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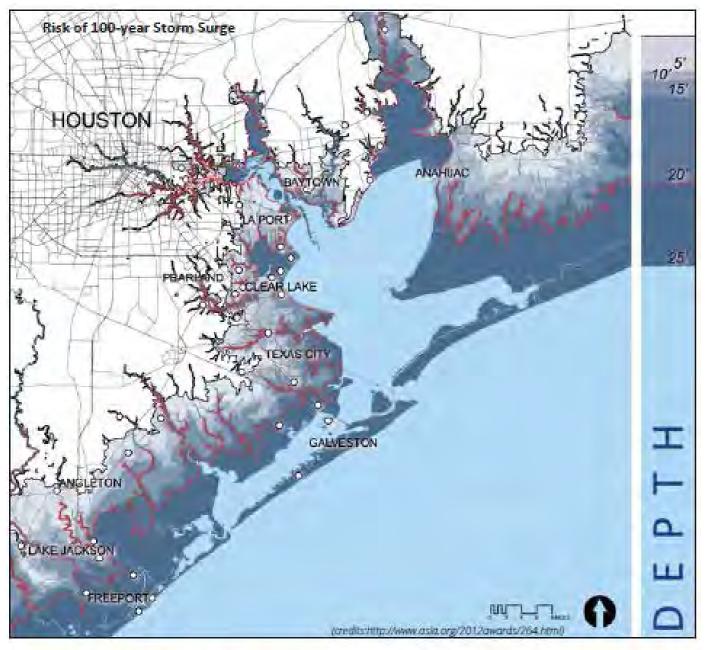
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Part 1 The research for Houston

1.1 Introduction

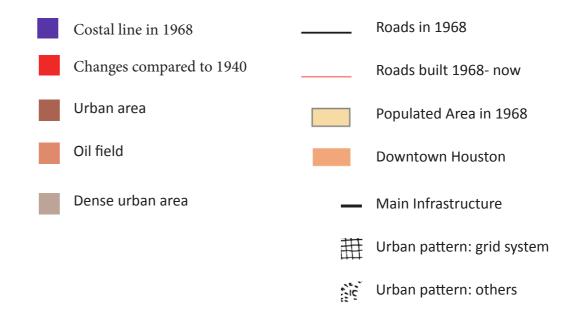
The Delta Intervention Studio Deals with the practical problem of the water-related architecture design and urban planning. It's a combination of architecture, civil engineering and management which provide practical reference for the real project in Houston. Due to a changing climate and changing insights concerning sustainable relations between cities and water-landscapes, new interventions will be needed to create a new urban delta-landscape. The task of an architect in this studio is to develop an architectonical object in such a waterscape.

The left map shows the Bood risk of Houston and Galveston area within the 100-year storm surge. The areas along Galveston Bay and some rivers have great risk of inundation. Based on the study of the Rice University, Houston, like Galveston, is also threatened by Flooding because of the sea-level rise Rising. Sea level will pose increased hazards to coastal cities in various ways, especially the magnification of inundating storm surges that accompany hurricanes and other tropical storms. From the map of "Current Rates of Sea-level Rise", the sea-level rises 25 inches per 100 years in Galveston.

The Houston city suffered alot from the Bood and storm. In the horrican lke, the galvenston island was almost destroyed.





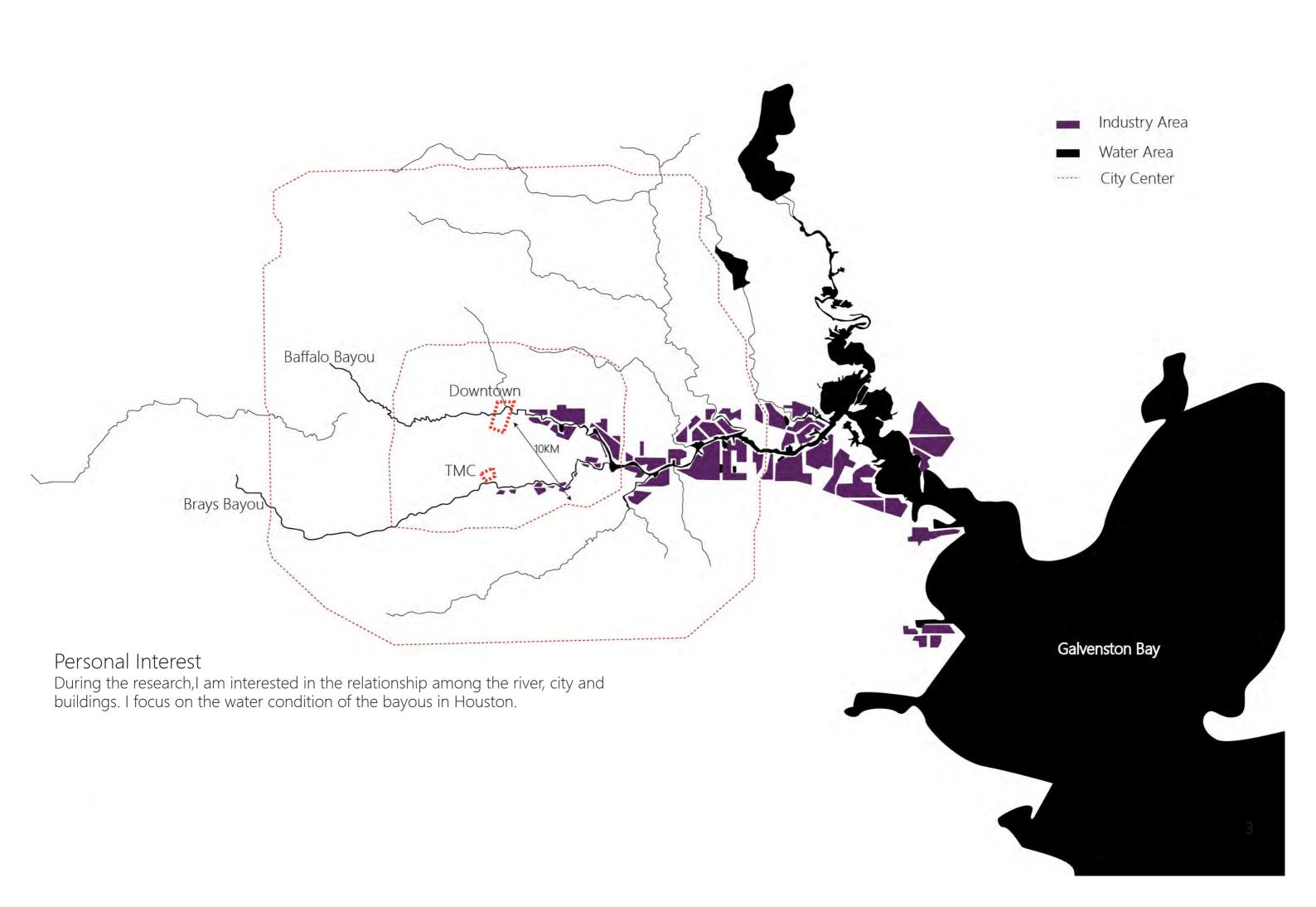


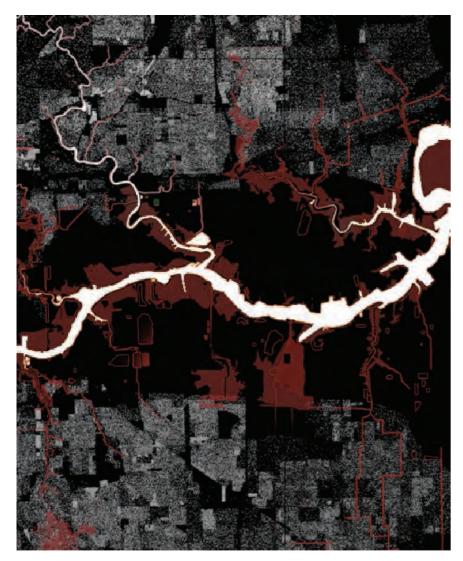
1.2 3X3 Analysis

The pre-analysis of Delta Intervention is undertaken on 3 different layers. First, the water condition. Second, the infrastructure level. Third, the Urban Fabric.

The changes of the Galveston Bay costal line between 1850 and 1968, tell how the development of Houston rely on the water. The industry and shipping contributed a lot to the city, but also changed the water-related condition. Ports, factories, channels are made on the water sides.

The Urban fabric developed around downtown and Galveston Island. Most urban area is far from the bay, but quiet closed to the different Bayous and branches of the rivers.









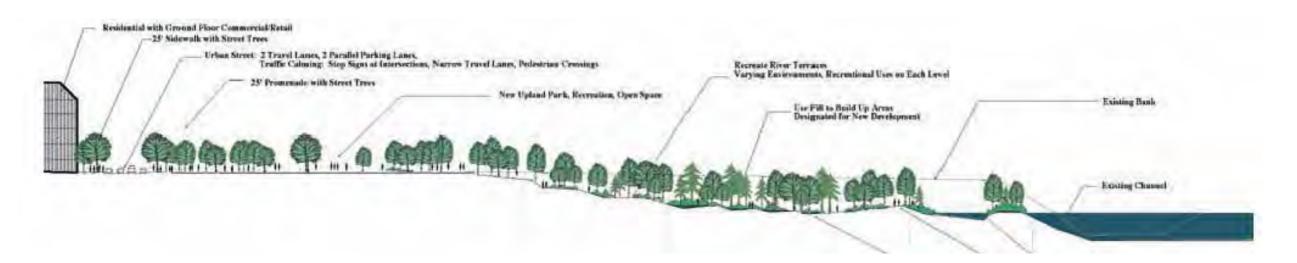




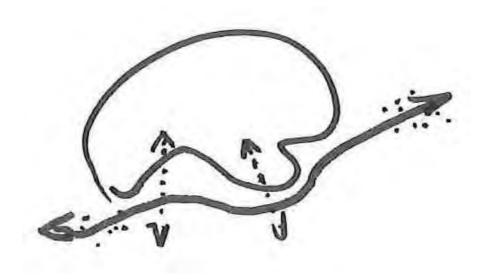


City, Bayou and Flood

I found the missing link between the inner city and the water area. Some factories and ports located along the bayou separate the waterfront and the community. The green space near the water is in lack of connection and well organization. Also the conßict between the Bood defense and the public waterfront reminds me to consider Bood defense technology in my architecture design. It is hard for the people to benept from the waterfront.

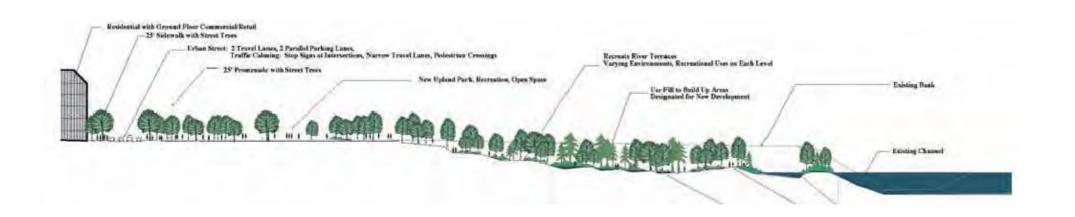


How to renovate the water-related city border into better public waterfront with strong link to the inner city, as well as promoting the flood safety?



1.3 Research Question

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LANDSCAPE

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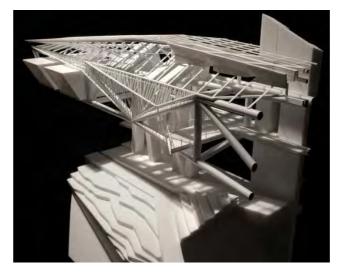












1.4 Research Method

The research method is to difine the question in three levels: the city level, landscape level and the architecture level.

As an architecture students, the design will mainly focus on the building, including the structure, material, interior, climate strategy. In order to answer the research question, and to make a continue logic for this whole design part. The urban planning and landscape for a larger area is also been developed. But the urban design will not go into a lot of detail or too large. It will mainly help to depne the architecture project and to show the whole concept of the research.

Part 2 Project Defination







2.1 TMC

I choose the watersides of the Texas Medical Centre along Brays bayou to be the site.

The TMC is consisted of 4 parts in planning. Now, only the Main Campus is Pnished. The Rice University is just beside the Main Campus.

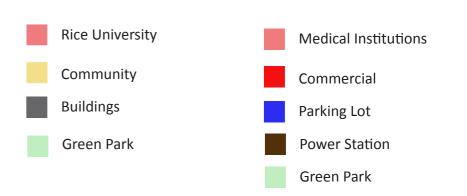
The Texas Medical Centre Located besides the Brays Bayou, 6 km from the Houston Downtown. The only metro connect them. It is a trend that the city center will expand along the line. The Midtown and museum district are between them.

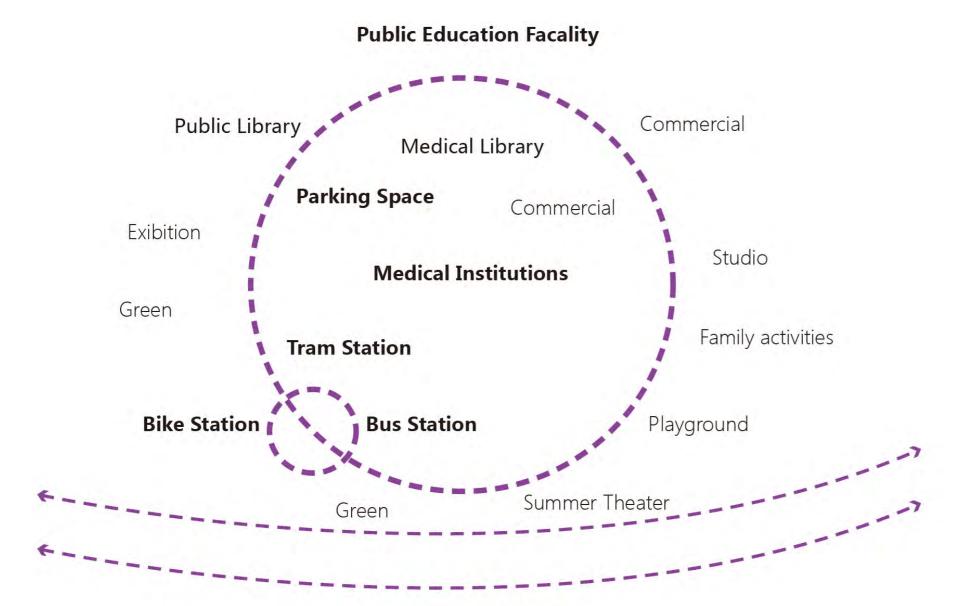




Programe in Site

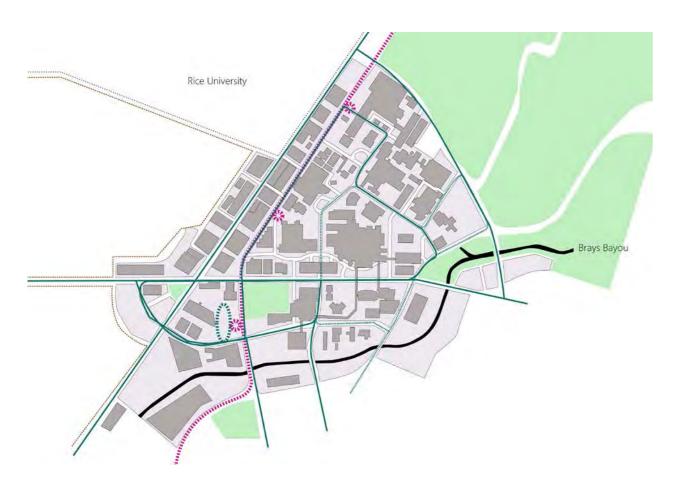
In the visit to TMC, I noticed that the waterfront had great potential to be better and cleaner public space, as it is so closed to the TMC Transfer Centre and the inner green park. It also can be a connection between the Herman Park and the community in the west in a larger scale.





Programe missed

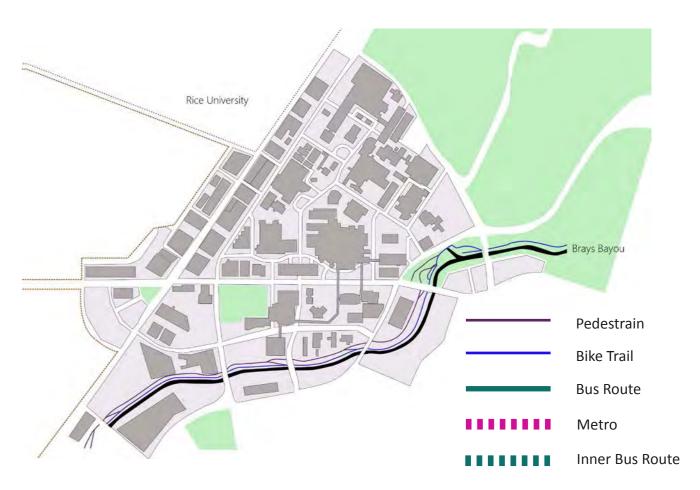
The most institutions in TMC is not open to the public. A public education centre is in need for the whole TMC and the district near it.



Public Transportation

The Metro connect the Downtown and TMC. It takes only 10mins. The Bus shuttle system also have a transfer centre there.

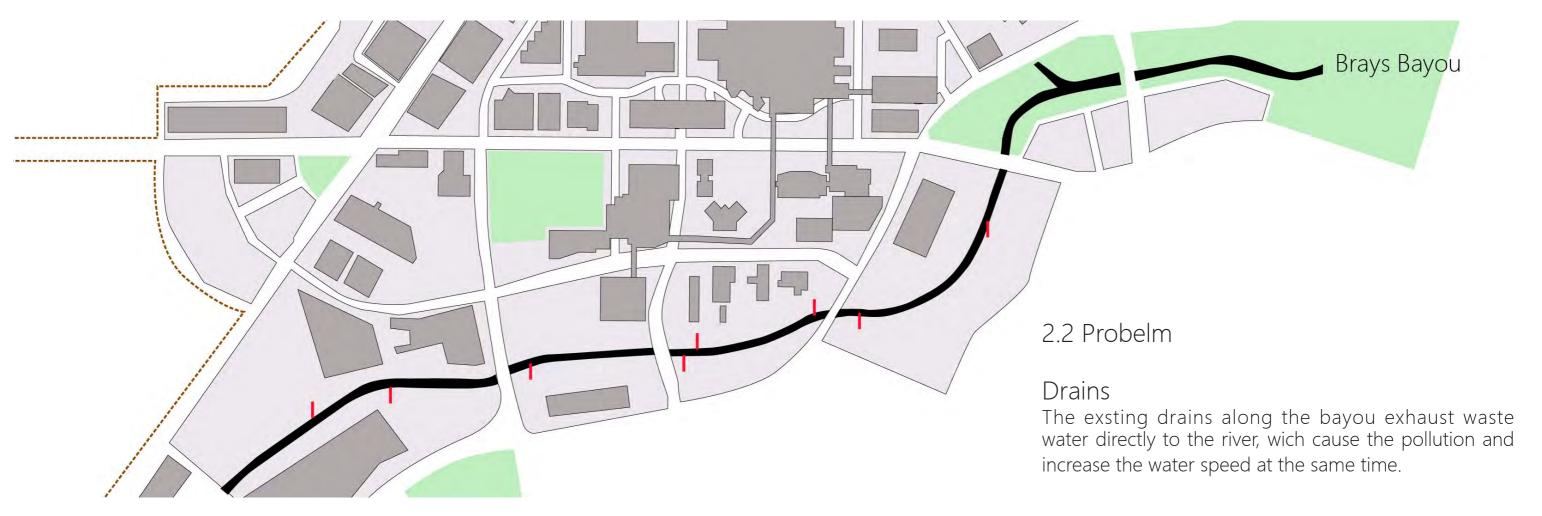




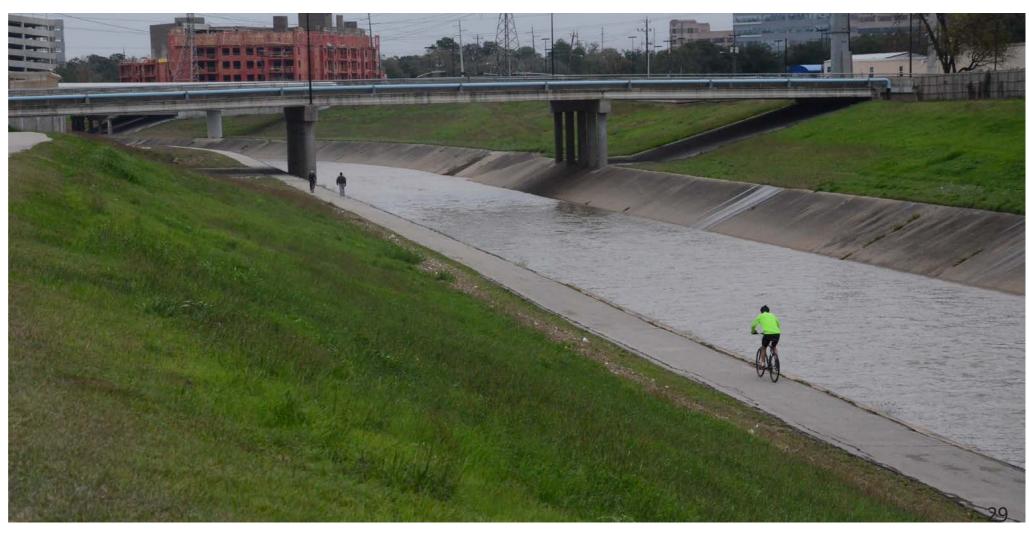
Pedestrian and Bike Trail

The pedestrian and bike trail seems popular for the people in the community. But the environment seems not so good. Waste can be found everywhere.













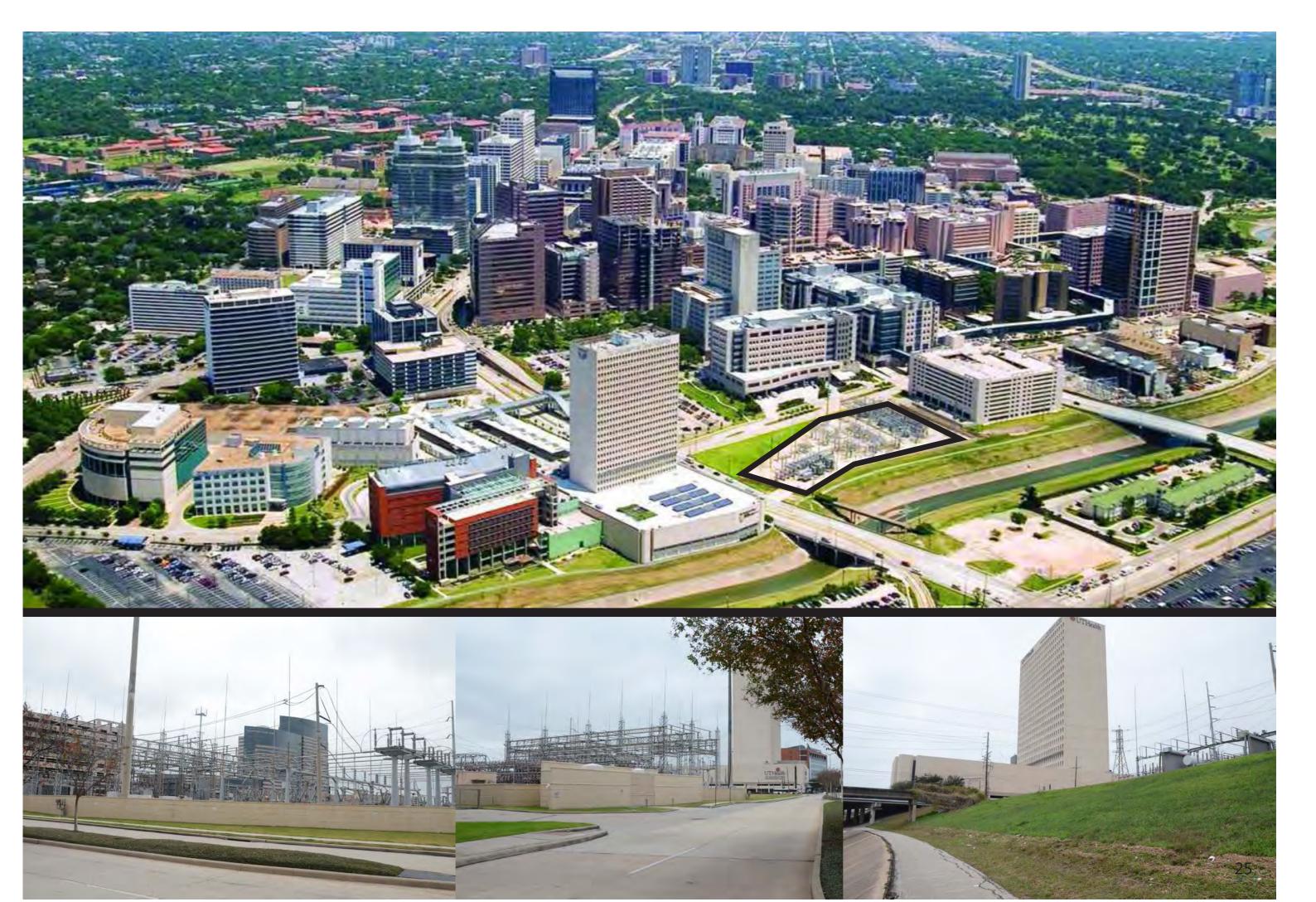


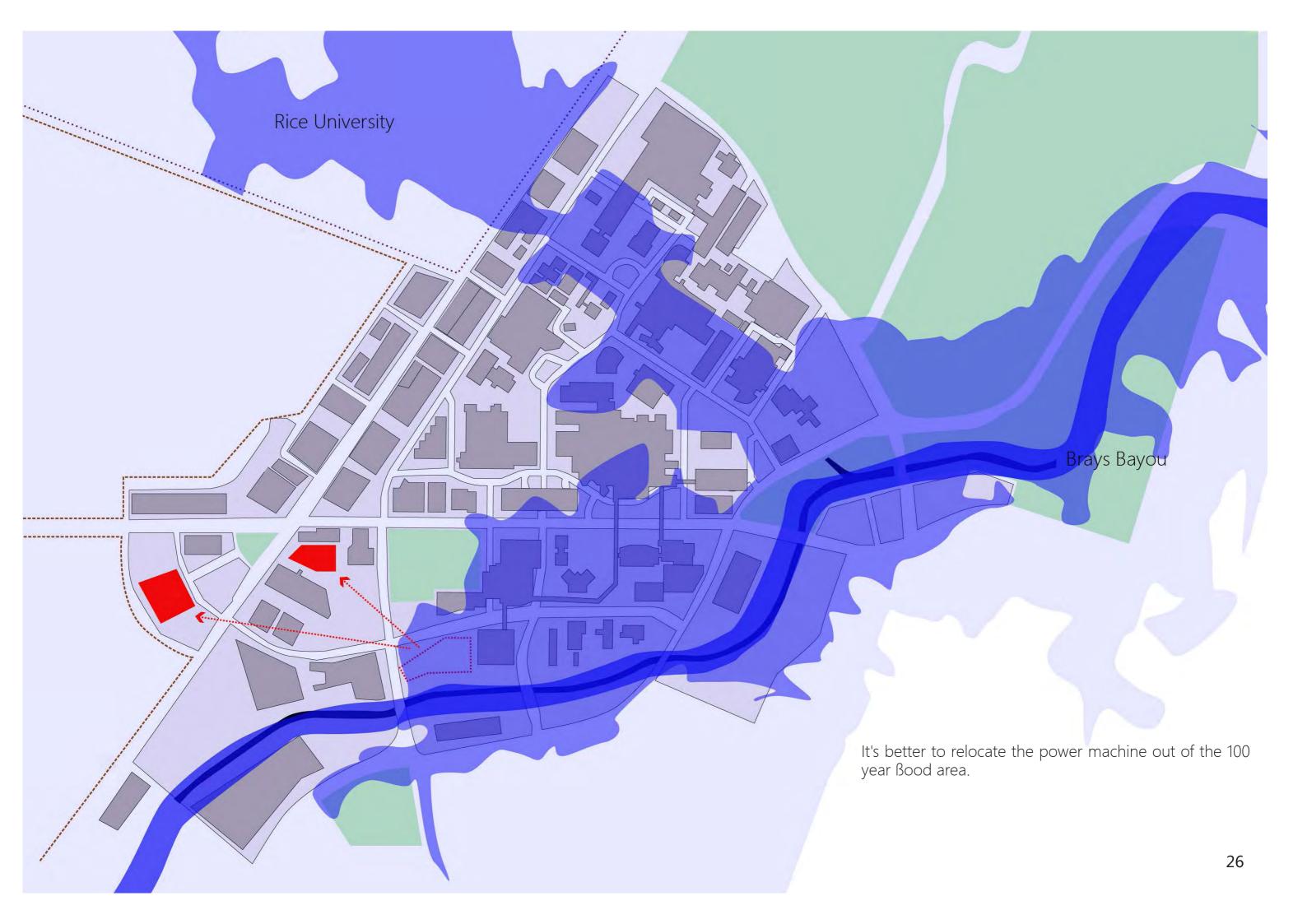


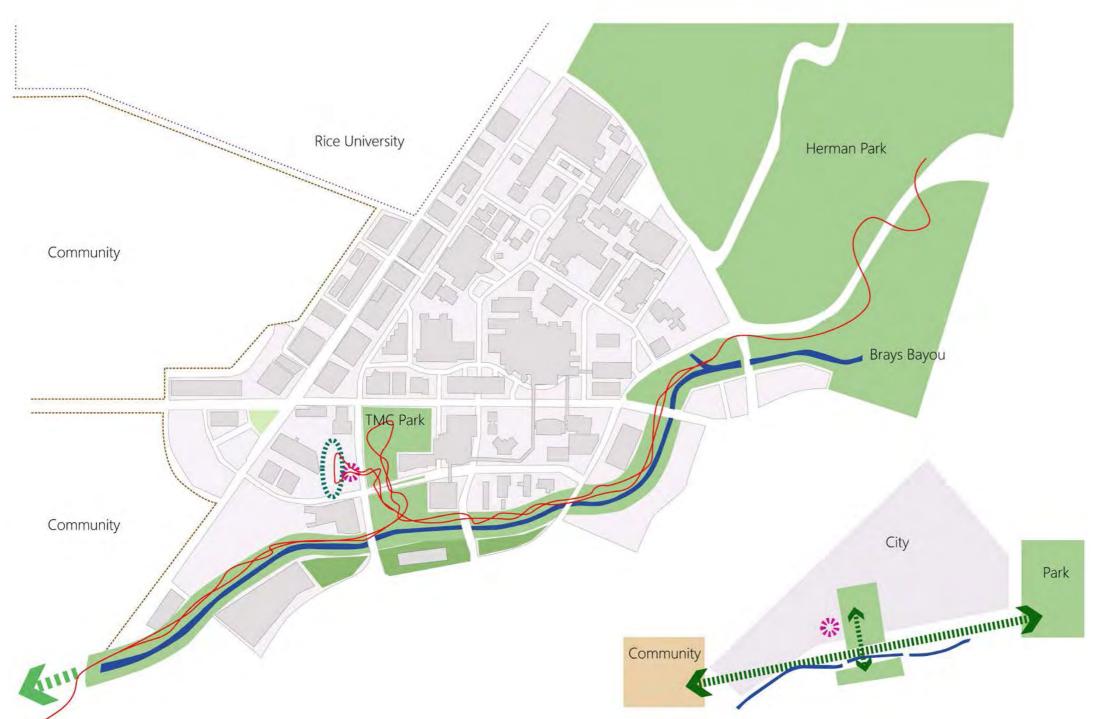
Flood

After the Storm Alison, the TMC was promoted in flood defense. By adding flood gates, wider the Brays Bayou. The Rice University developed advanced features for a real-time flood alert system for the TMC.





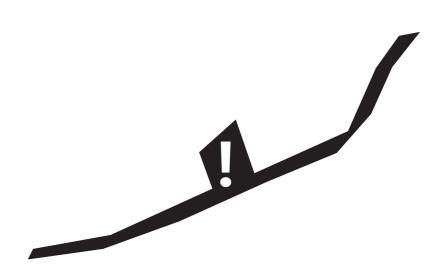




2.3 Project Strategy

Create a better green waterfront for btays bayou, enhance the link between the community and Herman Park, connect the inner city to the waterfront. Get use of the Central Park and Transfer center to make a great access for people to the Brays Byou.





Concept | What's missing in the TMC water-related area?

Function: Public Education

Commercial

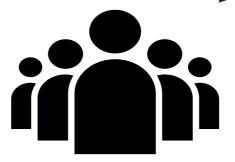
Open Public Square Access to the waterfront

Key: The idea to value the bayou environment and water condition

Concept | What's the answer of the project?

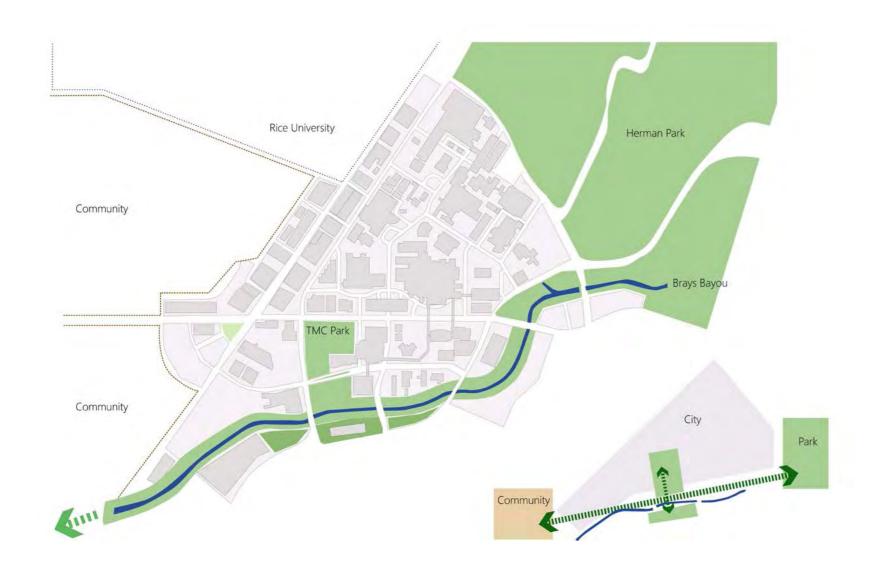
Make people realize the value of Brays Bayou, the importance to protect the waterfront.

