

Progress often has ripped through neighborhoods leaving populations with the least opportunity to resist; at a disadvantage. The project site at Lake Street and Nicolette Avenue is no difference but this site is being given a second life which is an opportunity to renew lost connections, reintroduce development that is of a neighborhood scale and insert programming that will greatly enrich the community.

“In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand we will understand only what we are taught”-Babe Dioum

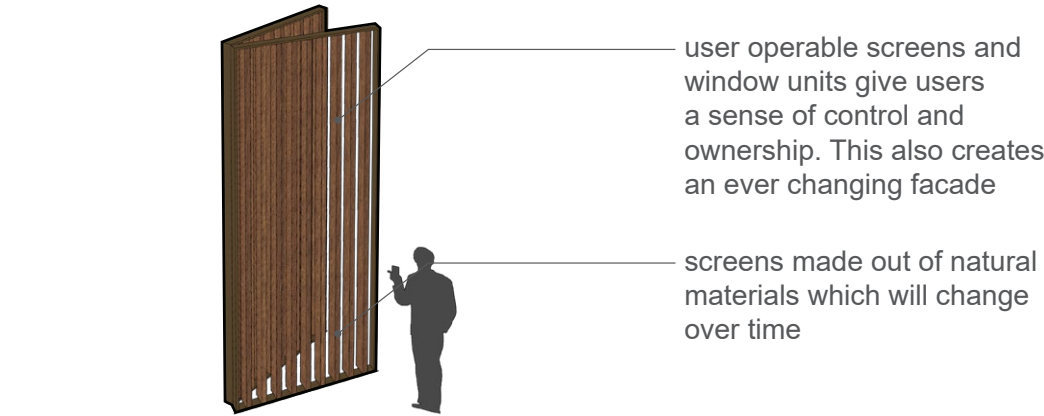
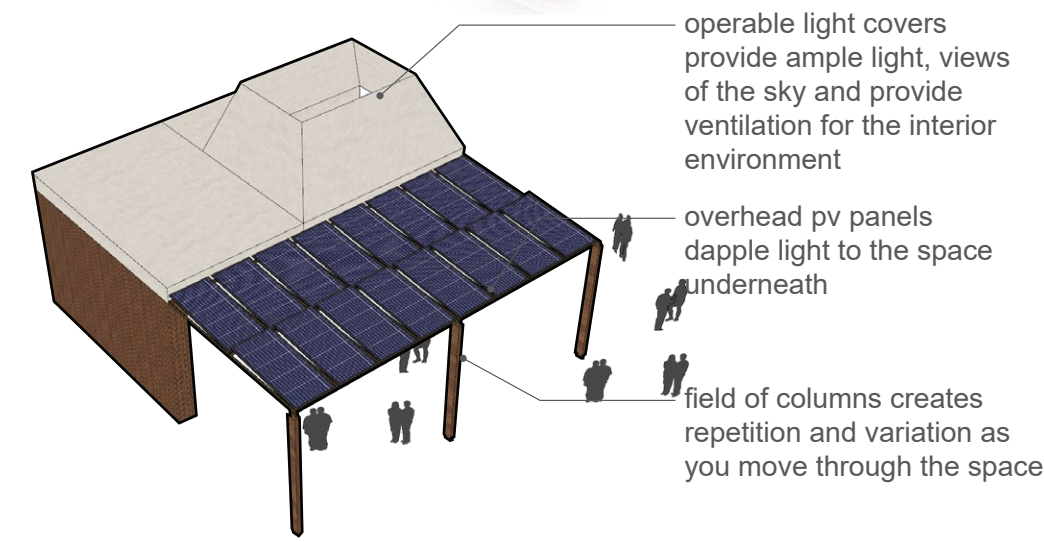
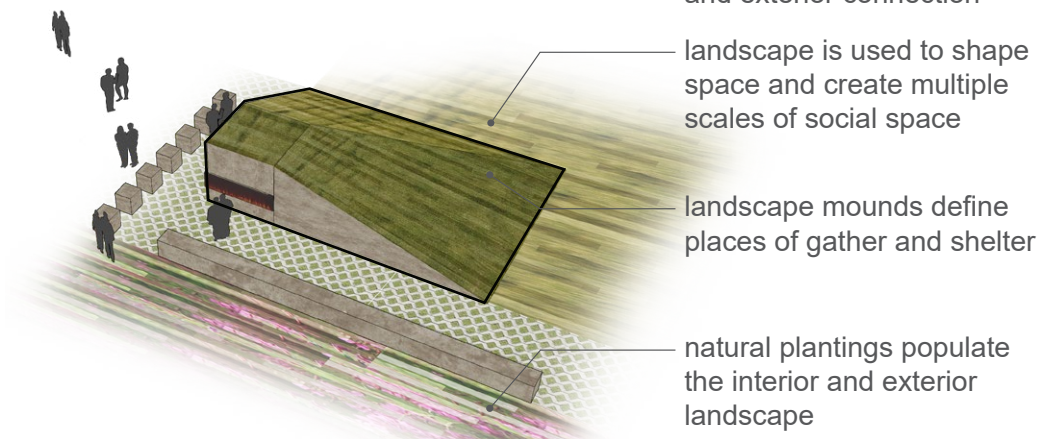
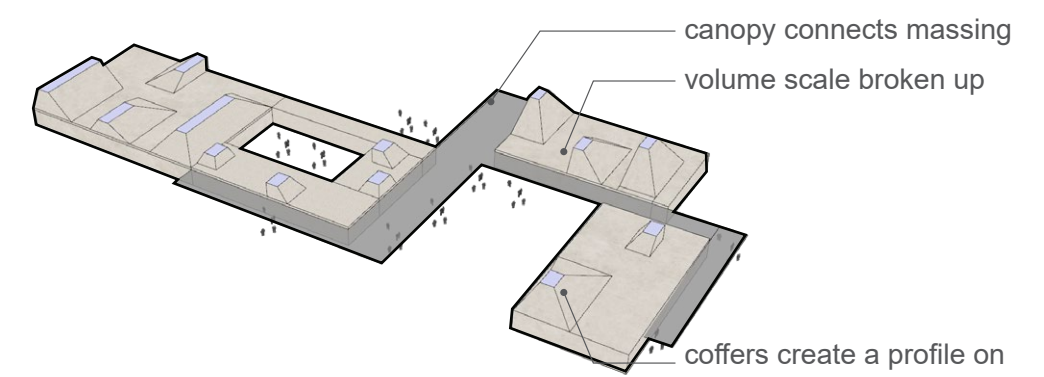
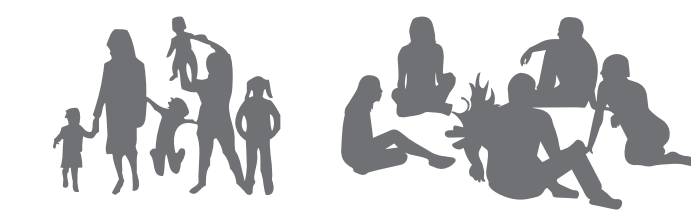
This proposal looks at the program, site and the neighborhood in two ways. One through enriching the site programmatically; creating an educational center for children and spaces of social interaction for the community which are integrated with the reinserted natural environment. This allows an opportunity to create a rich dichotomy between the those learning and using the space while simultaneously fostering community and social engagement with the natural environment. This is done through adjacencies of programming, interior/exterior relationships, and careful integration and renewed connections with the existing and future context.

