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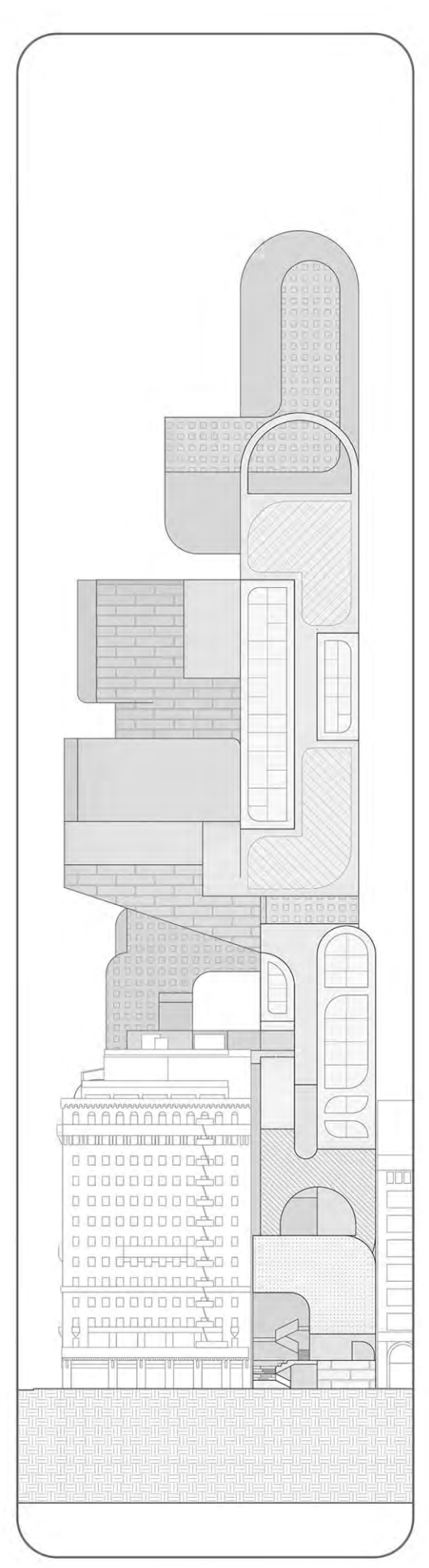
LA Metro 2023 – Tall Landers

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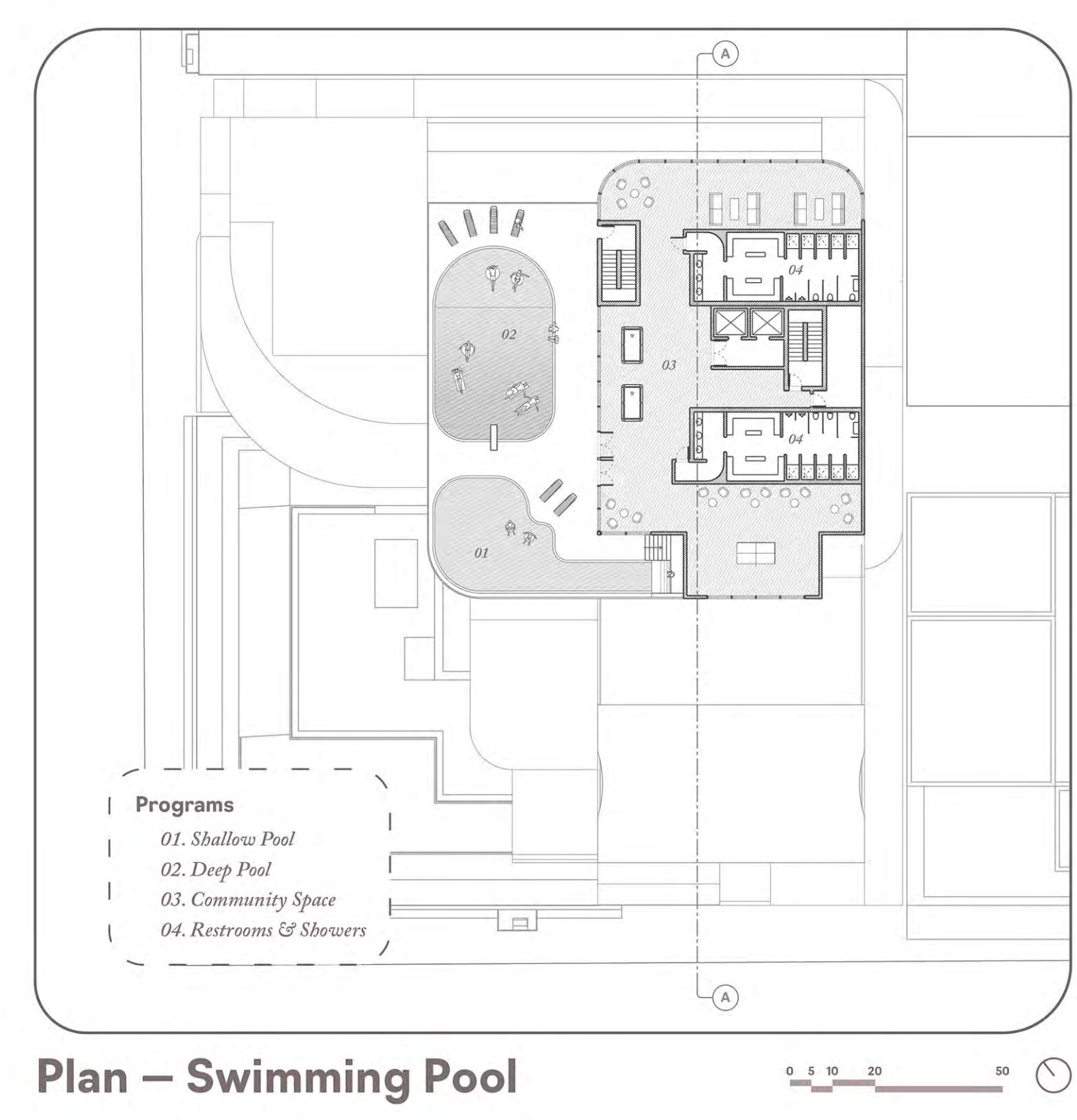
Project Location: Pershing Square, Downtown Los Angeles, CA
Project Size: 425,000 sf
Program: Mixed-income Housing, Navigation Center, Public Services, Youth Amenities, Retail, Restaurants, Boutique & Transient Hotel

turn the corner ^[idiom]
 : to get past the most difficult area or period in something and begin to improve
 — Merriam Webster

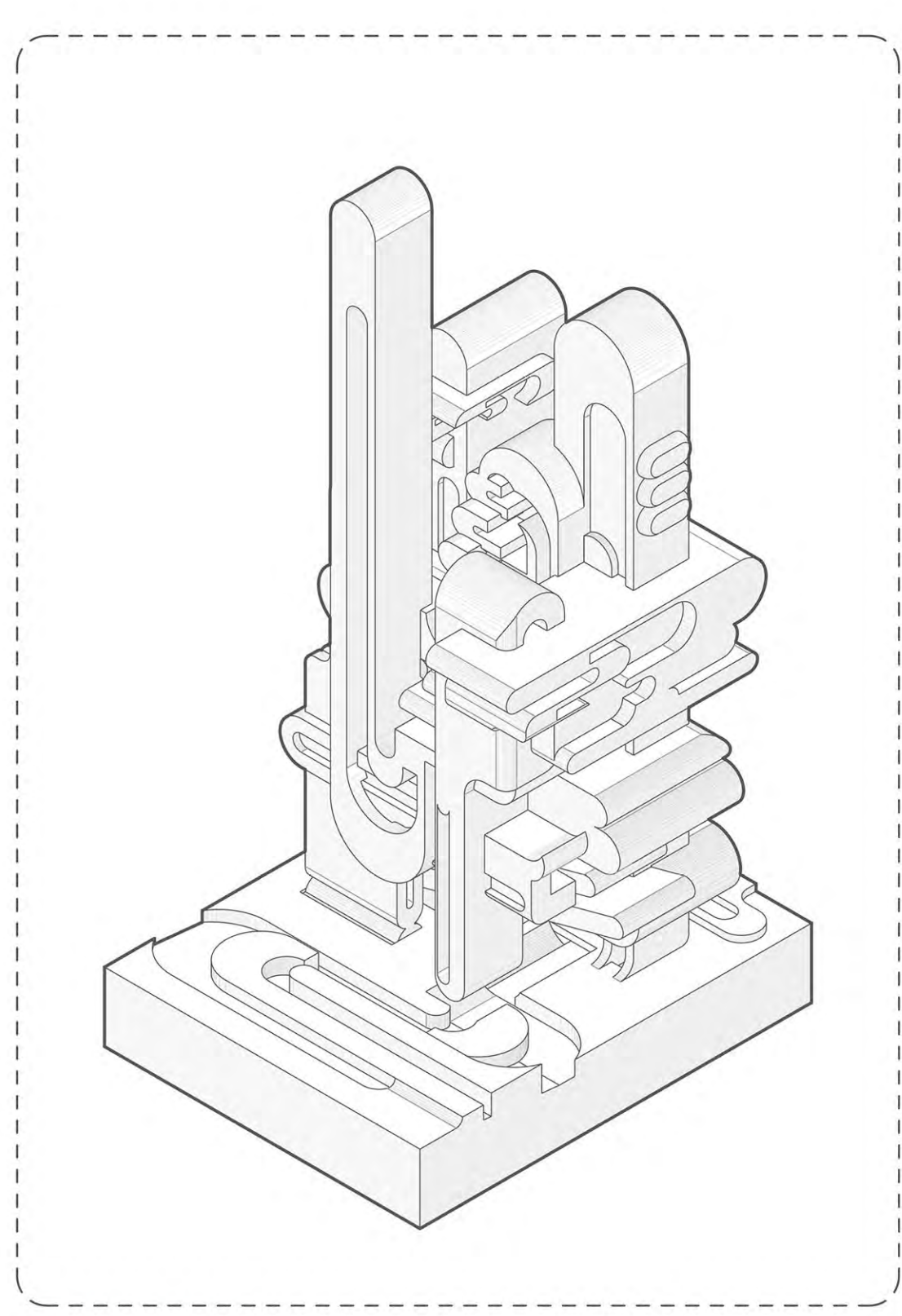
to turn the corner, softly tackles the city of Los Angeles' housing crisis by providing housing, services, and amenities in a central location. The softening of corners literally and symbolically breaks down barriers to entry into what would typically be an uninviting, ominous monolith. The juxtaposition of permanent and temporary housing solutions with amenities catered to children (i.e., daycare, after-school programs, library, etc.) empowers residents to overcome difficult times in their lives. As the building "turns the corner" formally and in multiple dimensions, its inhabitants do the same metaphorically, programmatically, and via circulation.



