

Cities of today are at a constant struggle to expand and adapt to their residents. In most cities, roughly fifteen percent of its land are considered to be vacant. A large amount of these sites still house buildings that are no longer serving its original purpose. The old Hamm's Brewery that had brewed beer for over 130 years has now sat abandoned for over seventeen years with several new companies taking on the task of converting it to their new home. The old brewery was picked due to its large role of serving its community over all the years of use, which once housed over 1,300 employees and being one of the largest breweries in America at its peak production. This thesis aims to bring even more life into the crumbling buildings and to harvest growth to the community of East St. Paul and its surroundings. Here the community will learn, build, and grow in the form of amenities in fitness, cooking, arts, wood working and beer brewing, as well as preserving such a significant building that the city does not currently view as worthy of preservation. This project focuses on allowing the most functionality of the new community spaces as well as keeping as much of the existing building as possible.