



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
New Orleans District

Project Fact Sheet

Official Project Name

Brownfields - Highland Center Ph II

Location

Highland Center
520 Olive Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

Purpose

The Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program is designed to help states, tribes, and municipalities minimize the uncertainties of contamination often associated with Brownfields. Through the program the New Orleans District has been able to obtain funding to perform Phase I, II, and III Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) to begin the process of redevelopment based on community visions. The New Orleans District has successfully partnered with the LADEQ and EPA-Region 6 in conducting several of these ESAs.

Background

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

Authority

Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Pub .L.No. 107-118, 115 stat. 2356, "the Brownfields Law")

Scope

The USACE, MVN conducted a Phase I ESA on the Highland Center for the Volunteers of America in August 2007 in accordance with the scope and limitations of the ASTM Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process (E 1527-00) for the subject property.

The Phase I ESA noted the presence of potential asbestos-containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint. No other RECs were found to be associated with the subject site or adjacent properties based on the site reconnaissance and research conducted. The building has been used by the Volunteers of America (VOA) to provide various programs and services including a child care center, an after-school care program for low-income families, and numerous other social services.

The VOA intends on accepting the property as a donation and continuing to use it as a center for its volunteer operations. Therefore, USACE MVN recommended a Phase II ESA be performed to verify that the proposed use is appropriate and/or to determine what actions are necessary to ensure the safety of human health and the environment.

The scope of work for this project is to develop a QAPP and conduct a Phase II Site Investigation in accordance with ASTM's Standard Guide for Environmental Assessments: Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Process (E 1903-97) and with LAC 33:III Chapters 27, 28 and 51. The Phase II ESA will consist of:

- Asbestos Survey
- Lead-Based Paint Survey
- Site Investigation Report inclusive of abatement cost estimate

Progress to Date

Site Investigations were completed in December 2007. Final Ph II report completed in February of 2008.