



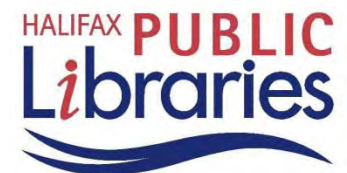
# WELCOME!

**Halifax Public Libraries**

Connecting people, enriching communities,  
inspiring discovery

**Public Consultation**

**July 8, 2010**





# The Story so Far...

- First public consultation on June 10, 2010
- Five focus groups have been held
- Common themes emerging

**Halifax Central**  
LIBRARY



# Consensus

- Hub for the city
- Awe-inspiring
- Innovative architecture
- Green building
- Flexible spaces
- Accessible and inclusive
- Inspiring
- Social interaction & engagement





# Meet the Design Architect

**Morten Schmidt**

Founding Partner

schmidt hammer lassen architects

Aarhus, Denmark



**1. The Site**



**2. Organisation and  
Spaces in your Library**



**3. Ideas**





# 1

## The Site

Queen St.



Brunswick St.



Grafton St.



ington St.

# SPRING GARDEN ROAD



Morris Street

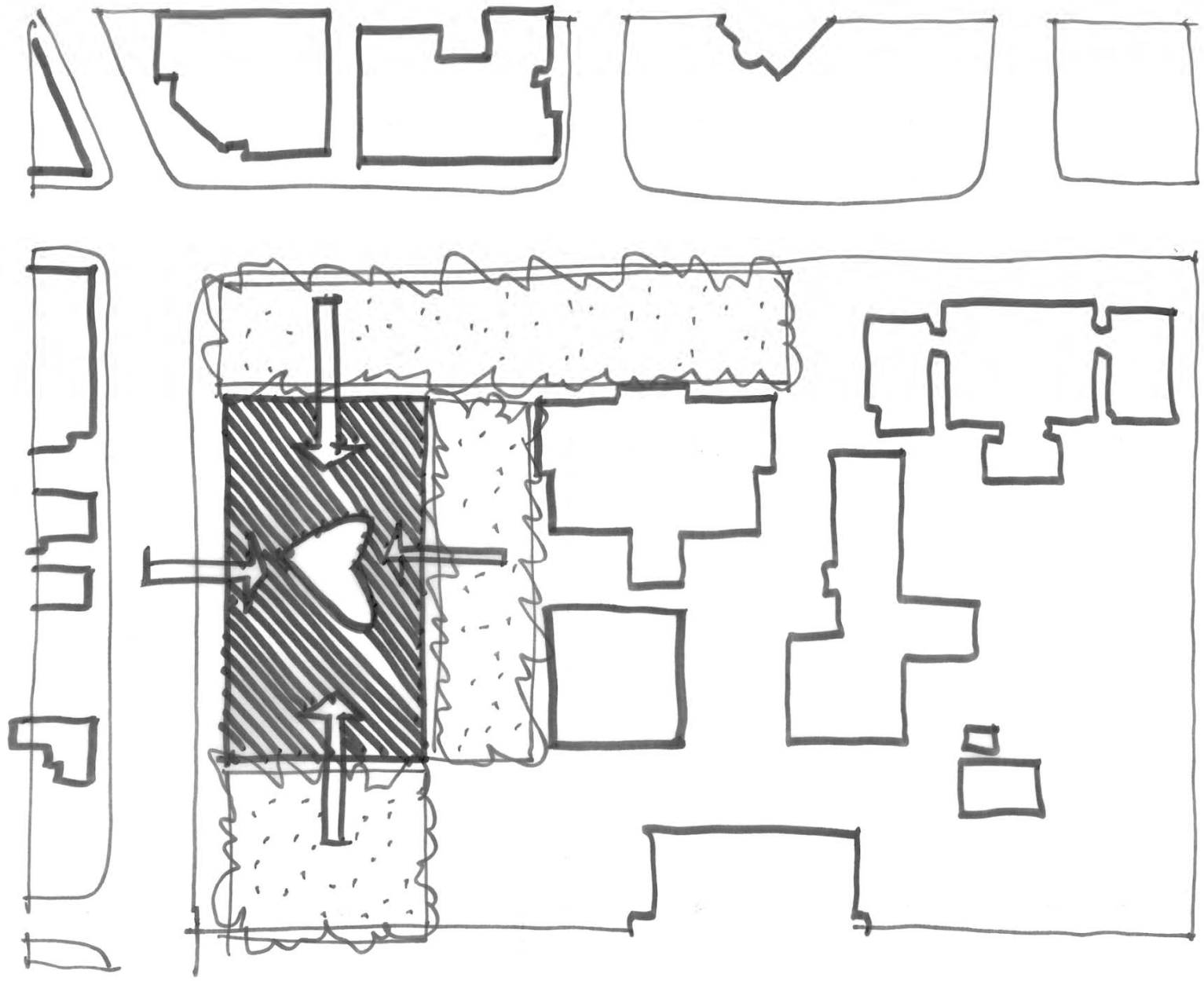
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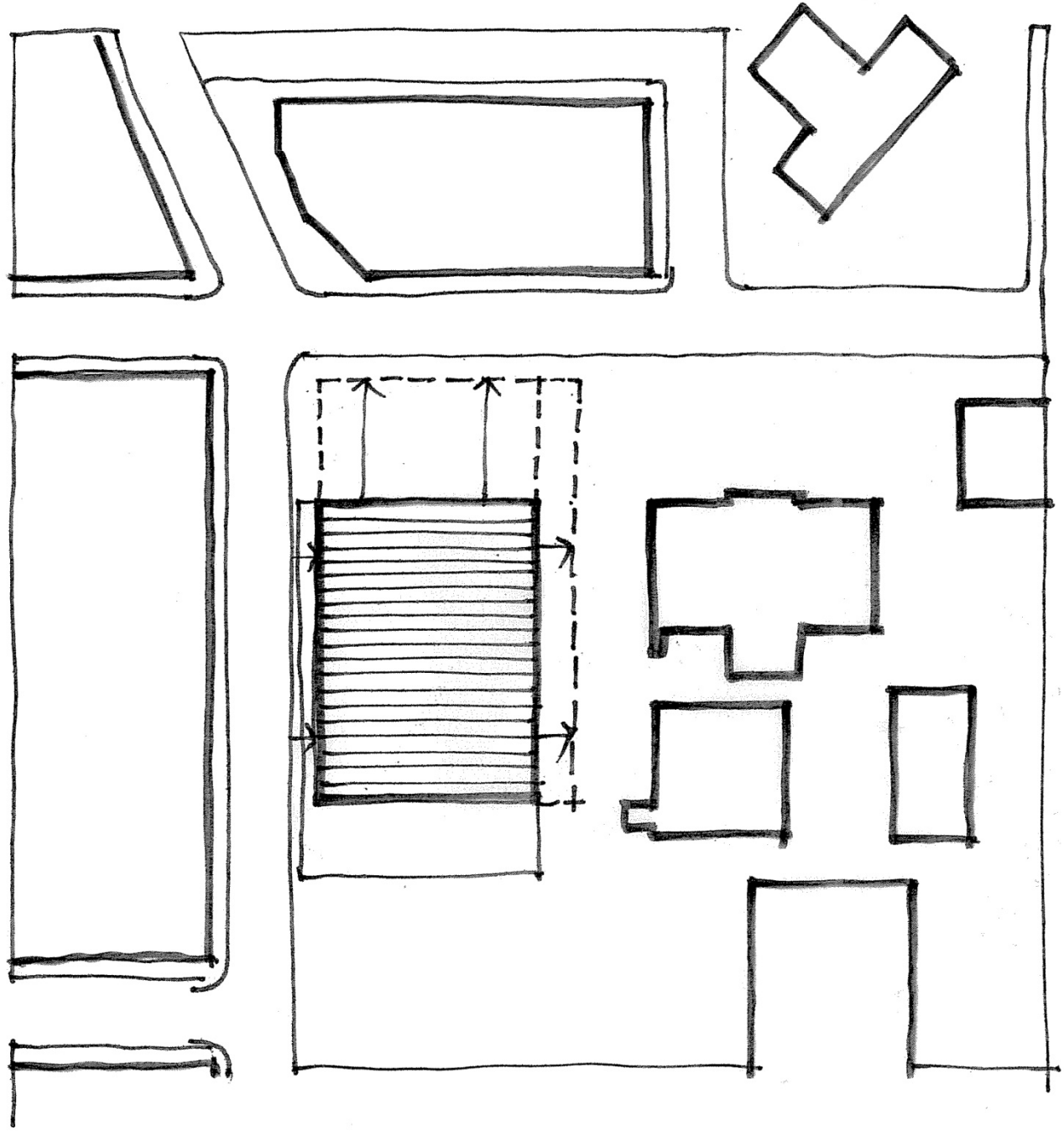


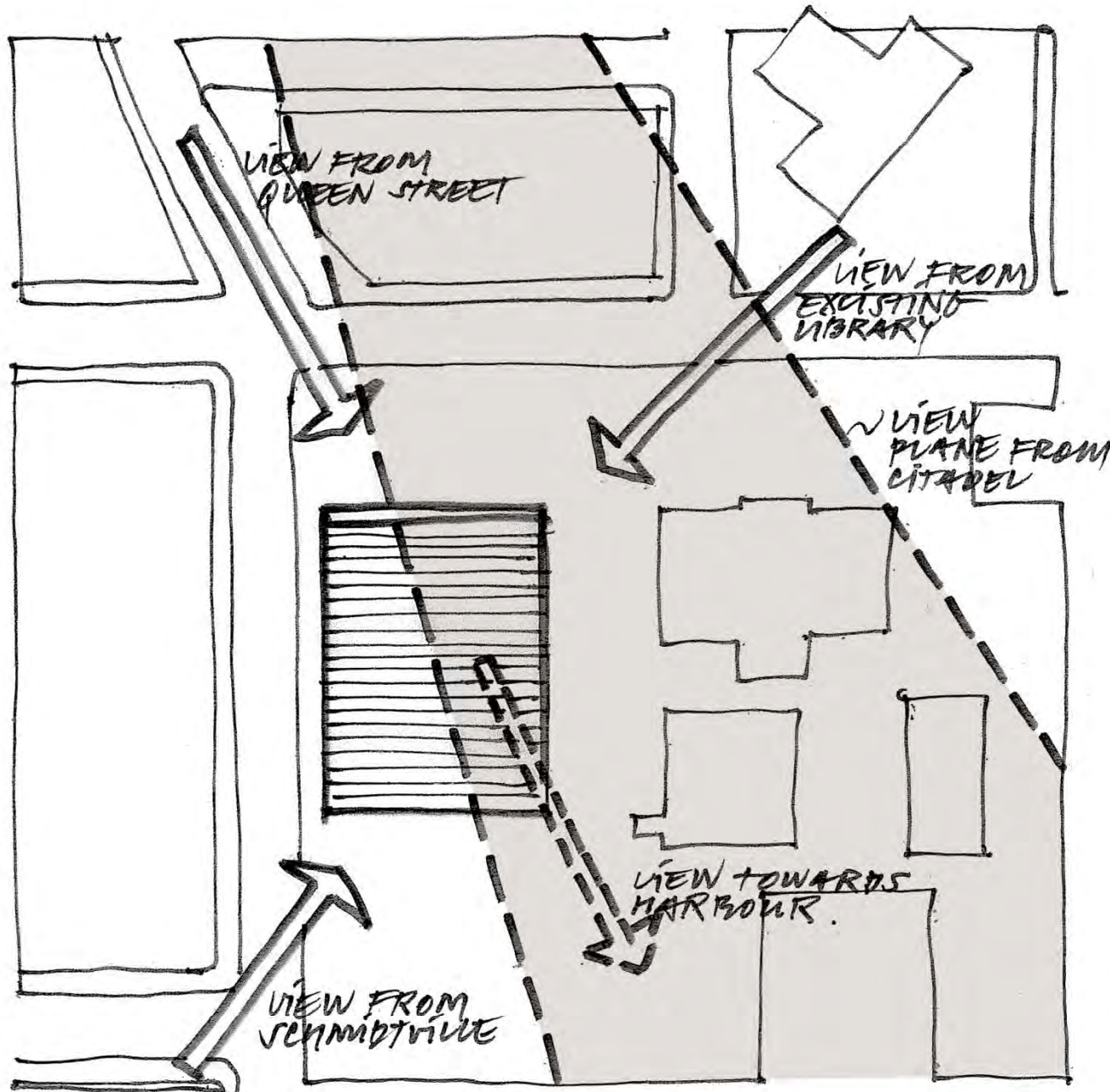
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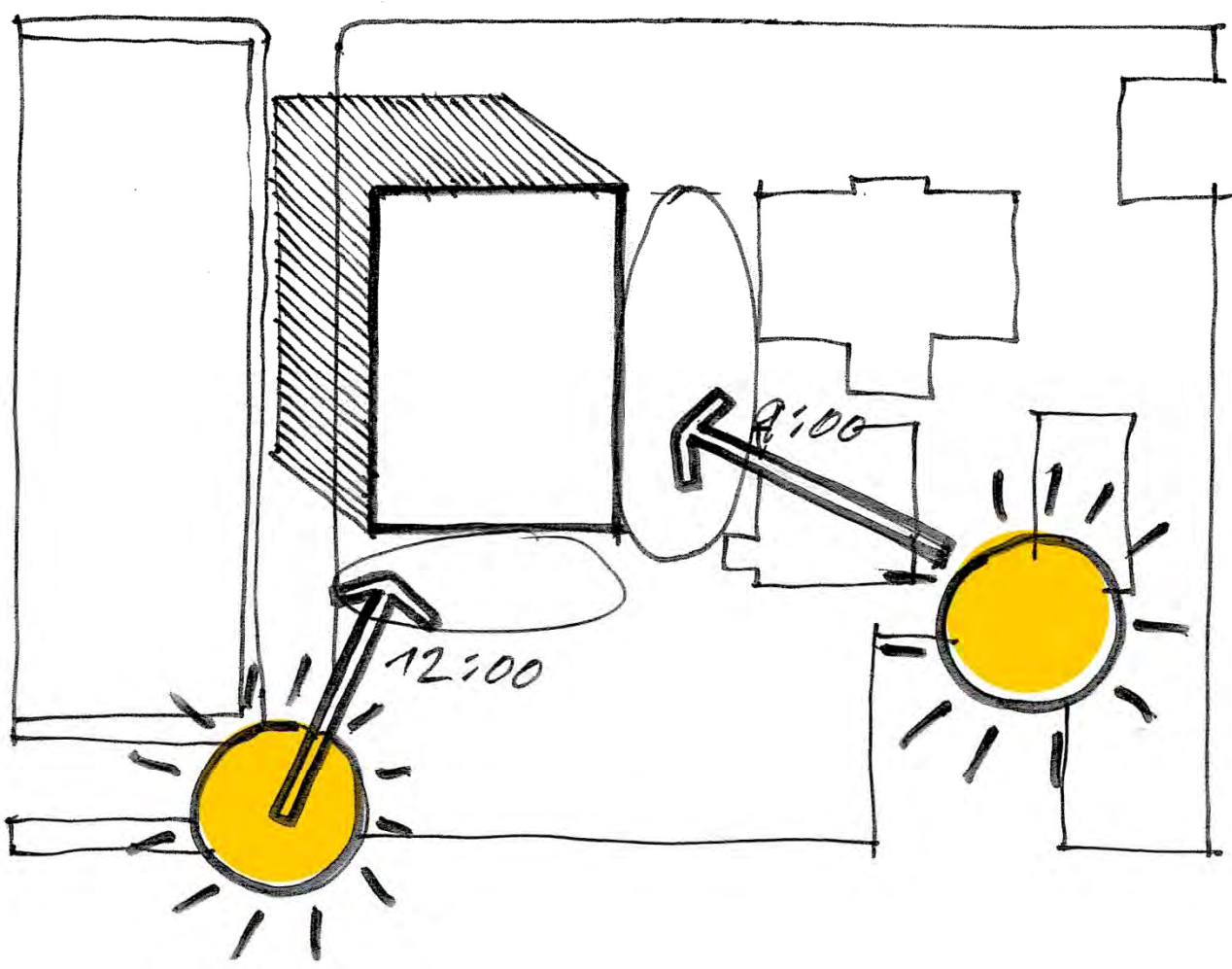
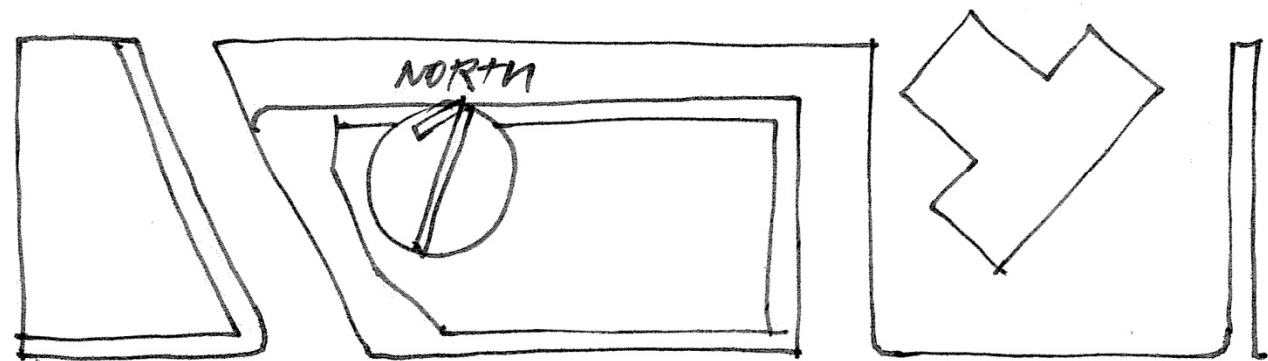
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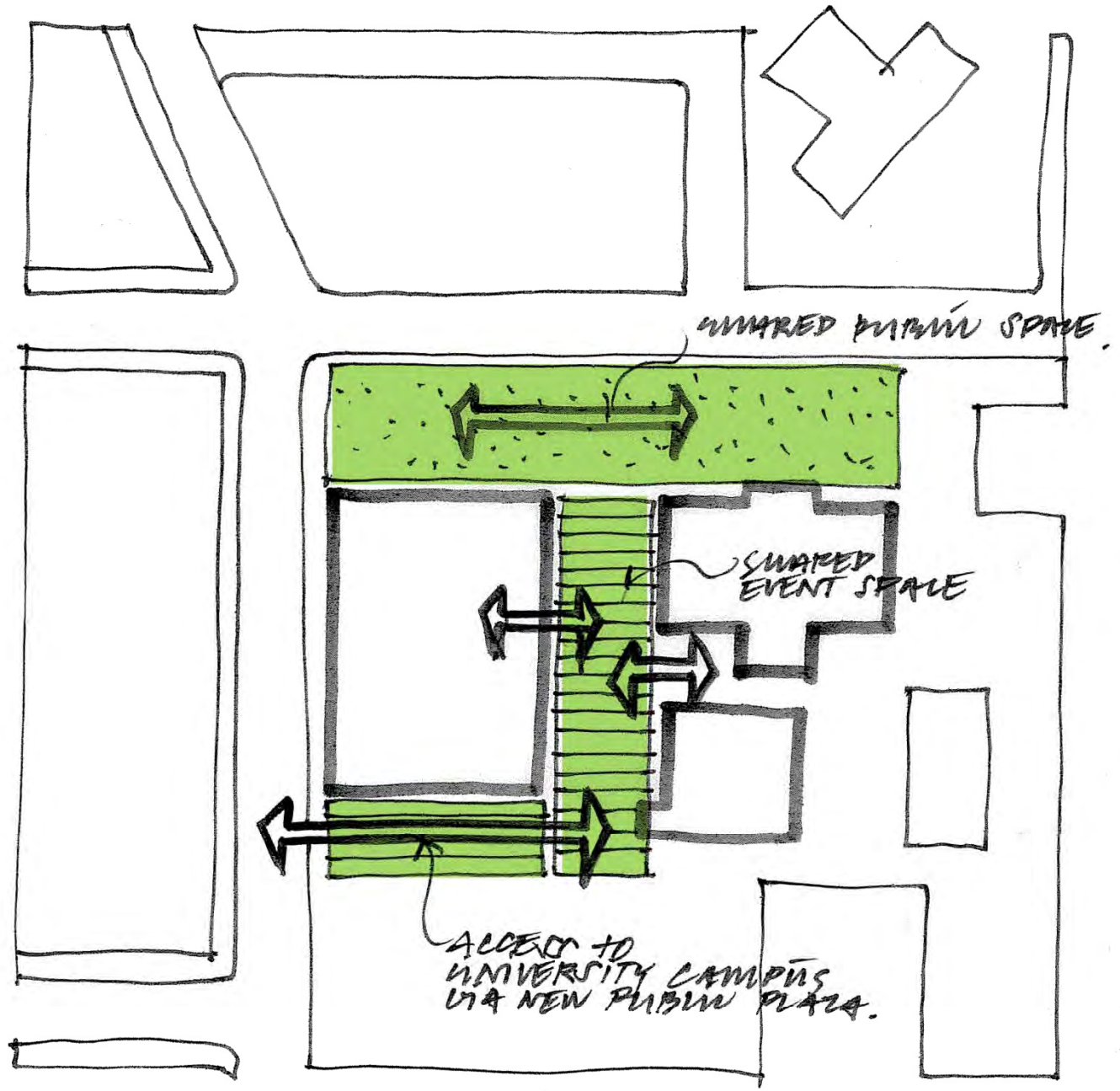








