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Travelling around the world from early age made me wonder what can make people feel 'home'. I have learned that what people call home is not only the meaning of words, but also the meaning of emotions and memories. After I became interested in the space called 'home', I wish to design people's place close to where they can finally be themselves.

Education

Brent International School Manila High School Pratt Institute Undergraduate Interior Design

Softwares

Revit
AutoCAD
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Premiere
Rhino

Skills

Conceptual Sketch
Material Collage
Techinical Drawing
Laser Cutting
Art Directing
Graphic Design

Languages

Korean English

Work Experience

Art Director for short film "Delusion"

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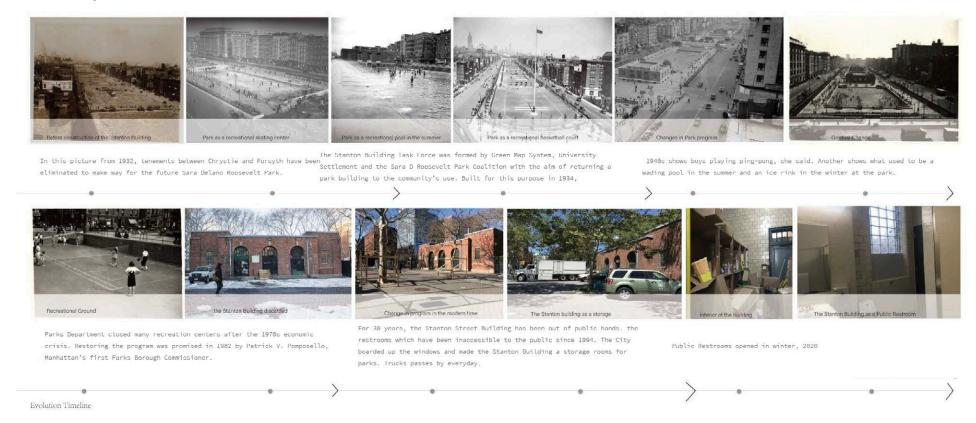
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ABOUT SITE

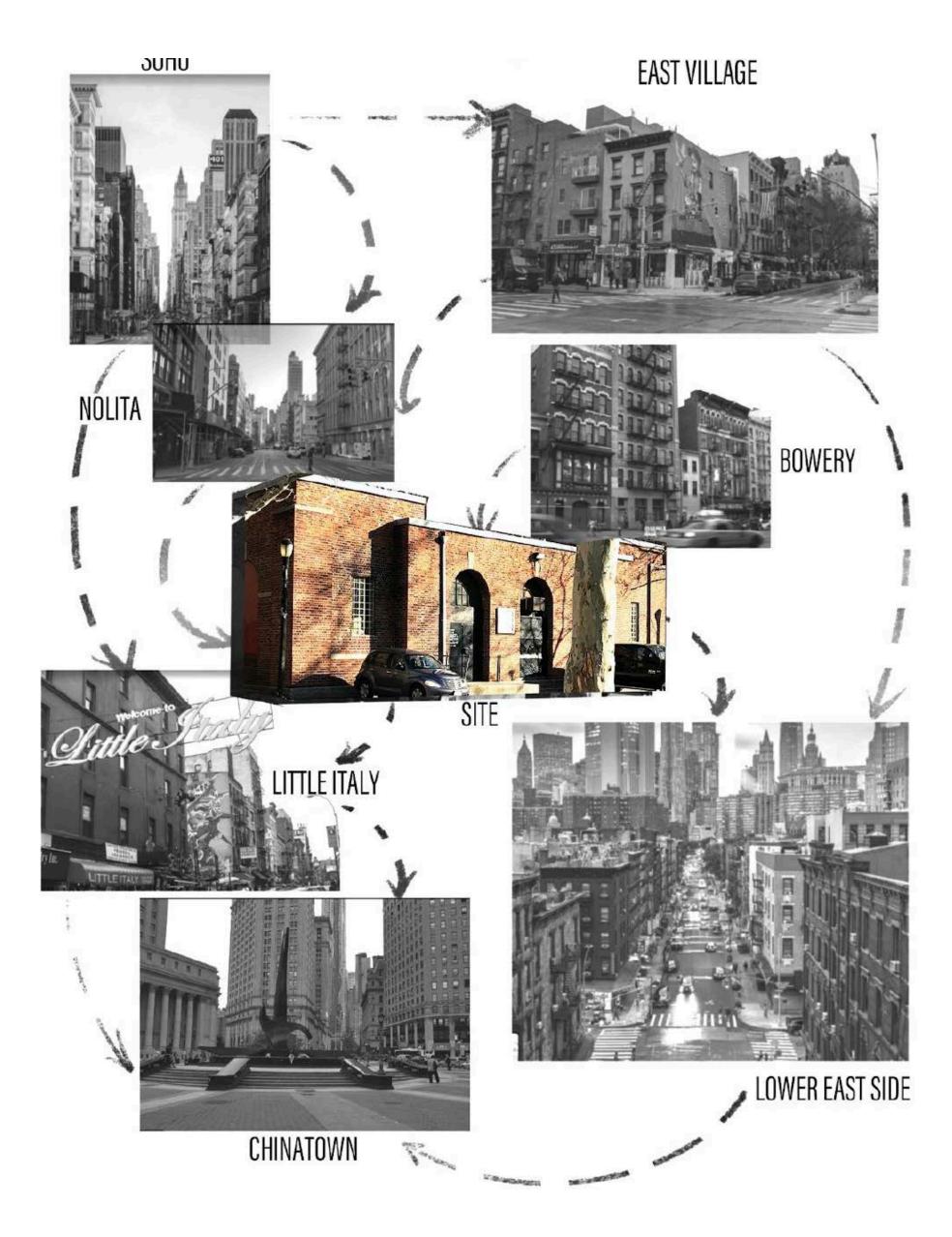
The site, the Stanton Building, is located in Sara D. Roosevelt Park in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, Chrystie St & Forsyth St, NY, 10002. It was completed in 1934, and according to NYC Parks Department "playgrounds and resting places for mothers and children" were provided. It provided much-needed public green space for the poor, tired, tightly packed masses desiring space to breathe free during the Depression Era. Its also located in the overlapping space of Bowery and Lower East Side.

History Timeline



Historical Conceptual Collage





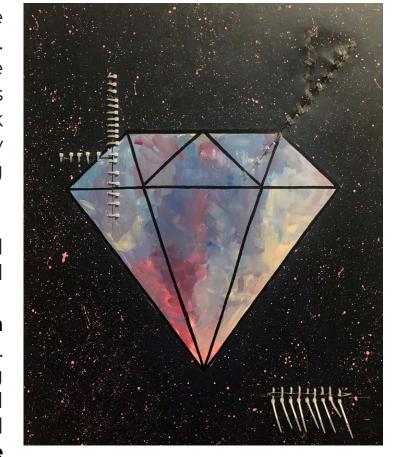
REPAIR PROJECT / CONCEPT

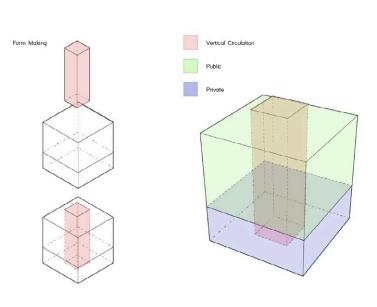
LightHouse has been helping people to navigate destinations with lamps and lenses for a long time. The concept of LightHouse could be applied in the site with a glass box (does not necessary to be glass or box but need transparency) that illuminates in dark telling people their way, or if lost inviting them if they need assistance. During the daytime, it can also bring in daylight into space all the way to the cellar.

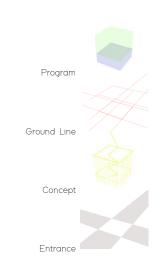
The idea of stitching and healing, that are generated by my repair project is brought in to as system and program for Staton building.

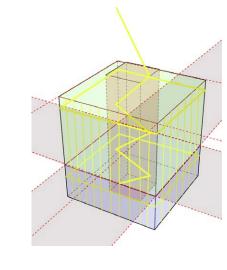
Stitching: The knotted plastic can be manipulated in different angles and reflect light to a certain point. Using this method with my initial concept of bringing in natural sunlight, modules of manipulated knots will be placed in the space to bringing the sunlight. It will also be used in wall partition system where flexible **spaces** are required.

Healing: Using an idea of healing, there are two options for the program, one being very literal - a medical center where people can come in and get treated, one possible scenario is when they are playing sports outside the building and gets injured, can come directly in; another possible scenario is helping the homeless (eg. vaccine, corona test, so using the east wing window, there is a barrier). The second possible program that can work with the idea of healing is the cooking studio. With the program, it can bring the community together also there is a scenario of cooking and distributing food to the homeless.









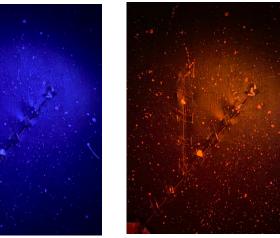


Green

White



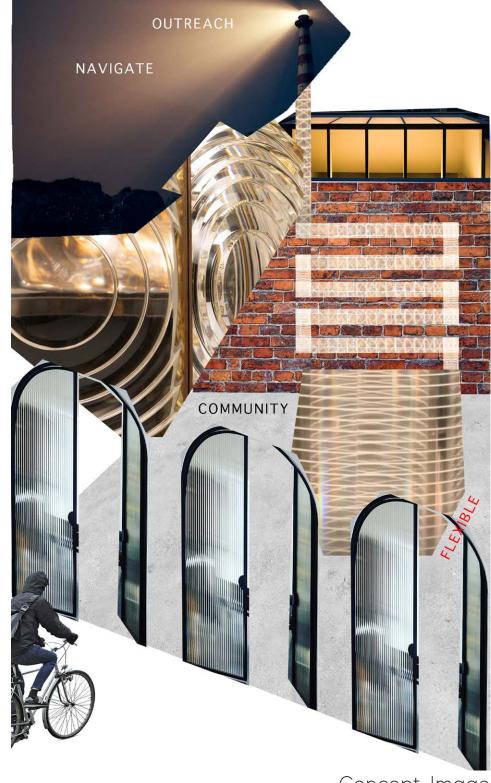
Yellow



Turquoise

Blue

Red



Concept Image



Process

FLOOR PLAN

Ground-level is where the concept of collecting and distributing natural resources is happening. Users will experience a phenomenological atmosphere and mechanical technologies and be able to engage with the building.

