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PROTFOLIO

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- UIA-HYP Cup 2021 International Student Competition in Architectural Design

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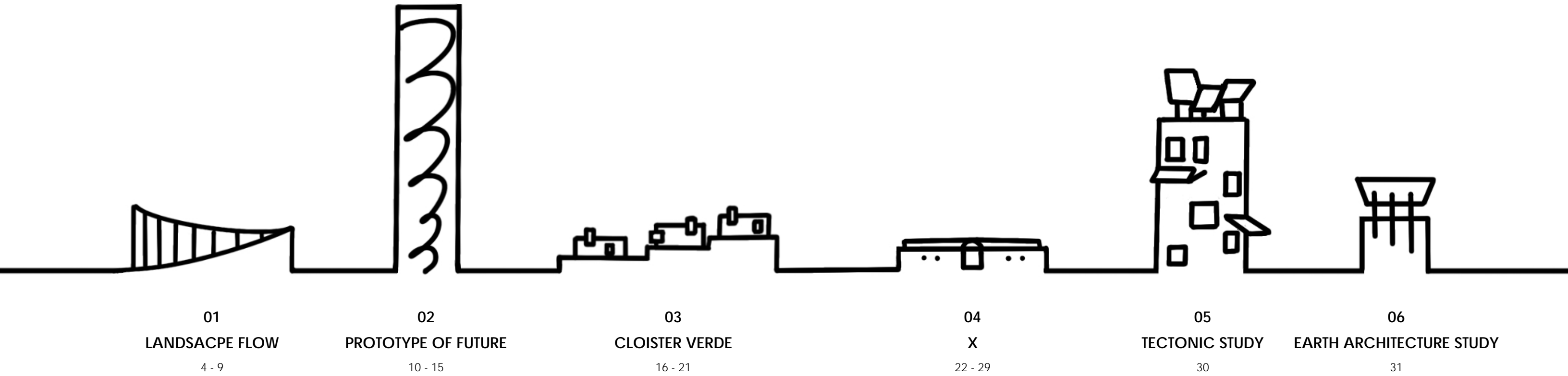
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- Eli Education

Graphic Designer

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- Flowground Musical Festival

Volunteer

2024



01

LANDSCAPE FLOW

MASS TIMBER FERRY TERMINAL

Fall 2025 / Academic Project / In Collaboration with Elizabeth Rechin / David Jaehning

Redwood Port in California / Grand Total: 44448 sqft

This project explores the geographic and environmental factors of its site, shaping a design that highlights its future role as a key public transportation hub. Located at Redwood Port along Redwood Creek, the ferry terminal embraces natural topographic variations, forming two bars—one high and one low. The high bar extends toward the waterfront, maximizing scenic views, while the low bar merges with a gentle hill, creating a cove-like event space that fosters public interaction.

The terminal is designed with minimal environmental impact, reducing excavation and construction waste. A sustainable GLT (Glue-Laminated Timber) framework and CLT (Cross-Laminated Timber) shear walls ensure structural integrity and a low carbon footprint. Shading elements regulate heat gain, while operable windows and folding doors on the north and south sides enable passive ventilation, enhancing energy efficiency.

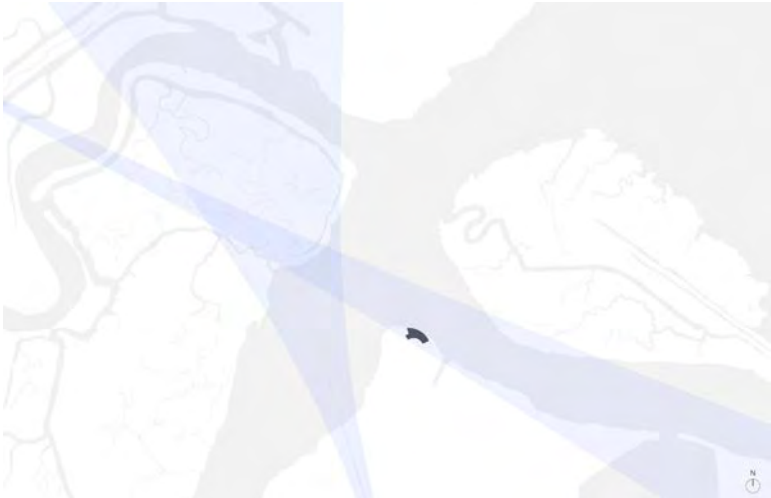
Beyond transit, the terminal acts as a cultural and social hub, with its cove-like event space supporting outdoor gatherings and waterfront activities. Elevated promenades and viewing decks encourage public engagement with the landscape, transforming the site into a vibrant destination.

By integrating architecture with nature, the ferry terminal prioritizes sustainability, functionality, and community, setting a precedent for environmentally conscious transportation design.

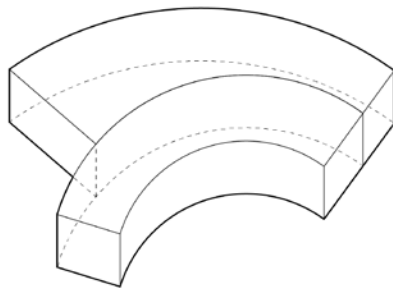




The Redwood Port annual average temperature is 57° F (14° C). The daytime in winter and summer has 4hr difference. The north and south facade need different strategy to avoid direct sunlight.

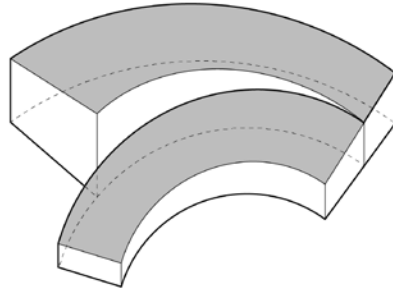


The Redwood Port has wind flow mainly from NW and SE. The annual medium speed is 3m/s. The site has the opportunity to combine passive and controlled ventilation.



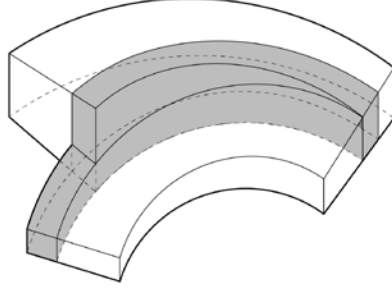
SPREAD

Two bars are defined based on the terrain of the Redwood Port site boundary.



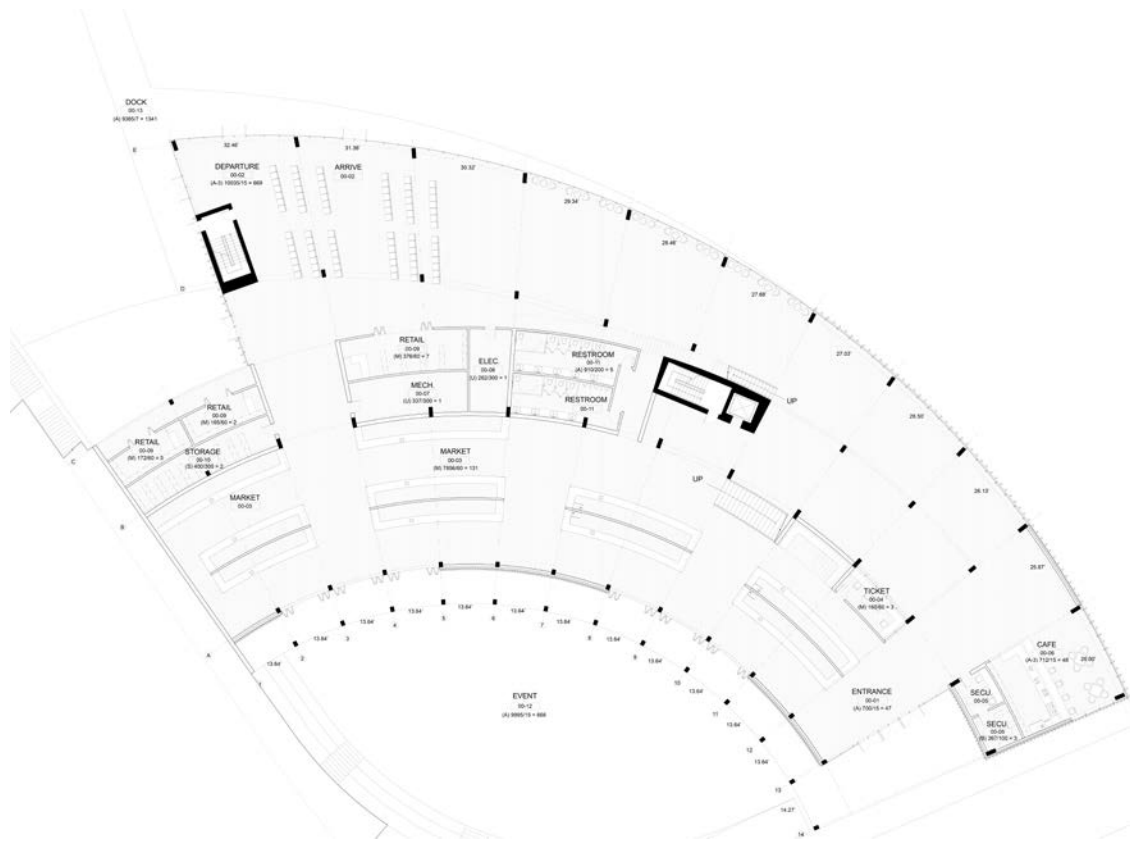
SPLIT

Based on wind direction, landscape, and sunlight, the two bars are split vertically. The taller bar enjoys views of the bay and forms a hill, while the shorter bar connects with the terrain to create an occupiable roof. Together, the two bars form an inward-facing cove.

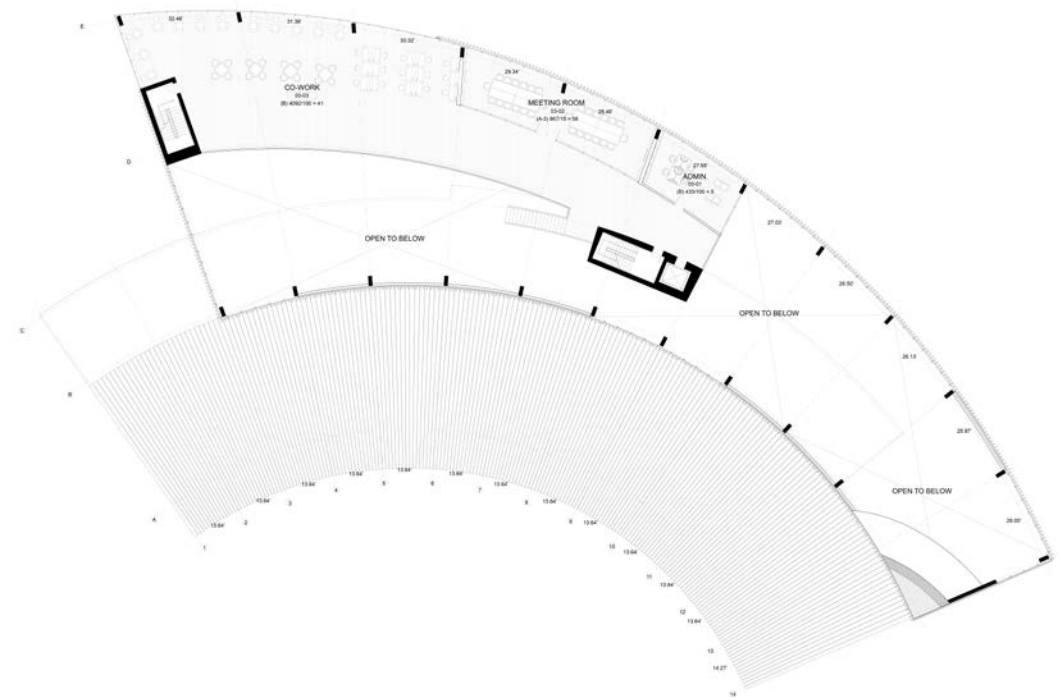


INTENSIFY

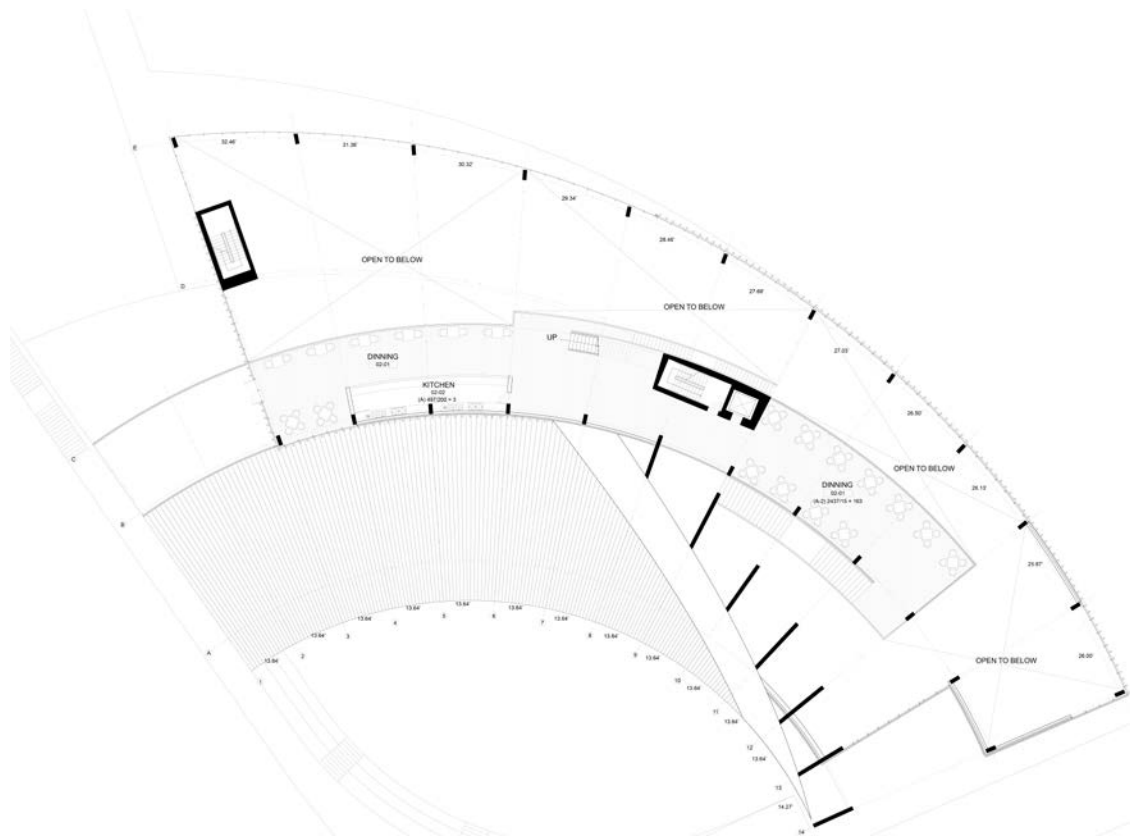
Two bars intersect with each other to form a third central bar, defining the interior program and spaces.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



THIRD FLOOR PLAN



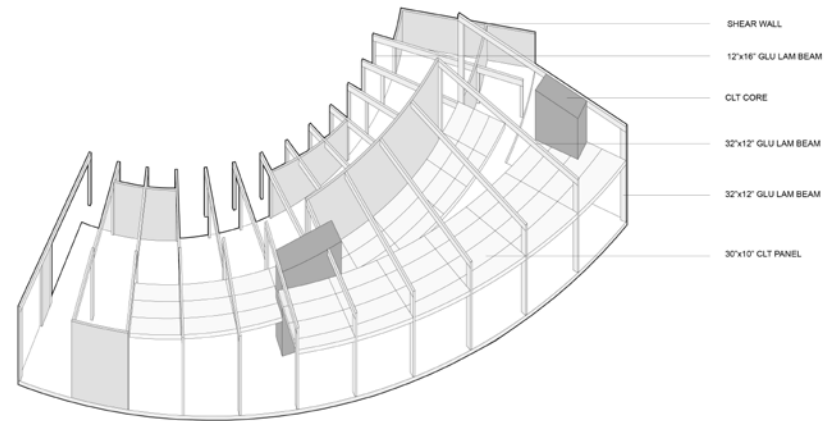
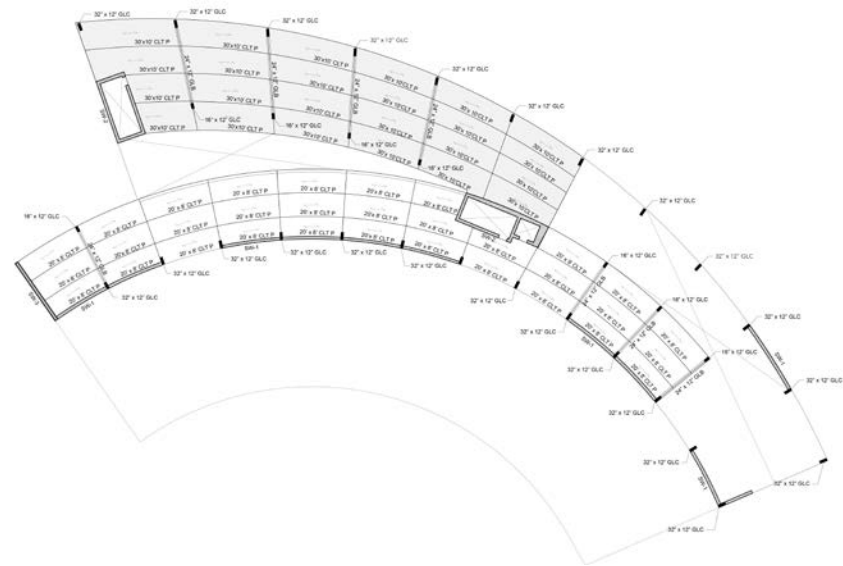
SECOND FLOOR PLAN



The plan unfolds as concentric circles centered on a single focal point, divided into three functional zones (bars), with natural curves clearly defining the flow of movement.