Secondly looks to the history, rural vernaculars and the Minnesota landscape and for inspiration; but not through a literal interpretation but rather using their essence to influence and shape the project. The rural midwest has historically had a strong connection with the natural environment which is not always experienced in the built environment. Similar to the family farm the projects program is spread out through out the site; planting and structure are used to shape environments and social space, much like the vernacular of the rural farm shapes outdoor space. The roofs take on a low slung profile with a series of skylights extending towards the sky; these bring light deep into the spaces and also are reminiscent of structures which dot the Minnesota horizon.

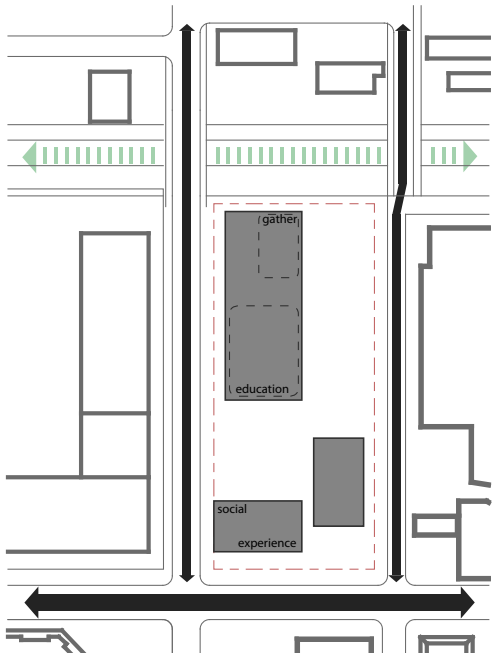
Program/Form: Rooted in Place



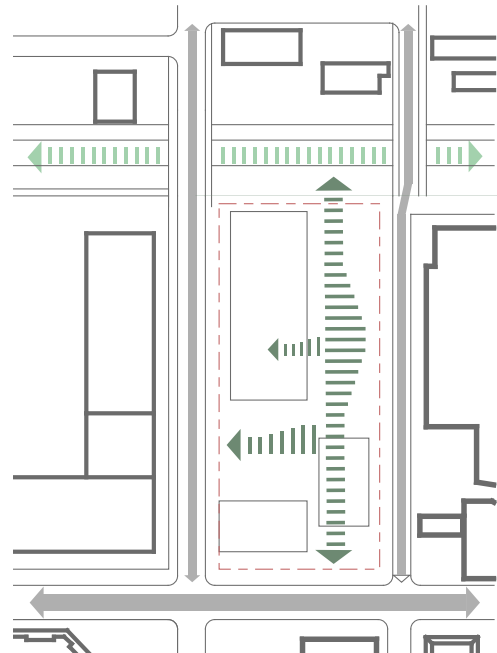
Program | Spaces



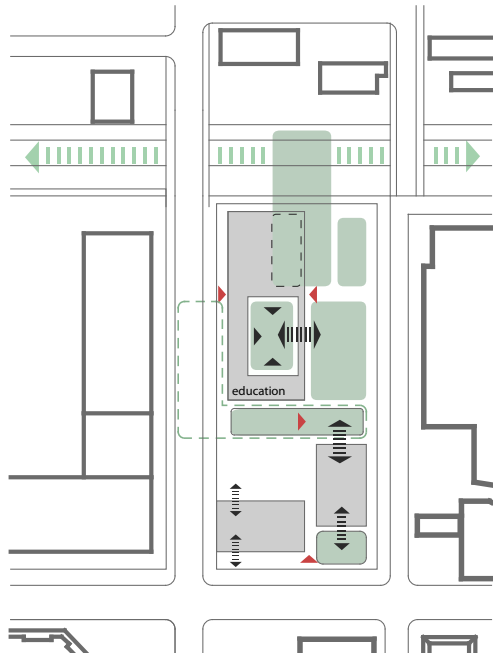
Site/Massing Strategies



Anchor corners of site as a response to urban neighborhood context.



Stitch lost connection with the existing lake and green-way trail system. Drawing people through site and creating opportunities for connection and interaction.



Foster indoor/outdoor connections and use green space as a way to extend/weave into the urban context.

floor plan notes:

- 1. entry
- 2. lobby
- 3. classroom
- 4. information desk
- 5. gallery/multi-purpose space
- 7. dining/coffee area
- 8. coffee shop
- 9. fireplace
- 10. amphitheater - indoor/outdoor
- 11. sculptural mound
- 12. outdoor event - festival
- 13. pv canopy
- 14. operable skylight/coffer
- 15. operable louver wall
- 16. operable glass wall
- 17. existing green-way
- 18. services core
- 19. children's courtyard
- 20. sheltered contemplation area
- 21. projection Wall
- 22. apple Trees

NICOLETTE AVE.

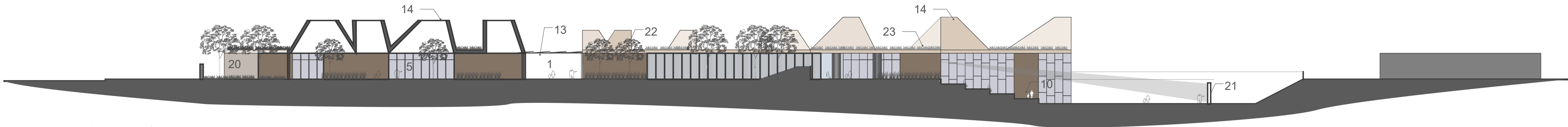
1ST AVE. S.

W LAKE ST.

0 20' 40' 80' 160'

floor plan - ground level





a | longitudinal section/elevation - north/south



perspective | indoor/outdoor

section/elevation notes:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| 12. outdoor event - festival      | 23. green roof                   |



b | cross section/elevation - east/west

0 10' 20' 40' 80'



perspective | courtyard



perspective | community/social integration