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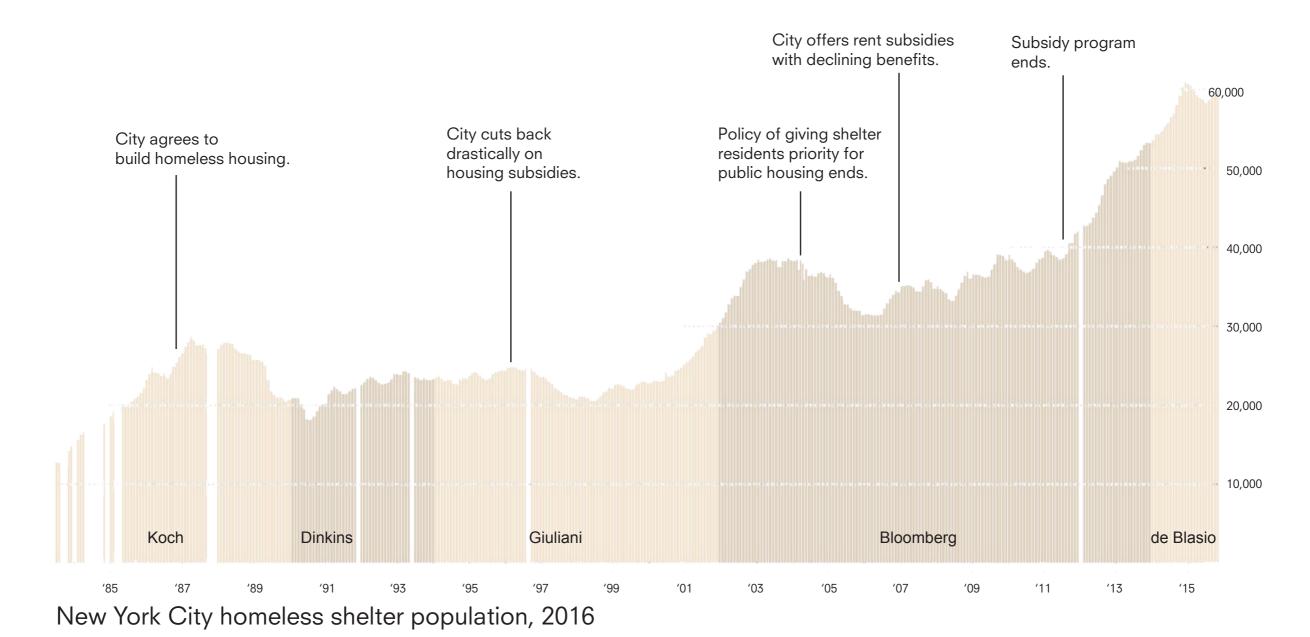


image: New York Times

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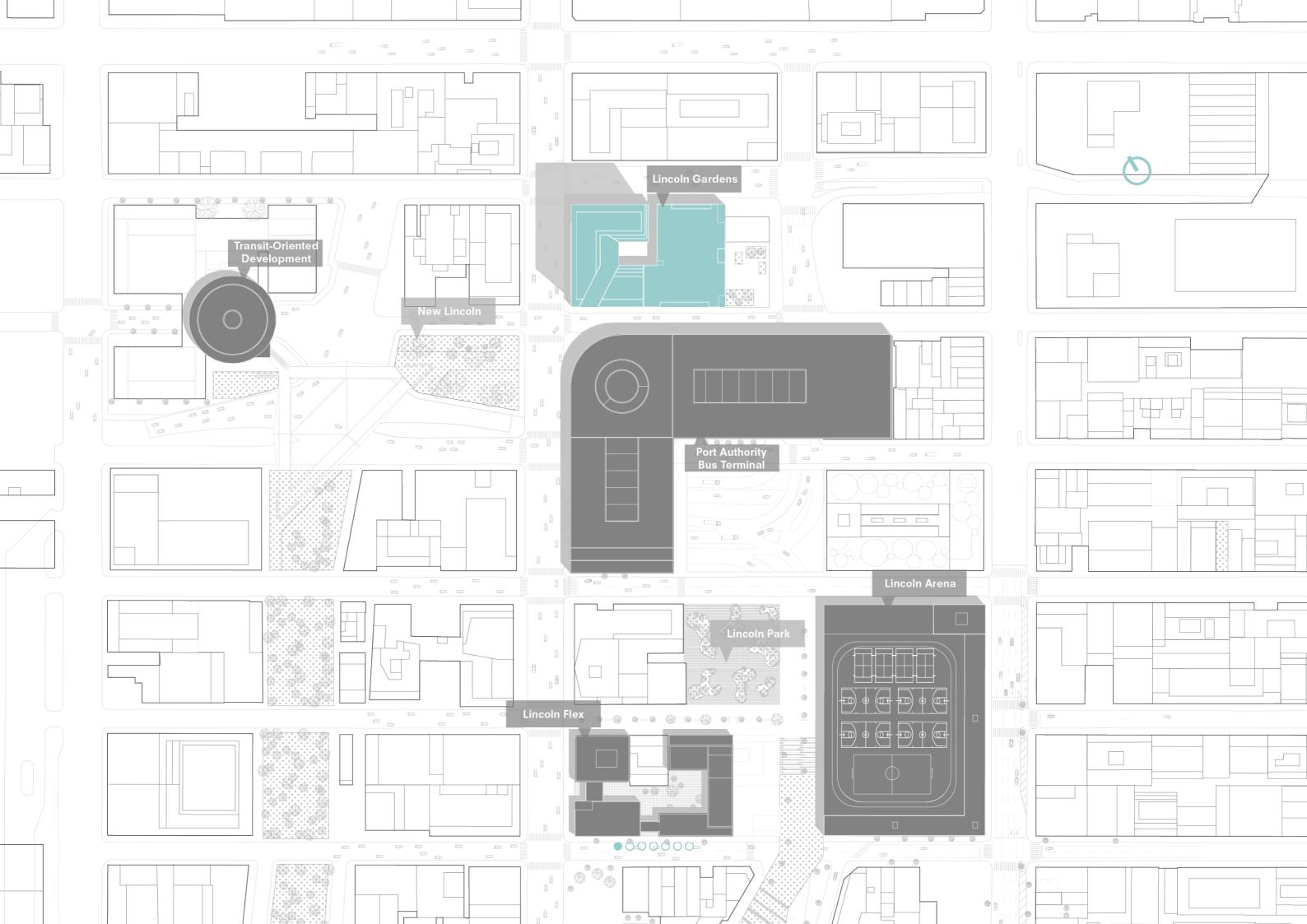
What is the realtionship between architecture and homelessness?

And to what extent can architecture have a positive impact on homelessness in Transitional Yards?

RE-IMAGINING COVENANT HOUSE







CLIENTS



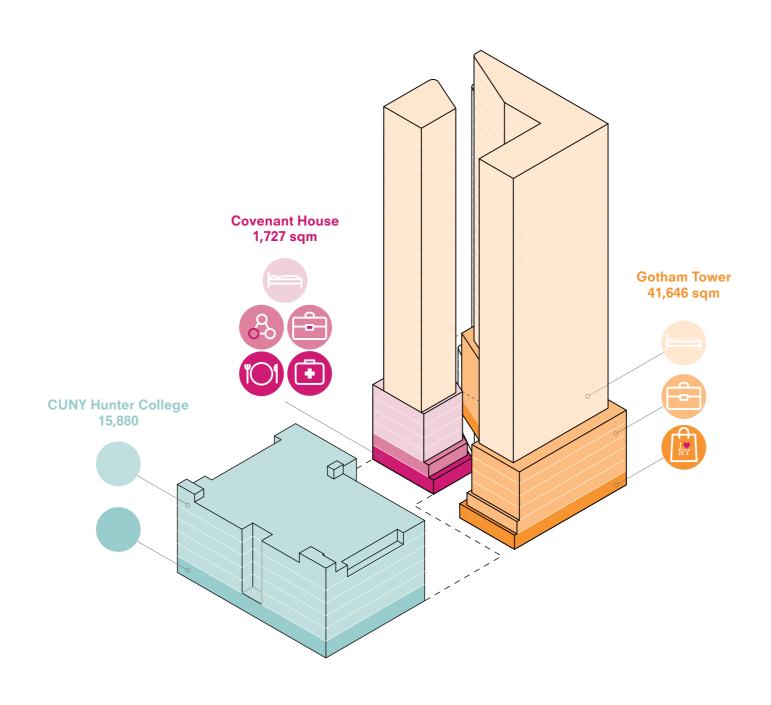




services for homeless and trafficked youth undergrad and grad programs, part of CUNY

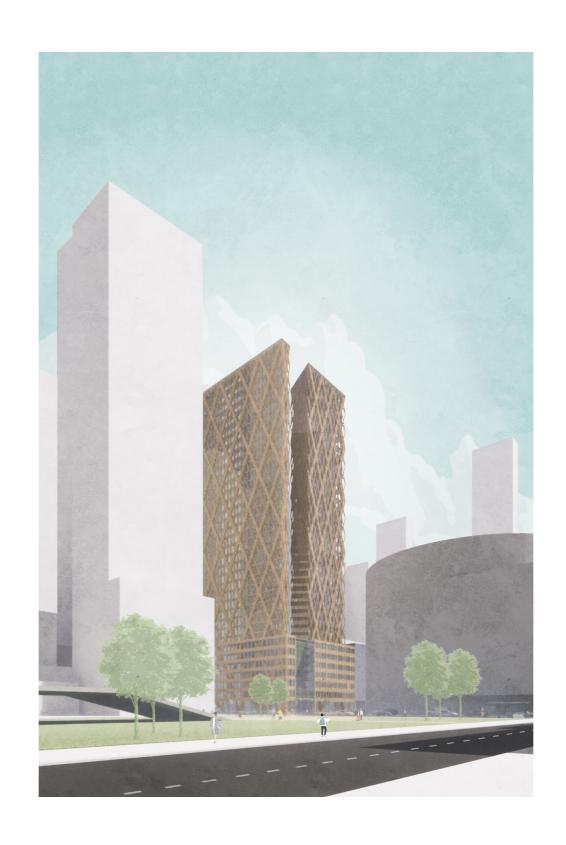
real estate development firm operating in NYC

MIXED-USE COMPLEX



NEW SHARED IDENTITY

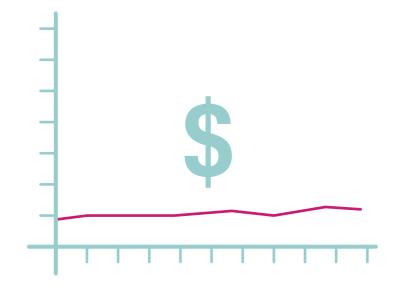




HOMELESS IN NEW YORK CITY

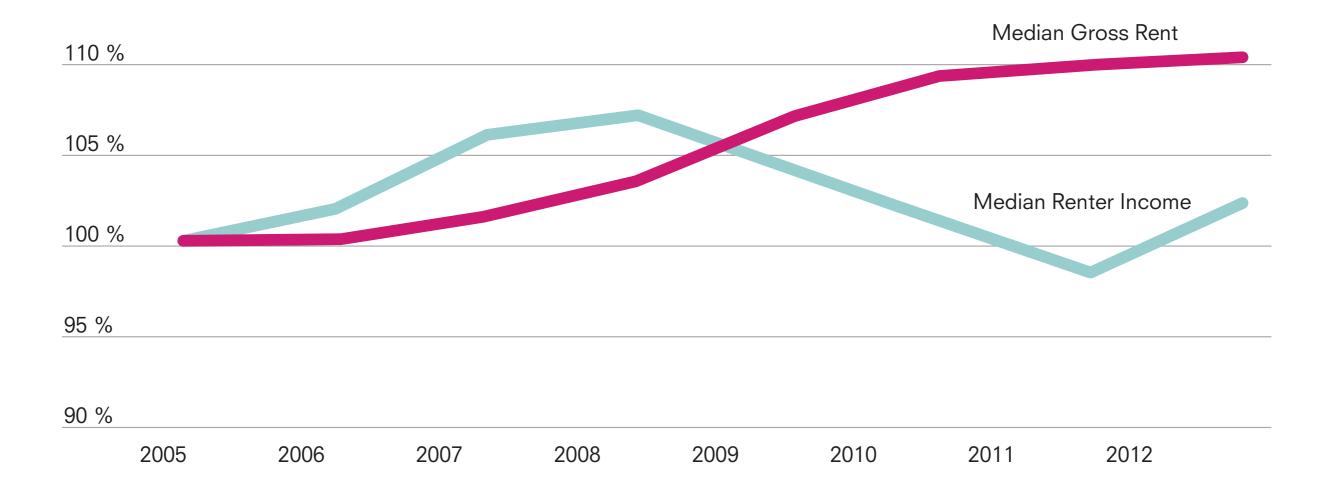
INCREASING WEALTH GAP





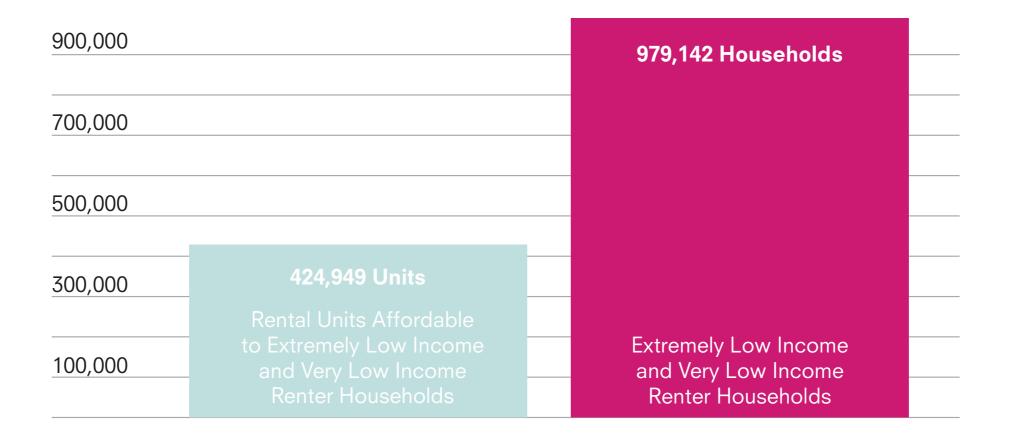
the poor stay poor

Index of New York City Median Gross Rent and Renter Household Income, 2005-2012



Data Source: 2005-2012 American Community Survey (1-Year Estimates); Bureau of Labor Statistics

Supply and Demand among Extremely Low Income and Very Low Income Renter Households

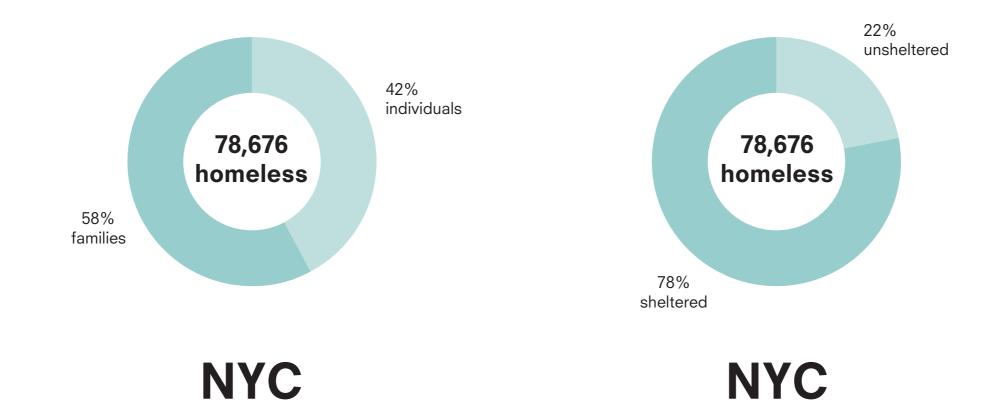


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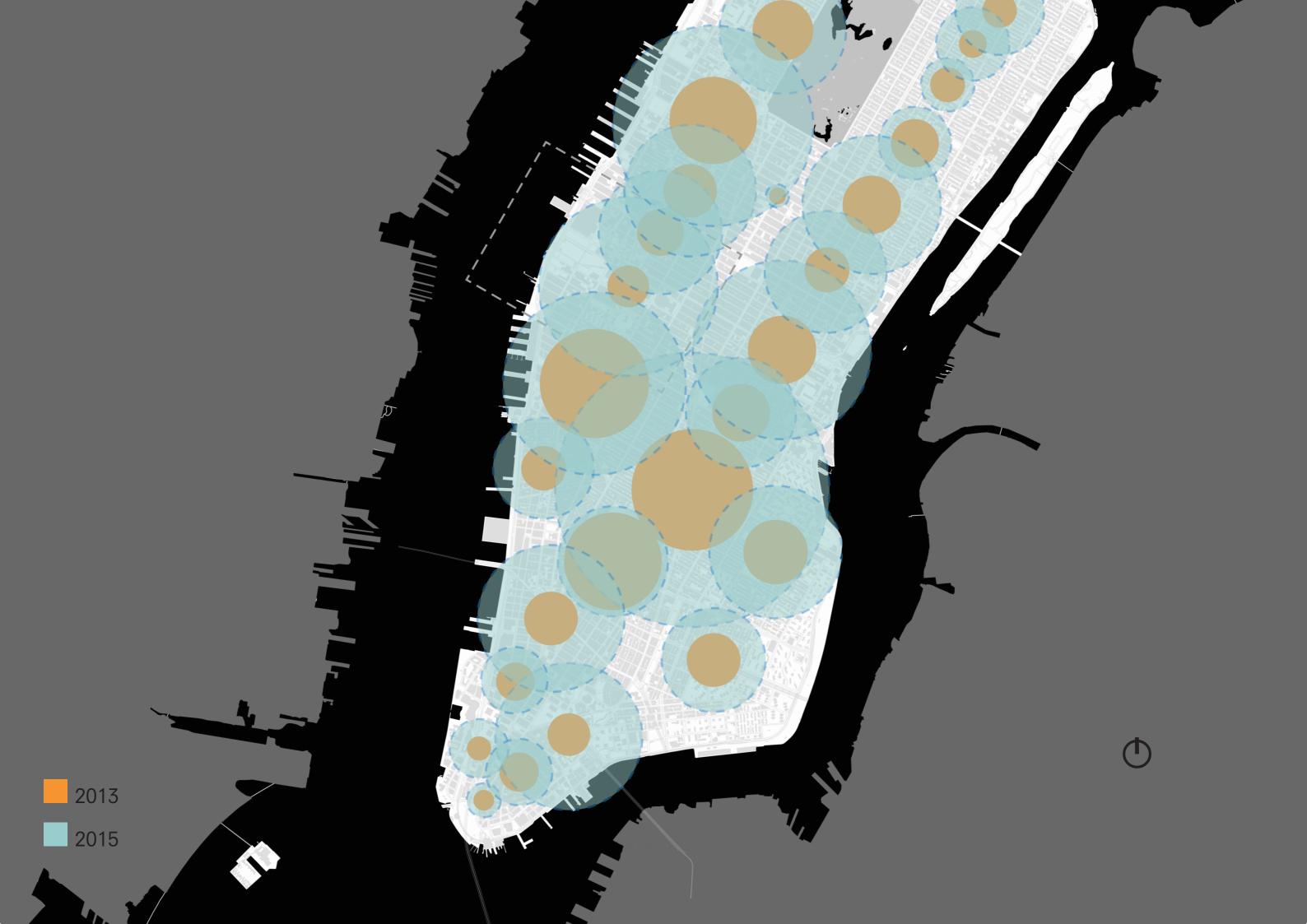
HOMELESS

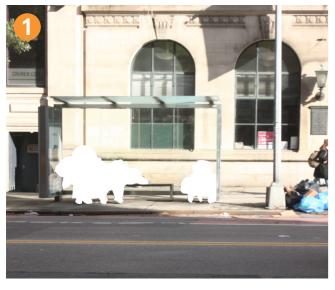
Homeless Individuals on a Single Night in January 2018



Data Source: The 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress

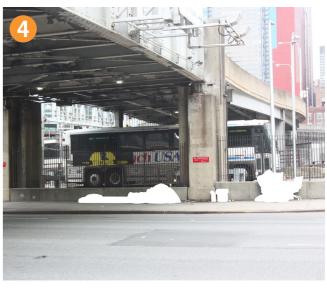




















TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE SURVEY



key factors:
1) accessibility
2) warmth
3) physical shelter



no correlation to building or building block typologies

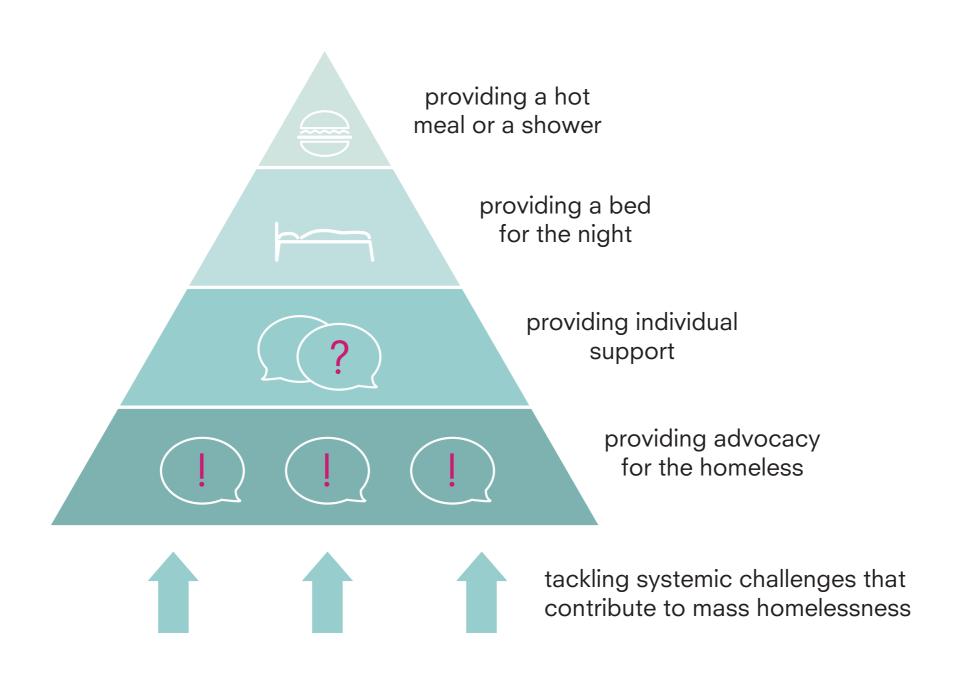


encampment = person + belongings

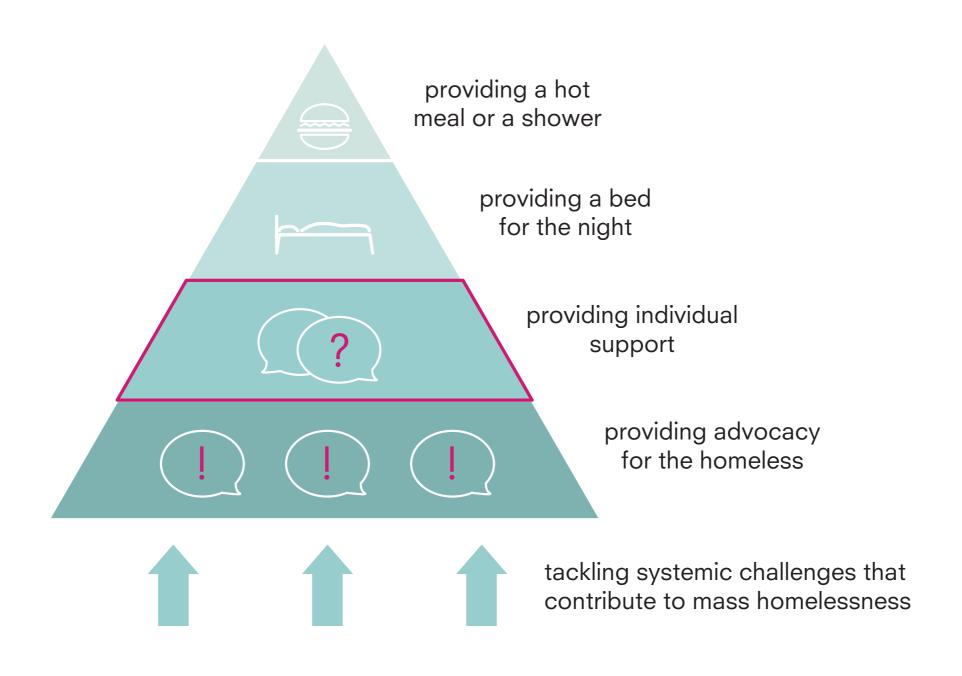
HOMELESSNESS IS A PERSISTENT REALITY OF NYC'S URBAN CONDITION.

AND FINDING SOLUTIONS IS URGENT.

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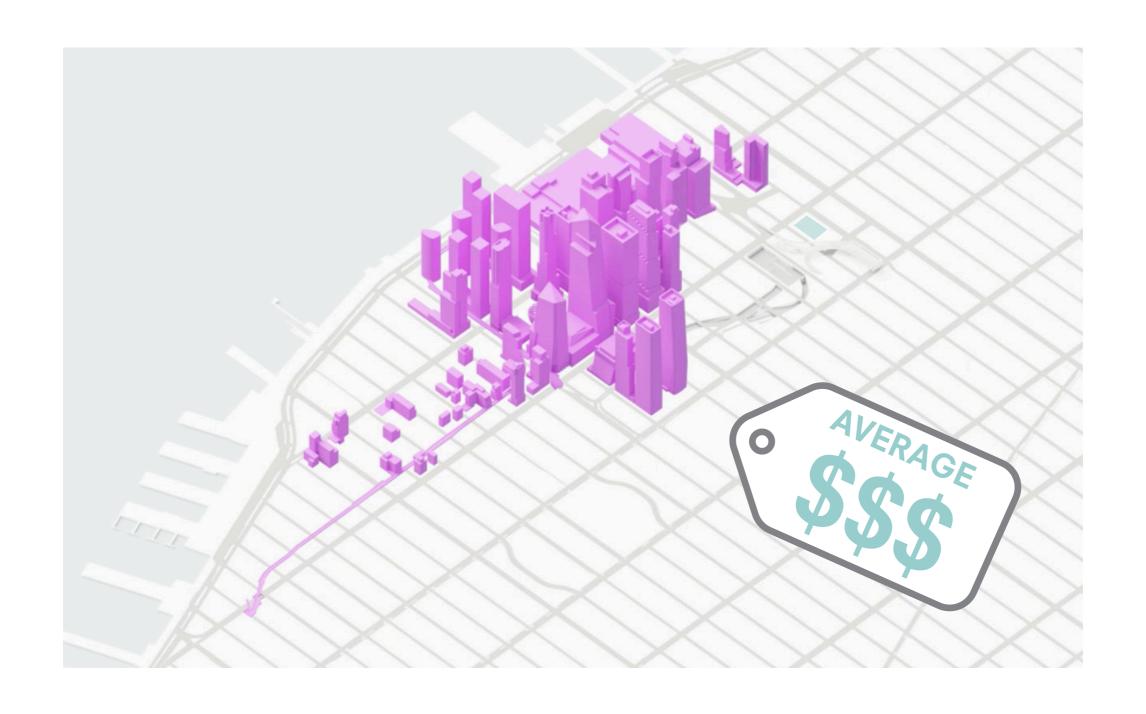


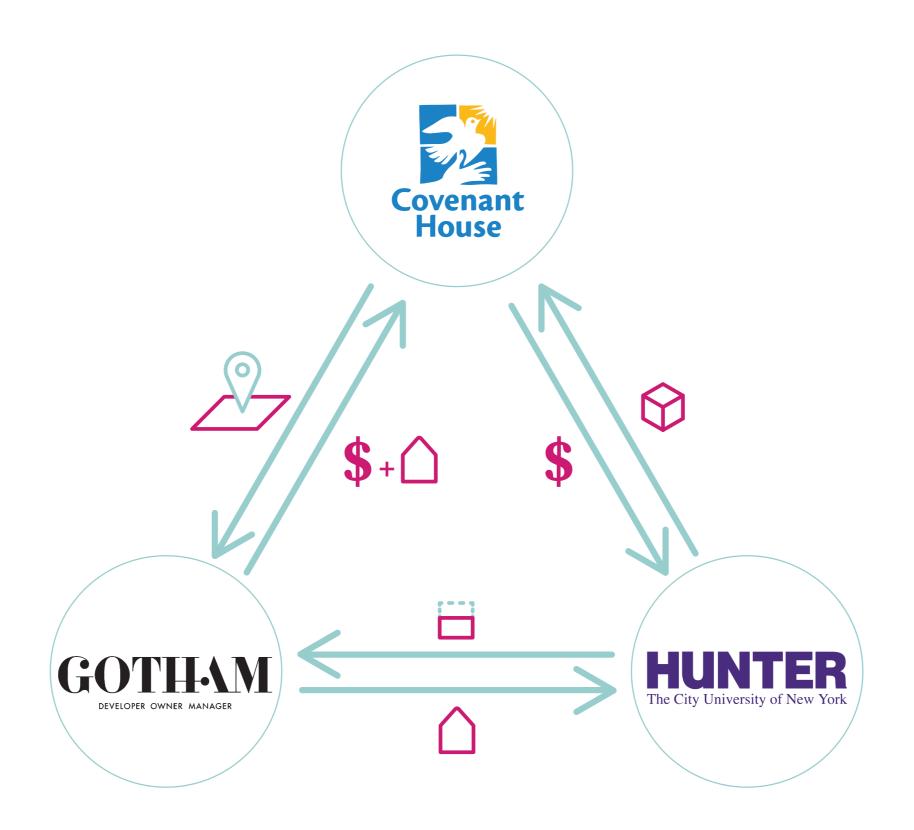
Architecture can not comprehensively address this *complex issue* on its own, but it can contribute to improving the situation in ways that other disciplines can not.

