

Public Notice Regarding Section 106 Review of State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) Proposal to Demolish and Replace Buildings 17, 22, 26, 28, and 29, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA - Seeking Public Comment

The high winds and heavy rains of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the subsequent widespread flooding damaged many buildings in Orleans Parish, including Residential Buildings 17, 22, 26, 28, and 29 located on Beauregard Drive at the Jackson Barracks Military Post, New Orleans, LA. In the aftermath of the hurricanes, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is issuing this public notice as part of its responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800, the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This notice applies to activities carried out by the Public Assistance (PA) program implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5152-5206.

FP&C, in coordination with the State of Louisiana Military Department, has determined that the buildings are severely damaged and has requested that FEMA fund the demolition and replacement of the buildings. The regulations cited above require FEMA, as the funding agency, to identify if any of the properties that may be affected by this project are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and to assess the effect the project will have on these properties.

FEMA, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), has determined that Buildings 17, 22, 26, 28, and 29, properties among those commonly referred to as the Beauregard Houses, are contributing elements to the Jackson Barracks National Register Historic District.

FEMA has determined that demolition and replacement of Buildings 17, 22, 26, 28, and 29 will constitute an Adverse Effect to historic properties and is seeking input from members of the public on ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate this adverse effect. Any member of the public is encouraged to provide views on this project to FEMA. Comments can be submitted to FEMA for a 15-day period beginning on June 13, 2008 at www.crt.state.la.us/culturalassets/fema106 or by regular mail.

Mailed comments should be sent to:

FEMA Algiers TRO
5th Floor, Historic Preservation
1 Seine Court
New Orleans, LA 70114

If mailed, comments and requests must be physically received at this address by June 27, 2008.