### **GROWING POWER** VERTICAL FARMING FACILITY



## **TOTAL BUILDING DESIGN**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The structural partners of AEI Team 4 have addressed the various design challenges involved in developing the Growing Power headquarters and prototype for future expansion. This submittal contains a project overview, project goals, narrative of the design process, discussion of design decisions and justification, summaries of related analyses and modeling. In addition, the submittal includes supporting documentation and drawings presenting references, calculations, plans, elevations, sections, and modeling information.

Throughout the design process, the structural team utilized BIM technology and interdisciplinary **collaboration** to develop a structural scheme for Growing Power. Structural concepts were formed by the structural partners, presented to and discussed with the entire design team, and then fully detailed by the structural partners. Input and support was also provided by the structural discipline to assist the other design disciplines in the progress of the overall building design.

The **gravity system** was designed utilizing composite steel beams and girders in order to minimize member sizes, providing more plenum space for MEP system coordination, and minimize the self-weight of the system, which was critical given the foundation bearing capacity concerns. In order to provide a **column-free** gathering space, the structural partners developed custom transfer girders utilizing W36x361 members with cover plates to **clear-span** the building in the necessary locations. To address the low allowable soil bearing capacity issues in Milwaukee, the structural partners elected to use **Geopier® soil reinforcement** to improve the effective soil bearing capacity.

The greenhouse structures were custom-designed to reduce the conditioned volume and improve systems coordination in the growing spaces. The greenhouses feature **renewable wood framing** for the greenhouse cascading up the façade of the building and **steel tree-columns** for the top greenhouse. All greenhouses contain a **grate system** to facilitate MEP flexibility and proper water drainage.

The structural partners worked diligently with the other team members to develop a striking, integrated façade system that meets the various discipline design requirements for Milwaukee, while also consdering the other requirements for future Growing Power locations. The resulting **rain screen** system utilizes clips to attach the customizable façade components to the cold-formed steel backup studs.

Top Greenhouse Tree-Columns and Structural Model Overview





#### HIGHLIGHTS

High Strength, Low Weight Structural Steel System: Composite steel members minimized sizes and subsequently weight.

Transfer Element: In order to clear span over the gathering space, custom steel transfer girders were designed.

#### Geopiers®:

Geopier® soil reinforcement was utilized to as a costeffective, efficient solution to improve the soil bearing capacity.

#### Wood Greenhouse Structure:

The cascading greenhouses utilize glulam framing as a renewable resource and architectural accent

### Top Greenhouse Tree-Columns:

Smaller member sizes and an open floor plan were achieved through the design of treecolumns comprised of galvanized HSS shapes.

#### Flexible Prototype Façade:

Light-weight rain screen façade system developed through integration.

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### **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

#### **BUILDING DESCRIPTION**

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization that prides itself in providing communities with healthy, high quality, safe, and affordable food. The mission of Growing Power is to promote sustainable food producing systems throughout the communities they are a part of, helping to establish food security.

The Growing Power Vertical Farm is a proposed five-story building located in the surrounding area of



Figure 1. Growing Power Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee, WI. The building will have **9,000 S.F. of south facing green house space** and **42,000 S.F. of mixed use space**: office, educational, and retail. Since Growing Power operates as a national nonprofit they have a long term vision of using this vertical farm as a prototype for future locations. The challenge for AEI Team 4 is to provide Growing Power with a facility that will enable them to carry out their goals, utilizing best sustainable engineering practices.

#### GOALS

Total Building Design Engineering (AEI Team 4) developed the new Growing Power headquarters in Milwaukee, WI, as a five-story vertical farm composed of greenhouse facilities, a gathering space, a marketspace, offices, and educational spaces for the community. Growing Power has also stressed that they plan to use the developed design as a **prototype** for future Growing Power facilities in other locations in the United States. AEI Team 4 investigated what makes a vertical farm successful and aligned that with Growing Power's goals to establish the goals for the project.

#### **PROJECT INITIATIVES**

#### Flexibility



The ability for the facility to be used as a prototype for other possible sites across the country, while meeting the changing needs of Growing Power by providing options for continuous improvement.

#### **Sustainability**



Create a facility with a manageable lifecycle cost aided by the use and optimization of renewable energy, renewable resources, and sustainable practices in design and construction.

#### <u>Community</u>



Strengthen the community outreach by providing ample space for education and enabling the surrounding population to participate in the growing methods used within the vertical farm.



Provide the best product for the budget developed by Growing Power while continuously providing cost savings and exploring funding expansion. The development of a facility for Growing Power involved a number of competing goals. The creation of the Vertical Farm will enable the organization to **connect** with the surrounding community in Milwaukee, research and **adapt** the concept of urban farming, **grow** quality produce in an efficient manner, and **educate** the community about various urban farming techniques.

AEI Team 4 developed a number of team goals and discipline goals, presented in Figure 2, to guide the design beyond those directly expressed in the program brief. To facilitate the ability for Growing Power to expand to other locations, AEI Team 4 developed the design as a prototype with **transferability** in mind. By creating a design that enabled the swapping of individual components or systems necessary for various locations, the basic concept of the overall building structure could be maintained. The project was also driven by selections to make the building renewable and sustainable. The project was developed based on a target value of \$11 million per the AEI Competition webinar. <sup>(1)</sup> This required economical design decisions and choices. The integration of the disciplines and systems throughout the entire design process contributed to an efficient overall building design.

The structural design partners of AEI Team 4 strived to supplement the architectural design refined by AEI Team 4, shown in Figure 1, by developing an integrated structural system to support and promote the Project Discipline Goals

Cost-effective, integrated structural design solutions

Utilize sustainable and renewable elements and concepts within the structural design

Develop a structural system to allow for a column-free gathering space

Enable Growing Power to adapt aspects of their program layout

Ability to place aquaponic systems anywhere within the greenhouses

Integration of the structural system with the mechanical and lighting/electrical systems, within the greenhouse

Durability of the structural system, especially in the greenhouse environment

Facilitate the development of future Growing Power locations by enabling the swapping of components of the lateral system for various loading conditions

Innovative foundation design to address the bearing capacity concerns

Figure 2. Project discipline goals

building's operations and systems. The design was conducted and implemented with **flexibility** in mind, to enable Growing Power to experiment with various growing strategies and program layouts. To enable Growing Power to construct vertical farms in other communities, the structural system was schematically designed to be **transferable** and adaptable to resist the varying structural loads possible in other locations. Finally, the structural team strived to detail waterproofing systems and durability measures to promote the **longevity** of the structure, and the building as a whole.

#### **IDENTIFIED STRUCTURAL SYSTEM DEMANDS**

The structural partners identified several challenges and aspects that the structural design would have to address and solve in order to contribute to the overall design and operation of Growing Power.

The basic operations of a vertical farm necessitate that equipment and tools related to growing plants are located on the step-backs and top of the building per the architectural plans. This results in **high loads from water tanks**, estimated to be up to 250 psf for 4' deep tanks, which needed to be designed and accounted for in any greenhouse locations and addressed throughout the rest of the structure. These loads had to be explicitly addressed in order to achieve the desired architectural openness in the gathering

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space, requiring the removal of columns, and subsequently, the transfer of high loads. The greenhouse design also included a raised floor grate system, which required that the structural slab be lowered 14" below the greenhouse areas. The geotechnical report found on-site soil conditions with an allowable bearing capacity of 1,500 psf, causing a refocus on total building weight, and created complications late in the structural evaluation process.

Furthermore, since Growing Power's Milwaukee campus will be used as a prototype for future building in many other locations, the structural design strived to address the variation in structural loadings and conditions, such as snow, wind, seismic, and soil, possible at numerous locations, such as Miami, Florida. Thus, Growing Power can more easily transpose the building design, enabling them to focus more on their mission to educate, connect, engage, and grow.

#### SYSTEM SELECTIONS

#### CODE ANALYSIS & DESIGN LOADS

For the design of Growing Power's headquarters, the structural team utilized the applicable codes and standards for the location in Milwaukee, while also considering controlling factors for other potential locations, such as Miami. <sup>(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup> A complete discussion of these codes and standards, and the building design loads, is provided in the Supporting Documentation (SD|III). The structural system was developed utilizing loading conditions for Milwaukee and considered other potential locations to facilitate the transferability of the system.

#### **GRAVITY SYSTEM DESIGN**

The structural team for AEI Team 4 determined a number of desirable characteristics and criteria for selecting a structural gravity system, presented in Table 1. A full list and evaluation of the considered system options is available in the Supporting Documentation (SD|X). By evaluating the various system options against these measures, concrete and steel were identified as the leading candidates for the final system selection using the decision matrix presented in the supporting documentation. At this point, more in-depth research, analysis, and design was conducted focusing on rigid frame structural steel and two-way mild reinforced concrete, which is discussed in the following sections.

Project Decision Matrix												
Option					Go	als					Risks	Select
	1	4	7	9	10	2	3	5	6	8		X
Gravity System												
Steel Noncomposite	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	5	2		
Steel Composite	4	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	5	2		Х
Concrete Two-way Slab	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	2		X
Concrete Post Tension	3	3	3	3	3	5	4	4	3	2		
Concrete Bubble Deck	2	4	5	3	4	4	3	2	1	5	Extremely specialized market	

Table 1. Gravity System Selection

The options were rated on a scale of 1-5 based on how they met each goal. Coloring corresponds to the four project initiatives: Flexibility, Sustainability, Economy, and Community. A complete list of goals is available in the Supporting Documentation.

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#### STRUCTURAL STEEL

The structural steel gravity load system design is comprised of **composite** deck and steel wide-flange beams to achieve lighter self-weight than concrete and thinner total system depths than noncomposite steel beams, which aided coordination within the ceiling plenum. Due to the anticipated high live loading, especially in the greenhouse areas, the composite behavior of the structure will be more efficient. The structural team aimed to utilize AISC Economy W-shapes, however, certain instances, such as the transfer element. necessitated non-economical sizes. RAM Structural System was utilized to analyze and verify the design and selection of members within the structural system. Given the limitations



Figure 3. Structural model in RAM Structural System

of RAM SS with bi-level framing and tree columns, the structural partners found it necessary to utilize alternative analysis and design software in these areas. Because these areas required more attention, a more in-depth discussion occurs in the greenhouse section. The resulting reactions of each of the analyses were applied to the RAM model, in order to account for the behaviors induced by the systems. An image of the 3-D model is shown in Figure 3. Hand calculations were conducted to spot-check and verify the design, examples of which are presented in the supporting documentation.

Beam framing for all floors is oriented in the plan north-south direction, as indicated in the example floor plan in Figure 4, with deck running plan east-west in a typical bay ( $30^{\circ}-6^{\circ} \times -21^{\circ}-0^{\circ}$ ). The structural partners' goal of allowing Growing Power the flexibility of placing aquaculture tanks throughout all greenhouses caused significant extra live load for the floors in those areas. This resulted in a typical bay, shown in Figure 5, containing composite W18x35 beams with 28 studs. To achieve a two hour fire rating for the floor composition and utilize composite action, **Vulcraft 3.0VL18 with 3** <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" **light-weight concrete topping** was selected (SD|XI). <sup>(6)</sup> Spot checks were conducted to verify the composite beam design (SD|XI). The reduction in depth due to composite action made steel framing in this area more feasible for integration with other options since each greenhouse floor is dropped to allow for a secondary floor system in the greenhouse, discussed in greenhouse. The non-composite design would have necessitated the use of W24's, which would have occupied too much of the reduced ceiling plenum, hampering the integration of the various systems.

An example typical bay from the base building is shown in Figure 5, which utilizes W16X26 beams with 14 studs. Because the floor exhibits a high span to depth ratio, a preliminary vibration analysis was performed which determined the floor meets not only the gathering space and classroom thresholds but also the office threshold of 0.005g.



Figure 4. Representative steel plan



Figure 5. Typical steel bay supporting base building (left) and greenhouse (right).

