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How can architecture aid in the preservation and revitalization of rural communities? Architectural problem solving and community involvement are needed to aid in the preservation and revitalization of historically thriving rural communities. The typology for this thesis is a renovation and addition to a historical building, into a small technology/business incubator. The site is in Springfield, MN, a small rural community of 2300 located in the south central

Designers must communicate with community members to understand actions that are best for each unique problem. Sustainable architecture addresses these issues by rethinking solutions to the inevitable socio-economic and cultural changes. As urban areas continue to sprawl, they attract people, young and old, with promises of employment and opportunity. Rural communities are important to the heritage and history of our nation, not to mention our currently struggling economy. As a society and nation we must become aware of the advantages of rural communities and the opportunities for preservation and revitalization.

11 Data Room

12 Loading Dock

13 Laboratories

┨॔₄ Break Room

15 Kitchen

- Lobby/Entrance
- Light Mfg
- Heavy Mfg Conference Rooms Restrooms
- Mechanical