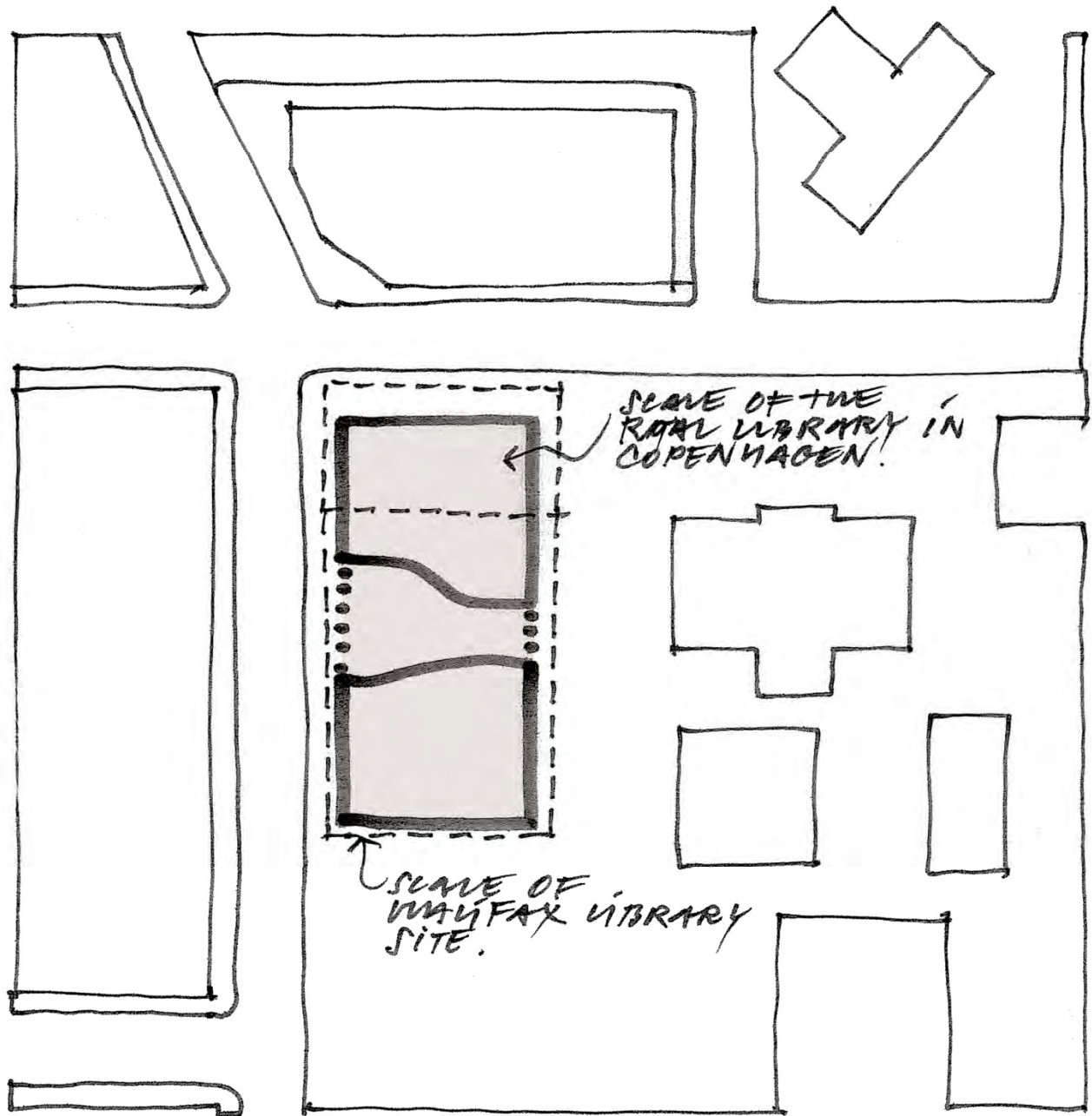




UNWATED PUBLIC SPACE

UNWATED EVENT SPACE

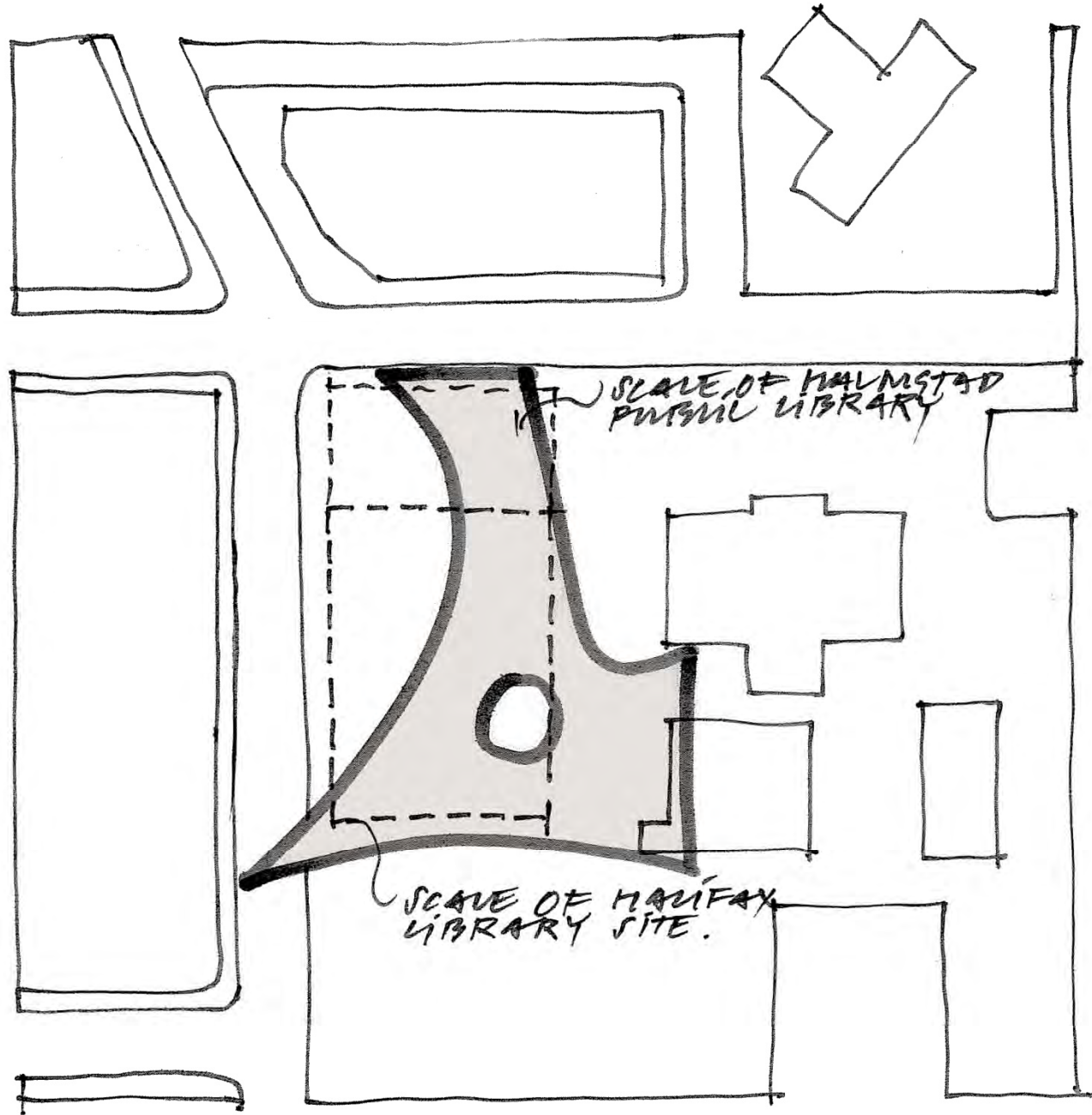
ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VIA NEW PUBLIC PLAZA



SCALE OF THE ROYAL LIBRARY IN COPENHAGEN!

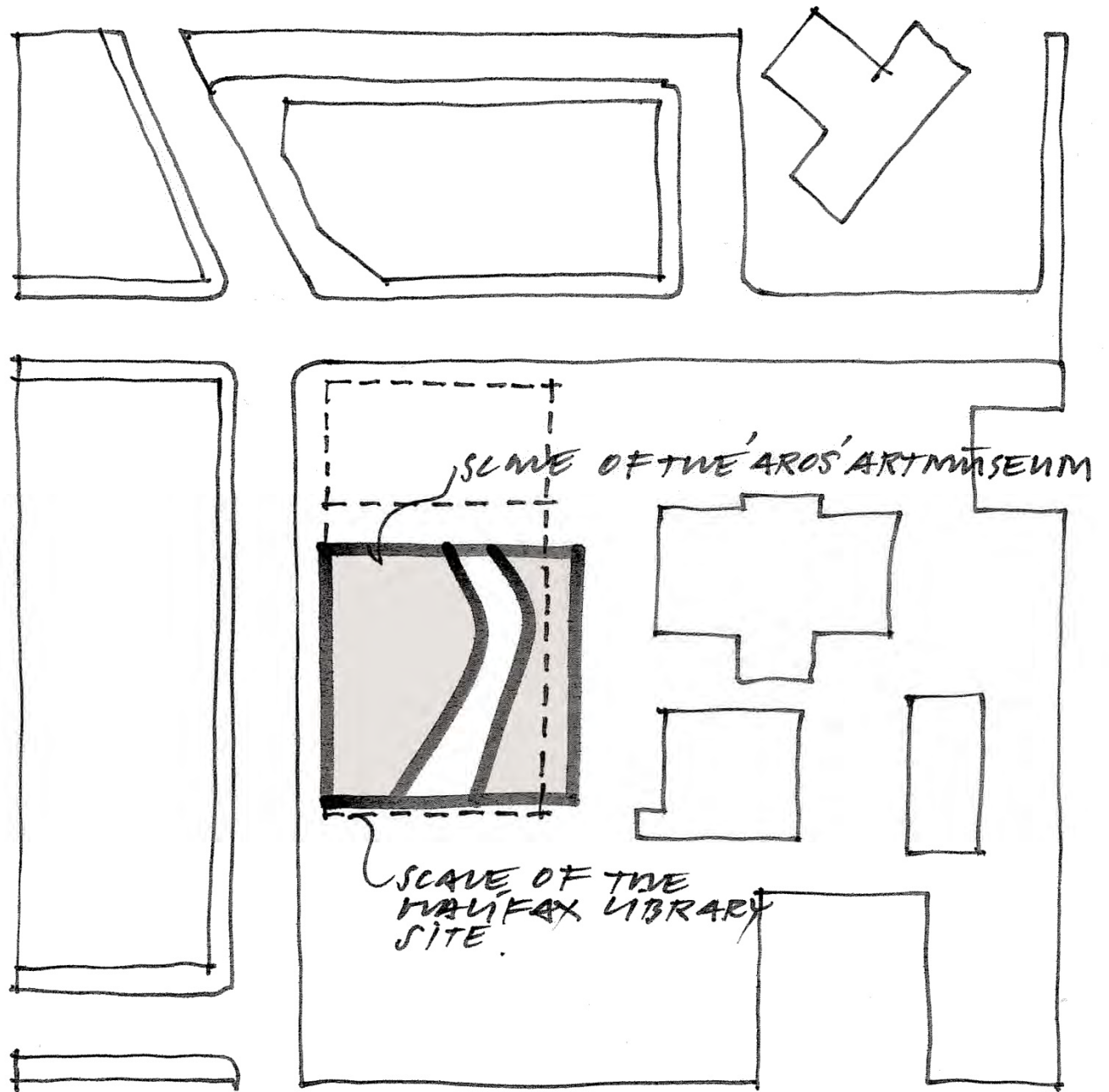
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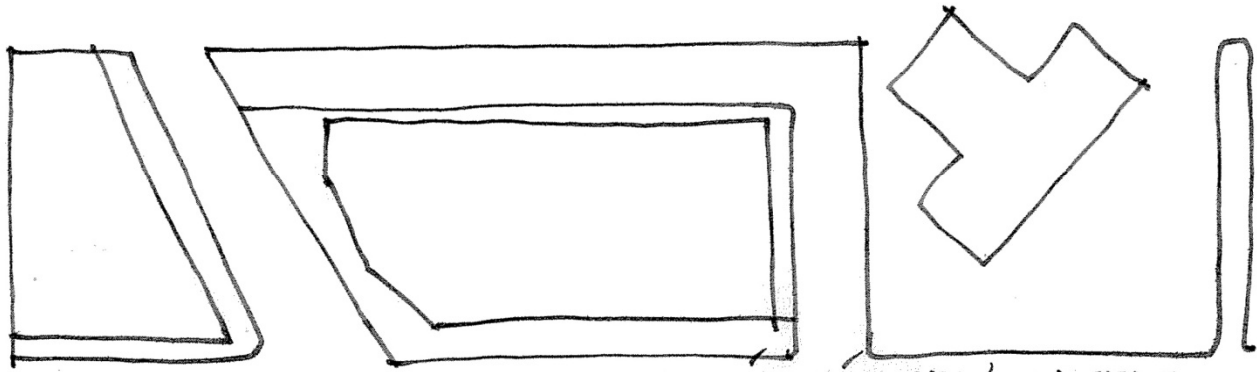




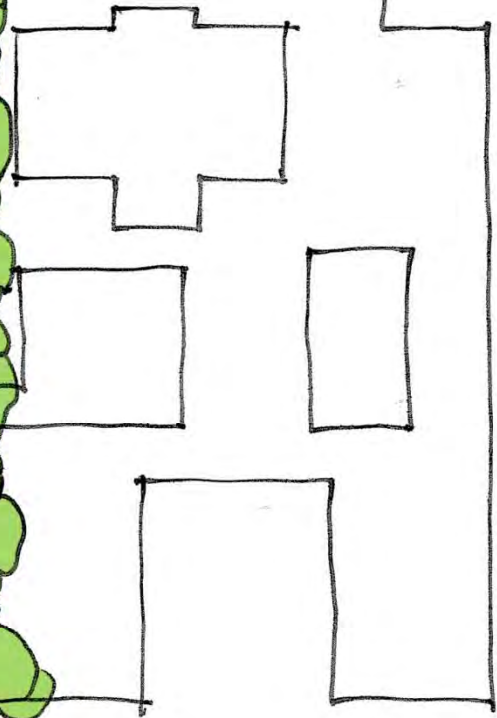
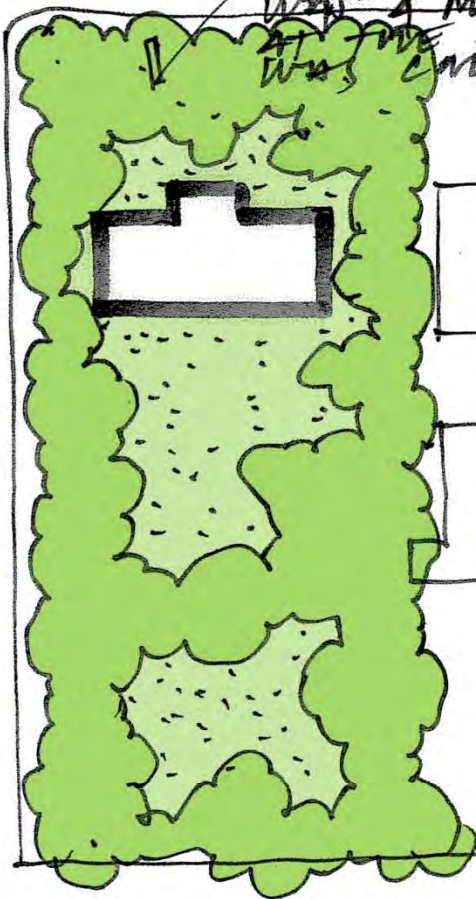
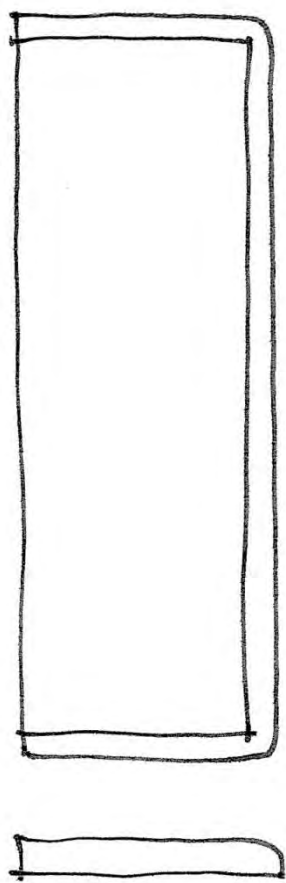








