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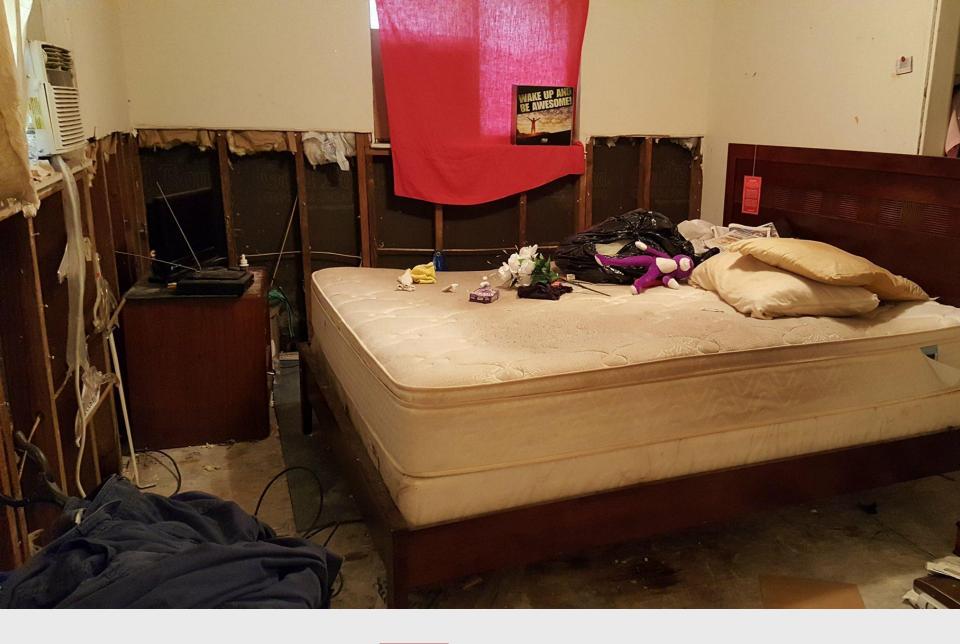