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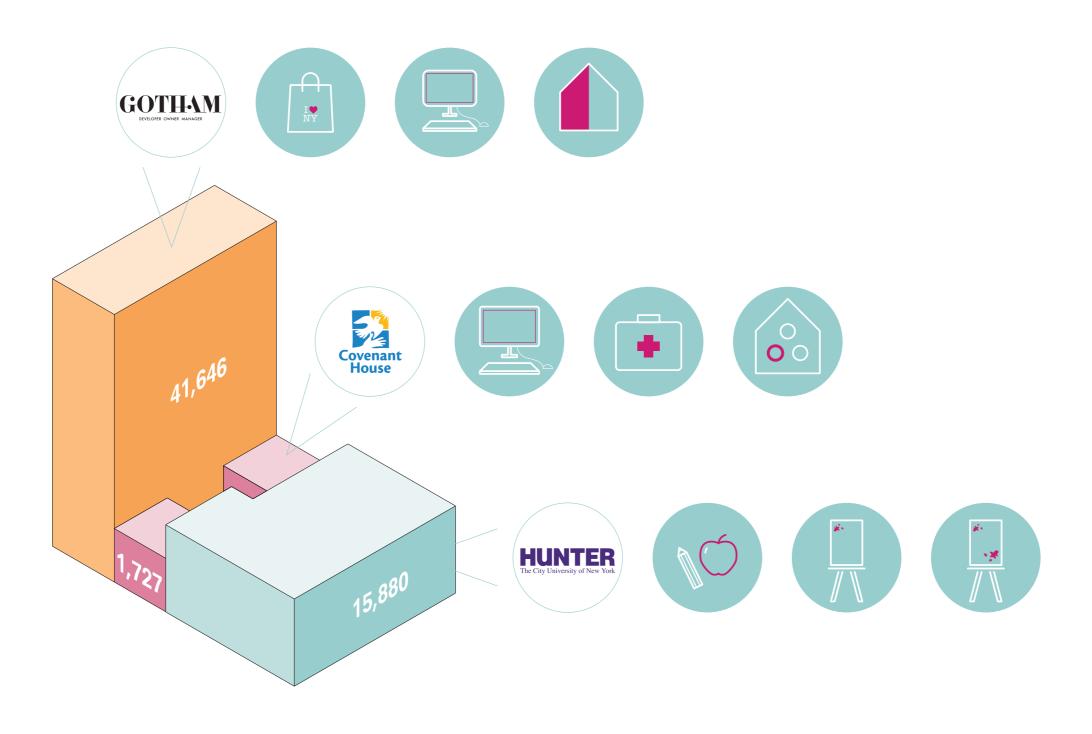


RISING LAND PRICES

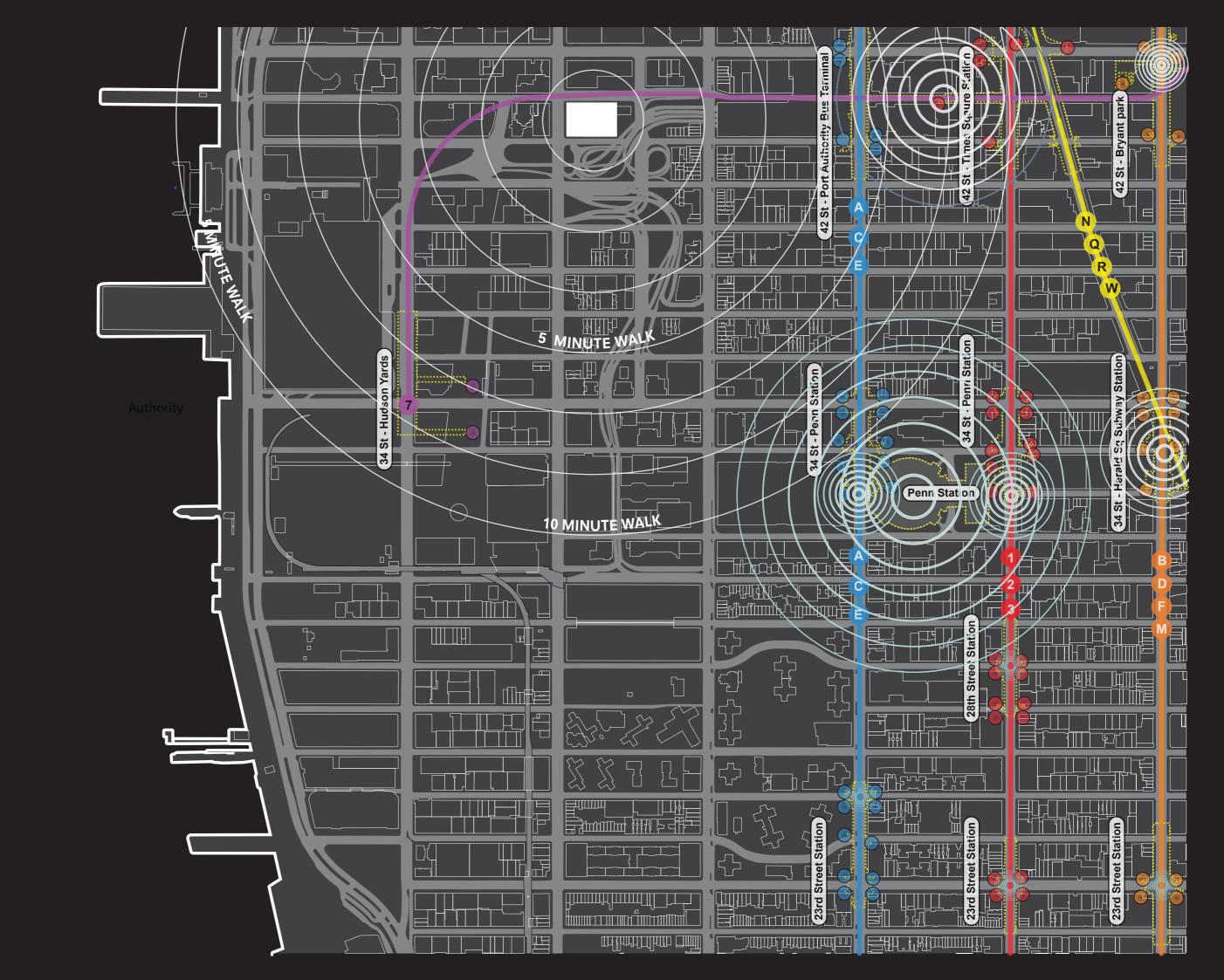




PROGRAM







opportunities for mobility





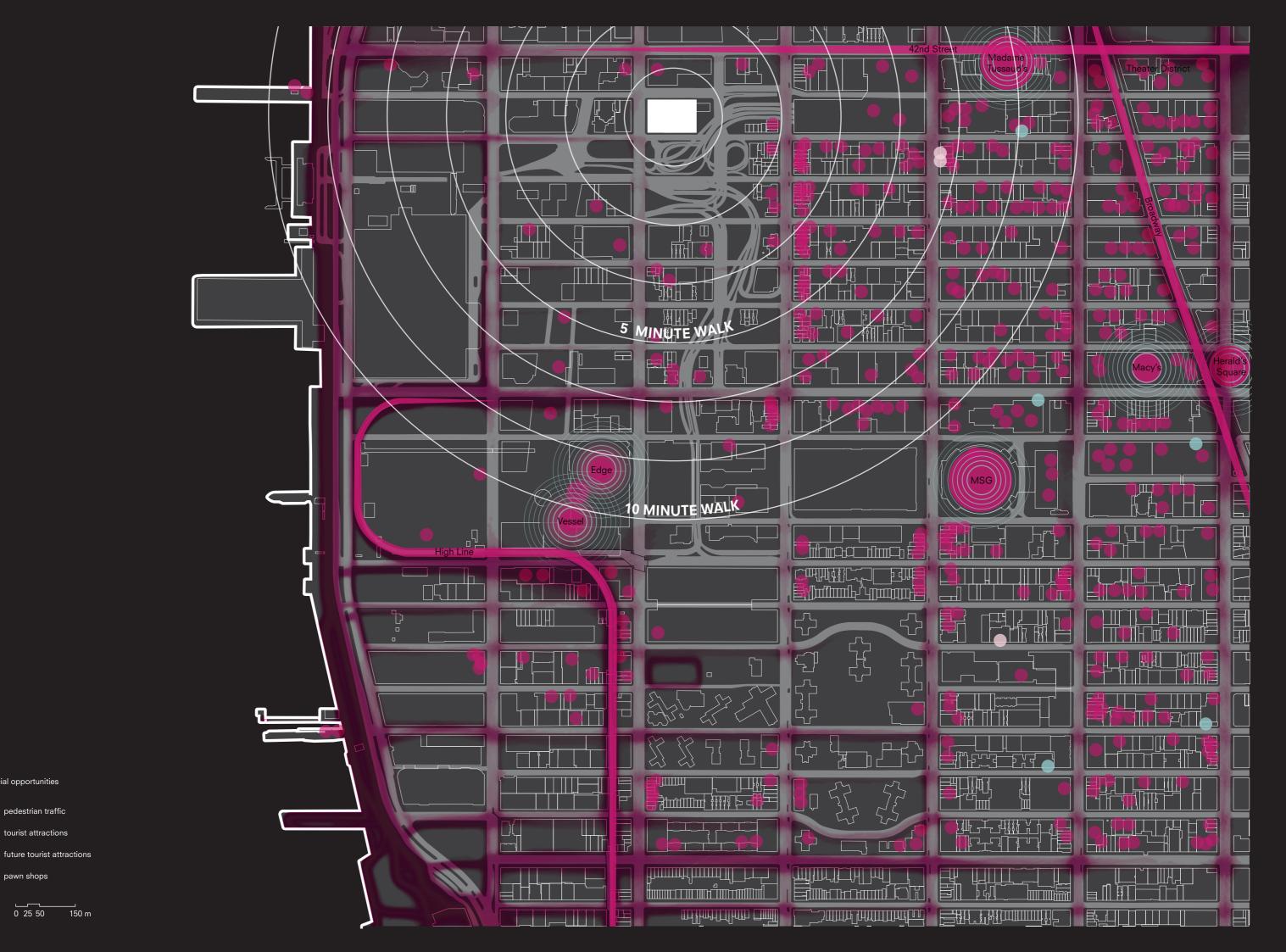
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organizations for the homeless

housing / shelter
on-site service provider
office

0 25 50 150 m



financial opportunities

pawn shops

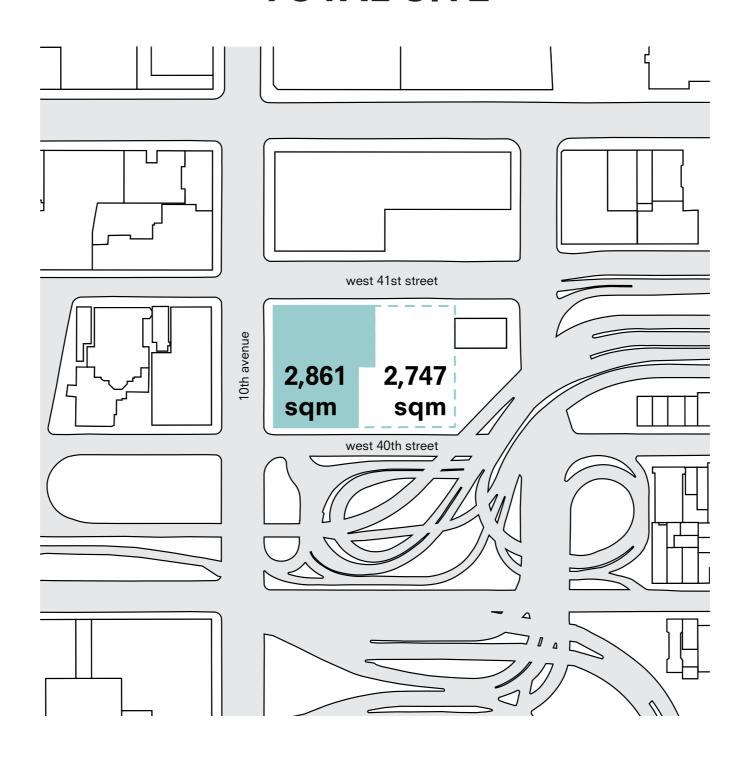
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pedestrian traffic

tourist attractions

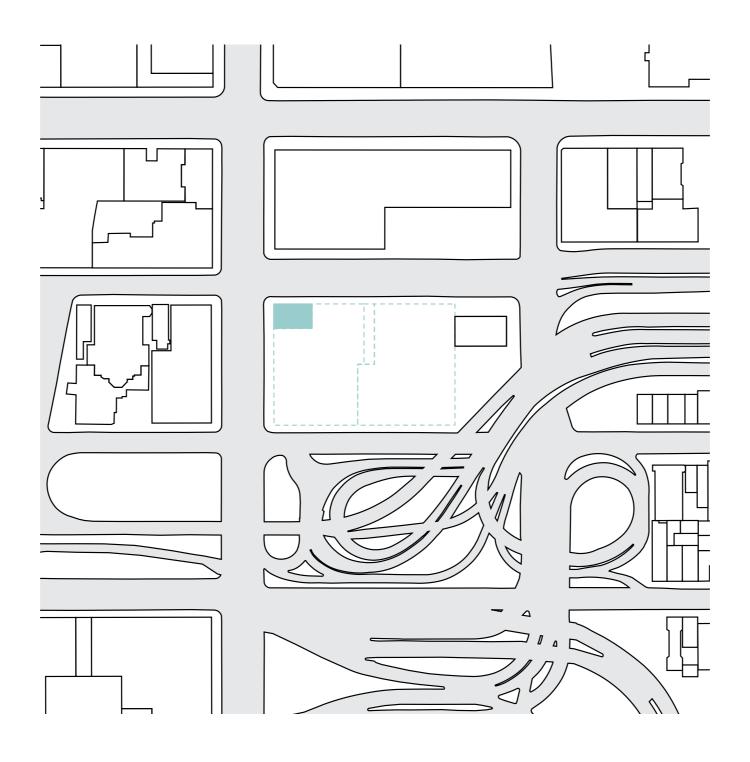
TOTAL SITE





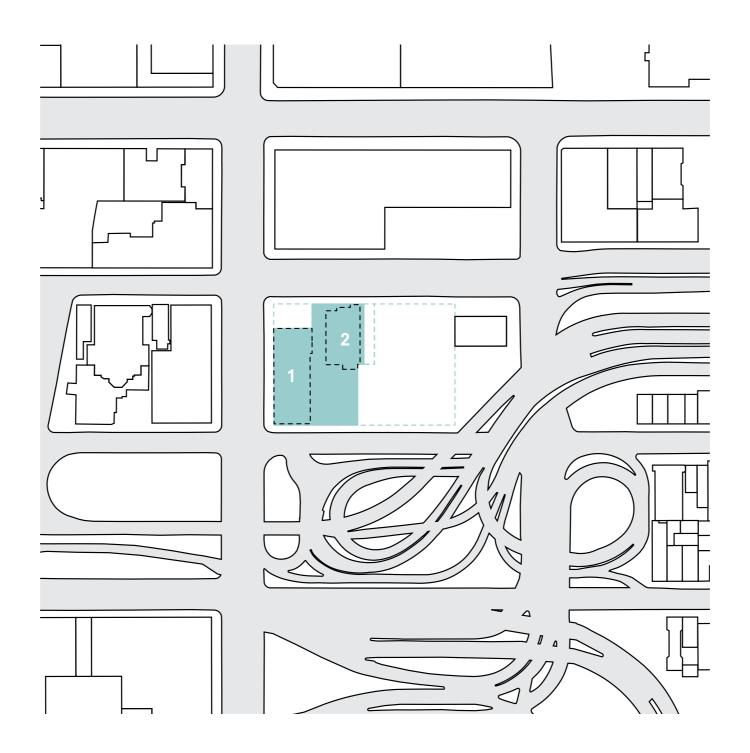
COVENANT HOUSE LOT 1





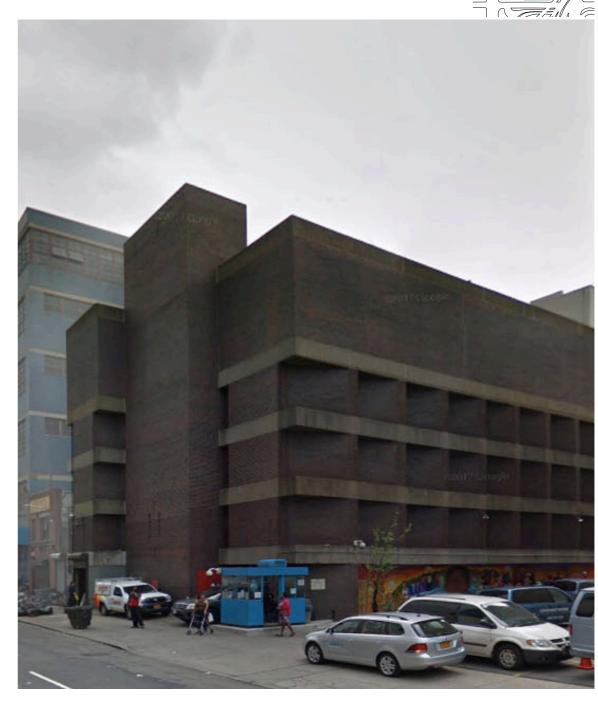
COVENANT HOUSE LOT 2





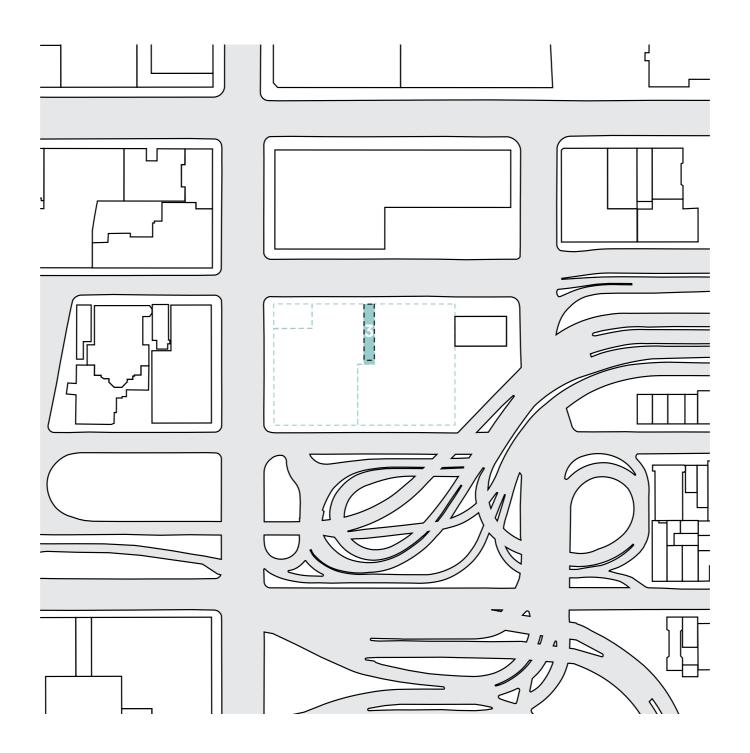
CURRENT COVENANT HOUSE BUILDINGS



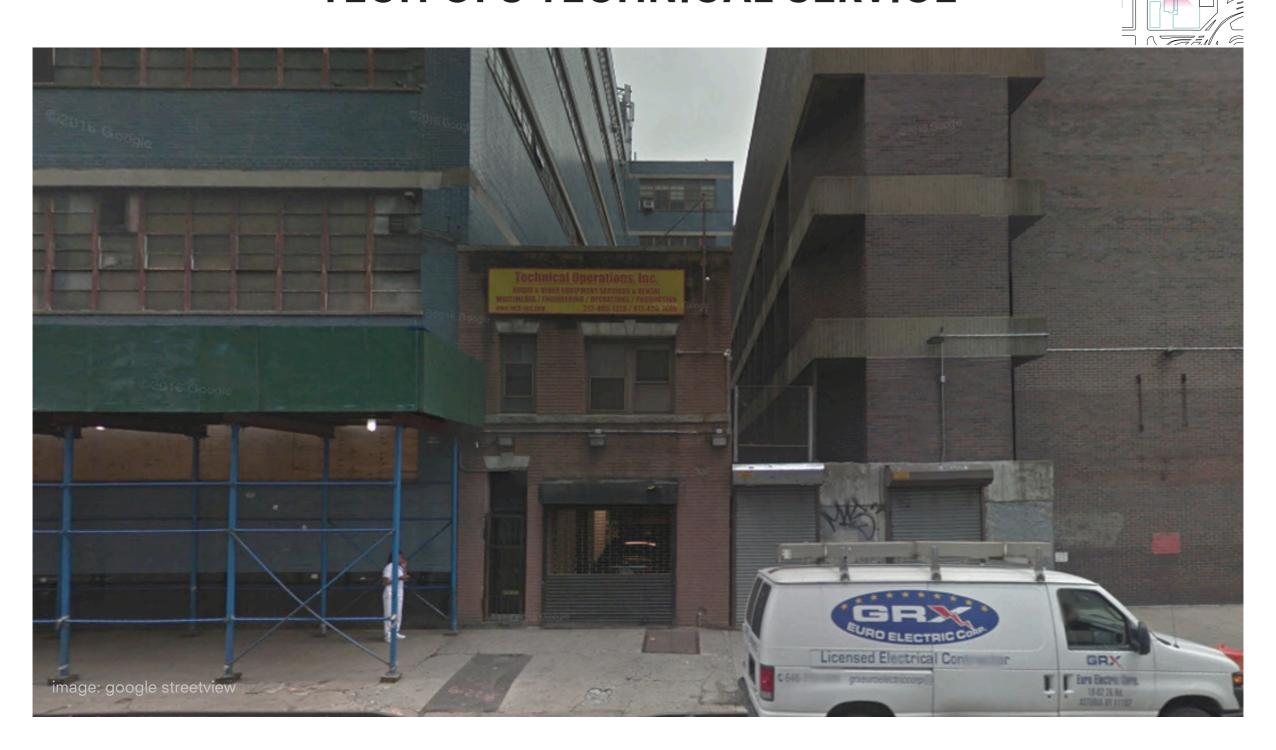


J. ALDEN ENTERPRISE



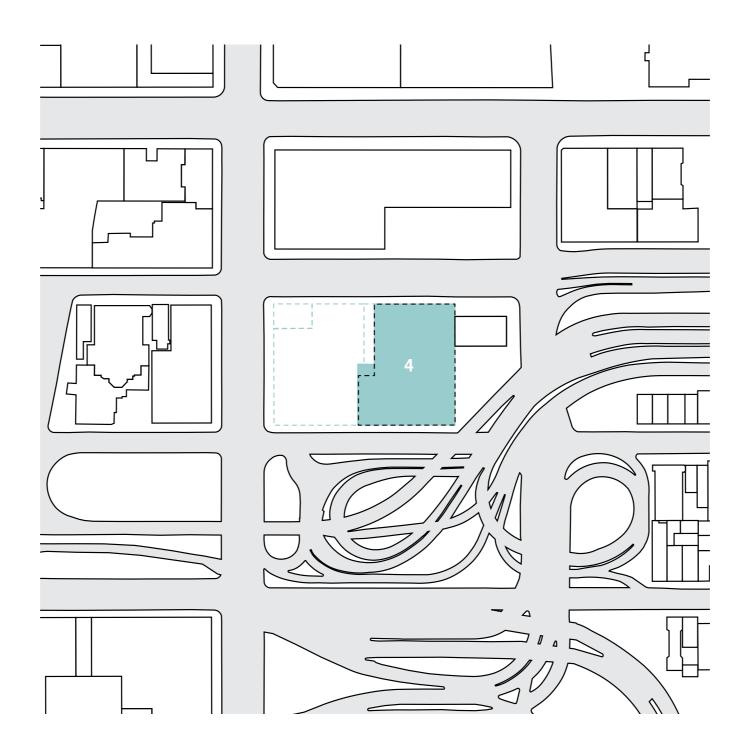


TECH OPS TECHNICAL SERVICE



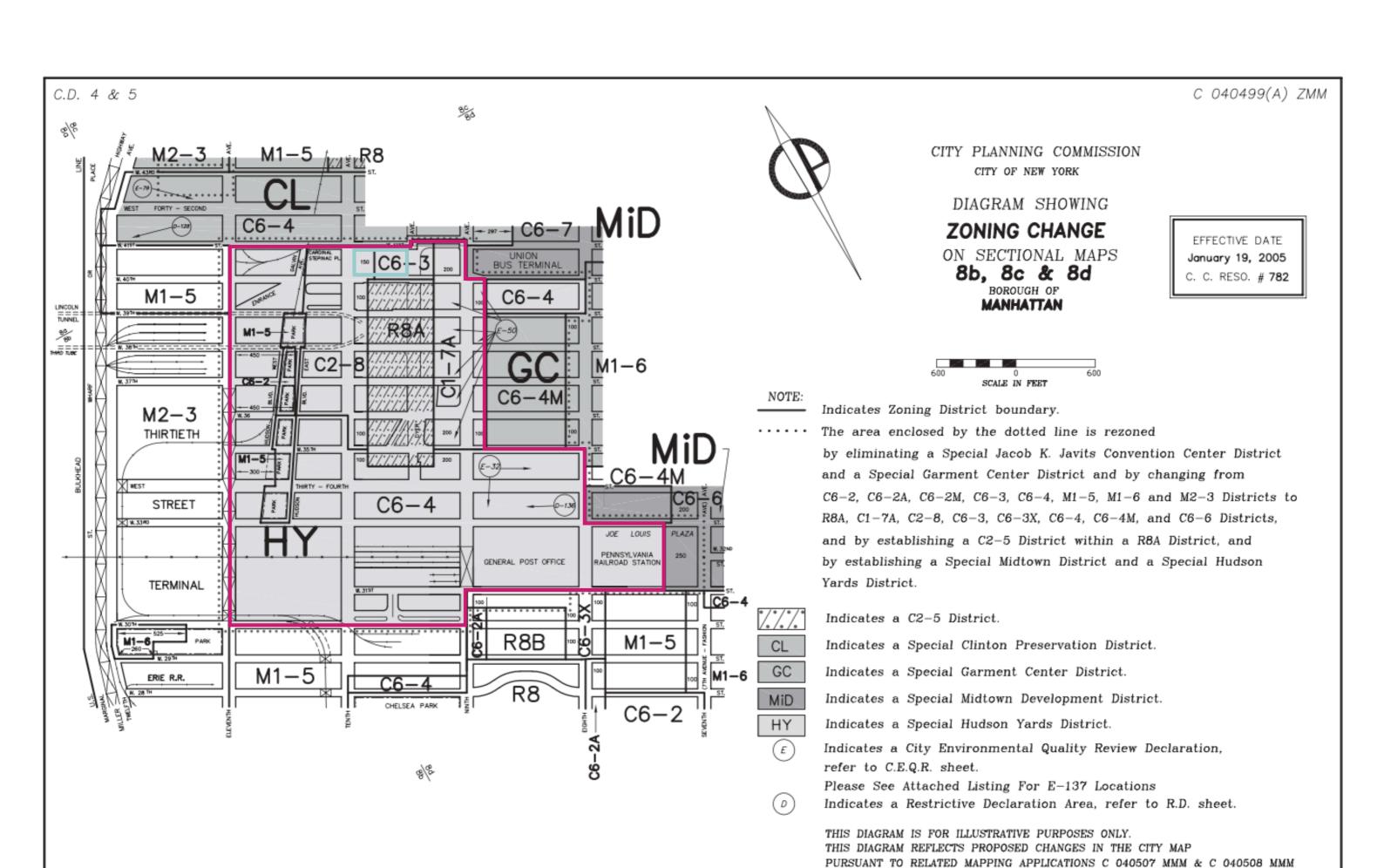
PEOPLE OF THE STATE





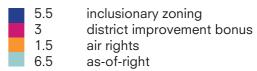
CUNY HUNTER COLLEGE, MFA BUILDING

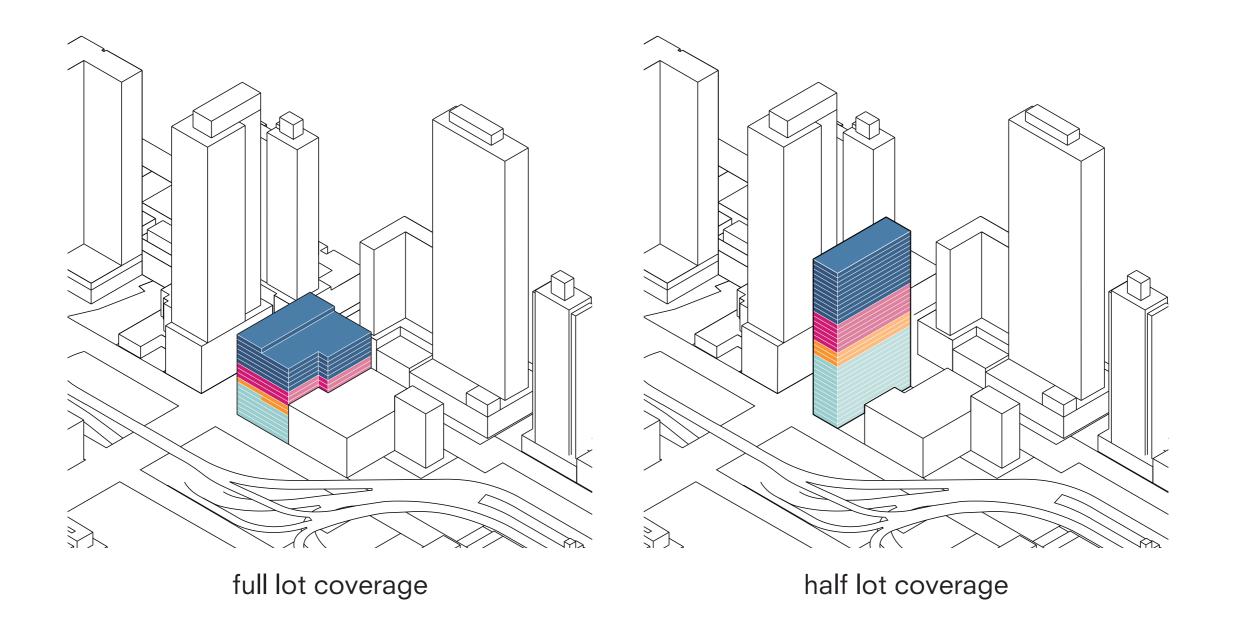




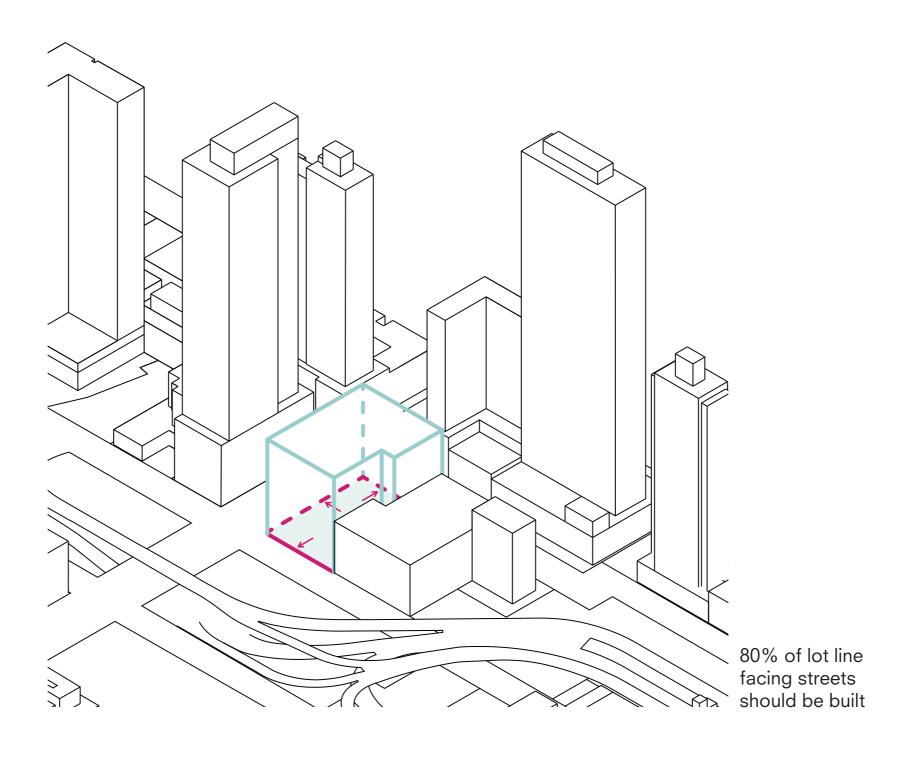
ALLOWABLE FLOOR AREA RATIO

(FAR)