Program: **Education center** for medical and water environment.



Part 3 DESIGN





3.1 Urban Design

Urban Strategy
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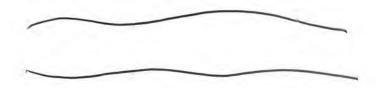
Saveral possible research has been made for the Brays Bayou renovation.

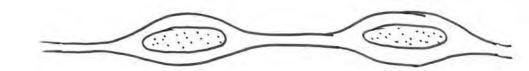


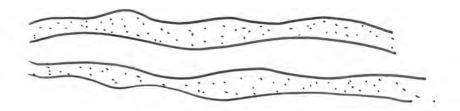
Widen the river directly

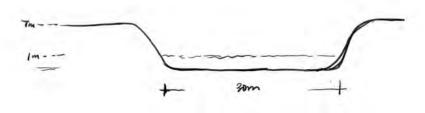
Create delta islands

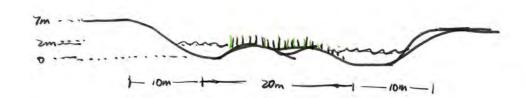
Widen the river / slow the bank / Vegentation cover

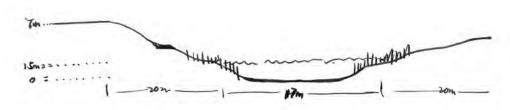


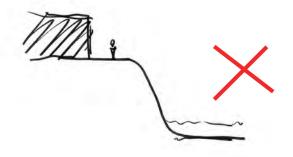


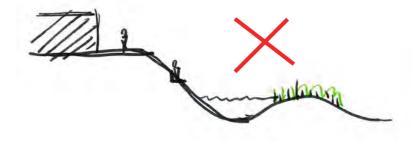


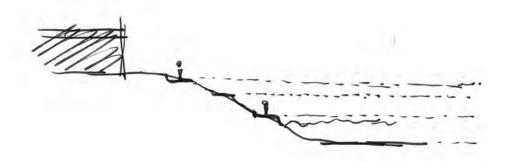












Problem: no interaction space on the bank, people can not touch the water. No puriPcation.

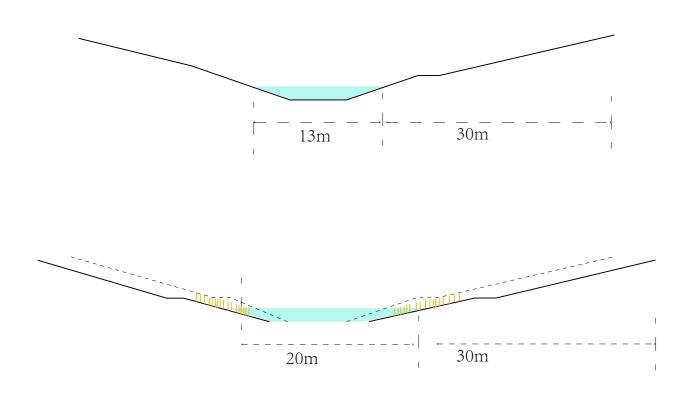
Problem: People can not use the islands. The bank area is not enough.

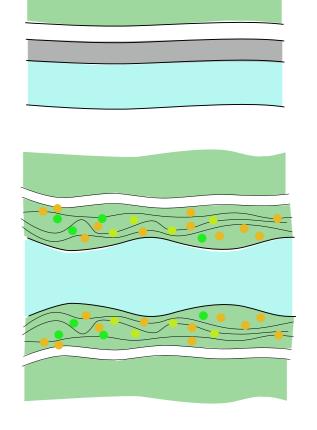
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Renovation | Brays Bayou

Possible method to renovate the Brays Bayou

Advantages: Vegetation slow and purify the water. People can touch the water. People can experience the waterfront according to different water levels.



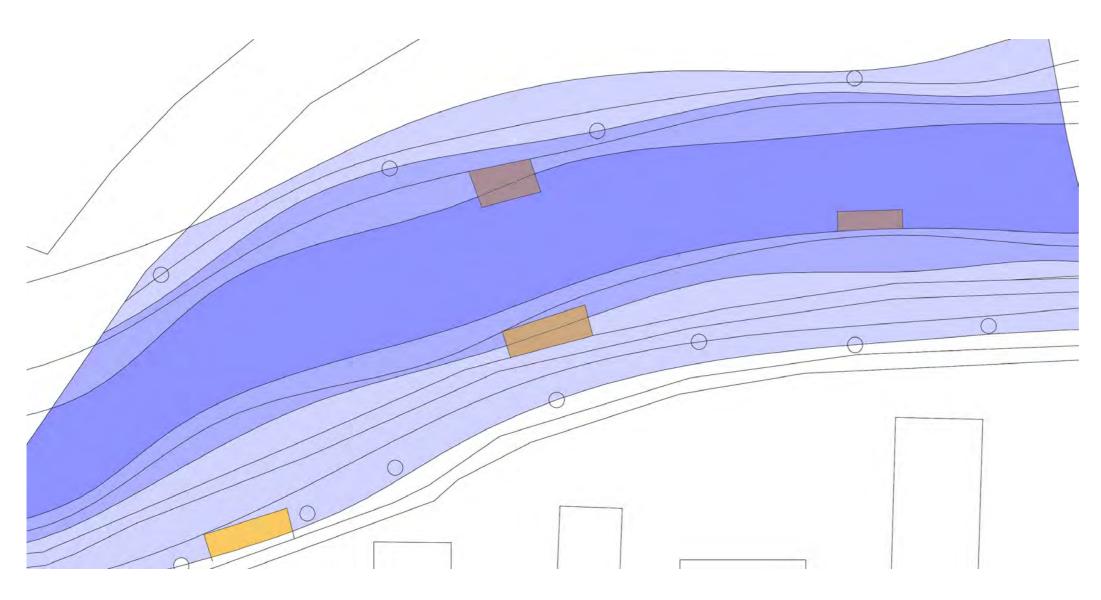


Vegentation Bank

Widen the Brays Bayou, change the concrete bank into vegentation bank, which will slow down the water and purify it. Pedestrian and bike route on different levels will make the waterfront more public and active.

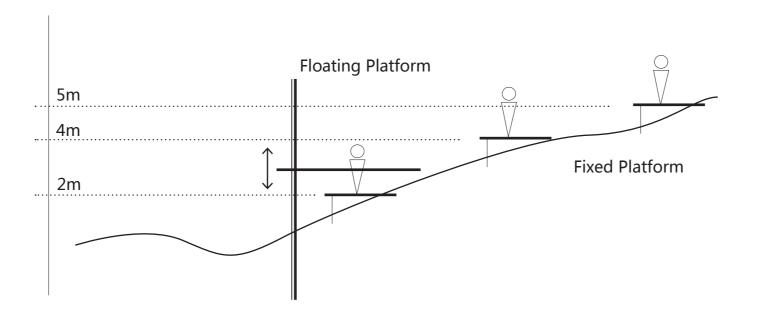


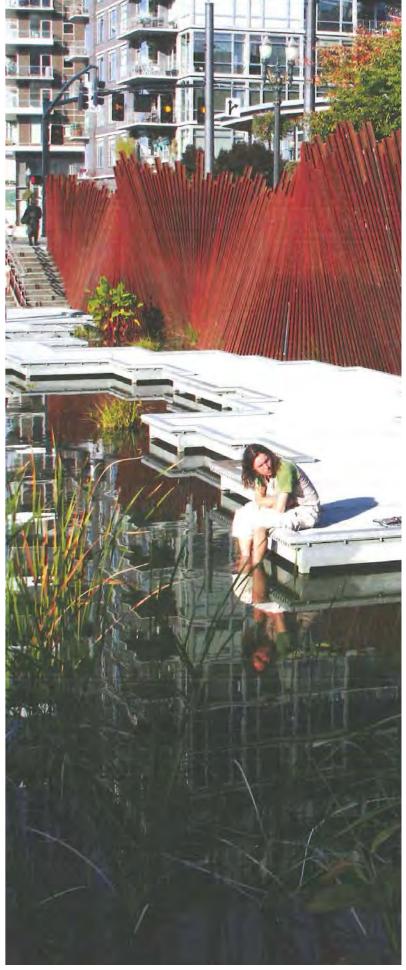


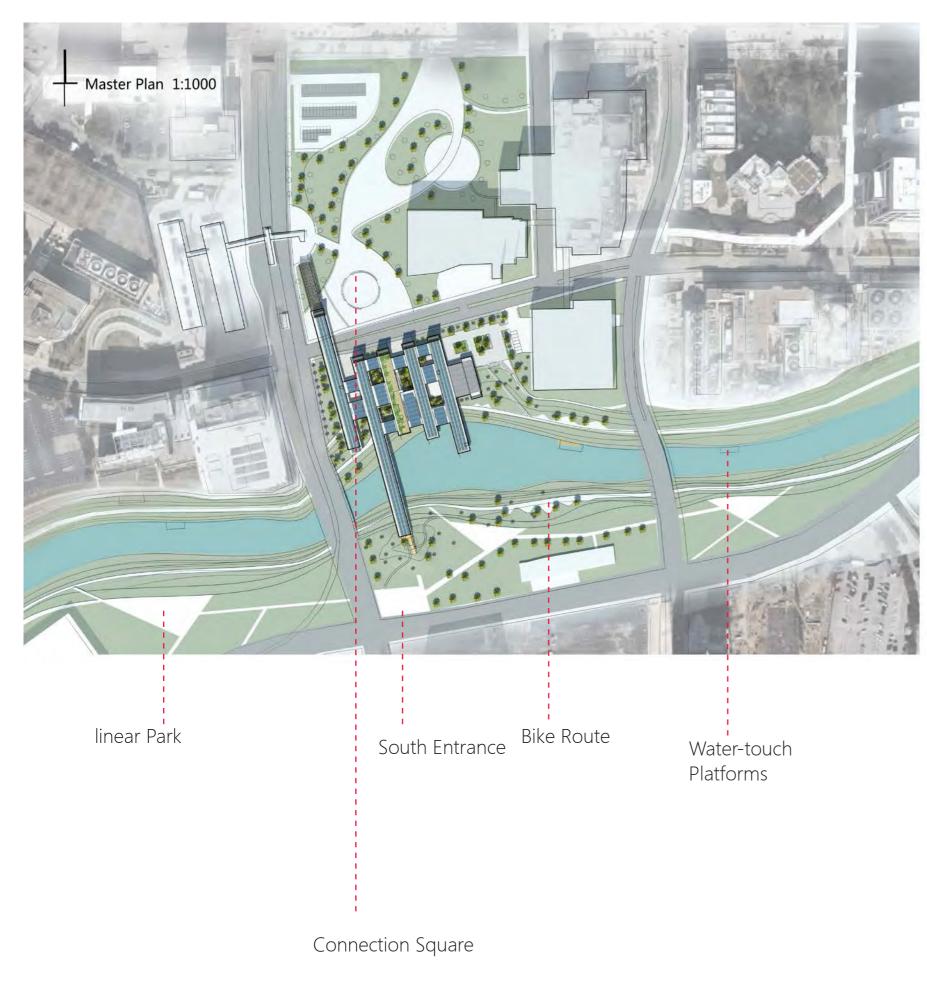


Platforms

Platforms on different levels will provide accesible space for visitors while the water on different levels.





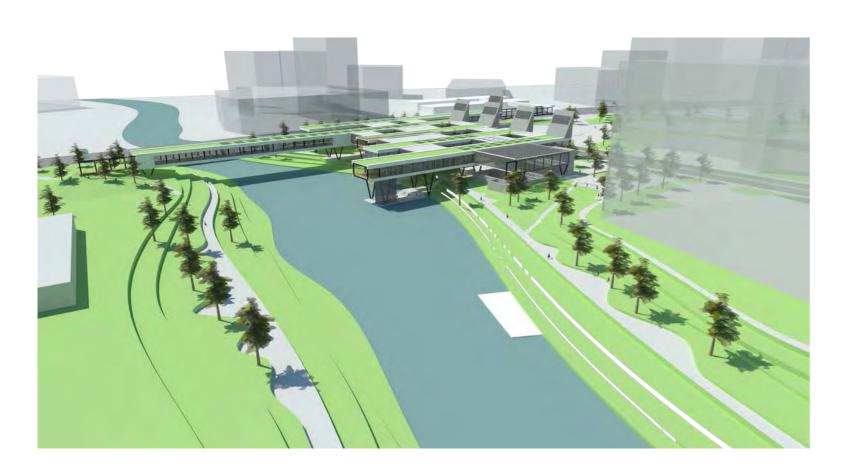


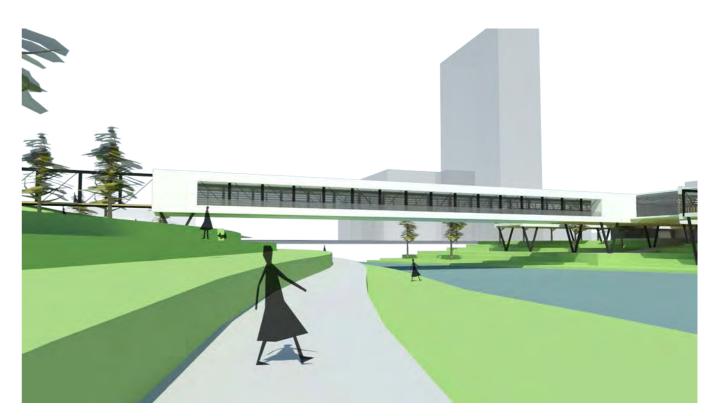


Master Plan

Relocate the Parking Space, intigrate the Green Park and the waterfront. Create more pedestrian and view connection between the Transfer Center, the Green Park and the Waterfront.

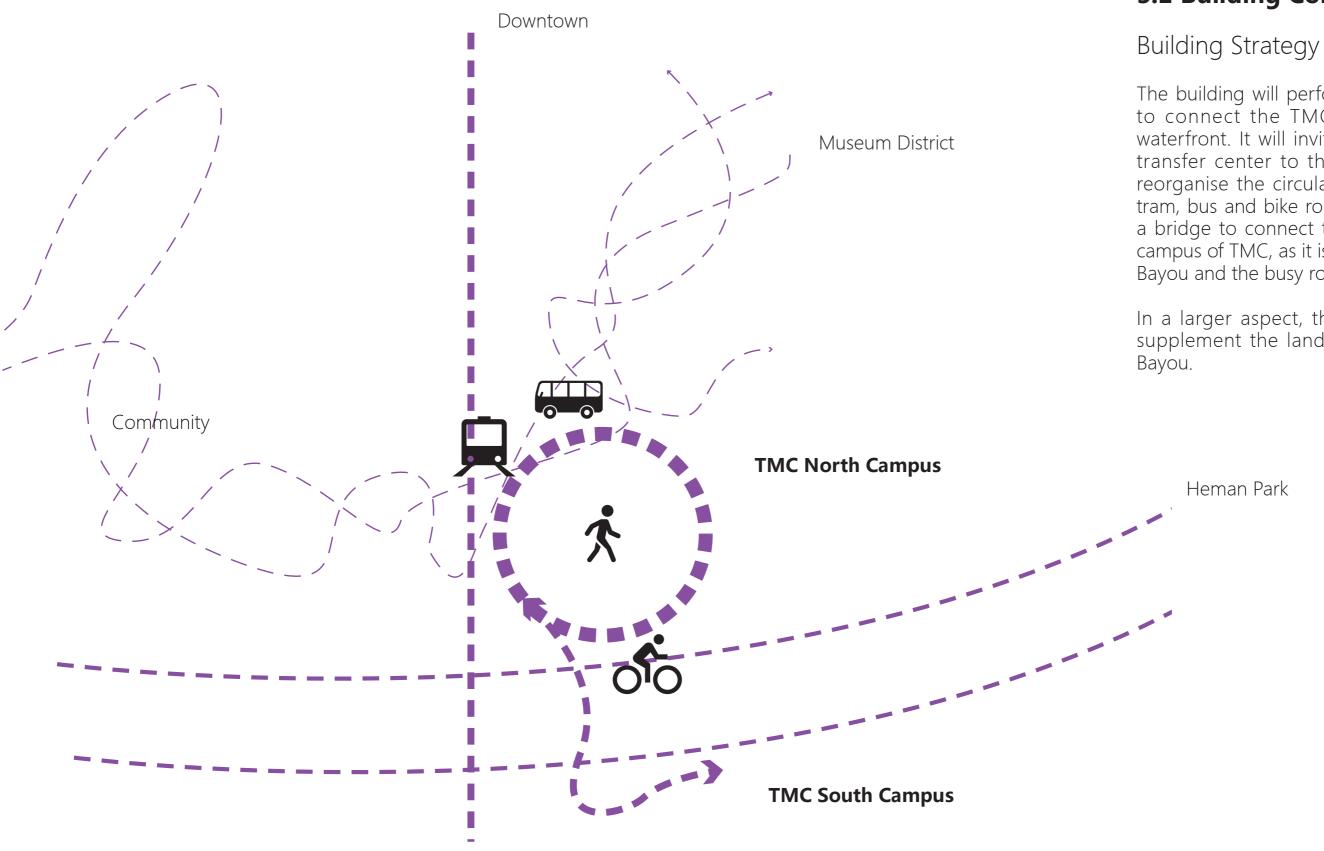








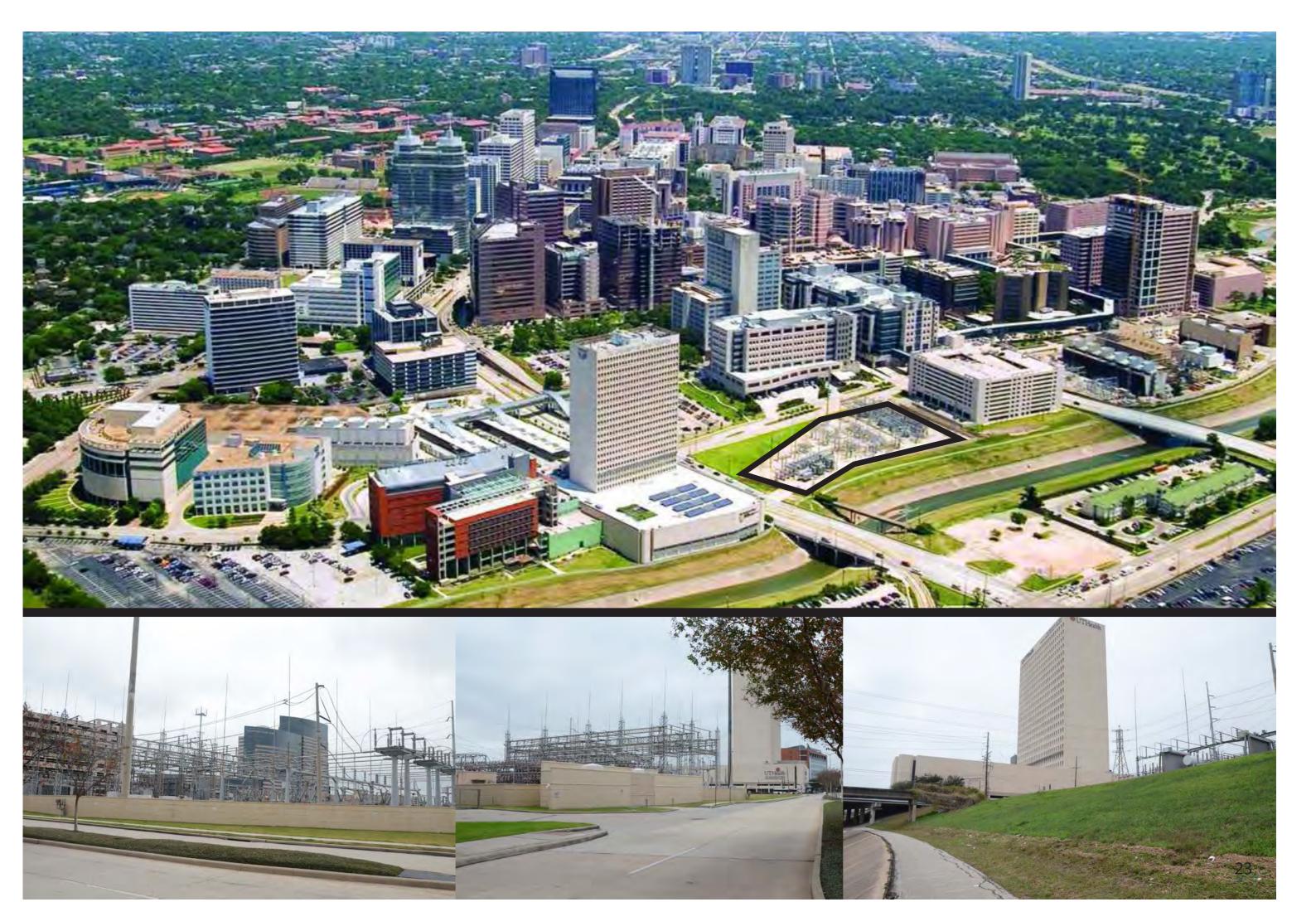
Sketch for the landscape

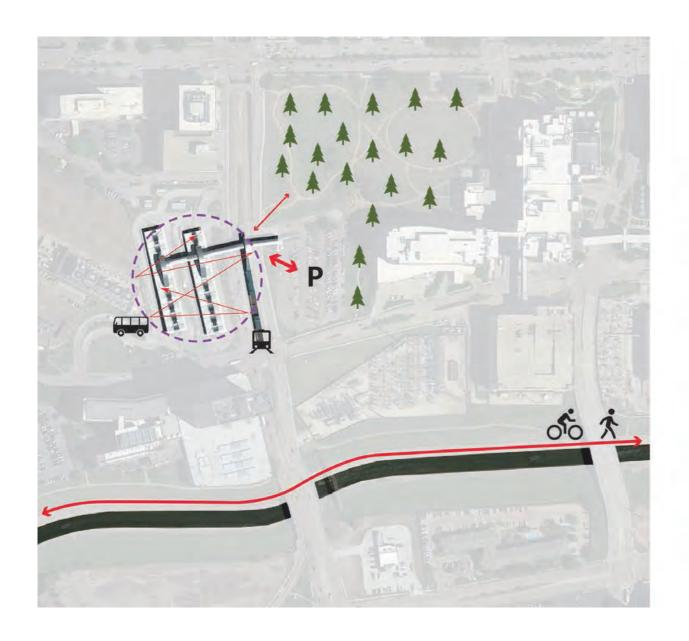


3.2 Building Concept

The building will perform as an motivator, to connect the TMC Campus and the waterfront. It will invite the people in the transfer center to the waterfront. It will reorganise the circulation to connect the tram, bus and bike route. it will also act as a bridge to connect the north and south campus of TMC, as it is ao hard to cross the Bayou and the busy road in Huston.

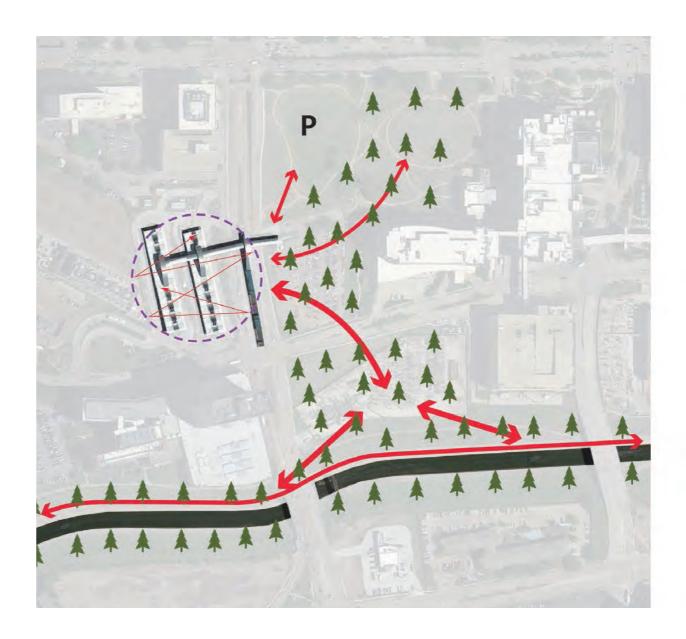
In a larger aspect, the building will also supplement the landscape for the Brays

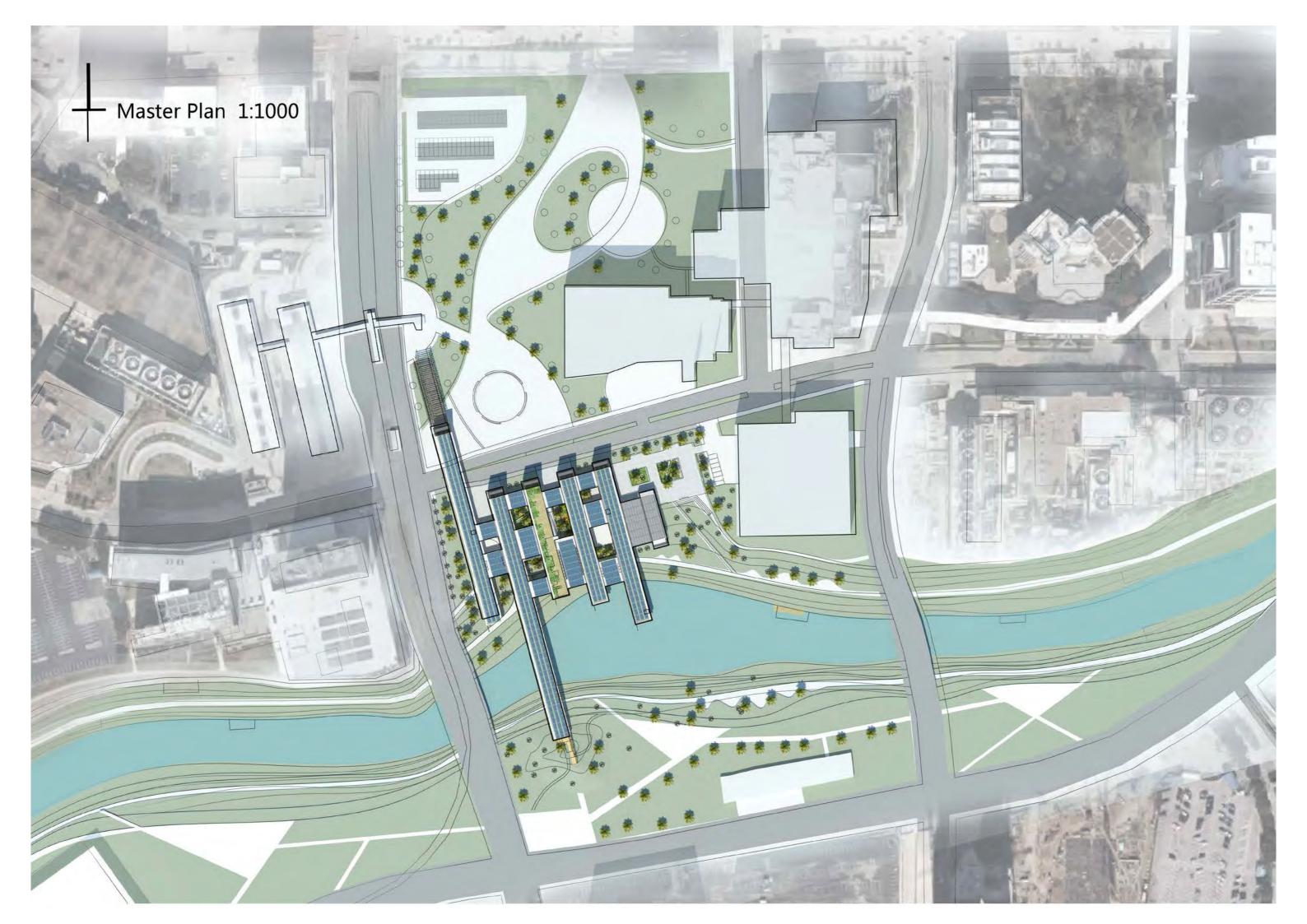


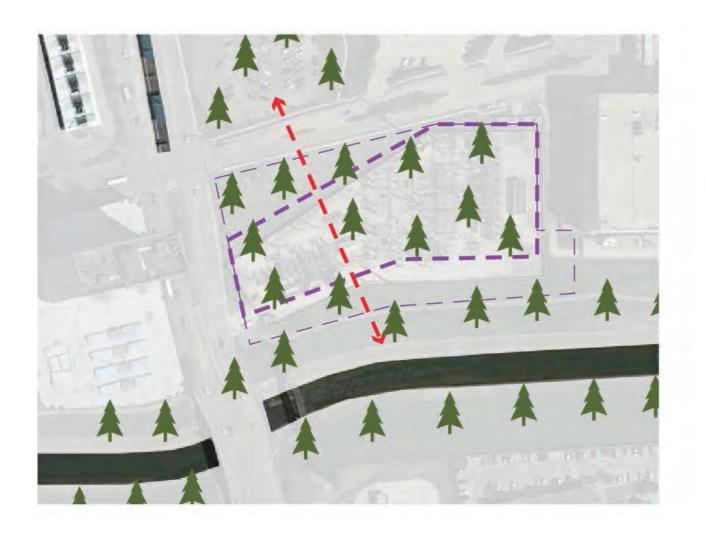


Site Reorganise

Relocate the Parking Space, intigrate the Green Park and the waterfront. Create more pedestrian and view connection between the Transfer Center, the Green Park and the Waterfront.



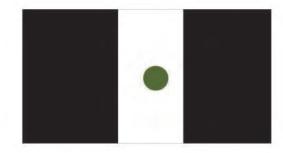








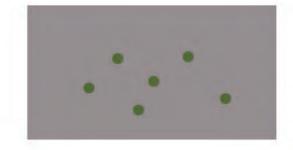




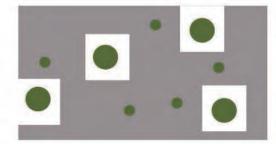
Possible Building Type

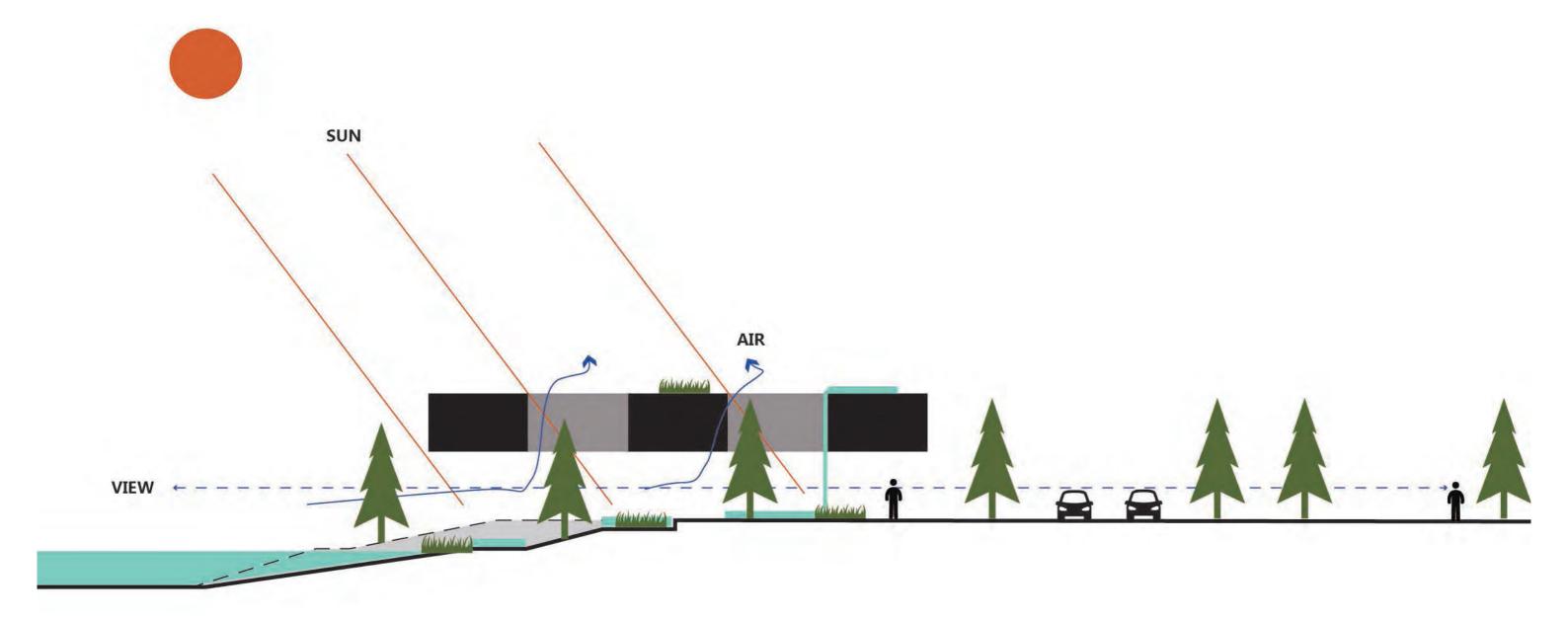
The new building should connect the park to the waterfront. It should keep the view connection as well as keeping green elements. It should be a nice access for the people from the transfer center to go to the waterfront.

