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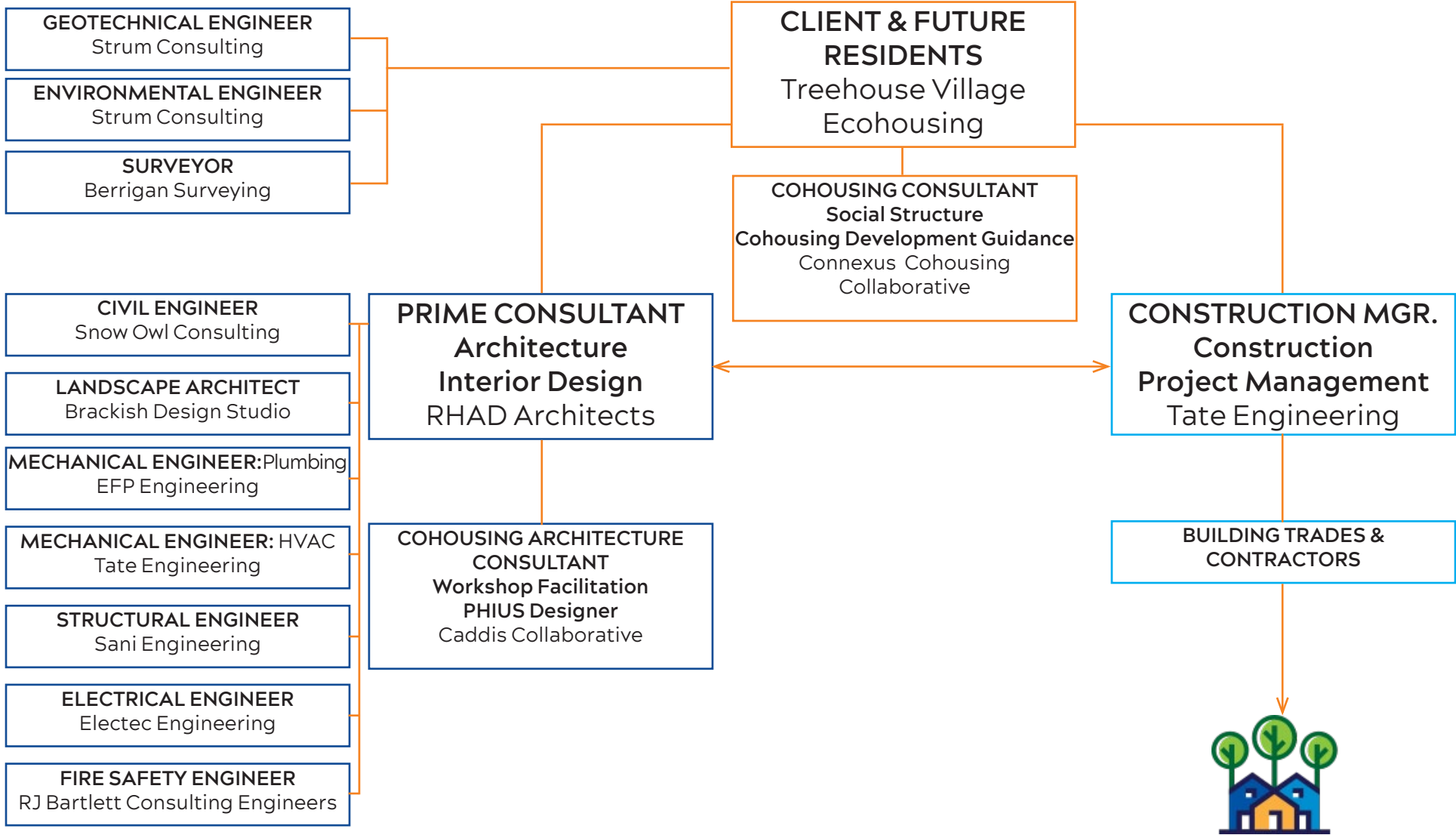
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OUR PLANET

Living Lightly on the Earth

OUR NEIGHBORS

Sharing Resources, Joy, and Welcoming to All

OURSELVES

Living in a Comfortable and Healthy Home



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SITE DESIGN WORKSHOP
AUGUST 2019



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COMMON HOUSE WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 2019

Gather

- Indoor / Outdoor community meeting space
- Home fire / hearth
- Community bulletin boards
- Hangout space near kitchen
- Seating adjacent to cooking area
- Conversation areas without impeding movement

Play

- Children spaces integrated with main spaces
- Indoor / outdoor space off main gathering space
- Indoor / outdoor kid play space, appropriate

Live

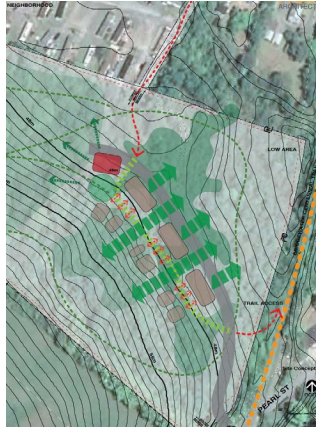
- Mail
- Mudroom, space to remove boots, coat hooks
- Laundry
- Two ensuite guestrooms
- Garden
- Workshop
- Shop Area
- Shared office
- Bookshelves
- Storage

Relax

- Quiet nooks
- Windowseat with views to forest / garden
- Space for yoga

Cook

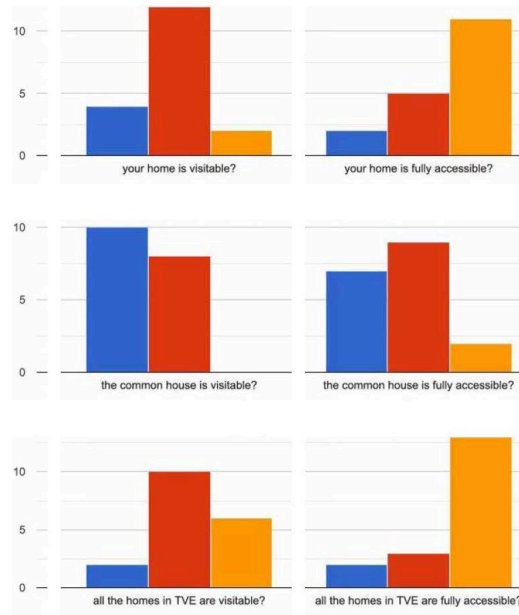
- Dining room
- Clean kitchen food storage



Community Accessibility

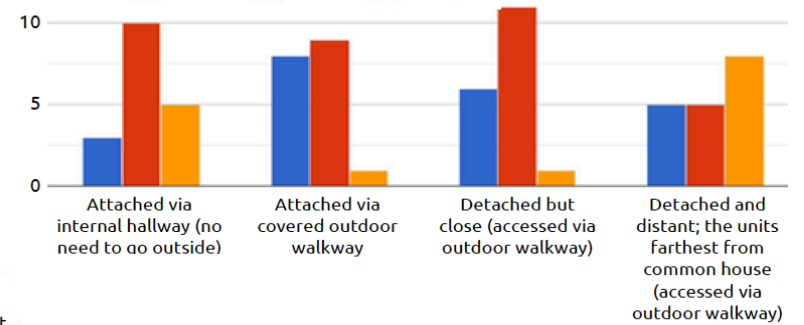
How important is it to you that...

- Blue: Necessary / I am willing to pay dearly for it
- Red: Preferred / I am willing to pay some extra for this
- Yellow: Not required / I am not willing to pay extra for this option



Access to Common House

How do you feel about your unit's proximity to the Common House?



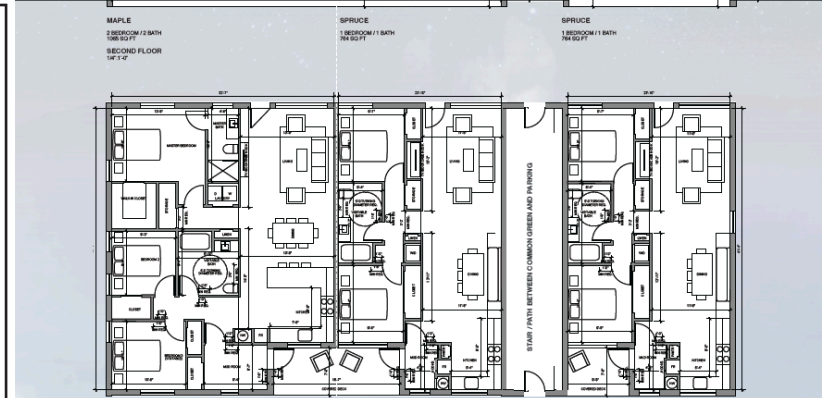
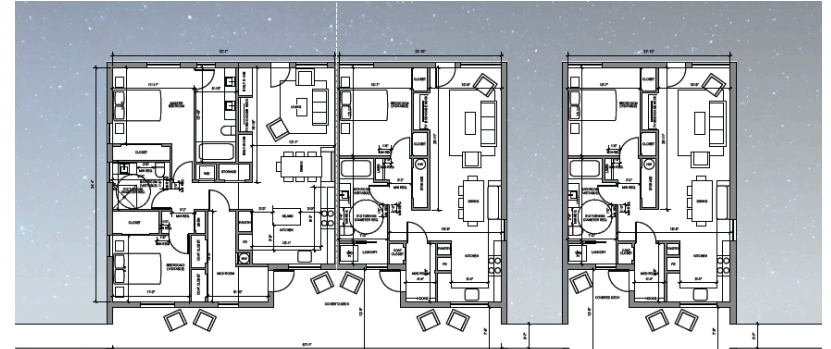
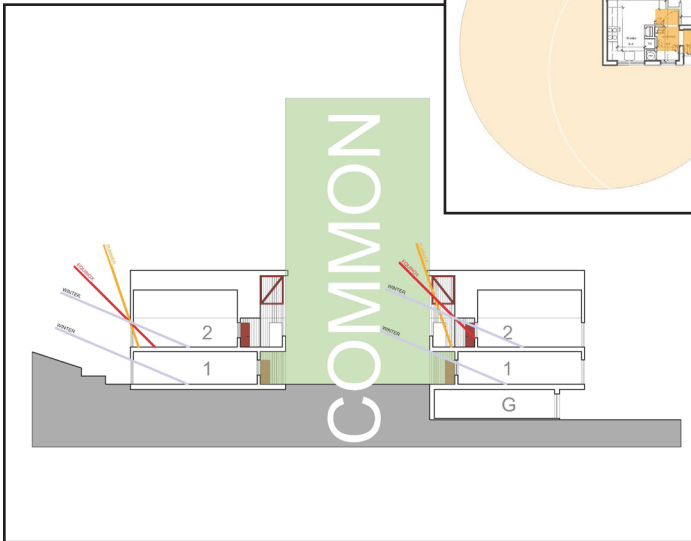
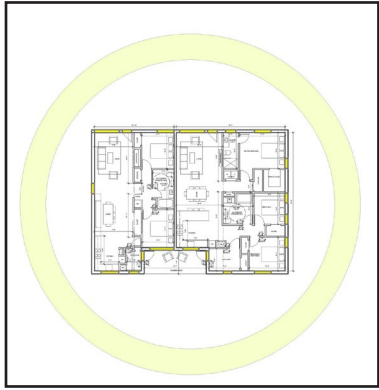
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PRIVATE HOME WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 2019



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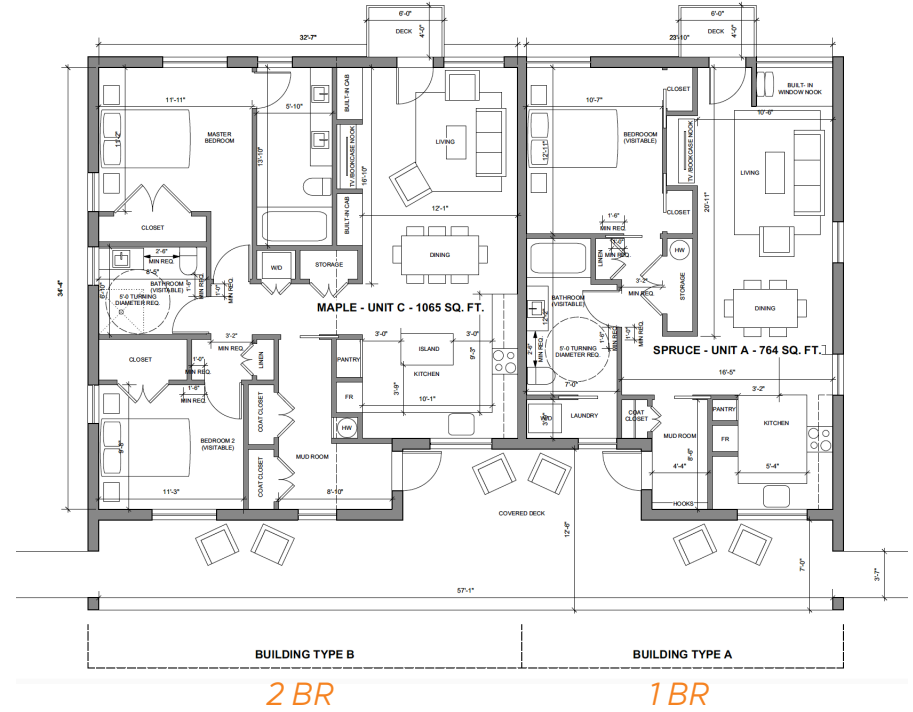
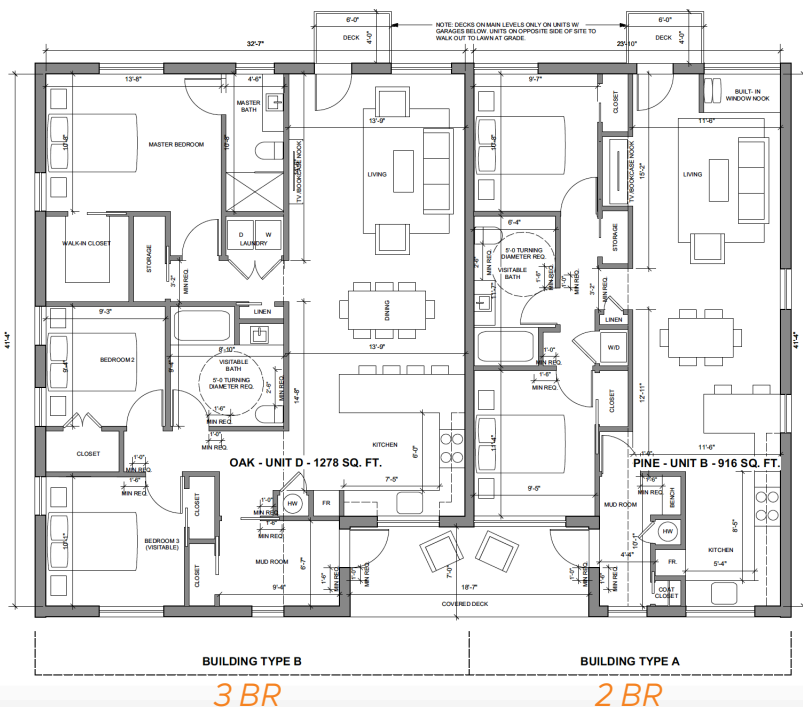
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SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRIVATE UNIT PLANS

