



SMART

Woodlawn

2060



SMART Woodlawn 2060 Community Conceptual Study

The Woodlawn 2060 SMART Community Feasibility Study presents a visionary and comprehensive plan for the revitalization and transformation of the Woodlawn neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. This study outlines the creation of distinct districts, each tailored to a specific focus, with an overarching commitment to sustainability, resilience, and economic prosperity. The proposed SMART community integrates four core infrastructures: physical, digital, communications, and economic, which collectively provide the foundation for a thriving and innovative ecosystem.

The feasibility study showcases a unique opportunity for corporate and private investors to engage in a previously untapped market that has the potential to yield substantial returns. By capitalizing on the rich history and cultural heritage of Woodlawn, the plan envisions the establishment of six specialized districts:



- A hub for creative performance expression, fostering artistic collaboration and showcasing the talents of local and global performers.
- An immersive space for visual arts and showrooms, combining traditional and contemporary mediums to celebrate creativity and cultural diversity.
- A sustainable and community-oriented agricultural space that promotes local food production, education, and environmental stewardship.
- A center of technological innovation, offering resources and opportunities for entrepreneurs, researchers, and startups to thrive.
- An engaging entertainment hub that provides recreational activities, unique experiences, and a vibrant nightlife.
- A dynamic economic zone focused on job creation, skill development, and fostering a skilled local workforce.



The feasibility study emphasizes the integration of sustainability and resilience, not only in terms of the physical infrastructure but also in the economic and social dimensions. The eight-pillar approach covers key aspects of community development: economic growth, health and human services, public safety, education, tourism, entertainment, international integration, and diversity management. This holistic approach ensures the well-being of residents and stakeholders while nurturing an environment that encourages innovation and cultural regeneration.

The SMART Woodlawn 2060 Community envisions a future where the convergence of art, technology, agriculture, and entertainment fosters a vibrant and inclusive community. By leveraging the four core infrastructures and focusing on the unique strengths of each district, this feasibility study offers a compelling opportunity for investors seeking both financial returns and positive social impact. The plan's innovative design and commitment to sustainability position Woodlawn as a model SMART community that could catalyze positive change not only in the neighborhood itself but also serve as an inspiration for urban development globally.



Washington Park

Woodlawn



OBAMA Center

Woodlawn Central

Fiske Showroom District

Mixed-Use

Wadsworth R&B District

Emmitt Till Agricultural District

Workforce Housing

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Market Rate

GreenLine
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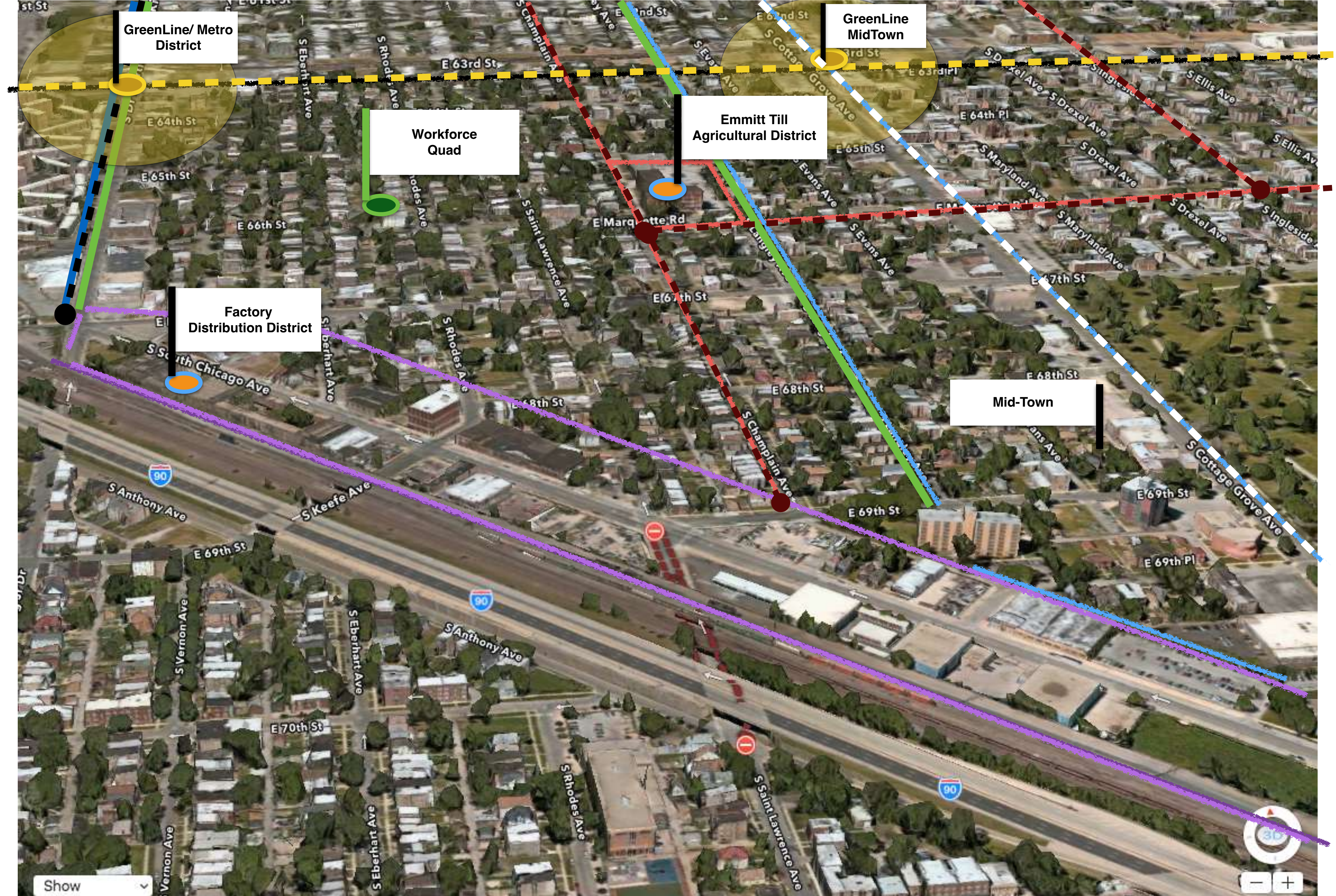
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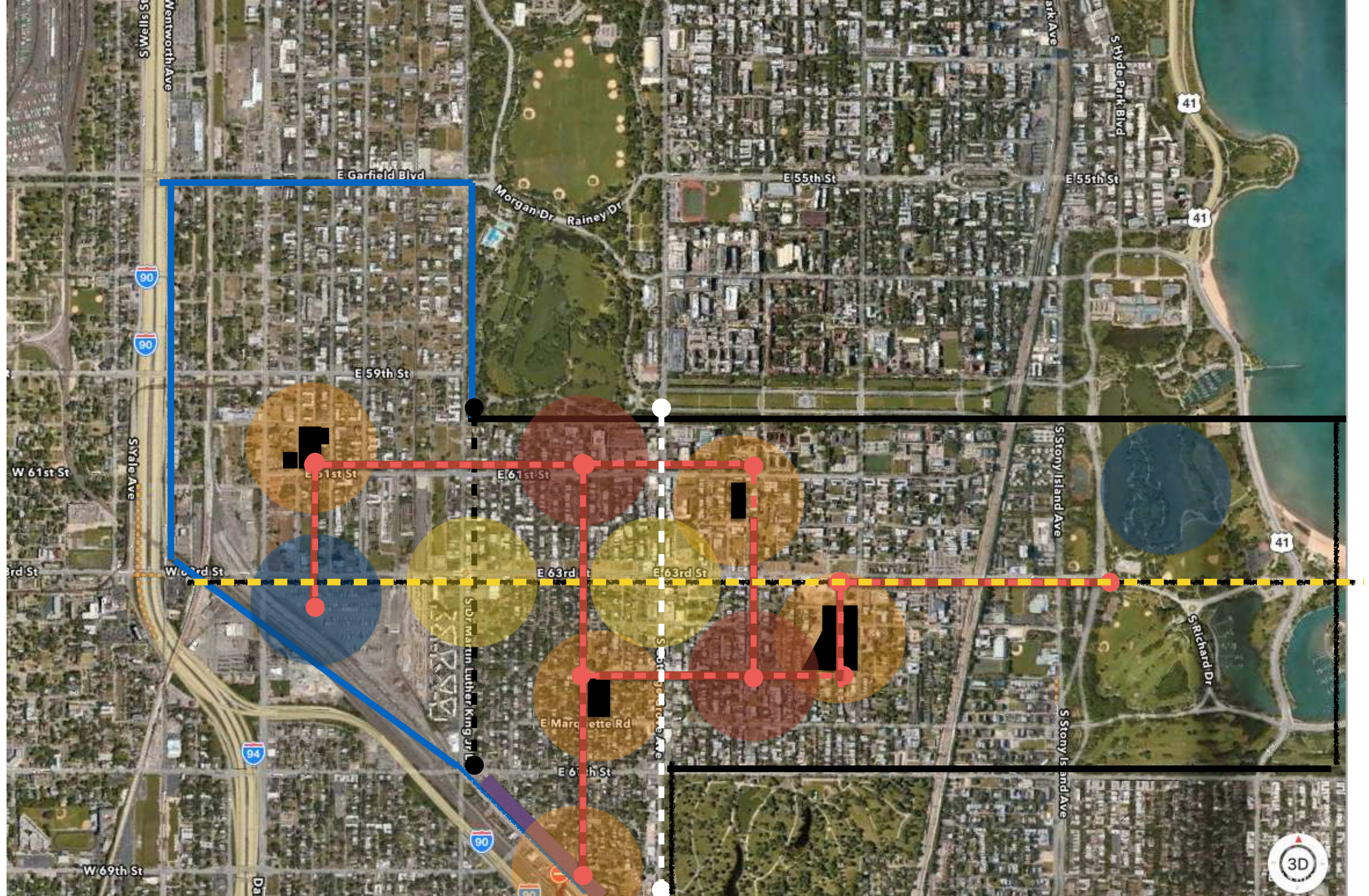
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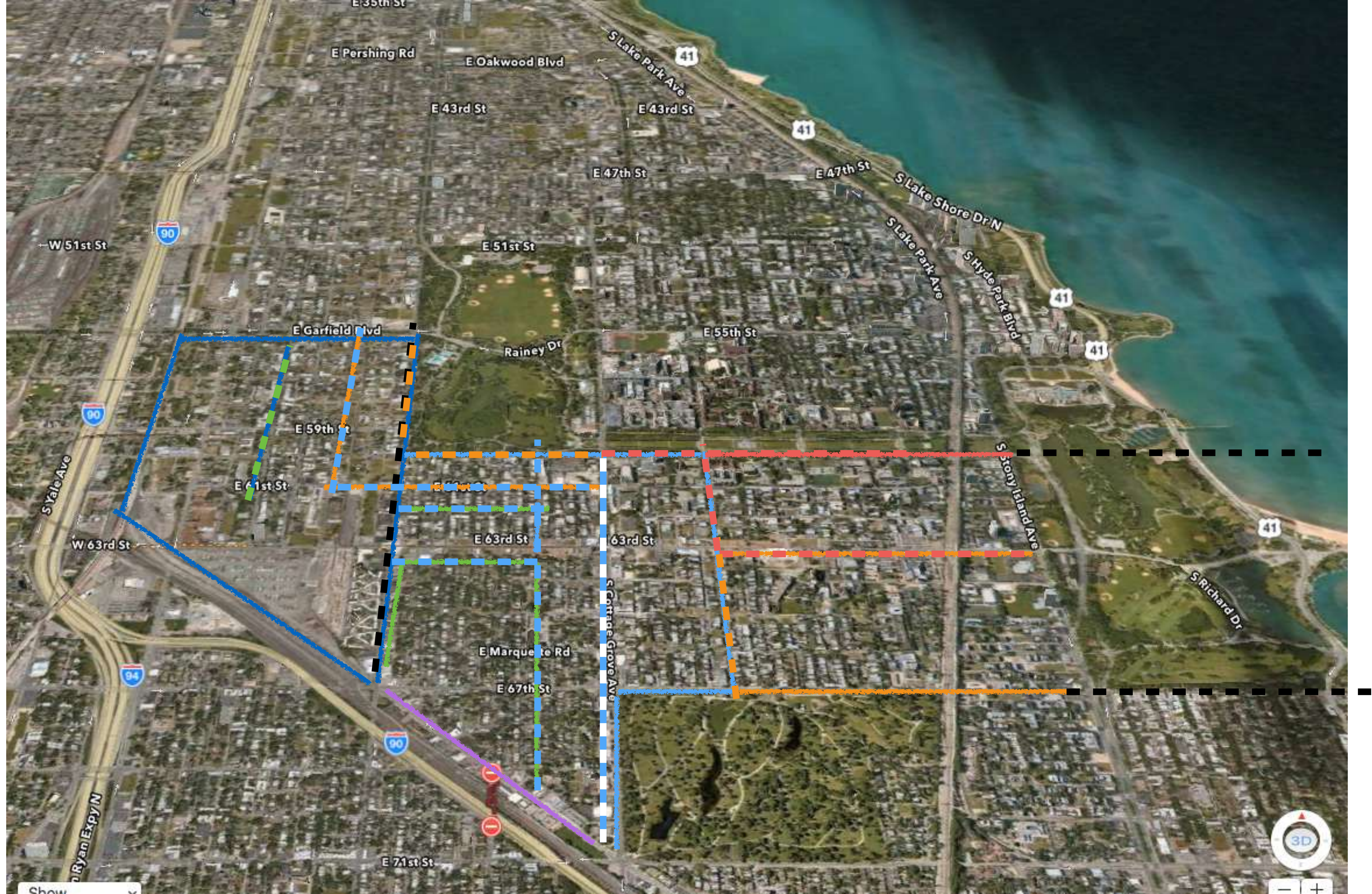
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The Northeast Arts & Showroom District: Elevating Lifestyle Experiences for All

