



IHNC Community Opportunities Plan of Action

Phase 1 and Phase 2 Report

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Executive Summary

Congress is investing in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE's) modernization of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) lock. A unique aspect of the project is the IHNC Community Opportunities Plan of Action (COPA), which allows USACE to implement a robust suite of improvements to address impacts in Bywater, Holy Cross, the Lower Ninth Ward, and St. Claude. Along with actions to minimize construction impacts, funds will be available to invest in the community to build new features or implement programs to address new and long-standing community needs and bolster quality of life.

USACE, along with its consultant team, conducted a two-phased approach to stakeholder and environmental justice engagement as part of its effort to develop and refine a comprehensive, community-centered COPA for the surrounding IHNC neighborhoods. Phase 1, which occurred between July and August 2023, focused on receiving feedback from community stewards on previously proposed mitigation measures from the 1995 Community Impacts Mitigation Plan (CIMP) and 1997 New Lock and

The IHNC Community Opportunity Plan of Action (COPA) is a public-facing term that is being used to address the mitigation measures that will be developed for the Community Impacts Mitigation Plan (CIMP). COPA is a more understandable term than CIMP.

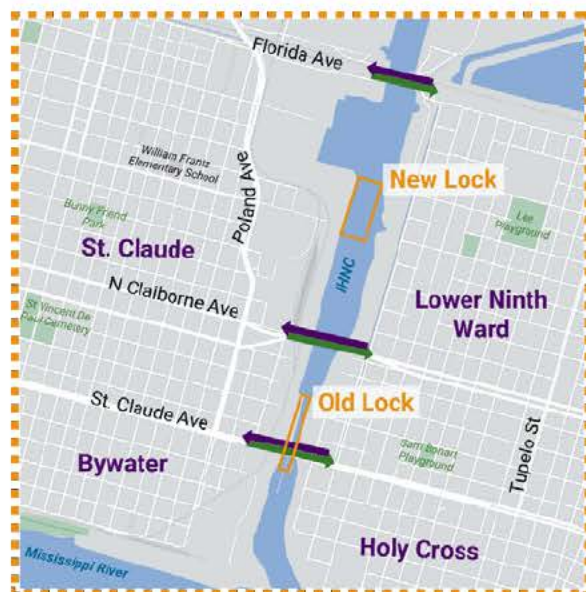


Figure 1. IHNC Project and Study Area

Connecting Channels Evaluation Report, particularly understanding indirect mitigation measures and community needs. Phase 1 allowed the team to understand the community's vision early in the engagement process. Feedback received during Phase 1 was documented in an initial Phase 1 report. Phase 2 engagements, which occurred in December 2023, built on the feedback collected from the four communities to help refine and add to the previously proposed COPA measures. Additionally, Phase 2 engagements provided greater detail on anticipated direct impacts and community opportunities to help address those impacts. This report builds on the Phase 1 report. It describes the Phase 1 and 2 engagement processes and summarizes the ideas heard in **Potential Community Opportunity Plan of Action Measures**. The appendices document the materials used for the engagements, the participants who engaged, and the raw feedback received.

This two-phased engagement process successfully engaged over 280 people, which resulted in more than 500 formal comments, informal comments, and mapped input points. The project team aggregated this input, resulting in approximately 90 potential COPA measures. The potential COPA measures are categorized by topic: noise, transportation, quality of life, economic, and cultural resources. All ideas are documented in **Potential Community Opportunity Plan of Action Measures**.



During Phase 1, more than 20 community stewards representing the four neighborhoods provided input on their needs and vision for their communities. Major themes from the conversations included concerns regarding transparency and lack of trust in USACE, the need to understand more project details, the desire to be self-sustaining communities, and concerns regarding climate change and flooding impacts. Participants also suggested several COPA measure ideas, including ideas for a splash pad, job training, business assistance, green infrastructure, affordable housing, a police substation, and a health clinic. **Phase 1 Engagements** provides additional details on Phase 1.

Phase 2 engagements were designed to continue the conversation by demonstrating what USACE heard from the four communities during Phase 1 and how USACE took that feedback to revise and augment the previously proposed COPA measures. USACE solicited additional public feedback on the proposed COPA measures to understand if the project team heard the communities' concerns correctly and if there were any additional community opportunities that should be considered. Understanding the communities' desires for increased transparency and an understanding of the lock replacement itself, materials were developed to explain the purpose, potential phasing, and potential impacts of the proposed lock replacement. At the meetings, the project team also answered overarching questions related to the project and its potential impacts to the four neighborhoods one-on-one with residents. Materials were designed to address misunderstandings and concerns brought up during Phase 1, such as providing a preliminary construction schedule and engaging participants in feedback activities on COPA measures. More than 400 community ideas were documented and then aggregated. Major themes were similar to Phase 1 and included the need for transparency; improved transit, bike, and pedestrian facilities; improved parks and greenspace; affordable housing; and green infrastructure, as well as concerns with flooding and climate change and the desire for business assistance. **Phase 2 Engagements** provides more information on Phase 2.



Phase 1 Engagements

As part of Phase 1, listening sessions were held at the Ellis Marsalis Center on August 9, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and August 10, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The listening sessions provided an initial opportunity to introduce the COPA and receive feedback on the community's vision for the future of their neighborhoods to better identify relevant COPA measures. Eighty invitations were sent to neighborhood association leadership, nonprofits, and clergy who represented Bywater, Holy Cross, the Lower Ninth Ward, and St. Claude. Participants for the two sessions totaled 22, which included representatives from each of the four IHNC neighborhoods.

Listening Session Structure

The listening sessions began with an introduction to the IHNC lock replacement project and the COPA initiative. The new, three-minute [video](#) was played to provide background on the IHNC, the need for modernization, and the call for COPA. Then, attendees participated in facilitated, interactive activities that included community visioning and COPA improvements prioritization. They were encouraged to review the information on display boards and ask questions. Facilitated small group discussions were held to gather details about the vision and priorities for improvements within the neighborhoods. Participants were given hard copies of the boards displayed as well as the web address and QR code for the Gather virtual room, which houses all Phase 1 materials virtually. Additionally, participants were invited to add subsequent comments to the Gather virtual room and encouraged to share the website with others who would have interest in and ideas for the IHNC lock replacement and COPA.



Figure 2. Listening Session Structure

In addition to the listening sessions, the project team participated in the Lower 9 Festival on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Team members staffed a table at the festival from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Materials included the COPA board, business cards, QR codes leading to the Gather virtual room, an iPad with the Gather virtual room, frequently asked questions handouts, comment sheets, and a sign-up sheet for those interested in receiving updates. The team also provided snacks including water, cookies, and fruit snacks.



The team spoke with 30 people at the festival, and 11 of which signed up to receive updates. During the event, Colonel Jones stopped by the table and spoke with residents on an individual basis when they had questions. Many people took business cards with the Gather virtual room QR code to review and provide comments later. There were 22 distinct views of the Gather virtual room on August 26, with most interest being shown in the video and the background information station. Of those who engaged in person, many were unaware of the project, so the team provided a short project description and then focused on the COPA. A few people had knowledge of earlier concepts. Most people were excited or pleased about the possibility of investing in the communities.



Figure 3. Sign-In Table at August 2023 Listening Session

Overall Themes

While the focus during Phase 1 was to better understand the relevance of previous mitigation measures and identify new ones, many comments from participants centered around a handful of overall themes or expectations—not necessarily tied to specific COPA measures. These overarching themes included the need for transparency and the current lack of trust within the community, the need for self-sustaining communities, and the need to understand project details (e.g., timeline, budget, footprint, and impacts).

To instill greater trust and increase transparency, several (if not most) participants called for a more regular cadence of communication across traditional communication channels, such as email, texts, and calls. They did not seem particular about the channel but more about the frequency to understand what is going on with the lock replacement project. Community stewards also emphasized that the investments and improvements should be community-driven, and rather than a one-time investment, funding should be continual.

There is a desire for self-sustaining communities. Economic development opportunities are important for each community; however, there were multiple concerns about gentrification. **Balancing the need to maintain affordability in the neighborhoods while making improvements will be key.** The community is proud of the progress made to date. They are concerned the project will erode or erase those successes and progress made thus far. Community stewards want to see **walkability and support for small businesses.** Participants also emphasized the need for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)—accessible transportation options within the community and on the new bridge. Easy access across the canal is important to integrate the Lower Ninth Ward into the Greater New Orleans area. They want the bridge to be built to serve all persons in the community, including those without cars and/or with disabilities. Safe, easy-to-use, and ADA-accessible transportation options are desired.



Culture is essential. The community does not want historic monuments and plaques, but they want cultural investment that is long term and based on the community. It is important to community stewards that USACE acknowledges the history/those who risked their lives to build the IHNC lock and community. However, there was concern that people and businesses need their basic needs met first, such as housing and food, before they can focus on other types of community improvements.

There were questions and misconceptions about the overall lock replacement project. The community was concerned about transportation and use of the bridge before, during, and after construction. They were particularly concerned with how the bridge shutdown would impact businesses during construction, and what happens with the bridges during an evacuation. It seems there was a misconception that the bridge would be shut down completely for extended periods of time, if not for the full duration of the whole project. Additional concerns included the timeline and budget for the project and improvements.

Additional commentary and misconceptions noted include: the St. Claude Bridge would be closed the whole time during construction, the lock is being significantly widened, USACE would use dynamite to remove the existing infrastructure, there will be increased flooding during and after construction, and the project would provide no direct benefits to the neighborhoods. The project team will acknowledge these misconceptions to better inform the materials developed and conversations had during future engagements.

It is important for the project team to keep these overall community concerns and overarching themes in mind when considering COPA measures. There may be an opportunity for USACE to take the spirit of these concerns and develop them into potential community opportunities.



Figure 4. Phase 1 Listening Session Setup



Phase 2 Engagements

During Phase 1, the project team received input from community stewards on potential community opportunities to be included in the COPA. Phase 2 engagements were designed to close the feedback loop with those who were invited to participate in Phase 1, soliciting additional feedback from those community stewards but also from the general public, particularly residents from within the four communities who potentially would be impacted by the IHNC lock replacement. This phase of engagements focused on increasing transparency into the overall lock replacement by providing educational information on the proposed lock replacement, the anticipated construction phasing of the lock replacement, and the potential impacts to the communities.

While Phase 1 included a more targeted approach for receiving community feedback, Phase 2 engagements took the conversation to a broader audience—anyone and everyone within the four potentially impacted neighborhoods. ***A total of 237 people attended the four meetings, providing more than 400 interactive or mapped comments and 77 written comment forms. There were an additional 114 clicks into the Gather virtual room.***

Phase 2 Goals:

- ✓ Solicit additional input and feedback on potential COPA measures.
- ✓ Clarify if the project team heard the community's vision, concerns, and ideas correctly during Phase 1.
- ✓ Educate the public on the lock replacement, the potential impacts of the lock replacement, and COPA.

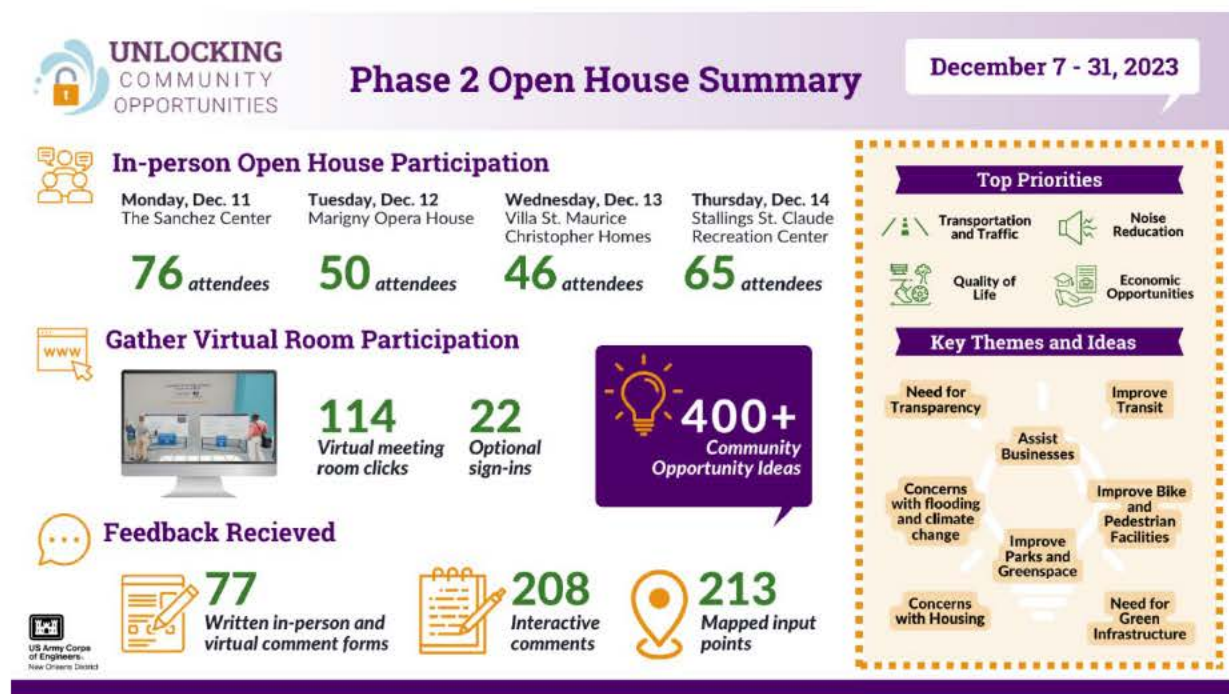


Figure 5. Phase 2 Open House Summary



Engagement Structure

In-Person Engagement

The project team hosted a series of four in-person, open-house public meetings at community centers within the potentially impacted neighborhoods—Bywater, Holy Cross, the Lower Ninth Ward, and St. Claude. Special consideration was given to the times and locations of the engagements to increase access and availability.



Figure 6. Stallings St. Claude Recreation Center, December 14, 2023

Monday, December 11, 2023

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Sanchez Center

1616 Fats Domino Avenue, New Orleans

76 attendees

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Villa St. Maurice Christopher Homes

500 St. Maurice Avenue, New Orleans

46 attendees

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Marigny Opera House

725 St. Ferdinand Street, New Orleans

50 attendees

Thursday, December 14, 2023

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Stallings St. Claude Recreation Center

4300 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans

65 attendees



Figure 7. Villa St. Maurice Christopher Homes, December 13, 2023



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At the open houses, stations equipped for facilitated one-on-one conversations were spread throughout the meeting space. The stations included content on the project background (basic facts about the lock replacement) along with anticipated community impacts and potential types of community opportunities. Recognizing that no one size fits all when it comes to how people are comfortable providing feedback, each station included at least one if not multiple feedback mechanisms to better gather public input. Additionally, participants were provided comment cards at the sign-in table along with a printed copy of each station's materials in addition to a map that contained the anticipated residential right-of-way needs and more information on how locks work. During the four in-person meetings, participants completed 55 written comment forms. Additionally, participants provided 208 interactive feedback comments from the in-person stations and mapped 213 input points at interactive maps.

Virtual Engagement

An online open house using CDM Smith's Gather platform accompanied the in-person meetings to increase access and transparency (<https://gather.cdmsmith.com/v/YbjN3GAnqA7>). From December 7 to December 31, 2023, the Gather virtual room had 114 clicks into the meeting room and 22 people chose to provide their name on the optional sign-in form. The materials displayed in the virtual room mimicked that provided in person. Participants provided 20 comment forms online and two emails between December 7 and December 31, 2023.



Figure 8. Gather Virtual Room



Phase 2 Overall Themes

While the goal of Phase 2 was to better understand the community opportunity ideas, many comments also centered around a handful of overall themes—not necessarily tied to specific COPA measures. These overarching themes were similar to those heard during Phase 1 and included the need for transparency, the current lack of trust within the community, and the need to understand project details (e.g., timeline, budget, footprint, and impacts).

Throughout the engagements, members of the community also expressed concerns with the project as a whole. Concerns centered around flooding and worsening the effect of climate change, destruction of the neighborhoods and property value, and pollution. Approximately 66% of comments received were unsupportive of the project. Many people suggested USACE should fill in the canal and close the lock. Although the project team heard opposition and concerns from participants during the open houses and through the various feedback mechanisms, often, after talking to project team members, members of the public would still offer feedback on community opportunities for USACE to consider as well. The **Potential Community Opportunity Plan of Action Measures** document these ideas.



Figure 9: Photo from December 11, 2023, Open House



Potential Community Opportunity Plan of Action Measures

As part of the lock replacement project, funds would be available to build new features or implement other measures to address community needs and bolster community resiliency and quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods to help offset direct and indirect impacts caused by the lock replacement. The following community opportunities were suggested during the aforementioned Phase 1 listening sessions, the Phase 2 Open Houses, and the Gather Room from August through December 2023.

The following set of tables is a high-level analysis to help facilitate USACE's decision-making process by organizing disparate conversations and feedback and is not considered a legal interpretation of any legal code or statute.

- The impact addressed also includes the “spirit” of the suggestion if additional context was provided at time of receipt.
- The authorization referenced is the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, Section 844 of 1986 as amended directing implementation of a “Community Impact Mitigation Plan.”
- Environmental justice indicators are derived from the Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) EJScreen: Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool. These environmental justice factors would be the factors that the proposed measure may improve, even if not directly related to the observed direct impact of the project. Because communities are complex ecosystems, it could be possible to link many measures to a majority of factors or indicators, so those listed below may not be exhaustive. In many cases, these tools overlap in their factors, which will be duplicated below. In some cases, there are differing indices or ways data are shown, so there may be differences. For that reason, both are listed and cross-referenced.
- Origin of idea maps the COPA measure to the 1995 CIMP and 1997 Evaluation Report and/or the engagements in Phase 1, and generally speaks to whether this was an idea that was brought up by a single person or multiple people. New Phase 2 Potential Measures include an origin from the in-person or virtual formal comments, the informal open house activities, or both.
- Phase 2 considerations include additional input received during the Phase 2 engagements. Additionally, any new COPA measures from Phase 2 are identified as New Phase 2 Potential Measures in the following blue and green tables.



Noise

Potential Measure	Soundproofing
Definition	Soundproof residential and/or commercial structures within areas where high levels of noise are anticipated. Soundproofing could include installing insulation, soundwalls, or other noise reduction measures.
Impacts Addressed	Helps address noise levels during construction.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses a direct impact, though not necessarily social or cultural; addresses an indirect social and cultural impact resulting from the effects of high noise levels such as impediments to conducting business, gathering, etc.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	EJScreen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income CEJST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health: Asthma, Low Life Expectancy Workforce Development: High School Education
Potential Operational Considerations	Who would do the installation? Would USACE contract out directly to a vendor to install? Determination would need to be made about who would get an air conditioner vs. insulation, or both.
Origin of Idea	Idea of soundproofing homes and businesses, including the use of air conditioners as a tool, is found in the 1995 CIMP/1997 Evaluation Report. One community steward expressed interest in the idea during listening session 1, along with multiple comments about general concerns with noise during construction.
Phase 2 Considerations	Participants asked for USACE to address noise impacts from construction via soundproofing five times. Additional participants asked for more information on noise impacts and the noise study. One person suggested silent railroad crossings at Poland Avenue to help reduce noise in the area.

Transportation

Potential Measure	Easy Access Across the Canal
Definition	Provide easy access across the canal to integrate the Lower Ninth Ward into the Greater New Orleans area. <i>While this was a very broad recommendation, additional related ideas were provided during Phase 2 and categorized below.</i>
Impacts Addressed	This would help address lack of access to businesses, jobs, healthcare, and food, and increase access for police presence.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	EJScreen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access, Food Desert Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income



	<p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Traffic Proximity, and Volumes • Workforce Development: Unemployment
Potential Operational Considerations	What does better access mean to the communities? What modes of transportation would provide the easiest access across the canal?
Origin of Idea	Transportation accommodations to improve access were considered in the 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report. Residents expressed the need for better access across the canal during listening session 1.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>Improved access across the canal and between neighborhoods were noted comments. People want a new bridge with lights, additional lanes on the existing bridges, protected bike paths on the bridges, larger walkways on the bridges, and additional transit, including bus and streetcars, across the canal.</p> <p>Additional ideas included a ferry across the canal between Holy Cross and Bywater.</p> <p>Three comments stating the current bridge curfews should be enforced to help with ease of access were documented.</p> <p>The need for safe, reliable evacuation routes and emergency vehicles/EMS crossing the canal was also noted three times.</p>

Potential Measure	Traffic Cameras at Lights
Definition	Install traffic cameras at lights to increase safety/surveillance at problematic intersections.
Impacts Addressed	Helps address lack of safety/stopping at intersections when people cross the bridge and promote behavior changes in drivers to increase safety in the neighborhoods.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social/cultural impact associated with being separated by the original canal construction (community cohesion) and isolation from police presence.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Traffic Proximity and Volume • Health: Low Life Expectancy
Potential Operational Considerations	What are the most critical intersections for cameras? Need to work with City of New Orleans or the state (owner of road and traffic system) to install/monitor cameras.



Origin of Idea	One community steward expressed this idea during listening session 1.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>17 locations were identified on maps where participants would like to see traffic cameras. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Claude: N. Prieur St. and Poland Ave., N. Robertson St. and Desire St., N. Claiborne Ave. and Alvar St., St. Claude Ave. and Pauline St., St. Claude Ave. and Congress St., St. Claude Ave. and Franklin Ave. Bartholomew St. and N. Galvez St., N. Johnson St. and Desire St. • Bywater: St. Claude Bridge, N. Prieur St. and Poland Ave., N. Robertson St. and Poland Ave., Poland Ave. and Dauphine St., Lesseps St. and Royal St., St. Claude Ave. and Franklin Ave. • Lower Ninth Ward: St. Claude Ave. Bridge, N. Claiborne Bridge, N. Claiborne Ave. and Tennessee St., St. Claude Ave. and Fats Domino Ave., N. Villere St. and Reynes St. • Holy Cross: St. Claude Ave. Bridge, St. Claude Ave. and Fats Domino Ave.

Potential Measure	Additional Public Transit
Definition	Coordinate with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to provide additional public transit to increase access in/out of the communities.
Impacts Addressed	Helps address lack of access to businesses, jobs, healthcare, and food.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social and culture impact to community cohesion and economic opportunity.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income • Pollution and Sources: Traffic Proximity, Diesel Particulate Matter • Health Disparities: Asthma, Persons with Disabilities, Low Life Expectancy <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Transportation Barriers, Traffic Proximity and Volume • Workforce Development: High School Education, Unemployment, Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment • Health: Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Low Life Expectancy
Potential Operational Considerations	Which modes of public transit are desired in the community? Where is additional public transit needed? Is there need for an additional bus route or added service (increased service frequency, added stops, more accessible stops)?



Origin of Idea	Public transit was not considered in the 1995 CIMP / 1997 Evaluation Report. Residents expressed the need for better access across the canal during listening session 1, and increased public transit was one suggestion.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>19 indicators for bus improvements were documented, including adding bus stops, covered bus stops, and expanding service improvements. One participant suggested to engage Ride New Orleans as a partner.</p> <p>Specified locations for bus stops included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Claude: Pauline St. and N. Galvez St., Desire St. and N. Galvez St. • Bywater: Along Chartres St. and Royal St. • Lower Ninth Ward: St. Claude Ave. and Angela St., Jourdan Ave and Marais St., Alabo St. and Marais St., St. Claude Ave. and Lizardi St., St. Calude Ave. and Delery St. • Holy Cross: Fast Domino Ave. and Dauphine St., St. Claude Ave. and Lizardi St., St. Calude Ave. and Delery St. <p>Specified locations for increased bus service included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bywater: Royal St., Chartres St. • Lower Ninth Ward: St. Claude Ave. • Holy Cross: St. Calude Ave. <p>Additionally, the St. Claude. Ave. streetcar restoration over the bridge was noted as an idea four times. One comment noted the desire for rapid transit.</p>

Potential Measure	ADA-Compliant Transportation
Definition	Provide ADA-accessible transportation options that are safe and reliable to increase access in/out of the communities. <i>After having conversations and reviewing feedback provided, this seemed to imply accessible “multimodal” options, such as expanded walkways and bicycle paths and accessible transit options.</i>
Impacts Addressed	Helps address the lack of safe, reliable ADA-accessible (and multimodal) options within the communities.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses a direct impact of the existing lock because communities are separated by major infrastructure that does not currently have ADA-accessible options for crossing, and the direct social impact to community cohesion.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Disparities: Persons with Disabilities • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access, Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers



Potential Operational Considerations	What are the most needed ADA-accessible transportation options or accommodations (bus, sidewalks, paratransit, accessible van/bus service line, etc.)? Could this be part of the Transportation Management Plan?
Origin of Idea	ADA accessibility was not considered in the 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report. Community stewards expressed the need for ADA-accessible transportation options across the canal during listening session 1.
Phase 2 Considerations	The expansion of sidewalks, pedestrian bridges, and wheelchair accessibility was mentioned 26 times during Phase 2 through formal comments in person and online and in-person interactive activities.

Potential Measure	Expanded Walkways and Bicycle Paths
Definition	Provide additional sidewalks and bicycle paths as transportation options within the communities, including across the new bridge.
Impacts Addressed	This would help address the lack of bicycle and/or pedestrian-accessible transportation options within the communities.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses indirect social impacts to community cohesion and economic opportunity.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy, Heart Disease, Asthma, Persons with Disabilities • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Traffic Proximity and Volume • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment • Health: Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Low Life Expectancy
Potential Operational Considerations	Where are expanded walkways and/or bicycle paths needed most? How could this measure work to support other feedback related to economic opportunity and link job opportunities? What analysis has been done already and what is in the works through the City of New Orleans Planning Department and non-profits? How does this compare to what has been requested from the community?
Origin of Idea	Biking/walking paths were brought up in the 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report. During the Phase 1 listening session, community stewards expressed the need for people without cars to have transportation options.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>People noted the need for expanded bike paths and protected bike paths 46 times through in-person and virtual formal comments and in-person interactive activities. Participants specified the following locations, grouped by neighborhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Claude: Along Mississippi River, St. Claude Ave.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bywater: Along Mississippi River, St. Claude Ave., Poland Ave., Chartres St., on St. Claude Ave. Bridge, Poland Ave. between N. Claiborne Ave. and N. Robertson St., Bartholomew St. between N. Claiborne Ave. and N. Robertson St., Congress St. between N. Claiborne Ave. and N. Robertson St. Desire, St. between N. Claiborne St. and N. Robertson St., N. Claiborne Ave. along canal, pedestrian bike/bridge connecting Crescent Park and Holy Cross over canal • Lower Ninth Ward: Along canal/Mississippi River, St. Claude Ave., on St. Claude Ave. Bridge, along Jourdan Ave., along Florida Ave. • Holy Cross: Along canal/Mississippi River, St. Claude Ave. Bridge <p>People noted the need for expanded pedestrian paths, crosswalks, and sidewalks 26 times through in-person and virtual formal comments and in-person interactive activities. Participants specified the following locations, grouped by neighborhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Claude: St. Claude Ave. • Bywater: St. Claude Ave., east end of N. Derbigny St., Bartholomew St. and Chartres St. • Lower Ninth Ward: St. Claude Ave., Jourdan Ave. and N. Derbigny St., Fast Domino Ave. and St. Claude Ave. • Holy Cross: St. Claude Ave., Sister St. and Dauphine St., Dauphine St. and Deslonde St., Fast Domino Ave. and St. Claude Ave.
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New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Improve Traffic/Truck Route Management/Parking
Definition	Traffic improvements could include reducing traffic, reducing delays, truck route management during construction, parking management during construction, and traffic monitoring.
Impacts Addressed	Helps address anticipated traffic impacts.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses a direct impact; addresses an indirect social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy, Asthma, Persons with Disabilities • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Traffic Proximity and Volume • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment



Potential Operational Considerations	Where is traffic reduction needed most? What analysis has been done already and what is in the works? What land is available for additional parking/truck parking?
Origin of Idea	Feedback on improving traffic included formal comments from the open houses and virtual room, interactive mapping activities, and prioritization dot activities.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>Improving traffic was noted as an idea nine times. Additionally, three comments noted improving truck routes and managing their impact, and three comments suggested enforcing bridge curfews.</p> <p>Other suggestions to improve traffic included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving heavy industrial zoning to back of neighborhoods • Improving transportation corridors • Reconnecting the street grid • Diverting the St. Claude Ave. Bridge traffic because of delays • Improving the traffic light at Poland Ave. and Galvez St. <p>Traffic issues were specifically documented at Poland Ave. toward Galvez St., left turns on St. Claude Ave., and on all bridges.</p> <p>Parking issues were also a noted concern. Increasing parking in the area and ensuring there is a parking plan throughout construction for trucks and the community were comments noted three times.</p>

New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Road Improvements/Paving
Definition	Improve road conditions by repaving and making repairs.
Impacts Addressed	Helps address direct impacts to road condition.
Ties to the Authorization	Helps address direct, social impacts.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Traffic Proximity and Volume • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment
Potential Operational Considerations	Who would be responsible for providing this service? Coordination needed with City of New Orleans, the Port, and LA Department of Transportation and Development.



Origin of Idea	This transportation improvement was identified during the Phase 2 engagements through formal comments from the open houses and online and the in-person interactive activities.
Phase 2 Considerations	Road improvements were cited eight times. Specific locations included Benton St. and repaving all surrounding neighborhood streets. Truck traffic during construction was noted as a concern causing wear and tear on the streets three times.

New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Improve Train Crossings
Definition	Train crossing improvements would create safer connections throughout the neighborhoods and transportation network. Improvements can come in different forms, including grade crossing elimination, rerouting traffic, or upgrading signals, sidewalks, and gates.
Impacts Addressed	Helps address impacts to accessing the transportation network.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect, social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Traffic Proximity and Volume • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment
Potential Operational Considerations	Who would be responsible for providing this improvement? Coordination needed with City of New Orleans, railroad(s), and LA Department of Transportation and Development.
Origin of Idea	This transportation improvement was identified during the Phase 2 engagements through formal comments from the open houses and online.
Phase 2 Considerations	Relocating the train crossings in the communities was mentioned as one idea through an in-person formal comment. Additionally, creating a bridge on St. Claude Ave. in Bywater that passes over the railroad tracks was noted once in a virtual room formal comment.



New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Stations
Definition	Build fast charging stations for electric vehicles in the community.
Impacts Addressed	Building fast charging stations for electric vehicles promotes sustainable energy sources and helps reduce localized environmental pollution within the neighborhoods. They can also help increase business/foot traffic in the area.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect, social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy, Heart Disease, Asthma, Persons with Disabilities • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Traffic Proximity and Volume • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment • Health: Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Low Life Expectancy • Energy: Energy Cost
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be a local sponsor? Would these be public or private? Where would these be useful? How would these be maintained? Where would be the most beneficial locations to try and drive economic opportunities with their placement?
Origin of Idea	This idea was provided by the public via a formal comment from the open houses and feedback from the economic and quality of life interactive activities.
Phase 2 Considerations	Three comments included the desire for electric vehicle fast charging infrastructure.

Quality-of-Life Improvements

Potential Measure	Urban Community Garden
Definition	Urban community gardens are in public spaces or commonly held land and shared between community members. Community members can share in the responsibility of maintaining or have individual plots to maintain.
Impacts Addressed	Addresses the lack of food access, particularly fresh food and the affordability of such. Residents cited being cut off from the rest of New Orleans as well as ability to afford fresh food.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact of economic opportunity.



Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Food Desert, Transportation Access, Housing Burden • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancies, Heart Disease, Cancer, Persons with Disabilities <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health: Diabetes, Low Life Expectancy • Transportation: Transportation Barriers • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment • Housing: Lack of Green Space
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be the local sponsor to run and maintain the garden? Where will the garden be located?
Origin of Idea	The 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report under Community Cohesion presents the idea of a community garden as an example of a community facility, but it was not mentioned explicitly for materials for Phase 1. However, the idea was brought up during listening session 1, Breakout B, along with multiple comments regarding the area being a food desert and the communities' need to be more self-sustaining.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>19 indicators of desired greenspace, including community gardens, were documented. Specific urban garden locations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bywater: Wharf along canal/Mississippi River, end of Poland Ave. • Lower Ninth Ward: Wharf along canal • Holy Cross: Wharf along canal/Mississippi River, Jourdan Ave. and Dauphine St., Burgundy St. and Reynes St., Fats Domino Ave. and Dauphine St., Douglas St. and Forstall St. along canal, Douglas St. and Egan St. along canal <p>The idea to turn empty lots into gardens and ball fields was noted two times. There may be a partnership opportunity with Garden on Marais (Elan Ministries) who may be impacted by the new St. Claude Bridge. The idea to buy the empty lot on the corner of Japonica St. and Marais St. was noted.</p>

Potential Measure	Parks, Open Space, Playgrounds
Definition	Space dedicated to recreational use and aesthetic value generally characterized by natural landscape and recreation features.
Impacts Addressed	Addresses the desire for an emphasis on children's quality of life, provides space to get outside, and attracts other people across the canal.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact to community cohesion and economic opportunity.



Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, Under Age 5 • Pollution and Sources: Traffic Proximity • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy, Heart Disease, Persons with Disabilities • Climate Change Data: Flood Risk, Sea Level Rise, 100-Year Floodplain <p>CEIST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing: Lack of Green Space, Historical Underinvestment • Workforce Development: Unemployment, Poverty, Low Median Income • Climate Change: Expected Population Loss Rate
Potential Operational Considerations	<p>Who could be the local sponsor to run and maintain the park/open space/playground? Where would the park/open space/playground be located?</p>
Origin of Idea	<p>The 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report presents the idea for parks/open space/playgrounds, and it was brought up as a desire by several community stewards during the Phase 1 listening sessions.</p>
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>46 community ideas to create and maintain parks were documented. The need for youth areas, ADA accessibility, special needs accommodations, picnic areas, and playgrounds were specifically called out. Specific locations grouped by neighborhood include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bywater: end of N. Rampart St., Poland and Dauphine St., Poland Ave. and Chartres St., N. Rampart St. along Mississippi River • Lower Ninth Ward: Surekote Rd. near Jourdan Ave./N. Dorgenois St., Jourdan Ave. and N. Johnson St., Jourdan Ave. and N. Derbigny St., Florida Ave. and Roffignac St., Florida Ave. and Flood St., Florida Ave. and Tennessee St., Jourdan Ave. and N. Prieur St., Jourdan Ave. and N. Rocheblave St. • Holy Cross: N. Peters and Angela St., Delery St. and Alhambra St., Andry St. and N. Peters St., Forstall St. and Douglas St., Deslonde St. and Royal St., Deslonde St. and Dauphine St., Deslonde St. and Burgundy St., Deslonde St. along canal/Mississippi River <p>The desire for a dog park was mentioned two times through formal comments and informal comments at the quality-of-life station.</p> <p>Additional recreation areas for kayaking, ball fields, and fishing were also noted. Adding a black top and baseball field on the levee in Holy Cross was called out specifically, and maintaining access to the levee for recreation was important to two community members.</p>



Potential Measure	Plantings
Definition	Clean out the canal to remove invasive species and encourage more native plantings to create more natural flood barriers.
Impacts Addressed	Improves quality of life in the communities by removing invasive species, encouraging native species, improving aesthetics, and creating more natural flood barriers.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income Climate Change Data: Flood Risk, Sea Level Rise, 100-Year Floodplain <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change: Projected Flood Risk, Expected Building Loss Rate, Expected Population Loss Rate Housing: Historical Underinvestment
Potential Operational Considerations	Would these plantings require maintenance, and if so, who could be responsible for maintenance of plantings?
Origin of Idea	This idea originated from the Phase 1 listening sessions (Group B). Although one person brought it up, others supported it because they were focused on concerns of climate change and the lack of addressing climate change in the overall study and COPA. Cattails were specifically mentioned as one species to plant.
Phase 2 Considerations	Tree and general plantings were noted as ideas 12 times. All neighborhoods were called out as needing this. Plants that absorb water, native plantings, trees, shrubs, and other plantings for bird and insect habitat were specifically mentioned.

Potential Measure	Schools
Definition	Build schools in the communities so students do not have to bus to and from school or have parents commute across the canal every day to get children to and from school.
Impacts Addressed	Improves quality of life in the communities by removing transportation barriers to access schools and by increasing education opportunities within the communities.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social and cultural impact to economic opportunities and community cohesion.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent with Less Than High School Education, Unemployment Rate, Percent Low Income, Under Age 5, Limited English Speaking Health Disparities: Persons with Disabilities CEJST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation: Transportation Barriers Housing: Historical Underinvestment
Potential Operational Considerations	What types of schools are needed in the neighborhood? Who could be the local sponsor to run and maintain the school? Would the school district consider this? What other indirect services are needed to make this a possibility?
Origin of Idea	The idea for building new schools was brought up during listening session 1; however, school crossings is an idea found in the 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report.
Phase 2 Considerations	While this idea was not explicitly listed in any materials during Phase 2 engagements, rebuilding schools in the neighborhoods and increasing funding for educational spaces was documented as an idea three times. Additional ideas included adding a phlebotomy program at MLK Elementary-High School, creating a fine arts school to train students to rebuild and repair historic properties, improving access to schools, and creating a school designed to teach and train needed trades to help with local hiring. These additional considerations came from formal comments and informal comments at the quality-of-life station and economic station.

Potential Measure	Police Substation in the Community
Definition	Establish and operate a police substation within the communities.
Impacts Addressed	Improves quality of life in the communities by increasing safety and removing transportation barriers for emergency personnel.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact to community cohesion and economic opportunity.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	EJScreen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socioeconomic Indicators: Persons with Disabilities, Over Age 64 Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access CEJST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Traffic Proximity and Volume Housing: Historical Underinvestment
Potential Operational Considerations	Coordination with New Orleans Police Department will be necessary. Where is a substation recommended? What types of services are needed (police, first responders, social work)?
Origin of Idea	The idea for building new police substations was brought up during listening session 1; however, increased police services in the area during construction



	is an idea found in the 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report under Community Cohesion.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>Increasing safety and police presence in the neighborhoods was noted 12 times. Increased police presence was documented as a way to help increase safety and reduce crime through formal in-person comments, virtual comments, and informal comments at the quality-of-life station.</p> <p>Specific locations were called out for needing a police substation, grouped by neighborhood include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Ninth Ward: St. Claude Ave. and Tennessee St., St. Claude Ave. and Jourdan Ave., St. Claude Ave. and Egania St., Sister St. and N. Villere St., Jourdan Ave. and N. Derbigny St., Florida Ave. and Andry St. between Surekote Rd. and Jourdan Ave./N. Dorgenois St., N. Claiborne Ave. and Reynes St., Urquhart St. and Tupelo St., N. Galvez St. and Fats Domino St. • Holy Cross: St. Claude Ave. and Tennessee St.

Potential Measure	Healthcare Facility in the Community
Definition	Build a healthcare facility within the communities.
Impacts Addressed	Improves quality of life in the communities by increasing access to healthcare and reducing the transportation burden of having to cross the canal to get care.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses a direct social impact created by dividing the communities and isolating them from the rest of New Orleans and the services within.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Lack of Health Insurance, Transportation Access • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, Over Age 64, Under Age 5, Unemployment Rate • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy, Heart Disease, Asthma, Cancer, Persons with Disabilities <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers • Health: Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Low Life Expectancy • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment
Potential Operational Considerations	What kind of healthcare facility is recommended (urgent care, hospital, emergency care center, or something hybrid) and where should it be located? Who could be the local sponsor of the facility?
Origin of Idea	The idea for building a new healthcare facility was brought up during listening session 1; however, increased emergency medical services during



	construction is an idea found in the 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report under Community Cohesion.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>Healthcare facilities (including urgent care, pharmacy, mental health, and drug rehab facilities) were mentioned 12 times in general in the Lower Ninth Ward and at these specific locations, grouped by neighborhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Claude: St. Claude Ave. and Lesseps St. • Bywater: Poland Ave. and Royal St., St. Claude Ave. and Poland Ave. • Lower Ninth Ward: St. Claude Ave. and Fats Domino Ave., N.Claiborne Ave. and Forstall St. • Holy Cross: St. Claude Ave. and Fats Domino Ave., Tennessee St. and N. Rampart St., St. Maurice Ave. and Royal St.

Potential Measure	Programming for Youth
Definition	Provide opportunities to youth in the community through educational, recreational, and skill-building programs and activities.
Impacts Addressed	Improves quality of life in the communities by empowering youth and providing youth the opportunity to build skills.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social and cultural impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, Under Age 5 • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access, Broadband Gaps <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers • Workforce Development: Unemployment, High School Education, Low Median Income, Poverty
Potential Operational Considerations	What kind of programming is desired? Who could be the local partner to operate the programs?
Origin of Idea	Youth programming was not considered in the 1995/1997 CIMP. Community stewards expressed the desire for youth programming during listening session 1.
Phase 2 Considerations	Additional detail was provided during Phase 2: youth services, spaces, and programs for swimming, music lessons, sports, etc. were noted four times. Ideas to partner with the Music Box Village and New Orleans Career Center were noted.



Potential Measure	Green Infrastructure
Definition	Green infrastructure helps absorb stormwater and flooding and can be incorporated into a community at different scales. Examples could include permeable pavement or surfaces, landscaping or green space to store or infiltrate water, or a wetland or rain garden.
Impacts Addressed	Green infrastructure helps address flooding and climate change concerns. It also can help provide cleaner air and water, diverse habitat, and can increase green space.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	EJScreen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Data: Flood Risk, Sea Level Rise, 100-Year Floodplain CEJST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing: Lack of Green Space, Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income Climate Change: Projected Flood Risk, Expected Building Loss Rate
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be the local sponsor to manage and maintain the green infrastructure? Where should it be located?
Origin of Idea	Several community stewards expressed the need for green infrastructure during listening session 1 related to concerns about flooding.
Phase 2 Considerations	Green infrastructure was noted as a need 11 times. These specific locations were mentioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bywater: Poland Ave. and Dauphine St., along canal off of N. Rampart St., pedestrian bike/bridge connecting Crescent Park and Holy Cross over canal Lower Ninth Ward: Florida Ave. and Tennessee St., Florida Ave. and Flood St., Florida Ave. and Roffignac St., Jourdan Ave. and N. Rocheblave St., Jourdan Ave. and N. Johnson St., Surekote Rd. near Jourdan Ave./N. Dorgenois St. Holy Cross: Dauphine St. and Sister St., Dauphine St. and Deslonde St., pedestrian bike/bridge connecting Crescent Park and Holy Cross over canal, Dauphine St. and Sister St., Dauphine St. and Deslonde St.

Potential Measure	Climate Change Plan
Definition	A climate action plan is a detailed and strategic framework for measuring, planning, and reducing climate change impacts.
Impacts Addressed	A climate change plan can target addressing a variety of climate change impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions, flooding, severe storms, and more.



Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Data: Flood Risk, Sea Level Rise, 100-Year Floodplain <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing: Lack of Green Space, Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income Climate Change: Projected Flood Risk, Expected Building Loss Rate Energy: Energy Cost
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be a local sponsor to develop and track progress? The City has a Climate Action Plan; is there a need for a localized one?
Origin of Idea	Community stewards expressed the need for a climate change plan during listening session 1 related to concerns about flooding.
Phase 2 Considerations	Concerns about flooding and climate change were documented through 20 formal comments. However, the specific mention of a Climate Change Plan was not brought up during Phase 2.

New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Retail, Restaurants, and Grocery Stores
Definition	Expand retail options, restaurants, cafés, and grocery stores in the communities.
Impacts Addressed	Helps address lack of access to businesses, jobs, food options, and recreation.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access, Food Desert Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy, Heart Disease, Asthma, Persons with Disabilities Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Traffic Proximity and Volume Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment Health: Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Low Life Expectancy
Potential Operational Considerations	Where are these facilities recommended? Who could be the local sponsor or partner?



Origin of Idea	Feedback included formal comments from the in-person open house and Gather virtual room, and feedback from the interactive activities including the quality-of-life and economic stations.
Phase 2 Considerations	The need for grocery store options in close proximity was noted nine times. Residents specifically characterized the need for healthy food, affordable options, and local produce. The desire for more restaurants and cafés within the communities was also noted four times. The addition of more retail options was also documented.

New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Beautification/Street Cleaning/Streetlights/Wayfinding Signage
Definition	Improve the communities through neighborhood clean-up, reduce vacant lots, clean streets, and add streetlights and signage.
Impacts Addressed	Improves quality of life in the communities by beautifying the community and improving aesthetics, safety, and wayfinding in the area.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social and cultural impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access • Health Disparities: Low Life Expectancy, Heart Disease, Asthma, Persons with Disabilities • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers, Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure, Traffic Proximity and Volume • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment • Health: Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Low Life Expectancy
Potential Operational Considerations	Who would be the local sponsor to maintain the street cleaning/ beautification program? Who would provide/ maintain streetlights and signage?
Origin of Idea	Feedback included formal comments from the in-person open house and Gather virtual room, and feedback from the interactive activities including the priorities activity and the transportation and cultural resources stations.
Phase 2 Considerations	Creating a program to keep the streets in the community clean was a new idea in Phase 2. The beautification of St. Claude Ave., including removing excess concrete and vacant lots, was mentioned five times. Additional aesthetic improvements included adding street pole banners and location signage. Streetlights were also suggested seven times.



New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Adding Fiber-Optic Internet to Communities
Definition	Adding fiber-optic internet connects homes and businesses to faster internet connections.
Impacts Addressed	Adding fiber can help increase property value, attract businesses, add bandwidth, and provide reliability of internet connection, opening up opportunities to work from home.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, Unemployment Rate, Less than High School Education • Critical Service Gaps: Housing Burden, Broadband Gaps <p>CEJST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing: Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment, High School Education
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be a local service provider?
Origin of Idea	Feedback came from the in-person open houses interactive activities including the quality-of-life station and priorities activity.
Phase 2 Considerations	Two comments noted adding fiber-optic internet as an idea.

Economic Opportunities

Potential Measure	Job Skills Training Opportunities; Local Employment Opportunities
Definition	Provide training opportunities that encourage career placement and hire people living in the communities to work on the project construction. This could include welding and other needed crafts/trades.
Impacts Addressed	Training and educating community members to allow them to be a part of the workforce for the new lock, helping address concerns about lack of income and future career growth.
Ties to the Authorization	Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1996 Section 844 (b) states, "The Secretary is directed to make a maximum effort to assure the full participation of members of minority groups, living in the affected areas, in the construction of the replacement or additional lock and connecting channels authorized by subsection (a) of this section, including actions to encourage the use, wherever possible, of minority-owned firms."



Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socioeconomic Indicators: Unemployment, Percent Low Income, Less Than High School Education Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation: Transportation Barriers Workforce Development: High School Education, Unemployment, Low Median Income, Poverty
Potential Operational Considerations	How will the training be implemented? Who could be the local sponsor to implement it?
Origin of Idea	The 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report, under Economic Opportunity, provides the idea of job skills training. Additionally, the need for economic opportunities was brought up multiple times in the listening sessions, including during the facilitated prioritization exercises and small group discussion.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>Funding job skills training to prepare youth and other members for the workforce that will be needed was noted as an idea three times. Types of training mentioned include cybersecurity, job placement, programming, welding, engineering, and carpentry. Partnering with schools and trades in the area was noted as a way to do this. Additionally, partnering with Music Box Village was mentioned four times and the New Orleans Career Center at the Sanchez Center was mentioned once.</p> <p>Additional ideas included increasing local employment to allow money to flow back into the neighborhoods. Hiring local contractors and bridge operators were specific ideas mentioned.</p>

Potential Measure	Business Assistance
Definition	This could include seed money for establishing a business assistance/development program, helping businesses with leases, or monetarily compensating businesses affected by construction.
Impacts Addressed	Small business assistance would help address impacts to businesses during construction, including profit loss and staffing shortages.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses a direct impact; addresses an indirect social and cultural impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socioeconomic Indicators: Unemployment, Percent Low Income, Less Than High School Education Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access, <p>CEJST:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers • Workforce Development: High School Education, Unemployment, Low Median Income, Poverty, Traffic Proximity and Volume
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be the local sponsor to run the program? What kind of business assistance is most needed? How and when would businesses be selected? Would we identify impacted businesses in advance and invite them to participate in advance of construction? Is a revolving fund an option for assistance distribution?
Origin of Idea	The 1995 CIMP/ 1997 Evaluation Report, under Economic Opportunity and Community Cohesion, provides the idea of small business assistance. Additionally, the need for economic opportunities, including small business assistance, was brought up multiple times in the listening sessions, including during the facilitated prioritization exercises and small group discussion.
Phase 2 Considerations	<p>Small business development and assistance, including training opportunities, more funding, seed money, grants, and bonding capacity assistance was noted as an idea 13 times. Types of training mentioned include cybersecurity, job placement, programming, welding, engineering and design, and carpentry. Partnering with schools and trades in the area was noted as a way to do this. Additionally, partnering with Music Box Village was mentioned four times and the New Orleans Career Center at the Sanchez Center was mentioned once.</p> <p>Four additional comments noted the importance of increasing local businesses in communities and helping them with incentives. Other ideas included forming a neighborhood board to distribute business grants, subsidizing new construction to attract new businesses, and creating a commercial corridor program.</p>

Potential Measure	Splash Pad/Pool
Definition	Splash pads are outdoor play areas with sprinklers, fountains, nozzles, and other devices or structures that spray water.
Impacts Addressed	Addresses the need for green infrastructure while also providing a reason for people to travel to these communities and support other local businesses.
Ties to Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Unemployment, Percent Low Income, Under Age 5 • Critical Service Gaps: Transportation Access <p>CEJST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation: Transportation Barriers • Housing: Lack of Green Space



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development: High School Education, Unemployment, Low Median Income, Poverty • Climate Change: Expected Population Loss Rate
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be a local sponsor to run and maintain the facility?
Origin of Idea	The idea for a splash pad was brought up during listening session 1, Breakout B. The discussion was about community facility improvements but pivoted to be about an attraction to draw economic opportunity to the community.
Phase 2 Considerations	This was brought forward as an example in the Phase 2 boards under Economic Opportunities to create an outdoor recreational destination to draw people to the community. Creating a splash pad/pool was noted four times as an idea through two formal in-person comments and two interactive activities. One comment specifically mentioned the desire for a space for youth.

Potential Measure	Homeowner Assistance/Buyouts
Definition	Homeowner assistance could be defined as mortgage assistance for homeowners, financial support for homeowners facing hardships, first-type home buyer programs, or other types of assistance to support and increase homeownership.
Impacts Addressed	Addresses the desire for more homeowners in the community. It also helps mitigate gentrification as improvements are made in the community.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses a direct impact; addresses an indirect social and cultural impact resulting from the effects of improvements in the community.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, Unemployment Rate, Less than High School Education • Critical Service Gaps: Housing Burden <p>CEJST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing: Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment, High School Education • Energy: Energy Cost • Climate Change: Expected Building Loss Rate, Expected Population Loss Rate
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be the local sponsor to maintain the homeowner assistance program? What kind of assistance would be most beneficial?
Origin of Idea	The need for increased homeownership in the community was brought up multiple times in the listening sessions, including during the facilitated prioritization exercises and small group discussion. "Buyouts" was added to



	this item during Phase 2 engagements based on public comments and the similar nature to other ideas within this category.
Phase 2 Considerations	Support for residents facing maintenance issues, home and foundation repairs, and financial challenges to afford them was noted four times. Additionally, purchasing homes from owners who want to sell was mentioned two times. Providing money to households directly and lowering interest rates were two other ideas mentioned. Creating a solar field to subsidize power bills was another idea. One comment noted they would like to see mitigation funds distributed at the beginning of the project.



Potential Measure	Affordable Housing
Definition	Construct or provide affordable housing options in the community to help residents stay in the communities. Housing options could include single-family houses or multifamily housing for renters or owners.
Impacts Addressed	Mitigates gentrification as improvements are made in the community, assists home buyers, allows more residents to stay in the community, and mitigates potential relocation impacts.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses a direct impact; addresses an indirect social and cultural impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, Unemployment Rate, Less than High School Education Critical Service Gaps: Housing Burden <p>CEJST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing: Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment, High School Education Energy: Energy Cost Climate Change: Expected Building Loss Rate, Expected Population Loss Rate
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be the local sponsor to run the affordable housing program? What kind of affordable housing is most needed? What resources are most needed surrounding affordable housing to allow people to stay in the neighborhoods ([affordable] housing stock, grants/assistance money for housing, wrap-around services like homebuyer counseling, and financial literacy)?
Origin of Idea	The need for affordable housing options in the community was brought up multiple times in the listening sessions, including during the facilitated prioritization exercises and small group discussion.
Phase 2 Considerations	Increasing affordable housing and making homeownership more accessible were noted as formal and informal comments six times. Increasing the number of homes available and increasing Black home ownership were specifically mentioned.



New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Credit Union
Definition	Establishing a credit union in the communities could help build stronger and more resilient communities by promoting financial literacy, supporting local, sponsoring community events, and providing loans and grants.
Impacts Addressed	Credit unions can help address the historic underinvestment and housing burden in these communities by providing lower interest loans and fees.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses an indirect social impact.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, Unemployment Rate, Less than High School Education • Critical Service Gaps: Housing Burden <p>CEJST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing: Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment, High School Education • Energy: Energy Cost
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be a local sponsor for establishing the credit union?
Origin of Idea	Feedback included formal in-person comments from the open houses and interactive activity feedback from the prioritization activity.
Phase 2 Considerations	Two comments noted establishing credit unions as a favorable community opportunity.

Cultural Resources

New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Preserve Historical/Cultural Spaces and Neighborhood Character
Definition	Preserve historically and culturally significant places to maintain neighborhood character.
Impacts Addressed	Historic preservation promotes education about the past. It helps give a place a sense of identity, builds civic pride, and helps define the character of communities. It can also provide economic opportunity by drawing people to the community.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses indirect, social impacts.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, People of Color <p>CEJST</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing: Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment, High School Education
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be responsible for identifying and preserving the locations?
Origin of Idea	Feedback included formal comments from the open houses and virtual room and in-person interactive activities.
Phase 2 Considerations	14 comments on preserving history were noted. These included preserving historical and cultural spaces, including the Florida Ave. Bridge, Battleground Baptist Church, TEP Center on St. Claude (Old McDonough 19), Bush Park (Fats Domino Ave.), St. Maurice Complex, and using the old lock house as a museum. Comments also included adding historical markers, adding a Hurricane Katrina memorial sculpture walk, and preserving the historic character of the bridge.

New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Oral Histories
Definition	Preserving resident's stories through oral histories.
Impacts Addressed	Collecting, preserving, and sharing oral histories transmits knowledge from one generation to the next and enhances our understanding of the past through sharing personal experiences.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses indirect, social impacts.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	EJScreen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, People of Color CEJST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing: Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment, High School Education
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be a local sponsor? How would resident's volunteer or be chosen?
Origin of Idea	Phase 2 feedback included formal comments from the open houses, interactive activity feedback, and Gather virtual room input.
Phase 2 Considerations	Two comments noted the desire to preserve history through collecting oral histories from residents. Mentioned topics included faith, art, and music.



New Phase 2 Potential Measure	Public Art
Definition	Displaying public artwork from local artists throughout the communities.
Impacts Addressed	Public art adds beauty to spaces, educates, and commemorates important events and daily life. It also benefits local artists by providing jobs, exposure, and economic opportunity. It can increase property values and draw people to visit a community.
Ties to the Authorization	Addresses indirect, social impacts.
Environmental Justice Indicator Addressed	<p>EJScreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic Indicators: Percent Low Income, People of Color CEJST • Housing: Historical Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Low Income • Workforce Development: Low Median Income, Poverty, Unemployment, High School Education
Potential Operational Considerations	Who could be a local sponsor or artist? Where is this most desired?
Origin of Idea	Phase 2 feedback included formal comments from the open houses, interactive activity feedback, and Gather virtual room input.
Phase 2 Considerations	Two comments noted the desire for public art in the communities, especially local art. One additional idea was for a Hurricane Katrina memorial sculpture walk.



Appendix A: Phase 1 Invite and Attendee Lists

August 9, 2023 Listening Session

Attendees

Name	Organization	Neighborhood
Jessica Peterson	Antenna New Orleans	Bywater
Alfredo Perez	Holy Cross Neighborhood Association	Holy Cross
Bette Perez	Holy Cross Neighborhood Association	Holy Cross
Gaynell Brady	L9WHA	Lower Ninth
Keisha Henry	L9EDD	Lower Ninth
Otis Tucker	L9EDD	Lower Ninth
CJ Marbley	New Orleans East Hospital	Lower Ninth
Daneeta Jackson	Marigny Neighborhood	Marigny/Upper Ninth
Fred Goodrich	N/A	St. Claude
Teresa Reiger	Elan Ministries	St Claude
Katherine Prevost	Bunny Friend Neighborhood Association Incorporated	Upper Ninth

RSVPs that did not attend:

Name	Organization	Neighborhood
Michael Hecht	GNO Inc	Citywide
Daniel Green	St. Maria Goretti	Citywide
Lang Le	Viet	City Wide
Elizabeth Soycheck	Climate Reality Project	Citywide
Josh Benitez	Common Ground Relief	Lower Ninth
Charlotte Clark	Common Ground Relief	Lower Ninth
Willie Calhoun	Lower Ninth Neighborhood Association	Lower Ninth
Arthur Johnson	Lower Ninth Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development	Lower Ninth / Bywater

Key Staff:

Name	Organization	Role
Lauren Boudreaux	Bright Moments	Hostess
Timolynn Sams	Bright Moments	Facilitator
Morgan Valerie	Bright Moments	Facilitator
Amy Livingston	CDM Smith	Notetaker
Jessica Addison	CDM Smith	Notetaker
Nikolaus Richard	USACE	Subject Matter Expert



Matt Roe	USACE	Subject Matter Expert
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August 10, 2023 Listening Session

Attendees

Name	Organization	Neighborhood
Tap Bui	SONG Community Dev. Corp	Citywide
Ronald Coleman	NAACP	Citywide
Kalie Falls	Musicians Clinic	Citywide/Lower Ninth
Marie Farve	Total Community Action	Citywide/Bywater
Scott Howard	NOLA Parks for All	Citywide
John Koefel	Citizens Against Widening the Industrial Canal (CAWIC)	Citywide
LouAnne White	Louvis Services	Citywide/Lower Ninth
Peter Waggoner	Greater New Orleans Inc	Citywide
Jeff Treffinger	CAWIC	Holy Cross
Rollin Black	Lower 9 Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development	Lower Ninth
Tyrone Jefferson	Abundant Life Tabernacle	St. Claude
Josh Lewis	Situated Ecologies	Other

RSVPs that did not attend

Name	Organization	Neighborhood
Bradon Boutin	Neighborhood Engagement	Citywide
Jessica Dandrige	The Water Collaborative of Greater New Orleans	Citywide
Fred Luter, Jr.	Franklin Avenue Baptist Church	Citywide
Tyrone Walker	Urban League	Citywide
Marguerite Doyle-Johnson	Upper Ninth Ward Florida Association, INC	Upper Ninth Ward

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Appendix B: Phase 1 Listening Session Materials

Boards available in person, in handout, and online



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As of August 2023

What do you envision for your community in ten years?



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 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT IDEAS OVERVIEW As of August 2023		
Place three dots on your top community improvement ideas		
 Noise Reduction	 Quality of Life Improvements	 Economic Opportunities
 Transportation and Traffic Improvements	 Cultural Resources Documentation	 Your Ideas Here!
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What is a lock?

A lock is like a water elevator for boats, ships, and other vessels to travel between water bodies with different water levels. The lock has a chamber with gates on both sides. The sealed chamber can be filled with water or emptied to raise or lower vessels to match the water level on either side of the lock. This allows the vessel to either climb or descend as it travels upstream or downstream. Locks allow boats, ships and other vessels to travel between waterways.

What is the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock Replacement Project?

The IHNC Lock allows for passage between the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Mississippi River. The lock was constructed in 1923. To better handle today's needs, this project would:

- Replace the existing lock within the Industrial Canal to create a modern, reliable, and more efficient water passage
- Re-align flood walls and other flood risk management infrastructure in the project area as necessary
- Replace the St. Claude Avenue Bridge over the existing canal

The U.S. Congress has authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to complete this project.



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What is the Community Opportunities Plan of Action?

As part of the lock replacement project, funds will be available to build new features or implement other measures to address community needs and bolster community resiliency and quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods to help offset impacts caused by the lock replacement.

The Community Opportunities Plan of Action will include a series of community listening sessions, meetings, and outreach to share accurate information about the lock replacement project with the adjacent neighborhoods and to gather community input and ideas about what projects and programs these neighborhoods would like to see implemented to increase community well-being, resiliency, and quality of life. **The Corps wants your input to better understand your community's needs to help shape these special quality-of-life investments.**



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How will community improvements be selected?

The Corps will consider the following factors when developing the Plan and selecting community improvements:

- Would the community improvement address an impact (direct or indirect) of the lock replacement?
- How long would the community benefit?
- How many community members would benefit from the community investment?
- Would the community improvement be a better fit as part of the Traffic Mitigation Program that is also authorized as part of the lock replacement?
- Could the project be technically or physically constructed? How would it be managed?



Your input will help us better understand how the proposed community improvements meet these criteria. Please provide your initial input by August 23, 2023!



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Why is the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Important?

- Provides critical water passage for shipping in the U.S.
- Joins some of the busiest and most important waterways for the U.S. economy
- Provides economic benefit for New Orleans, Louisiana and the U.S.
- Allows boats, ships, and other vessels, assisted by tug boats, to pass from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) to the Mississippi River



Did you know?

It would take an additional 17 days of transit time without the ability to pass through the IHNC



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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT IDEAS OVERVIEW

As of August 2023

Improvement Ideas

Are these ideas for community improvements relevant? Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?



Noise Reduction

Monitoring noise, soundproofing houses, optional temporary relocations for residents



Transportation and Traffic Improvements

Signal improvements, message boards, incident management, road resurfacing, school crossing guards, traffic control officers, increasing local/regional community transportation options



Quality of Life Improvements

Greenspace/parks/recreational areas, lighting, landscaping, aesthetic treatments, walking/biking paths, observation decks, community farms



Economic Opportunities

Skills training, tuition grants, hiring locally, compensation for businesses



Cultural Resources Documentation

Historic documentation, brochures, commemorative markers, recordings of oral histories, historic displays



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QUALITY OF LIFE

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Quality of Life Ideas

Are these ideas for community improvements relevant? Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?



Greenspace & Recreational Areas

*Open fields, ball fields, bike/walking paths, playground facilities, tot lots, community gardens, etc.
What kind of recreational areas would you like to see?*



Landscaping/Tree Planting

Where would you like to see landscaping in your community?



Observation Decks

Located on floodwalls with displays and benches



Neighborhood Revitalization/ Clearing Vacant Lots



Lighting

Where would you like to see additional lighting?



Multi-Use Path

*Walking and biking path
Where would this be most beneficial?*



Aesthetic Treatments to Structures

Use of textured surfaces on exteriors of floodwalls, bridge approaches, and piers



Enhancing Youth Engagement

After-school/summer programs



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CULTURAL RESOURCE DOCUMENTATION IDEAS

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Cultural Resources

Are these ideas for community improvements relevant? Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?



Historic Documentation

*Document structures with historical significance
How would this history be best documented?
Would online documentation, such as a storymap, be of interest?*



Historic Displays and Brochure

*Display components of the old lock/bridge and maritime history; brochure on the lock and communities
Where would you like to see this type of display?*



Oral Histories

*Document structures with historical significance
Would you like to participate in this? Do you know someone who should participate? Where and how should these be documented?*



Commemorative Markers

*Commemorate the old lock and bridge with historic markers and illustrate important history
Where would you like to see this type of display?*



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CONSTRUCTION NOISE REDUCTION

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Noise Reduction

Are these ideas for community improvements relevant? Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?



Monitor Noise Levels

Monitor and limit noise from construction site



Soundproofing

Residential or commercial structures may be provided soundproofing through added insulation or air conditioning to avoid being open during construction



Use of Noise Suppressors

Quieter equipment, remote deployment or isolation of equipment, and placement of baffle walls or sound absorption



Optional Temporary Relocations

Residents could be voluntarily temporarily relocated during periods of high noise



Construction-Specific Routes

Construction vehicles may be routed along specific roadways to help manage noise



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TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

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Transportation and Traffic Ideas

Are these ideas for community improvements relevant? Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?

Opportunities will be reflected in the Transportation Mitigation Plan



Synchronization of Signals

Improve signal timing for better traffic flow
Which signals could benefit from this?



Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements

Resurface local streets that will serve construction traffic and improve drainage on each side of the canal



Message Boards

Help inform commuters of problem areas before they encounter them
Are there other more useful methods to inform the community?



School Crossings

Provide additional school crossing guards on each side of the canal during bridge construction



Incident Management Plan

Have police and trucks on standby during peak traffic hours for accident reporting and response



Traffic Control Officers

Provide officers to facilitate traffic flow through bridge construction areas



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EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRY

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Economic Ideas

Are these ideas for community improvements relevant? Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?



Skills Training and Grants

Program to expand the skilled labor workforce
Are you interested or do you know someone who may be interested in training? What kind?



Local Hiring

Give preference to hire residents from within the surrounding communities
Are you interested or do you know someone who may be interested in a job?



Monetary Compensation

For commercial establishments who can demonstrate a decline in sales, tuitions, rents (Includes businesses, schools, and landlords)



Business Assistance Program

Seed money to establish a program to be implemented with a local sponsor like a city or university



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Appendix C: Phase 1 Feedback

Formal In-person Comments



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NAME:

FRED

Goodrich

First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

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ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude UPPER 9th

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. SAFETY / COMMUNITY POLICING
2. STREET & INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES & REPAIRS
3. IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING

Additional Comments

CONSIDERATION FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING
OF THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY THE PROJECT
MUST BE THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY





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NAME:

Gaynell Brady
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association

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NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

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director@l9wha.org

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Housing
2. Historical / Documentation on
3. Green Infrastructure

Additional Comments





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First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

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NEIGHBORHOOD:



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Holy Cross



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St. Claude

PHONE NUMBER:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

Quality of Life

2.

Economic Development

3.

Transportation

Additional Comments

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① How do you increase confidence that the neighborhood would no longer exist.

② Transparency of project.

③ How to support small business to ~~serve~~ survive.

④ Commit to sustaining the neighborhood.





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New Orleans East Hospital

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Economic Support for Training and Businesses
2. Availability of jobs and better benefits
3. Green infrastructure and housing stability

Additional Comments





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NAME:

Jessica

First Name

Peterson

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Antenna/Paper Machine

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St. Claude

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. transportation: bike/walk/ADA compliance access
2. investment in businesses + culture that already exist
3. housing + basic life needs: money, food, housing stability.

Additional Comments

please be transparent about listening session results!





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Last Name

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

2.

3.

Additional Comments



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NAME:

Kalie

First Name

Falls

Last Name

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New Orleans Musicians Clinic

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NEIGHBORHOOD:



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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. impact, how will the budgets be determined
2. investment in communities, local businesses
3. protection of mental wellbeing, health access to other zones.

Additional Comments

I suggest we have more of these conversations
 "Would be great to receive a
~~comprehensive~~ comprehensive layout of the
 technical side of the project.
 Would love to hear about the Corps
 solutions to the problems we discussed



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ORGANIZATION: Louis Services

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

- Incentive for all of these*
1. Increase housing + # residents
 2. Increase businesses + economic development opportunities
 3. Improve infrastructure streets, garbage pick up + response to crimes

Additional Comments

We are developing housing in the lower 9 +
concerned about the impact of this project.
Will people want to move in L9; will ~~people~~
companies want to invest.

