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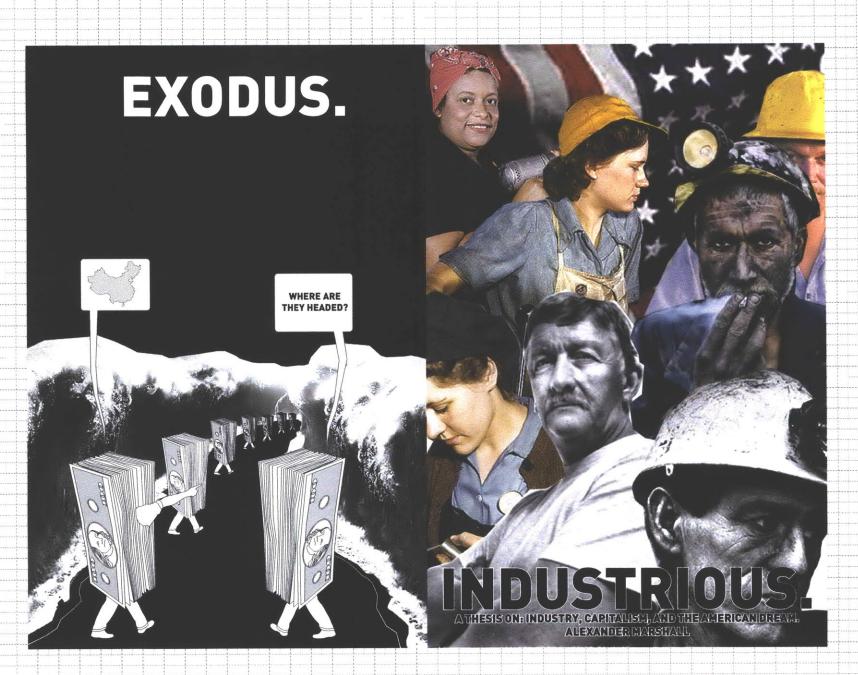
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### **EXODUS INDUSTRIOUS**

A MANIFESTO OF SORTS

In the preceding paragraphs I shall present a Manifesto of sorts, a list of situations which will ultimately lead to certain and specific Architectural Interventions at the close of this document. The following should be considered as an outline for the work enclosed in this book:

- 1. The American dream can be defined as the ownership of certain culturally significant possessions. But, it can also be viewed as a device invented to keep the laborer dependent on the existence of the factory as a source of income. I mean, What better way to silence labor disputes and factory strikes than to encumber "American Dreamers" with toxic debt. Keeping the workers on the fringe of insolvency has traditionally allowed the factory owner to repress wages, under the pretext that the "American" Laborer will always go the extra mile, just to achieve the "dream".
- 2. "Capitalist Urbanization" practices in cities like Detroit have taken advantage of the dependent working class by providing just enough sustenance to keep the neighborhood alive. But when Financiers are put under pressure by labor unions, stagnating innovation, or rising costs in manufacturing, they possess the power to move factories over seas, Leaving Laborers unemployed and insolvent.
- 3. In Detroit, the practice of "off-shoring" has led to the linear progression of unemployment, social unrest, suburban flight, vacancy, arson and residential demolition. This has created 40 square miles of open land, that is commonly used as dumping grounds for anything from plastic bottles to dead bodies.
- 4. Detroit is in the midst of an urban crisis. Since 1950 it has lost over half its population. Residential vacancy and unemployment have become a financial burden, and the city is no longer capable of providing basic municipal services such as: [EMT, Fire, Water, Sewer and Refuse Removal]. Mayor Bing has called for the official Downsizing of Detroit 9. Through "Engaged Withdrawal", there is a possibility for a new

to combat this issue.

- 5. In an effort to re-employ thousands of laborers, the city planning commission has designated the I-94 neighborhood as an Industrial Renaissance zone. This means that all residential property in the zone must be vacated and leveled, leaving flat develop-able land, which will be marketed to heavy manufacturing companies.
- 6. Since 1994. The city of Detroit has been attempting to relocate residents of the proposed I-94 industrial zone into "livable" neighborhoods. In return for their homes and property, residents are offered "fair market value". But as more homes and small businesses are vacated, "fair market value" continually declines. Currently only half of the neighborhood has been relocated, the rest waits in limbo.
- 7. The 800 Detroiters who still live in the I-94 neighborhood, are now faced with a trichotomous future:

One. Sell their homes to the City for a few thousand dollars, vacate, and face demolition.

Two. Sit back, wait for their property to be condemned and eventually be forcefully relocated.

-or-

Three. Commit, in the words of Paulo Virno, "Engaged Withdrawal".

- 8. I use the term "Engaged Withdrawal" here to define mass defection from the City of Detroit, in order to create a new form of community. Engaged Withdrawal" is a full-fledged model of action, capable of confronting the challenges of unemployment, vacancy and relocation through collective models of ownership and communal manufacturing production.

American Dream to flourish at 1-94 Industrial. Residents must look to a new model of ownership or rather "public investment" one which puts them in control of manufacturing production, by democratizing the factory.

**10.** Q: What do you get when you cross cheap, accessible, open source Manufacturing Technology with a pile of garbage?

A: Karl Marx might say: Means of Production.

- **11.** In a traditional manufacturing process, the engine block requires 42 cast iron molds which produce 23 zircon sand and epoxy cores. These cores are injection molded and assembled on an automated assembly line which requires 9 molding apparatuses and 15 robotic arms.
- **12.** Once the mold is assembled, it is filled with molten aluminum from a jet furnace, powered by a few thousand gallons of petroleum and pressurized oxygen. The block is then moved into a furnace where the mold is baked away, and the aluminum is tempered.
- **13.** In an additive manufacturing process, a digital model of an engine block is sliced into several thousand layers, roughly 20 microns thick, and sent into a direct metal laser sintering machine. The machine builds the engine by affecting a bed of powdered aluminum with a 400w laser, building it layer by layer. This technology has the capacity to produce conformal cooling channels and other impossible assemblies which were not previously achievable with traditional manufacturing processes. THIS IS DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY.
- **14.** Additive manufacturing boasts fast turn-around and a cost benefit to manufacturers, because it is not limited by a traditional mold making process. Independent manufacturers can produce anything from end use commodities to parts for other products. This dexterity affords one the ability to simultaneously engage in multiple markets such as the automotive, aerospace and medical industries.
- 15. The makings of A Desktop factory. I built a 3D-Printer in my living

room for \$500 dollars. With a minimal investment of 4,000 dollars, will soon be a micro-manufacturer, churning out commodities in plastic with a maximum dimension of 6"x6"x6".

- **16.** Up to 17 materials used in 3-d printing processes can be found in Detroit's municipal waste stream. Through a process of grinding and mechanical separation, these elements can be refined into usable raw material. This material will fuel a new industrial revolution.
- **17.** Given the promise of affordable technology and virtually free raw materials, the residents of I-94 will require three distinct architectural interventions. One. The De-Factory, Two, the Silo Pavilion, three, a collection of Printer's Cottages.
- **18.** Detroit possesses an untapped resource. It currently lacks a municipal recycling program. The De-Factory will refine municipal waste into usable granulated materials for distribution to local Silo Pavilions for storage and wealth retention purposes.
- 19. The Silo Pavilion is an open, public space intended to serve as monument to collective value. By stockpiling raw materials, the collateral, or economic stability of a neighborhood is defined by this structure. The Silo pavilion stores granulated materials within its columns, while simultaneously providing covered space for community events.
- **20.** The Printers Cottage typology refills vacant lots in the neighborhood, while simultaneously re-valuing the homes around it. At first glance, this cousin of the modern kit home blends in to its surroundings. A second reading reveals the absence of certain domestic motifs such as shutters, shingles, and ship-lap siding. Inside its walls one might find a wealth of production space, calibrated for additive manufacturing.

# **ECHAPTER 1:** EXODUS INDUSTRIOUS

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

\_\_\_The first section of the book will look at the original thesis proposal as a means to situate politically and socially, the result of the final Thesis proposal. The following pages were produced during the prethesis semester, and served as a basic conceptual framework for the Thesis. The following text was written as an introduction to this booklet:

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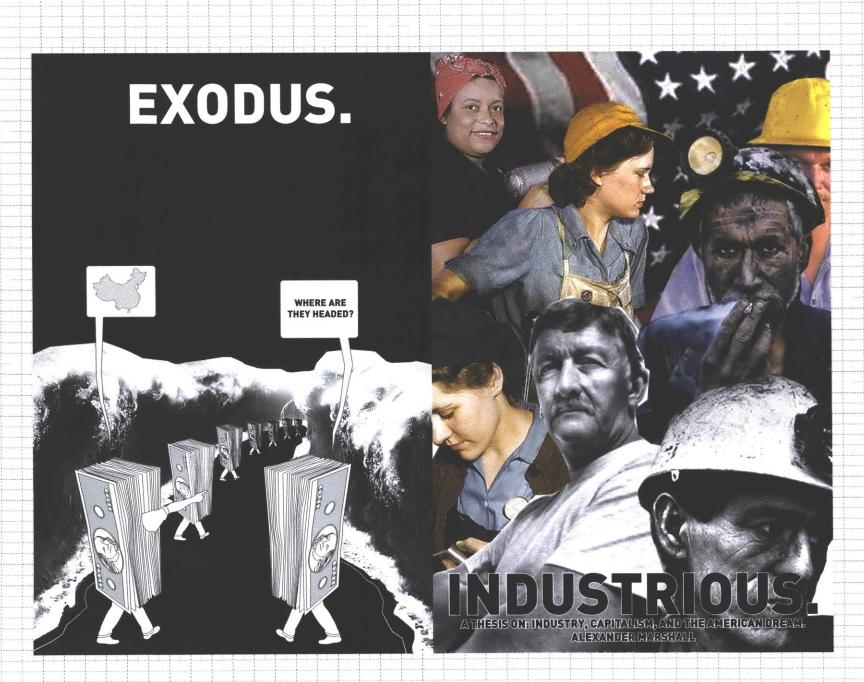
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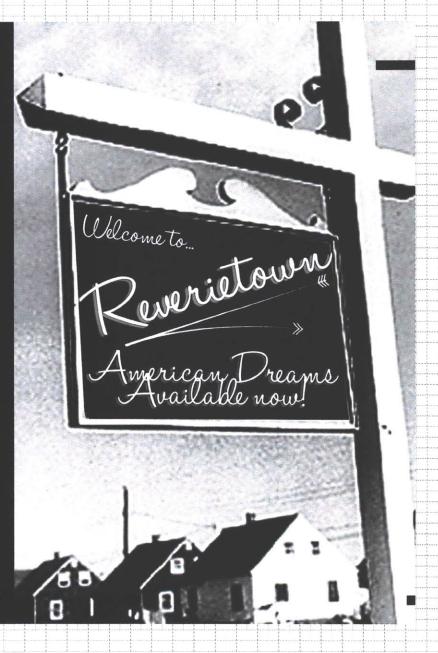
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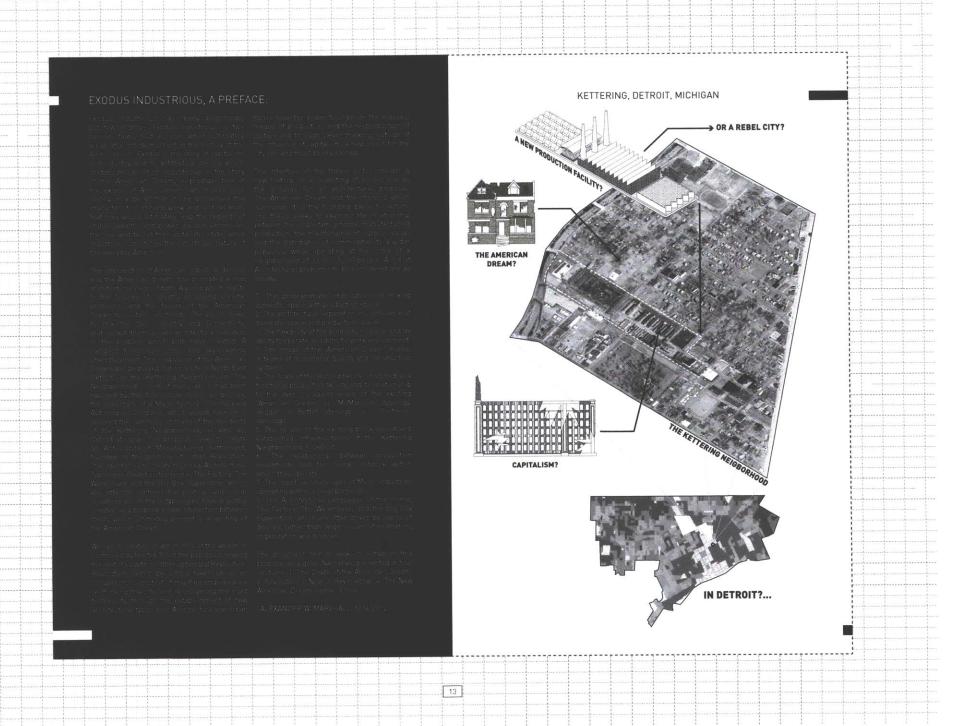
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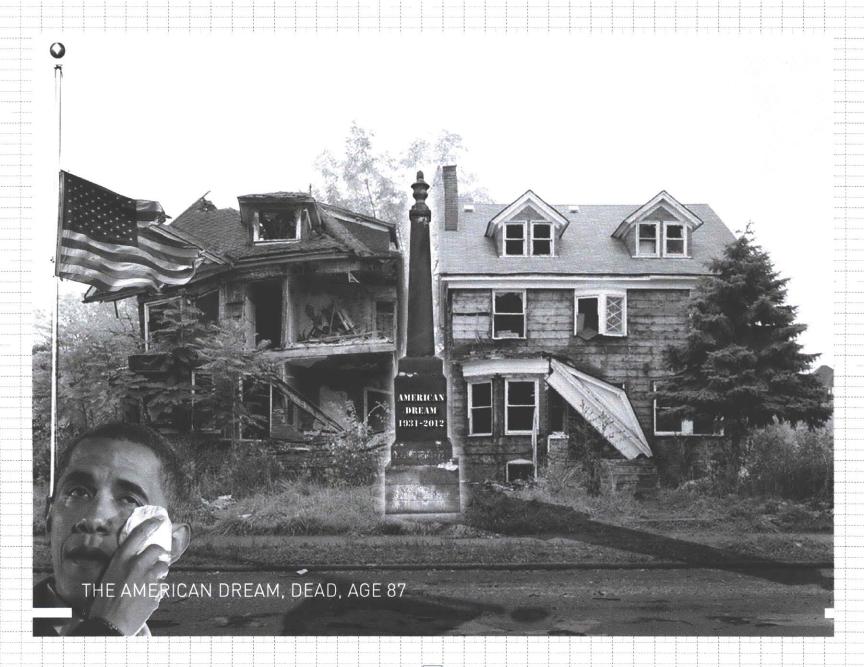
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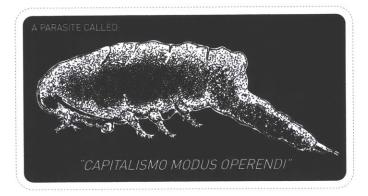
#### THE AMERICAN DREAM, DEAD, AGE 87

Former Ideology, The American Dream, passed away violently last night, from an apparent overdose of expectation. Officials describe the scene as horrifying, a fatal error in judgment, which caused the Dream to consume a lethal dose of belief and rhetoric. Explosively, it burst, taking with it the livelihoods of several innocent bystanders. Its carcass was discovered scattered in pieces among the working class neighborhoods of Detroit, Mi, and hundreds of other average cities across the country. Authorities have identified Capitalismo Modus Operendi, Age 135, as the primary suspect in the investigation. Capitalismo. Was reportedly a longtime acquaintance of the American Dream. Was it murder? or Suicide?

The American Dream is succeeded in eternal life by its creator, Mr. James Truslow Adams. Upon its birth in 1931, Mr. Adams, drunk and depressed, muttered a futile rant: "The American Dream is that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement. It is a difficult dream for the European upper classes to interpret adequately, and too many of us

## **WANTED!**

Corruption, Deceit, and Killing The American Dream





OTHER KNOWN ALIASES: THE CAPITALIST MODE OF PRODUCTION -OR-

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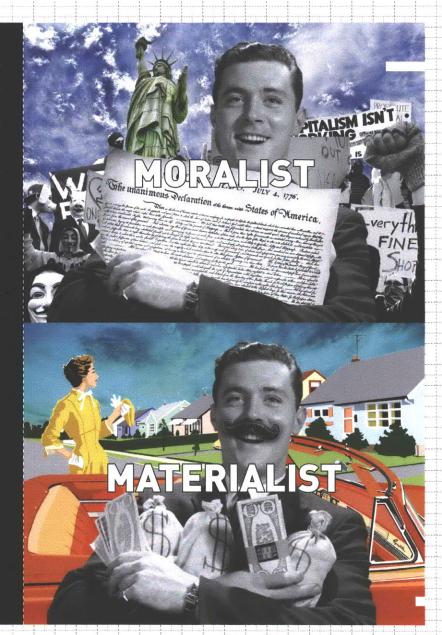
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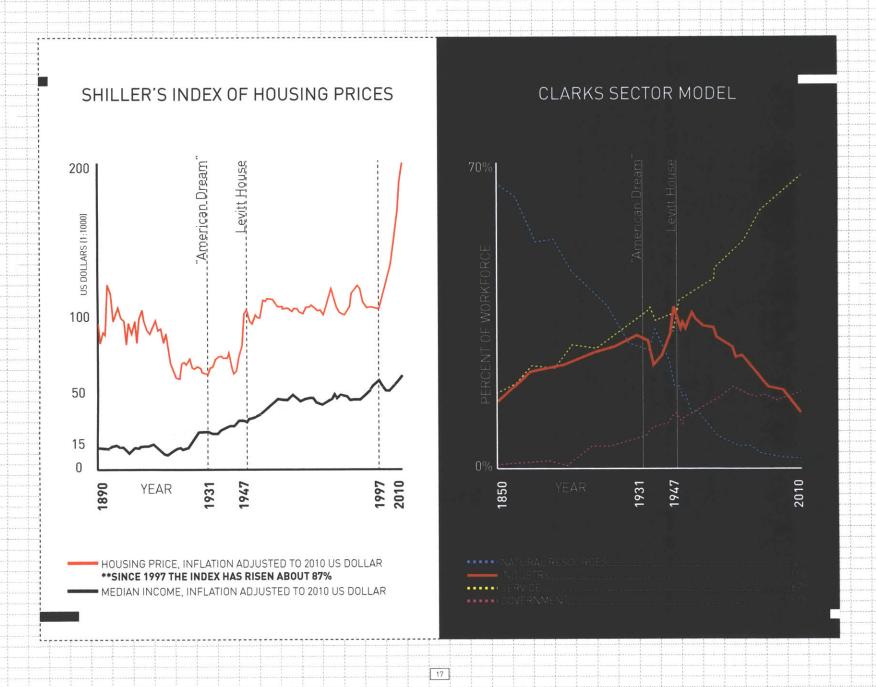
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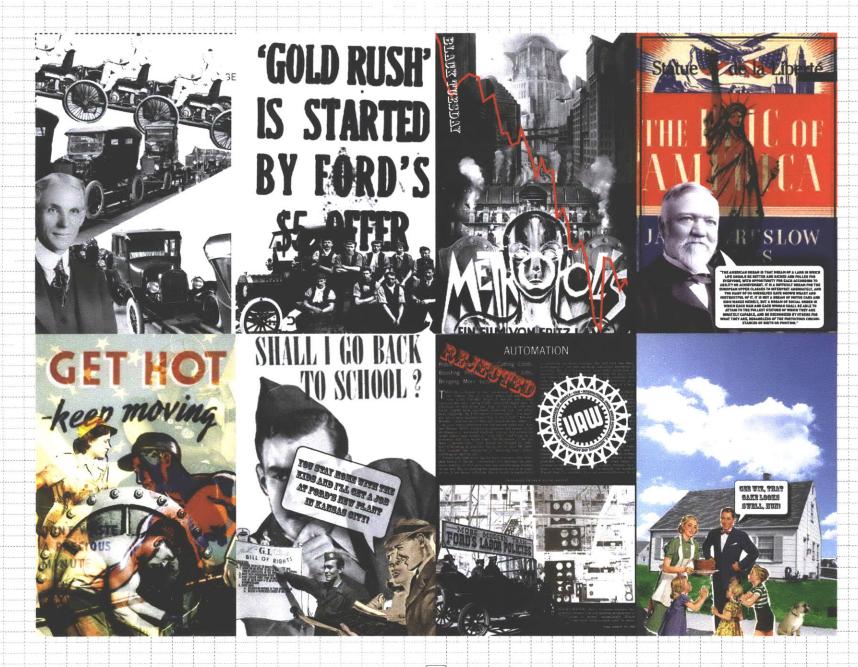
ourselves have grown weary and mistrustful of it. It is not a dream of motor cars and high wages merely, but a dream of social order in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are, regardless of the fortuitous circumstances of birth or position." He closed his exclamation with a belch of reverie.

As a youth, the Dream was raised on the basic tenets of the declaration of independence. Among them a belief that "all men are created equal" men "are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights," "among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". These tenets naturally involved the values of tolerance, charity, compassion and true regard for the dignity and worth of each and every individual. The innocence and morality of the Dream was apparent, even as a young ideology.

As the Dream grew older, it found pleasure in materialism. The dream was driven by puritan work ethic and the values of effort, persistence, initiative, self-reliance, achievement and success. The dream believed in the free enterprise system, and



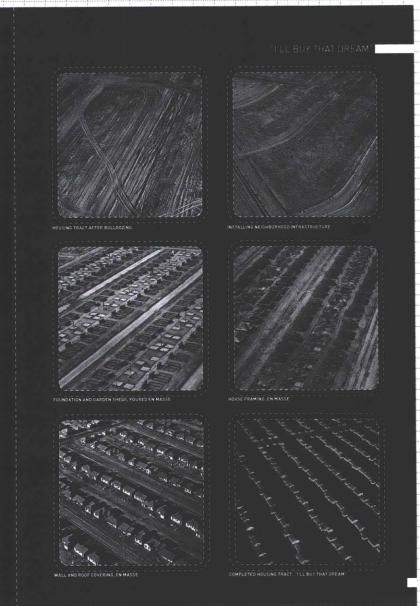




the notion of freedom from controls, regulations, and constraints that may have hindered it's striving for ascendency in the social-economic hierarchy of society. The Dream firmly believed that if one employs one's energies and talents to the fullest, one will reap the rewards of status, wealth, and power.

The Dream became so powerful, its rhetoric so strong, that the masses accepted it, and followed it in the pursuit of the material riches it so promised. Following the second World War, The dream became symbolic, a metaphor for a way of life. The image of the Dream consisted of a house, 2.5 children, a cocker-spaniel, a two car garage, all sitting on an acre of land just 3.67 miles outside of downtown America, on a block littered with 25-30 other fledgling dreams. The acquisition of material possessions, such as automobiles, boats, televisions, dishwashers and other so called luxuries, further satisfied the dream. The American dream was obsessed with ownership, The rightful ownership of objects and possessions which signified wealth, status and power.

The American dream was fueled, most often, by American Industrial Production. Capitalismo, the

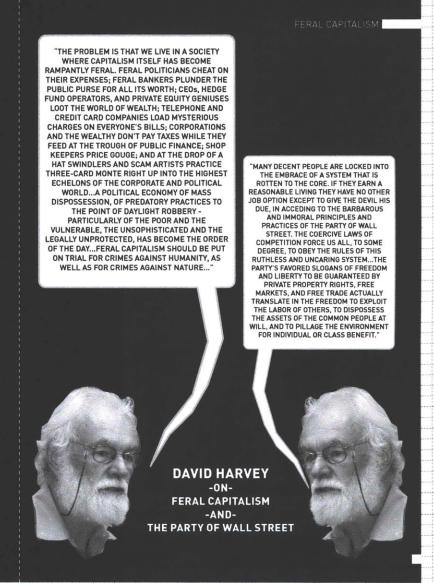


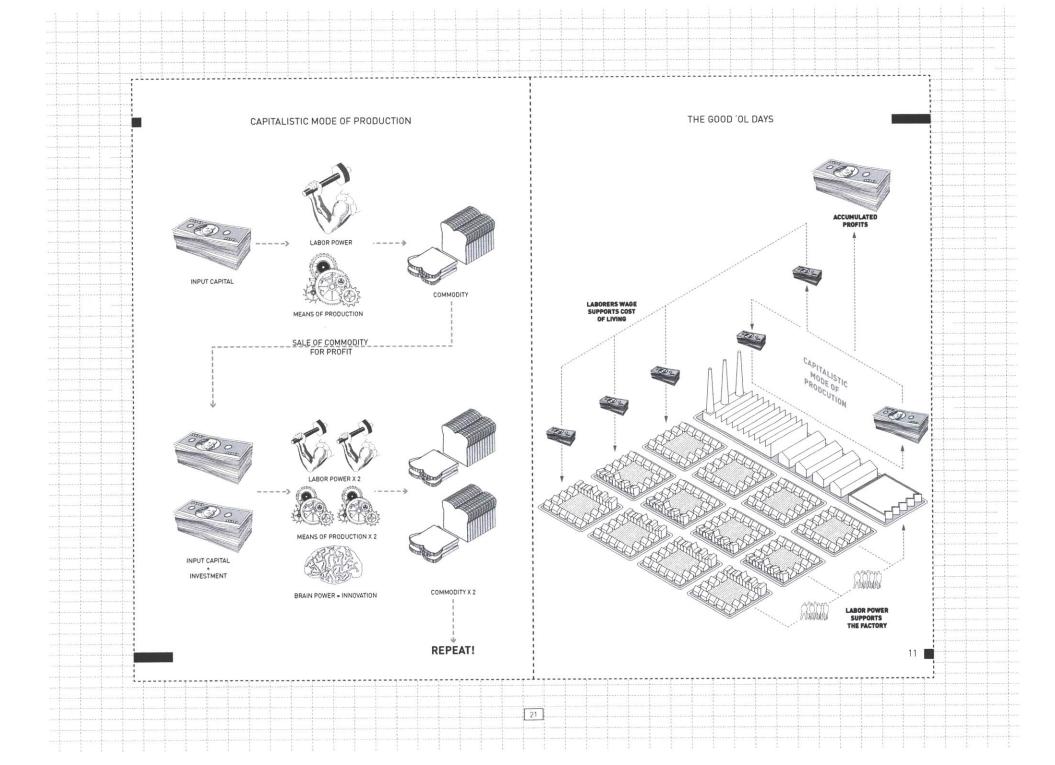
fundamental basis of American Business, forged a toxic relationship with the American Dream. Unbeknownst to the Dream, Capitalismo's critics often describe him as a Parasite. An article in the 1951 Journal of Economic Infections<sup>7</sup> read as follows:

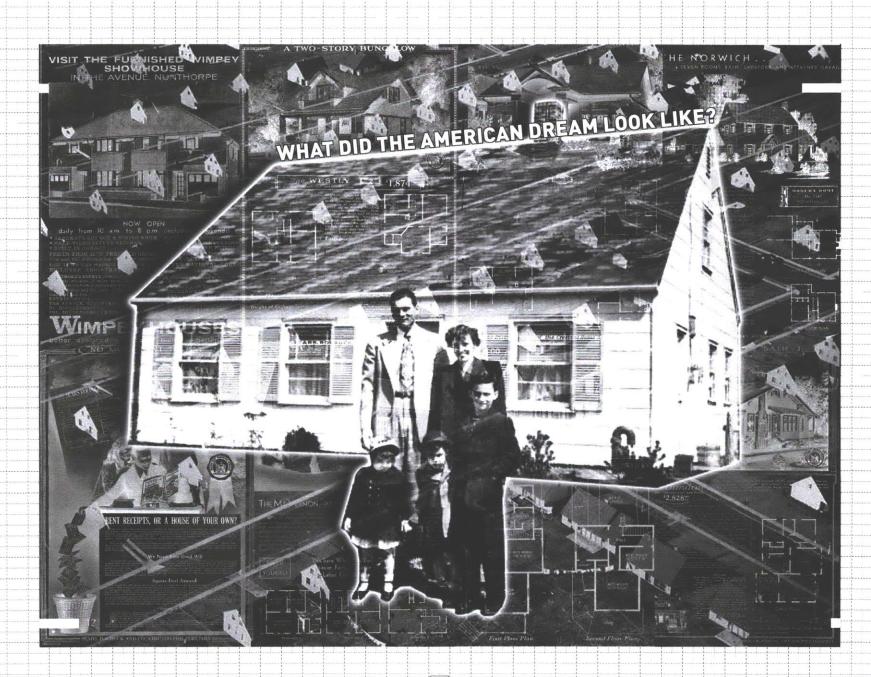
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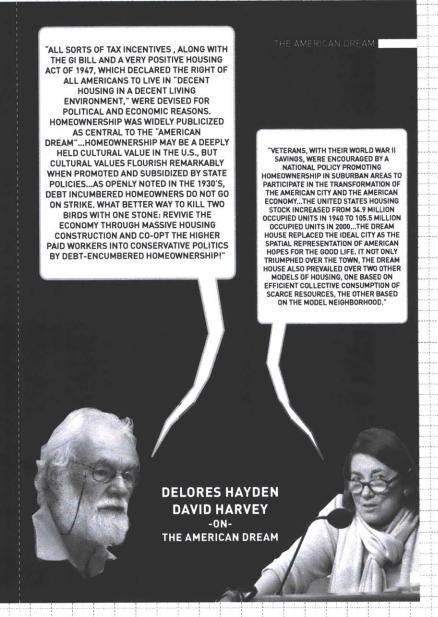




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Through the 1950's, Capitalismo held great influence over The American Dream. Through extensive federal tax incentives and a national re-propagation of the American Dream, ordinary citizens were given the opportunity to assume households at low rates with no down payments. Capitalismo provided the Dream with economic sustenance, which satisfied its continuing desire for more possessions. The American Dream gave back to Capitalismo an endless wealth of inexpensive labor, which fueled the many business

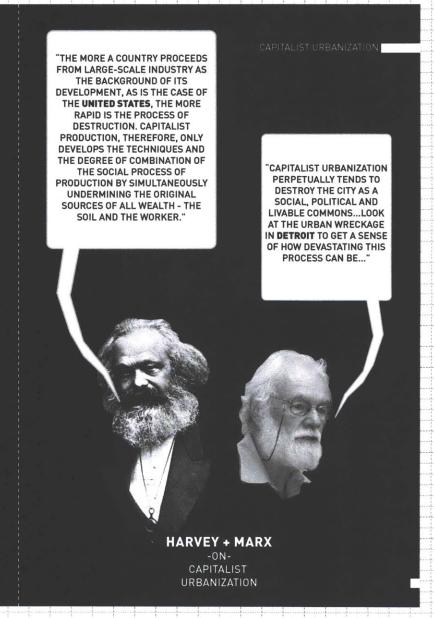


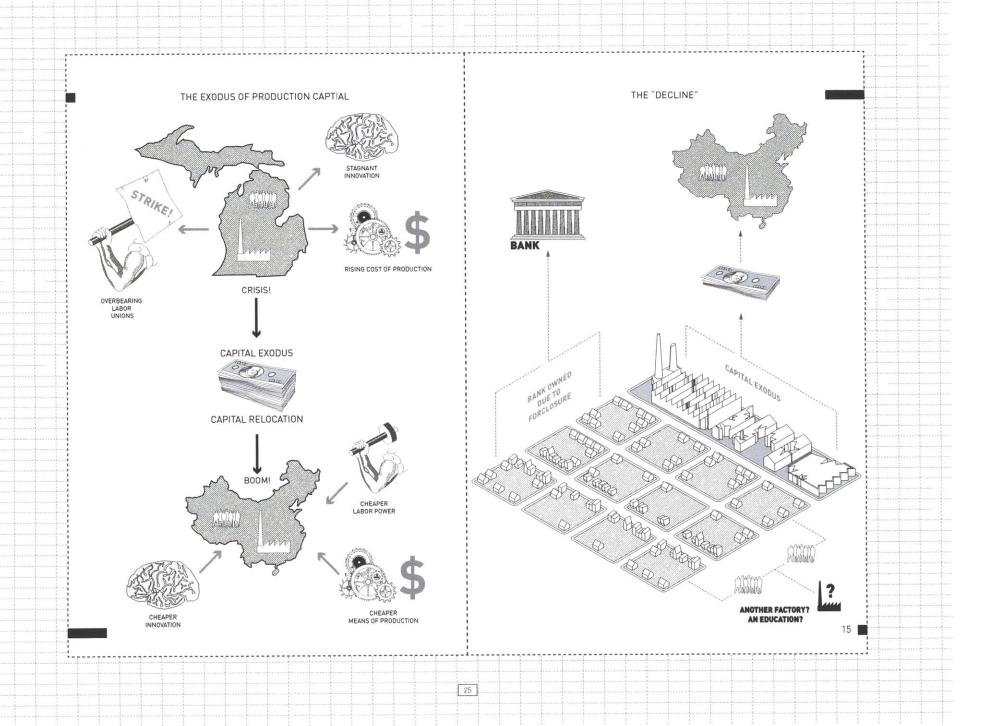
ventures which he controlled. Life was good, and the dream was at its peak, or so it thought.

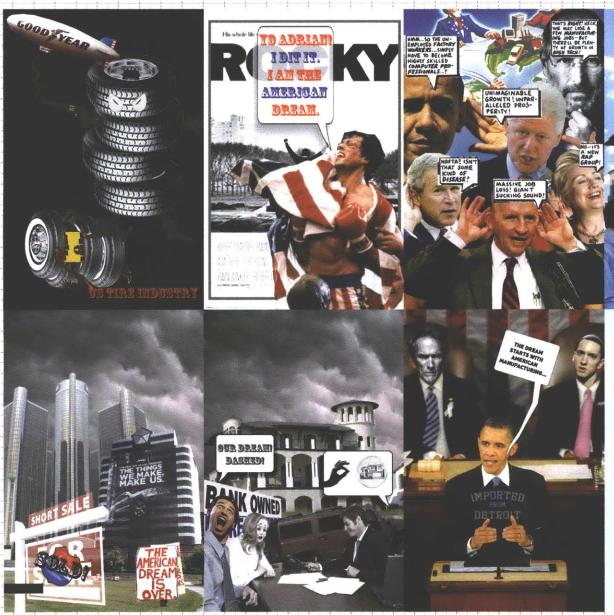
Capitalismo, an often unfaithful friend of the Dream, would ultimately seek out cheaper labor power and means of production in developing nations such as Japan, who was rapidly re-industrializing following the second world war. Soon, Major US Corporations, which employed many Dream seekers, began to fail because Japanese manufacturers were producing better products for less money. Capitalismo, reluctant to solve growing dissent among laborers, decided to relocate his problems elsewhere.

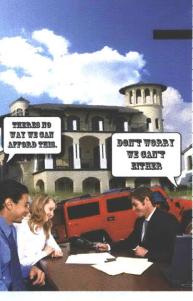
Laborers, still empowered by the Dream, desired more. But rather than satisfying the dream, Cappy began to repress labor wages, in order to yield great financial benefit to the owners of industrial operations (later known as the 1%). By the late 1970's average incomes for the common individual stagnated, and haven't grown much since. <sup>12</sup> But the dream was still alive and heavily influential.

Entering its Golden Years, the dream engaged in many risky behaviors to continue the propagation of its rhetoric. This ultimately grew into a severe addiction to a substance known on the street







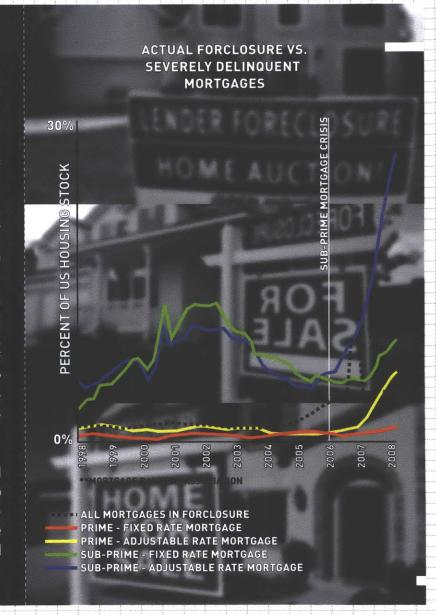


## THE BUELL HYPOTHESIS

Change the Dream, and you change the City... as "expectation". The drug causes a general feeling of laziness and righteous empowerment, which causes the user to desire certain material amenities, and causes them to attempt to acquire them at any cost. The dream often felt reluctant to do real work, and often expected that someone would ultimately bear the increasing costs of the American Lifestyle. Rather than working, the dream resorted to "Credit" as a means to acquire possessions. At the same time Capitalismo was growing Feral, and his crude tactics of capitalist urbanization were further diminishing the Dream.<sup>13</sup>

The dream entered it's elder years as an accomplished ideology, but a failing reality. It would soon find that its tenets would be used against it, in an effort to undermine it. The underpinnings of the dream would soon be exploited by its many followers. A small bubble began to grow in the inner lining of the heart of the dream, as the abuse of "expectation" became a daily occurrence.

Vicious Financiers, seeking to create a boom, used the dream and its ideological underpinnings to sequester disenfranchised individuals into subprime lending agreements. These individuals were unaware of the motives of the Financiers, and



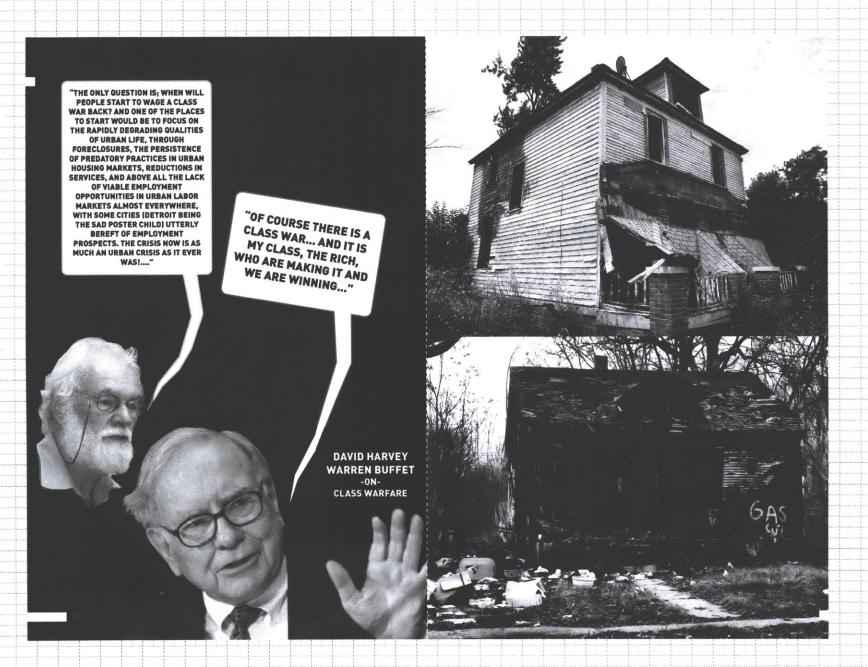
graciously accepted mortgages to acquire dream homes and other material possessions which they could not actually afford. By the 1980's many of the most fervent followers of the dream, were out of work.

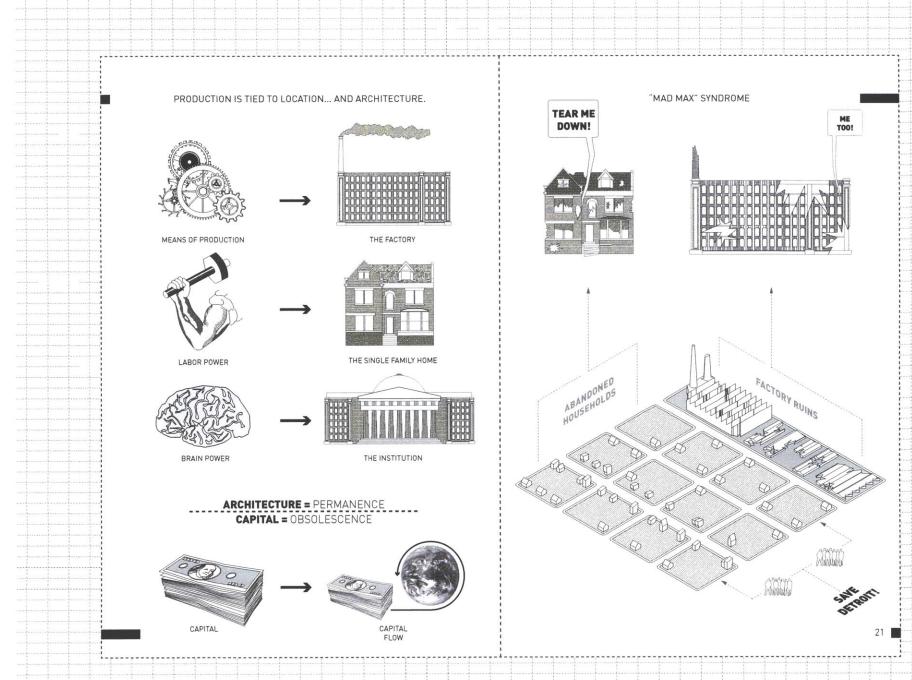
The boom thrived. Homes were being built at a rate never before seen or anticipated. The bubble inside the dream swelled. The followers of the dream were drunk with the power of borrowed money. Through their stupor, they lost sight of the original message of the dream, that "hard-work and persistence" was the key to acquiring the material rewards of life. Expectation over came them, as they believed the dream was an "inalienable right", and as such were reluctant to work for it.

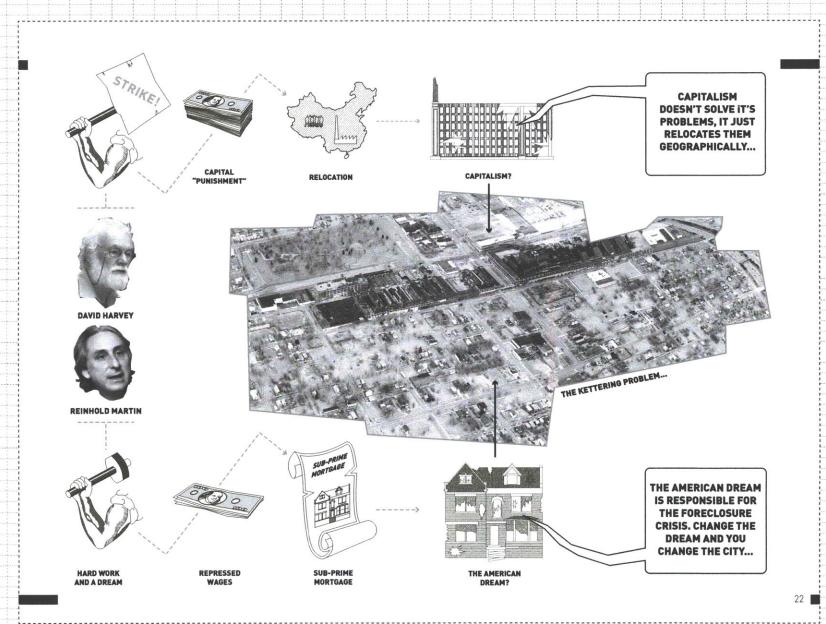
Suddenly and Unexpectedly the bubble burst, the dream had consumed a dose of expectation so powerful that it could no longer sustain life. Calamity instantly rocked the followers of the dream as the Dream exploded with such a force that it killed millions of livelihoods, all at once. The dream died a horrifying, painful death, taking with it all that once believed in it.







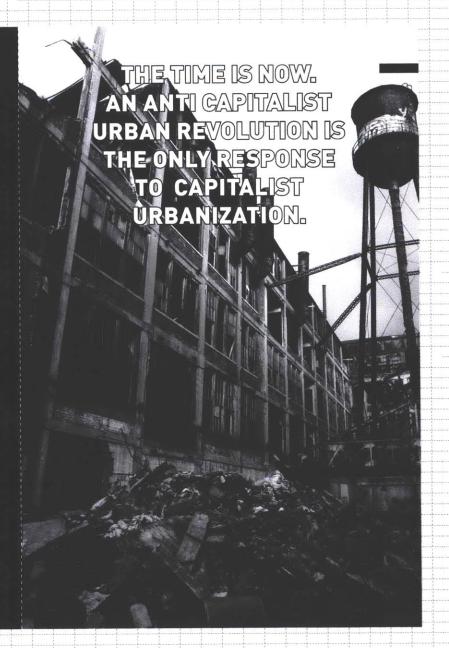


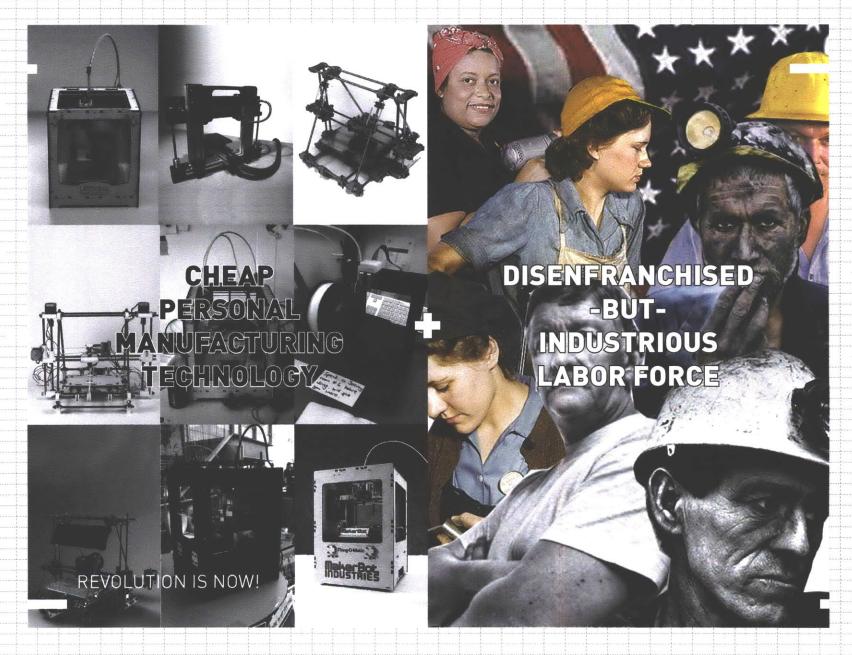


The American Dream has run out of gas. The car has stopped. It no longer supplies the world with its images, its dreams, its fantasies. No more. It's over. It supplies the world with its nightmares now: the Kennedy assassination, Watergate, Vietnam, The Sub-Prime Lending Crisis, The Iraq War, Afghanistan, The Foreclosure Crisis, and now a burgeoning trend towards rampant unemployment and a relentless class war waged by the richest of the rich, on the poorest of the poor.<sup>15</sup>

## The dream is survived in life by its offspring: Foreclosure, Corruption, and Elitism.

In lieu of flowers, or other material possessions, please send donations of distrust and disdain to your congressional representatives and local politicians. A memorial service will be held continually, until the dream is re-written.





#### REVOLT!

The revolution in our times has to be urban-or nothing at all. Revolutionary citizens, the 99%, must subsume greater control over surplus product and the production process, in order to claim the right to the city. Collective ownership of the production process could derail the motives of capitalist Urbanization, and offer disenfranchised citizens a revolutionary re-writing of the American Dream. The production process will also see revolution, as personal scale manufacturing machinery is being developed in an open source and rapidly deployable fashion.

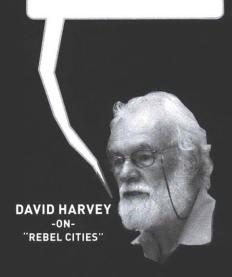
The American dream will undergo a revolutionary re-writing. Occupiers nationwide will transition to a new form of protest. No longer will they occupy public space begging for action. And Rather than continuing to support the normative modes of capitalism, This growing multitude will instead take matters into their own hands, Literally.