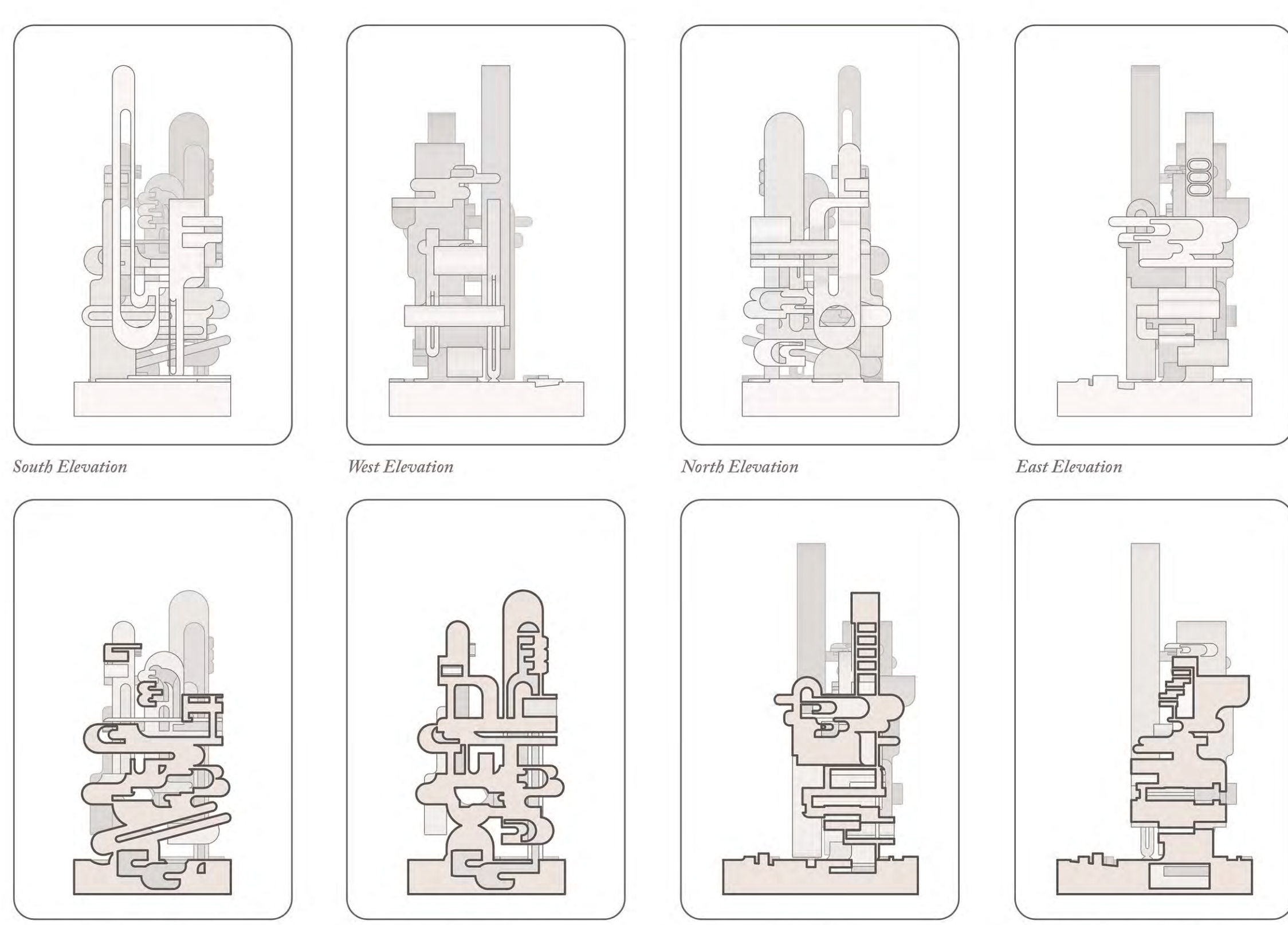
Elevation Study 01



Plan – Swimming Pool



Overall Corner View



South Elevation

West Elevation

North Elevation

East Elevation

Longitudinal Section 01

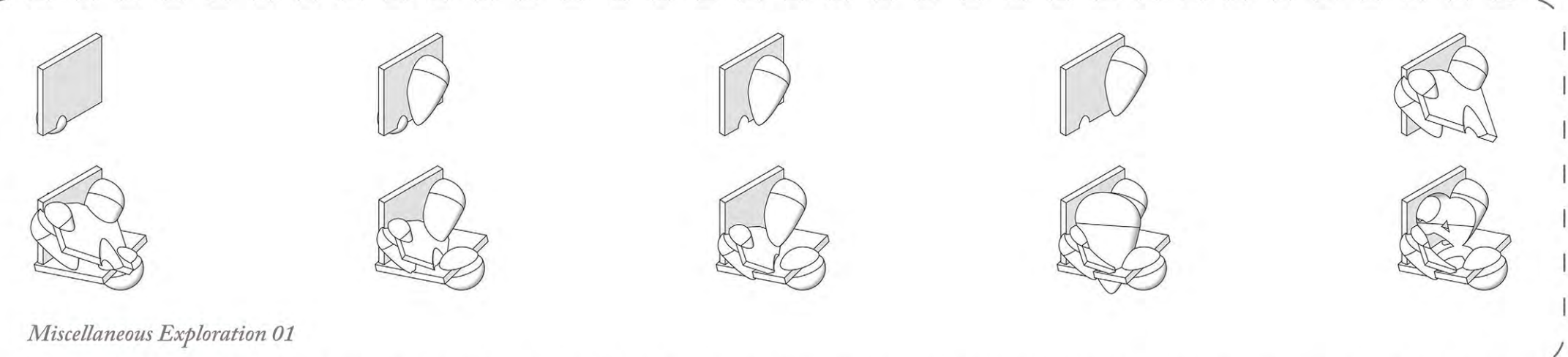
Longitudinal Section 02

Transverse Section 01

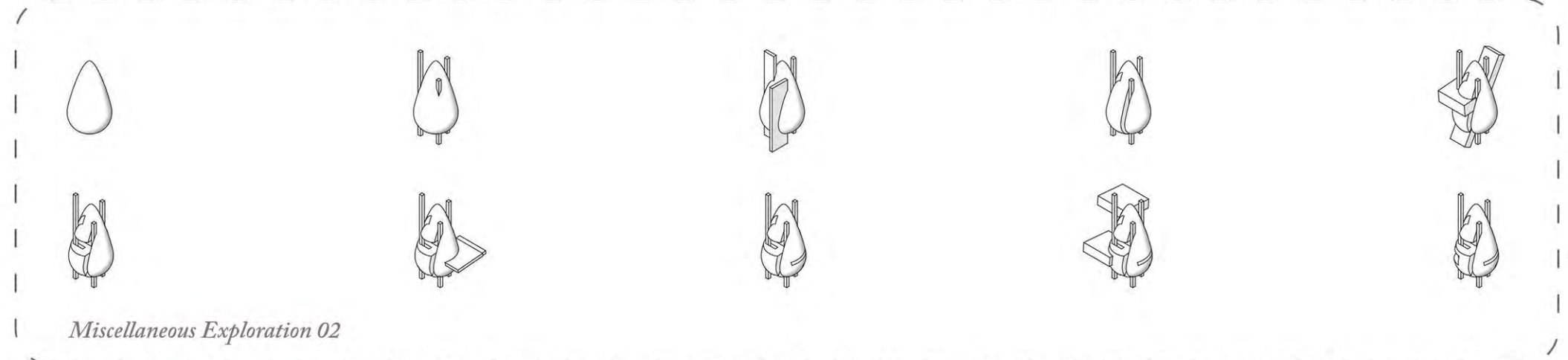
Transverse Section 02

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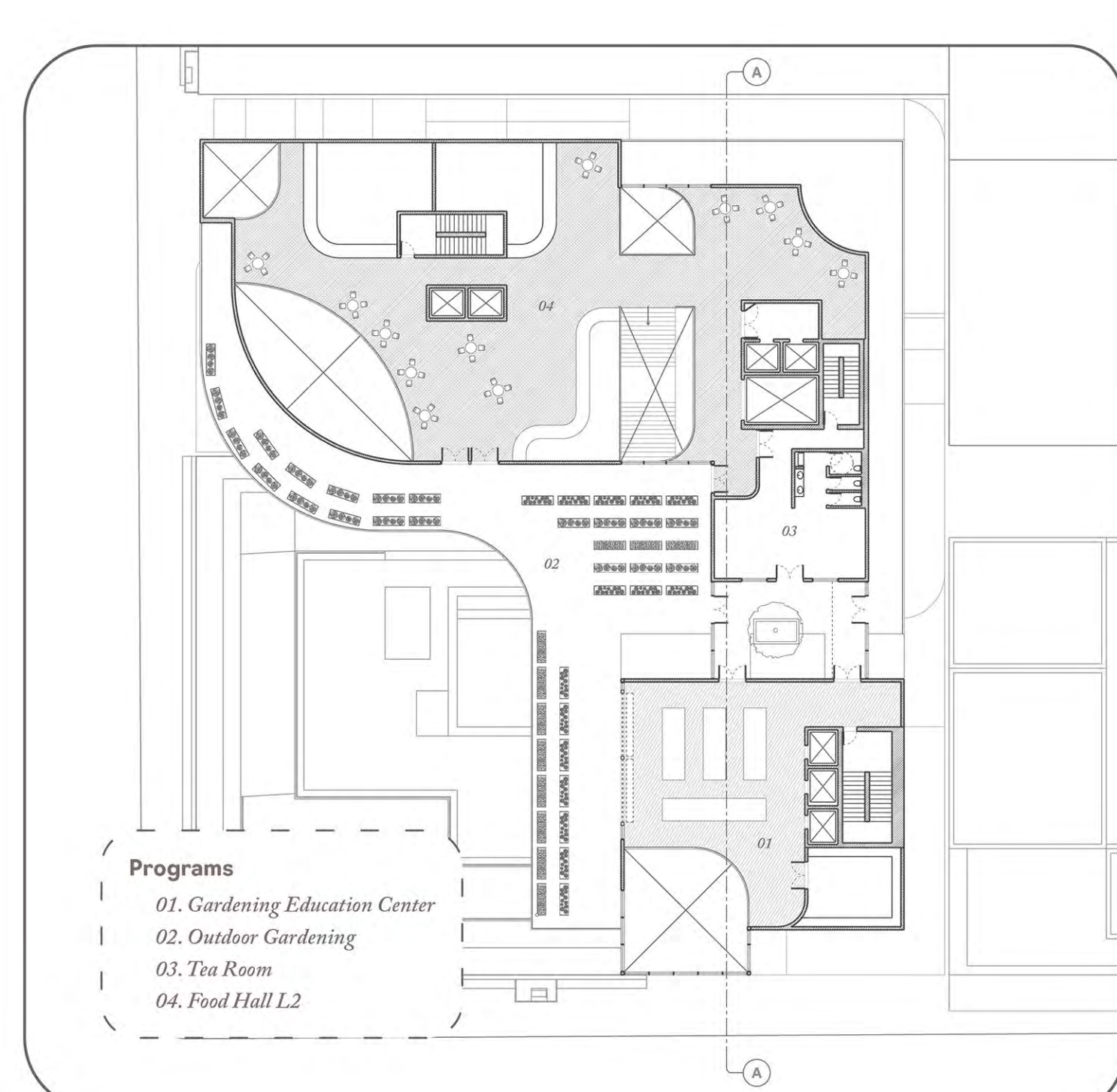
Design Exercise — Forms In-Between
 A not-quite-to-topical yet not-quite architectural form is created through the intersection, addition, and subtraction of primitive geometries. The result is a complex, simultaneously abstract and specific, and it begins to inspire fragments of ideas about massing, sectional quality, and circulation. As for the name? Well, it's no longer about "U" anymore, is it?



