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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
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BEIJING TURENSCAPE URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN COMPANY
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Apr 2010-Aug 2010

LANGUAGES

CHINESE (NATIVE), ENGLISH

COMPUTING SKILLS

COMPUTER:

Autocad
Rhino
V-Ray
Google Sketchup
Unreal
Blender
Revit
Grasshopper
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Indesign
Adobe After Effects
MS Office

PHYSICAL:

Model making
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Sketch
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Photography

HONORS AND AWARDS

MERIT GRADUATE THESIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF AN OUTSTANDING GRADUATE THESIS PROJECT.
SEP 2022

FIVE OF MY STUDIO PROJECTS WERE SELECTED TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE SCI-ARC SPRING SHOW
SEP 2019-SEP 2022

BEST NEW EMPLOYEE OF TURENSCAPE BEIJING
DEC 2013

AWARD OF TUREN BEST PROJECT - LANDSCAPE DESIGN OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURE AND HEALTH DEMONSTRATION AREA (CORE AREA) OF XIXIAN AIRPORT PROJECT.
DEC 2013

AWARD OF EXCELLENT GRADUATION PROJECT - WHEAT FIELD ARCHITECTURE DESIGN “COLORLESS FOREST” AT BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY.
JUN 2011

INTERESTS

VIDEO EDITING, GAME SCENE DESIGN, ACCESSORY MAKING, MODEL MAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CAR-TOON DRAWING, TRAVELING, HIKING, ROCK CLIMBING

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AMPHIBIOUS ARCHITECTURE

Graduate Thesis 2022
Design Advisor Mira Henry

Sea level rise due to climate change will reshape coastal cities, wrecking damage and putting some communities underwater. This project explores the development of an amphibious community over 100 years in a submerged neighborhood in Venice, Los Angeles.

The neighborhood’s history, spatial and social relations are considered while layering a climate change outcome onto it to advance a solution specific to the area. Rising waters presents an opportunity to release us from the constraints of privatized, single family homes as the dominant way in which contractive elements exist in present day Los Angeles. Using the dissolving hard boundaries and property lines as a device, the space is reclaimed through the evolution of an infrastructure that connects people to the submerged properties. This thesis presents infrastructure as a space more expressed as connecting rather than being hidden.



Glacial melting is raising the sea level and it’s projected that parts of coastal cities around the world will be underwater in the future. We’ll be looking at Venice, Los Angeles as the site for this project.

VENICE HISTORIC HAZARDS - 1940S



Venice Pier 1939



Venice Flooding 1941

VENICE HISTORIC HAZARDS - 1940S



El Nino 1983



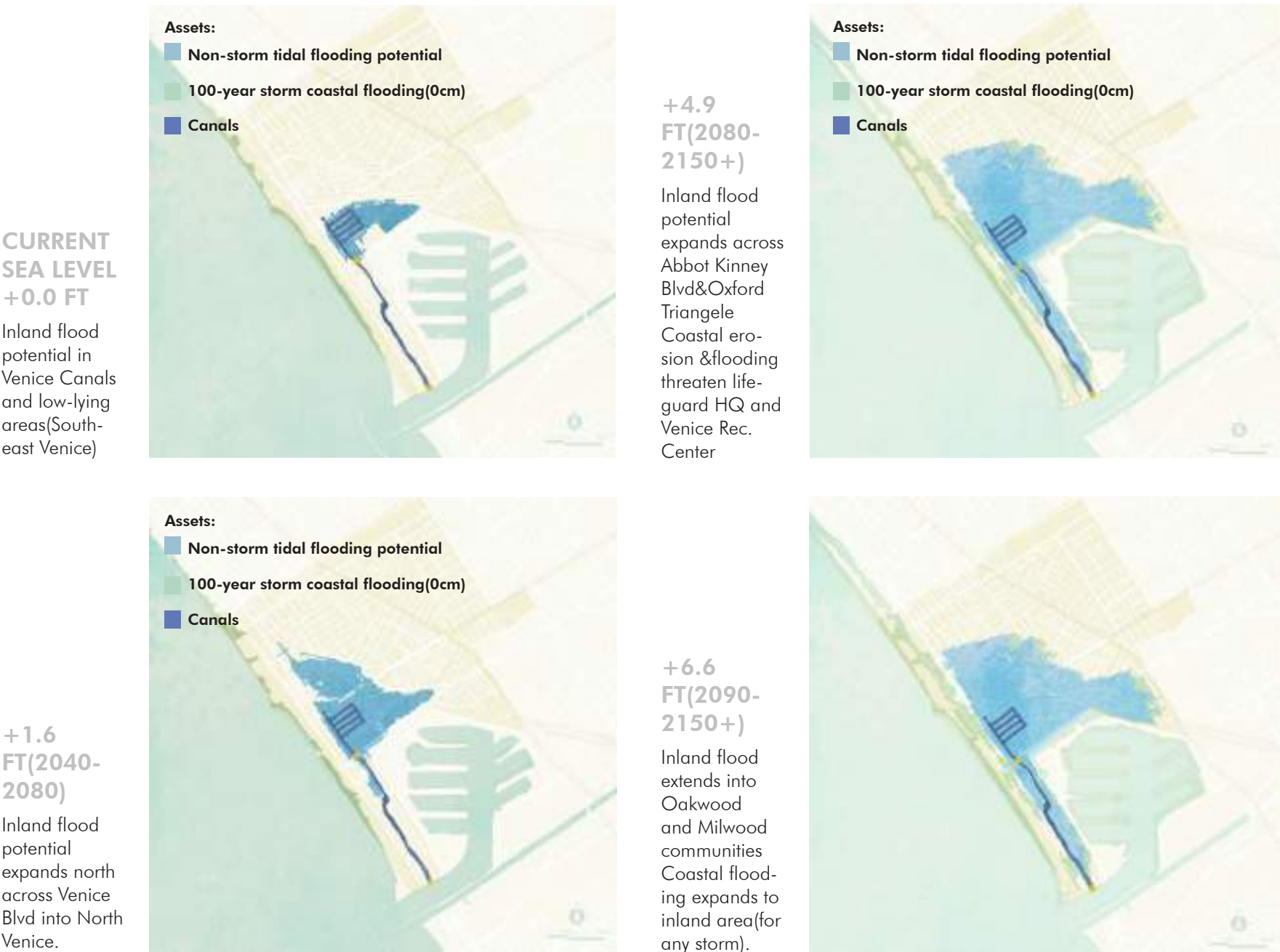
Flooding in Venice Beach(Fred Barthel) 1983

This area is prone to natural hazards such as large wave events, erosion, storms, and flooding. There have been two notable storms in the Venice area in the 1940s and 1980s.



VENICE
Vulnerability
Assessment Results

This map of low-lying areas shows Southeast Venice to be the lowest area, shown in darker coloring. Next is a progression of inland flood potential from sea level rise over the next 100 years. I used this timeline for the planned construction of my site.





VENICE SOUTHEAST

I have chosen this neighborhood in Southeast Venice to address the outcome of sea level rise because it is a low lying residential area in the high risk zone for inland flooding.



PRESENT DAY
Property Line of Southeast Venice from Navigate LA



100 YEARS FROM NOW
SLR in Southeast Venice



100 YEARS AGO

View of Santa Monica and bay showing the road and wharf of the Los Angeles & Independence Railroad, about 1875. The wharf was completed in 1875 and sold in June 1877 to the Southern Pacific Railway Company, This print was photographed from an old lithograph.

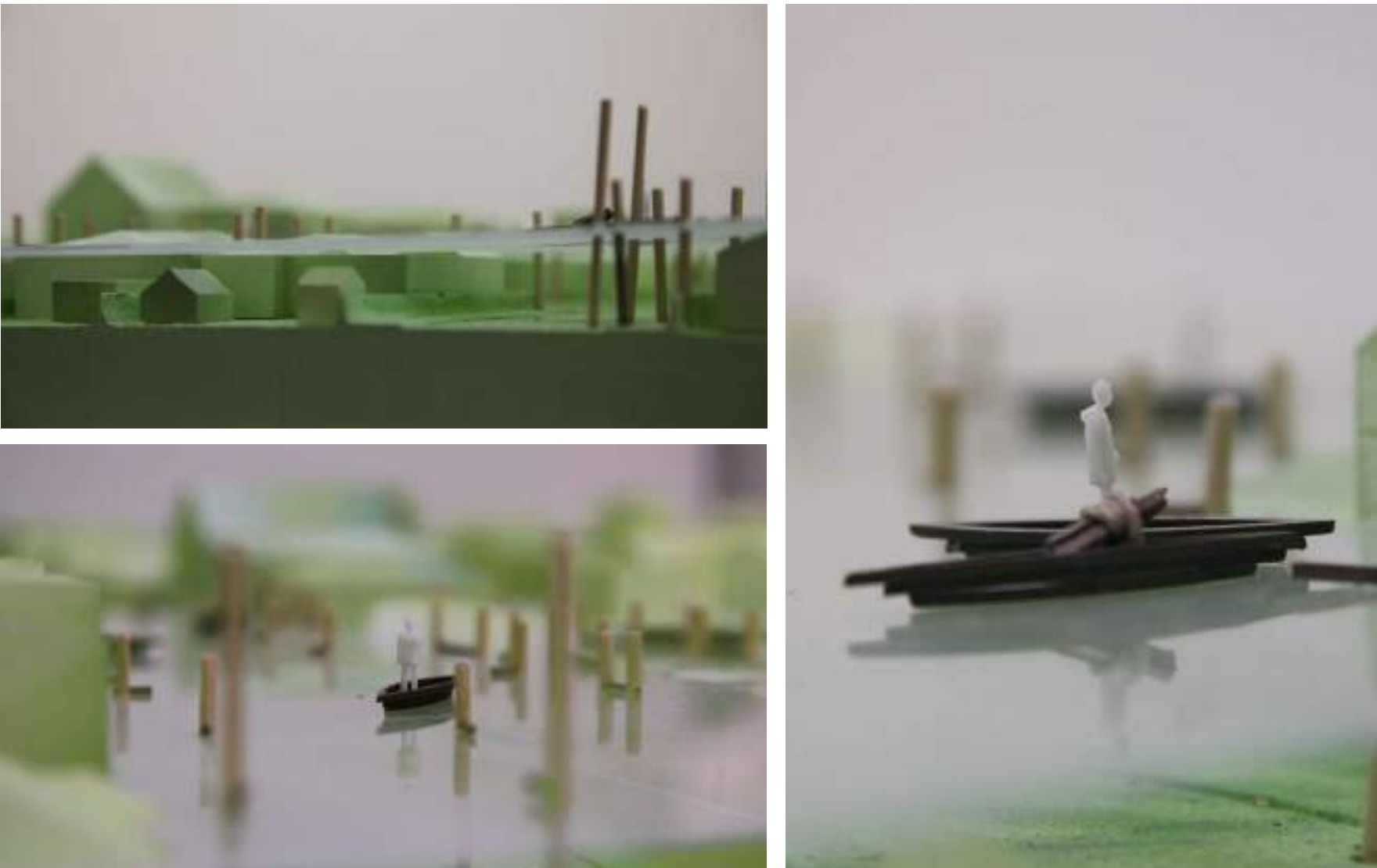


PRESENT DAY

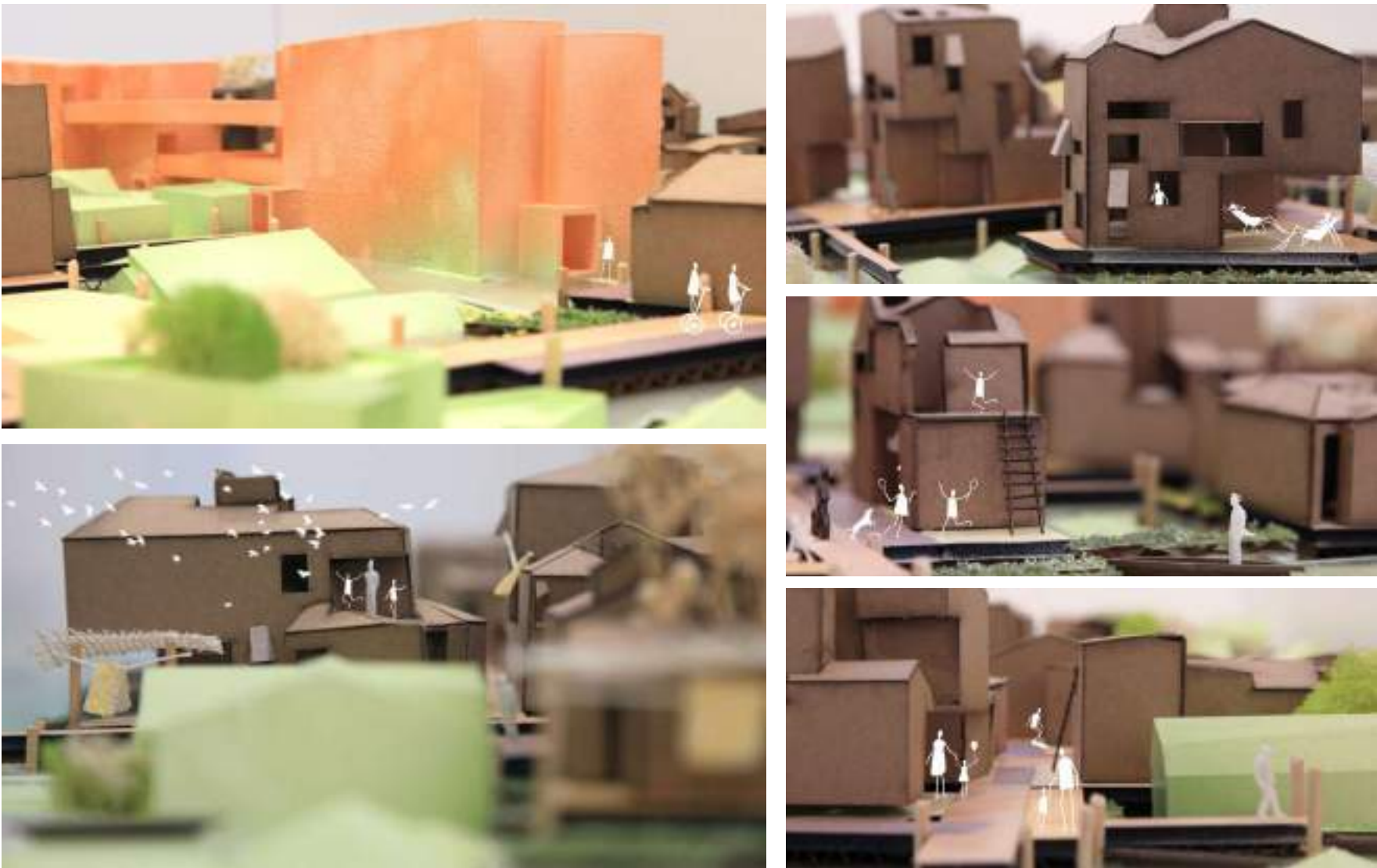




25 YEARS FROM NOW Sea Level +1.6ft



50 YEARS FROM NOW Sea Level +3.3ft





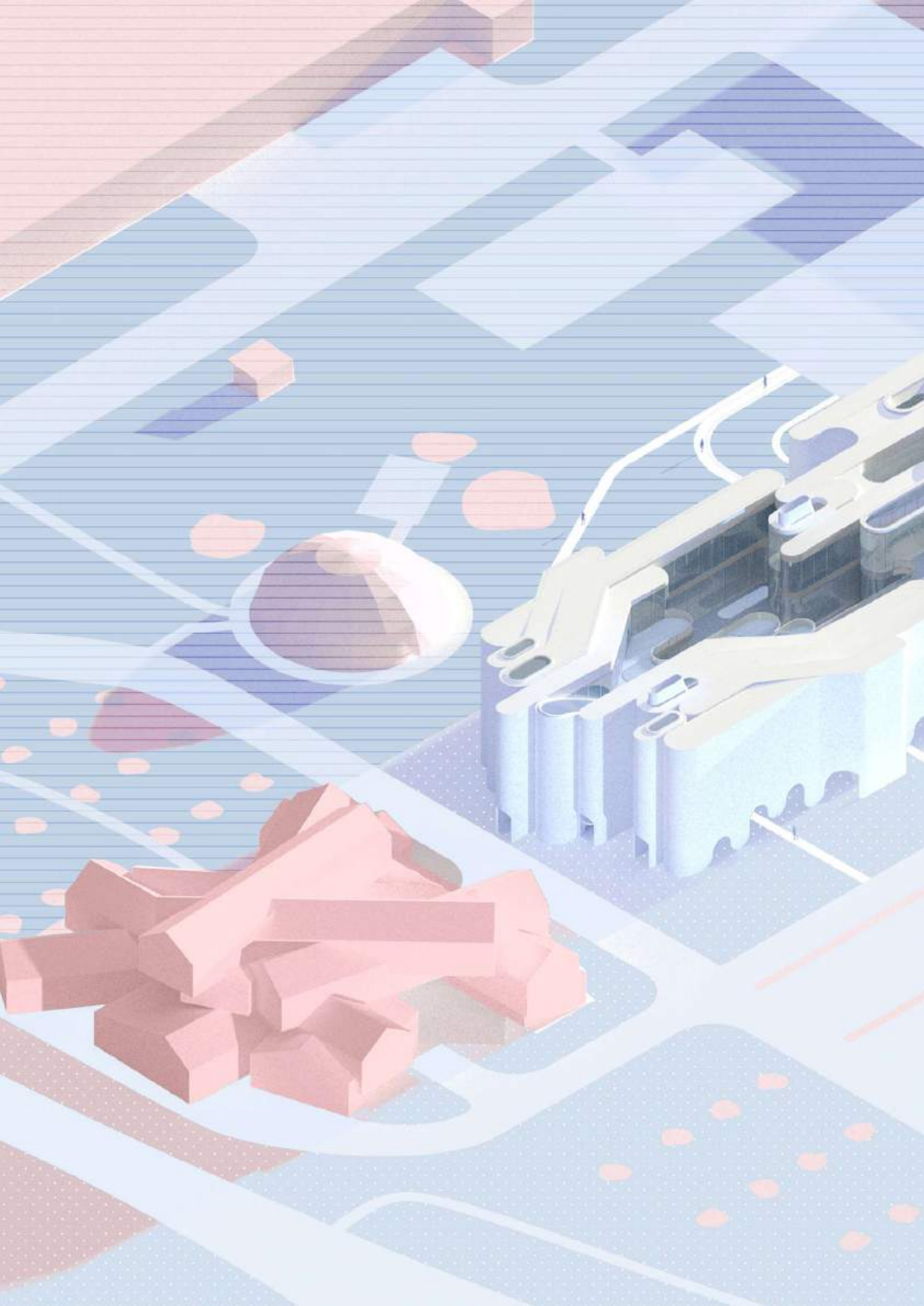
75 YEARS FROM NOW Sea Level +1.6ft



100 YEARS FROM NOW Sea Level +3.3ft







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VITRA CAMPUS

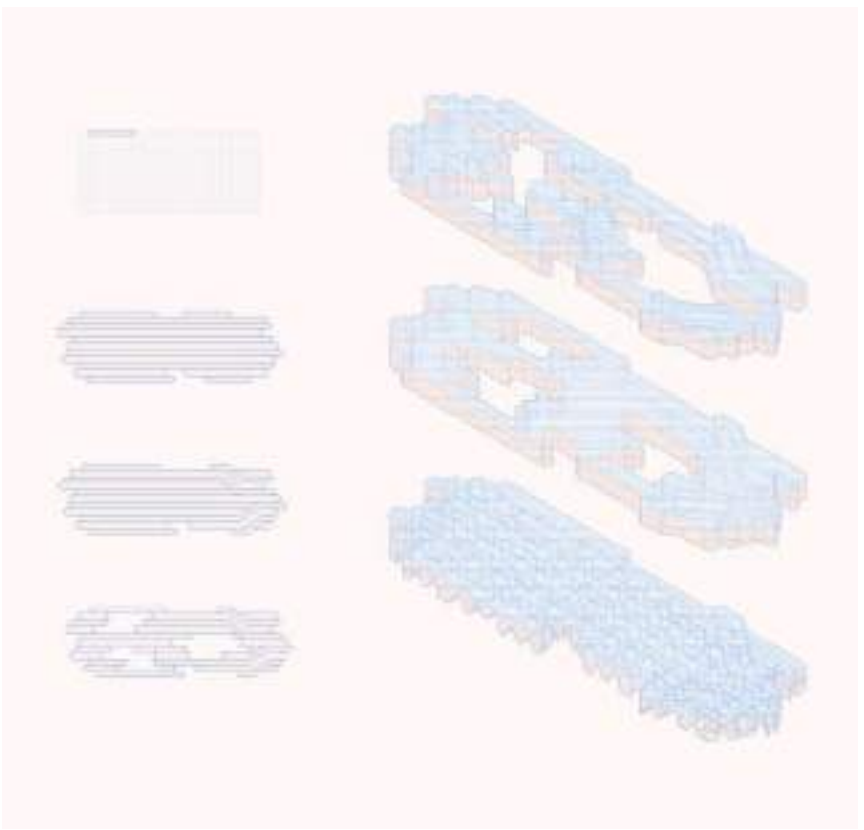
2GA Fall 2020
Professor Russell Thomsen

This project tries to respond to the studio brief of homogeneous and heterogeneous space by organizing the whole out of a set of slightly dissimilar parts.



