

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
FOR TRANSPORTABLE TEMPORARY HOUSING UNIT GROUP SITE  
KNOWN AS THE BRIAN BENT GROUP HOUSING SITE (SC-02)  
BOUTTE, ST. CHARLES PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed Transportable Temporary Housing Unit (TTHU) group site. This Public Notice will be published on the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), St. Charles Parish Public Library, and the St. Charles Parish website. The group site may provide suitable temporary housing opportunities for individuals and families displaced under the major disaster declaration for Hurricane Ida (FEMA-4611-DR-LA) (for the incident beginning August 26, 2021) signed by the President on August 29, 2021.

The proposed action includes developing an approximately 10.65-acre site for up to approximately 47 MHUs to be located in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana in the City of Boutte. Activities may include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, road construction, the placement of concrete pads, utilities (electricity, telephones, water, and sewer), and the transport and installation of manufactured homes to the site. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500–1508), FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1 for implementing NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 44 CFR Part 9, a Draft EA was written to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. FEMA has determined that constructing the Brian Bent Group Site in a floodplain as identified on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) would result in impacts to and from the floodplain. Per 44 CFR Part 9, FEMA concluded that there is no practicable alternative to constructing a group site in the floodplain in St. Charles Parish.

In order to meet the urgent need of Hurricane Ida survivors to find temporary housing, FEMA has conducted an expedited environmental review process to identify and address environmental issues. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action.

The Draft EA is available for public review through FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/region/6>. Written comments on the Draft EA can be sent via email to [dr-4611-fema-ehp-ia@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:dr-4611-fema-ehp-ia@fema.dhs.gov). When responding by email, please reference the project name, "**Temporary Housing - Brian Bent Group Housing Site (SC-02)**" in the subject field.

The original public comment period was limited to three (3) days from April 1, 2022 through April 3, 2022 at 5pm (Central Standard Time). FEMA is re-issuing the public notice due to technical difficulties. The public comment period will now expire April 6th at 5pm CST. All comments received prior to 5 pm April 6th will be considered in FEMA's findings. The comment period must remain limited due to the emergency nature of this action and need to provide temporary housing solutions for survivors of Hurricane Ida. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and no further public noticing will be conducted.

**All other questions regarding disaster assistance or the availability of emergency housing should be directed to FEMA's Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 or visit [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).**