

## District 8: Priority Projects

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Project Description Sheet #1  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Require Category 5 Hurricane &amp; Flood Protection</b>
<b>Project Location:</b>	Planning District 8, All Areas
<b>Area of Impact:</b>	National/Statewide; Regional; Citywide; District-wide; Neighborhood
<b>Recovery Value:</b>	High recovery
<b>Sector:</b>	Flood Protection
<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>Planning District 8 requires Category 5 hurricane flood protection and that this level of protection be achieved as soon as possible. A holistic approach to flood protection must be developed including regional and coastal wetland restoration; raising and armoring of all levees; improvements to pumping capacity and any other actions as a result of further study.</b>

Included in this project are the following:

- Complete a comprehensive study to evaluate the existing state and future capacity of levees and floodwalls along the Mississippi River (southern boundary of the District), the Industrial Canal (western boundary), and Florida Avenue/Bayou Bienvenue (northern boundary).
- Include provisions for maintenance and monitoring of levee and floodwall conditions. Coordinate study with similar studies in St. Bernard Parish and of MRGO.
- Complete 100% deferred maintenance and repairs to the Pumping Station at Florida and Jordan Avenues to ensure full capacity. Complete a comprehensive study of the capacity, management and operation of this station to as a part of Category Five flood protection and armoring of infrastructure. Consider the provision of a second pumping station.
- Complete a study to provide a smaller compartmentalized system of flood control within the district, for instance, accentuating the height of the existing neutral ground along N. Claiborne and/or St Claude Avenues to provide mitigation.
- Consider capitalizing upon existing features in the landscape such as railroad rights of way and wide medians to provide an additional layer of flood protection in the event of a catastrophic failure of the primary levee system. Coordinate study with similar study in St. Bernard Parish.

**Project Timeline:** between 2-5 years (flood wall and levee study; drainage basin one outfall canal pumps; Melpomene pumping station and canal study, compartmentalized levee system study) over 5 years (Category 5 protection)

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Category 5 flood protection for District, City and Region.

Project Description Sheet #2  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Complete an Independent Third Party Study of Flood Risk</b>
<b>Project Location:</b>	Planning District 8, All Areas
<b>Area of Impact:</b>	Regional; Citywide; District-wide; Neighborhood
<b>Recovery Value:</b>	High recovery
<b>Sector:</b>	Hurricane/Flood Protection
<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>Complete a study by an independent third party as to the flood risk within the District.</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider topography, geological conditions and subsidence, MRGO, Industrial Canal, and other conditions that might affect the stability and structural integrity of the levees: the determination of the geographical extent of high, moderate and low risk zones, and the FEMA categories; as well as the history of previous floods and the repetitive flood damage reports</li><li>• Provide a geographical analysis of risk and the implications as to insurance and property values.</li><li>• The study should also review the current damage assessment of the housing in the District.</li></ul>
<b>Project Timeline:</b>	within 2 years
<b>Anticipated Outcomes:</b>	Accurate verification or modification of flood risk within the District will provide necessary information for residents to determine rebuilding decisions.

Project Description Sheet #3  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Restore Bayou Bienvenu & Wetland Assimilation Program with the Sewerage Treatment Plant System**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** Regional; Citywide; District-wide; Neighborhood

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Flood Protection; Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** **Buffer and strengthen the natural boundaries of district: through the restoration of Bayou Bienvenue while developing congruent natural amenity to ensure a higher quality of life for residents of the district and the city. The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish Government jointly propose a regional project to use Bayou Bienvenue to assimilate treated municipal effluent to restore approximately 10,000 acres of critical cypress wetlands and provide improved storm surge and flood hurricane protection. Currently nutrient rich effluent from both parishes is discharged to the Mississippi River where it contributes to the hypoxia, or dead zone in the Northern Gulf of Mexico.**

- Reroute the effluent will allow the nutrients to be used to replenish the wetlands, rather than increasing damage to the coastal environment.
- Integrate sustainability with mitigation measures.
- Relate to the Multiple Lines of Defense Strategy as set forth by the Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation for protection of both parishes.
- Hardened and improve sewerage and water treatment facility

**Project Timeline:** Study within 2 years; Implementation 5-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Research has confirmed that the benefits of wetland wastewater treatment include improved surface water quality, increased accretion rates to balance a high relative water level rise due mainly to subsidence, improved plant

productivity and habitat quality, protection against storm surge and storm generated waves, and decreased capital outlays for engineering treatment systems. Wetland assimilation systems throughout Louisiana have been successfully designed, and operated, to restore deteriorating wetlands.

Project Description Sheet #4  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Develop &amp; Institute A Rain Garden Program</b>
<b>Project Location:</b>	Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods
<b>Area of Impact:</b>	Citywide; District-wide, Neighborhood
<b>Recovery Value:</b>	High Recovery
<b>Sector:</b>	Hurricane/Flood Protection; Community Services Recovery; Public/Private Infrastructure and Utilities Recovery
<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>Develop an incentive program to facilitate the creation of a variety of types of rain gardens. Study the potential foreexisting and new public and private open spaces to be used. The incentive program will cover the entirety of the District for all private sector initiative; however, additional higher incentives need to be provided in high and moderate risk zones. The incentive program should be based upon the typical 50/50 cost sharing infrastructure programs and must offer technical assistance.</b>

Program to consider the following:

- Study all existing and proposed neighborhood parks, pocket parks and playspots as potential sites.
- Study the potential of empty lots, blighted and adjudicated properties to create “green squares” doubling as public parks.
- Develop and fund a voluntary based “Streetscape Rain-Garden Program” to install local raingarden catchment and retention systems along neighborhood streets. Develop and advocate the necessary site design and landscape standards within neighborhoods.
- Continue development of underway rain gardens in neutral grounds on St. Claude, Claiborne, Caffin, Tupelo, Tennessee.
- Consider additional neutral ground rain gardens and streetscape rain gardens in existing swale areas between streets and sidewalks
- Develop and fund a voluntary and incentive based “Home Rain-Garden Program” to install raingarden catchment and retention systems supported by appropriate site design and landscape standards within individual properties.
- Complete study of plant species, methods of drainage and operations and management strategies to ensure storm / flood retention and mitigation areas are not mosquito breeding grounds.