#### **CONCRETE ALTERNATIVE**

Cast-in-place two-way mild-reinforced concrete was selected as a finalist candidate for the gravity system design for a number of reasons. The concrete design was expected to provide a more durable option, which was necessary given the moist environment of the greenhouses and the desire for structural system longevity. In addition, the anticipated structural depths would be less than the other options, providing the most plenum space for MEP systems and easing coordination. The concrete system would provide a continual, inherent diaphragm despite the drop-down for the greenhouse areas. The concrete design was also anticipated to be relatively easy to adjust for future locations, contributing to the flexibility and transferability of the overall structural design. However, there were several concerns and drawbacks to a concrete design as well. The self-weight of the concrete design was a potential issue during preliminary selection, especially given the in-situ soil conditions. In addition, the reinforcement in concrete could hinder the flexibility of the program layout, as any **future cores and penetrations** would have to be placed as to not greatly reduce the structural capacity of the system.

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The anticipated floor system depth (8"-10") was thinner than those in other systems, which would ease interdisciplinary coordination and facilitate the implementation of a raised grate system within the greenhouses. While the RAM Concept model indicated a slab depth of 8"-10" was possible, exploration of the CRSI Design Handbook<sup>(7)</sup> indicated a slab depth of 12" for preliminary design to control punching shear. However, the larger impact this would have on the plenum space, especially in the greenhouse drop downs was considered unreasonable.



Figure 6. Excessive shear reinforcing

Therefore, the structural partners proceeded with the 8"-10" slab and explored various solutions to the issues that accompanied that selection. The high floor loading conditions of the greenhouses necessitated excessively large drop panels and shear reinforcing that eventually became extreme and unfeasible. The addition of wide beams (6' wide x 2' deep) and other elements proved fruitless in the attempt to support and control the effects of the high floor loads in the greenhouses. In non-greenhouse applications, the drop panels were 12'x12' and 8" deep. The columns were sized at 24"x24" and although increasing their size would aid in solving the punching shear problems, this would become an architectural plan issue.

The progressive thickening of the concrete floor system and **tight spacing of shear reinforcing** (#4 @ <1.0"), as observed in Figure 6, confirmed concerns related to the possibility of future slab penetrations that frequently accompany building renovations and retrofits, thereby inhibiting the flexibility needed for Growing Power to alter and update their facilities.

The structural step-down for the greenhouses was another area of complication, as longitudinal reinforcing was so congested that improper consolidation was anticipated during concrete placement. Several locations required reinforcing (#6 @ <1.0", <0.25" clear spacing) that was not even constructible, let alone meeting code.

The concrete system would not require additional fire protection measures, which was a major advantage due to the prevalence of fire separations indicated in the architectural drawings that result from the various space occupancies.

The inherent lateral stiffness of the concrete system would reduce the financial impact that would accompany rigid frame steel connections. However, the locations of elevator cores lead to the realization that more moment frames would be required than originally thought. The concrete floor system would help prolong the life span of the structure in the moist environment of the greenhouses, where it may also be exposed to corrosive chemicals from fertilizer and the aquaponic processes.

The team's original revised architectural layout of the design resulted in bay proportions that enabled two-way concrete slab designs with a typical bay proportion of 1:1.7 (Int|9). Some bays exceeded 1:2.5 with smallest proportion equaling 1:1.3. However, refinement to the team's architectural layout and corresponding column layout led to one-way behavior tendencies as the **bay size approached 2:1**, making the two-way concrete slab system inefficient.

As the preliminary designs progressed, it became increasingly evident that the allowable soil bearing capacity recommended in the geotechnical report would not permit the selection of a concrete system for the Milwaukee location. After evaluating possible solutions to the various issues and consulting the full design team, the structural partners decided that the concrete design was not feasible for the situation and conditions, as summarized in Table 2. Therefore, the **structural steel composite design** was selected as the structural system for the building.

#### TRANSFER GIRDERS

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In order to achieve the project goal of an open, **column-free** second floor gathering

space, transfer elements were necessary to **clear span** the building below the third floor (Int|14). Several different structural concepts were explored for transferring the column loads out across the 61' span.

The use of castellated beams was initially explored to achieve lighter members and ease the integration with MEP systems. However, the design revealed that no single castellated member could achieve the

necessary strength and deflection requirements, while meeting the requirement of a maximum member depth of 42". Two transfer girder members would be adequate when working in tandem. However, this idea was discarded when considering the necessary connection in comparison to the alternatives, as it would involve framing two members in at a single column where there would be inadequate space.

Another considered option was the use of story deep trusses, essentially using the third floor level as a truss. While the members could be hidden in walls, this would contradict the goal of flexibility as it would limit Growing Power's ability to adjust the program layout in the future in Milwaukee and in other locations.

Therefore, the most critical transfer girder is designed as a **W36x361 with 2"x30" steel plates** (A527 Gr. 50) welded to each flange with a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" camber<sup>(8)</sup>, as depicted in Figure 7, to achieve the necessary moment of inertia (74153 in<sup>4</sup>) to limit net deflection to 1" and to provide the column-free gathering space desired in the project goals. The other transfer elements utilized W36x361 members, to achieve the necessary member properties for their respective loading conditions. The member size was selected based on availability & cost and to balance the ratio of member size to flange plate size.



Figure 7. Cross-sections of transfer elements

System	Pro	Con
Composite Steel	<ul> <li>Light weight</li> <li>More shallow</li> <li>Smaller sizes</li> <li>Quicker construction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Susceptible to water damage</li> <li>Fireproofing required</li> <li>Potential material cost (studs)</li> <li>Longer lead time</li> </ul>
Two-Way Concrete	<ul> <li>Good for heavy LL</li> <li>Inherent Fireproofing</li> <li>Vibration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Span limitations</li> <li>Bay Ratio Limitations</li> <li>Cost</li> </ul>

Table 2. Steel vs. Concrete Comparison

Control

Durability

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Composite design was not included in the transfer girder design to ensure deflection was properly controlled. However, the transfer girders include 60 shear studs along their length to provide additional deflection control through composite action.

Per AISC Design Guide 3<sup>(9)</sup>, 50% of the live load was utilized in deflection calculations since the member deflection was



limited to 1" or less. Engineering judgment also rationalized that there was a low probability that an entire bay would be filled with 4' deep tanks, as the specified tanks are only 3' tall. In addition, it was presumably necessary for there to be walkways and growing beds in the growing areas. The design also enabled the MEP systems to run through the transfer girders where needed. As not every transfer element required the same capacity, the flange plates varied by element to customize the transfer elements, while maintaining the use of W36x361 beams, shown in Figure 8.

The column design was conducted utilizing RAM SS, with a minimum size of W10's to facilitate connections with the members framing in. Although smaller sizes could be selected, it was anticipated that the savings of reducing the size would be outweighed by the cost, labor, and general inconvenience of the connections. However, a number of the columns were utilized in the lateral system, and therefore upsized to W14's. Columns were typically spliced 30" above the top of slab on the third floor level (per standard practice).

The selection of the composite structural steel system resulted in a **60% reduction** in structural weight when compared to the preliminary two-way concrete design. The steel sizes selected for the design can be obtained from mills within 500 miles of Milwaukee, so that Regional Materials LEED credit could be attained if Growing Power desired.

#### LATERAL SYSTEM DESIGN

The lateral load resisting system is comprised of **steel moment frames** located in a pattern to achieve uniform distribution of lateral stiffness. The elevator cores were initially planned to be part of the lateral system. The design worked well for Milwaukee, with better drift values than the use of moment frames, shown in Figure 10, however, the non-symmetrical layout in conjunction with the variation in requirements that accompany a design for numerous locations, especially seismic zones, ruled out the use of the cores. Braced frames were deemed unfeasible in order to facilitate the flexibility and open layout desired for Milwaukee and any future locations. Moment frames, displayed in Figure 9, also enabled the design team to eliminate them where possible as the building mass decreased with each progressive level. This was key in producing a flexible design that would be versatile and easily adapted for many locations.

Following the design of the gravity elements, a preliminary lateral analysis was conducted using the designed gravity members. From the initial output, W14 columns were selected based on an effective axial load. The W14's were intended to aid in controlling drift since drift was identified as a critical state early on in the design process, From that point, virtual work methods were used to identify critical

elements that were contributing the most to the lateral system (SD|XIV). Utilizing that output, only specific members were resized to produce the most economical, efficient design. Within the lateral system, the column sizes range from W14x82 to W14x257, while beam and girder sizes range from W21x55 to W36x135. Throughout the iterative design process, P- $\Delta$  effects were included through the Direct Design Method.

The top of building greenhouse lateral system makes use of the 8 lateral columns that act as tree columns (p. 12). The loads that feed into the greenhouse framing ultimately distribute into the 8 columns. Since the building column sizes are maintained for the entire height of the building,



Figure 9. Steel lateral system - Milwaukee

each column has enough stiffness and strength to act as a cantilever from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor to pick up any additional load. The load transfers were determined using SAP2000. The base reactions were input into RAM Structural System's Frame module to design the remaining lateral system.

The layout of the moment frames in the East-West direction, which is the critical wind loading direction, posed a challenge when trying to avoid placing any of the transfer elements in the frames which would cause a soft portal. Due to the building setbacks it was desired to place a moment frame at the front of the top greenhouse. Not only would that aid in controlling the 5<sup>th</sup> floor lateral drift, but the tree columns supporting the roof could be tied in as well. However in this location, one of the transfer elements was located in the moment frame. This instance could not be avoided without causing major eccentricity problems on the roof. The transfer element selected to act in the moment frame was the lightest gravity loaded transfer element, allowing more capacity for use in the moment frame. Because the transfer

element had such a large moment of inertia to prevent a soft story in the frame, the columns needed additional stiffness around the portal. Basing the desired moment of inertia on the most economical shape in the RAM model, a WT7x171 was selected to stiffen the gravity load designed W14x176 by welding it to each column flange. To ensure stiffness of the portal across the connection area the WT7x171 was extended a half story above and below the portal (SD|XIII).

The layout in the North-South direction was designed to limit the number of columns in biaxial bending. This decision was made to limit multiple moment connections on all lateral columns. The chosen location of the moment frames allows all but one greenhouse, the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, to tie into moment frames in both directions which places less stress on the members at the structural drop down. In the cases of Milwaukee and Miami, where wind controls, the drop down was determined to not cause significant diaphragm



Figure 10. Shear Walls vs. Moment Frames Drift Comparison. The graph indicates the drift values for each option and each direction.

discontinuity. After conversing with a high-rise structural engineering expert, the configuration of the girders was deemed feasible of transferring any load from the greenhouse slab into the main building slab. If the building were to be placed in a high seismic zone in the future, the drop down would require minor additional detailing and alterations to ensure diaphragm continuity.

#### FOUNDATION DESIGN

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Once the structural team completed the design of the superstructure, focus was turned to the foundation system. The structural partners explored a number of different options for the Foundation system, several of which are presented in Table 3. The Geotechnical Exploration Report provided by Geotechnical and Environmental Services, Inc. found organic fill to a depth of 3' to 5.5' and recommended the use of "conventional spread and/or strip footings to bear on the natural alluvial soil" located below. The recommended net allowable soil bearing capacity of 1,500 psf would cause the use of numerous combined spread footings. A mat foundation was also considered in order to create a "bath tub" due to the high groundwater level. However, this was a less of a concern for the structural design once a groundwater drainage system was developed (CM|8). Therefore, the structural team explored the concept of **Geopier® soil reinforcment** in order to avoid the need for combined spread footings by improving the allowable soil bearing capacity and reduce the plan size of spread footings.

Table 3. Foundation System Selection

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Project Decision Matrix												
Option	Goals Risks Select											
	1	4	7	9	10	2	3	5	6	8		Х
Foundation System												
Mat Foundation	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	5	3		
Spread/Strip Footing	4	4	3	3	3	5	4	4	5	3		
Deep Foundations	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	4	Expensive, invasive, slow	
Geopiers	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	2	5		Х

Geopier® foundation systems use Rammed Aggregate Piers® to improve the effective bearing capacity for foundation systems. The Rammed Aggregate Piers® are constructed by augering a hole to the necessary depth, placing a lift of aggregate in the hole, then ramming the aggregate. The piers are completed by continuing the cycle of placing lifts of aggregate and ramming each lift. This process increases the lateral pressure around the hole, improving the effective bearing capacity for footings, as detailed in Figure 11.

