This research based seminar is intended for students who will be enrolled in my winter-spring 2012 comprehensive studio. We will adopt the EcoDistricts framework for the seminar and the eventual studio project as a means of exploring how an architectural intervention can support a broader social context and dynamic ecological processes (see: http://www.pdxinstitute.org/index.php/ecodistricts). Our focus will be the Booth-Kelly site in Springfield, a post-industrial site just south of downtown.

While we will operate from a common foundation, each participant will be asked to develop a specific research emphasis in the seminar that will provide the basis for subsequent studio design inquiry. This research emphasis will be articulated in the form of a white paper/manifesto.

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