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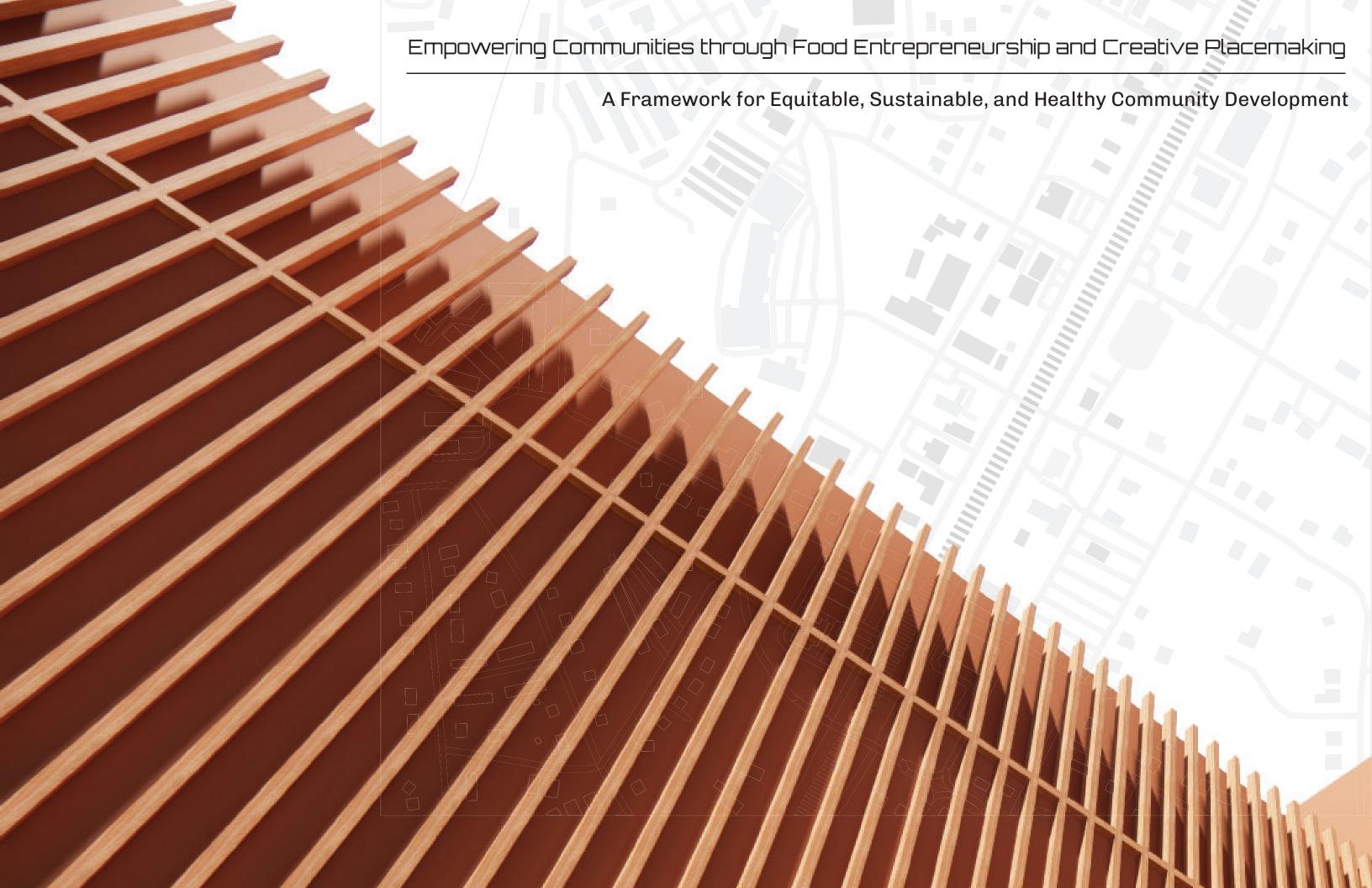


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Empowering Communities through Food Entrepreneurship and Creative Placemaking: A Framework for Equitable, Sustainable, and Healthy Community Development

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1 Design Axiom

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Thesis Statement

Through the analysis and synthesis of equitable placemaking strategies we are able determine the elements and procedures of design which contribute to the creation of environmental, economic, and social equity in our public spaces.

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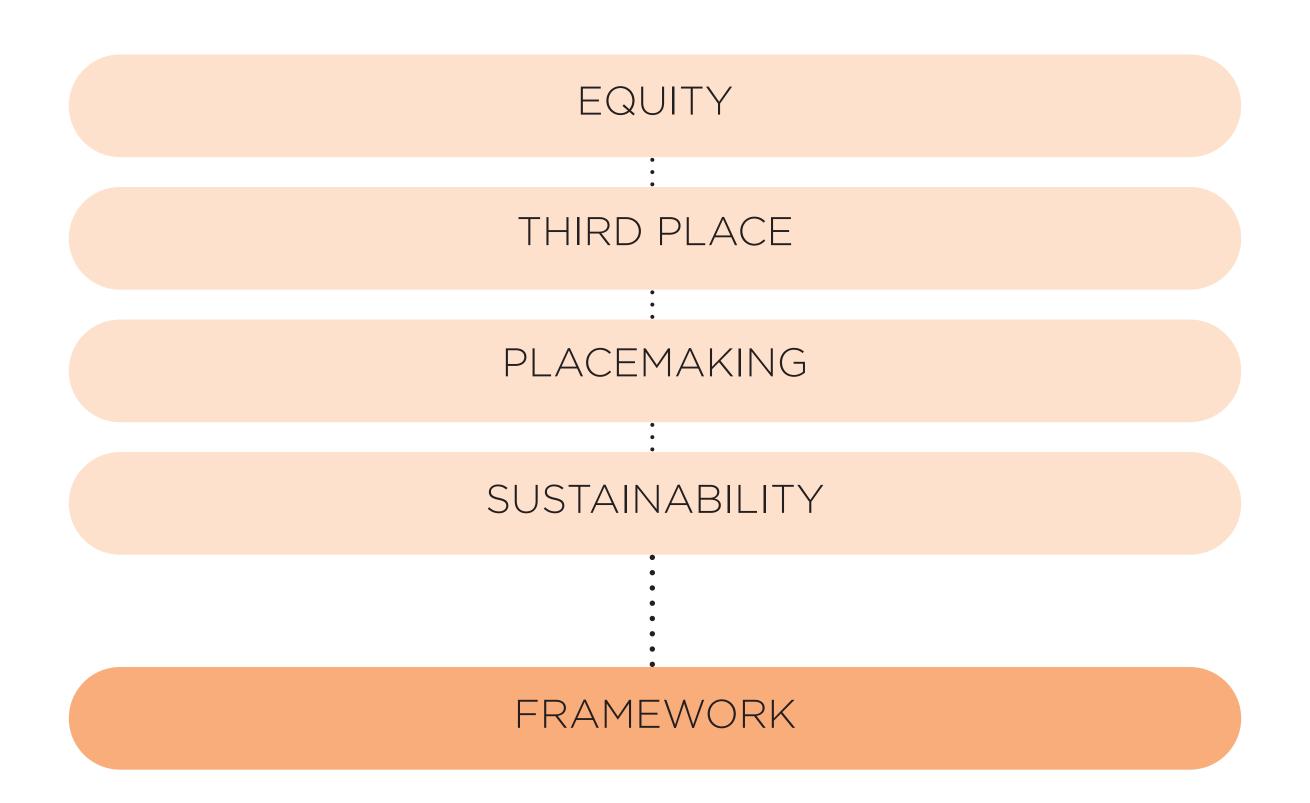
Thesis Objective

The City of Clarkston is one of Atlanta's oldest and most diverse communities. The city is currently in need of tactical placemaking strategies to create quality public spaces that can serve and unite the members of the community. This thesis seeks to identify the needs of the city using a comprehensive site analysis and apply that knowledge to determine a program that is best suited for the community. To create an impactful design, applicable placemaking procedures will be identified through literature review and case study analyses. The data collected will inform a design procedural that will yield an outcome that contributes to the environmental, economic, and social sustainability of Clarkston.

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Design Principles

The following principles will be analyzed and implemented to create a design framework that will yield an equitable and sustainable community development.



1 Literature Review

SOCIAL EQUITY

Social equity is impartiality, fairness and justice for all people in social policy. Social equity takes into account systemic inequalities to ensure everyone in a community has access to the same opportunities and outcomes.

(Fig. 2)

ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY

Remedying environmental harms that have been purposefully or incidentally imposed on specific communities and preventing similar injustices from happening in the future. The factors influencing environmental equality are, climate change, pollution, and the ability to access to clean water, energy, and transportation.

(Fig. 3)

ECONOMIC EQUITY

Equality of Outcome: The notion that we must design programs and policies which redistribute wealth in order to acheive true economic equality.

Equality of Opportunity: The idea that each person is guaranteed the same chance to succeed in society. This requires equal access to institutions and employment opportunities.

(Fig. 4)

Description
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Equitable development is an inclusive process

It requires a plan of action designed to achieve equity goals that are created with inclusive community involvement. It is inherently process-based and results in more equitable community outcomes.

This process is rooted in the belief that the people who have been marginalized by past development and design processes are the best people to speak on behalf of their communities to determine what new processes and outcomes are inclusive and equitable.



Equitable development is tied to larger scale regional & global forces

Equitable development ensures participation in and benefits from a region's economic, ecological, cultural, and health and well-being transformation. There are larger-scale regional and global forces at play in every project, which manifest in the physical development of place and space.

Even single buildings are part of this larger context, so it is necessary to incorporate relevant equitable development strategies at the individual building scale to make sure people benefit from these larger forces. Every project can participate in equitable development regardless of scale, by looking beyond the lot lines.



Equitable development ensures everyone both participates & benefits

The strategy ensures that everyone participates in and benefits from development. Both process and outcome are important, and outcomes are tied directly to collective community input. Equitable development must also be forward-looking enough to benefit future residents. The design team should advocate for the inclusion of people and groups that are not already part of the process.



Equitable development focuses on both place & people

Equitable development requires both place-based and people-focused strategies. Place-based strategies might focus on areas like affordable housing or public transportation, while people-focused strategies might focus on areas like health or business development. Strategies include both design and policy solutions.



Equitable development empowers people who have been historically marginalized & amplifies their voices

"People who have been historically marginalized" depends on context, and identifying them requires research by the project team and consultation with the community.

The determination may be based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, age, and so on. Examples of people and populations that have been marginalized by development in the US context include Black people, people of color, Indigenous peoples, immigrants, people who are under-resourced, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ people, women, and countless other forms of human diversity.

"Everyone" should participate and benefit, but equitable development intentionally ensures that particular groups participate and benefit because historically they have not. Design teams should leverage their influence to amplify other voices and design inclusively and collaboratively.



Equitable development takes historic, current, & future conditions into account

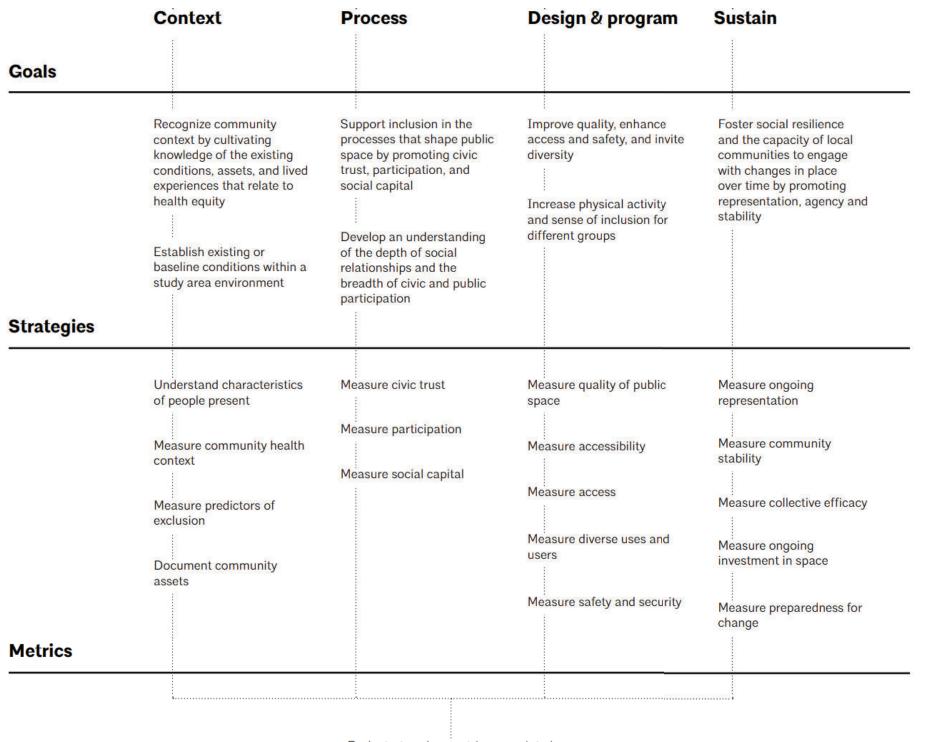
Equitable development requires a reckoning with past injustices to influence present decisions that improve quality-of-life outcomes for current and future residents. It is critical for architects and designers to be well-versed in the history of the land, people, and surroundings.