The message out in the country is that New Orleans
will ~~be~~ disappear, be under water eventually. Is this
the best use of resources

that someone will be in the area



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NAME:

JEFFREY

First Name

TREFFINARD

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. PUBLIC SAFETY - RISKS VS. BENEFITS
2. SPECIFIC BUDGETS FOR TARGETED ACTIONS
3. MATCHING FUNDS FOR BUDGET SHORTFALLS

Additional Comments

- How much money is being offered
- How are budgets for mitigation efforts determined and by who?
- What happens with ~~short~~ budget shortfalls
- Are there public/cor partnerships?
- Are these possible.
- Best scenario - move project out of urban area where it is far more complicated + expensive



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NAME: JOHN KOETZEL
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: C A W I C

ADDRESS: _____
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NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. RISK ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT OF LOCK PROJECT
2. ACCOUNTABILITY
3. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATION WITHIN PROJECT FIGURES

Additional Comments

DANGEROUS UNDERTAKING (LOCK PROJECT) WITH
HUGE (UNSPECIFIED BY PROJECT OR
ITS "MITIGATION" THAT IS NOT BASED ON TRUE RISKS,
MAYBE BECAUSE TOO COSTLY FOR PROJECT.
THAT IS PROJECT'S FEAR, A PROJECT THAT
AVOIDS THIS AND IS ABSORBED IN ITS OWN
ISOLATED CONSIDERATION, YET A HISTORY OF
MREGO & PROBLEMS FOR POOR DISADVANTAGED



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RONALD Coleman
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

NAAACP

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EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. BANKING Reinvestment 2009 Act
2. Solar - investment and storage
3. Community Involvement (Small Group)

Additional Comments

URGENT CARE, Health =
URBAN Sustainable FARMING





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NAME: Alfred Perer
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: Holy Cross Neighborhood Assoc

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EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Economic Development
2. VACANT LOT ABATEMENT
3. BETTER Advocacy on behalf of RESIDENTS OF LOWER NINE

Additional Comments

Not knowing the whole construction it is hard
to envision what mitigation would look like,
and not knowing how much money is being
dedicated to this effort.



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**The Community Opportunities Plan of Action
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NAME:

Tyrone Jefferson
First Name Last Name

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Abundant Life Tabernacle

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Streets
2. Garage
3. _____

Additional Comments





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NAME:

MARIE Fareve
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

TCA (for Thelma French)

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[Redacted Address]

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

PHONE NUMBER:

Upper 9th ward [Redacted Phone Number]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Upon improvement, the lock plan with home be moved?
2. If temporary relocated; where??
3. _____

Additional Comments



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Comment Sheet
August 2023**

NAME:

First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude



New Orleans East

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

- 1.
- 2.
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a community fund for long-term impacts (changing of fees, tolls, etc.)

Additional Comments



Gather Virtual Room Comments

ID	Entry Date	Neighborhood	Comment
W1	8/15/2023	Bywater	<p>Are these ideas for community improvements relevant?</p> <p>Yes. But they have nothing to do with the lock replacement. Documents state that the two most important issues are navigation and the U.S. economy. Neither of these things are of interest to our communities. If we cannot withstand the 10+ years of this project with no consideration to climate change, then we won't be around to appreciate these benefits.</p> <p>Here are some things we'd like to know before we even get into the mitigation grab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * assurances that there will be no flooding risks due to poor planning and engineering (cf. MR-GO) * is there a real plan for hurricanes and flooding during all parts of this project? What is it? * Transparency: what is the project? As it stands now, it's a complete environmental disaster. * CLIMATE CHANGE is not even mentioned in these documents nor any other document I've read about this project. It's almost as if the Corps is not aware of Climate Change. How are you adapting to the reality of climate change? How will the plan change if climate change escalates, which it is already doing at the moment. * I would like to see this plan follow the 17 UN sustainable goals for economic development: https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-change/ <p>Really, the most important thing is adaptation to climate change and sustainability. There is simply nothing about that in the Corps plan. And the fact that it is not mentioned means that the Corps does not have the community's best interest at heart. The documentation provided talks about the US economy and navigation.</p> <p>Which are most important for your community?</p> <p>Sustainability. Not to flood. People before profits.</p>



Do you have other suggestions?

Leave the lock alone. If barges can't fit, go around. If it takes an additional 17 days, too bad. Surely, the loss of 17 days is less cost than continuous flooding and environmental damage that U.S. tax payers will endure.

Stop this project. It's absolutely ridiculous. It's not necessary. Instead of serving a for profit industry, start serving the neighborhoods that have borne the brunt of failed corps projects.

It's all hands on deck now. Stop trying to bribe us with a future that may or may not come, and deal with the problems this whole system has created.



W2	8/15/2023	Bywater	<p>In their video, the corps literally said that the reason to do this was because it takes 17 days longer for barges to go around when the old lock is closed for repair. The benefits the video cited were "US economy" and "navigation."</p> <p>I really don't see the necessity of this project except for profit. The Corps would be putting lives in danger so that the navigation industry can make more money.</p> <p>In my opinion, literally everyone can go around, and we don't have to spend this billion. We could spend it instead on shoring up our flood protection and all of the cool things promised in these sessions. But, we simply do not need to replace this lock.</p> <p>Plus, that 17 days? It's going to shorten as climate change turns more of our land into water. Has anyone done research into how climate change will inevitably affect this project? In this meeting we were continuously assaulted with the mantra to "think long term." I would argue that is the Corps that is not thinking long term. How can you completely ignore climate change?</p> <p>"The impact of rising seas is already creating new sources of instability and conflict," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who opened the meeting.</p> <p>Noting that some nations' coastlines have already seen triple the average rate of sea level rise, he warned that, in the coming decades, low-lying communities – and entire countries – could disappear forever."</p>
W3	8/15/2023	Lower Ninth, Bywater	<p>My business is directly next to the lock. I am very concerned about potential noise. Noise levels during previous lock construction projects has been unbearable, and this current project is much larger in scope. I highly recommend they build their bigger lock elsewhere.</p>



W4	9/11/2023 12:17	Lower Ninth Ward, Bywater	Nice try with your fancy PR spin for this project. I have all the information I need posted on the USACE. This project is not viable. People have serious concerns you are not addressing. It's all a pr stunt. Keep spending all this money on fancy looking presentations but we know this project only satisfied waterways industry and will do nothing for the communities affected. Why aren't you having public meetings anymore? Is it because you think public meetings create a mob mentality as found in the User Board minutes? Do you not like pushback and real community input that will disrupt your fantasy of a new lock?
W5	9/11/2023 12:18		This project only benefits industry. An industry that will be affected by drought and will shrivel up.
W6	9/11/2023 12:36	Lower Ninth Ward	None of these questions pertain to how most of the neighborhood feels: WE DO NOT WANT THIS PROJECT. IT ONLY BENEFITS INDUSTRY. WE WILL FIND WAYS TO RESIST.
W7	9/11/2023 12:49		There has been authorization but no funding of the actual construction since 1956. The only funding this project has received are these wasteful studies and PR campaigns. Can you explain why this project has not been funded other than these studies done every 10 years?



Appendix D: Phase 2 Materials



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What is a lock?

A lock is like a water elevator for boats, ships, and other vessels to travel between water bodies with different water levels. The lock has a chamber with gates on both sides. The sealed chamber can be filled with water or emptied to raise or lower vessels to match the water level on either side of the lock. This allows the vessel to either climb or descend as it travels upstream or downstream. Locks allow boats, ships and other vessels to travel between waterways.

What is the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock Replacement Project?

The IHNC Lock allows for passage between the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Mississippi River. The lock was constructed in 1923. To better handle today's needs, this project would:

- Replace the existing lock within the Industrial Canal to create a modern, reliable, and more efficient water passage
- Re-align flood walls and other flood risk management infrastructure in the project area as necessary
- Replace the St. Claude Avenue Bridge over the existing canal

The U.S. Congress has authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to complete this project.



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What is the Community Opportunities Plan of Action?

As part of the lock replacement project, funds will be available to build new features or implement other measures to address community needs and bolster community resiliency and quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods to help offset impacts caused by the lock replacement.

The Community Opportunities Plan of Action will include a series of community listening sessions, meetings, and outreach to share accurate information about the lock replacement project with the adjacent neighborhoods and to gather community input and ideas about what projects and programs these neighborhoods would like to see implemented to increase community well-being, resiliency, and quality of life. *The Corps wants your input to better understand your community's needs to help shape these special quality-of-life investments.*



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How will community improvements be selected?

The Corps will consider the following factors when developing the Plan and selecting community improvements:

- Would the community improvement address an impact (direct or indirect) of the lock replacement?
- How long would the community benefit?
- How many community members would benefit from the community investment?
- Would the community improvement be a better fit as part of the Traffic Mitigation Program that is also authorized as part of the lock replacement?
- Could the project be technically or physically constructed? How would it be managed?



Your input will help us better understand how the proposed community improvements meet these criteria.

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Why is the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Important?

- Provides critical water passage for shipping in the U.S.
- Joins some of the busiest and most important waterways for the U.S. economy
- Provides economic benefit for New Orleans, Louisiana and the U.S.
- Allows boats, ships, and other vessels, assisted by tug boats, to pass from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) to the Mississippi River

Did you know?

It would take an additional 17 days of transit time without the ability to pass through the IHNC



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IHNC LOCK REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION PHASING

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Construction Phasing Minimizes Impacts

- | | |
|------------|---|
| Years 1-2 | 1. Install Outer Wall of Cofferdam at New Lock Site |
| | 2. Dredge Bypass Channel* |
| | 3. Install Remainder of Cofferdam |
| Years 2-5 | 4. Unwater New Lock Site |
| | 5. Construct New Lock |
| Years 6-10 | 6. Remove Cofferdam and Backfill |
| | 7. Construct Flood Walls and Levee |
| | 8. Construct New St. Claude Avenue Bridge** |
| | 9. Demolish Existing Lock and Bridge** |

*USACE will address any dredge material that is unfit to cast back into the existing waterways.

**The new St. Claude Avenue Bridge will be built before demolishing the existing bridge. The St. Claude Avenue Bridge will remain open during construction.



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CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND VIBRATION IMPACTS

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WHAT IS A DECIBEL?

A decibel (dB) is the unit of measurement for how loud a sound is.



NOISE MODELING INCLUDED:

A noise model was constructed to forecast the level of noise in the surrounding areas during construction.



NOISE IMPACTS

The noise model estimated the number of noise receptors that may experience noise levels over 75 dB, which is considered unacceptable for residential areas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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Based on March 2019 assessment

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How the Corps Minimizes Construction Noise

- Monitors Noise Levels and Vibrations**
Monitors vibrations associated with pile driving, earthwork operations, and other construction activities likely to cause high vibration levels
- Limits Construction to 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
- Uses Construction-Specific Routes**
- Provides Temporary Relocations**
Qualifying residents could be voluntarily temporarily relocated during periods of high noise
- Soundproofs**
Soundproofing through insulation or temporary acoustic sound walls



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TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

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TRAFFIC IMPACTS WITH NEW LOCK ARE LIMITED



Existing curfews for bridge openings will be maintained with the new lock:
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.



The new St. Claude Avenue Bridge will be built before demolishing the existing bridge. The St. Claude Avenue Bridge will remain open during construction with short-term closures that would be messaged to the public.



Maximum wait time sitting in traffic is currently 7-10 minutes for all bridges and would remain the same with the new lock.



Average number of bridge openings per day:

Florida Avenue Bridge:
Current: 23.2 openings
With New Lock: 17 openings

Claiborne Avenue Bridge:
Current: 4.5 openings
With New Lock: 8.6 openings
Openings are seasonal and dependent on river level changes

St. Claude Avenue Bridge:
Current: 23.2 openings
With New Lock: 17 openings

Results are preliminary and the final data is under review



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TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

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How the Corps Manages Traffic

The Corps uses the following traffic procedures with any construction project:



Message Boards

Help inform commuters of problem areas before they encounter them



Traffic Control Officers

Provide officers to facilitate traffic flow through bridge construction areas

Note: The St. Claude Avenue Bridge will remain open during construction. The new bridge will be built before demolishing the existing bridge.

Potential Community Opportunities

We heard the community wants easier access across the canal and safer transportation within the communities. What could this look like?*



Expanded Walkways and Bicycle Paths

Provide additional sidewalks and bicycle paths as transportation options within the communities, including across the new bridge



Additional Public Transit

Coordinate with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to provide additional services, bus shelters, etc.



ADA-Compliant Transportation

ADA-accessible transportation options or accommodations, such as sidewalks, paratransit, accessible van/bus service line, etc.



Traffic Control Cameras

Install traffic control cameras at lights to monitor real-time traffic information at problematic intersections

*The Corps heard many ideas from the community. These are some ideas the Corps is exploring to move forward.



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RESIDENTIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPACTS

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WHY IS RIGHT-OF-WAY NEEDED?

The St. Claude Avenue Bridge is part of the existing lock structure, so it would also be demolished. When replaced, it would need to meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements.

ANTICIPATED RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS

The current bridge and ramp design would impact three homes. The number and location of anticipated residential impacts have not changed since the last design proposed in 2019.

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Potentially Impacted Residential Properties



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QUALITY-OF-LIFE IMPROVEMENTS

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Help us understand how these potential opportunities could best benefit your community

We heard the following ideas from community stewards. Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions? Who could be a local sponsor? Describe how you think these could be most successful.*



Urban Community Garden

Create community gardens in public spaces shared between community members



Parks, Open Space, Playgrounds

Dedicate space to recreational use and the natural landscape



Plantings

Remove invasive species in the Central Wetlands and encourage more native plantings to create more natural flood barriers



Climate Change/Green Infrastructure

Enhance local climate change efforts by adding green infrastructure



Healthcare Access

Promote healthcare opportunities (urgent care, emergency care center, or something similar) within the communities



Programming for Youth

Provide opportunities to youth in the community through educational, recreational, and skill-building programs and activities



Police Presence

Encourage the establishment of a police substation within the communities



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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

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Help us understand how these potential opportunities could best benefit your community

We heard the following ideas from community stewards. Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?*



Job Skills Training

Create a program to expand the skilled labor workforce and increase job opportunities and income potential for neighborhood residents



Small Business Assistance

Use seed money to establish a program to be implemented with a local sponsor like a city or university



Recreational Destination

Create an outdoor play area, such as a splash pad, to draw people to the community and enhance economic opportunity



Homeowner Assistance/ Affordable Housing

Provide financial support for homeowners, first-time home-buyer programs, or affordable housing options to help residents stay in the communities

What kind of training is desired?

What kind of business assistance is most needed?

Who could be a local sponsor?



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CULTURAL RESOURCE DOCUMENTATION IDEAS

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Cultural Resources

Are these ideas for community improvements relevant? Which are most important for your community? Other suggestions?



Historic Documentation

Document structures with historical significance
How would this history be best documented?
Would online documentation, such as a storymap, be of interest?



Historic Displays and Brochure

Display components of the old lock/bridge and maritime history; brochure on the lock and communities
Where would you like to see this type of display?



Oral Histories

Document structures with historical significance
Would you like to participate in this? Do you know someone who should participate? Where and how should these be documented?



Commemorative Markers

Commemorate the old lock and bridge with historic markers and illustrate important history
Where would you like to see this type of display?



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COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PRIORITIZATION

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Place three dots on your top community improvement ideas

Noise Reduction	Quality-of-Life Improvements	Economic Opportunities
Transportation and Traffic Improvements	Cultural Resources Documentation	Your Ideas Here!

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TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

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We want to know which transportation improvements you feel are needed and where. Place the corresponding sticker dot to show us which improvements you would like and where.

- Bus Stop
- Sidewalk
- Traffic Camera at Light
- Bicycle Path
- Other



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QUALITY-OF-LIFE IMPROVEMENTS

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We want to know which quality of life improvements you feel are needed and where.

Place the corresponding sticker dot to show us which improvements you would like and where.

-  Urban Community Garden
-  Green Infrastructure
-  Healthcare Facility
-  Police Substation
-  Park, Open Space, Playground



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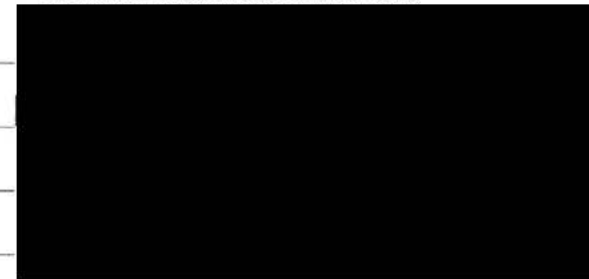
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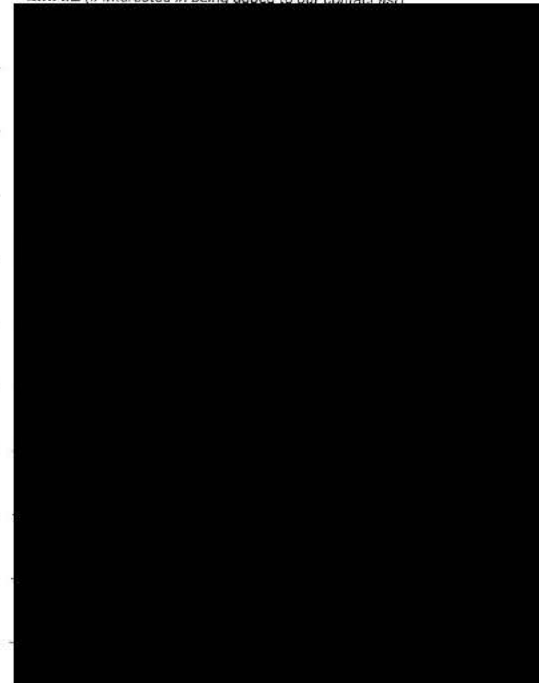


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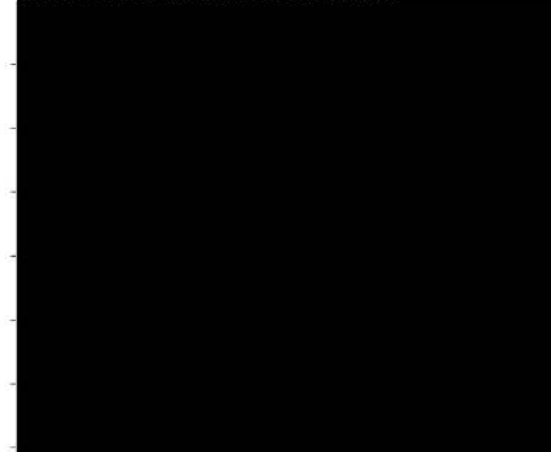
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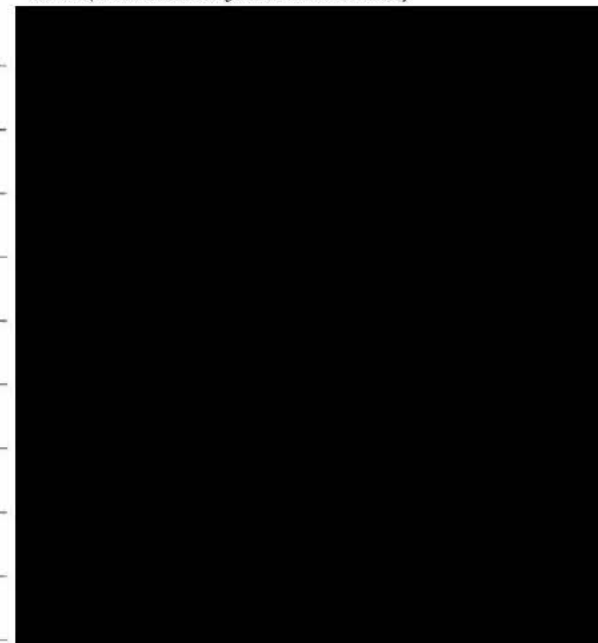
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Paul Edwards	Holy Cross	STOP the lock
Lauren Ellis	Holy Cross	STOP the lock
Daron Daoua	L9	
Samuel DeBraker	L9	
David Gordin	Marigny	
BETINA REUTTER	BYWATER	

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NAME (please print)

Chris Reed

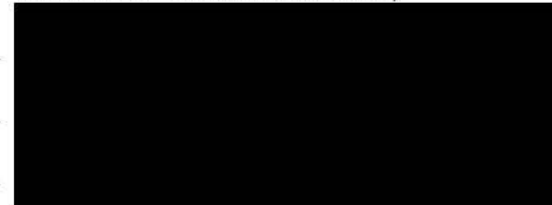
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Dorcas Darsua

NEIGHBORHOOD (please print)

L9

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NEIGHBORHOOD (please print)

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Darren Martin	District E
Ava de Montague	Holy Cross, lower nine
Tamelyn Doherty-Haus	Holy cross
Willie Calhoun	Lower 9
Britte Perez	Holy Cross
Carrie H. H. H.	Holy Cross
Valentina Luccardi	Upper 9th ward
HENRY D. CARROLL	SO S GROUP MEBAUX LA
Johannah White	Holy Cross
Nanci McVillie	Holy Cross



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Martha Knight	Holy Cross	
Mike Priede	1220 St. Maurice NOLA	
Roxanne Moore	Holy Cross	
Beth Butler	9th ward	
JAMES STRAM	9th ward	
Matt Morrison	Bywater	
Lindsay Edwards	Holy Cross / Bywater / L9	
Bill Edwards	" "	
Nancy Galloway	Bywater	
ELIZABETH LEWIS	HOLY CROSS	

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Tracy Nelson	Holy Cross	
Le Sanja Washuf		
Olis Tucker	Lower 9	
Tribble Condor	Lower 9	
LORI & GEORGE HUTTON	VIOLET	
JUDE FRENCH	Holy Cross	
JOSEPH LAVIGNE	HOLY CROSS	
Maurice Douglas	Holy Cross	
Alton Coleman	Hollycross	
Bbby NASHARI		

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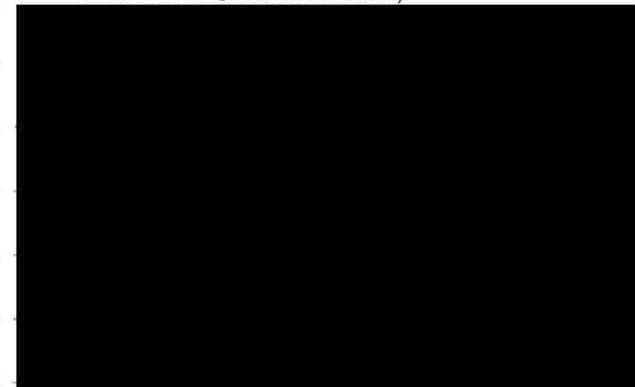


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Clara Webb	Holy Cross
Jeremy Oatis	Holy Cross
Freddie Longo	Holy Cross
MARY RICKARDS	Holy Cross
Clayton Evans	9
John DePriest	Holy Cross



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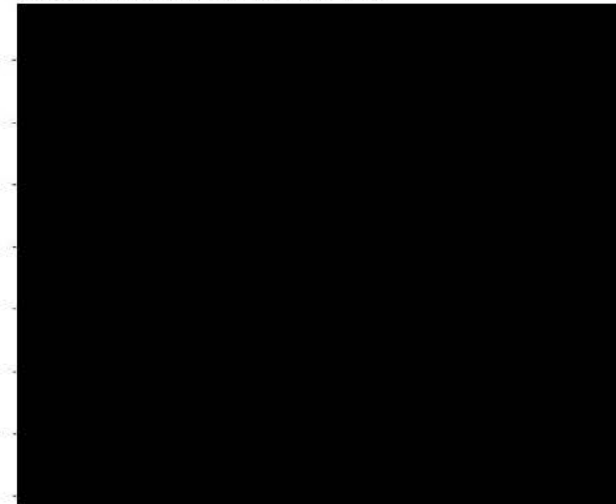
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Lynne Petcalf
DAVID MARTIN
Lucinda Broussard
Kathleen Pzta
M. Eleanor GRAHAM
Shannon Lower
Guc Mobley
Penelope Wolman

Bywater
Bywater
Both
Gentilly
BYWATER
Bywater
se Claude
Bywater



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NAME (please print)	NEIGHBORHOOD (please print)	EMAIL (if interested in being added to our contact list)
FRANK LAPLACA	4511 ^{BY WATER} SAINT CLAUDE	
PAULINE LAPLACA	4511 ^{BY WATER} SAINT CLAUDE	
Jenel Hazlett	Holy Cross	
Nancy Jullis	Bywater	
Jake Benoit	Holy Cross	
Shirley Carley		
Charlie & Heather Stephenson	Bywater	
Wesley Harris	4506 St Bywater	
Valerie Skinkus	3877 Daphne St Bywater	
Caroline Williams	St. Claude	

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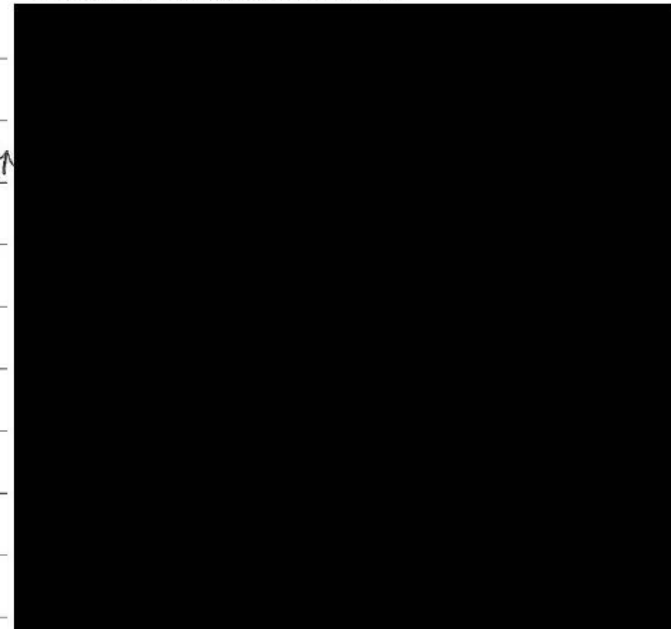
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NEIGHBORHOOD (please print)

EMAIL (if interested in being added to our contact list)

Made M Gonzalez	Bywater
Kathryn Huff	Bywater
Susan Brady	New St. Claude (NSCAN)
ANNE TIMMONS-HARRIS	Bywater
Glenis Waterman	Bywater
Cara Stewart	Holy Cross
Grace Treffinger	Fairgrounds
Jeanne Marquez	Marigny
JOHN ANDREWS	BYWATER
Anwyn Darrow	Bywater / holy cross



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NAME (please print)

NEIGHBORHOOD (please print)

EMAIL (if interested in being added to our contact list)

Carin Baas

Bywater

Beverly Andrews

Bywater

OLIVIA KLEIN

Bywater

Linda Smith

Bywater

KEVIN BLAND

9th ward

Thaddeus Francis

9th ward

Shirl Francis

9th ward

Jupius S. Nixon Jr

9th ward

Bob Nordmeier

Bywater

Wynne Corbit

St. Claude

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NEIGHBORHOOD (please print)

EMAIL (if interested in being added to our contact list)

Jan Rosenberg	Saint Claude
Russell J. Sparrow Jr	st st cloude Ave
Loretha Woods	st Claude area
Joy Etting	N. Rampart
John Hannon	Bourquigny
Lauren Horn	Bywater
Maxwell Cardullo	Bywater
Denise Turbinton	Bywater
Shanita MAY	Bywater
BETTINA REUTER	



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NAME (please print)

NEIGHBORHOOD (please print)

EMAIL (if interested in being added to our contact list)

MARGIE PEREZ

UPPER 9TH WARD

Lindsay Edwards

bywater / L9 / Holy Cross

Marie Broussard Nutter

Upper 9th Ward

BECCADUGGAN

BYWATER

Evan Oberlin

Bywater

Peter Murphy

By Water

Bill Edwards

L9 - Holy Cross / Bywater

Linda Bothwell-Murphy

900 Bartholomew ST

Andrew Stephens

Bywater

Jonathan Harrington

Holy Cross

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Mary Mullins

Bywater

Brian Luckett

Bywater

Shannon Faulstich

Upper 9

Kourouy Keller

Bywater (Upper 9)

Samuel McHarg

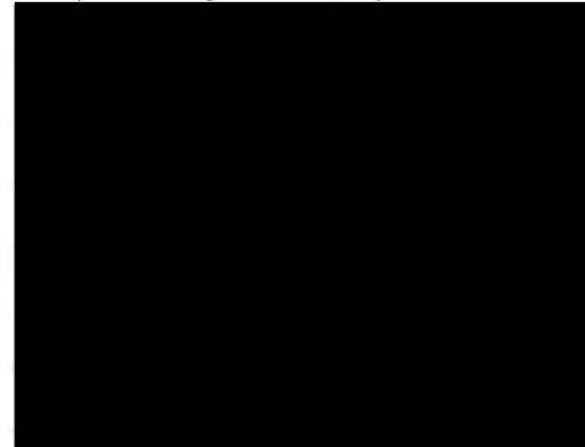
Lower 9

MIA MILLER

Bywater

Shauntel Cooley

Bywater



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Formal In-person Comments

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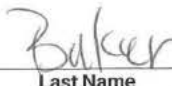
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NAME: _____


 First Name


 Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street/Route
City
State
Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____


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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

I am 100% against this project. Once again the US government targets a historic Black community for power, money and control. Where was this project after Hurricane Katrina? That's my question. The presentation were lacking, just consultants standing by poster. Uninformative



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I live in this community. I have a home in
this community. I don't see how this
project will benefit my community.
I am total against it.



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NAME: Mark Gonzalez
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: Neighbors First for Bywater

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: Bywater

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Move the train crossings
2. Prevent St Claude bridge delays
3. Allow / arrange for emergency crossing
at the St-Claude bridge

Additional Comments



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NAME:

RUBEN

First Name

WALKER

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐

Bywater

☒

Holy Cross

☐

Lower Ninth Ward

☐

St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Fewer Disruptions of Traffic over Canal
2. More Local Business
3. Greater Police Presence

Additional Comments

THIS WAS A DISASTROUS EVENT. I EXPECTED TO HEAR WHY
THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN, HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE, AND ALL THE
CONSEQUENCES. AND THEN ANOTHER DISASTROUS. THIS IS JUST
A VALUE FRAMING. COMMUNITY WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT
WANT THIS AT ALL!



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NAME: Adel Turner
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: L9W

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. PUT LIGHTS on The Light pole
2. Fixed Streets
3. Fixed A LOT of pothole

Additional Comments

They need TO Tell US About if Any people
is going TO lose There House



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NAME:

Corliss

First Name

Sanders

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

SANDERS LGW

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted Phone Number]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted Email Address]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

Open The Florida Bridge

2.

Work on the Street/City Lights

3.

Bus for in The 9th ward

Additional Comments



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NAME:

Linda Rhodes
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Citizen Concern

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted Phone Number]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted Email Address]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Police
2. Police
3. More Traffic Monitoring

Additional Comments

What would happen if a major hurricane came through here was construction taking place.



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First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

Please provided all comments, especially negative comments & comments not in support of this project with any reports, otherwise you will not represent the voices that do not ^{will not} participate in this format that is not allowing for these types of comments to be included



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NAME:

Andrea Sanchez-Reese
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Enhance the levee for beautification
2. Picnic area, walking path on levee
3. _____

Additional Comments



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NAME: LOVE RUCKMAN
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

WE LIVE DOWN HERE. ~~WE~~ WE SEE THAT THERE IS NOWHERE NEAR
ENOUGH TRAFFIC IN THE INDUSTRIAL CANAL TO JUSTIFY THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LOCK. THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE
OF ^{THE} CONTRACTOR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.



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NAME: Nicolle Pasache
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: Holy Cross Neighborhood Association

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. more Businesses (leads to more jobs, more services, etc.)
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

- ① Will it stir up toxic waste in the ground?
- ② How will it affect our water? ③ Noise reduction? -
what about the ten years of construction!
- ③ ~~more~~ I didn't see any ~~more~~ negative impacts Acknowledged or presented
- ④ I poster was 4 years old & NOT UP TO DATE



PLS Be transparent, this project is NOT All Rainbows & Butterflies especially To the residents of this neighborhood!

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NAME:

Gale M. Gettridge Branon
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Home owner

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Rebuild (2) elementary schools
2. will the community have input in the plan
3. _____

Additional Comments

- 1) Have a meeting + notify the entire Lower 9th ward via email, via WBOK
- 2) In person meeting that will inform home owners + business owners in this Lower (9) Area (entire)



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NAME:

JENGA

MUENIDO

First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. There are no improvements that could justify the destruction
2. and disruption of this project to the neighborhood.
- 3.

Additional Comments

Please do not move forward with expanding the lock. My 70yr old mother lives on Jordan, two blocks from the canal. This project may cause her to have to move. And the disruption to the community will be negative - destruction of homes, devaluing of homes, traffic disruptions, noise, environmental concerns, etc.
WE DO NOT WANT THE LOCK AT ALL.



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NAME:

Scott

First Name

Moersen

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Resident of the lower 9th ward

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Fill in the canal and
2. reconnect the lower and upper ninth wards
3. to create economic opportunity.

Additional Comments

Ask yourself, or don't, would you move yourself and your family into the lower 9th if you knew this project was going forward?



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NAME: Bill Edwards
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: Holy Cross & L9NA

ADDRESS: _____
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. NO LOCK NO LOCK
2. NO LOCK NO LOCK
3. NO LOCK NO LOCK

Additional Comments

noise, pollution, River moving to far into the
city, lower property values due to extensive
construction period, ACE history of all planned
and executed projects.



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First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

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NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐

Bywater

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Holy Cross

☒

Lower Ninth Ward

☐

St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. literally any guaranteed improvement
2. as long as adequate supporting
3. documentation is provided.

Additional Comments

~~This was a great little~~
 I wish there had been any confirmed and vetted data on how this will "improve" my neighborhood. Any supporting data to indicate that my property value will not take a hit as a direct result of this project would be greatly appreciated..



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NAME:

Maggie Kaiser
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Homeowner / Business Owner

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted Phone Number] [Redacted Email Address]
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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Saltwater intrusion - quit dredging!
2. Affordable housing - invest in the neighborhood, not the shipping
3. City infrastructure - fix our failing infrastructure before companies a brand new endeavor that no one wants

Additional Comments

The bridges (St. Claude + Claiborne) are not fully functional as we speak. One lane of the Claiborne bridge has been out for months w/ no progress. Water pools terribly on the St. Claude bridge, the pedestrian walkway is a joke, and hardly any street lights function. Why do y'all think you can make a whole new bridge that would function better



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when the two aren't even working? And who is the new lock for? Sure as hell will not serve anyone in our community no matter how many community projects you implement. And this meeting is a joke - y'all are putting all the work on the community ^{together into} rather than showing up and being upfront about the project and receiving our questions and comments in a community meeting. While I sat writing this comment, a neighbor asked the room who was OPPOSED to the project and EVERYONE RAISED their hands. And to have this during these holidays is irresponsible and speaks to your desire to fudge this "meeting". I oppose the lock, I do not trust the Army Corps of Engineers, and I think the money could be much better spent on education, healthcare, literally anything else.



