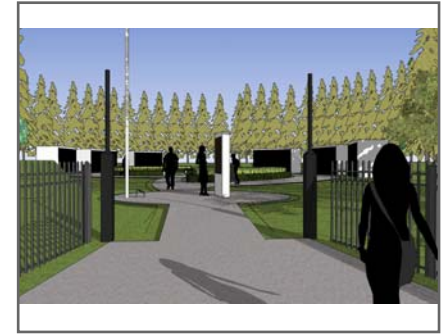


NEW ORLEANS KATRINA MEMORIAL NEW ORLEANS, LA

MEMORIAL DESIGN



COMPLETED: 2009

PROGRAM: 1.25 ACRES

BUDGET: \$100,000

CLIENT: NEW ORLEANS KATRINA
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■ Mathes Brierre Architects worked in collaboration with the City of New Orleans, the State, the New Orleans Forensic Center, and the New Orleans Katrina Memorial Corporation, to develop a memorial to honor the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Six mausoleums were built to house the unclaimed victims of the storm. The design combines the literal form of a hurricane with the meditative nature of a labyrinth. The memorial was constructed in a historic cemetery, consisting of centuries of unmarked graves, where digging was strictly prohibited. The planting scheme included sets of arc shaped berms planted with native Bald Cypress Trees and native shrubs. The berms reinforce the shape of the memorial and create an introspective sense of place within.