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Louisiana Sunshine Festival at The Broadside
BUILT BAYOU (/by.you/) Recovery Shelter Demonstration

New Orleans, LA—Williams Architects with Another Gulf is Possible (501c3), GoodWood NOLA, CICADA, The Footprint Project, and Nouveau Electric Records will be conducting live build demonstrations at the Louisiana Sunshine Festival at The Broadside on November 28 for the BUILT BAYOU recovery shelters. The event is in support of a more sustainable and resilient Louisiana, and proceeds from the event will be split between the Feed the Second Line's "Get Lit Stay Lit" Initiative and the Louisiana Solar Fund.

The BUILT BAYOU (/by.you/) shelters are modular, collapsible structures with solar power capacity that provide temporary relief for residents after a natural disaster. For communities along the Bayou in Terrebonne Parish (where the first prototype was deployed), living on their land with dignity and reclaiming a sense of normalcy are crucial early steps on the path to rebuilding. The demonstrations will introduce an updated design, showcase the ease of construction and de-construction without the use of power tools for users, and how to incorporate solar power and storage elements.

"In a time when people are still healing from Hurricane Ida, trying to find a way back home, the BUILT BAYOU recovery structures are helping to support families," says Monique Verdin from Another Gulf is Possible. "These shelters provide shelter, shade, and solar power while so many are waiting for FEMA trailers and living with relatives or in damaged homes with tarps for a roof. Many are forced to embrace a dark spectrum of housing alternatives, ranging from camping in a front yard to renting an unaffordable apartment that is miles away from the community where they have lived their whole life."

Learn more about the event and buy tickets at <https://broadsidenola.com/tickets/> and read about the BUILT BAYOU project at <https://williamsarchitects.com/built-bayou/>.

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