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Resilient, Cost-Effective, and Carbon Neutral: The Future of New York's Multifamily Buildings

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The Buildings of Excellence (BOE) Design Competition was initiated by NYSERDA in 2019 to recognize and reward the design, construction, and operation of carbon-neutral multifamily buildings that are healthier, more comfortable, and more resilient.

Rendering of Sendero Verde



Design Quality & Co-benefits Takeaways

1 Occupant Demographics

Many design teams aimed to support specific disadvantaged communities, such as formerly housing challenged, low-income seniors, and people with chronic illnesses.

2 Adaptive Reuse

Teams noted the importance of including a Passive House consultant and a properly trained general contractor in the early design phases.

3 Site Context

Most Round 1 projects are located within walking distance of public transportation and/or provide access to community amenities and resources.

4 Occupant Health, Comfort, and Productivity

All projects were designed to deliver a higher indoor environmental quality of living.

5 Resiliency

Round 1 resiliency features include maintaining stable internal temperatures, planning for electrical power outages, providing continuous access to clean water, and more.

Occupant Demographics

31 of the 42 Round 1 and 2 projects provide LMI housing

- Reducing the risk of air quality related health problems for residents and community
- Providing services, such as health clinics, day care, and job training
- Offering community facility space

Rendering of La Central



Occupant Health, Comfort & Productivity

All Round 1 projects were designed to deliver a higher indoor environmental quality of living.

- Eliminate risks of onsite emissions
- Filtered ventilation
- Thermal comfort
- Quieter spaces, better acoustics
- Daylighting and visual comfort
- Promoting active lifestyles
- Addressing mental health



Rendering of Perdita Flats

Indoor Air Quality

Tighter envelopes require careful ventilation design, resulting in enhanced indoor air quality.

Benefits:

- Support occupants with pre-existing conditions (e.g., asthma)
- Protect occupants from outside pollution
- Reduced airborne illness transmission
- Reduced risk of mold/ mildew formation

Strategies:

- IAQ monitoring
- Energy recovery ventilation
- Advanced filtration (e.g., MERV13)
- Compartmentalization
- Low-VOC finishes
- Reduced contaminants (e.g., lead, radon mitigation)
- Limited combustion

Resiliency

Round 1 and Round 2 projects incorporate many different aspects of resiliency, with a general focus on:

- Stable internal temperatures in extreme weather
- Planning for electrical power outages through tight envelopes, onsite back up power and storage
- Providing continuous access to potable water
- Storm water management
- Siting critical systems above the 500-year flood plain
- Urban heat island reduction
- Food security (community gardens)

Planning & Design Approach Takeaways

1

Goals and Motivations

The most frequently stated goals were to create a building that enhances the lives of residents and provide more affordable housing

2

Integrated Teams

Integrated and experienced project teams are critical to the success of high-performance design and construction

3

Design Feasibility

Passive House design is possible in urban areas and high-rise construction, and is a feasible practice for the LMI rental market

4

Replicability

Project teams with a focus on replicability note the importance of creating models for future developments to create a pathway for others to follow

Replicability Strategies



Rendering of Geneva Solar Village

All Round 2 projects are aiming for all-electric design. Other strategies:

- Integrated, experienced teams
- Shortening learning curves
- Simple, replicable design
- Design tradeoffs
- Cost-effective systems
- Quality installation and commissioning

Design Energy & Carbon Emissions Takeaways

1

Understanding Tradeoffs

Design and performance of envelopes, HVAC, and PV systems are all interdependent

2

Energy Modeling

Early design modeling allows integrated teams to iteratively design to find the best balance of performance and cost effectiveness

3

Passive Design

Passive design strategies can capture solar energy in the winter and shade in the summer to lessen the use of mechanical or electrical devices

4

Embodied Carbon

Projects can use design strategies to reduce embodied carbon or minimize construction and material waste

Passive Design

All projects focused on a high-performance envelope, which is central to Passive House design:

- Willingness to design innovative wall assemblies.
- Focus on very tight construction, low U-factors, avoiding thermal bridging, and moisture concerns (both during and after construction).
- Simple roof and foundation designs, with familiar designs that are easy to quote and install.
- Balance labor and material costs, ease of installation, and durability.
- Common solutions: Prefabricated elements, double or triple pane low-e windows, exterior shading for passive solar design

Embodied Carbon

Most Round 1 and all Round 2 projects implemented embodied carbon reduction strategies, including:

- Adaptive reuse
- Material selection
 - Locally sources materials
 - Concrete mixes
 - FSI certified wood
 - Envelope assemblies (e.g., foam removal)
- Reduced GWP refrigerants
- Labeling systems (e.g., Red List and Environmental Product Declarations)
- Embodied carbon calculators

Thank you!

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BOE Case Studies:

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Multifamily-Buildings-of-Excellence/Winners/Resources>

Rendering of St. Marks Passive House,
Provided by Cycle Architecture + Planning



THE RISE – CONTEXT



VITAL BROOKLYN INITIATIVE - SITE J

NY State's comprehensive community development strategy to address social, economic, and health disparities in Central Brooklyn

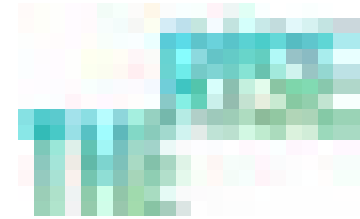
8 Integrated Areas of Investment

- Affordable Housing
- Open Space & Recreation
- Healthy Food
- Economic Development & Job Creation
- Education & Youth Development
- Community-based Healthcare
- Violence Prevention
- Resiliency





**Buildings of
Excellence**
Award Winner



Xenolith Partners LLC
Community Preservation Corporation
Community Solutions/
Brownsville Partnership

Women's Prison Association
Osborne Association
Community Capacity Development
Brownsville Think Tank Matters
Spin City Brownsville Plus
Project EATS

Magnusson Architecture and Planning
Bruno Frustaci General Contracting
Bright Power

THE RISE - PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **76,000+ SF new mixed-use building**
- **72 units of affordable housing**
 - 65% supportive for formerly incarcerated individuals & families
 - 35% affordable for households earning 30%-60% AMI
- **13,000+ SF community facility space**
 - On-site Supportive Services
 - Women's Prison Association & The Osborne Association
 - Local organizations:
Education, job readiness, employment training, violence reduction, health/wellness, fitness, arts, gardening
 - Community Capacity Development
 - Brownsville Think Tank Matters
 - Spin City Brownsville Plus
- **7,000+ SF green space - rooftop farm/garden**
 - Project Eats
- **3,000 SF One Brooklyn Health System (office)**
- **Design Principles: Sustainability, Trauma Informed Design, Design for Health & Wellness, Active Design, Universal Design**



PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW NORMAL

5 CORE PRINCIPLES OF HEALTHY, EFFICIENT, DURABLE, AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS:



Continuous, Robust Thermal Control
Most basic level of energy efficiency. Hold on to the heat you've paid for.



Air Tightness
Next level of thermal control. Necessary to truly ensure energy efficiency.



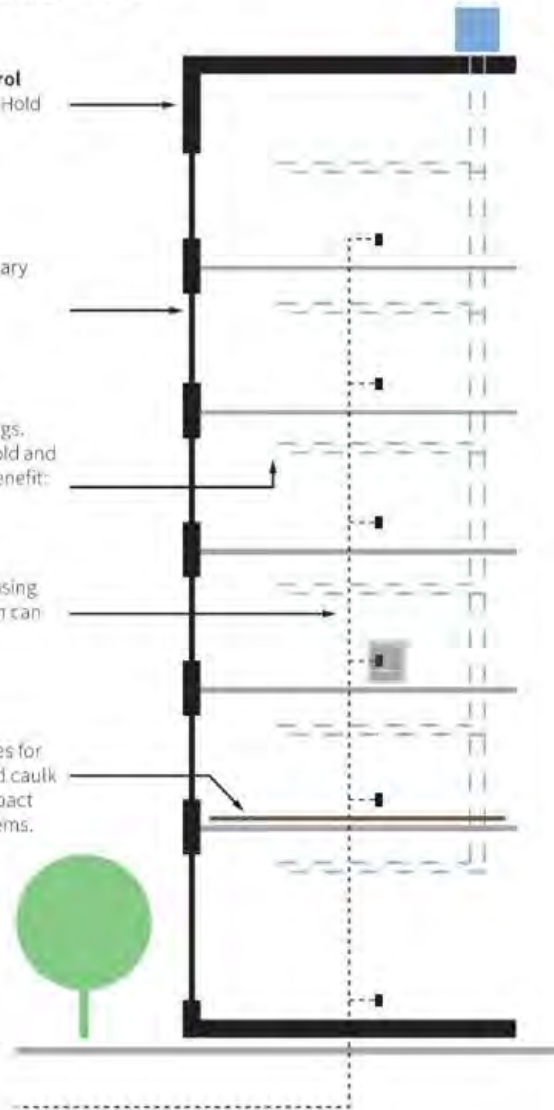
Energy Recovery Ventilators
Fresh air is critical for air tight buildings. Without this measure owners risk mold and resident respiratory issues. Added benefit: recovers additional energy for use.



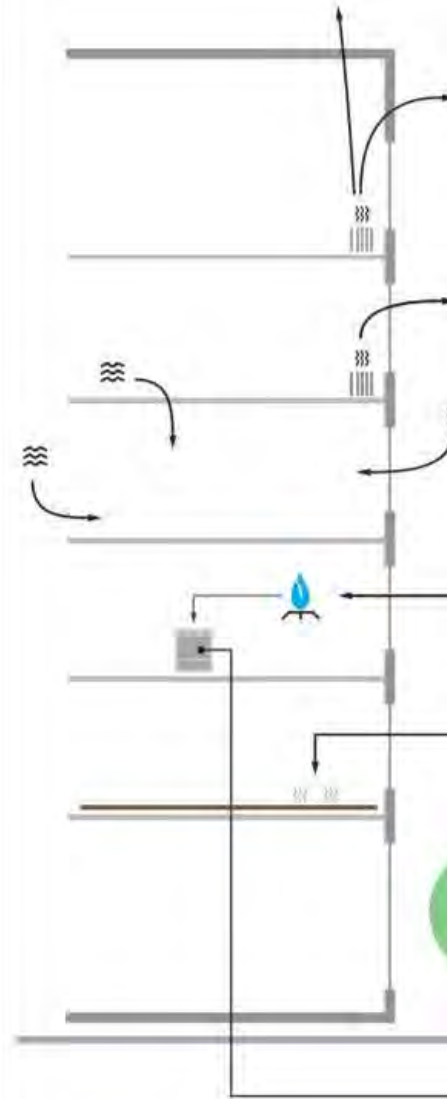
Efficient Electrification and Loads
If building an air tight structure and using technologies like ERVs, electrification can be cost effective for developers and healthier for residents.



Healthy Materials
There are good choices and bad ones for materials. Everything from paint and caulk to flooring and counter tops can impact the health of residents and ecosystems.



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Without Thermal Control
Heat escapes through exterior.

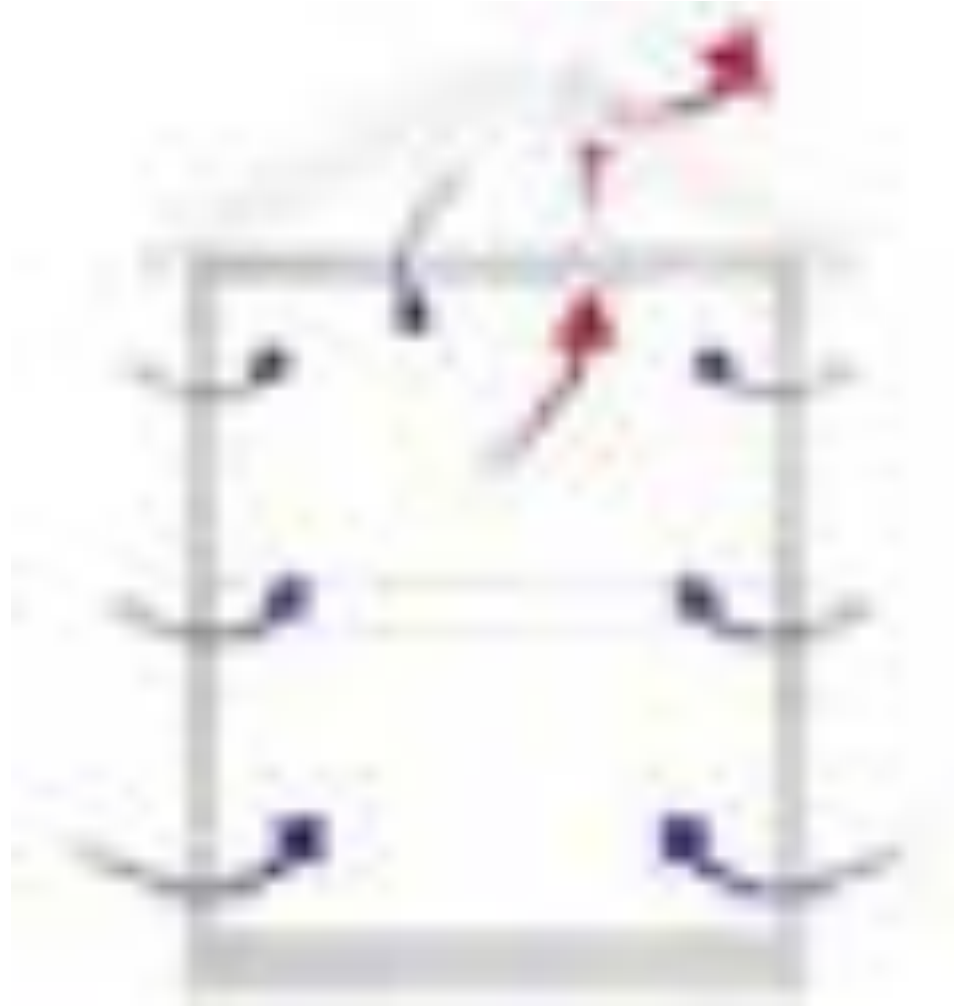
Without Air Sealing
Conditioned air passes through exterior and water/moisture infiltrates causing damage (durability issues) and mold growth (health issues).

Without Fresh Air Supply
Stale/used air pulled from corridors, other apartments and through exterior walls. "Air change" not achieved. Unhealthy levels of CO2 and poor humidity control.

Natural Gas
Gas combustion produces a variety of pollutants which can lead to and worsen respiratory diseases.

Unhealthy Materials
Materials can leach or off-gas endocrine and hormone disrupting chemicals. They can damage lungs, hearts, nervous and immune systems and increase embodied carbon.

CURRENT CODE



NON-AIRTIGHT ENCLOSURE + EXHAUST ONLY VENITLATION =

“FRESH AIR” FROM LEAKY WALLS!

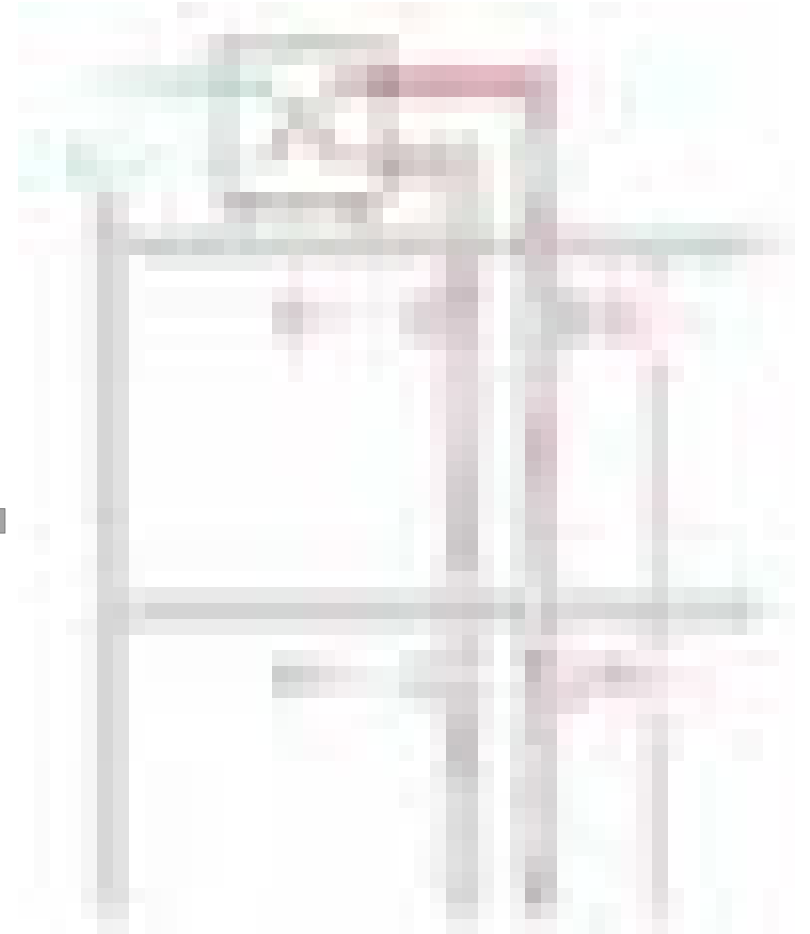
IMAGE SOURCE: BUILDING SCIENCE CORP

AIRTIGHTNESS + BALANCED VENTILATION



SOURCE: PHIUS

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SOURCE: BEEB BETTER VENTILATION PLAYBOOK

THERMAL ENVELOPE



Triple Pane Windows

- U 0.10 (COG)
- SHGC 0.32
- Window/Wall Ratio:
 - 24% at Residential
 - 35% with Community Facility

Thermal insulation

- Above Grade Wall R20 (U=0.05)
- Roof R50 (U=0.02)
- Foundation Wall R16 (U=0.06)
- Below grade slab – no insulation

Thermal bridges

- Thermal pads
- Aerated concrete block
- Stand off clips

Air sealing

- 0.033 cfm/sf enclosure



TERRACE DETAIL



HVAC/REFRIGERANT MANAGEMENT

HORIZONTAL DISTRIBUTION
(ex. heat recovery)



19,500 LF (5,749,000 kgCO₂e)

VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION



9,500 LF (2,800,000 kgCO₂e)

MATERIALS/EMBODIED CARBON



Locally produced as much as possible

- Aggregate for concrete

Recycled content as much as possible

- Gypsum – Recycled content info
- Structural Steel – avg 25% Recycled Content

Construction waste management

- Min. 75% diversion rate

Alternate Materials

- Stone wool and in lieu of typical XPS insulation
- Reduce the cement in concrete, CMU and precast plank: Increase curing time, Alternate SCMs (Slag)

Material Transparency

- Calling for EPD in specs



INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



Ventilation

- ERV – balanced filtered fresh air

Contaminant control

- No interior combustion
- Smoke free building
- Walk off mats at entrances
- Apartment Compartmentation

Healthy Materials

- No/Low VOC
- Floorscore or Green Guard finishes
- Calling for HPD in specs
- Solid surface
- Simplified material palette



INTERIOR



RESIDENTIAL ENTRY LOBBY



COMMUNITY ROOM AT TERRACE

PERFORMANCE



SOURCE ENERGY USE INTENSITY (EUI)

(w/o renewables)

Goals for Building As Proposed: **21.26** kBtu/sf/yr
1.80 kgCO₂/sf
SITE EUI: **17.25** kBtu/sf

Avg NYC Multifamily Bldg: 112 kBtu/sf/yr
Code Building (2020): 90 kBtu/sf/yr
PHIUS Primary Energy: Approx 34 kBtu/sf/yr
PHI Primary Energy: Approx 23.3 kBtu/sf/yr
LL97- 2024 limit: 6.75 kgCO₂/sf
LL97- 2030 limit: 4.07 kgCO₂/sf

