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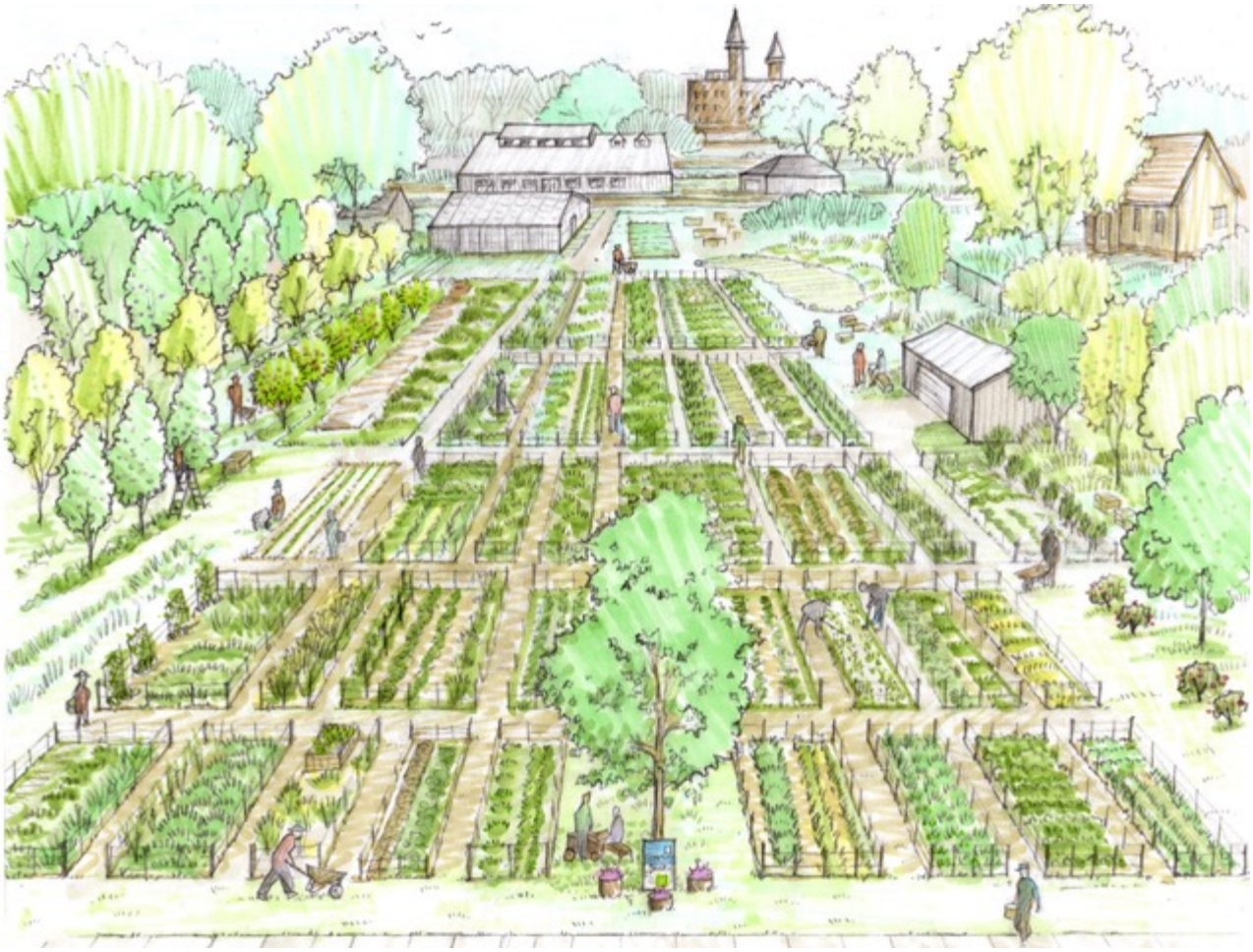
The City Council should reject the proposal for rezoning of these properties. I was the garden manager for the Washburn Neighborhood Garden, a much-beloved (and only) green space for the Washburn Neighborhood. When 360 initially reached out to the neighbors to discuss what the neighborhood wanted, overwhelmingly, the neighborhood let them know that the garden needed to remain. I feel like city planning department allowed this developer to do city planning in their stead. Moreover, the developer owns multiple properties in town, not the least of which is the now-empty Kmart parcel that sits morebund due to what the developer claims is the high price of development. What is more of an eyesore for this city? The abandoned Kmart or a desperately needed community green space? Not to mention the fact that Mayo is actually the one developing this parcel by proxy. Why doesn't Mayo develop its myriad surface parking instead? When the developer was holding public comments on what Washburn wanted in its community, why didn't the City Planning department propose that as a better option more likely to be embraced by the community? Pretty sure the residents of Washburn would prefer to keep their green space and lose all the surface parking.

I understand that the garden has already been plowed over, but it can be rebuilt, refortified, and replanted. And it should be. I am attaching a grand plan for that space here.