Equitable development can advance → Self-determination & build capacity through participation

Equitable development has potentially excellent outcomes: dignity and resilience that result from selfdetermination through participating in policies and processes that lead to just workplaces, healthy homes, and a connection to healthy ecosystems and nature. It expands the benefits of development beyond dominant identity groups, builds capacity over time, and, in the process, increases the sense of ownership over the built environment.

Focus areas



Each strategy has metrics associated

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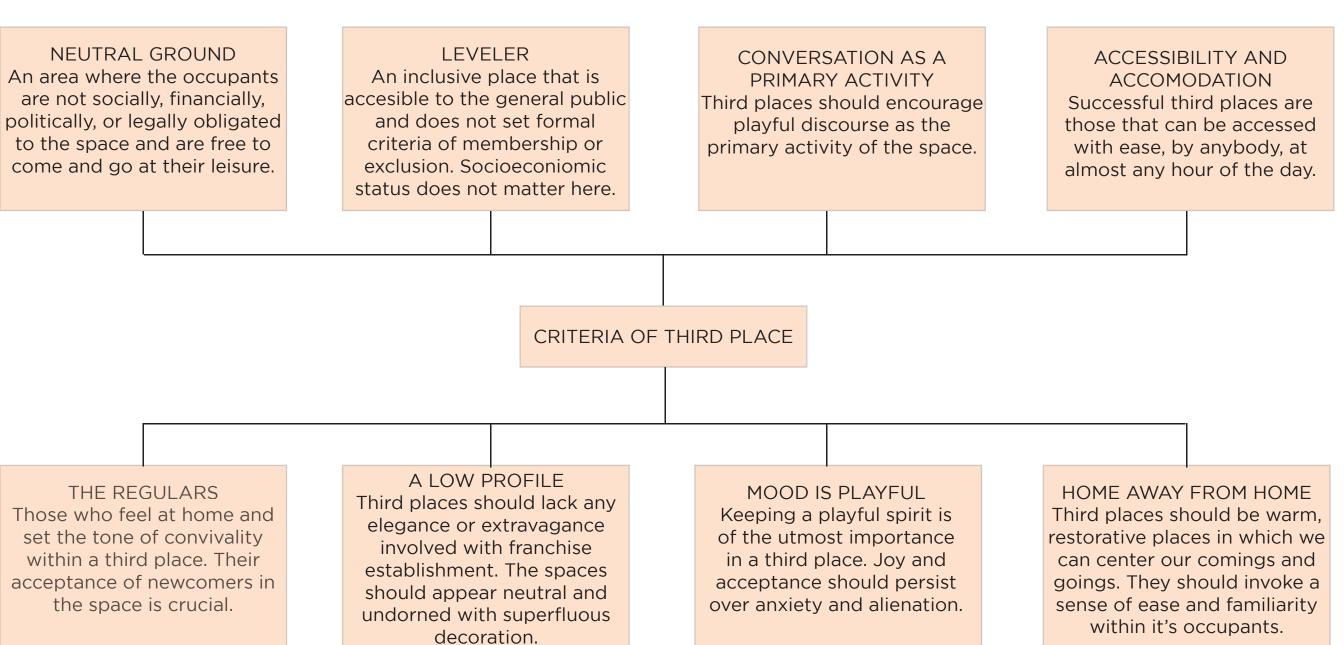
THIRD PLACE

THIRD PLACE

The term third place was coined by sociologist Ray Oldenburg and refers to a place where people spend time between their home (first place) and their work (second place.) These places seek to expand social opportunities by encouraging interactions such as exchanging ideas or forming new friendships. Third places should not require people to financially participate by way of making purchases or buying memberships in order to justify their presence or use of the space.

(Definition from the Brookings Institution)

CRITERIA OF THIRD PLACE



(Fig. 7)

PLACEMAKING

WHAT MAKES A GREAT PLACE?

PLACEMAKING IS:

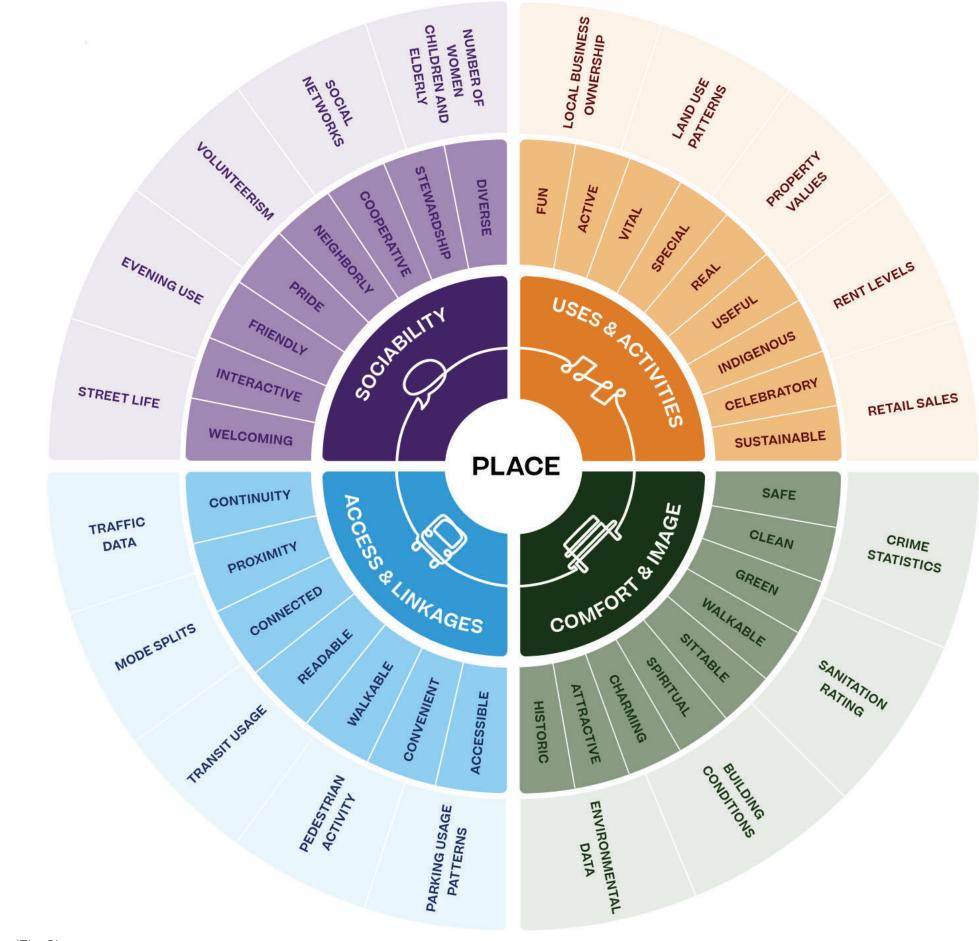
- Community-driven
- Visionary
- Function Before Form
- Adaptable
- Inclusive
- Focused on Creating DestinationsContext Specific
- Dynamic
- Trans-disciplinary
- Transformative
- Flexible
- Collaborative
- Sociable

(Information provided by the Project for Public Spaces)

PLACEMAKING IS NOT:

- Top-down
- Reactionary
- A blanket-solution or quick fix
- Exclusionary
- Car-centric
- One-size-fits-all
- Static
- Discipline Driven
- One-dimensional
- Dependent on regulatory controls
- A cost/benefit analysis

(Information provided by the Project for Public Spaces)



(Fig. 8)

The collaborative process by which we can shape our public realm in order to maximize shared value.

(Fig. 9)

PRINCIPLES OF PLACEMAKING

THE COMMUNITY IS THE EXPERT

It is important to identify talents and assets within the community. Convene with people who can provide valuable insights such as historical context, critical issues, and area functionality. Establishing this relationship in the beginning helps bring a sense of ownership within the project to the members of the community.

LOOK FOR PARTNERS

Collaboration with likeminded people, programs, and institutions is crucial to obtaining a vast amount of resources and propelling a project forward.

LEARN BY OBSERVATION

Watching the way people use a public area can be indicative of what attributes are or are not desireable within the space. Through these observations it will become clear what activities are missing and what might be incorporated into the space.

HAVE A VISION

Maintain clarity and precision of the ideas and goals that shape the project. Outline a clear methodology that yields an unobstructed outcome.

There is too much complexity within public space to organize all of the elements at one time. It is best to start with small, short-term improvements and increase the scale and the

SELECT THE PROPER LOCATION PETUNIAS: LIGHTER.

- Highly Visible
- Easily Accessible
- Centric Location
- Adjacent to Community Institutions

DESIGN FOR PUBLIC USE

- Gathering Areas
- Performance Space - Play Areas
- Learning Facilities
- Flexible Seating

PROMOTE THE MARKET AS A COMMUNITY DESTINATION

- Social Media Presence - Local Press
- Simple Marketing Materials

EMPHASIZE INCLUSIVITY AND UNIQUENESS

- Unique Vendors
- Diverse Culture and Talent - By Us For Us

TRIANGULATE

Triangulation refers to the arrangement and linkage of elements within a public space. Creating an intentional relationship between elements can help clarify and encourage certain uses and activities within the space.

THEY ALWAYS SAY "IT CAN'T BE DONE"

Obstacles are inevitable when it comes to designing good public space. There is no defined job in either the public or private sector solely dedicated to the creation of public space. This means our public envelope is a collaborative effort of many people from varying disciplines and backgrounds. It is important to perserve through our differences and maintain a clear vision of the end goal.

FORM SUPPORTS FUNCTION

The input from the community and potential partners, the understanding of how other spaces function, the experimentation, and overcoming the obstacles and naysayers provides the concept for the space. Although design is important, these other elements tell you what "form" you need to accomplish the future vision for the space.

MONEY IS NOT THE ISSUE

Once the basic infrastructure is introduced to a space, the additional elements such as vendors, cafes, and seating are comparatively inexpensive. Community and partnership involvement in spacial programming has the potential to further reduce the costs.

YOU ARE NEVER FINISHED

START WITH THE

QUICKER, CHEAPER

degree in which changes are

made gradually overtime.

Good public spaces respond to community needs and are thus constantly changing. These spaces require constant attention and a good implementation of flexible management.

CREATE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

- City Governments
- Restaurants

- Food Co-Ops -Local Farmers - WIC Offices

RECRUIT THE RIGHT **VENDORS**

- International Foods
- New Entrepreneurs - Local Produce
- Farmers - Local Meat Producers
- Artisinal Goods

GROWTH AND EXPANSION

operation

- Design for Winter Conditions - Increase hours/days of MANAGEMENT

- Proper Employment
- Cleanliness/Upkeep
- Governmental Oversight
- Partnership Involvement

(Fig. 11)

SUSTAINABILITY

Fulfilling the needs of current generations without compromising the needs of future generations, while ensuring a balance between economic growth, environmental care, and social well-being.

(Fig. 12)

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals





































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(Fig. 13)

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SOCIAL EQUITY

ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY

ECONOMIC EQUITY



DIVERSITY + INCLUSION

Diverse representation and spaces of inclusion helps bolster minority voices and the impact they have in their community.



GREENSPACE + ECOLOGY

Greenspace can be introduced in the form of parks, community gardens, playgrounds, or gathering lawns. These spaces should acknowledge and aid the local ecology.



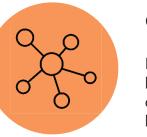
ENTREPRENEURIAL PROMOTION

Promoting entrepreneurial efforts helps put economic opportunity into the hands of lower income and minority groups.



NEUTRAL LEVELER

A space should not require a membership or financial obligation in order for one's presence to be justified.



CONNECTION + WALKABILITY

Introducing walkability and connectivity has the potential to greatly decrease a communities reliance on individual, carbased transportation.



SUPPORT SMALL + LOCAL

Supporting small and local businesses helps community members to retain a strong economic presence in their public spaces.



FAMILIARITY + COMFORT

A successful place will incorporate familiar elements that people associate with comfort. A place should not feel cold, stark, or obscure.



SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SYSTEMS

Systems and technologies such as passive heating/cooling, solar panels, and water collection/filtration should be introduced where feasible and appropriate.



ATTAINABLE COSTS

A public space must be able to maintain a reasonable operational cost in order to provide an attainable cost of goods and services that matches the communities income demographics.





CONVERSATION + SOCIABILITY

Spacial planning should compliment and encourage conversation and sociability. This helps strengthen the bond between community members.



LOCAL + RECLAIMED MATERIALS

Sourcing materials locally greatly reduces the environmental impact of building construction.



PARTNERSHIP + VOLUNTEERISM

Partnerships and volunteer efforts can help mitigate cost and boost positive messaging and idealogy within the community.