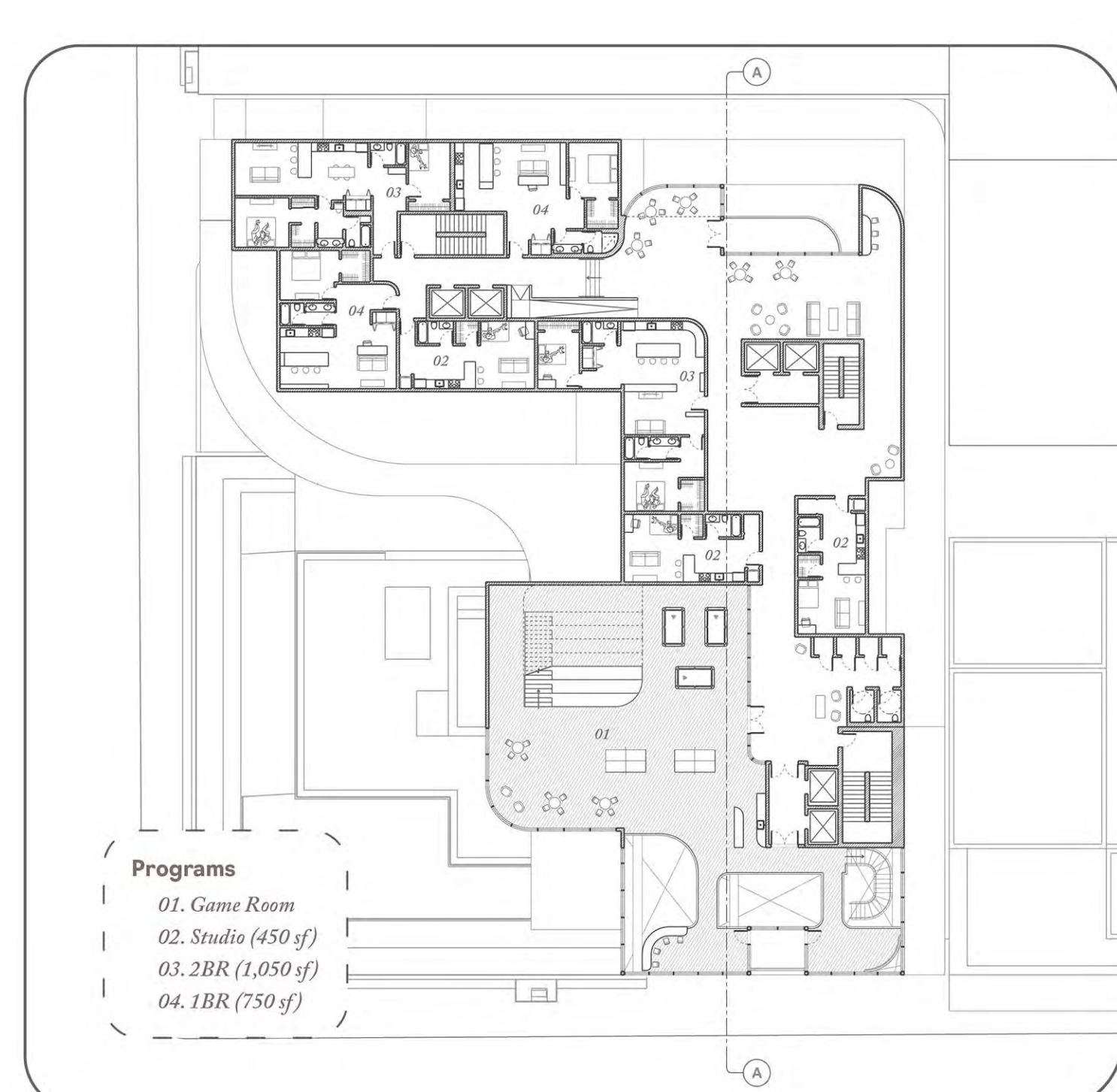
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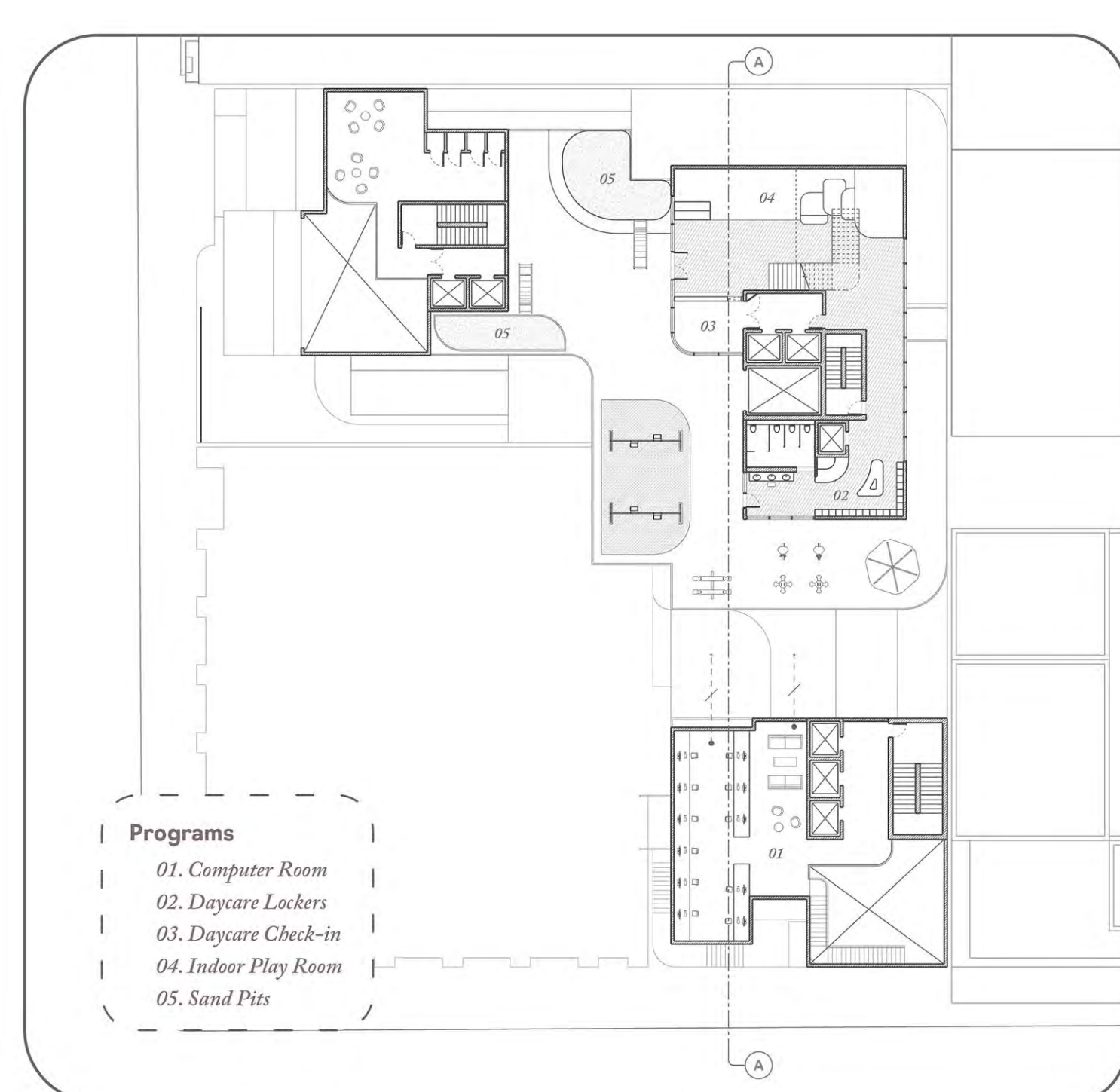
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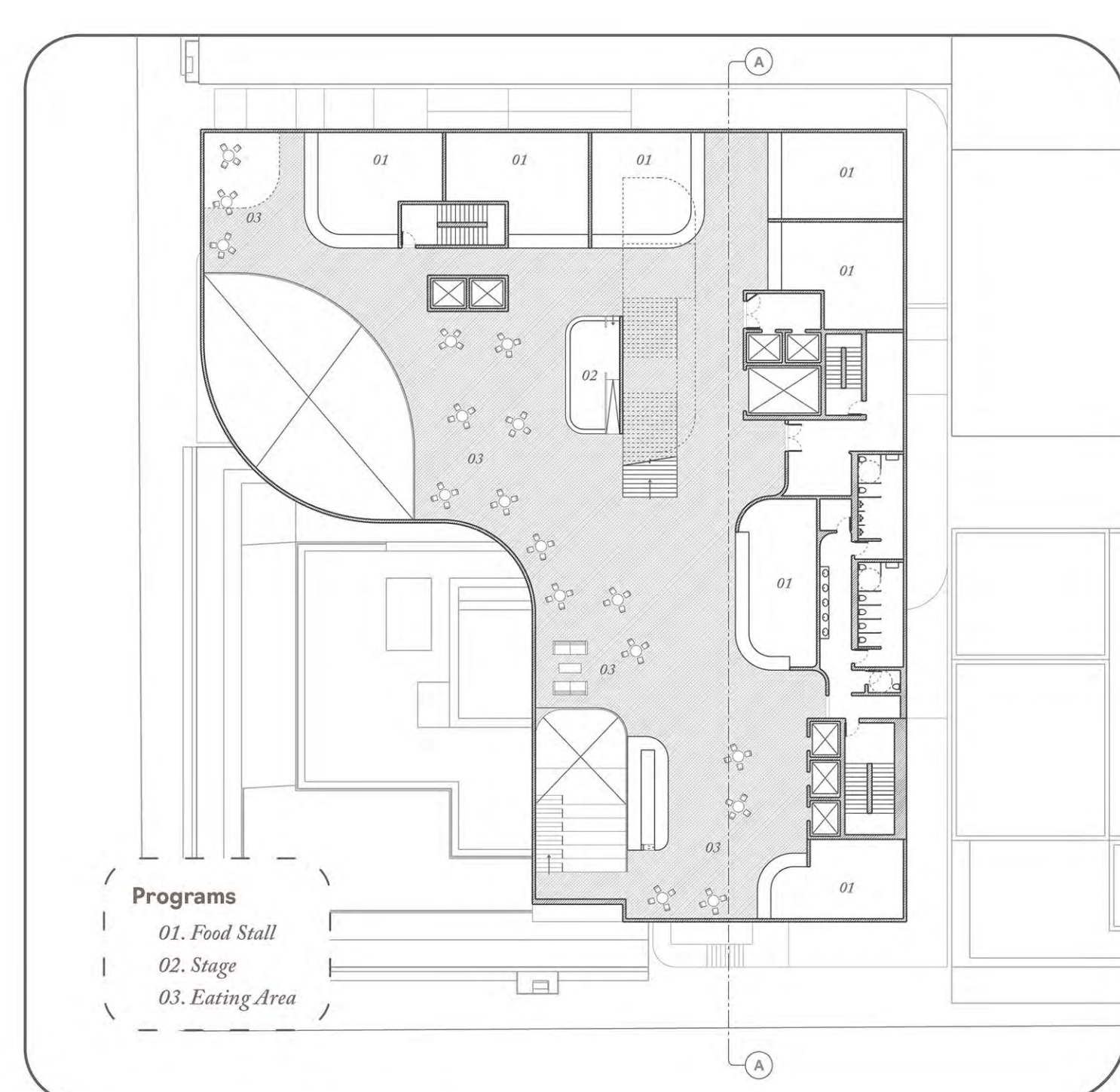
Plan – Food Hall 02



