# Cultivating the Community Commons – Climate, Culture, Craft

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# **Project 3a Napkin Sketches**



#### Napkins Due: Friday October 9

Design Teams reflect the dynamic urban spaces they create, often comprised of layers of complex and interactive systems. Productive Nonhierarchical Teams can be formed by collaborating collections of individuals. As a Studio we will next work in small teams to develop a set of alternative strategies at the district scale, each version reflecting an individual team's collective research and emerging vision for enhancing our study area. To start the team process, the Napkin Sketches exercise is an opportunity for the whole studio to share brief individual statements, outlines of ideas, and an initial basis for aligning and composing a set of team members.

Starting from the boundaries of the site study area and working outwards into the district and city, and considering the findings of the **Living Community Challenge** and the list of **20 Imperatives** research, translate the opportunities and examples of the Precedent Research, and the Copenhagen Field Trip, into strategic interventions to enhance existing assets in the site and district.

## Process

You work on the edge of a diverse multi-cultural district; from your office you can hear the sounds of children and traffic. You are taking a much-needed break from the computer. Imagine yourself in a local café looking out on a rainy day. You are thinking about a puzzle a new commission in your office has brought you. It seems key to the project, a system wide example of regional and global thinking, playing out at the community and human scale. The café is busy around you, a hum of laptops, conversations, the comfortable sound of the espresso machine... you drink your coffee...Then punctuated by the bell of the shop door, you suddenly, intuitively, passionately realize how to engage the site puzzle... a pen is in your pocket, a pile of napkins at hand, you start to draw, you make a list, then you draw again, more words, a title... out comes the phone, you Google a website, write down the reference... A couple of napkins later you date them; fold them into your pocket and head back to the office to meet with the team...

## **Presentation Requirements**

Ink on actual café napkins, Add a title, date, and your name in bottom right or left corner of Napkin.

Pin up 1 to 3 napkins Friday Oct 9 at 1:30. Prepare an exactly one minute explanation of your lists and or diagrams.