



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

## Project Fact Sheet

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### **Official Project Name**

Brownfields - St. Mathews School

### **Location**

Saint Matthews School site, Melrose, Louisiana

### **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 Saint Matthews School Community Association acquired the property from the Natchitoches Parish school board in 2003 and plans to reuse the site for a community center. The Main Building with attached Gym will be maintained as part of the redevelopment, along with one of the 3 parallel Elementary buildings. The remaining 2 Elementary buildings, Home Economic building, and Shop are planned for demolition.

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

The Asbestos and LBP Surveys will be performed on the following structures: 5,000 SF main building, 8,000 SF attached gym (particularly material under wood flooring that was not sampled in previous investigations), 4,300 SF shop, three 4,600 SF elementary buildings, and 15,000 SF home economics building.

**Progress to Date**

Site investigation, Lead Based Paint and Aesbestos Surveys complete.

**Partners/Sponsors**

Saint Matthews School Community Association  
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6

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