(Fig. 14)

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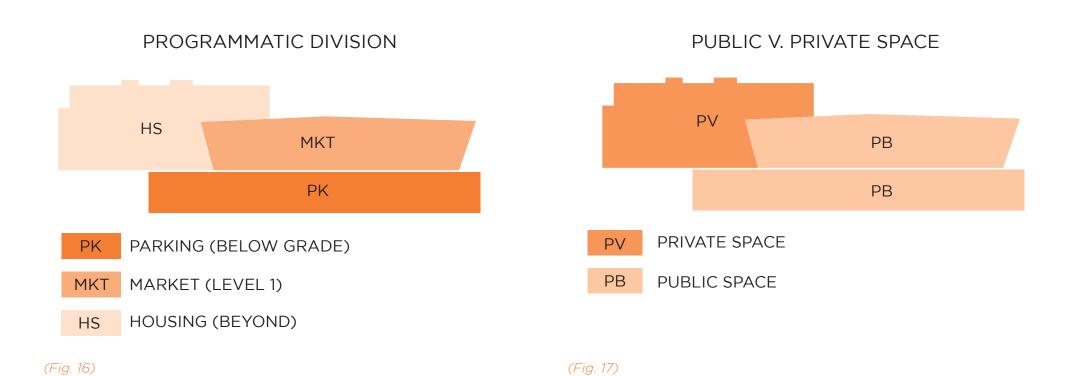
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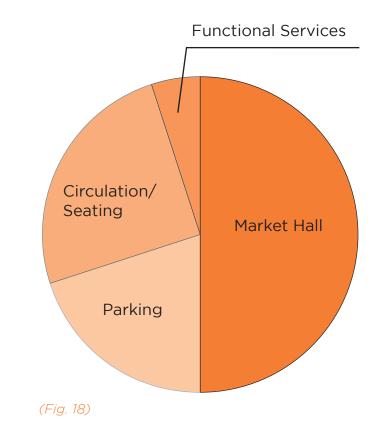
SANTA CATERINA MARKET

Barcelona, Spain

[Miralles + Tagliabue]

PROGRAM ANALYSIS

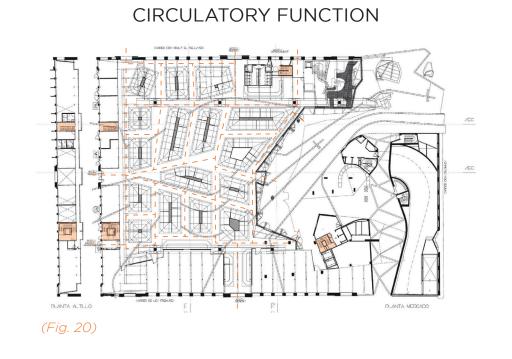


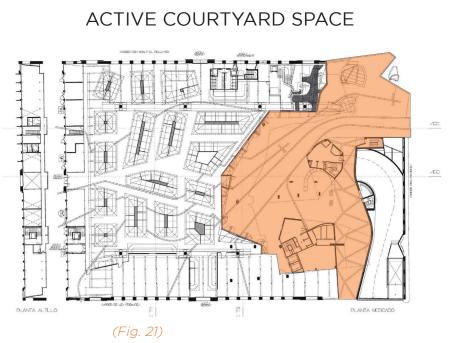




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(Fig. 19)







NEUTRAL LEVELER

While the Santa Caterina Market has items for purchase, it is not a requirement to spend money in order to enjoy the space. Many of the market's visitors enjoy coming to relax, enjoy the views, and converse with others.



(Fig. 22)

(Fig. 28)



DIVERSITY + INCLUSION

The Santa Caterina Market contributes to inclusivity and equity by preserving and providing special housing for the elderly. This helps provide food security for a group that is not typically very mobile.



(Fig. 23)



CONNECTION + WALKABILITY

The Santa Caterina Market is located adjacent to the intersection of two primary metro lines in Barcelona. Additionally, there are 4 bus stops that are easily accessible from the market. These factors allow for easy pedestrian access to the market.

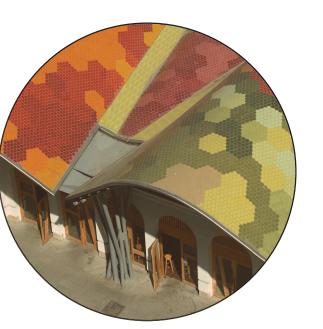


(Fig. 24)



LOCAL + RECLAIMED MATERIALS

Santa Caterina's ornate roof design consists of thousands of custom ceramic tiles. These tiles were made locally in Barcelona by the company Ceramica Cumella. Sourcing these materials locally greatly reduced the environmental impact of transportation and construction.



(Fig. 25)



SUPPORT SMALL + LOCAL

The majority of the vendors in Santa Caterina market are local merchants who are native to the region. Many of the foods and goods are sourced from local farms, fisheries, and butchers.



PARTNERSHIP + VOLUNTEERISM

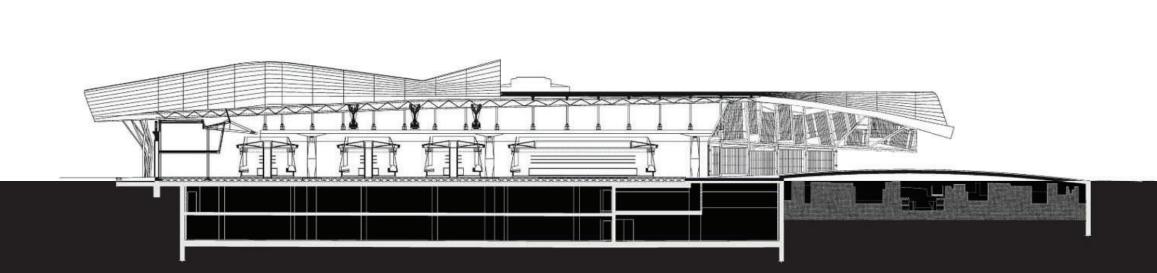
The Santa Caterina Market was made possible through the partnership of EMBT Architects and the Clutat Vella City Council. The funding and support from the city was a driving element in the restoration project.

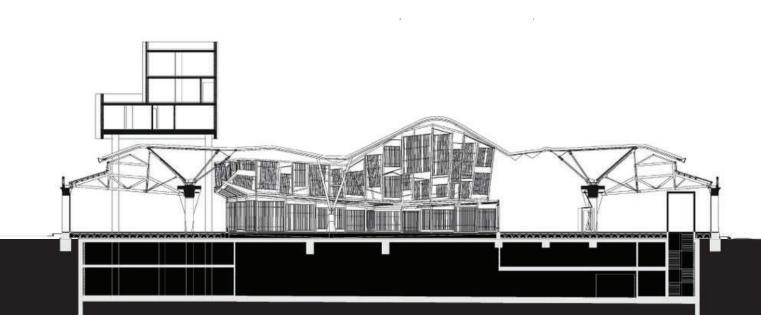


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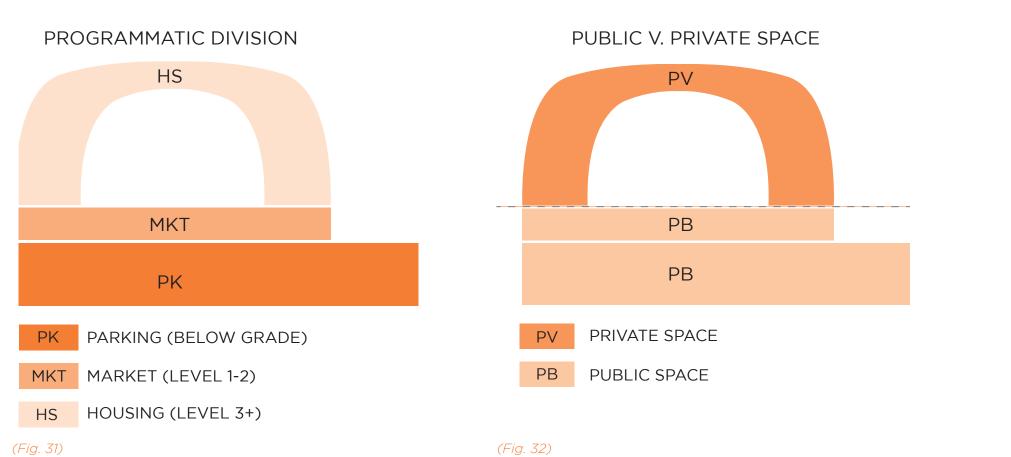
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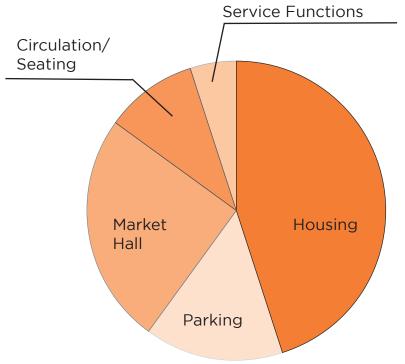


MARKTHAL

Rotterdam, Netherlands [MVRDV] (Fig. 30)

PROGRAM ANALYSIS





(Fig. 32) (Fig. 33)

VENDOR LAYOUT



(Fig. 34)

CIRCULATORY FUNCTION



MAIN HALL BELOW

DWELLING UNITS

(Fig. 36)



GREENSPACE + ECOLOGY

system.

(Fig. 37)

Ecologists were consulted regarding the

preservation of native wildlife. As a result,

Markthal has integrated bat enclosures

and Swift nesting boxes in it's facade



(Fig. 38)

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SYSTEMS

CONVERSATION + SOCIABILITY



(Fig. 40)

and butchers

SUPPORT SMALL + LOCAL

The shops, restaurants, and vendors

located within markthal typically consist

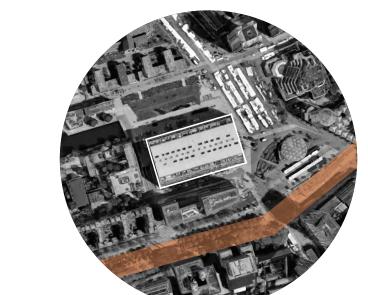
of local merchants and businesses. The

majority of the food in the market is

sourced through local farms, fisheries,

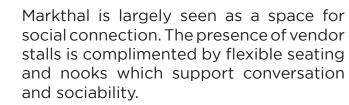
CONNECTION + WALKABILITY

Markthal is adjacent to the Blaak metro line in Rotterdam. Blaak is a primary arterial road in the city that runs along the coast of the Nieuwe Maas River.



(Fig. 42)

Markthal provides heat and cooling to the adjacent buildings through a subterranean thermal heat storage system which is connected to the city





(Fig. 39)



(Fig. 41)

FAMILIARITY + COMFORT

In order to mitigate the dwarfing effects

of Markthal's roof height, a playful design

was incorporated to bring life and color

into the space. The ceiling mural consists

of fruits, vegetables, and flowers that are

local to the region and sold in the market.

(Fig. 43)

(Fig. 44)



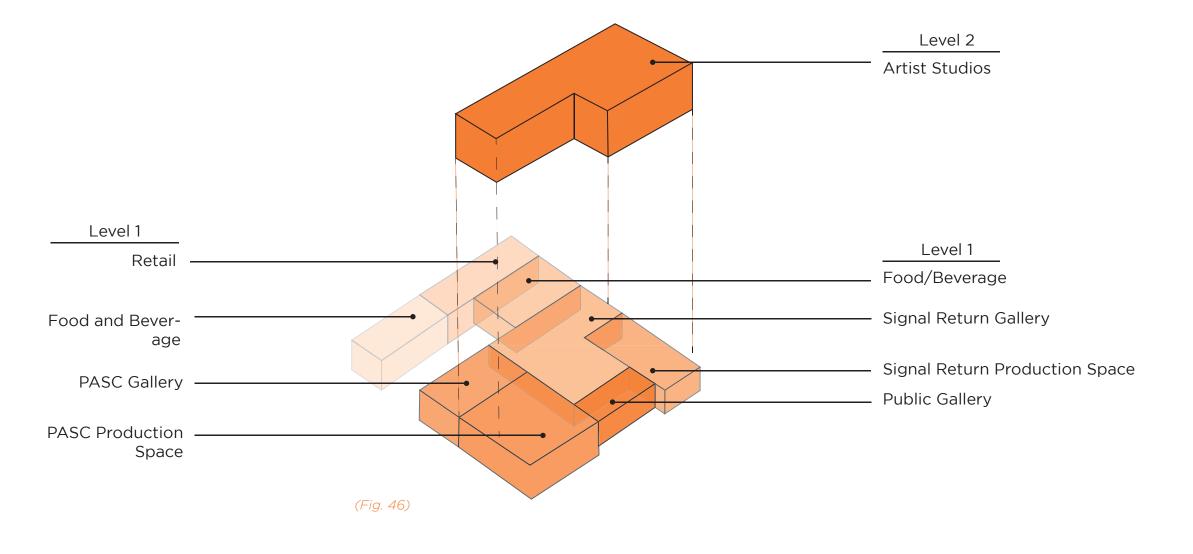
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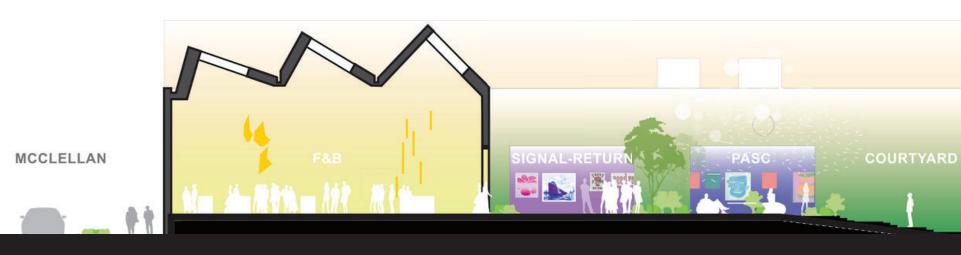
LANTERN

Detroit, Michigan, USA

[OMA + Jason Long]

(Fig. 45)







(Fig. 47)



NEUTRAL LEVELER



CONVERSATION AND SOCIABILITY

CONNECTION + WALKABILITY

PARTNERSHIP + VOLUNTEERISM

DIVERSITY + INCLUSION

Lantern will act as a neutral leveler for the community. The space will not require membership or payment to enter and interact in. Additionally, the building will provide community services through the non-profit organizations that will be based here.

