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As primary production in the form of agriculture ebbs, industrial production rises, bringing factories, mills, and residential settlement along the major route of transportation, the Erie Canal. This creates a new high density urban condition. When industry shrinks on a national level and in almost every case moves operation out of Syracuse, the downtown area is left with a disappearing population and a host of architectural remnants of its former life. This project seeks to cultivate a new city utility by reintroducing the original low density production, agriculture into the heart of Syracuse, utilizing abandoned factory buildings along the former path of the canal,

empty shells of a city's former density. These buildings are located by cross referencing empire and empowerment zones to find lots which encourage new development and business through tax incentives. They are then refitted with wind power electricity, internet access, water lines etc in order to house high-tech laboratories in their lower stories and urban agriculture on their roofs and higher floors. This allows for a self sustained local business which taps into the preexisting strength of New York state agriculture and reduces food miles for local community use.

