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Welcome Back to the AEX Neighborhood Noise Mitigation Program Newsletter

This newsletter provides the community with accurate and current information about the ongoing Noise Mitigation Program. The England Authority wants to keep you up to date through this publication and through contact with our Noise Mitigation Program staff.

Land Acquisition & Relocation Assistance Program

The England Authority is continuing its implementation of the Land Acquisition & Relocation Assistance Program in the Rapides Station neighborhood. As of September 30, 2010, forty-seven (47) parcels have been acquired. A number of additional parcels are in various stages of the acquisition process. Relocation assistance, in the form of replacement housing payments, moving payments, and payment of business reestablishment expenses, has been provided to the occupants of those parcels. Once the parcels have been vacated, the structures are demolished. **Participation in the program is completely voluntary.**

Potential sellers receive information that should help them decide whether they are being offered fair market value for their property. There is no pressure for sellers to accept or reject the England Authority's offer to buy their property. In fact, sellers have up to 30 days to review the offer. In addition to paying closing costs that are normally paid by the seller, the England Authority pays moving and relocation expenses after the property is purchased.

The England Authority will not condemn property as part of this Noise Mitigation Program. The Authority only intends to purchase property from willing sellers at a fair market price as determined by appraisals.

Travel. Work. Live. Play.



Funding Status Update



The Noise Mitigation Program is funded through grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (La DOTD). The FAA provides 95% and the La DOTD provides 5% of the funding.

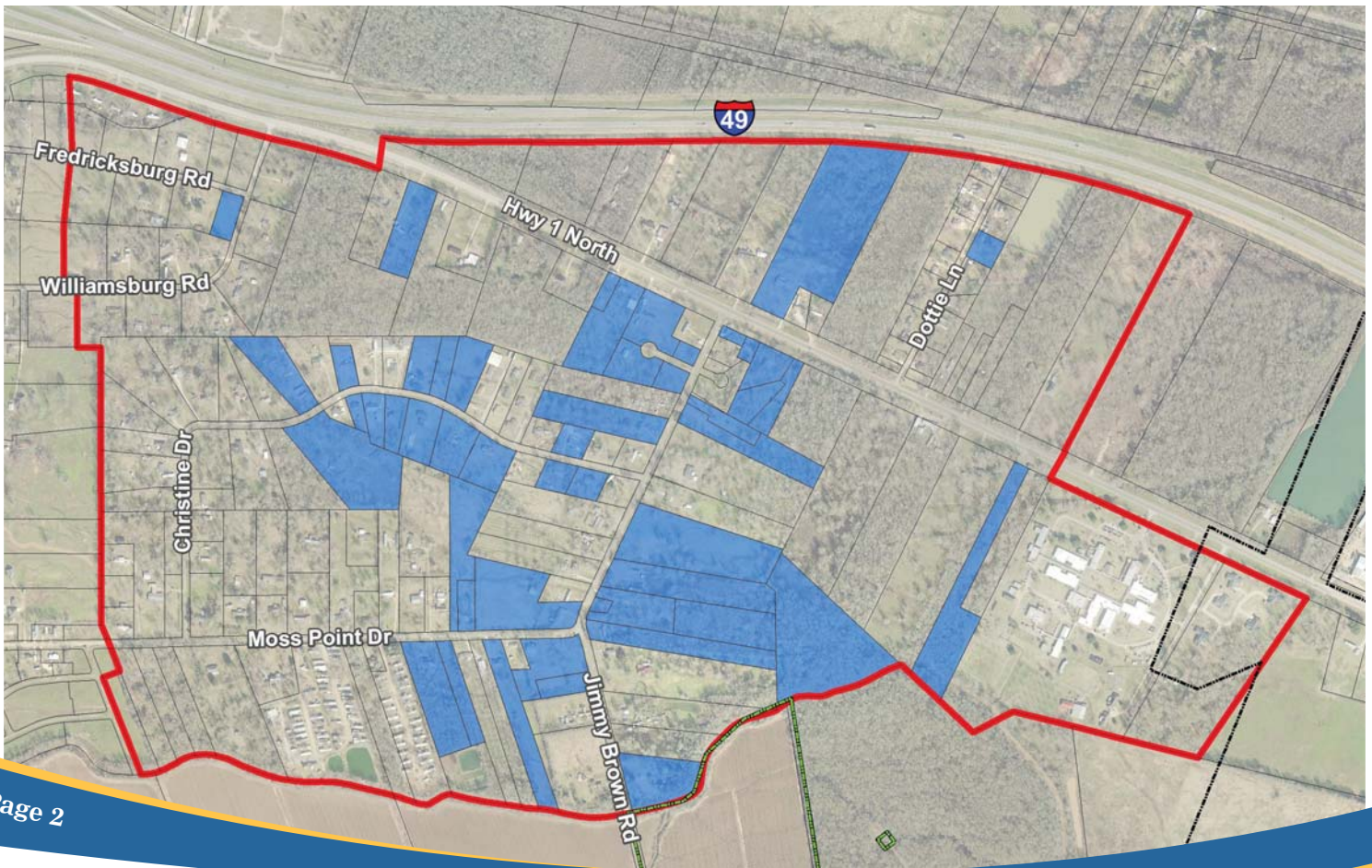
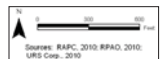
To date, the England Authority has received four (4) FAA grants, totaling \$21 million, for their Neighborhood Noise Mitigation Program. The funding has been utilized for the Land Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Program and Acoustical Treatment Program.

