COMMUNITY engagement
Does it fit with the fabric of the community?

This location tells us that if we were to build a vertical farm, the bottom floor:

should act as a community center
promote education (cooking, nutrition, plants, sciences)
be hands on, interactive
inclusion, community is an active participant
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
educating the stakeholder
BONUSES:
- community/neighborhood
- school
- library
- mosque
- church
- strong existing community
- social justice
- access
- parking

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North Central Apartments [senior home]

Dee Norton Center
food lion

Collaboration with adjacent businesses

- integration with a grocery
- change Food Lion business model
- becomes prototype
- influence on national level
**CHALLENGES:**

- building orientation
  - southern exposure is blocked by neighboring building
  - could it be retrofitted structurally
- parking/access
  - negotiate parking with Food Lion?
- pedestrian traffic/crosswalks
- safety
- social climate
farming is inter-generational

- parallels traditional farming with family units
- mentor/mentee relationships
- okra

deals with the process from where it begins to how it’s utilized as a consumed product
It takes a village to farm you are what you eat.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMfSGt6rHos