Sink and Swim, Baby
An excerpt from CultureMap 6.25.13

Anything That Floats hosted by the Rice Design Alliance young professional group is a competition that tests the crafty prowess of the entrants, an Inspector Gadget meets MacGyver feud with plenty of water to keep things afloat, or not.

In three hours, their mission was to transform another-man’s-trash stuff, including plywood, water-proofing membranes, foam board, and 5-gallon buckets with lids, into contraptions that would travel on water for the longest period of time. To do so, the squads were permitted to bring hand tools, one roll of duct tape, rubber bands, nails, screws, string, zip ties, and staples, a jigger of luck and dash of prayer. A few towels on hand didn’t hurt, either. —Joel Luks

Initiatives for Houston Winner
Gordon Wittenberg / Landscape Urbanism

The winner of RDA’s 14th annual “Initiatives for Houston” grant program, which funds research, study, and problem-solving around Houston’s built environment, is Gordon Wittenberg, Professor of Architecture at Rice University, for his proposal entitled “Linear Parks for Houston.” Wittenberg will study utility rights of way that could double as hike-and-bike trails.

Thank you again for sending a box of the latest Cite. I don’t know about the rest of your audience, but the students at Carnegie Vanguard High School really respond to the design. They grabbed this issue up even more enthusiastically than they did the issue with the bright orange cover.

- Benjamin Holloway
Carnegie Vanguard High School, AP Art History

I want to compliment you on the Cite Spring 2013 edition. The articles were great as usual, but the presentation as a note-pad was inspired. I think it is wonderful and did make the magazine new and exciting. Thank you for the Rice Design Alliance and Cite.

- Leif C Hatlen

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