The Acoustical Treatment Program for Community and Institutional Facilities has included St. Mary's Residential Training School and Renaissance Home for Youth.

The map below illustrates the area that is eligible for the Land Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Program in the Rapides Station neighborhood. The parcels that are shaded in blue have already been acquired. A significant portion of the funding received to date went toward the acquisition of these parcels and relocation of residents. Future FAA grants will fund ongoing implementation of this program.

Legend

- Program Boundary
- Acquired Property
- Airport Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel Line



Acoustical Treatment Program Benefits at St. Mary's Residential Training School



The England Authority is pleased to announce the completion of the \$7.48 million Acoustical Treatment Program at St. Mary's Residential Training School (RTS).

St. Mary's RTS is one of the nation's premier facilities for serving individuals who have been diagnosed with autism and developmental disabilities. St. Mary's RTS is a private, non-profit residential facility for children and adults. Fifty percent of the residents are autistic, and those residents are particularly sensitive to loud noise. Approximately 202 students and 346 staff have benefited from this ATP. In addition, the ATP not only improved the interior environment to be more compatible with the exterior aircraft noise it also improved the school's energy efficiency, appearance, and value.

The England Authority's Consultant Team conducted property inspections of all eligible St. Mary's RTS buildings to determine the existing noise impact, noise infiltration characteristics and pre-existing building conditions. The final ATP acoustic design documents were completed in early 2009, by local architect Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architects and Engineers.

The acoustical modifications for the St. Mary's RTS buildings included an array of treatments such as: window replacements; prime door replacements; skylight treatments; roof replacement; building perimeter sealing; ceiling tile replacement; air conditioning (HVAC) system replacements; conditioned fresh air ventilation; addition of ventilation fans; addition of roof & soffit baffles; and asbestos abatement.

Contracts were awarded through a formal bidding process. The asbestos abatement services were awarded to Abatement Services, Inc. and monitored by Altec Environmental Consultants, Inc., both based in Shreveport. The acoustical modifications for the project were awarded to a local general contractor, Ratcliff Construction Company, based in Alexandria. Ratcliff employed numerous subcontractors, most of whom were also from the



Alexandria area. Construction began in November 2009 and was completed in June 2010. Over 80 jobs were created in the local community during the design and construction process.

The England Authority would like to thank the following local contractors for a successful ATP at St. Mary's Residential Training School:

- **Ratcliff Construction Company (General Contractor)**
- **ACA Mechanical / Industrial LLC (HVAC / Plumbing)**
- **Brown Manufacturing, Inc. (Steel Duct Support)**
- **Flynn Building Specialists, Inc. (Louvers & Vents)**
- **Glass Specialists of Alexandria, Inc. (Glass)**
- **MSI (Insulation)**
- **Pyramid Painting, Inc. (Painting / Coatings)**
- **Shannon Williams (Removal & Reinstallation of Walkway Covers)**
- **Southern Door & Hardware (Finish Hardware)**
- **Terry's Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. (Single-Ply Member Roofing)**
- **True Wall Enterprises, LLC (Lay Unit Masonry, Fireproofing, Metal)**
- **Studs, Drywall, Lath & Plaster, & Acoustical Ceilings)**
- **Twin City Electric, LLC (Electrical)**

The only out-of-state contractor was Northeast Noise Abatement (NENA) of Warwick, RI. They were responsible for the installation of the acoustical doors and windows.

Kickoff of the Acoustical Treatment Program at Renaissance Home for Youth



Renaissance HFY is a nonprofit organization providing juvenile support services to the Rapides Parish justice system. Renaissance provides a wide range "continuum of care" for 40 residents, boys and girls, in need of protection and correction. Renaissance HFY includes a detention facility, a separate shelter care facility/group home for both boys and girls, an office building/administrative complex, an education center, and other support buildings.

