



growth through the past:

A Cooperation Between the Past, Present, and
Future in Revitalizing Clarissa, Minnesota

Can a piece of history be used as a catalyst for growth of a dying community?

problem
statement



<http://sites.mpbs.org/historic-sites/lower-stoux-age>



<http://www.millstone.com/>



<http://wilkieadventures.blogspot.com/2010/06/minnesota-and-south-dakota.html>

preserving
the past

1. Recognizing people are a community's best resource for visioning and investing in the future.
2. Approaching planning and design problems with an interdisciplinary team is necessary to achieve* balanced planning and physical design solutions.
3. Understanding a community's unique sense of place is developed through respect for the local environmental, physical, social, and economic environments.
4. Promoting physical design as an integral component of a community's quality of life offers the most effective use of the Design Team's planning and design skills.
5. Encouraging redevelopment in areas where urban infrastructure exists, or new development in areas where infrastructure capacity exists, ensures that a community's land and utility resources will be used efficiently.
6. Promoting compact development patterns assures that a community uses its land, transportation and civic resources wisely.
7. Encouraging development of public realm amenities that will attract private sector construction is an effective economic development strategy for improving community quality of life.
8. Promoting a range of housing types assures that citizens of differing incomes, lifestyles and preferences have a range of housing choices within the community.
9. Promoting a range of commercial building types assures a range of building and employment choices within the community.
10. Encouraging community stakeholders to collaborate with one another will assure that community improvements are directed responsibly.
11. Using graphics and visual references allows the Design Team to communicate ideas quickly and effectively.