SITE PLAN

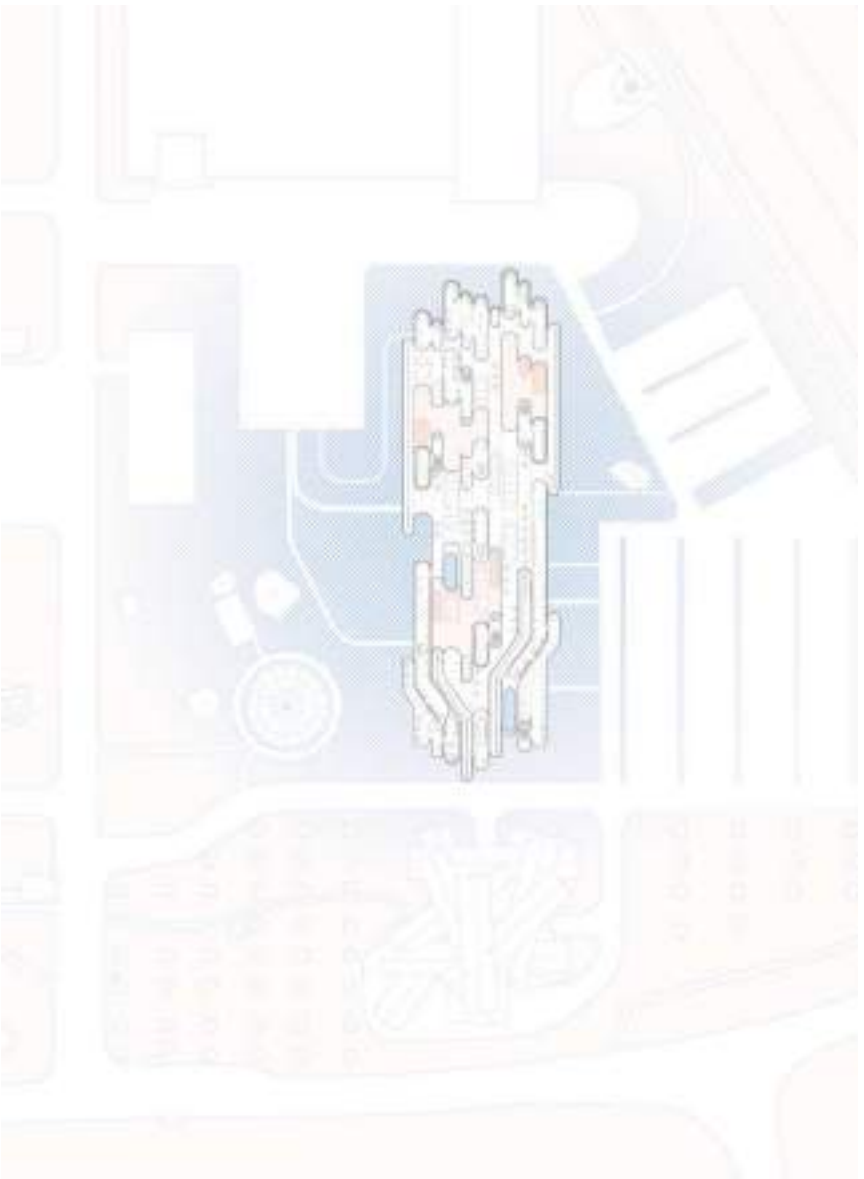
Here is the site plan of my project on the north-eastern corner of the site. It is adjacent to VitraHaus and parallel to Frank Gehry's building. The site location both defines an edge and has a direct relationship to the VitraHaus.



The parts are distributed in a striated field on three levels. Almost like individual volumetric cells, they are initially arranged in flowing lines within a field of circulation. The striated fields act as a kind of homogenous space capable of holding difference. The result is kind of a long, striated building, with 3 layers that are connected and lengthened.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



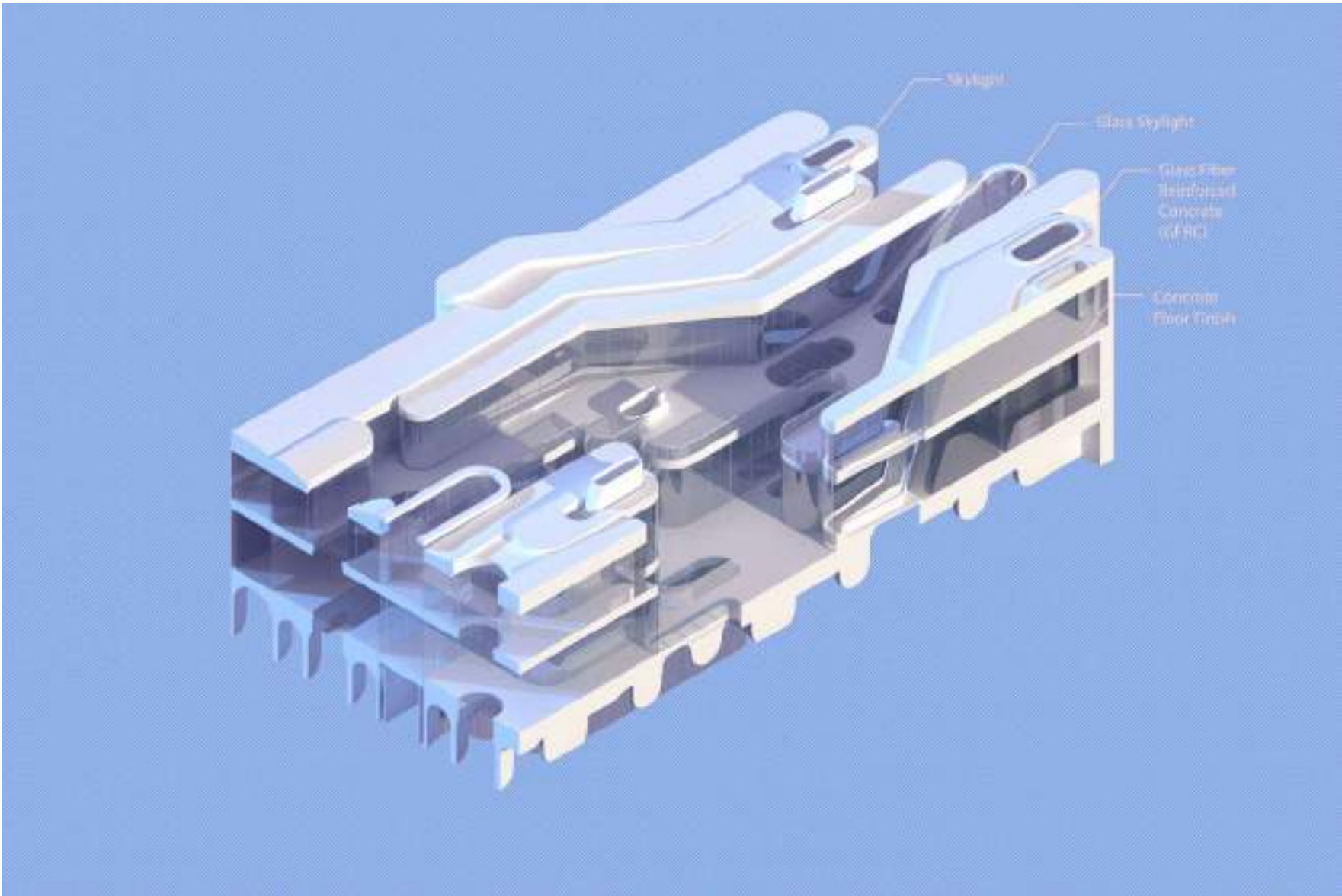
THIRD FLOOR PLAN



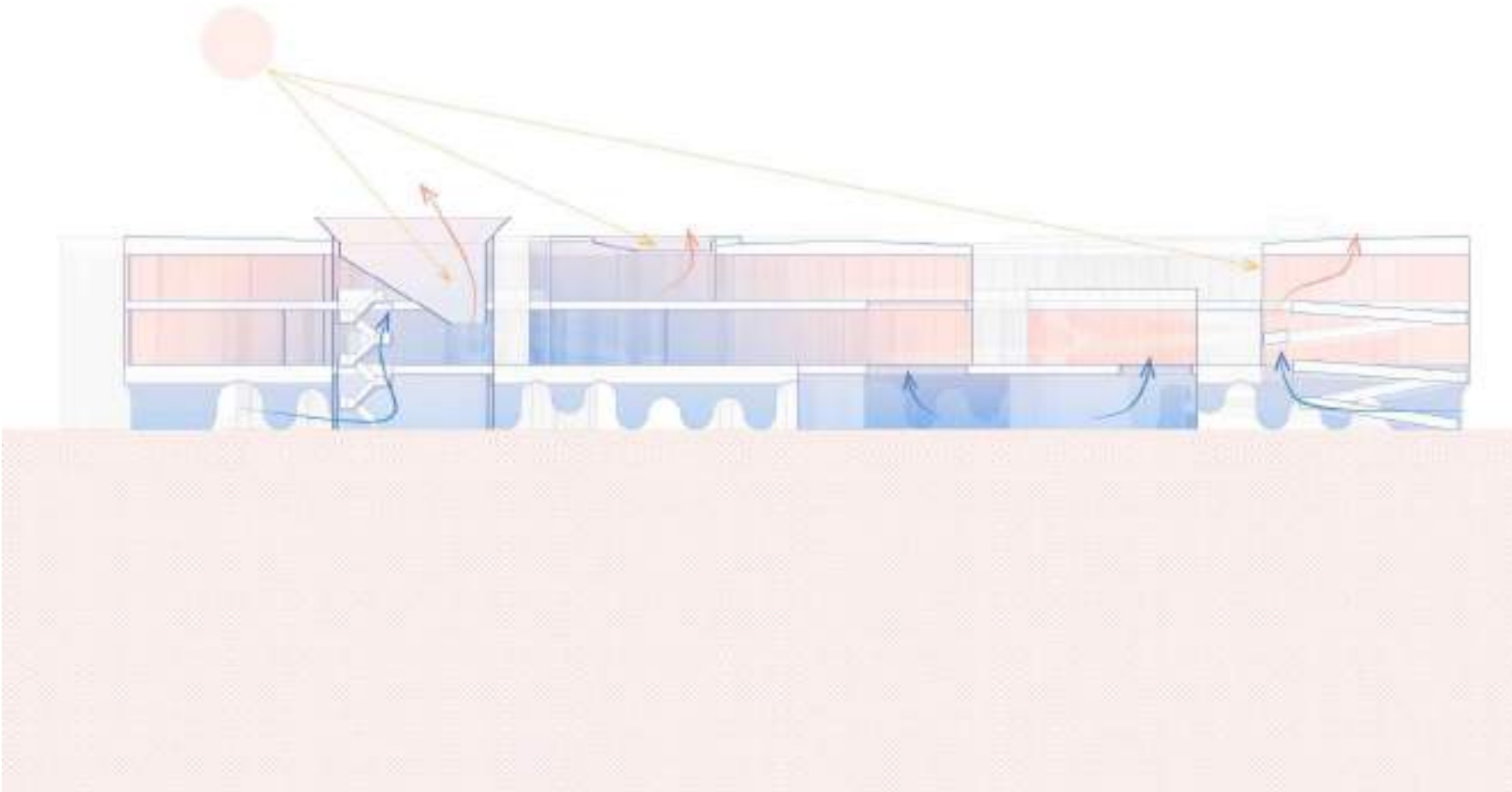
ELEVATION



SECTION



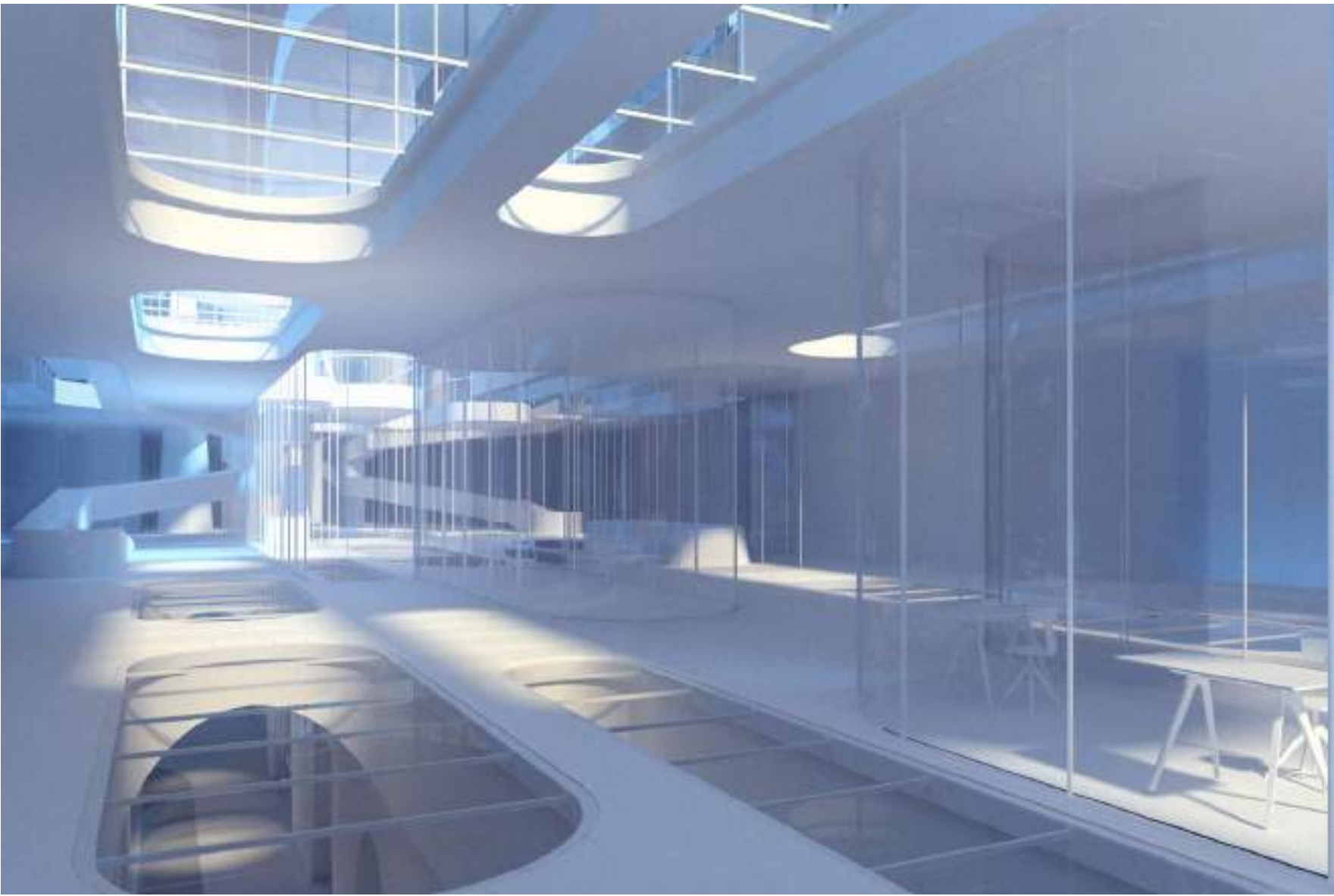
Here is a cutaway chunk that starts to show how the interior relates to the exterior, void, and outdoor space. Some of the floors are set oblique to serve as ramps, while stairs and sectional voids try to bridge between the floors.



