

CALLIOPE HOUSING PROJECT  
(B.W. Cooper Housing Project)  
3400 Earhart Boulevard  
New Orleans  
Orleans Parish  
Louisiana

HABS LA-1368  
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

FIELD RECORDS

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
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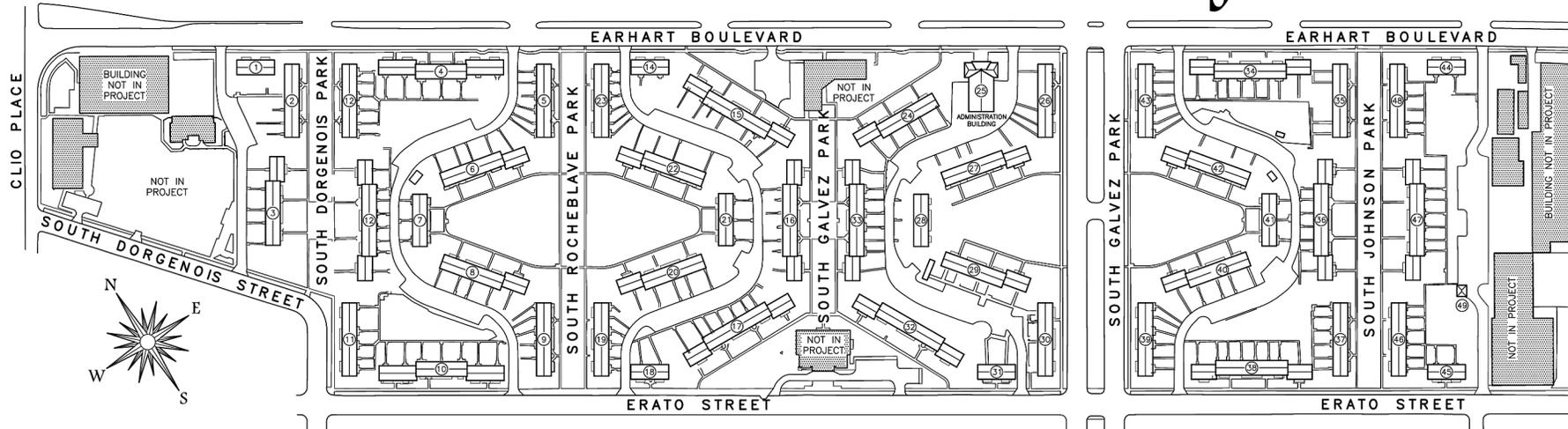
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- Location: 3400 Earhart Boulevard, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana  
It is located at latitude: 29.952198101780507, longitude: -90.09157061576843. The coordinate was taken using a GPS mapping grade unit of unknown accuracy. The coordinate's datum is assumed to be North American Datum 1983 (NAD83). Calliope's location has no restriction on its release to the public.
- Date of Erection: 1941<sup>1</sup>, extension/addition: 1954
- Architects: Sol Rosenthal, Jack J.H. Kessel, and Ernest W. Jones
- Owners: Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), City of New Orleans
- Significance: The Great Depression of the 1930s spurred the first peacetime Federal government attempts to systematically address the lack of adequate affordable housing for low-income residents. The Federal government financed local building efforts through a series of new laws. Among the third wave of these projects planned and built in the late 1930s, the construction of B.W. Cooper Housing Project addressed two major issues of the era: the housing reform movement (i.e. - urban "slum clearance") and the reemployment of portions of the labor force. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the closing and demolition of the housing projects along with the destruction of eighty percent of New Orleans housing stock once again focused national and international attention on housing right.
- Editing Notes: The original historical report did not follow HABS standards & guidelines. It is available as part of the field notes for this survey.

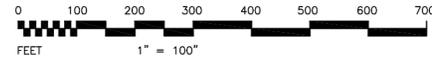
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<sup>1</sup> United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. *BW Cooper Housing Development, Environmental Justice Study*. (New Orleans, LA 2007), 9.

