

Blighted Algiers buildings come down after decades

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New Orleans - It was down with blight in Algiers Wednesday morning. Two old office buildings off Gen. DeGaulle Dr., vacant for nearly 20 years, finally got their date with the wrecking ball.

"It's a thing that focuses on what the city is trying to do, taking down blight, removing it, it is a problem in the city, getting rid of it, and then looking for economic development," said Bart Hungerford, Pres. and Managing Dir. of Noble Outreach.

"So no longer will it be an an area where you may have kids trampling through, we'll now have viable economic opportunities here," said Dr. Andrea Thomas Reynolds, C.E.O., Algiers Charter School Assoc.

Members of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation, Noble OutReach, and elected officials had their chance to swing a sledge hammer at the vacant building.

This demo is paving the way for a new \$20 million development project, including a hotel and restaurant.



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