- Develop a technical assistance program with design guidelines in order for rain gardens to relate with existing architectural and landscape context.
- Implement a review process for proposed rain gardens.
- Work with Insurance Companies, Corp of Engineers, FEMA, Universities, and the City to develop and incentivize this program

Project Timeline:                      develop program within 2 years ; implementation 2-10 years

Anticipated Outcomes:              Increased localized retention and mitigation of storm and flood water, supplementing the larger-scale flood protection measures.

**Project Name:** **Develop & Implement Voluntary FEMA Plus Home Flood Mitigation & Elevating Program**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** Citywide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Flood/Hurricane Protection; Housing Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop and fund a voluntary and incentive based “FEMA Plus Home Flood Mitigation & Elevating Program”.**

Program needs to consider the following:

- In all risk zones of the District, every owner would be paid a set amount above the fixed cost (say 15%) for the additional cost of utilizing sustainable building methods and materials that are flood resilient, and build to the latest hurricane national building standards and techniques.
- Incorporate “passive survivability” best practices into program.
- Utilizing sustainable building techniques, flood resilient materials and adhering to hurricane national building standards will result in conscientious rebuilding with stronger ability to resist potential disasters.
- This program will aid in environmentally responsible development for the District and the City.
- Develop a technical assistance program with design guidelines for house relocation to relate with existing architectural context when moved.
- Implement a review process.
- Work with Insurance Companies, Corp of Engineers, FEMA, Universities, and the City to develop and incentivize this program. Build upon and utilize existing best practices research and resources, such as the Federal Alliance for Safe Havens (FLASH), the LSU AgCenter resources and consider the Miami/Dade standards as a minimum.

**Project Timeline:** <2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Hurricane/Flood protection and mitigation provides additional flood protection for individuals, as well as substantially reducing the City’s overall flood risk.

Project Description Sheet #6  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Develop & Institute Voluntary Premium Plus Home Flood Mitigation Relocation Program**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, High & Moderate Risk Zone Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Hurricane/Flood Protection; Housing Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop and fund a voluntary incentive-based Premium Plus “Home Flood Mitigation Relocation Program.” wherein property owners could select to move to a low risk or within a moderate risk area within the neighborhood and district or any other district.**

Program to consider the following:

- In high risk zones, property owners can voluntarily choose to relocate to a low risk zone.
- In moderate risk zones, property owners can voluntarily choose to relocate within a moderate risk zone or to a low risk zone.
- Any property owner who participates in the program would be paid in following studied options:
  - compensate (say 130% to 150%) of Pre-Katrina home value plus moving expenses.
  - compensate at current replacement cost plus cost of moving
  - if technically possible, move their existing home to an existing vacant lot with all costs covered.
- Consider using the existing adjudicated and blighted properties to facilitate this program.
- Any resultant land should be placed in a community land trust controlled by the neighborhoods so that the neighborhoods can participate in the future planning and design of the resultant open space. These resultant open spaces should act as rain gardens and for recreational areas.
- Program should try to facilitate the consolidation of any open space to maximum use by the neighborhood.

- Consider the idea of preferential use of the program for elderly and disabled.
- Utilize unused Road Home Funds to aid in funding program.
- Develop a technical assistance program with design guidelines for house relocation to relate with existing architectural context when moved.
- Implement a review process.
- Work with Insurance Companies, Corp of Engineers, FEMA, Universities, and the City to develop and incentivize this program.

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years; implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Hurricane / Flood protection and mitigation. Provides additional flood protection for individuals as well as substantially reducing the City's overall flood risk.

Project Description Sheet #7  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Develop &amp; Implement a Safe Havens, Passive Survivability &amp; an Evacuation Program</b>
<b>Project Location:</b>	Planning District 8, all areas
<b>Area of Impact:</b>	Citywide
<b>Recovery Value:</b>	High Recovery
<b>Sector: Community</b>	Community Services Recovery; Hurricane/Flood Protection
<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>Develop and implement a safe havens, passive survivability and an evacuation program to ensure the safety and evacuation of all residents in times of emergency.</b>

Ensure continuity of core government and community facility services, which is critical to New Orleans' recovery and as preparation for a possible emergency event in the future. These facilities include the Sanchez Center and MLK Library on N. Claiborne Avenue, MLK Elementary School on N. Claiborne Avenue, and other public and private schools as they are scheduled to reopen or be built. Particular attention should be paid to those facilities located in designated high and moderate risk zones. Other facilities to be considered include a proposed health clinic, proposed police substations and, proposed police / fire station. Components of the project include:

- Study all existing public and private disaster safe havens, staging areas and collection stations to ensure that they remain operational and serve the residents needs during disasters. If insufficient implement a hardening program and creation of new safe havens. For private facilities provide grant or low-interest programs.
- Consider back-up alternative energy and water systems to power safe havens in the event of power grid and water/sewer system failure.
- Verify appropriateness of proposed locations based on proximity to transit, evacuation route and call lists, condition of facilities, elevation and other convenience and safety factors.
- Consider locating safe havens and collection stations to higher ground or elevating structures.
- Study the capacity of the main evacuation and rescue staging areas.
- Develop and publish emergency access routes and procedures to ensure the safety of all residents.
- Install and utilize information hubs in strategic storefront locations, including the Sanchez Center and MLK Library on N. Claiborne Avenue, the NENA Recovery Center on Lamanche Street, and other schools as they reopen on or near St. Claude or N.

Claiborne Avenues. At these centers develop, publish, and distribute emergency access routes and procedures as well as recovery information and other available resources.

- community facilities to meet the best practices of passive survivability.

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years; implementation 2-5 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Provision of Safe Havens in addition to coordinated District-wide evacuation and evacuation information assistance.

Project Description Sheet #8  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Develop & Institute Voluntary Hurricane & Flood Building Program**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Hurricane/Flood Protection; Housing Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop and implement a voluntary incentive-based hurricane and flood building program wherein:**

- In all risk zones of the District, every owner would be paid a set amount above the fixed cost (say 15%) for the additional cost of utilizing sustainable building methods and materials that are flood resilient, and build to the latest hurricane national building standards and techniques.
- Incorporate “passive survivability” best practices into program.
- Utilizing sustainable building techniques, flood resilient materials and adhering to hurricane national building standards will result in conscientious rebuilding with stronger ability to resist potential disasters.
- This program will aid in environmentally responsible development for the District and the City.
- Develop a technical assistance program with design guidelines for house relocation to relate with existing architectural context when moved.
- Implement a review process.
- Work with Insurance Companies, Corp of Engineers, FEMA, Universities, and the City to develop and incentivize this program. Build upon and utilize existing best practices research and resources, such as the Federal Alliance for Safe Havens (FLASH), the LSU AgCenter resources and consider the Miami/Dade standards as a minimum.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Flood protection and reduction of property loss.

