

Patchwork Harvest



Patchwork Harvest is the result of a process where Lincoln Park and 1661 Fort Street are critically analyzed in areas of urban and community design, real estate potentials, and social concerns. Patchwork Harvest hopes to instigate a dialogue about what is necessary for the revitalization of Lincoln Park.

The hope for 1661 Fort Street is that its preservation sparks a fresh perspective on the possibilities of reuse in a community that is hurting. For a downtown community to thrive, it must be adaptable while keeping its buildings over time. Concerns about adaptability, seasonal attraction, walkability, neighborhood connectivity, public spaces, and ecological health are addressed in the following proposal.



^ Problem

Three problems that are currently affecting Lincoln Park were identified during the research phase of this proposal. The first is the nature of Fort Street. A major and fast-paced thoroughfare, this street contains four lanes of traffic in either direction. The second problem is the vacant and desolate lot that exists behind the buildings that line the east side of Fort Street. The identification of this problem led to the realization that there are not many green spaces or parks within the central business district. The third problem is the harsh boundary and division between the downtown buildings and



the neighborhood. The downtown is disconnected, thus reducing the walk-ability of the city. Patchwork Harvest is a market and garden that strives to reconnect the community to the downtown through the reuse and adaptation of the Mellus Newspaper building, a structure that is historically relevant to the city. It is proposed that a lane of traffic is removed from each side of the street and replaced with green space. This green space will act as a buffer between the pedestrians and the traffic on the street.



^ Solution

Furthermore, the speed of the street will be reduced to 30 miles per hour through the downtown. The vacant lot will be utilized as a community garden and farm to bring in the community and break the division between the main street and the neighborhoods. Lincoln Park will benefit from newfound walk-ability proposed and encouraged through the implementation of Patchwork Harvest.



Objectives

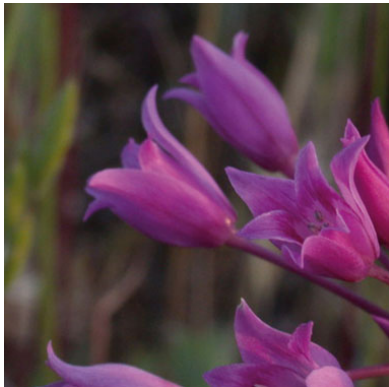


1661 Fort Street and the surrounding historic neighborhood of Lincoln Park have the potential to be a walkable, lively community. The proposal for 1661 Fort Street is an urban garden, where the local community is welcome to participate. Flowers in spring, vegetables and fruites during summer, pumpkins and apples in fall, and christmas trees in winter provide seasonal attraction. 1661 Fort Street becomes a gateway



and link between Fort Street and the parking lot that exists behind it. Transforming the parking lot into a seasonal event, hosted by 1661 Fort Street, will bring life and color to the downtown district. The front facade opens up to reveal the arcade of activity beyond while the narrowing of Fort Street slows the traffic, facilitating easy parking and pedestrian movement. These changes hope to bring life to the community.





^ Spring



Summer



Fall

gardens and flowers celebrate spring...
potted, bulbs, arrangements, bouquets.

summer vegetables, flowers and fruits...
a harvest from the community's work.

mums, apples, and pumpkins...autumn
is here, and fall is ripe for harvests.

holiday trees, ornaments, and hot cocoa
...preparation for the coming spring.



Winter



^ Spring



Summer
Patchwork Harvest attempts to restore some of the walk-ability to the downtown through the integration of a pedestrian circulation loop that reconnects the former Mellus Newspaper building back to the downtown. Pedestrians are encouraged to begin in the market, meander through the displays, out back to the farm, over the bridge where displays exist in various plots, to the median and back into the market.



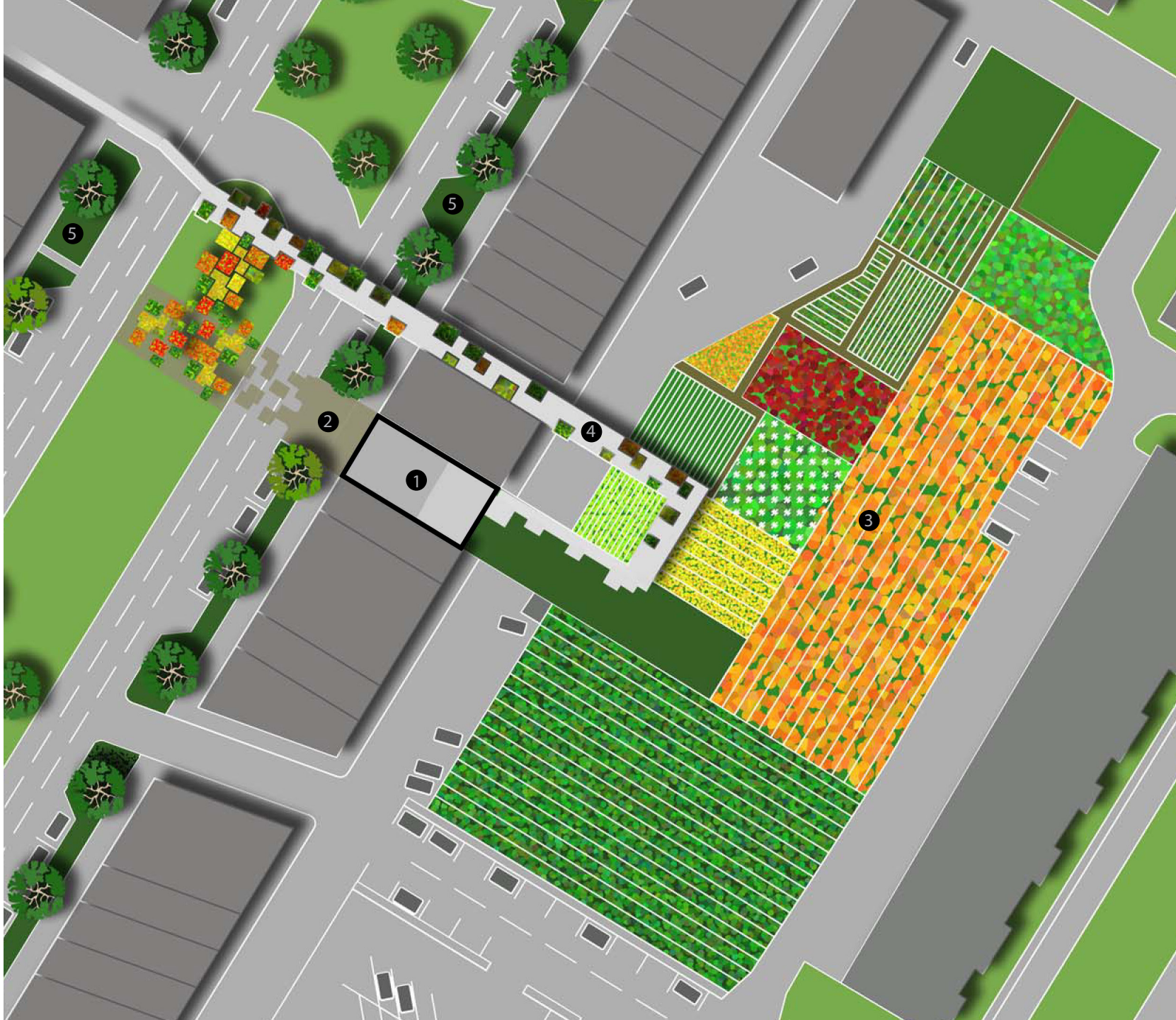
Fall
Pavers exist to denote that circulation path from the street, through the market, over the bridge, into the median, and back into the building.