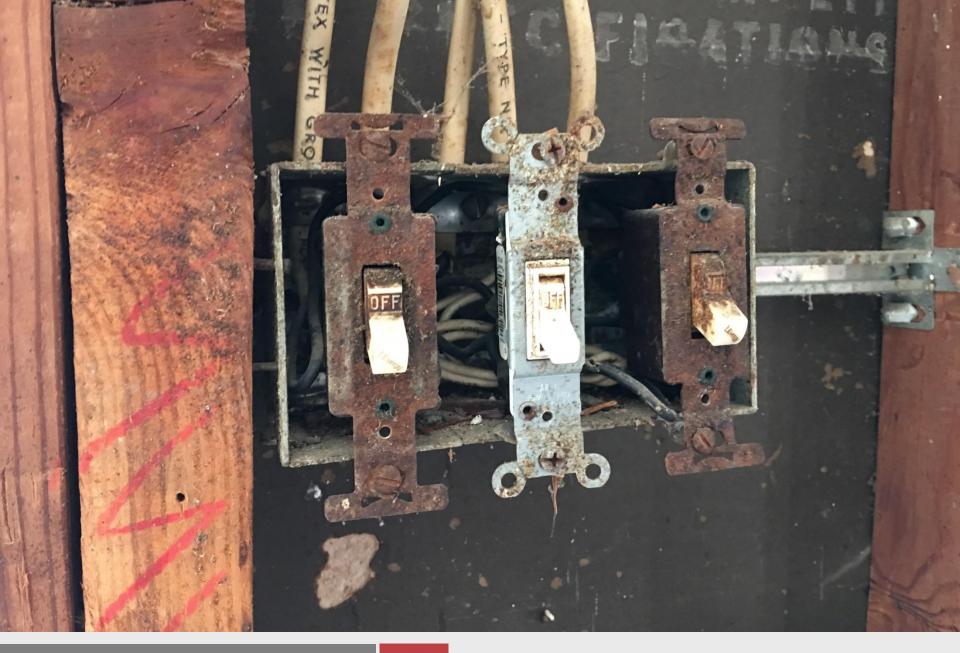












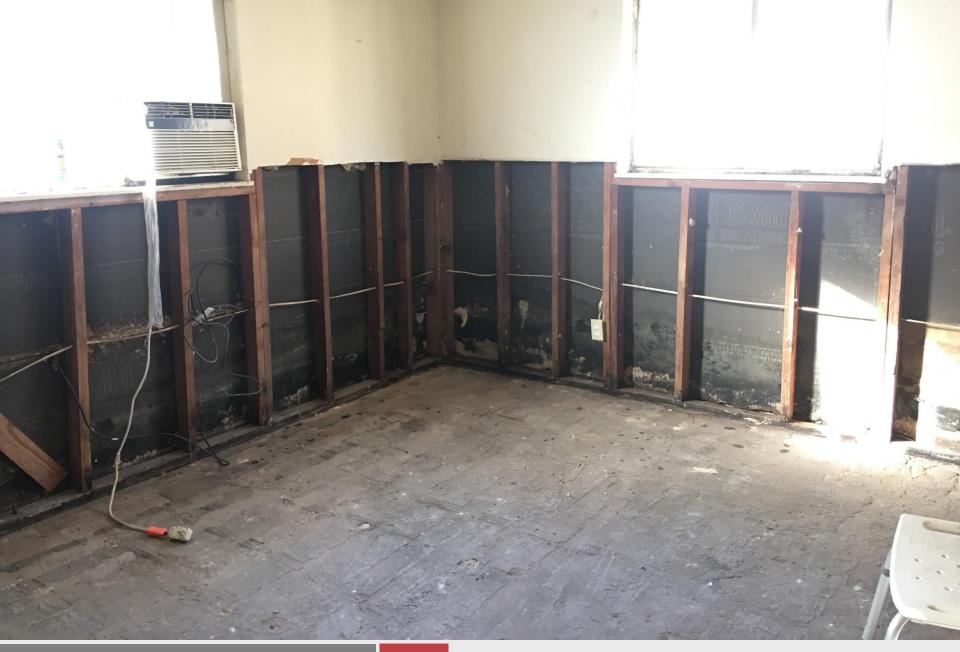


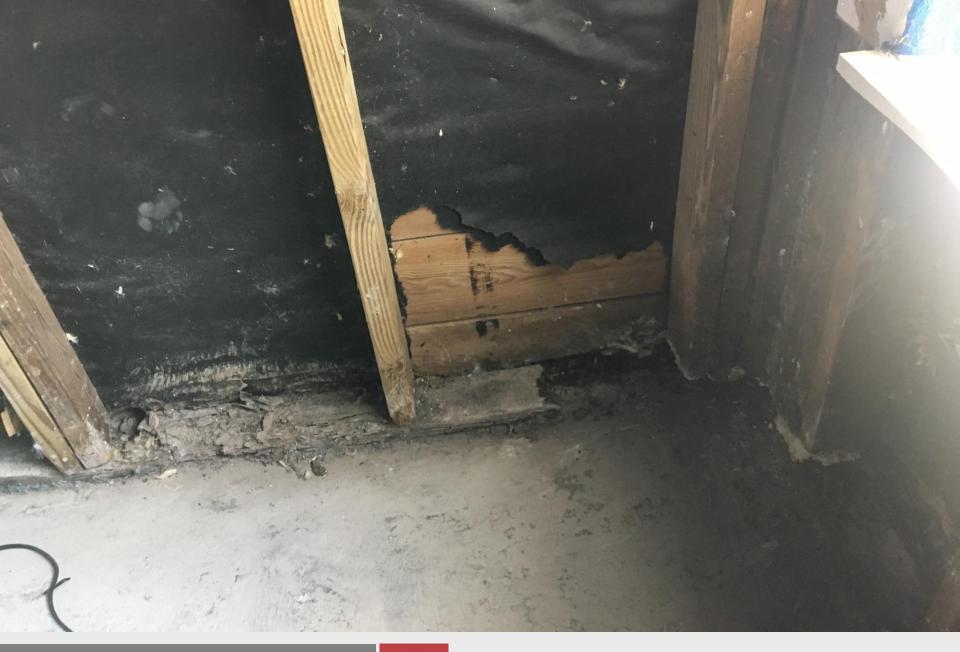






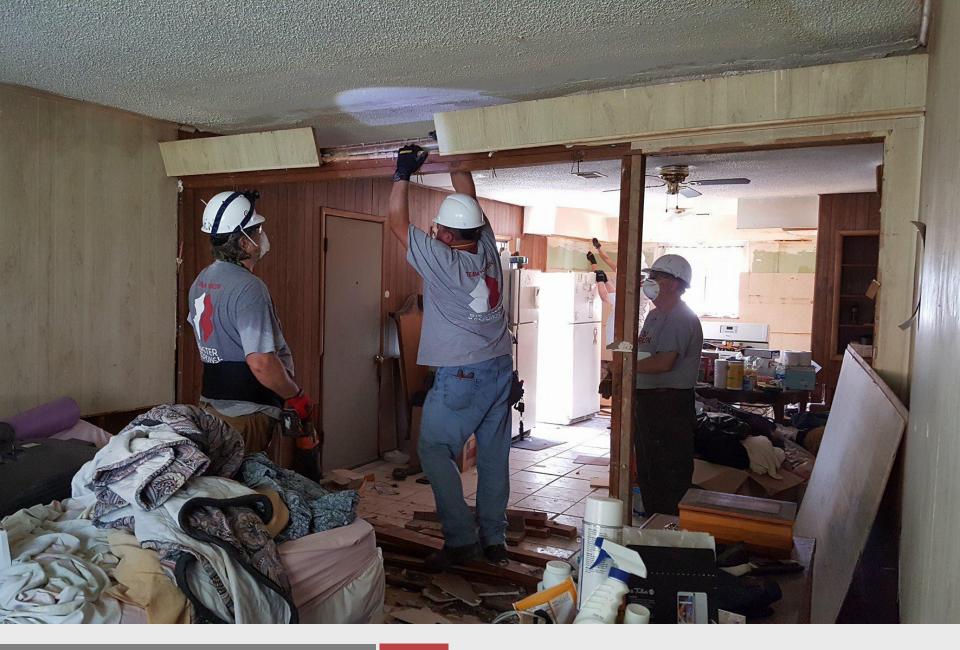












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The National Flood Insurance Program is perhaps one of the most ubiquitous and misunderstood regulatory methods of disaster mitigation in Houston, Texas.

