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Subject: Gulfport Gets $5 Million from FEMA **Date: January 7, 2003**

(Jackson) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approves a $5.2 million grant to buy and demolish 81 homes that frequently flood in the Brickyard Bayou area in Gulfport.

"MEMA appreciates the assistance from FEMA to the citizens of the Brickyard Bayou area that have repeatedly suffered flooded homes. The City of Gulfport has worked closely with MEMA and FEMA to secure this funding that will go a long way in eliminating this repetitive loss of homes. The leadership of Gulfport continues to make their community more disaster resistant and in doing so increases the quality of life in Harrison County," said Robert Latham, director of MEMA.

The City of Gulfport will contribute $1.3 million to the funding of this project.

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