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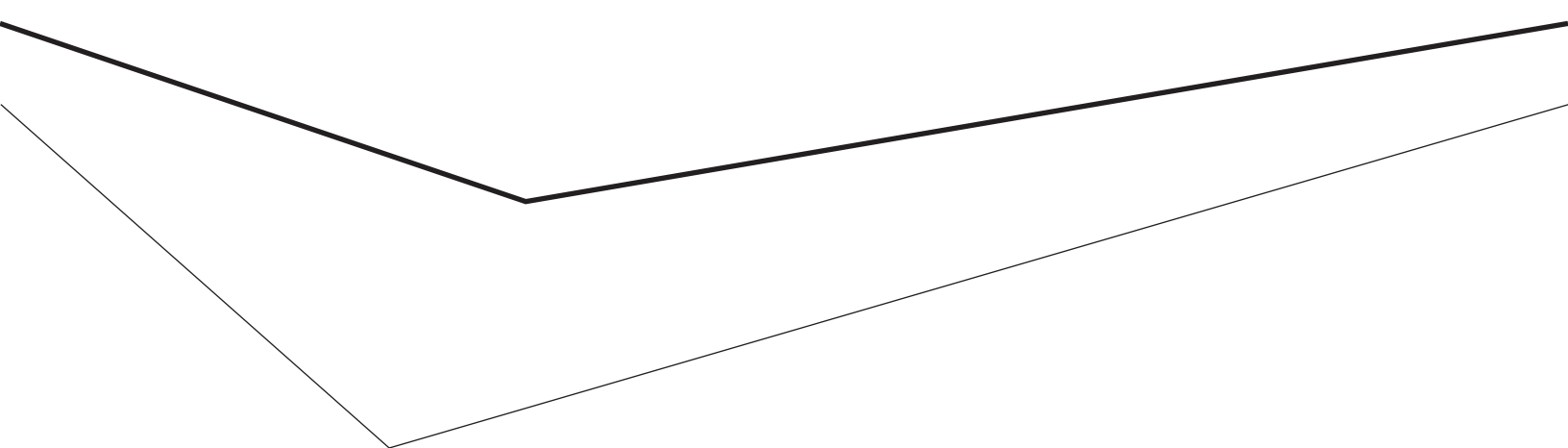


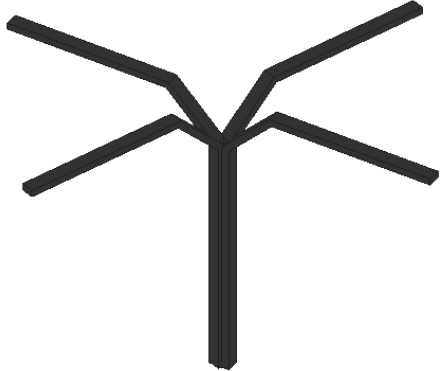
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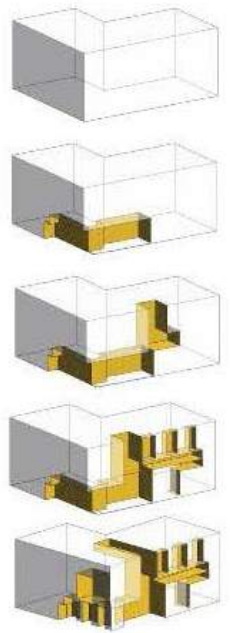
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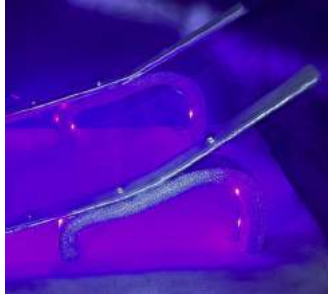
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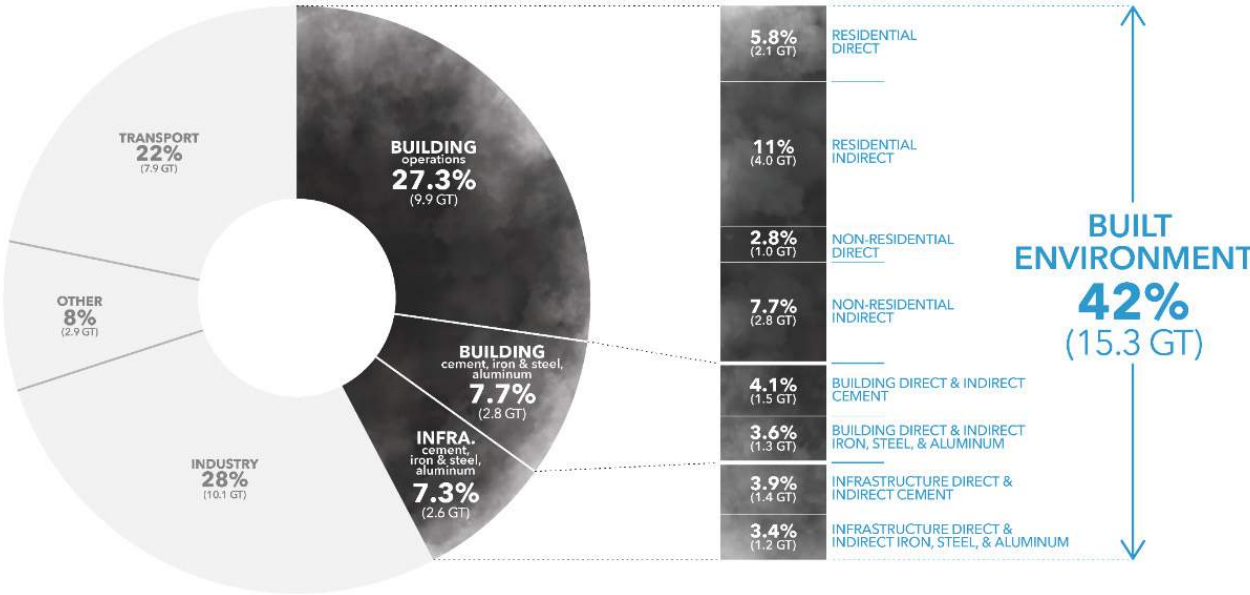
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OPEN STUDIO | Loofah Brick

Project Description

Introducing the Clay Loofah Brick (CLB), an innovative, carbon-negative construction material designed to replace conventional concrete masonry units (CMUs) and reduce the carbon footprint of building materials globally. Harnessing the natural carbon-capturing properties of loofah, which absorbs CO₂ during its growth, the loofah fibers are sequestered within the brick, maintaining carbon storage throughout their lifecycle and even into composting. This sustainable approach not only addresses the environmental impact of traditional construction materials but also supports material optimization through AI, enhancing processing and delivery. My project demonstrates the immediate applicability of CLB in a housing project for a rural town in Agra, India, and its scalability in replacing clay bricks in the favelas of Brazil, showcasing a significant reduction in carbon emissions and a revolutionary shift in building practices.

TOTAL ANNUAL GLOBAL CO₂ EMISSIONS
 Direct & Indirect Energy & Process Emissions (36.3 GT)



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What is Loofah

Vegetable of tropical and subtropical vines in the pumpkin, squash and gourd family



Stir Fry Luffa with Egg

goodhousekeeping.com

Carbon Sequestration

Biodegradable



Growth

By-product



Cost

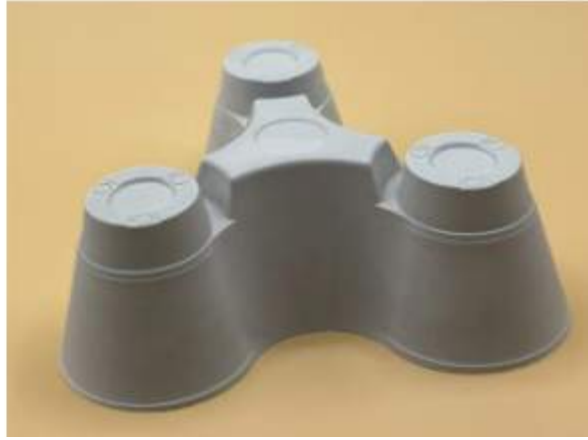
	<p>Oval Wood Fiber Hotel Loofah Sponge, for Bath Amenities, Size : 10cm, 15cm Listing ID #1189214</p> <p>₹ 8.50 / Piece Get Latest Price</p> <p>MOQ 1000 Piece(s)</p> <p>Feature Easy To Use, Eco-Friendly, Excellent Strength, Long Durability, Mildew Resistant, Non-bleeding, Soft</p> <p>Packaging Type Plastic Pouch</p>
	<p>Free natural loofah, for Personal Listing ID #6609432</p> <p>₹ 10 / Piece Get Latest Price</p> <p>MOQ 100 Piece</p> <p>Material Natural Fiber</p> <p>Shape Free</p> <p>Application Personal</p>
	<p>Creamy Rectangle Eco Friendly Loofah, for Car Cleaning, Kitchen Cleaning, Size : Standard Listing ID #695212</p> <p>₹ 50 - ₹ 100 / Piece Get Latest Price</p> <p>MOQ 500 Piece</p> <p>Shape Rectangle</p> <p>Color Creamy</p> <p>Application Car Cleaning, Kitchen Cleaning</p>

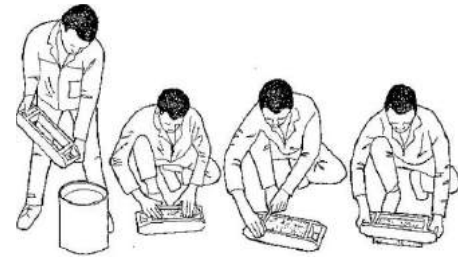
5 pieces for less than 60¢

VS

The average cost of a CMU \$1.5







Gently Shaking the Mold Upwards to Release and Settle the Adobe Brick



8oz measuring cups:
Water and Clay-rich Soil

1" Pine wood cut in 4 pieces : 4" & 8"

Soaking the Wood Mold



Wood Mold



Soaking the Loofah

Adding Water to Clay-rich Soil



Compressing the soil within the mold, ensuring a firm and even layer. Afterward, I top it off with water to achieve a smooth, finished surface.



Cutting the Loofah

Consistency Check



Shredded Loofah

ADOBE EXPERIMENTAL RECIPES AND TECTONICS CATALOGUE

Marberd Bernard
Material Kitchens
Module 4

The goal of this experiment is to reinvent an adobe brick type for load-bearing wall construction that harnesses the benefits of rapid renewability and carbon sequestration.

1. Material Alternatives

- 1 Clay-rich soil + one Shredded Loofah
- 2 Clay-rich soil + whole Loofah
- 3 Clay + whole Loofah
- 4 50% clay + one Shredded Loofah + 50% Clay-rich soil
- 5 Clay-rich soil + additional 10% clay + 10% paper pulp + whole loofah
- 6 Clay rich soil + 10% paper pulp + one shredded loofah

2. Fabrication Apparatus

A single custom mold tailored to accommodate the variation of mixtures, designed to ensure uniform distribution and optimal compaction. A single wood plank will be needed, measuring 24" in length, 4" in width, and 1" in depth. After cutting it into two pieces of 4" and two pieces of 8", form them into a mold with eight 1-1/2" wood screws.

3. Material Sourcing

Asian Loofah	Clay	Clay-rich soil	Paper pulp
21.8 inch x 1.7 inch in length Made in China Shredded by METTLER	Made in Thailand Distributed by Jernex	Jones Colson - China Valley Quarry & Plant Albany, New York	Recycled Paper

4. Preparation of Materials

Clay-Rich Soil: Select a soil with high clay content. Have clean water on hand to mix with the soil to achieve the correct consistency.

Water: Prepare the clay by mixing it with water until it reaches a workable consistency similar to playdough. It should not be too wet or sticky.

Loofah: Cut 3 the loofahs to fit the dimensions of the mold, and 2 other loofahs to be shredded.

Paper: Shred recycled paper and soak it in water to create a pulp.

5. Fabrication Method

Mold Preparation

Before starting the brick-making process, it's essential to thoroughly clean the mold to remove any debris that could distort the brick's shape. After cleaning, the mold should be dipped in water to prevent the brick mixture from sticking to its surfaces, effectively creating a barrier that facilitates the easy removal of the brick once formed. Allow the mold to drain excess water, ensuring it's moist but not overly wet, to maintain the brick mix's consistency and avoid prolonging drying time. Finally, a quick inspection for any damage is crucial to ensure the mold's readiness, guaranteeing uniform brick shapes and quality.

6. Final Drying and Curing

Drying Phase 1

Set the brick in a dry, warm area with good airflow. Protect it from rain and direct sunlight in the initial stages. Turn the brick periodically to ensure even drying. The outside will dry faster than the inside, turning helps prevent cracking.

Drying Phase 2

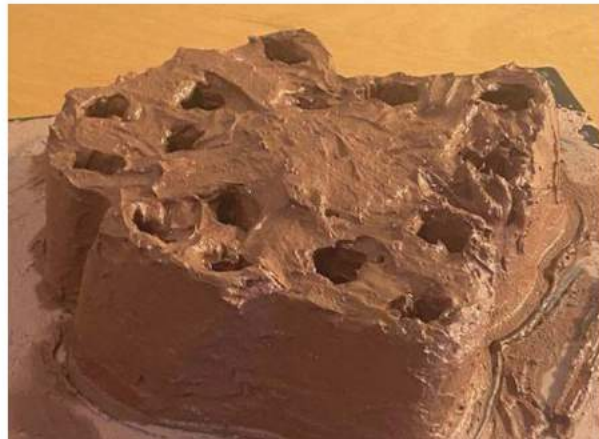
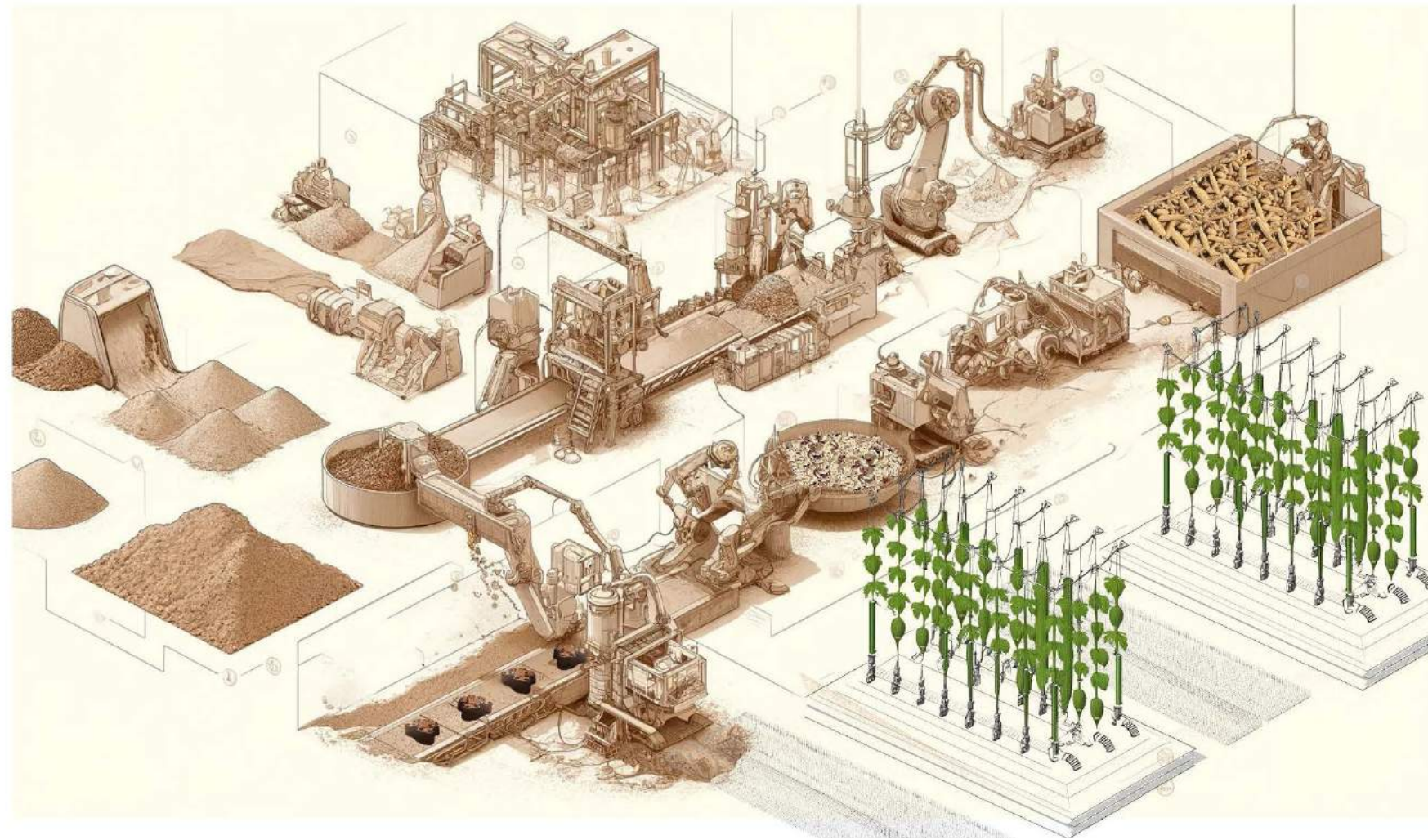
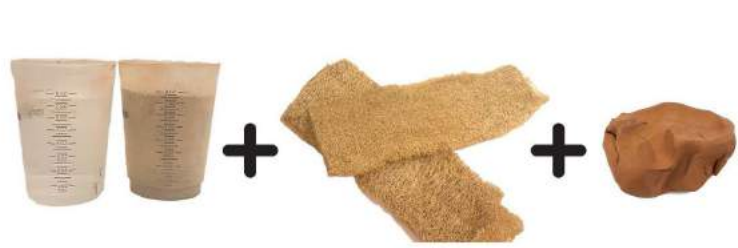
Once the brick is firm enough to handle without losing shape, move it to a sunnier spot to continue drying until solid.

After the brick has dried completely, it should cure for several additional weeks to attain full strength.

Quality Check

Inspect the brick for any cracks or structural issues. Test the brick's strength and durability with basic methods, like attempting to break it by hand or dropping it from a height.





Wet
1 Hour

Baked
150°F (30 minutes)

Dry
3 Days

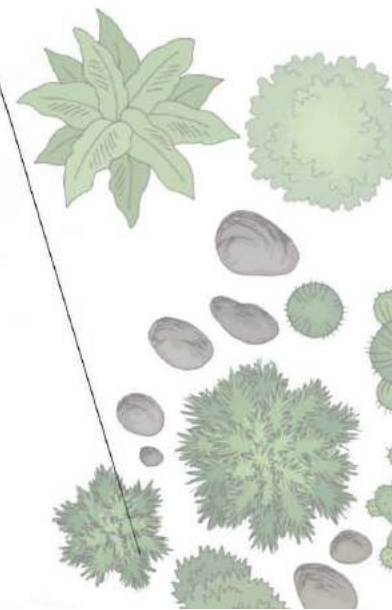
The site was chosen due to high pollution from local brick burning



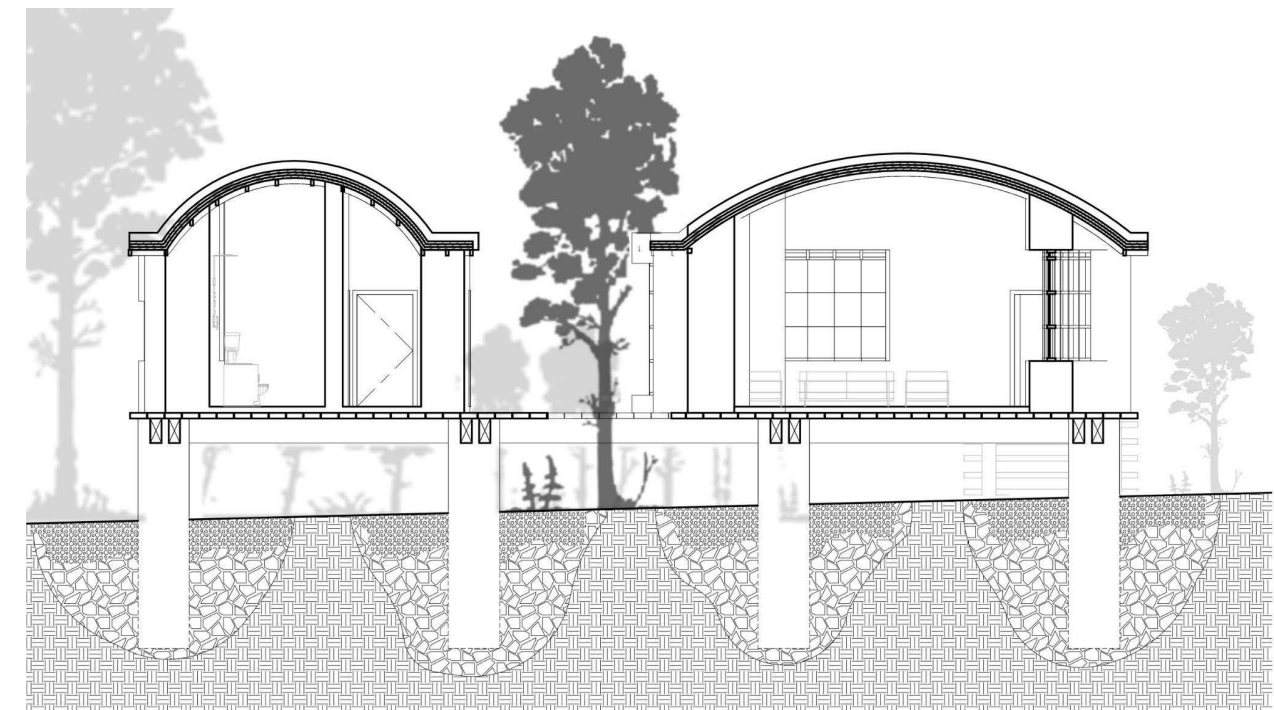
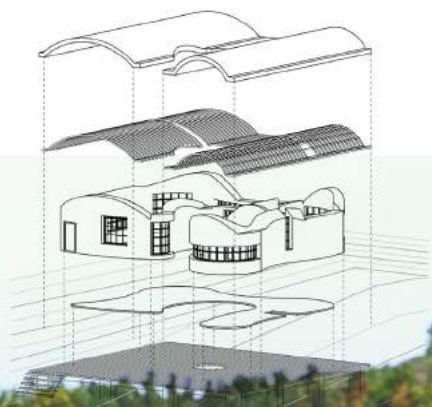
Optimization of the existing smoke kiln stack for enhanced loofah brick production.



The building's undulating design showcases new uses of materials on diverse shapes.



The platform elevates the house, enabling it to withstand the monsoon, while the gravel facilitates water drainage.

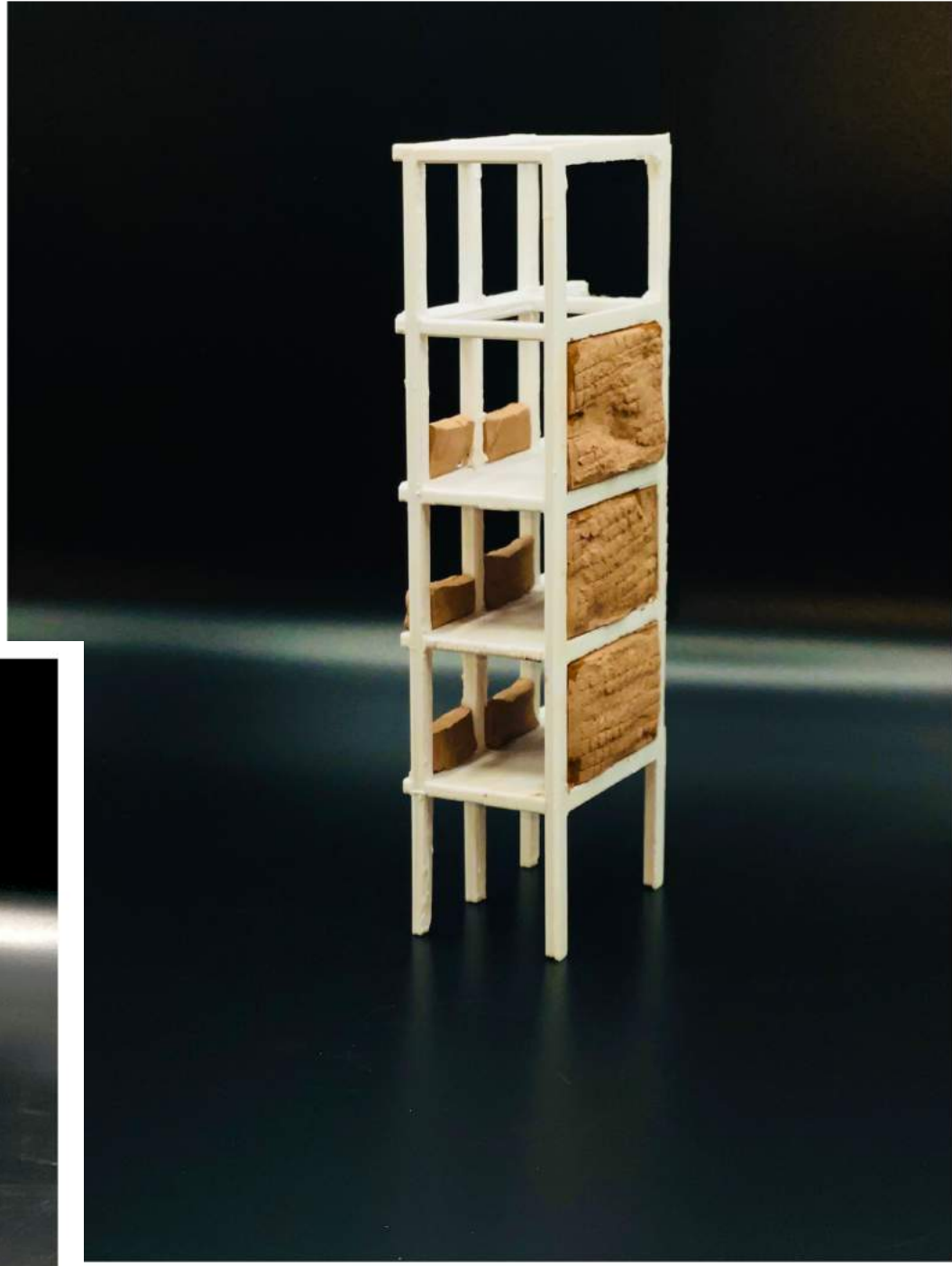
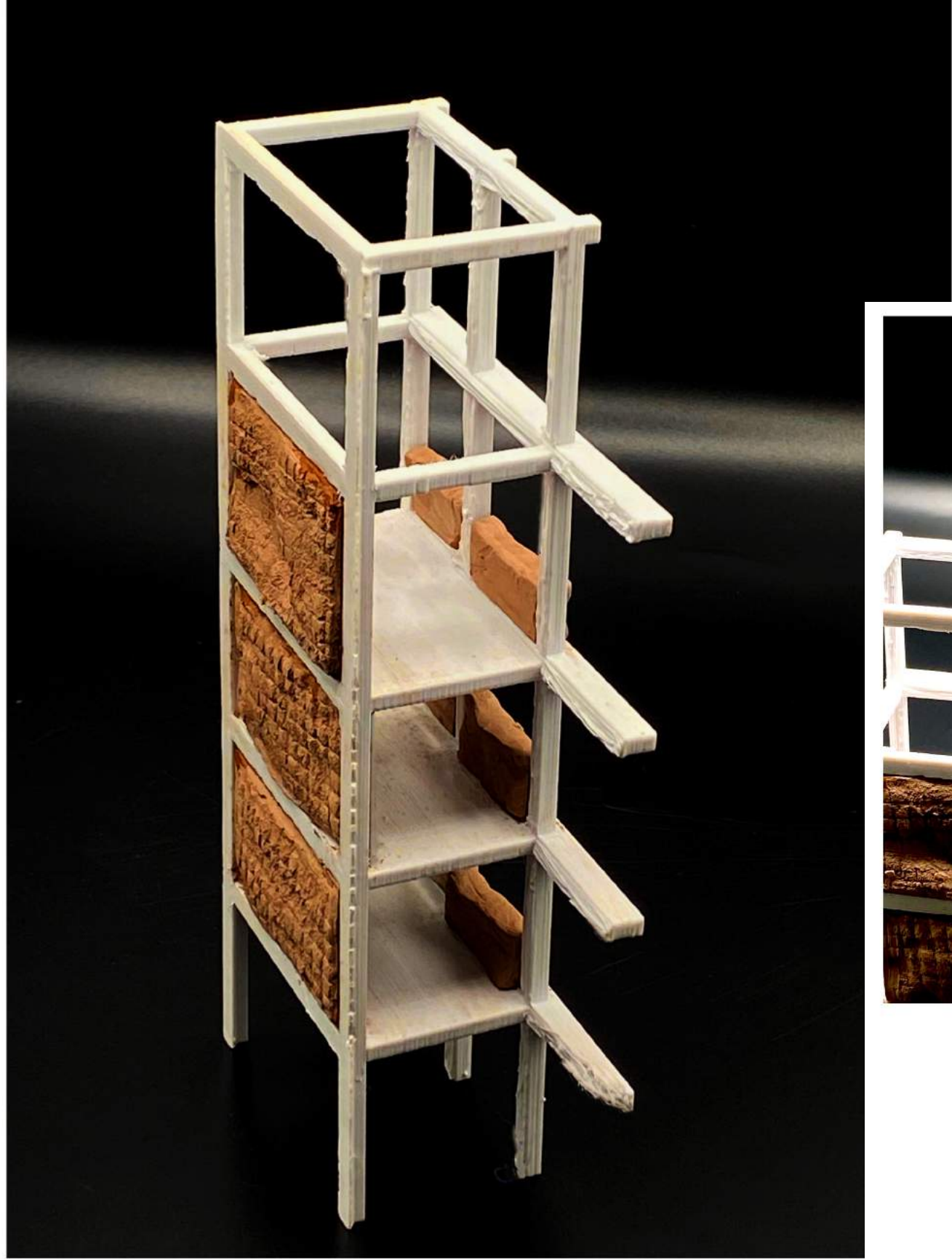












WATER STUDIO | AquaChronicles

Project Description

Within the pages that follow, immerse yourself in the unfolding narrative of [AquaChronicles](#) – a project that took root during my CORE V studio excursion to San Giorgio Maggiore. It was there, in the midst of our site exploration, that I stumbled upon the pool building – an architectural gem with a characteristic triangular weaving structure. This serendipitous discovery became a catalyst, transforming my initial research on the island’s historical events into a design journey that would redefine my approach.

The pool building, once overlooked and disregarded, sparked a shift in perspective. Instead of concealing its unique form, I was inspired to celebrate and incorporate it into my project. In the context of my Water Museum, the pool building would metamorphose into the grand finale, the last exhibition of a linear historical exploration that traversed the architectural evolution of Venice. This distinction set my project apart from those of my peers, offering a chronological journey through time where each room mirrored a specific era in the city’s freshwater history.

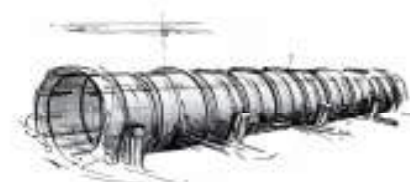
Drawing a parallel with the Venetian evolution of floor plates – beginning at the water and culminating on land – I deemed it essential to physically break the exhibitions, creating distinct islands on the water. This decision not only mirrored the city’s architectural progression but also added a tangible layer to the visitor’s experience. Without spoiling it too much, I present to you [AquaChronicles](#) – a fusion of history, architecture, and innovation that breathes life into the captivating tale of Venice’s dynamic relationship with water.



...Venetians turned to the clouds



...Venetians turned to the sea



...Venetians turned to the underground



Ancient Times:

The Venetian lagoon was essentially a swampy region with various salt marshes, tidal flats, and islands.

500 A.D.:

With the fall of the Roman Empire and subsequent Barbarian invasions, mainland residents started seeking refuge in the lagoon, setting the foundation for Venice.

1200 A.D.:

As populations began settling, their need for freshwater started to grow. Venetians soon realized that they could not consume salt water therefore they turned to the sky.

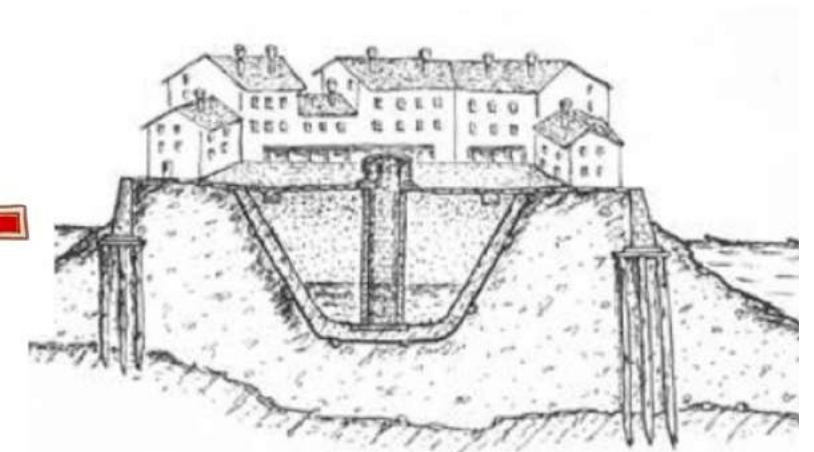
They began to collect rainwater and rely on wells dug into the islands to access



1800 A.D.:

As Venice reached its peak in population, it started facing challenges in freshwater availability. The increased strain on wells and cisterns meant that, at times, the city needed a more consistent water supply.

Because of this, the Venetians turned to their abundance - salt water. They realized that by extracting the salt from the water, they were able to trade what they called "White gold" for freshwater from the



1500 A.D.:

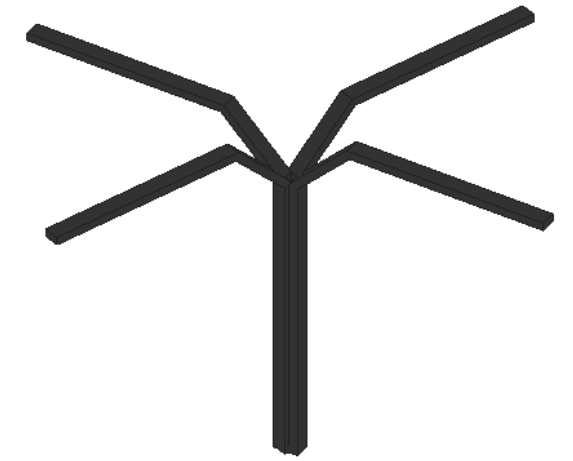
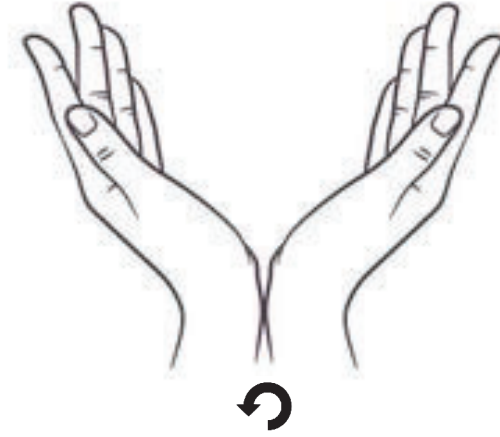
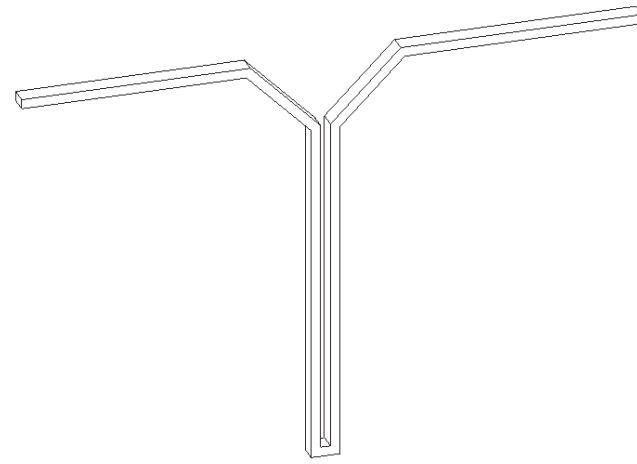
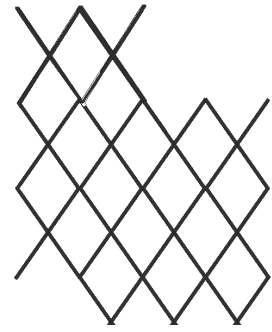
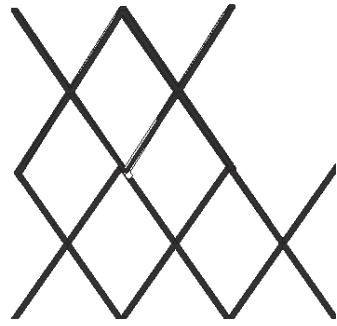
Venice's rising population increased the demand for water. The number of wells in Venice grew, with underground cisterns storing rainwater filtered through layers of sand.

