Intraurban Agrarianism Globeville Ecosophical Library

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Globeville is an intersectional community of historic divestment and current socio-economic displacement. It is the site of many transformational processes: wealth production and redirection, transitory space, privileged land use and water connection that have contributed to the strength of this community but also its challenges.

Globeville has long been without a public library, this proposal intends to embed within the community a responsive space rooted in resource sovereignty, urban agrarian practice, and ecosophical thinking.



Grounded Concept



The transformational landscape extends to the spatial configuration of urban- industrial- natural environments of Colorado and Globeville. Longs Peak- symbol of wilderness on the Front Range crosses the site to meet the Denver Colosseum and NWC-symbols of the west and man's production of the landscape through agriculture and mining. Suncor oil refinery- symbol of raw industry, first must pass through Globeville, which supplied the workers and bears the impacts of heavy pollution, to the deposition of wealth in downtown Denver. The South Platte River runs through it all, as it has for generations in this place.

This spatial and theoretical condition served informed building program, form, and emphasis. It supports urban agrarian practices but also explores how to cultivate that philosophy through architecture. How the program can uplift, not burden, the people and land and the form communicate that. Leading with a strong existing culture of resilience in Globeville, an ecosophical library has the potential to further develop a durable land-based culture for the future of this place.







Sections



Cross Section



Longitudinal Section Perspective An organic core and columns provide relief from the otherwise gridimposed building. Brick is in conversation with the adjacent historic slaughterhouse and within, an experiential space is created.

Light wells puncture through the floor plates connecting the levels while egress wraps through the limited clear vertical space. A reception desk is tucked under in leftover space and creating a necessary buffer from low stairs.



2nd Level, Looking out over urban farm to Denver



2nd Level Covered green roof and protected library alcove



3rd Level, Kids area overlooking the South Platte River