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NAME: ALFREDO PEREZ
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: Holy Cross Neighborhood Assoc.

ADDRESS: _____
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Noise Reduction Mapping by dB - Radius map
2. Bike paths - incorporating new wetlands - the levees and the bridge
3. Economic Development - attracting businesses & new residents - subsidizing new construction

Additional Comments



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NAME:

Lawrence Copel
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Lower Holy Cross Homeowner

ADDRESS:

Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. For the army corp to stay out of it.
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

The army corp has consistently proven
their utter lack of care for this
community and keeps on doing so.
The new levee is dangerous



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NAME: Lindsay Edwards
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____
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PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Close the bridge and never open again,
2. _____
3. What an insult to the neighborhood
& waste of our tax dollars,

Additional Comments

Summary of 1st meeting and list of
participants

Navigation that results in 17 days
not using lock



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NAME: Brooke Randolph
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: HCNA 49 HA

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. We are fine - won't take a
2. buy off! Insulting to us!
3. _____

Additional Comments

No River coming into neighborhood is bad news

No Toxic wastes from bridge/lock destruction

No 2 Bridges up simultaneously is BAD.

No Toxic traffic for 15 years is not okay

over



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Please stop this, our community clearly
does not want this.

According the ACE's most recent EIT
report - you should not be targeting a
Black, poor neighborhood!



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NAME:

Samuel DEBACHON
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Mitigating negative impact
2. on property value,
3. DIRECTLY.

Additional Comments

This is insulting. Truly
insulting. We need our
assets protected. This all
puts our community at risk



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putting "parks" and
 "water parks" and get
 more subsidies for
TOO MANY NON PROFITS,
 while ignoring the
 risks — to health, life,
 and property — that
 residents ARE being harm-
 ed by this project]...??

IT'S INSULTING.

I cannot believe my tax
 dollars paid for this
 P.S. P.R. campaign &
 FAN @ CAR MTG.



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YEAH, I'M MAD.





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NAME: VANESSA GUERINGER
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: LOWER NINE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: [REDACTED]

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. NO FURTHER LOCAL EXPANSION
2. THE CORP NEEDS TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF
3. THEIR PART IN LEVEE FAILURES IN '09

Additional Comments

FOR THE CORP OF ENGINEERS TO COME TO THIS COMMUNITY
WITH MITIGATION MONIES 18 YEARS AFTER KATRINA IS A
SCAP IN THE FACE. NOW THE CORP WANTS OUR PERMISSION
TO FINISH US OFF AFTER KILLING NEARLY 500 PEOPLE IN
'09 FOLLOWING KATRINA. THIS COMMUNITY WILL BE FURTHER
ISOLATED (3 BRIDGES FROM THE REST OF THE CITY. THIS PROJECT
WILL PUT THE LAST NAIL IN OUR COFFINS. WE WILL DIE ON



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THE VINE.
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WORRY THAT
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES VIEW THEM AS WORTHLESS.



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NAME:

Brendan

First Name

Turrill

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

We don't want this project.
Use an alternative route that does not
impact communities.
Close the Canal and keep the St. Claude
bridge down permanently.
The harms outweigh the benefits.



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NAME:

Julie
First NameJones
Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Neighbors First for Bayou

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



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Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted Phone Number]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted Email Address]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. See below.
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

I am concerned about the lack of detail in the project now. People may be "temporarily displaced" - for how long? where to? Sound, pile driving, traffic will obviously be huge problems.



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First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

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State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Holy Cross

Lower Ninth Ward

☐

St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

2.

3.

Additional Comments

'I did not hear about the negative impact.'

- Better bike, sidewalk + bus stops.



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Last Name

FMIA

Zip Code

St. Claude

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. HALTING IN-NC LOCK REPLACEMENT PROJECT
2. RELOCATING A REPLACEMENT LOCK FURTHER DOWN RIVER.
3. CLOSING AND FILLING IN THE EXISTING LOCK.

Additional Comments

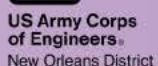
I DON'T WANT ANY MITIGATION FUNDS

I WANT THIS PROJECT TO GO AWAY.

I WILL ASK ALL POLITICIANS WITH ANY SAY
TO DEFUND IT.



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NAME:

Eve

First Name

Abrams

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

U.S. citizen

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

green infrastructure: bioswales, rain gardens, etc for drainage

2.

Native plantings: trees, shrubs, bird+insect habitat

3.

navigable streets

Additional Comments

New Orleans and my neighborhood need to accommodate water through green infrastructure, native plantings, and the like. We need to learn from past mistakes -- our false belief that we can impose our engineering onto this landscape without catastrophic



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failure -- massive flooding, death, wasted resources. A wider, modernized canal is nowhere near a priority for the people who inhabit this landscape. This lock widening plan is an outdated, unnecessary expenditure of money, time, and resources that will be ruinous to my community and the city at large. This project is a clear manifestation of greed and hubris. Why are we still talking about this foolish plan? In 2017, the community clearly and loudly spoke out against this ridiculous plan -- a project from another century and a bygone economy. Yet here we are again. Why won't you listen? New Orleans -- the people and communities -- neither need nor want this project. It will be destructive, wasteful, costly, and pointless. Please stop. Go away, lock widening!

Can we please look at the realities of climate change and living with water rather than the profits of a handful of corporations?



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NAME: Dan Sasha Birman
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. NOT Expanding The lock & protecting the StClaude bridge as
2. Protected Bike lanes on StClaude Ave a historic
3. a pedestrian draw bridge connecting St Claude bridge landmark
 Crescent Park & H.C. levee

Additional Comments

4. more parks in H.C. - Buy the Ball Field & HC lots
 from the developers & make them into parks &
 gardens

5. Plant trees !



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NAME:

Cynthia *Guillemet*
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

L9 Neighborhood Association

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐

Bywater

☐

Holy Cross

☒

Lower Ninth Ward

☐

St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

- We need a top notch grocery store*
 - Drug store that accommodates pharmacy*
 - Credit Union*
- over the counter drugs*

Additional Comments

*I want to bring back to our community
 Black owned homeownership and businesses.
 We should be able to spend our money
 in our neighborhood - Economic
 Development*



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NAME:

Nanci McVILLIE
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

HOLY CROSS NEIGHBORHOOD

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Neighborhood if not listed:

[REDACTED]

PHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. NONE ON THE RIVER
2. ~~ALIVE~~ BETTE STREETS
3. MORE TREES

Additional Comments

Home Ownership made
easier for our neighborhood



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NAME: Matthew Morrin
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: None

ADDRESS: [Redacted]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [Redacted]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [Redacted]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

Why would it not be sufficient to repair the existing lock in its current location & configuration if that approach would minimize the potential for flood risk, neighborhood impacts, and potential environmental impacts from dredging, etc. I don't believe that the economic & other impacts of the new lock plan are clear or that they justify that project's risks



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NAME:

Tribble

First Name

Gondor

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

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NEIGHBORHOOD:



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St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Walking Paths / Connecting Holy Cross Neighborhood &
2. the entire L9 Neighborhood (ADA Accommodations)
3. Parks also for kids that are autistic / dog parks,
Parks w/ benches / trash cans.

Additional Comments



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NAME:

Maura Douglas
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Bike path on levee
2. Trees
3. Clean illegal dumping / nails in the streets

Additional Comments



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NAME: Roxanne Moore
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: N/A

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Plant trees
2. Program to keep streets clean (Education @ schools, etc.)
3. Covered bus stops

Additional Comments

I support repairing the St. Claude bridge. I particularly support keeping the bridge open during construction & building the new one to include a safe bike path & pedestrian sidewalk. Also, if you could clearly post the curfew for opening the bridge that would be super helpful. Thank you!



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NAME:

Mike
 First Name

Priebe
 Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

SELF

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED ADDRESS]

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



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Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED PHONE NUMBER]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[REDACTED EMAIL ADDRESS]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

Police Substation

2.

URBAN GARDEN & PARKS

3.

SHOPPING

Additional Comments

we Need More Small BIZ - Food Storges



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Last Name

Holy Cross Neighborhood Assoc

Zip Code

St. Claude

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

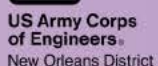
1. No widening of the Levy
2. bridge is fine the way it is
3. save the neighborhood "as is"

Additional Comments

more trees and less blight and pot holes.



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NAME:

Bill Edwards

First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Holy Cross NA, #1 LA Neighborhood Assoc

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

* own Rental Property

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted Phone Number]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted Email Address]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Affordable Housing with lease to own programs
2. First time home buyers program & funding
- 3.

Additional Comments

This project is yet another example of environmental racism. The mitigation ideas presented are mostly already in progress. The Corp was responsible for the poorly built levees, they failed during Katrina & now the Corp wants to decimate the neighborhood even more -



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Find another route for another canal if truly needed. I was told by a Corp Representative

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That most of the shipping going through the canal is petroleum & energy goods - my thought about this information is that, "WILL THAT INDUSTRY BE VIABLE IN THAT FUTURE?" With the move toward electric cars, solar, & wind - some day and maybe sooner than later we will deplete the available oil & coal in the earth.

Overall this project is just so wrong on many levels - the total neighborhood against it obvious at every meeting I attend, and being retired I go to a lot of meetings I have yet in 4 years met a neighbor that is in favor of this project.

The ~~absolute~~ best idea is to close the free lock fill it back in Reconnect the neighborhood to New Orleans, extend the St Claude street car to the Baraachs. That would improve the neighborhood.



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NAME:

Valentina

First Name

Wccardi

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐

Bywater

☐

Holy Cross

☐

Lower Ninth Ward

☐

St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

Upper 9th

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted Phone Number and Email Address]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Better roads ☒ Levee reinforcement
2. Community park / playground
3. Increased businesses

Additional Comments

- How does essentially tearing up + rebuilding the lock prove to be more beneficial than building a new lock further downriver?
- How does this project compensate homeowners whose properties are lessened in value, can't sell because of ongoing construction, ~~the~~ damaged from



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construction vibrations etc.? Our hurricane insurance + property ~~insurance~~ taxes are increasingly high, how can one hope to sell a home for its pre-construction value?

- How does the construction impact residents' ability to evacuate from hurricanes?
- The community has spoken against this project repeatedly, for many years. What legal filing does it take to cease this project??



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NAME: Cameron Oatis
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____
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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. more homes.
2. Splash pad.
3. pool.

Additional Comments



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NAME: Jeremy Oatis
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS: [Redacted]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: [Redacted]

PHONE NUMBER: [Redacted]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [Redacted]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Better Roads
2. Get rid of blighted properties & Vacant lots
3. More green space & Police Camera's

Additional Comments

keep up the good work and keep
the community in mind.



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NAME:

John

First Name

DePriest

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Close the canal!
2. Improve transportation
3. Encourage businesses to open

Additional Comments

-Zero!!
None!!

There is 0 community support for this project! The only support for this is from big business interests who do not care about the health, safety, or quality of life in this area. Please listen to us: do not move forward with this project! The information



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presented on the slides at this meeting is false. It said wait times on the St. Claude bridge are 7-10 minutes max. This is false!! I waited longer than this, this morning. We don't need a new bridge, we need no bridge. The canal cut off transportation opportunities to this neighborhood including streetcar lines and streets. Reconnect the grid! The IHNC is a man-made disaster that has already killed many people and will do so again! Protect people! You are the government. Your job is to protect people not put them in danger! This canal increases flood risk, and it cuts off neighborhoods from economic and medical opportunities elsewhere in the city, this canal leads to segregation and should be filled in and closed in order to close a negative chapter in the history of USACE.



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NAME: LORI HUTTON
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: NONE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: St. Bernard

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Traffic/ Parking
2. Sustainability
3. Economic Opportunities

Additional Comments

- ① Parking Plan for Construction Worker Parking Areas during Various stages to avoid on-street over crowding
- ② Install Elec.Veh. Level 3 charging stations for economic benefit visitors
- ③ Install EV level 2 slow chargers at parking lots for walking/biking paths
- ④ Business Opportunity: Kayak tours of finished lock



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NAME:

Janene Copel

First Name

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

Stop the Lock

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐

Bywater

☒

Holy Cross

☐

Lower Ninth Ward

☐

St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

2.

3.

Access to the outside world
hurricane protection
protection FROM the city up.

Additional Comments

Please stay away!



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NAME:

JUCIE FRENCH
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

self [Redacted]

ADDRESS:

[Redacted] Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. close the lock
2. use the alternate waterways
3. _____

Additional Comments

The enticements are lovely, but you cannot guarantee that this work will not cause flooding or increase the risk of future flooding. If this was in the garden district, we would not be having this conversation.



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NAME: NANCY GRAHAM
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: NEIGHBORS FIRST FOR BYWATER

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC CHARACTER
2. RETENTION & INCREASE OF TREE CANOPY
3. REMOVAL OF EXCESS CONCRETE FOR ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY WATER FLOW; &

Additional Comments

4. IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS - STREET FLOW

5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING



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NAME:

Walter Keith Hurt
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

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Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Preservation of the character and integrity
2. of our neighborhood
3. _____

Additional Comments

promises of splash parks and amorphous offers
to promote health care are not adequate to
buy our acquiescence to this monstrosity
The last good idea the Corps of Engineers had
for this area was the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet
Please just leave us alone



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NAME:

Kathleen Patterson
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

Geantique

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. No lock
2. No lock
3. No lock

Additional Comments

Although I don't live in this
neighborhood now, my family does.
This project will destroy their way
of life & home value. It is unnecessary.
The Corps' behavior in hurricane Katrina
broke any trust you might have built
here.



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NAME: OLIVIA KLEIN
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Safe Pedestrian/Bike Crossing @ Palmetto & St. Claude
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

What will be done about the vibrational impact of 10 years construction. Will the army corps be responsible ~~about~~ for damage incurred, and what sort of process is in place for that. Will ~~near~~ property values be affected? Will funding for insulation be provided for sound impact.



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NAME:

KEVIN

First Name

BLAND

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐

Bywater

☐

Holy Cross

☒

Lower Ninth Ward

☐

St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT
2. POLICE STATIONS
3. SUPERMARKETS

Additional Comments

10 to 13 years is a very long time to
 endure an construction project as big as
 this. It sounds like good improvement to the
 area but when you have elderly parents
 to get back & forth to the doctors on a
 timely manner this will be a disaster for that.



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~~IN MY OPINION~~ I DO NOT WANT THIS
LOK PROJECT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

MR. KEVIN BLAND



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December 19, 2023**

NAME:

Caroline
First Name

Williams
Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

Walk Trail, Park,

2.

Police Station

3.

~~Police~~ Better Bus Service

Additional Comments

I want to know is it really only
three houses being taken or could
there be more if this project
proceeds, when will people know.



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December 15, 2023**

NAME: JOHN ANDREWS
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: NEIGHBORS FIRST FOR BYWATER

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: [REDACTED]

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. REPAVED STREETS
2. FILL IN COMPLETELY THE MRGO AND RETURN
3. THE WETLANDS THAT WERE THERE BEFORE

Additional Comments

THIS SEEMS LIKE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TAX
PAYER DOLLARS THAT BENEFITS ONLY BARGE
COMPANY FLEET OWNERS. IF THEY ARE PUSHING
THIS AGAIN AND IF THIS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR
THE BARGE COMPANY'S BOTTOM LINE MAKE THEM
PAY FOR IT WITH LOCK TOLLS, DON'T USE MY
TAX DOLLARS TO IMPROVE THE BOTTOM LINE
OF A FEW WEALTHY BARGE FLEET OWNERS!



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NAME: Beverly Andrews
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: N.F.B.

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Street/Route	City	State	Zip Code
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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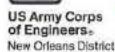
What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. street repairs !!
- 2.
- 3.

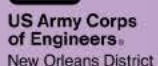
Additional Comments

Widening the lock does not benefit the neighborhoods along the canal.

I personally like our old historic bridge. Maybe some of this money could be put into its renovation and make it a tourist attraction.



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NAME: MR & MRS FRANK LAPLACA
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: HOME OWNER RESIDENT

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. THE STREET IN FRONT OF MY HOME NEEDS TO
2. BE ELEVATED A COUPLE OF FEET, BECAUSE ITS
3. LOW AND FLOODS

Additional Comments

ALSO - ON THE OLD ELEVATED ROADWAY RAMPS, THE ^{METAL} POLE
LIGHTS ON THE BRIDGE RAMPS, NEED TO BE EITHER
SAND BLASTED OR REPLACED ^{AND} PAINTED AFTER
CLEANED, BECAUSE ALL ^{THIS METAL} POLE LIGHT ARE RUSTY VERY
BAD, AND HAVE BEEN IN THIS BAD CONDITION
SINCE 1959 WHEN WE MOVED HERE



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NAME: Cara Stewart
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Ability to travel between lower + upper 9th ward
2. Not having additional flood risk due to dredging etc.
3. Not having my home damaged or become difficult to live at due to noise + traffic + construction

Additional Comments

this seems like a huge tax payer funded project to improve "efficiency" for oil/gas/shipping industries but that will offer no benefit and MANY drawbacks for residents of the upper + lower 9th ward. As a home owner in Holy Cross I do not support this and worry that it will negatively impact me + my neighbors w/ 13+ years of construction, traffic, damage to homes



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and damage to the neighborhood/economy/community and culture.

But if you do this, please use some funds for improved public transit across the canal.





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NAME: Maxwell Clardwell
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

THE BRIDGE HAS PULLED OUT + THE TRAFFIC ISN'T ENOUGH
TO JUSTIFY THIS. I'm fully opposed. IF you DO GO
THROUGH WITH IT, YOU BETTER BUILD A TON OF CLIMATE-
RESILIENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING + BUS + PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.



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NAME:

MARGIE

First Name

PEREZ

Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:



Bywater



Holy Cross



Lower Ninth Ward



St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1.

SAFETY (POLICE)

2.

HEALTHIER & AFFORDABLE FOOD

3.

BETTER STREETS

Additional Comments

~~THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS~~ THE BILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS
SPENT ON THIS WILL NEVER EQUAL THE BENEFIT
TO THE COMMUNITY. IT WILL ONLY MAKE
RICH CORPORATIONS RICHER. IF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
DOESN'T SEE THE BENEFIT OF IT, THEN HOW CAN THIS BE
JUSTIFIED? THIS WILL ~~ALMOST~~ MOST LIKELY MOVE FORWARD. IF IT DOES, THEN I
HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL ~~BE~~ IMPROVE AND NOT BE FORGOTTEN.



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PLEASE!



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NAME:

Lucinda Broussard
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☒ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

None

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Sound
2. Crime
3. Traffic

Additional Comments



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NAME:

Marie Broussard-Nutter
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

myself

ADDRESS:

[Redacted Address]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code/

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed:

Upper 9th Ward

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted Phone Number]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted Email Address]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Crime
2. Corporate Land grabbing - To Stop
3. Traffic and Train delays.

Additional Comments



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NAME: Shannon Faulstich
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]
 Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☐ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☒ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. [Redacted]
2. [Redacted]
3. [Redacted]

Additional Comments

- property value disruption due to construction
- flood risk during construction
- public health concerns due to ground water contamination
- dust in air -> won't know until too late
- this project will go on for an entire generation
if started for no added value other than a
blip of profits for commerce which will never make it
back into any community



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- worry about how many "waivers" will be applied for if materials such as sediment contaminants do not meet safe criteria for dispersal
- no amount of public "sprucing" up is worth the potential health risk and asset devaluations that will result from this project



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December 4, 2023

NAME:

James *DeBour*
 First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

[Redacted]

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD:

☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted]

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments

*These meetings have been
 incredibly disappointing. I can't
 believe my tax dollars are
 going to a PR firm — and how
 many times I've been told
 "I don't know" in response to*



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REAL questions about mitigating
harm to property value.
How will you make whole.

All communities you are
about to destroy in the
name of "COMMERCE"?

This project has NO benefit
to the communities it will
harm.

FILL IT IN.



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NAME: Anwyn Darrow
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☒ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

Neighborhood if not listed: _____

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Better access to affordable healthy food
2. more reliable public transportation
3. safety infrastructure for pedestrians & cyclists

Additional Comments

I do not want this project to come to fruition. we do not need a new lock that's main purpose is to support more oil & gas. we need to move away from fossil fuels. This project will prove a waste. ~~we no longer need it~~ I live on Kentucky & St. Claude and i have land on the holy cross side of St. →



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claudle between Jordan St & Sister St. I have
 been planting trees and building a future life
 on that land. ~~I had~~ I had plans to grow
 fruit trees and build a house. This dream is
 crushed by this project. That space will be
 inaccessible. Who knows what pollutants will
 affect a garden there. you do. It will be too loud
 to live there. the foundation of my future home
 will be harmed. ~~plans of~~ plans of
 having children there with my partner will be
 ruined. This lock is unnecessary and unwanted.
 This is a disgrace to New Orleans where we
 so badly need infrastructure Development to
 improve the lives of its citizens. This lock
 will not improve the lives of New Orleanians.
 It will harm us and we will see NO benefit.
 What about the ladies whose homes are being
 bought out? how will you ensure they find
 adequate housing, not just a tiny payout
 too small to buy a new home. Their homes
 are paid off. They deserve new homes with
 no debt. They deserve more than that.
~~I would~~ for the inconvenience, no, total
 disruption of their whole lives. The past
 20 years of making a home to be uprooted
 by force. Shame on this project. ~~Shame~~
 Shame on those who are pushing for it.



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we do not want it.

AD



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NAME: Tamalya Harris
First Name Last Name

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/Route City State Zip Code

NEIGHBORHOOD: ☐ Bywater ☒ Holy Cross ☐ Lower Ninth Ward ☐ St. Claude

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What are Three Priorities for Improvements Needed In Your Neighborhood?

1. Blight removal in commercially zoned areas
2. Local businesses in commercially zoned areas
3. Ferry between Holy Cross and Bywater

Additional Comments

Since Katrina, St. Claude Ave. has been in a serious state of blight. Even when people, like Sawkosa try to develop they get stopped by permit issues. Property owners along St. Claude leave old buildings to rot and don't take care of upkeep or development. Laws should be enforced to stop the blight.



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Also, Along St. Maurice Ave., there are buildings such as a corner store, a deconsecrated church and the old Martin Luther King School that are being hoarded by Blake Jones - In a state of lifelessness. Myself and others have tried to rent the old corner store, which he claims he will "build to suit", but then he asks for a years rent in advance before he will put electric wiring, walls and plumbing. The last I heard, someone was taking it then he decided that construction materials had become too expensive. This has been going on for over a decade. Meanwhile, our neighborhood - one of the most traditional in New Orleans continues to lack life! No cafes, restaurants, food. The St. Maurice corridor could breath life into Holy Cross. ~~and~~ It is away from the construction too. To further breath life into Holy Cross, I suggest a ferry boat between Bywater or Marigny and Holy Cross. This could make it a destination and ease traffic issues during construction. Instead of focusing on the aspects of the lock that are detrimental to our neighborhood, these suggestions would put a focus on the future of Holy Cross.



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Gather Virtual Room Comments

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V1	12/7/2023			Holy Cross	Noise Reduction, Economic Opportunities, Transportation and Traffic Improvements, A permanent bridge on St Claude would be dreamy	<p>Insulation and sound proof windows would be very welcome. Maintained parks would be amazing. Economic incentives for businesses to open (like a real grocery store on the lower ninth ward side of st. claudes would be big boon to the neighborhood). A permanent walking/biking bridge would make the lower nine a real part of the city and less cut off. In Bywater, a bridge on St Claude that passes over the railroad tracks would also be nice.</p> <p>The Lower Nine just feels separated from the city by the canal, and this project in the short term would make that worse, but if in the long term, investment were made to solve the separation of the area from the rest of the city and also beautify the area, there would be a case for popular support.</p>

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V2	12/10/2023	Marc o	Apost olico	Lower Ninth Ward	Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities, Home values	<p>Please purchase all the homes most affected by this project. The city has not made any attempts to restore our neighborhood or foster new development. This project will absolutely tank home values, leaving people trapped in the devalued assets. No amount of sound proofing or re routing traffic will mitigate the loss of equity/value and stop the destruction of generational wealth through homeownership.</p> <p>This project does not benefit the public and there is no evidence that this will directly benefit the communities most affected. Do the corporations driving barges pay money to the port to pass? A toll system should be implemented to repay the community for the inconvenience and devastating disruption.</p> <p>Will the construction companies be providing jobs to people in the community?</p> <p>Sound and vibration is addressed in the virtual boards but what about airborne hazards such as dust and contaminants? What is the plan to reduce the air pollution?</p> <p>Whether there is a temporary bridge or not this project will ultimately cause massive automobile emissions from traffic backups. How will this affect air quality over the 10+ years?</p>

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V3	12/11/2023	Zac	Wilson	Bywater		<p>I am against this project.</p> <p>The 13-year, \$1 billion project would only benefit shipping companies. By moving the lock 12 blocks further into the neighborhood, the higher water table from the Mississippi River would put tremendous pressure on the levee walls beside private homes.</p> <p>The historic bridge will be destroyed and its massive concrete base dynamited. Constant pounding to install pilings will shatter the foundations of nearby Victorian-era shotgun homes. New bridge ramps will extend further into the neighborhood, homes will be seized and torn down through eminent domain.</p> <p>Toxic sediment lying at the bottom of the Industrial Canal will be unearthed, not far from a brand new public high school. A 1997 McKnight study proved there are carcinogenic materials remaining from World War I era that would be disturbed without a safe disposal plan, raising public health risks.</p> <p>Needless to say, commercial investment in our neighborhood will come to a complete stop. Property values will plunge and traffic to and from New Orleans will be permanently stalled. Both bridges will be up for longer periods, simultaneously. Fifty thousand people who live east of the canal who need to travel over the bridges will require at least an extra 20-30 minutes each direction. Traffic will be backed up for blocks.</p> <p>All this dislocation so that two barges can travel through the canal at the same time! The Corps refuses to consider other sites in more rural areas where there is less traffic and human habitation. To add insult to injury, if the walls were to burst again, the government would not be liable for damages; homeowners bear all the risk.</p> <p>A billion dollars is a lot of money, especially in Louisiana, where we could use those badly needed funds to rebuild our eroding coast. Residents of the Lower Ninth Ward and Bywater want Congress to defund the lock expansion project in the Lower Ninth Ward to save our lives and community.</p>



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V4	12/12/2023	Dan	Lang	Holy Cross	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements, Cultural Resources Documentation	Stop the Locks! This is a residential neighborhood that will be inaccessible and unlivable if 10-15 years of industrial construction occur. It will only enrich Donald Trump's billionaire buddy Boysie Bollinger and it will not benefit New Orleans or its residents. Save the Ninth Ward as a place where people live!
V5	12/12/2023	Alexis	Erkert	Holy Cross	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities, Transportation and Traffic Improvements, Cultural Resources Documentation	As a homeowner in and resident of Holy Cross, I am vehemently opposed to the replacement of the lock at the holy cross bridge. Taking into account all of the above factors related to our quality of life (noise, ease of transportation, access to economic opportunities, preservation of cultural resources, etc), this waste of taxpayer dollars will be hazardous to our community's health, put homeowners at risk of increased flooding, disrupt traffic and access to local businesses, and will diminish our property values during prolonged construction. If the Corps is actually taking community input into account, it will not proceed with this project.
V6	12/12/2023	Michael	Theard	Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross, St. Claude	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities, Transportation and Traffic Improvements, Cultural Resources Documentation ,	Police Presence / Neighborhood Security; Supermarket; Urgent Care Center; Staffed Study Groups; Counseling services; Mentorship relationship programs similar to Big Brothers/Sisters, Four-H; Vocational School



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V7	12/13/2023	Leah	Henn essy	Bywater	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities, Transportation and Traffic Improvements	How can the Music Box Village located adjacent to this project survive and thrive during this expansion? We need to be considered in quality of life projects that could benefit residents and keep bringing people to the area to the benefit of local business. This project stands to take some of our space and hinder our business which is heavily impacted by noise and construction.
V8	12/13/2023	Leah	Henn essy	Bywater	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities	Please advise as to whether Music Box Village and our new offices are considered subject to impact. 4557 N Rampart St
V9	12/13/2023	Leah	Henn essy	Bywater	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities	How could an impacted business like Music Box Village at 4557 N Rampart benefit from this kind of work. Could our business be supported to launch new internships and programming for youth and to develop parts of our property with green space? Other than noise, which will be intense, how will our property be affected?
V1 0	12/13/2023	Leah	Henn essy	Bywater	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities	Fund job skills training at Music Box Village in welding, engineering and design, carpentry. An infusion of funds could turn our warehouse into a maker space providing a wealth of education opportunities. Support the site financially so that it can be open for respite and play on weekends.

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V1 1	12/13/2023	Colin	Myers	Bywater	Noise Reduction, Quality-of-Life Improvements	The biggest problem with this project is that it makes us more vulnerable to damage from hurricanes. Did we learn nothing from MRGO during Katrina? The second biggest problem is that this will benefit a small number of transportation companies at the expense of those who live in the area. Traffic will be worse, noise will be worse, commuting across the St Claude bridge will be worse than it already is. The next biggest problem is that it is a waste of resources. The timeframe to break even on this project is far too long. And 13 years is much too long for anyone to endure for any construction project. Moreover, nothing in this city is ever completed on schedule, and this will turn out to be a giant waste of money all involved, one that makes everyone's lives worse. The city needs to focus on the one thing people need and are asking for across the board, which is affordable housing.



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I have so many concerns about this proposed lock expansion project, but I'll start with the ones that effect me personally the most. I live on Jourdan ave, next to the canal, in a house I spent years building myself. I would never want to leave the little paradise I've made for myself here in this neighborhood I love, but I refuse to live in a massive construction zone for decades of my life. It's not just the noise and vibration, it's also the heavy traffic that would undoubtedly be added to my street, and the general look and feel of the neighborhood. I walk my dog every morning on the levee, like lots of my neighbors. Lots of people fish on the banks of the canal on both sides of the existing lock, and these quiet peaceful spaces to catch fish or go on a walk are going to be turned into as close to the opposite as I could imagine.

I imagine if the project gets approved for funding I'll want to sell my house, but what will it be worth? The property and everything I've built on it is everything I own; will the Army Corps compensate me for the loss in value? For the lost time? My house is relatively modest in size, but I've poured my heart into every little detail, countless hours to make my house really mine. Of course I think it's only fair that if the project goes forward homeowners are compensated for their losses, but even if that check is written, and I won't be holding my breath, there are so many things that would be impossible to put a dollar value on.

The fact that the neighborhoods that are slated to be destroyed by this project are the same neighborhoods that were already destroyed as a direct result of another poorly planned army corps project, the MRGO canal, makes it even worse. This neighborhood has fought an uphill battle since Katrina, and it feels like it is finally making some real progress. There are lots of things we're excited to keep fighting for, like the extension of the streetcar line down st. Claude all the way to Arabi, which is in the city's master plan. But if this project is approved our tenuous progress will undoubtedly be all lost, and forget about the streetcar, since the proposed new bridge doesn't allow for it.

I will likely move, as will many others, but many others will have no choice but to stay. We all know construction projects always take longer than expected in general, but here in New Orleans that difference between estimates and reality is almost comical if it wasn't so tragic. Think about how long the Florida ave drainage project has been going on, or how long it took to repaint the Claiborne bridge 10ish years ago. Hell, they've had one lane of the bridge closed for what feels like 6 months now and there has been literally no work completed. This means given the 13 year estimate we have no idea how long this project will take, but it is completely reasonable that it could last for an entire



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generation or longer.

The impacts described so far are assuming everything goes according to plan. The risks a project like this poses if things go wrong are hard to even imagine, except for the people that were here when the MRGO brought Katrina's floodwaters into our streets and homes, for those people it is unfortunately not hard to imagine at all. The deconstruction of the existing lock is especially concerning to me, due to the scale of the structure, it's integration into flood control systems, and the fact that there isn't a wealth of knowledge from similar projects to inform the engineers tasked with this monumental project. Even the theoretically simpler task of extending the river levees into the neighborhood still poses a risk just due to the critical nature of those structures.

The environmental impacts are also troubling, and bring up similar concerns about environmental justice. The sheer scale of contaminated material which will need to be dredged makes any kind of testing inherently difficult, and unreliable. The impact of hurricanes during construction is extremely hard to plan for, but is a very real possibility. The area of wetlands between Claiborne and Florida, while not an old growth Cypress swamp are still very valuable habitat which will be destroyed, and deserves careful evaluation for the presence of any endangered species.

These local impacts, and the related issues of justice, should be factored into the cost side of the cost benefit analysis. Equally, on the benefit side of the equation, who actually stands to benefit must be properly and independently studied, because if the calculated "return on investment," which isn't all that high to begin with, isn't actually going to enrich the American people, but rather a few key players in a specific industry, then the project can no longer be justified. Since it's the math that is really going to make the biggest impact in the fate of the project, I think it's critical that unbiased independent entities are brought in to analyze the economics, and other data. As someone who walks along the canal every day, the numbers that have been presented as fact regarding average wait times for barges, and other important information, seem to be based in a completely different reality.

Finally, as emerging technology like AI continue to disrupt the status quo of many industries I think it's critical to think about what changes might be coming to the way the industrial canal is used in the next 30 - 100 years. I think it's entirely possible that by the time the project is finished, or maybe sometime shortly after there could be changes that are hard to imagine today; perhaps self propelled and self piloting barges controlled by a centralized system, making the need for tugs pushing large numbers of barges



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together much less common.

I believe given all this that the maintenance and improvement of the existing lock, which already received major investments recently, should continue and this project should be shelved so that this community can get out from under this dark cloud that is hindering our progress.