Certification Goal: PHI





ENGINE 16

223 EAST 25TH STREET
MANHATTAN, NY

Passive Firehouse Retrofit

BAXT | INGUI
Architects PC

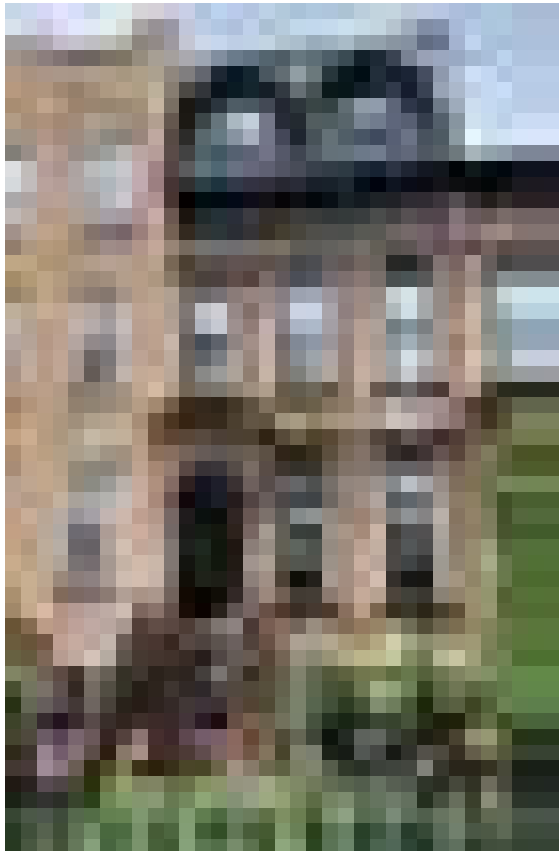
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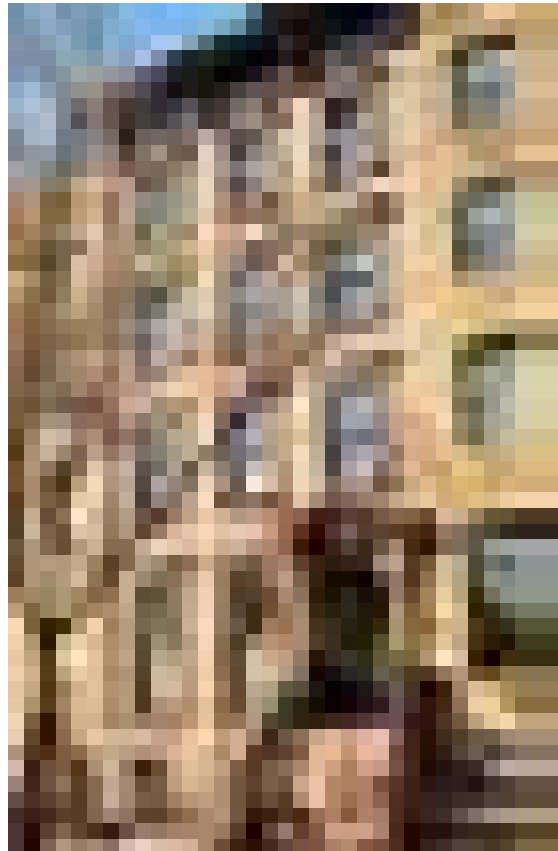
COMPLETED PASSIVE PROJECTS



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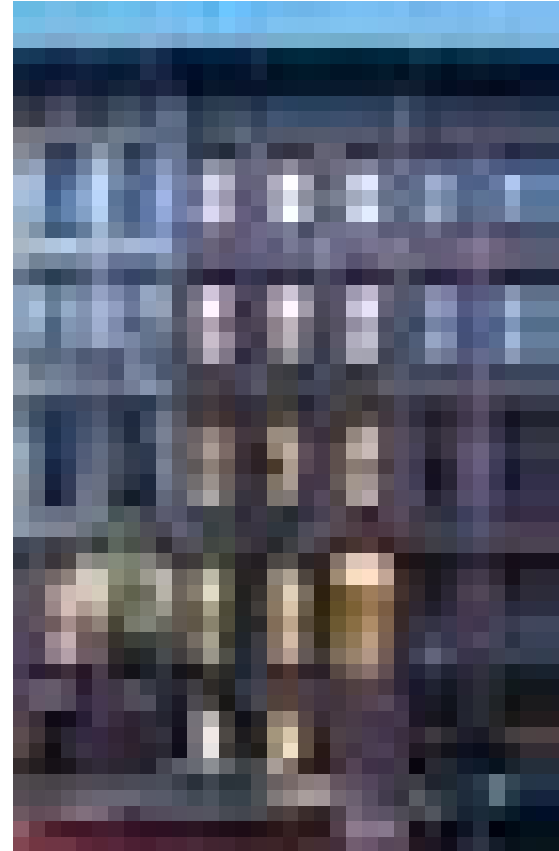
CARROLL GARDENS,
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UPPER WEST SIDE,
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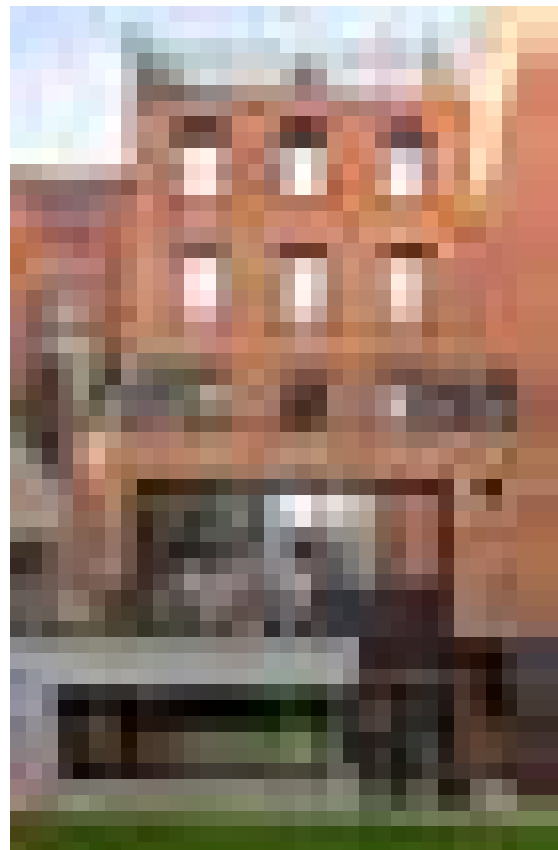
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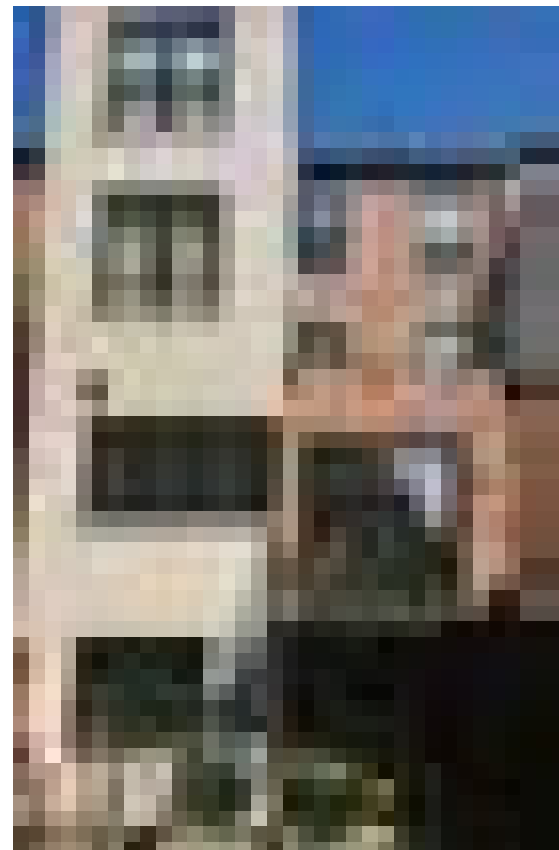
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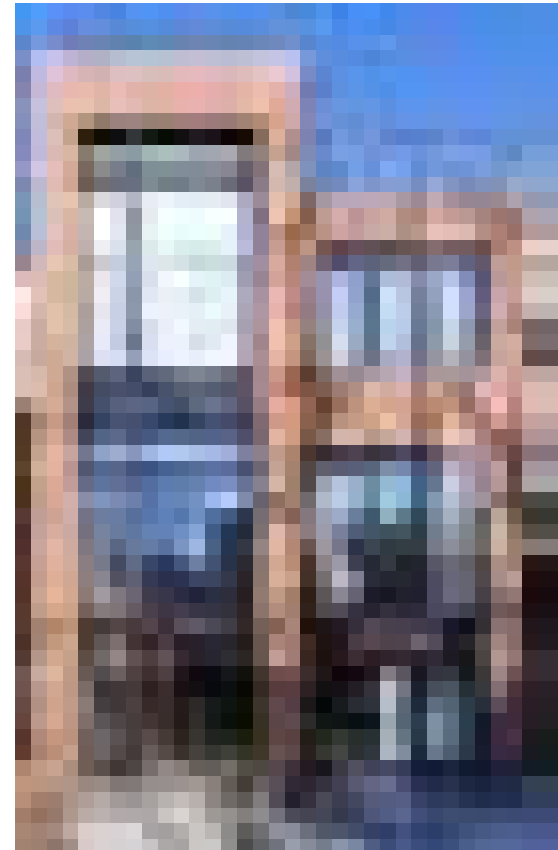
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A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO COST-EFFECTIVE CARBON NEUTRAL BUILDINGS

BAXT INGUI'S SYSTEMATIC APPROACH INCLUDES THESE CRITICAL STEPS:

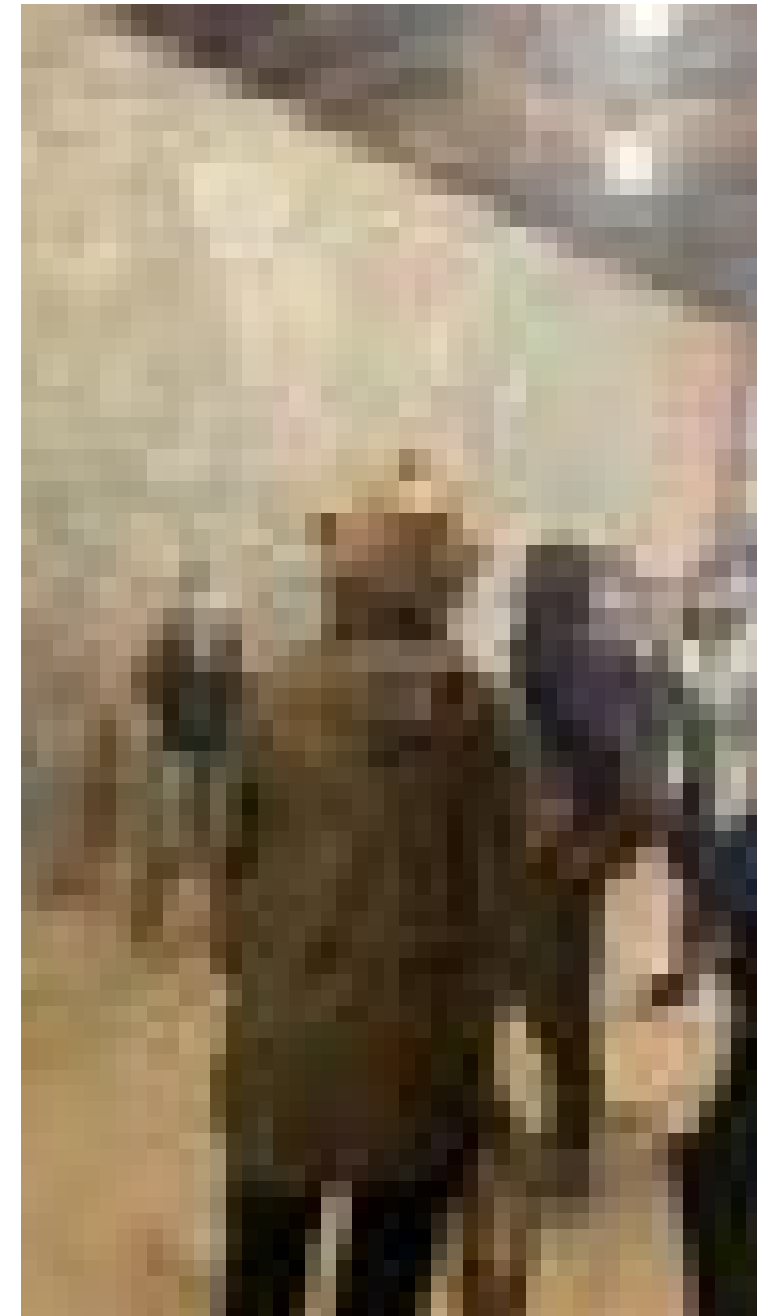
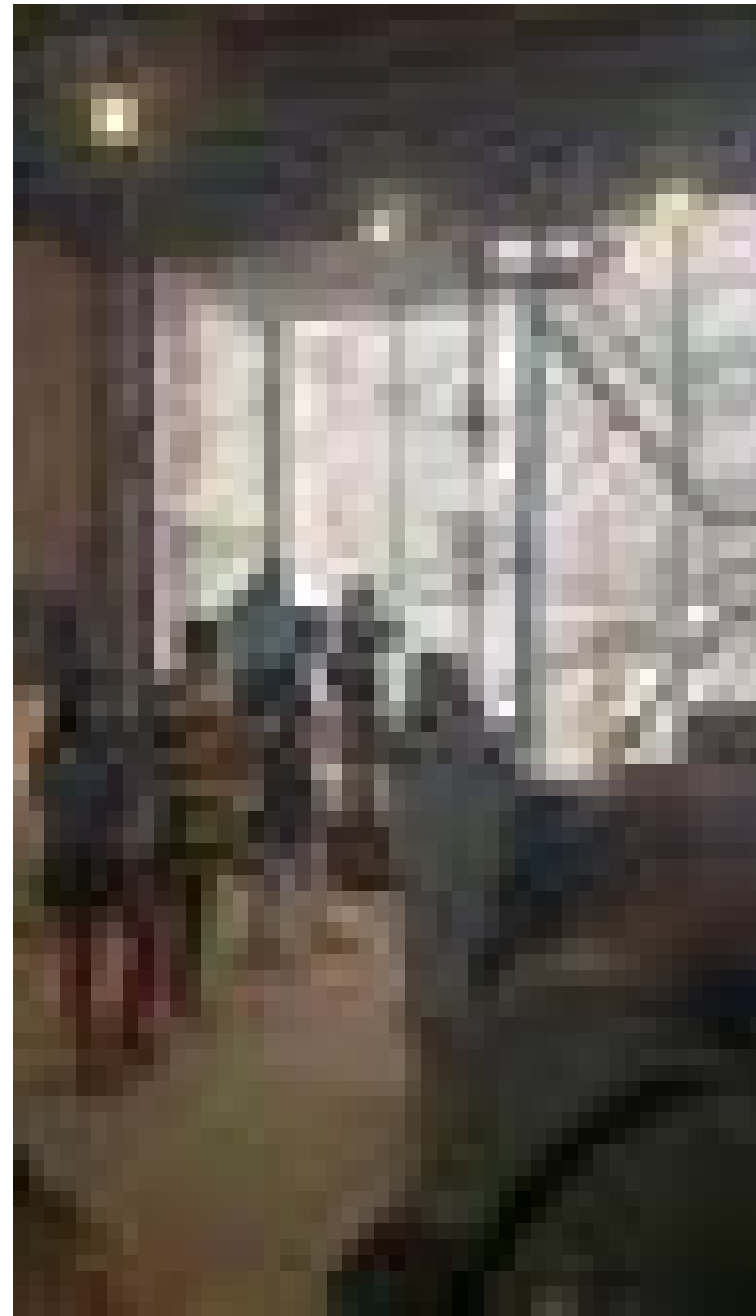
1. Educating the client on passive house in an effective way.
2. Involving the passive house consultant before or during schematic design.
3. Start the certification process with your certification body early and harness their feedback as early as possible.
4. Select and involve a contractor as early as possible, and get them and their team certified/trained.
5. Hold weekly meetings.
6. Use the blower door as a tool.
7. Openly share knowledge & receive feedback with the community.



COLLABORATIVE PROCESS + EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



NYSERDA BUILDINGS OF EXCELLENCE



IMAGES FROM THE
CONSTRUCTION SITE VISIT
OF ENGINE 16 AT THE 2021
NAPHN CONFERENCE ON
JUNE 12TH, 2021.

1. NYSERDA Buildings of Excellence has given us a platform to increase our efforts to share information on our Passive House process.
2. The program was right for our clients because it provided the support they needed to complete their project and achieve their goal of spreading Passive House.

ENGINE 16

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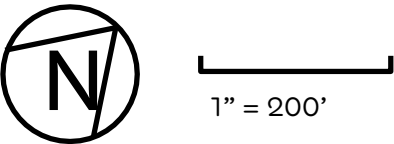
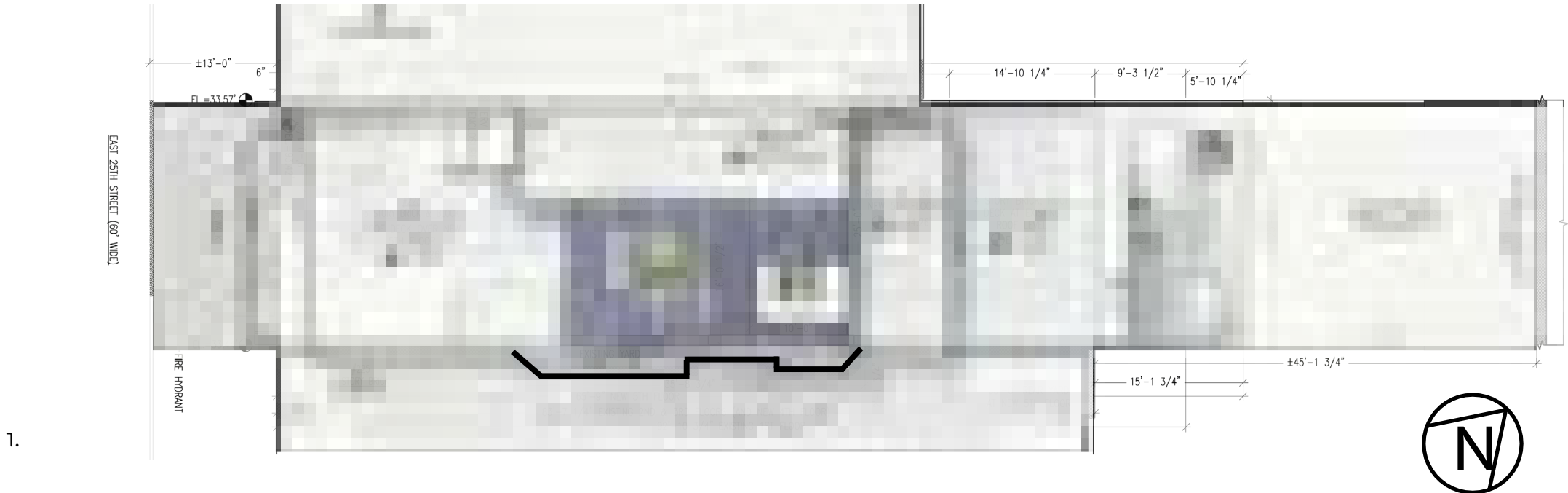
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1. PHOTO: CIRCA 1950
2. PHOTO: CIRCA 1925
3. RENDERING; PROPOSED FRONT FACADE
CREDIT: PERSPECTIVE ARTS