Water transportation evolution Timeline

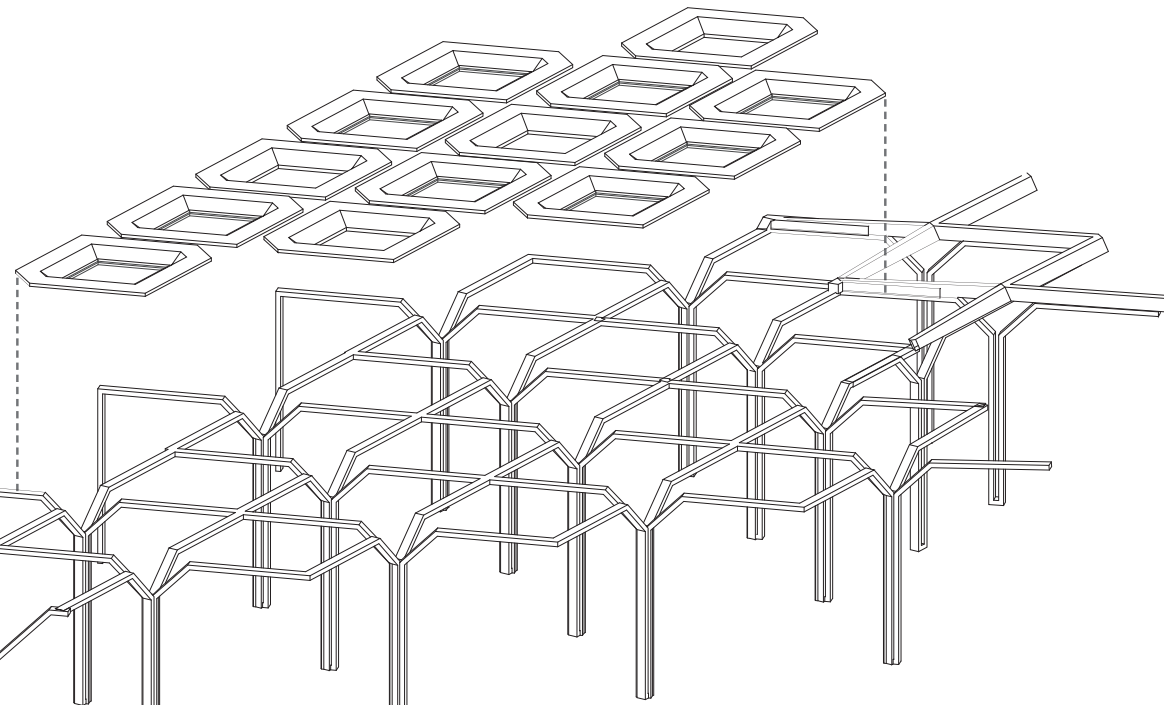


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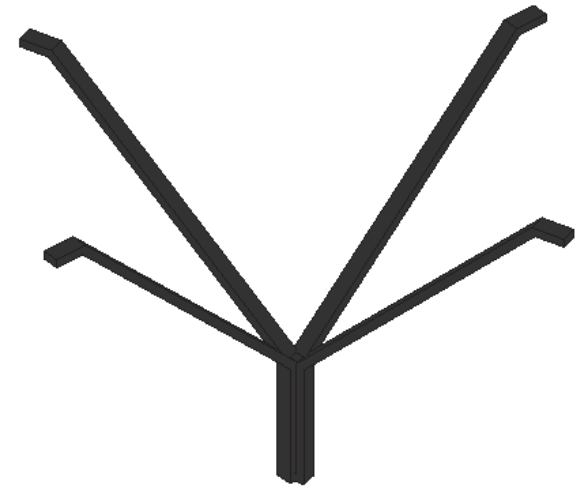
In the 20th century, to address the increasing demand and the limitations of relying on cisterns, wells and trade Venice started sourcing its freshwater from the mainland using aqueducts.



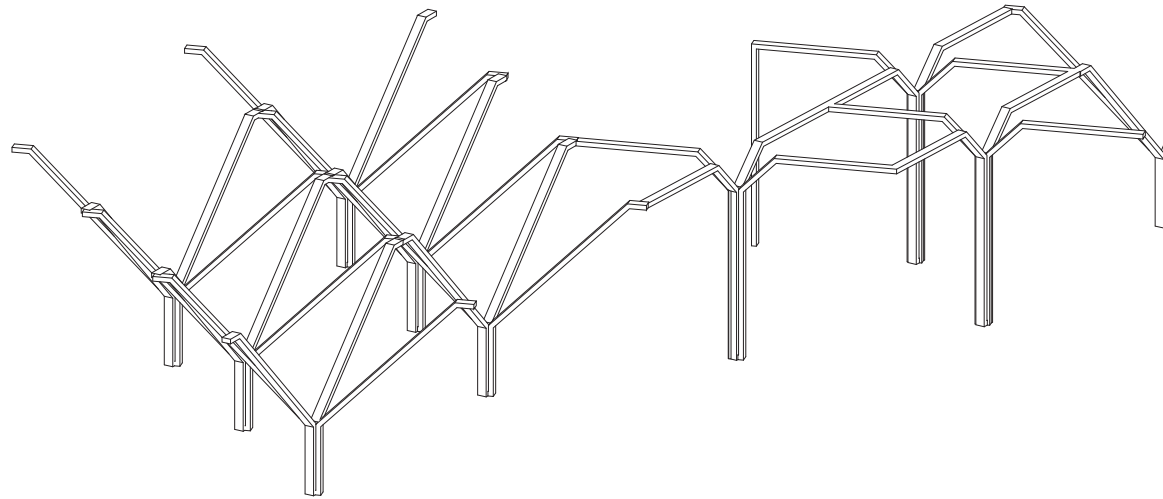
Variation



Repetition



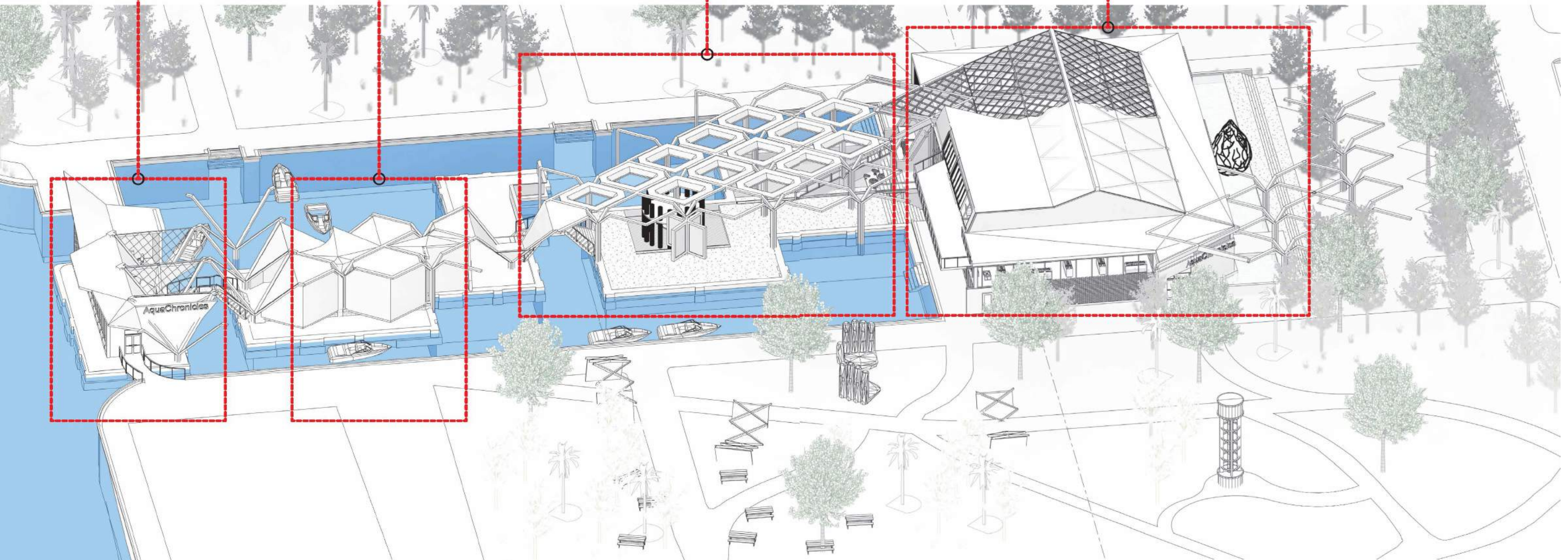
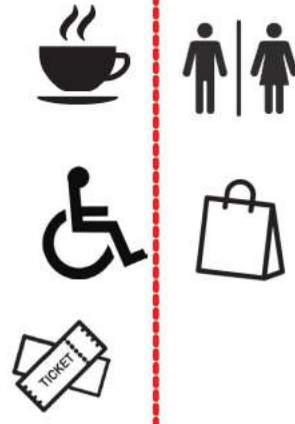
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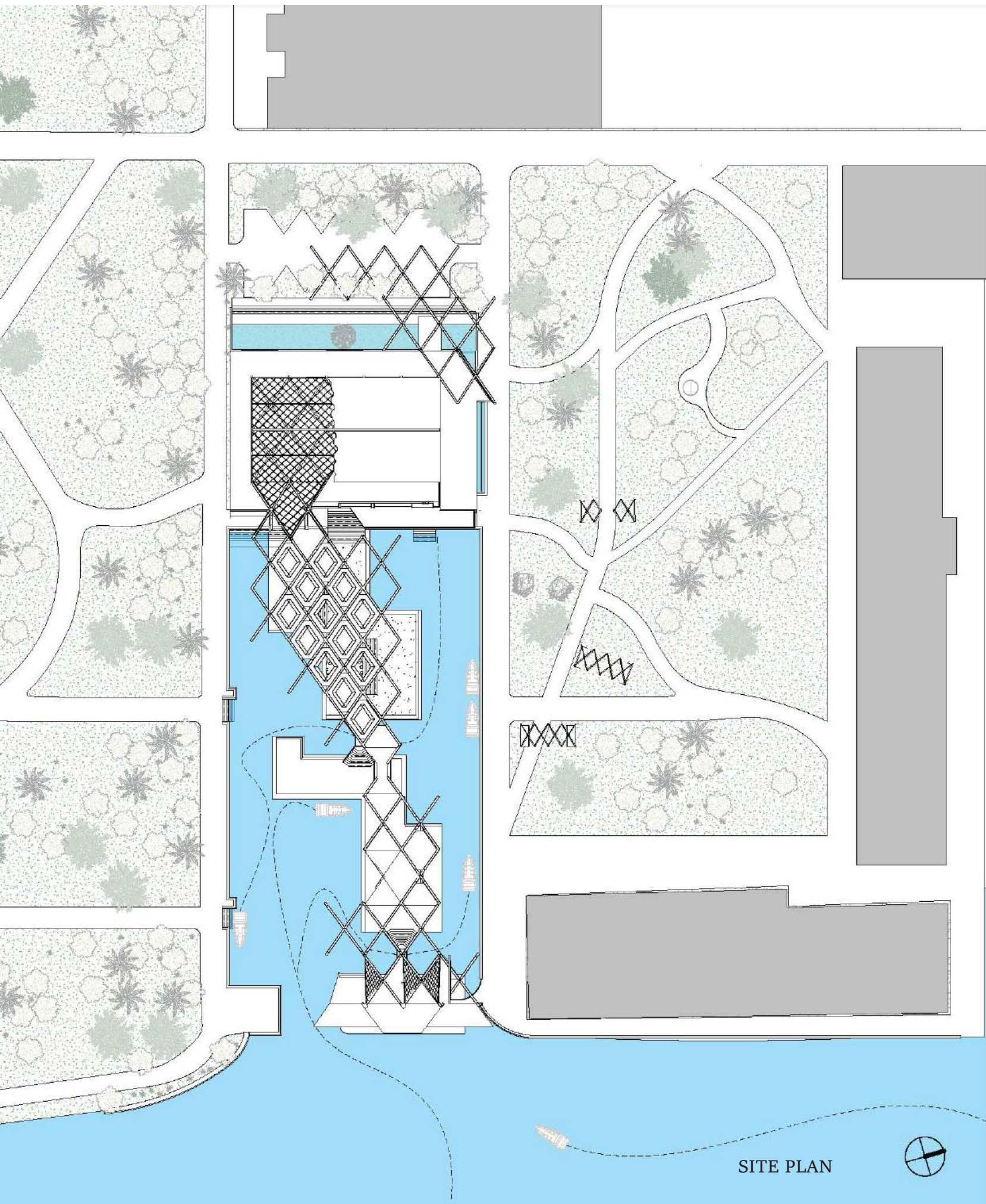


Venetians turned to the Sky

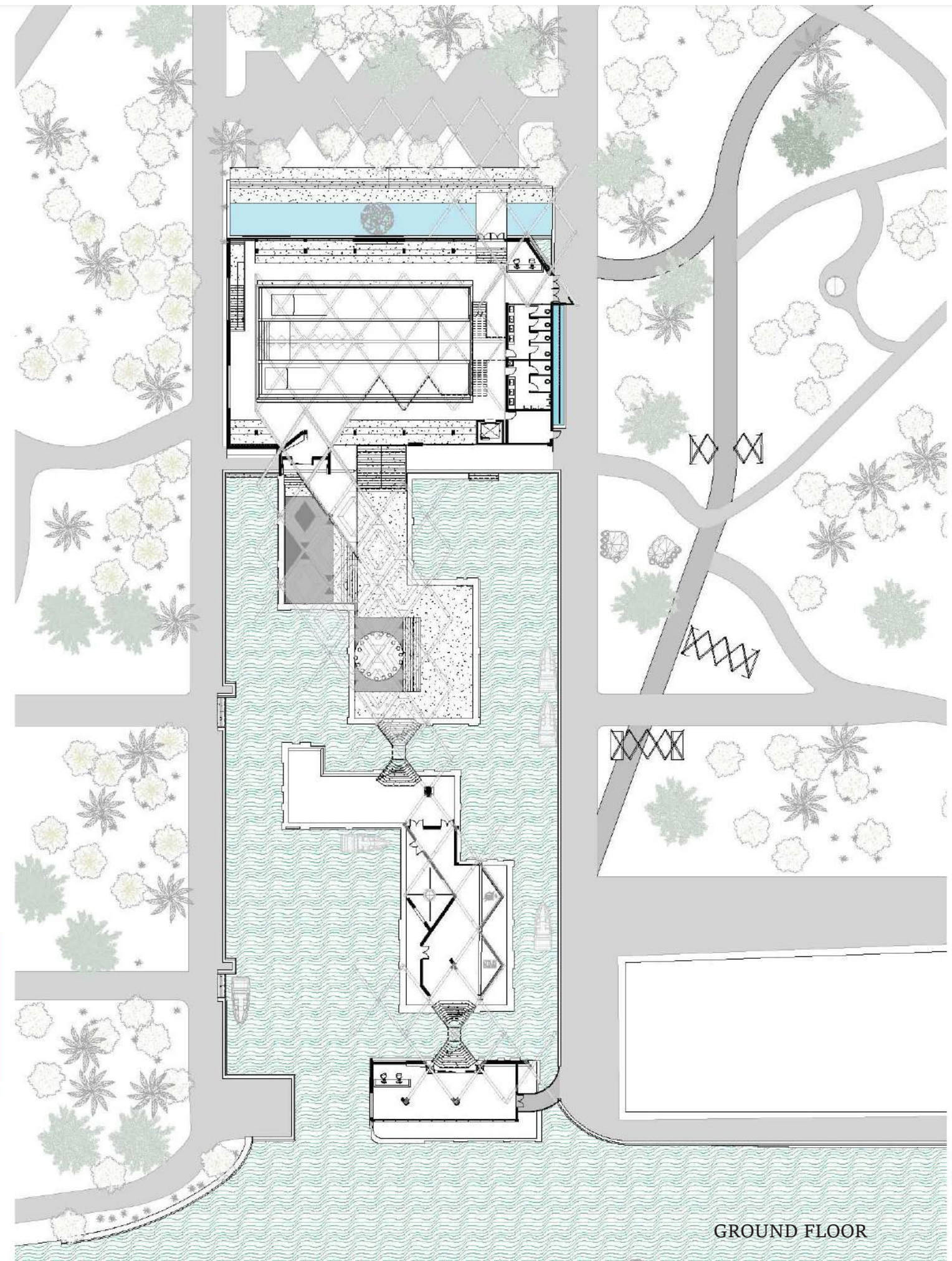
Venetians turned to the Water

Venetians turned to the Ground

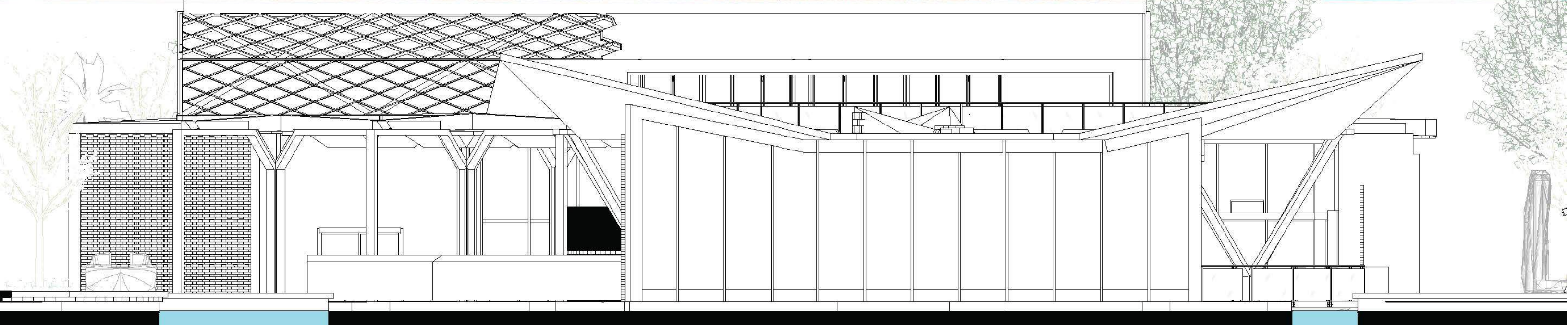


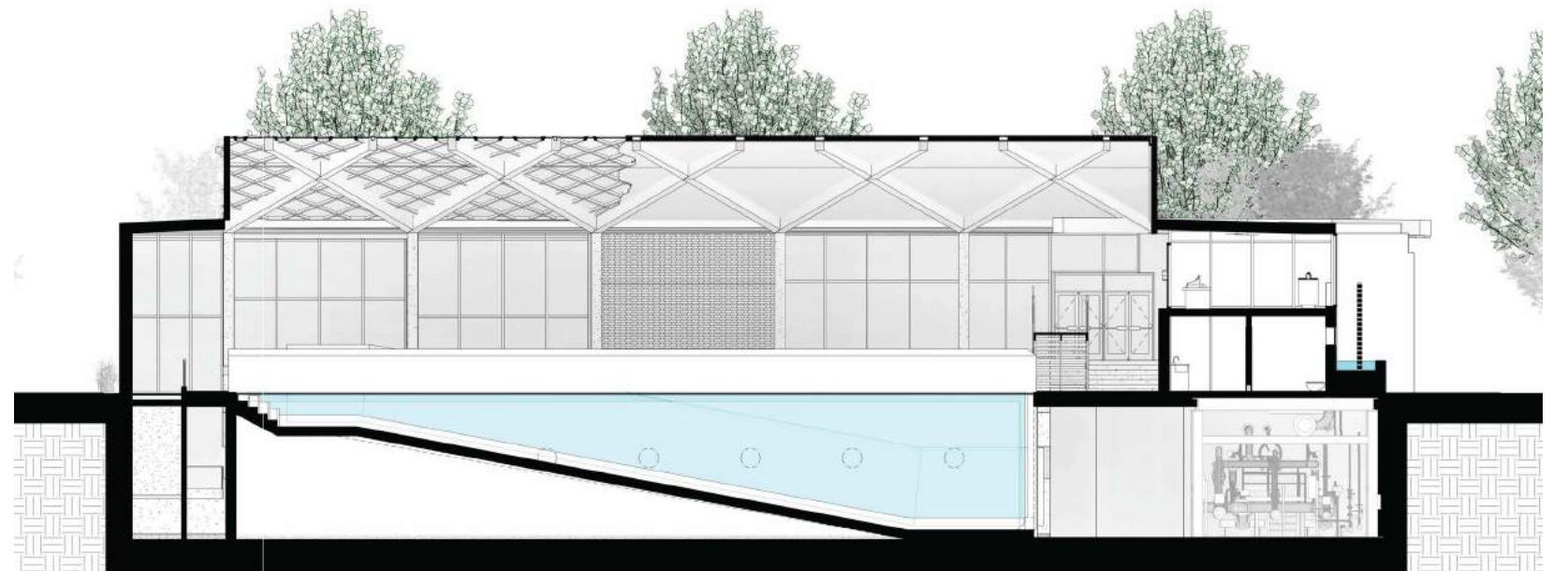
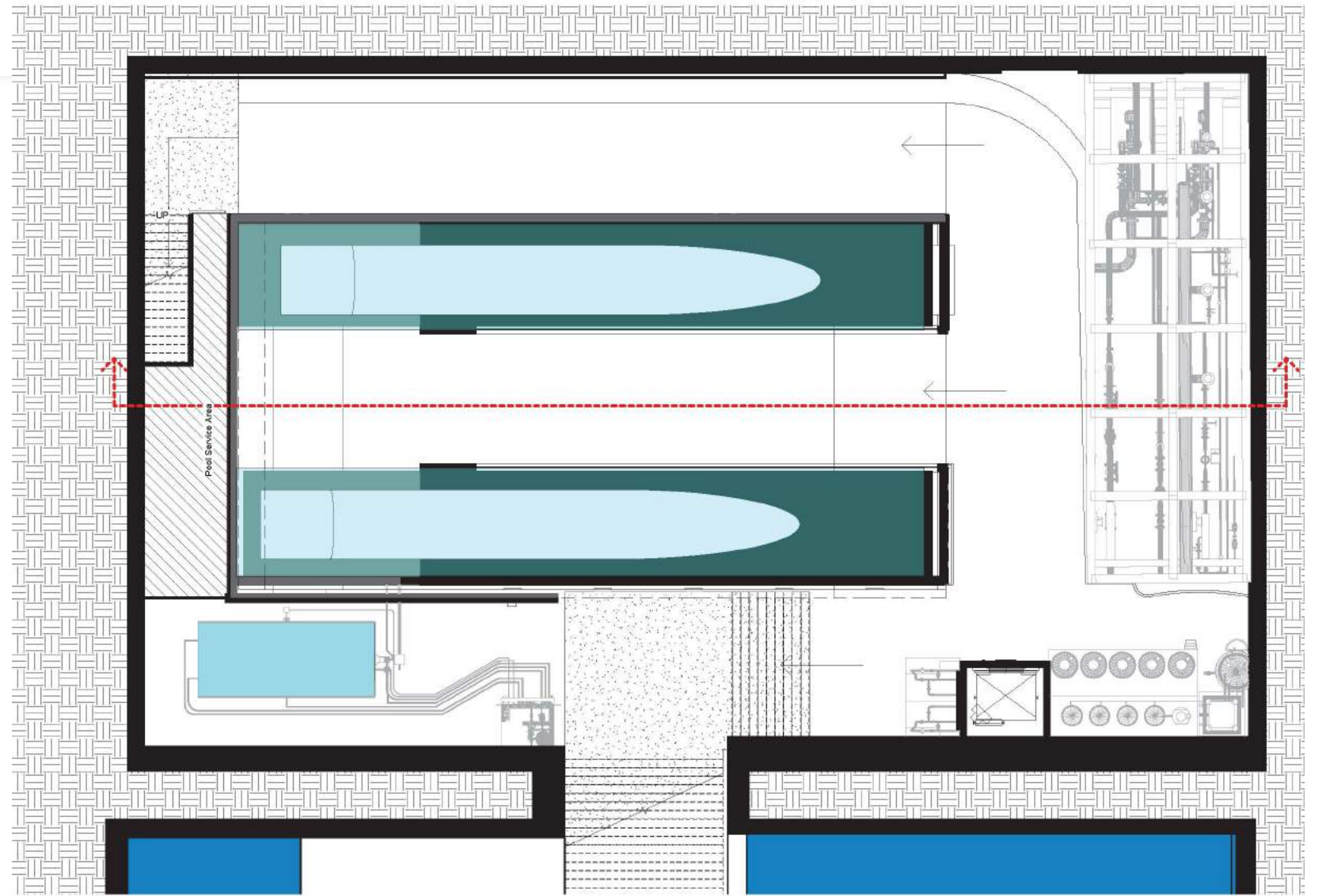


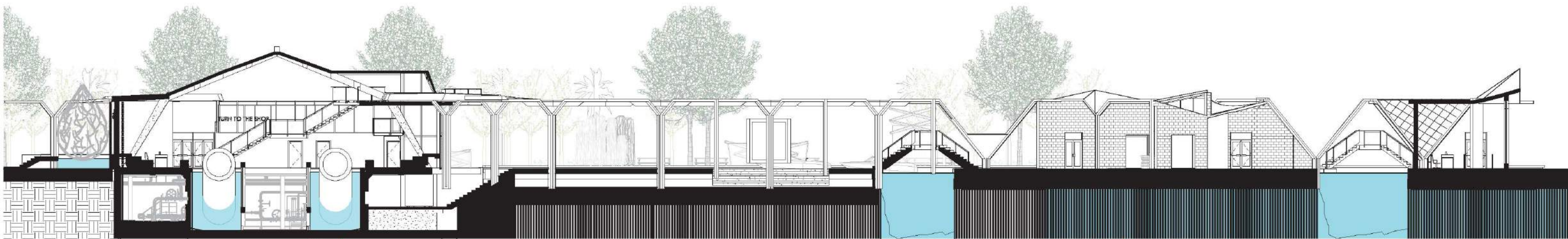
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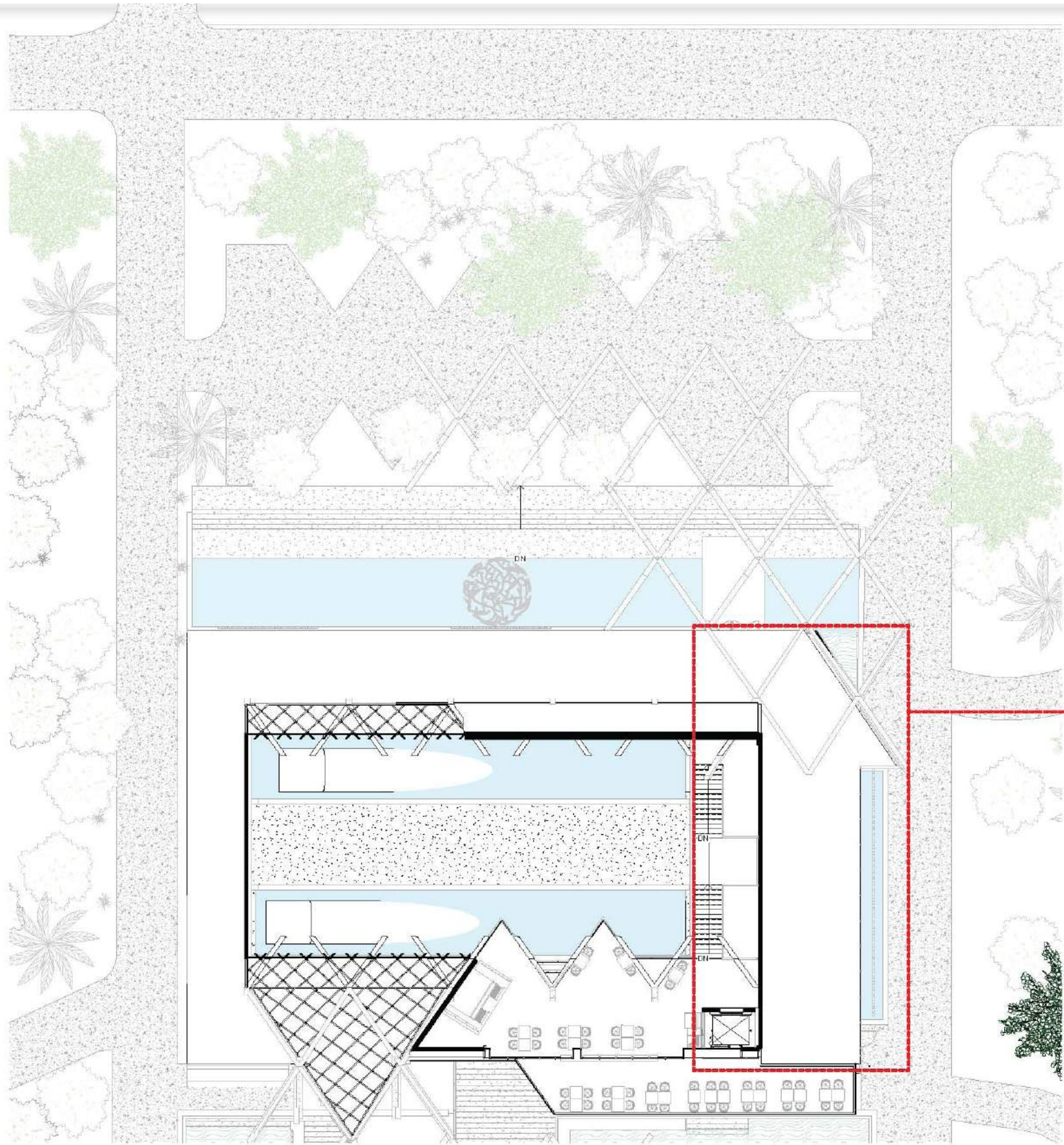


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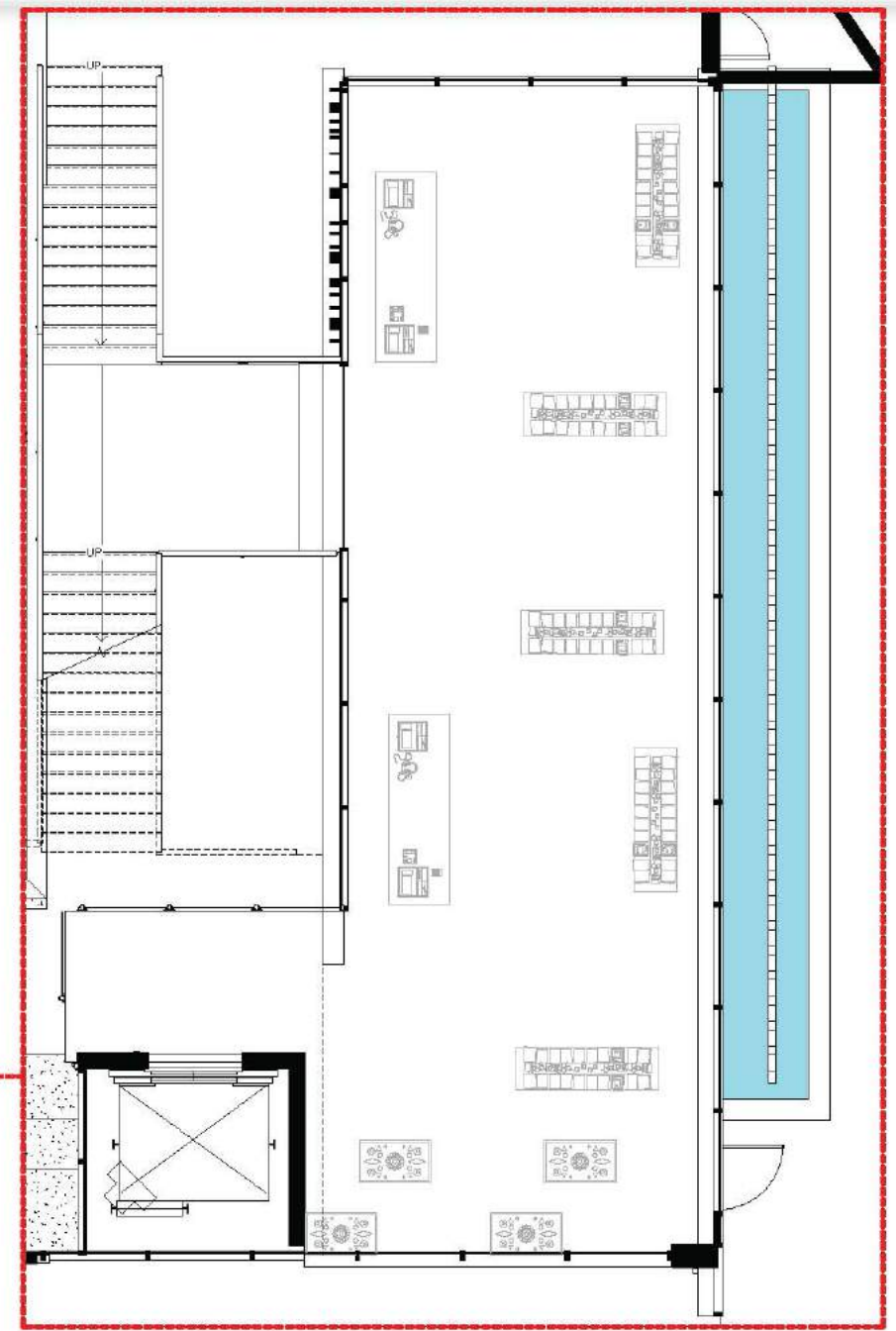