BACK IN HISTORY THERE  
WAS A MANSION SITUATED  
AT THE SITE THE AREA  
WAS CALLED "SPRING GARDEN"

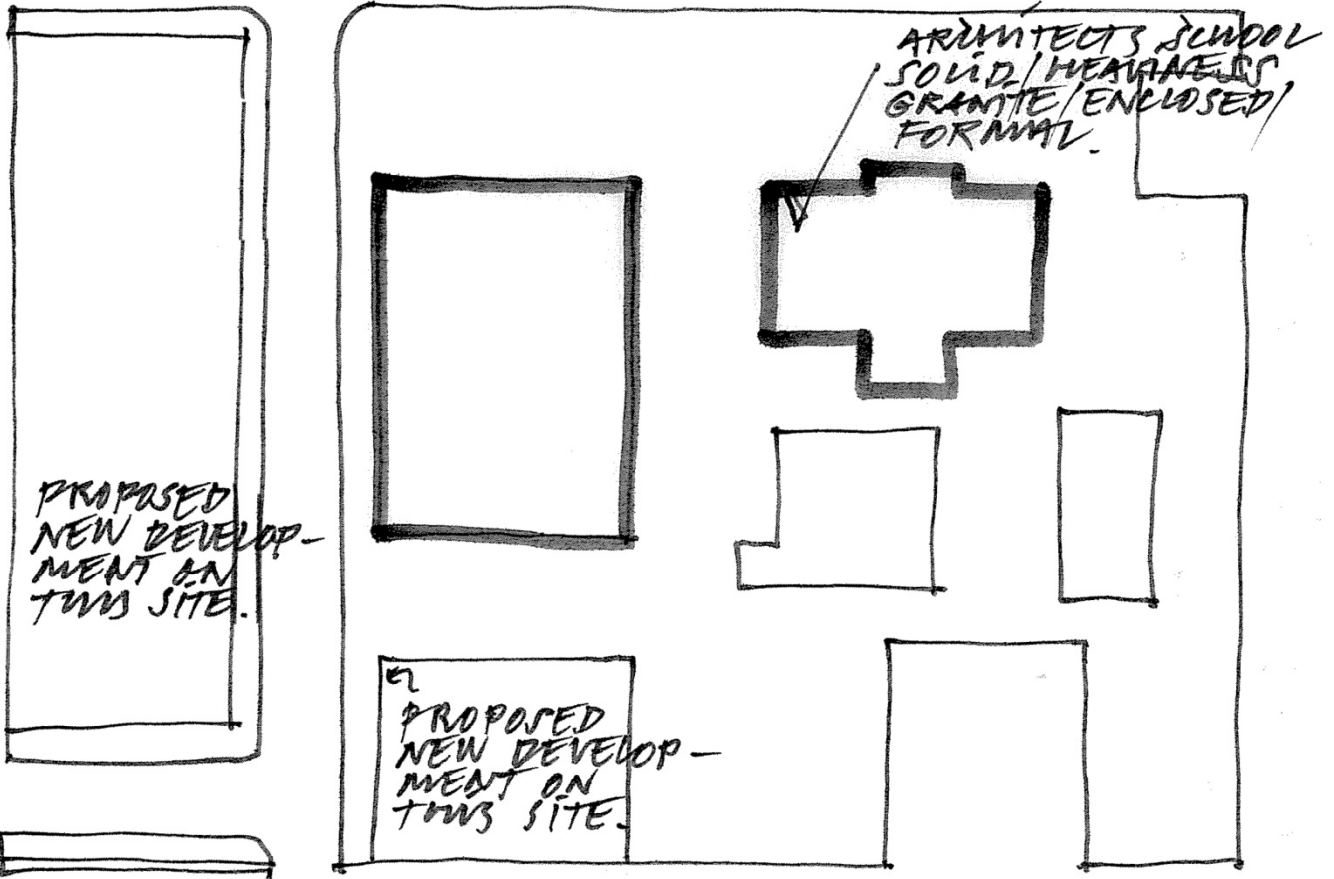
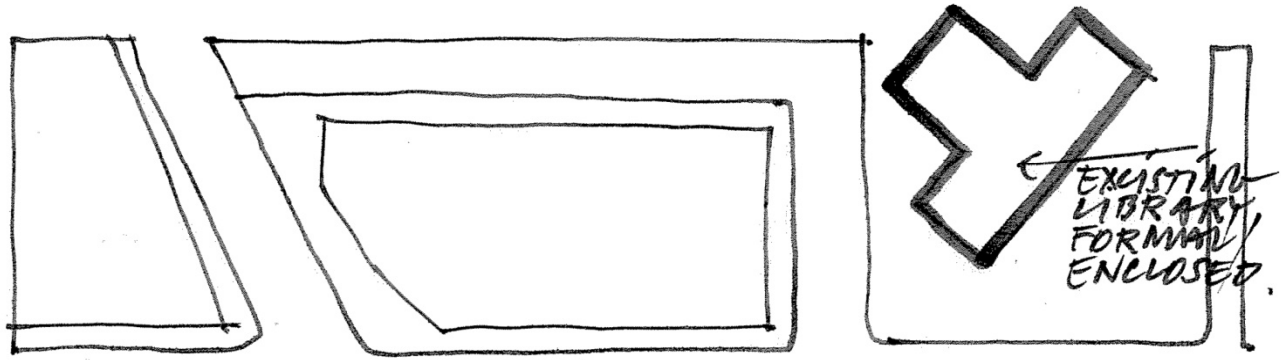


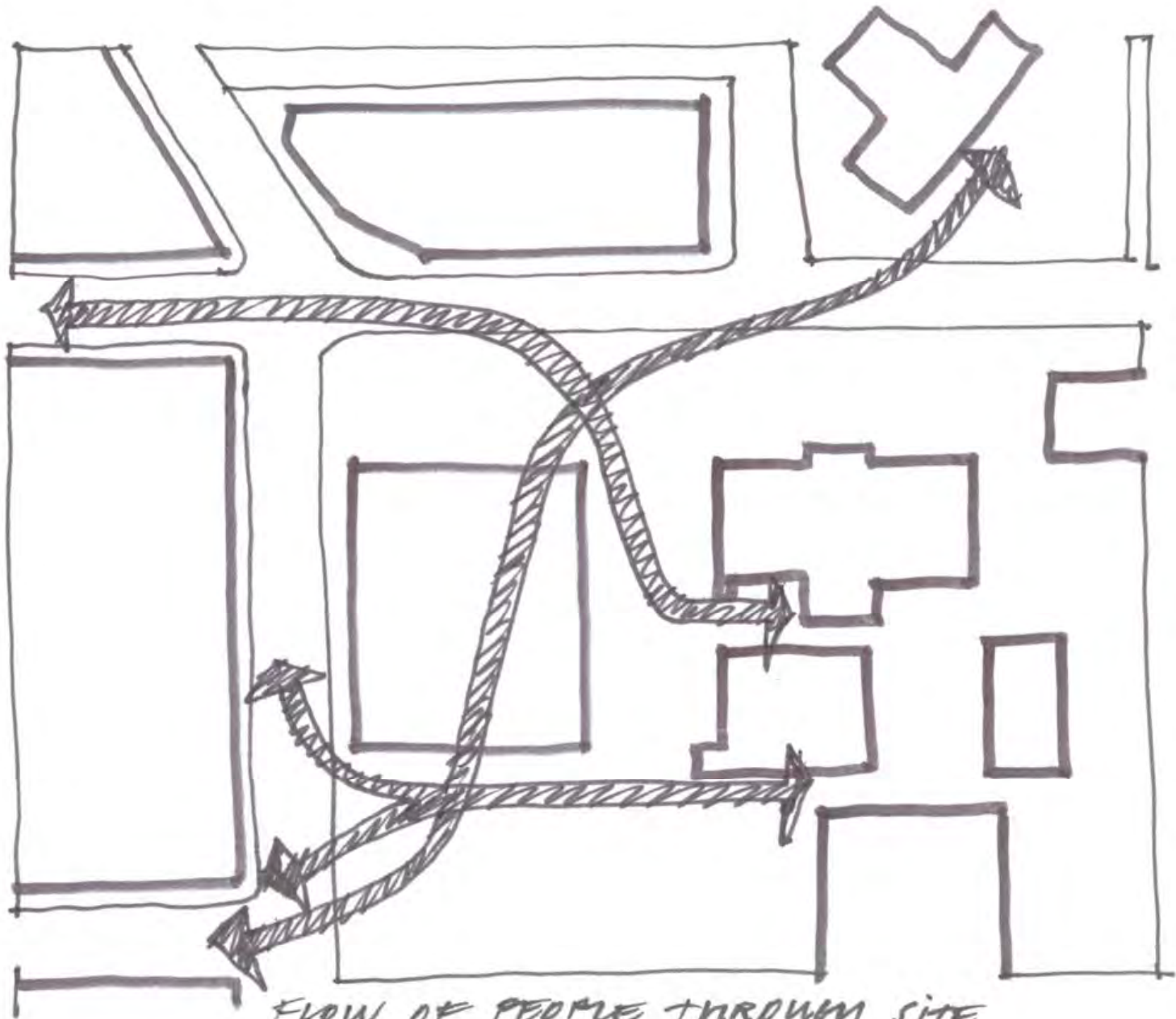


GREEN AREAS  
TO BE CONTINUED

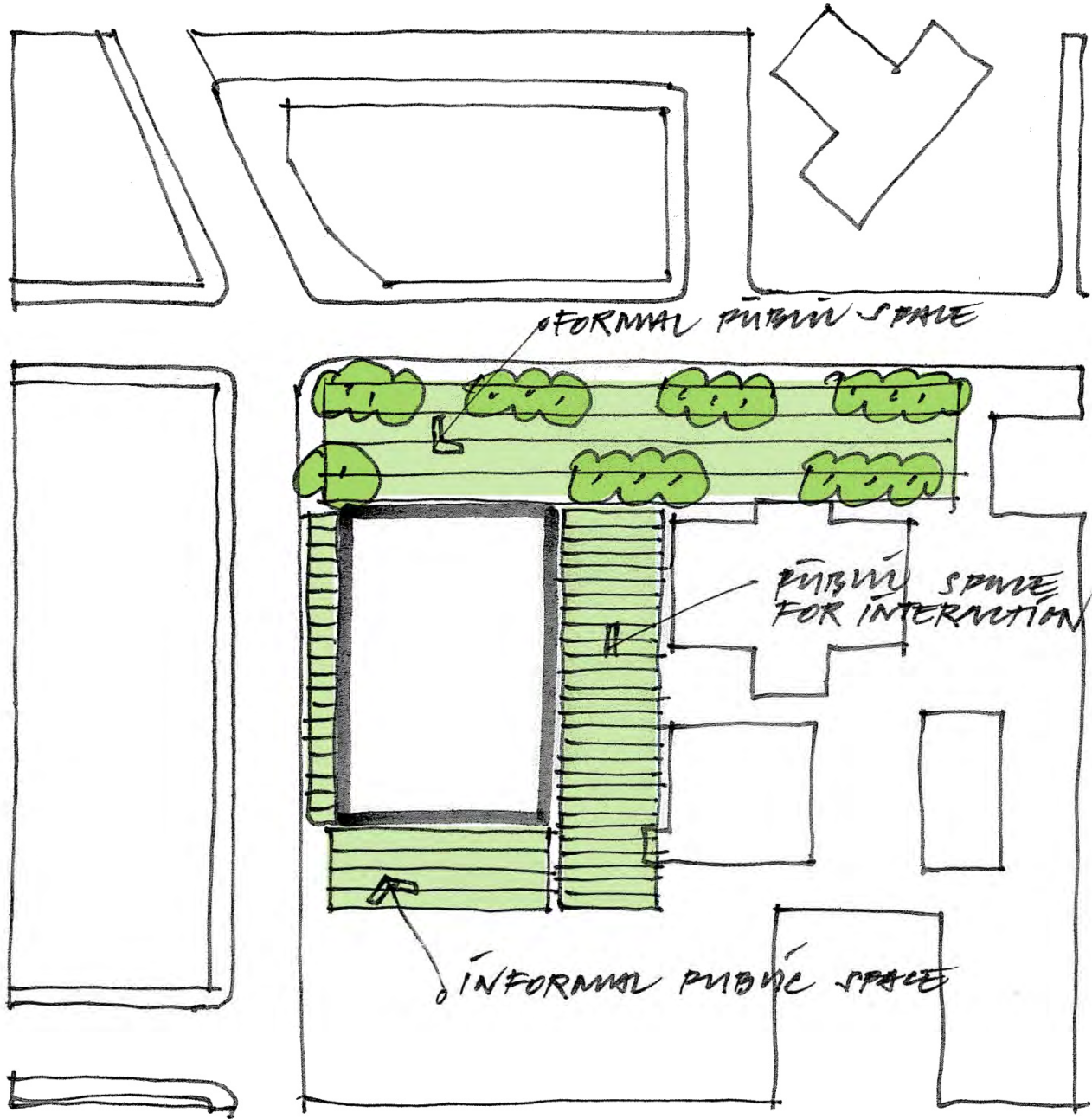
NO RELATIONSHIP.

HEALTHY  
TREE





FLOW OF PEOPLE THROUGH SITE.









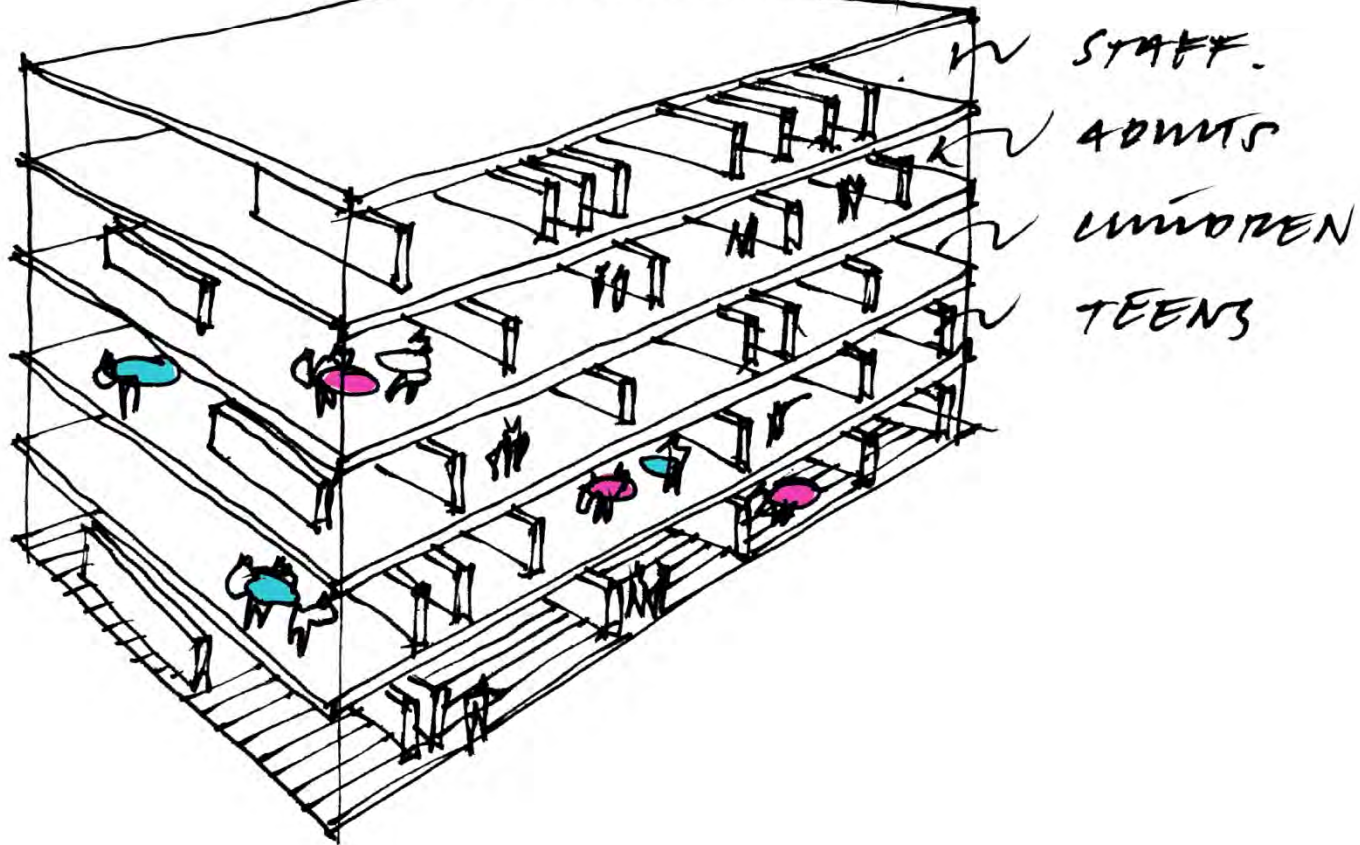




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# Organisation and Spaces in your Library

EACH FLOOR DIVIDED  
INTO DEPARTMENT -  
NO CONNECTIVITY

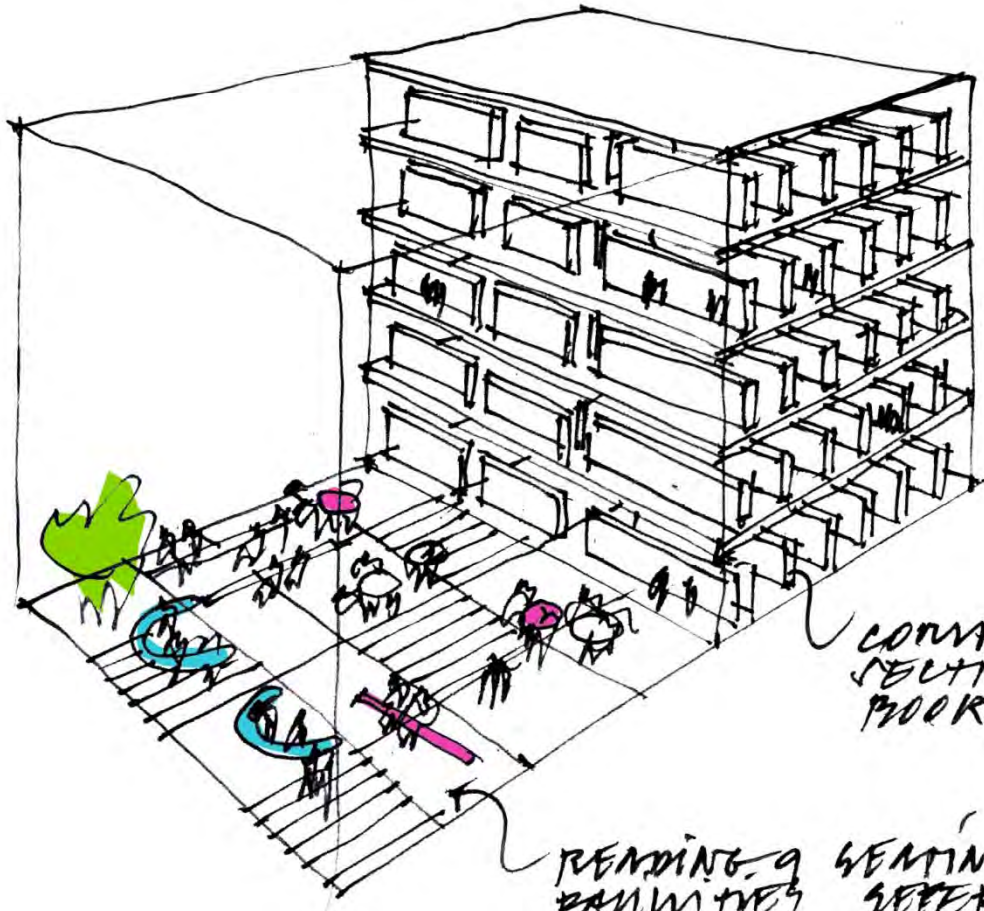




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special collections centre  
READING ROOM  
EDUCATION SUITES