On the cellar level, there is a cooking studio, pantry, learning space, and community garden, mostly related to nutrition. The users can engage with the garden to grow potatoes, sweet potatoes, and kale; then cook collected foods in the cooking studio where they can choose to donate to the pantry or bring home.



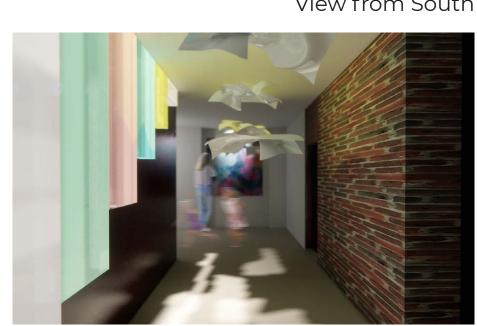
View from East



East wing Hallway



View from South

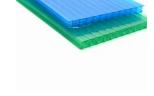


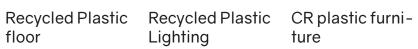
Hallway to exhibition space (Cellar)



Material Choice



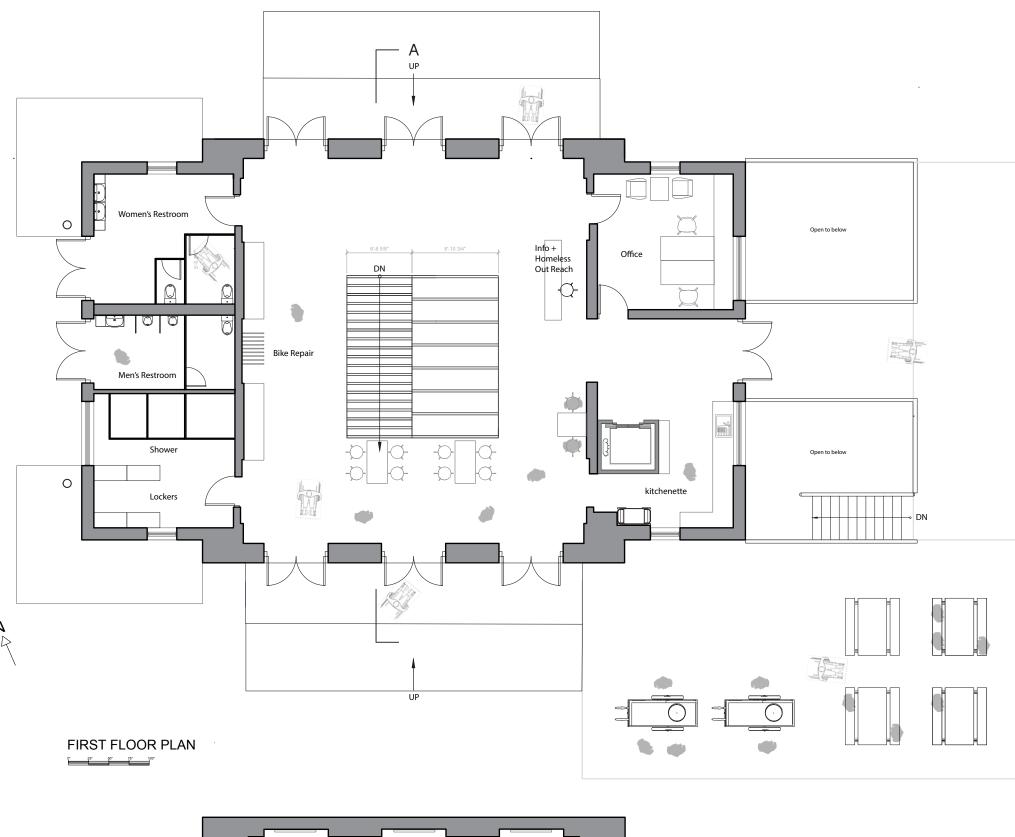


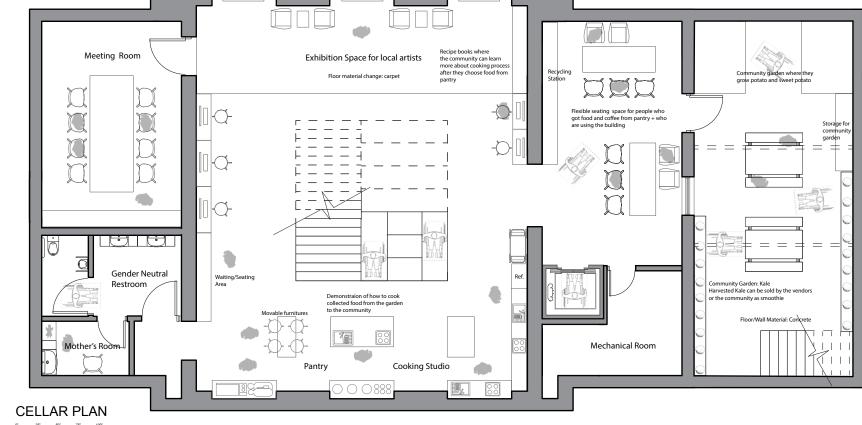


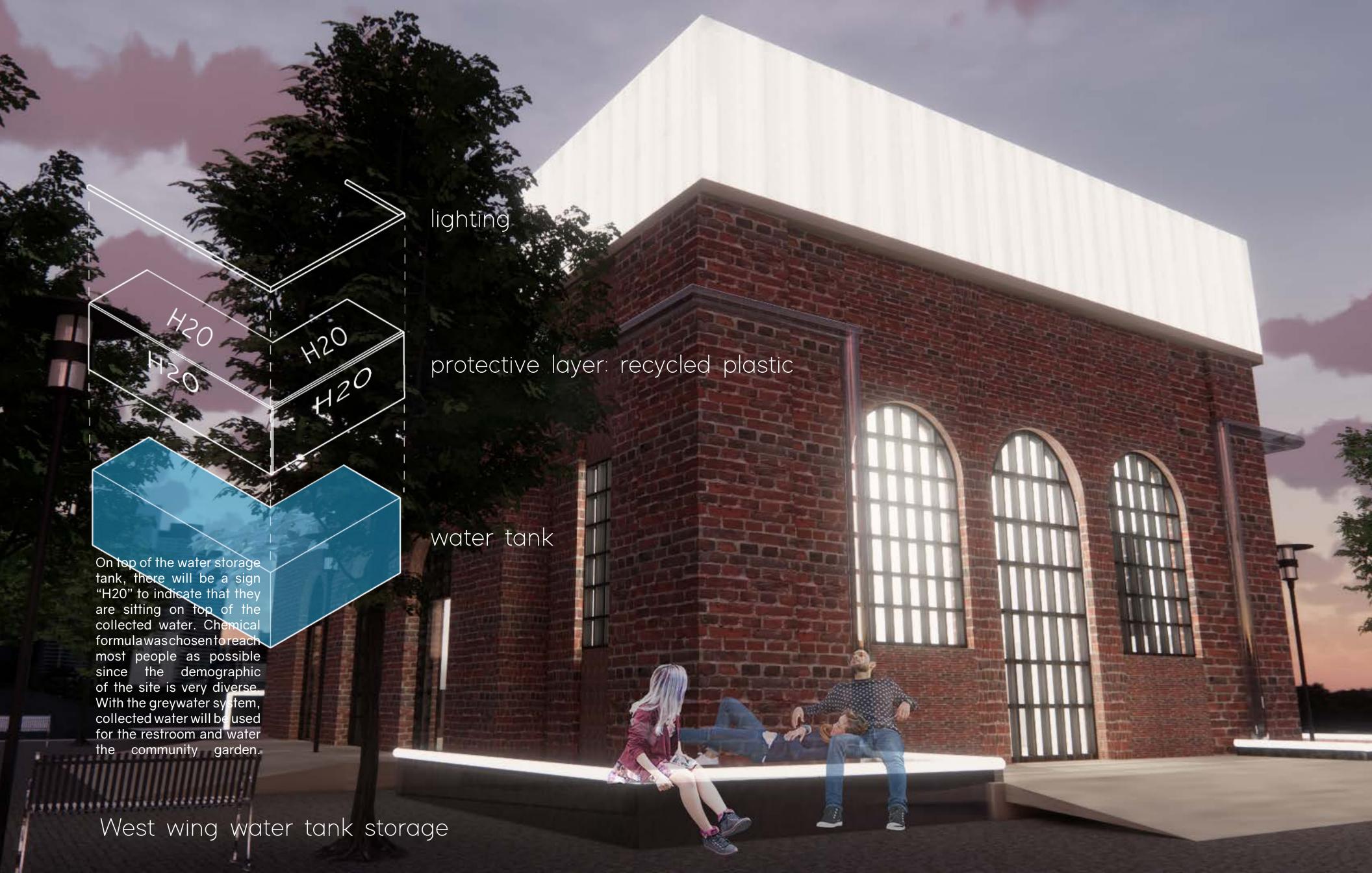


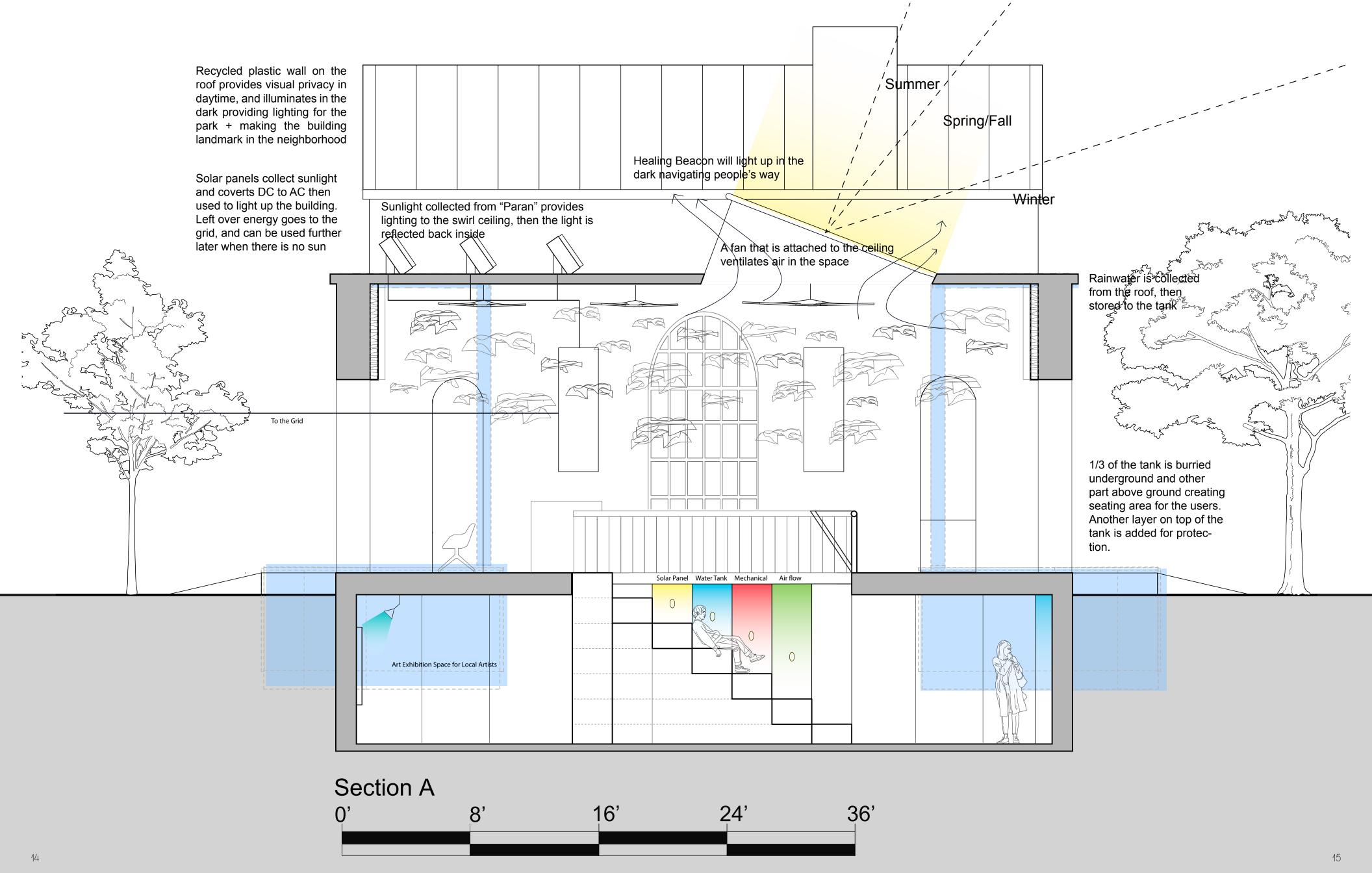
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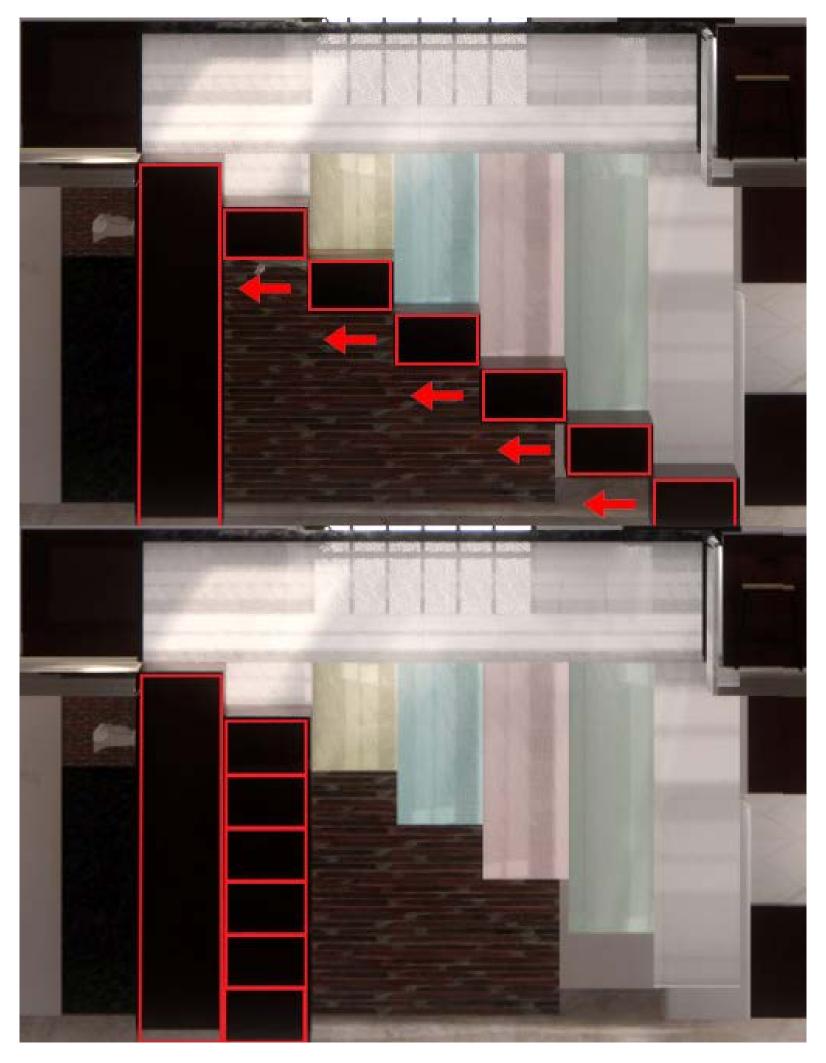








Central stiar open



Central stiar closed



The community members can learn how to make recycled plastic birds, hang them to the ceiling and register the meaning of reuse of resources through experiencing a phenomenological atmosphere.

Main space looking towards South



THEATER BOX

DWELLING

1061,1063,1065 Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY

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Site

Given site is 1061, 1063, 1065 Fulton St, Brooklyn NY. The site is surrounded by residential and religious organizations. They are three-story buildings, and the challenge was to have two main upper floors with one lower floor that are connected. It has a backyard at the back, so to access the backyard, I chose to have the first floor with two floors above. The existing stair connects all three floors, but it was too steep and narrow, so I decided to design a new one.







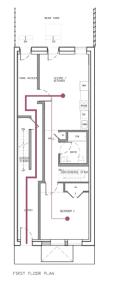




Front Facade, 1065 Fulton St.













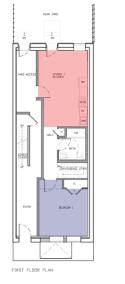














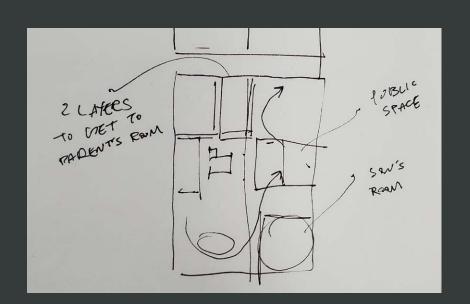


Public Private



Conceptual Collage





