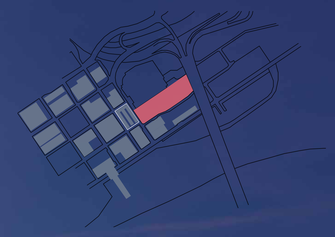
OVER THE FENCE

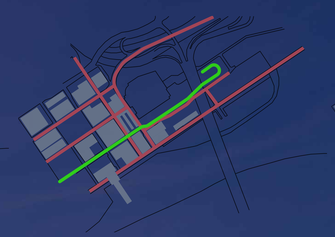
CREATING A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPROTS AND COMMUNITY

Sports are a major source of entertainment worldwide, providing an escape and bring people together. The construction of sporting venues, like stadiums or ballparks, are promoted as tools for economic growth for their communities, but often fail to do so. The environment around them is often underutilized, typically surrounded by parking lots that are left vacant for most of the year. Instead of building new stadiums, this thesis looks to promote the construction of an entertainment district that enhances the overall experience of the venue during games as well as providing an attraction beyond the world of sports.



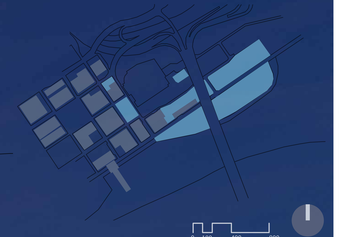
SITE MAP

Lowertown, St. Paul, MN



TRANSIT MAP

METROLINE
CAR TRAFFIC



PARKING MAP

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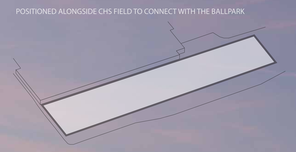
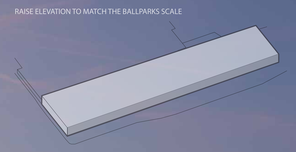
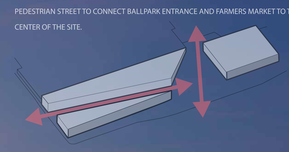
POSITIONED ALONGSIDE CHS FIELD TO CONNECT WITH THE BALLPARK



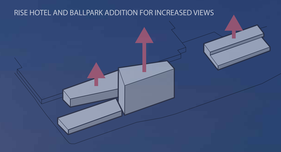
RAISE ELEVATION TO MATCH THE BALLPARKS SCALE

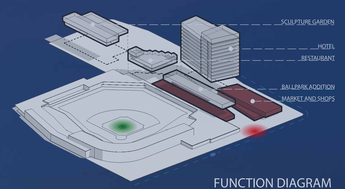


PEDESTRIAN STREET TO CONNECT BALLPARK ENTRANCE AND FARMERS MARKET TO THE CENTER OF THE SITE.



RISE HOTEL AND BALLPARK ADDITION FOR INCREASED VIEWS





FUNCTION DIAGRAM

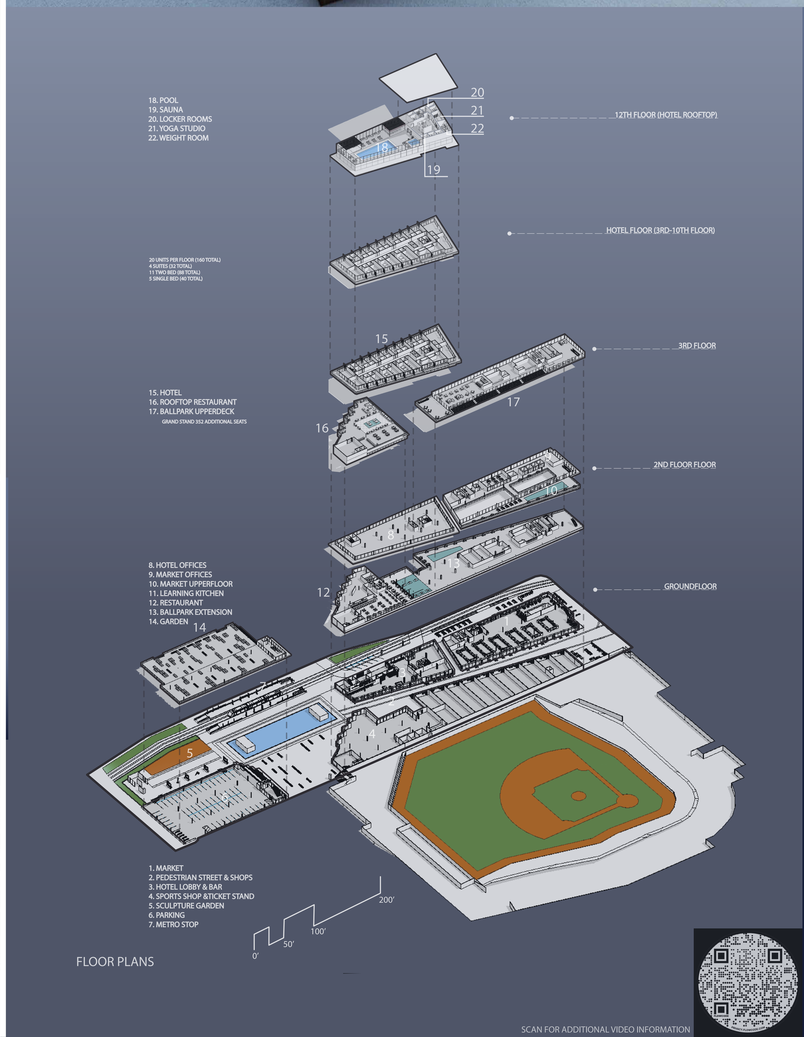
GOALS

FORM AND MATERIALS

The form and materials of the design are inspired by CHS Field, mimicking the design of the existing ballpark. Proportions and scale follow that of CHS, with a restrained design and extended cantilevers. The material palette is also similar, using wood on the underside of the canopies and combined with Blacken Steel and grey masonry. The design becomes a new addition to the existing framework for which the ballpark is known for.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

The district is designed to operate as a social and commercial space, offering various shopping opportunities and social engagement. The market is supported by a pedestrian street lined with shops, giving the space year-long revenue. And the public spaces, like the plaza and sculpture garden, maximizes the social interaction on the site. The district's identity focuses on creating a sense of place that connects to the experience of the ballpark, the community, and the city.



FLOOR PLANS

SOUTH SECTION

WEST SECTION

SCAN FOR ADDITIONAL VIDEO INFORMATION