

design thesis [6 th year graduate] Spring 08 : “Cardiac Resuscitation ” Jay Anderson, Cunningham Medal winner / best thesis for it’s comprehensive consistency from the general to the specific / tectonics (selected by faculty and local AIA) / University of Nebraska USA

the desperate urban



the idyllic rural

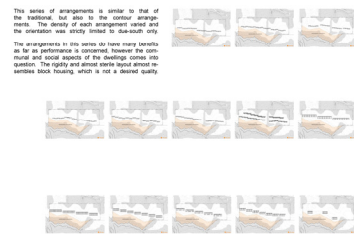


the James Howard Kunstler theory of the postfossil survival in the rural

INTENT
 - The intent of this project is to examine previously developed rural clusters in southwest Iowa and critically analyze the ways in which they operate and affect their surroundings.
 - The first step is to document and analyze the physical sites of these clusters, but also individual dwelling units within the rural clusters themselves. By doing this, a greater understanding of the negative aspects can be determined.
 - During the investigation, perceived negative issues will be examined and documented for further analysis and comprehension.
 - Next an investigation of several precedents will be done. The precedents are situated in a similar contextual manner to the existing rural clusters and will be critically analyzed to determine the successful aspects of them.
 - The product of this research will be used to make appropriate and intelligent design decisions for the building site in question.
 - Finally, a series of prototype houses will be developed that respond to the issues of today, and those of a post-fossil era. These housing prototypes will be a response to the types of housing clusters being built throughout rural areas in southwest Iowa.



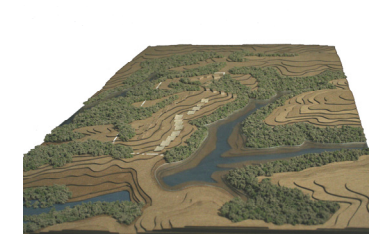
siting investigations



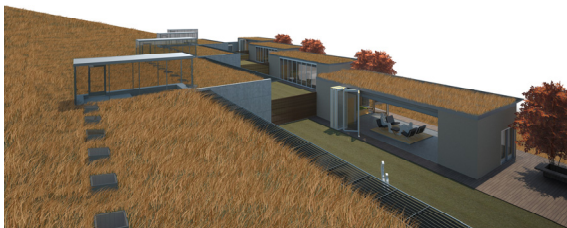
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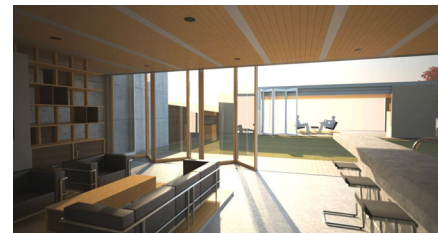
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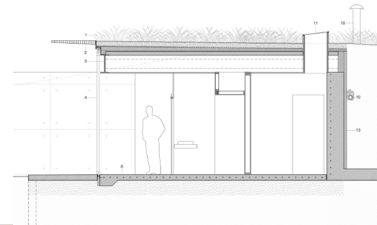
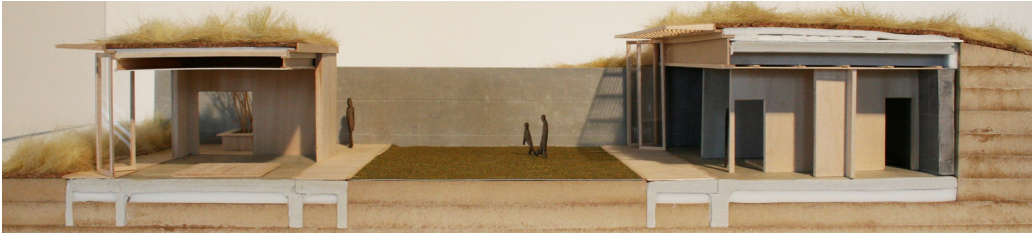
domestic voids in the rural landscape



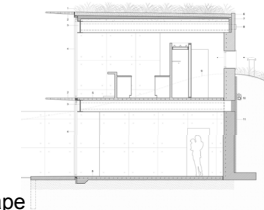
main and flex space



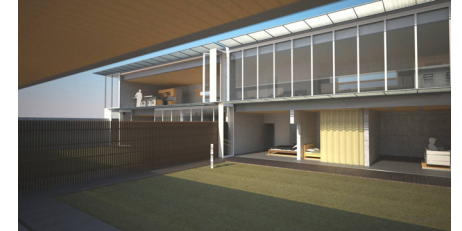
dwelling around layers of open space



the earth home



the berm home



privacy



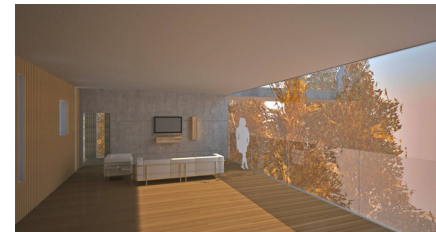
domestic signs in the landscape



the tree house



nesting in the existing green



reaching out



the texture

