Work by county.

A model of Los Olmos multi-family housing in Raymondville, TX.
buildingcommunity WORKSHOP is a Texas based nonprofit community design center seeking to improve the livability and viability of communities through the practice of thoughtful design and making. We enrich the lives of citizens by bringing design thinking to areas of our city where resources are most scarce. To do so, [bc] recognizes that it must first understand the social, economic, and environmental issues facing a community before beginning work.

Through a diverse roster of projects, [bc] tackles a range of issues related to the built environment, including city and neighborhood planning, housing, transportation, resource consumption, data systems, and health. [bc] was established in Dallas in 2005 and a field office in Brownsville opened in 2011, and a Houston office followed in 2013.

As the only community design organization working across Texas, [bc] is unique in its approach to community engagement. We form strong relationships through our collaborative design work, educational outreach activities, and social media channels, enabling us to engage with a broad segment of the population. The success of our work is contingent upon reaching those residents not typically sought out by the design and planning community.
Today, the Trinity River Audubon Center is a place of discovery, education, and tranquility. Yet this location, adjacent to a middle-class African-American neighborhood, has not always been so peaceful. For a quarter century, the City of Dallas turned a blind eye to over two million cubic yards of trash being dumped illegally. This is the story of the precedent-setting environmental law case *Cox v City of Dallas Texas*, the reclamation of land, and a neighborhood’s fight for justice.

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On April 26, 2014, filmmakers, non-profits, and citizens from across the region went out to talk to folks about the future of the Lower Rio Grande Valley as part of One Day in the LRGV. We chatted with residents of the Linda Vista Estates Colonia about issues surrounding stormwater management and drainage.

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Residents and local architects work together during a community workshop for DR2 in Houston, TX.
1. A completed RAPIDO disaster recovery home in Brownsville, Texas.

2. A public gallery show of home designs developed for six Houston neighborhoods as a part of the DR2 project.

3. The Ark Festival, an Activating Vacancy event, in the 10th Street Historic District in Dallas, TX.

4. A map of Dallas parks and demographics. Part of the Race & Control of Public Parks exhibit in Dallas, TX.

5. A Little Free Libraries/Libros Libres created by Rick Fontenot (Art Con) with Readers2Leaders in Dallas, TX.
Elm Thicket Park
Exall Park
Exline Park
Kidd Springs Park
Pike & Griggs Parks

Park Snapshots & Shifting Demographics
Follow the shifting demographics from 1930 until today around the six parks that are highlighted in the following snapshots. These parks can be the heart of a community or on the line between communities; they can be constant centers of activity or reminder of a once vibrant community. Use the maps on the other side of the gallery to trace demographic shifts in your neighborhood or around your favorite park.

Siga la demografía desde 1930 hasta hoy día alrededor de los seis parques destacados en las siguientes ilustraciones. Estos parques pueden ser el corazón de una comunidad o pueden caer en la línea entre dos comunidades. Pueden ser centros constantes de actividad o recuerdos de una comunidad que alguna vez fue activa. Use los mapas del otro lado de esta galería para ver los cambios demográficos en tu vecindario o alrededor de tu parque favorito.
2014 OVERVIEW

42
active projects & initiatives

433,936
square feet designed

22,544
voices heard

220
histories documented

520
community engagement meetings & events

REVENUE

contributed
earned

45% fee for service

foundations 44%
individuals 07%
government 02%

EXPENSES

programs
g&a

03% fundraising
13% operations
13% bcFELLOWs

activating 09%
analyzing 08%
informing 07%
making 39%
mapping 04%
storytelling 04%
[bc]'s RGV office moved into a new space in downtown Brownsville, TX. The space will also serve as a City Design Center for the Brownsville community.
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A community engagement meeting for the Macon Starks senior housing project in the Ideal neighborhood in Dallas, TX.

Front cover: Jesse and Hugo meet with a future RAPIDO homeowner.