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V1 3	12/18/2023	Leah	Lykins	Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross	Economic Opportunities	<p>Job Skills Training:</p> <p>My NOLA-based company evaluates the outcomes of over 100 job training programs throughout the city region. I'd like to caution you against reinventing the wheel and expending resources on low feasibility, low desirability, and low viability avenues of job training that so often capture the enthusiasm of donors. It is my opinion that your best avenue for providing job skills training would be to partner with New Orleans Career Center to form a satellite training credential out of the Sanchez Community Center, for a number of reasons. Regardless, it would be a pleasure to help advise in your job skills training approach as I have spent the last 5 years measuring and evaluating their quality and partner with GNO Inc's CareerGuide.</p>



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V1 4	12/18/2023	Leah	Lykins	Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross	Quality-of-Life Improvements	<p>Quality of Life Improvements Recommendation to Establish a Commercial Corridor Program.</p> <p>Please me and my neighbors gain the commercial establishments we so deserve. While the ACE project has unprecedented potential, it raises concerns about our neighborhoods' long-term integration with the city and their attractiveness as places to live and invest. As you can see, this perception is already harming our neighborhoods. Without significant efforts to build vibrant commercial corridors in the Lower Ninth Ward and Holy Cross, the project risks solidifying a sense of isolation and undermining the potential of these neighborhoods for decades.</p> <p>ACE should set aside \$5 Million or more for the sole purpose of distributing grants to advance 2 commercial corridors in accordance with the following thesis: "Grants are made to prospective or existing local business owners of establishments that meet unmet commercial needs of the Holy Cross and Lower Ninth Ward neighborhoods." Needs that are already met that would not qualify are convenience stores, gas stations, community gardens, and green spaces. We have more of these than necessary. Our neighborhoods unmet needs are: restaurants, coffee shops, bars, grocery stores, and healthcare facilities. Of these types of establishments, we have virtually none.</p> <p>To distribute these funds, I suggest a board formed by vetted neighborhood volunteers with experience in business development and representatives from Lowernine.org and Holy Cross Neighborhood Association. An ambitious and attainable goal would be to contribute to 1 or 2 new commercial establishments per year. Imagine the opportunity. Investing \$5 million is minimally significant and its potential return is unparalleled. Compared to other projects of similar cost, this initiative offers a unique opportunity to deliver lasting economic benefits, enhance neighborhood perception, and directly improve residents' quality of life in months, not decades.</p> <p>I offer two quotes from experts on quality of life to bolster my request! Jane Jacobs, urban theorist, writer, and activist who revolutionized our understanding of cities, said: "A city is most alive and well-balanced when it provides all of its own needs... in close proximity to where people live." Charles Montgomery, an urbanist known for his</p>

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						<p>insightful writing on cities, happiness, and social connection said: "The small change of walking to the store instead of driving, for example, brings with it a cascade of benefits: health, social connection, environmental sustainability, and even economic vitality." Indeed, the clinking of groceries in a reusable bag, the friendly chat with the barista, the shared sidewalk dance with a neighbor – these everyday errands are the threads that weave a vibrant tapestry of community, essential for a high quality of life and they are most at risk in the neighborhoods downriver of your decades long canal project.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my response. Please may we discuss this line of thinking together? For example, I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to help establish the thesis behind the distribution of grant funds to ensure awards are highly desirable endeavors. With a background in human-centered design thinking and entrepreneurship and as a local resident for 13 years, it would be a delight to help in any way I can, including gathering local support and conducting discovery research.</p>
V1 5	12/18/2023	Leah	Lykins	Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross	Noise Reduction	<p>Please will you provide more information about vibration damage and how the transportation of supplies will or will not harm residential structures? I was very concerned about that upon entering the community meeting, but did hear that most materials will NOT be entering the project from the east (I live in Holy Cross). I'd greatly appreciate solid details on what types of damage we should or should not expect to the foundations of our homes, as my house already shakes when a truck drives by on Fats Domino Ave. Thank you for reading.</p>



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V1 6	12/18/2023	Leah	Lykins	Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross		Please do not build community gardens and green spaces in lieu of other suggested improvements. We actually have more green space than any other part of the city and the community gardens we do have are plentiful, unloved, and poorly managed. They simply are not an unmet need within our community.
V1 7	12/18/2023	Leah	Lykins	Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross	Transportation and Traffic Improvements	The temporary St Claude Bridge and replacement St Claude Bridge could be a huge opportunity for us. The current bridge is unwelcoming and dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. I would be so delighted to see a new bridge built with the goal of increasing pedestrian and bike traffic between the two sides of the canal. Truly, creating greater connectivity with the other side of the city will one of the most economically advantageous parts of the project. There would be positive effects like more commercialization of st claude ave. I would recommend collaborating with the folks at bikeasynola during the design phase of both bridges, so that you make bake some local support into those projects.



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V1 8	12/18/2023	Leah	Lykins	Holy Cross	Quality-of-Life Improvements, Cultural Resources Documentation	<p>Please allocate \$1 Million specifically to the beautification of St. Claude Avenue. The Lower Ninth Ward and Holy Cross are neighborhoods that have survived one of the largest and deadliest engineering disasters in history, the failure of the levees. I recommend the ACE acknowledges the resilience of this area by elevating what has made them so very special.</p> <p>Here are some examples of cost efficient ways to dramatically improve the appearance of St. Claude Avenue and environs, which are the areas with the most potential for a thriving commercial corridor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Historical markers. There are many areas in the neighborhood that warrant a historical marker sign such as the steamboat houses, the former site of the largest slave plantation in all of New Orleans, the old streetcar line, and the street of music legend Fats Domino. I would recommend 5 to 10 historical markers to place within the Holy Cross and Lower Ninth Ward neighborhoods. 2) Street pole banners. Street pole banners can quickly add to the beautification of a neighborhood. Already, electrical boxes are wonderfully painted along parts of St Claude Ave throughout Marigny, Bywater, and Holy Cross. The artists behind these electrical box designs would be great sources of street pole banner designs! 3) A Katrina Memorial Sculpture walk. Place 10 sculptures within the lower 9 and holy cross neighborhoods and connect them by a recommended walking route. 4) A collaboration with Ninth Ward artist Brandan Bmike Odums. You can find some of Bmike's amazing murals throughout the Bywater neighborhood, especially along Press St. They are truly remarkable and highly respected throughout the city. 5 Murals in collaboration with Bmike on St. Claude Ave could transform an area of blight into an area of cherished beauty. He works with local students as well. It's possible some collaboration with the students of MLK Jr High School on Claiborne Ave could work. <p>Please can we discuss this line of thinking further? There are other folks in town with some previous experience in beautifying through murals that you may be interested in connect with too. Thank you so much for reading. I am excited about the potential of the Lock Replacement Project for neighborhoods east of the canal.</p>



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V1 9	12/20/2023	Peter	Cook	Holy Cross	Quality-of-Life Improvements, Economic Opportunities	<p>Please do not waste your time and taxpayers' money replacing the IHNC lock. I say this because it isn't worth the effort. The economic benefits promised more than a century ago by the original boosters of the Industrial Canal never materialized. It never became a major conduit of shipping traffic. It didn't spur the growth of major industries along its banks. Instead, the Industrial Canal has had an enormously detrimental impact in many respects. It further isolated the Lower Ninth Ward from the rest of New Orleans; it contributed to the destruction of the city's precious wetlands (see: Bayou Bienvenue); and, along with the equally ill-advised and economically-disappointing MR-GO, it funneled a massive storm surge right into the middle of the city that devastated the Lower Ninth Ward and killed hundreds of our fellow citizens. In a perfect world, the Industrial Canal would be filled-in to create a large public park stretching from the river to the lake. Yet now comes the US Army Corps of Engineers seeking to win over residents to its newest plan to replace the INHC locks? No thank you. Unlike other opponents, I have no doubt you can replace the locks safely with minimal environmental damage. I am not worried that the floodwalls and levees that the Corps would build for this project will somehow fail. No, I oppose the lock replacement project because it is impossible to justify the project's \$1.2 billion price tag and the massive inconveniences it will create for those of us who live in the Lower Ninth Ward and St. Bernard Parish. The Industrial Canal just isn't a vital economic artery. I know that barges currently stack up and wait for 12 to 18 hours to pass through the current locks. However, those costs - both in time and money - were long ago factored into the business models of the companies along the canal that depend on those shipments. Otherwise, the INHC sees very little traffic. I know the Corps says the lack of traffic is due to the canal's outdated and inadequate locks, but that's just circular reasoning. There is no public outcry for the locks to be replaced. No one believes that new locks will usher in a big increase in canal traffic and accompanying commerce. For USACE to dredge up this plan again, after it has been delayed for decades, makes no sense. The only ones who will benefit from the lock replacement project is the relatively small handful of companies that use the canal for their operations. It will come at the expense of the good people who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the canal. Just go through the motions of "studying" the project and then quietly shelve this plan once again.</p>



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V20	12/21/2023	jonathan	harrison		Noise Reduction, Economic Opportunities, r	<p>THE IHNC LOCK REPLACEMENT PROJECT: A LEAKY PROPOSITION BUILDING A BIGGER LOCK: THE LAST REMAINS OF MR-GO The US Army Corps of Engineers has revived an archaic \$1.4 billion plan to demolish and replace the lock in New Orleans' Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC), known as the Industrial Canal. The Corps began pushing for a larger lock in the 1950s as part of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MR-GO) project, when shipping interests envisioned the river harbor becoming a global maritime hub. Replacing the lock to promote deep-water transit was authorized during this mid-20th century "seaway era", along with the construction of MR-GO and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. MR-GO was an economic failure and environmental disaster from the start, ultimately causing the catastrophic flooding of New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish during Hurricane Katrina. MR-GO funneled storm surge into the canal, where the levees broke, inundating the Lower Ninth Ward with ten to 15 feet of water. The Corp's flawed design, neglect of geologic considerations, persistent pattern of "cost savings" at the expense of safety, and overly optimistic engineering assessments were found to have led to the levees' collapse and devastation of the neighborhood. The Corps has continued to advocate for a larger, shallow-draft lock on behalf of the barge industry, though use of the canal, and overall reliance on the inland waterways, have been in long-term decline. Building funds have never been Congressionally appropriated and the project has been widely opposed by the community and environmental and social justice groups. Decades of independent analysis have contested its rationale and it has been halted three times in US District Court. If this massive project moves ahead, it will bring more than a decade of heavy construction into four residential neighborhoods, dismantle levees and floodwalls, excavate the canal and unearth toxic sediment from its floor, destroy the historic St. Claude bridge and replace it with one roughly six times higher, and allow an intensely confined Mississippi River further into Bywater, St. Claude, Holy Cross, and the Lower Ninth Ward. Recovery of the Lower Ninth, where the canal caused the worst damage and rebuilding funds were most egregiously slow and scarce, is finally gaining momentum. The project would reverse years of hard-won progress, destabilizing the neighborhood again, severing it from the rest of the city, and discouraging reinvestment at a pivotal time. A LEAKY PROPOSITION: WHO BENEFITS, WHO PAYS, AND WHO'S AT RISK? A larger lock is being sold to state and local officials as necessary infrastructure for economic development, though its economic viability has never been credibly demonstrated. The Corps' benefit-cost analysis relies on projections that overestimate</p>



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						<p>actual use of the lock and exaggerate the impact of delays due to capacity. More importantly, the Corps' justification doesn't account for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distribution of economic benefits, costs, and risks among stakeholders inside and outside of New Orleans including industry and public interests • Consideration of alternatives to lock replacement other than a baseline "do nothing" approach. Significant factors affecting future market dynamics in the freight industry and major cargo sectors. The growing impact of climate change on the navigability of waterways. • The project's short- and long-term harms to public health and safety, housing and neighborhood redevelopment, racial equity and justice, and the environmental and economic and environmental revitalization of New Orleans and southeast Louisiana. <p>MIRED IN MR-GO OR CHARTING A NEW COURSE? The plan to expand the IHNC lock is an obsolete political relic. It's the last vestige of the misguided MR-GO era and the costliest civil engineering mistake in US history. This mistake has wasted millions of public dollars, increased the region's poverty and inequality, and ravaged our coast. Experts agree that 21st-century water management will hinge not on behemoth civil works but on ecosystem restoration and adaptation for a changing climate. That shift means reshaping our water-based industries and economies as well as our landscapes. The nation is looking to Louisiana as we pioneer this complex and challenging work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Do we restore and protect our natural assets or sacrifice them to costly hydroengineering projects with unproven benefits and enormous public risks? o Do we boost profits for a few companies while wreaking havoc on vulnerable neighborhoods and choking off opportunities for residents? o Do we open another grisly chapter of the MR-GO story, or do we close the book on this backward boondoggle once and for all? <p>THIS PROJECT MUST BE STOPPED. WE MUST ACT NOW.</p> <p>The Corps is currently repackaging the project, hoping to remove the current legal injunction and sec A draft project re-evaluation was released in 2017 and is expected to be finalized in June 2019, with a Chief's Report and Record of Decision due out in August. The re-evaluation updates construction costs but not much else, relying on outdated numbers, hidden assumptions, and the omission of important considerations to make its case. State and local leaders must demand a thorough, independent, transparent, up-to-date analysis of the full costs and benefits of replacing the IHNC lock. We can't be duped again by a myth of growth that ignores past mistakes, current realities, and the long-term consequences of our decisions. We can continue on our course and lead the rest of the nation in coastal restoration, climate resilience, and building a water-based economy</p>



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						that lifts many more boats than this relic of a reckless past. Jonathan Harrison, Resident and homeowner, Holy Cross Neighborhood



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E1	12/18/2023	John	Andrews		1. Silent railroad crossings at Poland Ave 2. Royal St. Lessers St. and Chartres 3. St in Bywater	

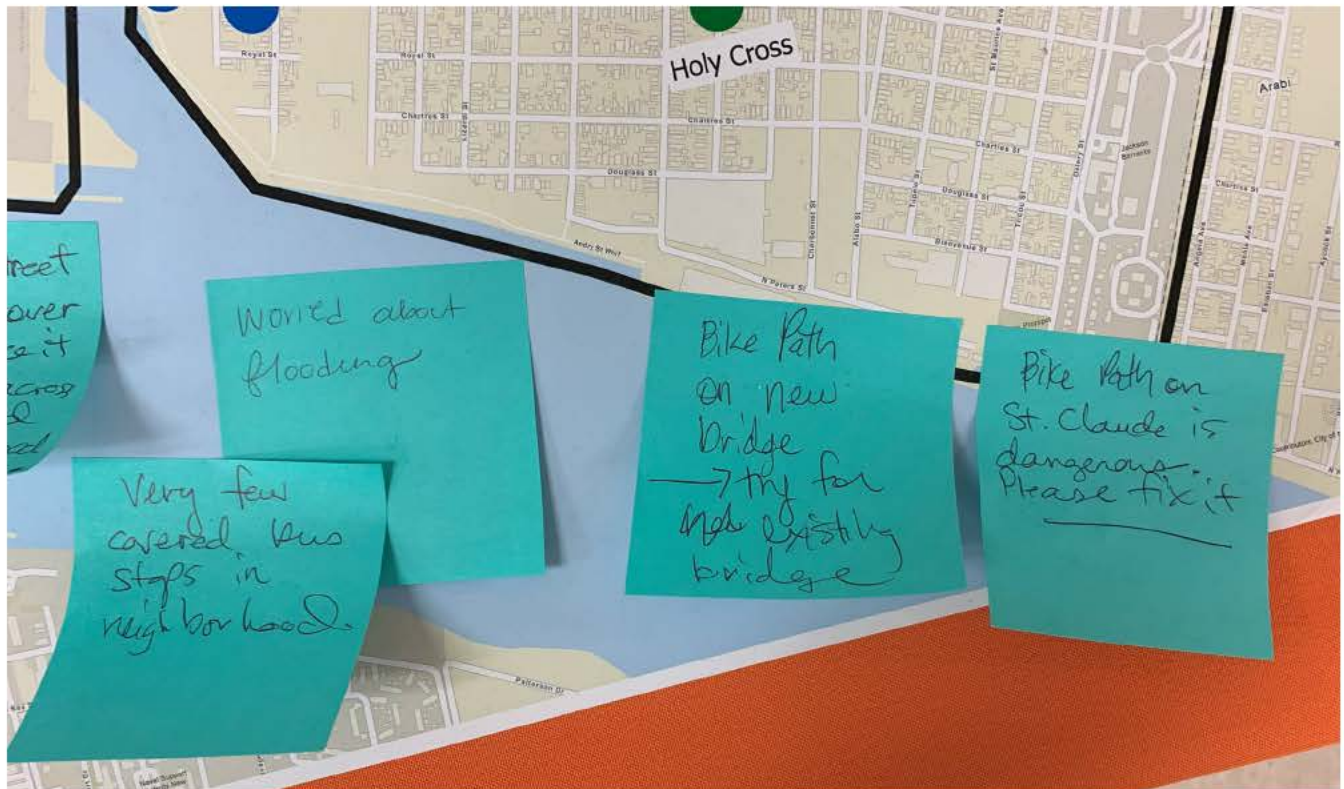


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Since Katrina, St. Claude Ave has in a serious state of blight, even when people, like Sankofa? try to develop they get stopped by permit issues. Property owners along St. Claude leave old buildings to rot and don't take care of upkeep or development laws should be enforced to stop the blight. Also, along St. Maurice Ave, there are buildings such as a corner store, a deconsecrated church, and the old Martin Luther King School that are being hoarded by Blake? Jones - in a state of lifelessness, myself and others have tried to rent the old corner store, which he claims he will "build to suit" but then he asks for a year's rent in advance before he will put electric wiring, walls and plumbing. The last I heard, someone was taking it then he decided that construction materials had become too expensive. This has been going on for over a decade. Meanwhile, our neighborhood - one of the most traditional in New Orleans continues to lack life! No cafes, restaurants, food. The St. Maurice corridor could breathe life into Holy Cross. It is away from the construction, too. To further breathe life into Holy Cross, I suggest a ferry boat between Bywater or Marigny and Holy Cross. This could make it a destination and ease traffic issues during consutrction, intrad of focusing on the aspects of the lock that are detrimental to our neighborhood, these suggestions would put a focus on the future of Holy Cross.

E2 12/13/2023 Tamal yn Harris





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 and barge traffic
 study along
 w/ the Rev.

• 2018- mtg @ St. Mary
 → requested a
 traffic study
 Rev W. Calhoun Jr.
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 → traffic vehicle
 most recent
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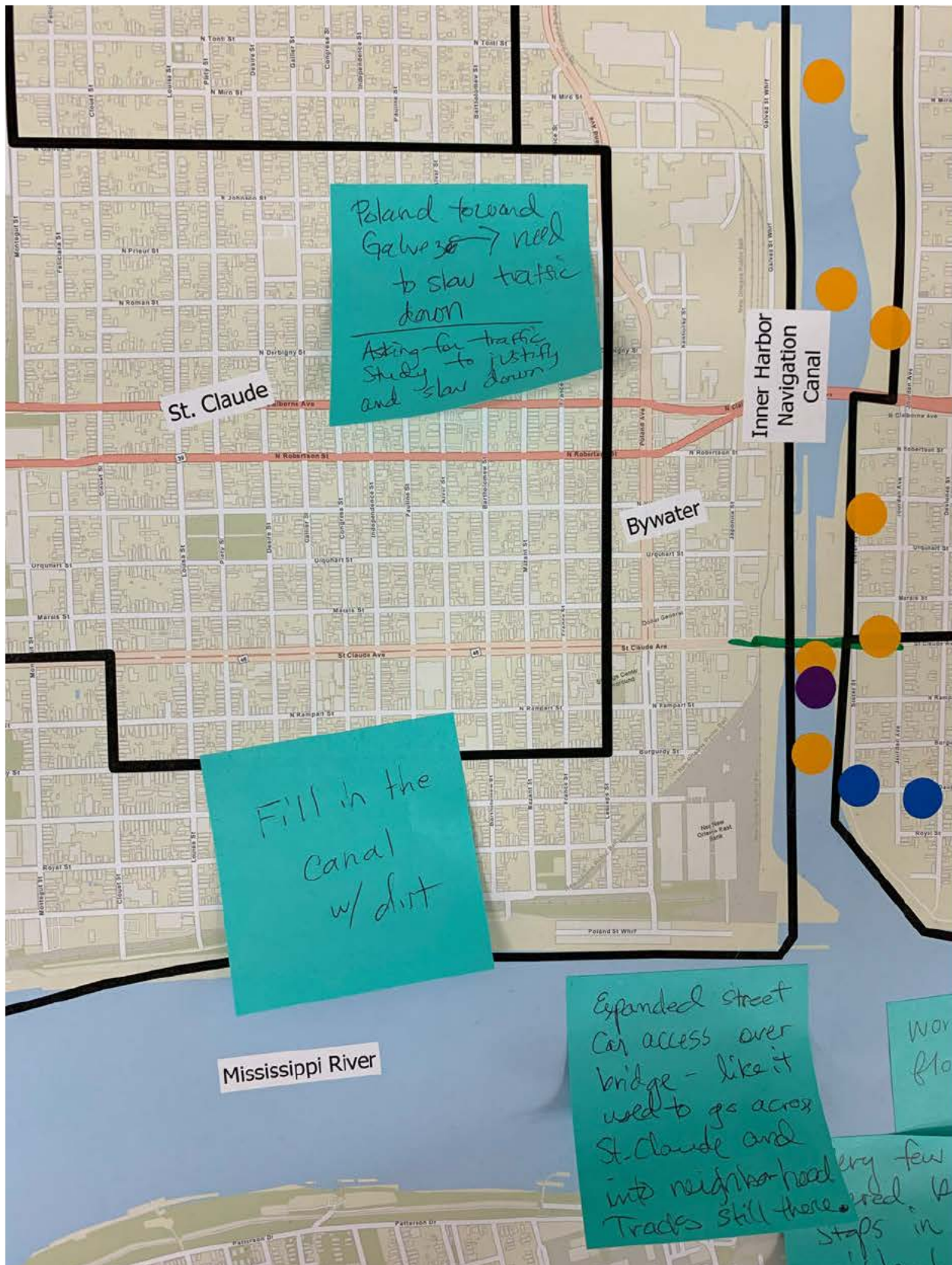
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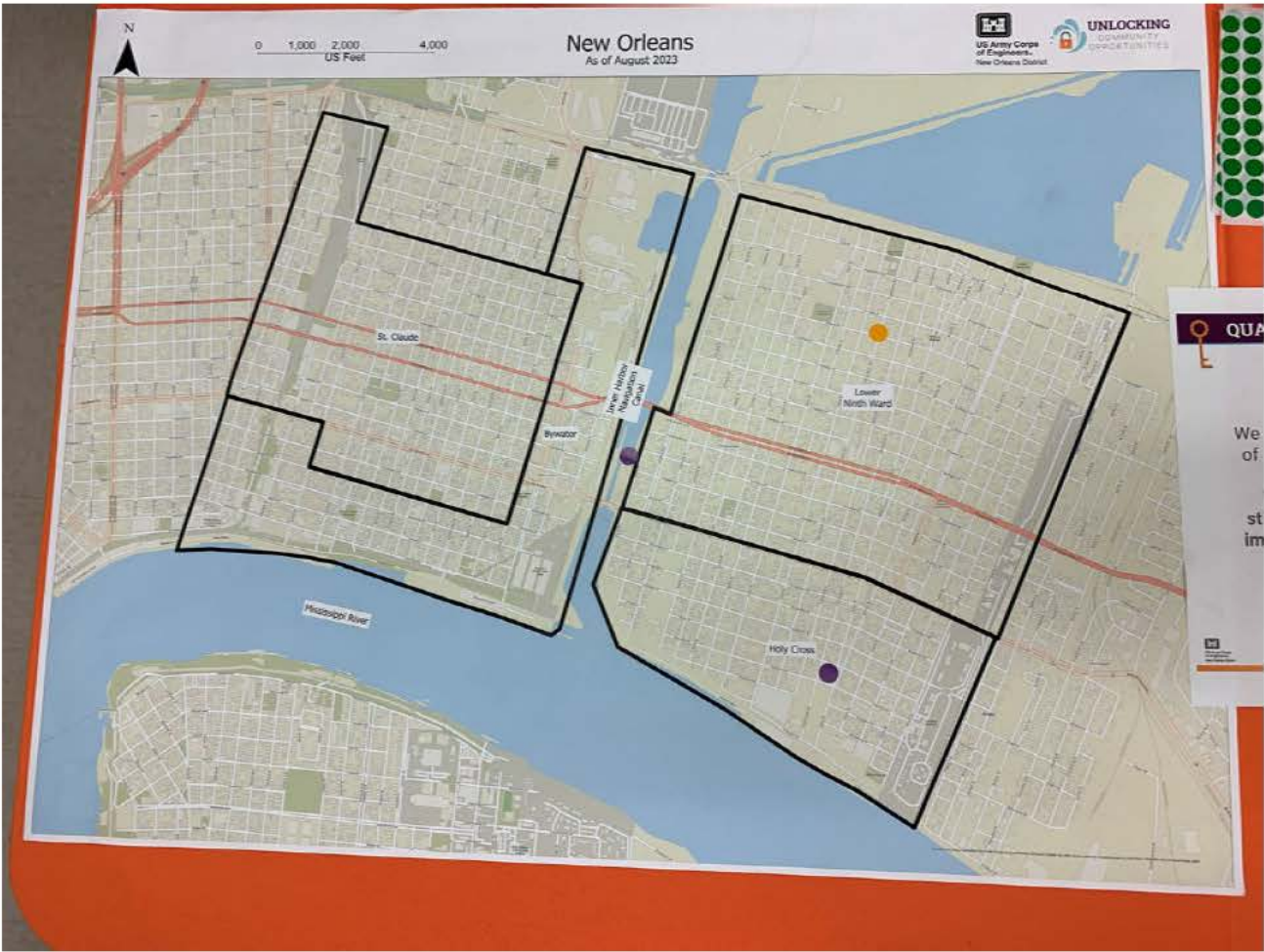
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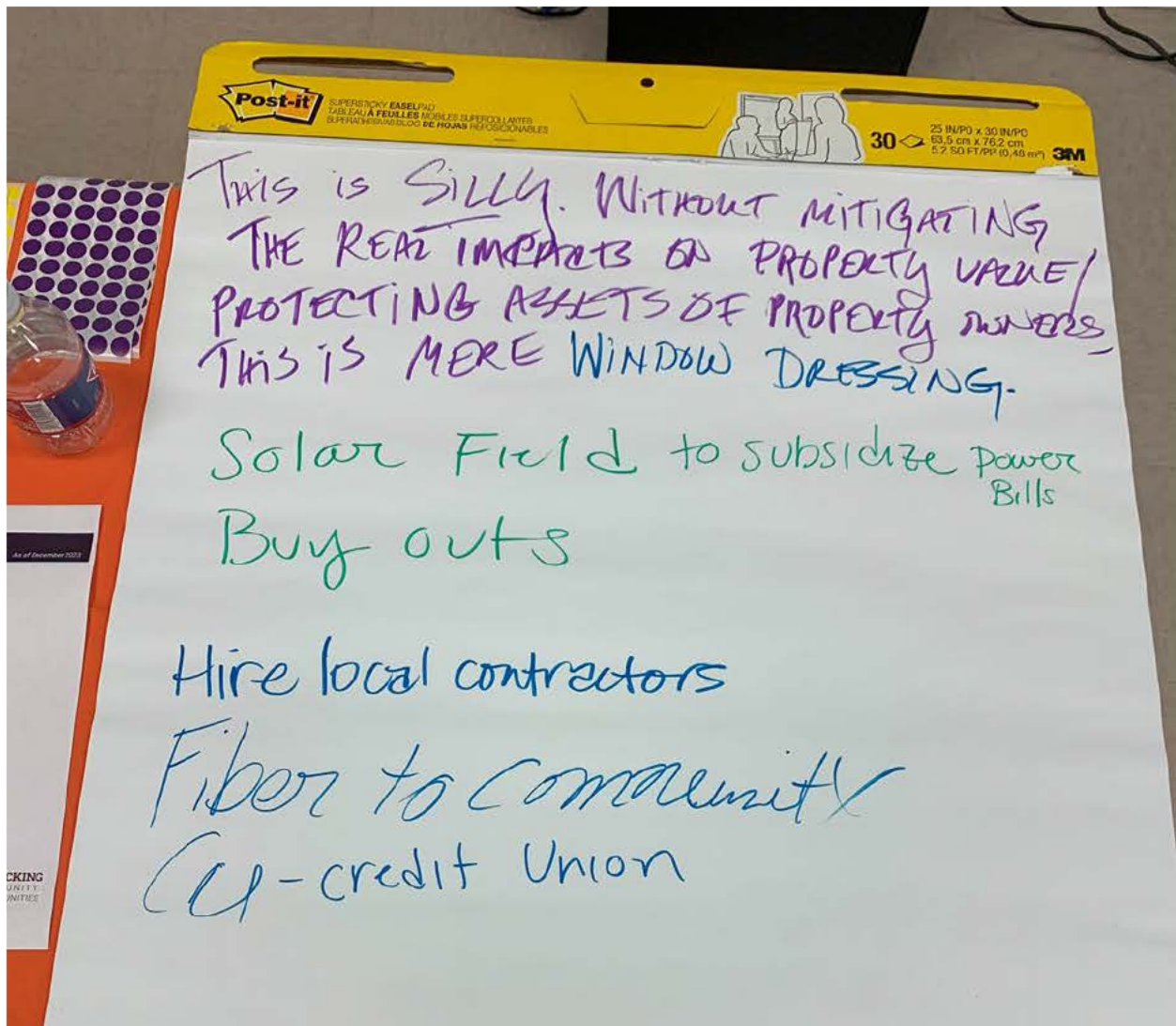
bus line on St.
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 to St. Claude for
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Quality of Life





- have - Community gardens
- new park w/ splash pad
 - plantings we have
 - climate change

We already have or are working on all of these things.

Close the bridge & never open again !!!

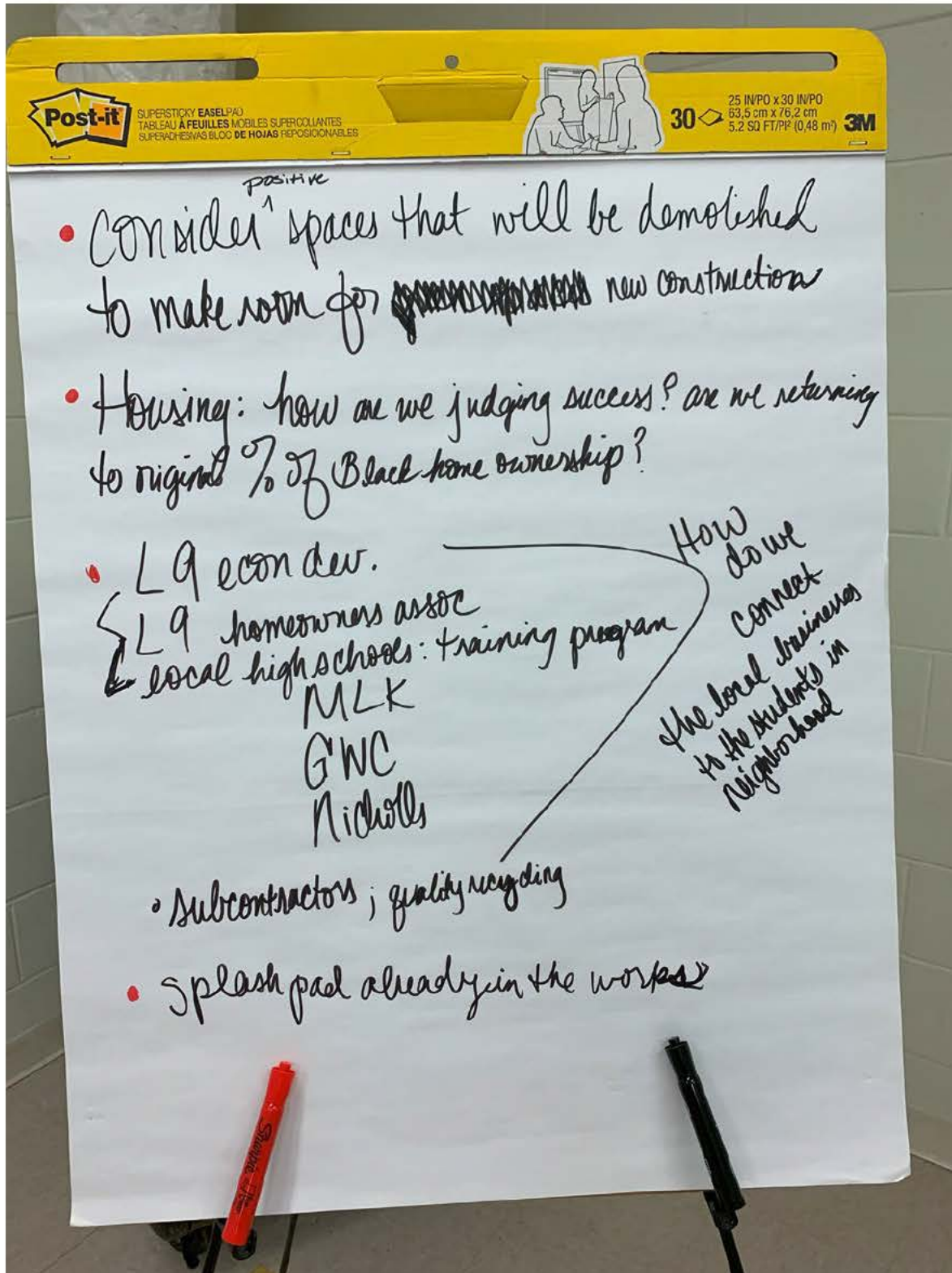
✓ Provide grants/ seed money for commercial establishments so we can have needs met within the neighborhood.

the neighborhood already has ¹⁰⁺ community gardens. It does not have -

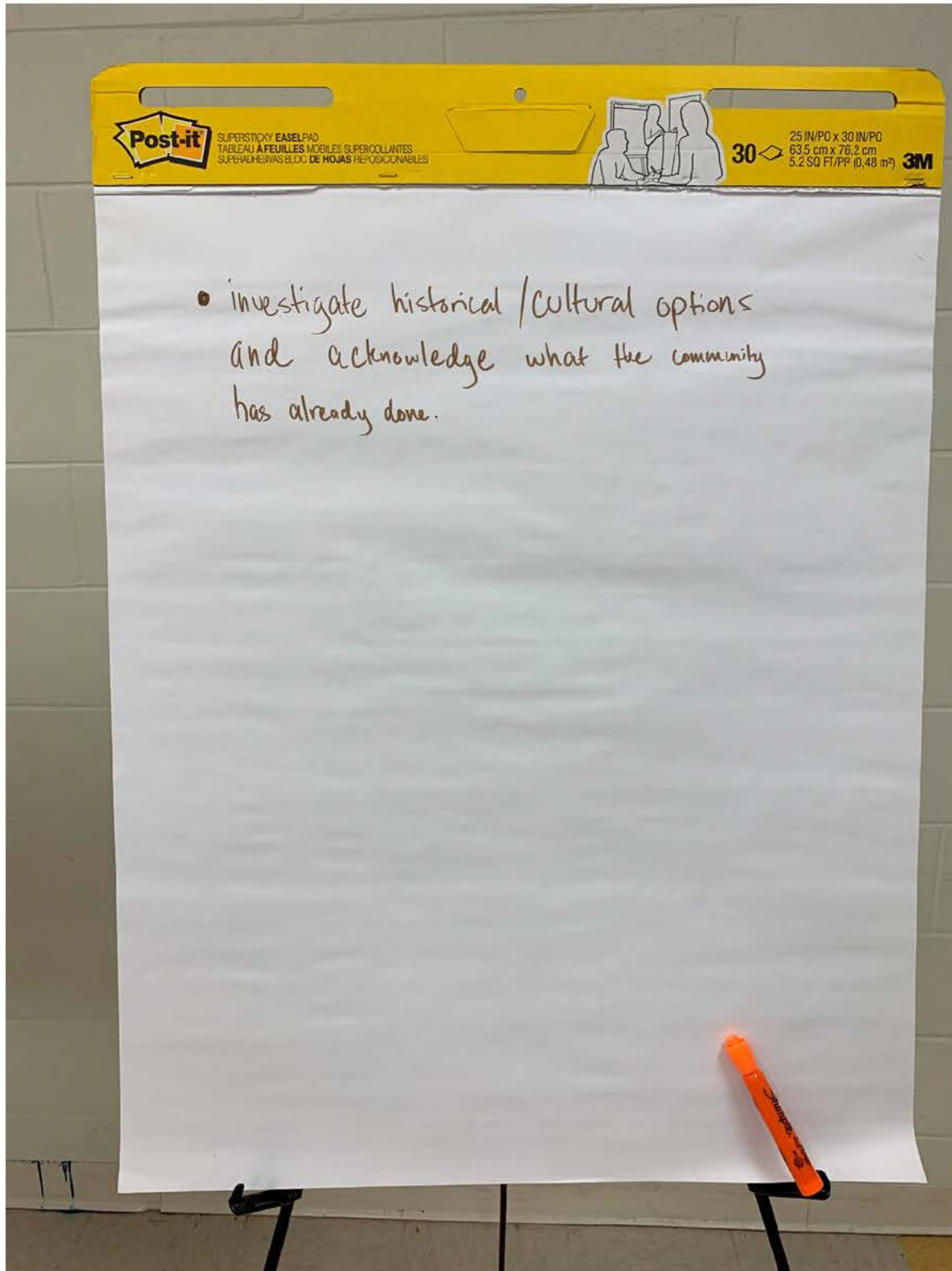
- restaurants
- ✓ healthcare
- ✓ cafes
- grocery stores
- "third spaces" within walking distance.