The use of Geopier® soil reinforcement improved the estimated useable bearing capacity to **6,000 psf** based on correspondence with Ground Improvement Engineering <sup>(10)</sup>, which was critical given the high building loads. The foundation situation also was improved through the composite selection of the steel structural system, as the gravity loading was **reduced by 60%**.

The reinforced spread footings for the columns and strip footings for the basement walls utilize the soil reinforcement provided by the Geopiers®. RAM Structural System was used during the design of the column spread footings and basement wall strip footings



Figure 11. Geopier® Soil Reinforcement (11)

(SD|XVI). Several standard foundation sizes were utilized for repetitive construction, which aids the schedule and budget.

The 12'-6" foundation wall design was conducted accounting for the possibility of lateral fluid pressure up to 5' below grade. This resulted in a 12" thick, 3,000 psi concrete foundation wall.

Piers were designed as part of the foundation walls to transition the steel superstructure to the concrete substructure. Based on preliminary design, the steel columns connect to 20"x24"x1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " base plates, which are then anchored into 28"x32" piers, for the columns contributing to the lateral system, which are integrated into the foundation wall. This design was completed by importing the structural model from RAM Structural System into RAM Connections. Interface details were developed to address this situation, as displayed in Figure 12.



Figure 12. Interface of steel superstructure and concrete foundation system

#### **GREENHOUSE DESIGN**

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Rather than relying on pre-manufactured greenhouses, as was the original intent, AEI Team 4 designed **custom greenhouses**, for a number of reasons (Int|12). The pre-manufactured greenhouses were designed to be supported above a 20' height to avoid fire-rating requirements, thereby only needing to use non-combustible materials per IBC 2009. As part of the team effort to improve the quality and efficiency of the greenhouses, the roof systems were redesigned to satisfy the required fire-rating allowing almost the entire structure to be below 20'.

Table 4. Greenhouse Roof System Selection												
Project Decision Matrix												
Option					Go	als					Risks	Select
	1	4	7	9	10	2	3	5	6	8		X
Green House Structural System												
Wood	2	2	4	3	4	5	1	2	5	4		X
Steel	5	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	5	3		Х

In addition, a **raised floor grate system** was developed to improve drainage and de-clutter the greenhouse floor area (Int|13). The grate system enabled the MEP systems to run beneath the grate, keeping the floor unobstructed, which is critical for Growing Power to operate the greenhouses efficiently and guide tours through the space. The structural design for the greenhouse roofs utilized both engineered wood and steel, as outlined in Table 4.

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#### **CASCADING GREENHOUSES**

The structure of the cascading greenhouses was formulated utilizing **renewable engineered wood** products, as seen in Figure 13. A comparison was conducted between structural steel and engineered wood. The renewability of the wood sources typically used to manufacture the engineered wood products reflects the environmental friendly goals for this



Figure 13. Cascading greenhouse structure

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design, which contributed to the decision. Engineered wood products contain a fraction of the embodied energy present in steel and concrete, while utilizing wood from second- and third-growth forests.<sup>(12)</sup>

The selected glulam members (24F-V4 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"x 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" purlins and 5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"x12" rigid frames<sup>(13)</sup>) are classified as achieving 1 hour fire rating as heavy timber per IBC 2009 Table 601 Note C and Table 602.4, which requires glulam members to be larger than 3"x 6 7/8". Therefore, additional fire protection was not required despite lowering the heights of the cascading greenhouses to improve the space utilization within the greenhouses. The applicable moisture factor was used during wood design, however, the moisture levels in the greenhouse environment were not anticipated to be an issue in relation to wood deterioration, especially when utilizing preservative treatment (Mech|5). However, to ensure durability and longevity of the structure, non-toxic pigmented acrylic latex paint or pigmented alkyd paint<sup>(14)</sup> shall be applied.

For the cascading greenhouses,  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\phi$  galvanized steel tension rods were used to provide lateral support via X-bracing between every other frame, as depicted in Figure 13.

#### TOP GREENHOUSE

The top roof greenhouse was designed in structural steel due to the larger spans and strength limitations of wood (SD|XVIII). The design was completed utilizing **treecolumns**, shown in Figure 14, to maximize spans, while minimizing the number and size of members. In addition, the number of columns impeding the space was limited. This helped improve daylighting levels in the greenhouse (Elec|5) and enabled the floor plan to remain more open and flexible.

The grate system in the greenhouses enables piping to be run below the architectural floor level,
 decongesting the growing space floor without blocking light. The system is designed as a raised-access floor system with corrosion resistant cast aluminum 2'x2' grates to enable the easy removal and rearrangement of the system components. <sup>(15)</sup> This is achieved by dropping the structural level down 14", then placing a waterproofing membrane and a 2" light weight fiber reinforced weathering slab on top of the structural slab (SD|XVII).

This design also enables proper drainage in the greenhouses, as **bi-level drains**, detailed in Figure 15, are below the grate system such that water can flow unobstructed to the drain on the topping slab. The bi-level drain also collects any water that passes the **topping slab** and reaches the **waterproofing membrane**. This helps improve the durability and lifespan of the structure and building



Figure 14. Top greenhouse structure (left) and tree column (right).



Figure 15. Bi-level drain in greenhouse floor and rainwater collection trough  $^{\rm (16)}$ 

The **rainwater collection trough** (SD|XVII) between the greenhouses was designed to support a ponding load in the event that the drains become clogged, and the water cannot drain (Mech|6). The trough was also designed for impact loading that could occur should snow slide off of the upper roofs (SD|VI). Although the greenhouses would typically be heated, preventing snow build-up, the structural design partners deemed it appropriate to design for a case where snow would build up if greenhouses were

closed, and therefore unheated, for maintenance or during construction.

#### FAÇADE

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The selected **rain screen system** is advantageous for all portions of the design team for a numerous reasons (Int|10). The rain screen system, shown in Figure 16, enables various finishes, in this instance terracotta, to be attached to clips which tie back in to **galvanized cold-formed steel studs**. The structural load of this system (25 psf) is less than the loads of other typical façade systems, such as brick veneer (~40 psf).

Cold-formed steel studs (6" deep, 16 gage Clark Dietrich 600S @ 16" o.c.<sup>(17)</sup>) were selected as the back-up system for the façade over CMU due to the lighter system weight, lower cost, shorter construction duration, and ease of construction (SD-



Figure 16. Rain screen facade mock-up

XIX). As the perimeter beams were typically upsized to facilitate connections, there is adequate capacity should CMU be deemed appropriate for other locations, such as where the acoustic characteristics of CMU are needed. The use of CMU backup structure would result in 71% utilization of the perimeter members vs. 58% with studs. However, the resulting building mass increases the seismic weight by 32%, thereby intensifying base shear accordingly. The rain screen also poses opportunities for creating a proper moisture barrier and variation in architectural aesthetics (Int|10). This prevents water penetration that can damage the façade, in addition to potential corrosion of the façade back-up structure.

#### PROTOTYPING

The structural design was conducted in a manner that facilitates the **transferability** of much of the building design by addressing aspects of the code that vary throughout the country. The intent was to provide Growing Power with a template for expanding and spreading to other communities.

Obviously, the foundation portion of the design is not completely transferable as soil conditions will vary with every new site. However, the site soil properties in Milwaukee are very poor, so soil properties should ideally only improve. Even within the Greater Milwaukee Region, USGS maps indicate a high frequency of soil compositions that would offer improved bearing capacity over those indicated in the geotechnical report. Improved soil conditions could enable the use of simple spread and/or strip footings, as recommended in the geotechnical report.

The greenhouses were designed to be easily transferable to other locations, by easily changing member sizes as necessary. For

#### [MIAMI HIGHLIGHTS]

Transferable Lateral System: Lateral system designed for Miami, by upsizing structural elements while maintaining the same configuration.

#### Flexible Prototype Façade:

Rain screen system can be adapted to Miami wind loadings and requirements by adjusting clip and stud specifications.

#### Greenhouse Structures:

Community

The greenhouse roofs are transferable to Miami with adjusted sizes for new loading conditions example, in **Miami**, the **glulam members** of the cascading greenhouses and **steel members** of the top greenhouse would **increase in size** due to the **higher wind loading** conditions based on procedures from ASCE 7-05. The lower-cost option of mass-manufactured greenhouses was available, however, AEI Team 4 decided to design custom greenhouses to provide Growing Power with a striking, durable, efficient, and high-quality integrated product.

If Growing Power wanted to sacrifice durability, aesthetics, and quality for a cheaper option, the custom-designed glulam-framed cascading greenhouses and steel-framed top greenhouse could be replaced with basic mass-manufactured greenhouse structures, pending code compliance of those selected. The custom greenhouses were designed in a manner to lower the roof heights to decrease the volume of conditioned space, while meeting code requirements as discussed earlier.



Figure 17. Miami drift comparison

For Miami, the wind load values were derived using **Exposure C** because a specific site was not selected, so the surrounding surface roughness was unknown. In addition, a **partially enclosed** structure was assumed in the event that debris in a hurricane were to damage the greenhouse glazing, causing the pressurization to change. By making these assumptions, the structural design for cladding and the lateral system may have been conservative, but alterations could be made once a specific site were selected for Miami or other locations.

The façade design was also conducted to enable easy relocation to future sites, as discussed in the façade section. For Miami, the cold-formed steel studs would need to be re-specified to 6" deep, 12 gage Clark Dietrich 600S @ 12" o.c. to address the increased wind loading.

The lateral system for Miami utilized the **same configuration of moment frames**, while select **members were up-sized** for the new unfactored loading conditions, although the drift values were closer to the minimum requirement (Figure 17). This verified the structural partners' intent to make the structural design **transferable** to new locations by exchanging member sizes as required.

#### CONCLUSION

The design of the Growing Power headquarters in Milwaukee, and desire for a prototype for future locations starting with Miami, presented the structural partners of AEI Team 4 with a number of assorted, complex challenges. The team examined the project requirements and challenges to develop goals to guide and drive the design process and decisions to create integrated systems that comprise a building that satisfies Growing Power's needs and goals.

With the various goals in mind, the structural partners developed a **cost-effective, integrated** structural design that utilizes a **composite structural steel** floor gravity load resisting system to minimize member sizes and structural self-weight. The **sustainable** ideals of Growing Power and AEI Team 4 were incorporated through the use of **renewable wood products** in the cascading greenhouse roofs, which also act as an **architectural accent**. Custom **transfer girders** were designed to **clear-span** the building in

select locations to create a **column-free gathering space**. In the building as a whole, the structural partners strived to minimize the encroachment of the structural system upon the floor plan in an effort to enable Growing Power to adjust and alter the program layout in future locations. To provide Growing Power with the **freedom to adapt** their operations, the structure supporting the greenhouses was designed for 4' water tanks in any location such that the aquaponic systems can be rearranged and relocated within the greenhouses as necessary without requiring additional structural evaluation. The greenhouses provided a fantastic opportunity for systems integration, to which the structural discipline contributed the development of the tree-columns and grate system. To promote the durability and longevity of the structure, especially in the greenhouses where water will be continually present, waterproofing and drainage concepts were developed. As a whole, the structural design was conducted to create a prototype for Growing Power to utilize for any future locations, namely Miami. The prime example of this concept is the **lateral system** design, where the arrangement remains untouched, while member sizes are adjusted as needed. Upon reviewing the Geotechnical Exploration Report, the structural partners became concerned with the recommended allowable bearing capacity and sought out **innovative** foundation system methods to assuage the challenge at hand. The solution was the implementation of Geopier® soil reinforcement to improve the effective soil bearing capacity for the Milwaukee site.

