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## BUILDING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

**ANTHONY RESIDENCE  
506 RIVERVIEW ROAD  
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520**

**DATE OF LOSS:**

**AUGUST 29, 2005  
(HURRICANE KATRINA)**

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Indoor Air Quality Association, Exterior Design Institute, National Fire Protection Association  
Structural Engineering Institute, American Association of Wind Engineers, Architectural Engineering Institute

**Exhibit "M"**

## **INVESTIGATIVE METHODOLOGY**

The purpose of this report is to determine the extent of damage caused by wind and flood to the Anthony residence at 506 Riverview Road, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Opinions in this report are based on available evidence including analysis of weather conditions, physical data collected at the site location and the investigator's knowledge, training and experience. Mr. Michael Brandner, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, was interviewed on January 14, 2009. The property lot was visited on January 15, 2009. This report was reviewed for consistency of data and use of a systematic approach desirable and necessary in the analysis of building failure. Satellite images, photographs, maps and other data referenced but not included in this report remain on file in the project folder.

## **SYNOPSIS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Hurricane Katrina made its third landfall at the Louisiana/Mississippi border about 1100 CDT on August 29, 2005 with sustained wind at 125 mph in the eyewall. The central pressure at landfall was 920 mb, ranking 3rd lowest on record for U.S.-landfalling storms behind Camille (909 mb) and the Labor Day hurricane that struck the Florida Keys in 1935 (892 mb).

According to the ARA wind gust map developed for FEMA HAZUS, 3-second wind gusts reached about 128 mph in the Bay St. Louis area. The NOAA wind gust map shows wind gusts in Bay St. Louis at 120 mph (with a 15% margin of error).

According to the FEMA topographic map enclosed with Attachment A, the adjacent grade is about 4' above mean sea level. A 1998 Certificate of Elevation enclosed as Attachment B-1 places the lowest grade at 4.1' above 1929 NGVD and the first elevated floor level at 13.91 feet above mean sea level NGVD. According to the FEMA flood inundation map enclosed with Attachment A, a high water mark about 500 feet from the Anthony residence shows 20.4 feet above mean sea level 1988 NAVD. (The difference between the two datums along the Mississippi coast is negligible for the purpose of this analysis).

A report prepared by Dr. Pat Fitzpatrick specifically for the Anthony residence (Attachment C-1) was reviewed. The report assumes that the adjacent grade level was 13.2 feet above mean sea level and storm surge peaked at 22.5 feet above mean sea level. The Fitzpatrick report assumes wave action less than 1.5 feet superimposed on the surge. Although the actual FEMA high water mark is 2.1 feet lower than the surge height in the ADCIRC model used by Fitzpatrick, the Fitzpatrick assumption of 13.2' floor elevation is generally used in this report. However, where the difference is crucial in the analysis, the differentiation is made clear.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING STRUCTURE**

The house was constructed in the 1970s with 6' piles and tie-beams attached at grade level between the base of the piles. The front gable-end of the house faced SE towards Riverview Road. After the house was constructed, the exterior cladding (the photos show rigid mineral shingles, possibly with asbestos containing material) was covered with blueboard insulation and vinyl or aluminum siding. (The siding on the remaining timber piles is aluminum siding; this report assumes that aluminum siding was used on the elevated portion of the house, as well).

Exterior walls were constructed under the elevated portion of the house so that the vinyl siding was uniformly applied from the eave to the ground level. The photos appear to show that standing seam metal was applied over an earlier application of three-tab shingles. About 2002, an addition was made to the rear of the house at which time the siding and metal roof were extended towards the waterfront. The addition was a screened-in patio. It is assumed that the three lamp posts were added at this time.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING DAMAGE**

The site inspection photos (Photos 1-14) were taken after the house was demolished. The value of the site specific information is questionable because of the demolition affect. Of interest, most of the plank boards on the dock (Photos 6-7) survived and were not pulled up by wave action. Trees in the area (Photos 11-14) show the affect of wind gusts that crossed during Katrina.

The post-Katrina damage photos in Attachment B show the metal roof removed; the battens over the shingled roof covering remained. At some locations shingles are missing exposing the building paper; at other locations the roof sheathing is missing.

The siding is removed from most locations; the battens over the original cladding remained. Under the house, the ceiling under the elevated structure and the overhead fans remain intact. This indicates that storm surge rose without any significant wave activity, collapsing the break-away walls and covering the ceiling and overhead fans before wind could attack these components.

The roof over the screen-in patio was removed by wind, exposing the original structure to wind and wind-driven rain. The metal roof over the original structure and portions of the roof deck also were removed by wind allowing wind and wind-driven rain to penetrate the structure.

