

EXISTING PORT CITY PAPER BUILDING



SUPERIMPOSED ON EXISTING





SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP CONCEPT







The success of the farmers market **DEPENDS** on the vertical farm grow rooms for produce. The effectiveness + impact of the vertical farm on the community **DEPENDS** on the farmers market.

[charleston] VERTICAL FARM



SHIFT WITHIN THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK

blue arrows show where we want to bring indirect northern light into the existing public space to help with heat gain

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[charleston] VERTICAL FARM

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Food Lion parking lot will serve the vertical farm as well sun angles show where we want the new addition to be open to let direct light in for the grow rooms



PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE



PLANT SUNLIGHT NEEDS



9:00 am

10:30 am

2:00 pm

3:30 pm

5:00 pm















DESIGN GOALS



SITE PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



SECTION



PLANT PRODUCTION CYCLE



GROWING SYSTEM



LOUVRE FORM



LOUVRE CONCEPT DIAGRAM





BUILDING SECTION



BUILDING SECTION DETAIL





SUN DIAGRAM



Transparancy through the RIBBON

Something else that was important to us was maintaining a transparancy through our space. Where the public and private can speak the same language by the way the building takes them to their designated spaces.

Another signifiance of this RIBBON is to allow a visual transparancy, creating educational opportunities where the public learn how vertical farm works and trust the process of vertical farming.











MAIN LEVEL







SECOND LEVEL



THIRD LEVEL





















ROMNEY AT ATHENS CT.






38,390 SF OF FARMING

AEROPONICS

HYDROPONICS

Tomatoes Strawberries Cucumbers

Potatoes Lettuce

Beans









KING STREET



HYDROPONIC BAG UNIT

20 plants per row 8 rows 2 sides

320 plants

CROP ROTATION UNIT

320 plants per bag unit4 plants per rack26 racks per crop unit

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33 280 plants

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366,080 plants

AVG. CROP ACRE CONSISTS OF 7,000 TO 13,000 PLANTS













































replanting charleston's urban food culture with bca ROOTS

STREET, ST

SITE LOCATION 1056 KING STREET CHARLESTON, SC







CITY ZONING REGULATIONS

The idea behind vertical farming takes the horizontal component of farming and begins to repeat and stack grow areas in the vertical direction. Many vertical farm design proposals to-date take this concept and repeat dozens of floors which results is a skyscraper design.

Since Charleston does not have tall skyline, a skyscraper would dominate the cityscape which would take away from the city's historic ambiance. On site there is also a height restriction that prevents this exact thing from happening. Therefore we can use the horizontal stacking method to maximize grow space within our allowed height.



traditional farming

50 FT HEIGHT RESTRICTION





repetition



stacking

vertical orientation

		49 feet

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

"THE BOX SCHEME"

Community Supported Agriculture is a form of an alternative food network and a socio-economic model of argriculture and food distribution.

The community pledges to support the farming operation by purchasing seasonal or annual memberships. Both the growers and the consumers share the risk and the benefits of the farming operation.

CSA members can only get what the vertical farm grows but they are guaranteed a box full of fresh vegetables every week.

The average CSA membership in the United States ranges from \$350 - \$500 per growing season, which lasts between 14 - 20 weeks. The membership is very affordable at \$20 per week.





BENEFITS OF BECOMING A CSA MEMBER:

Seasonal and annual memberships

Weekly pick-ups at the Local Roots Market

Pay a fixed rate for fresh produce

Start or stop your membership at any time

Discounts and benefits for members

LOCAL ROOTS FARMING DISTRIBUTION

WHOLESALE OPERATION

The wholesale operation of the Local Roots Vertical Farm will specialize in farming leafy greens like kale, spinach and different types of lettuce. Local groceries and restaurants can purchase organic, locally grown and harvested crops at a wholesale price throughout the year.

Leafy greens are excellent crops to specialize in. They are high in nutrients and can be used in millions of ways. If the vertical farm dedicates half of an acre of space to growing leafy greens, we can grow more than 300 plants per harvest. Using hydroponic and aquaponic technologies, we can decrease the growth period of the plants to 50 days which gives us around seven harvests per year. Even though the farm will be selling the crops wholesale, it is still estimated that the operation will earn approximately \$250,000 of revenue in it's first five years.





