



# Park Avenue Apartments



Mixed-Use Multifamily  
Design Competition 2019



# “Piece of Mind for a Lifetime”

Financial, Aging, and Health Security





# Academic Institution



## Department of Architectural Studies & College of Engineering

4-year undergraduate program in architecture and interior design (CIDA)

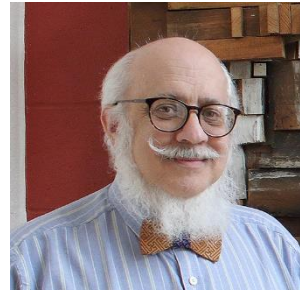


# University of Missouri

### Faculty Advisor

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# Project Team



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Senior



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Senior



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- 10 engineering capstone students (Fall 2018)
- 14 architecture and interior design students (ArchSt 4323, Sustainable Technologies)
- Faculty Lead Advisor Michael Goldschmidt
- Engineering Faculty Advisor Dr. John Bowders
- Two Additional Faculty Advisors (energy modeling & sustainable design)



# Industry Partners



Columbia Housing Authority (CHA)



University of Missouri –Extension, Housing and Environmental Design  
Midwest Energy Efficiency Research Consortium (MEERC)



Healthy Homes Partnership

The National Healthy Homes Partnership



City of Columbia

City of Columbia Missouri- Office of Sustainability  
and Office of Water and Light