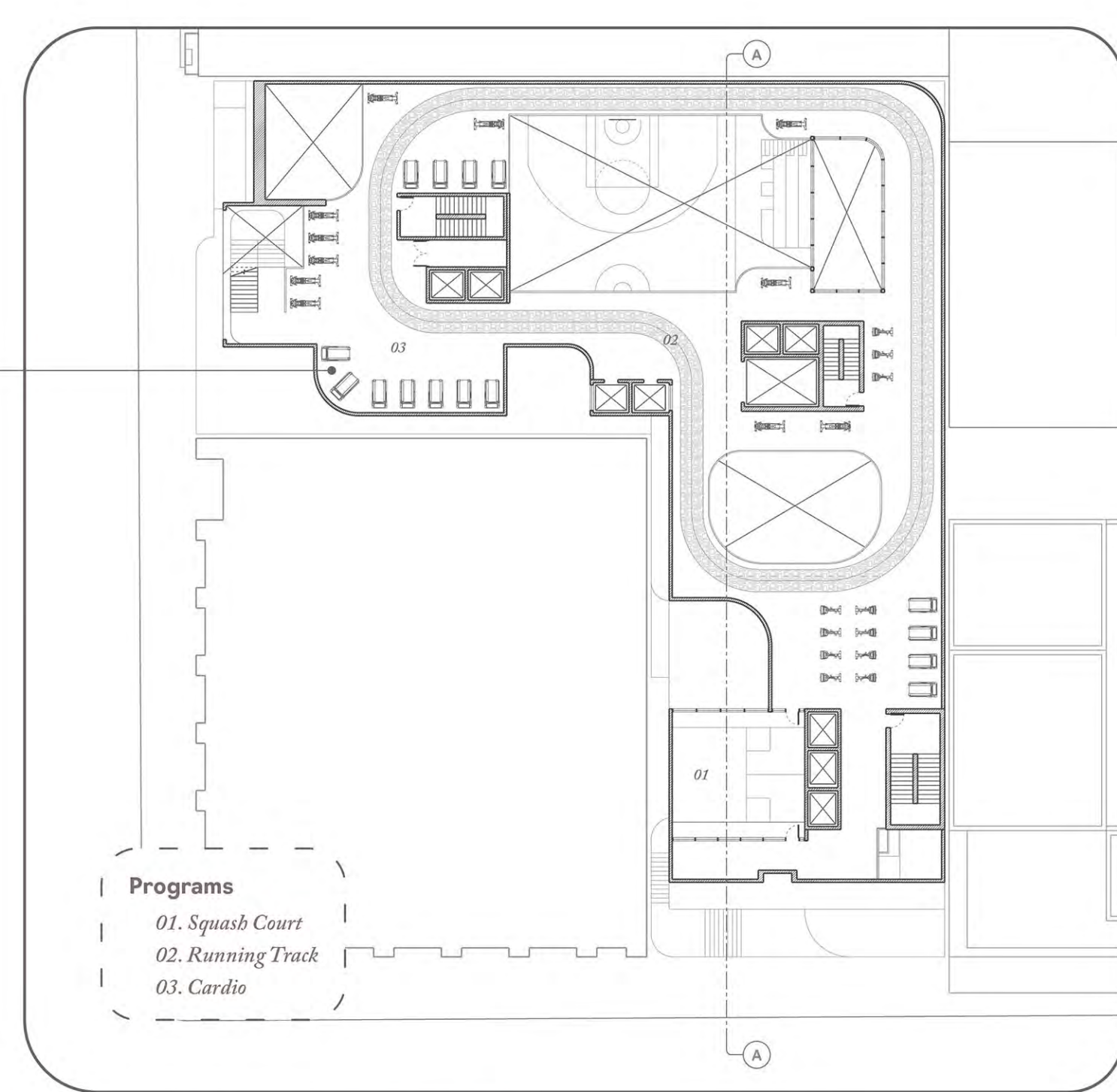
Plan – Typical Housing



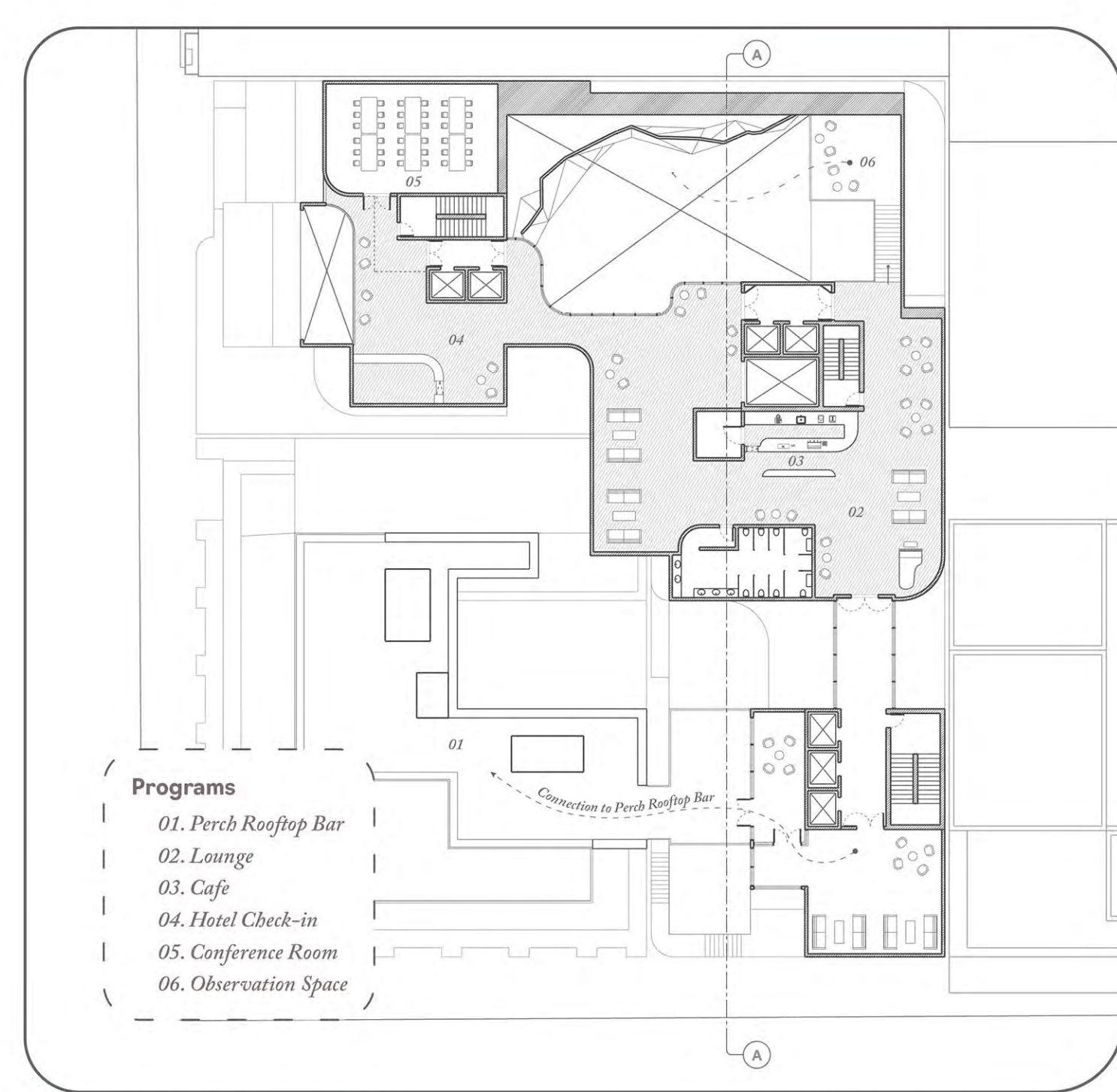
Plan – Daycare



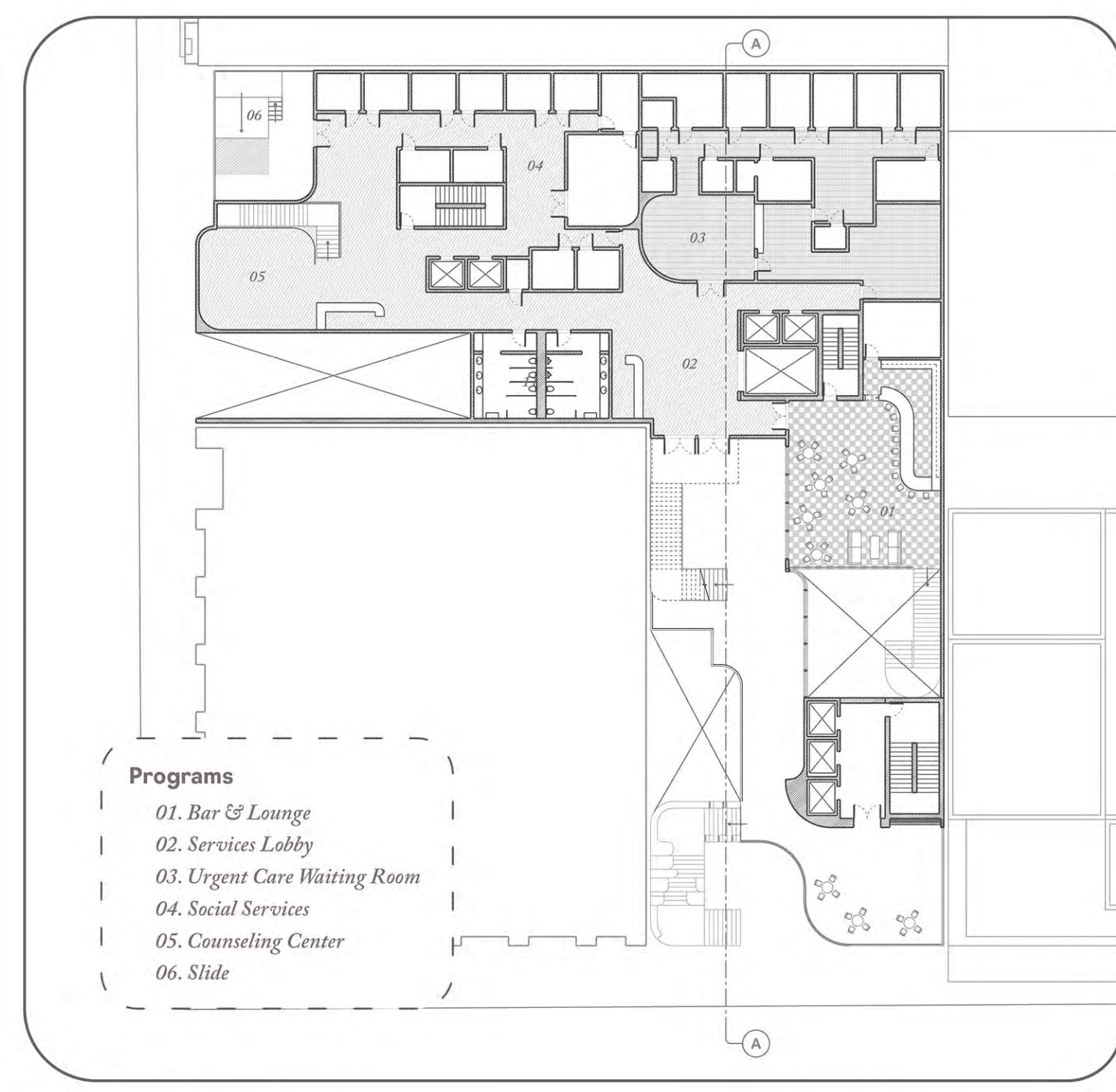
Plan – Food Hall 01



