

# Root District

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### Welcome to the Root District.

This is where we grow, create, and experiment.





### Why Root?

A root is something tangible and physical. It is organic, holds form, provides stability to what has been established and what is emerging.

Our roots come from connectedness to one another and the place we create.





### Our Opportunities

Establish sustainable development at district scale.

Stewarding resources toward equitable growth.

Leverage creativity to build a distinctive place.

### **Brand Framework**

### **Brand Idea**Building a resilient place

Core Values & Principles

**Purpose:** Assembling density of creativity, space & meaning

**Brand Promise:** Inspire creativity, create connection

# The Need Connection & Curiosity so we can grow

**Climate:** We understand ecological systems are in decline. We will take action to minimize our impact on the planet while acting as a model for future development.

**Equity:** We believe diverse communities are more resilient and dynamic. We are committed to being proactive in seeking out solutions and partners to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Creativity: Experimentation, Risk, and Creativity are signs of vitality. We don't shy away from bold thinking or the unknown. We ask questions, are curious, and keep the creative spirit alive.

Org culture: Innovation & achievement, creativity & connection

**Archetype: Creator** 

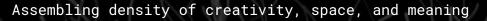
Creator brands love seeing ideas take shape. They draw on their skill and vision to create things that are meaningful, special, and of enduring value. Persona: Authentic, ambitious, visionary

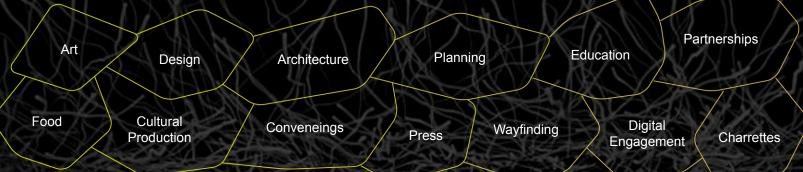
Tone: Sincere, enthusiastic, captivating

Equity Symbols: Light & open spaces

**Image:** Creative catalyst, innovator

### Our Work



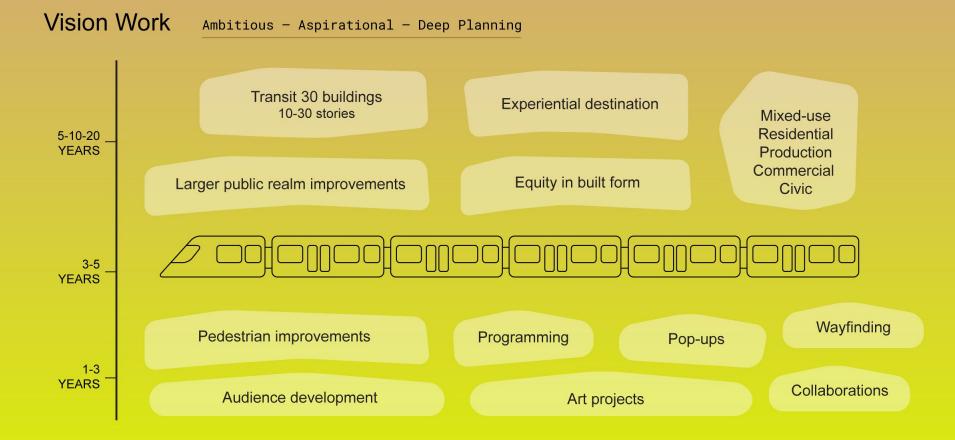




Conceptual Framework 10 - 20 year arc

#### Action

Experiences and projects as expressions of our vision



**Action Work** 

Low Cost - Low Barrier - Small Actions that Build Momentum



Net Zero District Concept / Affordable Housing / Maker Incubator / Artisan Production / Commercial Land Trust / Performance Venue / Farmer's Market Re-development / Aesthetic Upgrades / Adaptive Re-use

### 3 Year Implementation Strategy

#### **Action Work**

- 1. Wayfinding & Pedestrian Improvements
- 2. Programming: Art, Food, Culture
- 3. Brand Building Effort
- 4. Interactive District Overview Display (can live @ Parallel)

#### Vision Work

- 1. Identity and Distinctiveness Development Guide (Creativity Task Force)
- 2. District Wide Public Realm Improvement Recommendations
- 3. Climate and Equity Task Force
  - a. Climate Related Analysis
  - b. Equity Related Analysis
- 4. Economic and Market Development

#### Structure

Quarterly Stakeholder Meetings Ongoing Task Force Focus Groups

### Organizations



#### **District Organizations**

Hennepin Made

**Parallel** 

Holden Room

Designer Marketplace

**Downtown Dogs** 

Minneapolis Farmers Market

**Farmers Market Annex** 

The Fish Guys
United Noodle

MN Ballpark Authority City of Minneapolis

**Sharing and Caring Hands** 

**Catholic Charities** 

Target

Unleashed Hounds and Hops

Northern Lights

Hennepin County

#### **Artistic Programming**

Northern Lights

#### **Economic Development**

City of Minneapolis Hennepin County

#### **Community Development**

NuLoop Partners

North Loop Neighborhood

Association

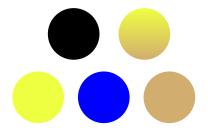
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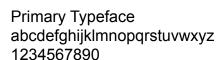
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### **Brand elements**

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