Malicoat & Winslow Engineering



CM Engineering



Net Zero Structural Insulated Panels



Quaker Windows



Missouri Solar Apps



# Design Constraints

## Climate Summary

Climate Zone: 4A Mixed-humid

Cool to cold winters

- 4800 heating degree days

Long, hot, and humid summers

- 1550 cooling degree days

## Project Summary

Location: 507 Park Avenue,  
Columbia, Missouri

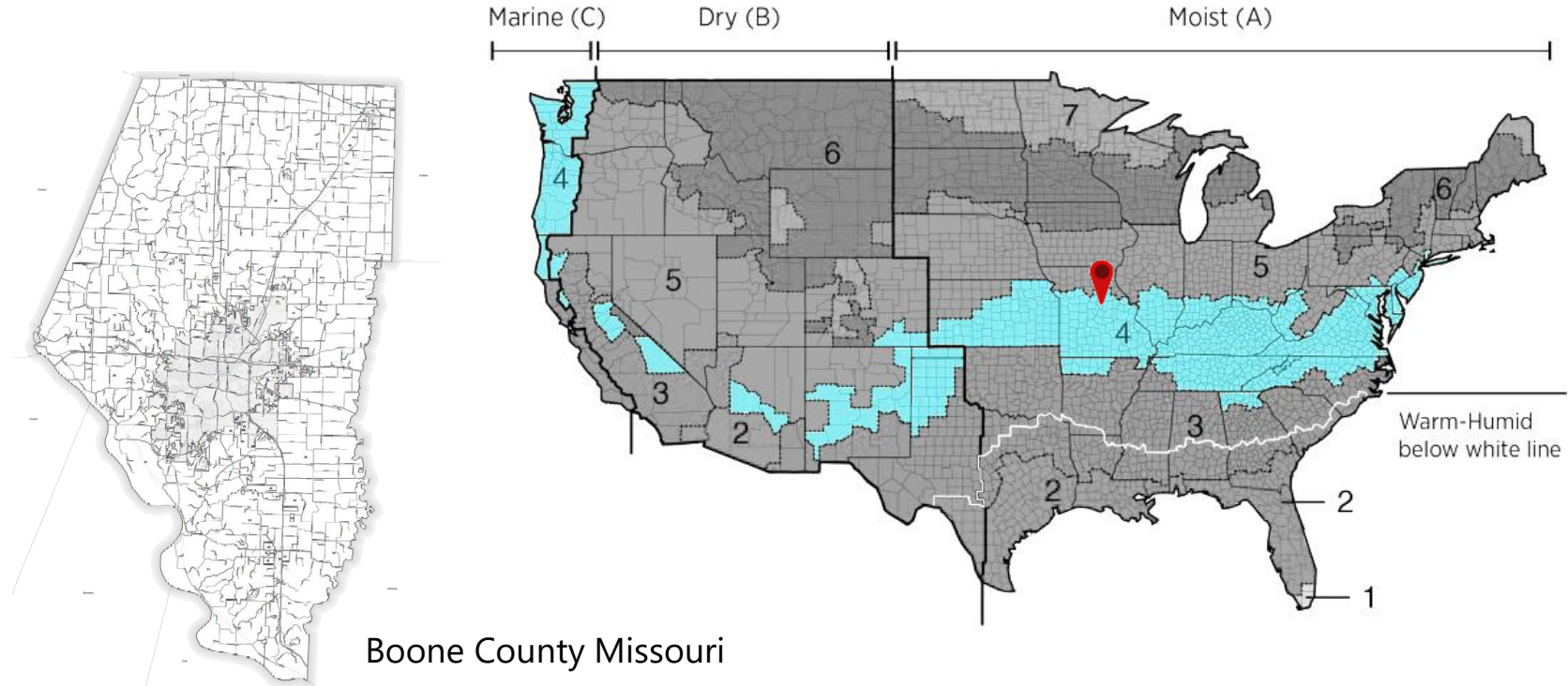
Neighborhood: North-Central

Lot Size: 1.62 acres

Building Size: 56,650 square feet

[48 Apartments, common space, small retail space]

Building Cost: \$5,525,082 (\$115,106 per unit)





# Design Constraints

## Neighborhood Context (Park Avenue)



Current Public Housing on Park Avenue



Downtown Student Housing



# Design Constraints

## Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) Properties

McBaine Townhomes

Bear Creek Townhomes

Providence Family

Townhomes

Stuart Parker Townhomes

McBaine Kitchen

Park Avenue

Paquin Tower





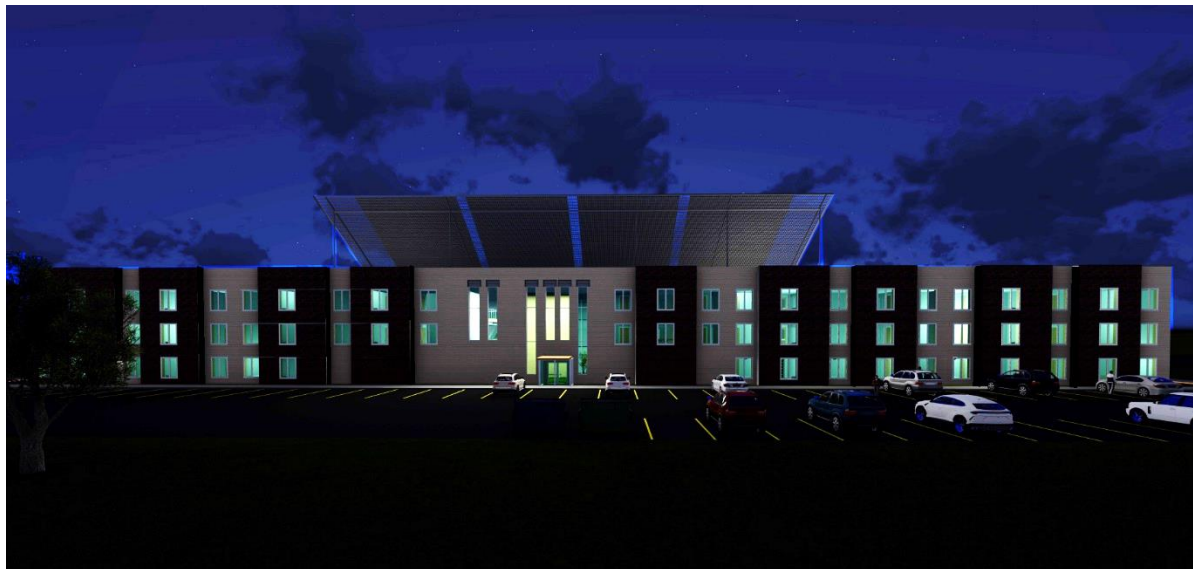
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## Design Standards

Columbia Housing Authority regulations  
ADAAG 2010 Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS)