SITE PLAN + CONTEXT



NOTES

- 1. PLOT PLAN (PROPOSED)
- 2. SITE PLAN/ CONTEXT
- 3. PHOTO: SIDE ELEVATION

LEGEND

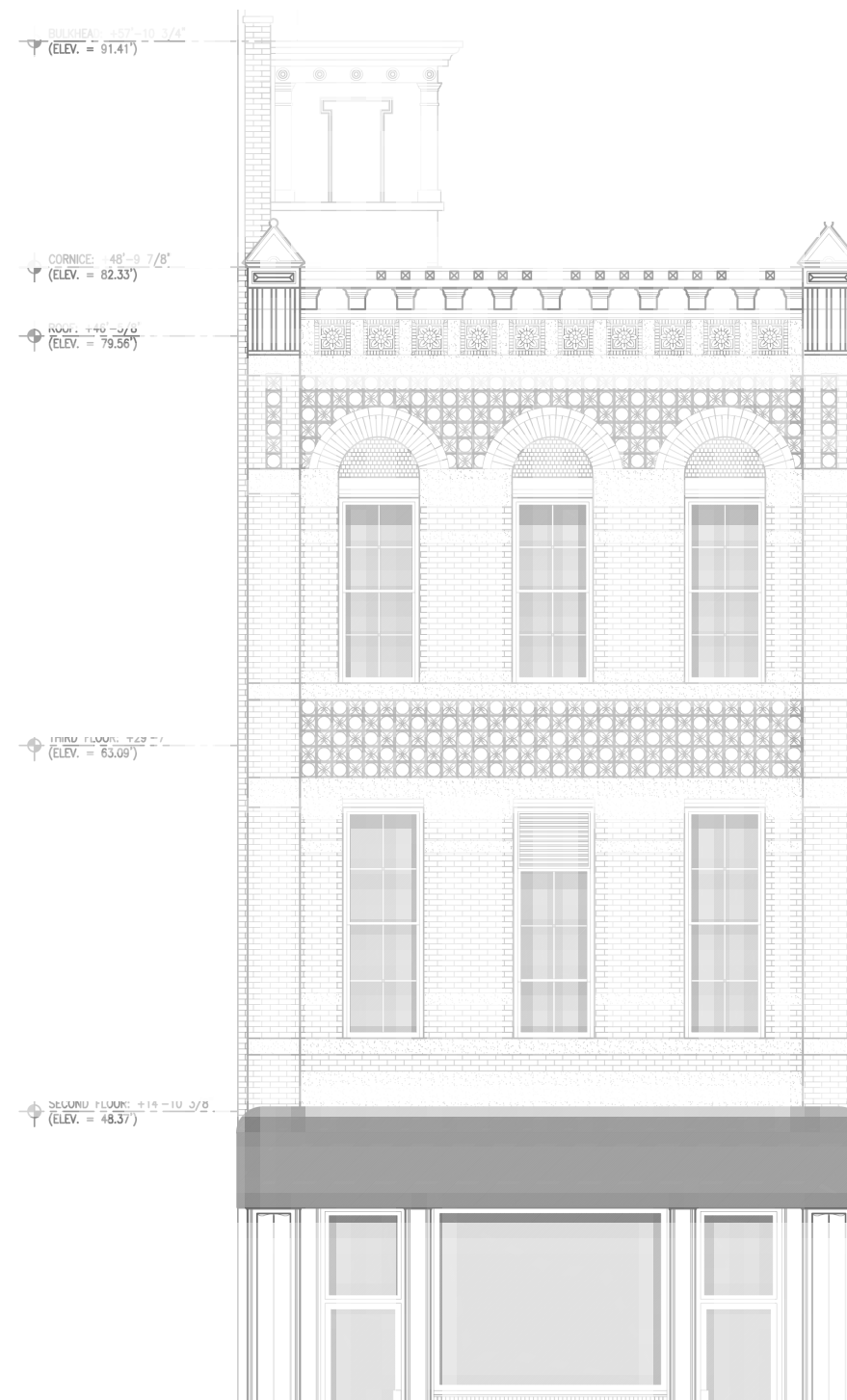
- 223 E. 25TH
- SUBWAY STOP
- BUS STOP
- CITIBIKE STOP
- RESTAURANT/BAR/ENTERTAINMENT (WITHIN HIGHLIGHTED AREA)
- PARK
- PUBLIC FACILITIES + INSTITUTIONS (INCLUDING NYU, BARUCH COLLEGE, SVA)

FRONT FACADE ELEVATIONS

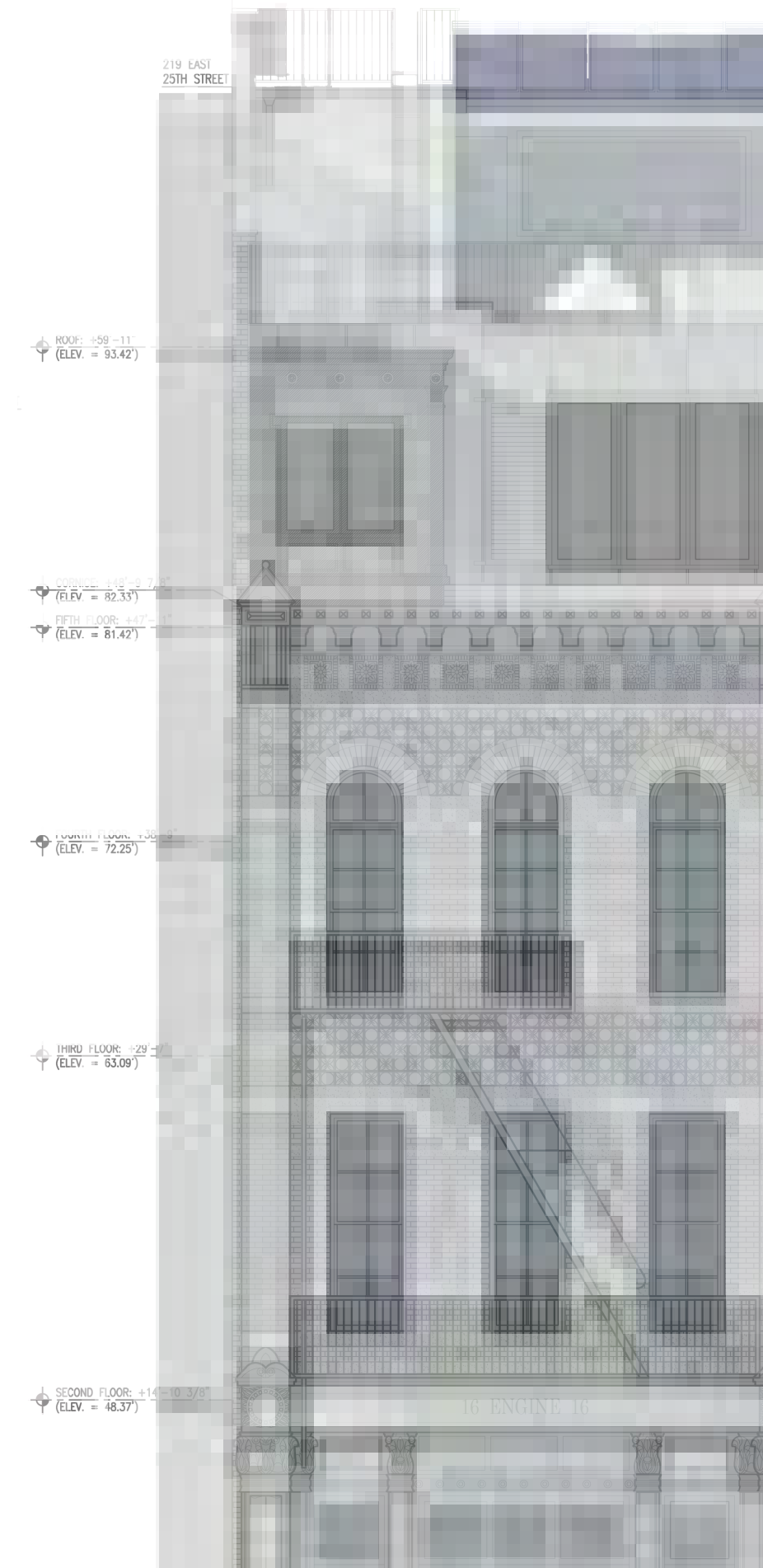
- Decommissioned firehouse building, converted into a church in 1974.
- Ground floor was used for religious facilities while upper floors fell into disrepair.
- New owners purchased in 2018.
- Adaptive reuse project as a 4-family residence with a community facility on the ground floor.



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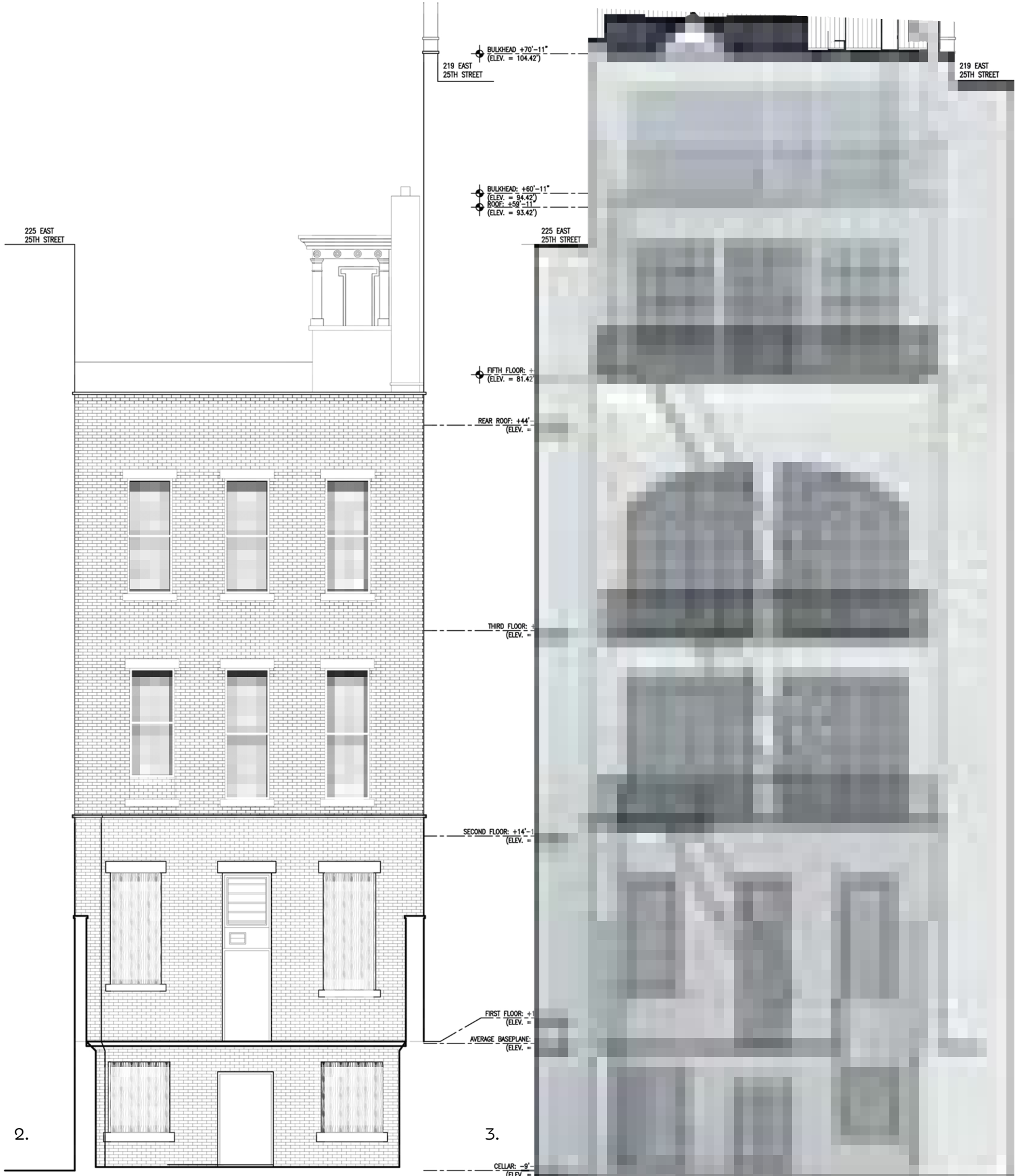
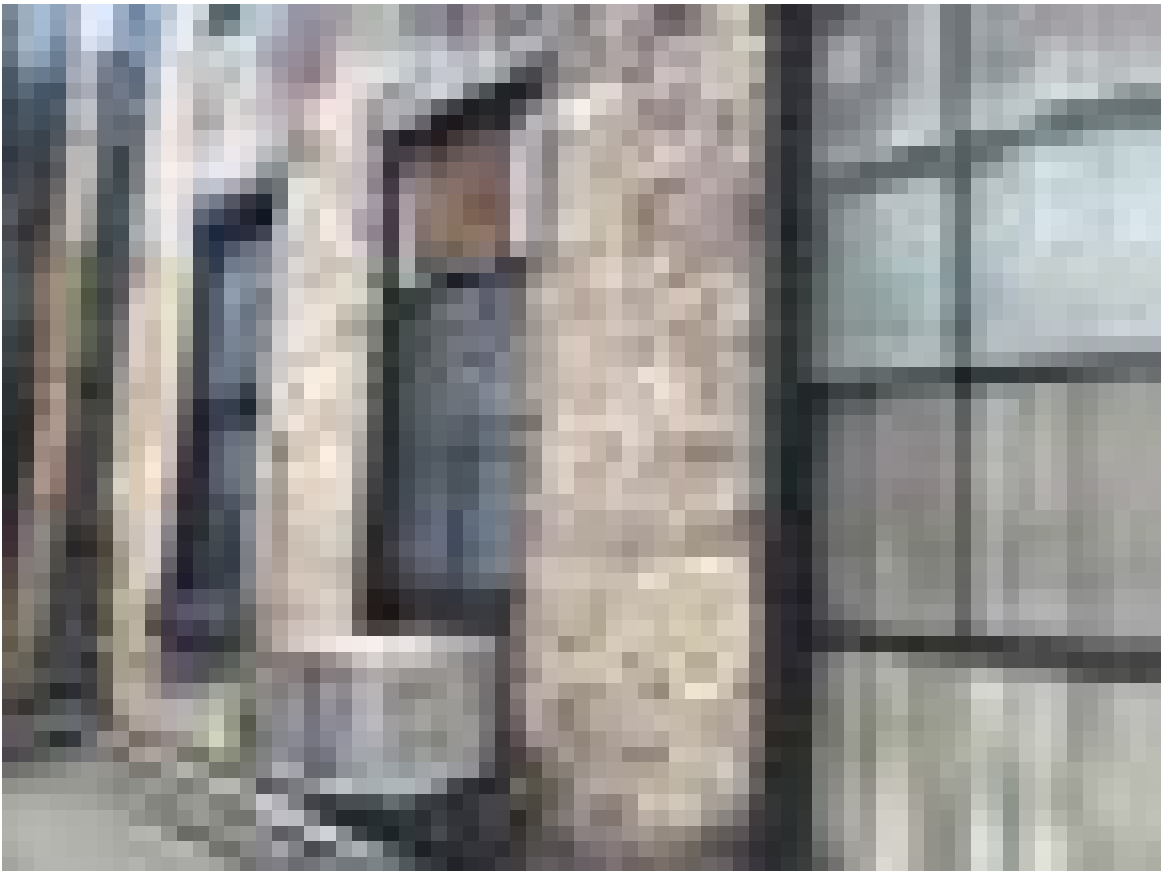
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1. PHOTO: EXISTING FRONT FACADE (SOUTH FACING)
2. ELEVATION: EXISTING FRONT FACADE (SOUTH FACING)
3. ELEVATION: PROPOSED FRONT FACADE (SOUTH FACING)

REAR FACADE ELEVATIONS



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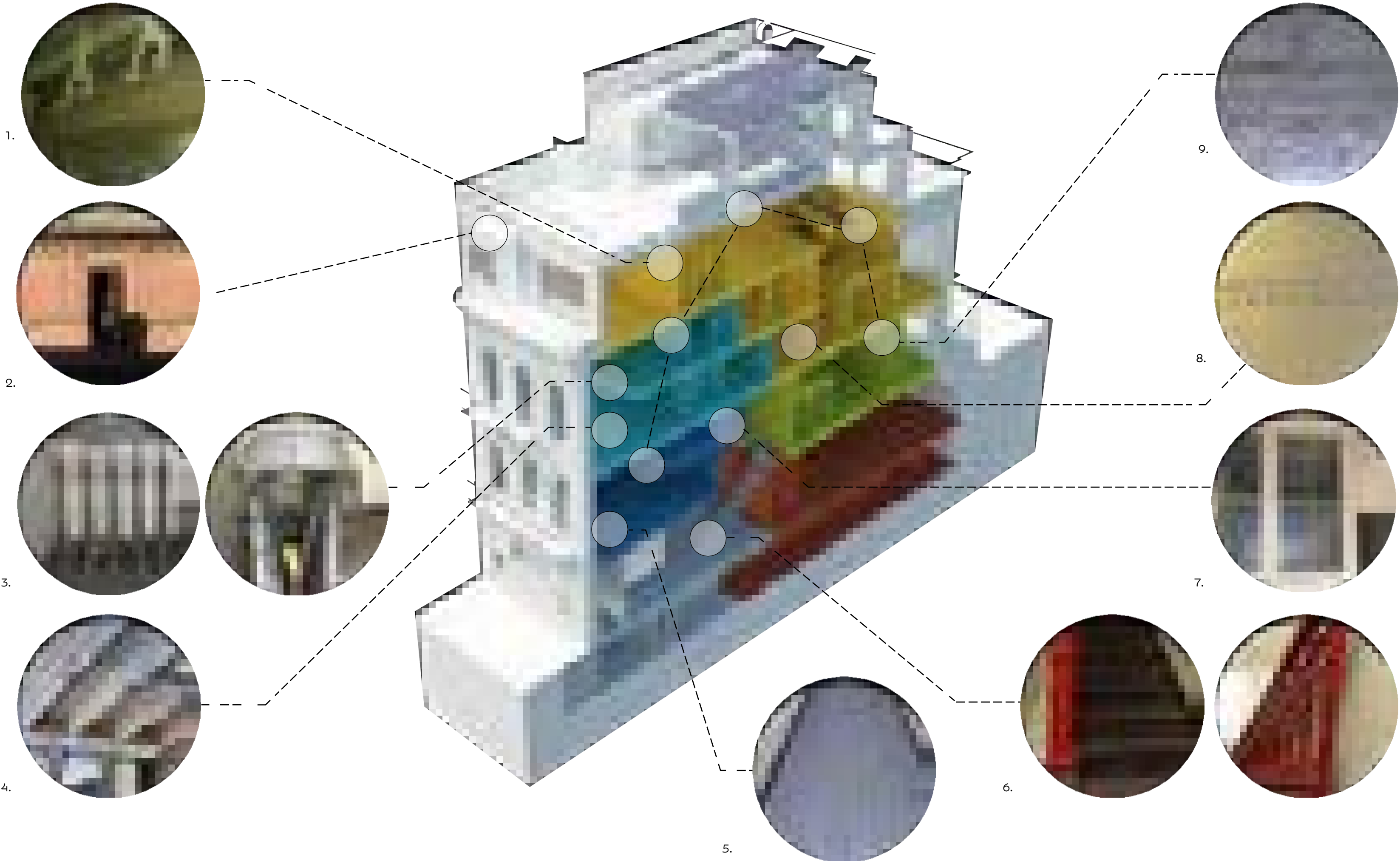