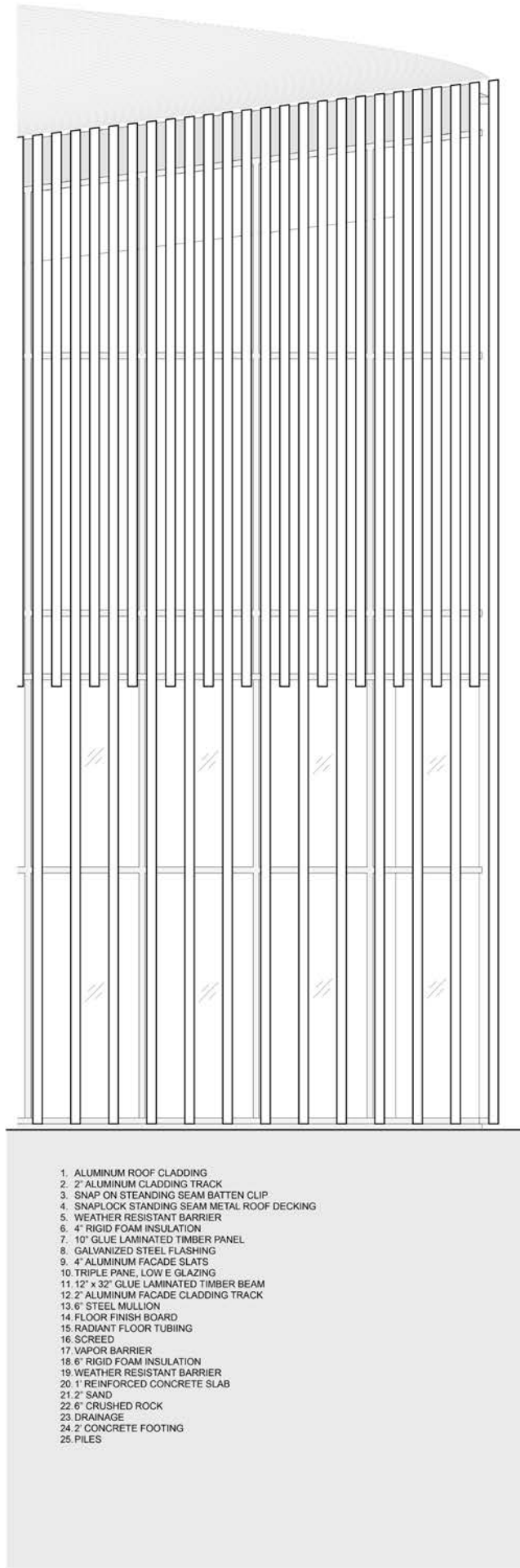
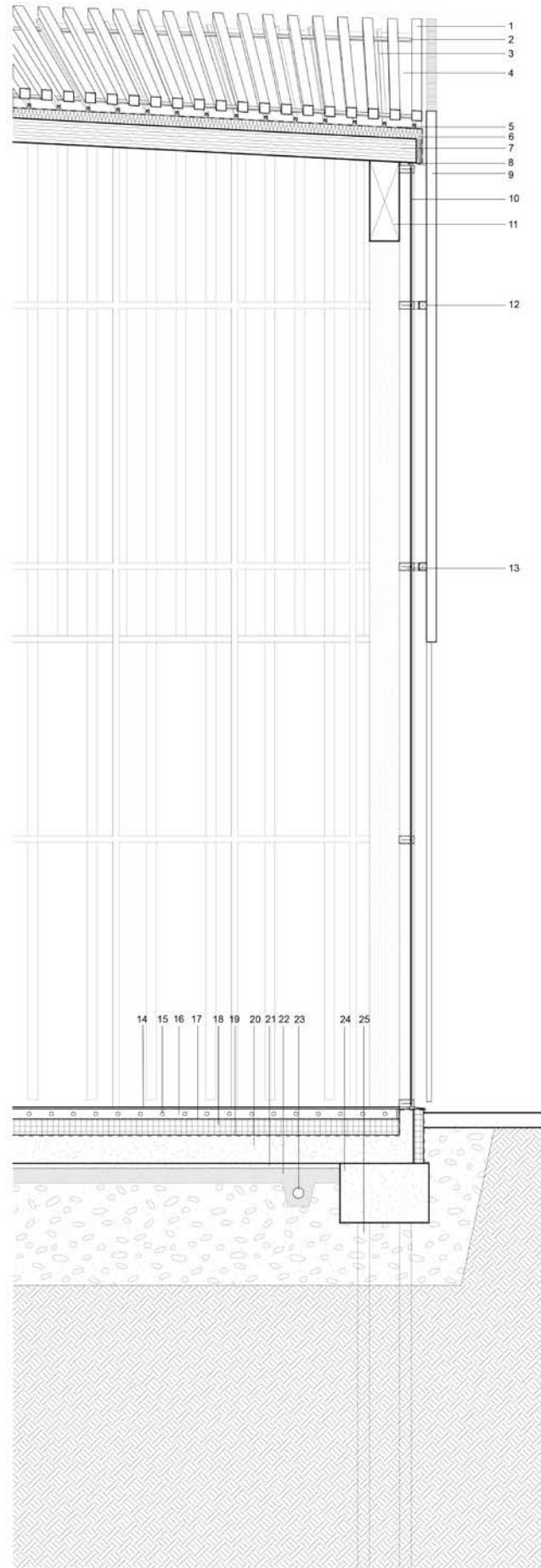
Entering from the main entrance at the lower right corner, visitors are directed to the open, double-height ferry terminal waiting area. A full-height glass façade provides panoramic coastal views while allowing passengers to monitor vessel arrivals. Close to the entrance, a café and ticketing area cater to the high-traffic zone, ensuring convenience and accessibility. Additionally, the main entrance leads to the inner farmer's market, connected to an outdoor event space through multiple folding doors, creating an active and engaging hub that attracts visitors. The central bar is dedicated to mechanical systems, restrooms, small retail spaces, and a vertical core connecting all three floors. This layout ensures functionality while minimizing interference with circulation in other areas.

The second floor extends the central bar vertically, featuring ramps integrated with outdoor terrain to form a highly connected food court and waiting lounge. The third floor faces the pier and is designed for administrative offices and passenger waiting areas, prioritizing privacy and comfort.



The structure primarily utilizes wood as the main construction material, highlighting a natural and sustainable design approach. The columns and beams are made from glued laminated timber (GLT) with dimensions of 32"x12", 24"x12" and 16"x12", respectively. The two cores and floors are constructed using cross-laminated timber (CLT) panels with dimensions of 20'x8' and 30'x10', ensuring structural stability and strength while showcasing the aesthetic and eco-friendly qualities of





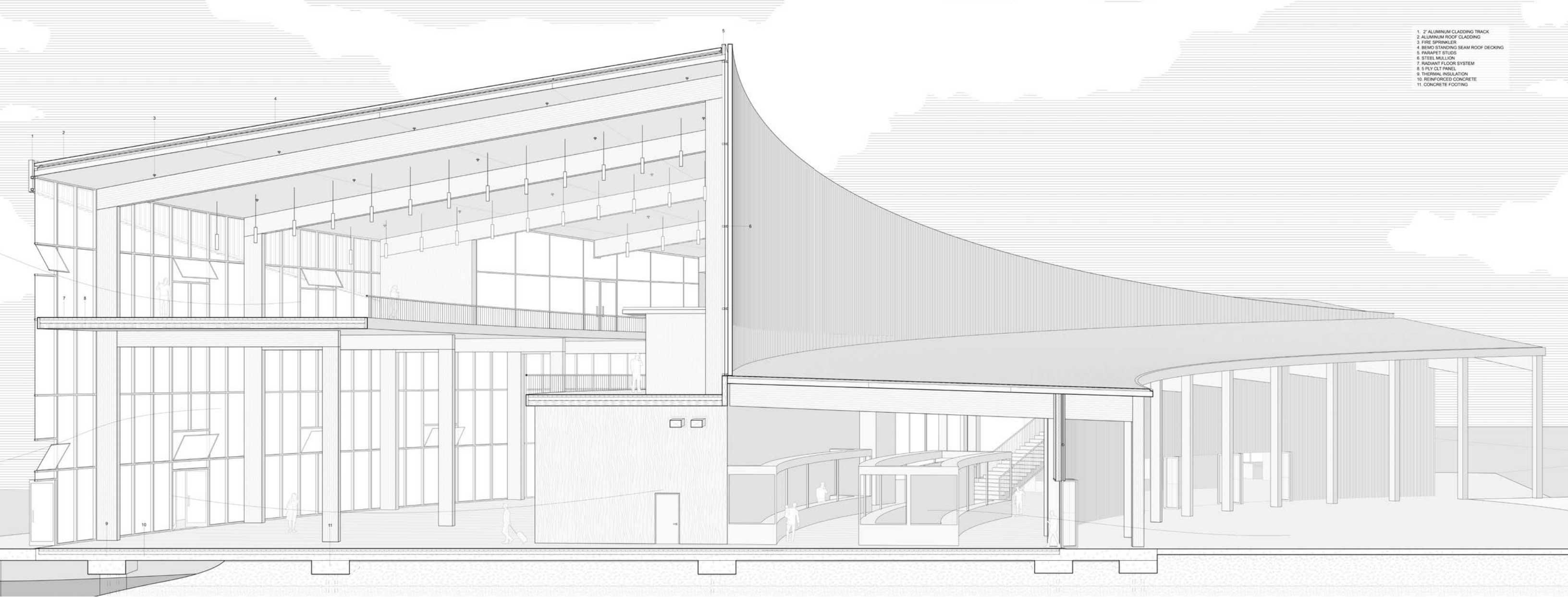
1. ALUMINUM ROOF CLADDING
2. 2" ALUMINUM CLADDING TRACK
3. SNAP ON STEANDING SEAM BATTEN CLIP
4. SNAPLOCK STEANDING SEAM METAL ROOF DECKING
5. WEATHER RESISTANT BARRIER
6. 4" RIGID FOAM INSULATION
7. 10' GLUE LAMINATED TIMBER PANEL
8. GALVANIZED STEEL FLASHING
9. 4" ALUMINUM FACADE SLATS
10. TRIPLE PANE, LOW E GLAZING
11. 12" x 32' GLUE LAMINATED TIMBER BEAM
12. 2" ALUMINUM FACADE CLADDING TRACK
13. 6" STEEL MULLION
14. FLOOR FINISH BOARD
15. RADIANT FLOOR TUBING
16. SCREED
17. VAPOR BARRIER
18. 6" RIGID FOAM INSULATION
19. WEATHER RESISTANT BARRIER
20. 1" REINFORCED CONCRETE SLAB
21. 2" SAND
22. 6" CRUSHED ROCK
23. DRAINAGE
24. 2' CONCRETE FOOTING
25. PILES



The north façade combines clear glass curtain walls with shaded glass curtain walls, ensuring ample natural lighting while reducing glare and heat gain from sunlight. This design enhances indoor comfort and energy efficiency.

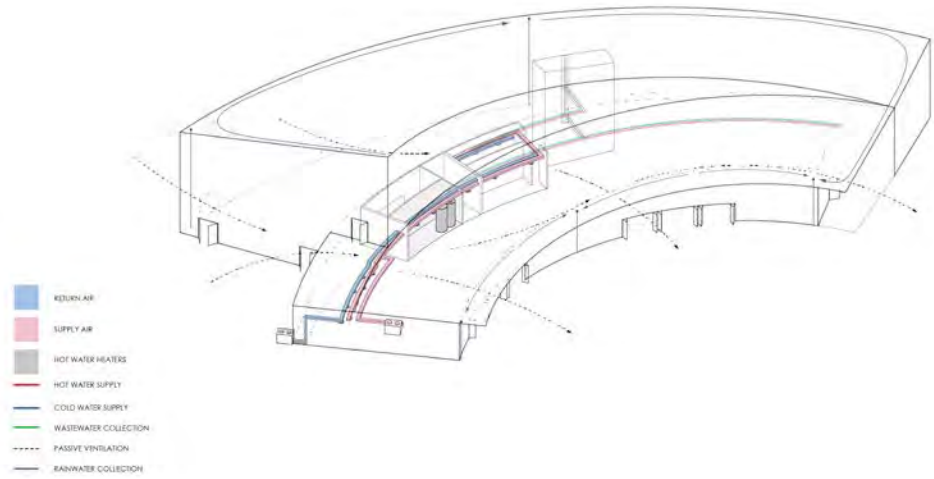


The south façade primarily features solid CLT walls combined with a limited use of shaded glass curtain walls. This design minimizes direct sunlight while allowing controlled natural light to ensure adequate illumination. The façade pattern aligns seamlessly with the shading elements, creating a cohesive and unified aesthetic.



Ventilation is achieved with 90% passive ventilation and 10% controlled systems. The site benefits from abundant natural wind from the northwest and southeast directions. On the north and south facades of the building, multiple operable windows and folding doors are incorporated, with open-plan interiors in these areas, facilitating high levels of passive ventilation. Only the central core bar of the building, where more controlled systems are required, concentrates the mechanical ventilation needs. This design ensures that the building's energy consumption is minimized as much as possible.

In addition to the proper control of natural lighting, a radiant system is installed on each floor to regulate indoor temperature, reducing energy usage while ensuring a comfortable indoor climate.



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PROTOTYPE OF FUTURE

A New Era of High-Rise for Coexistence

Fall 2021 / Competition Project

Manhattan in New York / Foot Print: 18600 sqft

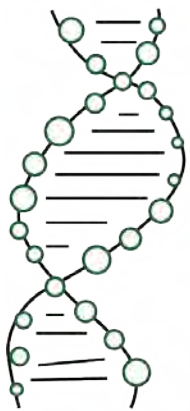
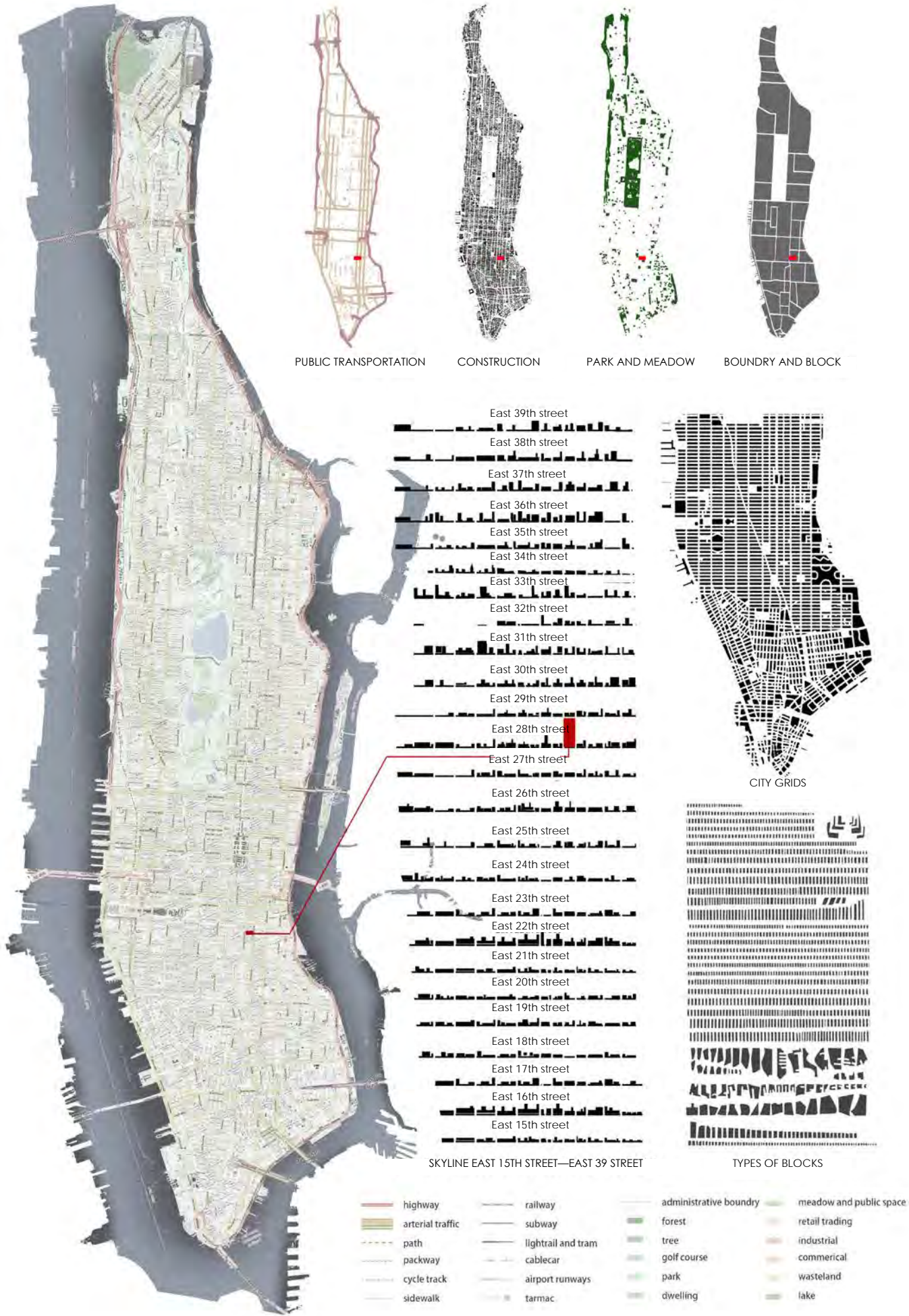
As cities evolve, balancing ecosystems and human society within buildings and urban environments remains a critical challenge for architects and designers. In Prototype of Future, we focus on this issue by creating a coexistence model where humans and organisms share the same space without excessively impacting each other. Additionally, we explore ecosystem restoration and biodiversity, bringing vitality back to both people and the city.

This 670-meter skyscraper consists of two intertwining spiral structures. The structure is supported by steel columns, holding concrete slabs and the spiral ramp. One is a reinforced concrete spiral ramp, extending from the base to the top, fostering diverse ecosystems along its path. The other is a nest-like spiral human habitat, resembling stacked beehives within the building, providing spaces for offices, residences, public activities, and commercial functions. Here, humans and animals can observe each other while maintaining their own way of life.

The only exception is the agricultural ecosystem, which is primarily human-regulated. Additionally, an integrated water treatment system purifies rainwater and wastewater, repurposing it for irrigation and other uses.

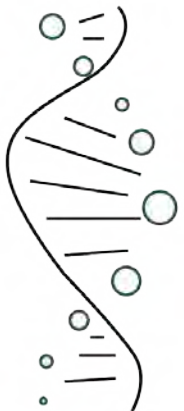
Prototype of Future is not just a landmark in New York—it represents an innovative model for future societies, fostering a harmonious coexistence between humans and nature.





DNA DOUBLE HELIX

DNA is the fundamental element from which all creatures originate, serving as the blueprint of life.



TRANSFORMATION

Get the element of shape from DNA structure and transform based on research.



NATURAL SYSTEM

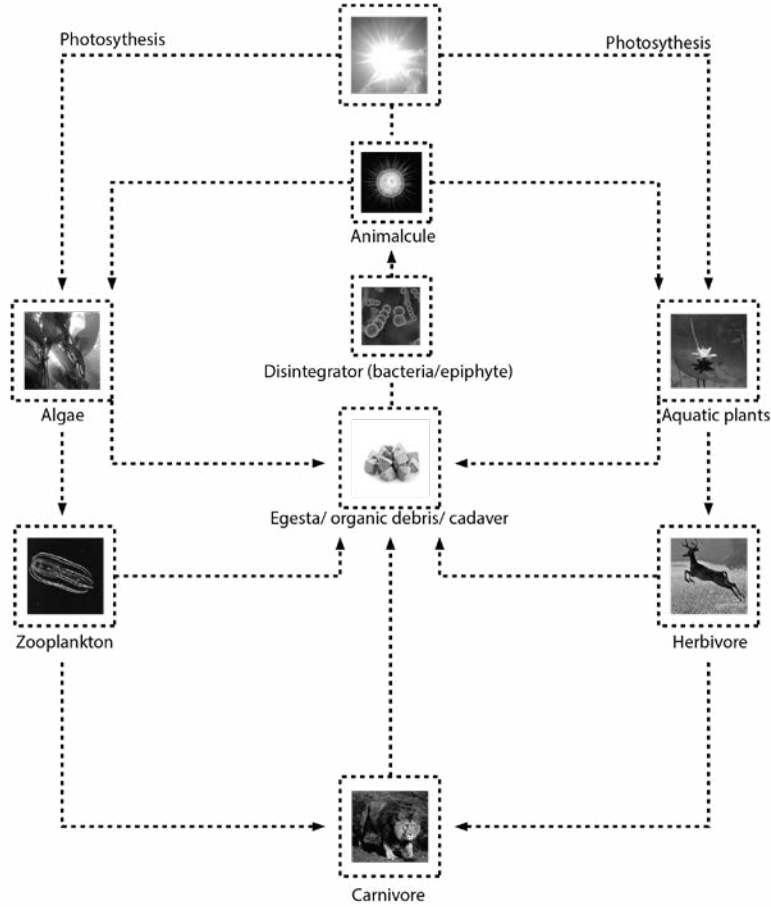
Spiral shape allow animals to move anywhere in the system.



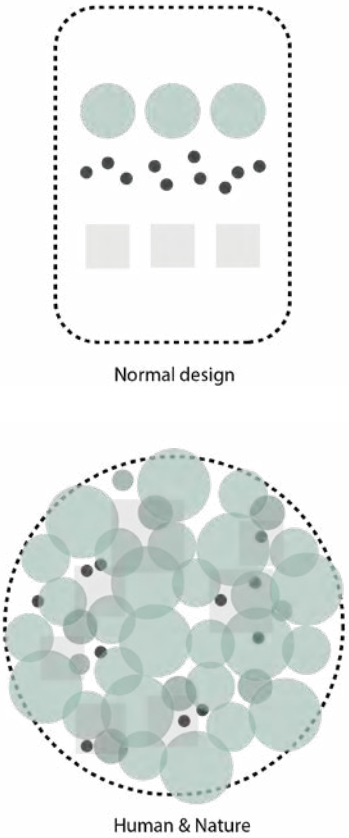
HUMAN SYSTEM

Place different functional blocks between the natural system.