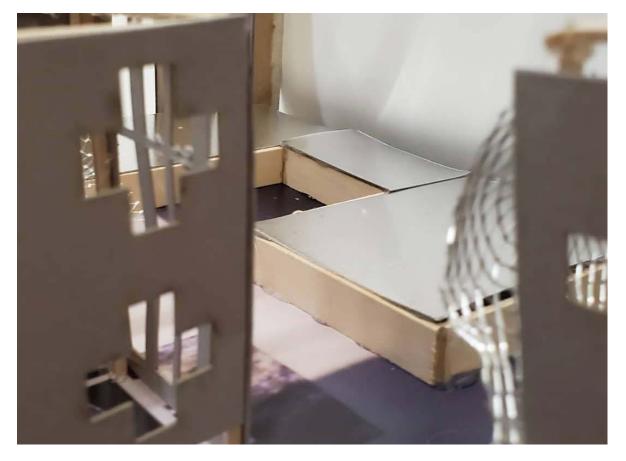
My given client is a multi-cultural family that settled down in NY 10 years ago. Mom is a Korean running flower shop and Dad is an American working as a set designer. They have a son who is a teenager wanting to be an actor and has a grandmother, who is also Korean and has altzheimer's. At the very beginning of the project, we were given two materials each to mainly design with, and mine was metal and bronze, which plays a mine was metal and bronze., which plays a big role in my design. With given materials and clients, I created a "set" like space where the Dad and the Son can work collaboratively and a Wayfinder for grandmother,

Idea Sketch & Model Making

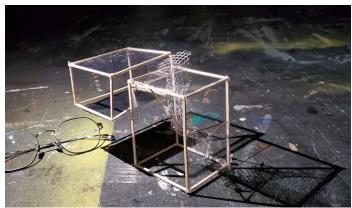
Using metal and bronze, a grandmother who wakes up in the morning and forgets everything about her, the reflectivity of material will lead her to the kitchen and reminds her of who she is. With Adolf Loose's theater box idea, when the user enters the second floor, he/she would have a feeling of entering a stage with a raised platform. Floor plans are carefully laid out for the client's need wherein the second floor because the grandmother needs extra care, the parent's room is located, and the downstairs son's room is located for privacy.



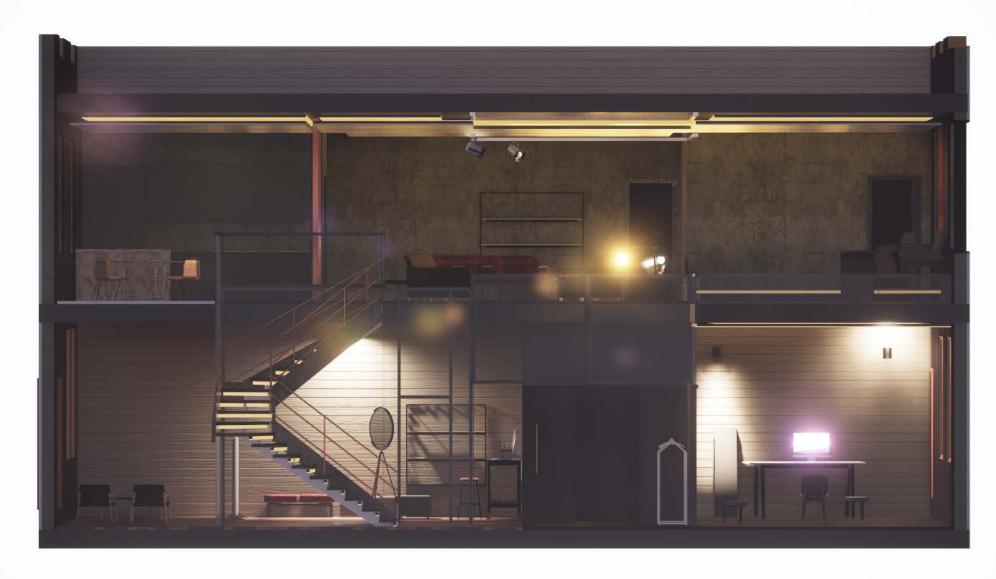












Long Section A



Long Section B

Inspired by Adolf Loos's Muller House, where he has an idea of "theater box". Loos designed a raised seating space with a theater box and a private space contrasts with the public space of the house. The theater box draws attention to itself and the occupant of the box looks out and at the same time, the one looking at it sees the most intimate space, objectifying the user in the box. During design development, got inspired by play "Hamlet" and a philosophical idea comes in. Hamlet shows a stoical idea towards the end of the play, and with my interpretation, it was brought in to the space.



















