

In the aftermath of Harvey that struck the Texas Gulf Coast in late August of 2017, Rice Design Alliance recognizes the special role our organization can play in the recovery efforts in and around the Houston region. We will interpret technical knowledge across a range of disciplines and we will advocate for holistic solutions. The biggest challenge, in the view of the board of directors, is to be optimistic enough to imagine a way forward that addresses many issues at once. As members of the art, design, architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, engineering, construction, and developer communities, our role for the rebuilding of our city is to connect people to opportunities for education, work, and a healthy and happy life. We will do just that through our programs and publications. Our goal is that thirty years from now we can say that, out of all the destruction this storm has caused, the Houston region became not only more resilient to floods but also more beautiful and equitable.

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An Optimistic Response to Harvey