**Project Name:** Complete Comprehensive Study of School Recommendations & Reopenings

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** Due to uncertain population return numbers and the uncertain recommendations Citywide for education, the recovery plan is unable to provide adequate proposals for school re-openings or closings. However, the District Recovery Plan does recommend completing a comprehensive study coordinated with the Recovery School District, the Orleans Parish School Board and a to-be formed District 8 Education sub-committee. The Recovery Plan also advocates for Elementary Schools to be the focus of each neighborhood and be walkable from all areas of the district. A thorough assessment of existing facilities needs to be completed to determine whether certain facilities are salvageable or need to be hardened for protection from future flooding or demolished. Other recommendations for the study are as follows:

- Complete the renovation to Martin Luther King Elementary School. Once reopened in early (January) 2007, it will be the only open public school in the District.
- Promote neighborhood moderate sized elementary schools and locate them within easy walking and bicycling distances of ¼ mile radii or five minute walking distance.
- Middle and High Schools should have additional land area for supporting facilities such as athletic fields, acknowledging these facilities may serve the community within and beyond the District
- Develop a “Safe Routes to School” Program
- Consider sharing education facilities with other facilities within the neighborhood such as emergency services, health services, community programming, libraries, recreational centers, parks and playgrounds.
- Schools shall remain open beyond school day and provide out-of-school time educational and community services
- New schools or renovations shall be certified green buildings and follow LEED standards.
- Redevelop unused school sites as alternative education centers, or sites of community benefit purposes in high or moderate risk zones within the proposed water retention program.

- Convert unopened schools to Early Childhood Development Center if not reopened as a school.
- Reopen Lawless or Holy Cross School as a possible citywide magnet high school for career and vocational development
- Teaching professionals should be incentivized to live within the district, near their schools.
- Establish the Orleans Parish School Board professional offices within the district as a employment center and economic generator.
- Schools requiring attention and study are: Lawless High School, Hardin Elementary School, Louis Armstrong Elementary, Thomas A. Edison Elementary.

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years; implementation within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Educational facilities are vital to the recovery of the district. Improved educational opportunities will lead to the economic and social betterment of the district residents.

Project Description Sheet #10  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Renovate & Expand Sanchez Center**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood

**Area of Impact:** District - Wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** **Rehabilitate and open the Sanchez Center to become a full service community center, senior center, develop business incubator, and safe haven. Additionally, the expanded center should supplement the city access to health and social services, fully re-open/expand the existing center, provide new services, including mental health. It is imperative that the reconstruction of this facility is hardened to resist future flooding or damage. If repair constitutes new construction investigate use of an elevated structure and ensure the Sanchez Center is able to resist future damage. Research best practices for community centers.**

Considerations include:

- Redevelop as 24/7 center for digital information, education, neighborhood meetings and community outreach.
- Establish an auditorium as community performing arts and communication center.
- Fund youth outreach, vocational training, crime prevention techniques, and a judicial liaison program and operations.
- Establish a health and social services clinic. Partner with other health clinics (public, private, or faithbased). Study existing Lower Ninth Ward Health Clinic on St. Claude Avenue and plan and develop public or private facility to augment any identified gaps. Coordinate with health care facilities in surrounding Districts and St. Bernard parish to ensure major facilities are within close proximity.
- Establish District evacuation safe haven resources.
- Program comprehensively to allow participation by a diverse population.
- Provide renewed/expanded senior center for services, outreach and daily care.
- Support the programming for the establishment of adjacent schools, library, health services

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years; implementation within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Increased access to information and city and neighborhood services in addition to increased neighborhood cohesion. Delivering needed public safety to the residing, returning and increasing population including those who are unable to afford adequate care; providing economic recovery to the District and City; providing needed employment to residents (present and displaced) of the District and City in

addition to attracting new workforce personnel from outside the City; and providing hardened safe havens within the District.

**Project Name:** Study the Feasibility of Manned  
Police/Fire/Security Sub-Station &  
Programs in District

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** Form decentralized manned police/fire substations to service both the Holy Cross and Lower Ninth Ward neighborhoods along N. Claiborne or St. Claude Avenues. This request has been widely supported by the community.

- To supplement the sub-stations, create a district-wide security committee and advocate for community policing in addition to neighborhood watch programs, as well as work with Jackson Barracks to provide these services.
- Create a District-wide security committee and advocate for community policing in addition to neighborhood watch programs.
- Consider installing cameras and police / fire / emergency services call boxes at crime hot-spots (current locations to be determined as per past emergency call records and current hot-spot activity) throughout the District, most critically in Central City.
- First responders and medical professionals should be incentivized to live within the District.
- Coordinate Private security support systems with the New Orleans Police Department initiatives.
- Replace or repair all storm-damaged NOPD equipment. The capacity of the NOPD to undertake law enforcement activities is severely limited without adequate support equipment such as working vehicles, computers and fully equipped offices.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** The resulting increased visibility of policing promotes public safety as well as fosters improved police / Community relations. Coupled with Jackson Barracks, a decentralized network also creates a safety presence in every neighborhood shed.

Project Description Sheet #12  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Reinstate & Repair District-wide Basic Infrastructure & Public Works Services**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Public and Private Infrastructure and Utilities Recovery;  
Community Services – Environmental Services

**Project Description: Develop public improvement plan and reinstate basic clean up of neighborhoods and restoration of basic infrastructure and day-to-day municipal services including:**

- Once-a-week removal of debris and hazardous substances.
- Restoration of twice a week garbage removal.
- Complete a detailed study of the drainage issues and complete improvements to rectify immediate drainage problems as a result of existing public sector improvements or natural causes.
- Repave / repair all streets affected by Katrina in District due to subsidence. Prioritize funding for streets based upon condition of street and amount of traffic carried by street.
- Repair sidewalks in District and install where deficient.
- Replace all missing and damaged street signs in District. Ensure all addresses, street signs, and community services are visible.
- Repair all traffic signals and street lighting in District.
- Replace missing drain, manhole, catch basin and water meter covers.
- Repair / replace all curbs and install where deficient.
- Repair, restore and improve all underground utilities.
- Complete a study of traffic circulation throughout the District.
- Create a District recycle control center and reinstate once-a-week recycling pick-up service.
- Develop interim grant program to assist low-income and seniors with all utility bills.
- Complete a study of water-pressure throughout Districts and implement recommendations.
- Repairs and improvements will be coordinated with the Sewerage and Water Board (S&WB), other utility providers and the Department of Public Works; consider additional equipment and staffing to support this effort.
- Promote an aggressive State Policy for a clean environment and explore opportunities for reuse and recycling at the macro scale.