Initial Light Study



First Floor Plan



First Floor Living Space Elevation



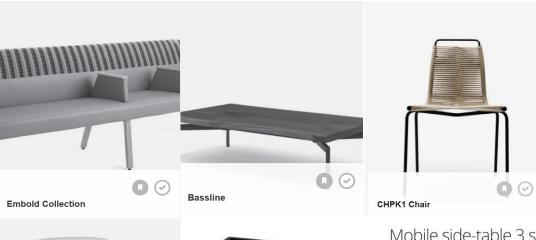
Second Floor Plan



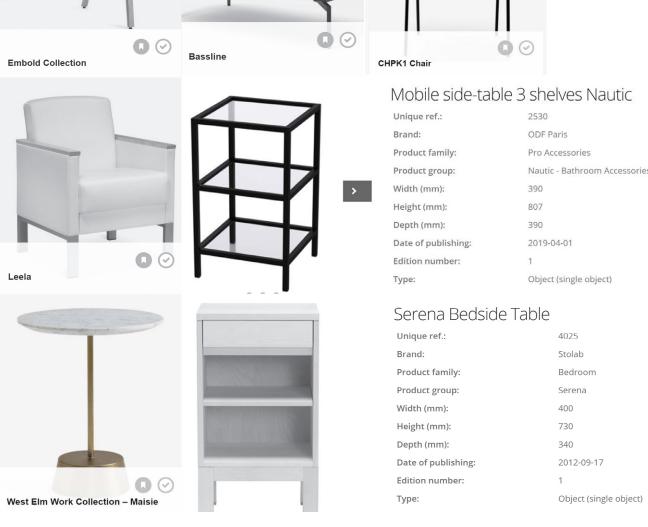
Second Floor Bathroom Elevation



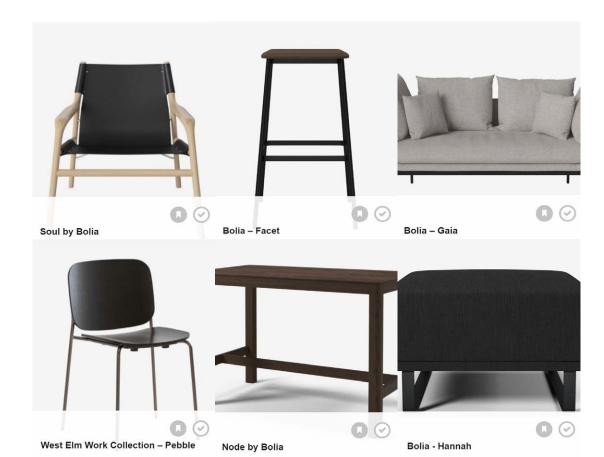
Second Floor Parent's Room Closet



Second Floor

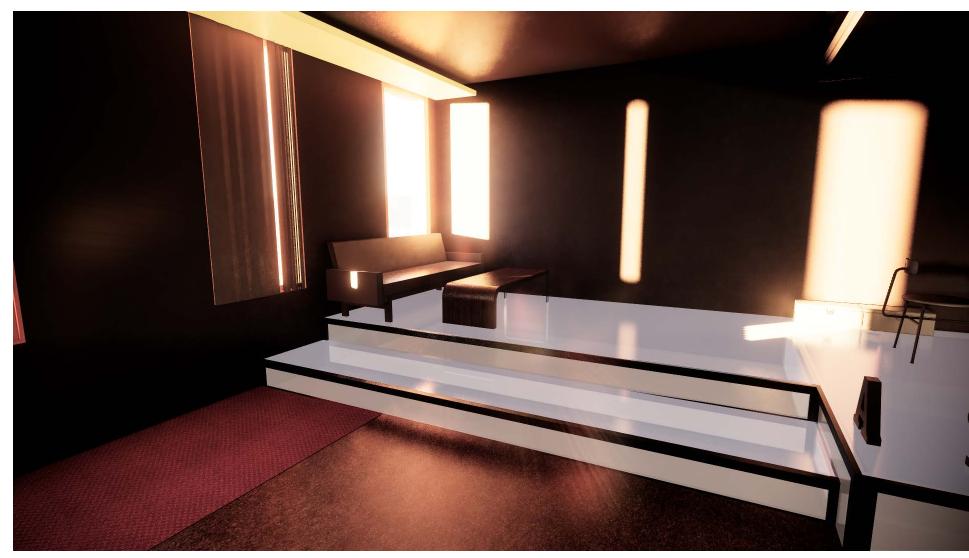


Furniture Selection



First Floor





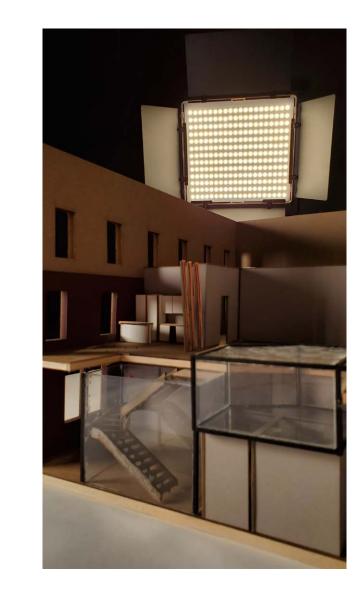
Second floor north side of the space, seating on top of the theater box