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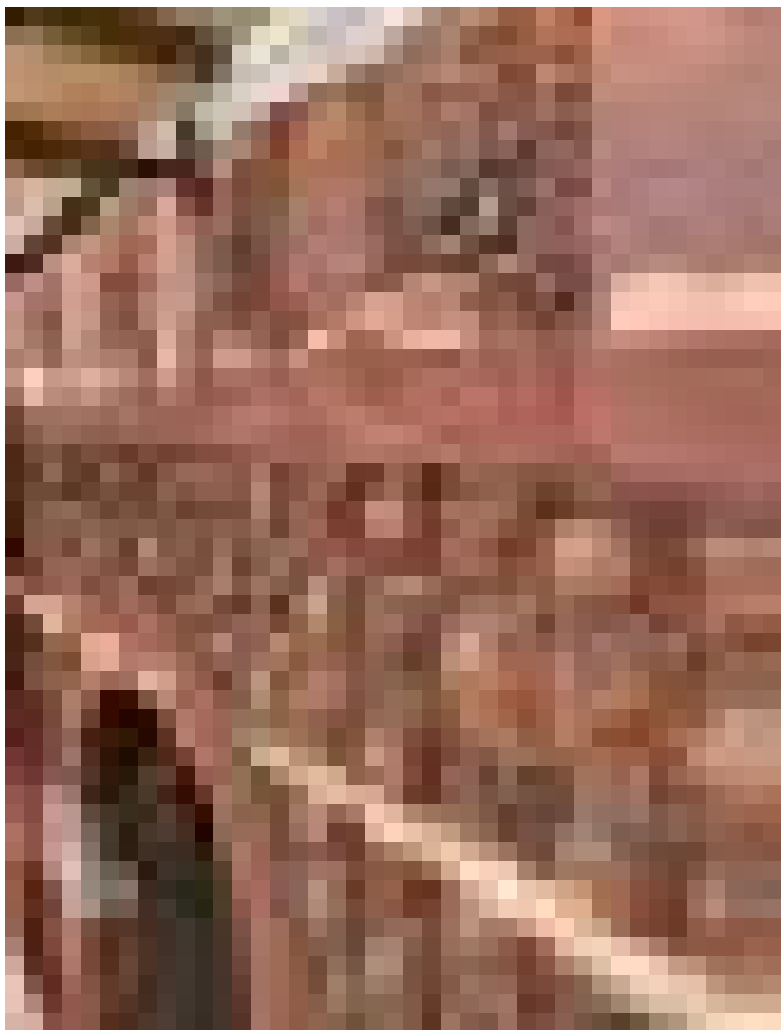
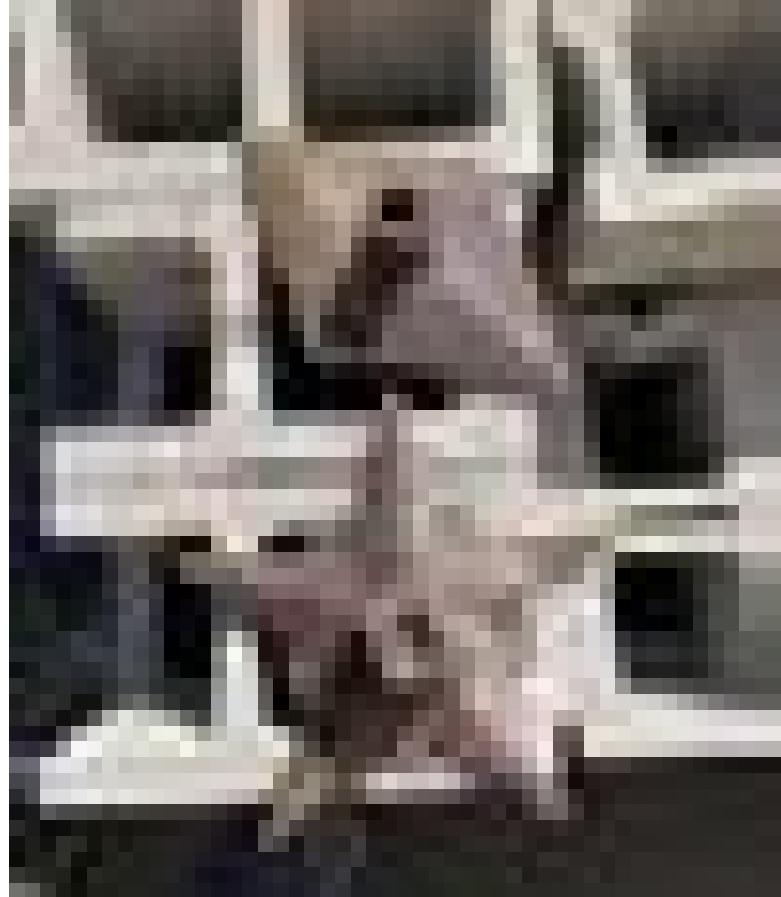
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3. ELEVATION: PROPOSED REAR FACADE (NORTH FACING)

HISTORIC + RESTORED ELEMENTS

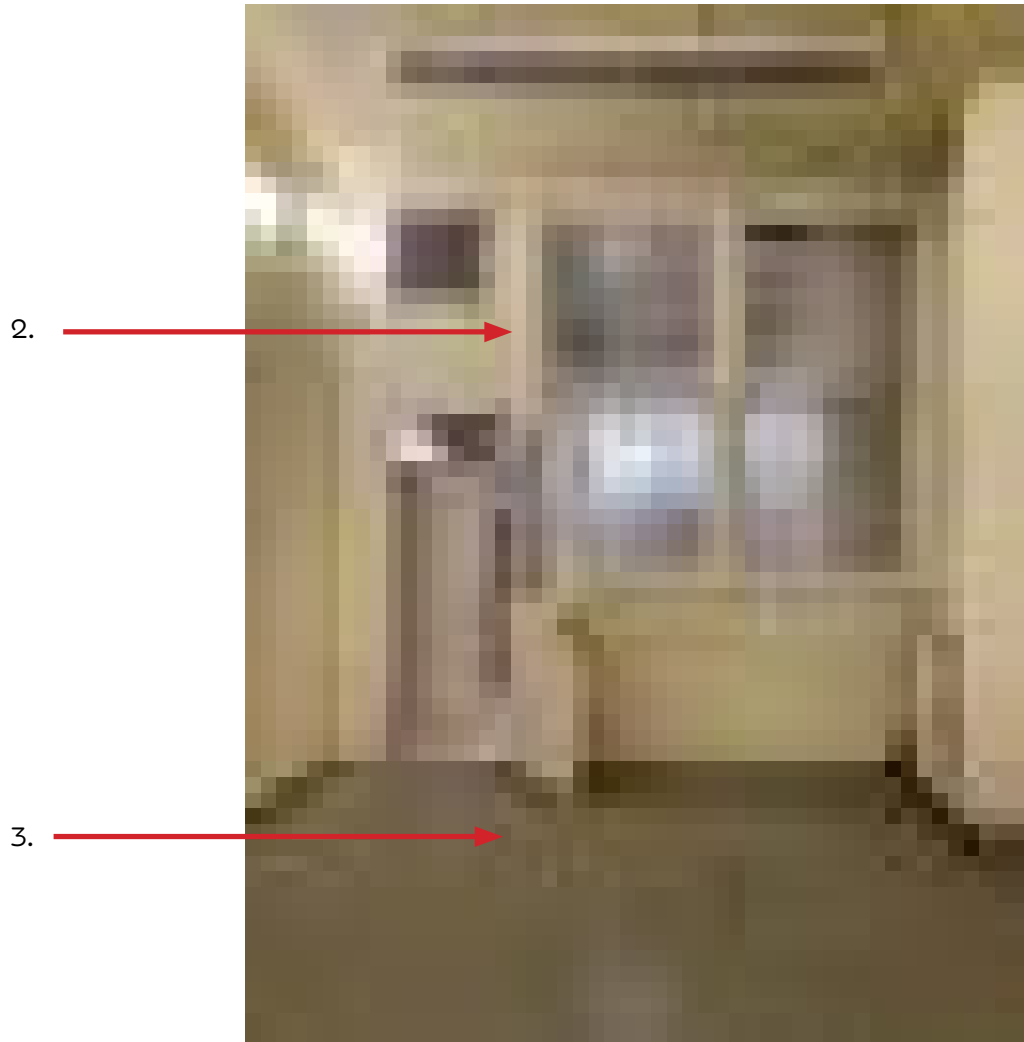
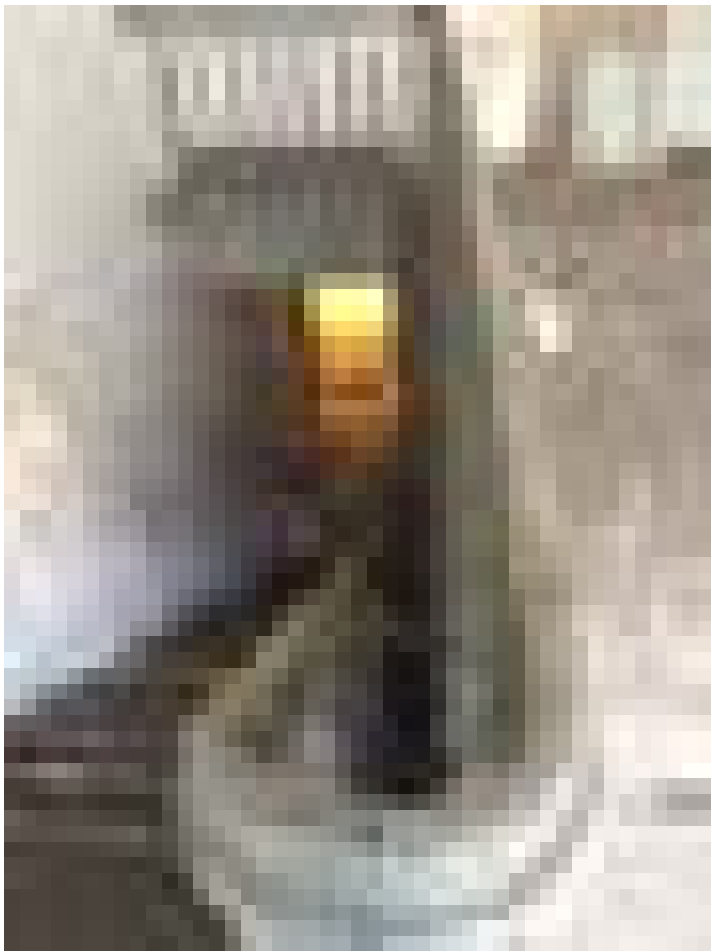
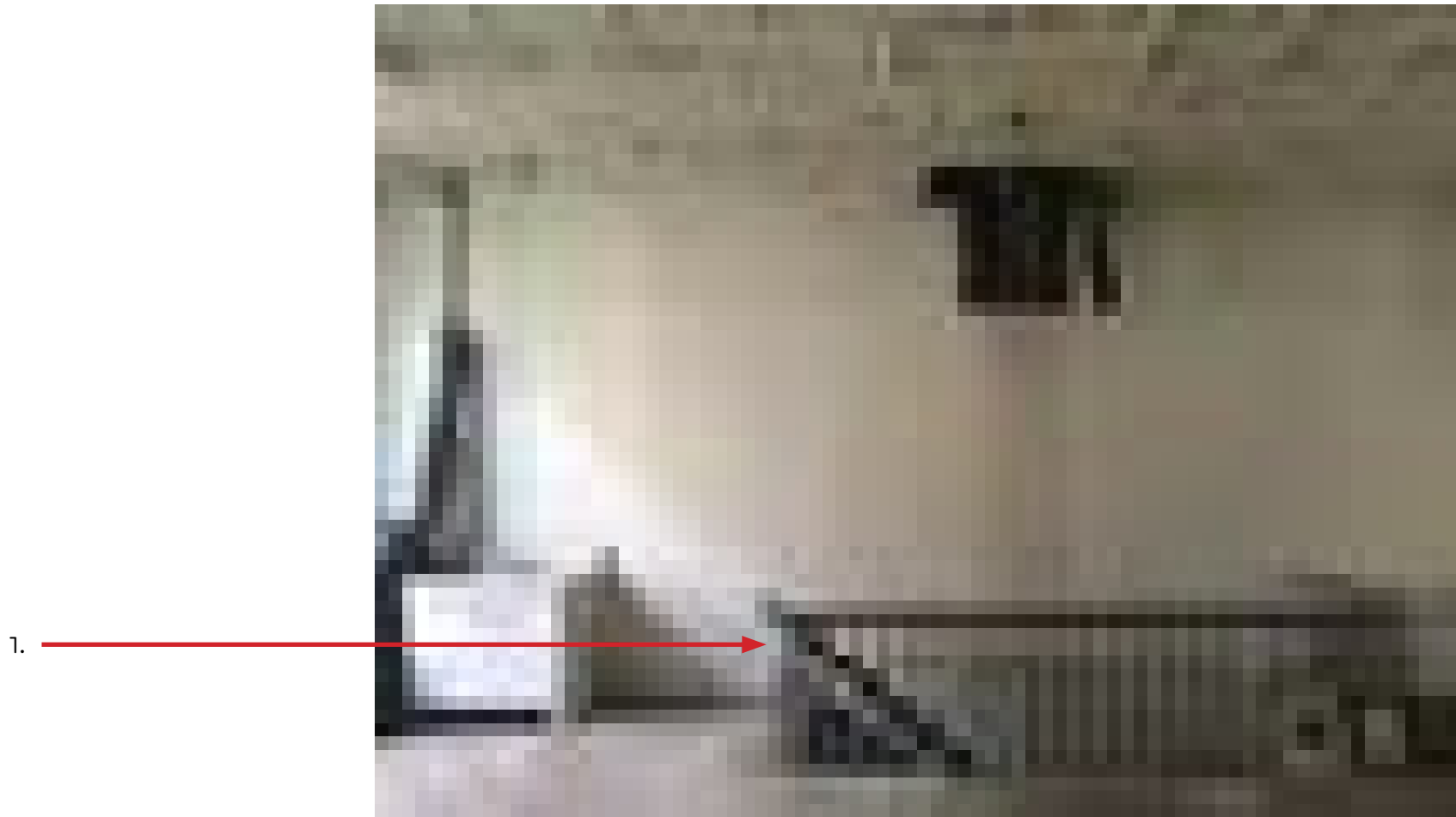


- 1. HISTORIC FIREHOUSE HOSE HOOKS
- 2. FRONT ADDITION EMULATES HISTORIC CAST IRON
- 3. HISTORIC WOOD RAILINGS
- 4. REPURPOSED WOOD FLOOR JOISTS
- 5. RESTORED WOOD FLOORING
- 6. HISTORIC STEEL RAILING
- 7. HISTORIC WINDOWS
- 8. HISTORIC FIREHOUSE HOOKS
- 9. RESTORED TIN CEILINGS

