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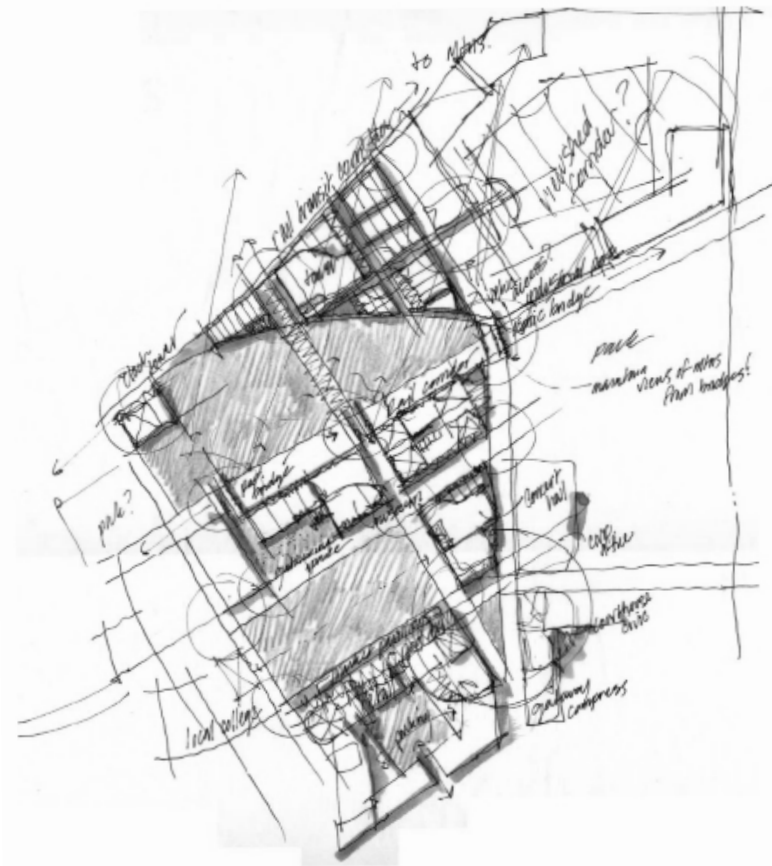
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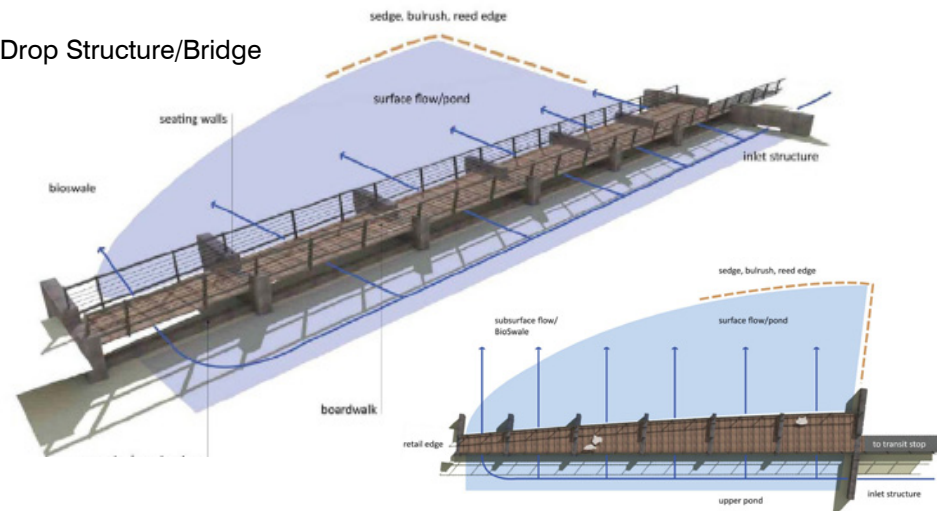
New Industry Town Center

Denver, CO

NITC is a concept I conceived during an urban design studio in the Fall semester of 2008 while attending Colorado State University. The neighborhood concept is based around an existing multi-modal transportation and resource framework. The plan aims to target high density mixed development within this framework, focusing specifically on walkable connections to the nearby light rail stop. The plan proposes a 'book end' organization with light manufacturing and tech. uses with some high-rise residential towers above. Between the book ends is a series of malls and courtyards which offer basic services and retail. The mall strip provides designated spaces for upstart street vendors. A stormwater pond and sledding hill create a rich environment in an otherwise urban context.



A Drop Structure/Bridge





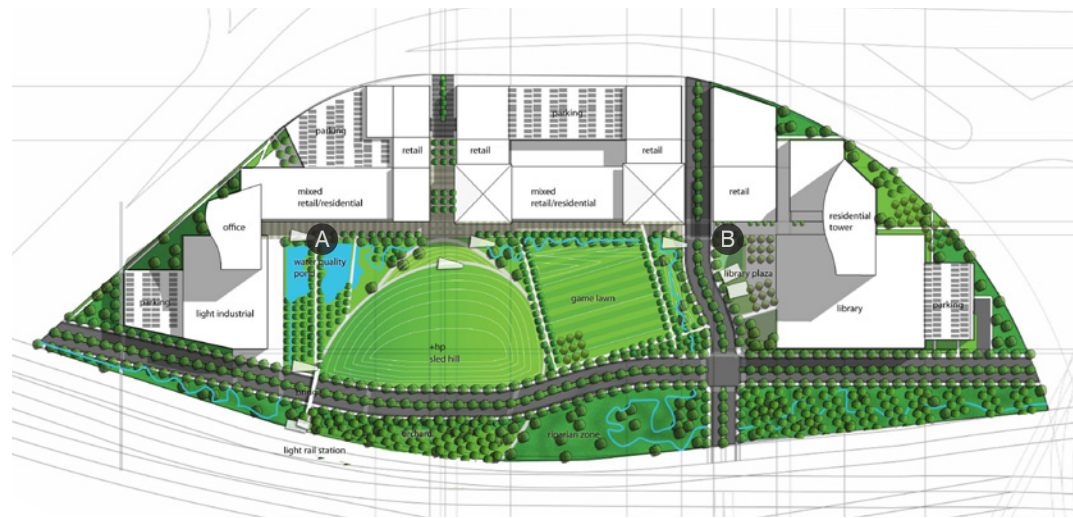
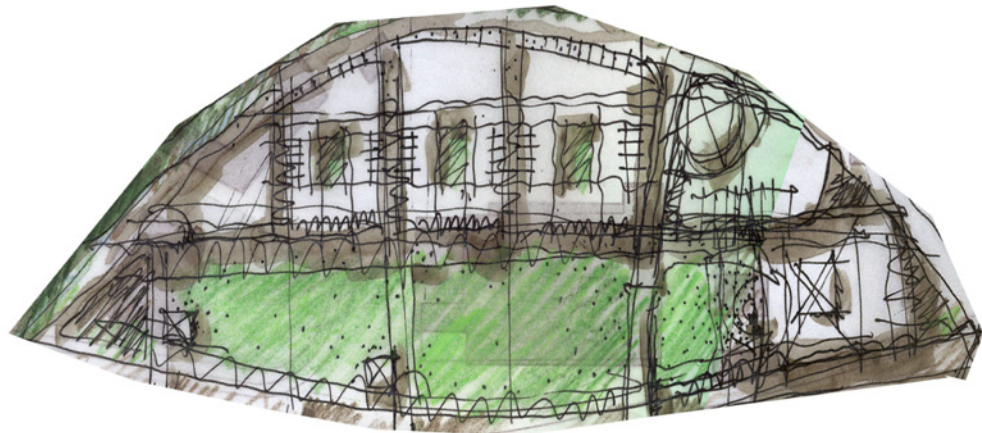
A perspective looking south along detention basin



