# **PORTFOLIO SUMMER 2022**

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# PHASE 2 Precedent Study



## **UMASS AMHERST DESIGN CENTER**

AMHERST, MA USA LEERS WEINZAPFEL ASSOCIATES EQUILIBRIUM CONSULTING SIMPSON GUMPERTZ AND HEGAR (EOR) AUGUST 2015 TO JANUARY 2017

"THE GOAL FOR THE JOHN W. OLVER DESIGN BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST WAS TO CREATE AN INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRED BUILDING THE VISIBLY DEMONSTRATES ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE DESIGN. THE RESULTS IS ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED MASS TIMBER BUILDINGS IN THE UNITED STATES, A FOUR-STORY, 87,500-SQUARE-FOOT STRUCTURE THAT EXEMPLIFIES THE UNIVERSITIES COMMITMENT TO SUS-TAINABILITY AND, THROUGH GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS WHO WILL LEARN WITHIN ITS WALLS, THE FUTURE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT."

**FIRST FLOOR:** EXHIBITION AND LECTURE SPACE, LABORATO-RIES, FABRICATION AND MATERIALS TESTING SHOPS, DINING AND CLASSROOM SPACE

SECOND AND THIRD FLOOR: STUDIOS, CLASSROOMS AND OF-FICES, AND THE SMALLER FOURTH FLOOR CONTAINS STUDIOS ARCH/LARP RESEAU

**ABOVE THE ATRIUM:** A GREEN ROOF THAT FUNCTIONS AS A PUBLIC COURTYARD AND OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE FOR STUDENTS STUDYING URBAN LANDSCAPES.

















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Slotted-in plates with tight fitting dowels





## ENCLOSURE

THE MAIN ENCLOSURE OF THE BUILDING IS MADE OF CURTAIN WALLS. IN THE UMASS DESIGN CENTER THERE IS A STRUCTURAL SYSTEM, CALLED THE WOODEN TABACCO BARN STRUCTURE ALONG WITH THE ROOF PLANE THAT HELPS HOLD UP THE REST OF THE STRUCTURE.



CURTAIN WALLS WITH THE / WOODEN TABACCO BARN STRUCTURE





## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEMS**

THE SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES ARE: LED LIGHTING, MOTION SENSORS, AMPLE DAYLIGHTING, ELECTRO-TINTING GLASS, HEAT RECOVERY, ROOF GARDENS, BIOSWALES, RAIN GUARDENS, LOW FLOW FAUCETS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS, ALONG WITH THE WOOD STRUCTURE.

#### Integrated Design Strategies







## **HOW EVERYTHING WORKS TOGETHER**





#### **Typical Timber-Concrete Composite Floor Assembly**

# PHASE 3 PROTOTYPE



## MANIFESTO

#### CONCEPT

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**Structure**: The structure is made up of 3 main components: concrete, wood and steel. This hybrid of materials enables our structure to span far distances without breaking the space where people create and collaborate. The structure is exposed to those who walk by and those who occupy the spaces.

**Enclosure**: The enclosure was designed with the intent to create a well- lit environment with plenty of views out into the neighboring context, as well as framing/accentuating the structure to those who occupy. Angled mullions act as a shading device along with the tinted glass that captures bright glares creating a comfortable environment to design in. Copper panels allow for privacy, while also supporting views to the outside through specific punctured apertures (will be a future exploration).

**Passive/Active Systems**: Along with passive design elements to create comfort through shading devices, the maker space uses a VAV system, windows that open to passively ventilated spaces, and a radiant floor so that the main heating system is used primarily for cooling, cutting costs. The Roof is angled so there is an easy flow for the rainwater to fall off the roof. The dual VAV HVAC system has two main ducts that go throughout the building bringing cool and hot air in and out with a thermostat to increase comfort.

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#### STEEL:

Any Cantilevering Edge; Hardware/Connections



#### **Typical Timber-Concrete Composite Floor Assembly**





GLULAM DIAGONAL BRACE





**Glulam** is primarily used for the loadbearing frame in a building such as rafters, beams, or columns.



#### What is the Difference Between CLT & Glulam?

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## **STRUCTURE | CONCRETE**

CHOSEN TO USE IN OUR:

- Floors, (Wood-Concrete Composite)

- Reinforced Foundation Slab w/ Spread Footings.

#### **REASONING:**

As a Plate Structure: Plate structures are rigid, planar, usually monolithic structures that disperse applied loads in a multidirectional pattern, with the loads generally following the shortest and stiffest routes to the supports. A common example of a plate structure is a reinforced concrete slab. It acts as a flat, deep beam that transfers lateral loads to the footings then to the ground. With a timber and steel combo, concrete is able to fill in the gaps to create a strong continuous plane/ connection from column/post to foundation.



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## PLANS, ELEVATIONS, SECTIONS



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## EXPLODED AXON

KEY:

- 1. Copper Panels
- 2. Windows and Mullions
- 3. Window Frame
- 4. Main Structure
- 5. Insulation and Copper Panel

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- 6. Roof Siding
- 7. Roof Membrane





ROOF : 7 Ply CLT Roof (9 1/2"), 4–5" Cork Insulation, 0.06" Roofing Membrane. Then the edge is composed of typical blocking a 2" insulation, and a copper drip edge/flashing.

