



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 96TH AIR BASE WING (AFMC)
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE FLORIDA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BAYOU VILLAGE RESIDENTS

FROM: 96 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Future of the Eglin AFB Mobile Home Park, Bayou Village

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you the Bayou Village Mobile Home Park will close on or about 30 June 2008. I will discuss the reasons for closing the park and address the general plan for closure in the following paragraphs. Additionally, we have scheduled a "Town Hall" meeting on 13 May 2003 at the Base Theater from 1830-1930 to address specific concerns you may have.
2. Three principal factors led us to the decision to close Bayou Village. First, the utility infrastructure systems (water, sewer and electrical) that serve the area need major upgrades to support current demand and guarantee continuity of service. These systems require significant financial investment to bring them up to standards, and current funding projections do not support these upgrades. Second, substantial erosion in the area over the past 5 years has resulted in all of Bayou Village being included within the 100-year flood plain. This re-designation has already been included on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated 5 December 2002. Finally, all military family housing operations on Eglin AFB will be privatized within the next 2-4 years. The trailer park is not included in the privatization initiative, and the ability of the Eglin Housing Office to manage the trailer park will be severely limited.
3. We have set 5 years as the closing period to allow enough time to find a new location for your mobile home. In the interim, no new mobile homes will be authorized to move into Bayou Village. We will continue to allow occupants to sell in place at this time; however, all incoming occupants will be advised of our future closure plans, and I have instructed the Housing Office staff to provide written notification to any perspective buyers.
4. Since the relocation of your mobile home will be a government directed move, two options will be made available:
 - a. The government will pay to move your mobile home to a location of your choice within the local commute area (with appropriate BAH).
 - b. The government will pay for you to move to a house, either on or off base (with appropriate BAH). The removal and disposition of your mobile home will be at your expense.

5. I understand this decision may create hardships for Bayou Village residents. The Housing Office staff and I will do everything possible to make this future transition as painless as possible.

6. If you have questions or concerns, please call our Bayou Village Manager at 882-4533, ext. 112.