- Work with state government officials to effectively address re-use opportunities for waste minimization of storm related construction and demolition debris.
- Effectively manage both Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) as well as Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D).
- Work with and support the Mayors Office of Environmental Services and EPA to effectively promote the accelerated use of brownfields remediation funds to mitigate emerging Katrina-related brownfields.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Reinstatement of basic services and infrastructure facilities will enable the safe and expeditious return of the districts population.

Project Description Sheet #13  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Reinstate & Develop Appropriate Transit Schedule and Vehicle Types for RTA Bus Lines**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8; All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** Moderate Recovery

**Sector:** Transportation Recovery

**Project Description:** **There are three components to this proposal: transit routes, vehicle, and nodes. The district is currently not served by mass transit systems post Katrina to pre-Katrina levels. Reinstating basic mass transit services, combined with multi-modal transportation nodes for citizens (those enabling safe and efficient transition between mass transit and personal modes) will assist in the return of the district population. This project has both short and long term components. Project components include:**

- Institute appropriate Pre-Katrina Bus Service Routes, especially those that service St. Claude and N. Claiborne Avenues, with connections to downtown New Orleans and St. Bernard parish. Ensure that all bus and express lines are fully operational by the end of 2007.
- In order to provide a more cohesive public transit service, this project would review routes in the existing transit system and potentially add, extend or refine routes where needed to benefit riders and maximize efficiency of the overall transit network. The routes should be reviewed at regular intervals as recovery occurs.
- Replace the existing vehicles with smaller, quieter and more environmentally responsible buses which would be more appropriate to the scale of the city streets and cause less damage to the buildings.
- Identification of key nodes, e.g. transit connections/intersections, would provide orientation points and have the opportunities to become economic development opportunities.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Reinstating basic mass transit services, combined with multimodal transportation nodes for citizens (those enabling safe and efficient transition between mass transit

and personal modes) will assist in the return of the district population.

**Project Name:** **Create New Citywide Light Rail & Streetcar System with Multi-Modal Nodes**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Region; Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Transportation Recovery

**Project Description:** Study potential for light rail inter-modal systems through the city along N. Claiborne Avenue, linking to Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes as part of an evacuation route and system. Develop these connections to link District 8 to major employment centers, downtown and the proposed light-rail system to the airport. In addition, study the inclusion of St. Claude Avenue within the district for the proposed Desire Streetcar line. Include potential for both continuation of the line into St Bernard Parish. Also consider other modes of transportation such as water taxis and bicycle and pedestrian routes. Project components and considerations include:

- Implement Express neighborhood shuttles connecting to larger transit stops on St. Claude and Claiborne
- Create walkable multi-modal stations (streetcar/light rail, buses, shuttles, ride-on-demand, bicycles, and car access) along St. Claude, N. Claiborne, and Florida Avenues.
- Develop “neighborhood shed concept,” which fosters walkability within community to all services.
- Establish a water taxi stop along the Mississippi Riverfront to provide service to Downtown, Algiers, St. Bernard Parish
- Promote improved, more livable communities within the District through Bus routes, bicycle paths and pedestrian circulation. Complete a study to determine other potential dedicated bike routes throughout District.
- Complete a walkability audit of the public right-of-way to ensure full accessibility for the elderly and disabled.
- Consider implementing a streamlined, more efficient operation system for pre-existing streetcar network; this can be implemented with only modest changes.

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years, implementation 2-5 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Increased transit options to the city center and surrounding



parishes, enabling better access to employment centers, increased tourism opportunities, a cleaner environment and improved evacuation.

Project Description Sheet #15  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Create Transit Oriented Mixed Use  
Redevelopment along St. Claude & N.  
Claiborne Avenues**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide; Neighborhood

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Economic Recovery

**Project Description:** A top priority project advocated by the Citywide recovery plan, multiple District recovery plans and greatly supported by citizens, is the revitalization of the Claiborne Avenue Corridor throughout the City and Region. Recent approval of the extension of the Inner-City Urban Corridor Overlay District to include S. Claiborne Ave. between Earhart Blvd. and Napoleon Ave. sets forth the potential to promote urban design goals that support a harmonious relationship between commercial uses and the surrounding residential neighborhoods. In addition to the highest priority corridor revitalization of Claiborne Avenue, St. Claude Avenue requires high priority revitalization through the District. The recovery project proposes that a specific Overlay District be created for N. Claiborne and St. Claude Avenues with concentration between Caffin and Tupelo through businesses loans, incentives, design guidelines, transit nodes, and commercial initiatives and sets forth additional recommendations as follows:

- Conduct market feasibility studies for revitalization of mixed-use corridors along St. Claude and Claiborne Avenues
- Develop urban design guidelines promoting compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods and consistent street frontage for commercial establishments along North Claiborne Ave.
- Consider one full-block depth of commercial on the both sides of North Claiborne and St. Claude Avenues. Encourage retail establishments, large and small, to have structure at street front with parking behind and adequate architectural and/or vegetative screening to the adjacent residential blocks. Leverage the proximity of neighborhoods and Jackson Barracks to determine appropriate land use and zoning
- Promote pedestrian friendly environment through the use of visually active ground floor treatments.
- Existing buildings and single and two-family residential structures will be “grandfathered” and not required to be brought into compliance; however, the recovery plan recommends incentivised hardening of these structures from potential floods.

