NEW PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES: DESIGNING FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN FOOD

THESIS STATEMENT
THE INTEGRATION OF URBAN AGRICULTURE INTO PUBLIC SPACES, SUCH AS AN URBAN PARK, WILL INCREASE THE VIABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PRACTICE

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS

HARDINESS ZONE 4A
UNITED STATES
RIVER ECOSYSTEM

NORTH LOOP DISTRICT
A NEW URBAN VILLAGE

The north loop district in downtown Minneapolis is an integrated urban neighborhood. Although provided with an underserved historic ecosystem, the area is enjoying a tremendous resurgence as a neighborhood with housing, employment, entertainment, restaurants and retail. The city of Minneapolis has designated a plan for the district that is currently underway and involved the recent construction of the new baseball stadium, Target Field.

“North loop village will be among the largest developments in Minneapolis creating unprecedented opportunity to build new neighborhood around public gathering spaces…”

9500 JOBS + 5000 RESIDENTS

FOOD IS THE GATEWAY DRUG TO SUSTAINABILITY...
- STEVE COHEN

GREENHOUSES ADJACENT TO THE PLAZA PROVIDE POSSIBLE SHELTER SHOULD WEATHER DEMAND.

BY PAVING PATTERNS THAT CAN BE USED AS A FARMER’S MARKET WEEKLY, AS WELL AS A SMALLER EVENT SPACE.

THE GARDENS IS APPROXIMATELY 6-7 ACRES. THE ENTRANCE TO THE GARDENS IS MARKED BY A CIRCULAR AREA DESIGNATED.

A CITY RUN FARM THAT PROVIDES PRODUCE TO LOCAL VENDORS AS WELL AS RESIDENTS. THE TOTAL SPACE DEVOTED TO THE GARDENS IS APPROXIMATELY 7 NEW APARTMENTS IN NEXT 2 YEARS, 4 NEW RESTAURANTS IN PAST YEAR.

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— PEPPLE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

16.02 acres
GROUND (acres) 14.21
BUILDING (acres) 0.81

ASHWOOD MEADOW

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ASHWOOD MEADOW PROVIDES THEIR OWN SHADY SPOT TO ENJOY THE GAME BUT OFFER THE ONLY AVAILABLE PUBLIC SPACE IN THE AREA.