. Consideration of other environmental laws and authorities in the statutory and environmental assessment checklists provide the supporting documentation for this question. Environmental conditions identified within the Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) constitute potentially adverse human health or environmental impacts that should be considered in this section. Consider the following criteria when making this determination:

- Identify adjacent land uses, paying particular attention to toxic sites, dumps, incinerators, hazardous materials, and other issues with the potential to have adverse human health effects.
- Consider the cumulative nature of impacts and any synergistic effects from multiple exposures.
- Consider project activities that may impact quality of life (e.g. noise, traffic, odor etc.), or have negative aesthetic, social, or cultural impacts.
- Consider whether the project will lead to the displacement of residents or local businesses, or negatively impact local employment and income patterns.

The Environmental Review for the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project resulted with findings that no significant adverse environmental or human health impacts are expected to result from the project or project activities. However, several environmental conditions or considerations were identified that may warrant further assessment, mitigation, or disclosure, and are being placed into the terms of the CDBG grant. A complete summary of these conditions is presented in the Executive Summary of the Environmental Review Record. A brief listing of conditions that may have environmental justice implications is presented below.

- ☐ NO: There are no potentially adverse environmental or human health impacts identified in the Environmental Review Record.
- ☒ YES: There are potentially adverse environmental or human health impacts identified in the Environmental Review Record. **List and Briefly describe identified Environmental Conditions:**

| Environmental Condition/ Consideration | Consideration, Consultation, or Mitigation | Is there a disproportionately adverse impact to low-income or minority populations? |
|--|--|---|
| Potential Impacts to Water Quality | If construction activities disturb ground in excess of one acre, a storm water permit will be required. | Compliance with permitting procedures should ensure that there are no disproportionate impacts from water quality during or after construction. |
| Chemical/Physical Hazards Associated with the Existing Structures and Features | Potential hazards may be present on-site. Future work at the site must comply with rules applicable to the management of hazardous materials. | Compliance with these rules should prevent disproportionate impacts caused by site activities in the future. |
| Potential Impacts to Air Quality | Dust from construction activities should be controlled in accordance with local and state regulations. | Compliance with local and state regulations should ensure that there are not disproportionate impacts from air quality during or after construction. |
| Properties Located with the Louisiana Coastal management Zone | This project is likely exempt from permitting due to location within "fastlands". | A "Request for Determination" can be submitted to LDNR for confirmation of this exemption. |

Will the identified environmental conditions result in disproportionately adverse environmental or human health impacts on low-income or minority populations?

☒ NO: The project is not likely to raise Environmental Justice issues. Maintain documentation concerning your determination of no disproportionate impact.

☐ YES: The project poses a potential Environmental Justice concern. If the negative impacts are minor, describe how they may or may not be balanced with any beneficial project impacts identified in the answer to 4B. If there are substantial negative impacts to the environment or human health, an Environmental Justice mitigation plan must be developed that includes public outreach, participation, and community involvement.

5. Conclusions

Environmental Justice Recommendation or Remediation: The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project is a public facilities and improvements activity designed to benefit Orleans Parish, while improving the roadways in this area to encourage redevelopment and repopulation of the St. Bernard Area neighborhood. The Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project will aid in the revitalization of area damaged by Hurricane Katrina and provide improved community space. By improving the roadways, the community of the St. Bernard Area and Orleans Parish can experience revitalization. While no disproportionately adverse human health or environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of the Roadways Improvements Project on Davey St, Encampment St, Senate St, Cadillac St, and Milton St, which resulted in a Findings of No Significant Impact, several conditions were addressed in the ERR. Most of the conditions are common among urban properties, particularly those flooded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. To relocate the program outside of New Orleans, or to take an alternative of "no action" in order to avoid these conditions could result in the exacerbation of slum and blight and deny low income minority residents the benefits of neighborhood revitalization. Instead, the ERR outlines ways to avoid or minimize negative impacts from program activities in ways that should prevent disproportionately adverse effects on low income or minority residents. In sum, negative impacts to neighborhoods or individuals in contradiction to Environmental Justice policy are not anticipated to occur as a result of this project.

SECTION 9

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Davey St, looking north towards Harrison Ave



Photo 2: Davey St, looking south



Photo 3: Senate St at Davey St, looking east



Photo 4: Davey St, looking south



Photo 5: Davey St at Milton St, looking southeast



Photo 6: Milton St, looking east



Photo 7: Encampment St, looking north



Photo 8: Milton St at Encampment St, looking west



Photo 9: Cadillac St at Milton St, looking south



Photo 10: Cadillac St at Milton St, looking north



Photo 11: Cadillac St, looking north



Photo 12: Senate St at Cadillac St, looking west



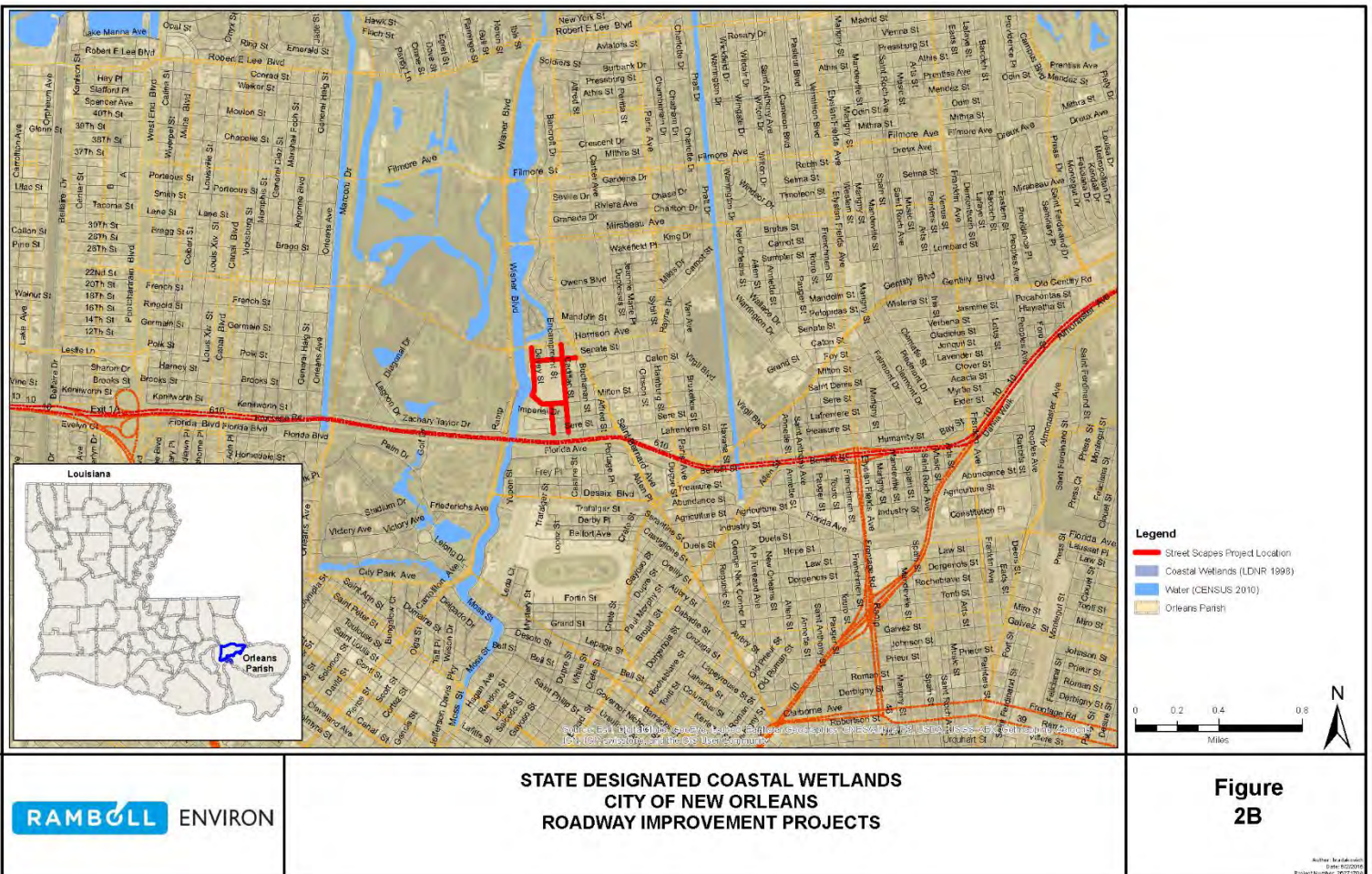
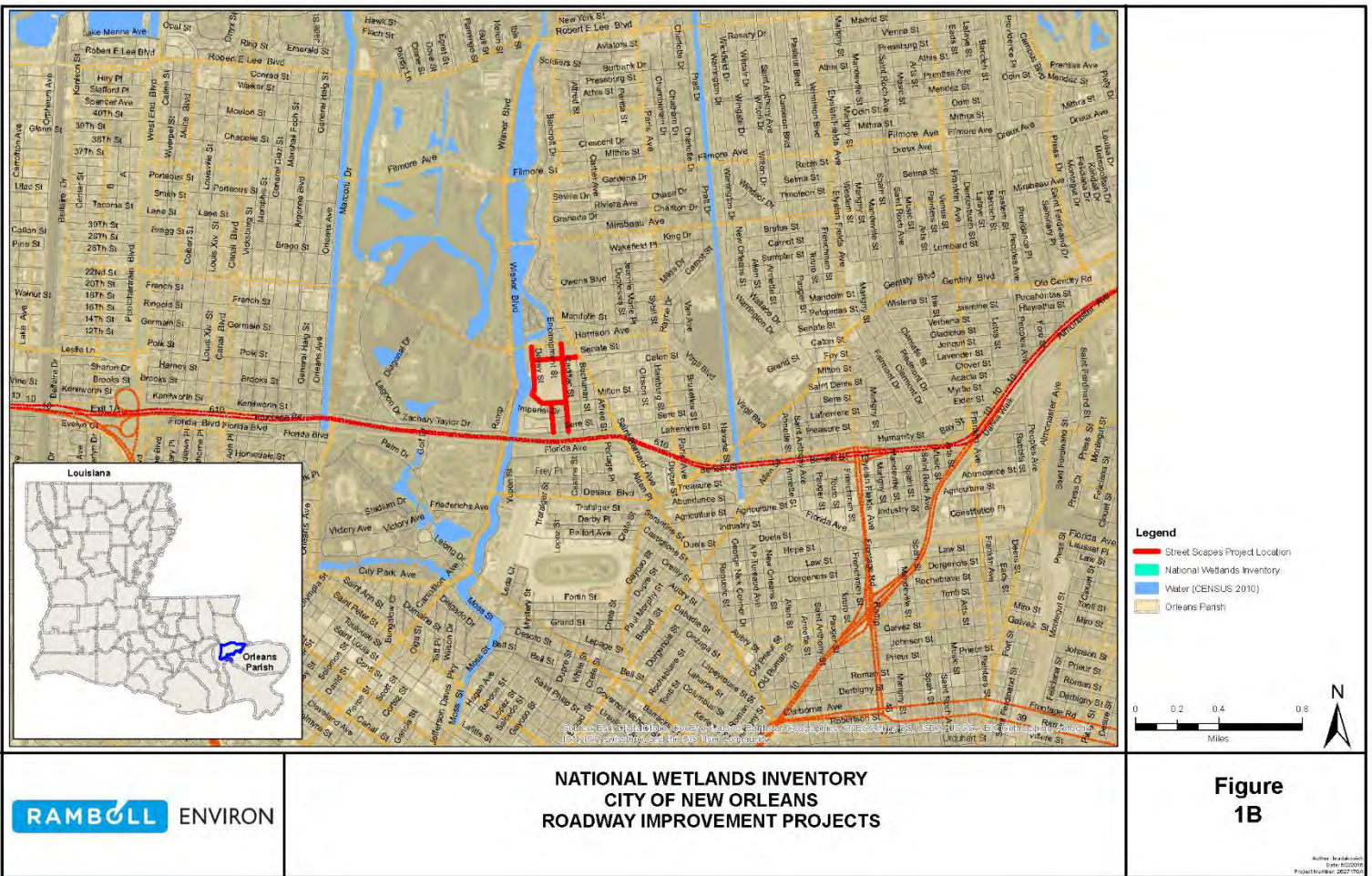
Photo 13: Senate St at Cadillac St, looking east

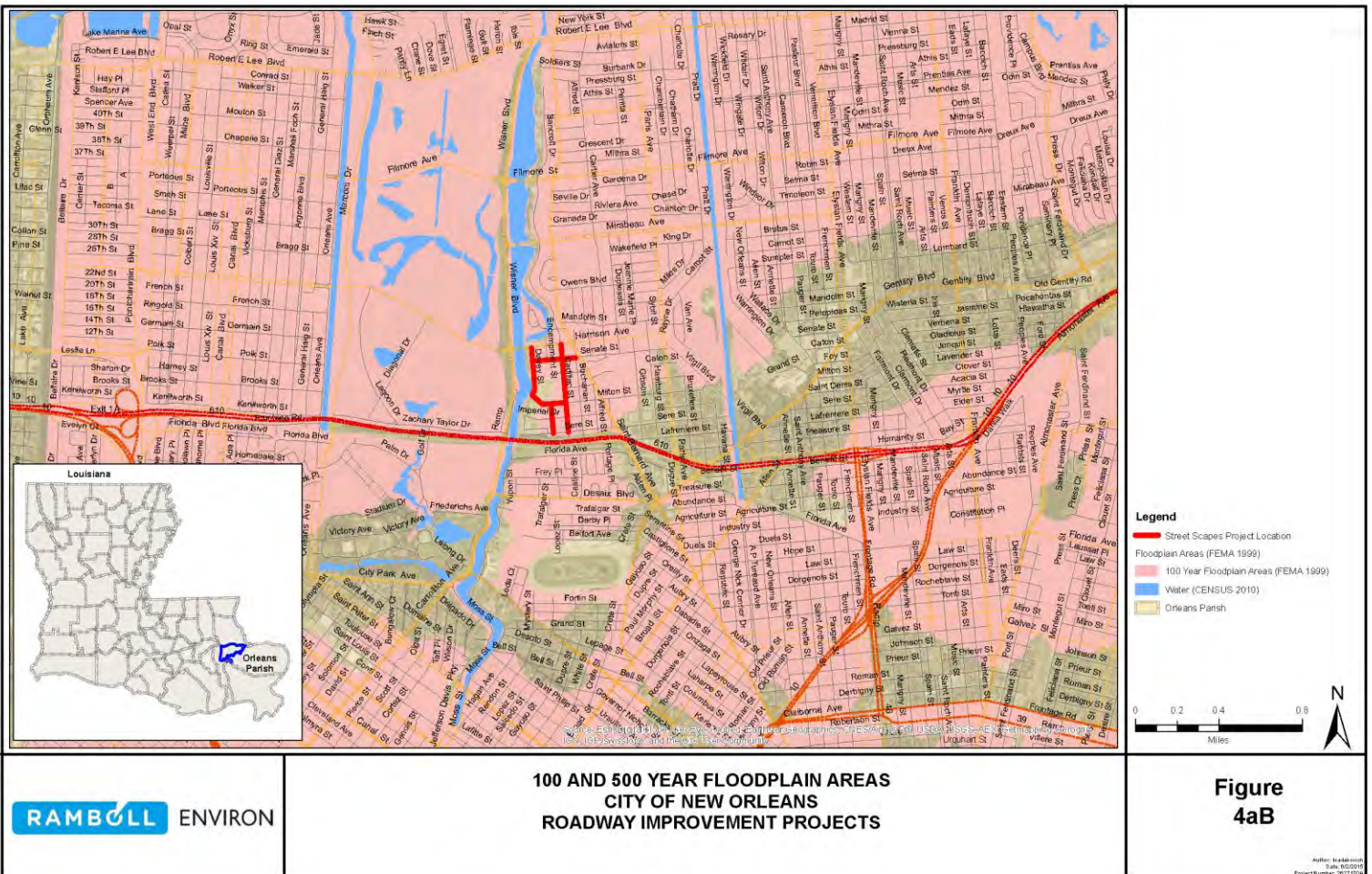
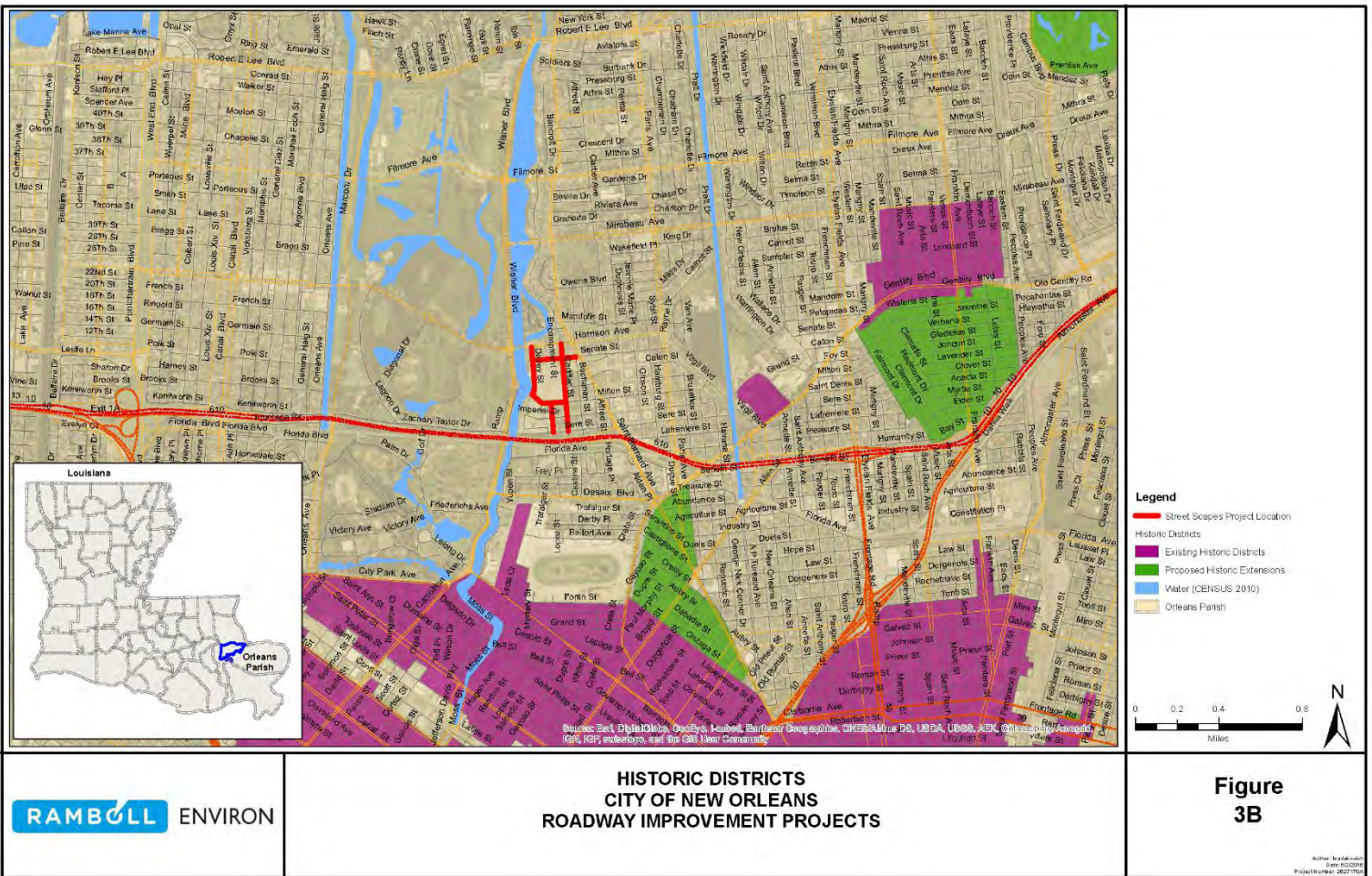


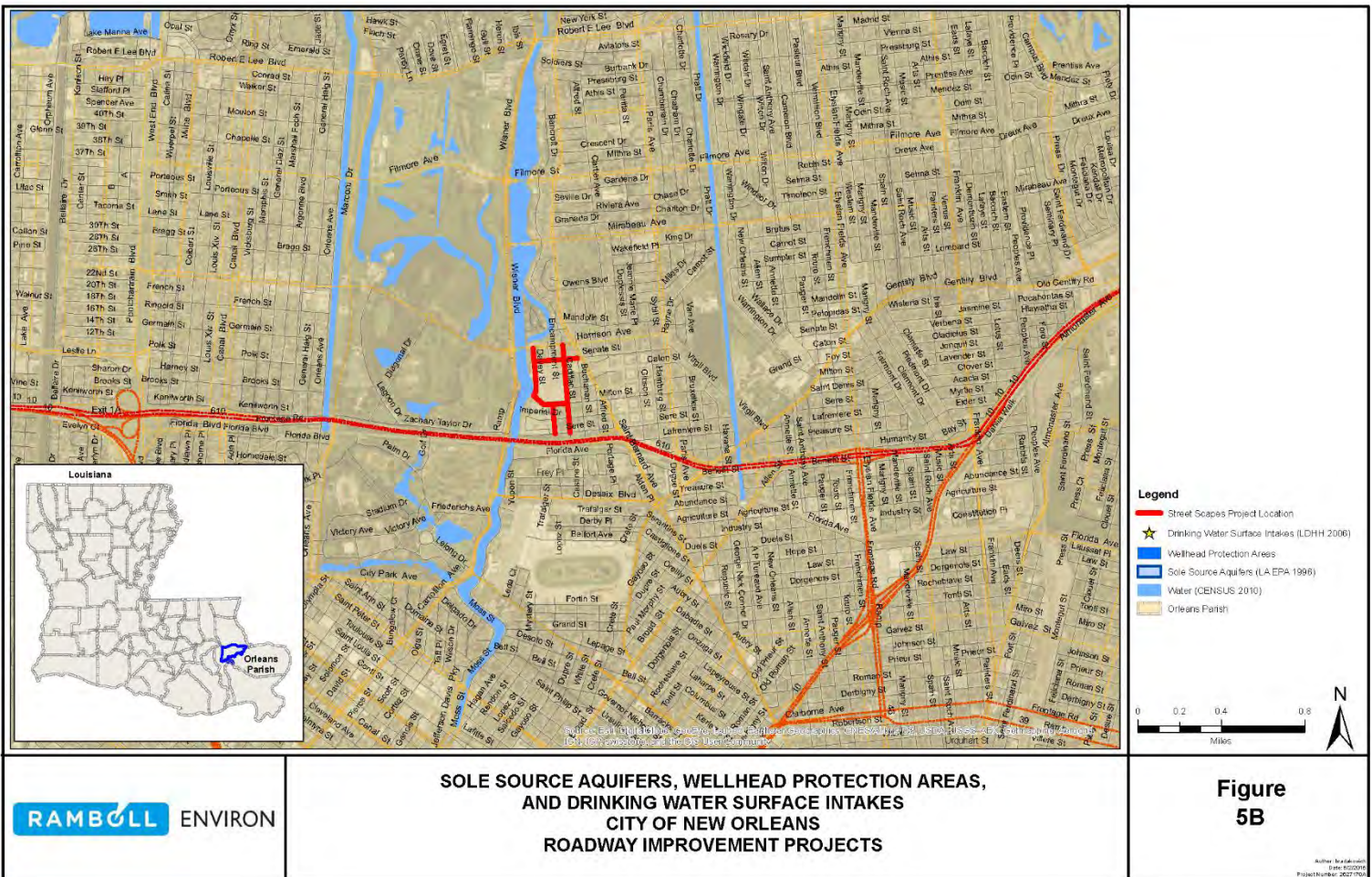
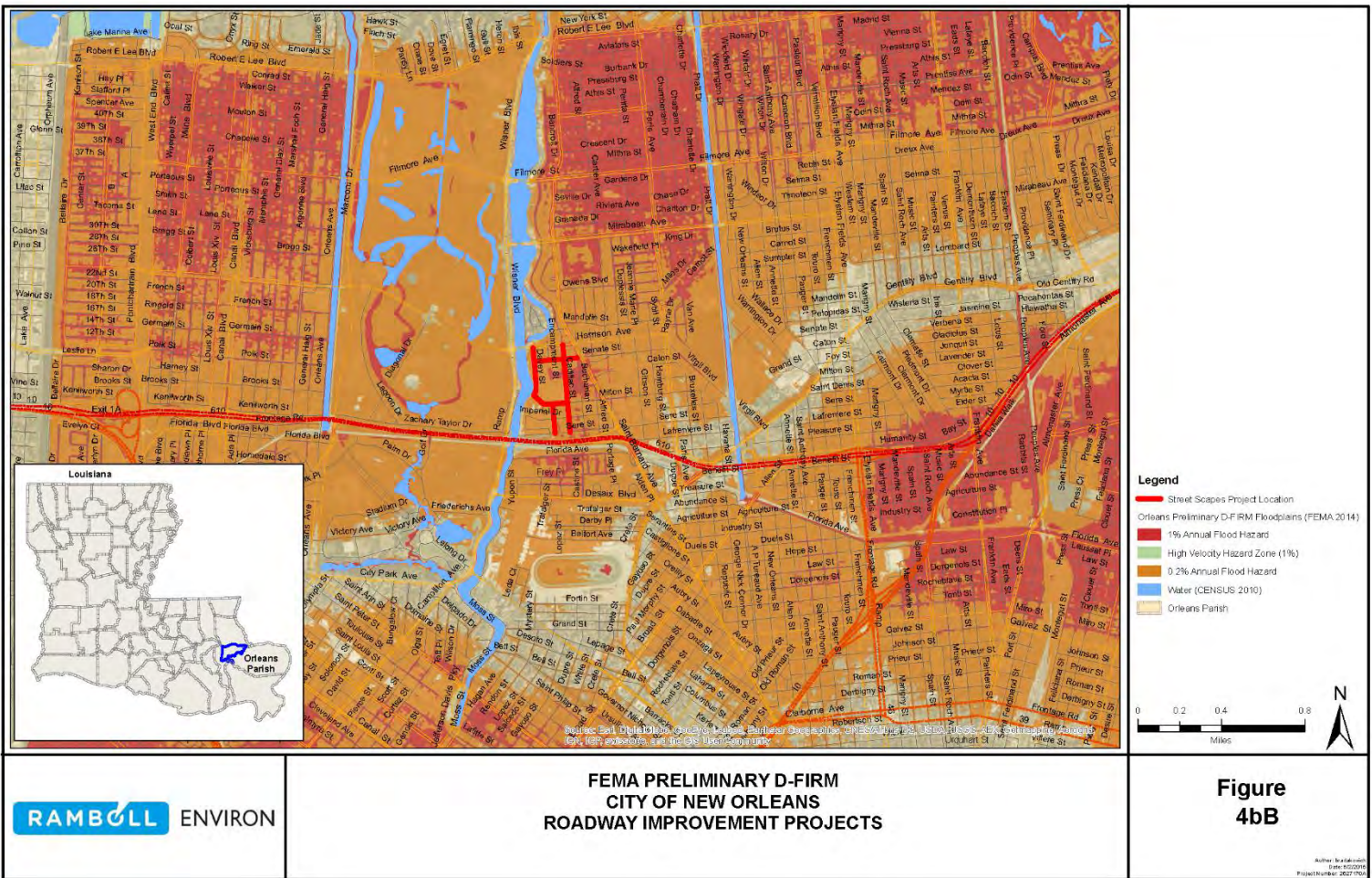
Photo 14: Cadillac St, looking north towards Harrison Ave

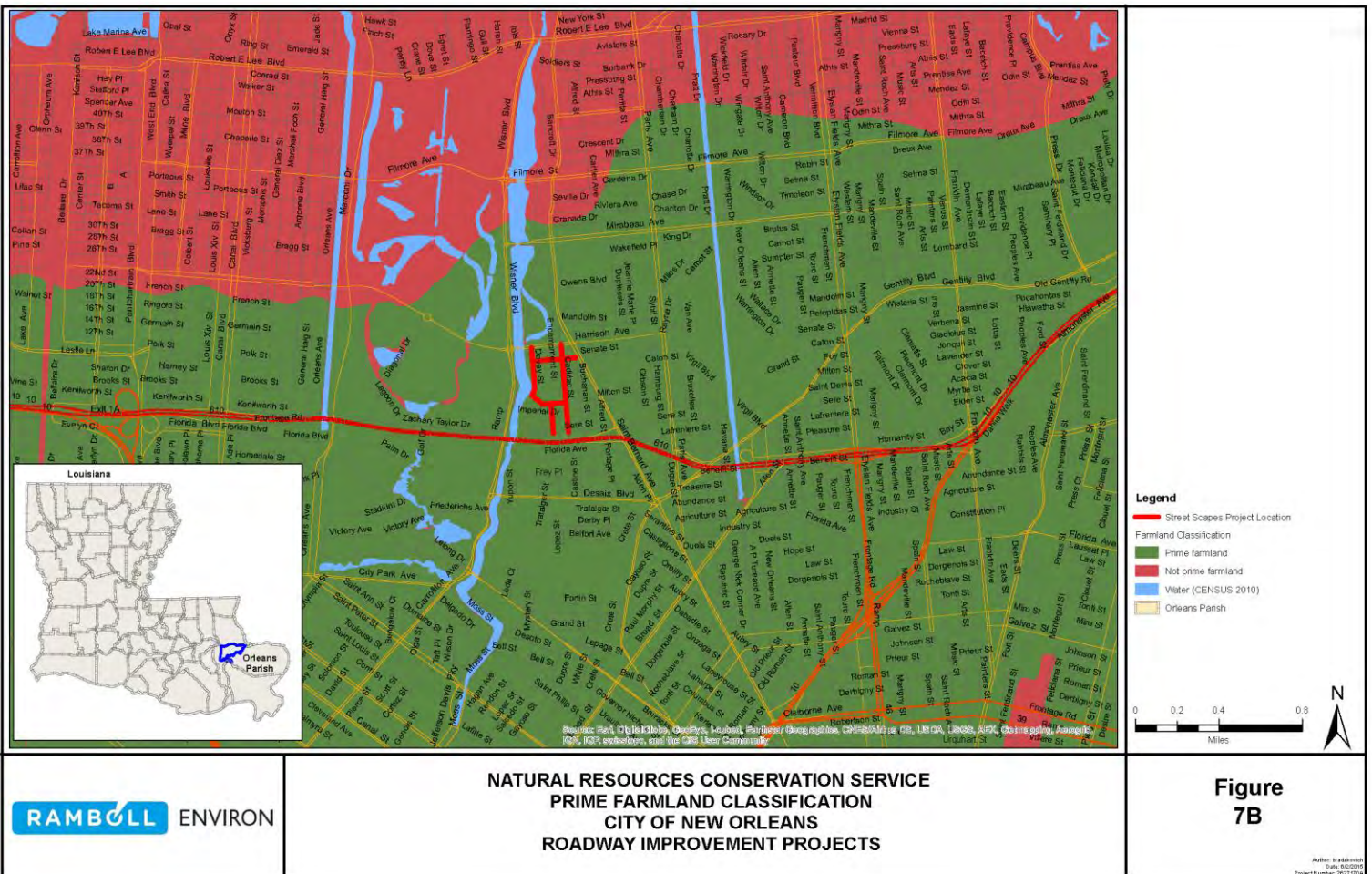
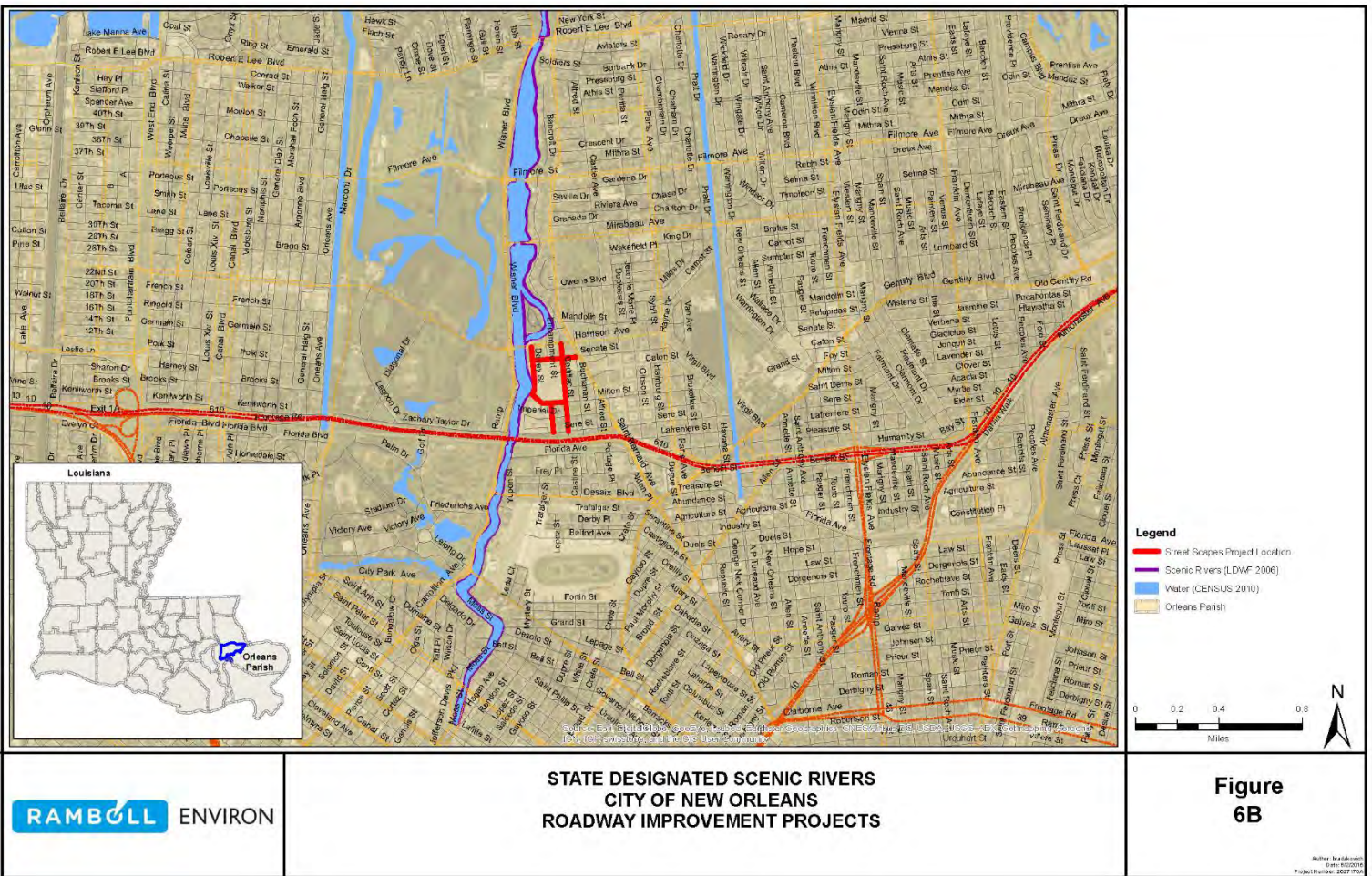
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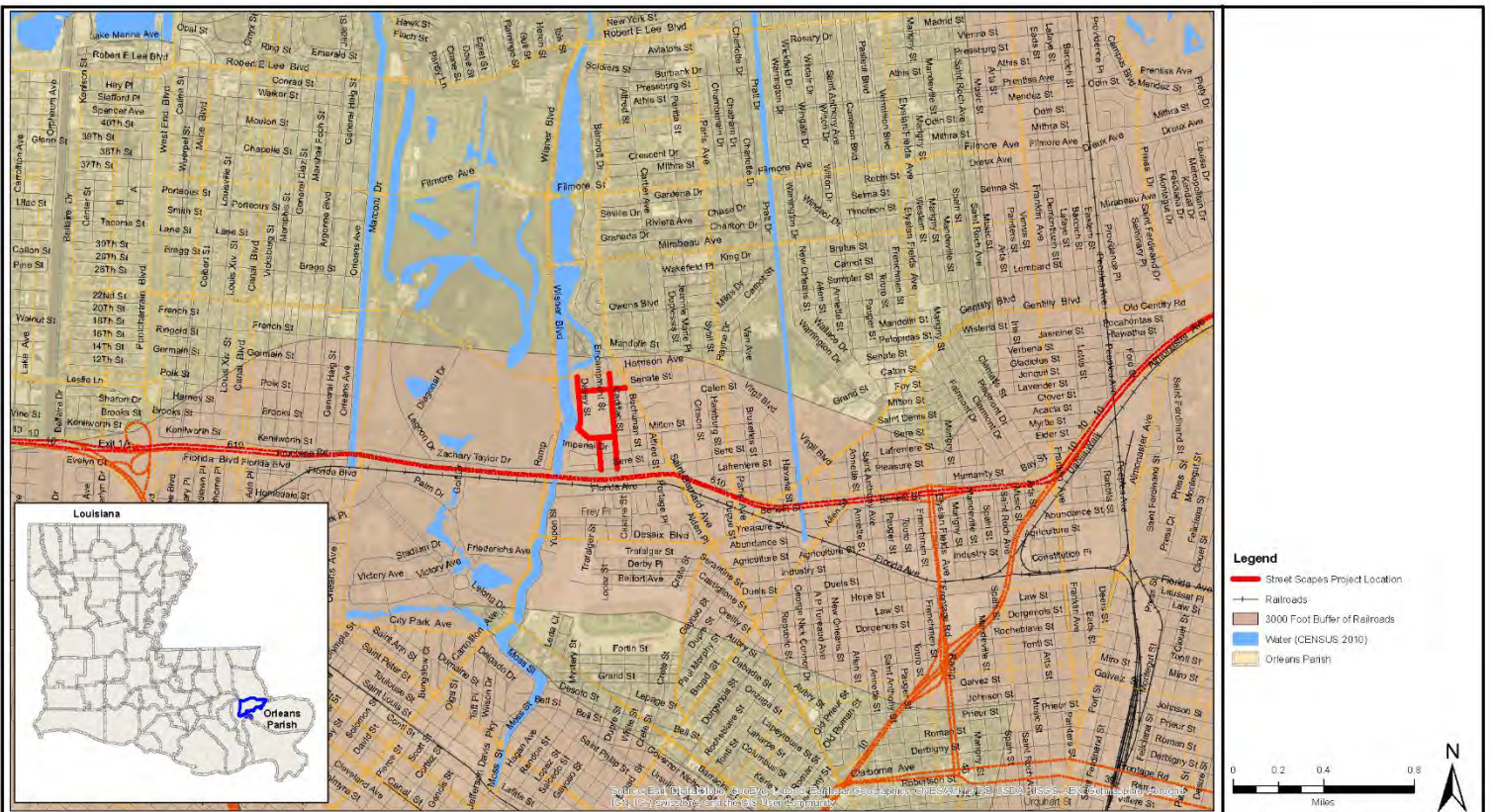
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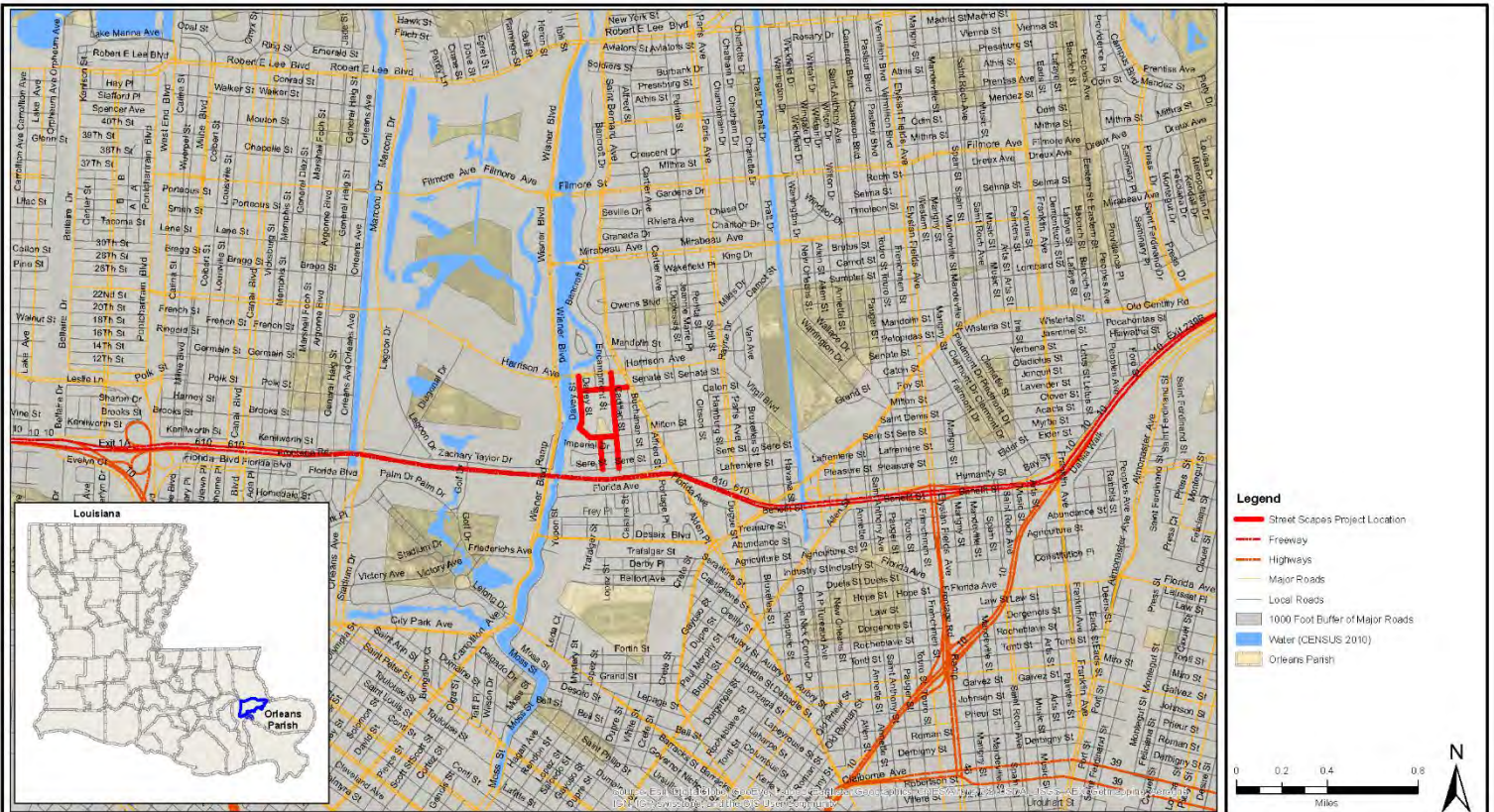