Based on the Fitzpatrick timeline, 135 mph wind gusts crossed the property lot when only 2.8' of water was above the finished floor. 125 mph wind gusts crossed the property lot before any amount of water reached the finished floor. Referencing the EF Scale (see below), it can be expected that a significant amount of the metal roof covering and sections of the roof deck would have been lost as early as 0630 CDT when wind reached 105 mph, 3 hours before any storm surge reached the elevated portion of the building.

The loss of the roof covering over the addition would have occurred by 0830 CDT, 1 hour before storm surge reached the elevated portion of the building. The amount of damage caused by wind and wind-driven rain penetrating through these openings – even if no further openings were created by wind – would have rendered the elevated portion of the building and its contents a total economic loss before the arrival of storm surge.

**EF SCALE (REV 2)  
ONE AND TWO STORY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES**

<b>DOD*</b>	<b>Damage description</b>	<b>Exp**</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>UB</b>
1	Threshold of visible damage	65	53	80
2	Loss of roof covering material (<20%), gutters and/or awning; loss of vinyl or metal siding	79	63	97
3	Broken glass in doors and windows	96	79	114
4	Uplift of roof deck and loss of significant roof covering material (>20%); collapse of chimney; garage doors collapse inward or outward; failure of porch or carport	97	81	116
5	Entire house shifts off foundation	121	103	141
6	Large sections of roof structure removed; most walls remain standing	122	104	142
7	Exterior walls collapsed	132	113	153
8	Most walls collapsed in bottom floor, except small interior rooms	152	127	178
9	All walls collapsed	170	142	198
10	Destruction of engineered and/or well constructed residence: slab swept clean	200	165	220

\* DOD is degree of damage \*\*Wind Speed values are in mph

Surge eventually rose to a height of 9.3 feet above the finished floor of the elevated portion of the building, and it is recognized that absent any affect of wind, flood would have caused substantial damage to the building. Flood more likely than wind collapsed the break-away walls at ground level and damaged the interior at ground level. However, flood would not have removed the roof over the rear addition.

**CONCLUSION**

Wind damaged the elevated portion of the building (removal of siding, metal roofing, roof deck, damage to the three-tab shingles under the metal roof, removal of the gable end roof over the screen-in addition, water-damage to the interior above the elevated floor level). Wind also removed the siding at the lower level before the rise of storm surge. The building was rendered a total economic loss due to wind load prior to the rise of storm surge to the level of the elevated structure.

Flood damaged the lower portion of the building under the elevated floor level (collapse of break-away walls and water-damage to the lower floor level in advanced of damage caused by wind).

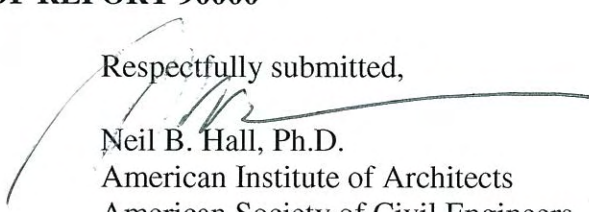
## ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment A provides maps and aerial photographs.
- 2) Attachment B provides photographs and the Certificate of Elevation
- 3) Attachment C provides wind and flood data including the Fitzpatrick report.
- 4) Attachment D provides biographical sketches as recommended by the ASCE Technical Council for Forensic Engineering.