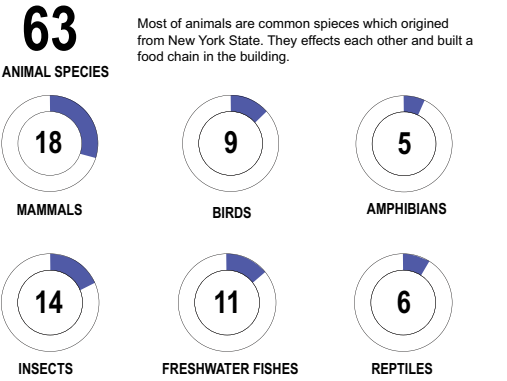
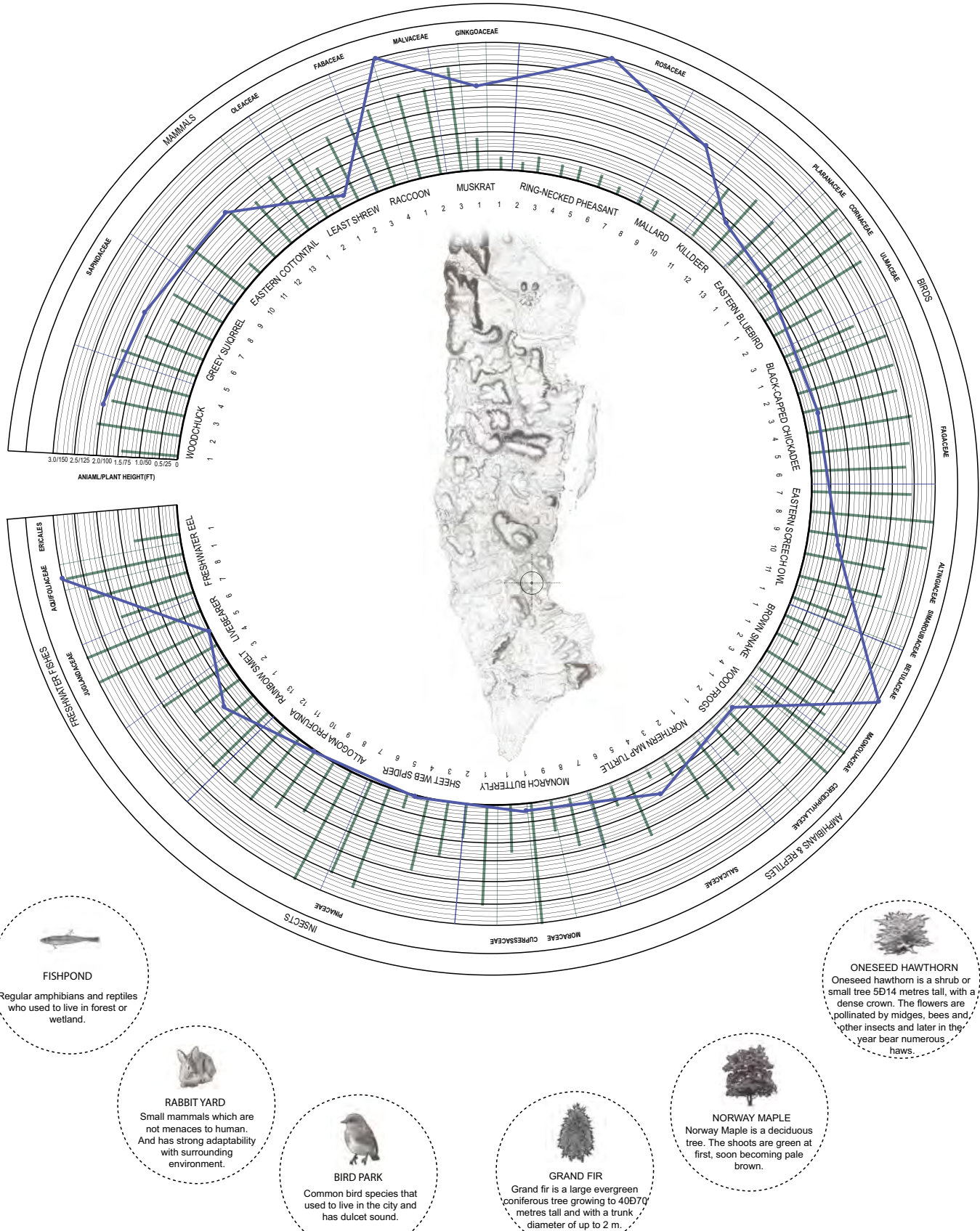
ECOSYSTEM


















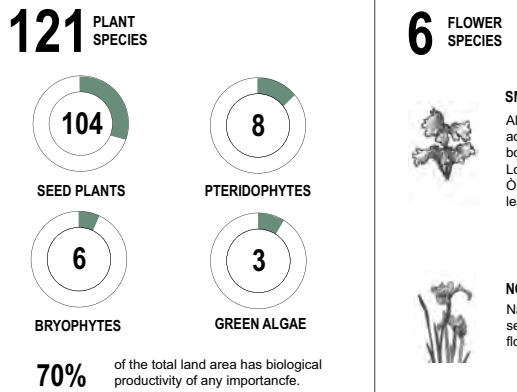
DESIGN STRATEGY









PROTOTYPE OF FUTURE
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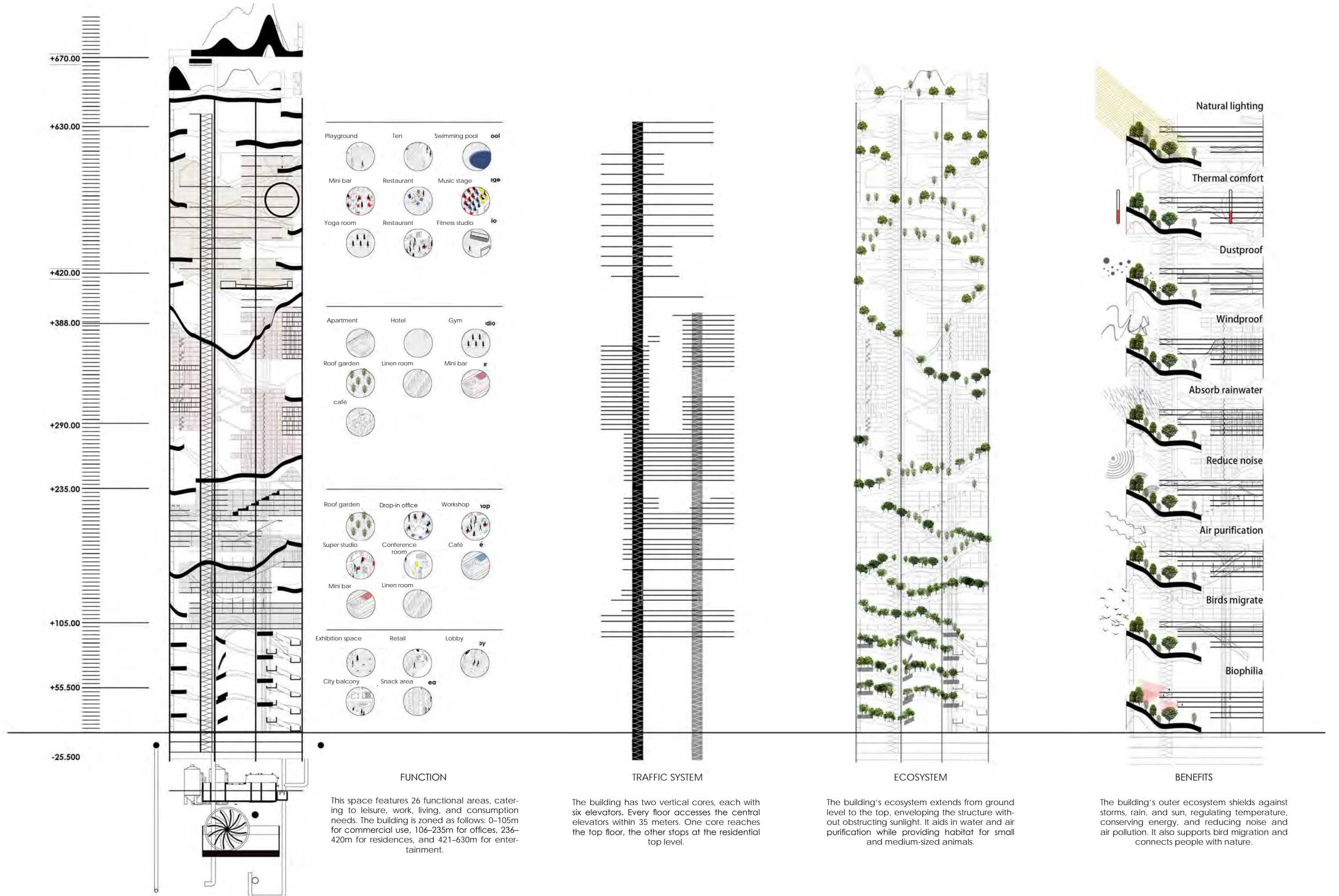


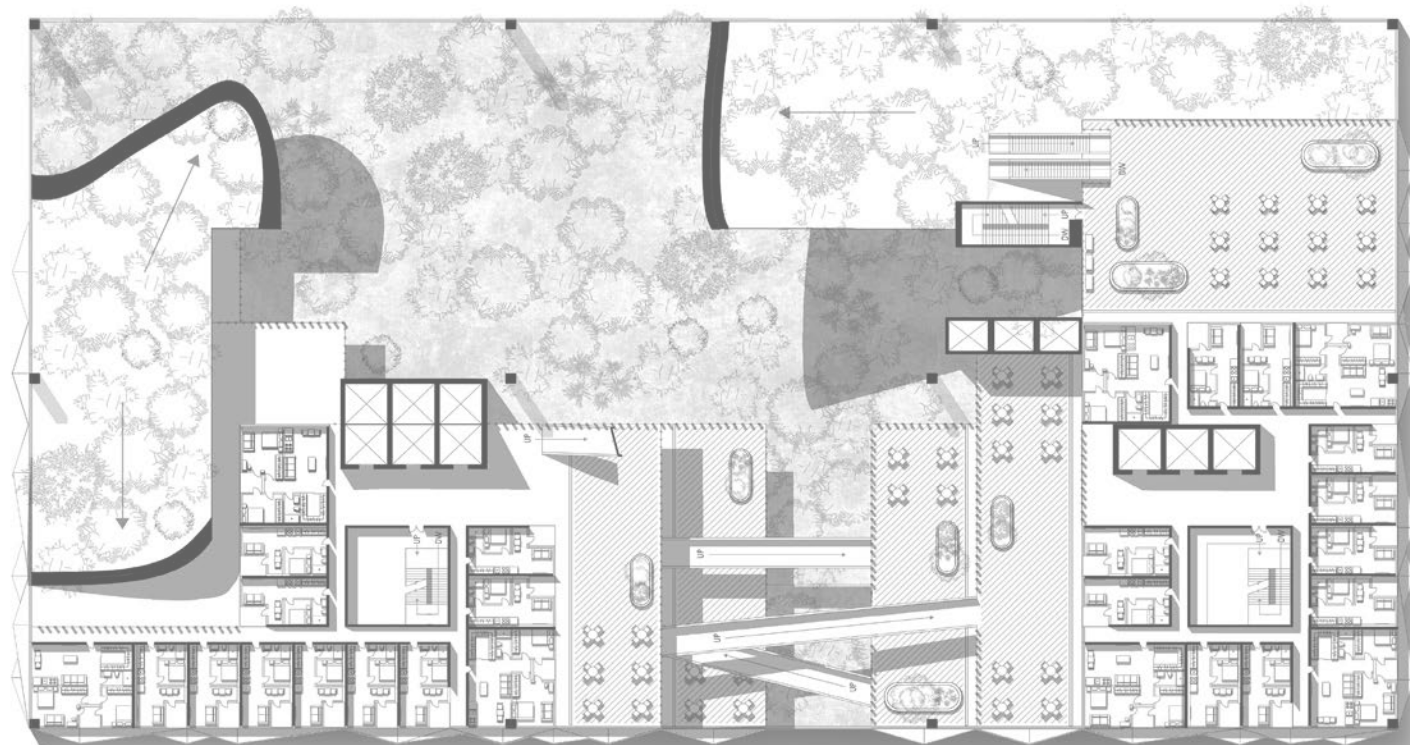
 WOODCHUCK A farm field and roadside resident, the woodchuck is a very large, squat squirrel. Adults grow to be about 2 feet long and 10-12 pounds in weight. They feed on farm crops, grasses, herbs and garden produce. They prefer to hibernate for the winter in a burrow located inside a forest edge.	 RACCOON The raccoon is easily recognized by its masked face and bushy ringed tail. Adults can reach 2-3 feet in length and 30 pounds in weight. They catch crayfish, frogs and other water life by probing with their front paws in the water and then manipulating the catch in a washing action. Raccoons den in hollow trees, burrows, rock ledges and buildings.	 KILLDEER Nicknamed ŌkildeeŌ for the loud sound it makes, the killdeer is often heard before it is seen. Length 9-11 inches, weight about 3 ounces, wingspan 20 inches. Flight speed up to 45 mph. One brood of 4 young per year. Adult killdeer perform an elaborate display known as the Ōbroken wing actŌ in an attempt to distract predators from the nest.
 SHEET WEB SPIDER Linyphiidae Often overlooked because of their small size (less than a quarter inch long), sheet web weavers are among the most abundant spiders in vegetation. They build fine, non-sticky, sheet webs in vegetation. The spiders run upside down on the underside of their webs and bite prey through the web.	 FRESHWATER EELS Most eels live in the shallow waters of the ocean and burrow into sand, mud, or amongst rocks. The maximum size of this species has been reported as reaching a length of 3 m (10 ft) and a weight of 110 kg (240 lb).	 LIVEBEARER Livebearers are aquarium fish that retain the eggs inside the body and give birth to live, free-swimming young. Among aquarium fish, livebearers are nearly all members of the family Poeciliidae and include guppies, mollies, platies and swordtails.
 NORTHERN MAP TURTLE It gets both its common and scientific names from the markings on its carapace, which resemble contour lines on a map or chart. Males are 5-7 inches , while females are 8-13 inches. It inhabits ponds, rivers, and lakes.	 RAINBOW SMELT It is widespread across North American watersheds. It has a silvery, pale green back and is iridescent purple, blue, and pink on the sides, with a light underside. When full grown, the rainbow smelt is between 7 and 9 inches long . Inhabits cool clear lakes, medium to large rivers, and coastal waters.	 WOOD FROGS A common resident in North America. It ranges from 51 to 70 mm (2.0 to 2.8 in) in length and size Females are larger than males. It is forest-dwelling organism that breed primarily in ephemeral, freshwater wetlands: woodland vernal pools. It eats a variety of small, forest-floor invertebrates.
 EASTERN BLUEBIRD A popular user of nest boxes, the Eastern bluebird is the official bird of NewYork State. Length 7 inches, weight 1 ounce, wingspan of 12 inches. Feeds on fruits and berries, as well as insects and spiders which it captures on the ground by pouncing on them from a perch. Flight speed up to 17 mph. Two broods of 4-5 young each year.	 BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE A common resident of woodlands and a regular visitor of bird feeders. Its lively, sprightly behavior, its cheerful sounding calls and song, and its tame ness make it a favorite of many people. It feeds on insects, seeds, carrion meat and fat. Length 5 inches, weight ounce, wingspan of 8 inches. Nests in tree cavities or nest boxes. One brood of 6-8 young per year.	 EASTERN SCREECH OWL A fairly common small owl with yellow eyes and ear tufts, the Eastern screech owl has two color variations: red and gray. Adults reach length of 10" and a wingspan of 22". Prefers a mix of woods, open areas and water. Hunts small mammals, birds and large insects. Nests and roosts in holes in trees and nest boxes. Non migratory.
 BROWN SNAKE It often referred to as the common brown snake, is a species of highly venomous snake in the family Elapidae. The adult eastern brown snake is up to 2 m (7 ft) long with a slender build. The eastern brown snake is found in most habitats except dense forests.	 MONARCH BUTTERFLY It may be the most familiar North American butterfly, and is considered an iconic pollinator species. Overwintering, roosting butterflies have been seen on basswoods, elms, sumacs, locusts, oaks, osage-oranges, mulberries, pecans, willows, cottonwoods, and mesquites. .	 ALLOGONA PROFUNDA This snail has a robust heliciform shell with a wide umbilicus, a reflected peristome, and a broad reddish stripe. The animal's body is a medium to light gray. It is usually found in leaf litter in rich forests on floodplains or hilly terrain.



 SMOOTH WHITE BEARDTONGUE Also known as foxglove beardtongue. Beautiful addition to pollinator garden or perennial border. Long blooming period in early summer. ŌHusker RedŌ is popular cultivar with dark red leaves.	 JOE-PYE WEED Several similar species with tall leafy stems and flat to rounded heads of small pink flowers. Butterfly magnet in mid-late summer. Shorter cultivars now widely available. An essential plant for butterfly and pollinator gardens.	 SMOOTH BLUE ASTER Native asters are a valuable late summer resource for butterflies and pollinators. Smooth blue aster has numerous ¼ inch blue flowers and is a mainstay for a native aster garden.
 NORTHERN BLUEFLAG Narrow sword-shaped leaves stay attractive all season. Spring bloomer with several blue-violet flowers per stem.	 WILD BERGAMOT Grows in clumps, less spreading than many related bee-balms. Late summer lavender flowers draw bees and butterflies. Aromatic foliage.	 BLUETS Tiny spring wildflower that can form delicate carpets of pale blue on dry sunny sites. A classic rock garden plant and groundcover.