# Design Goals



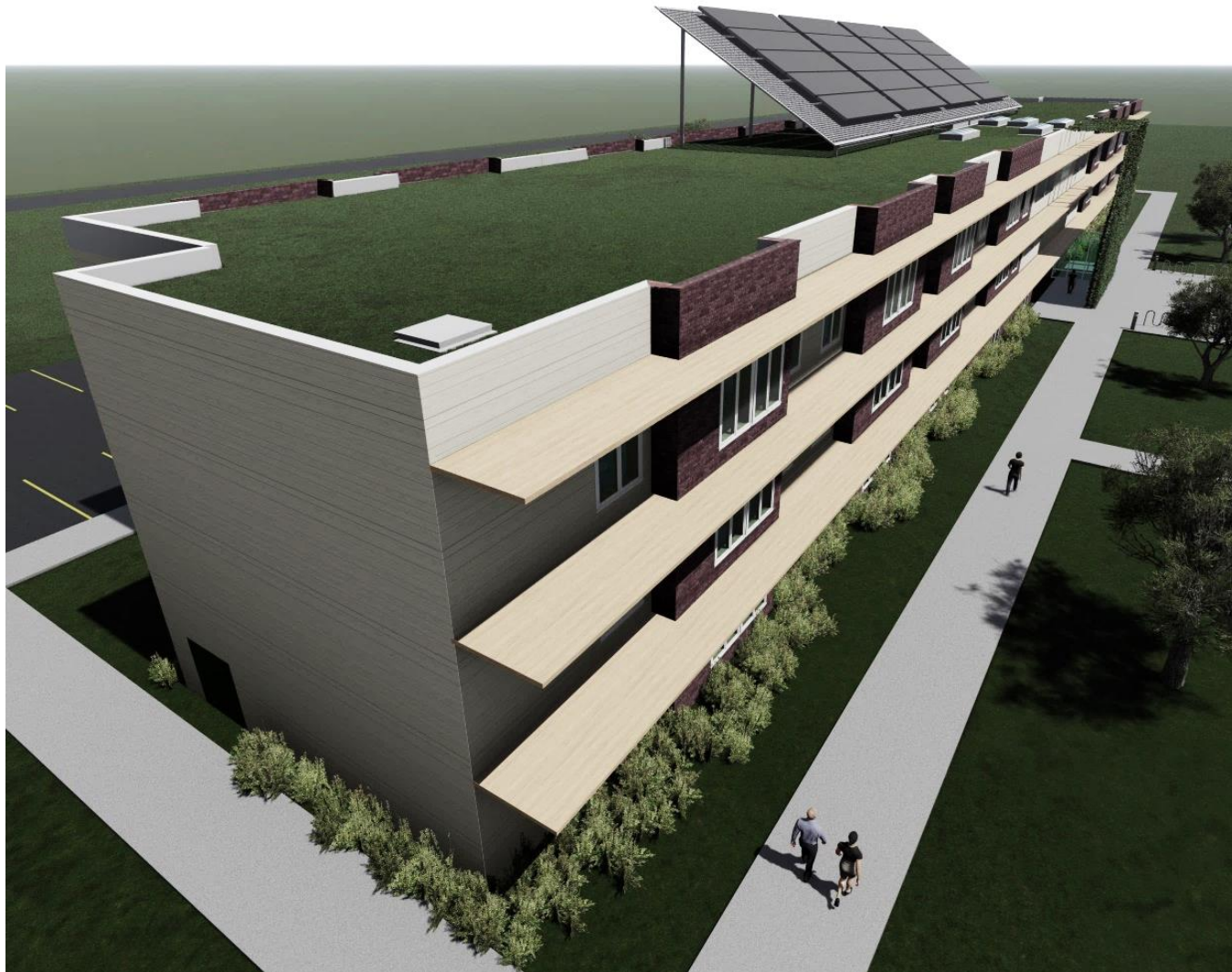
## Design Mission

To create an affordable, energy-efficient, resilient, and environmentally friendly apartment design within the urban context of the North-Central Neighborhood in Columbia, Missouri to accommodate low-income families.





# Design Goals



1. Design apartment plans that can be used by CHA as a **model** for efficient, resilient, affordable, and flexible housing.
2. Create a **resource efficient and net-zero energy** design, **reduce construction costs** and follow **appraised value precedent** of nearby neighborhood and public housing .
3. Create a design with a friendly relationship with the street and reconcile **public and private relationships** between the **apartments and neighbors**.
4. Create a flexible interior that utilizes **universal design** principles.
5. Utilize building materials that consider **embodied energy**, **rapidly renewable** and/or **recycled content**, **distance to the project site**, and **reduction of construction waste**.
6. Create a design that allows options to use **manual systems** for ventilation, lighting, heating, and cooling, versus automatic systems.
7. Use appropriate, affordable, and researched-based **industry standard strategies**.
8. Design the apartments to provide **ultra-affordable** home rental and ownership to low income Columbia residents.