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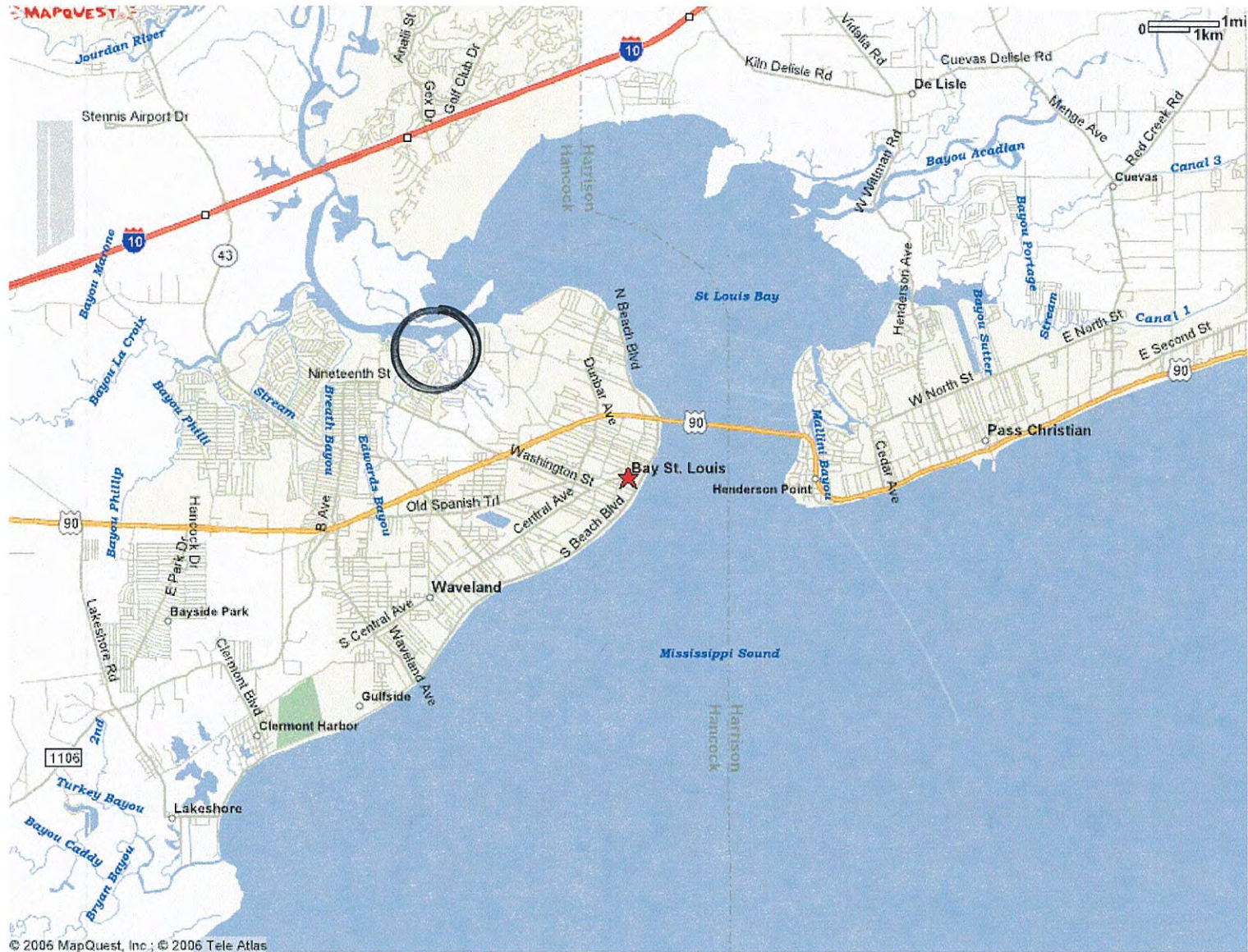
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**ATTACHMENT A**