STACKED FLATS



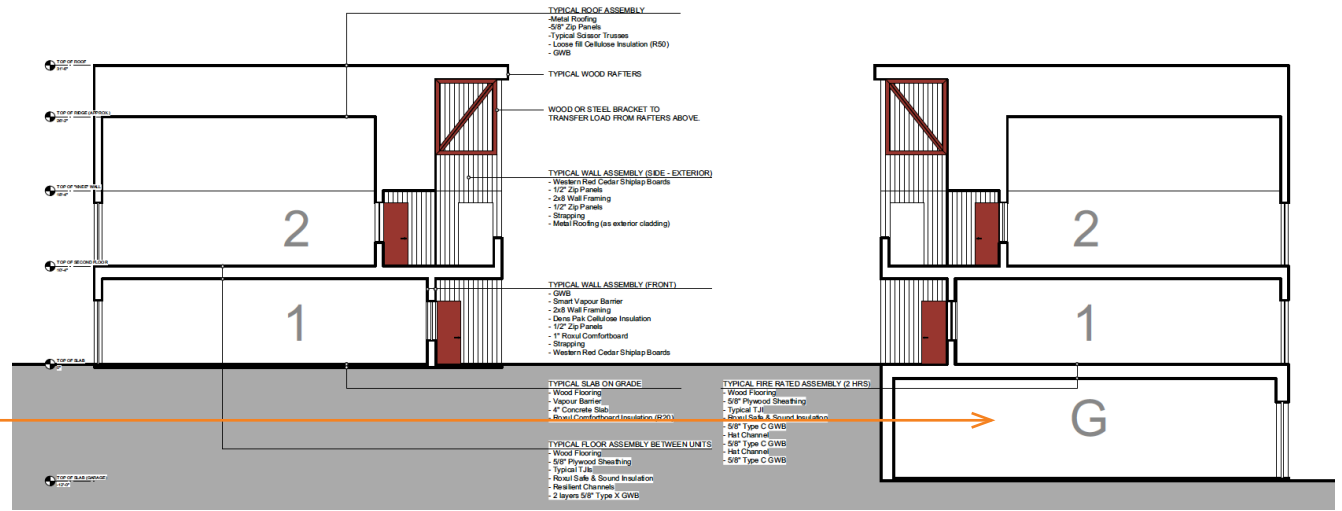
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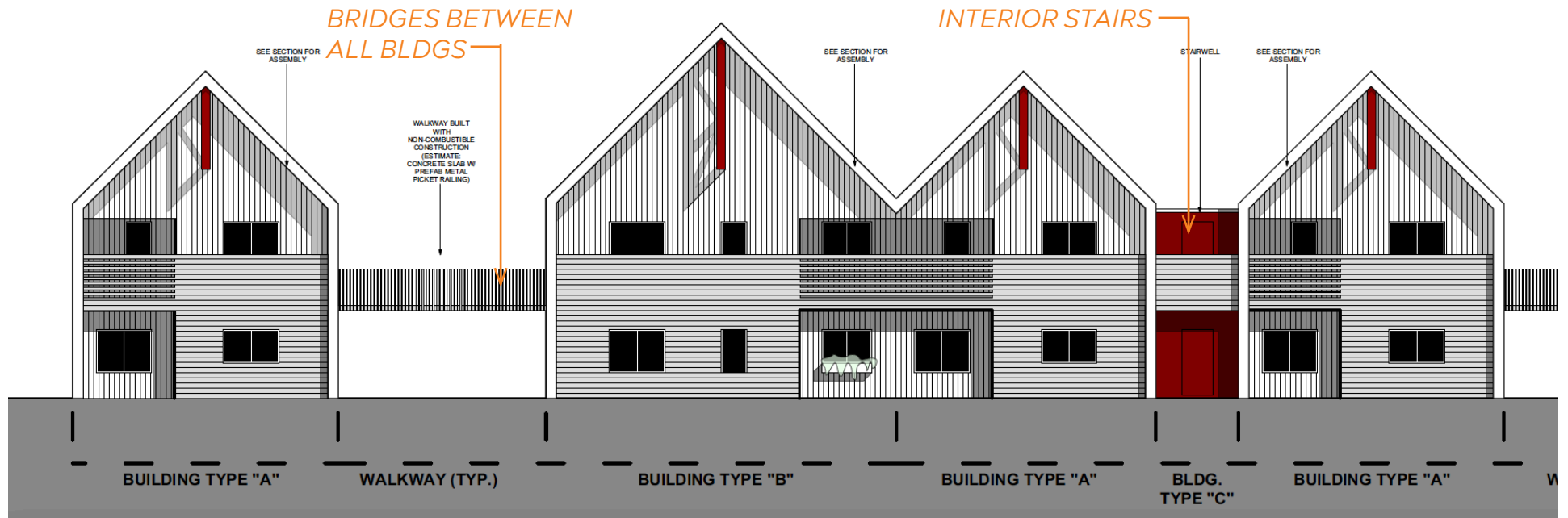


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SCHEMATIC DESIGN ELEVATIONS & SECTION



UTILIZING EXISTING SLOPING SITE



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SCHEMATIC DESIGN ENERGY MODELING

The PHPP has not been filled completely; it is not valid as verification

Specific building characteristics with reference to the treated floor area		Criteria	Alternative criteria	Fulfilled? ²
Space heating	Treated floor area m ²			
	Heating demand kWh/(m ² a)	35	15	no
	Heating load W/m ²	16	-	10
Space cooling	Cooling & dehum. demand kWh/(m ² a)	-	-	-
	Cooling load W/m ²	-	-	-
	Frequency of overheating (> 25 °C) %	6	10	yes
	Frequency of excessively high humidity (> 12 g/kg) %	12	20	yes
Airtightness	Pressurization test result n ₅₀ 1/h	0.6	0.6	yes
Non-renewable Primary Energy (PE)	PE demand kWh/(m ² a)		#N/A	#N/A
Primary Energy Renewable (PER)	PER demand kWh/(m ² a)	42	-	-
	Generation of renewable energy (in relation to projected kWh/(m ² a) building footprint area)	0	-	-

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I confirm that the values given herein have been determined following the PHPP methodology and based on the characteristic values of the building. The PHPP calculations are attached to this verification.

Passive House Classic? no

Task: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____
 Issued on: _____ City: _____
 Signature: _____

SAME WALL ASSEMBLIES,...
DIFFERENT WINDOWS!

PRELIMINARY MODELING COMPLETED
USING PHPP SOFTWARE

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Specific building characteristics with reference to the treated floor area		Criteria	Alternative criteria	Fulfilled? ²
Space heating	Treated floor area m ²			
	Heating demand kWh/(m ² a)	18	15	no
	Heating load W/m ²	12	-	10
Space cooling	Cooling & dehum. demand kWh/(m ² a)	-	-	-
	Cooling load W/m ²	-	-	-
	Frequency of overheating (> 25 °C) %	33	10	no
	Frequency of excessively high humidity (> 12 g/kg) %	31	20	no
Airtightness	Pressurization test result n ₅₀ 1/h	0.6	0.6	yes
Non-renewable Primary Energy (PE)	PE demand kWh/(m ² a)		#N/A	#N/A
Primary Energy Renewable (PER)	PER demand kWh/(m ² a)	62	-	-
	Generation of renewable energy (in relation to projected kWh/(m ² a) building footprint area)	0	-	-

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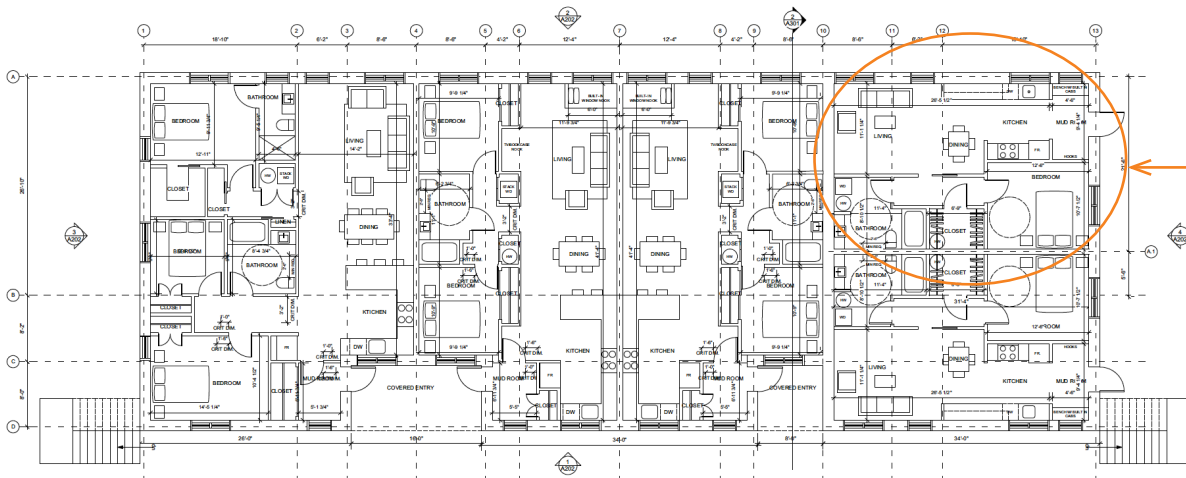
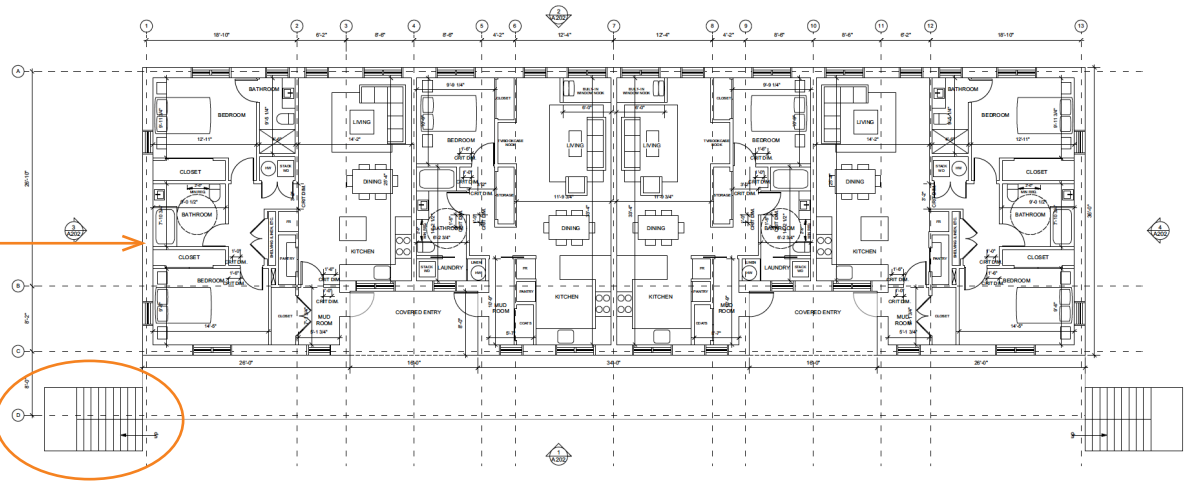


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DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PRIVATE UNITS PLANS

NO COMPROMISE ON WALL
ASSEMBLIES!

STAIRS REPLACING BRIDGES
BETWEEN ALL BUILDINGS



NEW "MICRO" 1-BR UNITS



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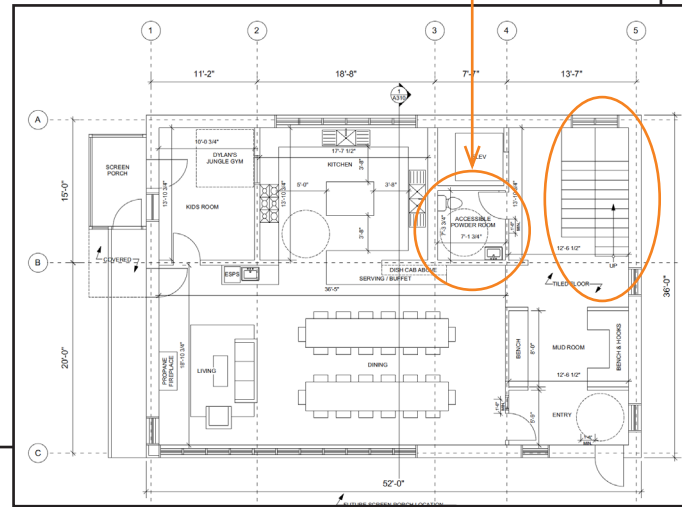
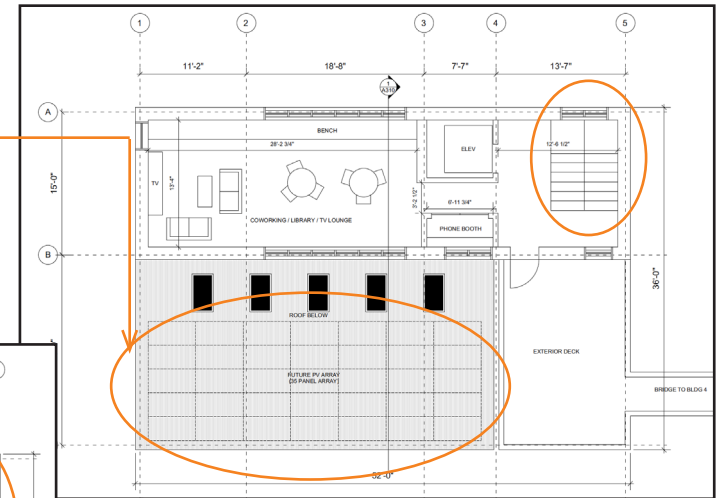
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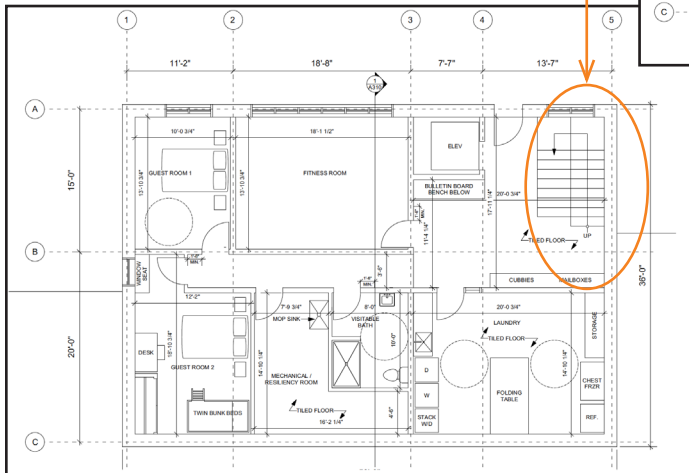
POWDER ROOM CHANGED
TO VISITABLE BATHROOM