B perspective looking south across museum plaza



Site Photo: Leftover Space



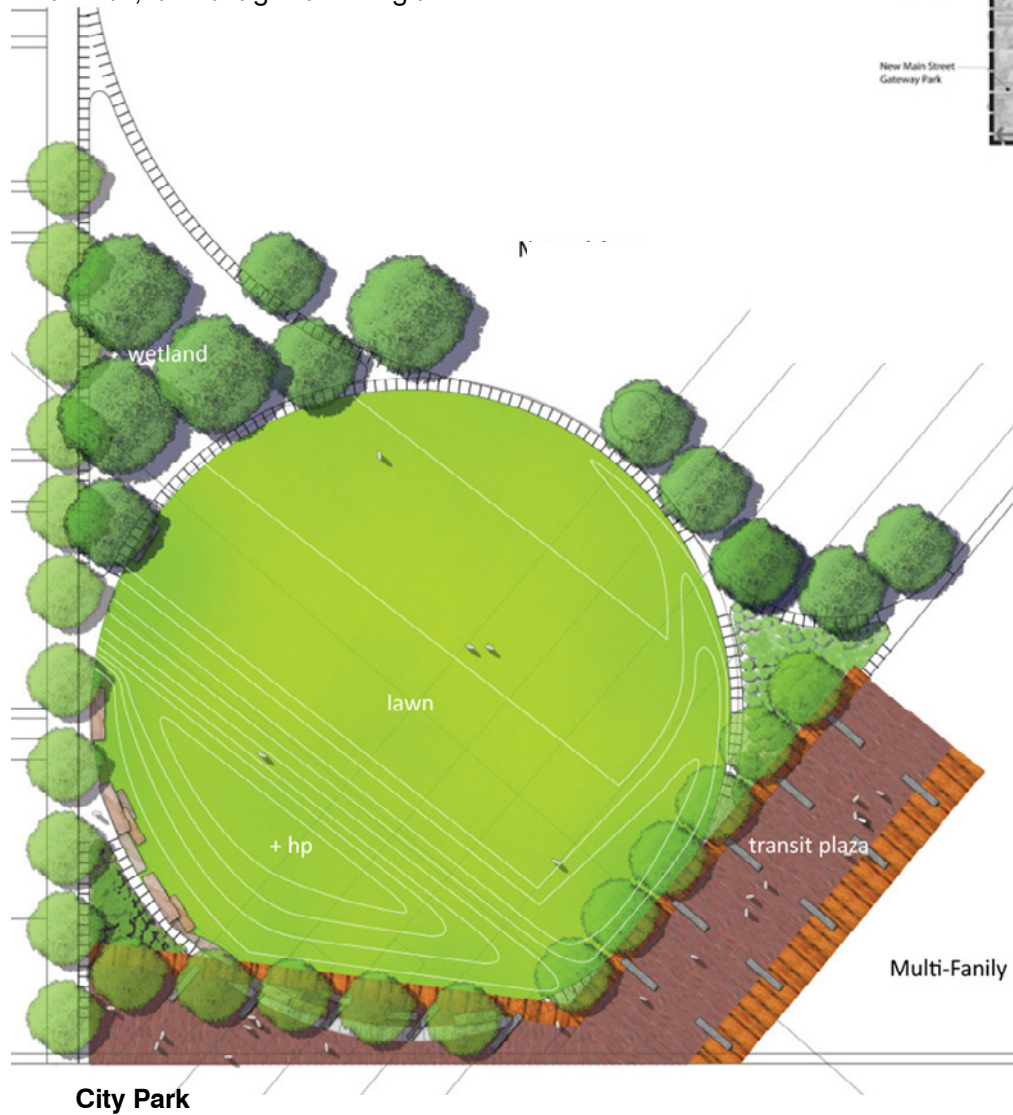
II. TOD: Town Center



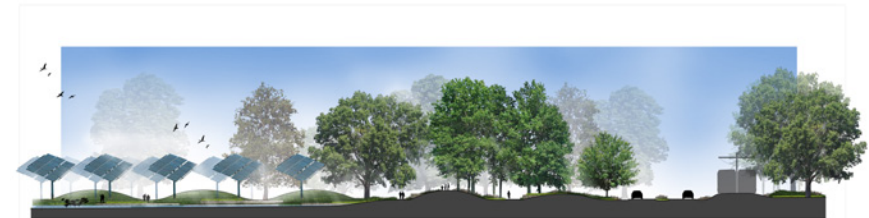
III. City Park and Transit Plaza

Northern Colorado (Town of Timnath)

The city park and light rail plaza are situated at the intersection of Old Main Street and the railroad. Mixed uses surround the park with multi-family residential, civic, retail, and single family units. The park concept is based around a simple circulation pattern to allow for local and regional trail connections along the Poudre River as well as some landform for interest, native plant gardens, boardwalk, and a large lawn for games.



