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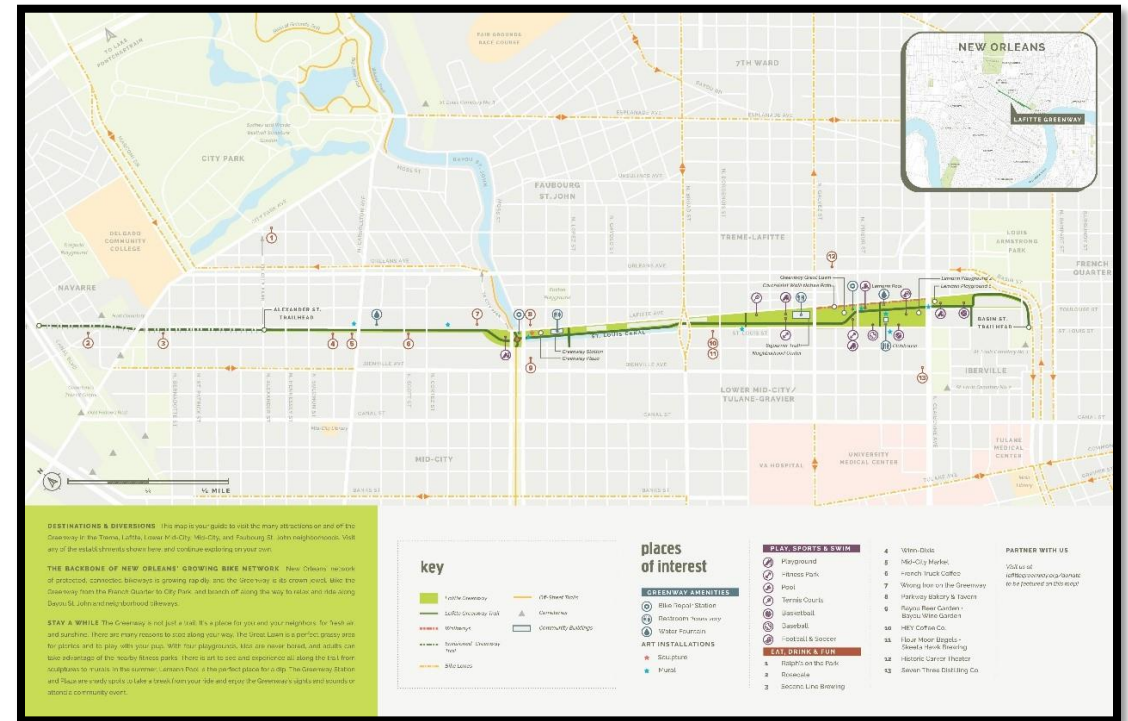
Lafitte Greenway New Orleans, Louisiana



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Lafitte Greenway

- 2.6 mile linear park that connects six diverse neighborhoods
- Former route of Carondelet Canal
- Mixed-use corridor that satisfies community transportation needs and provides services, jobs, and green space



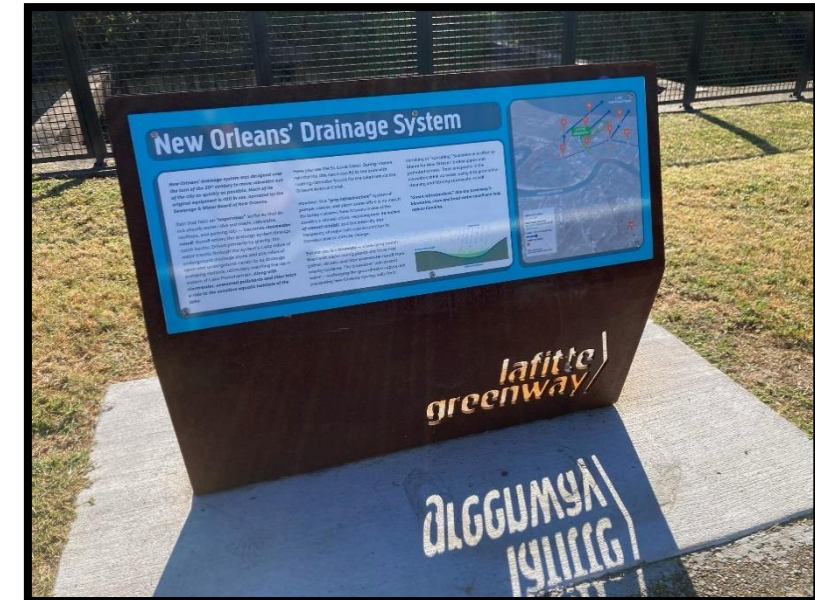
Total Leveraging of Local, State and Federal Funding

Project Budget Summary

CDBG-DR Funds	\$9,449,221.99
State Funds	\$172,000
Local Funds – Bonds	\$841,079.68
Total Development Cost	\$10,462,301.67

Unique Challenges

- One of the first major public infrastructure projects in post-Katrina New Orleans
- Multiple use and ownership interests along the length of the proposed space
- Timely aggregation of numerous parcels necessary for success



Transferable Ideas

- Green infrastructure elements can be incorporated at varying scales
- Re-think empty or underutilized tracts of land
- Consider historical ecology
- Adaptive re-use of existing structures



Addresses Community Need

- More than 72% of service area residents meet HUD's LMI criteria
- Residents anticipated the following benefits of a revitalized Lafitte Greenway:
 - Higher quality of life for residents and attracts visitors and potential investors alike.
 - Increasing drainage capacity during heavy rainfalls
 - Facilitating alternative transportation routes such as bike paths and pedestrian walkways by linking green spaces throughout the city



Impact on Local Community

- Cornerstone of New Orleans' expanding bike network with the trail estimated to be utilized by 375,000 people annually
- Site of community programs and collaborative art installations
- Surge of new development including office spaces, cafes, and housing



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QUESTIONS

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