Decentralization is a problem because it divides the city and caters to a non-pedestrian lifestyle.

As a solution, I propose a very minimally mixed-use typology building design project consisting of two, three-story mixed-use structures. Each exhibits an essential community program space at ground level, retail food market and day care, with residential units in the upper two stories. This design approach will allow for integrative commercial and residential developments.

The focus of the thesis design is recentralization; this design is ideally the start of many more to come that will add the missing city development. Needed steps to make this happen are rezoning as well as owner and neighborhood participation. The initial design focus is located in north Fargo, west of University Drive, north of Main Avenue, east of 25th Street and south of 7th Avenue. Fargo’s north central region is a mix of residential, commercial and industrial zoning decorated with scattered ruins of warehouses, run-down commercial buildings and junk yards.

Adapting the City

Recentralization of Housing Developments

How do the long-term effects of rapid housing development at a city’s perimeter compare to those of adaptive reuse interwoven toward the city center?
"Land is perhaps our most important limited resource, and current urban development patterns are clearly consuming the landscape in unsustainable ways."

The underlying issue in the current city planning and organization is that it is taking the easy and easy way out. It is to pretend beauty or fully peer down the road what the city of Fargo would look like. In the current proposal on a sense of the new residential complexes are continuing to be added quickly and efficiently, further and the new housing models are the same and remaining at installations. It is easy to design in this manner because it is where the oldest is actually designed further but are being designed the existing built environment while developing the particular. At some point the inner city becomes on roar down and forgotten that it is not meant to ignore. What kind of livable community would that be?

In my proposal the city contains urban walking, integration of retail, greenness in the landscape. Construction of urban building continues to code/sense and that way the environment is friendly patterns are include and building structure is continually adapting, as are the many incorporated designs.