View from first rendering seating towards the stage



First floor, Dad's office / Living space





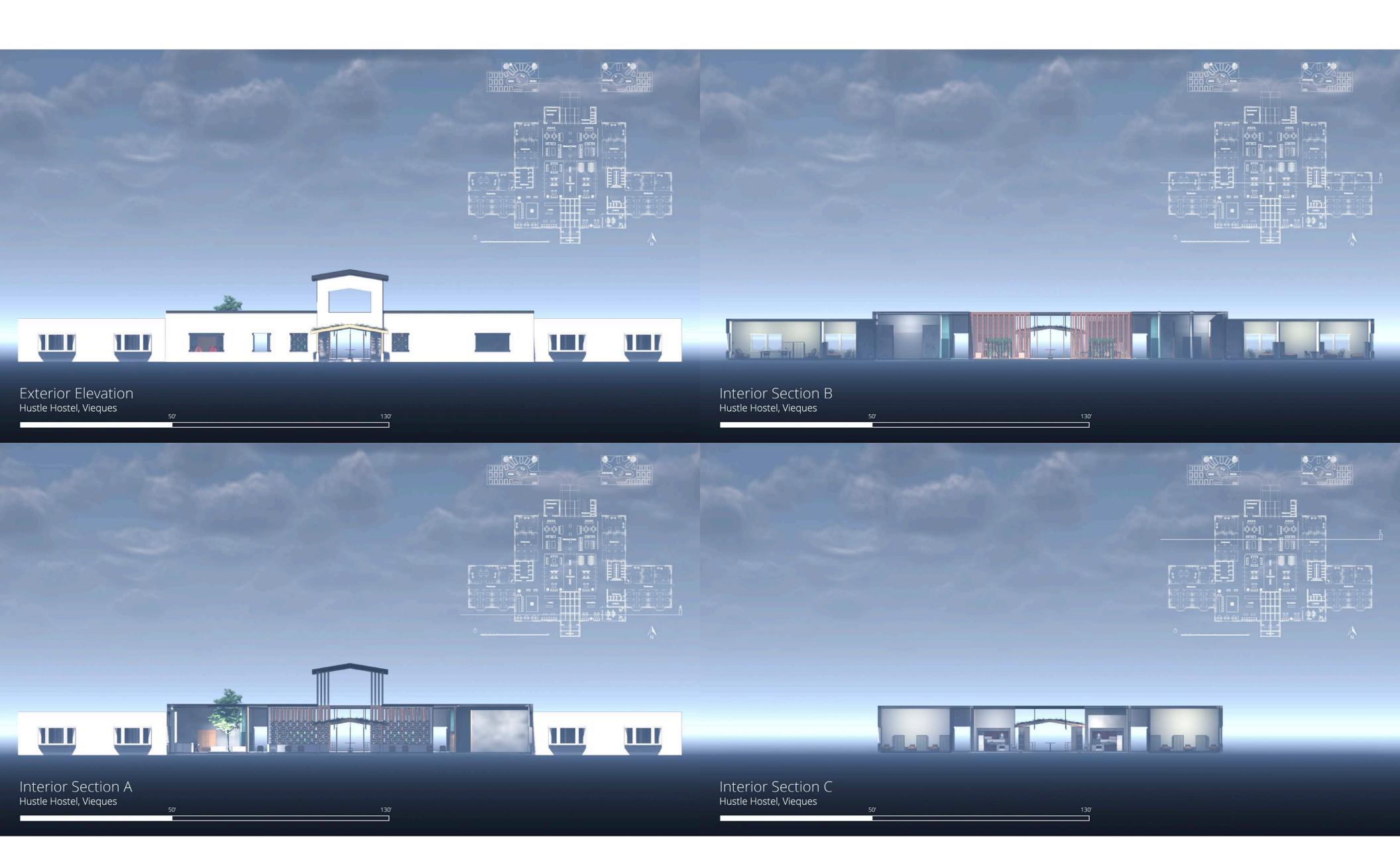


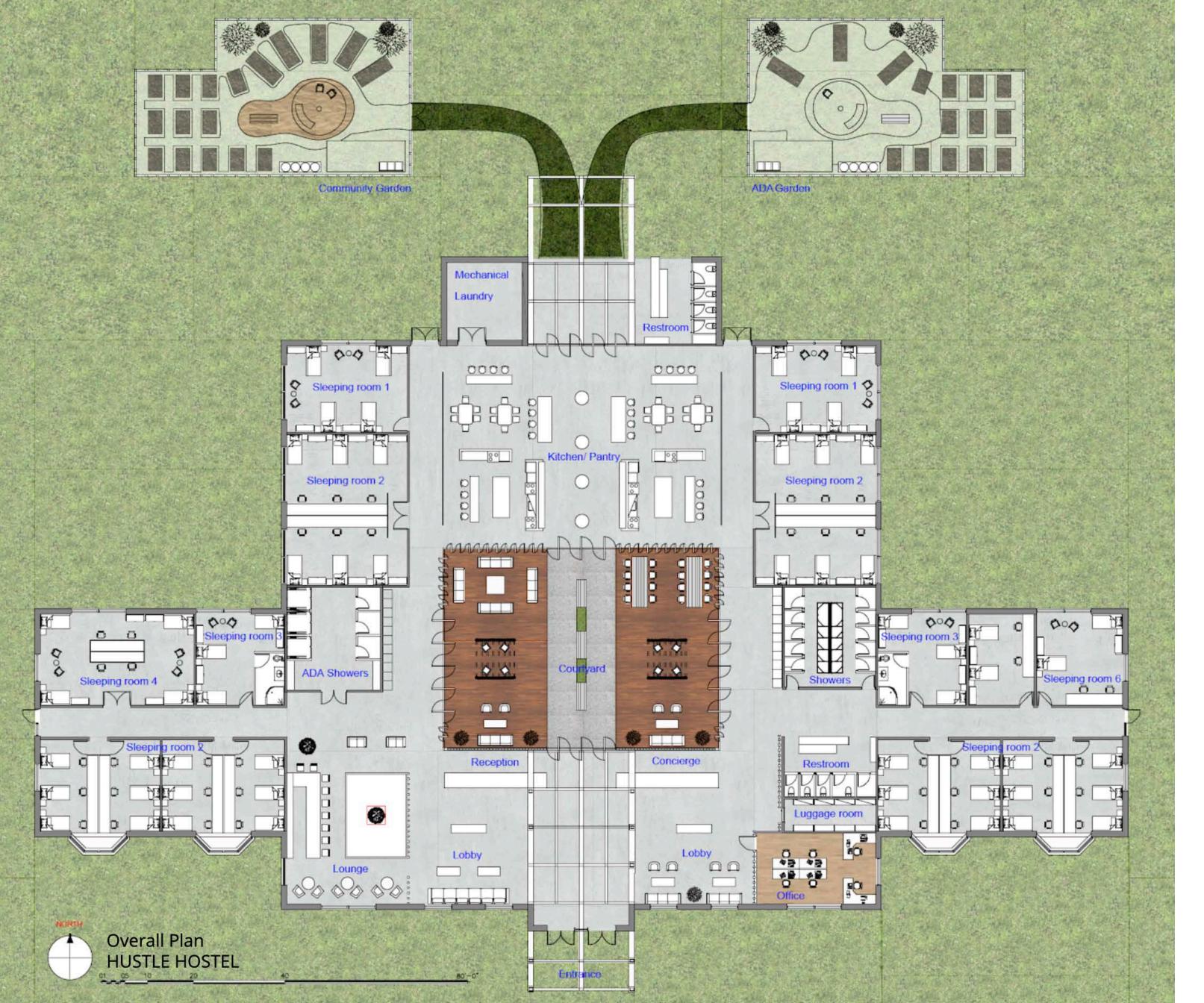
View from outside, North side

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3D Model



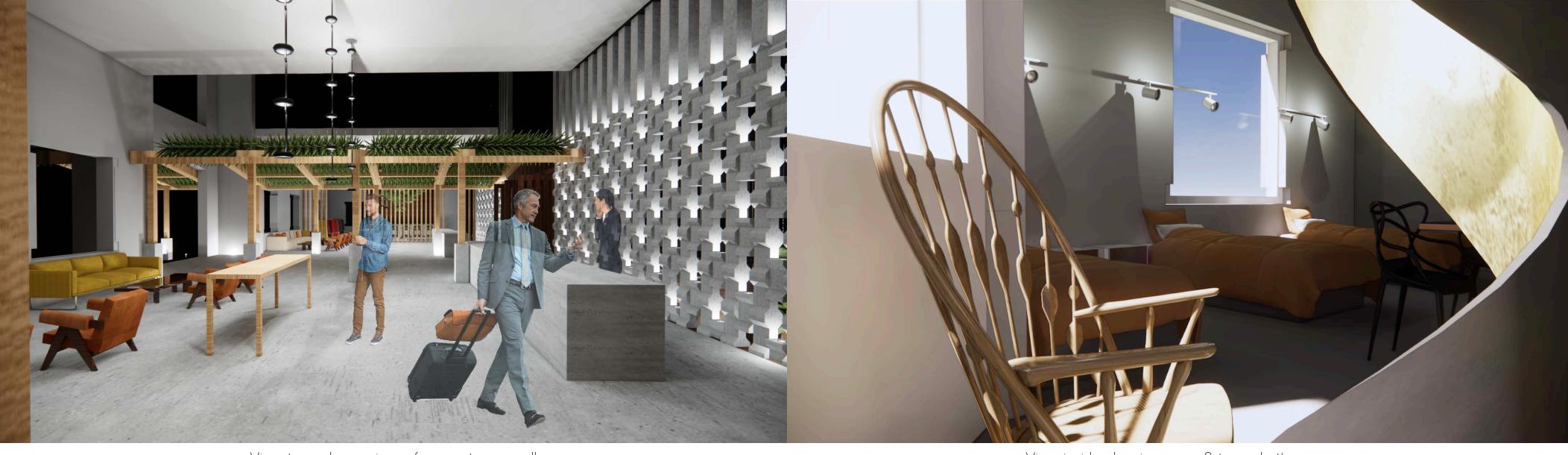




The project was done by our studio collaborating together during COVID-19. There were many obstacles such as tossing files and different timezone, but we were able to push towards the same goal. Communicating and working together through online made us to care about each other and focus indivisual's work more.

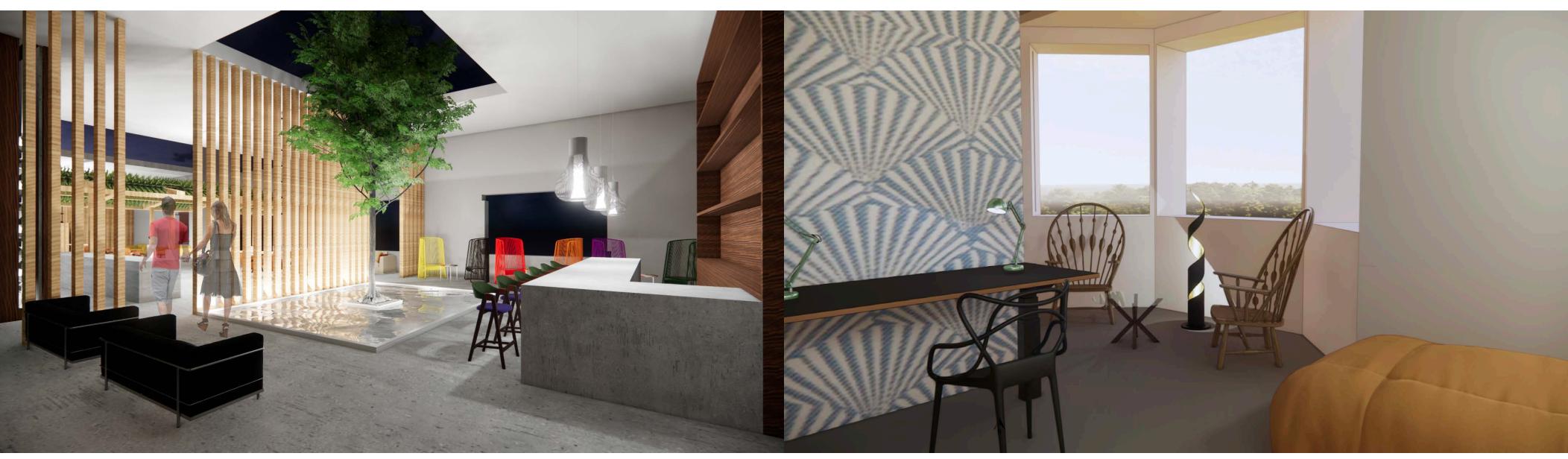
The conceptual framework for our design for the Vieques, Hustle Hostel has grown from our appreciation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and refined through our research/ and understanding of this island's specific community and unique environment. The two design features that most clearly represents this approach include the breezeway and community garden

Vieques is an island with a warm, tropical climate cooled by prevailing winds from the east. Our proposed design harnesses the power of these winds to cool the hostel without the aid of mechanical ventilation. Additional program that can engage the island community as well as guests visiting the hostel. Vieques relies on a majority of its resources being imported from across the Caribbean Sea. The community garden will help educate guests and residents on the value of self-sufficiency and sustainability.