Economic Opportunity




Cultural Resources



Priorities

 COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES	
Place three dots on	
 Noise Reduction Need to map the 58 homes affected by 75 dB of noise Need to map the whole community and residential noise impact.	 This of SU SE UP Co
Need clarity on traffic routes for trucks in the project areas; foundation issues for local homes and claims processes for vibration damage. ●	
 Transportation and Traffic Improvements <i>looking for the improvements.</i> Traffic light at Poland + Galvez LEFT TURN, WESTBOUND, AT POLAND. (P.S. THIS SHOULD NOT PROCEED.) PROTECT	 COM


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OPPORTUNITY PRIORITIZATION

Place three dots on your top community improvement



Quality-of-Life Improvements

Improvements
You are joking right?!

This Project need more community discussion!

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SECURITY
URGENT CARE
COFFEE R

RESTAURANTS

DON'T BLOCK THE
LEVEE VIEWS W/
WALLS

FTTH
Fiber optic to community



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Provide -
to open
establish



Cultural Resources Documentation

All 4 of the above are a form of Green washing. Do not fall for it

This project will cause disruption and destruction of homes + the overall neighborhood. Document that.



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improvement ideas



Economic Opportunities

The only economic opportunities are for Bollinger & the other shipping concerns. The ACE plan will devastate local culture & communities. Urban Capitalism exploits poor people & people of color. Shut it down!

Provide subsidies/grants to open new commercial establishments during construction.

- BUY OUT EVERY HOME IN 4 AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOODS.

How do you include dissent in outward-facing messaging?



Your Ideas Here!

- Start with \$100,000.00 per household Money in pocket at the beginning of project!!!
- I live and work in the Lower 9th Ward and I am against the entire project!!! It will lower the quality of life for the Upper and Lower 9th Ward/Arabi/Chalmette/N.O. East.
- It will cause pollution/environmental damage/greatly increased traffic. It is a terrible idea, and will only make the rich much richer! Sara Jacobelli
- The whole project is a dangerous and insane idea which once again demonstrates the complete lack of care of the army corp for this community.

Need to document all the Negative Comments provided by this process!



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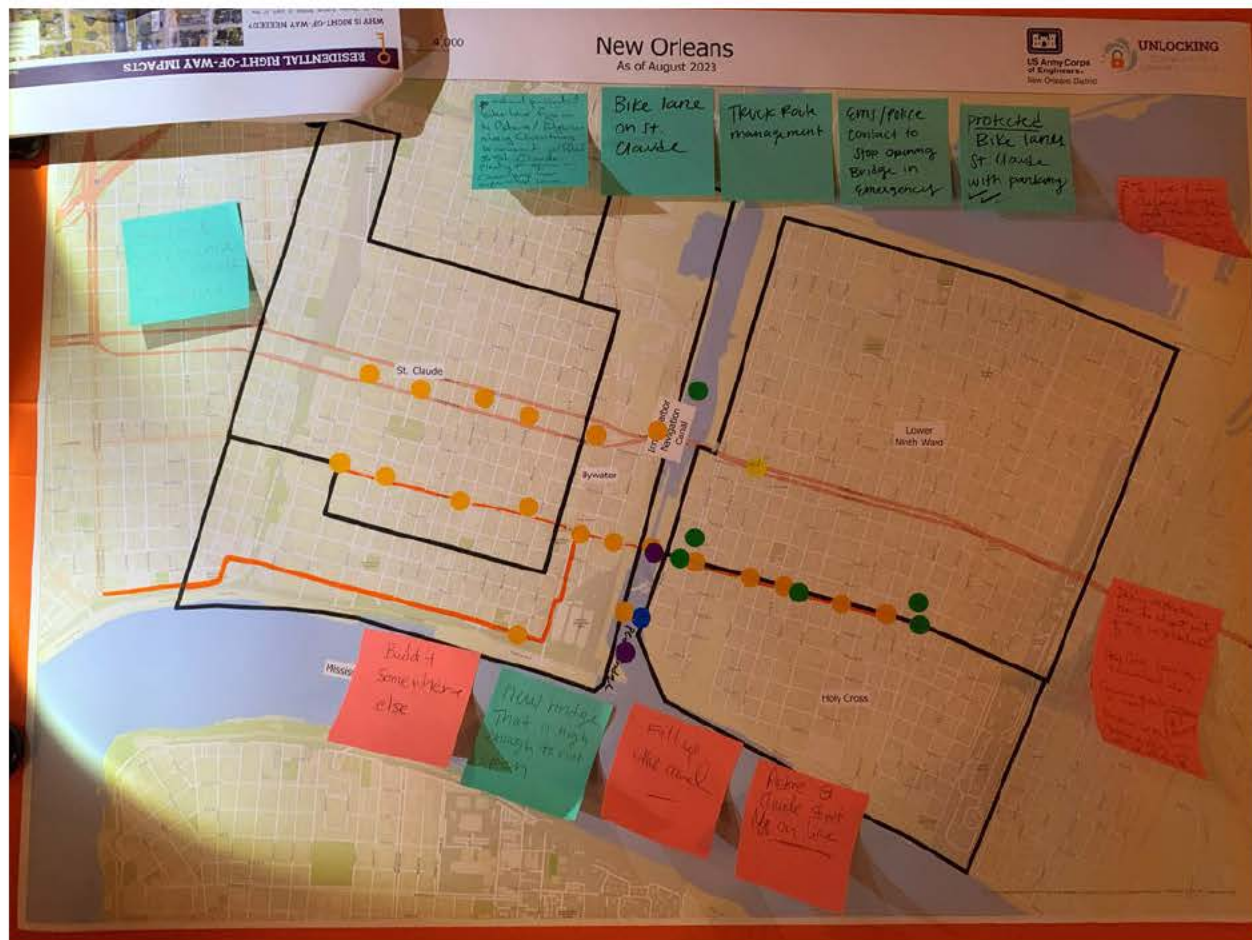
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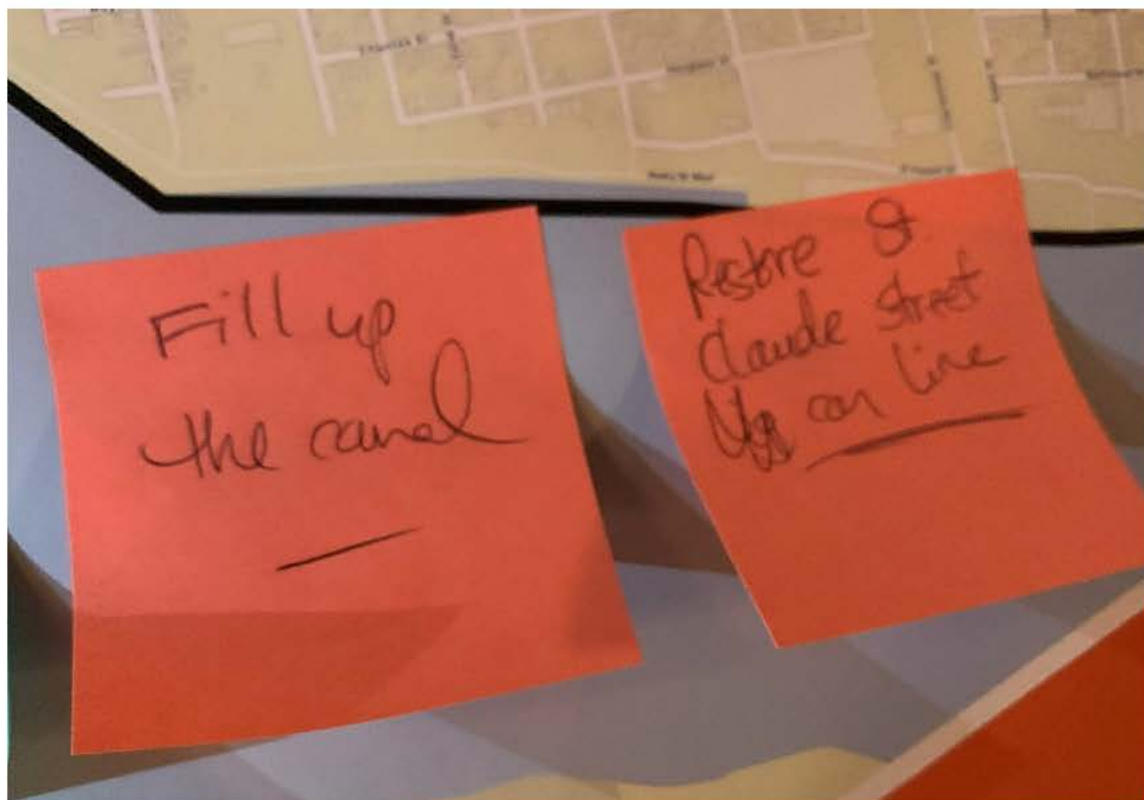
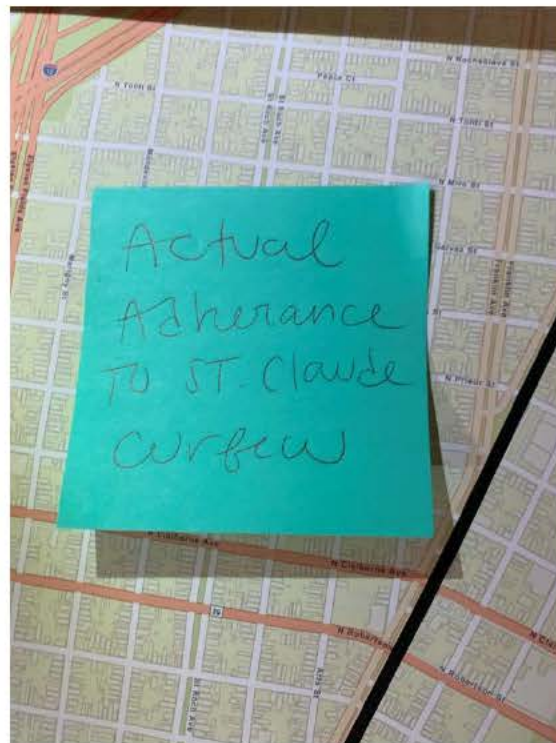
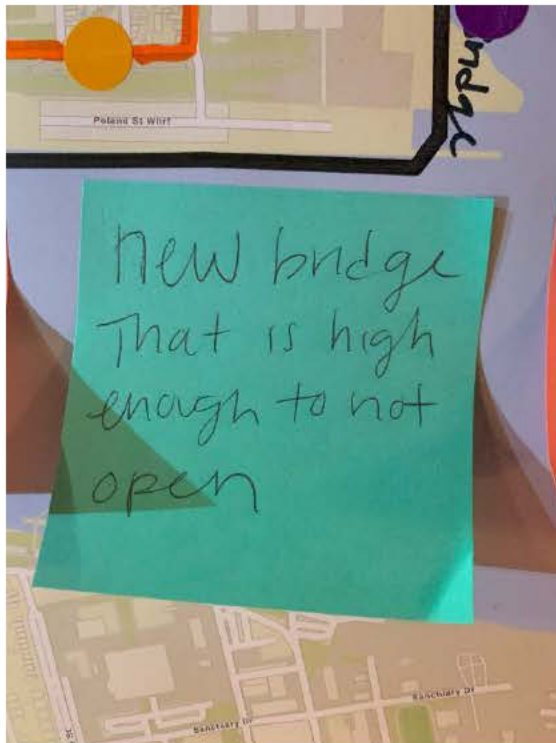


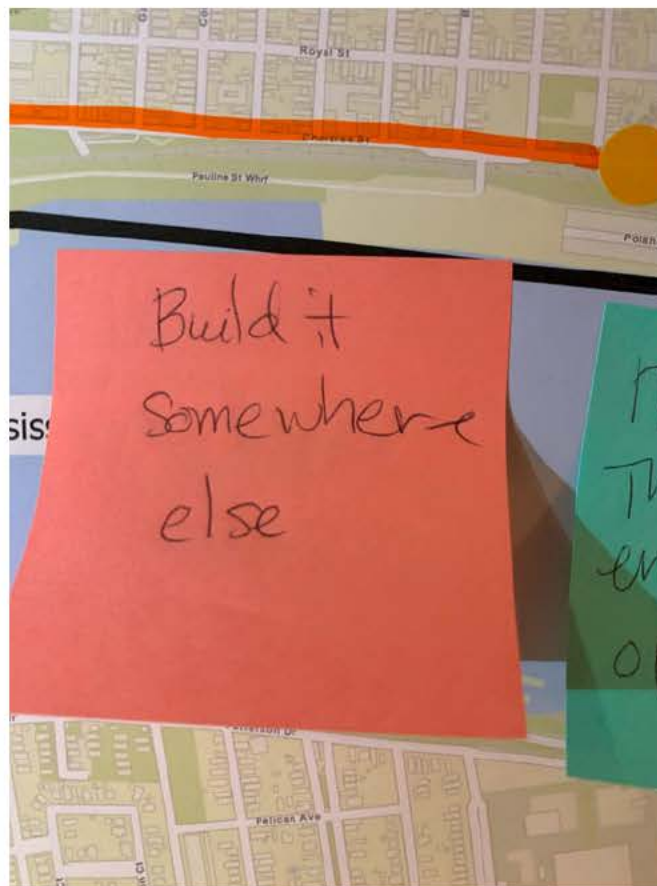
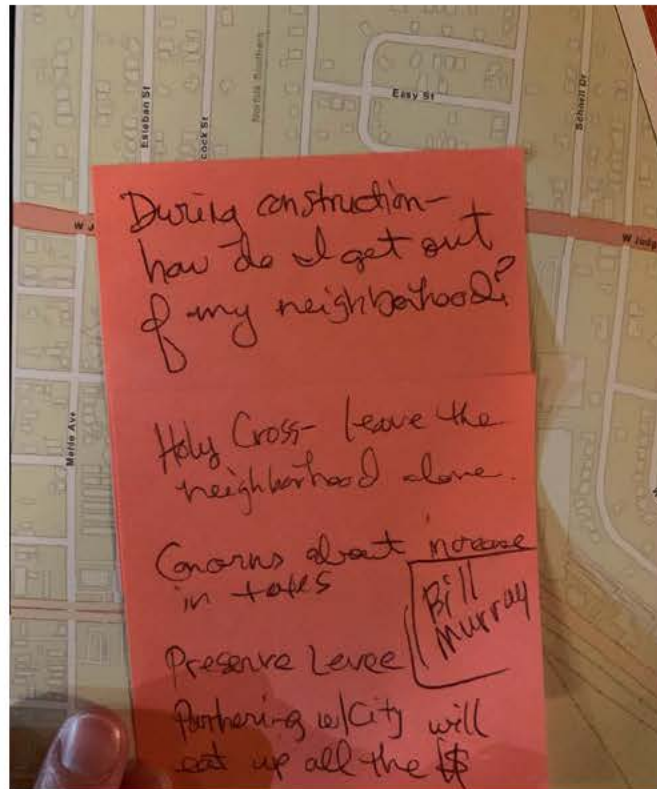
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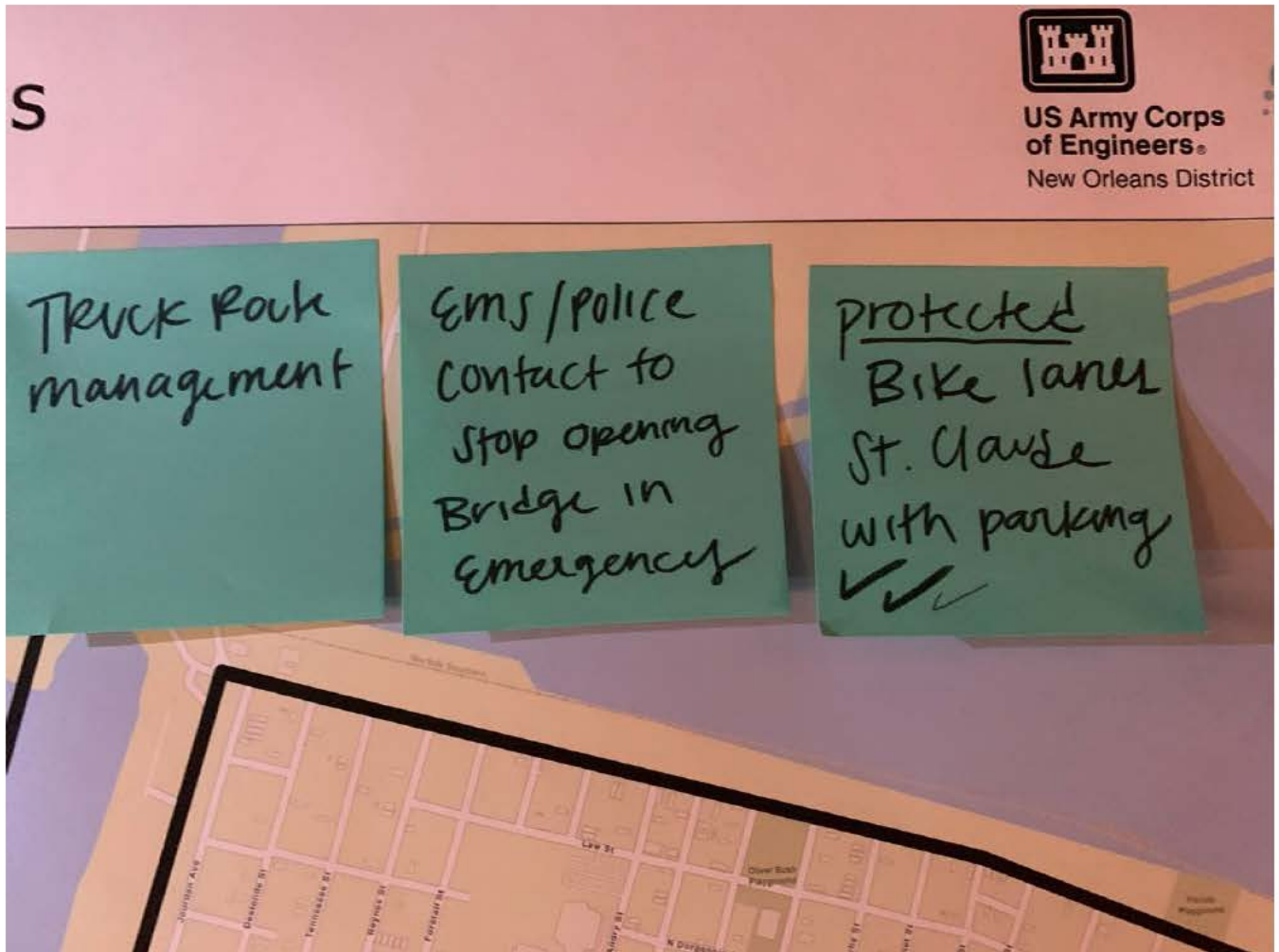
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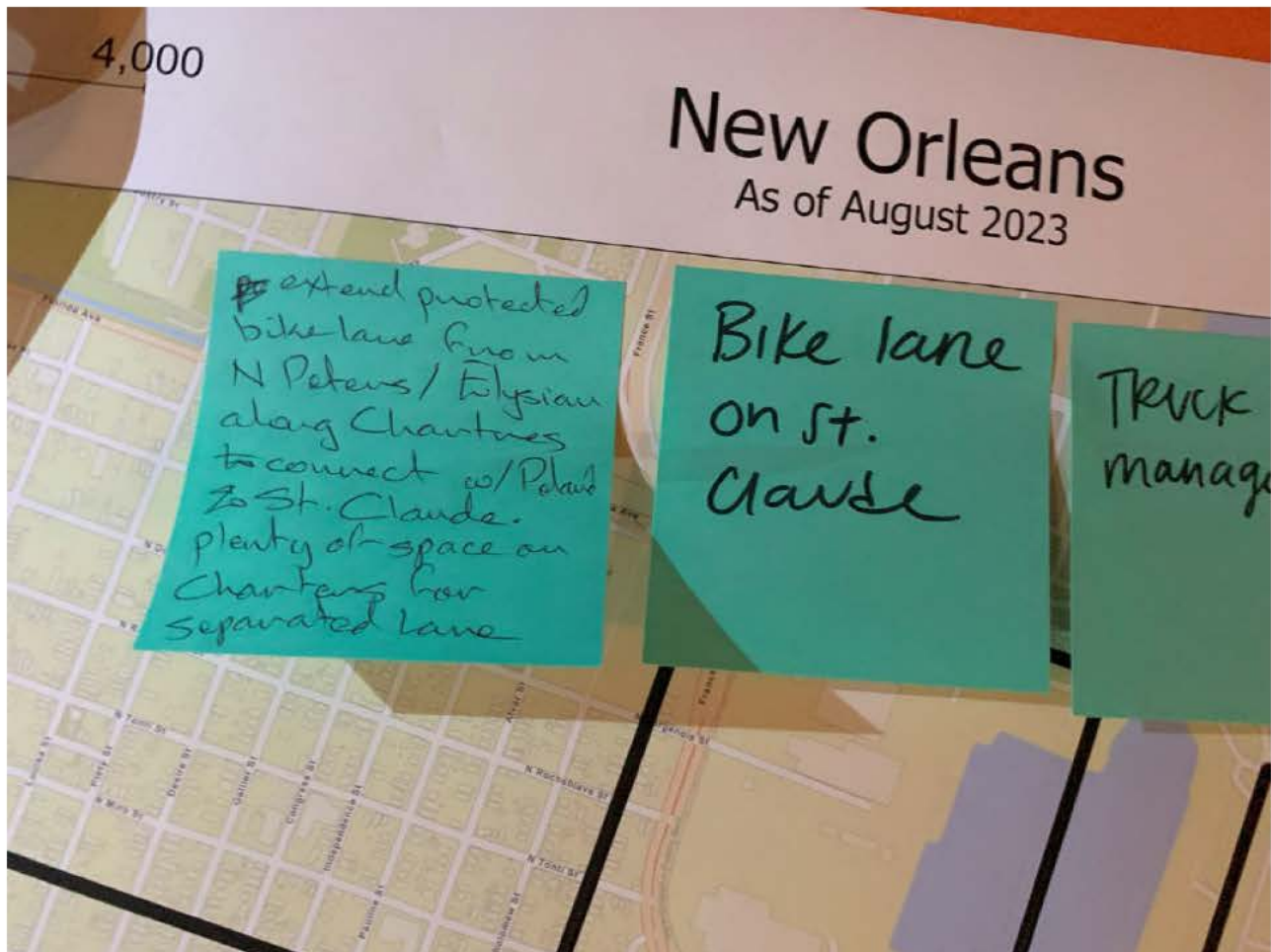
Transportation











Quality of Life



The US Congress
has authorized the
U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers (COE) to
complete this project

This statement
in your public
documents is
misleading to the
public —
rephrase orderly!

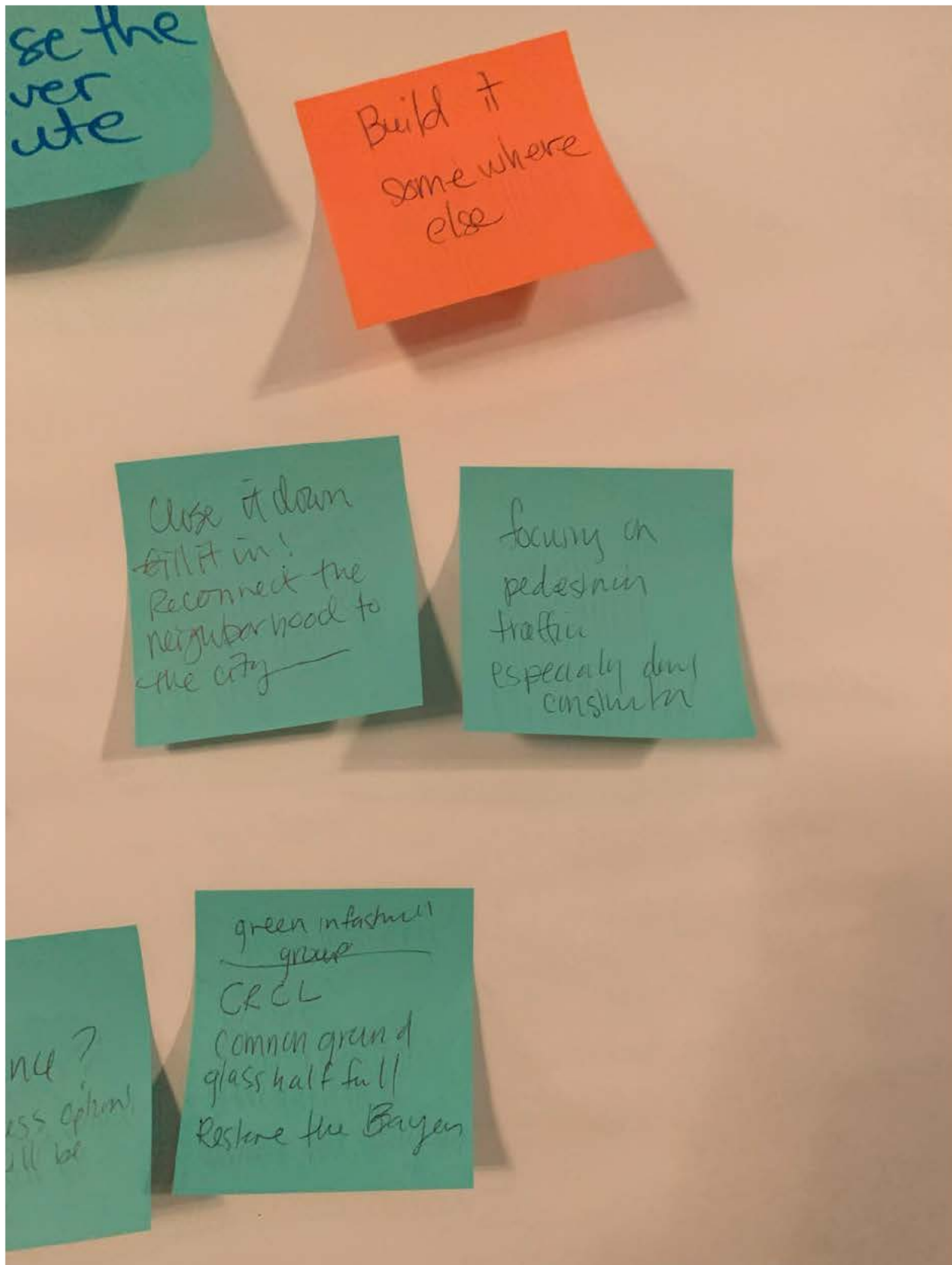
Close it
fill it in
Reconnect
neighborhood
the city

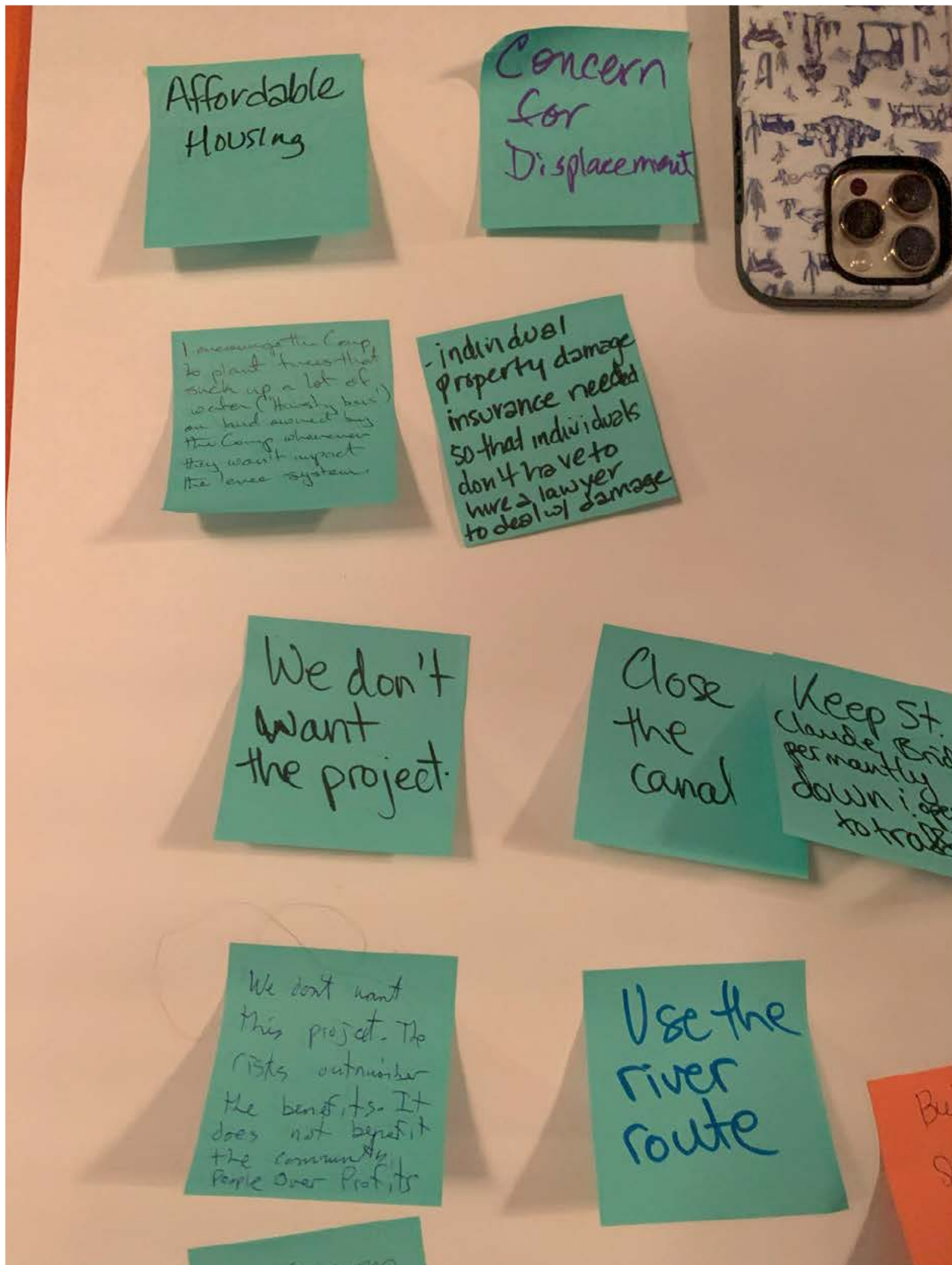
Fill in the canal
Use current canal
& bridge but invest
in the community
green spaces, parks
& add healthcare options

