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Repairing Greenville

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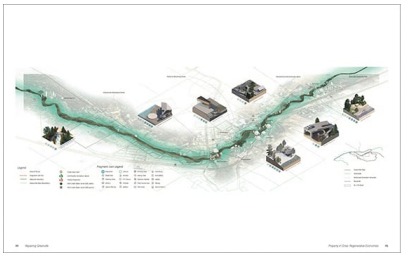
- A collaborative research project by the architecture program at California College of the Arts looking at ways to help a community in the Sierras repair their town which was devastated by California's largest wildfire
- This book contains architectural case studies which respond to a communities desire to rebuild with thoughtful and resilient solutions to problems caused by climate change
- After the Dixie Fire destroyed Greenville, a CCA-led collaboration reimagined rebuilding through participatory design, focusing on resilience, sustainability, and community—offering a model for climate-adaptive recovery and collective renewal

In August 2021, the Dixie Fire destroyed much of Greenville, California, highlighting the growing threat of climate-driven disasters, especially in wildland-urban interface zones. The town's loss revealed the urgent need to rethink rebuilding through resilience, repair, and community collaboration. In response, the California College of the Arts (CCA) Architecture Division partnered with Greenville, led by alumnus and resident Tyler Pew. Bringing together students, faculty, and community members, the effort embraced participatory design to reimagine not only buildings but also the town's social, economic, and ecological systems. Grounded in CCA's mission to serve the common good, the collaboration sought a more sustainable and equitable future. Over several years, design studios explored strategies to revitalize Main Street, create community-focused spaces, and address housing and land stewardship. Guided by faculty, students engaged both immediate recovery needs and long-term regional challenges. Inspired by the idea of the "subtle arts of repair," the work framed rebuilding as a holistic process involving social cohesion, economic renewal, and environmental resilience. This book documents that journey through design proposals, resident reflections, and visual narratives. Ultimately, ***Repairing Greenville*** is both a tribute and a call to action — demonstrating how collaboration and thoughtful design can help communities rebuild stronger, more resilient futures in the face of climate change.

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