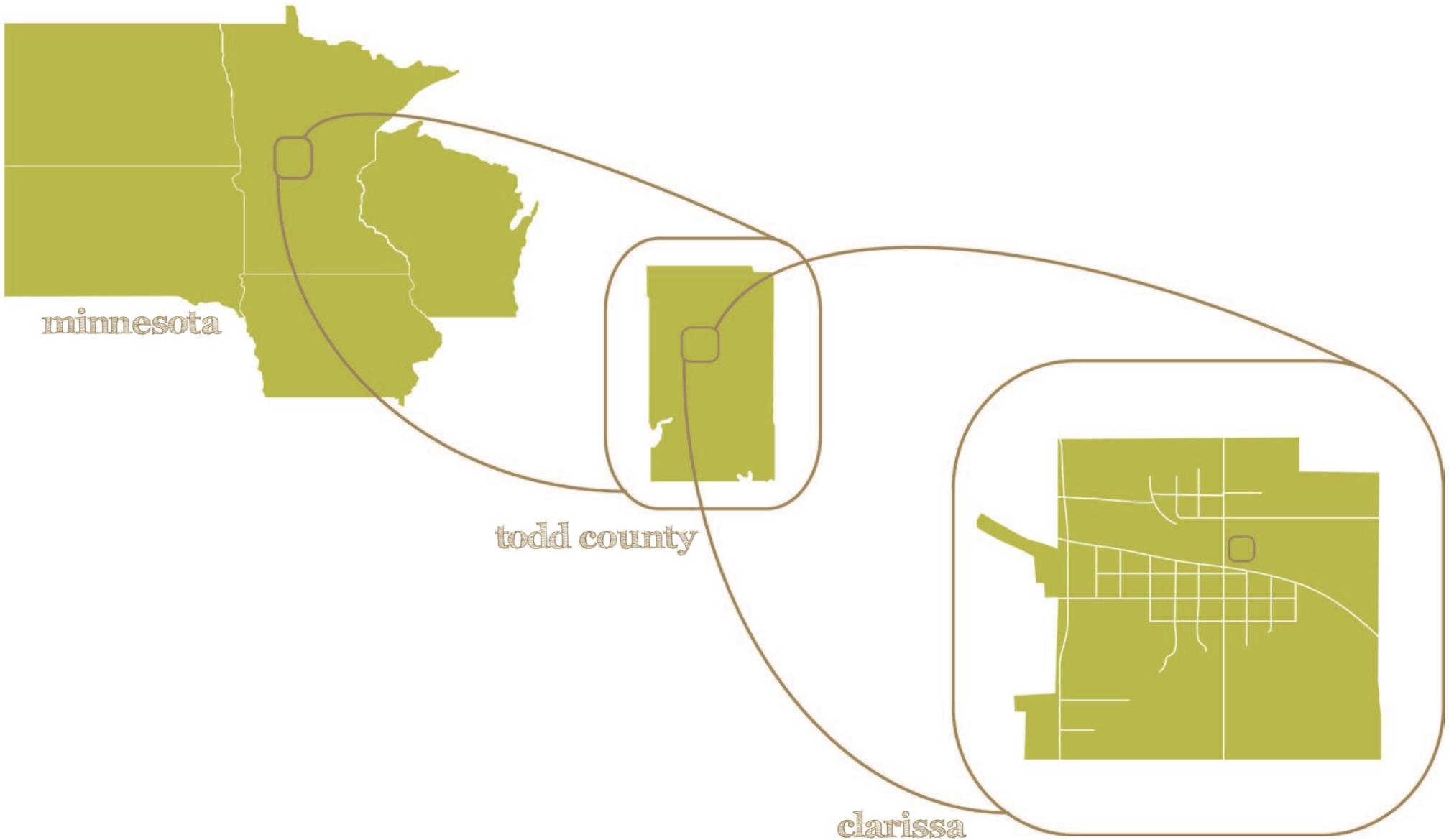
<http://www.minnesotadesignteam.org/>

minnesota
design team

- Small Size and Geographic Isolation
- Economic Specialization
- Limited Human Capital
- Dependency and Disadvantages
- Children are the Future

This thesis goes on to answer the question of whether a piece of the past can be used as a catalyst for growth in a small community. By adapting a current piece of architecture into a tool that can be used by the residents of Clarissa, MN. Linking the past, present, and future. By creating a place for members of the community to learn, gather, and experience.

abstract



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location





clarissa, mn





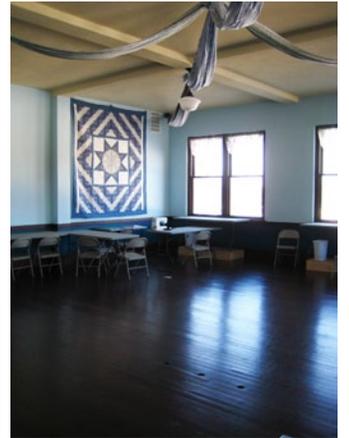
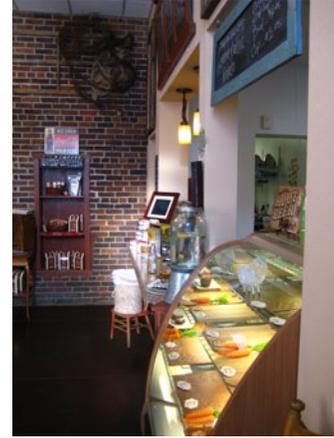
Images: <http://www.lakeswoods.com/ClarissaGallery.htm> & Todd County Heritage Book

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images from Port City Makerspace's Facebook page

