

CLAIBORNE HAVEN PROGRAM

Claiborne Haven re-envisioned the use of what once bifurcated the community. The proposal is an adaptation of Scenario 2, preserving the I-10 from Orleans Avenue to Dumaine Street, and turning it into a strand of public leisure and service spaces.

The preservation of the highway addresses the primary need for shelter during the heat and rain in the city.

The primary space is the rooftop and highway park. This verdant, sustainable space provides scenic and educational walking paths, a community garden, ample shading and seating. Along each walking path are statues with the histories of the notable African American residents. Educational classes and volunteer opportunities can be offered in the community garden.

Beneath the I-10 runs a 4' to 6' wide water stream of rain and greywater. This is treated and purposed for the garden irrigation above. Water and light serve a key design element in the itinerary below, as it provides a calming element throughout. Due to the acoustic qualities of the highway below, this zone hosts a large-scale space for public performance for the area of Tremé. This walk serves as an open program for market spaces and seating. This program can generate grassroots commerce in the neighborhood, and can become part of the itinerary during Mardi Gras. The periphery edges are bike paths, protected from the traffic and away from pedestrians. The road is closed to cars on St. Ann Street, a minor road, allowing for free pedestrian movement below.

The highway park merges with the community center via a rooftop park. This park has a fountain recreation area for the hot summer days, along with leisure space and grass areas.

The community service spaces include classroom and lecture space, a career resource center, a family welfare center, a bike repair shop, and a walk-in clinic. There are ground level retail spaces that are available for rent, as well.

As far as recreation and leisure space, a videogame lounge and an open zone for ping-pong and billiards encourage social options for the younger residents of Tremé. The ground lobby provides seating and tables while outside a sports facility. The second level library is an open space. Carved out among the shelves are individual study spaces. At the edges of the library are reading zones, and a café. The cafe abuts the gallery space and provides views of the bustling boulevard below.

Outside of the community space, the area of Tremé will be an oak lined boulevard space, with affordable housing zones and areas for local businesses. The goal is return Tremé true to its roots and combat gentrification.