



THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

**Opportunity for Public Involvement in Section 106 Case Study Review Process
Southward Village Public Housing Development**

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Fort Myers, FL 33916

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) is implementing a redevelopment plan for Southward Village public housing development as outlined in its Edison Avenue/Dunbar Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant Program. The redevelopment plan will be implemented using federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HACFM is proposing demolishing and replacing physical obsolete Southward Village Public Housing units with new mixed income units. The project is a result of a planning process that included residents and public participation that resulted in alternative approaches to improve the distressed property. The replacement plan that was selected as the preferred alternative proposes to redevelop the Southward Village property by replacing all 199 units with 465 newly constructed units that consist of mixed incomes, family housing and one phase of affordable senior housing. All 199 Public housing units will be replaced adhering to a federal requirement of one-for-one replacement.

As part of this process, HACFM/HUD has reviewed existing information on historic properties within the identified parcel. These efforts resulted in the identification of two historical resources the Southward Village Building Complex Resources Group (8LL02940) and the Southward Village Community Center (8LL02942). The Village Building Complex Resource group was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Community The Center was determined ineligible for listing individually in the NRHP. However, it is a contributing resource to the Resource Group. Thus, there is an NRHP-eligible resource within the property.

Due to the presence of an NRHP-eligible resource, a Section 106 Case Study was completed to evaluate the effects. The undertaking (demolition) was determined to adversely affect historic properties. As part of this process, the public can review the Section 106 Case Study and express their views on the findings. HACFM will consider comments, concerns, and suggestions from the public it receives via calling **(239) 413-0314**, on or before the close of business on the 30th calendar day following posting, on **Monday, May 15th, 2023**.

The Section 106 Case Study documentation is available at **Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Center, 2990 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, FL. 33916**, which you may request to review on-sight during business hours. There will also be an opportunity to view and comment on the findings during the residents meeting on **Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at 5:30 pm at Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Center. 2990 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33916** location.