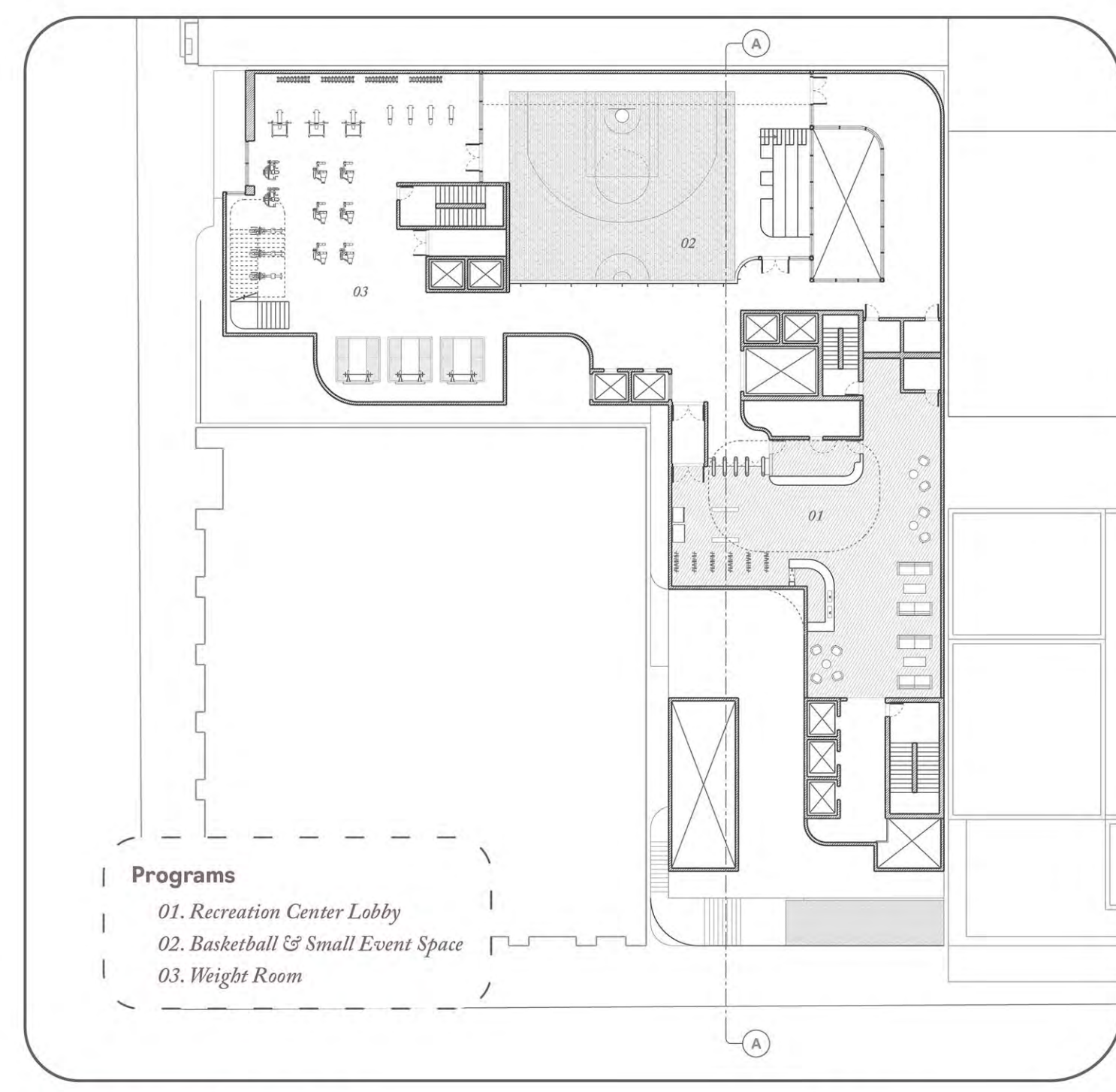
Plan – Recreation 02



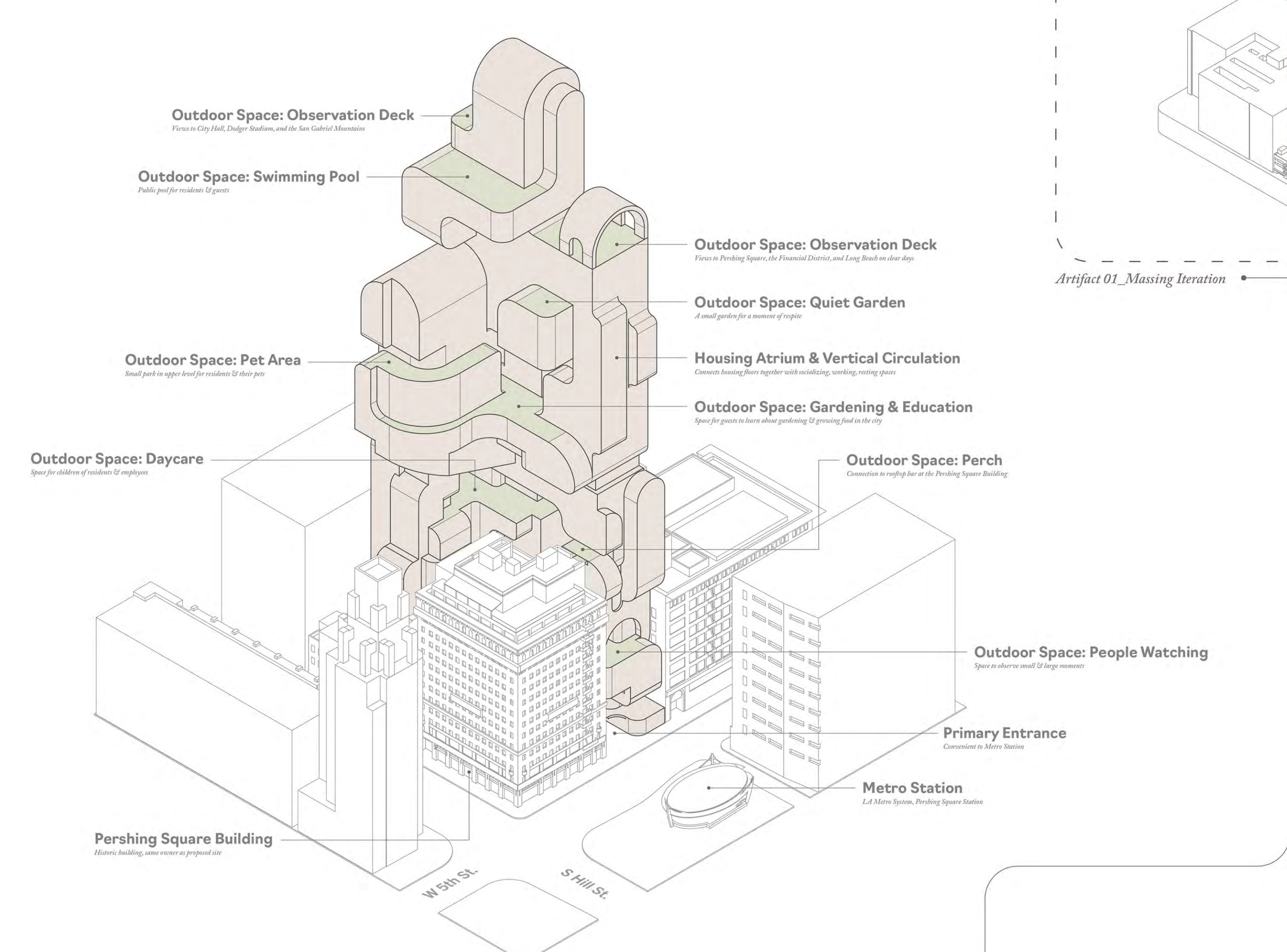
Plan – Sky Lobby



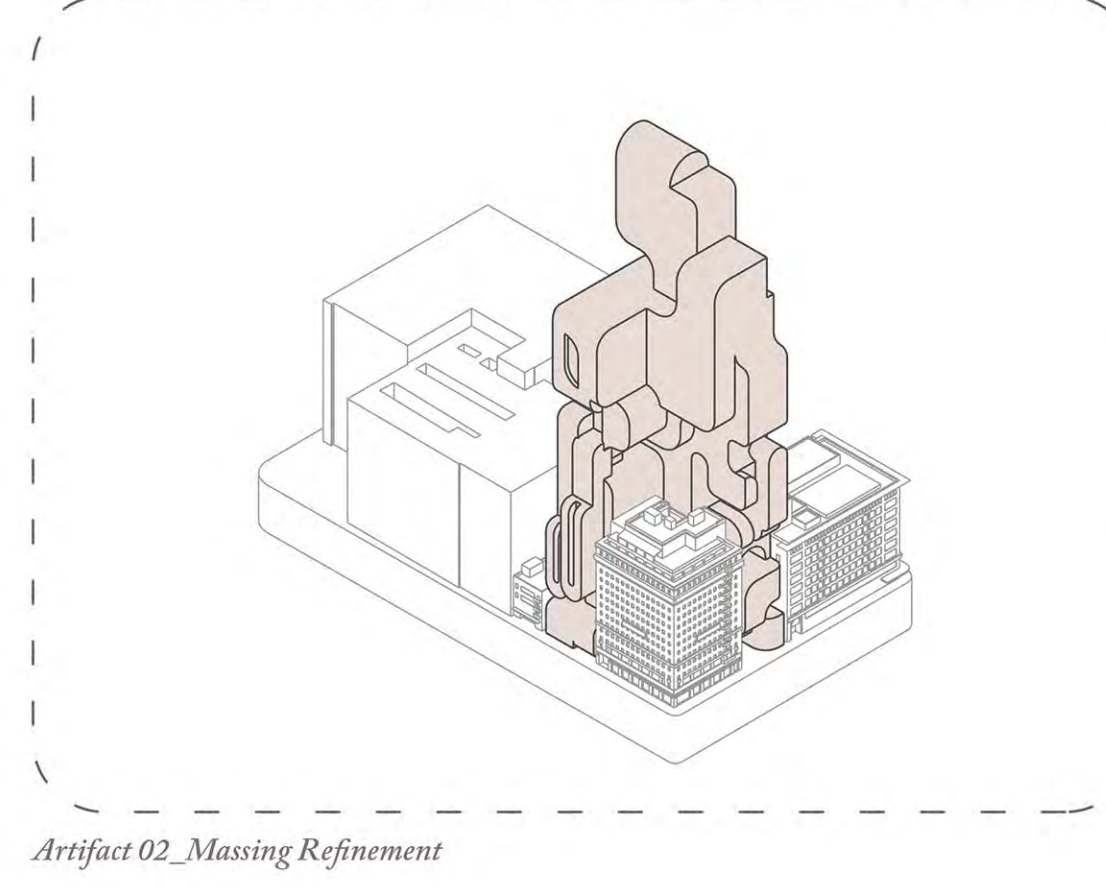
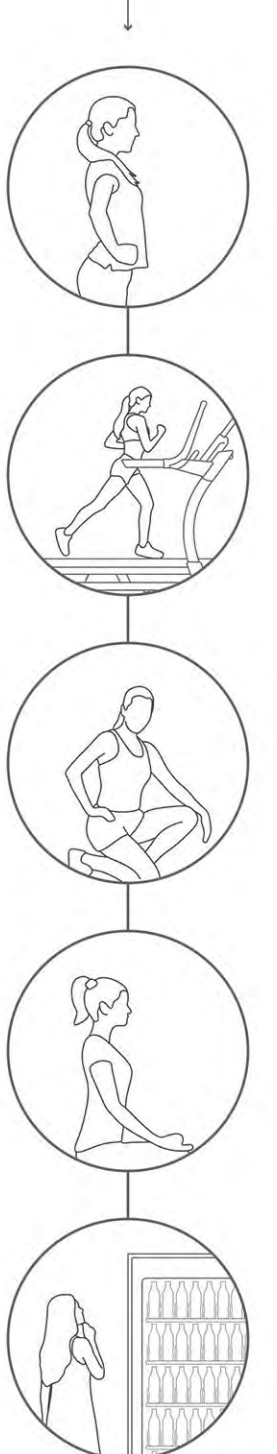
Plan – Level 02