ENVIRONMENTAL DIAGRAM



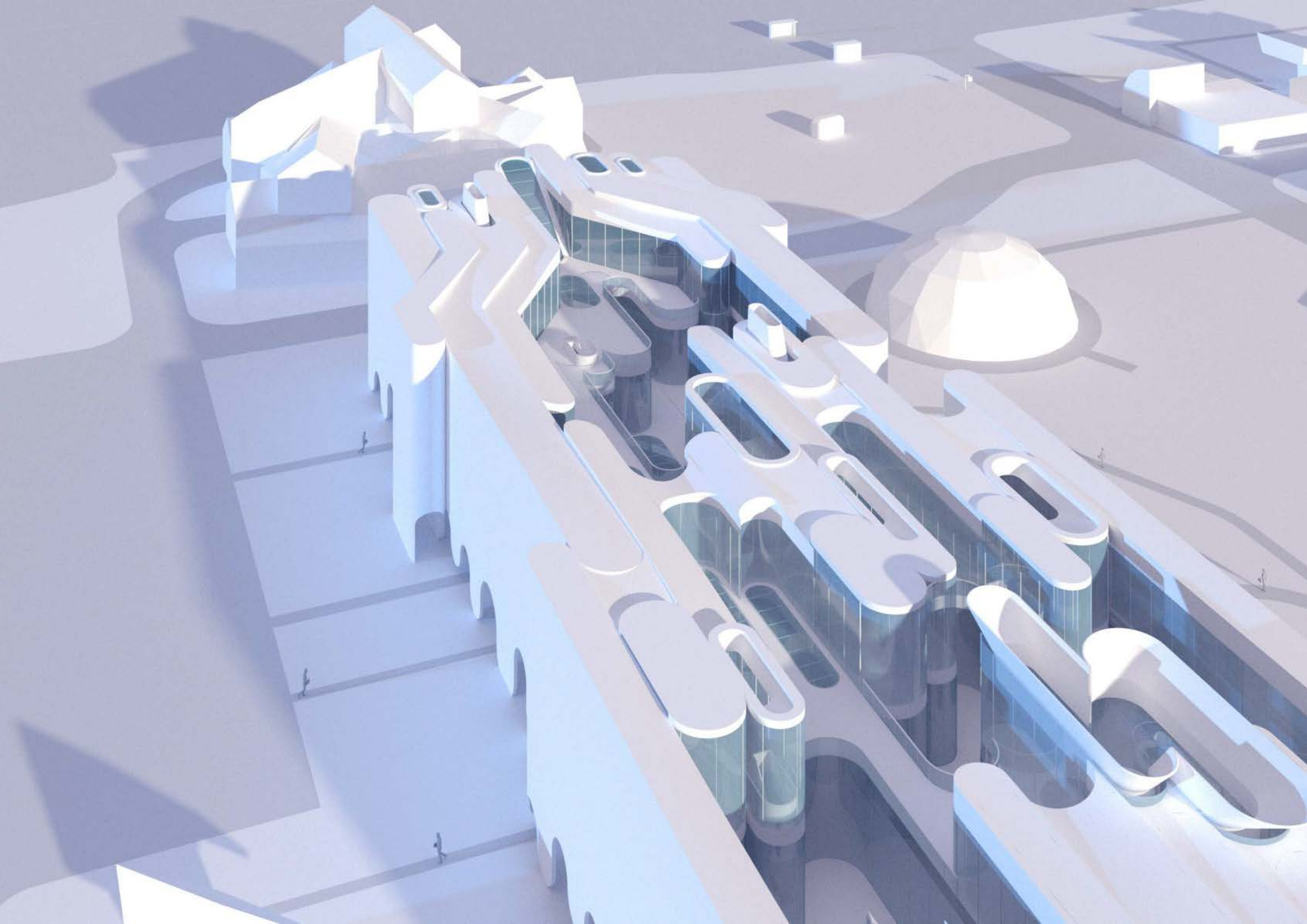
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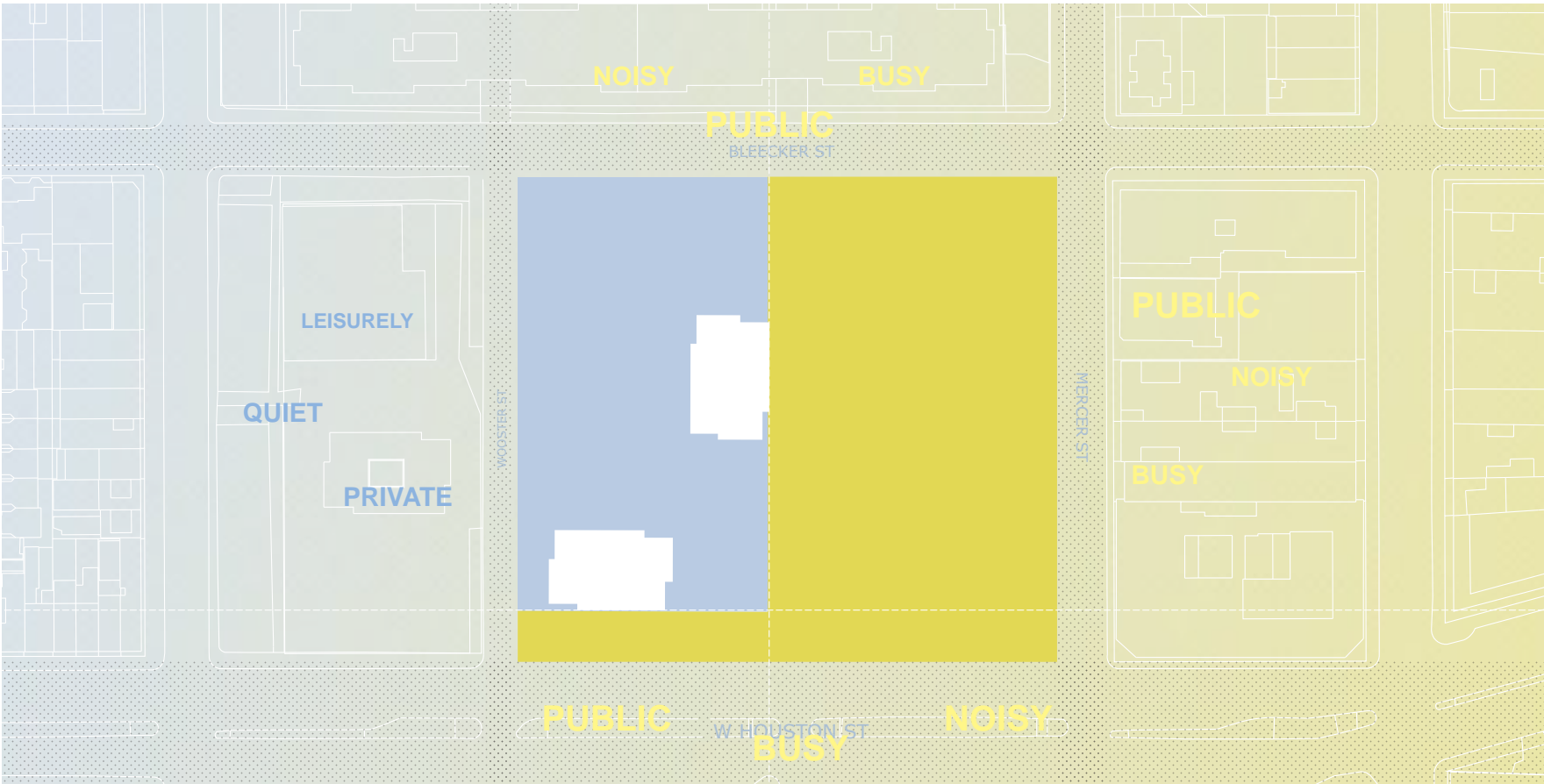


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CONTAINERS OF BIGNESS

2GB Spring 2021
Professor Zeina Koreitem
CAMPUS OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

The project narrative imagines a merger between New York University and a contemporary College of Design and Art to create a standalone school and campus ‘mega-building’ situated within the historic urban NYU campus in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan. This new College of Design and Art (CDA) program offers complexity, variation, friction, overlap, scalar difference and richness. At approximately half a million gross square feet of area, the program consists of twenty art and design-oriented academic programs with shared support spaces including larger scale galleries, library and auditoria, as well as housing, administrative and support spaces.

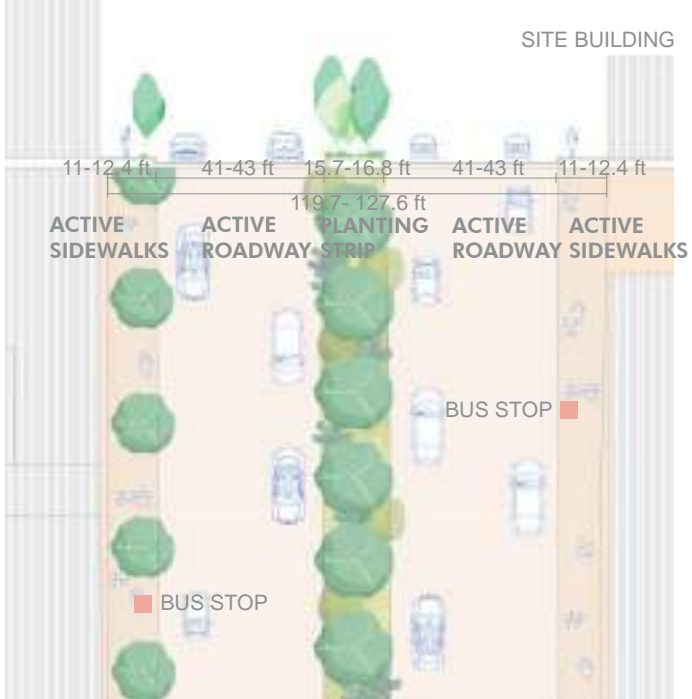


Diagram/West Houston Street Section & Plan

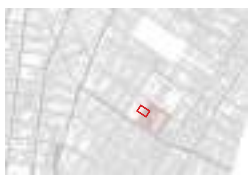


- Bus Stops
- Walkable
- Close to retail, restaurants
- Heavy traffic
- No bike lane

SOHO 25 CONDOMINIUMS

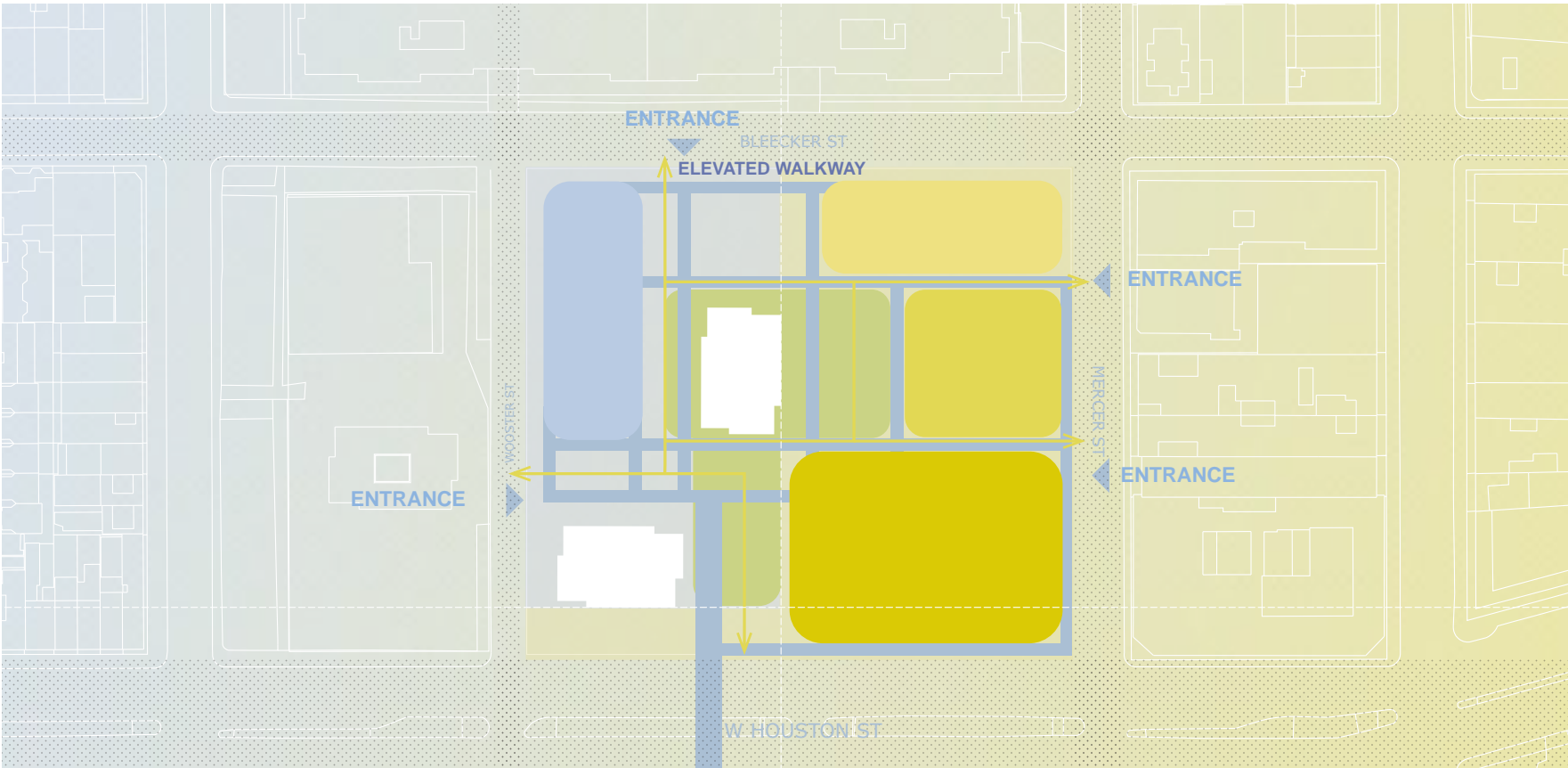


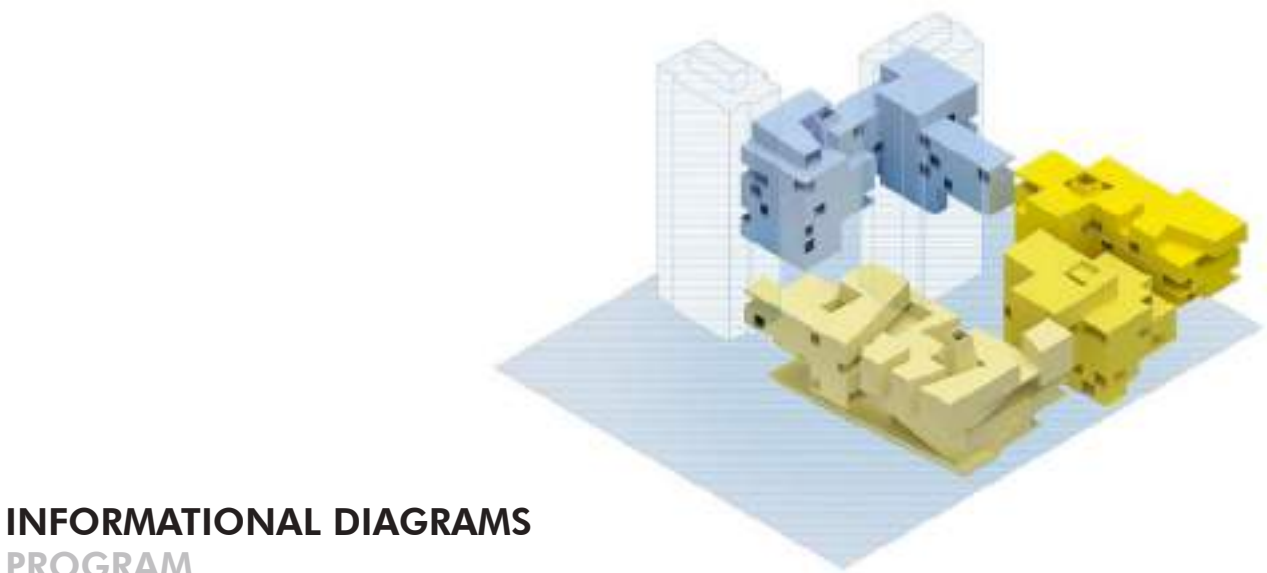
Diagram/Wooster Street Section & Plan



- Address: 100 bleacher St
- Year Built: 1967
- Building: Count2
- Owner: NYU
- Parking lot
- Walkable
- Enter the site building directly

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INFORMATIONAL DIAGRAMS
PROGRAM



ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS



DINING HALL & KITCHEN



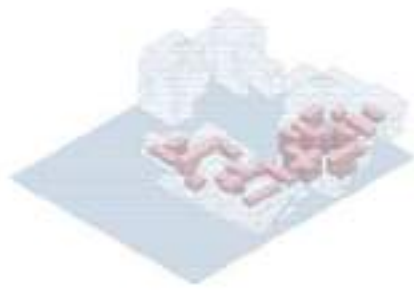
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT



EXHIBIT SPACE



LECTURE HALL



UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENTS



RESIDENTIAL



SWIMMING POOL

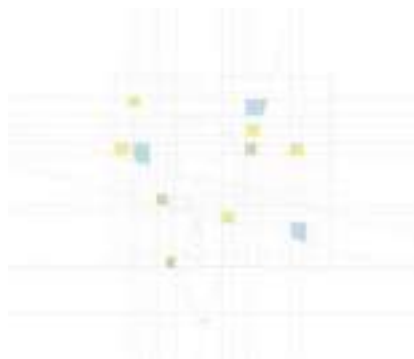


GRADUATE DEPARTMENTS



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INFORMATIONAL
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CORES STUDYING



