

Holy Cross Neighborhood Association



Lower Ninth Ward
Center for Sustainable
Engagement and
Development

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Who We Are

- **Holy Cross Neighborhood Association (HCNA)**
 - Founded in 1981
 - About 100 members work to serve the needs of residents, preserve cultural and architectural heritage and advocate for community interests
- **The Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED)**
 - Established in January 2007 to stimulate civic engagement, restorative rebuilding and sustainability in the Lower Ninth Ward.

Main Goals

- A *repopulated* Lower Ninth Ward
- A Lower Ninth Ward *recreated*:
 - Strong
 - Resilient
 - Prosperous
 - Energy-independent
- A community *mindful* of its:
 - History
 - Resources
 - Vulnerabilities

Major Obstacles and How We Are Overcoming

17,000 residents displaced and devastated in 2005

Outreach and open, participatory, informational meetings and advocacy, every week since December 2005

100% housing stock damaged or destroyed

Innovative approach to providing, promoting energy efficiency and sustainable building materials and access to resources.

Insufficient Infrastructure and Flood Protection

Restoration of our own protecting wetlands

Civic Engagement to achieve our goals

Good Ideas: what has really worked for US...

- **Open, frank, meetings with apt resources**
 - Support from everywhere
 - A committed core group
- **Academic & Environmental Involvement**
 - A foundation in both worlds
 - Pursuit of opportunities
- **Focus on sustainability as “mantra” for restoration**
 - Academic, Environmental Partners
 - Access to materials & technology



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None of this could have been possible without the will and determination of our residents and friends from near and far.

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