Every year thousands of natural disasters strike cities like a chain saw, toppling street trees and destroying thousands more in urban parks and woodlands. Municipalities across North America make constant efforts to rid their city streets and parks of tree debris and fallen branches. The BEEbrane is an on-going design research project that proposes to convert fallen urban tree debris and salvaged wood materials into new homes for urban flora and fauna, with a specific focus on the creation of urban honey bee habitats. The BEEbrane takes inspiration from one of the oldest and most natural forms of bee keeping – a hollowed-out trunk cavity called a Bee Gum – for both its formal and conceptual framework. This form of habitat provides an environment that protects the hive from threatening weather conditions, like rain, wind, frost and snow. The BEEbrane reduces urban waste, enhances environmental biodiversity and invites people to experience the ever-changing processes within nature.

The BEEbrane will be a 2018 ATMOSPHERE 10 installation, produced in a collaborative design workshop setting, that works with locally sourced wood waste to produce urban honey bee habitat prototypes.

Maximum 15 participants
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