**RAILROAD AND 3000 FOOT RAILROAD NOISE BUFFER
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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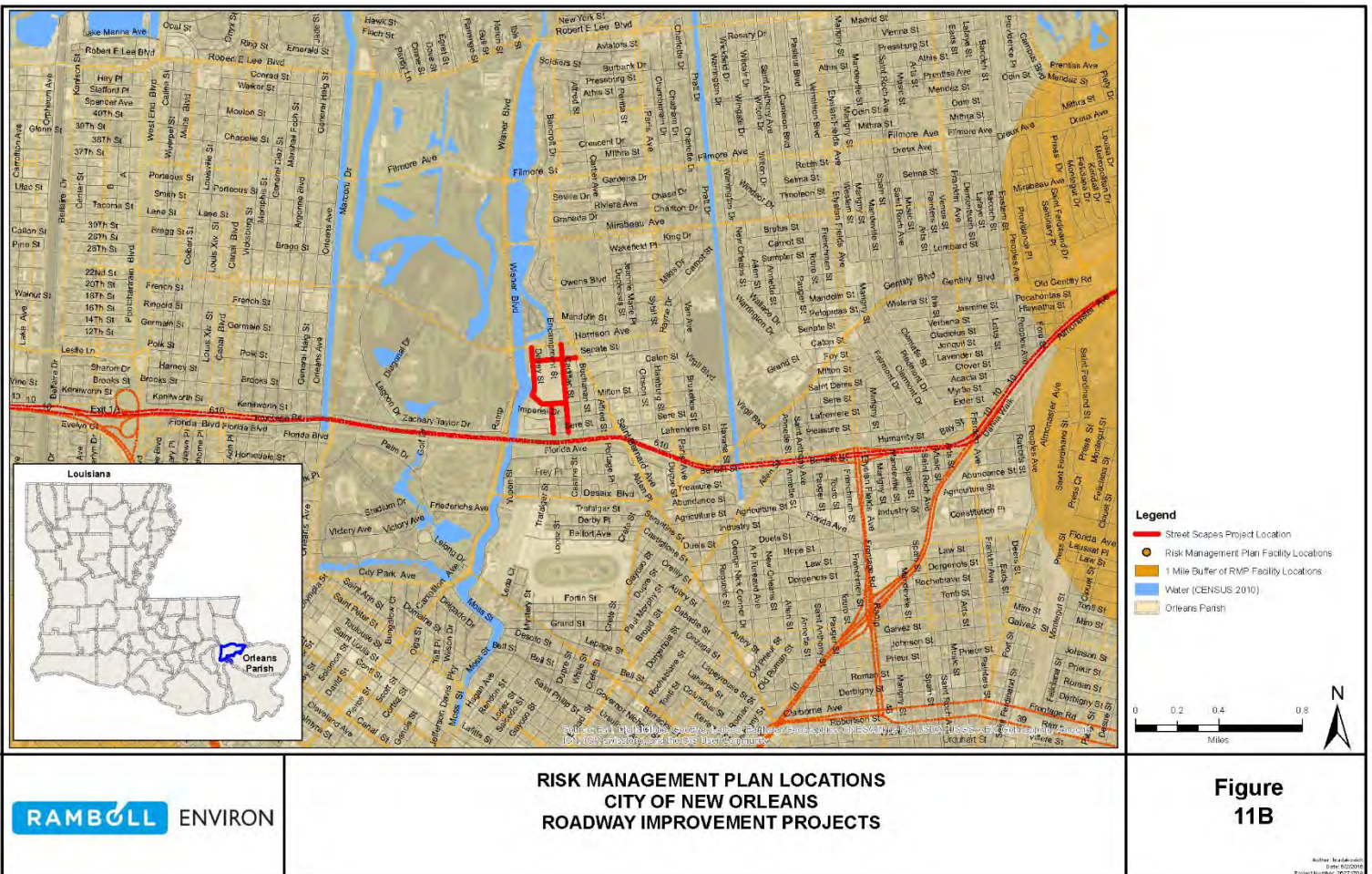
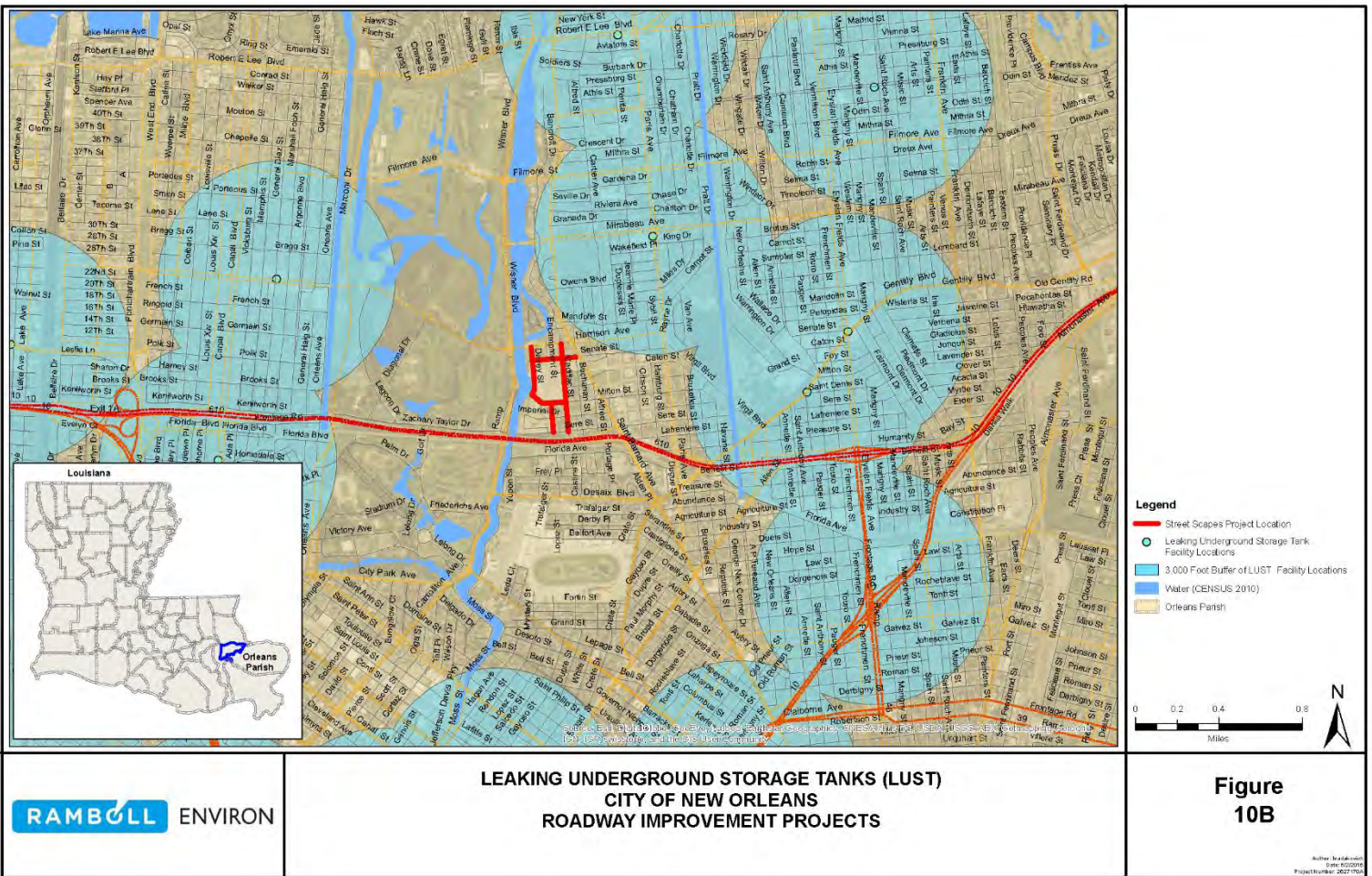
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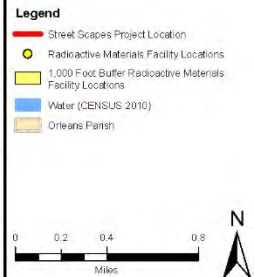
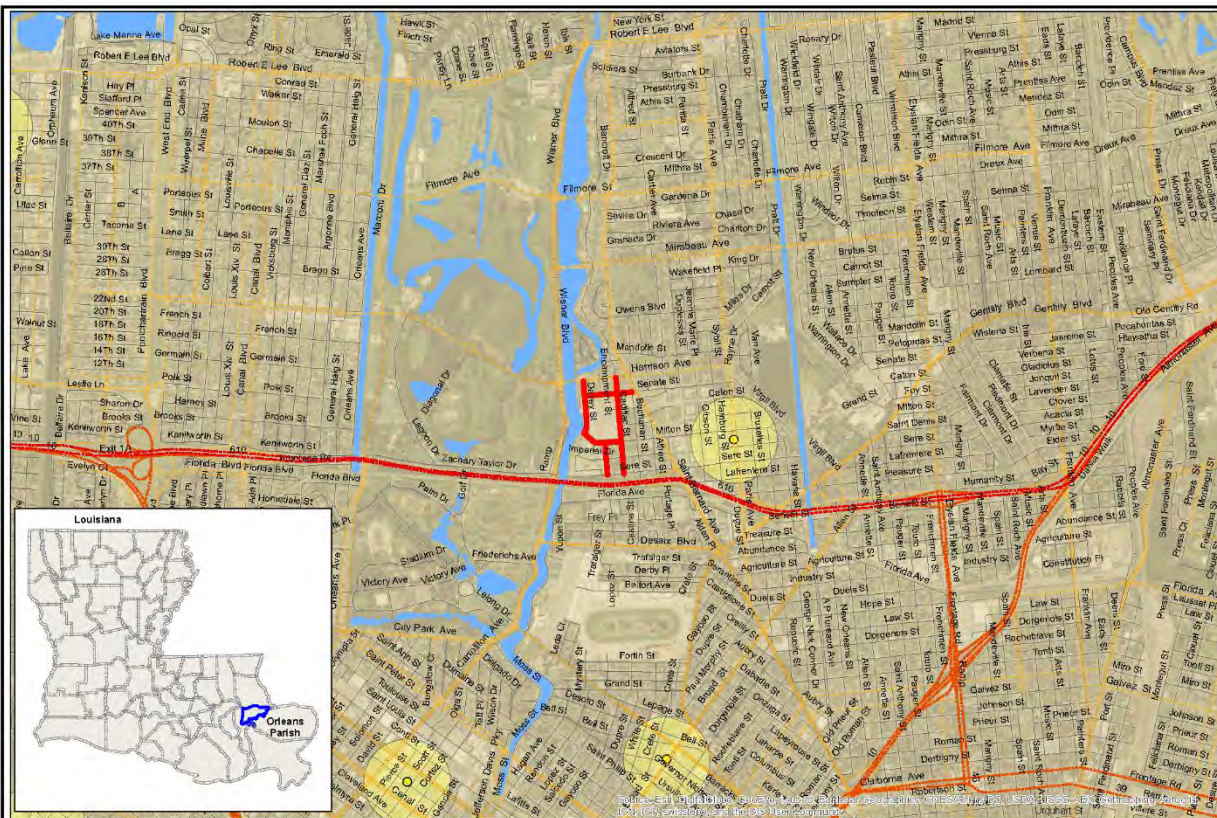


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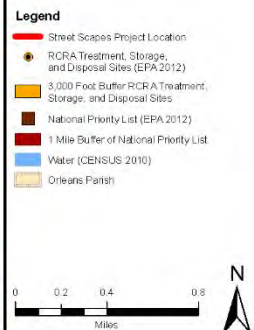
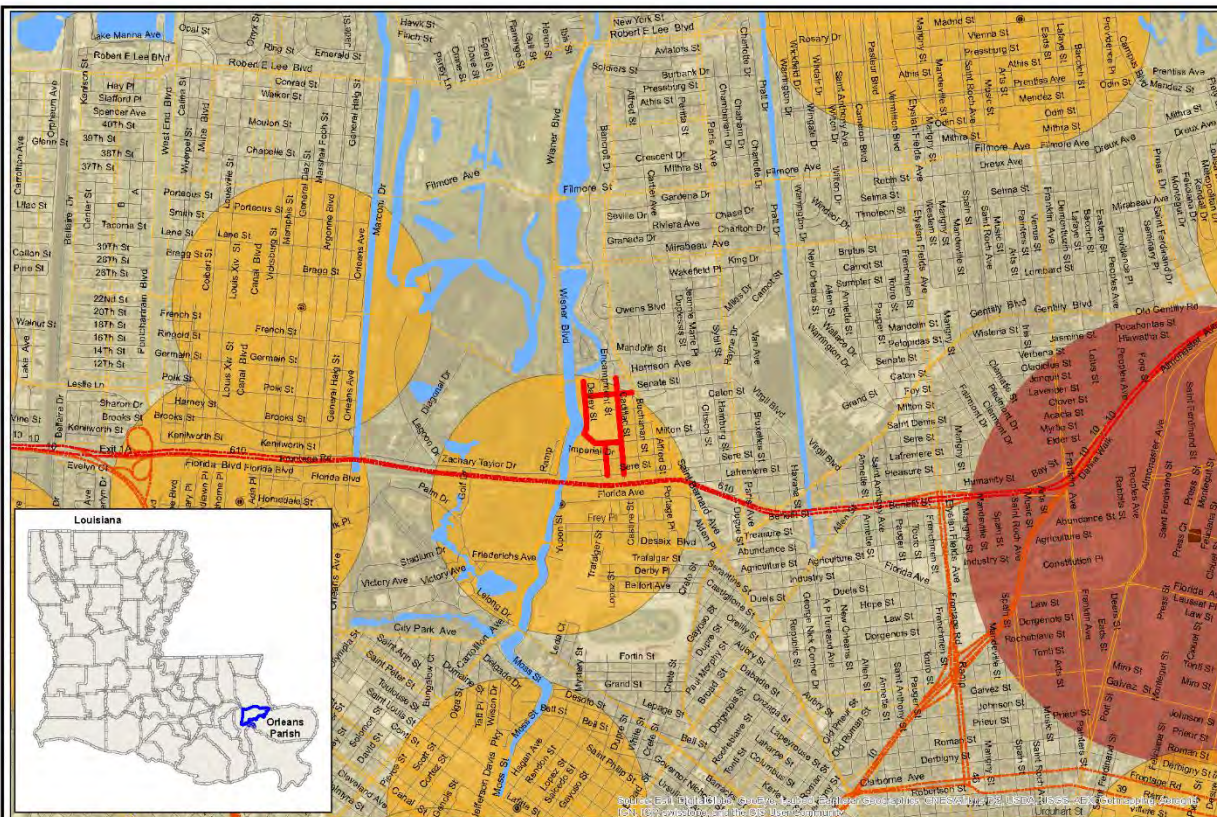


**STATE REGISTERED RADIOACTIVE SITES
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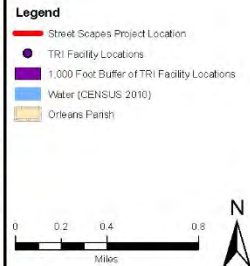
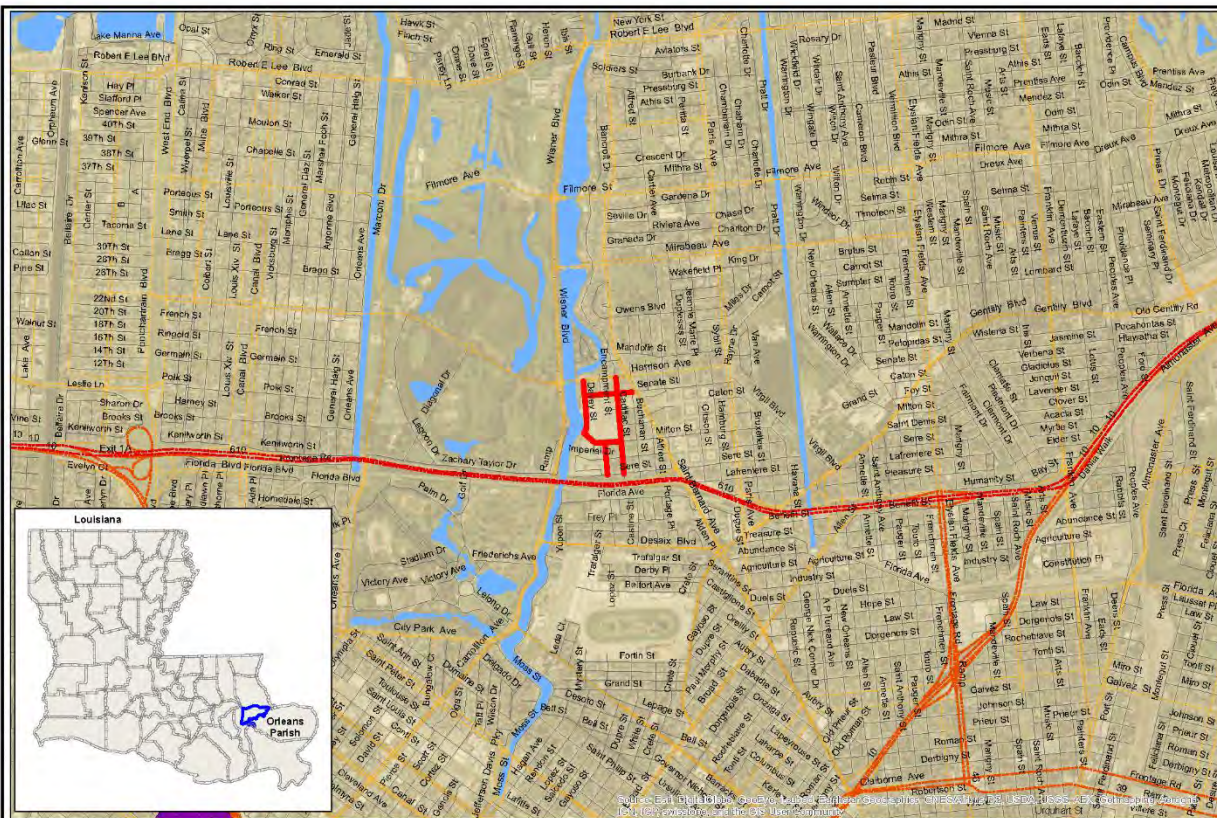


**RCRA TREATMENT, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL SITES &
NATIONAL PRIORITY LIST SITES
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
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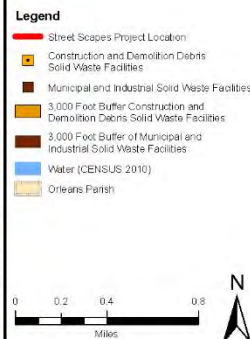
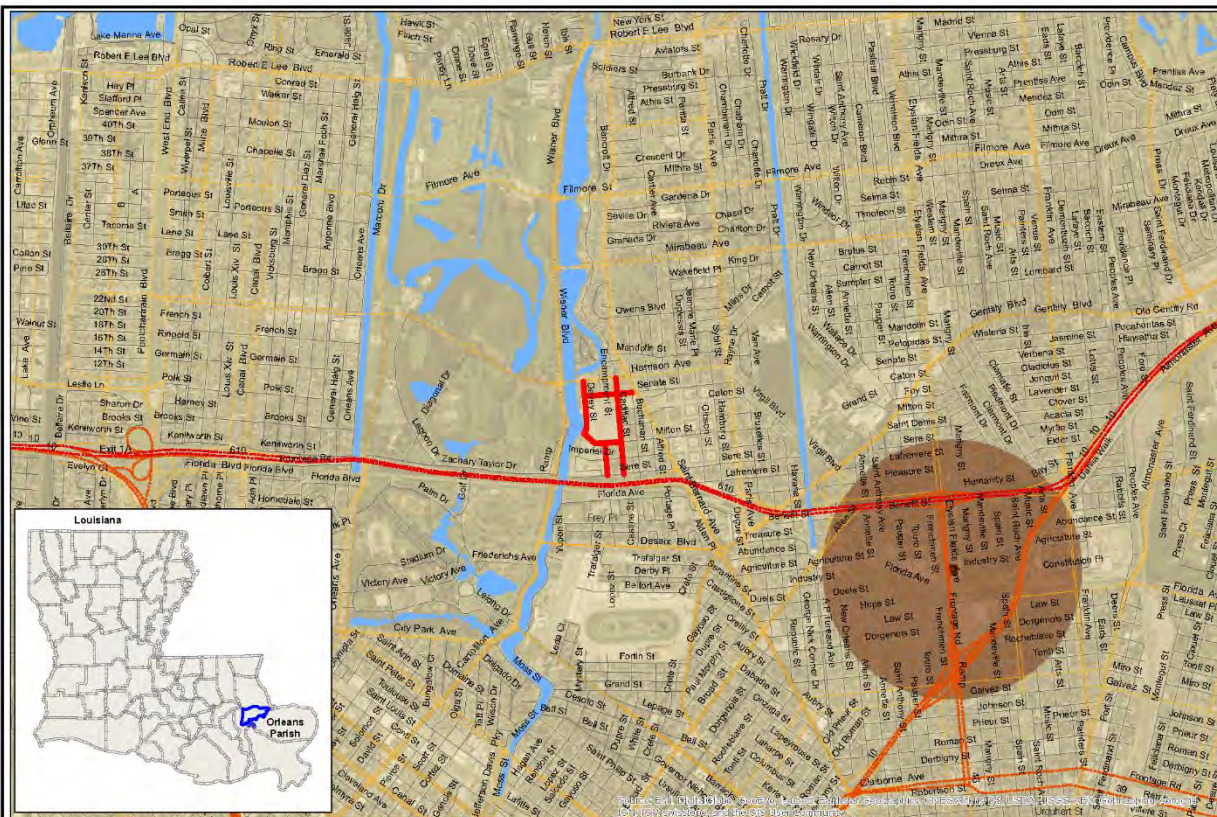


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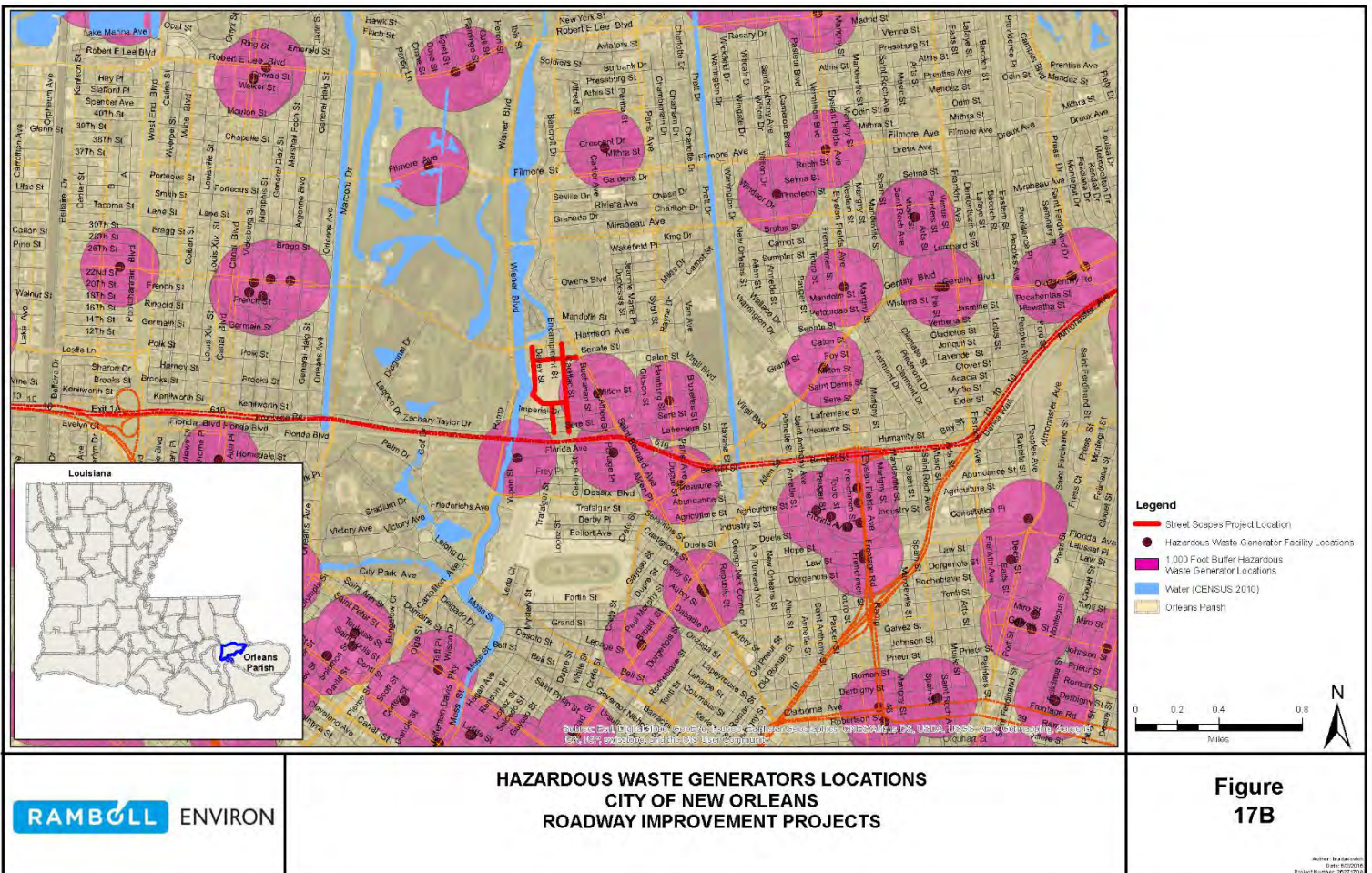
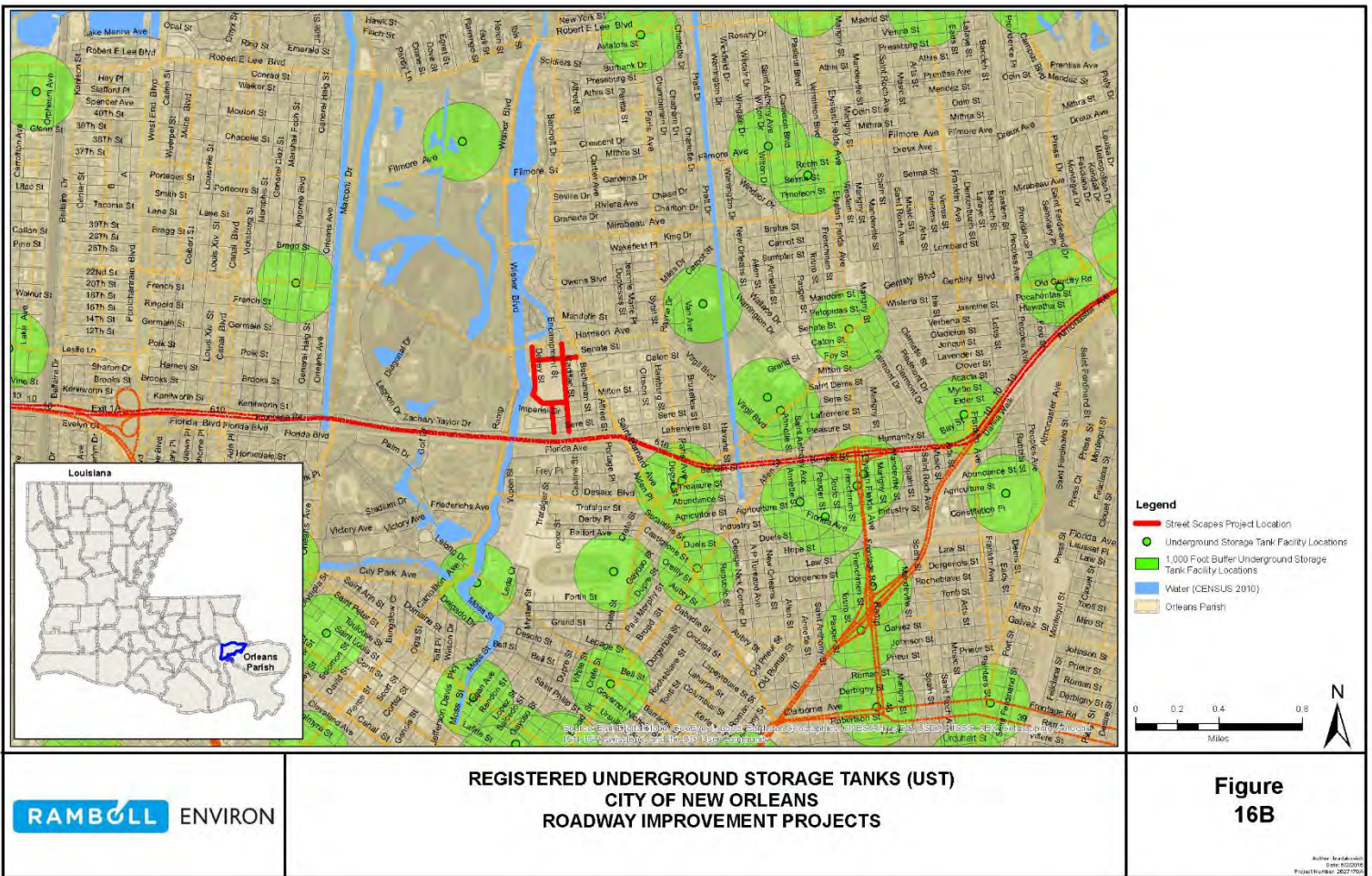


