



March 16, 2021

«Name»

«Mailing\_Address»

«Mailing\_City», «Mailing\_St» «Mailing\_Zip»

**Re: Your Property Located at «Site\_Address», «Site\_City», «Site\_St» «Site\_Zip»**

Dear «Name»:

For nearly 40 years residents in Gordon Plaza have been asking the City, the State and the Federal government to address concerns at their current properties, located atop or near the former Agriculture Street Landfill. You've spoken to many Mayors and other elected officials, but the Cantrell Administration has heard your requests and is working to address this issue.

A City taskforce has been exploring options for redeveloping the former Agriculture Street Landfill site and nearby properties. The City would like to have the community's input on returning this site to a productive and beneficial use. To better understand your vision for this neighborhood, we are writing to ask that you complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it by **March 31, 2021**. You may also schedule a meeting with the team working on this potential redevelopment. We will gladly meet you virtually, at your home, or at a mutually agreed upon location. Due to the City's social distancing requirements, we can only meet in person with one family at a time, in small groups.

Additionally, you may also submit your responses online at [www.nola.gov/agstreet](http://www.nola.gov/agstreet). If you would like to meet with members of the team, we will follow up using the contact information you provide. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Cheryn Robles at 504-657-9169 or [crobles@nola.gov](mailto:crobles@nola.gov).

Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Cheryn Robles, APR  
Environmental Affairs Administrator  
City of New Orleans

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## Questionnaire

The City of New Orleans is working with local and Federal partners to explore the feasibility of redeveloping the existing Agriculture Street Landfill site, and nearby properties, to a productive public use. Possible uses of the site include an off-road bikeway, a renewable energy park, a stormwater detention pond, a recreational park, etc. The City is not considering returning the site to use as a landfill or an industrial use. As we explore the repurposing of this property, we need to better understand how we can potentially meet your needs, address your concerns and understand your vision for the neighborhood.

An electronic version of the questionnaire is also available at [www.nola.gov/agstreet](http://www.nola.gov/agstreet).

Property Owner: «Name»

Site Address: «**Site\_Address**», «**Site\_City**», «**Site\_St**» «**Site\_Zip**»

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you owned your home in the Desire neighborhood?
  
2. Have you lived in the home the entire time you've owned it?
  
3. When did you first learn that the neighborhood was built on or near the Agriculture Street Landfill?
  
4. How many people in each age group live in your home?
  - a. Under 5 years old: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 5-17 years old: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. 18-34 years old: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. 35-65 years old: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. 65+ years old: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you currently have legal representation regarding your home and its location on or near the site? If so, please provide contact information for your attorney.

6. How supportive are you of redeveloping the Agriculture Street site into another use? On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being fully support and 1 being fully against, please indicate how supportive you are of the site being returned to use? Please circle one.

Against      1      2      3      4      5      In support

7. Would you be interested in relocating from your current home?

Yes              Possibly              No

8. When thinking about relocation, please rank the appeal of the options below.

a. A single, lump-sum payment for the fair market value of your home.

Appealing              1      2      3      4      5      Unappealing

b. A single, lump-sum payment for the fair market value of your home, plus moving expenses so you can move to a new home wherever you like.

Appealing              1      2      3      4      5      Unappealing

c. Relocation to a home of comparable value in the City of New Orleans.

Appealing              1      2      3      4      5      Unappealing

d. Other, please describe:

9. Please provide any other feedback you would like us to consider. (Optional)

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**Respondent signature**

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**Date**

Responses to this questionnaire are ***not*** binding. The goal of this questionnaire is to gain insights *directly* from those who reside in the Gordon Plaza neighborhood.

Once the responses of this questionnaire are collected, the City will host a community meeting to provide an update on the results and responses.