# Proposal

## 3-story building

- Approximately 19,000 square feet per floor
- 27 one-bed one-bath apartments, 21 two-bed two-bath apartments
- 1,600 square feet retail store
- Commons area (meeting space for entire neighborhood and resilient core)
- Net zero with 160 kW photovoltaic array
- Construction cost approximately \$115,000 per unit (with PV)



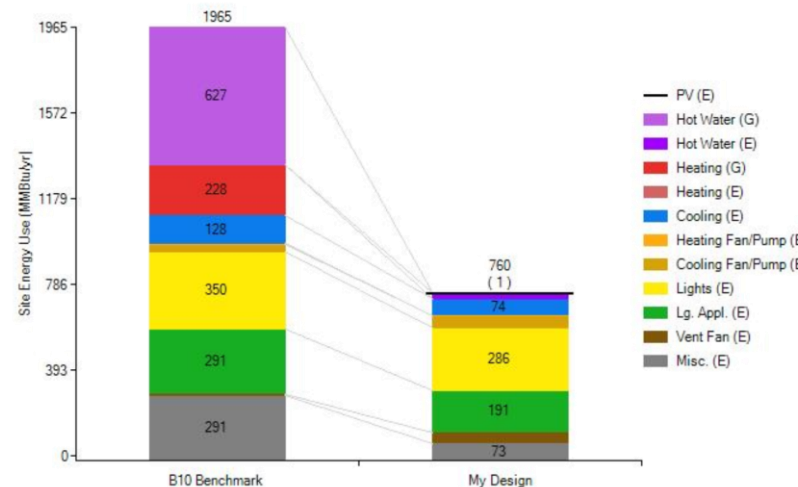
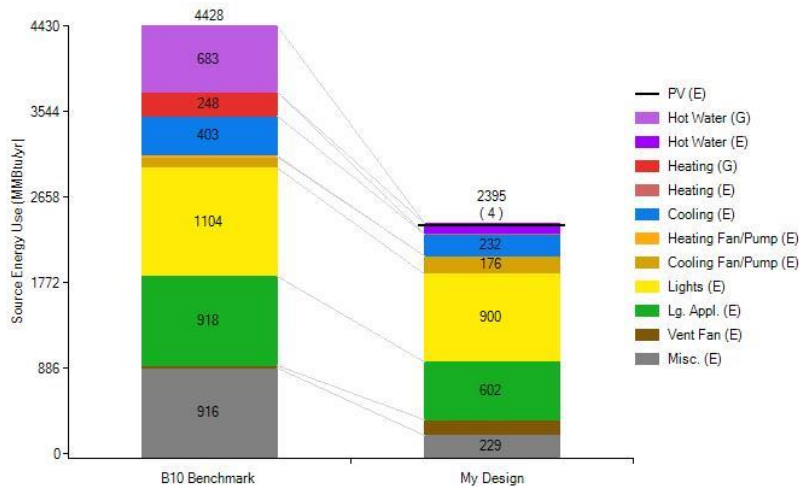
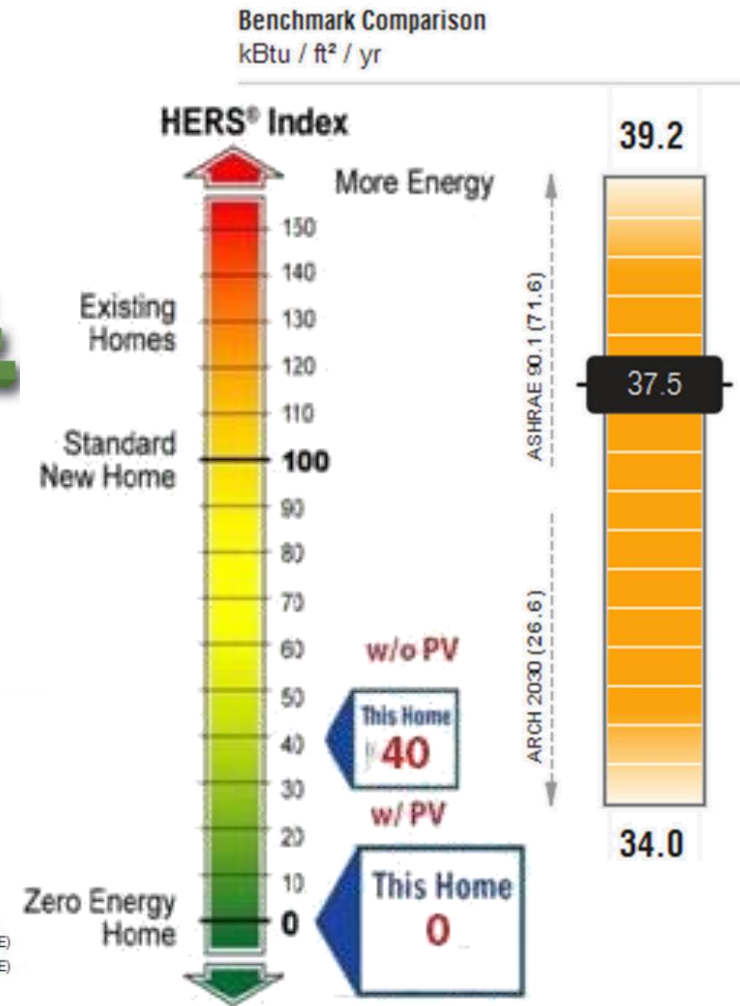
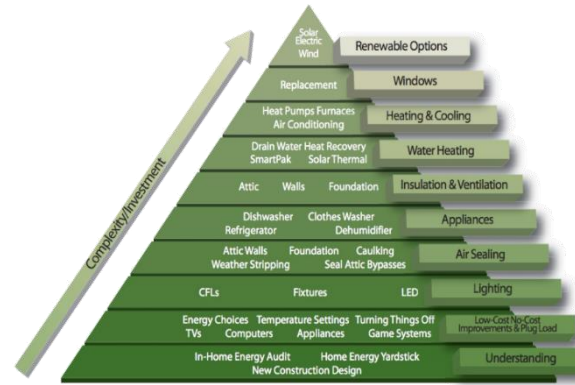
## Construction