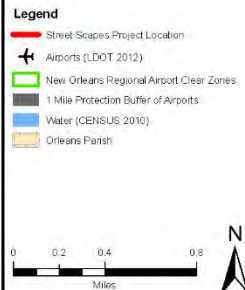
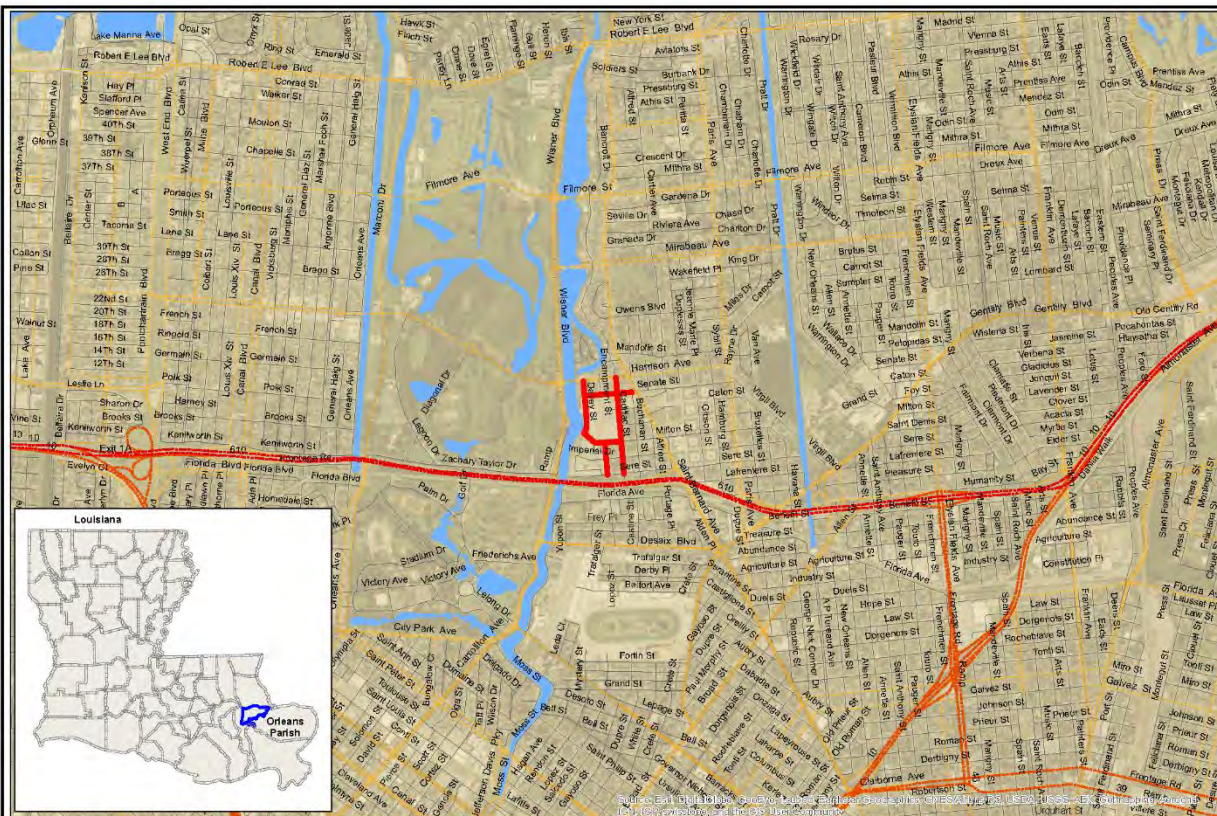
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**CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION, MUNICIPAL & INDUSTRIAL
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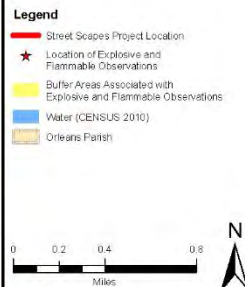
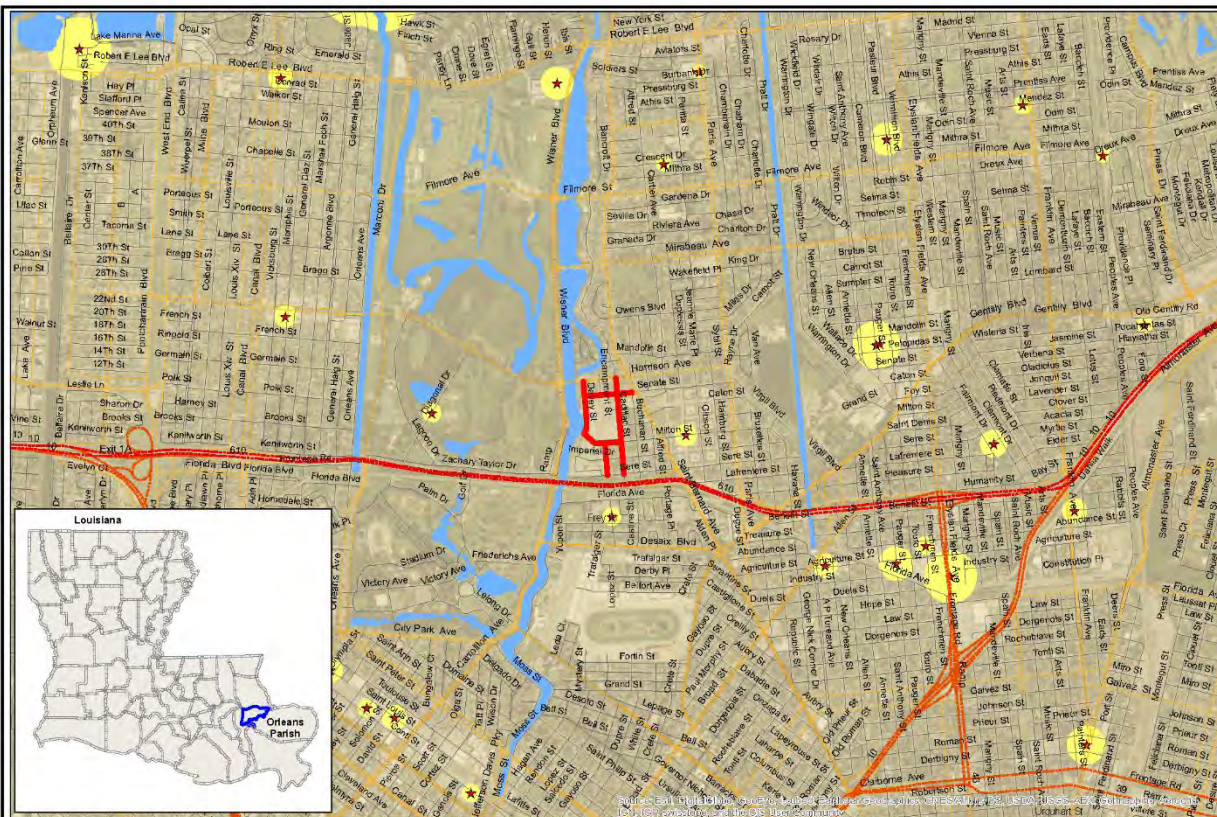


**AIRPORT NOISE BUFFER ZONE & RUNWAY CLEAR ZONE(s)
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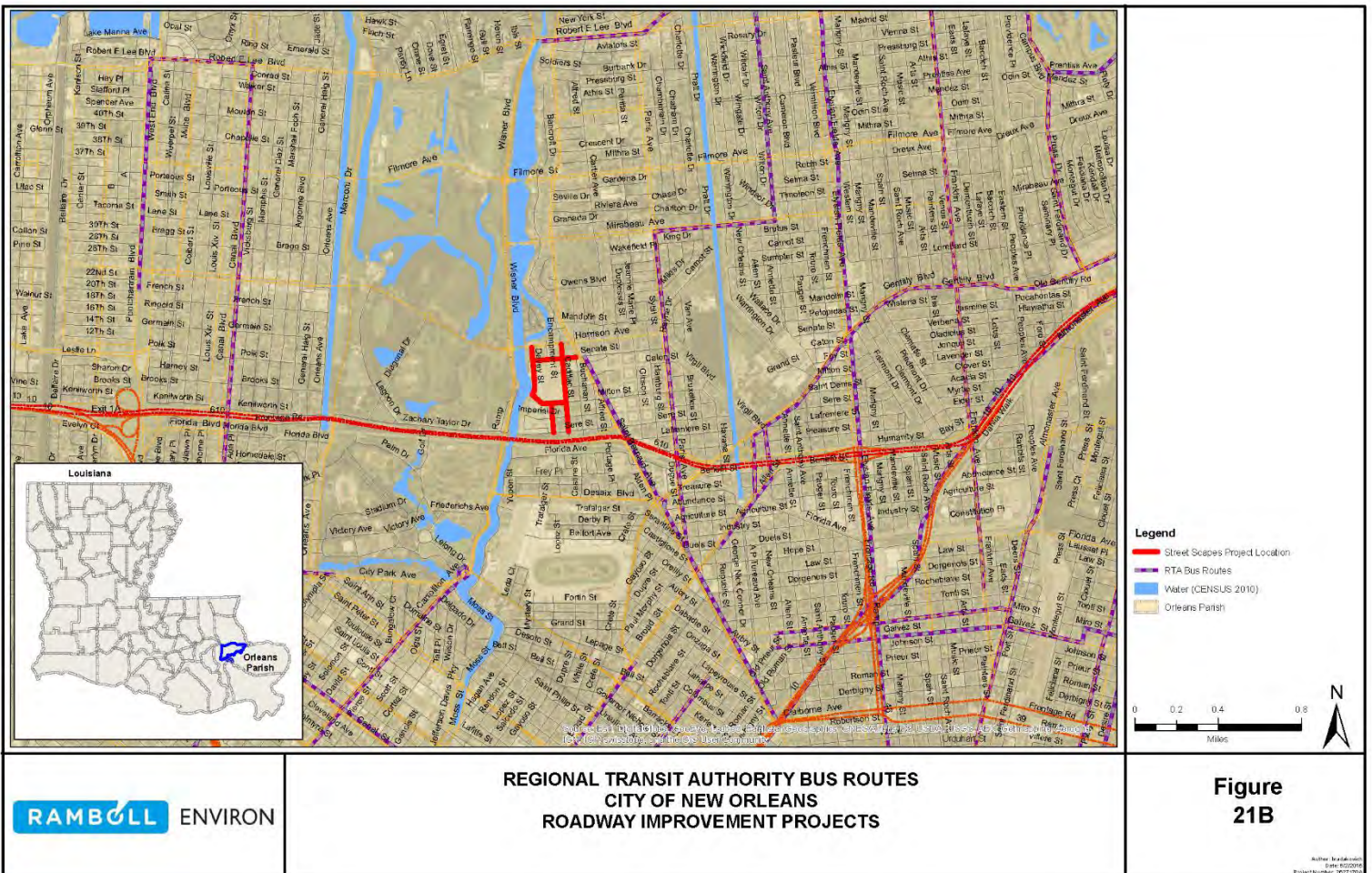
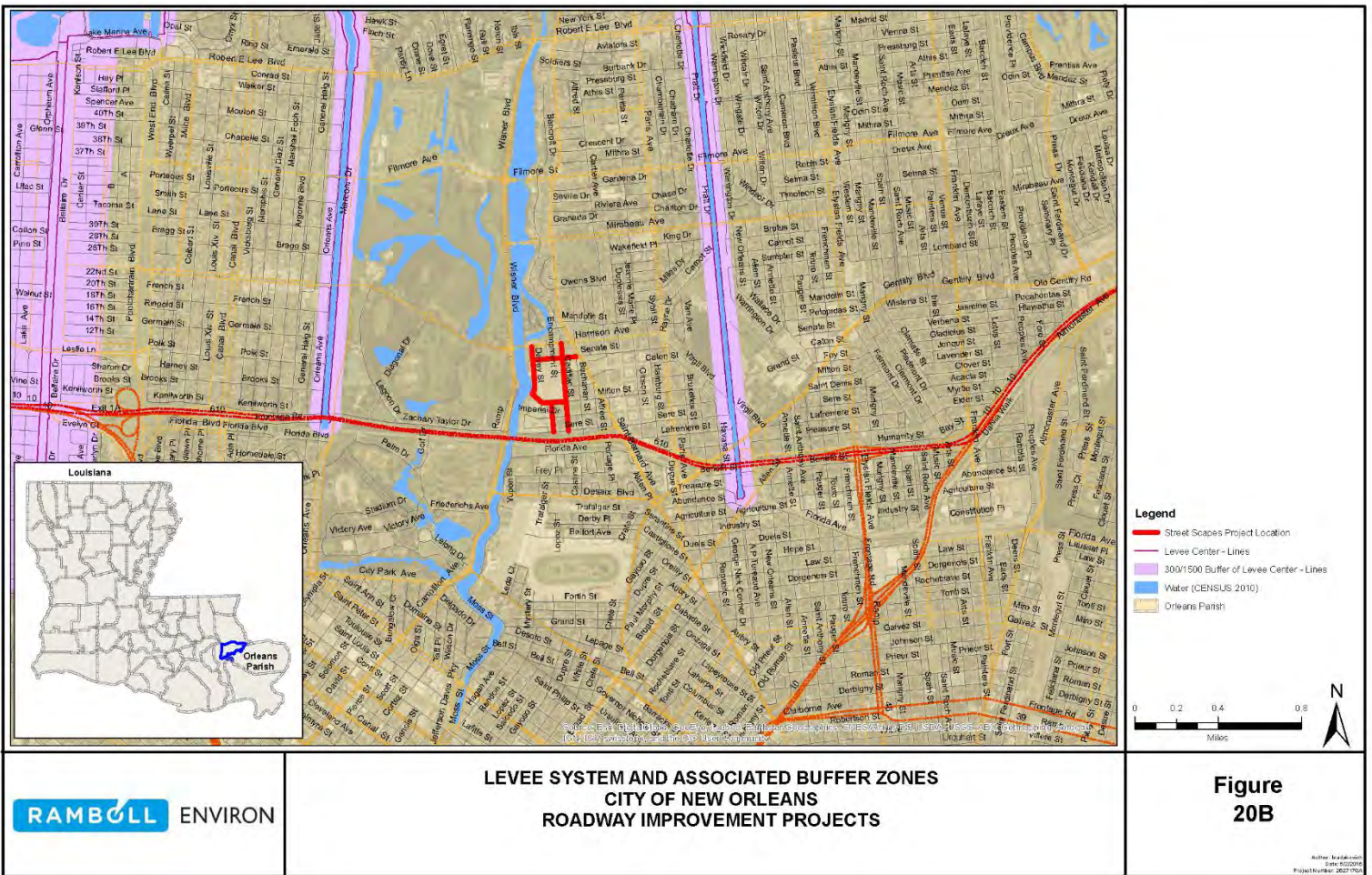


**EXPLOSIVES & FLAMMABLES
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
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SECTION 11

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24th

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

Day of October, 2013

Charles A. Ferguson, Jr.
Notary Public

My commission expires at my death.

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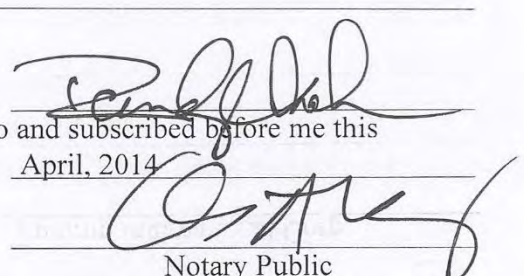
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
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Notary Public

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Procedure for Making Determination on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Eight Step Process

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Finally, utility work includes: replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement, excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines, point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replaced with a new pipe, and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repair and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

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Any action by the City of New Orleans in a 100-year floodplain is guided by Executive Order 11988. This Executive Order was enacted to *“avoid to the extent possible the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains and to avoid direct or indirect support of floodplain development wherever there is a practicable alternative.”* Executive Order 11988 requires agencies to follow an eight step process to assure all alternatives and guidelines would be met. Similarly, any action by the City of New Orleans in wetlands is guided by Executive Order 11990. This Executive Order was enacted to *“avoid to the extent possible the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands and to avoid direct or indirect support of new construction in wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative.”* The Executive Order 11990 requires agencies to consider relevant factors and develop procedures to assess the effect of the proposed project on wetlands.

Detailed below is a summary of the eight step process and how the City of New Orleans has or will comply with EO 11988 and EO 11990, as the project site occurs within the 100-year floodplain.

Step 1- Determination of Whether the Proposed Action is Located Within a 100-year Floodplain and/or Wetlands

Regarding EO 11988, based on the FEMA Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Mapping, approximately 22.7 acres of the improvements will be within the 100-year floodplain. Roadways outside of the 100-year floodplain include Reynes St from St. Claude Ave to Douglas St; N. Rampart St from Sister St to Caffin Ave; Laharpe St from St. Bernard Ave to N. Claiborne Ave; N. Villere St from Esplanade to Annette St; N. Robertson St from St. Bernard Ave to Esplanade Ave. Floodplain impacts are expected to be minimal as a result of this action, as the proposed improvements involve enhancements on previously developed roadways for an identical type of land use. Regarding EO 11990, the project area was determined to not include wetland areas. Correspondence was sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to confirm such findings and this agency responded indicating that the project will not impact wetlands or waters under their jurisdiction.

Step 2- Early Notification and Involvement of the Public in the Decision Making Process

In 2007, the State of Louisiana led community planning efforts for the parishes most affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita through the effort dubbed “Louisiana Speaks,” which promoted sound and informed short and long-term recovery planning at the state and local levels. This effort impacted land use decisions that reflected the need for responsible floodplain management and growth in the wake of the destruction caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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In Orleans Parish, the public has had ongoing and numerous opportunities to be involved in the recovery of South Louisiana through various Louisiana Office of Community Development projects. For the Roadway Improvements Project, the City of New Orleans notified the public of the proposed actions located in the 100-year floodplain on October 23, 2013 through an Early Floodplain Notice in the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper for purposes of eliciting public comments for consideration during this review.

Copies of the Early Floodplain Notice were sent to potentially interested parties, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service, the United States Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Weather Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resource, and New Orleans Emergency Medical Services. A copy of the Early Floodplain Notice has been included within the Environmental Review Record for this action. No comments were received during the 15 day public comment period applicable to the Early Floodplain Notice.

Step 3 – Identification and Evaluation of Practicable Alternatives

The Roadway Improvements Project is an improvement project designed to stimulate use of a valuable neighborhood resource while improving the overall neighborhood condition. By improving upon roadways for use by the public the City of New Orleans hopes to influence repopulation and facilitate the return of residents to their homes and communities through improving overall neighborhood quality of life.

In accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines, practical alternatives to locating the proposed action in a floodplain were identified and evaluated. These included the following alternatives:

- 1) Locating the Actions outside of the floodplain and wetlands;
- 2) Finding alternative methods to accomplish the proposed objectives; and
- 3) Impact of taking no action.

For each of these alternatives, various factors were considered including cost, feasibility, technology, hazard reduction, and environmental impacts. The evaluation of each alternative is summarized below.

Alternative 1

Approximately 23.6 acres of the improvements are within the FEMA Preliminary 100-year floodplain. As such, relocating the improvements to an area outside of the 100-year floodplain, while still serving the residents of the City of New Orleans, is not possible. Were the improvement action relocated outside of the 100-year floodplain, city residents would not be able to reasonably access the improved resources, as it would require the roadway improvements to be moved outside of the local neighborhoods. City residents would also need to be relocated to benefit from new roadway improvements located outside of the 100-year floodplain. Furthermore, the option of relocating New Orleans communities to areas outside of the 100-year floodplain is discussed below.

The majority of Orleans Parish is located within the 100-year floodplain and was severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, implying susceptibility to future storms. Therefore, city planners and the public carefully considered the costs and benefits of rebuilding the entirety of the affected communities outside the floodplain. The amount of acreage available for development outside of the 100-year floodplain in Orleans Parish is not sufficient for the relocation of all storm impacted communities. Additionally, were such acreage available, the cost to construct the necessary infrastructure outside of the floodplain would undoubtedly be cost prohibitive. City planners have determined it reasonable and necessary to rebuild the neighborhoods and storm damaged infrastructure within the bounds of Orleans Parish. This decision is outlined in the Louisiana Office of Community Development and Housing and Urban Development's Action Plan, stating that the total number of homes located in Orleans Parish and impacted by Hurricane Katrina was 175,559, with an estimated pre-storm value of \$17.13 billion. Approximately 134,928 of these homes were located within the 100-year floodplain, with an estimated value of \$13.04 billion. The cost to relocate all basic utilities such as water, sewer, electric lines, and streets in the communities impacted by the storm would exceed an approximated minimum of \$252 million in infrastructure costs. Additional costs to relocate cultural centers, schools, public buildings, and commercial infrastructure would be even greater. Understanding that there are insufficient resources or land to relocate this action and community outside of the floodplain, such an undertaking is considered infeasible. Therefore, the City of New Orleans, as stated in their Master Plan, is committed to rebuilding every neighborhood impacted by the storm in a sustainable way.

Alternative 2

Alternative methods to serve the project objective of improving city right-of-ways are limited. An alternative explored was to demolish existing roadways and rebuild entire streetscapes. Due to existing infrastructure being in place, potential high cost of a complete rebuild, and the extended timeframe of work this alternative would require, this alternative was rejected, as the more cost-effective and timely option to improve on existing infrastructure exists.

Another alternative considered was simple repairs of dangerous roadway features such as potholes. This would address the project goal of improving the roadways and have a shorter timeframe of work, which would be convenient to the surrounding community. However, this would not fully improve the right-of-ways, because damaged sidewalks will still be a hazard and new street signage will no longer be incorporated into the scope. Also, the ADA handicap ramps would not

be in the project scope. Therefore, the decision was made that the actions most consistent with project goals and master plan goals would be to improve the roadways as proposed.

Alternative 3

The alternative to not approve any action (a “no-action” alternative) would result in these roadways remaining damaged and underutilized. Leaving the roadways in damaged conditions is contrary to the project goals of increasing use, repairing, and improving the community space. Therefore, the decision to take “no action” has been deemed unacceptable for this project.

Step 4 – Potential Direct and Indirect Impacts of the Proposed Action on the Floodplain and Wetlands

Due to the previously developed nature of the sites and limited change in site configuration, impacts to the nature of the floodplain itself have been determined to be negligible.

To further evaluate environmental impacts resulting from the improvement of the Roadway Improvements Project, various agencies were contacted that have responsibilities for protection of state and federal resources. These agencies include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office, the Orleans Levee District, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Responses from these agencies have been received and indicate that environmental impacts from the proposed action are not significant enough to terminate the project. For a summary of environmental findings and conclusions, see the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record.

Step 5 – Minimization of Potential Adverse Impacts via Design or Modifications to the Proposed Action

Design modifications have been incorporated into the proposed action to minimize potential adverse impacts to the floodplain. Through such modifications, the characteristics of the floodplain will not be significantly altered. Such modifications demonstrate the implementation of practicable alternatives, whenever possible within the design process, to limit adverse impacts to the floodplain.

The first and most significant project design feature that limits the impact the project could have on the floodplain is the fact that the roadways are being restored to the original function and are not being converted to a different land use, such as a shopping center or residential neighborhood. Construction of areas such as these would greatly alter the current floodplain and water storage functions. The proposed configuration will retain floodplain function and not diminish overall floodplain capacity.

Additionally, the roadway improvements project does not propose the construction of any large impermeable surfaces, which may significantly alter water storage or floodplain dynamics by increasing water velocity and infiltration rates in the area. The proposed configuration will contribute to keeping overall floodplain function better than to current conditions.

In summary, the basic nature of the project is an effort at restoring roadways with minimal construction of impervious surfaces. Therefore, this project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the 100-year floodplain.

Step 6 – Reevaluation of the Proposed Action

Although potential adverse impacts to the 100-year floodplain may be reduced by prohibiting any future construction or renovation within it, this option is not practical due to existing severe need within Orleans Parish for neighborhood improvement and the costs and logistics prohibiting the re-establishment of the community outside of the floodplain. With respect to wetlands and waters of the United States, the project sites do not include wetlands identified by the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) or the Army Corps of Engineers.

Based on a review of the practical alternatives and their implementation wherever possible, the proposed action of the Roadway Improvements Project is deemed to be the most appropriate and is selected as the final action. This determination is made on the basis of feasibility, cost, enhancement of quality of life, features for citizens of all of New Orleans neighborhoods, land availability, and lack of impacts to the wetlands. These neighborhood improvements will provide improved roadways for area residents and spur economic growth in the area.

Step 7- Publication of the Final Notice

In our reevaluation we have determined that there is no other practical alternative to the proposed actions. Therefore, a Final Floodplain Explanation Notice for the Roadway Improvements Project was published in the Times-Picayune in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 22, 2013. A second addressing the revised scope was published on April 2, 2014. The most recent scope change was published on October 3, 2014. These notices cite the reasons why the proposed actions must be located within the floodplain, a list of the alternatives considered, and the design modifications taken to minimize adverse impacts. As the most recent scope change for Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; and Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St did not expand the footprint of the originally reviewed area, a new Final Floodplain Explanation Notice was not required.

Step 8 – Implementation of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is estimated to begin in calendar year 2015.

Anthony M. Faciane, Sr.
Director of Neighborhood Stabilization

Date

SECTION 13

STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE



November 13, 2013

Mr. Robert Heffner
Regulatory Branch: Surveillance and Enforcement
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
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**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Projects
New Orleans, Louisiana**

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These 14 work areas have been depicted on the attached figures provided for your review. All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for an agency review of the project plan and site location to identify any wetlands or waters of the United States (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project.

Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2123. Your response may be emailed to agoodine@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Adam M. Goodine, Senior Associate
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Enclosures: Site Location Maps (Figures 1A, 1B, 1C)



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Operations Division
Surveillance and Enforcement Section

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Dear Mr. Goodine:

Reference is made to your request for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' jurisdictional determination on property located in Orleans Parish, Louisiana (enclosed map). Specifically, you propose to repair multiple roadways and sidewalks throughout New Orleans.

We have reviewed your project and determined that a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required. Any changes or modifications to the proposed project will require a revised determination.

You are advised that this determination is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision prior to the expiration date or the District Commander has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.

Please be advised that this property is in the Louisiana Coastal Zone. For additional information regarding coastal use permit requirements, contact Ms. Christine Charrier, Office of Coastal Management, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources at (225) 342-7953.

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Should there be any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Kyle Gordon at (504) 862-1627 and reference our Account No. MVN-2013-02911-SA. The New Orleans District Regulatory Branch is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please complete the survey on our web site at <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>.

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Martin S. Mayer
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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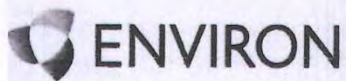
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From: [Adam Goodine](#)
To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: FW: Coastal Zone Management inquiry
Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 10:35:36 AM
Attachments: [C20120326 rev 111412.pdf](#)

From: Jeff Harris [mailto:Jeff.Harris@LA.GOV]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 4:14 PM
To: Adam Goodine
Subject: RE: Coastal Zone Management inquiry

Adam—

We have received your letter of November 13, 2013, concerning the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works roadway improvements projects.

As we have discussed, the Office of Coastal Management is no longer reviewing federal financial assistance projects, as described in the attached letter.

Requests for comments on environmental or coastal impacts, or the need for a Coastal Use Permit or other authorization from this Office, must follow the procedures for Solicitations of Views or Requests for Determinations as outlined in the letter as well.

Thanks,

--Jeff

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STEPHEN CHUSTZ
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State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

September 28, 2012

To whom it may concern:

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Outside of the Coastal Zone

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Keith Lovell
Acting Administrator
Interagency Affairs/Field Services Division

cc: Karl Morgan, P/M Division
Consistency file C20120326
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November 13, 2013

Mr. Gary Lester
Coordinator, Natural Heritage Program
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Post Office Drawer 98000
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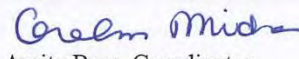
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Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

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November 18, 2013

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RE: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Projects, New Orleans, LA

Dear Mr. Goodine:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) projects in the immediate vicinity.

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No identified cultural resources will be impacted by the above mentioned project.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

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Sarah Haymaker
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November 13, 2013

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Orleans Levee District
6920 Franklin Avenue
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To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: FW: City of NO Roadway Improvement Projects
Date: Friday, November 22, 2013 10:36:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Gerard Gillen [mailto:ggillen@orleanslevee.com]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 10:35 AM
To: Adam Goodine
Subject: City of NO Roadway Improvement Projects

Adam,

I have reviewed the November 13, 2113 letter of road improvement locations and a permit will be required if there is greater than 2' of excavation within the following areas:

Jackson Ave is within 1500' of Mississippi River

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West Bank projects shall be reviewed and permitted by the Algiers Levee District – Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - West

Gerry Gillen
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November 13, 2013

Mr. Mike Varnado
State Historic Preservation Officer
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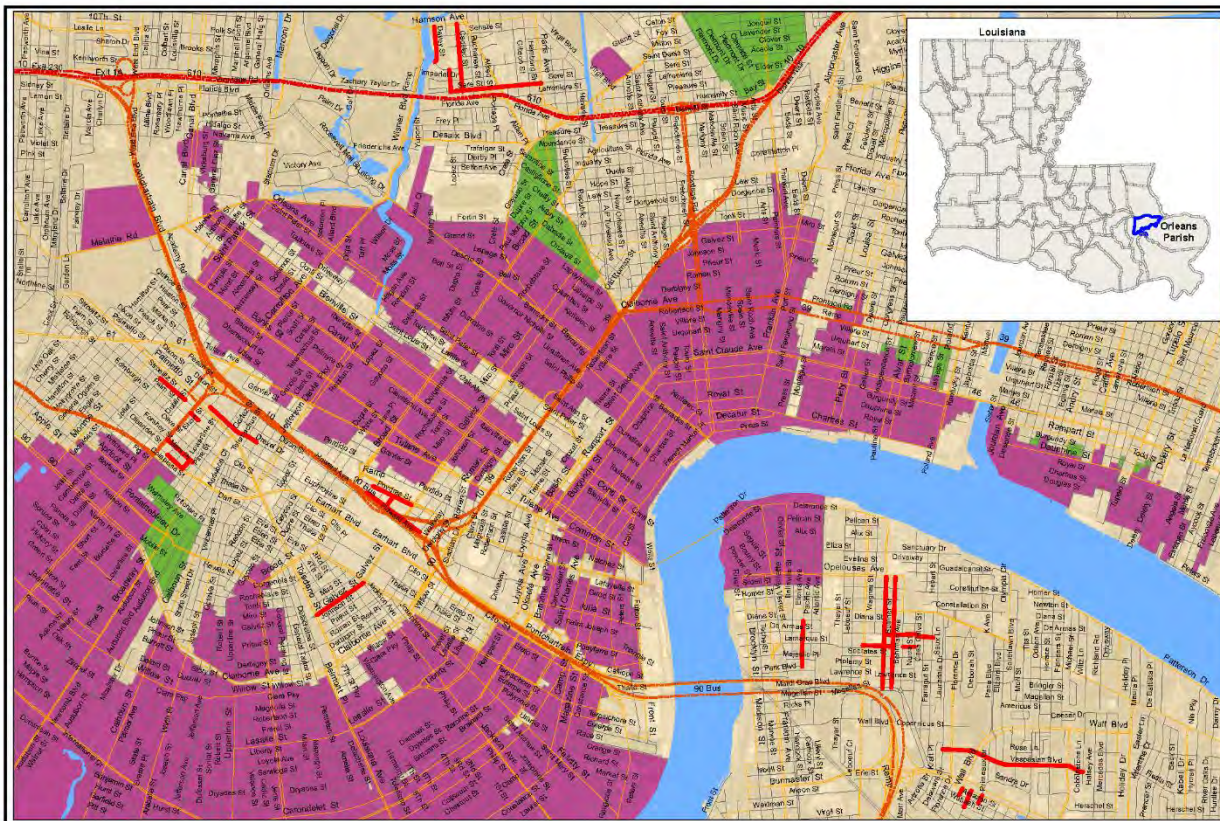
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Enclosures: Figure 1A: Historic Districts



- Legend**
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HISTORIC DISTRICTS CITY OF NEW ORLEANS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Figure
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November 13, 2013

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State Historic Preservation Officer
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Pam Breaux 12-20-13
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These 14 work areas have been depicted on the attached figures provided for your review. All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for the identification of listed species constraints (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project.

Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2123. Your response may be emailed to agoodine@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Adam M. Goodine, Senior Associate
ENVIRON International Corp.
4714 Earhart Boulevard Suite B
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

Enclosures: Site Location Maps (Figures 1A, 1B, 1C)



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General Information

Name: ENVIRON on behalf of City of New Orleans

Point of Contact: A Goodine

Address: 4714 Earhart Blvd

City: New Orleans

State: Louisiana

Zip Code: 70125

Phone Number 1: 5046482123 **Phone Number 2:** _____

Email Address: agoodine@environcorp.com

Proposed Project Information

Project Reference ID: 1850

Project Latitude: _____ **Project Longitude:** _____

Project Parish(es): Orleans

Project Description: The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in multiple roadway improvement actions throughout the city using HUD funds. These roadway improvements projects are intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfares by pedestrians. The projects have been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the streets to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Roadway Improvements Projects can most easily be summarized in two categories:

- 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs, and
- 2) Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features.

In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within existing rights-of-way within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand



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beyond the limits of the locally-owned rights-of-way, existing roadway surfaces, or into private or other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon or revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the street's subsurface foundation. Asphalt patching will also be employed to ensure that any areas of the street subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planing, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

In addition to the repair of existing asphalt and concrete street surfaces, the roadway improvements will also include the repair and/or replacement of existing curbs as necessary. This will be limited to removal of damaged curb features and replacement in-kind and in-location, and will not include alteration of the limits of or removal of median (neutral ground) areas, expansion of current curb limits, new curb cuts for traffic pattern alteration, or changes in existing curbs and/or street surfaces for any other purpose.

In concert with the street repair and resurfacing actions, sidewalk improvements will also



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be performed. This will include repair and replacement of sidewalk panels along walking routes of existing sidewalk areas only; that is, all sidewalk improvements will be conducted within the limits of existing sidewalk footprints. Sidewalks will not be extended in length to access new areas, nor expanded in width beyond what currently exists. Sidewalk grade and sloping features may be altered to allow for construction of features in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (such as ramps, varied surfacing materials, high contrast color panels, etc.).

In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

Finally, to improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.



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All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable New Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

Based on the information provided, the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species; nor is there proposed or designated critical habitat present within this Parish.

Therefore, a "no effect" conclusion is appropriate. No further ESA coordination with the Service is necessary for the proposed action, unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project or the project has not been initiated one year from the date of this letter.

If the proposed project has not been initiated within one year, follow-up coordination should be accomplished with the Service prior to making expenditures because our threatened and endangered species information is updated annually. If the scope or location of the proposed project is changed, coordination should occur as soon as such changes are made.

This finding completes project review by the Service for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the ESA.

Please keep a copy of this pre-development coordination for your records. Additionally, if you would like a copy of this activity kept on file by the Service, please submit a copy to the Louisiana Ecological Services office.

Mailing Address: 646 Cajundome Blvd., Suite 400, Lafayette, LA 70506 Attn: Biological Science Technician
Email: Lafayette@fws.gov
Fax: 337/291-3139

If you have additional questions, please contact Louisiana ES Office Biological Science Technician at 337/291-3100 for further assistance.



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Project Type: HUD Funded and/or Urban Development

Does the project propose to construct new buildings, streets, sidewalks or other urban/suburban infrastructure in an area that has been previously undisturbed? **No**

Does the project propose to obtain, remodel, refurbish, or rehabilitate existing structures in such a way that does not significantly alter the present capacity or use, and does not alter surrounding land areas that were previously undisturbed? **Yes**

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Bryant Celestine
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road
Livingston, Texas 77351

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Celestine:

The City of New Orleans, in conjunction with the New Orleans Department of Public Works, proposes the following actions to fourteen roadways within the city limits. The roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair, construction of ADA ramps, installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping, installation of new way finding and other street signage, and upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features. The proposed improvements will be at the following locations:

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Sincerely,



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Kimberly Walden
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
PO Box 661
155 Chitimacha Loop
Charenton, LA 70523

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Walden:

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November 8, 2013

Johnnie Jacobs
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74702

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
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Dear Mr. Jacobs:

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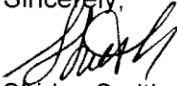
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From: [Adam Goodine](#)
To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: FW: Roadway Improvements, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA
Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 2:06:03 PM
Attachments: DOC001.PDF

-----Original Message-----

From: Shirley A. Smith [<mailto:sasmith@nola.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Michael Woodbury; Adam Goodine
Subject: FW: Roadway Improvements, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

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From: Johnnie L. Jacobs [<mailto:jjacobs@choctawnation.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 9:38 PM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: Roadway Improvements, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Dear Shirley,

Thank you for providing the additional information regarding the specifics of the project. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is unaware of any Choctaw cultural or sacred sites located within the immediate project area. We believe there should be no effects to any known historic properties and that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of general historic interest to the Tribe, we request that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately if any Native American cultural materials are encountered. This stipulation should be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Johnnie Jacobs
NHPA Section 106 Coordinator
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Historic Preservation Department
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74701
jjacobs@choctawnation.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Terri J. Hamilton [<mailto:tjhamilton@nola.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 4:55 PM
To: Johnnie L. Jacobs
Subject: FW: Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre

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From: wcp5638@cityofno.com [<mailto:wcp5638@cityofno.com>]
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November 8, 2013

Dr. Linda Langley
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
1940 CC. Bel Road
Elton, Louisiana 70532

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Dr. Langley:

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November 8, 2013

Dana Masters
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
1052 Chinaha Hina Street
Jena, LA 71342

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Masters:

The City of New Orleans, in conjunction with the New Orleans Department of Public Works, proposes the following actions to fourteen roadways within the city limits. The roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair, construction of ADA ramps, installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping, installation of new way finding and other street signage, and upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features. The proposed improvements will be at the following locations:

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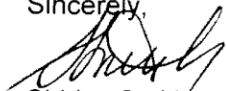
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Jena Band of Choctaw Indians

P. O. Box 14 • Jena, Louisiana 71342-0014 • Phone: 318-992-2717 • Fax: 318-992-8244

December 30, 2013

City of New Orleans
1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000
New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We have no concerns at this time. However, if any culturally significant artifacts are discovered please contact our office immediately.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dana Masters, THPO Officer/Cultural Director, at 318-992-1205 or danammasters@aol.com.

Sincerely

Dana Masters
THPO/ Cultural Director
Council Member

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November 8, 2013

Kenneth Carleton
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS USA 39350

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

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November 8, 2013

John Berrey
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
PO Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Berrey:

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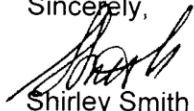
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Alan Emarthle
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
PO BOX 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Emarthle:

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Williard Steele
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, Florida 33024

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

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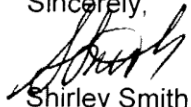
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Earl Barby
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
151 Melacon Drive
Marksville, Louisiana, 71351

**Re: Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

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March 31, 2014

Mr. Robert Heffner
Regulatory Branch: Surveillance and Enforcement
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160

**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Heffner:

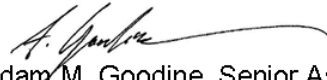
The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in roadway improvement actions utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. The roadway improvements project is intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfare by pedestrians. The project has been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the street to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This letter is a supplement to the original roadways of Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Sere St from Encampment St to Paris Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave. The project scope has been updated to remove Sere St and include Senate St from Davey St to Paris Ave.

As documented in the previous correspondence dated November 13, 2013, the Roadway Improvements Project can most easily be summarized in two categories:

- 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs, and
- 2) Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features.

On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter serves as a notification of an update to the project scope. If this revised scope does not change your previous decision, there is no need to respond to this letter. If a response is sent, it can be emailed to agoodine@environcorp.com or mail to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,


Adam M. Goodine, Senior Associate
ENVIRON International Corp.
4714 Earhart Boulevard Suite B
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

Enclosure: Site Location Map – Figure 1B

From: [Gordon, Kyle MVN](#)
To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: RE: City of New Orleans Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project - Revised Scope (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 6:43:45 AM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Alie,
That won't change our decision. A permit for this project will still not be required. Thanks.