CORES PLAN

INFORMATIONAL DIAGRAMS
OUTDOOR SPACE



ROOF GREEN SPACE



GROUND FLOOR GREEN SPACE



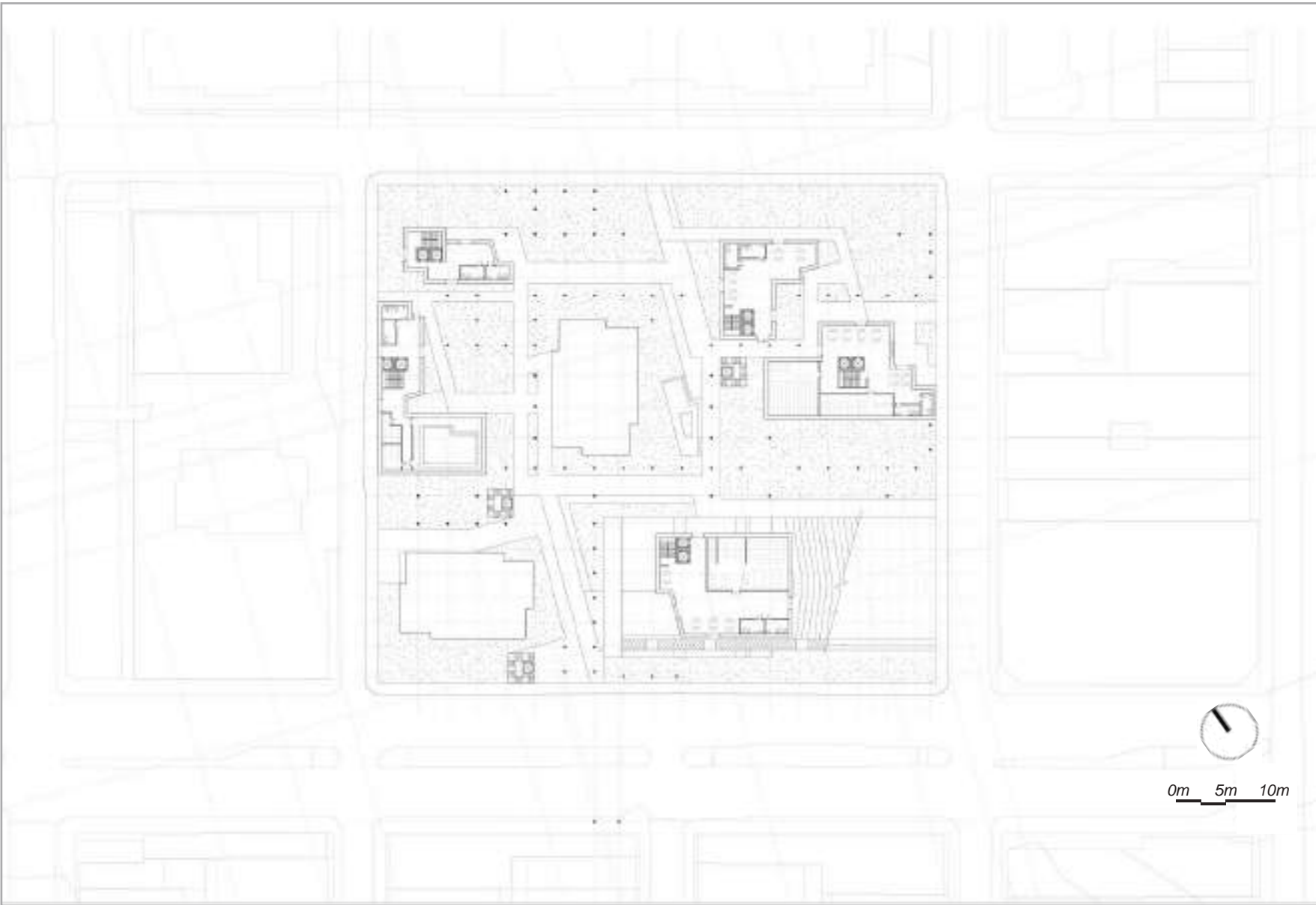
ELEVATED WALKWAY



SITE PLAN



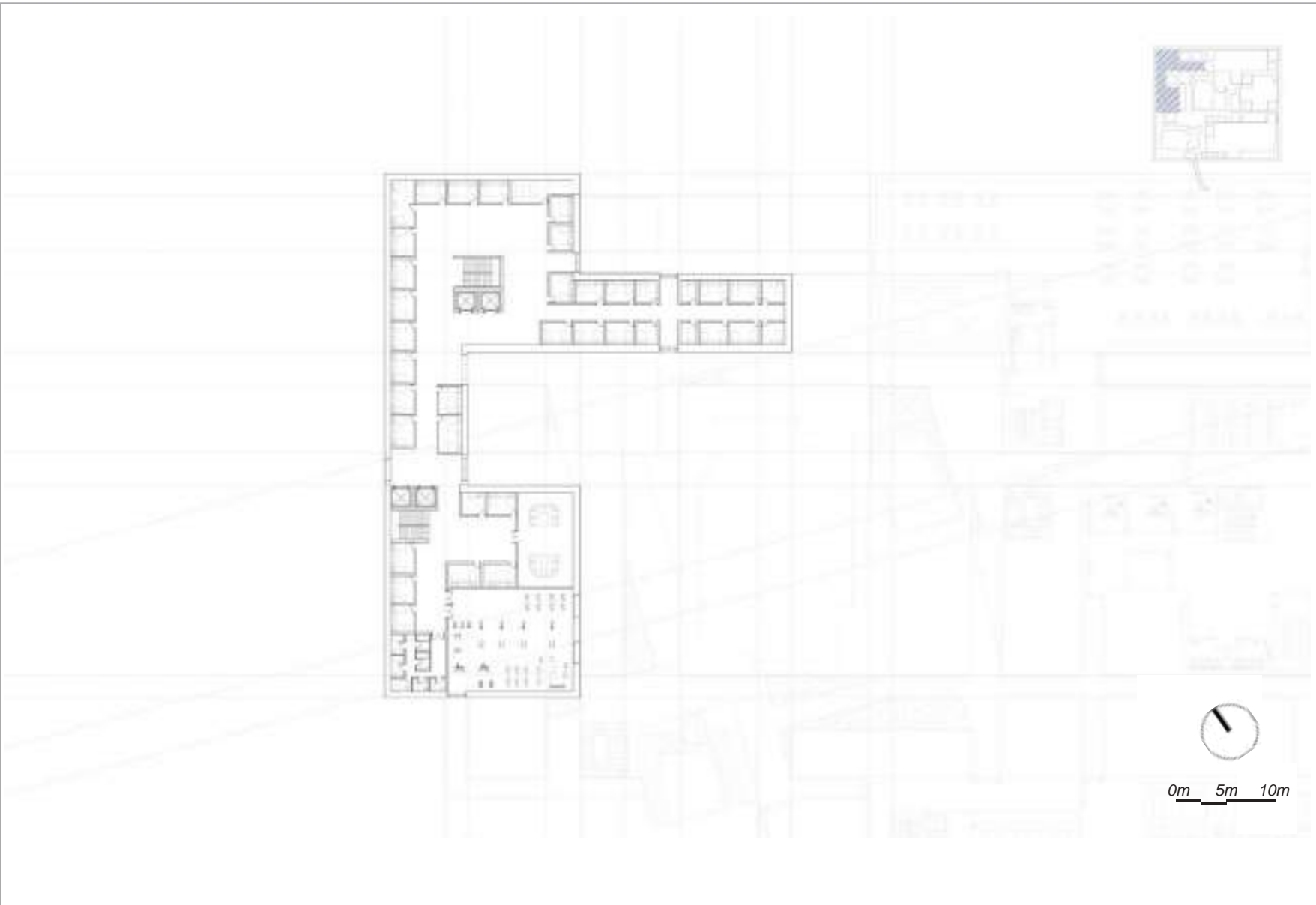
AXONOMETRIC VIEW



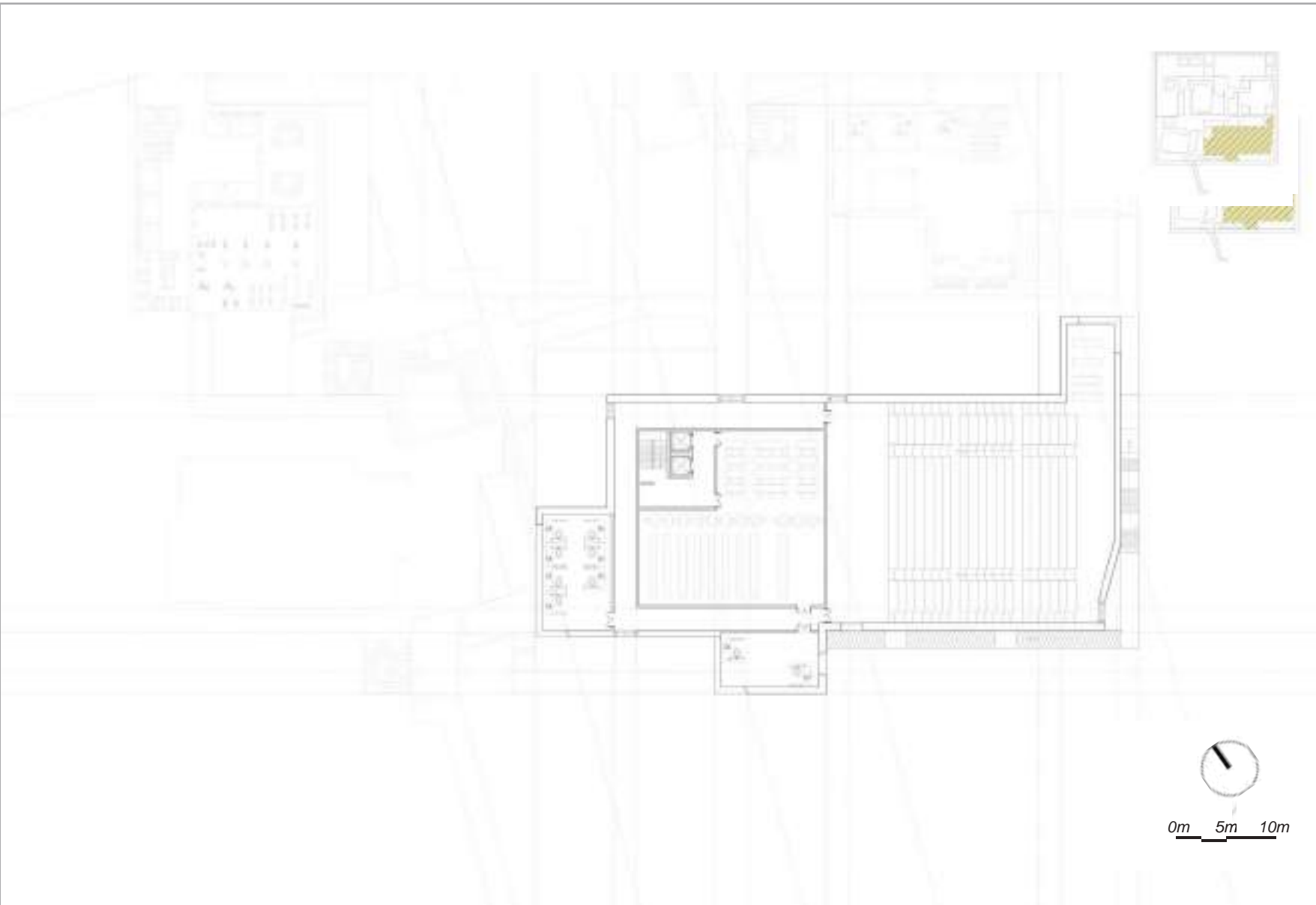
GROUND FLOOR PLAN



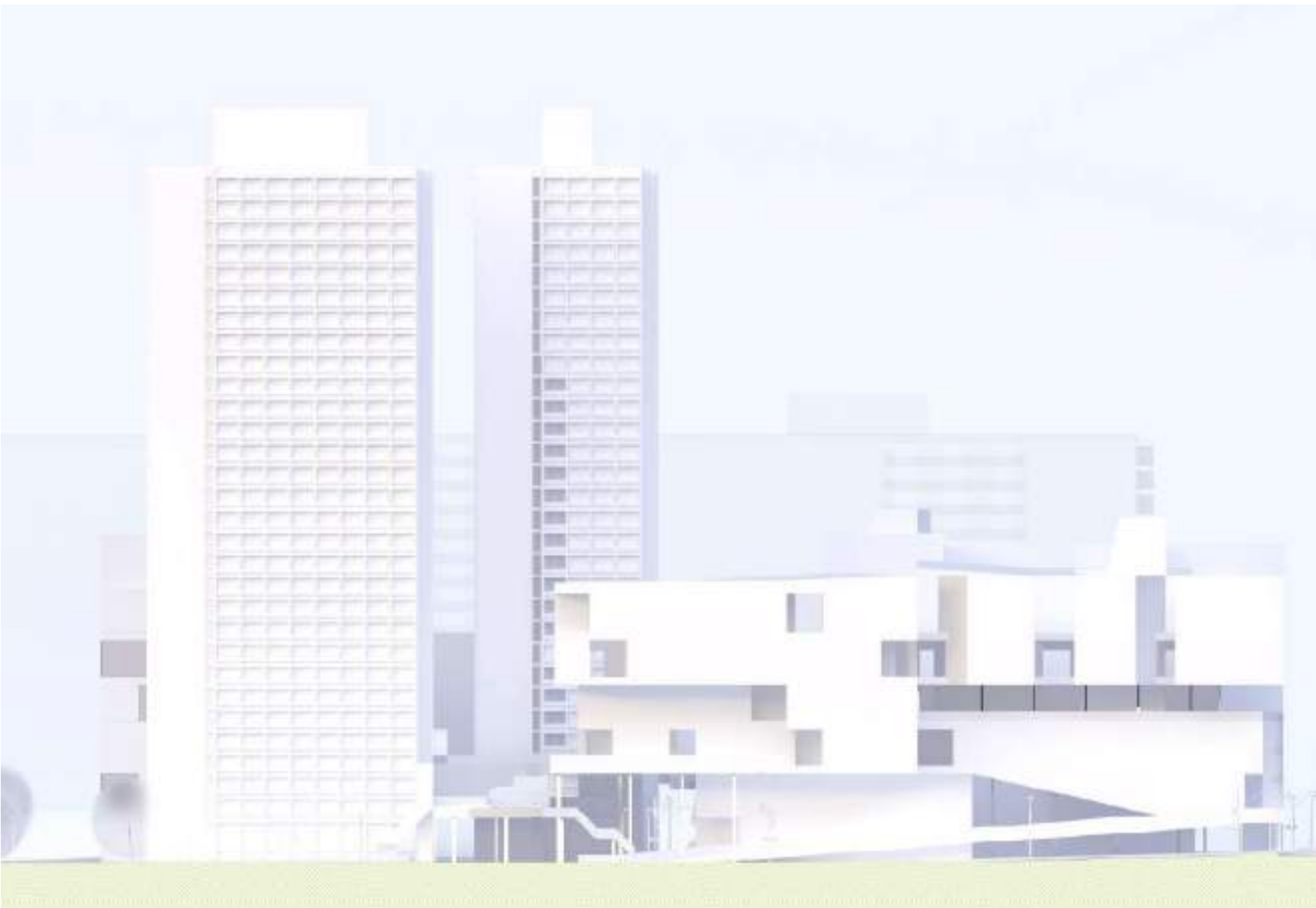
SECOND FLOOR PLAN



RESIDENTIAL FLOOR PLAN



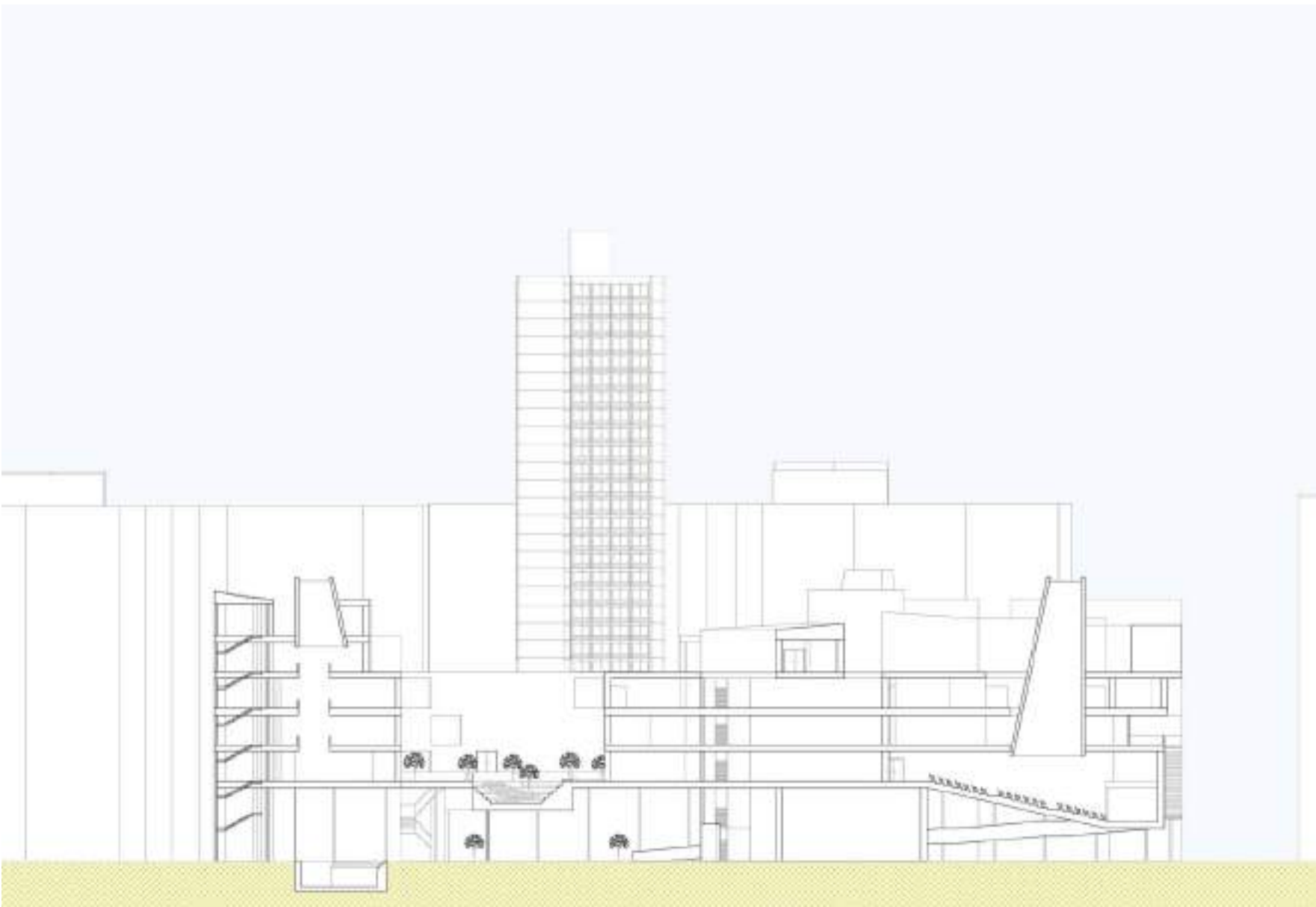
AUDITORIUM AND LIBRARY FLOOR PLAN



ELEVATION 1



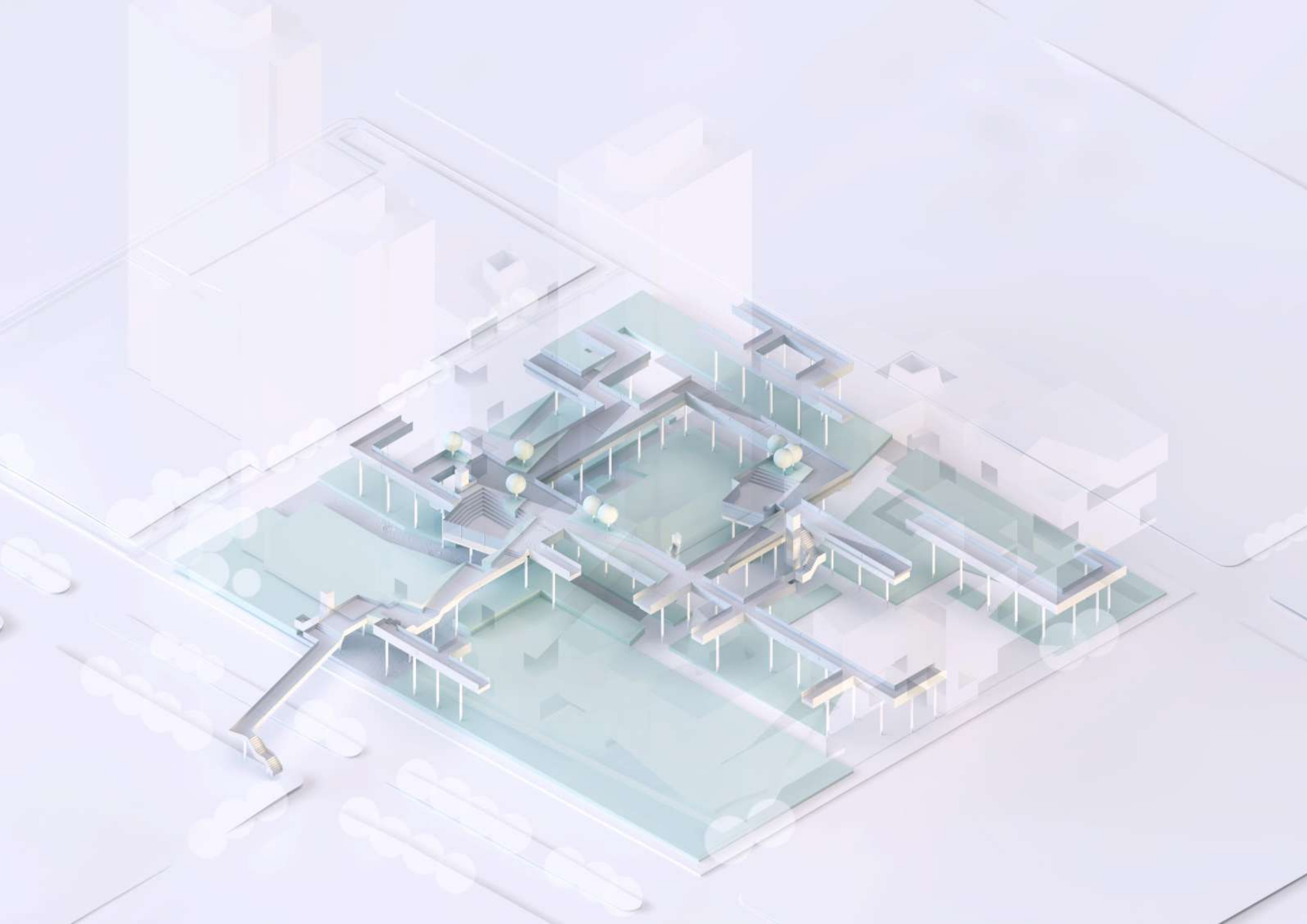
ELEVATION 2



SECTION 1



SECTION 2



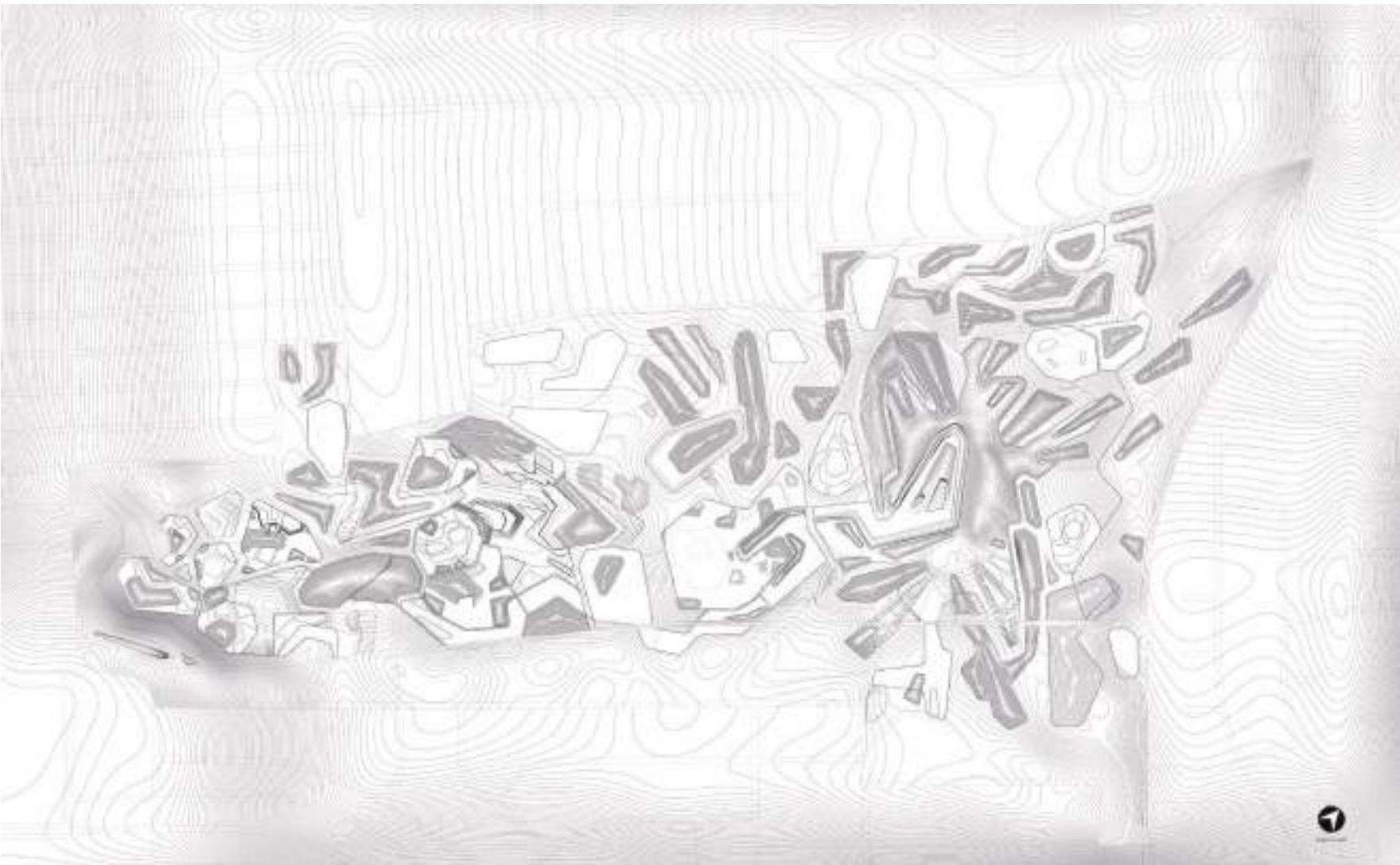


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FIGURED GROUNDS AND GROUNDED FIGURES

3GA Fall 2021
Professor Margaret Griffin
A NEW URBAN PARK FOR WEST LA

The Santa Monica Airport is on the top of an elongated hillside ridge and acts as a belvedere over the whole west-side of LA, with views to the ocean, the mountains, Lax and beyond. Situated at the edge of Santa Monica this site has the