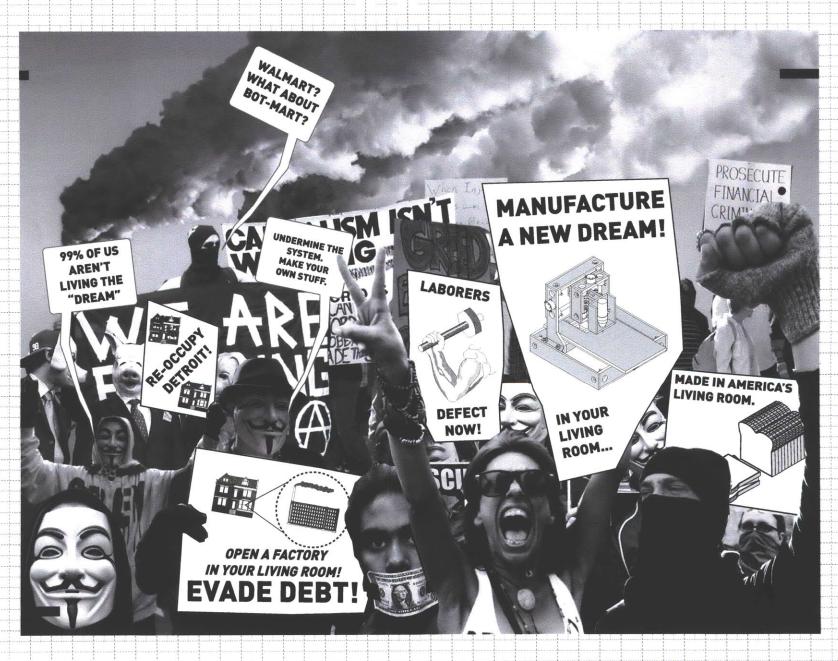


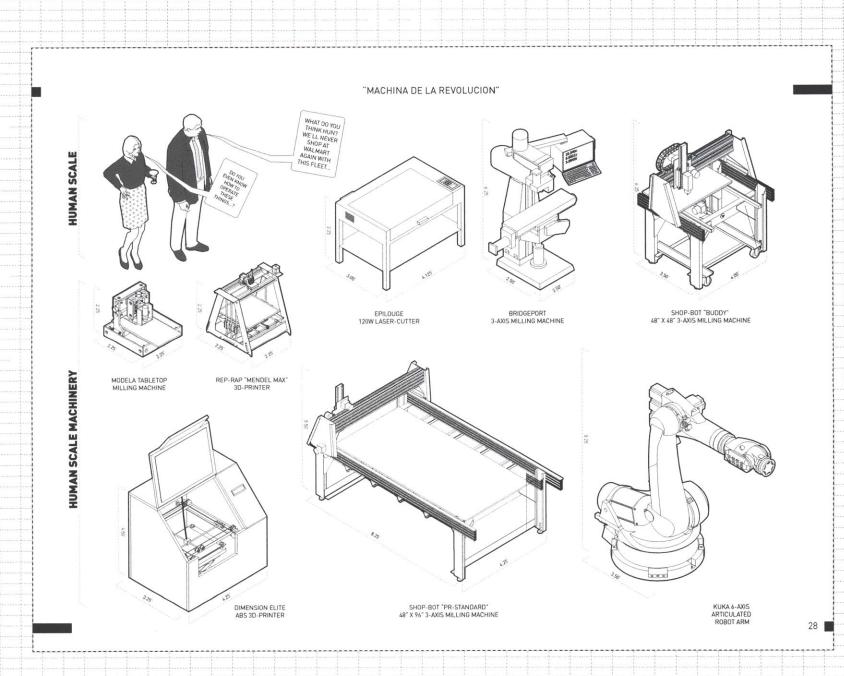
Waging a class war, Industrious individuals will unleashed low-cost manufacturing technology, as a means to re-write the existing conception of the American Dream, one which generates livelihood through autonomous production. The new dream, therefore, is the ownership of Production, not the ownership of material possessions.

The current dream, reliant on the ownership of material possessions as a symbol of success, is no longer economically sustainable. A growing number of Americans are struggling to find work, many who possess extensive educational backgrounds and high levels of technical skill. The American Dream once recognized the benefits of "hard work and persistence" as a means to generate a livelihood which could sustain the perils of ownership. Labor, the practice of productivity for the sake of economic gain 18, was once a source of livelihood, but as been permanently damaged by the operative mode of capitalist production, in essence it has become

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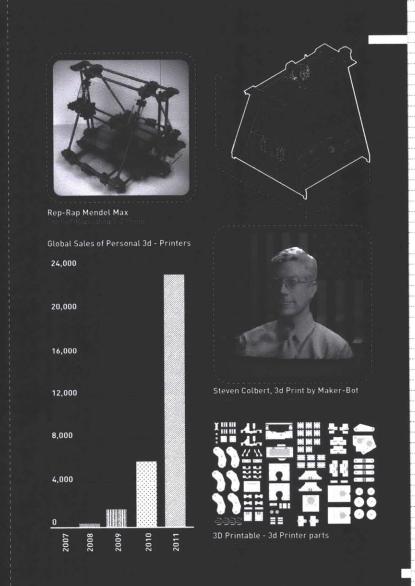


commoditized, just like that loaf of sliced bread in your freezer. In order to redefine the American dream, we must first reconsider the definition of labor.

Revolutionaries beg the question: What if labor, in terms of manufacturing, didn't involve working in a factory? What if a laborer in fact was an owner and operator of personal manufacturing technologies, producing products at a relatively small scale? And what if this scenario was played out within the confides of the Household?

A new epoch of manufacturing exists now! Call it the third industrial revolution for lack of a better description. For a few thousand dollars, anyone can buy their own personal-scale manufacturing machine, download electronic blueprints to their home computer, and manufacture unique and complicated objects at home.<sup>19</sup>

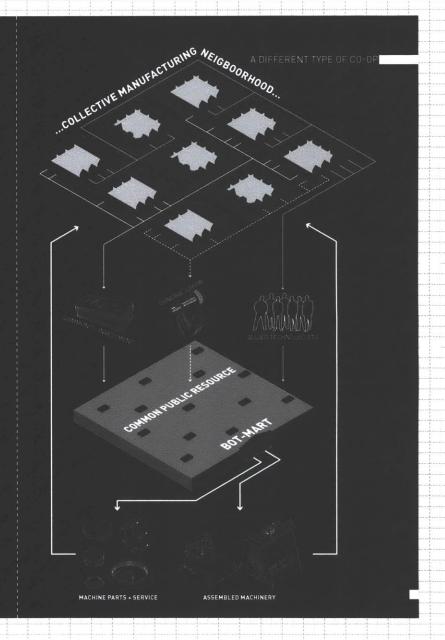
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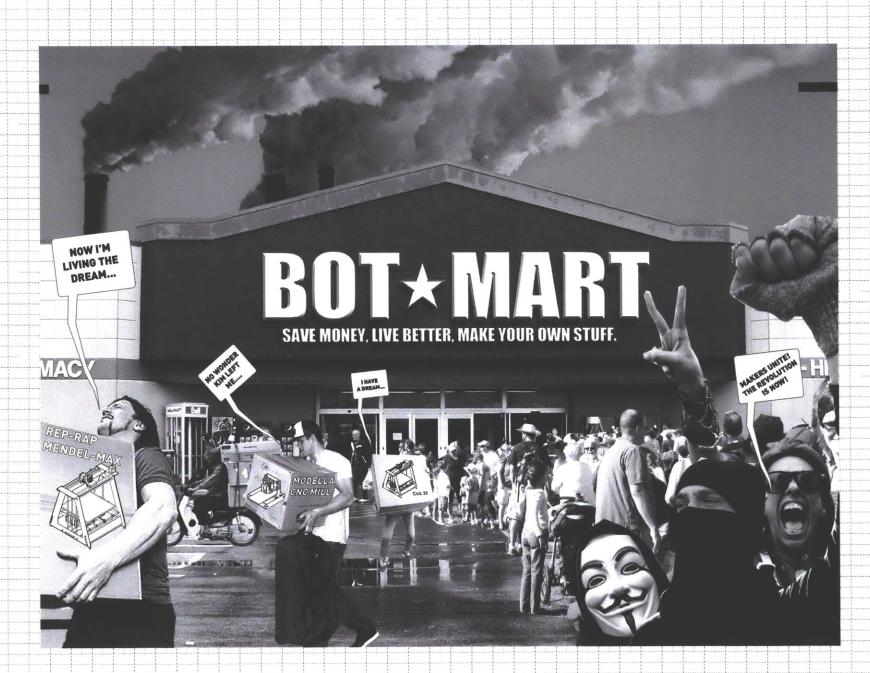


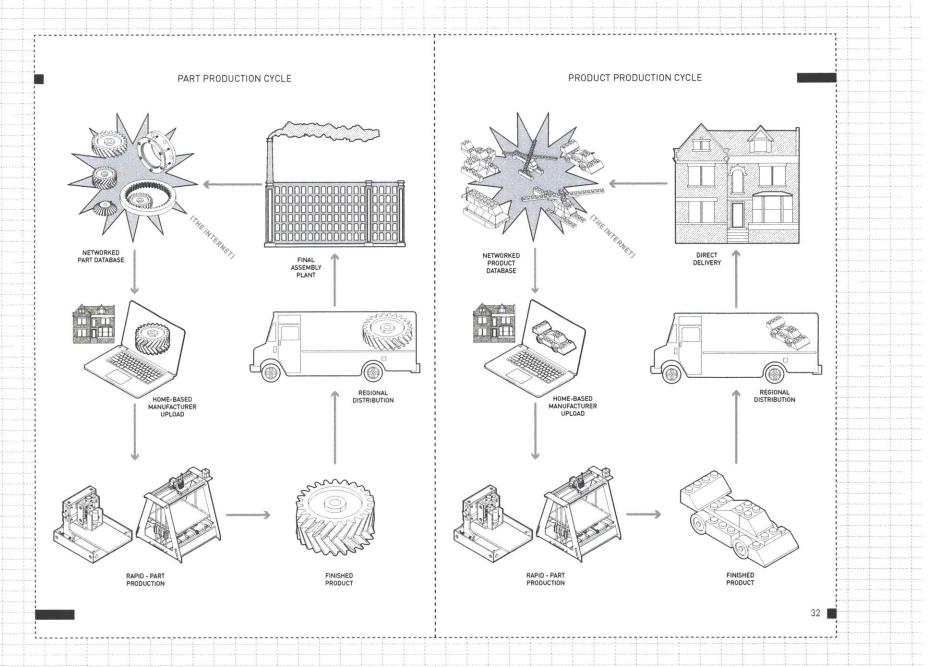
be purchased at your local Wal-Mart. In a time of unprecedented un-employment and financial struggle among the 99%, it is probable to imagine a world in which we would have the ability to disassociate the ideals of the American Dream from the clutches of Capitalism. We now possess the ability to efficiently make the things that we would normally go out and purchase, at a fraction of the cost.

Imagine an all to likely scenario: We now live in a world where an average individual can readily acquire personal manufacturing technology. A 3-D printer can be purchased on the internet and shipped to your front door at the unfathomably low cost of \$600.00.<sup>20</sup> Virtually anyone can set up these simple machines, download digital models, and within a few hours, be printing durable products in quality materials such as ABS plastic.<sup>21</sup>

Now insert an economically disenfranchised populous, who is ready for a new way of life.

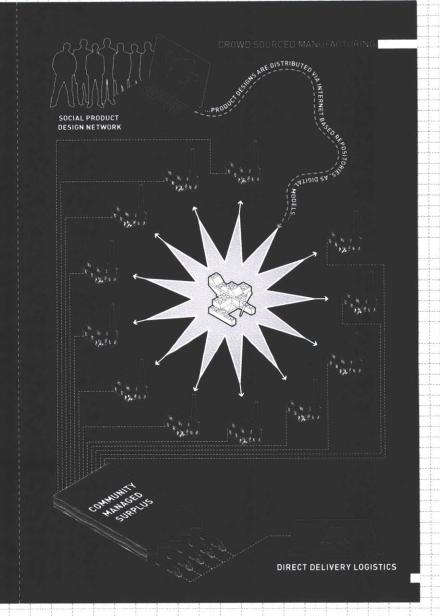


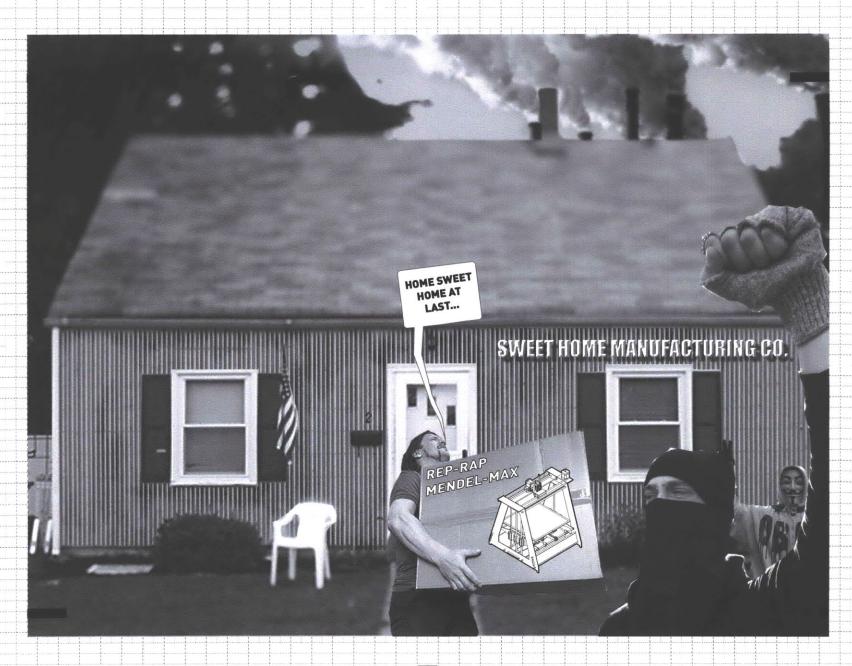




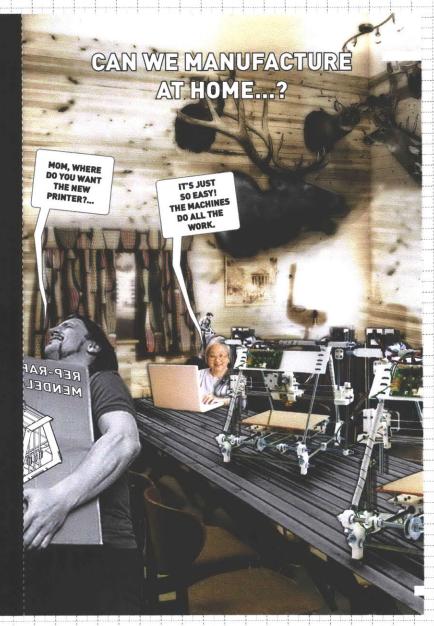
What new modes of commerce could emerge? Existing e-commerce infrastructures, such as Etsy and Amazon are already poised to support a maker revolution. The direct exchange of goods from maker to consumer, could happen without the excessive rake of the house (i.e. the 1%).

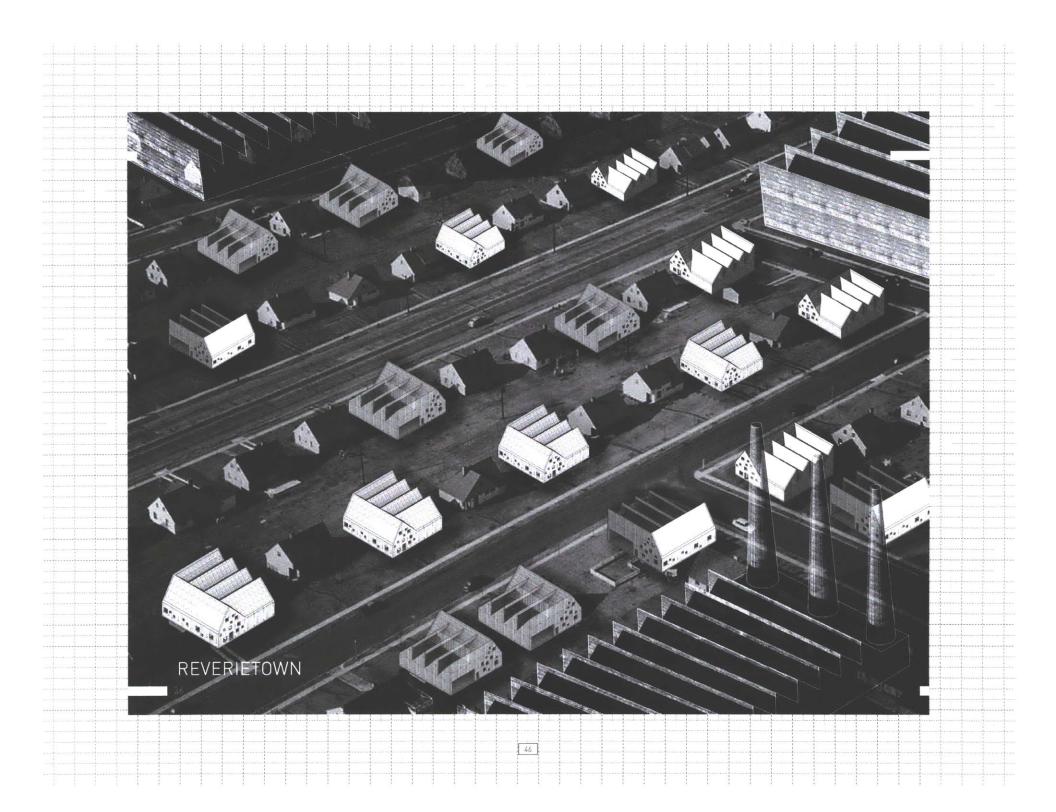
Fueled by the internet, an entirely new form of commerce and manufacturing production could emerge. Throngs of product designers, connected via social networks will begin to design and catalog new consumer products. These items could be submitted to collective manufacturing data bases as digital models, which independent fabricators could produce at a specified cost. The assembled products could be sold via e-commerce sites such as Amazon or Etsy, and delivery would be direct from manufacturer to consumer, evading the middle man and his mark-ups. This flow of product, which defies traditional modes of commerce may even eliminate entire architectures (Think: Walmart), all together.





In short, Personal Manufacturing Technology is no longer out of reach of the common individual. Manufacturing technology has become nearly as accessible as personal computing. Wal-Mart, America's favorite big box, might be recast as Bot-Mart, and begin providing production machinery to the masses at large, like cord-wood. Houses might incorporate manufacturing space as a new programmatic element. A cooperatively owned assembly plant might exist to produce large scale items such as furniture, electronics, and other consumer products. The neighborhood might even incorporate a storehouse for raw materials and assembled products, to ensure that surplus value, generated by that neighborhood, is managed properly, for the economic benefit of various manufacturing collectives.....





### REVERIETOWN

Rererietown is a new peri-urban phenomena. It is a suburb recast, an ur-burb if you will. No picket fences, no gable roofs or sweeping front yards, no vinyl siding, no asphalt shingles. Reverietown is a production hub, a concoction which is built out of the ashes of a failed industry and unproductive households.

A dream like locality, Reverietown, is located in northeast Detroit, in a neighborhood which could be considered the poster child for the ill effects of capitalist urbanization. Occupying the remains of the disheveled Kettering Neighborhood (Virtually Abandoned), and the defunct Packard Automobile Factory, this commune has embarked on a new type of manufacturing production, collective and anti-capitalist in nature. The occupants, Reverites, a collection of societal exiles, are pursuit of a dream that once was. They have assembled, organized, and are waging a counter attack against "the party of wall street"— and the class war that has ravaged their existence. The occupants are youthful a generation of educated but disenfranchised citizens who have resisted the belief in a failed American dream, and have committed exodus from normative society. The collective, rouge in nature, operates as an independent manufacturing collective, free from the restriction of corporate ownership.

They are a parasite for good which slogs off of the drudgery of capitalism, secretly benefiting from the excess of a failed system. The neighborhood, audacious in appearance, is unlike its predecessors. Four essential architectural programs dominate the landscape.

### A New American Dream Home

Each member of the collective operates a micro-manufactory, disguised as a household. Home Ownership, as a concept, is un heard of it Reverietown. Reverites instead operate the home as if it were a peice of machinery. The house is dedicated to supporting an on-demand labor force, a force which is capable of operating their own factory, to support the endless and varied demands of commerce. Reverites neither own nor rent the housing facilities, but are satisfied by the fantastic quality



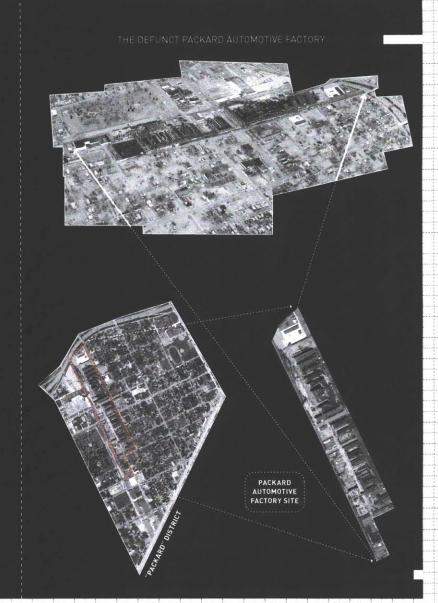
of life which they are offered as members of the enclave. Reverites, collectively understand that ownership strips them of their voice as laborers (as noted debt encumbered homeowners rarely go on strike), and in Reverietown strikes are encouraged. A wage elimination act among members of the co-operative recognizes that homeownership is the single largest expense to an individual or family, and ownership is out of the question. In lieu of wages, members of the collective live mortgage free, as households are considered a component of the operational budget of Reverietown. No longer are laborers subject to commodification.

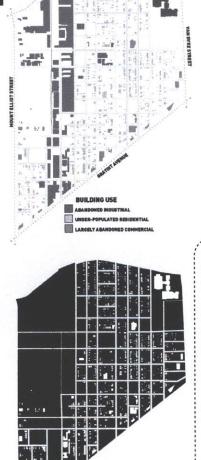
Each household is engaged in crowd-sourced manufacturing, producing small products and parts. Products are sold directly to consumers via e-commerce, while parts are sent along to Reverietown's collective assembly. Thus proximity between the household and the assembly is critical, as parts are delivered "as they are produced" to the assembly for final fabrication.

### The Common Assembly

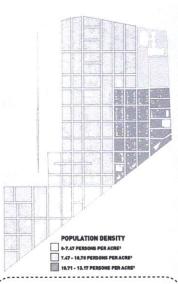
The assembly makes big things. It is the urban common space of the collective. In times of production it is an assembly line, and in times of non-production, it serves as a public assembly. It is used for both the production of material things and the production of culture. Programmatic specificity, in terms of production facilities, is the root cause of decline and dis-use. In order to ensure a longevity of usage, the intentionally banal architecture of the factory must be periodically recycled as a collective commons, a ground for debate, gathering, and play. The massive spaces of industrial production, with better than average lighting conditions, can easily be transposed as fantastical public space. A common sense of ownership (economically and emotionally), across all Revertes, ensures that the assembly has no end-game.

The assembly collects various parts produced by the neighborhood at large, and assembles them into durable goods such as furniture, electronics and machinery. It is a generic architecture which can thrive on changing demands for means of production under a crowd sourced commerce model. It is not linked to any specific product or





UNUSED LAND



### WHY PACKARD

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2. THE EXISTING 35 ACRE SITE IS UNDER A DEMOLITION ORDER, BECAUSE IT IS UNFIT TO BE REUSED, AND IS A HAZARD TO RESIDENTS.

3. THE CURRENT OWNER, DOMINIC CRISTINI, HAS NO PLANS FOR THE 40 ACRE SITE, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF AND ALREADY DEPLETED RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

4. DETROIT AS A CITY HAS 101,719 VACANT PARCELS.

5. THE CITY OF DETROIT IS POTENTIALLY AT RISK OF A STATE TAKEOVER. CURRENTLY DETROIT HAS 4 \$200 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT AND 12.5 BILLION IN SUSTAINED LONG-TERM DEET EXCESSIVE TAX DEFICITS HAVE BEEN RACKED UP BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF VACANT PARCELS, LIKE THIS ONE.

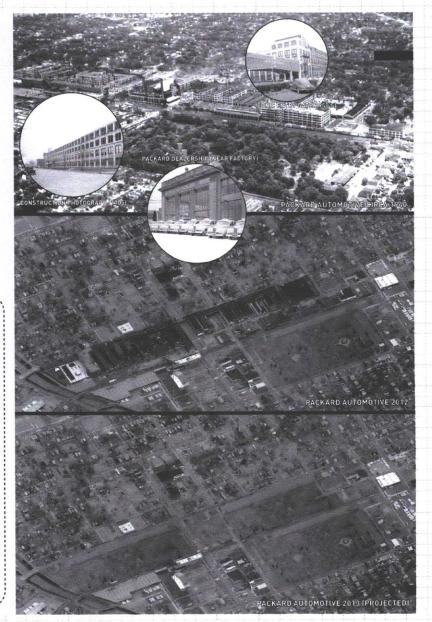
6. ONCE THE SITE IS RAZED, IT WILL CREATE A MASSIVE VACANT PARCEL, WHICH IS LIKELY UNFIT FOR DEVELOPMENT OUTSIDE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SPECTRUM.

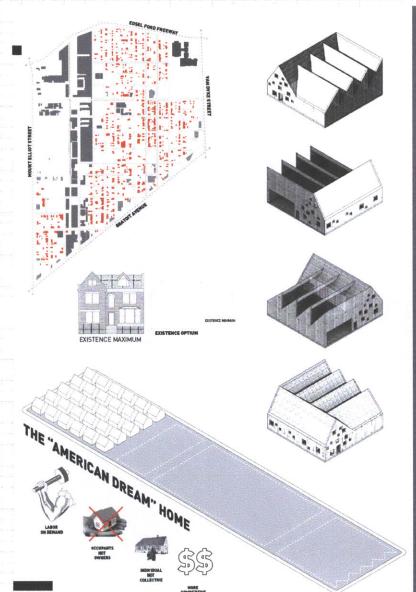
7. THE RESIDENTIAL FABRIC WHICH SURROUNDS THE SITE HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO THE WOES OF THE FACTORY SITE ITSELF.

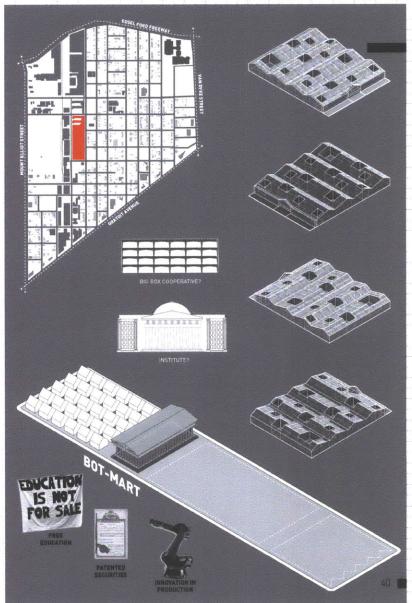
8. THE SITE IS WELL SUITED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AS A PRODUCTION FACILITY, IT IS PART OF AN ALREADY EXISTING RAIL NETWORK, IT SITS ALONGSIDE A MAJOR EXPRESSMAY, AND IT ALSO WOULD BENETIF FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN A PARTIALLY INDUSTRIALIZED CITY.

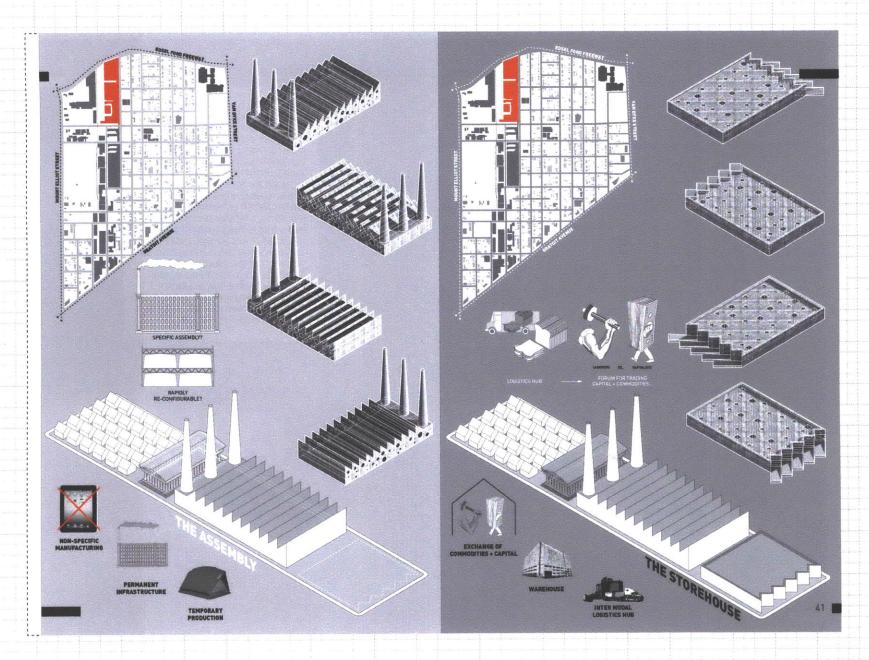
9. DETROIT HAS ADOPTED A TWO TIER WAGE STRUCTURE, 14.65 FOR NEW EMPLOYEES, \$29.50 FOR SENIOR EMPLOYEES, CAN YOU ACTUALLY LIVE ON THIS EGREGIOUS WAGE?

10. VACANT PROPERTIES ARE ABUNDANT, AND ARE VALUED SUBSTAN-TIALLY LOWER THAN OTHER CITIES OF SIMILAR SIZE AND POPULATION, GIVING GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO A MANUFACTURING COLLECTIVE.









process, and it is striped to the barest essentials of an architectural typology. It is a-typological. The architecture should engender qualities which promote production and laborer well-being, while providing the necessary infrastructures for production. The challenge of this facility is in producing a generic production hall, which is infrastructured in a way that it can be rapidly reshaped and reconfigured. It is a product of the standardization of building infrastructure, permanently placing elements which will always be needed in the production hall, and allowing for spaces which are easily reconfigurable. It also must redefine the generic industrial typology. Since it is not produced by a corporation or capitalistic venture, Architectural Invention is mandatory. The members of the collective consider the assembly as they would a finely crafted tool, it must satisfy the needs of the labor force and allow them to operate as they see fit.

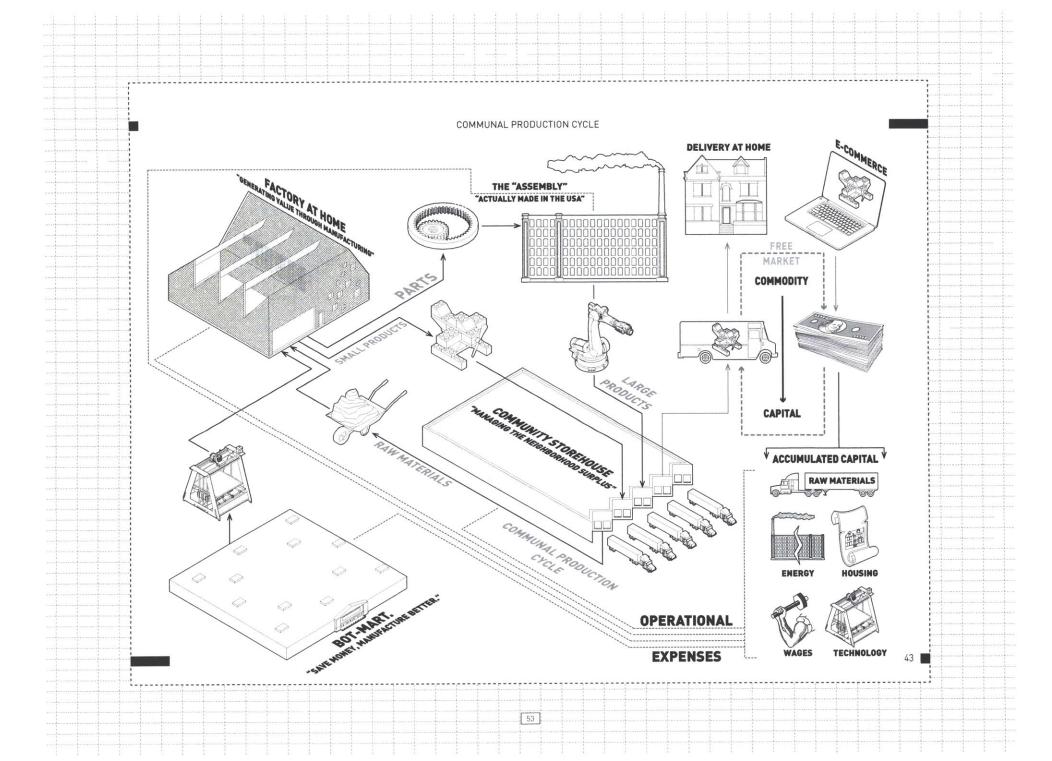
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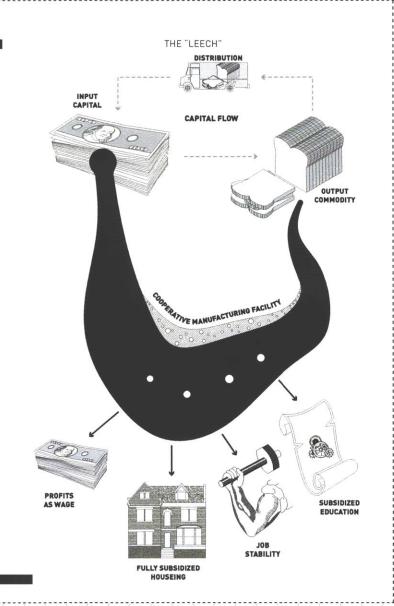
Occupying the remains of failed industry, the store-ware-bank-house is poised to refuel each home with materials as they engage in the production of commodities. The store-ware-bank house manages the surplus. Three types of surplus in fact. The assembled products, the raw materials, and the surplus capital (or commodity) from product sales and trades. This critical typology is the representative of value production within Reverietown. It is a warehouse, a storehouse and a central bank. Since value can subsume the form of either commodity or money (formerly labor), this typology must be able to handle either, or all. Since it houses three fundamental programs, it should be divided as such. Raw materials are stored in vast basins, bulkheads, and tanks. Assembled products and commodities are stacked, layer by layer, on endless rows of generic shelving, while money is excised, rapidly, and replaced by, materials which actually hold consistent value (As we know, money is actually value-less). The remaining shell of the defunct Packard factory will easily embody these demands. Due to its situation along a rail corridor, product ebbs and flows can be managed effectively. And since the Store-ware-bank-house is held as a public asset by the collective, Reverites will have unadulterated access to this museum like facility.

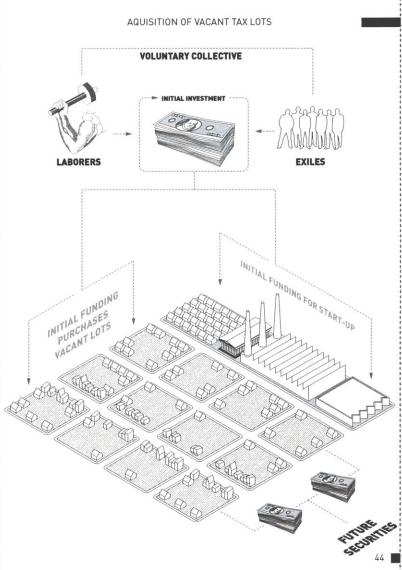
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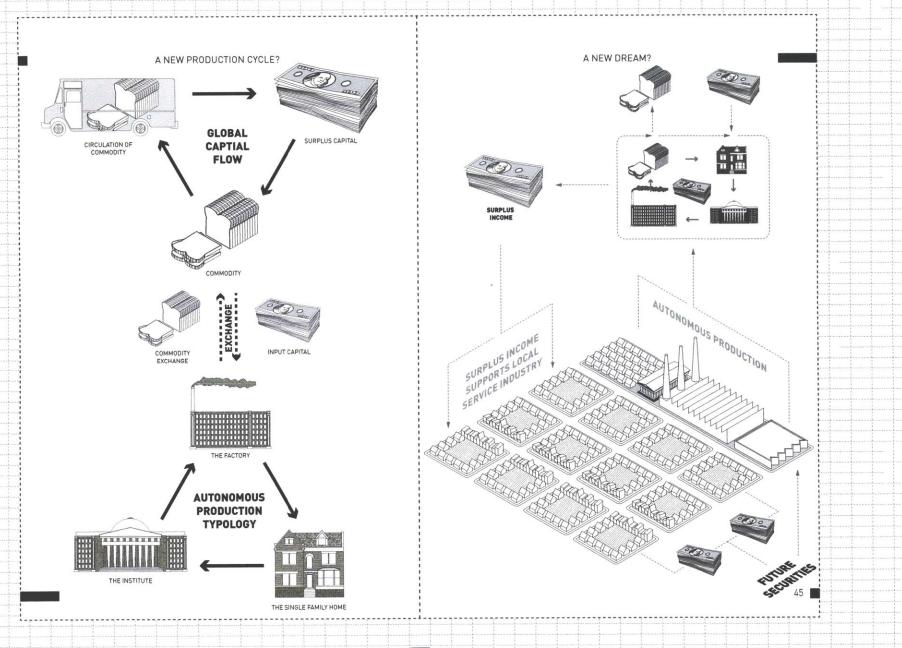


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### THE EXCESSIVE EXPANSION OF THE DREAM HOME





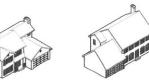








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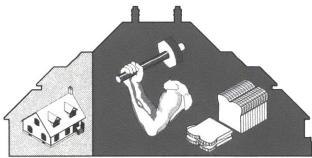




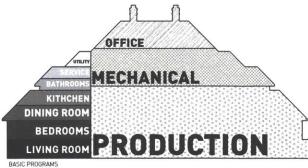
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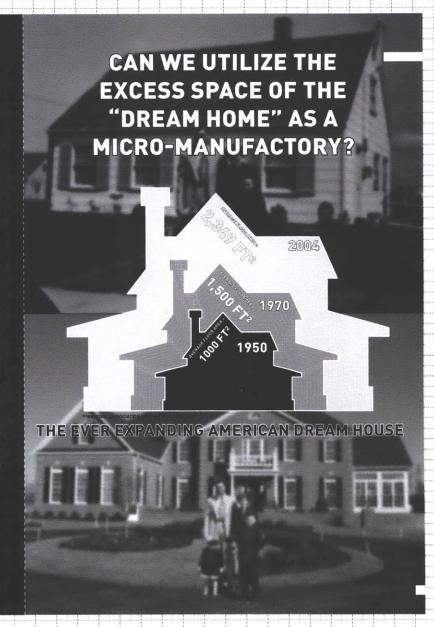
MODEST LIVING + MAXIMAL PRODUCTION



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# **Bot-Mart**

Bot-Mart supplies technology and innovation. This research center, disguised as a big-box superstore, is actually far richer, and more productive. Members of the cooperative share general labor demands, while allied technicians within the community develop personal manufacturing equipment for a burgeoning movement. Bot-Mart serves as a means to continually improve manufacturing processes, by giving all employed workers the right to continued education and access to technology, at no cost. Bot-Mart understands that there should be no separation between the manual worker and the brain worker, thus nearly all of the factory line workers are also innovators and engineers. Bot Mart draws real-time information directly from the many production lines, and is able to make immediate adaptations to machinery reduce operational costs and speed production, to satisfy growing demand from citizens who seek commodities from the righteous collective of Reverietown. Bot-Mart is funded by surplus capital from the production process, which is used to develop innovations in manufacturing. Innovations and processes are patented and patent rights are subsequently owned by members of the collaborative, who benefit economically from the sale of patent rights to other manufacturing companies (take that Warren Buffet!). The big-box architectural typology has the capacity to be rewritten as a re-search center, if, minimum 10, large holes are punched through the sprawling, one story volume (think: Rolex Learning Center, SANAA). Above all, Bot-Mart supplies the collective with low-cost, up-to-date manufacturing technologies and machines.





### A NEW AMERICAN DREAM TYPOLOGY

Existence Optimum is the new ideal What if the home was the factory? What if your living room was your instead your livelihood room? What if the home had the capacity to generate nearly any-product. What would that home look like? The new American dream home must identify the necessities of domestic space, while ruling out the spaces which are often constructed to enhance the size, and therefore, the "fontress" effect of the American Home. Existence optimum, in terms of a manufacturing household may mean that the living space is optimized, while the production space is maximized. Let us consider the first kit home of Reverietown the Jubilee.

# Post-Post-Modern home No. 0001, also known as, The Jubilee.<sup>25</sup>

"The Jubilee is named in celebration of the birth of Reverietown, and the 81st anniversary of the birth of the American Dream. The Jubilee extends its arm of production, to any budding Reverite, as the vehicle to accurring the next American Dream. The house is split down the middle, with as much living space as production space. Approximately 3,800 square feet, a shy more than the average American Home. The Jubilee offers a patented, saw tooth to gable roof construction to offer occupants the characteristics desired in both a home and a factory. A well lit manufacturing hall, and ample protection from the elements.

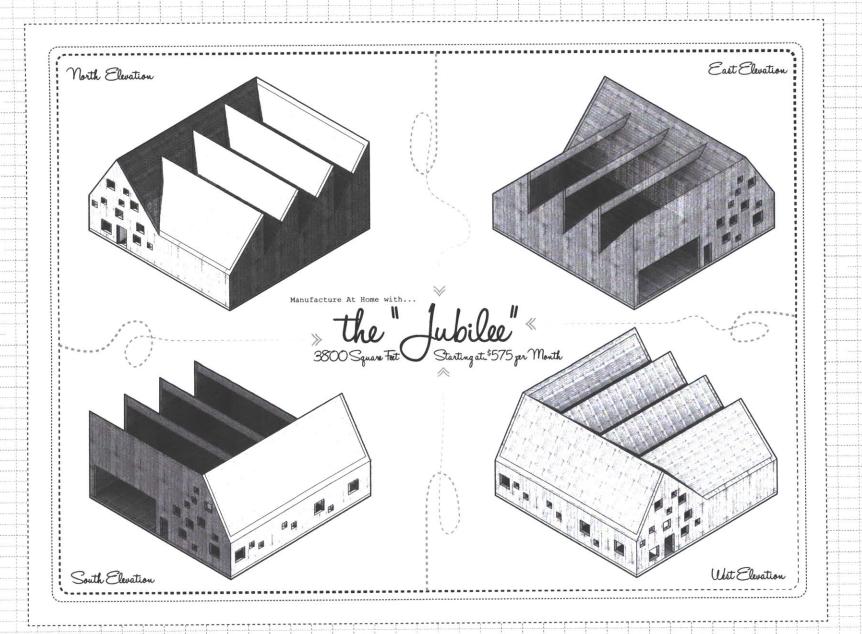
respectively. The main living space is open and un-regulated, allowing for a multitude of programmatic uses. The main common area of the home can be a den, a dining room, a living room, a kitchen or whatever else one pleases. The manufactory is only one type of room, though, it is called the "livelihood room" a new space in the American household, which ensures a constant source of economic sustenance.

an un heard of, 15 foot ceiling height making ne job to small for the Jubilee. The space has no divisions no columns, no obstructions, and the sawtooth roof makes a clear 30f span, to offer trouble free space for even the most complicated production lines. The Jubilee is the new standard in the At-Home-Manufacturing revolution. The plar offers a production hall of 1800 square feet, and an adjacent storage area of roughly 400 square feet. The walls are constructed with rubble from the nearby "Defunct Packard Automotive Plant". Significantly reducing the cost of construction And since this beauty is built or Publicly held land [The Revenietow Public Trust], this home may cos virtually nothing at all. So pack you bags and say "bye, bye" to the old American Dream, and HELLO! to the IRBN FEE!

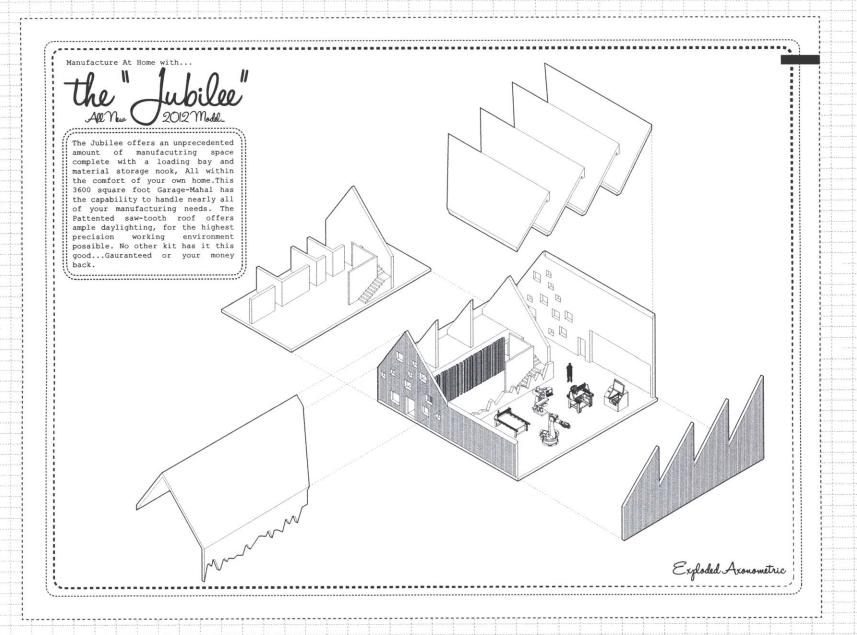
Paid for by the Peoples Revolution of Reverietown.











### **FOOTNOTES**

1 in reference the Housing Bubble and the recent Foreclosure Crisis.

2. Capitalismo, Latin for Capitalism.

3. James Truslow Adams is the originator of the Terminology 'American Dream'

4. This is a wildly inaccurate portrayal of how Truslow's dream was expressed. The original Transcript can be found in "The Epic of America" by James Truslow Adams, 5.(Fisher, 1973 | Paraphrased Version of Fisher's Description of the 'Moralistic myth' 6.(Fisher, 1973 | Paraphrased Version of Fisher's Description of the 'Materialistic Myth' 7. This is not a real journal, It is however a means to explain the negative impacts of capitalism on a society.

(Harvey, The Enigma of Capital and the Crisis of Capitalism, 2010) This is an
abbreviated version of the Capitalist mode of production as laid out by David Harvey.
 (Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012)
10.(Hayden, 2002) Sentiments from both texts are condensed into one sentence.

11. See: Denail in the Tire Industry (Tedlow, 2010)

12. [Harvey, The Enigma of Capital and the Crisis of Capitalism, 2010], This segment is paraphrased from a animated short of David Harvey's "The Crisis of Capitalism" found at http://fora.tv/2010/04/26/David\_Harvey\_The\_Crises\_of\_Capitalism\_Animated

13. This should be profoundly clear to anyone at this point. If not see "Income Inequality in The United States" via Wikipedia.

14. [Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012]

15. Sub-prime Lending by various financial institutions, SEE: Fannie May or Freddie Mac for any further Questions.

16. This segment is paraphrased and re-cast from a notable quote from J.G. Ballard.

18 [Fisher 1973] As mentioned Ahove

19. Oxford English Dictionary, Online Search Term "Labor"

20. (Lipson & Kurman, 2010)

21. Type "Cheap 3-D Printer" into the google search tab, and you'll find several companies entrenched in a technology boom, to many to list, and for the sake of brevity uset take my word for it.

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23. [Harvey Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012

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25. [Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012]

26. This sentence is in reference to the "Modern Home No XXXXX" as seen in early editions of the Sears and Roebuck Cataloa.

27. 2,349 Square feet, is the average size of the American Household, According to the Homebuilders Association of America.

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# **IDREAMBUSTERS**

BACK TO YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMING AFTER THESE MESSAGES.

# LIVE. WORK, PRODUCE:

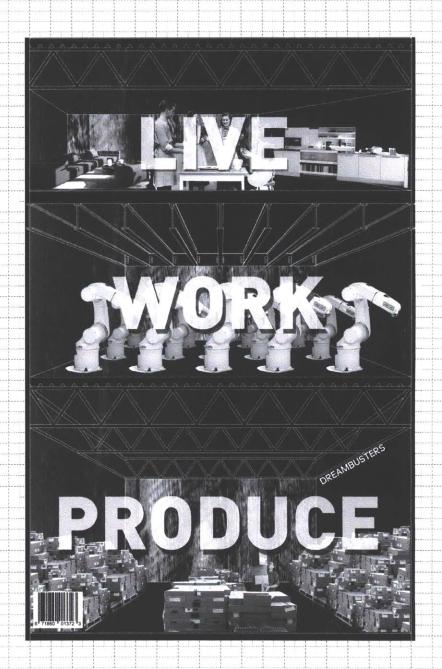
This ad was a first attempt at drawing a section through a building which would serve as a factory and a residential dwelling, all rolled into one complex program. Similar to some of the images found at the end of the Pre-Thesis proposal this Ad was attempting to portray the image of domestic life, intertwined with production. As an early concept, the project was considering the possibility of a future in which production would occur in-between levels of domestic space, hidden to residents living in this construct. Production was initially though to be highly automated, and each occupant of the dwelling would own a robot which would carry out, or replace that occupant as a laborer. It was later decided that the act of laboring, was essential to having a ownership role in a manufacturing settlement.

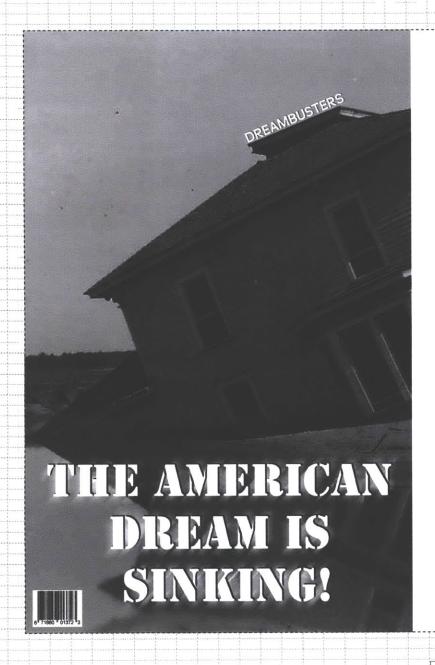
## THE AMERICAN DREAM IS SINKING!

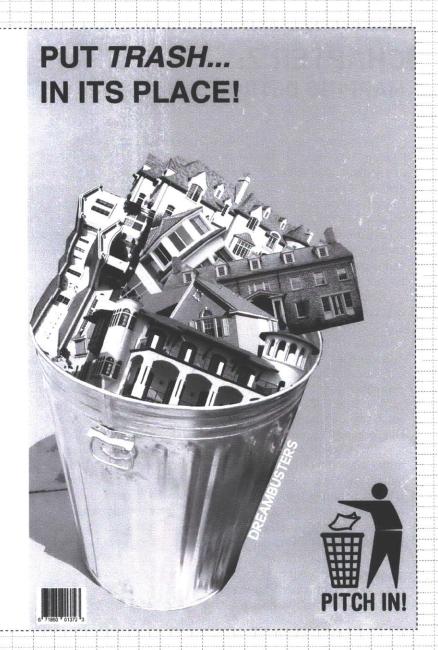
This ad was merely an attempt to portray the American dream in a sort of post-industrial fallout, or ruinous state. The image of a house abandoned an sinking into the mud is an exaggeration on the state of actual homes in the City of Detroit.