Kyle Gordon
Botanist
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
504.862.1627
kyle.b.gordon@usace.army.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: Alie Nicotera [<mailto:ANicotera@environcorp.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 4:13 PM
To: Gordon, Kyle MVN
Cc: Adam Goodine
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City of New Orleans Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project - Revised Scope

Kyle,

Please see the attached correspondence discussing a scope change to the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project. ENVIRON received a letter from the ACOE dated December 13, 2013, stating that "a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required" for the original scope of this project. If the revised scope does not change your previous decision, there is no need to respond to this letter.

Thank you for your time,

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Alie Nicotera | Associate

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March 31, 2014



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Electronic Delivery

**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Orleans Parish Louisiana**

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Enclosure: Site Location Map – Figure 1B



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Mr. Kevin Norton
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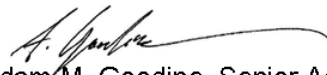
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United States Department of Agriculture

April 3, 2014

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RE: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
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Dear Mr. Goodine:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas are within urban areas and therefore is exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549. Furthermore, we predict no impact to NRCS projects in the vicinity.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

Kevin D. Norton
State Conservationist

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March 31, 2014

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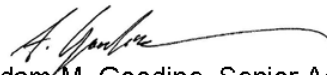
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To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: RE: City of New Orleans Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project - Revised Scope
Date: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 10:08:32 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

No change.

Gerry Gillen
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From: Alie Nicotera [mailto:ANicotera@environcorp.com]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 3:34 PM
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Subject: City of New Orleans Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project - Revised Scope

Mr. Gillen,

Please see the attached correspondence discussing a scope change to the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project. If the revised scope does not change your previous decision, there is no need to respond to this letter.

Thank you for your time,



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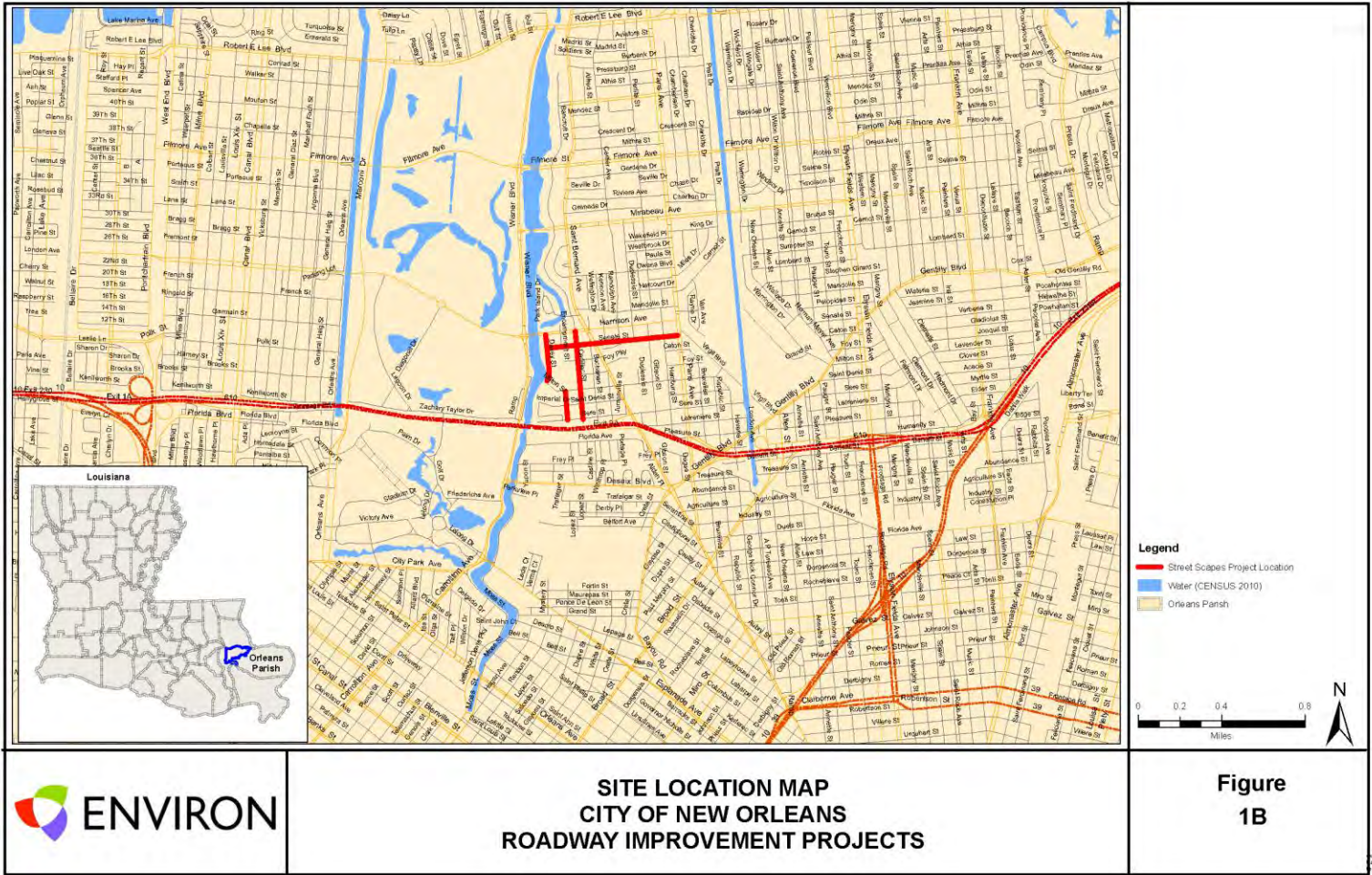
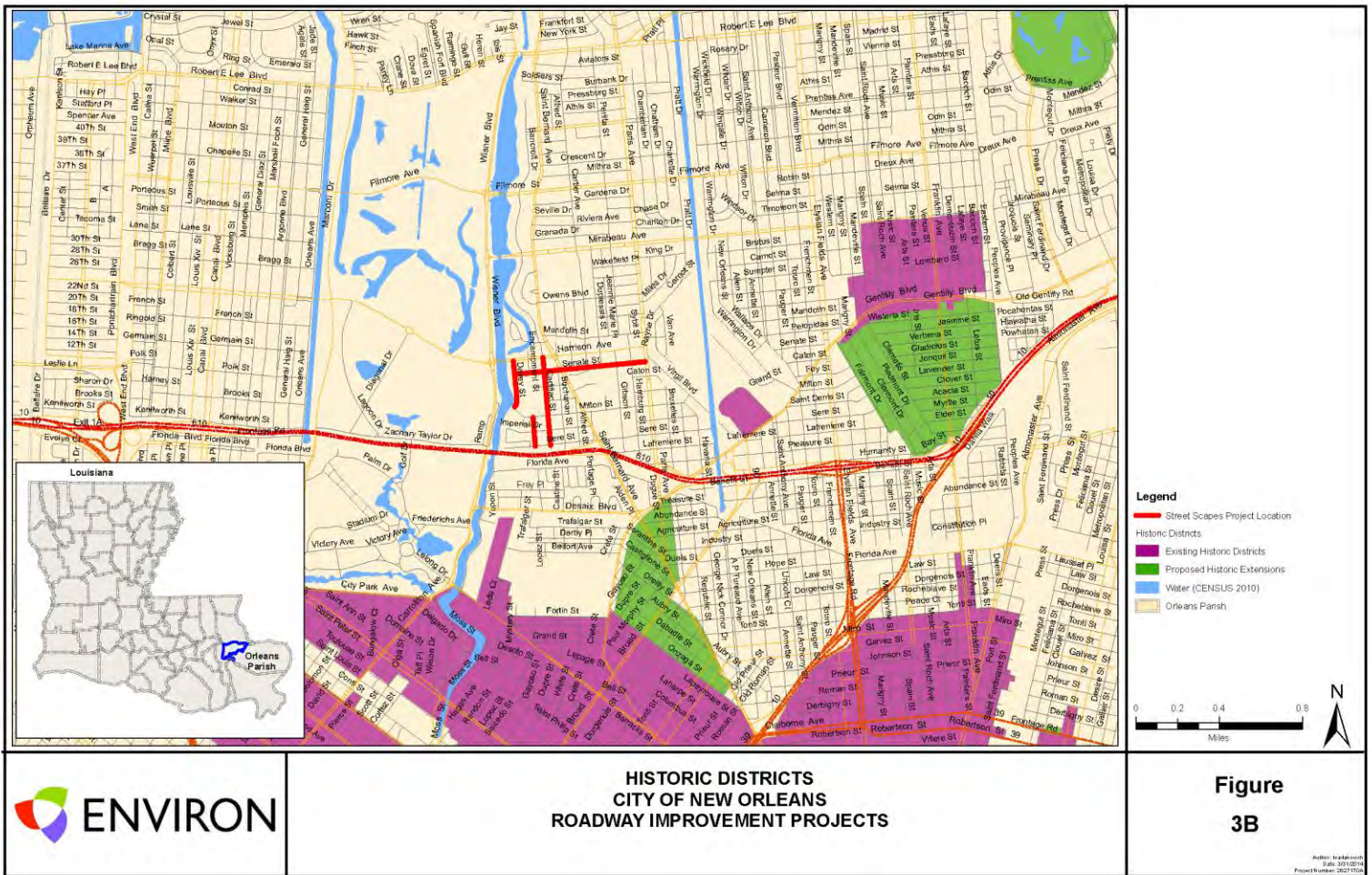


Figure 3B:
Historic Districts



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within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand beyond the limits of the locally-owned rights-of-way, existing roadway surfaces, or into private or other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon or revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the street's subsurface foundation. Asphalt patching will also be employed to ensure that any areas of the street subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planing, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

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In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

Finally, to improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under

this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.

All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable New Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

The project sites identified within this correspondence are not located within any historic district or proposed historic extension (Figure 1A: Historic Districts). Based on these site locations outside of historic areas and the nature of the project as roadway improvement, ENVIRON seeks your concurrence with the determination that the enhancement of these roadways will not have an adverse effect on any historically significant properties in the area or archeological resources. It was determined that the area of potential effect would not extend beyond the city-owned right-of-ways, and none of the properties located in the area of potential effect will be adversely impacted by project activities. Additionally, the area surrounding the roadways consist of mixed residential and commercial neighborhoods. This activity will have a positive effect on homes and businesses in the neighborhood by maintaining and improving the overall appearance of these neighborhoods.

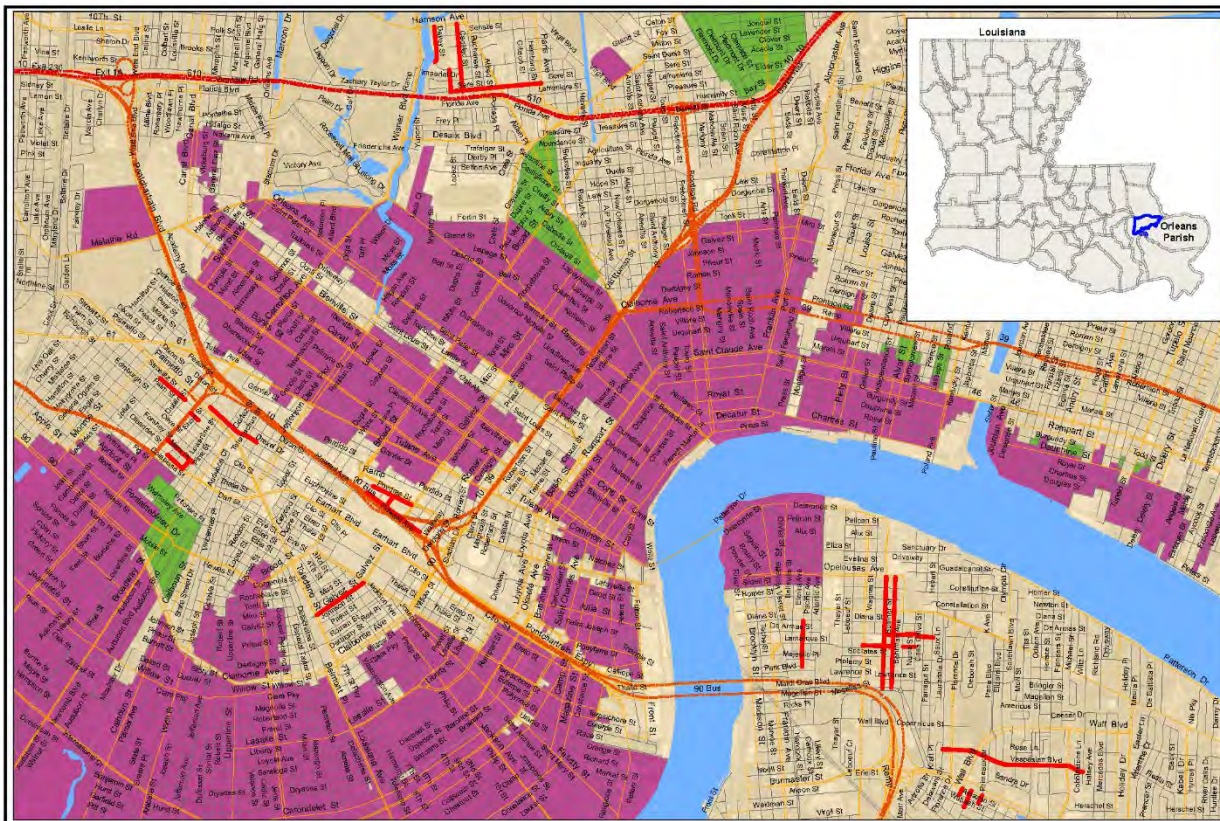
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- Legend**
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 - Historic Districts
 - Existing Historic Districts
 - Proposed Historic Extensions
 - Water (CENSUS 2010)
 - Orleans Parish



HISTORIC DISTRICTS CITY OF NEW ORLEANS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Figure
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Date: 11/10/2015
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November 13, 2013

Mr. Mike Varnado
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The proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on historic properties. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux 12-20-13
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Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Date

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March 31, 2014

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Goodine", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Adam M. Goodine, Senior Associate
ENVIRON International Corp.
4714 Earhart Boulevard Suite B
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

Enclosure: Site Location Map – Figure 1B



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General Information

Name: ENVIRON on behalf of the City of New Orleans

Point of Contact: Alie Nicotera

Address: 4714 Earhart Blvd, Suite B

City: New Orleans

State: Louisiana

Zip Code: 70125

Phone Number 1: 5046482125 **Phone Number 2:** _____

Email Address: anicotera@envlroncorp.com

Proposed Project Information

Project Reference ID: 2502

Project Latitude: _____ **Project Longitude:** _____

Project Parish(es): Orleans

Project Description: Revised Scope for Project Reference ID: 1850

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in roadway improvement actions utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. The roadway improvements project is intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfare by pedestrians. The project has been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The Improvements will repair the street to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This letter is a supplement to the original roadways of Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Sere St from Encampment St to Paris Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave. The project scope has been updated to remove Sere St and include Senate St from Davey St to Paris Ave.

As documented in the previous correspondence dated November 19, 2013, the Roadway



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Improvements Project can most easily be summarized in two categories:

- 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs, and
- 2) Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features.

Based on the information provided, the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species; nor is there proposed or designated critical habitat present within this Parish.

Therefore, a "no effect" conclusion is appropriate. No further ESA coordination with the Service is necessary for the proposed action, unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project or the project has not been initiated one year from the date of this letter.

If the proposed project has not been initiated within one year, follow-up coordination should be accomplished with the Service prior to making expenditures because our threatened and endangered species information is updated annually. If the scope or location of the proposed project is changed, coordination should occur as soon as such changes are made.

This finding completes project review by the Service for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the ESA.

Please keep a copy of this pre-development coordination for your records. Additionally, if you would like a copy of this activity kept on file by the Service, please submit a copy to the Louisiana Ecological Services office.

Mailing Address: 646 Cajundome Blvd., Suite 400, Lafayette, LA 70506 Attn: Biological Science Technician
Email: Lafayette@fws.gov
Fax: 337/291-3139

If you have additional questions, please contact Louisiana ES Office Biological Science Technician at 337/291-3100 for further assistance.



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Project Type: HUD Funded and/or Urban Development

Does the project propose to construct new buildings, streets, sidewalks or other urban/suburban infrastructure in an area that has been previously undisturbed? **No**

Does the project propose to obtain, remodel, refurbish, or rehabilitate existing structures in such a way that does not significantly alter the present capacity or use, and does not alter surrounding land areas that were previously undisturbed? **Yes**

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Michael J. Landry
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Deputy Mayor

March 31, 2014

Lindsey Bilyeu
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74702

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Bilyeu:

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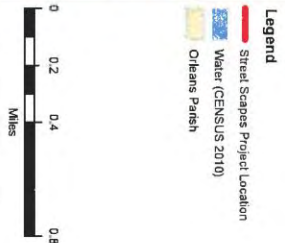
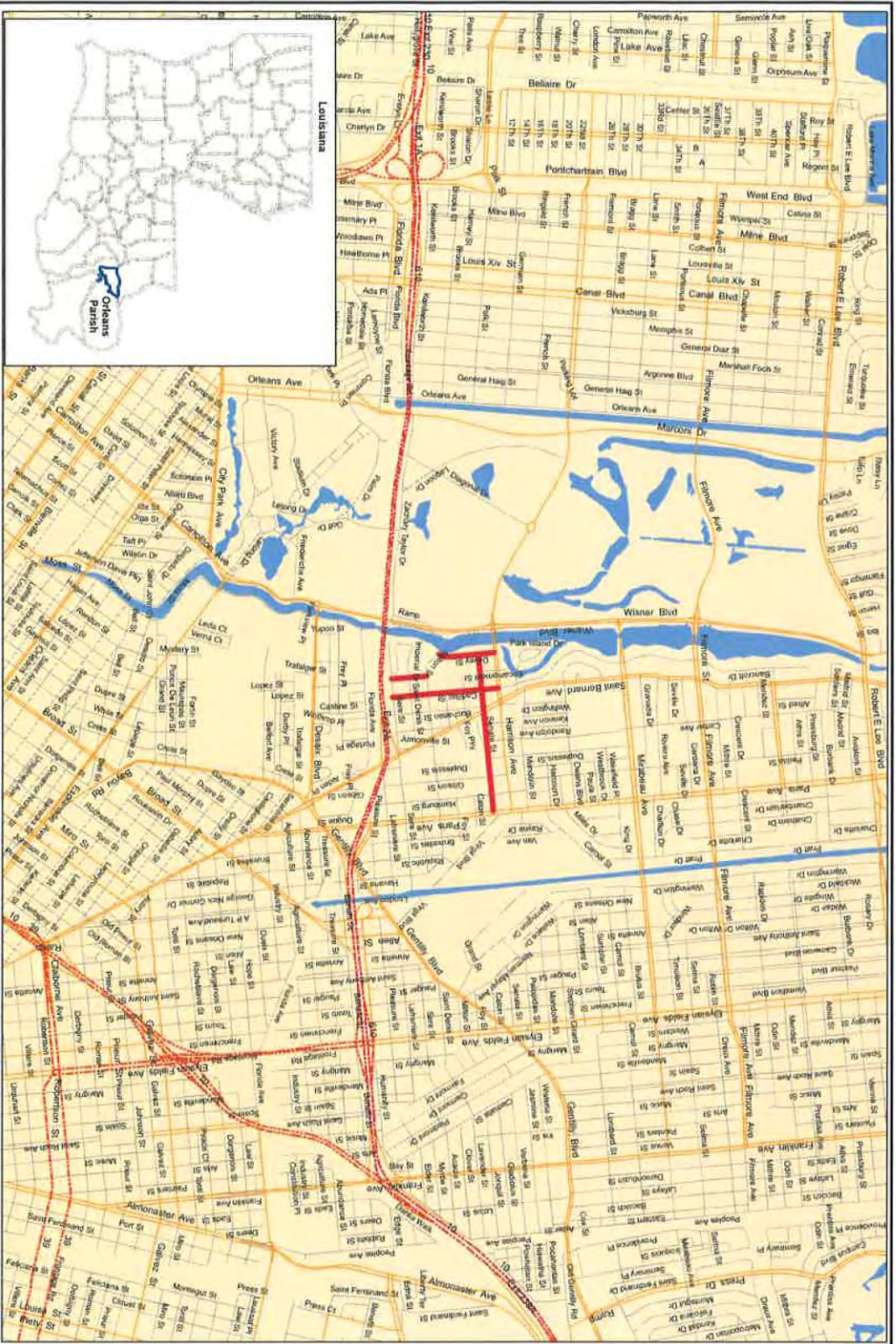


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**Figure
1B**

From: [Shirley A. Smith](#)
To: lbilyeu@choctawnation.com
Cc: [Alie Nicotera](#); [Jennifer J. Jennings](#)
Subject: FW: Roadway Improvements, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA
Date: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 4:36:43 PM
Attachments: [DOC001.PDF](#)
[Choctaw-IIF Youth.pdf](#)

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Please let us know if the extended boundaries change or alter your original determination.

Thank you,
Shirley

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Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 9:38 PM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: Roadway Improvements, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Dear Shirley,

Thank you for providing the additional information regarding the specifics of the project. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is unaware of any Choctaw cultural or sacred sites located within the immediate project area. We believe there should be no effects to any known historic properties and that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of general historic interest to the Tribe, we request that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately if any Native American cultural materials are encountered. This stipulation should be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Johnnie Jacobs
NHPA Section 106 Coordinator
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Historic Preservation Department
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74701
jjacobs@choctawnation.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Terri J. Hamilton [<mailto:tjhamilton@nola.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 4:55 PM
To: Johnnie L. Jacobs
Subject: FW: Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre

-----Original Message-----

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From: [Shirley A. Smith](#)
To: [Adam Goodine](#)
Cc: [Jennifer J. Jennings](#); [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: Revised IIF-Youth Study Center
Date: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:36:04 PM

Hi Adam,

Below is the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma response to the revised boundaries for the IIF-Youth Study Center project.

Shirley

-----Original Message-----

From: Lindsey Bilyeu [<mailto:lbilyeu@choctawnation.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:15 PM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: RE: Roadway Improvements, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Shirley,

Thank you for the additional information regarding the changes that will be made to the above referenced project. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma concurs that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American cultural materials or human remains are encountered. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 580-924-8280 ext. 2631.

Thank You,

Lindsey Bilyeu
NHPA Senior Section 106 Reviewer
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Historic Preservation Department
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74702
580-924-8280 Ext. 2631

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From: Shirley A. Smith [<mailto:sasmith@nola.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 4:37 PM
To: Lindsey Bilyeu
Cc: Alie Nicotera (ANicotera@environcorp.com); Jennifer J. Jennings
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March 31, 2014

Natalie Harjo
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
PO BOX 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Harjo:

The City of New Orleans, in conjunction with the New Orleans Department of Public Works, proposes the following actions, in addition to the projects previously provided to your office for review and comment. The roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair, construction of ADA ramps, installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping, installation of new way finding and other street signage, and upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features. The proposed improvements have been updated to include:

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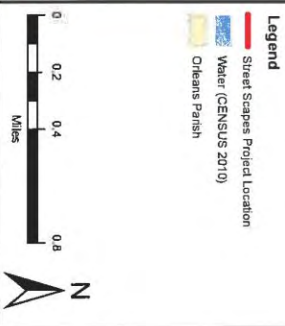


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March 31, 2014

Kimberly Walden
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
PO Box 661
155 Chitimacha Loop
Charenton, LA 70523

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
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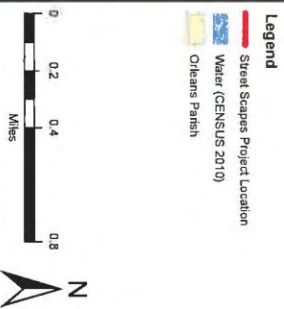
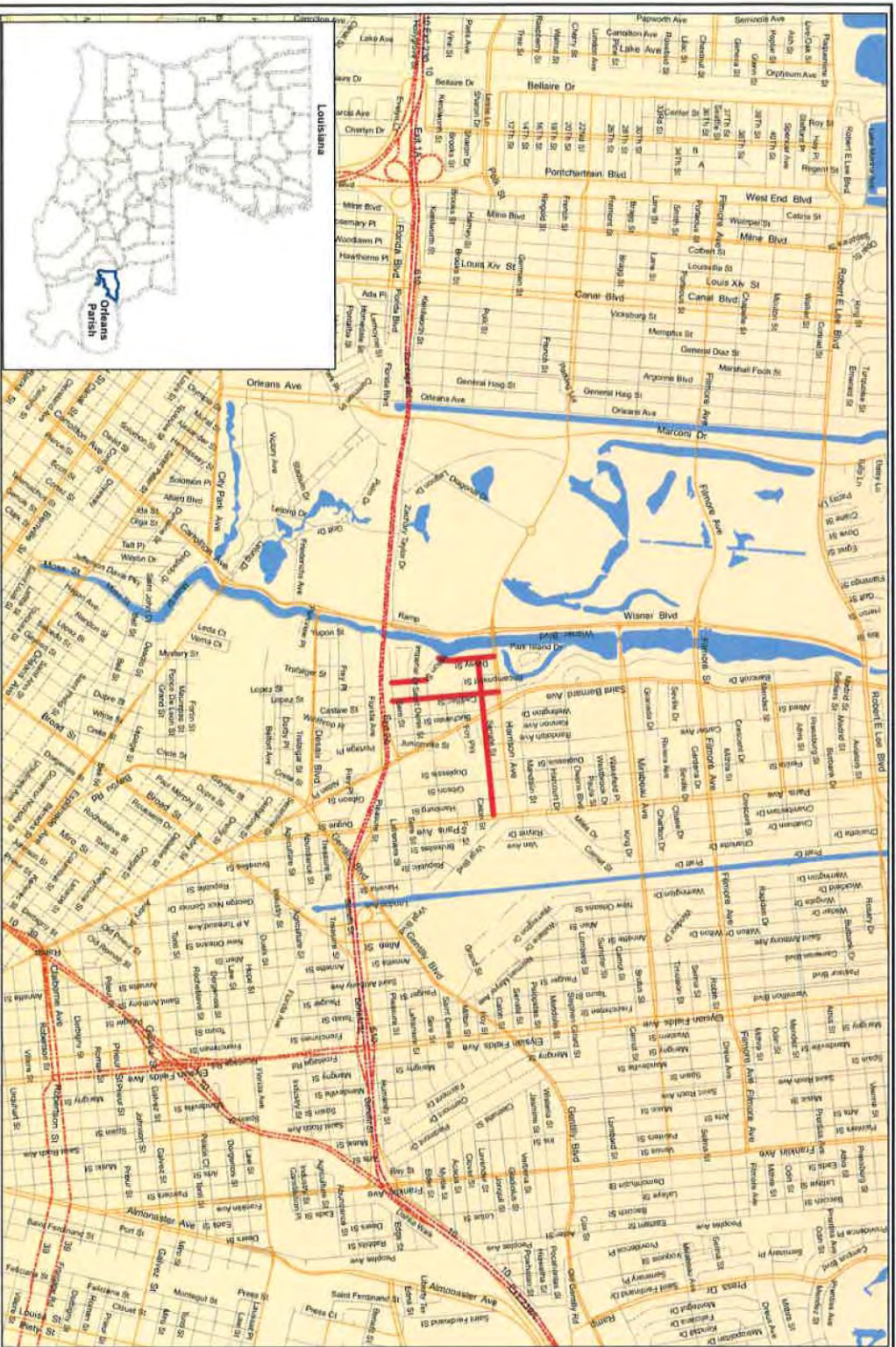
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Cc: [Alle Nicotera](#)
Subject: FW: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 5:21:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Telah Robison [mailto:telah@chitimacha.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 3:22 PM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project

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Kimberly Walden
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
PO Box 661
155 Chitimacha Loop
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Our records and oral traditions do not indicate that a specific Chitimacha archaeological site or Traditional Cultural Property will be affected, therefore we have no objection to the implementation of the proposed activity. However, if archaeological remains are discovered during the process of construction you should stop and contact the tribe and the State Historic Preservation Office immediately.


Kimberly Walden, TIPO

4/17/14
Date

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March 31, 2014

Kenneth Carleton, THPO
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS USA 39350

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Carleton:

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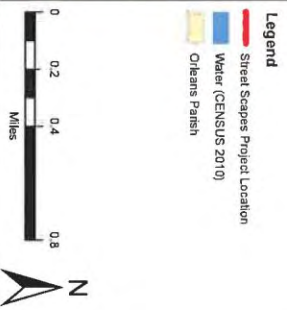


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March 31, 2014

Bryant Celestine, HPO
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road
Livingston, Texas 77351

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
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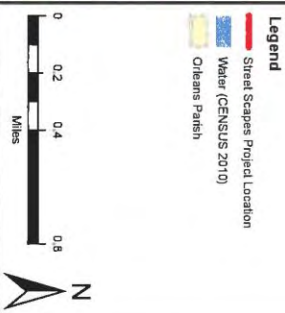
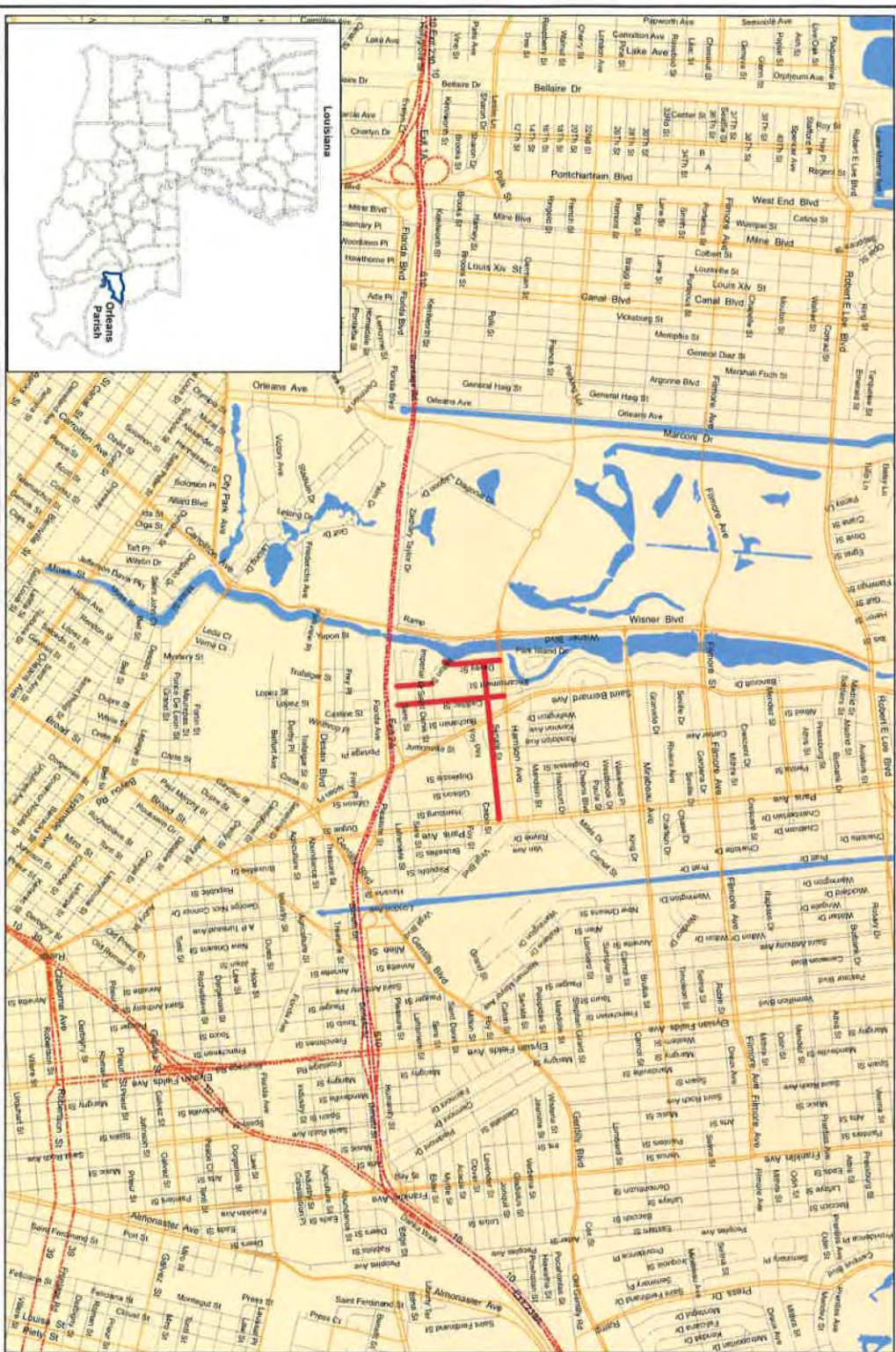


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Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, Florida 33024

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
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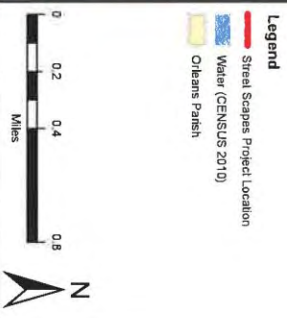
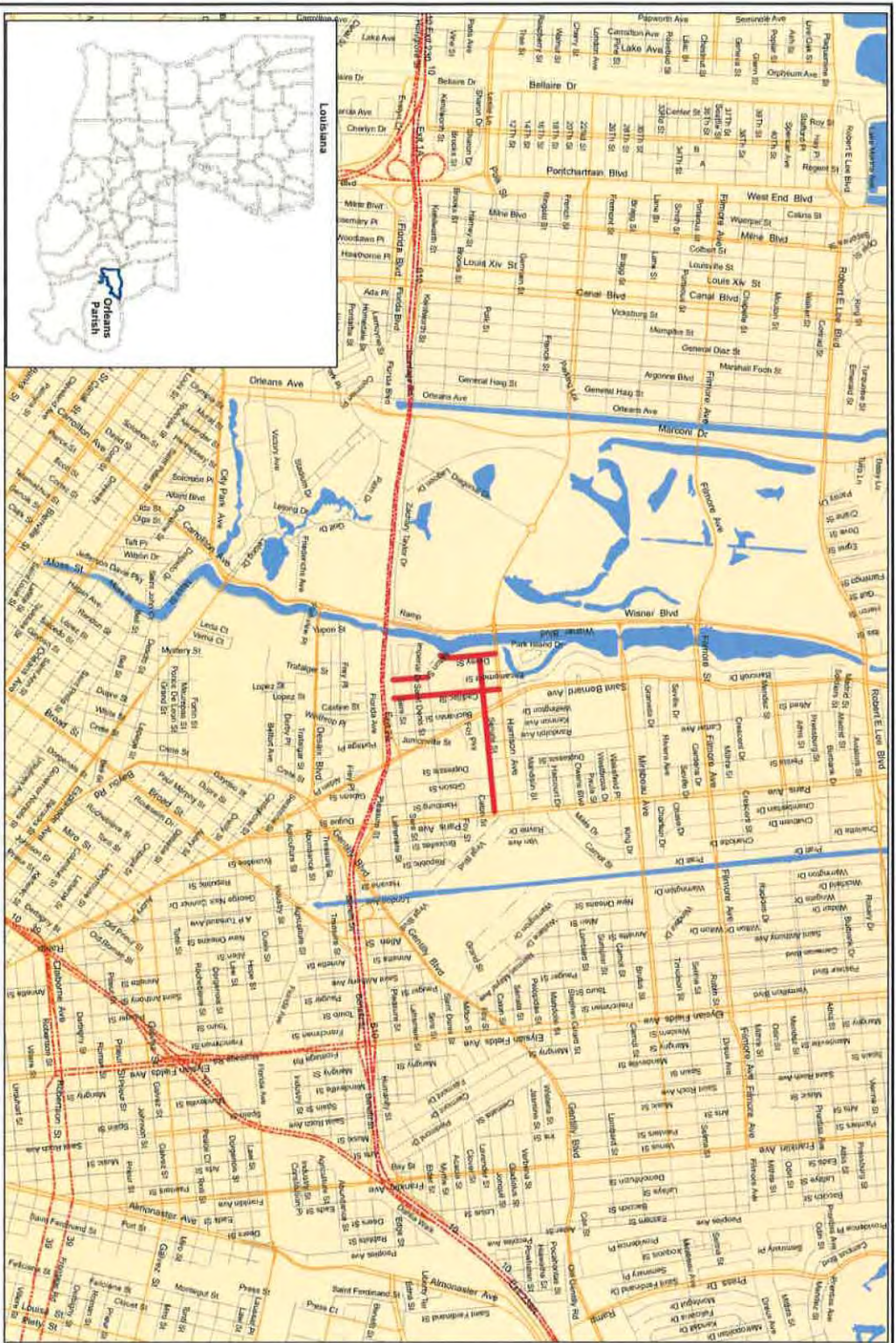


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Dr. Linda Langley
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
1940 CC. Bel Road
Elton, Louisiana 70532

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

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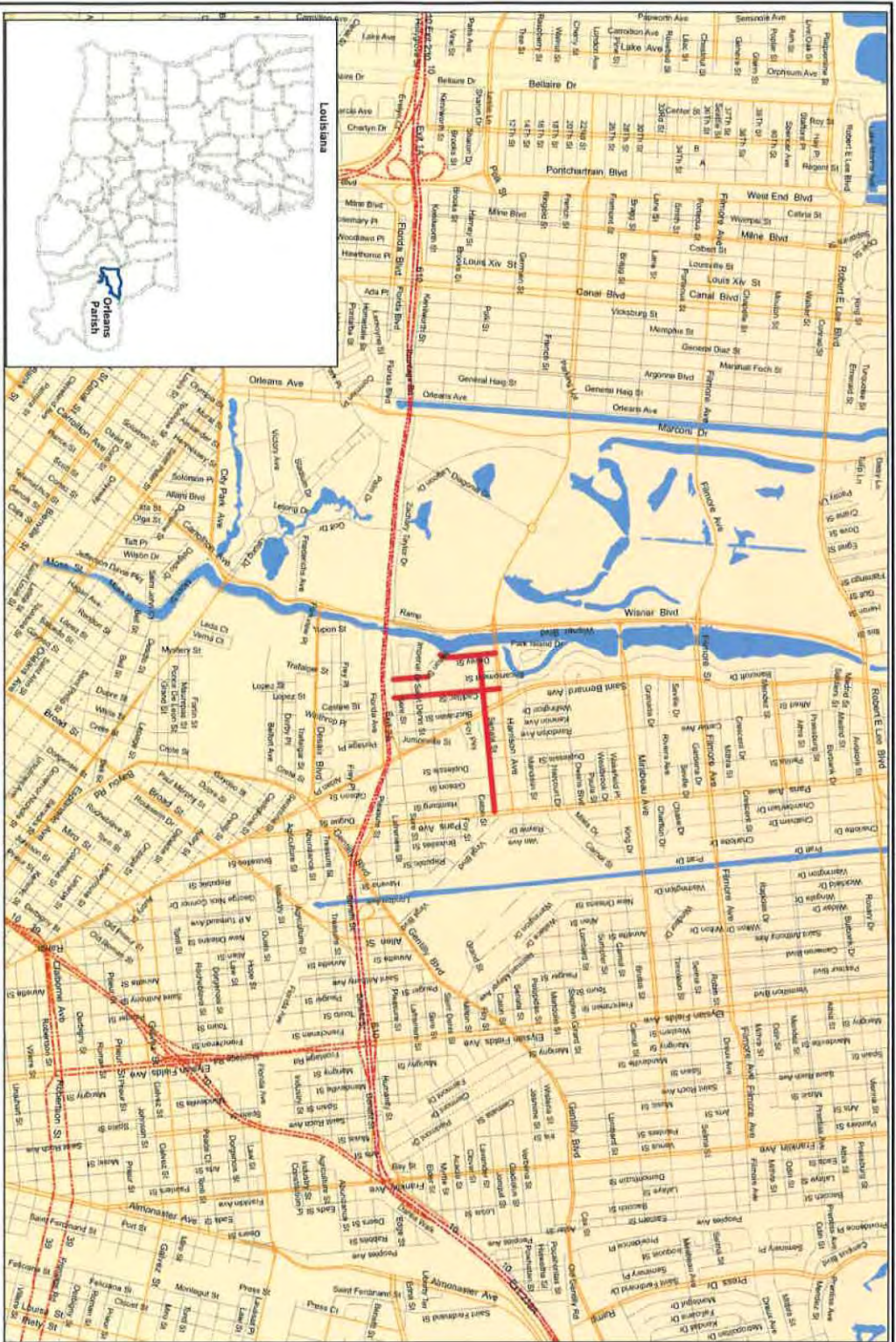


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1340 Poydras Street, Ninth Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

CC: ENVIRON International Corporation; Alie Nicotera



**SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
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April 28, 2014

Shirley Smith
Director, Environmental Compliance Unit
City of New Orleans
1340 Poydras Street, Ninth Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

SUBJECT: Section 106 Review

RE: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana Heritage Department has reviewed the above referenced proposed undertaking, and we are in concurrence with your finding of "no historic properties affected".