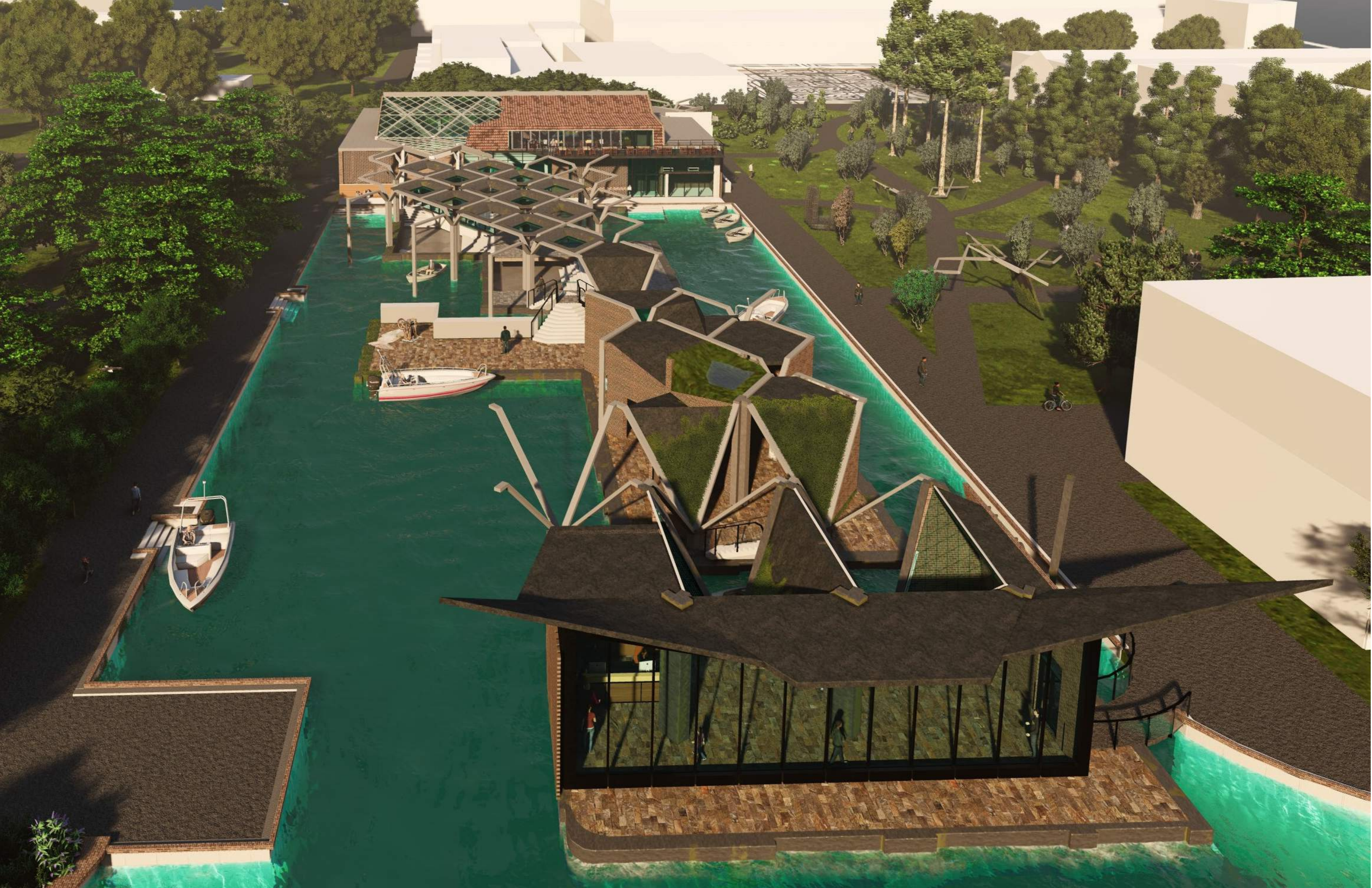


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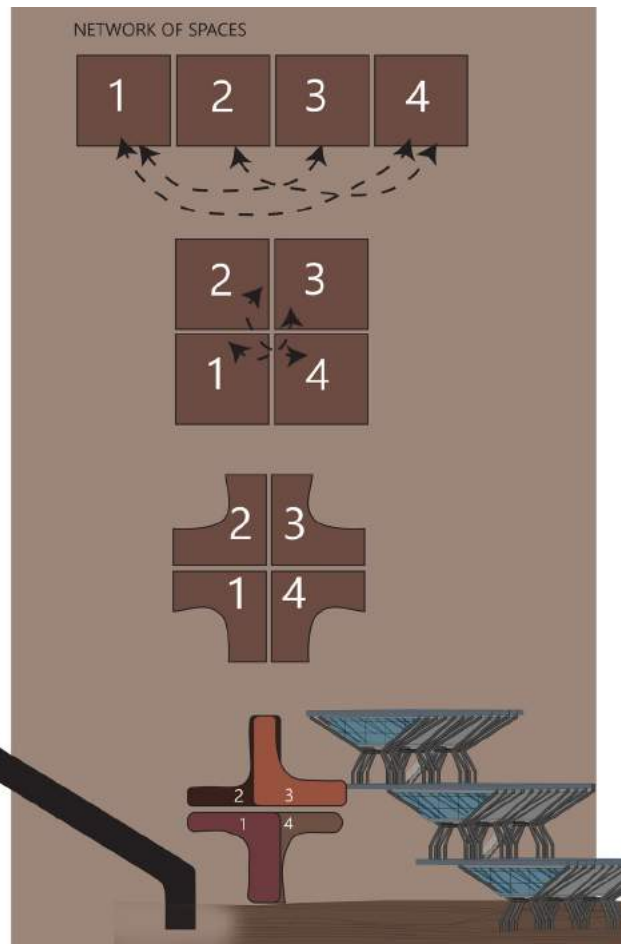
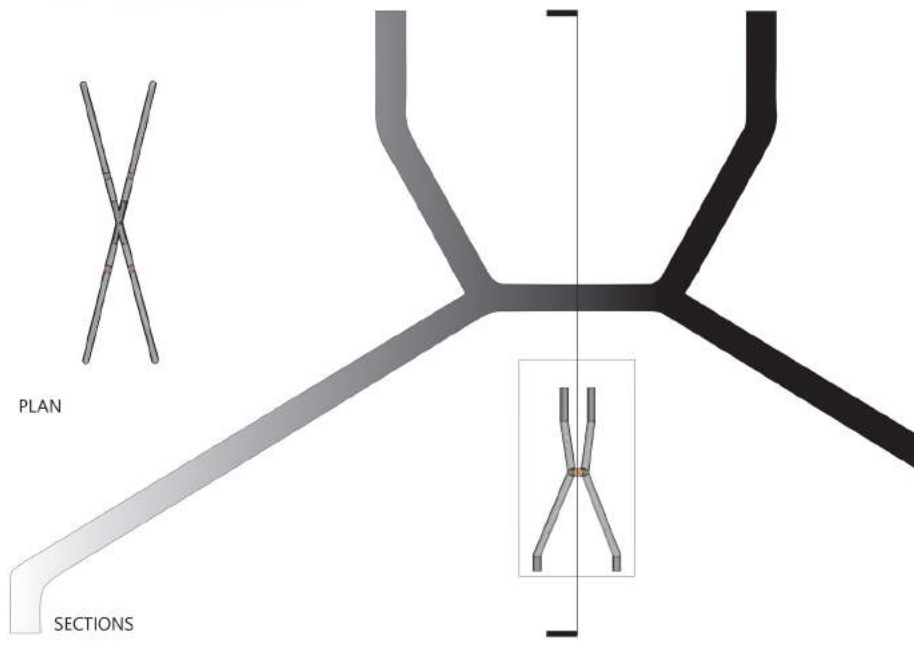
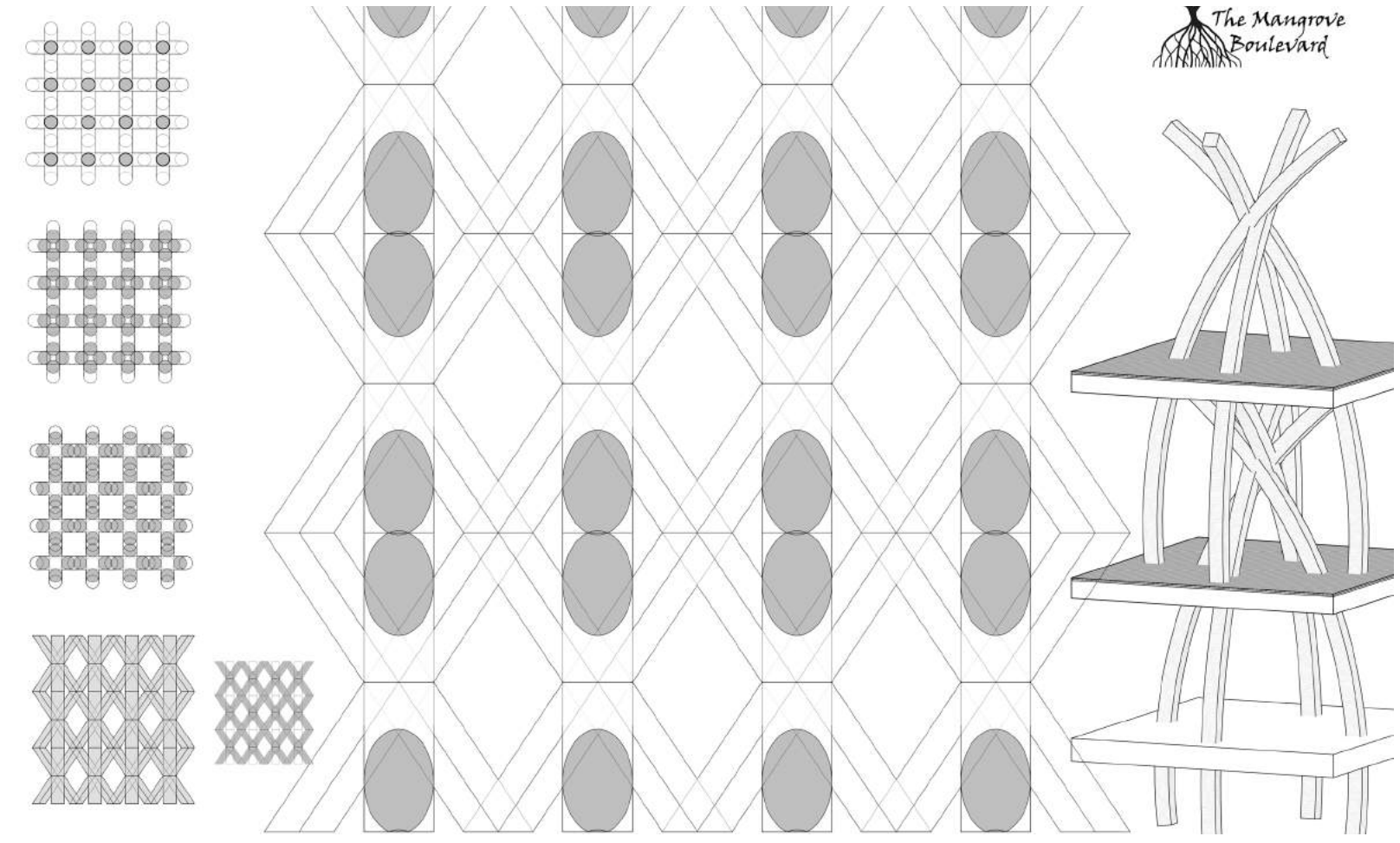


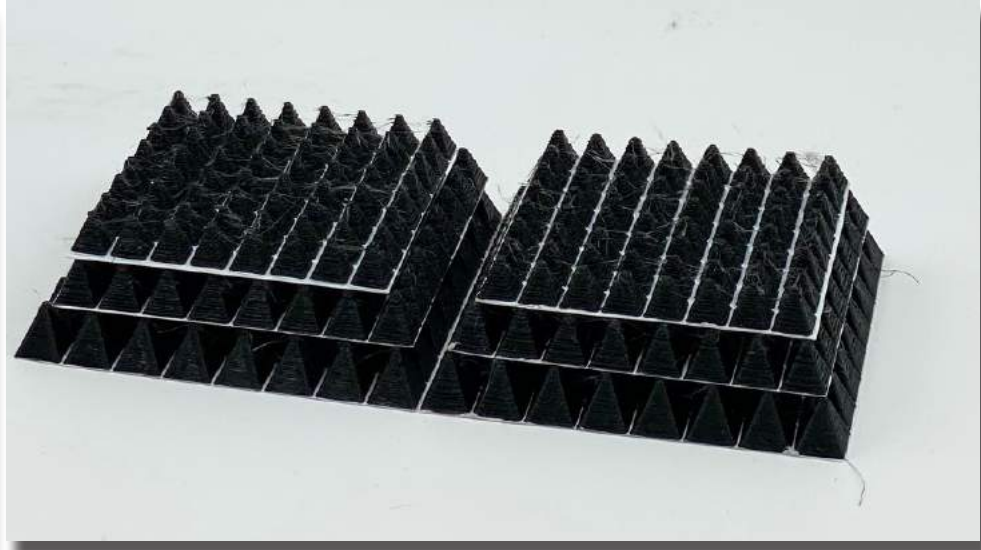
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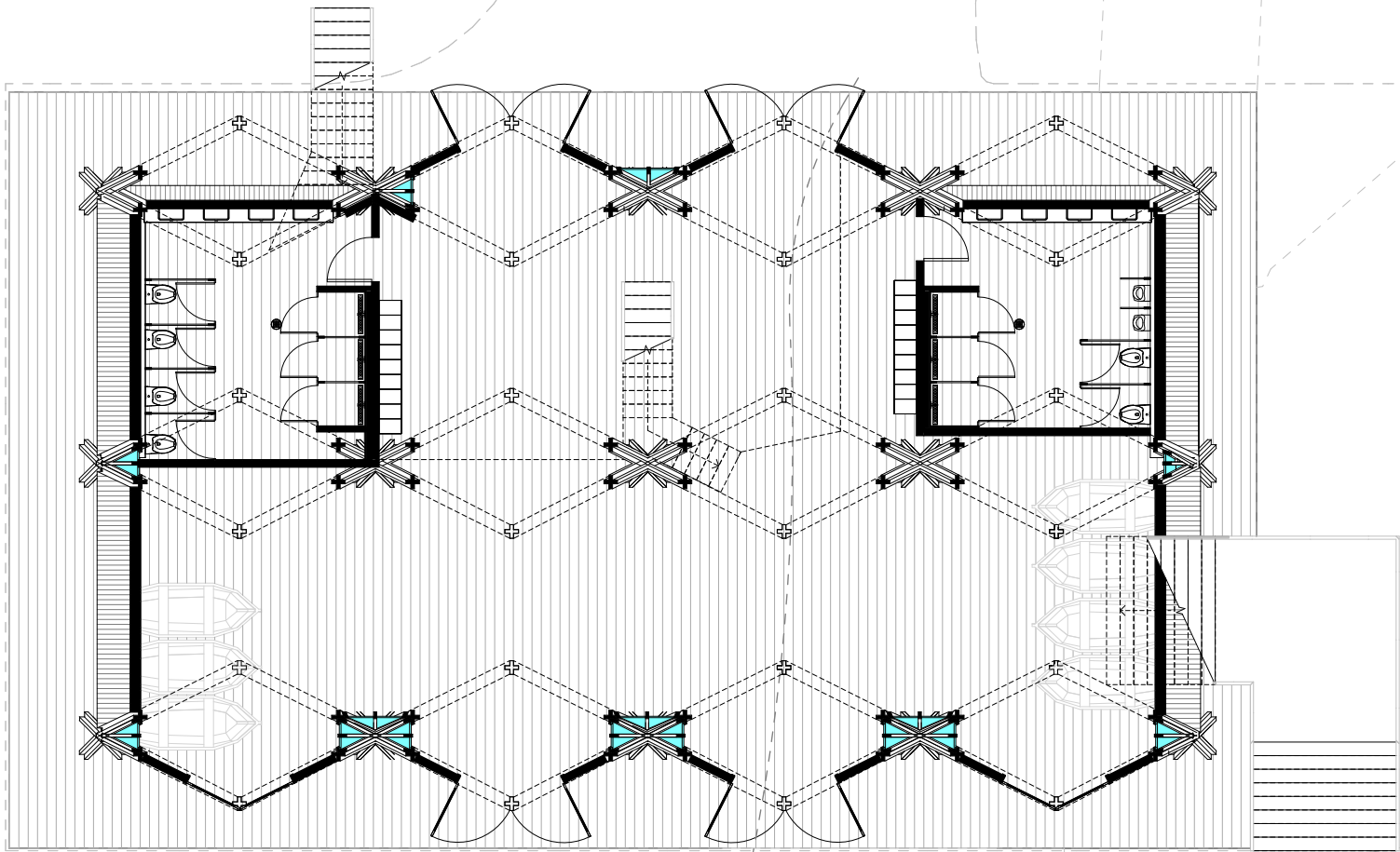


OCEAN STUDIO | The Mangrove





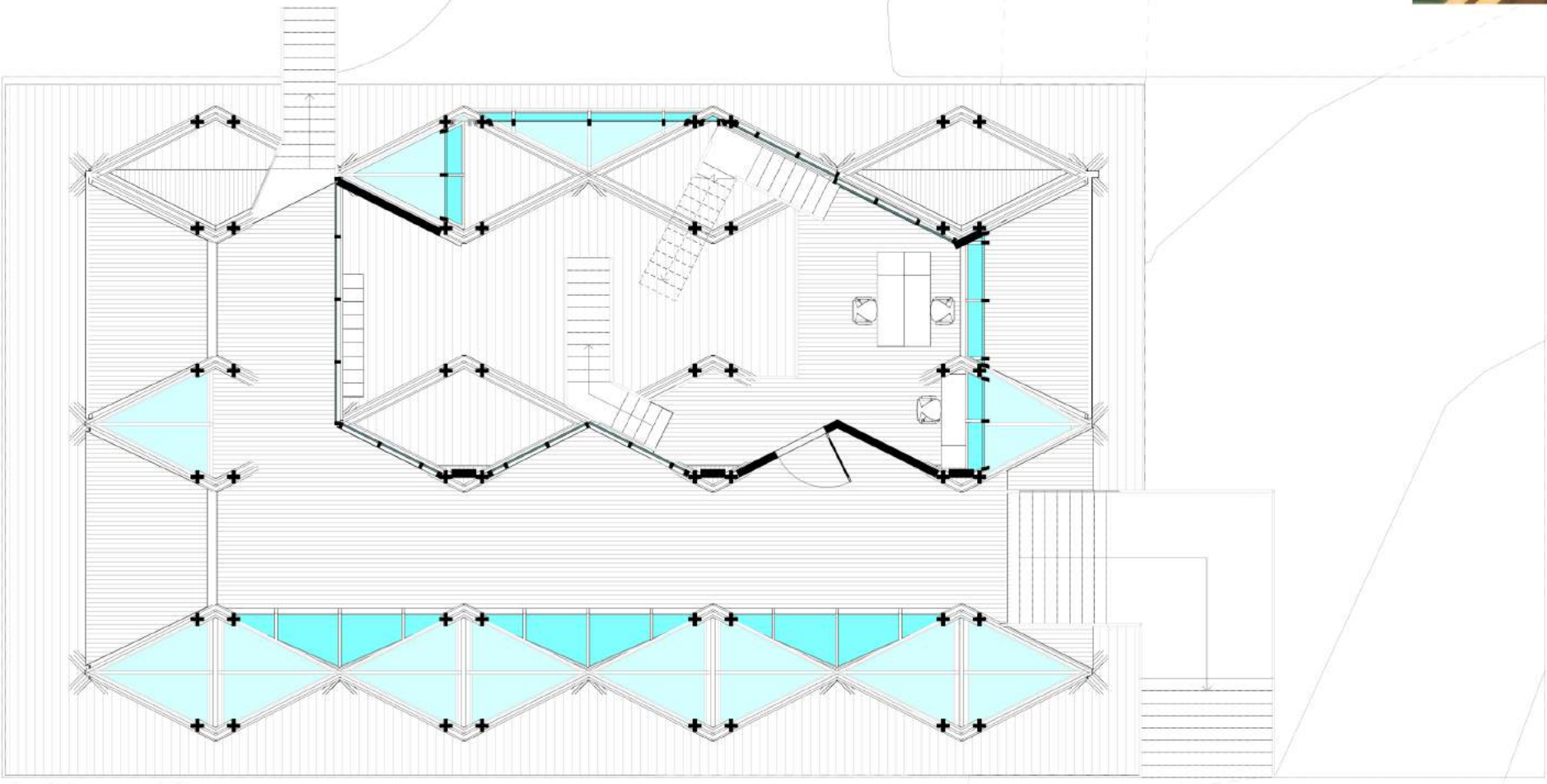
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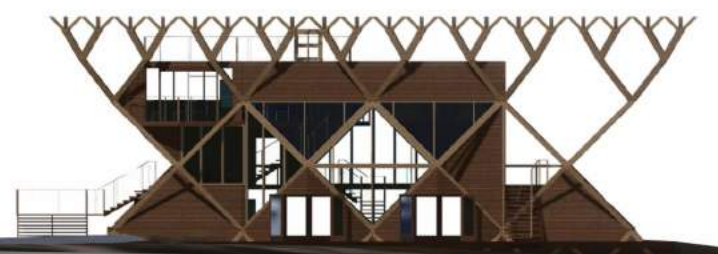
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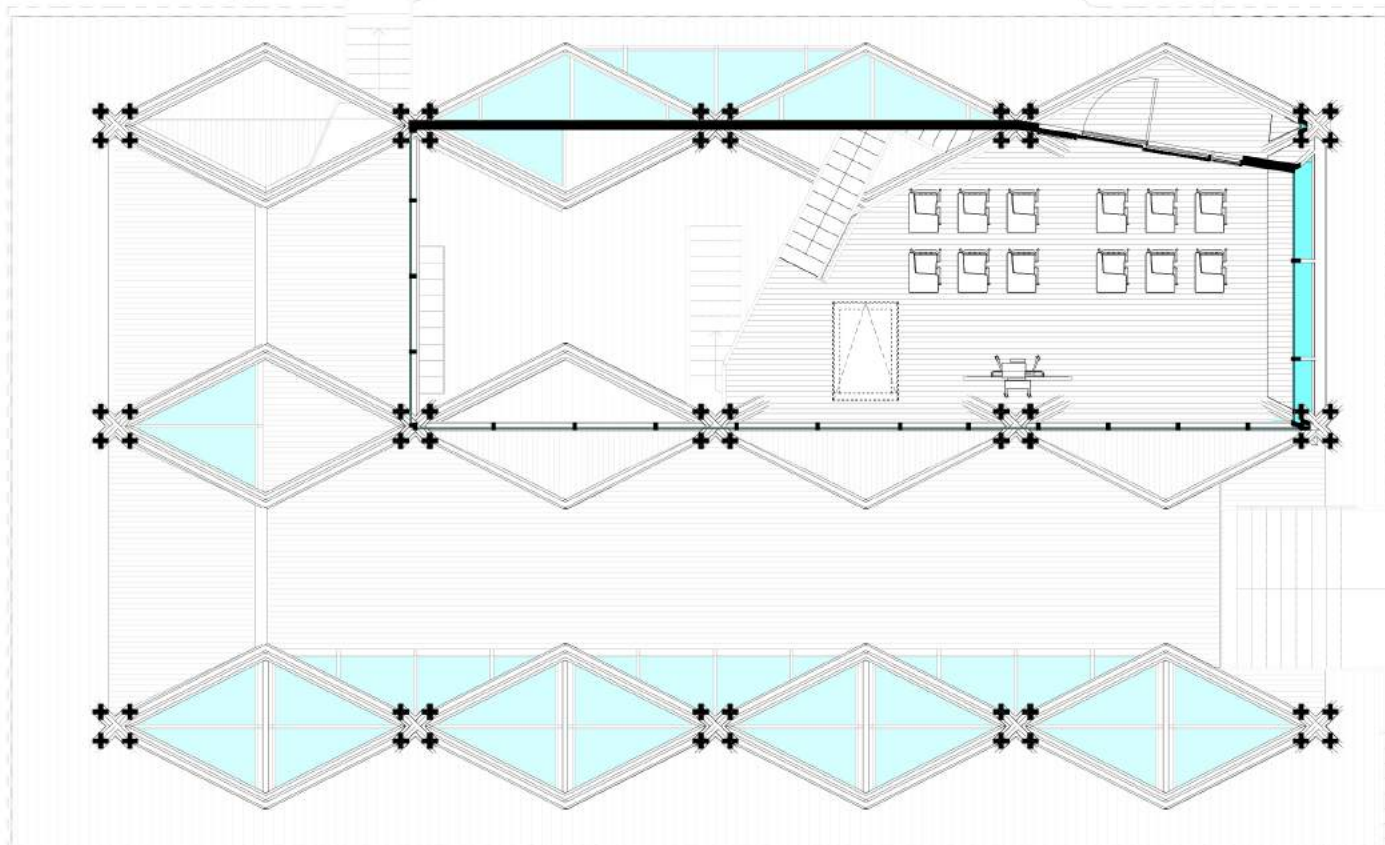
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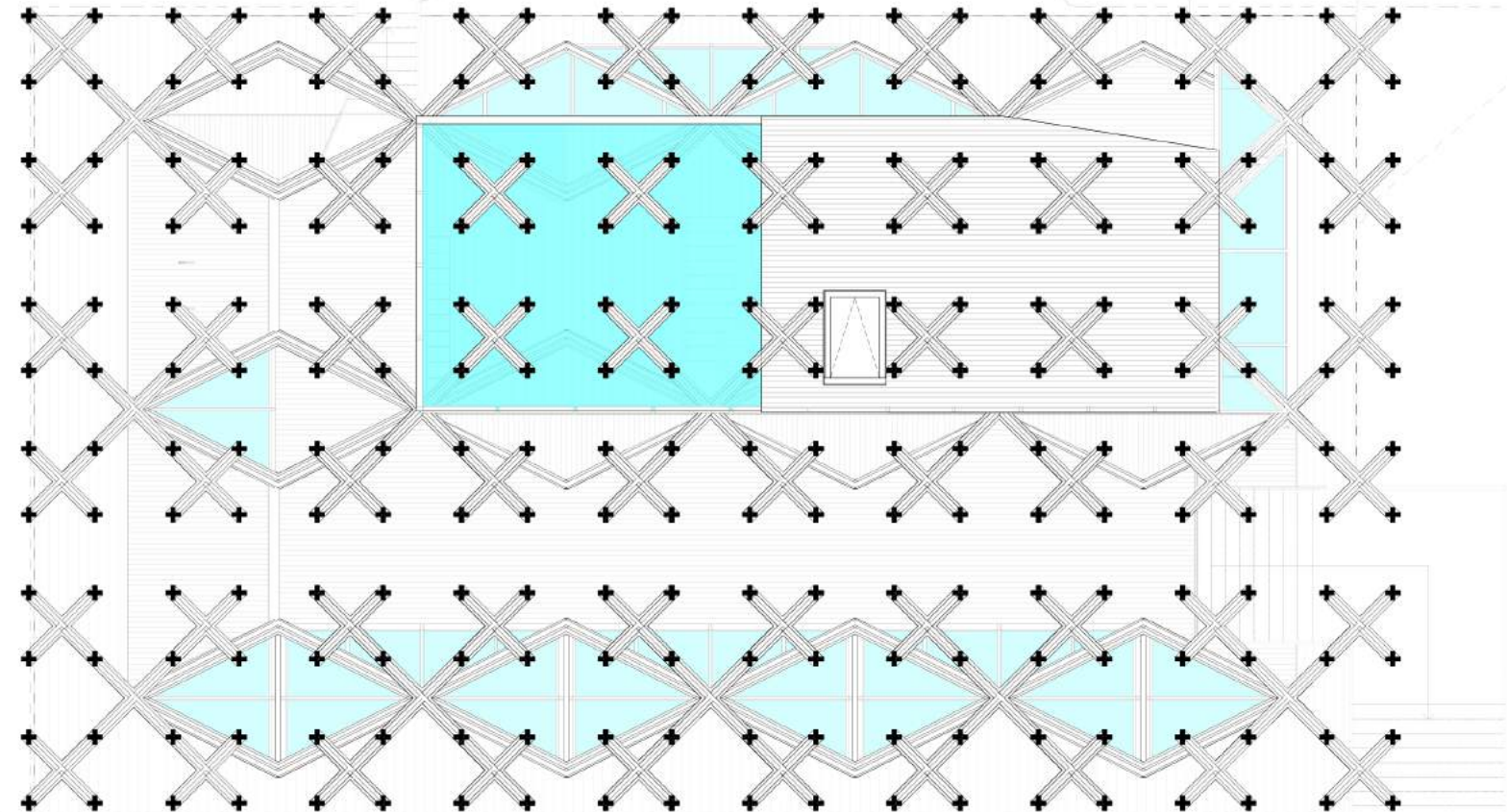
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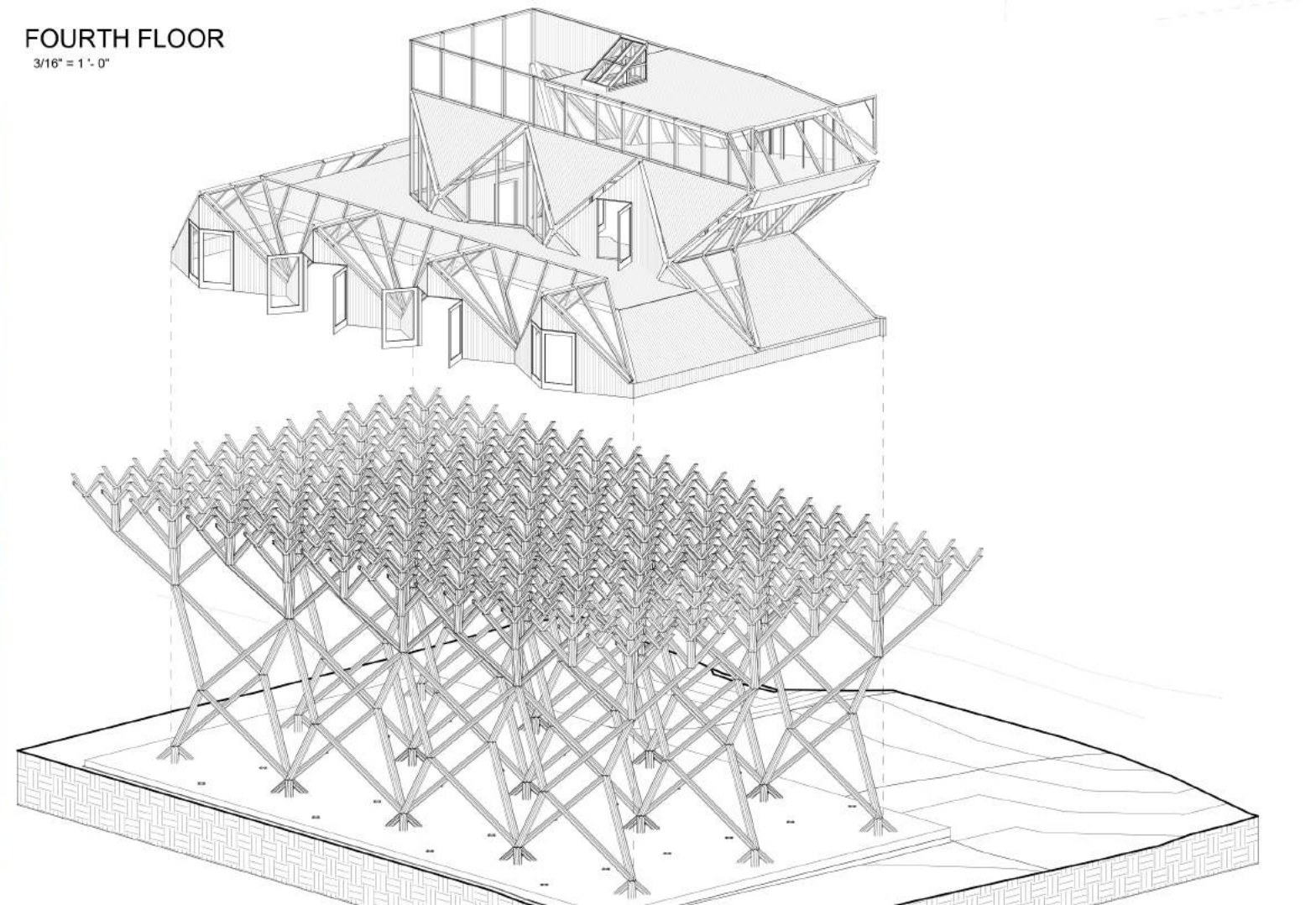
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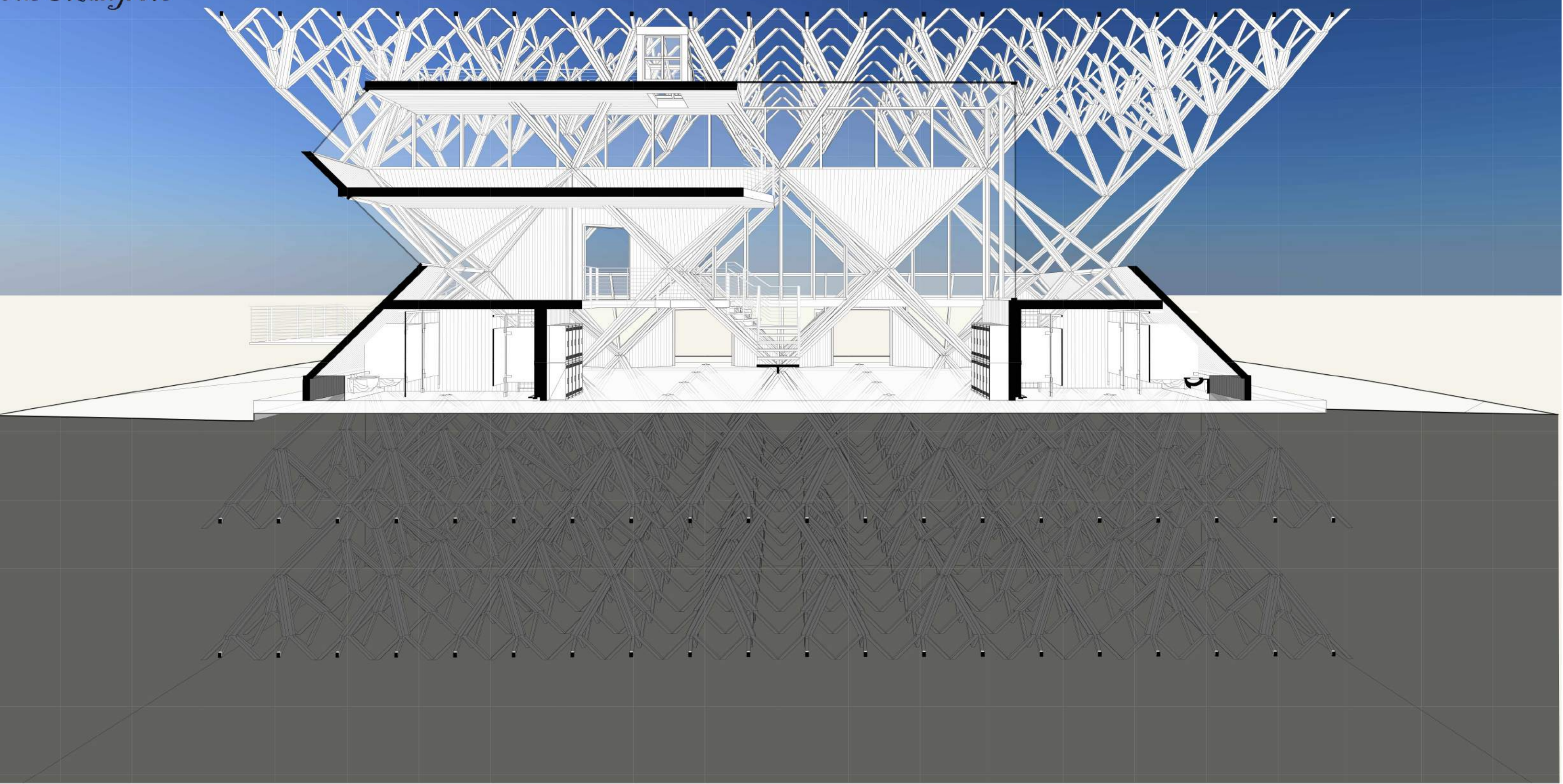


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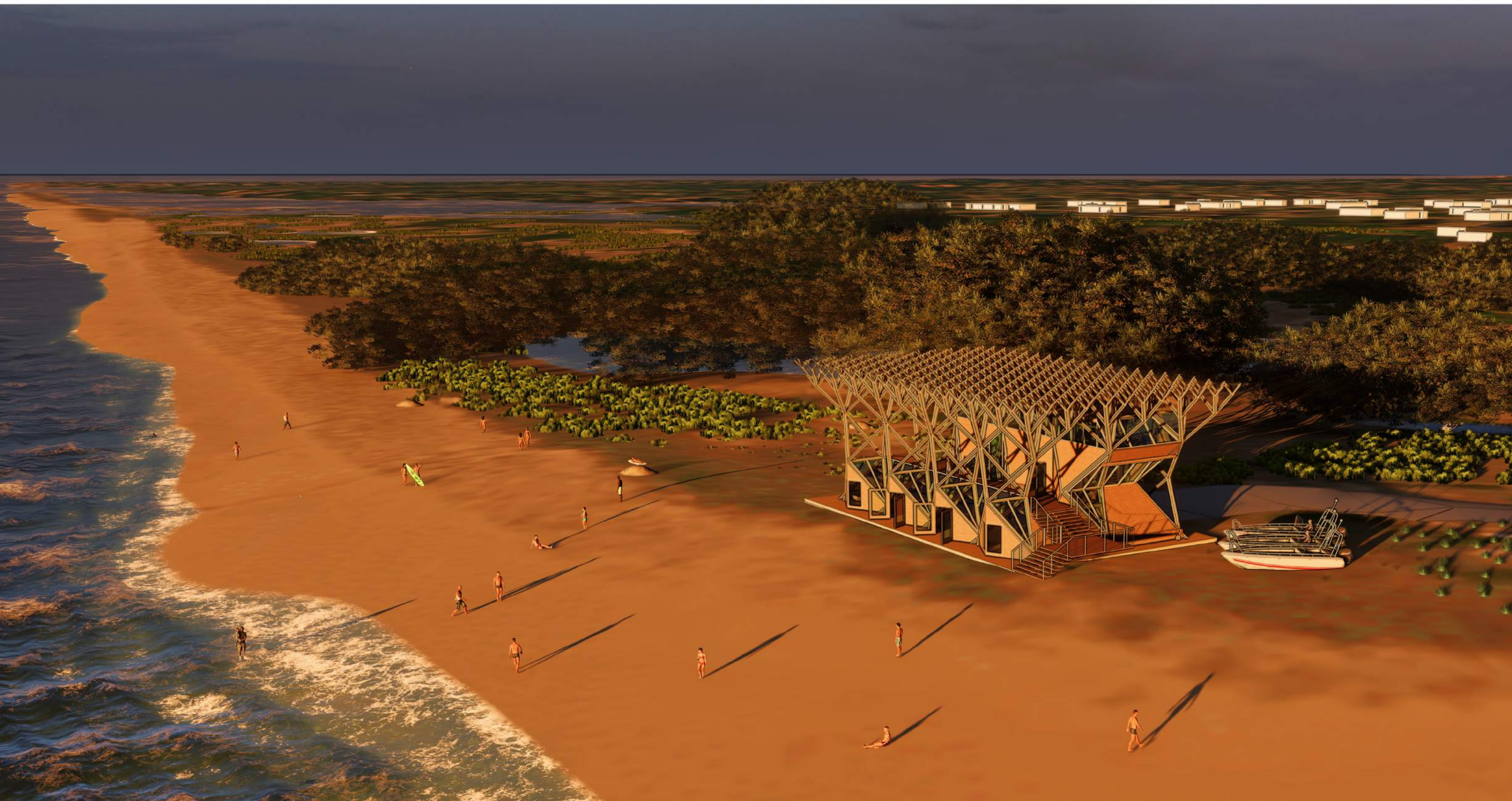


