Eldorado Ballroom Project, Summer 2013

This HART, made up of undergraduate students from Architecture, Art History, Anthropology, and Sociology, created a plan for revitalizing the Eldorado Ballroom, a historic African-American music venue in Houston’s Third Ward. Their design proposal honors the building’s history and provides amenities, services, opportunities, and activities fitting for its present-day community. Combining archival research, community input, and advice from local design professionals, the team developed an innovative plan for the Eldorado Building to serve as an incubator for community-based entrepreneurship as well as a venue for public events. Their vision for the Eldorado’s future was showcased in an exhibit at Project Row Houses and serves as an important contribution to Project Row Houses’ community-focused development work in Houston’s Third Ward.