- Streetscape, sidewalk, lighting and neutral ground improvements and design guidelines.
- Create a light rail within the neutral ground of N. Claiborne Avenue which connects Orleans Parish to Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes and to the Downtown Union Station. Extend the proposed Desire Streetcar line along St. Claude Avenue.
- Create a development incentive zone to promote redevelopment.
- Promote wealth creation through diversification of local entrepreneurial opportunities.
- Recycle financial resources locally.
- Consider the establishment of a branch Community Credit Union to maximize micro-finance business development.
- Allow for incremental transformation of existing buildings along St. Claude and N. Claiborne Avenues
- Provide incentives through Transit Mortgages

**Project Timeline:** 2 - 5 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Increased access to neighborhood services, increased economic opportunities in the form of job and neighborhood wealth creation.

Project Description Sheet #16  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Study Mississippi Riverfront Site for Mixed Use Redevelopment**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, Holy Cross Neighborhood

**Area of Impact:** City wide, District wide Neighborhood

**Recovery Value:** Moderate Recovery

**Sector:** Housing Recovery; Economic Recovery

**Project Description:** **Study the existing usage and redevelopment potential for the industrial uses along the Mississippi riverfront (from Andry to St. Maurice Streets).**

- Determine financial feasibility of various mixed use live/work and commercial uses.
- As sites become available for alternative uses, remediate the sites as required.
- Gather adequate community input for the design proposal. In addition, increase public access to riverfront in this area.

**Project Timeline:** develop plan within 2-5 years, 2-10 years to implement  
**Anticipated Outcomes:** Economic revitalization of district and redevelopment of underutilized industrial areas, increase housing and job opportunities for mixed

Project Description Sheet #17  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** Study Industrial Canal Site for  
Redevelopment

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide, District wide , Neighborhood

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Economic Recovery

**Project Description:** A study to investigate uses for the land on the water-side of the Industrial Canal that will establish a carbon/neutral sustainable employment and workforce center with community approved uses.

- With the potential of no major shipping due to the closure of deep water navigation, ocean going vessels and the closure/dredging of MRGO, study the potential for recreational, waterfront and marina access within the Industrial canal between St. Claude and Claiborne Bridges.
- Work with Community Benefits Agreement to ensure jobs that benefit community
- Community to monitor the use and type of business
- Business to work with community schools, neighborhood leaders to ensure interaction training programs, and outreach
- To the extent possible, all businesses or commercial use must be carbon-neutral, or green industry,
- Include overlay district to create community income, no matter what the future proposed use.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Increased economic opportunities for residents in the district and elsewhere in the city.

Project Description Sheet #18  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Implement a Comprehensive Training & Workforce Plan**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Economic Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop and implement a Comprehensive Training and Workforce Plan that includes a broad array of Education and Training Programs. Support and partner with all major universities, community colleges, trade schools to assist with such capacity building. Such proximate institutions include Tulane University, Loyola University, Xavier University, and Louisiana State University. Universities across the country have continued to outreach to the district. These relationships should be furthered. Considerations for the project include:**

- Encourage existing regional or new major employers to participate in such programs.
- Residents have expressed interest in either establishing a new school/community college or for Holy Cross to be possibly reopened as a citywide access school for career and vocational development.
- Ensure local employment opportunities
- Ensure good public transport, walking, cycling connections to the wider area of neighboring parishes
- Develop and enhance major employment centers within and in adjacent districts to ensure ample job opportunities for district residents

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Increased economic opportunities for residents in the District

Project Description Sheet #19  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Establish a Small Business Recovery Loan Program</b>
<b>Project Location:</b>	Planning District 8, All Areas
<b>Area of Impact:</b>	District-wide
<b>Recovery Value:</b>	High Recovery
<b>Sector:</b>	Economic Recovery
<b>Project Description: commercial uses.</b>	<b>Provide small business recovery loans for pre-existing</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider establishment and support a branch of a Community Credit Union's role and/or to maximize micro-finance business development.</li></ul>
<b>Project Timeline:</b>	within 2 - 5 years
<b>Anticipated Outcomes:</b>	As recovery of small businesses is of current concern and the establishment of larger scale retail stores along S. Claiborne Ave. certainly will add pressure to their viability, it is imperative the small businesses which define part of the unique character of New Orleans' neighborhoods be encouraged to flourish with such a program.

Project Description Sheet # 20  
*(To be filled in by Citywide Team)*

**Project Name:** **Develop A Business Incubator & Assistance Program**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** District-wide

**Recovery Value:** Community Improvement

**Sector:** Economic Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop a business incubator centrally located structure along St. Claude or N. Claiborne Avenue corridors.**

- Coexist and partner with other suggested projects: trade school, schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.
- Support and partner with all major universities, community colleges, trade schools to assist with such capacity building.

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years; implementation 2 -5 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Increased economic opportunities for District residents.

Project Description Sheet # 21  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** Study Reuse Options for Holy Cross School Site

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, Holy Cross Neighborhood

**Area of Impact:** District-wide

**Recovery Value:** Community Improvement

**Sector: Housing** Recovery; Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** The proposed relocation of the Holy Cross School opens the possibility for the existing 19 acre site in the Holy Cross neighborhood for redevelopment. Study Reuse Options for Holy Cross School Site.

- Coordinate with the Community Benefit Organization proposed project outlined in the District project matrix.
- Identify potential development partners including public and private sources of funding. Consider housing, commercial, educational, and other mixed uses.
- Coordinate any redevelopment with the architectural and cultural nature of the historic district to meet the needs of the residents of the entire District.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Major influx of new housing, commercial, educational, and cultural opportunities and an economic benefit for the entire District.

**Project Name:**                    **Develop & Institute Housing  
Incentive Program**

**Project Location:**                Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:**                Citywide

**Recovery Value:**                High Recovery

**Sector:**                            Housing Recovery; Historic Preservation/Urban Design

**Project Description:**    **Facilitate retention and rehabilitation of existing functional and structurally sound housing or the provision of a variety of new housing types including senior housing, in low risk zones provided flood mitigation is fulfilled by initiating a housing incentive program.**

- Consider as one option a tax abatement program which would waive personal property taxes for 10-15 years to those interested in purchasing these existing homes for retention and rehabilitation. This type of program has proved successful for several other cities in need of rehabilitation and redevelopment. At a minimum this program could reduce rates of property taxes or rate freeze for senior citizens seeking to provide flood mitigation.
- Extend the current Historic Grant Program for the restoration of historic properties with additional incentives for rehabilitation of exteriors of these structures.
- Develop a study to explore a need for a Senior Housing Village for the community placed close to walkable services, mass transit and parks.