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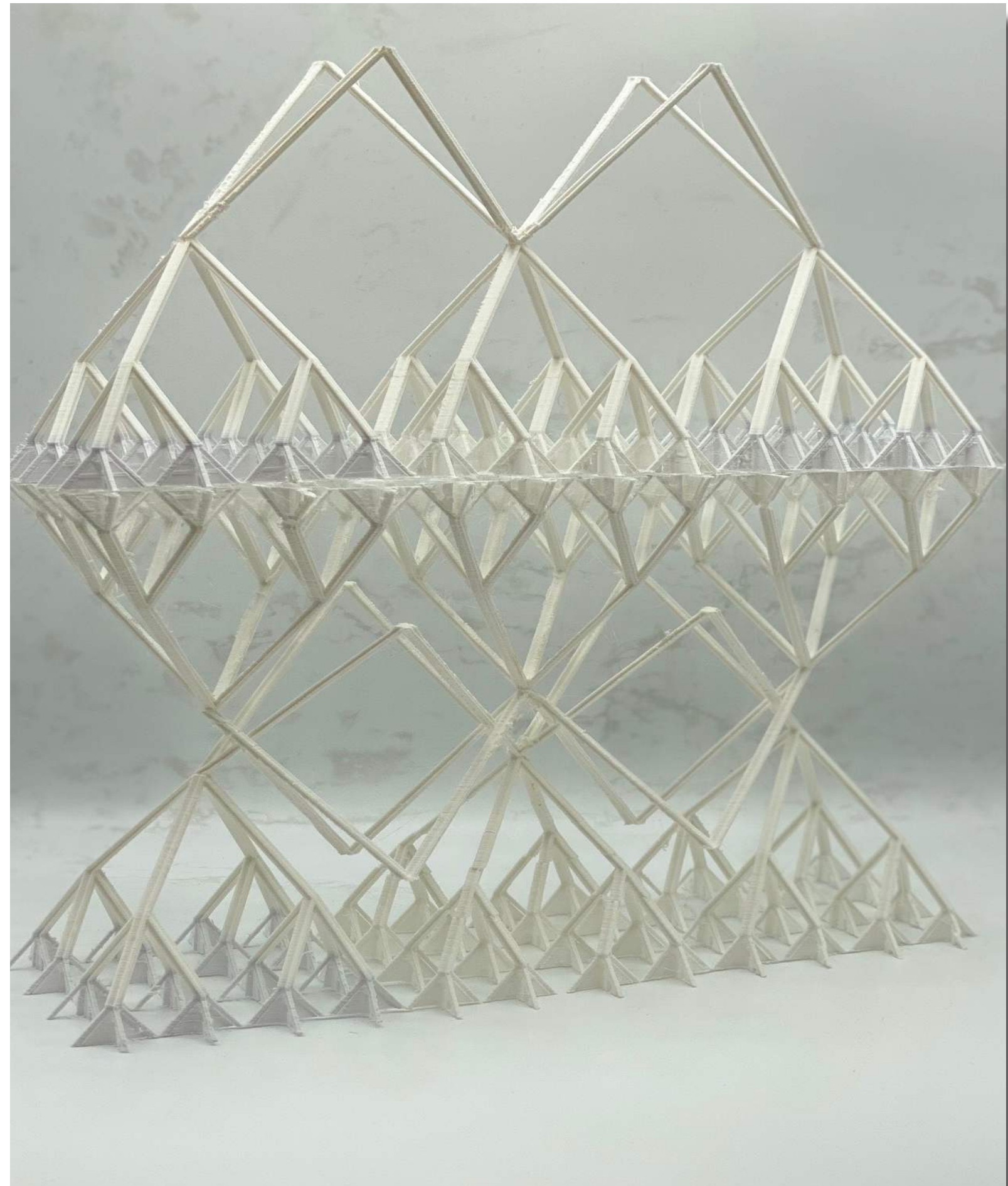
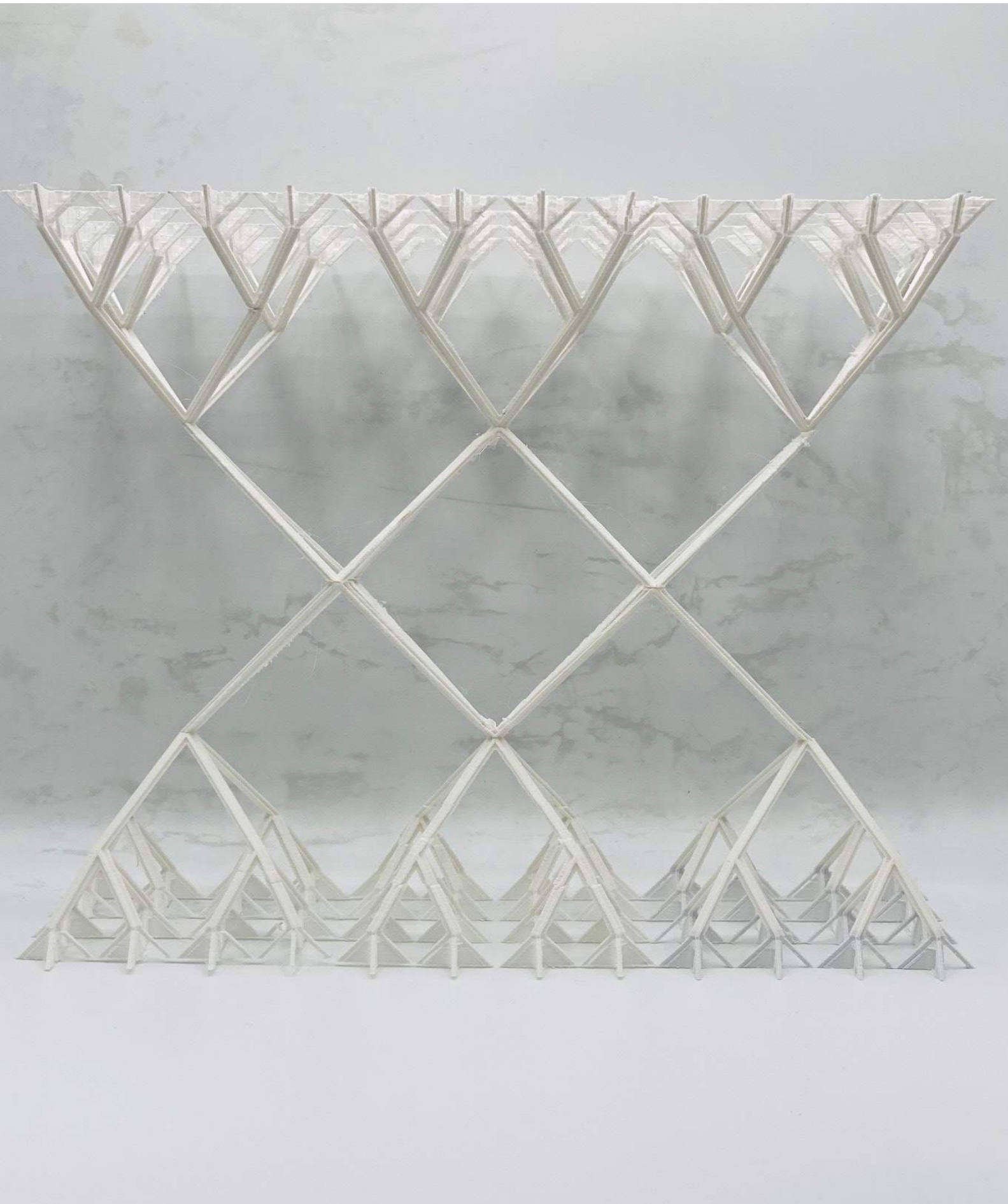


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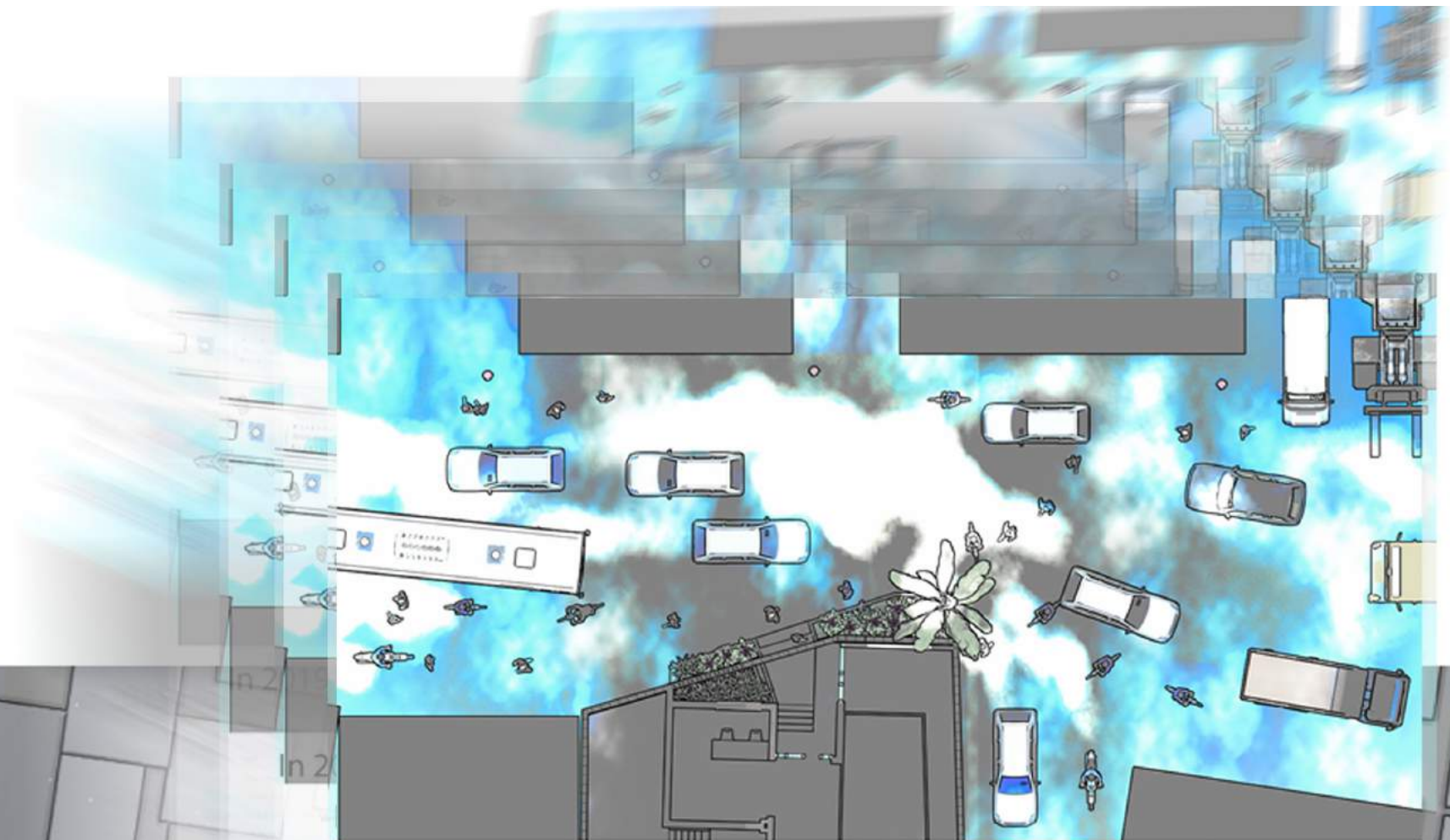
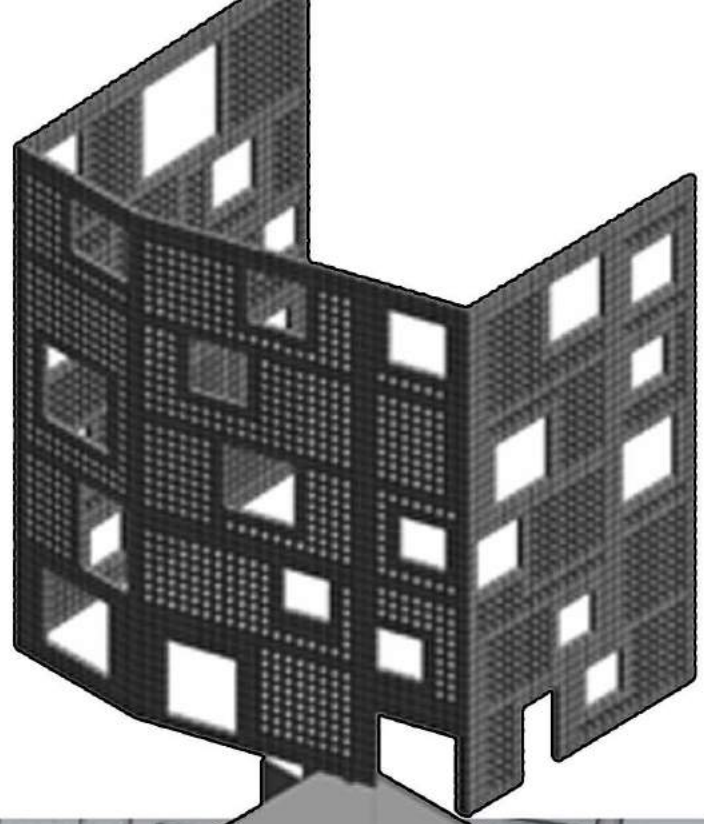




HOUSING STUDIO | Little Mont Heaven



Sherry Aine Chuang Te
Research and model making partner

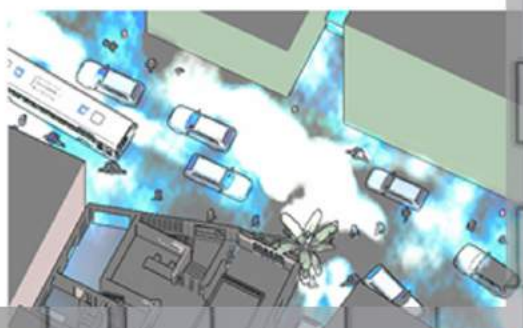


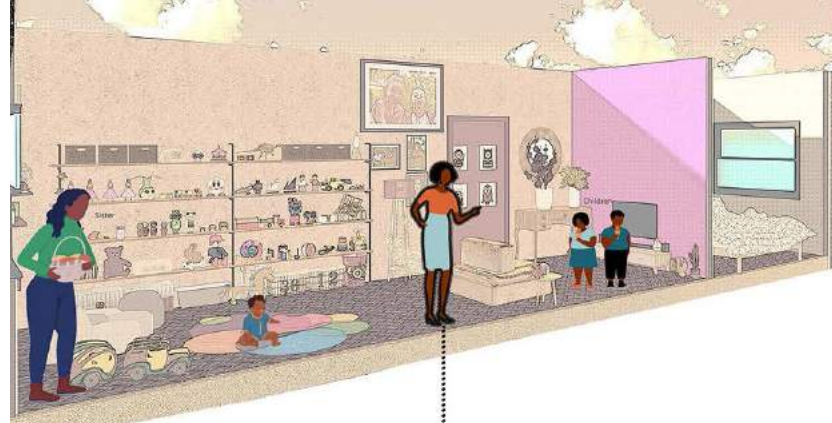
In 2019 Hanoi air pollution rose to unhealthy highs

Vietnam city ranking

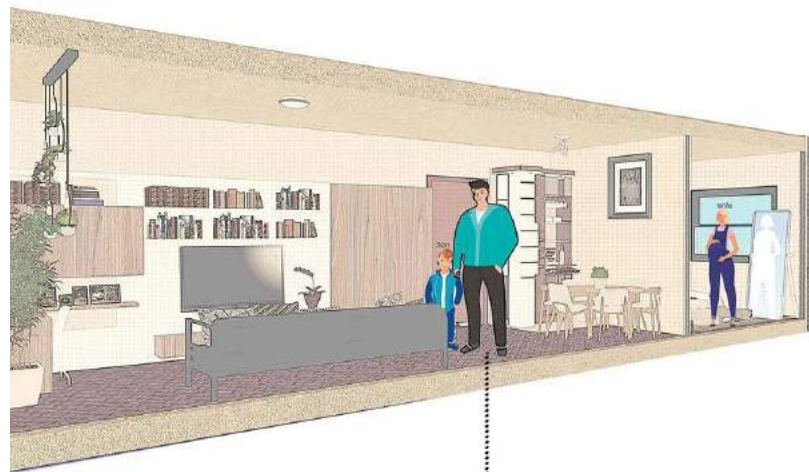
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6	Thanh Hoa, Thanh Hoa	50
7	Hanoi, Hanoi	45
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6	Lahore, Pakistan	50
7	Shenyang, China	55
8	Sao Paulo, Brazil	60





My name is Janelle
I am the bread-winner of my family. I am American, I live with my sister who helps me raise my children. I am an Office Administrator. I earn \$38,000/yr. and we are thankful for public assistance.



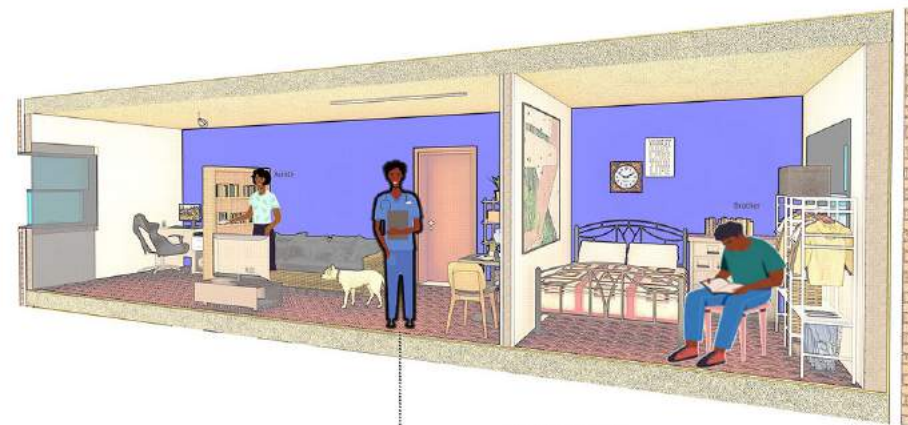
My name is Dave
I am the bread-winner of my family. I am American. My wife and I are expecting a second son. We are Substitute Teachers at Equality Charter School. My wife is on maternity leave, and after she gives birth she plans to quit. I earn \$30,000/yr. and we don't qualify for public assistance. This apartment was given to us by my wife's father, who passed 10 years ago.



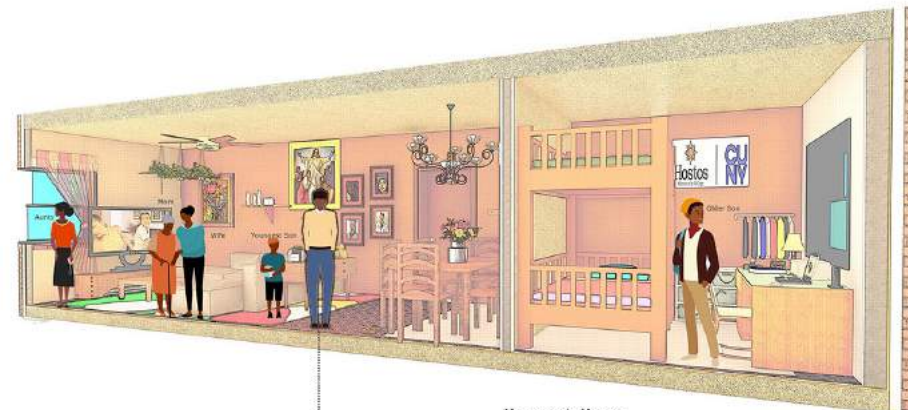
My name is Carmen
I am the bread-winner of my family. I am Dominican. I live with my numerous family and we are expecting 2 more children next week. I am a registered nurse at the Presbyterian hospital in Manhattan, and my salary is 90,000/yr.



My name is Maria
I am the bread-winner of my family. I am Dominican decent and my boyfriend is American. I was passed down this apartment after my grand-mother's passing. My parents retired in the DR and my boyfriend and I decided to rent the extra room. We are currently unemployed so we added a provisional partition to rent part of our livingroom as well. We rent each room for \$750/m. We rent each room for \$750/m, which puts us roughly at 18,000/yr. We are thankful for public assistance.



My name is Apollo
I am the bread-winner of my family. We are Originally from Senegal, and at home we speak Wolof & French. My Aunt, who was never married, raised my brother and I and brought us to live with her when we were younger. Thanks to her support, I am a part-time HEALTH TECHNICIAN at US Veterans Health Administration, while I attend Medical School. My gross income is \$25,981/yr and soon we wont qualify for public assistance.



My name is Marcos
I am the bread-winner of my family. We are Dominican- Puerto Rican, and speak solely spanish at home. I am an Office Assistant at Legacy College Preparatory Charter School, which is at a short commute of 5-10 minutes on foot. My gross income is 55,000/yr and soon we wont qualify for public assistance, as we are 3,000 over the annual income limit stated by NY to receive public assistance.

RESULTS OF DAYLIGHT ANALYSIS



NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
PATTERSON

\$20,731,000
DEVELOPMENT COST
\$2,433
COST PER RENTAL
(ROOM)

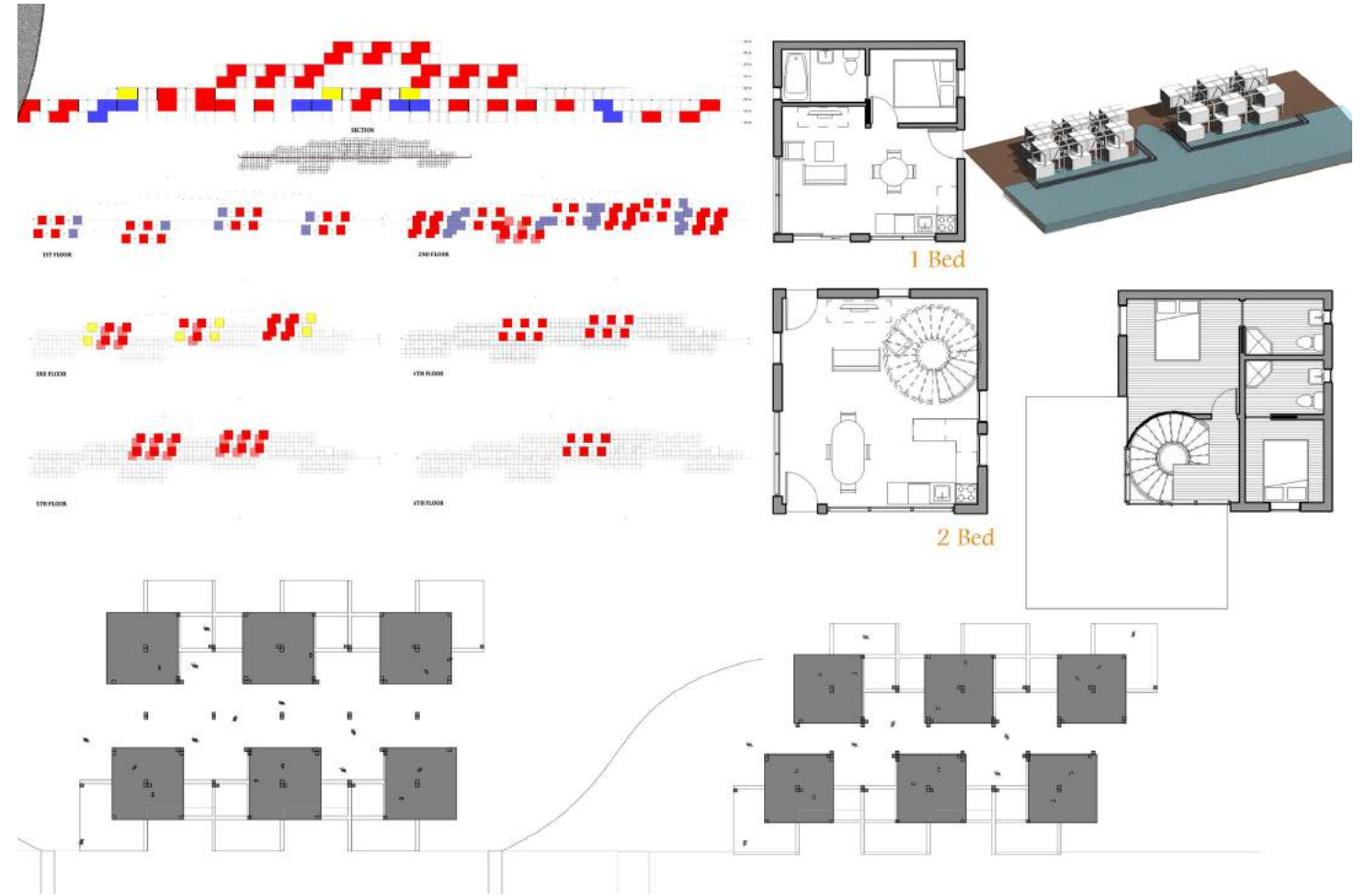
TOTAL SF : 1,114

You may be eligible for an apartment if:

Person(s) in Family	Income Limits
1	\$71,800
2	\$85,400
3	\$98,100
4	\$106,800

NYCHA's COVID-19 rent hardship policy
Rent for public housing residents will always be 30 percent of the household income. If you have no income at this time, your rent will be zero.

Apartment Size	FY 2022 Fair Market Rent (Revised March 18, 2022)
1 Bedroom	\$2,954
2 Bedroom	\$2,340
3 Bedroom	\$2,912
4 Bedroom	\$3,175



1 Bed

2 Bed



800 GRAND CONCOURSE

\$23 X 1,533SF = \$35,260
\$2,840/ MONTH
2 BR

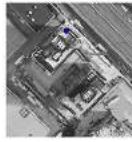
TOTAL SF : 1,533

Building Facts

Facts: 254 units, 8 stories, Built in 1954
Building Class: D5
District: Community District 204, City Council District 16, Police Precinct 44
Floor Plans: 131 floor plans available
Documents and Permits: 256 documents and permits, 1 discussion
Sales Listings: 1 active sales (\$427 per sq ft avg, \$278,342 avg price), 1 in contract sale (\$178,500 avg price), 147 previous sales (\$277 per sq ft avg, \$247,784 avg price), 32 previous rentals (\$23 per sq ft avg, \$1,954 avg price)
Architect: H.J. Feldman



Sold on July 27, 2022
Check Your Equity Today
Just Sold
Listed for \$400,000
2 bed, 2 bath
800 Grand Concourse Apt 5LN, New York City, NY 10451
Coop, Priority Take, 1854 Year Built, \$400K in 2022 Last Sold



THE ARCHES

\$60 X 701 SF = \$42,060

TOTAL SF : 701

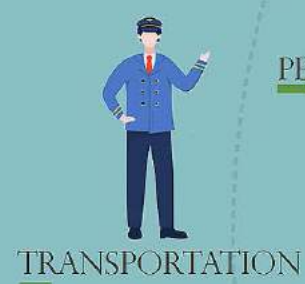
Building Facts

Facts: 156 units, 25 stories, Built in 2020
Building Class: D6
District: Community District 201, City Council District 8, Police Precinct 40
Floor Plans: 17 floor plans available
Documents and Permits: 34 documents and permits
Rentals Listings: 4 active rentals (\$2,822 avg price), 266 previous rentals (\$60 per sq ft avg, \$1,594 avg price)
Architect: Fischer + Makool Architects
Developer: Chess Builders
Leasing and Marketing: EIR

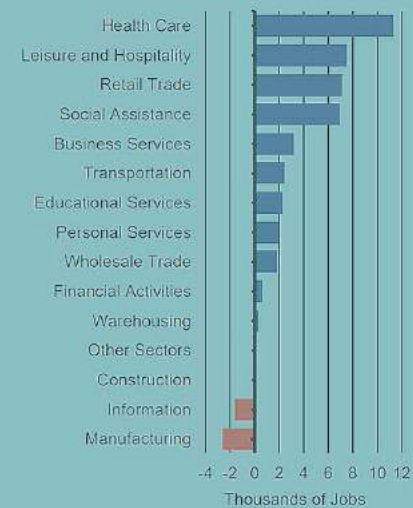


OCCUPATIONS

Percentage of the civilian employed population aged 16 and older in the zipcode 10451

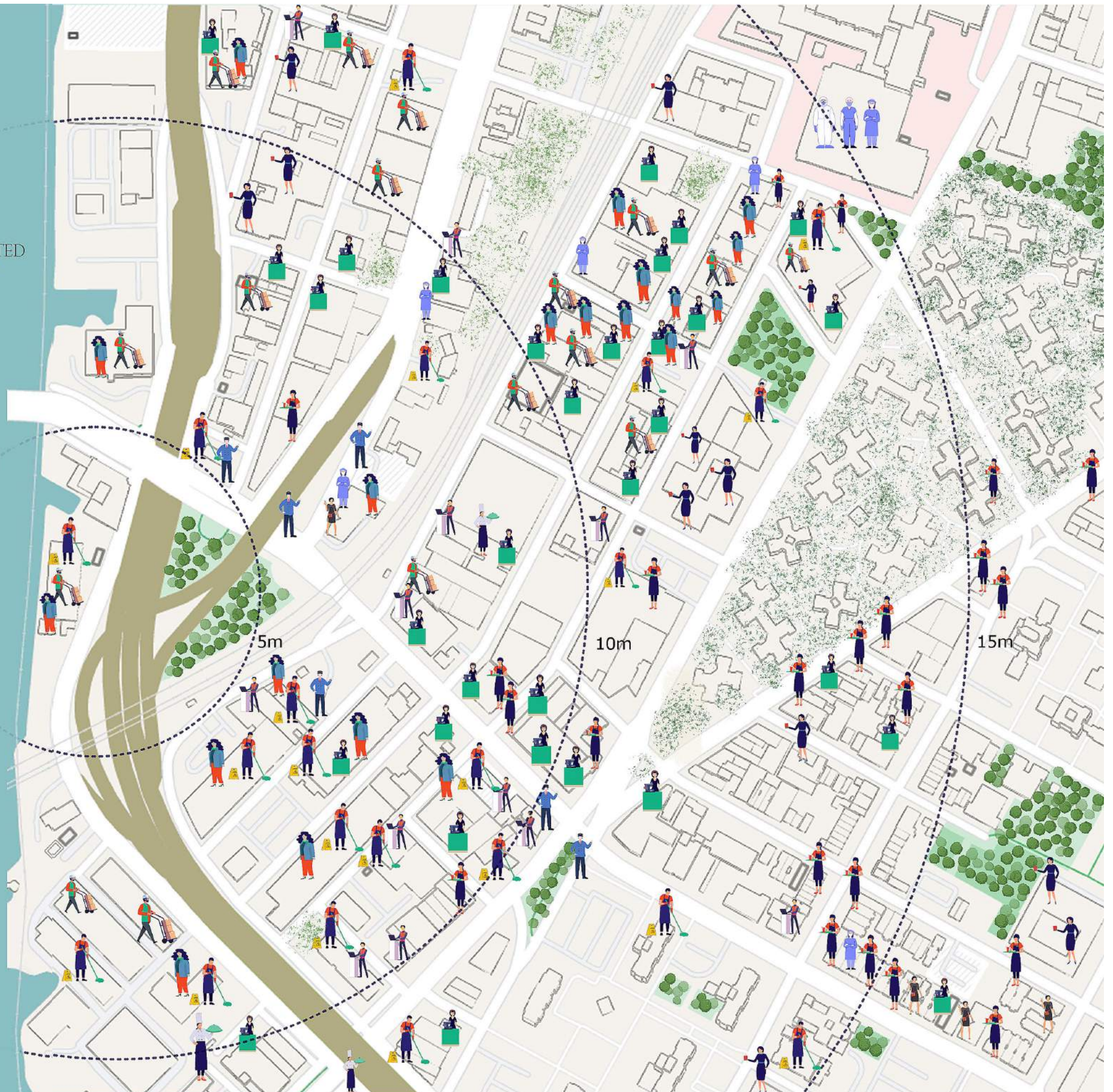


Job Gains or Losses by Sector in the Bronx, 2007-2017



Median Household Incomes and Poverty Rates

	Household Income	Poverty Rate
Bronx	\$37,500	28.4%
Brooklyn	\$55,200	20.0%
Manhattan	\$77,600	15.5%
Queens	\$62,200	13.6%
Staten Island	\$77,200	14.5%
NYC	\$58,900	18.4%



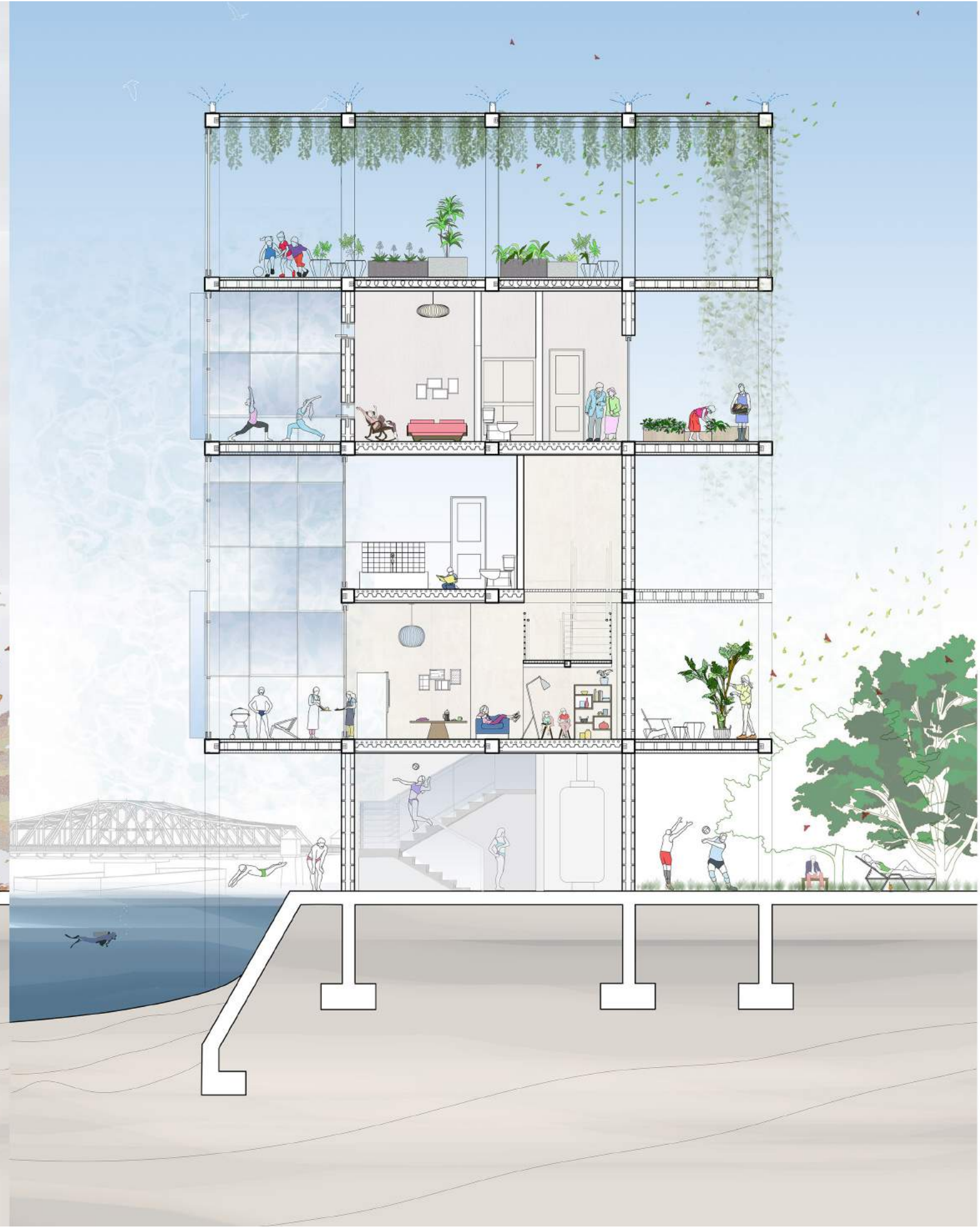


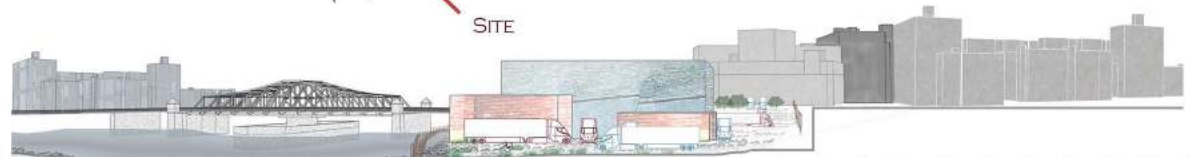
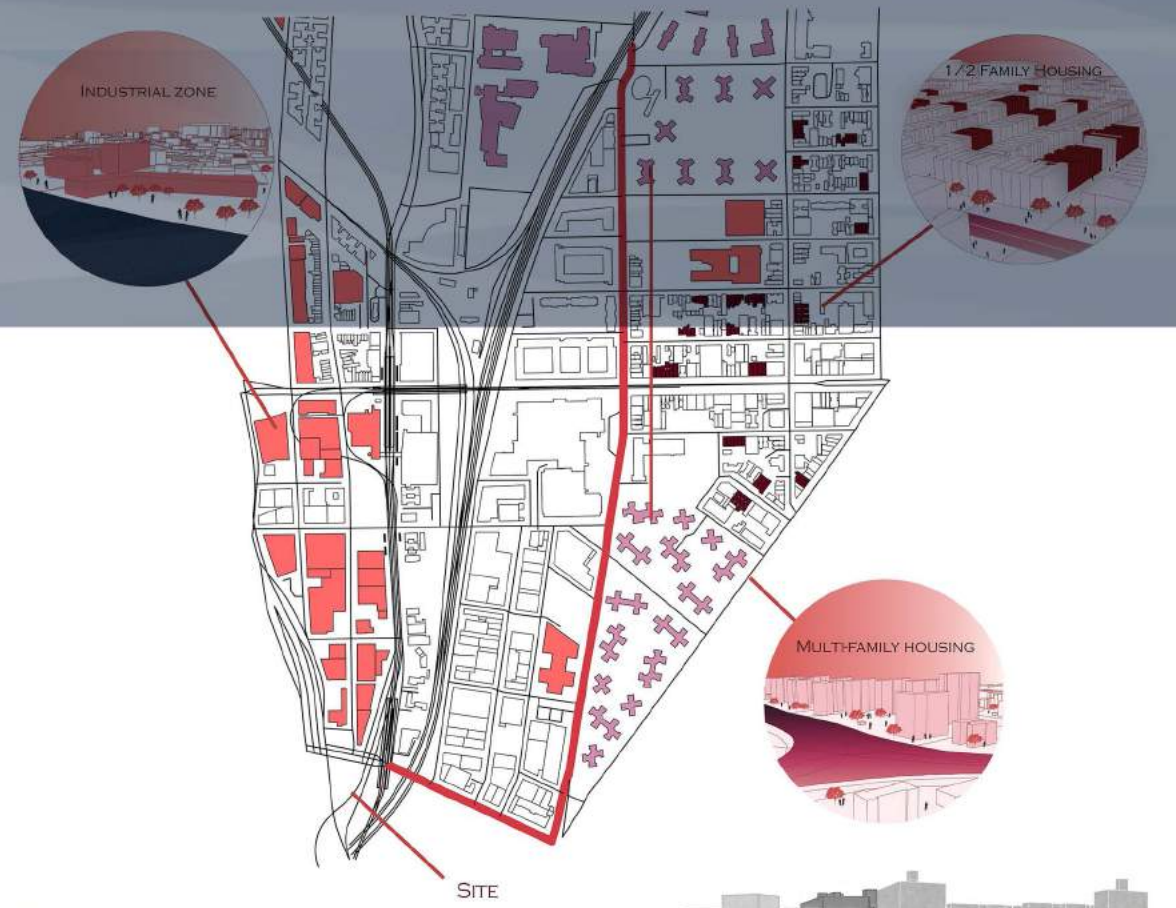
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Project partner