View towards concierge from restroom wall

View inside sleeping room 2 towards the room



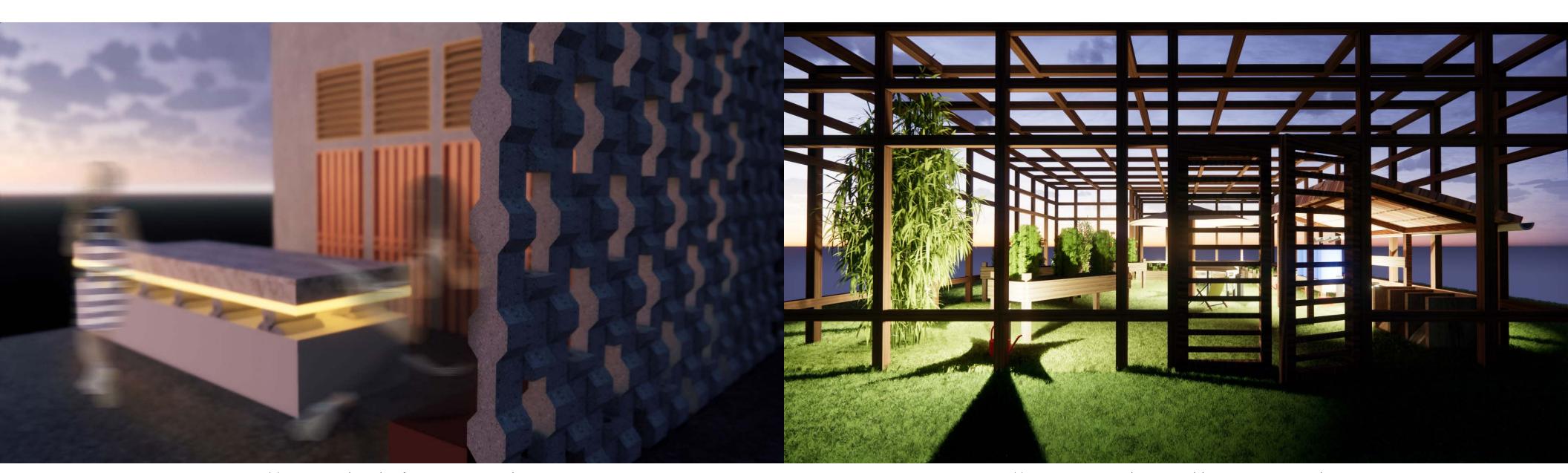
View towards bar from accessible shower

View inside sleeping room 2 towards the bay window



View inside sleeping room 3

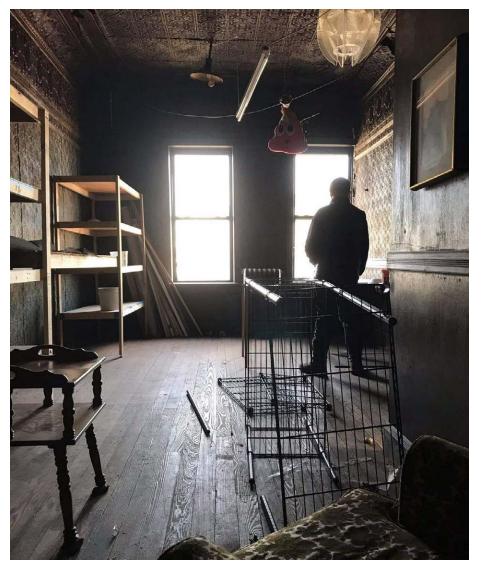
View inside accessible community garden



View towards toilet from north tunnel

Night view towards accessible community garden





Watching movies had been one of my favorite hobbies for a long time, and luckily, I had the opportunity to be part of making one. The movie is about a guy trapped to his delusion from young and committing murder. The movie portraits his present time in a shabby room and has a flashback scene before he is trapped to delusion. The challenge here to make two scenes feel two different times to the audience. The existing environment was already to rusted with many obstacles on the walls, so I had to make choice whether make a whole new set for the flashback scene or cut off the obstacles and make walls flat to apply wallpaper on top of it. However, the budget was too short, and the landlord did not want any damage to the existing setting, therefore, I just had to go with it.

