

**Public Notice Regarding Section 106 Review of Proposed Rehabilitation and new addition to the  
Joseph Maumus Art Center  
721 Friscoville Ave., Arabi, St. Bernard Parish  
Seeking Public Comment**

The high winds and heavy rains of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the subsequent widespread flooding damaged many buildings in St. Bernard Parish. In the aftermath of the hurricanes, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is issuing this public notice as a 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 FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5152-5206.



The St. Bernard Parish School Board is requesting that FEMA provide funds to rehabilitate and construct a new addition to the existing Joseph Maumus Art Center in Arabi, LA. The regulations at 36 CFR Part 800 require FEMA, as the funding agency, to identify if any of the properties affected by the proposed project are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; to assess the effects the project will have on historic properties; and to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any potential adverse effects.



Maumus Art Center. taken by FEMA's SHPO Liaison. 2011

FEMA has identified that the Joseph Maumus Art center is a contributing element of the Friscoville Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 9, 1998 because of its local architectural significance. FEMA has also determined the proposed rehabilitation and new construction project will result in adverse effects to the historic property and has initiated consultation to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effect. **Any member of the public is encouraged to provide views on how the project may affect historic properties and ways that these effects may be avoided, minimized, or mitigated.** Comments may be submitted to FEMA for a 15-day period beginning on **June 15, 2011** at [www.crt.state.la.us/culturalassets/fema106](http://www.crt.state.la.us/culturalassets/fema106) or by regular mail.

Mailed comments should be sent to:  
FEMA Mail Center  
Historic Preservation  
1 Seine Court, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mail Room  
New Orleans, LA 70114

If mailed, comments and requests must be postmarked by **June 29, 2011.**