# PUT TRASH IN ITS PLACE:

This ad is a sort of lashing out against the glorification of the "McMansion" or a more contemporary belief about American Dream. The concept of not only owning a home, but owning a "Dream Home" has been glorified to the point of absurdity in American Culture. These so called Mega-Homes are desired by so many Americans, and this unrelenting desire is likely the cause the Lending and Mortgage Crisis of 2008.







# ■CHAPTER 2: MAPPING DETROIT'S DECLINE

POPULATION DECLINE, VACANCY AND RELOCATION

\_\_\_\_The Initial phase of the Thesis project explored the City of Detroit, through a series of mappings, in an attempt to gain a broader understanding of situations that may have led to the largest population decline of any major city in the United States. Population decline in Detroit has led to a variety of social and physical alterations to the City, most importantly, the City of Detroit currently owns and maintains 40 square miles of vacant land. This has put a remarkable financial burden on the City, causing the Mayor Dave Bing, to consider drastic plans such as neighborhood relocation and an unparalleled residential demolition project.

\_\_\_\_Since the Mid 1950's the City of Detroit has steadily lost nearly two thirds of its population, due to a wide variety of social, political and economic situations. Most notably, the Exodus of manufacturing production, has caused a noteworthy decline in employment opportunities, causing many Detroit to consider relocating to other cities, or regional ares in search of work. The mass Exodus of residential population has left behind a massive assortment of architectural ruins.

\_\_\_\_The City of Detroit is no stranger to vacant buildings, with some estimates placing the number of vacant structures around 45,000. This Has wreaked Havoc on city resources, because the Vacant structures are a favorite target for local "scrappers" to collect unused building materials and metals. In the process of removing metals from buildings, usually with portable oxyacetylene torches, fires are often started. Beyond Scrapper fires, vacant buildings in Detroit are easy targets for Arson, with nearly 5,000 fires occurring on an annual basis.

The Detroit Data collaborative released statistics in February of 2010, detailing that of the 343,850 residential parcels in Detroit, 123,786 parcels are vacant. This is problematic because there are not entire neighborhoods which have been vacated, but rather Vacancy has occurred in a much more piecemeal way.

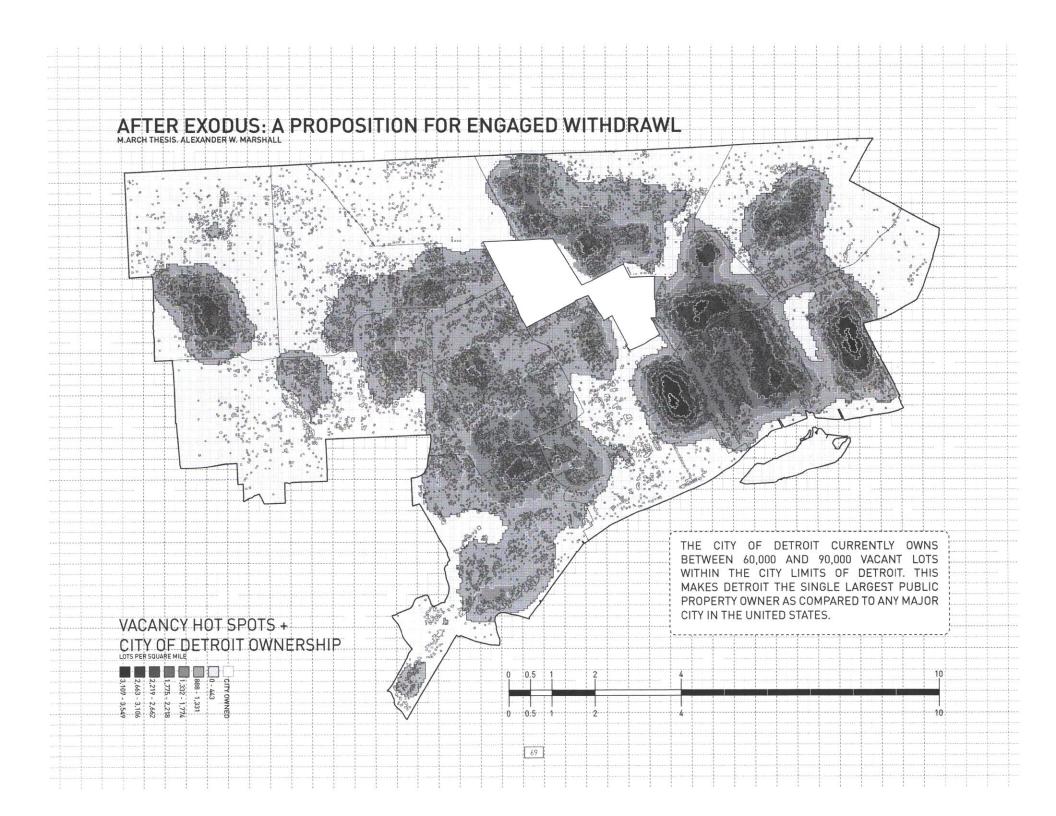
\_\_\_This piecemeal vacancy is problematic, because the City of Detroit is burdened with having to provides city services for a city that once

held 2.3 million inhabitants, with the budget of a city of 713,000 citizens. City services include basic needs such as Police, Fire, EMT, Water, Electricity and Sewage. Currently Detroit is losing its ability to provide these services to residents, due to dwindling government financial resources. Widespread vacancy has lead city leadership to believe that the only realistic way to deal with the problem is to shrink the city.

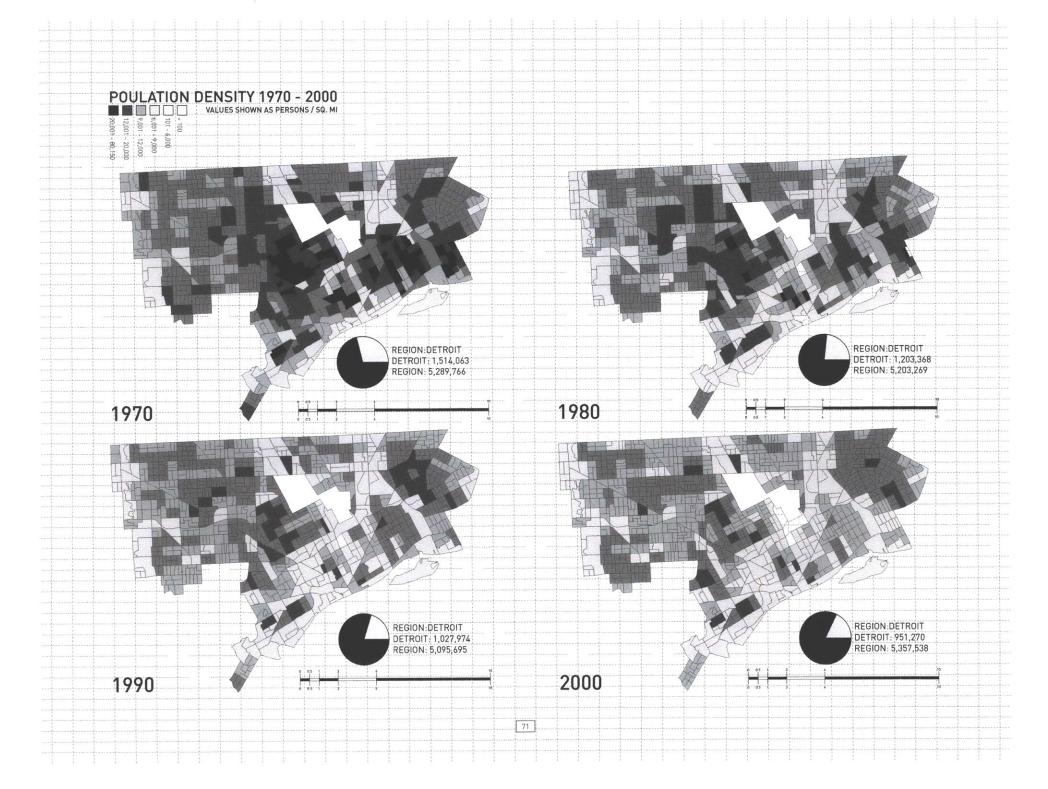
\_\_\_In order to shrink the city, Detroit has hatched a plan to buy out remaining residents in heavily vacated neighborhoods, and offer them the chance to relocate to a new or more densely populated neighborhood. However, there is one major problem: Residents of depopulated neighborhoods are reluctant to move, since many of them have weathered the storm, and continued living in their homes, despite the mass exodus around them.

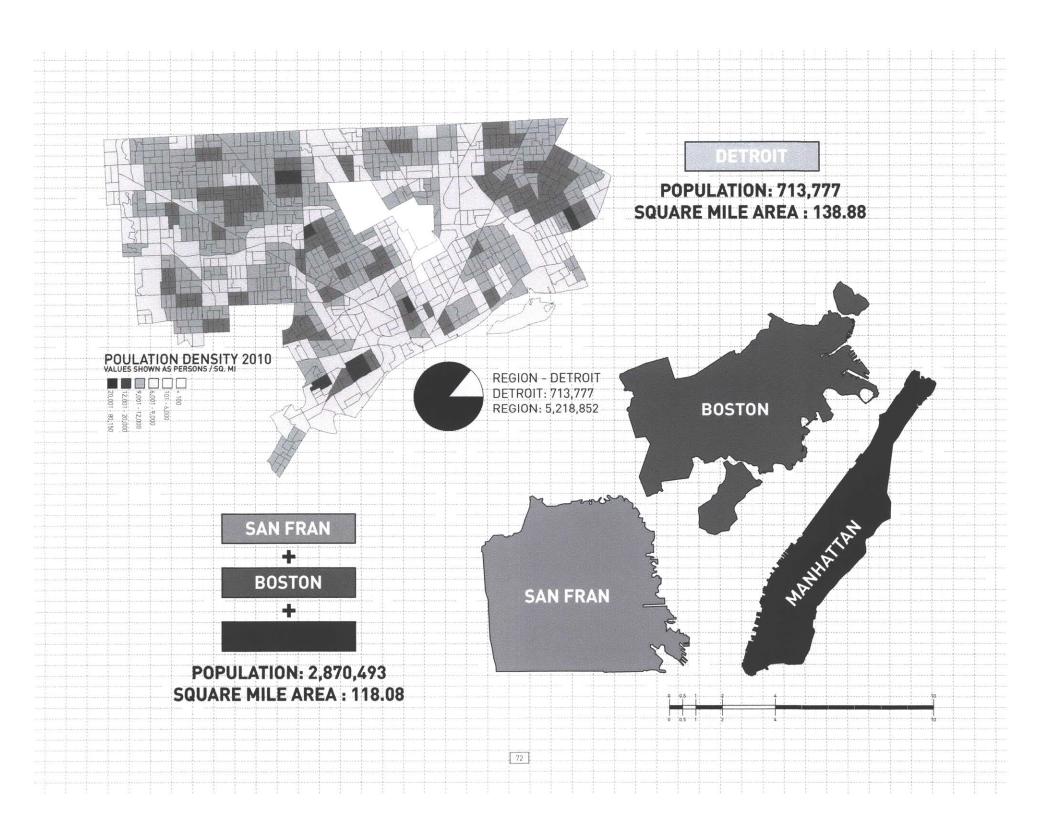
Based on the demographic information that was discovered during the mapping phase of the project, it has become clear that there are other options. Vacancy and abandoned parcels have generated a staggering degree of Blight, and residential real estate values have dropped dramatically. New urban strategies which would allow for the intermixing of light industrial and residential parcels could help to solve the crisis of open land in Detroit, simply by filling up unused ground. Further, If residents of Detroit possessed the capacity to generate sustenance, then relocation would be unnecessary. It has also become clear that new urban strategies could be employed to refill existing neighborhoods with new types of small scale manufacturing facilities. Since manufacturing is intrinsically linked to the history and culture of Detroit, it only makes since to take advantage of vacant land, and begin generating a new future for Detroit.

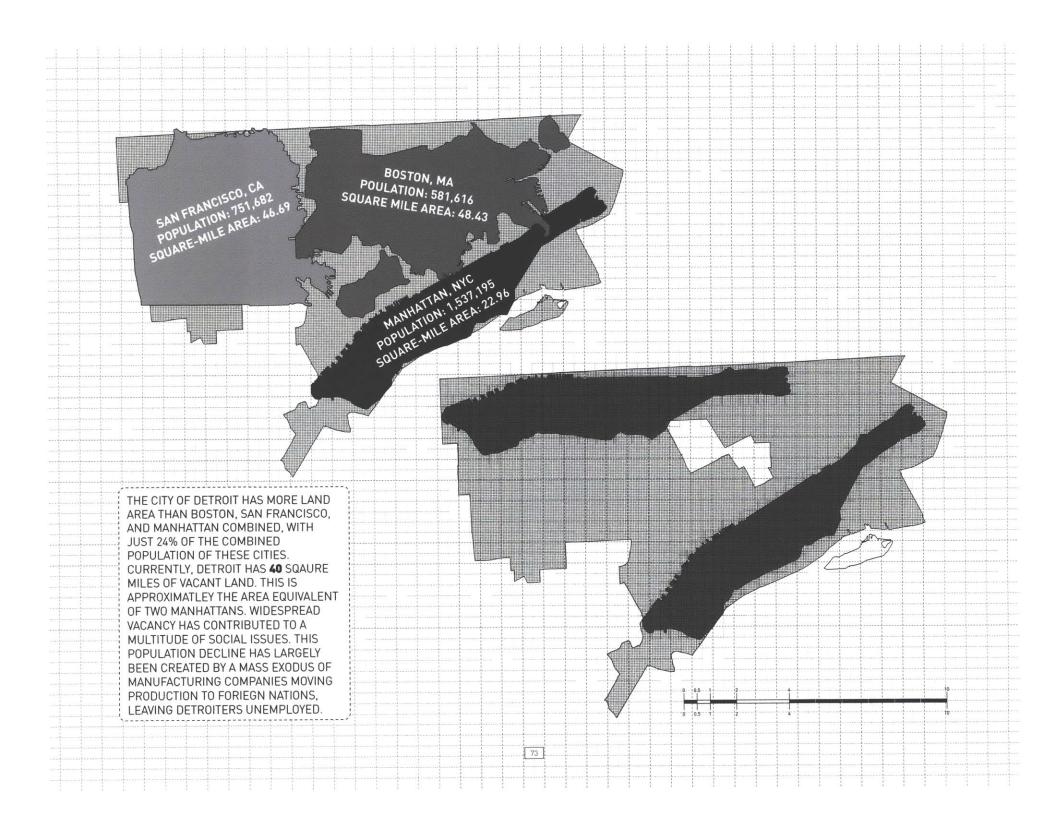
\_\_\_Using Data collected from a variety of sources, the following pages are a series of visual representations of compiled data. Sources for the mapping exercise include: The City of Detroit, Data Driven Detroit, The Detroit Data Collaborative and The US Census Bureau. The mappings produced combine and re-draw existing data into a series of mappings which isolate Population Decline, Vacancy and Relocation Proposals.

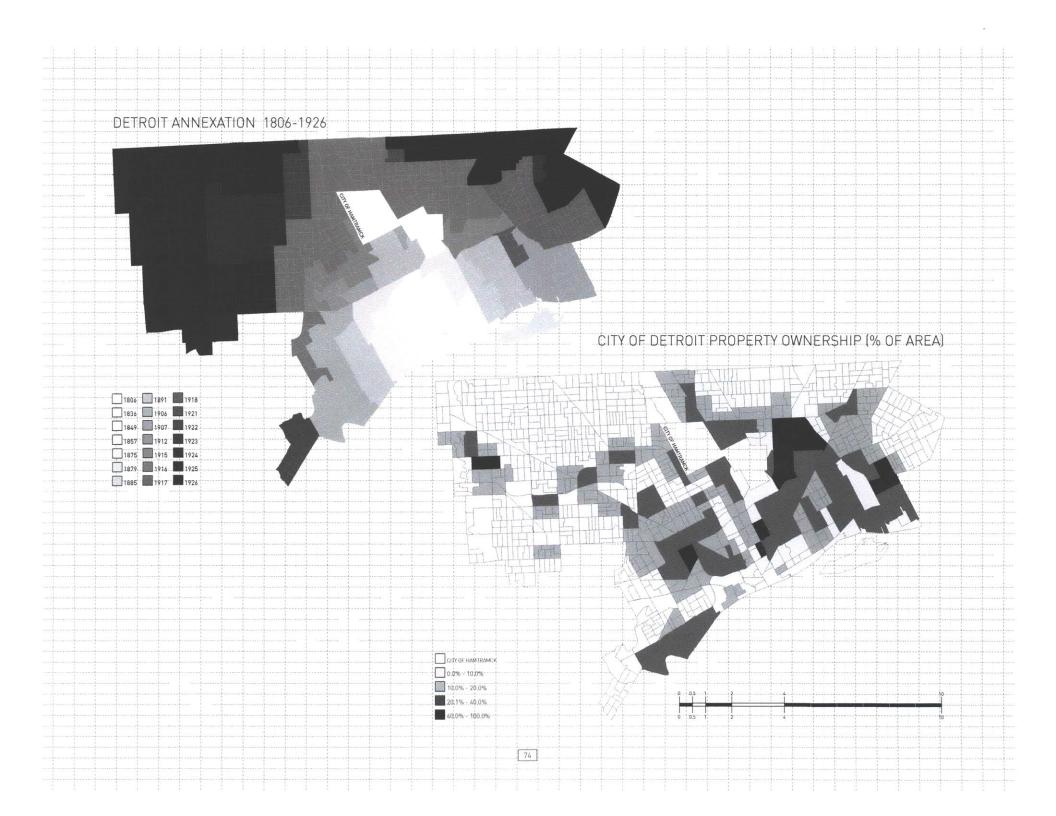


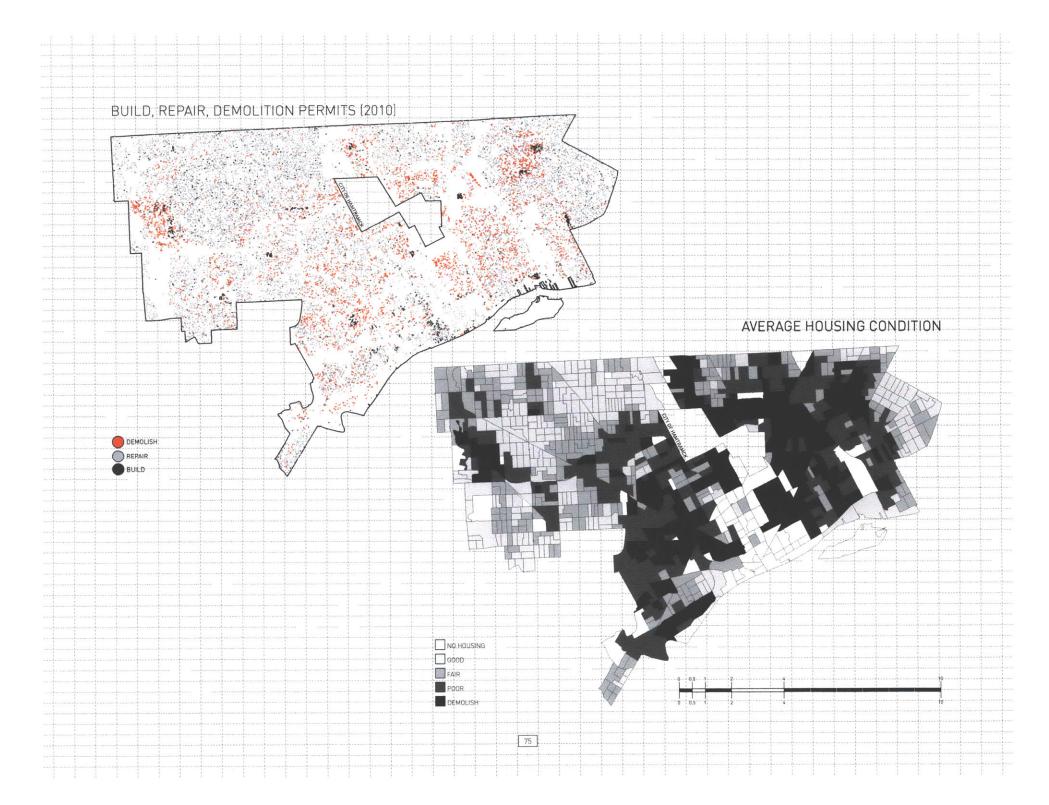


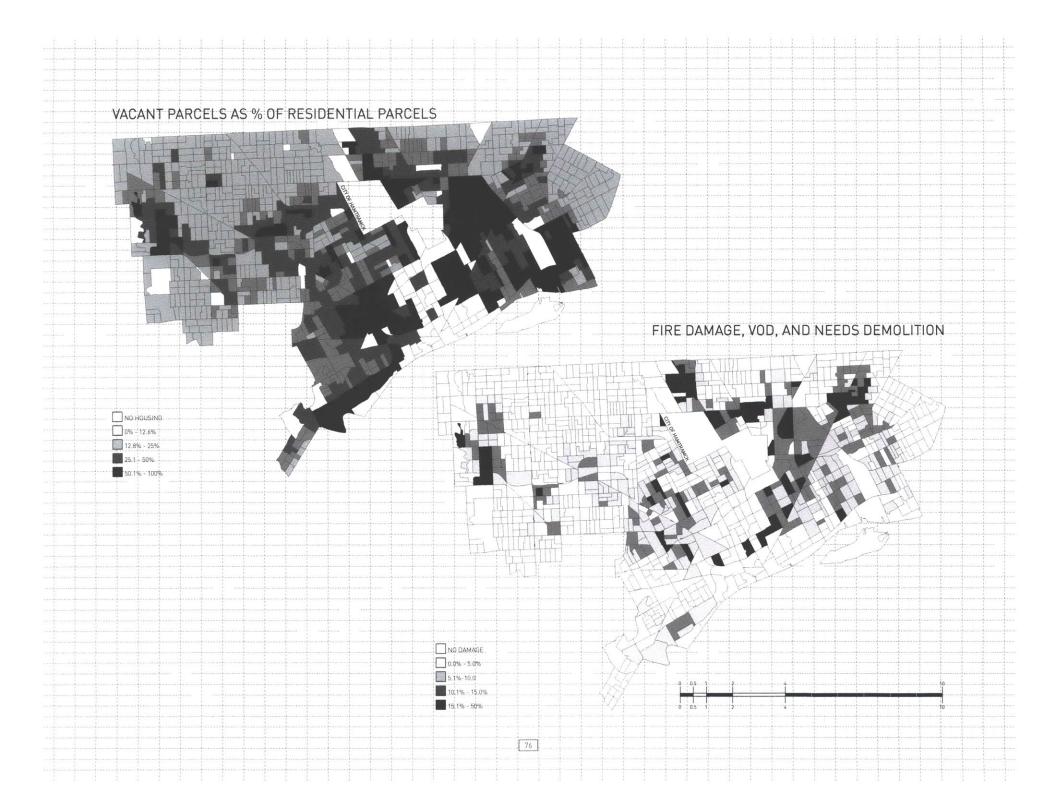


















# **VACANCY?**

## THE EXODUS OF PRODUCTION

The diagram at right is thought to be a generic scenario, and it is necessary to explain the toxic relationship of working class neighborhoods, in relation to the factories that support them.

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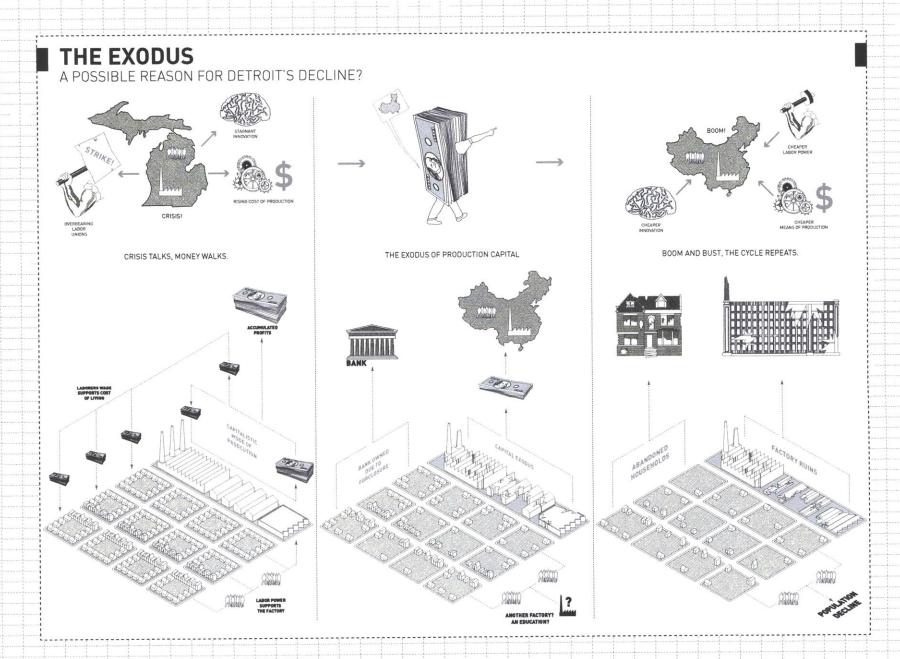
When manufacturer's are confronted by certain challenges such as overbearing labor unions, stagnant innovation, or rising costs of production, the default strategy is to exit the situation. Since Capital has no borders, Financiers are free to move production overseas at will. This has a direct impact on cities like Detroit. Factory owners support their Laborers with a finite amount of sustenance, leaving many perpetually at the fringe of insolvency. When a factory leaves a neighborhood, it isn't long before the banks come knocking, looking for their monthly mortgage payments.

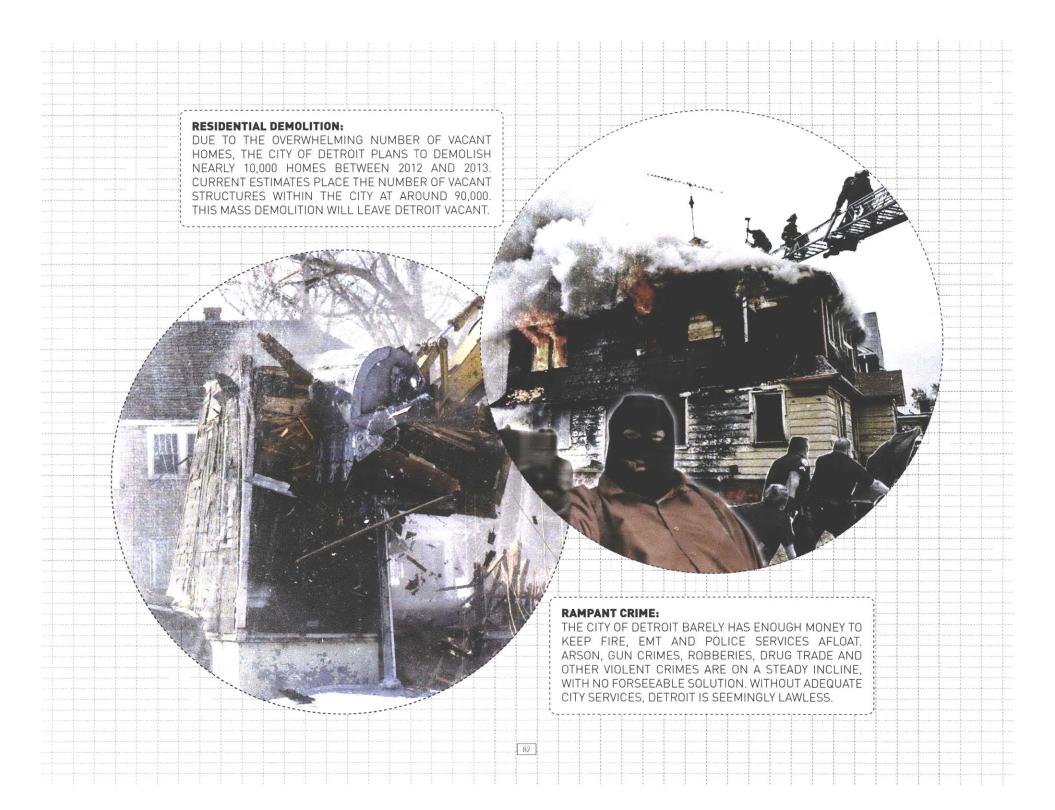
## THE EXODUS OF PRODUCTION CAPITAL:

When the factories leave, so to do the laborers. Without a means to generate wealth, laborers are left with little choice than to vacate a city, leaving behind massive swaths of Vacant households. Certain choices in urban planning, especially in Detroit, have grouped households into massive tracts, with few commercial or industrial facilities within neighborhoods. The increasing distance between places of work and places of domesticity, causes a sort of urban chaos.

# BOOM AND BUST, THE CYCLE REPEATS:

This cycle is, and will not only be a United States problem. As long as capital is free to rove the planet, Industrialized cities will inevitably be susceptible to this vicious cycle.





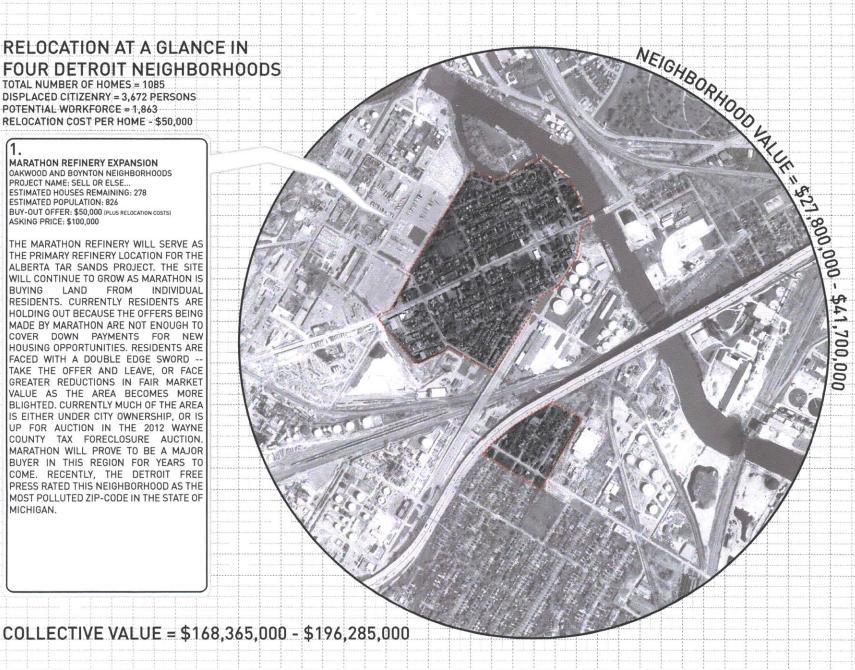


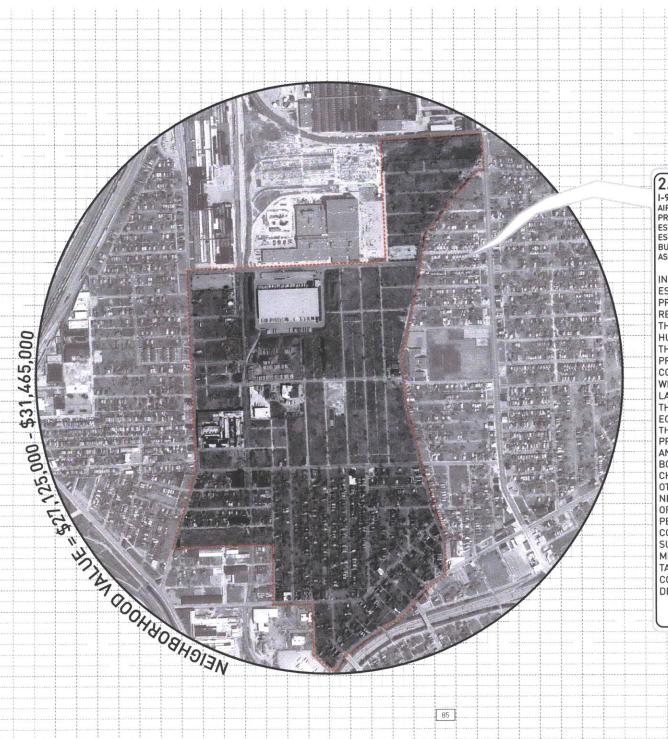
**RELOCATION AT A GLANCE IN** FOUR DETROIT NEIGHBORHOODS

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMES = 1085 DISPLACED CITIZENRY = 3,672 PERSONS POTENTIAL WORKFORCE = 1,863 **RELOCATION COST PER HOME - \$50,000** 

MARATHON REFINERY EXPANSION OAKWOOD AND BOYNTON NEIGHBORHOODS PROJECT NAME: SELL OR ELSE ... ESTIMATED HOUSES REMAINING: 278 **ESTIMATED POPULATION: 826** BUY-OUT OFFER: \$50,000 (PLUS RELOCATION COSTS) ASKING PRICE: \$100,000

THE MARATHON REFINERY WILL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY REFINERY LOCATION FOR THE ALBERTA TAR SANDS PROJECT. THE SITE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AS MARATHON IS BUYING LAND FROM RESIDENTS. CURRENTLY RESIDENTS ARE HOLDING OUT BECAUSE THE OFFERS BEING MADE BY MARATHON ARE NOT ENOUGH TO COVER DOWN PAYMENTS FOR NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. RESIDENTS ARE FACED WITH A DOUBLE EDGE SWORD --TAKE THE OFFER AND LEAVE, OR FACE GREATER REDUCTIONS IN FAIR MARKET VALUE AS THE AREA BECOMES MORE BLIGHTED. CURRENTLY MUCH OF THE AREA IS EITHER UNDER CITY OWNERSHIP, OR IS UP FOR AUCTION IN THE 2012 WAYNE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE AUCTION. MARATHON WILL PROVE TO BE A MAJOR BUYER IN THIS REGION FOR YEARS TO COME. RECENTLY, THE DETROIT FREE PRESS RATED THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AS THE MOST POLLUTED ZIP-CODE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.





1-94 INDUSTRIAL PARK AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT NAME: GHOST-TOWN **ESTIMATED HOUSES REMAINING: 217** ESTIMATED POPULATION: 780 BUY-OUT OFFER: \$75,000 (PLUS RELOCATION COSTS) ASKING PRICE: \$95,000

IN JULY 1999, THE CITY OF DETROIT ESTABLISHED THE 1-94 INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT, **INDUSTRIAL** AN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY MT. ELLIOT HUBER, GRINNELL, ST. CYRIL AND MILLER. THE PLAN CALLED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY TO BE COMBINED WITH THE CITY'S OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE 189-ACRE SITE TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A MODERN INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE PROJECT IS MANAGED BY THE DETROIT ECONOMIC GROWTH CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF DETROIT. CURRENTLY THE PROJECT SITE IS OCCUPIED BY TWO ANCHOR TENANTS -- TDS US AND EXCEL, BOTH ARE MAJOR SUPPLIERS TO DAIMLER CHRYSLER. CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. THE NEIGHBORHOODS ON THE BOUNDING EDGE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK ARE OVER 50 PERCENT VACANT, A NUMBER WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO RISE. THE AREAS SURROUNDING THE SITE IS A STATE OF MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE ZONE, WHICH ARE TAX FREE LANDS FOR FURTHER COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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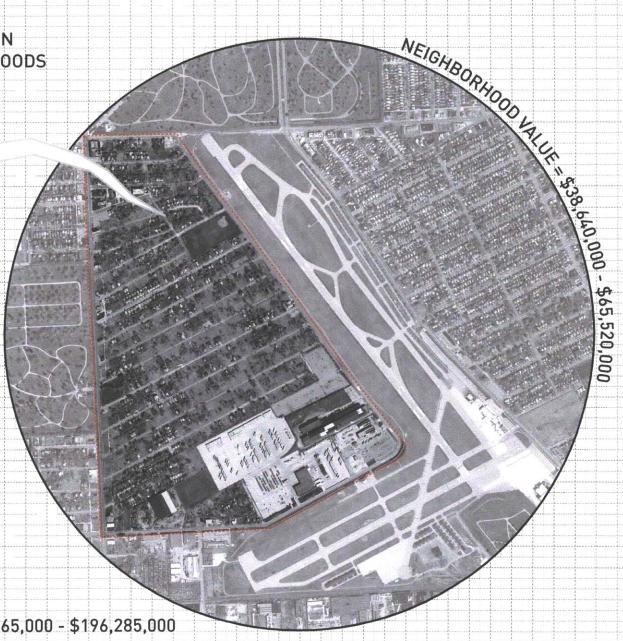
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AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD
PROJECT NAME: FRENCH ROAD MINI-TAKE
ESTIMATED HOUSES REMAINING: 334

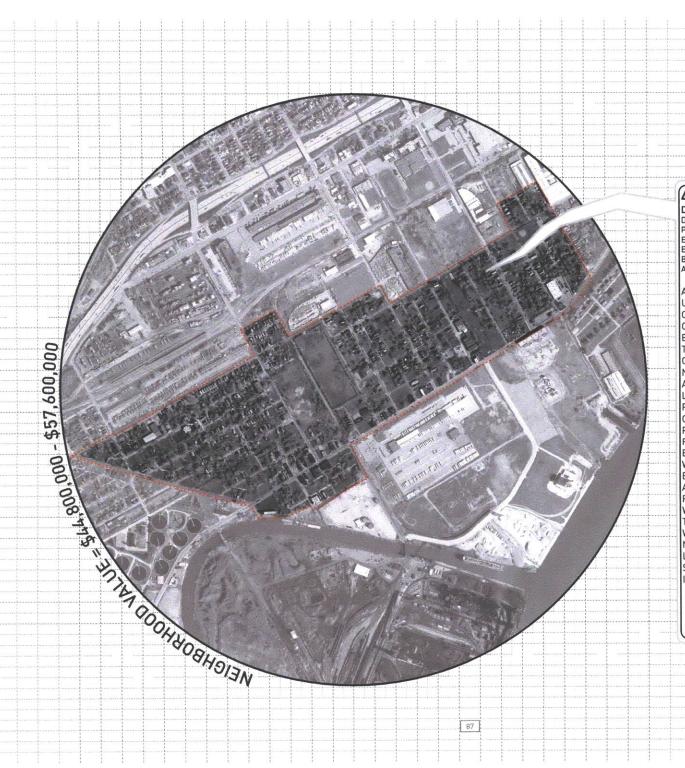
COLEMAN A. YOUNG AIRPORT EXPANSION

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 1169
BUY-OUT OFFER: \$65,000 (PLUS RELOCATION COSTS)
ASKING PRICE = \$145,000

INITIATED BY THE CITY OF DETROIT IN 1994. IN ORDER TO CREATE AN FAA RECOMMENDED SAFETY BUFFER AROUND THE RUNWAYS, AND PROVIDE SPACE FOR FUTURE EXPANSION. THE PROJECT WAS SLATED TO RUN FOR 18 MONTHS, BUT HAS TAKEN 13 YEARS, DUE TO THE INCREASED COMPLEXITY OF ACQUIRING LAND FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHICH SURROUND THE AIRPORT. OF THE 500+ HOMES IN THE 'MINI-TAKE' AREA, 334 REMAIN, ACCORDING TO RESIDENTS, THE CITY IS ALLOWING DEPOPULATION TO TAKE ITS COURSE, AS FAIR MARKET VALUES WILL DROP, ALLOWING THE CITY TO BUY OUT THE REMAINING HOUSES AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES. THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE **PROJECT** HAS STRAINED NEIGHBORHOOD, AND AS THE DETROIT CRISIS HAS UNFOLDED, THE CITY HAS ONLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROBLEMS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.



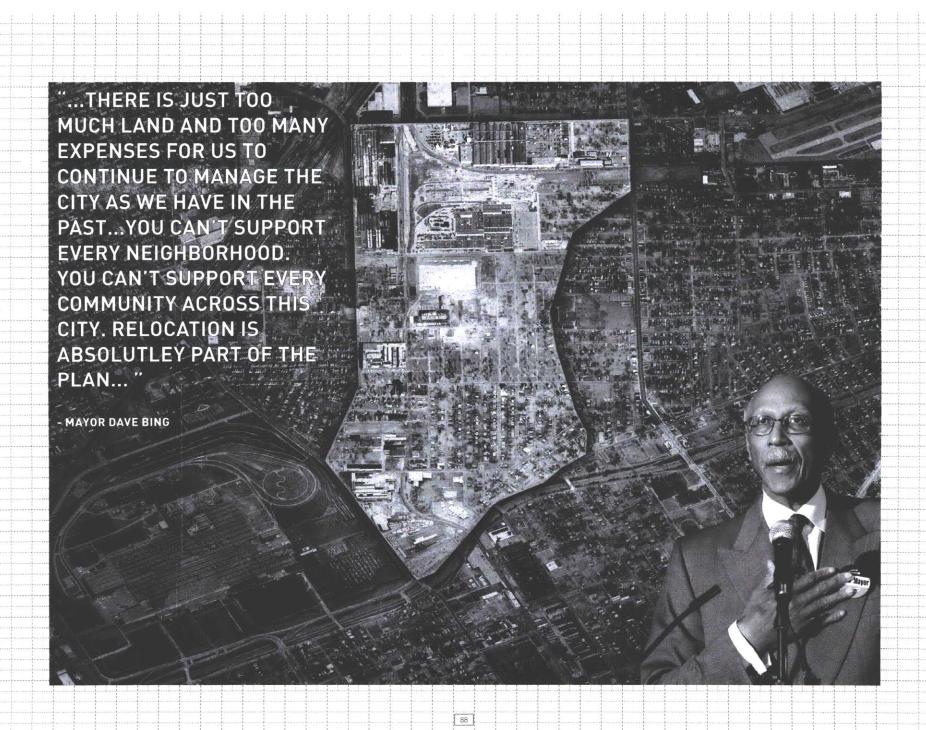
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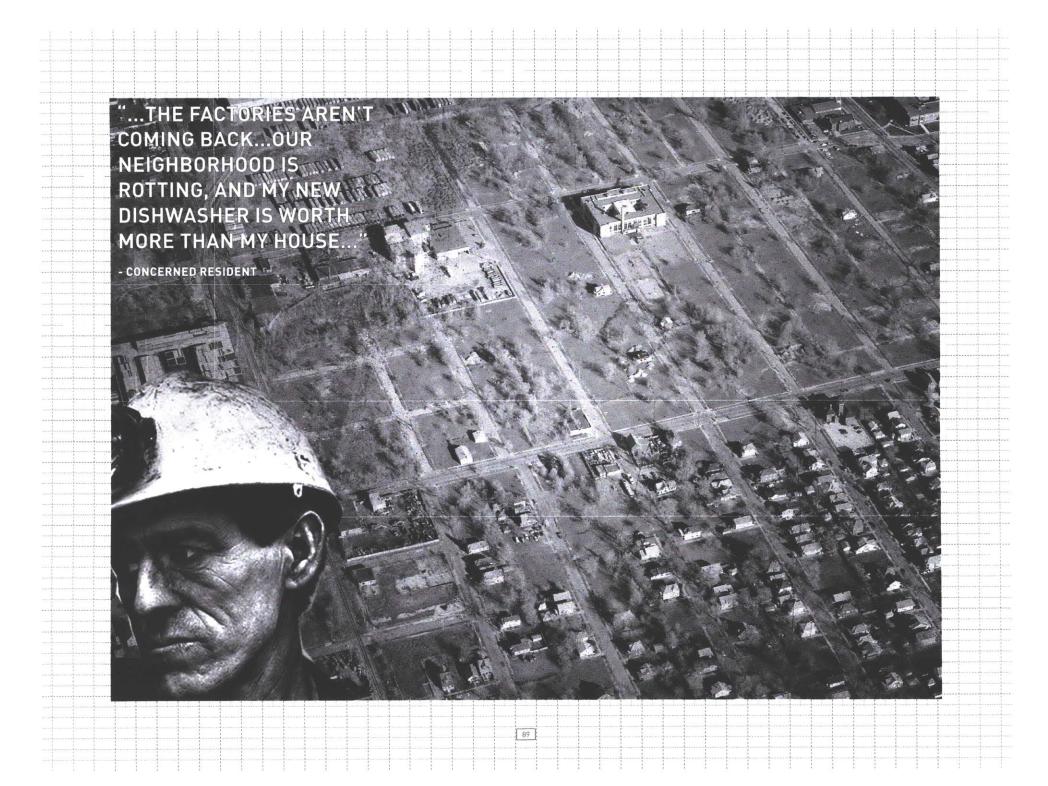


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DETROIT INTERNATIONAL RIVER CROSSING
DELRAY NEIGHBORHOOD
PROJECT NAME: FROM BLIGHT TO BRIDGE!
ESTIMATED HOUSES REMAINING: 256
ESTIMATED POPULATION: 896
BUY-OUT OFFER: \$125,000 (PLUS RELOCATION COSTS)
ASKING PRICE: \$175,000

A JOINT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NEIGHBORING CANADA, WILL EVENTUALLY RESULT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSING AND CUSTOMS TERMINAL, TO BE LOCATED IN THE CENTER DELRAY. CURRENTLY THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS HIGH VACANCY RATES. AND THE REMAINING PROPERTIES WILL LIKELY NOT BRING HIGH VALUES IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET. RESIDENTS WILL BE OFFERED MONEY FOR THEIR LAND, RELOCATION PACKAGES, AND POTENTIALLY RIGHTS TO WORK AT OR ON THE NEW BRIDGE PROJECT. THIS BORDER CROSSING WILL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY CONNECTION BETWEEN CANADA AND DETROIT, AND WILL ALLOW TRUCKS CARRYING TAR SANDS FROM ALBERTA, A DIRECT CONNECTION WITH THE MARATHON REFINERY, LOCATED TO THE WEST OF DELRAY. THIS PROJECT WILL LIKELY WIPE-OUT THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS IS AN UNDESIRABLE LOCATION FOR A NEW MANUFACTURING SETTLEMENT, AS THE BRIDGE PROJECT IS IMMINENT.





# **ICHAPTER 3:**DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

3-D PRINTING IN A NEW ERA OF MANUFACTURING

Q: What do you get when you cross cheap, accessible, open source Manufacturing Technology with a pile of garbage?

A: Karl Marx might say: Means of Production.

Means of production, or the Factors of Production are defined by Karl Marx in *Das Kapital* in three broad reaching categories: Labor, The Instruments of Labor and The Subjects of Labor. The instruments of Labor are the tools, machines, factories and infrastructure, while the Subjects of Labor are the Raw Materials which are manufactured into useful objects. Labor, is the Human factor and a Laborer is responsible for operating the Instruments of Labor in order to transform The Subjects of Labor into usable goods. Traditionally, Means of Production are owned by a privledged few, those who gain substantial financial benefits from their ownership. Laborers, as we know, are given little of the profits from a manufacturing operation.

\_\_\_But what happens to this model when low cost Open Source manufacturing technology enters the manufacturing sphere? We could be witness to a pivotal moment in the history of industrial production. As 3-D printing technology gains a foothold as a useful production process, we could see a broad-acre change in the realm of manufacturing. It is no longer impossible to imagine a world in which the average Laborer could have the financial capacity to own Means of Production, rather than be owned by it.

\_\_\_In order to gain a deeper understanding of how 3-D printing or Additive Manufacturing could effect the physical scale of a production process, a series of drawings have been produced which take into consideration traditional and emerging manufacturing paradigms in the manufacture of the Engine Block. The following text seeks to describe the drawings in this section:

\_\_In a traditional manufacturing process, the engine block requires 42

cast iron molds which produce 23 zircon sand and epoxy cores. These cores are injection molded and assembled on an automated assembly line which requires 9 molding apparatuses and 15 robotic arms.

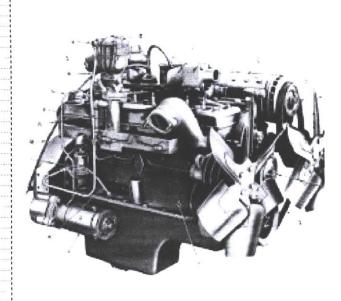
\_\_\_Once the mold is assembled, it is filled with molten aluminum from a jet furnace, powered by a few thousand gallons of petroleum and pressurized oxygen. The block is then moved into a furnace where the mold is baked away, and the aluminum is tempered.

In an additive manufacturing process, a digital model of an engine block is sliced into several thousand layers, roughly 20 microns thick, and sent into a direct metal laser sintering machine. The machine builds the engine by affecting a bed of powdered aluminum with a 400w laser, building it layer by layer. This technology has the capacity to produce conformal cooling channels and other impossible assemblies which were not previously achievable with traditional manufacturing processes.

\_\_\_Additive manufacturing boasts fast turn-around and a cost benefit to manufacturers, because it is not limited by a traditional mold making process. Independent manufacturers can produce anything from end use commodities to parts for other products. This dexterity affords one the ability to simultaneously engage in multiple markets such as the automotive, aerospace and medical industries.

\_\_\_THIS IS DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY. Open Source 3-D printers are accessible, as plans for many types of machines can be downloaded for free from the Internet. Most of these machines can be made from common components found at your local hardware store, or Internet supplier of electronic goods. Machine platforms such as REP-RAP, or "Replicating Rapid Prototyper", can be built for a few hundred dollars. These systems offer manufacturers a fabrication process called Fused Filament Fabrication, or the additive layering of plastic, which is capable of producing durable plastic goods for general purpose use.

\_\_\_The following drawings will attempt to establish the difference in scale between a traditional manufacturing process and an additive one, in order to begin proposing a smaller scale approach to contemporary manufacturing.