Lantern will become an "activity condenser" for the surrounding community. The introduction of a large courtyard as a communal outdoor seating area will support the conversation and sociability functions of the building.

Lantern seeks to improve its connection and walkability by activating the adjacent side-street as the main course for foot traffic. This street will lead directly to the social courtyard and into the building.

Lantern will be anchored by two nonprofits, PASC and Signal Return. These non-profit organizations focus community building through the arts.

The non-profit PASC is dedicated to supporting adults with developmental disabilities and mental health issues. The services provided to these groups helps support diversity in the community. The design artfully incorporates a ramp integrated directly into the stairs of the main courtyard entrance making the space more inclusive towards the disabled.



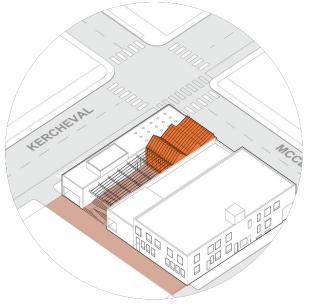


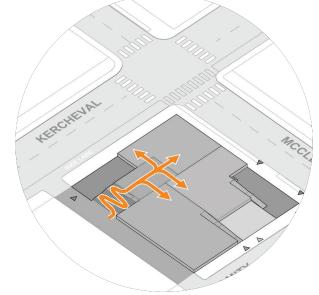
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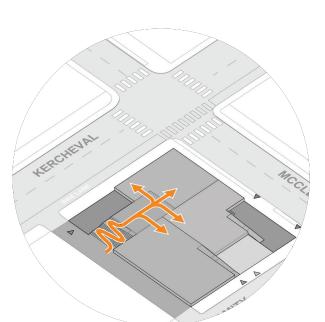










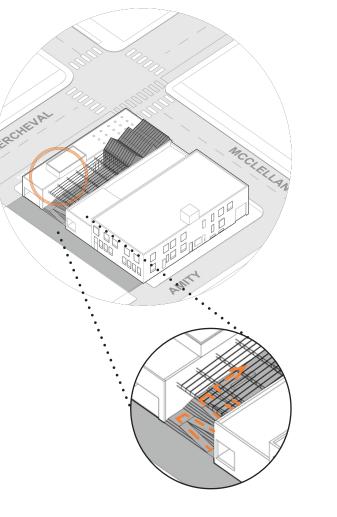










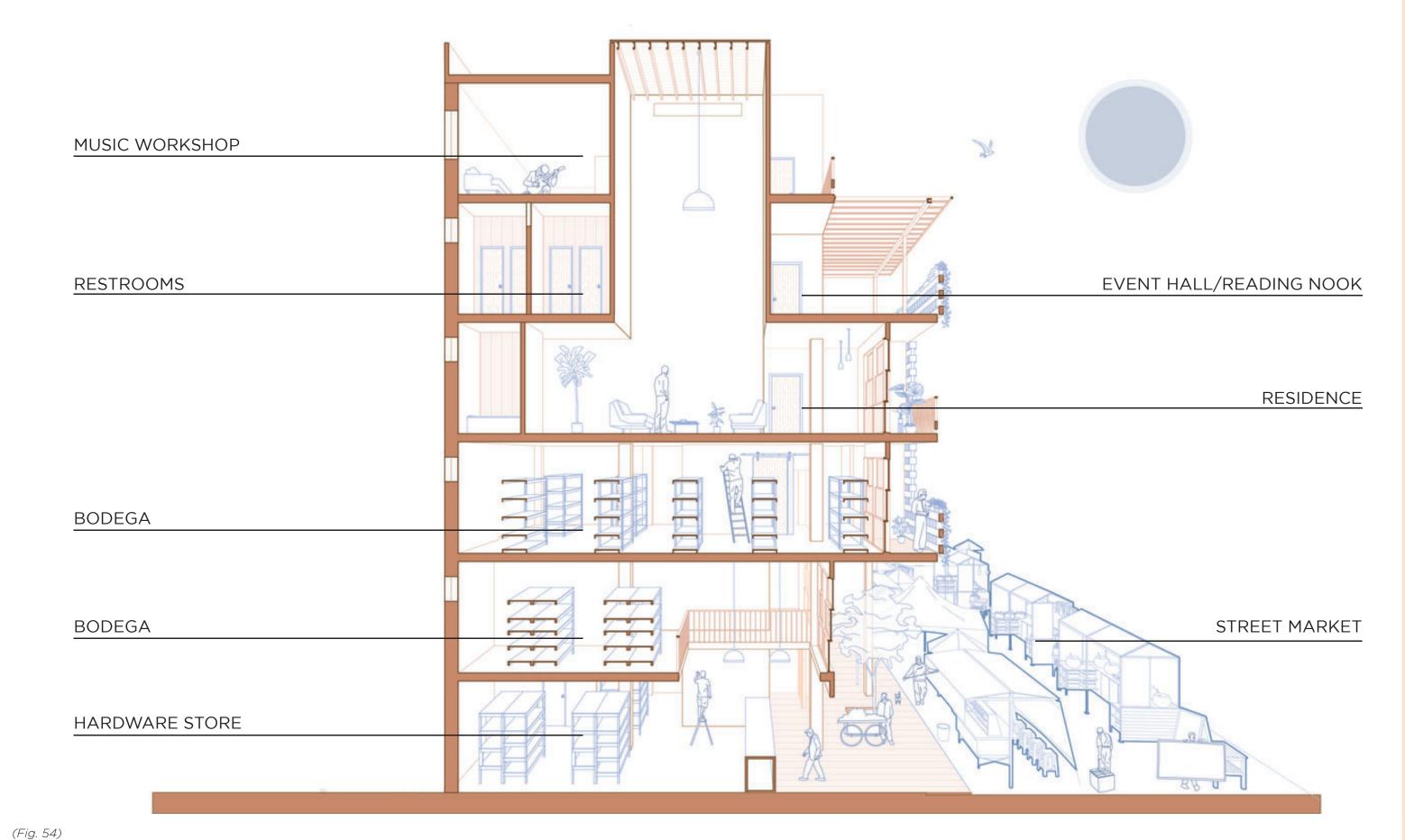


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PROVIDER PRODUCTIVE CENTER

Montalvo, Ecuador
[Natura Futura Arquitectura]

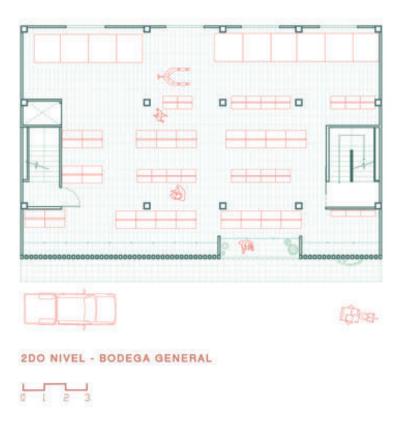






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LOCAL + RECLAIMED MATERIALS

The facade of the Provider Productive center is made entirely from handmade brick. This is the common vernacular of Ecuadorian architecture. By using this material, the designers are celebrating and honoring the traditional Ecuadorian methods of material fabrication.







SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SYSTEMS

The Provider Productive Center uses passive shading and cooling through it's double permeable facade system. This is complimentary to the three story skylight which also provides ventilation and is referred to as the "lungs" of the building



FAMILIARITY + COMFORT

Within the Provider Productive Center are nooks and terraces meant to evoke a sense of relaxation and comfort. This feeling is strengthened by the warmth of the brick material and the filtered light that reaches the interior spaces.











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THE ROOST

Santa Ana, California, USA [Studioneleven]

PROGRAM ANALYSIS

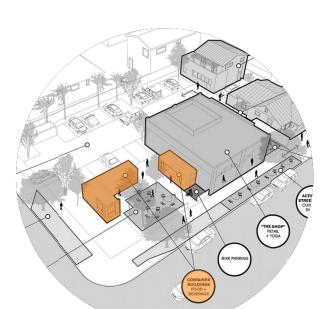






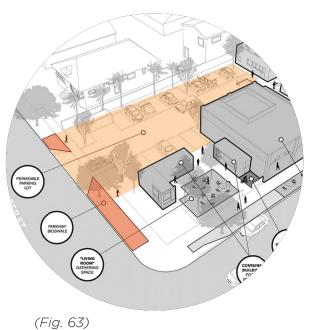
LOCAL + RECLAIMED MATERIALS

The Roost incorporates recycled shipping containers to support the food and beverage areas on site. Any pieces of shipping container that have been cut away have been reincorporated into the facade of the other structures on site.



GREENSPACE + ECOLOGY

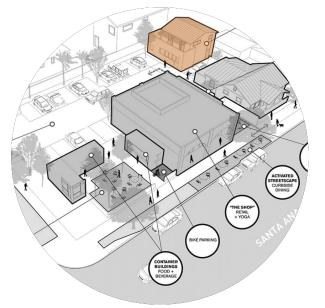
The parking lot is made from decomposed granite which allows for ground water infiltration. Also on site is a bio-swale garden that works to capture and filter rain water as it percolates into the ground.



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ENTREPRENEURIAL PROMOTION

The Roost helps support community entrepreneurialship with the incorporation of the "Shopkeeper's Unit." This facility acts as a DIY space that offers 3D printers, laser cutters, and wood shop machinery to members of the community. This space encourages architects, artists, and small business owners to come use these tools and bring their projects to life.



(Fig. 64)

RESTAURANT + BEER GARDEN

(Fig. 62)



COMMERCIAL BUILDING



THE BARN. LIVE/WORK



(Fig. 61)

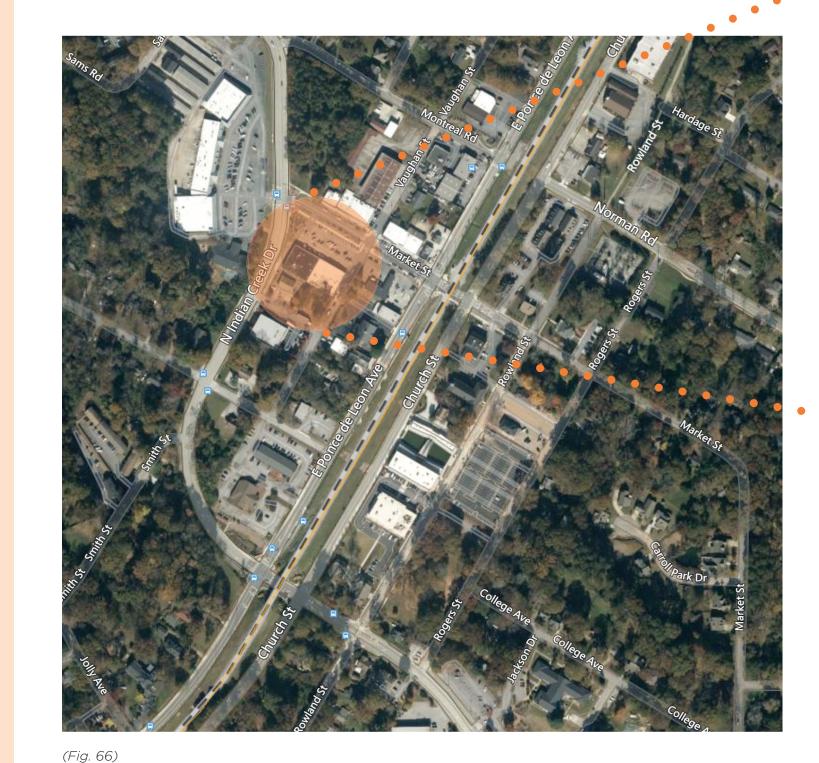
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4 O Site Analysis

GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS

SITE INTRODUCTION: DOWNTOWN CLARKSTON

After careful consideration, a downtown location in Clarkston was chosen to address the needs of the local population and support the city government's commitment to funding initiatives aimed at enhancing public areas in Clarkston. A thorough examination revealed that a significant number of refugees and minority groups reside in Clarkston, who face challenges such as food insecurity and inadequate community gathering spaces.