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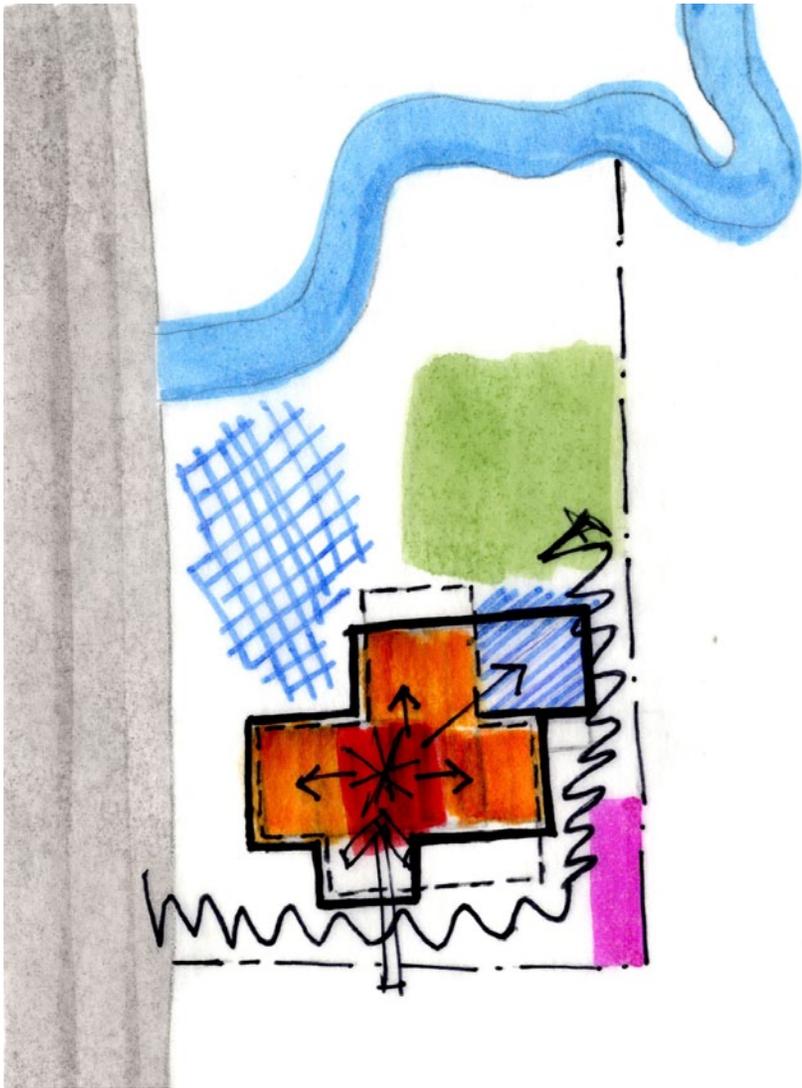
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-The structure may relate to the revitalization of the community and multigenerational relationships.

