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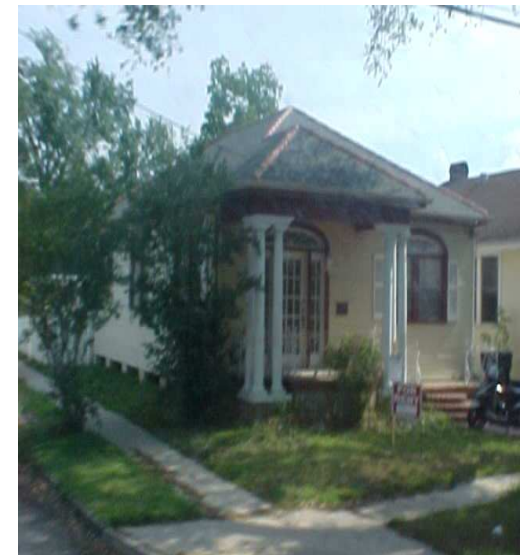
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Pre-Katrina

Before that dreadful Hurricane Katrina hit, everything in Navarre was decent.

The housing for people was reasonable and they, for the most part, had good paying jobs.

Homes in the area were beautiful, and full. Pre-Katrina, 94.8% of the houses were occupied.

Ethnics in the area included Caucasian, African American, Asian, Hispanic, Indian American, and a few others.

As far as education goes, only 2.7% had an education below the ninth grade level

Getting around was fairly easy. For the most part, the population would drive their own cars. Others would take a local bus or just rise a bike to their destination.

Post-Katrina

Katrina swept through, and it wasn't a pretty thing to see.

The whole Navarre area was practically left in ruins. Not all of the people have come back yet. However, we're hoping that will change.

Many houses are still in terrible condition, but the city is capable of standing on it's feet.

The plan to rebuild the whole New Orleans area estimates to about 10.1 billion dollars. Slowly, Navarre is rising back up to its former glory.

In the future

Things you can do to convert Navarre for the better:

- 1] Pick up trash in the neighborhood and try to keep things clean.**
- 2] Donate some time! Sign up for volunteer work rebuilding houses.**
- 3] Lastly, give money, clothes, food and toys to local charities and hospitals.**

You're capable of making a difference whether you know it or not. And with your help, Navarre, as well as other places that were razed by Katrina, will be better than ever. I believe with time and work, Louisiana will be completely recovered.

You know what you're able to do now. The only question left is this: Are you up to the challenge?