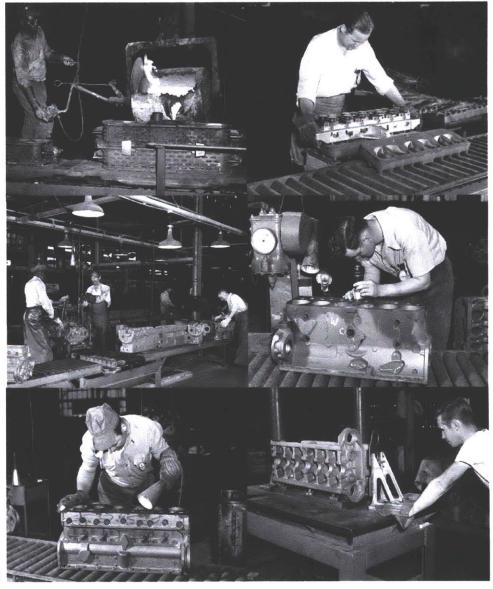


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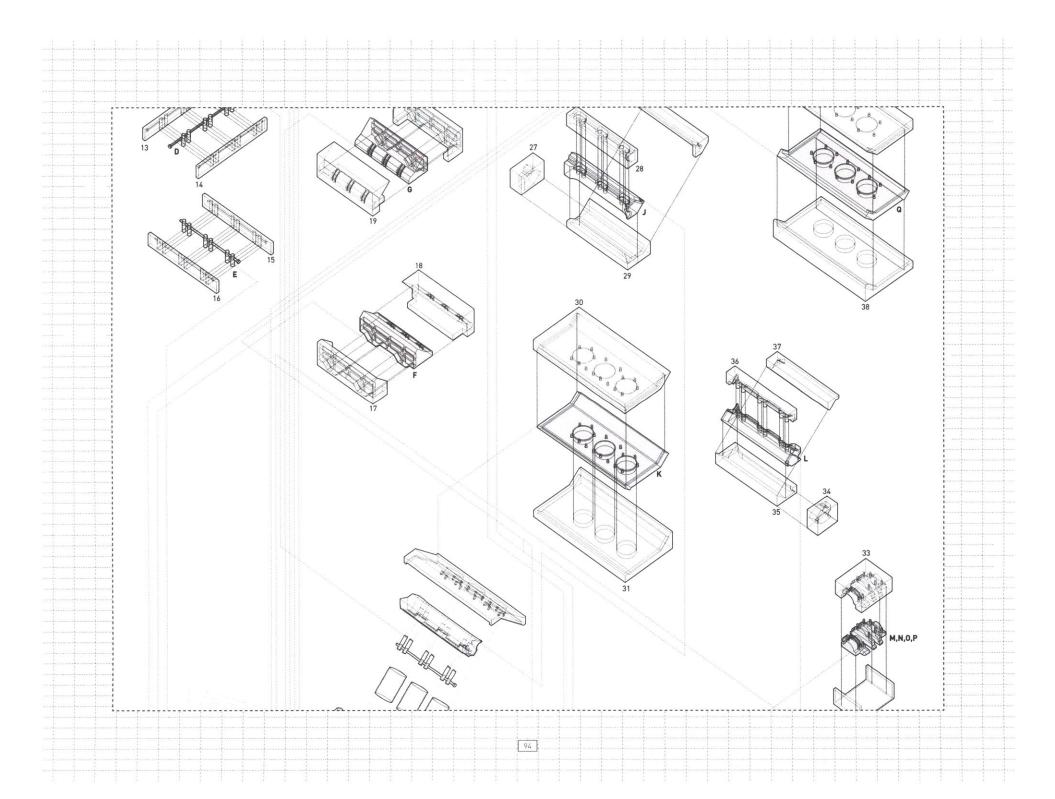
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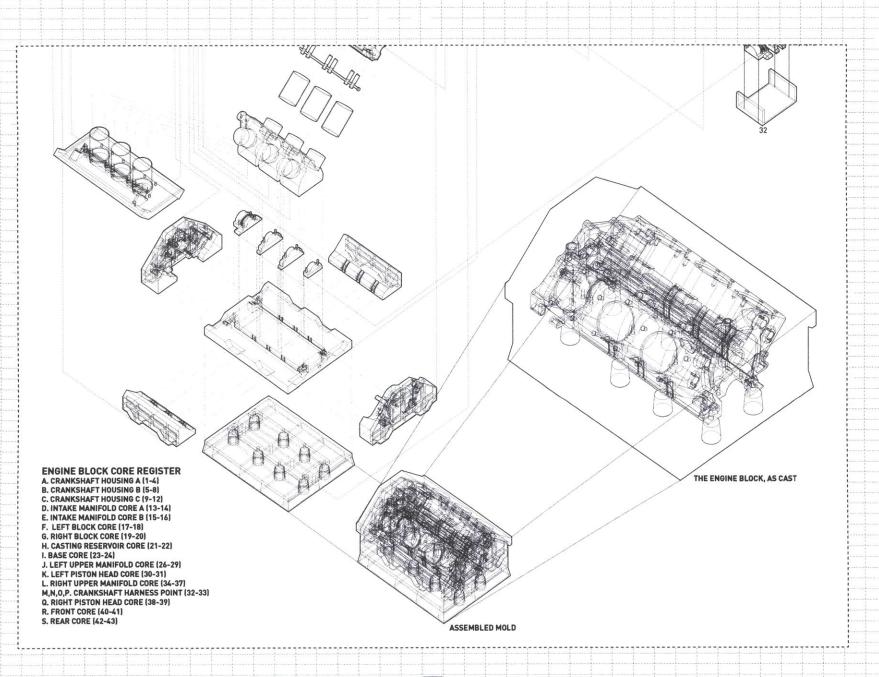
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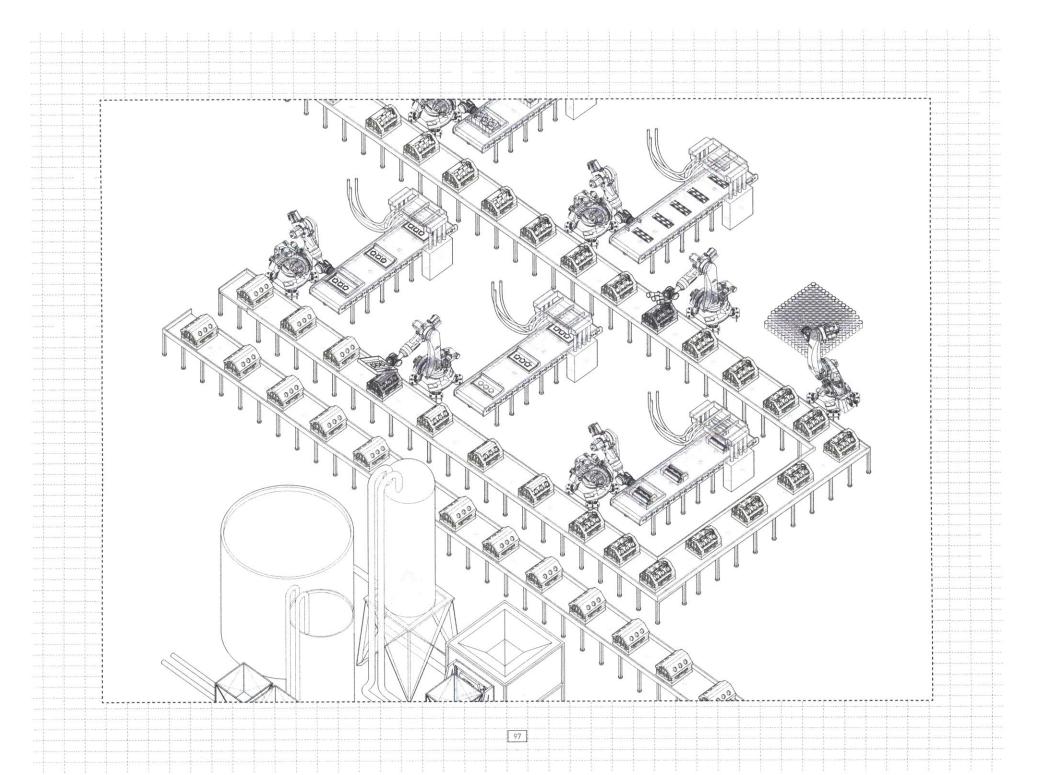
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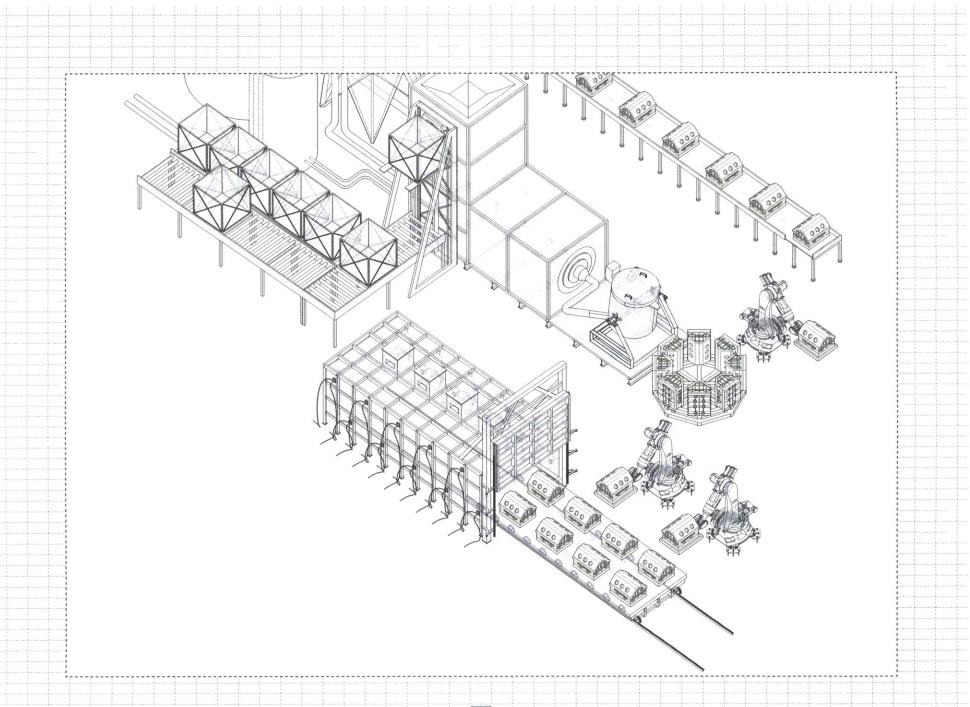
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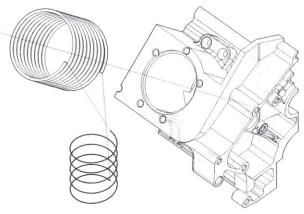


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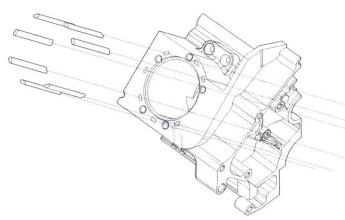




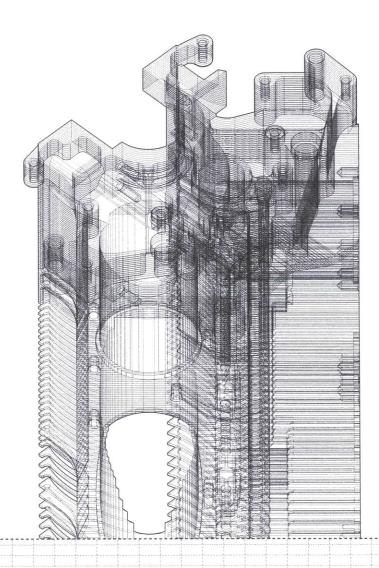
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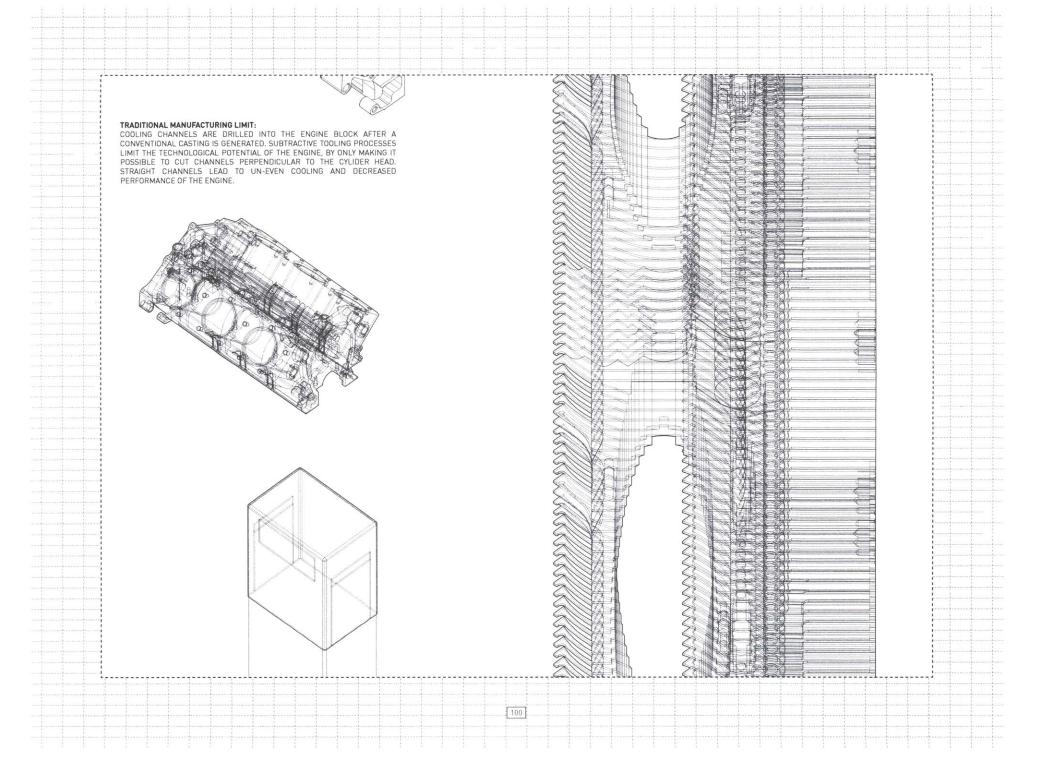


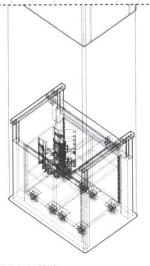
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING POTENTIAL:
THE CONFORMAL COOLING CHANNELS ARE BUILT THROUGH A LAYERING PROCESS, RESULTING IN AN ENGINE WHICH WILL RUN COOLER, GIVING IT GREAT FUEL EFFICIENCY AND A LONGER LIFE SPAN.



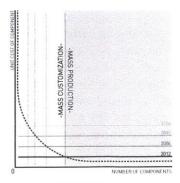
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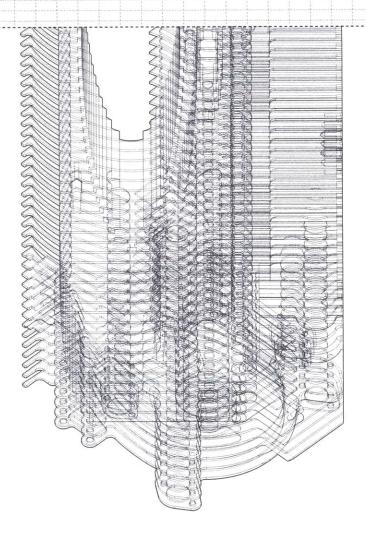




DISRUPIVE TECHNOLOGY: A NEW MANUFACTURING METHOD WHICH DISPUTES OR OVERTURINS TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING METHODS, MANING THEM TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CAN ALSO BE EXCEPTIONALLY DISRUPTIVE WHEN IT OFFERS A METHOD TO FABRICATE COMMODITIES ONCE THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO PRODUCE, DUE TO THEM GEOMETRIC COMPLETIVE, ADVANCEMENTS IN THE REALM OF ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING WILL UNDOUBTABLY ALTER THE FELLO OF MANUFACTURING WILL UNDOUBTABLY DEMOCRATIZE THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION.



ADDITIVE MAUNFACTURING
INJECTION MOLDING, SAND CASTING
DIE CASTING, COPE AND DRAG (ETC.)



# **BELL BOMBER PLANT**

MEGA-SCALE FACTORY FOR THE B-29 SUPER FORTRESS

A Historic Marker Found at the Site of the Bell Bomber Plant, Near Marietta, GA reads as follows:

> Bell Bomber (B-29) Plant 1943 - 1946

A plan to lift rural Cobb County out of the Great Depression by building a commercial airport changed course when America entered WWII and Marietta (GA) was chosen as the location for a new aircraft assembly plant. Wartime necessity had rival companies collaborating as when Bell Aircraft Company of Buffalo, NY was awarded a contract to build the B-29 Super-fortress designed by Boeing. Standing 29 feet tall with a wingspan of 141 feet, the four engine plane had a 4,000 mile range, a ceiling above 30,000 feet ant a maximum speed exceeding 350 MPH. In total 668 B-29's were produced here. Peak employment surpassed 28,000 people with both skilled and unskilled jobs commanding higher wages that were found elsewhere. At the end of the war the B-29 contract was canceled, employees were laid off and Bell sold its assets. But the plant left an enduring legacy of prosperity in terms of increased wealth and workforce capabilities. Used primarily for storage until the onset of the Korean War, the Plan was reopened in 1951 with a contract awarded to Lockheed.

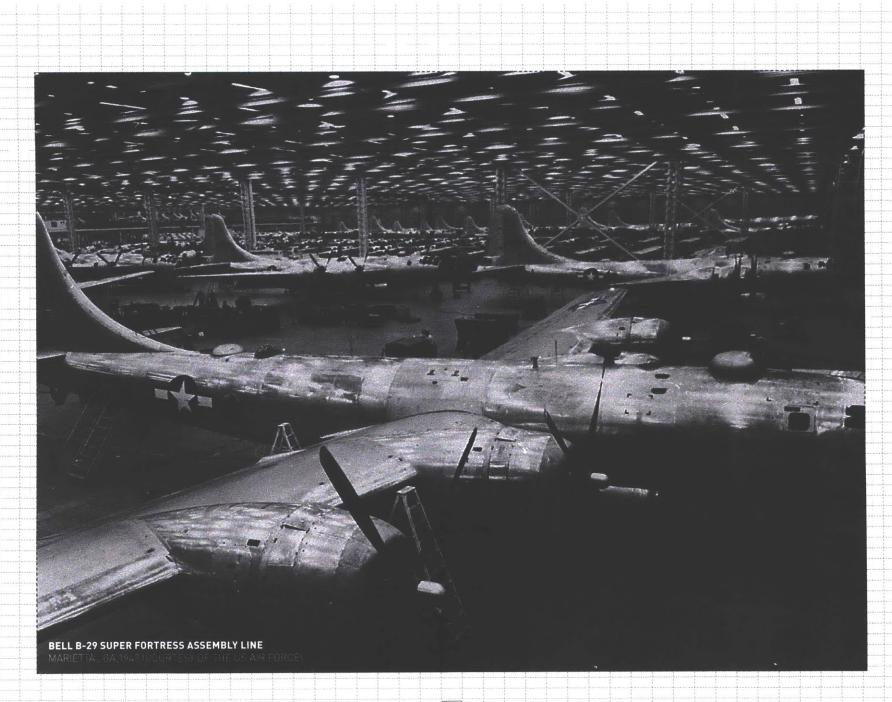
(SOURCE: Cobb County Historic Marker Project - 2009)

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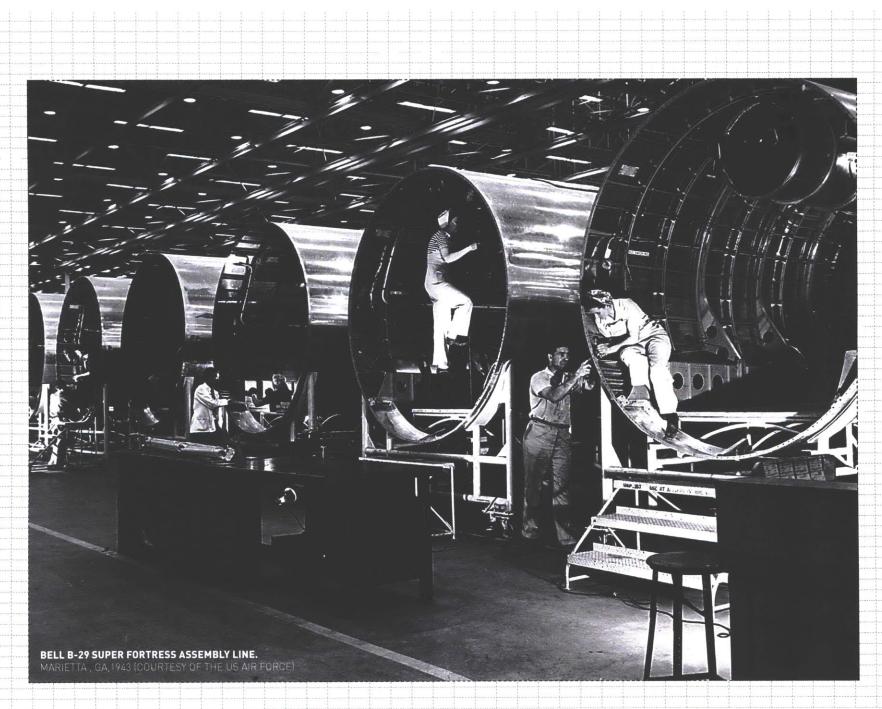
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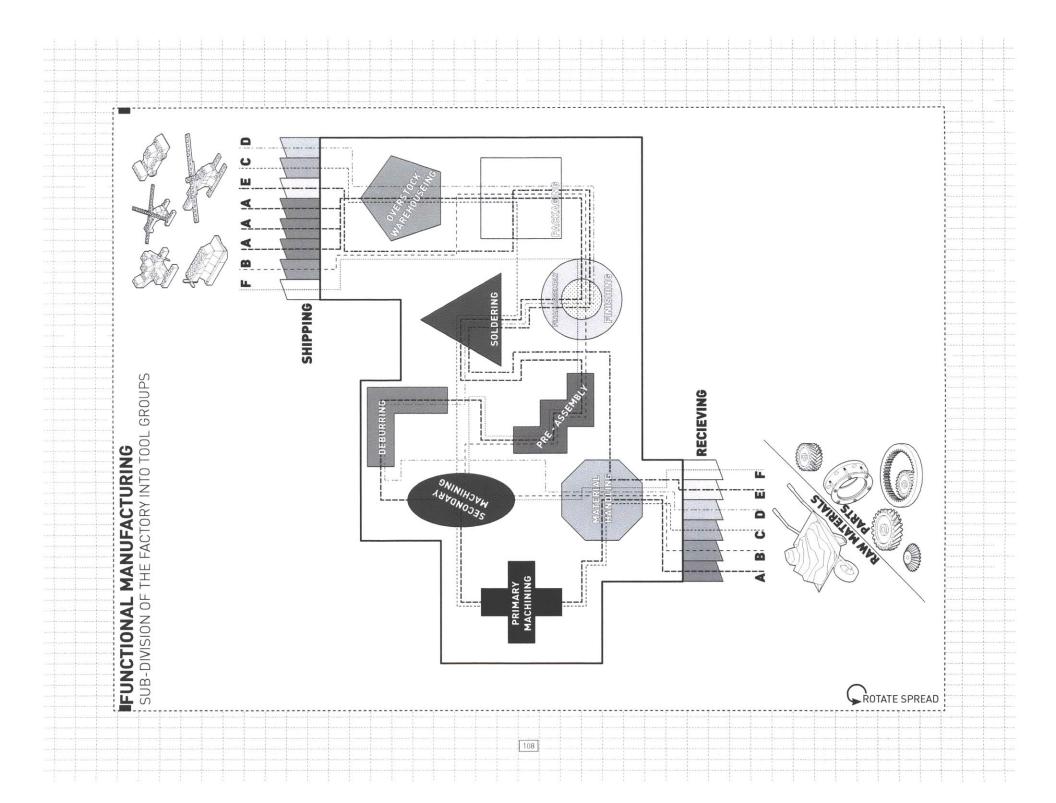








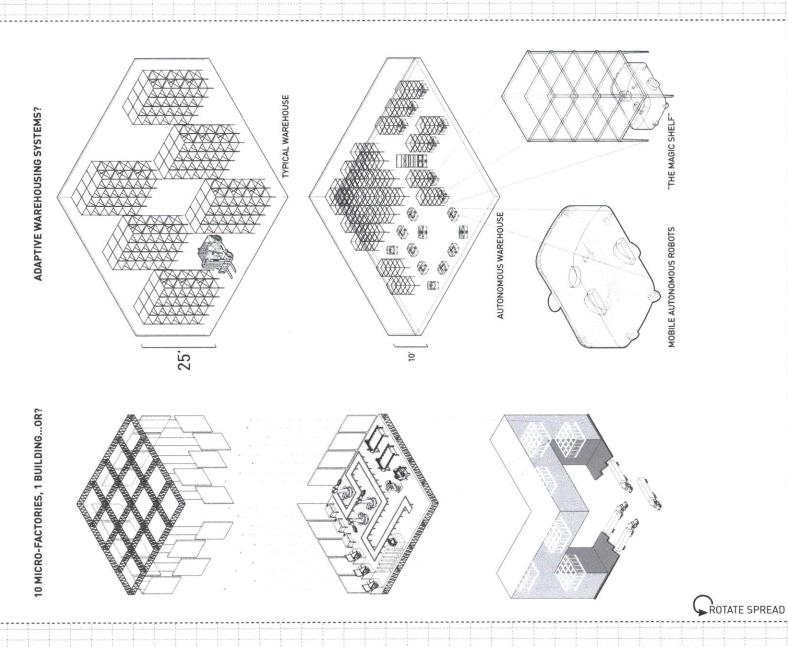




# **THE MAT FACTORY TYPOLOGY** FUNCTIONAL MANUFACTURING CREATES MEGA-BUILDINGS ROTATE SPREAD

### ICLUSTER MANUFACTURING BREAKING DOWN SCALES ROTATE SPREAD

## INEW PARADIGMS IN MANUFACTURING FACTORY CLUSTERS AND AUTONOMOUS WAREHOUSING



### THE REP-RAP TEST

MADE IN MY LIVINGROOM, MANUFACTURING AT HOME.

The following images are a collection of photographs documenting the production of a 3-D printer that was purchased for \$500.00, and constructed in my living room. Throughout the course of the semester this machine building project was my Friday night break from Architecture. I started building the printer at the beginning of the Thesis semester, and by November I had successfully printed my first object, a .5" x .5" calibration cube. This was a fantastic experiment, and it was living proof that machinery which was once financially and technologically out of reach, could in fact be built on a budget in my living room.

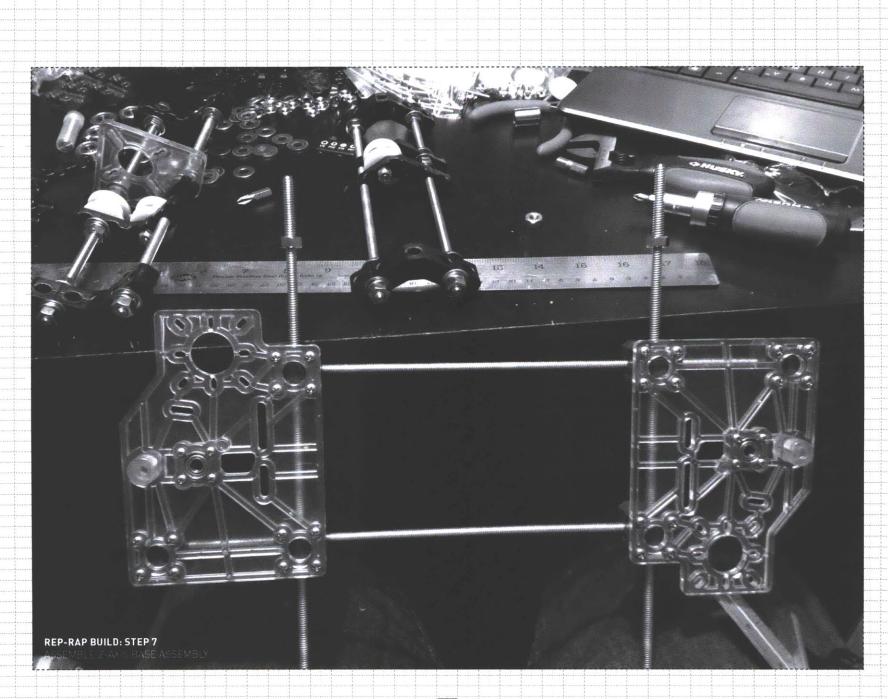
\_\_\_The project was initiated in order to test whether or not it was possible for someone with a finite knowledge of programming and machine building, could actually make a machine capable of printing durable objects. I also wanted to test the open source communities which have sprung up on the Internet, as a way to gain knowledge and information about this type of project.

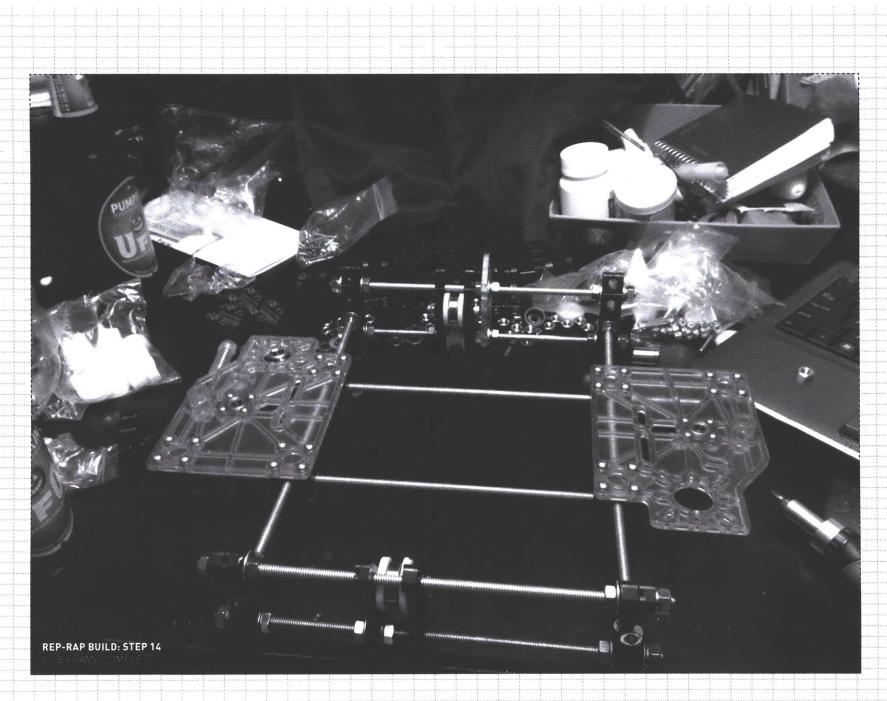
\_\_\_\_Through the process of building this machine, I was introduced to programming in Arduino, Basic Electrical engineering principles, CNC machining code (G-Code), and a wide array of free open source software. All of this knowledge was gained through Internet message boards and Online tutorials. If you can read and have access to the Internet, you too can build a 3-D printer.

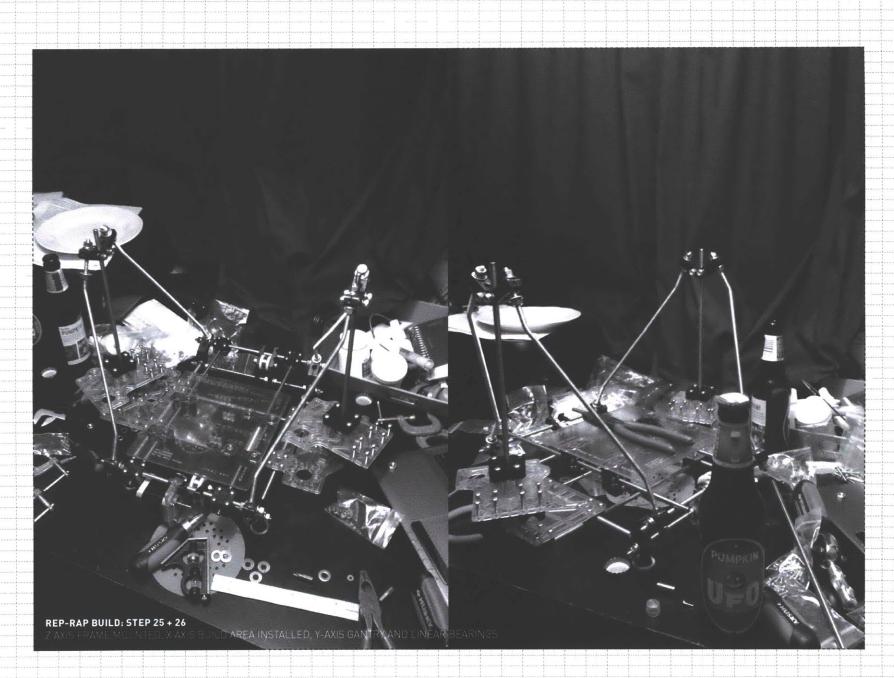
\_\_\_In my estimation, 3-D printing will likely invade the domestic sphere, as these machines are small, quiet and actually quite useful. Imagine having the capacity to just print out a new lampshade or a few coasters for your coffee table, rather than running out to the local Walmart...

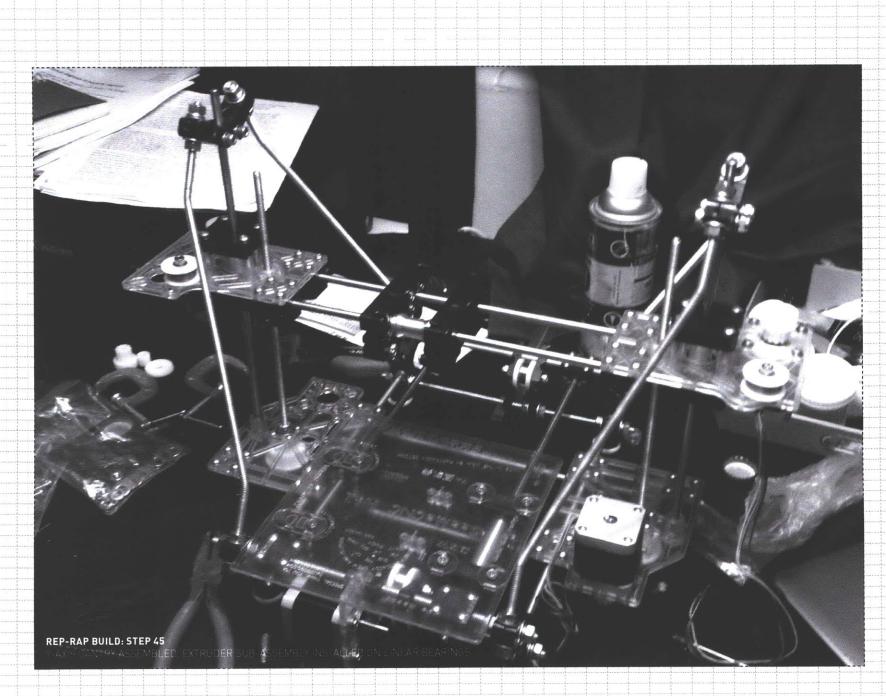


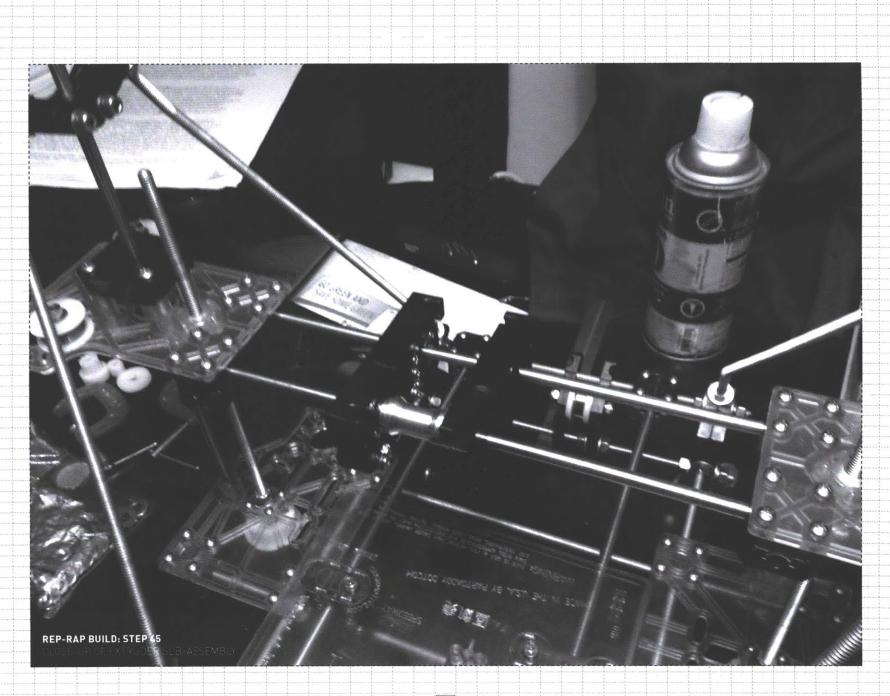


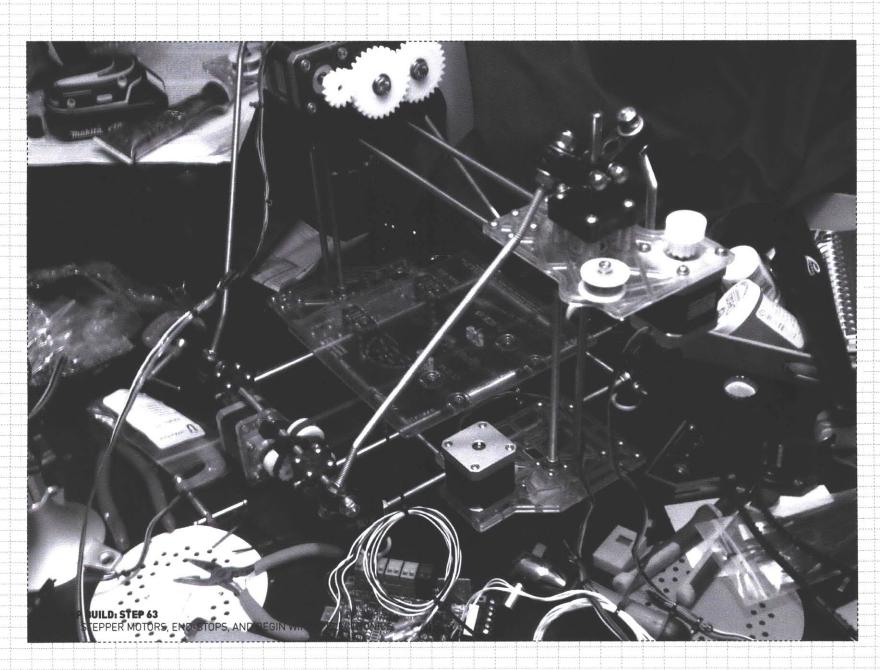




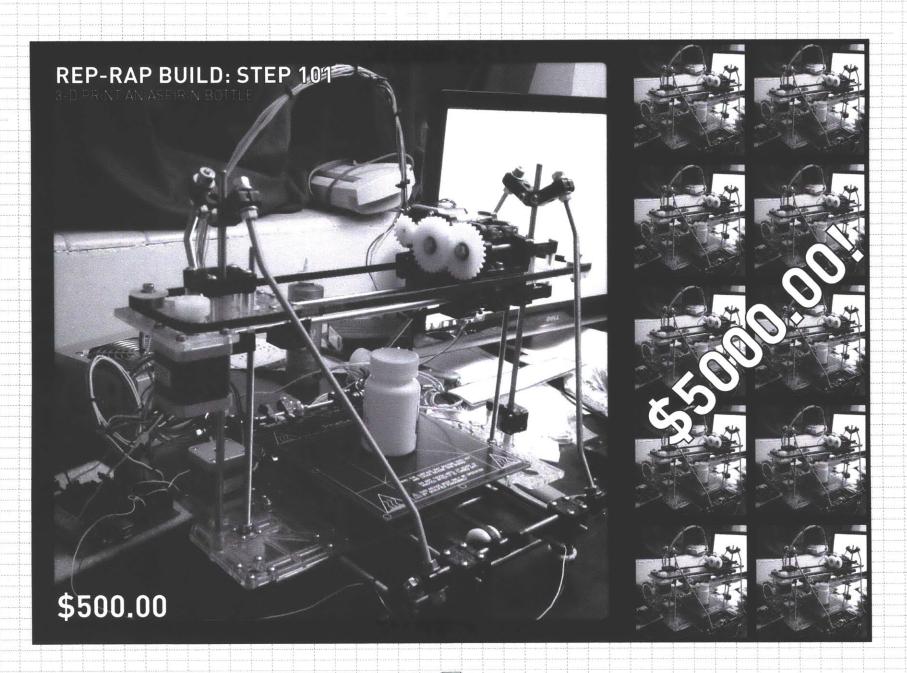


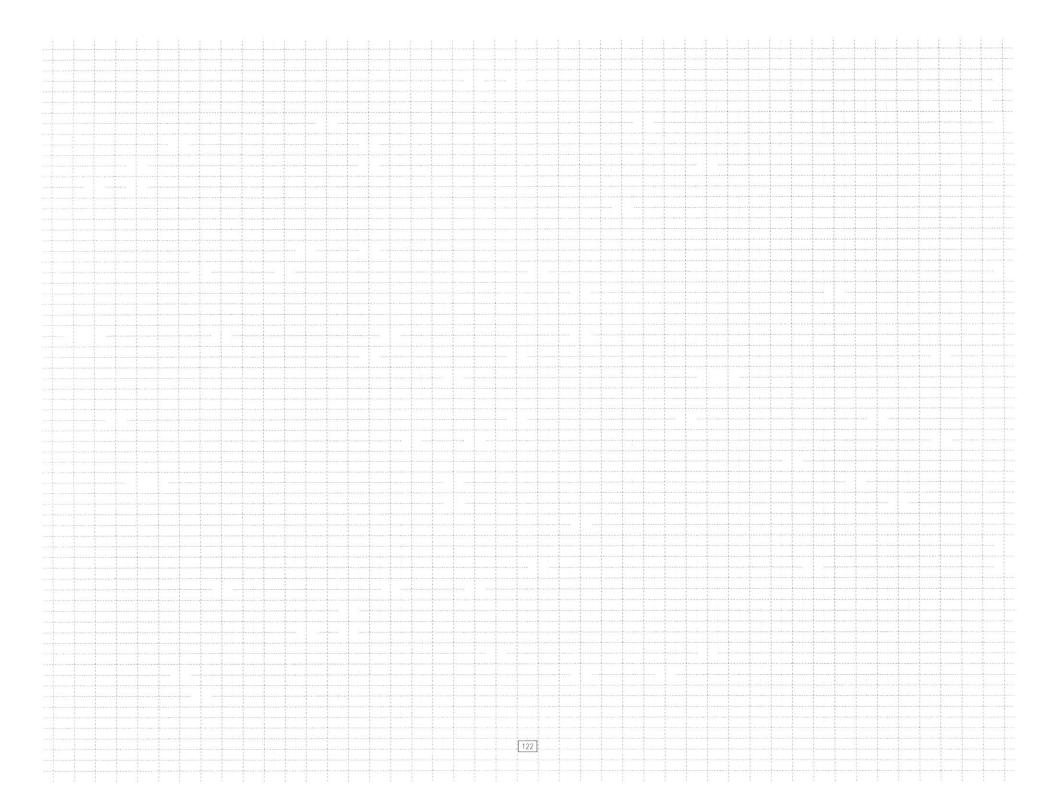












### ■CHAPTER 4: NEW AMERICAN DREAMS

REVERIETOWN, A NEW VISION FOR I-94 INDUSTRIAL.

\_\_\_\_In an effort to re-employ thousands of laborers, the city planning commission has designated the I-94 neighborhood as an Industrial Renaissance zone. This means that all residential property in the zone must be vacated and leveled, leaving flat develop-able land, which will be marketed to heavy manufacturing companies.

\_\_Since 1994, The city of Detroit has been attempting to relocate residents of the proposed I-94 industrial zone into "livable" neighborhoods. In return for their homes and property, residents are offered "fair market value". But as more homes and small businesses are vacated, "fair market value" continually declines. Currently only half of the neighborhood has been relocated, the rest waits in limbo.

\_\_\_\_The 800 Detroiters who still live in the I-94 neighborhood, are now faced with a trichotomous future:

- 1. Sell their homes to the City for a few thousand dollars, vacate, and face demolition.
- 2. Sit back, wait for their property to be condemned and eventually be forcefully relocated.
- 3. Commit, in the words of Paulo Virno, "Engaged Withdrawal".

I use the term "Engaged Withdrawal" here to define mass defection from the City of Detroit, in order to create a new form of community. Engaged Withdrawal" is a full-fledged model of action, capable of confronting the challenges of unemployment, vacancy and relocation through collective models of ownership and communal manufacturing production.

\_\_\_Through "Engaged Withdrawal", there is a possibility for a new American Dream to flourish at 1-94 Industrial. Residents must look to a new model of ownership or rather "public investment" one which puts them in control of manufacturing production, by democratizing the factory.

\_\_\_\_Up to 17 materials used in 3-d printing processes can be found in Detroit's municipal waste stream. Through a process of grinding and mechanical separation, these elements can be refined into usable raw material. This material will fuel a new industrial revolution.

\_\_\_Given the promise of affordable technology and virtually free raw materials, the residents of I-94 will require three distinct architectural interventions. One. The De-Factory, Two, the Silo Pavilion, three, a collection of Printer's Cottages.

\_\_\_\_Detroit possesses an untapped resource. It currently lacks a municipal recycling program. The De-Factory will refine municipal waste into usable granulated materials for distribution to local Silo Pavilions for storage and wealth retention purposes.

\_\_\_\_The Silo Pavilion is an open, public space intended to serve as monument to collective value. By stockpiling raw materials, the collateral, or economic stability of a neighborhood is defined by this structure. The Silo pavilion stores granulated materials within its columns, while simultaneously providing covered space for community events.

The Printers Cottage typology refills vacant lots in the neighborhood, while simultaneously re-valuing the homes around it. At first glance, this cousin of the modern kit home blends in to its surroundings. A second reading reveals the absence of certain domestic motifs such as shutters, shingles, and ship-lap siding. Inside its walls one might find a wealth of production space, calibrated for additive manufacturing.

\_\_\_These three typologies are envisioned as a new manufacturing system, or urbanism, in which residents of a neighborhood collectively posses the Means of Production, and it is used to generate a new type of economic and cultural stability. The project is envisioned as a new version of the American Dream, one in which hard work and persistence will actually result in a sustained livelihood for residents.

\_\_\_\_This new manufacturing urbanism is not intended to be a profitable venture, but rather one which has the capacity to re-write the future of the urban fallout which has plagued Detroit for the last half of the twentieth century. In many ways it is a proposition for a return to an agrarian model of community, one in which neighbors rely on one another and their specific trades as means to sustain livelihoods. One can only image the new forms of daily interaction in a community which is simultaneously a place of domesticity and production. In order for a community of this nature to succeed it must divorce itself from the traditional models of Capitalism which have left Detroit in ruin.

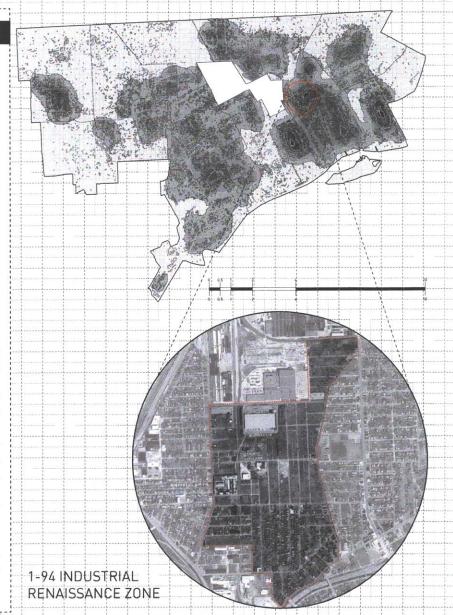
### **THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

THE I-94 INDUSTRIAL RENAISSANCE ZONE

The I-94 industrial renaissance zone is located in northeast Detroit, along the Edsel Ford Freeway. It is considered to be part of the Kettering Neighborhood, one of the most economically and socially depressed neighborhoods in the city. As noted in the map at left, the I-94 industrial zone is located at a node point in the vacancy hot spot mapping.

