Phased Development

I PRO 356: Vertical Innovation
A Garden in the City

Cost Analysis

Cumulative financial impact to the developer/investor for entirety of phase 1 and 2: $91,384,102
The Present Value of Land Development
- Entertainment $818,586.62
- In-Line Retail $22,297,724.64
- Big-Box Retail $6,289,168.76
- Vertical Farm $120,659,197.42

Total NPV of development assuming 30-year hold: $172,277,034
Annual Rate of Return to developer assuming 30-year hold: 23.40%

Conclusion

Vertical farming is a profitable and economically viable venture. Renewable technology results in minimal costs, generating profits in an efficient manner. Funding is available in several markets from entities that have proven financial commitments to similar projects such as food production companies, venture capitalists and philanthropists, as well as government and university agencies.

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- “The Living Skyscraper” by Blake Kurasek
- “Living Tower” by SOA Architects
- “Eco-Laboratory” by Weber Thompson
- “Pyramid Farm” by Ellingsen – Despommier
- “SkyFarm” by Gordon Graff
but no physical building has yet to be built.

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