**Project Timeline:**                within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:**        The program will encourage investment throughout the District and City, but more so in the areas of the District which had experienced systemic disinvestment Pre-Katrina. The program will encourage home ownership for those who previously thought not an option. Also it will encourage stabilizing the existing strong architectural fabric specific to New Orleans. Improved housing facilities for elderly residents, which is vitally needed in the District.

Project Description Sheet # 23  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Develop a Renter Assistance Program**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Housing Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop and fund a rental assistance program for low-income families.**

Consider the following option:

- Provide vouchers for covering the gap between normal tax credit rents and the rents of families with incomes below 30% of median income. Distributed vouchers would be used together with a production subsidy such as Low-Income Tax Credit.
- Create more rental housing units within existing stock of single and duplex homes.
- Study adoption of an inclusionary zoning ordinance that requires for-profit developers to include below market rate and/or elderly housing units as a percentage of large scale housing developments.
- Provide rental relocation assistance to renters whose building owners choose to relocate from higher risk zones.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Assist the renters to return to City and the District

Project Description Sheet # 24  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Develop & Implement an Amended Lot Next Door/Consolidation Program**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, Low Risk Zone Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Housing Recovery

**Project Description:** **The Lot Next Door/Consolidation Program will offer any neighborhood groups the ability to purchase publicly owned adjoining properties prior to these properties being offered to any other buyers. This option would be provided should the property end up in public ownership either through the adjudication process or through the sale of the property to a public entity through the Road Home or other public acquisition program.**

- Support for this program has been great in areas such as District 8 which has a high amount of blighted and adjudicated properties.
- Neighborhood organizations should work towards the idea of consolidation of lots to address the issue of “jack-o-lantern” effect of vacant lots within the block.
- When consolidating consider the manner in which consolidation can support community facilities, schools, parks and rain gardens and the character of the neighborhood.
- Assure property owner has knowledge and has been open to the process.
- Modify program to suit the particular needs of District 8.
- Offer program second to home relocation program.
- Offer to Block to study potential for property within their block

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years; implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Encouragement of population return, increasing neighborhood cohesiveness by empowering the citizens to revitalize their own neighborhood.

Project Description Sheet # 25  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Restore Existing Parks, Playgrounds  
& Playspots within District**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** **It is critical all parks playgrounds, or playspots damaged by Katrina or used as FEMA trailer sites Post-Katrina be restored and remediated as necessary. The project includes:**

- Pre-Katrina designated parks: Sam Bonart, Oliver Bush, Richard Lee, Delery Street and Roffignac Playgrounds, and the Goins Playspot, as well as the levee areas along the Mississippi River and Industrial Canal.
- Upgrade, repair and provide age appropriate playground equipment to code
- Landscape appropriately for the climate zone, conserving resources.
- Encourage the community to adopt these parks in order to ensure that they are well managed maintained.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** The restoration and remediation of existing parks is the first step in creating an interconnected park and trail network for the District. Parks and open space improve the quality of life for residents and provide increased economic and tourism opportunities.

**Project Name:** Complete District Park System Study

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** District-wide

**Recovery Value:** Community Improvement

**Sector:** Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** After District-wide analysis and input from the community, neighborhoods within the District are deficient of neighborhood parks. The portions of the District north of N. Claiborne Ave are particularly lacking in passive recreational opportunities. Study expansion of existing parks, and playgrounds, and playspots to become a fully linked neighborhood park system. Create parks within the neighborhood walking shed and in relationship to schools. In addition, study potential for parks to be created through the consolidation of blighted and adjudicated properties or by utilizing the proposed home flood mitigation relocation program. The study should consider several components:

- Design an outdoor amphitheater and new recreational athletic fields complex for schools and the community to share
- Design and develop linear park with trails, landscape & retention ponds within the wedge between Alabo and Benton Street, from St. Claude to Florida Avenues. Anchor the park wedge of Alabo and Benton with a school, new community or civic building (center, library, etc.) at the southern end and Florida Ave and Bayou Bienvenue at the Northern end.
- Develop four key neighborhood annual events to be located along the above mentioned park wedge.
- Develop Bayou Bienvenue into a major outdoor interpretive area.
- Support the regional trail system and planning efforts, such as Bayou Art Trail.
- Create and dedicate the Mississippi River, Bayou Bienvenue and Industrial Canal levee for continuous pedestrian and bicycle trails and linear park.
- Consolidate pre-Katrina adjudicated and blighted properties into larger parcels that can be parks, retention and mitigation basins, or redeveloped as new uses.
- Provide public water access between Jourdan avenue / the industrial canal and Holy Cross and the Mississippi River
- Design and develop linear park with trails, landscape & retention ponds adjacent to Florida Ave to connect Jackson Barracks, swamp/wetland area and to Bayou Bienvenue. Develop retention areas, parks, parkways, trails and urban forest programs with funding
- Improve the natural resources within the district neighborhoods by:

- Complete a comprehensive study of tree loss and damage, and implement program to restore healthy canopy.
- Replace lost trees to restore the canopy through mass planting as “tree farming” on select lots.
- Restore neutral ground landscaping along N. Claiborne, St. Claude, and Caffin Avenues and Tupelo Street.
- Study recommendations in regards to March 2002 *"New Century New Orleans Master Plan: Parks Recreation & Open Space."*

**Project Timeline:** develop Master Plan within 2 years; implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Comprehensive interconnected park and trail system. The creation of these new parks in neighborhoods which currently lack them will be the final step in creating an interconnected park and trail network for the District, completing the thorough neighborhood park shed concept.

Project Description Sheet #27  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Establish New Nature Interpretive Center & Outreach Center**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** Community Improvement

**Sector:** Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** **This project consists of the development of a Nature Interpretive Education and Outreach Center in the area adjacent to the Bayou Bienvenue wetlands area restoration project, noted elsewhere in the project matrix for the District.**

- Coordinate with the proposed wedge park area between Alabo and Benton Street, from St. Claude to Florida Avenues.
- Consider possible locations include a combination with the Lawless High School restoration or other educational facility at this location.
- The proposed center should be considered to include:
  - A tree and plant nursery that can produce necessary seedlings for regional wetland restoration and city/street tree restoration projects while providing job creation
  - Coordinated educational programs with District and City public and private schools
  - Access to and coordination with a proposed District wide trail system linking the riverfront to the Bayou Biennu wetlands area.