Synopsis

Nestled in the northeast quadrant of the community, the Northeast Arts & Showroom District emerges as a transformative hub, seamlessly blending visual arts, immersive experiences, and lifestyle offerings across diverse price points. Formerly dominated by the esteemed University of Chicago, this quadrant stands as the most coveted locale, proximate to the community's natural treasures such as the lake, park, transit, and influential institutions. This strategic positioning paves the way for an optimal utilization of space and an unparalleled boost to the district's productivity.

The district envisions a dynamic fusion of artistic expression, commerce, and cultural engagement. Through meticulous planning and visionary design, it aspires to create an inclusive environment that caters to every budget, inviting residents and visitors alike to explore a rich tapestry of experiences.

Key Features

- **Diverse Showrooms and Galleries:** The heart of the district beats with a vibrant array of showrooms and galleries, showcasing a wide spectrum of visual arts. From avant-garde installations to timeless classics, visitors can embark on a captivating journey through the boundless realms of creativity.
- **Lifestyle Boutiques and Pop-ups:** Curated boutiques and pop-up shops dot the district, offering an eclectic selection of lifestyle products. Whether seeking artisanal crafts, designer fashion, or unique home decor, patrons will find an array of options to suit their tastes and preferences.
- **Culinary Excellence:** The district boasts a culinary landscape that celebrates gastronomic innovation. From quaint cafes to Michelin-starred restaurants, it offers an unparalleled culinary journey that caters to all palates and budgets.
- **Interactive Workshops and Events:** Engaging workshops, seminars, and interactive events punctuate the district's calendar, providing opportunities for hands-on experiences and meaningful cultural exchanges. This dynamic program encourages active participation and fosters a sense of community.