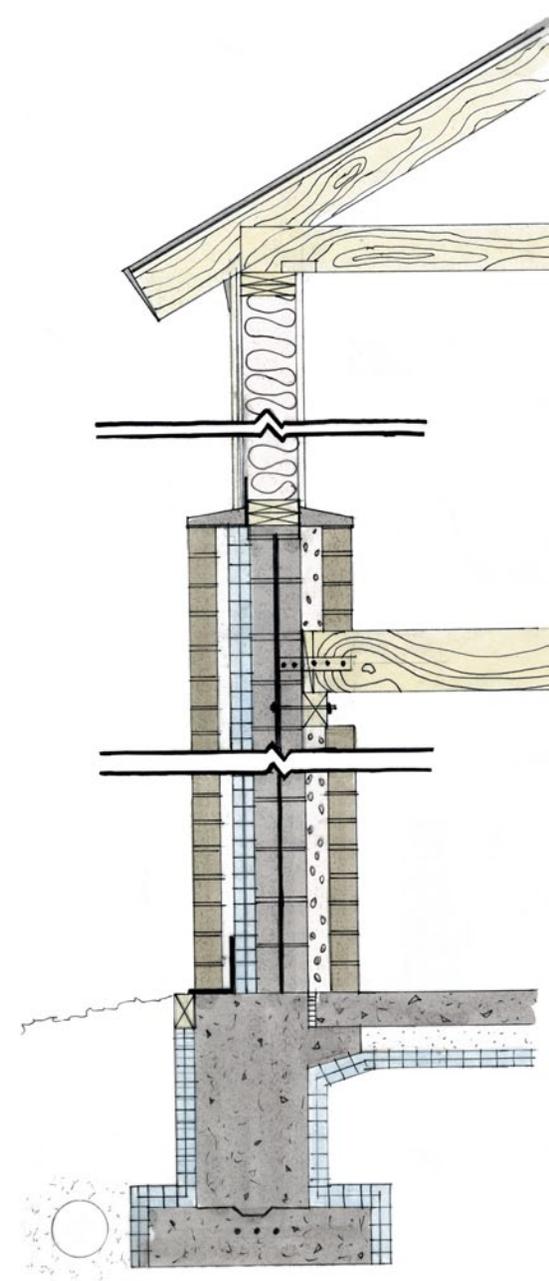
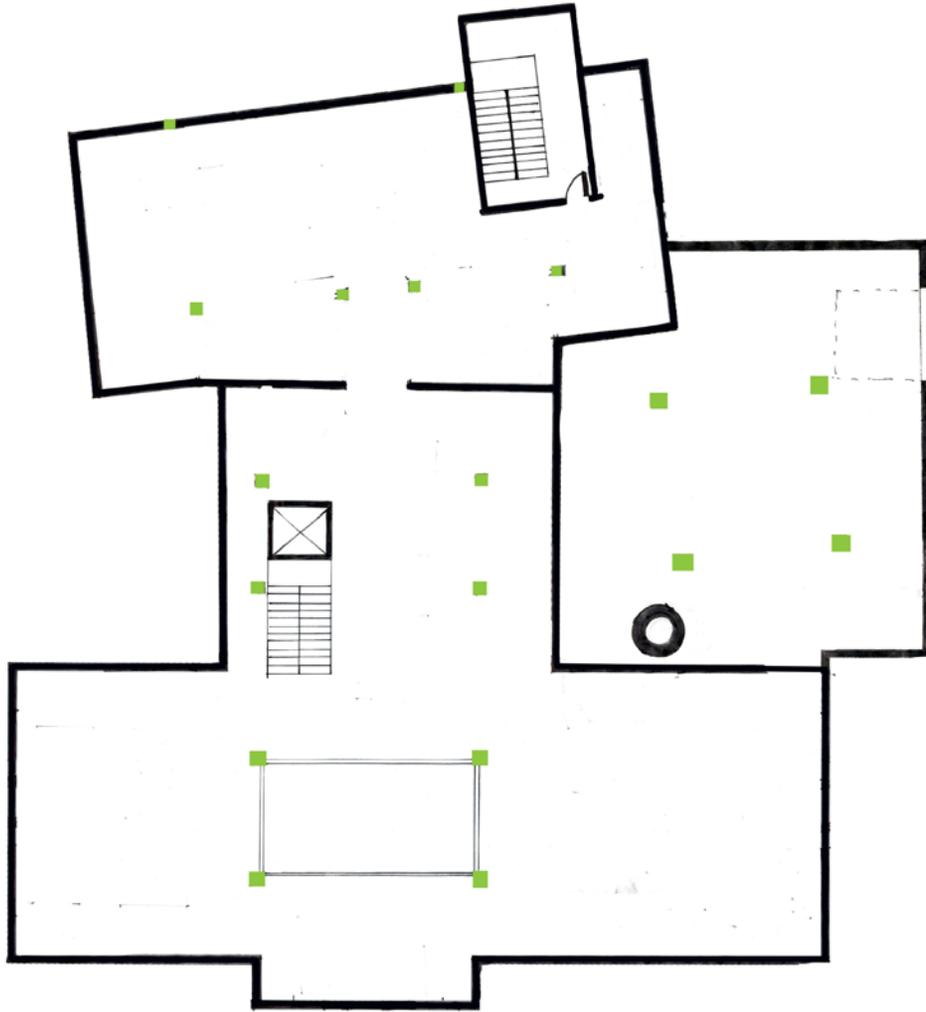
-The design should respond to its surroundings-both natural and built.

