

Get Lit, Stay Lit: Em(power)ing NOLA Communities

Feed The Second Line (FTSL) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting New Orleans' vibrant cultural heritage through sustainable development and community empowerment. Our team, led by local culture bearers, is pioneering the use of solar microgrids to bolster community resilience against climate-related energy disruptions.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our project focuses on Bayou Road in the Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans. The Tremé neighborhood is one of the oldest Black neighborhoods in the U.S. and is situated in the heart of the city. Bayou Road has a rich history of Black entrepreneurship, culture, and community. Approximately 62% of the residents in the area identify as Black or African-American. Our work aims to bolster the community's resilience in the face of climate change and disasters while building a more sustainable future for all residents.

ENERGY CHALLENGES

New Orleans' energy landscape is fraught with vulnerabilities—extended power outages from hurricanes and other natural disasters can devastate local economies and endanger lives. Our project, *Get Lit, Stay Lit* (GLSL), addresses these issues by transforming local restaurants into solar-powered resilience hubs, providing emergency resources, and reducing energy costs by an estimated \$3,000 annually per site.