BENEFITS OF A WHOLESALE OPERATION:

High yields and high density

Frequent harvesting

Provides organic crops to local groceries and restaurants

Eliminates distribution-related transportation time and costs



FARMER'S MARKET

The farmer's market will be available to the general public. Non-CSA members can purchase fresh vegetables from the vertical farm in a boutique grocery setting. The market will also help encourage CSA



MARKET CAFE

Adding a cafe to the farmer's market will further encourage visitors to eat local produce from the vertical farm. It will be a great way to showcase different recipes using the vegetables grown right upstairs.



EDUCATION KITCHEN

An educational lab and test kitchen will be available to CSA members to use for sustainable food education, testing recipes. learning how to cook with their fresh vegetables. Non-members can also pay to take classes as well.



DONATION PROGRAM

The vertical farm can plege to give back to the community every week by donating the unsold crops from the farm to local non-profit relief organizations.

COMMUNITY **SUPPORTED** FARMING

The success of the vertical farm depends entirely on the support of the community. The farm itself will provide crops for a variety of community-based program elements but in order for the whole system to be cyclical, the community must be able to actively support the farm. The Local Roots design places all of the public spaces on the ground floor so that people can easily participate in the facilites and amenities. All of the farming takes place on the second and third floors. This organization allows for the vertical farm to be conceptually- and literally, supported by the community.



food





ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN CONCEPT



+ Transparent public/community space on ground floor
+ Heavy, opaque farm space floats above



- + Glass curtain wall for transparent ground floor
- + Utilize existing grid and concrete columns
- + Extend farming space out towards the street



- + Vertical farm space "floats" on community space
- + Floating occurs visually with a glass ground floor
- + Floating occurs literally with the large cantilever
- + Public moves from street to building transparently





FARMER'S MARKET



FARM CROP SELECTION

The crops that will be grown in the vertical farm were selected based on a number of factors. The overall business model of the whole vertical farming operation aims to maximize diversity and yields through crop selection while maintaining positive profit margins.

A sustainable-farming economic model achieves strength in crop diversity. Crops with offsetting growth patterns and market prices will produce the most stabilized revenue. In order to create this offset, crops were selected based on profits at market, volume per harvest, yields per year and number of harvests per year.





HIGH PROFITS PER CROP
 HIGH VOLUME CROPS
 HIGH YIELD PER YEAR
 HIGH HARVEST RATES

SNOW PEAS







BEAN SPROUTS





ZUCCHINI



YELLOW SQUASH



GREEN ONIONS



SEEDING **SYSTEMS** DESIGN



Before a plant can be placed into a hydro-, aero-, or aqua- ponic system, they must be nurtured as seedlings in a seed lab, or nursery. The seed lab has specialized technologies that quickly accelerate the growth of seedlings and are specific to the different ponic systems.

Hydroponic and aquaponic seeds are started in the tray system. Two seeds are placed into each "plug" which is made up of inorganic material. Once the plants are 2-3 inches tall (from 1-4 weeks), they can be transplanted into the larger systems for full maturation.

Aeroponic seeds are nurtured in a separate system where each seed is implanted into 1-5/8" thick neoprene inserts in the plug trays. The vortex spray constantly sprays the roots with an oxygen-rich nutrient solution.



HYDROPONIC AND AQUAPONIC SEEDING TRAY SYSTEM



HYDROPONIC SYSTEM DESIGN

This system grows the plants in water without the use of soil. The water is infused with a mineral nutrient solution which is easily absorbed by the plant roots, thus eliminating the need for soil. The nutrient solution can also be reused which keeps water usage very low. This system is very versitile in that almost any terrestrial plant will grow in hydroponics and produce stable and high yields.







AQUAPONIC SYSTEM DESIGN

This system combines traditional aquaculture with hydroponics in a symbiotic environment. In the aquaculture, effluents accumulate in the water, increasing toxicity for the fish. This water is led to a hydroponic system where the byproducts from the aquaculture are filtered out by the plants as vital nutrient, after which the cleansed water is recirculated back to the fish.