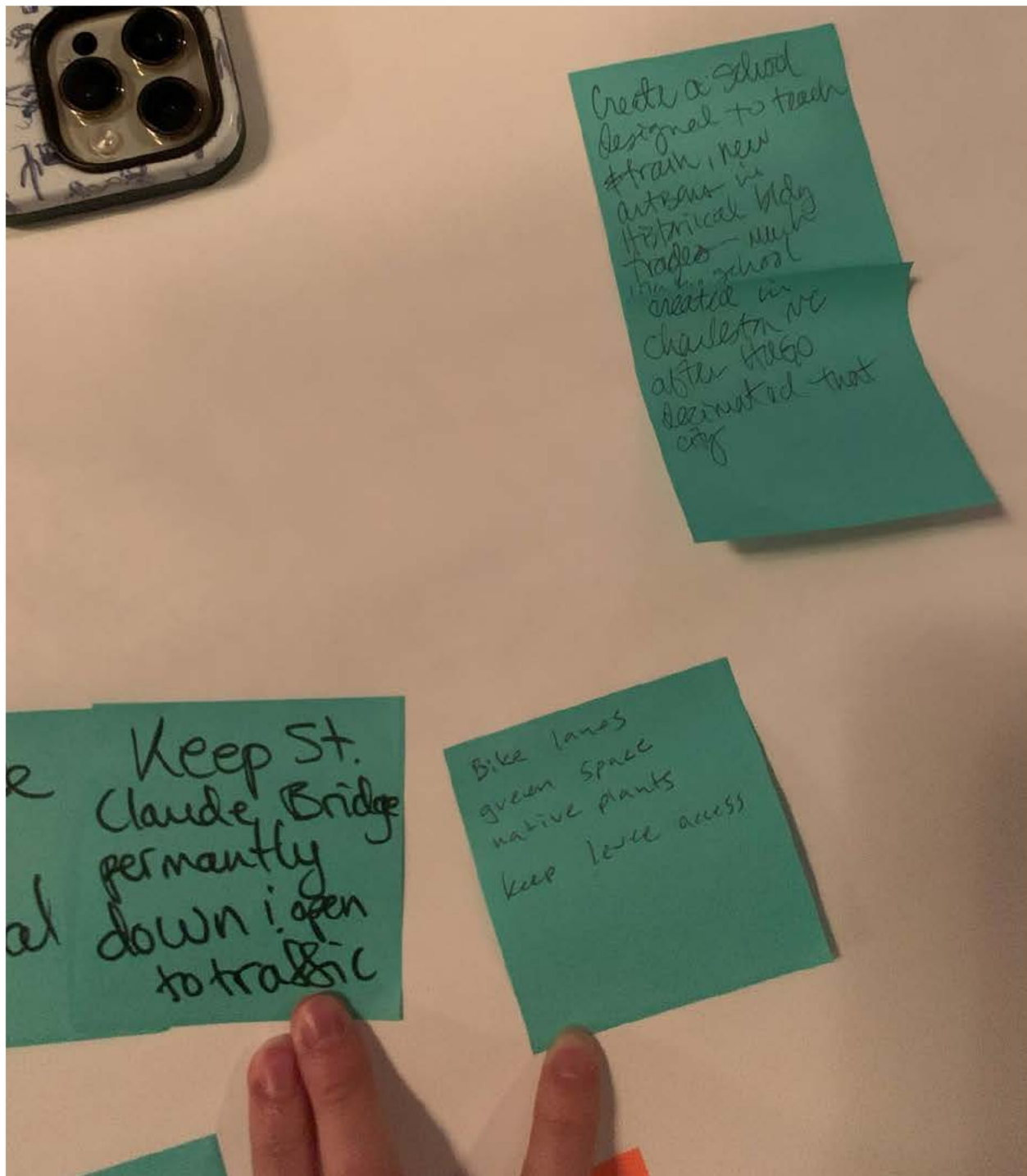
Home
Insurance ?
Less & less options
& who will be
liable

green in
green
CRCL
Common ground
glass half
Restore the

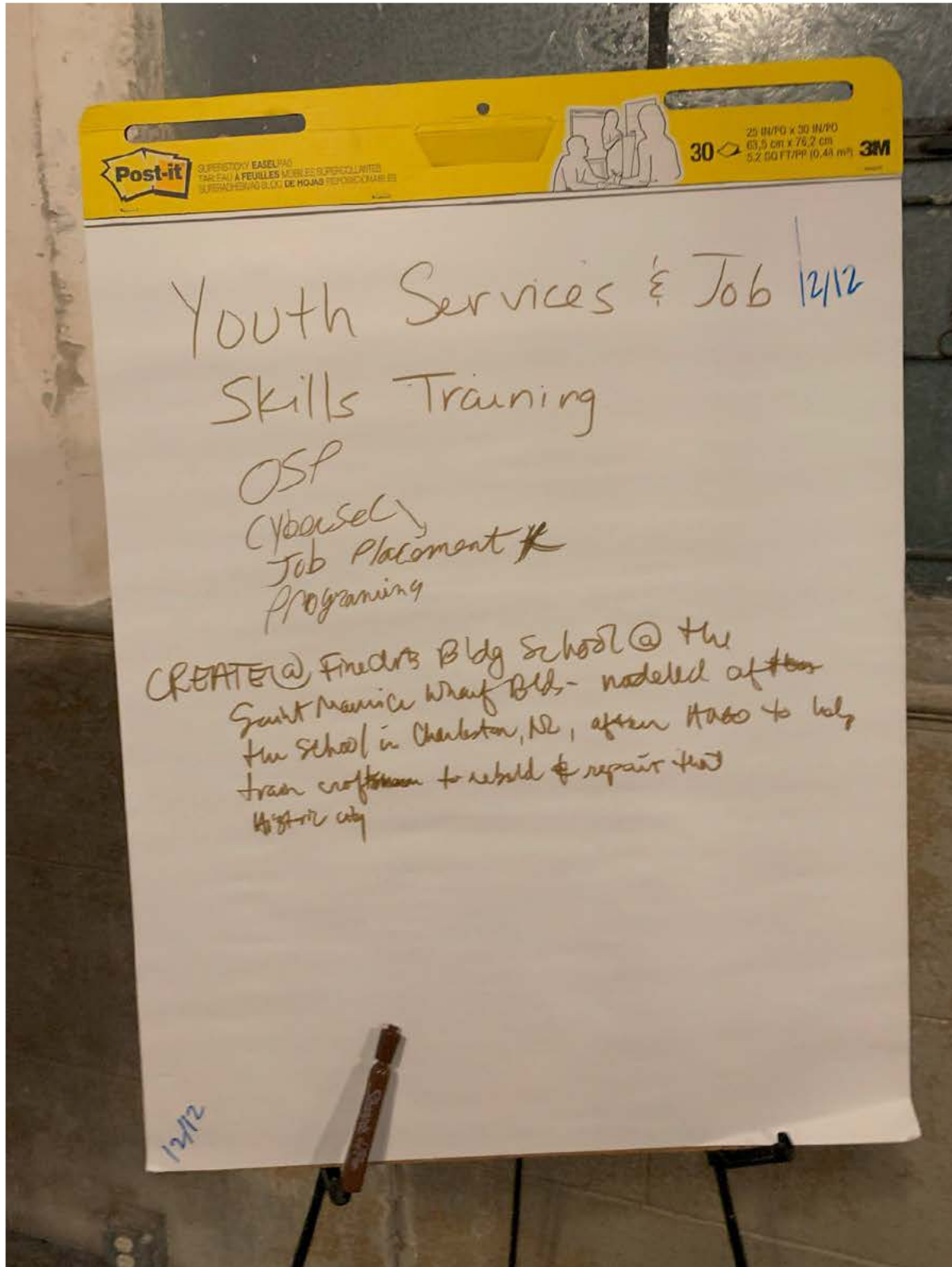




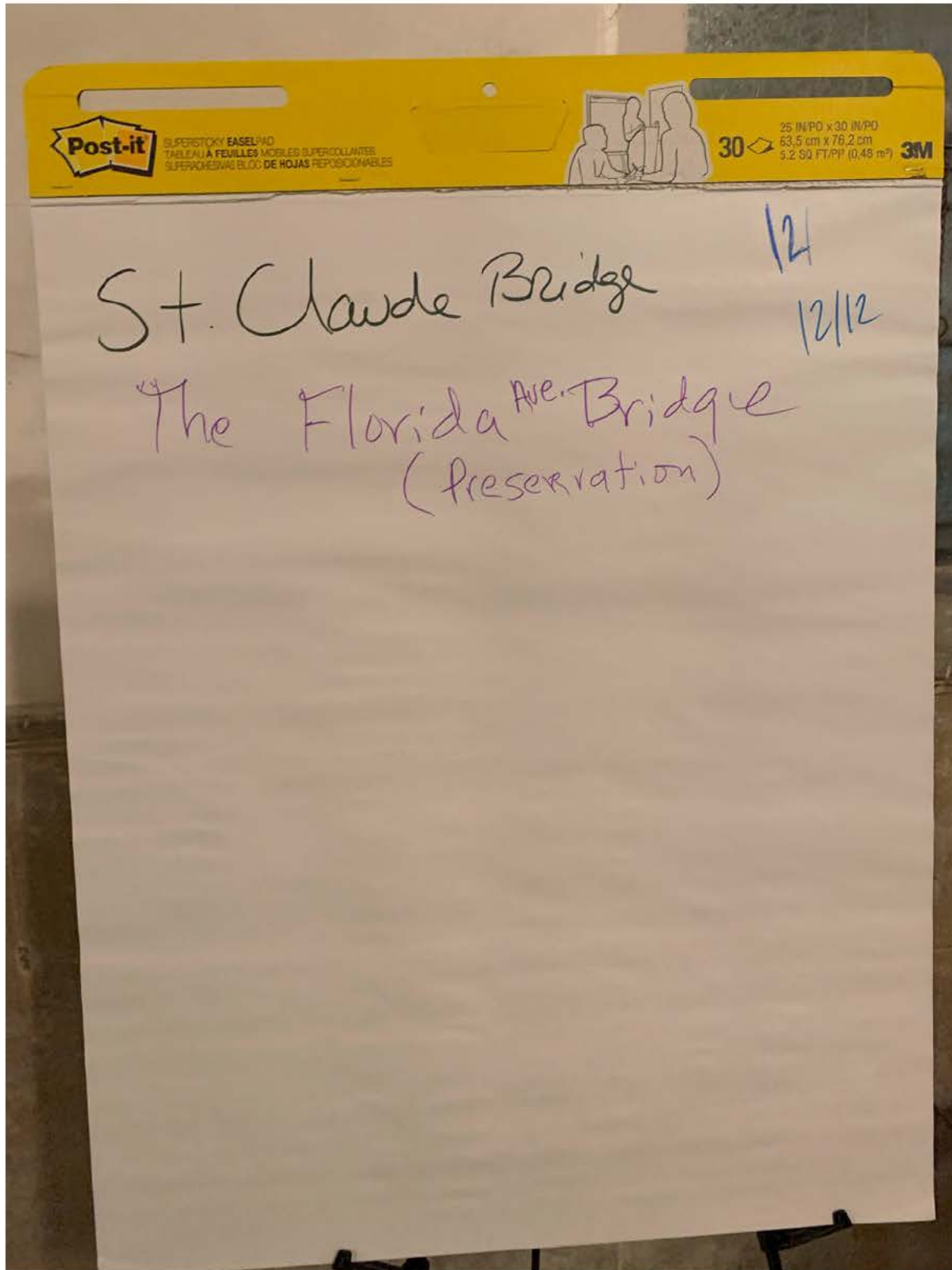




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







Cultural Resources



Priorities

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PRIORITIZATION As of December 2023

Place three dots on your top community improvement ideas


 Noise Reduction 	 Quality-of-Life Improvements  	 Economic Opportunities 
 Transportation and Traffic Improvements 	 Cultural Resources Documentation 	 Your Ideas Here! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accountability of the Corps. - more specific detail about the project, particularly about "Hanging" displacing - for discharge, where to? - Summer "Dancing Queens" study on St. Claude - Would like to see the detailed block-by-block study of noise + vibration impacts - How about affordable housing? That would be a meaningful improvement - OPPORTUNITIES + STAGES the new; PLUGGING STATION NO. 1, EXISTING STATION - walking paths along left of bridge and connecting to the pedestrian paths on new bridge

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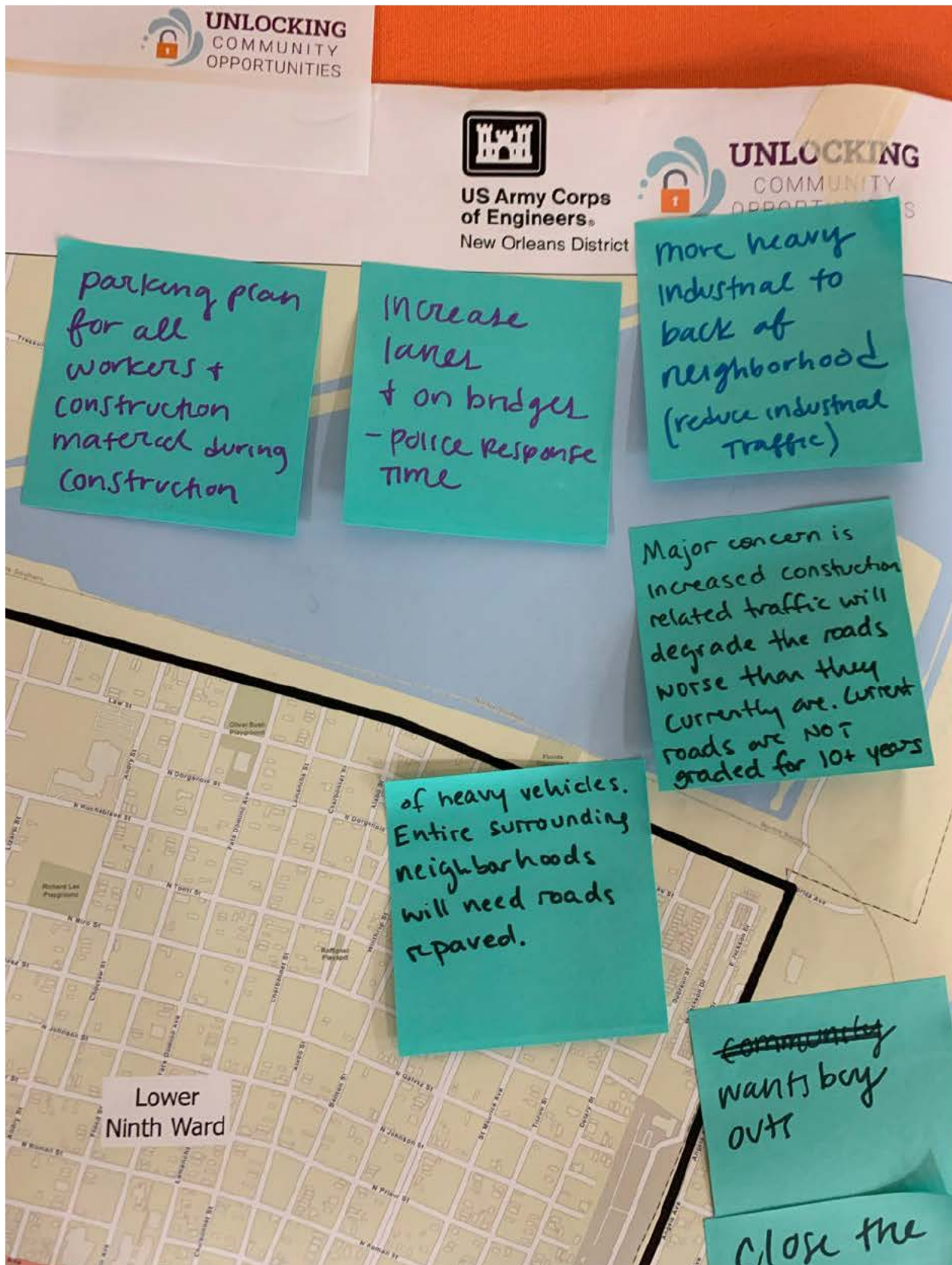
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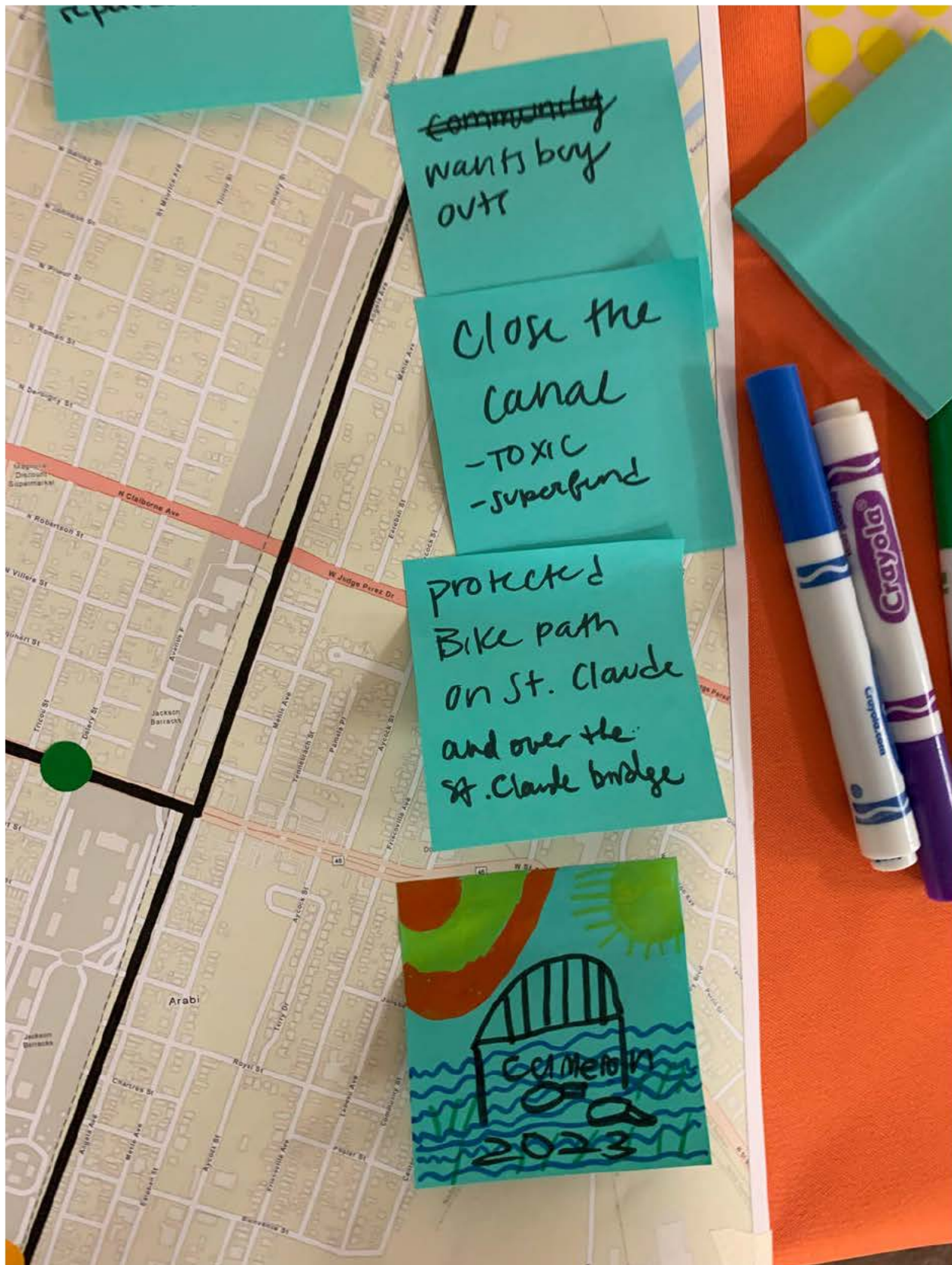
- accountability of the Corps.
- more specific detail about the project, particularly about "temporary" displacing - for how long? where to?
- Support "Dancing Grounds" studio on St. Claude.
- Would like to see the detailed block-by-block study of noise & vibration impacts
- How about affordable housing? That would be a meaningful improvement
- OPPORTUNITIES + SPACES FOR YOUTH; PLAYGROUNDS, SPLASH PADS, EDUCATION, SPORTS, ETC.
- walking paths along ^{the} top of levees and connecting with pedestrian paths on new bridge.

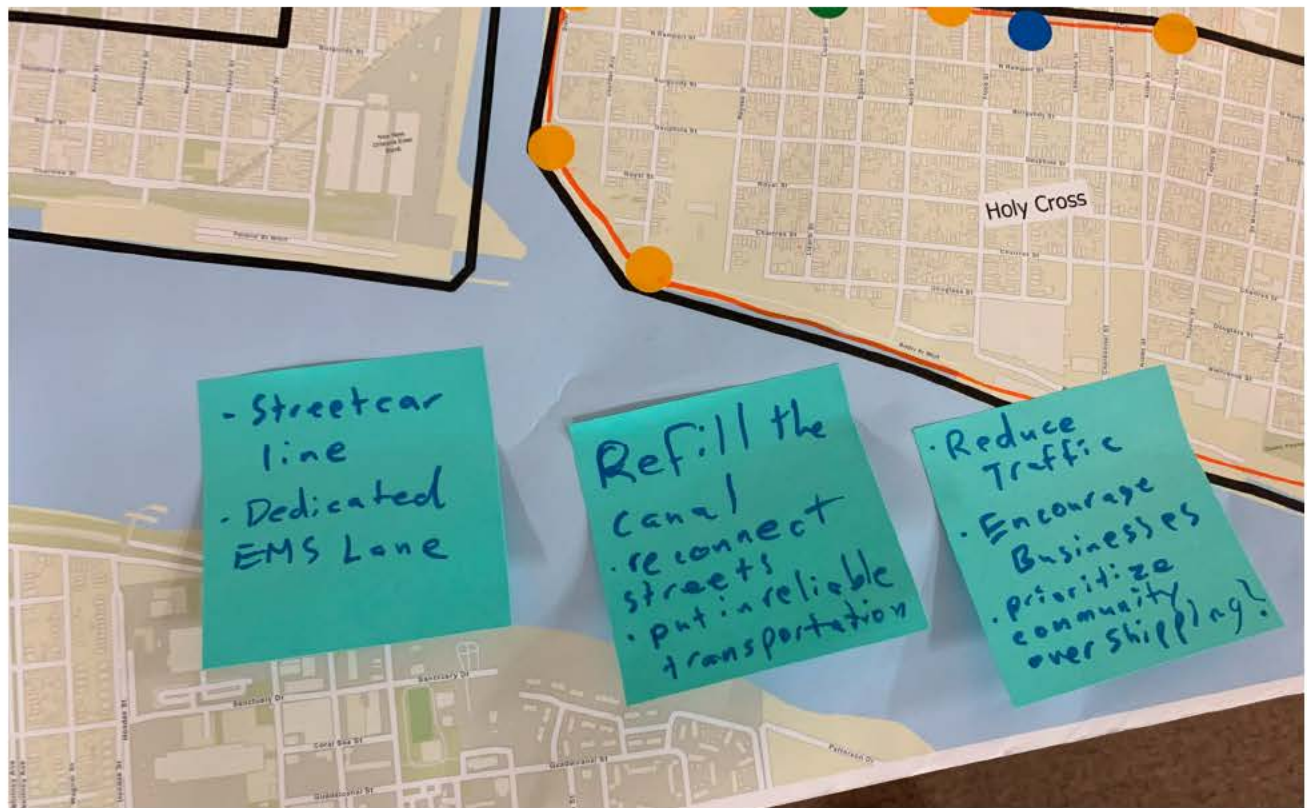


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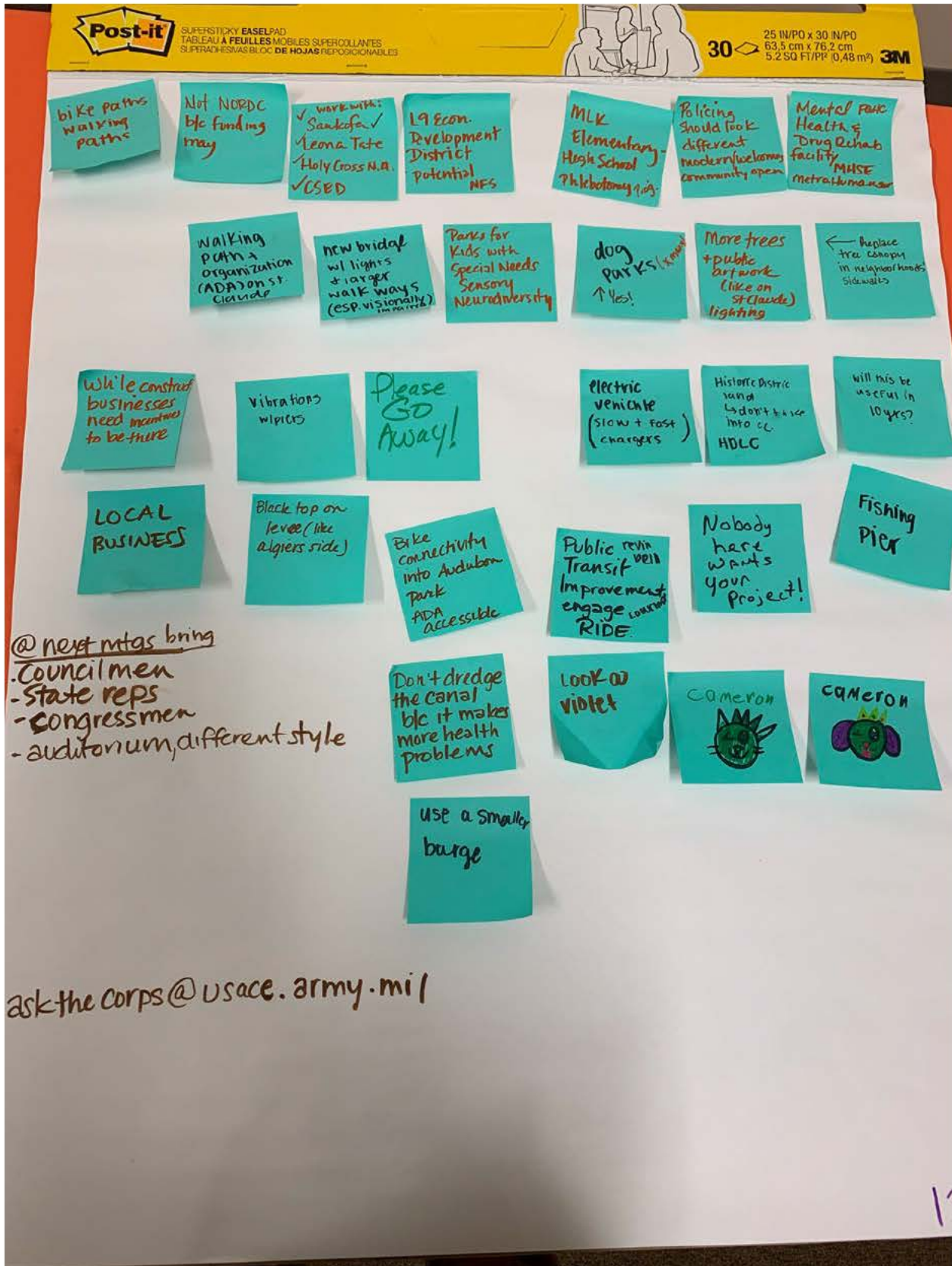






Quality of Life





Economic Opportunity

IDEAS? Thoughts?

Electric Vehicle^{Fast} Charging Stations
(Economic Development / Business Development)

— Bonding Capacity Assistance for Small Businesses from this community

— Financial Assistance Support Re: invoicing + turn around for payments

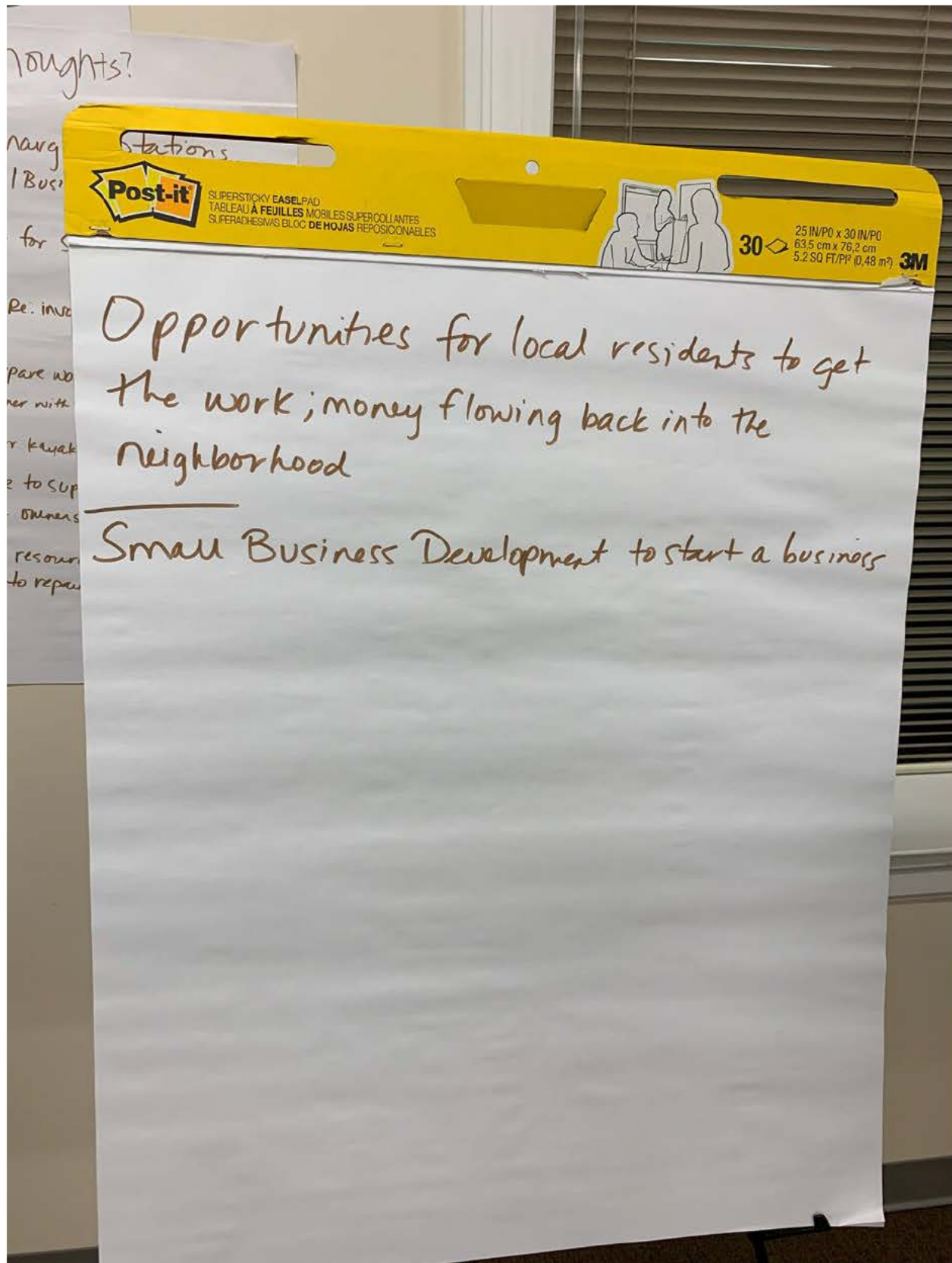
— Job Skills Training to prepare workforce that will be needed
• specifically trades // partner with schools in area [MLK opp; career]

— Recreation → possibility for kayaks, etc.

— Additional assistance to support home ownership
as well as maintain ownership of home.

— Provide support and resources for family/residents
who cannot afford to repair home





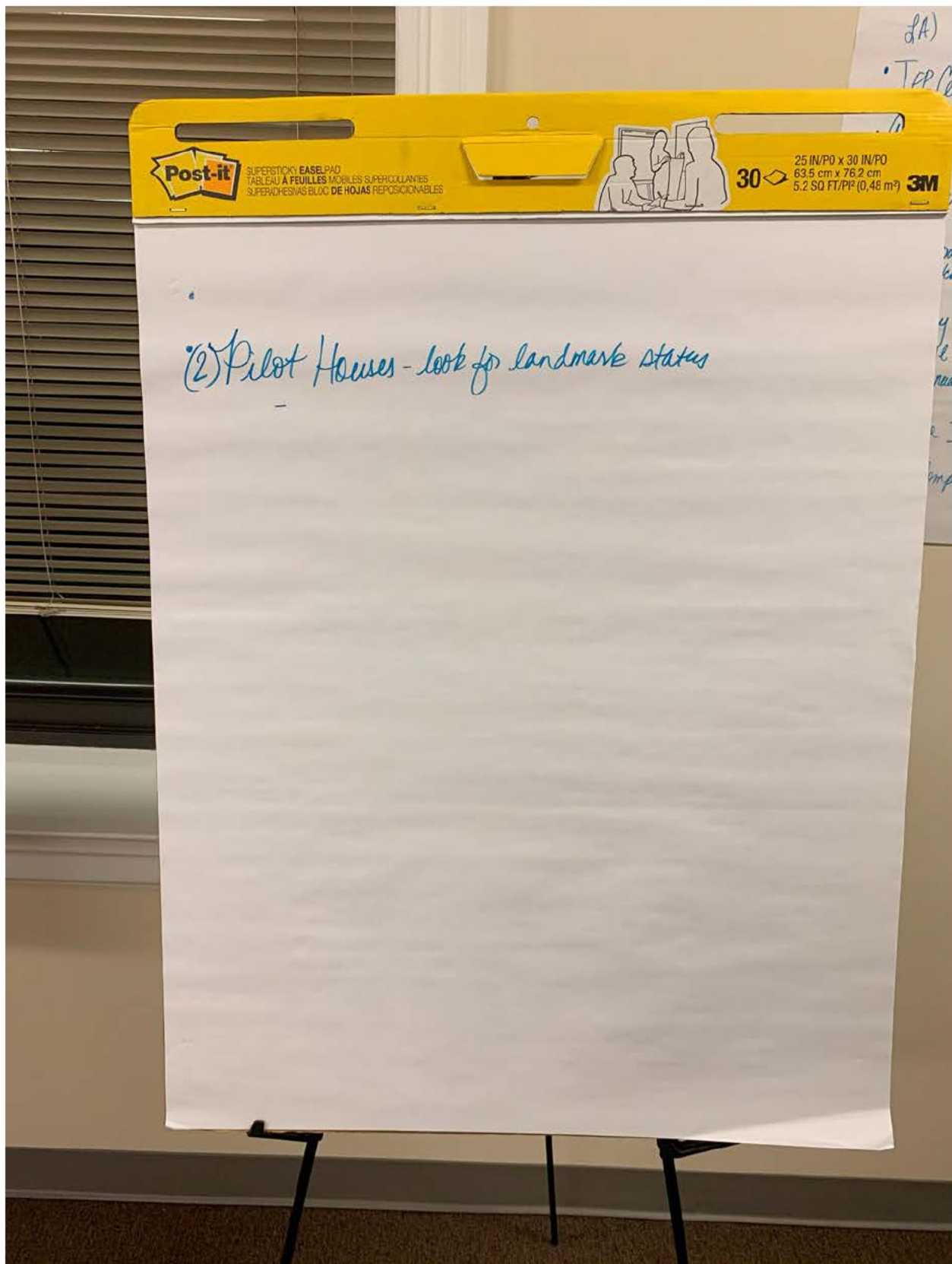
Cultural Resources

Battleground

- Battleground Baptist Church (one of the oldest in US, oldest in LA)
- TEP Center on St. Claude (Old Melanaph 19) ^{Research for national landmark registration}
- A Nice Welcome Sign, (St. Claude)
- Bush Park (Fats Domino Ave.)
- HDLC - update guidelines on sustainability!
- Catch basins - permeable driveways not allowed
- Oral History (faith-based)
 - Rev. Agee
 - Women need to be highlighted as well
- Close the Industrial Canal,
- St. Maurice Complex -

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Priorities

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES


Place three dots

 **Noise Reduction**

As long as the Corps won't blast open this Superfund site, we are just fine with our noise.