- Walls: R-40 SIPS with drainage plane between skin and SIPS
- High performance flashings and air/moisture/vapor control
- Roofs: R-50 SIPS with concrete topping and EPDM membrane; wood trusses
- Floors: Concrete floor topping on sub-floor over wood trusses
- Sound insulation (control) between apartment walls and ceilings



# Energy Performance

- Followed Energy Pyramid
- BeOpt** to optimize energy efficient strategies (3155 MMbtu/yr Source and Site)
- REMRate** analysis to determine:
  - HERS Rating:**
    - 40 without PV (one apartment)
    - 0 with PV (one apartment)
    - Compliance with IECC, ASHRAE 90.1, EnergyStar Homes
    - DOE Net-Zero Ready Home requirements
- OpenStudio** analysis to determine:
  - EUI Rating:** 49 kBtuh/ft<sup>2</sup>/yr (37.5 kBtuh/ft<sup>2</sup>/yr source)



# Energy Performance

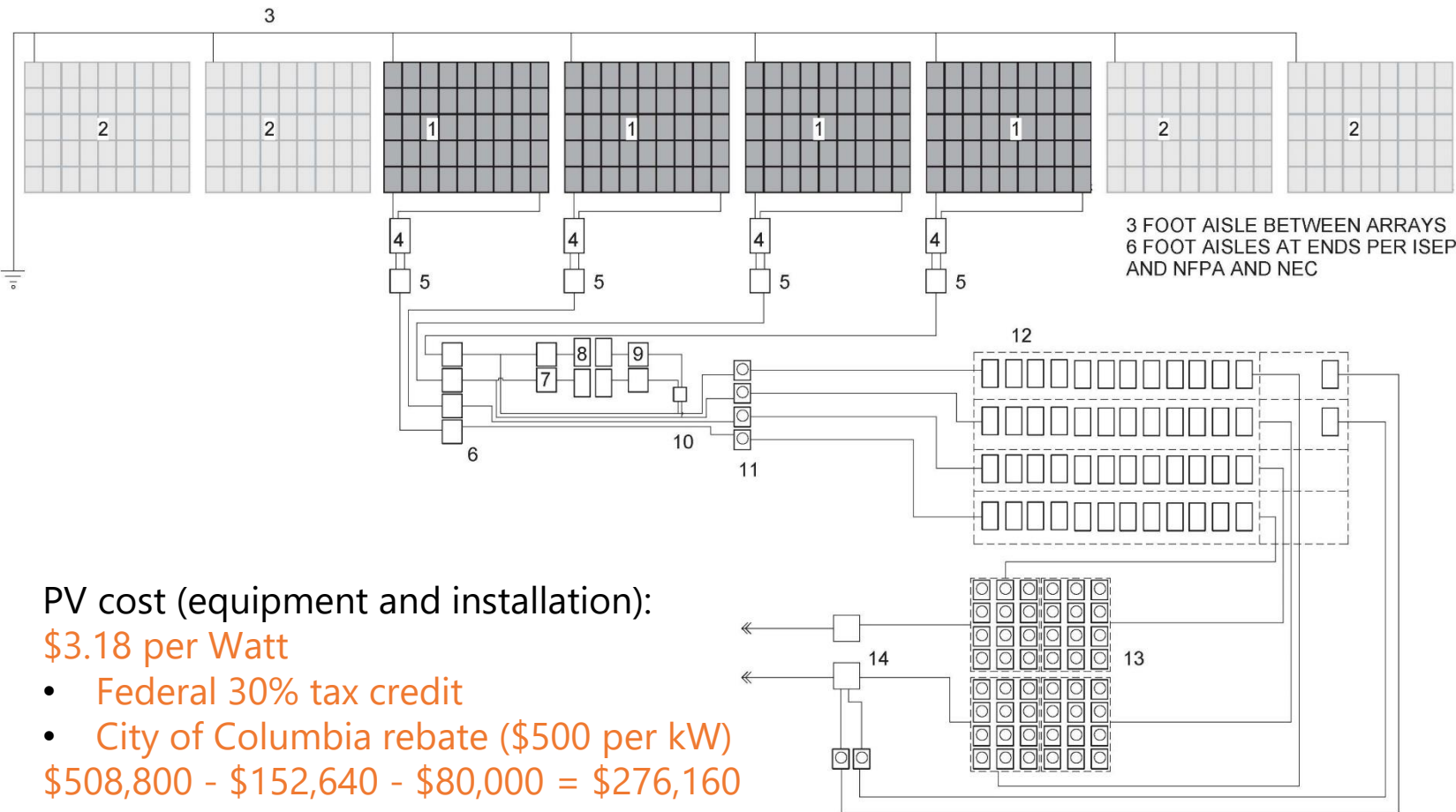
## Photovoltaic array:

- Four arrays (180 panels total)
- Expandable to 8 arrays (360 panels total)
- 160kW array
- SunPower X21-470
  - Micro-inverters versus String or DC Optimizers
  - 470 W per panel
  - 17.2 SF per panel
- Per PVWatt:
  - 233,360 kWh per year
  - 31 degrees tilt (roof slope)
- **Micro-inverters** used for NEC/ISEP Compliance:
  - Rapid Shutdown
  - Anti-Islanding
  - Better performance under shading
  - Missouri PV Installers prefer micro-inverter systems

PV cost (equipment and installation):

\$3.18 per Watt

- Federal 30% tax credit
  - City of Columbia rebate (\$500 per kW)
- $\$508,800 - \$152,640 - \$80,000 = \$276,160$





# Energy Performance



Enphase iQ6+ Micro Inverter: IQ6PLUS-72-2-US



SunPower Photovoltaic Panel: model X21-470

## RESULTS

Print Results

# 233,360 kWh/Year\*

*System output may range from 223,046 to 243,045 kWh per year near this location.  
Click [HERE](#) for more information.*

Month	Solar Radiation ( kWh / m <sup>2</sup> / day )	AC Energy ( kWh )	Value ( \$ )
January	3.75	15,589	1,320
February	4.33	15,841	1,342
March	5.09	20,489	1,735
April	5.57	20,859	1,767
May	5.67	21,714	1,839
June	6.29	22,725	1,925
July	6.39	23,820	2,018
August	6.09	22,361	1,894
September	5.81	20,975	1,777
October	5.09	19,768	1,674
November	3.97	15,460	1,309
December	3.31	13,761	1,166
<b>Annual</b>	<b>5.11</b>	<b>233,362</b>	<b>\$ 19,766</b>

# Energy Performance

## Lighting Controls:

Hubbell DLCPCI (indoor) DLCPCO (outdoor) DCLPCA/S (atrium/skylight)

### Design Illumination Levels (FC):

Kitchen	50
Living Room	30
Bathroom	40
Bedroom	20
Hallways/Stairways	5
Commons/Atrium	30
Commercial	50



Lighting Load: maximum 125 Watts per unit

## Plug & Appliance Loads:

Reducing Plug Loads: Legrand Plug Load Reducer  
Appliances: Energy Star - lowest available energy use





## Overall Approach:

Fall Semester 2018, engineering students produced report evaluating preliminary site and building, structural, site utilities, control, mechanical and electrical systems (see supplemental report)