COMPACT SECTION OF BOOKSTACKS

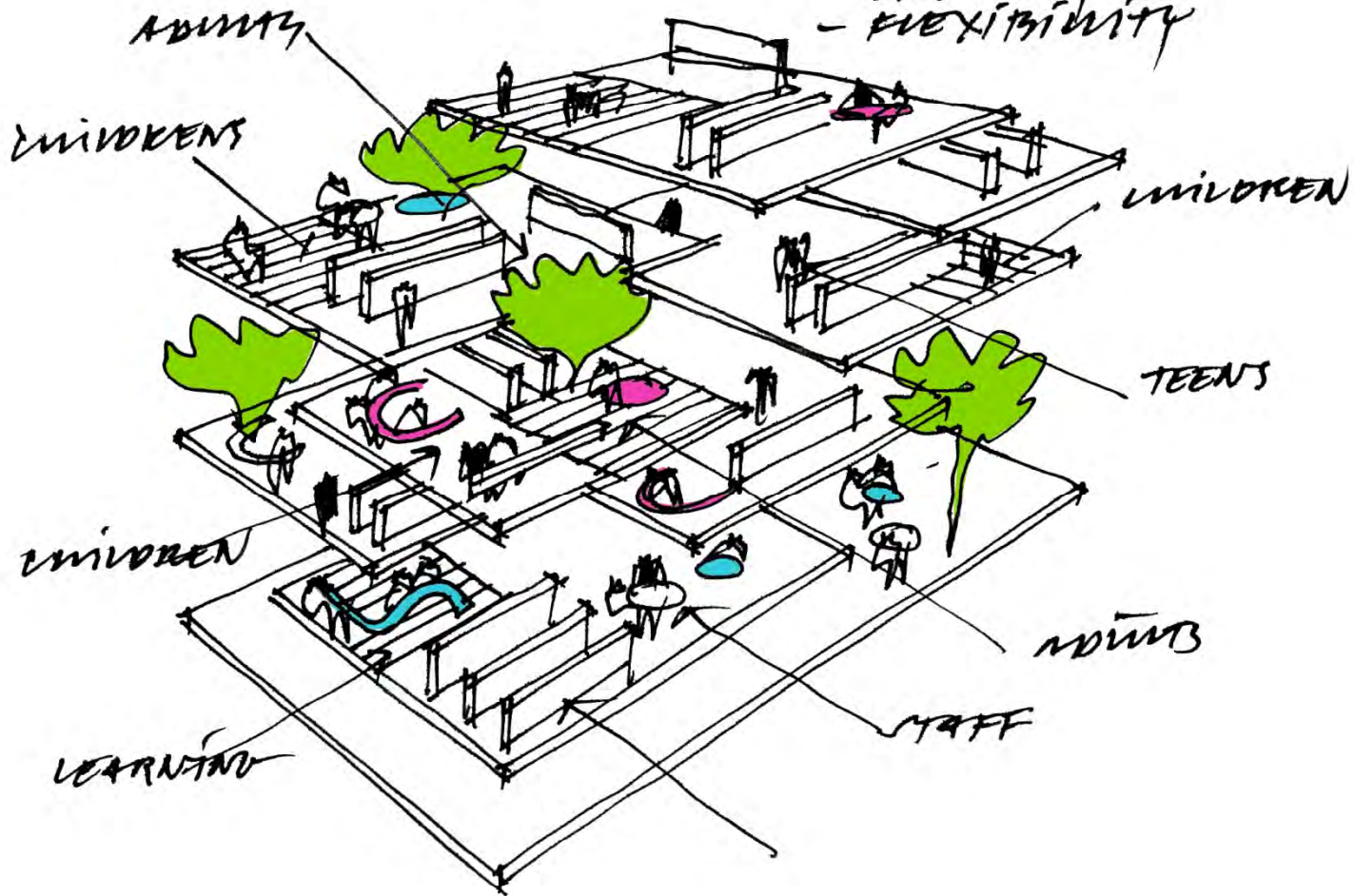
READING & SEATING  
PANTRIES SEPARATED.

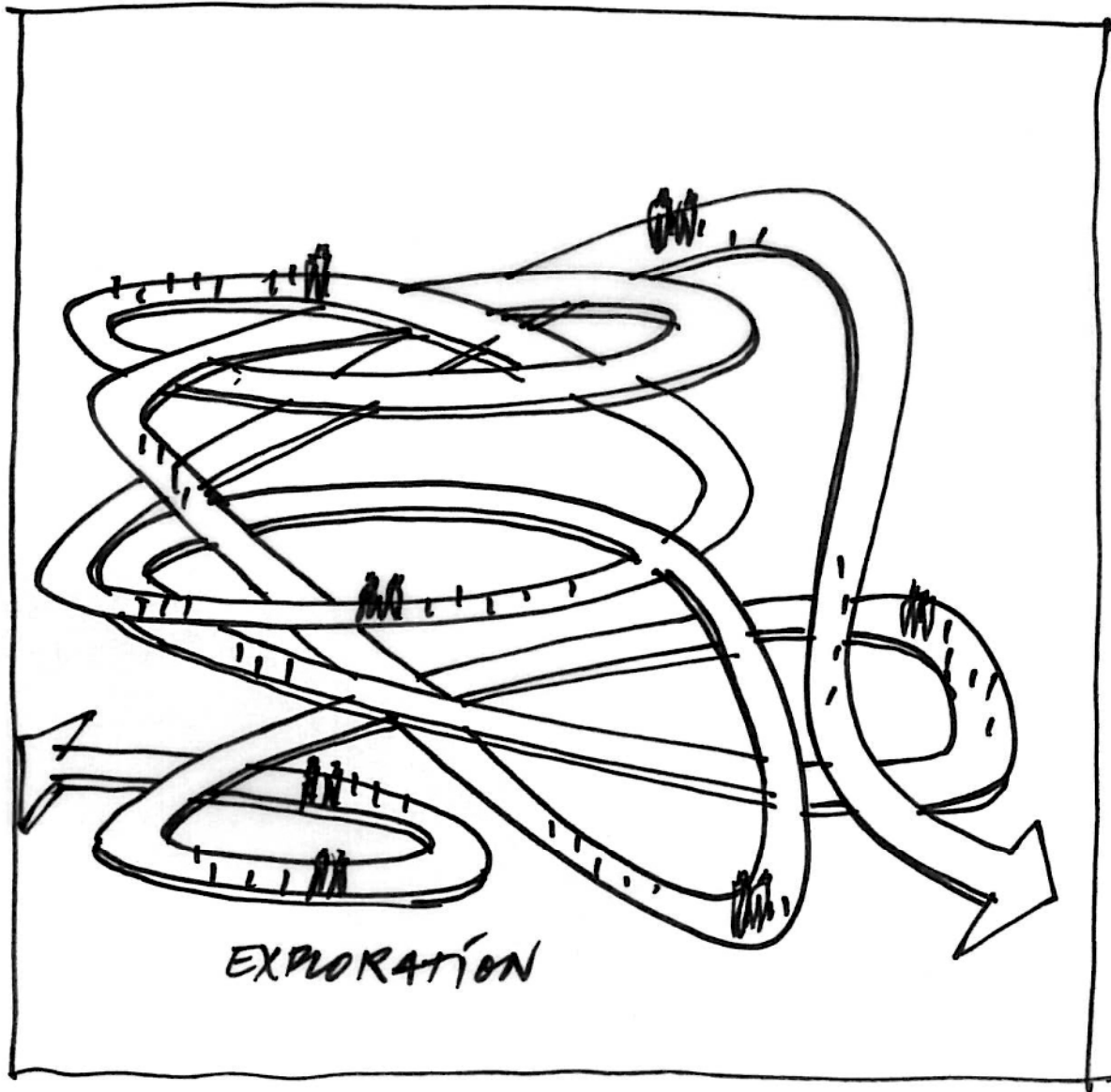






OVERLAPPING DEPARTMENTS  
MIXED FUNCTIONALITY —  
- DIVERSITY  
- FLEXIBILITY







**kids/tweens/families/**  
oasis/media/inspiration/learning/  
playful library/childrens theatre/  
tweens media lounge/lesson cafe/

**oasis/**

nature/mood/function/activity/furniture/sound/light/physical activities for larger children/  
selection of materials/family activities/interactive IT facilities/pc seats/active white boards/



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**media/**

layout/guides/furniture/games/various types of media/treasure hunt/discovery/





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**inspiration/learning/**

logistics/edutainment/play/games/function/AV needs/leased facilities/character/ambience/  
furniture/sound/light/materials/touch/feel/smell/







**Kids zone**/physical play/play with technology/comics/flexibility/spontaneity/atmosphere/  
character/sound/light/discovery/joy/fun/



**childrens theatre**/  
how/timing/function/partnerships/movies/music/dance/storytelling/AV needs/support facilities/  
character/ambience/furniture/sound/light/materials/





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**tweens media lounge**/activity/edutainment/learning games/physical games/technology/  
character/atmosphere/furniture/sound/light/materials/IT/active participation/attractive/the  
city's new meeting place for tweens/lesson cafe/PC seats/





# events

multi-use/theatre/auditorium/  
festivals/cafes/outdoor areas/shops/  
street market/pavilions/

**multi-use/**

character/openness/feeling/function/events/activity needs/timing/day/night/weekend/furniture/  
sound/lights/materials/commercial lease/community free share/partnering/



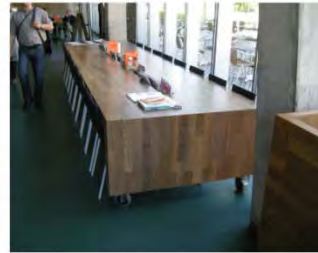
**childrens theatre/**

character/mood/function/activity/furniture/sound/light/physical activities/materials/fun/  
happiness/learning/culture/



**cafe/**

logistics/timing/am/pm/function/servicing/AV needs/ability to open close independant/  
ambience/furniture/sound/lights/materials/outdoor/events/meet/third space/





**outdoor areas**/physical play/play with technology/hard/soft/ nature/planting/smell/learning/  
furniture/mood/character/sound/light/art/festivals/pavilions/



furniture/cafe/



furniture/fixtures/materials/



furniture/loose furniture/lounging/meeting/colour/



activity/games/kids/play/

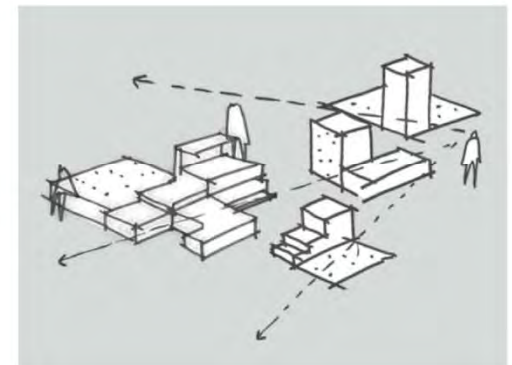
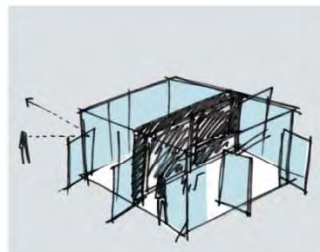


function/information/projection/news/facts/city billboard/



**shops/street market/stalls/**

logistics/timing/function/AV needs/storage/open close/character/ambience/city life/furniture/sound/light/tourists/visitors/locals/



**common facilities/**

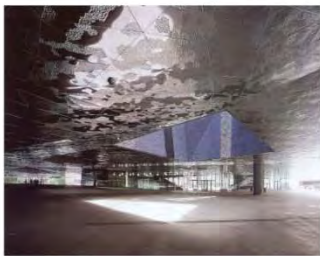
**parking/arrival/access services/**

**cafe/shop/outdoor plaza/signage/**

**directions/**

**arrival/parking/**

arrival by car/ character/mood/light/activity/openness/  
connectivity



**library plaza/reception/access services/**

desk/citizen services/information/guidance/support functions/  
activities/character/mood/sound/lighting/furniture/



**cafe/**

logistics/timing/am/pm/function/AV needs/close open/  
character/ambience/furniture/sound/light/materials/outdoor areas



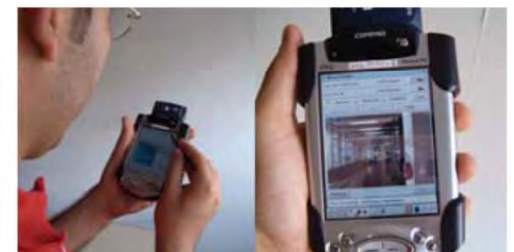
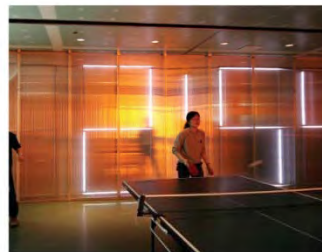
**shop/**  
logistics/user needs/function/commercial lease/character/  
ambience/furniture/sound/light/materiality/



**outdoor areas**/physical game play/play with technology/  
 activity/furniture/mood/character/sound/light/festival/  
 performance/local market/outdoor films/art/sculpture/



**signage/directions**/  
 user needs/use of technology/use of architecture/surfaces/  
 personal hand held devices/iphones/ipads/ipods/mobile  
 phones/ art/ installations/



**media/**

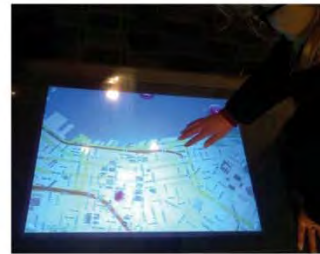
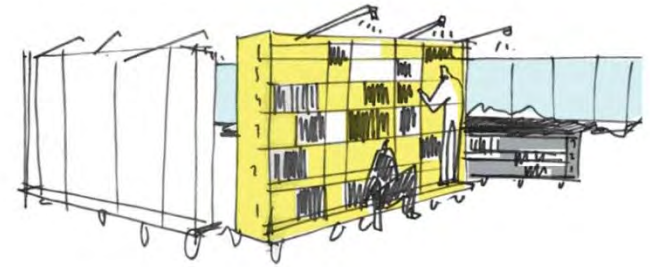
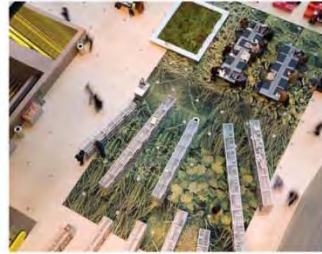
**layout/mix/local history/oasis/pc  
seats/reading room/living room/  
transformation space/**





**layout/**

logistics/character/ambience/furniture/media bay/guidance/local history/mix/rfid/



**oasis/**

logistics/operation/AV/IT needs/character/ambience/furniture/sound/light/materiality/support/





**pc seats/**

terminals/logistics/timing/open/close/function/AV needs/leased facilities/diversity/mobile phones/ipods/iphones/ipads/character/atmosphere/furniture/sound/light/materiality/variety/standing/seated/roaming/





**reading room/**

logistics/location/view/IT/character/atmosphere/furniture/sound/light/dark/quiet/loud/



**living room/**logistics/timing/open/closed/function/AV needs/leased facilities/character/  
ambience/furniture/sound/light/





**meeting/learn/read/  
meeting rooms/classrooms/project  
rooms/studio cells/labs/**

**meeting rooms/classrooms/**

logistics/different meeting situations/AV needs/commerical leasing/community sharing/  
partnerships/character/ambience/furniture/sound/light/support/



**project rooms/**

function/AV needs/commerical leasing/community partnerships/sharing/character/ambience/  
furniture/sound/light/support/