Project Goals	Design Solution/Outcome	Project Initiatives		
Cost-Effective, Integrated Structural Design	Composite Steel Floor System			
Sustainable & Renewable Elements and Concepts	Glulam Greenhouse Roof Members	الح 😸		
Column-Free Gathering Space	Clear-Span Transfer Girders	😣 😣		
Adaptable Program Layout	Minimize Structural Footprint in Floor plan	×		
Ability to Place Aquaponic Systems Anywhere in the Greenhouses	Structural System Designed for 4' Tanks	<ul><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><l< td=""></l<></ul>		
System Integration in the Greenhouses	Tree-columns and Grate system	<ul><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><li>(%)</li><l< td=""></l<></ul>		
Durability of the Structure, Especially Greenhouses	Waterproofing and Drainage Detailing Galvanization of Greenhouse Steel Elements			
Facilitate the Development of Future Locations	Lateral System Configuration Remains Intact While Sizes Change	<b>N</b>		
Innovative Foundation Design Addressing Bearing Capacity	Geopier® Soil Reinforcement			

 Table 5. Goals and Solutions Summary

The structural discipline has succeeded in providing Growing Power the means with which to further their mission. The composite structural steel gravity system was designed to enable Growing Power to vary the layout of growing systems, providing **flexibility**. The steel lateral system was developed to ensure that the design is **transferable** and adaptable to other locations and other loading conditions. The waterproofing of greenhouses and the façade protect the structure and promote the **longevity** of the building. Through collaborative process and utilization of BIM technology, the structural team was able to accomplish the various discipline goals by developing solutions that also addressed the project goals and initiatives, as presented in Table 5, in order to deliver Growing Power the building that fits their needs.

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#### LESSONS LEARNED

During the design of the Growing Power headquarters, the structural partners learned a variety of lessons that helped guide and mold the ensuing design process. These valuable lessons are anticipated to be useful as the structural partners conclude their academic careers and enter the professional industry.

- 1. Organization and management of files is imperative:
  - a. To streamline the design process, swift access to previously completed work is critical. This is facilitated by creating a clear formatting and naming convention for models, documents, spreadsheets, images, and presentations to enable user-friendly navigation and retrieval process. Various folders were created to sort files based on the project phase, discipline, and design package. However, it is important not to create too many folders, as files can easily be lost in the overwhelming mix.
- 2. Analysis and Design Software is a powerful resource:

- a. Throughout the development of the Growing Power headquarters, a number of analysis and design programs were used to assist in the design process. Structural design software can be extremely helpful tool during the design process. However, it can also be detrimental if used improperly. The "black box" of design software means that inputting poor information into a model will lead to poor output from said model. Therefore, the structural partners were vigilant to input precise data to ensure that accurate output was received. Spot checks via hand calculations were utilized to verify the validity of the results.
- 3. BIM software can be a useful tool for integrated project delivery and design:
  - a. Inter-disciplinary collaboration can be greatly improved through the use of BIM software, as it provides a visual aid during discussions and a method of 3-D coordination and clash-detection among other things.
  - b. Throughout the design process, the structural partners sought to maximize the utilization of BIM software interaction to create a more efficient process of design and information transfer.
    - i. A number of processes linking Revit to RAM were explored, including RAM's Integrated Structural Modelling (ISM), which included a midpoint software package that allowed the team to track changes coming from Revit and RAM, authorize updates, and continuously synchronize the models. After running some preliminary models, it was found that the ISM failed to properly transfer sloped framing data. Given the large amount of slope framing included on the greenhouse roof structures, the ISM was deemed inappropriate for software integration on this project. Instead, the structural partners utilized the Revit .dxf export to create the initial RAM model. Once the RAM model was created, the Revit and RAM models were managed and updated independently, because no adequate software transfer between the two model types was available.
    - ii. Bentley's RAM software includes in-house links between RAM Structural Systems, RAM Concept, RAM Elements, and RAM Connection, which were utilized to maintain structural loading information while a variety of components were analyzed and designed.
    - iii. SP Slab and SP Column were used independently to determine preliminary concrete designs, because no software integration method currently exists to incorporate them with the software utilized in the project.
    - iv. STAAD Pro was used independently, given the simplistic nature of the elements being analyzed and designed, mainly the lower greenhouse framing structures.
    - v. DXF files were utilized to transfer geometric data from Revit to SAP2000 to minimize errors produced in modelling of the top greenhouse tree columns. However, no design data was transferred back to Revit through software integration methods. Revit, RAM SS, and SAP2000 seamlessly integrated with Microsoft Excel for data analysis. Bulk data was exported from each software and processed to create understandable tables and graphs that confirmed and helped refine engineering design decisions, such as critical members to update in the lateral system. It aided in expediting the processing of deflection data to determine the location of maximum deflection and the corresponding members. Large volumes of member forces were exported for initial selection of lateral members.
- 4. Effective Communication is vital for smooth design:

- a. Interdisciplinary communication throughout the design process is important for developing an integrated project. Through a continual flow of data among team members, ideas and developments can be quickly shared and discussed to ensure that any decisions are well-informed. In addition, any communication needs to be crystal-clear and any decisions confirmed to ensure that there is no confusion and the entire team is on the same page.
- 5. BIM technology can be misleading:
  - a. Although BIM technology is extremely helpful for interdisciplinary collaboration, it can also provide a false sense of completion during the design. During preliminary system modeling, preliminary sizes are used to provide a layout and baseline to work with. However, this can lead to the belief that the design is further along and more complete than it really is, as the level of detail appears higher than in reality.
- 6. Prototype criteria needs to be determined early:
  - a. The concept of developing a design that can easily be transferred to future locations means that numerous aspects and criteria must be taken into account. In order to facilitate effective, efficient design of a prototype, the various factors need to be determined early in the process in order to be properly incorporated into the design.

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To facilitate team collaboration and system integration, the structural partners worked to maintain a current structural design in Revit 2015. This enabled the team to easily coordinate various systems and reference the latest plans, sections, schedules, and details throughout the design process. In addition, this added in coordinating the various structural models by ensuring all information was up to date.

#### **ORGANIZATION STRATEGIES**

The structural partners strived to keep organized and on target and schedule by keeping written accounts of meetings and discussions with team members, faculty advisors, or industry professionals. In addition, a log of action items was used to map out upcoming phases of the design process and track completion of the different items. This method provided the team with easy access to information and reasoning discuss prior when reviewing or revisiting certain aspects of the design.

Meeting Minutes (11-12-14)	
Lateral System:	🛛 Revise Milwaukee I
-eccentricity an issue with the two cores	🛛 Verify Lateral F
-focus on earthquake requirements	⊠ Downsize beams
-will control overall concept due to varying requirements	Virtual Wor
-symmetry	Foundation Revision
-"Symmetry is our friend."	☑ Foundation wall
-need something that is balanced due to multicity requirements	Include effe
- uniform distribution of lateral strength throughout plan is advantageous	⊠ Preliminary Mat
-moment frames	Evaluate and design
-can drop off frames as mass drops off	Design Cuide 2
-try not using cores for lateral	Design Guide 2
-wails limit you and throw in eccentricity	⊠ Koor-Top Greennou
-use only frames to address the multicity requirements	⊠ Create Model fo
Gathering space.	🛛 Roofing Framing
-need to allow the lateral system to transfer	⊠ C&C Wind Load
-need to transfer moment out: need moment connections	⊠ Tree Columns
-could also bump up the next lower level girder to larger size for stiffness	□ Lower Greenhouse I
-make sure lower level sees stiffness by stiffening columns	🛛 Determine Valid
-can reinforce section with addition W or WI	⊠ Size HSS Suppo
-Increase column size if possible	⊠ Upper H
-cneaper and easier than reinforcing the section, etc.	□ Lower H
Miscellaneous:	⊠ Lateral bracing r
-concrete has had issues regarding transfer girder & moment frames	Steel Frame Alte
-valid reasoning for innerent frames or snear walls	Maintura Contra
-symmetry and balance are critical with multiple locations	
-variations in lateral requirements are a problem due the various code requirements	☐ Steel Connections
-Need to focus on tracking the load path	□ RAM Connectio
-steel better for future flexibility	□ Spot Check (Har
-can more easily remove and a pay and reinforce the opening for potential alterations in	

the future than concrete

#### 1-20-15 Structural To-Do List

- Lateral System Forces ns, upsize columns rk ns design ects of water table Foundation Sizing for Comparison openings in select beams use Detail Sizing or Daylighting study ıg iding Values Details dity of assumed detail in Revit Model orting Column ISS ISS perpendicular to frames ternate Design ol of Wood on modeling
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#### BUILDING DESIGN LOADS

The building structural design loads were determined utilizing the applicable codes & standards and various manufacturers for different building material products. The following load tables were developed for the various portions or the building and the structure, such that the structural partners could easily refer to and justify the design values throughout the design process.

Typical Roof Dead Load							
Туре	Load	Notes					
Decking	2 psf	Vulcraft 1.5B20					
<b>Rigid Insulation</b>	10 psf						
Roofing Membrane	5 psf						
MEP	10 psf	Superimposed					
Ceilings	2 psf						
Lighting	5 psf						
Total	34 psf						

Typical Base Building Floor Dead Load							
Туре	Load	Notes					
Decking	46 psf	Vulcraft 3.0VLI18 with 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " Topping Composite Deck with Light Weight Concrete					
MEP	10 psf						
Floor Finishes	3 psf	Superimpered					
Ceilings	2 psf	Superimposed					
Lighting	5 psf						
Total	66 psf						

Typical Transition Floor Dead Load							
Туре	Load	Notes					
Decking	46 psf	Vulcraft 3.0VLI18 with 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " Topping Composite Deck with Light Weight Concrete					
MEP	10 psf						
Floor Finishes	3 psf						
Ceilings	2 psf						
Lighting	5 psf	Superimposed					
<b>Rigid Insulation</b>	15 psf						
3 ¼" L.W. Topping Slab	30 psf						
Total	111 psf						

	,	Typical Greenhous
Туре	Load	
Decking	46 psf	Vulcraft 3.0VI
MEP	10 psf	
Floor Finishes	3 psf	
Ceilings	2 psf	
Lighting	5 psf	
Grate System	10 psf	
2" L.W. Topping Slab	18 psf	
Membrane	2 psf	
Total	96 psf	

		Typical Buildi
Туре	Load	
Market	125 psf	
Processing/Loading	125 psf	
Mechanical Rooms	125 psf	
Storage	125 psf	
Gathering Space	100 psf	
Classrooms	100 psf	Viewed as as
Demo Kitchen	100 psf	Viewed as as
Office	100 psf	Enable flexibility
Greenhouse	250 psf	Enable 4' c

		Façad
Туре	Load	
Gypsum Wall Board	2.5 psf	
Misc. MEP	1 psf	
Metal Studs	1.5 psf	
Dens Glass	2 psf	
Vapor Barrier	1 psf	
Insulation	2 psf	
Metal Channels	5 psf	
Terracotta Panels	10 psf	
Total	25 psf	

se Floor Dead Load
Notes
LI18 with 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " Topping. Composite Deck with Light Weight Concrete
Superimposed

ing Live Loads
Notes
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y to alter program layout in the future. (80 psf corridor
+ 20psf partition)
deep aquaculture tanks anywhere in greenhouses

#### le Load

Notes

Reference: AISC Steel Manual

Reference: Clark Dietrich Reference: Georgia-Pacific Reference: AISC Steel Manual Reference: AISC Steel Manual Reference: Hunter Douglas

#### SNOW LOADING

Given the climate in Milwaukee, snow loading was an important factor in the structural design. The structural partners investigated various loading conditions (balanced and unbalanced) that would potentially occur due to snow drift on the greenhouse roofs.

The structural partners also considered the potential for snow to slide into the rainwater collection troughs between the cascading greenhouses, which could cause both an impact load and lateral pressure on the trough walls. Ideally, the greenhouses would always be heated, preventing excessive snow accumulation. However, there is the potential during construction or maintenance that the greenhouses may not be in operation.

#### Cascading Greenhouse Load Conditions

Milwaukee Snow Loading					
Reference Standard	ASCE 7-05				
Risk Category	III				
Ground Snow Load	30 psf	pg			
Importance Factor	1.1				
Exposure Factor	1.0	Ce			
Thermal Factor	1.0	Ct			
Flat Roof Snow Load	23.1 psf	$p_{\rm f}$			
Slope Factor (15° & 10°)	1.0	Cs			
Slope Roof Snow Load	23.1 psf	p <sub>s</sub>			
Slope Factor (15° & 10°)	0.8	Cs			
Slope Roof Snow Load	18.5 psf	ps			
Snow Density	17.9 pcf	γ			

#### Roof Profile Load Conditions









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#### WIND LOADING

The structural partners developed Excel spreadsheets for various loading calculations, easing the design process for various locations, as the different factors could be adjusted as necessary.