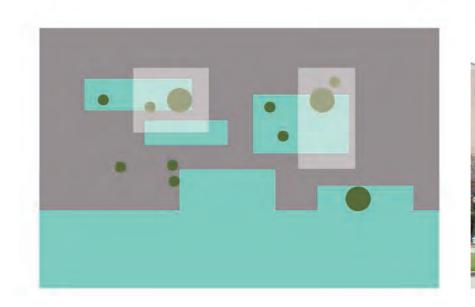








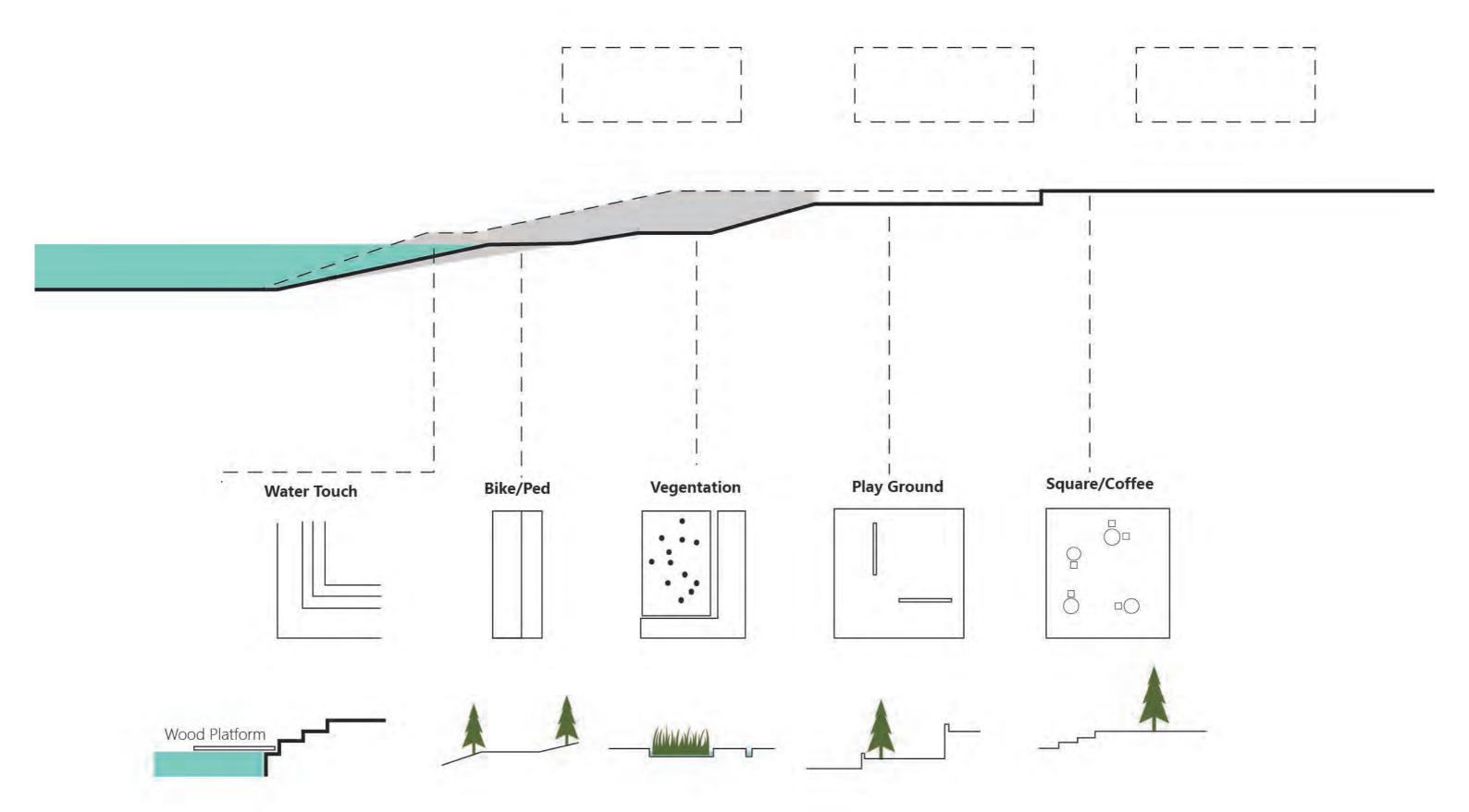


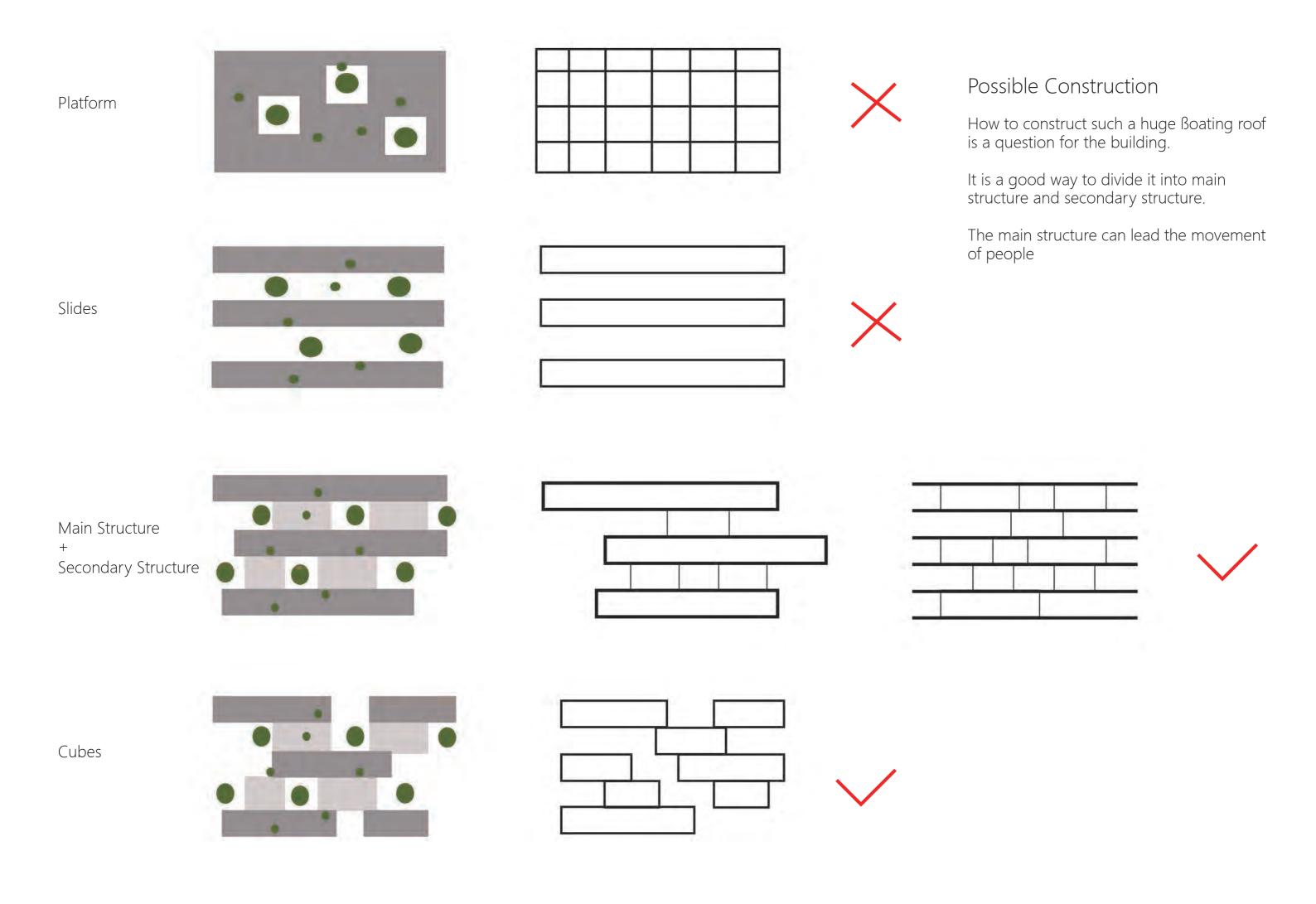




Floating

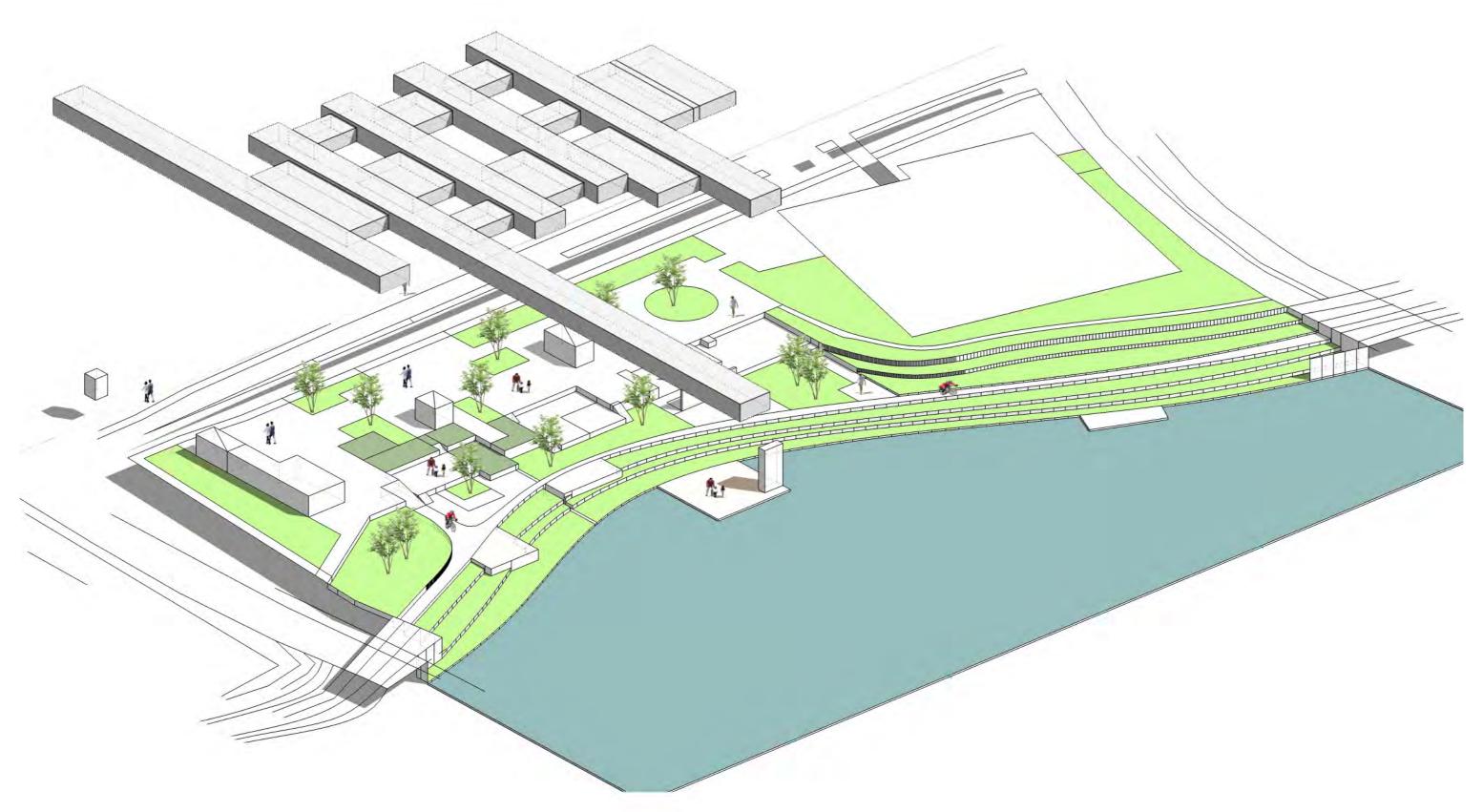
A floating strategy is choosen for the building. It keeps the view connection, create nice waterfront access and good Bood safty for itself. It is also a common building language in Houston.





First Image--Bridge

A bridge form is a continue of the urban context, as there aare alot of brides of connet the huge buildings in Houston, as it is too hard to use the pedstrain system on ground. The building actually function as a bridge to cross the Brays Bayou.



for this building. **Public Education Facality** Commercial Public Library Exibition 1 Studio Green **Bike Station** Playground Summer Theater Green Bridge Green

4.3 Programe

Program required
A lot of programes is missed or less in TMC. In order to achieve the project goal. Several programs are selected

The main program is defined as a public education center, open to the visitors, nearby neighbors and the people who work for TMC.



Macau Science Center



Qingdao young activities center



Bike Renting



Utrent Library



Summer Theater

Office

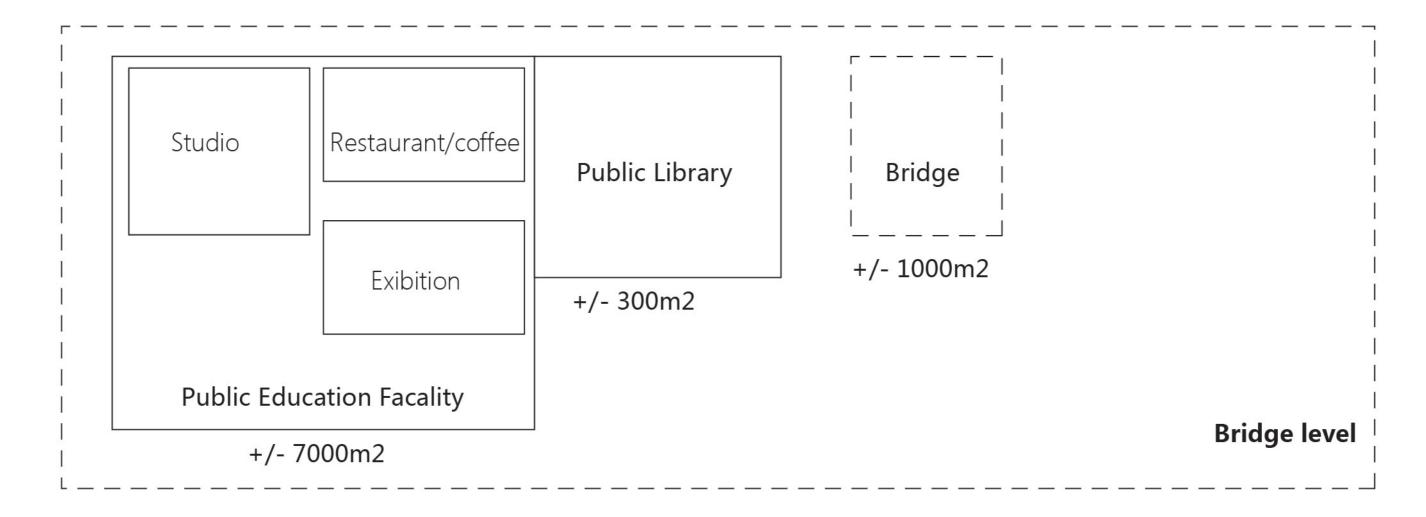


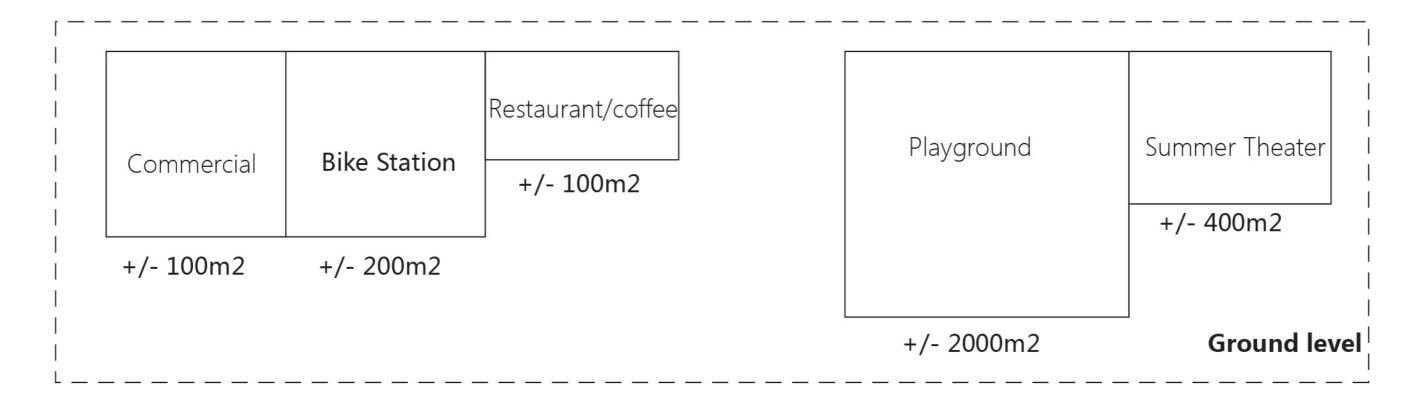
On the other hand, it will be I to surve the TMC

Programe Reference

All the programe is designed to make the building more public and suitable for the this area. It will provide enough attractive pints and make the waterfront interesting.

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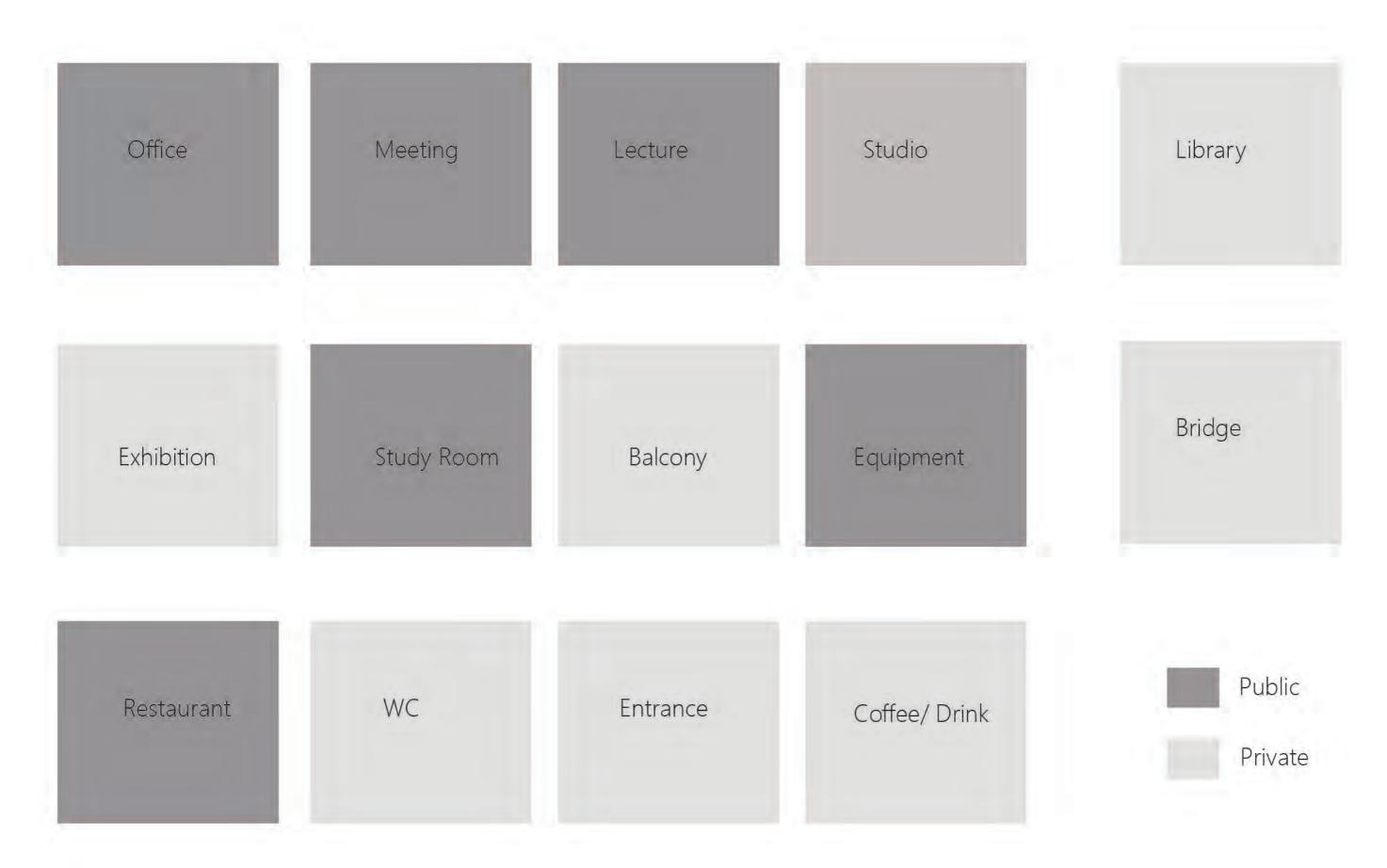


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Exhibition	Study Room	Balcony	Equipment	Bridge
Restaurant	WC	Entrance	Coffee/ Drink	Fixed Flexible

Programe Equipment

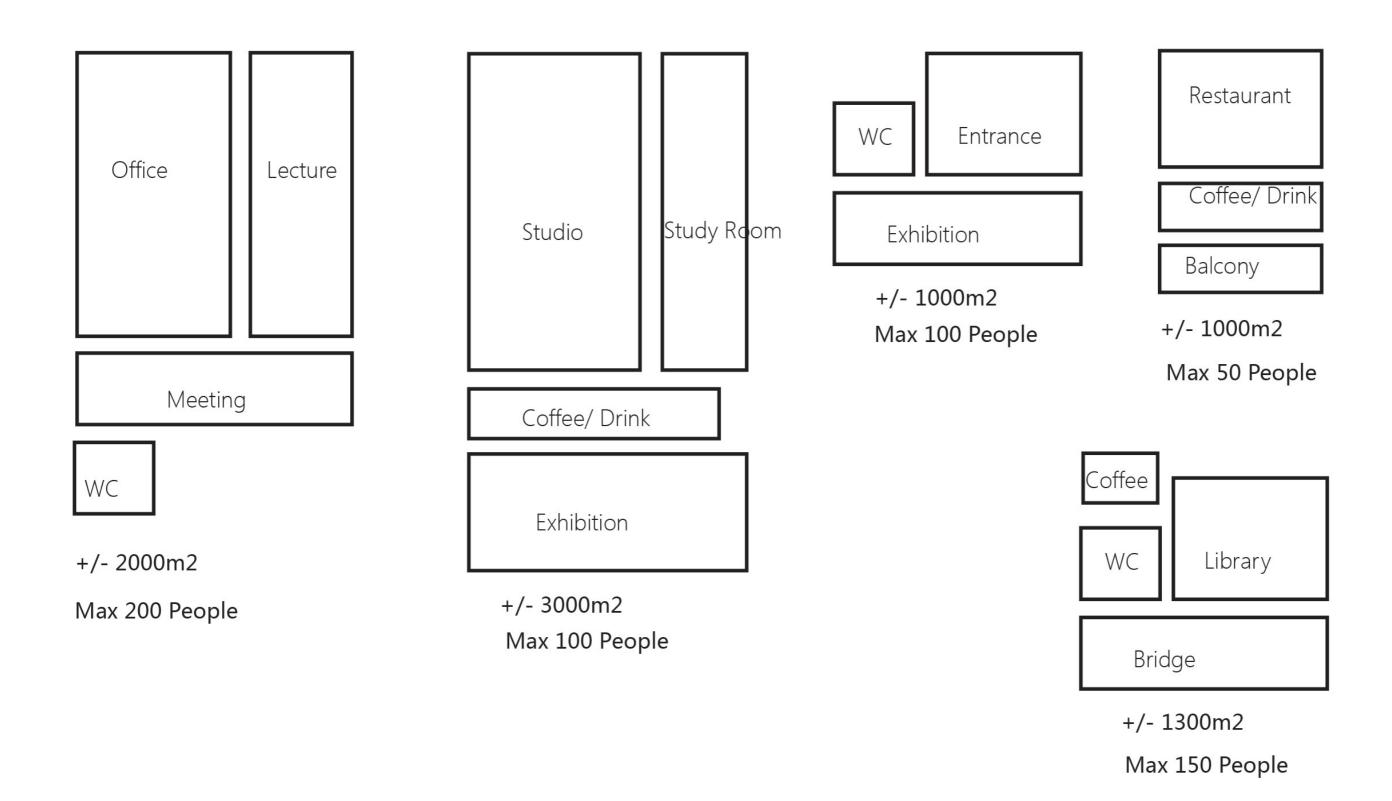
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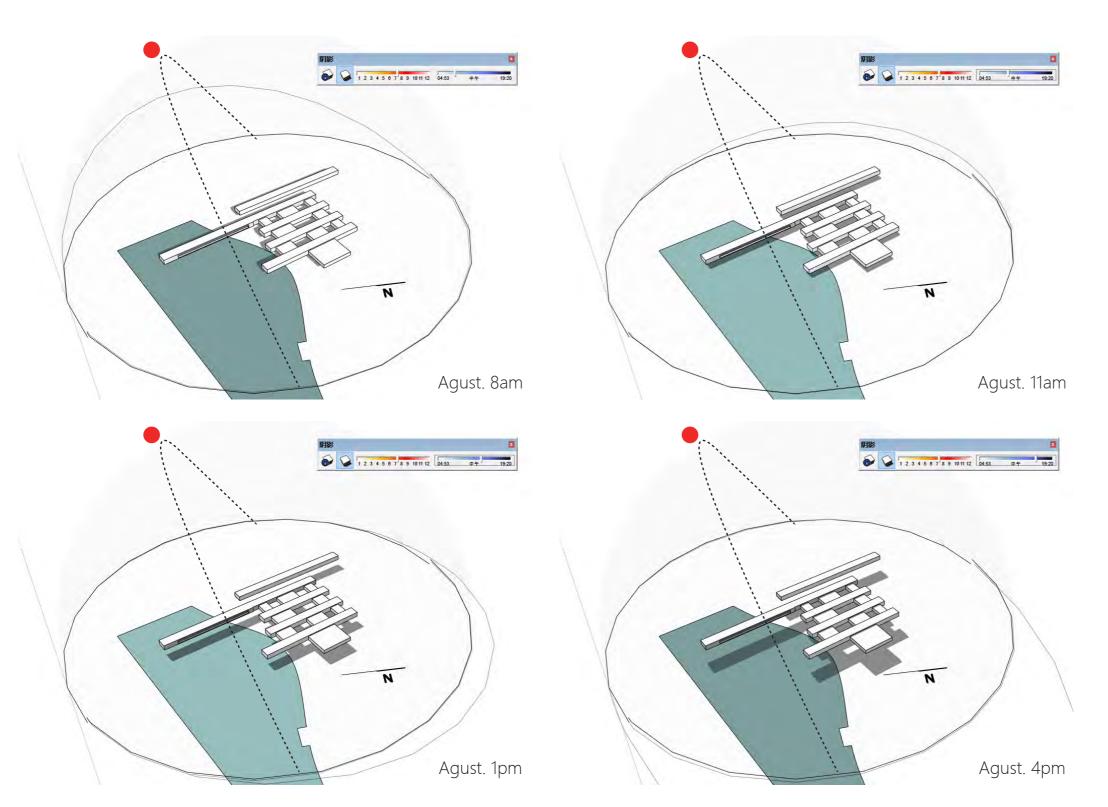
Programe Public/ Private



Programe Light Need

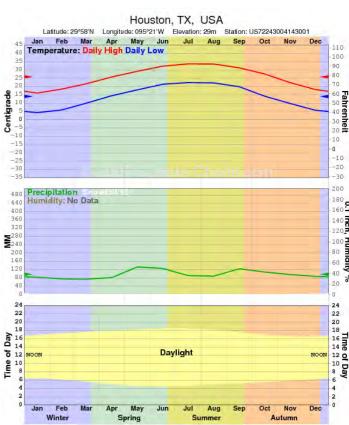
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Restaurant	WC	Entrance	Coffee/ Drink	More Light Required Less Light Required

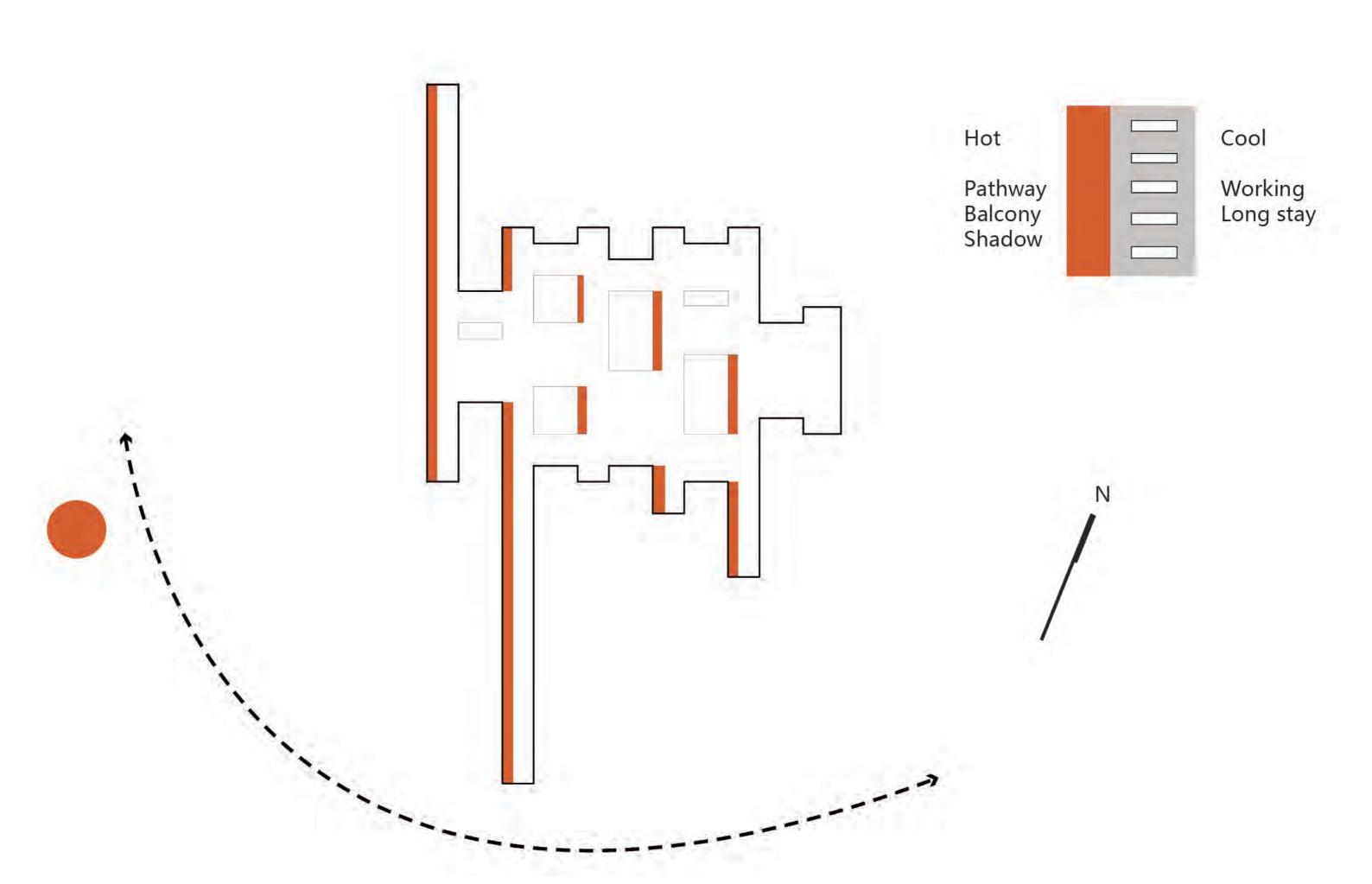


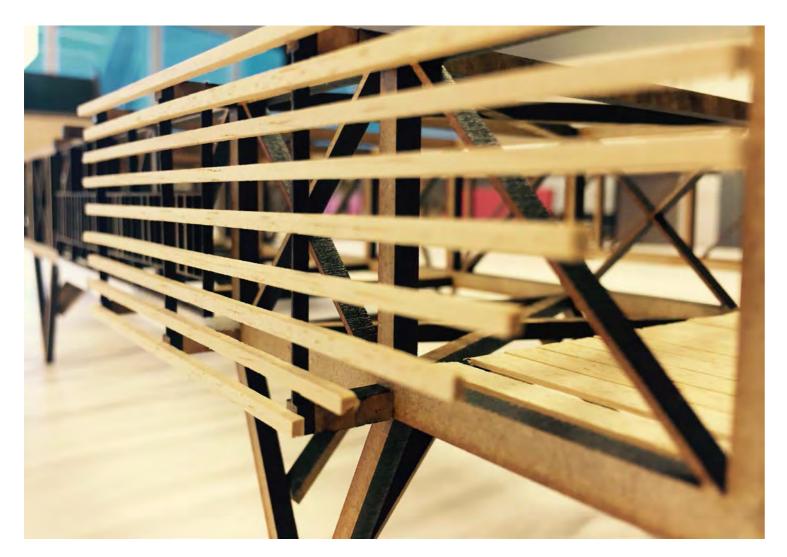


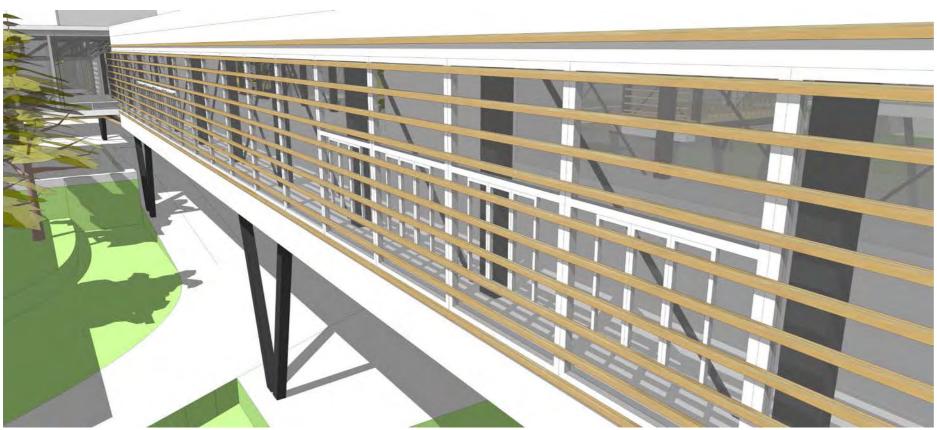
Sunlight

The east Sides of the building will not take too much sunlight, only in the early morning. But the west sie will bear the hot sunlight for the almost 10 hours, which means the shading for the west facade is quite important.