**MAPS AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

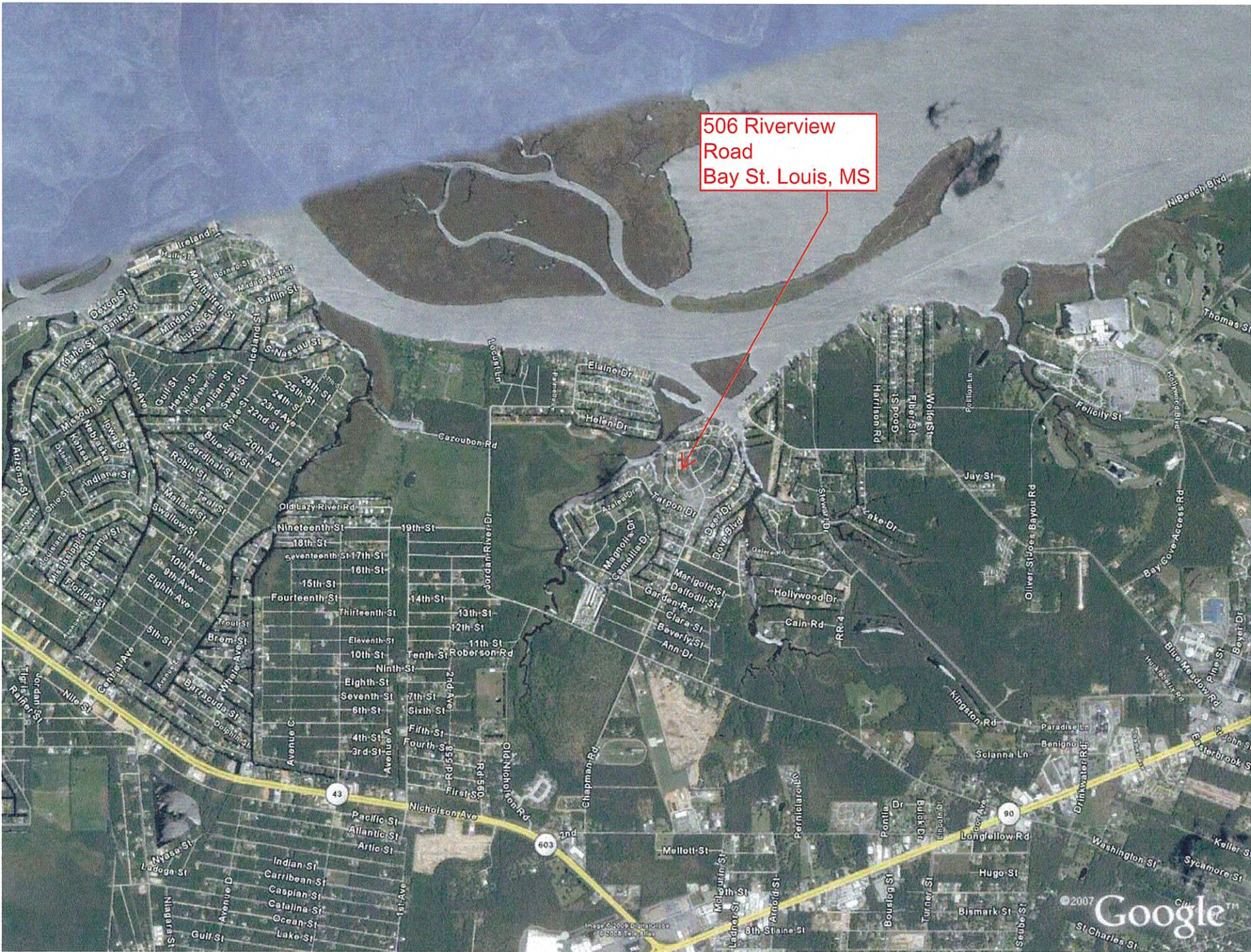
**NOTE: LOCATION ON MAP MAY BE APPROXIMATE**