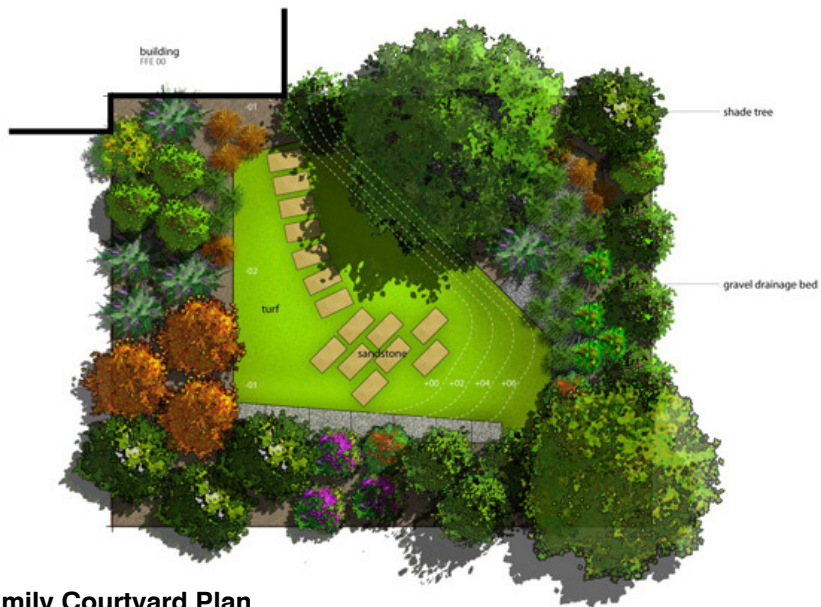
Town Center Streets Plan



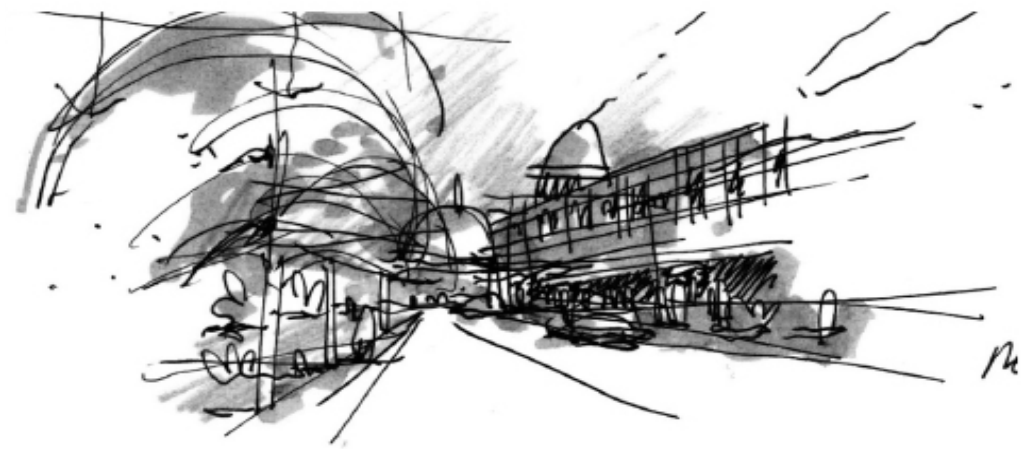
Corridor Sections



Perspective Looking Northwest Along Transit Plaza



Multi-Family Courtyard Plan

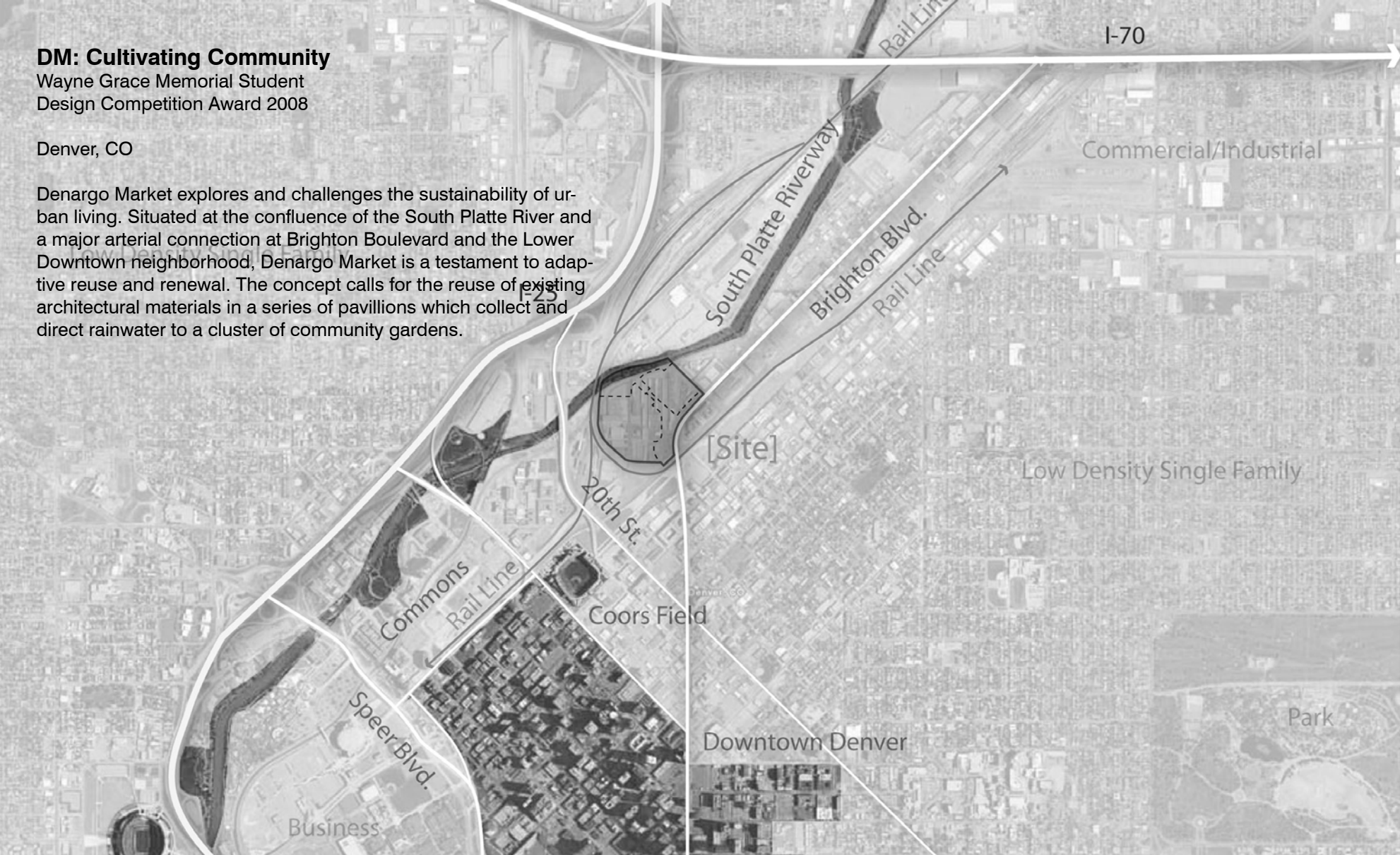


DM: Cultivating Community

Wayne Grace Memorial Student Design Competition Award 2008

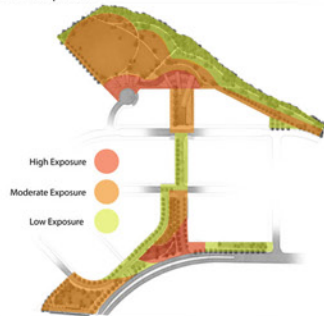
Denver, CO

Denargo Market explores and challenges the sustainability of urban living. Situated at the confluence of the South Platte River and a major arterial connection at Brighton Boulevard and the Lower Downtown neighborhood, Denargo Market is a testament to adaptive reuse and renewal. The concept calls for the reuse of existing architectural materials in a series of pavillions which collect and direct rainwater to a cluster of community gardens.