In July 1999, the City of Detroit established the I-94 industrial park project, an industrial redevelopment project located in the area bounded by Mt. Elliot , Huber, Grinnell, St. Cyril and Miller streets. The plan called for the acquisition of privately owned property to be combined with the city's ownership within the 189-acre site to provide land for a modern industrial park. The project is managed by the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation and the City of Detroit. Currently the project site is occupied by two anchor tenants -- TDS US and Excel, and both are major suppliers to Daimler-Chrysler. Currently there are no other interested parties, and the land has remained entirely vacant since the initiation of the project. The neighborhoods on the bounding edge of the industrial park are over 50 percent vacant, a number which will continue to rise, unless a new plan for the neighborhood is developed. The areas surrounding the 1-94 site are considered a State of Michigan renaissance zone, meaning they are tax free lands for further commercial and industrial development. (Information courtesy of the City of Detroit)

\_\_\_\_The aerial photograph at right shows the existing condition of the site. While Heavily blighted and largely vacant, there are a few clusters of existing homes, housing roughly 800 inhabitants. The houses which still remain are well kept but maintain absurdly low real estate values, some are valued at just \$5000.00 (Zillow). This low real estate assessment is causing the condition of existing homes to diminish, as repairs and renovations out value the homes. Residents seeking improvements are often deterred because improving these properties will have no effect on the actual value of the home. The only way to combat this problem is to develop strategies to refill vacant lots









### THE NEIGHBORHOOD AXO

AN OVERVIEW OF A DOMESTIC-INDUSTRIAL URBANISM

\_\_\_\_The Axonometric Drawing at right shows a proposal for a series of new constructions in a defined zone within the I-94 renaissance zone. This newly minted neighborhood has been renamed Reverietown, in reference to Levittown, a planned community produced between 1947 and 1951 by Levit & Sons Inc. Levittown served as a model suburban community in the early 1950's, and has become the most noteworthy image of an outdated version of the American Dream. Reverietown seeks to become a model for a 21st century manufacturing Hamlet, a new type of community which simultaneously serves as a center of domesticity and manufacturing production.

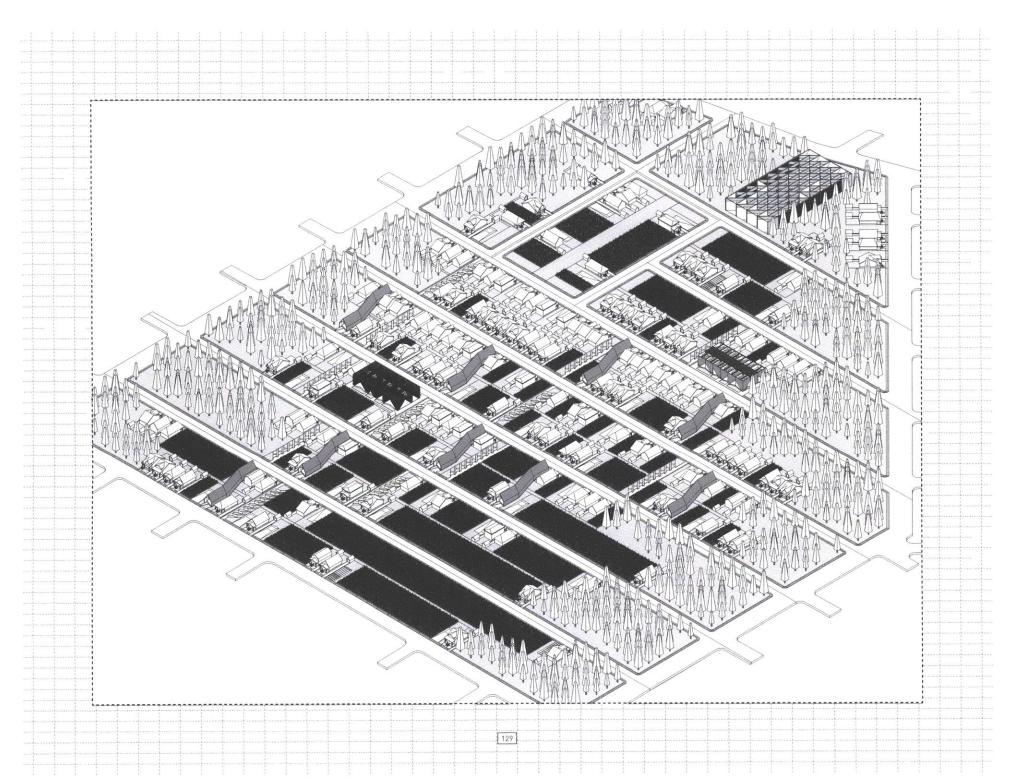
This drawing represents the large scale urban moves which dictate the arrangement of the site. The existing houses are drawn in white, while new constructions are represented in light gray. All of the existing houses remain, and the new typologies which have been developed on the site respect the existing condition. The site edges have been re-forested, in order to create hard edges which define the boundaries of the Neighborhood.

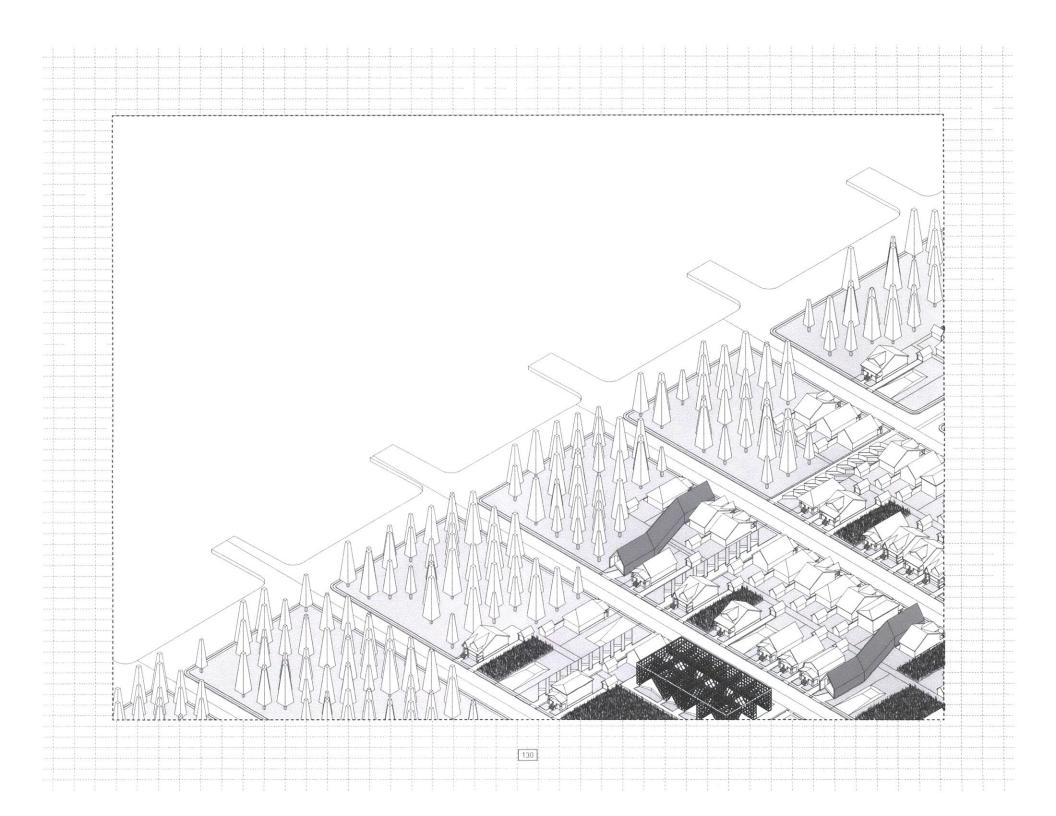
\_\_Along the eastern edge of the site, the De-Factory is sited along St. Cyril street. St. Cyril street is the main North-South connection between Reverietown and adjacent neighborhoods. This site is currently an overgrown field.

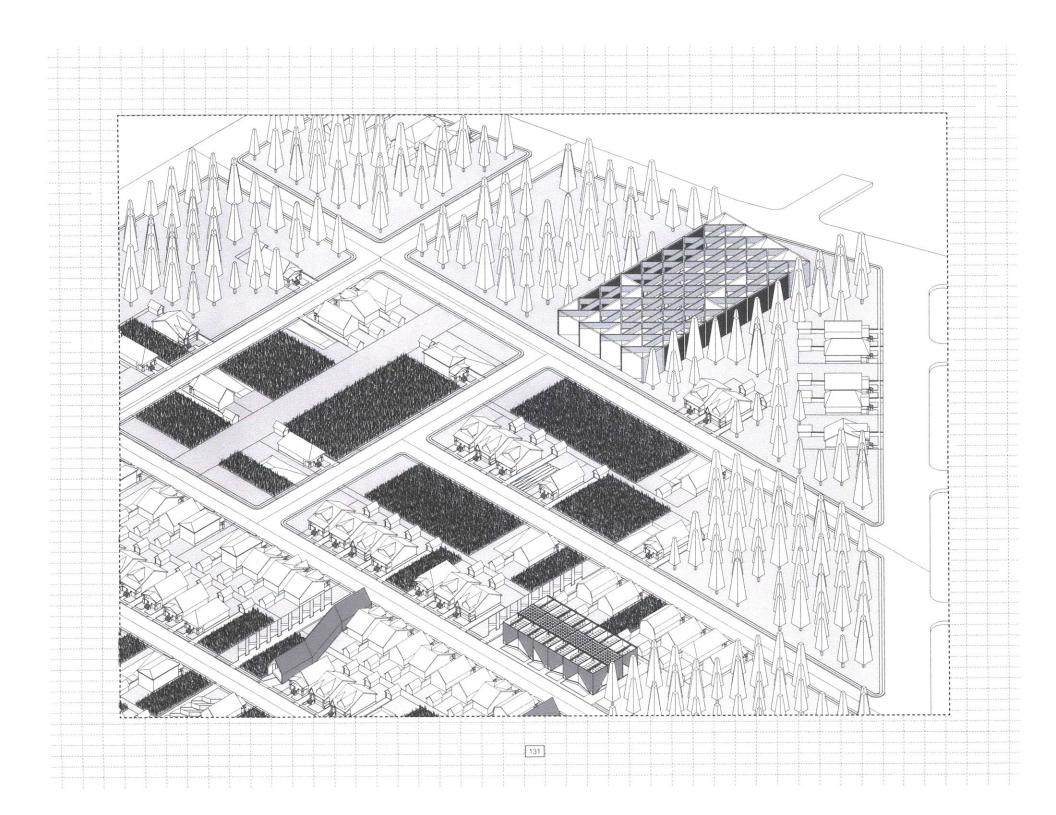
\_\_\_Two Streets to the East, a Silo Pavilion is sited on a swath of vacant land, set amongst some of the existing Bungalows on Frontenac and Carrie Street.

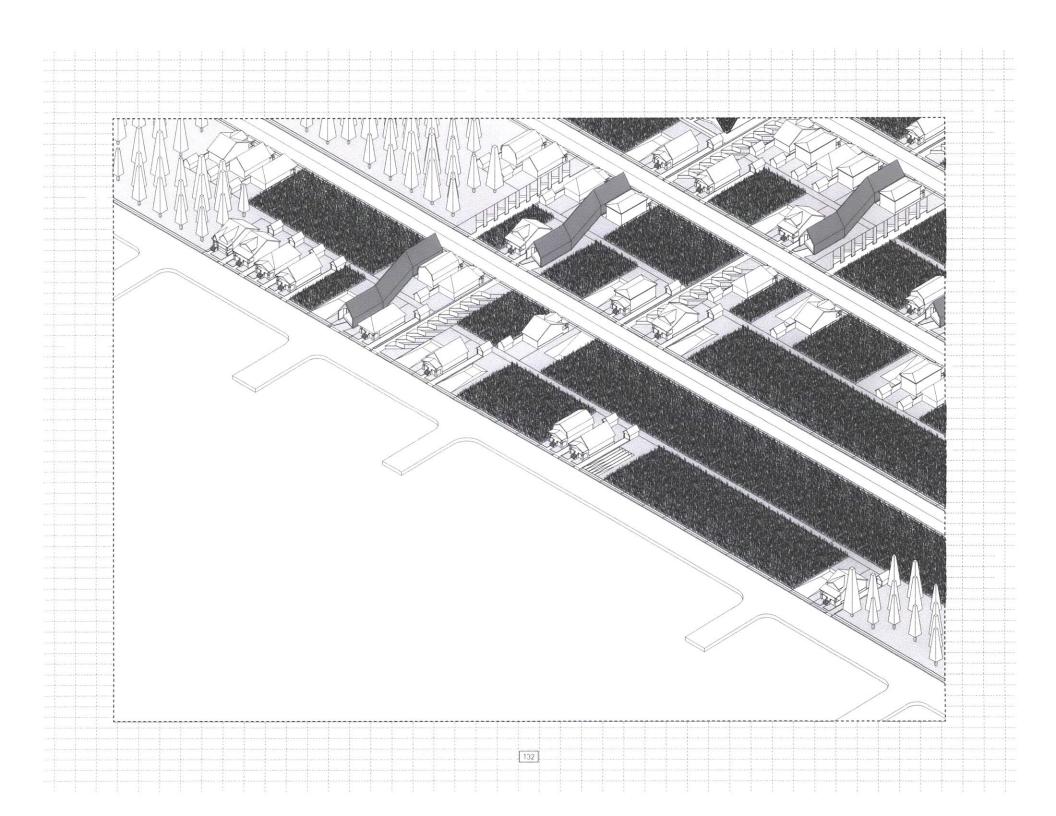
\_\_\_Throughout the neighborhood a series of Printer's Cottages are proposed, always stitching between existing households. Printer's cottages are thought to be jointly owned by neighbors inhabiting the adjacent households. (Continued on Pg. 134)

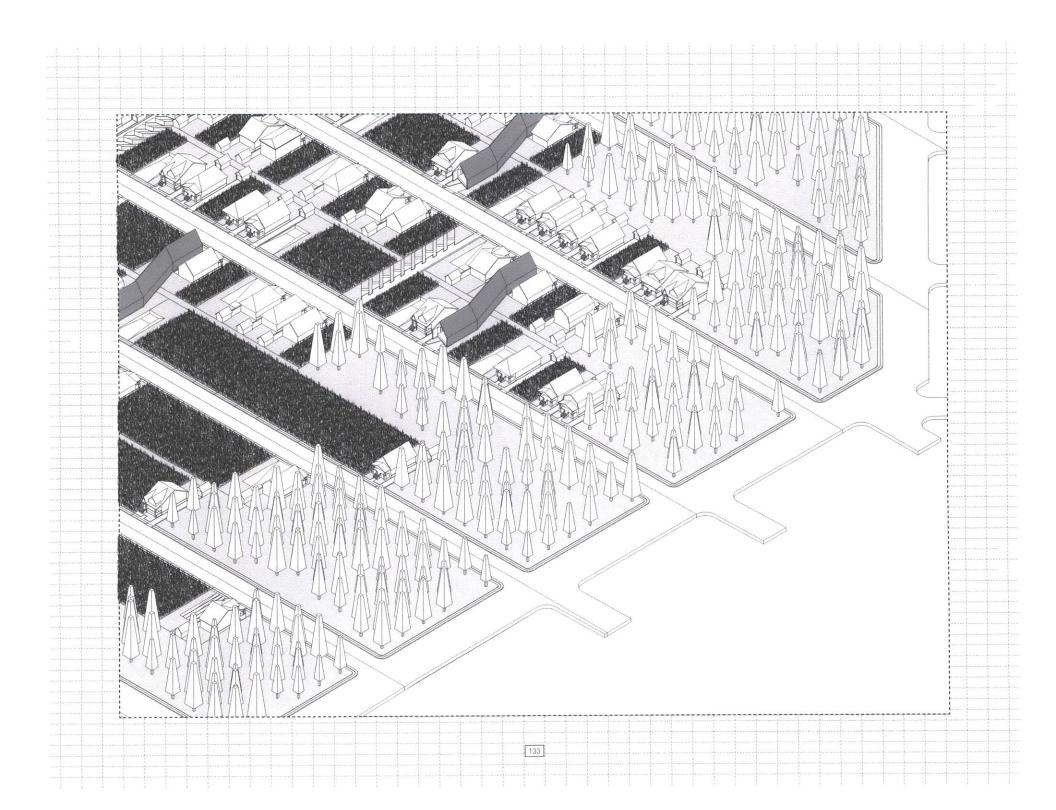












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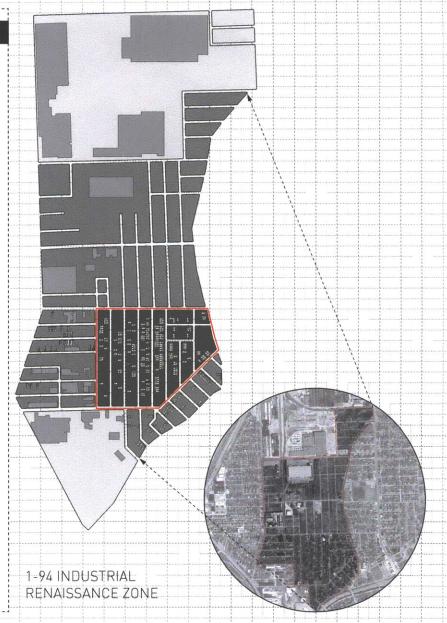
\_\_\_\_Vacant sites within the neighborhood have been replanted with native prairie grasses, and are intended to be used as temporary open storage sites for unprocessed municipal recyclable materials, such as scrap steel and bulk plastic. These sites remain parceled for future residential or light-industrial development. The low height of prairie type plantings allows for cross site visual connections.

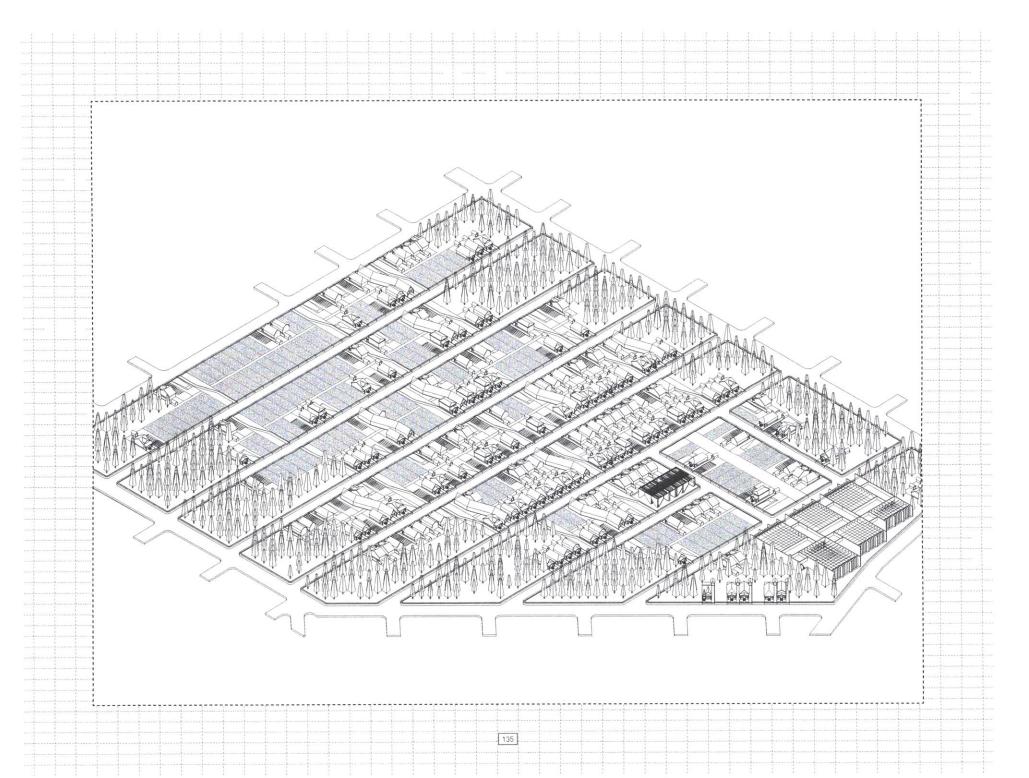
\_\_A series of east-west connecting pathways cut through vacant sites, and serve as a means for residents to move bins of processed material to and from the De-Factory. These cross site pathways are thought to be a storage location for bins of recyclable materials which need to be returned to the De-Factory for processing.

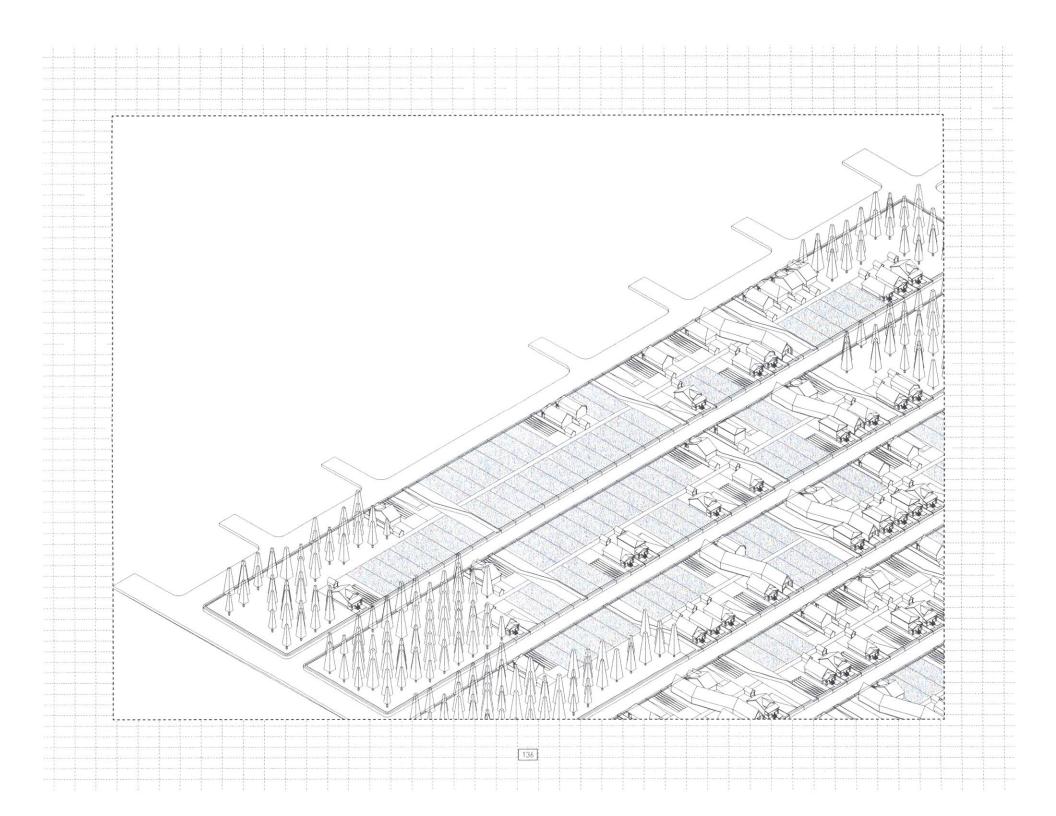
\_\_\_In order to allow for this type of neighborhood to be produced with a minimal budget, certain aspects of the site, such as the existing streets, are left in their existing state. While it would be conceptually interesting to challenge the existing street layout, any alterations could make the project financially unrealistic.

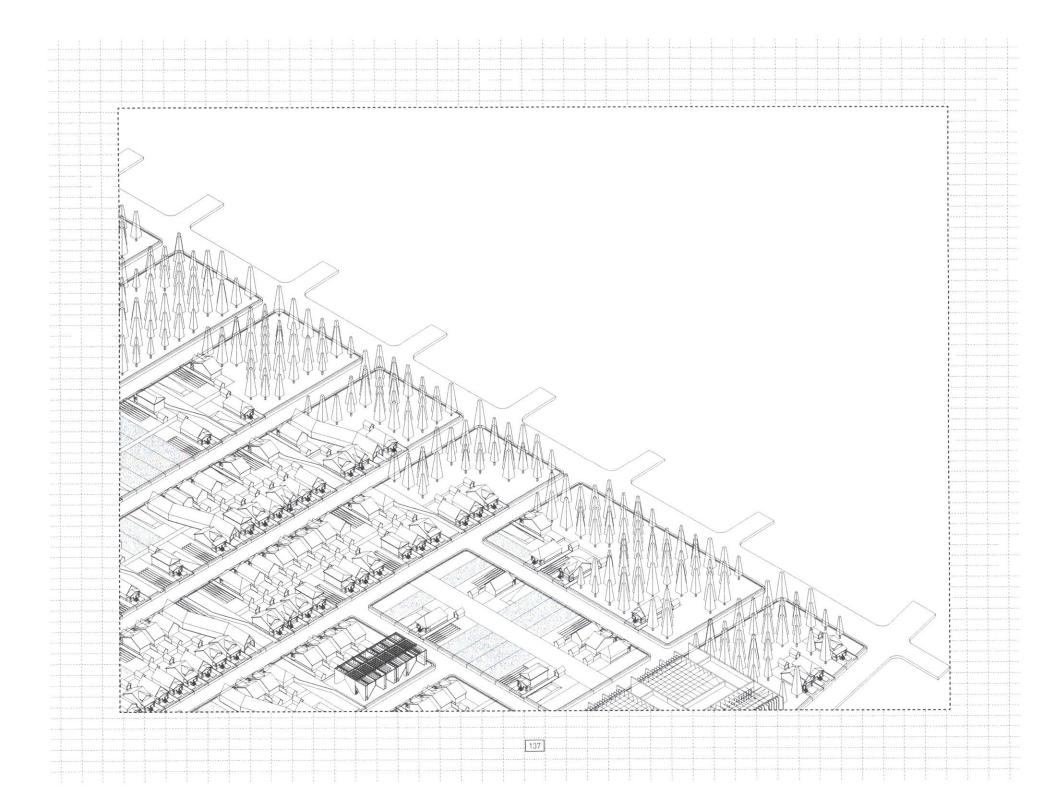
\_\_\_The new constructions on the site would be generated in a specific order, beginning with the De-Factory, followed by the first Silo Pavilion. Printer's Cottages would be produced at will, but would rely on the economic success of the first two typologies.

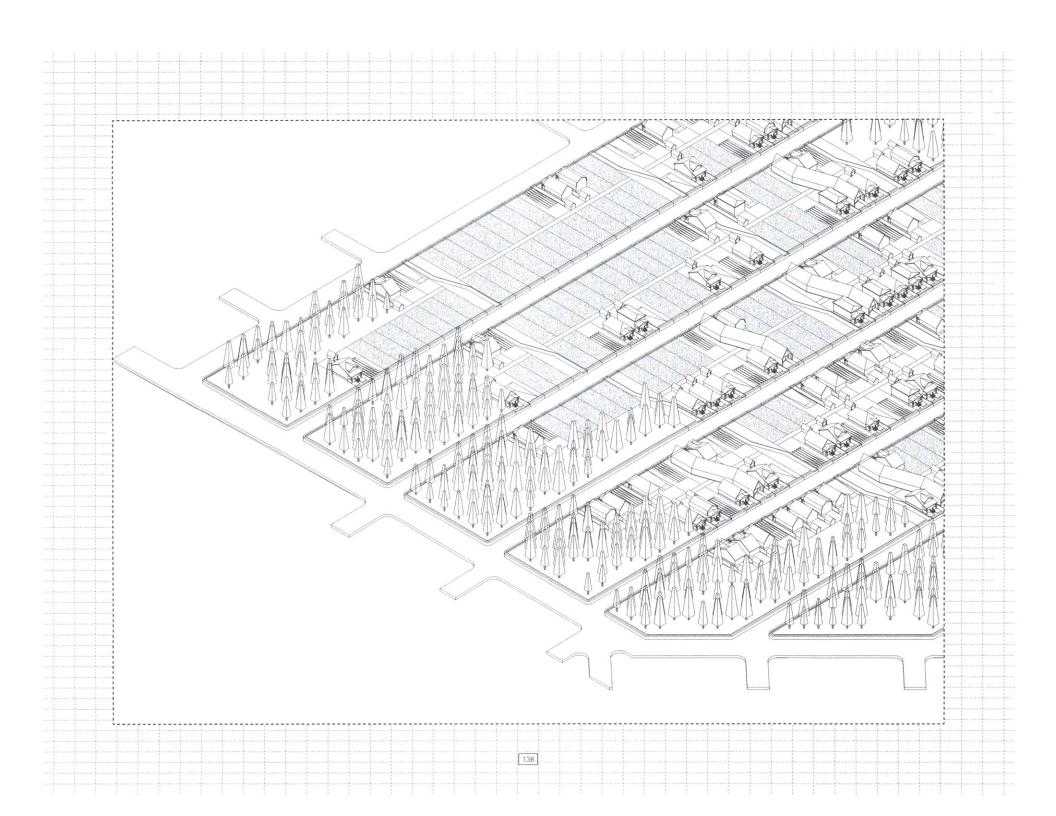
\_\_\_The drawings following this page detail the version of the neighborhood as presented at the Penultimate Review. This version was largely the same as the final iteration, although certain buildings were re-sited and scaled in order to strengthen the overall concept of the neighborhood.

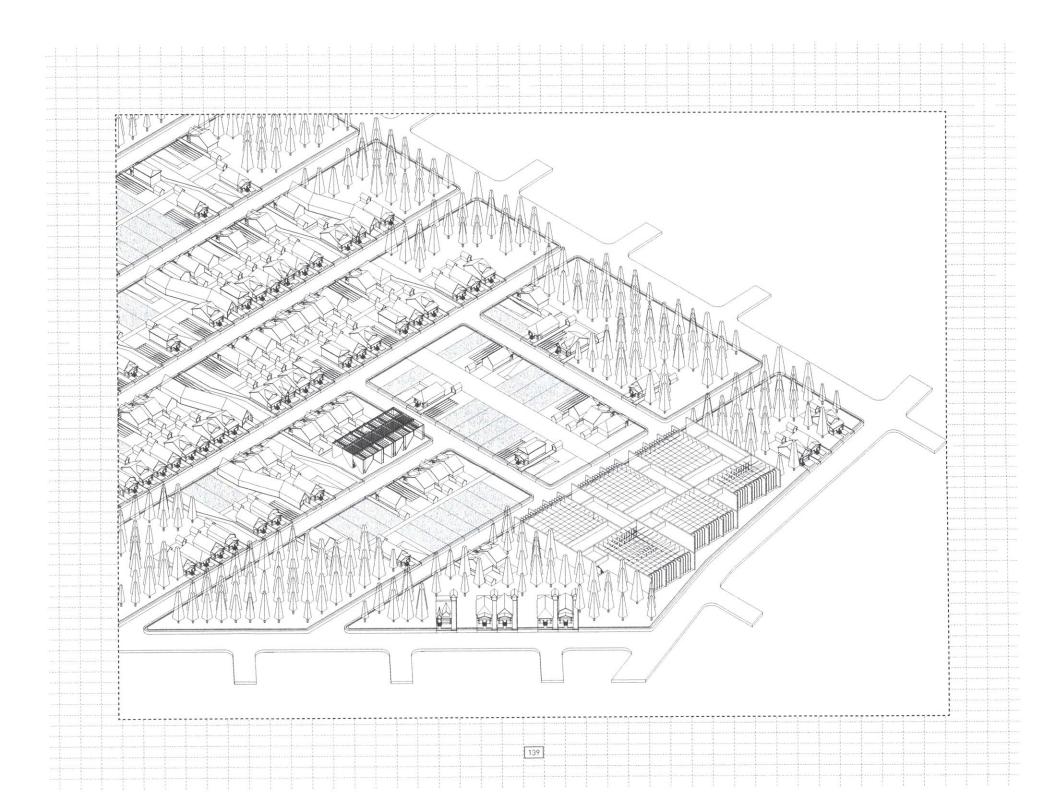












### **IUNIVERSAL PRINT BASIN**

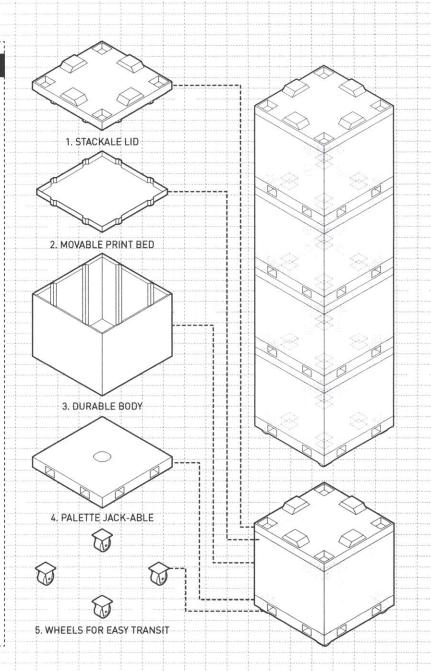
A DO-ALL PRINT BASIN

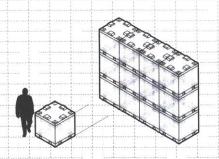
\_\_\_Material Handling between the three neighborhood typologies became a functional challenge of the project. In order to move unprocessed municipal waste and processed 3-D printable materials from building to building a new type of 3-D print basin was considered. Typically Direct Metal Laser Sintering machines, as well as, other 3-D printing processes use a bed of granulated material as a printing surface. This print surface is often contained in a removable Basin which can be loaded and unloaded from a 3-D printer.

\_\_\_The Universal Print Basin is a hybrid container combines certain functional aspects of a recycling bin, a typical 3-D printer Basin, a cardboard box and a shipping pallet. The result is an object which becomes instrumental to the function of the Reverietown Neighborhood. This mobility device is intended as a means to manually move processed and unprocessed material across the site.

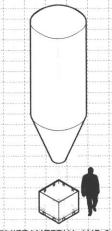
The dimensions of the Print Basin (4'x4'x4') become a consistent dimension across the three typologies, giving each typology a certain functional constraint.

The Basin can be used to collect municipal recyclables, and is then returned to the De-factory where is used as a mobility device to move material through each of the stages in the production of granulated printing material. Conceptually it replaces the need for the conveyors within the De-Factory, because the Basin is set off the ground by a set of wheels. Processed material is loaded into the bin, compacted and sealed by a weatherproof lid, and is then moved to the Silo Pavilion for Storage. Bins of material are dispensed from the Silo Pavilion, and moved to Printer's cottages throughout the neighborhood, where they are loaded into 3-D Printers. Once printing is complete, parts are excavated, and the remaining material is stored in the bin for the next print job. Once the bin is emptied, it is then used by neighbors as a mobile trash can. The cycle can be repeated continuously without the need for disposable containers. The Universal Print Basin allows for the manufacturing process to be in a sense "cradle to cradle" as it participates in all aspects of production.

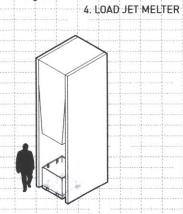




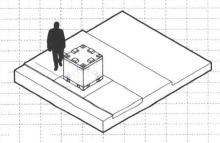
6. EASILY STACKS FOR NEAT STORAGE



5. ATOMIZE MATERIAL AND COLLECT

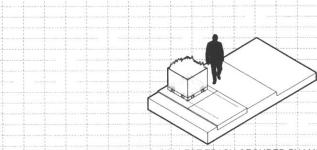


3. GRIND AND COLLECT

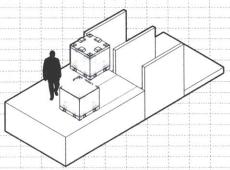


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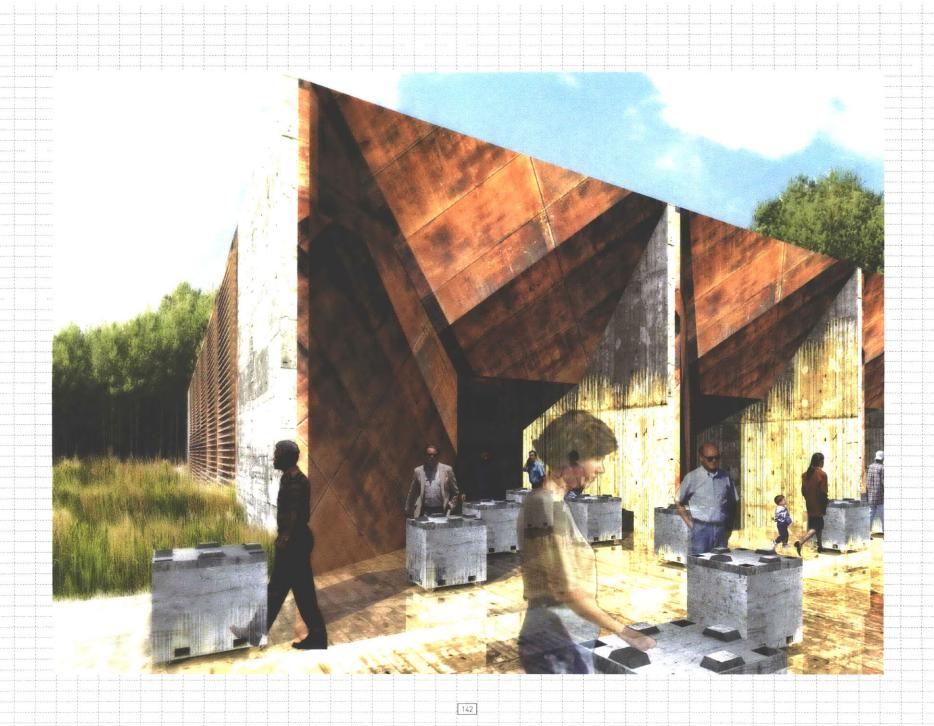
8. LOAD 3-D PRINTER



1. COLLECT TRASH GROUPED BY MATERIAL)



2. RETURN BIN TO RECYCLE-FINERY





### **IDE-FACTORY**

A REFINERY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RAW MATERIAL

\_\_\_The Primary role of the De-Factory is to refine municipal recyclables such as plastic bottles, scrap metals, and glass into use-able 3-D printable Material.

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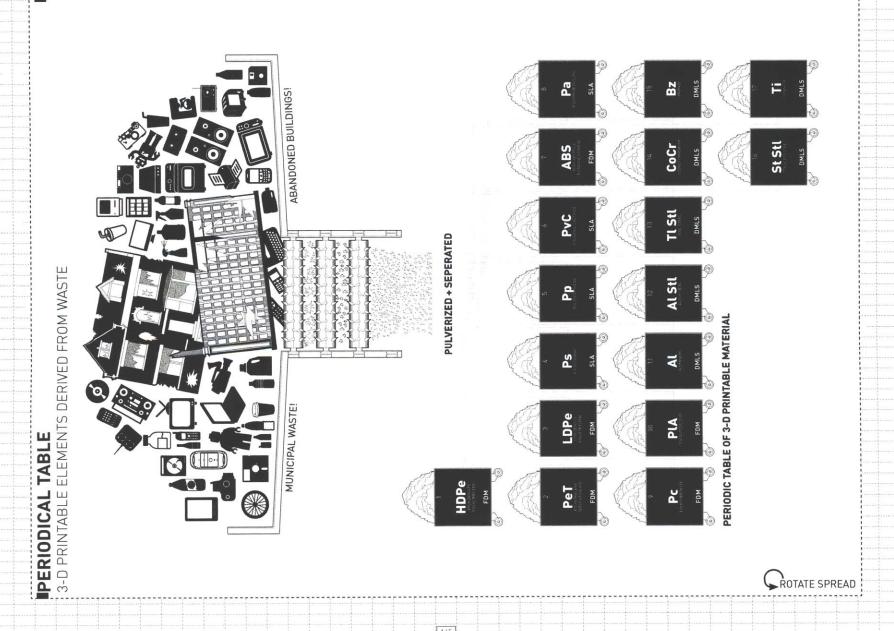
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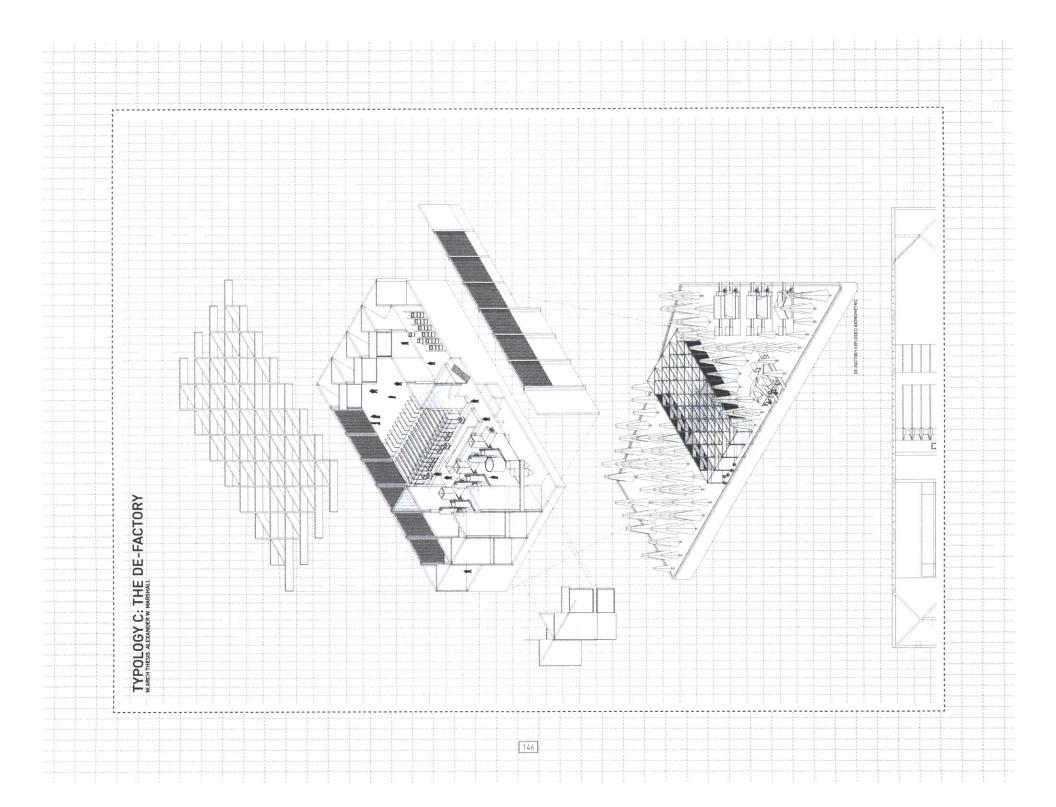
\_\_\_\_The De-Factory typology is separated into three distinct processing areas. The upper level is reserved for the collection, separation and sorting of recyclables, based on material type. Materials are then ground into a small aggregate, and moved into the second factory space, which is reserved for mechanical refining equipment. Plastics extruded into new filaments for Fused Filament Fabrication 3-D printers. Metals are atomized into fine powders using a process called Gas Atomization, for use direct metal laser sintering machines. Glass and other ceramics are loaded into ball mills, which use heavy steel balls to grind the ceramic materials into fine powders for use in laser sintering and fused deposition modeling machines.

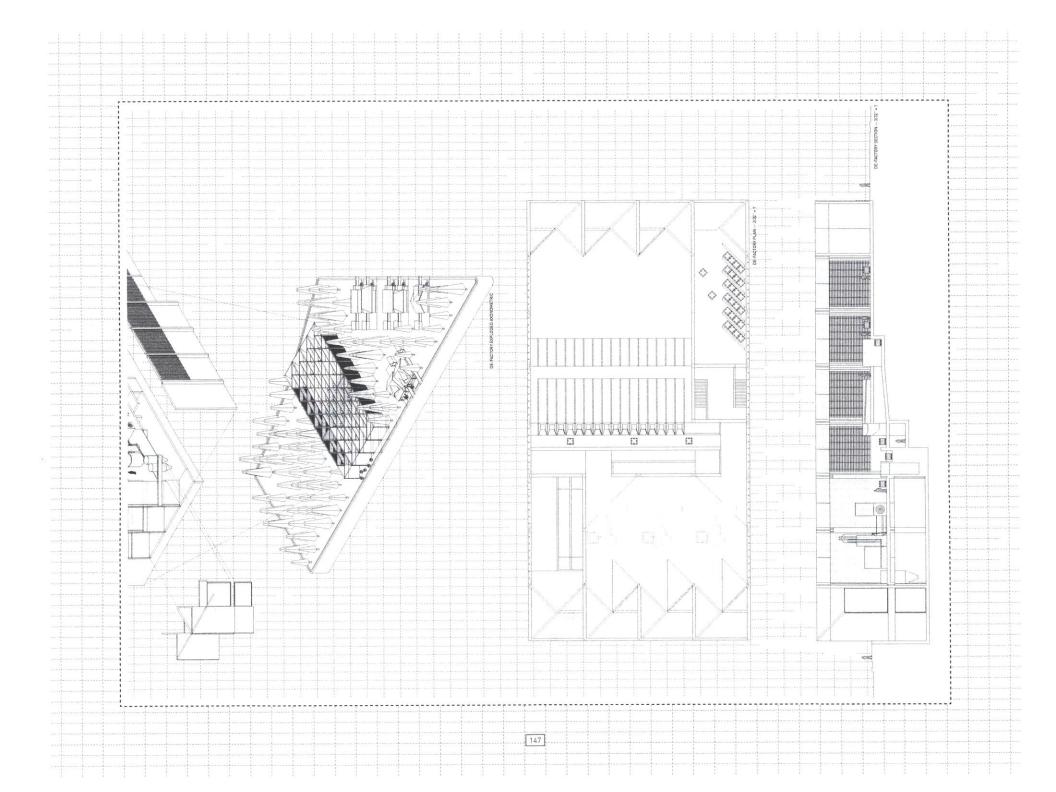
The De-Factory is constructed with a rough aggregate concrete which is comprised of building waste from other abandoned buildings. The facades are made of recycled sheets of scrap steel, welded to produce light controlling apertures.

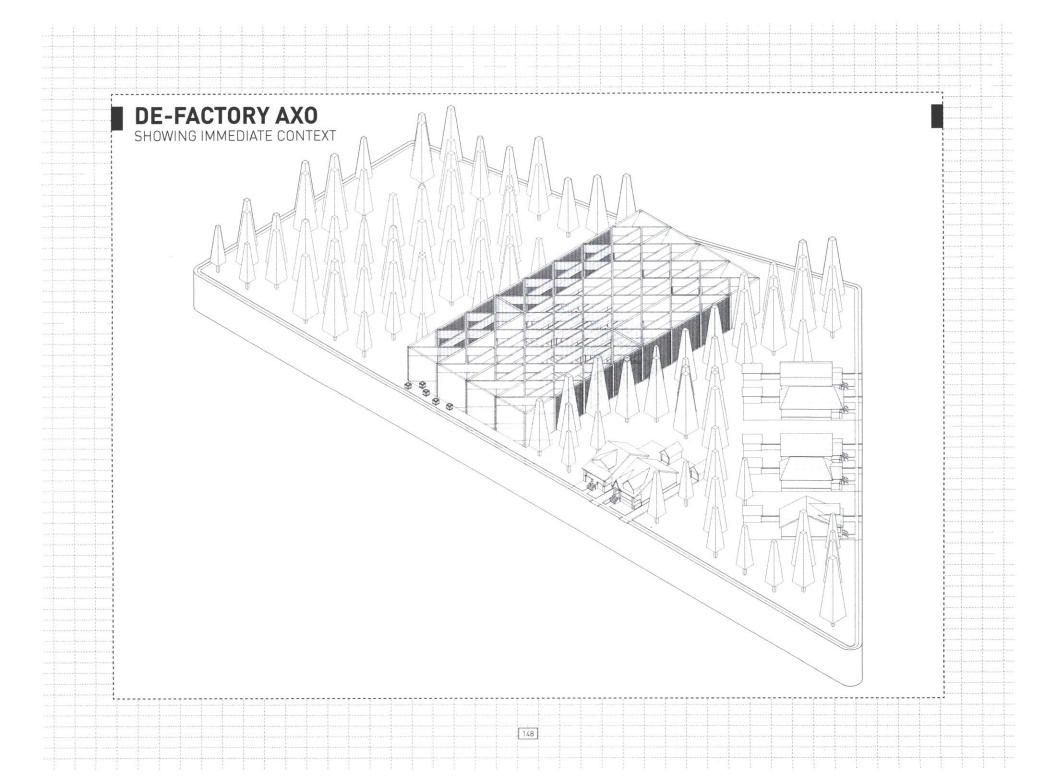
\_\_\_Throughout the design of this building there was a back and forth dialogue about the scale of the construction. It was determined that the project could be built out in phases depending on the overall scale of the construction.