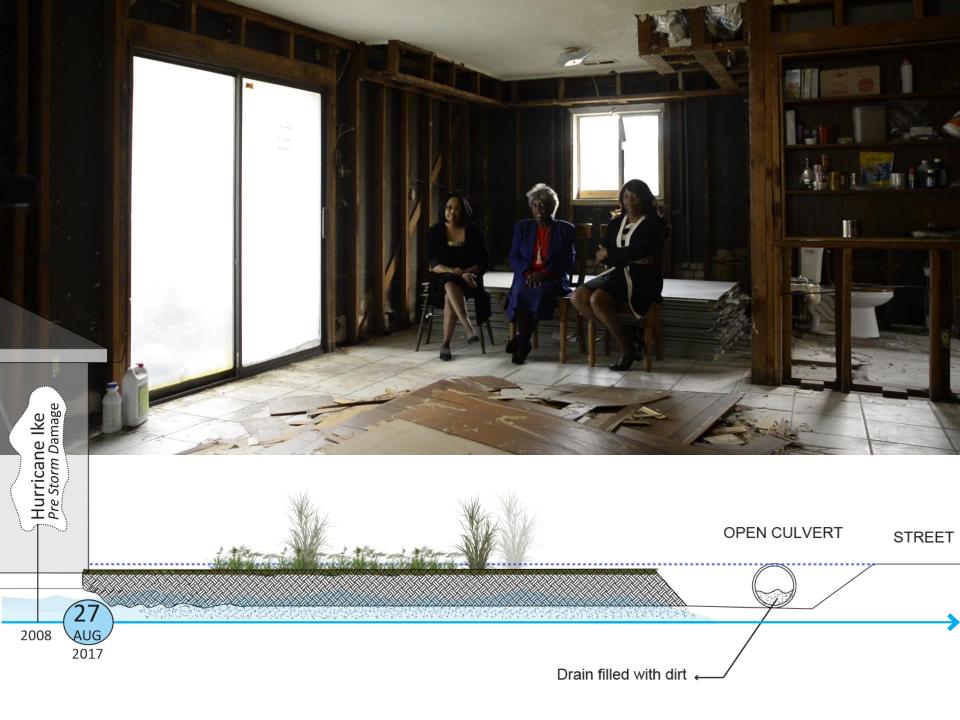
The program lacks local integration and limits the flexibility of the local planning agencies. However, It does provide limited control and restriction of development in the hazard areas and could potentially dictate more restriction. In terms of property damage, the National Flood Insurance Program relies on equations of value, loss, and risk to determine when to replace or repair property damage.