3643 MARKET STREET CLARKSTON, GA, 30021

ZONE: TC (TOWN CENTER), MIXED-USE

TOTAL SQUARE FEET: 55,321

SURROUNDING PROGRAM



RELIGION



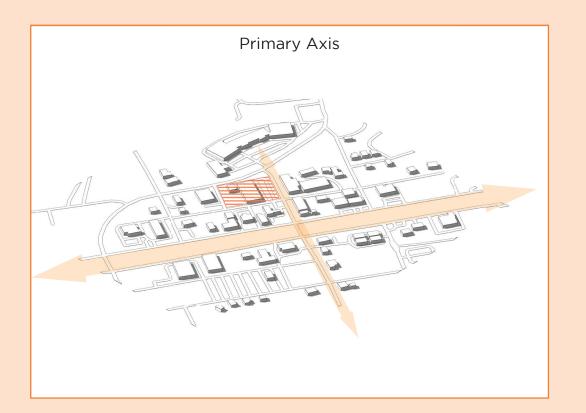


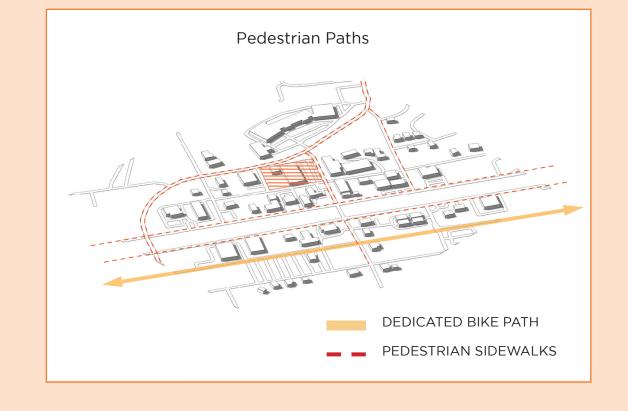


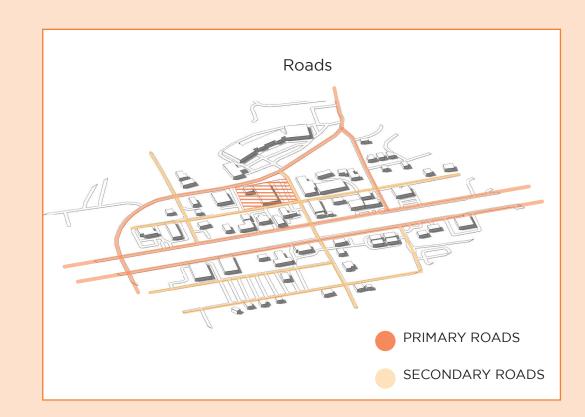
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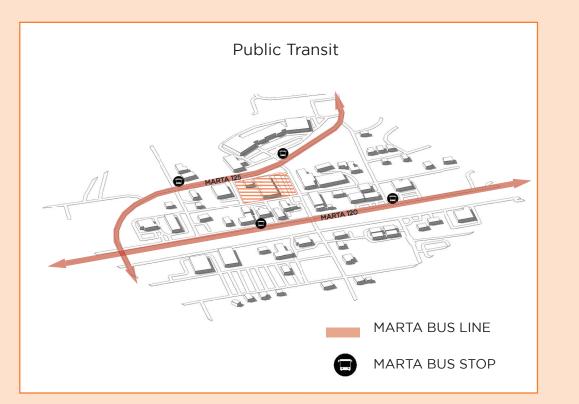
SINGLE FAMILY

ROADS + PATHS









(Fig. 67)

(Fig. 68)

LOCAL FOOD ACCESS

The results of a study examining food access indicate a pressing requirement for architectural interventions to enhance access to food in and around the downtown area of Clarkston. Moreover, the study highlights the diversity of international cuisine offered by the town's refugee community. The proposed initiative aims to ensure consistent, high-quality food access to the population of Clarkston while also celebrating the multicultural cuisine of its refugees.

FOOD TYPE

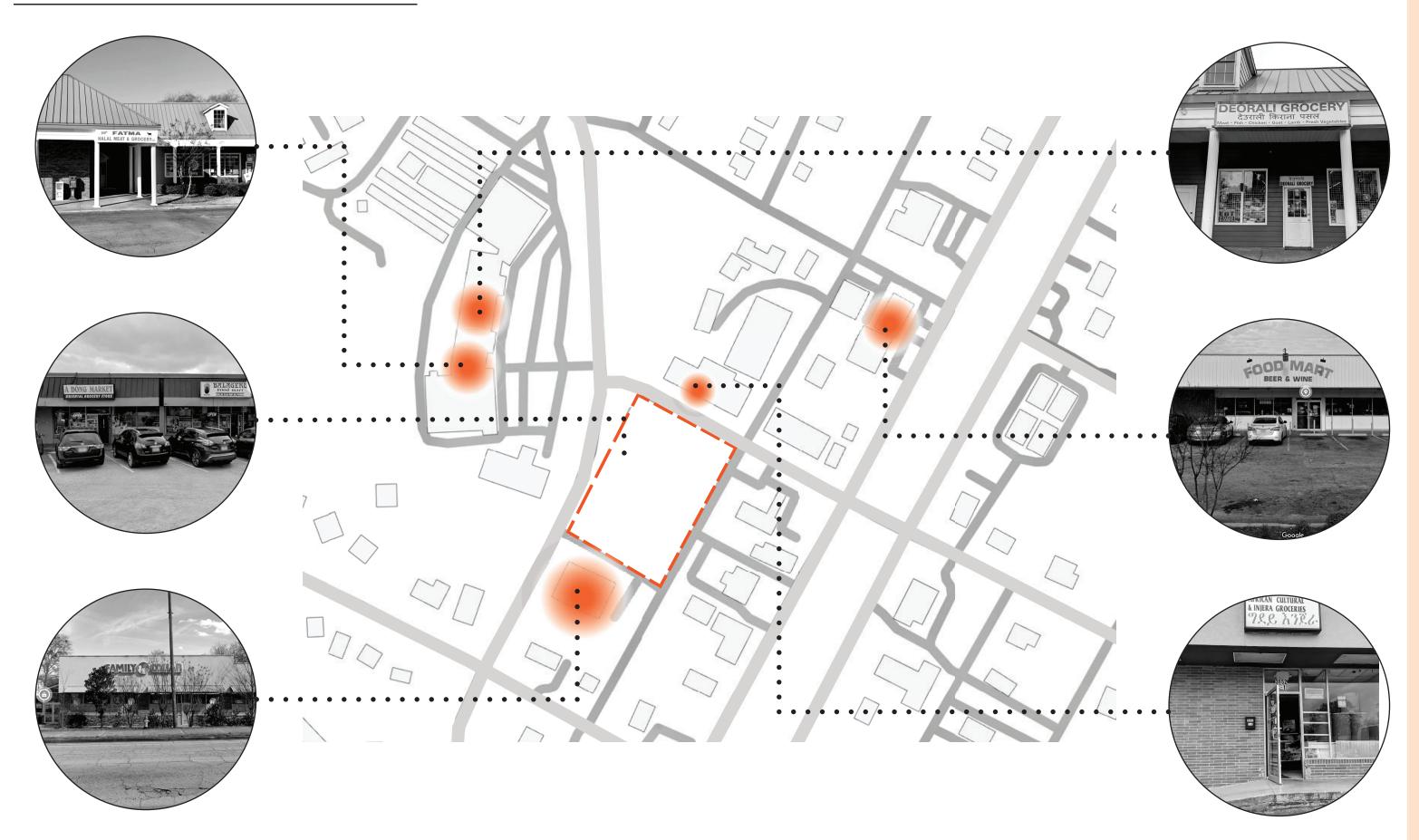
FOOD MART

RESTAURANT

CONVENIENCE STORE

(Fig. 69)

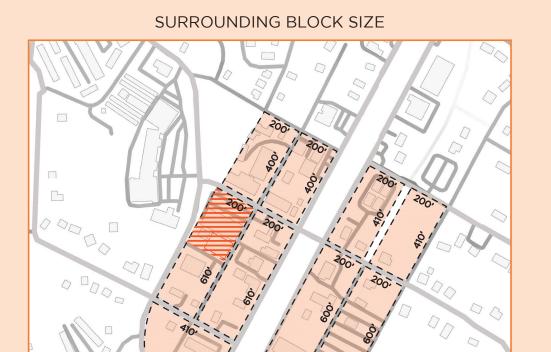
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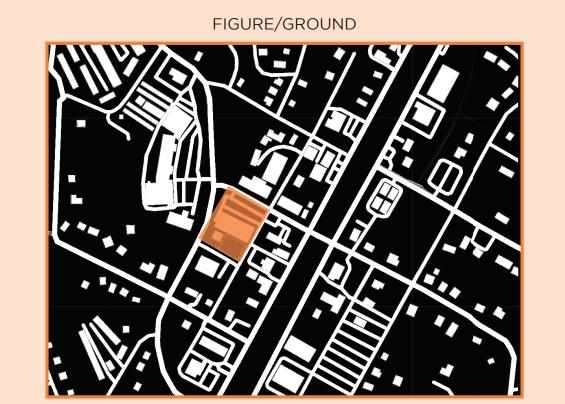


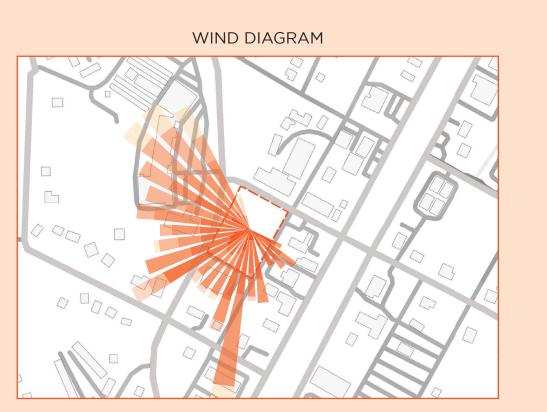
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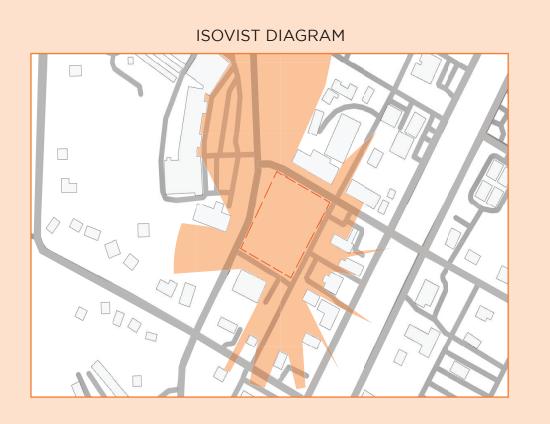
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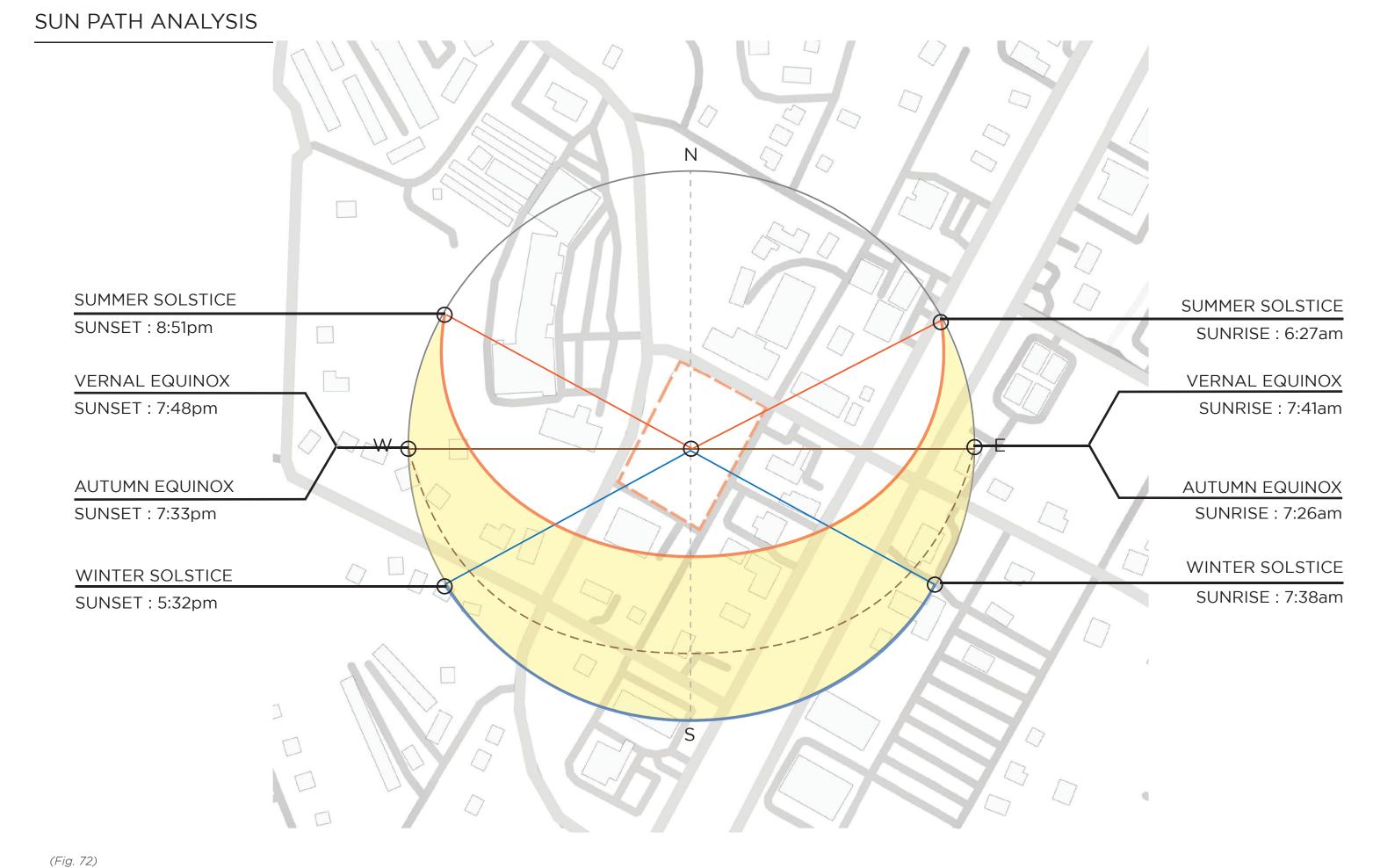
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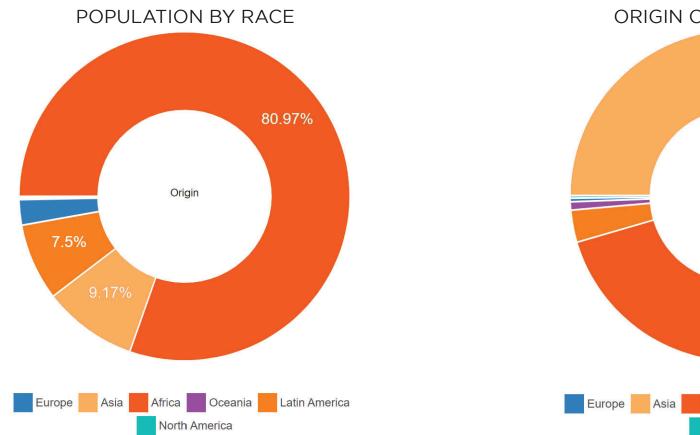