**Project Timeline:** program development within 2 years; implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** This program will aid in environmentally responsible development for the District and the City and needs to be the anticipated outcome. Improved economic and educational opportunities for the District in addition to tourism attraction and environmental protection.

Project Description Sheet #28  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Develop & Incentivize Senior Citizen Housing**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Housing Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop a strategy and development plan to provide the following types of Senior housing.**

- smaller single family homes or garden apartments / ECHO units as separate structure on the same property as a single-family home belonging to an adult child or another relative. Create various typologies to ensure to encompass all activity levels for residents.
- Independent Living Communities that enable independent seniors to enjoy a lifestyle filled with recreational, educational and social activities amongst other seniors.
- Assisted Living facilities that provide a special combination of residential housing, personalized supportive services and care.
- Nursing Homes or Skilled Nursing Facilities that are designed for seniors who are in need of 24-hour nursing care.
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) as residential campuses that provide a continuum of care - from assisted living to skilled nursing care, all in one location.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Provides needed affordable housing alternates to Seniors in low risk zone of District.

**Project Name:**                    **Develop & Implement a “District  
Community-Based Youth at Risk”  
Recovery Program**

**Project Location:**                Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods  
**Area of Impact:**                Citywide; District-wide  
**Recovery Value:**                High Recovery  
**Sector:**                              Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:**    **Develop a District-wide “Community Youth at Risk Program” that not only focuses on issues such as youth crime and violence, substance abuse, gangs, school dropouts, academic performance and other issues associated with “at-risk youth” but addresses the at-risk youth and their families who have multiple needs and inter-related problem behaviors that are not likely to be successfully addressed by single- response, standalone initiatives by implementing a broad-based continuum of care and linking youth and families to a variety of services.**

Program to address:

- Building broad-based collaboratives and partnerships to promote services integration.
- Involving parents as soon as possible and make clear expectations of involvement.
- Using community volunteers for tutoring and mentoring.
- Involve youth in the implementation projects and programs ,i.e. active committee membership, mowing and wildflower remediation program, youth n training program in technology, science and ecology; mentoring, construction apprenticeship, etc.
- Building upon the multiple resources within the City.
- involving faith-based organizations and the school system, modeled on organizations such as *Communities in Schools, Inc.* that encourages the coordination of youth-oriented services in local communities and schools. The CIS model is based on holistic approaches to school-based, site-specific services to youth at risk of dropping out of school. The CIS model is based on using existing community resources and services that are integrated and repositioned at school sites to achieve dropout reduction and to mitigate related problems. The model assumes that youth who drop out of school generally have nonacademic problems (such as low income, dysfunctional families, health or mental health problems, substance abuse, etc.) as well as academic ones. The intent is that nonacademic issues must be addressed to adequately resolve the dropout problem.

**Project Timeline:**                within 2 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:**        Increased safety for the youth and at-risk families in the District.



**Project Name:**                    **Develop a Comprehensive  
Green Streets Program**

**Project Location:**                Planning District 8, All Areas  
**Area of Impact:**                Citywide  
**Recovery Value:**                Moderate Recovery  
**Sector:**                              Community Services Recovery

**Project Description:** **Lacking in the planning and recovery process to date is a legitimate understanding of tree loss and damage inflicted by Katrina. A major asset to the livelihood of the City and District 8 was the tree canopy, specifically the Live Oak Canopy. After extent of damage and loss is understood, implement a tree program throughout the District. Additional components of the project include:**

- Provide guideline and restrictions for altering the canopy around power lines. Burying these lines under the hardened infrastructure program would most certainly aid in the preservation and restoration of the tree canopy.
- Protect existing trees and replanting trees that have been uprooted throughout the district, especially along Galvez and Tennessee Streets and along neutral grounds along the major streets noted below.
- Add new trees along major corridors in keeping with existing types of tree canopy. Major Corridors include St. Claude, N. Claiborne, Florida, and Caffin Avenues and Tupelo Street.
- Improve the natural resources within the district neighborhoods by:
- Complete a comprehensive study of tree loss and damage, and implement program to restore healthy canopy.
- Replace lost trees to restore the canopy through mass planting as “tree farming” on select lots.
- Facilitate the creation of a tree nursery program so that individuals or neighborhoods can obtain appropriate trees at cost.

**Project Timeline:**                develop program within 2 years  
Implementation 2 -5 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:**        Restoration of the tree canopy increases property values, improves quality of life and reduces the heat island effect in the District.

Project Description Sheet #31  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Repair & Upgrade to Hardened Underground Utilities Corridor & Street Infrastructure Program**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide

**Recovery Value:** High Recovery

**Sector:** Flood/Hurricane Protection; Public and Private Infrastructure and Utilities Recovery

**Project Description:** **Continuity of utility service is critical to New Orleans' recovery and as preparation for a possible emergency event in the future.**

Coordinate the design of a hardened utilities and street infrastructure program as follows:

- Repair and harden all flood protection infrastructure including pumps support with alternative energy sources.
- Repair / upgrade water lines (catch basins and lines), sewer lines, gas lines, electrical supply system, telecommunication system, street curbs, sidewalks and streets. Particular attention to be paid to streets north of N. Claiborne Avenue and near the levee break on Jourdan Avenue, which sustained the greatest amount of damage.
- At the same time of repairs and upgrades, create a comprehensive overhaul to bury the power and telecommunication lines below grade. Add street lighting and trees along the main corridors.
- Develop a long-range maintenance and upgrade plan for all infrastructure throughout the District.
- Implement a District-wide Wireless Fidelity (WI-FI) service during burying of utilities.
- Ensure a High Performance infrastructure Program.

**Prioritization of this program should be District-wide in following order:**

- Emergency evacuation routes including bridges (with new pedestrian crossings) – St. Claude, N. Claiborne, and Florida Avenues;
- Other primary arteries - (Caffin Avenue and Tupelo and Tennessee Streets)
- Neighborhood Streets

**Project Timeline:** develop program within 2 years; implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Increased public safety will result from a District-wide

coordinated hardened underground utilities and infrastructure program. This coordinated process also would be efficient and cost effective. As a result of the effort, the quality of life of the District will improve.

