

Public Notice Regarding Historic Review of Louisiana Land Trust-Owned Residential Buildings Proposed for Demolition in Orleans Parish, Louisiana

The high winds and heavy rains of Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent widespread flooding severely damaged many buildings in Orleans Parish. In the aftermath of the hurricane, the Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD/DRU) 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 Louisiana Land Trust implemented under the authority of the *Road Home* Program for OCD that implements hurricane recovery efforts using HUD funds, specifically those funds that were appropriated from Fiscal Year 2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Act HR 2863, Pub. L. No. 109-148, 119 Stat. 2680 (2005), dated December 30, 2005, and Fiscal Year 2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Act HR 4939, Pub. L No. 109-234, 120 Stat. 444 (2006), June 15, 2006.

The regulations cited above require OCD/DRU, as the funding agency, to identify the properties proposed for demolition as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; to assess the effect the demolition will have on historic resources, and to seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects.

OCD/DRU has conducted a survey of all properties owned by the Louisiana Land Trust. In consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), OCD/DRU has determined that there are approximately three hundred homes proposed for demolition that are eligible for the National Register. Therefore, OCD/DRU is requesting the aid of the public in identifying alternatives to demolition. Any member of the public who has specific practical information on feasible alternatives to demolition for any of these buildings is encouraged to respond. Alternative proposals should include a source of funding for repairs.

For a list of the property addresses and to suggest specific alternatives to demolitions, visit <http://www.crt.state.la.us/culturalassets>. This information will be accepted for a 15-day period beginning on Monday, May 4, 2009. Comments should be submitted to OCD/DRU at the website or by regular mail to:

OCD/DRU, 150 Third Street, 6th floor, Baton Rouge LA 70801
Attention: Ann Herring

If mailed, comments must be physically received at this address by May 19, 2009.