capacity to reconnect currently dissociated areas of the West side of Los Angeles, uniting Santa Monica, West LA and Mar Vista. Formerly an edge condition of Santa Monica this site will become a new center of West Los Angeles. I used figure ground as a theoretical and geometric device to create a new Architecture of the City (Park), combining geometry, nature and fantasy to create a new urban paradigm that has the capacity to transform (the ecology of) our daily life



TOPOGRAPHY DIAGRAM

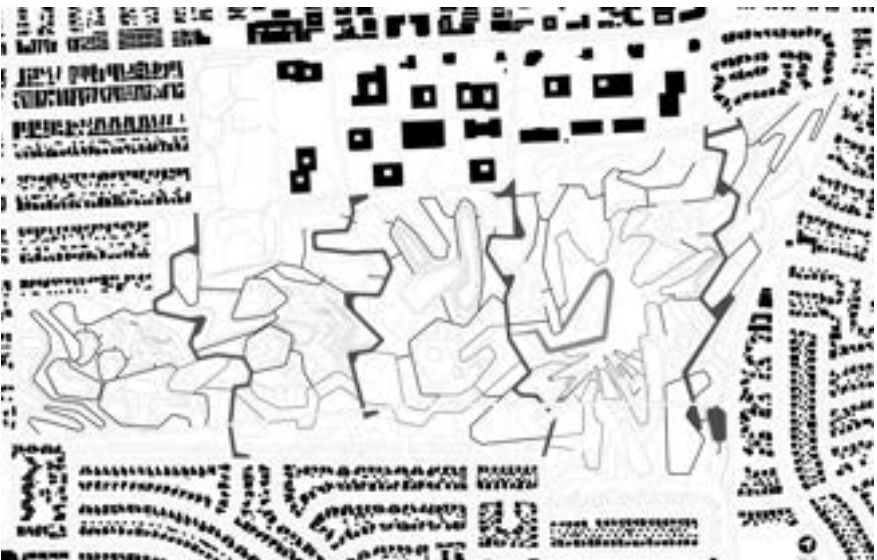


FIGURE-GROUND DIAGRAM | PATHS



FIGURE-GROUND DIAGRAM | HARD LANDSCAPE

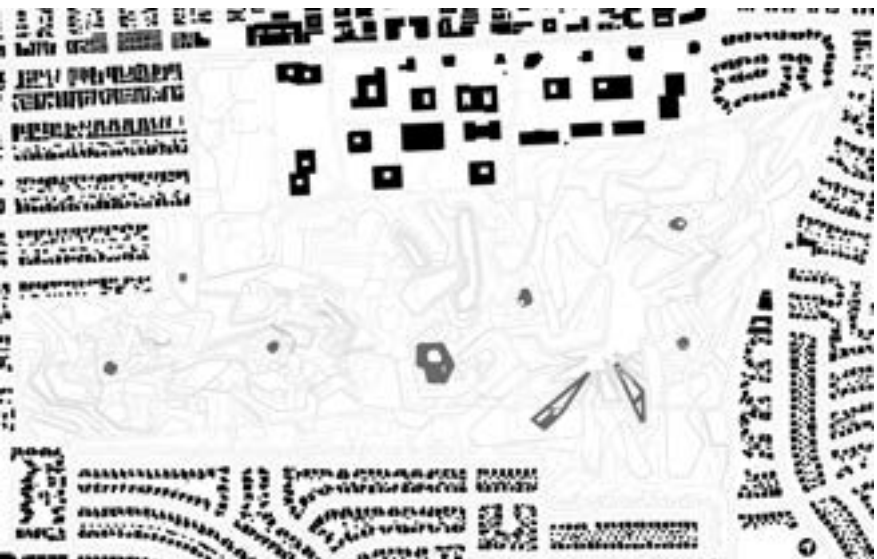


FIGURE-GROUND DIAGRAM | BUILDINGS & STUCTURES



FIGURE-GROUND DIAGRAM | WATER FEATURE



SITE PLAN



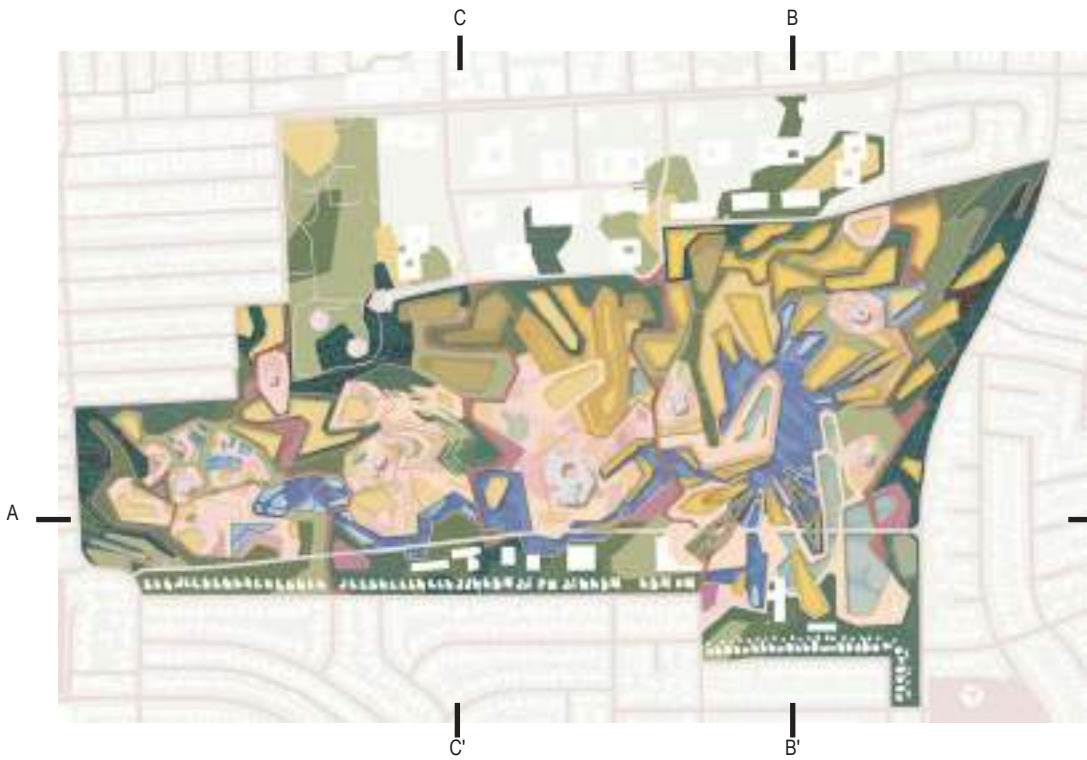
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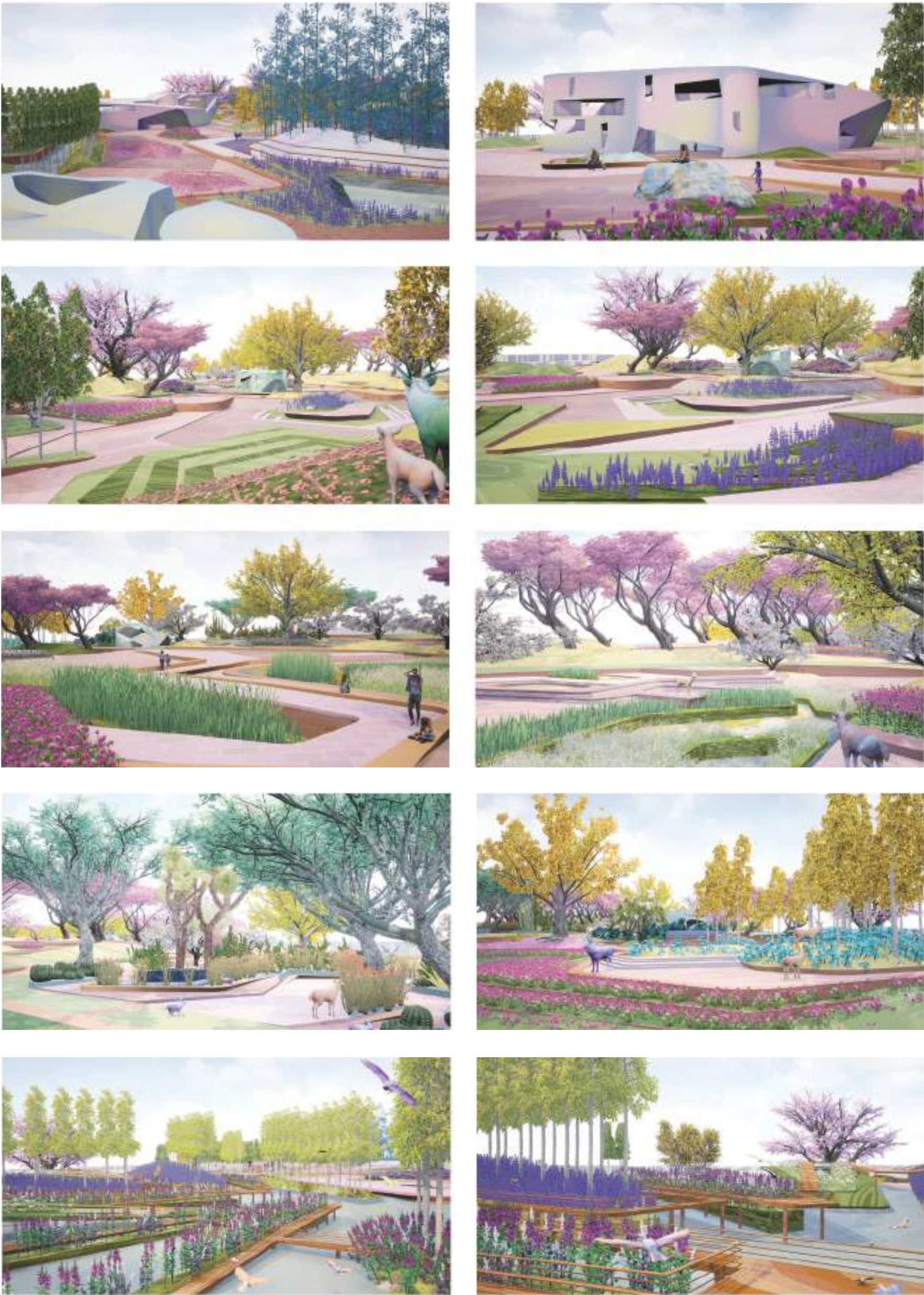
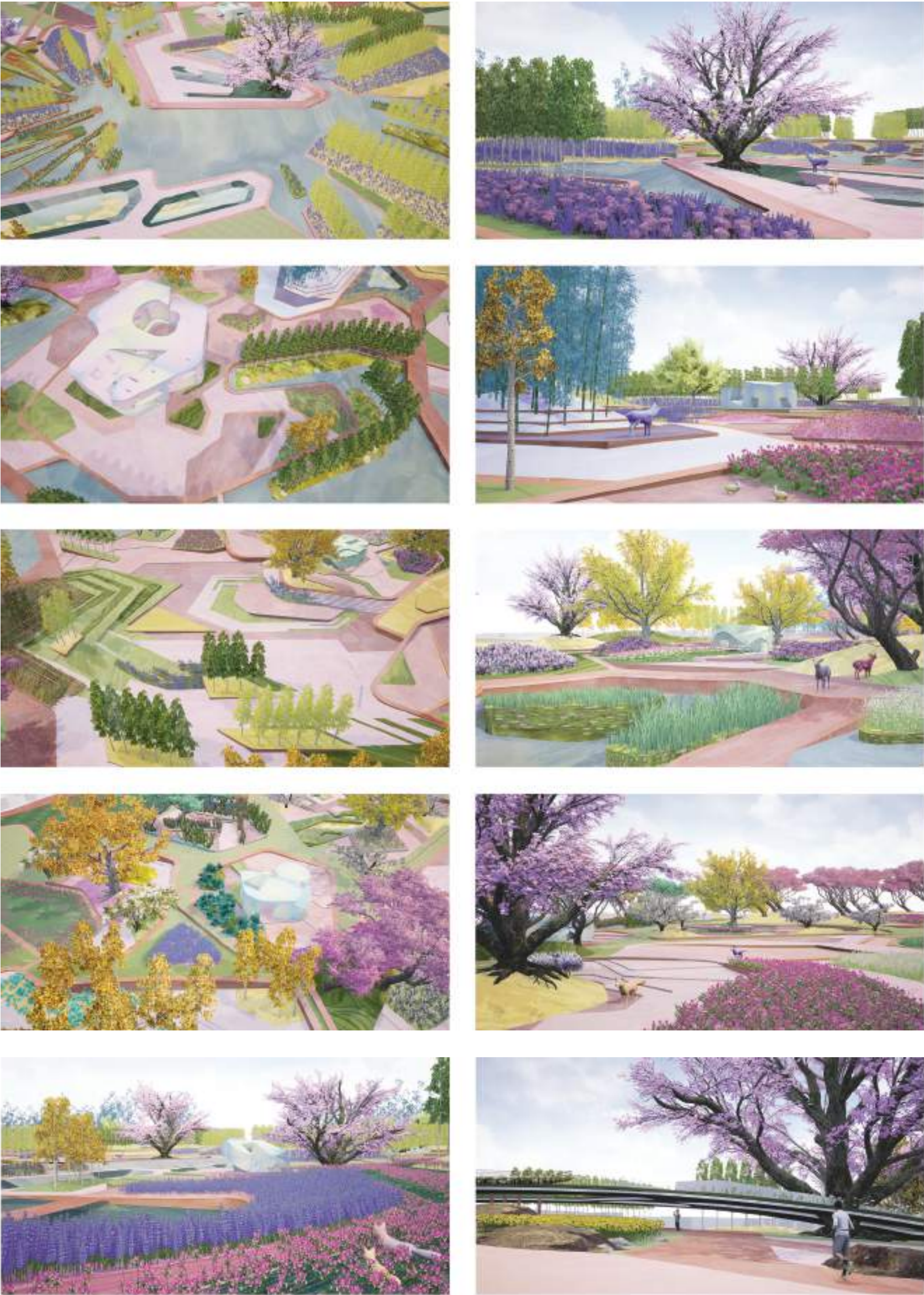
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SECTION C-C'



