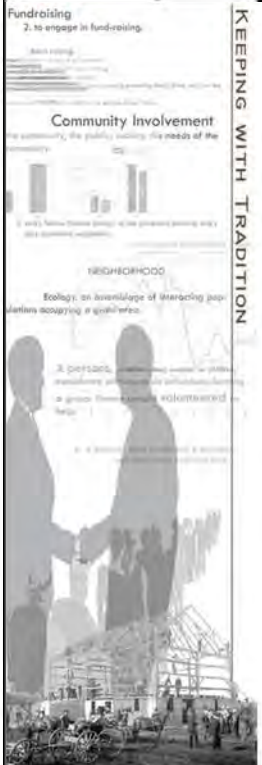




Urban PHASE-1

RURAL-JACK OF ALL TRADES: URBAN-SPECIALIZATION

I focused on the relationship of urban to rural in regards to trade. I think one big difference is the specialization of the Urban culture. There are different kinds of doctors, distinctive stores, special construction, and more variety of foods. In rural areas by contrast, everything is more generalized, including family doctors, general stores, construction, and agriculture. This is part of the problem of why the younger generation is getting out and seeking more individualized careers. However, there are still commonalities in both of these societies. These include the people who run these operations, the money it takes for everything to run, and the means of transportation.



PHASE-3

KEEPING WITH TRADITION

One thing that definitely hasn't changed in Albion and similar communities is the people. Coming from a small town myself, I know people will go out of their way to volunteer and get projects done for the community. I compare this architecturally to how a whole neighborhood would come together to raise a barn. If people in a small town want to get something accomplished, they will go out of their way to do so.



PHASE-2

HARVESTING RURAL AMERICA

It is no secret that farming has changed over the last few years, and what used to be farmed by many is now farmed by one. This has taken people out of rural communities and driven them elsewhere because there is simply nothing to do. The average farm sizes are growing tremendously, while it takes that much more to sustain a family. The average age steadily increases while the younger generations seek work in other fields. If commercial farm operations come in and harvest crops in a day, the need for local farmers is minimal. In a sense, we could be "Harvesting Rural America" altogether.



PHASE-4

INTRODUCING MATERIALITY

Lastly, I would like to bring in some new material to the town of Albion. It would be a smooth transition and hopefully a good contrast to what is already there. I would like to showcase this in a theatre possibly attached to the school. One material of importance is metal and hopefully by working with local manufacturers more types can be produced.