SOLAR ARRAY
ON ROOF

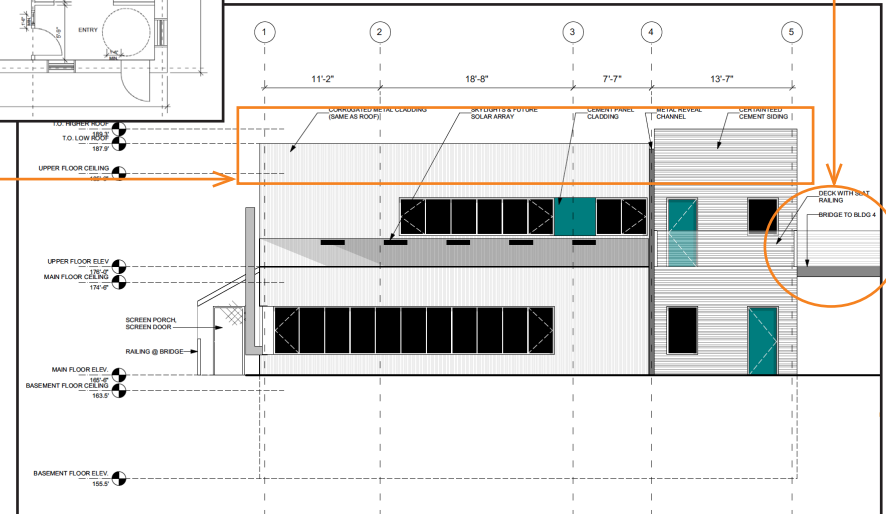
STAIRS BROUGHT INTO
SIMPLIFIED FORM



ONLY ONE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
FROM COMMON HOUSE



GABLE ROOFS TO
SHED ROOFS



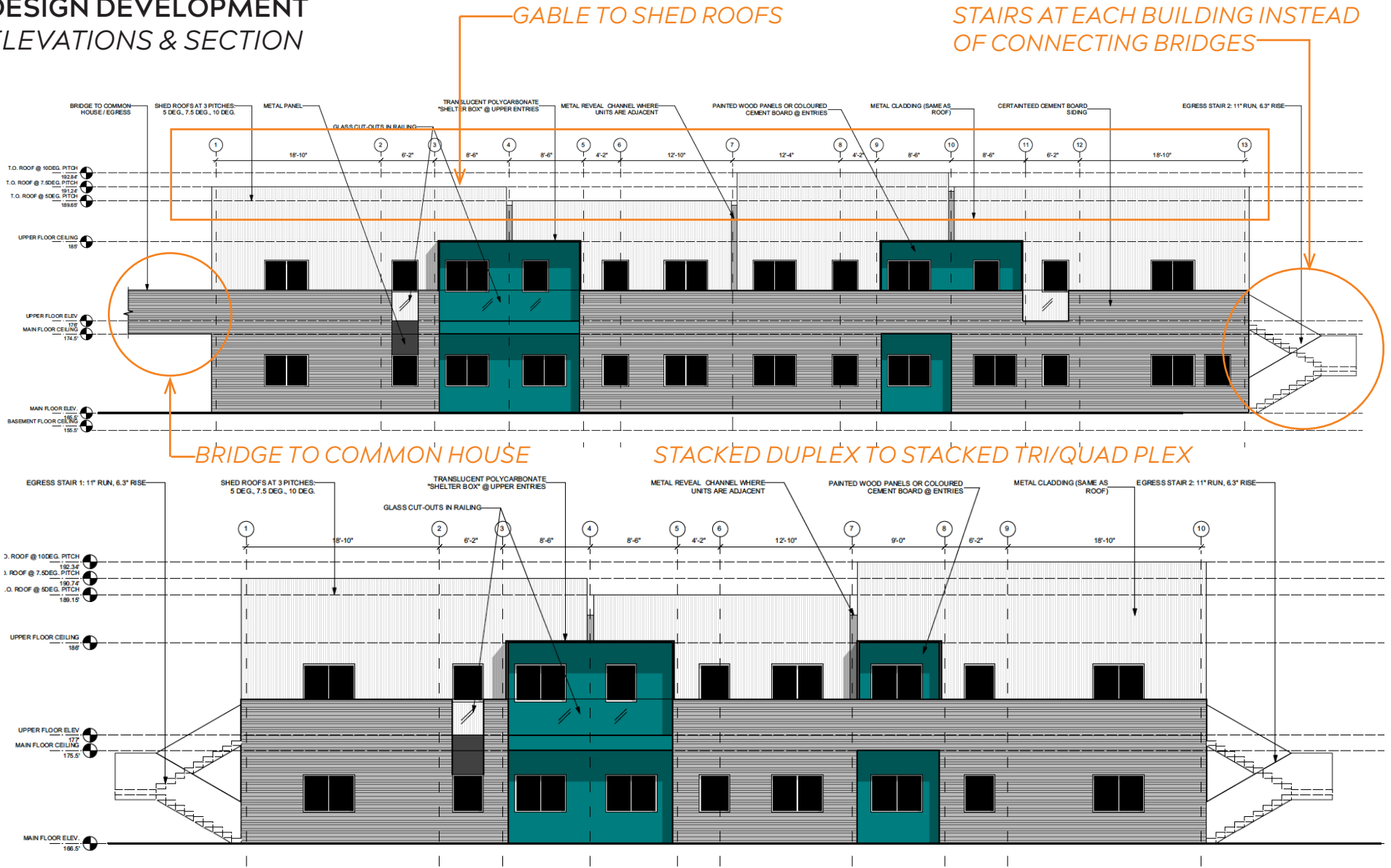
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ENERGY MODELING (JUNE 2020)

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BUILDING INFORMATION

Category:	Residential	
Status:	In planning	
Building type:	New construction	
Year of construction:	2020	
Units:	6	
Number of occupants:	19 (Design)	
Occupant density:	334.1 ft²/Person	

Boundary conditions

Climate: **SHEARWATER, NS**

Internal heat gains: **0.9 Btu/hr ft²**

Interior temperature: **68 °F**

Overheat temperature: **77 °F**

Building geometry

Enclosed volume: **69,815.1 ft³**

Net-volume: **58,275 ft³**

Total area envelope: **13,512.2 ft²**

Area/Volume Ratio: **0.2 1/ft**

Floor area: **6,348 ft²**

Envelope area/ICFA: **2.129**

PASSIVEHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate criteria: PHIUS+ 2018

Heating demand

specific: 7.02 kBtu/ft²yr ✔

target: 7.3 kBtu/ft²yr

total: 44,563.77 kBtu/yr

Cooling demand

sensible: 1 kBtu/ft²yr ✔

latent: 1.34 kBtu/ft²yr ✔

specific: 2.34 kBtu/ft²yr ✔

target: 3.6 kBtu/ft²yr

total: 14,863.37 kBtu/yr

Heating load

specific: 4.29 Btu/hr ft² ✔

target: 5.7 Btu/hr ft²

total: 27,257.7 Btu/hr

Cooling load

specific: 1.09 Btu/hr ft² ✔

target: 1.9 Btu/hr ft²

total: 6,939.82 Btu/hr

CHANGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PASSIVE HOUSE TO PHIUS

SLIGHTLY OVER SOURCE ENERGY TARGET

AIR TIGHTNESS TARGET IS MORE THAN P.H. INT'L

HIGH FREQUENCY OF OVERHEATING

PHIUS+ 2018 VERIFICATION
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Source energy

total: 75,662.27 kWh/yr ✘

specific: 3,982 kWh/Person yr ✘

target: 3,840 kWh/Person yr

total: 258,144.91 kBtu/yr

specific: 40.67 kBtu/ft²yr

Site energy

total: 131,706.59 kBtu/yr

specific: 20.75 kBtu/ft²yr

total: 38,603.2 kWh/yr

specific: 6.08 kWh/ft²

Air tightness

ACH50: 0.7 1/hr ✔

CFM50 per envelope area: 0.05 cfm/ft²

target: 0.83 1/hr

target CFM50: 0.06 cfm/ft²

PASSIVEHOUSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Sensible recovery efficiency: 84.9 % ✔

Frequency of overheating: 25.2 % ✘

Cooling system is required

Frequency of overheating only applies if there is not a [properly sized] cooling system installed.



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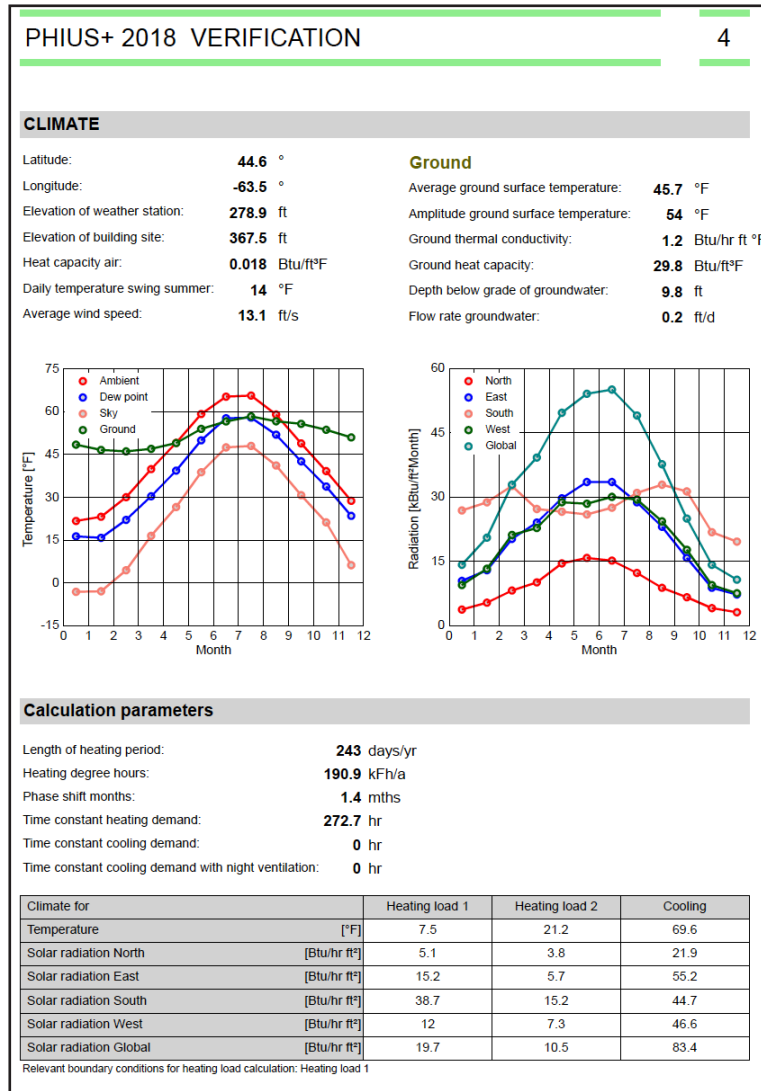
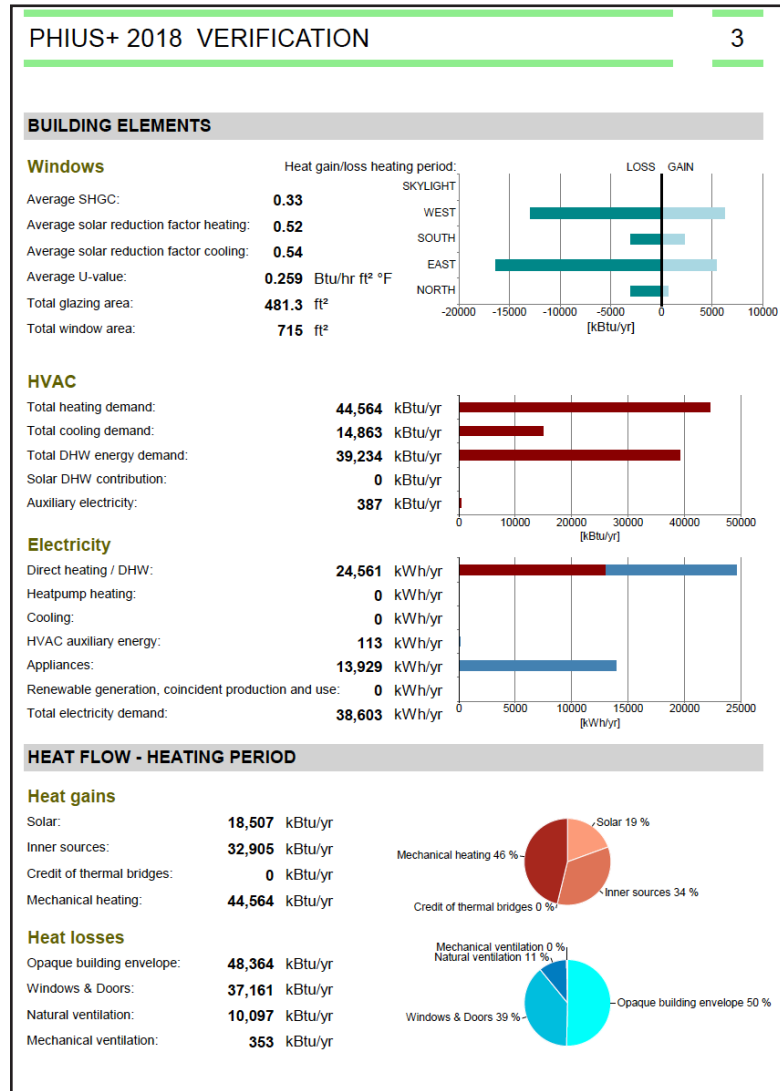
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ANNUAL HEAT DEMAND

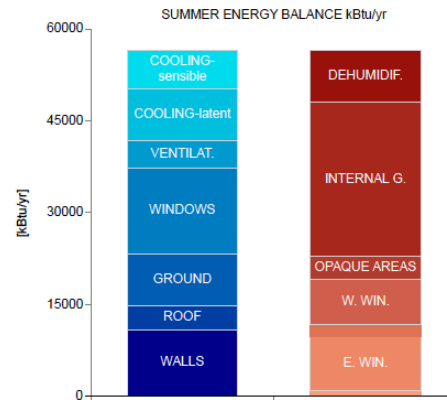
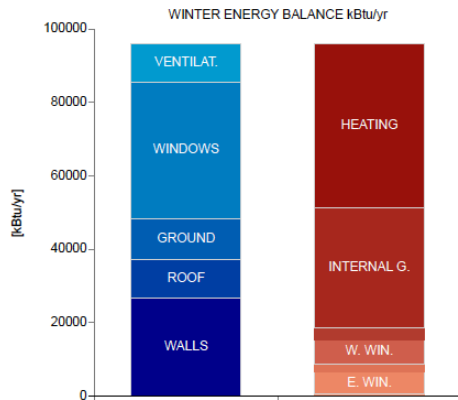
Transmission losses :	85,526 kBtu/yr
Ventilation losses:	10,450 kBtu/yr
Total heat losses:	95,976 kBtu/yr
Solar heat gains:	18,720 kBtu/yr
Internal heat gains:	33,282 kBtu/yr
Total heat gains:	52,002 kBtu/yr
Utilization factor:	98.9 %
Useful heat gains:	51,412 kBtu/yr

Annual heat demand:	44,564 kBtu/yr
Specific annual heat demand:	7,020.8 Btu/ft ² yr

ANNUAL COOLING DEMAND

Solar heat gains:	22,874 kBtu/yr
Internal heat gains:	25,207 kBtu/yr
Total heat gains:	48,081 kBtu/yr
Transmission losses :	45,036 kBtu/yr
Ventilation losses:	5,314 kBtu/yr
Total heat losses:	50,350 kBtu/yr
Utilization factor:	82.8 %
Useful heat losses:	41,715 kBtu/yr

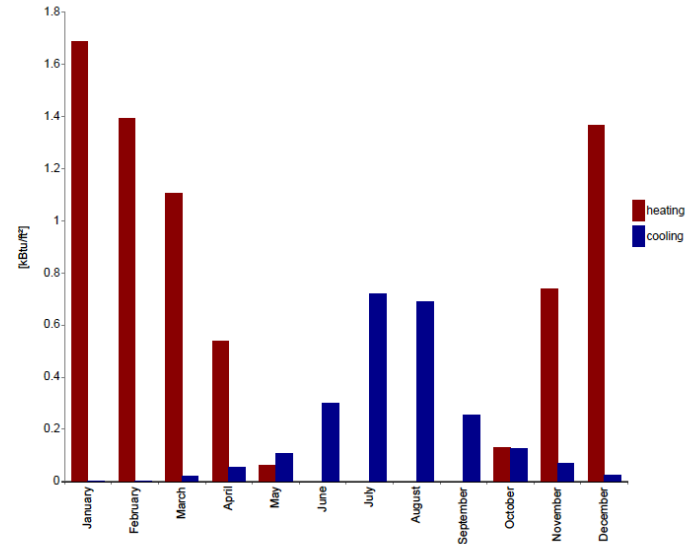
Cooling demand - sensible:	6,366 kBtu/yr
Cooling demand - latent:	8,497 kBtu/yr
Annual cooling demand:	14,863 kBtu/yr
Specific annual cooling demand:	2.3 kBtu/ft ² yr



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SPECIFIC HEAT/COOLING DEMAND MONTHLY



Month	Heating [kBtu/ft ²]	Cooling [kBtu/ft ²]
January	1.7	0
February	1.4	0
March	1.1	0
April	0.5	0.1
May	0.1	0.1
June	0	0.3
July	0	0.7
August	0	0.7
September	0	0.3
October	0.1	0.1
November	0.7	0.1
December	1.4	0



