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In addition to the partners listed below, the U+R CDRC is assembling an interdisciplinary team of professionals to develop a Comprehensive Community Development Plan (CCDP) for the Scotlandville community. The team will include interdisciplinary partners necessary to develop the plan. The list below includes our existing community partners, and a brief description of what they do.

Center for Social Research (CSR) - The purpose of the Southern University Center for Social Research is to contribute effectively to the enhancement of the community by addressing contemporary social, economic and policy issues affecting the community. The U+R CDRC is assisting the CSR in developing a shared vision for the future of Scotlandville. To accomplish this goal, the U+R CDRC will assist the CSR in conducting a Community Needs Survey in the Scotlandville community, scheduled to begin in January 2010. The results from this survey will set the foundation for the community vision. <<http://www.subr.edu/socialresearch>>

AARP - Founded in 1958, AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50 and over improve the quality of their lives. AARP's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all as we age, leading positive social change and delivering value to members through information, advocacy and service. In collaboration with Southern University, the AARP will sponsor a Livable Cities Academy workshop aimed at training several Scotlandville residents to become leaders within their community. <<http://www.aarp.org>>

Community Against Drugs and Violence (CADAV) and Scotlandville Community Development Corporation (SCDC) - CADAV's mission is to combat drugs, street violence and social blight, thereby creating a safer and cleaner environment for our children to grow, prosper, and become productive self-sufficient citizens. SCDC's mission is to be a catalyst for change by revitalizing the Scotlandville community and by providing financial education, and homes for first time homebuyers. The U+R CDRC and CSR are working with CADAV and SCDC on community outreach activities in the Scotlandville area. <<http://www.scotlandvillecdc.org>>

Resources for Independent Living (RIL) - The RIL provides quality services to the elderly and individuals with disabilities to assist with living independently. They offer an array of services to include information and referral, advocacy, peer support and independent living skills training. In addition, RIL is one of the largest personal care attendant service providers in the southeast region of Louisiana. Next semester the RIL will conduct a community workshop to educate citizens of Scotlandville about services available to them directly through RIL, and other agencies. They will also work with the U+R CDRC in developing policies for the elderly and individuals with disabilities located within areas focused on by the CCDP. <<http://www.noril.org>>



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Scotlandville CDC Board of Directors from left to right; Dr. Deborah Clark, Pat McCallister -Leduff (President and CADAV Director), Jewel Tayler, Vivian Smith, Michael Robertson (Vice President). Picture taken at the Scotlandville CDC Annual Close-Out meeting on Thursday October 29, 2009.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

A Comprehensive Community Development Plan (CCDP) addresses a broad range of interrelated topics in a unified way. The CCDP identifies & analyzes the relationships between the economy, transportation, housing, the physical environment, land use and zoning, social services, and other community components. The CCDP sets forth goals; analyzes existing conditions and trends; describes and illustrates a vision for physical, social, and economic conditions of a community, prospectively for years in the future. These plans are developed through an engaged collaborative process involving citizens, businesses, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and local government officials. This process is usually lead by planners, urban designers, or architects, to coordinate an interdisciplinary team to develop a plan that outlines policies and guidelines intended to implement the community's vision.

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LISTENING TOUR!

There are 2 listening tours left for the fall 2009 semester:

- **December 1, 2009** at Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church at 1414 Sora Street, 6-7:15pm.
- **December 8, 2009** at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church at 9450 Scenic Hwy, from 6 - 7:30 pm.

At the final listening tour event on **December 8**, the U+R CDRC will present the information from the previous 6 listening tours back to the community for feedback.

"Let's make a community where the businesses are busier than the graveyard workers."

- Kendrick Cooper
First Place Submission,
Scotlandville Magnet School of Excellence

STUDENTS COMPETE TO DESIGN THE "FUTURE OF SCOTLANDVILLE"

On October 8, 2009 elementary, middle, and high school students from all schools in the Scotlandville area were given the opportunity to design their vision for the future of Scotlandville. The competition was designed to challenge students, and to explore a variety of design issues related to the student's vision for the "Future of Scotlandville". The students were encouraged to design neighborhoods, buildings, parks and public facilities that may be adaptable, flexible, and accommodate change. To qualify for inclusion in the competition the students submitted a 22"X28" poster, physical model, or literary work, with their design intent and essay, titled "Future of Scotlandville". They were judged on their design solution, creativity, design representation of drawing or model, presentation layout or model craftsmanship, and written communication of design intent. Each level (elementary, middle, and high school) was awarded first, second, and third place prizes. The awards were presented at the Grand Opening of the Urban + Rural Community Design Research Center on Saturday November 21, 2009 at 10 am. Below and on the next page are images of the winning submissions along with pictures of the students that came to receive their awards.