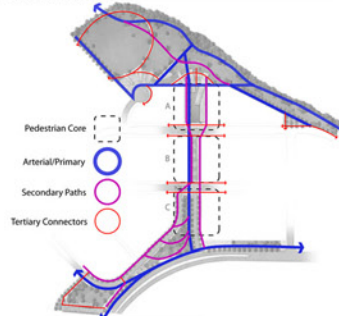


Site Analysis

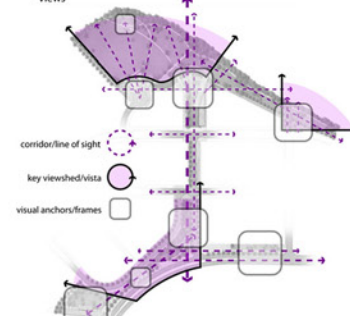
Sun/Wind Exposure



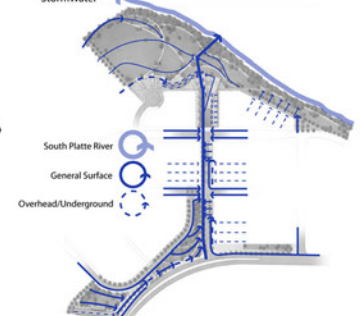
Pedestrian Circulation

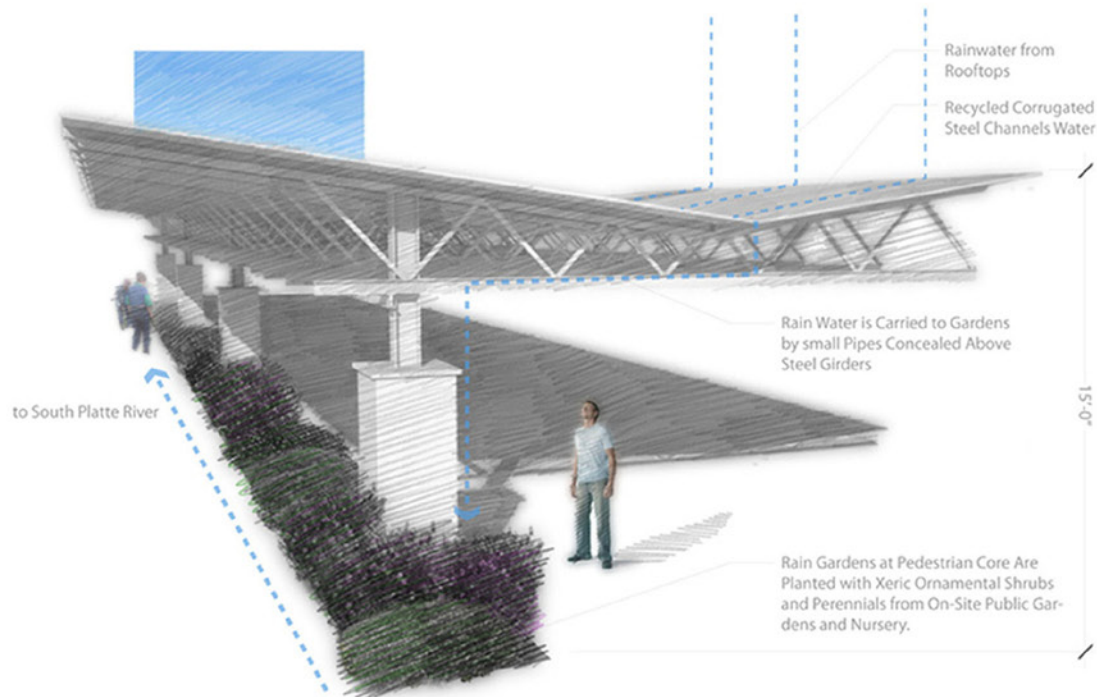


Views



StormWater

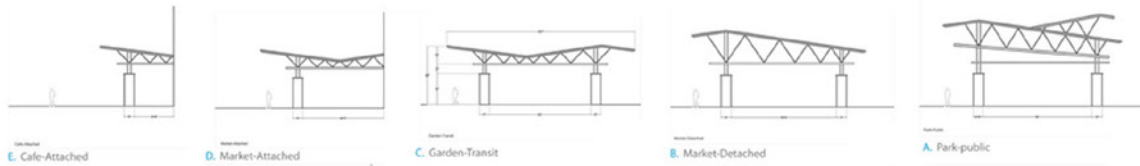




Attached Water Harvesting Pavillion with Repurposed Existing Industrial Materials



Agri-Urban Landscape Plan



Community Volunteers Tending the Neighborhood Gardens



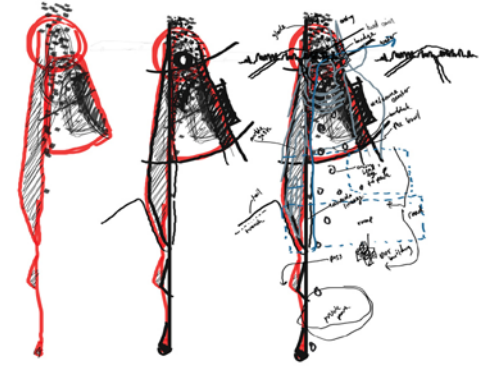
Fall Harvest Festival and Produce Market

AE: Colorado Welcome Center

Fort Collins Urban Design
Student Award 2007

Fort Collins, CO

A poetic intervention with informative consequences. The Colorado Welcome Center is an existing site along the perpetually congested I-25 northern corridor. The existing center houses ecological learning guides and information for Colorado tourists. The concept is three fold--Integrate storm drainage from the existing Boxelder Creek, mitigate cluttered views off-site, and incorporate passive ecological and geological teaching moments.



Site Photo: Welcome Center

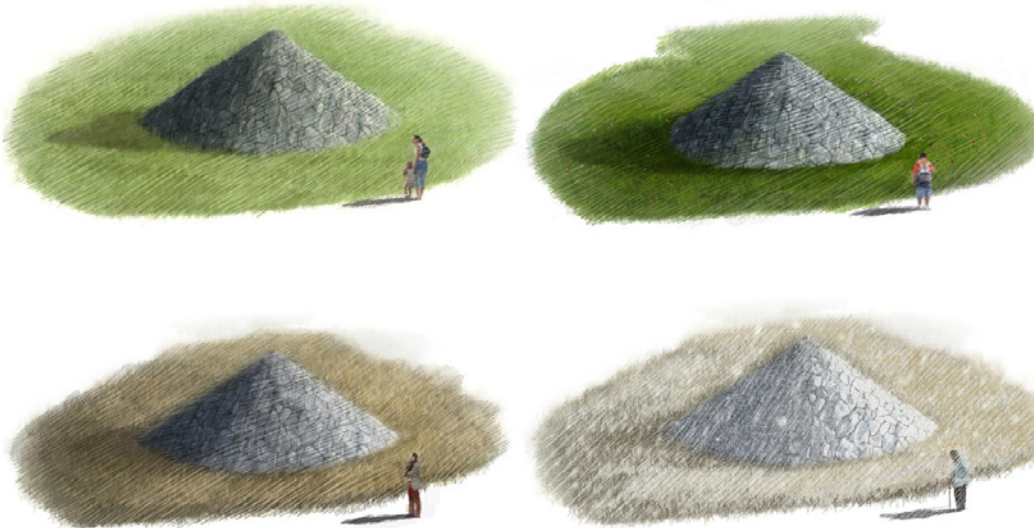
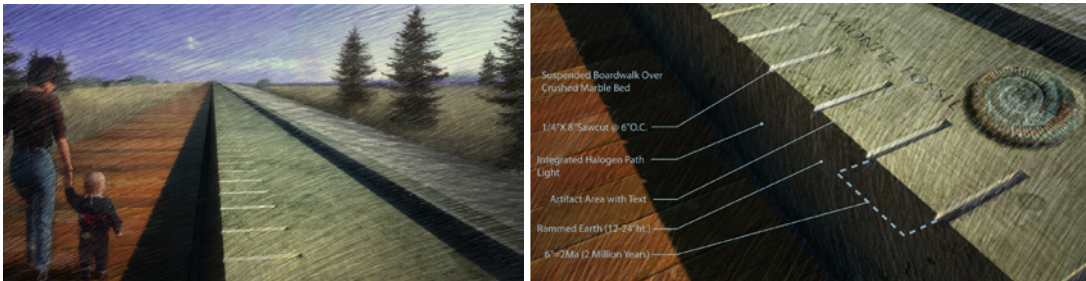
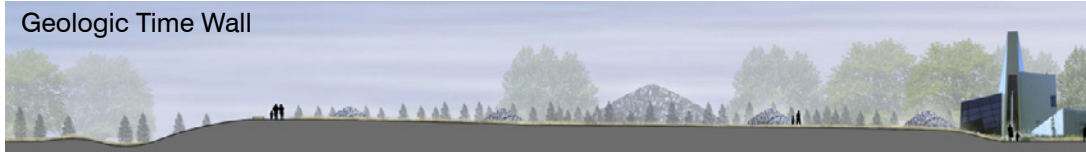
The Scheme