EXISTING CONDITIONS: FAÇADE DETAILS



EXISTING CONDITIONS: ADAPT + REUSE

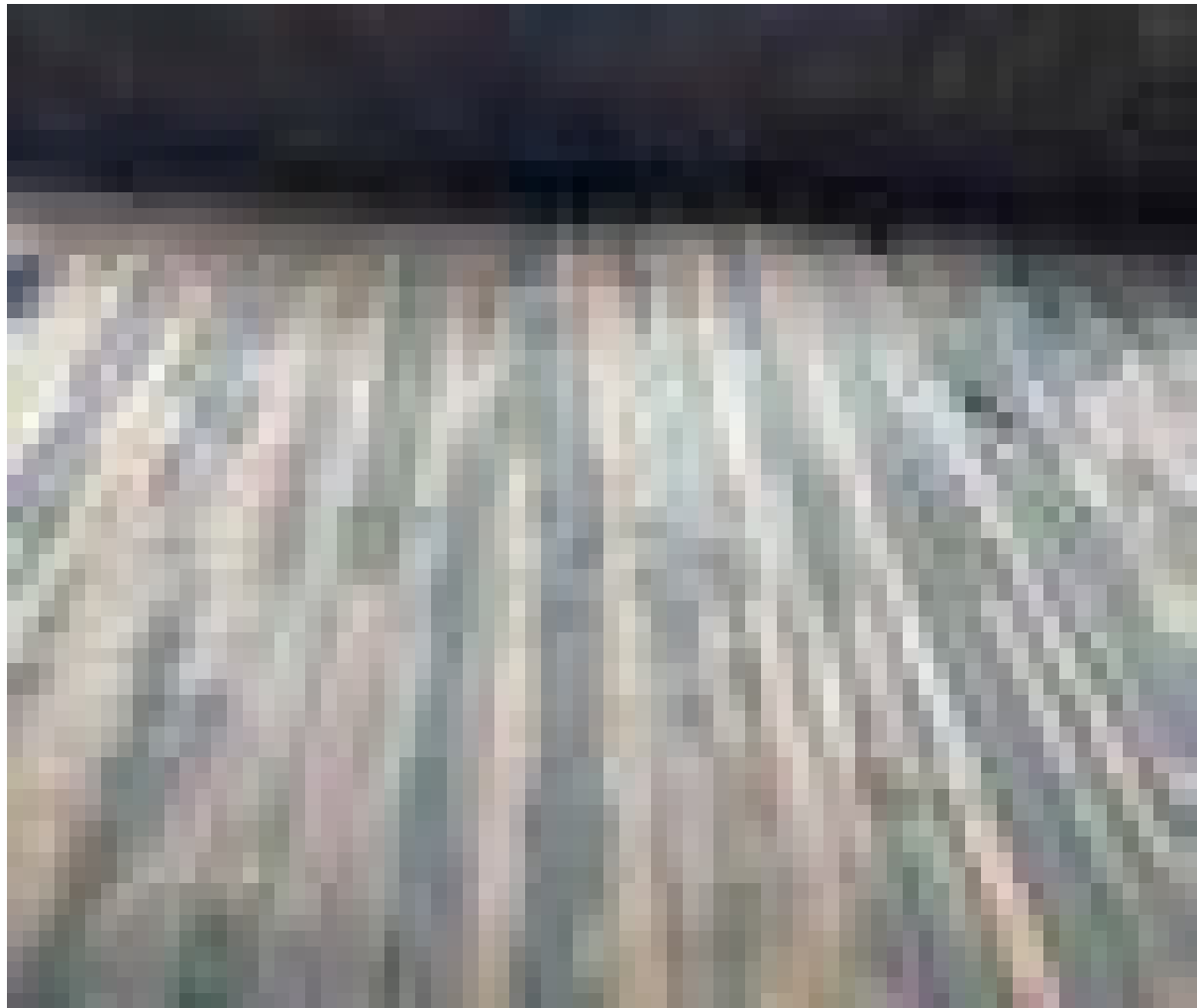


- 1. EXISTING 2ND-3RD FLOOR STAIRCASE
- 2. WINDOWS AND DOORS TO BE REUSED
- 3. EXISTING WOOD FLOORING, PRIOR TO SANDING

PROGRESS PHOTOS: UNCOVERING + RESTORING



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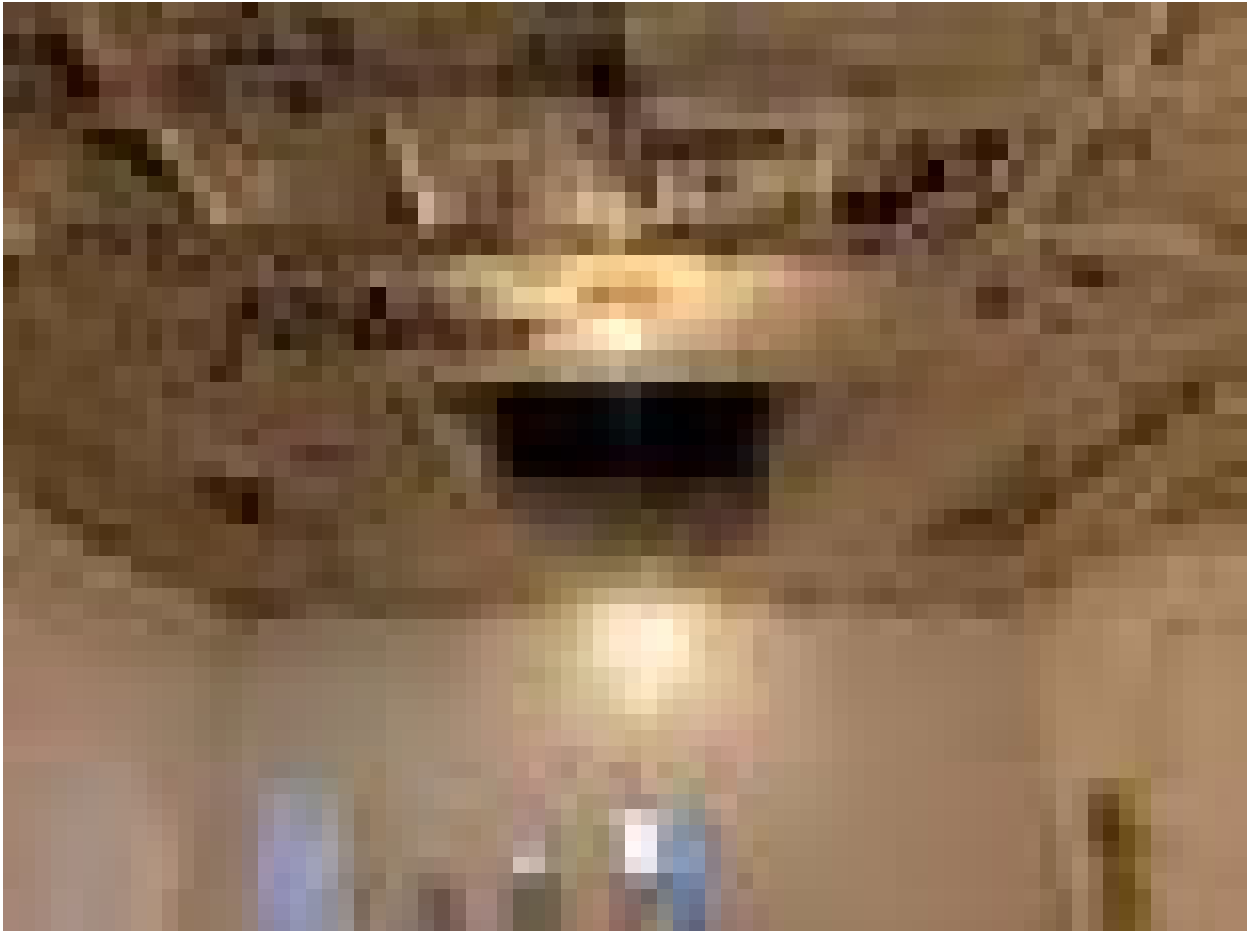
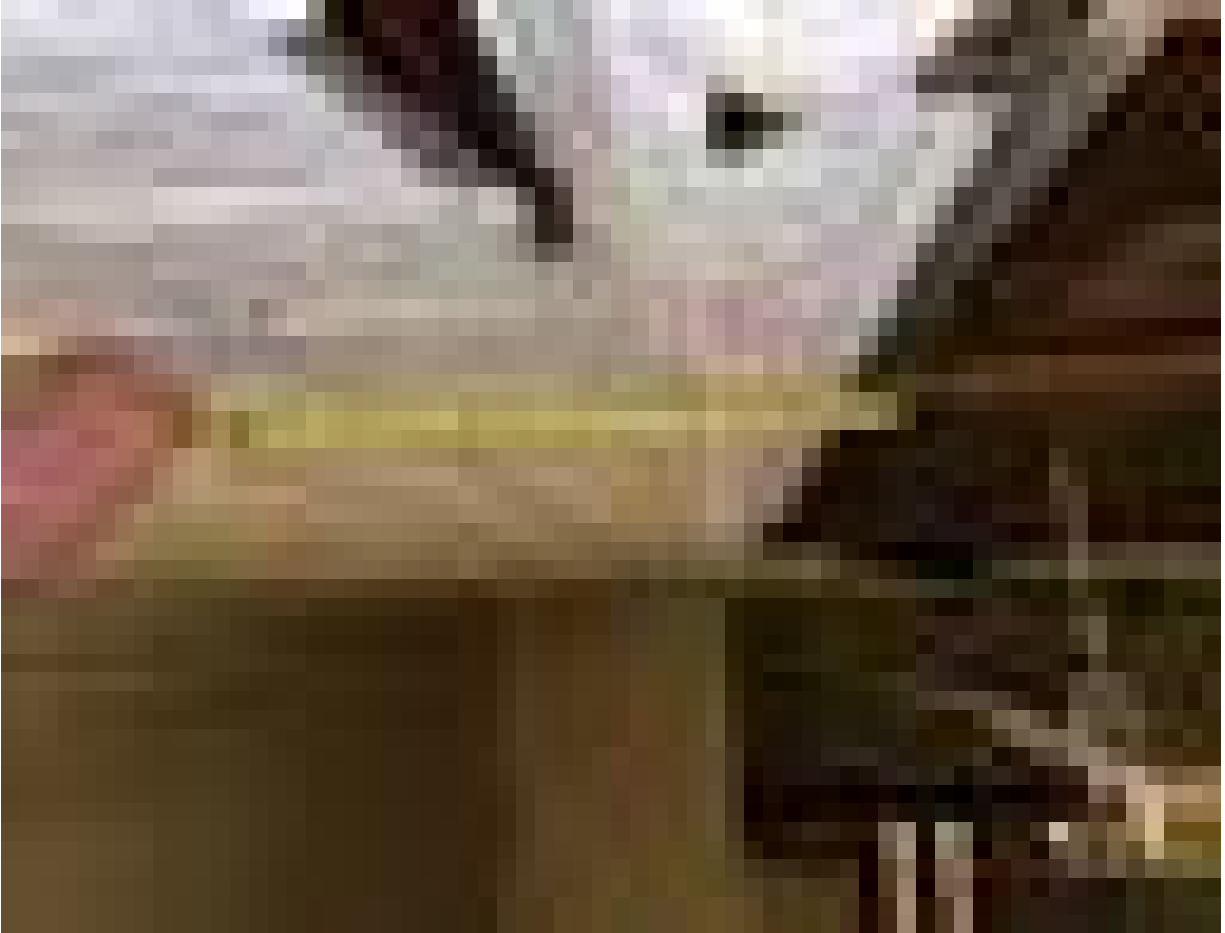
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- 1. FIRE COAT HOOKS
- 2. FLOORS AFTER SANDING



EXISTING + PROGRESS PHOTOS: TIN CEILINGS



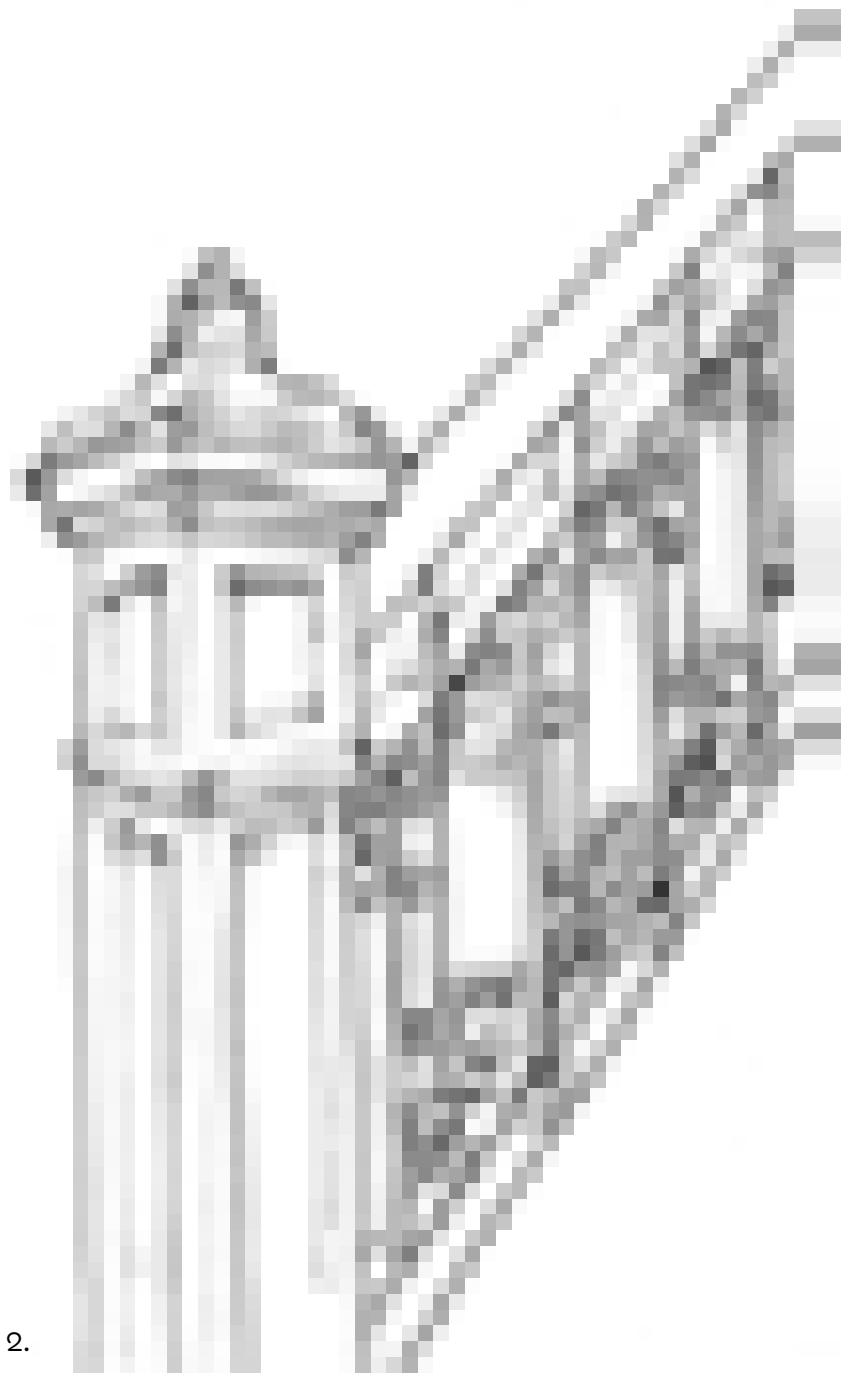
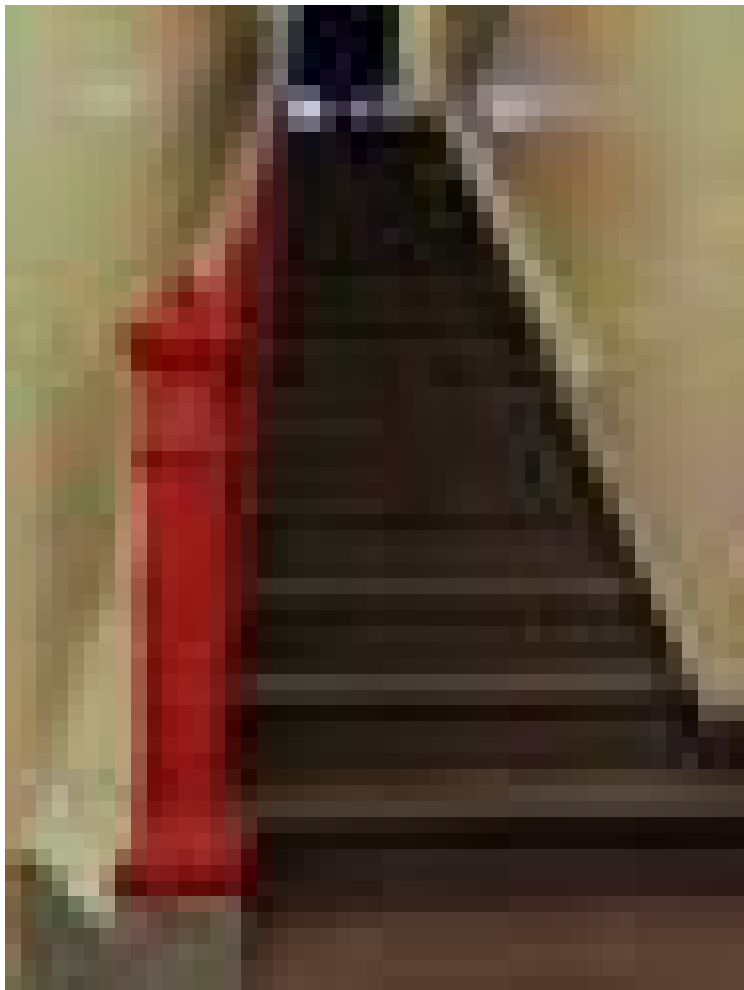
PASSIVE DETAIL: FIRST FLOOR GARAGE



SKETCHES: ORIGINAL ENTRY STAIR



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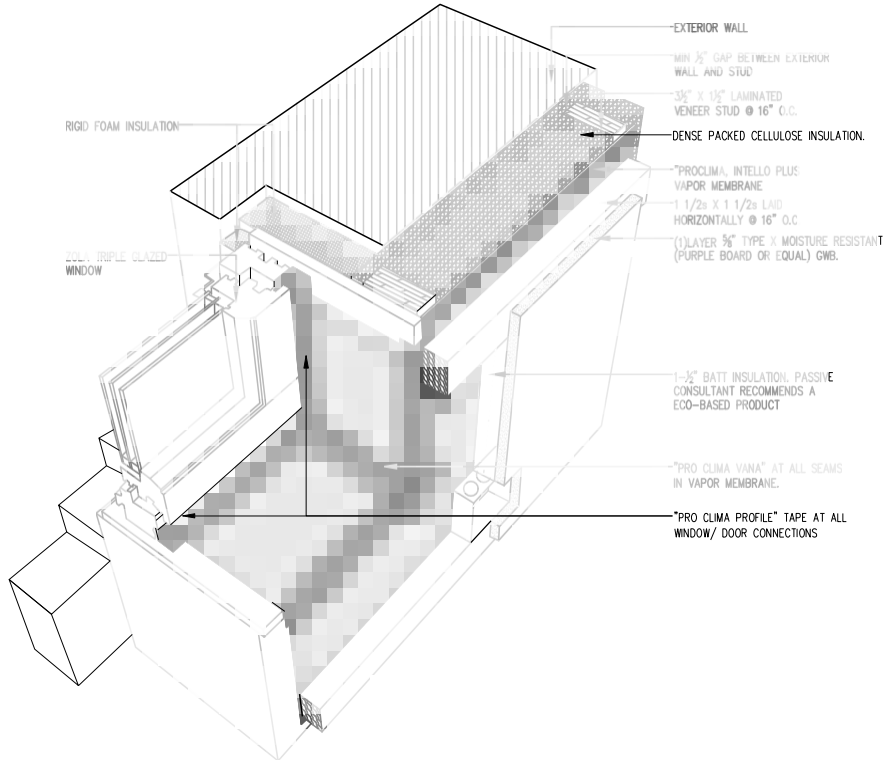
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1. PHOTO: EXISTING STEEL RAILING AT ENTRY
2. SKETCH: RESTORED STEEL RAILING
3. PROPOSED ENTRY STAIR WITH RESTORED RAILINGS

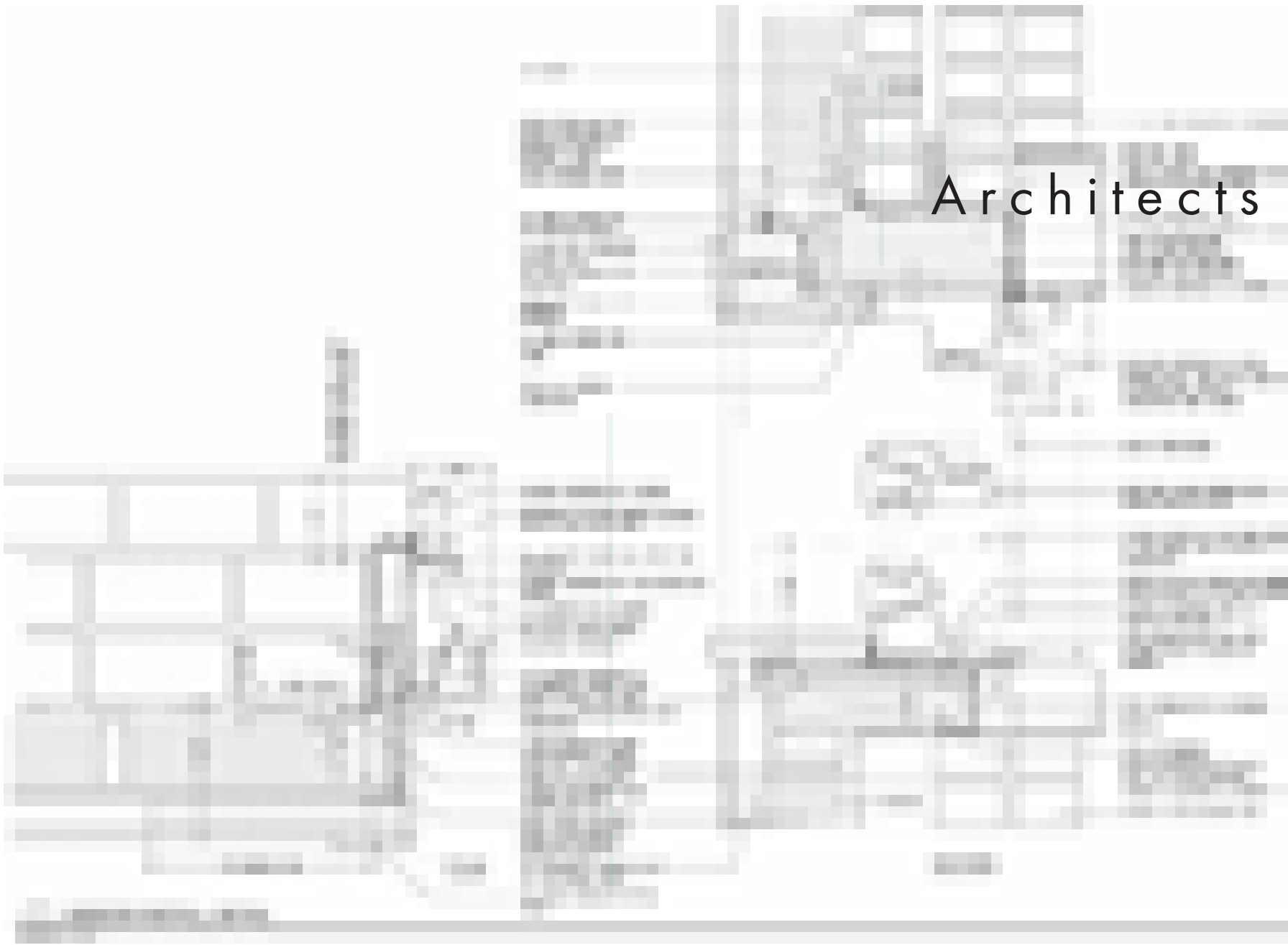
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WINDOW DETAILS