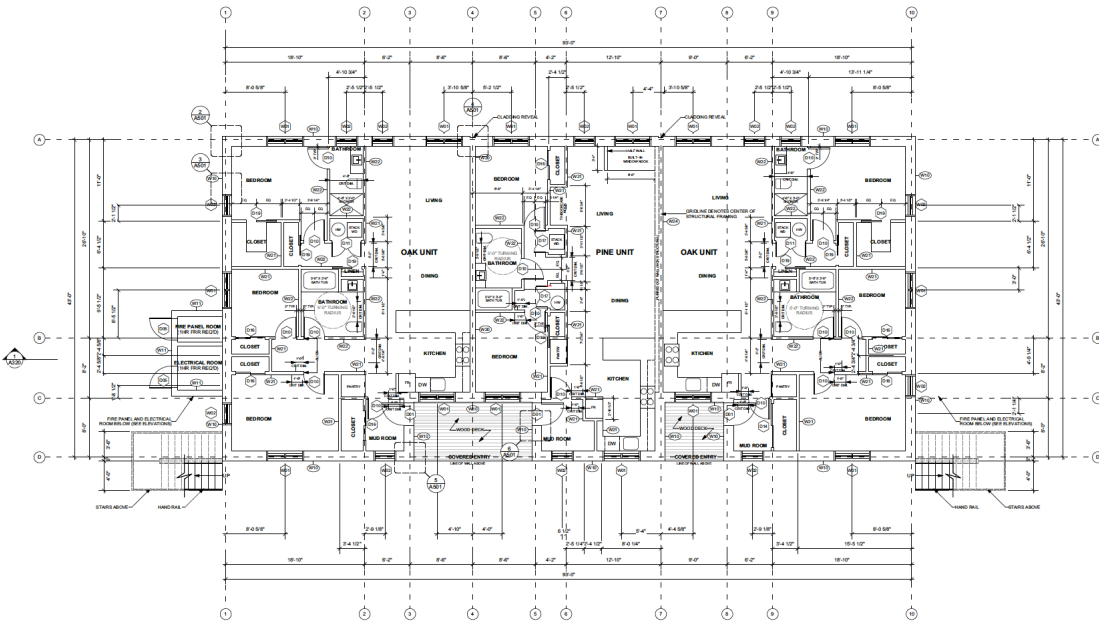
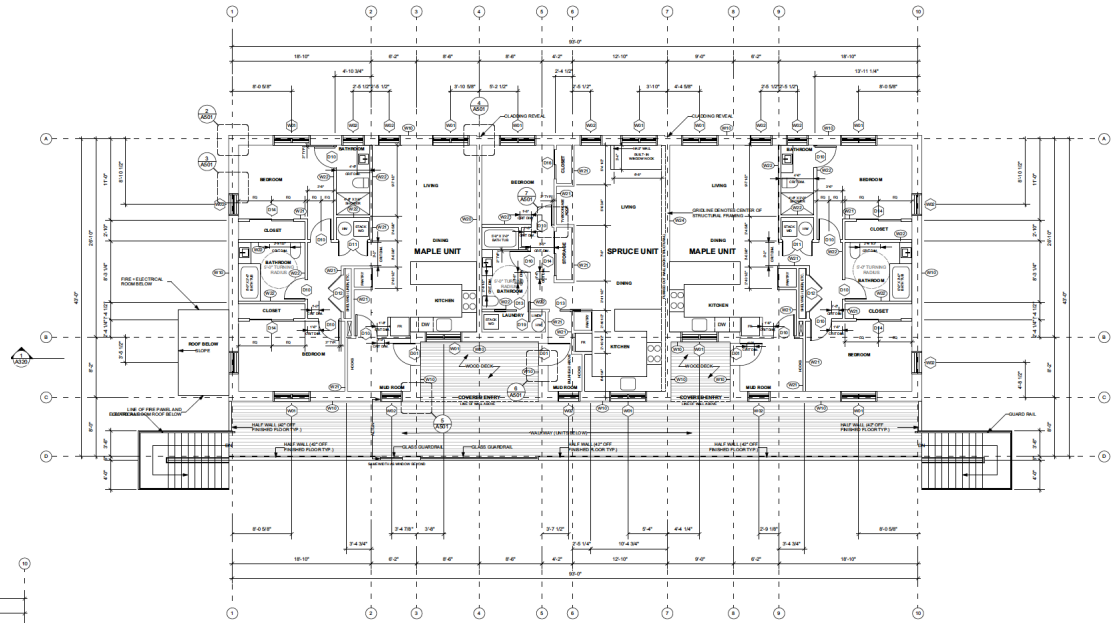
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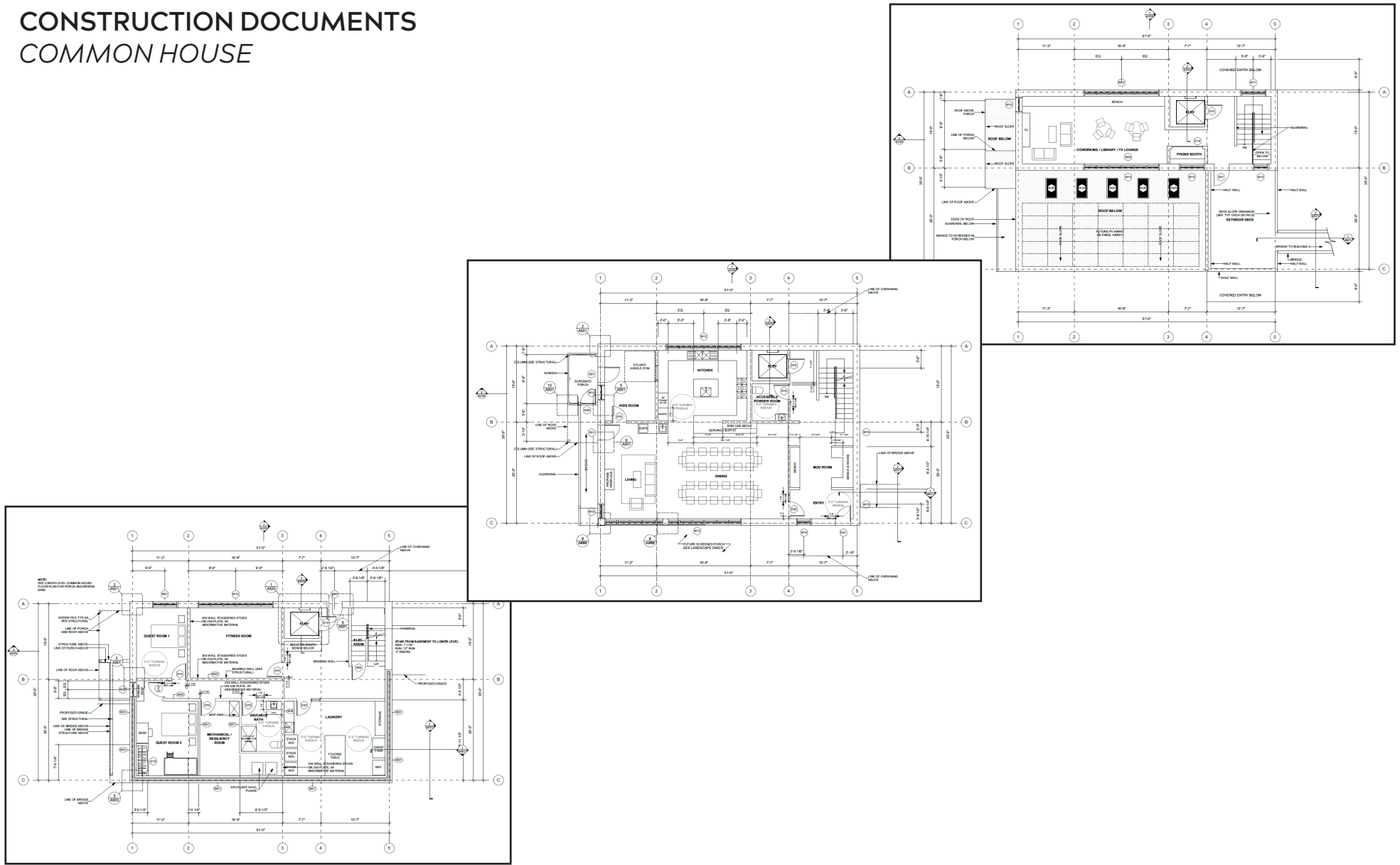
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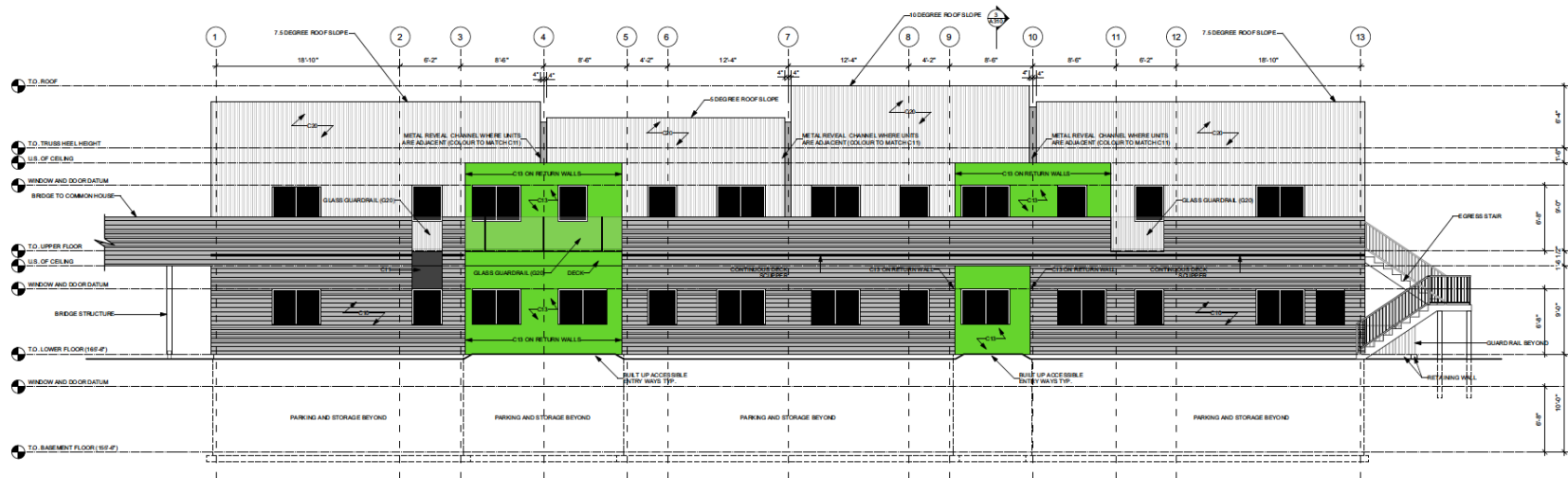
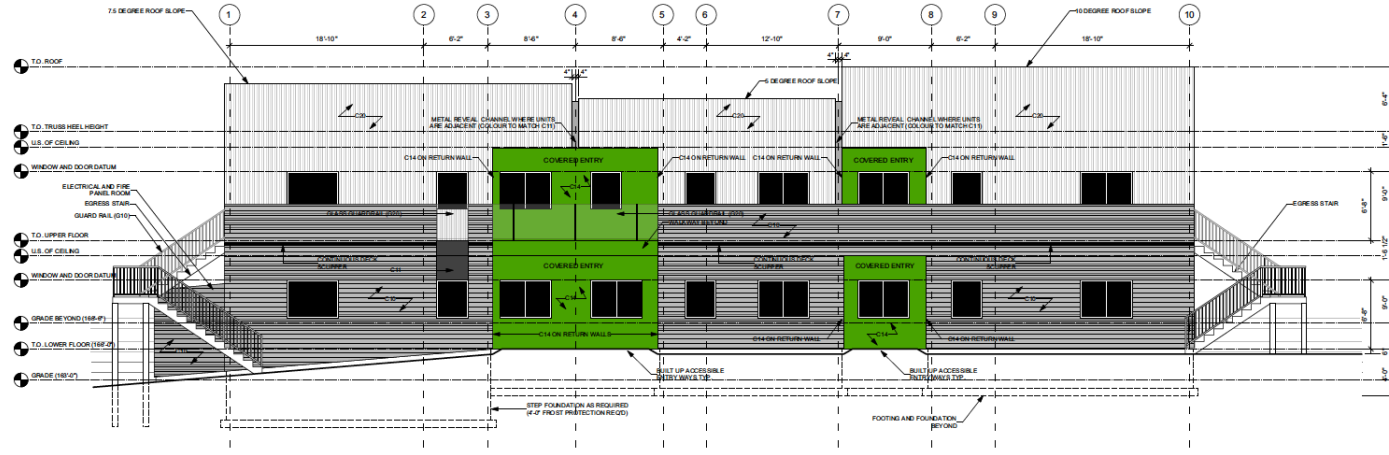
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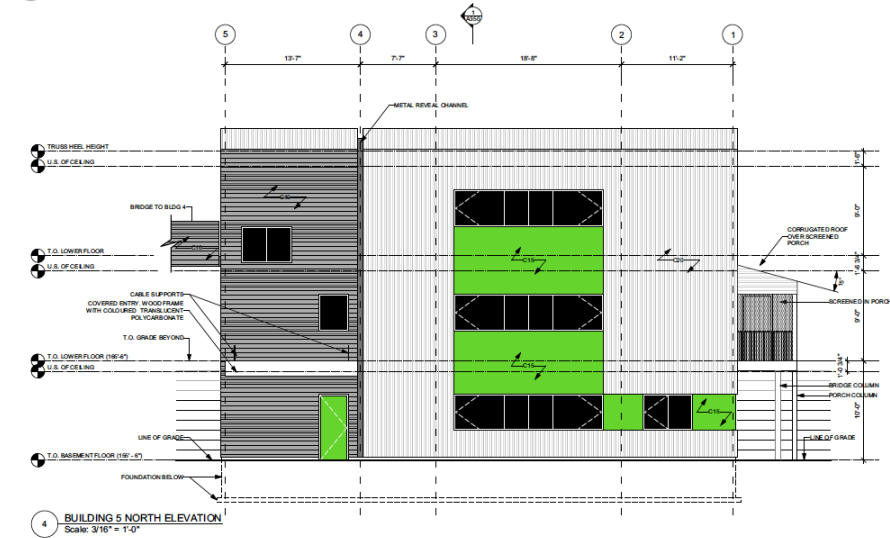
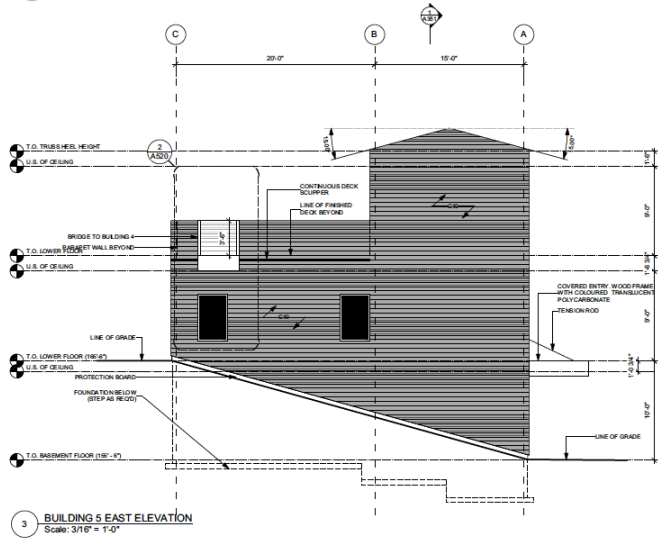
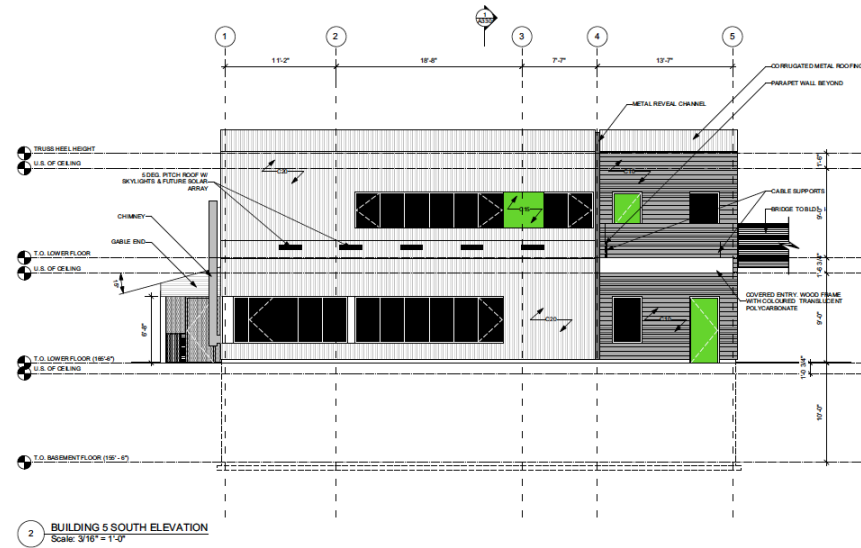
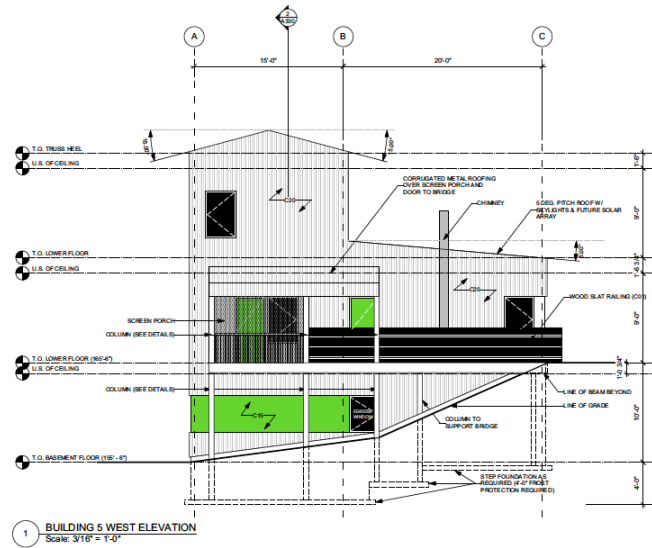
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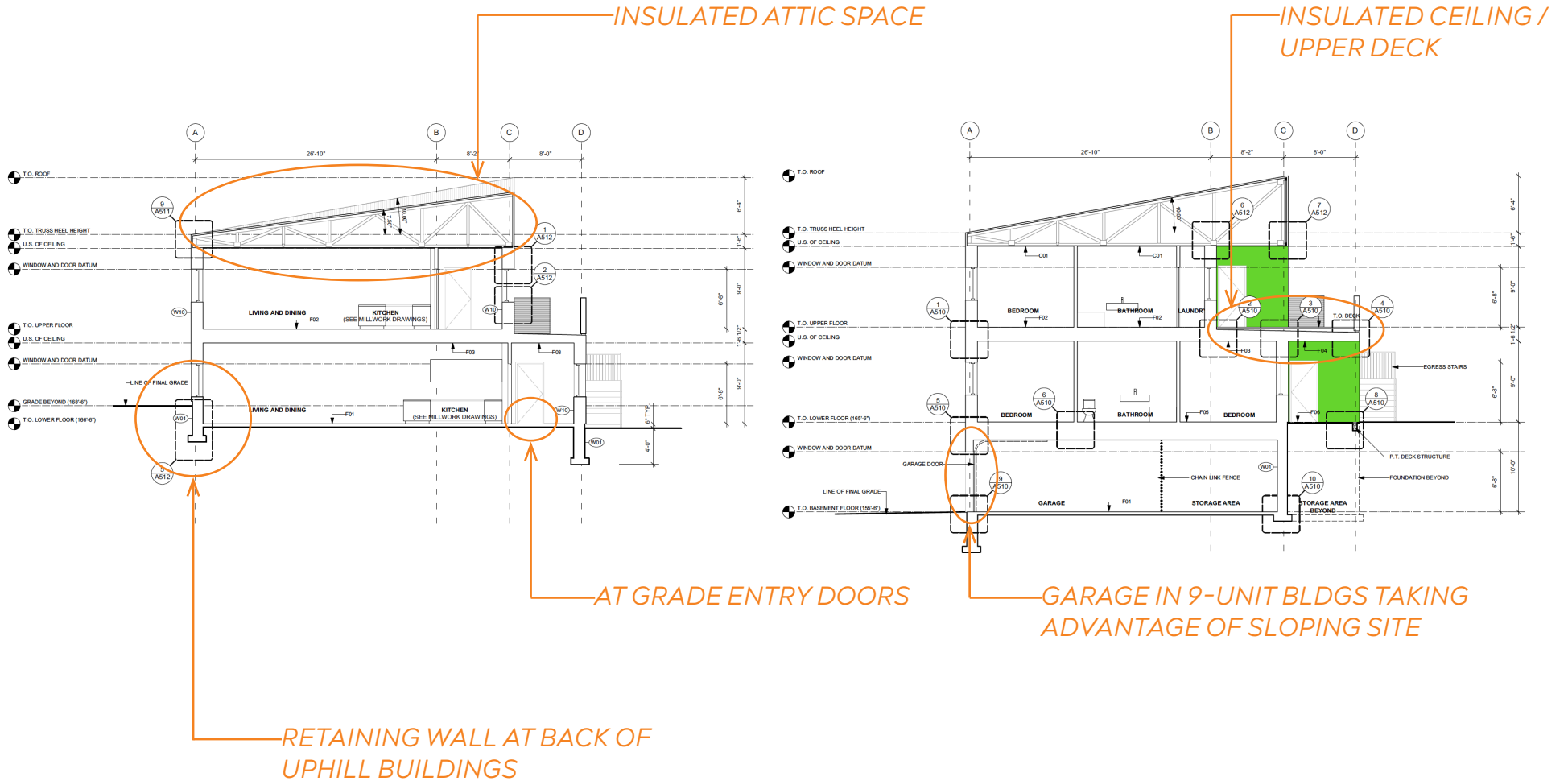
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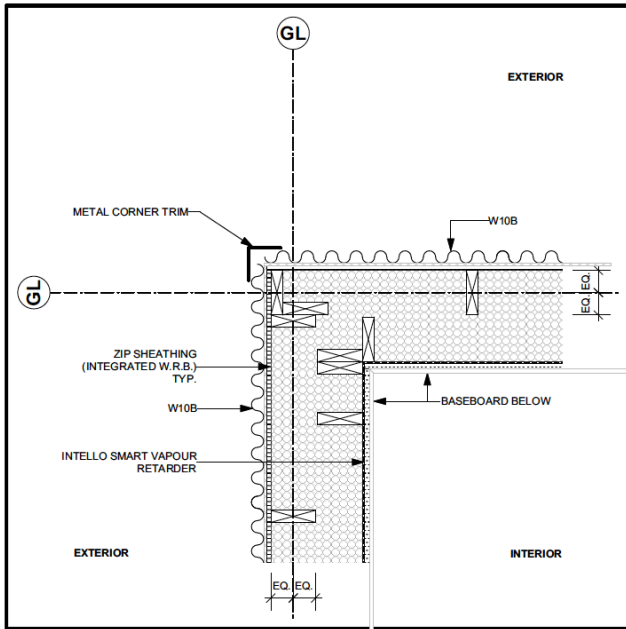
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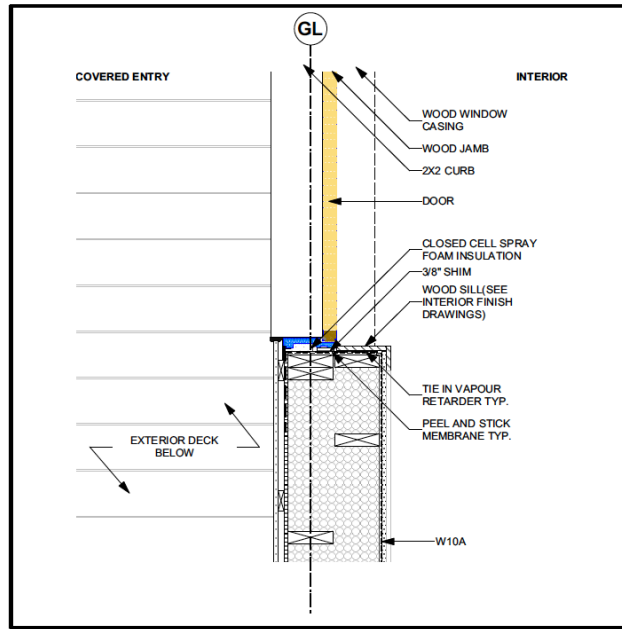
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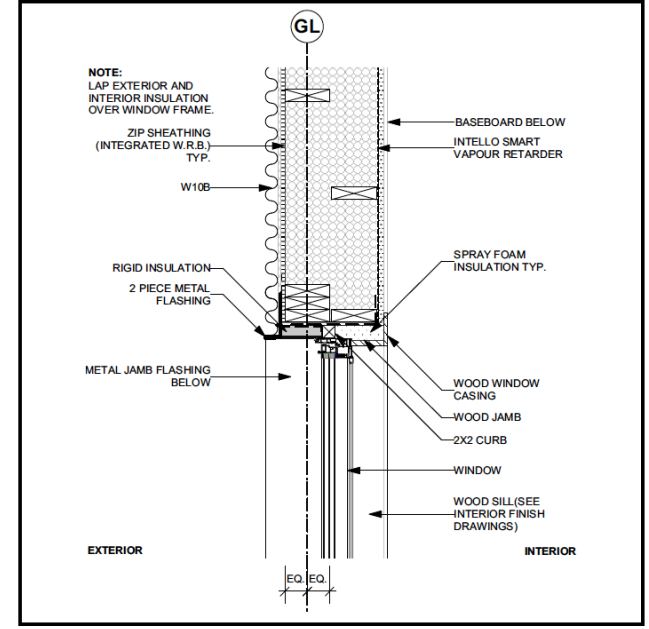
PLAN DETAILS