Project Description Sheet #32  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Develop and Implement Alternative Energy Sources**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Areas

**Area of Impact:** Citywide; District; Neighborhood

**Recovery Value:** Community Improvement

**Sector:** Public and Private Infrastructure and Utilities Recovery

**Project Description:** **Develop and implement clean alternative energy sources for the District to replace reliance on the current power grid. This project will reduce energy costs for residents, provide stable energy sources that can function when the electric grid is damaged or inactive, and reduce environmental pollution.**

- Systems to consider include river turbines, micro-grid solar photovoltaic systems, and ground source heat pump systems.
- Explore possible federal and state incentives in addition to partnerships with private alternative and conventional energy system suppliers.

**Project Timeline:** program development within 2 years; implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** This program will aid in environmentally responsible development for the District and the City and needs to be the anticipated outcome. Reduced energy costs, enhanced economic job creation; greater publicity and leadership in sustainable building practices.

Project Description Sheet #33  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Study the Expansion of the Historic District</b>
<b>Project Location:</b>	Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods
<b>Area of Impact:</b>	District-wide
<b>Recovery Value:</b>	Community Improvement
<b>Sector:</b>	Historic Preservation/Urban Design; Housing Recovery; Economic Recovery
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p><b>Study for the expansion and establishment of the entire Lower Ninth Ward to include appropriate structures to either a local or national registered historic district, based on neighborhood consensus and proper study by state historic office. Supporting components of the study to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empower the Historic Districts and Landmarks Commission (HDLC) for increased protection of historic districts and enforcement of design guidelines.</li><li>• An assessment of need for additional staffing of HDLC is warranted.</li><li>• Consideration of the expansion of local and/or national historic designation throughout the District.</li><li>• Consideration of the designation of the Garden District neighborhood as Local Historic District status, as requested from the neighborhood.</li><li>• For areas that are less historic or have financial problems with complying, establish Partial Control Districts with demolition review by the HDLC for protection of older, well-built structures.</li><li>• Stabilize and preserve empty historic public structures (e.g. schools) and place in control of Community Benefits Organizations (CBO's) or sell these properties to developers with tax incentives to be redeveloped for other uses.</li><li>• Study incentives for production of affordable historic architectural elements.</li><li>• Consideration of the financial benefits of historic districts and additional incentive programs.</li><li>• Work with both FEMA and the Department of Safety and Permits to assess what architectural elements can be salvaged and recycled following demolitions which are currently taking place.</li><li>• Develop guidelines for revitalization of mixed-use corridors throughout the District.</li><li>• Provide a technical/financial assistance program to owners both before and during a renovation of historic properties. Under professional oversight, technical assistance might</li></ul>

include interpreting historic district guidelines, ideas for materials to be used in renovation, and techniques that could be of assistance to the renovator whether it is an historic district or not.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years implementation 2-10 years  
**Anticipated Outcomes:** Retention and enhancement of cultural value through historic preservation

**Project Name:**                    **Develop a Energy Efficiency  
Sustainable Materials Programs**

**Project Location:**                Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:**                Citywide; District-wide

**Recovery Value:**                Community Improvement

**Sector:**                            Housing Recovery

**Project Description:**            **Develop and fund a voluntary incentive based Energy  
Efficient & Sustainable Materials Program wherein:**

Residents of the District and its neighborhood organizations have suggested developing a incentive program to assist in the sustainable redevelopment of structures. Sustainably rebuilding the District provides an opportunity to be a model for the nation.

Considerations of the project include:

- Encourage city and state government to adopt sustainable building (LEED) standards and green building materials and practices and support the creation of locally owned businesses to provide the needed services and products.
- Provide information on financial assistance and Federal/State/local tax incentives for purchasing energy-efficient products and technologies.
- Contact suppliers of energy-efficient appliances and building materials to determine whether they will offer price discounts for bulk purchases. If so, District 8’s needs—and possibly the needs of other parts of the City – to place bulk orders.
- Determine which households are eligible for the Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program, which pays for energy audits and efficiency improvements for low-income households. Link those households with weatherization providers.
- Incentive program to offer various targeted incentives over and above basic programs such as low-income and senior energy efficiency grants.
- Explore the use of these technologies at group and community scale, as well as on individual buildings.
- Design and build or rebuild homes to the highest standards of human health and performance.
- Develop a technical assistance program supported by design guidelines.
- Work with Insurance Companies, Corp of Engineers, FEMA, Universities, and the City to develop and incentivize this program. Build upon and utilize existing best practices research and “Louisiana House” program and the “Homeowners Guide” published by LSU AgCenter and Department of Natural Resources and the resources provided by the Federal Alliance for Safe Havens (Flash) organization.

**Project Timeline:** program development within 2 years; implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** This program will aid in environmentally responsible development for the District and the City and needs to be the anticipated outcome.

Project Description Sheet #35  
(To be filled in by Citywide Team)

**Project Name:** **Create Neighborhood Urban Design Plans for the District**

**Project Location:** Planning District 8, All Neighborhoods

**Area of Impact:** District-wide; Neighborhood

**Recovery Value:** Community Improvement

**Sector:** Historic Preservation/Urban Design

**Project Description:** **Residents of the District and neighborhood organizations have suggested developing an Urban Design Plan for the District. The plan would outline longer range plans and projects for the District beyond the scope of the Recovery Framework**

Consider the following:

- Focus the initial urban design criteria on high need areas, such as the northern sector of the Lower Ninth Ward. Continually monitor and involve the Diaspora in the planning process.
- Solicit and/or publish a request for community approved development proposals that maintain the intent and objectives of the Recovery Scenario
- Advocate restoration of the community in a highly sustainable and restorative manner as part of the urban design plan.
- Work with pre-existing Historic Districts and potential for new Historic Districts.
- Work with the Historic District and Landmarks Commission (HDLC) and Preservation Resources Center (PRC).
- Address existing established Overlay Districts.
- Work with the Riverfront Plan
- Encourage the compatible re-use of existing corner commercial structures and to reduce residential non-conformities and to prevent spot zones.
- Allow specific compatible uses in corner buildings such as coffee shops, antique shops, neighborhood grocery stores, flower shops, snowball stands. Adequate parking needs to be addressed.
- Allow corner uses only if compatible with historic neighborhood character. Allowed uses would not require a map-change but must meet Residential Diversity Criteria (RDC); look to Faubourg Marigny for pre-existing RDO.

**Project Timeline:** within 2 years  
implementation 2-10 years

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Retention and enhancement of cultural value through historic preservation.