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**The Howard
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LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP: KEYS TO THE FUTURE OF NEW ORLEANS!



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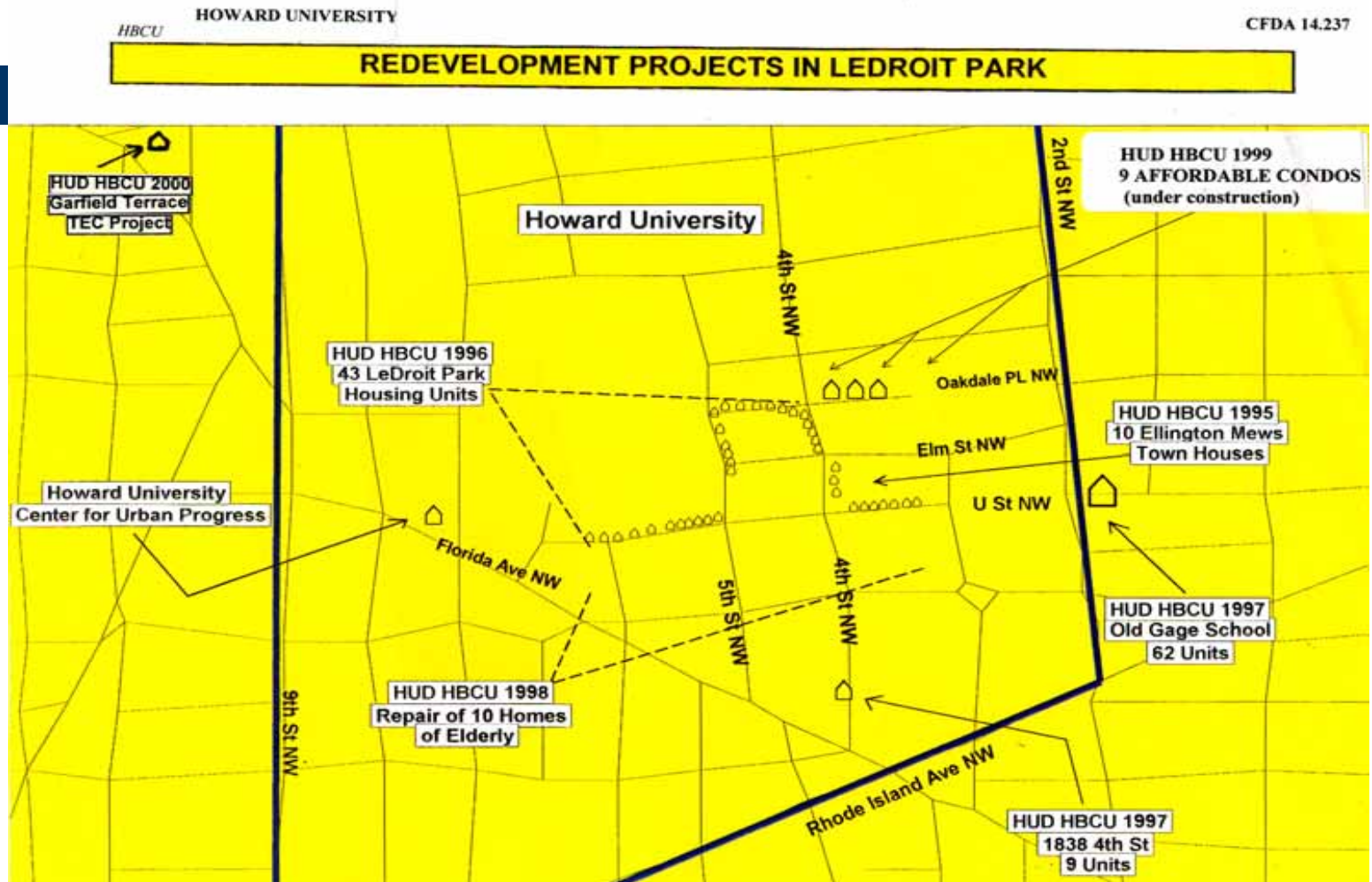
HOWARD UNIVERSITY CUP: ON TO THE REBUILDING OF NEW ORLEANS!



Background

- The Howard University Center for Urban Progress (CUP) is the faculty-driven university-community partnership unit of Howard University.
- Since 1995, \$15 million in external funding for comprehensive community development projects
- Over 50 CBO/FBO partners in the District of Columbia
- Over 60 intensive student intern placements in CBOs.
- CUP leads Howard University's efforts to install community development content in the curriculum.
- Partners with the Howard University Community Association (Office of the President)
- Brings this history and capacity to deal with the national challenge of Katrina.

HUD-SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN LEDROIT PARK



Activity 1: Design, Pilot, and Conduct Environmentally Safe Renovation and Remodeling Work Practices (ESRRWP) Training

- Design and implement a training program in environmentally safe work practices.
- Train nursing faculty and staff, students, and community residents from the Treme, Mid-City, and Gentilly neighborhoods.
- Include mold abatement techniques, lead safe work practices training, insect control.

TASKS FOR ACTIVITY 1 (ESRRWP)

- ESRRWP Training will be a one-day course.
- Partnership will Identify and recruit LMI community residents living in Treme, Mid-City, and Gentilly neighborhoods.
- Participants will register with Dillard University and CBO/FBO partners.
- Trained and certified professionals will conduct the training four times over a 12-month period.
- Twenty (20) participants will complete each session (total=80).

TASKS FOR ACTIVITY 1 (CON'T)

- Provide training for small businesses/contractors in ESRRWP, with training modifications to include credit restoration, creating new business plans, and rebuilding the client base.
- Trained and certified professionals will conduct the training four times over a 12 month period. Each class will have approximately 8 participants for a total of 32.