From my experience on the ground, working with families impacted by the recent flooding in Houston, these calculation do not take the local context, the family investment overtime, and the immediate unmet needs of those impacted by the damage into account. The financial burden of the National Flood Insurance Program is shouldered by individuals, resulting in an unequal distribution of those who can afford to participate and those who can not.

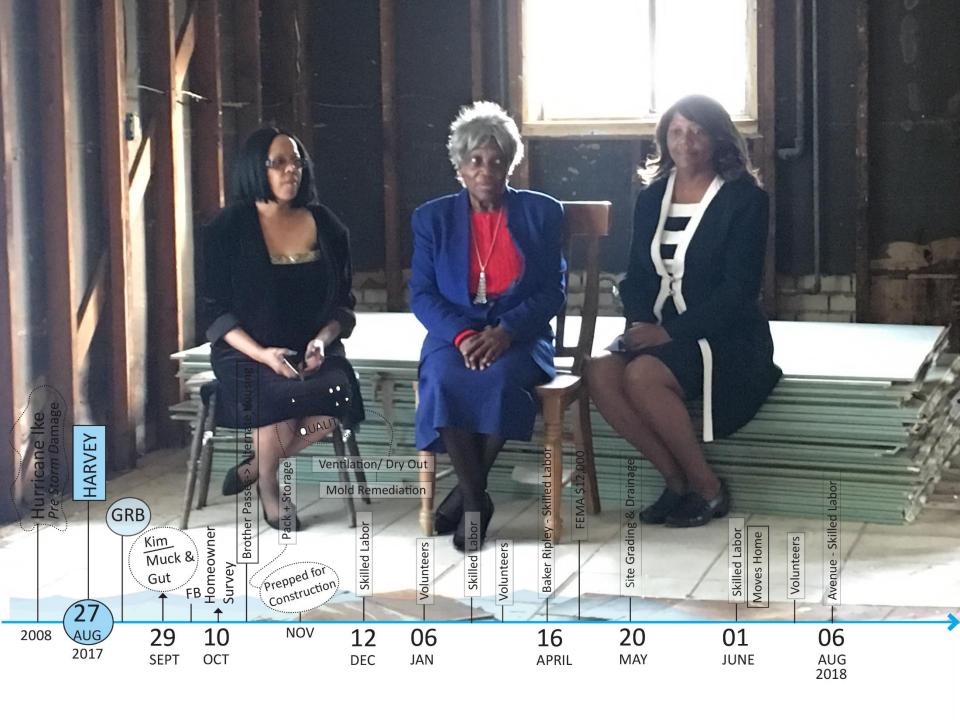