^ Site Plan - n.t.s.

- Proposed
- market location 1
- outdoor seating 2
- farm plots 3
- pedestrian bridge 4
- narrowing of Fort St. 5



Winter



Pedestrian movement across Fort Street is signalled by walkway of interlocking permeable concrete pavers

Outdoor seating for patrons to enjoy the harvest

Trees and parallel parking buffer the pedestrian sidewalk and increase the walk-ability of Fort Street



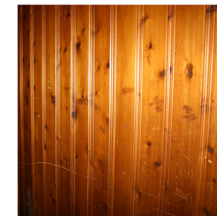
Crates displaying the produce made from recycled wood paneling

Exterior windows removed and replaced with folding doors, increasing porosity of the building

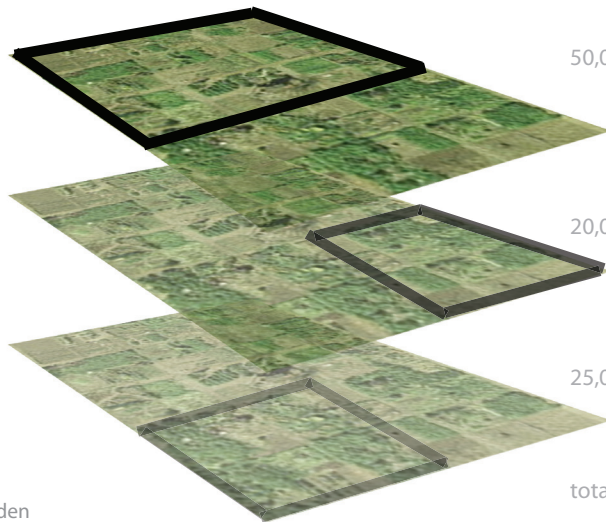
Stairs and elevator to the second level, which houses the support spaces

^Floor Plan - n.t.s.

The experience of 1661 Fort Street is casual and flowing, with seating areas in front of the building that are cocooned within trees and shrubs. A walkway extends across Fort Street, and leads into the building, which now becomes porous through the opening up of the exterior walls. The layout inside the building is flowing, with crates of displays arranged with a similar language as the farm.



^Material Reuse



50,000sf



50 families



20,000sf



community agencies



25,000sf



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total 95,000sf

^ Community Garden

The vacant land behind the Mellus Newspaper building will be used for a community garden and farm. Fresh and healthy fruits, vegetables, and flowers will be grown and sold locally, making positive contributions to the local economy. This 95,000sf piece of land will be utilized in ways that inspire community involvement and participation within the market. It can be parceled off to families, community agencies, and the market owners for

for use during different times of the year. An average family of four can grow enough vegetables, flowers, and pumpkins for one year on a plot that ranges from 600sf to 2,400sf in size. Therefore, if 50,000sf of the farm is devoted to family-use, and each family is allotted 1,000sf, 50 families could eat for a year. Furthermore, 20,000sf of farmland can be allotted to community organizations such as schools and agencies that support the feeding of



^ Community Garden
the hungry. Making the community an active part in the use and maintenance of this garden and farm will encourage the responsibility of community members, while teaching the ability to self-sustain in the process. Finally, the owners of the market can use the remaining 25,000sf of farmland to stock and maintain the market inventory.



^ Garden Bridge

The pedestrian link across Fort Street and to the neighborhoods behind 1661 Fort Street is strengthened by the garden bridge. Beginning in the farm, the bridge slopes upwards and ends on the other side of Fort Street, while the gardens spill onto the median. Dotted the bridge are

square patches of fruit, vegetable, and flower gardens. Light penetrates the bridge where square openings occur. The garden bridge resembles a quilt, with three dimensional patches of produce. This fabric sews together the fragmented and isolated areas of downtown Lincoln Park.



^ Front Facade



^ Garden Bridge



