Faubourg Delassize Community
Garden Structure

A Project Of
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The Tulane City Center was approached by the Faubourg Delassize neighborhood to assist with the growing needs of their community garden. Located at the corner of 6th Street and Dreyades, the garden has flourished over the past year. The proven support and a popular desire to nurture and enhance the communal site made this project particularly interesting to the Tulane City Center.

An early design charrette conceived a pavilion consisting of 4 primary storage units floating under an angled roof structure. Building upon the intuition of this initial study, a group of Tulane architecture students analyzed the site master plan and further explored the increasing need for storage, shade, seating, and preparation areas.

To enhance community use, the storage areas were loaded to the exterior edges of the site. This allows the pavilion to open onto the garden area and promotes the covered area as a space for performance and teaching. A preparation table and bench nestle between the storage units.

Throughout the fall 2010 semester, students undertook an exploration of materials with emphasis on sustainability and durability. Uncommon sources such as craigslist and salvage yards were scoured for abandoned materials that might find a second life within the project. After trial with milk crates, spice drums and school lockers, the team found reclaimed cedar wood to be most in keeping with the surrounding context. To achieve light and air passage needed for items such as seedlings in the upper storage units, a hexagon pattern reminiscent of chicken wire was laser cut and etched in Plexiglas paneling. These units relate to the garden programming while drawing upon the modernity found at several nearby Urban Build homes.
The surrounding context was taken into account throughout the design process to develop a site specific installation. A material language similar to the several nearby City Center Homes was incorporated into the design.
DESIGN CONCEPT
PROCESS cont.
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Phase II kicked off with the design and construction of a new storage wall and integrated bench for the shelter. The growing season started with a bang as the plantings took root and quickly turned the garden into a green oasis. The community reaped the benefits and held an inaugural barbecue.
PHASE II cont.
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