Integrating the Boxelder Creek drainage is achieved by grading the entire site as a sheet and installing culverts under the existing entry road.

The marble cairns denote the geologic diversity of the region utilizing a scarcely utilized material. The cairns also act to guide visitors toward the geologic time 'ha-ha' wall while emphasizing the steadfastness of stone in the biological cycle.

Lastly, a geologic time 'ha-ha' wall constructed of rammed earth obscures foreground views to the west while framing views to the Front Range. Along the wall is a scaled interpretive geologic timeline of the Earth.

Geologic Time Wall



Seasons change, time passes, and the cairns remain.

Conceptual Grading and Site Plan

- Cairns
- Phase Two Intervention
- Water Flow



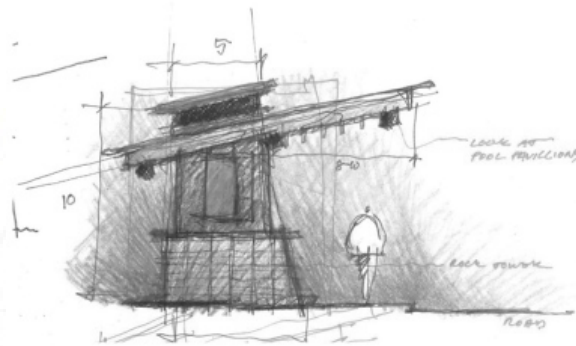
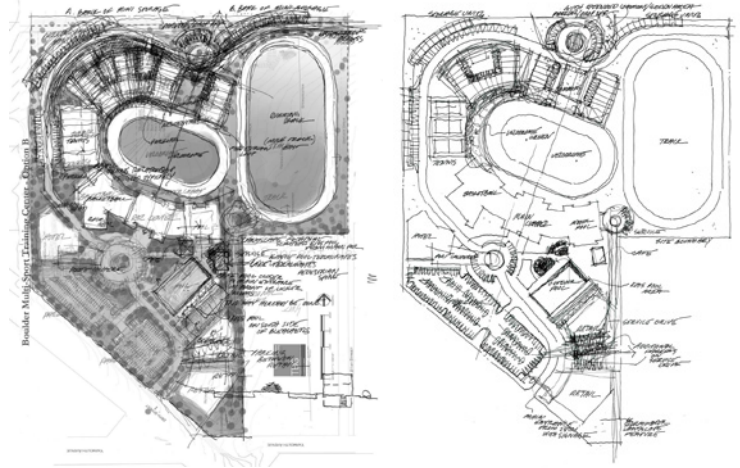


Boulder Multisport

The Birdsall Group

Boulder, CO

My first project with The Birdsall Group. I was asked to provide some 'alternative options' to the three previously proposed site plans already submitted by my boss prior to my hiring. Our scope and my charge was to provide master planning and site design for the entire 70 acre property adjacent to Hwy 36 in Boulder. The program would include a recreation center, hotel, sports shop, and residential lofts organized around a velodrome track.



Poudre Recreation Center

The Birdsall Group

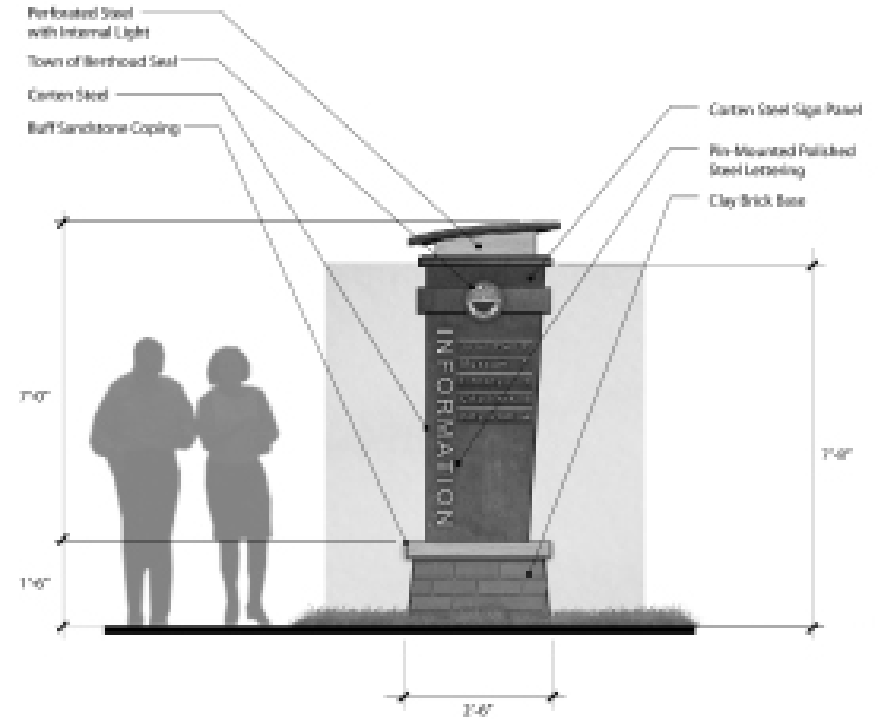
Timnath, CO

The PRC is an example of a hasty request by a client to propose a new recreation center. My task was to complete a set of illustrations to investigate the suitability of the site, while generating loose marketing material for the developer to bring to the town. In completing the sketch I developed a program based loosely upon an existing rec. center and a schematic site plan and perspective.