SAPINDACEAE 1. Norway Maple 2. Red Maple 3. Silver Maple 4. Sugar Maple 5. Hedge Maple 6. Amur Maple 7. Boxelder Maple 8. Canyon Maple 9. Hop tree 10. Horsechestnut 11. Ohio Buckeye 12. Texas Buckeye 13. Yellow Buckeye	4. Eastern Redbud MALVACEAE 1. Littleleaf Linden 2. American Linden 3. Silver Linden GINKGOACEAE 1. Ginkgo ROSACEAE 1. Callery Pear 2. Fleshly HAWTHORN 3. Cocksbur Hawthorn 4. Dotted Hawthorn 5. Populus Hawthorn 6. Kansas Hawthorn 7. Oneseed Hawthorn 8. Quebec Hawthorn 9. Scarlet Hawthorn 10. Washington Hawthorn	11. Crabapples 12. Flowering Cherry 13. Chokecherry PLATANACEAE 1. London Planetree CORNACEAE 1. Flowering Dogwood ULMACEAE 1. American Elm 2. Purpleleaf Plum 3. Serviceberry FAGACEAE 1. Pin Oak 2. Willow Oak 3. sawtooth oak 4. Northern Red Oak 5. Swamp White Oak 6. English Oak 7. White Oak	8. American Beech 9. European Beech 10. Chinese Elm 11. Zelkova ALTINGIACEAE 1. American Sweetgum SIMAROUBACEAE 1. Allanthus Altissima BETULACEAE 1. Hackberry 2. European Alder 3. Speckled Alder 4. Birch MAGNOLIACEAE 1. Liriodendron 2. Magnolia CERCIDIPHYLLACEAE 1. Katsura Tree	SALICACEAE 1. American Aspen 2. Mulberry 3. Bebb Willow 4. Purple-osier Willow 5. Black Willow 6. Shining Willow 7. Weeping Willow 8. White Willow 9. Pussy Willow MORACEAE 1. Alaska-cedar Cupressaceae 1. Subalpine Fir PINACEAE 1. Balsam Fir 2. Corkbark Fir 3. Grand Fir 4. Noble Fir 5. Pacific Silver Fir 6. White Fir	7. Western Larch 8. European Larch 9. Black Spruce 10. Engelmann Spruce 11. Norway Spruce 12. Red Spruce 13. Blue Spruce Juglandaceae 1. Bitternut Hickory 2. Black Hickory 3. Carolina Hickory 4. Mockernut Hickory 5. Pignut Hickory 6. Red Hickory 7. Shagbark Hickory 8. Shellbark Hickory Aquifoliaceae 1. Possumhaw Ericales 1. Carolina Silverbell 2. Two-wing Silverbell
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FLOOR PLAN - RESIDENCE SPACE



FLOOR PLAN - OFFICE SPACE



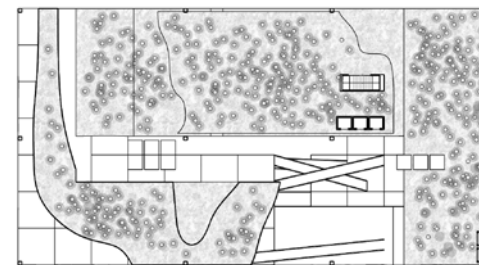
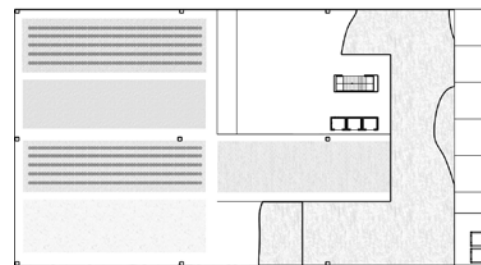
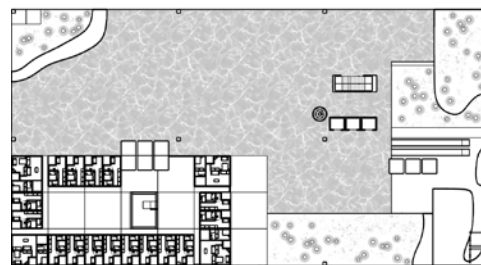
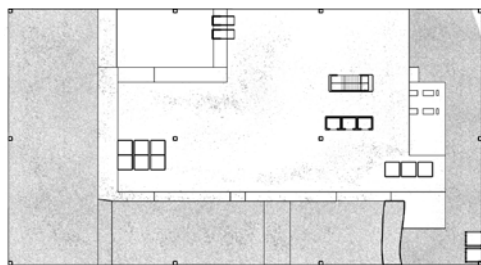
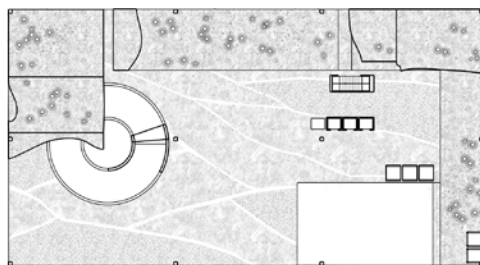
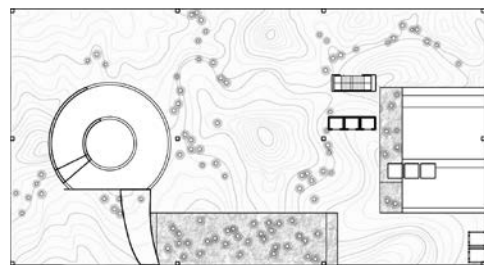
APARTMENT



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OFFICE



03

CLOISTER VERDE

A SUSTAINABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY

Fall 2023 / Academic Project / Ryan Keerns

Oakland in California / Foot Print: 15-acre parcel

This project is an urban-scale housing community designed to provide the neighborhood with a green, healthy lifestyle and a dynamic social environment. The development consists of six-story buildings with a total of 203 residential units, offering nine different unit types tailored to the needs of individuals and small families, based on in-depth demographic research.

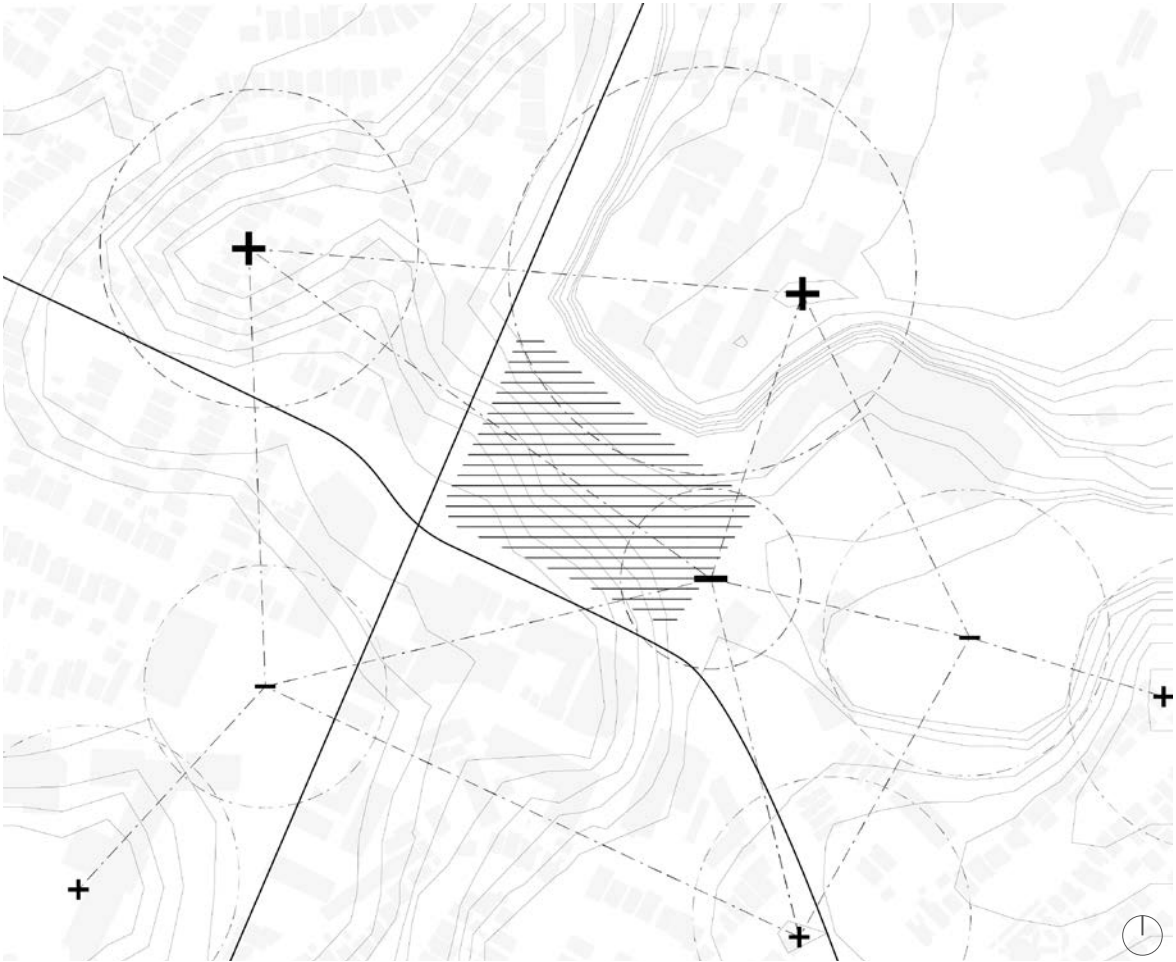
The schematic design originates from a reinterpretation of the classical L-form architecture through the geometric logic of a parabola, carefully shaped in response to the site's unique topology. This exploration of the L-form not only results in innovative interior spaces but also ensures construction efficiency and long-term sustainability.

The site, characterized by its undulating terrain, is designed in a series of cascading terraces, integrating the natural landscape into the architectural composition. The cloister serves as a seamless connection between indoor and outdoor spaces, linking residential units with communal activity areas. While preserving the local habitat, the design encourages outdoor engagement, fostering social interaction and increasing physical activity among residents.

Structurally, precast concrete is utilized for the foundation and primary support, while CLT (Cross-Laminated Timber) panels are employed from the second floor upwards. This approach ensures structural stability while significantly reducing material waste and carbon emissions, promoting an environmentally responsible and sustainable construction process.

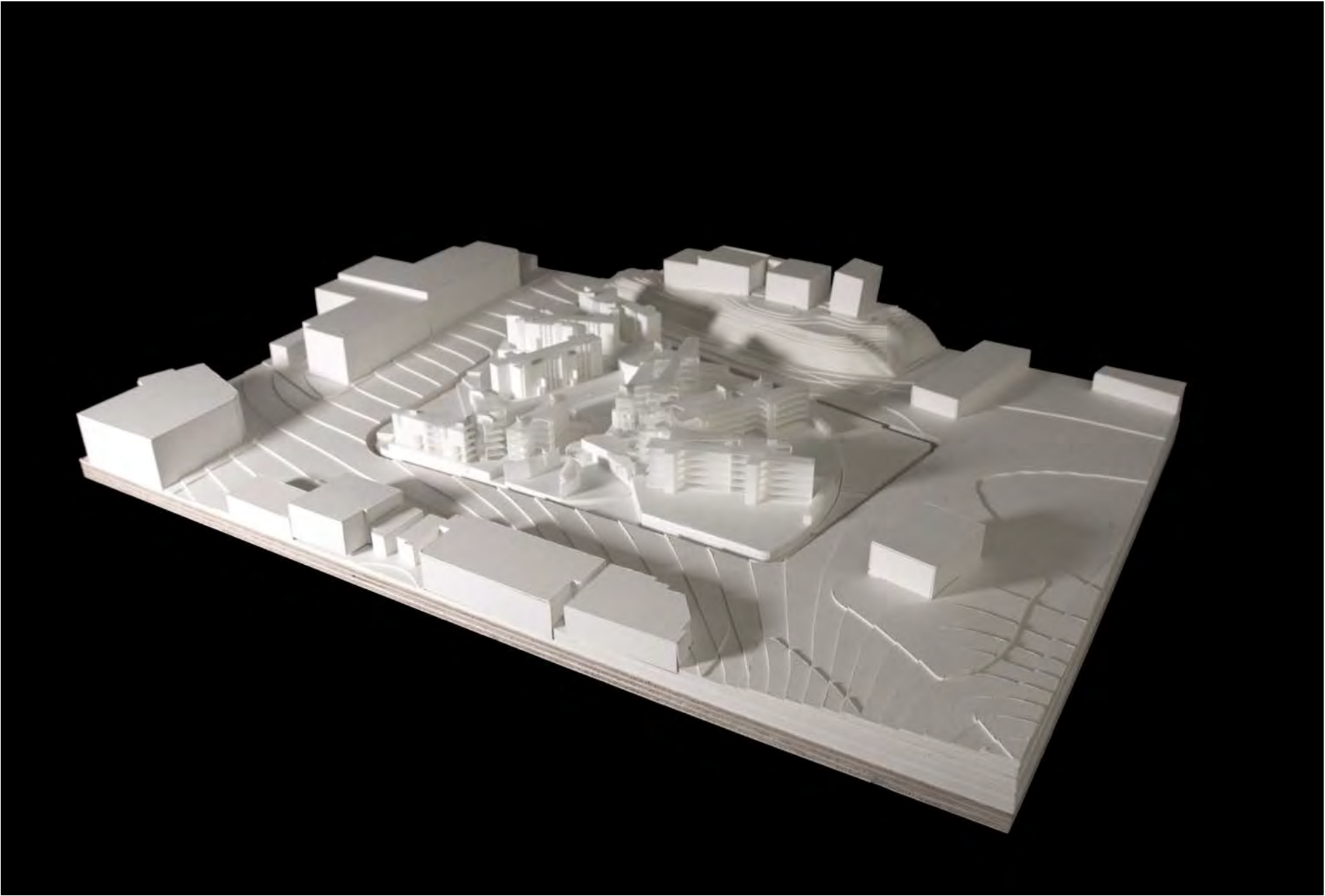
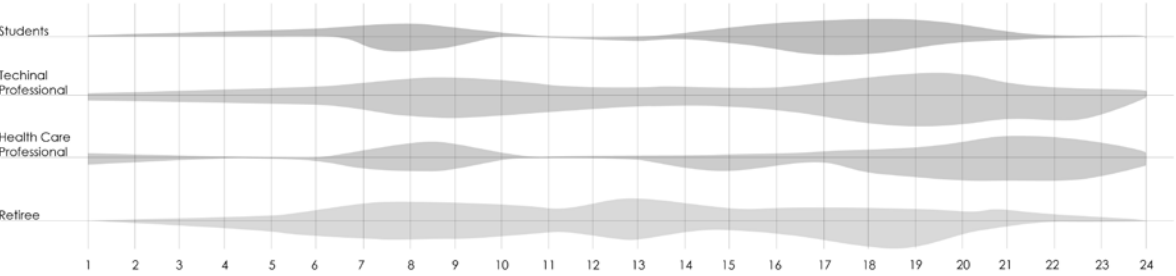


SITE ANALYSIS

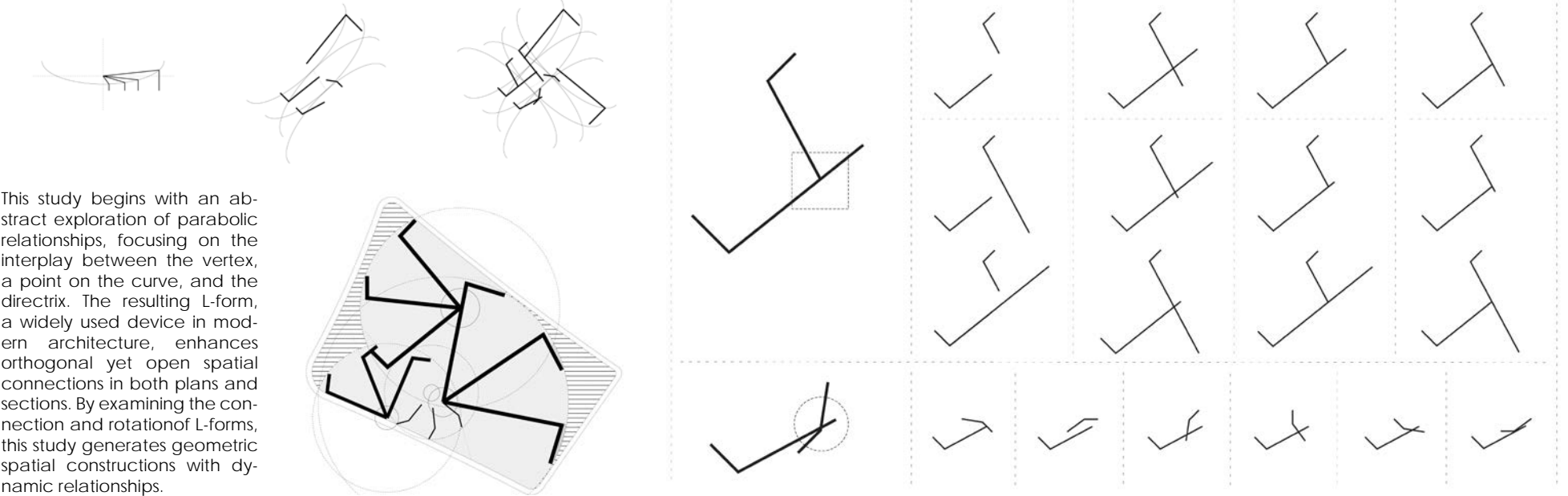


The site is located in West Oakland, Northern California, featuring a naturally sloped topology with a small hill in the north. The surrounding area is densely populated with residential and commercial amenities but has few parks, creating an opportunity to develop a nature-integrated, oxygen-rich, and active living community.

Oakland has a high number of unemployment assistance recipients, yet due to its proximity to San Francisco and the South Bay, the rise of the tech industry has attracted an influx of high-income professionals, driving up housing demand. Developing a high-quality community presents a key opportunity to attract new residents and stimulate the local economy.



L-FORM STUDY



This study begins with an abstract exploration of parabolic relationships, focusing on the interplay between the vertex, a point on the curve, and the directrix. The resulting L-form, a widely used device in modern architecture, enhances orthogonal yet open spatial connections in both plans and sections. By examining the connection and rotation of L-forms, this study generates geometric spatial constructions with dynamic relationships.