Fiske

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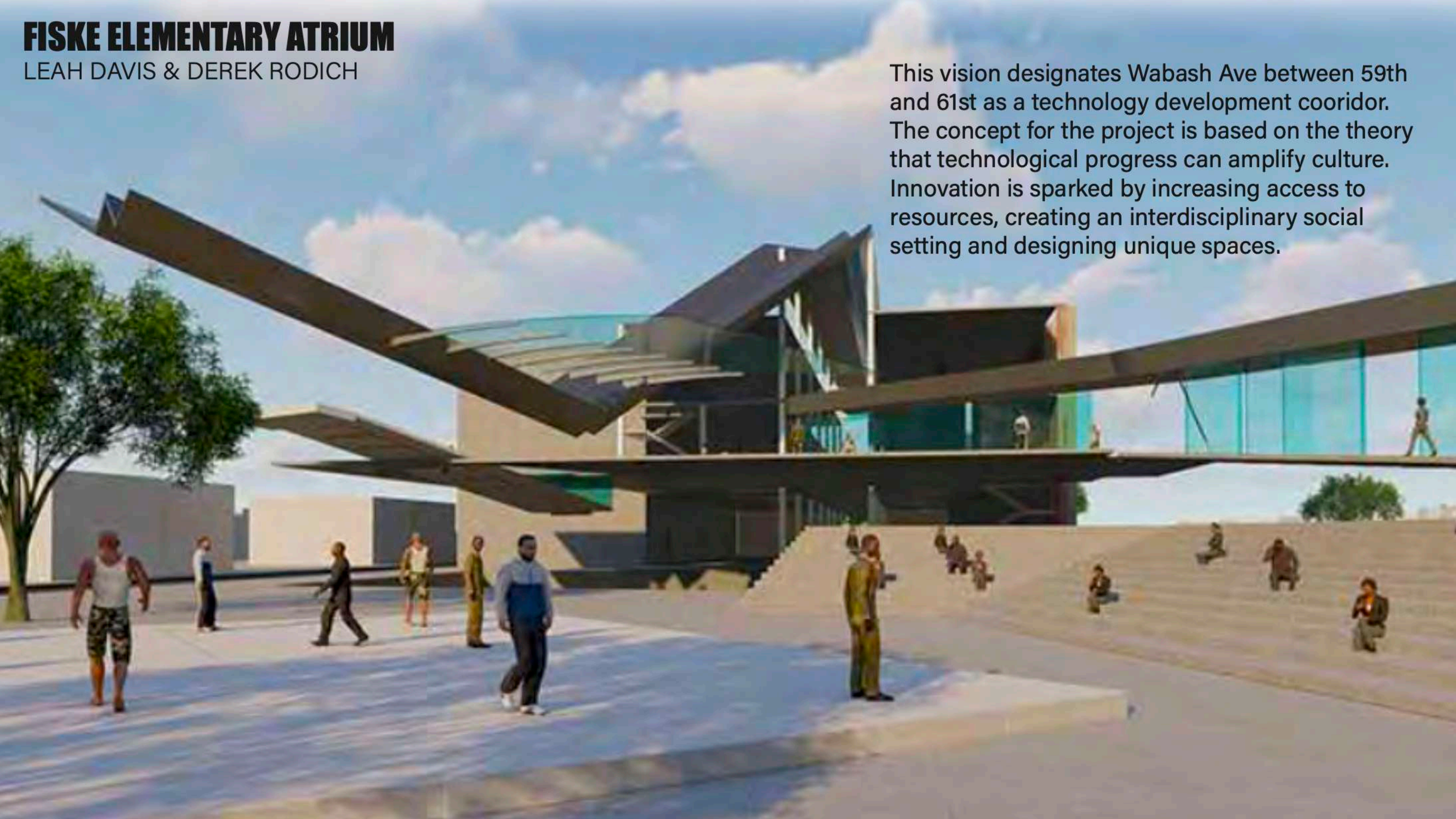
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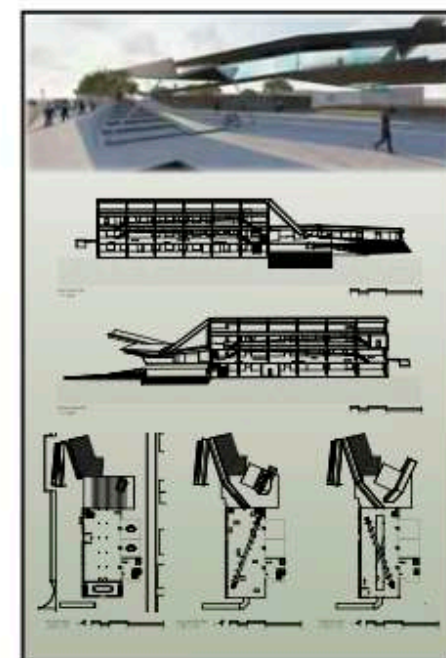
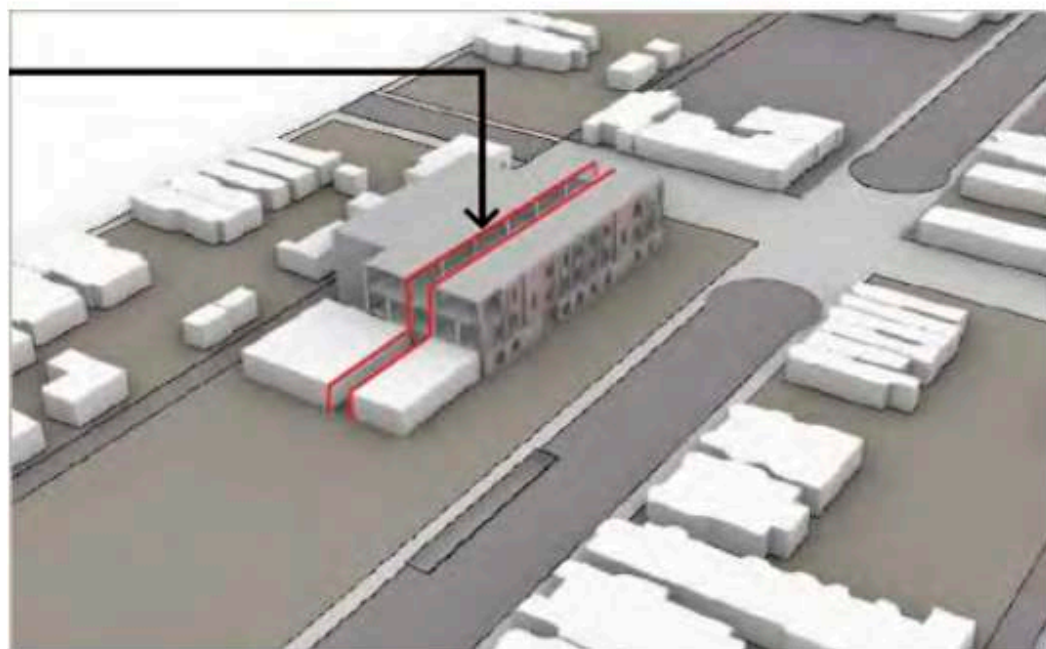
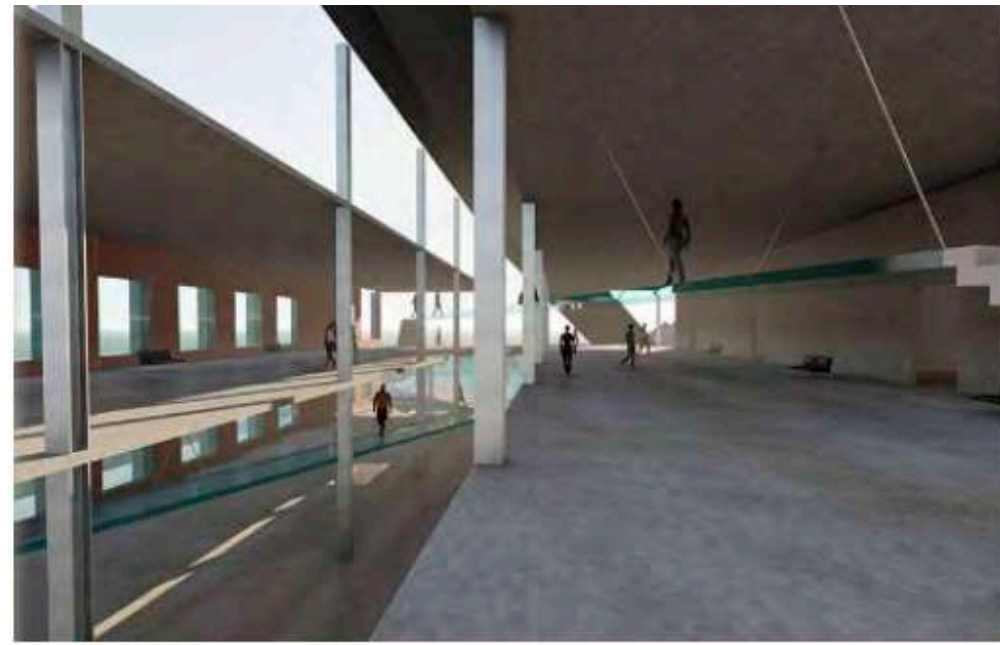


FISKE ELEMENTARY ATRIUM

LEAH DAVIS & DEREK RODICH

This vision designates Wabash Ave between 59th and 61st as a technology development corridor. The concept for the project is based on the theory that technological progress can amplify culture. Innovation is sparked by increasing access to resources, creating an interdisciplinary social setting and designing unique spaces.







The South East Creative Hub: A Performing Arts and Theater District

Synopsis

"The Creative Hub: A Performing Arts and Theater District" envisions a vibrant and dynamic cultural epicenter in the southeast quadrant of our community. This visionary project aims to transform the area into a bustling district, designed to cater to the diverse needs of local performing artists across various disciplines and genres.

Set against a backdrop of a densely populated urban environment, the district is strategically located to promote accessibility and engagement. With an emphasis on walkability, the layout is thoughtfully designed to seamlessly connect a variety of theaters, ranging from intimate venues to grand auditoriums. These spaces will serve as platforms for artists to showcase their talents, nurturing creativity and innovation within the community.

The mixed-use nature of the district is a key feature, integrating residential, commercial, and recreational spaces to create a holistic environment. This synergy between arts and commerce is poised to ignite economic development, generating a sustainable ecosystem that benefits both the local arts scene and the broader community.

The district will house state-of-the-art rehearsal spaces, studios, and workshops equipped with cutting-edge technology and resources. This infrastructure will provide artists with the tools they need to push the boundaries of their craft. Additionally, collaborative spaces will encourage cross-disciplinary interactions, fostering a rich environment for experimentation and artistic growth.

"The Creative Hub" also places a strong emphasis on educational initiatives. The district will host workshops, masterclasses, and mentorship programs, offering invaluable opportunities for emerging artists to learn from seasoned professionals. Moreover, the inclusion of educational institutions and cultural centers will further solidify the district's role as an incubator for artistic talent.

The project's development is founded on a commitment to sustainability, with eco-friendly architecture and energy-efficient practices integrated throughout the district. Green spaces and public art installations will enhance the aesthetic appeal, creating an inviting atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

"The Creative Hub: A Performing Arts and Theater District" is poised to become a beacon of cultural vitality, a place where creativity flourishes, and artistic expression knows no bounds. Through its thoughtful design, inclusive programming, and economic impact, this district will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on our community, fostering a legacy of artistic excellence for generations to come.

Wadsworth

6420 S. Dorchester
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120k sq.ft.



WADSWORTH ARTS PLAZA

CORBIN LYMAN & JACKSON WYNNE

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Plaza Strip

The exterior space between the installations is extended along the two axes defined by the culinary strip, and the wall in the form of an open plaza. This plaza is bordered by smaller repetitions of the initial wall and leads to a performing arts school with direct visual connection to Wadsworth.

