



The **School Facilities Master Plan for Orleans Parish** is a comprehensive plan for the Orleans Parish public schools. The plan will serve as a blueprint to guide future school renovations and new construction. It is a joint project of the Recovery School District (RSD) and the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB).

The Master Plan is a significant undertaking for our community and will require the participation of many people, including parents, students, experts, educators and other residents. The plan is scheduled to be completed in May 2008.

## DATA SNAPSHOT

Current Use: **Vacant Building - designated as "school buildings demolition project."**

Physical Address: **3039 Higgins Blvd.**

Council District: **E**

Neighborhood: **Desire Area**

Past Enrollment Figures (Edwards ES):

1998: **634**

2002: **363**



## NOTES

## SITE SNAPSHOT

9.11.2005 Flood Depth: **7'**

Site Acreage: **7.03**

Number of Buildings: **3**

Construction Dates: **1957**

Former Names: **none**

Main Building Era of Construction

**Built to meet rapid growth in classroom demand due to Post WWII baby boom.**

Noteworthy Historical or Design Significance

**Site originally acquired c. 1951 during segregation for "educational village" as site for up to 11 schools to house African American students. Community objected and site not used until 3 schools were needed for the Desire Development. Also, a NORD playground is part of the campus. Buildings have had bat and pigeon problems due to poor design.**

Known Land Use History of Current Site

**Elementary School**

Preliminary Building Assessment

demolition project

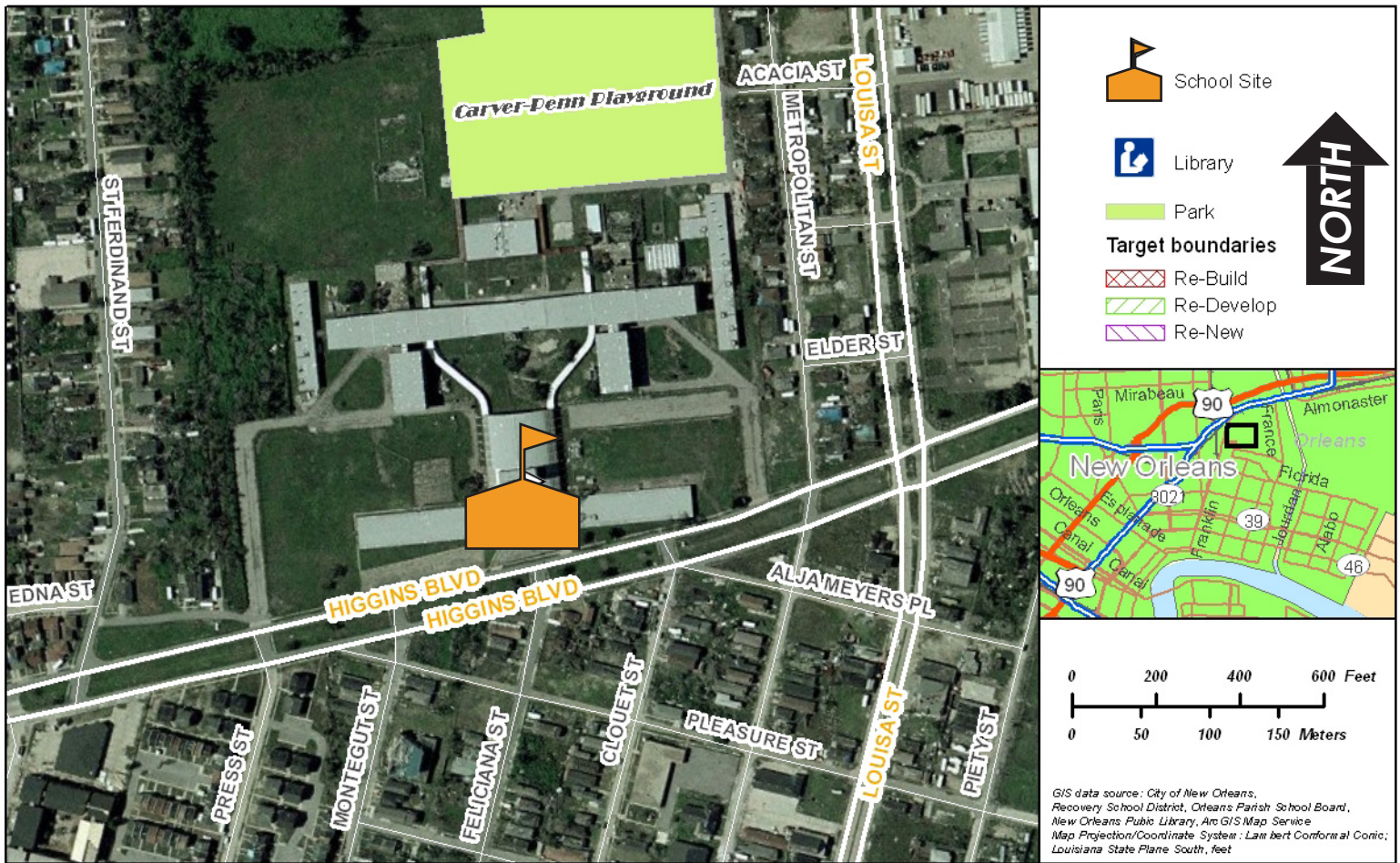
**complete replacement**

major renovation

moderate renovation

minor renovation

typical maintenance



## SITE CONSIDERATIONS

### SITE ISSUES

- environmental/best land use
- potential for expansion
- potential for joint use
- adjacent land use/zoning/hazards
- previous planning recommendations
- flood elevations

### PROXIMITIES & ADJACENCIES

- proximity to ORM target zones
- proximity to mass transit lines
- proximity to public libraries
- proximity to public health clinics
- proximity to public parks
- redevelopment
- special districts

### CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

- architectural significance
- cultural significance
- regulatory issues

## CITYWIDE MEETING RESULTS

### Community Considerations

Size of the student pop. near the site.....	60% = high
Demographic makeup of student pop.....	50% = high
Ability for the school to serve as catalyst for future repop.....	60% = high
School is above flood elevation.....	36% = high
	36% = medium
Cultural significance of school building.....	44% = medium
	42% = high
Historic or architectural significance of school building.....	49% = high
Potential for school building expansion on site.....	62% = high
Potential for expanding schools into new sites.....	55% = high
Availability for open space at or near school site.....	66% = high
Availability of athletic fields at or near school site.....	66% = high
Availability of large performance venue at/near school site.....	50% = high
School is within walking dist. of the neighborhood it serves.....	67% = high
School is near public transportation.....	67% = high
School is near libraries, health clinics or other comm. services...	66% = high

### Community Vision for Master Plan

Community use of school after hours and on weekends.....	very important (84%)
Maximum walking distance to elementary school.....	1/2 mile (84%)
Maximum walking distance to high school.....	1 mile (42.2%)
School construction with unlimited funds.....	new facility (44.5%)
	cost effective (34.4%)
Alternative school property uses.....	community use (33%)