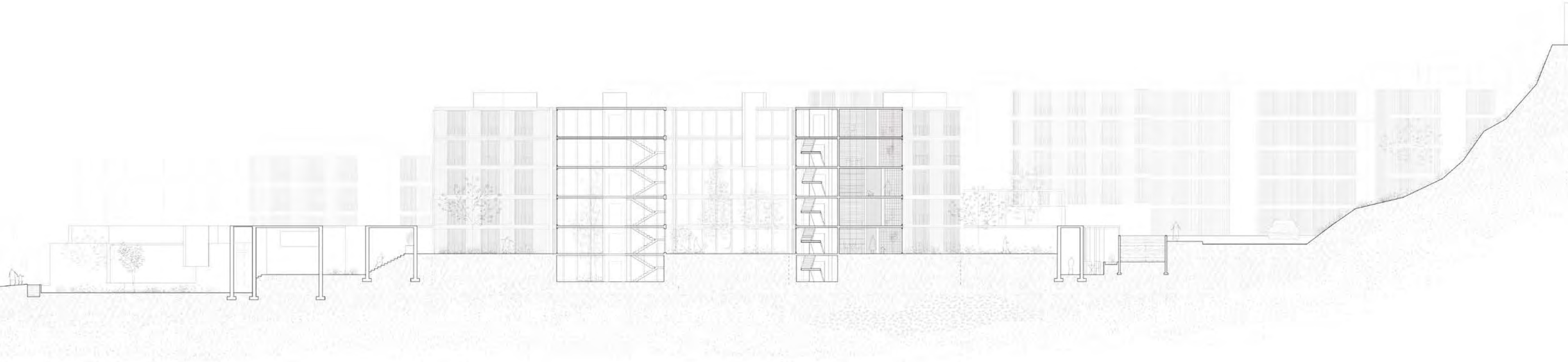
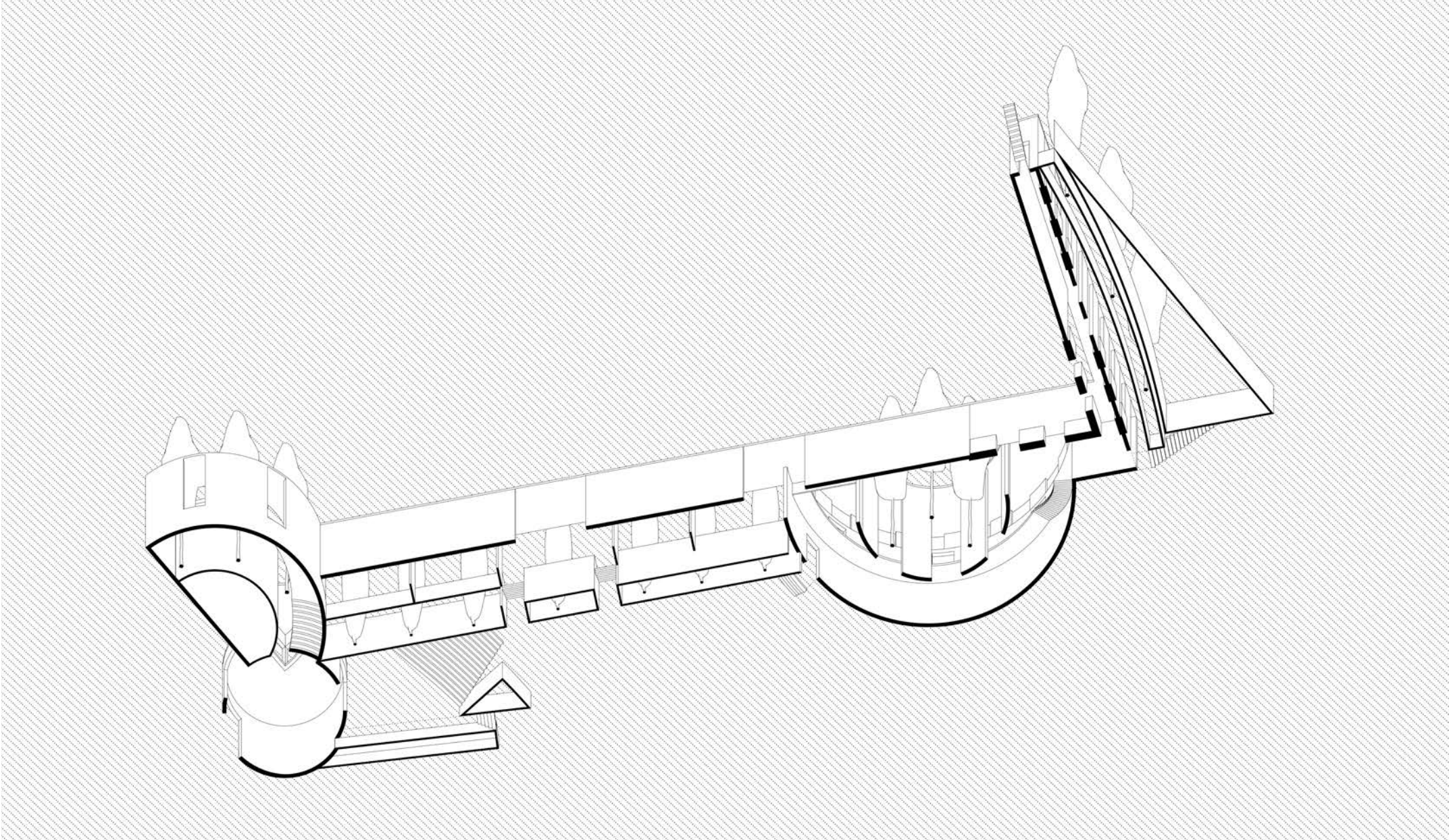
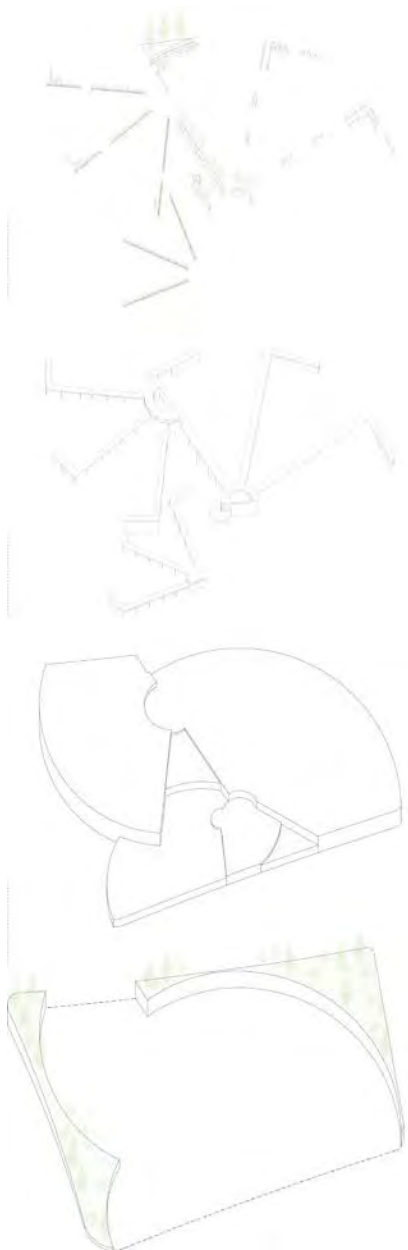


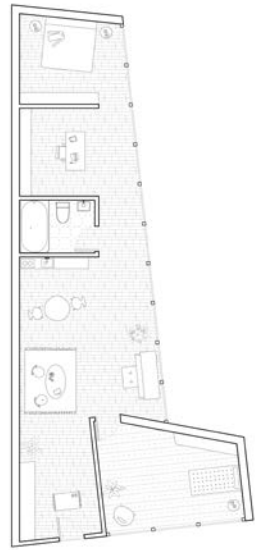
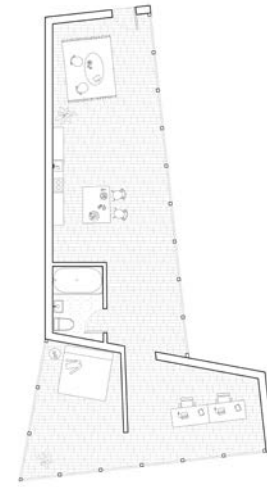
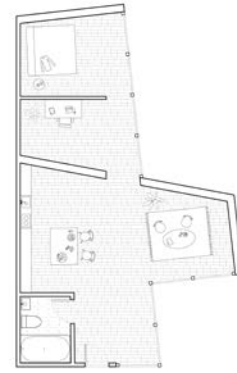
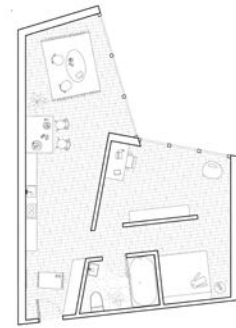
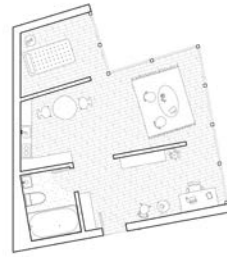
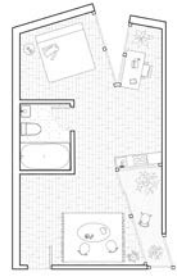
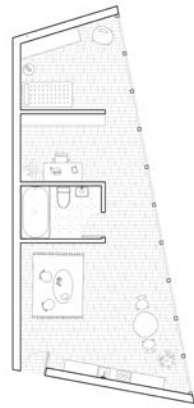
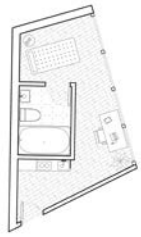
SITE PLAN

The site is structured through the rotation and connection of L-forms, guided by geometric reference lines, creating a division between a freeform natural landscape park and a stepped residential activity zone.

Three sets of cloisters in varying sizes, each consisting of three interconnected segments, allow residents to seamlessly navigate through different areas of the community. One side of the cloister connects to each residential unit, while the other remains semi-open, offering both visual and physical access to the outdoor landscape. Concrete panels, serving as structural columns, evenly segment the cloisters and incorporate built-in seating areas with sofas and tables, fostering social and recreational spaces for residents.

Each group of three L-form cloisters is rotated around a central reference point, where their intersections form the community center. This hub houses essential amenities such as the administrative office, a café, and communal spaces, reinforcing the project's vision of a connected, dynamic, and sustainable living environment.





UNIT PLAN - 1B-1 234SQFT

UNIT PLAN - 1B-1 670SQFT

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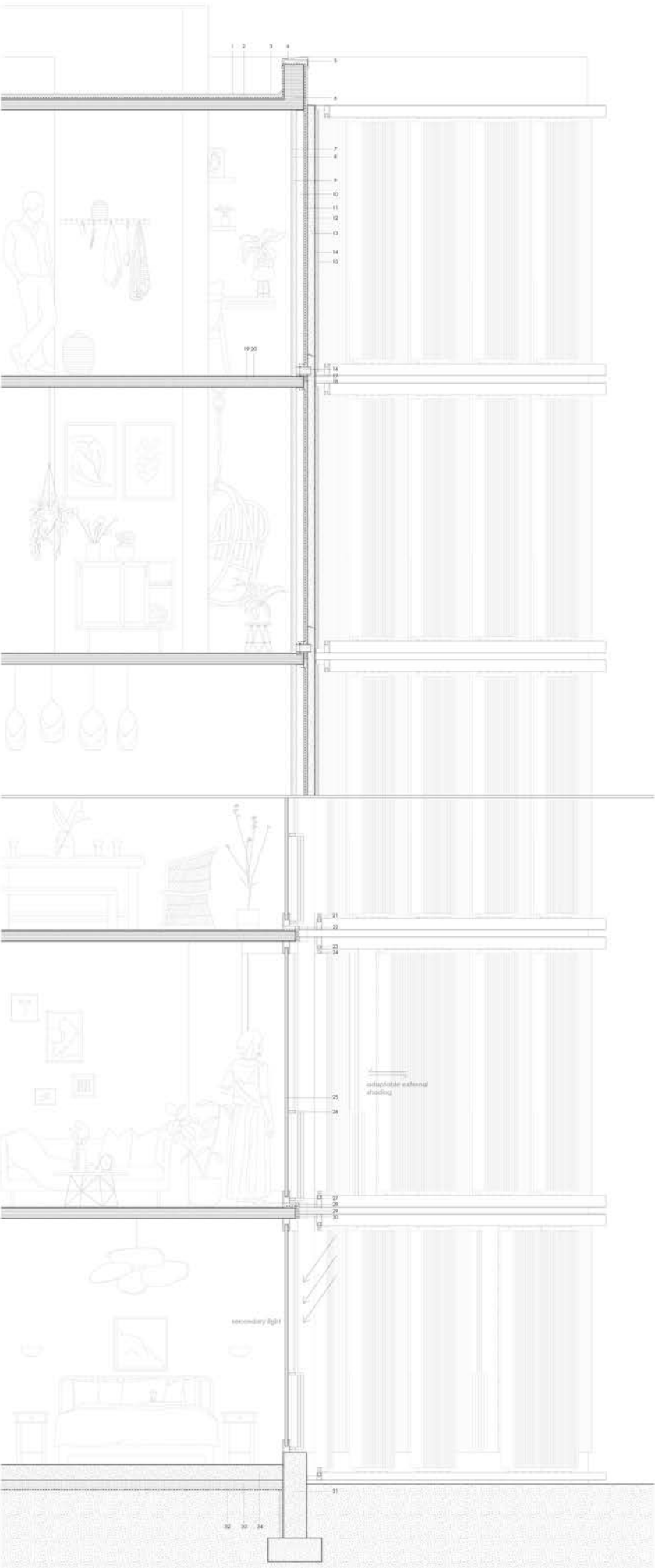
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RESIDENT UNIT 1B-1



CLOISTER



- ROOF ASSEMBLY
1. EPDM roof membrane
 2. cork insulation
 3. water barrier
 4. flashing
 5. stucco parapet
 6. CLT roof panel
- SOLID WALL AND FACADE ASSEMBLY
7. wall finishing
 8. gypsum sheathing
 9. interior gypsum board
 10. stud cavity
 11. polystyrene air vapor membrane
 12. rigid insulation
 13. precast concrete panel
 14. hooks
 15. aluminum facade cladding
- CONNECT POINT ASSEMBLY
16. spray insulation fill
 17. cast-in-place anchor
 18. freestanding smoke seal
- FLOOR ASSEMBLY
19. CLT floor panel
 20. hardwood flooring
- SHADING CHANNEL ASSEMBLY
21. driving pin
 22. bracket
 23. aluminum track
 24. head gear
- JULET BALCONY ASSEMBLY
25. double glazing
 26. railing
 27. door frame
- CONNECT POINT ASSEMBLY
28. gypsum bottom plate
 29. rigid insulation
 30. polystyrene air vapor membrane
- FOUNDATION ASSEMBLY
31. concrete footing
 32. polystyrene moisture barrier
 33. extruded polystyrene insulation
 34. concrete floor slab



04

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OPEN PLAN ART STUDIO

Spring 2024 / Academic Project / In Collaboration with Henry Peters / Pezo Von Ellrichshausen

La Pampa in Argentina / Foot Print: 2500 m² (26910 sqft)

This poetic art studio blends creation, social interaction, and living, uniting art, architecture, and nature. More than a workspace, it fosters both solitude and collaboration through geometry, spatial relationships, and ecological systems, forming an evolving landscape for artistic practice and community life.

Situated in La Pampa, Argentina, the studio lies between a dense tree cluster and a solitary tree. Its X-shaped design anchors it within vast agricultural fields, aligning with the 45-degree rural grid and connecting to Vértiz via a direct path.

The X-shaped layout divides the space into four quadrants around a central void, balancing public and private areas. A garden of concentric squares integrates vegetation and open space, while a rippling pool shapes paths and gathering spots. The art workshop, enclosed by perforated brick walls, merges interior and exterior, while the residential space, beneath a vaulted ceiling, frames expansive views.

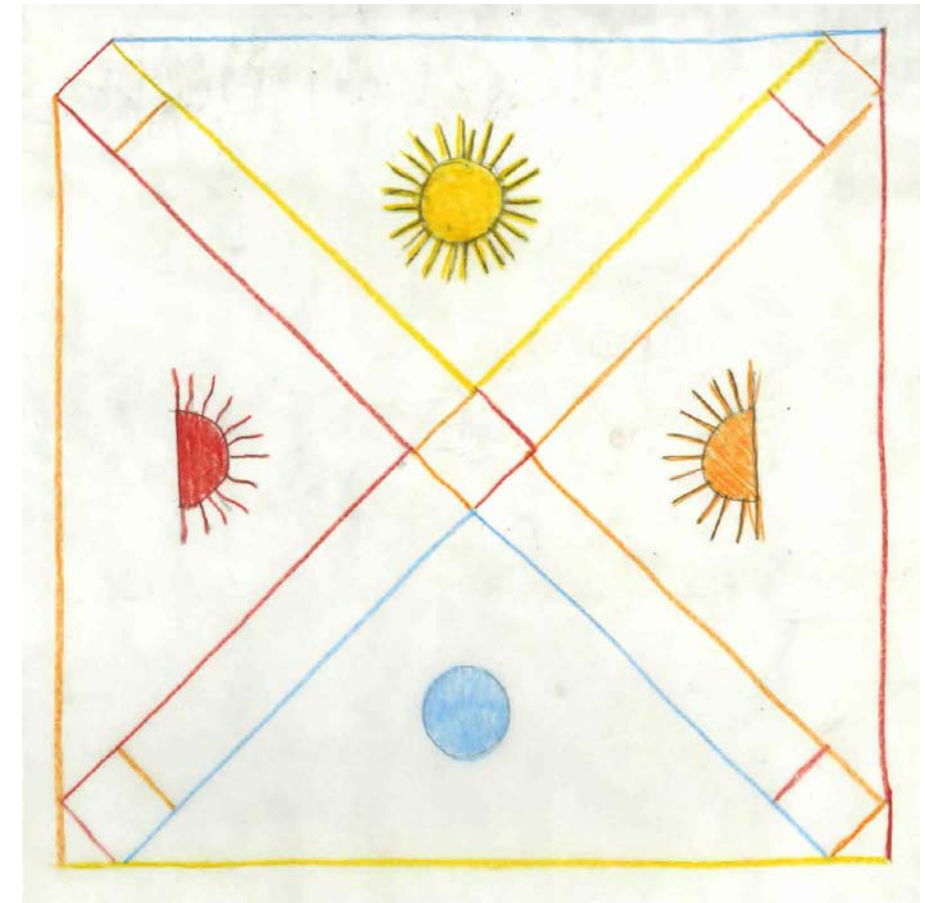
Built with brick and concrete, the studio contrasts white walls with vibrant orange floors and ceilings. A brise soleil, created by removing every third brick, filters air and light. Rainwater from the vaulted roof irrigates Ceiba trees and a moon garden. At its axis, a sculpted face marks the seamless union of architecture, art, and nature.

This project was nominated by faculty for the UC Berkeley CED Design Excellent Award.





The Mark in the Field, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



ENWS Sketch, colored pencil on trace paper, 40x40cm, 2024

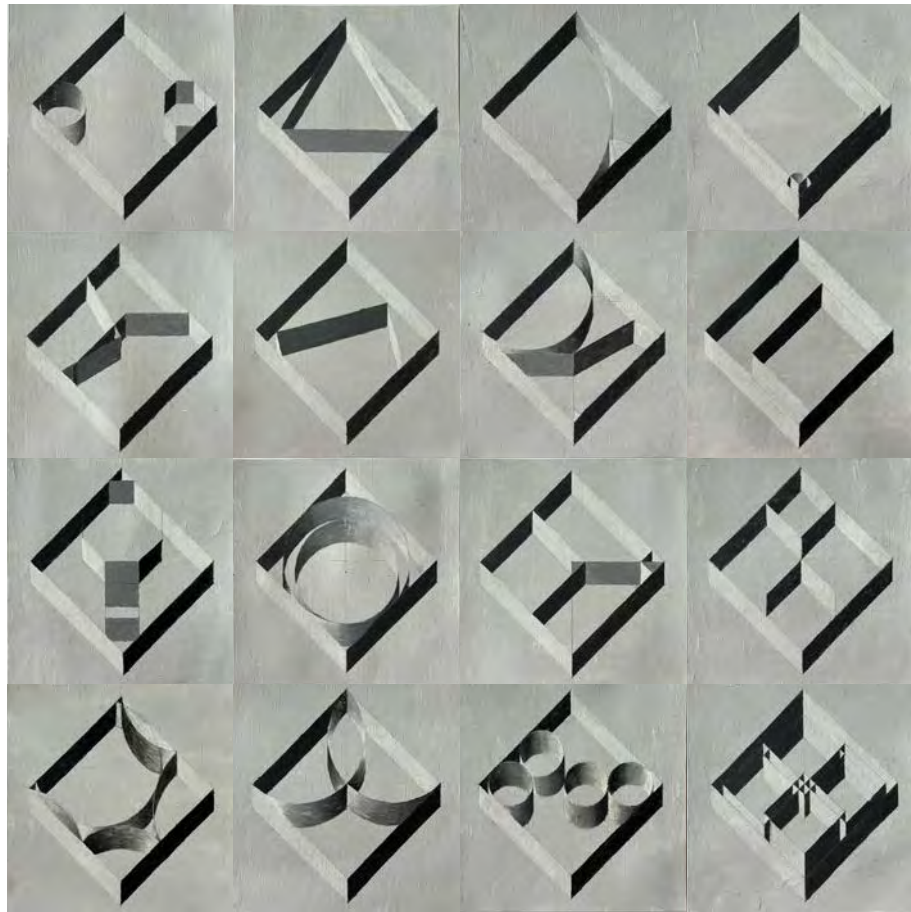


After The Storm, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024

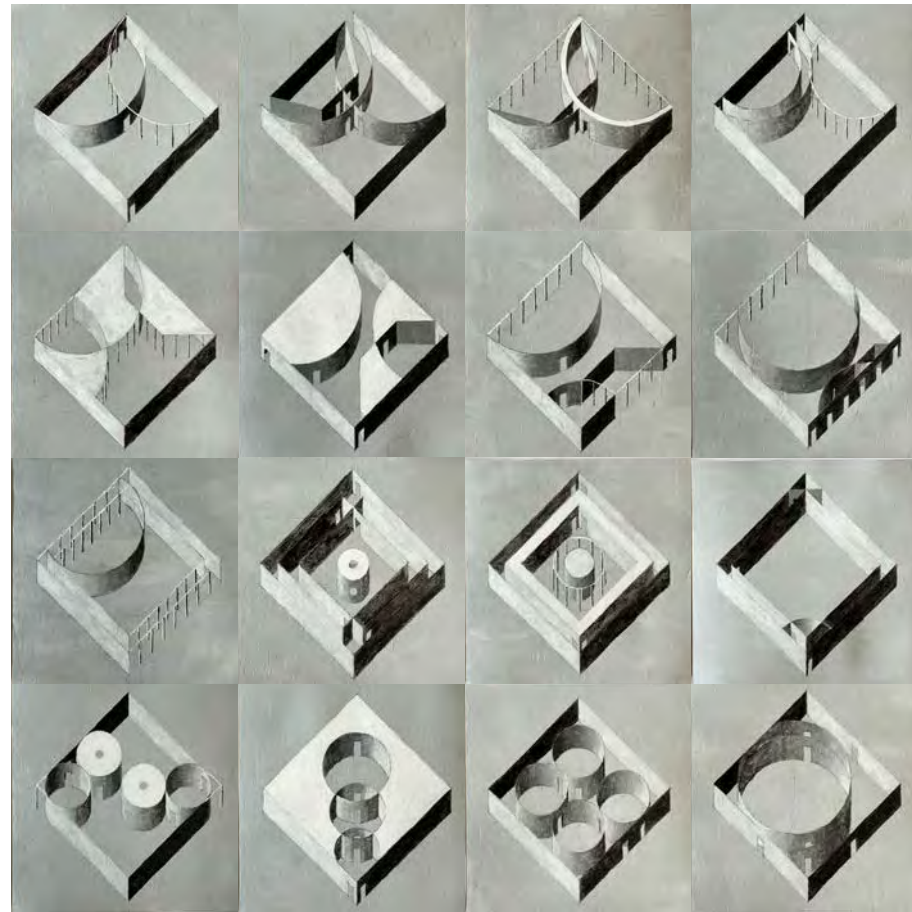
This structure stands at the intersection of Sky and Earth in the vast grasslands of La Pampa, Argentina. Four white-painted brick walls define a protected garden within the open landscape. Two circular openings face each cardinal direction, while a chamfered northwest corner reveals a brick vault, extending views across the structure. Light bands illuminate the vault, mirroring the rainbow above.