-The design could be a display of architecture being used as a tool to renew the sense of community.

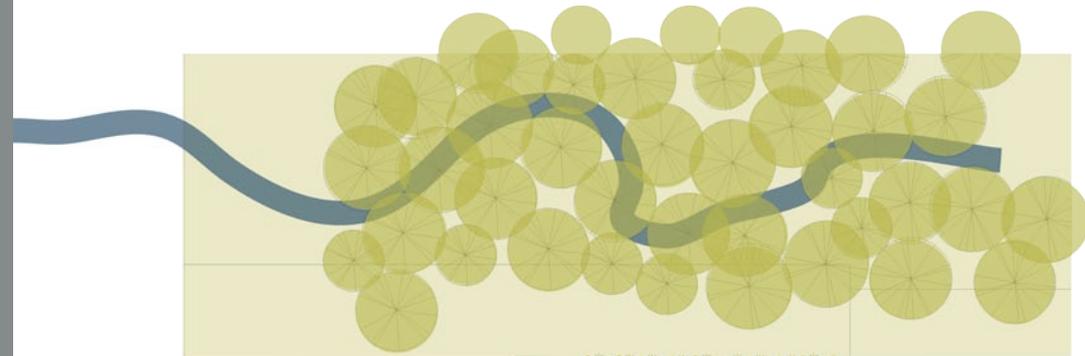
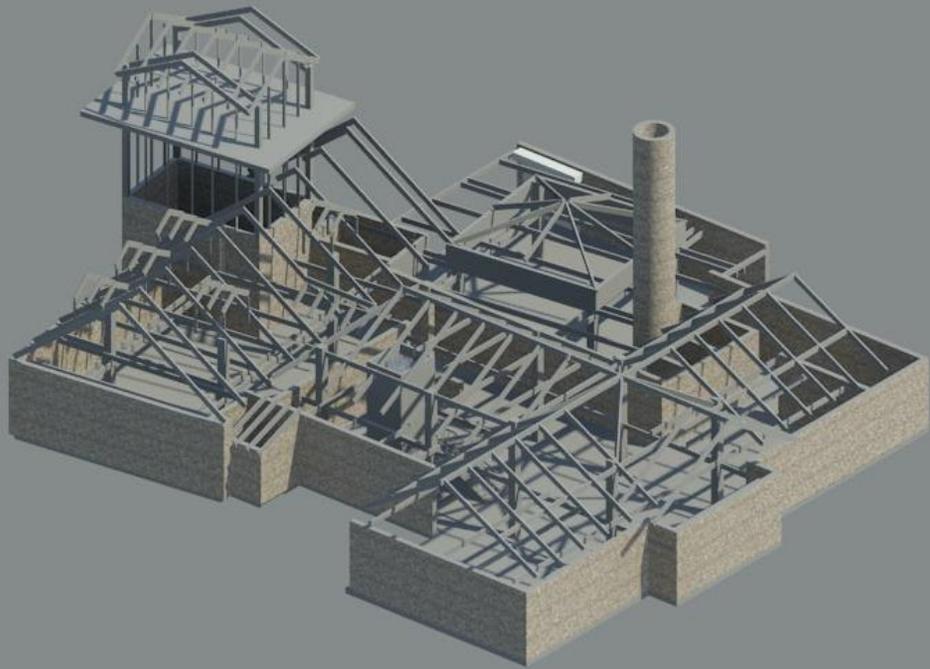
-The spatial organization may speak of the nature of a cooperative relationship.

