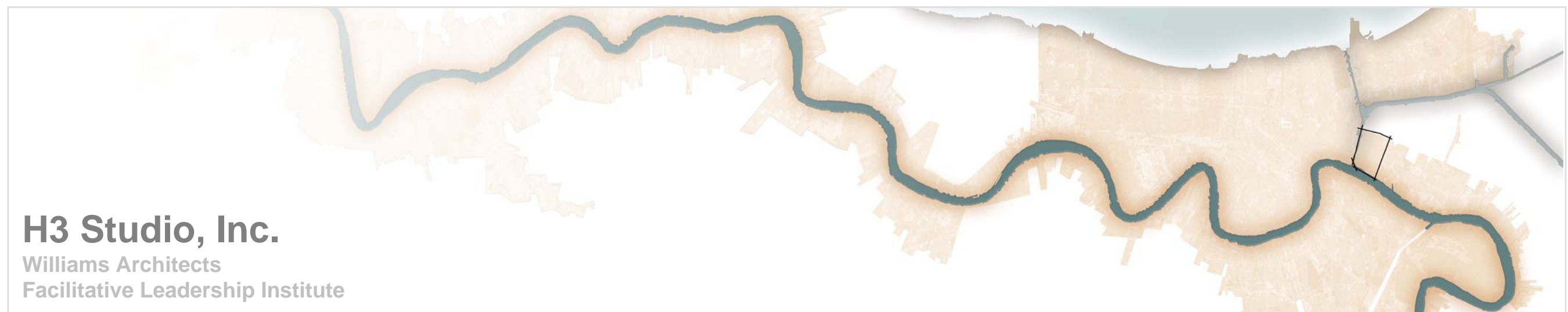
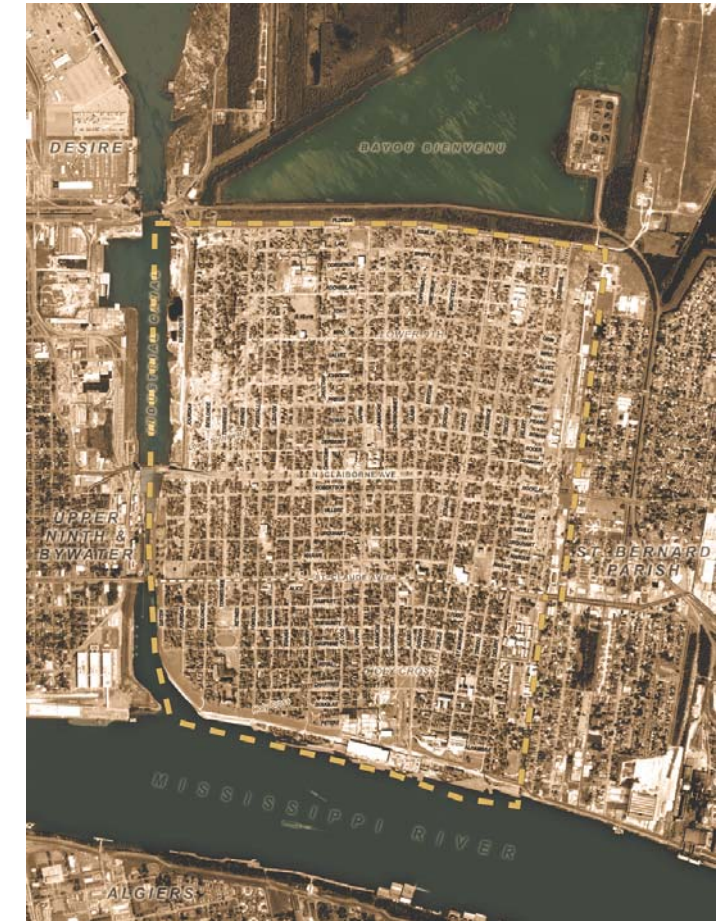


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Overview of the Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to illustrate the overall recovery vision for the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans, Louisiana and enable the City, property owners and residents to make informed decisions about their post-Katrina community. This document capitalizes on the existing assets of the area while providing a strategic recovery framework inside of which the residents and their civic/business leaders will begin to renew and rebuild their lives. This District's recovery framework suggests projects and strong public/private partnerships, guided by the community and their representatives, to facilitate a sustainable resilient recovery of the area. Their recovery will provide not only the basic necessities of Pre-Katrina status, but a scenario to rebuild their district with holistic preparedness for the future. The strong community initiatives, programs, and recovery projects outlined in this document will require close monitoring and

coordination by the Community. Building upon this, the residents of the Lower Ninth Ward must invigorate and advocate for city, state, federal entities' support and leverage their funds. They must be proactive in the equitable reinstatement of their quality of life and the ability to make each resident of their community whole from the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Objective

The objective is to develop consensus recovery vision, goals, and principles with a series of options focused upon the Lower Ninth Ward that outline recovery strategies through action-oriented key projects to achieve a sustainable resilient community. This framework, along with the projects, will inform critical funding and resource allocation decisions, while increasing vitality and viability of the area resulting in building a safer, smarter, stronger community.

Planning Process

The unique community participation, described later in this report, was crafted as the integral key to this particular district's planning process. Open participation by the residents, community leaders, business owners, elected officials, and experts brought many issues and ideas to the table and helped facilitate continued involvement throughout the planning process. During the entire planning process, active hands-on participation was integral through the use of work boards, self-facilitated work tables, model building and intense discussions. The volunteer Stakeholder Advisory Committee held six meetings throughout the process and will continue to meet post the UNOP deadline. Five well-attended public meetings throughout the area were held. In addition, there were outreach via Community Congress in other cities via satellite, surveys, workshops, stakeholder and resident interviews, and constant review and

input from the citywide planning and national resource team. In the course of interviews and public meetings, the community passionately shared their views of the opportunities and challenges of the area and their vision for the future of the Lower Ninth Ward. This report is a record of those community's needs and desires, as well as a competitive tool for implementation

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