TYPICAL CORNER DETAIL



TYPICAL DOOR JAMB DETAIL



TYPICAL WINDOW JAMB DETAIL



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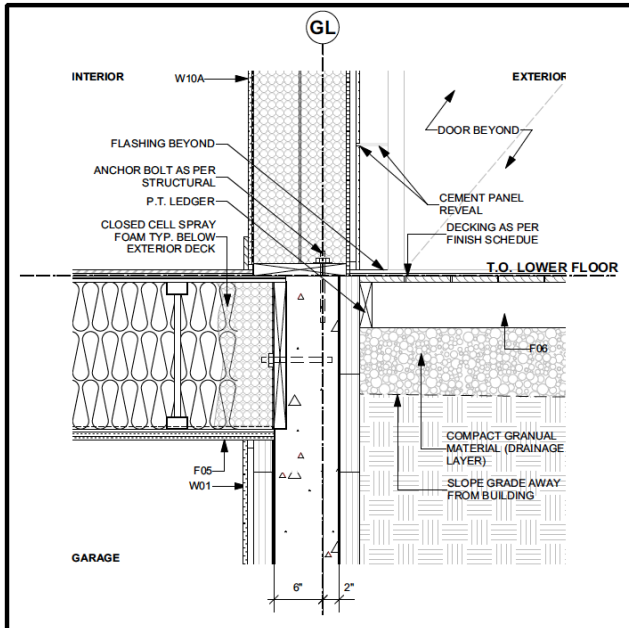
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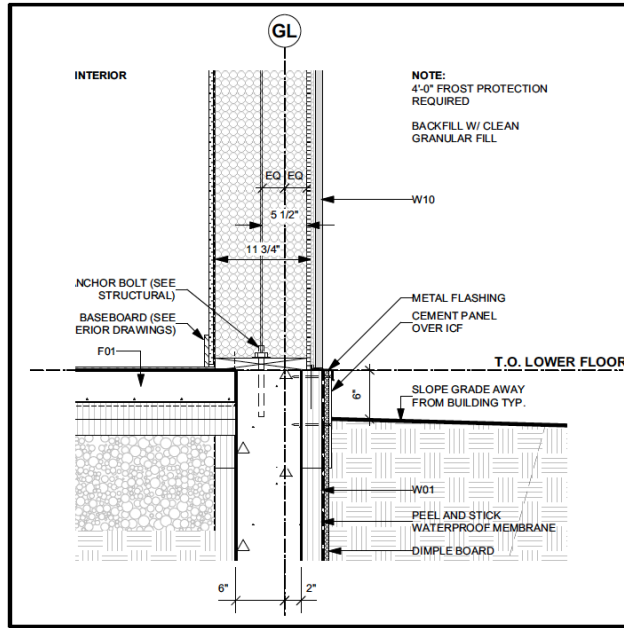
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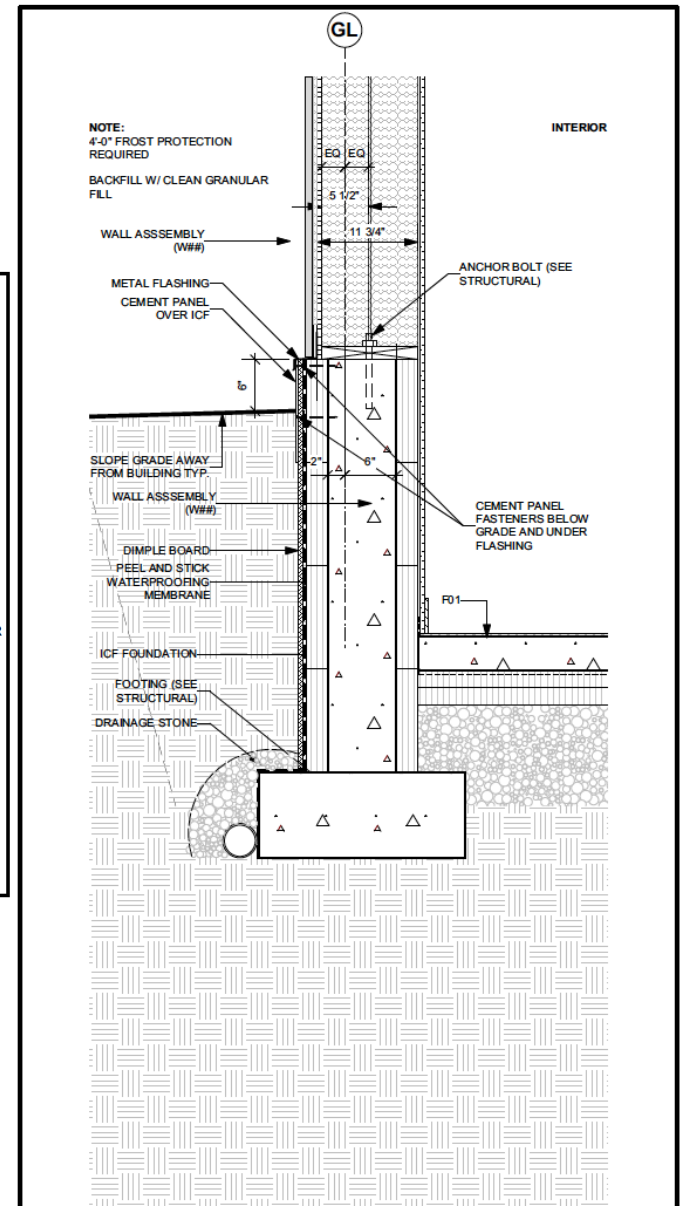
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TYPICAL FOUNDATION/FLOOR
DETAIL OVER GARAGE



TYPICAL FOUNDATION/FLOOR
DETAIL @ SLAB



TYPICAL FOUNDATION/FLOOR
DETAIL @ SLAB / RETAINING WALL



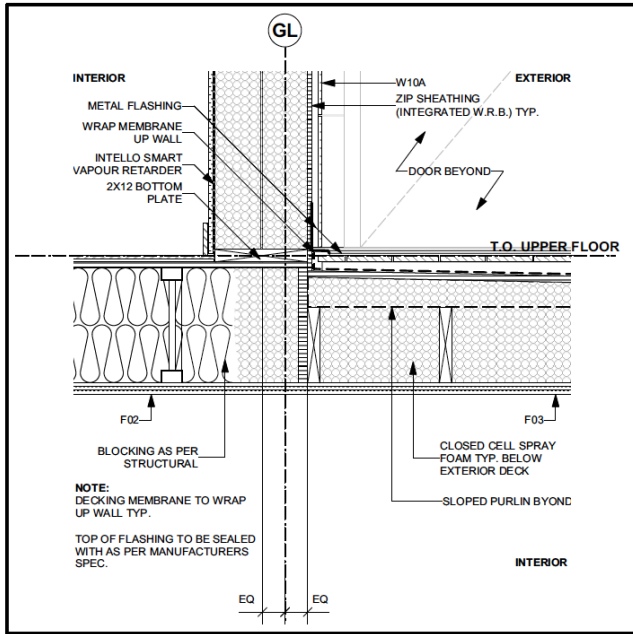
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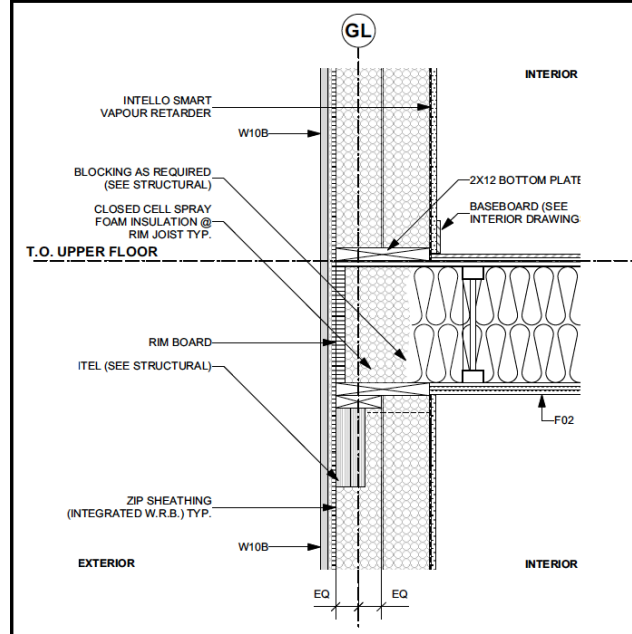