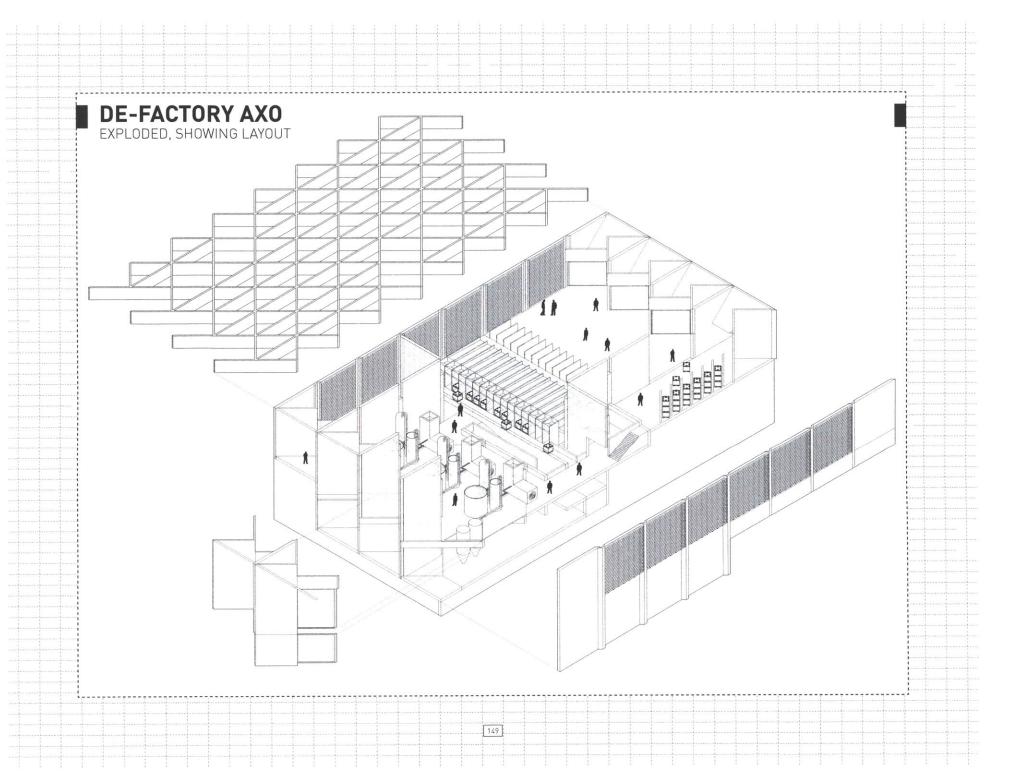


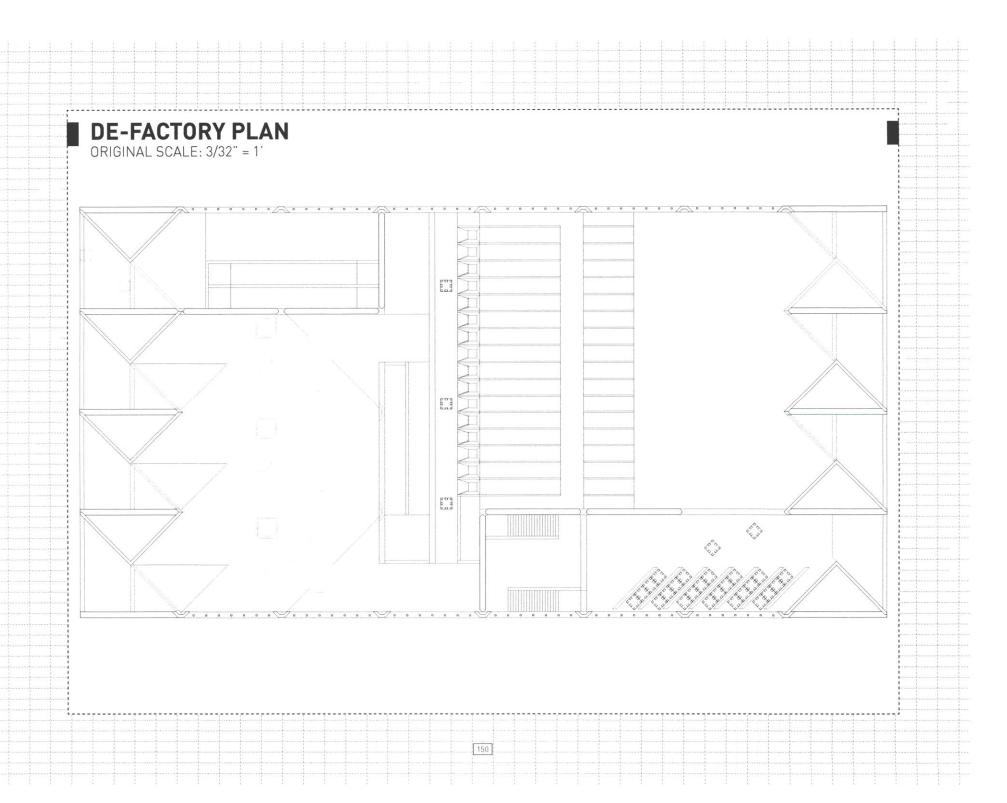




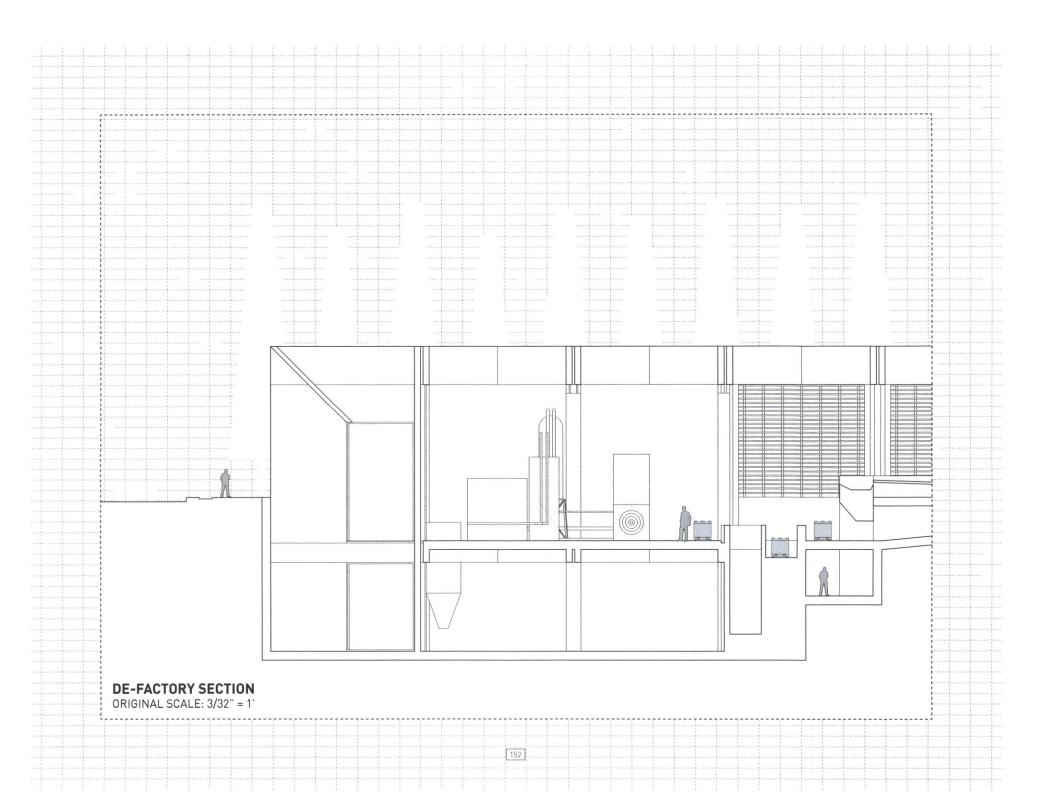


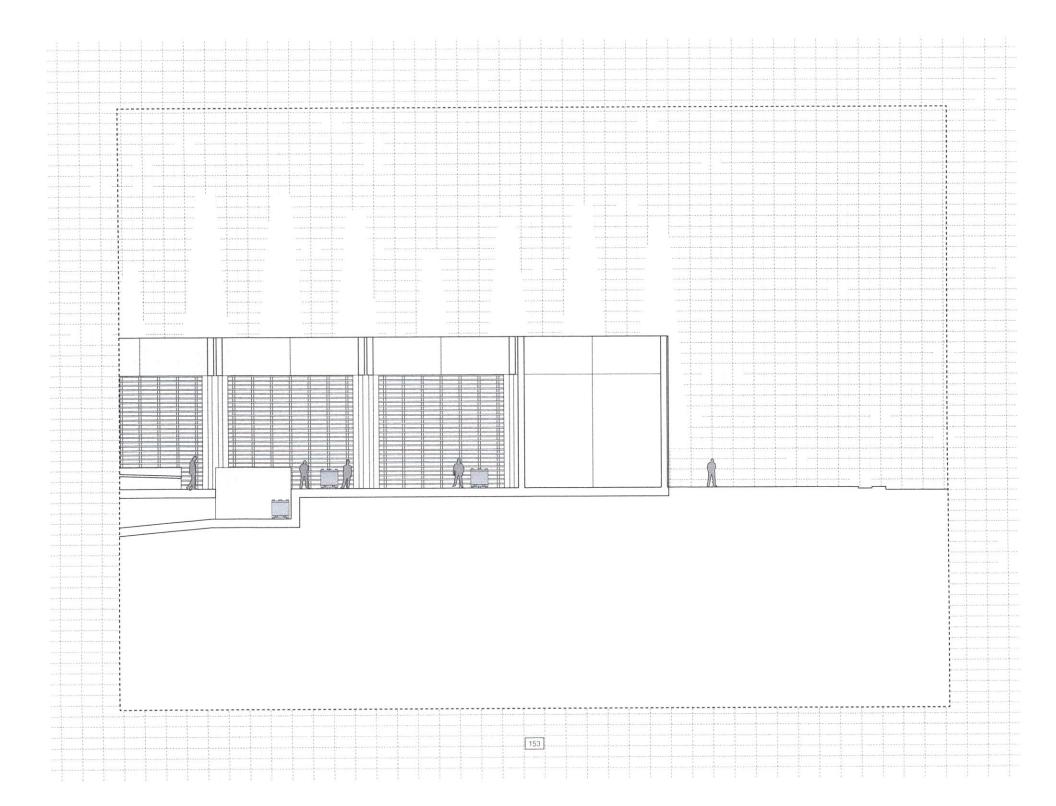


















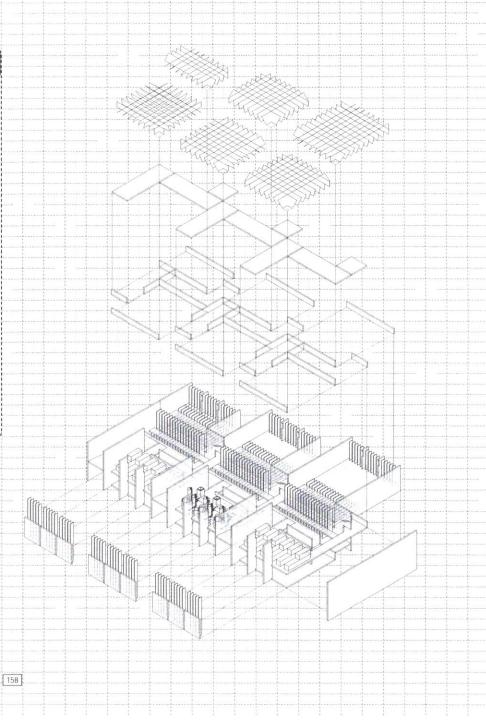


## **DE-FACTORY PROCESS**

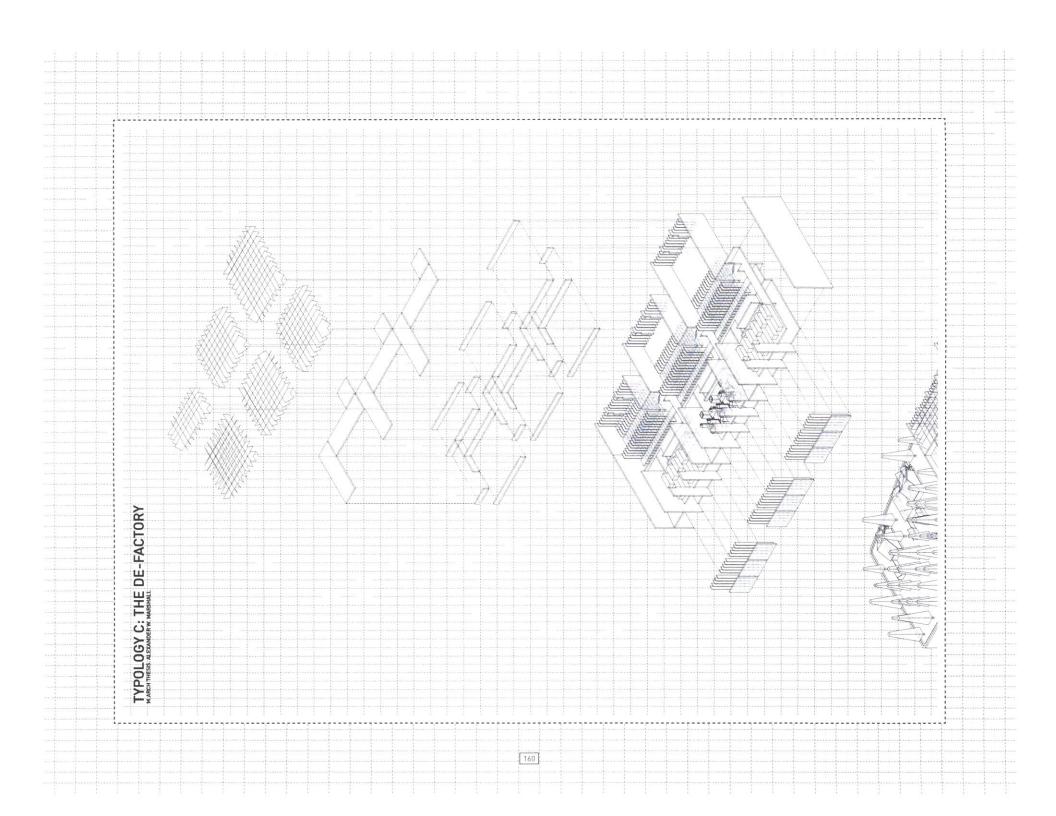
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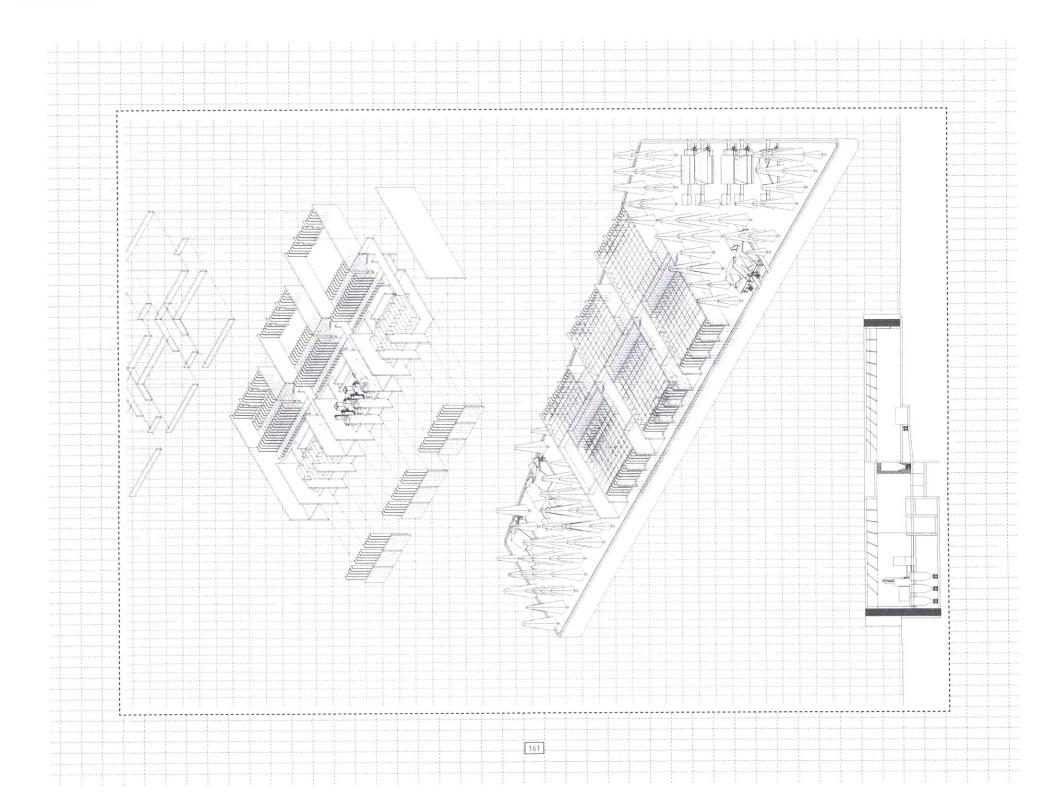
\_\_\_The following pages are a collection of some of the design iterations which existed prior to the final proposal. Certain aspects of the design took precedent over others, most notably the emphasis on the design of the roof, which needed to accommodate long spans, to produce large open volumes of space. The roof would also be required to serve as the primary mode of bringing light to the interior of the building. This can be seen throughout previous versions of the project, as it became one of the most challenging aspects of the project to resolve.

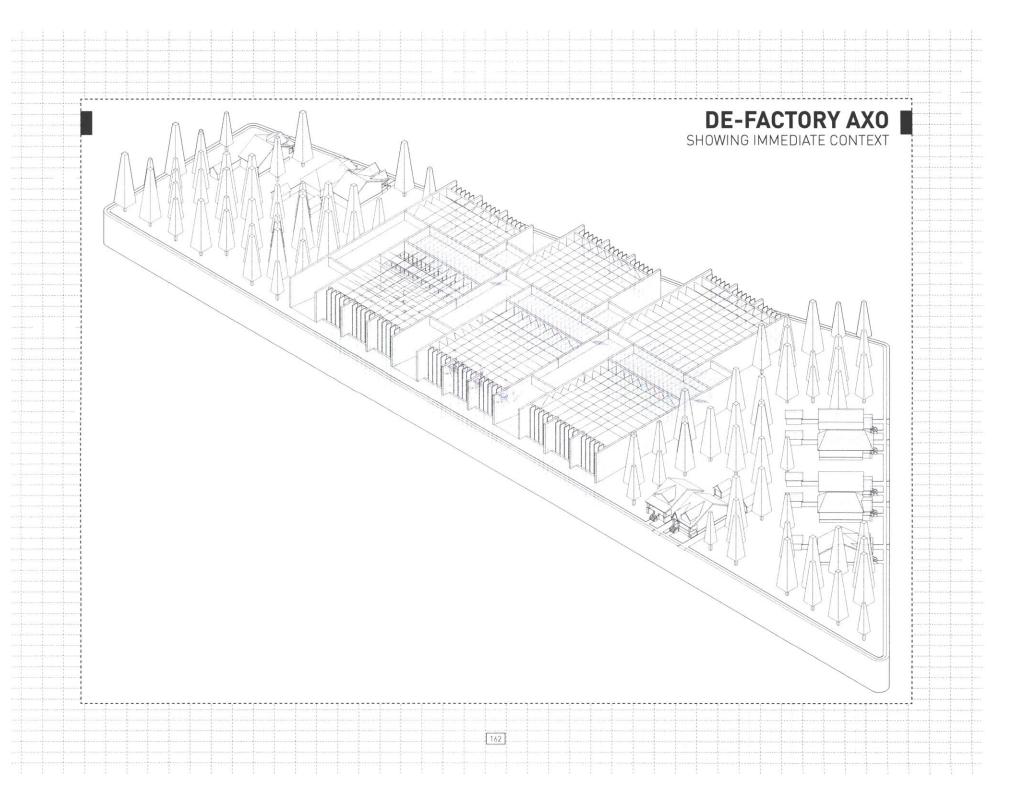
\_\_\_Scale was also a major concern throughout the design process. Since manufacturing processes are often scalable, previous iterations anticipated the De-Factory project to be nearly three times the size of the final proposal. It was later decided that in order for the building to register with the scale of the neighborhood, that reductions would need to be made.

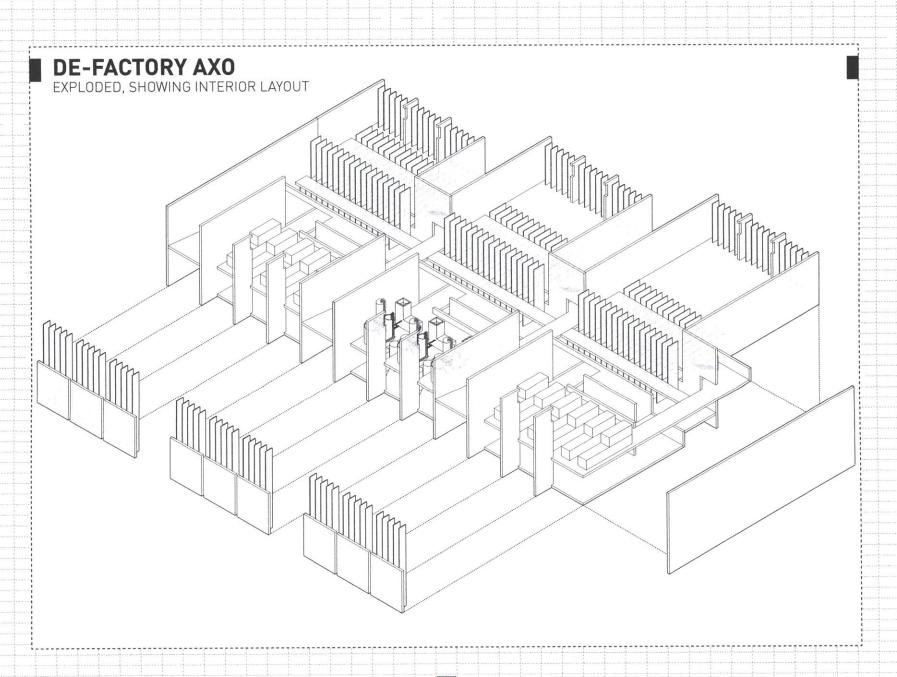


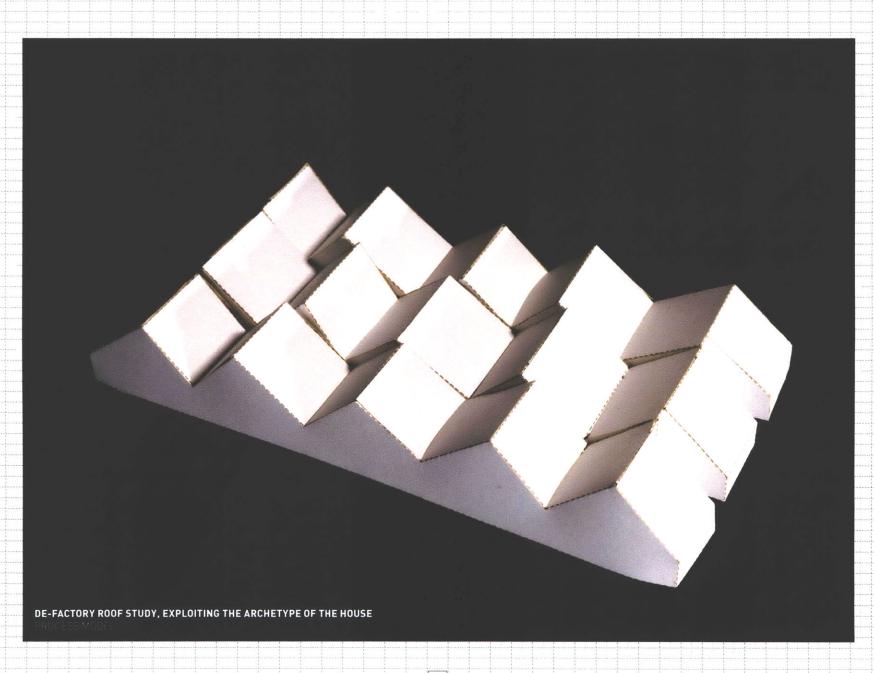




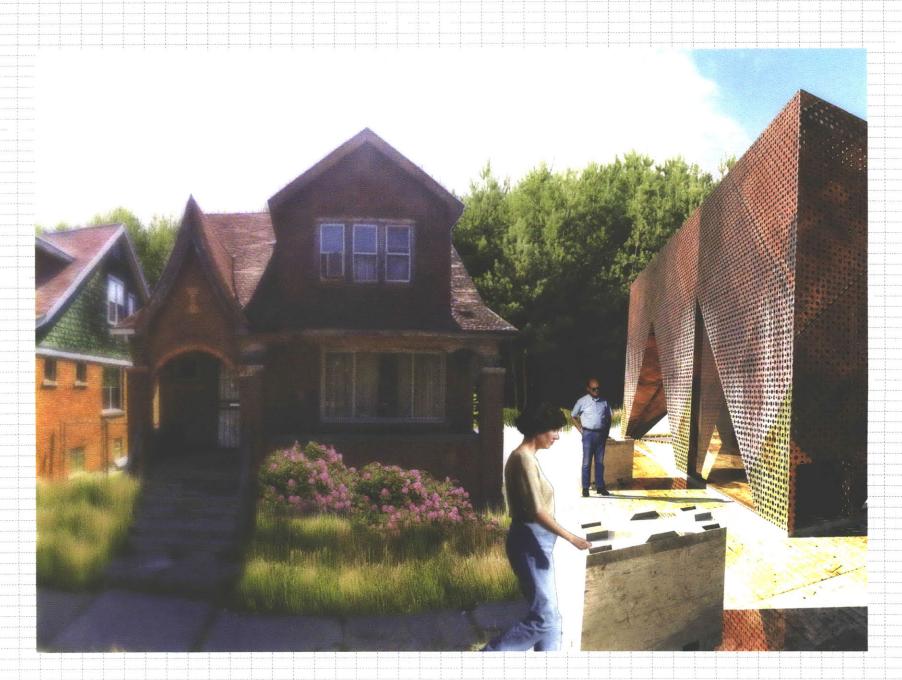


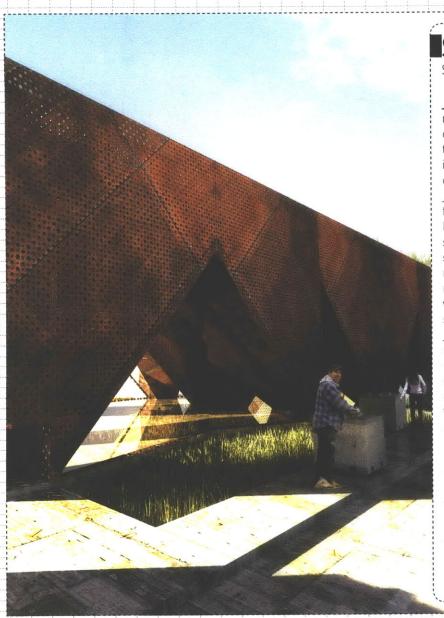












## SILO PAVILION

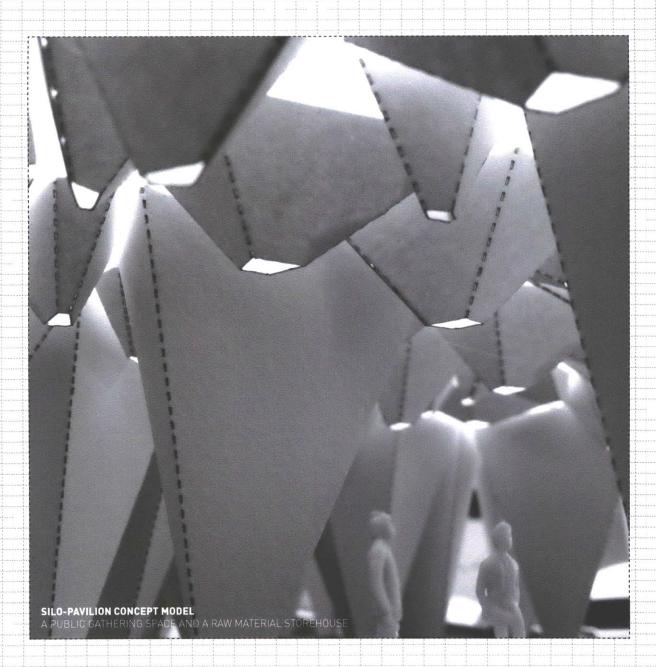
STORAGE ABOVE, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE BELOW.

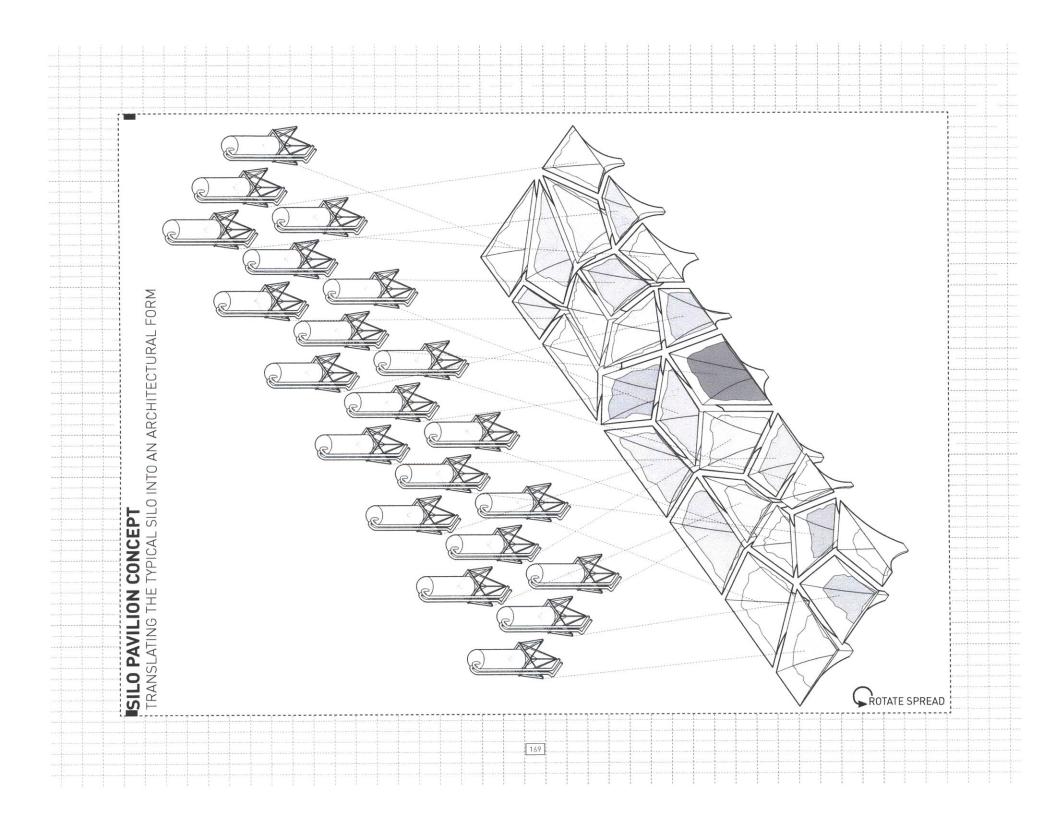
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\_\_\_\_This building is designed to be a community owned storage facility, managing the surplus raw materials produced in Reverietown. The inverted pyramid roofs form large inverted storage racks, onto which sealed print basins are stored. This structure is an inverted warehouse of sorts. Rather than storing materials on the ground and covering then with a conventional roof, this structure attempts to produce a type of storage space within the structure of the roof, to allow for an open covered public space below.

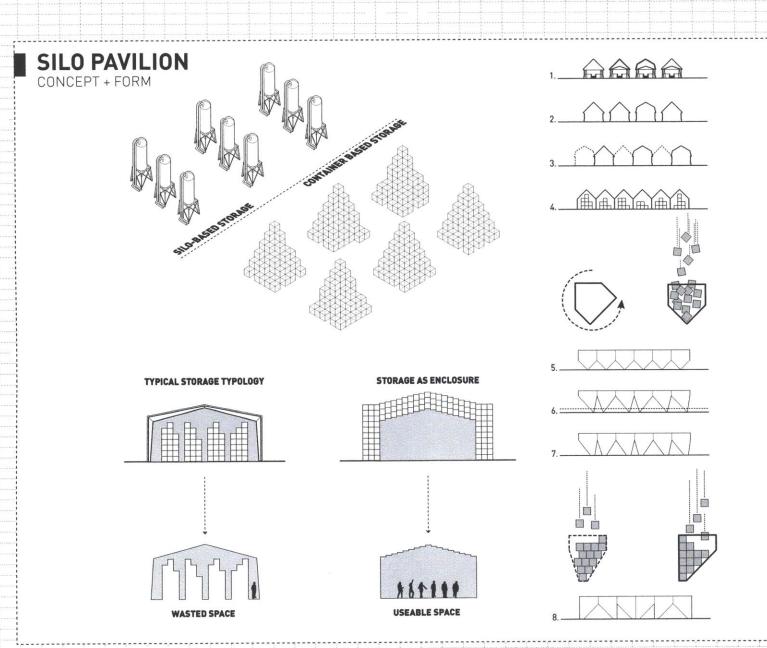
The open space below the roof of the Silo Pavilion, could serve many potential community functions. As a space it is very well day -lit by the large triangular apertures which make up the facade of the pavilion. Service functions, such as bathrooms, storage and mechanical space take place within a series of Service cones which take up the center of the plan. The main floor is left flat and un-programmed in order to suit a wide array of community needs. Programattic uses are as follows: A community maker space, a neighborhood gathering place, a reception hall, or a space for exhibition of the manufactured goods produced in Reverietown. It could also serve as the Neighborhood Exchange, a meeting place where local independent manufacturers deliberate on issues pertaining to community politics.

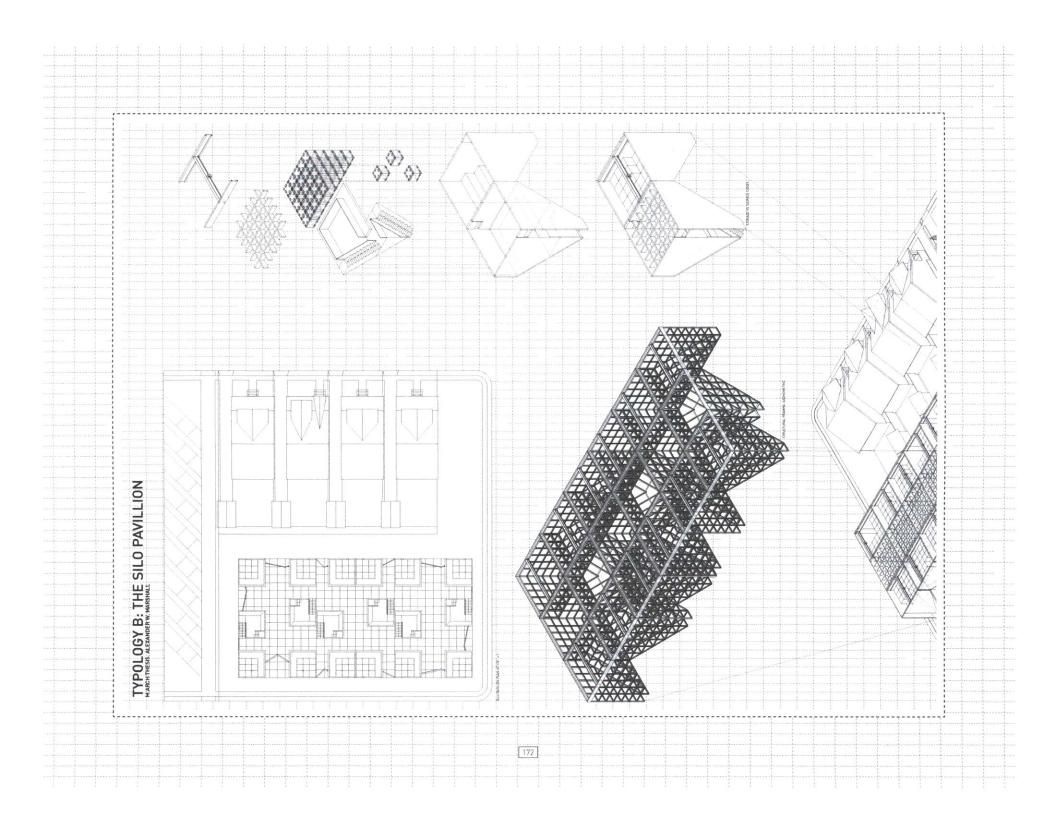
This multi-purpose storage facility is constructed out of a simple steel framing system, on a mat slab which is cast on trench footings to minimize site excavation. The building is then clad in sheets of perforated corten steel panels, and simple glazing.

