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**Katrina Practicum**

**Image of Tremé**

1. Define the core of the District. Why is this the core?
2. Describe the people who presently are living and working in Tremé.
3. Describe your image of Tremé in 2-3 sentences. What elements creates this image?
4. What do you perceive as the two or three greatest challenges?
5. If you could only do one thing to improve the physical quality of Tremé, what would it be?

**Traffic/Pedestrian Activity/Transit**

1. How fast is vehicular traffic?
2. What percentage of the traffic appears to be through-traffic (as opposed to local traffic to local destinations)?
3. Do you feel comfortable as a pedestrian?
4. What is the status of public transportation?

**Commercial Activity**

1. As you walk down the street, what do you notice about commerce?
2. Is there a sense that commerce is being reestablished?
3. What do you propose for vacant or underutilized commercial sites?
4. What do you see as undesirable or problematic uses?

**Architecture/Urban Design**

1. How would you describe the style of the residential and commercial buildings?
2. What is the condition of the buildings?
3. What are the important historical or cultural aspects of the built environment?
4. How are the open space, parks, and vacant lots being used? What is their condition?
5. How many vacant land sites and building are there in the district? Where are they located? What is their condition and approximate size?
6. What uses do you propose for vacant lots?
7. Which sites appear to be reuse/redevelopment priorities? Why?

**Physical/ Environmental**

1. In general, what is the condition of the local environment?
2. What is the condition of the ambient air?
3. What is the type and condition of plantings such as street trees, parks?
4. Are there signs of waste disposal problems?
5. What appears to pose the greatest environmental risks or problems to the neighborhood?
6. If you could only do one thing to improve the environmental quality of the area, what would it be?