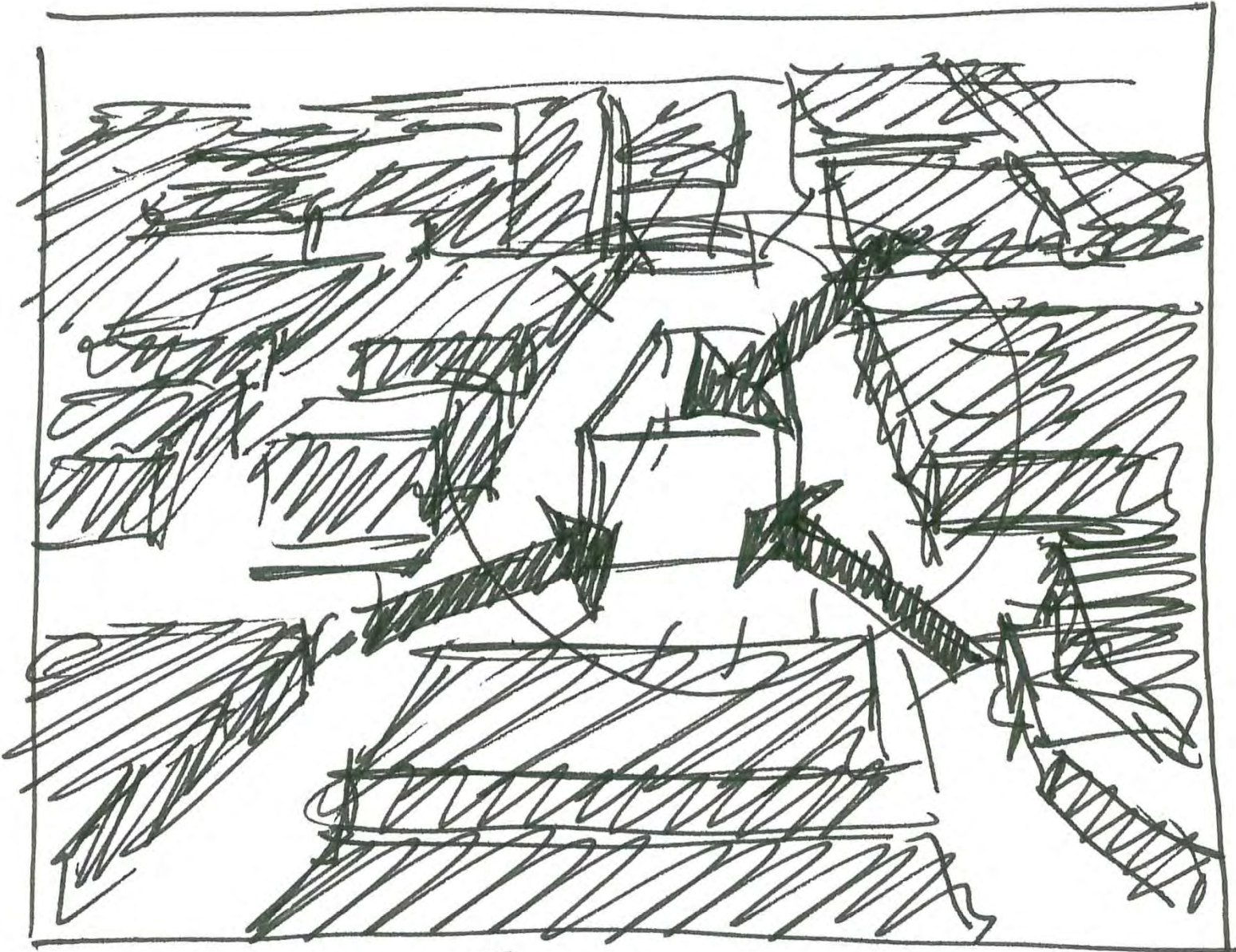




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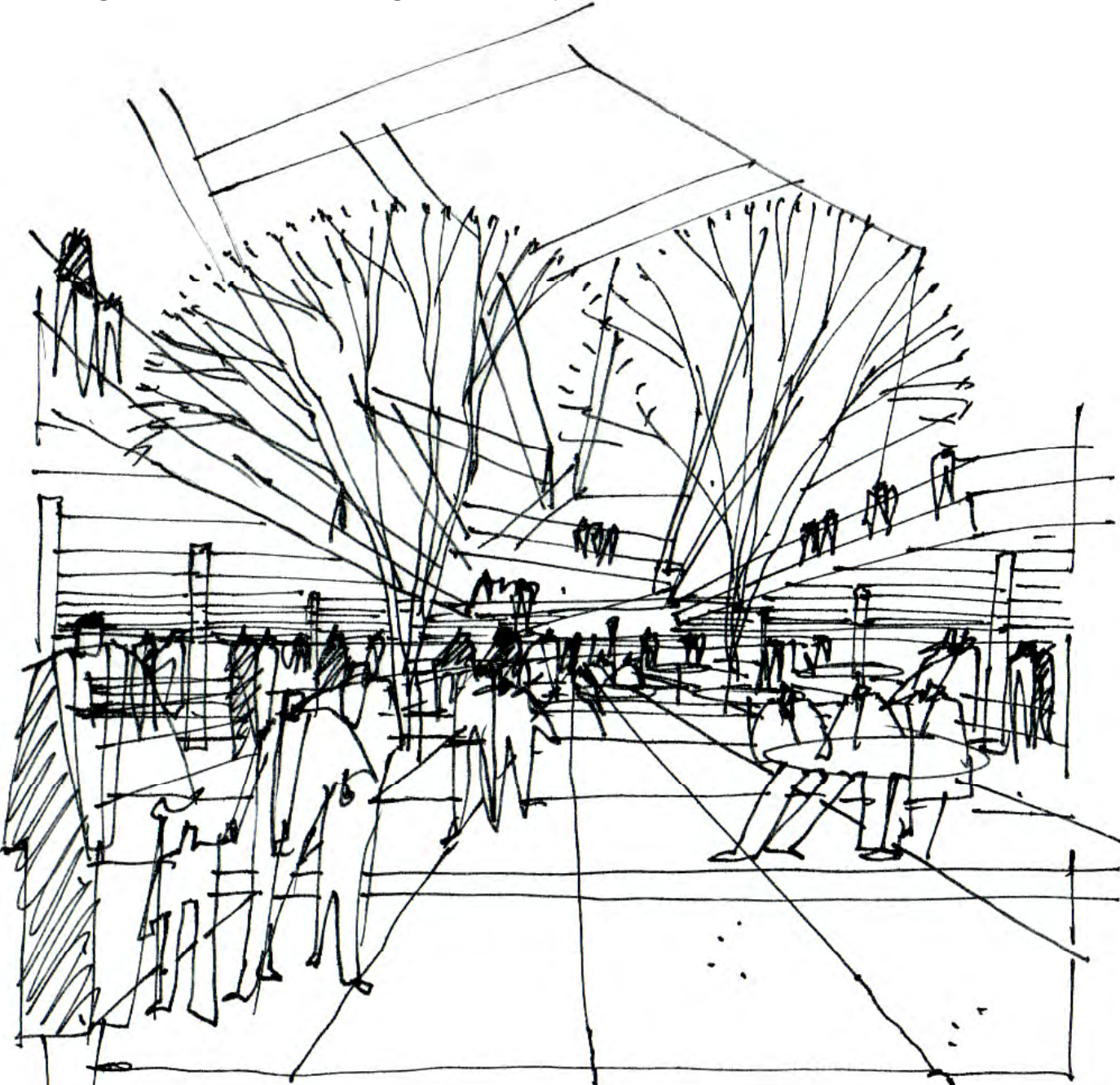
**Ideas**

hub/



TVE HUB

community meeting place/ a building for everyone/





partnerships/ local businesses /local social/



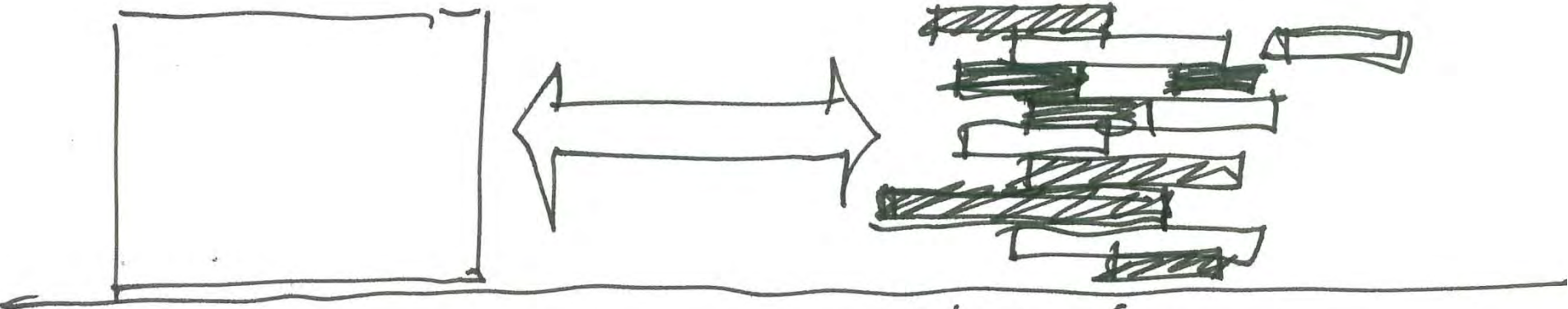
BUSINESS

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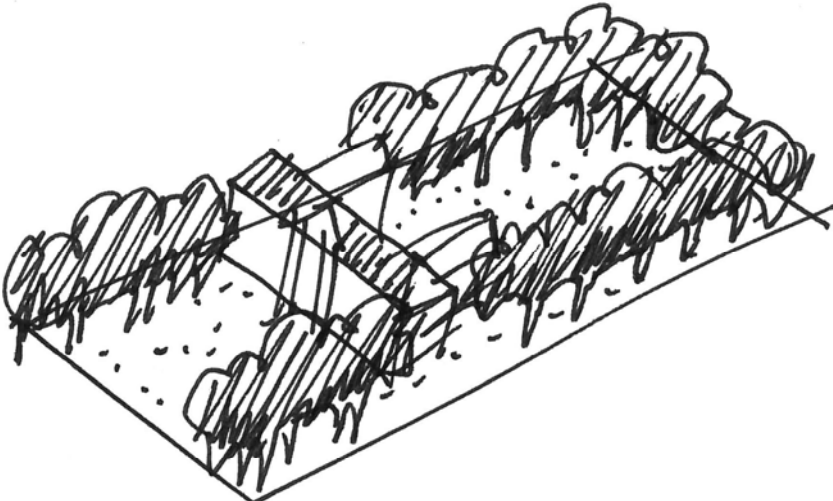
SOCIAL

inspiring architecture/

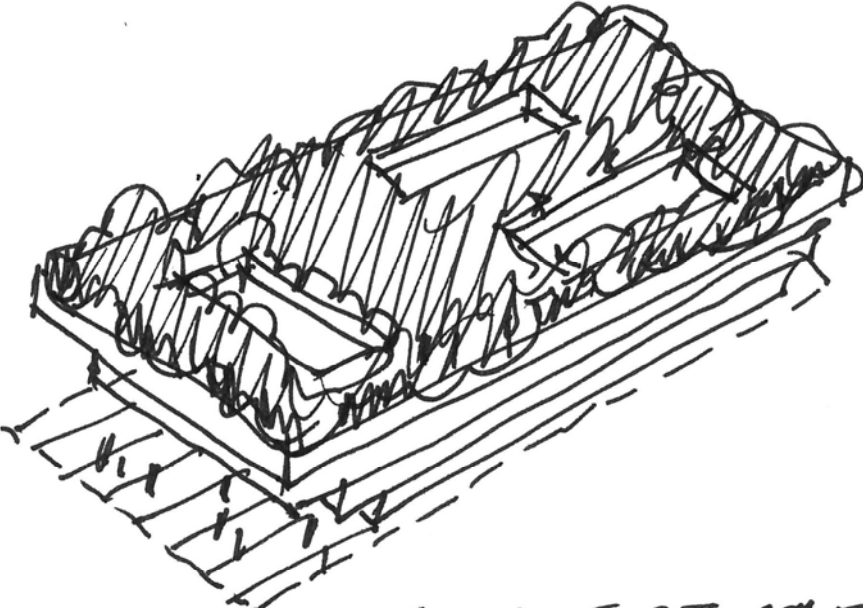


diversity -  
an inspiring  
architecture

local history/

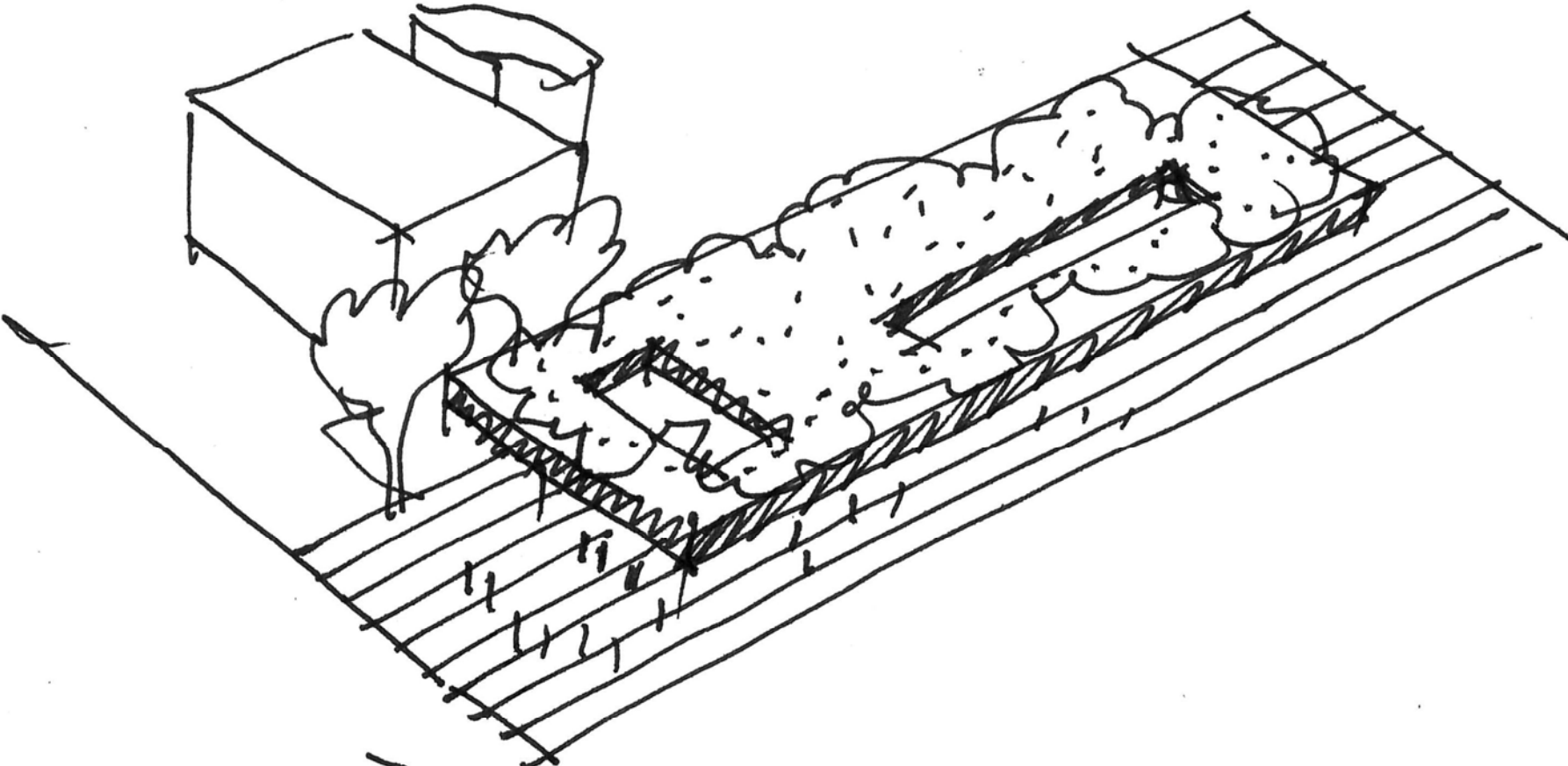


SPRING GARDEN



REPLACEMENT OF GARDEN  
ON ROOFTOP

urban plaza/ green roof/



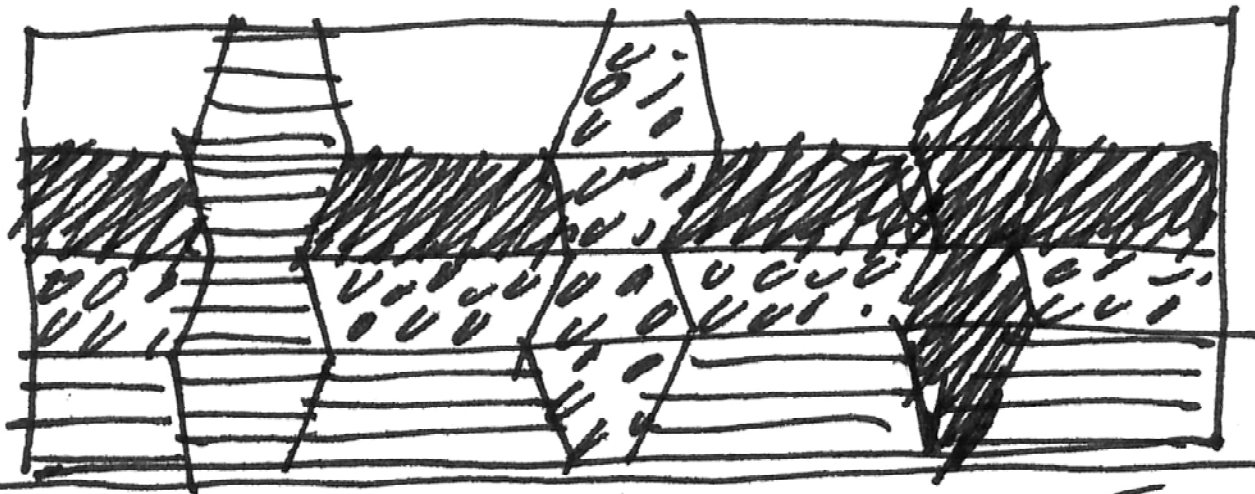
URBAN PLAZA & GREEN ROOF.

green roof garden/ "roots" penetrate through building



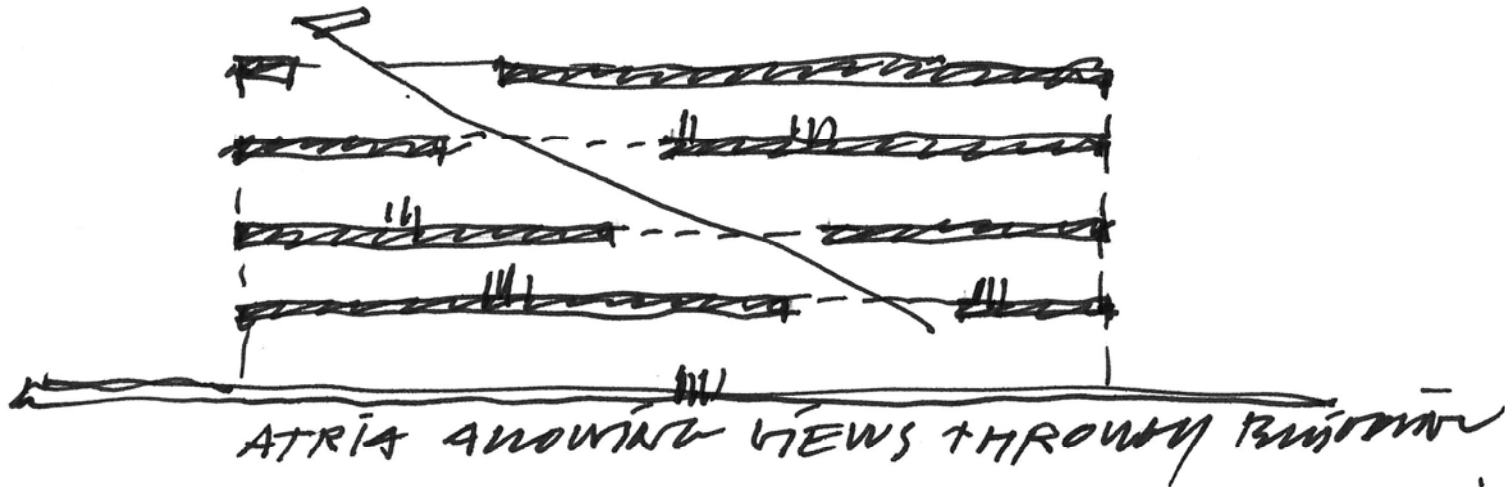
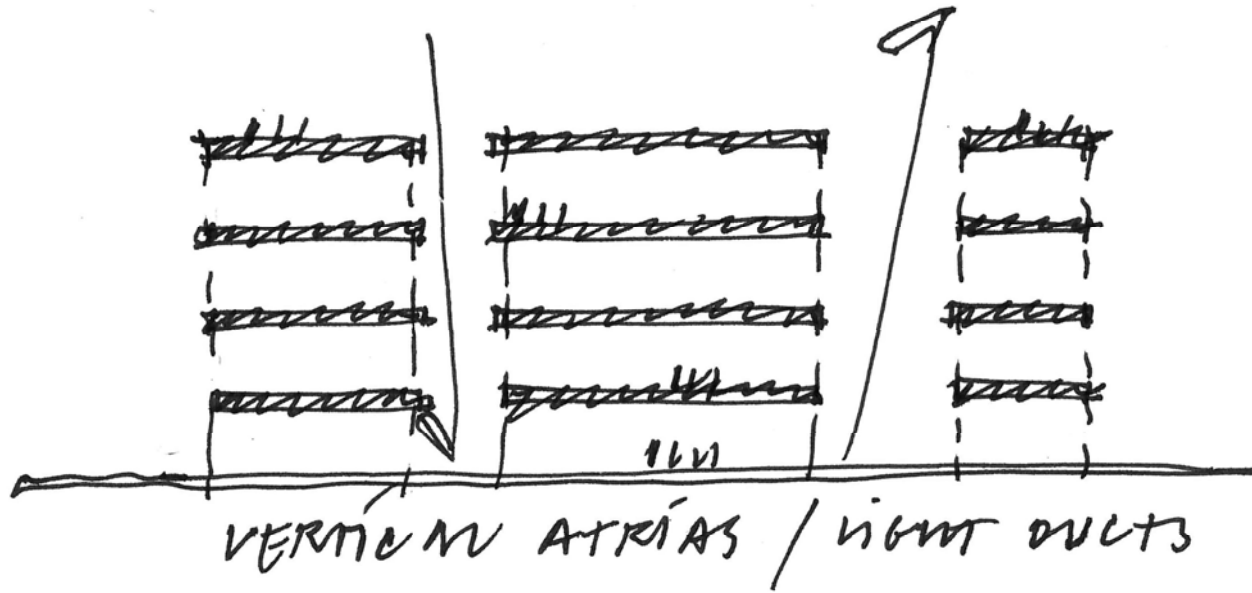
GREEN ROOFGARDEN  
"ROOTS" PENETRATING THROUGH  
BUILDING.