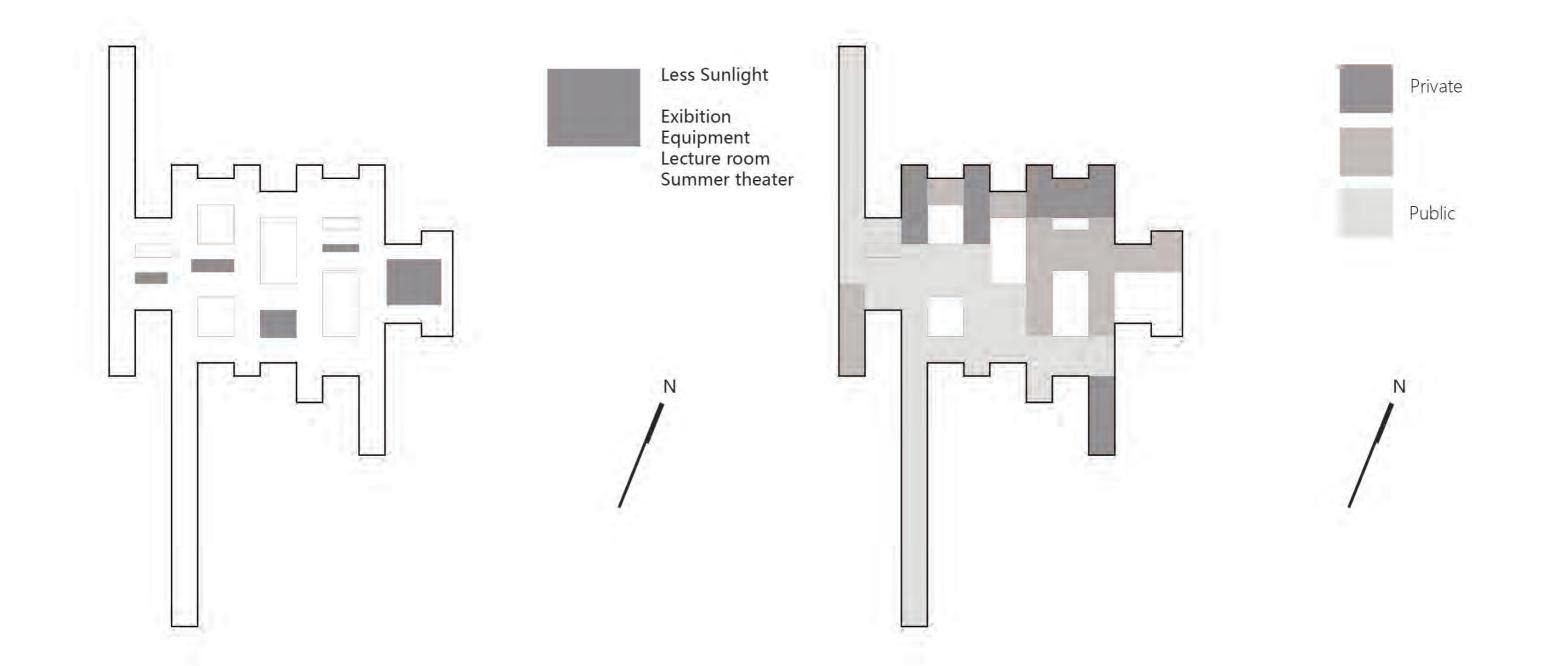


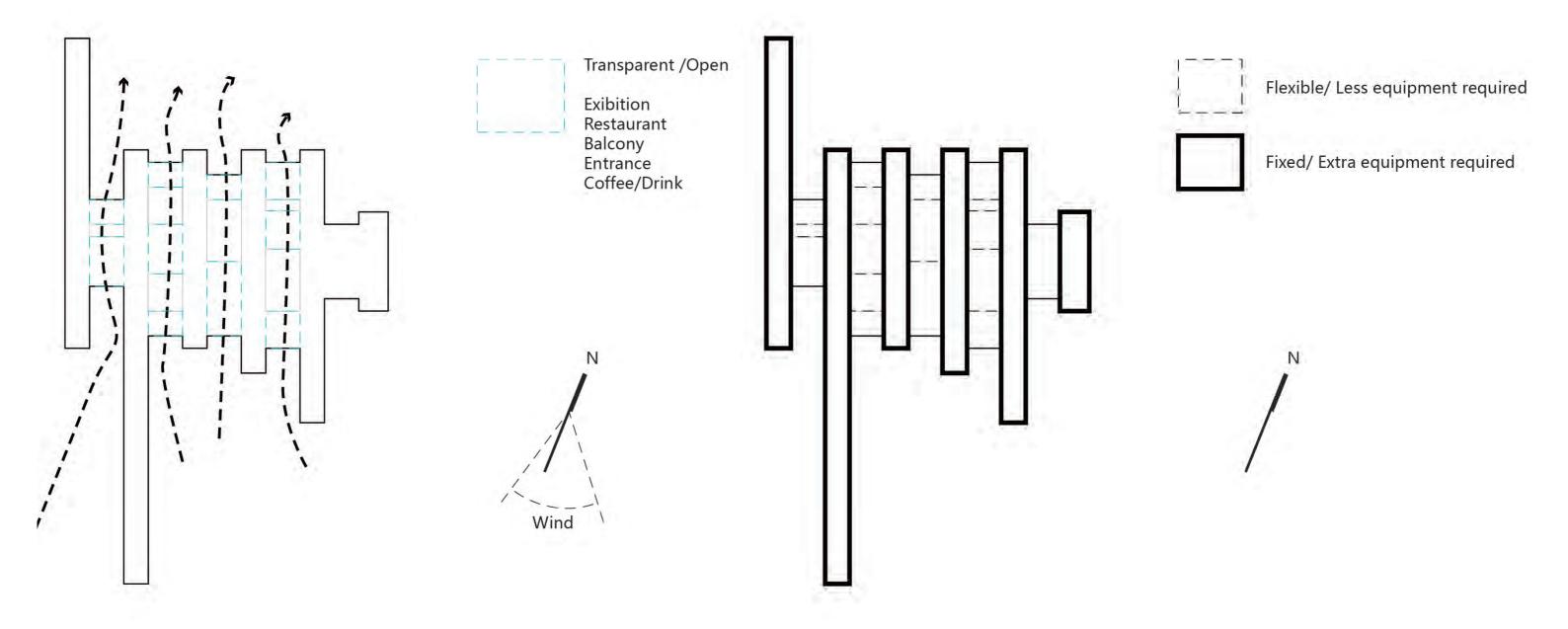




Shading for the west sides

It is better to hange the shading system ouside.







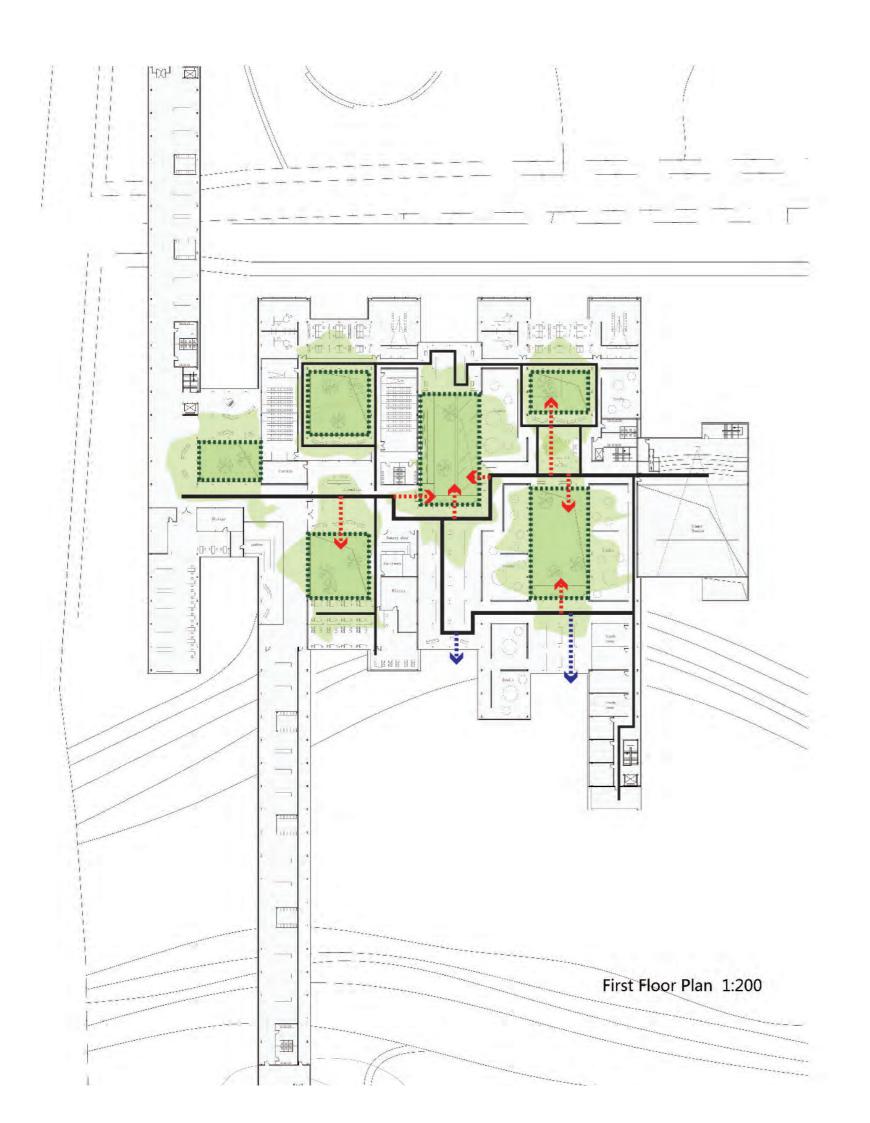
5.4 First Floor Program

Most Pxed space that gathering people is located in the mainstructure. The hanging program is quite Bexible and transparent.





Courtyards
6 courtyards provide the natural light and green view to the interior. Each courtyard foucus on different type of inner space.







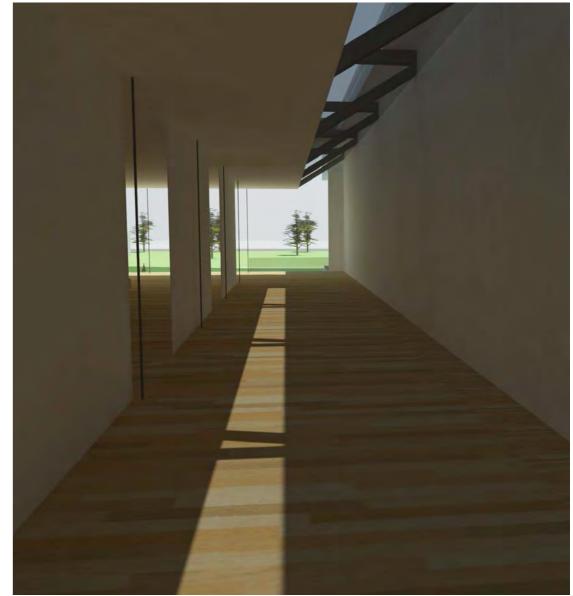
View to the Courtyards



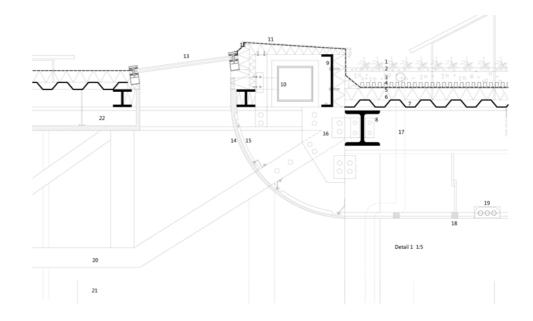
Interior Material

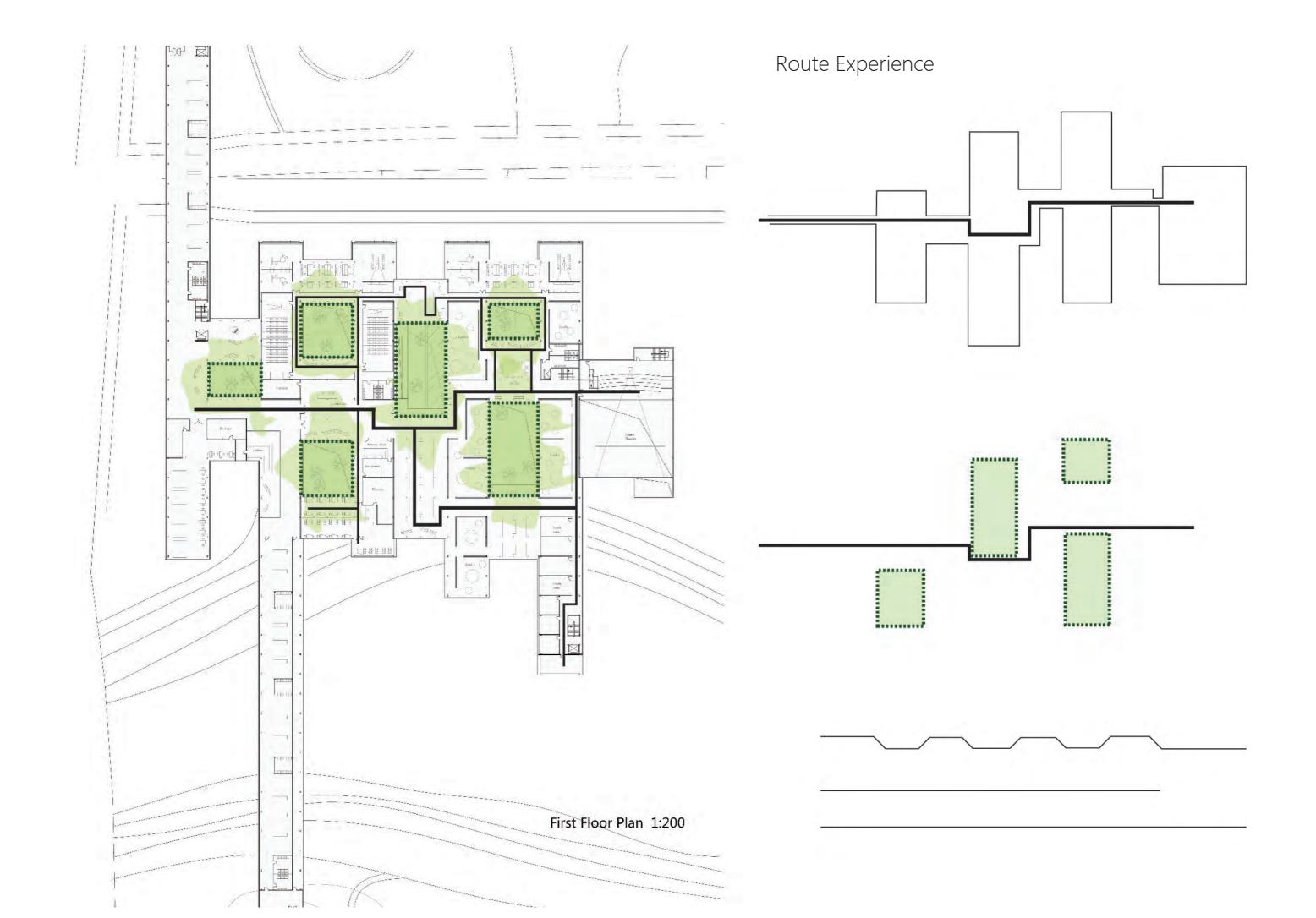
Wood Boor + Glass facade + Aluminum frame + Stell columns + Wood Shadings



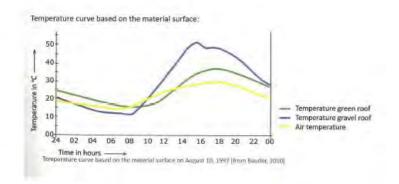


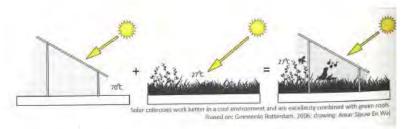
Exhibition Space and Sky windows

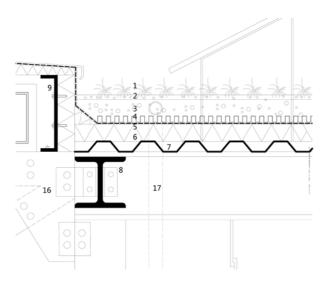








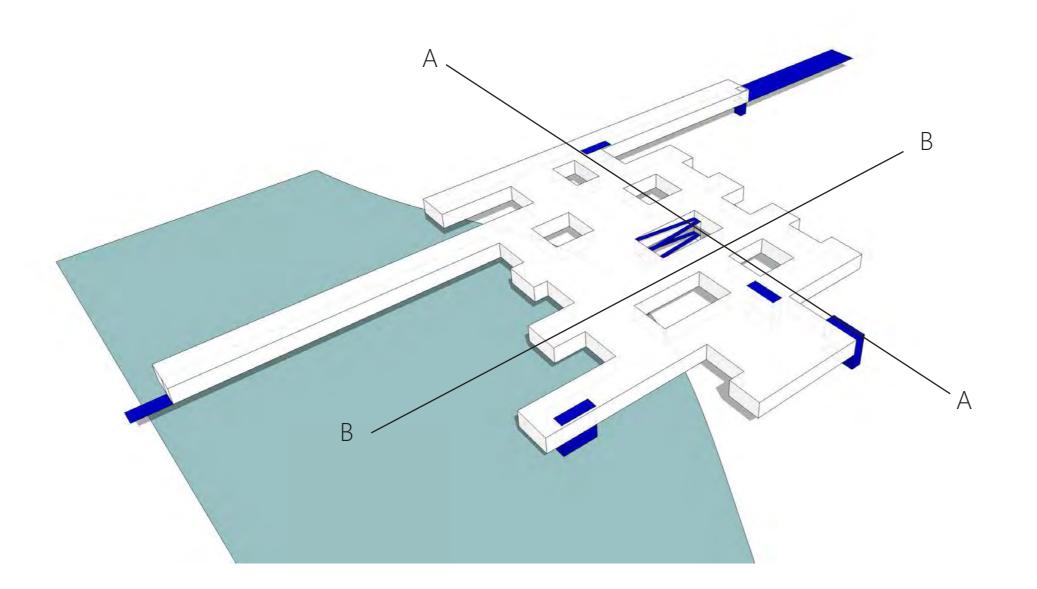


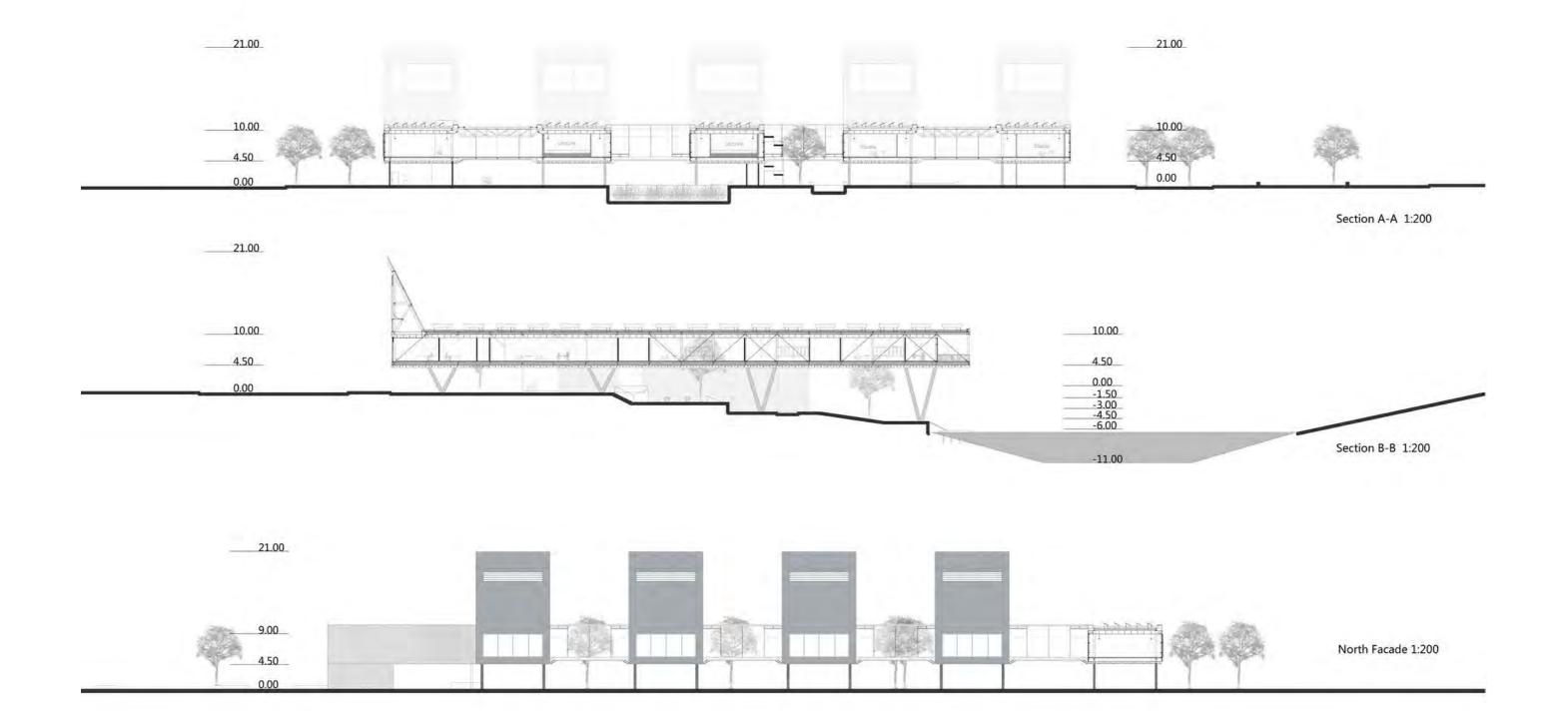


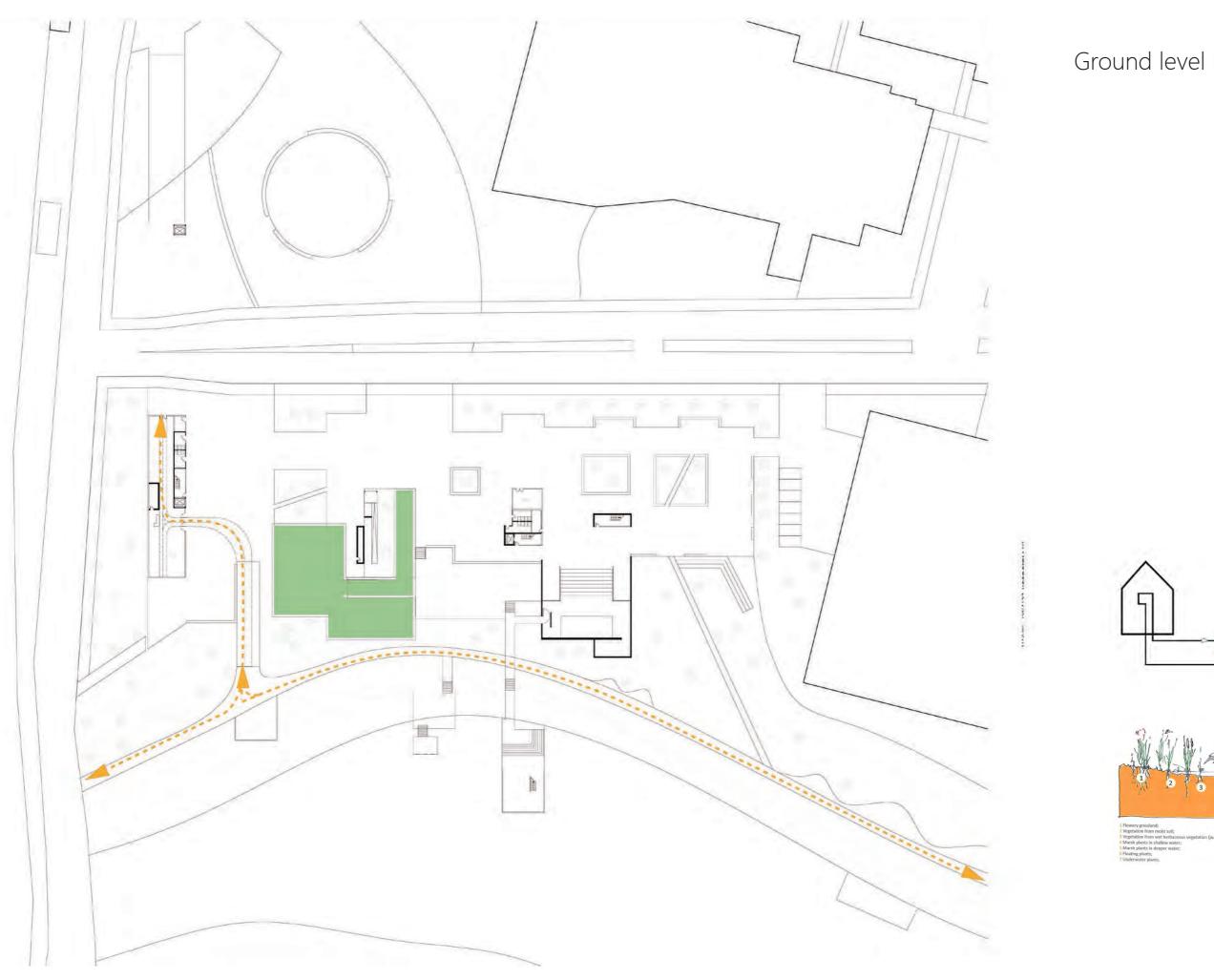


Roof

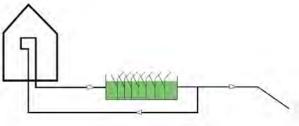
The combination of Solar Panel and the Green roof will make the energy system work better.

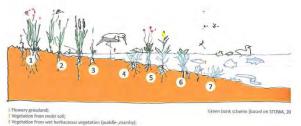


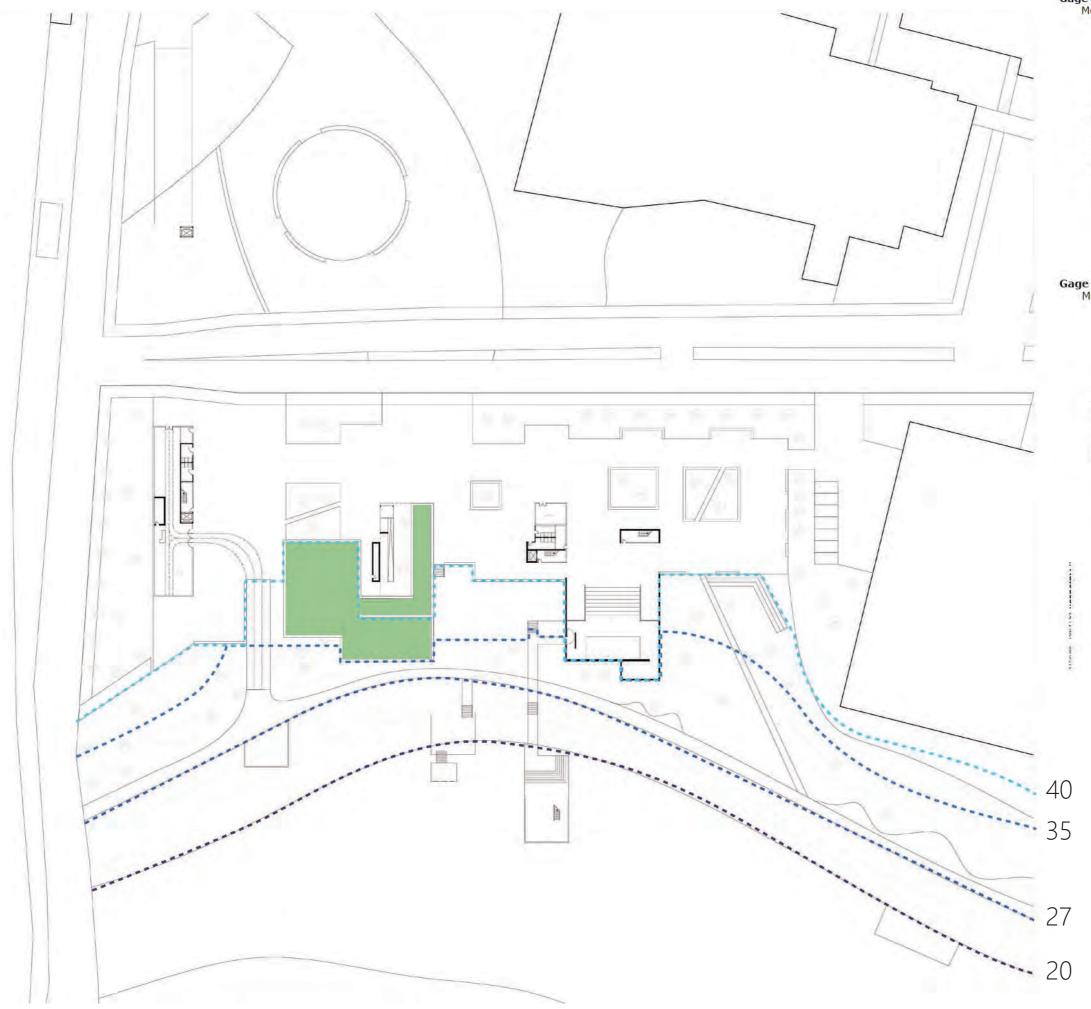




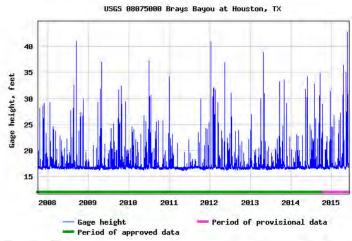
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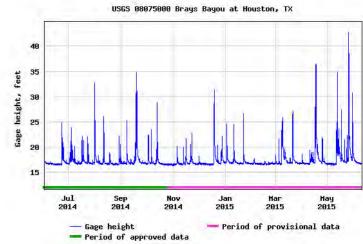




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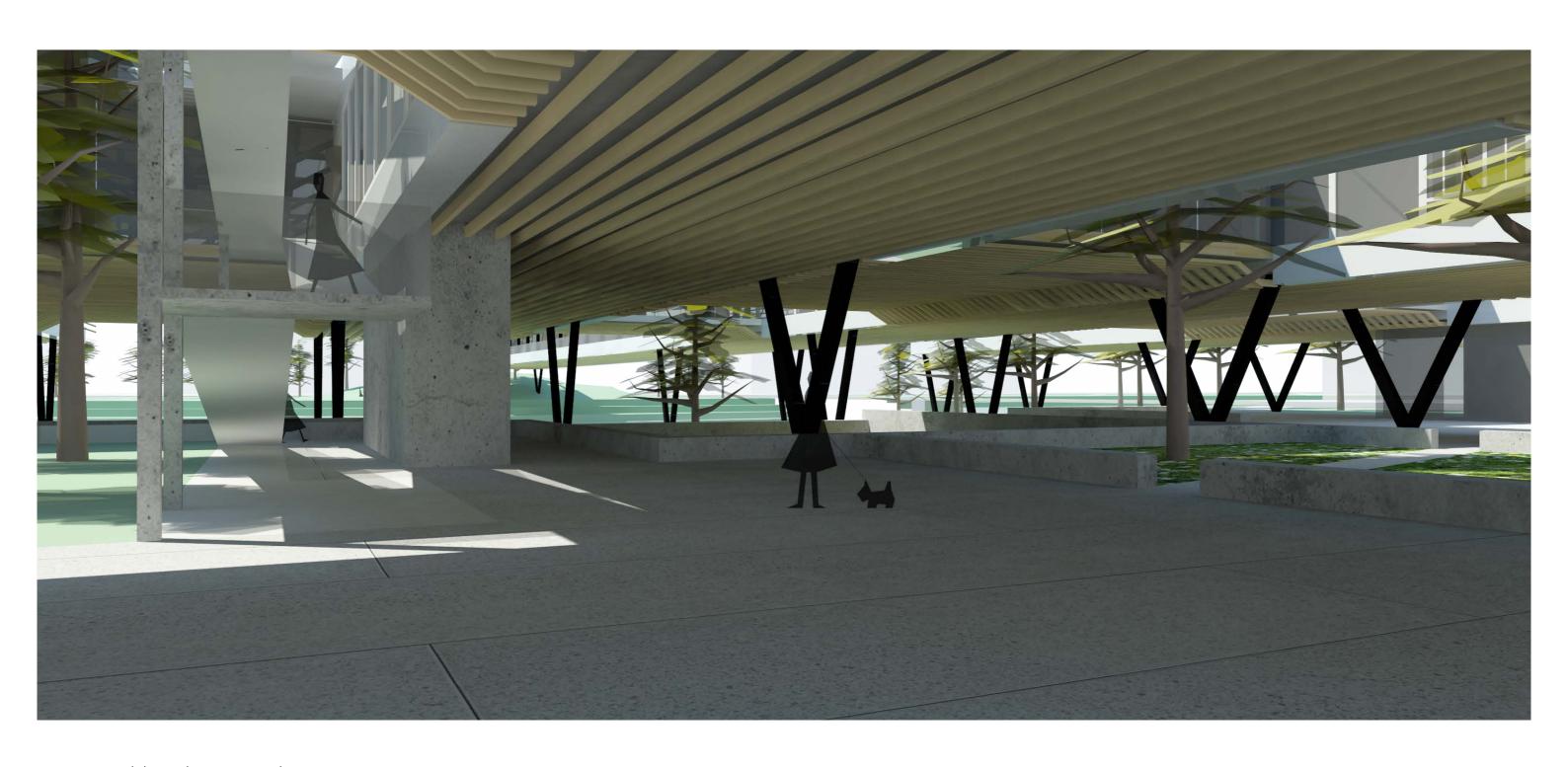