The building was designed under Risk Category III to ensure the safety of the large number of occupants anticipated in the gathering space. The Miami design was conducted as a partially enclosed structure due to the potential for flying debris to damage the glazing of the greenhouses during hurricanes. In addition, the Miami design was conducted for Exposure Category C because a specific site was not selected.

Milwaukee Wind Loading						
Reference Standard	ASCE 7-05					
Risk Category	III					
V, Basic Wind Speed	90 mph	V				
K <sub>d</sub> , Wind Directionality Factor	0.85	K <sub>d</sub>				
I, Importance Factor	1.15	Ι				
Exposure Category	В					
Kz, Velocity pressure coefficient	0.90	Kz				
Kzt, Topographic Factor	1	K <sub>zt</sub>				
G, Gust Effect Factor	0.85	G				
Enclosure Classification	Enclosed					
Gcpi, Internal Pressure Coefficient	0.18	GC <sub>pi</sub>				
Cp, External Pressure Coefficient						
Windward	0.8					
Leeward	-0.5	$C_p$				
Side Wall	-0.7					
Velocity pressure	18.3 psf	q				
Windward MAX Design Pressure	15.7 psf	$p_{ww}$				
Leeward Design Pressure	-11.1 psf	$p_{lw}$				
Side Wall Design Pressure	-14.2 psf	$\mathbf{p}_{sw}$				

	Leeward Design Pressure					-11.1 psf p <sub>lw</sub>	
		Side W	all Design P	ressure		-14.2 p	osf p <sub>sw</sub>
	Components and Cla	adding Sum	nmary Tab	ole - M	lilwaukee		
	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	Z	CONE 4	ZONE 5	
	Roof	Roof	Roof	WW	LW / SW	WW	LW/SW
(SQFT)		(	psf)				
10	-28.6	-44.9	-61.1	19.5 -19.5		19.5	-35.8
20	-28.4	-44.6	-60.8	19.5	-19.5	19.5	-35.8
50	-27.8	-43.8	-59.8	19.2	-19.3	19.2	-34.9
100	-26.9	-42.5	-58.2	18.6	-18.9	18.6	-33.4
200	-25.1	-40.0	-54.8	17.5	-18.2	17.5	-30.4
500	-19.5	-32.2	-44.9	14.1 -15.9		14.1	-21.3
			_				
Risk Category		III					
Basic Wind Speed		90	mph				
	Exposure Category						
	Enclosure Classification	Enclosed					
	Importance Factor	1.15					

Miami Wind Loading						
Reference Standard	ASCE 7-05					
Risk Category	III					
V, Basic Wind Speed	150 mph	V				
$K_d$ , Wind Directionality Factor	0.85	Kd				
I, Importance Factor	1.15	Ι				
Exposure Category	С					
Kz, Velocity pressure coefficient	1.18	Kz				
Kzt, Topographic Factor	1	K <sub>zt</sub>				
G, Gust Effect Factor	0.85	G				
Enclosure Classification	Partially Enclosed					
Gcpi, Internal Pressure Coefficient	0.55	$GC_{pi}$				
Cp, External Pressure Coefficient						
Windward	0.8					
Leeward	-0.5	Cp				
Side Wall	-0.7					
Velocity pressure	66.7 psf	q				
Windward MAX Design Pressure	82.0 psf	p <sub>ww</sub>				
Leeward Design Pressure	-65.0 psf	p <sub>lw</sub>				
Side Wall Design Pressure	-76.4 psf	p <sub>sw</sub>				

Components and Cladding Summary Table - Miami								
	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	Z	ONE 4	Z	ZONE 5	
	Roof	Roof	Roof	WW	LW / SW	WW	LW/SW	
(SQFT)		(psf)						
10	-128.9	-188.4	-247.9	95.9	-95.9	95.9	-155.3	
20	-128.2	-187.5	-246.7	95.9	-95.9	95.9	-155.3	
50	-126.2	-184.6	-243.0	94.6	-95.0	94.6	-152.0	
100	-122.8	-179.9	-237.0	92.5	-93.6	92.5	-146.5	
200	-116.1	-170.5	-224.8	88.4	-90.9	88.4	-135.5	
500	-95.9	-142.1	-188.4	76.0	-82.6	76.0	-102.5	
	Risk Category	III						
Basic Wind Speed		150	mph					
Exposure Category		С						
Enclosure Classification		Partially Enclosed						
	Importance Factor	1.15						

	Components and Cladding Summary Table - Miami						
	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	Z	ONE 4	Z	ONE 5
	Roof	Roof	Roof	WW	LW/SW	WW	LW/SW
Г)		(psf)					
0	-128.9	-188.4	-247.9	95.9	-95.9	95.9	-155.3
20	-128.2	-187.5	-246.7	95.9	-95.9	95.9	-155.3
0	-126.2	-184.6	-243.0	94.6	-95.0	94.6	-152.0
00	-122.8	-179.9	-237.0	92.5	-93.6	92.5	-146.5
00	-116.1	-170.5	-224.8	88.4	-90.9	88.4	-135.5
00	-95.9	-142.1	-188.4	76.0	-82.6	76.0	-102.5
			_				
	Risk Category	III					
	Basic Wind Speed	150	mph				
	Exposure Category	С					
	Enclosure Classification	Partially Enclosed					
	Importance Factor	1.15					

WW

(psf)

69.18

69.18

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73.75

73.75

77.05

77.05

79.57

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82.03

LW

(psf)

-65.02

-65.02

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Total Base Shear (kip)							1196.5		
	N-S								
Level	WW (psf)	LW (psf)	Level Height (ft)	Influence Width (ft)	AREA WW (ft <sup>2</sup> )	AREA LW (ft)	WW F (kip)	LW F (kip)	TOTAL F* (kip)
1	69.18	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	69.41	-53.22	122.6
2GH	69.18	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	69.41	-53.22	122.6
2	69.18	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	69.41	-53.22	122.6
3GH	73.75	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	73.99	-53.22	127.2
3	73.75	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	73.99	-53.22	127.2
4GH	77.05	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	77.30	-53.22	130.5
4	77.05	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	77.30	-53.22	130.5
5GH	79.57	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	79.83	-53.22	133.1
5UP	79.57	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	79.83	-53.22	133.1
Roof	82.03	-53.05	14	71.7	1003.3	1003.3	82.30	-53.22	135.5
Total Base Shear (kip)									649.0
*Note: Windward Force and Leeward Force will not be applied to same diaphragm									

#### Forces on Diaphragms - Miami

	<b>E</b> -	W				
Level Height (ft)	Influence Width (ft)	AREA WW (ft <sup>2</sup> )	AREA LW (ft)	WW F (kip)	LW F (kip)	TOTAL F (kip)
14	159.5	2233.0	2233.0	154.48	-145.20	299.7
14	42.0	588.0	588.0	40.68	-38.23	78.9
14	117.5	1645.0	1645.0	113.80	-106.96	220.8
14	42.0	588.0	588.0	43.36	-38.23	81.6
14	96.5	1351.0	1351.0	99.63	-87.85	187.5
14	33.2	464.3	464.3	35.78	-30.19	66.0
14	84.3	1180.7	1180.7	90.97	-76.77	167.7
14	73.5	1029.0	1029.0	81.88	-66.91	148.8
14	23.0	322.0	322.0	25.62	-20.94	46.6
14	96.5	1351.0	1351.0	110.82	-87.85	198.7
			Tot	al Base Sl	near (kip)	1196.5

#### SEISMIC LOADING

Milwaukee Seismic Loading							
Reference Standard	ASCE 7-05						
Risk Category	III						
Seismic Site Class	D						
Spectral Response Acceleration, Short-Period	0.105	Ss					
Spectral Response Acceleration, One-Second	0.044	$\mathbf{S}_1$					
Site Coefficient, Short Period	1.6	Fa					
Site Coefficient, Long Period	2.4	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{v}}$					
MCE Spectral Response Acceleration, Short Period	0.168	S <sub>MS</sub>					
MCE Spectral Response Acceleration, One-Second	0.105	$S_{M1}$					
Design Spectral Response Acceleration, Short-Period	0.112	$\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{DS}}$					
Design Spectral Response Acceleration, One-Second	0.07	$S_{D1}$					
Long Period	12	$T_{\rm L}$					
Seismic Design Category	В						

Miami Seismic	Loading	
Reference Standard	ASCE 7-05	
Risk Category	III	
Seismic Site Class	D	
Spectral Response Acceleration, Short-Period	0.053	Ss
Spectral Response Acceleration, One-Second	0.02	$\mathbf{S}_1$
Site Coefficient, Short Period	1.6	Fa
Site Coefficient, Long Period	2.4	$F_{\rm v}$
MCE Spectral Response Acceleration, Short Period	0.085	$\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{MS}}$
MCE Spectral Response Acceleration, One-Second	0.048	$S_{M1}$
Design Spectral Response Acceleration, Short-Period	0.056	S <sub>DS</sub>
Design Spectral Response Acceleration, One-Second	0.032	S <sub>D1</sub>
Long Period	8	$T_{L}$
Seismic Design Category	А	

		Seismic	Diaphragm Forces	- Milwaukee		
Direction	Resisting System	Response Modification Factor (R)	Seismic Importance Factor (Ie)	Seismic Response Coefficient (Cs)	Seismic Weight (kip)	Design Force (kip)
N-S	Ordinary Steel Moment Frame	3.5	1.25	0.0243	3723	90.5
E-W	Ordinary Steel Moment Frame	3.5	1.25	0.0285	3723	106.1

Seismic Diaphragm Forces - Miami									
Direction	Resisting System	Seismic Coefficient	Seismic Weight (kip)	Design Force (kip)					
N-S	Ordinary Steel Moment Frame	0.01	3723	37.2					
E-W	Ordinary Steel Moment Frame	0.01	3723	37.2					

The structural partners used Excel spreadsheet to help verify and tabulate seismic design values. These spreadsheets vary from calculating seismic design properties to determining the building's effective seismic weight to tracking the load path through the various floor diaphragms for both Milwaukee and Miami.

			Building	Effective Seismic	Weight		
Level	Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Façade Perimeter (ft)	Dead Load (psf)	Façade Dead Load (plf)	Partitions (psf)	20% Flat Roof Snow Load (psf)	Total Weight (kip)
Roof	5663	345	42	350	0	0	359
5UP	560	84	66	350	0	0	66
5GH	5103	261	96	350	10	0	632
4	4689	249	66	350	10	0	444
4GH	2350	138	96	350	10	0	297
3	5446	275	66	350	10	0	510
3GH	3146	154	96	350	10	0	387
2	7327	317	66	350	10	0	668
2GH	2880	154	96	350	10	0	359
					r	Fotal Seismic Weight	3723

Earthquake Forces on Diaphragms - Milwaukee							Earthqu	ake Forc	es on Diaphra	gms -
		E-1	W					Μ	liami	
V =	106.1	T =	0.882	k =	1.191			E	E-W	r
Level	$h_{-}(ft)$	$\mathbf{w}_{-}(\mathbf{k})$	w_h_k	C	$F_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{k})$		V =	37.2		
Roof	73	359	59472	0.213	22.6		Level	w <sub>x</sub> (k)	Seismic Coefficient	Fx (k)
5UP	56	66	7973	0.029	3.0		Roof	359	0.01	3.6
5GH	56	632	76350	0.274	29.1		5UP	66	0.01	0.7
4	42	444	38078	0.137	14.5		5GH	632	0.01	6.3
4GH	42	297	25471	0.091	9.7		4	444	0.01	4.4
3	28	510	26986	0.097	10.3		4GH	297	0.01	3.0
3GH	28	387	20477	0.073	7.8		3	510	0.01	5.1
2	14	668	15482	0.056	5.9		3GH	387	0.01	3.9
2GH	14	360	8343	0.030	3.2		2	668	0.01	6.7
		Σ	278632	1			2GH 360 0.0			3.6
		N-	S	<del> </del>				l	N-S	
V =	90.5	T =	1.034	k =	1.267		V =	37.2		
Level	h <sub>x</sub> (ft)	w <sub>x</sub> (k)	$w_x h_x^{\ k}$	C <sub>vx</sub>	Fx (k)		Level	w <sub>x</sub> (k)	Seismic Coefficient	Fx (k)
Roof	73	359	82399	0.222	20.1		Roof	359	0.01	3.6
5UP	56	66	10827	0.029	2.6		5UP	66	0.01	0.7
5GH	56	632	103674	0.279	25.3		5GH	632	0.01	6.3
4	42	444	50587	0.136	12.3		4	444	0.01	4.4
4GH	42	297	33839	0.091	8.2		4GH	297	0.01	3.0
3	28	510	34763	0.094	8.5		3	510	0.01	5.1
3GH	28	387	26379	0.071	6.4		3GH	387	0.01	3.9
2	14	668	18920	0.051	4.6		2	668	0.01	6.7
2GH	14	360	10196	0.027	2.5		2GH	360	0.01	3.6
		Σ	371585	1						

#### PRELIMINARY SYSTEM EVALUATION

AEI Team 4 utilized a decision matrix to help guide the design by relating various system options back to the project goals. Each option was rated on a scale of 1-5 based on how well it matched the respective goals. The colors correspond to the four project initiatives: **Flexibility, Sustainability, Community, and Economy**. This helped to narrow down the options to a select few that best matched the project goals, at which point the structural partners further explored and evaluated the final options before selecting the system to use in each facet of the structural design.

