This thesis project examines alternative living environments for an aging population. The main goal of the project is to inform future generations on how sustainable design and exposure to the natural environment can help improve the health and wellbeing of an aging population.

The project typology is an assisted living facility and the site is located in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, within Bryant Lake Regional Park. The site presents many opportunities for residents to explore the natural environment and participate in a wide range of activities. The facility was designed to encourage an active lifestyle with family and friends in mind. The building and site provide amenities that can be used by residents, friends, family, and the surrounding community alike. The idea is not only to create a healthy environment for aging adults to live in, but also create a place that will help unite everyone within the community in a positive way.

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