

Design and Disaster: Higher Education Responds to Hurricane Katrina



University of Connecticut School of Landscape Architecture students, working with the Neighborhoods of Hartford Inc. (NHI), Professor Kristin Schwab, and Kathleen Dorgan (article author), discuss community design alternatives with neighborhood residents. The community development corporation provides the continuity and access to resources that are difficult to achieve within the structure of curricular design studios and, in turn, the university-based studio is able to generate a variety of design options that are seldom available to under-resourced communities. Photo credit: Kathleen Dorgan.



Client Billy Ray Raines, surrounded by the design-build team, originally wanted only a shed, but students were able to incorporate a workbench, fish cleaning area, observation porch, and bench in the final project. Photo credit: Brad Guy.