Decision Matrix	x Colors		Decision Matrix Goals
Flexibility		1	Flexibility/ Adaptability to account for multiple space types/ locations
Themes		2	Economic use of materials
		3	Maintainability of system for life span
Sustainability		4	Prototypability of building/ ability to replicate in other locations
		5	Consideration of other systems (depth, size, etc.)
Community		6	Specialized Market
		7	Recyclability of materials
		8	Innovation
Economy		9	Energy Saving Potential (Still to come)
		10	Education value

	Prelimnary System Rating										
			Two-Way Flat Plate Precast Concrete								
Rating	1 to 5	Steel Frame - Rigid Connections	Two-Way Flat Plate	Posttenssioned Two-Way Flat Plate	Two-Way Flat Slab	Posttenssioned Two-Way Flat Slab	Solid Slab	Hollow Core Slab			
2	Highly Irregular Building Form	0	1	1	1	1	0	0			
4	Exposed Structure (Fire)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1			
3	Irregular Column Placement	0	1	1	1	1	0	0			
2	Thin Floor System	0	1	1	1	1	1	1			
4	Long Span	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3	Easy to Change	1	0	0	0	0	1	1			
4	Any Construction Conditions	1	0	0	0	0	1	1			
3	Minimize off-site fabrication time	0	1	1	1	1	0	0			
4	Minimize on-site erection time	1	0	0	0	0	1	1			
4	Minimize Construction Time	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
4	Minimize lateral obstruction	1	1	1	1	1	0	0			
1	Minimize Dead load	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			

The structural partners developed a rating system matrix, which utilized structural goals and design challenges, to supplement the Project Decision Matrix. This served as additional rationale for selecting various systems when project goals and initiatives did not lead to a clear-cut decision.

			P	roje	ct D	ecisi	on N	/Iatr	ix			
Option					Go	als					Risks	Select
	1	4	7	9	10	2	3	5	6	8		Χ
Gravity System				_				_	_	_		
Steel Noncomposite	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	5	2		
Steel Composite	4	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	5	2		Χ
Steel Castellated Beams	4	3	3	3	4	5	3	5	4	4	Manufacturing different	
Timber Framing	2	2	5	3	4	2	1	2	2	4	Slightly specialized market	
Concrete Two-way Slab	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	2		Χ
Concrete Pre-cast Double Tee	4	2	4	3	3	4	4	2	2	4	Slightly specialized market	
Concrete Post Tension	3	3	3	3	3	5	4	4	3	2		
Concrete Bubble Deck	2	4	5	3	4	4	3	2	1	5	Extremely specialized market	
Acetylated Wood	2	2	5	3	4	3	5	3	4	5		
Foundation System												
Mat Foundation	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	5	3		
Spread/Strip Footing	4	4	3	3	3	5	4	4	5	3		
Beam (Grillage)	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	3		
Deep Foundations	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	4	Expensive, invasive, slow	
Slurry Wall	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	4	Expensive, invasive, slow	
Geopiers	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	2	5		X
Lateral Systems												
Steel Moment Frame	5	5	3	3	3	2	3	5	4	3		X
Steel Braced Frame	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3		
Masonry Shear Walls	2	2	4	3	3	3	4	1	4	3		
Concrete Moment Frame	5	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	3		
Concrete Shear Wall	2	3	4	3	3	4	4	2	4	3		
Green House Structural System												
Wood	2	2	4	3	4	5	1	2	5	4		X
Steel	5	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	5	3		X
Non-toxic Treated Wood	4	2	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	5		
Facade Systems												
Precast Panel	3	1	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	2		
Brick Cavity Wall	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	Efflorescence, moisture, weight, slow	
Rainscreen	5	5	3	5	5	3	4	5	2	4	Terracotta shipping location	X

The options were rated on a scale of 1-5 based on how they met each of the ten goals. Coloring corresponds to the four project initiatives: Flexibility, Sustainability, Economy, and Community.

#### STRUCTURAL STEEL GRAVITY SYSTEM DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

The final gravity system was designed with composite steel beams to minimize structural depth, as well as overall building mass. Vulcraft 3VLI18 deck with 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" lightweight concrete, as shown below, was selected, which also achieved the necessary fire rating. The design and analysis was conducted utilizing RAM Structural System, but spot checks were conducted to verify the results. An example of these hand calculations is presented, detailing the composite design for a typical bay for the base building.





#### (N=14.15) LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE (110 PCF)







		pg al 3
	Wet Concrete Condition (cont.)	
-0	$V_{u} = 0.764(30.5)$ $M_{u} = 0.764(30.5)^2$	
ARES ARES ARES A	$V_{u} = 1/.7^{k}$ $M_{u} = 88.8^{1k}$	
s - 5 squ s - 5 squ s - 5 squ s - 5 squ	Does not include $\rightarrow \Delta_{ux} = 5\omega l^{4}$ the load $384ET$ $\Delta_{ux} = 11$	
- 50 SHEET - 100 SHEET - 200 SHEET - 200 SHEET	J'' = 5(0.357)(30.5)'(1728) - 384(29000 - 5) I	
3-0236 3-0236 3-0237 3-0137	$T_{rg} = 240 \text{ m}^4$ $M_u = 88.8^{14}$ $V_u = 11.7^{14}$	
ET	=> use w 16x26	
CON	I = 30/in <sup>4</sup> \$ Wn = 1661K	
0	=> resulting A = 0.80" Asolo = 0.64" < 0.75" No Cambe	r
	Composite Condition	
	$V_{u} = 26.5^{k}$ $M_{u} = 202.3^{k}$	
	. Assume $a = 1'' \Rightarrow$ Deck height = 6.25"	
	Y2 = 6.25" - 1/2" = 5.75 ⇒ 6" ⇒ 2=0.5" -	
	Tb1 3-19 Steel Mamal	
	$W _{6\times 26} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}Q_n = 96.0  \beta M_n = 353^k > M_u = 3033$	ik /
	$1 \Rightarrow + C = OFS;  9/4 \neq Stud = Gn = /7.1$	-
	$total studs = \partial(l_0) = 1 \partial$	
	$2 Q_{nact} = 6(17.1^{\circ}) = 102.6^{\circ}$	

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	Composite Condition (cont.)
~	W16x26 [12] => 20nact = 10
3-0235 - 50 SHEETS - 5 SQUARES 3-0236 - 100 SHEETS - 5 SQUARES 3-0237 - 200 SHEETS - 5 SQUARES 3-0137 - 200 SHEETS - FILLER	$verify a$ $a = \frac{2.0n}{0.85ftbeff}$ $beff = \int a(\frac{30.5}{8})(12)$ $M_{1} = \frac{102.6}{0.85(3)(84)}$
CO	Q = 0.479" < 0.5"
0	$W_{14} = 100 \text{ psf}(7^{1}) = 0.7 \text{ kef}$ $W_{501} = 20 \text{ psf}(7^{1}) = 0.1 \text{ kef}$ $W_{7} = 0.7 \text{ kf} + 0.1 \text{ kef}$ $= 0.84 \text{ kef}$ $= 0.84 \text{ kef}$ $= 596 \text{ m}^{4} \qquad \therefore 20 \text{ m}^{2}$
	$\Delta_{T} = \frac{5(0.84)(30.5)^{4}(1728)}{384(29000)(596)}$ $\Delta_{T} = 0.94'' < 4_{360} = 1.06$
	· W16×26 w/ 12 studs per beam
0	· RAM Beam ⇒ W16×26 w) · Bay Hand Checked wa · actual wichths were required e
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#### TRANSFER GIRDER DESIGN

The structural transfer elements were necessary in order to clear span the third floor to create an open, column-free gathering space, as shown below. The design of the transfer elements was a design challenge for the structural partners, which led to subsequent challenges for the other design disciplines, but in the end provided Growing Power with a column-free gathering space. The presence of columns in the space was anticipated to obscure the view of the audience and intrude upon the open, welcoming nature of the space, as shown in the view below.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the transfer elements, the structural partners had to consider a number of different factors. This included system coordination within the plenum, constructability, and economy. In addition, the structural partners had to consider and address the impact of the transfer elements on the structural system as a whole, including the lateral system and the effects of a "soft story.

W1								
Load	Dist ft	DL kips	LL+ kips	LL- kips	PL+ kips	PL- kips	Max Tot kips	
P1	30.500	172.704	261.528	0.000	0.000	0.000	434.232	
	ft	k/ft	k/ft	k/ft	k/ft	k/ft	k/ft	
W1	0.000	1.062	0.685	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.747	
W2	61 000	1.062	0.685	0.000	0.000	0.000	1 747	

 $\mathbb{P}^{1}$ 



#### Dimensions

Plate Width (top) 30.000 b1 = b2 = 30.000 [in] Plate Width (bot) 16.700 = [in] Flange width hf 38.000 [in] Depth d = 2.000 [in] Plate Thickness (top) = t1 2.000 Plate Thickness (bot) [in] t2 = 2.010 Flange thickness [in] ff = 1.120 Web thickness tw [in] =





3VLI18 deck w/



#### Properties

Section properties	Unit	Major axis	Minor axis
Gross area of the section. (Ag)	[in2]	227.443	
Moment of Inertia (local axes) (I)	[in4]	74152.868	10564.464
Moment of Inertia (principal axes) (I')	[in4]	74152.868	10564.464
Bending constant for moments (principal axis) (J')	[in]	0.000	0.000
Radius of gyration (local axes) (r)	[in]	18.056	6.815
Radius of gyration (principal axes) (r')	[in]	18.056	6.815
Saint-Venant torsion constant. (J)	[in4]	267.264	
Section warping constant. (Cw)	[in6]	3.74E+06	
Distance from centroid to shear center (principal axis) (xo,yo)	[in]	0.000	0.000
Top elastic section modulus of the section (local axis) (Ssup)	[in3]	3531.089	704.298
Bottom elastic section modulus of the section (local axis) (Sinf)	[in3]	3531.089	704.298
Top elastic section modulus of the section (principal axis) (S'sup)	[in3]	3531.089	704.298
Bottom elastic section modulus of the section (principal axis) (S'inf)	[in3]	3531.089	704.298
Plastic section modulus (local axis) (Z)	[in3]	3970.755	1180.284
Plastic section modulus (principal axis) (Z')	[in3]	3970.755	1180.284
Polar radius of gyration. (ro)	[in]	19.300	
Area for shear (Aw)	[in2]	187.134	40.309
Torsional constant. (C)	[in3]	132.967	

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#### LATERAL SYSTEM DESIGN AND ANALYSIS



Milwaukee Virtual Work E-W

The versatility of moment frames aligned directly with the project initiative of flexibility. In order to design the members, a preliminary lateral analysis was performed and the resulting forces were combined using the following effective axial load equation.

$$P_{eff} = P_r + mM_{rx} + mUM_{ry}$$

Where: Pr, Mrx, and Mry are the required axial, strong axis moment, and weak axis moment respectively, accounting for P- $\Delta$  effects. U and m are constants that depend on the nominal column size. U = 2.86 and m = 1.71 for a W14 column, which was chosen because drifts typically control in moment frames. After the initial columns were selected, the virtual work method was utilized to maximize the economy of the system. The virtual work method calculates displacement participation factors based on volume, and member specific contributions based on axial, shear, flexural, and joint contribution. The most common factor utilized was the Total Displacement/Volume, which identified the members that were contributing the most to the story deflection. Multiple iterations of upsizing specific members were completed until the story drift met the goal of H/400.



