

# Lake Area takes charge of recovery

**Editor's note:** *The CityBusiness tour of the New Orleans neighborhoods we know and love arrives in the Lake Area today in the occasional series titled "Faubourg Rebirth." Faubourg, to the uninitiated, means neighborhood. The series will outline recovery progress in our neighborhoods and inventory the challenges of living there today.*

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WHEN HURRICANE Katrina's storm surge ripped open a 700-foot breach in the 17th Street Canal's east floodwall, seven Lake Area neighborhoods were hit hardest.

More than a year after that fateful day Aug. 30, 2005, returning residents have united to put Lake Area's neighborhoods back together. They could become the first community within the city to submit a master rebuilding plan.

Connie Uddo said she and her Lakeview neighbors tired of seeing flooded cars and other storm debris dotting the streets months after Katrina.

"For those of us living here it was very important to become unified," said Uddo.

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Judi Greer, left and her husband, Jack Greer, sit in the shade of their trailer in front of their Lakewood South home.

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