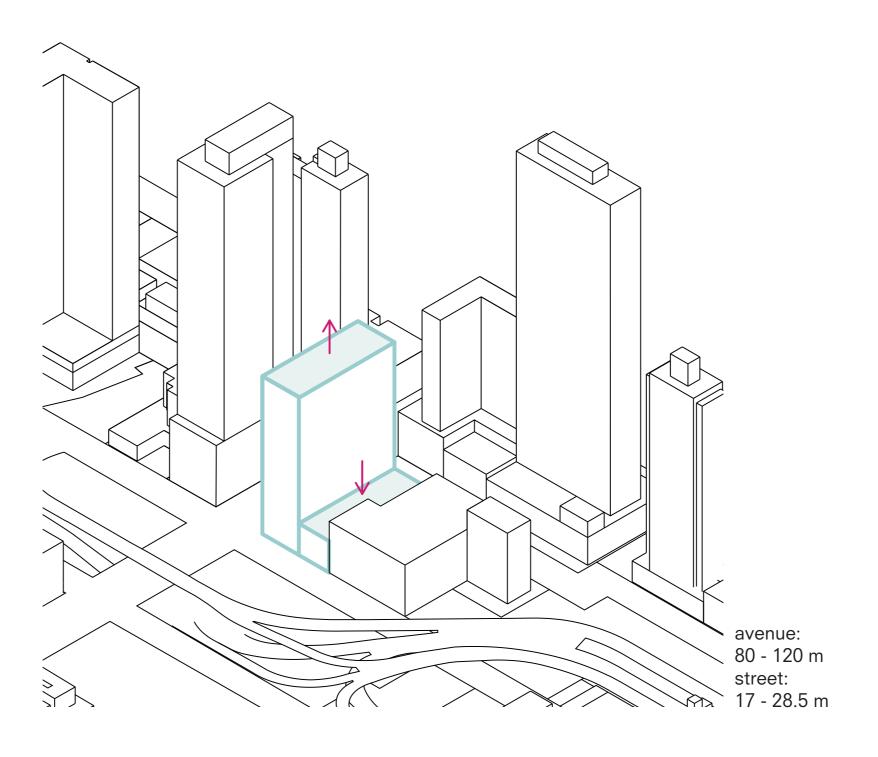




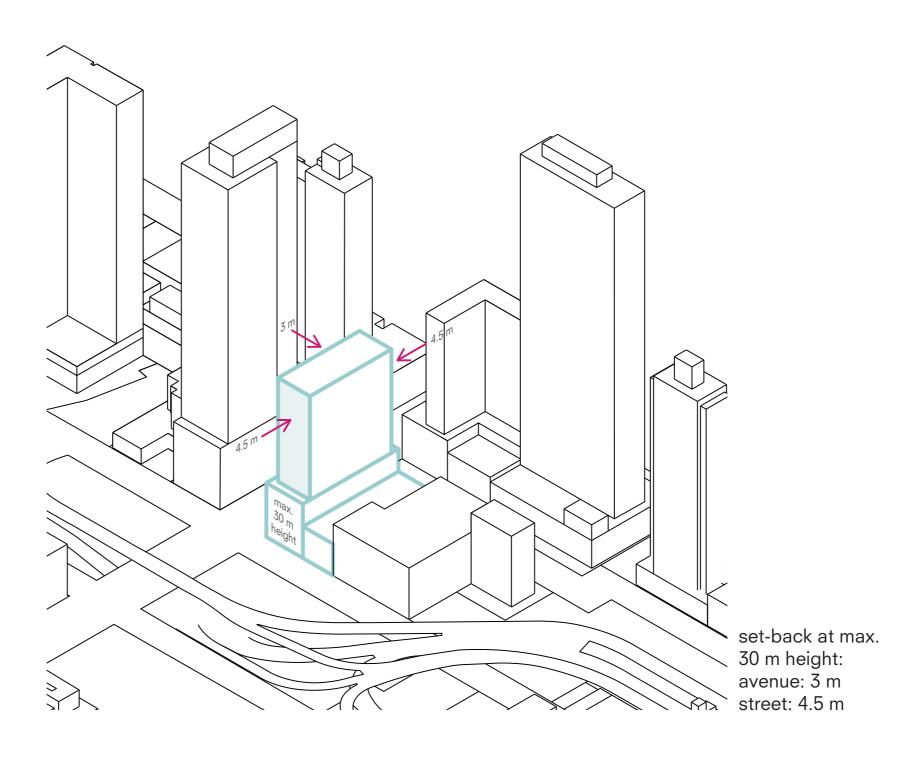
#1: BUILD TO LOT LINE



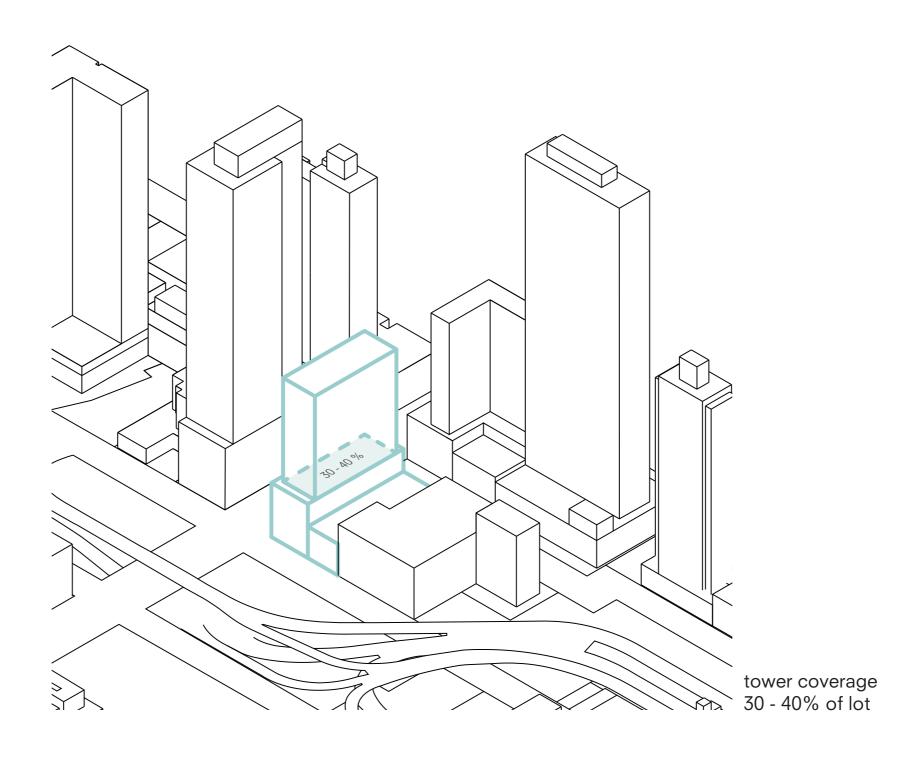
#2: HIGH AT AVE, LOW ON ST



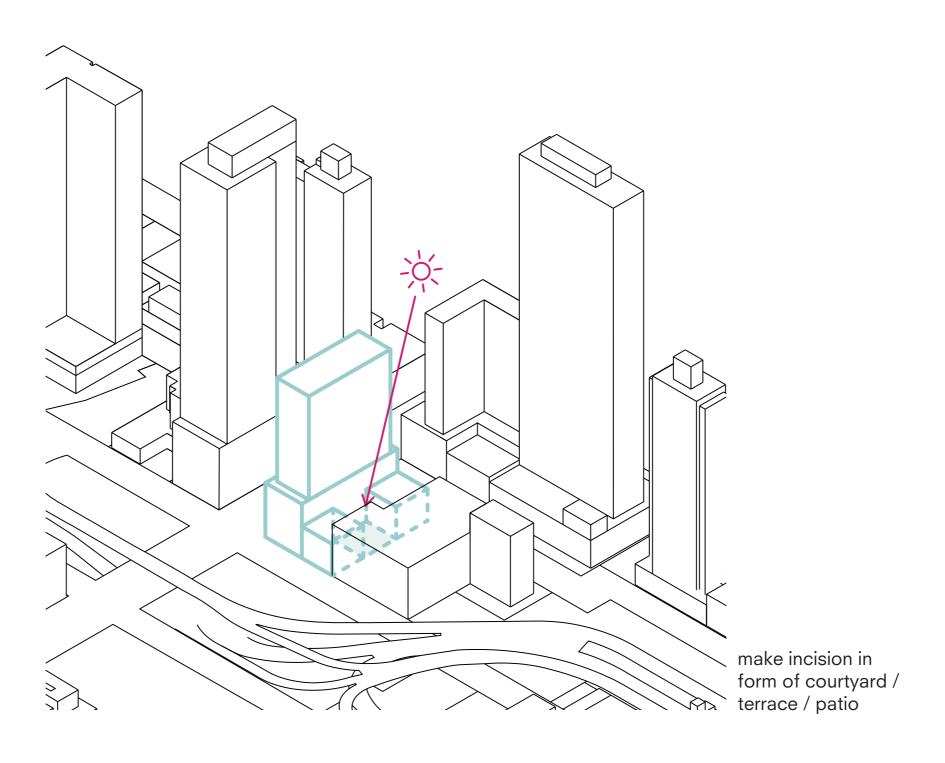
#3: SET BACK



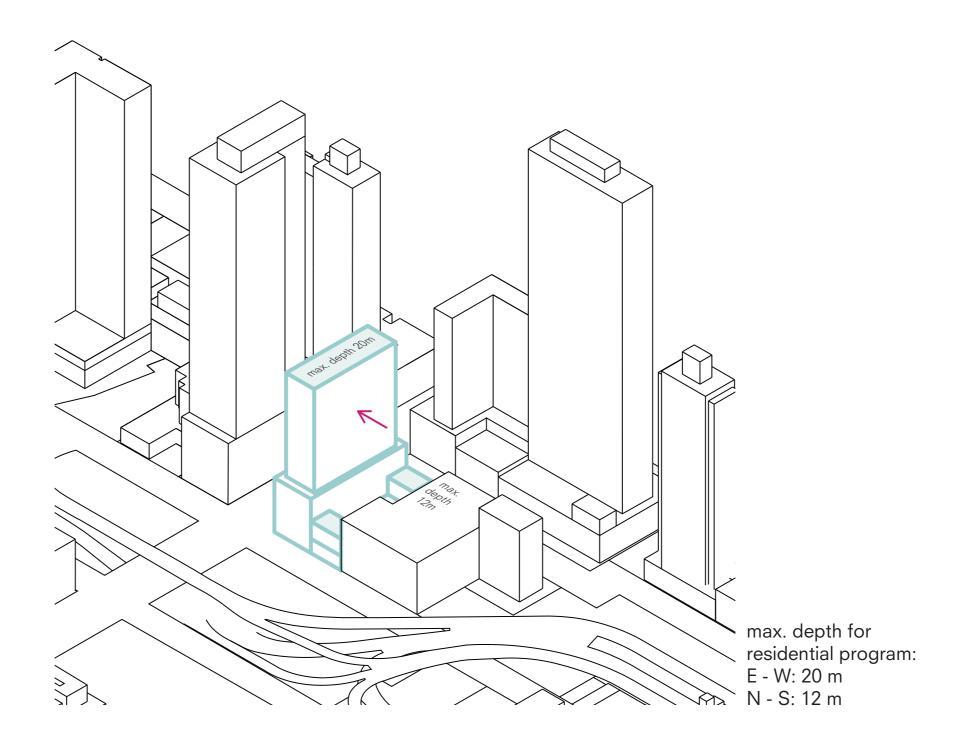
#4: TOWER COVERAGE



#5: LET IN LIGHT



#6: MAX. RESIDENTIAL DEPTH



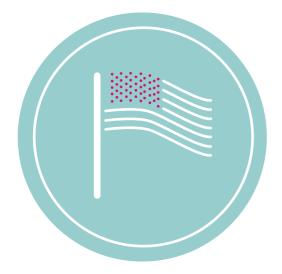
ARCHITECTURAL GOAL

To design the new Covenant House based on the users' behavior and needs so that the architecture will support the client on their journey to recovery.

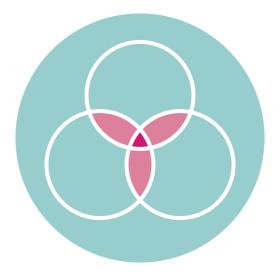
To set a design precedent for a type of project that is so far *underexplored*, but quickly gaining in urgency.

OVERALL AMBITIONS

#1



attain the democratic goal of an inclusive city within in a neoliberal framework **#2**



use the research results in a constructive way that aims to benefit all parties involved

#3



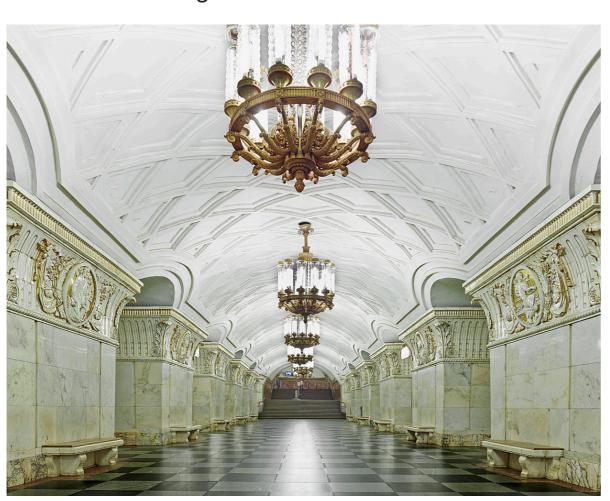
lean into the potential of architectural solutions to make a tangible impact



TWO POSSIBLE CONCEPTS

PALACE FOR THE PEOPLE

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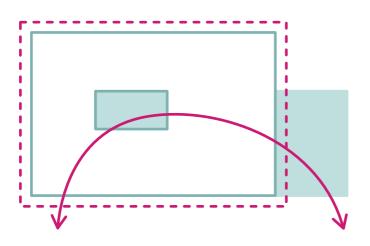
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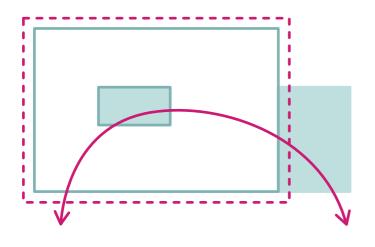


urban implementation

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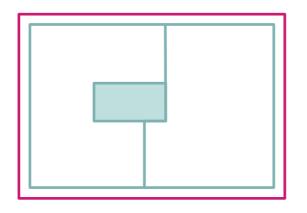
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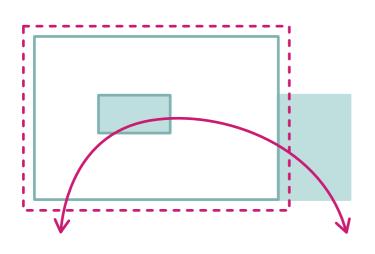


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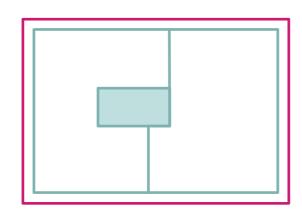
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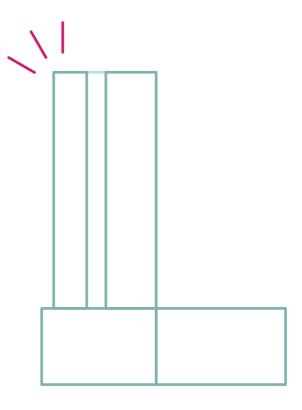
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expression

standing tall like theStatue of Libertyvalue through goodquality and design

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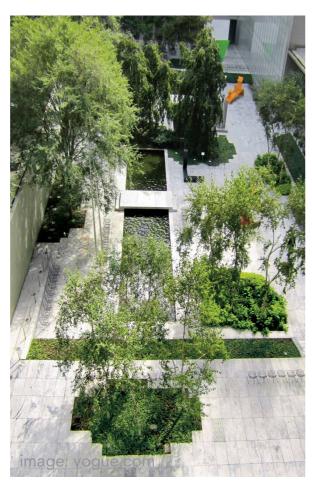






CITY OASIS





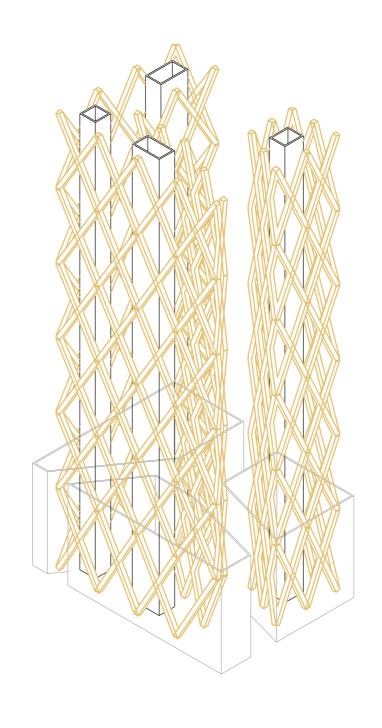




VISIBLE SUSTAINABILITY = SOCIAL SOLIDARITY



HONESTY AND TRANSPARENCY IN STRUCTURE AND MATERIAL



IMPLEMENTATION

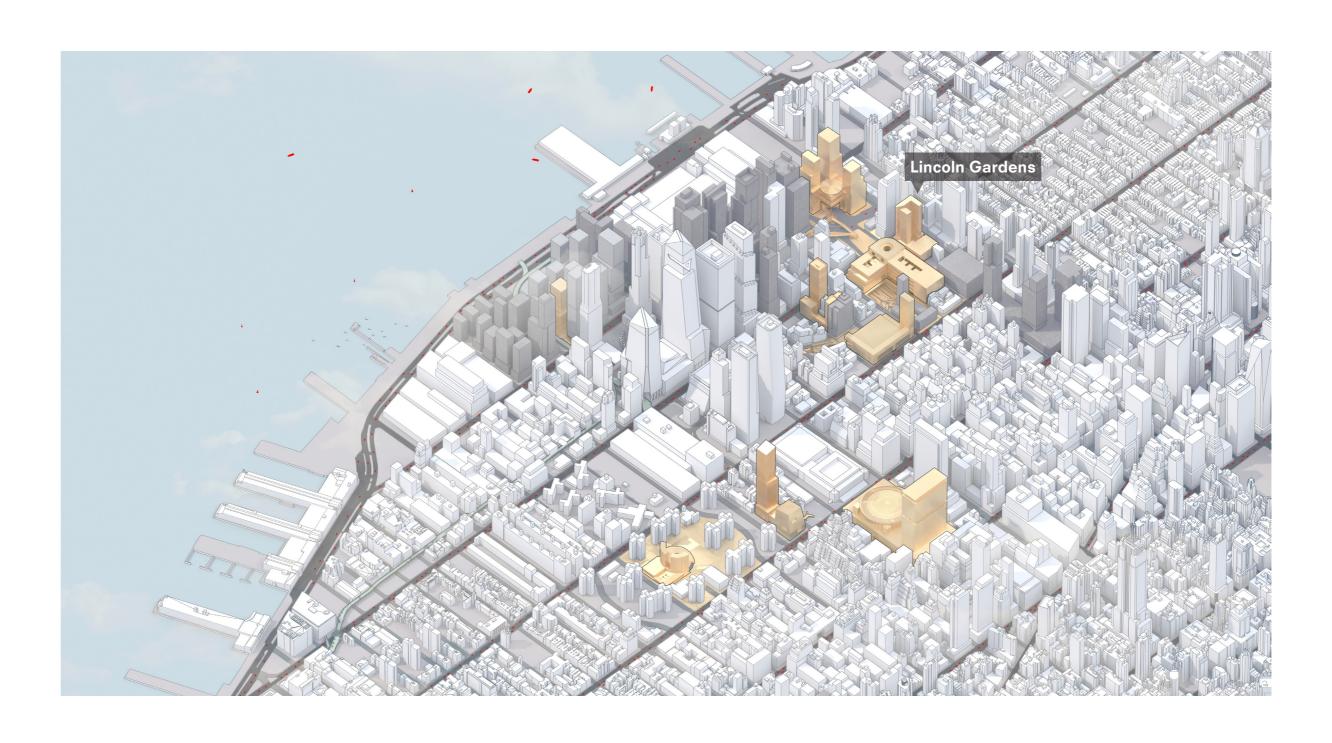
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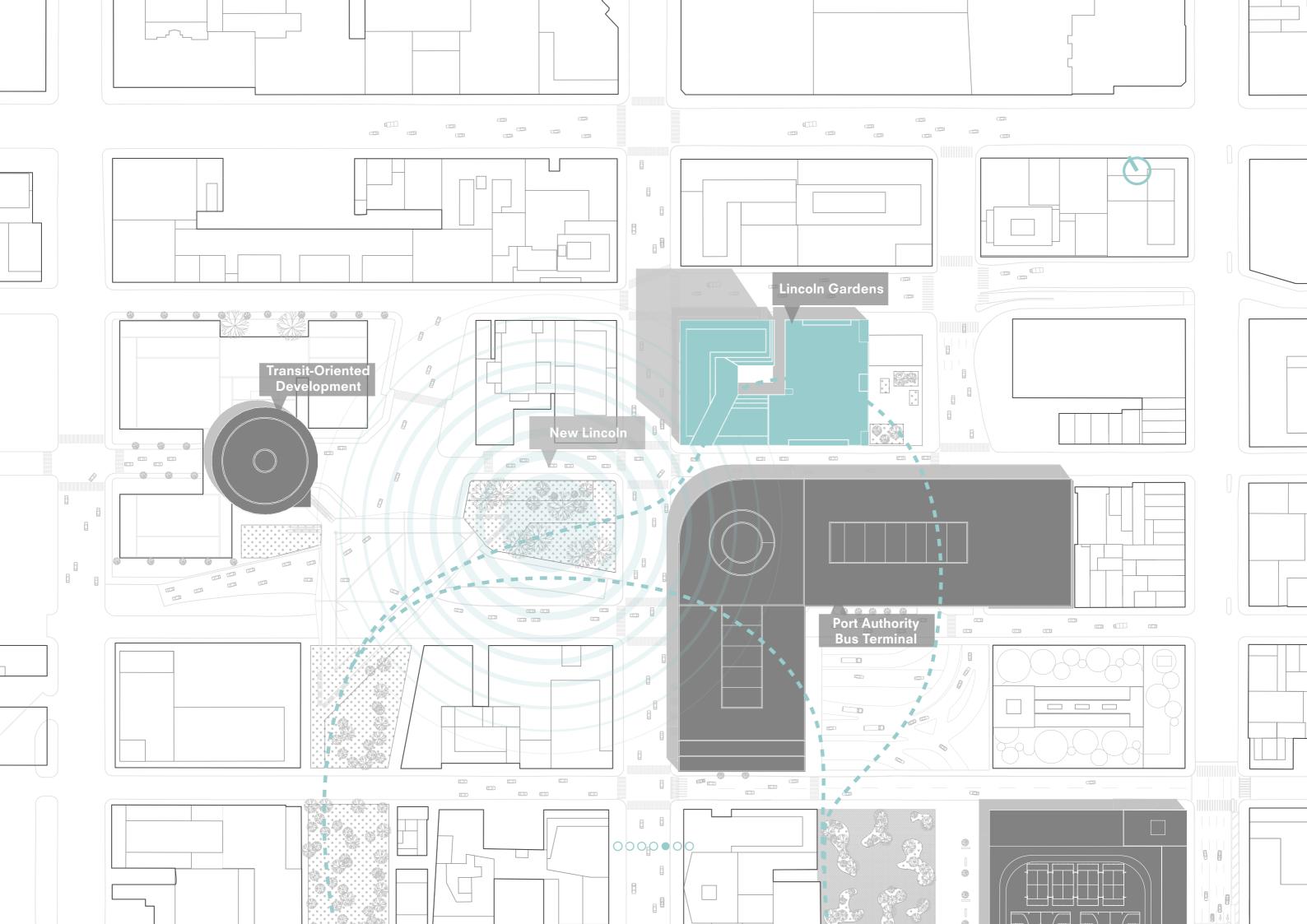


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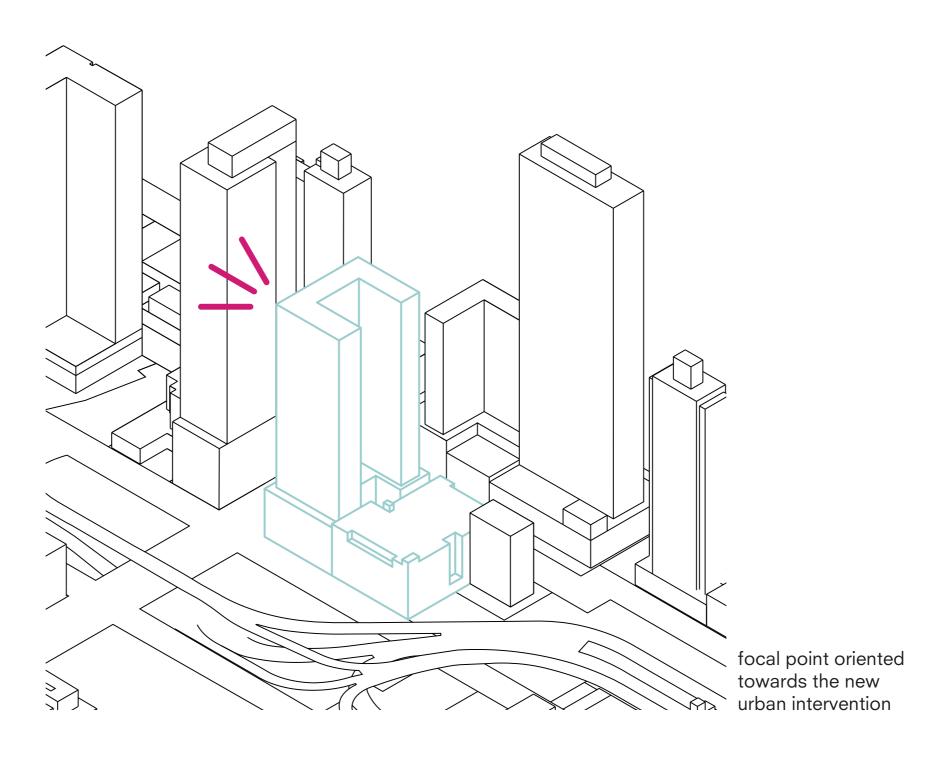


CATALYST PROJECTS

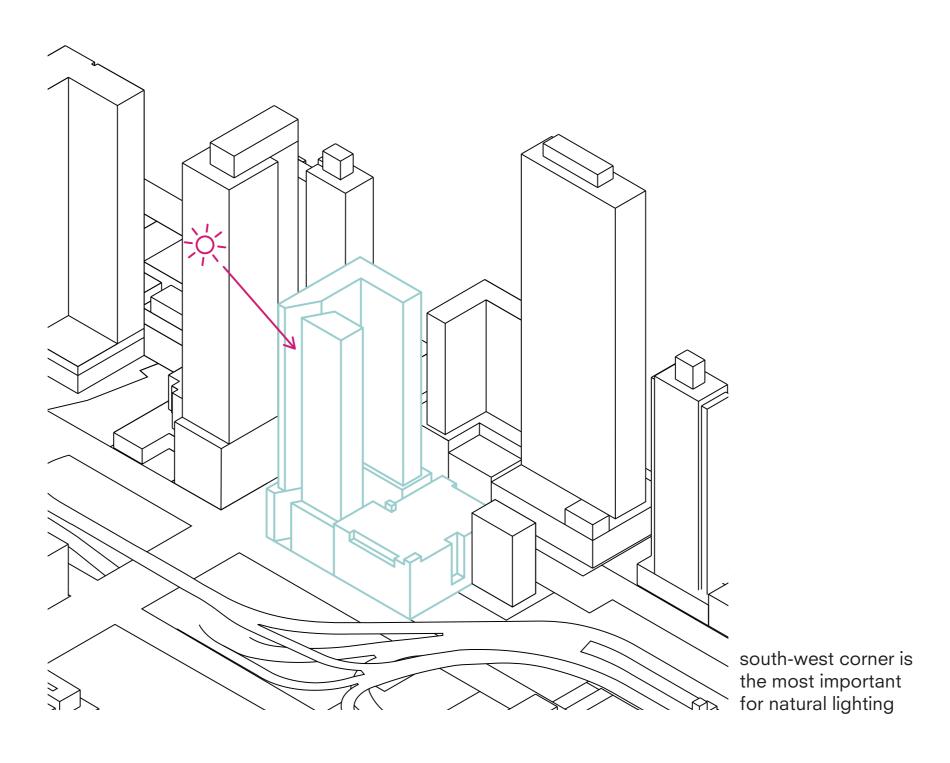




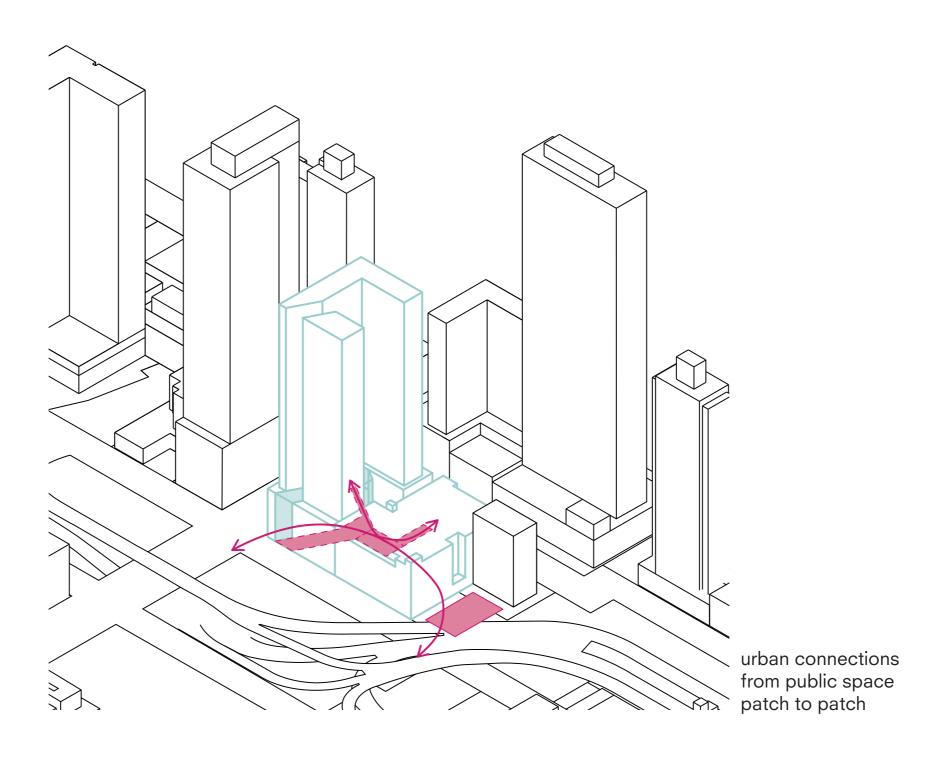
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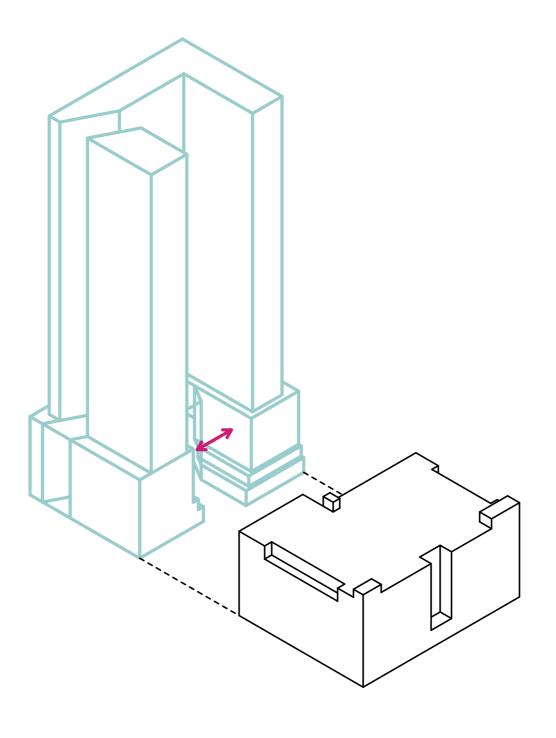
LIGHTING



