A food system failure was found in our urban systems, creating numerous problems affecting the environment and social well-being. The best way to have considered these issues in landscape and building was to design a food market. By researching food production and retail in urban areas and proposing a way to improve the current food situation, this market could now be supplied of fresh produce mainly from areas within a 10 km radius (except for dairy and meat products). This is possibly how the 21st century food market should operate. By reusing all of its waste to create for example compost and fertilisers, this building is no burden to the environment.

Food markets of the future should be honest in food production and be unpretentious in its being, opposite to the supermarkets that form part of our daily lives. By challenging the current supermarket culture, integrity is replaced into our city, creating a healthier and more knowledgeable citizen and environment.

The social wellbeing of urban dwellers are improved by encouraging interaction between producer and user, and the creation of active communities. The market is a platform for users to interact with people of all walks of life and the environment.

The market building should be able to grow together with this precinct and new business centre of the City of Tshwane, by including flexibility into the structural design. The future of this market is to be a place of connection and health in an otherwise busy and chaotic city life. The wellbeing of users and our environment should stay the focus of this market. The market should become a place in the city of: engagement, belonging and celebration.

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