How to make a mark in a field? "X marks the spot." In this infinite flatland of agricultural production, this structure creates a sense of place by marking the space between a mass of trees and one lonely tree with an X. The space between the trees is reconfigured, the fit is snug. A path connects the structure to the rural road, which links directly to the small town of Vértiz. The structure echoes the 45-degree rotation of rural grids that divide the landscape.

The X-shaped form divides the structure into four equal quadrants, converging at a central nucleus that organizes all spaces. Each quadrant has distinct characteristics shaped by sunlight—one embraces the sunrise, another the sunset, one endures midday heat, and one remains in shadow. This interplay of light and space defines its architectural essence.



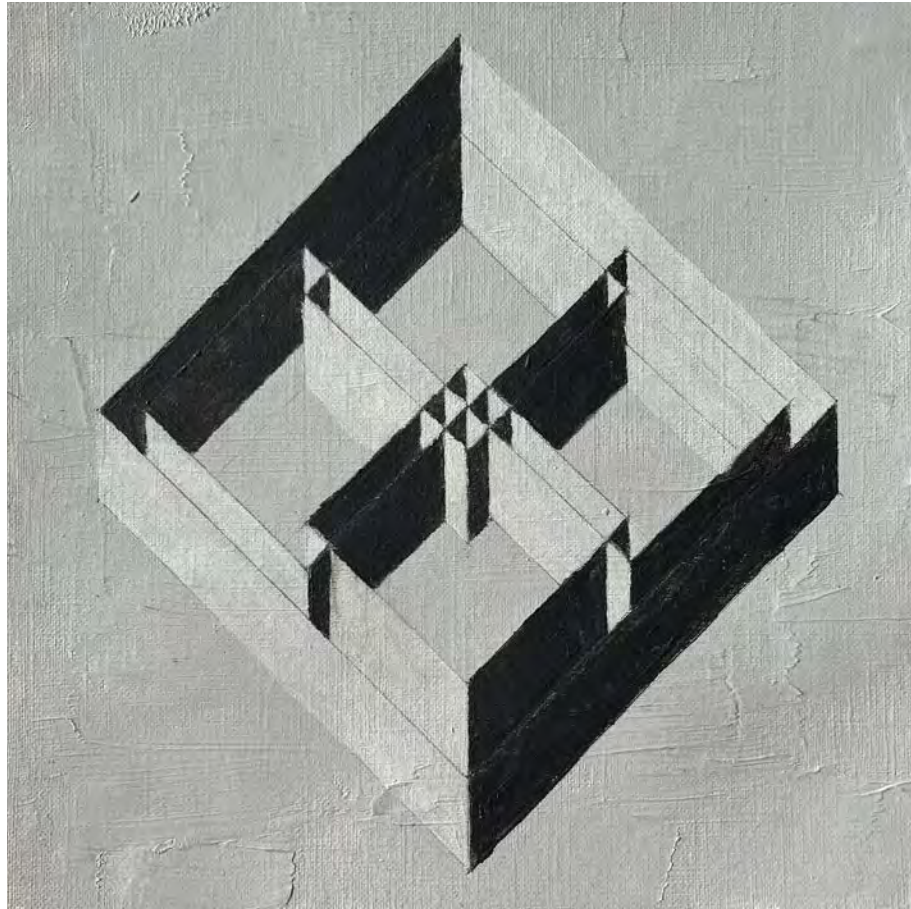
INVENTORY 1: STRUCTURE - A STUDY ON SPATIAL STRUCTURE
acrylic on paper, 20x20cmx16, 2024



INVENTORY 2: CHARACTER - A STUDY ON SPATIAL CHARACTER
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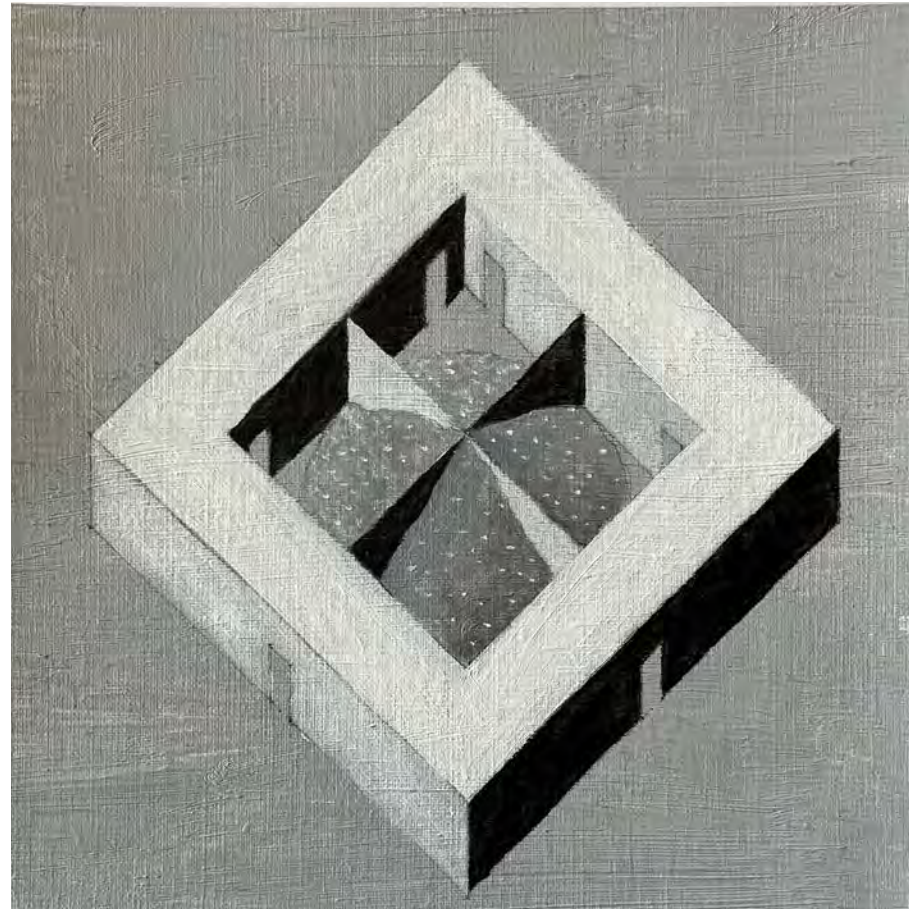


INVENTORY 3: INHABITATION - A STUDY ON FORMS OF LIFE
acrylic on paper, 20x20cmx16, 2024



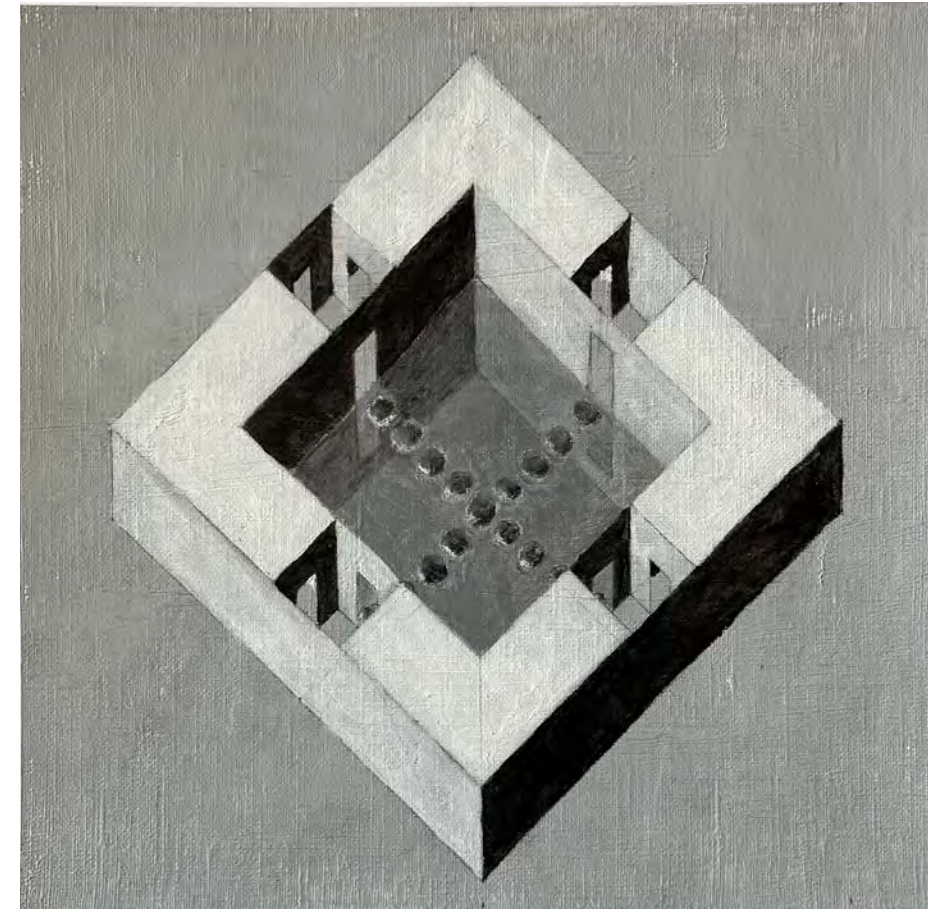
the X, acrylic on paper, 20x20cm, 2024

At the center of an X, a Cross, is inherently a energetically charged intersection point. This point represents the encounter between planes, between dimensions, the very source of life itself. Early inventory paintings explore how the combination of simple geometries can give specific character to the center. Here, four larger squares overlap, creating a diversity of proportions of space and a heavily chopped up center.



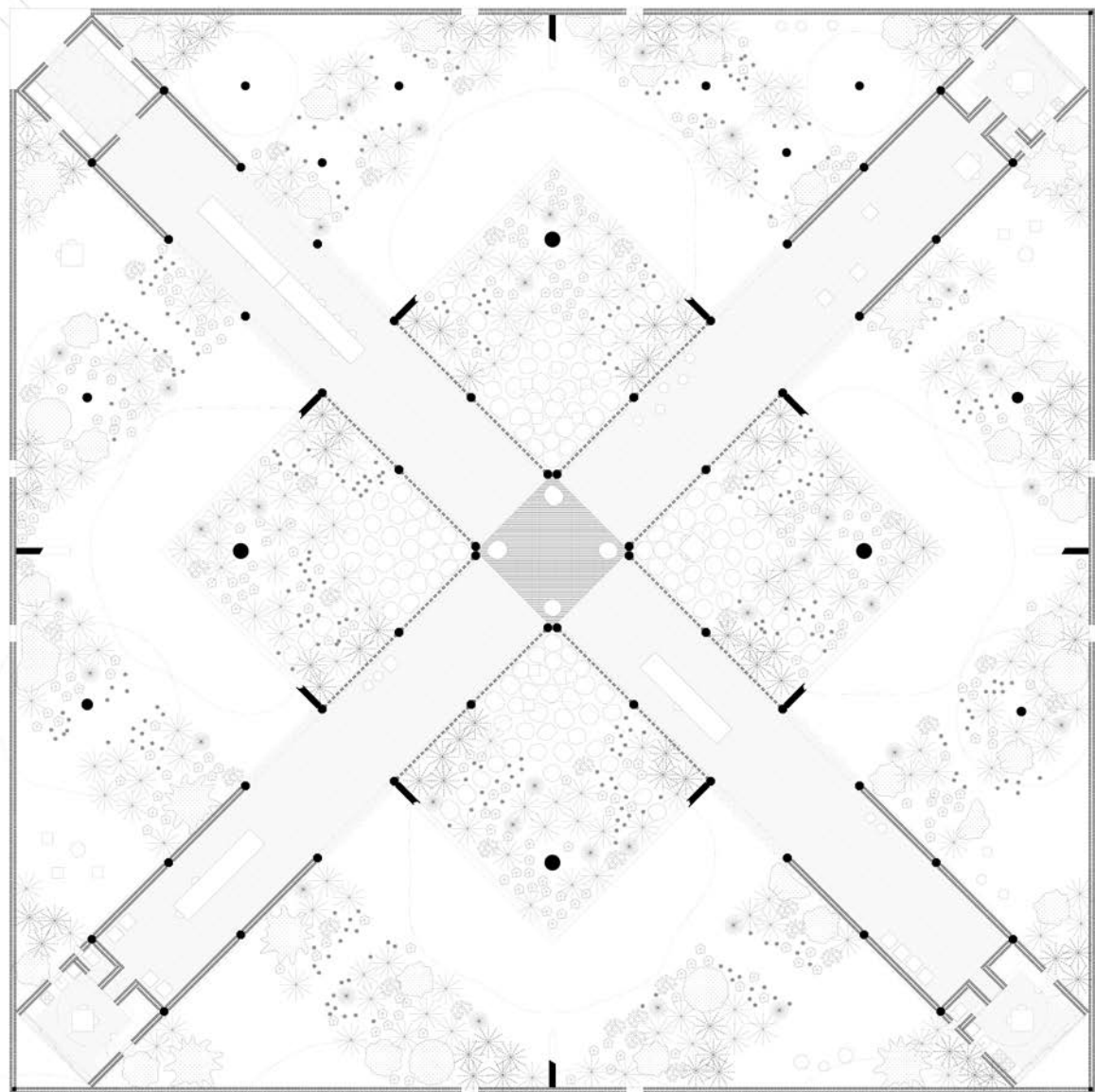
the Full, acrylic on paper, 20x20cm, 2024

A center can be full. In this painting, a hill occupies the center. It is divided by four walls, transforming the hill into a pile in the corner of each of the four exterior rooms. One may cross over the hill to get to the other side, where they will encounter an identical room. Although identical, each of the quadrants is given their own character when placed in relationship to the sun. To inhabit the center in this case, one must climb the hill and stand on top of the walls.



the Empty, acrylic on paper, 20x20cm, 2024

A center can be empty. This central space is flooded with water, eliminating the ground plane and reflecting the sky. In order to reach the other side, one must carefully walk across the void, floating between sky above and sky below. This is a void, it is of a different order, it is a portal to another dimension. The spaces that flank the void are the same, yet through their orientation with the cardinal directions, they are inherently different.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



Rings, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024

Four equal wings rotate around a central void, serving as the interface between near and far, private and collective. Intimacy is shaped by distance—the farther from the void, the more personal the space becomes. The void both divides and connects, extending corner to corner through the overhead vault. Though the wings appear identical, each is unique.



Linking the wings, concentric squares form the garden, balancing vegetation and open space, creating harmony between plants and people. The garden ripples outward, like waves from a stone dropped into the central pool, until meeting the perimeter wall. Four towering Ceiba trees stand at the heart of each triangular garden, acting as guardians of the void.



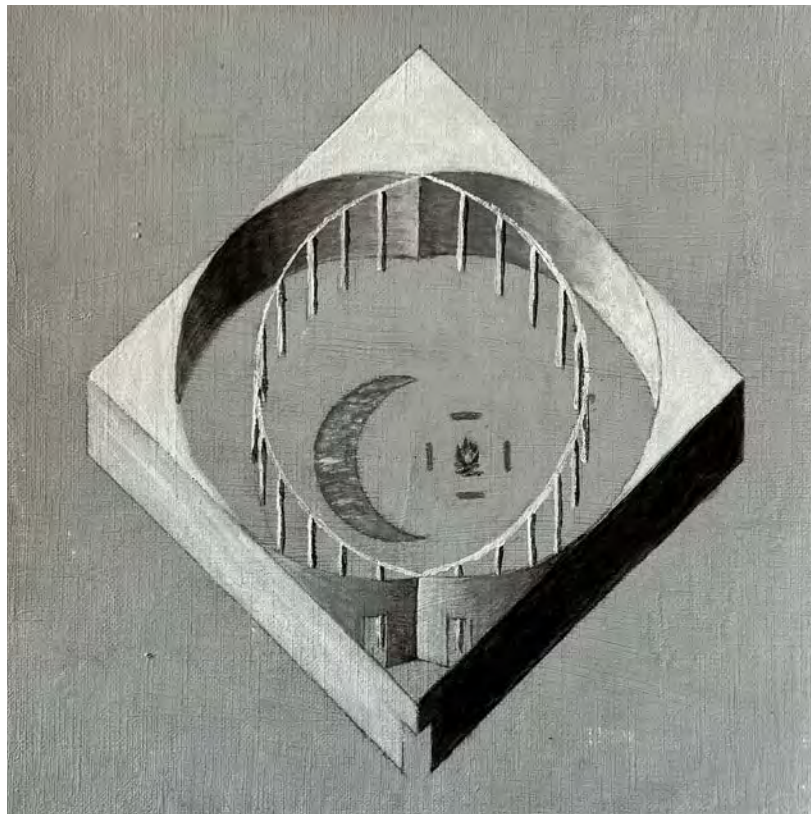
The Moon Garden, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