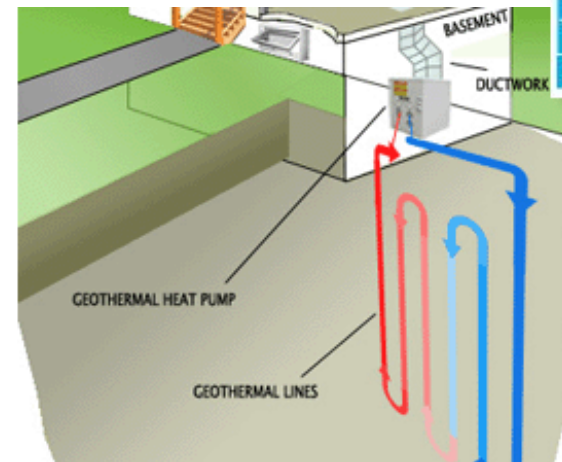
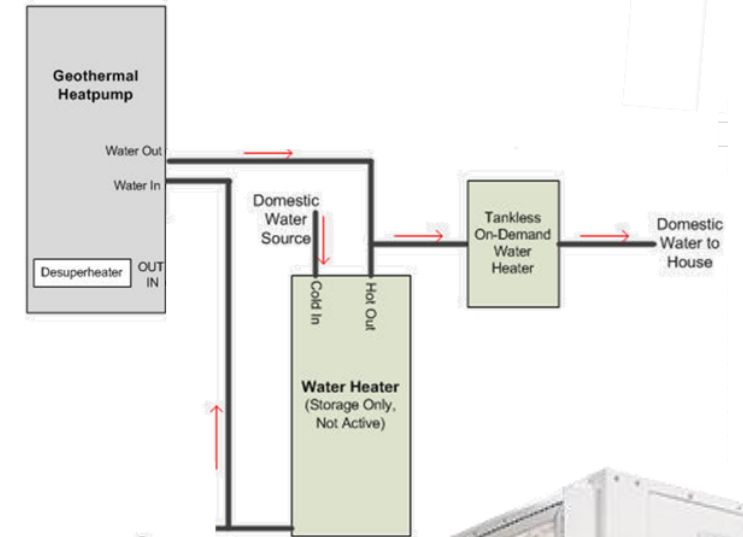
## HVAC System

Process: HeatCAD evaluation → review by engineer (CM) → review by additional engineer (MW)

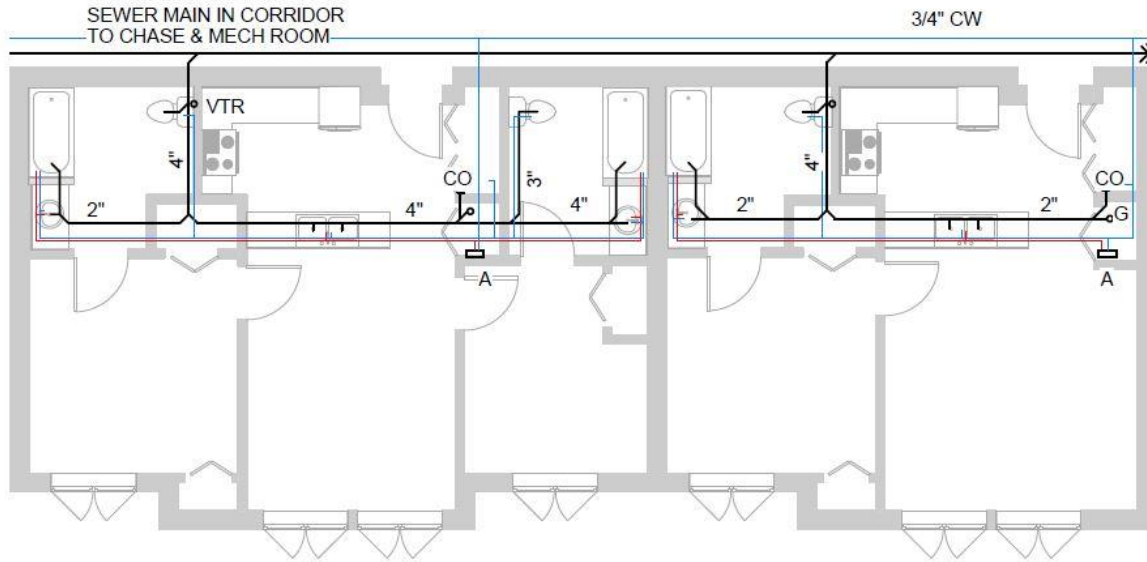
- 1.5 ton geothermal heat pump system (each apartment)
  - Bosch Greensource CDi SM-024 Split-System with attached Bosch DX025-1VTX Compact Air Handler and Fan Coil
  - Interfaces with passive solar heating and cooling strategies
  - Provides primary water heating
  - 300 foot vertical loop wells
- 4 and 6 ton units for commons area and retail
- MERV 13 air filters
- Thermostat: Honeywell Lyric T5