Ryan Elementary discussing their first place entry for NBC33 reporter Duke Carter.

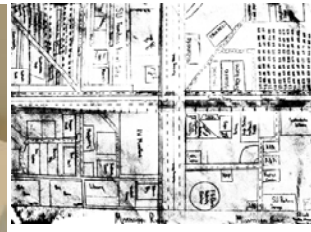
Winning Submissions			
	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
1st Place	Kyrone Banks, Jada Brooks, Herman Brister III, Kealon Davis, Shaylin Sadler, Savana Veals Ryan Elementary	Drake Morris Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Academy	Kendrick Cooper Scotlandville Magnet School of Excellence
2nd Place	Miles Pickens Scotlandville Elementary	Erran A. Jarvis Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Academy	Yasmine Ramirez & Timothy Moore Southern University Laboratory School
3rd Place	Dinitra Armwood Scotlandville Elementary	Allison Blakes Crestworth Learning Academy	



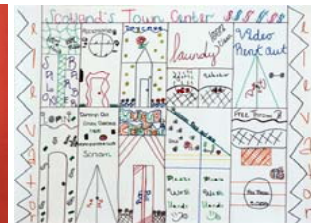
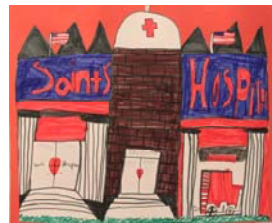
Above from Left to Right: The first place winners from Ryan Elementary with Dean Merrick; First and second place winners from Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Academy with Leah Brown; Third place winner from Crestworth Learning Academy with Pamela Burnett.



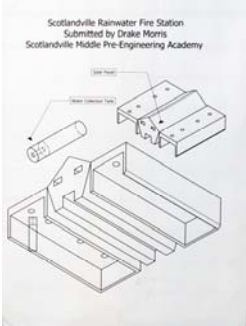
Elementary School Winners - Above: First Place submission by Ryan Elementary; **Below Left:** Second Place submission by Scotlandville Elementary; **Below Right:** Third Place submission by Scotlandville Elementary



High School Winners - Right: First Place submission by Scotlandville Magnet School of Excellence; **Above:** Second Place submission by Southern University Laboratory School.



Middle School Winners - Far Left: First Place submission by Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Academy; **Left:** Second Place submission by Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Academy; **Above:** Third Place submission by Crestwoth Learning Academy.



Reconstruction

In Scotland it's time for some positive reinforcements, With help from the community and a few key endorsements.

This area, that people consider home, has so much potential to grow. But if no one speaks up, we will all fail because we will be letting it go.

How about more green areas and maybe more parks, Big bright signs from new job opportunities that glow bright when it's dark?

How about more facilities to keep our youth out of the streets, A place that requires balls, bats, racquets, and cleats?

Let's make a community where the businesses are busier than the graveyard workers, A community that's going up and not down in a constant circle.

Who's to say we can't have children's museums, river walks, and mass amounts of modern transportation? Many people have these same ideas but don't speak up, so they will remain waiting.

This will not be an overnighter, In fact it may take several years. The effort to get it done requires a lot of commitment, blood, sweat, and tears.

But if we set the goal with the sky being the limit, and if we stay focused, sooner than later our project will be done, And instead of a dark shadowed Scotland, A new and improved Scotland will shine beneath the sun.

By: Kendrick Cooper

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER: SU STUDENTS MAKE TWO ELDERLY SCOTLANDVILLE RESIDENTS' DAY

"It feels good to know that we all can come together and do something positive."

- *Marlena Omotayo*
Graphics Coordinator,
U+R CDRC



Southern University students prepping the wood siding for paint.

On November 7, 2009, sixty Southern University students and several faculty members painted two elderly residences homes on 69th Avenue in the Banks community. The day included painting the homes and some yard work. This outreach weekend was an opportunity to continue to reach out to people in Scotlandville. The U+R CDRC would like to give thanks to the City of Baton Rouge, Mrs. Pat LeDuff of CADAV (Communities Against Drugs and Violence), William Hawn of the Center for Social Research, the U+R CDRC students and community members. We were able to make two home owners very happy and optimistic about the relationships the University is building with the Scotlandville community.



Students working hard.

"As a student it feels good to give back to the community."

- *Khrystina London*
Project Coordinator,
U+R CDRC



Student volunteers taking a break from painting while admiring their work.



Volunteer students painting the south facade of the house.

Students and faculty at Southern University's School of Architecture unveiled its newly renovated Urban + Rural Community Design Research Center to the public Saturday. The research center will house a community outreach program aimed at revitalizing the Scotlandville area adjacent to Southern's campus.

