Detroit Types/All Together Again Speculation Over Detroit's Existing Landscape

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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY HOUSING
// TEN PROPOSALS

TOWARDS THE COLONIZATION OF THE URBAN LANDSCAPE
This is an experimental academic experience based on Detroit that starts from an urban context on the verge of depopulation and, through the creation of a new partially sustainable community, promotes exploration of the architectonic program over diverse extents on the ways of inhabiting and their relation with productive activities that differ from traditional forms of social organization. This abandoned city is the starting point for a work that explores the possibility of refounding the urban territory on a speculative ground, from the study of preexisting models of alternative social organization that are found on a thin frontier in between an urban apocalypse, and the study of diverse ways of understanding the social contract. To achieve this, the experience proposes the refounding of the city’s peripheries through enclaves of families or communes over a mostly inhabited urban space that once was one of America’s most industrialized town centers.

HOW WERE IMPLEMENTED THOSE THEMES ON THE EXPERIENCE?
1. Through the gathering of information about the Detroit phenomenon in order to open a series of discussions about Detroit’s current situation and the exercise’s aims.
1. A series of short exercises allowed to elaborate initial schemes that lead to the social organization system and opened way to the initial idea of the communes.
1. Studies on diverse social systems over types and time that could be referenced on the planning proposals.
1. Other references that could nourish the architectonic solution, like standardized constructive systems on wood and their technical specifications in the USA, the use of clean energies and urban architecture as a possibility.

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Detroit Types

Speculations Over Detroit Pre-Existing Landscape: Sustaining the Community; Housing

This poster explains the rehabilitation and transformation of an underdeveloped area, using creative and speculative models, rooted in speculative design. It illustrates ten proposals that focus on housing and socio-economic systems at different scales and levels of organization. It explores the socio-economic, physical, and spiritual dimensions of the area, focusing on the understanding of social-contingent systems. These ten proposals have been designed to house from 1000 to 1500 inhabitants.