mixing functions/

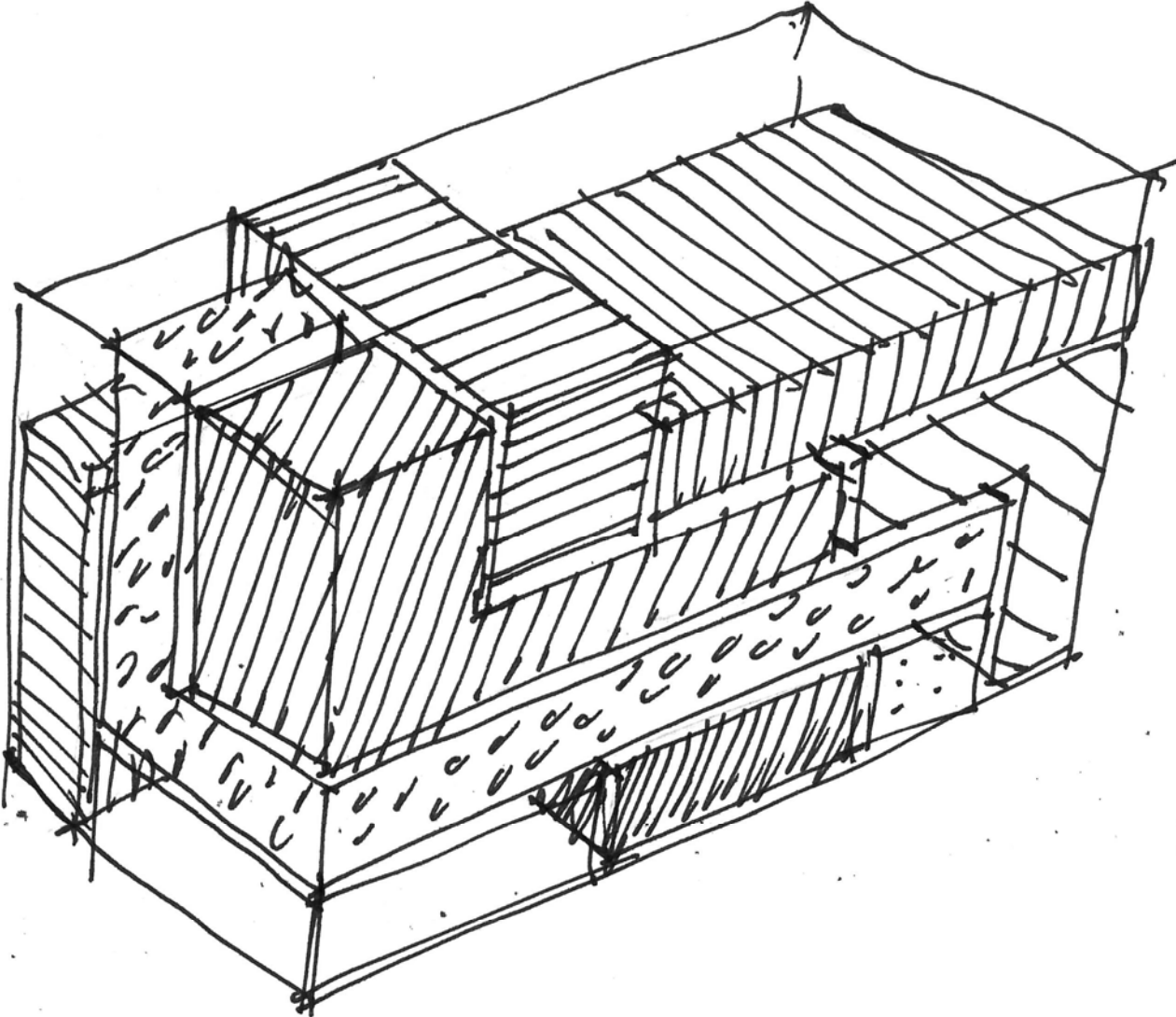


MIXING OF FUNCTIONS  
FUNNELS OVERLAPPING

light ducts/ view atria/

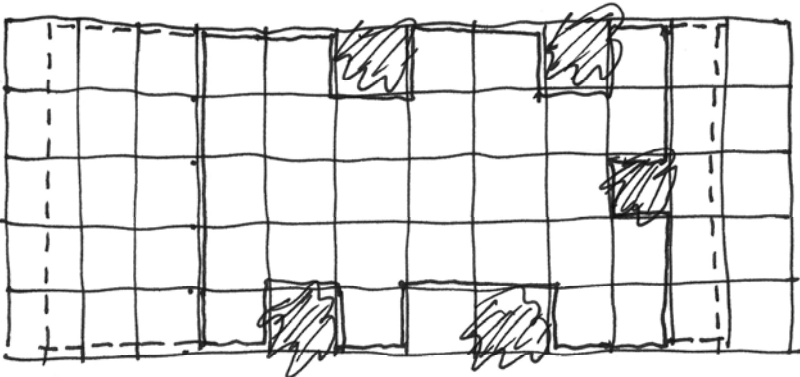
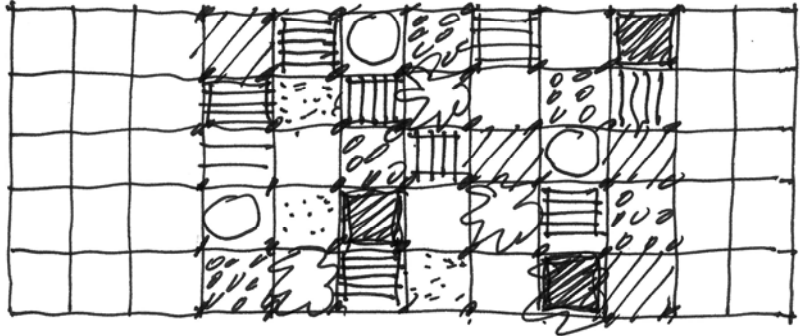
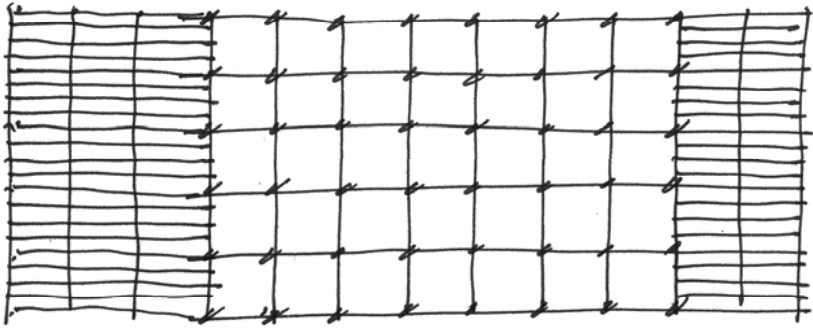


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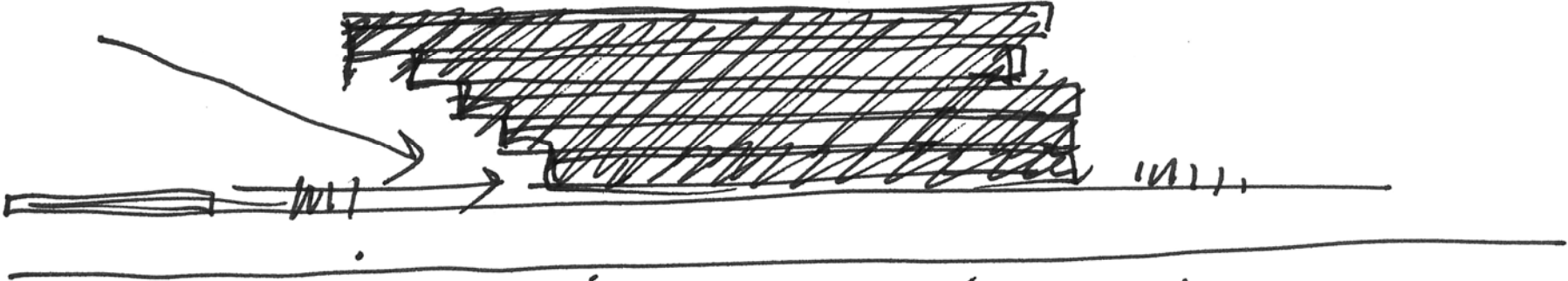




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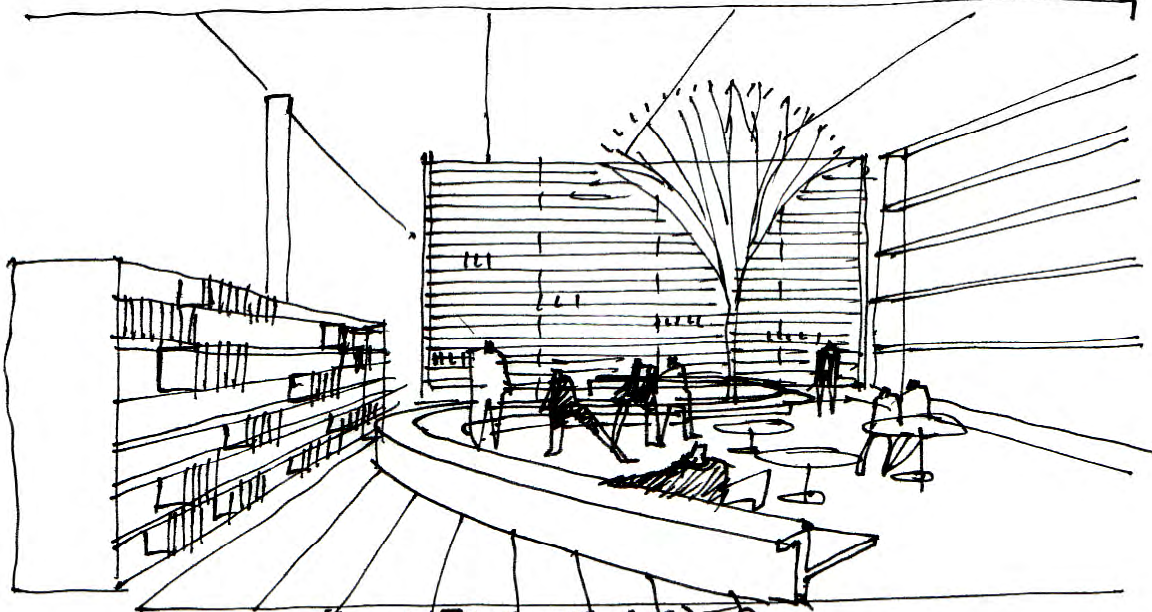


