Urban Market and Farm for Nashville

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ABSTRACT

This thesis is an investigation of the role of architecture in reclaiming deteriorating urban constructs, consequently restoring the placedness of a given community - in this case, East Nashville. Through careful consideration of the built environment, architecture as well as landscape architecture can transform our existence on the land and sustain a harmonious economy through the cultivation of food grown within the neighborhood. How we structure ourselves on the landscape via architecture speaks to our perception of the material world given to us.
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PERSPECTIVE OF URBAN MARKET + GREENHOUSE
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“I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and plant and eat their fruit.”

-Amos 9:14
Map shows availability of land for potential growth in a half-mile radius, totaling approximately 200 acres of arable land. The project site is situated at the intersection of Shelby Avenue and 10th Street in Nashville, Tennessee.
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION + WALKING RADIUS STUDY

- Potential commuter rail line
- Proposed site location
- Half-mile walking radius
1 COMMUNITY KITCHEN
2 FREEZER ROOM
3 REFRIGERATION ROOM
4 DRY STORAGE
5 HARVEST SPACE
6 TOOL SHED
7 RESTROOM
EAST ELEVATION
INTERIOR PERSPECTIVE OF MARKET
EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF KITCHEN + MARKET
SOIL + INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

NO SCALE
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