PUBLIC SPACE CONNECTION

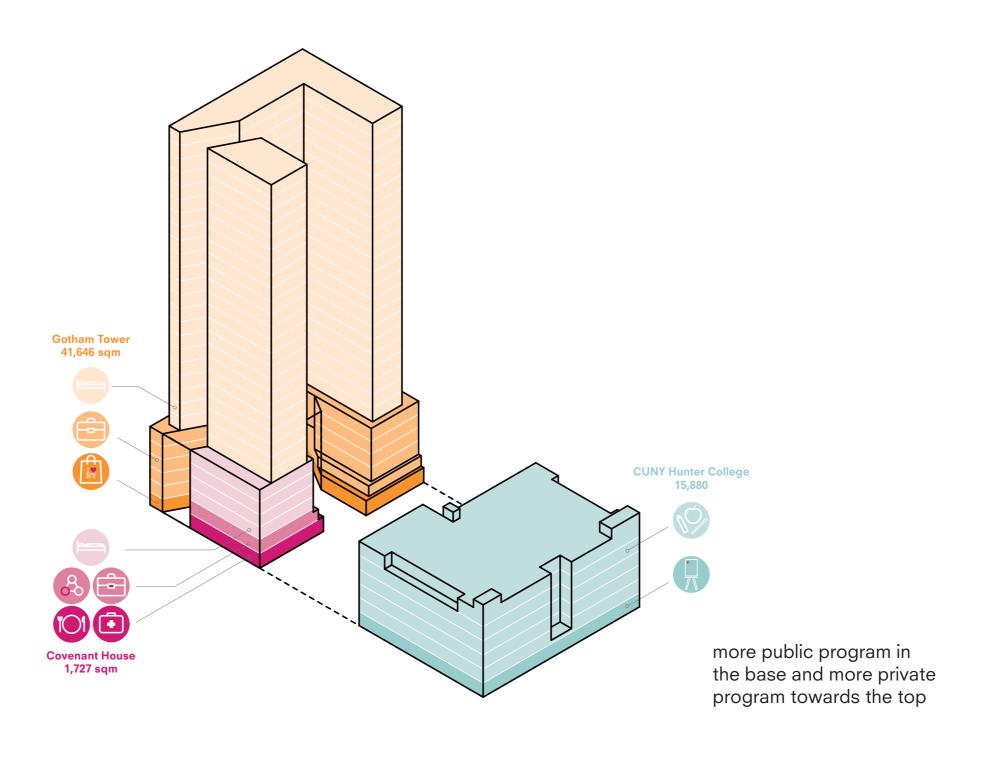


TERRACING



creating terraces opens up the courtyard towards the top

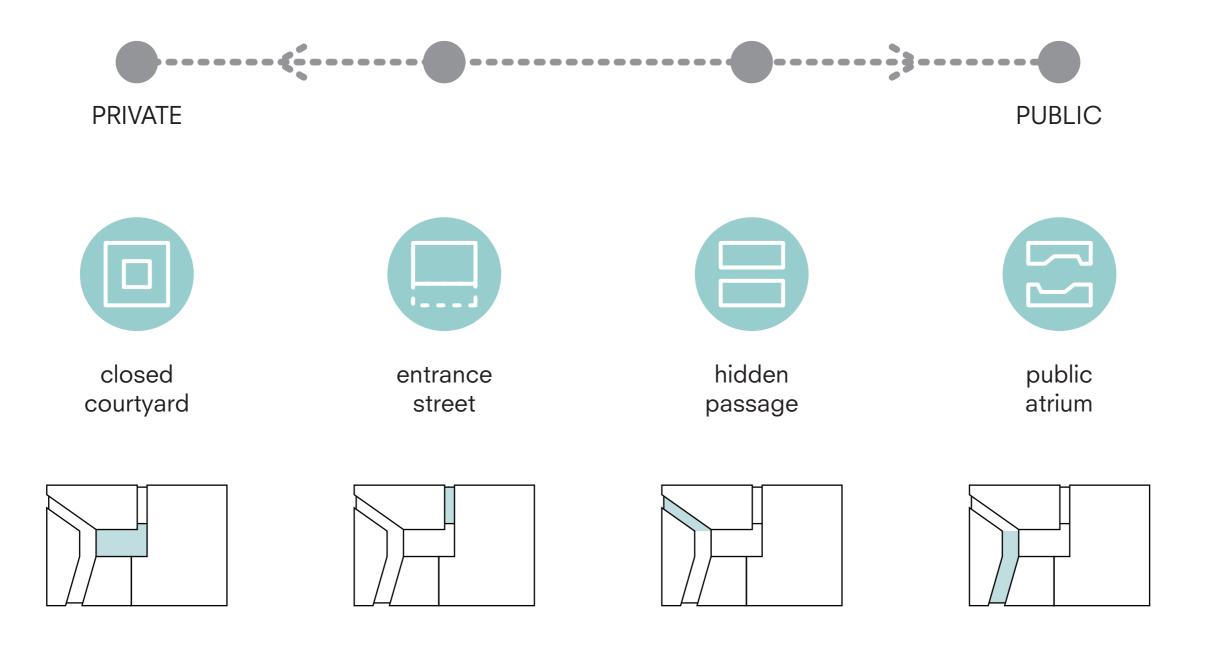
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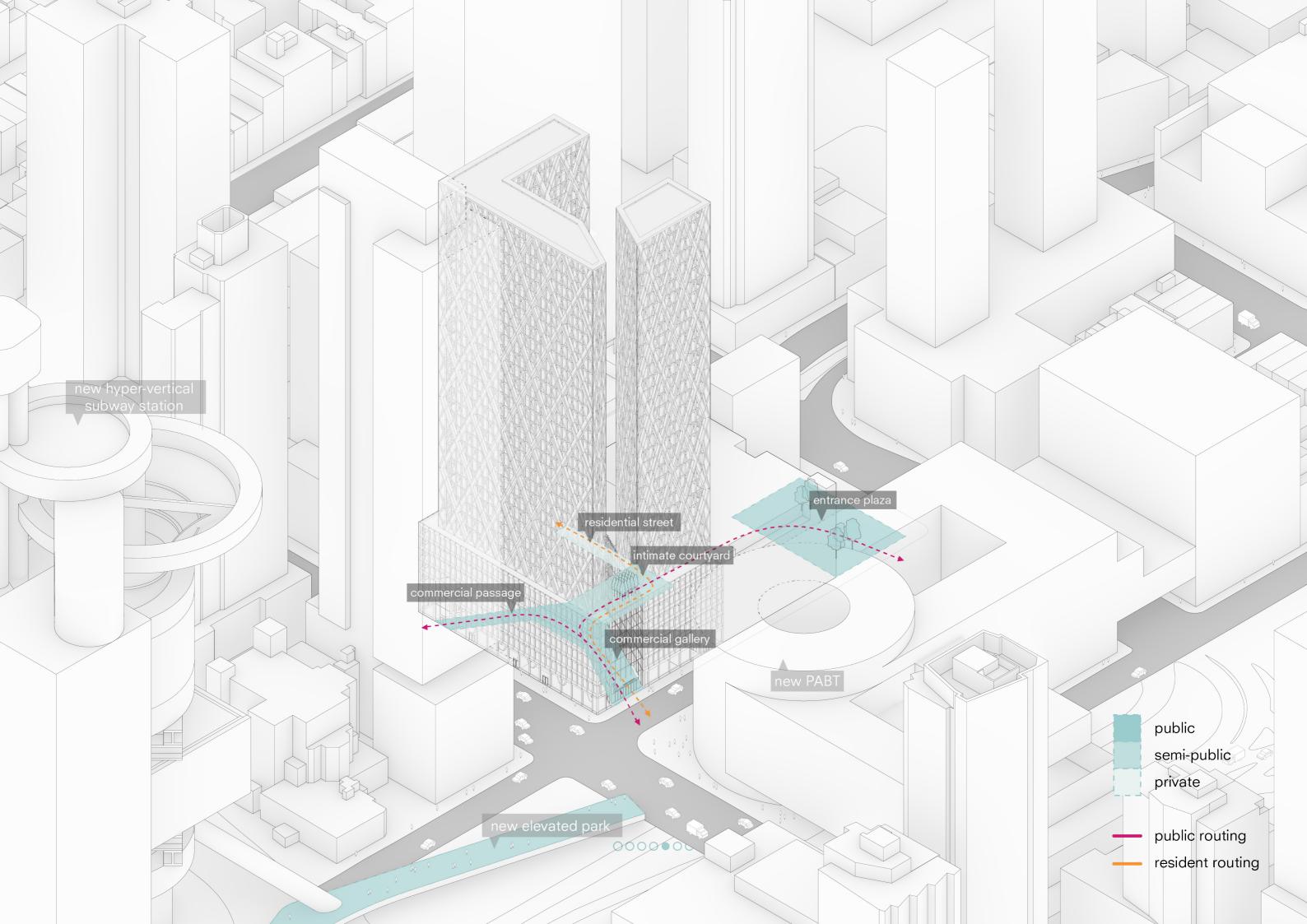


SAFETY IS THE #1 CONCERN

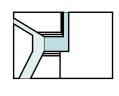


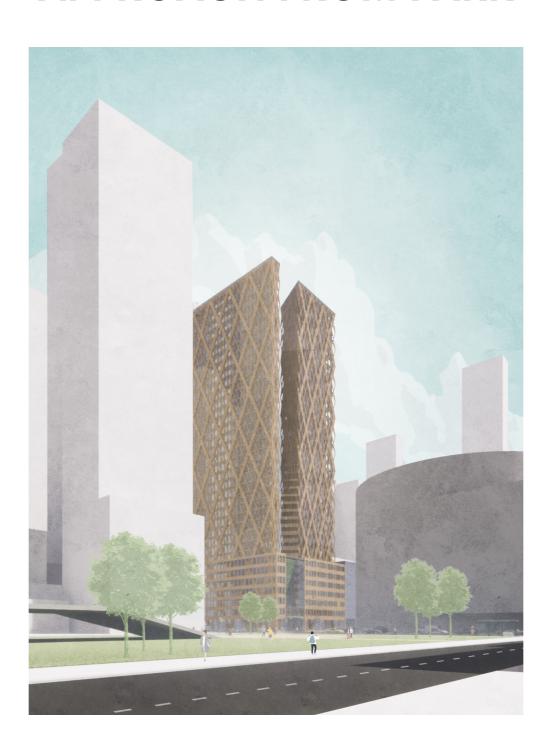
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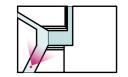




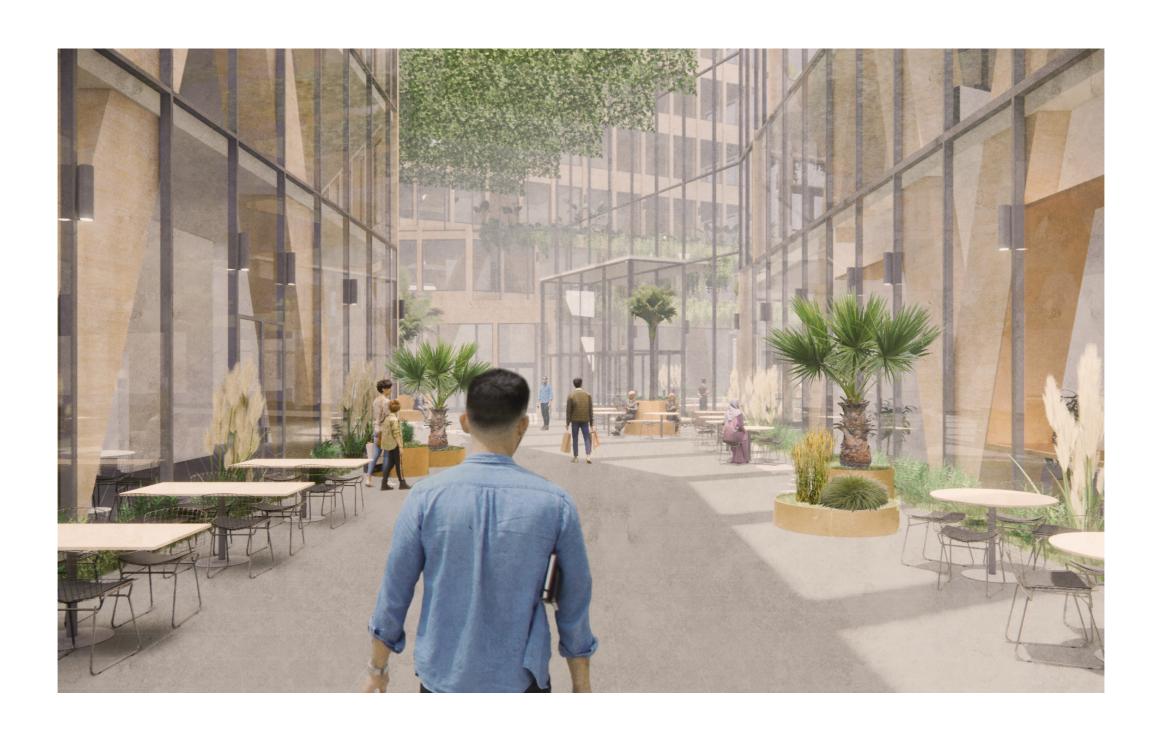
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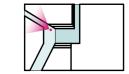






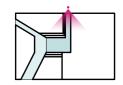
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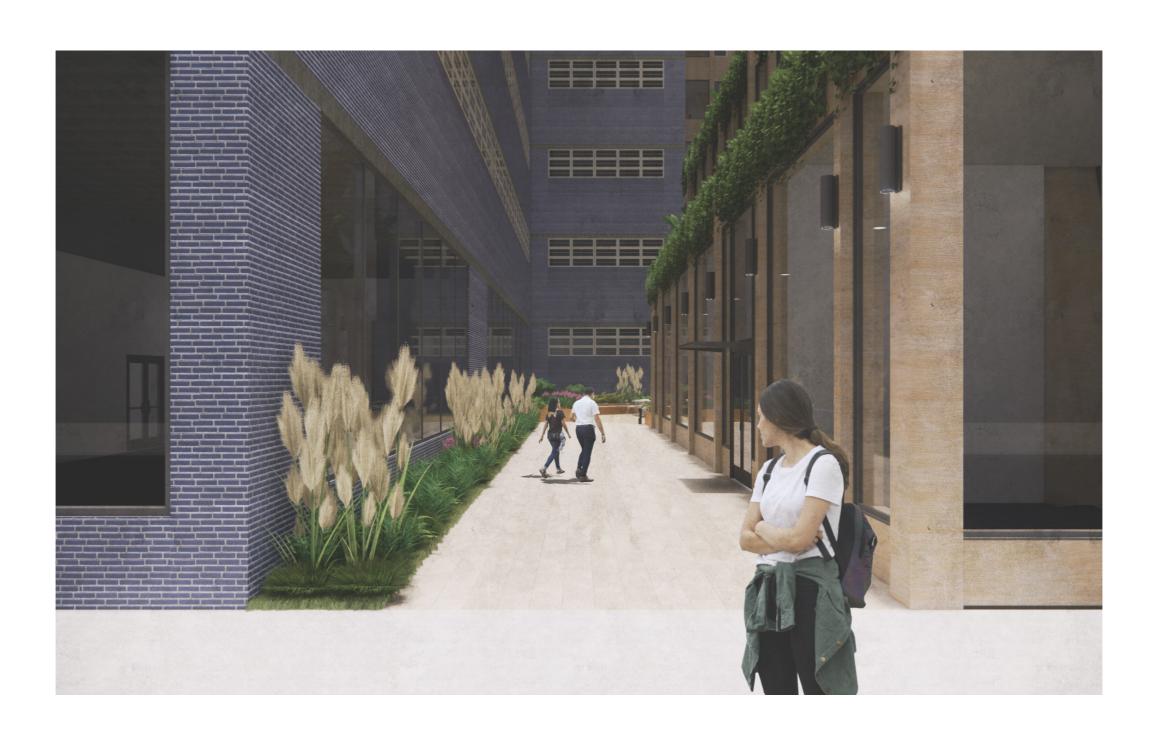


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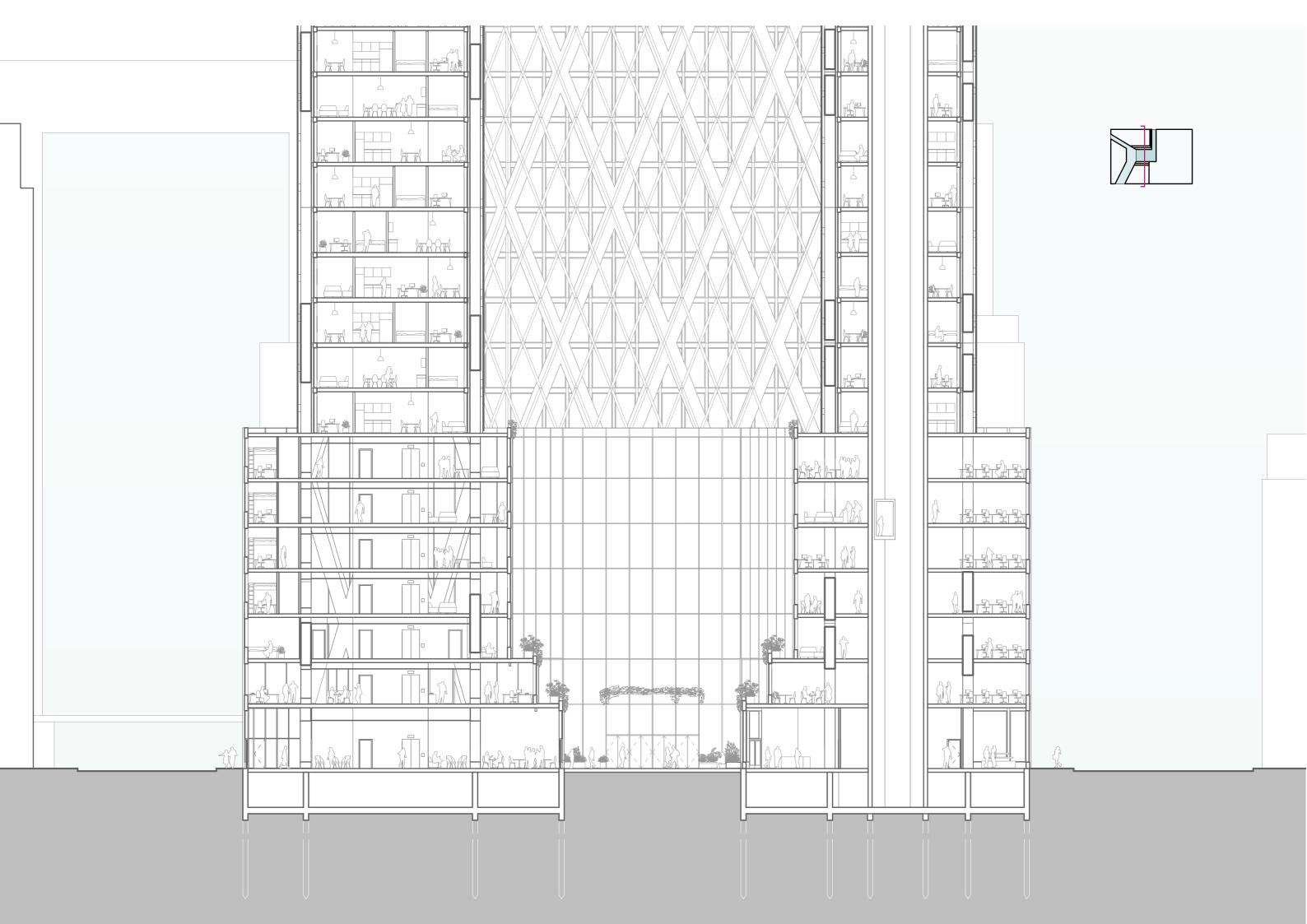


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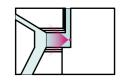






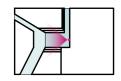


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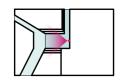


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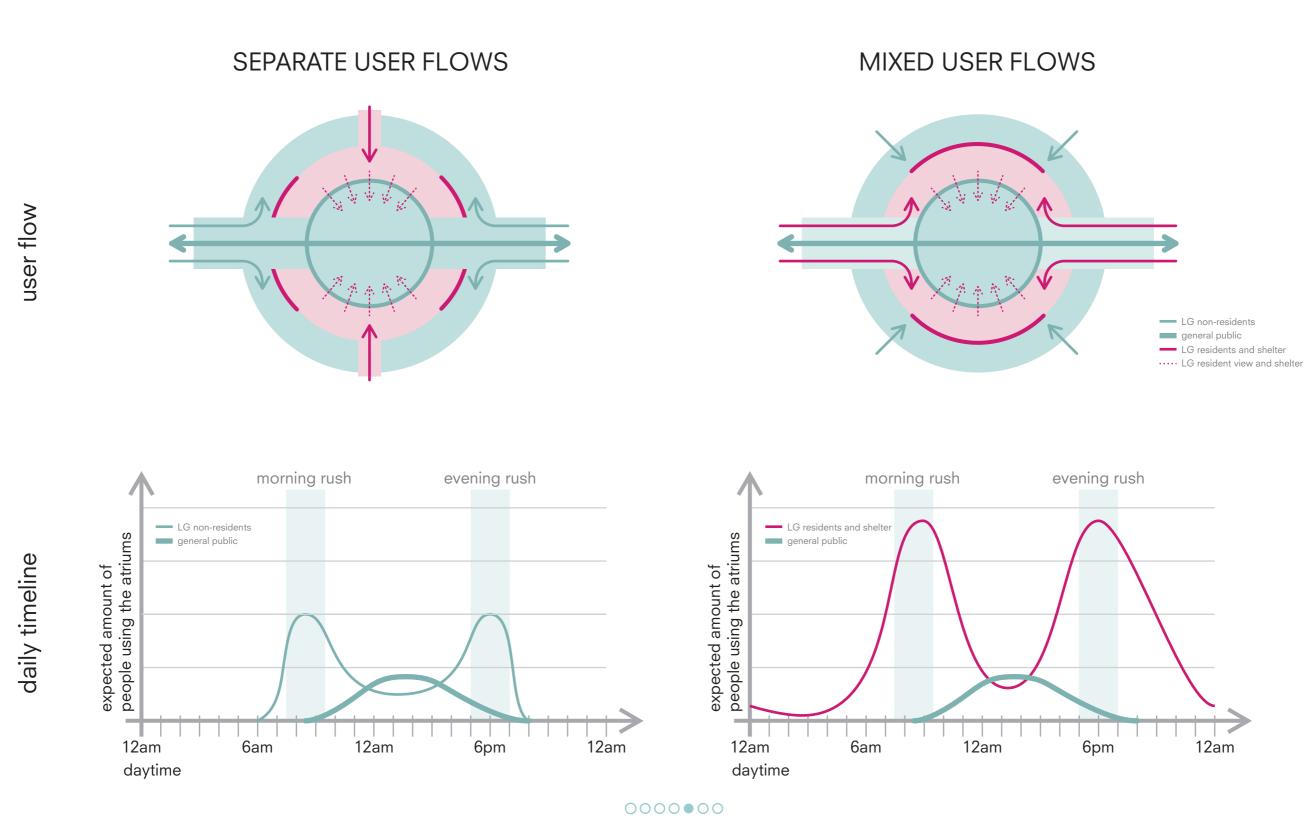


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USAGE ANALYSIS



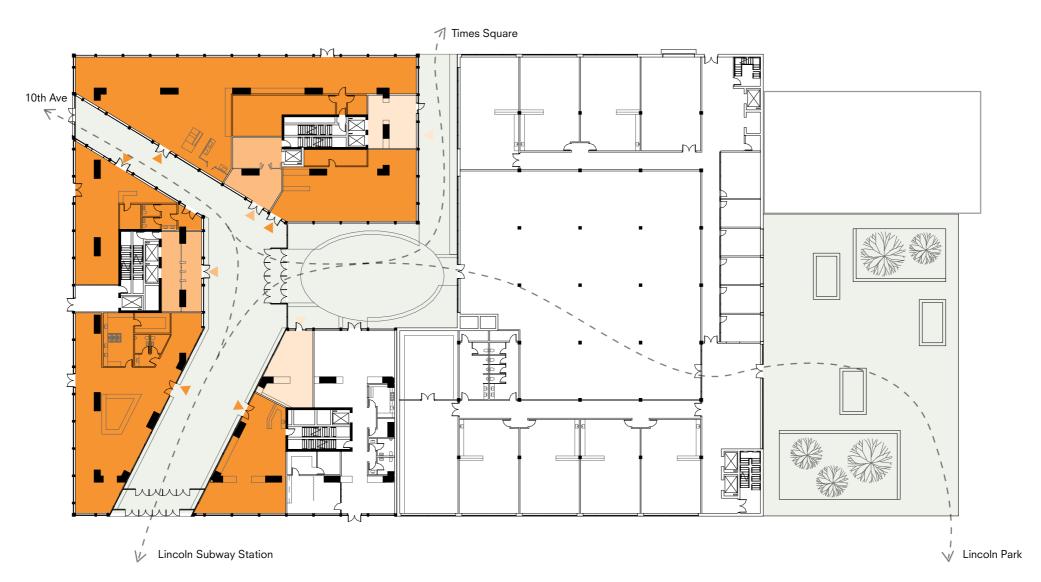
GROUND FLOOR PLAN - PROGRAMMATIC







Gotham Tower



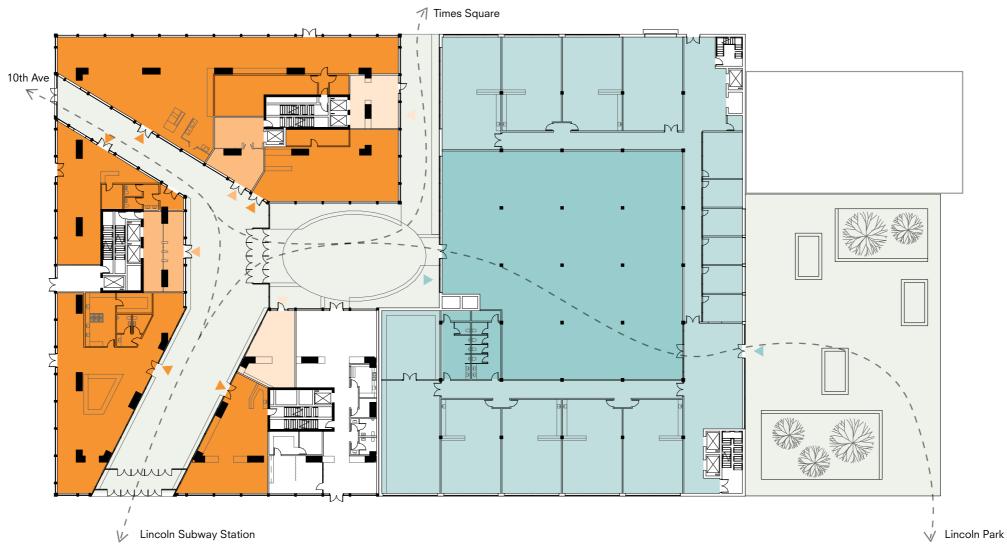
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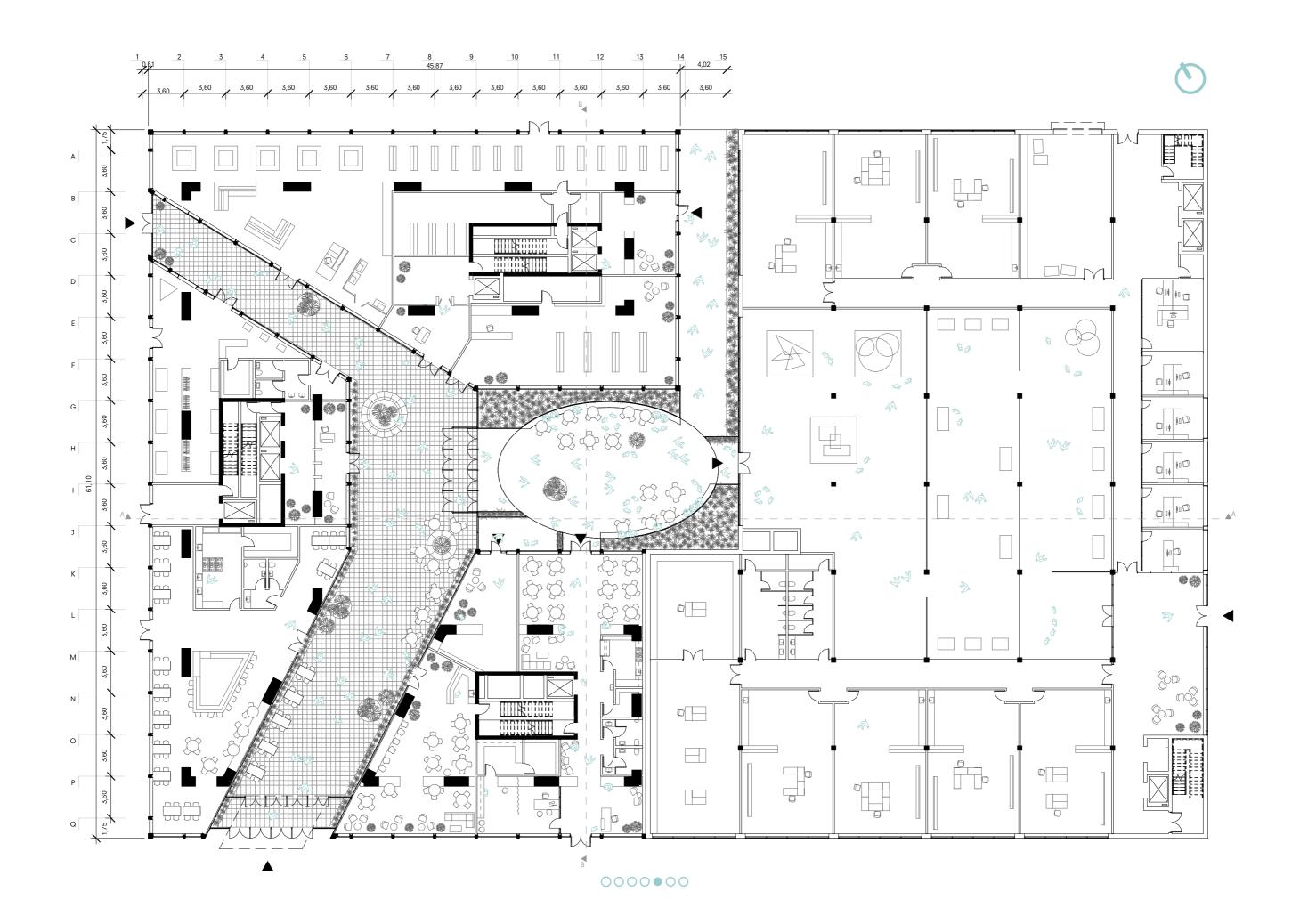