extending urban space into building/ cantilever/

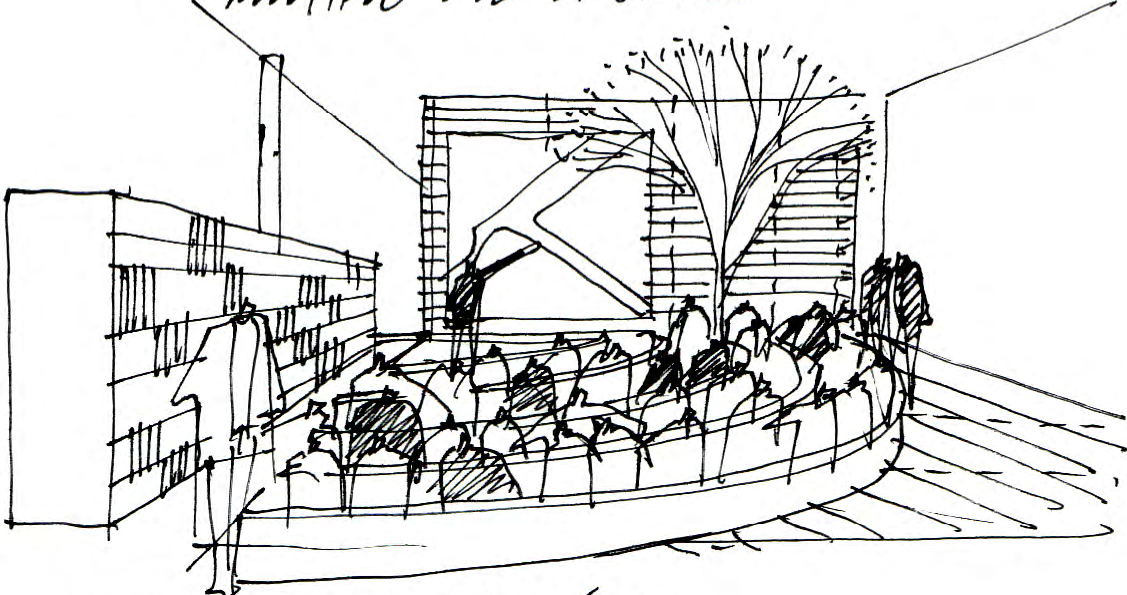


EXTENDING URBAN FLOOR  
INTO THE BUILDING BY  
CANTILEVER

flexibility/

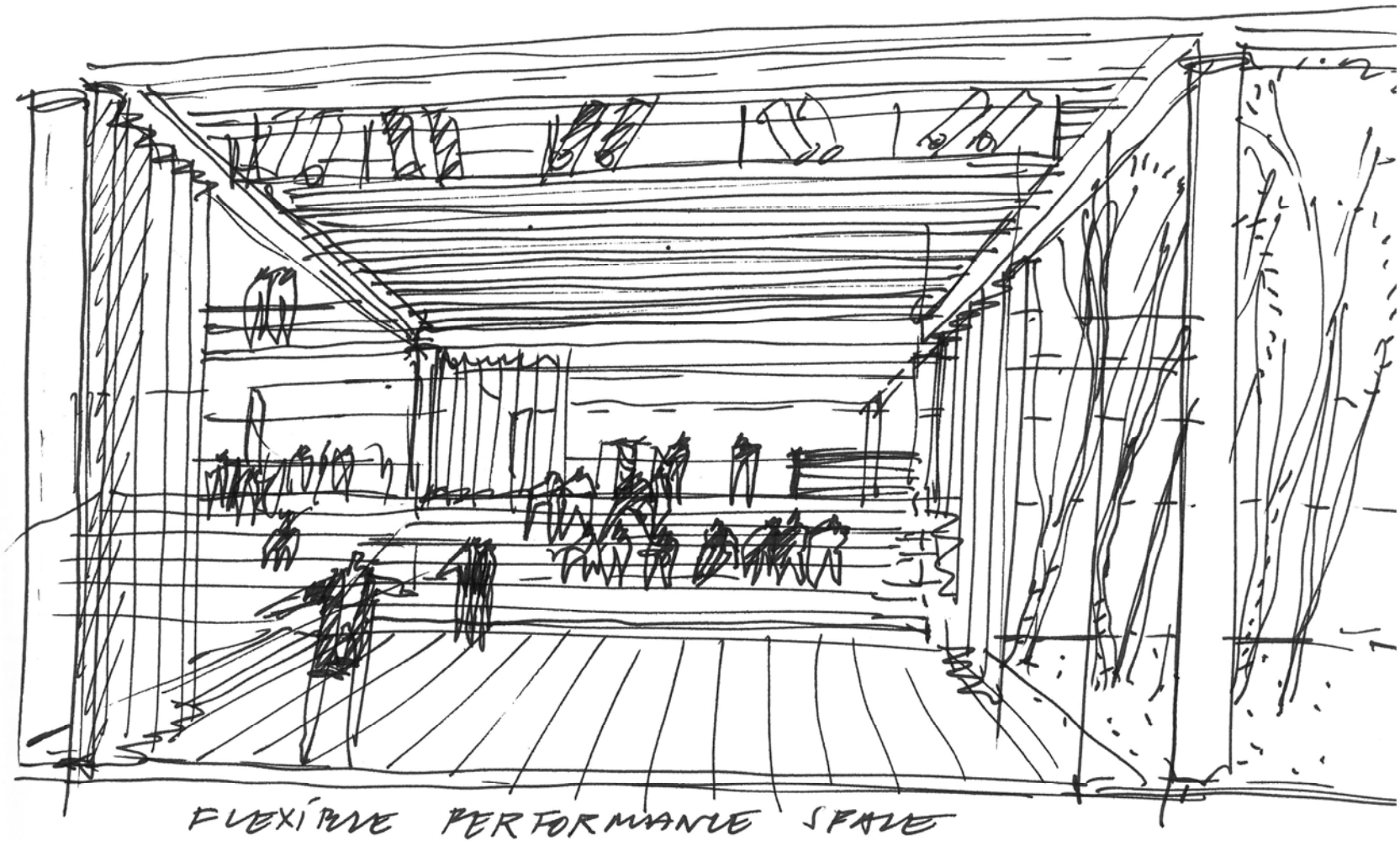


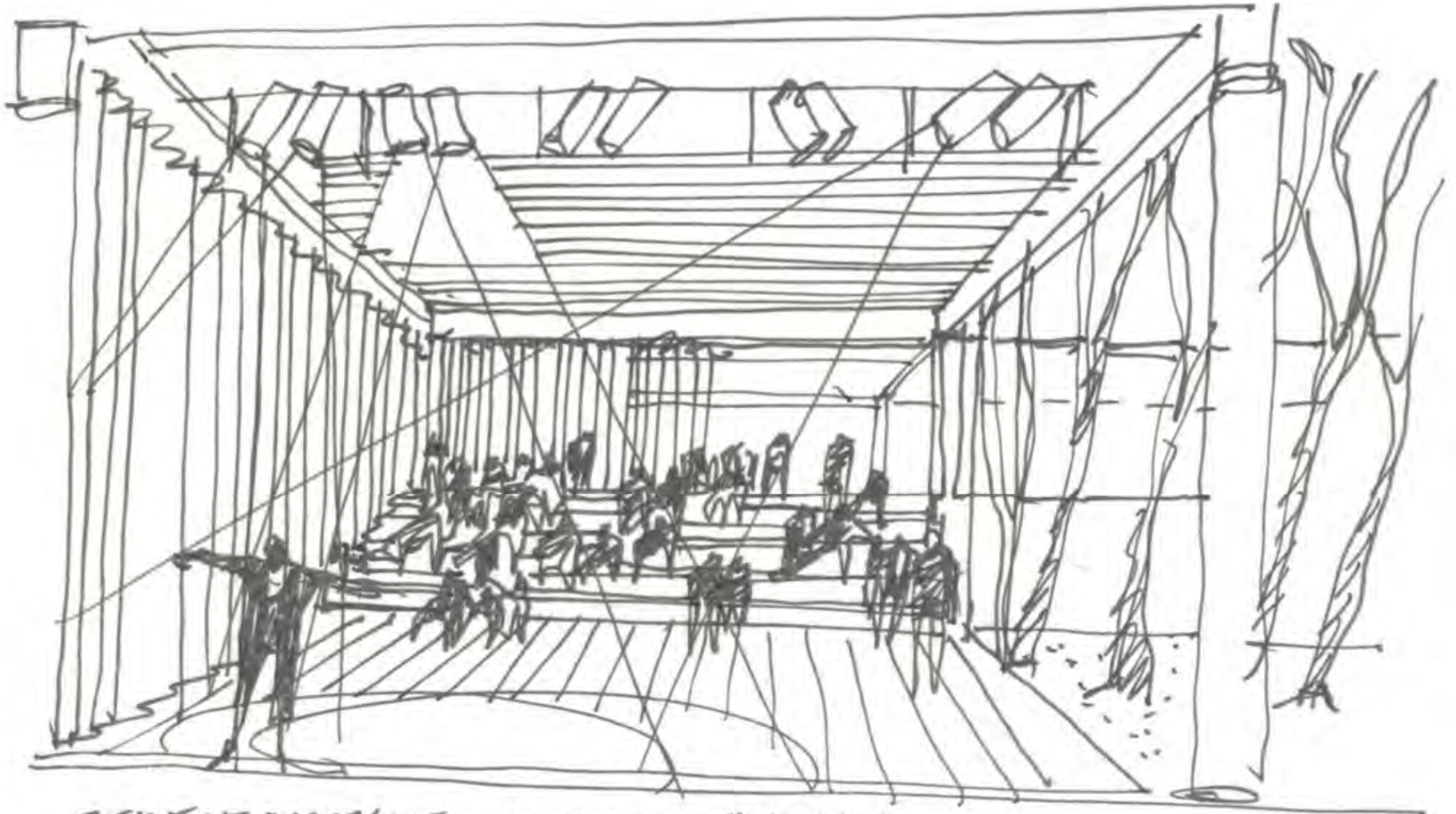
MULTIPLE USE OF SPACE



SHORT TERM FLEXIBILITY  
LONG TERM FLEXIBILITY

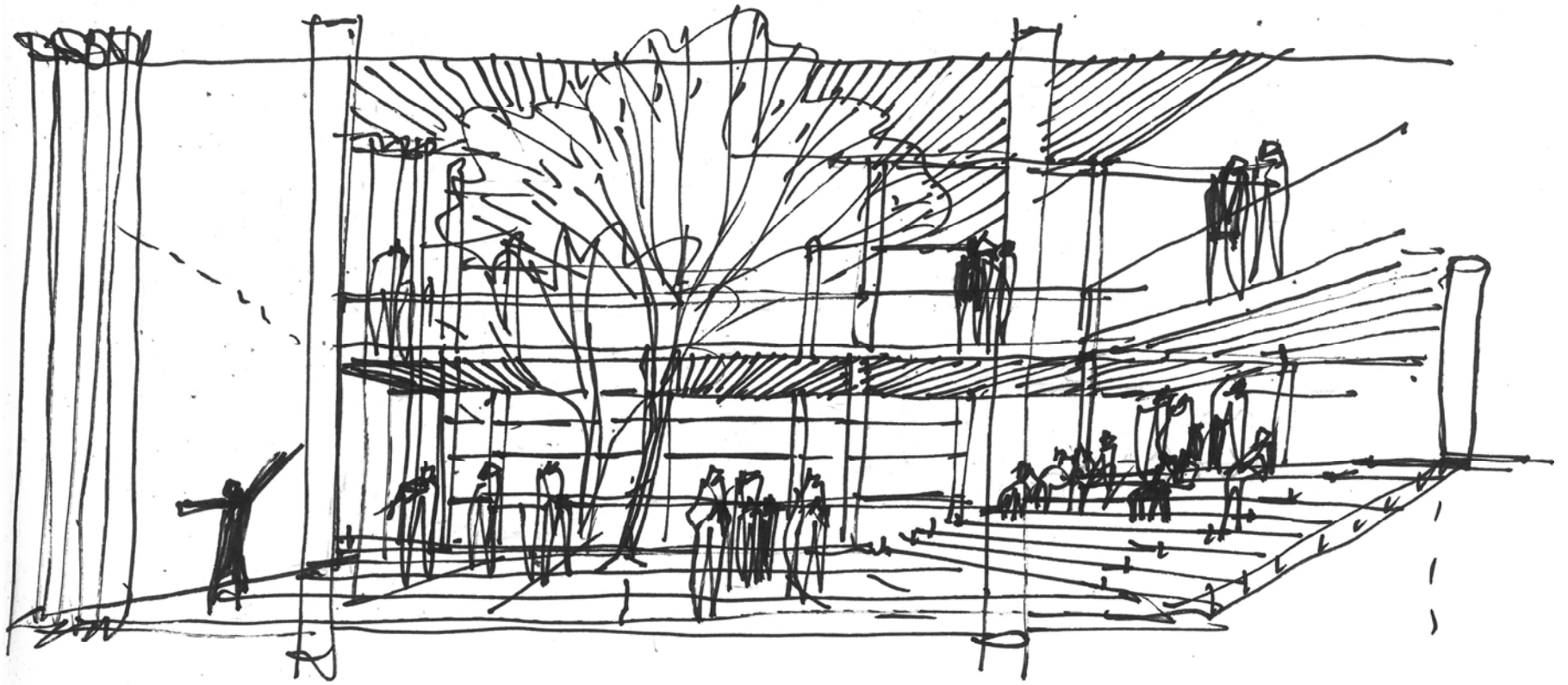
flexibility/



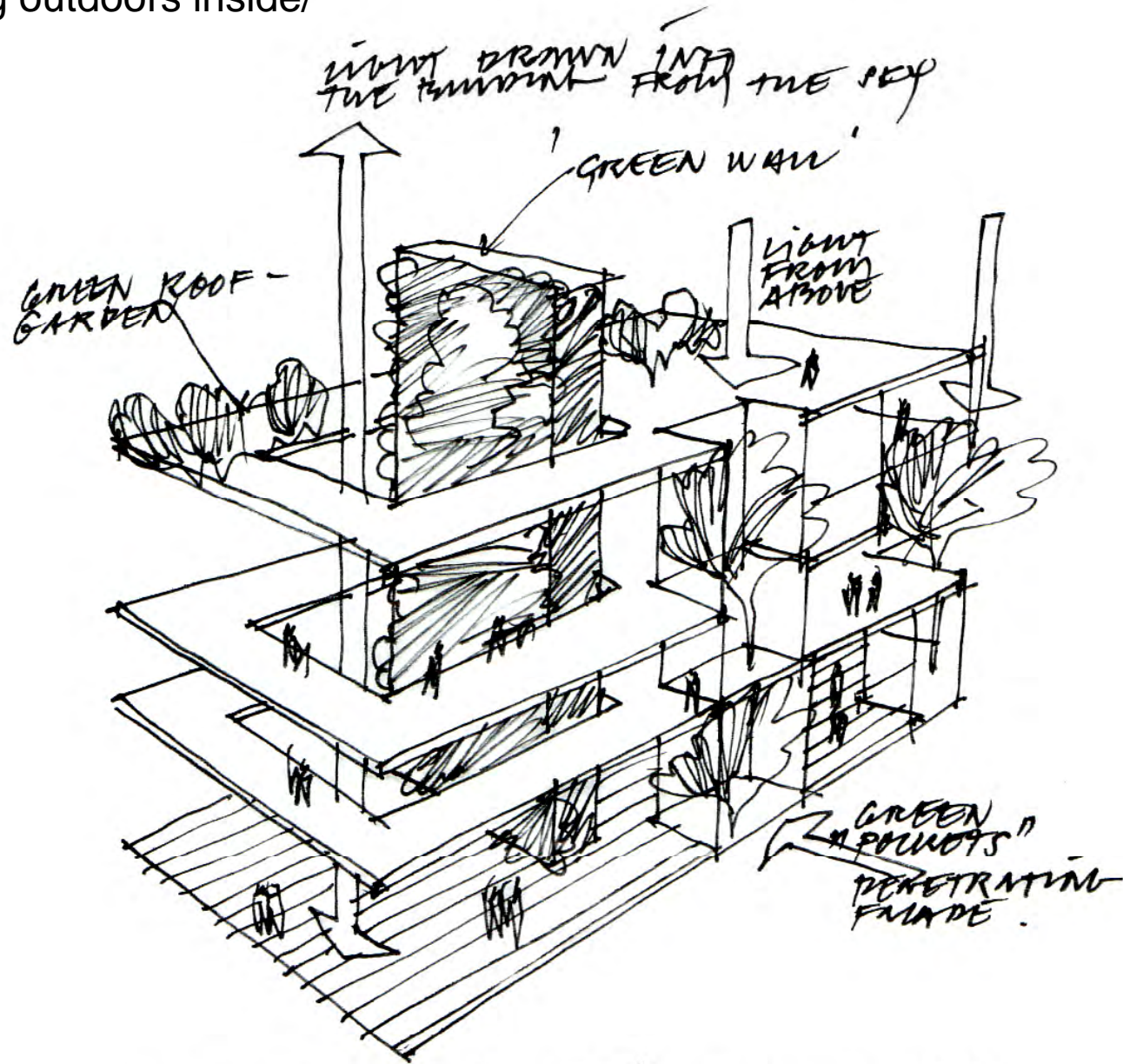


PERFORMANCE SPACE ENCLOSED

flexibility/

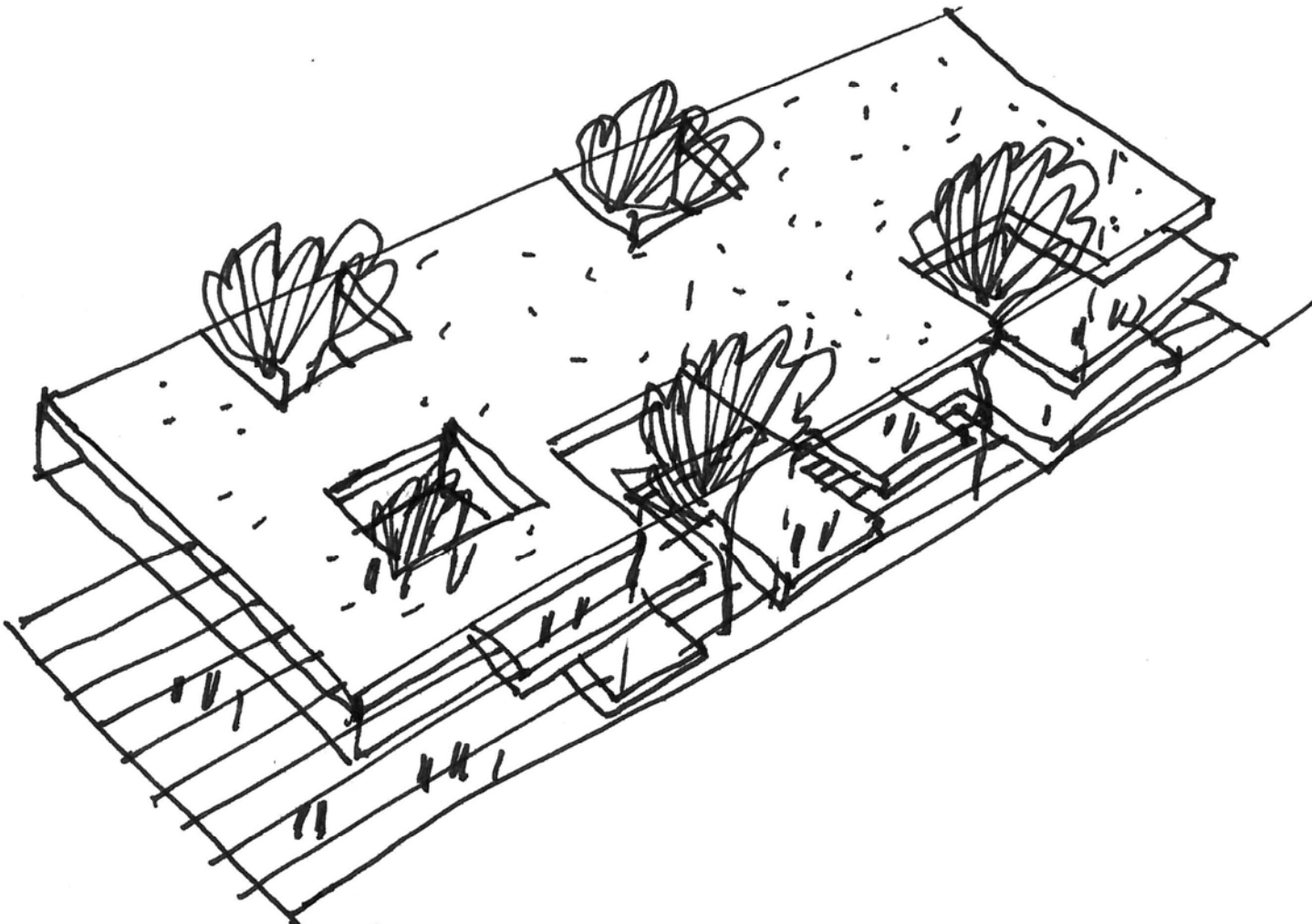


green / bringing outdoors inside/



ELEMENTS OF 'GREEN' INTEGRATED INTO THE BUILDING

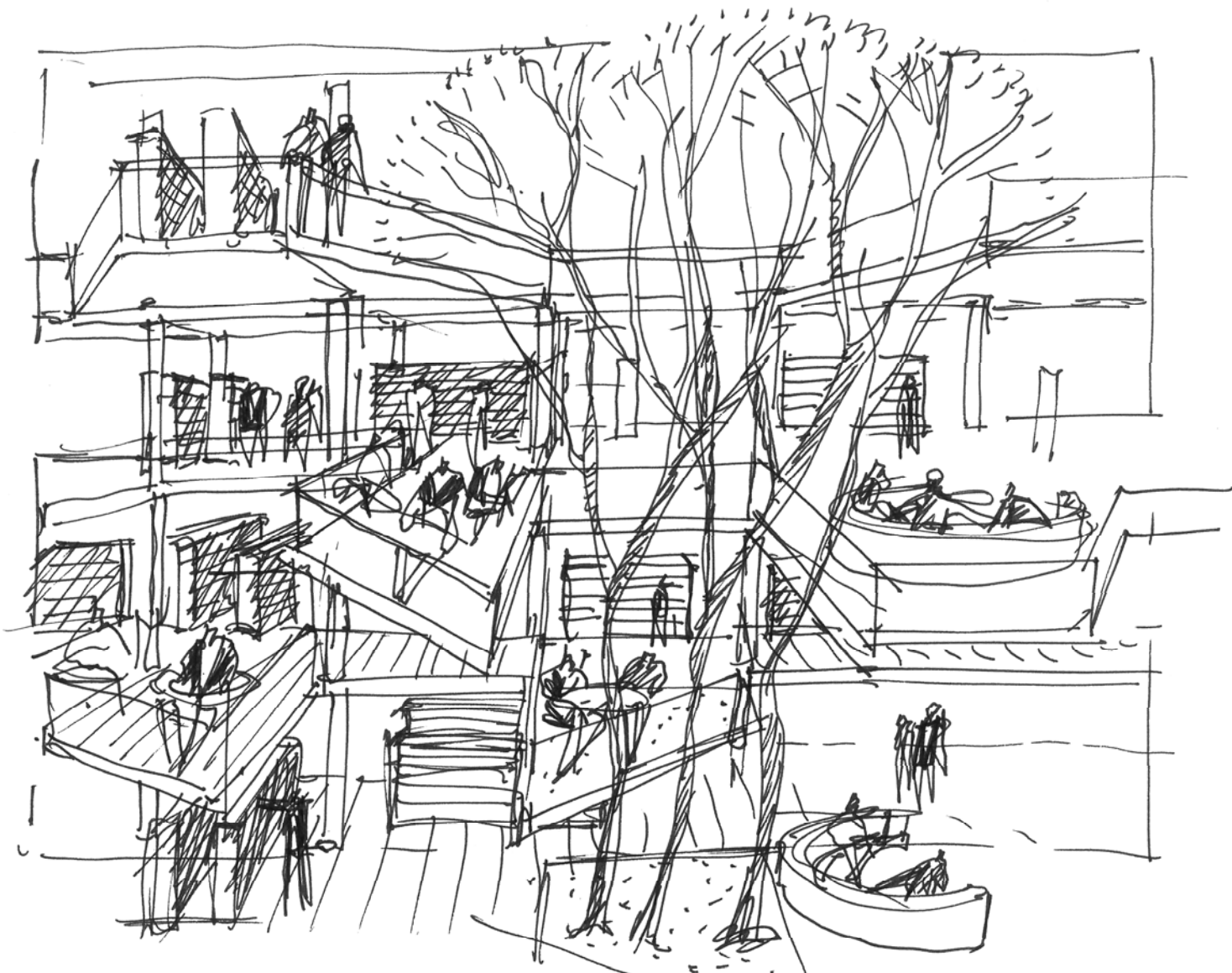
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RELATIONSHIP TO OUTDOOR.