PERSPECTIVE VIEWS







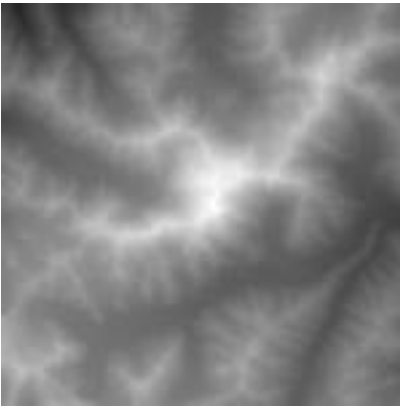
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NOT A MOUNTAIN

3GB Spring 2022
Professor Ramiro Díaz-Granados

In this spirit the studio will survey and re-model iconic mountain peaks and re-insert them back into the world through imagery. Of particular interest is the production of physical models that engage a range of digital and analog techniques. Through a strategy of extraction, from image to surface to substance, the aim is to raise awareness of and swerve our assumptions about nature and tectonic performances in search of an aesthetic that exchanges the wonderful / auratic / superiority of the sublime for the wonderful / horrific / ulteriority of something adjacent.

Heightmap from Atlas lugin for Photoshop



Satellite Aerial from Goggle Map Customizer



Perspective Views from Google



Nanga Parbat

Location: Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan
Elevation: 8,126m(26,660ft)
Prominence: 4,608m(15,118ft)
Isolation: 189km(117mi)
Age of Rock: 47 million years
Mountain Type: Folded mountaions

TIMELINE AERIALS FROM GOOGLE EARTH PRO



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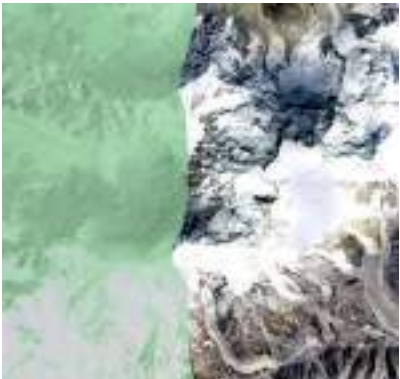
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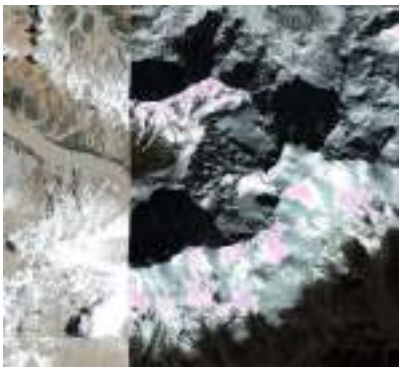
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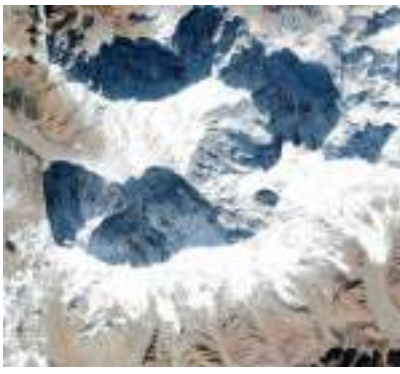
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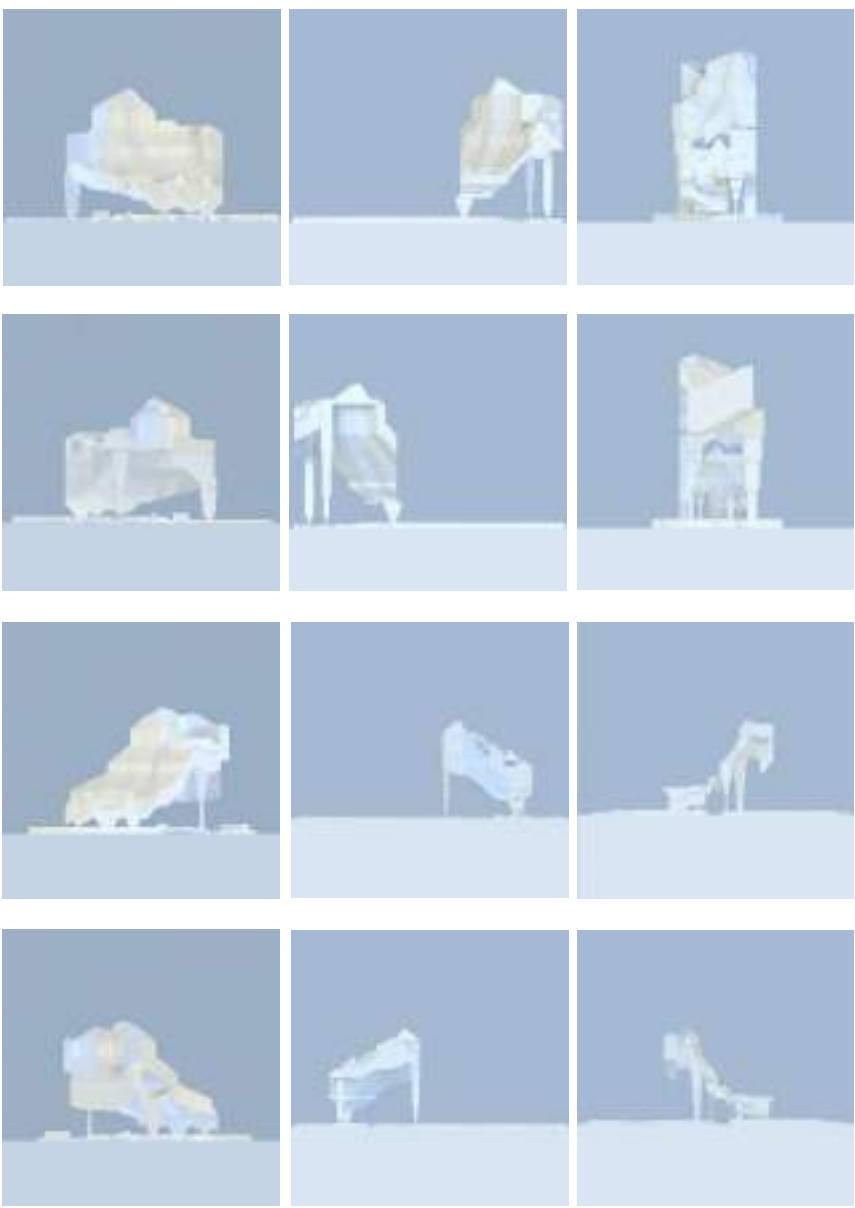
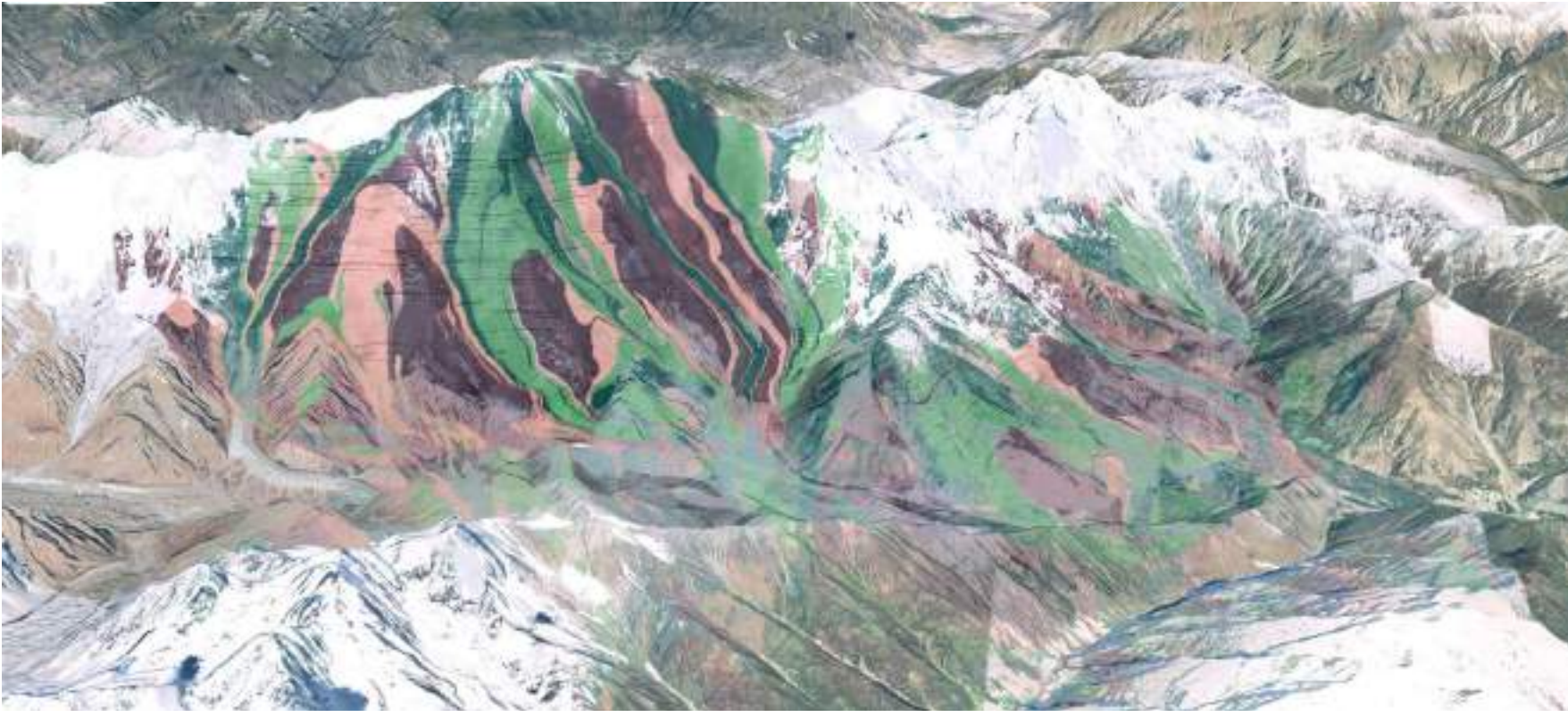
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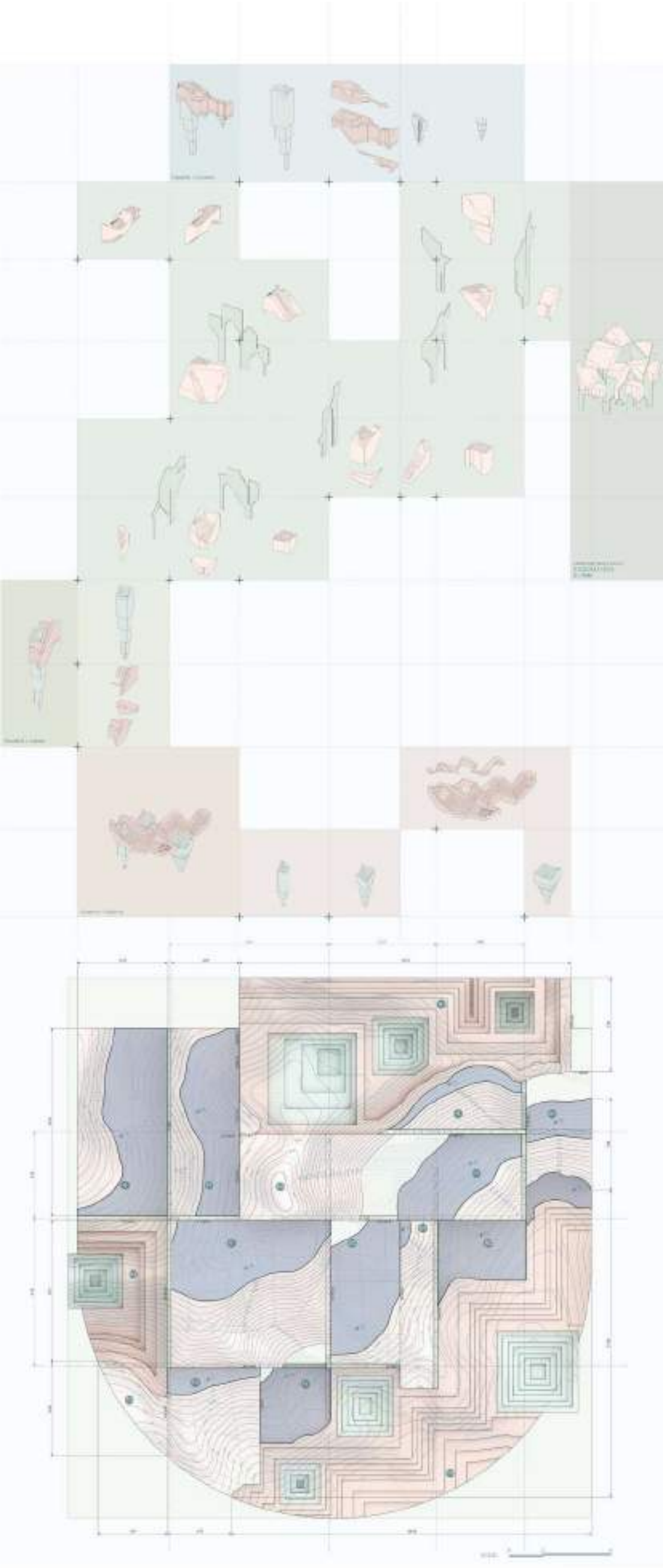
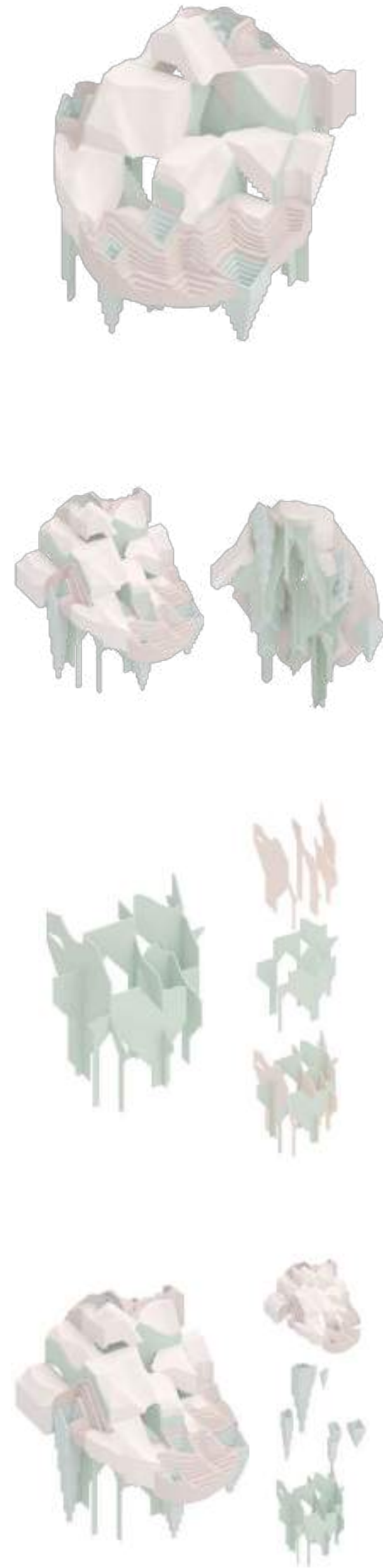
The project is a model. I selected a mountain peak and convert its image data to a pair of models: miniature and dog-sized. From there I worked through techniques of substantiating the surface through problems of thickness, performance, and structure then proceed to drawing-based techniques of hatching that will function as vector paths for scratching, gouging, and digging in the form of a cnc flip-milled model. This will serve as an armature for a sludge tectonics: using gravity to paint the model by systematically dripping liquids (paint, resin, latex, etc) into layers of accumulated mass and structure.





Prior to photography, painting was the primary means of *Among the Sierra Nevada Mountains, California*, 1868, Albert Bierstadt

Prior to photography, painting was the primary means of depicting landscape (real and imagined) and capturing the majestic and atmospheric qualities of mountains, seas, forests, sky, flora, and fauna. In Landscape painting that include structures, buildings are often of the vernacular sort or monuments in ruin. I inserted drip model photographs into a selected landscape painting. Decisions about scale, location, orientation and simulated brushstroke techniques combine to produce an object that seems both alien and integral to the scene as mountain and structure.