Preliminary Column Design for Moment Frames Max of P Max of Mmajor Max of Mminor Max of Peffective USR Sizes Capacity ∃C 100% W x W 96% х W 91% х W 91% х W 93% х W х 98% W 99% х W 79% х W 98% х W 94% х W 91% х W 99% х W 95% х W 98% х W 92% x W 93% x W 97% x W 98% x W 85% х W 92% х W 91% х W 98% W 99% W 92% W 1690 90% Concrete Piers (Steel Sizing Not Applicable) 



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The final lateral system utilized moment frames in each direction to limit the building drift. The selection of moment frames enhanced the ability of the structural design to be utilized in future locations, as members can be upsized, while maintaining the configuration of the system as a whole, and minimizing any impact on other building systems or components. The alternate lateral system used shear walls at the two elevator cores, but the eccentricity of the center of rigidity in this system was larger than that of the moment frames, as shown in images on the left. The eccentricity is very noticeable when compared to the center of mass diagram, shown below. Because the building steps back, the center of pressure caused by the wind force is comparable in location to the center of mass at each floor.

	Legend
$\oplus$	Center of Rigidity ( <i>Multiple Levels Shown on Figures</i> )
$\oplus$	Center of Mass (Multiple Levels Shown on Figure)





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#### FOUNDATION SYSTEM DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

The structural partners explored several different methods for the foundation system, including MAT foundation and typical spread footings. However, the team decided to utilize Geopier® soil reinforcement to improve the allowable bearing capacity for the footings. The process, displayed below, involved constructing Rammed Aggregate Piers® in order to create lateral soil pressure, which increases the allowable bearing capacity. Footings were then designed utilizing RAM SS. The structural partners also designed 12" thick foundation walls in the basement, as shown in the section to the right.





1. Make cavity



3. Make a bottom bulb. Densify and vertically prestress matrix soils beneath the bottom bulb.



2. Place stone at bottom of cavity.



4. Make undulated-sided Geopler shaft with 12-inch (or less) thick lifts. Build up lateral soil pressures in matrix soil during shaft construction. Use well-graded base course stone in Geopier element shaft above groundwater levels.



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### **GREENHOUSE DESIGN AND ANALYSIS**

CASCADING GREENHOUSES

The design of the greenhouses provided an opportunity to develop and utilize various non-traditional structural schemes, matching the atypical nature of the spaces, while coordinating and integrating with the other building systems. The structural design in the greenhouses can be broken down into four main areas: the cascading greenhouse roofs, the top greenhouse roof, the rainwater collection troughs, and the grate system.



The rainwater collection trough was designed in conjunction with the mechanical system. The trough was lined with waterproofing membrane and features bi-level drains to ensure proper water drainage. The trough sides and surrounding structure were designed to hold a full load of snow in the event that the drains clog and snow slides off of the greenhouse roofs rather than melting.

The raised floor grate system was developed to provide an unobstructed greenhouse floor, enabling Growing Power to more easily guide community tours through the space. The grate system allows piping and pumps to be place in the plenum space. In addition, the grate system helps facilitate proper drainage as the sloped topping slab is unblocked, other than the grate system feet, so water can proper flow to the bi-level drains.

The cascading greenhouse roof structure was designed utilizing 24F-V4 glulam members, indicating a bending stress of 2,400 psi and unbalanced layup of laminations. Glulam by Boise Cascade Engineered Wood Products is typically manufactured from Douglas Fir-Larch.<sup>(13)</sup> Architectural Appearance glulam members shall be used to provide the desired aesthetic characteristics. Preservative treatment shall be applied, in addition to the non-toxic pigmented acrylic latex paint or pigmented alkyd paint, to ensure the glulam is protected against moisture effects.



The cascading greenhouse roofs were designed utilizing renewable glulam members framing into HSS components. As the design is comprised of a number of different parts, several STAAD models were created to analyze the components independently while applying loads from one model to another as appropriate. The glulam members and HSS stub columns were modeled as a rigid frame to develop a design that limited deflections. The reactions from this model were then applied to the horizontal HSS members to examine the biaxial bending that results from the rigid frame. The lateral system was studied with a truss model, relying on X-bracing tension rods to provide the lateral support.

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#### TOP GREENHOUSE

The top greenhouse design was conducted utilizing tree-columns after exploring a number of different options. Tree-columns were found to best balance the efficiency of structural members with the PAR levels within the greenhouses. The tree-columns enabled the structural partners to minimize structural member sizes while limiting columns impeding the greenhouse floor area by increasing the number of support points for the purlins. The structural concept was modeled in RAM SS and SAP 2000 to verify design. The base reactions were then applied to the model of the base building.

The table to the right is a comparison study done to maximize daylighting efficiency as well as structural economy. The ideal lighting angle for Milwaukee is 40 degrees, used in the cascading greenhouses. However this angle was not practical since it would result in a roof story height of ~70, which more than doubles the existing height. Based on the original profile and resulting heights, the 15 degree angle chosen allowed for the best compromise between structural and lighting disciplines.



Top Greenhouse Roof Slope Comparison											
Start Height	10										
Length	73.5										
	Start		Change in	Total Final							
Roof Slope (Degrees)	Height	Length	Height	Height	Total Building Height						
0	10	73.5	0	10	66						
1	10	73.5	1.3	11.3	67.3						
2	10	73.5	2.6	12.6	68.6						
3	10	73.5	3.9	13.9	69.9						
4	10	73.5	5.1	15.1	71.1						
5	10	73.5	6.4	16.4	72.4						
6	10	73.5	7.7	17.7	73.7						
7	10	73.5	9.0	19.0	75.0						
8	10	73.5	10.3	20.3	76.3						
9	10	73.5	11.6	21.6	77.6						
10	10	73.5	13.0	23.0	79.0						
11	10	73.5	14.3	24.3	80.3						
12	10	73.5	15.6	25.6	81.6						
13	10	73.5	17.0	27.0	83.0						
14	10	73 5	18.3	28.3	84.3						
15	10	73.5	19.7	29.7	85.7						
16	10	73.5	21.1	31.1	87.1						
17	10	73.5	22.5	32.5	88.5						
18	10	73.5	23.9	33.9	89.9						
19	10	73.5	25.3	35.3	91.3						
20	10	73.5	26.8	36.8	92.8						
22	10	73.5	29.7	39.7	95.7						
24	10	73.5	32.7	42.7	98.7						
26	10	73.5	35.8	45.8	101.8						
28	10	73.5	39.1	49.1	105.1						
30	10	73.5	42.4	52.4	108.4						
32	10	73.5	45.9	55.9	111.9						
34	10	73.5	49.6	59.6	115.6						
36	10	73.5	53.4	63.4	119.4						
38	10	73.5	57.4	67.4	123.4						
40	10	73.5	61.7	71.7	127.7						
42	10	73.5	66.2	76.2	132.2						
44	10	73.5	71.0	81.0	137.0						
45	10	73.5	73.5	83.5	139.5						

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#### FAÇADE STUDY

The rain screen façade attaches to clips which tie back to the cold-formed steel stud backup wall. The selection of the studs enabled the design to be more easily transferred to future locations, such as Miami, as the stud size and gage could be adjusted to meet the wind loading for each location. A spreadsheet was created to select studs based on the loading conditions and Clark Dietrich stud specifications. The tables to either side indicate the available stud specifications that would satisfy the façade loading conditions using AISIWIN.

	Applic	able Studs fo	or Exterior Façade - Mia
Wall Height	14	ft	
Axial Load	350	plf	
Wall Weight	25	psf	
	8" 0.0	233	lbs
Axial Load per Stud	12" o.c	350	lbs
	16" oc.	467	lbs
Wind Pressure	155	psf	Zone 5

		Clark Dietri	Actual Values			
Spacing	Depth	Flange Width	Minimum Gage	Fy	Depth	Gage
		137	97	50	6	12
		162	68	50	6	14
	600	200	68	50	6	14
		250	68	50	6	14
0		300	68	50	6	14
8		137	68	50	8	14
		162	68	50	8	14
	800	200	68	50	8	14
		250	68	50	8	14
		300	68	50	8	14
		162	97	50	6	12
	600	200	97	50	6	12
	600	250	97	50	6	12
		300	97	50	6	12
12		137	97	50	8	12
		162	97	50	8	12
	800	200	97	50	8	12
		250	97	50	8	12
		300	97	50	8	12
	600	250	97	50	6	12
	600	300	97	50	6	12
16		200	97	50	8	12
	800	250	97	50	8	12
		300	54	50	8	16





Applicable Studs for Exterior Façade - Milwaukee									
Wall Height	14	ft							
Axial Load	350	plf							
Wall Weight	25	psf							
	12" o.c.		350	lbs					
Axial Load per	16" o.c.		467	lbs					
Stud	24" o.c.		700	lbs					
Wind Pressure	36	psf		Zone 5					
				-					

		Actual Values				
Spacing	Depth	Flange Width	Minimum Gage	Fy	Depth	Gage
		137	54	50	6	16
		162	54	50	6	16
	600	200	43	50	6	18
		250	43	50	6	18
10		300	54	50	6	16
12		137	54	50	8	16
		162	54	50	8	16
	800	200	54	50	8	16
		250	54	50	8	16
		300	54	50	8	16
		137	68	50	6	14
		162	54	50	6	16
	600	200	54	50	6	16
		250	54	50	6	16
16		300	54	50	6	16
10		137	54	50	8	16
		162	54	50	8	16
	800	200	54	50	8	16
		250	54	50	8	16
		300	54	50	8	16
		137	97	50	6	12
		162	68	50	6	14
	600	200	68	50	6	14
		250	54	50	6	16
24		300	54	50	6	16
24		137	97	50	8	12
		162	68	50	8	14
	800	200	54	50	8	16
		250	54	50	8	16
		300	54	50	8	16

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#### CONCRETE GRAVITY SYSTEM DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

The structural partners conducted a preliminary design of a two-way concrete system with drop panels. The preliminary design was conducted with aid from spSlab and spColumn to develop baseline designs with which to proceed. Based on this information, the selection of concrete was expected to achieve a thinner depth than a structural system which would have eased interdisciplinary coordination within the ceiling plenum. In addition, a concrete structure would have benefits in relation to vibration, durability, and fire protection. However, architectural refinement and in-depth design utilizing RAM Concept revealed an issue with shear, especially supporting the greenhouses and at the structural drop-down. The shear issues often required reinforcing at extremely close spacing, often not meeting code. In order to remedy the issues, more concrete and reinforcing were necessary which cause more shear, creating a loop. In addition, the high building mass was a major concern given the bearing capacity provided in the Geotechnical Exploration Report. The CRSI Design Handbook was also used to provide a rough baseline for the preliminary design.

