

Benches



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Social Innovation

Once again, New Orleans residents are taking matters into their own hands and working to make our city more livable. This time they have focused their attention on bus stops and benches, sometimes creating works of art. These are private citizens who are taking matters of recovery into their own hands.

City-Works has chronicled several examples of these innovative benches throughout the city, built to offer seating, and in some cases shelter, to residents waiting for a bus.

This is what social innovation looks like. This is what is rebuilding the city.



Freret Street

This design/build project was created by Design Corps. Built exclusively by the private market, it serves as a shelter, a route guide and a catalytic rebuilding project for the Freret neighborhood.

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Canal Street and Rampart

The benches at the intersection of Canal and Rampart have been chronicled by the New Orleans Times-Picayune. They are hand-made locally and provide a simple, yet critical task at this, the busiest public transportation transfer location in the city.

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St. Charles Avenue and Lee Circle

Set beside the K&B Building on St. Charles Avenue, these stools welded into place provide the resting place for those waiting for the streetcar on the way out of the CBD.

St. Charles Avenue and
Lee Circle





Julia Street

There is no way to tell how old the bench on Julia is. Offered periodically by a local merchant, this simple cypress structure has provided years of good service to the community.



Julia Street



South Claiborne Avenue and Napoleon

Simple solutions work. Serving the most practical of purposes, this bench was created by an anonymous private citizen using nothing more than a worn 2x8 and broken cinder blocks.



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City-Works is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the long-term rebuilding of New Orleans' community, economy, and built environment.

Our guiding principles are that holistic development is respectful of the city's public realm; that effective planning is respectful of our past, rooted in the present, and adaptable to the future; that sustainable practices must be incorporated into our rebuilding efforts; and that equitable development encourages relationships between private and public sectors.

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