

AGENCY OVERVIEW



HANO Main Office

The majority of New Orleans' public housing was originally developed with the passage of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. By the 1970s, some of the public housing units had deteriorated and were in need of renovations.

In the early 1990s, HUD introduced HOPE VI, a grant program which funded the redevelopment of distressed public housing sites into traditionally designed neighborhoods. Between 1994 and 2007, Desire (Estates), St. Thomas (River Gardens), Fischer and C.J. Peete (Harmony Oaks) received grant funding for revitalization.

Much of HANO's housing stock was destroyed in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. Since then and following much controversy on plans

to reconstruct New Orleans public housing sites, HANO began a massive initiative to redevelop the "Big Four" – C.J. Peete, St. Bernard, Lafitte and B.W. Cooper - along with the continuation of previously started construction activities at Desire, Fischer, St. Thomas and Guste. Most recently, the agency began the redevelopment of the Florida community, and began the transformation of Iberville as part of HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. The results include newly built, mixed-income and pedestrian-oriented, safer communities with larger, modern and energy efficient units.

In 2002 HANO was forced into federal receivership and management by HUD due to several years of mismanagement. After more than a decade of federal oversight, HANO was returned to local control as a standard performer in July 2014, hired its first Executive Director, and a new HANO Board of Commissioners was appointed by Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu.

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River Garden Community

MISSION

As the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has determined that the availability of decent, safe, affordable housing for low to moderate income citizens is a fundamental state value that creates economic and ethnic diversity and is an essential public function, it is therefore the Mission of the Housing Authority of New Orleans to provide and encourage the development of quality, affordable housing and the preservation of healthy, vibrant neighborhoods for the citizens of New Orleans in a manner that promotes self-sufficiency and economic opportunity.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gregg Fortner

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

225 employees

PORTFOLIO (As of Winter 2015)

The Estates (Desire) - 425 Units / 283 Public Housing
Columbia Parc (St. Bernard) - 683 Units / 229 Public Housing
River Garden (St. Thomas) - 606 Units / 182 Public Housing
Fischer Properties - 326 Units / 201 Public Housing
Harmony Oaks (C.J. Peete) - 460 Units / 193 Public Housing
Faubourg Lafitte - 276 Units / 141 Public Housing
Guste Homes - 483 Units / 468 Public Housing
Marrero Commons - 410 Units / 143 Public Housing
Scattered Sites - 85 Units / 85 Public Housing

HOUSING CHOICE RENTAL VOUCHERS

The Housing Authority of New Orleans now serves roughly 17,800 households through its Section 8 rental-assistance program.

HOME OWNERSHIP

HANO's homeownership program began in May 2001 and has assisted 340 families to become first time homebuyers. This number includes 225 HCVP and 31 PHA families as well as 84 other affordable families who purchased units through other HANO homeownership or development programs.

QUICK FACTS

- HANO serves over 20,000 low-income residents and families
- Nearly 90% of HANO's pre-Katrina households have been served by HUD post-Katrina
- The majority of HANO families are either working or unable to work due to age and/or disability; 36% of residents are employed, which is well above average, and 41% are either elderly or disabled



THE ESTATES

- 2906 Desire Parkway (Desire)
- Completed January 2011
- 67% of the units are designated for families served by the public housing assistance program



COLUMBIA PARC

- 1400 Milton Street (St. Bernard)
- Heritage Senior Residences completed in 2013
- Opened St. Thomas Community Health Center in 2014



RIVER GARDEN

- 913 Felicity Street (St. Thomas)
- Completed 2009
- Designed and constructed to reflect the variety of styles present in the Irish Channel



FISCHER

- 1915 L.B. Landry Drive
- Completed 2011
- Features homes designed in the style of traditional New Orleans Creole Cottage architecture



HARMONY OAKS

- 3320 Clara Street (C.J. Peete)
- Completed 2011
- Brand new homes with modern amenities and energy efficient appliances



FAUBOURG LAFITTE

- 2200 Orleans Ave
- Developed by Providence, Enterprise and L+M Development Partners
- Construction of market rate units underway



GUSTE HOMES

- 1301 Simon Bolivar Ave
- Redevelopment of Guste III to be completed in 2015
- Managed by the Guste Homes Resident Management Corporation (GHRMC)



MARRERO COMMONS

- 3353 Martin Luther King (B.W. Cooper)
- Phase 2 demolition to be completed in 2015
- Managed by RMC; administers work orders, rent collection and social services programs



FLORIDA

- 2515 Independence Street
- Redevelopment of 51 housing units and management office to be completed by Spring 2015
- Units to include Energy Star appliances; pre-wired for cable and wireless internet



Rendering of new Iberville Community

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Many of HANO's communities are nearing redevelopment completion. The agency recently kicked off construction at Florida, Guste Homes and the Faubourg Lafitte, with the transformation of Iberville as a part of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative also in full swing. All development activities continue to focus on integrating the existing sites physically and socially with surrounding neighborhoods to create diverse, sustainable communities. New amenities include Energy Star appliances, improved public recreation spaces on each site, and the re-establishment of the public street grid to blend the new community with the character of the adjacent neighborhood.