EXTRACTABLE UNITS OF BYWATER
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
“Seeing landscapes in terms of commodities meant something else as well: it treated members of an ecosystem as isolated and extractable units. Explorers describing a new countryside with an eye to its mercantile possibilities all too easily fall into this way of looking at things, so that their descriptions often degenerated into little more than lists.” William Cronon, *Changes in the Land*
Mississippi River
French Quarter
Bywater Neighborhood
Olivier Arpent
1. DOCUMENT AN AREA FOR INTERVENTION
Many empty lots in Bywater are designated by city council as part of the “Mixed-Use Historic Core”! This allows land to be used for agricultural, recreational, and community facilities to be put in place as long as they “increase convenience and walkability for neighborhood visitors”.

2. GET THE WHOLE BLOCK INVOLVED
The greater the demand for action, the greater the chance of city approval. Call a community meeting to discuss the benefits of a regenerative unit on your block. Collect signatures to send in with your application.

3. APPLY
Visit your local neighborhood council to fill out a formal application. From there, dedicated volunteers will work with the city to secure permit approval.

4. BUILD YOUR UNIT
Sample Units come in four different configurations:
- Play Space (playground oriented)
- Social Gathering (performance oriented)
- Cultural Spaces (community oriented)
- Productive Landscapes (agriculture oriented)
Once a permit is procured from the city, you will receive an informational booklet on how to build and maintain your new unit. Construction is simple and intuitive.

5. CUSTOMIZE AND ENJOY!
The most important thing is that the unit works for YOU. While some ideas are given in your guide book, feel free to customize to your liking. When you’re done, CONGRATULATIONS! You’ve not only created a much for valuable space but you’re also contributing to Bywater’s revival.
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