Recreation 01

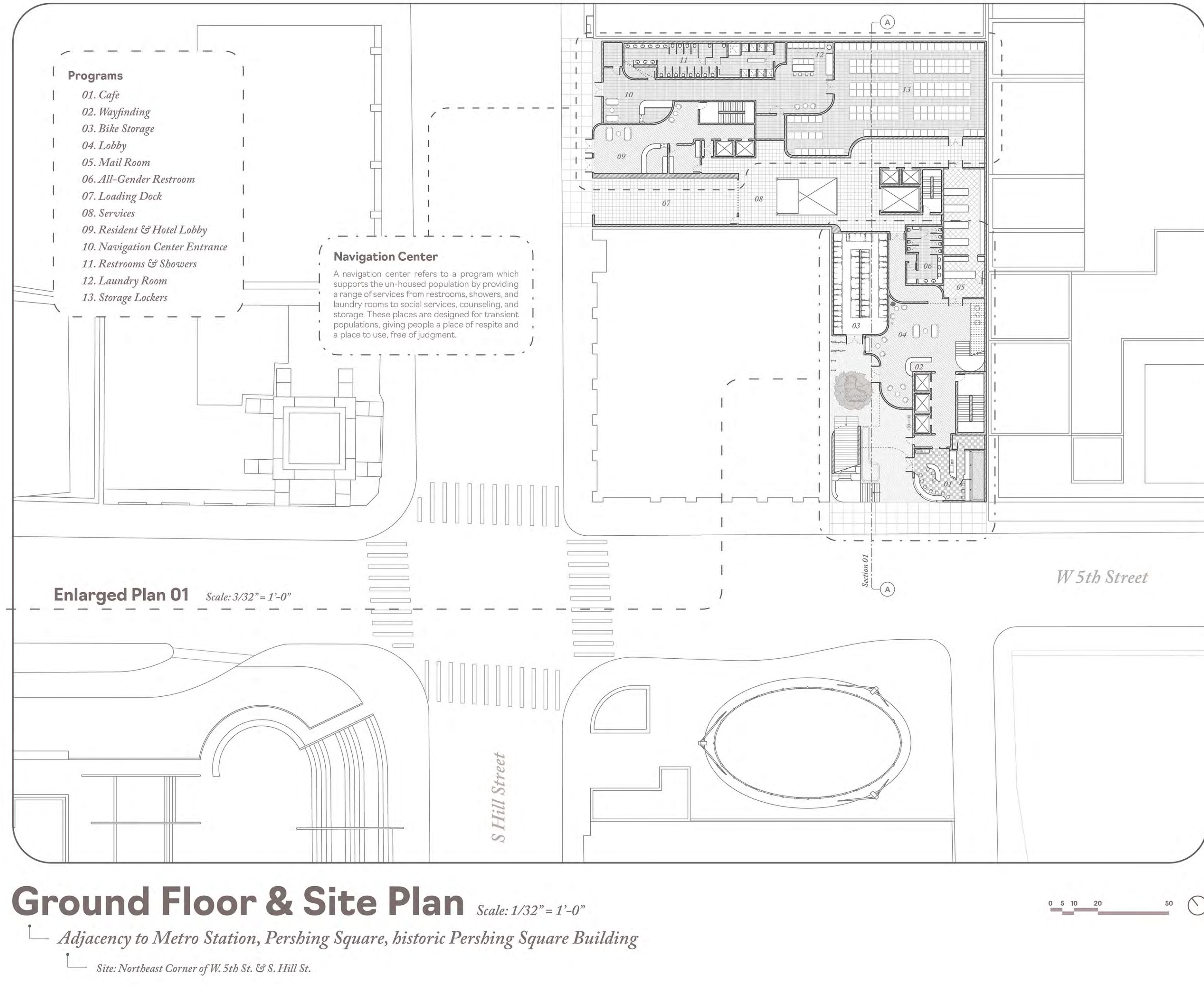
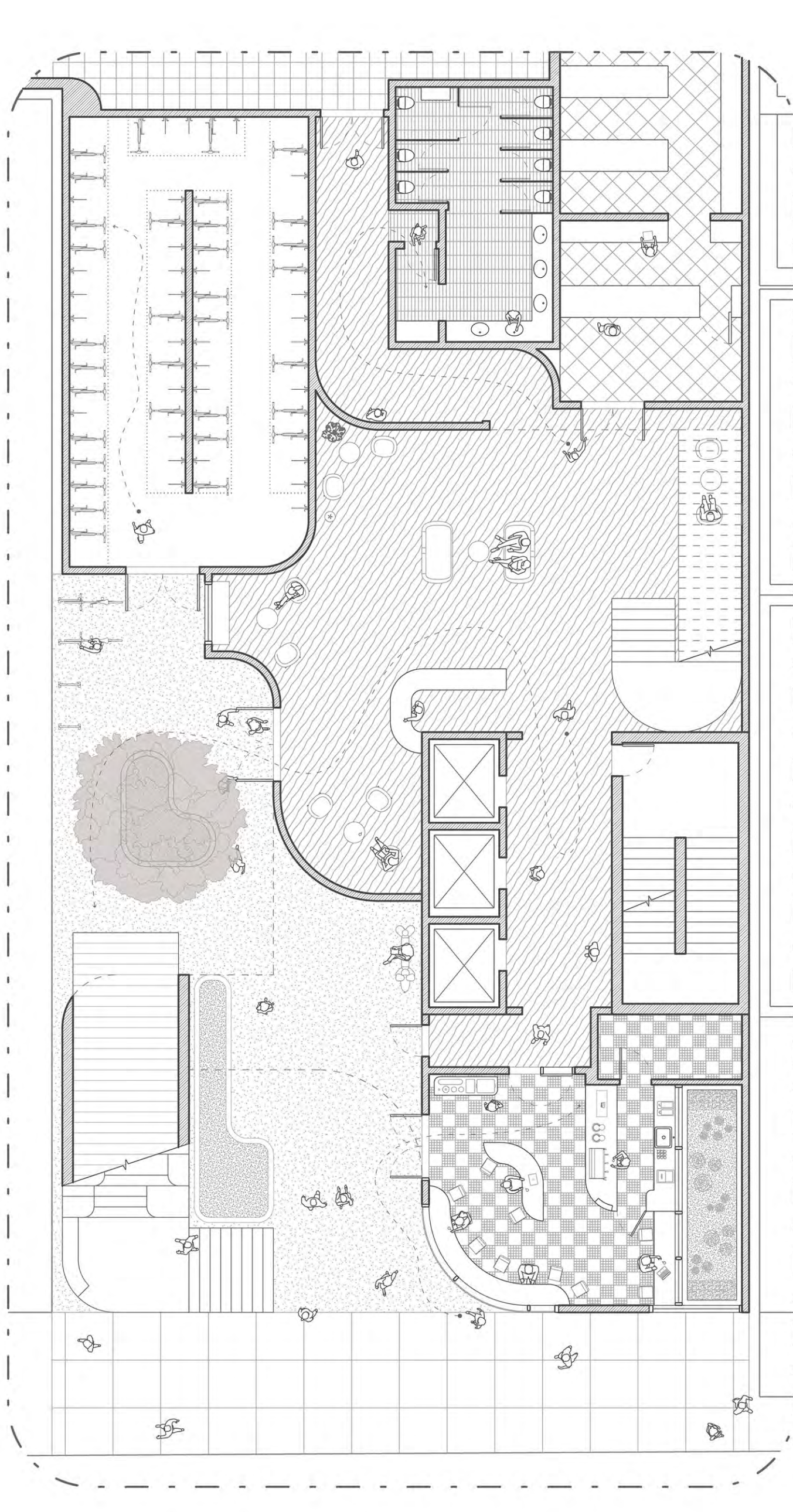
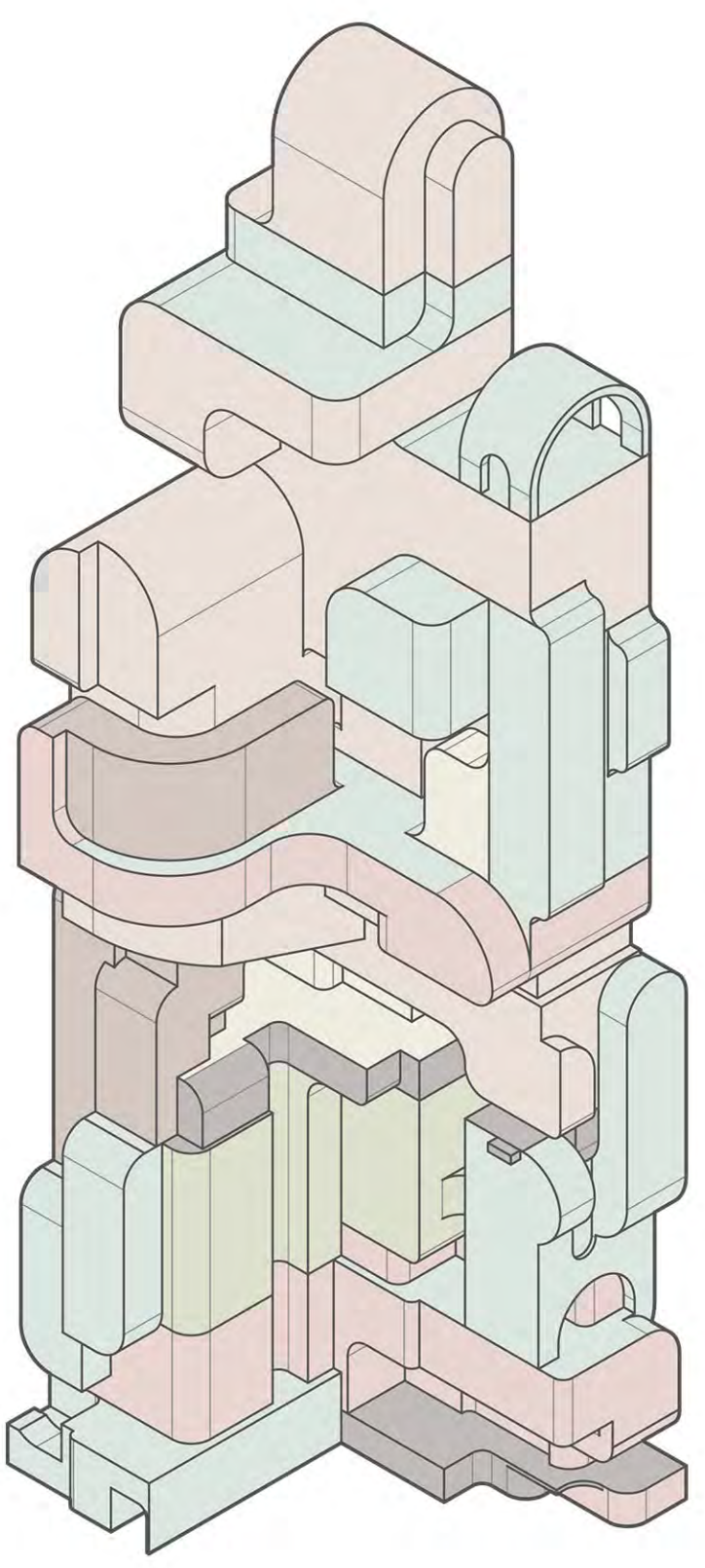


Artifact 01: Missing Iteration



Artifact 02: Missing Refinement

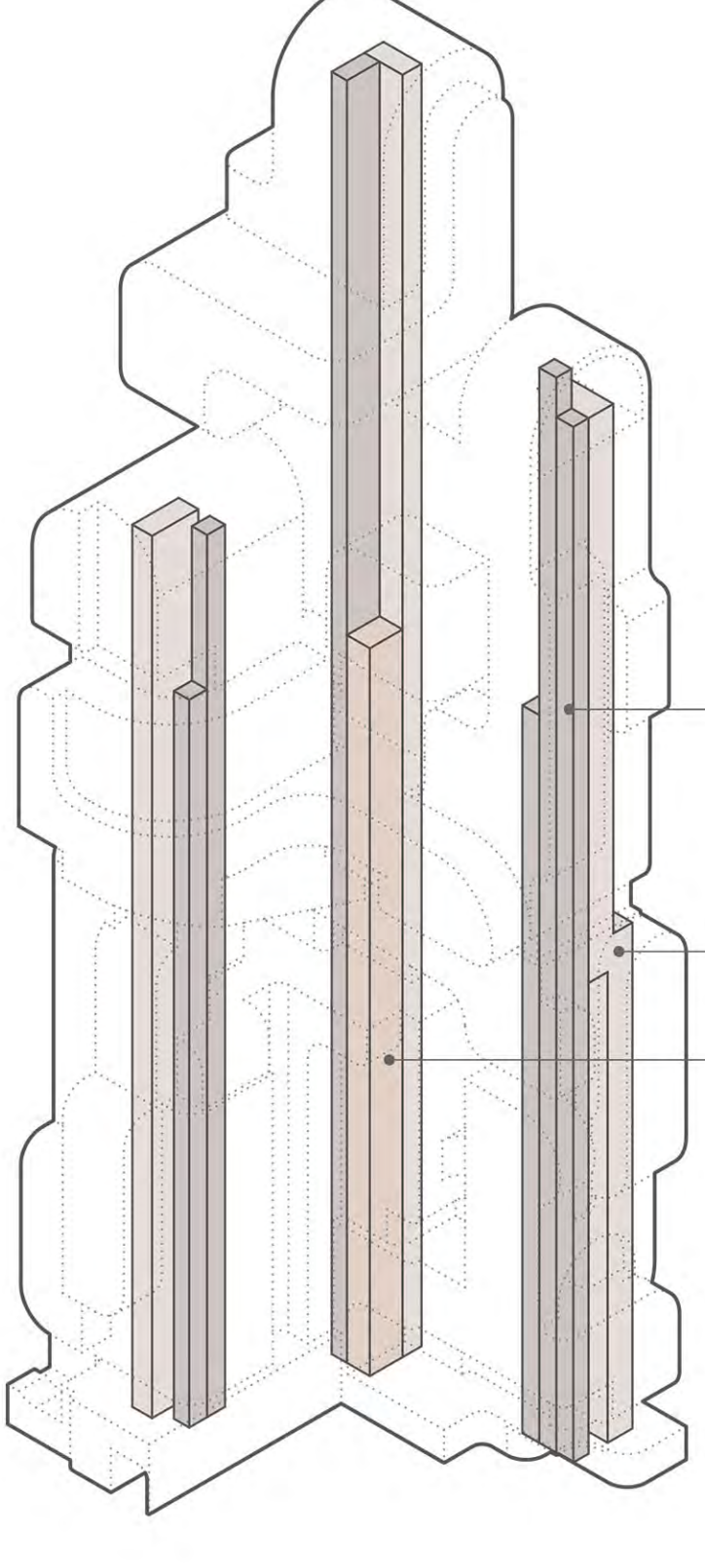
- Community & Services
- Food & Retail
- Youth
- Recreation
- Housing
- Hotel
- Lobby