green / bringing outdoors inside/

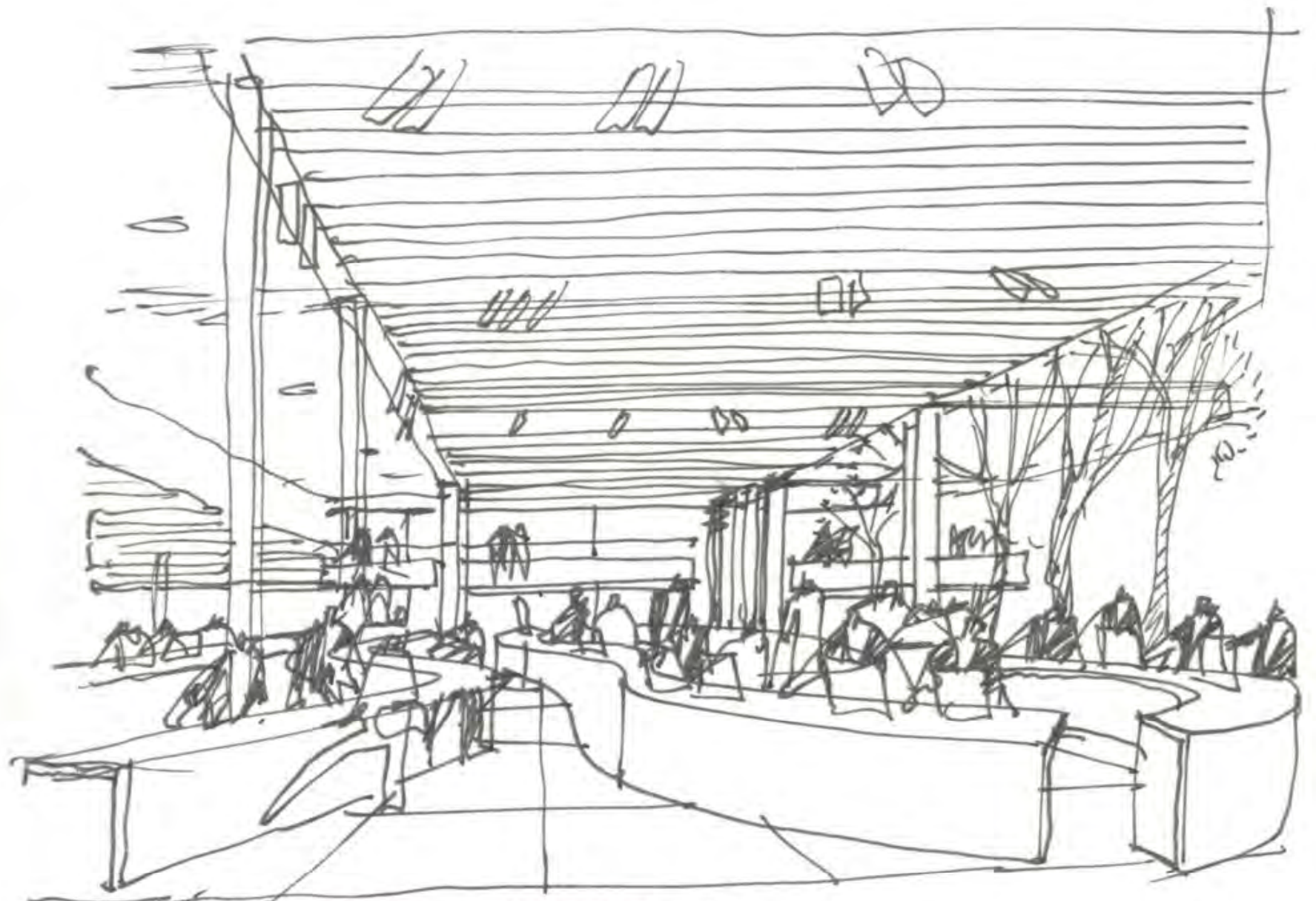


CONNECTION INDOOR / OUTDOOR

interior/

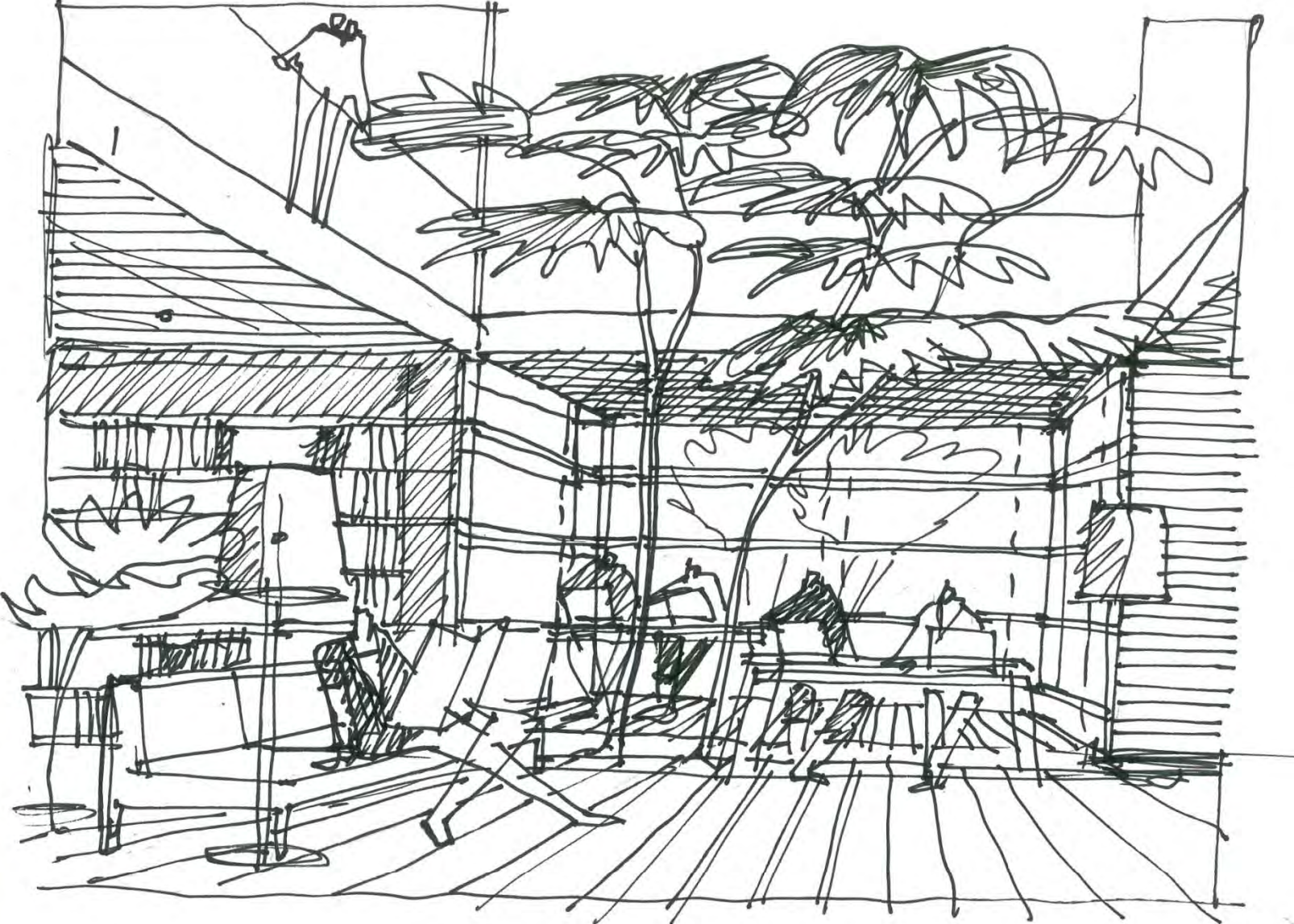


READING LOUNGE

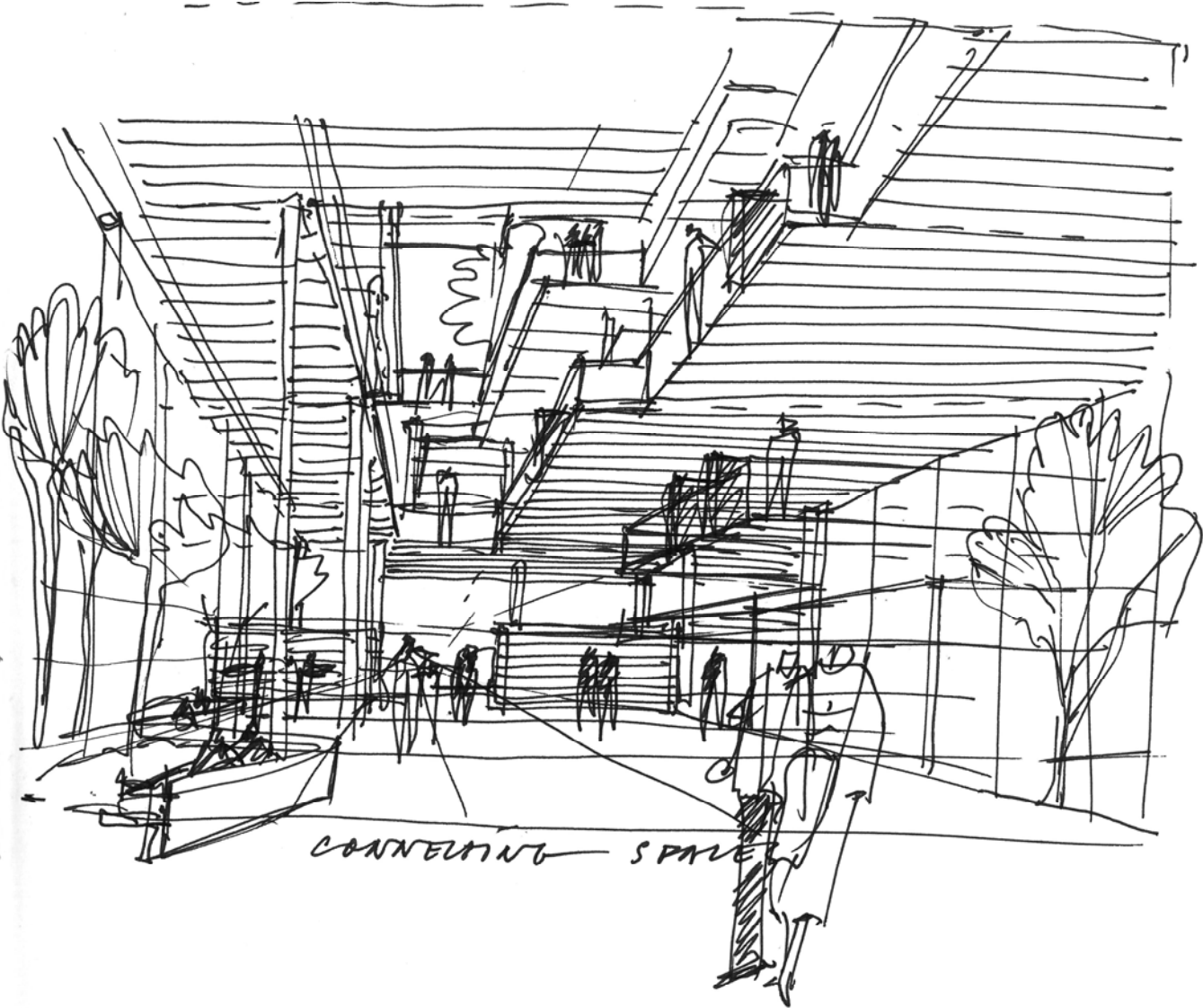


ACTIVE AREA — TEENAGERS.

interior/



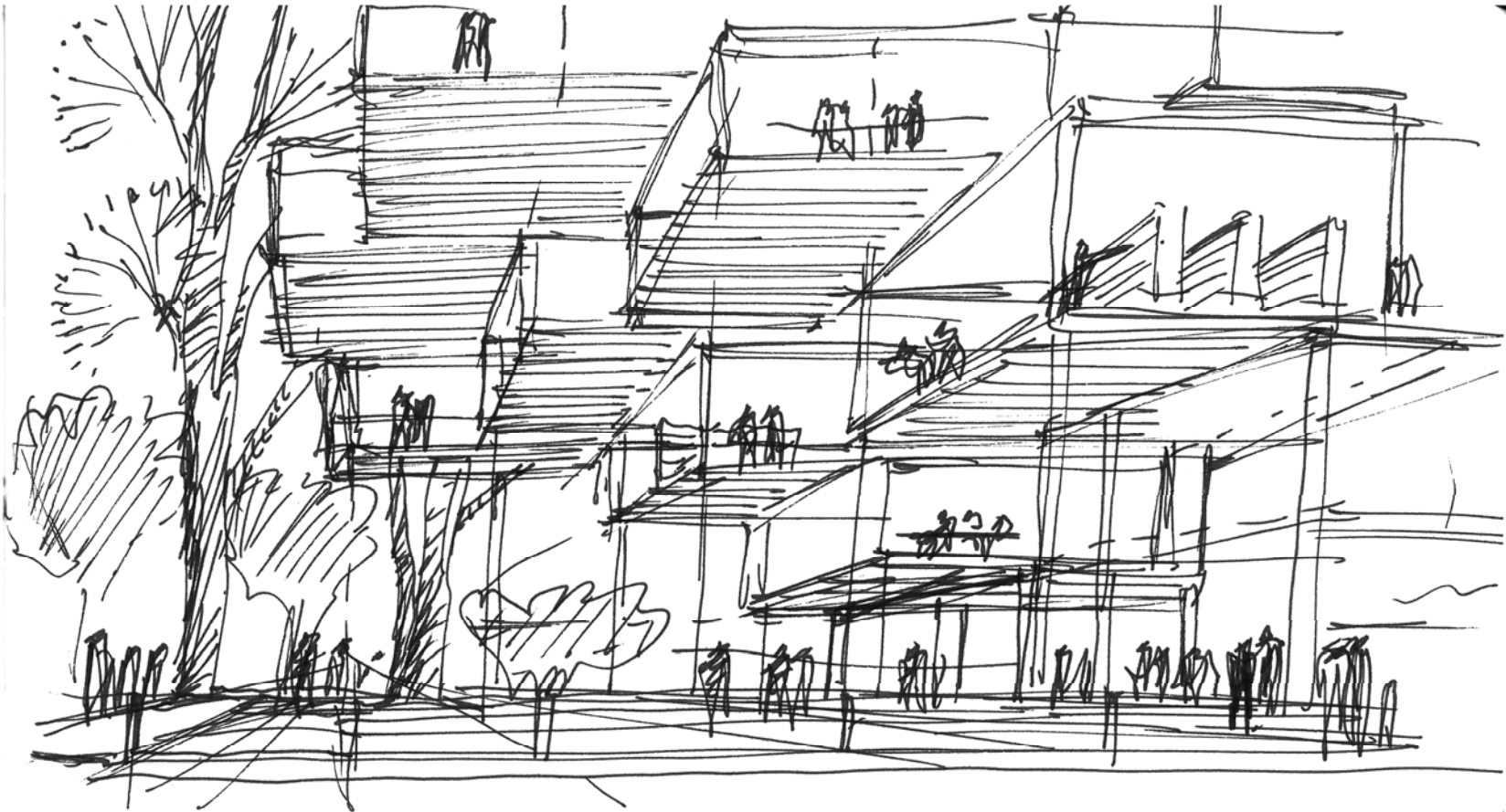
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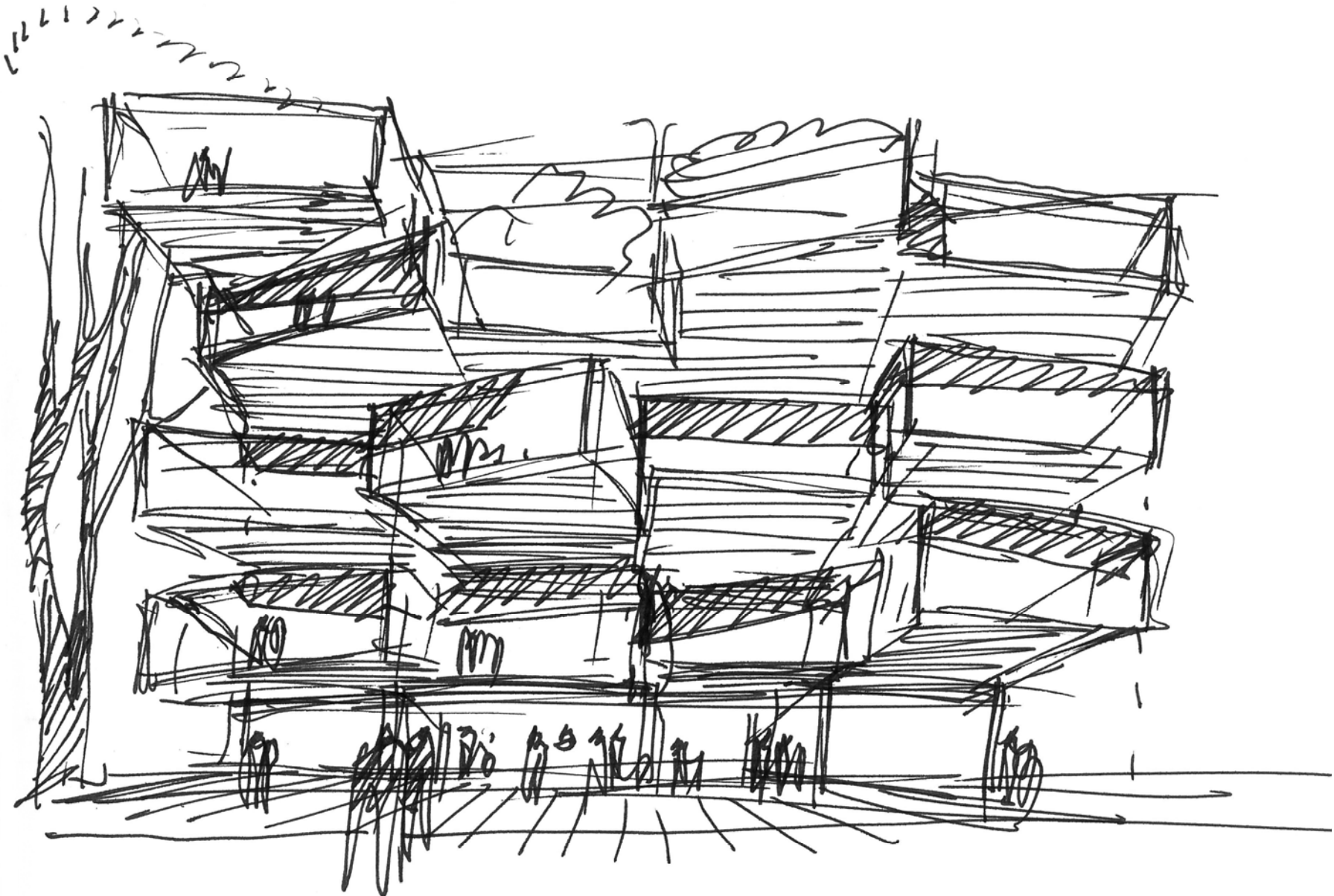
exterior/



exterior/



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