

**Notice of Memorandum of Agreement on Historic Properties
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

The City of Fort Myers Housing Authority (HACFM) is seeking comments from the public on the demolition and redevelopment of the Southward Village Public Housing Complex, located at 2990 Edison Avenue, Fort Myers and its effects on historic properties. The project may include funding from but not limited to Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Grant programs.

Southward Village Public Housing Complex has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A: Community Planning and Development, and its demolition constitutes an adverse effect to a historic property under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As HUD is the responsible entity for the project, HUD is directed to follow the process described in 36 CFR Part 800.6, Resolution of Adverse Effects to complete the Section 106 process and must take action to resolve the adverse effect. The HACFM is in consultation with the Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources, and McCormack Baron Salazar to prepare a Memorandum of Agreement that will outline the actions needed to mitigate effects to the historic property.

The proposed mitigation activity may include one or a combination of the following:

- Proposed historic narrative,
- Oral history documentation,
- Public interpretation.

Mitigation activities will also include a site plan as well as a building description, and photo documentation of one housing unit that is representative of the building complex.

Comments must be received by **Thursday, July 27, 2023**.

Comments may be submitted to Desi Wynter at desiw@hacfm.org or Housing Authority City of Fort Myers, Real Estate Division, 4224 Renaissance Preserve Way, Fort Myers, FL 33916.

Read more about the project here: <https://www.hacfm.org/the-greater-dunbar-initiative/>