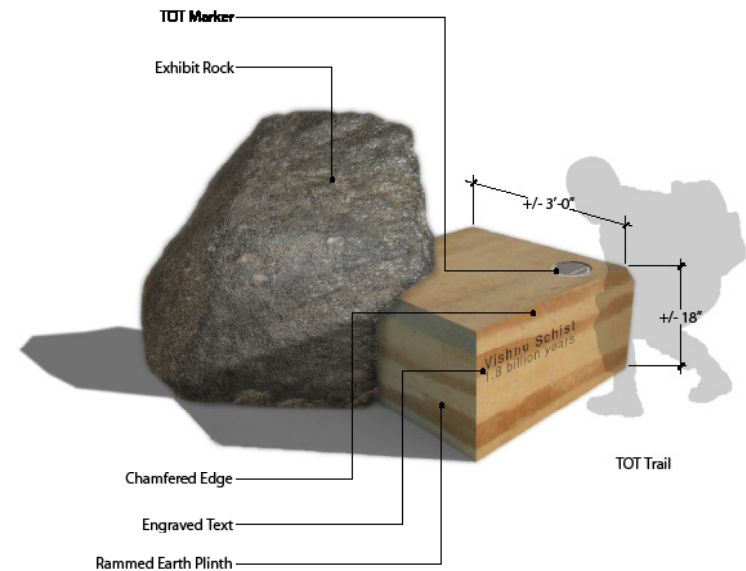
Berthoud Main Street Sign Program

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Grand Canyon Trail of Time

Jim Sell Design

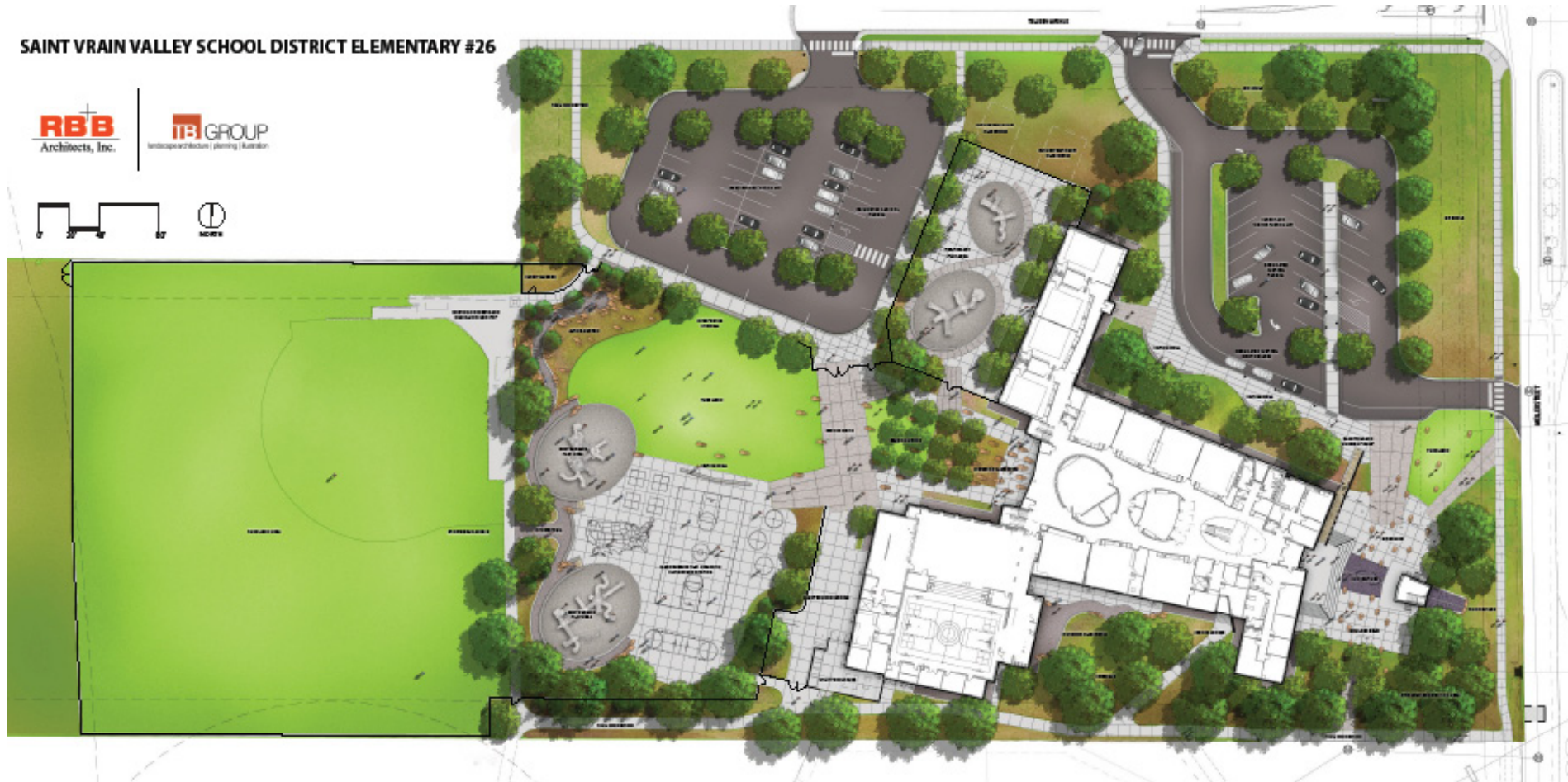
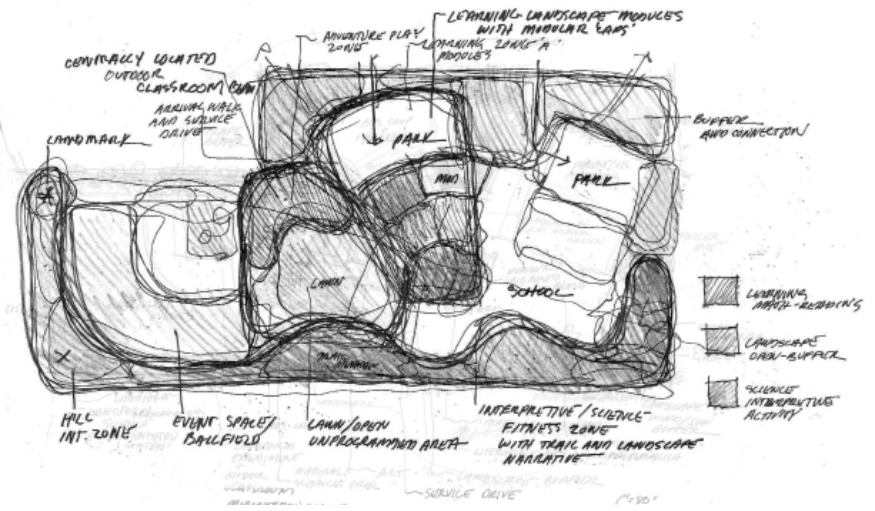