 **Transportation and Traffic Improvements**





- Re connect street grid
- Street car
- Rapid transit
- ADA accessibility
- Bike lanes
- close the canal


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OPPORTUNITY PRIORITIZATION

Place three dots on your top community improvement

<p>1- 2- 3- 4- 5-</p>	 <h2>Quality-of-Life Improvements</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Don't poison the lower nine. ● I believe this project to be yet another example of environmental racism! ● ● ● 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prioritization ● Ex ● b
	 <h2>Cultural Resources Documentation</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Already handled by neighbor 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ● ● ●

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CRITICIZATION

As of December 2023

Community improvement ideas



Economic Opportunities

- provide jobs Shutting down the Industrial Canal.
- Expanding the lock will not encourage local businesses to open, it will discourage them!



Your Ideas Here!



Food Stores

PLEASE document all negative comments made and opposition to this project, otherwise it is not a fair process



Do you think we're all stupid??



Open the violet canal to avoid the city and go straight to intercoastal waterway



Close the industrial Canal and make a park

Like the LaFittle Park Way, near canal, fill in & now a park!

you they do think we just don't understand!

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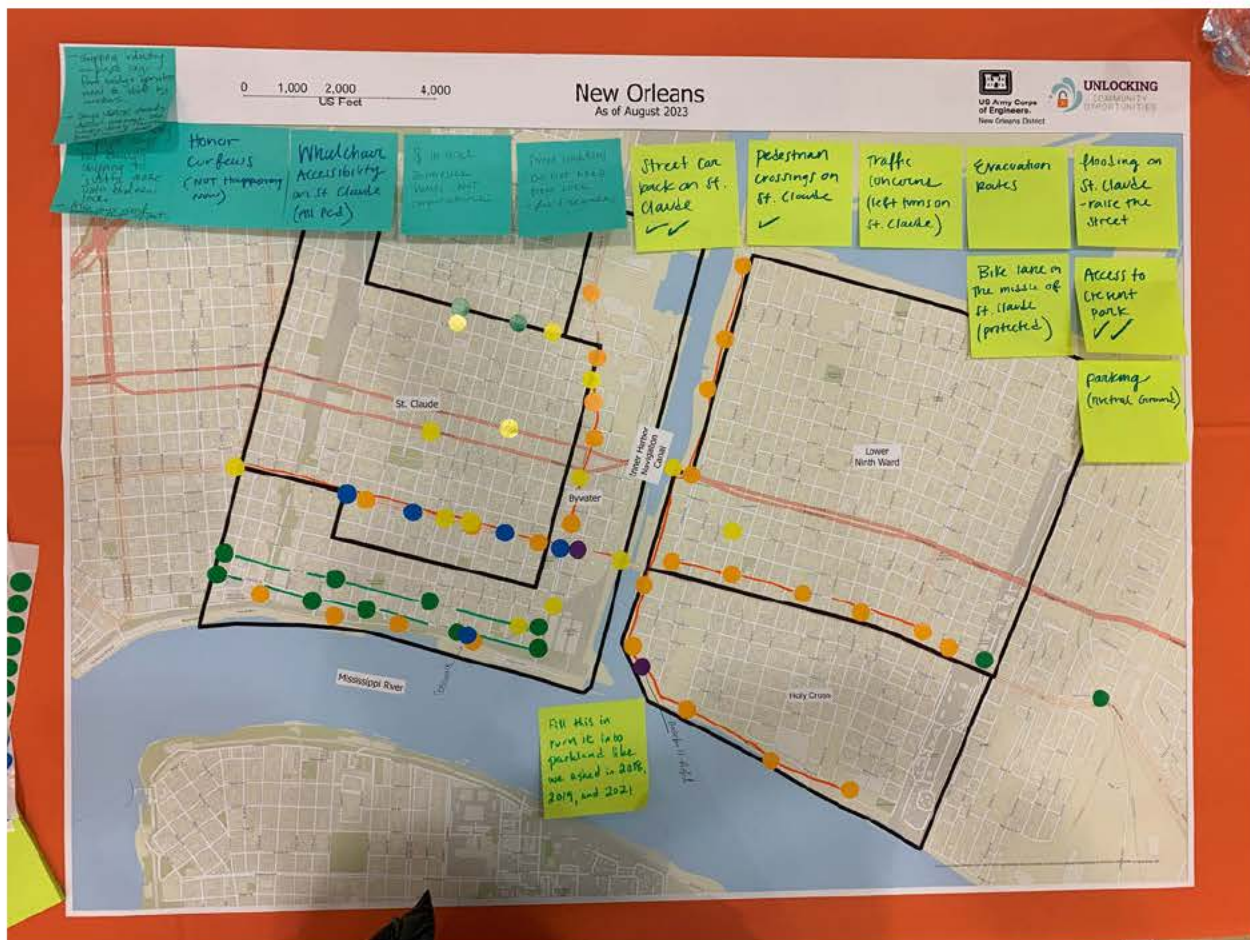
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Transportation



- shipping industry employee says Port bridge operators need to abide by curfews.

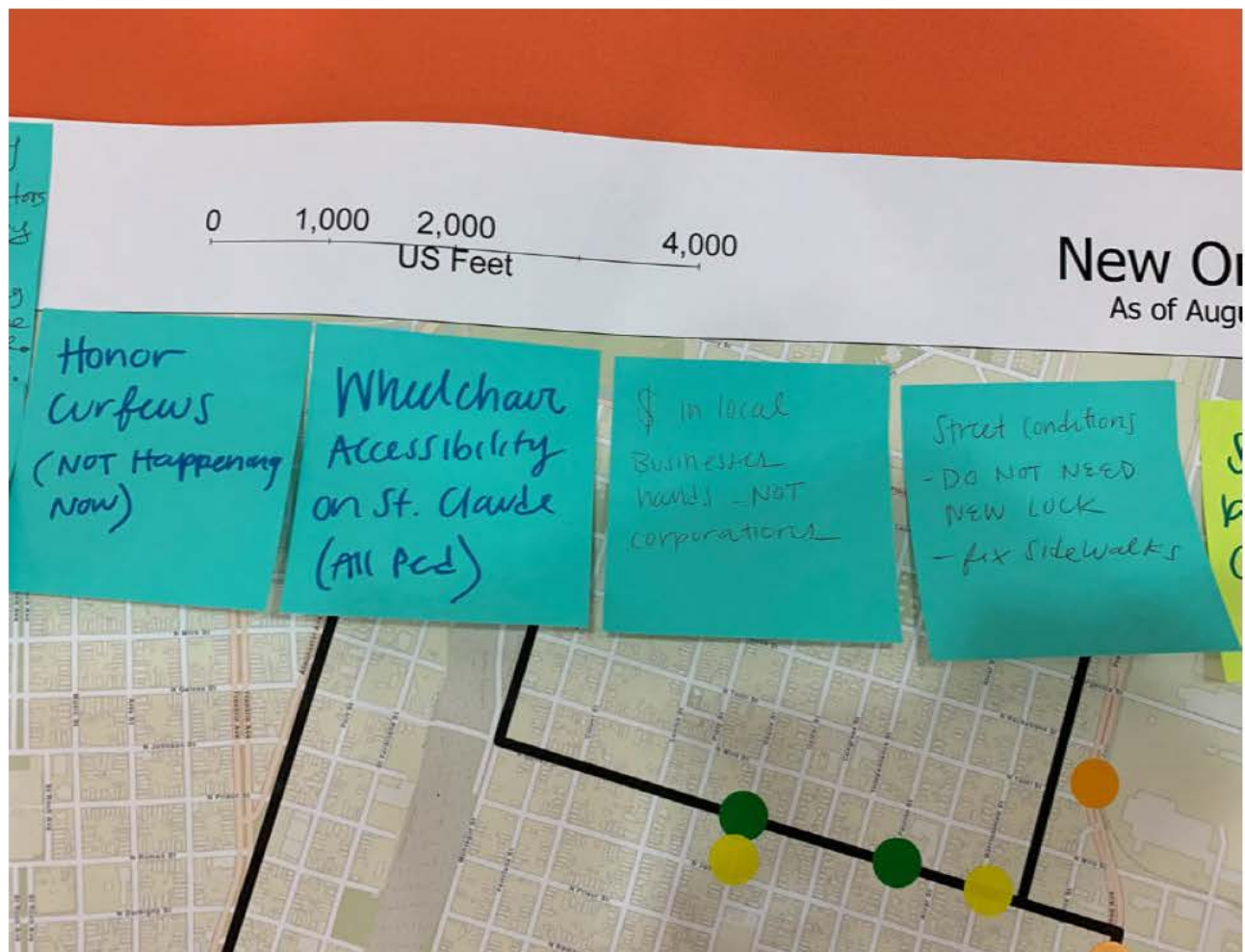
- Says USACE already doesn't manage the water they have. Don't need more.

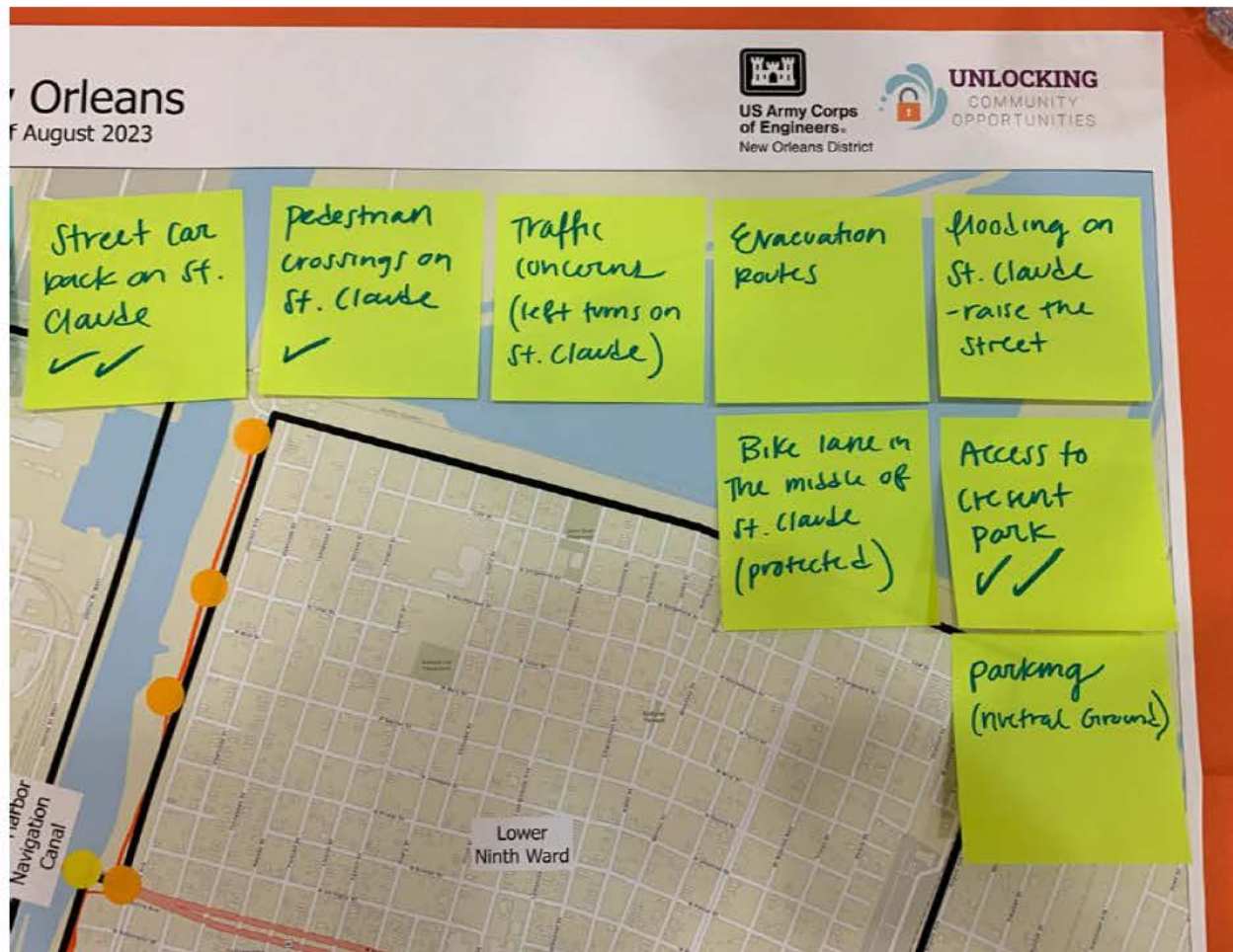
- Shipping industry employee says not enough shipping to justify more water and new lock.

- Also says need partnership w/ port

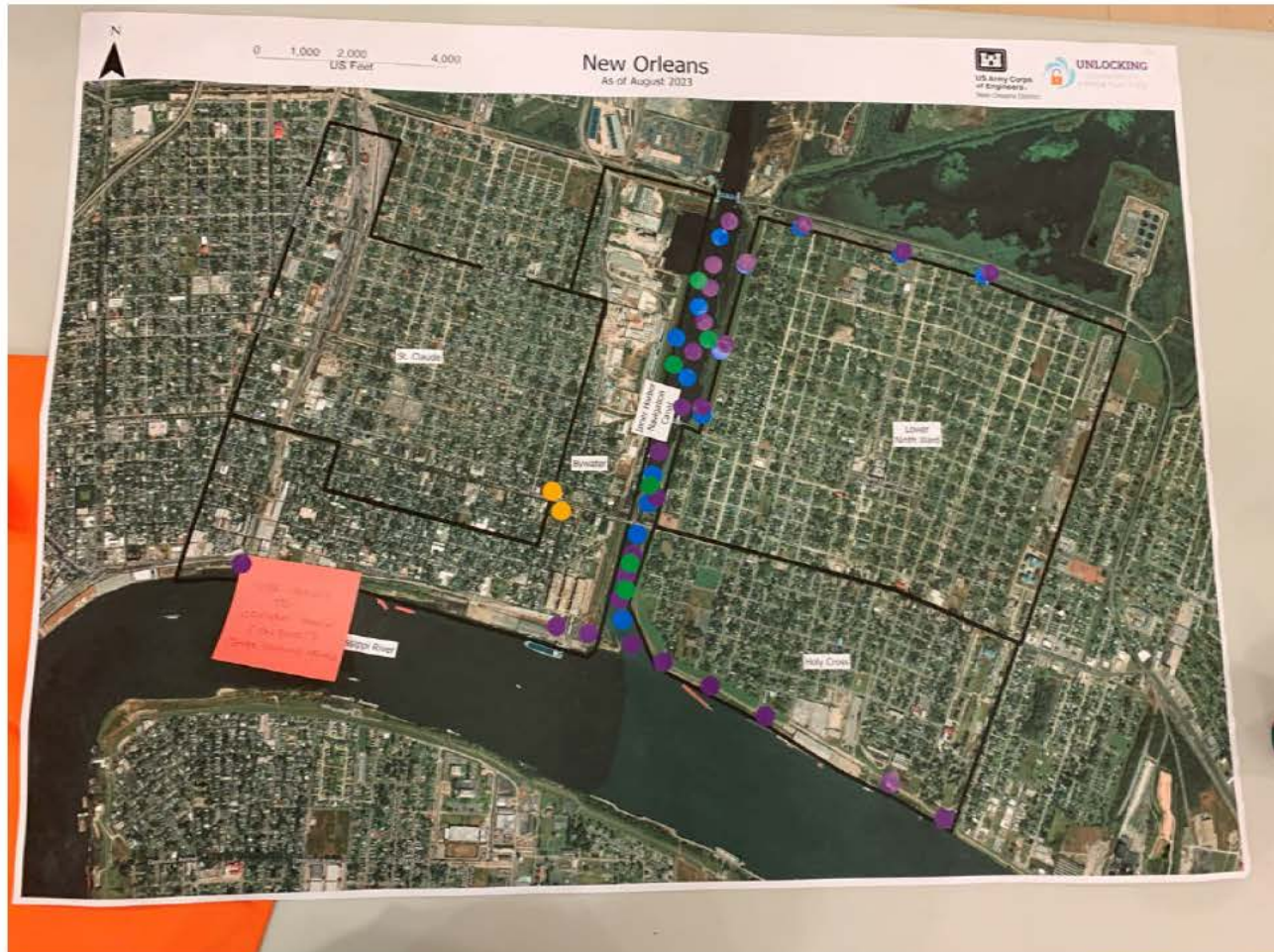
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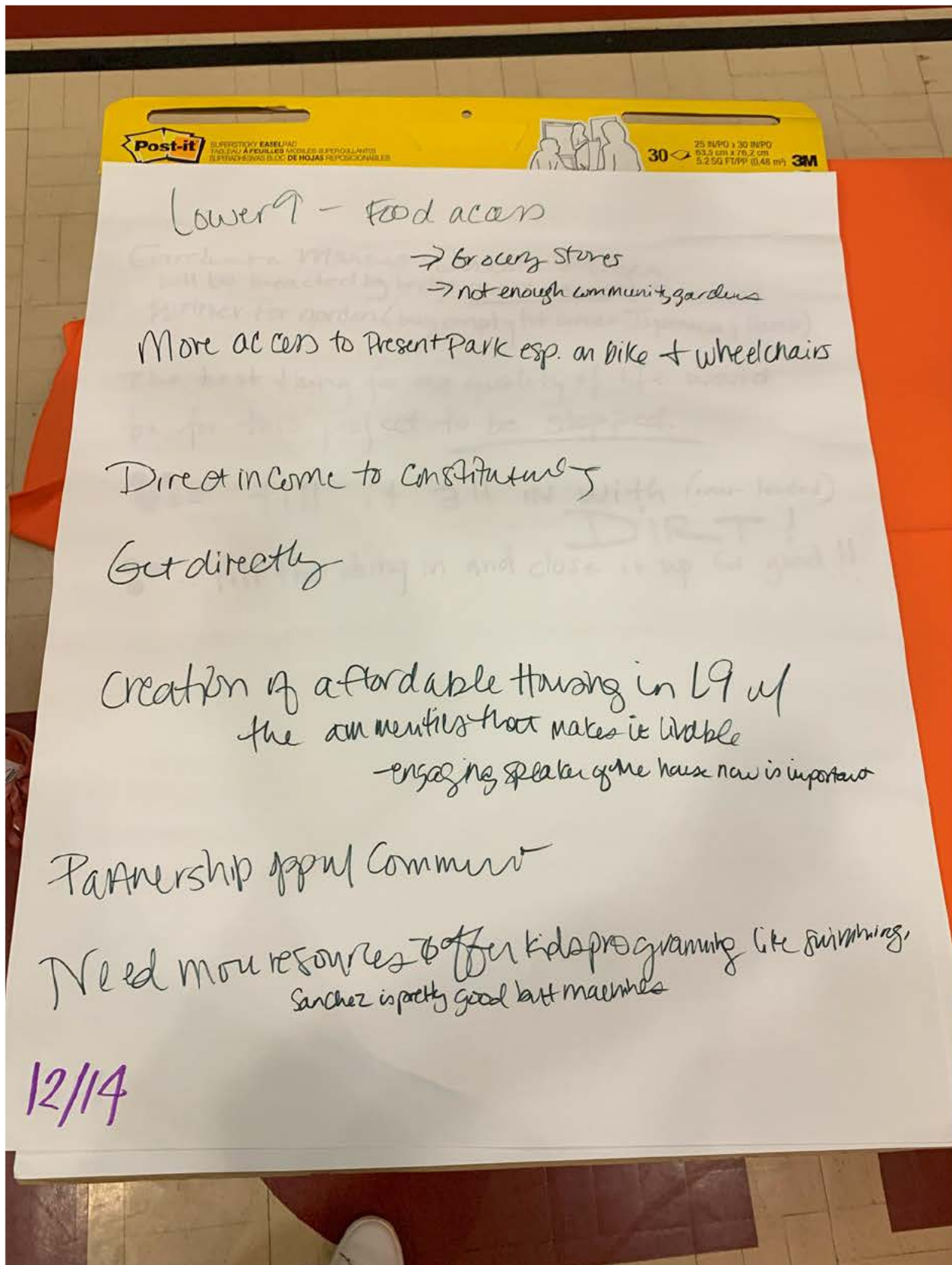






Quality of Life





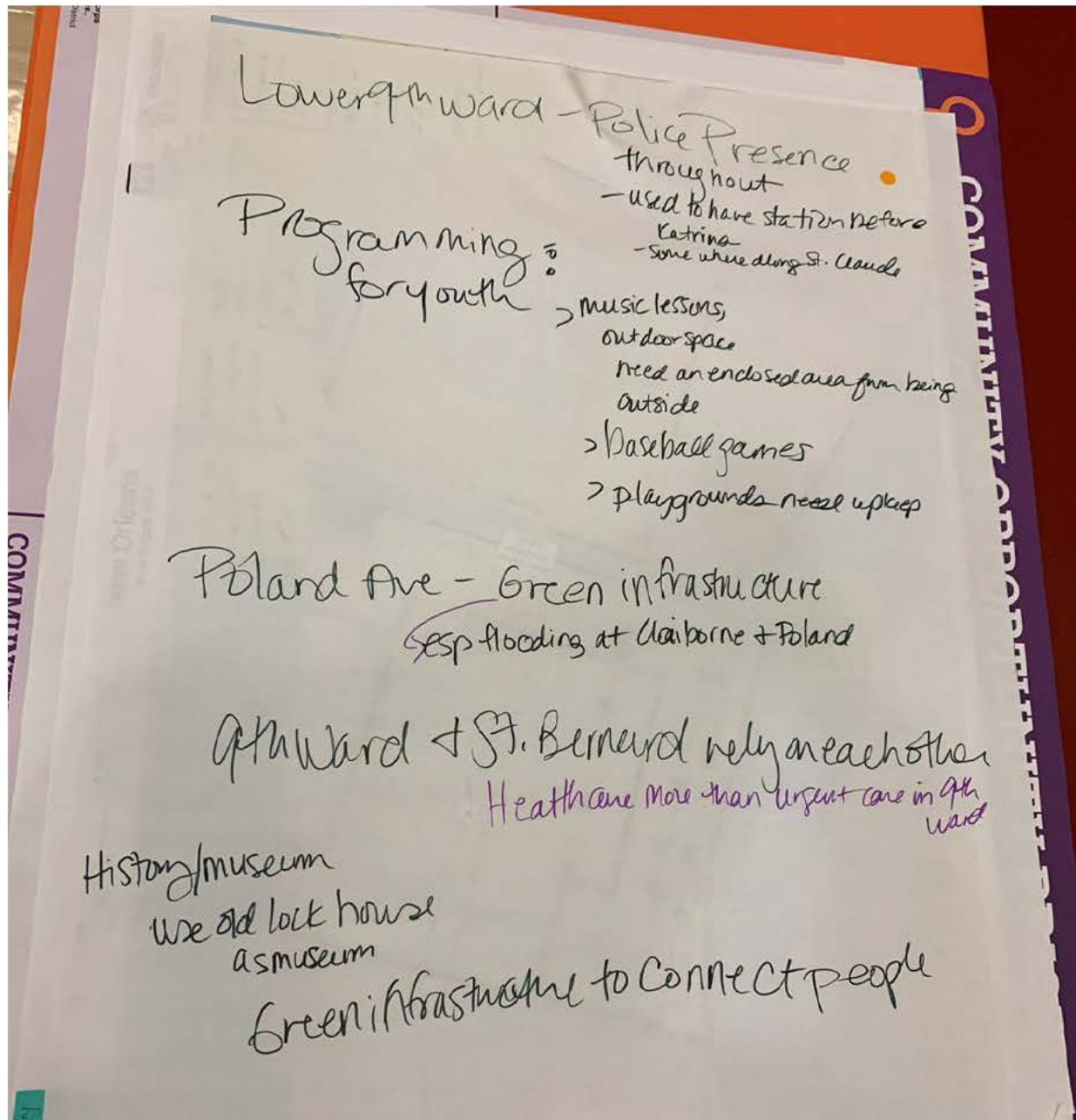
Garden on Marais - Jereca Reiger
 will be impacted by bridge, avoid impact + Potential
 partner for garden (buy empty lot corner Japonica & Marais)

The best thing for our quality of life would
 be for this project to be stopped.

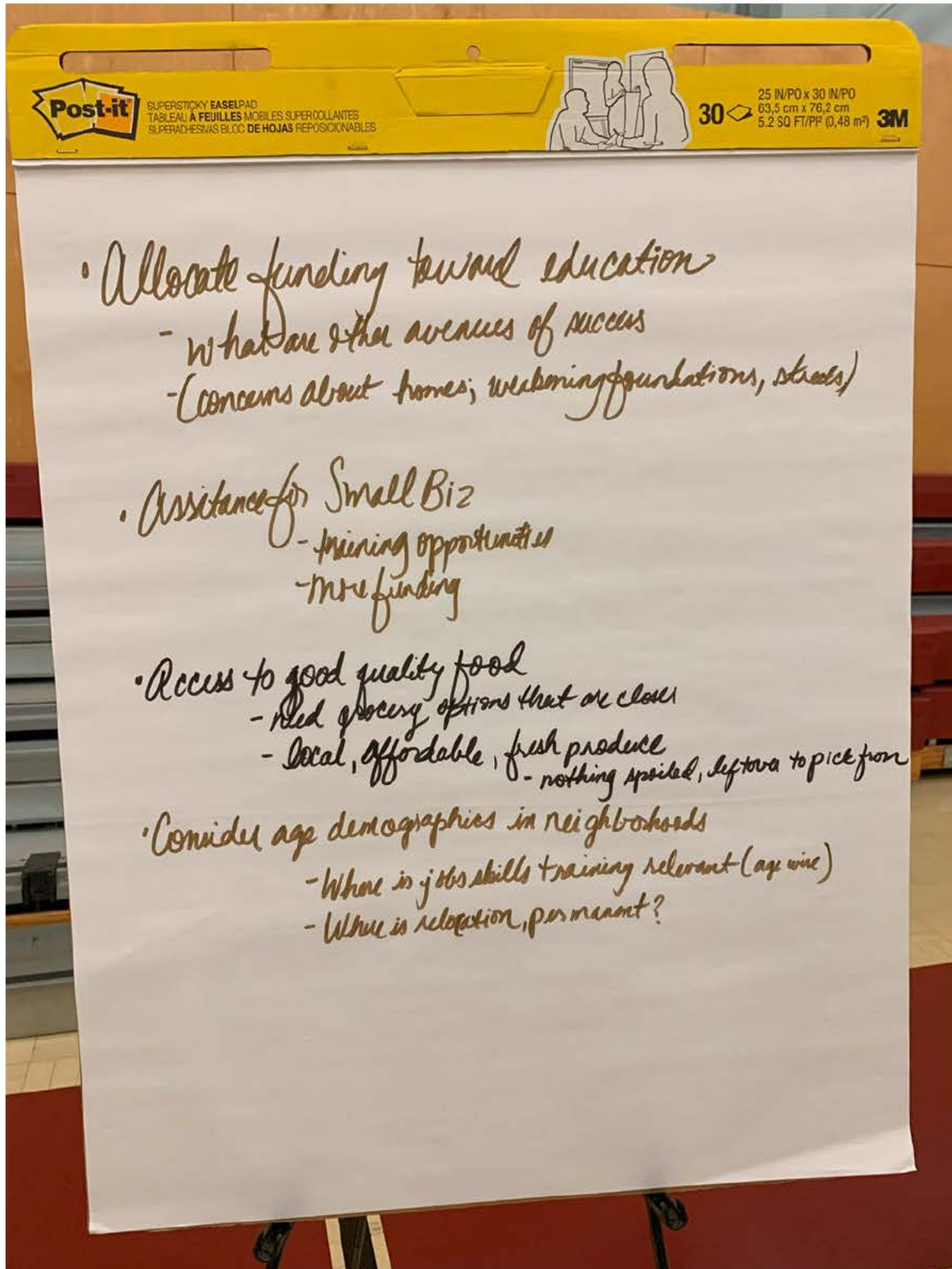
••• = fill it all in with (non-leaded)
DIRT!
 ••• = fill the thing in and close it up for good !!

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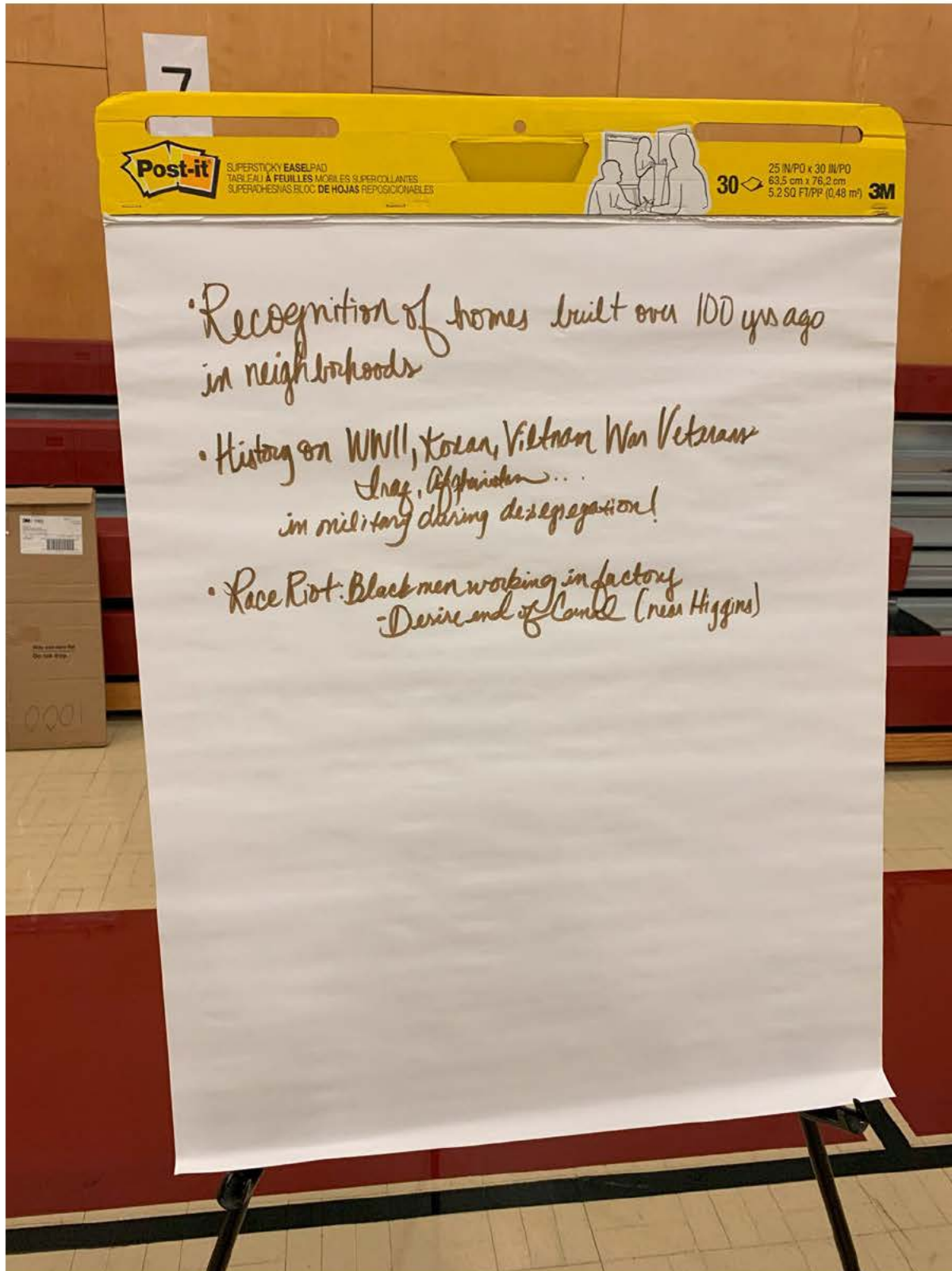




Economic Opportunity




Cultural Resources




Priorities

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES


Place three dots on

 **Noise Reduction**

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 **Transportation and Traffic Improvements**

Especially For DUB + BIKE + PEDESTRIANS


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COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PRIORITIZATION

Place three dots on your top community improvement



Quality-of-Life Improvements

- Best quality of life improvement would be to stop the Lock & agree 100%.



Cultural Resources Documentation

- Holy Cross is an historic neighborhood. This project will destroy it.
- HAER (Historic American Engineering Record) of Bridge/Lock & Associated Buildings
- Oral history recollection of residents' stories, artwork & music

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES PLAN OF ACTION



TIZATION

As of December 2023

ty improvement ideas



Economic Opportunities

- consider impact of project on access to schools Lower 9 vs. Upper 9 Orleans parish schools
- Lower interest rates for existing home owners
- Fair compensation for disruptions during the project as well as post project monitoring for delayed structural impacts!



Your Ideas Here!

- RAISE THE STREET FROM JAPONICA ST TO POLAND ST. AT LEAST 2 FEET.
NOTE: THIS SAME AREA STREET IS LOW AND FLOODS.



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