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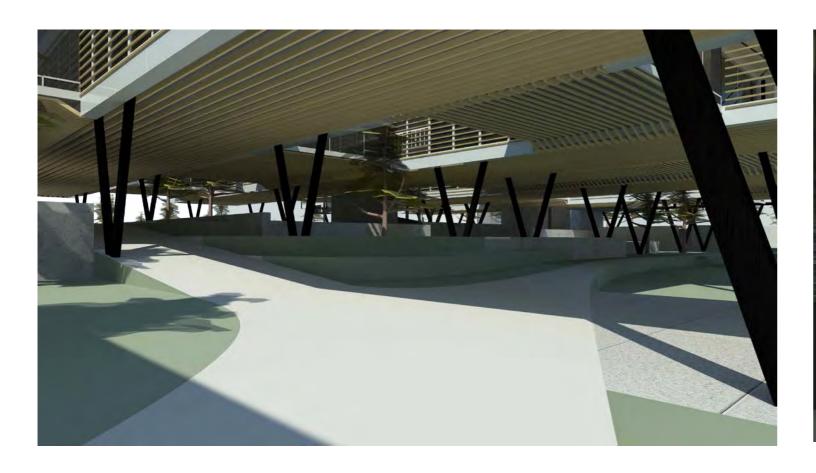


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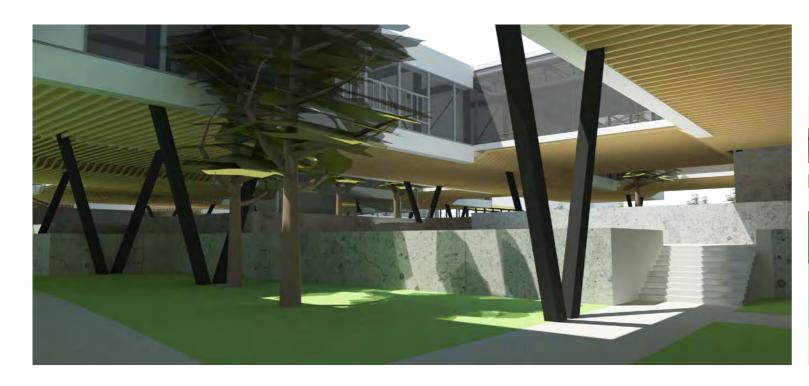


Ground level Materials

Concrete walls+ Stell Columns+ Glass Windows+ Concrete Pavement+ Grass land+ Vengitation Purify Poor

















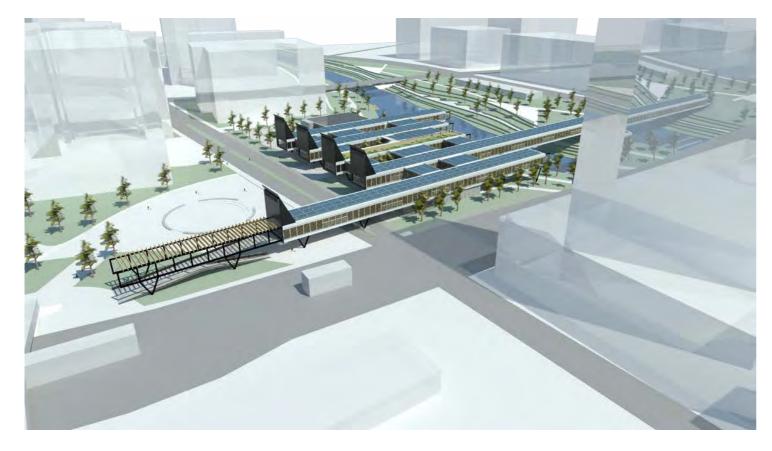
Summer Theater

Open Style

Closed by curtains







Bridge crossing the Road





Middle School, Australia

Continuty of the main street facade

Aluminum Clading Aluminum Window Frame Fiber cenement Clading

Steel Truss

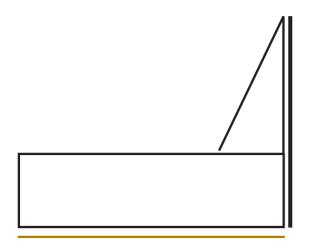


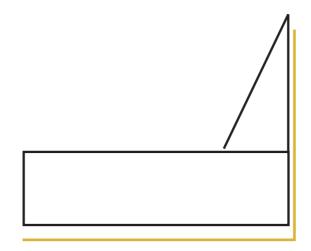


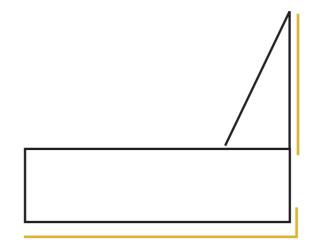
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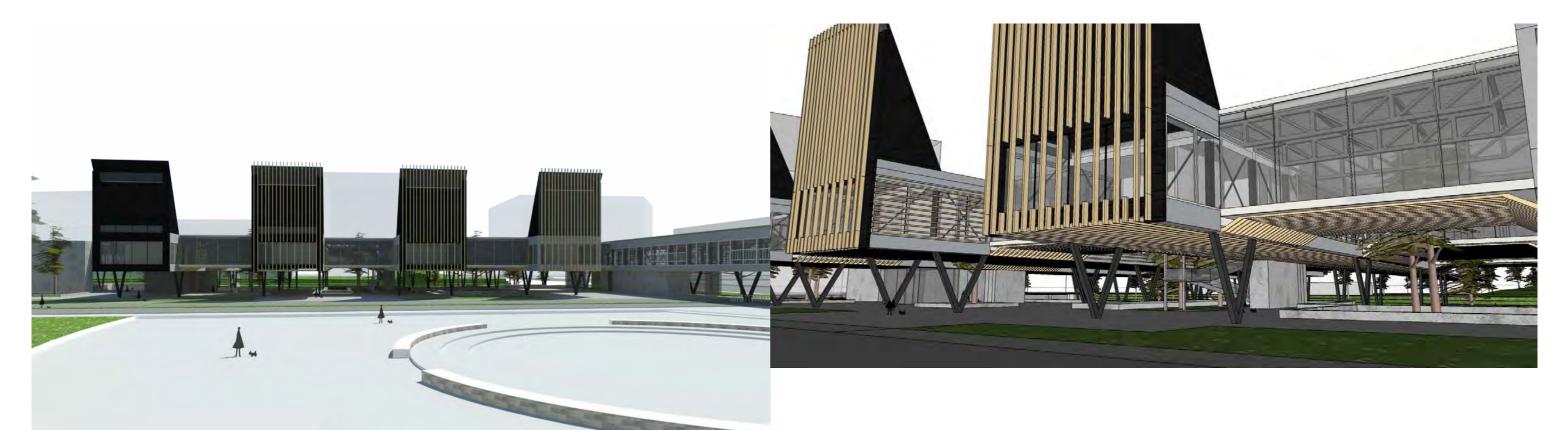
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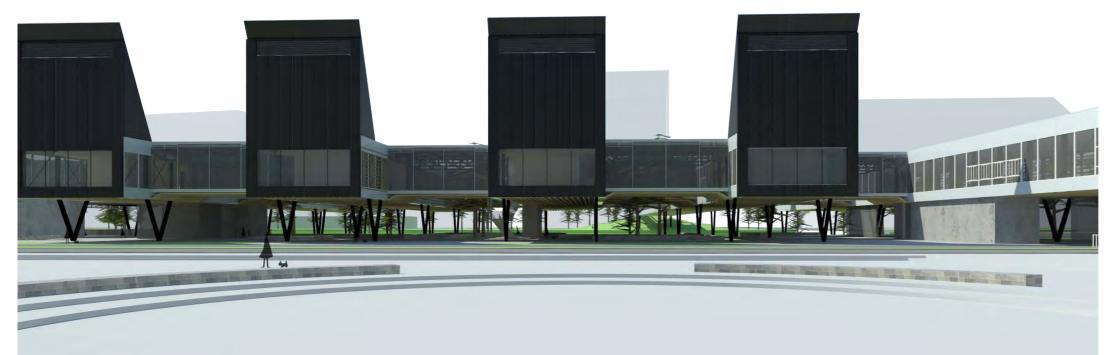




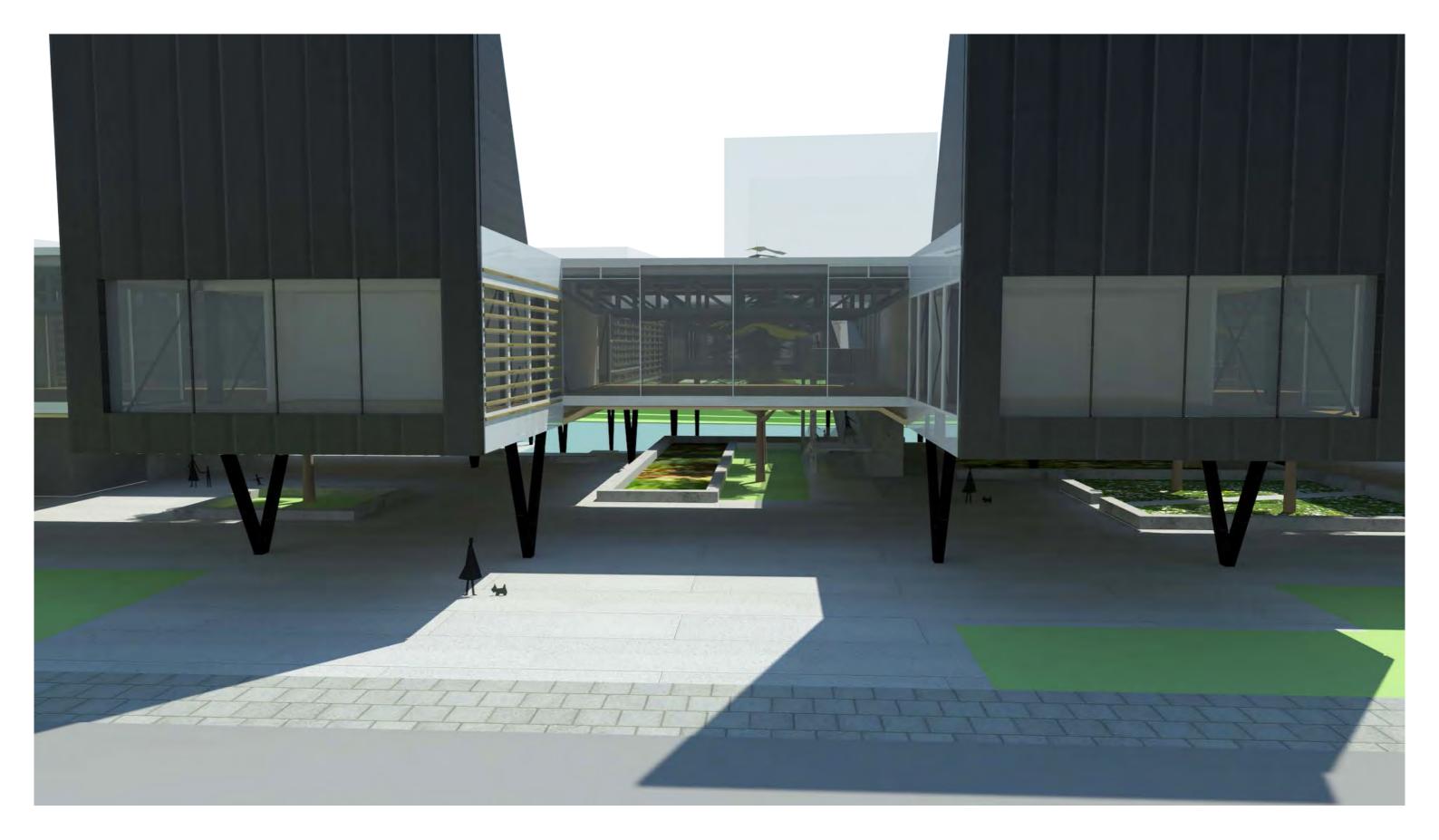
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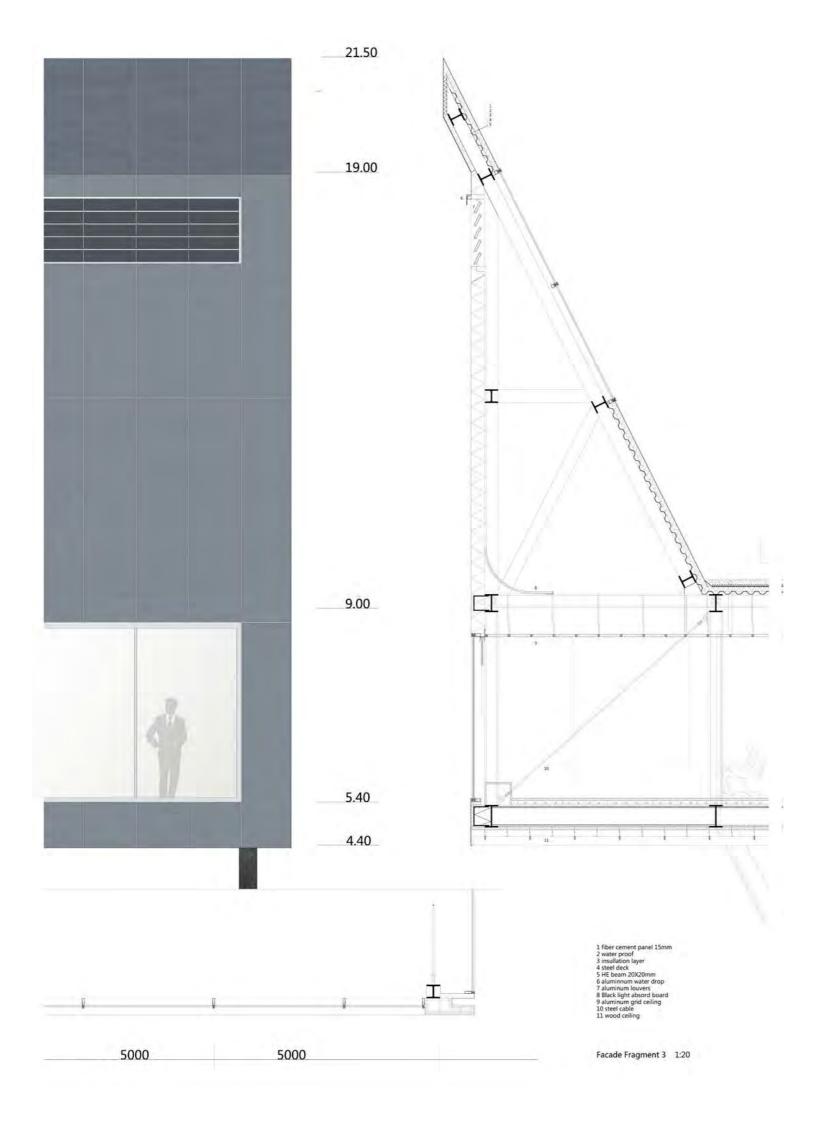




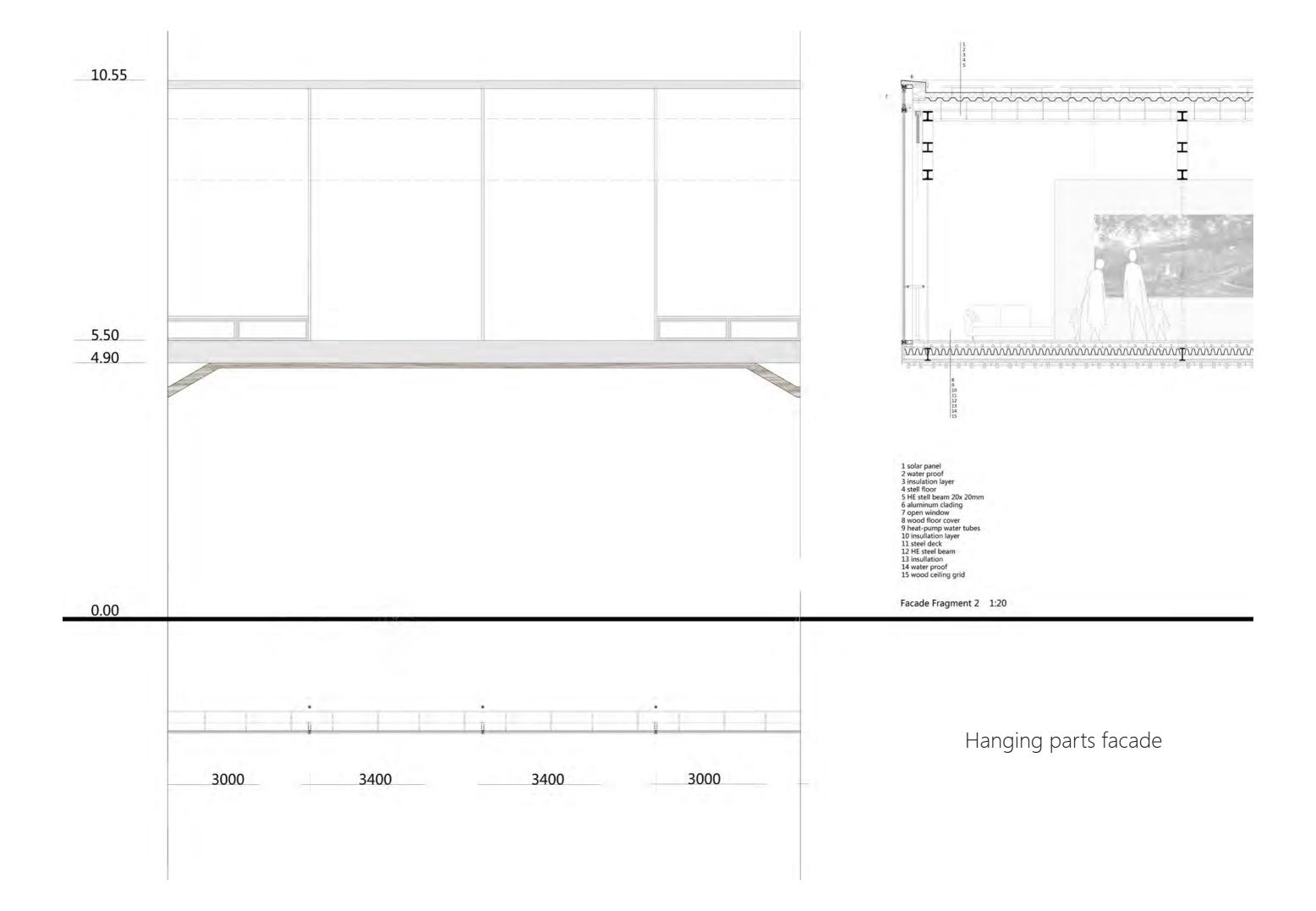
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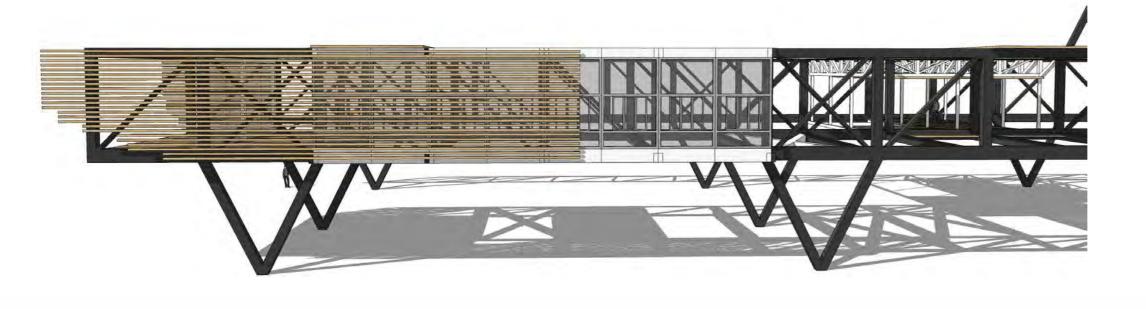


Prefered Facade Indentity between the transparent part and the solid part.



North Facade

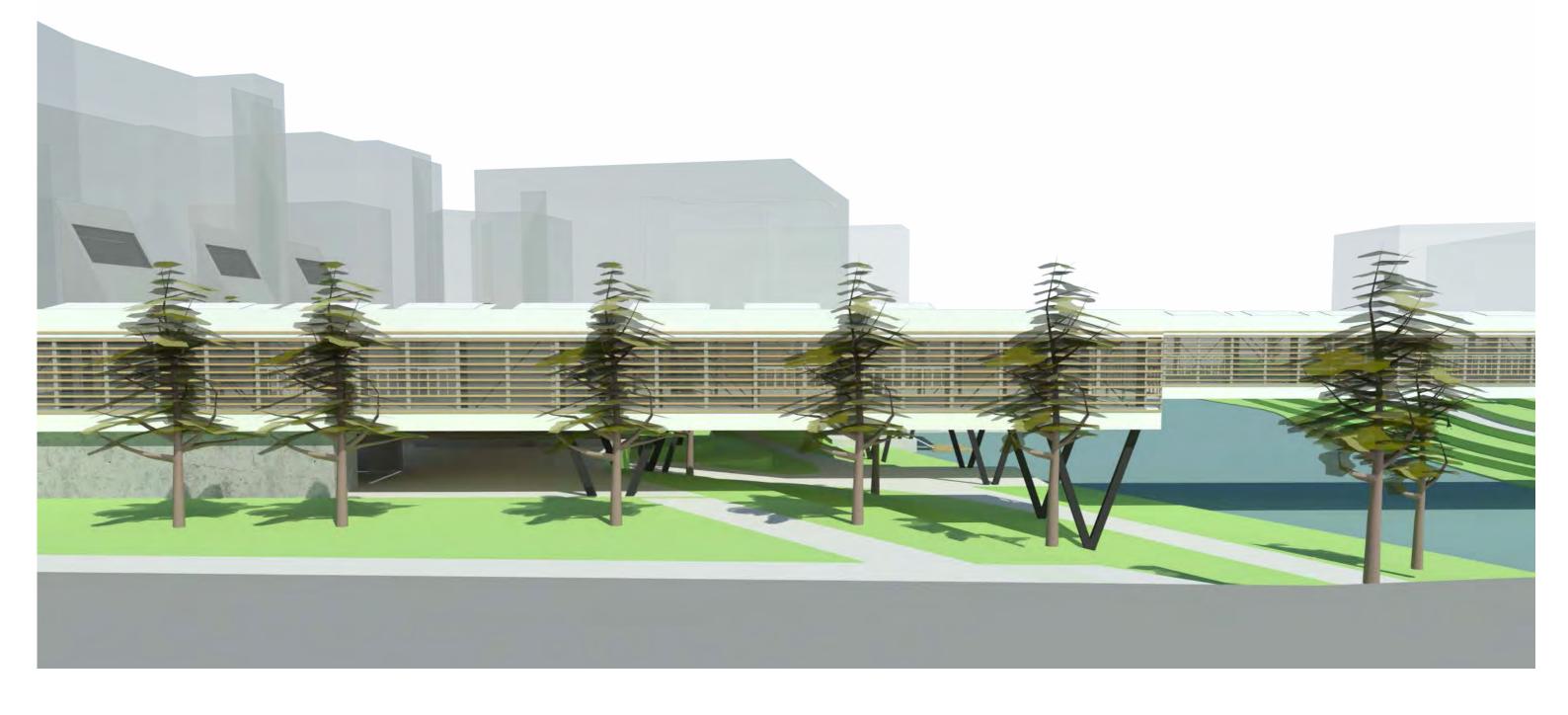


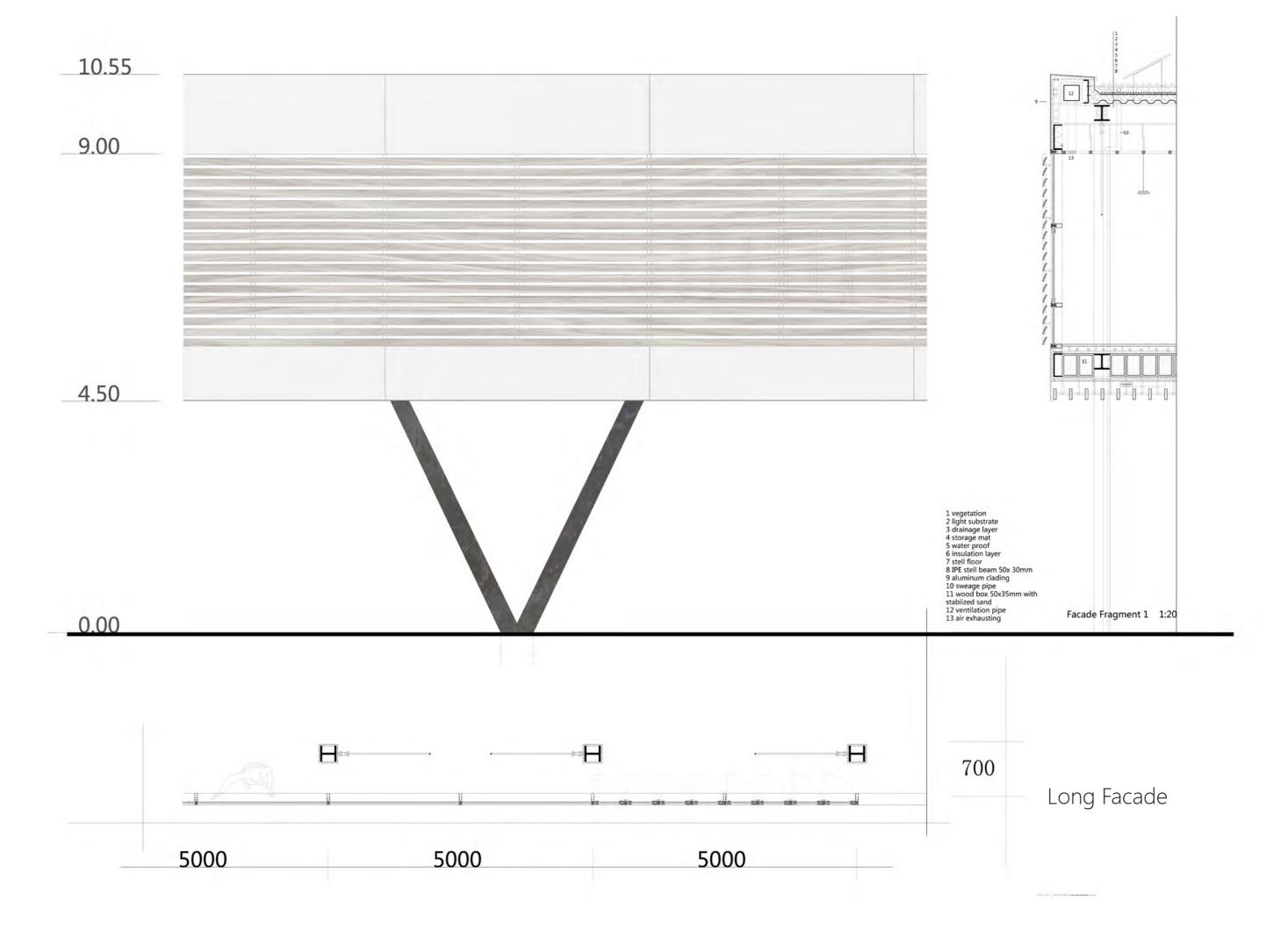


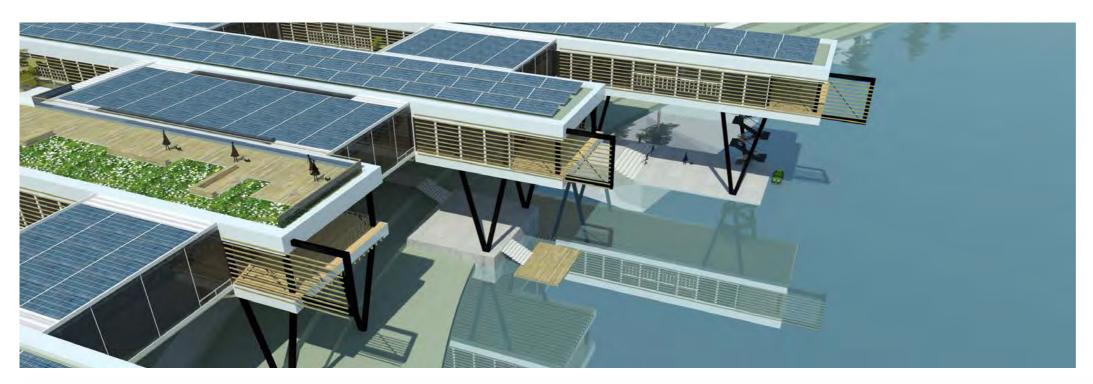
Long facade Wood Shading Aluminum Window Frame