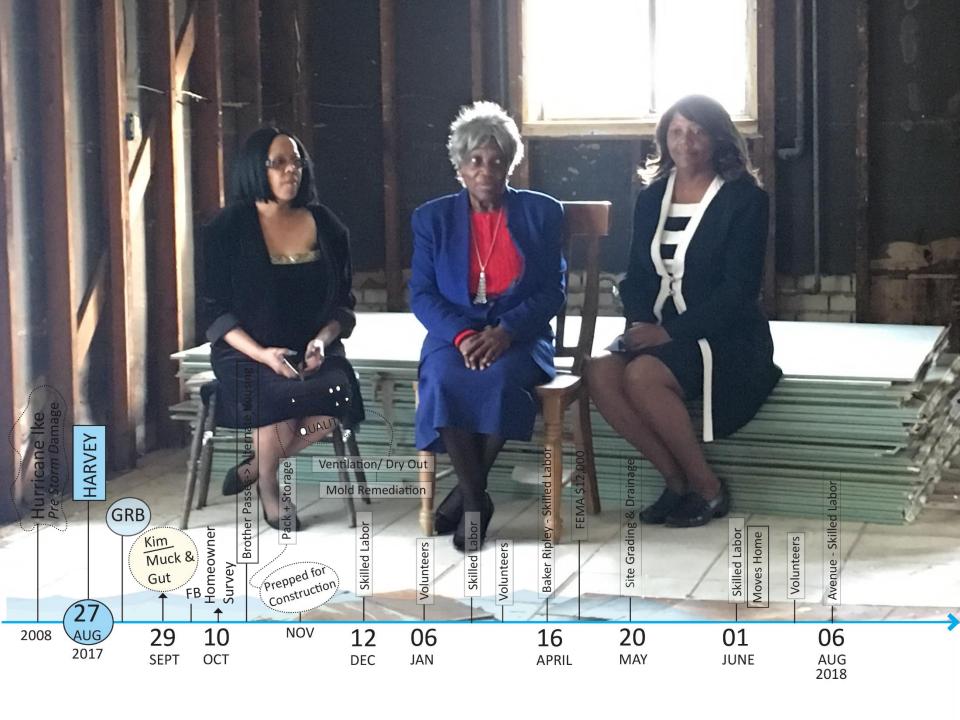


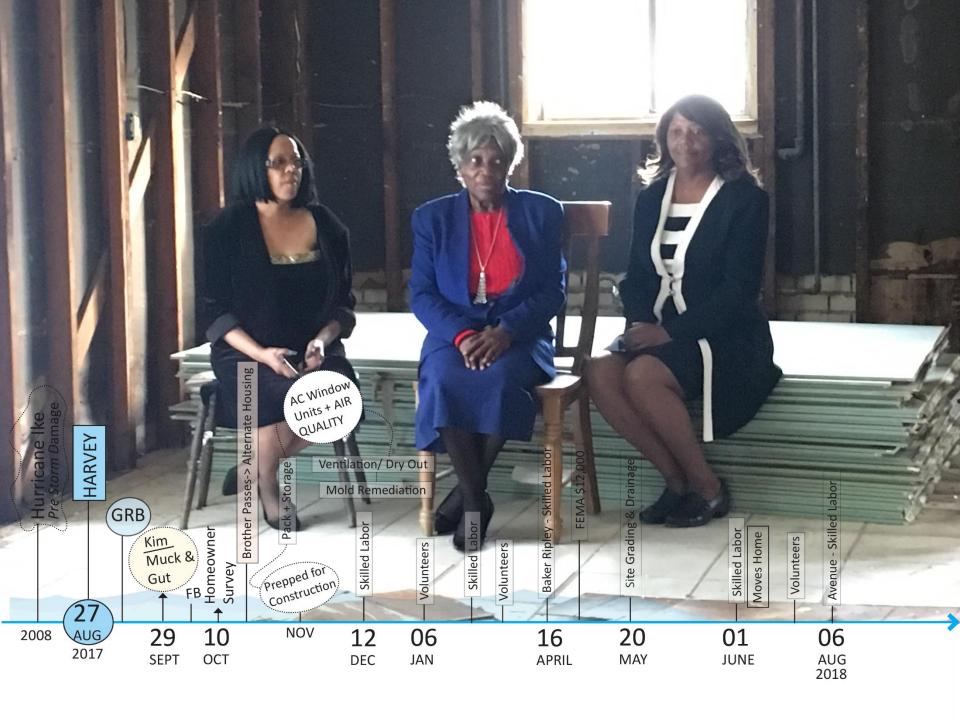


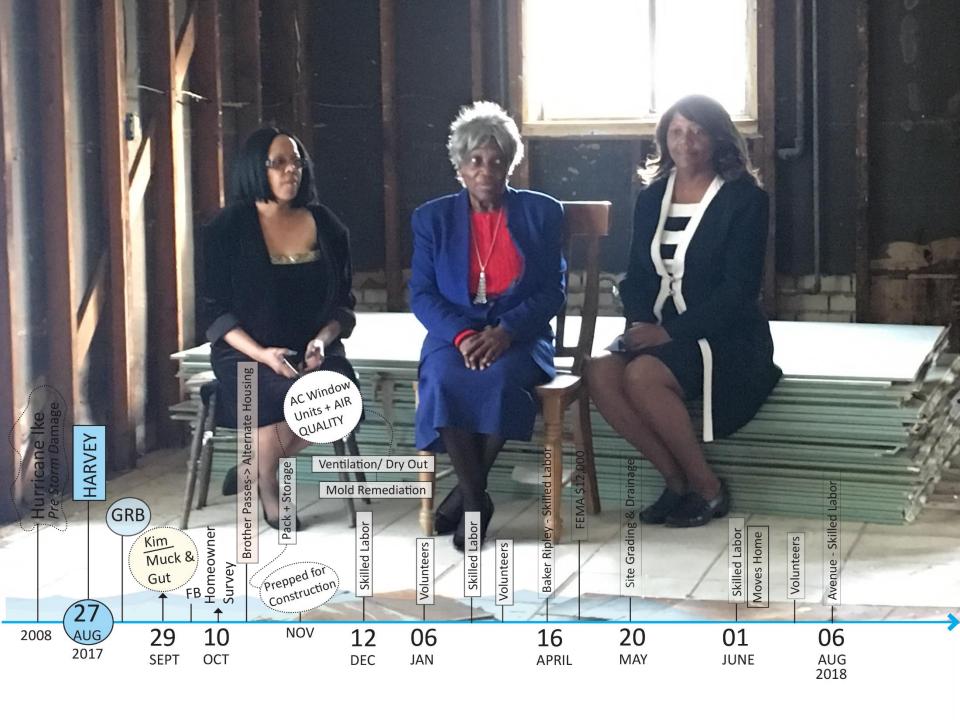


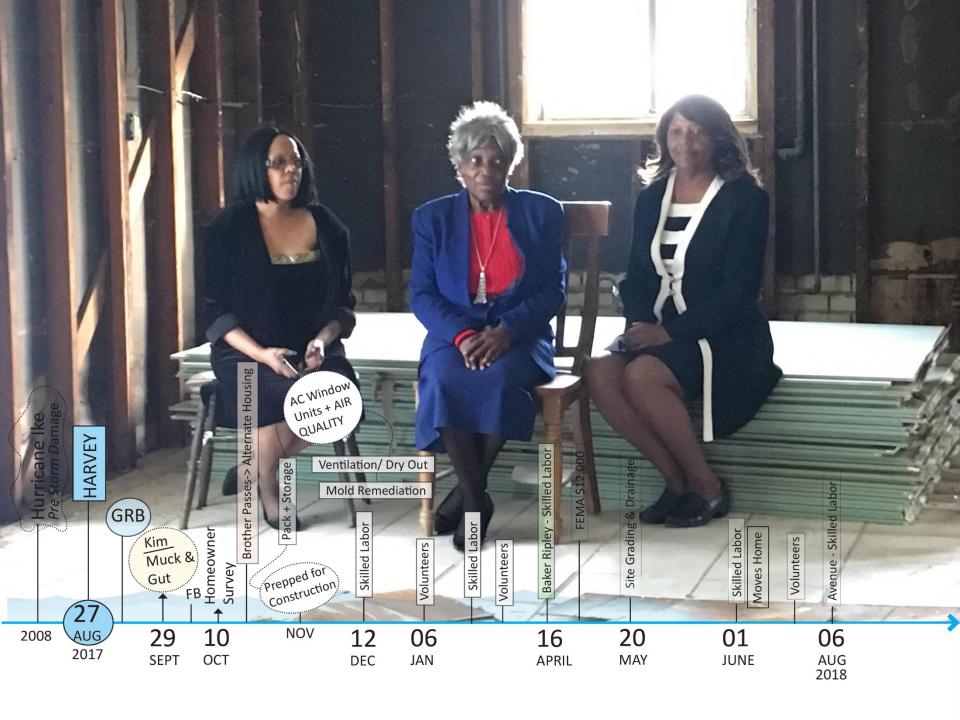


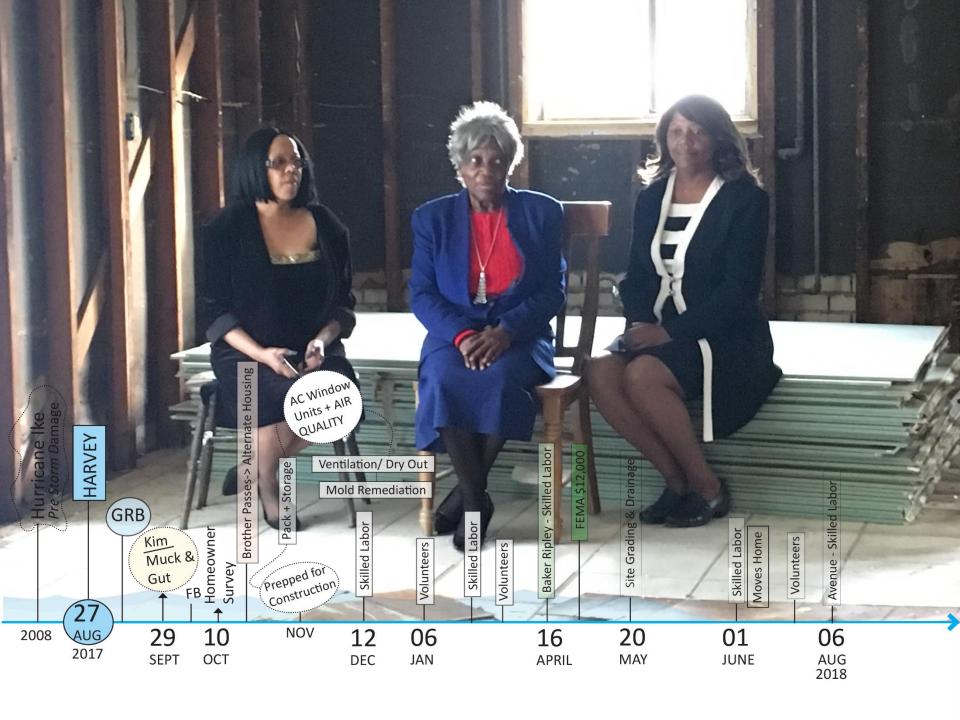


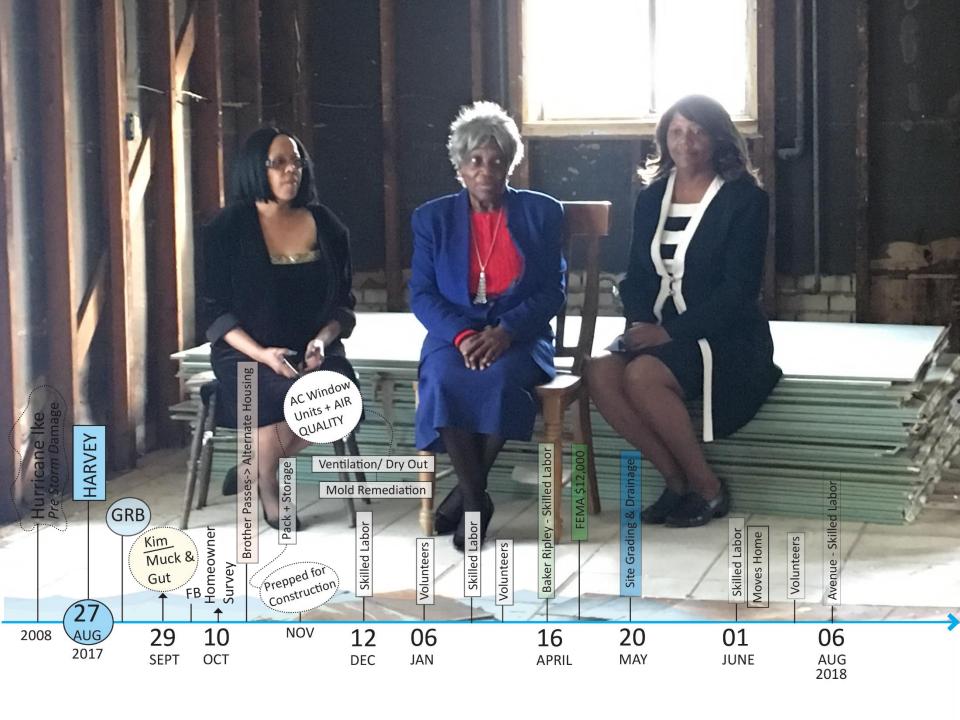