Train Dillard University Staff to Implement Training Activities

- Mentor and provide training and technical assistance to Dillard University (including approximately 12 faculty, staff, and students in the School of Nursing, the Division of Business, and the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice)
- Over a transition period, training roles will transfer to Dillard University staff.

ACTIVITY 2: SUBSIDIZE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE RENOVATION AND REMODELING

- Identify 25 households owned and/or occupied by low-moderate income and/or elderly residents whose housing can be rehabilitated at a cost of \$5,000 - \$12,000.
- Households selected for subsidies complete the ESRRWP course.
- Work with the homeowners to identify ESRRWP-trained contractors.
- Provide oversight of these projects to ensure they are conducted using environmentally safe work practices.

SUBSIDIZE AND OVERSEE RENOVATION/ REMODELING OF 25 UNITS

- A subsidy of approximately \$4,000 per household will be provided.
- Subsidy will be on a reimbursement basis to contractors hired by the homeowners after the Partnership verifies that the work was carried out by contractors trained in ESRRWP.

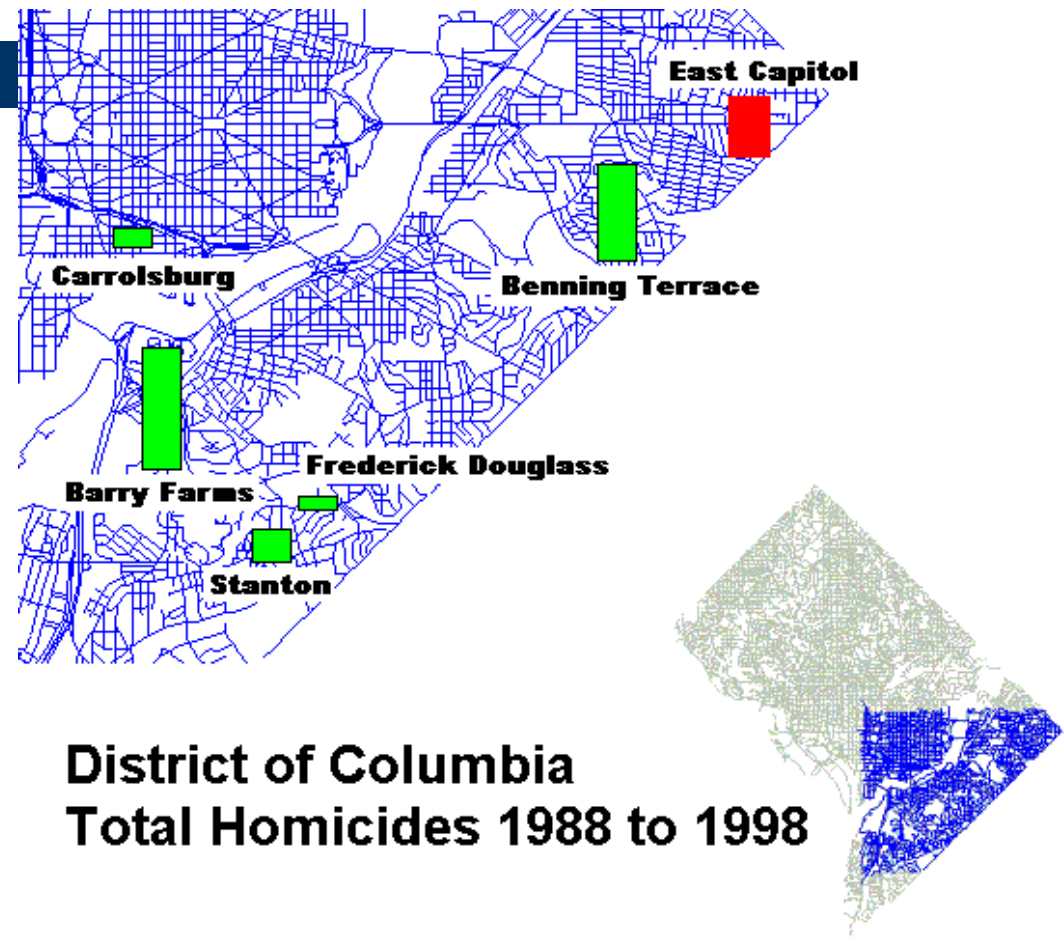
ACTIVITY 3: MAPPING

- Supporting and restoring the research and technical capacities of Dillard University is necessary for the medium and long-term planning process in which Dillard is engaged with other community stakeholders.
- Identify existing geographical information system resources describing the targeted neighborhoods and enhance them.
- Goal: to assure a credible, rigorous, role for the University in deliberations about the future, in planning for environmentally sound recover, and for developing a model disaster recovery plan that is replicable.

TASKS FOR ACTIVITY 3

- Mapping of New Orleans and the three neighborhoods of interest (Treme, Mid-City, and Gentilly) will include map layers based on data related to environmental contamination.
- Presentation will be by polygons at the block-group level and above, as well as layers showing the status of individual properties through point shape files.
- Maps will be updated on a monthly basis through on-the-ground reports from community partners and government sources.

MAP FOR POLICY ANALYSIS



TASKS FOR ACTIVITY 3 (CON'T)

- Mapping resources (along with the underlying data) will be available for Dillard University's input to the planning process for recovery of these neighborhoods and the city.
- After Dillard recovers sufficiently, files will be transferred to it and an orientation will be provided for key Dillard personnel concerning the creation of the data base and maps, their use, and procedures used for updating.