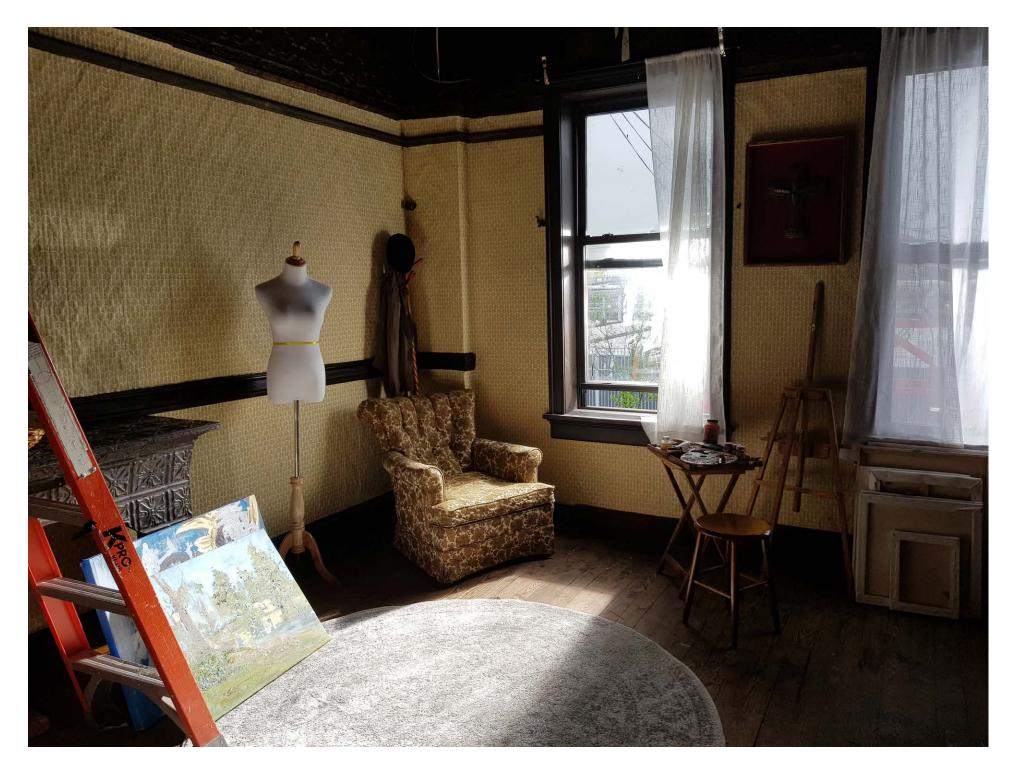












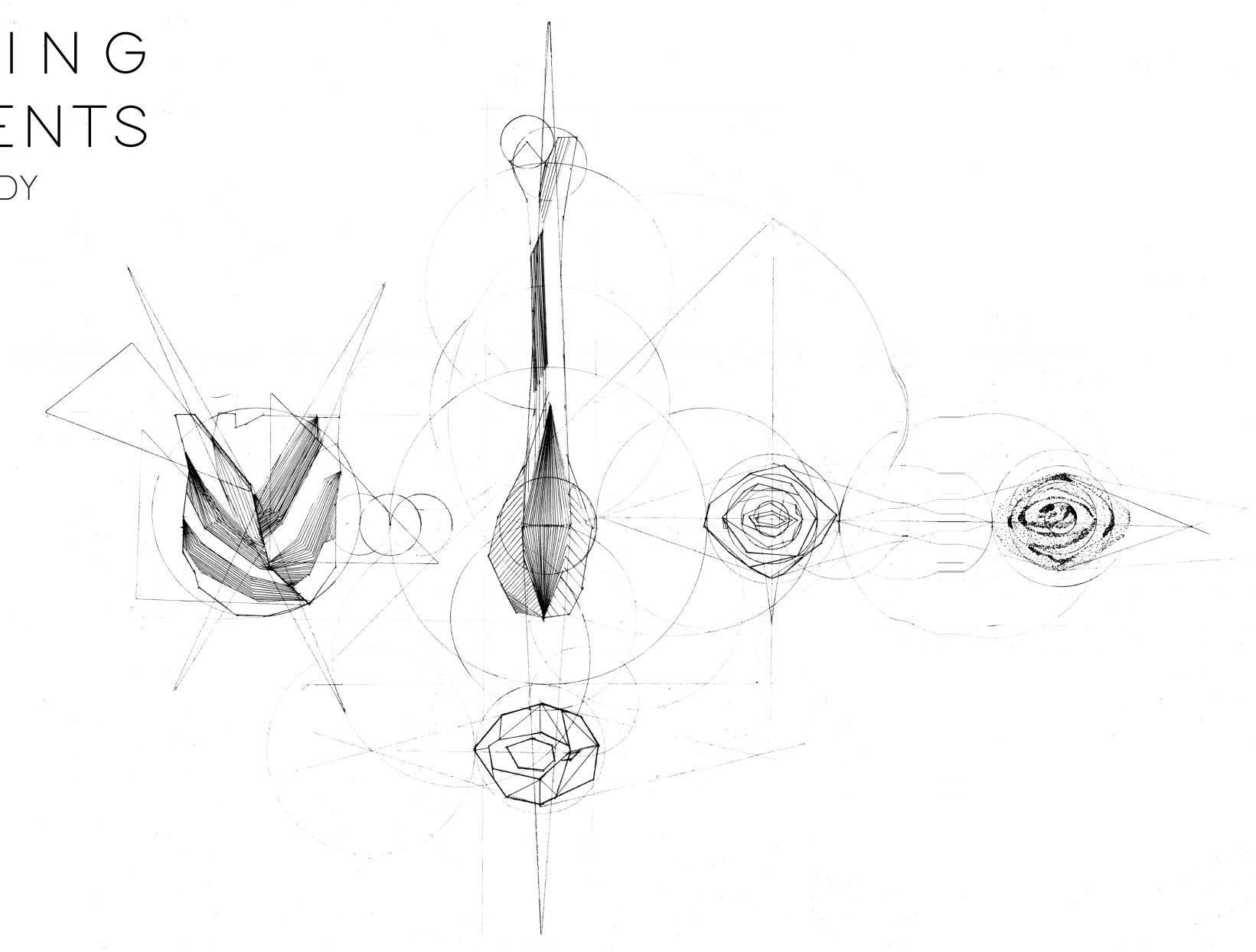


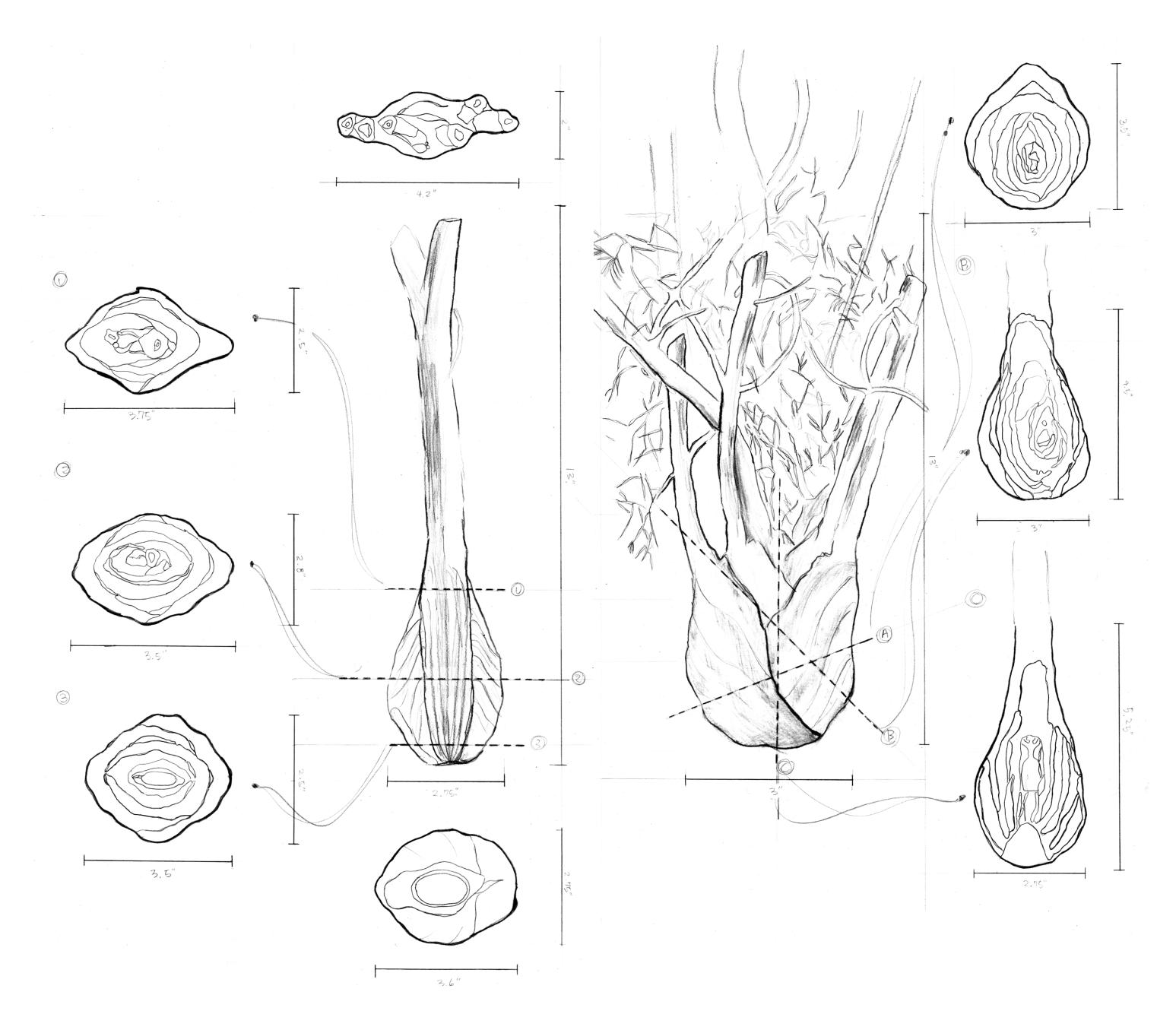
Bringing in my design in real life was way different from what I imagined. Getting the right product for the client, budget running short, problems during construction; were definitely issues that triggered high-stress level, however, those problems took me to the next level. Through this opportunity, I discovered more potential fields as an interior designer, such as a set designer and art director, and provided me a chance to explore more. With all the hard work as a team, the project came out great at the end, and I cannot wait to explore more different fields of interior design.

LAYERING
MOVEMENTS
VEGETABLE STUDY

Florence Fennel is a cultivated fennel, which usually seen in markets. It has white round body, straight stems with plentiful leaves on top. It has a core at the center of its body, which holds the layers of fennel. Originally from mediterrean region, the base part of fennel is eaten oth raw and cooked.

The other parts of fennel are mostly used as herb or spice and it is a good match with seafoods. Fennel is loved by people due to its medicinal sides with great refreshing scent.





The shape, texture, system of fennel led me to explore the body part. The diagrams of section/elevation study shows the layers or shapes overlapped to each other, creating geometric shapes. I was attracted to the densed-shape of the vegetable, which provided me to further develop the construction models.



Sketch models

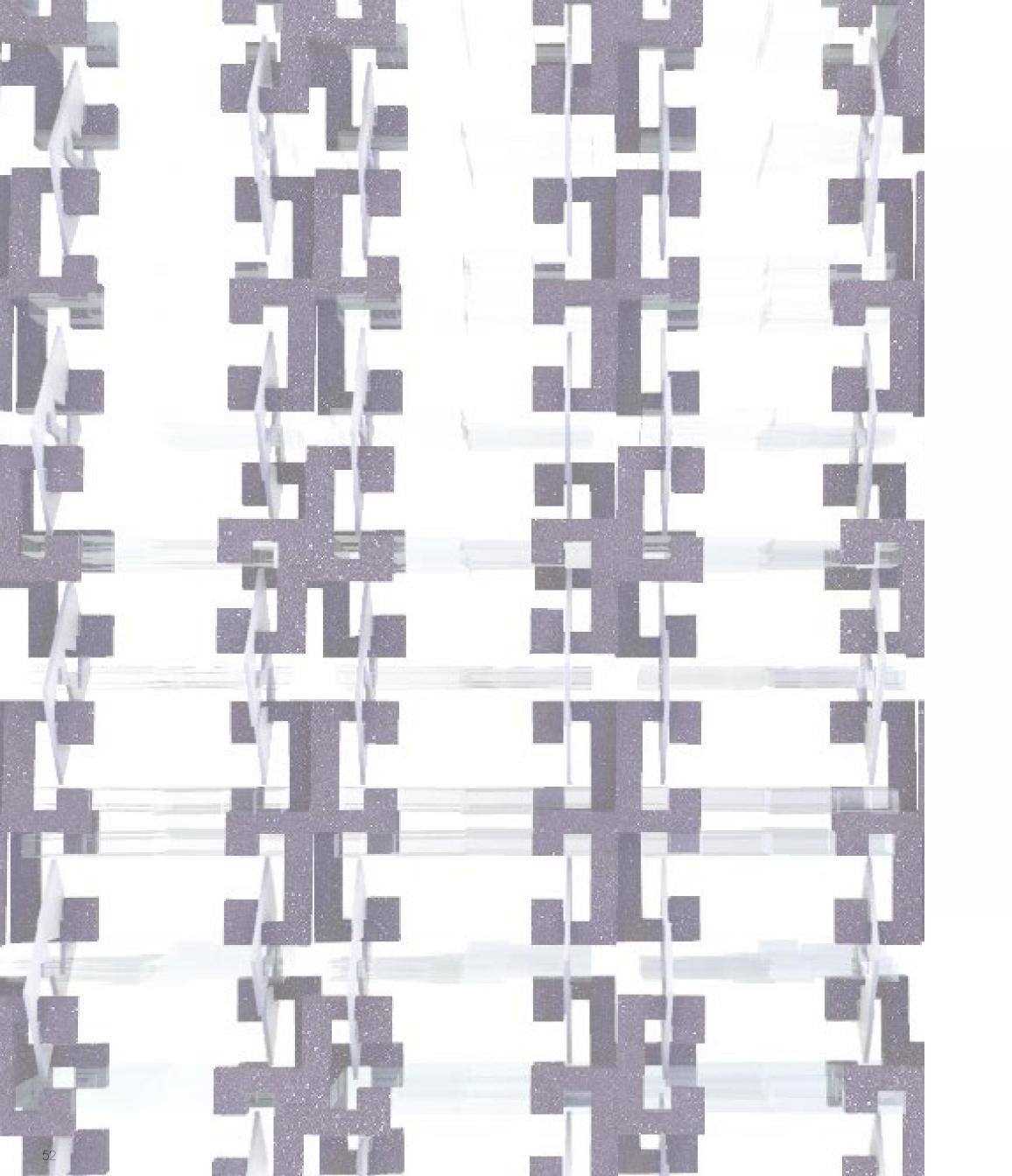




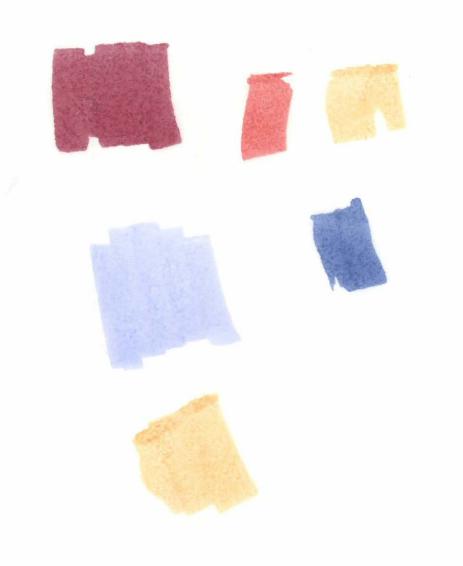




Final model







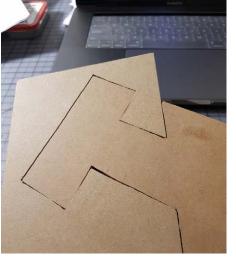
SHELTER OF

THE RÉSISTANCE

RETAIL

INTERLOCKING MODULAR SYSTEM

Detailed Material Joinery





Material Research / Exploration





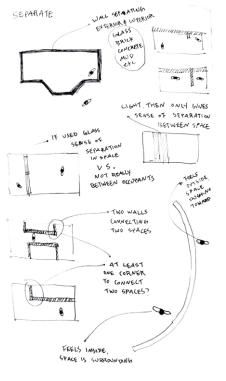


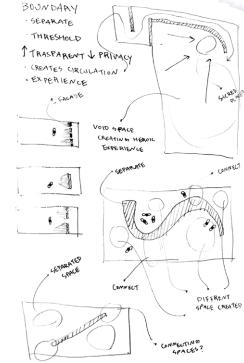






10 Possible Boundaries



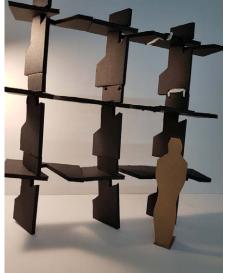


Study Models









Wood has rigid property, which provides connection between the material when two shapes are perfectly matched. People will have peculiar experience when they are standing right infront of the wall, since the wall can be seen as slanted at the same time. When wood is carved for joinery, the negative space created in the material lets light through with various shapes which adds up to the previous experience and provides experience like never before to the viewers.



The system in the space is, modules interlocking with each other; and the system vary in how they interlock and scale depending on the space used. While researching housingworks, the chosen verb is to resist, which also means to fight against. Inspired by French Revolution; the Resistance, and with the Boundary Aggregation, the form of the barricade was made. The feeling of the space that users will experience is a shelter.