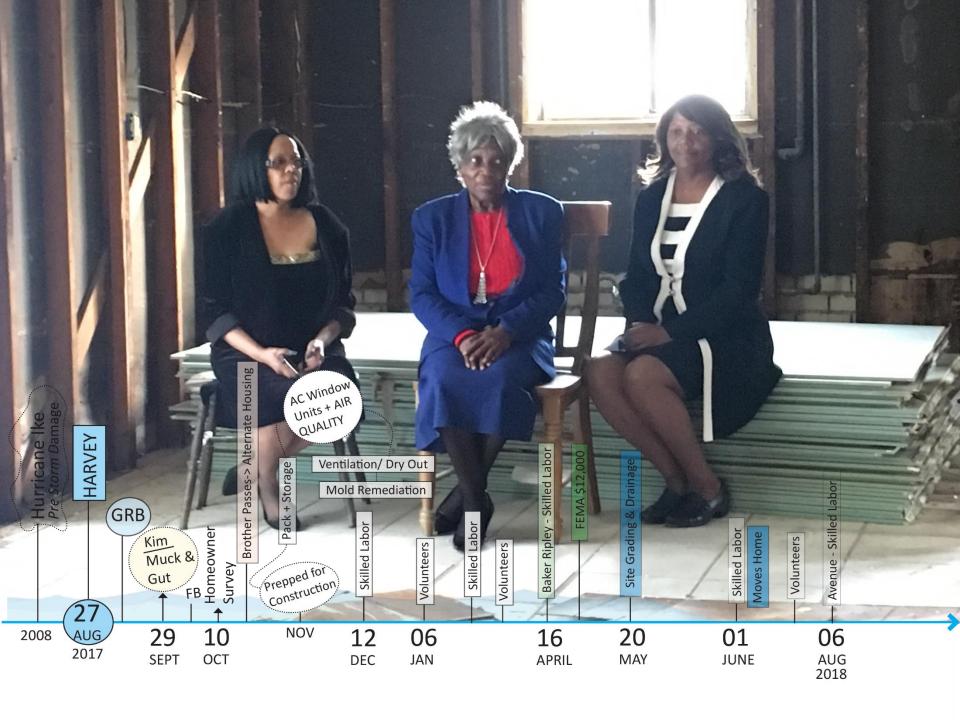


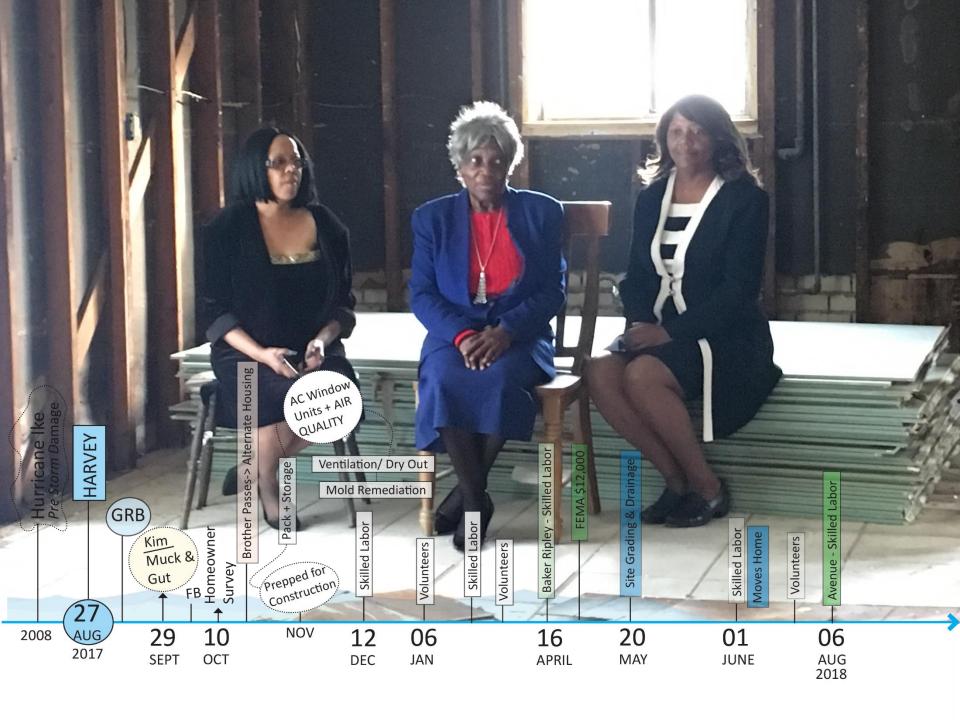


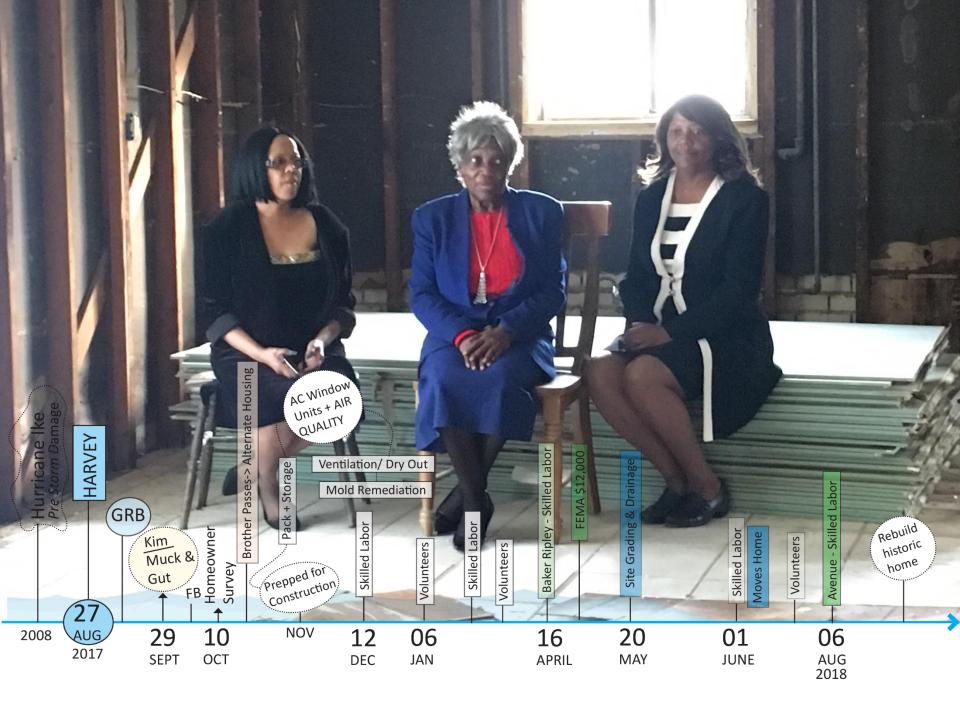


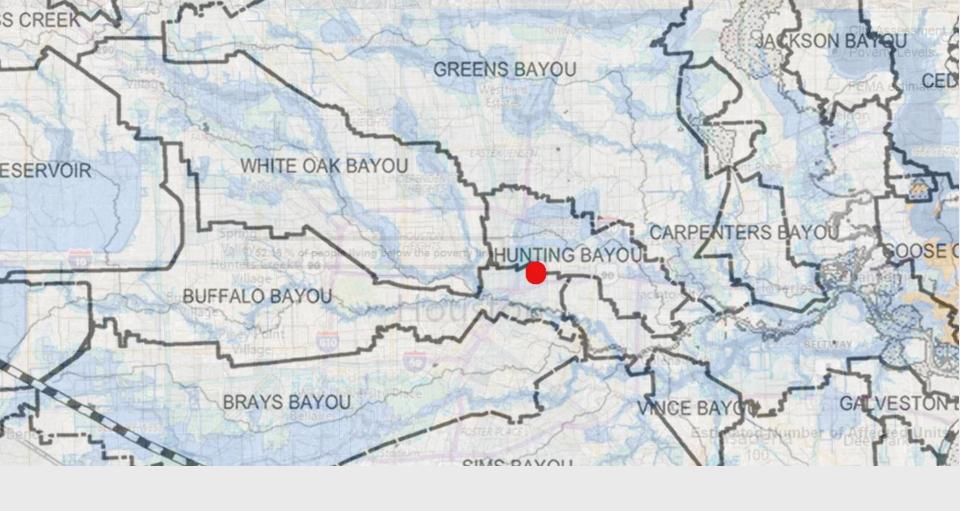


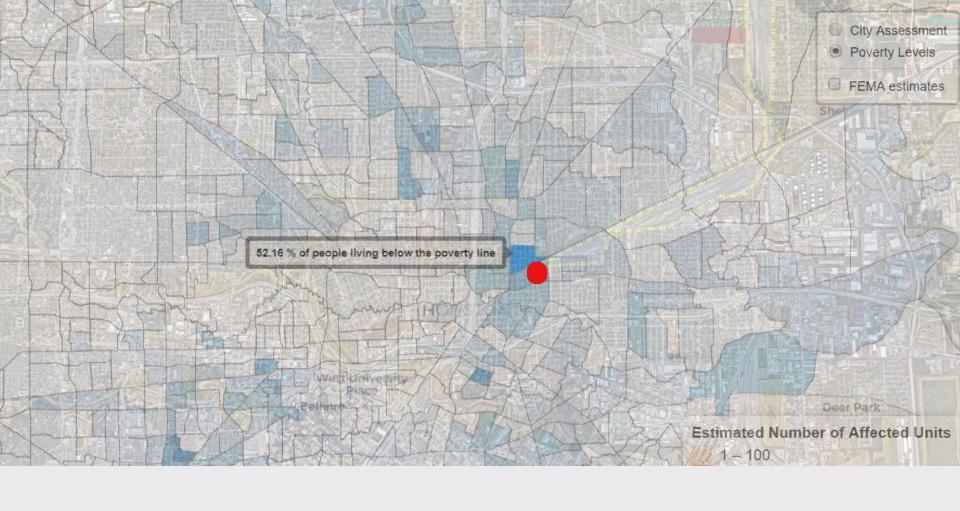


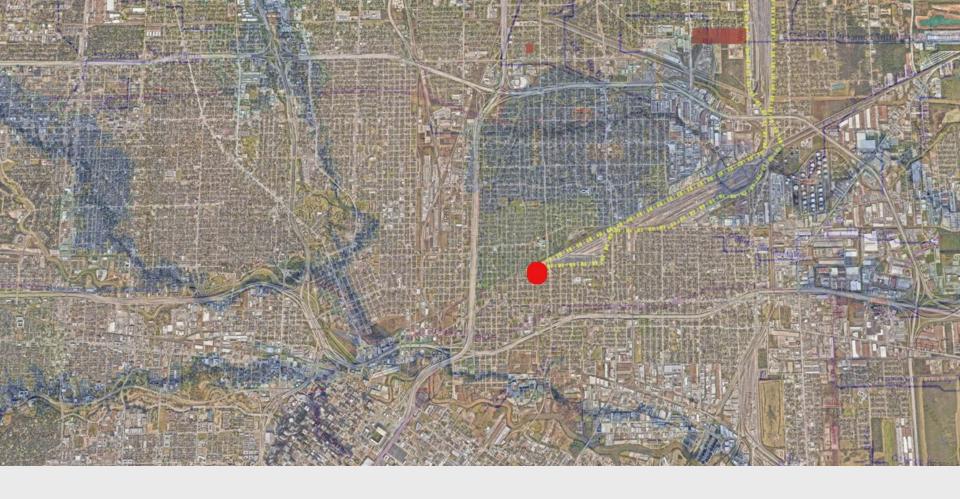