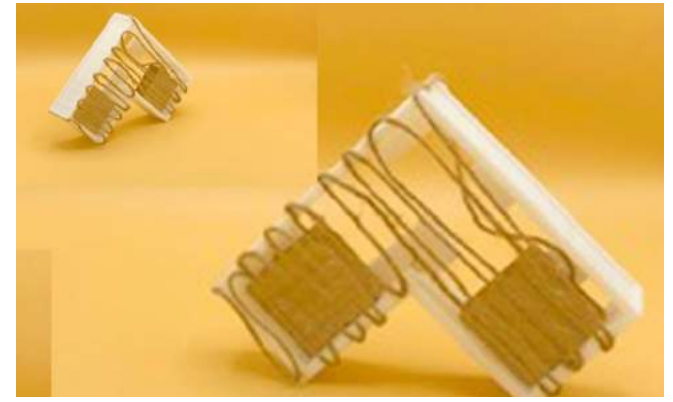
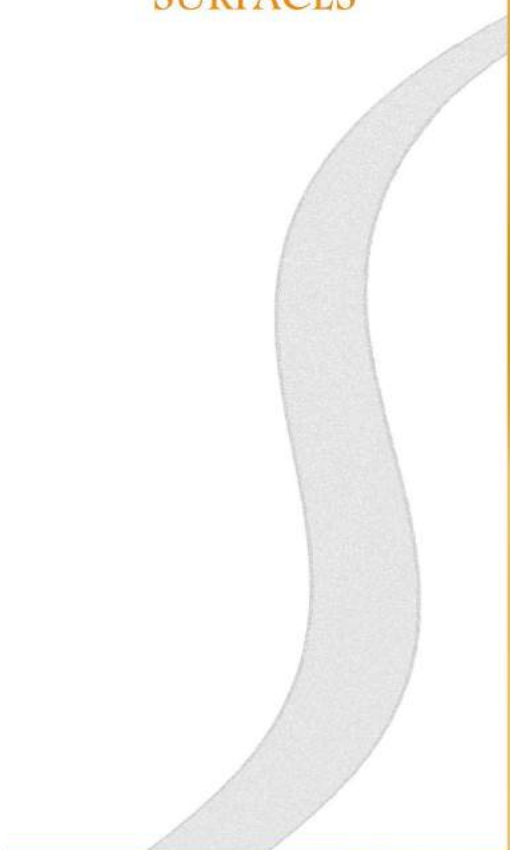
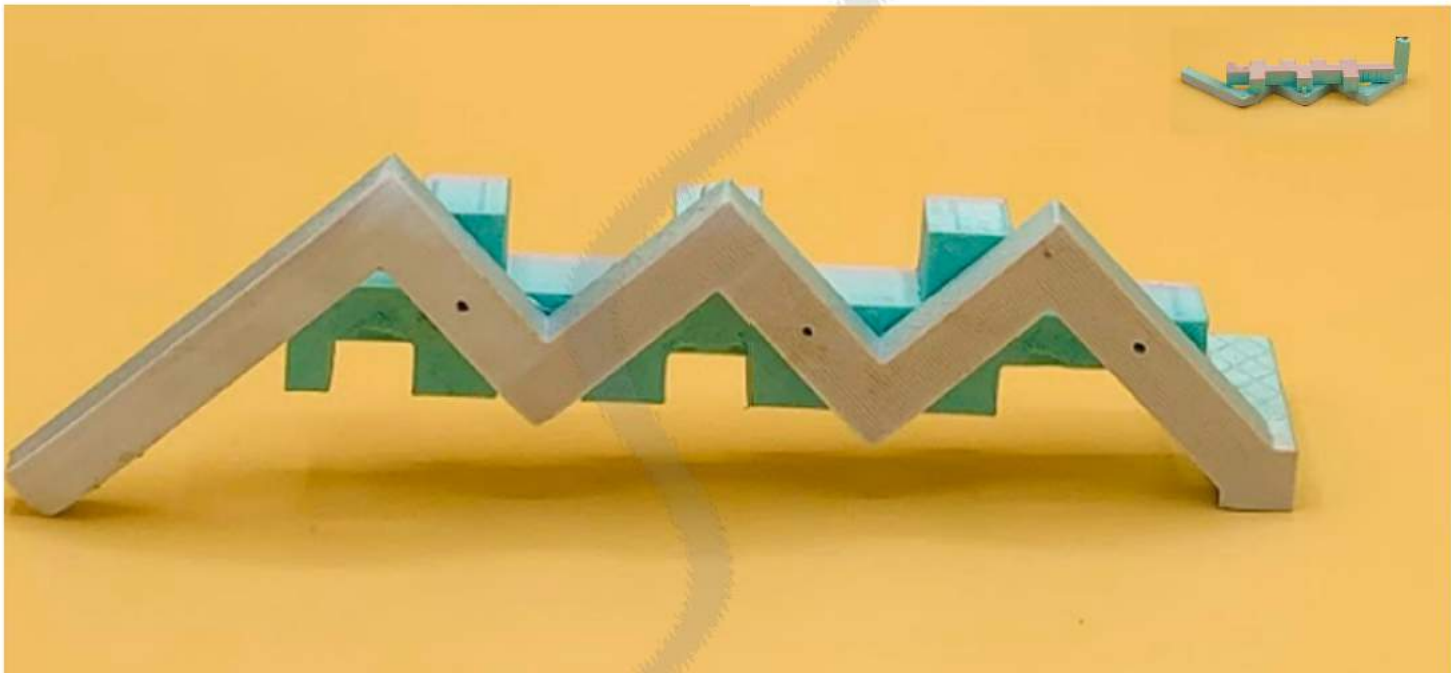
MORRIS AVENUE





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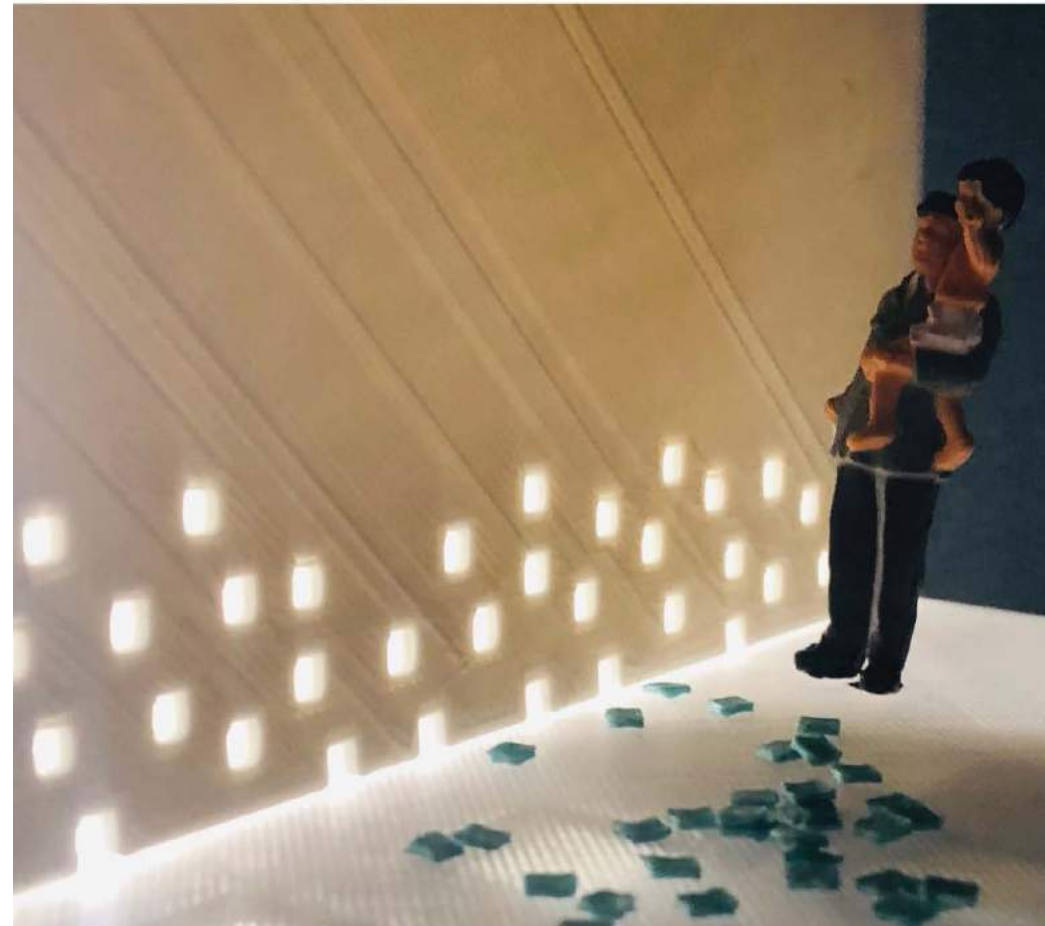


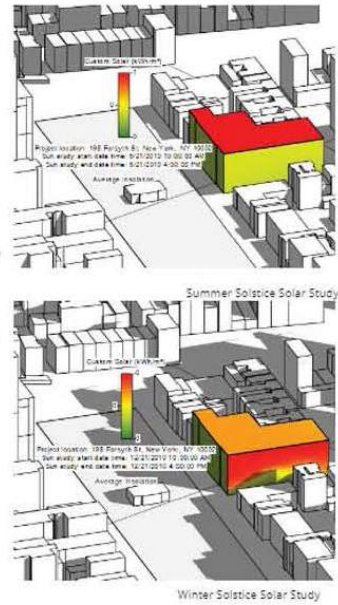
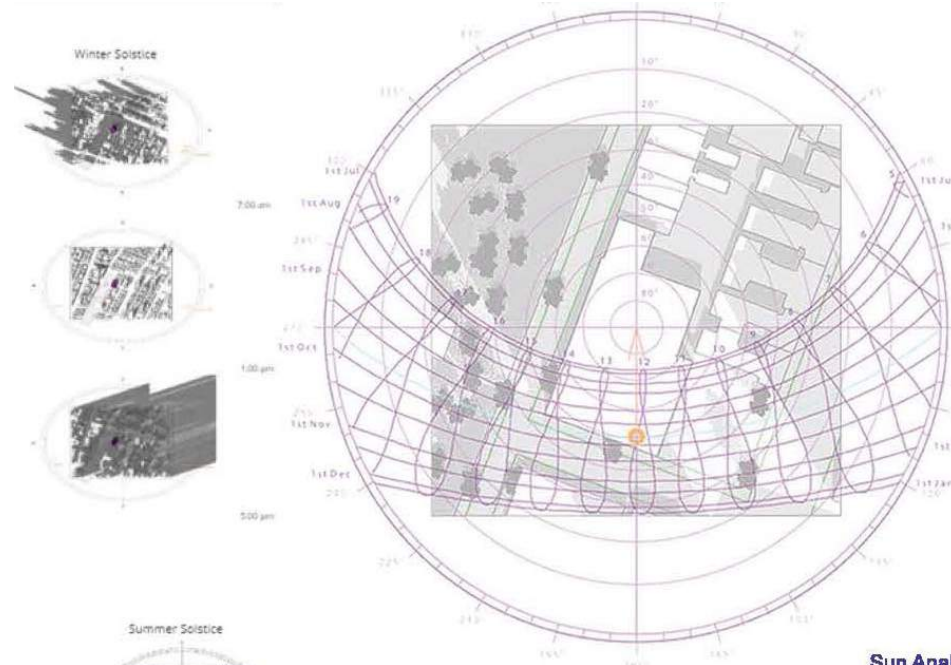


PEDAGOGY STUDIO | Unlocking Spaces

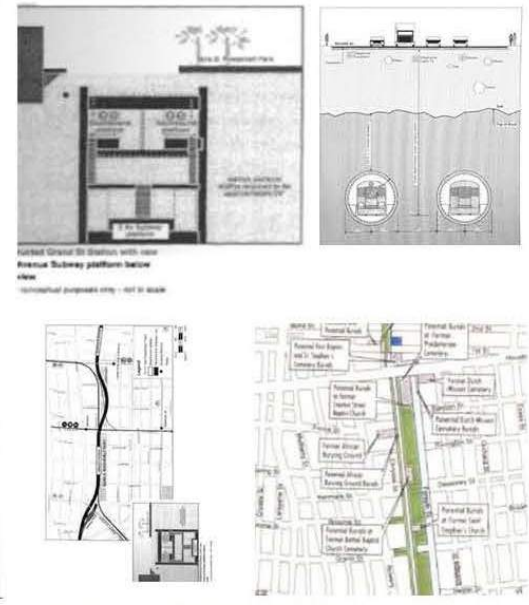
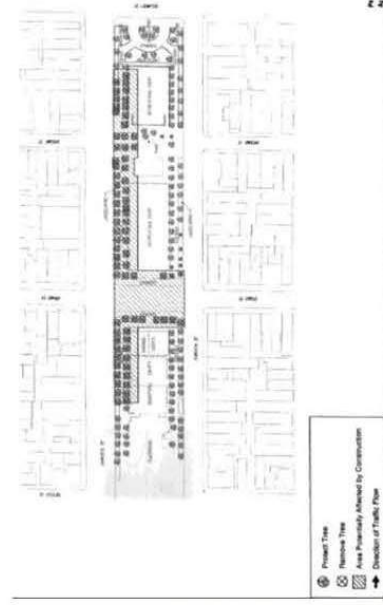
Project Description

Learning is no longer limited to the confine of a traditional classroom. The interest of each individual student must be the driving force of their development. And just as the pedagogical approach is important to the learning experience of the student, so is the architecture that supports it. The premise of the proposal of this school is to promote autonomous learning manifested as the children reconfigure their spaces through discovery; by doing this they learn about the tectonics of their built environment. According with this perspective, the classroom is conceived around two main design actions : The walls are highly tactile spatial experience that by the subtraction of squared cut-outs will allow for the reconfiguration of seating arrangements, apertures and mindfully assemble play structures of their own imagination, the ground level of the classroom will be dedicated for socializing, group activities and hands on project, while the levels above will visually and physically isolate the student from distraction as they perform individual work. It is this learning environment that nurtures the developmental needs of children ages two to six years through an engaging framework of consciously explorative and communal play spaces. To keep the students engaged and motivated the school will be a place where the students discover options, solve problems and design solutions through play structures to enhance kinesthetic awareness.

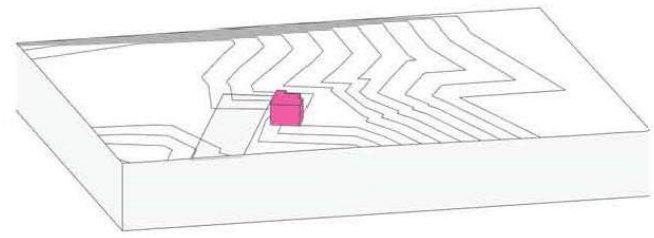
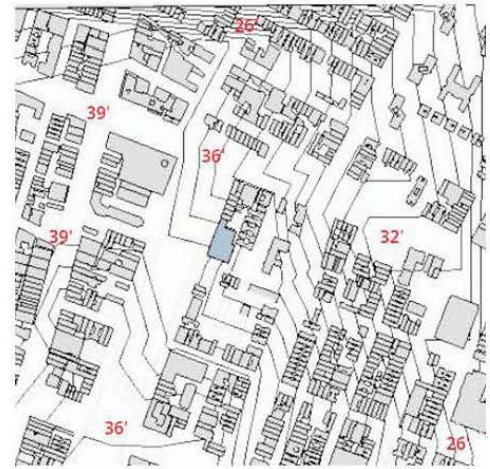
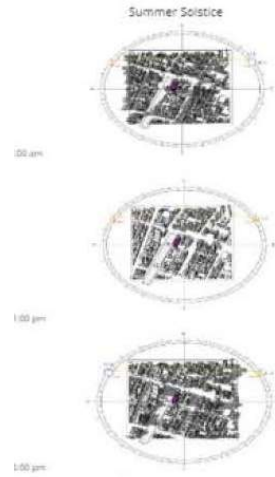




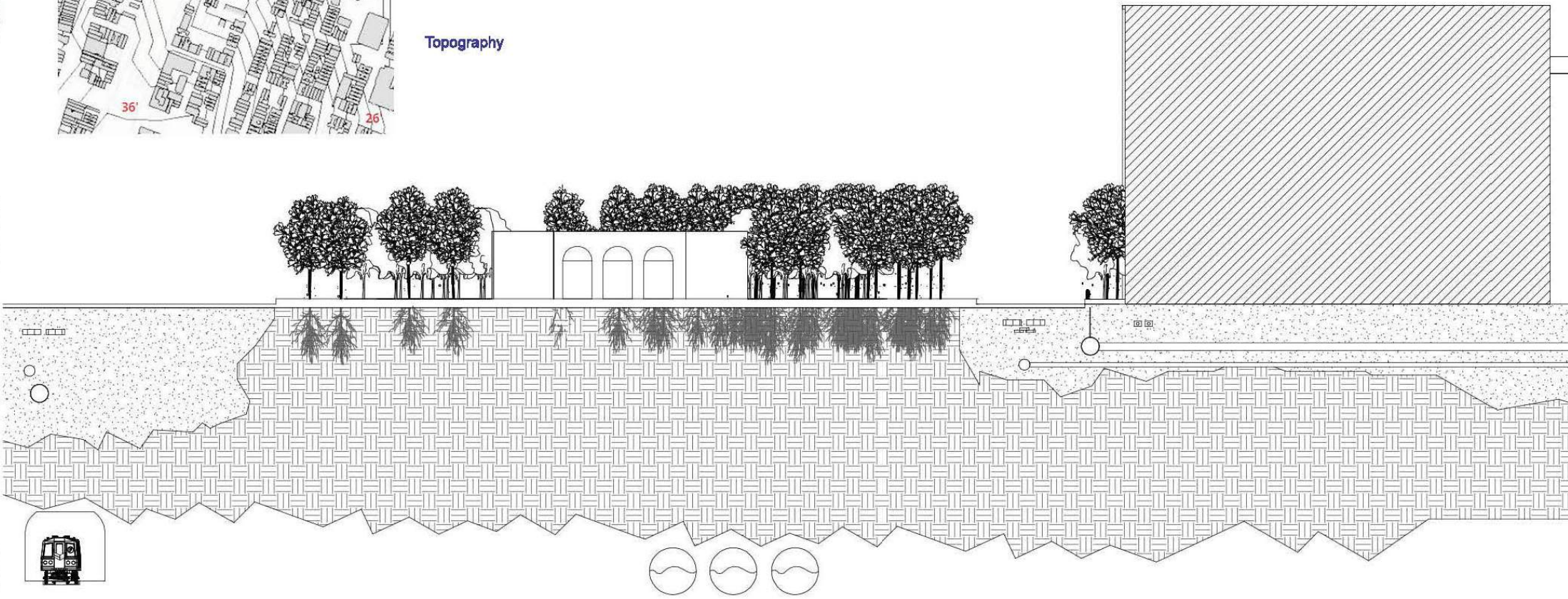
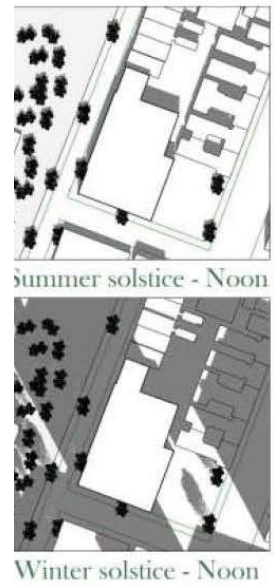
Sun Analysis



Second Avenue Subway in the Borough of Manhattan, NY County, Volume 1



Topography



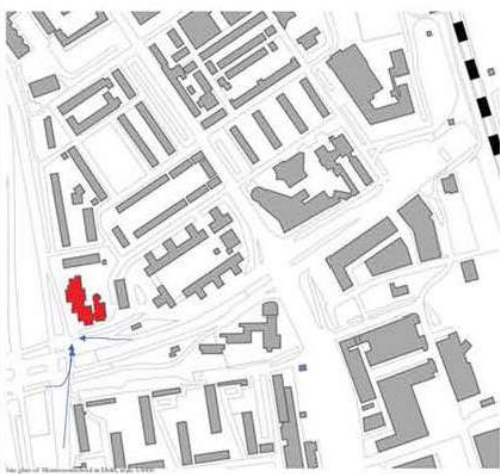
PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH



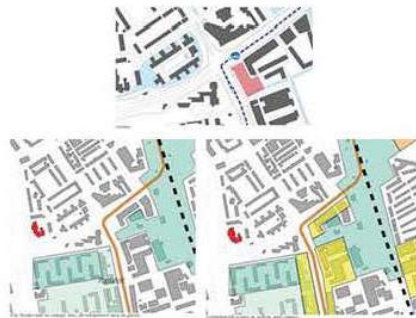
The Montessori education is founded in 1907 by an Italian woman, Maria Montessori. In 1896 she finished her study and started working in a hospital in Rome. There she met the 'idiot' children. But she was aware these children were not 'idiot' in reality. They were very poor children and they had not the right opportunities to evolve themselves. So she started a research for sensory development material. Year after year she created her education method for these special children: the Montessori education. She spread this education through the world.

Programs at our Montessori schools are defined by the practical application of sensory-based and self-directed learning

- Infants**
Their space is cozy, a warm environment is specially designed for mobility and to foster growing independence
- Toddlers**
Toddlers use their bodies, senses, and emerging problem-solving skills to learn about their world
- Primary**
Tangible academic experiences and practical life exercises engage children in learning, in a mixed-age classroom.
- Elementary**
Children work at their own pace in a non-competitive environment, to begin learning abstract principles

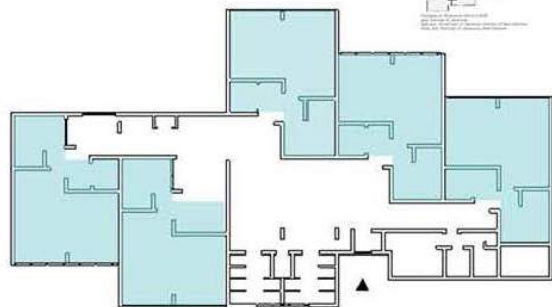
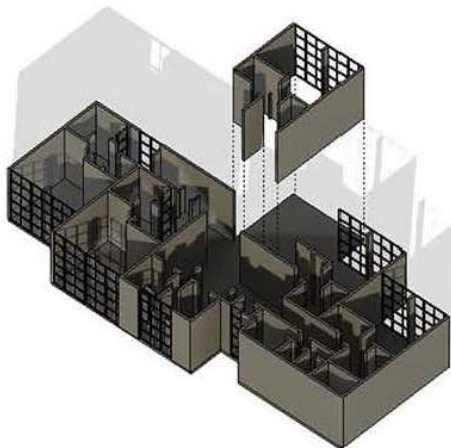


This area has been developed very fast from the 1960's onwards with a lot of apartments because of the housing shortage. The Montessori school is situated towards a crossroad. This crossroad is now a busy traffic artery because the Provincial way flows here. This causes a lot of traffic noise for the school. The school is an autonomous building, but the orientation is parallelized to the two buildings facing the school.

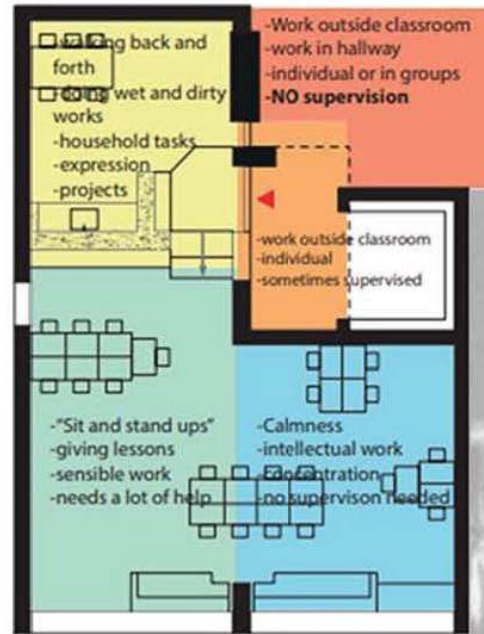
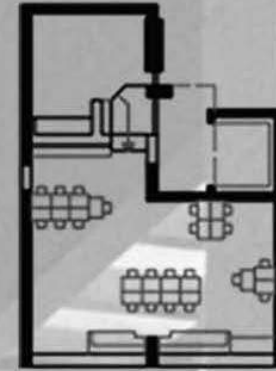
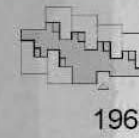
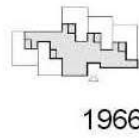
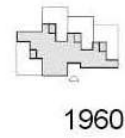


SITE
ADJACENCIES AND ACCESS

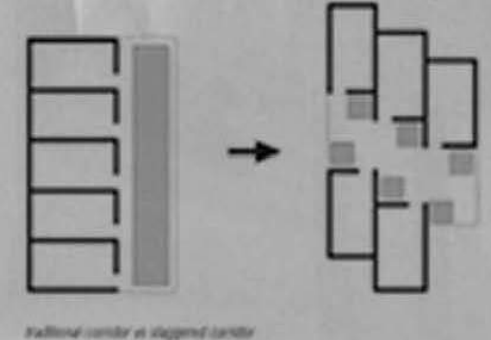
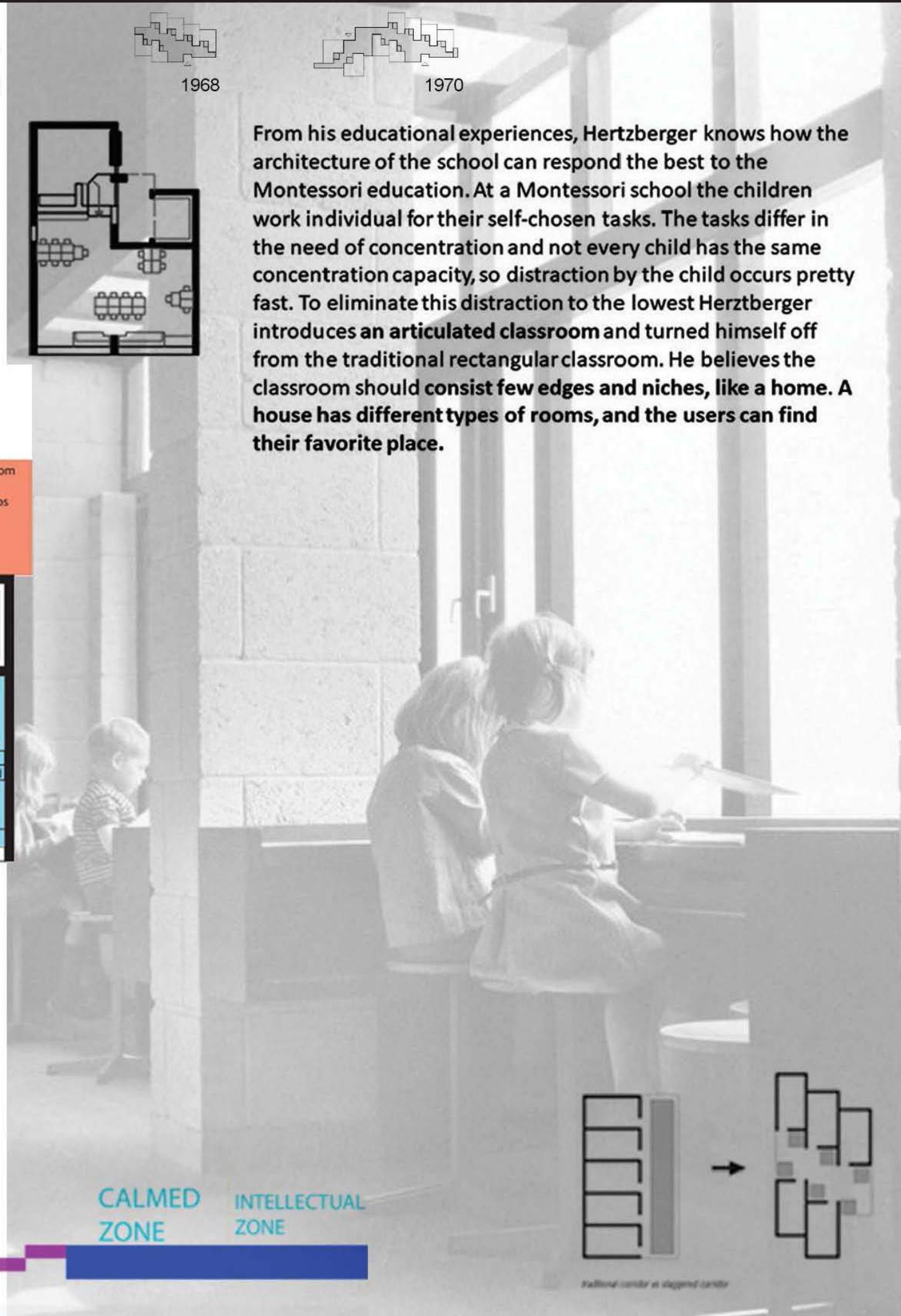
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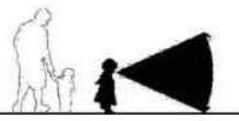


Here the classrooms are L-shaped and are staggered, arranged around a communal space. The school is extended many times. By every extension the classrooms are arranged around a communal space. With every extension the shape of the classroom changed. The hallway forms the internal street of the school and makes space for different activities.

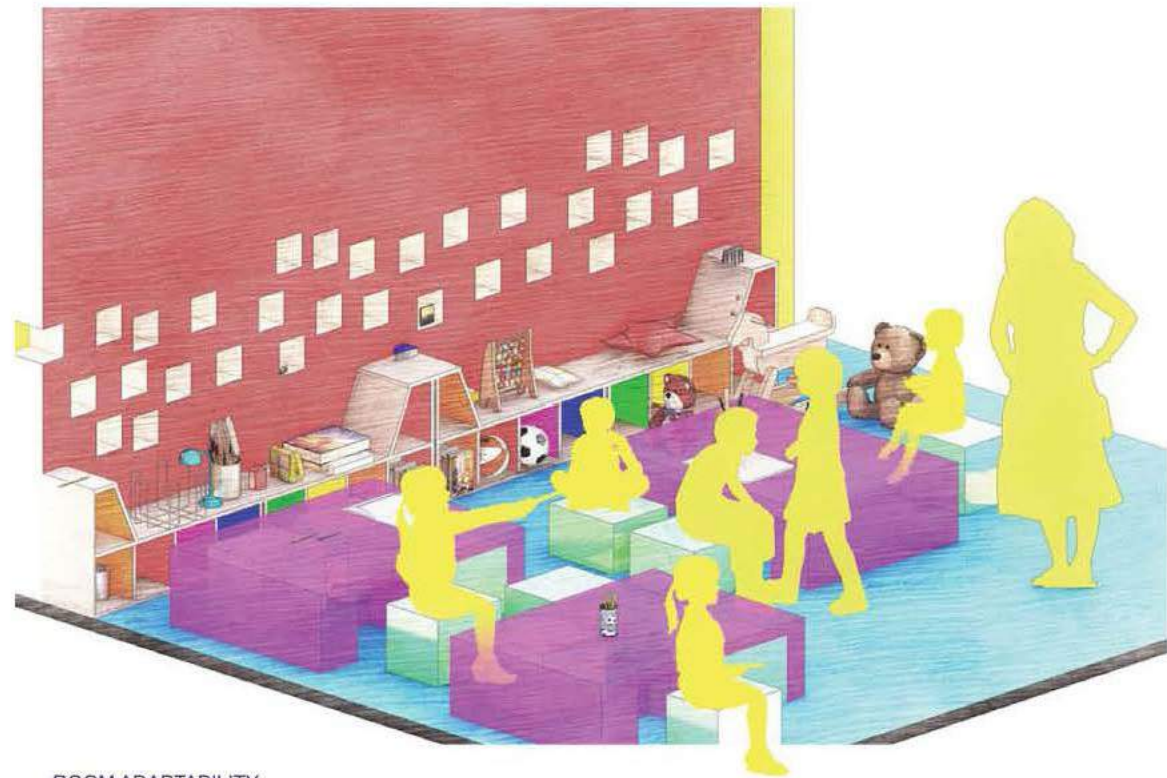


From his educational experiences, Hertzberger knows how the architecture of the school can respond the best to the Montessori education. At a Montessori school the children work individual for their self-chosen tasks. The tasks differ in the need of concentration and not every child has the same concentration capacity, so distraction by the child occurs pretty fast. To eliminate this distraction to the lowest Hertzberger introduces an articulated classroom and turned himself off from the traditional rectangular classroom. He believes the classroom should consist few edges and niches, like a home. A house has different types of rooms, and the users can find their favorite place.

