



ADAPTIVE REUSE

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ABSTRACT

While it may seem appropriate to overlook the old for the new, is it possible to sustain our ecosystem in this manner? Choices we make impact our environment and those within it. Instead of relying on the novelty of the new, we should look to our inadequacies to give us greater opportunities. We can achieve this through revitalization. By using revitalization, we have the opportunity to imbue something with new life and vitality. Revitalization in architecture can serve as a means to stabilize and perform for the greatest benefit to our ecosystem. We should look to revitalization in architecture as part of any design solution. It is our responsibility to imbue a decaying community with the chance at a new beginning. It is our responsibility to examine the existing framework of our cities as a solution to our design challenges. This is the design doctrine that we explored in our capstone projects. One approach is to shift the associated function of inoperative infrastructure into a commodity for community and ecosystem. Another approach explores the unification of modernity and historic memento to elicit the resurgence of the architecture's potential. These approaches show that revitalization is a viable part of architectural solution.

