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In 2011, HUD awarded the City of New Orleans as one of its first Choice Neighborhood Initiative recipients. It was a massive undertaking to target 821 public housing units in the Iberville project and 2,446 units to be built on the Iberville site and in the Treme neighborhood. The Dept. of Housing Urban Development is counting on the city of New Orleans not to fail in its efforts. The LHC should recognize HUD's CNI initiative and encourage current affordable housing projects to be located in the CNI boundaries. A map and a summary of the award and project scope is attached. I think the 2015 QAP should reflect HUD's interest in seeing the CNI project as a success so that future funding will be entrusted to our state. The LHC has an opportunity to do that by awarding extra points in its 2015 QAP to projects in the Choice Neighborhood Initiative location.  
Thank-you.

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with the Afterschool Partnership and the Boys and Girls Club to increase access to before/after school programming and to provide enrichment activities. A partnership with the newly expanded Tulane University Community Health Clinic will undertake a detailed assessment of resident health programs to address critical health outcomes. The New Orleans Police Department will collaborate to implement a sustainable violence prevention program that includes participation of residents, support services, law enforcement and other public safety resources to implement organized neighborhood watches, youth mentoring programs and a renter/homeowners association.

Based on extensive neighborhood planning and resident engagement, the development team intends to leverage a \$2 million Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant to study the removal of an elevated stretch of interstate I-10, the return of a new streetcar line (named *Desire*), and further City investment in the Lafitte Greenway. These efforts are all intended to capitalize on the new Veterans' Affairs Medical Center and BioDistrict being developed in the neighborhood. The development team will also construct street connectivity enhancements, pedestrian friendly streetscapes, and appropriate street lighting; create neighborhood retail in ground floor spaces of the new residential properties and a grocery store and farmer's market along the eastern edge of the Iberville site; plan a large scale urbanized destination lifestyle center along Canal Street; focus arts and culture investments in this neighborhood; and expedite improvements to Louis Armstrong Park, the Municipal Auditorium, and Saenger Theatre.