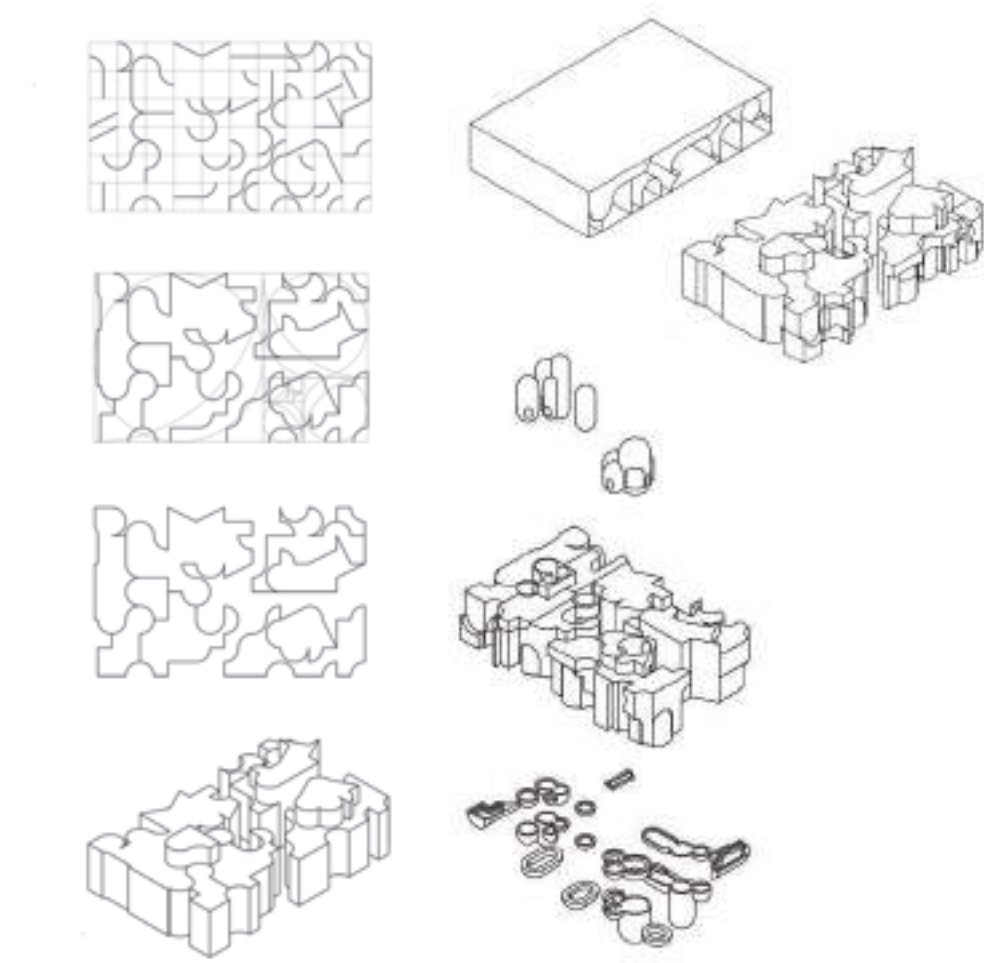




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URBAN BATHHOUSE

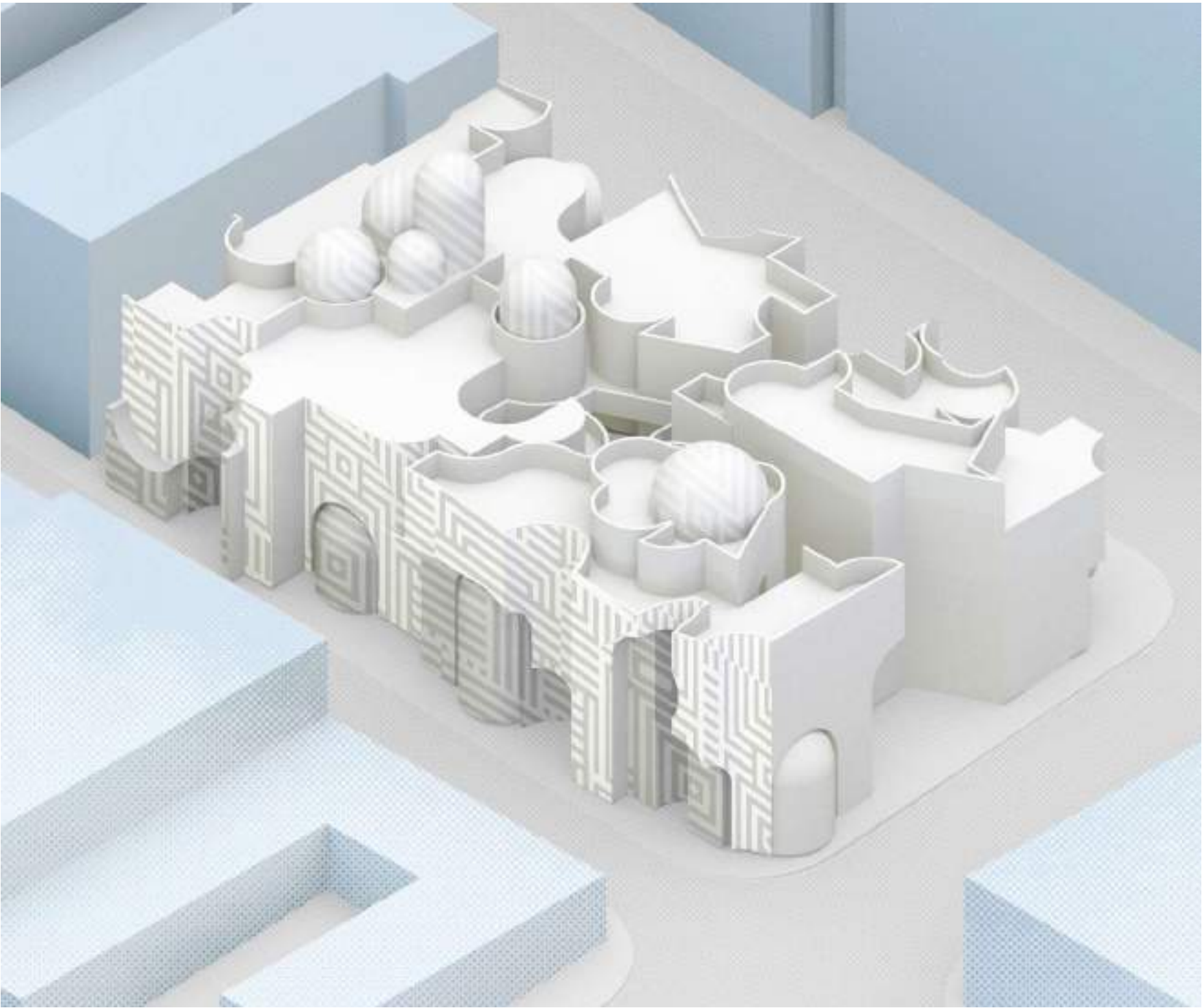
1GB Spring 2020
Professor Margaret Griffin



What originally inspired my design is the shape of puzzle pieces. With a few puzzle shapes, I gave them depth and dimension by constantly stretching and rearranging the pieces until the foundation was created. I used the same puzzle piece shapes to remove various spaces from the structure, using the original wall to create rooms, pools, domes, and arches.



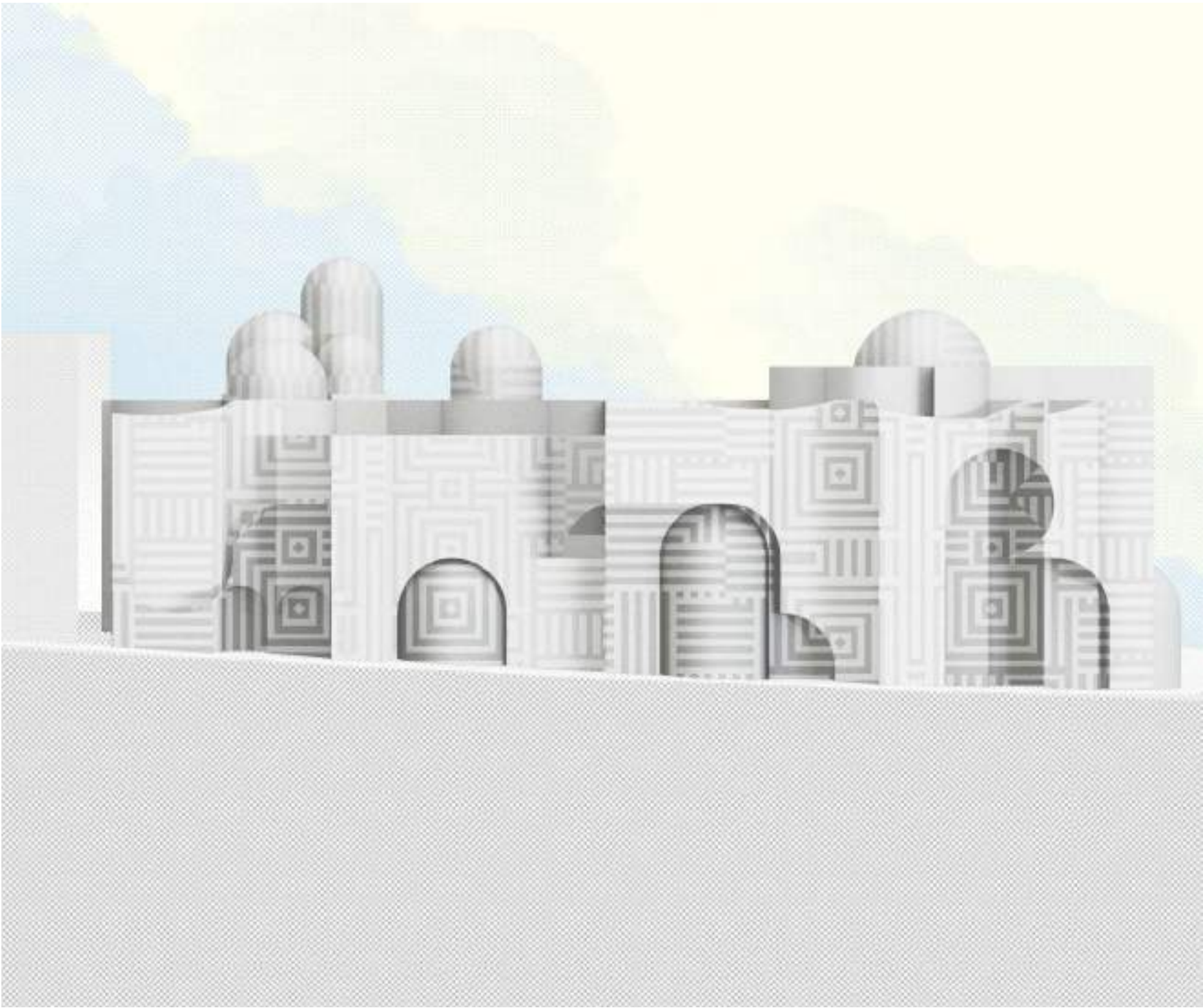
SITE PLAN



AXONOMETRIC VIEW



ELEVATION 1



ELEVATION 2



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



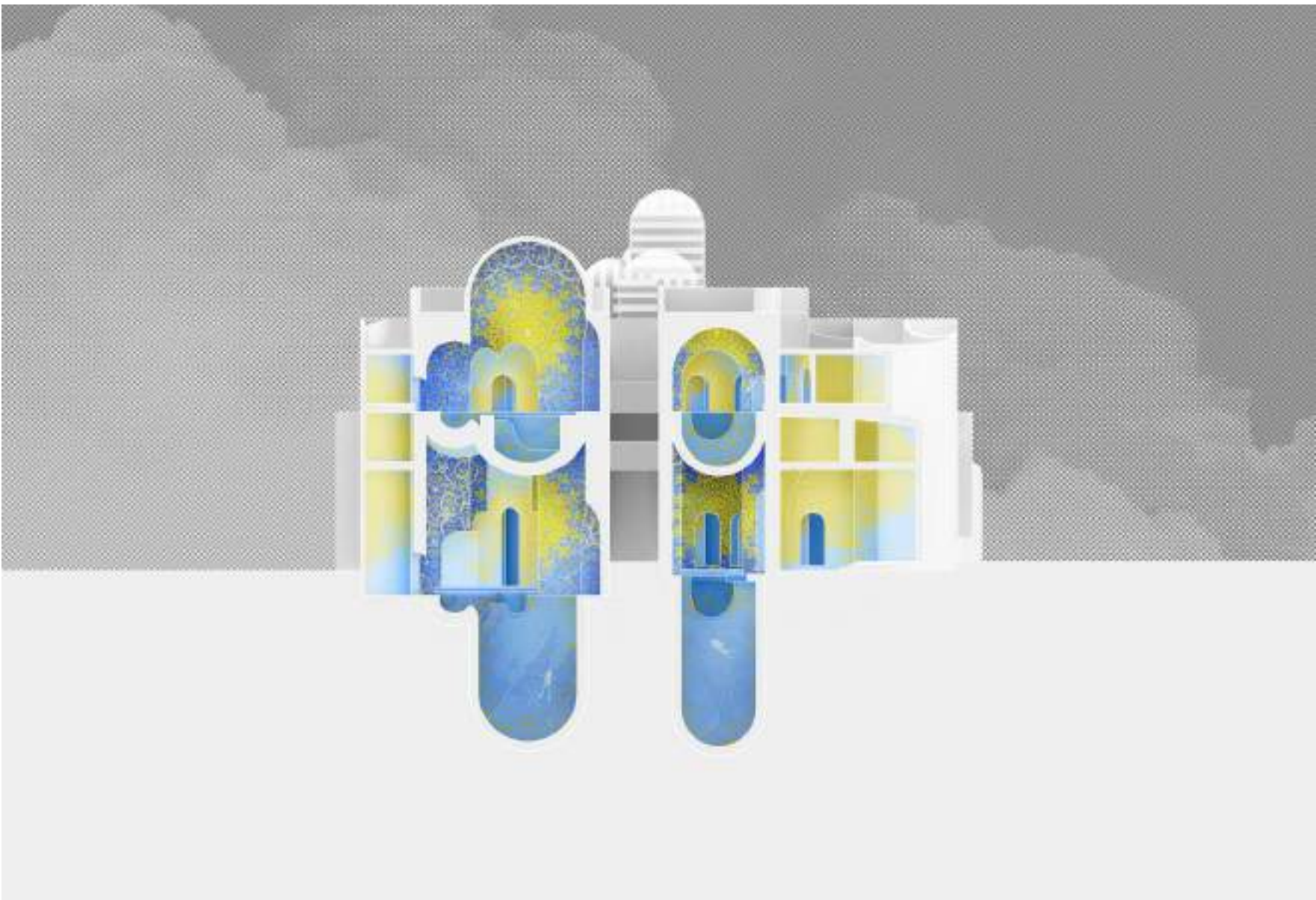
SECOND FLOOR PLAN



THIRD FLOOR PLAN



SECTION 1



SECTION 2





07

A FIELD GUIDE TO THE CORRALITAS RED CAR TRAIL AND SURROUNDINGS

Arch 541B: Redcar Studio
Professor Sarah Cowles

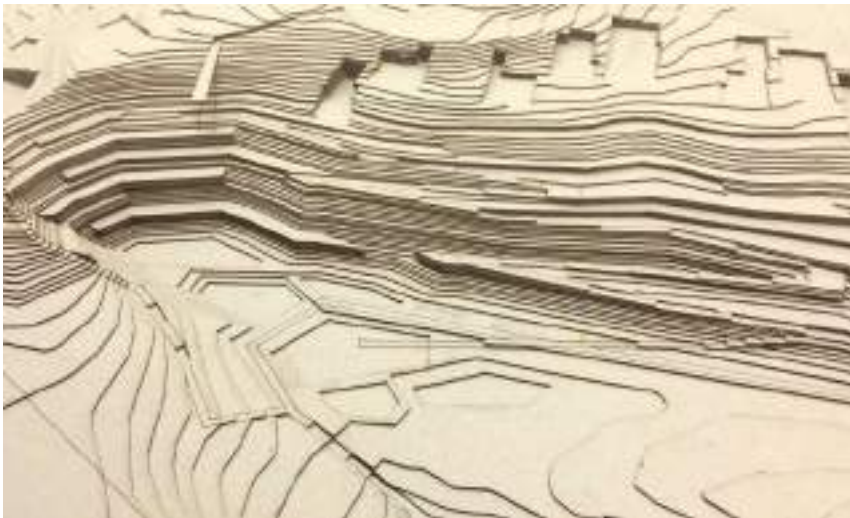
A field guide is a tool for interpreting features in a landscape. Field guides can be specific to vegetation, geology, architecture, or animals or insects. In this project, we will collaboratively develop a field guide to the Red Car landscape. You will work together to determine a size for the document, and a consistent “visual language” of line weights, colors, and hatching patterns. The following is a list of topics that must be covered in the field guide. Your section is responsible for dividing this work among all members, consider grouping work into particular “labs” based on skills and interest. However, this field guide is not just a collection of rote descriptions of each of these topics. It should have an angle, a position, an inclination, an editorial view which should be informed by your perceptions and studies, sketches and design iteration.

