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Cottage Square Fast Facts

What: The Cottage Square is a model neighborhood of small-scale residences, businesses, and civic buildings on a two-acre site in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Where: 2151 Government Street which is 10 blocks off of Ocean Springs' Main Street.

Who: The Cottage Square is a project of the Katrina Cottage Group, with the architectural firm of Tolar LeBatard Denmark Architects acting as managing principals. The site plan and all the structures in the Square are designed by veterans of the Mississippi Renewal Forum of October 2005, when the Katrina Cottage concept was developed.

The Katrina Cottage connection: When the Cottage Square is complete with some 17 separate structures, it will represent the world's most diverse collection of Katrina Cottages within a planned neighborhood.

Why: If the storm-struck Coast is to "build back better than ever," it can't do it one isolated house at a time. While individual Katrina Cottages demonstrate the appeal of safe, small-scale homes, the Square shows how Katrina Cottages of all types can be attractively clustered to create the kind of traditional mixed-use neighborhood so many people love. Potential customers from throughout the region – and the nation, for that matter – can visit the Square to "kick the wheels" of individual Katrina Cottage designs and experience what it would be like to live in a neighborhood made more walkable, diverse, and environmentally responsible by design.

For more information: www.cottagesquare.net and www.tldarchitects.com

Katrina Cottage background: <http://www.mississippirenewal.com/info/dayAug23-06b.html>

The Learning Cottage: <http://www.civicbydesign.com/>

New Urbanism: www.cnu.org

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