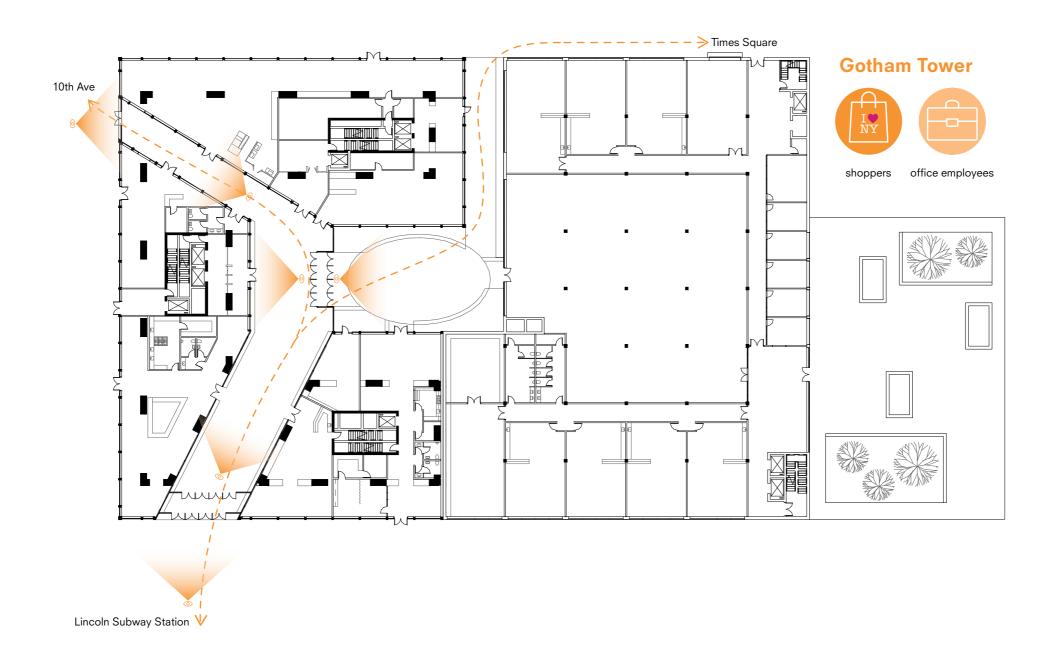
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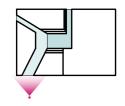
CUNY Hunter College



GENERAL PUBLIC AND OFFICE EMPLOYEES

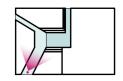


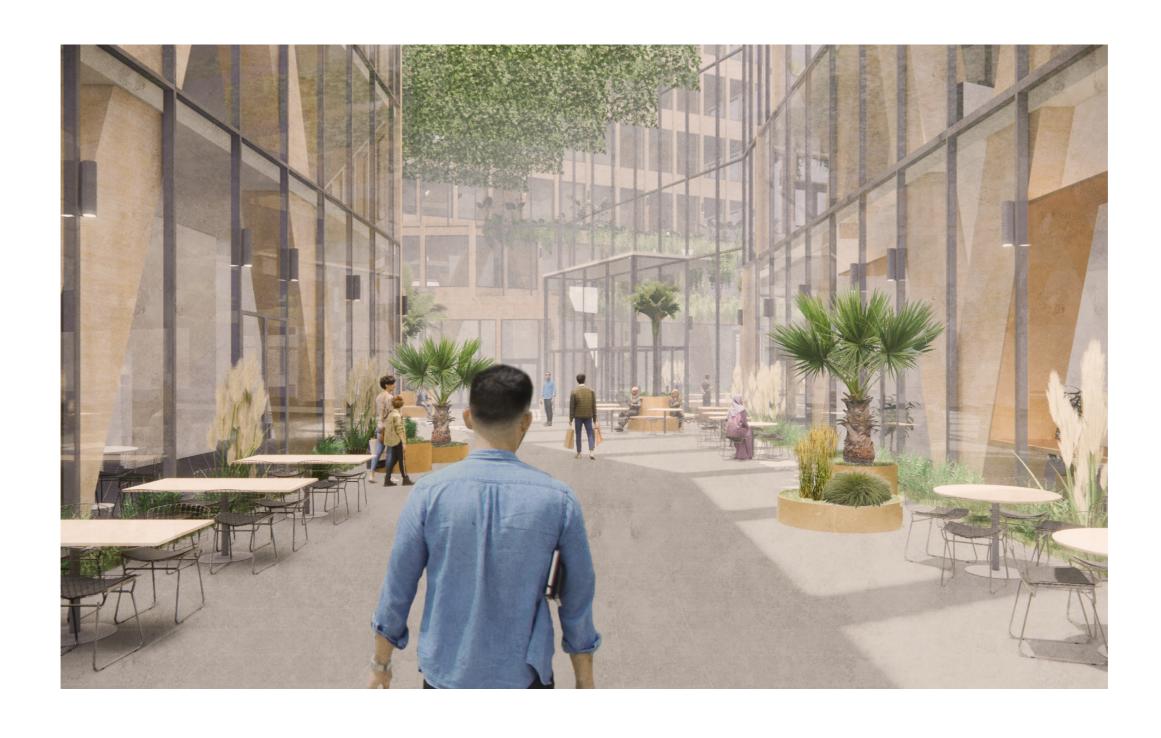
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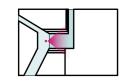




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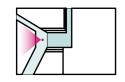


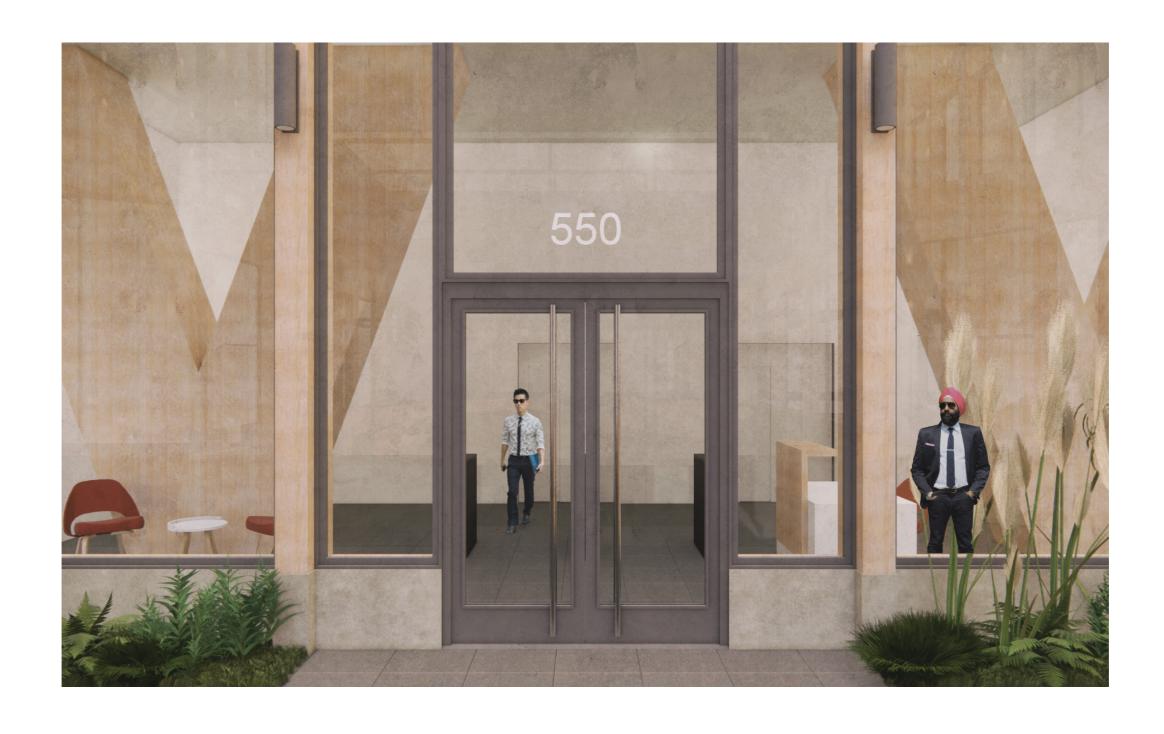


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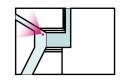


OFFICE LOBBY



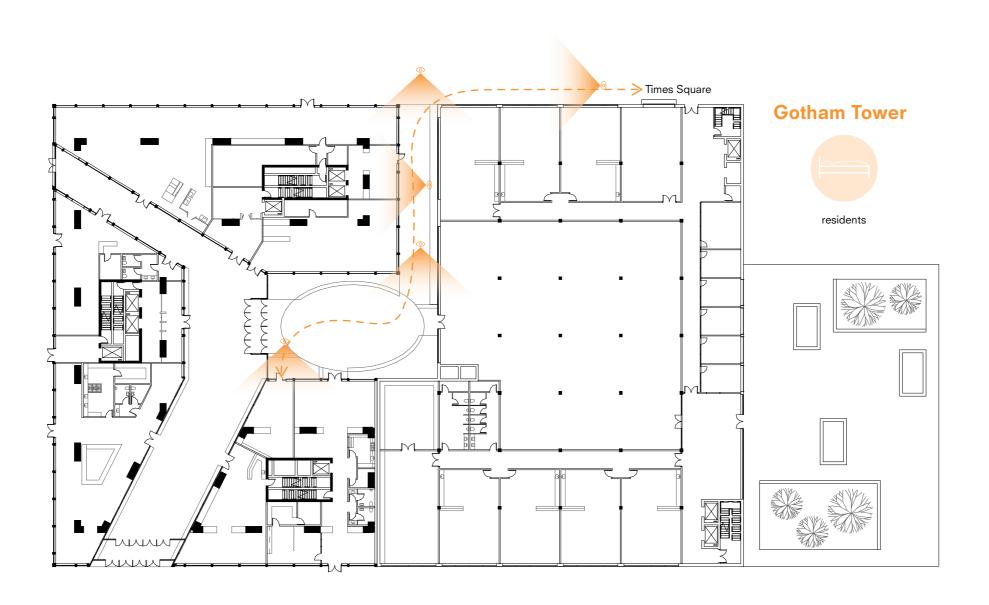


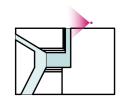
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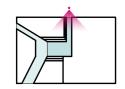
GOTHAM TOWER RESIDENTS



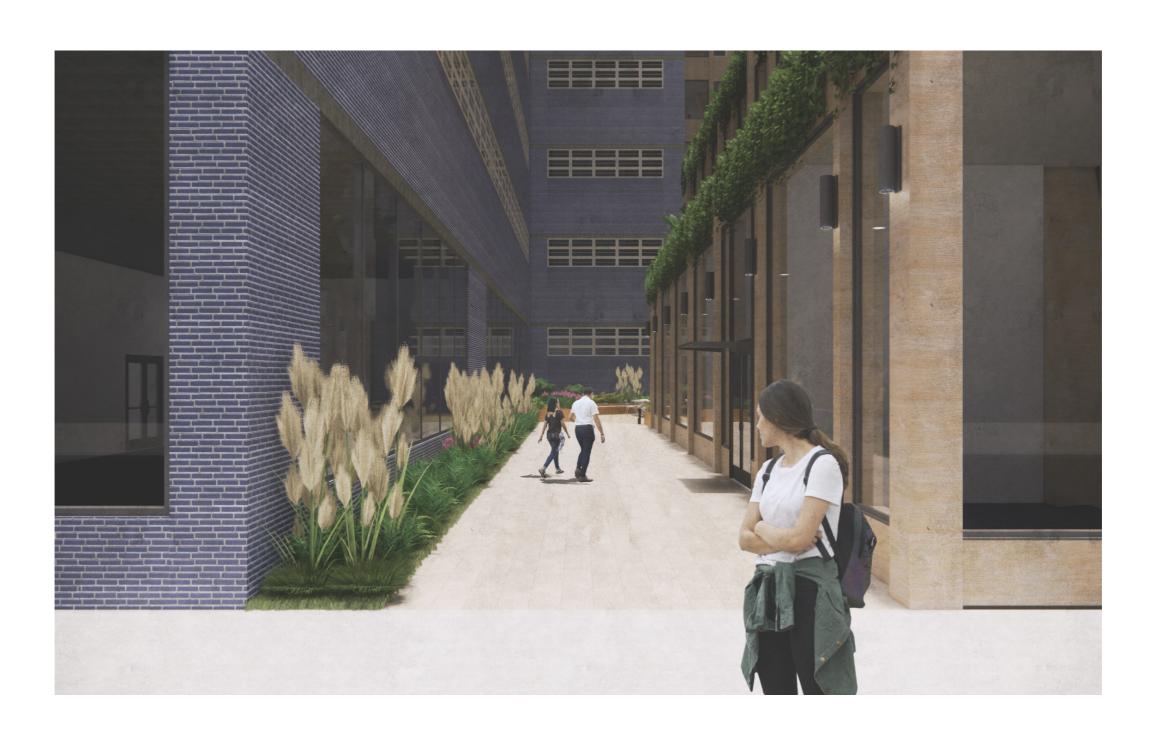


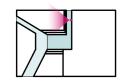
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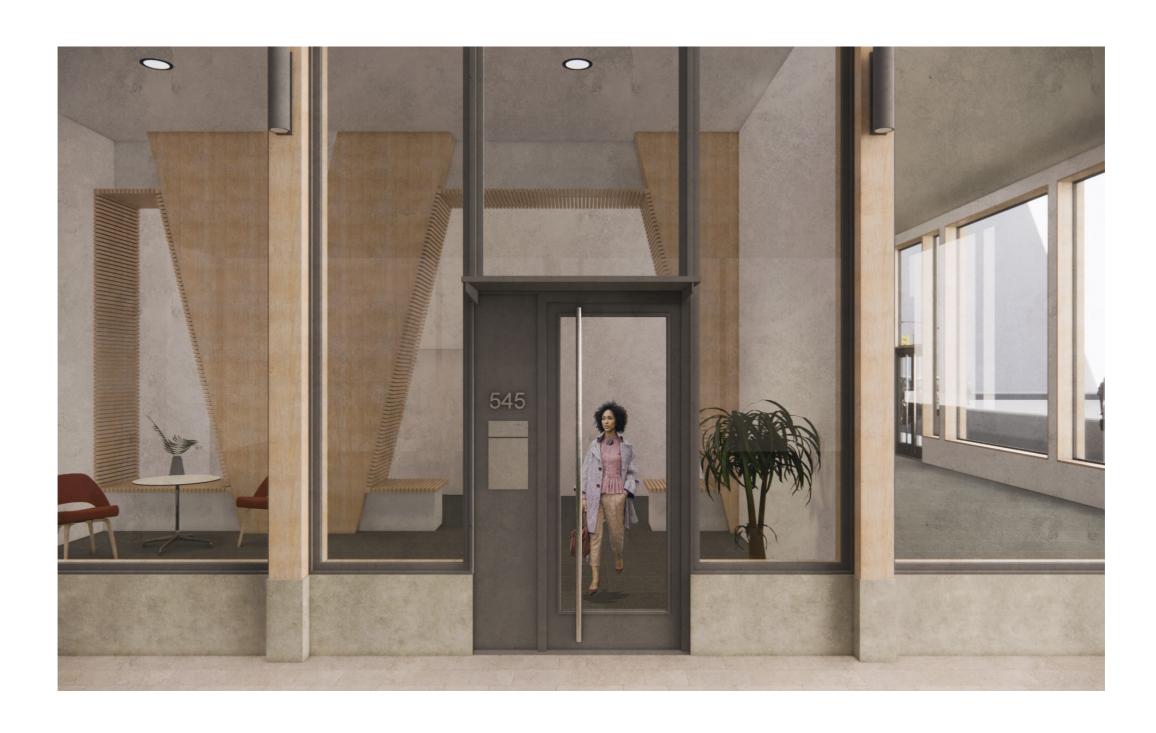


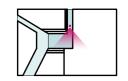
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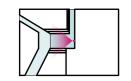
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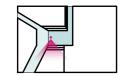
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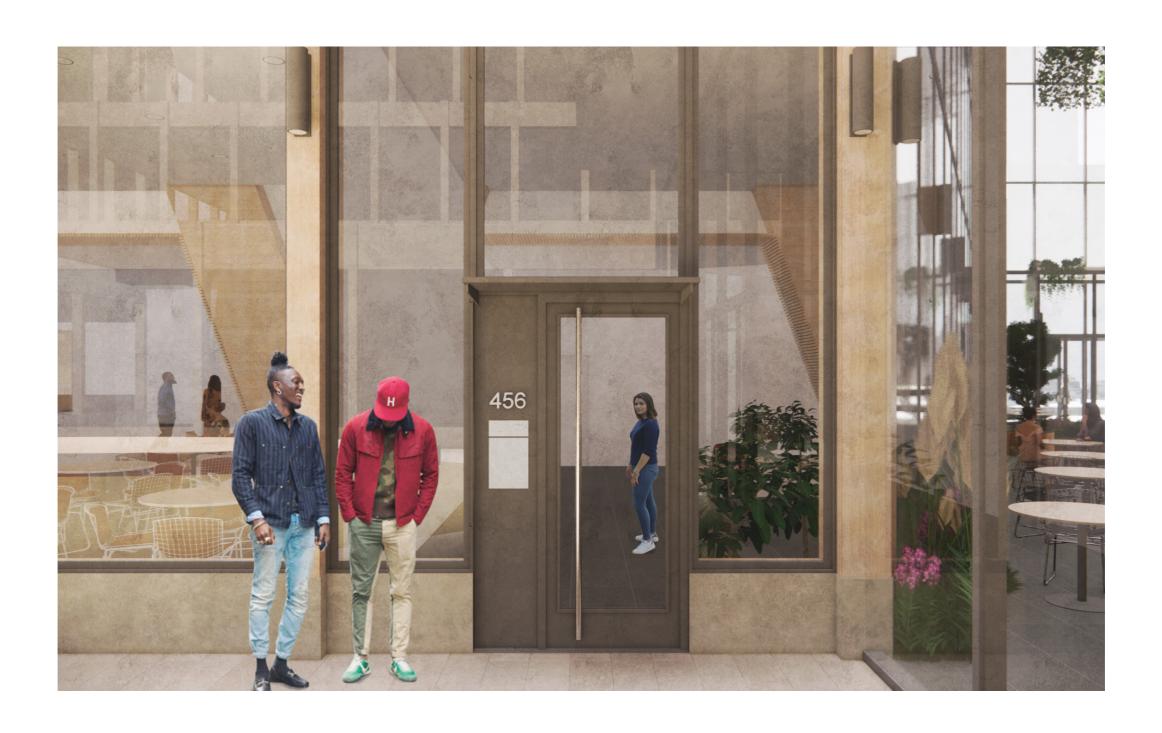


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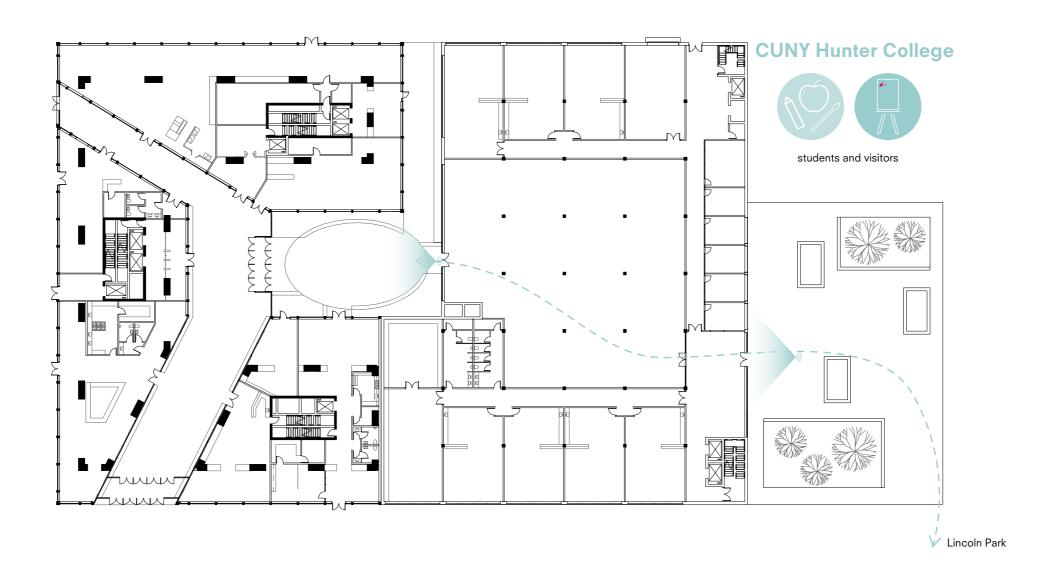


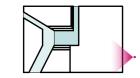


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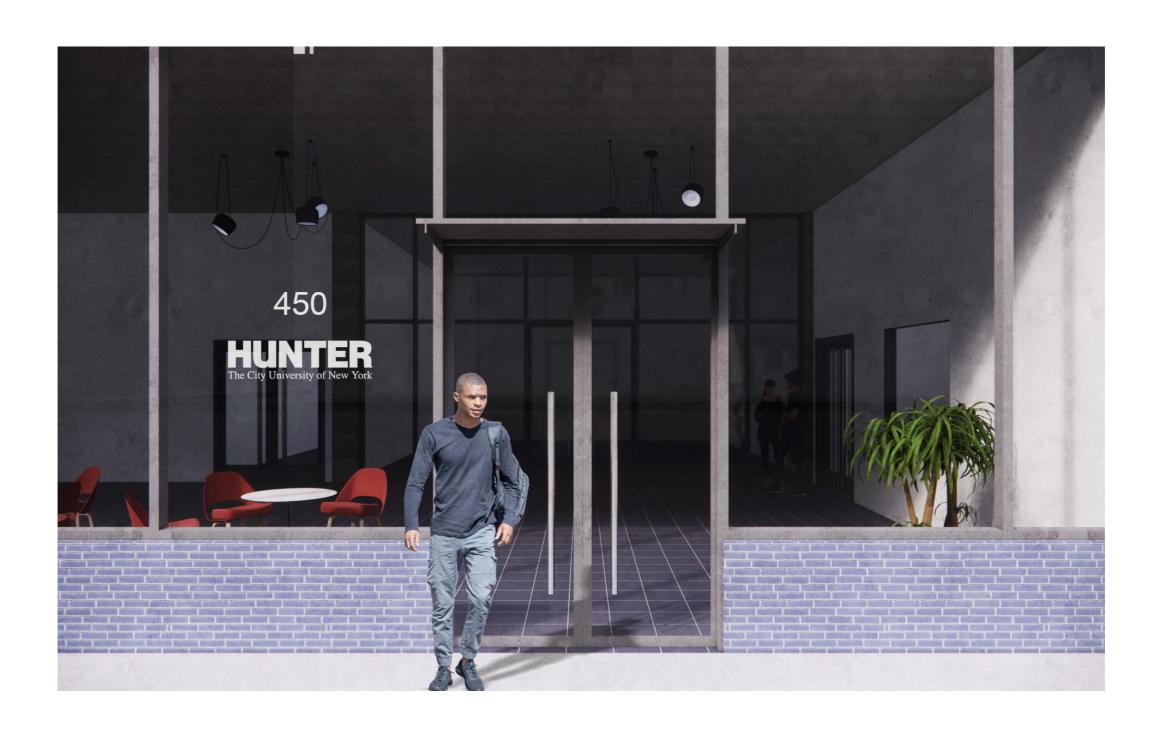


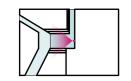
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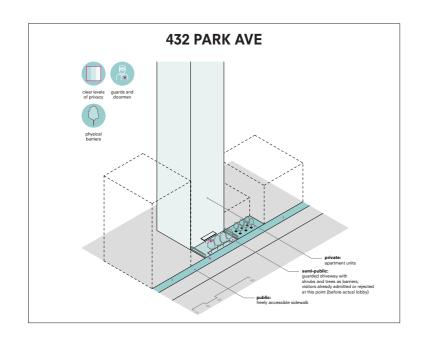


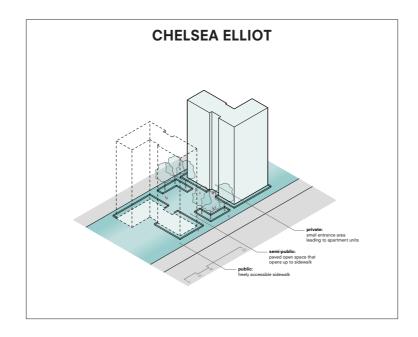


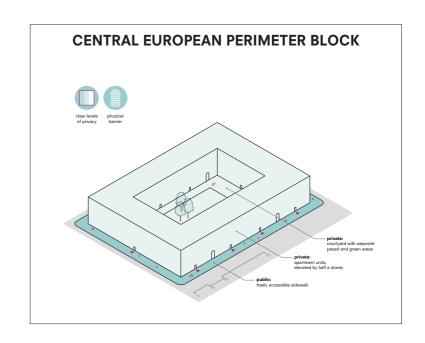
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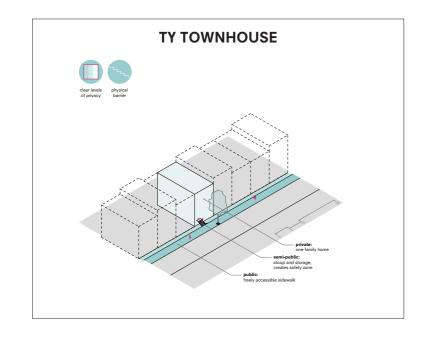


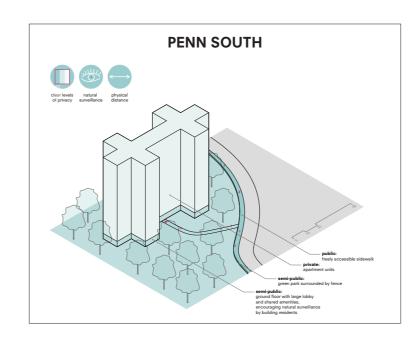
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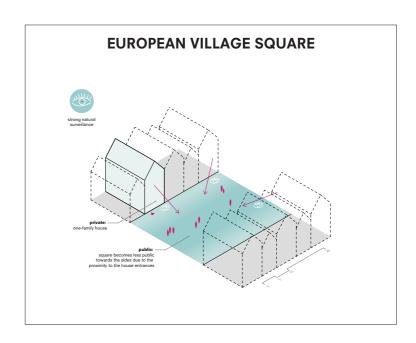




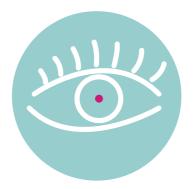








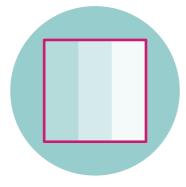
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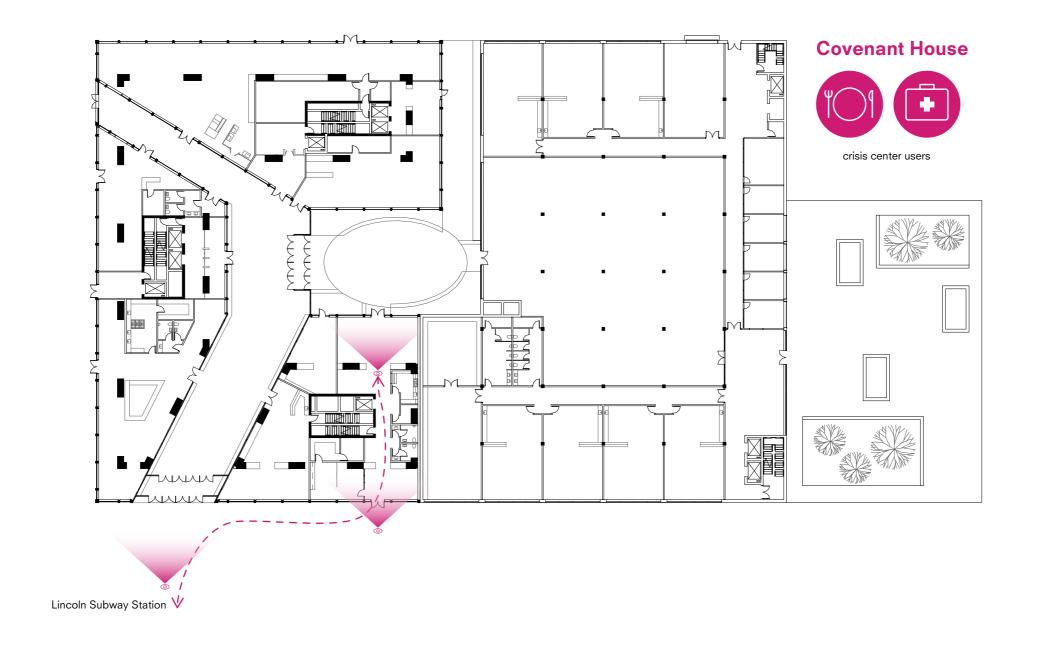


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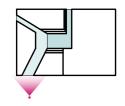


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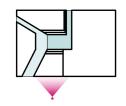


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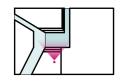


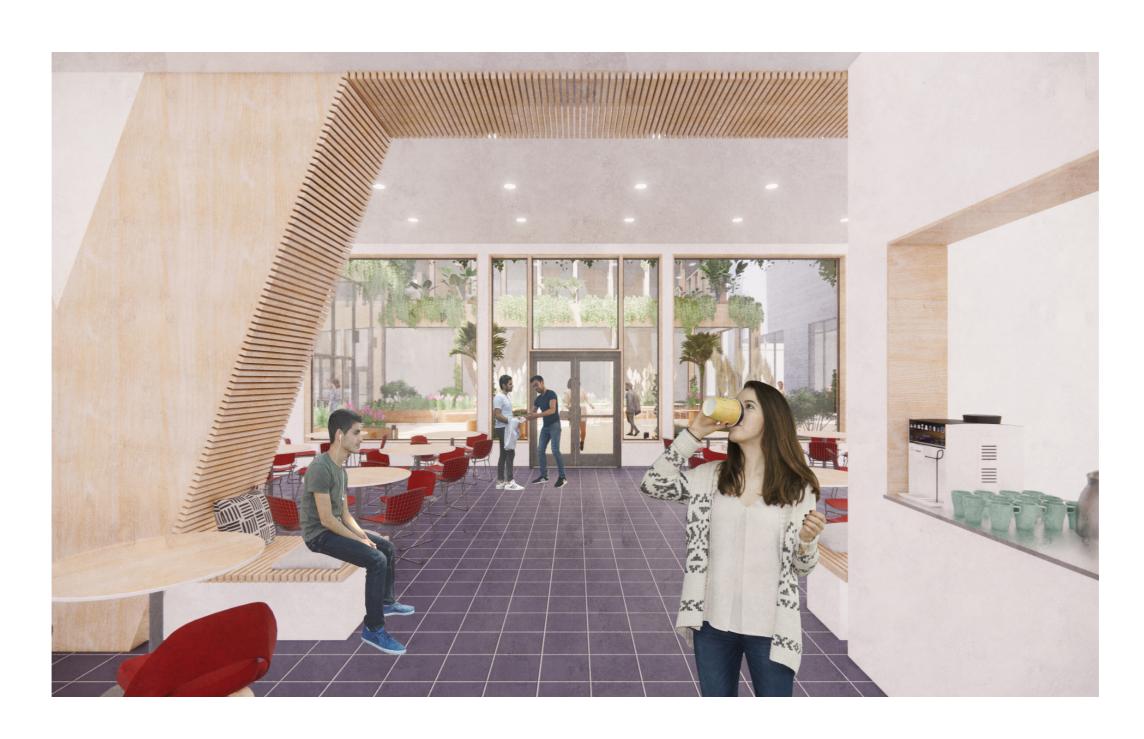
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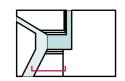