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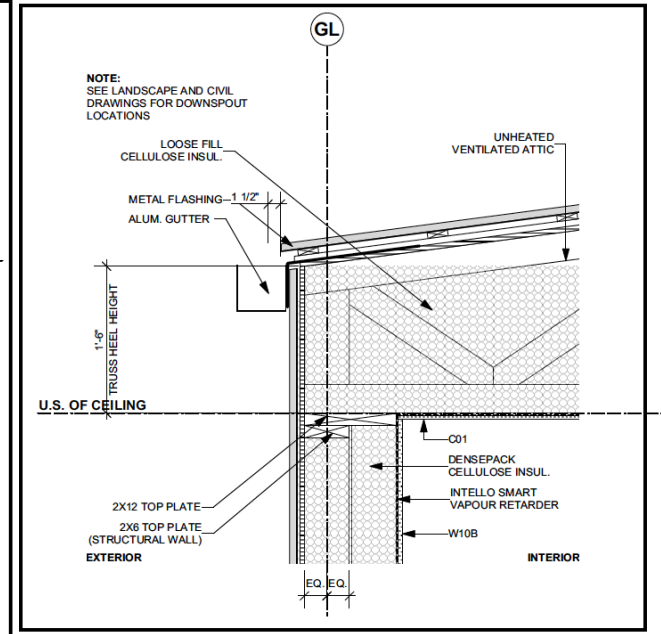
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TYPICAL FLOOR DETAIL @
UPPER DECK



TYPICAL FLOOR DETAIL @
FIRST TO SECOND STOREY



TYPICAL ROOF DETAIL @ WALL



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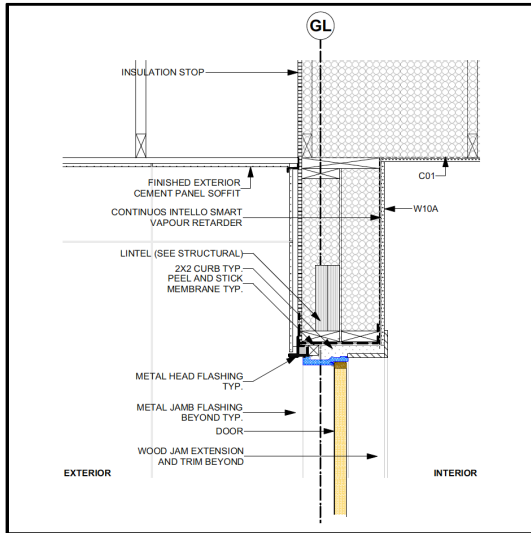
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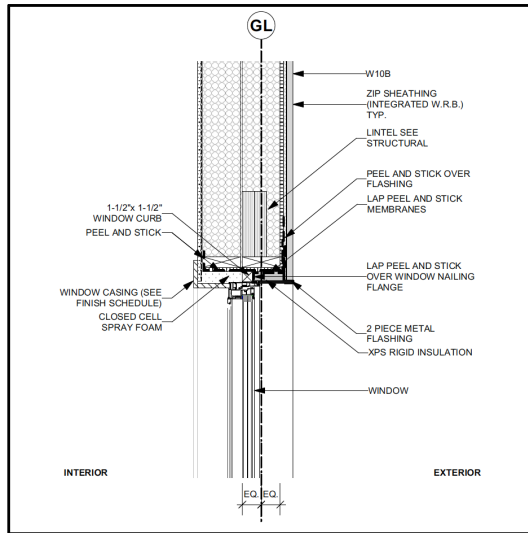
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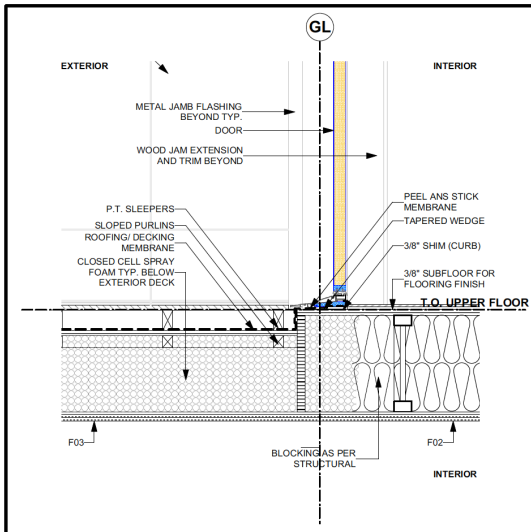
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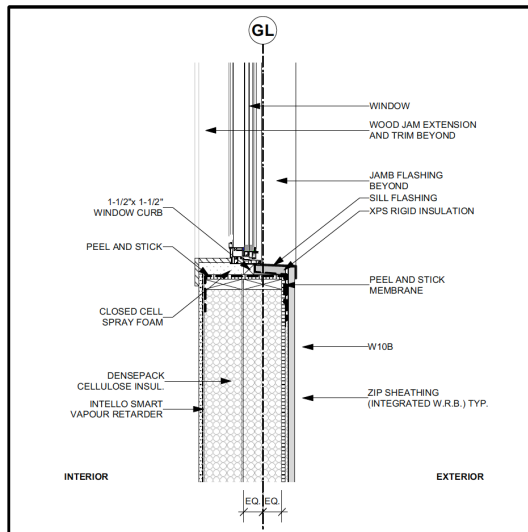
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TYPICAL WINDOW HEADER



TYPICAL DOOR SILL (BARRIER FREE)



TYPICAL WINDOW SILL



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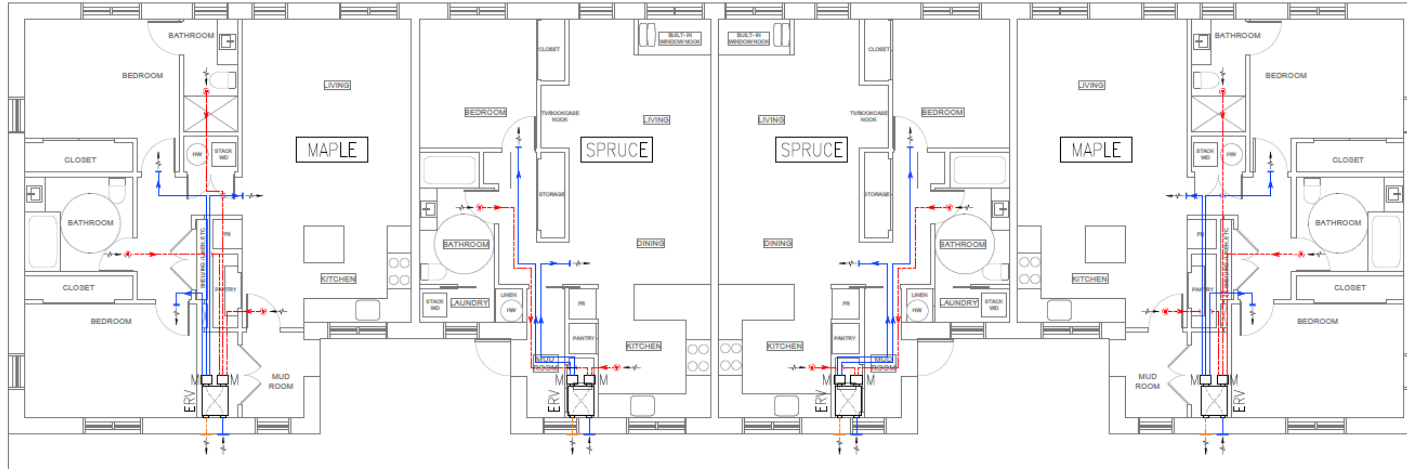
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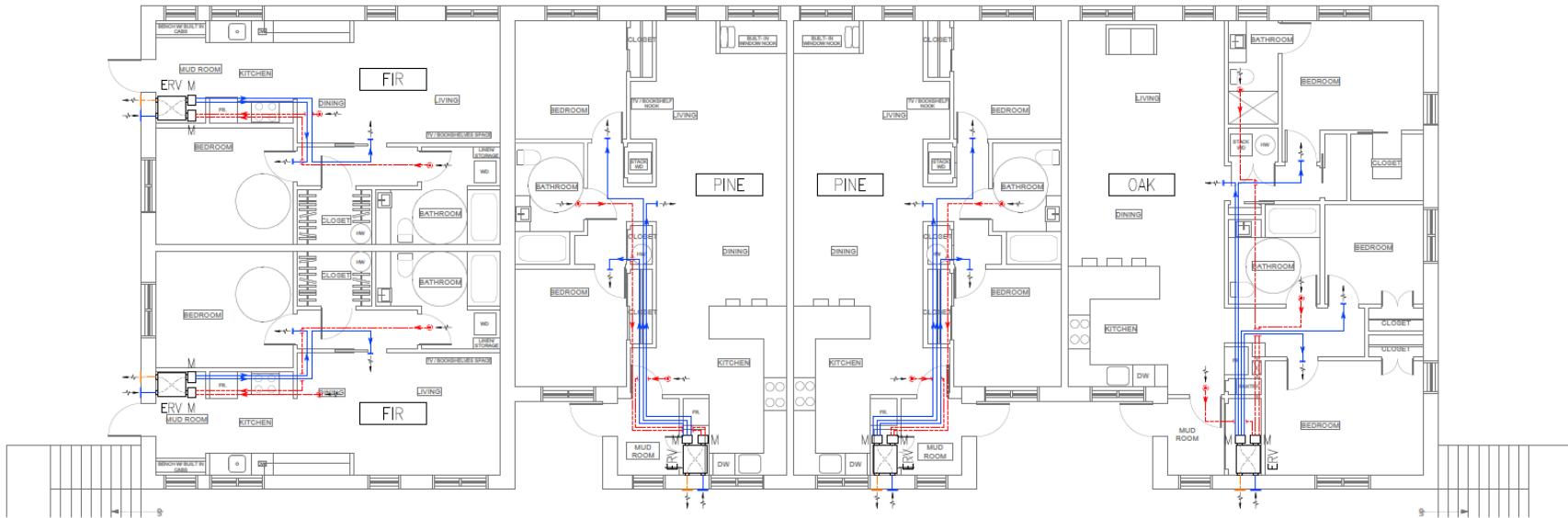
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MECHANICAL - PRIVATE UNITS



BLDG 3 TYP. UPPER VENTILATION LAYOUT



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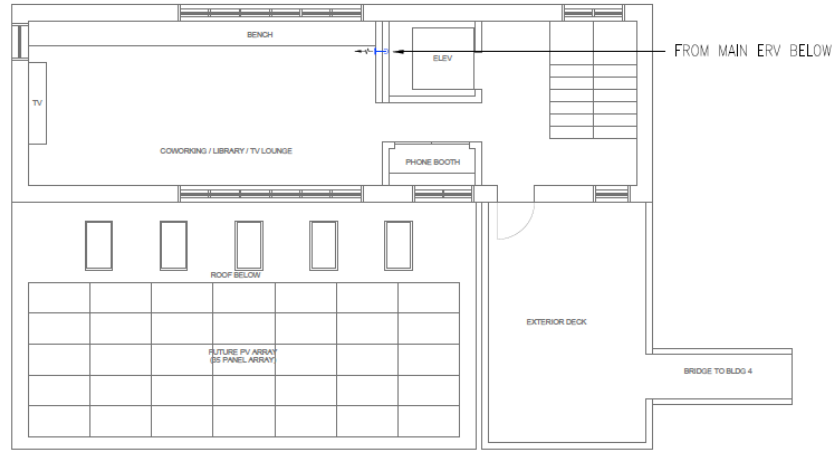
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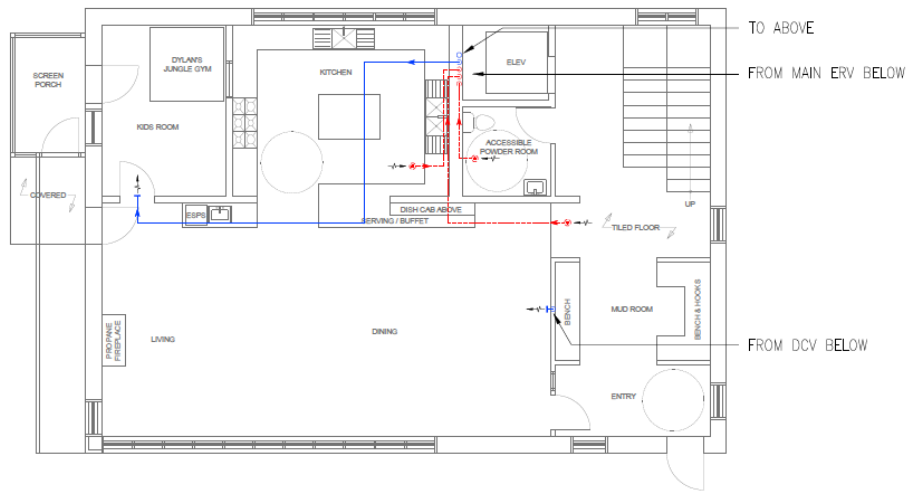
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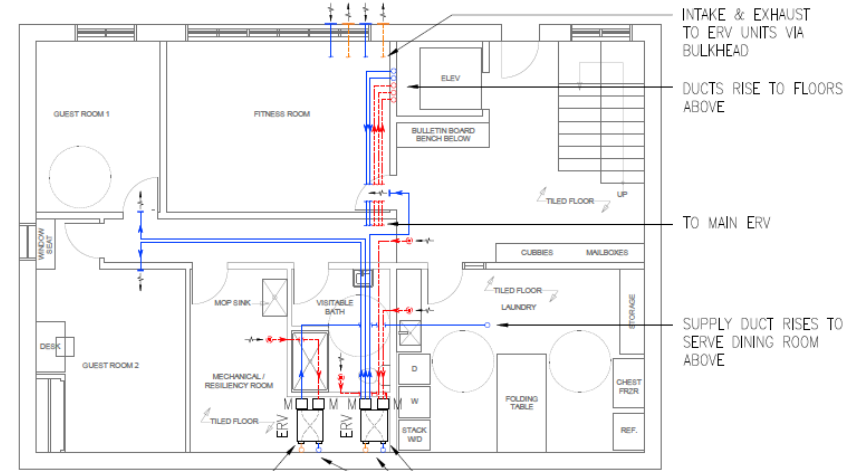
MECHANICAL - COMMON HOUSE



BLDG 5 UPPER LEVEL VENTILATION LAYOUT



BLDG 5 MAIN LEVEL VENTILATION LAYOUT



DCV ERV (EVENT ERV) TO SUPPORT WHEN THERE ARE LARGE GATHERINGS. CO₂ SENSOR & VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL

MAIN ERV
INTAKE & EXHAUST RISE TO BULKHEAD ABOVE

BLDG 5 LOWER LEVEL VENTILATION LAYOUT



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ENERGY MODELING - DECEMBER 2020

PHIUS+ 2018 VERIFICATION
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BUILDING INFORMATION

Category:	Residential	
Status:	In planning	
Building type:	New construction	
Year of construction:	2020	
Units:	6	
Number of occupants:	19 (Design)	
Occupant density:	33.7 m²/Person	

Boundary conditions

Climate: **SHEARWATER, NS**

Internal heat gains: **3.8 W/m²**

Interior temperature: **20 °C**

Overheat temperature: **25 °C**

Building geometry

Enclosed volume: **2,085.7 m³**

Net-volume: **1,759 m³**

Total area envelope: **1,304.7 m²**

Area/Volume Ratio: **0.6 1/m**

Floor area: **641.2 m²**

Envelope area/ICFA: **2.035**

PASSIVEHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate criteria: PHIUS+ 2018

Heating demand

specific: **16.4 kWh/m²a** ✔

target: **23.34 kWh/m²a**

total: **10,518.14 kWh/a**

Cooling demand

sensible: **1.62 kWh/m²a**

latent: **0.06 kWh/m²a**

specific: **1.68 kWh/m²a** ✔

target: **11.36 kWh/m²a**

total: **1,078.07 kWh/a**

Heating load

specific: **13.45 W/m²** ✔

target: **17.98 W/m²**

total: **8,621.16 W**

Cooling load

specific: **2.95 W/m²** ✔

target: **5.99 W/m²**

total: **1,892.26 W**

MEETING
SOURCE
ENERGY TARGET

FREQUENCY OF
OVERHEATING
HAS DECREASED

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Source energy

total:	70,324.6 kWh/a		✔
specific:	3,701 kWh/Person a		
target:	3,840 kWh/Person a		
specific:	109.67 kWh/m²a		

Site energy

total:	35,879.9 kWh/a		
specific:	55.96 kWh/m²a		

Air tightness

ACH50:	0.68 1/h		✔
CFM50 per envelope area:	0.91 m³/m²h		
target:	0.81 1/h		
target CFM50:	1.1 m³/m²h		

PASSIVEHOUSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Sensible recovery efficiency:	84.4 %		✔
Frequency of overheating: Cooling system is required	17 %		
Frequency of overheating only applies if there is not a [properly sized] cooling system installed.			