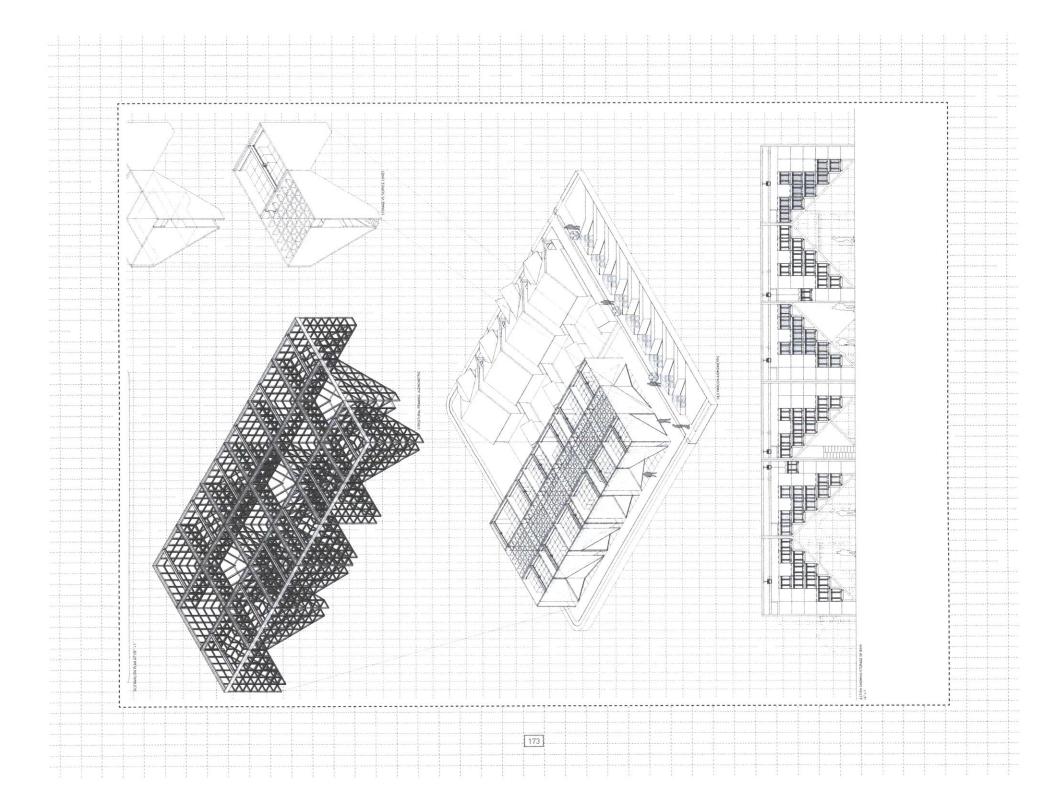


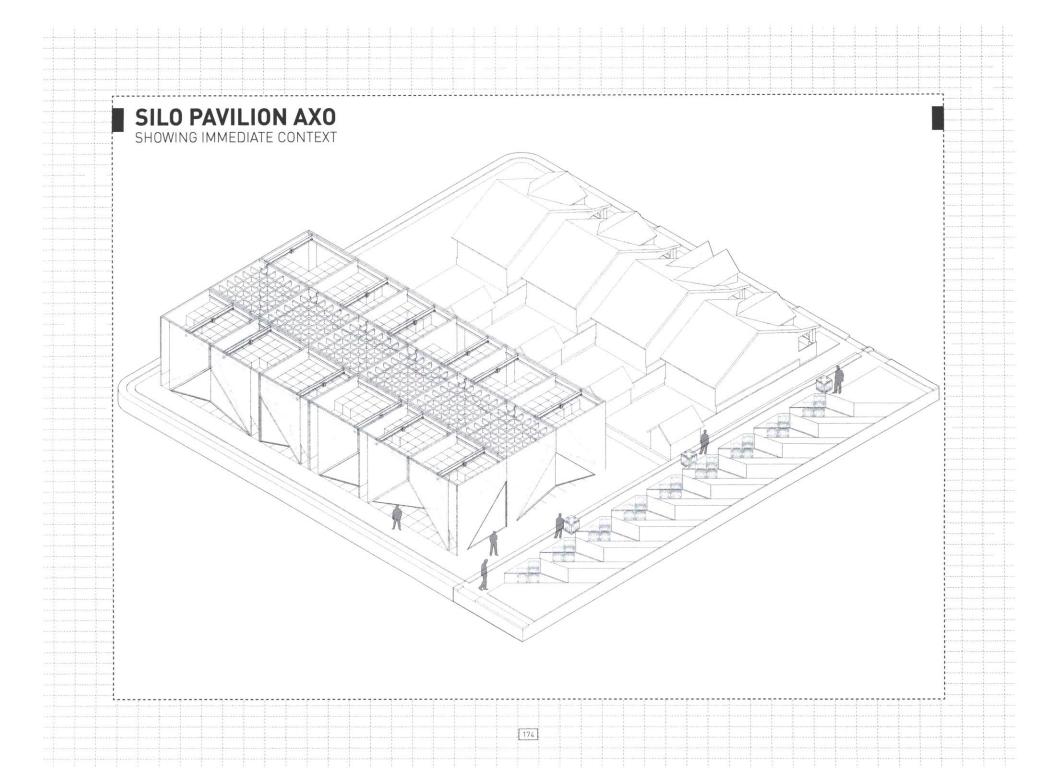


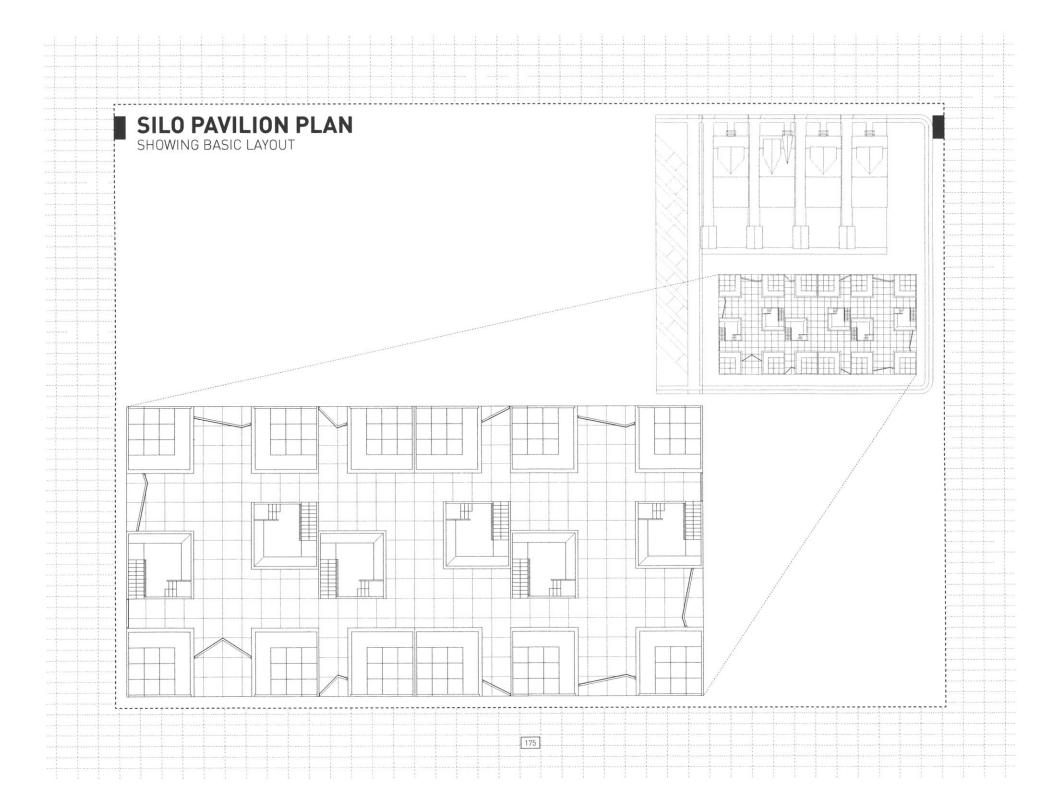


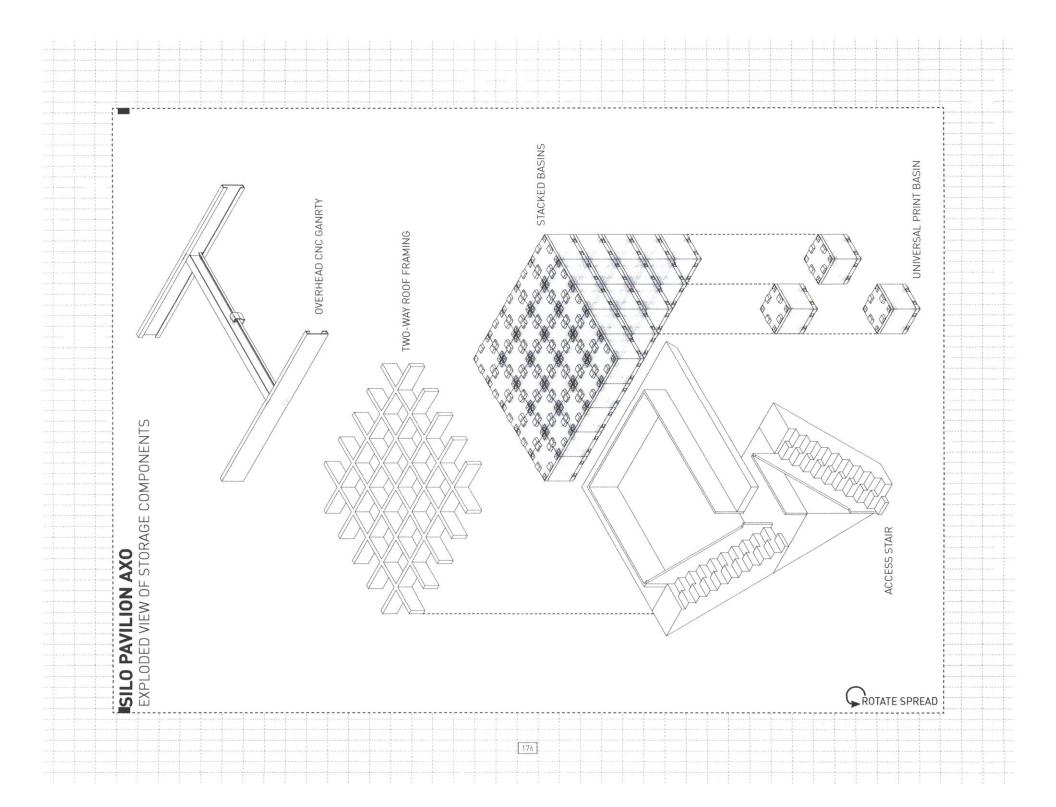


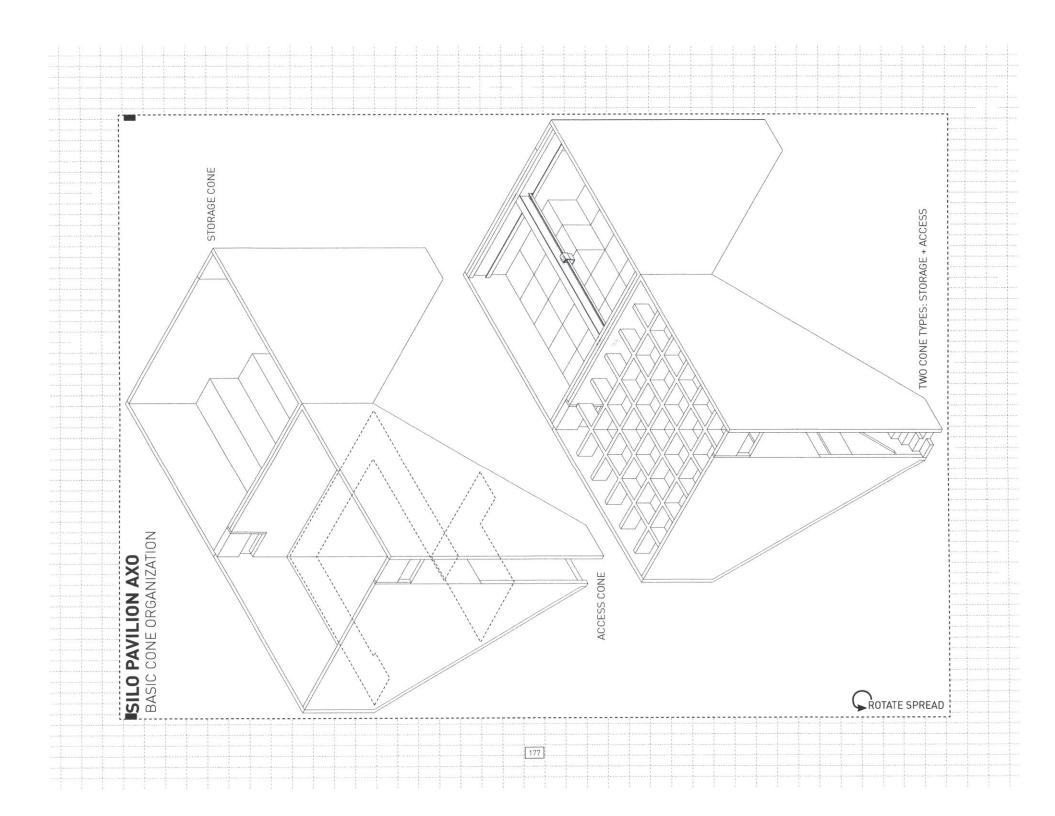


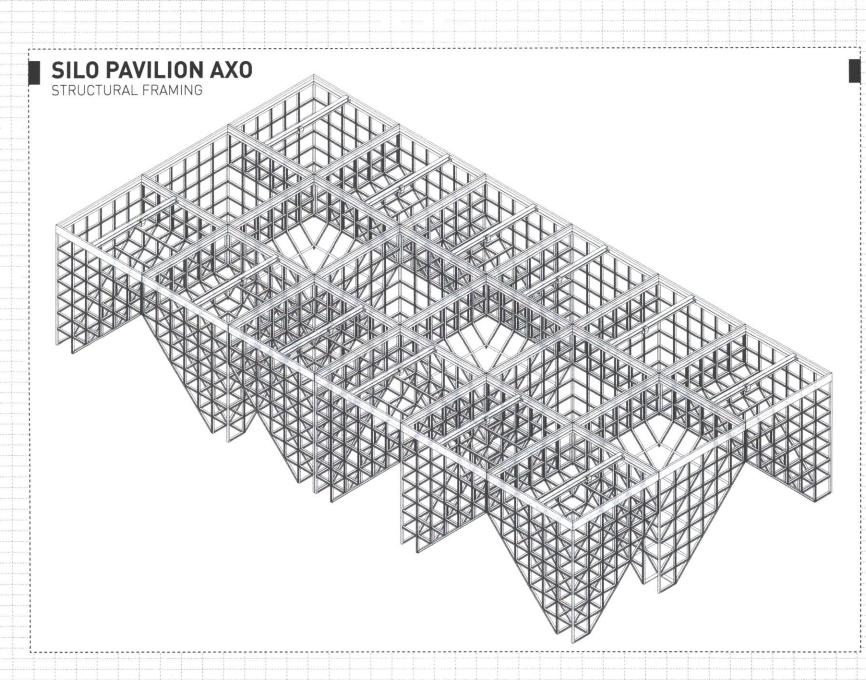


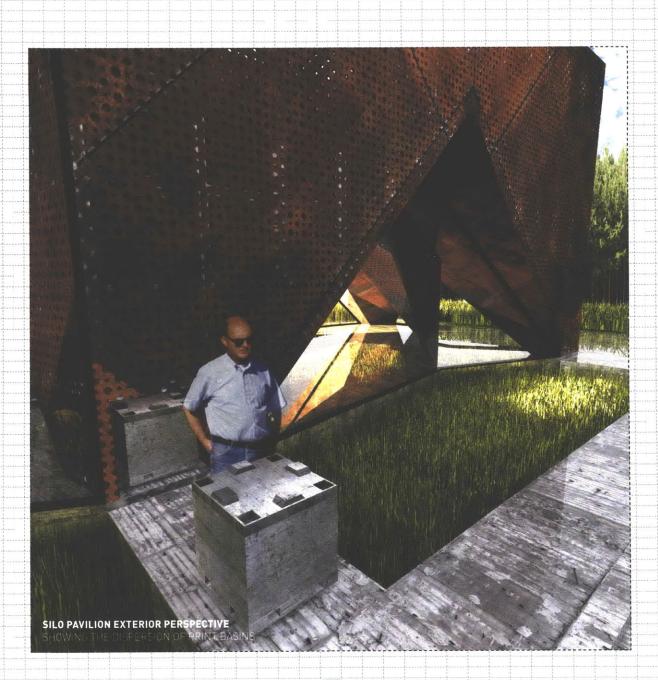


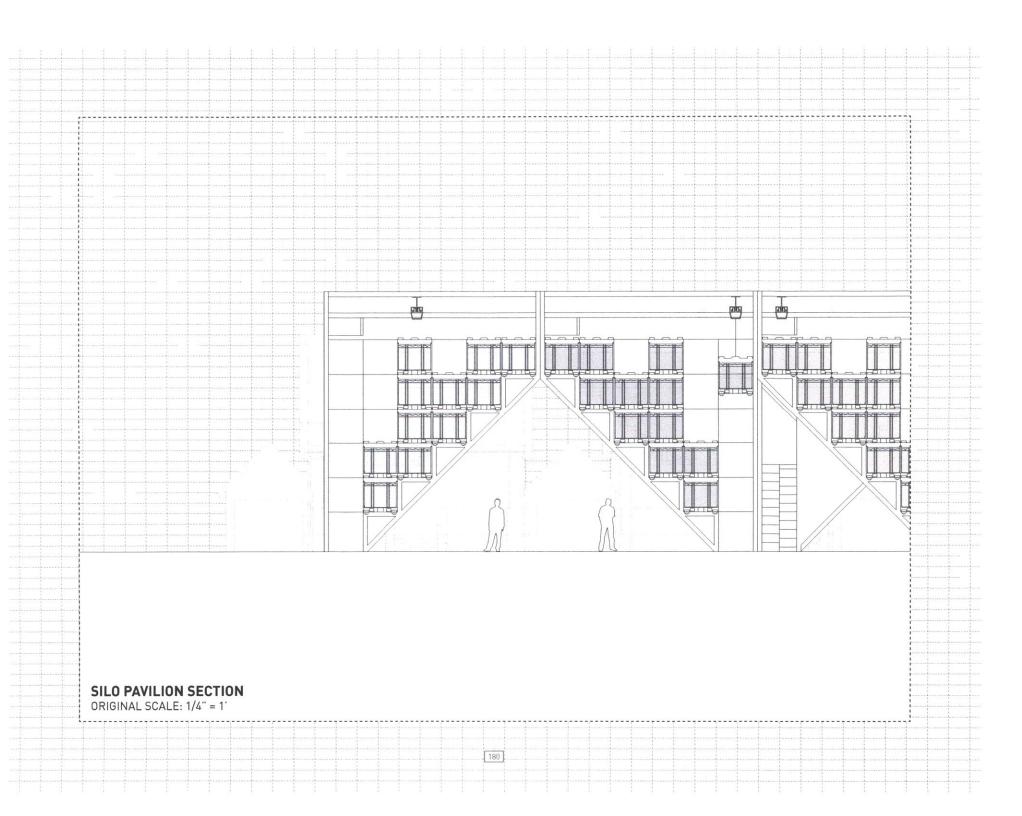


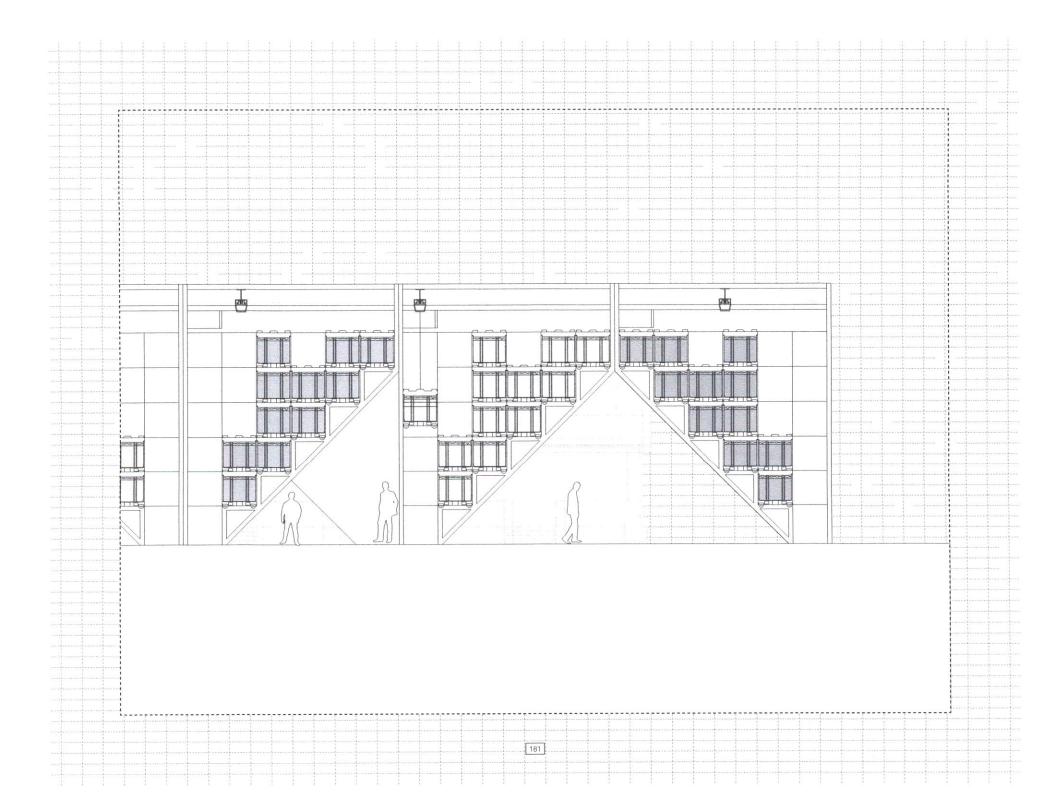


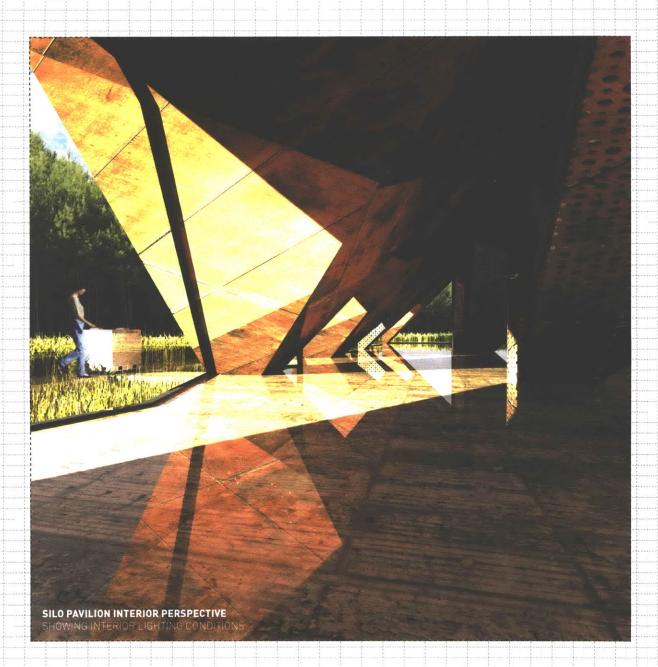


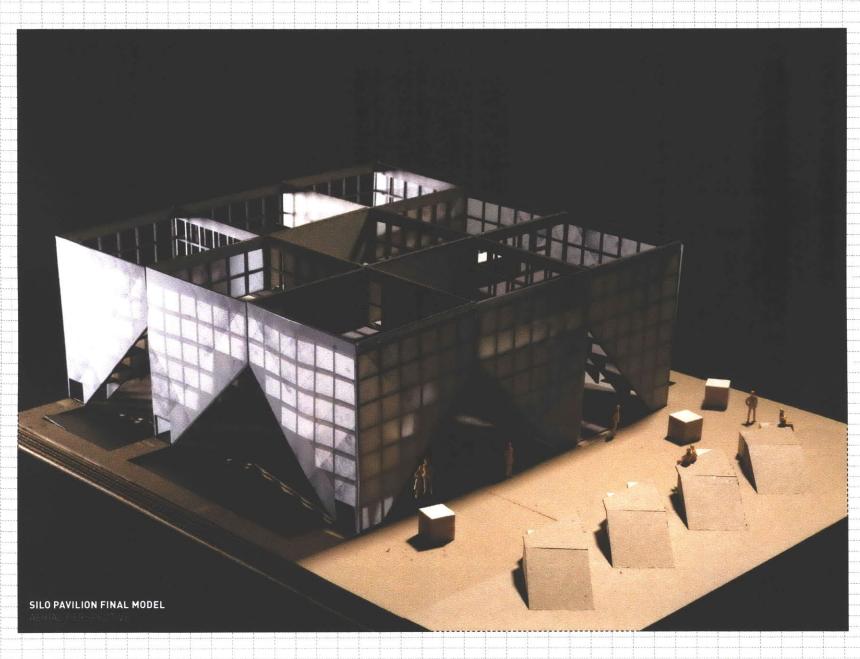






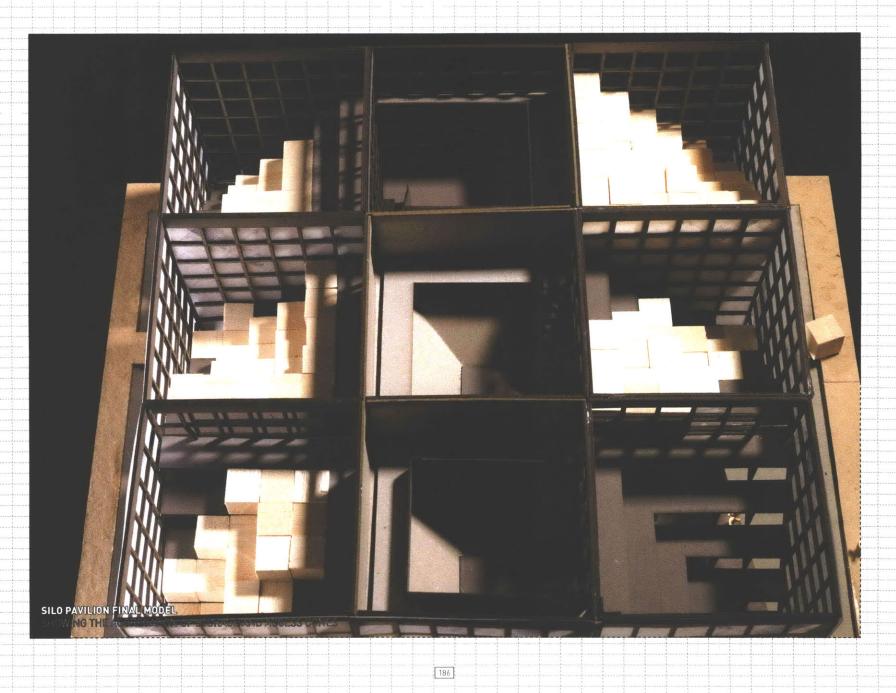


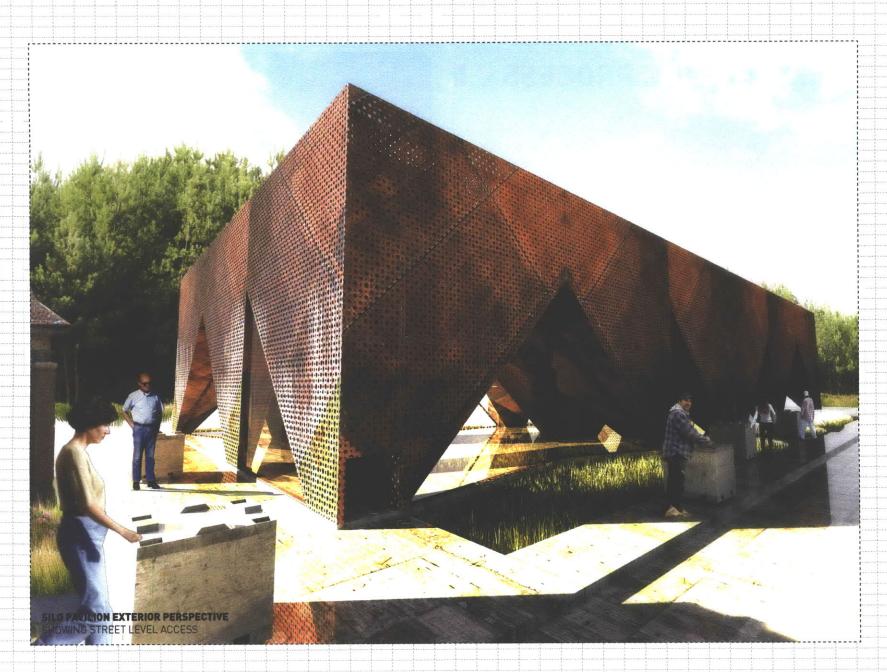












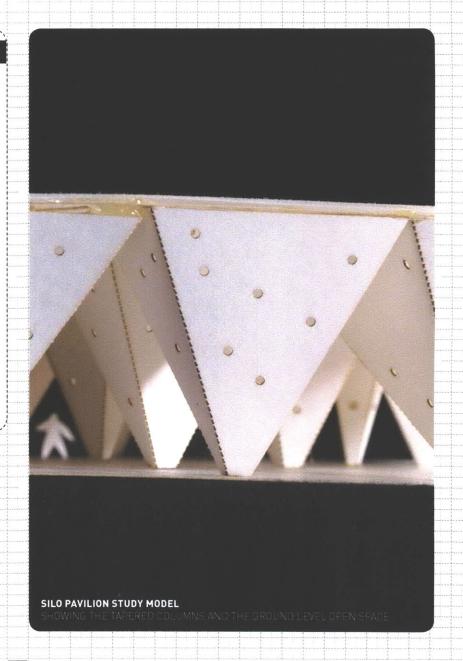
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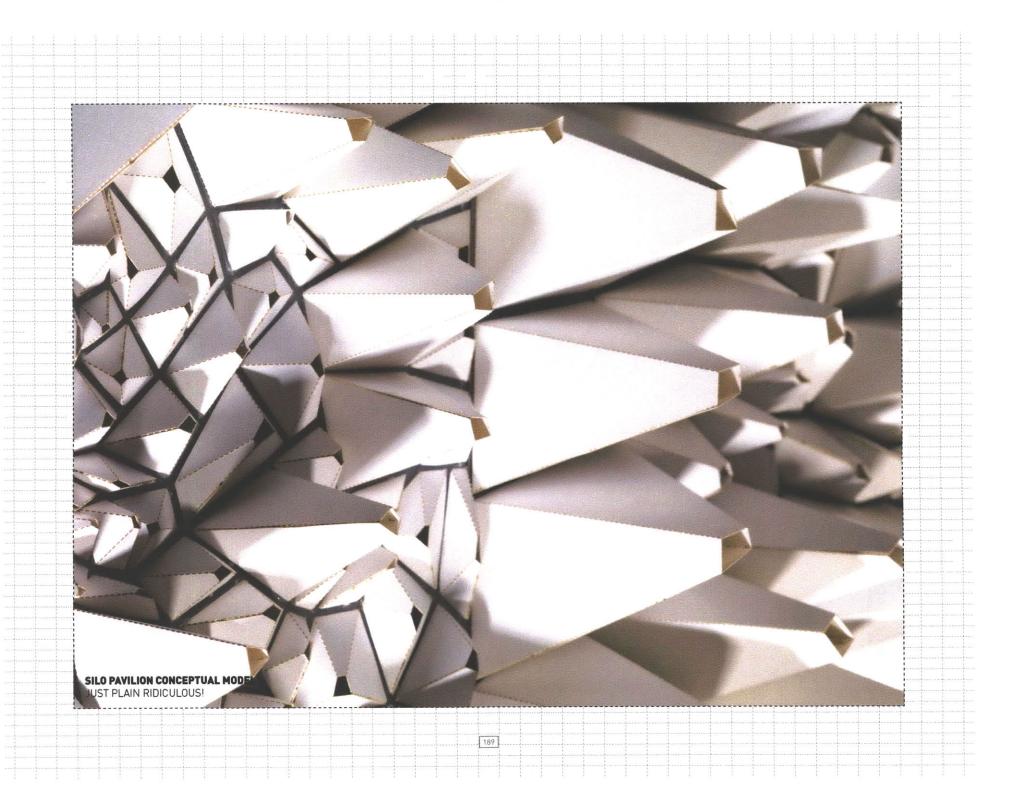
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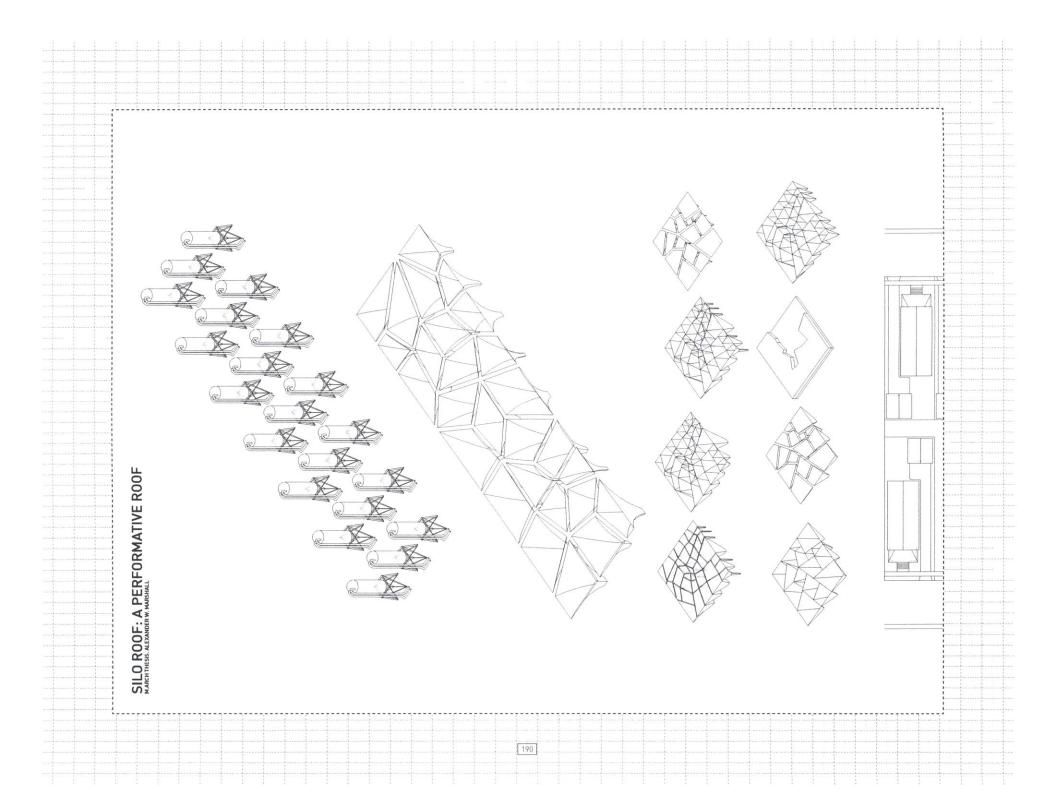
\_\_\_\_The following pages contain a selection of studies which were produced prior to the final Silo Pavilion Proposal. From the outset the Silo Pavilion was always imagined simply as a translation from a collection of typical storage silos into an architecturalized version in which a new type of covered public space could be produced below the storage basins. The original versions were a bit unconstrained, as the original idea was that these inverted conic shapes would serve as bulk storage. Bulk storage of granulated material would mean that virtually any conic shape could be used as long as the mechanism for loading and dispensing material from the silo was consistent. The result was that many of the initial proposals took on a much more random and unique form.

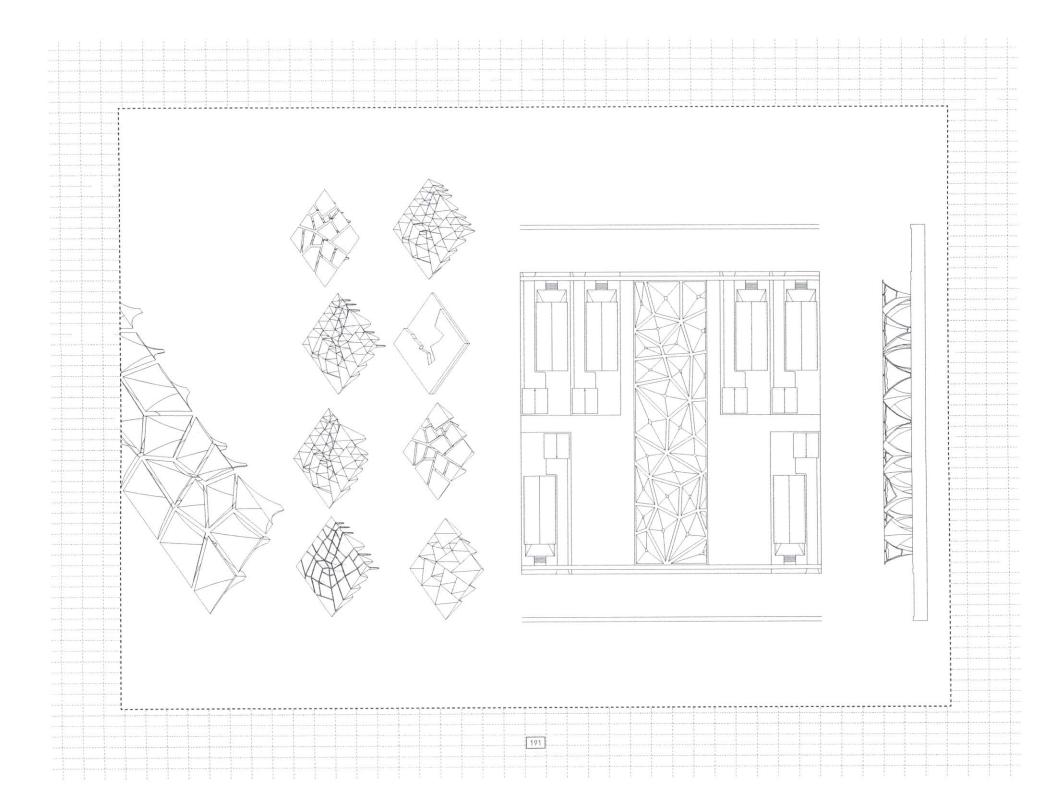
\_\_\_The conic form was utilized in this project, because it allowed for a wealth storage space above the ground level, while leaving the ground plane open due to the tapering form of the cone.

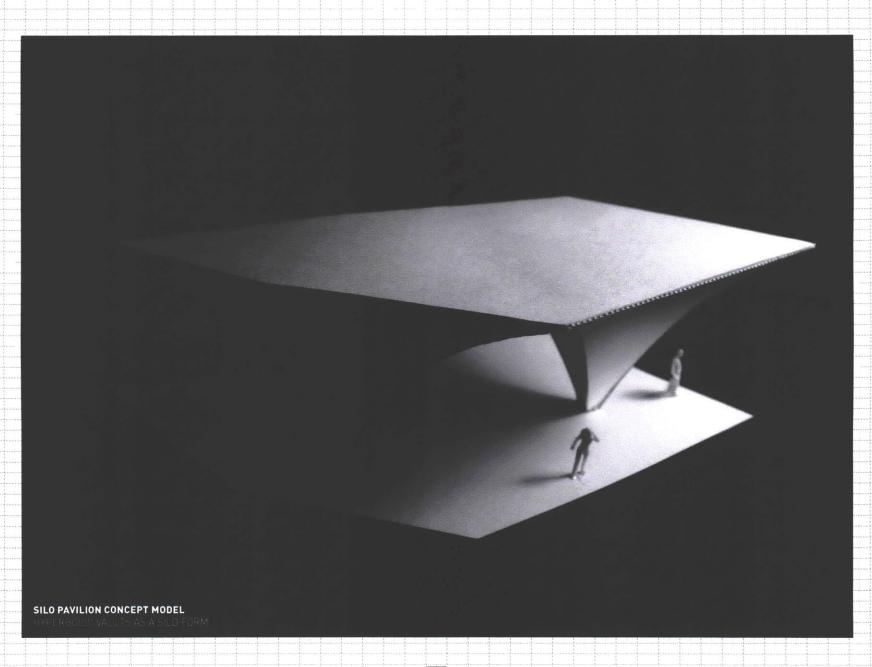
\_\_\_\_The final proposal was constrained in more interesting way than the original proposals. Rather than being a volume for bulk storage, it was designed to be a volume which would take on the pyramidal stacking of sealed Print Basins. The geometry of the final form was dictated by the cubic form of the print basin, resulting in a building which used common elements and repetitive angles.

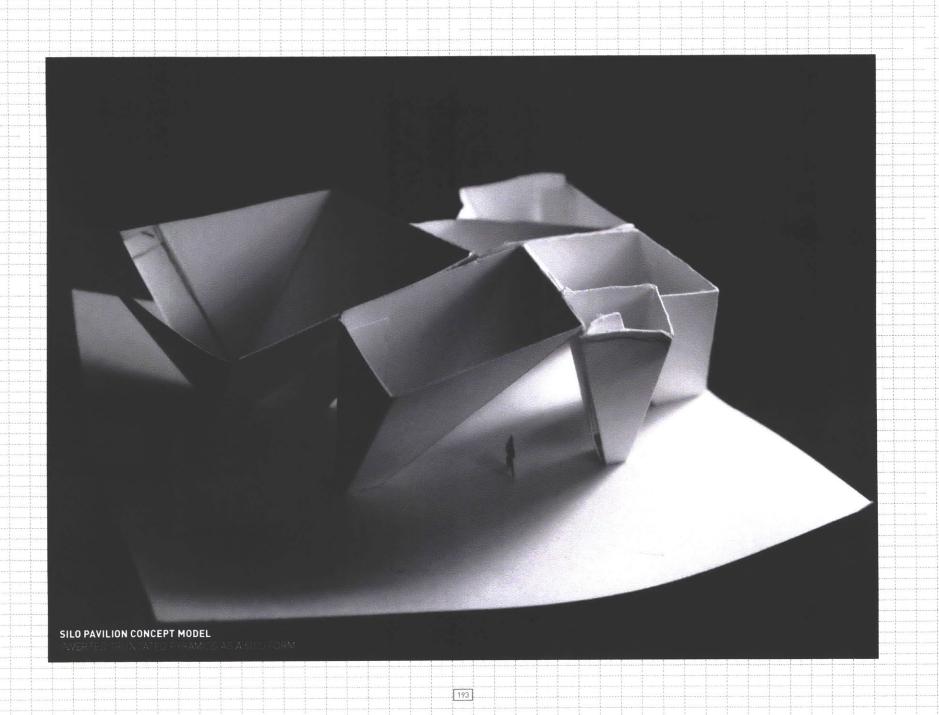


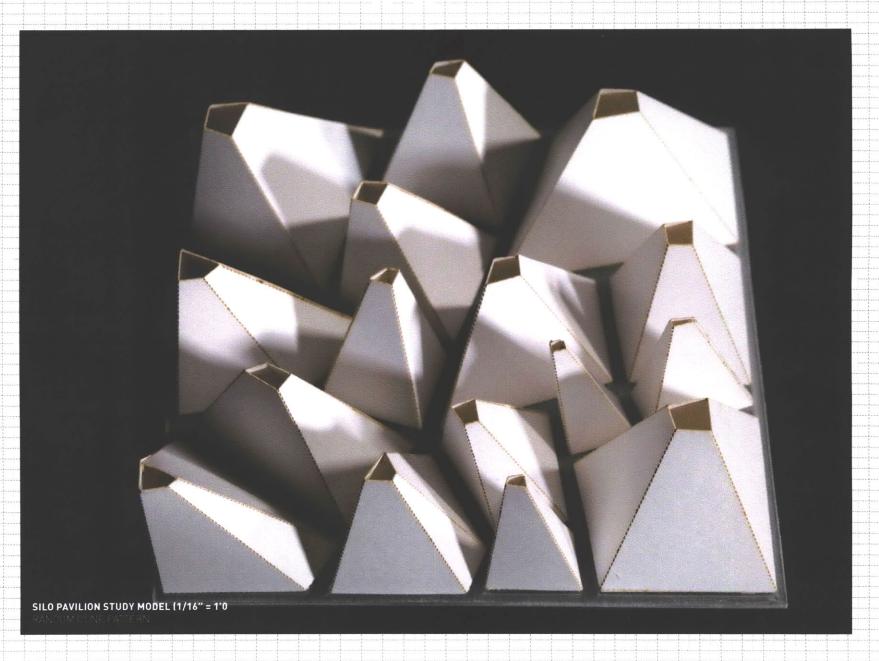




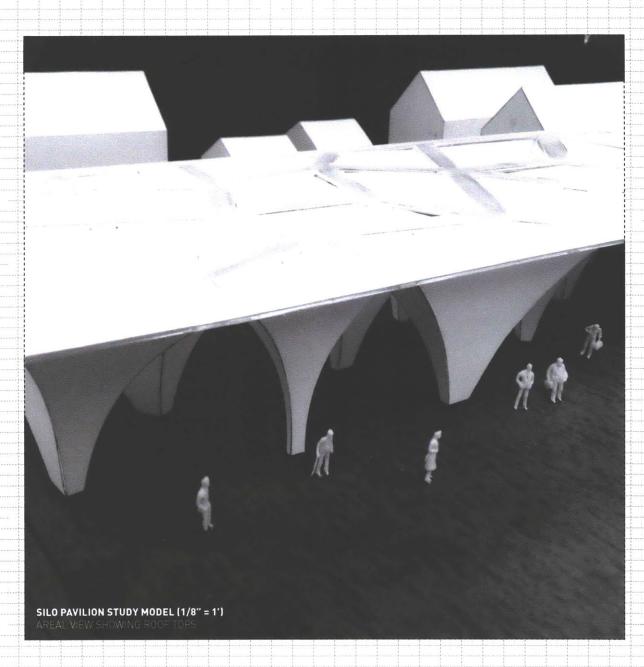


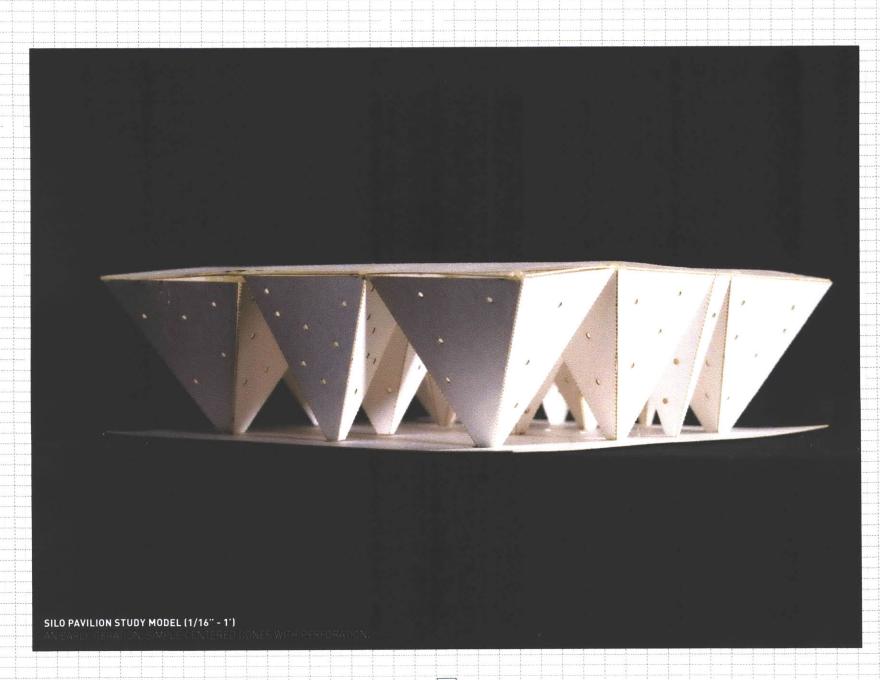


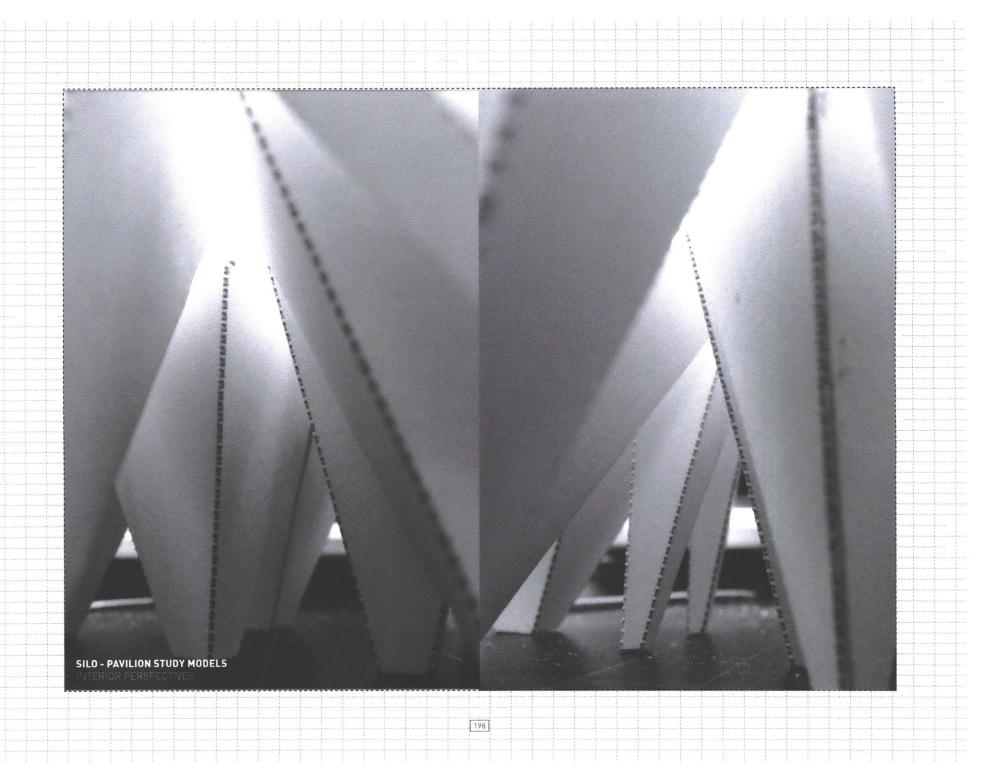


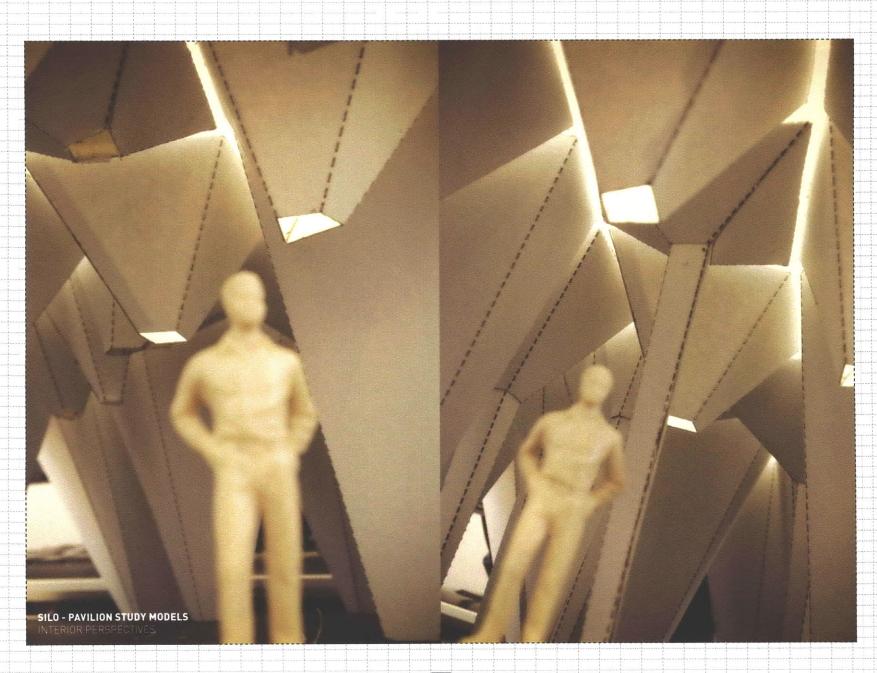


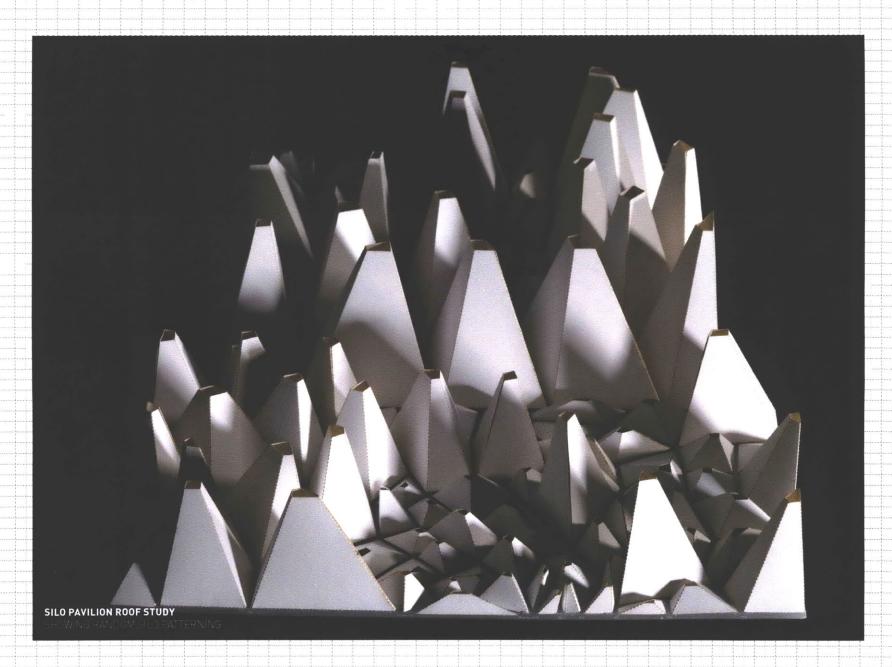


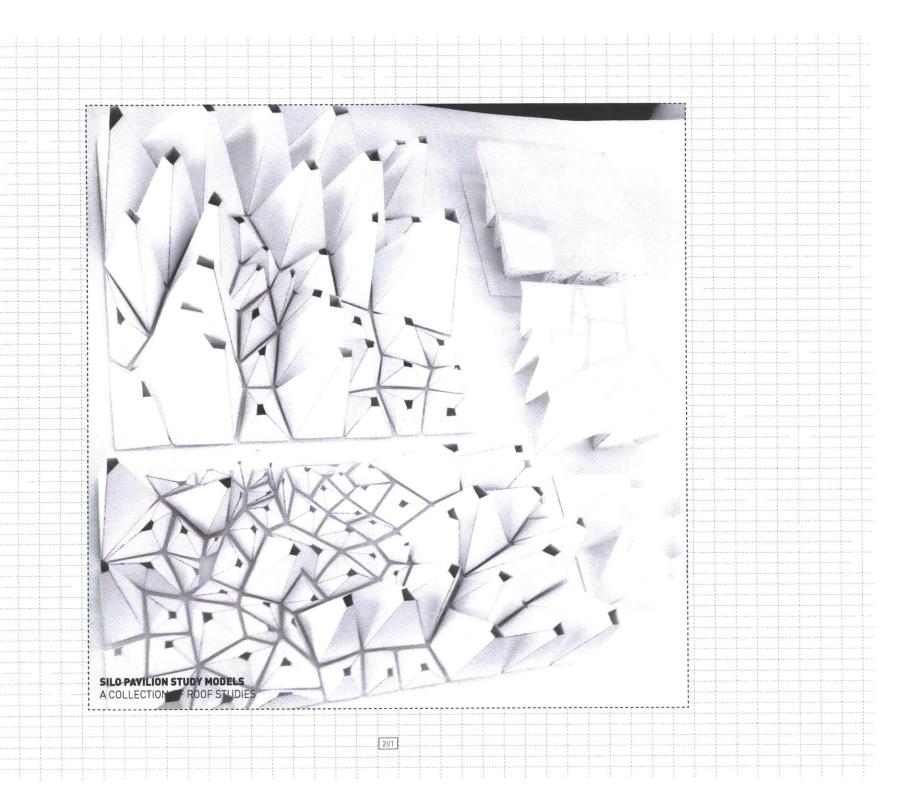


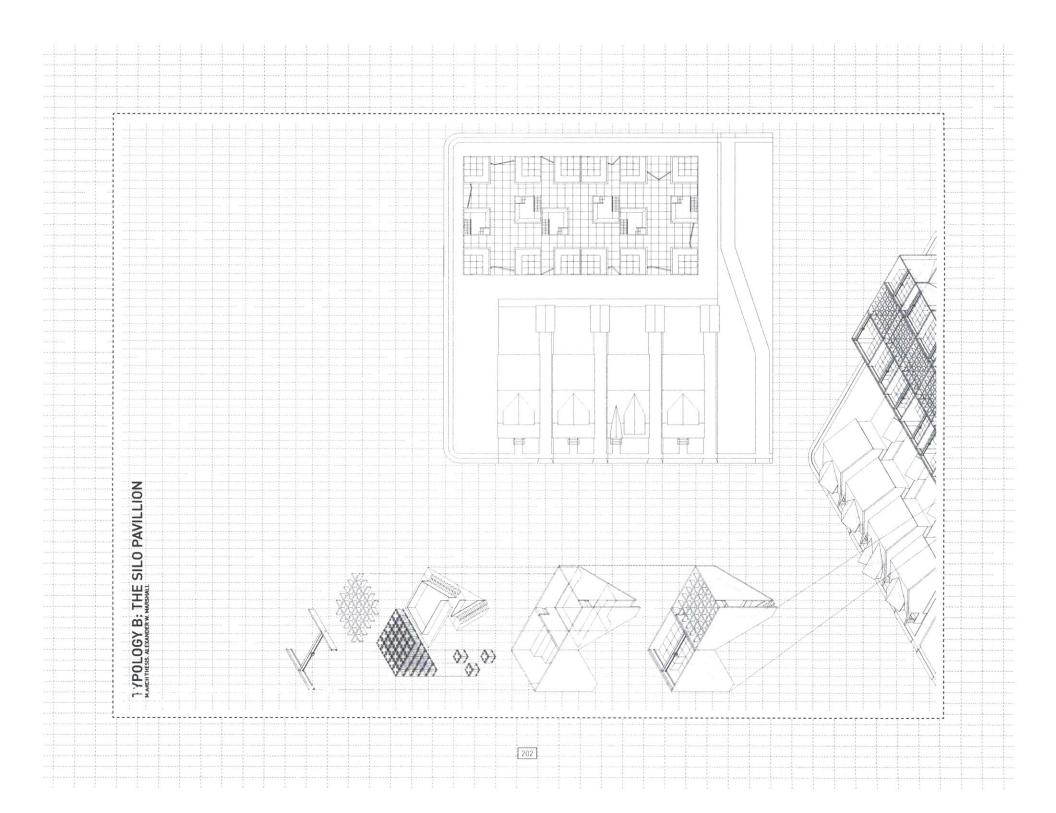


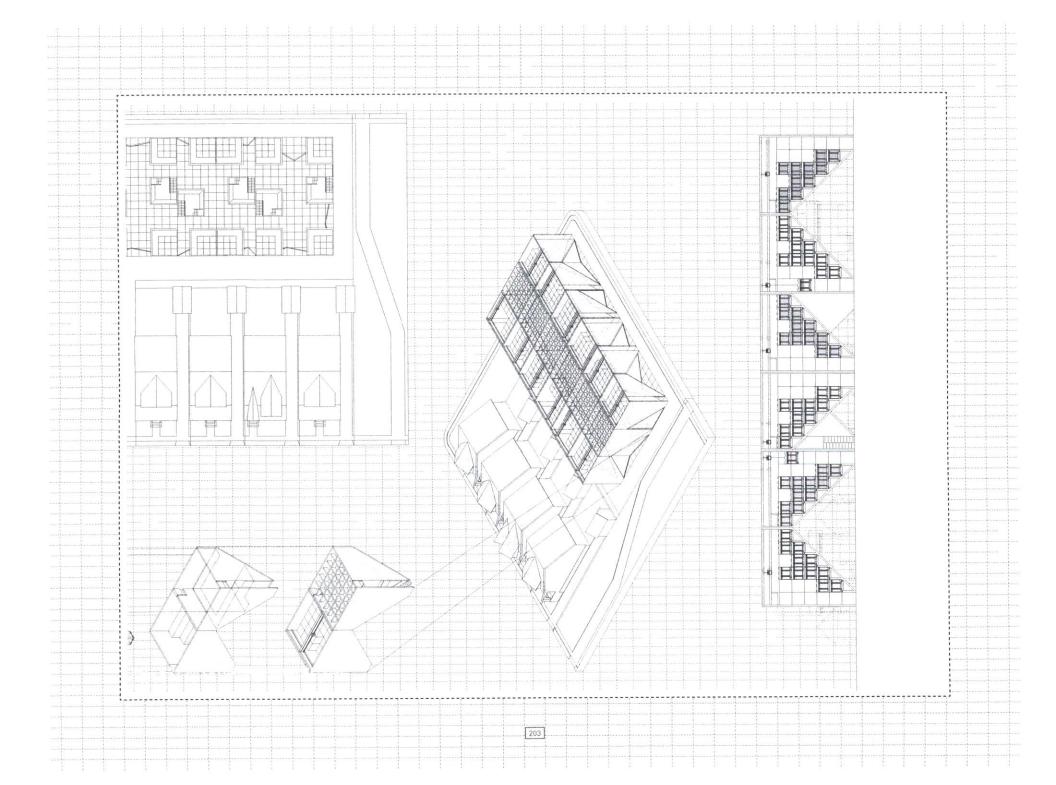












## **■PRINTER'S COTTAGE**

A RESIDENT OWNED MICRO FACTORY

\_\_\_\_The Printer's Cottage typology refills vacant lots in the neighborhood, while simultaneously re-valuing the homes around it. At first glance, this cousin of the modern kit home blends in to its surroundings. A second reading reveals the absence of certain domestic motifs such as shutters, shingles, and ship-lap siding. Inside its walls one might find a wealth of production space, calibrated for additive manufacturing.

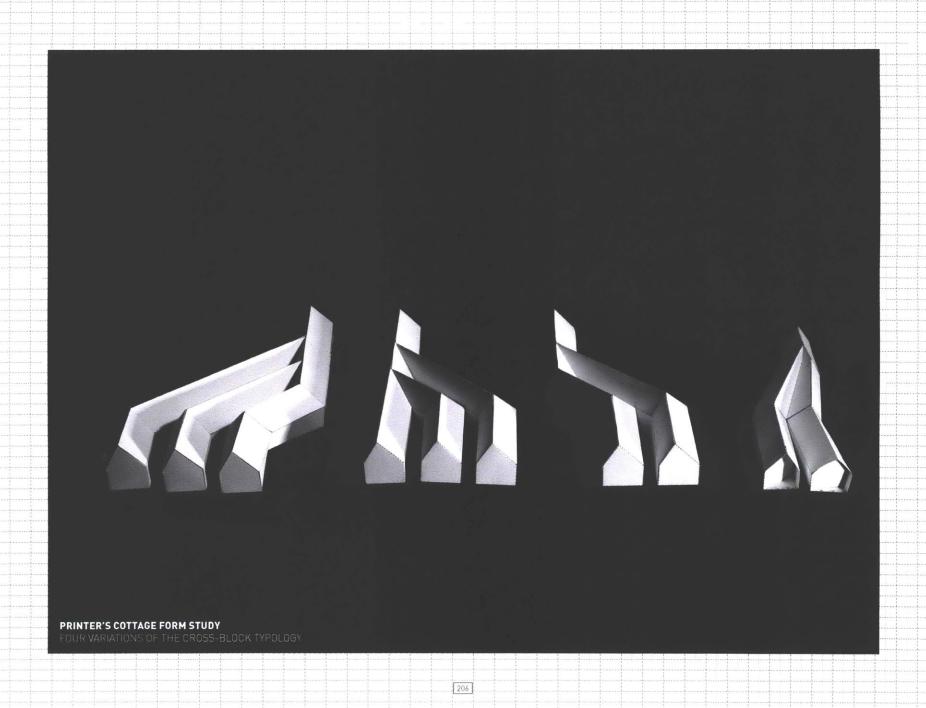
\_\_\_\_This typology is thought to be shared between groups of residents, so its form is one which cuts across blocks, connecting adjacent streets, unlike the traditional home, which produces boundaries via lawns, driveways and picket fences. The plan shape of the Printer's Cottage is formed because the structure is always negotiating between existing homes, while attempting to fill up vacant lots.