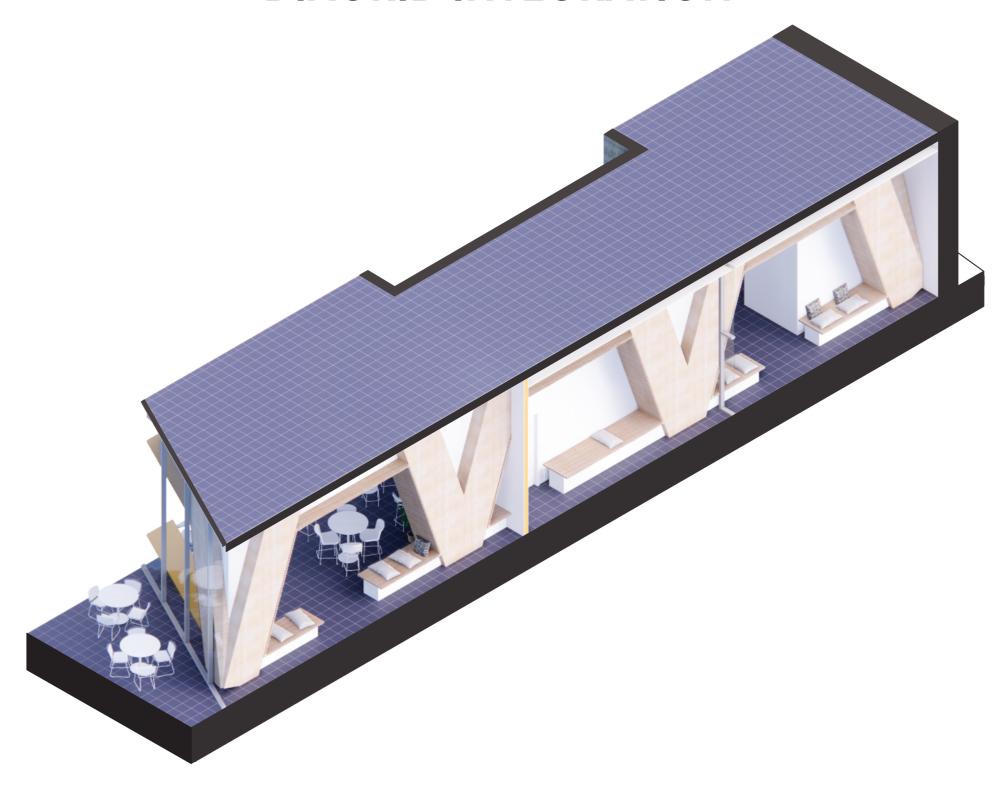
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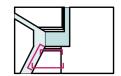


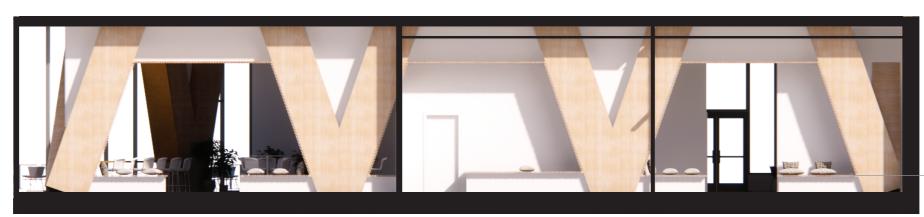


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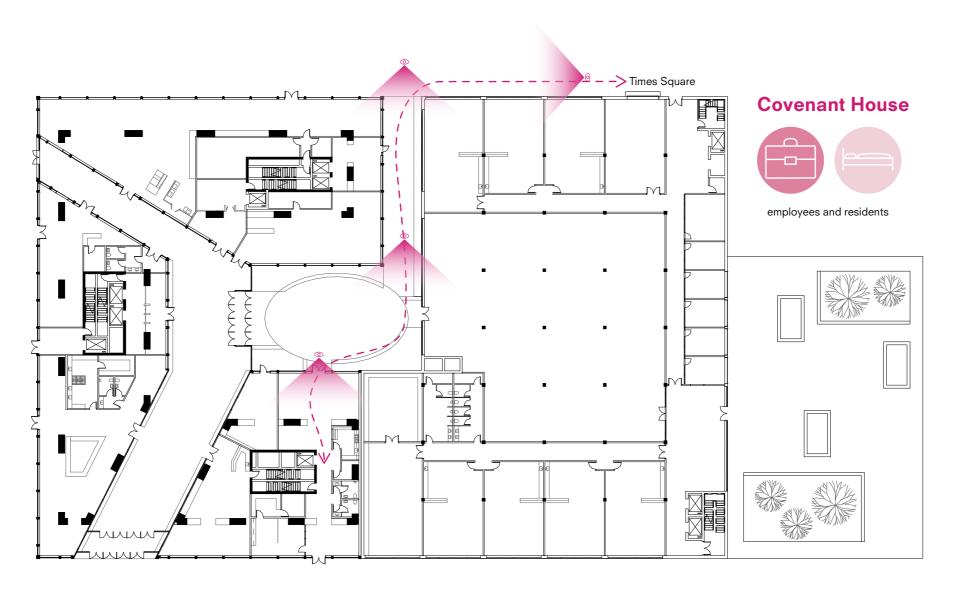
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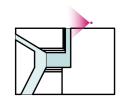


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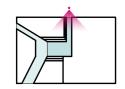
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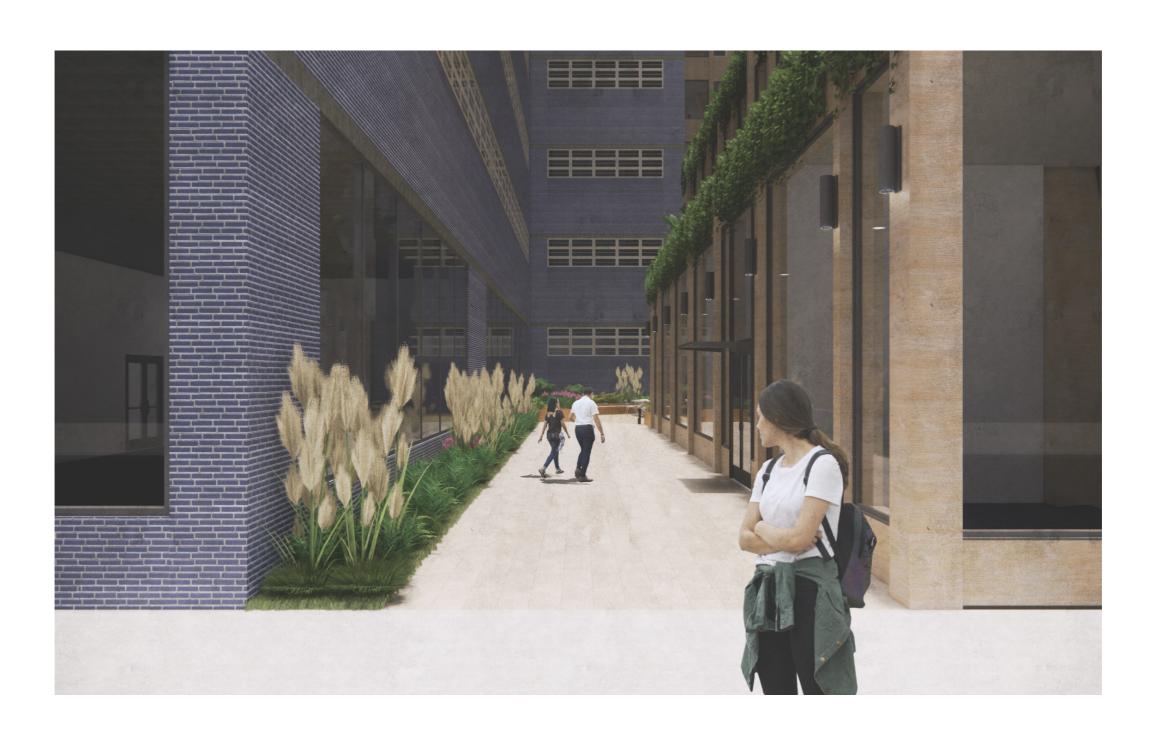


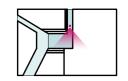
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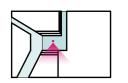
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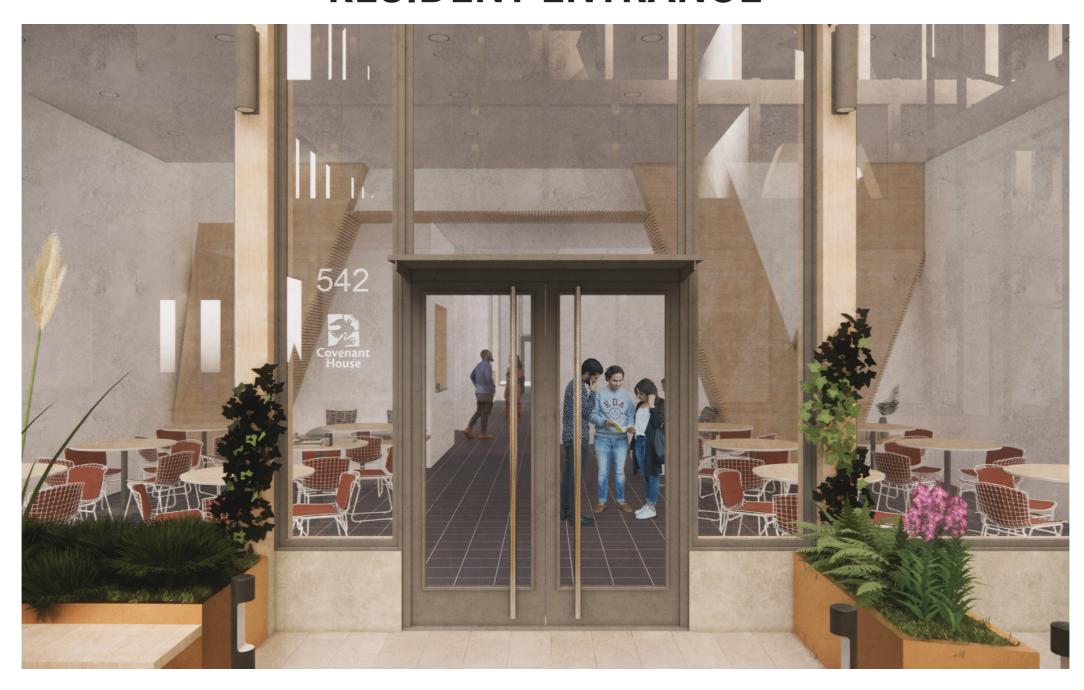


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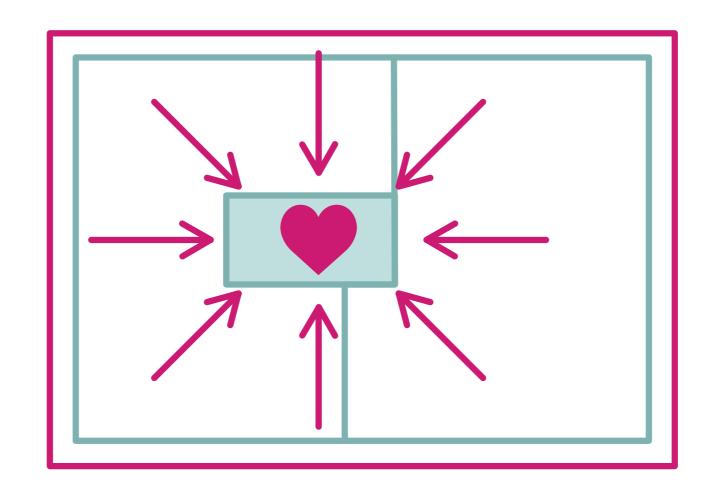




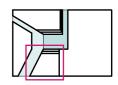
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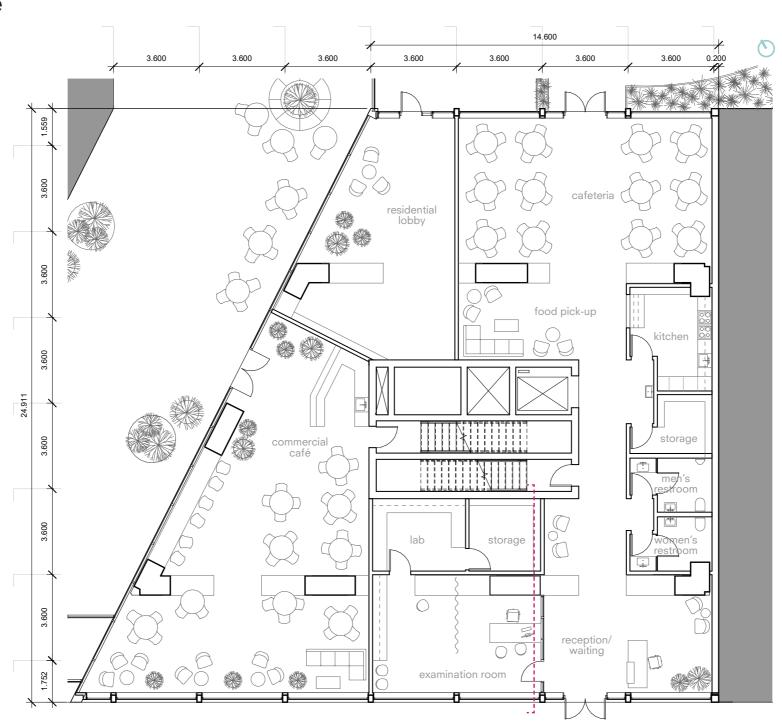
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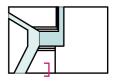


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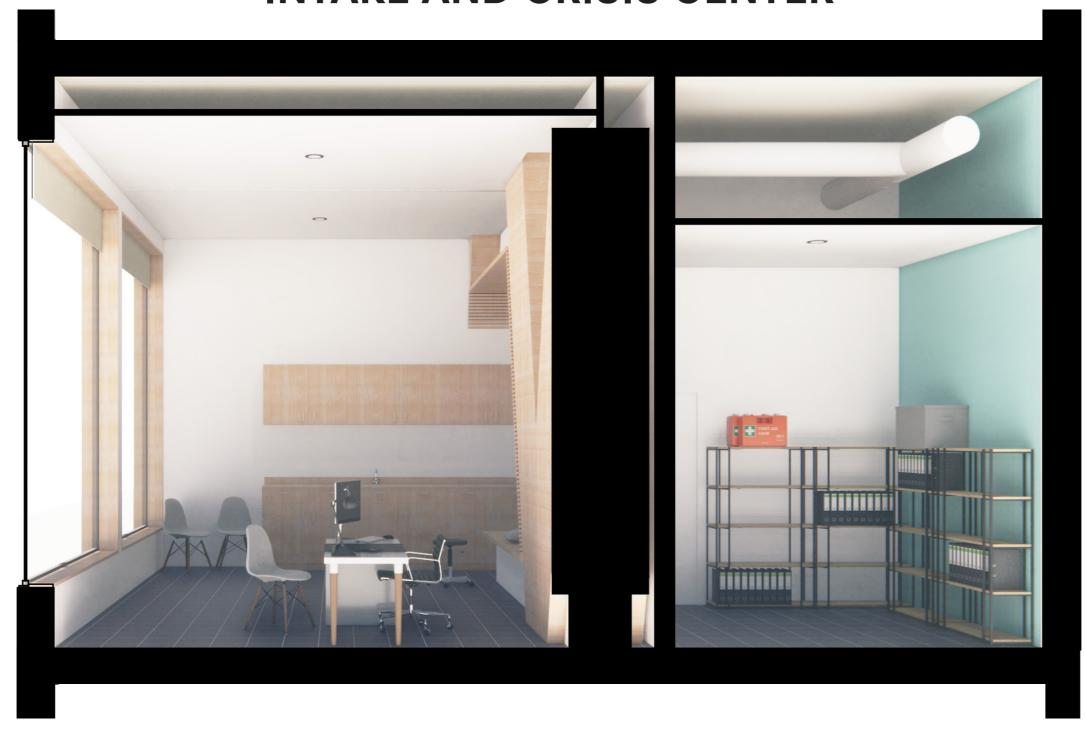


Covenant House ICS Reception, ICS, cafeteria

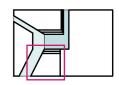




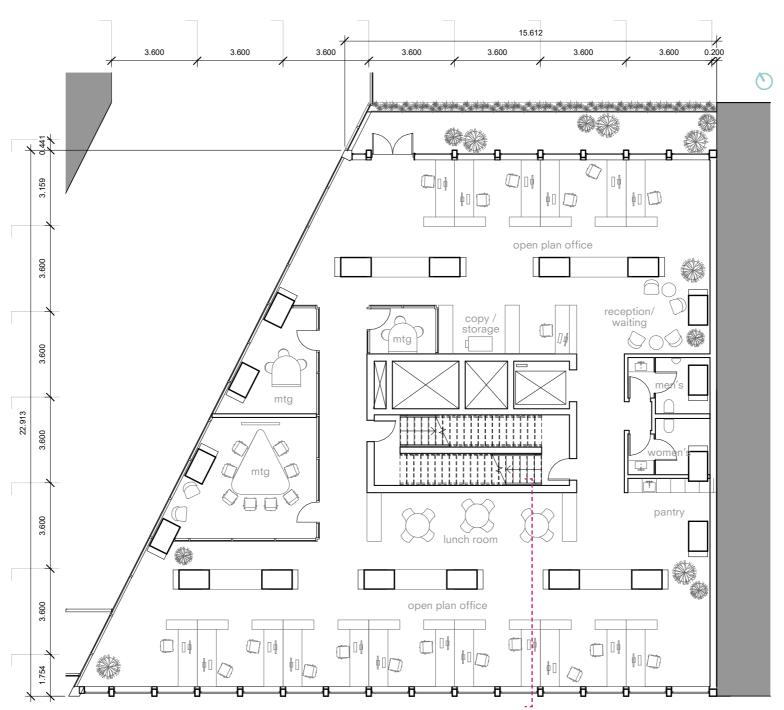
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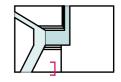


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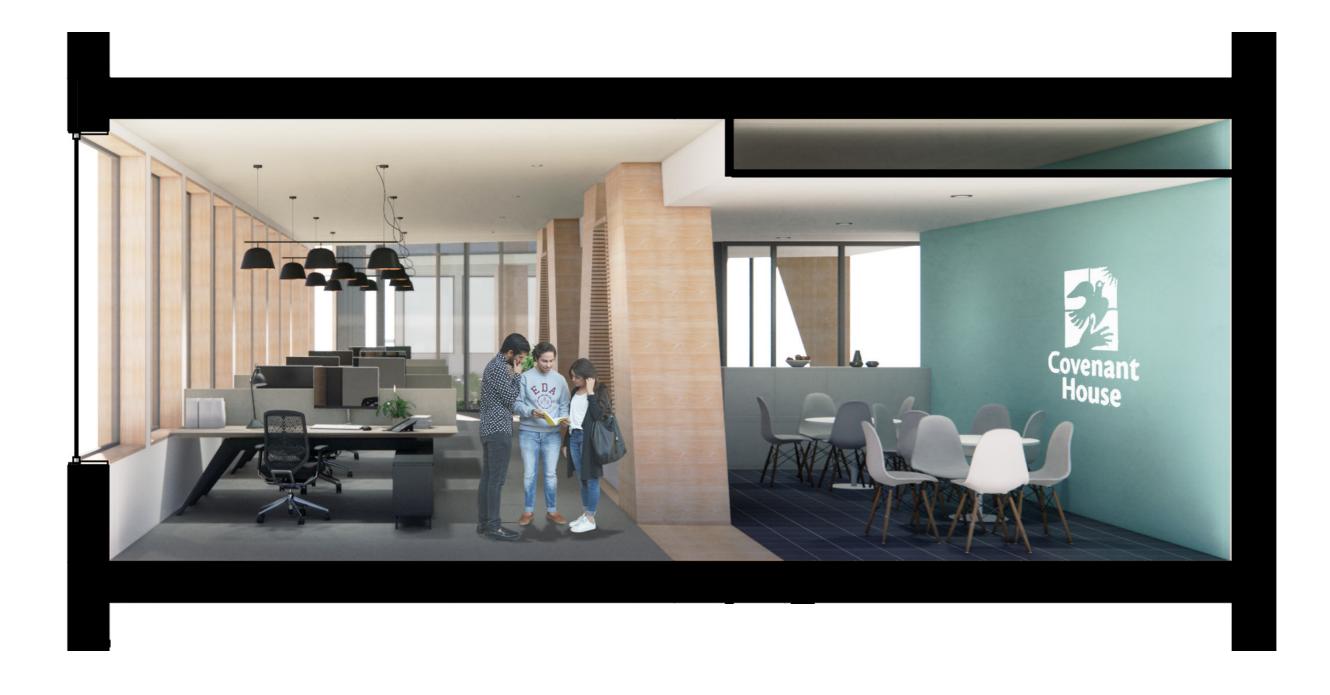


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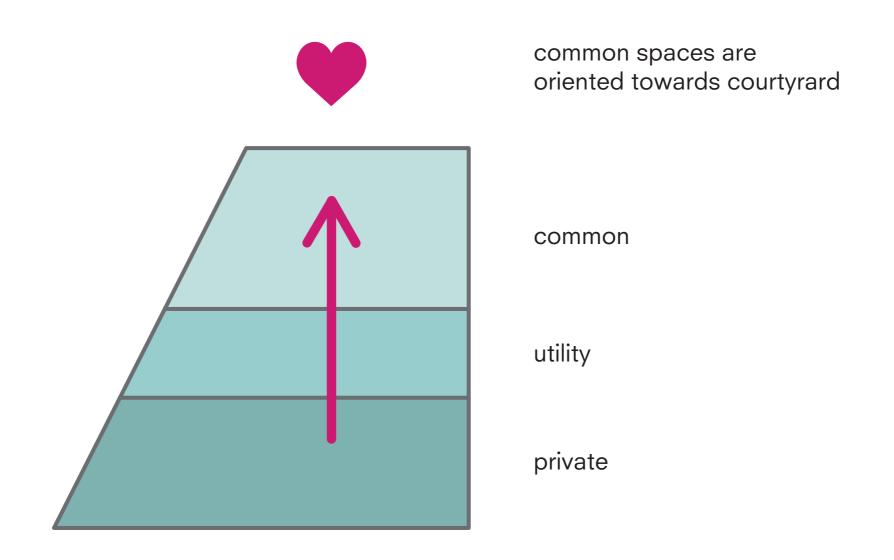




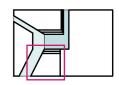
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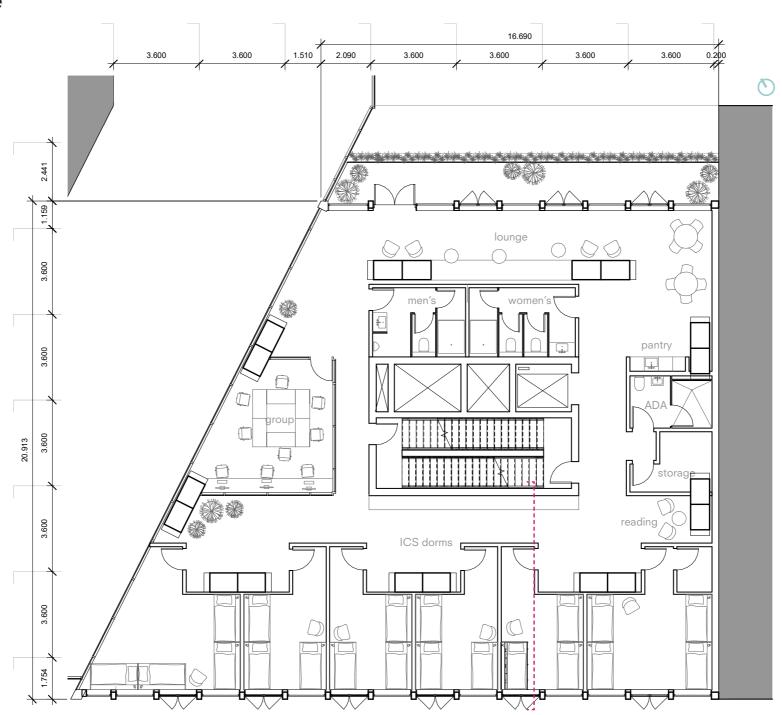
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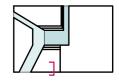


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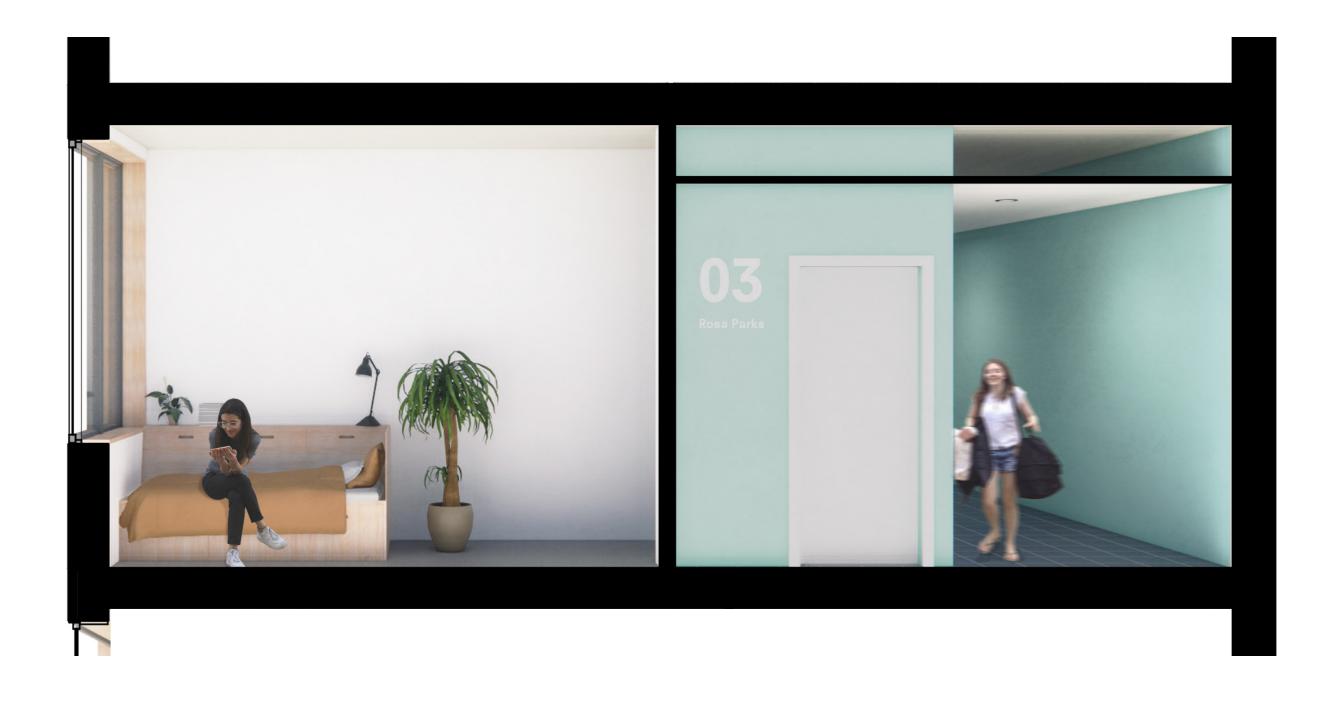


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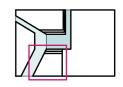


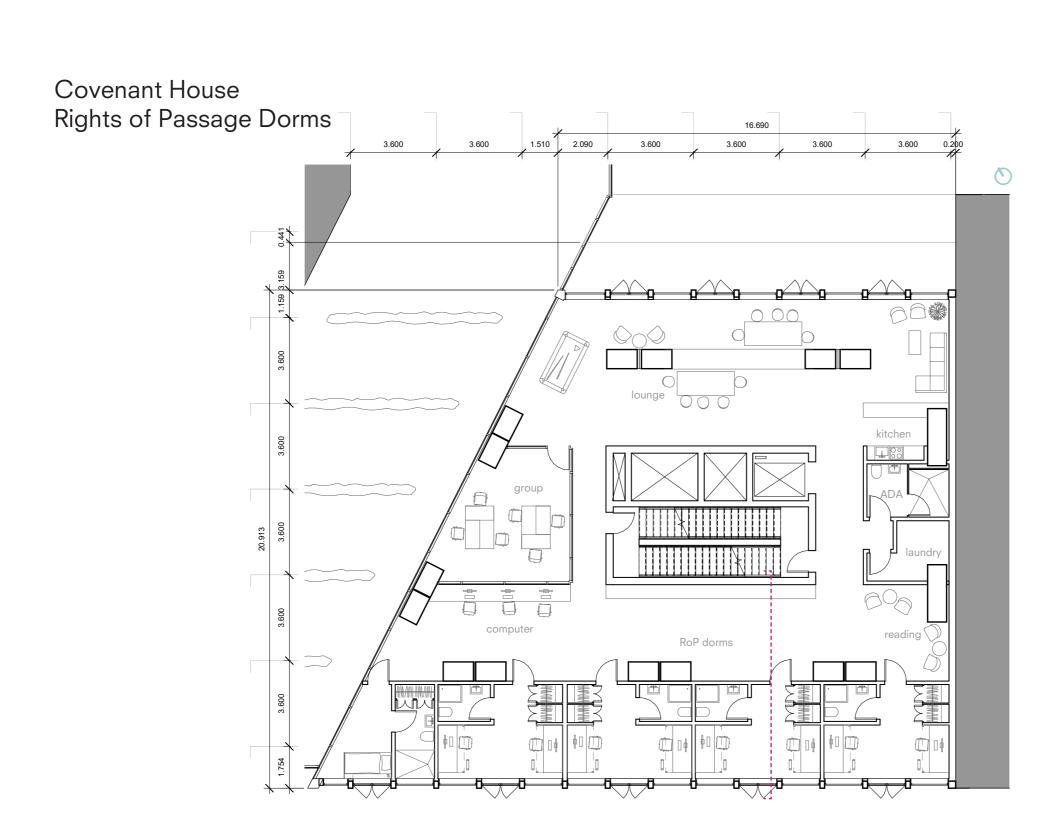


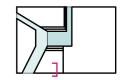
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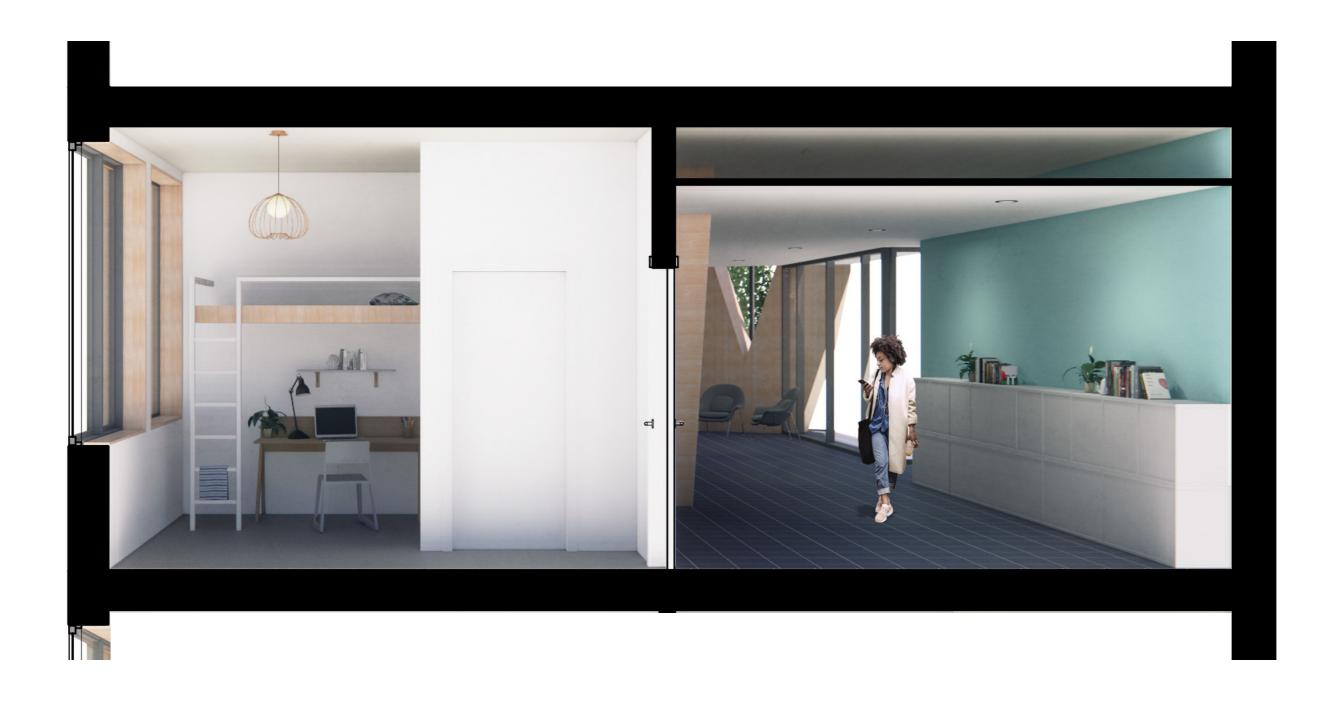
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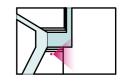