Steel Truss

Concrete walls on ground level

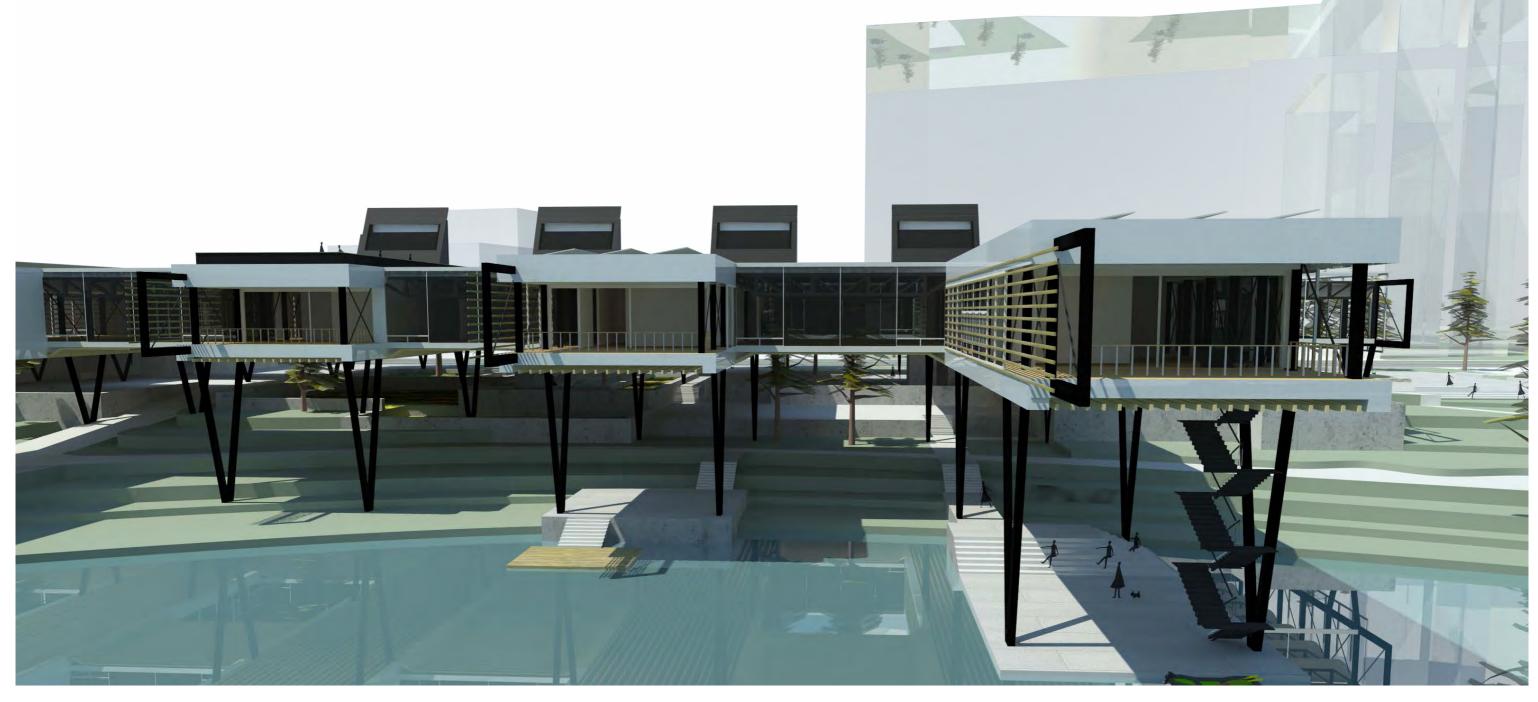


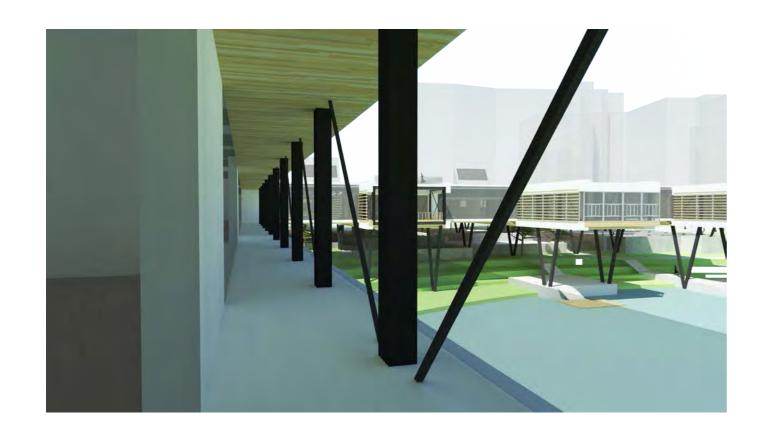




Short facade Wood Shading Aluminum Window Frame

Steel Truss

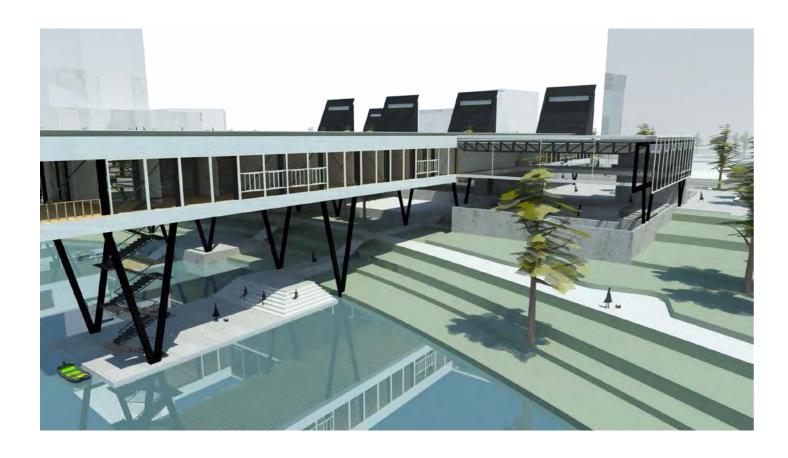




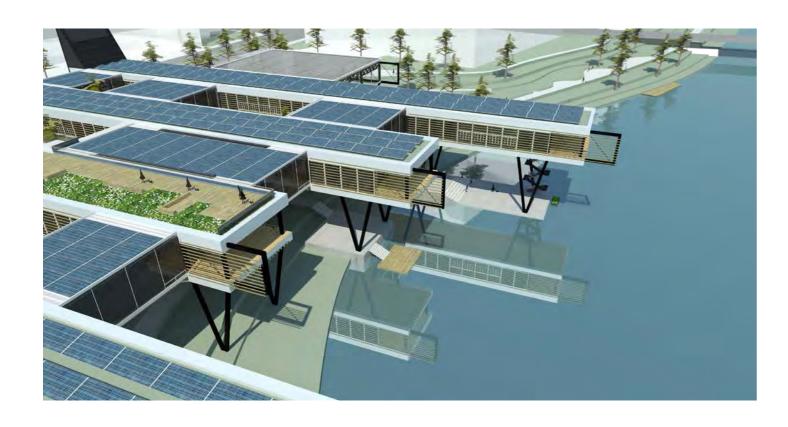


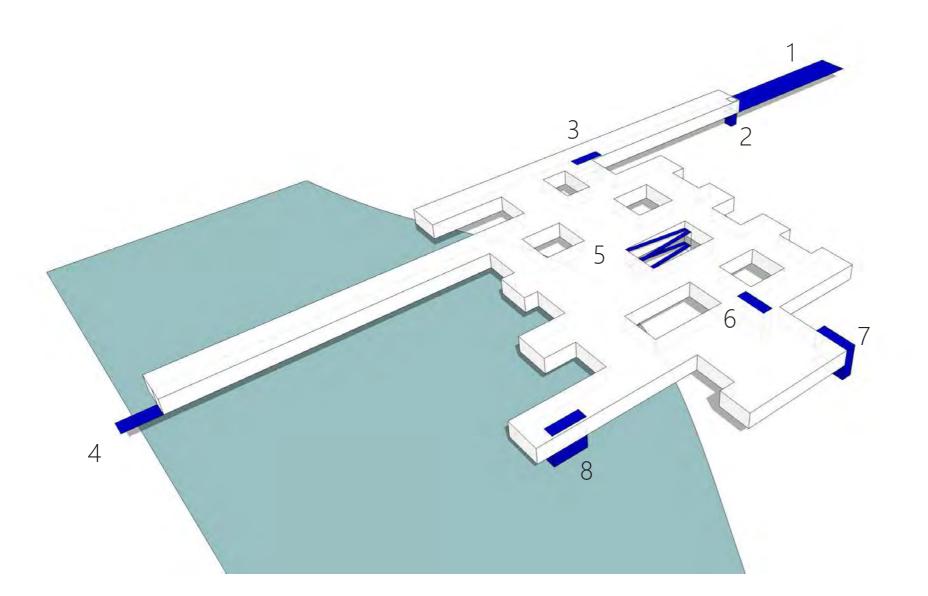


Bridge crossing the River



Watersides





3.4 Accessibility

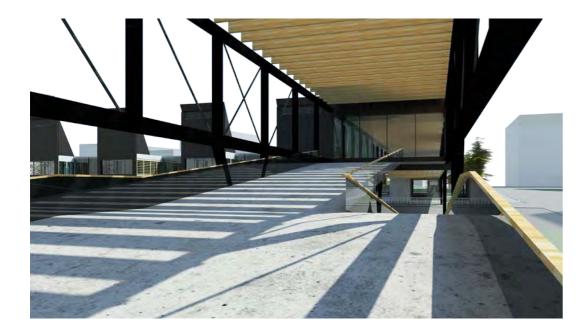
- 1 Ramp from the Transfer Station/ Park
- 2 Disabled Elevators
- 3 Main Stairs and Elevators form ground
- 4 Access to the South Campous
- 5 Ramp in Courtyards, directly into the education enter
- 6 Serve people who work in the Education center or know it well
- 7 Enmerfency exit from the theater
- 8 Transparent Staircase on water









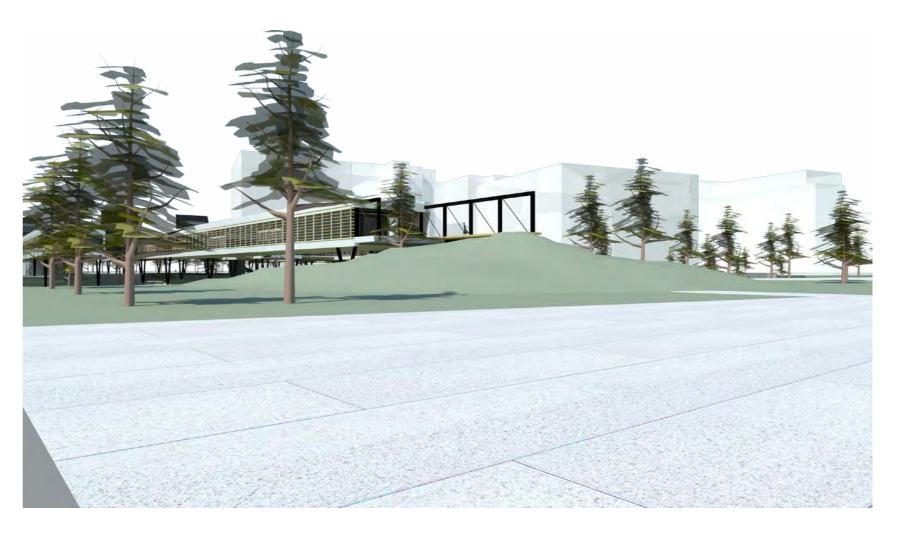




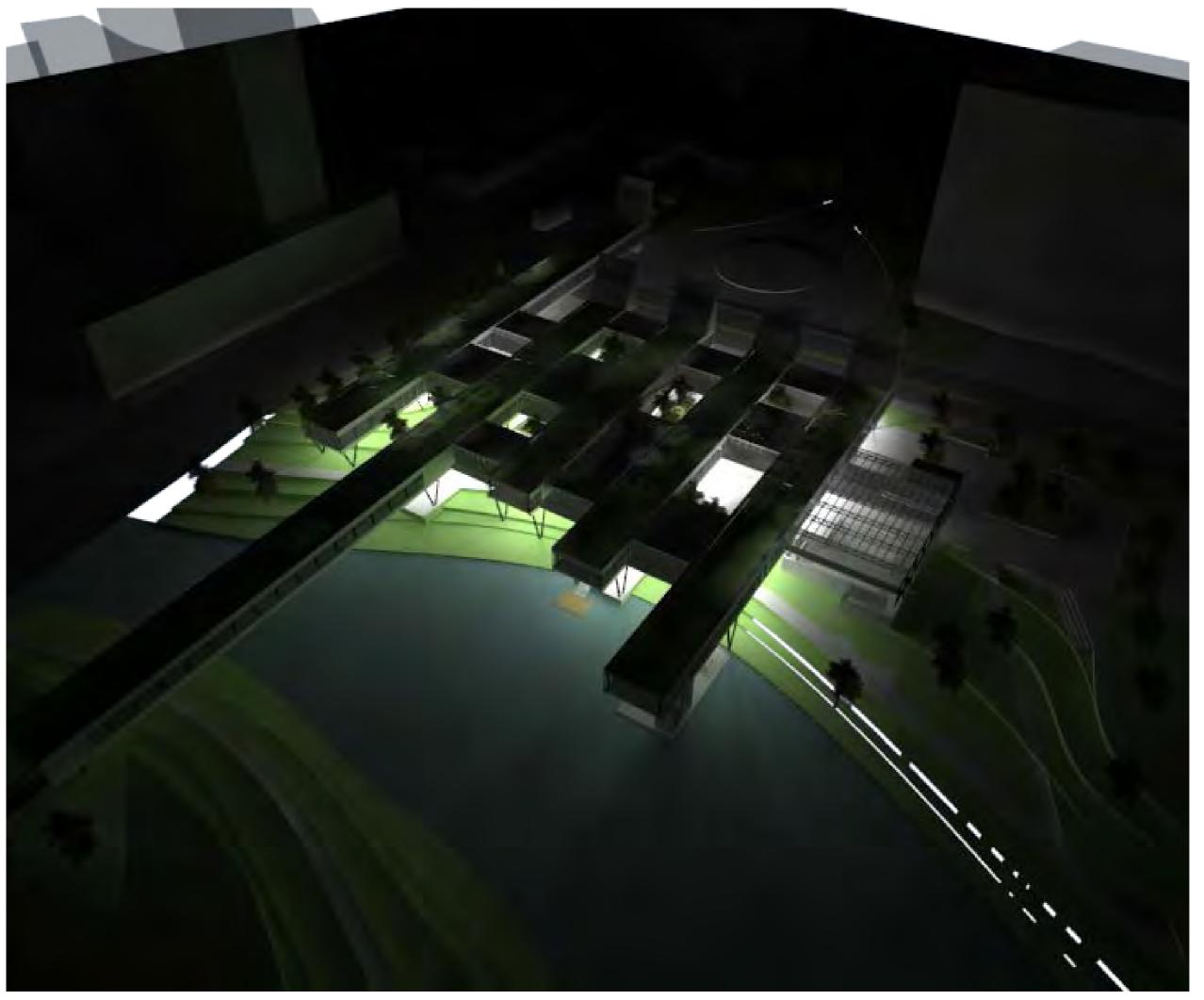
Access from the Station Side



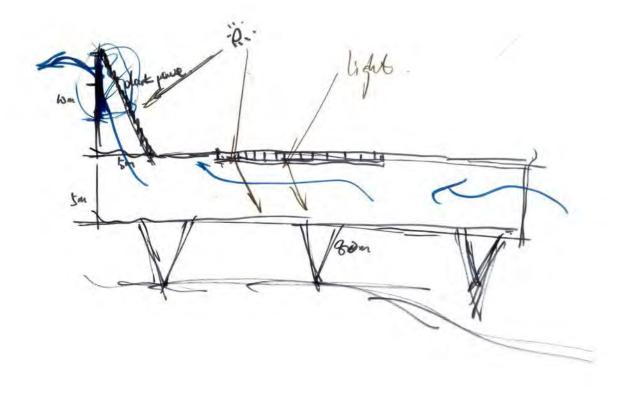


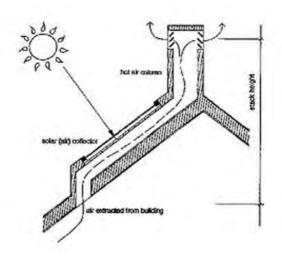


Access from the South Campus



Light View





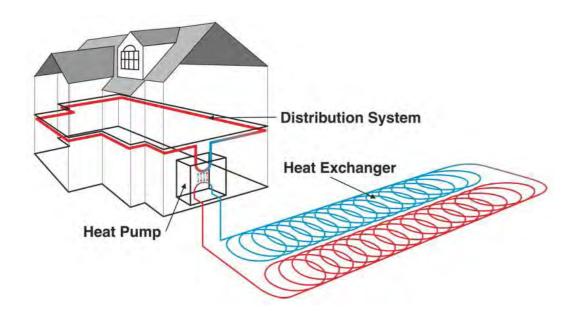


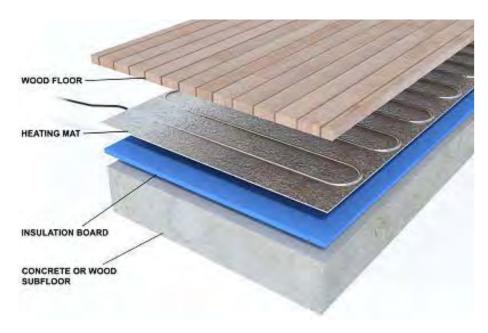
3.5 Climate Strategy

The climate strategy is going to get use of the sunlight and wind in Houston to achieve better natrual ventilation.

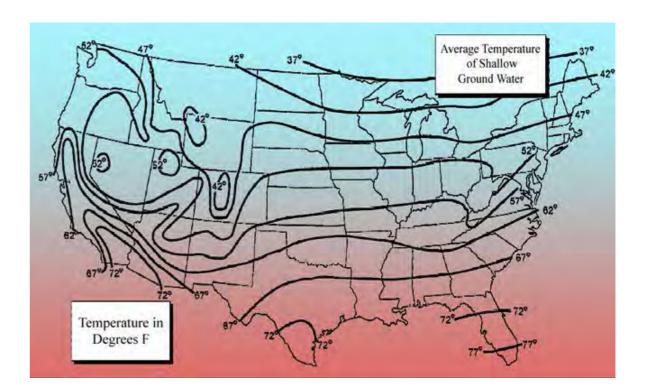
A additional ventilation tower is designed to heat the top air. Open windows is going to invite the cool air from the bayou.

Heat pump system is also suitable for this project.



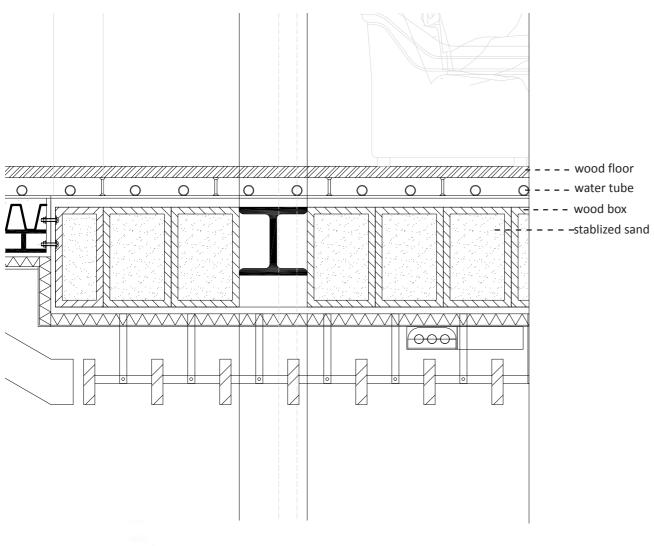


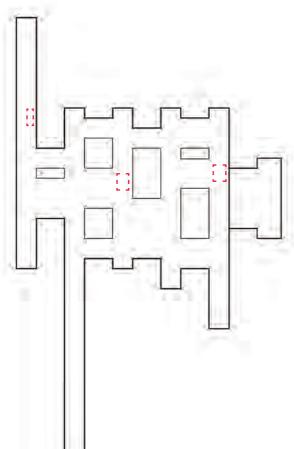


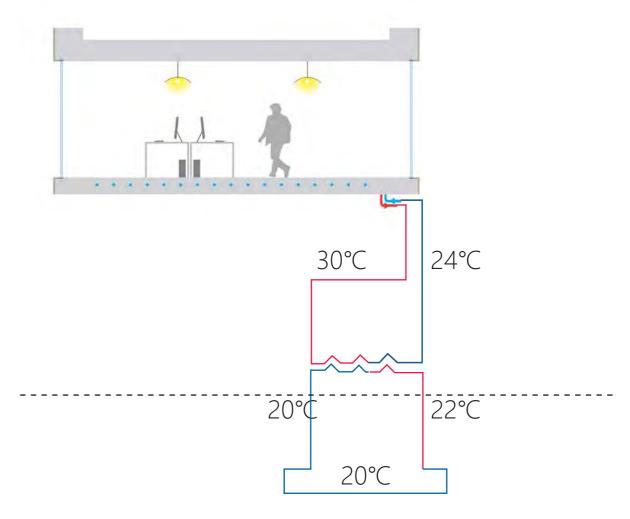


Heat pump

The average ground water tempreture in Houston is 20°C , which makes the heat pump system works vey efpcent.



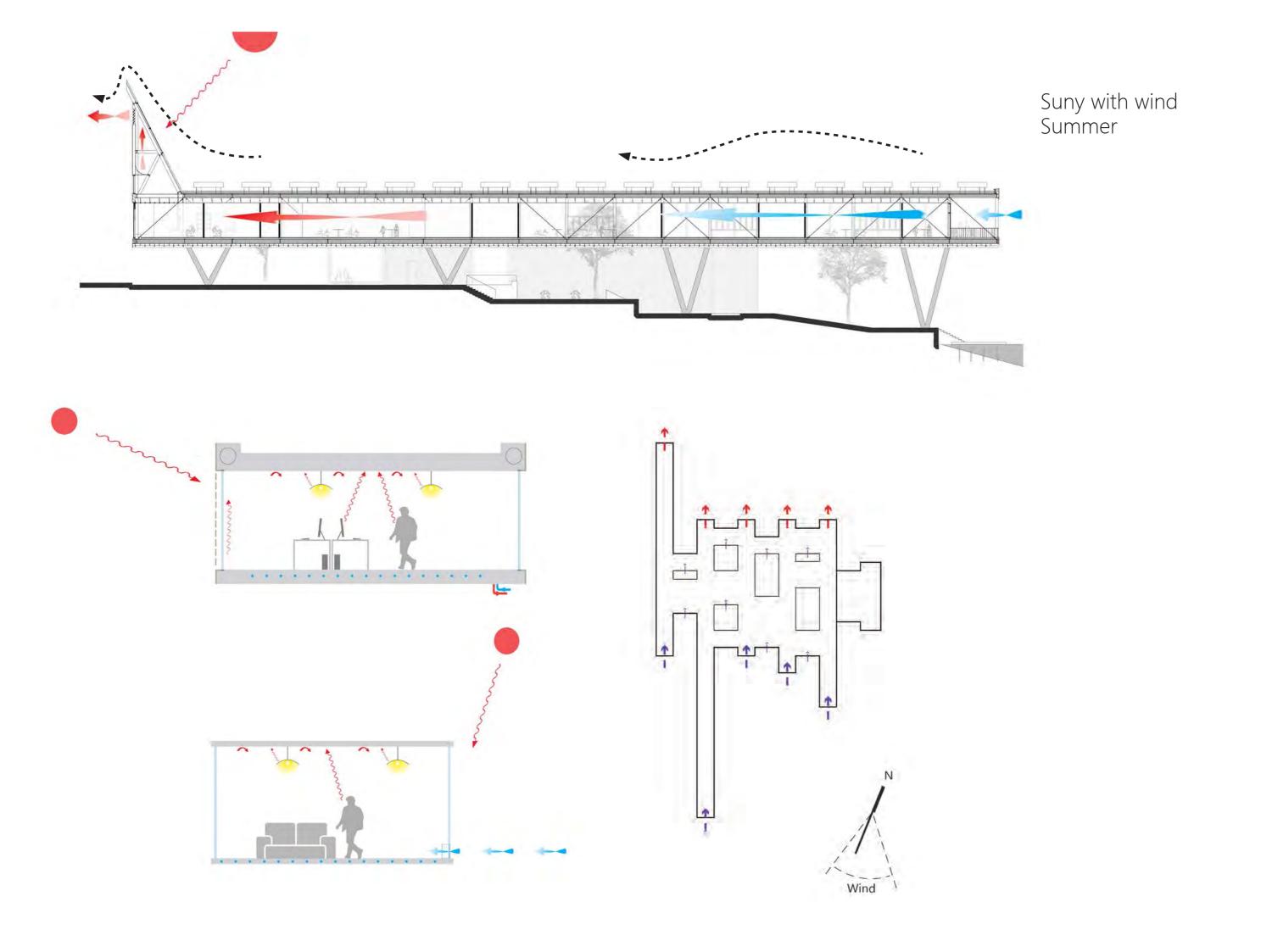


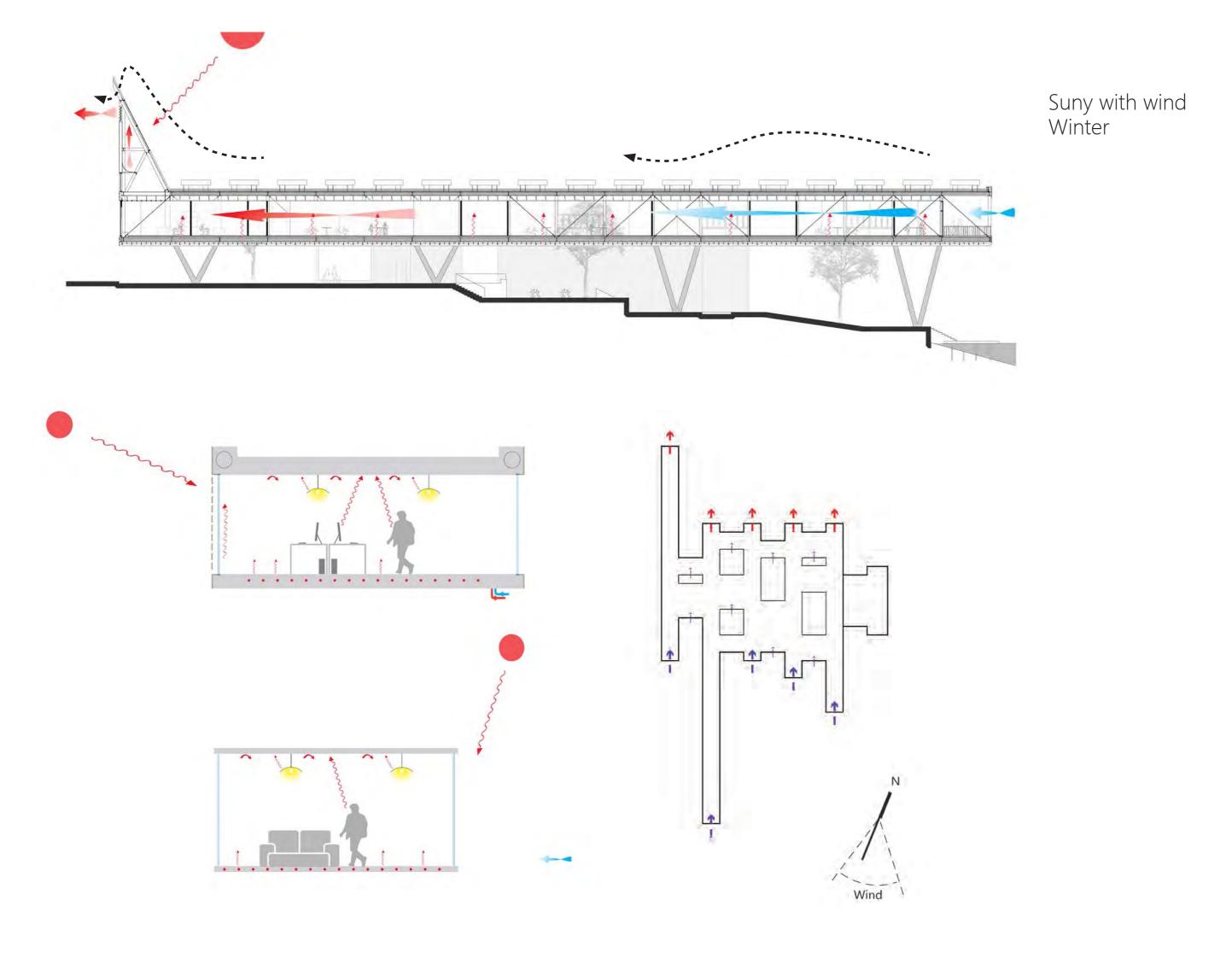


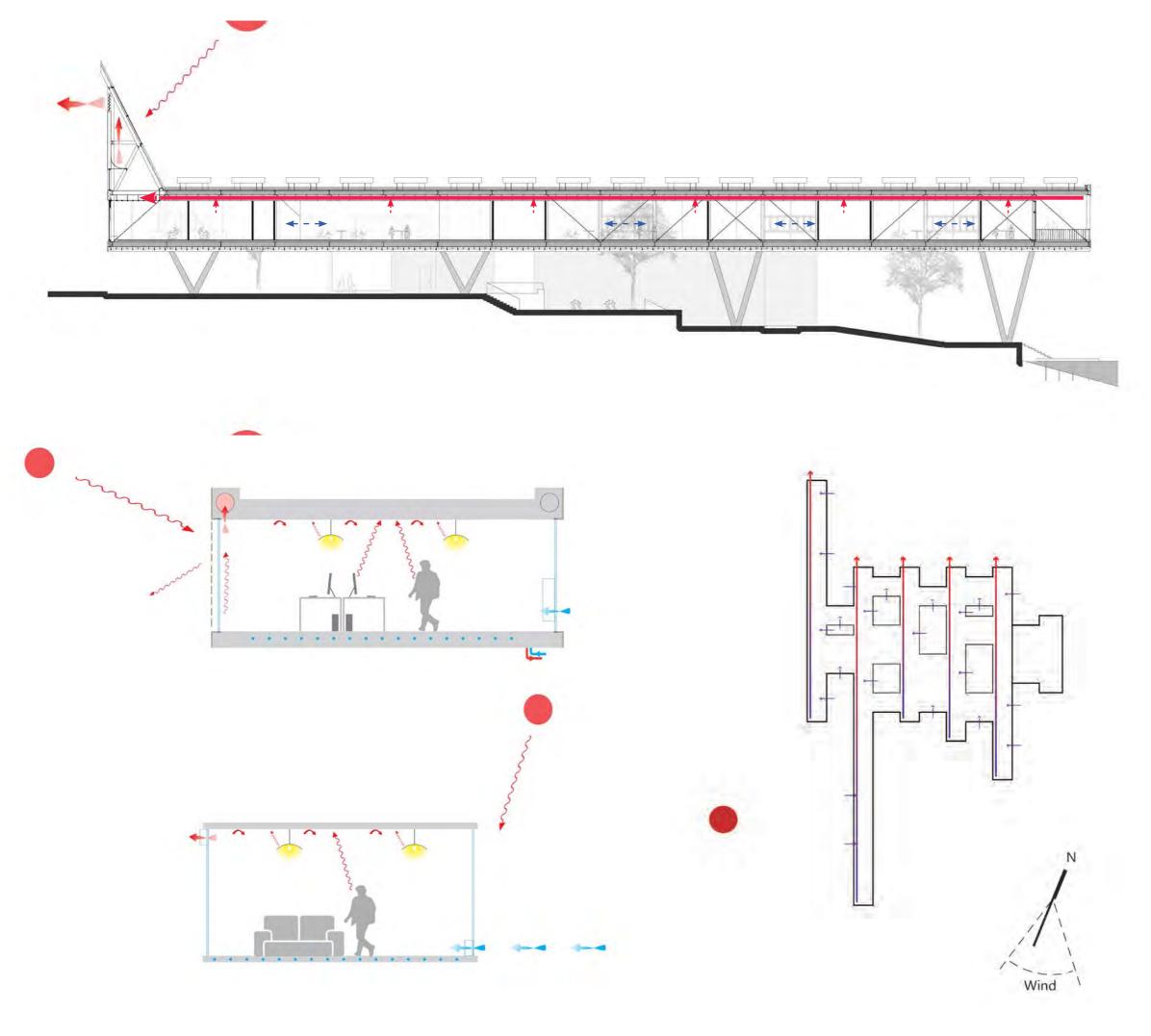
Heat pump

The stablized sand in the wood box provide enough thermal mass for the building.

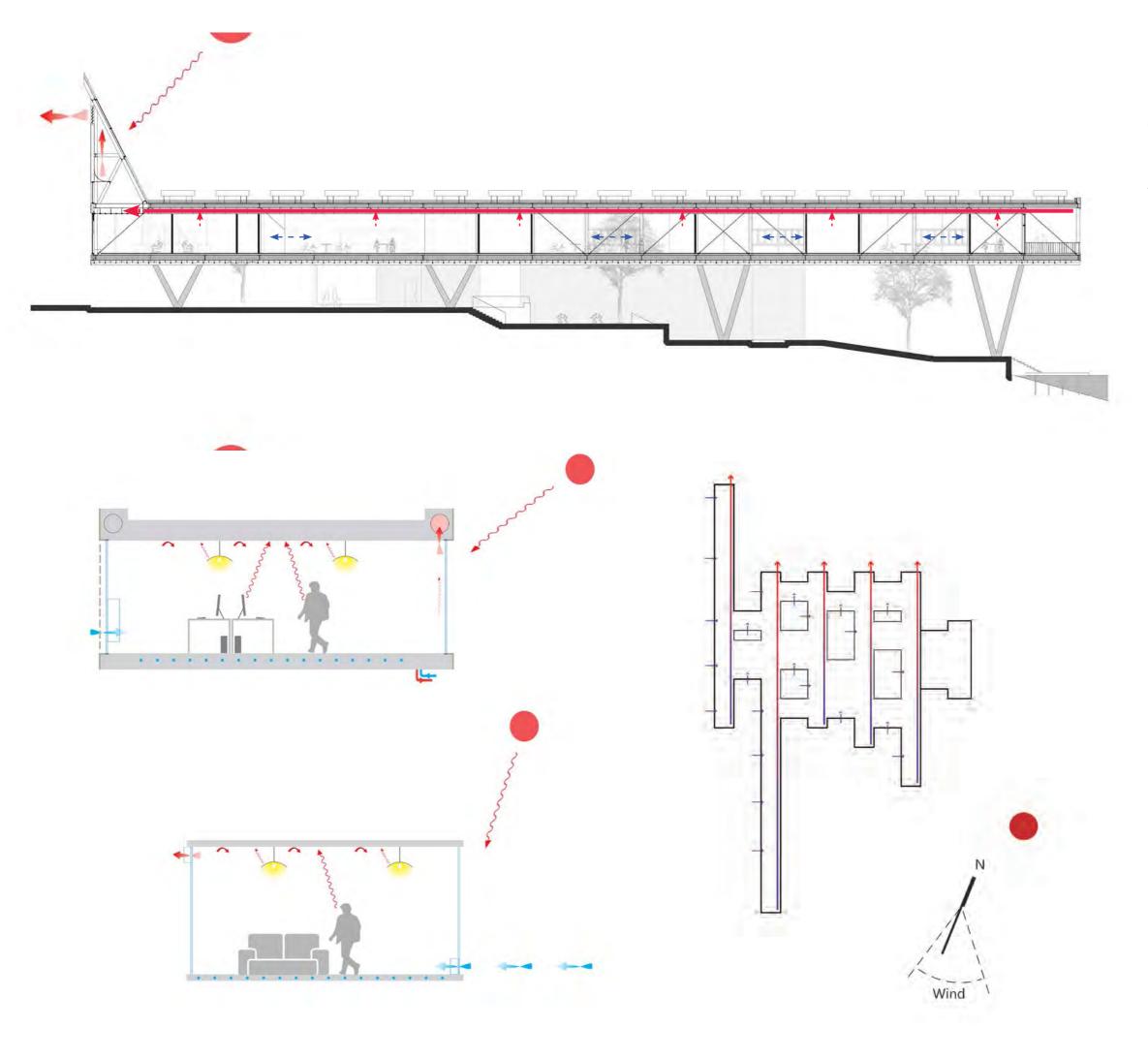
The equipment will located in three place.



