

1.) A description of the undertaking, specifying the Federal involvement, and its area of potential effects, including photographs, maps and drawings as necessary;

The Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has endorsed Improved Project applications from the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Holy Cross School (Applicants) under the Public Assistance program. This effort as it currently has been described by the Applicants would require clearing the existing sites of St. Frances Cabrini Church and Redeemer-Seton and St. Frances Cabrini Schools to pave the way for construction of a new campus for Holy Cross School. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) consists of the area bounded by Prentiss Avenue, Paris Avenue, Crescent Street, Cartier Avenue, Perlita Street and the rear property line of the residences to the south side of Cabrini Court. See attached files containing maps and photographs of the church and schools.

2.) A description of the steps taken to identify historic properties;

FEMA surveyed and documented all buildings within the APE. Archival research and oral history interviews were conducted in order to provide insight regarding the buildings' significance. Upon completion of the research, FEMA consulted with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to determine whether these structures are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The locations of the properties were plotted on a map of known archaeological resources to determine whether the APE occurred on or near a previously-recorded National Register-eligible site.

3.) A description of the affected historic properties, including information on the characteristics that qualify them for the National Register;

Please see attached Determinations of Eligibility for all standing structures on the two campuses.

4.) A description of the undertaking's effects on historic properties;

FEMA and the SHPO have concurred that the proposed removal of the church will have an adverse effect on the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church. FEMA and SHPO have also concurred that the remaining thirteen (13) buildings on the two campuses are not eligible for the NRHP. FEMA has consulted the Orleans Parish Archeology Probability Zone Map and determined that the campuses are in a low probability zone and there are no recorded archaeological sites within a half-mile of the proposed demolition.

5.) An explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect were found applicable or inapplicable, including any conditions or future action to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects;

36 CFR 800.9(b)(1) lists “Physical destruction, damage, or alteration of all or part of the property” as an adverse effect on historic properties. Therefore, removal of a National Register-eligible property constitutes an adverse effect on historic properties.

6.) Copies or summaries of any views provided by consulting parties and the public.

Please see attached public comments and opinions regarding the undertaking.