Scotlandville is generally bounded on the north by Thomas Road, on the west by the Mississippi River, on the south by Airline Hwy and on the east by Plank Road. Faculty and students of the School of Architecture began work in the community long before the research center was completed, conducting a series of listening tours around Scotlandville.

Lonnie Wilkinson, dean of the School of Architecture, said the tours exposed a number of aesthetic, social and economic concerns, ranging from broken sidewalks and inadequate street lighting to frequent flooding and lack of economic development. Wilkinson said many of the residents who attended the first round of listening tours expressed concern over social issues such as violence and drug use.

Professor Jason Lockhart, who serves as a project manager with the research center, said it would use the residents' feedback to develop a master plan for Scotlandville tailored to alleviating some of the residents' concerns. Lockhart said students and faculty are working hard to have their plan for Scotlandville incorporated into the city-parish master plan initiative. "We wanted to be on the front end of the Baton Rouge master plan and we can ensure that our input will be heard," Lockhart said. "It will be hard to ignore Scotlandville in the future."

By Ashley Bailey

The full article appeared in the Advocate on Sunday Nov. 22, 2009. < <http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/70729047.html?index=1&C=y> >

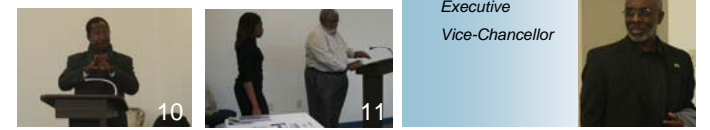
The Grand Opening reported by Duke Carter appeared on NBC 33 on Saturday Nov. 21, 2009. < <http://www.nbc33tv.com/news/north-baton-rouge-residents-want-better-neighborhood> > U+R CDRC renovation funded by Title III federal grants.



1. District 3 School Board Member Daryl Robertson; 2. Lauren Edwards the hostess; 3. Assoc. Superintendent Dr. Herman Brister; 4. Dean Wilkinson's Daughters; 5. State Rep. Avon Honey giving remarks; 6. Community Interviews; 7. Dr. Thornton giving remarks; 8. Scotlandville Residents; 9. View of Gallery; 10. Dr. Bagayoko giving remarks; 11. Preparing to announce competition winners.

"I think it's very empowering for the community to have young people expressing visionary ideas."

- *Dr. Mwalimu J. Shujaa,*
Southern University
Provost &
Executive
Vice-Chancellor



THE SCOTLANDVILLE LISTENING TOUR CONTINUES...

Below are pictures from previous Scotlandville Listening Tour Events.

Listening Tour Schedule

The Hosting Locations for the Listening Tours are below:

- October 6, 2009 (Community Bible Baptist Church)
- October 13, 2009 (Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church)
- October 27, 2009 (Scotlandville Brach Library).
- November 3, 2009 (Mt. Zion Baptist Church—1920 Progress Road)
- November 10, 2009 (Beech Grove Baptist Church)
- November 17, 2009 (Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church)

December 1, 2009 (Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church)

December 8, 2009 (Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church)

For more information on the listening tours, contact Jason Lockhart with the U+R CDRC at 225.771.3574 or William Hawn with CSR at 225.771.4717.

October 27, 2009 - Scotlandville Brach Library



Left: State Representative Regina Barrow addressing the residents; **Right:** Dean Wilkinson listening to residents concerns at the October 27th tour.



November 3, 2009 - Mt. Zion Baptist Church



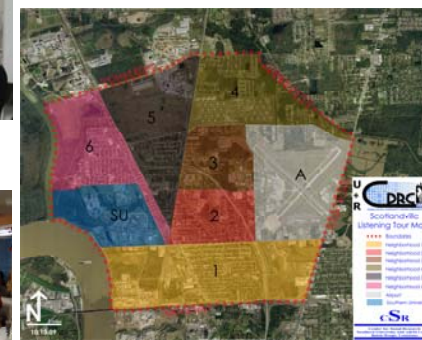
Left: Dr. Thornton addressing residents; **Right:** Mr. Hawn taking notes on Councilman Ulysses Addison's concerns at the November 3rd tour.



November 17, 2009 - Camphor Memorial United Methodist



Left: Pastor Moore welcomes listening tour participants; **Right:** Residents expressing their concerns at the November 17th tour.



Listening Tour Map showing the 6 neighborhoods to be covered over an 8 week period.

"They're (U+R CDRC) not doing something to a community, they're working with the community and fully engaging them."

- *Nancy McPherson,*
Senior State
Director,
Louisiana AARP