At this time, I know of no known sacred or ceremonial sites in the immediate area, and do not require further Section 106 consultation on this project. However, if any cultural resources, such as, bone, pottery, stone tools, etc., are found subsequently, we may elect to discuss additional mitigation steps, including on-site monitoring. In the event that archaeological properties or human remains are discovered, please stop work and contact us immediately, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

Sincerely,

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Jonas John

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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DEPUTY MAYOR

March 31, 2014

Earl J. Barby, Jr., THPO
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
151 Melacon Drive
Marksville, Louisiana, 71351

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project New Orleans,
Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Barby:

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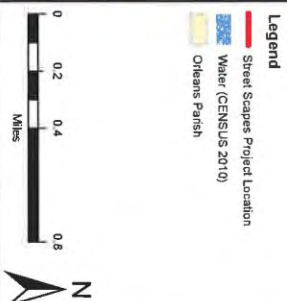
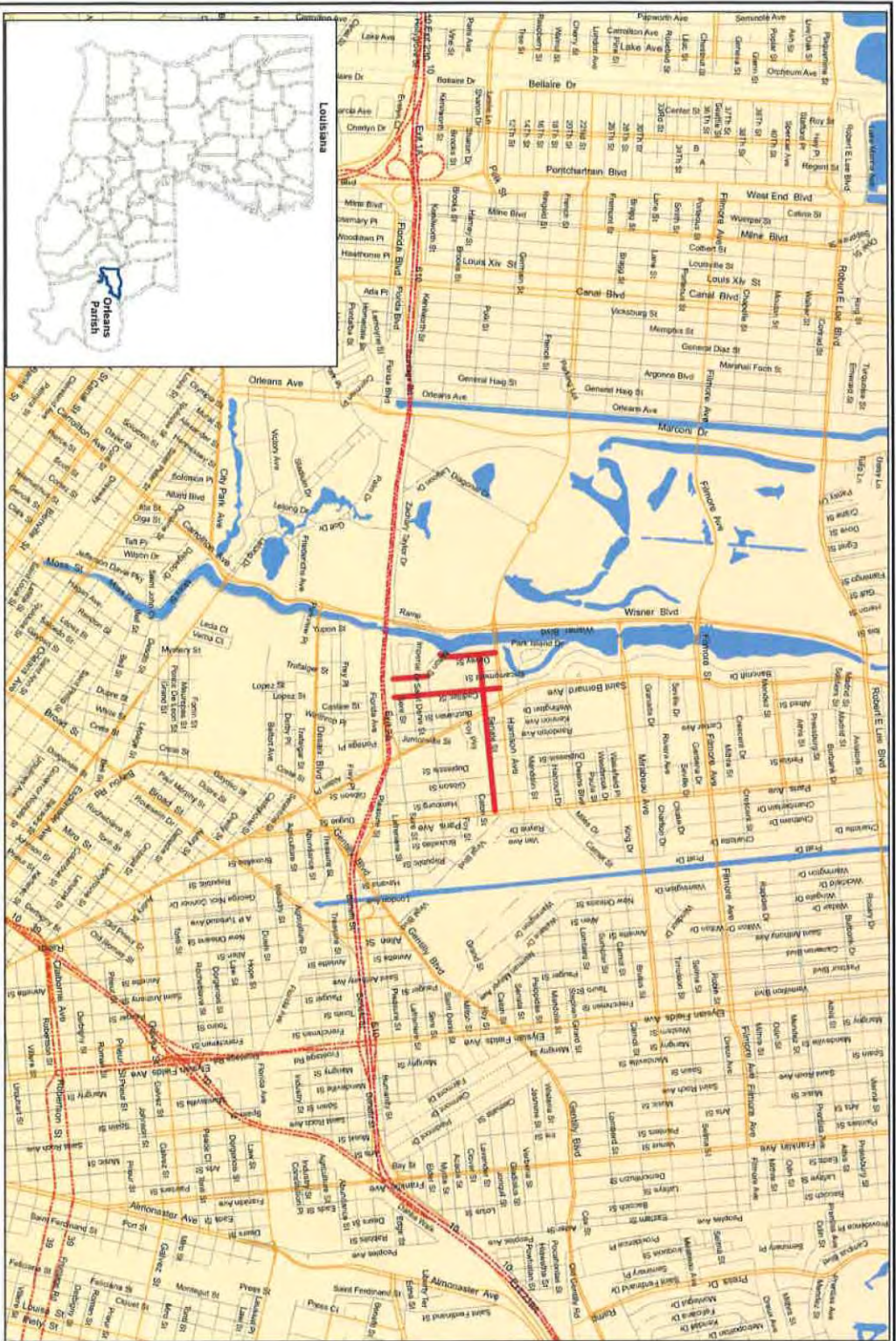


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March 31, 2014

Dana Masters, THPO
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
1052 Chinaha Hina Street,
Jena, LA 71342

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Masters:

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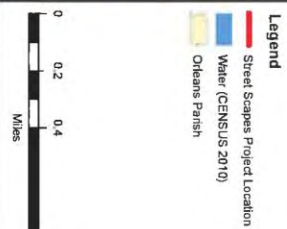
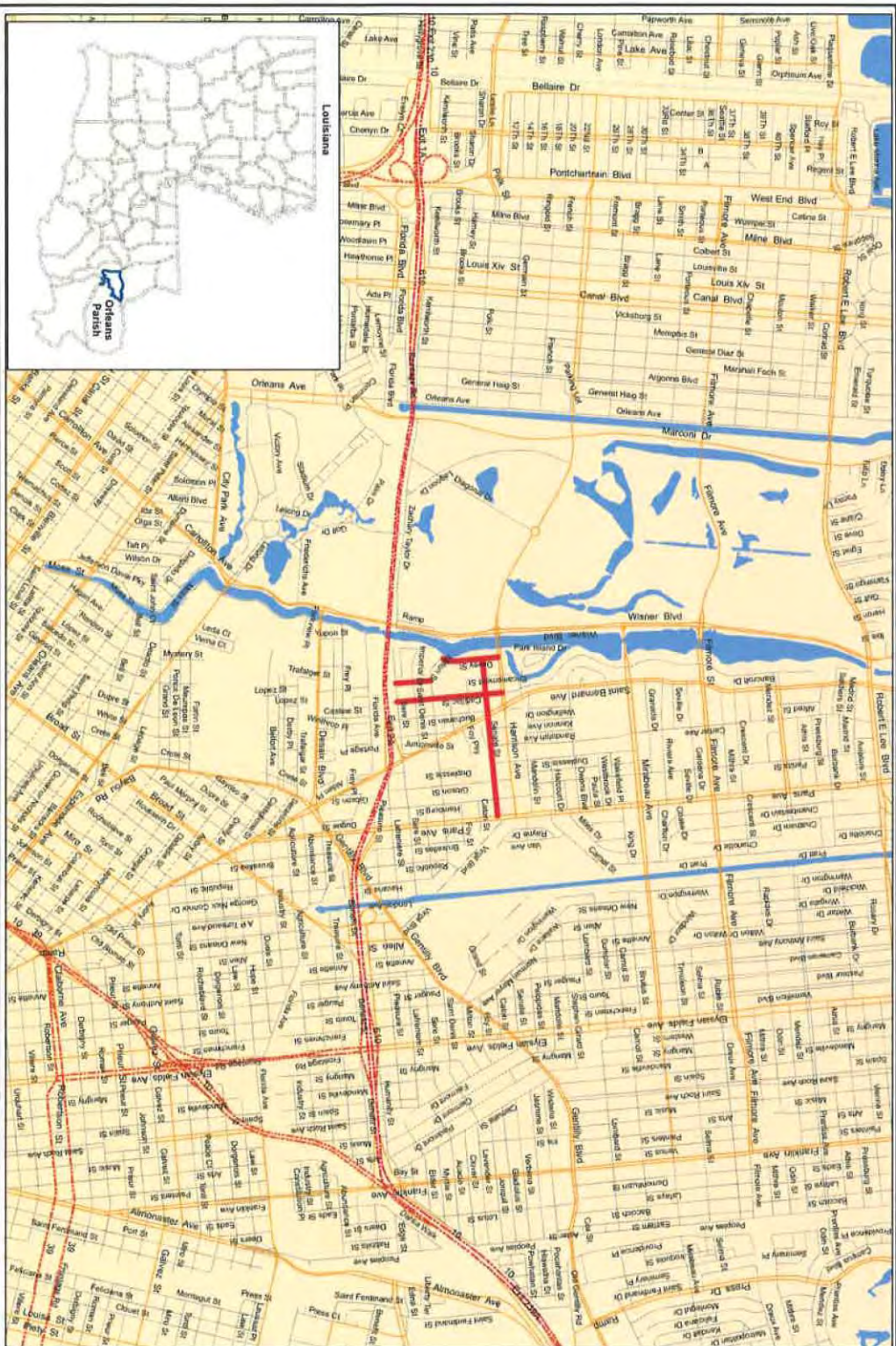


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From: [Shirley A. Smith](#)
To: [Dana Masters \(danammasters@aol.com\)](#)
Cc: [Alie Nicotera](#); [Terri J. Hamilton](#); [Jennifer J. Jennings](#)
Subject: FW: Attached Image
Date: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 4:44:51 PM
Attachments: [0319_001.pdf](#)
[Jena-IIF Youth.pdf](#)

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Thank you,
Shirley

From: [Adam Goodine](#)
To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: FW: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, LA
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2014 9:28:43 AM

From: Shirley A. Smith [mailto:sasmith@nola.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 11:07 AM
To: Adam Goodine
Subject: FW: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, LA

From: Dana Masters [mailto:danammasters@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 10:06 AM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, LA

Hello Shirley,

Thank you for providing information clarifying the details of the this project. As it seems there shall be no further ground disturbing activities beyond what has already been disturbed, we find there is no further need for consultation on this matter as it pertains to cultural properties. Therefore please consider this email as formal clearance for your NEPA compliance. However, as always, if by chance any culturally significant artifacts are encountered please contact us immediately.

Truly,

Dana Masters
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
Tribal Council Member
THPO/ Cultural Director
318-992-1205 (o)
318-374-0268 (c)
318-992-8244 fax
P.O. Box 14
Jena, La 71342

-----Original Message-----

From: Shirley A. Smith <sasmith@nola.gov>
To: Dana Masters (danammasters@aol.com) <danammasters@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Apr 30, 2014 9:57 am
Subject: FW: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, LA

From: Shirley A. Smith
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 12:33 PM
To: Dana Masters (danammasters@aol.com)
Subject: RE: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, LA

Hi Dana,

Thank you for replying to our request. I just want to clarify that this project does not involve additional

ground disturbance. Under this project the City of New Orleans will break up the existing 2-inch overlay and replace it with a new 2-inch overlay; and break up existing sidewalks to make them ADA accessible. **There has been no change in the project description/scope of work** from what you previously approved. On the original submittal one of the boundary **Senate St. from Davey St. to Paris Ave.** was omitted from #6 (Davey St. from Harrison Ave. to Milton...).

I would like to reiterate that this project does not involve ground disturbance beyond what has previously been disturbed. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at (504)658-4357 or sasmith@nola.gov

Thank you,
Shirley

From: JBC THPO Office [<mailto:jbc.thpo106@aol.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 2:02 PM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, LA

Dear Ms. Smith:

In order to properly comment, the Jena Band of Choctaw Tribal Historic Preservation Office is requesting a Cultural Resources Survey and all other pertinent information regarding the project area, due to ground disturbing activities Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
Sincerely,

Dana Masters
Jena Band of Choctaw THPO
danamasters@aol.com

By: Alina J. Shively
JBC Deputy THPO/Cultural Dept.
P.O. Box 14
Jena, LA 71342
(318)-992-1205
Email: jbc.thpo106@aol.com

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September 30, 2014



Mr. Robert Heffner
Regulatory Branch: Surveillance and Enforcement
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160

**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Heffner:

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On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for an agency review of the project plan and site location to identify any wetlands or waters of the United States (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project.

Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2123. Your response may be emailed to agoodine@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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A. Goodine, Associate
ENVIRON International Corp.
4714 Earhart Boulevard Suite B
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

Enclosure: Site Location Map – Figure 1B

September 30, 2014



Linda Hardy
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Business & Community Outreach, 10th floor
Post Office Box 4301
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4301

Electronic Delivery

**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Orleans Parish Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Hardy:

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From: [Linda \(Brown\) Hardy](#)
To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Cc: [Yasooob Zia](#)
Subject: FW: 141009/1400 City of New Orleans Roadway Improvement Project
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014 2:50:04 PM

November 20, 2014

Alie Nicotera, Associate
ENVIRON International Corp.
4714 Earhart Boulevard Suite B
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125
anicotera@environcorp.com

RE: 141009/1400 City of New Orleans Roadway Improvement Project
HUD CDBG Funding
Orleans Parish

Dear Ms. Nicotera:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent must be submitted no later than January 1, 2014. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if

- special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.
- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
 - If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

Currently, Orleans Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at linda.hardy@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Hardy

Technical Assistant to the Deputy Secretary
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
P.O. Box 4301
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4301
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September 30, 2014



Mr. Gary Lester
Coordinator, Natural Heritage Program
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Drawer 98000
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000

**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Louisiana**

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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Date October 17, 2014

Name Adam M. Goodine

Company ENVIRON

Street Address 4714 Earhart Blvd, Suite B

City, State, Zip New Orleans, La 70125

Project City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements

Project ID

Invoice Number 14101704

Personnel of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,

for *Carolyn Michale*
Amity Bass, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program



September 30, 2014

Mr. Kevin Norton
Natural Resources Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 70130

**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
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United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Alexandria, LA 71302

(318) 473-7751
Fax: (318) 473-7626

October 6, 2014

Adam M. Goodine, Senior Associate
ENVIRON International Corporation
4714 Earhart Boulevard, Suite B
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

RE: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Goodine:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas are within urban areas and therefore is exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Norton", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin D. Norton
State Conservationist

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September 30, 2014

Mr. Gerard Gillen
Orleans Levee District
6920 Franklin Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

**Re: City of New Orleans Roadway Improvements Project
Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Louisiana**

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Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2123. Your response may be emailed to agoodine@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Site Location Map – Figure 1B

From: [Adam Goodine](#)
To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Subject: FW: Scope Change Youth Studies Roadway Improvements
Date: Monday, December 15, 2014 9:47:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Gerard Gillen III [mailto:ggillen@orleanslevee.com]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 9:27 AM
To: Adam Goodine
Subject: Scope Change Youth Studies Roadway Improvements

Adam,

I have reviewed the [September 30, 2014](#) letter of road improvement locations and a permit will be not be required because the project is greater than 30' from a hurricane levee.

Gerry Gillen
Executive Director
Orleans Levee District
Phone (504) 286-3100 x 1007



September 30, 2014

Mr. Mike Varnado
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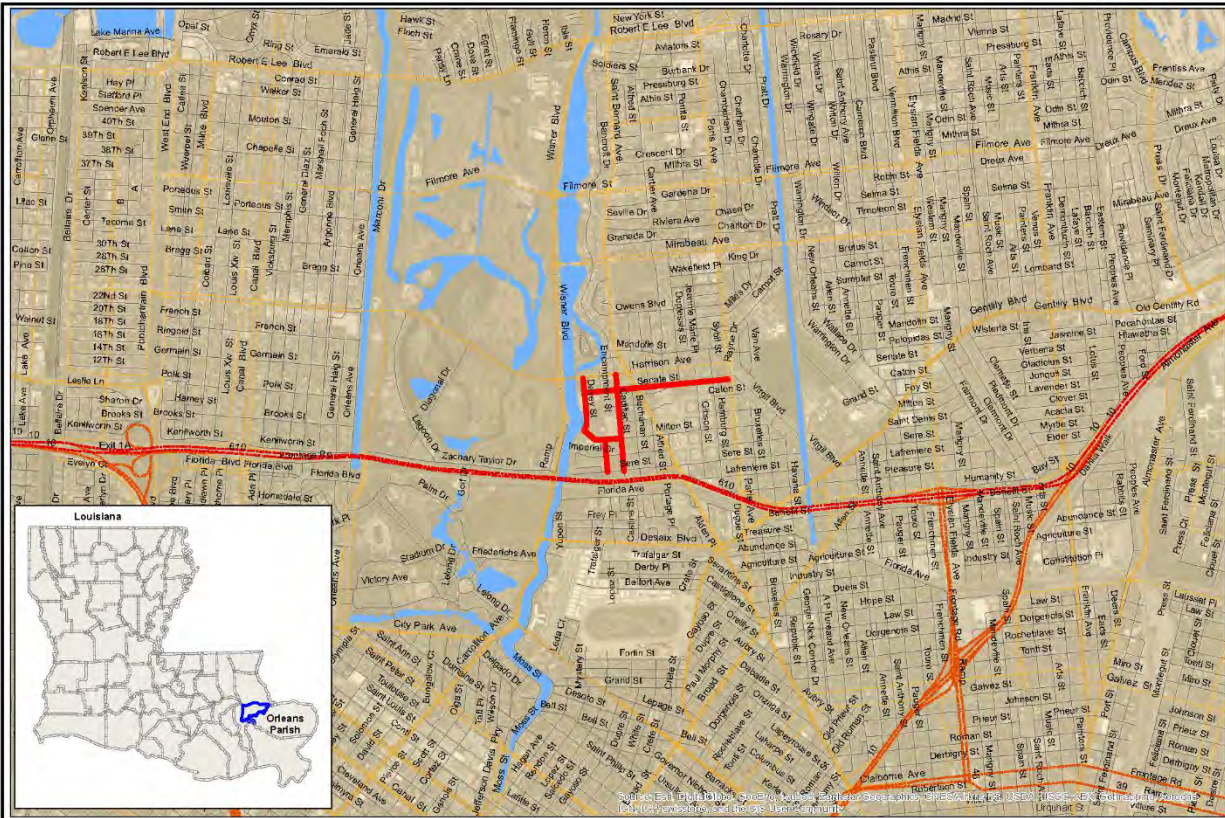
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Figure 1B:
Site Location Map



**SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**Figure
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Date: [illegible]
Project Number: [illegible]

ENVIRON SOV:
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In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within existing rights-of-way

within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand beyond the limits of the locally-owned rights-of-way, existing roadway surfaces, or into private or other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon or revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the street's subsurface foundation. Asphalt patching will also be employed to ensure that any areas of the street subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planing, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

In addition to the repair of existing asphalt and concrete street surfaces, the roadway improvements will also include the repair and/or replacement of existing curbs as necessary. This will be limited to removal of damaged curb features and replacement in-kind and in-location, and will not include alteration of the limits of or removal of median (neutral ground) areas, expansion of current curb limits, new curb cuts for traffic pattern alteration, or changes in existing curbs and/or street surfaces for any other purpose.

In concert with the street repair and resurfacing actions, sidewalk improvements will also be performed. This will include repair and replacement of sidewalk panels along walking routes of existing sidewalk areas only; that is, all sidewalk improvements will be conducted within the limits of existing sidewalk footprints. Sidewalks will not be extended in length to access new areas, nor expanded in width beyond what currently exists. Sidewalk grade and sloping features may be altered to allow for construction of features in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (such as ramps, varied surfacing materials, high contrast color panels, etc.).

In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

Finally, to improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under

this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.

All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable New Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

The project sites identified within this correspondence are not located within any historic district or proposed historic extension (Figure 1A: Historic Districts). Based on these site locations outside of historic areas and the nature of the project as roadway improvement, ENVIRON seeks your concurrence with the determination that the enhancement of these roadways will not have an adverse effect on any historically significant properties in the area or archeological resources. It was determined that the area of potential effect would not extend beyond the city-owned right-of-ways, and none of the properties located in the area of potential effect will be adversely impacted by project activities. Additionally, the area surrounding the roadways consist of mixed residential and commercial neighborhoods. This activity will have a positive effect on homes and businesses in the neighborhood by maintaining and improving the overall appearance of these neighborhoods.

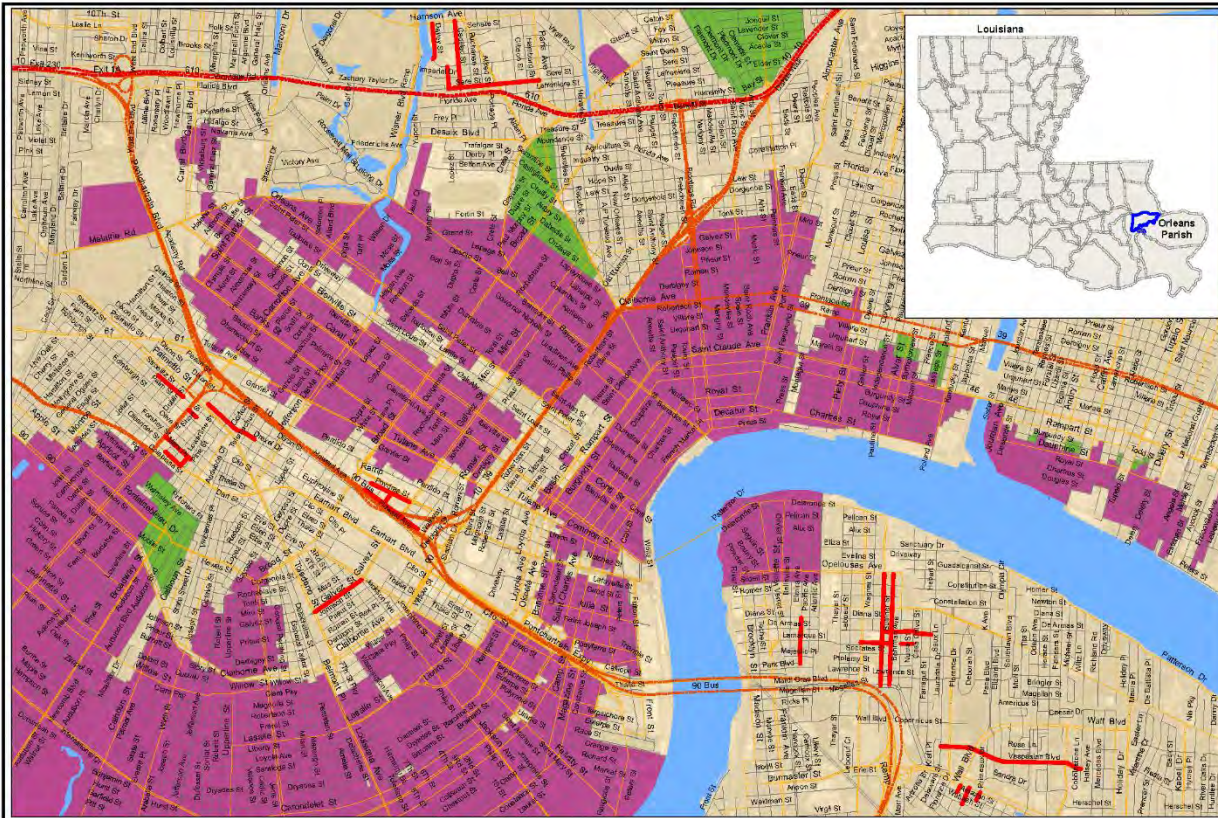
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Enclosures: Figure 1A: Historic Districts



- Legend**
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 - Existing Historic Districts
 - Proposed Historic Extensions
 - Water (CENSUS 2010)
 - Orleans Parish



HISTORIC DISTRICTS CITY OF NEW ORLEANS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Figure
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Author: [illegible]
Date: 11/10/2010
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November 13, 2013

Mr. Mike Varnado
State Historic Preservation Officer
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The proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on historic properties. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux 12-20-13
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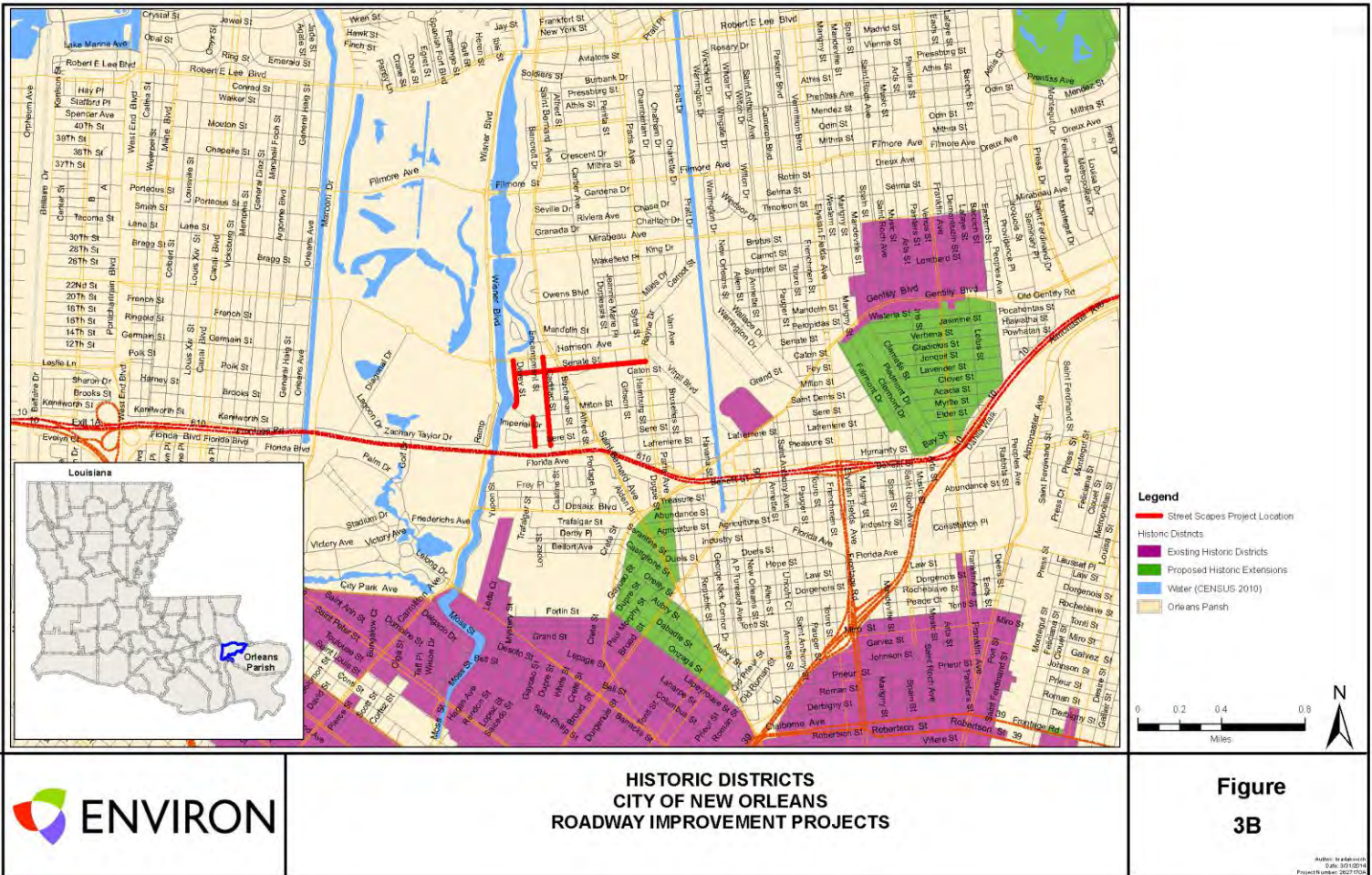
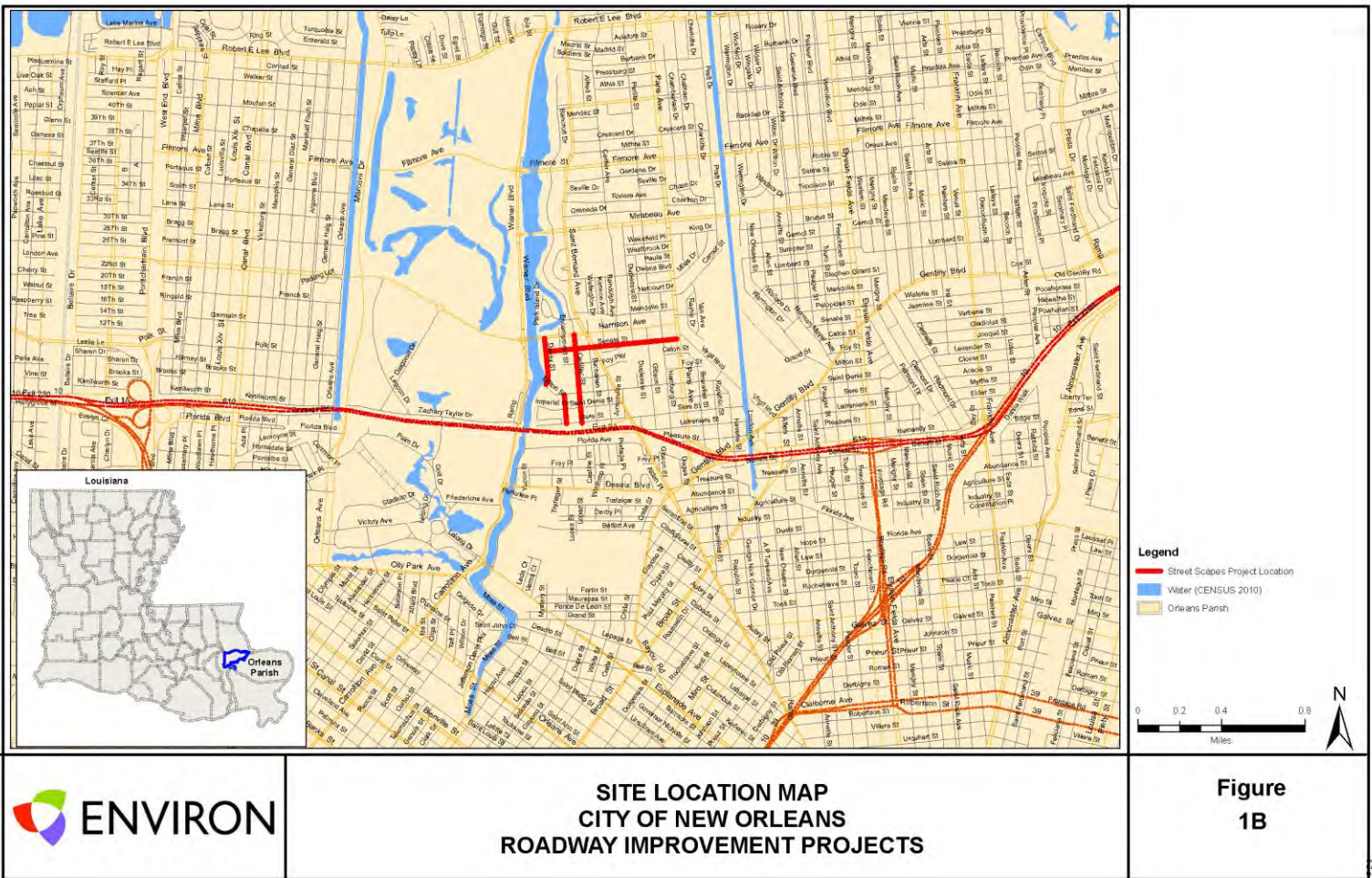
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Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Proposed Project Information

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- 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs, and
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Based on the information provided, the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species; nor is there proposed or designated critical habitat present within this Parish.

Therefore, a "no effect" conclusion is appropriate. No further ESA coordination with the Service is necessary for the proposed action, unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project or the project has not been initiated one year from the date of this letter.

If the proposed project has not been initiated within one year, follow-up coordination via this website should be accomplished prior to making expenditures because our threatened and endangered species information is updated annually. If the scope or location of the proposed project is changed, coordination via this website should occur as soon as such changes are made.

This finding completes project review by the Service for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the ESA.

Please keep a copy of this pre-development coordination for your records. Do not send it to the Lafayette ES Office.

If you have additional questions, please contact Louisiana ES Office Biological Science Technician at 337/291-3100 for further assistance.



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Project Type: HUD Funded and/or Urban Development

Does the project propose to construct new buildings, streets, sidewalks or other urban/suburban infrastructure in an area that has been previously undisturbed? **No**

Does the project propose to obtain, remodel, refurbish, or rehabilitate existing structures in such a way that does not significantly alter the present capacity or use, and does not alter surrounding land areas that were previously undisturbed? **Yes**

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Mitchell J. Landrieu
MAYOR

September 30, 2014

Bryant Celestine
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road
Livingston, Texas 77351

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
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The City of New Orleans, in conjunction with the New Orleans Department of Public Works, proposes the following actions, in addition to the projects previously provided to your office for review and comment. The roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair, construction of ADA ramps, installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping, installation of new way finding and other street signage, and upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features. The proposed improvements have been updated to include:

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All improvements and renovations will be done in conformity with the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code and all applicable New Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a notification that comments will be accepted regarding the project. A response is not required, however should your organization identify negative impacts or be otherwise negatively influenced by the project, please provide any comments you may have describing such concerns.

Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 658-4357. If a response is being sent, it can be emailed to sasmith@cityofno.com or delivered to the address provided below. Electronic versions of responses (pdf or email) are preferred at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Shirley Smith
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CC: ENVIRON International Corporation; Alie Nicotera





Figure 1B

SITE LOCATION MAP
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September 30, 2014

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Shirley Smith
Director, Environmental Compliance Unit
City of New Orleans
1340 Poydras Street, Ninth Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

CC: ENVIRON International Corporation; Alie Nicotera





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**SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**



From: [Lindsey Bilyeu](#)
To: [Shirley A. Smith](#)
Subject: RE: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA
Date: Saturday, November 01, 2014 1:38:41 PM

Ms. Smith,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks the City of New Orleans for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. Orleans Parish, LA lies in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's area of historic interest. The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department requests the GPS coordinates for the project. Once these have been received we will provide our determination. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 580-924-8280 ext. 2631.