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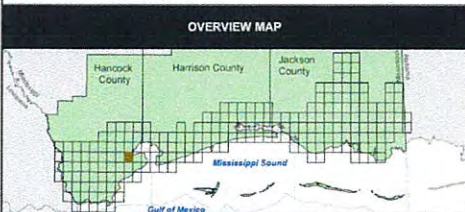


**PROVISIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC ELEVATION CONTOUR MAP**

**Hancock County, MS**

Date of Map: December 15, 2005

Map Number: MS-G9



LEGEND	
	State Boundary
	County Boundary
	Topographic Contours <sup>1,2</sup> (Contour Interval = 2 feet)

**Data Sources:**  
**Aerial Imagery:** USDA, National Agriculture Imagery Program, 2004  
**Topographic Data:** The NOAA Coastal Services Center purchased the Hancock County and Jackson County data from EarthData International for and in coordination with the State of Mississippi. The State of Mississippi purchased the Harrison County data from EarthData International, and permitted these data to be used by FEMA in the Hurricane Katrina recovery mapping effort.

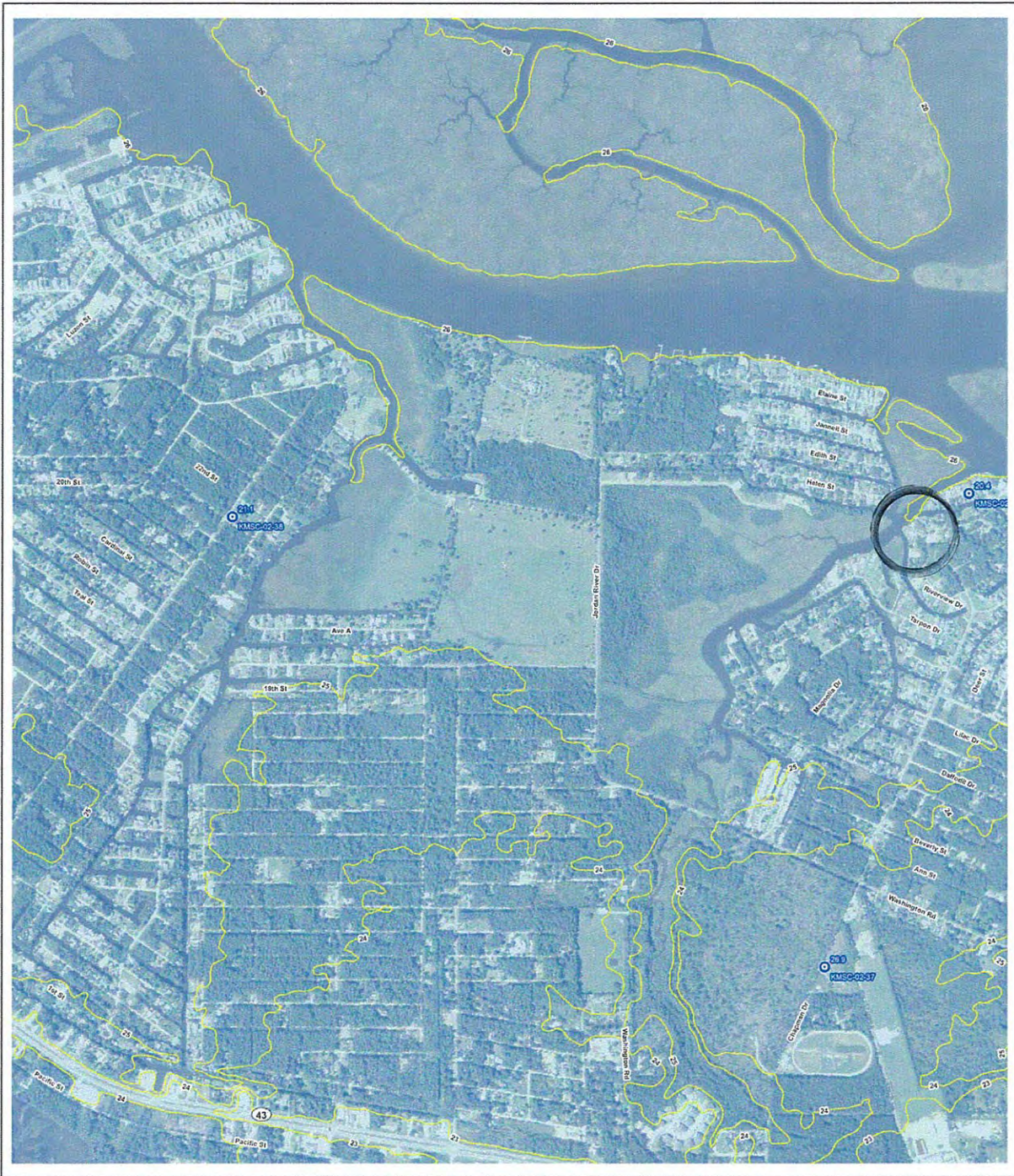
**FOR ADVISORY PURPOSES ONLY**  
 Elevation contours presented on this map are preliminary and do not replace elevations determined by a certified surveyor or engineer.

For more information on advisory flood elevations and available maps, please see [www.fema.gov/hazards/Floods/recoverydata/katrina\\_index.htm](http://www.fema.gov/hazards/Floods/recoverydata/katrina_index.htm)  
**TOPOGRAPHIC DATA PRESENTED IN THESE MAPS ARE PROVISIONAL AND HAVE NOT BEEN VERIFIED**

**Notes:**  
<sup>1</sup> Measured in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988.  
<sup>2</sup> These data have not been verified and may contain errors. Elevation contours may not represent the true ground surface in some locations. This is due to artifacts of LIDAR data collection, such as trees and buildings, and/or erroneous point data. The final verified data will be available in late December 2005 or January 2006 from the NOAA Coastal Services Center.  
 Please check the following link for availability of the final data: <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/crs/tcm/missions.html>

For insurance rating purposes, refer to the currently effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), available from your local government or the FEMA Map Service Center (1-800-358-9616/ <http://msc.fema.gov>)

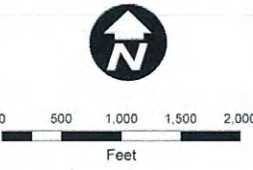
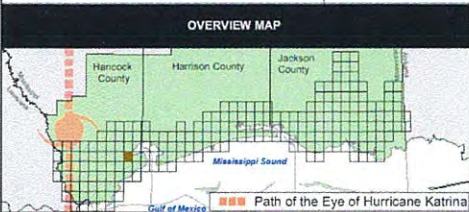




**HURRICANE KATRINA SURGE INUNDATION  
and  
ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MAP  
Hancock County, MS**

Date of Event: August 29, 2005  
Date of Map: December 30, 2005  
Map Number: MS-G9

<b>Estimated Katrina Surge Elevations<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>21-27 ft</b>
<b>Advisory Base Flood Elevations<sup>2,3</sup></b>
<b>Open Coast: N/A</b>
<b>Back Bay: 18-27 ft</b>
<b>Effective Base Flood Elevations<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>VE Zone: N/A</b>
<b>AE Zone: 10-12 ft</b>