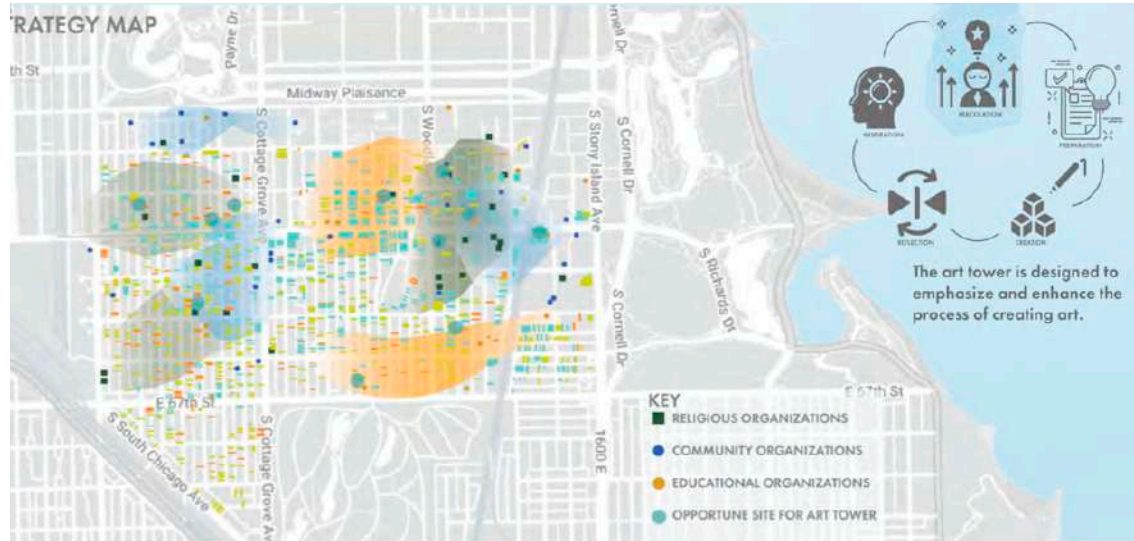
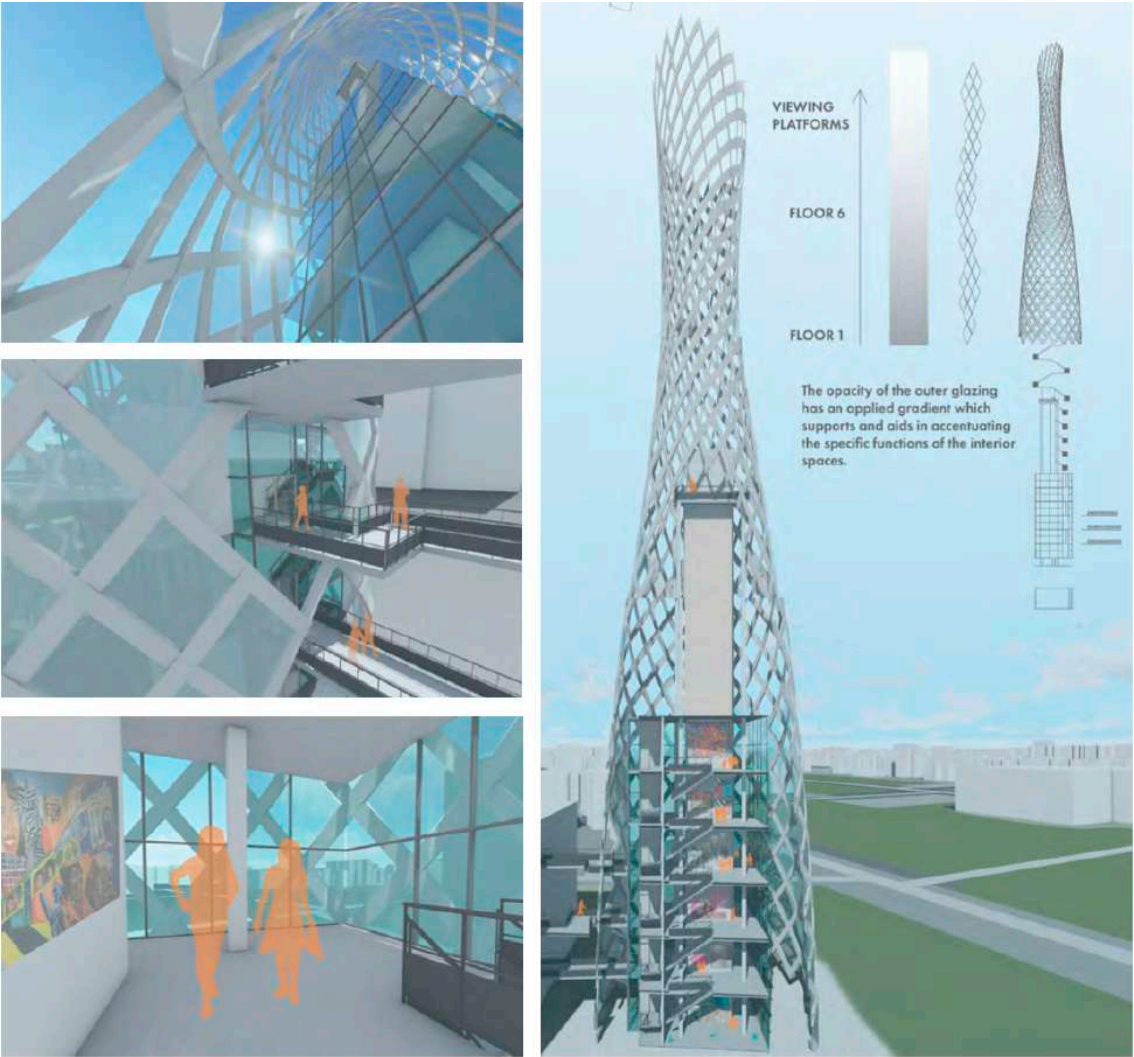
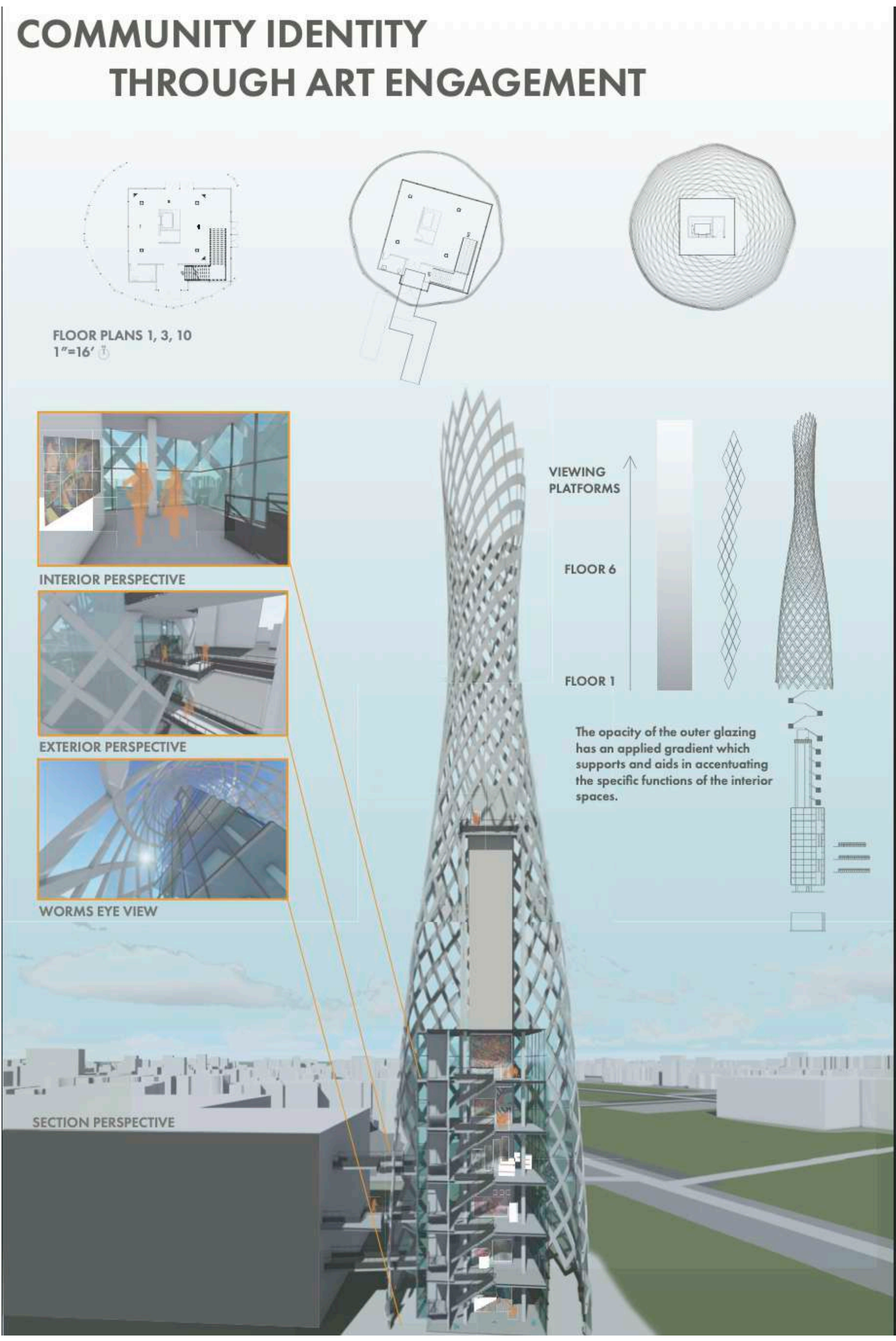
This concentration of activity in a plaza would open the neighboring green space to high and medium density housing as additional future development.

PERFORMANCE ARTS INTERVENTION

JULIA NIELSON & KRISTA HUNTON

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Fostering a Tech-Enhanced Community in the Northwest Quadrant"

Synopsis:

"The Technology District" is an ambitious initiative that aims to transform the Northwest Quadrant of our community into a thriving technology district focused on Research and Development (R&D), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), and Augmented Reality (AR). This innovative district also serves as a Digital Resource Center and Education Hub, catering to both youth and adults, fostering a profound understanding of current and future technologies and their role in shaping our society.

Situated within a unique expansion opportunity with our closest neighbors to the west Washington Park King, Dr. to State St., and centered around the Betsy Ross School campus, this technology district embodies a vision where technology is harnessed as a tool, rather than a solution, and where the invaluable human element remains at the heart of our social fabric.

Key Features:

- **Cutting-Edge R&D Facilities:** The district houses state-of-the-art R&D labs and tech companies, creating an environment conducive to innovation, experimentation, and technological advancement. This synergy between researchers and industry professionals leads to the development of groundbreaking technologies.
- **AI, VR, and AR Innovation Hub:** With a specific focus on AI, VR, and AR, the Innovation Nexus becomes a global leader in these domains. Cutting-edge developments in these fields are showcased, and the district serves as a platform for collaborative projects, attracting talent from far and wide.
- **Digital Resource Center:** The district functions as a central repository of knowledge, providing access to extensive digital resources, research materials, and information on the latest technological trends. This resource center is open to all, facilitating lifelong learning.
- **Education for All Ages:** Recognizing the importance of technology literacy, the Innovation Nexus offers a wide range of educational programs for youth and adults. Workshops, courses, and lectures help individuals gain insights into the ever-evolving tech landscape, empowering them to adapt and thrive.

- **Tech and Society Integration:** The district fosters a critical understanding of how technology is an essential tool, not a sole solution, and promotes the importance of human interaction. Special emphasis is placed on the responsible use of technology to ensure that it enhances our lives rather than replacing essential human connections.
- **Community Development:** By revitalizing the Northwest Quadrant, this district contributes to the economic development and job creation, attracting tech talent and businesses, and driving local prosperity.

