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HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

1970’s
Rapid decline of manufacturing base caused skilled union workers to lose their jobs.

1980’s
The Latinx population in South Central increases by seventy-eight thousand.

1990’s
Widespread unemployment, poverty, and street crime contributed to the rise of street gangs and drugs, especially the crack cocaine trade, dominated by gangs.

The 1992 LA riots and unrest began in South Central Los Angeles on April 29, after a trial jury acquitted four officers of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for usage of excessive force in the arrest and beating of Rodney King.

By the time the riots ended, 63 people had been killed, 72,383 had been injured, more than 12,000 had been arrested.

2000’s
In 2003, the city of Los Angeles unanimously voted to change the name South Central to South Los Angeles.

South Los Angeles as a prime target for gentrification amid rising real estate values.

Crime rates decline.

2010’s
LAUSD makes proposal for the community garden with joint efforts including Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust and University Muslim Medication Association.

The Fremont Wellness Center and Community Garden opens in 2012.

Bi-weekly food fairs, Gaden Apprenticeship Program, and the LA Compost initiative begins.
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Site Plan

Fremont Wellness Center provides physical and behavioral health services for both students as well as the community.

The greenhouse space at the site can be used as an indoor classroom.

Vegetable beds provide fresh food that serve the local community members.

LEGEND
1 Entrance
2 Raised Beds
3 Crop Rows
4 Community Gardens
5 Lawn
6 Storage Sheds
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CONTEXTUAL MAPPING

CITY, STATE

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LAND USE MAP

1 GREEN SPACE
1 GROCERY STORE
7 CONVENIENCE STORES
10 FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS
17 CAR REPAIR STORES

LAND USES
- RESIDENTIAL
- GROCERY STORES
- SCHOOLS
- CHURCH
- SITE
- ACCESS ROUTES

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Educational opportunities like cooking and nutrition classes, and job training opportunities

LANLT develops a hub for food waste recycling

MESA uses the greenhouse space as an indoor classroom

UMMA Clinic provides free or reduced-rate medical

LANLT provides healthy food to the community

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DESIGN CONCEPT

THE ADDITION OF A GREEN SPACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONCRETE ASPHALT JUNGLE OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES WAS ONE OF THE DRIVING FACTORS TO THE DESIGN OF THIS GARDEN. IT NEEDED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN PROVIDING PRODUCE AND IN TANDEM WITH PROVIDING THE YOUTH ENOUGH SPACE FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS.
GOALS AND PROGRAMS

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MESA (Medical, Environmental, Science, and Agriculture academy) enhance the academy’s curriculum with the indoor greenhouse used as a classroom space, a community gathering area, and a farmers’ market.

GAP (Gardening Apprenticeship Program) builds leaders who are equipped to advance environmental and food justice advocacy efforts in South Los Angeles.

The UMMA Clinic helps run the Wellness Center by providing free or reduced-rate medical and behavioral services.

LANLT (Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust) provides healthy food to the community through bi-weekly free food fair and educational opportunities.

The LA Compost is partnered with Food Forward composting over 500 pounds of food waste per month. They intend to make this the LA hub for composting and food waste recycling.
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TAKEAWAYS

Many blue collar urban locations struggle to find healthy food options in their area.

The community garden gives kids the opportunity to learn about living a healthier lifestyle for the future and prevent choosing unhealthy foods.

The site provides events and programs that encourage the community to start a healthier environment such as job opportunities and cooking/nutrition classes.

The community members and local students are educated on the critical impacts that composting and food waste have on our society.

The food waste recycling hub at the site prevent food waste going to landfill, which helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Fremont Free Food Fair distributed fresh produce including fruits and vegetables every two weeks that serve local community members.

The community garden offers a green space in the middle of an urban concrete asphalt jungle.

Cross schools leadership convening through programs to develop imperative skills for the future.