ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTIONS & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- FHWA ORDER 6640.23A
  - ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN MINORITY & LOW INCOME POPULATIONS
  - TO AVOID, MINIMIZE OR MITIGATE DISPROPORTINATELY HIGH HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS, INCLUDING SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EFFECTS, ON MINORITY AND LOW INCOME POPULATIONS
  - TO INSURE FULL AND FAIR PARTICIPATION BY ALL POTENTIALLY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN THE TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING PROCESS
CASE STUDY – I-16/I-75 INTERCHANGE MITIGATION
PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY, MACON GA

- Community was bisected by construction of I-75 in early 1960’s

- 40 years later, construction of I-16 / I-75 interchange improvements threaten to adversely impact Pleasant Hill once again
PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY – MACON, GA

- LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF JUNCTION OF I-16 & I-75
- ORGANIZED IN 1872
- NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
- PREDOMINANTLY BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY – MACON, GA
IMPACT OF I-75 CONSTRUCTION - 1962-63

- Community split in two – East Side & West Side separated by I-75
- 133 houses & 2 churches demolished
- Residents separated from schools, churches, community library, cemetery, community center
PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY – MACON, GA
CONCEPT STUDIES YEAR 2000

- POPULATION 1,611
- 629 ON EAST SIDE (MEDIAN INCOME BELOW POVERTY LEVEL)
- 1,611 ON WEST SIDE (MACON BUSINESS DISTRICT)
- MEDIAN INCOME SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER ON WEST SIDE
PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY – MACON, GA
MITIGATION PLAN

- 2000-2005 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- 2006 FIRST MEETING WITH PLEASANT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GROUP (PHNIG)
- 2008-2009 PLEASANT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY MITIGATION PLAN SIGNED BY FHWA, GDOT AND PHNIG
PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY – MACON, GA
MITIGATION PLAN IMPACT - 2010

- IMPACTS 31 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES
- 11 OF THESE STRUCTURES ARE VACANT
- 20 RELOCATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED
- MITIGATION PLAN CALLS FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL RESTORATION AND RELOCATION OF ALL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES DEEMED SIGNIFICANT.
PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY – MACON, GA
MITIGATION PLAN – 2010
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

- CLEAN INTERIORS & EXTERIOR GROUNDS
- TARP ALL LEAKING ROOFS
- REMOVE & DISPOSE OF ALL CONTAMINATED MATERIALS NOT INTACT WITH STRUCTURE
- BOARD ALL WINDOWS/DOORS
- SECURE PARCEL WITH CHAIN LINK FENCING
I-75 Cuts Pleasant Hill Community in Half 1962-63
I-75 PATH THROUGH PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY
Parcel 3
Parcel 3 Interior – Vandalism (ACM)
Parcel 7 - Interior
Parcel 12
Parcel 15
During Stabilization Efforts
Parcel 7
Parcel 12
Parcel 15
FINAL STABILIZATION
BEFORE AND AFTER
Parcel 3
QUESTIONS

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