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CITY OF GALVESTON, PUBLIC HOUSING MASTER PLAN

When Hurricane Ike made landfall on Galveston Island in September 2008, the storm surge inundated most of the island and flooded all of GHA's old barracks style public housing units, a total of 569 units spread out over 4 sites and 27 acres. This master plan proposed to replace the units in a different format that was more integrated with the surrounding community. The design principles were compatible with HOPE VI guidelines as well as New Urbanist principles of neighborhood design.

Public housing in Galveston was a highly controversial and politically charged subject. The master planning process involved an intensive community outreach and engagement program that included a design charrette, a number of public workshops, an interactive on-line survey, and a series of small group and individual interviews with key community leaders and stakeholders.

The resulting plan incorporated this input into a comprehensive master plan that will help to revitalize key areas of Galveston.