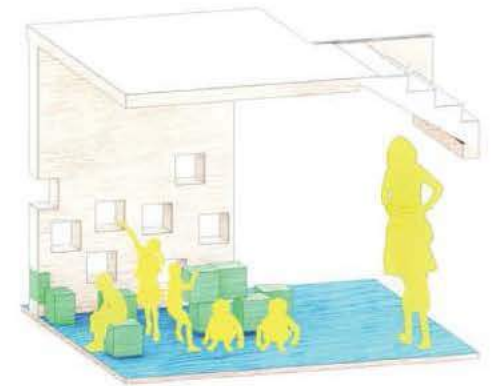
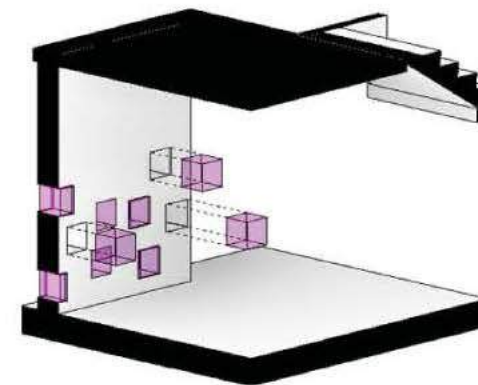
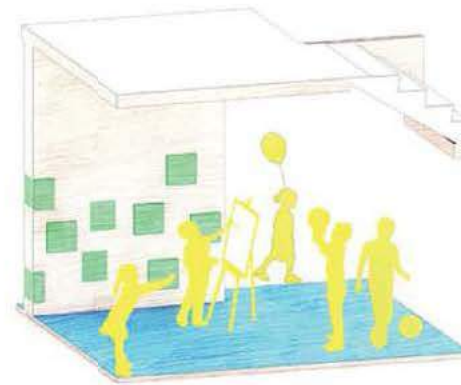
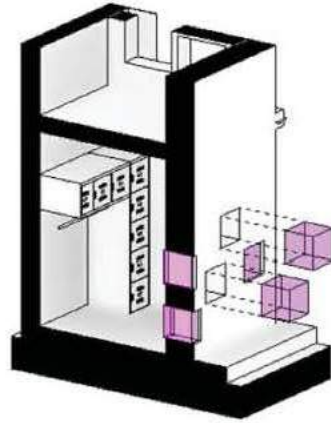
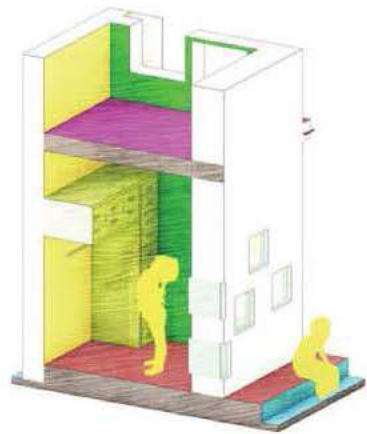




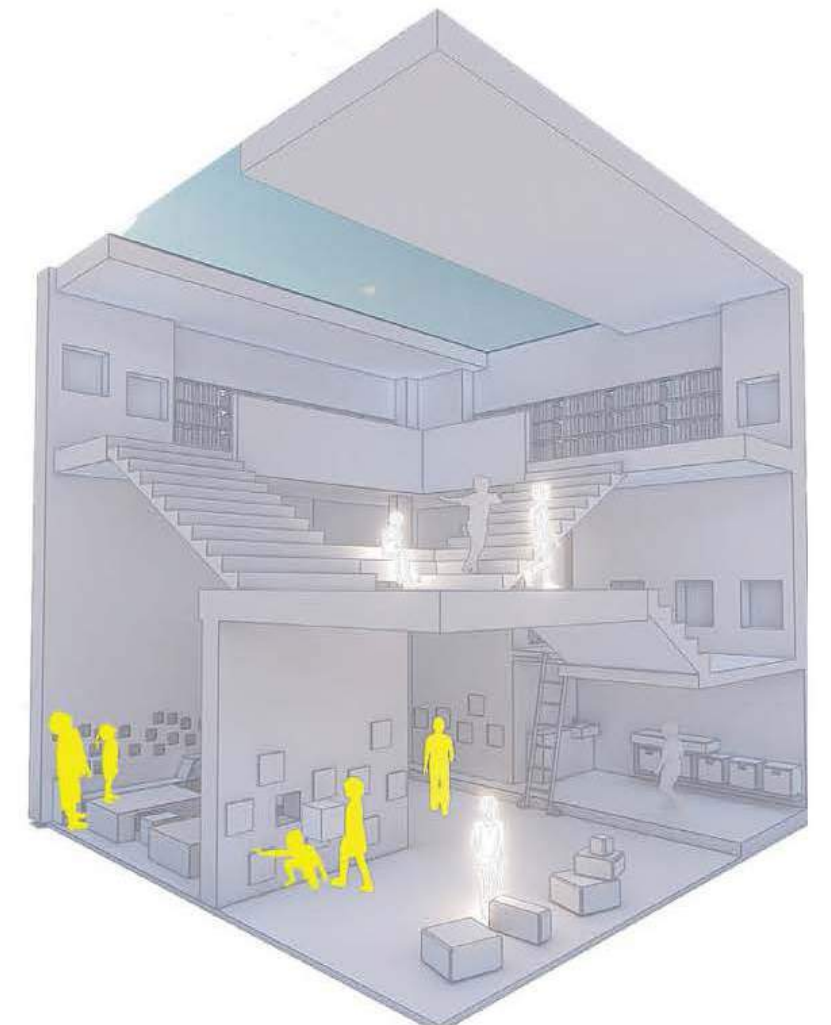
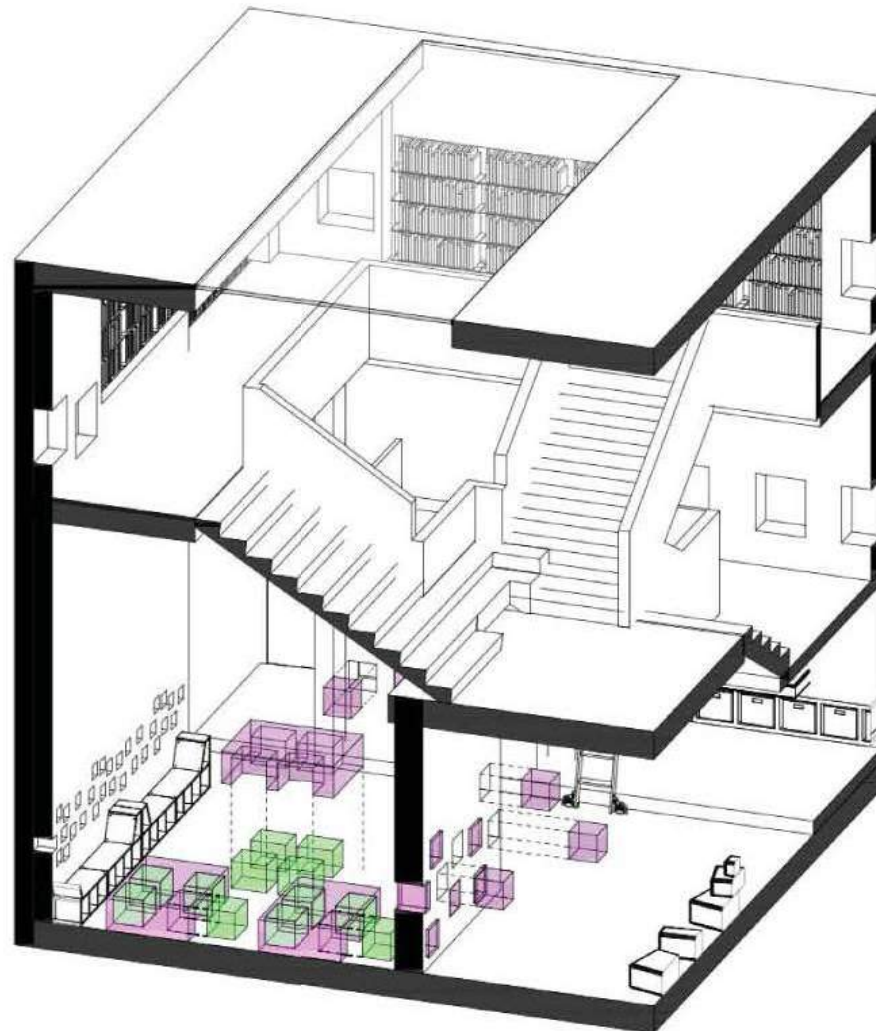
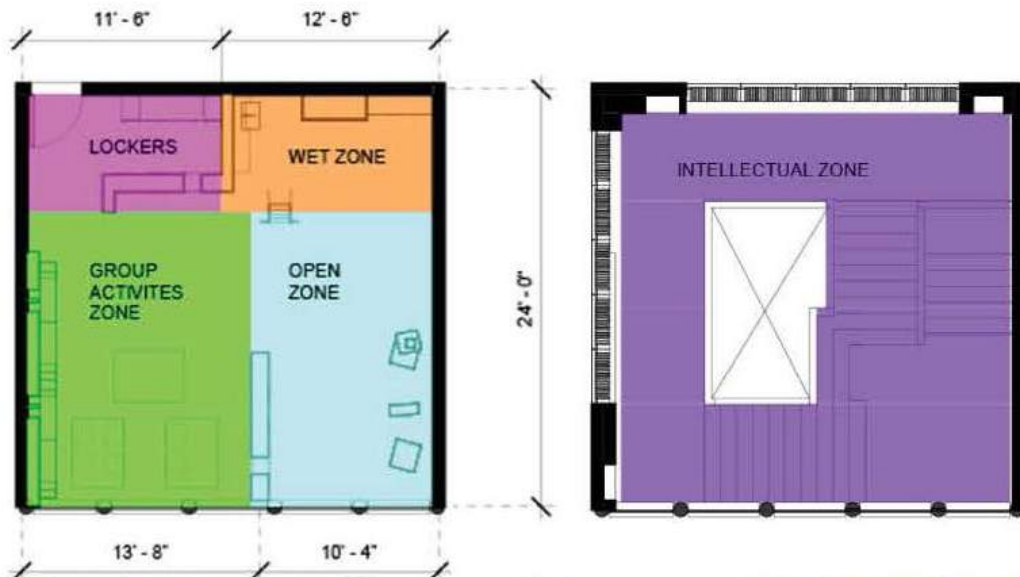
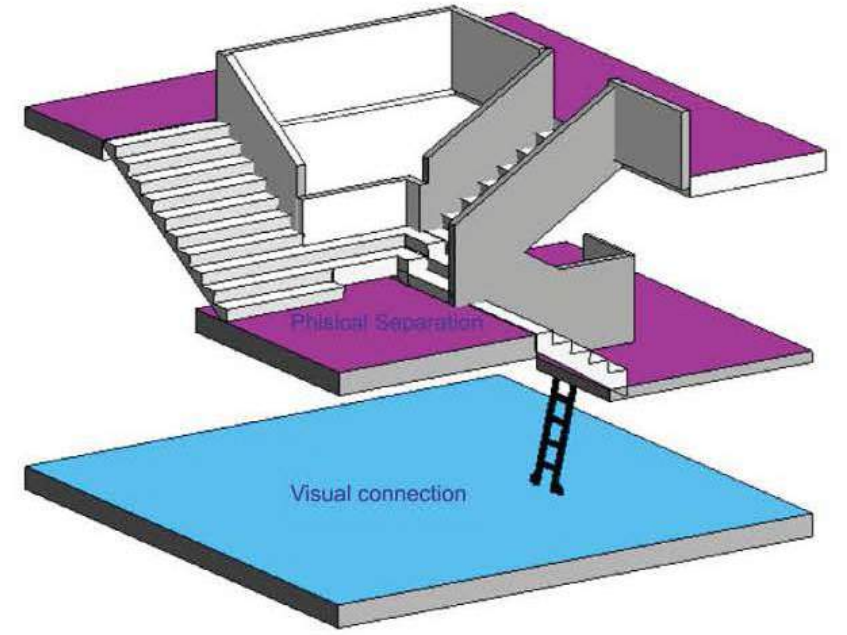
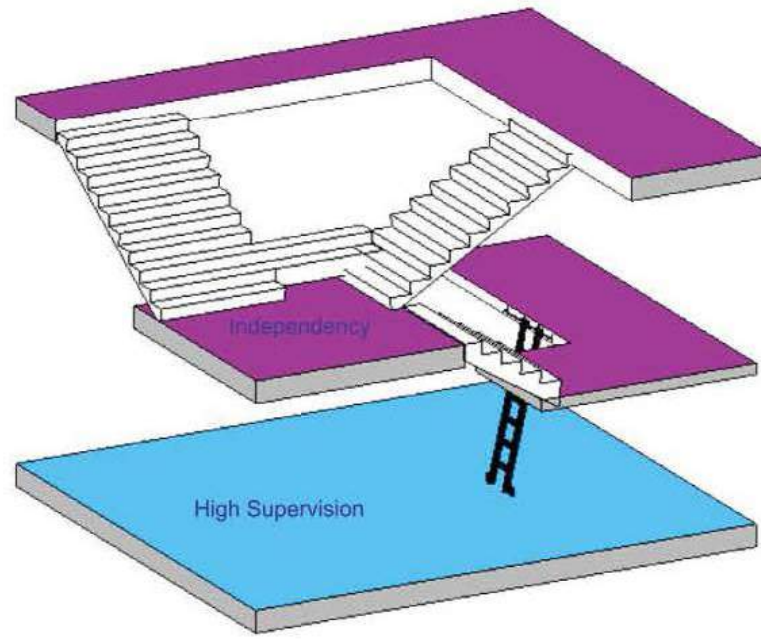
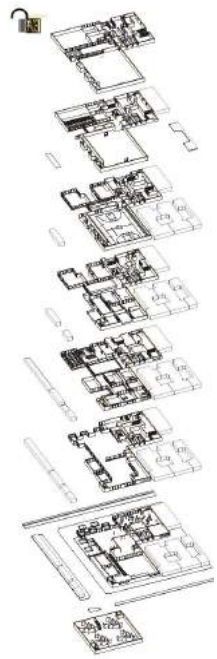
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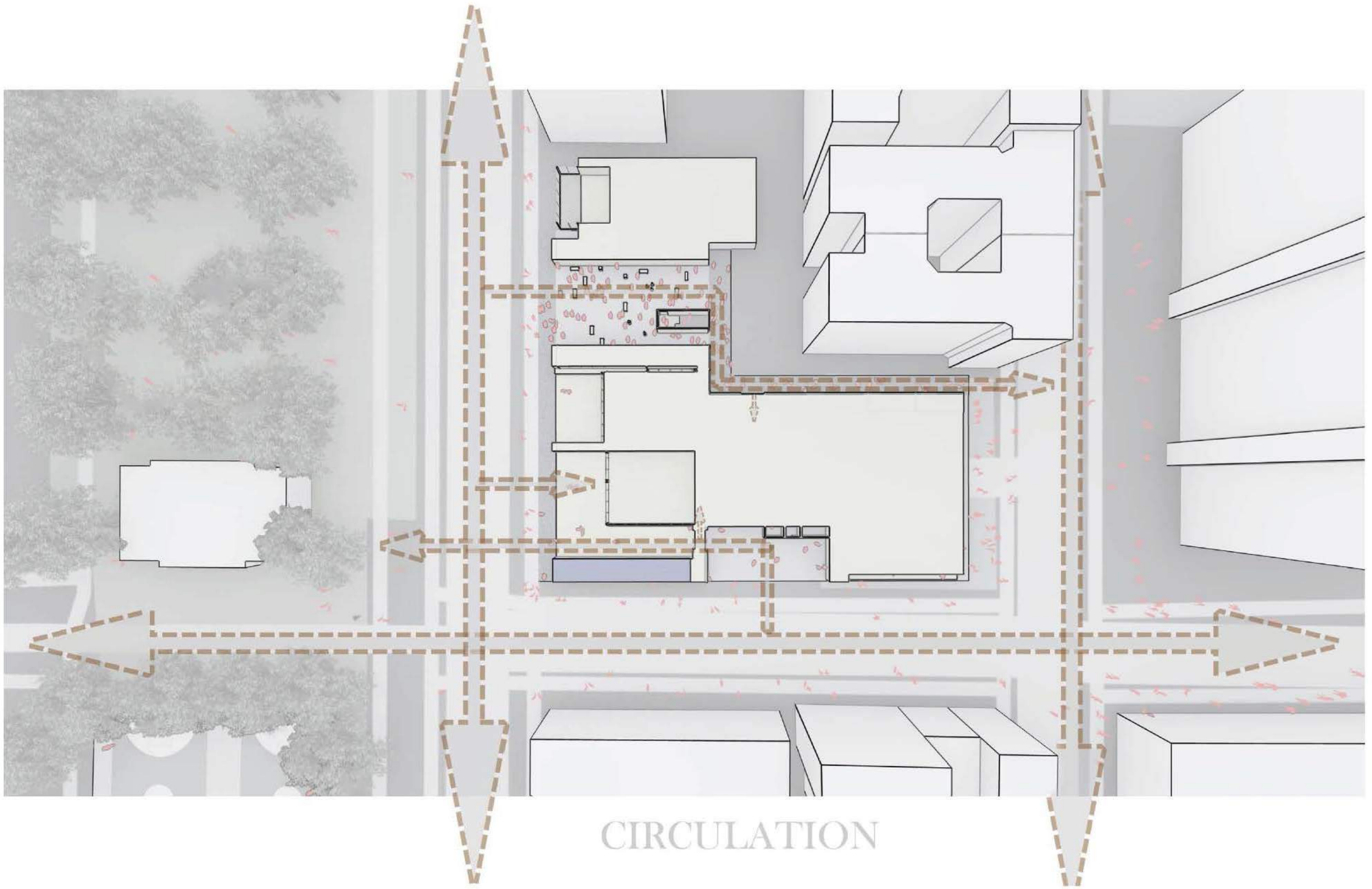


ROOM ADAPTABILITY



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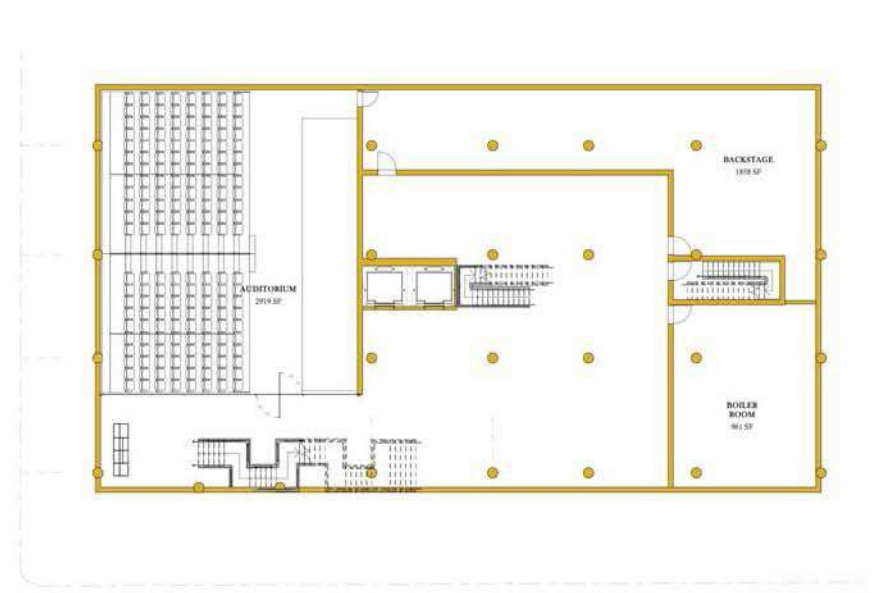
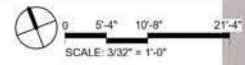




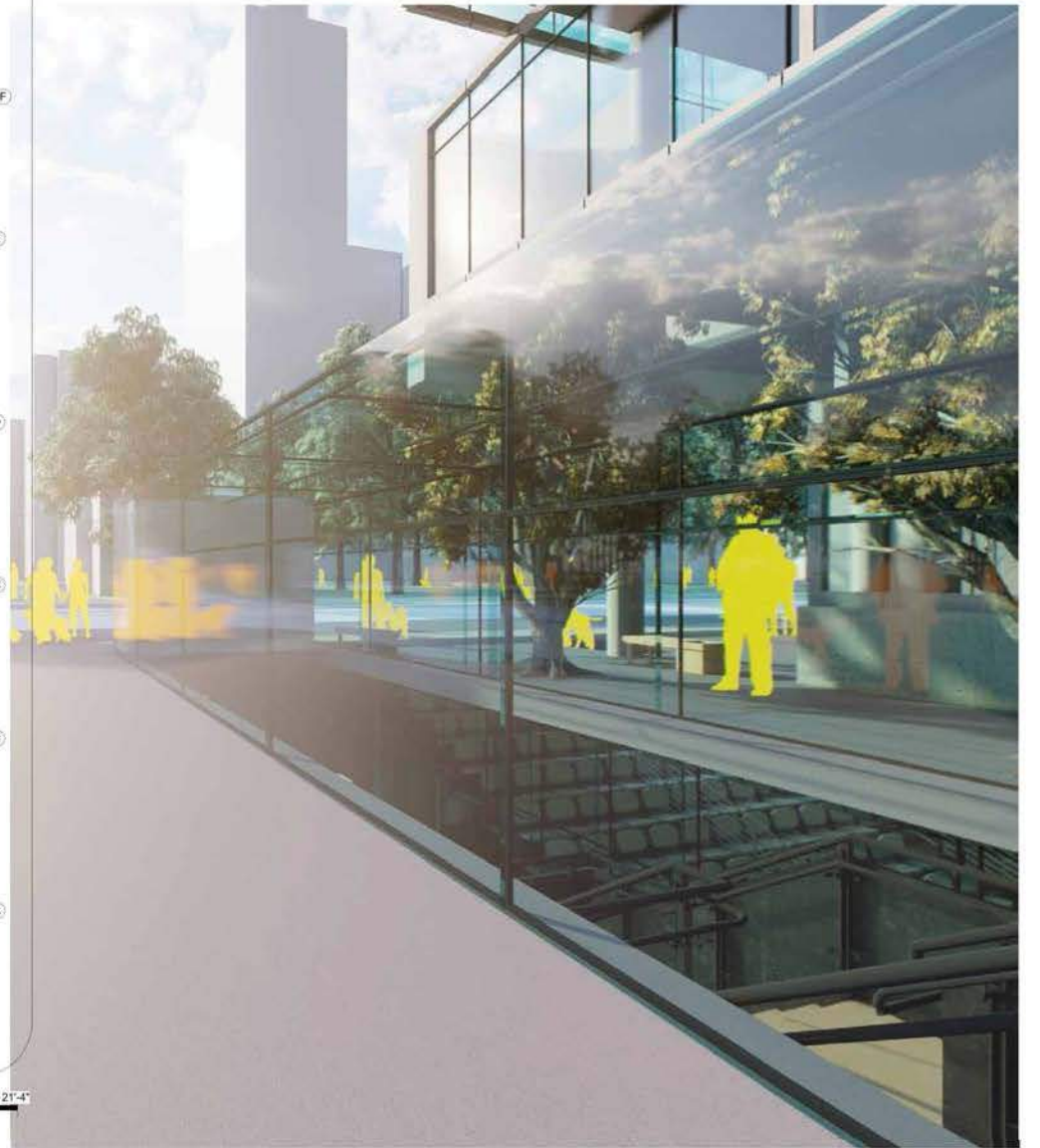
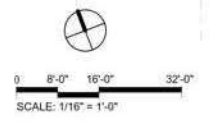
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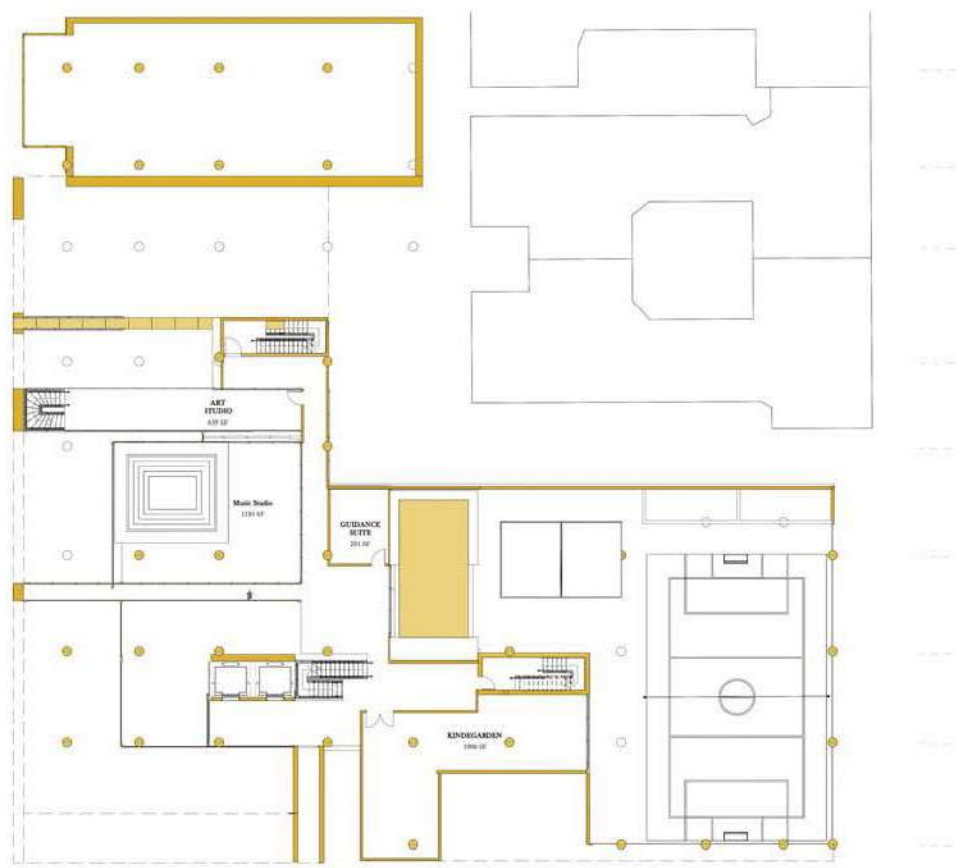


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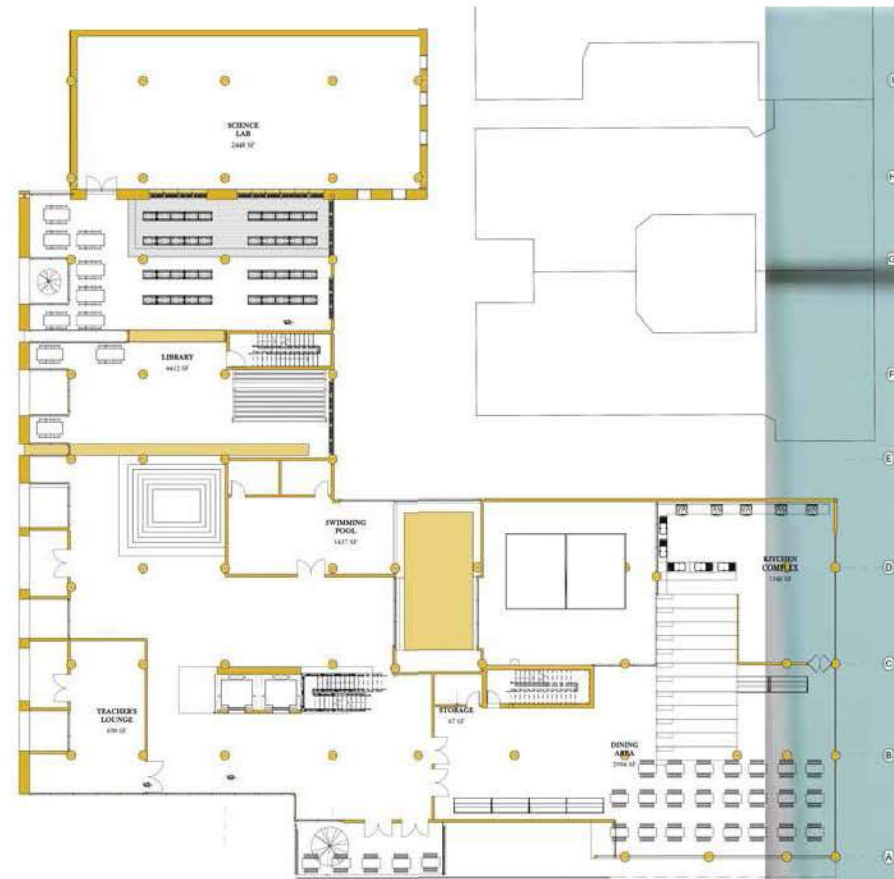


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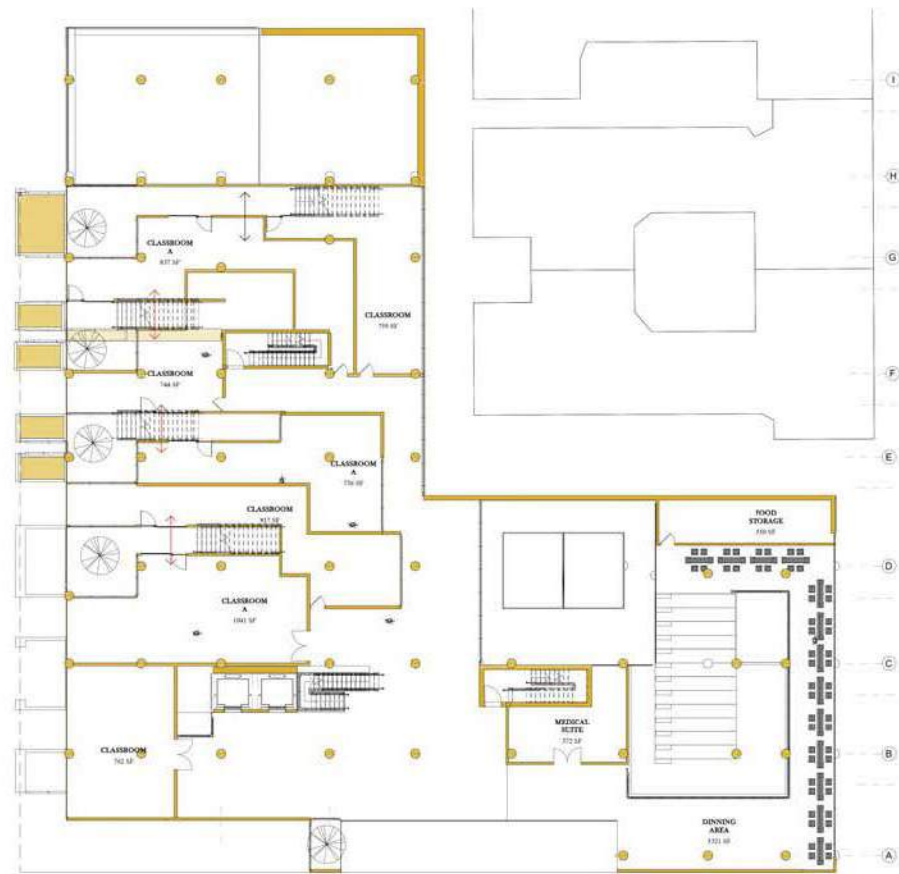




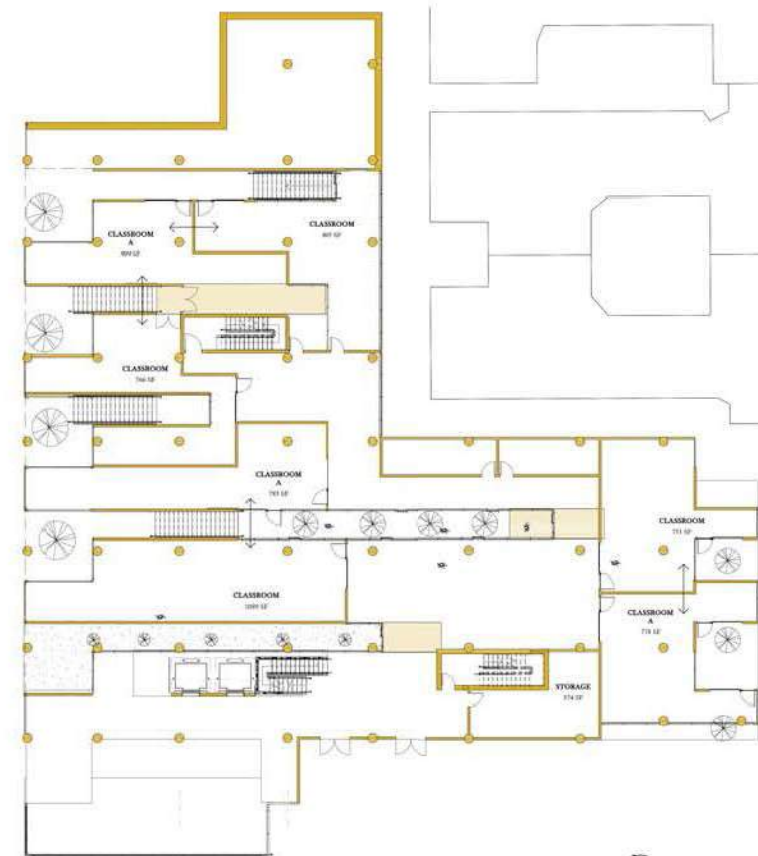
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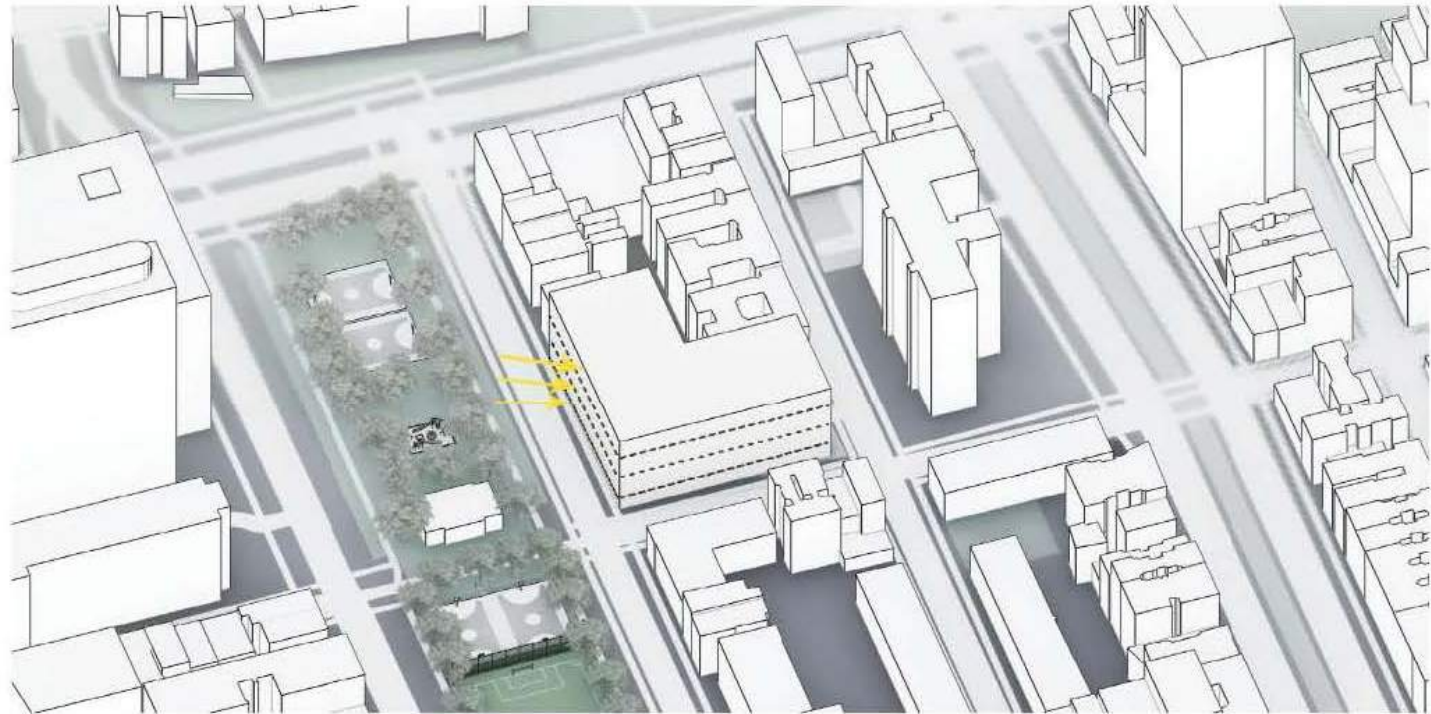


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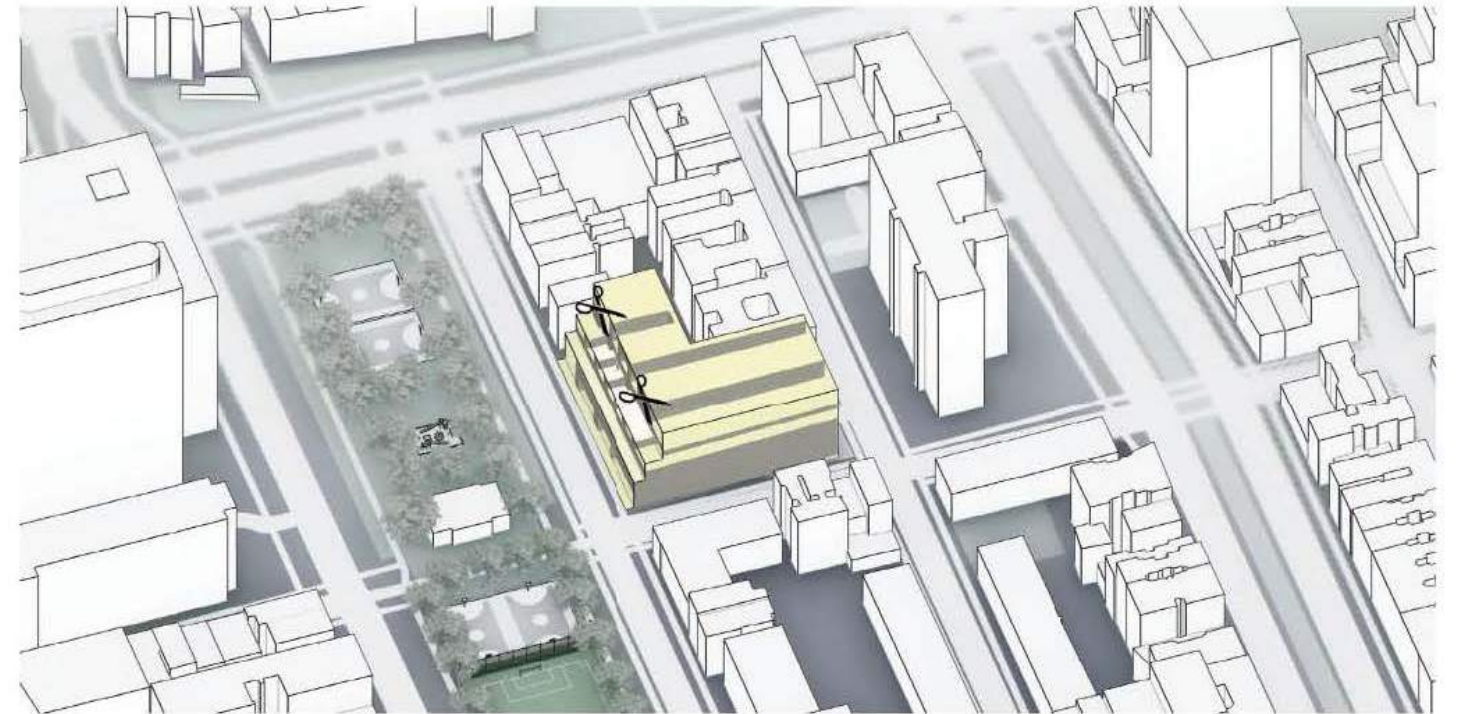