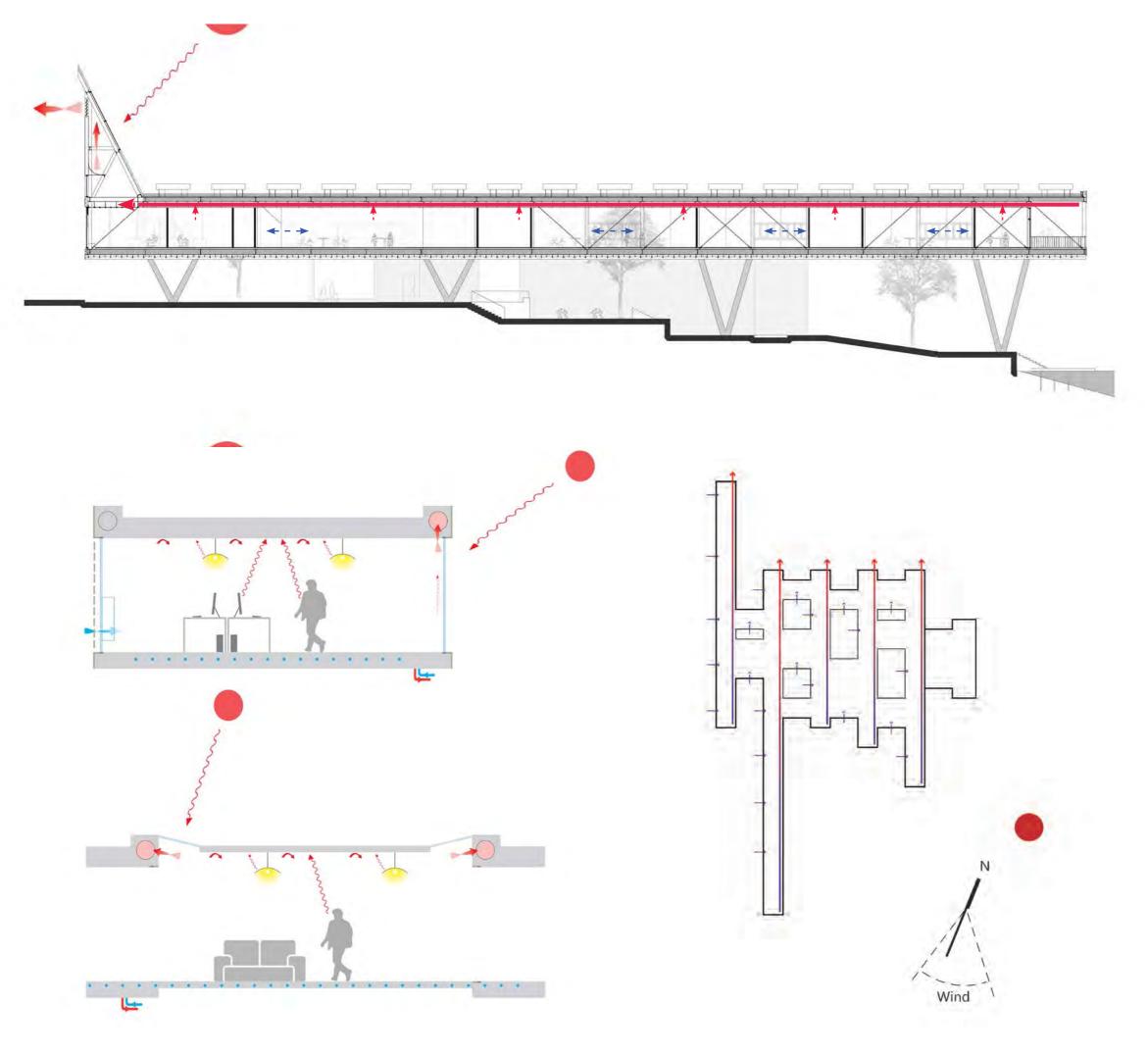




Cloudy with no wind Summer Morning



Cloudy with no wind Summer Afternoon



Cloudy with no wind Summer Afternoon

Program	Total Area (m2)	Light (W/m2)	Equipment	Open hours per day	Energy
Office lecture lobbby Studio Restaurant: Shop+coffee Study room WC library	890 314 310 600 330 126 244 160 520	25 15 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	12 6 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	1034kwh
Exhibition Office relaxing area Storage	641 200 100	10 10 10	5 7 3	12 12 12	117kwh
Outcoffee Bridge library Piano Circulation space	140 1130 145 2550	15 15 15 15	5 5 5 5	14 14 14 14	739kwh
Out door	300	15 only at night	0	14 2h lighting at night	9kwh
Summer theater Ground ceiling	236 8170	5 only at night 5 only at night	0	24 4h lighting at night24 4h lighting at night	163kwh

Total 2062kwh

Energy Cost



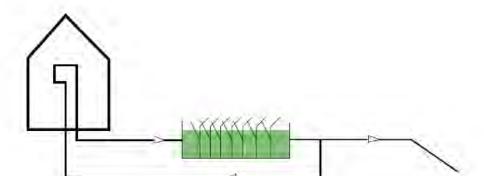
4568~5710kwh X70% efficient
70 CHICICH
=3197kwh~3997Kwh
>3093kwh

Coclusion

The Solar Pannel System can provide enough energy for the artificial light and basic equipment power, in good days.

Consider the weather in Houston, it is supposed to work well.





Water circulation

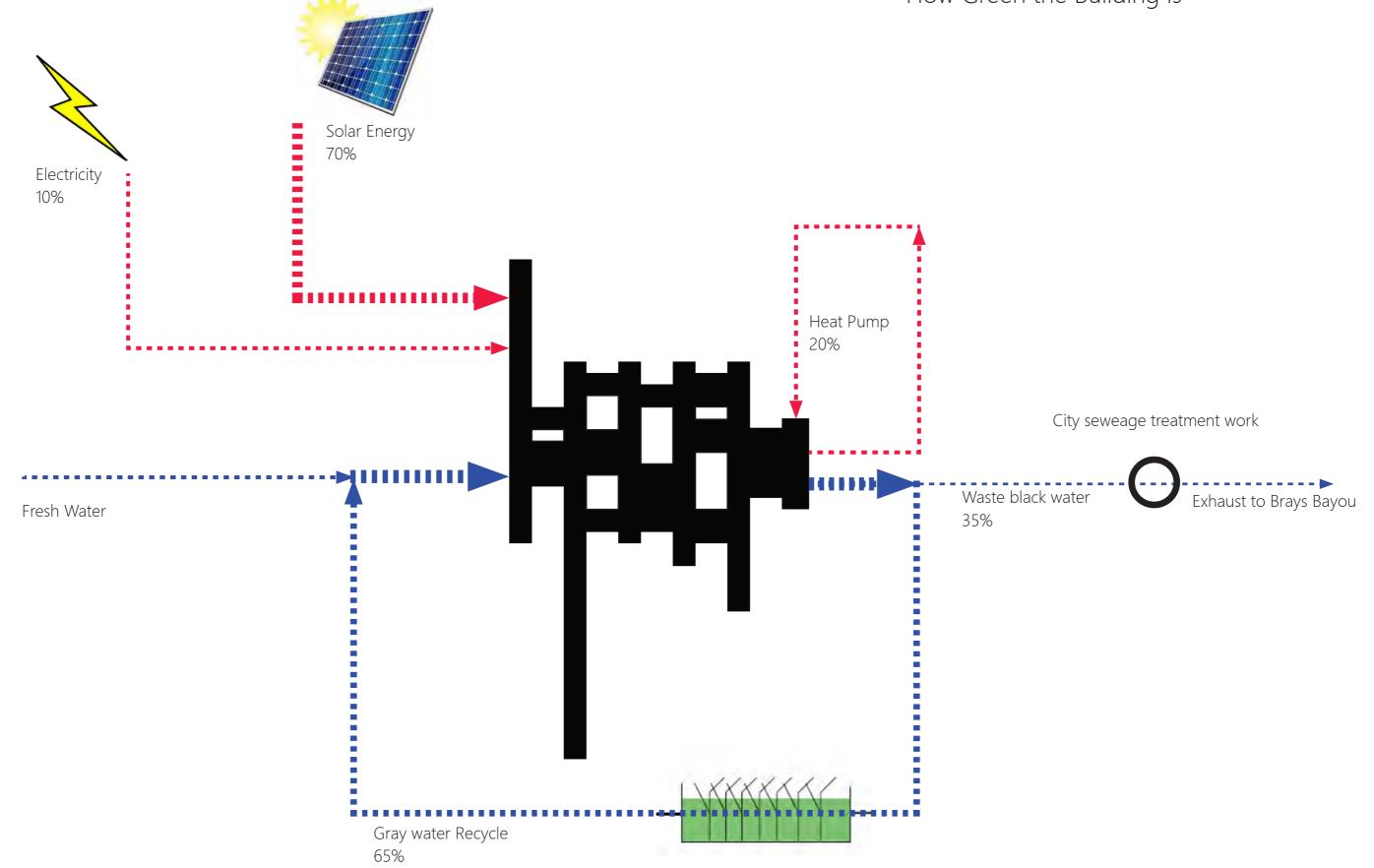
Max People	Average Time	Black water Producing	Gray water Producing	
600	6~8h/day	Toilet 5L/flush	Wash room 2L/flush	
		Resturant 5L/person/meal	Resturant 15L/person/meal	
		Total Max	Total Max	
		600X5X4+600X5X2=10800L/day	600X2X4+600X15X2=22800L/day	

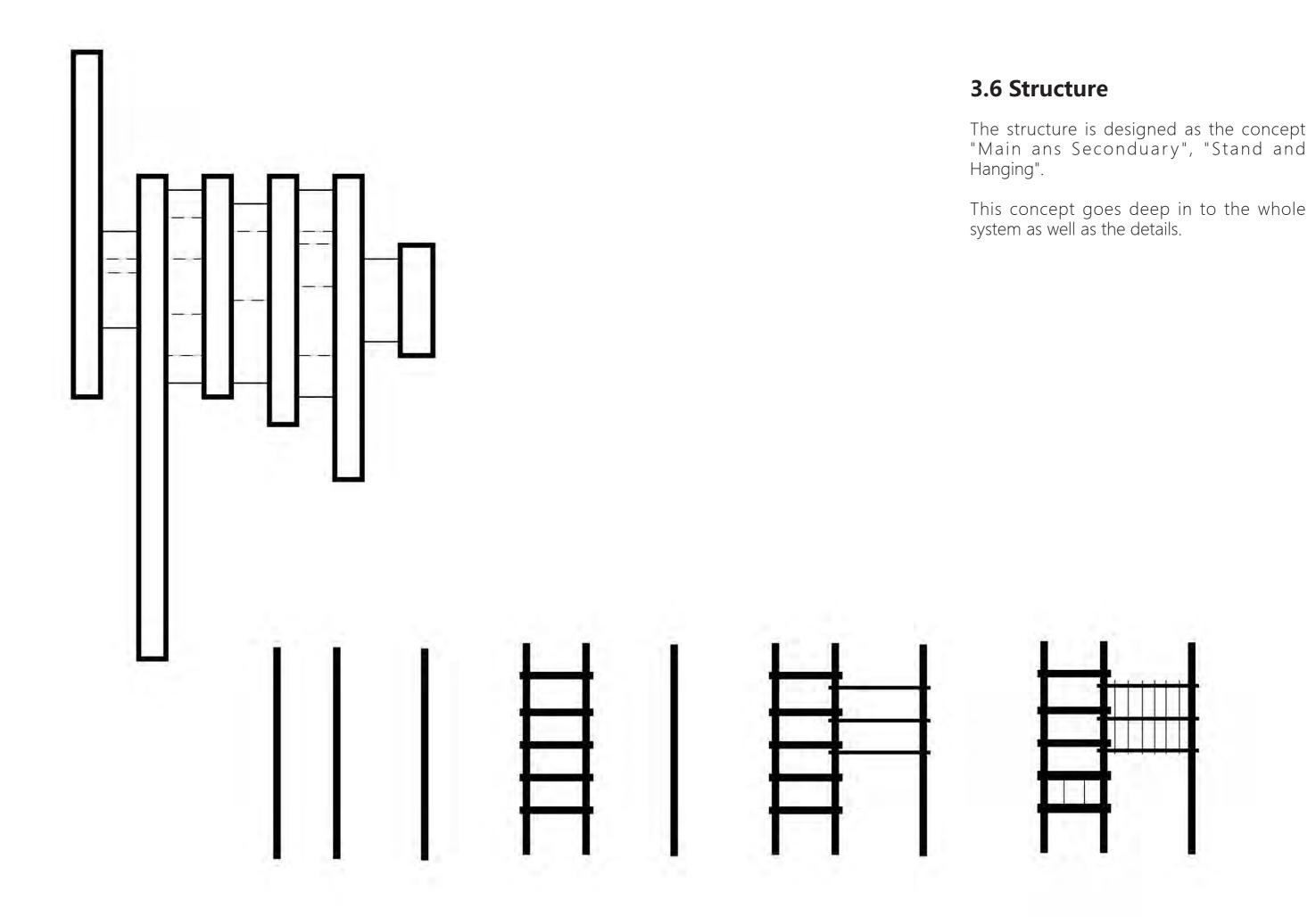
Work Efficence	Maxinum Wetland Need	Wetland in Design
1000L/15m2/day (water quality level 3)	22800/1000X 15= 342m2	1000m2
500L/15m2/day (water quality level 5)	22800/500X15= 684m2	

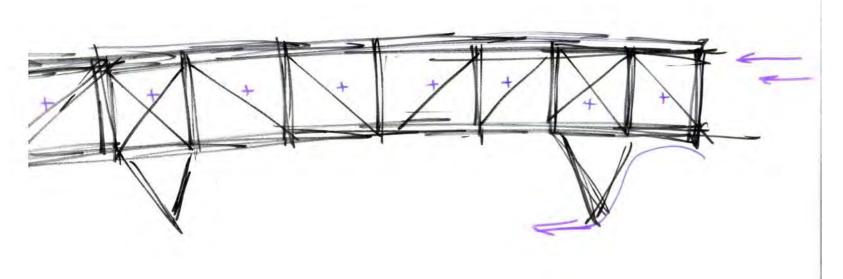
Conclusion

The atificial wetland is enough to purify the gray water andrecycle it to wash the toliet. In this way, it can reduce the need of the fresh water for the building.

How Green the Building is

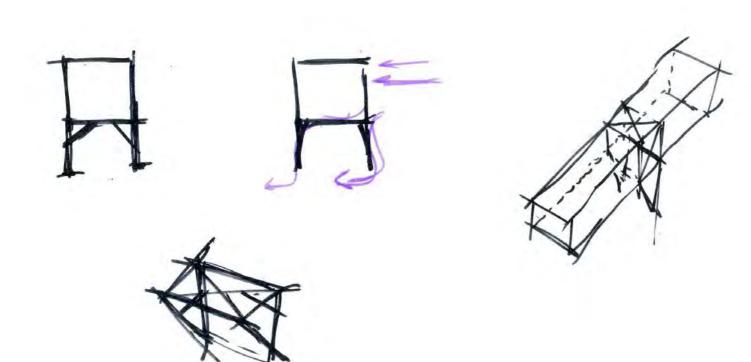








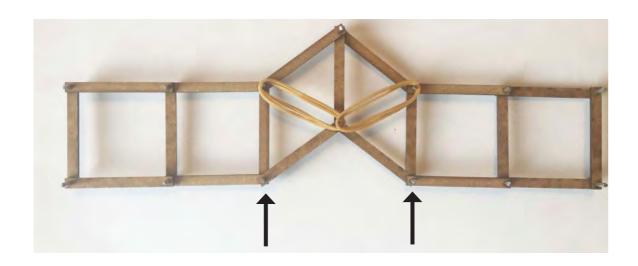
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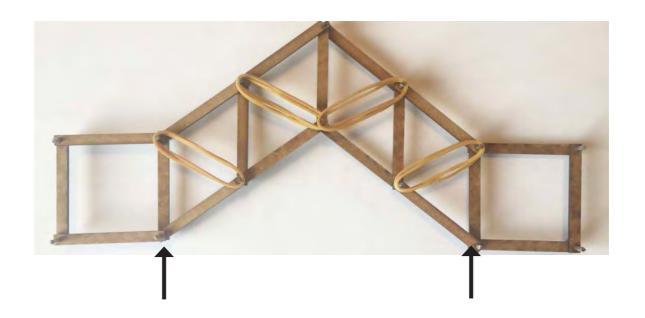


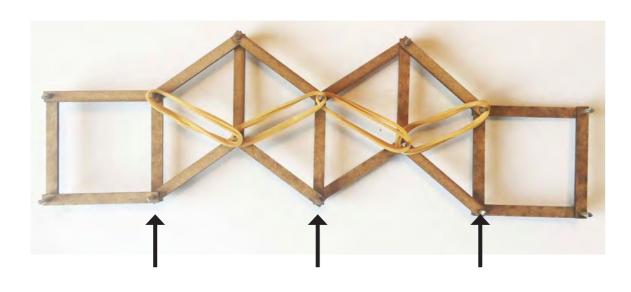


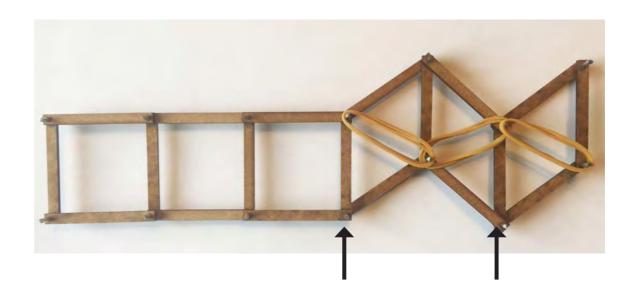


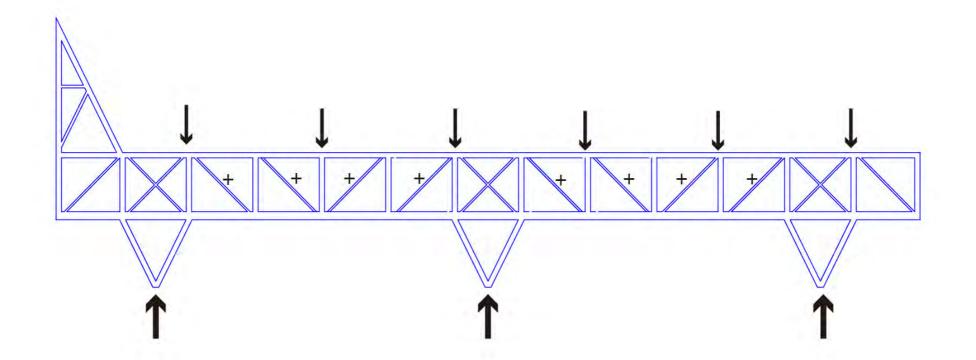






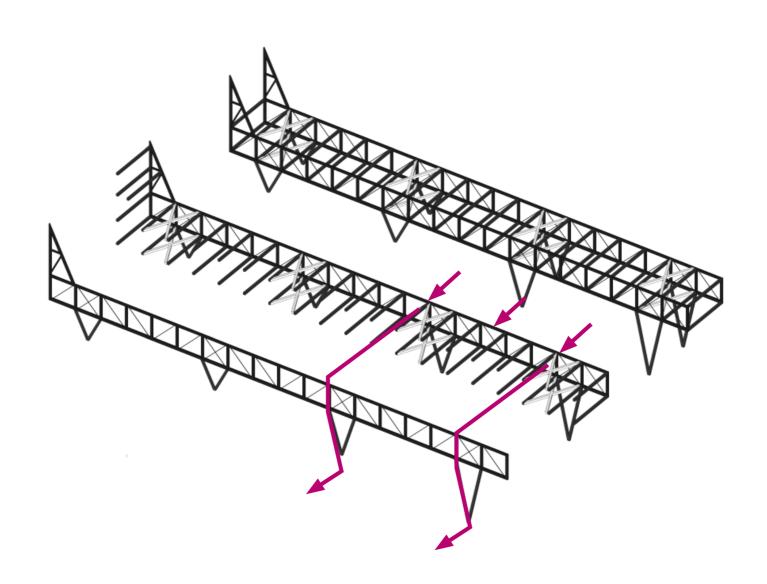






Main Structure

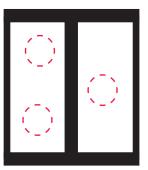
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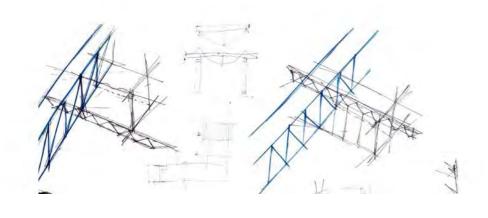


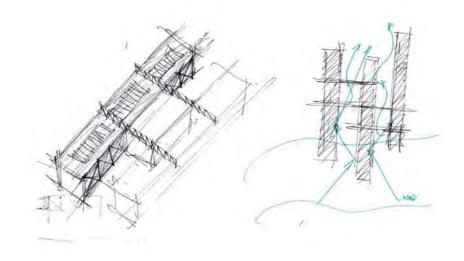
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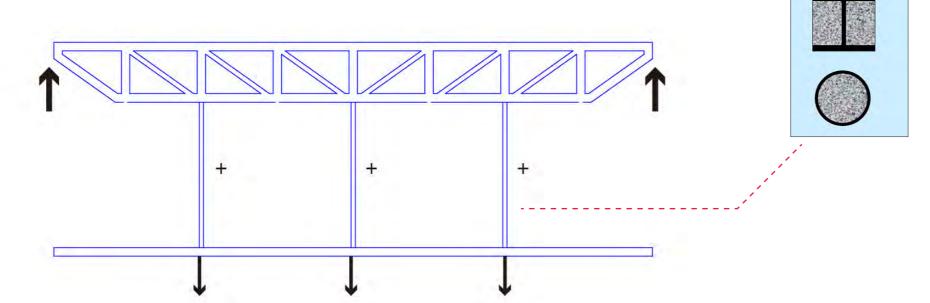
The supporting structure ranges according to the height. The H-beam will be covered to leave space for pipe and wires.



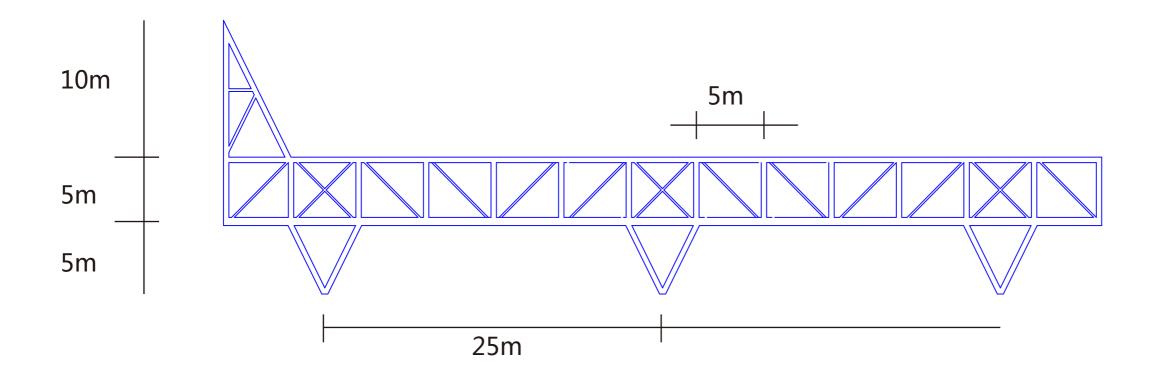




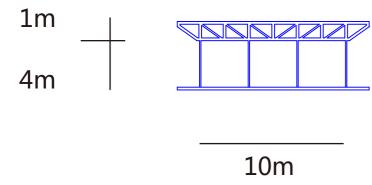




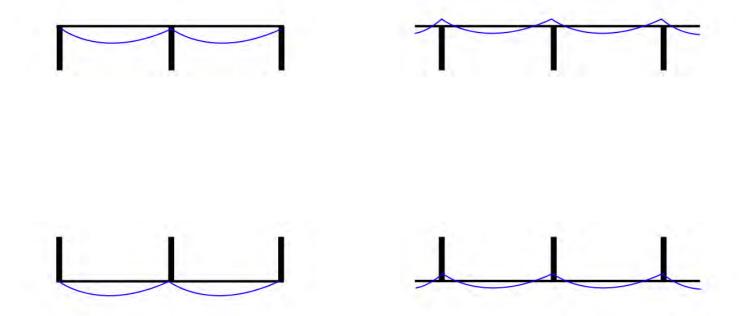
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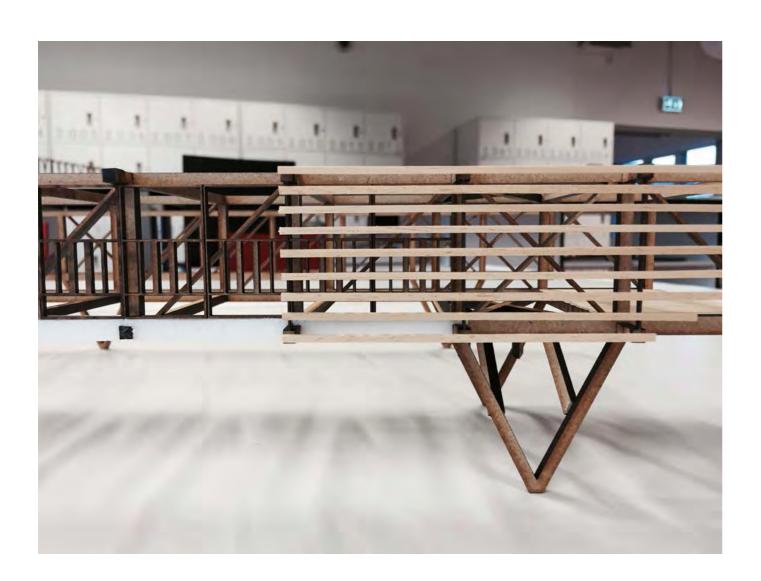


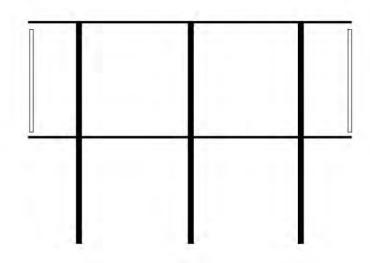
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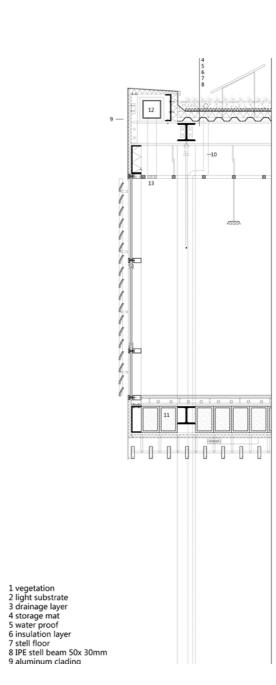


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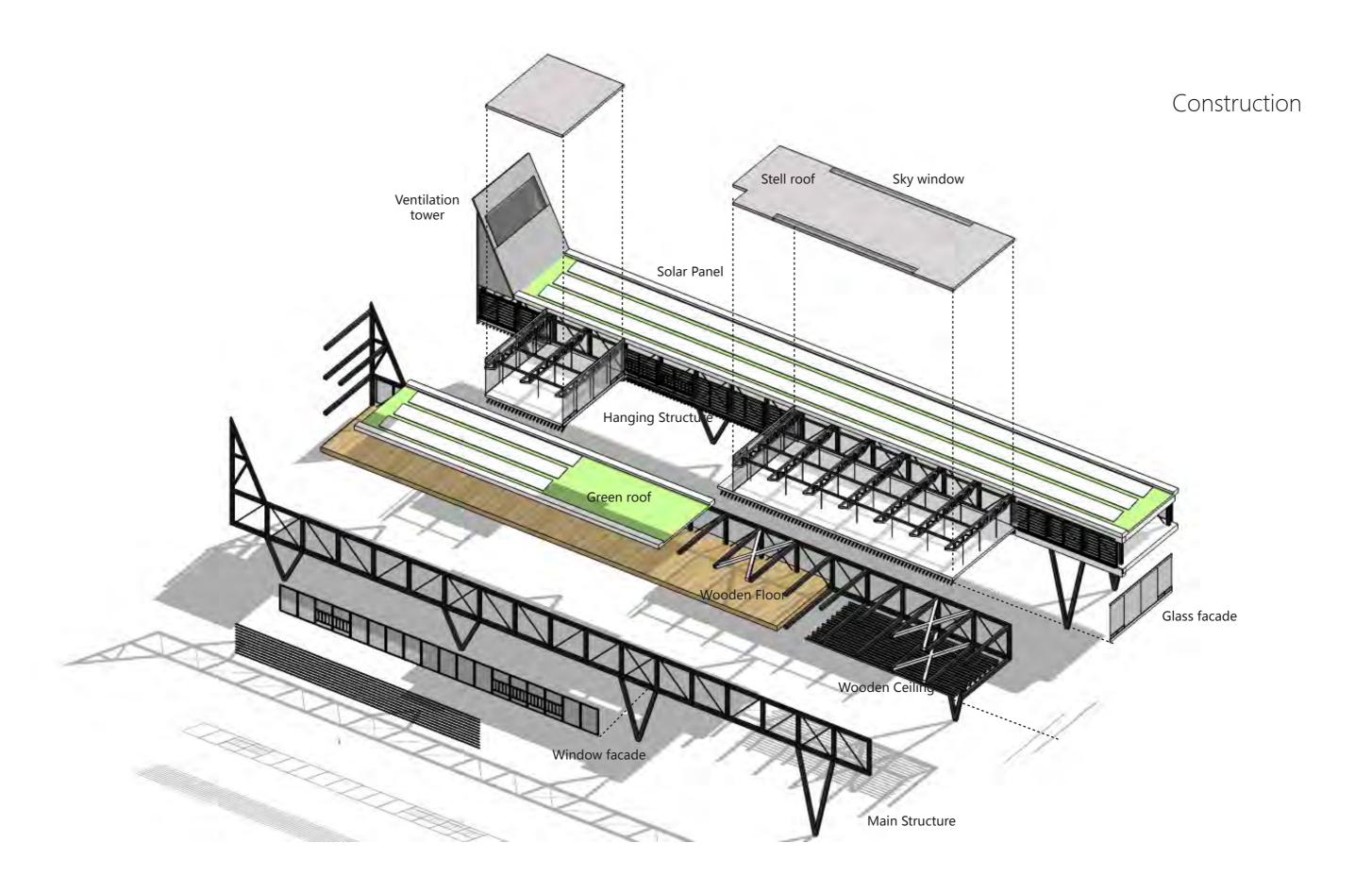


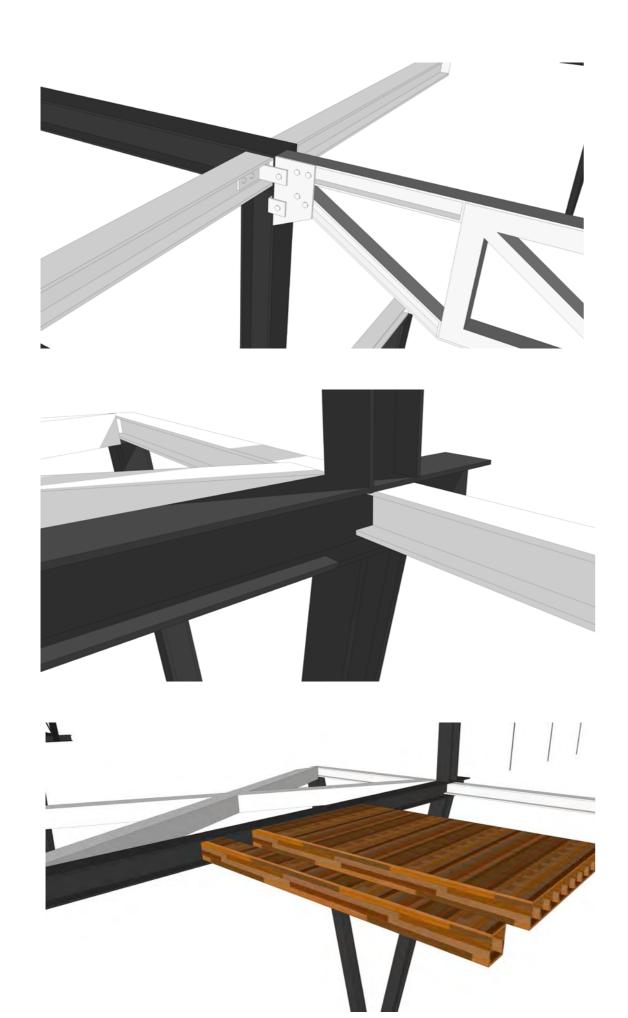


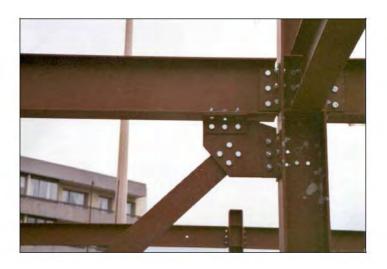


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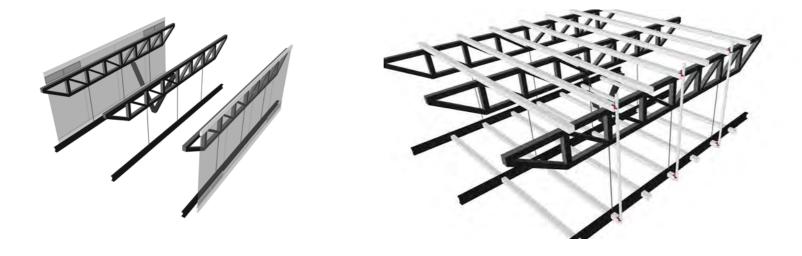
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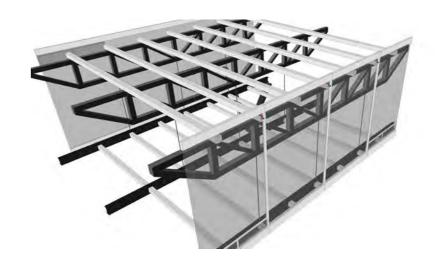