Conclusion

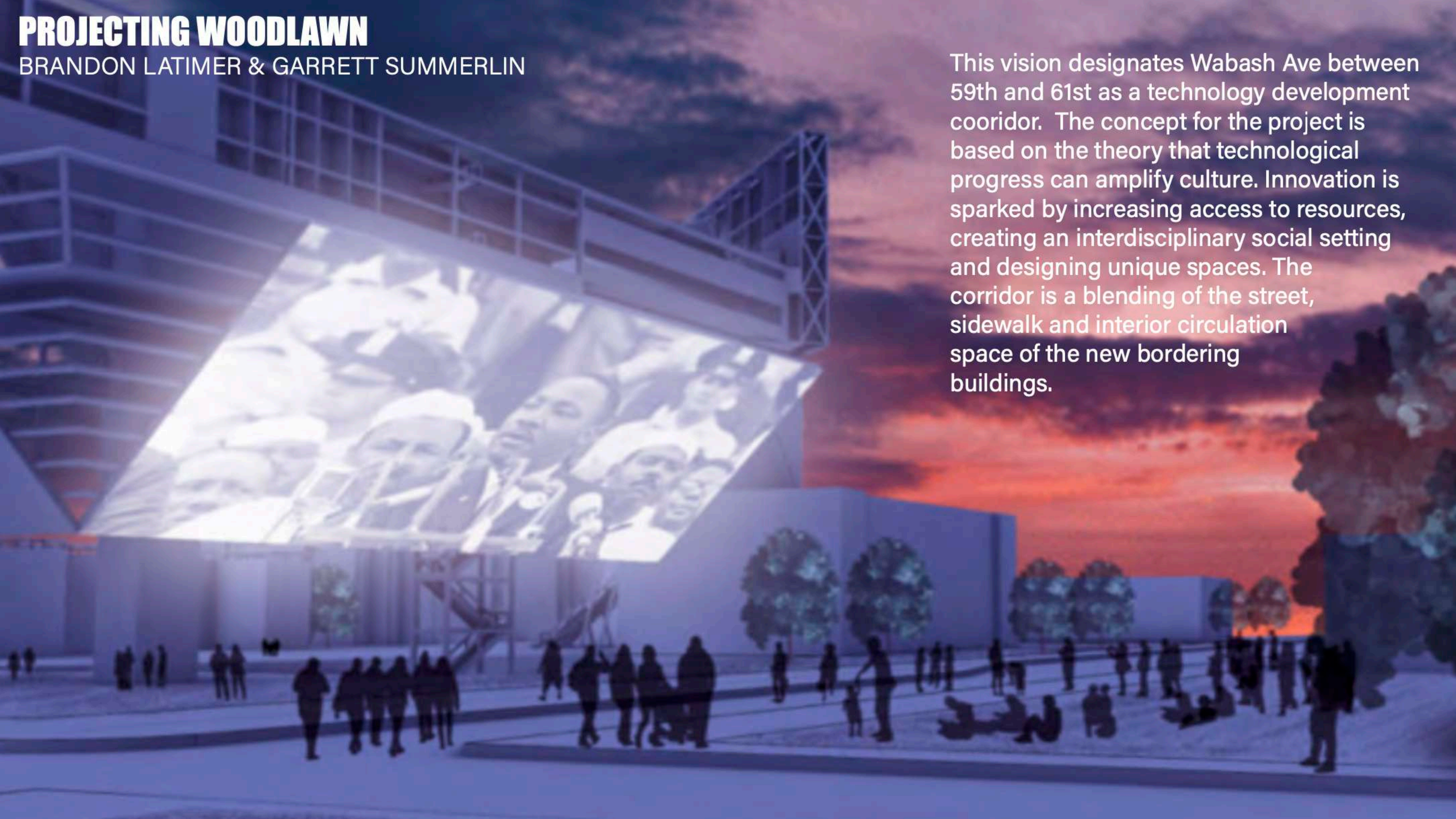
"The Woodlawn Technology and Innovation hub" represents an inspiring vision of a future where technology and human society coexist harmoniously. It's a testament to the fact that technology, when harnessed responsibly, can improve the quality of our lives, enhance education, and drive economic growth. This unique district serves as a beacon of innovation, a center for learning, and a guardian of human interaction, ensuring that technology remains a tool to empower and connect rather than a solution to replace what makes us fundamentally human.

Betsy Ross

6059 S. Wabash
Chicago, Illinois
60637

100k sq.ft.

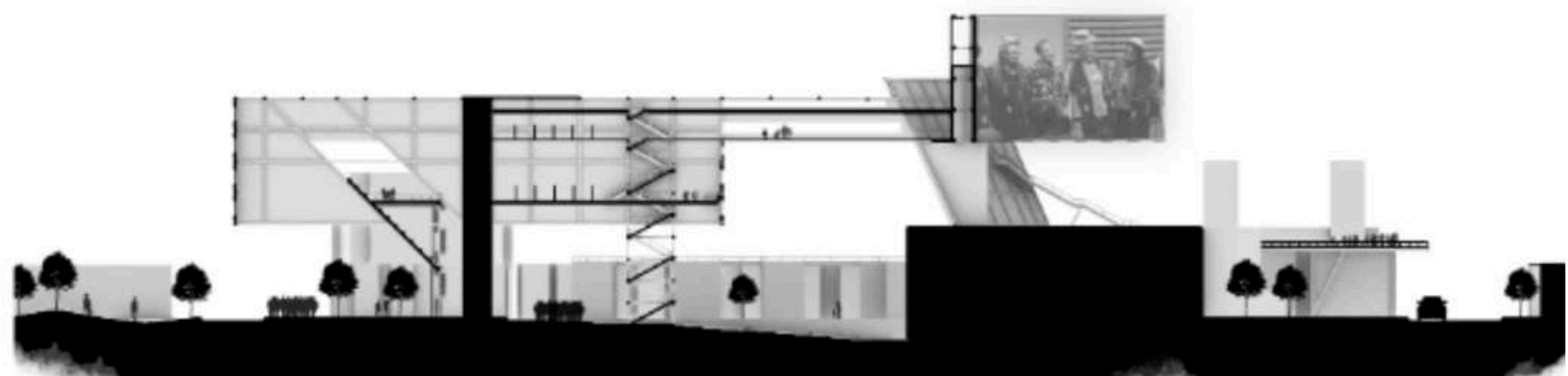




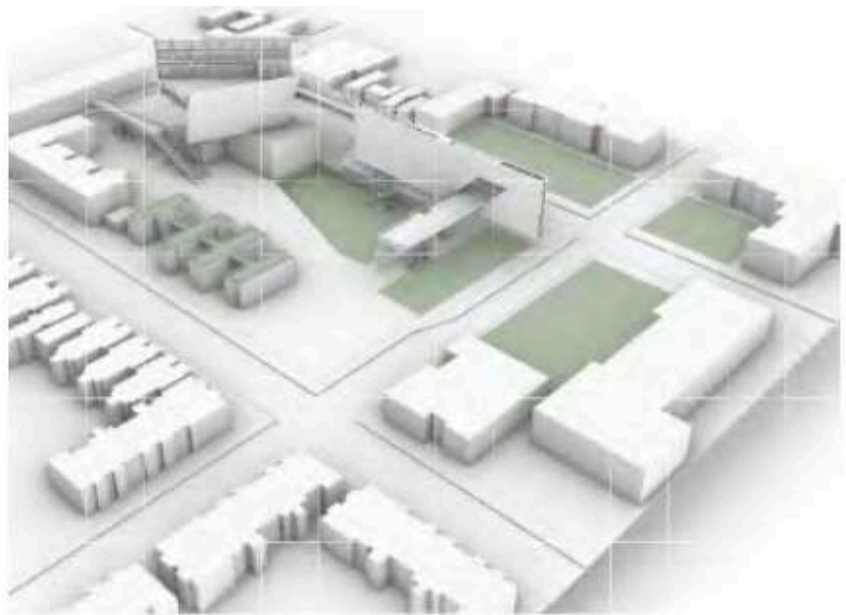
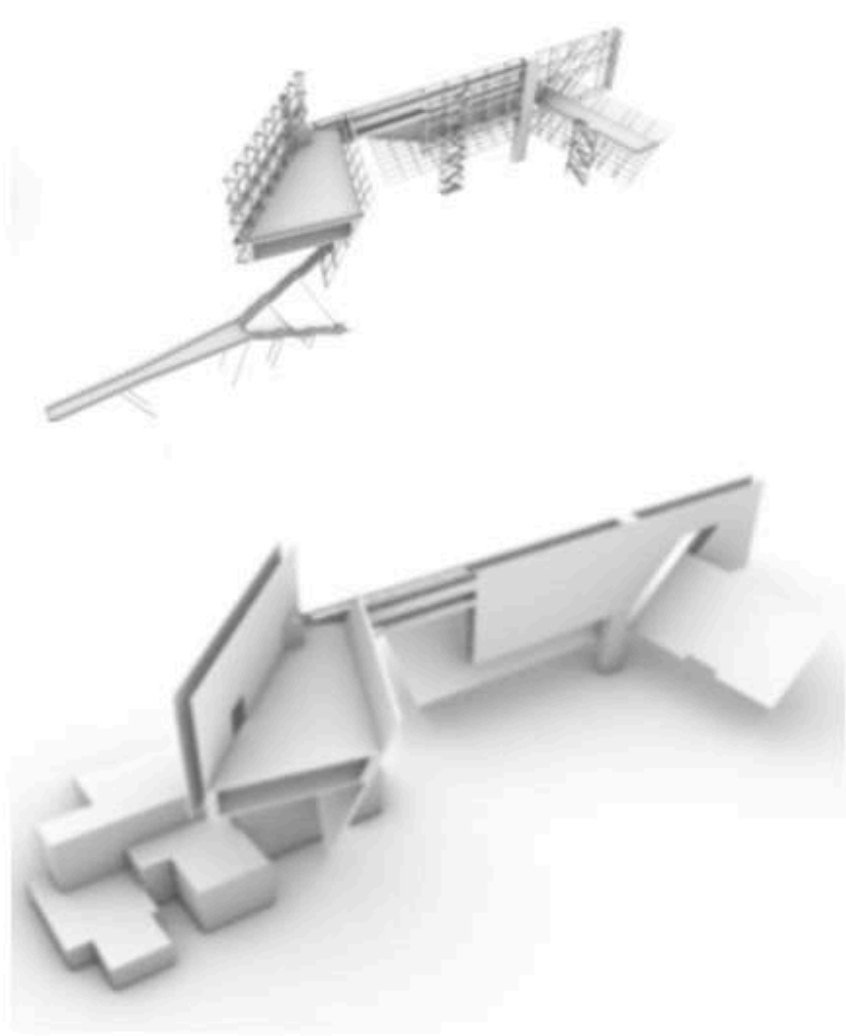
PROJECTING WOODLAWN