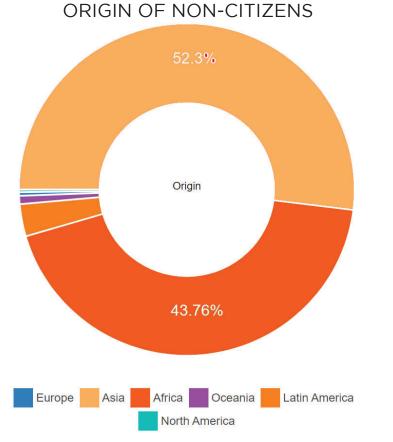
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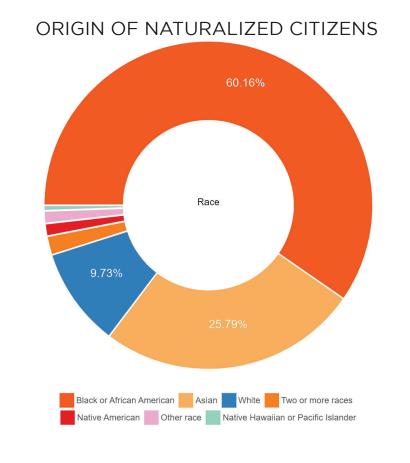
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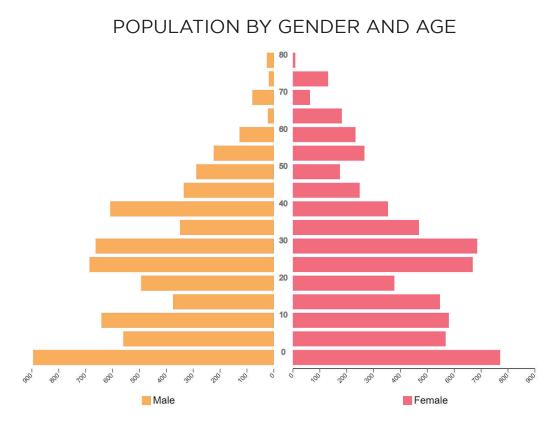


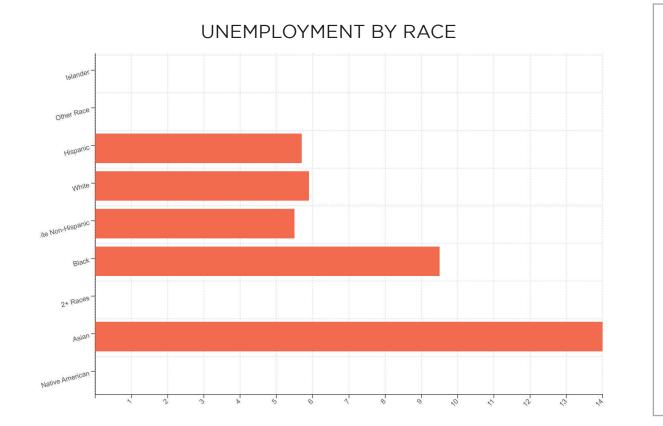
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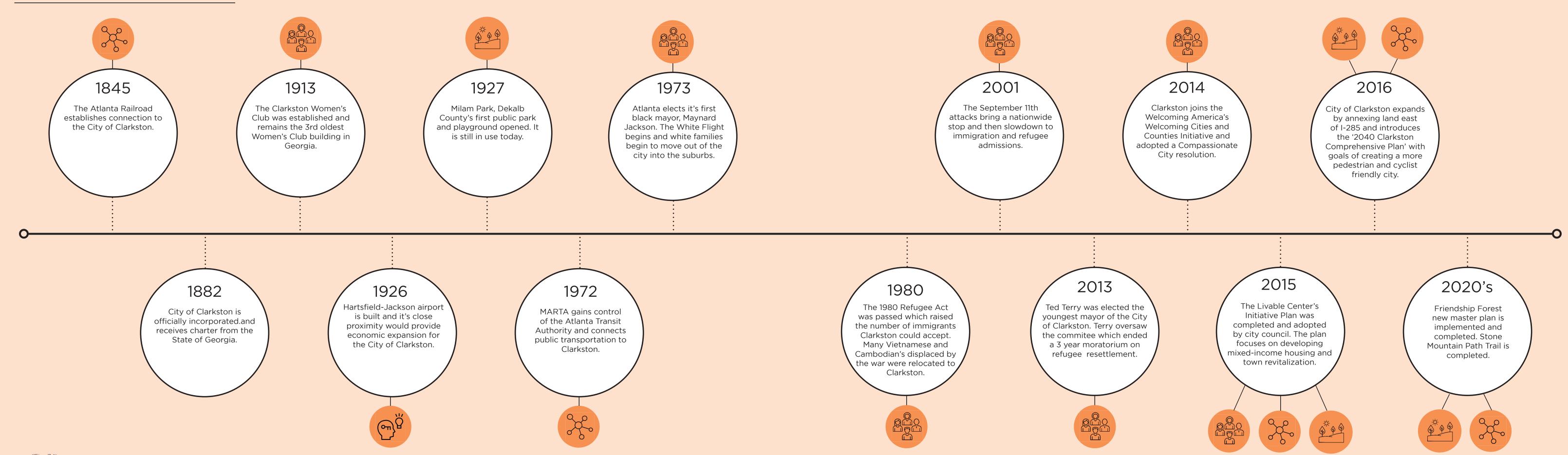
FINDINGS

The findings of this analysis affirm the significant presence of refugees in Clarkston. According to the charts provided, the majority of Clarkston's population have migrated from African or Asian nations. The population seems to be evenly distributed between males and females, with the median age group ranging from 20 to 30. The unemployment analysis suggests that there is a need for economic assistance for a significant portion of the Asian population. These facts are considered while devising an architectural programmatic response.

(Fig. 73)

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLARKSTON



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Z LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE

CLARKSTON'S LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE

The Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) is a community-driven planning process aimed at promoting sustainable and equitable development in the city of Clarkston, Georgia. The LCI program seeks to create more walkable, bike-friendly, and transit-oriented communities by improving the built environment, providing better transportation options, and enhancing public spaces. The LCI process is designed to engage residents, businesses, and other stakeholders in a collaborative effort to create a shared vision for the future of Clarkston, with a focus on enhancing the city's livability, economic vitality, and overall quality of life. The program is part of a larger regional effort to promote sustainable development and reduce automobile dependency in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

South Fork Village



Downtown Redevelopment



- Legend Commercial
- Civic/Institutional
 Existing Buildings
- Proposed Medical or Refugee Outreach District
 Proposed PATH/Cycle Track extension
- Existing PATH/Sharrow
- → Keyed Views