Thank You,

Lindsey D. Bilyeu
NHPA Senior Section 106 Reviewer
Historic Preservation Department
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74701
580-924-8280 ext. 2631

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From: Alie Nicotera
To: ["Shirley A. Smith"; Adam Goodine](#)
Subject: RE: Tribal Solicitation
Date: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 4:14:00 PM

Shirley,

In regards to the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements, a midway point for the roadway would be 29.995477, -90.083430. Let me know if you need any other information.

Alie

From: Shirley A. Smith [mailto:sasmith@nola.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 3:45 PM
To: Adam Goodine
Cc: Alie Nicotera
Subject: Tribal Solicitation

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Mitchell J. Landrieu
MAYOR

September 30, 2014

Kimberly Walden
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
PO Box 661
155 Chitimacha Loop
Charenton, LA 70523

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Walden:

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Mitchell J. Landrieu
MAYOR

September 30, 2014

Dr. Linda Langley
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
1940 CC. Bel Road
Elton, Louisiana 70532

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Dr. Langley:

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Mitchell J. Landrieu
MAYOR
September 30, 2014

Dana Masters
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
1052 Chinaha Hina Street,
Jena, LA 71342

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Masters:

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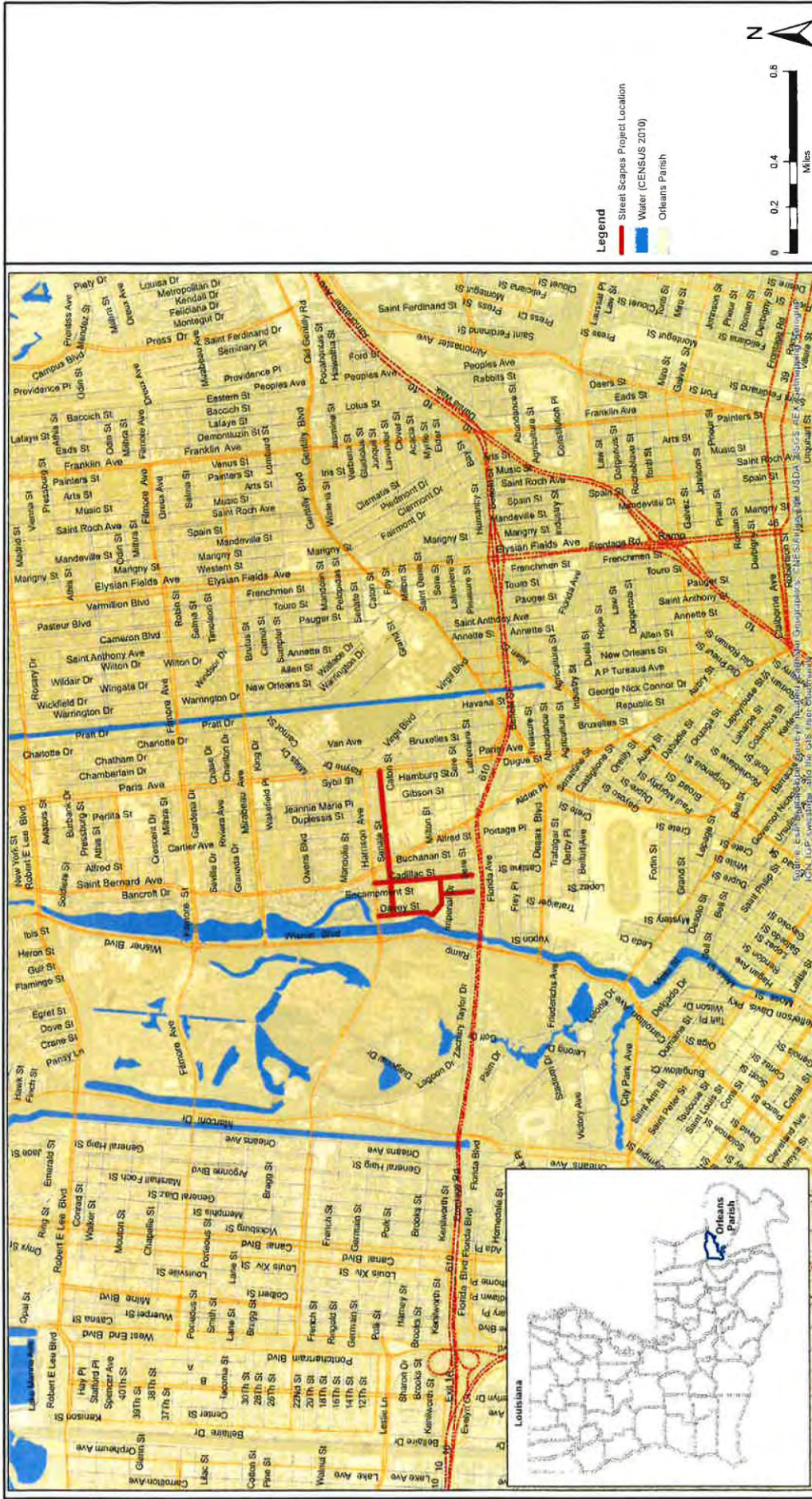
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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Mitchell J. Landrieu
MAYOR

September 30, 2014

Kenneth Carleton
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS USA 39350

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Carleton:

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September 30, 2014

Natalie Harjo
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
PO BOX 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
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Dear Ms. Harjo:

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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September 30, 2014

Williard Steele
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, Florida 33024

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
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Dear Mr. Steele:

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Mitchell J. Landrieu
MAYOR

September 30, 2014

Earl Barby
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
151 Melacon Drive
Marksville, Louisiana, 71351

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Barby:

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April 23, 2015

Mr. Robert Heffner
Regulatory Branch: Surveillance and Enforcement
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160

**Re: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project UPDATE
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Heffner:

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in roadway improvement actions utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. The roadway improvements project is intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfare by pedestrians. The project has been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the street to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This letter is a supplement to the letters sent on November 13, 2013; March 31, 2014; and September 30, 2014.

The limits of the Youth Study Center Roadway improvements include Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St; and Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave. The original scope items, placed into two categories of improvements to existing streets and curbs and improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features, will still be completed. In addition, this project scope update includes:

- Replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement;
- Excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines;
- Point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replaced with a new pipe; and
- Other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repair and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for an agency review of the project plan and site location to identify any wetlands or waters of the United States (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project. Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alie Nicotera".

Alie Nicotera
ENVIRON International Corp.
1055 St. Charles Ave
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Enclosure: Site Location Map – Figure 1B

ENVIRON International Corp. 1055 St. Charles Ave Suite 501, New Orleans, LA 70130
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Operations Division
Surveillance and Enforcement Section

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 60267
NEW ORLEANS LA 70160-0267

JUL 09 2015

Ms. Alie Nicotera
Environ
1055 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Ms. Nicotera:

Reference is made to your request, on behalf of the City of New Orleans, for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) jurisdictional determination on property located in Sections 106 and 166, Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Orleans Parish, Louisiana (enclosed map). Specifically, this property is identified as the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvement Project.

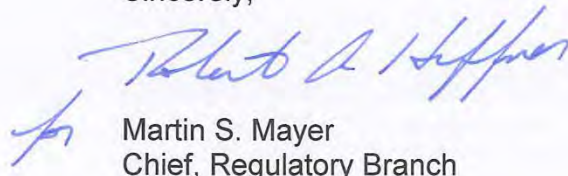
Based on review of recent maps, aerial photography, and soils data, we have determined that this property is not in a wetland subject to Corps' jurisdiction. A Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required for the deposition or redistribution of dredged or fill material on this site.

Please be advised that this property is in the Louisiana Coastal Zone and a Coastal Use Permit may be required prior to initiation of any activities on this site. For additional information, contact Ms. Christine Charrier, Office of Coastal Management, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources at (225) 342 7953.

You and your client are advised that this approved jurisdictional determination is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision prior to the expiration date or the District Commander has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.

Should there be any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Michael Windham at (504) 862-1235 and reference our Account No. MVN-2015-01231-SK.

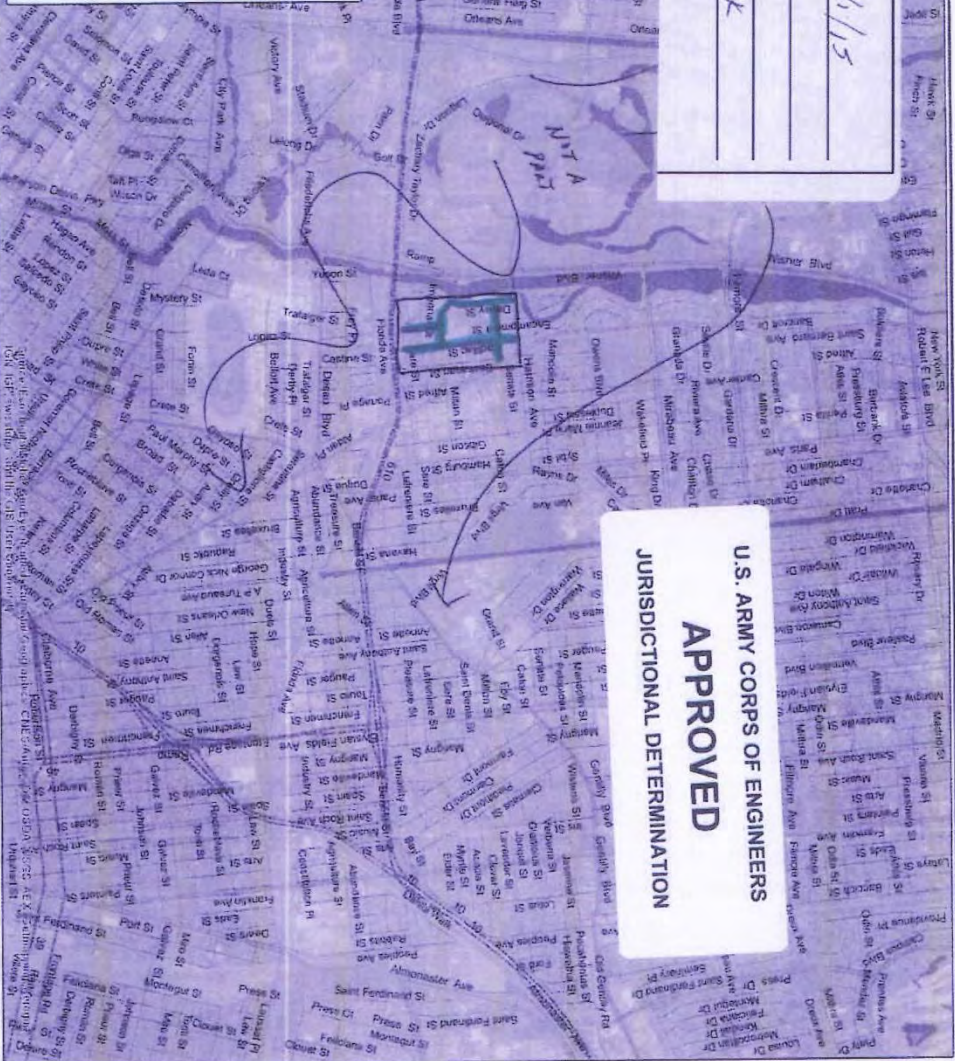
Sincerely,


Martin S. Mayer
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



USACE
FSV / IH Date: 7/1/15
Botanist: WINDHAM
Requestor: NICOTETA
MYN-2015-01231-SK

☐ - NON-WETLAND

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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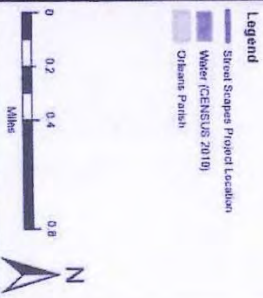


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Scale: 1 inch = 1 mile
Projection: NAD 83, UTM Zone 18N

APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

To view the unedited version of the form go to: <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/regulatory/finalform.htm>.

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): July 1, 2015

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: MVN-2015-01231-SK

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project

State: LA

County/parish/borough: Orleans Parish City:

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 29.99840° N, Long. -90.08430° W.

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Bayou St. John

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: N/A

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 08090203

☒ Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

☐ Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

☒ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: July 1, 2015

☐ Field Determination. Date(s):

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are no "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

SECTION III THRU V. Not Applicable

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

☒ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant:

☐ Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.

☐ Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.

☐ Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.

☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps:

☐ Corps navigable waters' study:

☒ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:

☐ USGS NHD data.

☒ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.

☒ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: New Orleans East.

☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: NRCS WSS Orleans Parish.

☐ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:

☐ State/Local wetland inventory map(s):

☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:

☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)

☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): 1998, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, ArcMap.
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): Google Earth Pro.

☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:

☐ Applicable/supporting case law:

☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

☐ Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The project site consist of uplands.

**NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND
REQUEST FOR APPEAL**

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Applicant: Alie Nicotera | File No.: MVN-2015-01231-SK | Date: JUL 09 2015 |
| Attached is: | | See Section below |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission) | A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission) | B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PERMIT DENIAL | C |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION | D |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION | E |

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit

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C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

Mr. Rob Heffner
Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267
504-862-1288

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact the Division Engineer through:

Mr. Thomas McCabe
Administrative Appeals Review Officer
Mississippi Valley Division
P.O. Box 80 (1400 Walnut Street)
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080
601-634-5820 FAX: 601-634-5816

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Telephone number:

April 23, 2015



Linda Hardy
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Business & Community Outreach, 10th floor
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Electronic Delivery

**Re: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project UPDATE
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Hardy:

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in roadway improvement actions utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. The roadway improvements project is intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfare by pedestrians. The project has been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the street to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This letter is a supplement to the letters sent on November 13, 2013; March 31, 2014; and September 30, 2014.

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On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for an agency review of the project plan and site locations to identify state environmental quality standards or constraints that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project. Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: [Linda \(Brown\) Hardy](#)
To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Cc: [Yasooob Zia](#)
Subject: DEQ SOV 150508/0475 Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
Date: Monday, June 08, 2015 3:03:32 PM

June 8, 2015

Alie Nicotera, Associate
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RE: 150508/0475 Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
CDBG Funding
Orleans Parish

Dear Ms. Nicotera:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit is required. An application or Notice of Intent will be required if the sludge management practice includes preparing biosolids for land application or preparing sewage sludge to be hauled to a landfill. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations

depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.

- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

Currently, Orleans Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at linda.hardy@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Hardy

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April 23, 2015

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**Re: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project UPDATE
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Lester:

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On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for an agency review of the project plan and site location to identify wildlife and fishery constraints (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project. Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Date May 29, 2015

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Project Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, LA

Project ID

Invoice Number 15052903

Personnel of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats within Louisiana's boundary are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,

Cerelm Michon
for Amity Bass, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program

April 23, 2015



Mr. Kevin Norton
Natural Resources Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
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**Re: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project UPDATE
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On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for an agency review of the project plan and site location to identify natural resource conservation constraints (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project. Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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United States Department of Agriculture

May 7, 2015

ENVIRON International Corporation
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RE: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvement Project UPDATE
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Nicotera:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The information and project map submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction is within urban areas, and therefore is exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549. Furthermore, we do not predict impacts to NRCS work in the vicinity.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown below.

Respectfully,

(ACTING FOR)
Kevin D. Norton
State Conservationist

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April 23, 2015

Mr. Gerard Gillen
Orleans Levee District
6920 Franklin Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

**Re: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project UPDATE
New Orleans, Louisiana**

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On behalf of the City of New Orleans and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a request for an agency review of the project plan and site location to identify levee and floodwall constraints (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project and/or additional comments you may have relative to the project. Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com or delivered to the address provided below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Joshua Latino

From: Alie Nicotera
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 3:59 PM
To: Joshua Latino
Subject: FW: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements

Yours sincerely
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From: Gerard Gillen III [<mailto:ggillen@orleanslevee.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Alie Nicotera
Subject: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements

Alie,

I have reviewed the April 23, 2015 letter of roadway improvement locations and a permit will not be required because the project is greater than 1500' from the Mississippi River levee and 300' from a hurricane protection levee.



Gerry Gillen
Executive Director
Orleans Levee District
Phone (504) 286-3100 x 1007



April 23, 2015

Mr. Mike Varnado
State Historic Preservation Officer
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
Division of Historic Preservation
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4247

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Mr. Varnado:

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works has recently made a change to the Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project. The original solicitation for the Multiple Roadway Improvements Projects was provided to your office for comment on November 13, 2013 (see item 9 in the attached SOV and original approval letter). Additionally, updated scope solicitations were sent to your office on April 2, 2014 and September 30, 2014; both received approval (see attached SOVs and approval letters). The current limits of the site include Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St; and Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave.

As specified in the original solicitation of views and updates, the project is summarized in two categories: improvements to existing streets and curbs and improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features. This most recent project update includes additional scope items as follows:

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The project area is outside of historic districts and proposed historic extensions. Based on the site location and the previous approvals, we are requesting SHPO concurrence with our opinion that the project will not have an adverse effect on any historically significant properties in the area or archeological resources, and this change in scope should not cause adverse effects to the area of potential effect. If you have any questions regarding the scope change, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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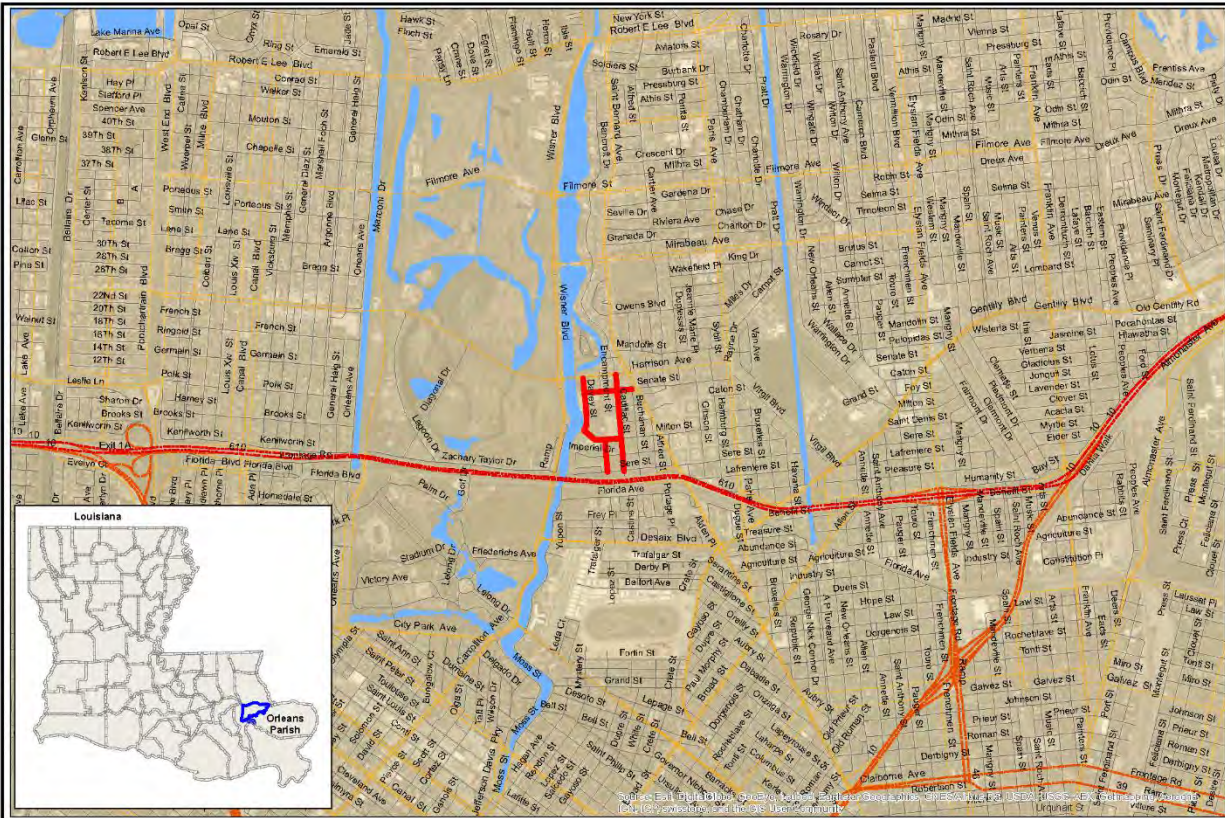
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Enclosures: Figure 1B: Site Location Map; ENVIRON SOV sent November 13, 2013; December 20, 2013 Approval Letter; ENVIRON SOV sent April 2, 2014; May 1, 2014 Approval Letter; ENVIRON SOV sent September 30, 2014; October 6, 2014 Approval Letter

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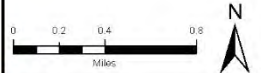
Figure 1B:
Site Location Map



**SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Legend

- Street Scapes Project Location
- Water (CENSUS 2010)
- Orleans Parish



**Figure
1B**

Author: [illegible]
Date: [illegible]
Project Number: [illegible]

ENVIRON SOV:
November 13, 2013

November 13, 2013

Mr. Mike Varnado
State Historic Preservation Officer
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**Re: Multiple Roadway Improvements Projects
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

1. Vespasian Blvd from Lauradale Dr to Cobblestone Ln
2. Georgia St from Amazon St to General De Gaulle Dr; Idaho St from Wabash St to General De Gaulle Dr; Illinois St from Amazon St to General De Gaulle Dr
3. Julia St from S. Prieur St to S. Dorgenois St; S. Tonti St from Julia St to Old Poydras St; Old Poydras St from S. Dorgenois St to S. Galvez St
4. S. Galvez St from Jackson Ave to Toledano St
5. Stroelitz St from Dublin St to Joliet St; Drexel Dr from Short St to S. Genois St
6. Forshey St from S. Carrollton Ave to Lowerline St; Orpheus Ct from S. Carrollton Ave to Short St; Oleander St from Short St to Burdette St; Burdette St from Oleander St to Forshey St
7. Hendee St from Mardi Gras Blvd to Opelousas Ave; Sumner St from Mardi Gras Blvd to Opelousas Ave
8. Lamarque St from LB Landry Ave to Sumner St; Lamarque St from Behrman Ave to Numa St; De Armes St from Hendee St to Faragut St; Elmira Ave from Park Blvd to Diana St
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Dear Mr. Varnado:

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in multiple roadway improvement actions throughout the city utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. These roadway improvements projects are intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfares by pedestrians. The projects have been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the streets to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Roadway Improvements Projects can most easily be summarized in two categories:

- 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs, and
- 2) Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features.

In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within existing rights-of-way

within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand beyond the limits of the locally-owned rights-of-way, existing roadway surfaces, or into private or other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon or revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the street's subsurface foundation. Asphalt patching will also be employed to ensure that any areas of the street subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planing, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

In addition to the repair of existing asphalt and concrete street surfaces, the roadway improvements will also include the repair and/or replacement of existing curbs as necessary. This will be limited to removal of damaged curb features and replacement in-kind and in-location, and will not include alteration of the limits of or removal of median (neutral ground) areas, expansion of current curb limits, new curb cuts for traffic pattern alteration, or changes in existing curbs and/or street surfaces for any other purpose.

In concert with the street repair and resurfacing actions, sidewalk improvements will also be performed. This will include repair and replacement of sidewalk panels along walking routes of existing sidewalk areas only; that is, all sidewalk improvements will be conducted within the limits of existing sidewalk footprints. Sidewalks will not be extended in length to access new areas, nor expanded in width beyond what currently exists. Sidewalk grade and sloping features may be altered to allow for construction of features in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (such as ramps, varied surfacing materials, high contrast color panels, etc.).

In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

Finally, to improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under

this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.

All repairs and improvements performed under this action will be done in conformity with the United States Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the State of Louisiana Uniform Construction Code, and all applicable New Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

The project sites identified within this correspondence are not located within any historic district or proposed historic extension (Figure 1A: Historic Districts). Based on these site locations outside of historic areas and the nature of the project as roadway improvement, ENVIRON seeks your concurrence with the determination that the enhancement of these roadways will not have an adverse effect on any historically significant properties in the area or archeological resources. It was determined that the area of potential effect would not extend beyond the city-owned right-of-ways, and none of the properties located in the area of potential effect will be adversely impacted by project activities. Additionally, the area surrounding the roadways consist of mixed residential and commercial neighborhoods. This activity will have a positive effect on homes and businesses in the neighborhood by maintaining and improving the overall appearance of these neighborhoods.

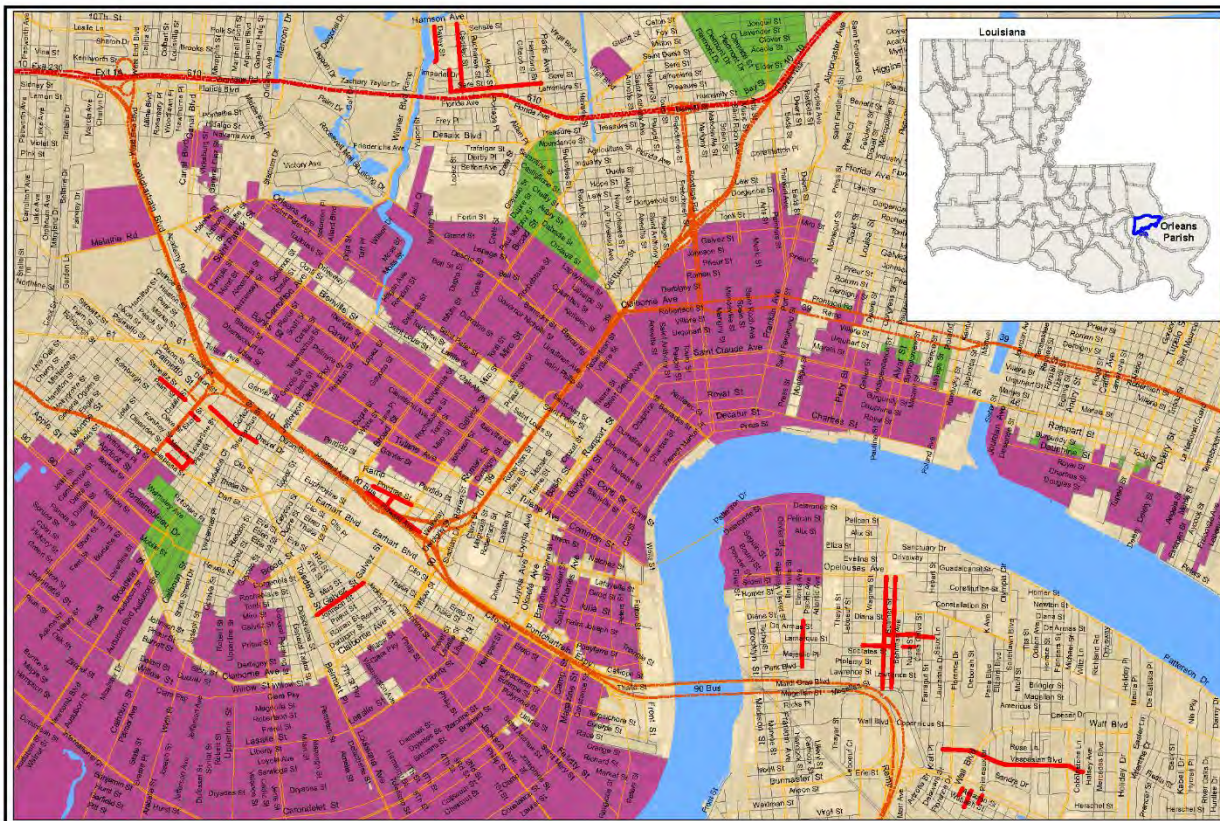
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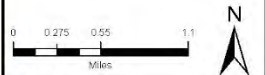


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Enclosures: Figure 1A: Historic Districts



- Legend**
- Street Scopes Project Location
 - Historic Districts
 - Existing Historic Districts
 - Proposed Historic Extensions
 - Water (CENSUS 2010)
 - Orleans Parish



HISTORIC DISTRICTS CITY OF NEW ORLEANS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Figure
1A**

Author: Natchez
Date: 11/20/2013
Project Number: 2013-0014

December 20, 2013

Approval Letter



November 13, 2013

Mr. Mike Varnado
State Historic Preservation Officer
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
Division of Historic Preservation
P.O. Box 44247
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The proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on historic properties. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux 12-20-13
Pam Breaux Date
State Historic Preservation Officer

Re: **Multiple Roadway Improvements Projects
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

1. ~~Vespasian Blvd from Lauradale Dr to Cobblestone Ln~~
2. Georgia St from Amazon St to General De Gaulle Dr; Idaho St from Wabash St to General De Gaulle Dr; Illinois St from Amazon St to General De Gaulle Dr /
3. Julia St from S. Prieur St to S. Dorgenois St; S. Tonti St from Julia St to Old Poydras St; Old Poydras St from S. Dorgenois St to S. Galvez St
4. S. Galvez St from Jackson Ave to Toledano St
5. Stroelitz St from Dublin St to Joliet St; Drexel Dr from Short St to S. Genois St
6. Forshey St from S. Carrollton Ave to Lowerline St; Orpheus Ct from S. Carrollton Ave to Short St; Oleander St from Short St to Burdette St; Burdette St from Oleander St to Forshey St
7. Hendee St from Mardi Gras Blvd to Opelousas Ave; Sumner St from Mardi Gras Blvd to Opelousas Ave
8. Lamarque St from LB Landry Ave to Sumner St; Lamarque St from Behrman Ave to Numa St; De Armes St from Hendee St to Faragut St; Elmira Ave from Park Blvd to Diana St
9. Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Sere St from Davey St to Paris Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave

Dear Mr. Varnado:

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in multiple roadway improvement actions throughout the city utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. These roadway improvements projects are intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfares by pedestrians. The projects have been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the streets to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Roadway Improvements Projects can most easily be summarized in two categories:

- 1) Improvements to existing streets and curbs, and
- 2) Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features.

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In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within existing rights-of-way

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April 2, 2014



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**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
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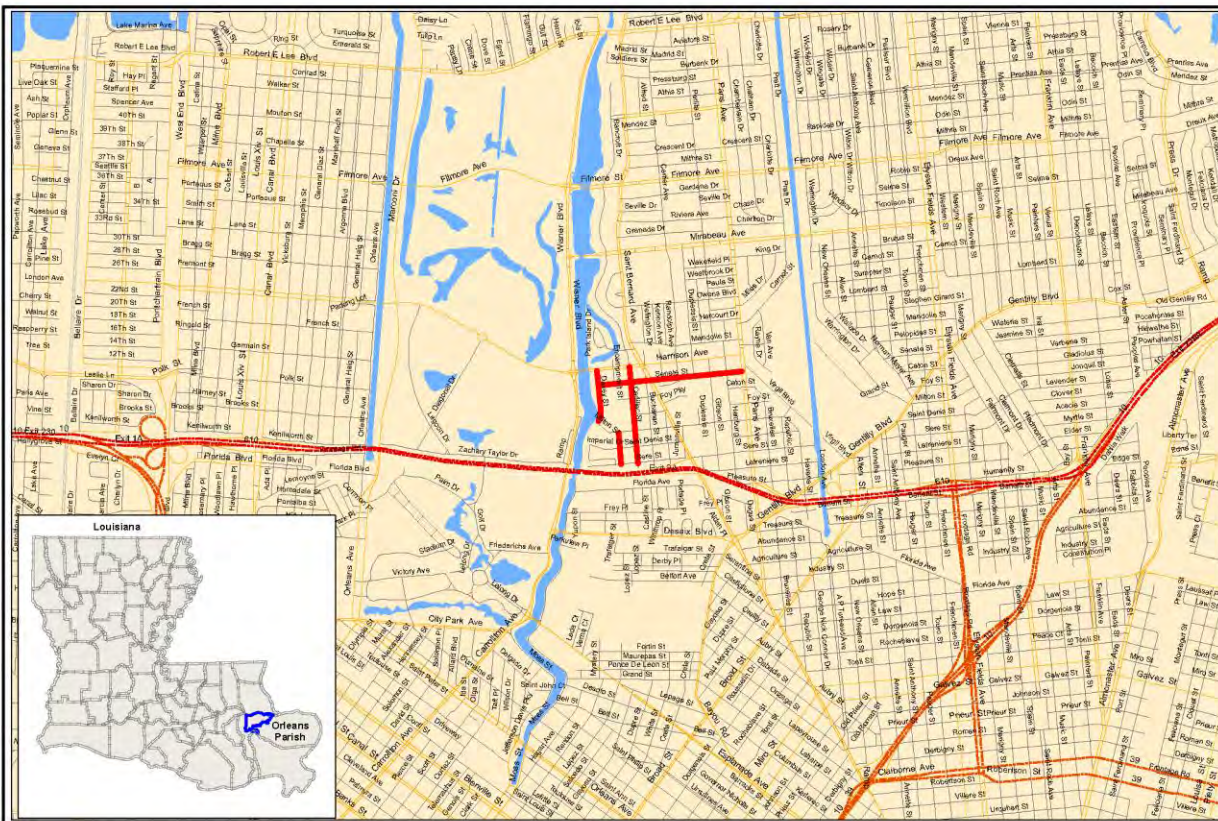
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Street Scapes Project Location

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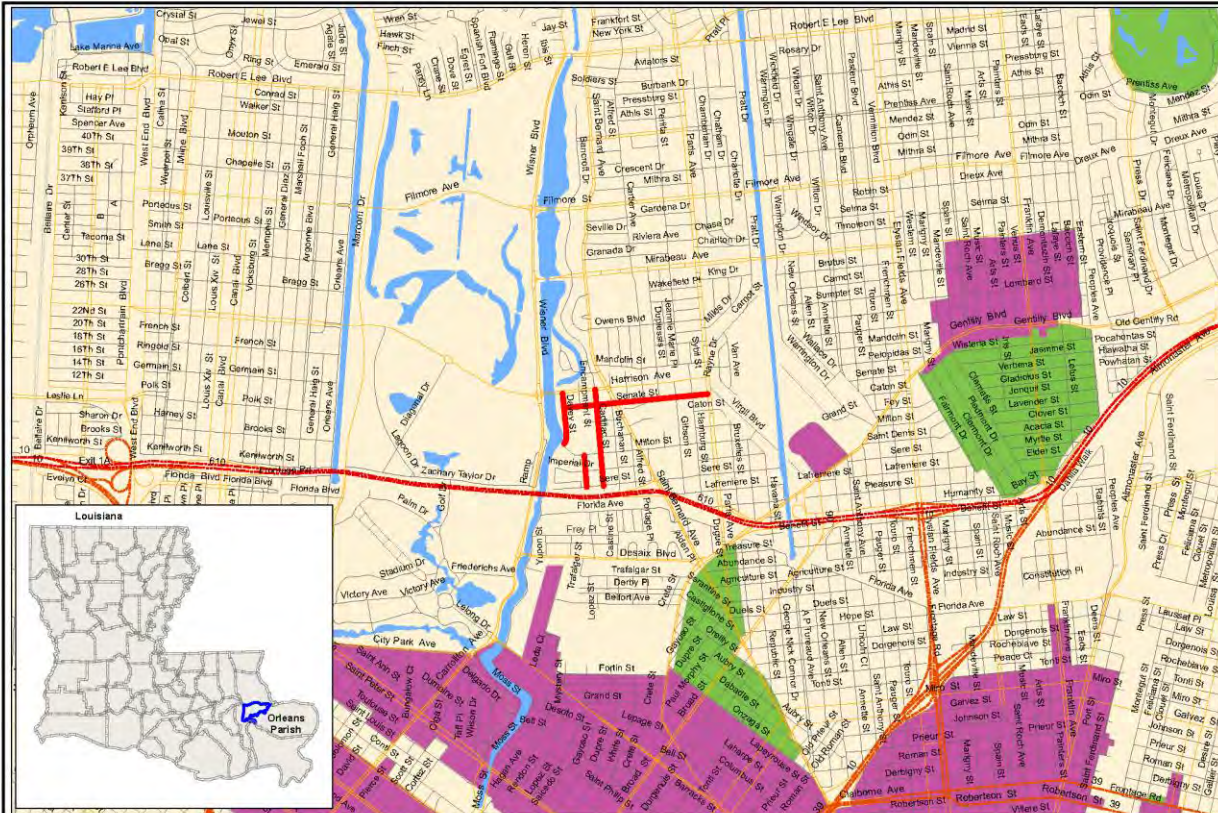
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SITE LOCATION MAP **CITY OF NEW ORLEANS** **ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Figure 1B



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HISTORIC DISTRICTS **CITY OF NEW ORLEANS** **ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Figure 3B

May 1, 2014
Approval Letter



April 2, 2014

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State Historic Preservation Officer
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
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**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

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No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

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September 30, 2014



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Mr. Mike Varnado
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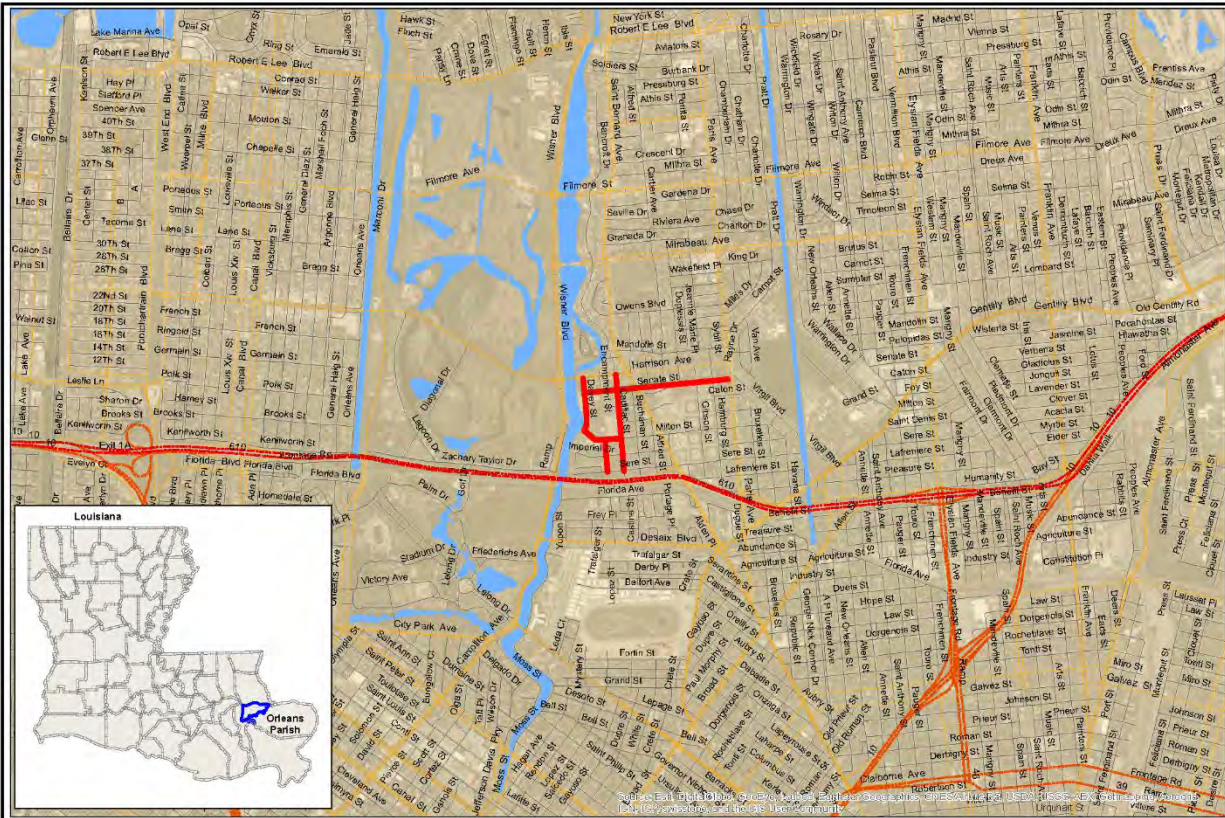
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**SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**Figure
1B**

Author: [illegible]
Date: [illegible]
Project Number: [illegible]

October 6, 2014

Approval Letter

September 30, 2014

Mr. Mike Varnado
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No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breau 10-6-14
Pam Breau Date
State Historic Preservation Officer

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
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April 23, 2015

Mr. Mike Varnado
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The proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on historic properties. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux 5-21-15
Pam Breaux Date
State Historic Preservation Officer

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

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As specified in the original solicitation of views and updates, the project is summarized in two categories: improvements to existing streets and curbs and improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features. This most recent project update includes additional scope items as follows:

- Replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement;
- Excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines;
- Point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replaced with a new pipe; and
- Other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repair and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

The project area is outside of historic districts and proposed historic extensions. Based on the site location and the previous approvals, we are requesting SHPO concurrence with our opinion that the project will not have an adverse effect on any historically significant properties in the area or archeological resources, and this change in scope should not cause adverse effects to the area of potential effect. If you have any questions regarding the scope change, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alie Nicotera

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General Information

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Proposed Project Information

Project Reference ID: 4744

Project Latitude: _____ **Project Longitude:** _____

Project Parish(es): Orleans

Project Description: The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in roadway improvement actions utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. The roadway improvements project is intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfare by pedestrians. The project has been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the street to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This letter is a supplement to previous determinations.