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SITE PLAN



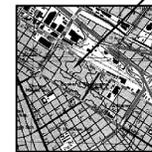
BUILDING KEY		
ADDRESS	HABS NO.	TYPE
1. 38XX-XX EARHART BLVD.		E
2. 1101-27 S. DORGENOIS ST.	LA-1368-A	D
3. 1201-31 S. DORGENOIS ST.	LA-1368-B	B
4. 3702-36 EARHART BLVD.		F
5. 1101-27 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		D
6. 1129-59 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		B
7. 1201-19 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		D
8. 1221-51 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		B
9. 1253-79 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		D
10. 3701-35 ERATO ST.	LA-1368-C	F
11. 1246-72 S. DORGENOIS ST.		D
12. 1202-44 S. DORGENOIS ST.	LA-1368-D	A
13. 1102-28 S. DORGENOIS ST.		D
14. 3646-52 EARHART BLVD.		E
15. 3602-44 EARHART BLVD.		A
16. 1201-43 S. MIRO ST.		A
17. 3601-43 ERATO BLVD.		A
18. 3645-51 ERATO ST.		E
19. 1254-80 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		D
20. 1222-52 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		B
21. 1202-20 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		D
22. 1130-60 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		B
23. 1102-28 S. ROCHEBLAVE ST.		D
24. 3404-34 EARHART BLVD.		B
25. 3400 EARHART BLVD.	LA-1368-E	D
26. 1101-27 S. GALVEZ ST.		D
27. 1129-59 S. GALVEZ ST.		B
28. 1201-19 S. GALVEZ ST.		C
29. 1221-51 S. GALVEZ ST.		B
30. 1253-79 S. GALVEZ ST.		D
31. 3401-3407 ERATO ST.		E
32. 3409-51 ERATO BLVD.		A
33. 1202-44 S. MIRO ST.		A
34. 3302-44 EARHART BLVD.		A
35. 1101-27 S. JOHNSON ST.		D
36. 1201-43 S. JOHNSON ST.		A
37. 1245-71 S. JOHNSON ST.		D
38. 3301-43 ERATO ST.		A
39. 1254-80 S. GALVEZ ST.		D
40. 1222-52 S. GALVEZ ST.		C
41. 1202-22 S. GALVEZ ST.	LA-1368-F	C
42. 1130-60 S. GALVEZ ST.		B
43. 1102-28 S. GALVEZ ST.		D
44. 3200-06 EARHART BLVD.	LA-1368-G	E
45. 3201-07 ERATO ST.		D
46. 1246-72 S. JOHNSON ST.		D
47. 1202-44 S. JOHNSON ST.		A
48. 1102-28 S. JOHNSON ST.		D
49. 1246 S. PRIEUR ST.	LA-1368-H	D

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 1930S SPURRED THE FIRST PEACETIME FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO SYSTEMATICALLY ADDRESS THE LACK OF ADEQUATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCED LOCAL BUILDING EFFORTS THROUGH A SERIES OF NEW LAWS. AMONG THE THIRD WAVE OF THESE PROJECTS PLANNED AND BUILT IN THE LATE 1930S, THE CONSTRUCTION OF B.W. COOPER HOUSING PROJECT ADDRESSED TWO MAJOR ISSUES OF THE ERA: THE HOUSING REFORM MOVEMENT (I.E. - URBAN "SLUM CLEARANCE") AND THE REEMPLOYMENT OF PORTIONS OF THE LABOR FORCE. AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA IN 2005, THE CLOSING AND DEMOLITION OF THE HOUSING PROJECTS ONCE AGAIN FOCUSED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON HOUSING RIGHTS.



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UTM REFERENCE: 15,780707,3317048

### LOCATION MAP

ADAPTED FROM USGS MAP-  
NEW ORLEANS EAST QUADRANGLE,  
LOUISIANA.