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FACADE VIEW FROM OUSIDE

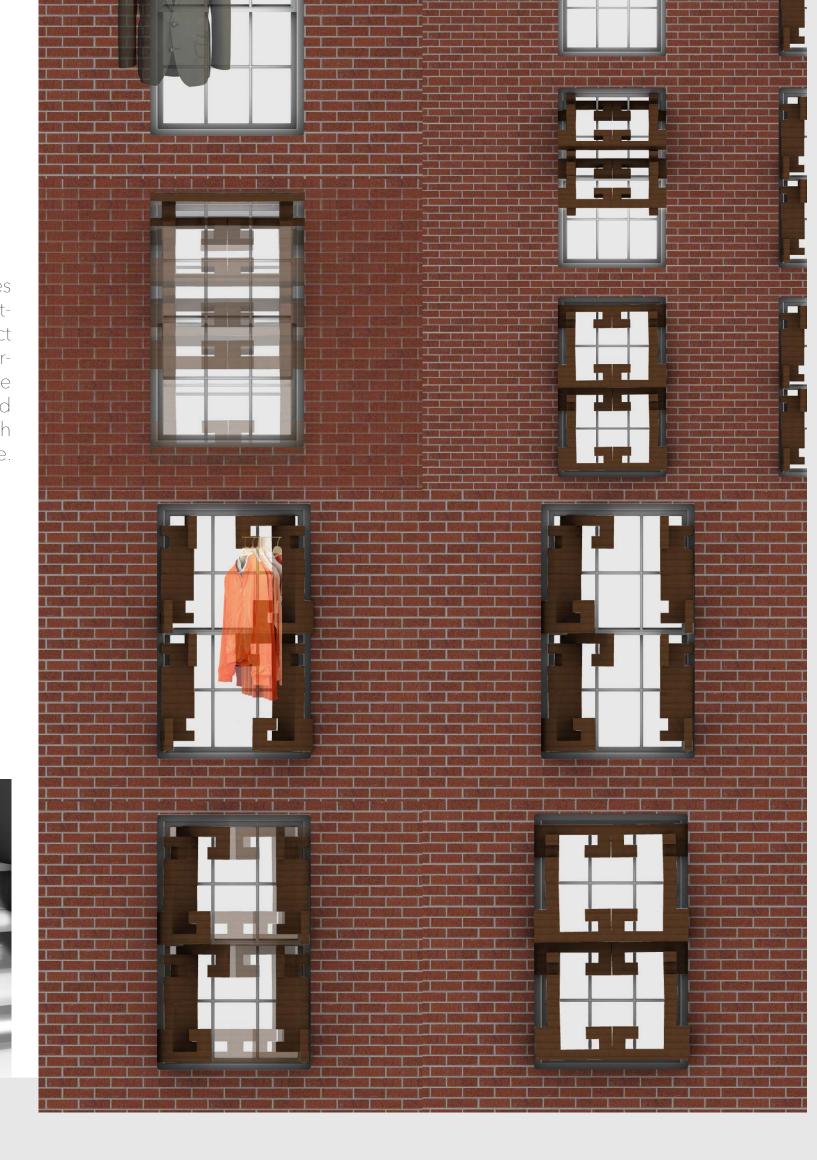




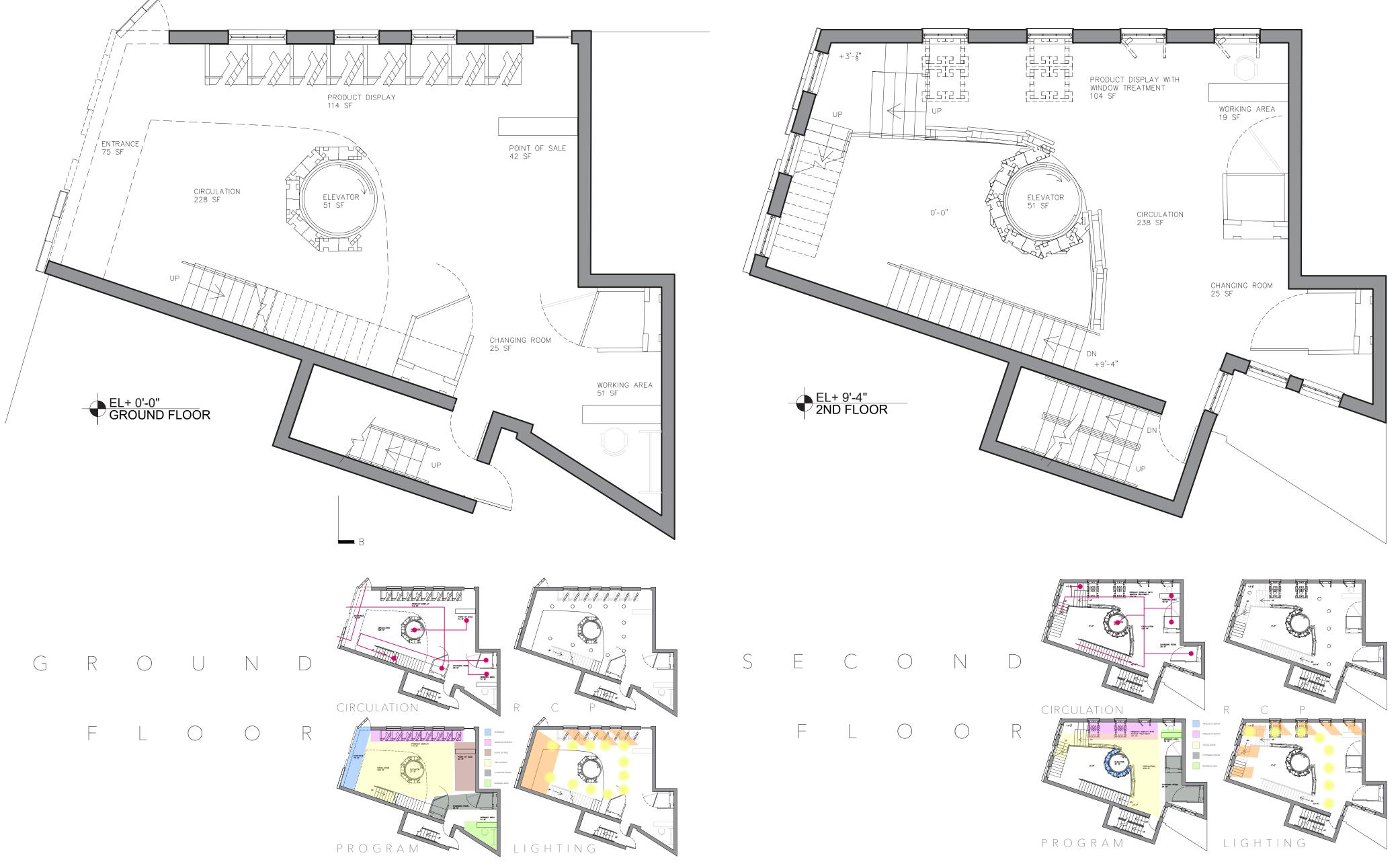


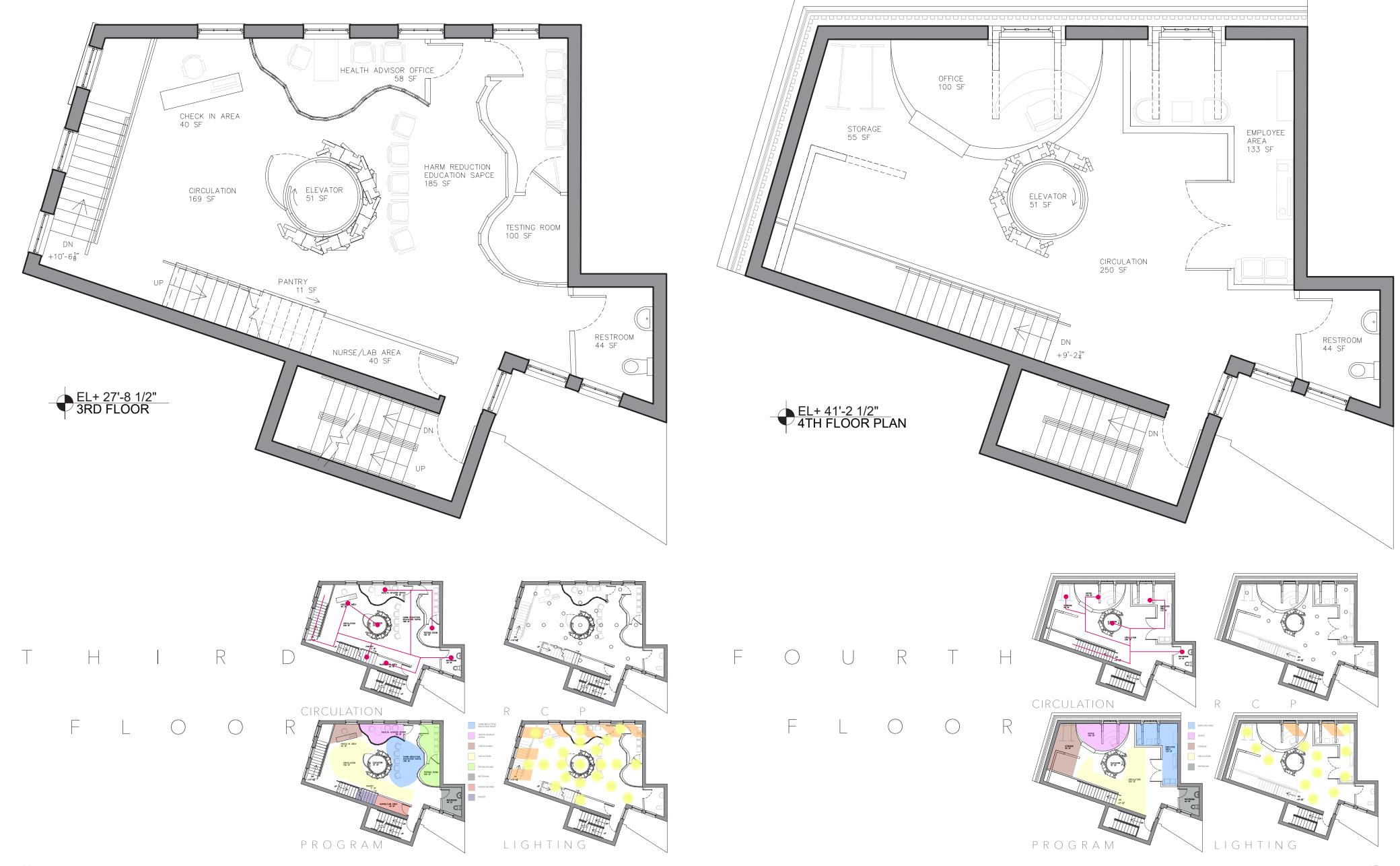


M A I N E L E V A T O R There are two types of windows treatment, the product display. And the staircase is made of one of my modules and makes circulation with light in the space.









Thank You

Design How you Feel

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