BRANDON LATIMER & GARRETT SUMMERLIN

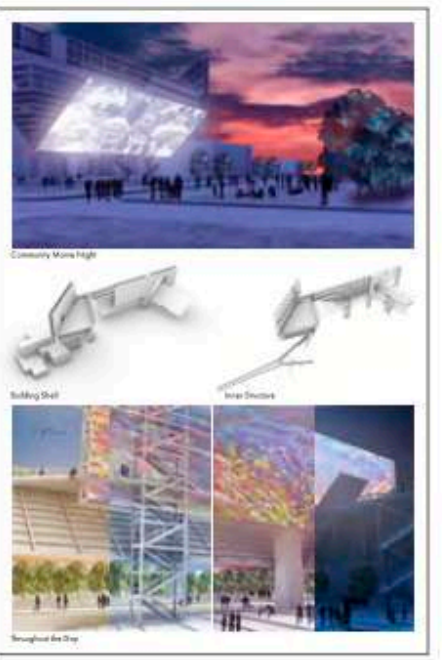
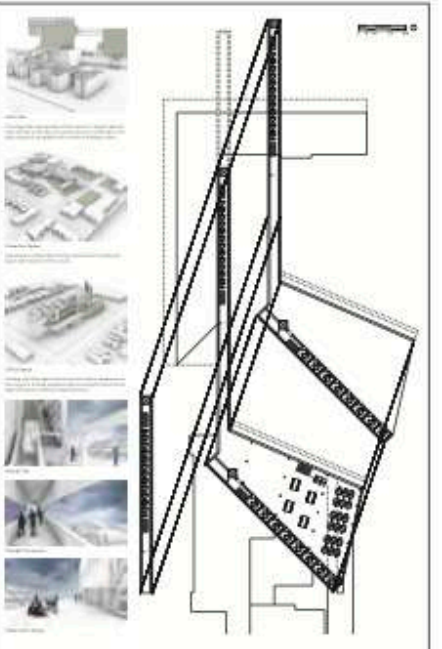
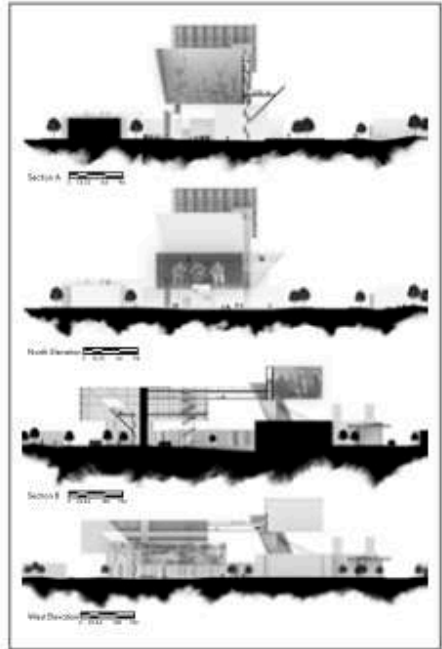
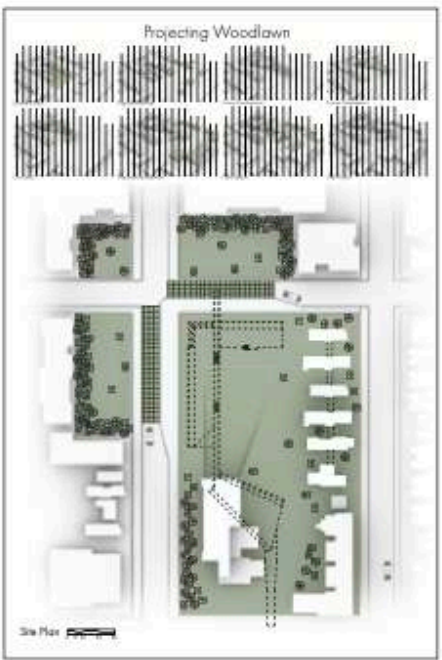
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Info Only



Presentation Boards





Transforming the South West Quadrant: A Vision for Agricultural and Vertical Farming District Development

Synopsis

The South West Quadrant, located at the Emmett Till campus in the heart of the community, holds immense potential to address food scarcity issues while providing economic and educational opportunities. This area faces natural barriers but offers a prime location for the Woodlawn workforce arm. By establishing an agricultural and vertical farming district here, we can catalyze positive change for the community and foster skill development in the science and horticulture sectors.

Food Scarcity Challenge:

Black communities across the nation, including the South West Quadrant, often grapple with food scarcity issues. Access to fresh and nutritious food is limited, leading to health disparities and reduced quality of life. The establishment of an agricultural and vertical farming district aims to address this pressing concern by increasing the availability of locally grown, sustainable produce.

Opportunity for Workforce Development:

The South West Quadrant, given its challenges, presents a unique opportunity to serve as the workforce arm of Woodlawn. By creating jobs within the agricultural and vertical farming sector, this district can offer employment opportunities to local residents, enabling them to contribute to the economic growth of the community.

Diverse Skill Sets:

The development of this district will foster diverse skill sets, encouraging residents to engage in the science and horticulture industries. From cultivating crops through advanced vertical farming techniques to managing sustainable farming practices, the community will benefit from a range of expertise that can enhance their livelihoods.

Education and Inspiration:

The district's establishment provides educational opportunities for residents, igniting inspiration among those who wish to immerse themselves in the critical aspects of community development. By promoting agricultural and horticultural knowledge, the community can empower its members to become active participants in these vital fields.

Proximity to Manufacturing Corridor:

The South West Quadrant is strategically located in close proximity to the South Chicago Ave Manufacturing corridor, offering opportunities for revitalization. The vision is to transform this area into an eco-friendly, zero-waste manufacturing and distribution district. This synergy with agriculture can create a sustainable ecosystem that promotes economic growth while preserving the environment.

In conclusion, the development of an agricultural and vertical farming district in the South West Quadrant is a visionary step toward addressing food scarcity, empowering the community with diverse skill sets, and promoting educational opportunities. This endeavor, combined with the potential revival of the nearby manufacturing corridor, can usher in a new era of growth and sustainability in the heart of Woodlawn, ultimately benefiting the Woodlawn district and its residents.

Emmett Till

6543 S Champlain Ave
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100 Acres of New Urban Agriculture

Brandon Troudt and Chase Wyman



Utilizing the numerous vacant buildings and alleys in Woodlawn as a base we will propose 100 acres of elevated growing platforms that provide growing space for a community driven agriculture industry. The platforms will have a shape that optimizes the growing space of the crops that are grown on them. Additionally, by manipulating the underused alleys beneath the platforms we will augment them as a way to circulate and store crops. This agriculture infrastructure is intended to be a catalyst for a local market that provides nutritional, accessible, and exportable food to the community of Woodlawn.