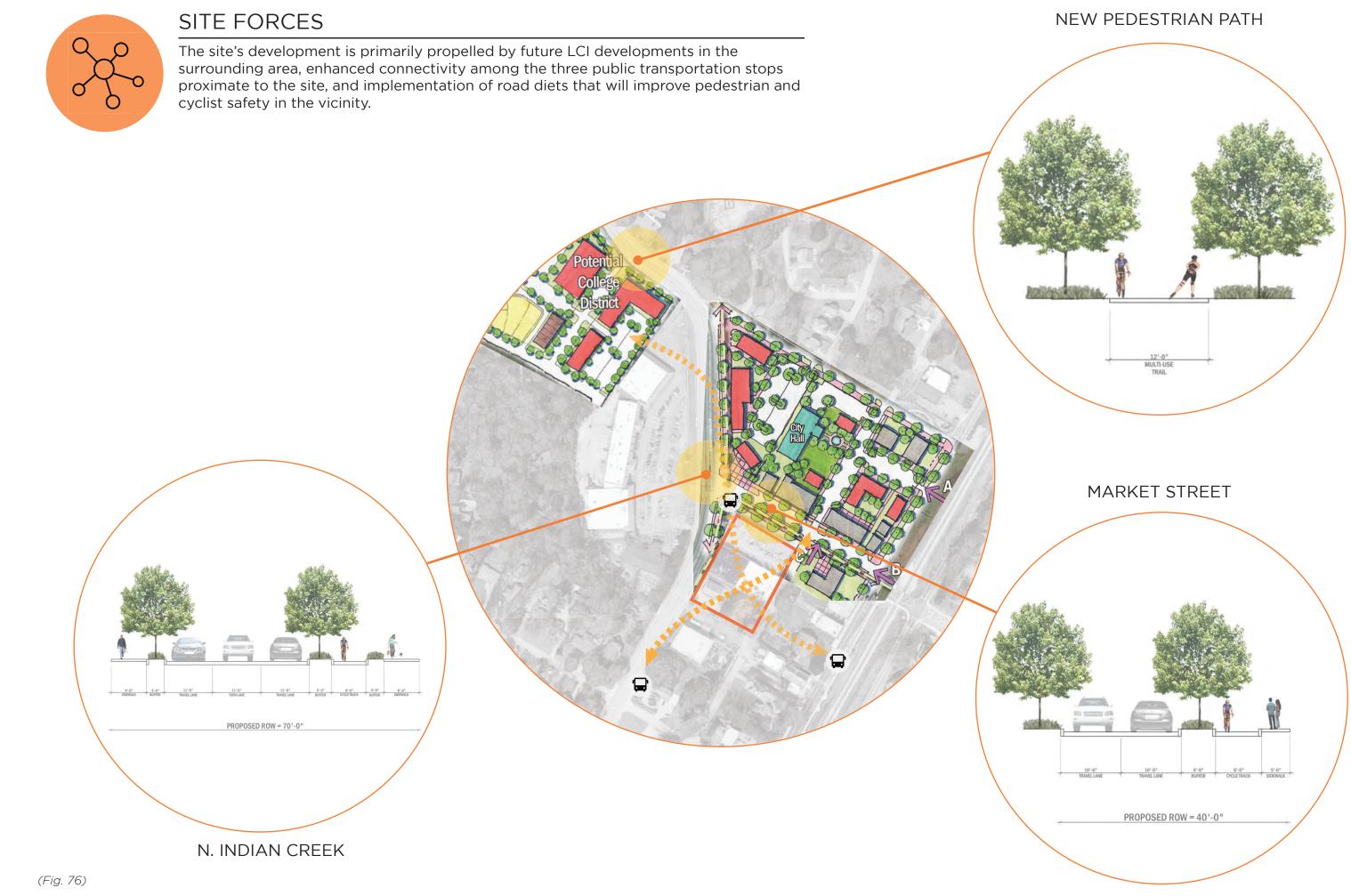
South Fork Village

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Downtown Redevelopment

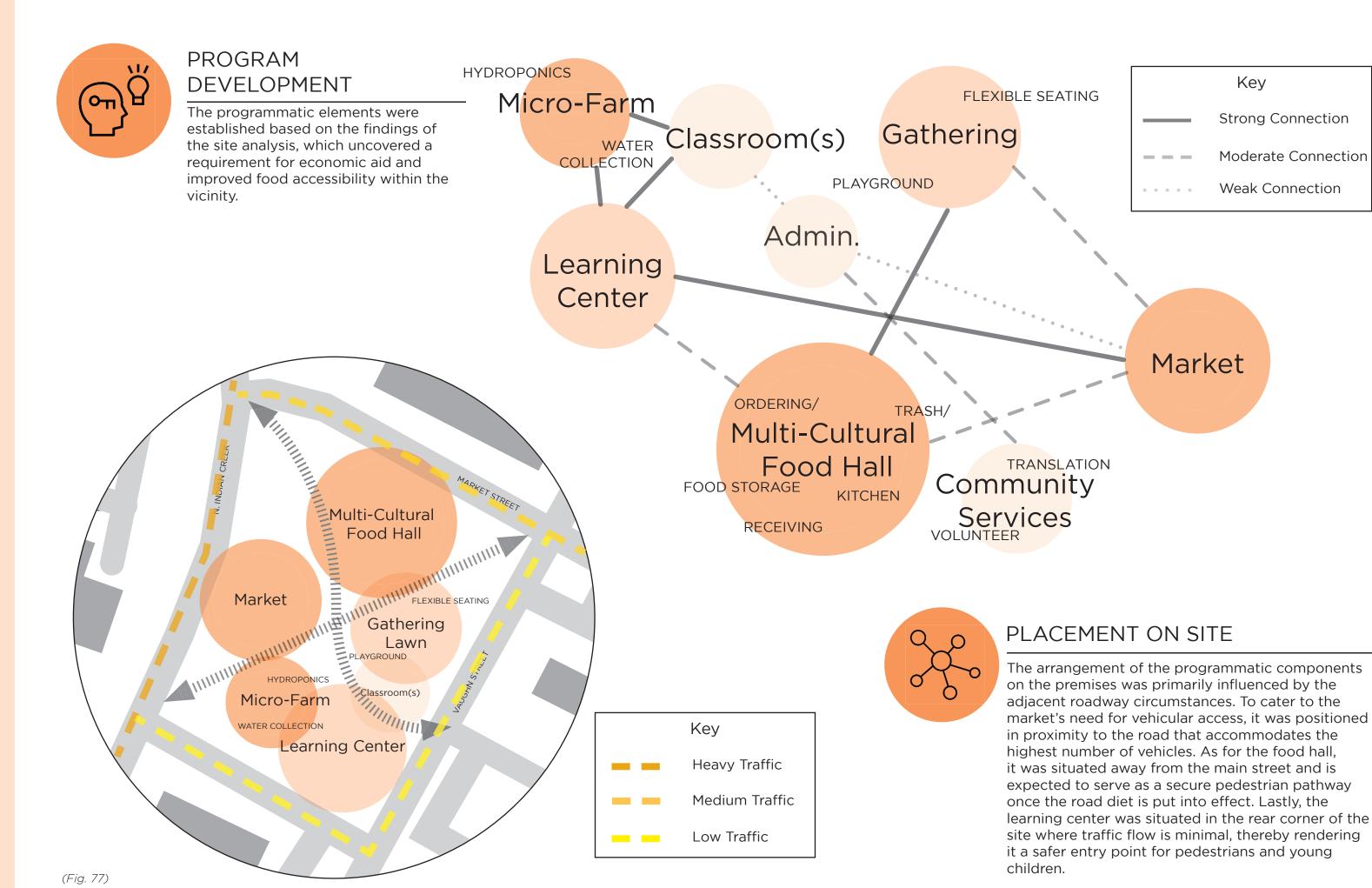




Design Response



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT



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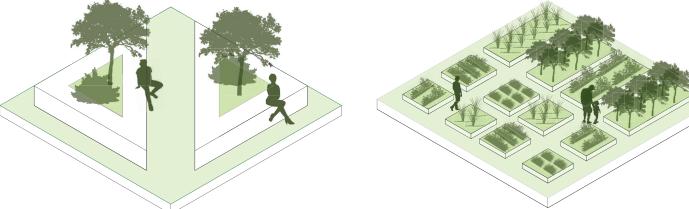
SPACIAL TYPOLOGIES STUDY

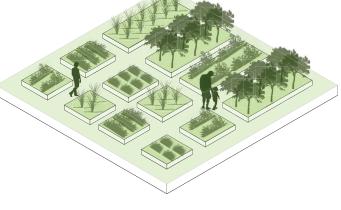


SPACIAL TYPOLOGIES

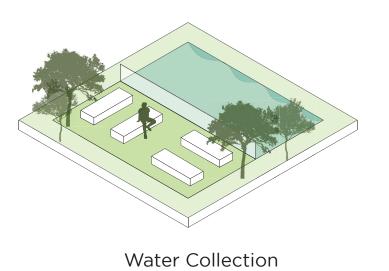
To enhance spatial equity, a broad range of spatial typologies must be incorporated to accommodate various user groups. This diversity in spaces guarantees the inclusion of multiple perspectives.

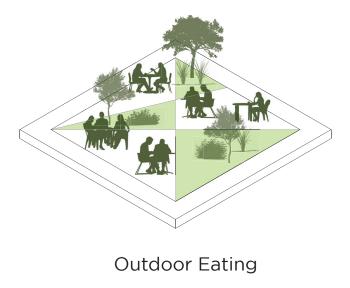




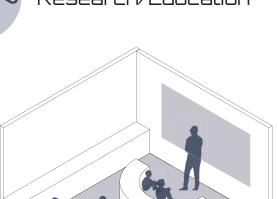


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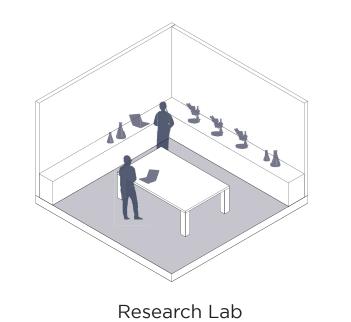


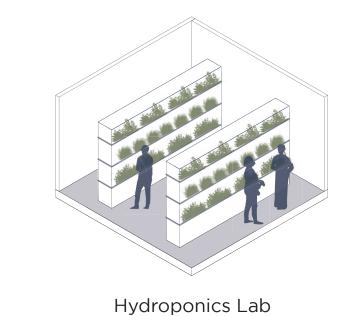
Classroom

Seating

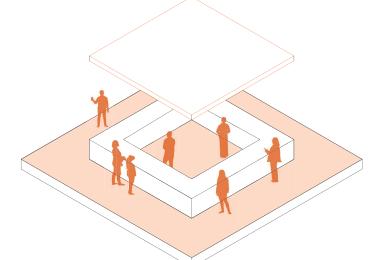
Open Eating





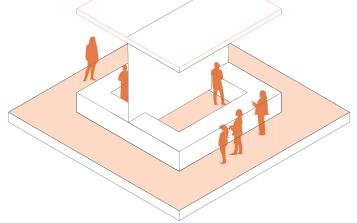




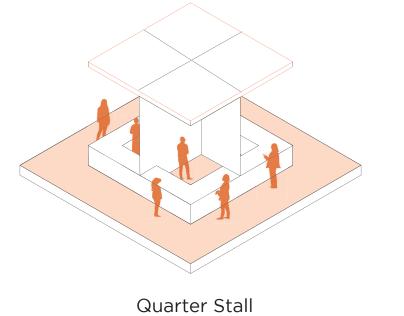


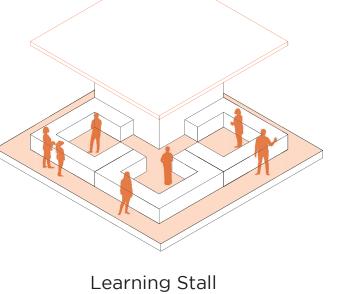
Full Stall

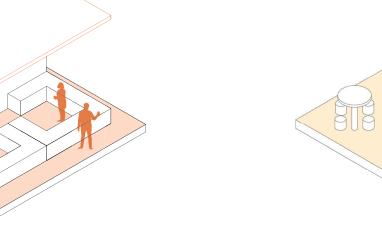
Greenspace

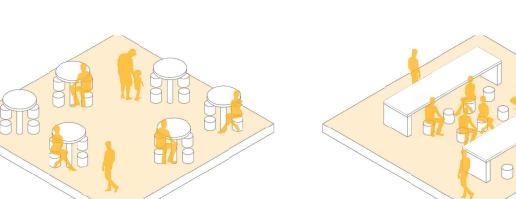


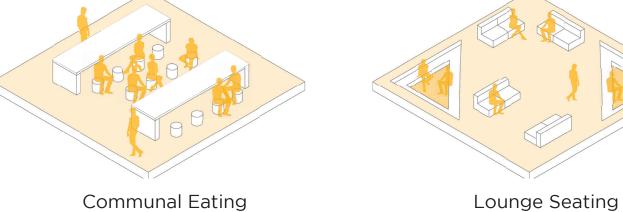
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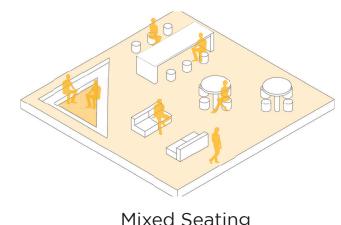












Mixed Seating

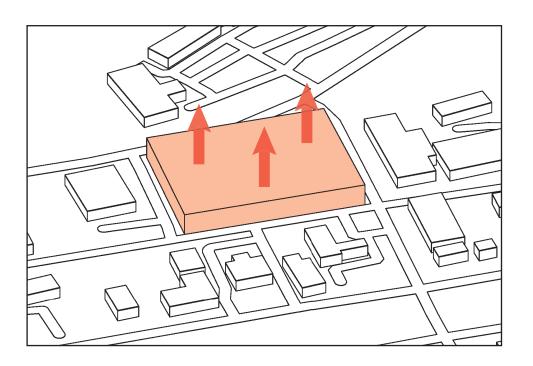
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5 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

MASSING DEVELOPMENT

1. Extrude

The boundaries of the site are extruded up to visualize the full extent of the buildable area.



3. Greenspace

A piece of the mass is removed on the south side of the site to create a greenspace with maximum sun exposure.



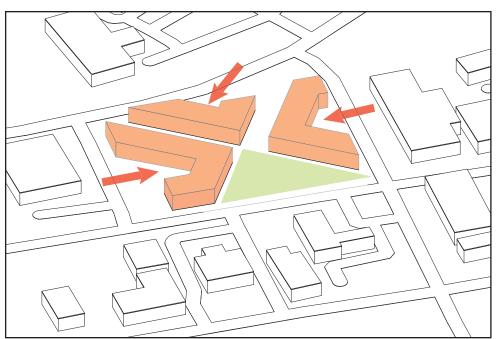
2. Cut Paths

Crucial paths that were previously identified are used to cut through the extruded mass.



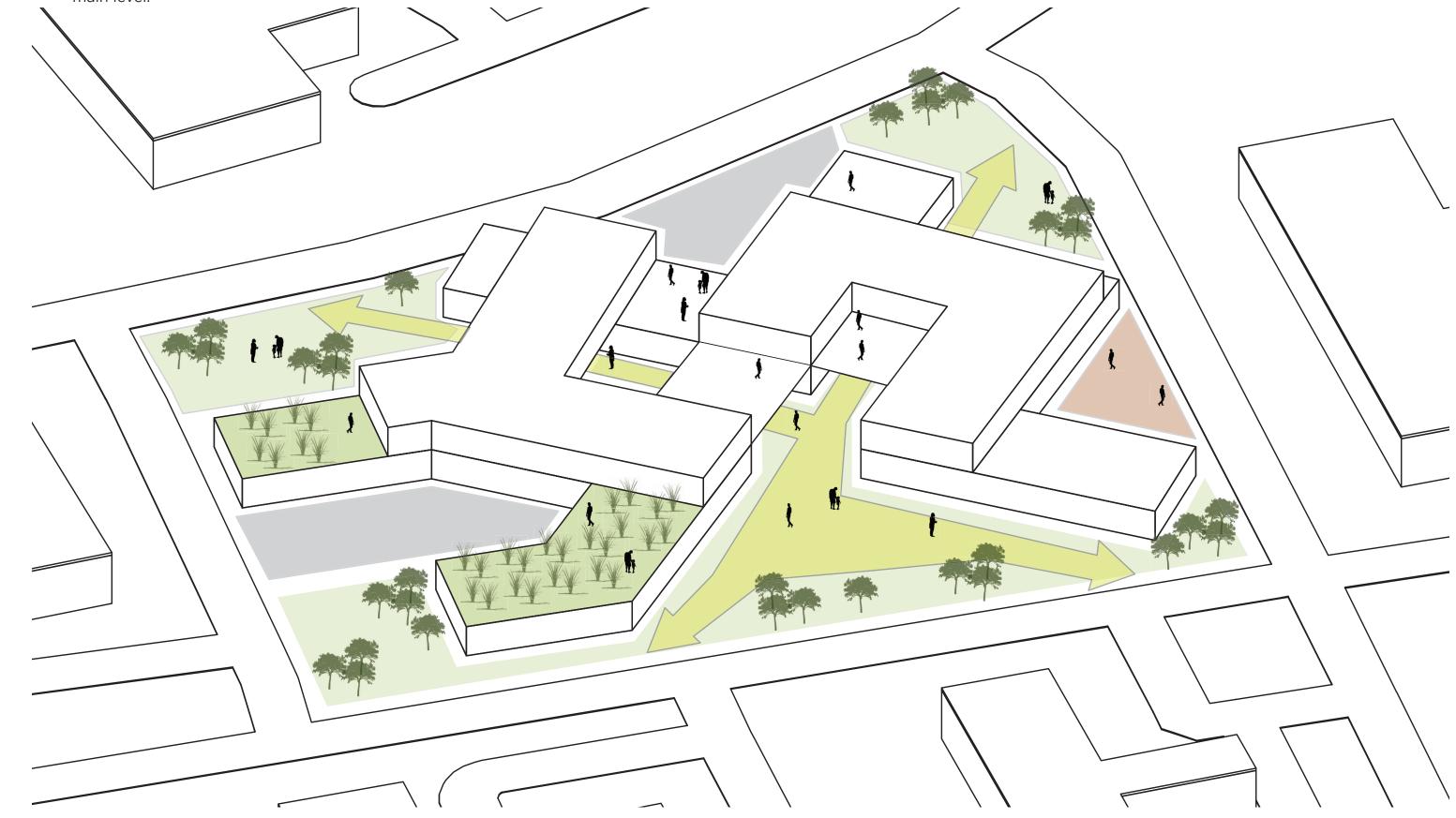
4. Subtraction

Volumes are subtracted from areas of the mass that face the street. This is to allow for parking lots, passenger drop-off lanes, and safe courtyard access into the building.



