

## ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: *From Hometown to Growtown: A Study of Permaculture-Based Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies*

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After Muncie's era as an industrial manufacturing stronghold ended, the economic downturn that ensued left many communities struggling. Today, the effects are still visible in the large number of abandoned and dilapidated properties throughout the city. Many of the neighborhoods in Muncie are plagued with blight and a lack of resources to effectively revitalize them. These neighborhoods are also often areas that do not have access to healthy, fresh foods. This study utilizes permaculture as the basis for a series of interventions that help turn struggling neighborhoods into vibrant places that educate about and celebrate local food production.