The Texas and Pacific Railway Depot Rehabilitation Project

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Cane River National Heritage Area Commission
Heritage Areas

- 23 National Heritage Areas
- 2 State Heritage Areas
- Public/Private Partnerships
Cane River National Heritage Area Commission

• 19 Members
• Commissioners represent interests that intersect in the heritage area
Mission

- Preservation
- Promotion
EAST ELEVATION

3/16" = 1'-0"

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Project Participants

- Cane River National Heritage Area Commission
- City of Natchitoches
- Ben D. Johnson Educational Foundation, Inc.
- Cane River Creole National Historical Park (National Park Service)
Location

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• Who are the residents of the area?
• What are the advantages and disadvantages of the site?
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- What else is occurring in the area?
Community

• What are the problems?
• What are the needs?
Desired Future Conditions

- What do residents envision for the future?
- What do visitors want?
Putting It All Together

• Rehabilitation as an African American heritage center and a tourist transportation hub.
The Seeds of a Successful Project

- Widespread Support, Excellent Press
- Great American Station Foundation Grant