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**lift houses**  
 in  
 the bayous of Terrebonne Parish,  
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**bridge**  
 for  
 the Lamhin Community,  
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The hurricanes Gustav and Ike again confront us with the increasing risk from global warming, and the need to seriously re-evaluate coastal living. Sustainability has become an added concern, and the serious disruption of services – particularly electricity and drinking water – after a storm urge the need for a more comprehensive approach toward housing.

**The goal is to design a sustainable cooperative village**, exploiting the opportunity of elevated housing mandated by regulation and prudence. The design will build on the experience of the 'Louisiana Lift House' by previous MIT classes.

**An 'Action-Research Workshop' methodology provides a rapid interactive approach in linking design expertise with communities and stakeholders.** The workshop is planned for IAP January 2009, on location in the bayous southeast of New Orleans. The workshop links a consortium of partners, bringing together MIT students, professionals, community stakeholders, and NGOs in Louisiana.

**A variety of skills are needed:** researchers on sustainable, self-sufficient communities, skilled creative designers who are interested in an interactive design approach, and those who would be interested in a long-term follow-up.

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**The Go Lamhin Team is made up of Architecture, Planning and Economics students** from MIT and Chulalongkorn University, and architects from CASE (Community Architects for Shelter and Environment) who want to make a difference in the Lamhin community in Minburi, Bangkok, Thailand.

**Lamhin is an agricultural community in the northeast outside Bangkok** that is separated from major roads by the Lamhin Canal.

**The mission of this project is to build a bridge.** The bridge will allow cars and tractors to get inside the community to help people plant, harvest and transport the community's main source of income. It will create an alternative way for the people to earn money by providing means to commute to downtown Bangkok.

**The mission is planned for IAP January 2009.** Funding is now being sought for travel to Thailand.

**Bridge-builders are needed!** If you have building skills, and want to work with communities, the Go Lamhin project would be of interest.

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