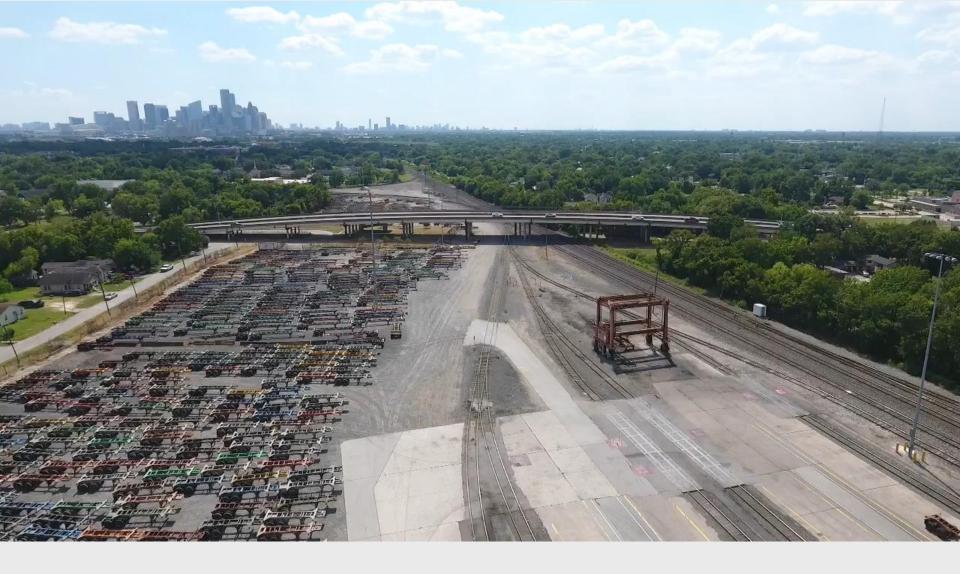




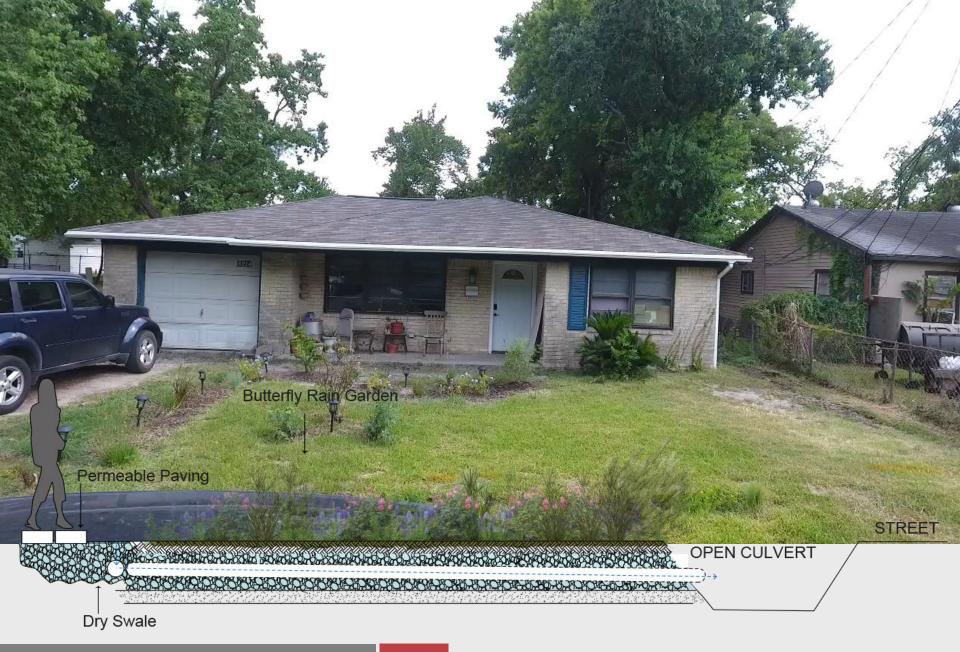


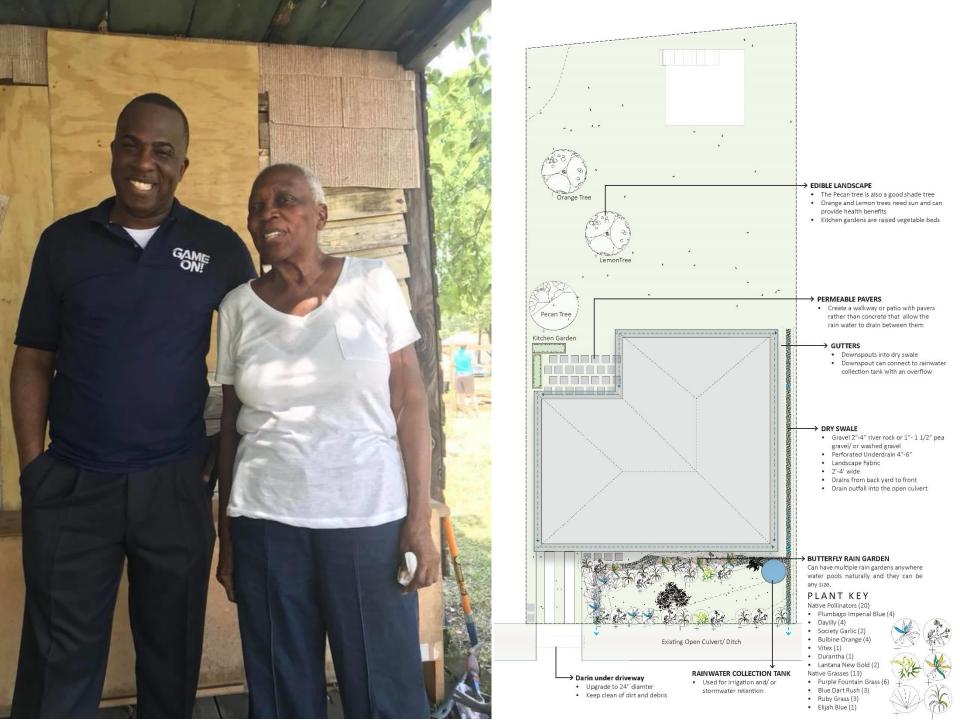












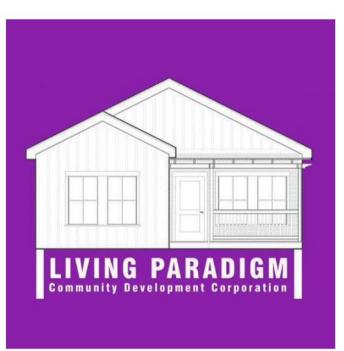












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