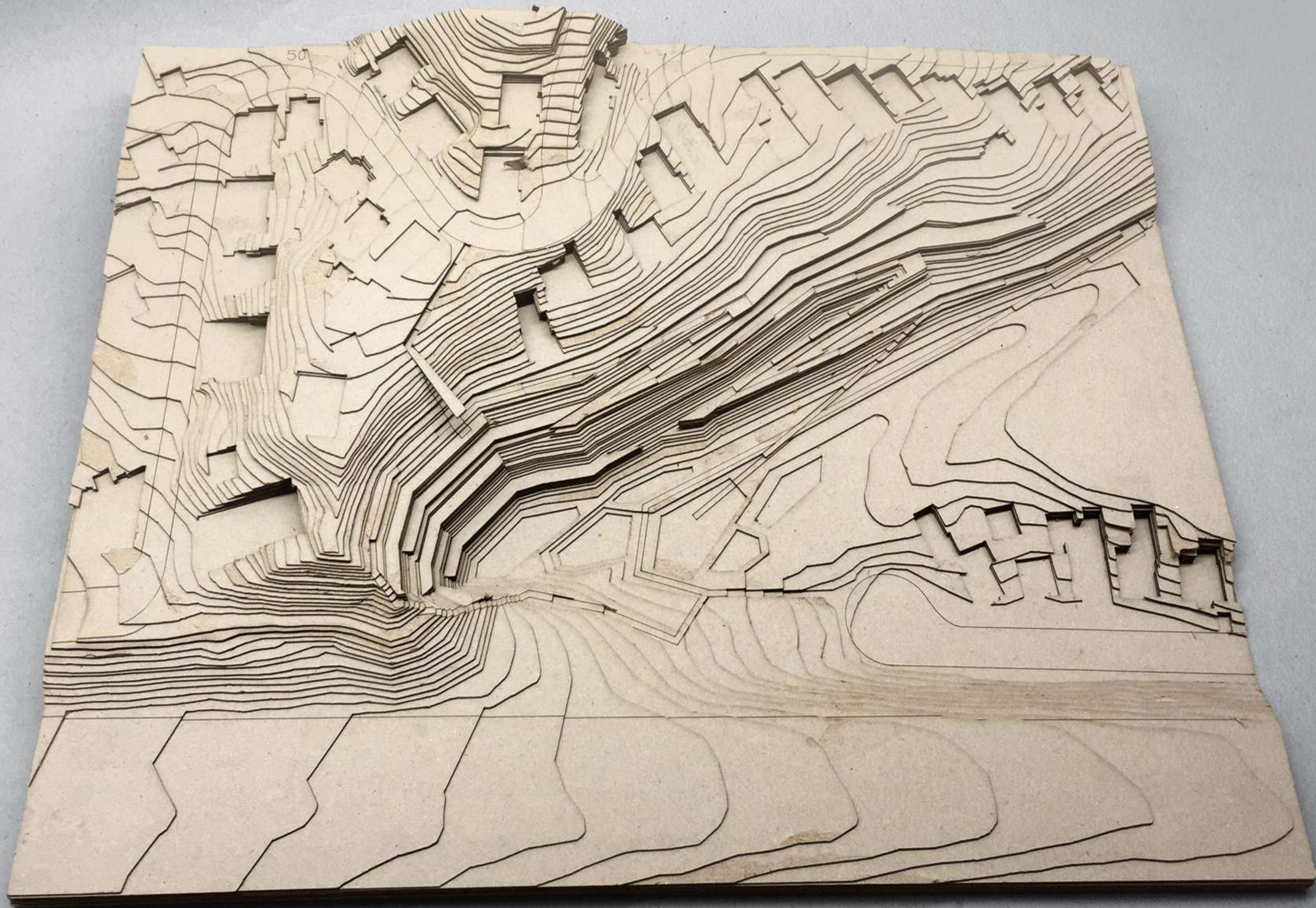


STUDY MODELS OF SCHEMES



SITE PLAN







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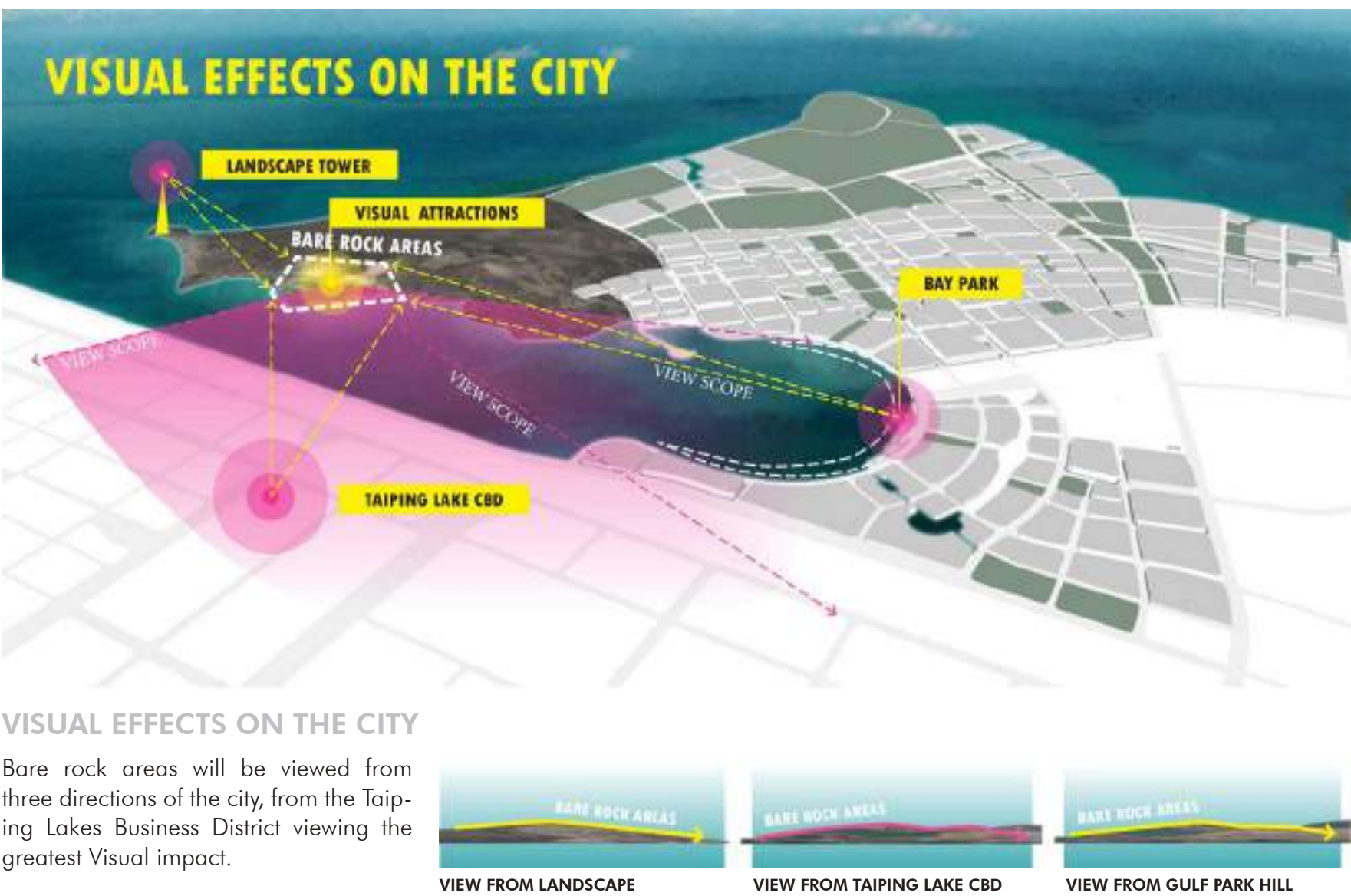
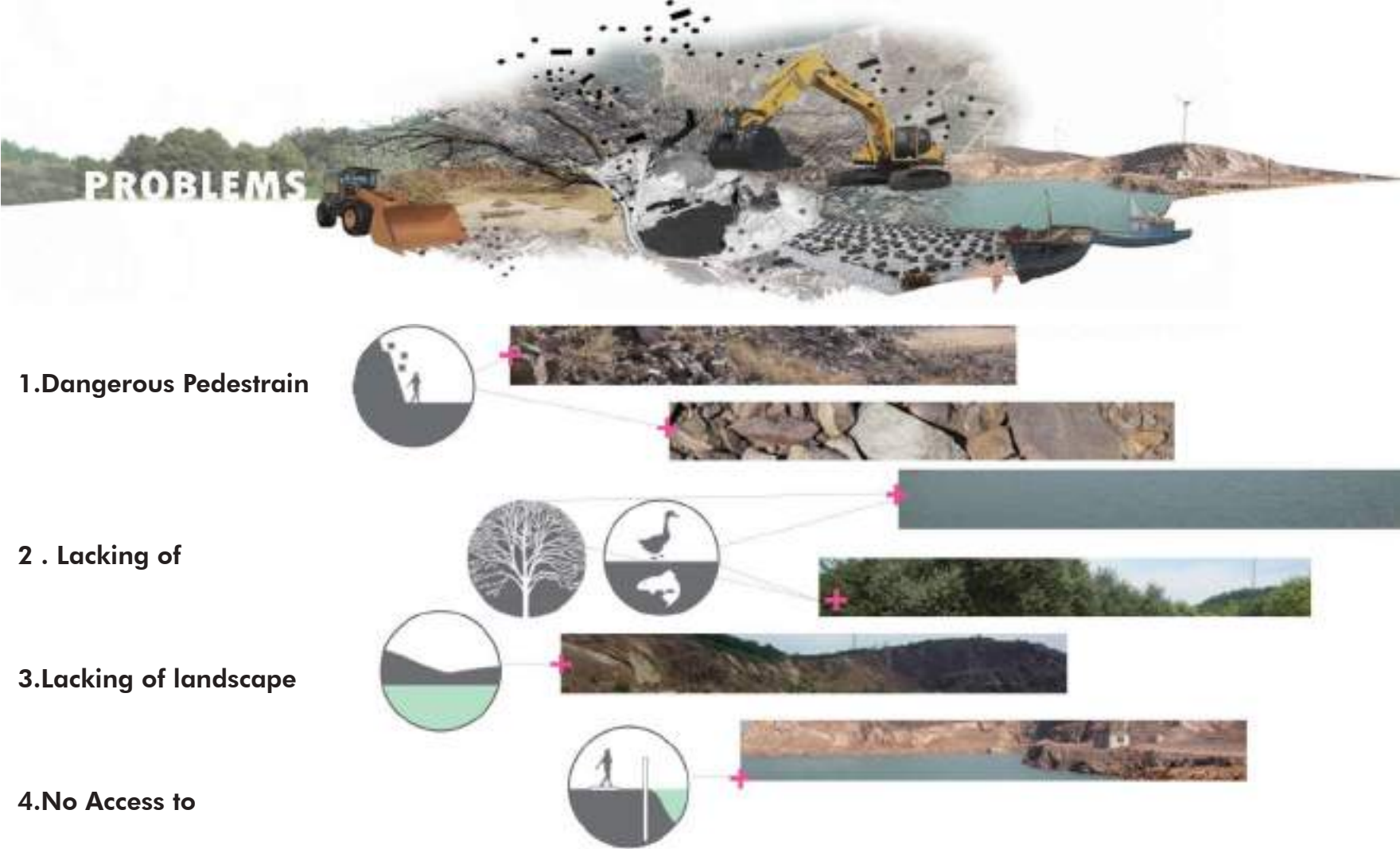
REVITALIZATION OF MOUNTAIN

LANDSCAPE DESIGN OF TAIPING BAY BARE ROCK RESTORATION PARK
Beijing Turenscape Urban planning and design company

This is an independent work. Bare rock mountain locates near Binhai Road in the northwestern corner of the city of Wafangdian. Because of the requirement of building sea cucumber circle, mountains were transformed into bare rock and brackish water ponds landscape by mining and digging. I would like to show the restoration of the mountain, make good use of vertical space of the rock, transform the bare rock mountain into a demonstrative Vertical park. The main view façade will show the character of the rock by vertical sight view nodes. The secondary view façade will use vegetation restoration. Moreover, water will be used as part of the sight view as well as transport connections. Based on the formation of mining and digging process, various water ponds and tree islands will be created which has great contrast to mountain. In the end, the design will reach the goal of revitalization of mountain and water.



SITE ANALYSIS

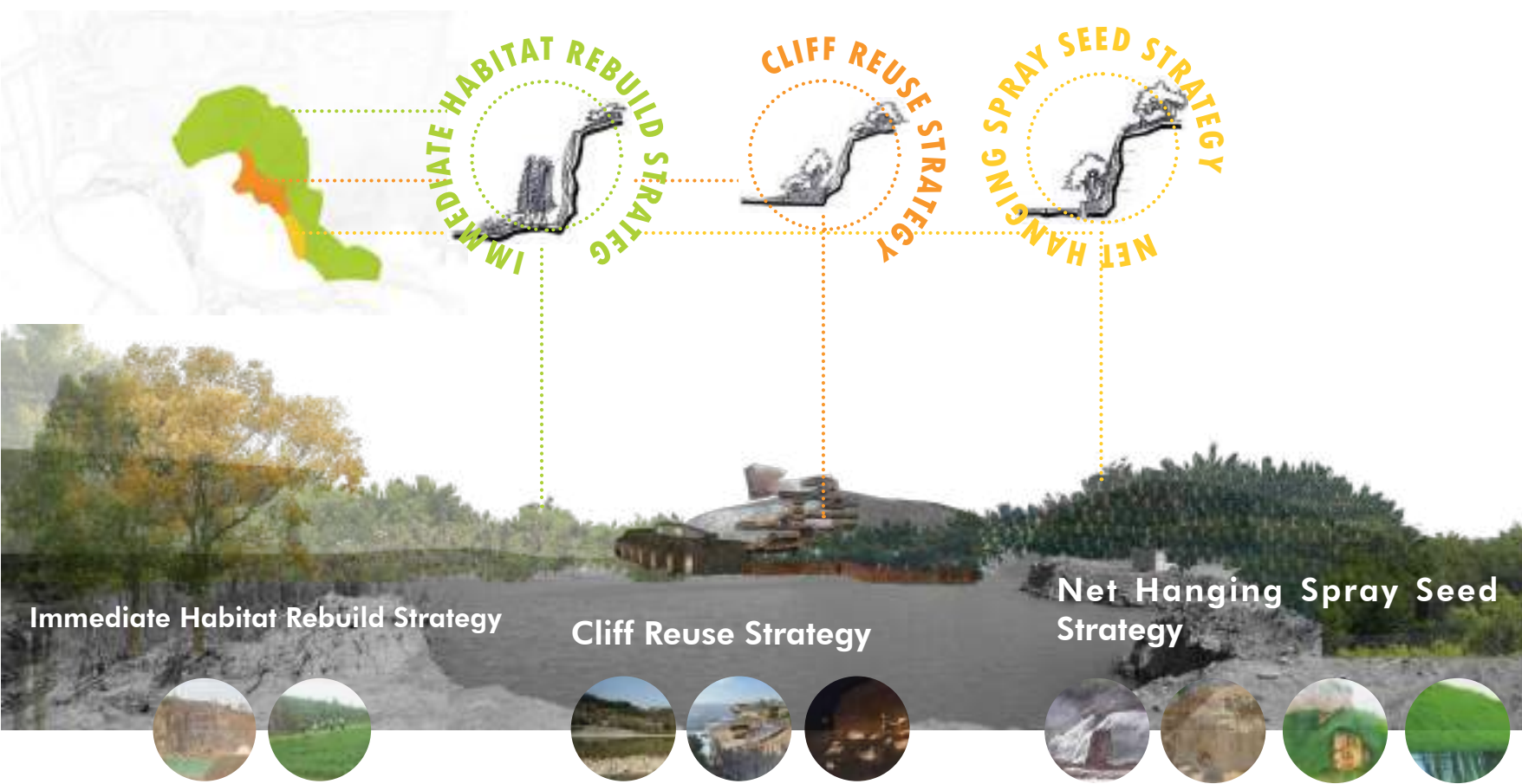


VIEW FOR THE CITY

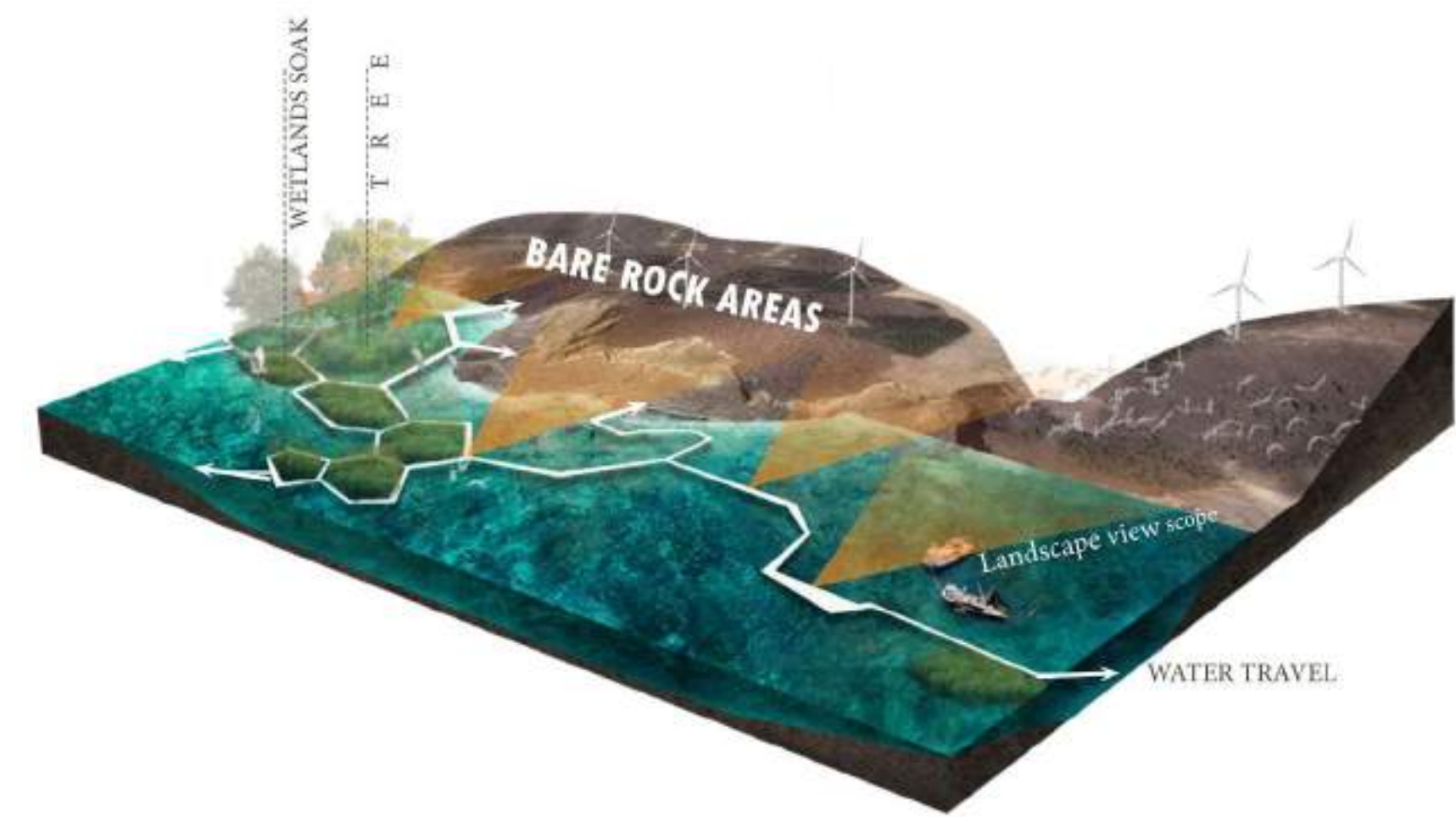
View for the city of rock surface is the first issue for design. Red part in the plan diagram is the first view of bare rock surface for the Bay Park, which has significant influence on the whole design. Yellow part in the plan diagram is the secondary view of bare rock surface for the Bay Park. In order to combine the visual effect of bare rock, strategy will focus on fixing red part in the plan diagram.

There are two issues of evaluating aesthetics value for the bare rock. In order to fulfill the aesthetics value of bare rock, there are two issues need to be designed.

- Mountain Outline
- Mountain High Ground



SPECIFIC STRATEGY DIAGRAM



PLAN DIAGRAM (FOR WATER USE)

Water and rock interacts with each other. My design strategies combine and strengthen this communication and bring dynamic ecological habitat between them.



GOALS



SITE PLAN



FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS DIAGRAM



Dynamic transportation system formed by Peak trail, Rock plank road, Water front plank road, waterfront trail

TRAFFIC ANALYSIS DIAGRAM



BEFORE



AFTER