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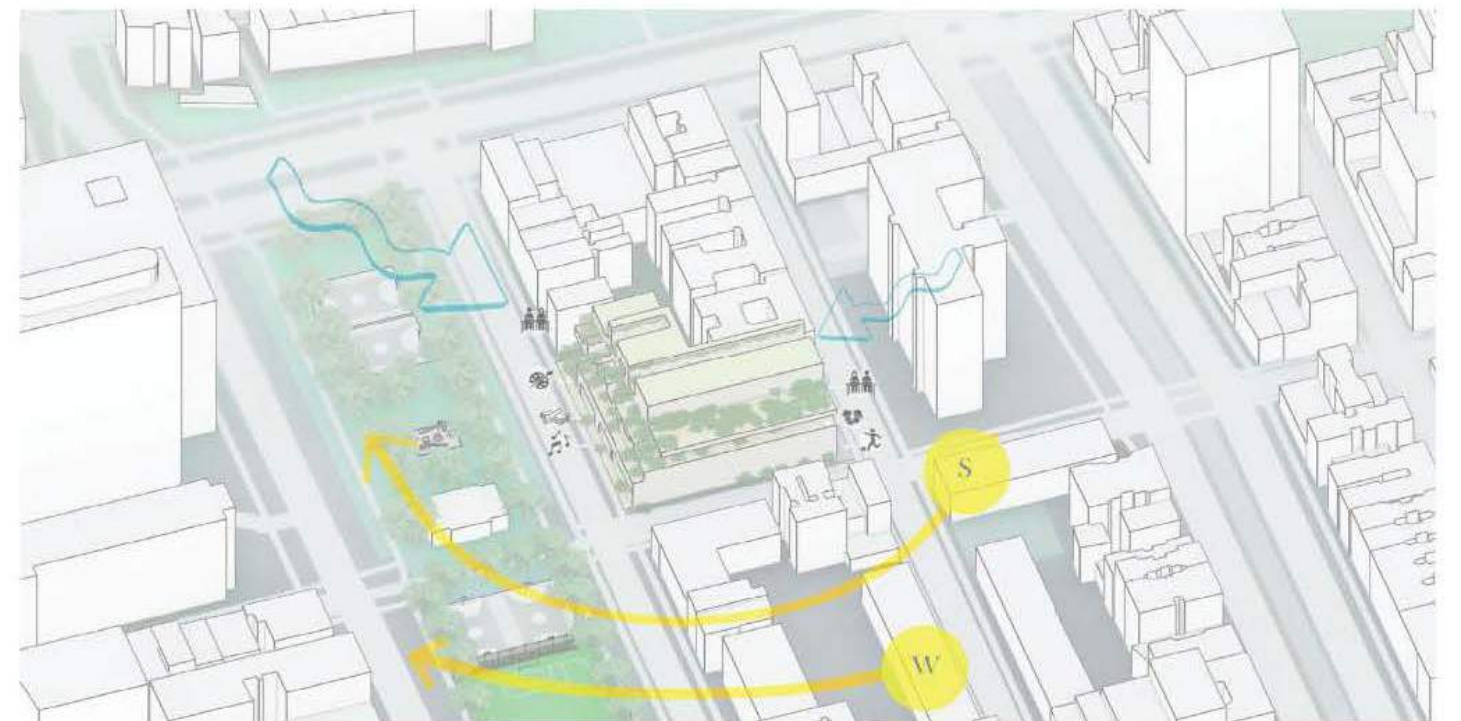
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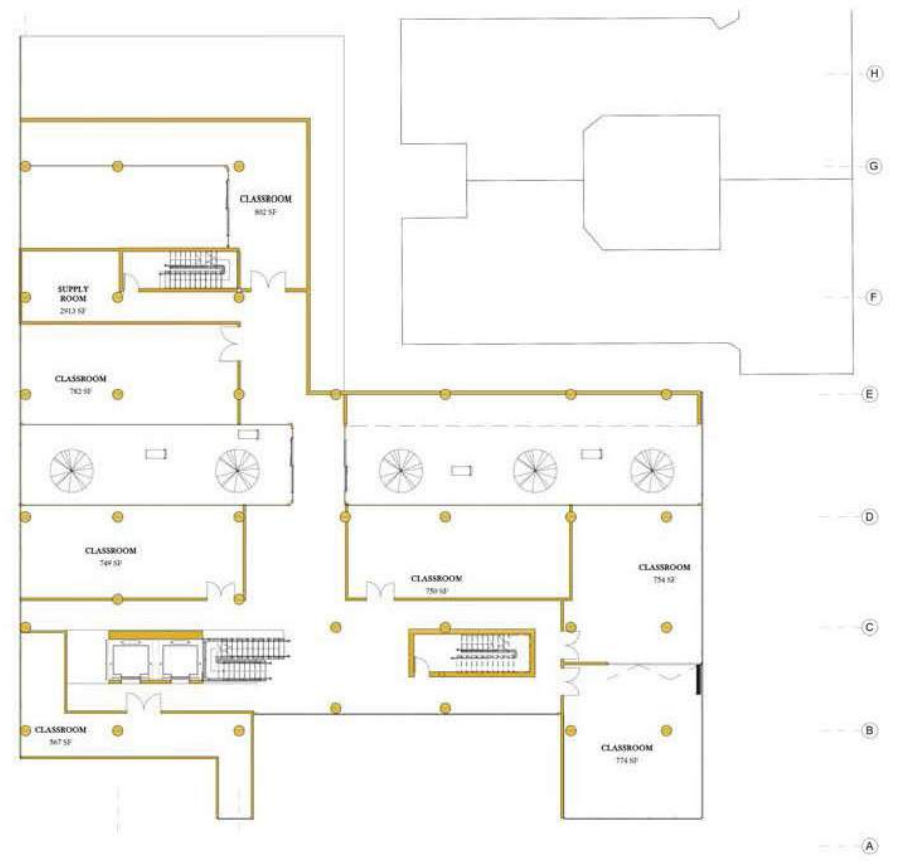
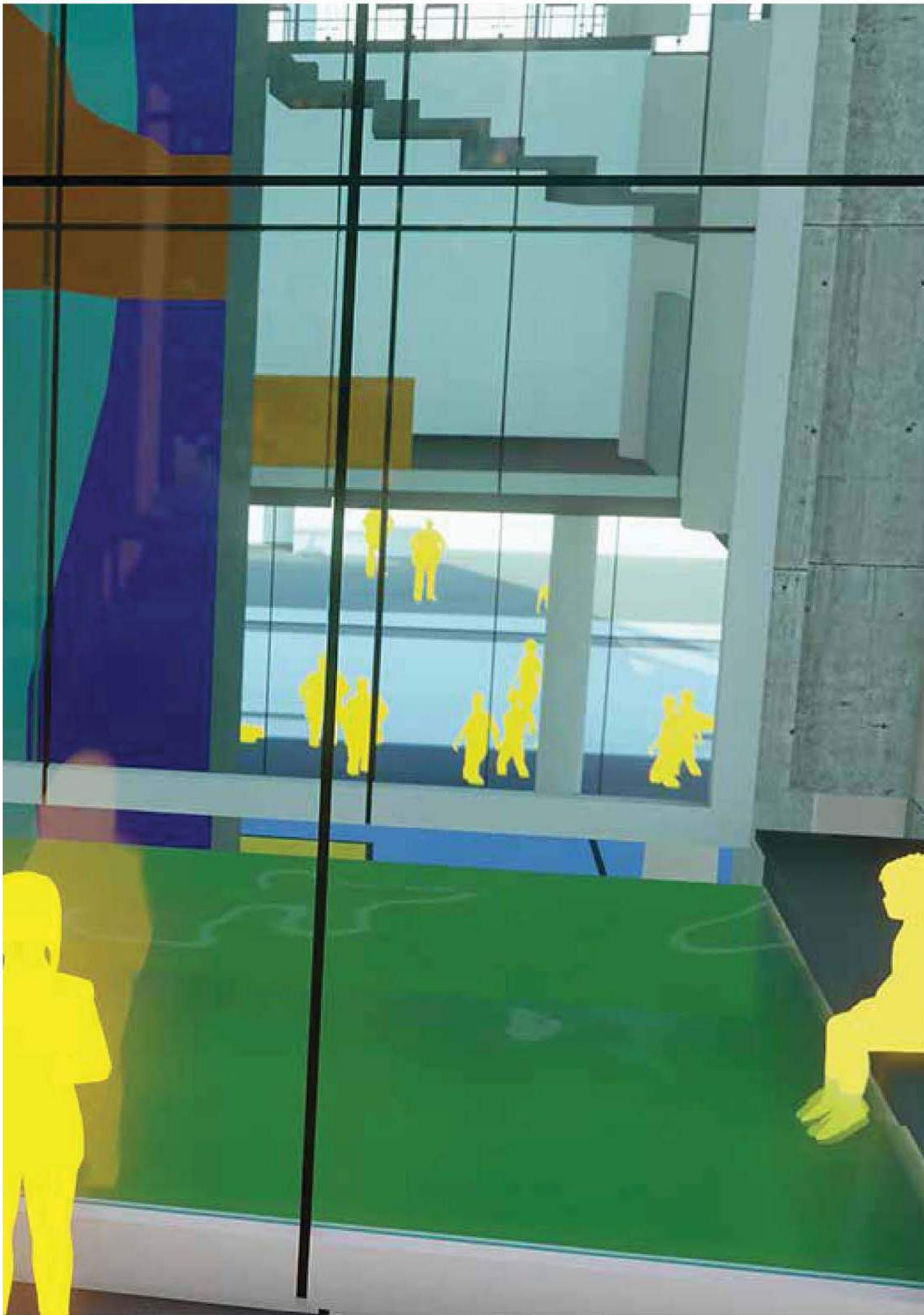
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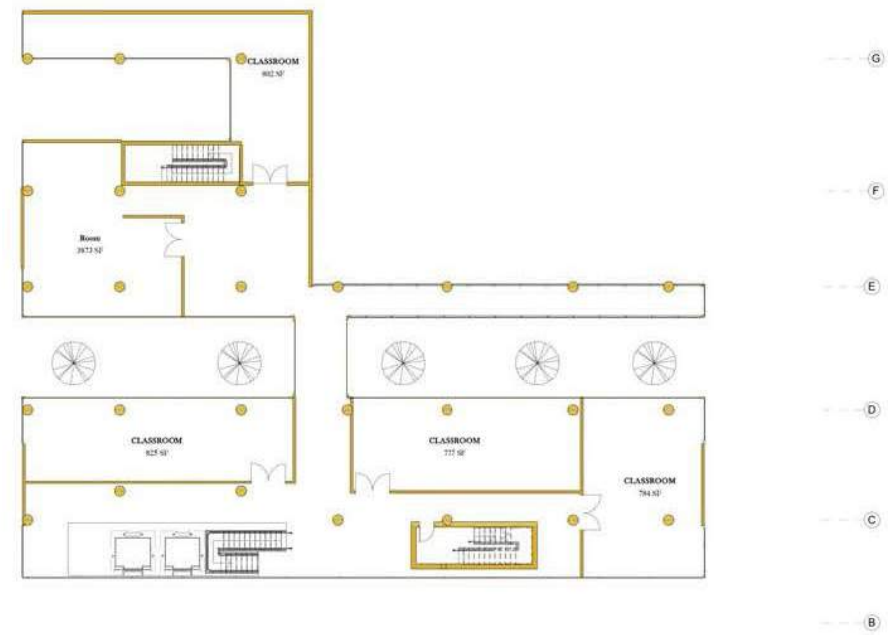
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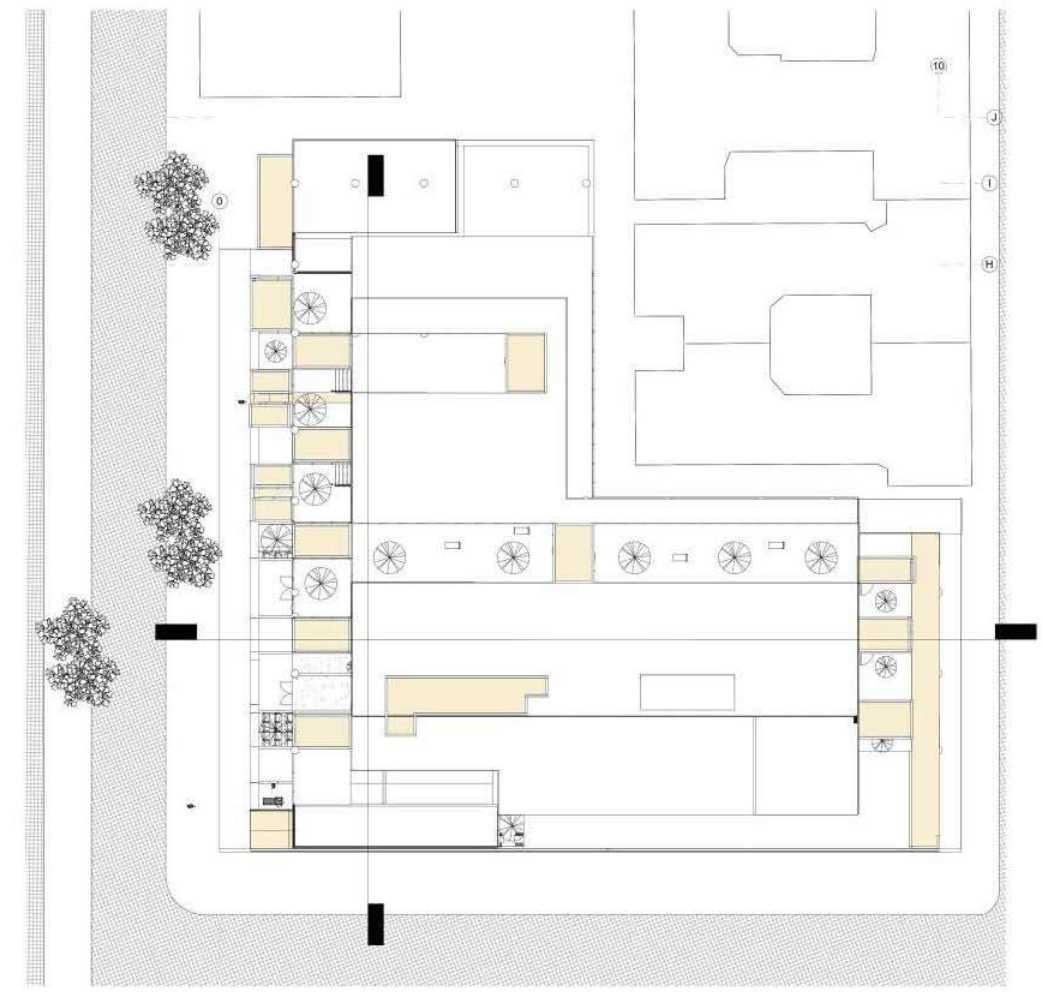
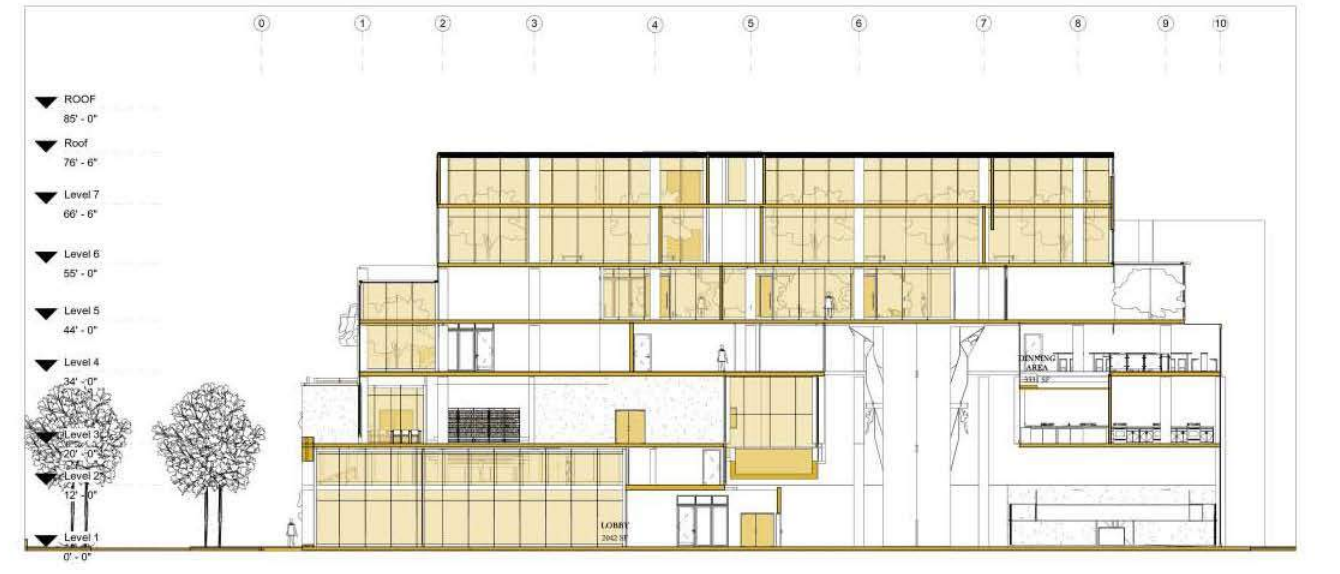
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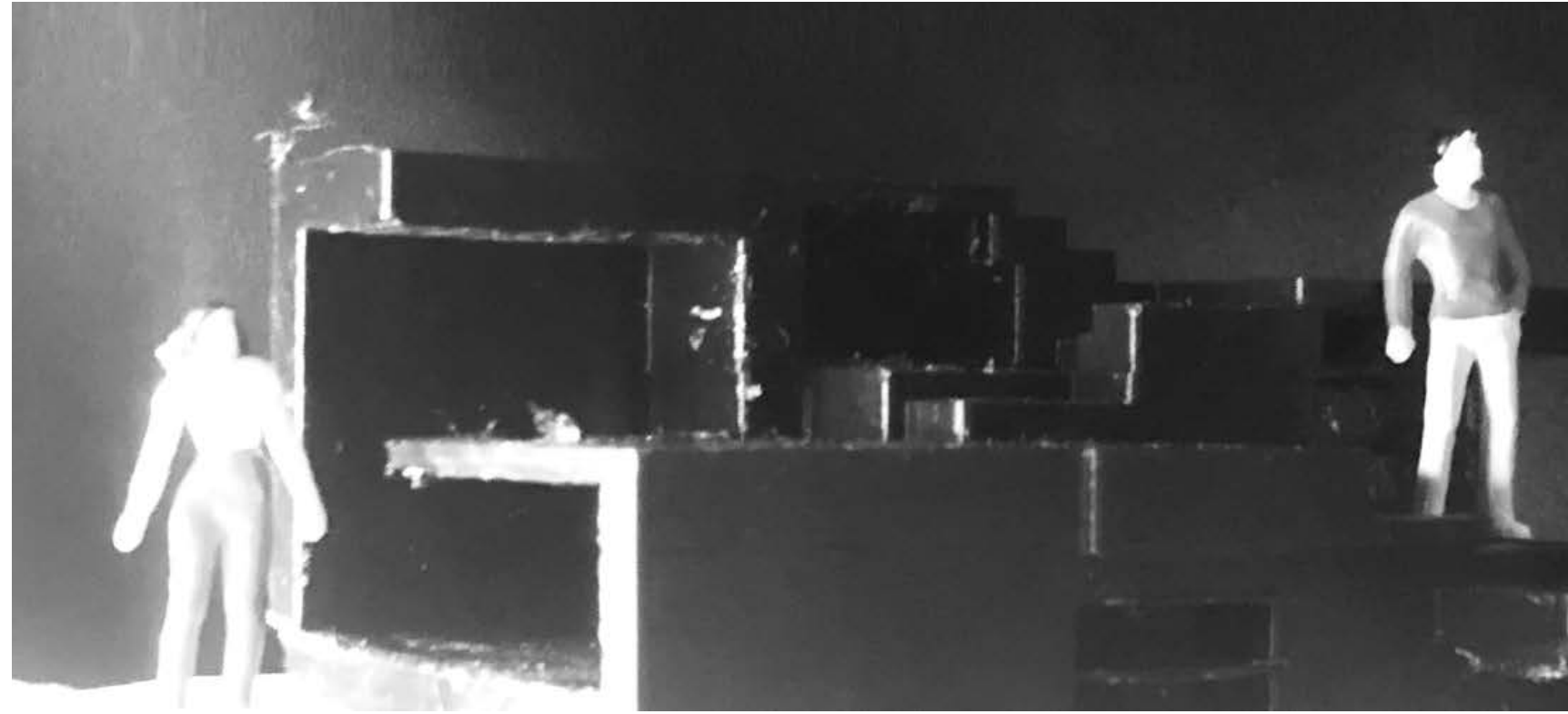
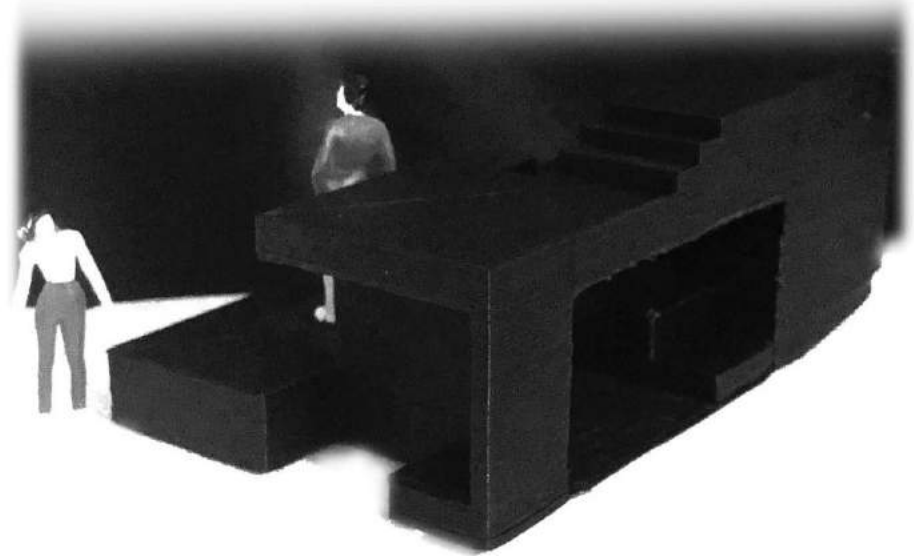
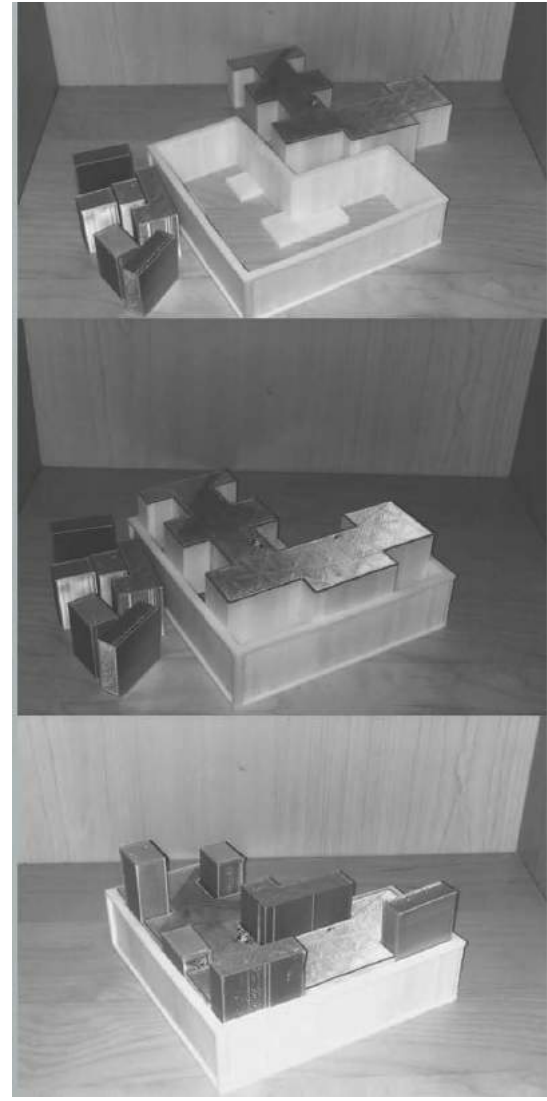
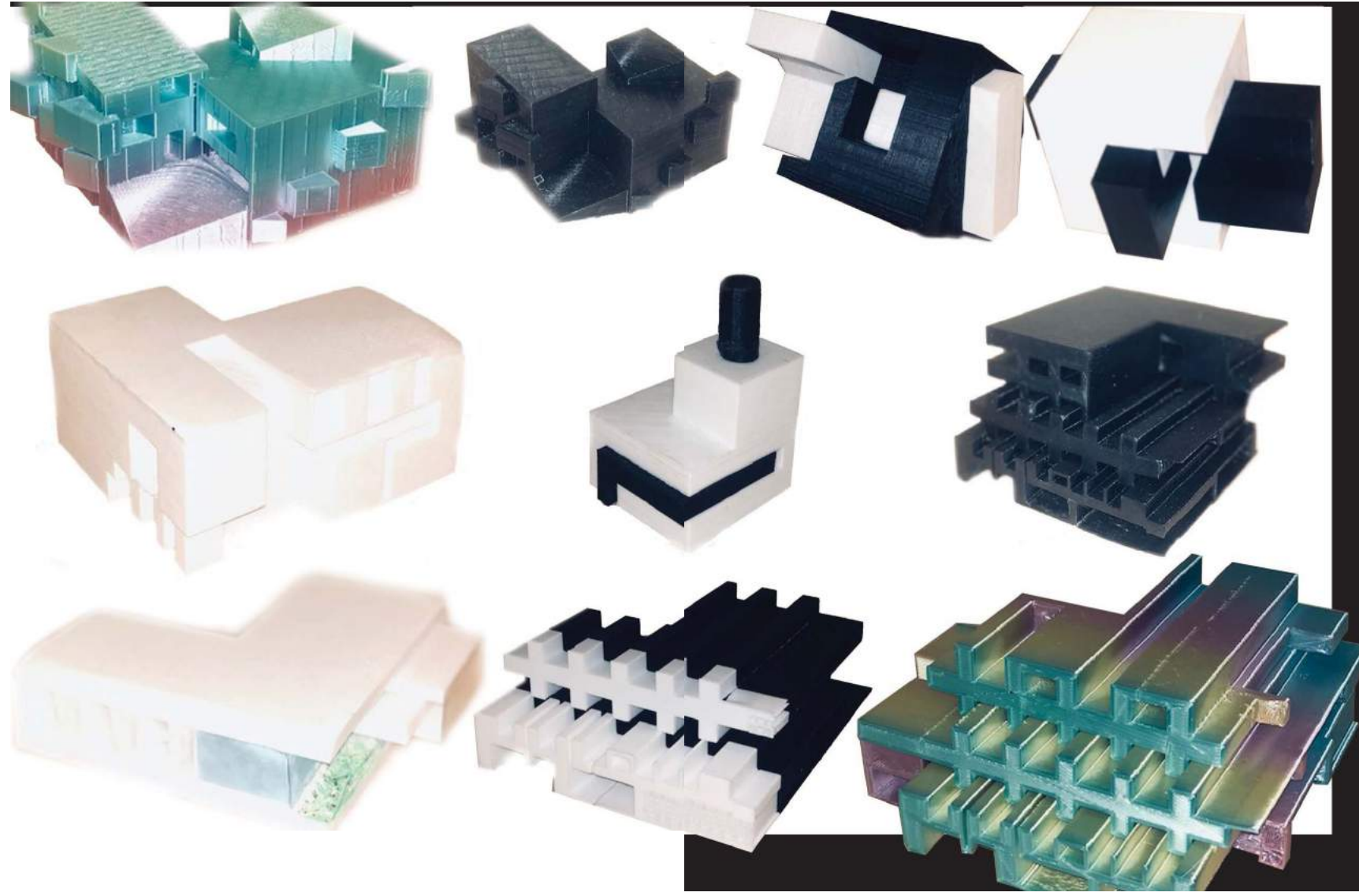
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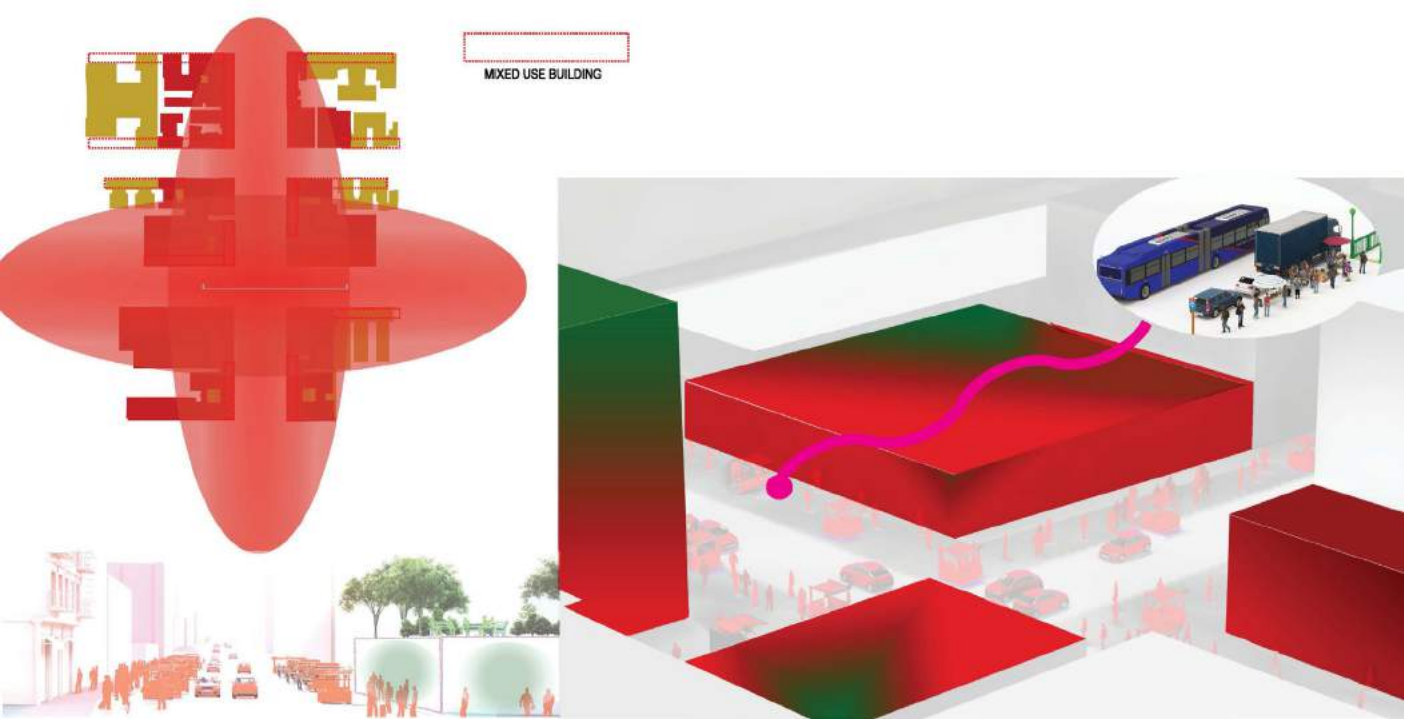
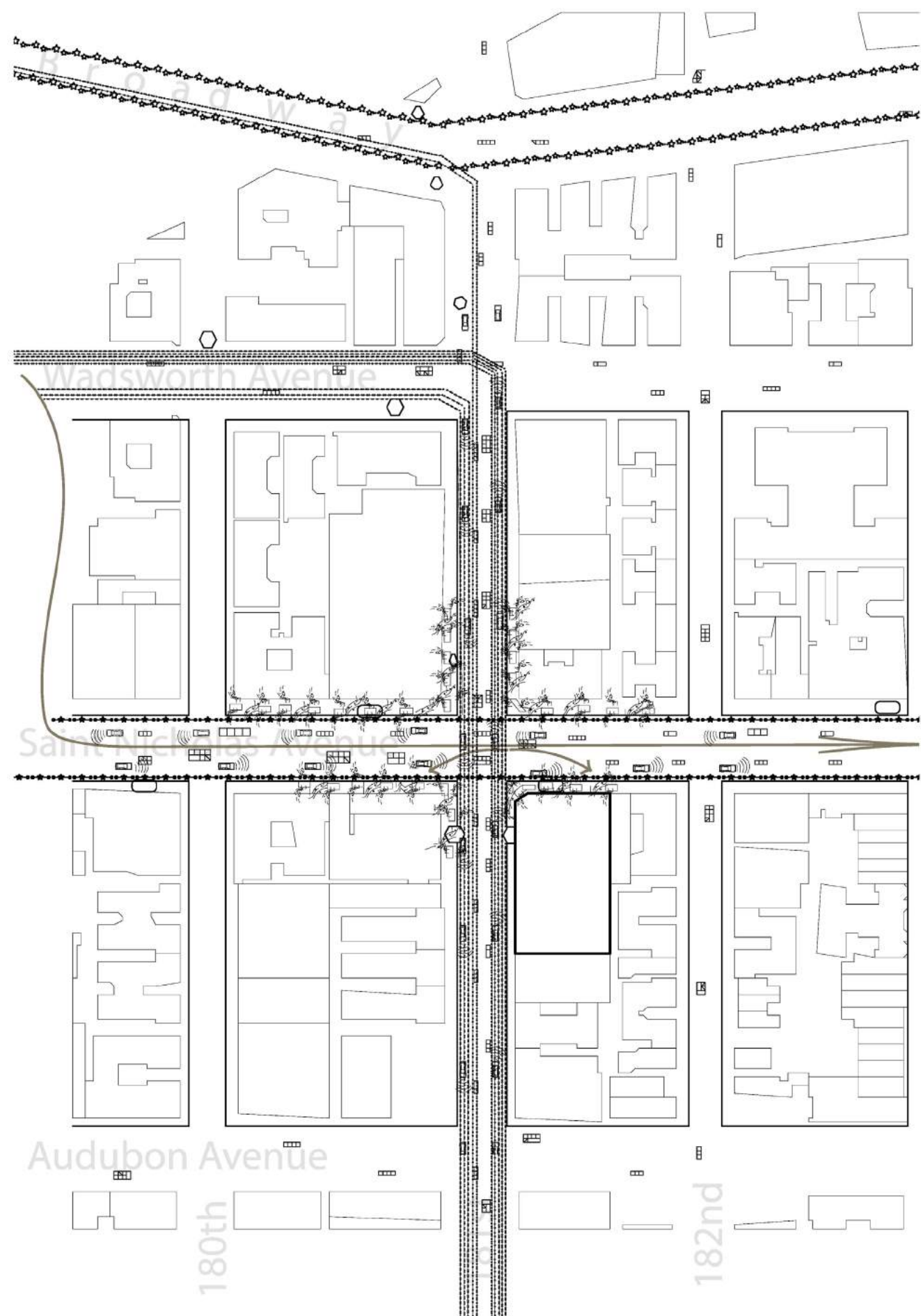
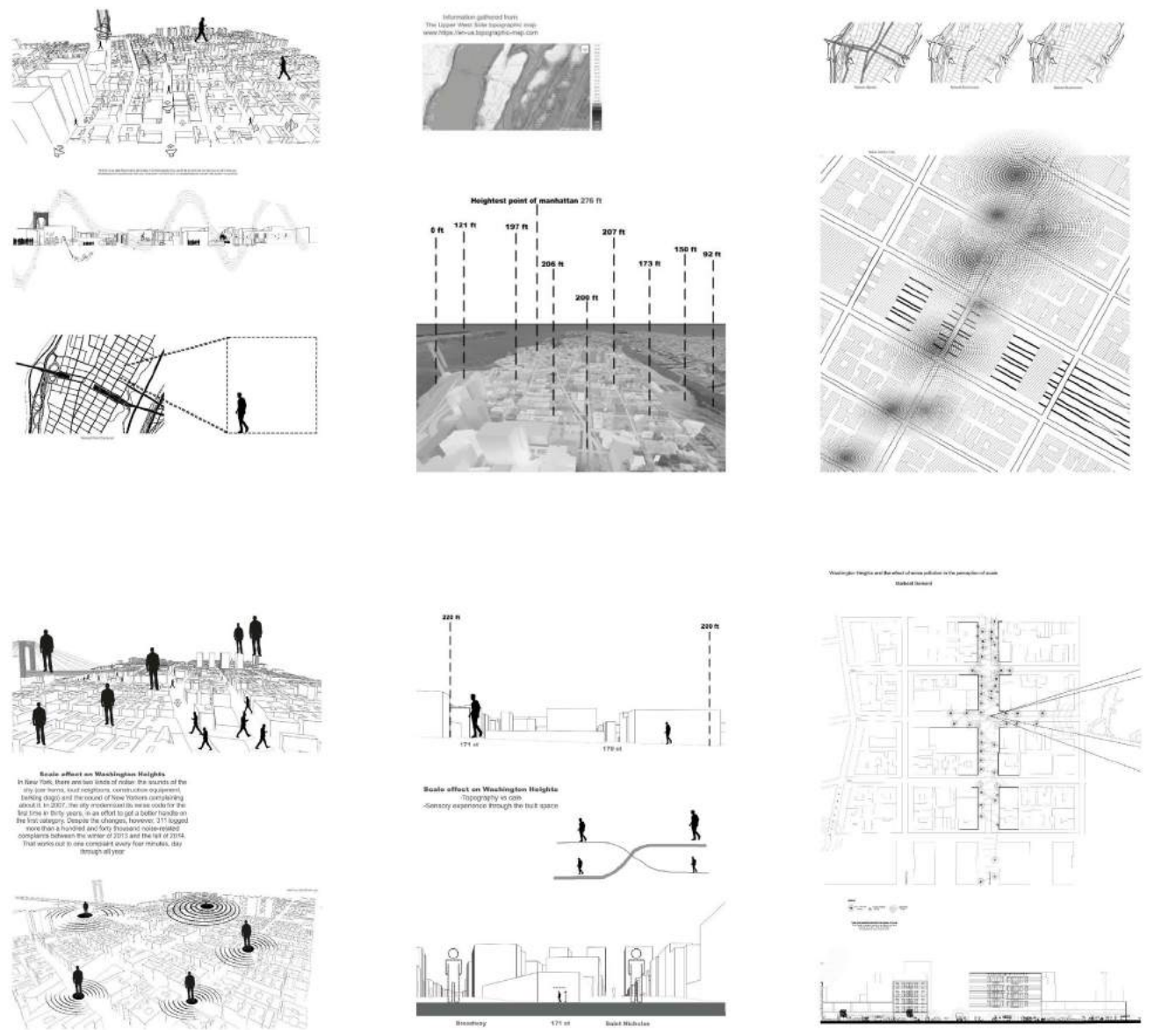


