Building Equity through Community-Based Leadership
“Working with Communities Not For Communities”

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Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED)
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The center is a community-based non-profit which accomplishes its work by strategically reinforcing community driven goals throughout its efforts to help create an economically, culturally and environmentally sustainable Lower 9\textsuperscript{th} ward community.
Presentation Objectives

• Identify key elements which may provide a guiding philosophy for success of a community-based non-profit

• Determine whether the activities of a non-profit are couched in a need-based context.

• Determine the effectiveness of the leadership brand projected by a community-based non-profit.
The New Orleans Principles

The New Orleans Principles: Celebrating the Rich History of New Orleans Through Commitment to a Sustainable Future focuses on New Orleans, with much of it describing ten organizing principles to guide reconstruction and redevelopment of the city. These ten principles are as follows:

1. Respect the rights of all citizens of New Orleans.
2. Restore natural protections of the greater New Orleans region.
3. Implement an inclusive planning process.
5. Protect the city of New Orleans.
7. Honor the past; build for the future.
8. Provide for passive survivability.
10. Focus on the long term.
The Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development (CSED)  
*Established in 2007*

CSED’s Primary Work

- **Food Security**
- **Natural Environment**
- **Built Environment**
- **Volunteers Coordination**

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CSED still works closely with local, state and federal government as well as a myriad of multi-sector partners.