5 REASONS THIS IS A GOOD IDEA FOR KSU

THE LAND-GRANT RESPONSIBILITY
Pioneer the future of Agriculture and urban form: Agricultural Urbanism

The University was founded in 1863 upon the assertion that it would pioneer in the fields of agriculture and engineering to advance our nation. Through research and technological innovation, Kansas State University has helped our country evolve, especially in the field of agriculture. As we look towards the future, a future shrouded in energy scarcity, environmental destabilization, and increasingly poor health and nutrition throughout the population, it becomes imperative that KSU pick up the reins again, and help drive a new sustainable form of development.

INNOVATIVE PROTOTYPE
Communities predicated upon the convergence of nature, agriculture, and rich civic interaction

Kansas State University can use this perfectly situated land between Mercy Regional, future NBAF facilities, the sports complex, and the Kimball Avenue Corridor, to create a unique place that can be used as an educational tool or prototype for the future settlement of America. Sustainable communities, with more diverse populations and the needs of the KSU research professionals and creative class residents, this area demands responsible growth. Growth that can create mixtures of uses among housing, KSU field research, NBAF support facilities, retail, and workplaces. The isolated complexes on the site currently need to be integrated into a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, and cohesive, socially rich environment. In other words, it needs to feel more like a campus, one KSU would be proud of.

AVERT CURRENT UNSUSTAINABLE TRENDS
Isolated Auto-Dependant Monoculture needs a makeover- into a vibrant neighborhood with a campus feel

The Kimball Avenue site is currently an unsustainable form of development approached solely via automobile and isolated from campus, and the buildings are situated on the site sporadically. The site (see site survey to right) is fragmented by three disconnected complexes operated independently by Agronomy, Grain Sciences, and Animal Sciences. The auto-dependent, pedestrian/biker unfriendly campus extensions need a revamped form, one that is mixed-use, more compact, and can be accessed by multiple means of transportation.

GREATER QUALITY OF LIFE
Get people growing their food and walking it off on the way to work and play

Complete neighborhoods are economically and socially diverse, transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly, and have a richness in place experience and neighborhood interaction. These will take the place of the isolated, nondescript, and the socially-deprived suburban sprawl. It starts with a new way of designing neighborhoods. One which fuses Agricultural Urbanism into New Urbanism’s complete neighborhood strategy. As a land-grant institution, it falls upon KSU to forward the future of agriculture, self-reliance, sustainability, and place-making.

SMART LAND USE AND GROWTH
Responsible growth that absorbs future populations and the needs of the KSU research community

The campus is growing to the north, eventually onto this site (see locator map) which has an advantageous position adjacent the new NBAF facility. With the future growth of the city, prompted by NBAF, Fort Riley returnees, retirees, and new research professionals and creative class residents, this area demands responsible growth. Growth that can create mixtures of uses among housing, KSU field research, NBAF support facilities, retail, and workplaces. The isolated complexes on the site currently need to be integrated into a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, and cohesive, socially rich environment. In other words, it needs to feel more like a campus, one KSU would be proud of.