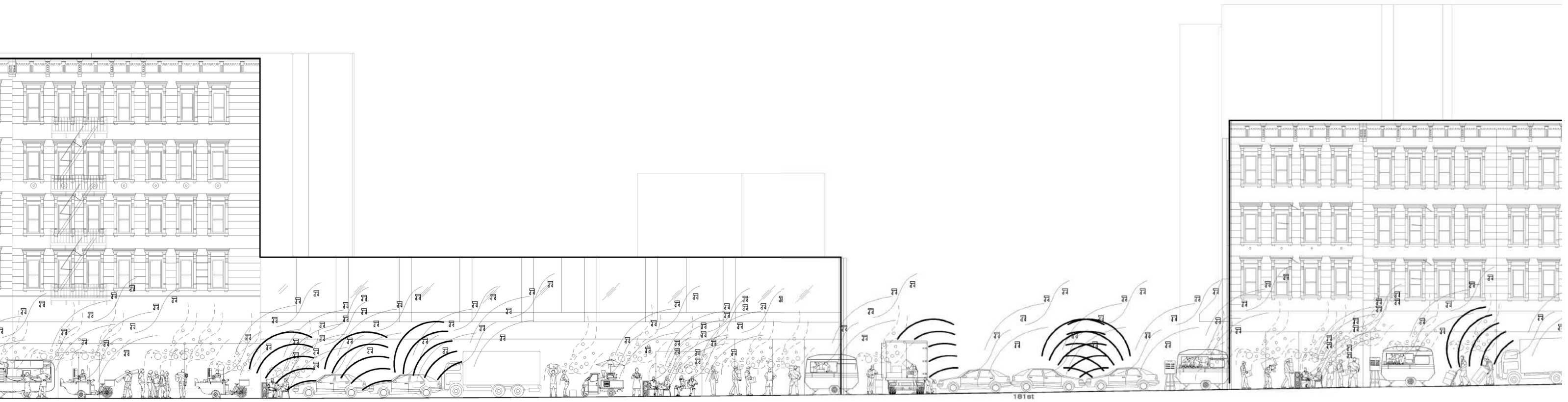




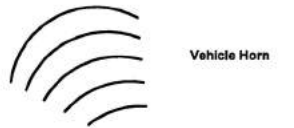
STORIES OF BROADWAY STUDIO | MERCADO MODELO

Transit, Traffic & Street Vendors

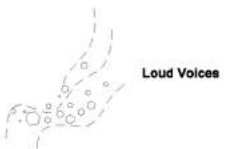




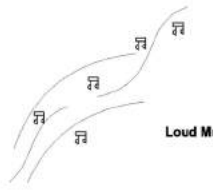
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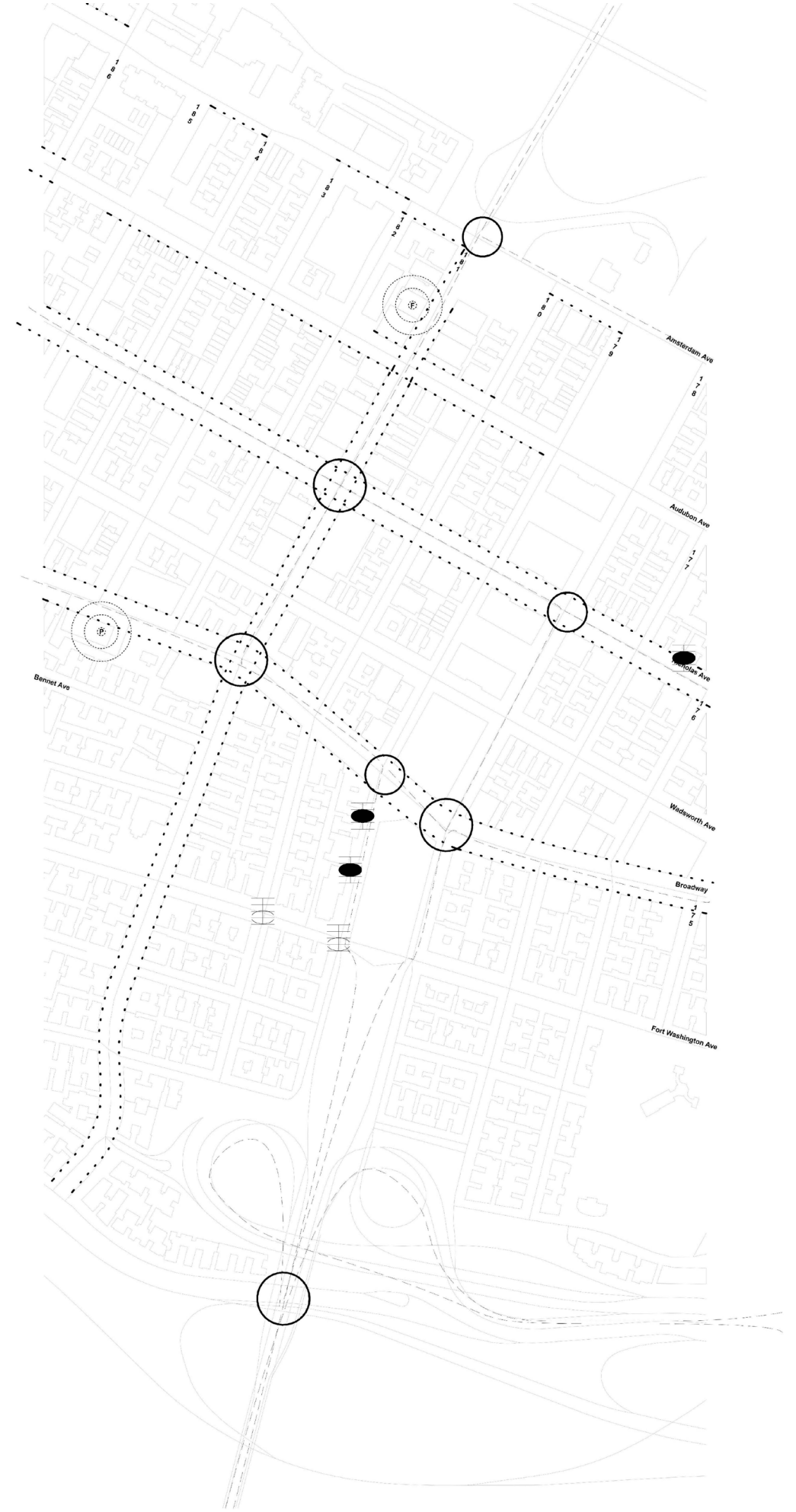
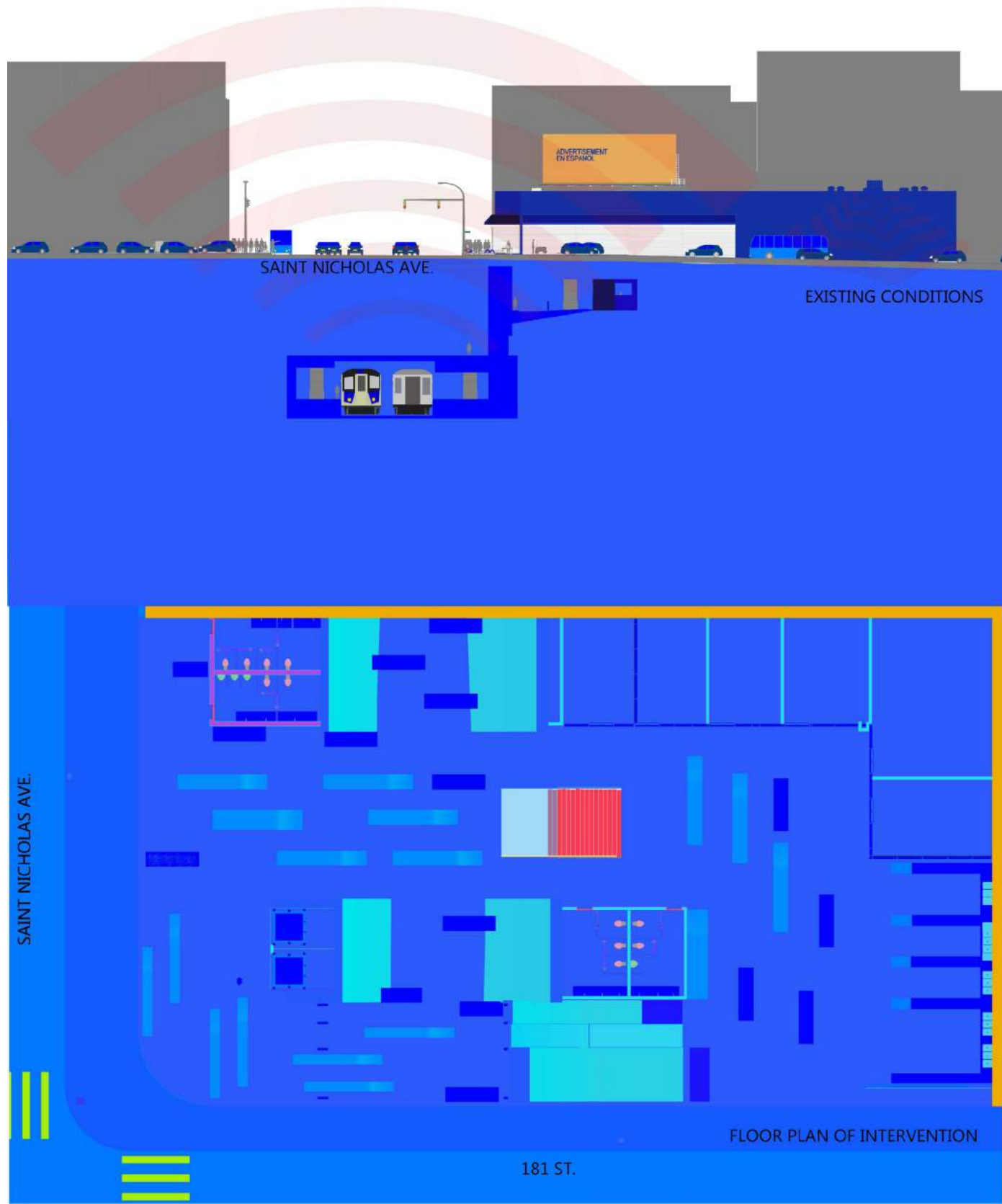


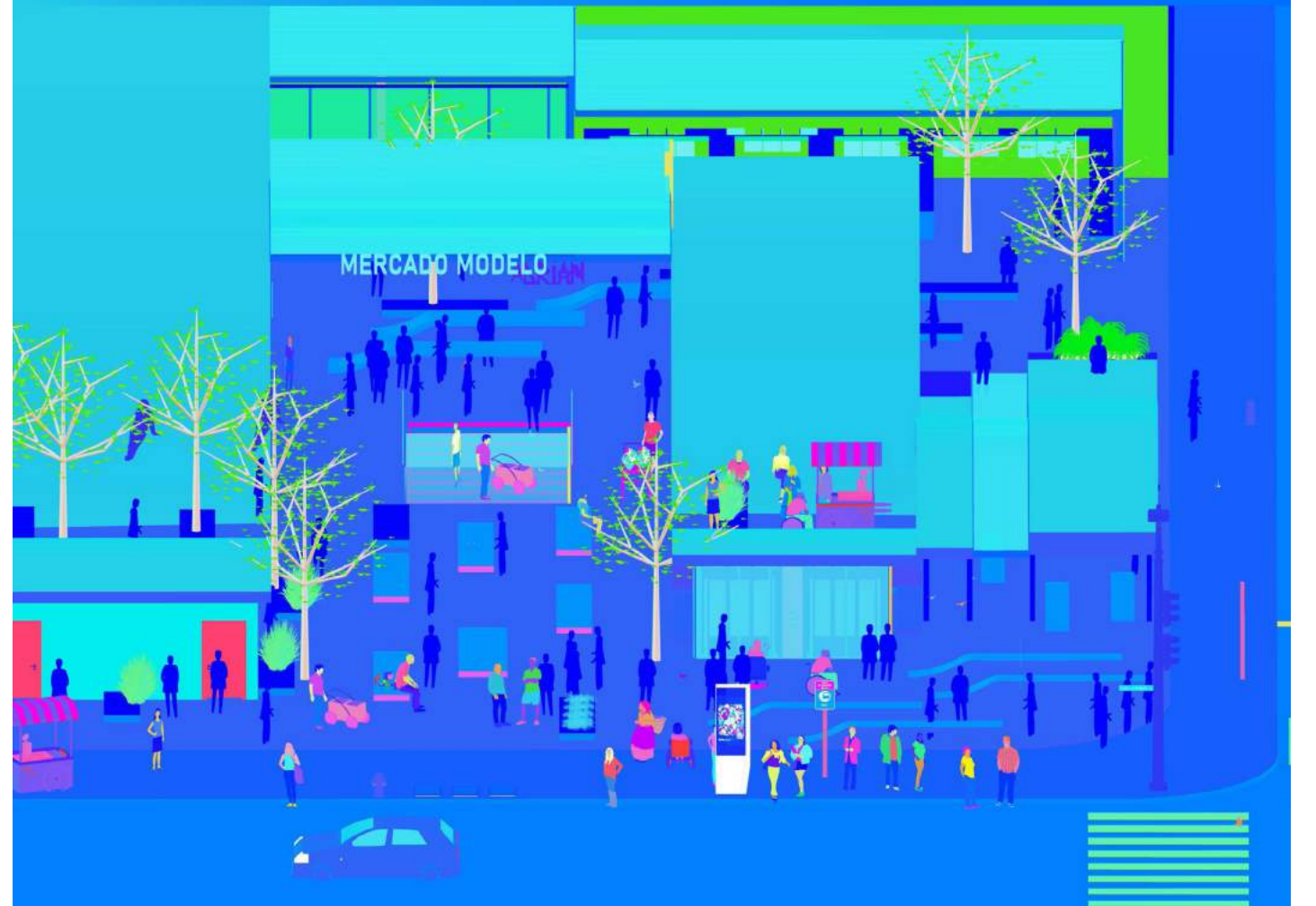
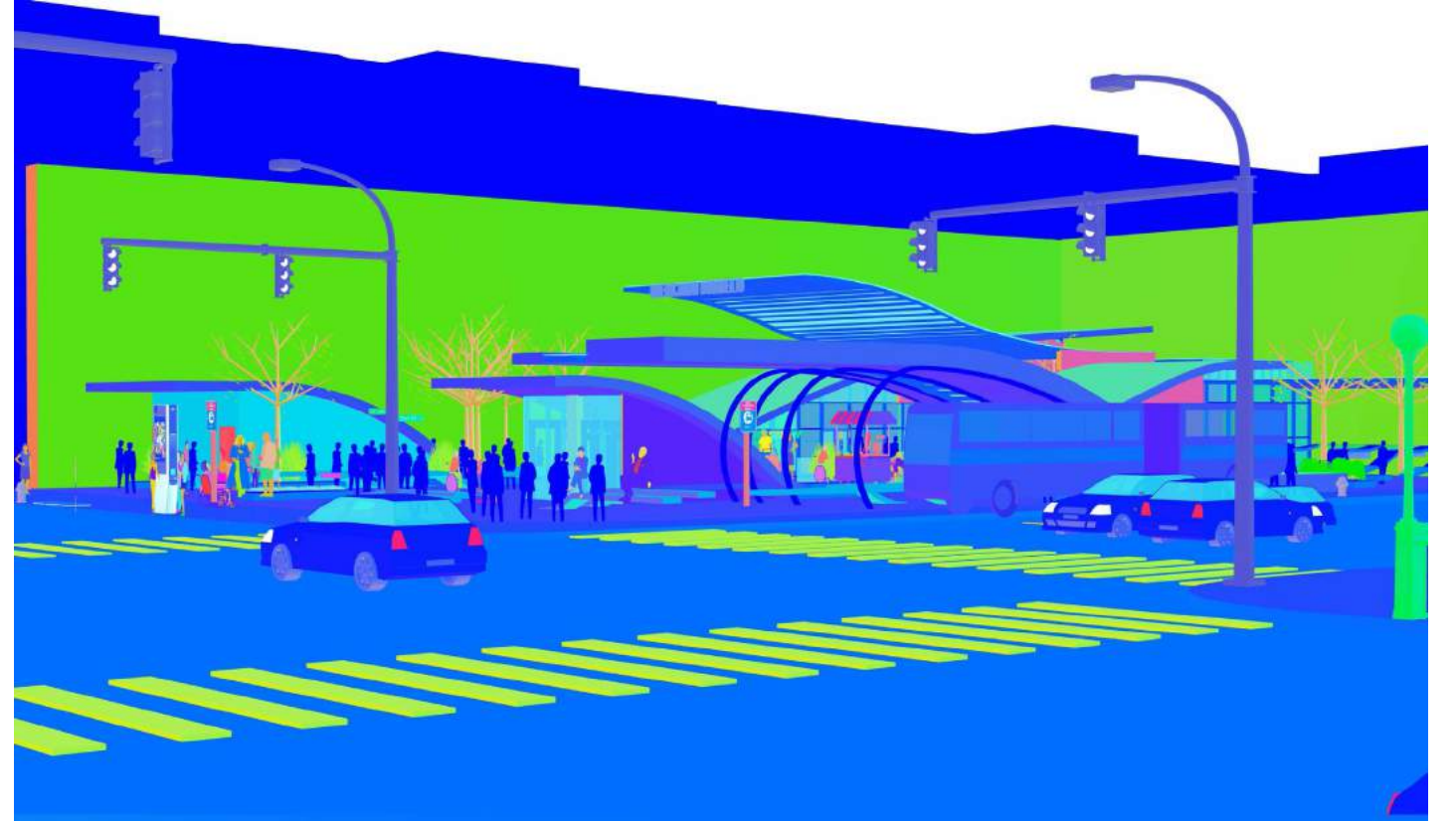
Loud Voices



Loud Music

Exe. 2:
A set of color drawings

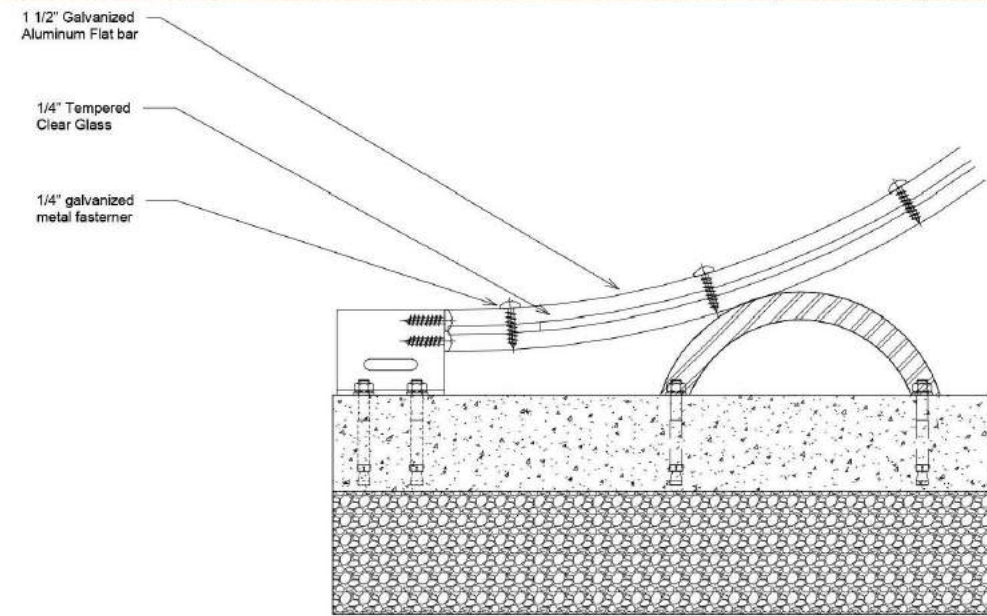
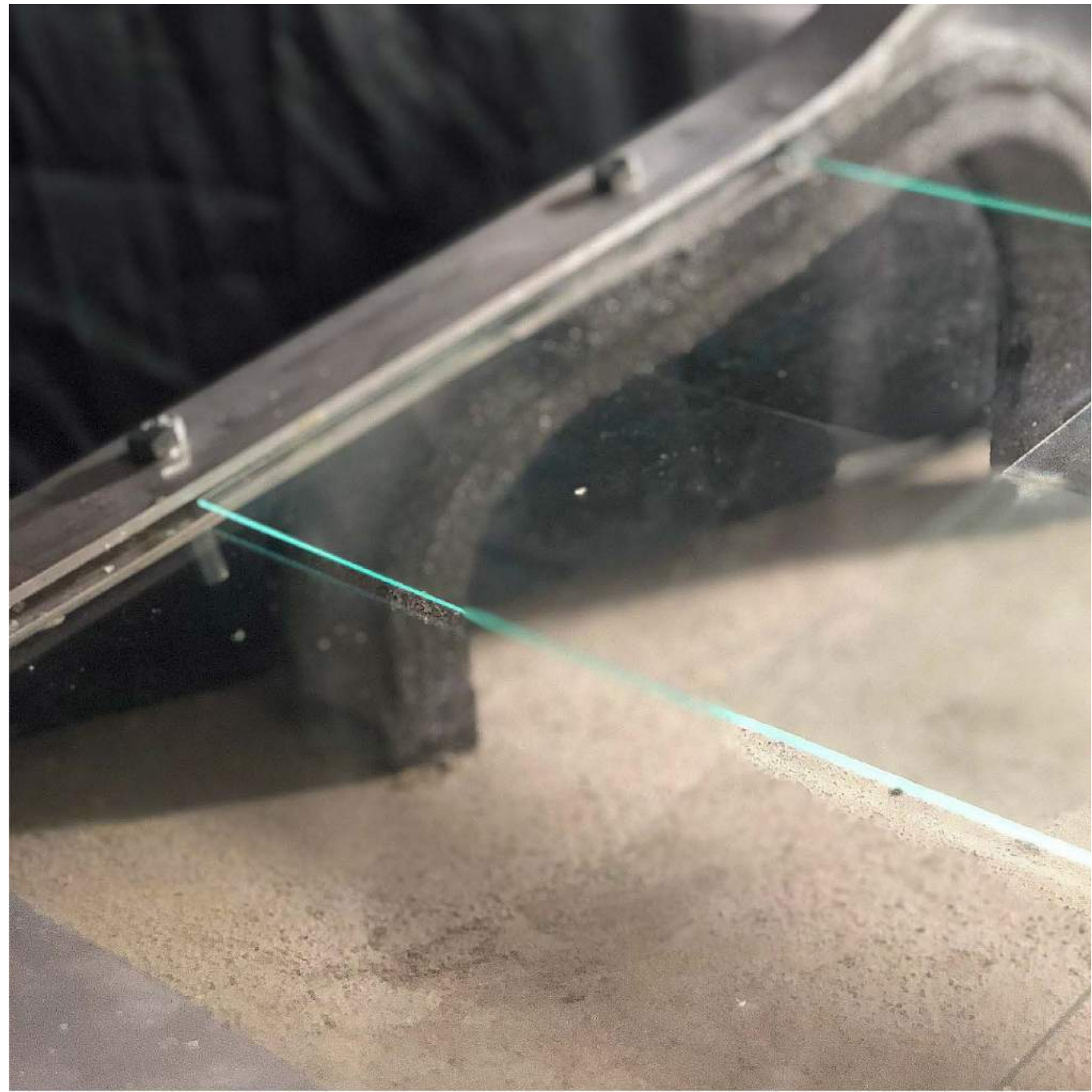
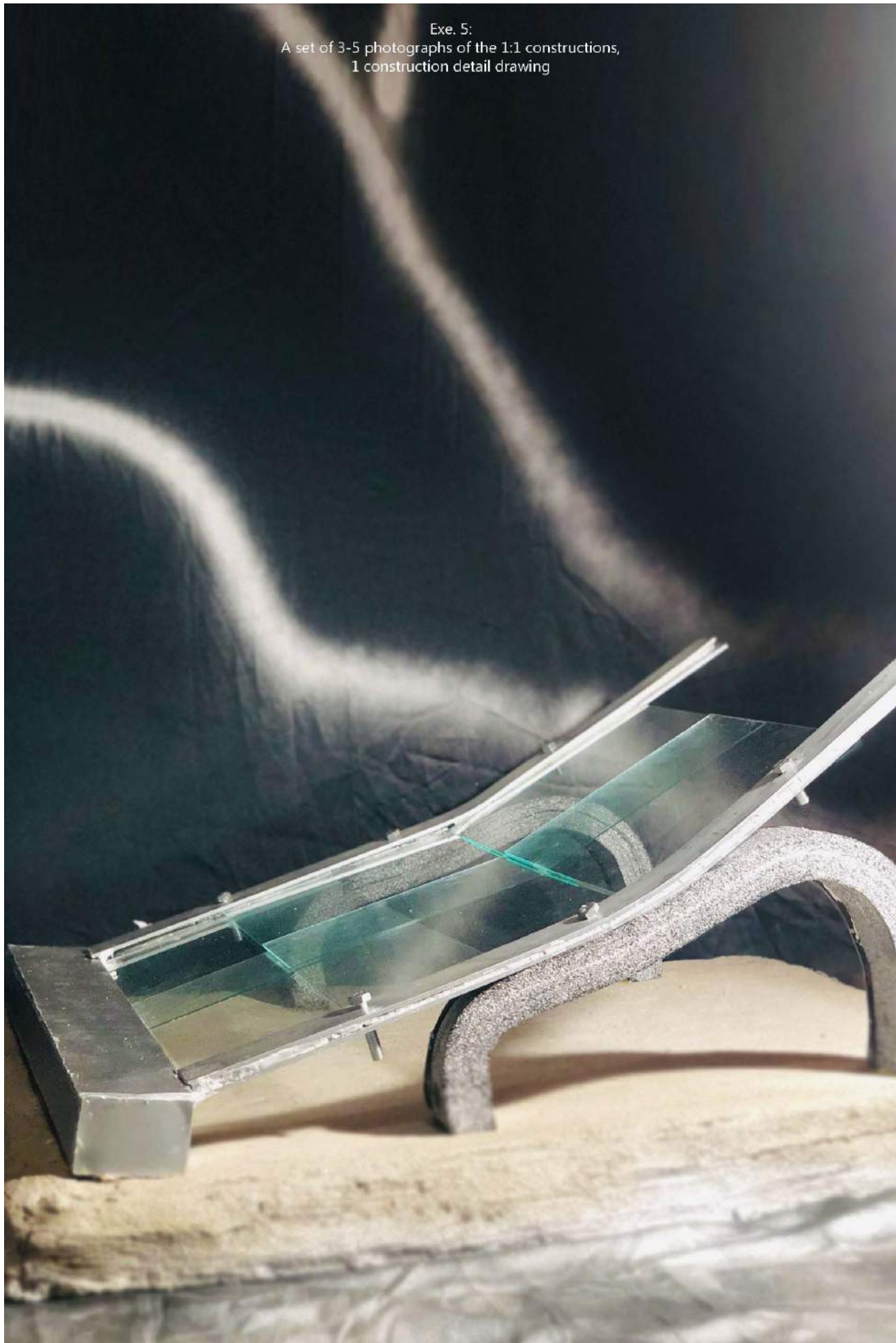




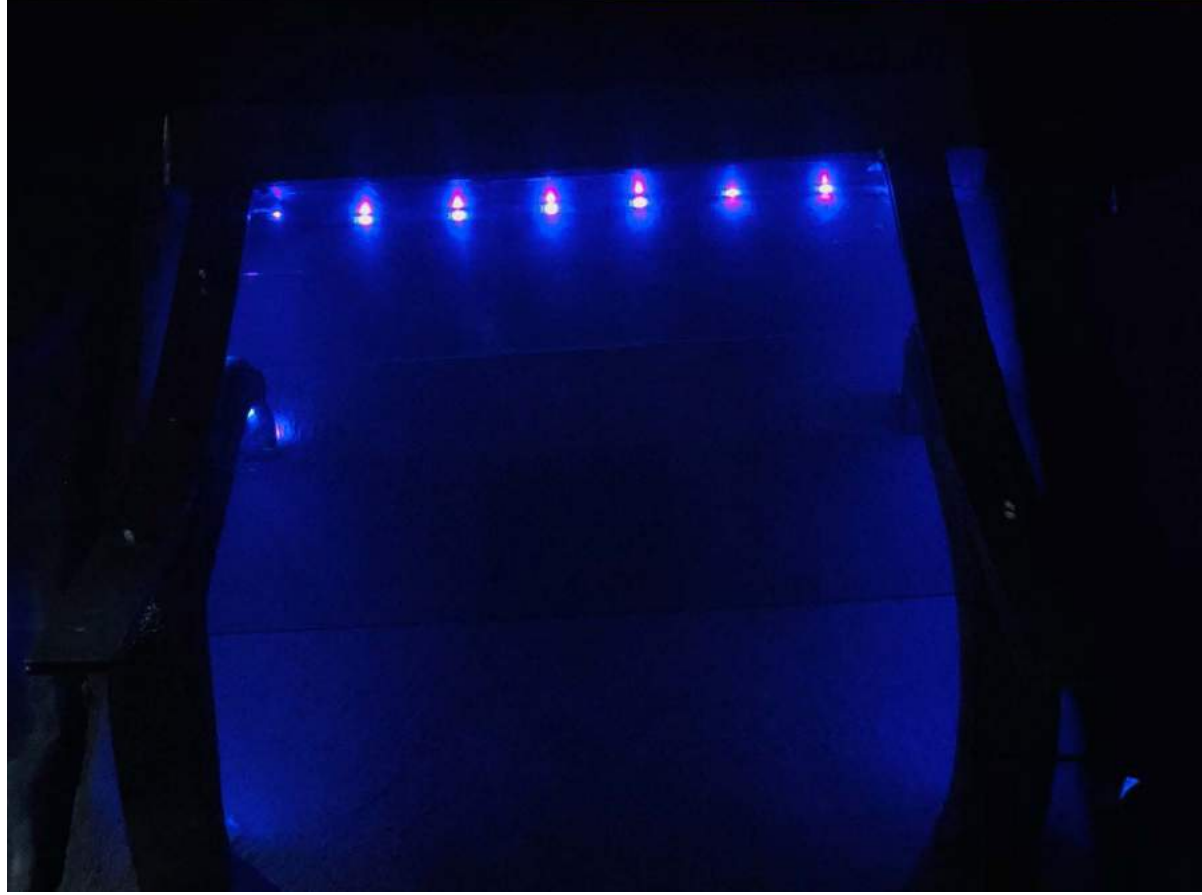
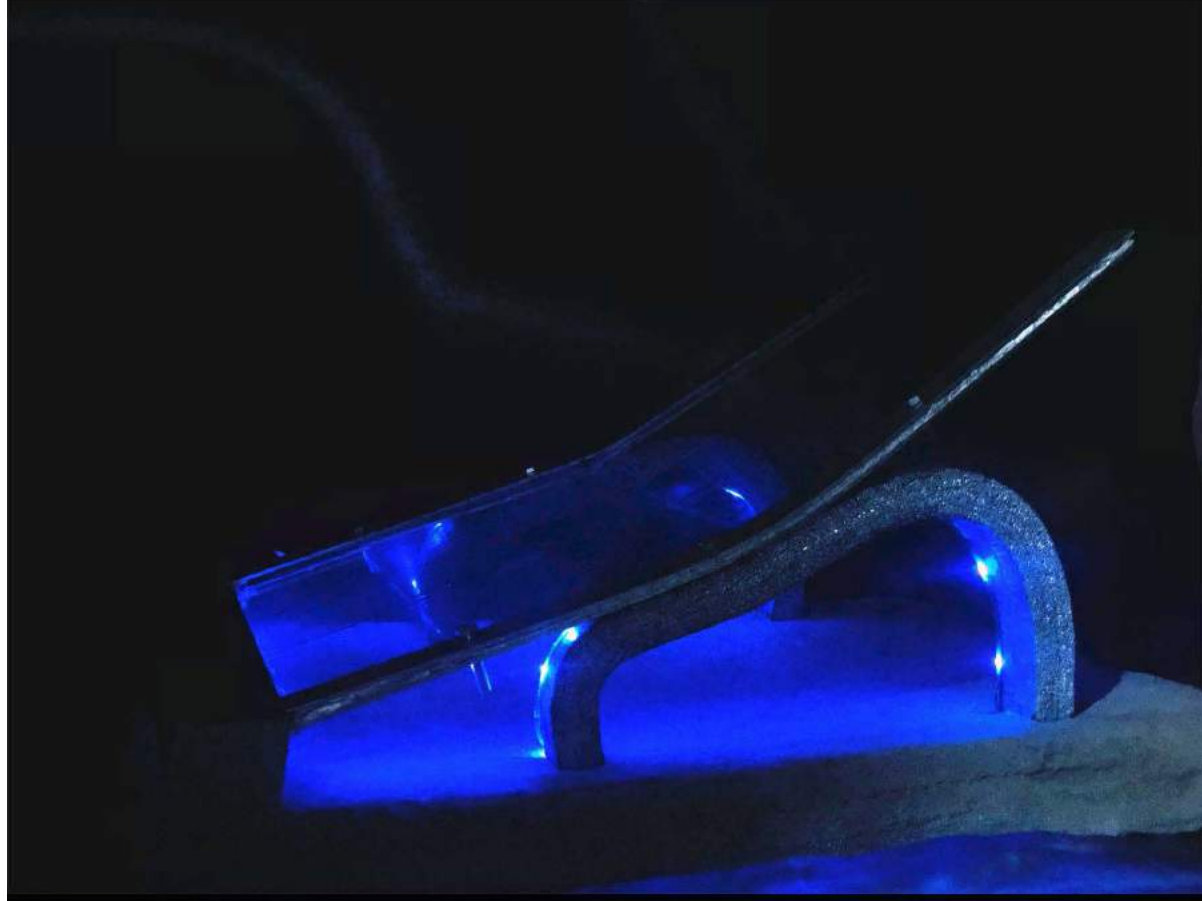
Exe. 4:
A set of photographs of the interior spaces

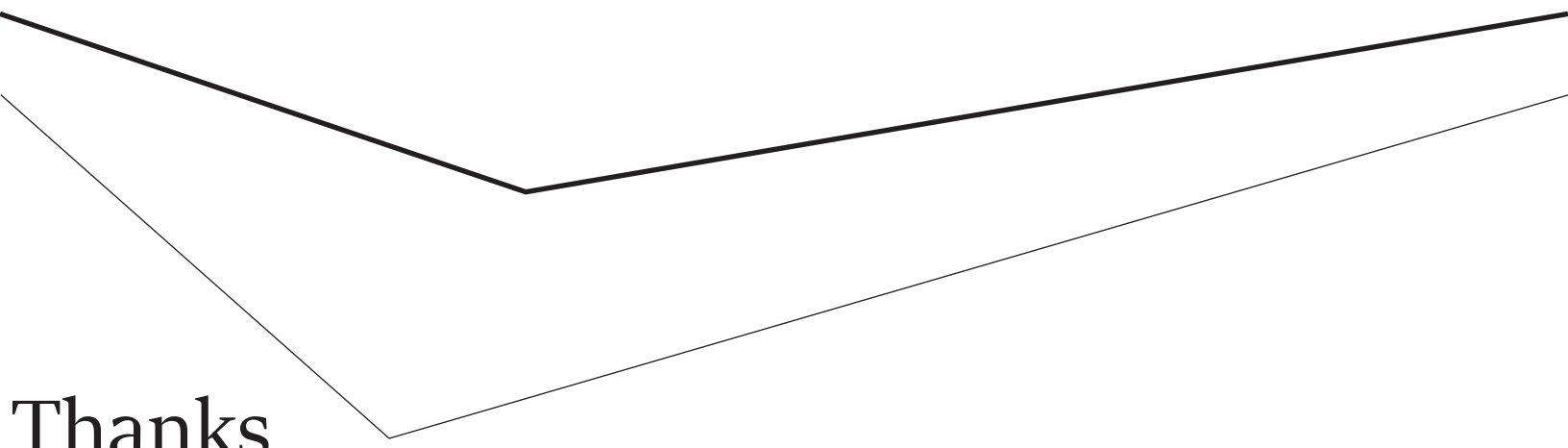


Exe. 5:
A set of 3-5 photographs of the 1:1 constructions,
1 construction detail drawing



Scale : 1 1/2"





Thanks