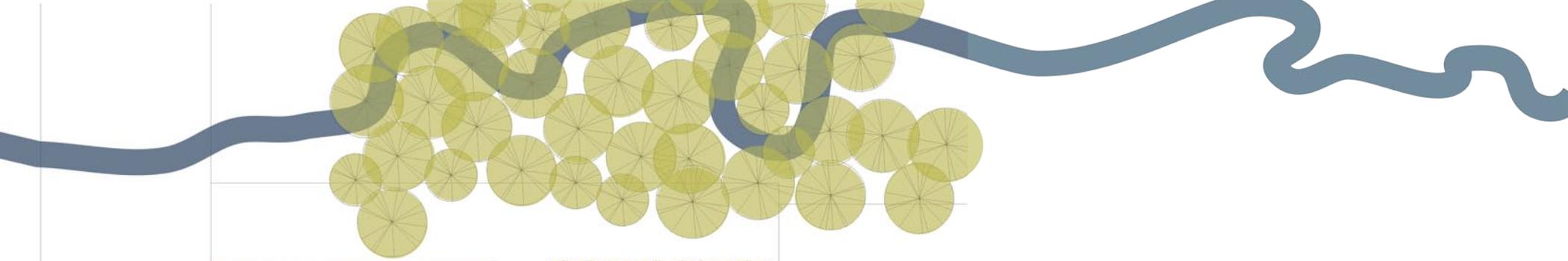


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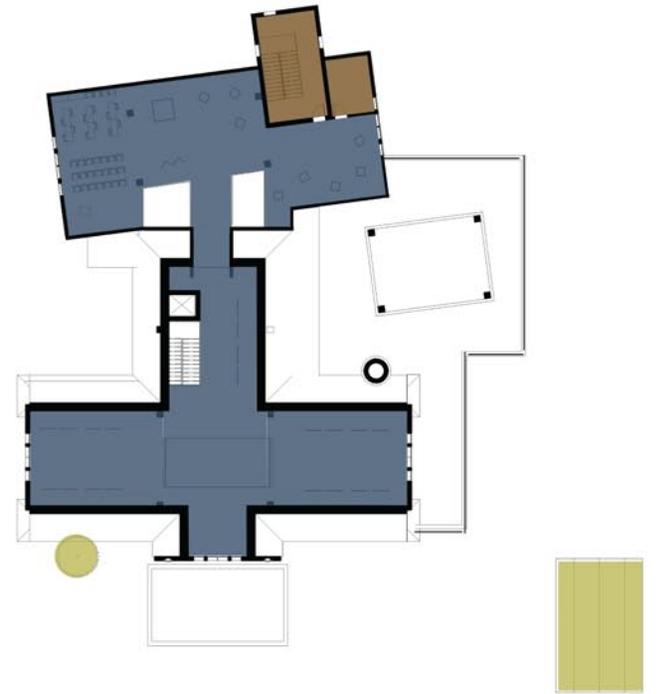