The plan to the right shows the excessive measures taken to attempt to limit punching shear. The highlighted drop panel was 20' x 18' and 22" below the slab for a total depth of 30". Even with this large amount of concrete, the high live loads of the greenhouses were causing the concrete to fail.





f'c = Grad	3,000 de 60 B	psi ars	FL	AT SL	AB SYS	TEM		squ	JARE ED	GE PANI	EL With C	Prop Pan	els	No Beam	IS
SPAN	Factored	Squa	Square Drop		(a) Square Column		REINFORCING BARS (E. W.)						MOMENTS		
CC.	posed	posed Pa					Column Strip (1)			Mide	le Strip	Strip Total		Bot	Int
$\ell_1 = \ell_2$ (ft)	Load (psf)	Depth (in.)	Width (ft)	Size (in,)	γ <sub>f</sub>	Top Ext.	+	Bot.	Top Int.	Bot.	Top Int,	Steel (psf)	(-) (ft-k)	(+) (ft-k)	(-) (ft-k)
	1	h = 12 i	n. = TOT	AL SLAI	B DEPTH	BETWEE	N DR	OP PAN	ELS						
29	100	7.00	9.67	12	0.775	13-#5	3	14-#6	14-#6	13-#5	13-#5	2.88	232.0	463.9	624.5
29	200	7.00	9.67	16	0.790	13-#5	5	18-#6	18-#6	12-#6	10-#6	3.50	295.7	591.4	796.2
29	300	9.00	9.67	19	0.701	14-#5	4	13-#8	15-#7	11-#7	17-#5	4.25	361.2	722.3	972.3
29	500	11.00	9.07	21	0.634	12-#2	2	10-#10	10-#/	12-#8	11-#/	5.01	425.3	850.7	1727 0
29	600	11.00	11.60	26	0.715	19-#5	3	13-#10	16-#8	13-#8	11-#8	6.48	552.6	1105.2	1487.8
30	100	7.00	10.00	12	0.808	14-#5	3	12-#7	16-#6	15-#5	13-#5	3.10	257.4	514.8	693.0
30	200	9.00	10.00	16	0.707	14-#5	3	15-#7	18-#6	10-#7	11-#6	3.65	329.4	658.8	886.8
30	300	9.00	10.00	19	0.763	15-#5	5	12-#9	22-#6	12-#7	19-#5	4.62	401.5	803.1	1081.0
30	400	11.00	10.00	21	0.661	16-#5	3	17-#8	14-#8	11-#8	12-#7	5.27	473.2	946.3	1273.9
30	500	11.00	12.00	24	0.766	19-#5	0	13-#10	16-#8	13-#8	11-#8	6.20	545.2	1090.4	1467.9
31	100	9.00	10.33	12	0.729	14-#5	2	13-#7	16-#6	16-#5	14-#5	3.12	285.7	571.4	769.2
31	200	9.00	10.33	16	0.766	14-#5	5	13-#8	15-#7	11-#7	13-#6	3.96	364.7	729.3	981.8
31	300	11.00	10.33	19	0.683	15-#5	4	13-#9	16-#7	18-#6	15-#6	4.76	444.4	888.7	1196.4
71	600	11.00	10 77	22	0.749	18-#5	6	19-#8	15-#8	16-#7	18-#6	5.68	522.9	1045.8	1407.8
- 51	500	11.00	12.40	27	0.755	15-#6	4	18-#9	14-#9	12-#9	12-#8	6.78	599.3	1198.5	1613.4



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# TBD ENGINEERING STRUCTURAL OVERVIEW



# **Growing Power Headquarters**

# Milwaukee, WI AEI Team 04-2015

<u>Gravity:</u> The gravity load resisting system for the Growing Power headquarters is comprised of a composite structural steel floor system to minimize structural member depth and structural self-weight. This aided the foundation system design, in addition to the integration and coordination of the various building systems. Lateral: The lateral force resisting system consists of steel moment frames, developed utilizing virtual work and member stiffness. The system facilitates the adaptation of the design to future Growing Power locations by enabling select members to be re-sized as needed, while maintaining the system configuration. The lateral force resisting system addresses the wind, seismic, and gravity forces in Milwaukee effectively, while investigation was also conducted for Miami loading conditions. <u>Transfer Girders</u>: The custom transfer girders were developed to clear-span the building in order to provide Growing Power with a column-free gathering space. The members were designed as W36x361 girders with A527 Gr. 50 steel cover plates. <u>Foundation</u>: The Geopier® soil reinforcement system selected for the foundation system improved the allowable soil bearing capacity from the in-situ conditions of 1,500 psf. As such, column and strip footings were able to be designed based on an effective soil bearing capacity of 6,000 psf.

<u>Greenhouses:</u> The custom greenhouses not only contain the heart of Growing Power's operations, but also act as an architectural accent facing the street. As such, the custom greenhouses were a critical area to provide efficient design, accomplished through interdisciplinary coordination and collaboration. The cascading greenhouse roof structures were designed with glulam, a renewable engineered wood product, which provides an innovative structural design, as well as a reflection of Growing Power's sustainable values. The top greenhouse roof structure utilized tree-columns to minimize structural member sizes in addition to minimizing the number of columns encroaching upon the growing space floor area. The raise access floor grate system facilitated systems integration and coordination by enabling MEP systems to run in a plenum space. The grate system is supported by a floor composed of the structural slab, waterproofing membrane, sloped topping slab, and bi-level drains to ensure proper drainage and waterproofing to protect the structure, and the building as a whole.

<u>Façade</u>: The rainscreen façade system provides a flexible design that can be easily adapted to future Growing Power locations. The cold-formed steel backup studs were easily modified for the differing loading conditions in Milwaukee and Miami by altering stud depth, gage, and spacing. <u>Prototype:</u> The structural design components were developed in a manner to provide Growing Power with a prototype to utilize as it expands and grows to other communities through the nation.

<u>Images:</u> (Clockwise from top-left)

- 3. RAM Structural System model.

## Structural Engineering—Design Overview

1. AEI Team 4's Growing Power headquarters design with highlighted structure

2. Cascading greenhouse custom glulam roof structure at night.

4. Gathering space without columns, facilitated by the custom transfer girders.

5. Geopiers® used to address the in-situ soil bearing capacity.

6. Tree-columns designed for the custom top greenhouse roof structure.

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## System Selection Process Map



# **FIND ENGINEERING | PROCESS MAPS**

A process map was created to track various options & input throughout the design process, which helped document the reasons & factors that contributed to each decision & system selection in the various areas of the structural design.











# **TBD ENGINEERING** | FOUNDATION PLAN

- FOUNDATION PLAN NOTES:
- 1) T/SLAB ELEVATION = -12'-0'' U.N.O.
- 2) FOOTING CONSTRUCTION = (f'c = 3000 psi,GRADE 60 REINFORCING).
- 3) FOUNDATION WALL CONSTRUCTION = (f'c = 3000 psi, GRADE 60 REINFORCING).
- 4) SOIL BEARING CAPACITY W/ GEOPIER = 6000 psf.





		FOOTING SCHEDULE							
Mark	Size	Thickness	Reinforcing						
F30	3'-0"	1'-0"	(4) #4 Long. / #4 @ 18" o.c. Tran						
F60	6'-0" x 6'-0"	1'-6"	Bot: (12) #4 E.W.						
F80.2	8'-0" x 8'-0"	2'-0"	Bot: (10) #6 E.W.						
F80.3	8'-0" x 8'-0"	2'-0"	Bot: (10) #6 E.W.						
F100.4	10'-0" x 10'-0"	2'-6"	Bot: (15) #6 E.W.						
F100.5	10'-0" x 10'-0"	2'-6"	Bot: (15) #6 E.W.						
F100.6	10'-0" x 10'-0"	2'-6"	Bot: (15) #6 E.W.						
F120.6	12'-0" x 12'-0"	3'-0"	Bot: (12) #8 E.W.						
F120.7	12'-0" x 12'-0"	3'-0"	Bot: (12) #8 E.W.						













TYPICAL STEEL COLUMN TO CONCRETE PIER INTERFACE DETAIL



# **FIRST FLOOR FRAMING PLAN**

### FIRST FLOOR FRAMING PLAN NOTES:

- 1) TYP. FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK- VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT).
- 2) T/SLAB ELEVATION = 0'-0'' U.N.O.
- 3) T/STEEL = 0'-6 1/4'' FROM T/SLAB U.N.O.
- 4) STEEL = ASTM-A992.
- 5) BEAM NOTATION = SECTION [STUDS] (CAMBER).
- 6) (4) ANCHOR BOLTS TYP. PER COLUMN BASE PLATE.





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# TBD ENGINEERING | SECOND FLOOR FRAMING PLAN

### **SECOND FLOOR FRAMING PLAN NOTES:**

1) TYP. FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK - VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT). TOTAL SLAB THICKNESS = 6 1/4".

- 4) T/SLAB ELEVATION = VARIES. NOTED ON PLAN.
- 5) T/STEEL = -0'-61/4'' FROM T/SLAB U.N.O.
- 6) STEEL = ASTM-A992.

7) BEAM NOTATION = SECTION [STUDS] (CAMBER).

2) GREENHOUSE FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK- VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT). STRUC. SLAB THICKNESS = 6 1/4".

PLACE WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE ON TOP OF STRUC. SLAB FOLLOWED BY 2" LW. CONC. SLAB W/ FIBEROUS REINFORCING. 3) TYP. ROOF CONSTRUCTION = 1.5" 20 GAGE WIDE RIB GALVANIZED ROOF DECK- VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT.





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### THIRD FLOOR FRAMING PLAN NOTES:

1) TYP. FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK - VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT). TOTAL SLAB THICKNESS = 6 1/4".







# **FOURTH FLOOR FRAMING PLAN**

### FOURTH FLOOR FRAMING PLAN NOTES:

1) TYP. FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK - VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT). TOTAL SLAB THICKNESS = 6 1/4".

2) GREENHOUSE FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK- VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT). STRUC. SLAB THICKNESS = 6 1/4".

PLACE WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE ON TOP OF STRUC. SLAB FOLLOWED BY 2" LW. CONC. SLAB W/ FIBEROUS REINFORCING. 3) TRANSITION FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE

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# **TBD ENGINEERING | FIFTH FLOOR FRAMING PLAN**

FIFTH FLOOR FRAMING PLAN NOTES:

1) GREENHOUSE FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK- VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT). STRUC. SLAB THICKNESS = 6 1/4".

PLACE WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE ON TOP OF STRUC. SLAB FOLLOWED BY 2" LW. CONC. SLAB W/ FIBEROUS REINFORCING. - VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT). TOTAL SLAB THICKNESS = 6 1/4".

2) TYP. FLOOR CONSTRUCTION = LW. CONC. (f'c = 4000 psi @ 28 DAYS) ON DECK (3" 18 GAGE GALVANIZED COMPOSITE FLOOR DECK

- 3) T/SLAB ELEVATION = VARIES. NOTED ON PLAN.
- 4) T/STEEL = 0'-6 1/4" FROM T/SLAB U.N.O.
- 5) STEEL = ASTM-A992.

6) BEAM NOTATION = SECTION [STUDS] (CAMBER).





# **FIND ENGINEERING | ROOF FRAMING PLAN**

### **ROOF FRAMING PLAN NOTES:**

- 2) T/DECK ELEVATION = VARIES. NOTED ON PLAN.

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1) TYP. ROOF CONSTRUCTION = 1.5" 20 GAGE WIDE RIB GALVANIZED ROOF DECK (VULCRAFT OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT).

![](_page_48_Picture_11.jpeg)

![](_page_49_Picture_0.jpeg)

06- LOW ROOF T.S.						
69' - 5 1/2"						
05- FIFTH FLOOR S T.S						
55' - 5 3/4"	)X33		)X33			
04- FOURTH FLOOR S T.S.	W10		W10			
41' - 5 3/4''						X33
03- THIRD FLOOR S T.S.						W10
27' - 5 3/4"						
02- SECOND FLOOR S T.S.						
13' - 5 3/4"	)X33		)X33			)X33
01- FIRST FLOOR S T.S.	W10		M10			W10
-0' - 6 1/4''						
00- BASEMENT S						
-12' - 0"						
Column Locations	A	-4	ļ "	۹-5	5	A

![](_page_49_Figure_2.jpeg)

# **TBD ENGINEERING** | COLUMN SCHEDULE

![](_page_49_Figure_4.jpeg)

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										06- LOW ROOF T.S.
										69' - 5 1/2''
										05- FIFTH FLOOR S T.S
X193								X159		55' - 5 3/4''
W14)								W14		04- FOURTH FLOOR S T.S.
										41' - 5 3/4"
										03- THIRD FLOOR S T.S.
		X159								27' - 5 3/4"
		W14)								02- SECOND FLOOR S T.S.
<193				<120		4X82		<159		13' - 5 3/4"
W14)				W14)		W1		W14)		01- FIRST FLOOR S T.S.
		X159								-0' - 6 1/4''
		W14)								00- BASEMENT S
										-12' - 0''
B-5		B-7,	C-7	B-8		B-9, D-9		C-1		

![](_page_49_Picture_7.jpeg)