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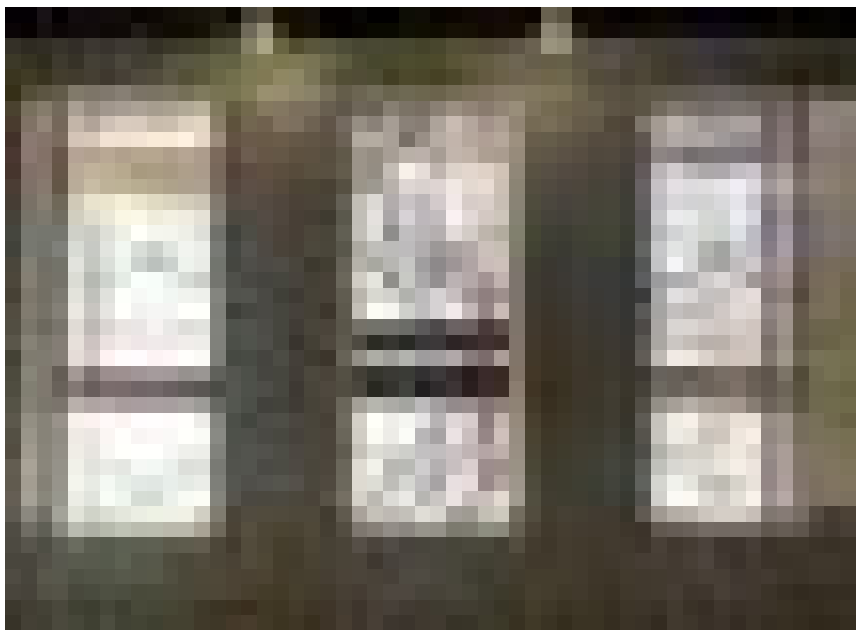
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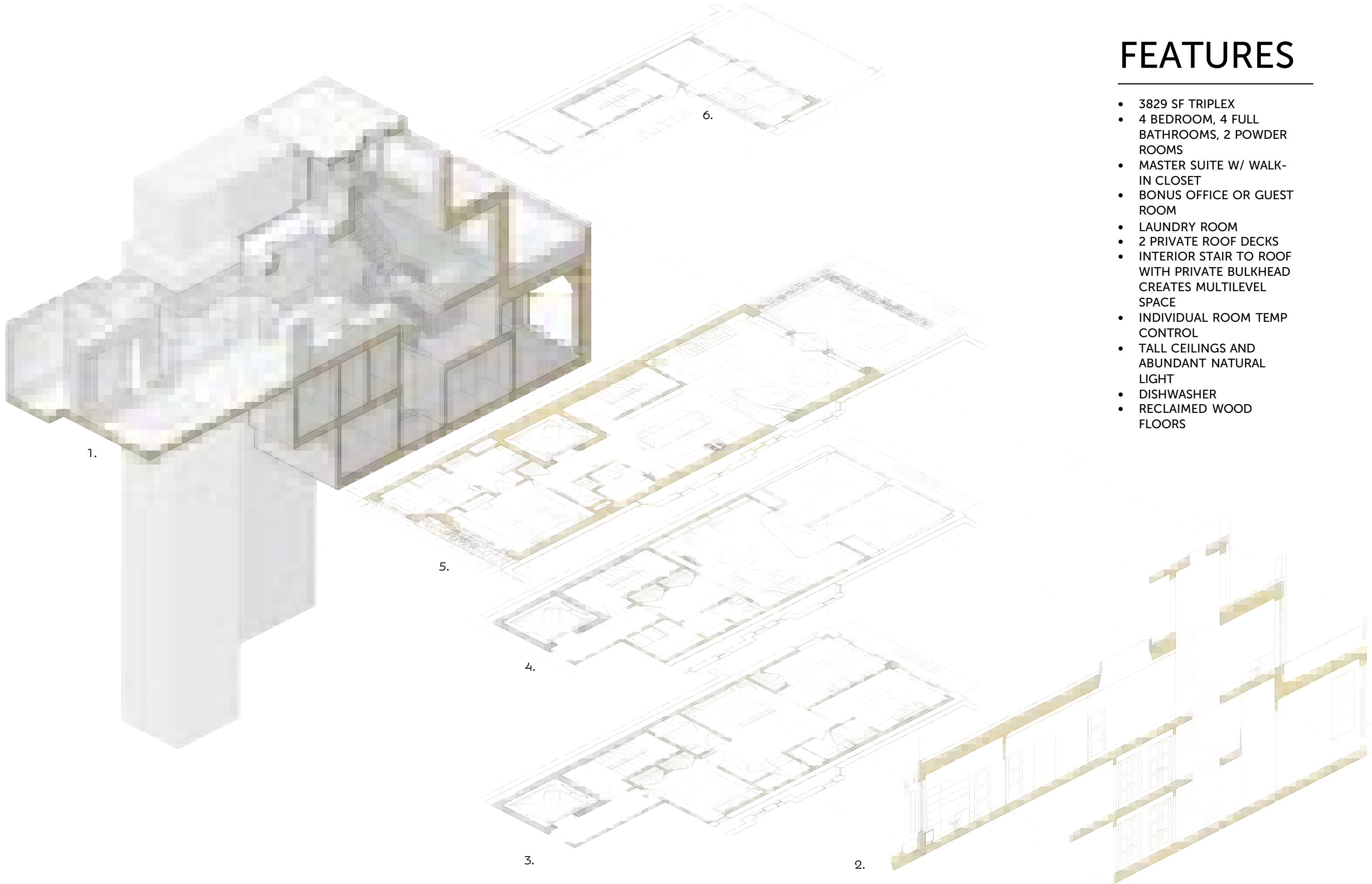
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1. WINDOW INSTALL DETAIL: AXON
2. WINDOW INSTALL DETAIL: PLAN + SECTION
3. WINDOW JAMB (FIXED) THERMAL ANALYSIS
4. WINDOW JAMB (OPERABLE) THERMAL ANALYSIS
5. WINDOW HEAD THERMAL ANALYSIS
6. WINDOW SILL THERMAL ANALYSIS
7. PHOTO: WINDOW WELLS PREPPED FOR INSTALL

UNIT 4 TRIPLEX



FEATURES

- 3829 SF TRIPLEX
- 4 BEDROOM, 4 FULL BATHROOMS, 2 POWDER ROOMS
- MASTER SUITE W/ WALK-IN CLOSET
- BONUS OFFICE OR GUEST ROOM
- LAUNDRY ROOM
- 2 PRIVATE ROOF DECKS
- INTERIOR STAIR TO ROOF WITH PRIVATE BULKHEAD CREATES MULTILEVEL SPACE
- INDIVIDUAL ROOM TEMP CONTROL
- TALL CEILINGS AND ABUNDANT NATURAL LIGHT
- DISHWASHER
- RECLAIMED WOOD FLOORS

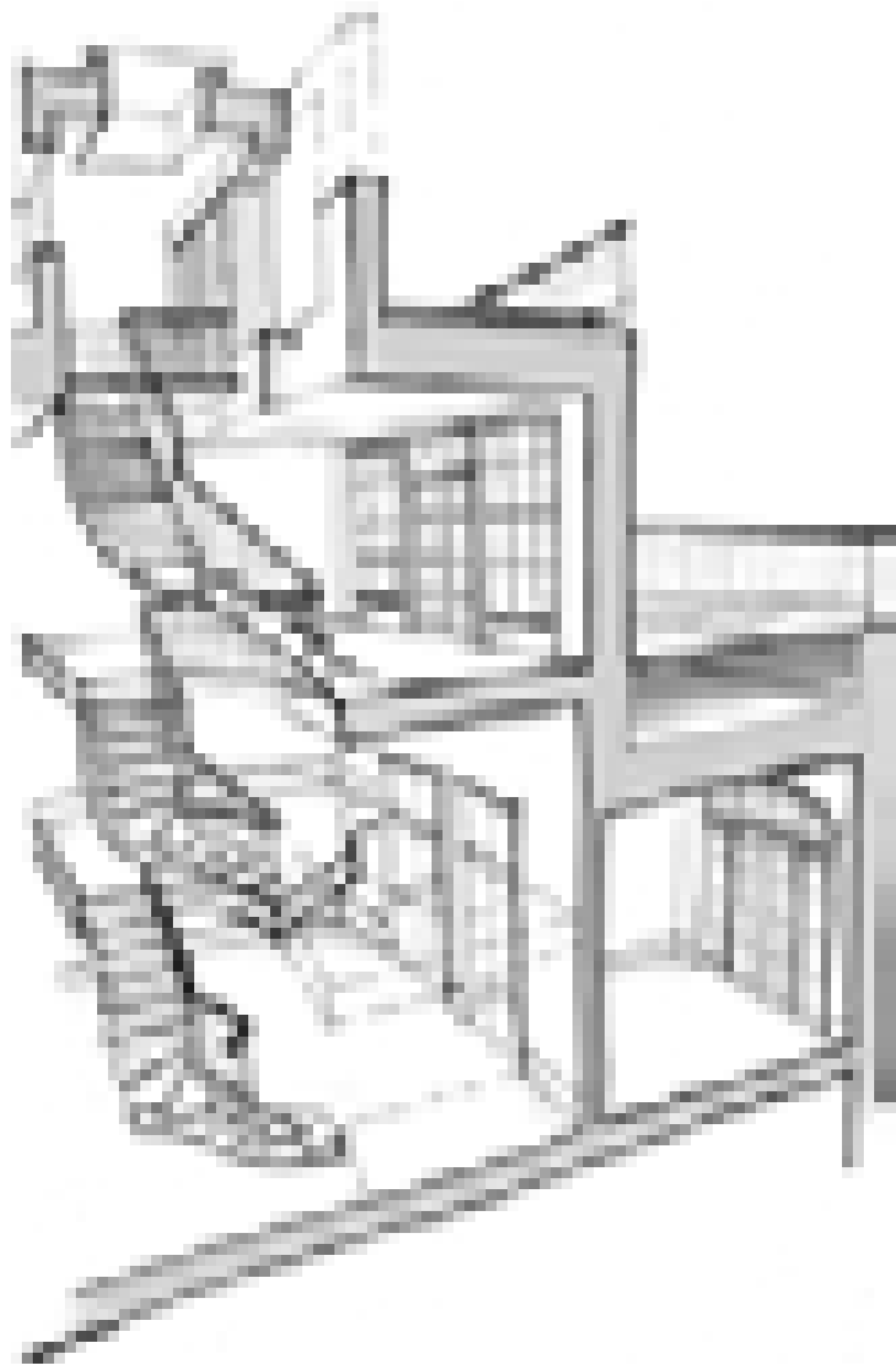
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1. AXON
2. SECTION
3. THIRD FLOOR PLAN
4. FOURTH FLOOR PLAN
5. FIFTH FLOOR PLAN
6. SIXTH FLOOR PLAN AND ROOF

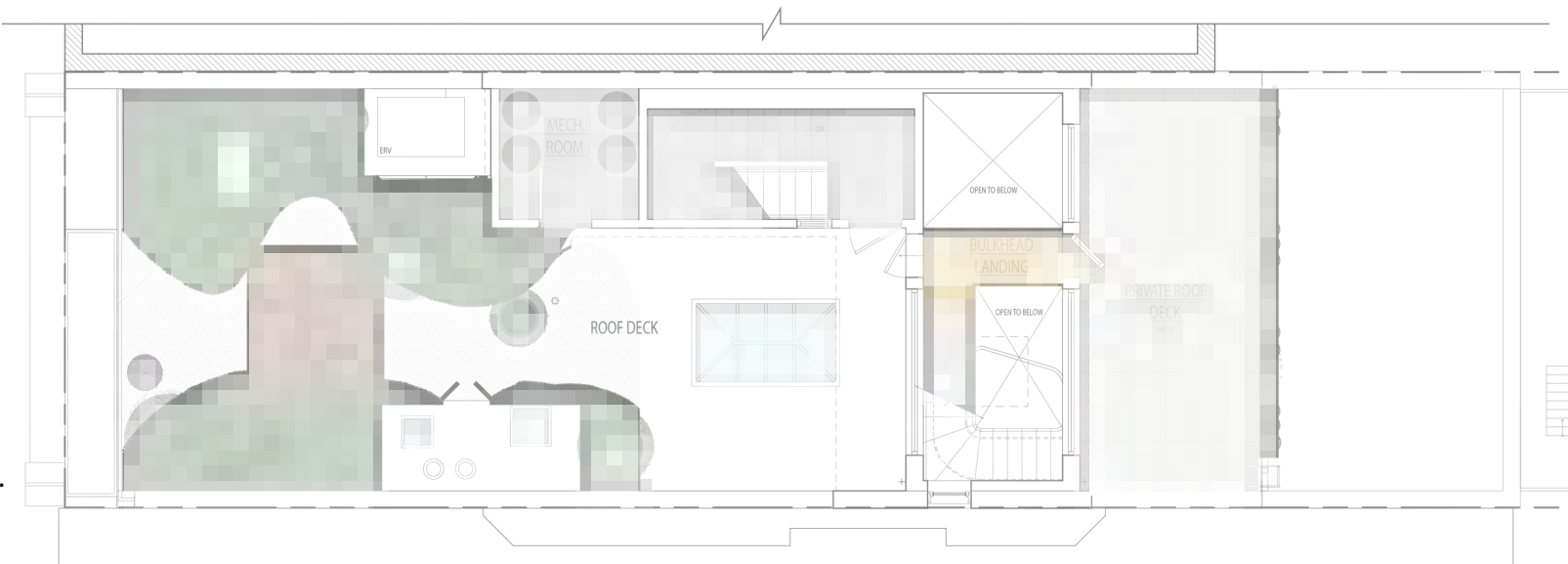
PUBLIC + PRIVATE EXTERIOR SPACES



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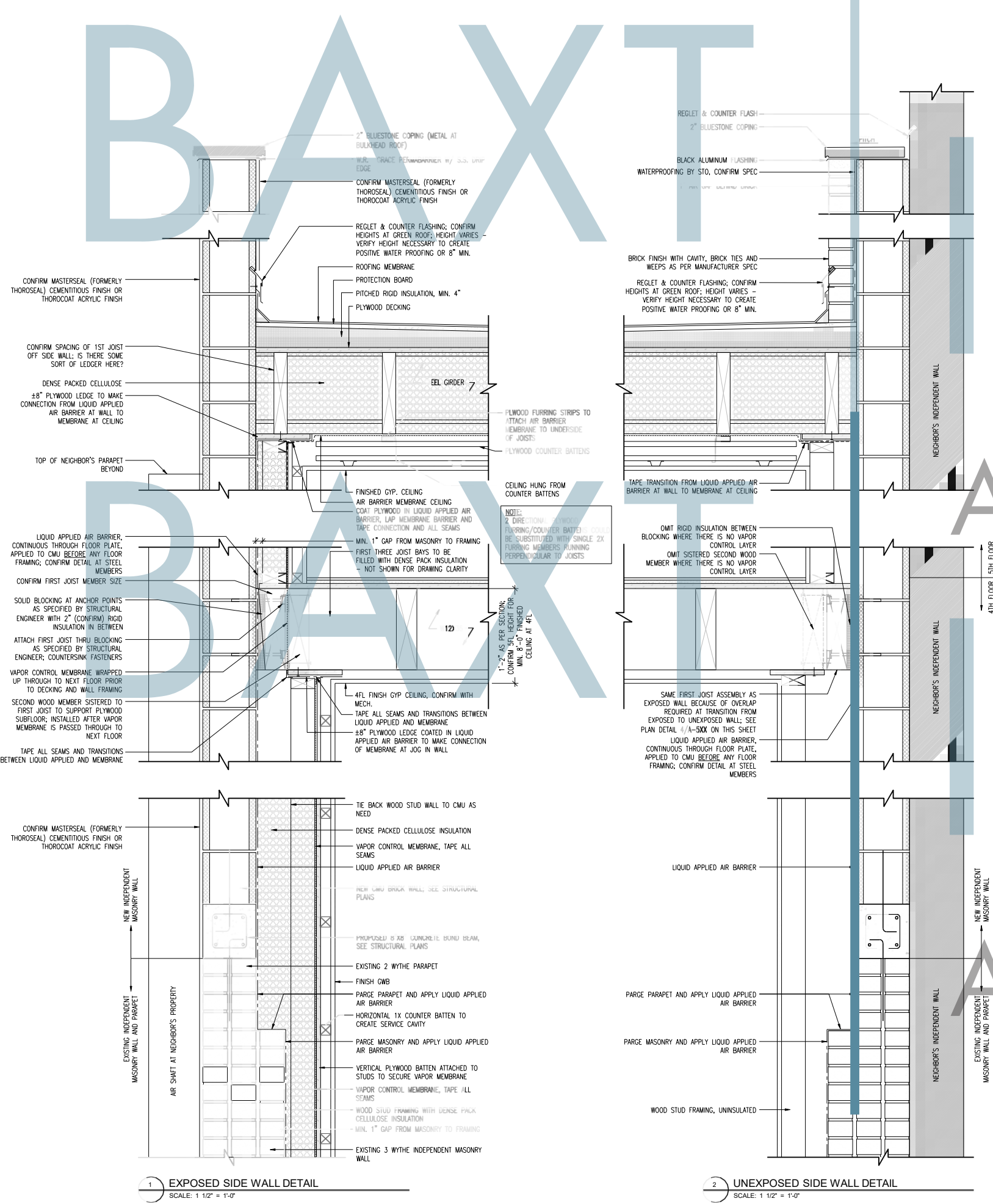


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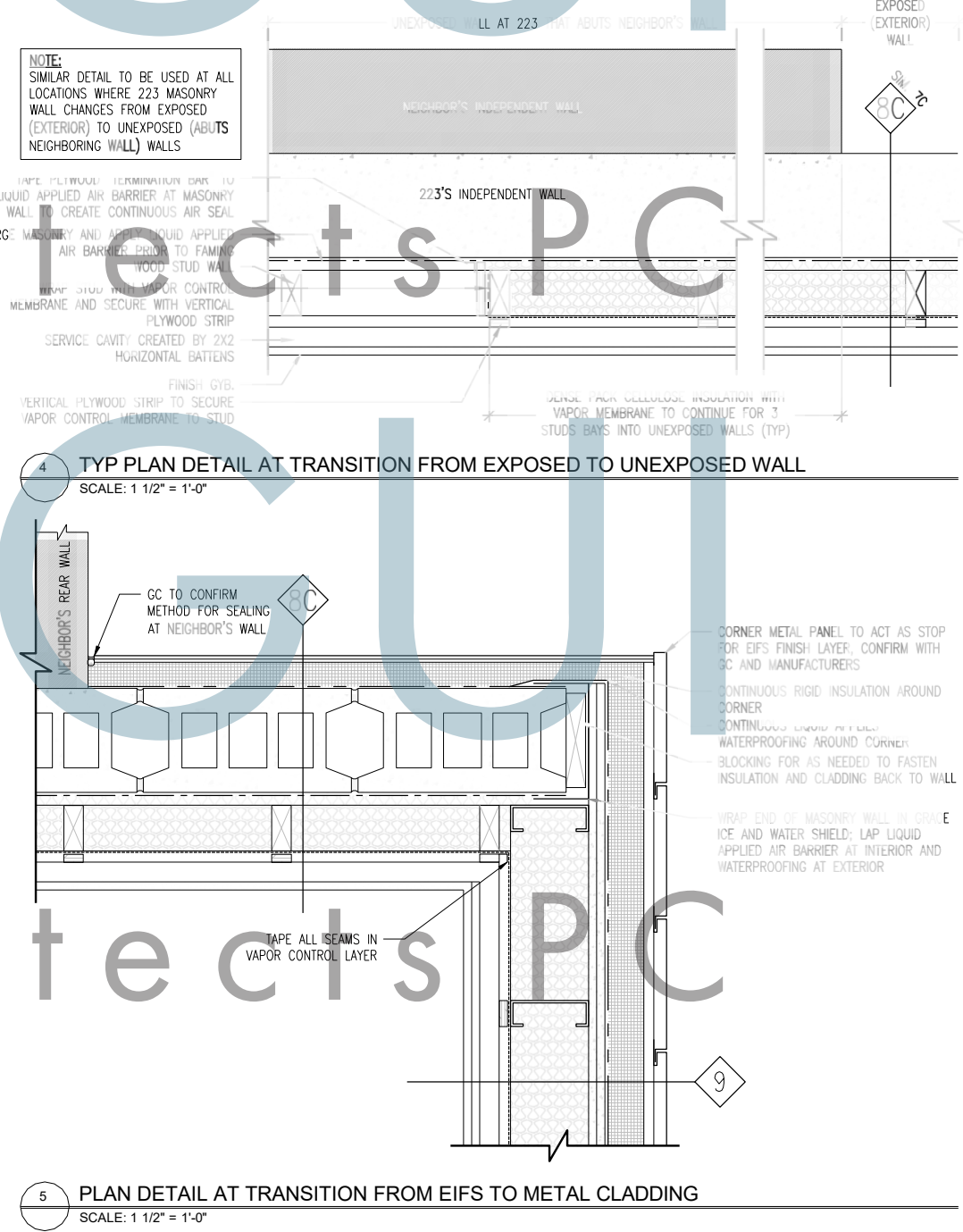
- 1. ROOF KEY PLAN
- 2. FRONT ROOF DECK RENDERING
- 3. UNIT 4 STAIR SKETCH



