Fat City & Jefferson Highway Facade Renewal Projects with Green Components

Update aging building fronts with green design, permeable walking surfaces, energy efficient upgrades and stormwater retention features.

**Components:**
Co-fund improvements to business facades, revitalizing neighborhoods with green building principles and energy efficient designs.
The Re-Greening of Elmwood

Revitalize the densely developed Elmwood Shopping Center with permeable parking, walking paths, outdoor recreation opportunities, and multi-use facilities where residents live, work, and play.

Components:
Restoration of natural woodland along with revitalization of businesses and development in the area. New development would be smarter, sustainable, and limit stormwater management issues.
Gretna Resilience Initiatives

An ambitious, multi-faceted development and code enforcement approach to future design requirements and innovative retrofitting of aging buildings on Gretna’s 25th Street Corridor.

Components:
Creative updates to development code and robust drainage system improvements in Gretna’s Downtown area. Improvements would provide amenities to the public, reduce flood risk, and lay the groundwork for a more resilient future for Gretna.

25th Street Resilience District is home to one of the highest concentrations of repetitive loss (RL) and severe repetitive loss (SRL) properties left in the country. Neighborhoods within the District are predominantly at-grade, single family homes (<1000 sqft) which were developed in the 1950s-60s. The City’s intent is to position future improvements within the District to respond to the unique design and infrastructure challenges present.

25th Street Canal - proposed canal improvements would utilize open canal green infrastructure features to improve capacity and conveyance of the drainage subbasin. Depending on results of the H+H analysis, a small pump station may also be added to the canal improvements.

Gretna City Park - park improvements would implement the recommendations put forth by the community with the help of the Tulane Regional Urban Design Center. Concepts include: ecological restoration throughout the park, including establishment of riparian edges; a multi-use path connecting both sides of the Bellevue neighborhood; assorted green infrastructure water retention features; and, the formalization of entrances relative to adjacent neighborhoods.

Green Streets - concepts include curb extensions with bioretention capacity, urban bioswales, assorted pervious paving and materials, increased subsurface capacity and other green infrastructure interventions that incorporate the Complete Streets framework and address connectivity deficits within the District.

Ordinance - recognizing the need to address conditions within the District, the City Council has introduced an ordinance delimiting the boundaries and mandating a resiliency and sustainability approach to new infrastructure.

H+H Analysis - the City recently contracted to begin a comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and design alternatives study to identify drainage capacity needs and technical approach to the responding projects, all with a mandate to incorporate climate resilient design principles.

Funding - the City is actively identifying and positioning to leverage as many external and internal funding resources as possible, including, but not limited to: local capital projects funding, FEMA’s Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Programs, Louisiana Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments (LA-SAFE), State Capital Outlay and the Statewide Flood Control Program. Proposed projects within the district are scalable to meet available funding sequencing needs.

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The Westwego Marina

An updated marina featuring a fishing pier for recreational access, as well as multiple rent-to-use jetties giving fishermen a place to rest, repair, and refuel.

Components:
Situate a new marina nearby Bayou Segnette with economic opportunities for fishermen, paired with recreational and environmental benefits that can be enjoyed by the entire region.
Lafitte Wetlands Education and Ecotourism Center

Make use of the abundant natural resources and scenic beauty of Lafitte, installing additional walking paths, water taxis, and an educational nature center near the Nature Study Park Boardwalk.

Components:
Improved recreational opportunities paired with educational programs for all ages. Natural areas would act as stormwater retention features and provide a natural barrier to future tropical storm events.
Existing Efforts Map

This map shows existing plans, projects, and efforts underway in Jefferson parish.