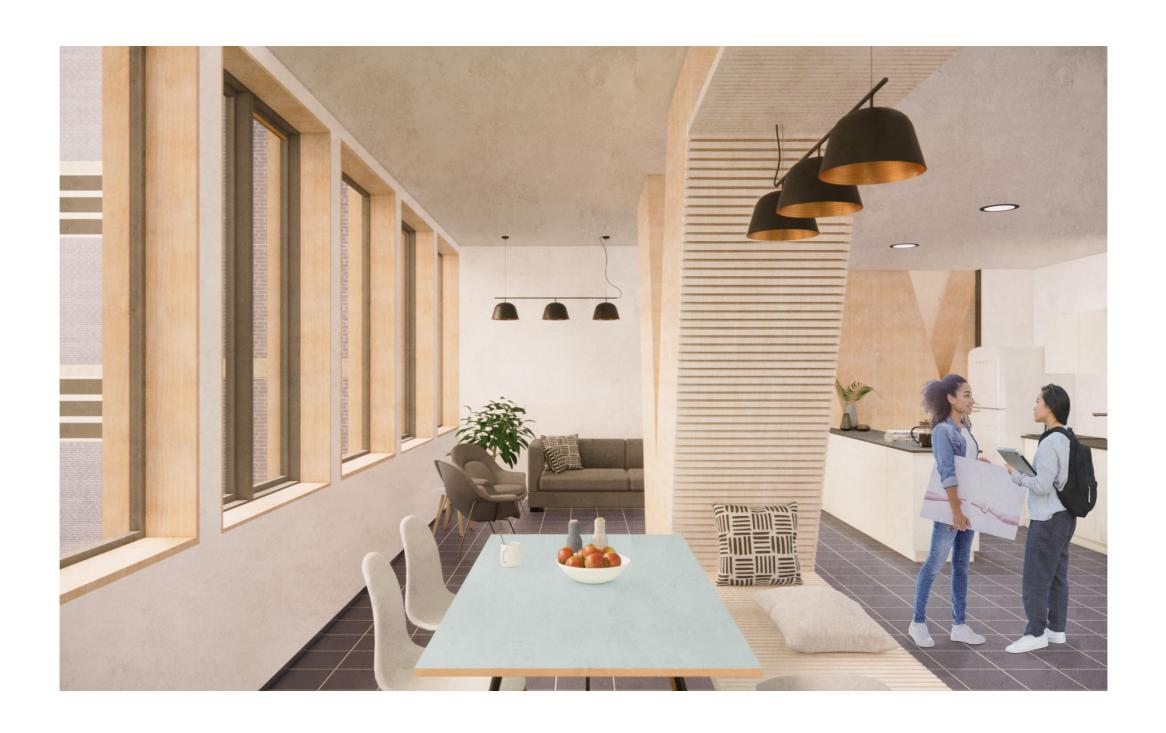


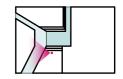
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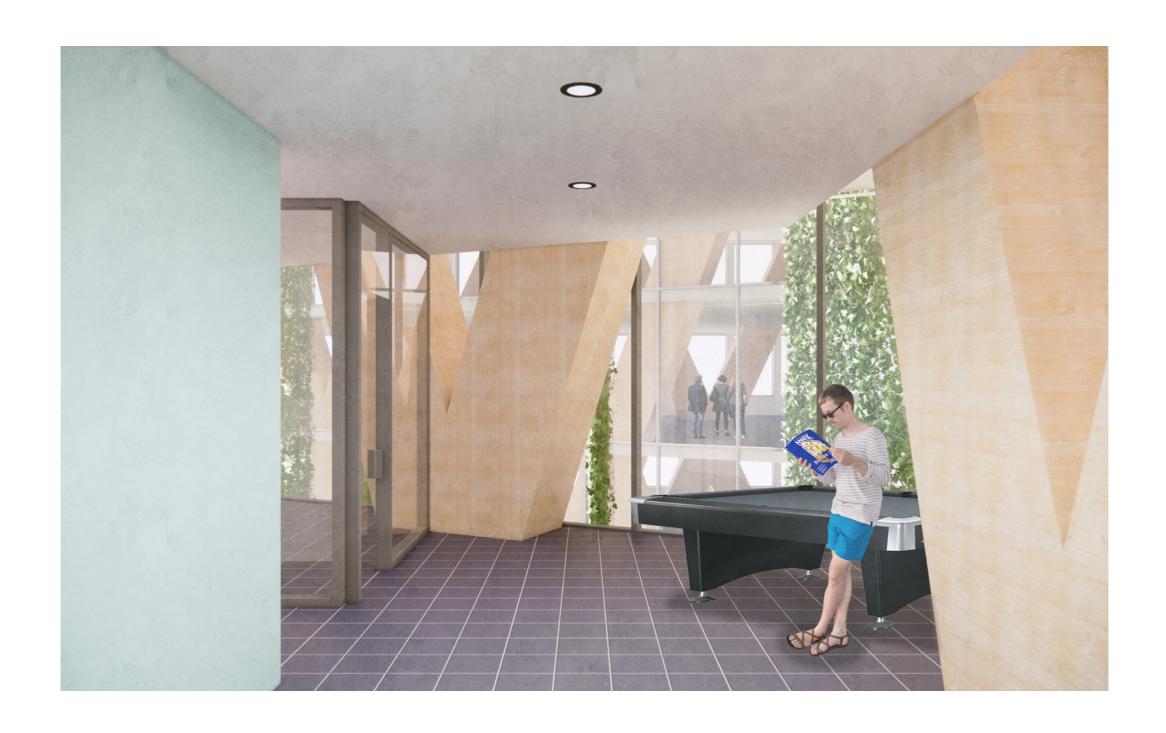


COMMON ROOM LOOKING EAST





COMMON ROOM LOOKING WEST



VISIBLE SUSTAINABILITY = SOCIAL SOLIDARITY



MATERIAL EXPRESSION ALSO IN STRUCTURE?





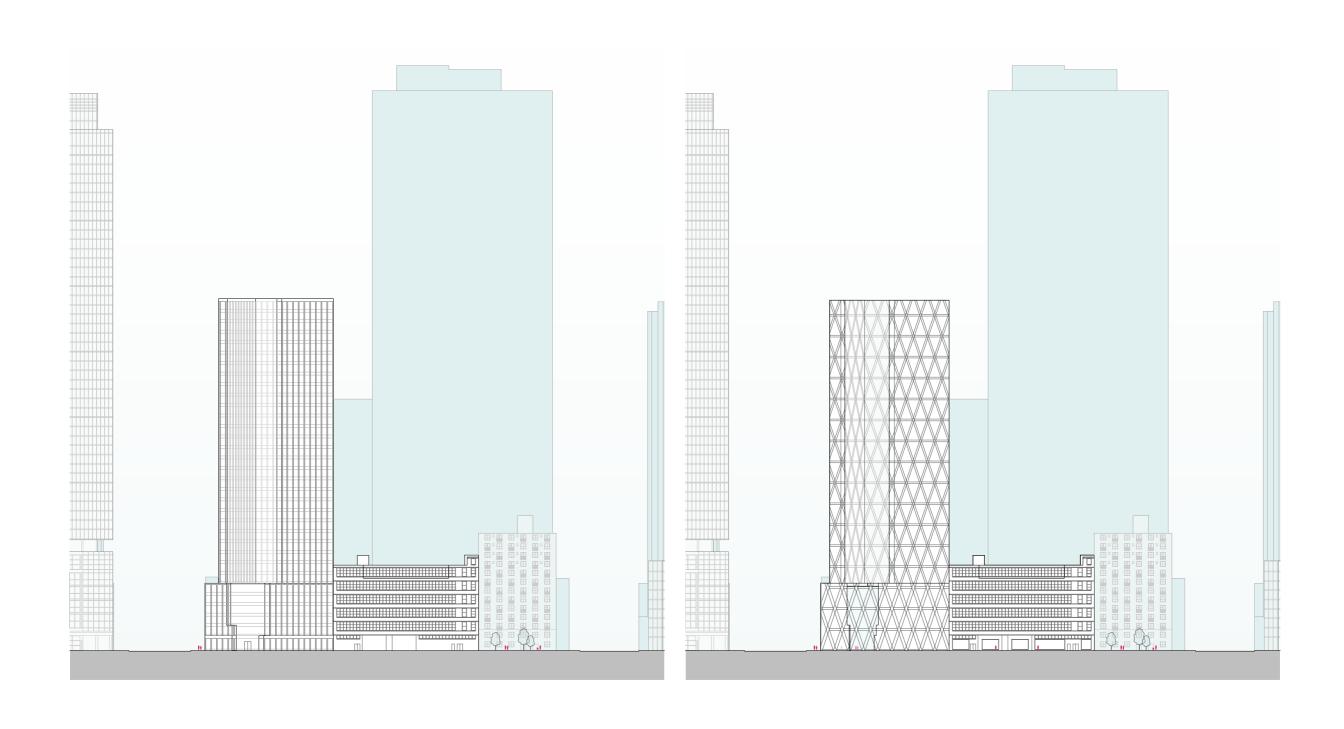




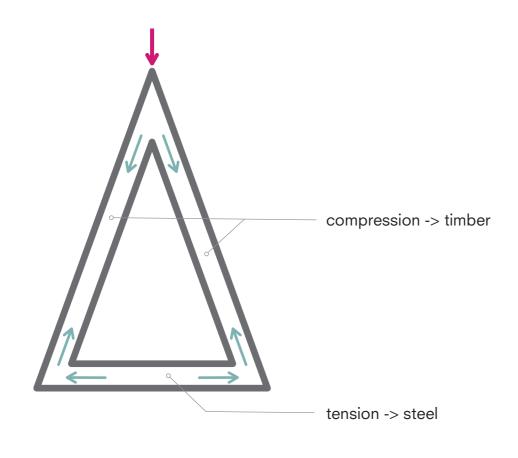


DEVELOPMENT

FACADE COLUMNS VS. DIAGRID



ADVANTAGES OF A DIAGRID



more adequate stresses (as opposed to columns)

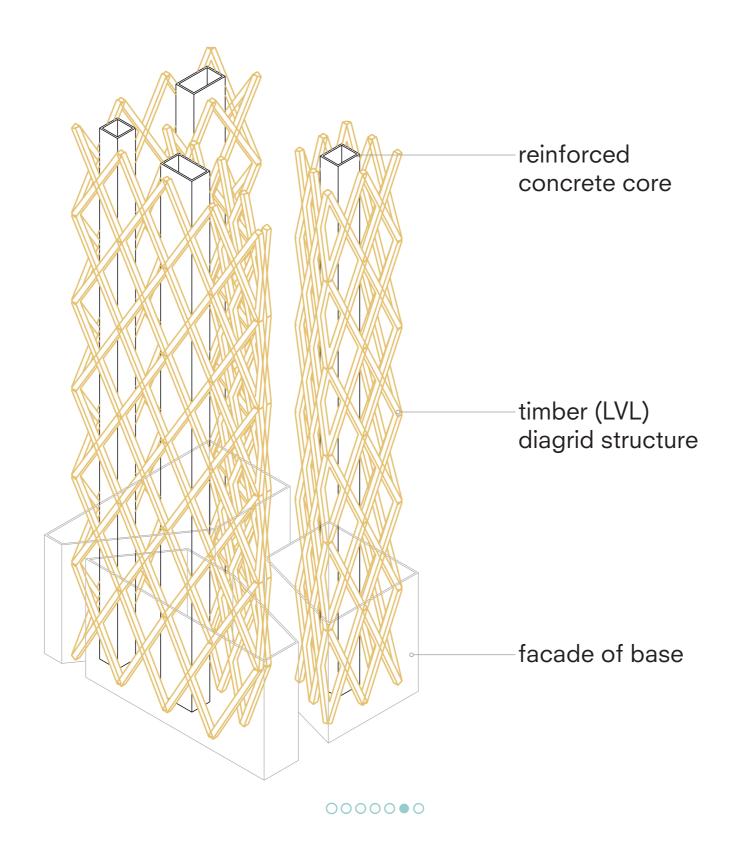


less material needed

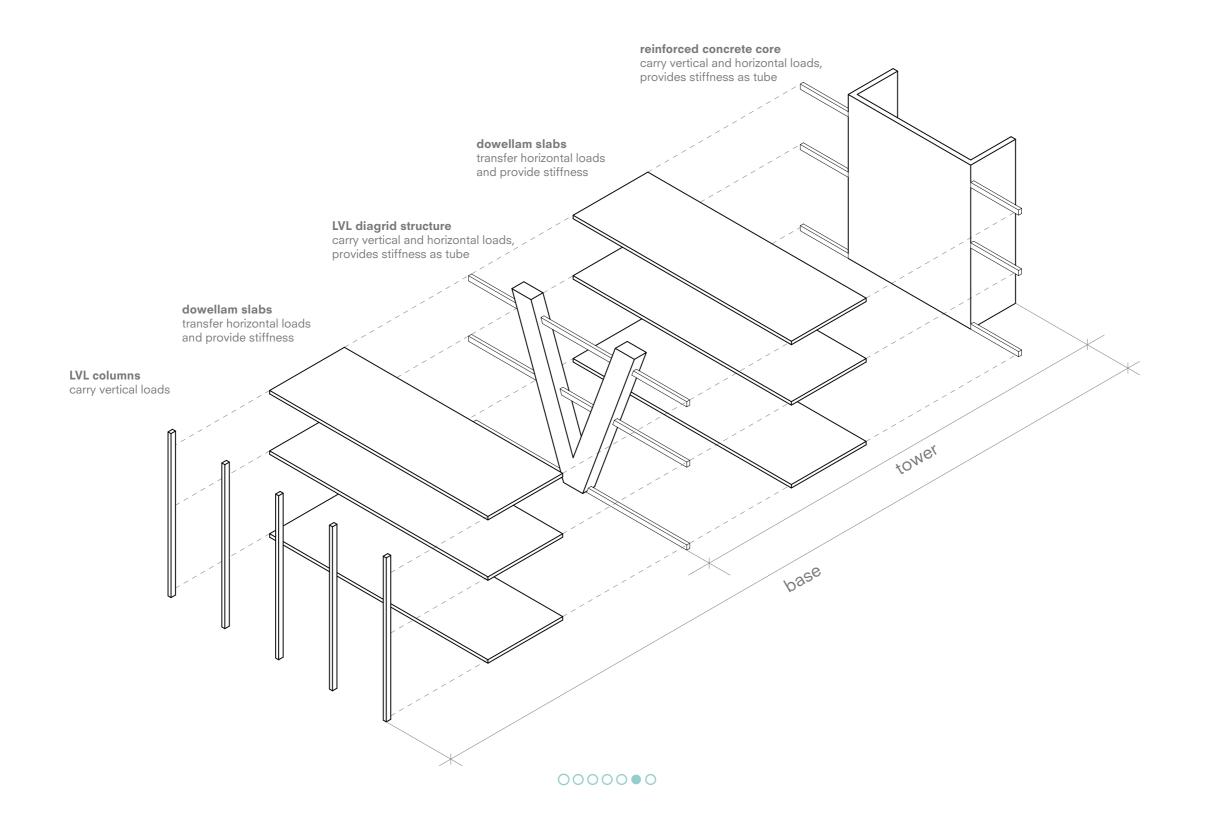


overall more sustainable!
. less resource depletion
. smaller CO2 footprint for transportaion etc.

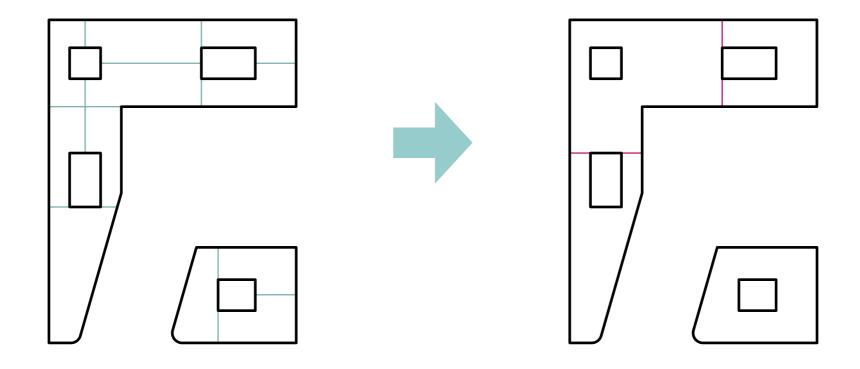
STABILITY: TUBE-IN-A-TUBE SYSTEM



STABILITY AND STRUCTURE



MAXIMAL ADAPTABILITY IN FLOOR PLAN



no additional structural walls -> layout can be changed easier if building needs to be adapted in the future

TOWER FACADE

in front of structure



- construction is well protected - cost efficient (single facade)
- no climate design benefit

double facade around structure



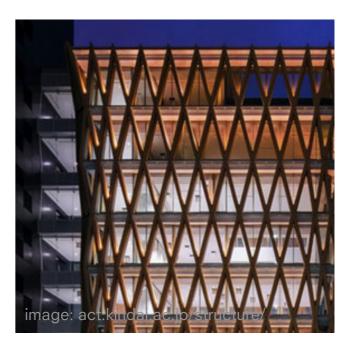
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- more costly
- more material use

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- construction only partially protected
- many custom facade pieces
- irregular floor slabs

behind structure



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- regular facade elements
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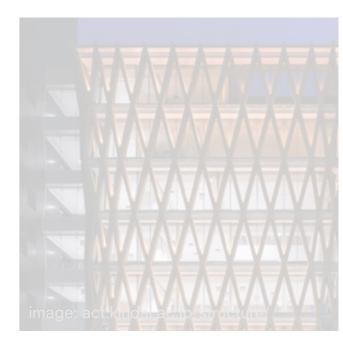
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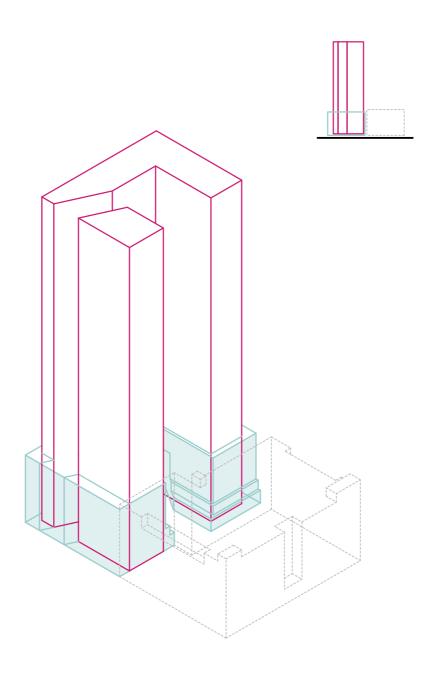
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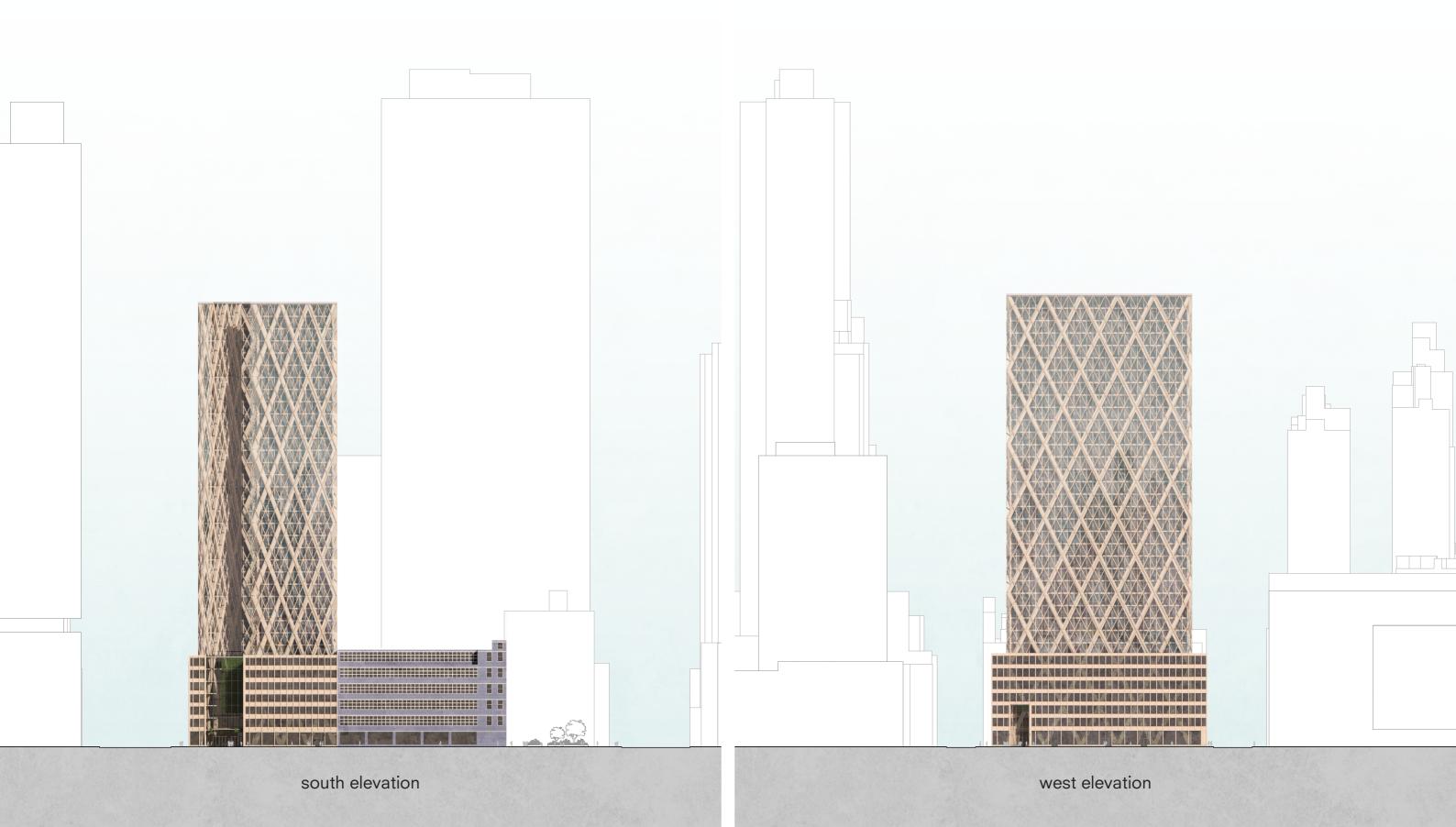