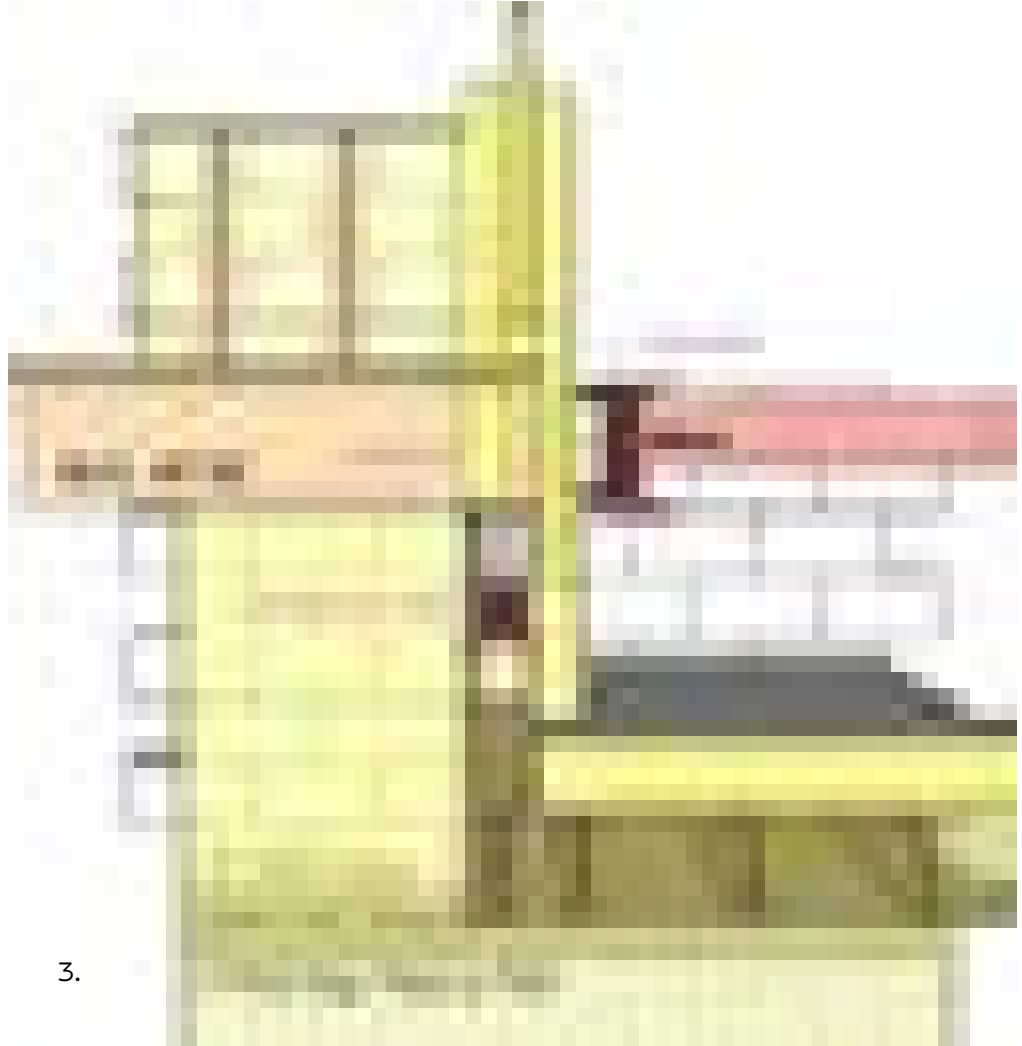
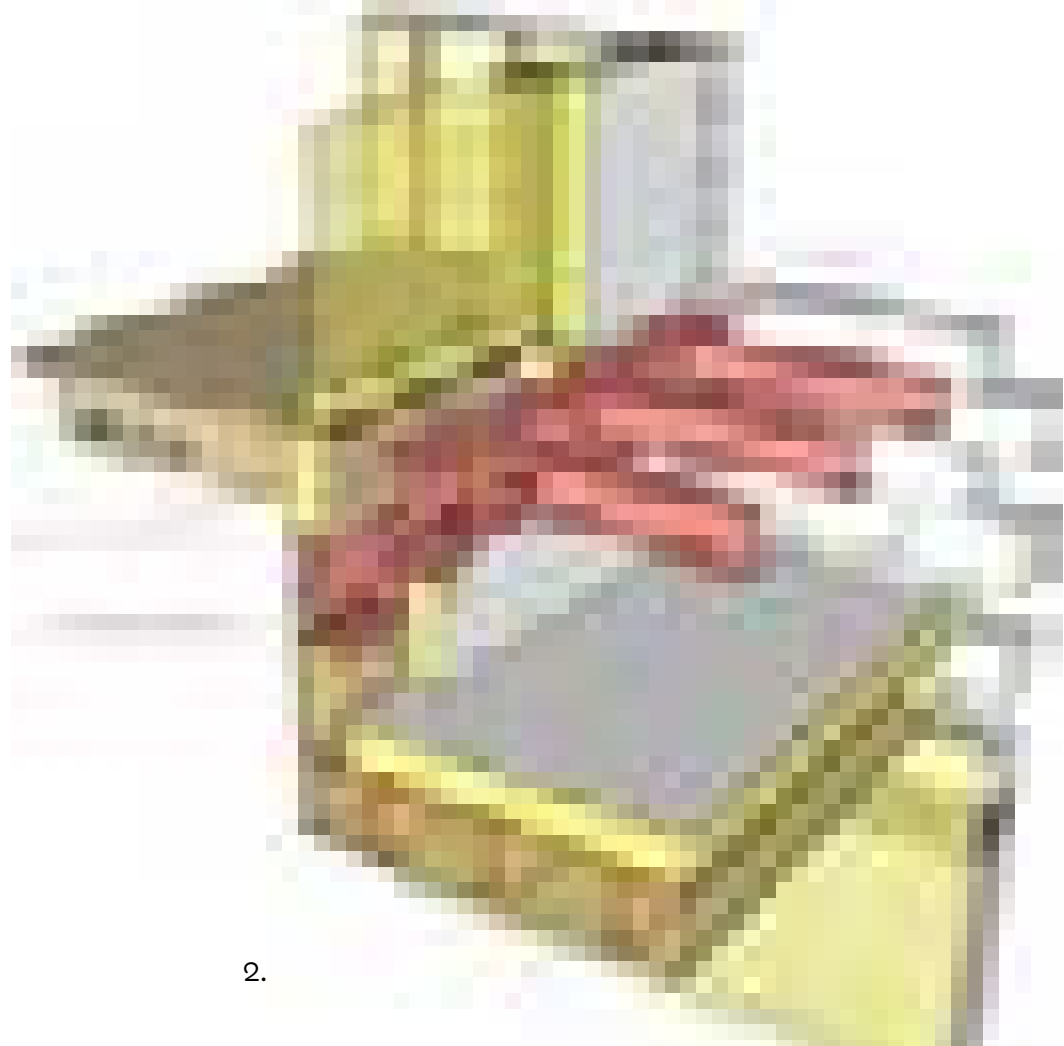
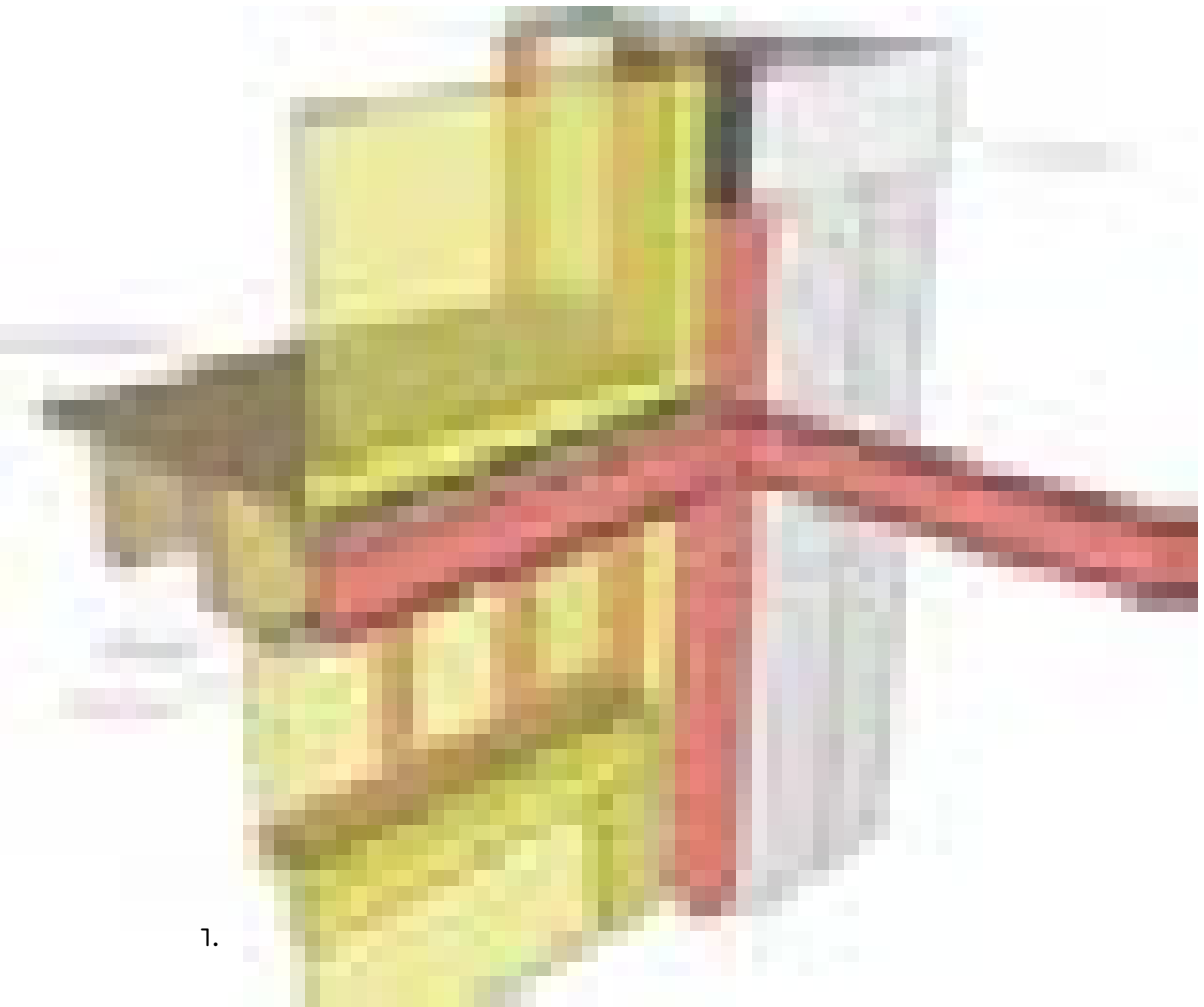
WALL + ROOF DETAILS



SPEC LEGEND AND SCHEDULE		
AIR BARRIER AT WALLS	PRO CLIMA VISCONN WHITE, FLUID APPLIED	-----
AIR BARRIER AT ROOF	PRO CLIMA INTELLO MEMBRANE	-----
VAPOR CONTROL MEMBRANE AT WALLS	PRO CLIMA INTELLO MEMBRANE	-----
TAPE	PRO CLIMA TESCON VANA TAPE	-----
STO RAPID SEAL???	PRO CLIMA ORCON F	-----
WATERPROOFING:????	STO?	-----



WALL AND ROOF DETAILS

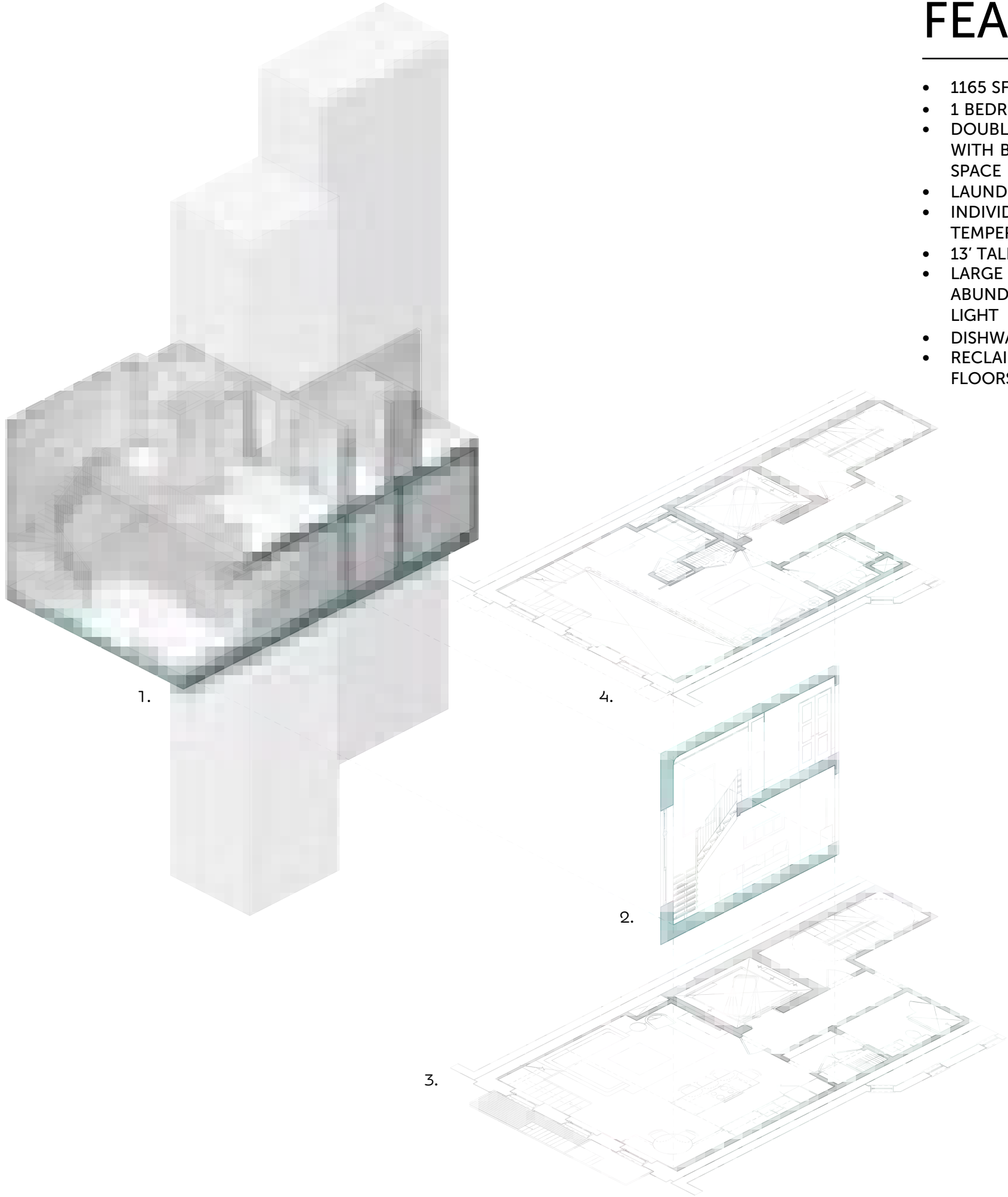


- 1. THIRD FLOOR THRESHOLD THERMAL BRIDGE ANALYSIS
- 2. FIFTH FLOOR THRESHOLD THERMAL BRIDGE ANALYSIS
- 3. FIFTH FLOOR THRESHOLD THERMAL BRIDGE ANALYSIS

UNIT 3 DUPLEX

FEATURES

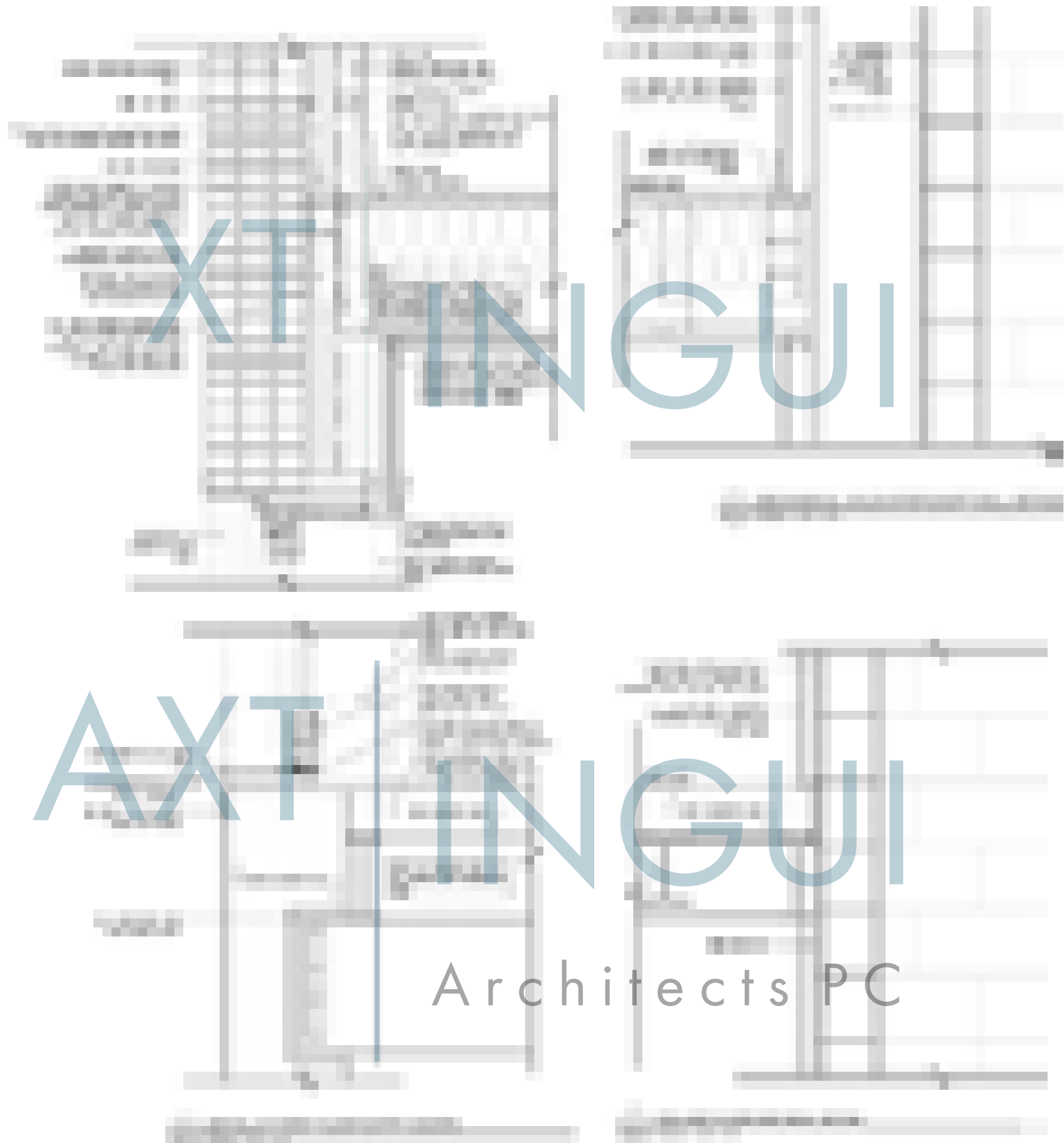
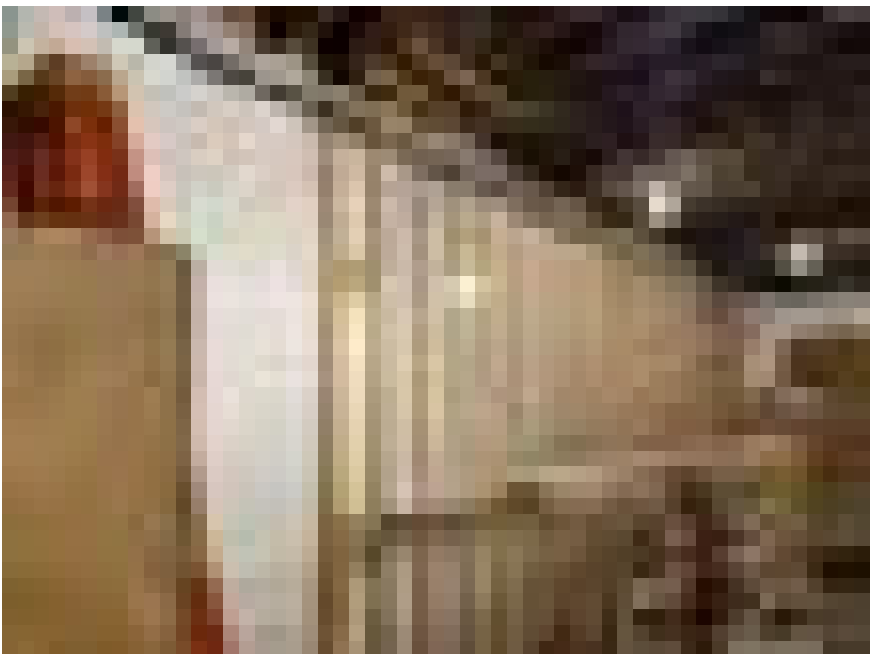
- 1165 SF DUPLEX
- 1 BEDROOM, 2 BATH
- DOUBLE-HEIGHT SPACE WITH BONUS MESSANINE SPACE
- LAUNDRY CLOSET
- INDIVIDUAL ROOM TEMPERATURE CONTROL
- 13' TALL CEILINGS
- LARGE WINDOWS, ABUNDANT NATURAL LIGHT
- DISHWASHER
- RECLAIMED WOOD FLOORS