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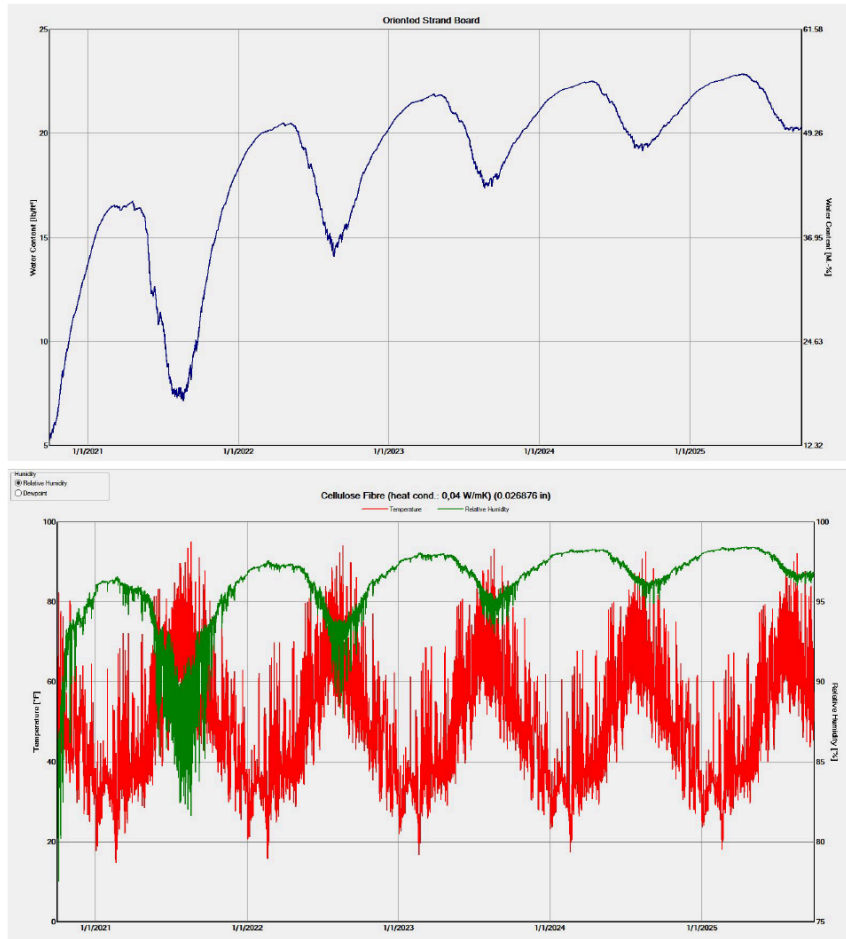
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Simulation Results:

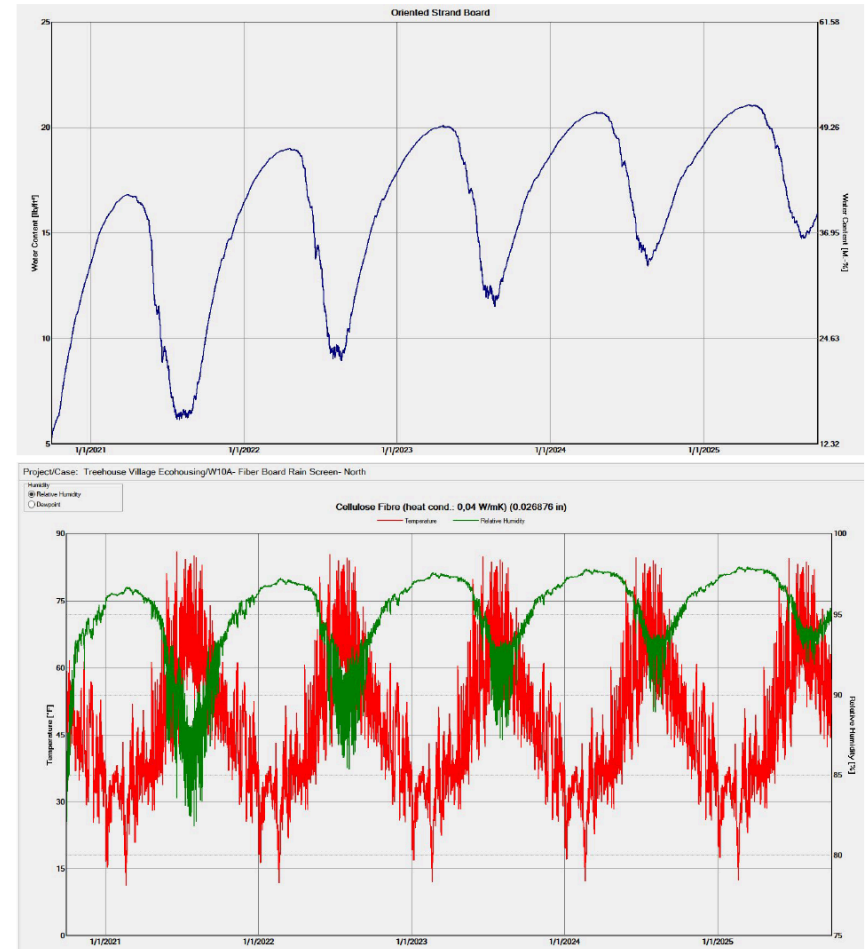
Case 1: W10A- Fiber Board Rain Screen - South facing

Does not pass.



Case 2: W10A- Fiber Board Rain Screen- North

Does not pass.



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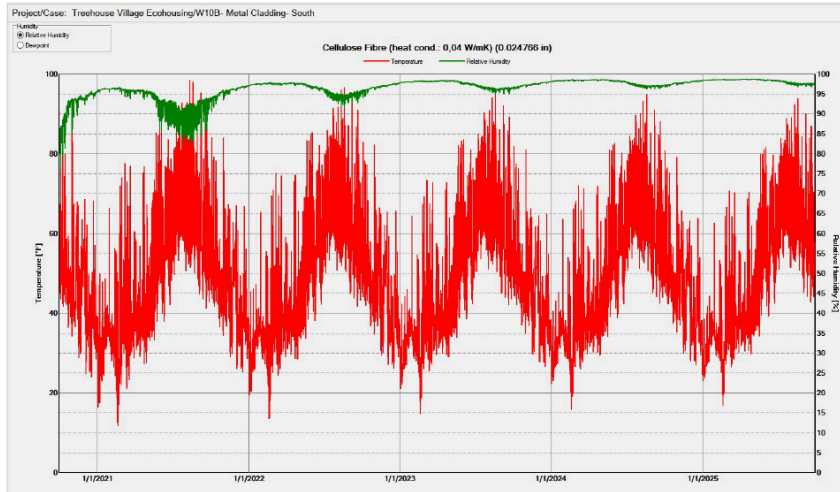
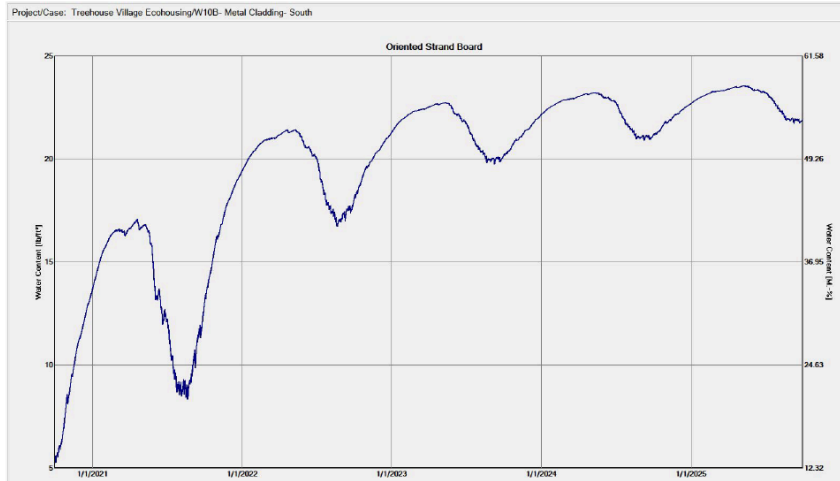


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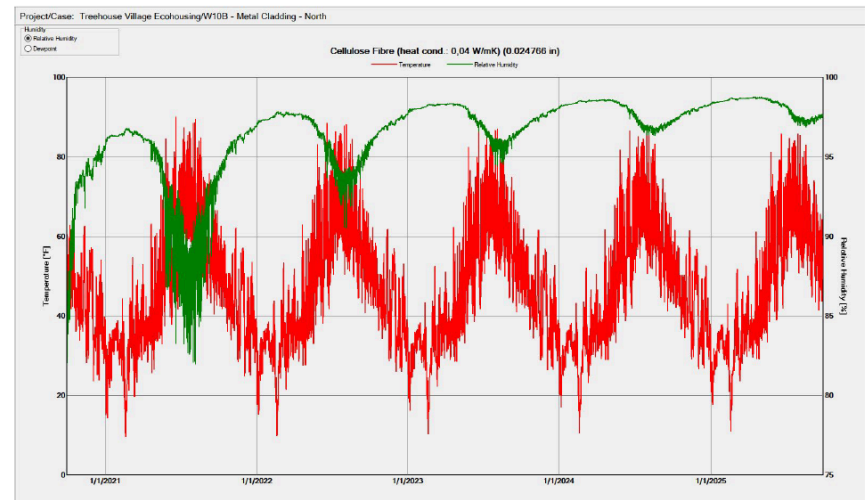
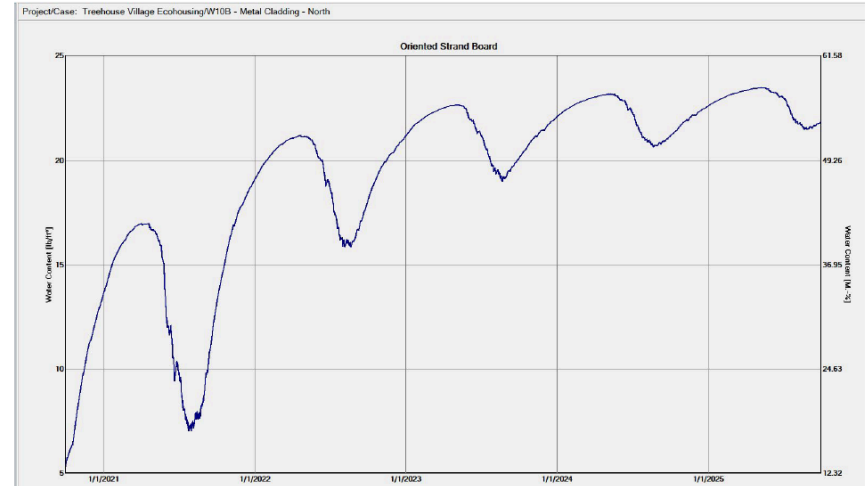
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HYGROTHERMAL TESTING - DECEMBER 2020

Case 3: W10B- Metal Cladding- South
Does not pass.



Case 4: W10B - Metal Cladding - North
Does not pass.



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 REVISED ASSEMBLIES TESTING - DECEMBER 2020

New Wall Assembly Developed As A Result Of Hygrothermal Testing To Include:

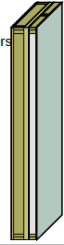
- Closed Cell Spray Foam Insulation Replacing Outboard Cellulose
- Dense Pack Cellulose Remaining Between Inboard Studs

Another Option Would Have Been To Add Rigid Foam “Out”Sulation

WUFI@Passive

Assembly (Id.2): Typical Exterior Wall

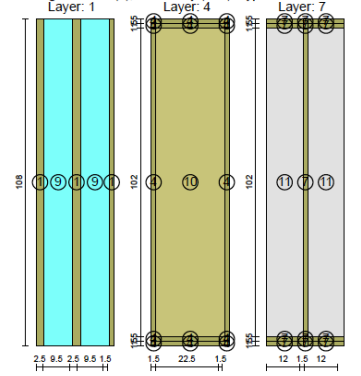
Inhomogenous layers
 Thermal resistance: 51.433 / 29.611 hr ft² °F/Btu (EN ISO 6946 / homogenous layers)
 Heat transfer coefficient (U-value): 0.019 Btu/hr ft² °F



Thickness: 13.031 in

Nr.	Material/Layer (from outside to inside)	ρ [lb/ft³]	c [Btu/lb°F]	λ [Btu/hr ft °F]	Thickness [in]	Color
1	Spruce	24.97	0.45	0.0497	0.5	Green
2	weather resistive barrier (sd=0,1m)	8.12	0.55	1.3289	0.039	Blue
3	OSB 3 (oriented strand board)	37.14	0.33	0.0606	0.5	Yellow
4	Spruce	24.97	0.45	0.0497	5.5	Green
5	Sprayed Polyurethane Foam; closed cell	2.43	0.35	0.0144	2	Light Green
6	Air Layer 10 mm	0.08	0.24	0.041	0.5	Cyan
7	Spruce	24.97	0.45	0.0497	3.5	Green
8	Gypsum Board (USA)	53.06	0.21	0.0942	0.492	Grey
Exchange materials						
9	Air Layer 10 mm	0.08	0.24	0.041	---	Cyan
10	Sprayed Polyurethane Foam; closed cell	2.43	0.35	0.0144	---	Light Green
11	Cellulose Insulation	3.43	0.61	0.0206	---	Light Green

Exchange material(s), Assembly (Id.2): Typical Exterior Wall




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CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT CHANGE TO ICF



Due to the skyrocketing cost of wood and other building supplies, costing exercises were completed by the Construction Management team to determine if ICF was a more economical construction method for the project.

To much of the Team's surprise, it was!

In addition to the switch to ICF wall construction from wood, the floors were also swapped out for a concrete floor system.

Moving forward with the construction of the project, the Team will work through Shop Drawings to work out the details of all new ICF and concrete assemblies.



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CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT
VALUE ENGINEERING / CONTEMPLATED CHANGES

How much PV is required now? And how much can be installed ready?

Should in-floor heating be included in the washrooms and mud rooms?

Should the development be built in phases?

Do we need a secondary water access point to loop the development's system?

Should we remove some windows?

What about mechanical cooling? What can we do now to prep for this in the future?

Should the Workshop be built first to act as the Construction Trailer?

Is the ERV providing enough heat, or is supplementary heating required?

What if we added a second basement level to the other downhill building to work with the existing topography?



