The Farm
...gaming strategies for empowering marginalized youth
The Barn

PERFORMANCE
The Barn is a traditional heavy timber structure dating back to the 18th/19th C. The barn is one of the primary sites of engagement. In this design we have proposed a small room that slides out like a drawer to act as a mediating device between two symmetrical sides of the barn, a series of tall canopies that further divide the space and provide an almost infinite number of configurations to support the need for privacy and enclosure, and a number of sliding panels that open the barn to sunlight, ventilation and views across the fields.

1. sliding roof panel
2. movable curtains
3. sliding wall panel
4. existing heavy timber frame
5. compacted stone pad for rolling insert
6. sliding insert
7. movable curtains
The Milkhouse Bathhouse

FIRE + WATER

This structure was once used to keep fresh milk cold during the warmer months. Its massive concrete foundation acting as a heat sink was supplied with cold groundwater from a nearby stream. This design rethinks the milkhouse as a modest bathhouse with shower and a long white cedar tub that penetrates the facade. A simple wood burning stove heats water and provides a focal element for social gathering.
The Coop

STAR GAZING

The coop is one of several buildings on the site that was originally slated for removal. In this design proposal the existing coop is salvaged and accepted as-is, forming a deeply written shroud around a small internal volume for quiet meditation. The sliding roof retracts, exposing the interior alternatively to the warming sun and the splendor of the rural night sky.
The Port-a-Potty Corral

ROUND ‘EM UP
A 1950’s era wood framed house becomes the site for expanded sanitary facilities at the Farm through this proposal for a corral to contain a set of Port-A-Potties that are either in use as demand dictates, or cleaned and docked in a large stall. The existing structure is infested with mold and clad with asbestos tiles, two conditions that preempt inhabitation and renovation.