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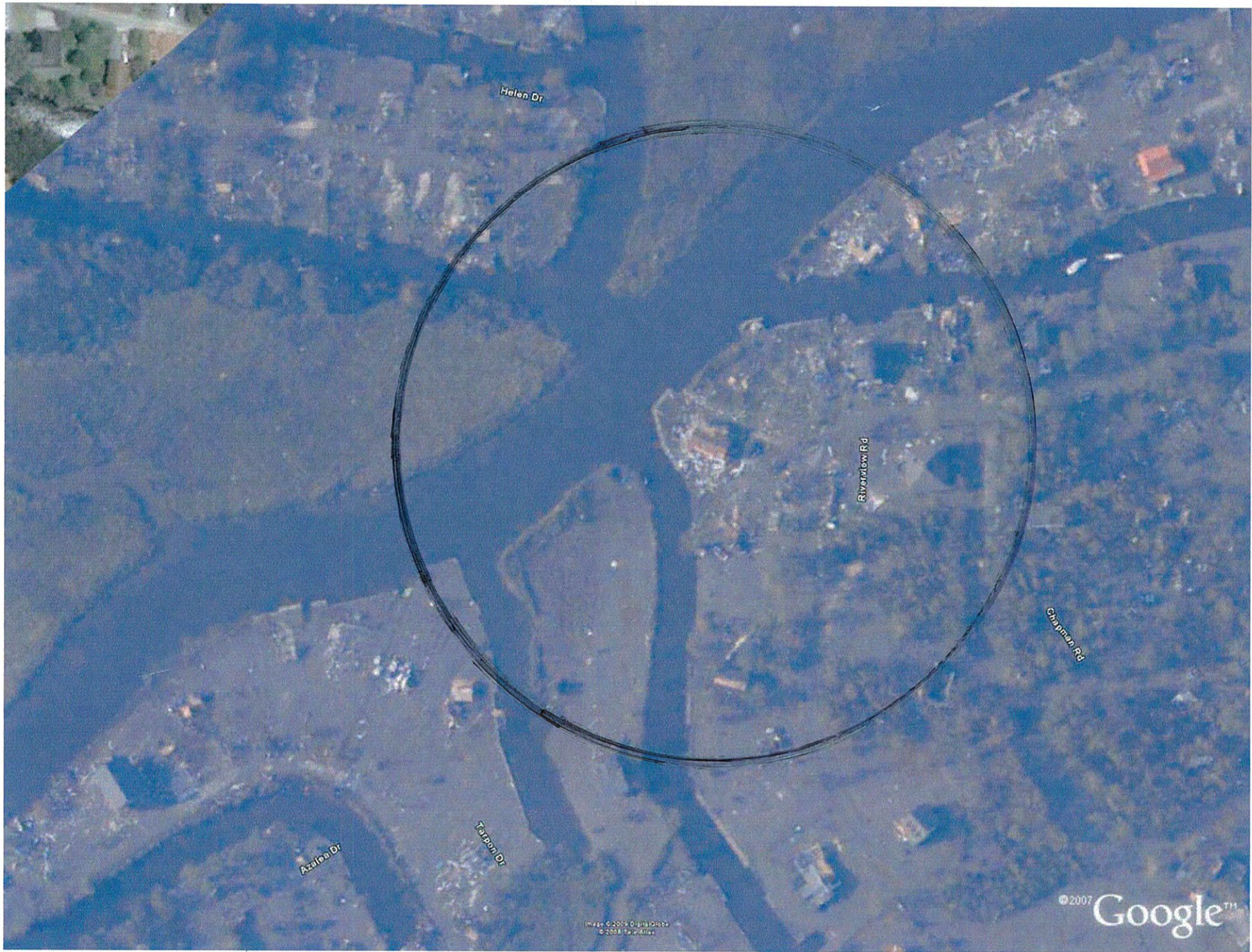
State Boundary	County Boundary	<b>Flood Advisory-Related Data</b>
<b>Hurricane Katrina-Related Data</b>		ABFE Contours (1-foot intervals) <sup>1</sup>
Preliminary Indoor High Water Mark <sup>2</sup>	ABFE Inland Limit <sup>1</sup>	Approx. Limit of 1.5-foot Wave Zone <sup>3</sup>
Preliminary Outdoor High Water Mark <sup>2</sup>	Approx. Limit of 3-foot Wave Zone <sup>3</sup>	Open Coast/Back Bay Boundary
Preliminary Debris High Water Mark <sup>2</sup>	Limit of Katrina Surge Inundation	Limit of ABFEs

**Data Sources:**  
 Aerial Imagery: USDA, National Agriculture Imagery Program, 2004  
 Flood Zones and Elevations: FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Hancock Co., MS, [1983-1992]; Harrison Co., MS [1994-2005]; Jackson Co., [1984-1992]). Elevations converted from NGVD29 to NAVD83.  
 High Water Marks: FEMA (identified and surveyed Sept-Oct., 2005)  
 Storm Track: NOAA National Weather Service