PRELIMINARY MASS

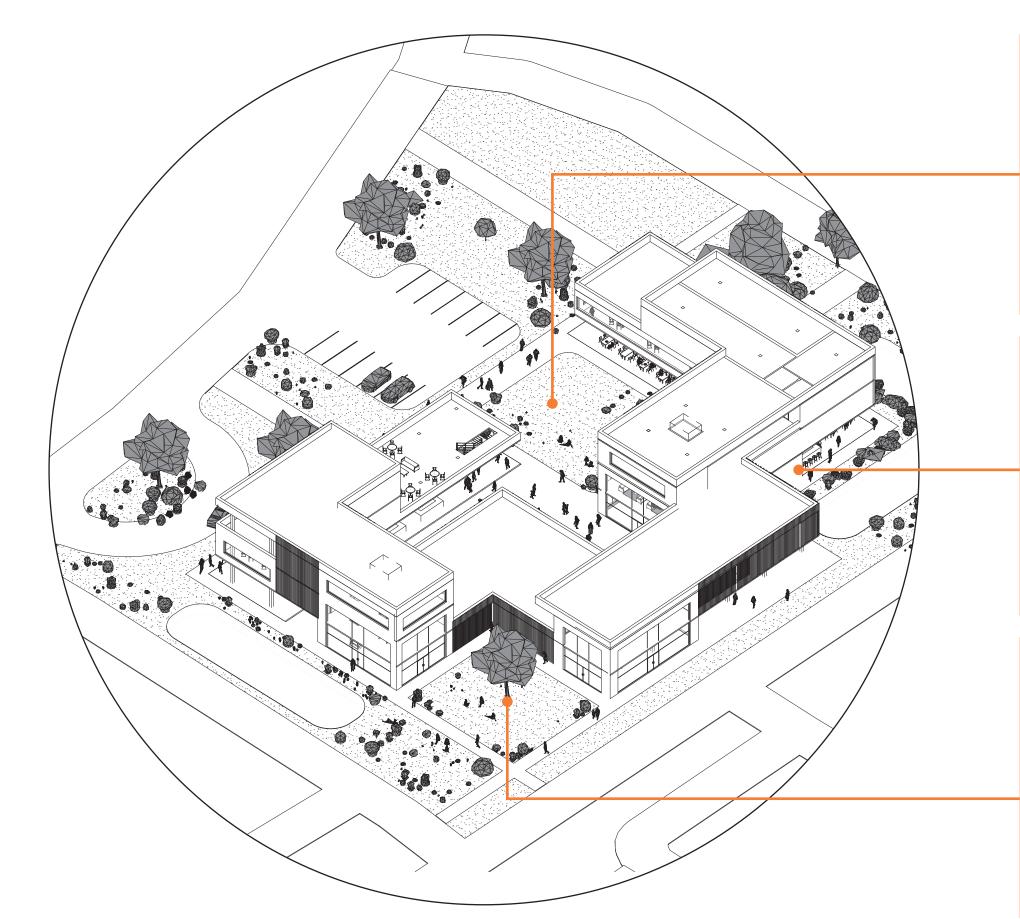
This preliminary massing shows connections being made between the 3 volumes shown in the previous step. The purpose of this iteration was to explore connection without disrupting circulation through the site at the main level.



5 _ CONCLUSIVE DESIGN

SITE AXONS











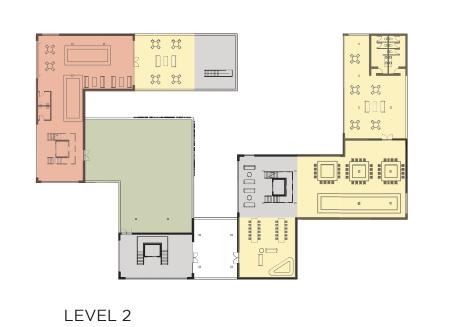
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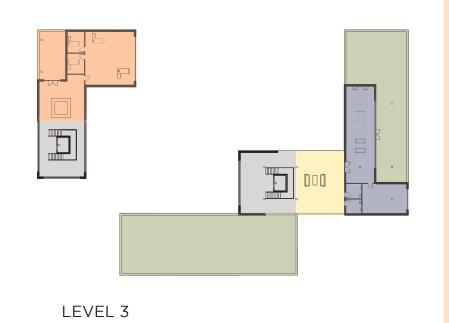


FLOOR PLANS

1" = 64'

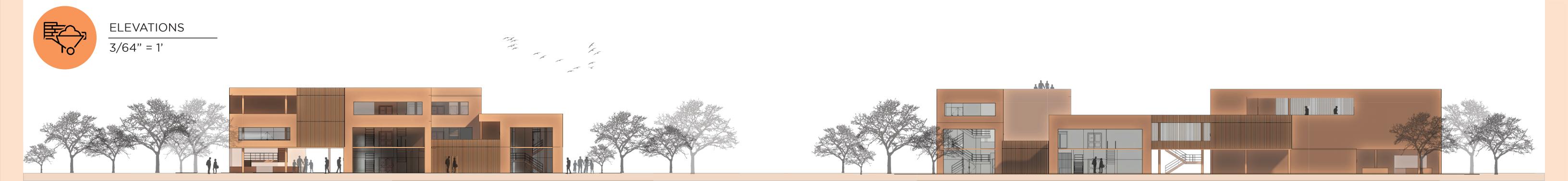






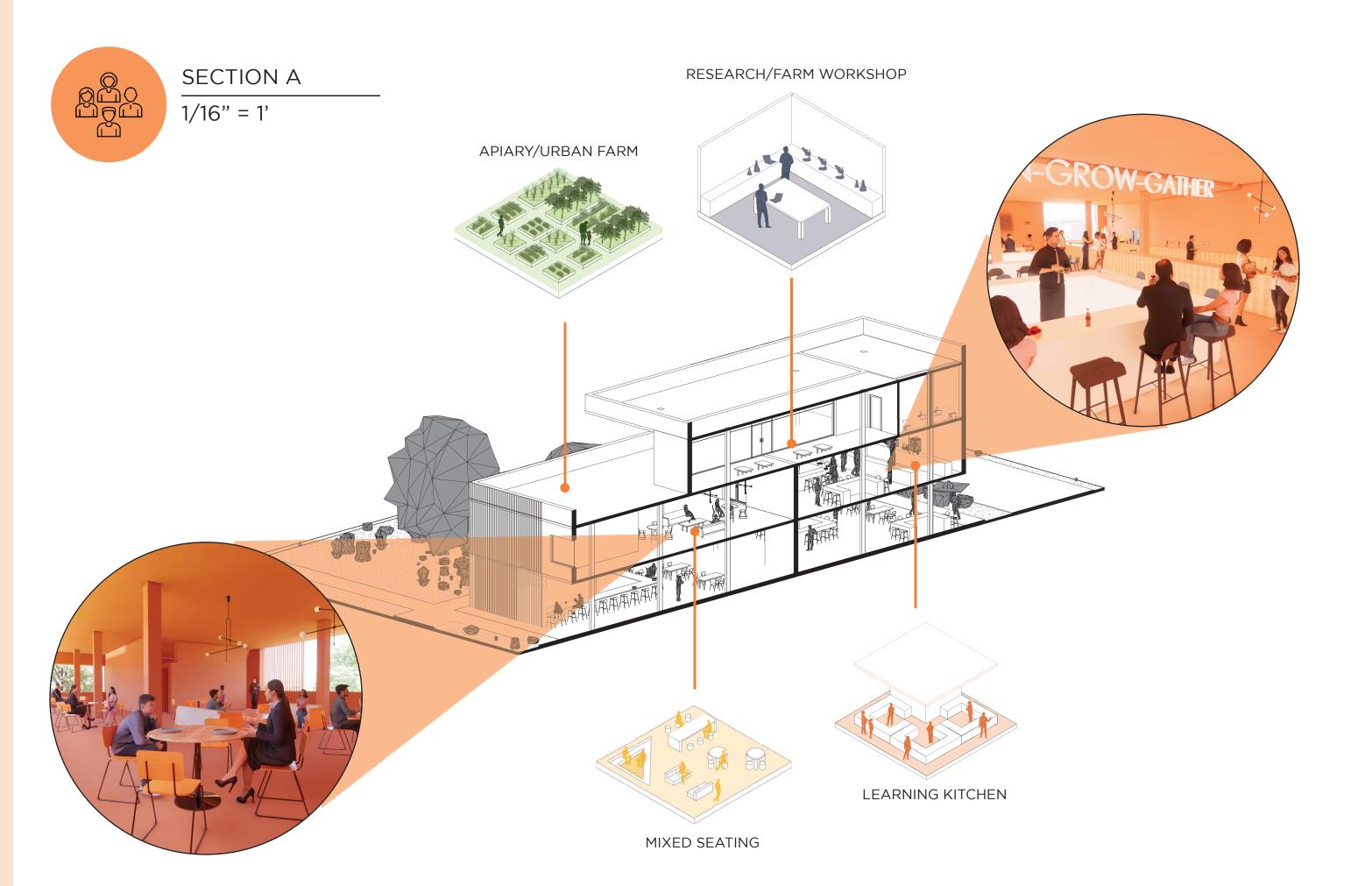
Market/Commerce Atrium/Circulation Open Eating/Seating

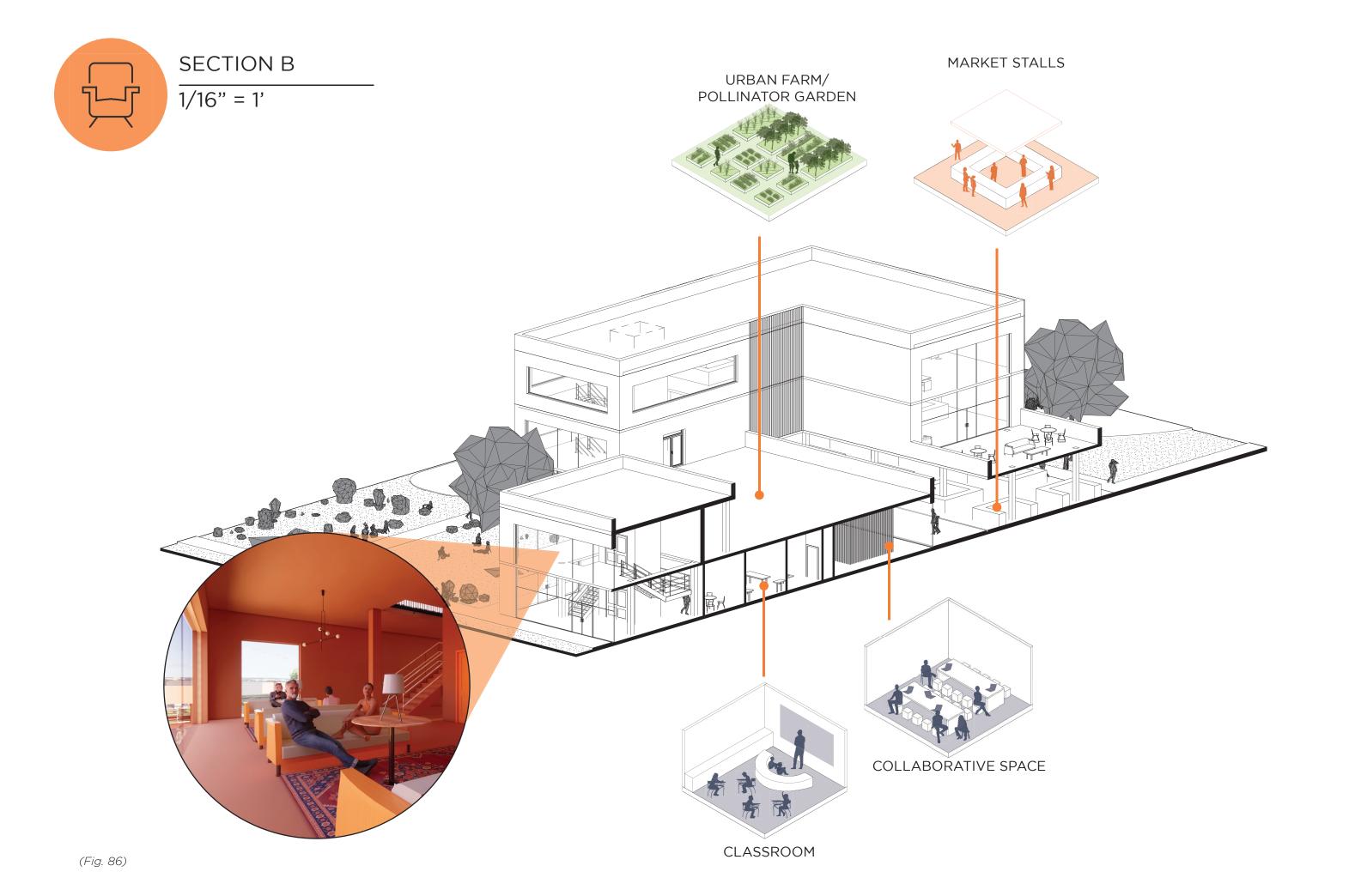
Research/Learning Green Roof Admin./Community Services





(Fig. 84)





(Fig. 85)

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