AQUAPONIC SYSTEM SECTION









SECOND FLOOR PLAN















INTELLIGENT BUILDING SKIN

The envelope of the building follows the architectural concept of a heavy mass floating on top of a transparent base. Since the top two floors are farming, there has to be some daylight exposure through the skin. Crops that are early on in development will require more direct sunlight than matured crops so the openings in the skin can help determine where certain crops will go inside the farm space. The openings themselves will be determined by a solar analysis of the building mass. FRITTED GLASS FACADE

SOLAR WRAPPER

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PARAMETRIC PERFORATED PATTERN



EXPOSURE GRADIENT > GRID

Colors from the gradient are isolated into a grid so each color can be assigned an aperature opening

Aperature radius (in) 6.0° 5.0° 4.0° 3.0° 2.0

EXPOSURE > APERATURE

Using the established parameters from the solar analysis, the openings of the aperatures will decrease based on the % of solar exposure.





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WESTERN FACADE

EASTERN FACADE

NORTHERN FACADE

SOUTHERN FACADE





DAYLIGHTING AND SOLAR SYSTEMS

The second and thirds floors of the vertical farm have very little solar exposure. A majority of the growing systems require LED or flourescent lights but daylighting is still desirable for the people who inhabit the building. Photovoltaic panels will help generate electricity needed to power the grow lights. Domed light scoops will bring daylight into the third floor and light wells will continue the light into the floor below.













site analysis.

existing Port City Paper building

site analysis.







site analysis.



















how do we strike a balance?





farming



sustainability



cost





chrisfelegie | joemcneill

schematic design.



a retrofitted shipping container.....



recalling the local history of Charleston as one of the largest port cities in America....

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5 marine terminals in the area [2 downtown]

It is a **heavily-invested resource** - enacted a recent 10 year, \$1.3 billion capital plan.

A new terminal has been planned that will boost **total container capacity in the port by 50%** is set to open in 2018.





production is important, but serving the local community is **KEY**.









grid stacked



single row, stacked



schematic design.

20 and 40 foot shipping containers



schematic design.











plan + south elevation



schematic design.



structural concepts



south elevation



north elevation









new construction





ground floor plan

schematic design.





evaporative cooling effects



south side water collection pool



solar energy collected through tower arrays



green roof tray technology



repurposed materials



thanks.





community perspective



50' maximum building height









nearby food establishments

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a custom growpod



a recycled shipping container.....



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/ sketch.























systems.



community perspective



1st floor plan

Legend

01 entrance
02 seed containers
03 storage
04 market
05 cafe
06 offices
07 bathroom
08 20' container storage area
09 work area





2nd floor plan

Legend

01 aquaponic containers02 classroom03 kitchen classroom04 bathroom





3rd floor plan



01 aeroponic containers





north elevation



FARM

[charleston] VERTICAL



existing

programming





removed pieces





new structure in the rear

programming



containers in the rear used for growing and shipping 63 [20' containers] x 800 cubic ft growing space = 50,400 cubic ft growing yield



programming



cafe 1,500 sq ft

programming





market 13,200 sq ft

programming



office 2,000 sq ft

programming



1st FL bathroom 560 sq ft





classrooms [2 regular + 1 kitchen] 2,500 sq ft





2nd FL bathroom 200 sq ft

programming



storage [2] 40' containers = 640 sq ft









aquaponics containers

programming



aeroponics containers 6 [20' containers] x 800 cubic ft growing space = 4,800 cubic ft growing yield

programming



new facade

programming





roof

programming





green wall

programming





3 story learning sculpture 3 [40' containers] x 1,600 cubic ft growing space = 4,800 cubic ft growing yield

programming









FARMING ENVELOPE

DESIGN



This zone features both residential and commercial

context zone 2

context zone 3

as two of the restaurants within the surrouding

context zone 4

SECTION

This zone is mainly made up of residential program.

STRUCTURE FLOOR PLANS







transportation + food resources

farm site include I-26 as a major connection to the

FARMING

surrounding green space

This map shows the existing green space within the surrounding context of the site. A major goal for the on how to make and manange their own urban










CONCEPT

A major design focus for our project is to integrate the vertical farm within the local community, and for the building to serve as a community center.

GRAFTING

Our design strategy is centered around the idea of grafting. The project examines how to graft the new vertical farm with the existing structure.

FLOOR PLANS

SECTION



DESI

FARMING

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STRUCTURE





GRAFTING 1.0

The initial graft worked well with using the existing structure, but still created a boundary between the cultural and farm programs.

GRAFTING 2.0

The second iteration of the grafting process begins to mix both of the programs and provide maximum transperency for the vertical farm.



DESIGN

FARMING

STRUCTURE



SECTION









SECTION





















































DESIGN

FARMING

STRUCTURE III FLOOR PLANS III SECTION