

SAINT BERNARD HOUSING PROJECT
3801 Saint Bernard Avenue
New Orleans
Orleans Parish
Louisiana

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

FIELD RECORDS

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Location: 3801 Saint Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Global Positioning System (GPS) Coordinates:

29.9368726023957, -90.09459346532821

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Date of
Erection: 1940

Demolished: 2008

Architects: Herbert A. Benson, George H. Christy, and William E Spink

Owner: Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), City of New Orleans

Significance: The Great Depression of the 1930s spurred the first peacetime federal government attempts to systematically address the lack of adequate affordable housing for low-income residents. The federal government financed local building efforts through a series of new laws. Among the third wave of these project planned and built in the 1940s, the construction of Saint Bernard Housing Project addressed two major issues of the era: the housing reform movement (i.e. – urban “slum clearance”) and the reemployment of large sections of the labor force. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the closing and demolition of the housing projects along with the destruction of eighty percent of New Orleans housing stock once again focused the national and international attention on housing rights.

Editing Notes: The original historical report did not follow HABS standards & guidelines. It is available as part of the field notes for this survey.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 1930S SPURRED THE FIRST PEACETIME FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO SYSTEMATICALLY ADDRESS THE LACK OF ADEQUATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCED LOCAL BUILDING EFFORTS THROUGH A SERIES OF NEW LAWS. AMONG THE THIRD WAVE OF THESE PROJECTS PLANNED AND BUILT IN THE LATE 1930S, THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAFITTE HOUSING PROJECT ADDRESSED TWO MAJOR ISSUES OF THE ERA: THE HOUSING REFORM MOVEMENT (I.E. - URBAN "SLUM CLEARANCE") AND THE REEMPLOYMENT OF LARGE SECTIONS OF THE LABOR FORCE. AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA IN 2005, THE CLOSING AND DEMOLITION OF THE HOUSING PROJECTS ONCE AGAIN FOCUSED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON HOUSING RIGHTS.

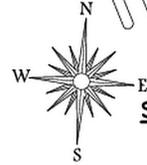
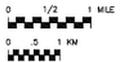
BUILDING KEY		
BUILDING NO.	HABS NO.	TYPE
1.	1452-66 SENATE ST.	D
2.	1458-82 SENATE ST.	E
3.	1484-98 SENATE ST.	LA-1380-A D
4.	4002-24 GIBSON ST.	D
5.	3964-74 GIBSON ST.	LA-1380-B H
6.	3944-62 GIBSON ST.	E
7.	3934-42 GIBSON ST.	A1
8.	3914-32 GIBSON ST.	E
9.	3902-12 GIBSON ST.	H
10.	1441-57 FOY PARK	LA-1380-C G
11.	1421-39 FOY PARK	A
12.	3911-19 DUPLESSIS ST.	A
13.	3921-39 DUPLESSIS ST.	E
14.	4001-23 DUPLESSIS ST.	E
15.	4002-24 DUPLESSIS ST.	LA-1380-D C
16.	3922-40 DUPLESSIS ST.	E
17.	3912-20 DUPLESSIS ST.	A
18.	1401-19 FOY ST.	F
19.	1442-50 SENATE ST.	F
20.	1432-40 SENATE ST.	E
21.	1422-30 SENATE ST.	LA-1380-E A1
22.	1412-20 SENATE ST.	LA-1380-F E
23.	1402-10 SENATE ST.	LA-1380-G F
24.	4002-24 JUMONVILLE ST.	C
25.	3926-44 JUMONVILLE ST.	F
26.	3902-24 JUMONVILLE ST.	C
27.	4001-23 ST. BERNARD AVE.	C
28.	3901-19 JUMONVILLE ST.	F
29.	3921-31 JUMONVILLE ST.	H
30.	4001-19 JUMONVILLE ST.	F
31.	1342-60 SENATE ST.	F
32.	1330-40 SENATE ST.	A
33.	1312-30 SENATE ST.	F
34.	1302-10 SENATE ST.	A1
35.	4025-33 SENATE ST.	A1
36.	1303-19 FOY PARK	G
37.	1321-35 FOY PARK	D
38.	1320-30 FOY PARK	H
39.	1302-1318 FOY PARK	C
40.	3929-43 ST. BERNARD AVE.	D
41.	3819-27 ST. BERNARD AVE.	A
42.	3803-17 ST. BERNARD AVE.	D
43.	1401-09 MILTON ST.	F
44.	1411-19 MILTON ST.	E
45.	1421-29 MILTON ST.	A1
46.	1431-39 MILTON ST.	E
47.	1441-49 MILTON ST.	F
48.	1400-18 FOY ST.	E
49.	3902-10 DUPLESSIS ST.	LA-1380-H A
50.	3826-44 DUPLESSIS ST.	F
51.	3802-24 DUPLESSIS ST.	C
52.	3801-23 DUPLESSIS ST.	C
53.	3825-43 DUPLESSIS ST.	E
54.	3901-09 DUPLESSIS ST.	A
55.	1420-38 FOY PARK	E
56.	1440-56 FOY PARK	G
57.	3888-98 GIBSON ST.	H
58.	3880-86 GIBSON ST.	E
59.	3858-66 GIBSON ST.	A1
60.	3838-56 GIBSON ST.	E
61.	3826-36 GIBSON ST.	H
62.	3804-24 GIBSON ST.	C
63.	1479-93 MILTON ST.	D
64.	1459-77 MILTON ST.	E
65.	1451-57 MILTON ST.	D
66.	1442-50 MILTON ST.	B
67.	1422-40 MILTON ST.	C
68.	1442-50 MILTON ST.	B