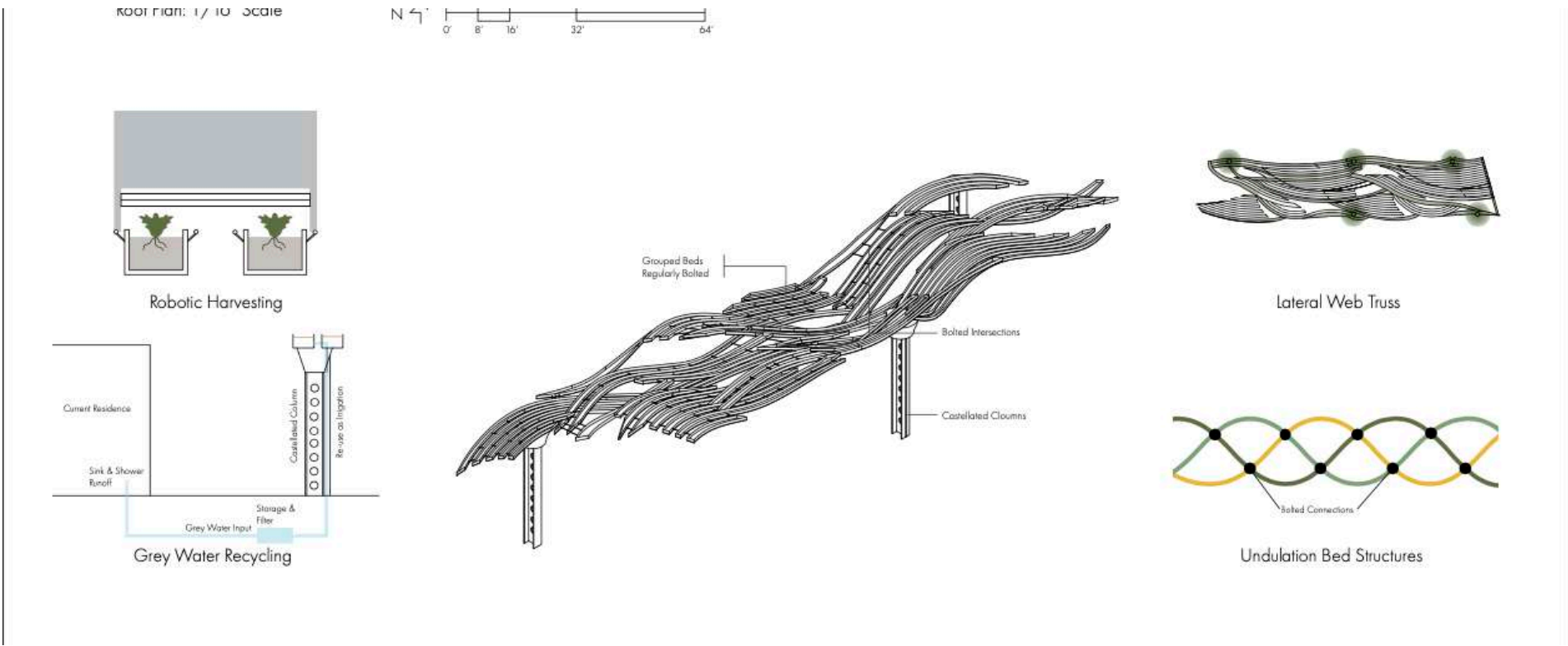
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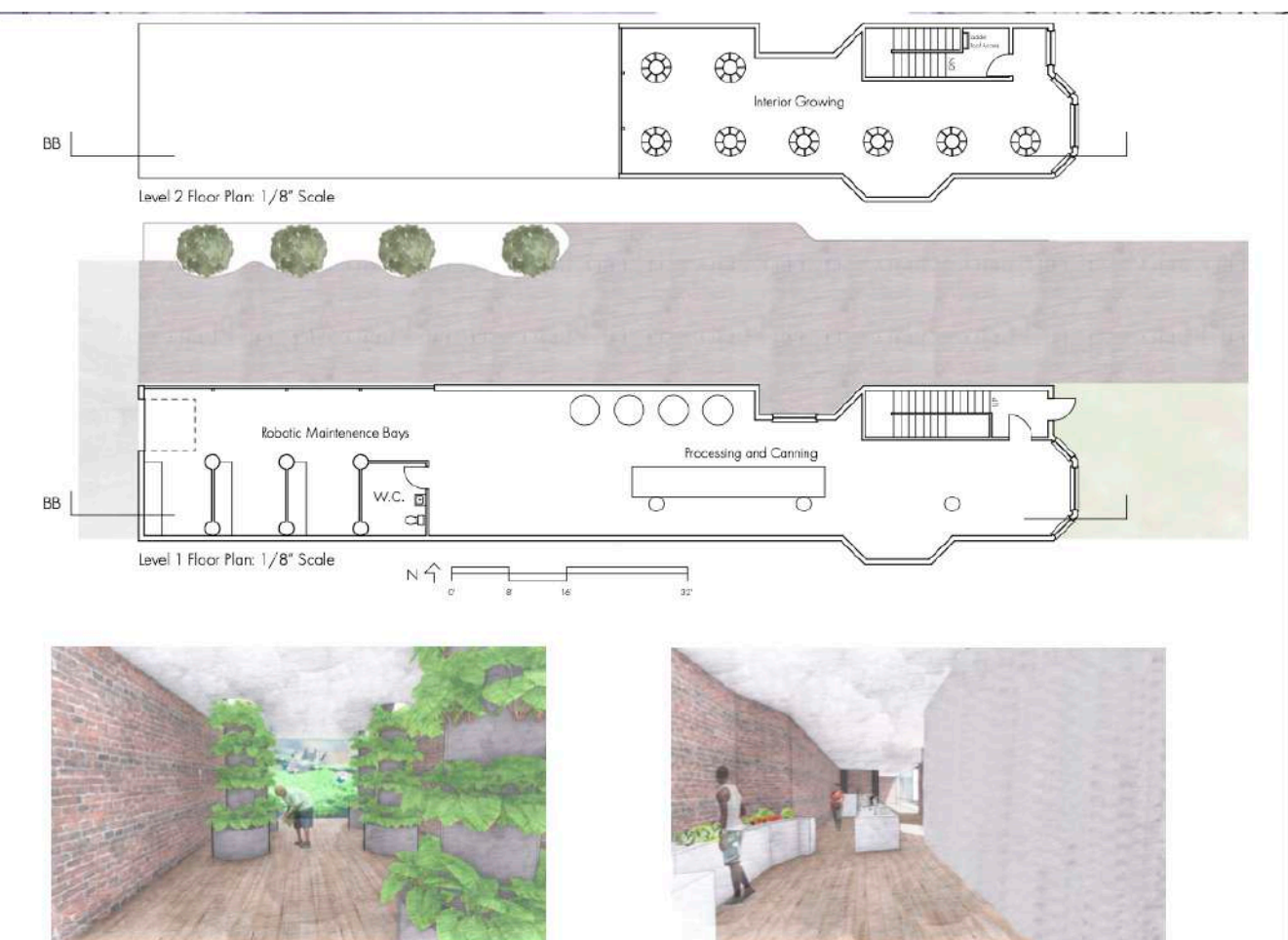
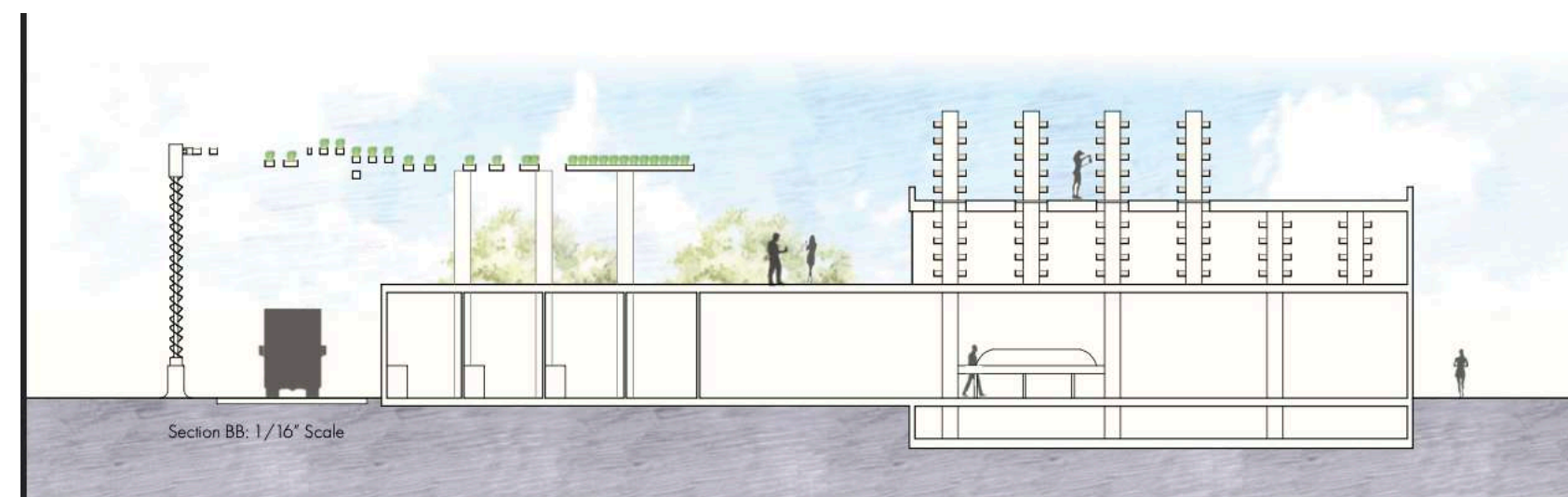
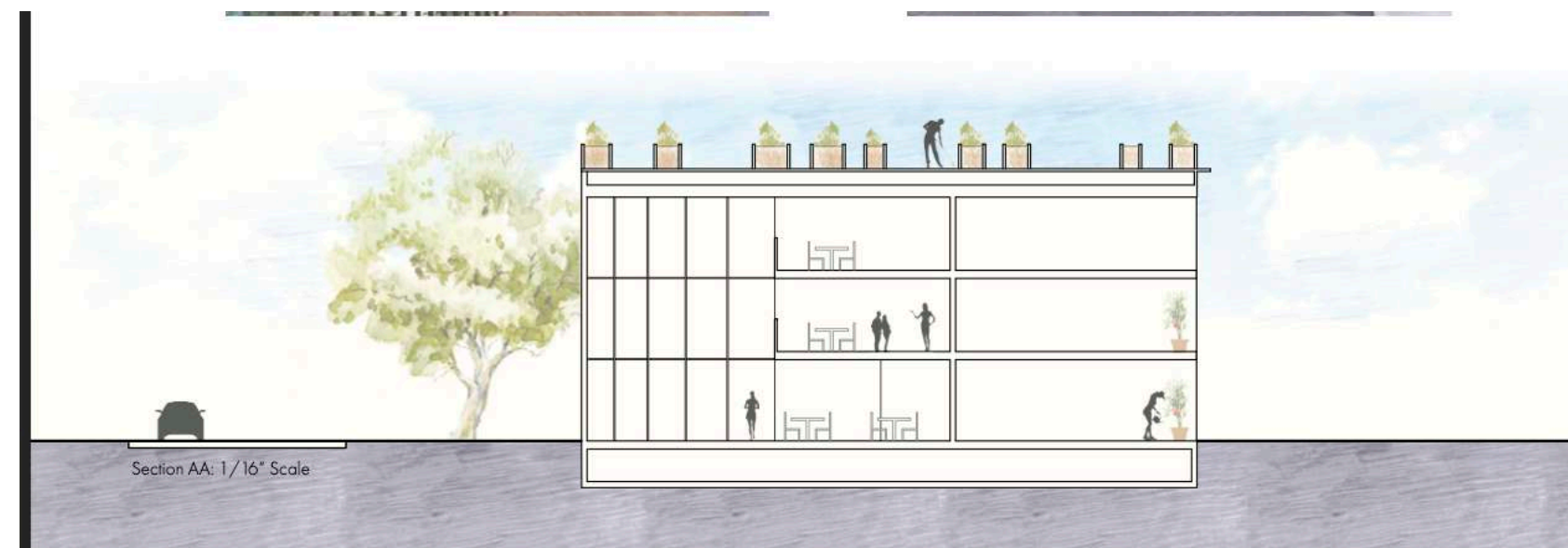
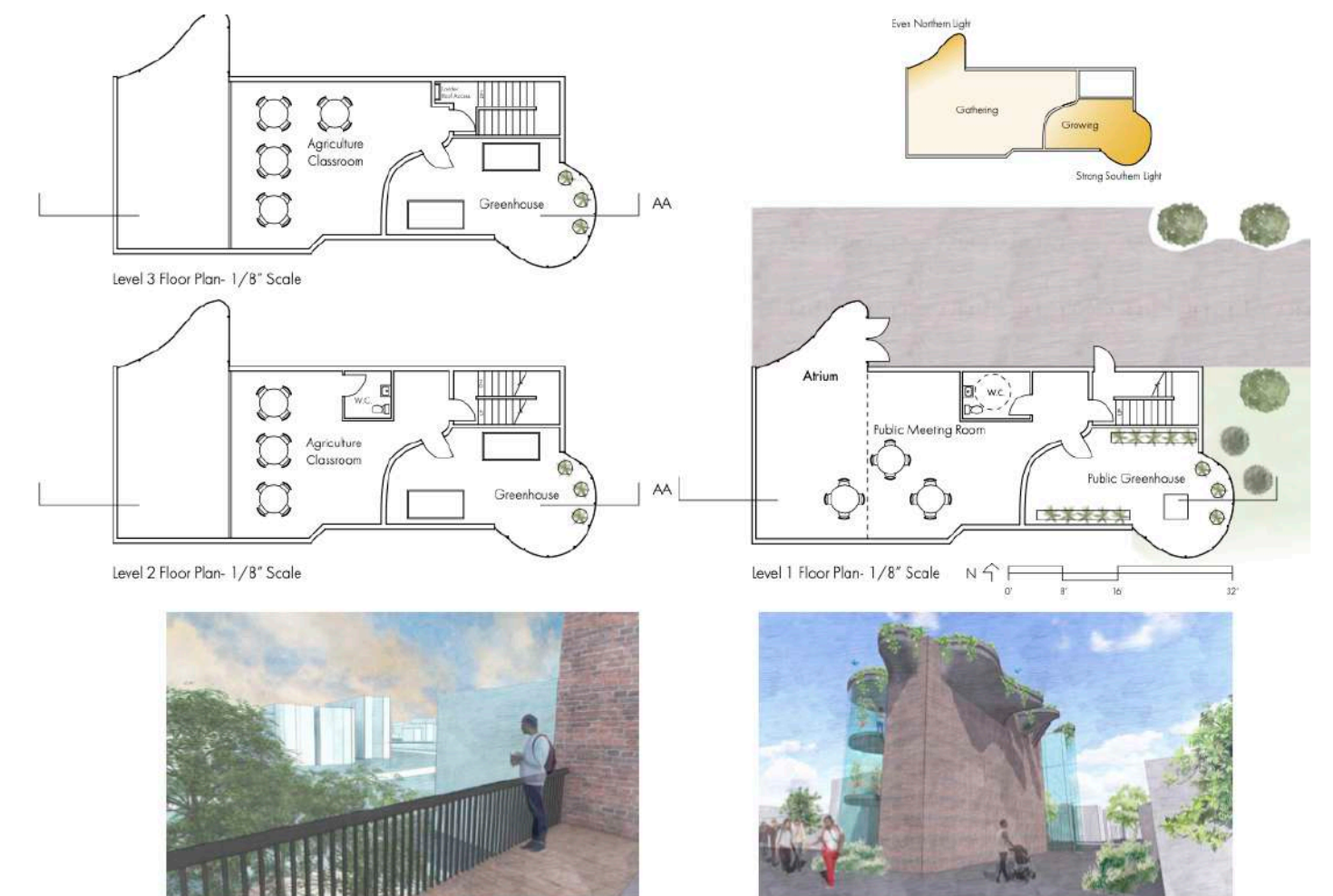