The limits of the Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements include Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St; and Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave. The original scope items, placed into two categories of improvements to existing streets and curbs and improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features, will still be completed. In addition, this project scope update includes:



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Based on the information provided, the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species; nor is there proposed or designated critical habitat present within this Parish.

Therefore, a "no effect" conclusion is appropriate. No further ESA coordination with the Service is necessary for the proposed action, unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project or the project has not been initiated one year from the date of this letter.

If the proposed project has not been initiated within one year, follow-up coordination via this website should be accomplished prior to making expenditures because our threatened and endangered species information is updated annually. If the scope or location of the proposed project is changed, coordination via this website should occur as soon as such changes are made.

This finding completes project review by the Service for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the ESA.

Please keep a copy of this pre-development coordination for your records. Do not send it to the Lafayette ES Office.

If you have additional questions, please contact Louisiana ES Office Biological Science Technician at 337/291-3100 for further assistance.



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Project Type: HUD Funded and/or Urban Development

Does the project propose to construct new buildings, streets, sidewalks or other urban/suburban infrastructure in an area that has been previously undisturbed? **No**

Does the project propose to obtain, remodel, refurbish, or rehabilitate existing structures in such a way that does not significantly alter the present capacity or use, and does not alter surrounding land areas that were previously undisturbed? **Yes**

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU
MAYOR

ELLEN M. LEE
DIRECTOR

April 24, 2015

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74702

**Re: Scope Change: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of New Orleans, in conjunction with the New Orleans Department of Public Works, proposes the following actions, in addition to the previously supplied scopes from the November 8, 2013, March 31, 2014, and September 30, 2014 letters. The project limits include Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St; and Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; centrally located coordinates are 29.996812; -90.081897. The project scope has been updated to include:

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All improvements and renovations will be done in conformity with the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code and all applicable New Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this letter constitutes a notification that comments will be accepted regarding the project. A response is not required, however should your organization identify negative impacts or be otherwise negatively influenced by the project, please provide any comments you may have describing such concerns.

Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me any time at (504) 658-4357. If a response is being sent, it can be emailed to sasmith@cityofno.com or delivered to the address provided below. Electronic versions of responses (pdf or email) are preferred at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Shirley Smith
Director, Environmental Compliance Unit
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CC: ENVIRON International Corporation; Alie Nicotera

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Joshua Latino

From: Alie Nicotera
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 3:51 PM
To: Joshua Latino
Subject: FW: Scope Change: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Yours sincerely
Alie Nicotera

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From: Shirley A. Smith [<mailto:sasmith@nola.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Alie Nicotera
Subject: FW: Scope Change: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

From: Lindsey Bilyeu [<mailto:lbilyeu@choctawnation.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:31 AM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: RE: Scope Change: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Ms. Smith,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks you for your correspondence regarding the above referenced project. Orleans Parish is within an area that is of historic interest to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. As a federally recognized Tribe, we wish to exercise our right to enter into government-to-government consultation directly with the federal agency (HUD) as directed in 36 CFR Part 800.3(c) (3), Executive Order 13175, and as stated in HUD policy Section III B.

The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department has some concerns regarding this project. The APE lies within the Choctaw Nation's buffer zone for a Choctaw village site and seasonal camp area. Due to the possibility of encountering buried archaeological material in the area, the Choctaw Nation will need some additional information.

We ask that you please send our office the comments from the SHPO regarding this project, so that we may have a better idea of its likelihood to impact ancestral Choctaw archaeological sites or sacred areas. We request your official finding based on your background research as to whether there are "No historic properties", "No Effect" to historic properties, "No Adverse Effect" to historic properties, or "Adverse Effect" to historic properties within the APE for this project. Also, we request that the following inadvertent discovery clause be written into the contract for this project:

"In the advent that ground-disturbing work uncovers significant archaeological materials, such as stone arrowheads, ceramics, or early building foundations, or if work uncovers human burials or human remains, ground disturbing activities will immediately be stopped within a 300 foot radius and the materials protected. The State Historic Preservation Officer and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Historic Preservation Department will be contacted as soon as possible, and given an opportunity to provide input before construction resumes.

If any archaeological or cultural materials are discovered during the project undertaking, neither the construction team or the HUD applicant will disclose this information to the general public or the media in any manner. Discoveries of archaeological material will be kept private and confidential."

Thank you,

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To: [Alie Nicotera](#)
Cc: [Adam Goodine](#)
Subject: FW: Scope Change: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 4:36:37 PM

From: Lindsey Bilyeu [mailto:lbilyeu@choctawnation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Shirley A. Smith
Subject: RE: Scope Change: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Ms. Smith,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks you for the additional information. The Choctaw Nation is unaware of any cultural or sacred sites located in the immediate project area. The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department concurs with the finding of "no adverse effect". However, as the project lies in an area of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American artifacts or human remains are encountered.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

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From: Shirley A. Smith [mailto:sasmith@nola.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 11:04 AM
To: Lindsey Bilyeu
Subject: RE: Scope Change: Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Hi Lindsey,

Attached is SHPO response.

Shirley

From: Lindsey Bilyeu [<mailto:lbilyeu@choctawnation.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:31 AM
To: Shirley A. Smith
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Ms. Smith,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks you for your correspondence regarding the above referenced project. Orleans Parish is within an area that is of historic interest to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. As a federally recognized Tribe, we wish to exercise our right to enter into government-to-government consultation directly with the federal agency (HUD) as directed in 36 CFR Part 800.3(c) (3), Executive Order 13175, and as stated in HUD policy Section III B.

The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department has some concerns regarding this project. The APE lies within the Choctaw Nation's buffer zone for a Choctaw village site and seasonal camp area. Due to the possibility of encountering buried archaeological material in the area, the Choctaw Nation will need some additional information.

We ask that you please send our office the comments from the SHPO regarding this project, so that we may have a better idea of its likelihood to impact ancestral Choctaw archaeological sites or sacred areas. We request your official finding based on your background research as to whether there are "No historic properties", "No Effect" to historic properties, "No Adverse Effect" to historic properties, or "Adverse Effect" to historic properties within the APE for this project. Also, we request that the following inadvertent discovery clause be written into the contract for this project:

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If any archaeological or cultural materials are discovered during the project undertaking, neither the construction team or the HUD applicant will disclose this information to the general public or the media in any manner. Discoveries of archaeological material will be kept private and confidential."

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SECTION 14

LOCAL AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE

Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project
Davey St (Harrison Ave to Milton St); Encampment St (Milton St to Sere St); Senate St
(Davey St to St Bernard Ave); Milton St (Davey St to Cadillac Street); Cadillac St (Sere St
to Harrison Ave)
New Orleans, Louisiana

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in roadway improvement actions utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. The roadway improvements project is intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfare by pedestrians. The project has been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the street to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The scope items, can be placed into three categories:

- improvements to existing streets and curbs;
- improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features; and
- improvements to utilities.

In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within the existing rights-of-way within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand beyond the limits of other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon the revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the streets subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planing, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

In addition to the repair of existing asphalt and concrete street surfaces, the roadway improvements will also include the repair and/or replacement of existing curbs as necessary. This will be limited to removal of damaged curb features and replacement in-kind and in-

location, and will not include alteration of the limits of or removal of median (neutral ground) areas, expansion of current curb limits, new curb cuts for traffic pattern alteration, or changes in existing curbs and/or street surfaces for any other purpose.

In concert with the street repair and resurfacing actions, sidewalk improvements will also be performed. This will include repair and replacement of sidewalk panels along walking routes of existing sidewalk areas only; that is, all sidewalk improvements will be conducted within the limits of existing sidewalk footprints. Sidewalks will not be extended in length to access new areas, nor expanded in width beyond what currently exists. Sidewalk grade and sloping features may be altered to allow for construction of features in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (such as ramps, varied surfacing materials, high contrast color panels, etc.).

In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

To improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.

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On behalf of the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works, and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this document constitutes a request that your agency review the overall project plan and site location to identify standards or constraints (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project; additional comments you may have relative to the project are also welcomed. Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact Alie Nicotera with ENVIRON International Corporation at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com, faxed to (504) 299-3494, or delivered via mail to the address provided below.

Enclosures: Figure 1B: Site Location Map

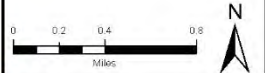
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Legend

- Street Scapes Project Location
- Water (CENSUS 2010)
- Orleans Parish



**SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**Figure
1B**

Author: [illegible]
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Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **Environmental Affairs, NOOCD**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Energy

1. Will the energy demands of this project have a significant effect on the energy supply for the community?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

a. If there is a significant impact, would it require improvements to the current infrastructure to meet the demand?

b. Describe any specific measures needed to mitigate energy supply issues:

I have no relevant data as it relates to the energy demands of this community. You may choose to contact Entergy for more information on the energy supply to this community.

Toxic Chemicals & Radioactive Materials

2. Will the project include or be located near hazardous materials, toxic chemicals, gasses or radioactive substances which could negatively affect the health or safety of residents, or conflict with the intended use of the subject property?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

a. If there is an impact, can the adverse environmental condition(s) be mitigated by removing, stabilizing or encapsulating the toxic substances in accordance with Federal, State, and local requirements?

b. Describe any specific measures required to mitigate adverse environmental conditions:

Local Response Questionnaire

The City of New Orleans completed significant soil remediation at the site of the Youth Study Center (YSC) (1100 Milton St) which is adjacent to some of the roadways identified in this project. Documentation can be found on LDEQ's EDMS online records webpage. I have no background knowledge of any environmental hazards present on these particular roadway sites. However if you are concerned that some may be present you can always commission an environmental site assessment or consult with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to see if they might have any other background knowledge of these particular sites' history.

Environmental Justice

3. Is the project location suitable for its proposed use such that it will not significantly alter demographic characteristics?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

4. Will the project negatively affect the nearby community's access to services?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

Print Name: Tim Adams, Jr.

Signature: 

Title: Policy & Program Manager

Organization: Office of Coastal & Environmental Affairs

Date: May 29, 2015

Additional Comments:

Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **Orleans Parish School Board**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Education

1. Will the project place additional demands on local educational facilities?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the additional demand will have a negative effect, describe in detail how the educational facilities will be impacted along with any measures necessary to mitigate such impacts:

Print Name: Rashaun Combre

Signature: Rashaun Combre

Title: Office Administrator

Organization: Orleans Parish School Board

Date: May 29, 2015

Additional Comments:

Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **Economic Development, NOOCD**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Socioeconomic

1. Will the project affect the demographic makeup of the local community?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigating measures:

2. Will the project lead to the displacement of residents and/or local businesses?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigating measures:

3. Will the project affect local employment and income patterns?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigating measures:

Local Response Questionnaire

4. Will the project affect local commercial business facilities?



No Significant Effect



Minor Effect



Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigating measures:

Print Name: ERNEST G. GETHERS

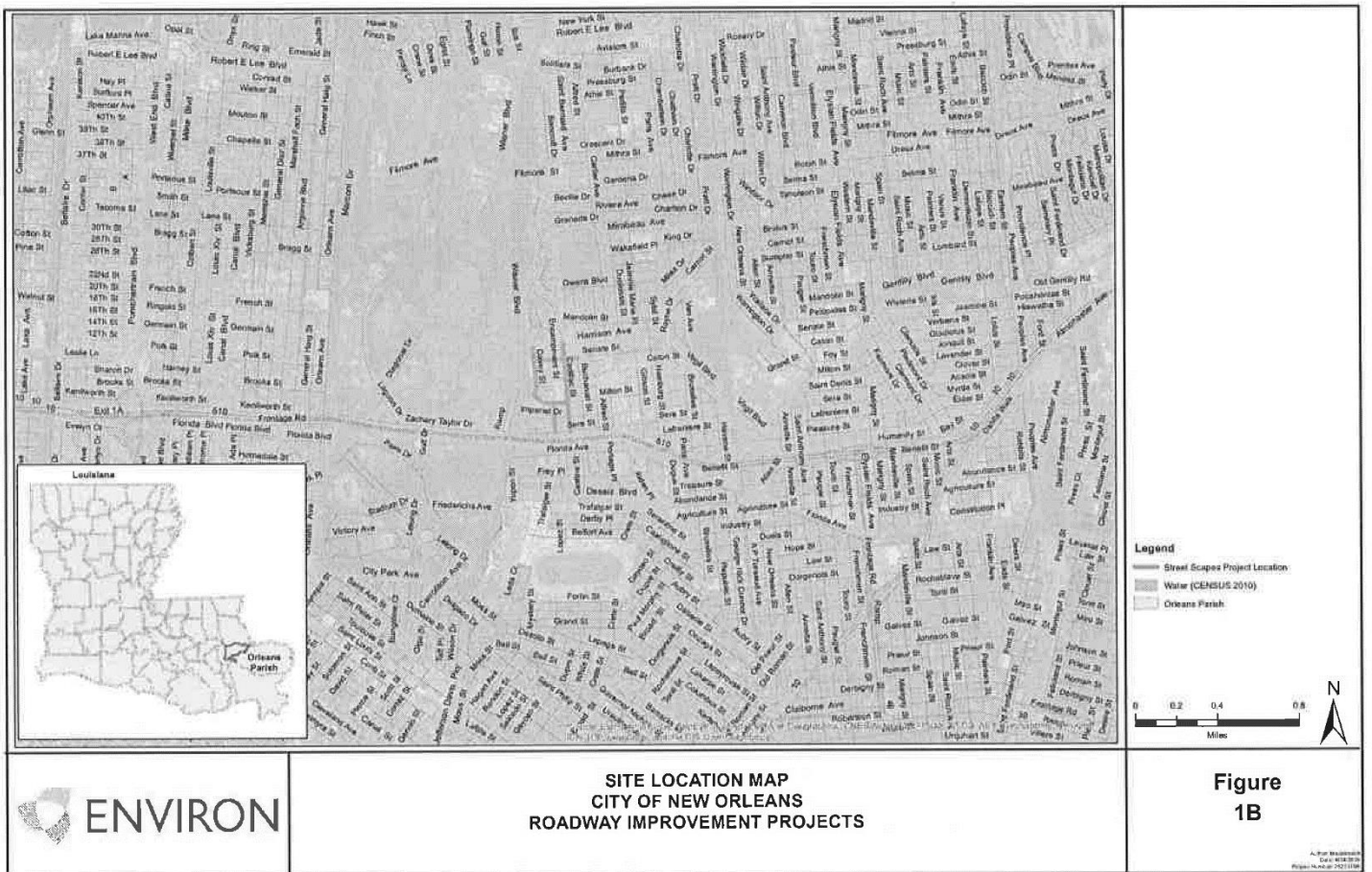
Signature: 

Title: SENIOR BUSINESS MANAGER

Organization: MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 4-27-2015

Additional Comments:



Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **Safety and Permits**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Engineering and Construction

1. Are the local soil conditions suitable for the project such that they will not negatively affect the geotechnical stability of any project foundations?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

2. Does the project produce any additional hazards or nuisances which could present dangerous situations or otherwise negatively affect the community?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If so, describe the nature of the hazards along with any necessary mitigation measures:

Noise

3. Will the local ambient noise levels negatively affect the project?

☒ No Negative Effect ☐ Minor Negative Effect ☐ Major Negative Effect

If so, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

4. Will the proposed project significantly contribute to existing community noise levels?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

Local Response Questionnaire

If so, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

Explosive or Flammable Operations

5. If the project involves the use of above-ground explosive or flammable fuels and/or chemical containers as described in the project description, are negative effects anticipated?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If so, describe the nature of the on-site hazard(s) along with any mitigation measures necessary to minimize potential impacts:

6. Is the project located near above-ground explosive or flammable fuels and/or chemical containers that could negatively affect the project? (*Note: Blast over-pressure or thermal radiation can be mitigated with the construction of a barrier of adequate size and strength to protect the project.*)

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If so, describe the nature of the off-site hazard(s) along with any mitigation measures necessary to protect the project:

Floodplain Management

7. If the project property lies within a 100 year flood plain (Zones A or V as identified by FEMA maps), will the project affect the local floodplain?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

a. *If so, describe the nature of the impact along with any mitigation measures required:*

b. *Do practicable alternatives to the project exist that can be taken to mitigate the effects of the project on the floodplain? If so, please describe (See the 8-step decision making process in 24 CFR Part 55.20 for guidance if needed):*

Energy

8. Will the energy demands of this project have a significant effect on the energy supply for the community?

Local Response Questionnaire

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

a. *If there is a significant impact, would it require improvements to the current infrastructure to meet the demand?*

b. *Describe any specific measures needed to mitigate energy supply issues:*

Planning and Design

11. Does the project conform to local comprehensive plans and zoning such that there should be no significant negative effect?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any mitigation measures necessary to facilitate conformance to community plans and zonings:

12. Is the project compatible with the local community and overall urban society such that there will be no negative effect?

☒ No Negative Effect ☐ Minor Negative Effect ☐ Major Negative Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any mitigation measures necessary to better "fit" the project to the area:

13. To what extent will the project affect the aesthetics of its natural and manmade surroundings? (Visual Quality Coherence)

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

a. *Is the project's design visually compatible with the area and its architectural scale?*

☐ Yes ☐ No

b. *Do you consider these affects to have any negative effects?*

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Negative Effect ☐ Major Negative Effect

Local Response Questionnaire

14. Will the project affect the local topography by significantly increasing or decreasing the slope of the land surrounding the project site?

☒ No Effect

☐ Minor Effect

☐ Major Effect

If the affect has a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact and any measures necessary to mitigate effects on the slope of the area:

15. Will the project have any negative effect on the existing erosion conditions; i.e. will it contribute to increased erosion of the land surrounding the project site?

☒ No Negative Effect

☐ Minor Negative Effect

☐ Major Negative Effect

If so, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

Print Name: Edward Horan

Signature: [Signature]

Title: Zoning administrator

Organization: Safety & Permits

Date: 6/8/15

Additional Comments:

The Department of Safety & Permits has no jurisdiction over roadway improvements.

Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **New Orleans Department of Public Works**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Transportation

1. Will the project generate a significant affect on local transportation systems such as roads, railways, and airports? (Note: consider the impact of any temporary or permanent street closures)

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, describe the extent of impacts along with any mitigation measures necessary to reduce the negative effect:

Surface Water

2. Will the project lead to higher surface water volumes within the community's ponds, lakes, and rivers, or otherwise affect the local surface water?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the impact is negative, describe any measures necessary to mitigate surface water impacts, such as retention ponds, storm drains, etc.:

Print Name: Brian Jones, P.E.

Signature: bkjones@nola.gov

Title: Program Administrator

Organization: N.O. DPW

Date: May 29, 2015

Additional Comments:

Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **Sanitation Department**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Solid Waste Disposal

1. Will the project create additional demand on the solid waste services of the community?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

a. If so, to what extent will there be an increase in solid waste produced?

b. Will there be additional needs for transport and disposal of waste?

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2. Would any increase in solid waste from the project, as indicated above, negatively affect existing transport and disposal infrastructure?

☒ No Negative Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

Please indicate if negative impacts require mitigating measures.

Print Name: Cynthia M. Sylvain-Lear_____

Signature:_____

Title: Director_____

Organization: Department of Sanitation_____

Date: 4-23-15_____

Additional Comments:

Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Open Space & Recreation

1. Would the project encroach upon or otherwise affect existing open space that is used by members of the community?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the impact and discuss any necessary mitigation measures:

2. Would the project affect local recreational activities?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the impact and discuss any necessary mitigation measures:

3. Would the project negatively affect local cultural facilities?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the impact and discuss any necessary mitigation measures:

Print Name: ANN E. MACDONALD_____

Signature: _____

Title: DIRECTOR_____

Organization: PARKS AND PARKWAYS_____

Date: APRIL 24, 2015_____

Additional Comments:

Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **New Orleans Recreation Development Commission**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

In conjunction with work to be funded through the New Orleans Office of Community Development, the following questions must be answered to complete the required Environmental Review Record per 24 CFR 58.36.

Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Open Space & Recreation

1. Would the project significantly affect existing open space that is used by members of the community?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the impact and discuss any necessary mitigation measures:

2. Would the project significantly affect local recreational activities?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the impact and discuss any necessary mitigation measures:

3. Would the project significantly affect local cultural facilities?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect is negative, please describe the impact and discuss any necessary mitigation measures:

Print Name: Victor N. Richard, III

Signature: [Signature]

Title: CEO

Organization: NORDC

Date: 4-23-15

Additional Comments:

Local Response Questionnaire

LCDBG Environmental Assessment
24 CFR 58.36 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations

PROJECT: **Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project**

DEPARTMENT: **City Planning Commission**

The following questions require input from your Department for completion of the NEPA review process and LCDBG grant application:

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Please answer the following questions, sign the bottom of the form, and return to Alie Nicotera by fax (504-648-2125) or email (anicotera@environcorp.com).

Planning and Design

1. Does the project conform to local comprehensive plans and zoning such that there should be no significant negative effect?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any mitigation measures necessary to facilitate conformance to community plans and zonings:

2. Is the project compatible with the local community and overall urban society such that there will be no negative effect?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any mitigation measures necessary to better "fit" the project to the area:

3. To what extent will the project affect the aesthetics of its natural and manmade surroundings? (Visual Quality Coherence)

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

a. *Is the project's design visually compatible with the area and its architectural scale?*

☒ Yes ☐ No

b. *Do you consider these affects to have any negative impacts?*

Local Response Questionnaire

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

4. Will the project affect the local topography by significantly increasing or decreasing the slope of the land surrounding the project site?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If the affect has a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact and any measures necessary to mitigate effects on the slope of the area:

5. Will the project have any effect on the existing erosion conditions; i.e. will it contribute to increased erosion of the land surrounding the project site?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If so, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

Environmental Justice

1. Is the project location suitable for its proposed use such that it will not significantly alter demographic characteristics?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

2. Will the project negatively affect the nearby community's access to services?

☒ No Significant Effect ☐ Minor Effect ☐ Major Effect

If there is a negative impact, describe the nature of the impact along with any necessary mitigation measures:

Print Name: Robert A. Rivers

Signature: [Signature]

Title: Executive Director

Organization: CPC

Local Response Questionnaire

Date: 5/6/15

Additional Comments:



Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project

**Davey St (Harrison Ave to Milton St); Encampment St (Milton St to Sere St); Senate St (Davey St to St Bernard Ave); Milton St (Davey St to Cadillac Street); Cadillac St (Sere St to Harrison Ave)
New Orleans, Louisiana**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works is planning to engage in roadway improvement actions utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant funding. The roadway improvements project is intended to address multiple road surface concerns for vehicular traffic, while at the same time taking into consideration the use of such thoroughfare by pedestrians. The project has been specifically designed to counteract local street and sidewalk degradation that has occurred over time, and as a result of past flooding and disaster events in the City's history. The improvements will repair the street to former functionality while at the same time updating various street and sidewalk features with newer, more effective and reliable technology in order to enhance ease of use for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The scope items, can be placed into three categories:

- improvements to existing streets and curbs;
- improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features; and
- improvements to utilities.

In order to improve and enhance the performance of street/road surfaces throughout the City, the roadway pavement must be repaired. These repairs will be conducted within the existing rights-of-way within the bounds of city-owned property, and will not expand beyond the limits of other entity-owned property. Additionally, the improvements will only involve the repair and/or replacement of currently paved road surfaces; encroachment upon the revision of the limits of median or greenspace will not be performed under this scope of work. These existing street surfaces throughout the city are generally composed of either asphalt and/or concrete. In streets designated for asphalt repair, the roadway improvements will generally begin with road surface milling by cold-planing the road surface in areas deemed necessary, in order to create the appropriate grade of the streets subsurface that differ significantly from surrounding areas are filled to generate a consistently smooth subgrade on which to install the street surface. Upon completion of the cold-planing, an asphalt overlay up to (but not exceeding) 2 inches in depth will be installed on streets determined to be completed with an asphalt finish.

Concrete roadway improvements will generally consist of the removal and replacement of concrete panels as necessary. This will involve the use of heavy equipment and demolition tools to remove existing panels, and use of similar heavy equipment to install newly fabricated panels within the limits of the panel removed. After panel replacement, the joint between the panels will be cleared and sealed using appropriate construction methods, in order to best avoid future degradation.

In addition to the repair of existing asphalt and concrete street surfaces, the roadway improvements will also include the repair and/or replacement of existing curbs as necessary. This will be limited to removal of damaged curb features and replacement in-kind and in-

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location, and will not include alteration of the limits of or removal of median (neutral ground) areas, expansion of current curb limits, new curb cuts for traffic pattern alteration, or changes in existing curbs and/or street surfaces for any other purpose.

In concert with the street repair and resurfacing actions, sidewalk improvements will also be performed. This will include repair and replacement of sidewalk panels along walking routes of existing sidewalk areas only; that is, all sidewalk improvements will be conducted within the limits of existing sidewalk footprints. Sidewalks will not be extended in length to access new areas, nor expanded in width beyond what currently exists. Sidewalk grade and sloping features may be altered to allow for construction of features in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (such as ramps, varied surfacing materials, high contrast color panels, etc.).

In addition to the sidewalk repairs, other ancillary improvements will be made within the street right-of-ways in order to enhance safety and traffic flow while also utilizing improved technology. One of these features proposed includes the installation of high-visibility crosswalk and roadway striping. Replacement of faded paint lines with high-visibility material in crosswalks and along traffic routes will work as an increased safety measure incorporated into the improvements. The re-striping of existing streets will not be installed in order to change to vehicular traffic patterns, but may allow for newly demarcated side-street parking and bike lanes.

To improve roadway support and ancillary features and aesthetics, new street signage will be installed as necessary. This will involve both street labeling and navigation/way-finding permanent signal fixtures. New sign installation will be conducted only within areas previously paved. New features such as signs and other roadway improvements will not be placed within greenspace or unpaved areas. Existing street lighting and traffic signal lighting will be improved and/or replaced in-location, which may include the installation of pedestrian crossing countdown fixtures. Ground-breaking for electrical support or installation/repair of electrical conduit will not be conducted under this action. Street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and pedestrian countdown signalization will be mounted upon existing infrastructure and utilize electrical support currently in place.

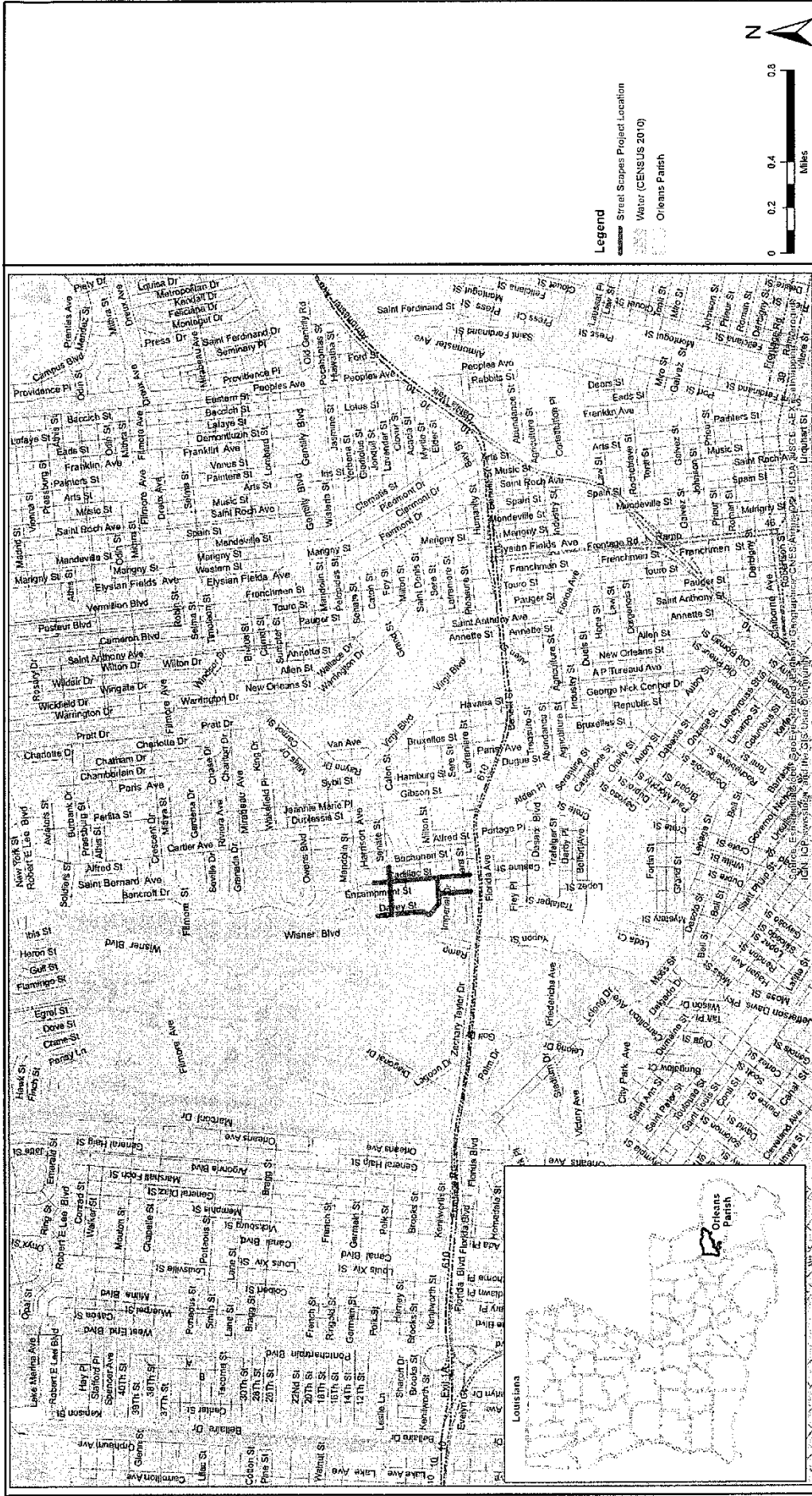
Finally, utility work includes: replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement, excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines, point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replaced with a new pipe, and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repair and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

On behalf of the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works, and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, Environmental Review Procedure, this document constitutes a request that your agency review the overall project plan and site location to identify standards or constraints (if any) that may impact or influence this proposed project; additional comments you may have relative to the project are also welcomed. Should you need additional information or have questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact Alie Nicotera with ENVIRON International Corporation at (504) 648-2125. Your response may be emailed to anicotera@environcorp.com, faxed to (504) 299-3494, or delivered via mail to the address provided below.

Enclosures: **Figure 1B: Site Location Map**

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**Figure
1B**

**SITE LOCATION MAP
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**



SECTION 15

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Anthony M. Faciane Sr.
Director for Neighborhood Stabilization
New Orleans Office of Community Development
City of New Orleans
1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000
New Orleans, LA 70112
504/658-8420

Notice Issued: _____

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:

On or about _____, the City of New Orleans will submit a request to Louisiana State Office of Community Development (LOCD) for the release of funds under the FY 2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, in accordance with the "Notice of Funding Availability" published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2006, for the purpose of improving existing streets and curbs, improving existing sidewalks and ancillary, and utilities (ILTR-00288; B-06-DG-22-0001). The project is requesting CDBG funding to eliminate an urgent need, as a result of effects from Hurricane Katrina.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of New Orleans has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Mayor's Office at the City of New Orleans, Office of Recovery and Development Administration, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000, New Orleans, LA 70112, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To view the full ERR call 658-4956 or e-mail sasmith@nola.gov for an appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the program may submit written comments to this office. All comments received by _____, will be considered by this office prior to the authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this notice they are addressing. Comments can also be emailed to sasmith@nola.gov.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

The City of New Orleans certifies to LOCD that Anthony M. Faciane, Sr. in his capacity as Director for Neighborhood Stabilization for the City of New Orleans consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. LOCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of New Orleans to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:

The City of New Orleans will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of New Orleans' certification received by _____ or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of New Orleans; (b) the City of New Orleans has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the City of New Orleans; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

Anthony M. Faciane, Sr.
Director for Neighborhood Stabilization
New Orleans Office of Community Development
City of New Orleans
1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000
New Orleans, LA 70112
504/658-8420

Potential objectors should contact the City of New Orleans to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Anthony M. Faciane, Sr.
Director for Neighborhood Stabilization

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 11/30/2004)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

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| 1. Program Title(s) State of Louisiana Disaster Recovery Assistance Program | 2. HUD/State Identification Number (HUD GRANT NUMBER) B-06-DI-22-0001 | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.228 | 5. Name and address of responsible entity Anthony M. Faciane, Sr. Director for Neighborhood Stabilization New Orleans Office of Community Development City of New Orleans 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000 New Orleans, LA 70112 504/658-8420 | |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name, phone and fax number) Jerry Williams 504/658-8416 | | |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request City of New Orleans 1340 Poydras Street, 10th Floor New Orleans, LA 70112 504/658-8435 | 7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) | |
| The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following | | |
| 9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Roadway Improvements Projects/ Youth Studies Center | 10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Orleans Parish, Louisiana | |

11. Program Activity/Project Description (including grant amount)

Project Description Summary

This Roadway Improvements Project can be summarized in three categories: 1. Improvements to existing streets and curbs, 2. Improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features, and 3. Improvements to utilities.

This project funding will be used to supplement the project already under way through funding from the Katrina/Rita D-CDBG (ILTR 00288).