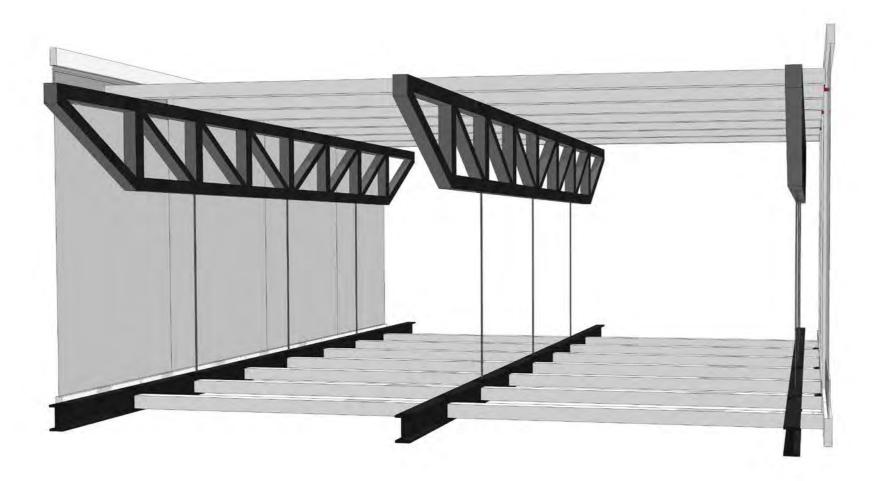


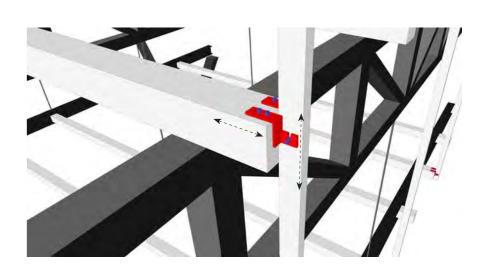


Joints of the beams



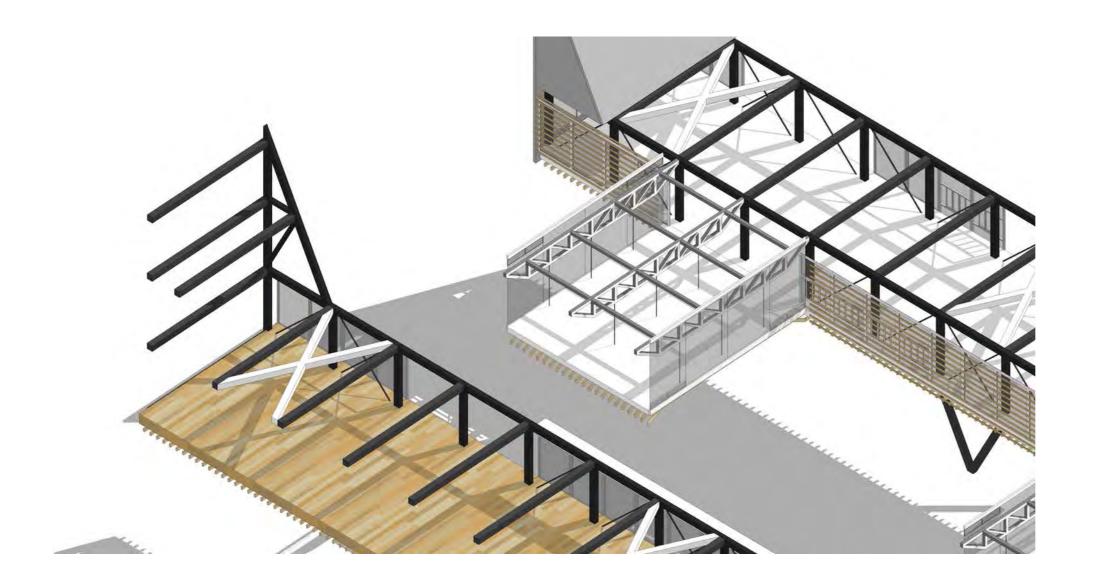




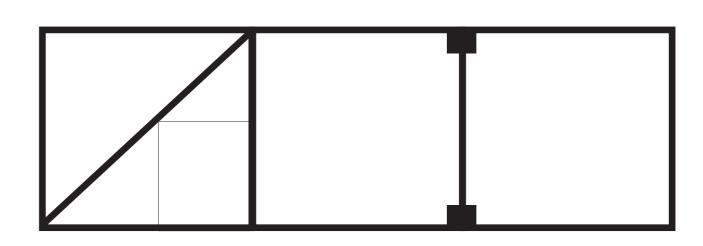


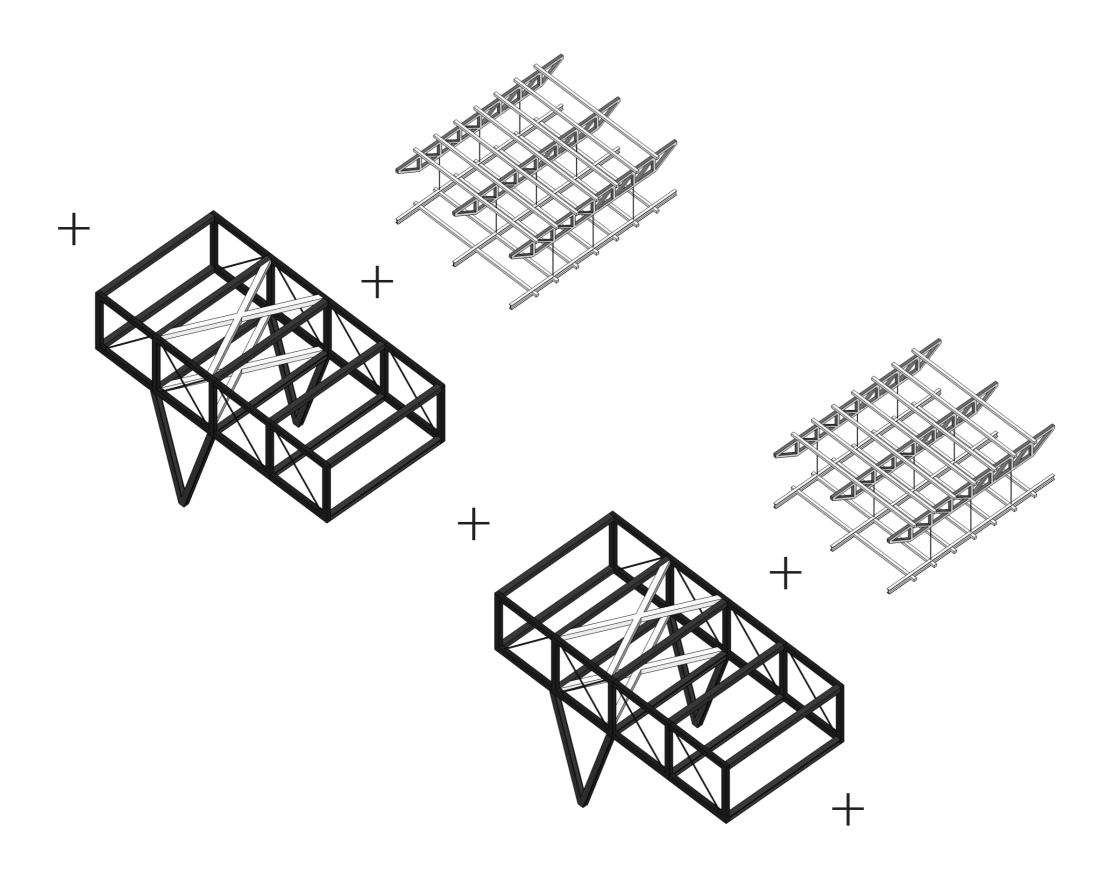
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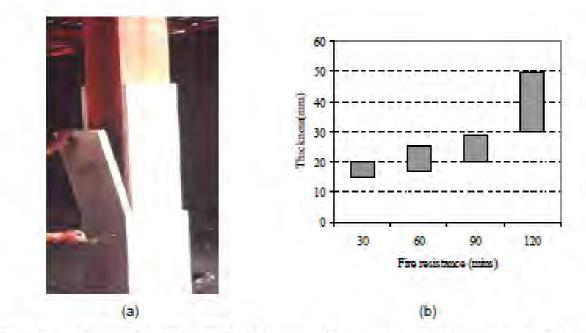


Figure 3.3 Board fire protection (a) Fixing of boards to steel column; (b) Fire resistance

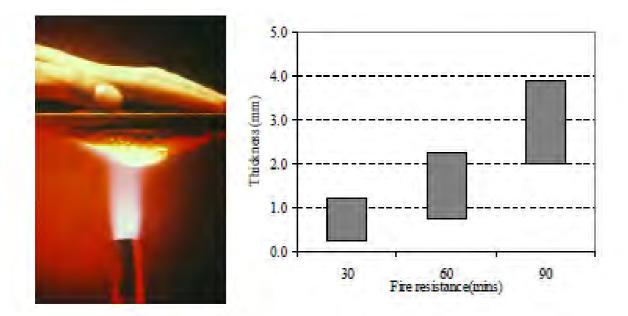
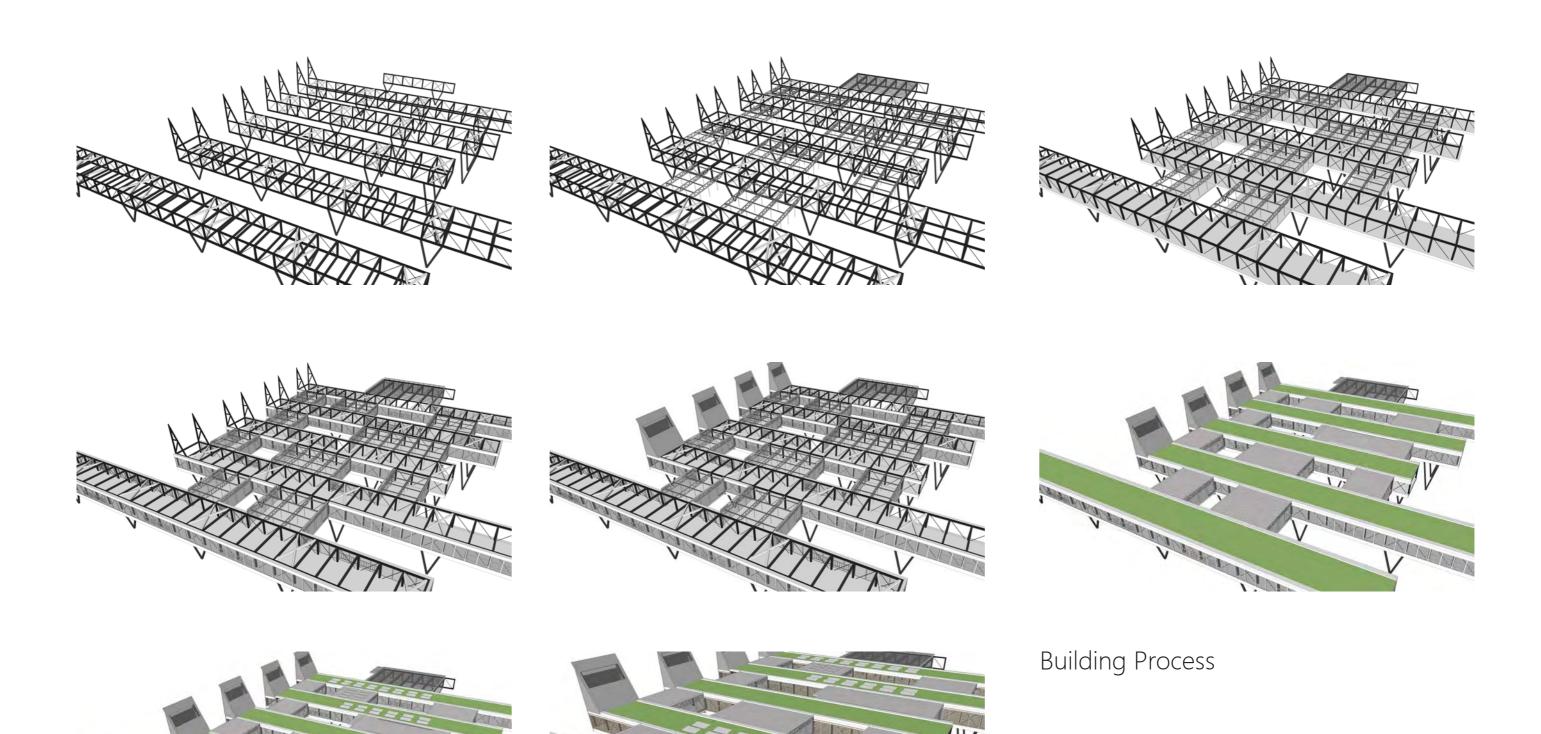


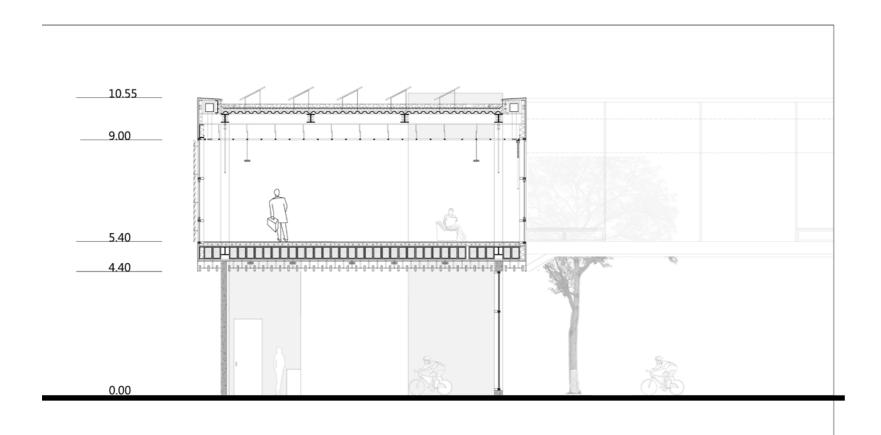
Figure 3.5 Intumescent coatings

Fire protection

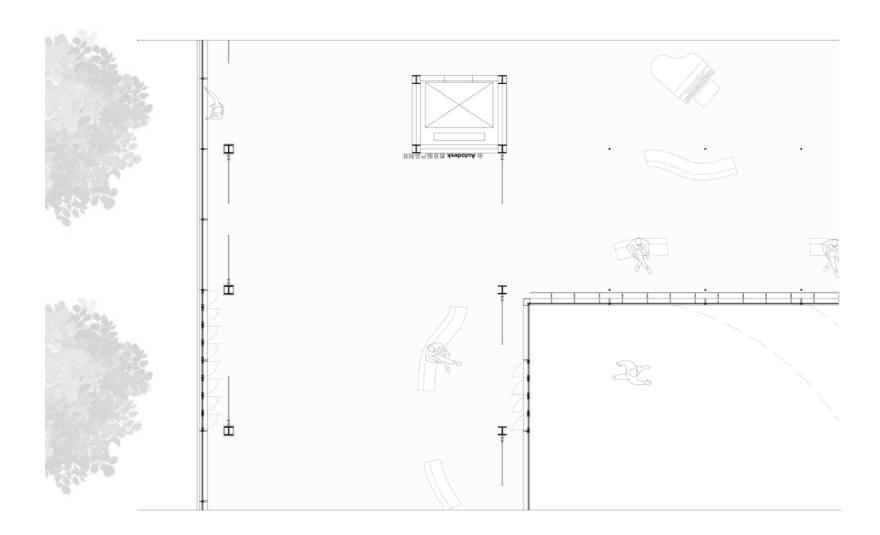
Combine the Board fire protection and the intumescent coatings



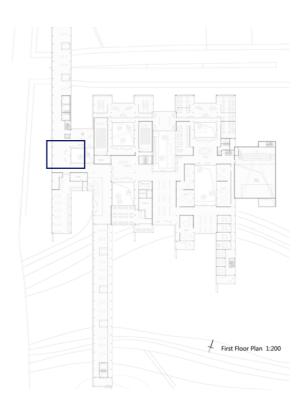


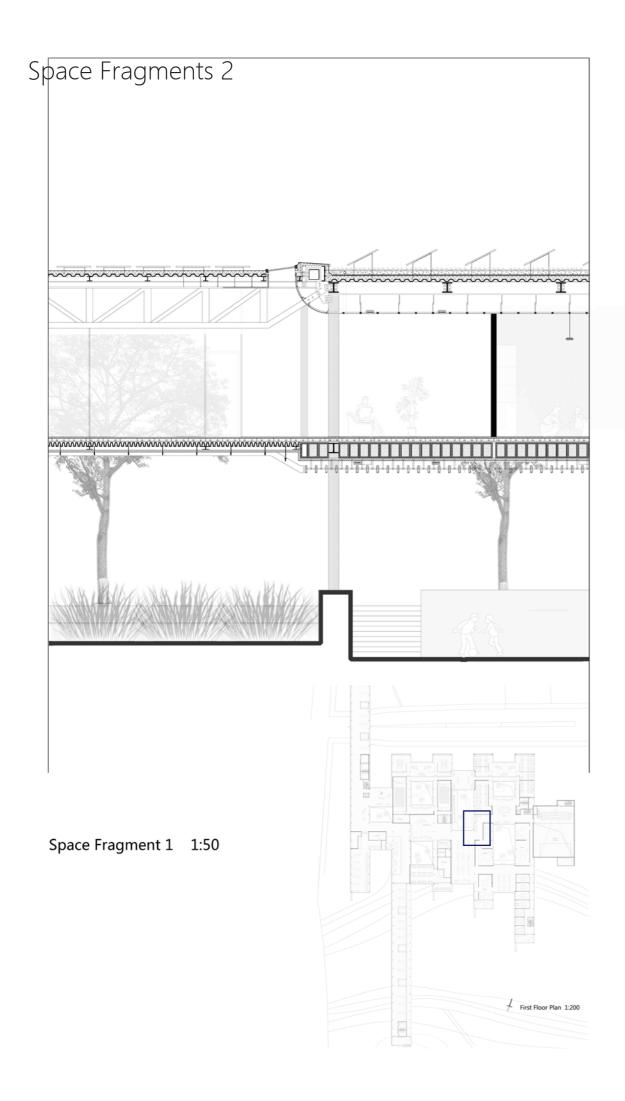


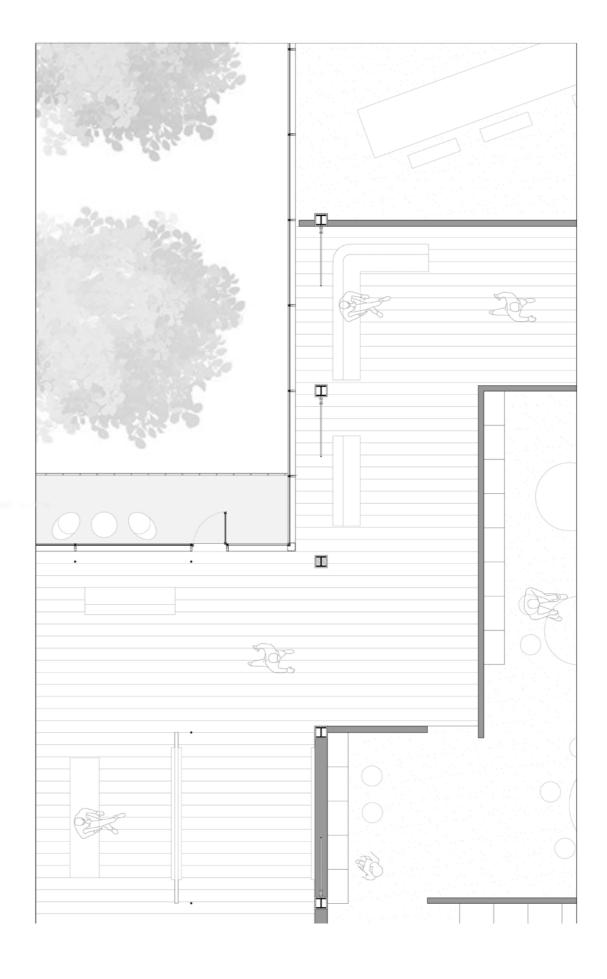
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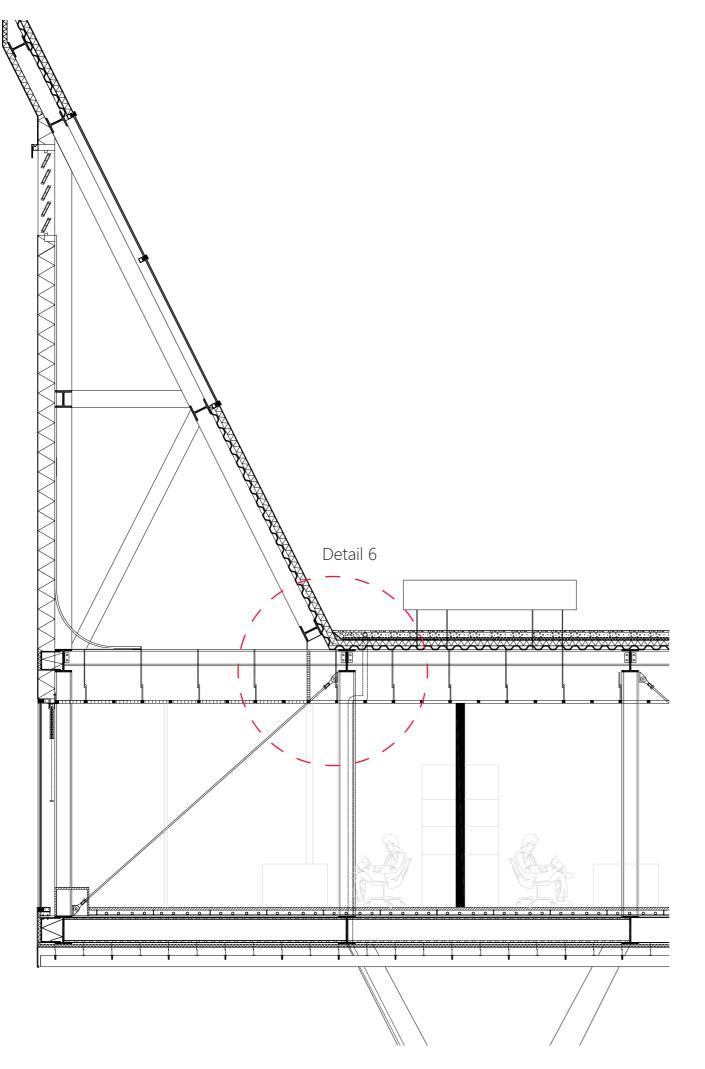


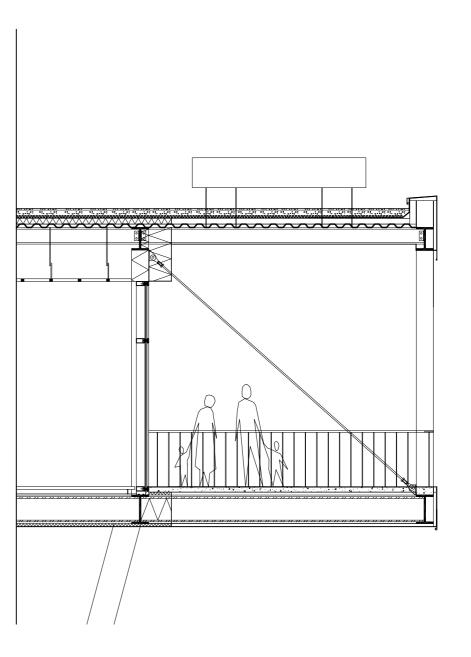
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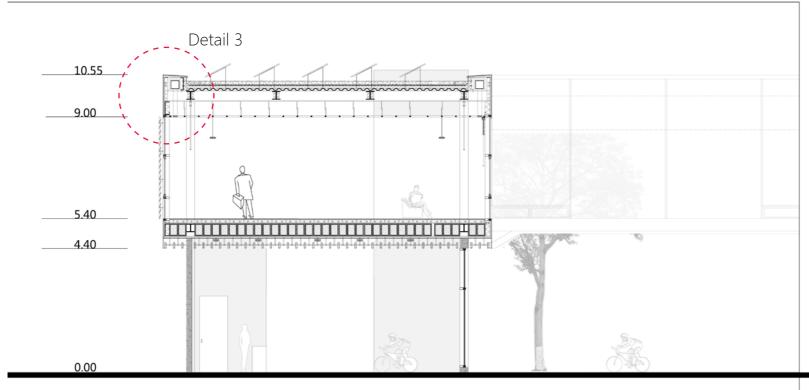


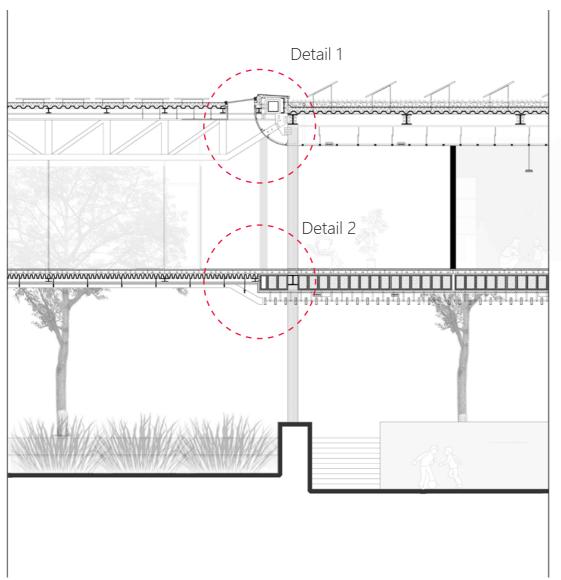


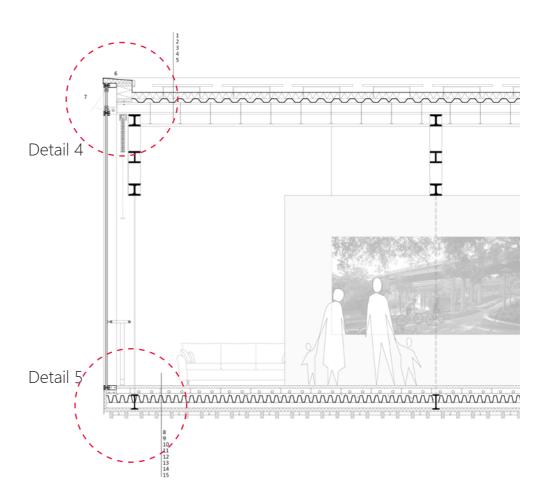






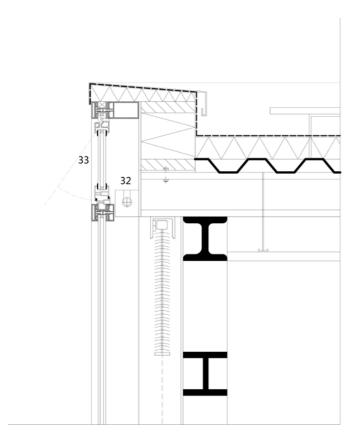




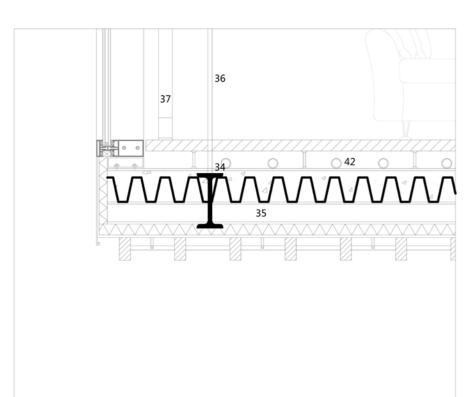


- 1 solar panel
 2 water proof
 3 insulation layer
 4 stell floor
 5 HE stell beam 20x 20mm
 6 aluminum clading
 7 open window
 8 wood floor cover
 9 heat-pump water tubes
 10 insullation layer
 11 steel deck
 12 HE steel beam
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 14 water proof

Details



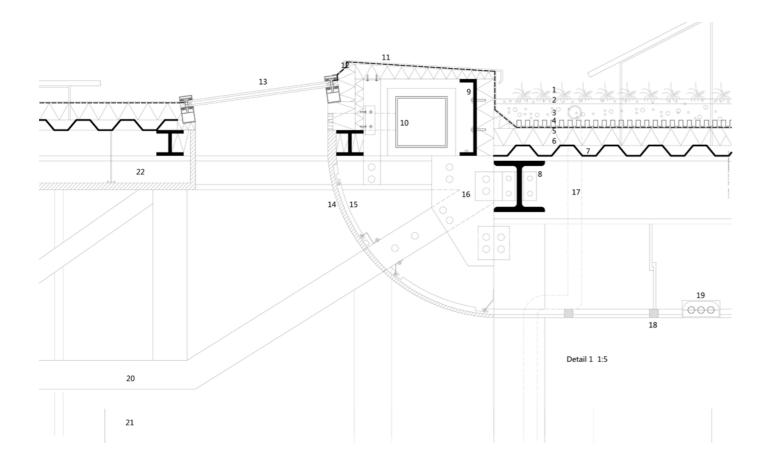
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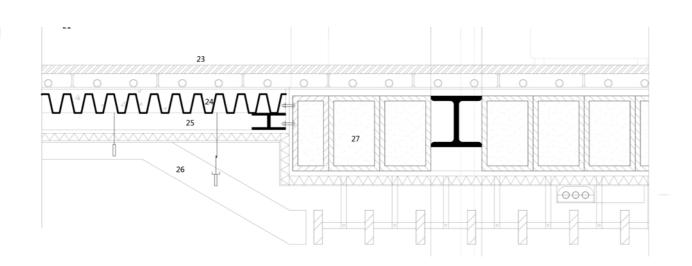


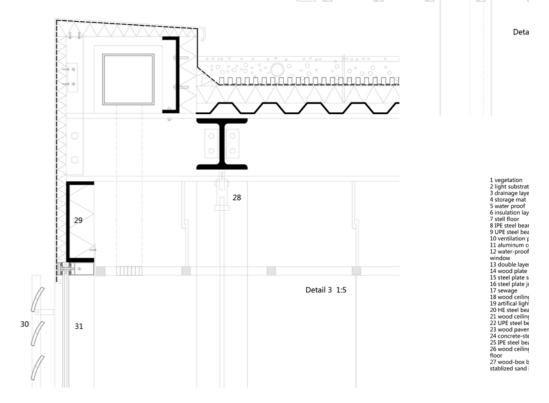
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5 water proof
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7 stell floor
8 IPE steel beam 50x 30mm
9 UPE steel beam
10 ventilation pipe
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12 water-proof cover for skywindow
13 double layer glass
14 wood plate
15 steel plate supportings
16 steel plate joint
17 sewage
18 wood ceiling
19 artifical light
20 HE steel beam 20X20mm
21 wood ceiling
22 UPE steel beam
23 wood pawement
24 concrete-stell floor
25 IPE steel beam
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24 concrete-stell floor
25 IPE steel beam
30 wood box beam
28 steel cable joint
29 UPE steel beam
30 out wooden shadings
31 aluminum window frame
32 steel plate
33 open window
34 IPE steel beam
36 concrete-heart steel columns
37 steel plate
38 steel cable joints
39 louvers
41 solar panels
42 heat pump water tubes 41 <u>. nilozononnannonninininininonnannon</u> 39 38

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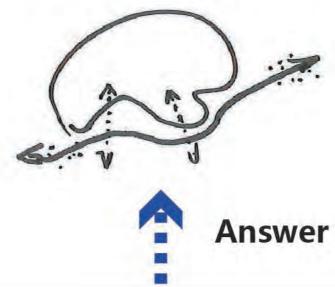


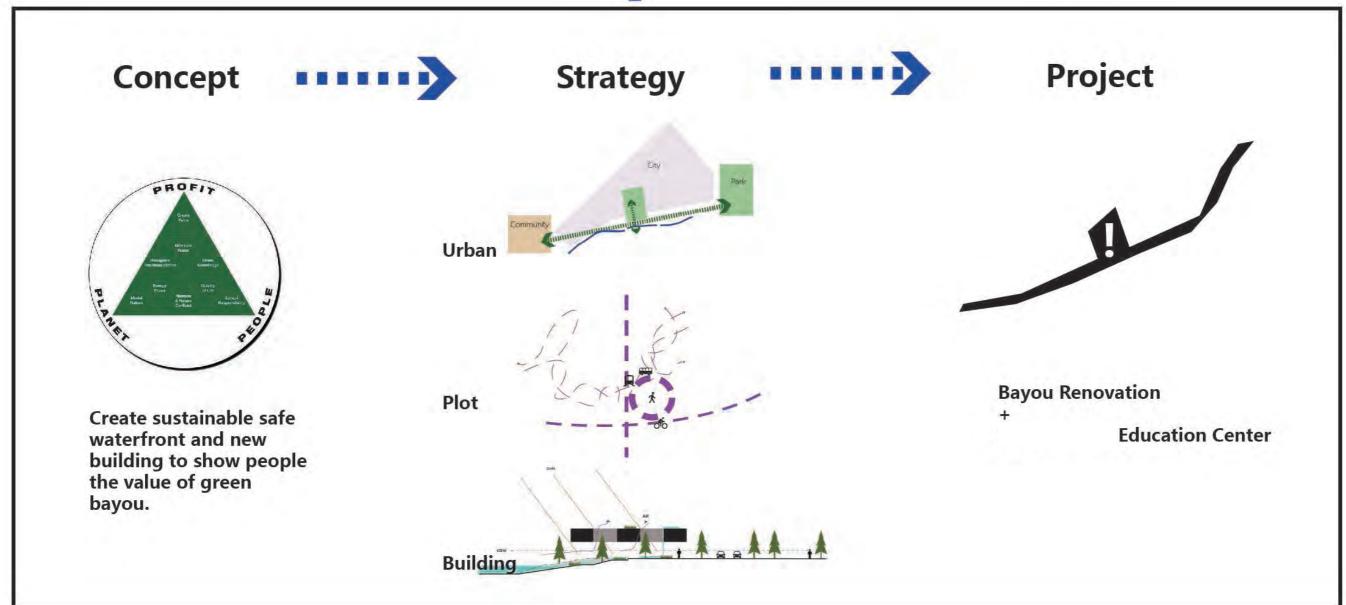


Detail 2

Part 4 Reflection

Research Question





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The project tries to answer the question that public water-related building can contribute to the circulation between the inner city and the waterfront as well as promoting flood risk management. The project also shows the concept that ecological aspect is significant for the water-related design. It is a good continue of the group research of the Delta Intervention subject.

As an architecture students, I mainly focus on the building, including the structure, material, interior, climate strategy. In order to answer the research question, and to make a continue logic for this whole design part. The urban planning and landscape for a larger area is also been developed. But the urban design will not go into a lot of detail or too large. It will mainly help to define the architecture project and to show the whole concept of the research.

At last, when I look back, the Delta Intervention Studio really give a nice and wide topic to me. The research method helps me to get my interest and develop it into a project. The lecture courses improve my skills and knowledge to deal with the water-related topics. The final project is a good practical exercise for me to learn it.