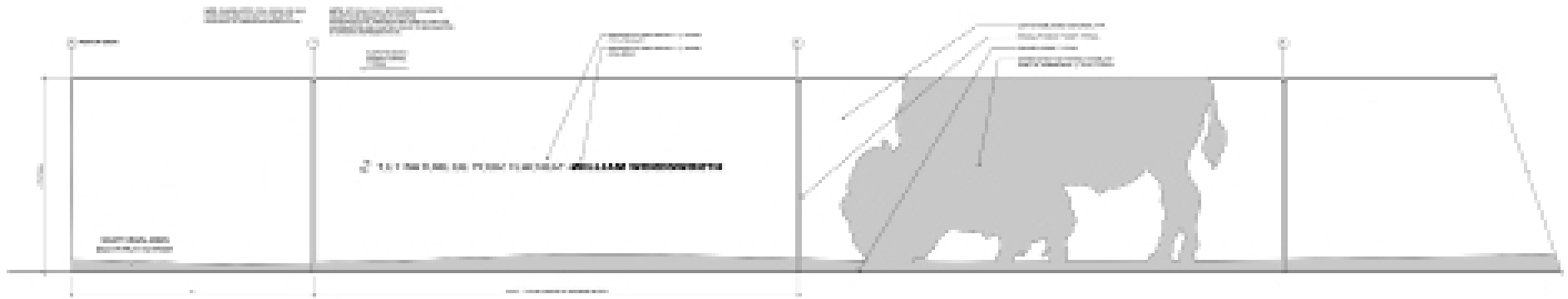
Erie Elementary School 26

The Birdsall Group

Erie, CO

My role in this project increased exponentially over the course of the process from schematic design through documentation. My first complete project, scheduled for completion of construction by Summer 2011. My specific contributions ranged from leadership in schematic design and client (parking layout, site design, building siting, planting), illustration, client contact, submittals, interaction with the civil and architectural consultants, and completion of the construction document set.





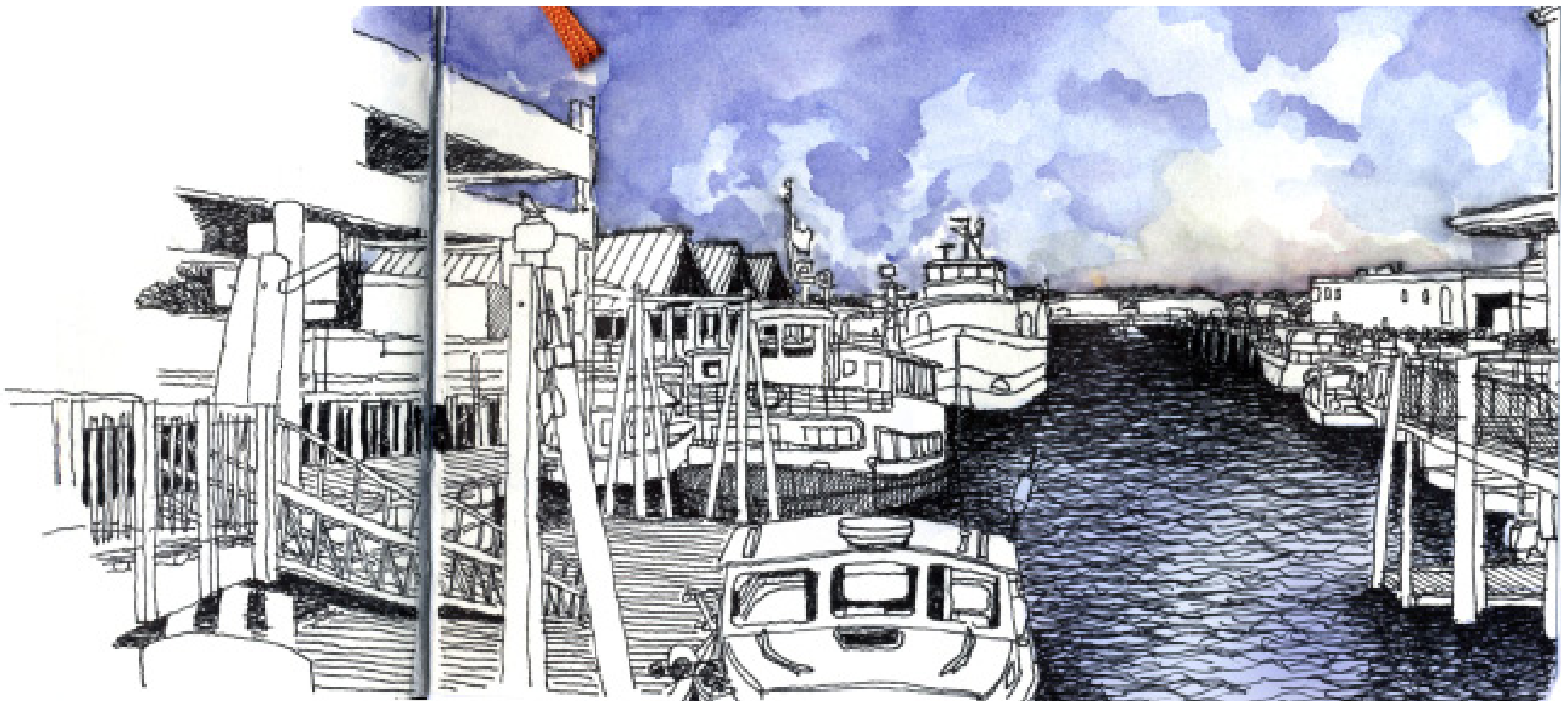
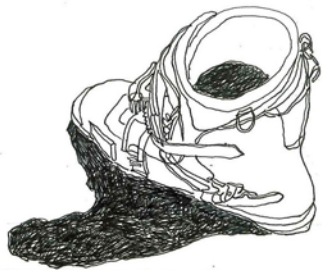
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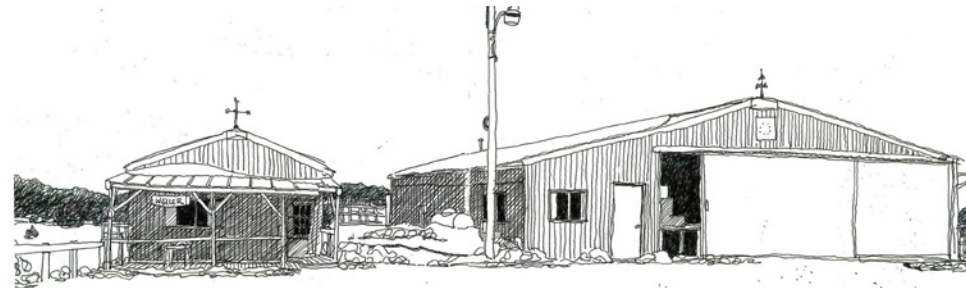
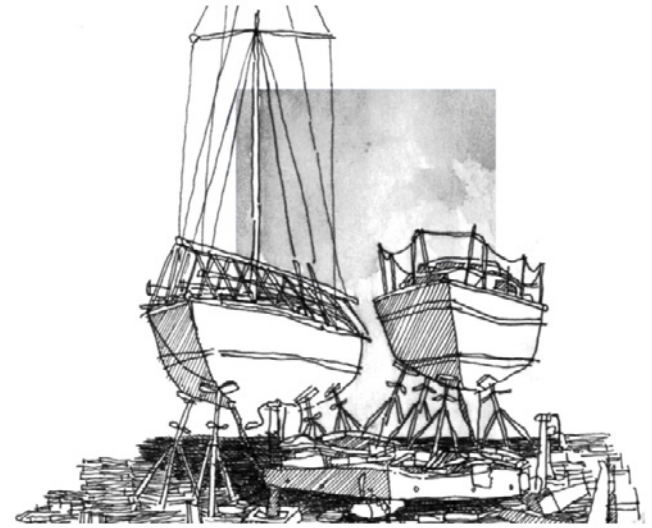
Overmiller Farm
 The Birdsall Group

Windsor, CO

We were hired to complete three concept development plans for this quarter section outside Windsor, CO. After completing the concepts the client hired us to lead the entitlement and annexation process.