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
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As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

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| Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity X | Name & Title of Certifying Officer Anthony Faciane, Director for Neighborhood Stabilization |
| | Date signed |

Address of Certifying Officer

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

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**Exhibit A
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Parish of Orleans

City of New Orleans

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Re: NOCP 9857 -Request for release of funds

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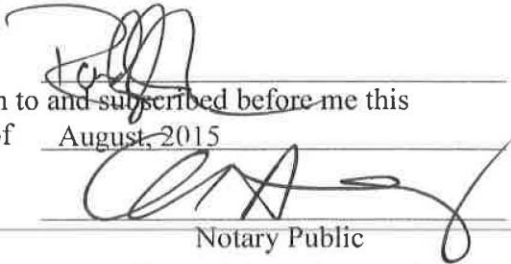
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On the following dates August 21, 2015

I attest that the copy attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is a true and correct copy of the advertisement published in The Times-Picayune on these dates.

21st

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Day of August, 2015


Notary Public

My commission expires at my death.

Charles A. Ferguson, Jr.

Notary identification number 23492

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Anthony M. Faciane Sr.,
Director for Neighborhood Stabilization
New Orleans Office of Community Development
City of New Orleans
1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000
New Orleans, LA 70112

Notice Issued: August 21, 2015

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:

The Authority to use Grant Funds (ATUGF) (7015.16) was originally issued on 6/12/2014 for \$759,000.00. The City of New Orleans' Office of Community Development (OCD) will forward a request to the Louisiana State Office of Community Development (LOCD) on or about September 9, 2015, to amend the ATUGF to reflect the new project description, boundaries and funding amount. The project is entitled "Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project." The Project boundaries are:

- **Original Boundaries:** Davey Street from Harrison Avenue to Milton Street; Encampment Street from Milton Street to Sere Street; Senate Street from Davey Street to Paris Avenue; and Cadillac Street from Sere Street to Harrison Avenue; and Milton Street from Davey Street to Cadillac Street New Orleans, LA.
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The total construction Disaster CDBG (D/CDBG) funding amount is approximately \$1,928,558.00. The total D/CDBG project amount is approximately \$2,190,772.48. The grant number is B-06-DG-22-0001.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of New Orleans has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of New Orleans, Office of Community Development at 1340 Poydras Street, 10th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70112, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To view the full ERR call 658-4956 or e-mail sasmith@nola.gov for an appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the program may submit written comments to this office. All comments received by September 8, 2015, will be considered by this office prior to the authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this notice they are addressing. Comments should be sent to Shirley Smith, Director of Environmental Compliance in the Office of Community Development, located at 1340 Poydras Street, 10th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70112. Comments can also be e-mailed to sasmith@nola.gov.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

This Office certifies to LOCD that Anthony M. Faciane, Sr., Director for Neighborhood Stabilization, in his capacity as Certifying Officer for Environmental Review for the City of New Orleans, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. LOCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of New Orleans to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:

LOCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the LOCD's certification received by September 24, 2015 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of New Orleans approved by LOCD; (b) the City of New Orleans has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by LOCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

Pat Forbes
Executive Director
Louisiana Division of Administration
Office of Community Development ("LOCD")
150 Third Street, 6th Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Potential objectors should contact LOCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Anthony M. Faciane, Sr.,
Director for Neighborhood Stabilization

Ellen Lee,
Director for Office of Community Development

Mitchell J. Landrieu,
Mayor

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU
MAYOR

ELLEN M. LEE
DIRECTOR

Notification of Environmental Clearance

Date: October 1, 2015

Jerry Williams
Disaster-CDBG Program Management Unit
1340 Poydras Street, 9th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70112

Project Name: Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements
Address: Davey Street from Harrison Avenue to Milton Street; Encampment Street from Milton Street to Sere Street; Senate Street from Davey Street to St. Bernard Avenue; and Cadillac Street from Sere Street to Harrison Avenue; and Milton Street from Davey Street to Cadillac Street, New Orleans, LA

Grant Number: B-06-DG-22-0001

Funding Amount: \$1,169,558.00

Dear Mr. Williams:

Upon your request an environmental review was performed on the above referenced project. The review has resulted in a determination that the aforementioned project meets the Regulatory compliance requirement as per Title 24, Part 58, Subpart D 58.36 Environmental Assessment.

You can proceed with the project as identified in your project description:

The Authority to Use Grant Funds (ATUGF) was originally issued on 6/12/2014 for \$759,000.00. The Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements project is being amended to reflect a revised project description, new boundaries and funding amount. The Project boundaries are:

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PHONE 504-658-4200 | FAX 504-658-4238



Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements
October 1, 2015

- **Amended Project Description:** In addition to activities listed in the original description, the project includes the replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement; excavation up to six feet, in order to properly install new water lines; point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replace with a new pipe; and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers manhole repairs and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

The funding amount for construction is being increased by \$1,169,558.00 from \$759,000.00 to \$1,928,558.00. The total D/CDBG project amount is \$2,210,058.06 of which \$281,500.06 has been cleared for design, construction management and materials testing.

Stipulation(s):

- *The project will disturb greater than on acre of ground. An LDEQ General Permit for Small Construction Activities (Master Permit Number LAR200000) will be required.*
- **The project lies in an area of historic interest to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. In the event that Native American artifacts or human remains are encountered, work in the immediate area of the discovery must be stopped and the tribe contacted immediately.**
- **Local and state regulations must be adhered to during construction to control airborne particulate to avoid visibility impairments and to ensure air quality.**

Please notify me if there is a change in the scope of service or the funding amount.

Sincerely,



Shirley Smith

Director of Environmental Compliance

SS/th

Cc: Anthony Faciane, **Director, Neighborhood Stabilization**
Environmental File / jjj

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Division of Administration
Office of Community Development
Disaster Recovery Unit

**Authority to Use Grant Funds
7015.16**

**Office of Community Development
Disaster Recovery Unit**

TO: Shirley Smith
Office of Community Development
Environmental Compliance Unit
1340 Poydras Street, 10th floor
New Orleans LA 70112

We received your Request for Release of Funds and Certification, form HUD-7015.15 on **September 9, 2015.**

Your Request was for HUD/State Identification Number – B-06-DG-22-0001

All objections, if received, have been considered. And the minimum waiting period has expired. You are hereby authorized to use funds provided to you under the above HUD/State Identification Number. File this form for proper record keeping, audit and inspection purposes.

Project/Activity: **AMENDED**

Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements –
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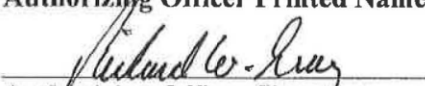
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Location: Davey Street from Harrison Avenue to Milton Street; Encampment Street from Milton Street to Sere Street; Senate Street from Davey Street to St. Bernard Avenue; and Cadillac Street from Sere Street to Harrison Avenue; Milton Street from Davey Street to Cadillac Street, New Orleans LA

Funding Amount: Construction amount is increasing from \$759,000 to \$1,928,558. The design, construction management and materials testing portion is \$281,500.06, bringing the total D/CDBG project amount to \$2,210,058.06.

Richard W. Gray
Authorizing Officer Printed Name

Authorizing Officer Signature

Director of Compliance, OCD
Authorizing Officer Title
September 25, 2015
Date

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 07/31/2017)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

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| 1. Program Title(s) State of Louisiana Disaster Recovery Assistance | 2. HUD/State Identification Number B06DG220001 | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.228 | 5. Name and address of responsible entity Anthony M. Faciane, Sr., Director for Neighborhood Stabilization 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000 City of New Orleans, LA 70112 | |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Shirley Smith, Director of Environmental Compliance Phone: 504.658.4357 | 7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) | |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Disaster Recovery Unit Office of Community Development 617 N. Third Street, 6th Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70802 ATTN: Ann Herring | | |

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

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| 9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Youth Study Center Roadway Improvements Project (ILTR 00288) | 10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Davey Street from Harrison Avenue to Milton Street; Encampment Street from Milton Street to Sere Street; Senate Street from Davey Street to St. Bernard Avenue; and Cadillac Street from Sere Street to Harrison Avenue; and Milton Street from Davey Street to Cadillac Street New Orleans, LA. |
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Stipulation: The project will disturb greater than one acre of ground; therefore, a LEDQ General Permit for Small Construction Activities (Master Permit Number LAR200000) will be required.

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

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Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

X 

Address of Certifying Officer

**Office of Community Development
1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000
New Orleans, LA 70112**

Title of Certifying Officer

**Anthony M. Faciane, Sr.,
Director for Neighborhood Stabilization**

Date signed

9/9/15

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Title of Authorized Officer

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Statutory Checklist

24 CFR § 58.5 Statutes, Executive Orders & Regulations
NEPA Related Federal Laws and Authorities

Responsible Entity:
City of New Orleans
Environmental Compliance Unit
1340 Poydras Street, 9th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70112

Application ID: ILTR-00288

Project Name: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project (ENV046)

Project Description:

Roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair; construction of ADA ramps; installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping; installation of new way finding and other street signage; upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features; replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement; excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines; point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replace with a new pipe; and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repairs and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

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Status Definitions: **A:** The project does not require formal consultation, compliance measures, or actions.
B: The project requires formal consultation, compliance measures, or actions.

| COMPLIANCE FACTORS [Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations cited at 24 CFR §58.5] | STATUS (A/B) | COMPLIANCE FINDING | SOURCE DOCUMENTATION |
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| 1. Historic Preservation [36 CFR Part 800] | A | <p>The project site does not lie within an existing historic district.</p> <p>In correspondence, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism State Historic Preservation Officer noted <i>"No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking."</i> The SHPO was contacted additional times, in regards to the scope changes. The agency responded to each scope change indicating that the change in project scope would not affect historic resources.</p> <p>The City of New Orleans contacted multiple tribal organizations to provide them the opportunity to comment on the proposed renovations.</p> <p>A response from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma notes, <i>"The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is unaware of any Choctaw</i></p> | <p>These determinations were made by the agency after review of the November 13, 2013, April 2, 2014, September 30, 2014, and April 23, 2015 solicitation of views provided by Ramboll Environ.</p> <p>GIS Figure 3B depicting the historic district; the December 20, 2013, May 1, 2014, October 6, 2014, and May 21, 2015 SHPO responses; the November 23, 2013, April 2, 2014, November 1, 2014, May 26, 2015, and June 23, 2015 Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responses; the December 30, 2013, April 16, 2014, and April 30,</p> |



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Environmental Compliance Unit
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| 1. Historic Preservation (continued) [36 CFR Part 800] | | <i>cultural or sacred sites located within the immediate project area. We believe there should be no effects to any known historic properties and that work should proceed as planned." However, the response also requests that if Native American cultural materials are encountered, work be stopped and their office be contacted immediately. Also, they ask that the stipulation be placed on the construction plans to ensure the contractors are aware. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded to an updated scope solicitation stating, "The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma concurs that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American cultural materials or human remains are encountered." The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was contacted a third time in regards to a scope update. The tribe responded stating, "Orleans Parish, LA lies in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's area of historic interest." They requested GPS coordinates for the scope update project area in order to provide a determination. The GPS coordinates were provided on November 5, 2014. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma declined to respond within the 30 day period after this request. However, based on the previous determinations, this project scope update should not have a negative impact on possible historic artifacts. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded to the 2015 scope update stating, "As a federally recognized Tribe, we wish to exercise our right to enter into government-to-government consultation directly with the federal agency. The Choctaw Nation Historic</i> | 2014 Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responses; the April 17, 2014 response from the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana; and the April 28, 2014 response from the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana can be found as attachments to the ERR. |



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| | | <p><i>Preservation Department has some concerns regarding this project. The APE lies within the Choctaw Nation's buffer zone for a Choctaw village site and seasonal camp area. Due to the possibility of encountering buried archaeological material in the area, the Choctaw Nation will need some additional information. We ask that you please send out office the comments from the SHPO regarding this project, so that we may have a better idea of its likelihood to impact ancestral Choctaw archaeological sites or sacred areas."</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma requested that the following clause be written into the project contract: "In the advent that ground-disturbing work uncovers significant archaeological materials, such as stone arrowheads, ceramics, or early building foundations, or if work uncovers human burials or human remains, ground disturbing activities will immediately be stopped within a 300 foot radius and the materials protected. The State Historic Preservation Officer and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Historic Preservation Department will be contacted as soon as possible, and given an opportunity to provide input before construction resumes." The SHPO response noting "no adverse effect on historic properties" was sent to Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma on May 26, 2015. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded stating, "The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department concurs with the finding of 'no adverse effect'. However, as the project lies in an area of historic interest to the Tribe, we ask that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately in the event that Native American artifacts or human remains are encountered."</i></p> | |



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| | | <p>Additionally, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responded stating, <i>"We have no concerns at this time. However, if any culturally significant artifacts are discovered please contact our office immediately."</i> The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians responded to an updated scope solicitation noting, <i>"In order to properly comment, the Jena Band of Choctaw Tribal Historic Preservation Office is requesting a Cultural Resources Survey and all other pertinent information regarding the project area, due to ground disturbing activities."</i> However, after further discussion with the City of New Orleans, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians replied, <i>"Thank you for providing information clarifying the details of this project. As it seems there shall be no further ground disturbing activities beyond what has already been disturbed, we find there is no further need for consultation on this matter as it pertains to cultural properties. Therefore, please consider this email as formal clearance for your NEPA compliance. However, as always, if by chance any culturally significant artifacts are encountered please contact us immediately."</i></p> <p>The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana responded in regards to the updated scope solicitation. The response states, <i>"Our records and oral traditions do not indicate that a specific Chitimacha archaeological site or Traditional Cultural Property will be affected, therefore we have no objection to the implementation of the proposed activity. However, if archaeological remains are discovered during the process of construction you should stop and contact the tribe and the State Historic Preservation Office immediately."</i> The</p> | |



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| | | <p>response from the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana Heritage Department concurs with the City of New Orleans' findings of "no historic properties affected." The letter indicates that the tribe does not know of sacred or ceremonial sites in the project area, and does not believe further Section 106 consultation is necessary for the project. They do note that "if any cultural resources, such as, bone, pottery, stone tools, etc., are found subsequently, we may elect to discuss additional mitigation steps, including on-site monitoring. In the event that archaeological properties or human remains are discovered, please stop work and contact us immediately, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law."</p> <p>The other organizations declined to provide project- specific comments within 30 days.</p> | |



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| 2. Floodplain Management [24 CFR Part 55, Executive Order 11988] | B | <p>The proposed project site is located within the FEMA Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (PDFRIM 2014) 100-year floodplain.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the project as improvements to an existing roadway, impacts to the floodplain as a result of the project are not anticipated to occur. Flood insurance will not be required as no structures exist on the site, and no new structures will be built. A detailed discussion on project alternatives and potential impacts, as they relate to the location of the site within the floodplain, are included in the attached "Floodplain and Wetland Management 8-Step Process" document.</p> | GIS Figures 4aB (1999) and 4bB (2014) depicting the floodplain are provided as an attachment to this ERR. |
| 3. Wetland Protection [24 CFR Part 55, Executive Order 11990] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>No wetlands were identified in the project area as depicted on the National Wetland Inventory and LDNR Coastal Wetland maps.</p> <p>A response from the Army Corps of Engineers stated that the site does not fall within areas designated as wetland and will not require Department of the Army (DA) permitting.</p> <p>Ramboll Environ did not observe any wetland indicators at the site, such as wetland vegetation.</p> | <p>The NWI map in relation to the project site is depicted on GIS Figure 1B. The LDNR Coastal Wetlands map in relation to the project site is depicted on GIS Figure 2B.</p> <p>The December 13, 2013; April 1, 2014; and July 9, 2015 responses from the ACOE and the GIS Figures can be found as attachments to the ERR.</p> |

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| 4. Coastal Zone Management [Coastal Zone Management Act 16 U.S.C. 1451, §§ 307(c), (d)] | B | <p>A response from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources referenced their September 28, 2012 letter, which states that the Office of Coastal Management (OCM) has determined that any and all federal financial assistance is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resource Program.</p> <p>Additionally, the September letter states that is the need to obtain a Coastal Use Permit or other authorization from OCM exists, a Request for Determination or Solicitation of Views should be submitted to LDNR OCM's Permit and Mitigation Division. However, the requirement of a Coastal Use Permit for this particular project will likely not be necessary due to a "fastlands" exemption under 43 L.A.C. 723.B.2. A "Request for Determination" may be submitted to LDNR to confirm this exemption.</p> <p>If the project disturbs greater than one acre of ground, a LDEQ General Permit for Small Construction Activities (Master Permit Number LAR200000) will be required.</p> <p>Based on the review conducted by Ramboll Environ, no aspects of this project appear likely to impact Coastal Zones of Louisiana.</p> | <p>The November 25, 2013 response from LDNR can be found as an attachment to the ERR.</p> |
| 5. Sole Source Aquifers [40 CFR Part 149] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>No Sole Source aquifers occur within Orleans Parish.</p> | <p>The project's location in relation to Sole Source aquifers is located on GIS Figure 5B, which is attached to this ERR.</p> <p>This information can also be found on the EPA's Region 6 Sole Source Aquifers map (http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/swp/ssa/maps.htm).</p> |



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| 6. Endangered Species [Endangered Species Act 50 CFR Part 402] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>Generated responses from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services online pre-development self-assessment tool indicate that the project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species. Additionally, responses from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries indicate the proposed project will not result in negative impacts to rare, threatened or endangered species, or critical habitats.</p> <p>Ramboll Environ did not observe any suitable habitat or evidence of endangered species at the property during the January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015 site inspections.</p> | The responses dated November 19, 2013; March 31, 2014; September 30, 2014; and April 23, 2015 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Louisiana Field Office and the November 20, 2013; October 17, 2014; and May 29, 2015 from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 7. Wild and Scenic Rivers [Wild and Scenic Rivers Act 16 U.S.C. 1271, §§ 7(b), and (c)] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>No federally listed Wild or Scenic rivers occur in Orleans Parish. One state listed wild and scenic river, Bayou St. John, occurs within Orleans Parish. A section of the project is located approximately 100 feet from Bayou St. John. However, based on the project scope, adverse impacts to the bayou are not anticipated to occur.</p> <p>Based on visual observation, Bayou St. John was in line-of sight from Davey Street.</p> | The project's location in relation to wild and scenic rivers is located on GIS Figure 6B, which is attached to this ERR. |



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| 8. Air Quality [Clean Air Act 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, and 93] | A | A response from Louisiana Departments of Environmental Quality indicates that the department has no objections to the project and that the proposed project will not result in adverse impacts to air quality. Note that local and state regulations will be adhered to during construction to control particulate matter, in order to ensure air quality. | Letters were sent to LDEQ on November 13, 2013; March 31, 2014; September 30, 2014; and April 23, 2015. LDEQ responded on November 20, 2014 and June 8, 2015. The sent letters and response can be found as attachments to this ERR. |
| 9. Farmland Protection [Farmland Protection Policy Act 7 CFR 658] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>The project location lies within an area designated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as "Prime Farmland."</p> <p>The NRCS responded in letters stating the project area is located within a pre-existing urban area, and is therefore exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act.</p> <p>Ramboll Environ did not observe any farming or agriculture activities during the site visits in January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015.</p> | <p>The project location is depicted on GIS Figure 7B.</p> <p>Responses were received from the NRCS dated November 18, 2013; April 3, 2014; October 6, 2014; and May 7, 2015. The letters and the GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR.</p> |



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| 10. Noise Abatement and Control [24 CFR Part 51 Support B] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>This was not a noise sensitive project, and therefore, a noise assessment was not required.</p> <p>The project is located within the HUD-specified 3,000 foot noise buffer zone for railroads and within the 1,000 foot noise buffer zone for major roads.</p> <p>Noise conditions experienced by citizens utilizing the roadway are not anticipated to differ from pre-Katrina levels, nor are they anticipated to significantly impact activities proposed for the site. Noise may be generated by construction activities, but noise generated from construction equipment and machinery used to improve hurricane damaged areas (i.e. trucks and backhoes) is considered exempt from HUD standards. However, construction noise is not anticipated to impact the surrounding neighborhood, and noise level generated by the post-construction are not expected to differ significantly from pre-construction levels and are not expected to impact the surrounding community.</p> | <p>The noise buffer zone for railroads is depicted on GIS Figure 8B, and the noise buffer zone for major roads is depicted on GIS Figure 9B.</p> <p>The GIS Figures can be found as attachments to the ERR.</p> |
| 11. Explosive and Flammable Operations [24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C] | A | <p>Not Applicable to the Project</p> <p>The site is not within the buffer zone for explosive or flammable operations. Therefore, impacts to the project or resulting from the project related to explosive or flammable factors are not anticipated to occur.</p> <p>Ramboll Environ did not observe any explosive or flammable operations at the property during the January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015 site inspections.</p> | <p>The buffer zone information is depicted on GIS Figure 19B.</p> <p>The GIS Figure can be found as an attachment to the ERR.</p> |



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| 12. Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones [24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D] | A | Not Applicable to the Project Louisiana Department of Transportation 2007 data indicates no active airports are located within one mile of the site. | The information is depicted on GIS Figure 18B, which is attached to this ERR. |
| 13. Contamination and Toxic Chemicals [24 CFR Part 58.5(i)(2)] | A | The project location is not located within the following applicable buffer zones: Leaking Underground Storage Tanks; Risk Management Plan Facility Locations; State Listed Radioactive Materials Facility Locations; Toxic Release Inventory areas; National Priority List Site Areas; or Registered Underground Storage Tanks. The project location is within the applicable buffer zone of RCRA Treatment, Storage, and Disposal areas; and Hazardous Waste Generators. However, this proximity alone does not represent an environmental concern to the site or project. Further consultation with the LDEQ would be necessary to determine impacts, if any, from this source. Refer to the executive summary for additional details. Ramboll Environ did not observe any obvious evidence of contamination or chemical release during the January, March, and September 2014 and April 2015 site visits. | The project location is depicted on GIS Figures 10B-14B, 16B, and 17B. The figures can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 14. Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898] | A | Not Applicable to the Project Based on information provided in the Environmental Justice Protocol, such as the benefits to the surrounding minority and low to moderate income population, it is not anticipated that the improvements of the roadway will have a negative impact on environmental justice issues. | Please see the attached “ <i>Environmental Justice Protocol</i> ” document for an analysis of potential environmental justice issues and mitigating measures. |



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DETERMINATION:

- ☐ **Box "A" has been checked for all compliance factors/authorities.** For Categorically Excluded actions pursuant to §58.35(a), the project can convert to Exempt, per §58.34(a)(12), since the project does not require any compliance measures (e.g. consultation, mitigation, permit, or approval) with respect to any law or authority cited at §58.5. The project is now made Exempt and funds may be drawn down; OR
- ☐ **Box "B" has been checked for one or more compliance factors/authorities.** For Categorically Excluded actions pursuant to §58.35(a), the project cannot convert to Exempt since one or more authorities require compliance, including but not limited to consultation with or approval from an oversight agency, performance of study or analysis, completion of remediation or mitigation measure, or obtaining license or permit. **Complete pertinent compliance requirement(s), publish NOI/RROF, request release of funds (HUD 7015.15), and obtain HUD's Authority to Use Grant Funds (HUD 7015.16) per §58.71 before committing funds (See Executive Summary for details regarding further consultation, mitigation, permit requirements or approvals required to be incorporated into public notices and project requirements such as contracts, grants, loan conditions, etc. as described in the Statutory Worksheet.); OR**
- ☒ This project is not a Categorically Excluded action pursuant to §58.35(a), or may result in a significant environmental impact to the environment, and requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). Prepare the EA according to 24 CFR Part 58 Subpart E.

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COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST for 24 CFR §58.6, Other Requirements

Project Name: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project **Application ID:** ILTR-00288
Project Description: The Roadway Improvements Projects can be summarized in three categories: 1. improvements to existing streets and curbs, 2. improvements to existing sidewalks and ancillary features, and 3. improvements to utilities.
Project Location: Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St, New Orleans, Louisiana

Level of Environmental Review Determination: 4

Select One: (1) Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34, or (2) Categorically Excluded not subject to statutes per 58.35 (b), or (3) Categorically Excluded subject to statutes per 58.35(a), or (4) Environmental Assessment per 58.36, or (5) EIS per 40 CFR 1500

1. §58.6(a) and (b) Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended; National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994

a. Does the project involve new construction, major rehabilitation, minor rehabilitation, improvements, acquisition, management, new loans, loan refinancing or mortgage insurance?

- ☒ Yes, continue
☐ No, compliance with this section is complete

b. Is the project located in a FEMA identified Special Flood Hazard Area?

- ☒ Yes, continue
☐ No, compliance with this section is complete

c. Is the community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)?

- ☒ Yes; Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained. If HUD assistance is provided as a grant, insurance must be maintained for the economic life of the project and in the amount of the total project cost (or up to the maximum allowable coverage, whichever is less). If HUD assistance is provided as a loan, insurance must be maintained for the term of the loan and in the amount of the loan (or up to the maximum allowable coverage, whichever is less). A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file in the ERR.

- ☐ No, Federal Assistance may not be used in the Special Flood Hazards Area.

2. §58.6(c) Coastal Barrier Improvement Act, as amended by the Coastal Barriers Improvement Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3501)

a. Does the project involve new construction, conversion of land uses, major rehabilitation, of existing structures, or acquisition of undeveloped land?

- ☒ Yes, continue
☐ No, compliance with this section is complete

b. Is the project located in a coastal barrier resource area?

- ☐ Yes; Federal assistance may not be used in such an area.
☒ No, compliance with this section is complete

3. §58.6(d) Runway Clear Zones and Clear Zones [24 CFR §51.303(a) (3)]

a. Does the project involve the sale or purchase of existing property?

- ☐ Yes, continue
☒ No, compliance with this section is complete

b. Is the property located within 2,500 feet of the end of a civil airport runway (Civil Airport's Runway Clear Zone) or within 15,000 feet of the end of a military runway (Military Airfield's Clear zone)?

- ☐ Yes, Notice must be provided to the buyer. The notice must advise the buyer that the property is in a Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone, what the implications of such a location are, and that there is a possibility that the property may, at a later date, be acquired by the airport operator. The buyer must sign a statement acknowledging receipt of this information, and a copy of the signed notice must be maintained with the ERR

- ☒ No, compliance with this section is complete

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Application ID: ILTR-00288

Project Name: Youth Studies Center Roadway Improvements Project

Responsible Entity Contact: Shirley Smith – (504) 658-4357

Applicant Contact: Jerry Williams – (504) 658-8416

Project Description:

Roadway improvements include the rehabilitation of asphalt/concrete pavement including mill, patching, 2-inch overlay, panel replacement, clearing and sealing of joints, and curb repair. Additional improvements may include sidewalk repair; construction of ADA ramps; installation of high-visibility crosswalk and other roadway striping; installation of new way finding and other street signage; upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals to include pedestrian countdown features; replacement of several waterline segments located under the existing pavement; excavation up to 6 feet, in order to properly install new water lines; point repairs to damaged utilities, such as sewer and drain lines, which involves removal of the damaged segment and replace with a new pipe; and other repairs involving utility work could include catch basin frames, covers, manhole repairs and/or adjustments, cleaning of existing catch basins, etc.

Location: Davey St from Harrison Ave to Milton St; Encampment St from Milton St to Sere St; Senate St from Davey St to St. Bernard Ave; Cadillac St from Sere St to Harrison Ave; Milton St from Davey St to Cadillac St, New Orleans, Louisiana

This project is determined to require an Environmental Assessment according to §58.36.

| RESOURCE | IMPACT (see Table 1) | SOURCE OF DOCUMENTATION (Conditions or mitigation measures are listed if required) |
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| Land Development | | |
| 1. Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning | In Conformance | A response in the local agency correspondence section of the ERR dated May 6, 2015 from R. Rivers, Executive Director of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, indicates that the project conforms to the comprehensive plans and zoning. The May 6, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. All streetscape modifications will be subject to conformance with state and local statutes, particularly those concerning construction and modification regulated by the City of New Orleans. |
| 2. Land Use Compatibility and Urban Impact | Compatible | A response dated May 6, 2015 from R. Rivers, Executive Director of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, indicates that the project is compatible with the local community and overall society of the urban environment. Since the streetscape is being improved to aid in accessibility and enhancement, no impacts to compatibility and urban environment are anticipated. The May 6, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |



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| 3. Slope and Erosion | No Impact | A response dated May 6, 2015 from R. Rivers, Executive Director of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, indicates that the project will not negatively impact the topography of the site or nearby locations. During the site visit on April 22, 2015, Ramboll Environ observed the area as flat with no significant erosion such as gully, rain drop, sheet, rill, or stream bank erosion. The May 6, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 4. Soil Suitability | No Evidence of Soil Issues | A response dated June 3, 2015 from E. Horan, Zoning Administrator for the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, indicates that local soil conditions are suitable for the proposed project. The June 3, 2015 response from Ed Horan can be found as an attachment to the ERR. Ramboll Environ did not observe any unsuitable soil conditions on April 22, 2015. |
| 5. Hazards and Nuisances and Site Safety | No Impact | A response dated June 3, 2015 from E. Horan, Zoning Administrator for the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, indicated that the project will not create any hazards or nuisances. Ramboll Environ did not observe any obvious contamination or chemical release during the site investigation on April 22, 2015. The June 3, 2015 response from Ed Horan can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 6. Energy Consumption | Not Applicable | A response dated May 29, 2015 from T. Adams, Policy and Program Manager of the Office of City of New Orleans Office of Coastal and Environmental Affairs, indicates that the energy consumption for the project does not present a significant increase over the current energy uses of the community. He also noted, "I have no relevant data as it relates to the energy demands of this community. You may choose to contact Entergy for more information on the energy supply to this community." The May 29, 2015 response from Tim Adams, Jr. can be found as an attachment to the ERR. As the project involves roadway improvements, the energy consumption should not have a significant increase; therefore, no impacts to energy consumption are anticipated. |



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| Socioeconomic | | |
| 7. Demographic Character Changes | No Impact | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, no changes in the demographic character of the surrounding area will occur as a result of the project. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The general nature of this streetscape will not be changed significantly from pre-Katrina conditions. |
| 8. Displacement | No Displacement | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, the project will not lead to displacement of residents or local businesses. Because the streetscape improvements will not extend outside the city owned right-of-ways, no impacts are anticipated to current population. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 9. Employment and Income Patterns | Beneficial | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, the project will not have an adverse impact on employment and income patterns. However, jobs will be available for short-term construction activities associated with the project activities. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| Community Facilities and Services | | |
| 10. Educational Facilities | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated May 29, 2015 from R. Combre from the Orleans Parish School Board, indicated that no impacts to local educational facilities are anticipated to result from the project. The roadway improvements will benefit the McDonogh #35 High School and Youth Studies Center being built in the area around the roadway improvements. The May 29, 2015 response from Rashaun Combre can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 11. Commercial Facilities | Planned / Existing Facilities are Adequate | According to an April 27, 2015 response from E. Gethers of the NOOCD – Economic Development Office, the project will not have a negative impact on local commercial business facilities. The attraction to this area as a result of the project and the future school and Youth Studies Center will increase the patronage of current and future surrounding properties. The April 27, 2015 response from Ernest Gethers can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |



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| 12. Health Care | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Health Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, as the project scope involves roadway improvements, impacts to local healthcare services and facilities are not anticipated to result from the proposed project. The closest hospital to the site is LSU University Hospital located approximately 3.5 miles from the site. |
| 13. Social Services | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Health Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, as the project scope involves roadway improvements, impacts to local social services are not anticipated to result from the proposed project. |
| 14. Solid Waste | Existing Facilities are Adequate | There are no municipal or industrial solid waste facilities within the vicinity of the project (GIS Figure 15). Additionally, solid waste generated as a result of the proposed action will be disposed of in a manner consistent with applicable state and local regulations. The New Orleans Department of Sanitation responded April 23, 2015, stating that the proposed project is not anticipated to have an impact on solid waste services in the city. The April 23, 2015 response from Cynthia Sylvain-Lear and GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 15. Waste Water | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, as the project involves roadway improvements, no impacts relative to community water concerns are anticipated to result from the proposed action. |
| 16. Storm Water | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, the proposed project is not anticipated to result in a significant increase of storm water runoff into surrounding property or stress the current water handling infrastructure. The LDEQ stated in correspondence dated June 8, 2015 that no objections exist based on submitted information, and the LDEQ recommends investigating certain listed water-quality requirements that may affect the project. The response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. |
| 17. Water Supply | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, the project is not anticipated to create an additional demand on the community water supply or negatively impact the quality of the local water supply. The City gets drinking water from the Mississippi River, which is approximately 2.8 miles from the site. The water treatment plant that services the site is located approximately 5.7 miles away on 8800 S. Claiborne Avenue. |



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| Public Safety | | |
| 18(a). Police | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Police Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, police services are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project, as the area is currently serviced by the 3 rd District Police Department located approximately 0.9 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 18(b). Fire | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Although solicited for comments on April 23, 2015 and May 28, 2015, the New Orleans Fire Department declined to respond with comments within 30 days. However, fire department services are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project, as the area is currently serviced by Engine 21 located approximately 0.5 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 18(c). Emergency Medical | Existing Facilities are Adequate | Emergency Medical Services are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project. The area is currently being serviced. The City of New Orleans EMS station is located approximately 4.9 miles from the project site. |
| Open Space and Recreation | | |
| 19(a). Open Space | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated April 24, 2015 from Ann Macdonald, Director of the New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department notes that the project will not have a negative effect on existing open space that is used by members of the community. The April 24, 2015 response from Ann Macdonald can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The closest open space area is City Park, which is approximately 0.1 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 19(b). Recreation | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated April 24, 2015 from Ann Macdonald of the New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department notes that the project will not have a negative effect on local recreation in the area. The April 24, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The closest recreation area is St. Bernard Recreation Center, which is approximately 0.4 of a mile away from the project site. |
| 19(c). Cultural Facilities | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated April 24, 2015 from Ann Macdonald of the New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department notes that the project will not have a negative effect on local cultural facilities. The April 24, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. The closest cultural facility is St. Bernard Community Baptist, which is approximately 0.1 of a mile away from the project site. |



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| 20. Transportation | Existing Facilities are Adequate | A response dated May 29, 2015 from the Department of Public Works indicated that no significant effect to local transportation systems will occur as a result of this project. The project area is currently serviced by the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority on St. Bernard Ave (GIS Figure 21) with the closest bus stop at St. Bernard Ave and Senate St. The May 29, 2015 response from Brian K. Jones and GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| Natural Features | | |
| 21. Water Resources | Permit Required | The LDEQ stated in correspondence dated June 8, 2015 that no objections exist based upon the information submitted. However, the Department recommends investigating certain listed water-quality requirements (e.g. wastewater and storm water permitting, groundwater protection, point source pollution) which may result in impacts from the proposed project. Based on current improvement plan for the streetscape no significant impacts to water resources are anticipated. The June 8, 2015 response can be found as an attachment to the ERR. If the project disturbs ground greater than one acre, the Department of Public Works must contact LDEQ to determine if Storm Water General Permits for Construction Activities (Master Permit Numbers LAR100000 or LAR200000) will be required. |
| 22. Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands | No Impact | The project location lies within an area designated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as "Prime Farmland" (GIS Figure 7). A response from the Natural Resource Conservation Service dated May 7, 2015 indicates the proposed project is located within a pre-existing urban area, and is therefore exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act. The May 7, 2015 response from the NRCS and GIS Figure can be found as attachments to the ERR. |
| 23. Vegetation and Wildlife | No Impact | An April 23, 2015 generated response from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services online pre-assessment self-assessment tool indicates that the project will have no effect on resources protected by the Endangered Species Act. Additionally, a response dated May 29, 2015 from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries indicates the proposed project will not result in negative impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species, or critical habitats. The April 23, 2015 USFWS and the May 29, 2015 LDWF responses can be found as attachments to the ERR. Ramboll Environ did not observe suitable habitat or evidence of endangered species at the property during the April 22, 2015 site inspection. |



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Summary of Findings and Conclusions

A complete summary of all findings and conclusions can be found in the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record. The following environmental conditions were investigated: floodplain location, wetlands, coastal management zones, historical preservation, threatened and endangered species, noise, airport clear zones, prime farm lands, aquifer protection, wild and scenic rivers, toxic chemicals and radiation, air and water quality, explosives and flammables, environmental justice, coastal zones, location in relation to flood control structures, solid waste disposal, land development, socioeconomic factors, community facilities and services, public safety, open space and recreation, transportation, and state and local statutes. Please refer to the Executive Summary referencing how significant environmental conditions apply to the project.

Summary of Environmental Conditions

A complete summary of environmental conditions can be found in the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record (specifically within the Summary of Findings and Conclusions). Environmental Conditions and Other Considerations include chemical/physical hazards associated with the existing structures and features, potential impacts to water quality, potential impacts to air quality, and properties located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone.



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Purpose of the Project:

The purpose of the roadway improvements project is to improve safety, accessibility, and utilities for the community surrounding the improvements and all of Orleans Parish.

Alternatives:

Please see the attached document "Alternatives and Cumulative Impact Analysis"

Summary of Existing Conditions and Future Trends:

A complete summary of the Existing Conditions and Future Trends can be found within the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record.

Additional Studies Performed:

An 8 Step Process was performed in accordance with 24 CFR Part 55 and Part 58.5 and can be found attached to this Environmental Review Record.

Mitigation Measures Needed:

A summary of Mitigation Measures needed can be found in the Executive Summary attached to this Environmental Review Record.



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FINDING [§58.40(g)]

- ☒ Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- ☐ Finding of Significant Impact

Conditions for Approval are provided in the Executive Summary and include all mitigation, permit requirements, approvals, or project requirements associated with this action.

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