**Notes:**  
<sup>1</sup> Range estimated from surveyed, surge-only HWMs. Local wave effects (wave heights and wave runup) are not included in these elevations.  
<sup>2</sup> Measured in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1989.  
<sup>3</sup> Post-Hurricane Katrina Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs) are based on updated statistical information to develop the estimated 1% annual-chance (100-year) stillwater elevations (SWELs) plus estimated wave effects. For Hancock County, MS, the advisory SWEL is 20 ft for the Gulf Coast and 18 ft for back-bay areas. See equation below to calculate the ABFE with wave effects for a given site:  
 $ABFE = Advisory\ SWEL + Wave\ Height$   
 where Wave Height =  $\frac{1}{2} \times Stillwater\ Flooding\ Depth$  (depth measured relative to the ground)

For more information on these advisory maps, please see [www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/recoverydata/katrina\\_index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/recoverydata/katrina_index.shtm)  
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Riverdale Rd

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Site Inspection Photos**

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**Photo 1: Looking NW towards rear of building footprint**



**Photo 3: Looking SE towards street**



**Photo 2: Looking NW towards rear of building footprint**



**Photo 4: Looking SE towards street**





**Photo 5: Snapped lightpole**



**Photo 7: Looking upstream (SW); boat canal at left**



**Photo 6: Looking downstream (NE) towards Jourdan River**



**Photo 8: Surviving lightpole and four timber piles**





**Photo 9: Looking towards rear of building footprint**



**Photo 11: Snapped tree trunks on Chapman Road**



**Photo 10: Remaining slabs NE of Anthony residence**



**Photo 12: Denuded tree trunks on Chapman Road**





**Photo 13: Denuded tree trunks on Chapman Road**



**Photo 14: Uprooted trees on Riverview Road**

**Pre-Katrina Photos**

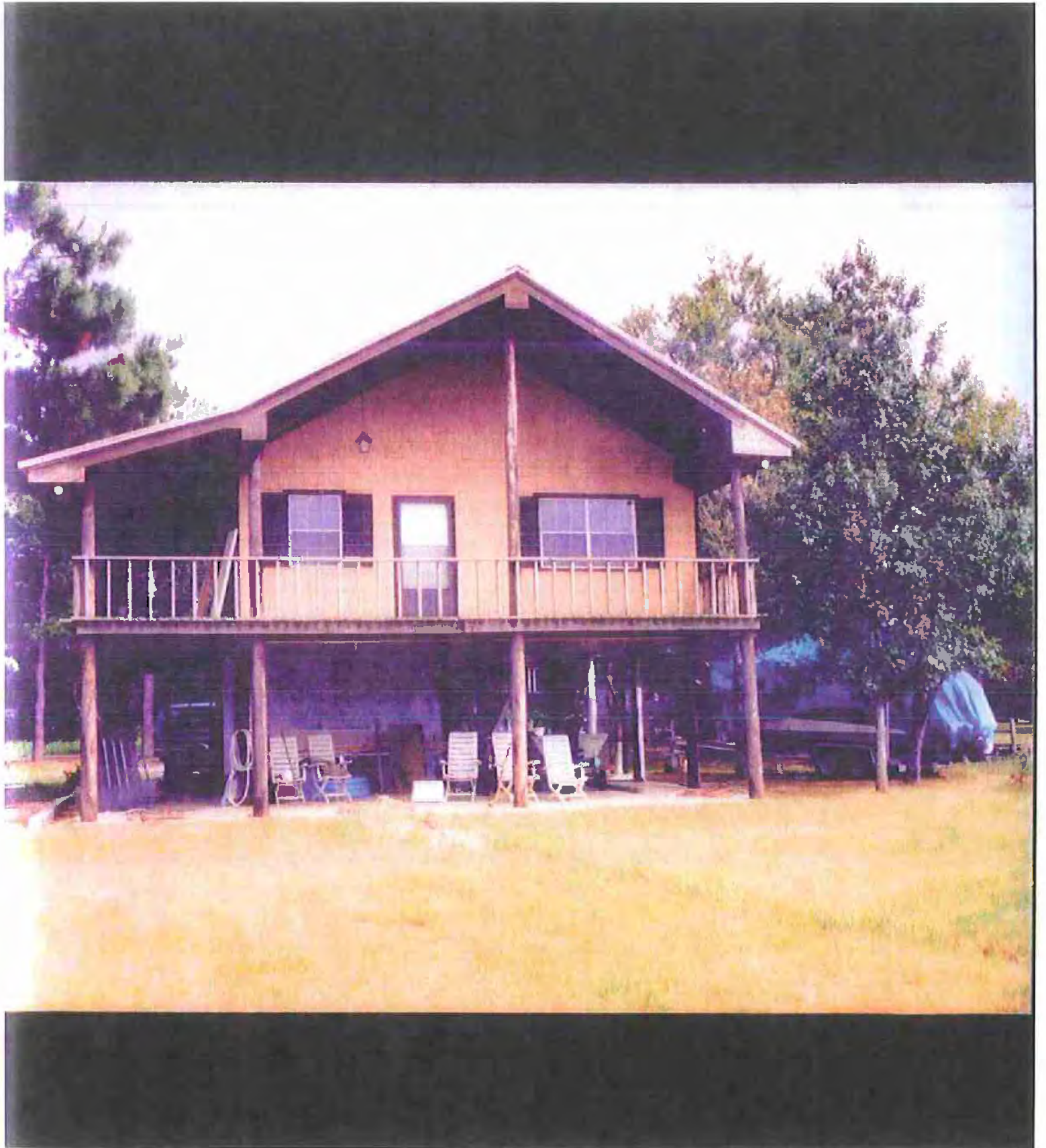
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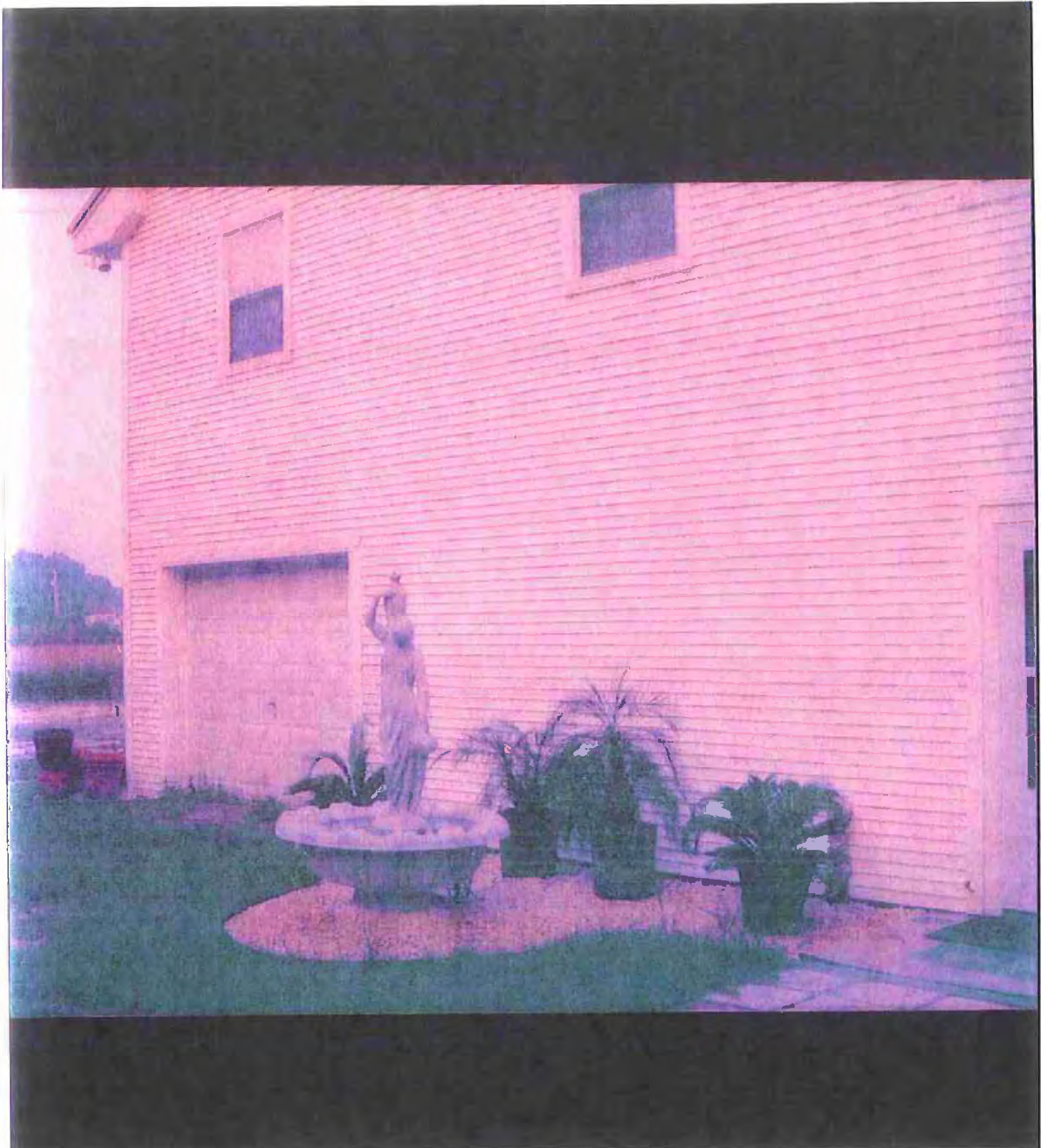
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**Post-Katrina Photos**



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