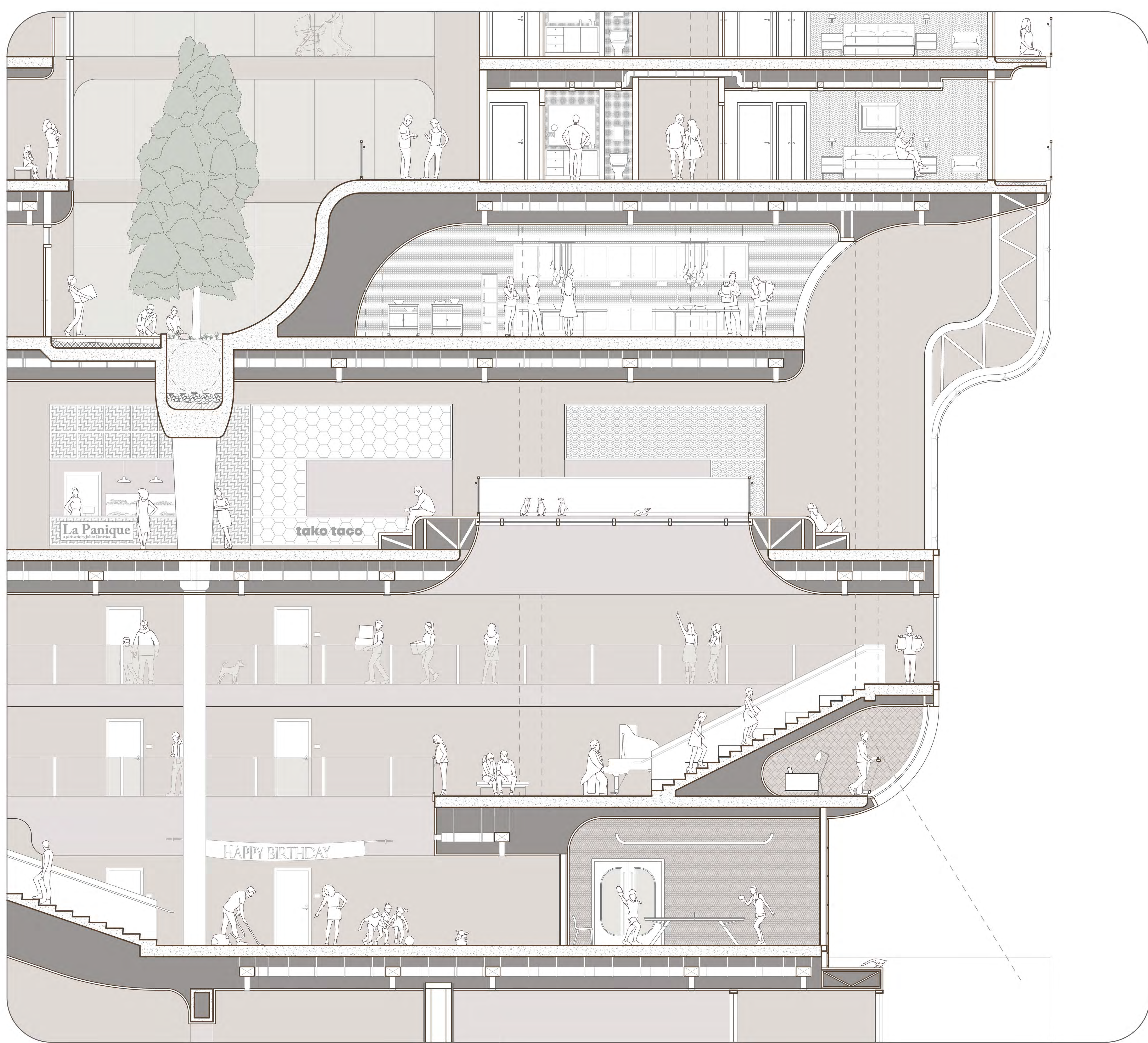
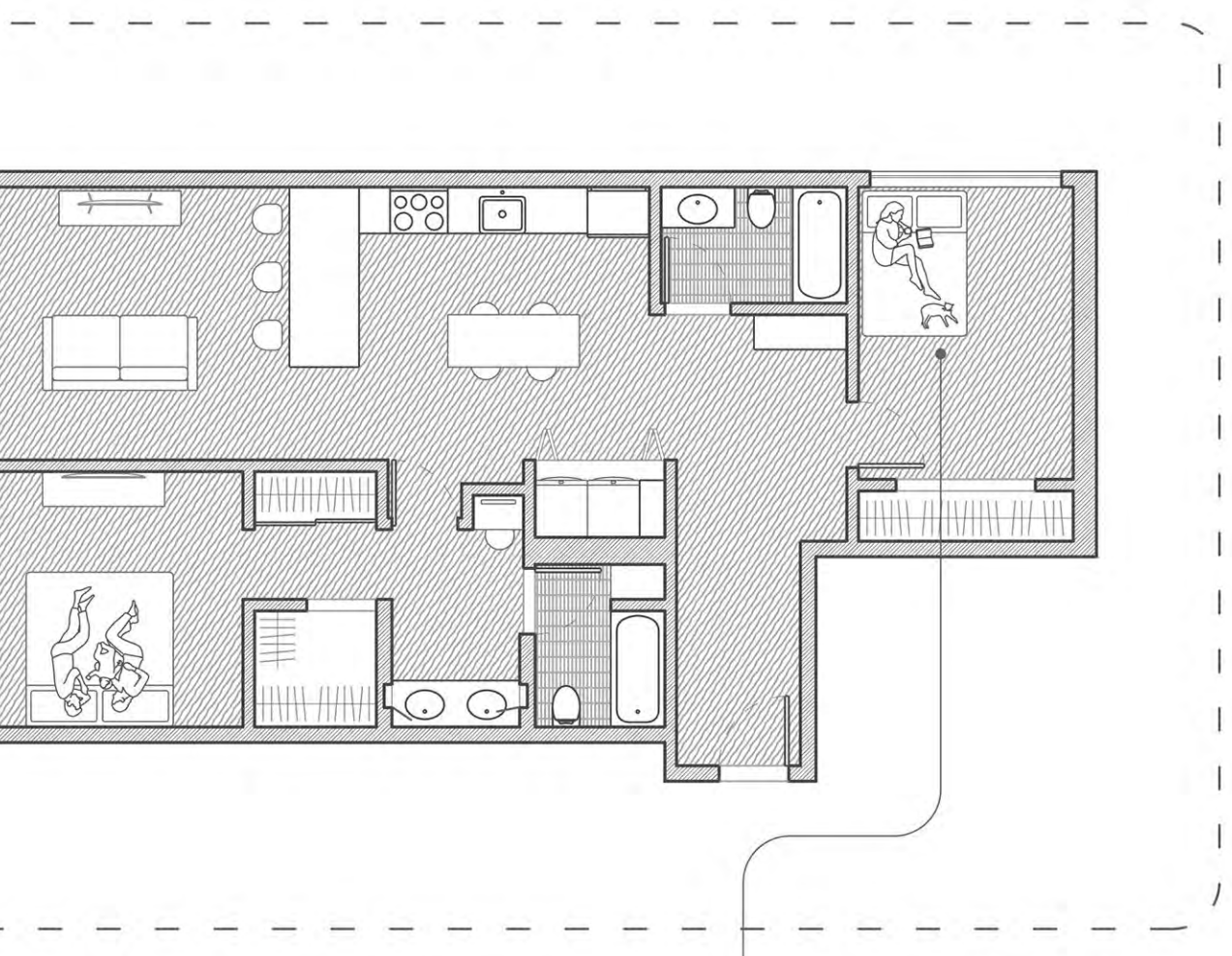
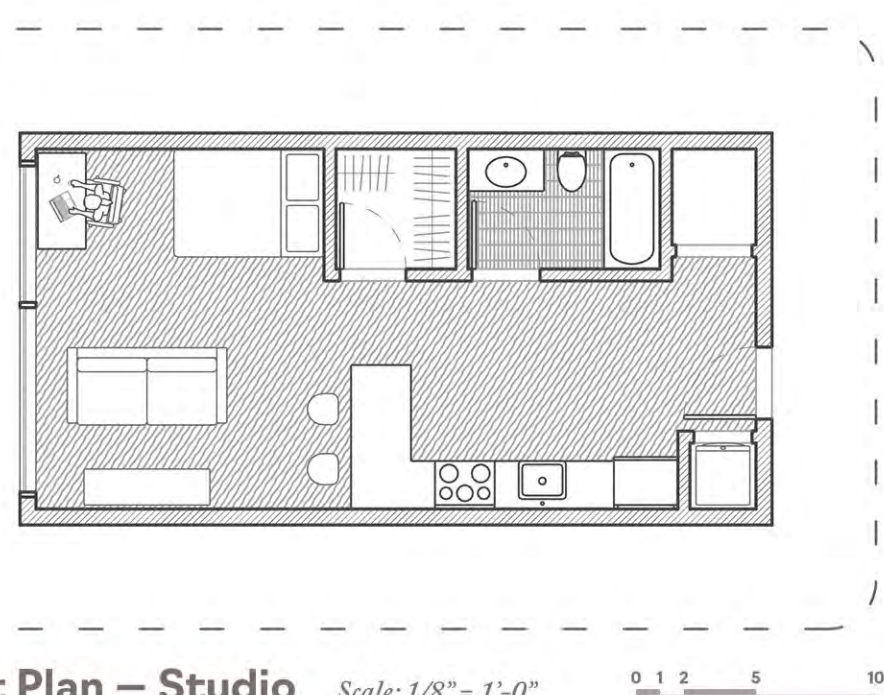
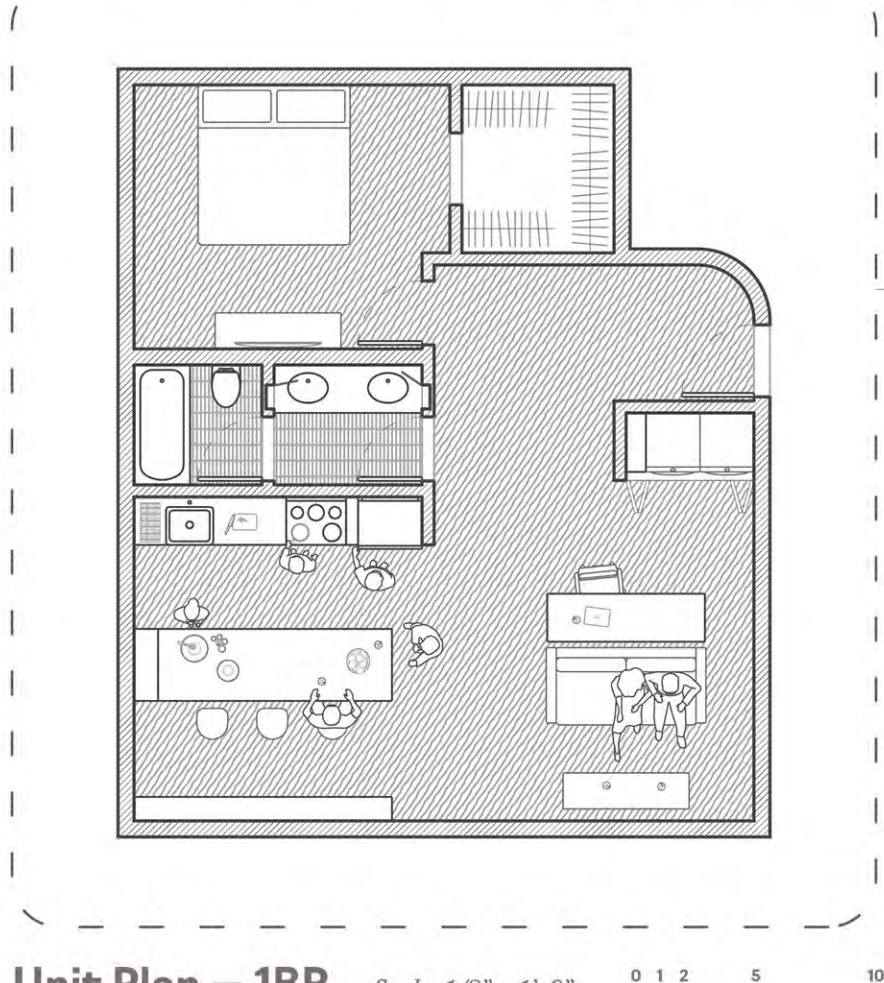
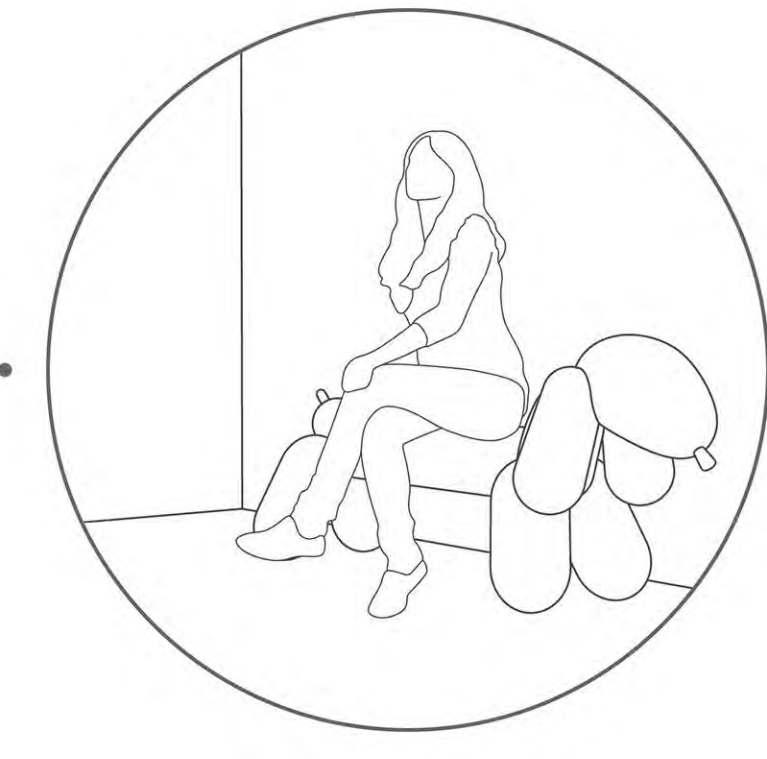
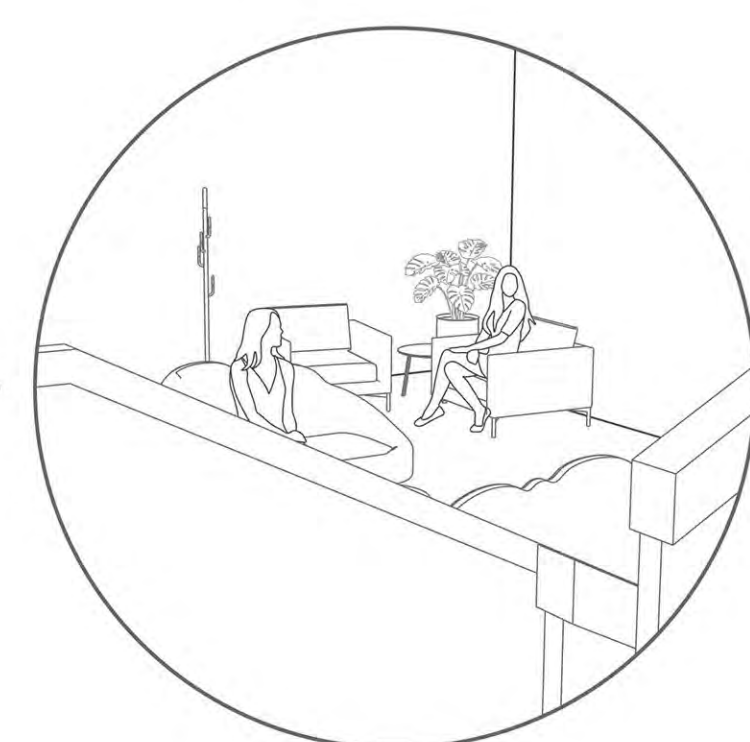
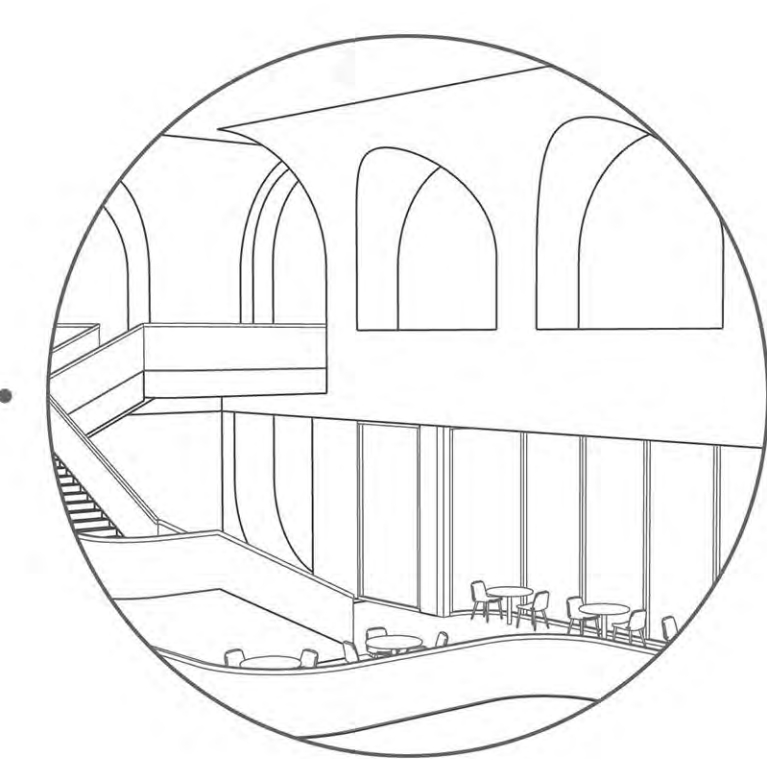
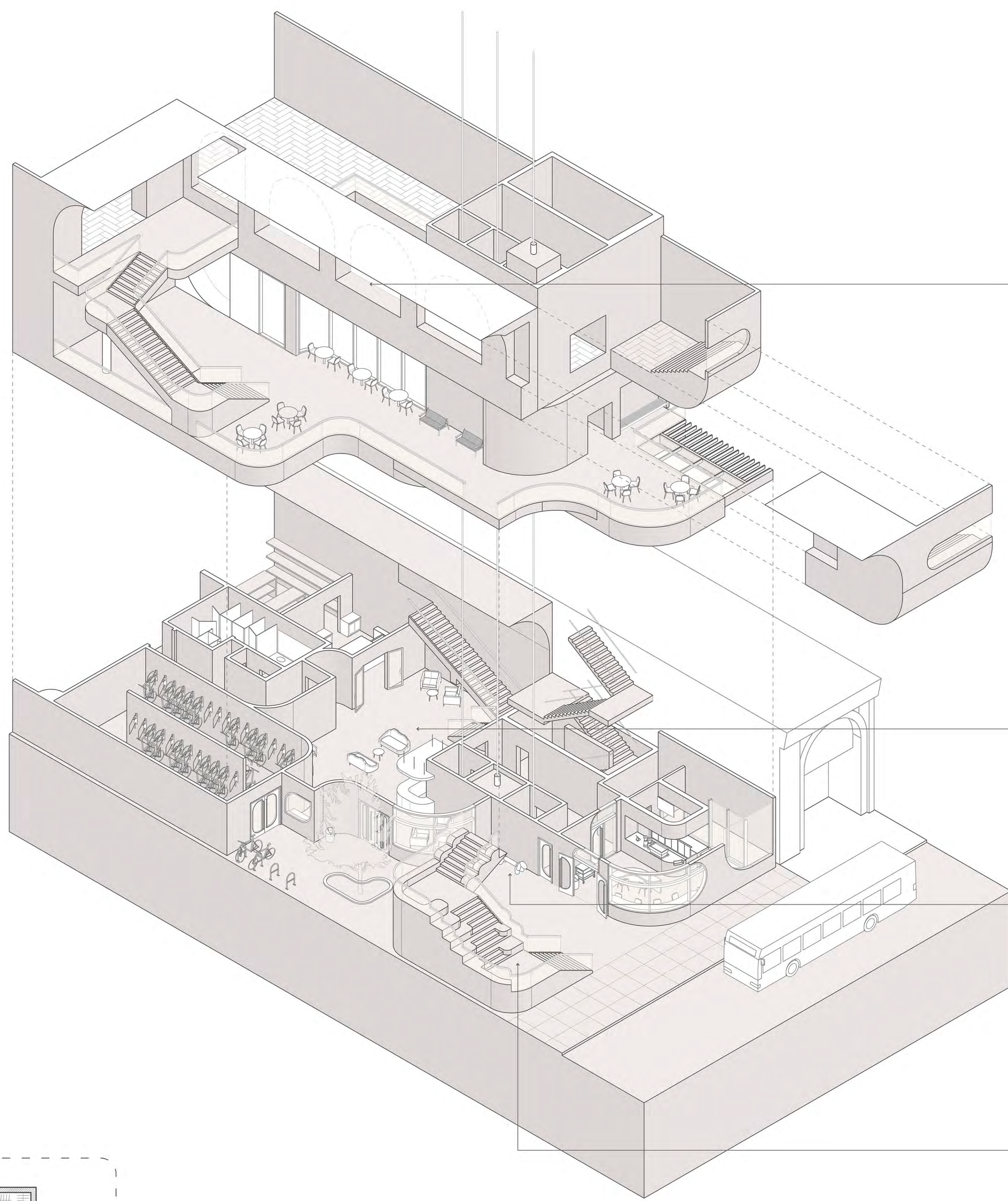


Ground Floor & Site Plan Scale: 1/32" = 1'-0"

Adjacency to Metro Station, Pershing Square, historic Pershing Square Building
 Site: Northeast Corner of W. 5th St. & S. Hill St.

Building Cores & Vertical Circulation





Housing Unit Plans

When are the curves?
While curves and flats are used in many different situations throughout the building, special care was taken to minimize curved wall surfaces in housing units. This is a more efficient use of space allowing more units to be included in the building. Furthermore, curved wall surfaces, unless used intentionally, can often detract from quality of life, creating awkward spaces within units.