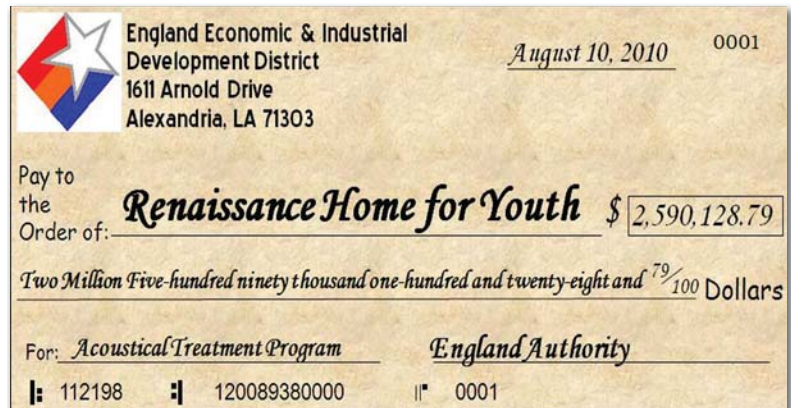


The England Authority's Consultant Team

conducted a property inspection of all eligible Renaissance HFY buildings (4 facility buildings, totaling 19,957 square feet) to determine the current noise impact, noise infiltration characteristics and pre-existing building conditions. The information collected from this inspection was utilized for the preparation of the design survey and the development of final acoustic design documents. The final ATP acoustic design documents were completed in early 2010. The acoustical modifications proposed

for the Renaissance HFY buildings include an array of treatments to include exterior acoustical window and door replacements, roofing improvements, roof / ceiling insulation, attic ventilation baffles, interior ceiling tile replacement, interior sound absorption panels, mechanical equipment replacement and ventilation improvements, associated electrical modifications and other sound-mitigating modifications.

At this time it is estimated that the total cost for the ATP for Renaissance HFY will be approximately \$2.6 million. The construction phase will be completed over a 53 week schedule from June 2010 to July 2011. The construction contract was awarded in June 2010, and product procurement is underway and will be completed in December, 2010. The actual construction at Renaissance HFY is scheduled to begin in January 2011, and be completed in July 2011.



Left to Right: Dewayne Brevelle, Mary Bravinder, Corey Lair, Brad Colwell, Ross Foote, Robbie Laborde, Charlie Weems, Nancy Stich, Curman Gaines, Lance Harris



England Authority Rotary Club Presentation

Charles S. Weems, III,
Chairman of the England Authority



Through their ongoing public involvement program with the local community, the England Authority participated at the August 10, 2010 Rotary Club meeting at City Hall. The event celebrated the completion of the ATP program at St. Mary's Residential Training School and the kickoff of the ATP at Renaissance Home for Youth.

The event included a presentation about the St. Mary's Residential Training School ATP including FAA and LaDOTD funding, and multiple before and after photos of the improvements. This event also afforded the England Authority an opportunity to thank the hardworking firms that were associated with this ATP. Charles S. Weems, III, Chairman of the England Authority, presented a plaque entitled *A Quiet Life Inspires Imaginative Minds* to Bishop Herzog, President of St. Mary's Board of Directors. It commemorated the completion of a successful program. Sister Carla Bertani, Administrator of St. Mary's said, "Through this project St. Mary's received

the highest quality of materials and workmanship that has resulted in a much quieter and energy efficient environment. We have gained so much more than new windows, doors and roofs. We have gained new life-long friends and supporters who will help us to always make St. Mary's a place where severe challenges are met with profound love."

In addition, Ratcliff Construction Company was presented with a plaque for their outstanding effort, initiative, and commitment to the ATP. As noted previously, over 80 jobs were created in the local community during the design and construction process.

The Rotary Club event also kicked off the ATP at Renaissance HFY. Charlie Weems, III, Chairman of the England Authority presented a symbolic check in the amount of \$2,590,128.79 to Robbie Laborde, Chairman of Renaissance HFY Board of Directors, while other board members from both organizations looked on.

*80 jobs
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local community!*

Future Plans for the Neighborhood Noise Mitigation Program

The England Authority has requested an additional \$10 million from the FAA for Fiscal Year 2011, to continue implementation of the Neighborhood Noise Mitigation Program. It is unknown at this time when the FY 2011 grant will be awarded, although it will be no earlier than March 2011. The grant will be used primarily for continued acquisition and relocation in the Rapides Station neighborhood. We are in the process of identifying the parcels that will be invited to participate in the FY'11 grant. If your property is shown on the map on Page 2, and you have an interest in participating in the Land Acquisition & Relocation Assistance Program next year, please contact the Program Office.

This is your source for accurate and current information regarding the Neighborhood Noise Mitigation Program!

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