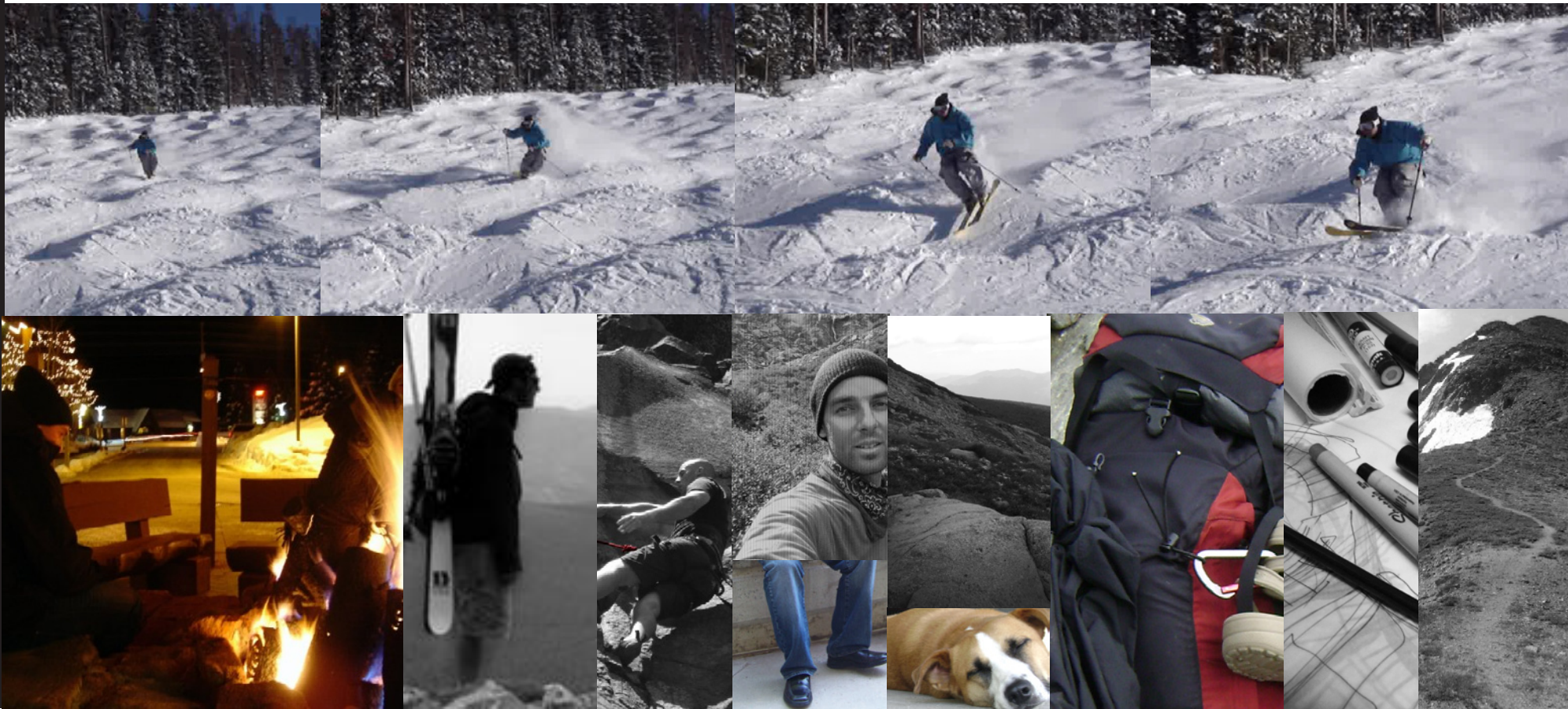




Skiing is my passion. I am grateful to have this sport in my life. When I am down I ski and when I am happy I ski. You could say that skiing is my life. I've learned to face immense challenges, fear, doubt, and uncertainty all the while racing down hill, dancing and playing, relishing in each turn, bump, and face shot.

My love for skiing is only surpassed by my love for adventure and the discovery of nature. I've learned to love the natural world and see the true beauty that was intended to nurture the human spirit and teach us everything we truly need to know.

I am particularly drawn to the process of community development and exploring the value of land. I believe we can do better, and I think we can get there, not only through better design, but through better understanding. We have to ask the right questions and listen to all the answers.



“The loss of a forest or a farm is justified only if it is replaced by a village. To replace them with a subdivision or a shopping center is not an even trade. - Andres Duany



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 University of Colorado | Boulder, CO | Journalism 2001-2002
 Champlain College | Burlington, VT | Liberal Arts 2000-2001

Charette Experience Return to The River Charette
 Asheville, North Carolina – 2007
 One of sixteen students selected from more than 300 international student applicants to participate in a 10-day design charette focusing on the planning and redevelopment of the River Arts District along the French Broad River.

Steamboat 700
 Steamboat, Colorado – 2007
 Selected along with one other CSU student to assist in a 3-day charette focused on the preliminary design and planning for a 700 acre mixed-use housing community in the town of Steamboat Springs, CO.

Teaching Assistant | LAND 240
 Seminar on the Designed Landscape, Professor: Christine Dianni
 Fort Collins, Colorado – Colorado State University

Professional Experience	TB Group Associate	November 2009-Present
	Jim Sell Design Designer	June 2008-June 2009
	Design Workshop Intern Designer	May 2007-December 2007
	EDAW/AECOM Intern Designer	September 2006-May 2007
	Colorado State University Facilities Student Landscape Architect	May 2006-September 2006
	Native Edge Associates Landscape Designer	May 2004-September 2004

- Awards**
- 2008 Wayne Grace Memeorial Design Competition
National Student Honor Award
Project: Denargo Market: Cultivating Community
- 2008 Fort Collins Urban Design Awards
Student Honor Award
Project: AE Colorado Welcome Center
- Publications**
- CCASLA Rocky Mountain Exposures. Spring 2009
Learning By Doing, written by Brad Goetz
with graphic contributions by Nick Aceto
- Drawing In a Digital Age, 2009
Seminar by James Richards, Austin TX
Featured supporting digital graphic contributions
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