#### FLOORS:

4" Wood-concrete composite flooring, 1" Rigid insulation, 5 Ply CLT Panels (6 1/2" Thick)

GROUND FLOOR: 11" Reinforced Concrete Slab with 1/2" Dia. Rebar and 4" Reinforced Mesh

## **SYSTEM |** Structure: Load Diagram & Components



#### C. Ground Floor | Ground Connections







## **SYSTEM** | Enclosure & Solar Analysis

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## **SYSTEM |** Passive & Active Design Strategies



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# PHASE 4B IN THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE



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COLUMNS: 15 Ply Glulam Columns 14 1/4" x 22 1/2" **BEAMS**: Glulam Beam 1'-10 1/2" x 1'-10 1/2" FLOORS: STEEL CONNECTORS: They connect the columns to the floor 1/2" Thick) slabs. FROST WALL AND FOOTINGS: Frost wall is 4 tall to the first **GROUND FLOOR:** floor then extends past the floor 11" Reinforced Concrete Slab with 1/2" another 5 feet to the ground Dia. Rebar and 4" Reinforced Mesh level. Footings are one foot into the ground.

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Park & Green Space



-- - Concord River Greenway





## PHASE 4B | Final Form





## **PROGRAMMATIC GOALS** TO CHANGE WITH THE TIMES | WORKING TOWARDS A SUSTAINBLE FUTURE



In Relation to the Macro Context The Location/Site: To relate back to Lowell's industrial roots with an advancement/ improvement in sustainable technologies and practices due to current sustainable conditions and concerns.



In Relation to the Meso Context The Building: To support sustainable, low waste creative practices such as woodworking; ceramics; 3D printing; gardening, rainwater management, compositing; paper making; photography, portfolio creating; and culinary/scrappy cooking courses. Each set of programming becomes interconnected and supported through the act of reusing, reducing/minimizing, and recycling.



In Relation to the Micro Context The Users: To educate the people of Lowell, and the surrounding communities, of sustainable, low waste living practices within their day-to-day lives and through the action of producing, exhibiting, and learning from others.

## **PROGRAMMATIC RELATIONSHIPS** INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN PROGRAM: Reusing, Reducing/Minimizing, and Recycling



## PLANS | Ground Floor



Greenway Walkway Main Circulation Cores Truck Access Walking Access 1. Entrance/Reception Area – 337.02 sq ft 2. Gender Neutral Bathrooms – 120 sq ft Each a. 212.87 sq ft b. 205 sq ft 4. Finishing Space - 269.70 sq ft
5. Wood Working Workshop - 3510.56 sq ft
6. Cafe/Gallery Space - 3258.42 sq ft

a. Passenger Elevator b. Freight Elevator

## PLANS | Second Floor



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management classes
- 1853 38 sq ft
otography Room - 488.96 sq ft

- 11. 3D Printing 480.13 sq ft 12. Cooking Classes 2211.62 sq ft
- 13. Green Roof 2659.86 sq ft 14. Cooking Exhibition/Classroom 1898.69 sq ft
- a. Passenger Elevator b. Freight Elevator d. Water Management

## PLANS | Third Floor



## **PERSPECTIVE VIEWS OF SPACES**

### A. Exterior Covered Walk



B2. Mixed Use Outdoor Space: Eating, Collaboration, Gallery, Learning Space



C. Exhibition, Photography & Gardening/Water Management Classes



B. Interior Cafe/ Gallery Space



## PERSPECTIVE VIEWS OF SPACES CONT.

C2. Green Roof (Rainwater Management & Gardening Classes)



### D. Cooking Classes



### E. Ceramics Room



## **ELEVATIONS** | Connection to Site Through Materials



## **Oxidized Wavey Copper Panel =** Connection to Concord River

- Horizontal Directionality
- Resembles Water : Greenish Blue & Mosaic Reflections

### **Corrugated Corten Steel Panel =** Connection to Concord River Greenway Park & the Greenway

- Vertical DirectionalityResembles Ground, Bark, Trees and Red Brick of Lowell :
  - Brownish Red Tones

## **SECTIONS** | Vertical Connections (Program)





## SYSTEMS | Intro to Systems, a Deeper Analysis

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The Metal Panels are pulled off of the curtain walls so you can see that there is full glass curtain walls behind. The cutouts in the Panels are in line with the columns as well.



## SYSTEM: PASSIVE AND ACTIVE

Solar Panels -Solar panels are along most of the roof to bring energy and power through the building.

HVAC (VAV System, variable air volume) brings in heating and cooling throughout the building through zones

Radiant Flooring (on each floor) keeps larger zones warm during colder seasons without fully relying on the VAV system

Windows - Cutting apertures out of the copper panel will allow for more natural light and views to the outside.



Window openings will be added to the top and bottom of the curtain wall to allow for passive ventilation

#### Moments | Passive & Active Energy Strategies



HVAC (VAV System: Variable Air Volume) Brings Heating & Cooling Throughout the Building Through Designated Zones

> LED Strip Lighting in Between Wooden Slats (Acoustics & Biophilia)

LED Lights that Highlight Structural System & Metal Panels (Ambient Glow)

- KEY:
- 5. Wood Working Space
- 6. Cafe and Gallery
- 12. Cooking Classroom
- 13. Green Roof
- 14. Cooking Demonstration / Classroom

# THANK YOU!