The Waterfall Garden, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024

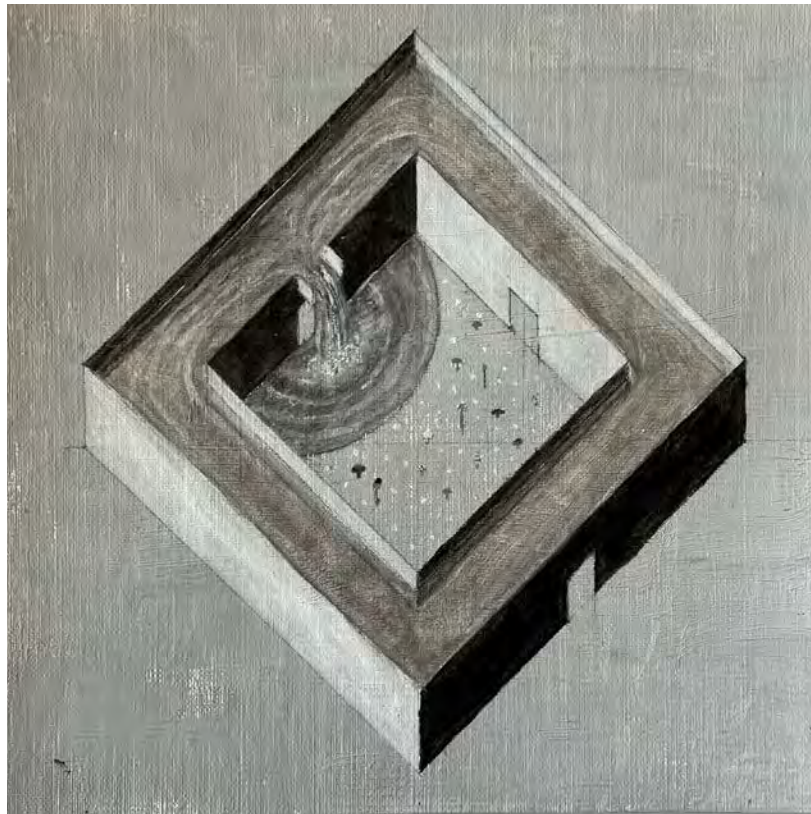


The Rippel Garden, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



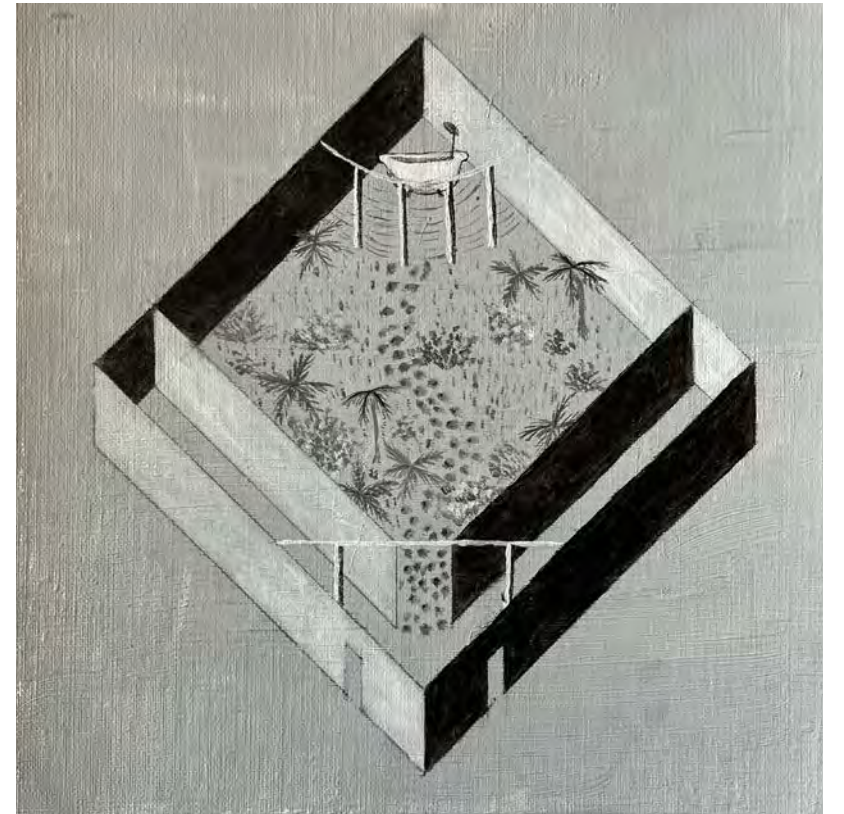
The Cosmos Courtyard, acrylic on paper, 20x20cm, 2024

The garden is a cosmic space shaped by fire, water, sun, and moon. Two intersecting circles create three zones, with a crescent-shaped pool symbolizing the moon and a fire pit representing the sun. Beneath four Ceiba speciosa trees, a moon garden glows with wispy grasses, white umbel flowers, and reflective leaves. An outdoor room at its edge offers a quiet retreat with framed views. In Central and South American mythology, Ceiba trees stand at the four corners of the universe, linking sky and earth, embodying strength and transformation.



The Waterhall Room, acrylic on paper, 20x20cm, 2024

Architecture can shape and sustain ecosystems, actively collaborating with nature to create new environments. This study explores water collection and distribution, where rainwater from the vaulted roof flows into the courtyard, creating a humid microclimate. An irrigation channel nourishes the Ceiba speciosa (Palo Borracho) and the moon garden, with water cascading down the buttressed slope. A sculpted face at the axis serves as a landmark, guiding passage into the garden.



An Altogether World, acrylic on paper, 20x20cm, 2024

The central water feature enriches the structure with sensorial effects—cooling the air, reflecting sunlight onto the brick vault, and at times aligning with the skylight, creating a striking void. A painting hints at its shared use by humans and nature, framing a garden at the center, an entrance at one corner, and a bathtub at another. It captures the intimacy of the courtyard, a private retreat within an open space, where distance defines intimacy, allowing one to reflect on the collective beyond.



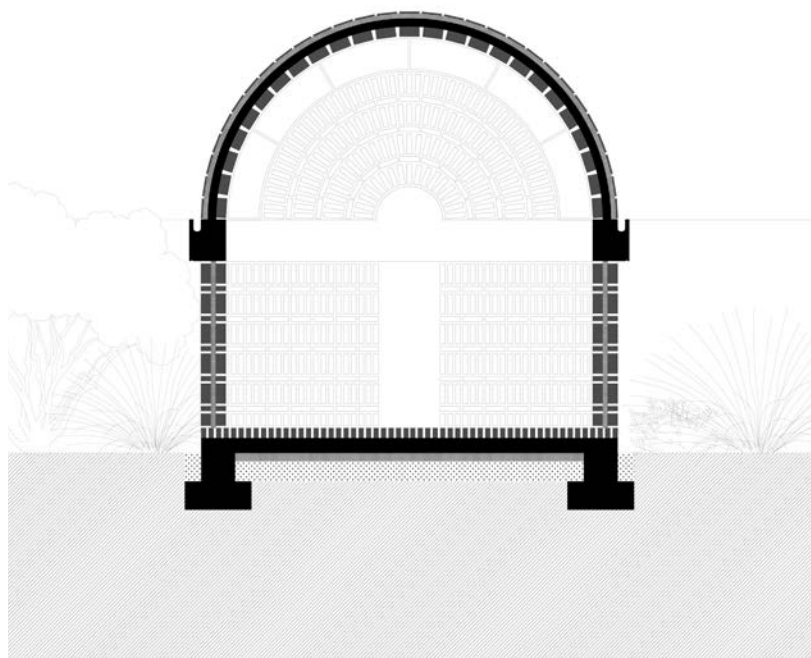
Between Center and Periphery, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



Sunlight Cave, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



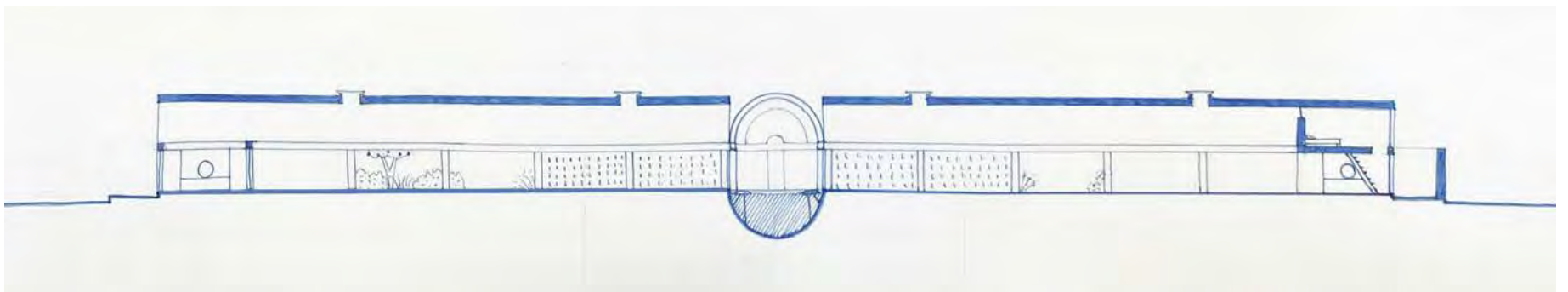
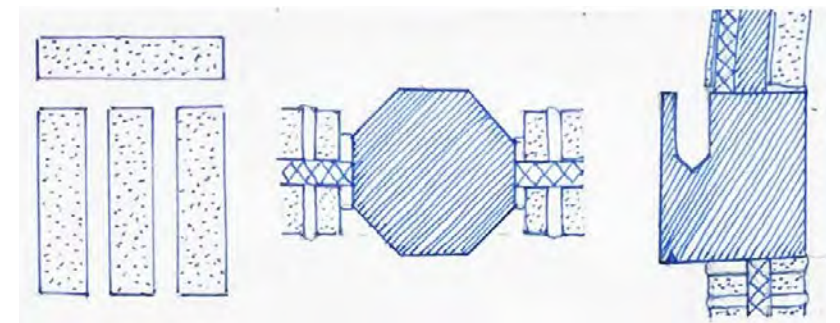
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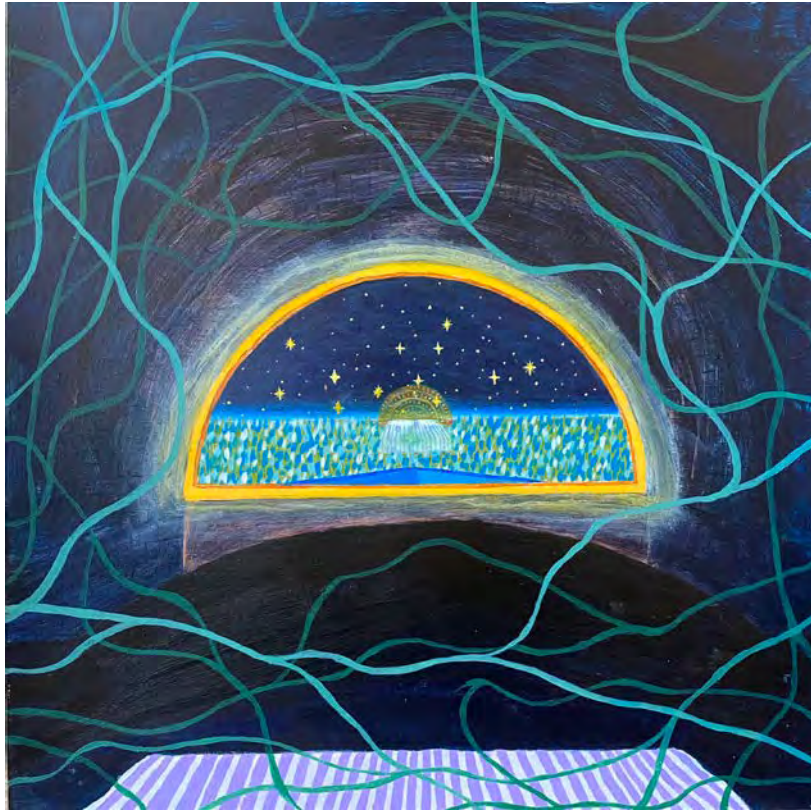


DETAIL SECTION

The brick pattern alternates between vertical and horizontal bands, applied uniformly across the floor, walls, and vaulted ceiling. The walls are painted white, while the floor and ceiling remain unpainted, revealing a vibrant orange hue. Concrete pillars and beams frame and protect the brickwork from rain.

A brise soleil is formed by removing every third brick in the vertical bands, creating a perforated surface distinct from the opaque walls near the dwelling units. This openness shapes each wing differently, allowing the moon garden's scents, shadows, and sounds to filter through. When inhabited by an artist, the walls become a canvas, blending real and imagined landscapes, where pigments and flowers, near and far, merge into one.





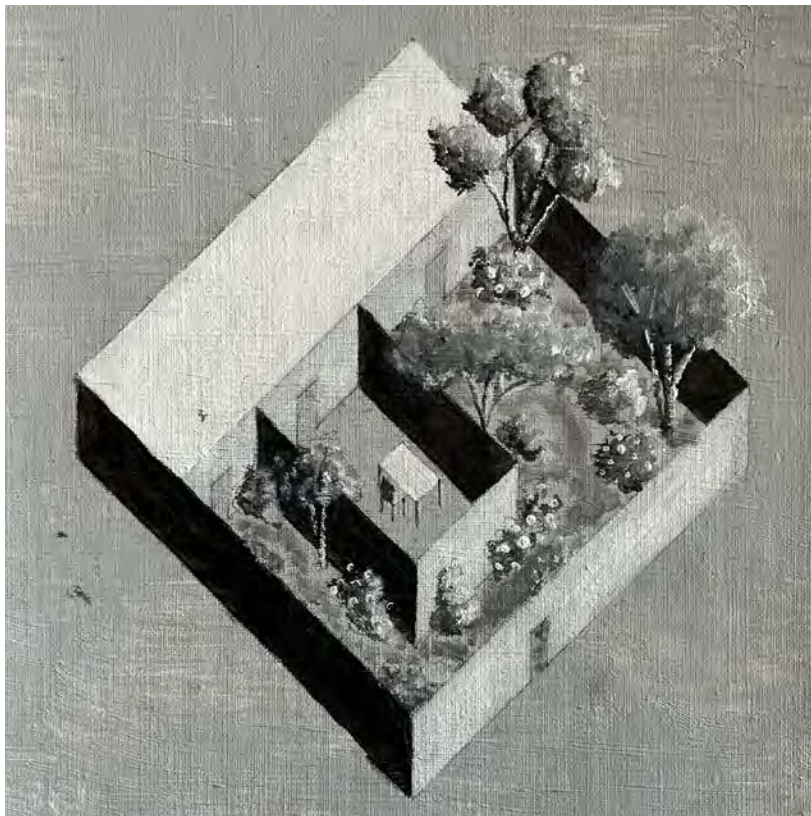
Dream, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



Minimum Dwelling Units, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



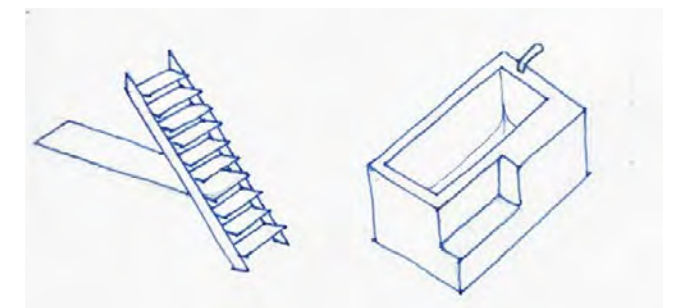
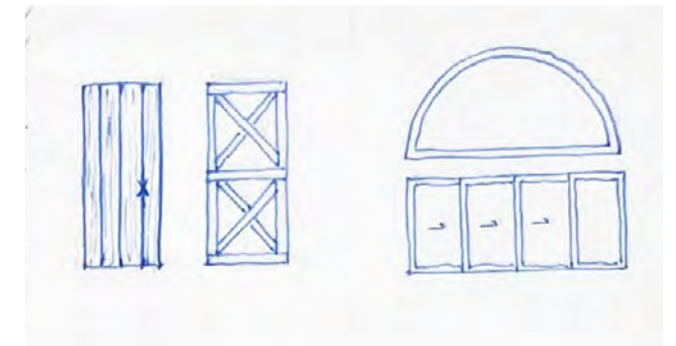
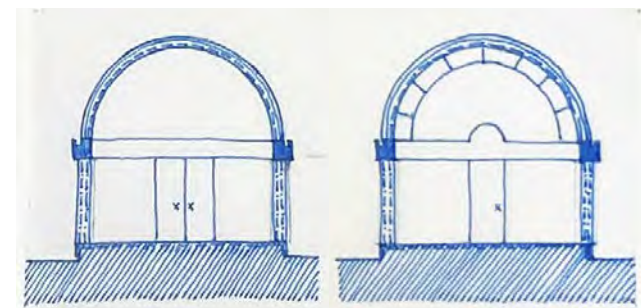
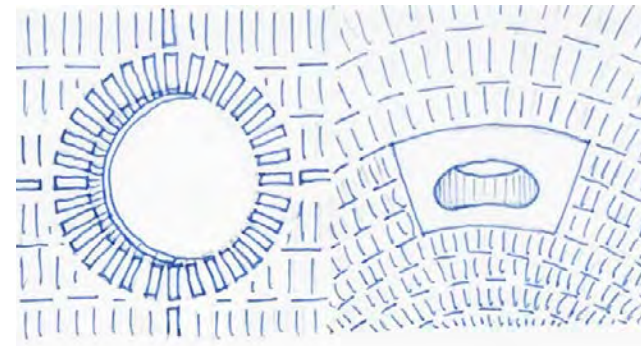
A Slice of the Sky, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024



The Best of Both Worlds, acrylic on paper, 40x40cm, 2024

Above, one sleeps within the volume of the vault. The vault simultaneously protects and projects. It creates a sense of intimacy, cave-like, sleeping in the shadow and looking towards the light. This is the only space in the structure where one can see overtop of the 2.5 meter high perimeter walls and project their vision onto the horizon beyond. At night, one may see their own bed reflected onto the distant horizon.

On the inside, this half circle of brick acts like a headboard, again, architecture disguising itself as furniture just for a moment. This facade also caps the end of the studio space, creating a more intimate space for creative production, fit with solid walls and corners to accumulate furniture and materials in order to produce art.



05 TECTONIC PRESIDENT STUDY - L'ARBRE BLANC
THE WHITE TREETOWER

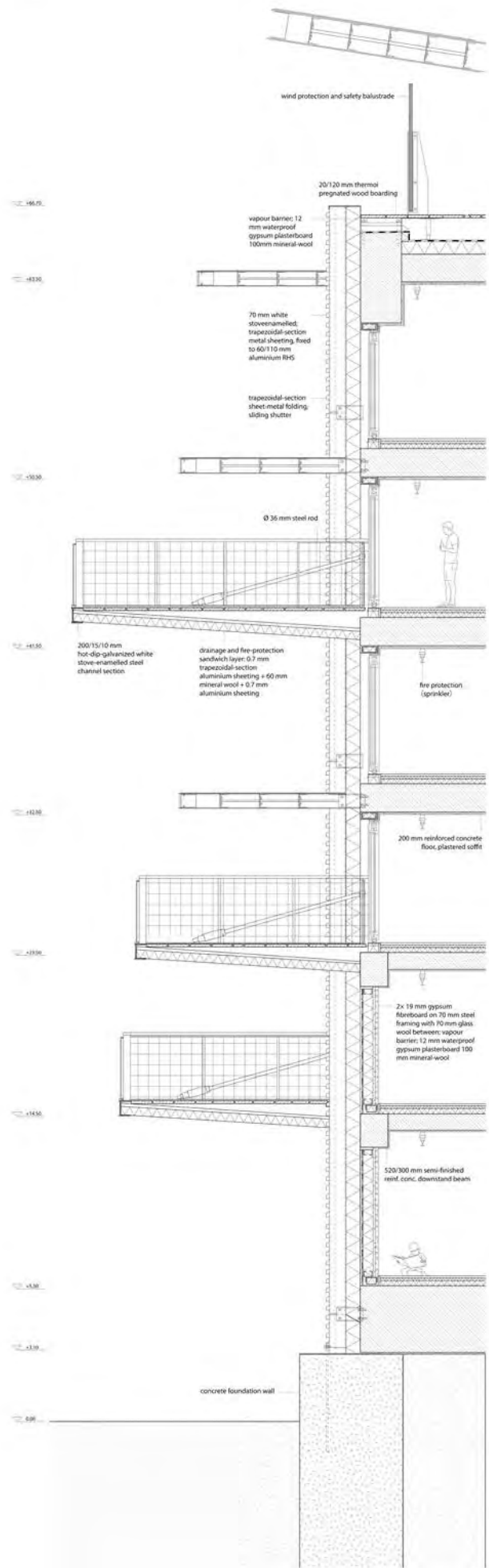
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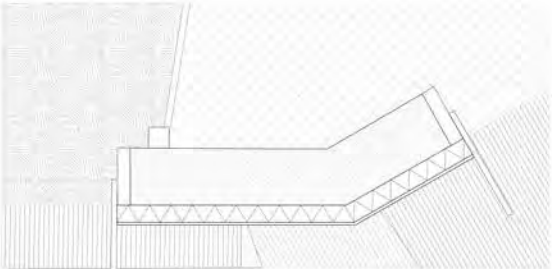
RENDERED ELEVATION

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DETAIL PLAN

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06 EARTH ARCHITECTURE STUDY

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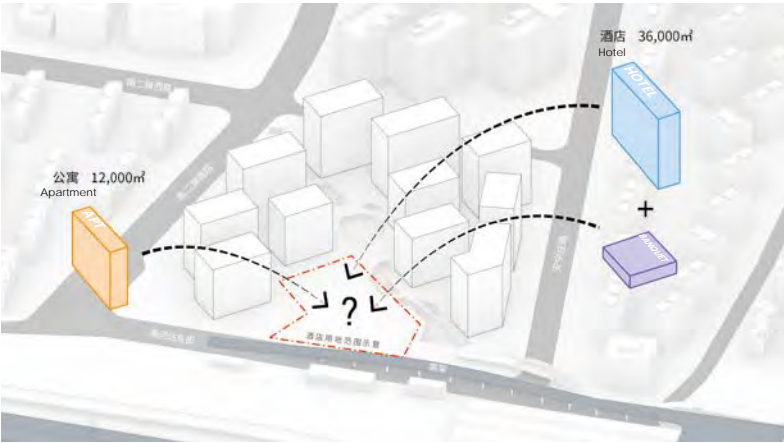


07 BEIJING ZHONGGUANCUN HEADQUARTERS
PARK INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

Summer 2024 / Professional Work / Project Architect: Johnny Chen / Phase: SD / Contribution: Site Analysis, Concept Development, BIM Model, Program Calculation



MASSING



项目机遇:
OPPORTUNITIES

- ① **客流量大:**
周围企业总部及产业园区较多,且临近地铁站,商旅客流量大。
- ② **景观资源:**
用地南侧建筑高度较低,基地西侧20m以上视线范围可见远观香山等山景。
- ③ **地标打造:**
酒店原有80m限高要求,却是整个基地内唯一可以突破60m限高的楼栋,有利于打造地标建筑。

项目挑战:
CHALLENGES

- ① **用地限制:**
酒店排布需考虑使用地内的办公及商业,三者相互制约,用地范围受限。
- ② **地标打造:**
如何利用规划条件允许的80m限高打造地标?
- ③ **视线遮挡:**
如何避免南侧铁路和高架对酒店的影响,充分利用酒店周围的景观视野?