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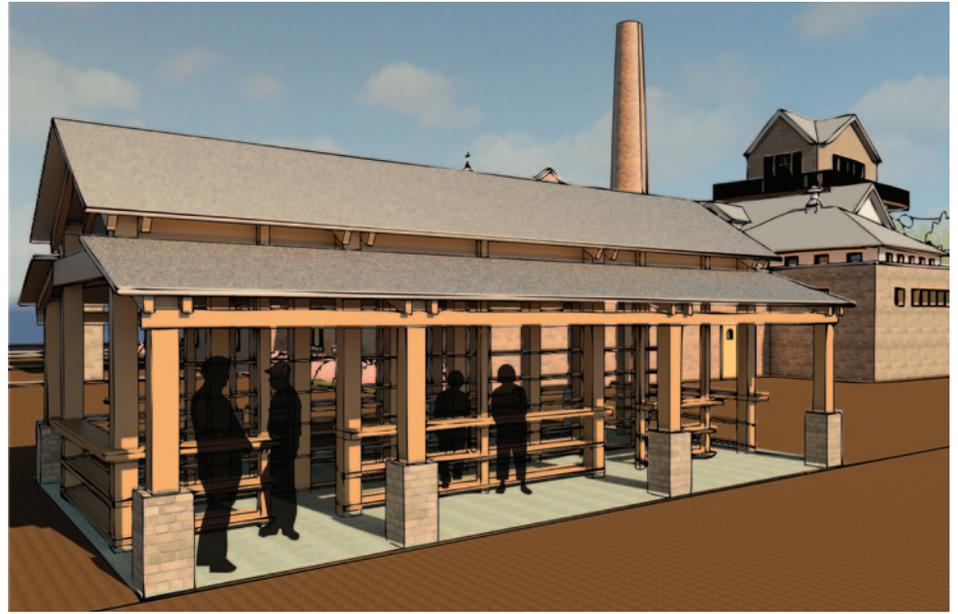
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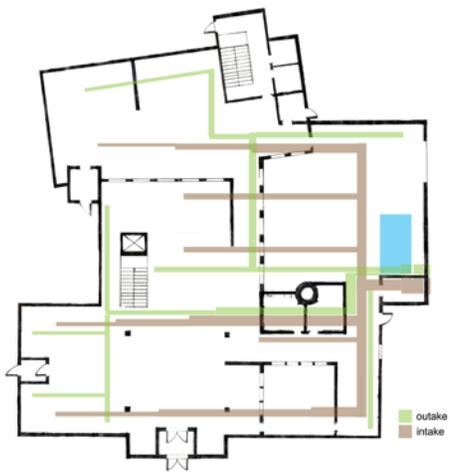
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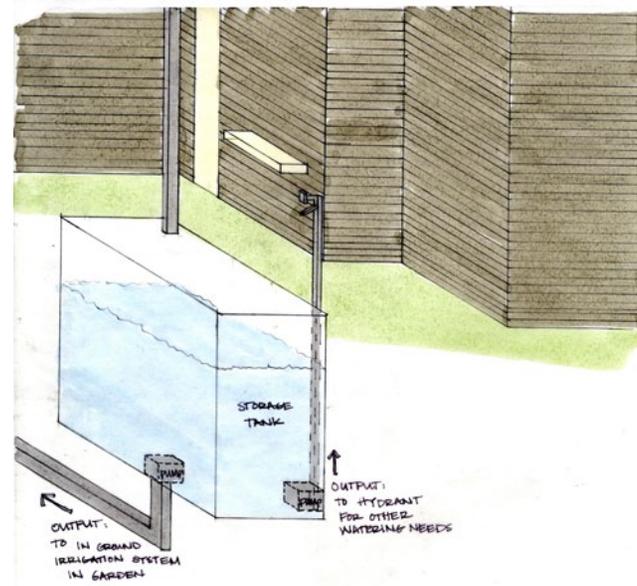
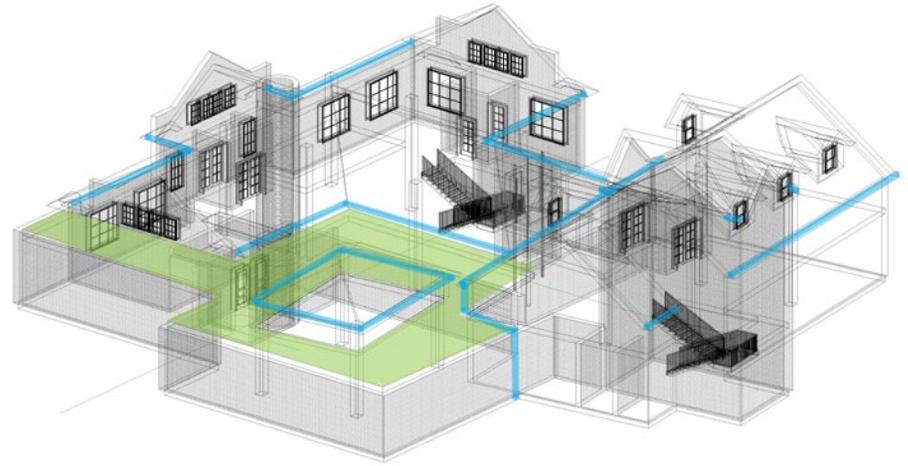


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site plan



garden

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questions?