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TOWER-BASE RELATIONSHIP

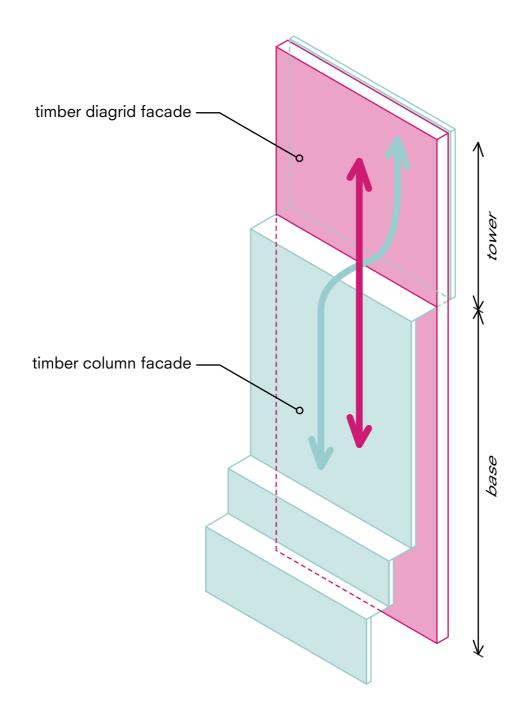


base as a surrounding facade

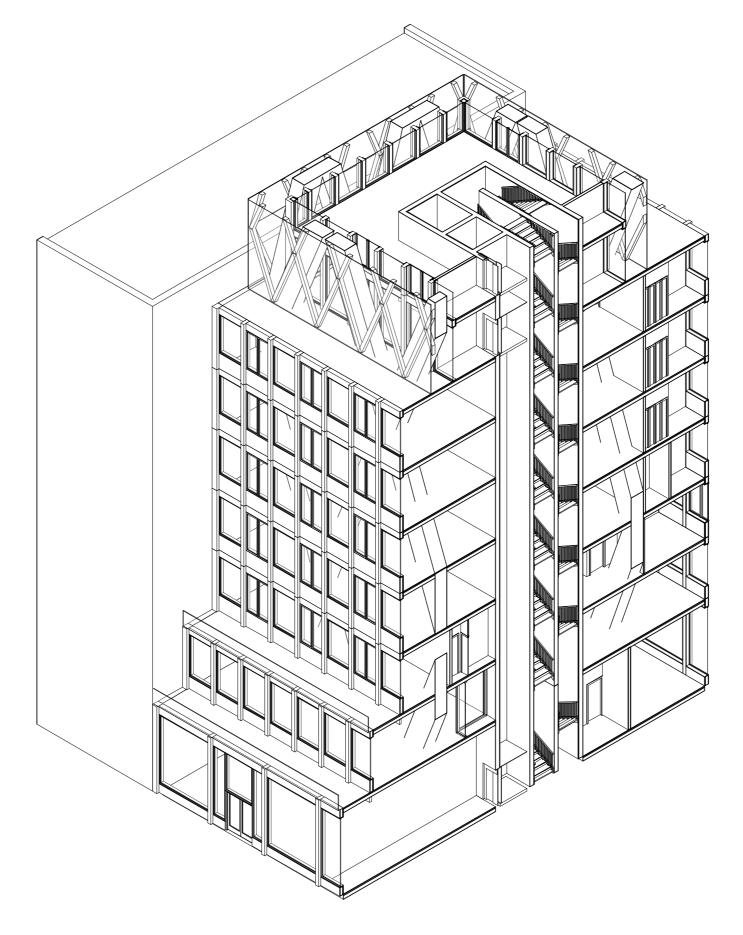


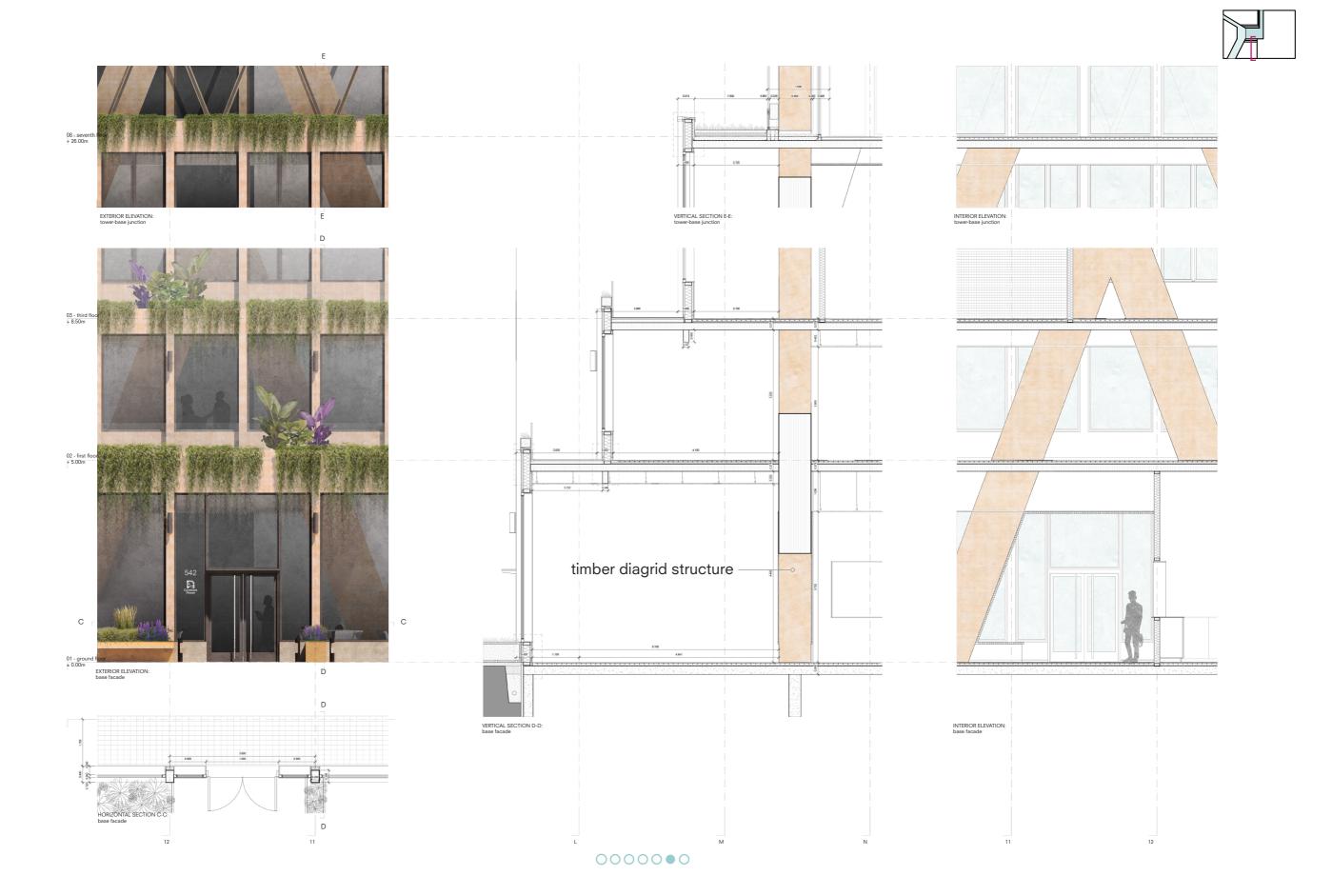


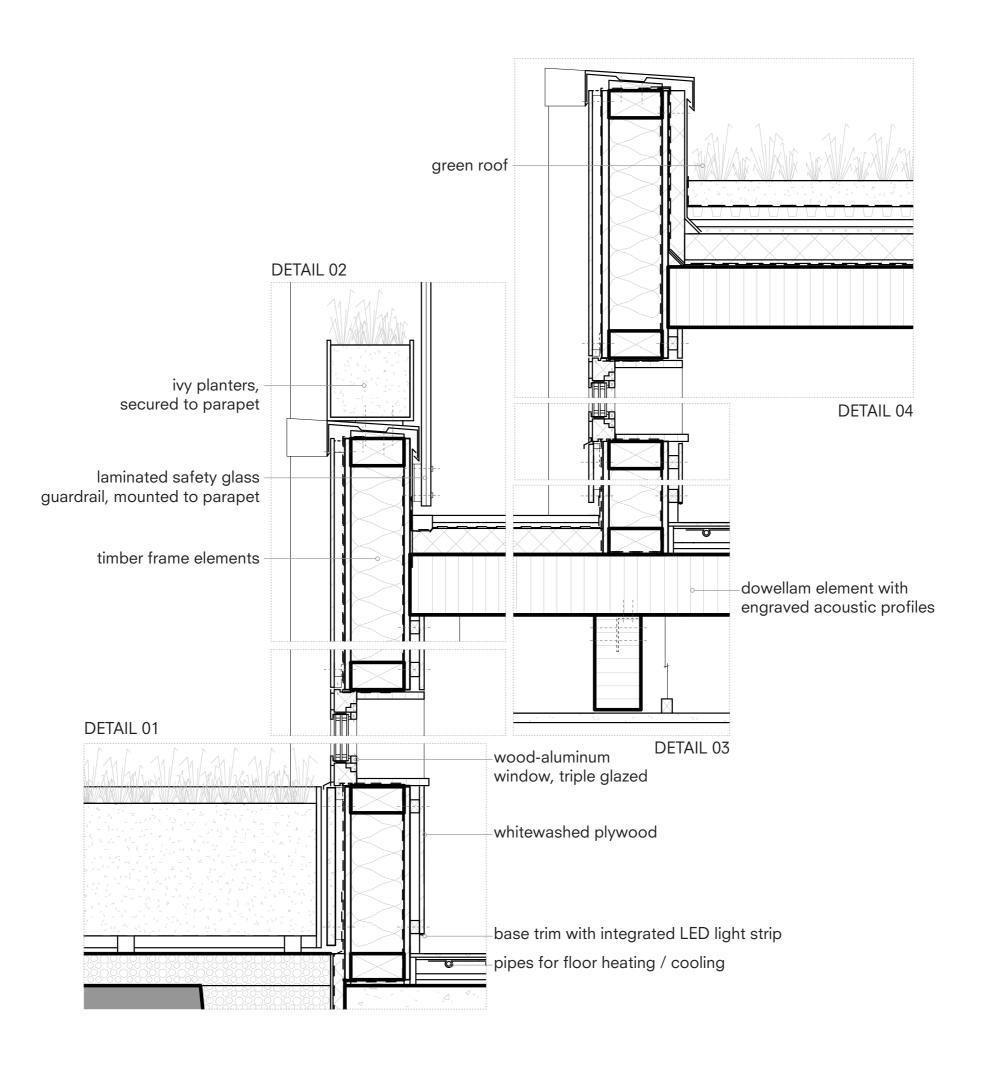
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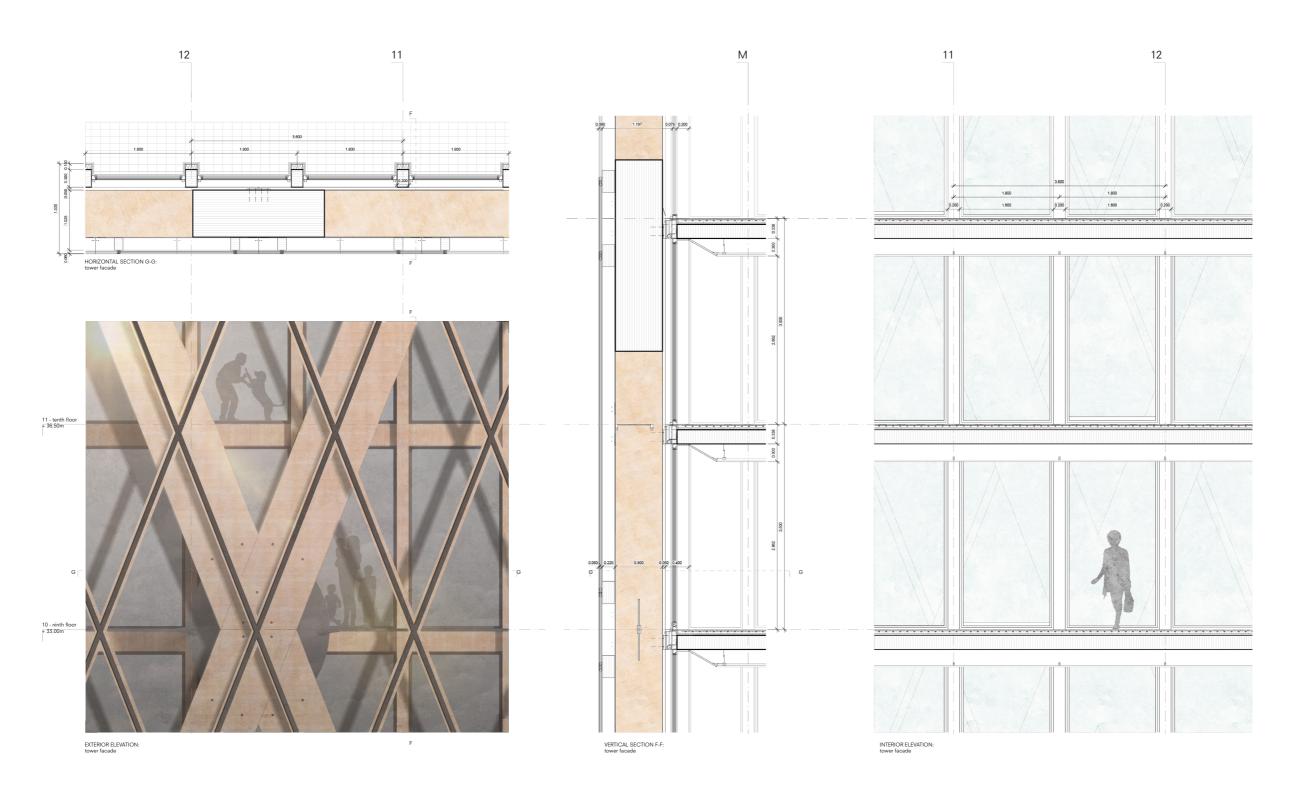


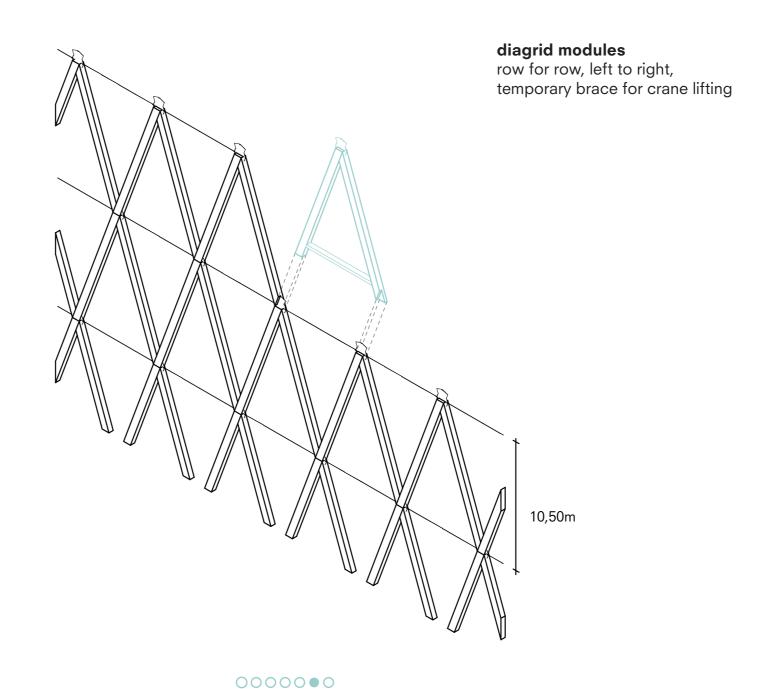


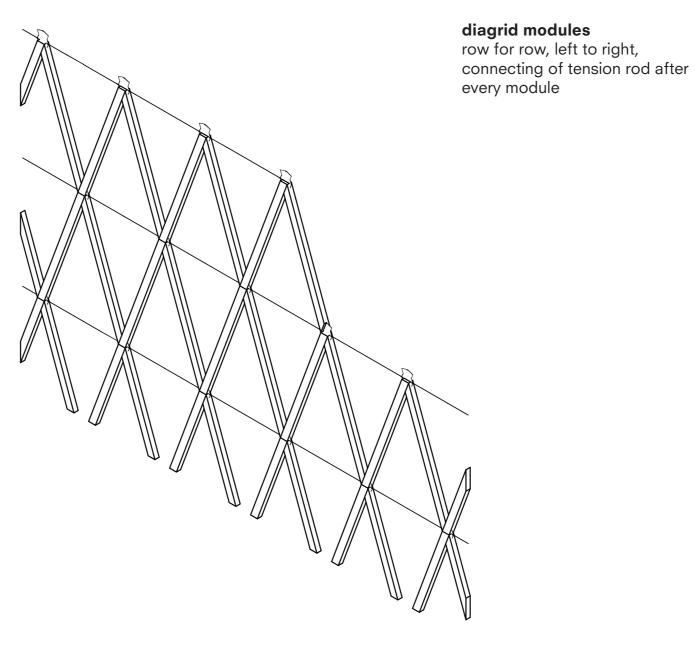


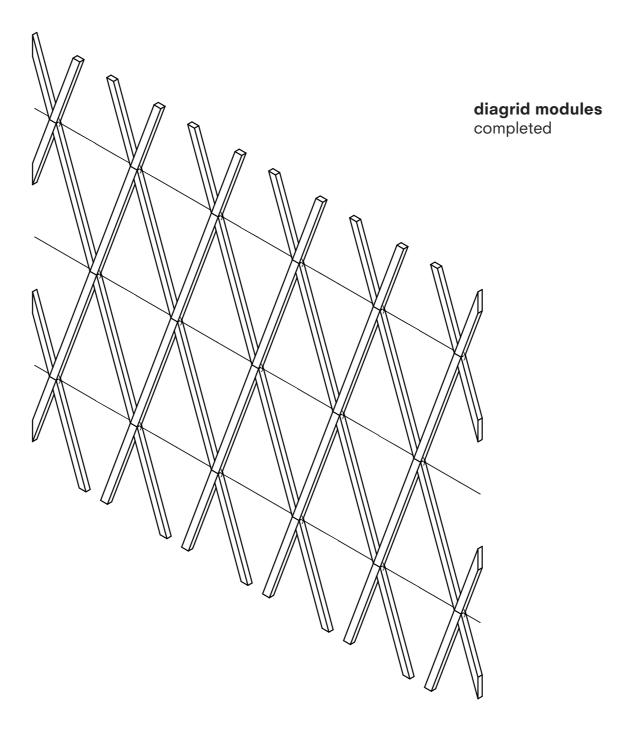


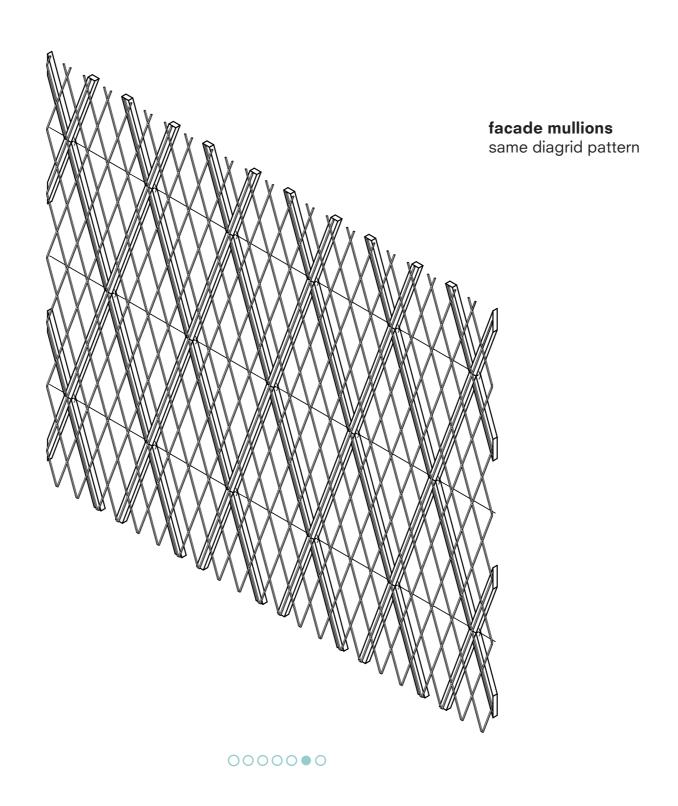


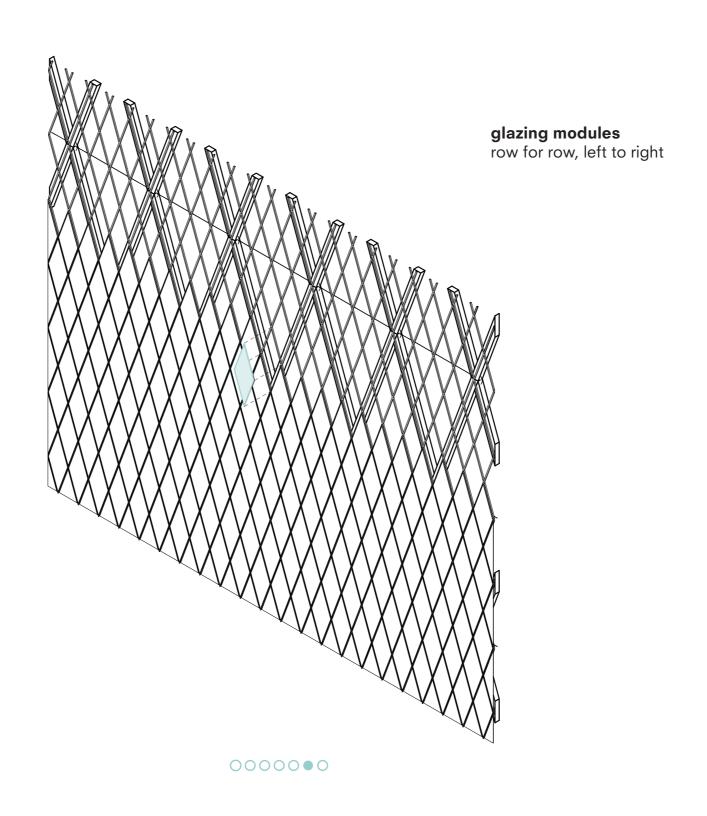


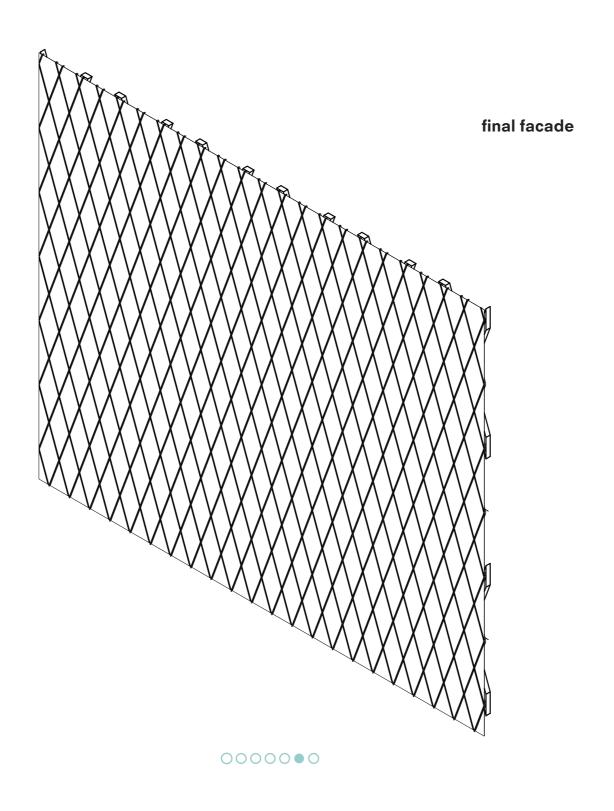




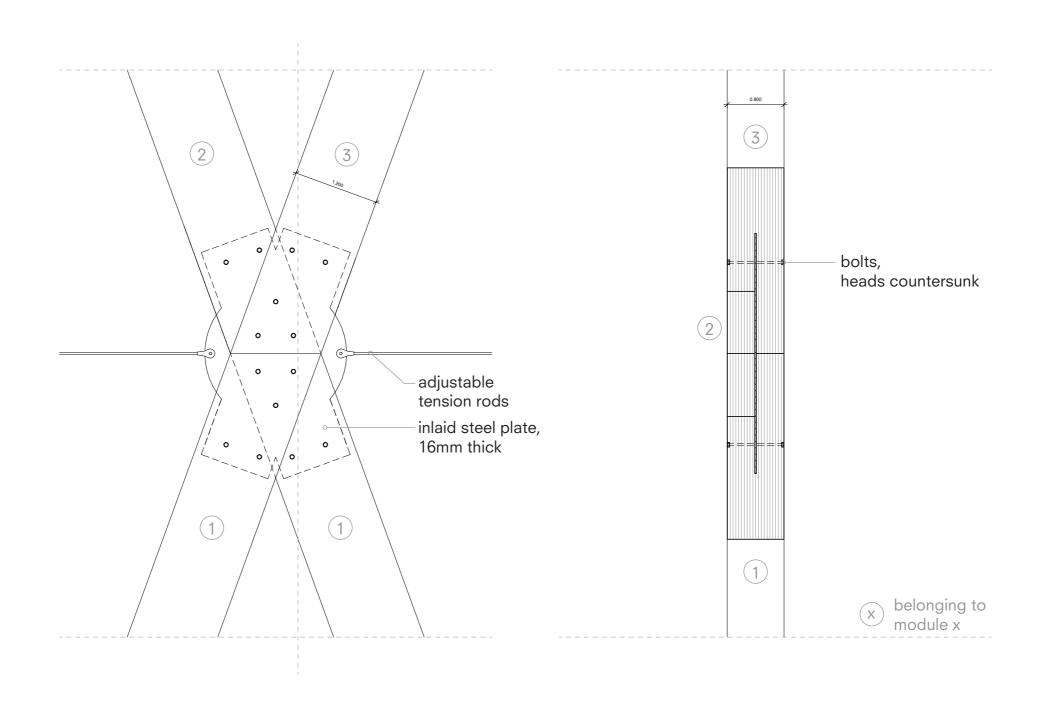




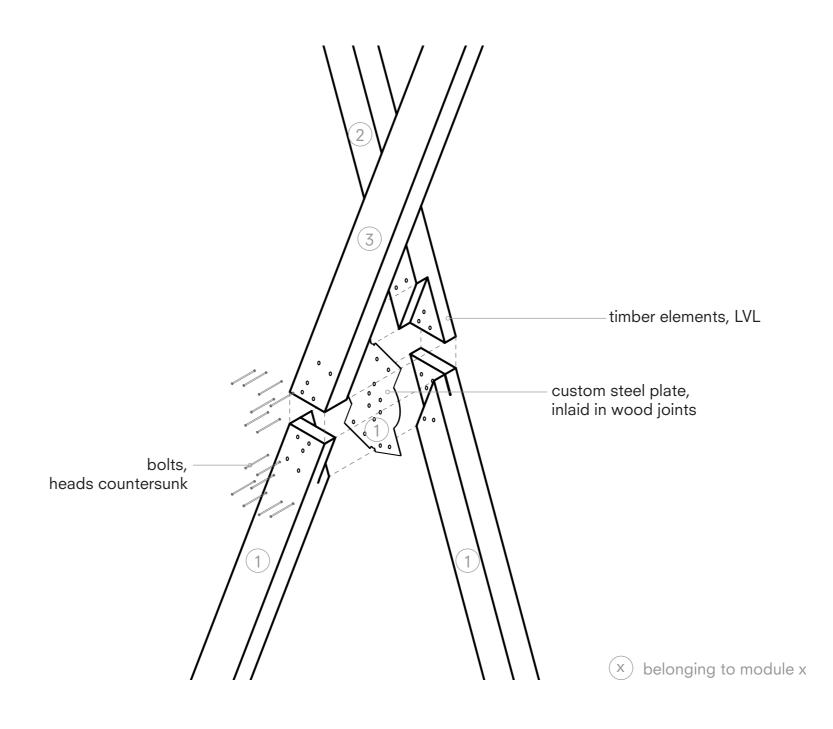




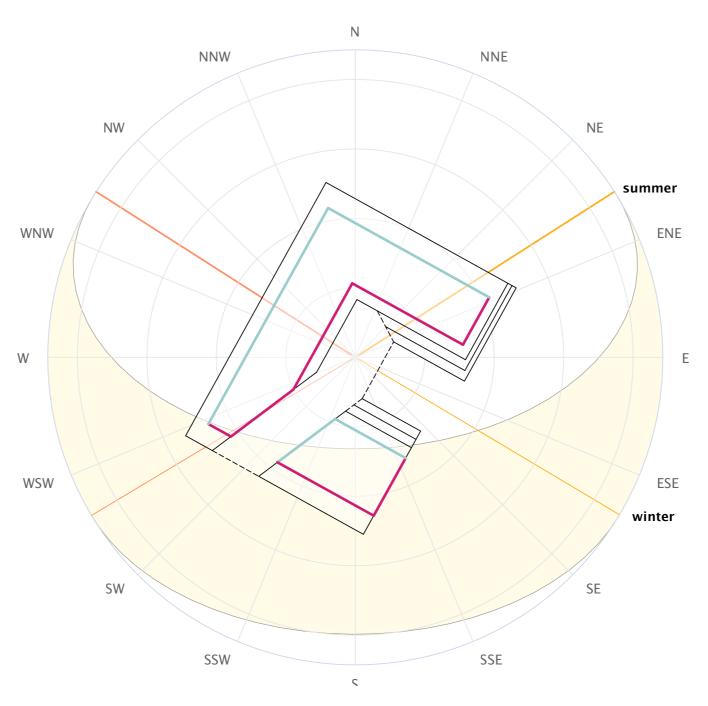
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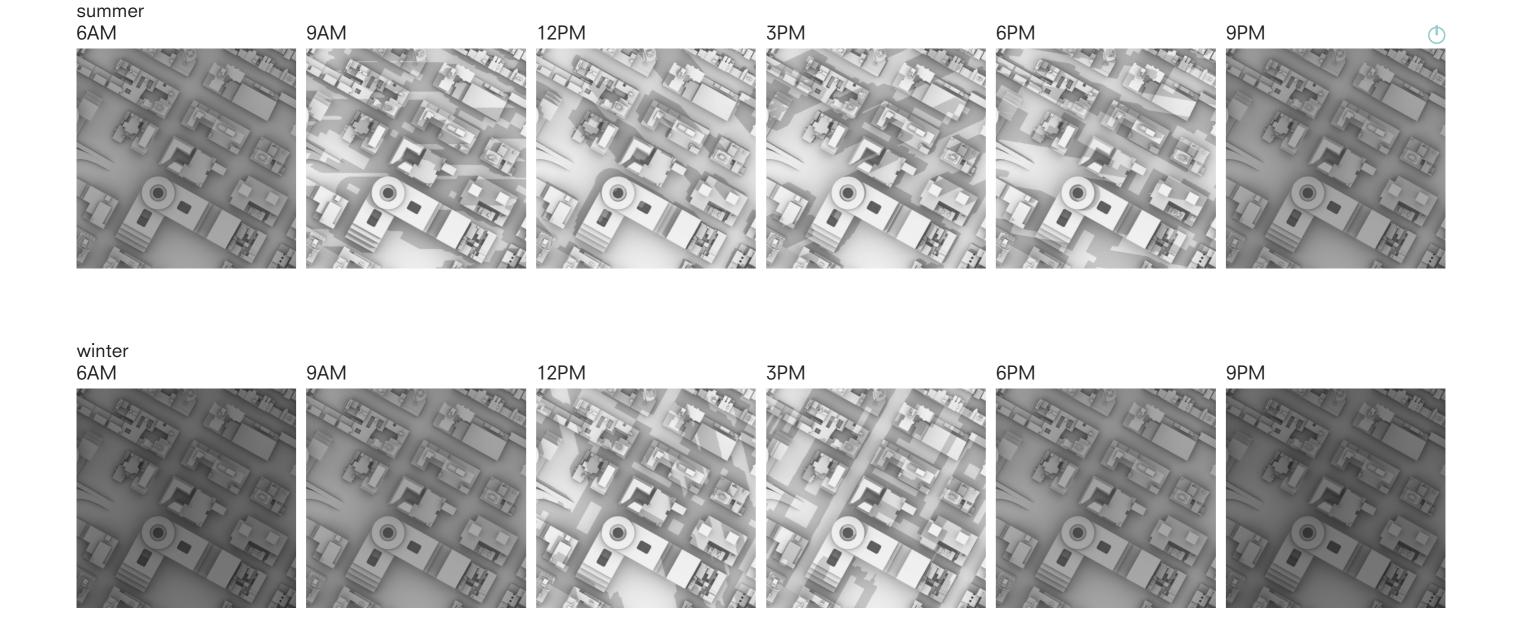
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sun path diagram: suncalc.org

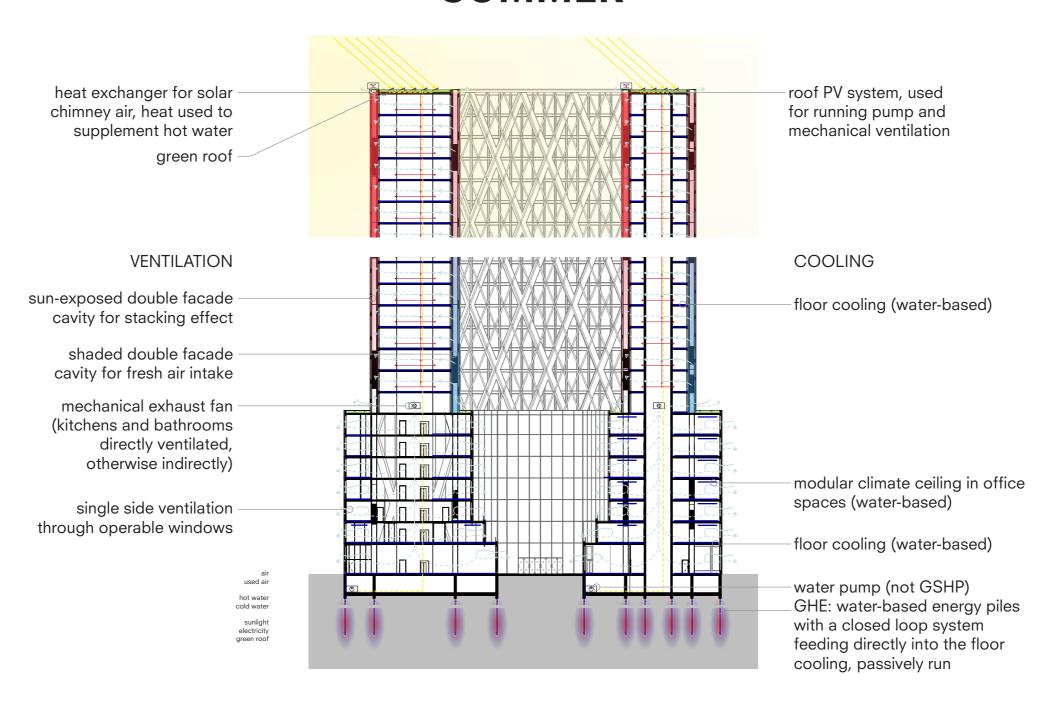
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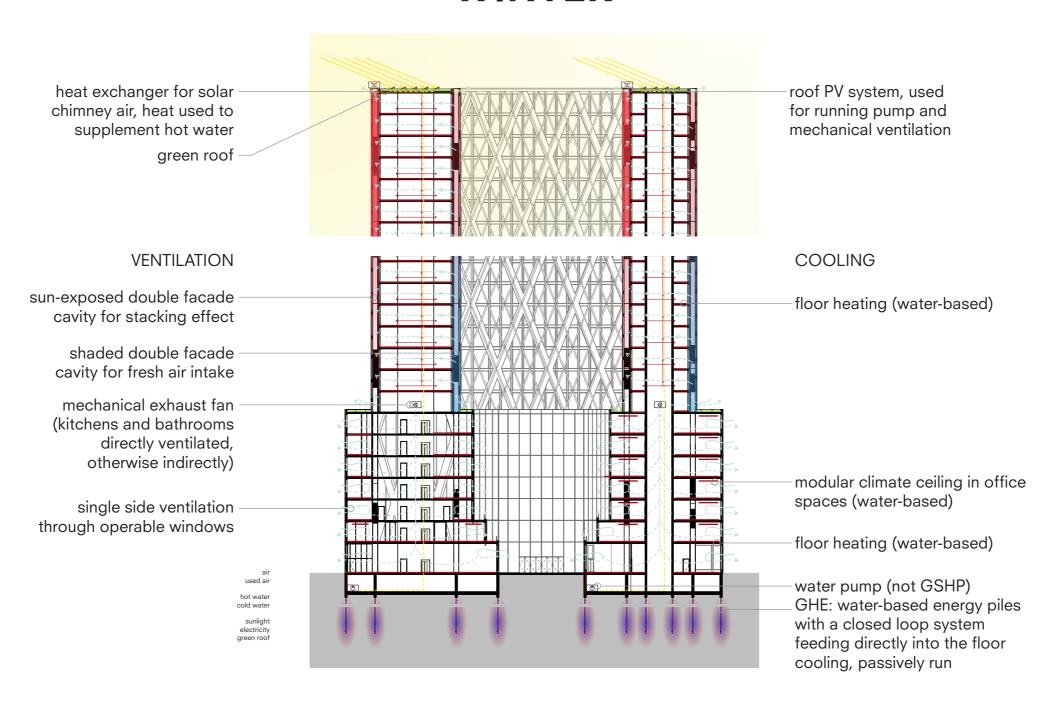


FULL BUILDING CLIMATE SUMMER





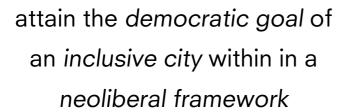
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CONCLUSION

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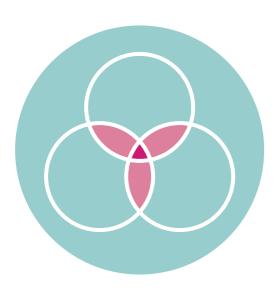




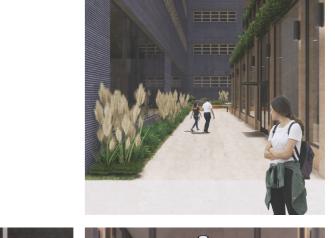




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use the research results in a constructive way that aims to benefit all parties involved













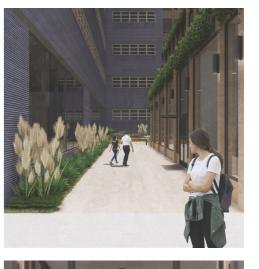
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lean into the potential of architectural solutions to make a tangible impact

































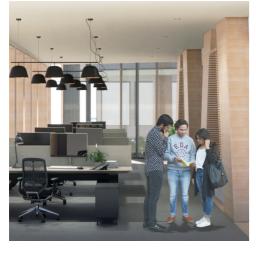


















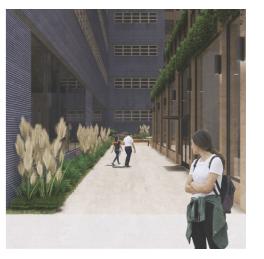


















THANK YOU!

