An overhead rendering shows the nine plots nestled among trees near the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life, which is located within the Richardson Building.

Tulane University is breaking ground on a project to recognize the historically Black Greek letter organizations.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) plots will serve as a public space for students, alumni and community members to gather, reflect and celebrate the rich
history and continued work of organizations within the NPHC.

Originated in the 1930s at Howard University, NPHC plots were established to symbolically and physically represent the Divine Nine organizations, which include the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Zeta Phi Beta sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority and Iota Phi Theta fraternity.

This initiative has been led by the Tulane National Pan-Hellenic Council and chapter leaders, and other campus partners including the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Programs, the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life, and the Capital Projects team.

The plots will be situated near the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life.