BUILDING KEY		
ADDRESS	HABS NO.	TYPE
69.	1402-10 MILTON ST.	A
70.	3701-23 JUMONVILLE ST.	A
71.	1401-09 ST. DENIS ST.	A
72.	1411-19 ST. DENIS ST.	B
73.	1421-39 ST. DENIS ST.	B
74.	1441-49 ST. DENIS ST.	LA-1380-I B
75.	3801 SAINT BERNARD AVE.	LA-1380-J
76.	1526-38 SENATE ST.	C2
77.	1500-14 SENATE ST.	C2
78.	4022-24 HAMBURG ST.	B2
79.	4012-16 HAMBURG ST.	B2
80.	4016-20 HAMBURG ST.	C2
81.	4015-19 HAMBURG ST.	B2
82.	4000-08 HAMBURG ST.	H2
83.	3038-4001-GIBSON ST.	H2
84.	3938-46 HAMBURG ST.	H2
85.	3937-45 GIBSON ST.	H2
86.	3918-20 HAMBURG ST.	B2
87.	3919-21 GIBSON ST.	H2
88.	3925-27 GIBSON ST.	B2
89.	3911-15 GIBSON ST.	B2
90.	3900-08 HAMBURG ST.	C2
91.	3901-09 GIBSON ST.	C2
92.	3838-46 HAMBURG ST.	C2
93.	3839-47 GIBSON ST.	C2
94.	3818-20 HAMBURG ST.	C2
95.	3819-21 GIBSON ST.	C2
96.	3823-27 GIBSON ST.	B2
97.	3811-15 GIBSON ST.	B2
98.	1527-39 MILTON ST.	H2
99.	1501-15 MILTON ST.	H2
100.	1526-38 MILTON ST.	H2
101.	1500-14 MILTON ST.	H2
102.	3718-20 HAMBURG ST.	B2
103.	3719-21 GIBSON ST.	B2
104.	3723-27 GIBSON ST.	B2
105.	3711-15 GIBSON ST.	B2
106.	3706-08 HAMBURG ST.	H2
107.	3707-09 GIBSON ST.	H2
108.	3700-04 HAMBURG ST.	H2
109.	3701-05 GIBSON ST.	H2
110.	3624-26 HAMBURG ST.	D
111.	3614-16 HAMBURG ST.	B2
112.	3618-20 HAMBURG ST.	B2
113.	3619-21 GIBSON ST.	C2
114.	1527-39 SERE ST.	C2
115.	1501-15 SERE ST.	C2
116.	1470-80 MILTON ST.	A2
117.	1460 MILTON ST.	E2
118.	3722-26 GIBSON ST.	A2
119.	3714-16 GIBSON ST.	A2
120.	3718-20 GIBSON ST.	A2
121.	3710-12 GIBSON ST.	A2
122.	3708 GIBSON ST.	E2
123.	3700-02 GIBSON ST.	H2
124.	3704-06 GIBSON ST.	C2
125.	3641-45 ST. BERNARD AVE.	E2
126.	3635-39 ST. BERNARD AVE.	H2
127.	3601 ST. BERNARD AVE.	F2
128.	3618-20 GIBSON ST.	B2
129.	3623-25 ST. BERNARD AVE.	C2
130.	3627-29 ST. BERNARD AVE.	B2
131.	3631-33 ST. BERNARD AVE.	A2
132.	3619-21 ST. BERNARD AVE.	B2
133.	3615-17 ST. BERNARD AVE.	C2
134.	1469-77 SERE ST.	H2
135.	1449-57 SERE ST.	C2
136.	1429-37 SERE ST.	H2



UTM REFERENCE: 15.76077-3317046

LOCATION MAP
ADAPTED FROM USGS MAP-
NEW ORLEANS EAST QUADRANGLE,
LOUISIANA



SITE PLAN