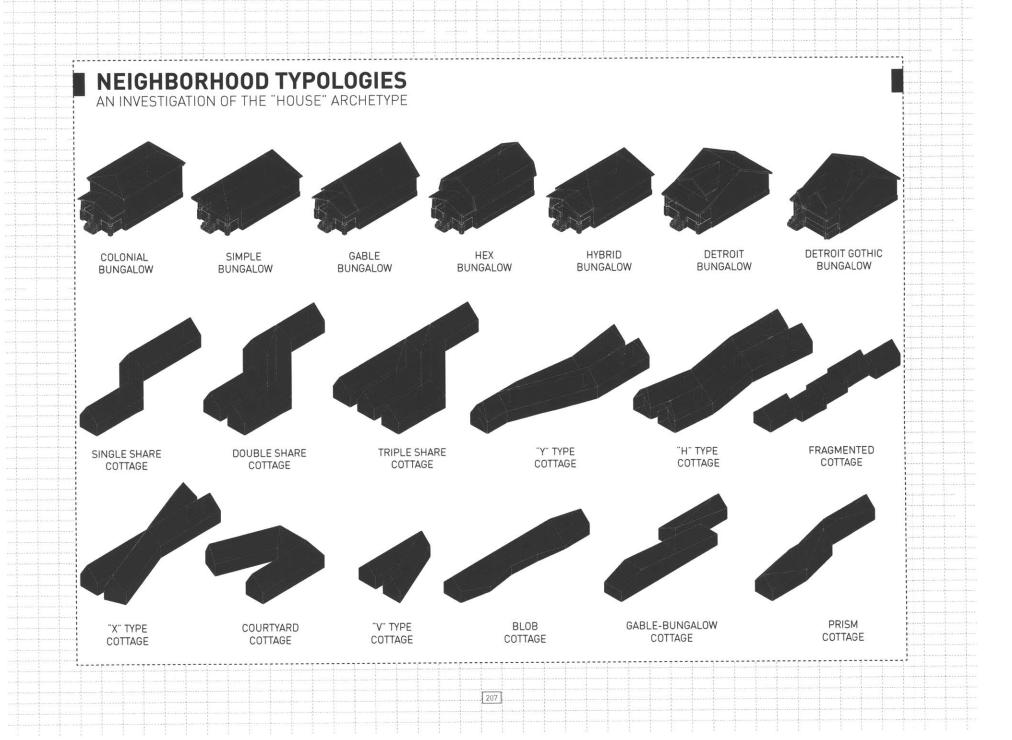
\_\_\_The Printer"s Cottage has an archetypal relationship to the traditional single family home, but it intentionally clouds the diagram of the household, as it is not a place of dwelling at all. Giving this small industrial building certain traits similar to a residential dwelling, will help increase the neighborhood real estate values, by eliminating some of the blighted lots which still exist in Reverietown.

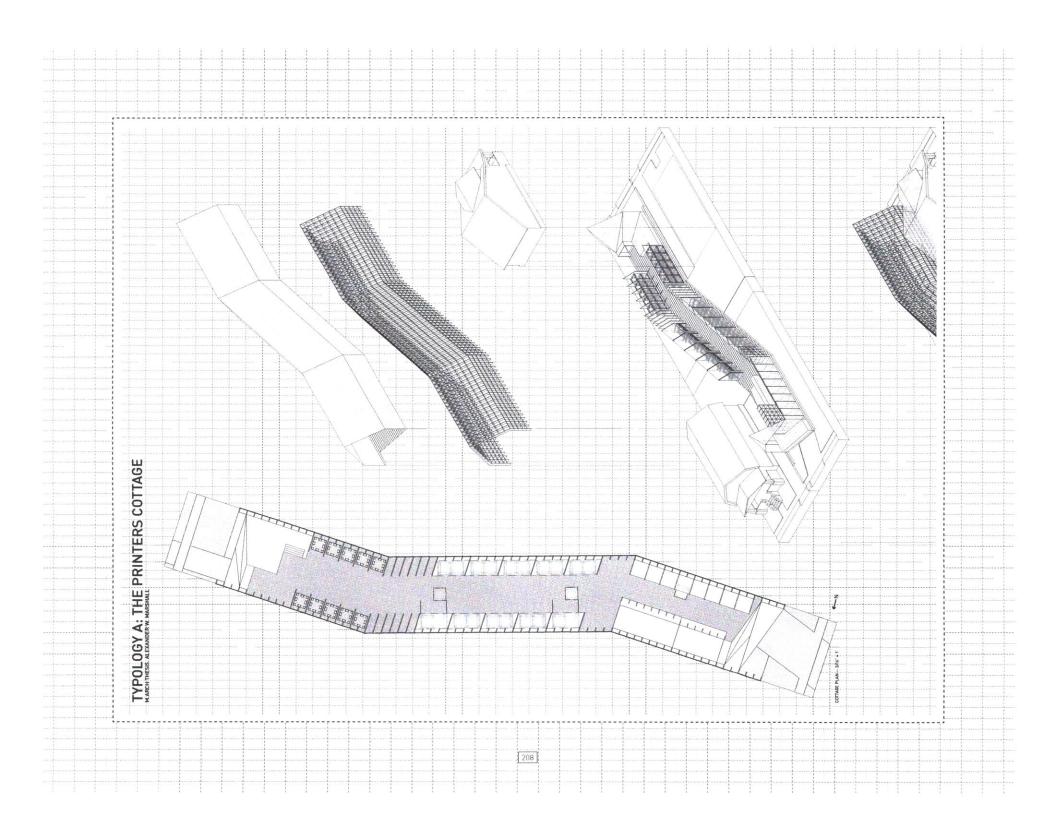
\_\_\_\_The Printer's Cottage is constructed with a light aluminum structural frame, which can be assembled by one or two people. It is then clad in a lightweight, but thermally performative skin, which allows for daylight to fill the interior of the space. In plan the Printer's Cottage is laid out like a new hybrid version of an assembly line. A single corridor runs through the house from end to end, allowing for an efficient flow of material from intake to loading dock. Along the edges of the cottage's walls, a series of 3-D printers and Powder recovery units are built into the structural frame. The "Z" shaped plan is broken into three spaces, a small office, a print room, and an excavation and finishing room.

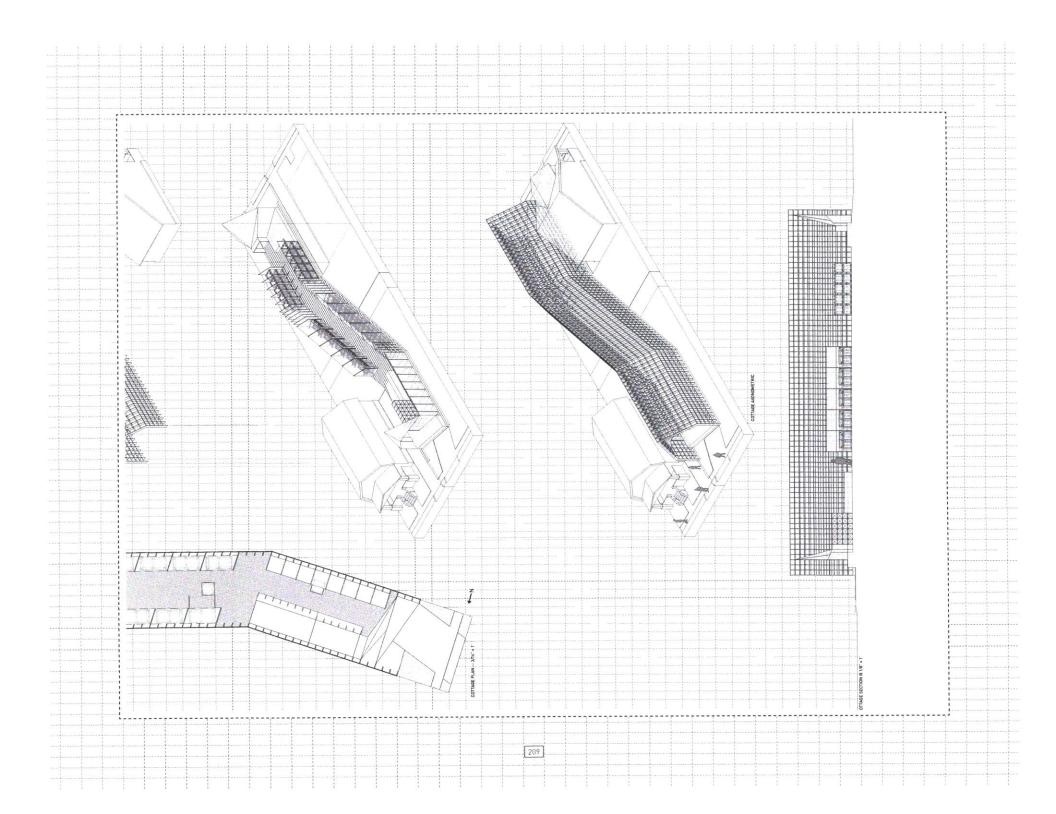




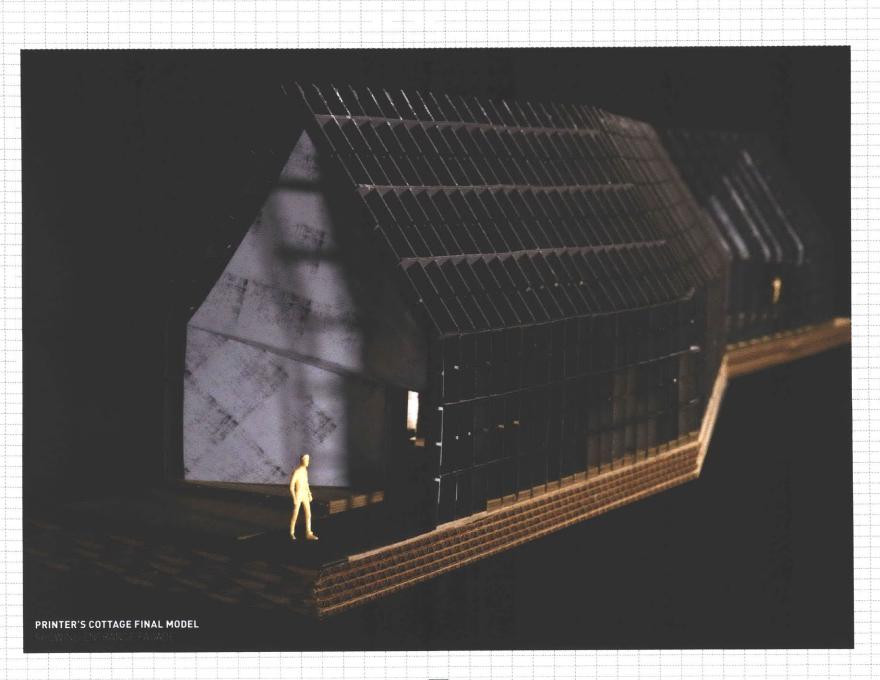


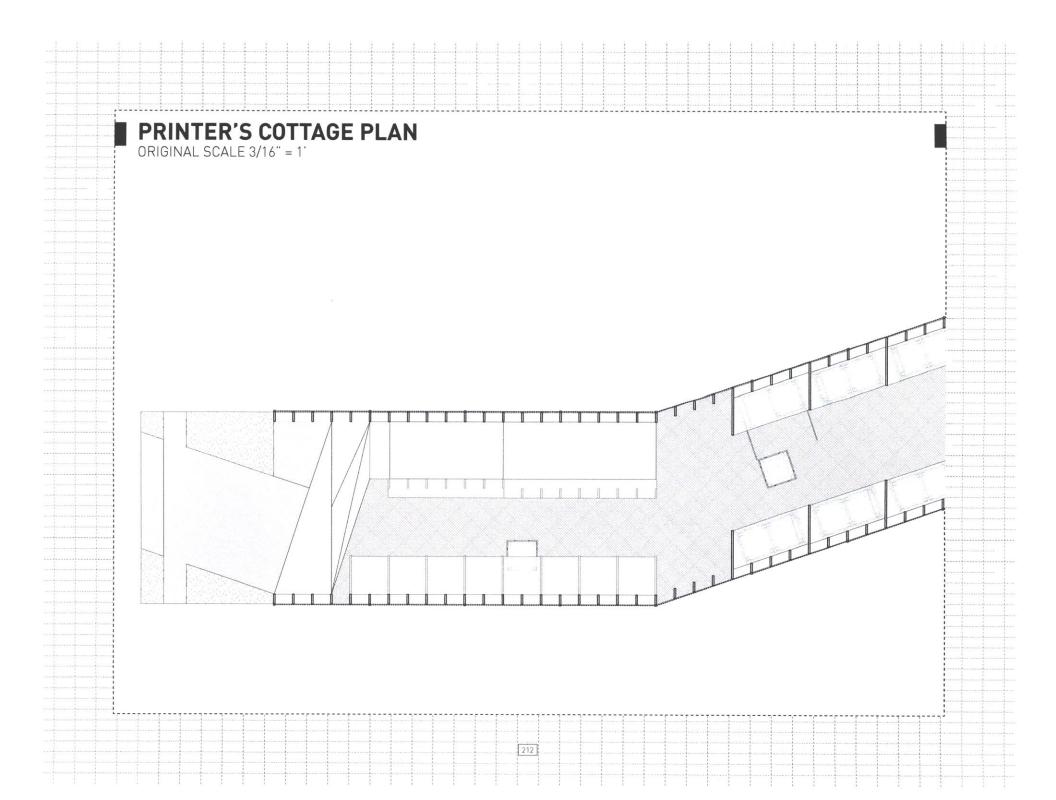


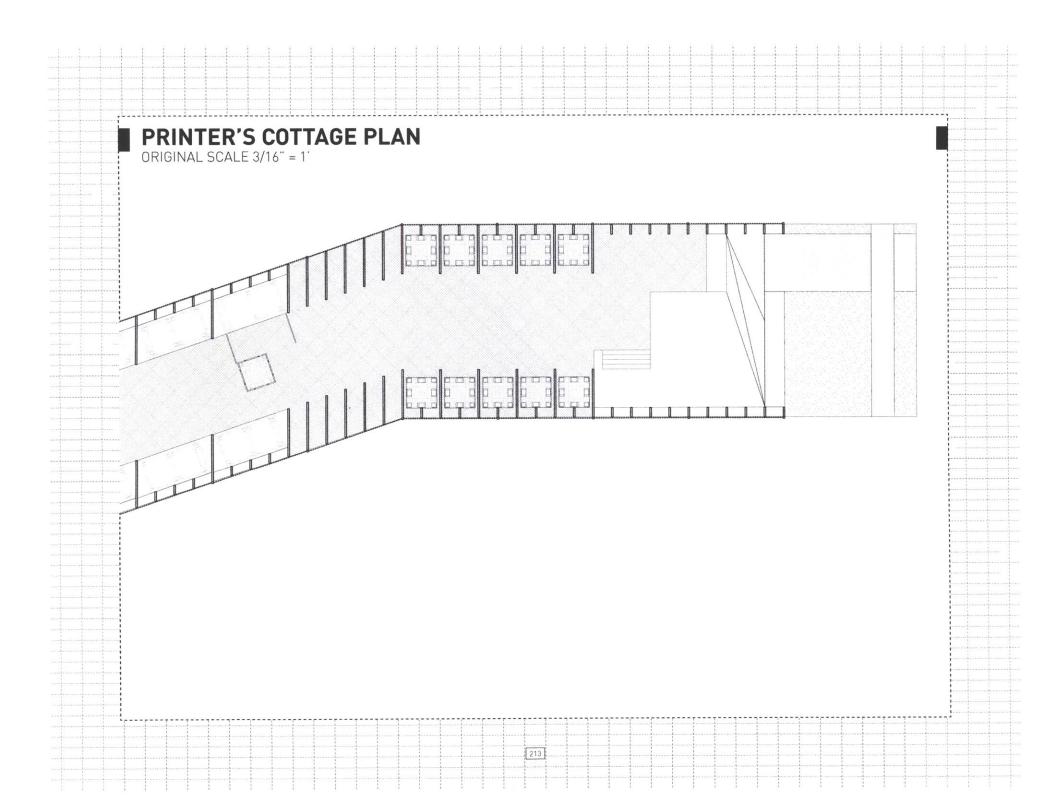


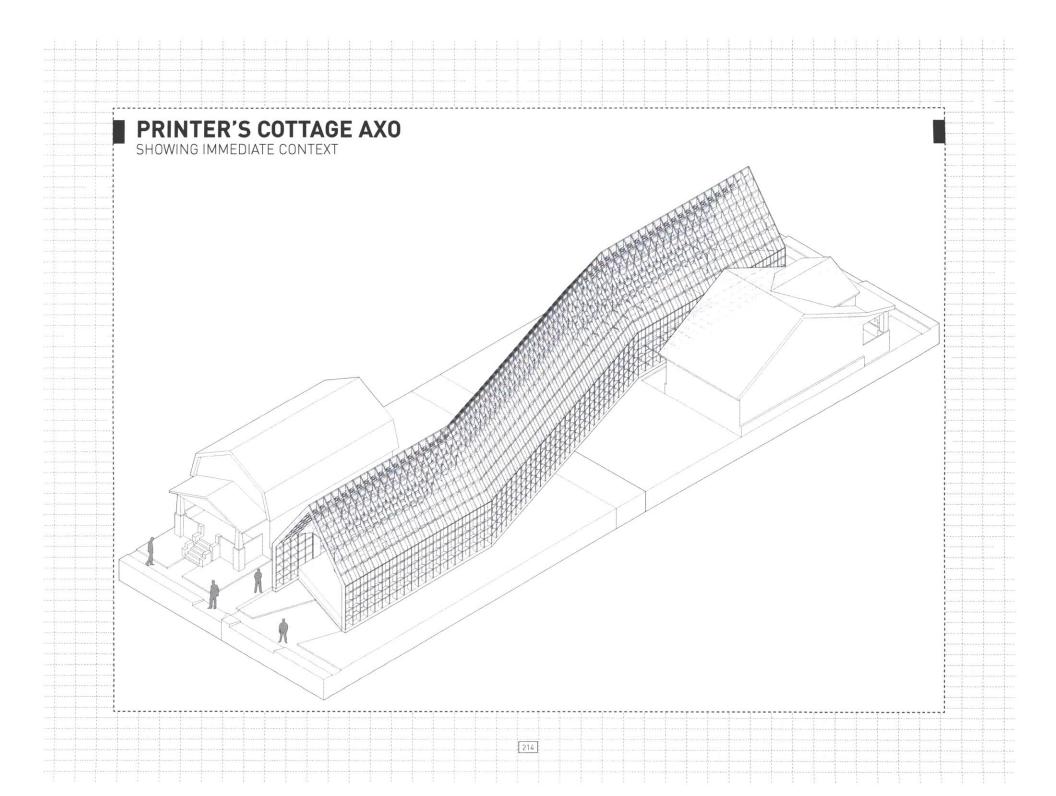


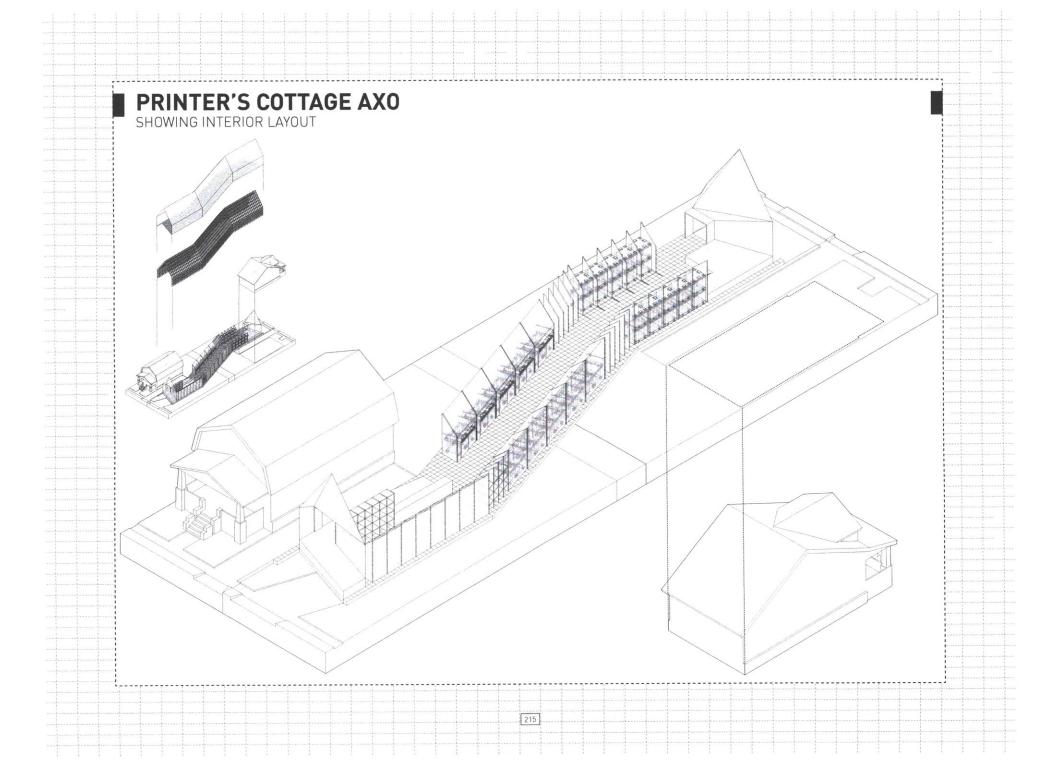


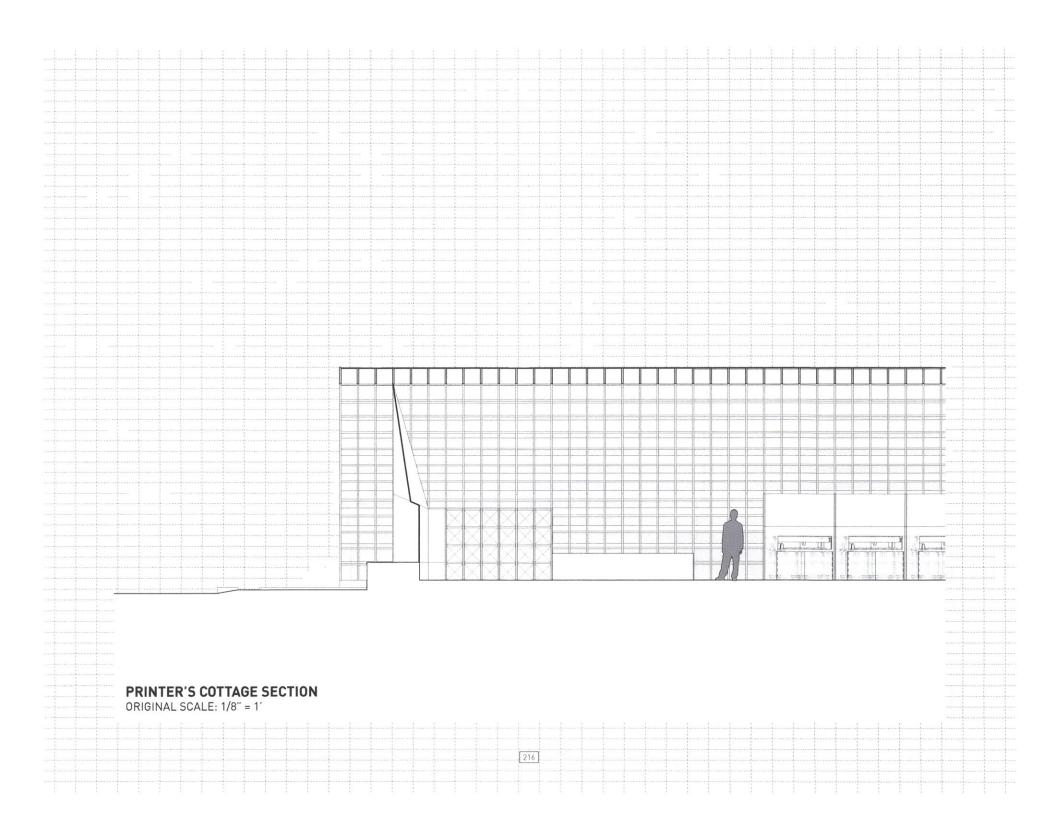


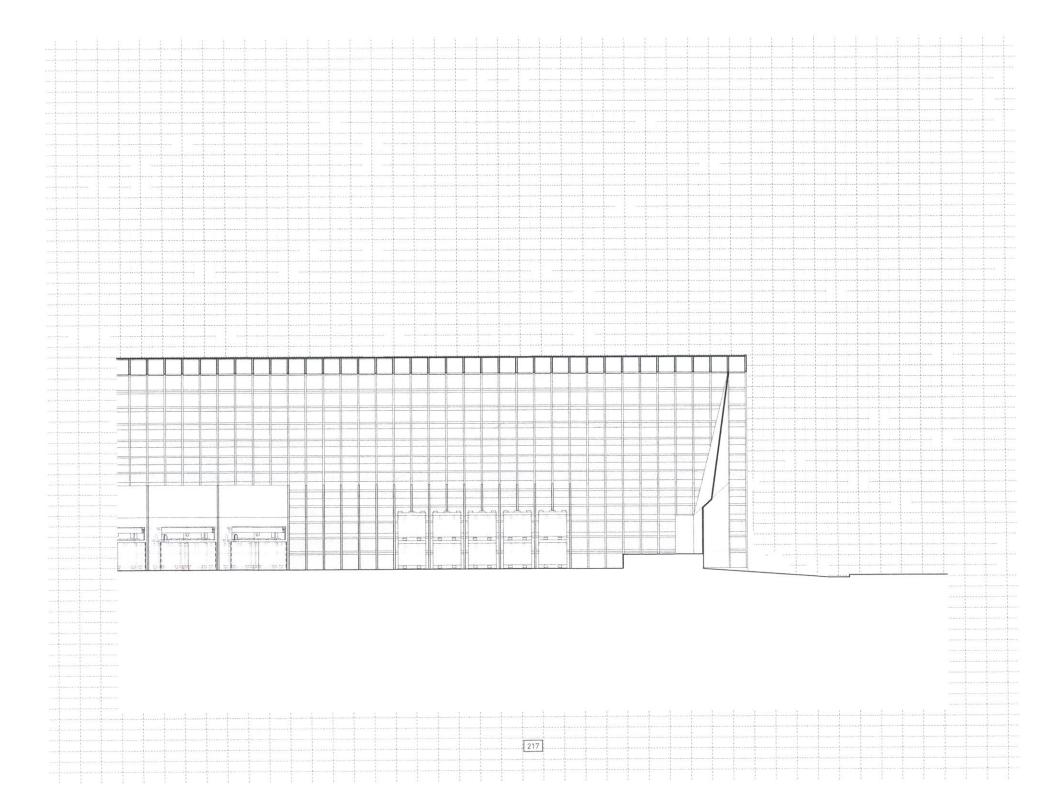




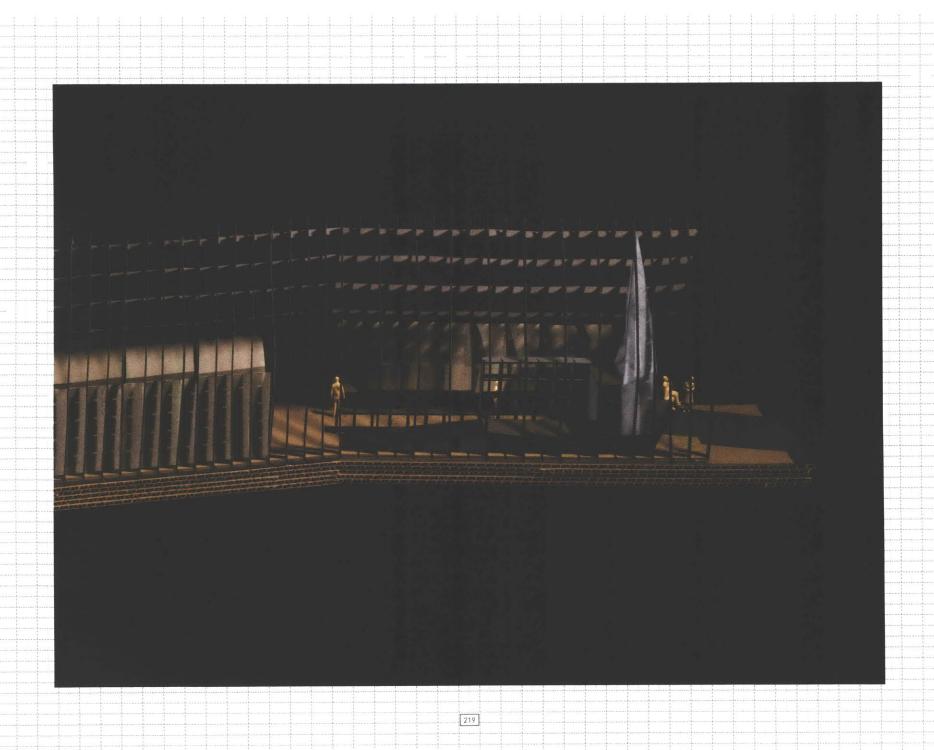


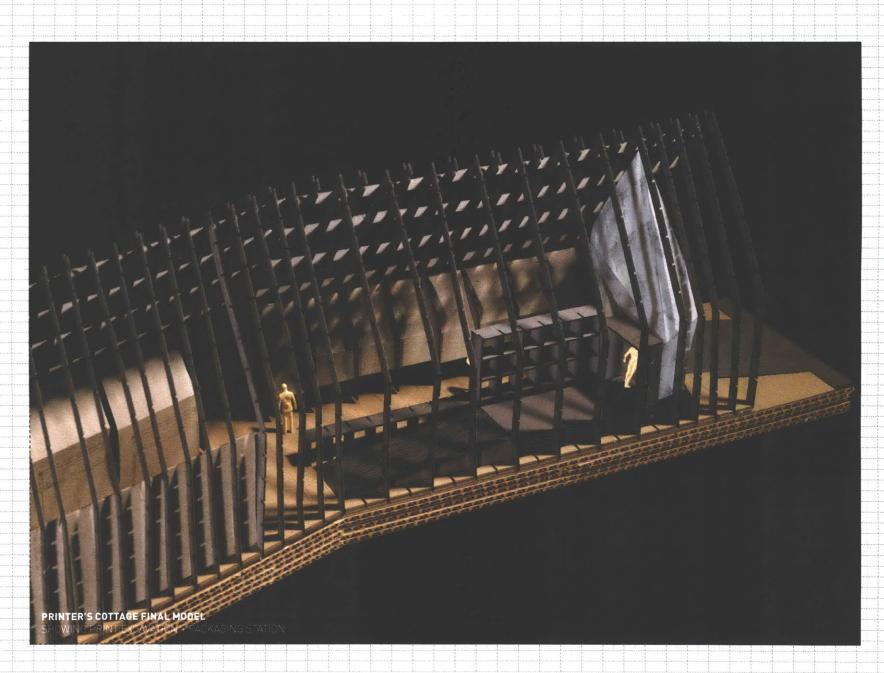






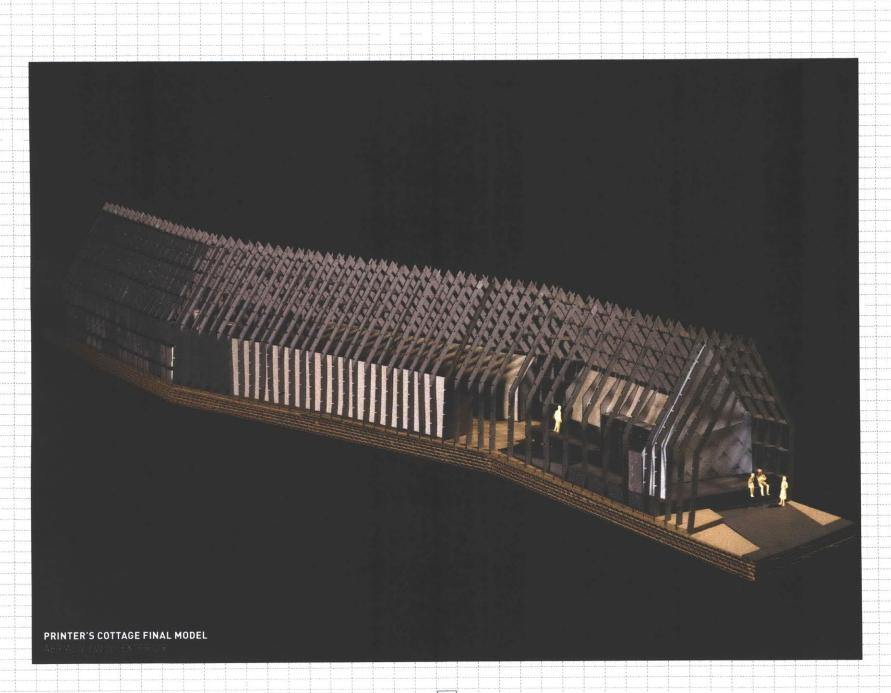


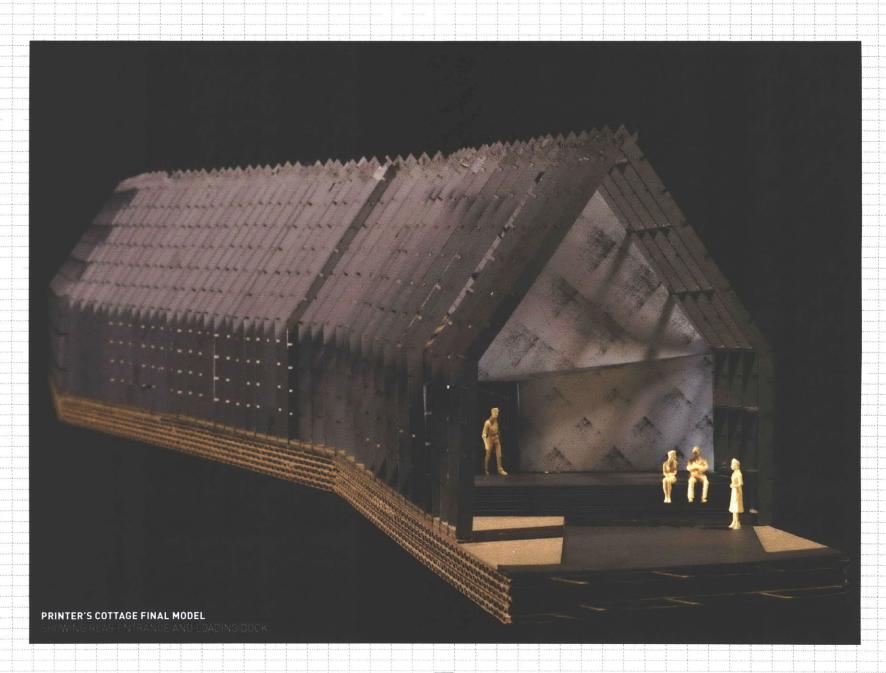


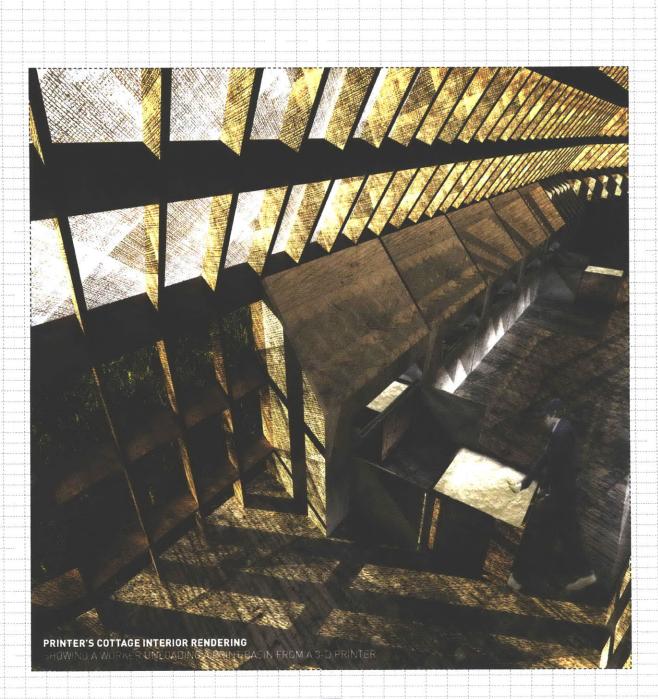
















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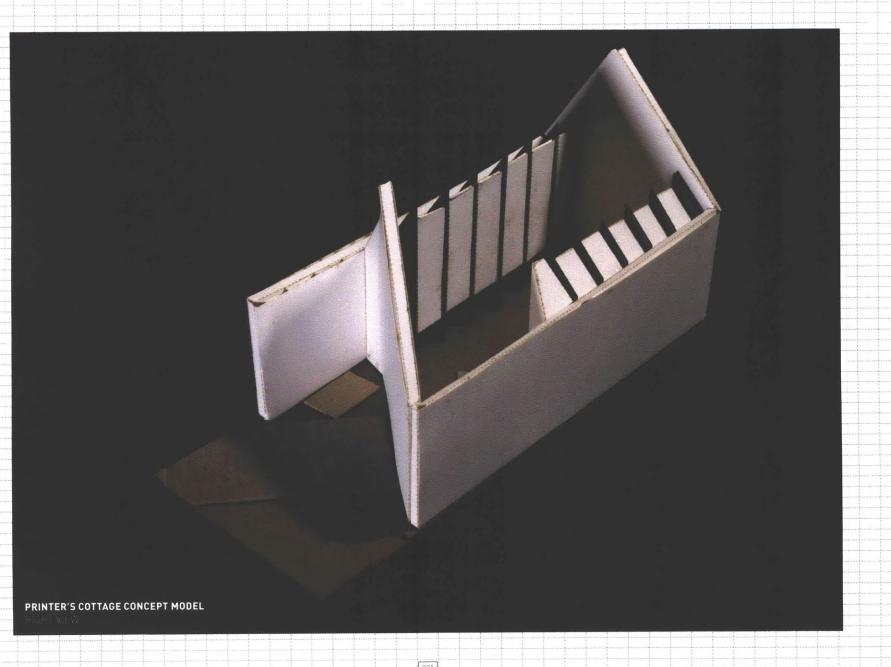
\_\_\_\_The following pages are a collection of models and renderings which were produced prior to the final proposal. The first version of the Printer's cottage can be seen at the end of the original Pre-Thesis document. The original version was modeled after a production kit home, and aptly titled the "Jubilee". It was the first version of this House-like mini-factory, but the original proposal was a dwelling space and a production space simultaneously. In later versions, it was decided that if the Printer's Cottage were to actually function as a small production facility, it would need to be separated from the dwelling unit. This was also prompted by the fact that there is not realistic need for new residential buildings in Detroit, given that the population has been steadily declining throughout the city.

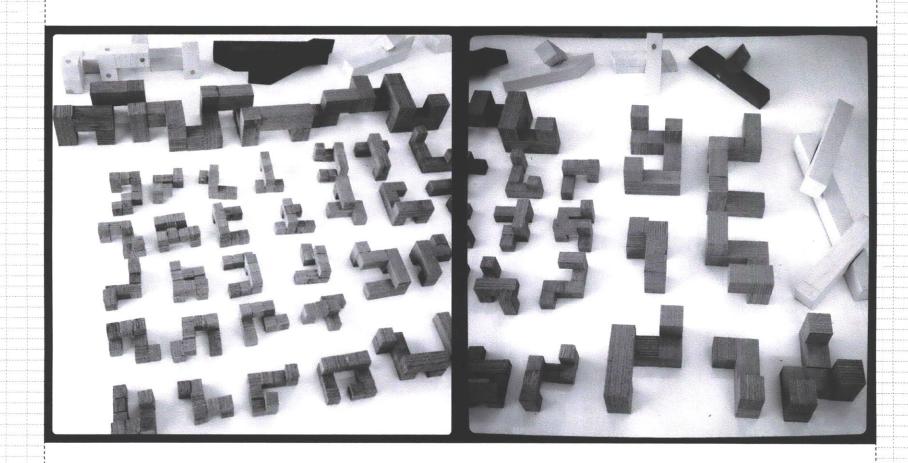
\_\_\_In order for the Printer's cottage to maximize the amount of production space, it was always thought to make use of the 200' wide block s which make up the Reverietown Neighborhood. Conceptually the Cottage was attempting to mimic certain aspects of the house and a factory at the same time. The model at left shows an version of the Cottage, which the facades were rotated on a 45 degree angle, to serve as a small scale loading dock, which a delivery vehicle could easily back into from the existing residential street.





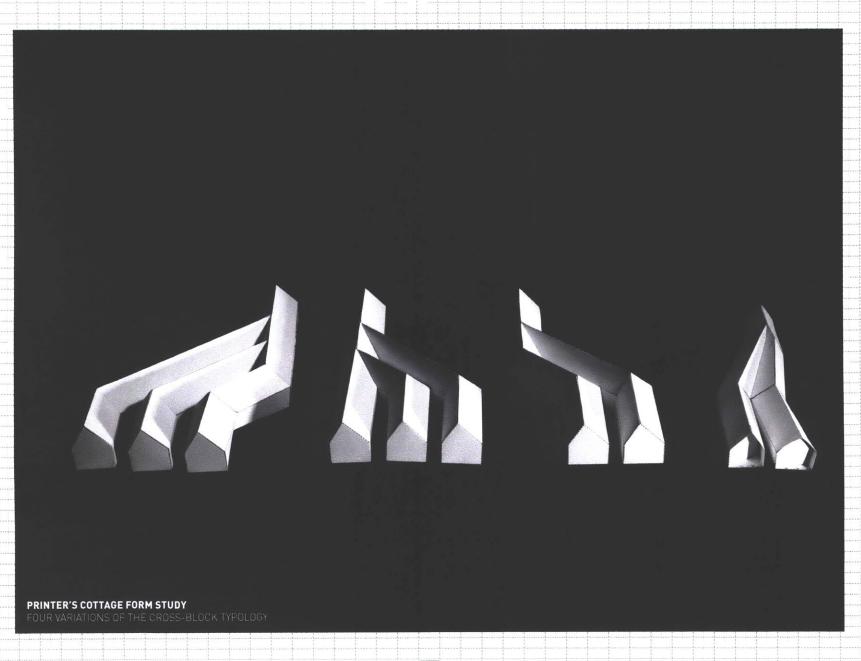


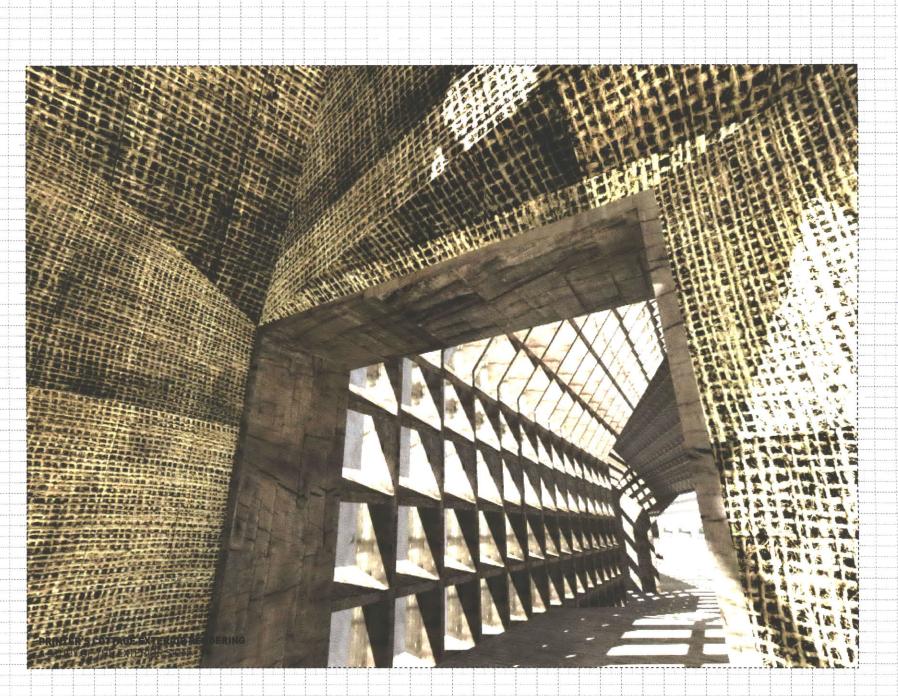


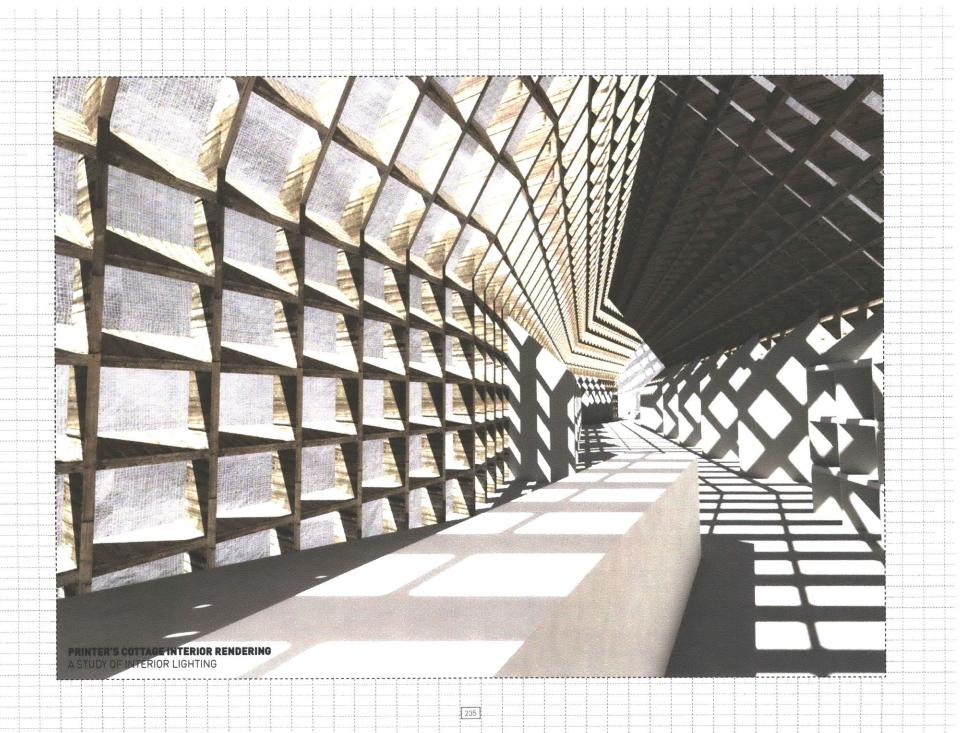


### A COLLECTION OF MICRO FACTORIES

THE FIRST ITERATION







## **FOOTNOTES**

### SOME NOTES ON THE SOURCES CITED

- 1.In reference the Housing Bubble and the recent Foreclosure Crisis.
- 2. Capitalismo, Latin for Capitalism.
- 3.James Truslow Adams is the originator of the Terminology 'American Dream'
- 4. This is a wildly inaccurate portrayal of how Truslow's dream was expressed. The original Transcript can be found in "The Epic of America" by James Truslow Adams. 5.(Fisher, 1973) Paraphrased Version of Fisher's Description of the 'Moralistic myth'
- 6.(Fisher, 1973 ) Paraphrased Version of Fisher's Description of the 'Materialistic Myth'
- 7. This is not a real journal, It is however a means to explain the negative impacts of capitalism on a society.
- 8. (Harvey, The Enigma of Capital and the Crisis of Capitalism, 2010) This is an abbreviated version of the Capitalist mode of production as laid out by David Harvey.
- 9. (Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012) 10.(Hayden, 2002) Sentiments from both texts are condensed into one sentence.
- 11. See: Denail in the Tire Industry (Tedlow, 2010)
- 12. (Harvey, The Enigma of Capital and the Crisis of Capitalism, 2010), This segment is paraphrased from a animated short of David Harvey's "The Crisis of Capitalism" found at http://fora.tv/2010/04/26/David\_Harvey\_The\_Crises\_of\_Capitalism\_Animated
- 13. This should be profoundly clear to anyone at this point. If not see "Income Inequality in The United States" via Wikipedia.
- 14. (Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012)
- 15. Sub-prime Lending by various financial institutions, SEE: Fannie May or Freddie Mac for any further Questions.
- 16. This segment is paraphrased and re-cast from a notable quote from J.G. Ballard.
- 17. (Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012)
- 18. (Fisher, 1973) As mentioned Above.

- 19. Oxford Englsih Dictionary, Online Search Term "Labor"
- 20. (Lipson & Kurman, 2010)
- 21. Type "Cheap 3-D Printer" into the google search tab, and you'll find several companies entrenched in a technology boom, to many to list, and for the sake of brevity, just take my word for it.
- 22.. (Lipson & Kurman, 2010)
- 23. (Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012)
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- 25. (Harvey, Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution, 2012)
- 26. This sentence is in reference to the "Modern Home No XXXXX" as seen in early editions of the Sears and Roebuck Catalog.
- 27. 2,349 Square feet, is the average size of the American Household, According to the Homebuilders Association of America.

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