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CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT

ENERGY MODELING - UPDATED WITH CHANGES

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BUILDING INFORMATION

Category: **Residential**
 Status: **In planning**
 Building type: **New construction**
 Year of construction: **2020**
 Units: **6**
 Number of occupants: **19 (Design)**
 Occupant density: **363.3 ft²/Person**

Boundary conditions

Climate: **SHEARWATER, NS**
 Internal heat gains: **1.2 Btu/hr ft²**
 Interior temperature: **68 °F**
 Overheat temperature: **77 °F**

Building geometry

Enclosed volume: **83,686.7 ft³**
 Net-volume: **62,118 ft³**
 Total area envelope: **15,058.5 ft²**
 Area/Volume Ratio: **0.2 1/ft**
 Floor area: **6,902 ft²**
 Envelope area/ICFA: **2.182**

PASSIVEHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate criteria: **PHIUS+ 2018**

Heating demand

specific: **4.38 kBtu/ft²yr**
 target: **7.4 kBtu/ft²yr**
 total: **30,246.2 kBtu/yr**



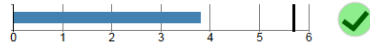
Cooling demand

sensible: **0.52 kBtu/ft²yr**
 latent: **0.02 kBtu/ft²yr**
 specific: **0.54 kBtu/ft²yr**
 target: **3.6 kBtu/ft²yr**
 total: **3,730.28 kBtu/yr**



Heating load

specific: **3.8 Btu/hr ft²**
 target: **5.7 Btu/hr ft²**
 total: **26,194.99 Btu/hr**



Cooling load

specific: **1.02 Btu/hr ft²**
 target: **1.9 Btu/hr ft²**
 total: **7,050.47 Btu/hr**



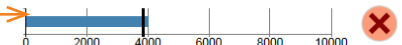
*MORE PV WILL
NEED TO BE
ADDED TO
MEET TARGET*

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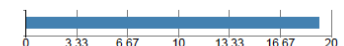
Source energy

total: **76,046.96 kWh/yr**
 specific: **4,002 kWh/Person yr**
 target: **3,840 kWh/Person yr**
 total: **259,457.38 kBtu/yr**
 specific: **37.6 kBtu/ft²yr**



Site energy

total: **132,376.21 kBtu/yr**
 specific: **19.18 kBtu/ft²yr**
 total: **38,799.47 kWh/yr**
 specific: **5.62 kWh/ft²**



Air tightness

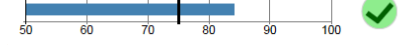
ACH50: **0.6 1/hr**
 CFM50 per envelope area: **0.04 cfm/ft²**
 target: **0.87 1/hr**
 target CFM50: **0.06 cfm/ft²**



*FREQUENCY OF
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CONTINUES TO
DECLINE*

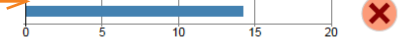
PASSIVEHOUSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Sensible recovery efficiency: **84 %**



Frequency of overheating: **14.2 %**

Cooling system is required
 Frequency of overheating only applies if there is not a [properly sized] cooling system installed.



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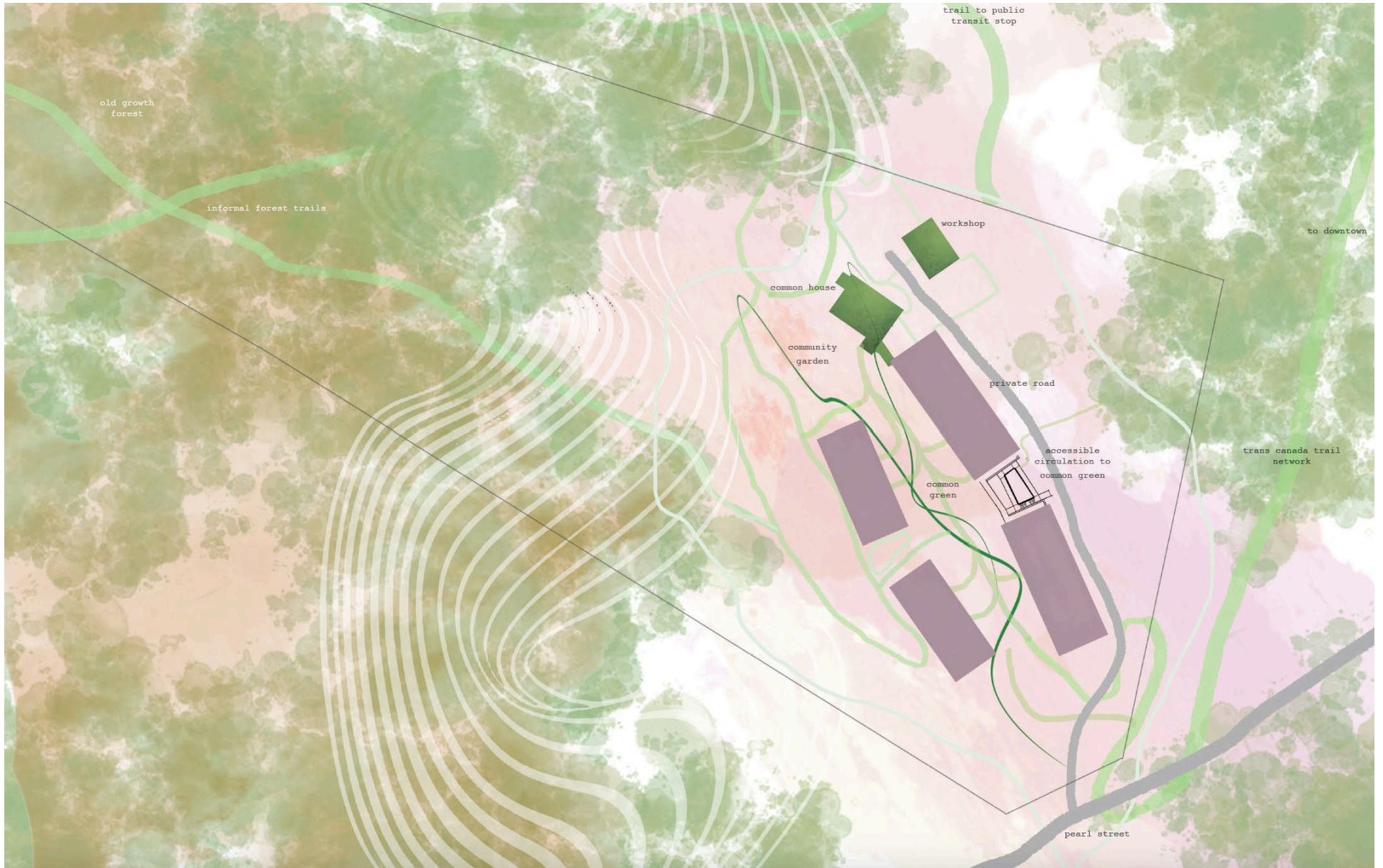


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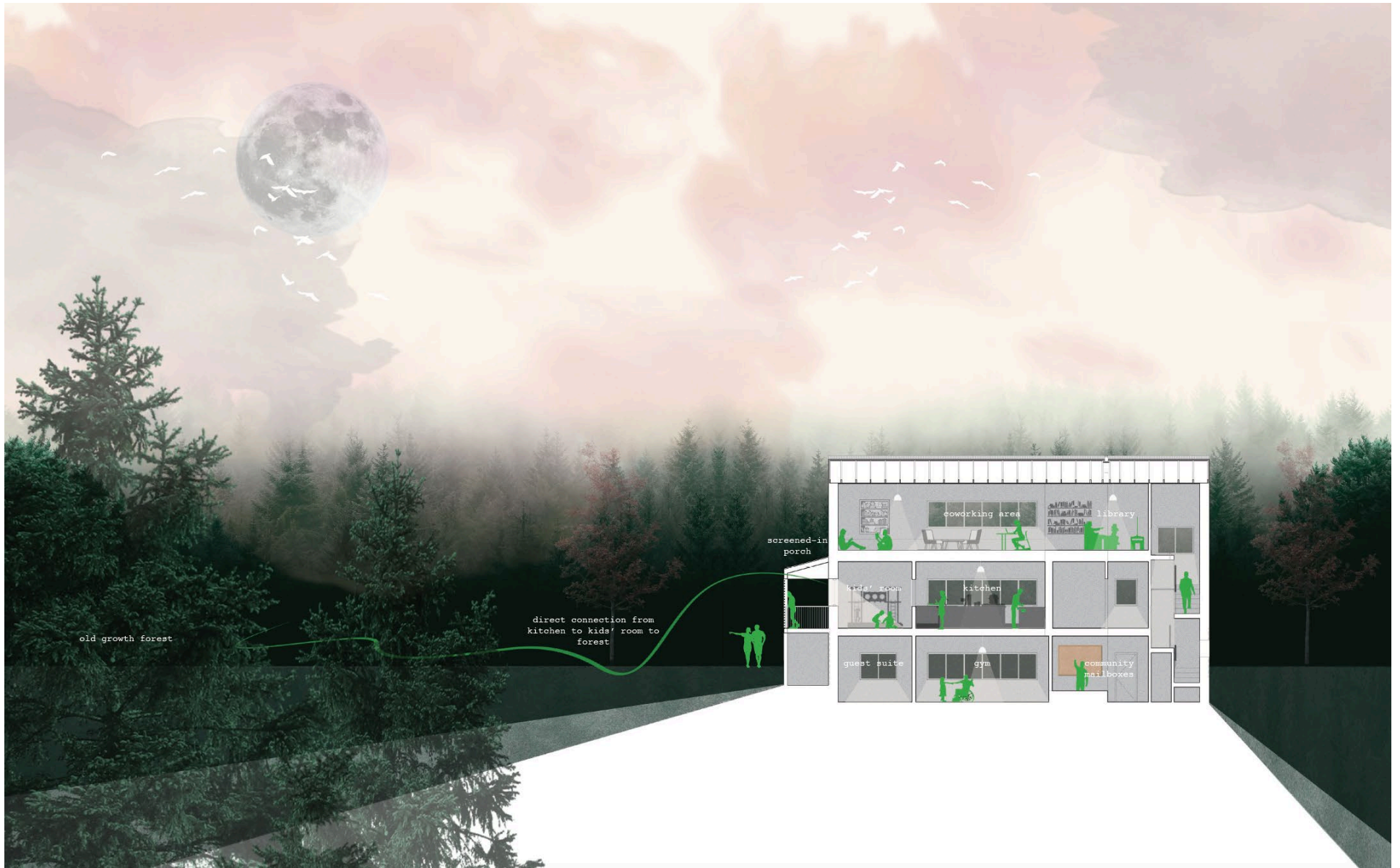


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bridge connecting common house to upper floor of private residences

old growth forest beyond

community garden



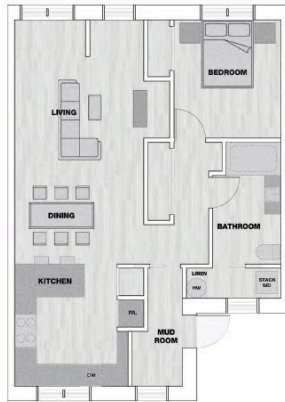
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upper level



SPRUCE
1 bdrm
1 bath



MAPLE
2 bdrm
2 bath

to encourage a multi-generational demographic, a variety of units were developed including one, two, and three-bedroom suites ranging in size from approximately 55 to 115 square metres. three-bedroom units were placed on the main levels to ensure that children would have easy and direct access to the common green and forest. one and two-bedroom units are available on both the main and upper floor to allow residents to choose their location within the community.

all kitchen sinks have a direct view the common green to encourage passive engagement of all community members into and across the green. all units were developed to be visitable by all, including those with disabilities, and adaptable to the changing needs of residents.

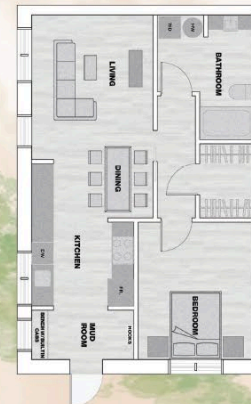
lower level



PINE
2 bdrm
1 bath



OAK
3 bdrm
2 bath



FIR
1 bdrm
1 bath

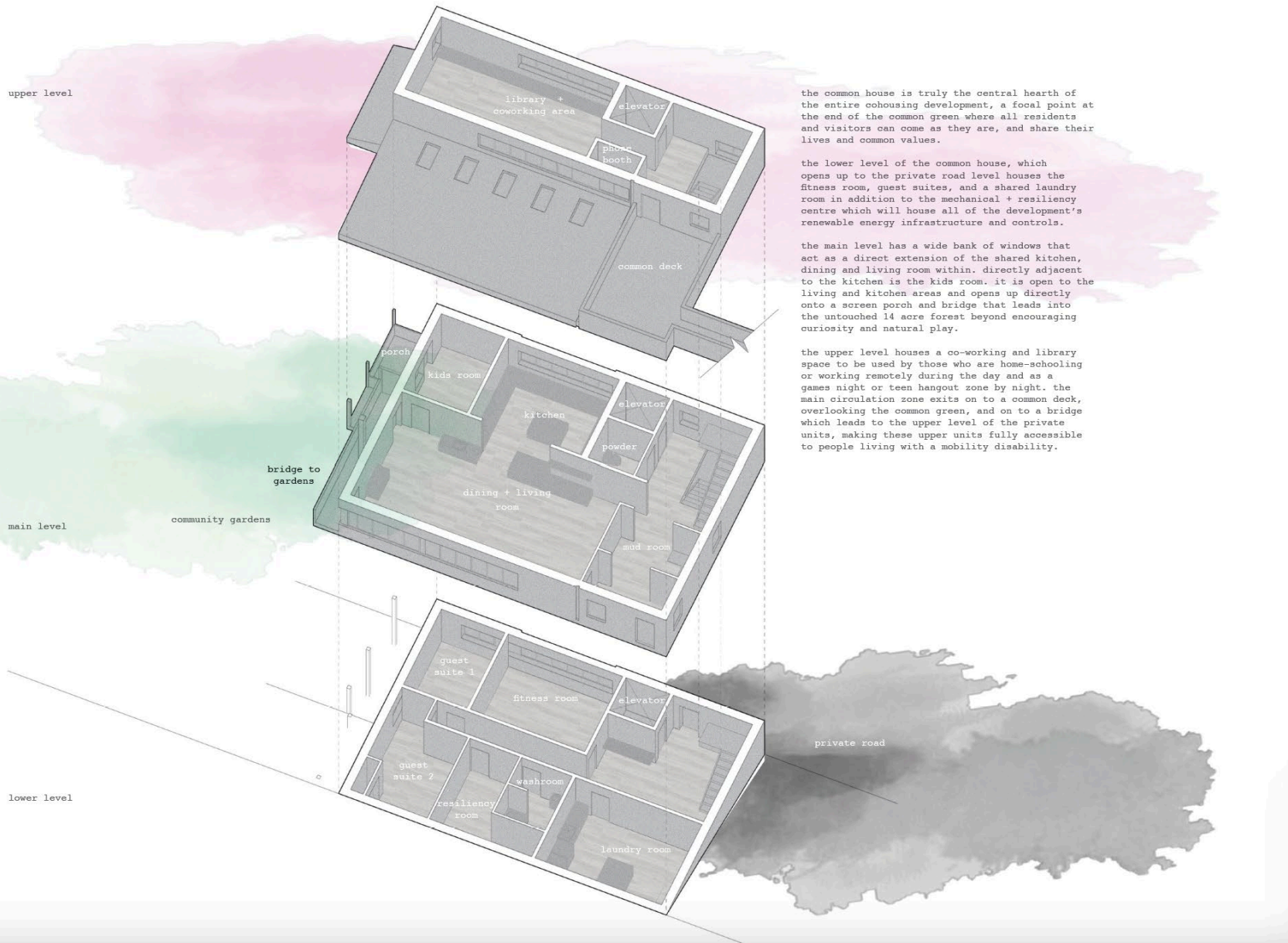


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the common house is truly the central hearth of the entire cohousing development, a focal point at the end of the common green where all residents and visitors can come as they are, and share their lives and common values.

the lower level of the common house, which opens up to the private road level houses the fitness room, guest suites, and a shared laundry room in addition to the mechanical + resiliency centre which will house all of the development's renewable energy infrastructure and controls.

the main level has a wide bank of windows that act as a direct extension of the shared kitchen, dining and living room within. directly adjacent to the kitchen is the kids room. it is open to the living and kitchen areas and opens up directly onto a screen porch and bridge that leads into the untouched 14 acre forest beyond encouraging curiosity and natural play.

the upper level houses a co-working and library space to be used by those who are home-schooling or working remotely during the day and as a games night or teen hangout zone by night. the main circulation zone exits on to a common deck, overlooking the common green, and on to a bridge which leads to the upper level of the private units, making these upper units fully accessible to people living with a mobility disability.



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