NOTES

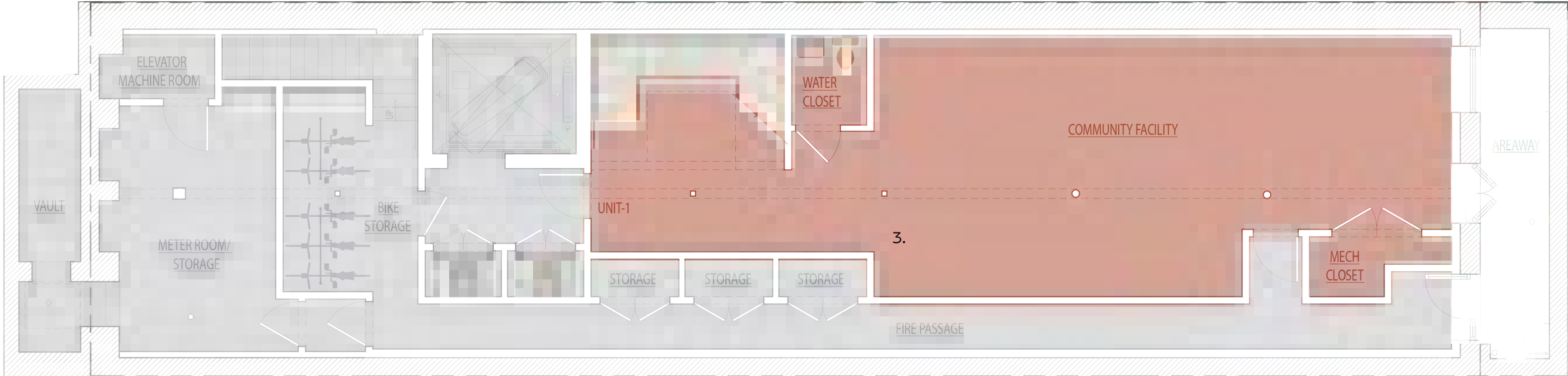
1. AXON
2. SECTION
3. THIRD FLOOR PLAN
4. FOURTH FLOOR PLAN
5. RENDERING: STAIR AND LOFT SPACE
6. PHOTO: UNIT 3 SITE PROGRESS

RETROFIT AIR SEALING DETAILS

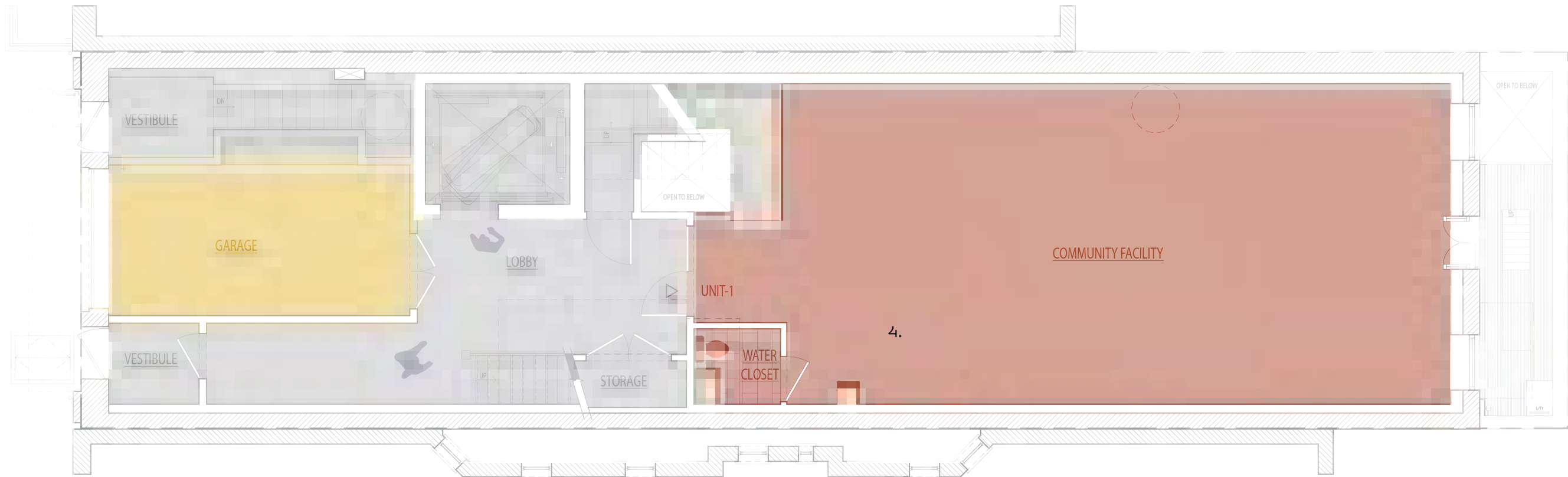


CELLAR + 1ST FLOOR PLANS: COMMUNITY SPACE

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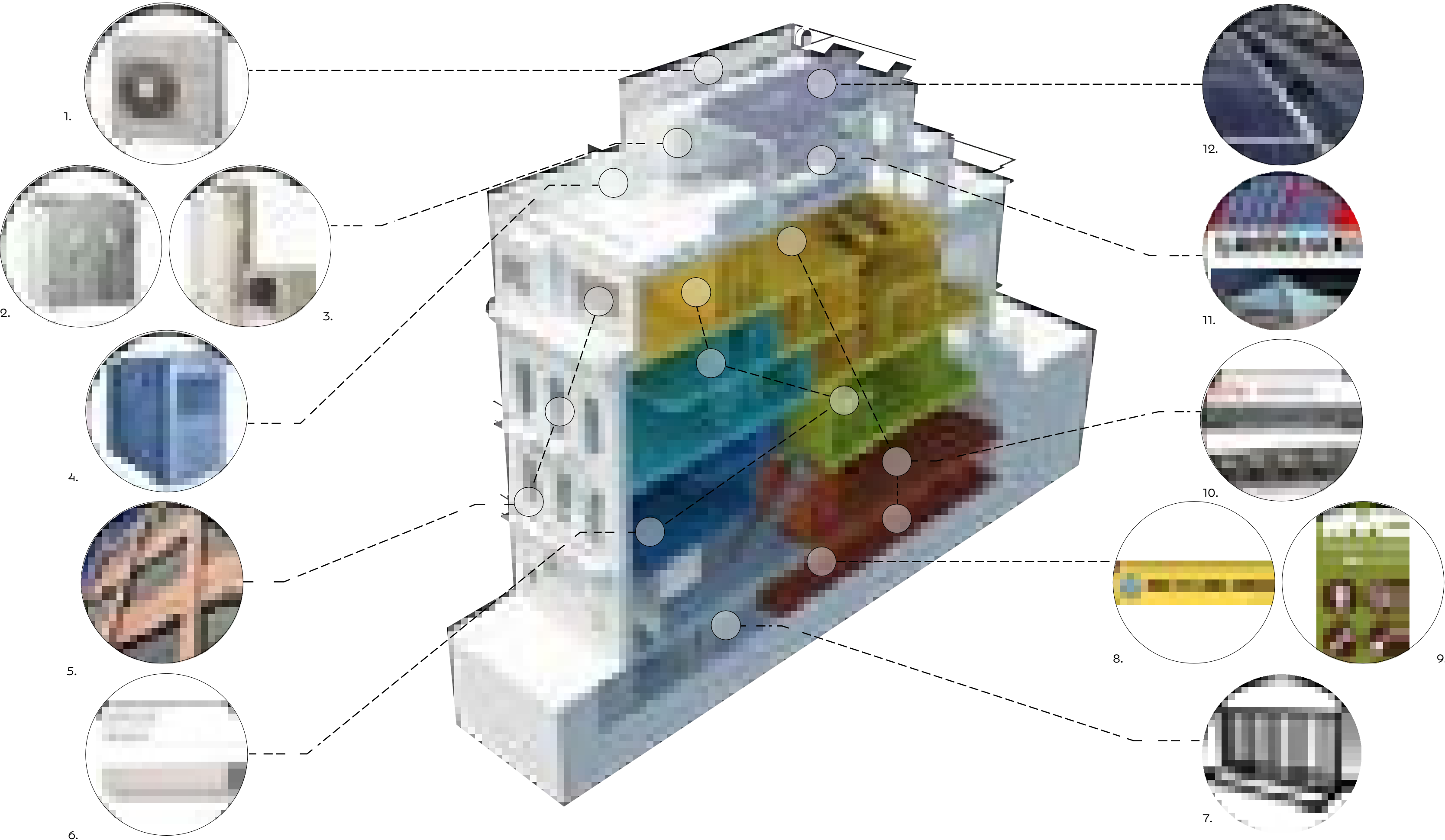
- 1. CELLAR PLAN
- 2. FIRST FLOOR PLAN
- 3. CELLAR COMMUNITY CENTER AREA = 1113 SF
- 4. FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CENTER AREA = 1400 SF



PROGRESS PHOTOS: CELLAR



ALL-ELECTRIC MECHANICAL UNITS + AMENITIES



1. CONDENSER UNITS: FUJITSU HEAT PUMPS (SEE MECH. PLANS FOR SPECS)
2. ERV: ZEHNDER COMFOAIR 550 ERV
3. WATER HEATER: SANDEN HEAT PUMP
4. ERV: VENTACITY
5. MOTORIZED ROLLER SHADES
6. AIR HANDLERS: WALL-MOUNTED FUJITSU (SEE MECH. PLANS FOR SPECS)
7. COMMON BIKE STORAGE
8. COMMON RECYCLING
9. COMMON COMPOSTING
10. AIR HANDLERS: CEILING-MOUNTED FUJITSU (SEE MECH. PLANS FOR SPECS)
11. PYRAMID SKYLIGHT: LAMILUX
12. PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ARRAY

ALL-ELECTRIC MECHANICALS, ALLOWING ENGINE 16 TO BE FREE OF FOSSIL FUEL USAGE.

SITE UPDATE: WINDOW DELIVERY

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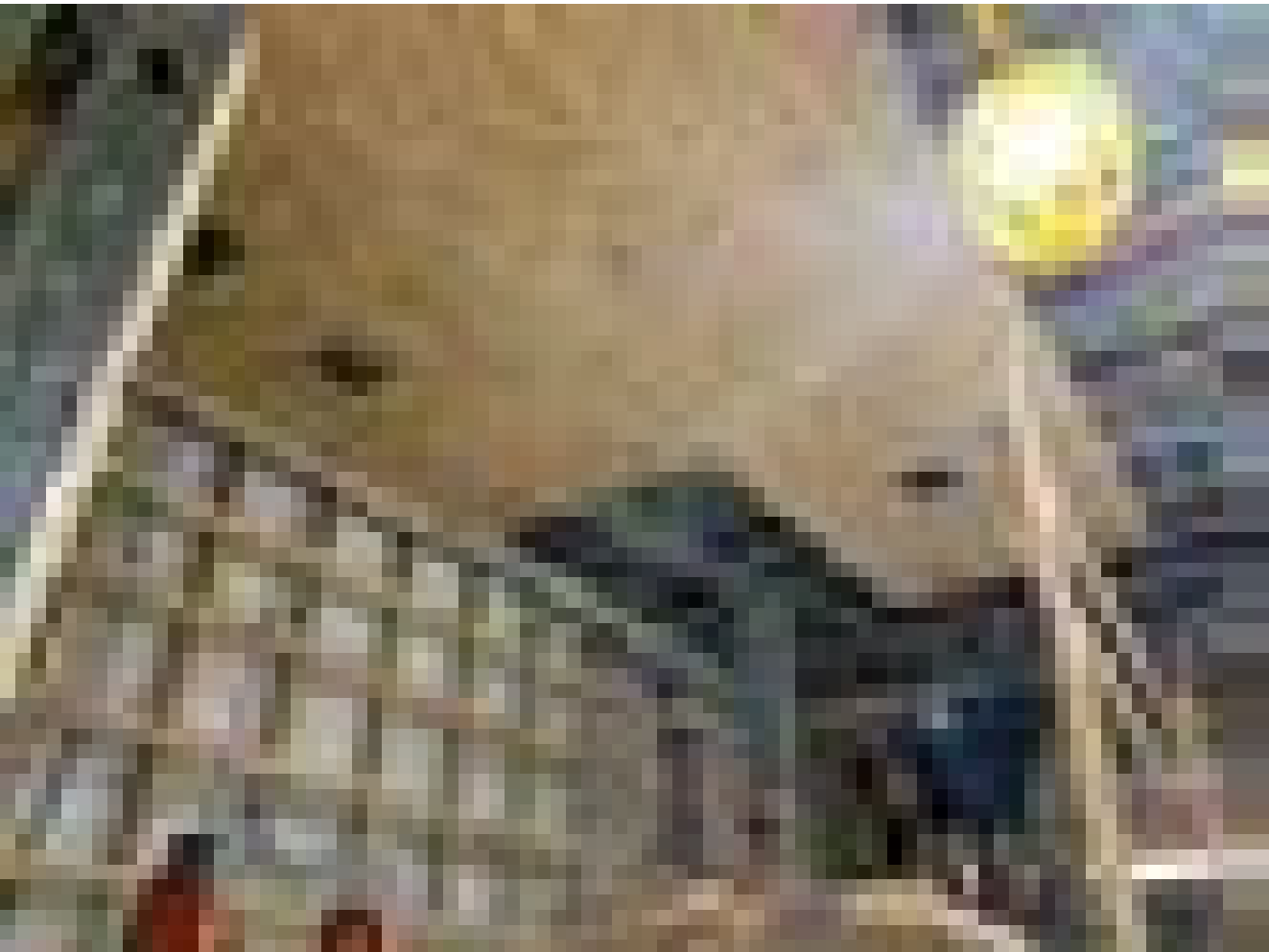
- 1. WINDOWS DELIVERED IN A SHIPPING CONTAINER
- 2. UNLOADING THE WINDOWS, CARTING THEM THROUGH THE GARAGE DOORS
- 3. UNLOADED WINDOWS
- 4. USING A DOLLY TO TRANSPORT WINDOWS

SITE UPDATE: MECHANICAL CHASE WALL AND INTELLO BARRIER

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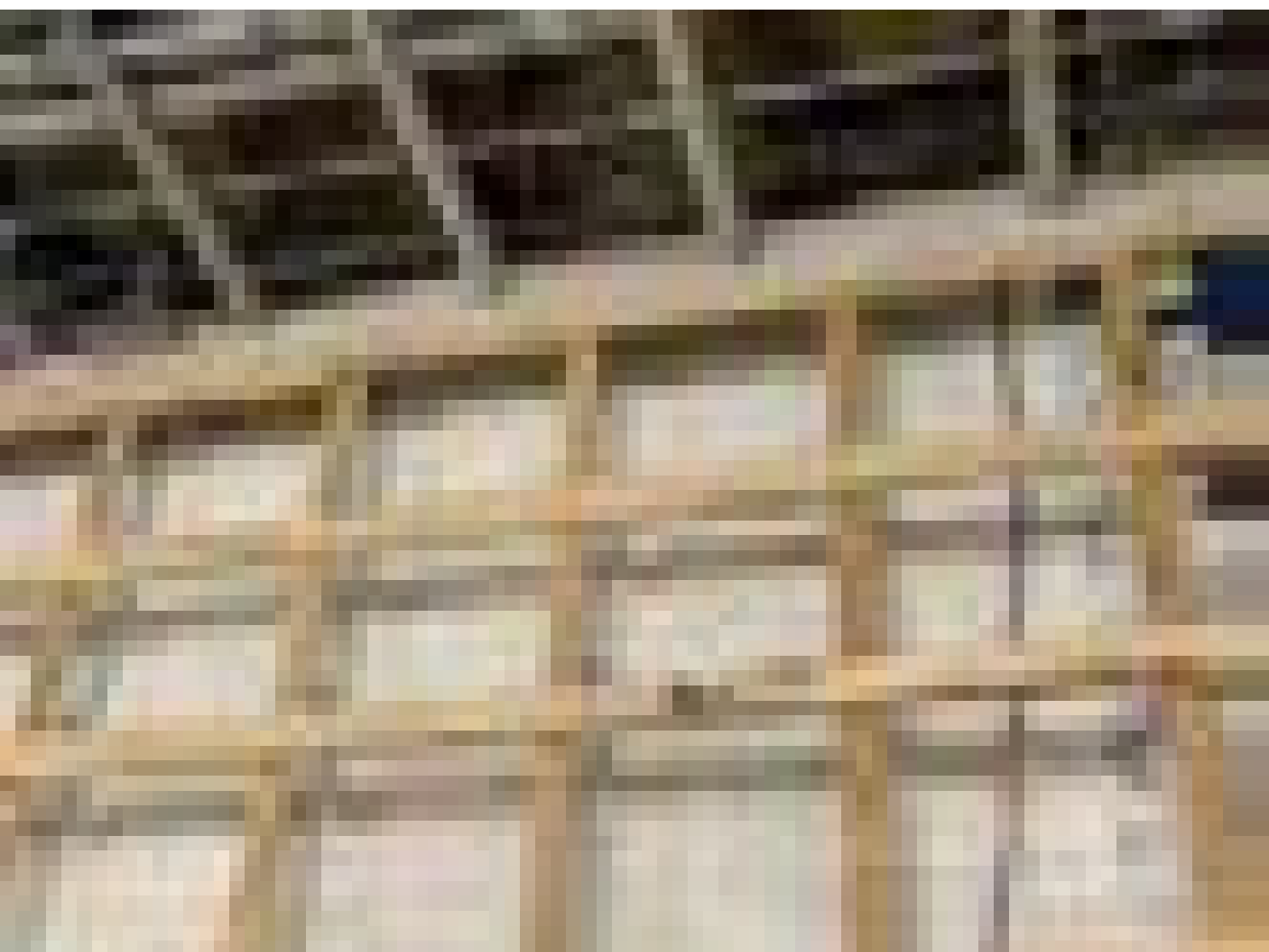
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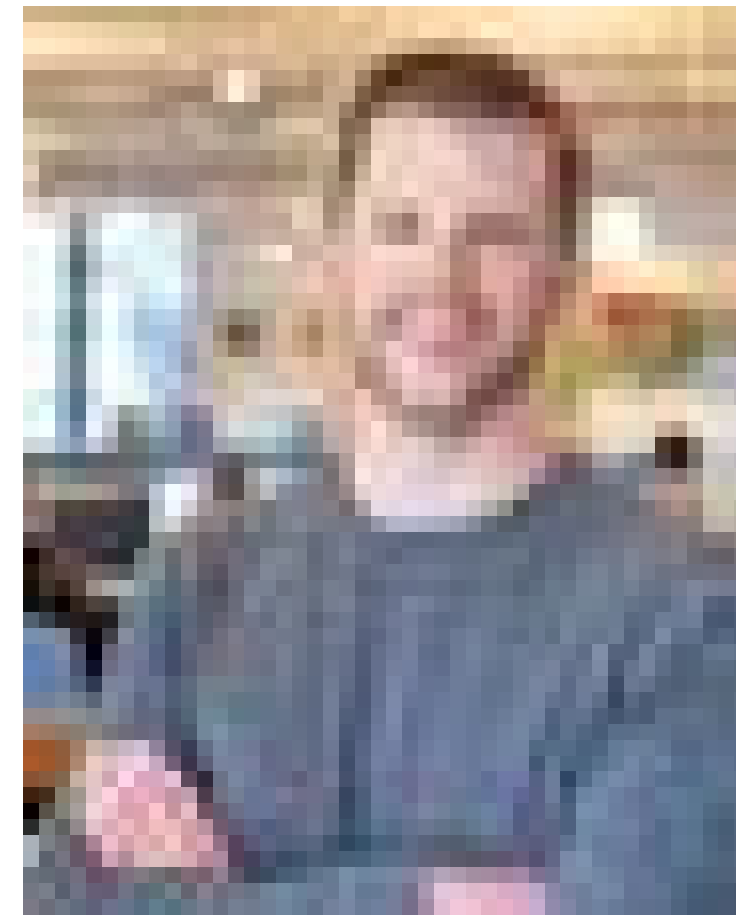


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