CONCEPTS

原始规划
ORIGINAL PLAN

优化落位
OPTIMIZED POSITIONING

视线通廊
VIEW CORRIDOR

海淀之门
THE GATE OF HAIDIAN

都市景框
URBAN WINDOW

都会立面
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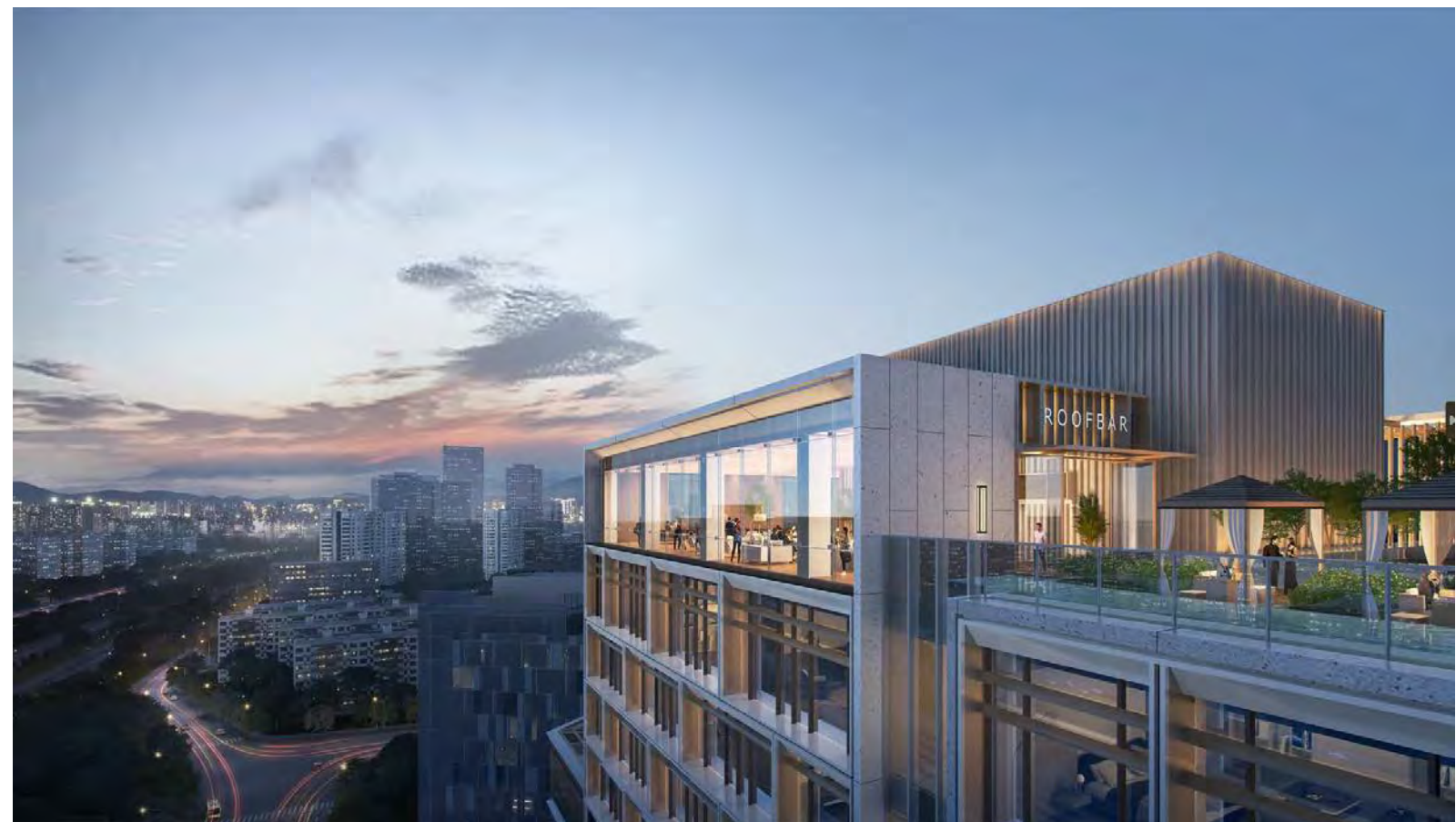
The site plan illustrates the proposed development's footprint within its context. The development is bounded by a red dashed line. Key features include:

- Building Footprints:** Various colored areas representing different building types, including a large central building (light blue/grey), a yellow building, and several smaller structures in green, orange, and blue.
- Parking and Access:** A parking lot is shown at the bottom left, with a red dot indicating a specific location. Access points are marked with circles and lines.
- Surrounding Context:** The plan shows adjacent streets, including 'ST. JAMES ST.' and 'ST. JAMES ST. N.W.', and nearby existing buildings and infrastructure.
- Orientation:** A north arrow is located in the top right corner of the plan.

Economic and Technical Indicators

每间客房平摊面积(area per key)	130平方米
每自然间平摊面积(area per bay)	121平方米

HOTEL 酒店					
LEVEL	PRIMARY PROGRAM	F-F HEIGHT	FL ELEVATION	GFA L-ZONE-APT	BAYS
	TOP OF PARAPET		79.0		
	ROOF	1.8	77.2	250	
L18	CLUB	5.1	72.1	1000	
L17	HOTEL	3.8	68.3	1900	29
L16	HOTEL	3.8	64.5	1900	29
L15	HOTEL	3.8	60.7	1900	29
L14	HOTEL	3.8	56.9	1900	29
L13	HOTEL	3.8	53.1	1900	29
L12	HOTEL	3.8	49.3	1570	23
L11	HOTEL	3.8	45.5	1570	23
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L7	HOTEL	3.8	30.3	1570	23
L6	HOTEL	3.8	26.5	1570	23
L5	HOTEL	3.8	22.7	1570	23
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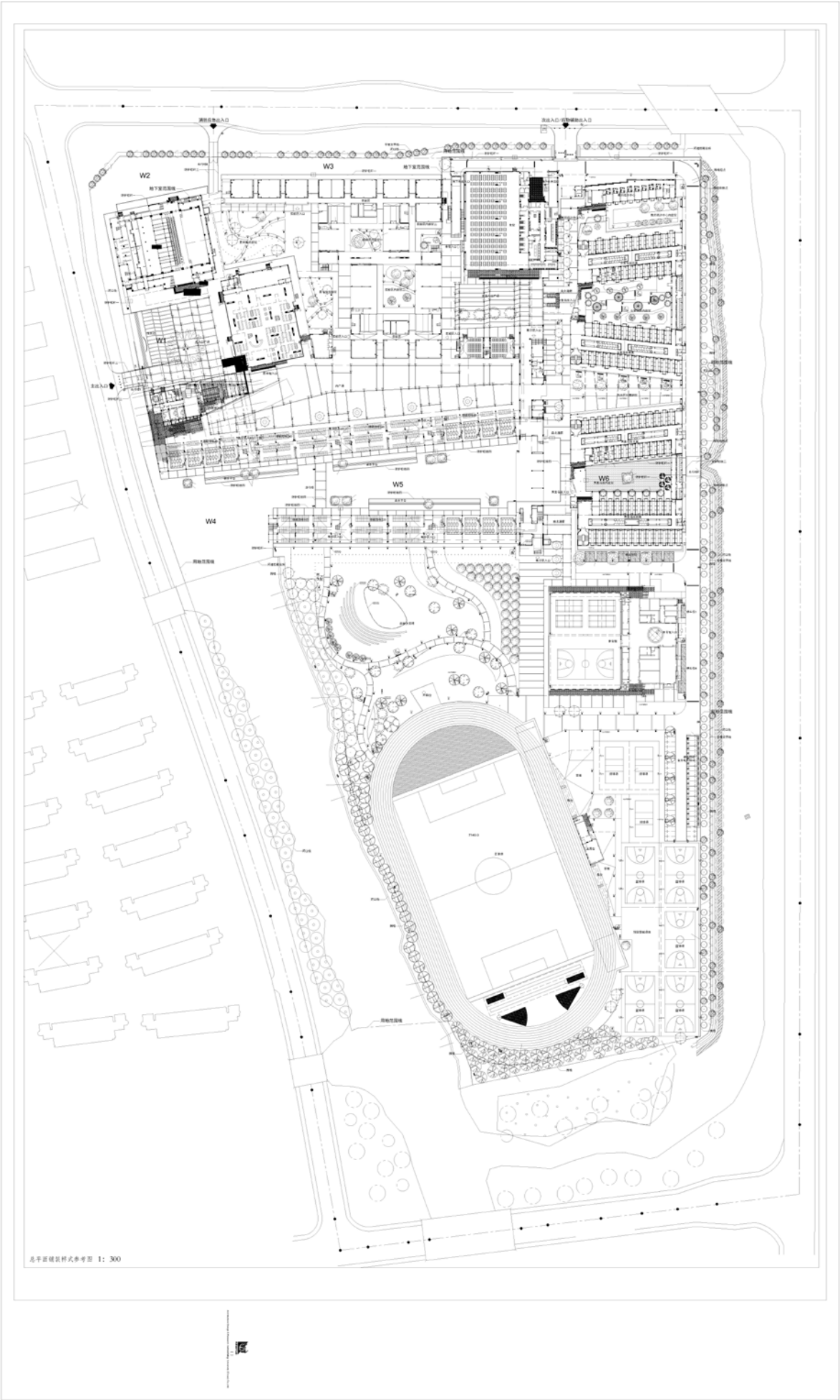
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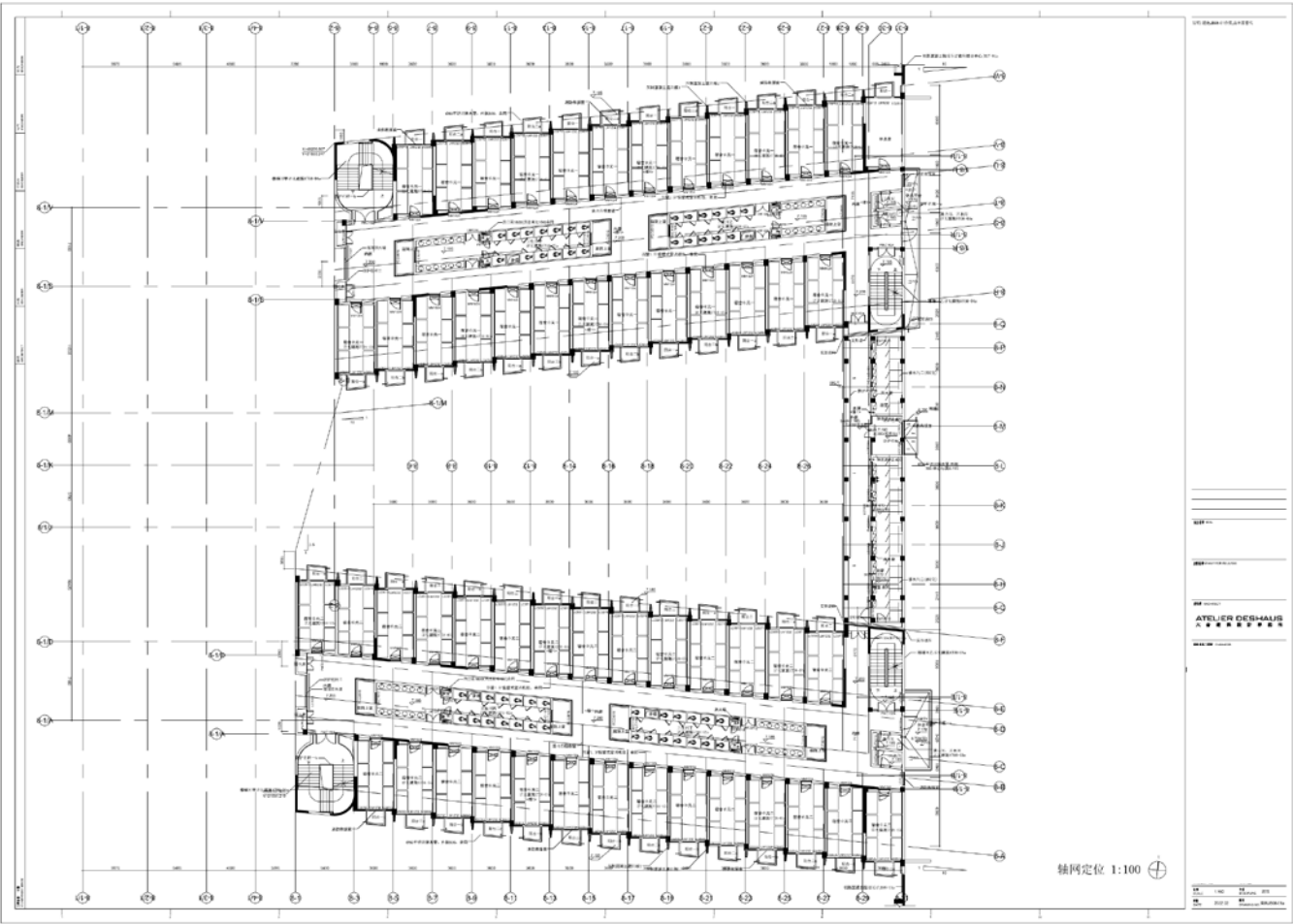
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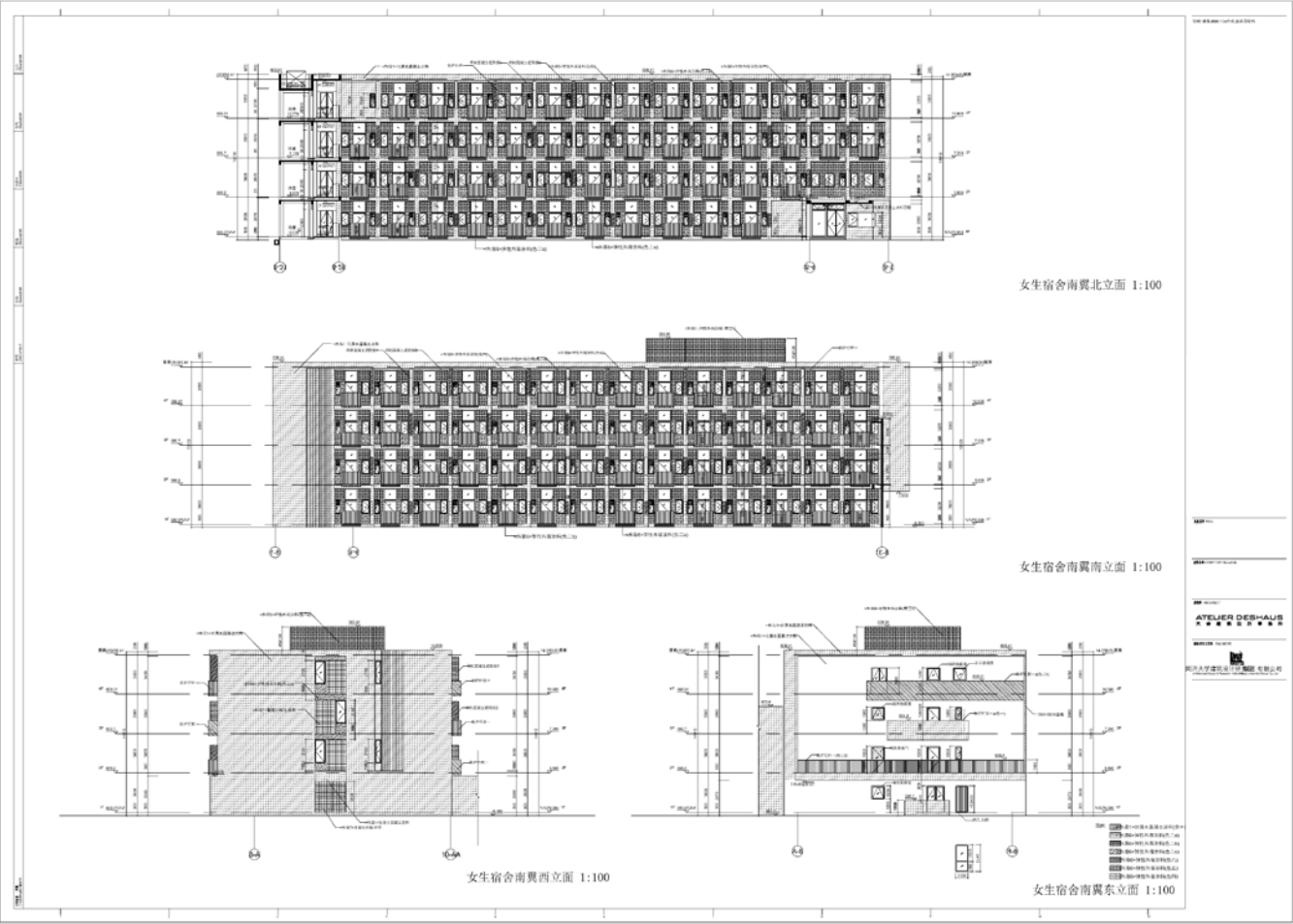
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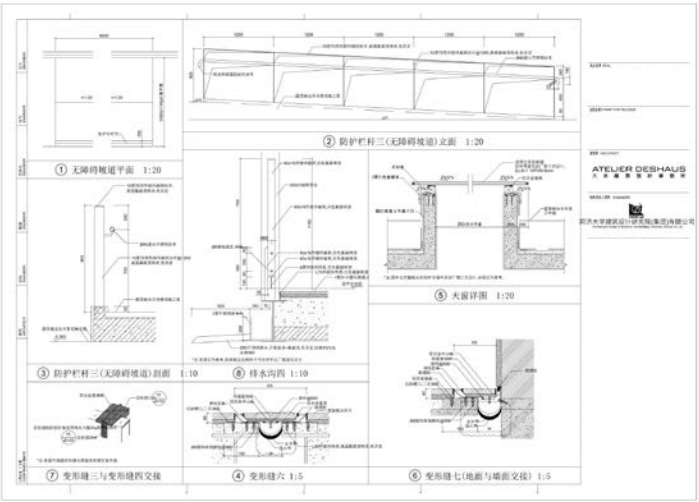
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LIFE SAFETY - AUDITORIUM