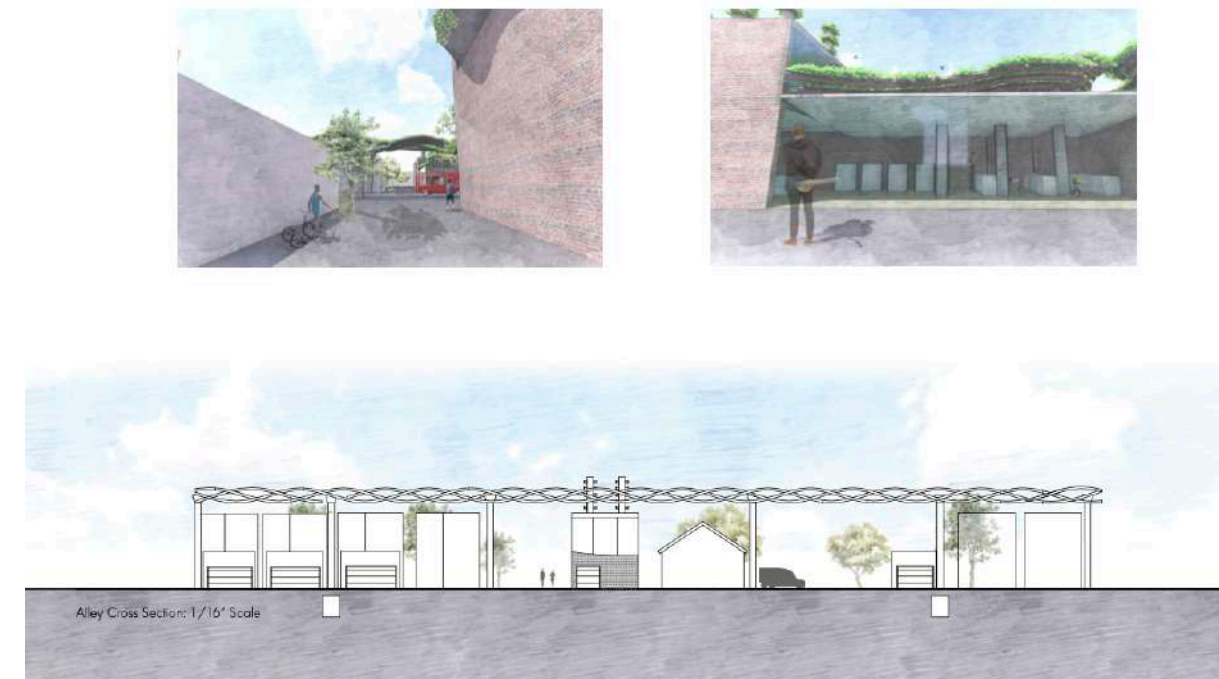
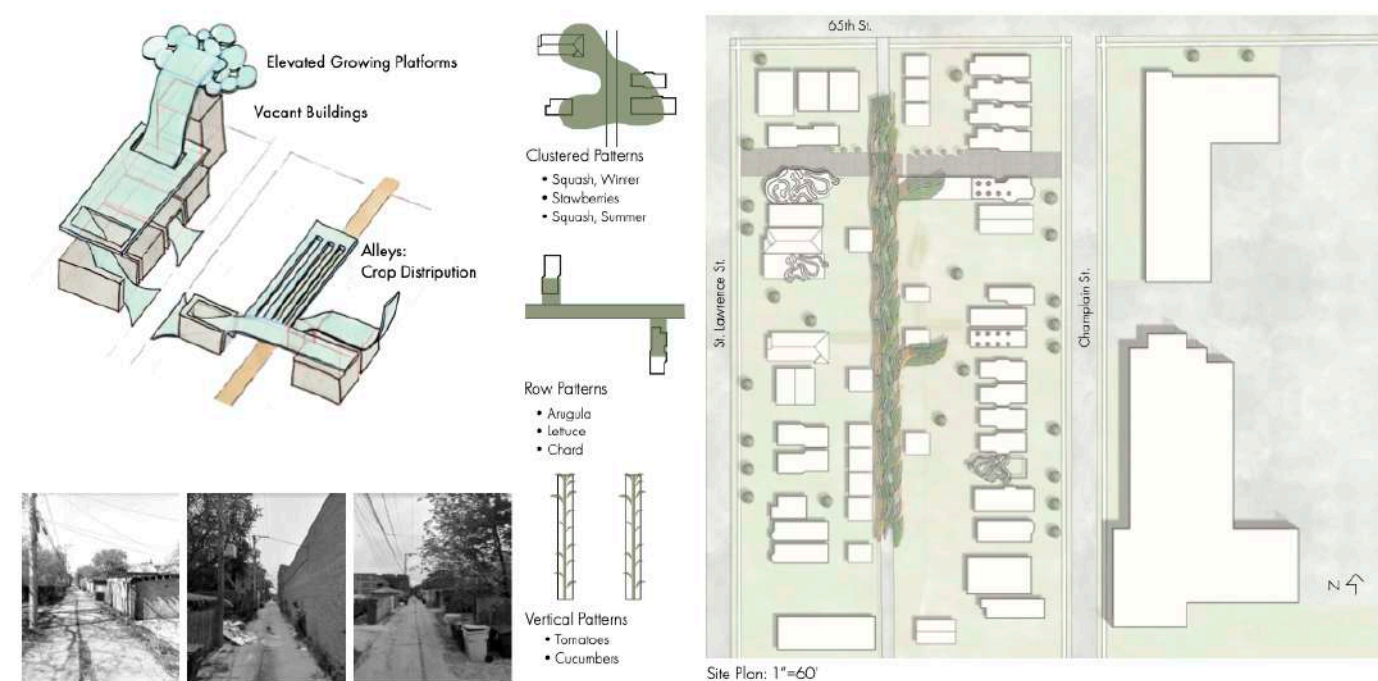


Vacant buildings provide a base for storage and processing



Future farmers market could sell produce at McCosh School Site







Shelving

Light Weight Steel Frame

Beehive Boxes (2-3)

Perforated Screen