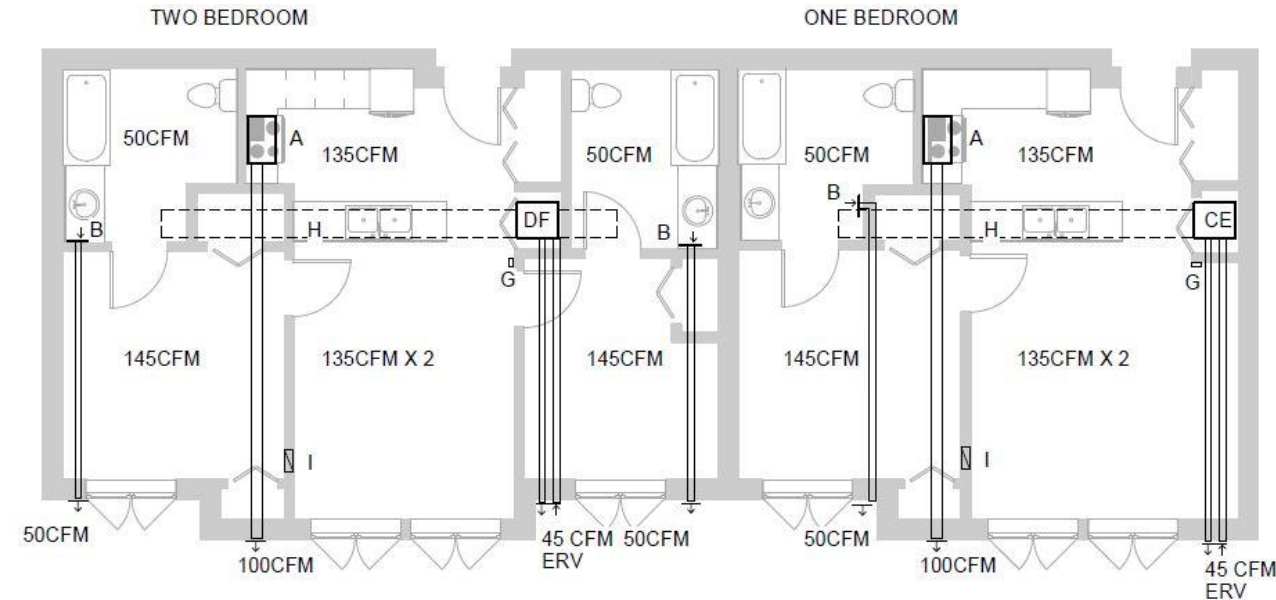
Geothermal Plumbing Diagram



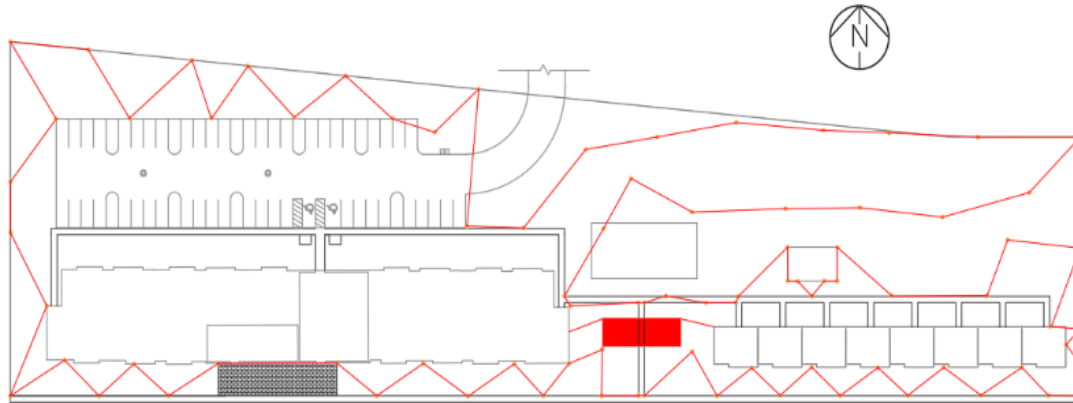
## Plumbing System Layout



## HVAC System Layout



## Rainwater collection for irrigation (22,886 Gal/Week)



Product Label	Fixture	Demand	Unit Cost
Cosmo KF776SS	Kitchen Faucet	1.5 gal/min	\$133
LG WM3575C	Clothes Washer	4,239 gal/yr	\$900
Pfister LG143-5000	Bathroom Faucet	1.5 gal/min	\$23
American Standard Flowise	Shower Head	1.5 gal/min	\$35
Niagra 77001 WHC01 Stealth	Toilet	0.8 gal/flush	\$230
	Hot/Cold	Linear Feet	Unit Cost per 10 ft
Main Line	3/4"	70	\$14.80
Branch	1/2"	50	\$9.13



# Financial Feasibility & Affordability



## Cost Estimation:

- RSMMeans Online (1Q 2019)
- Adjusted for known materials cost
- CHA pays no sales tax
- Full cost estimate in supplemental report
- \$5,525,082 ( \$115,106 per unit)
  - Average unit cost for CHA properties: \$145,000 per unit
  - Average unit cost for Columbia: \$65,000 to \$85,000 per unit

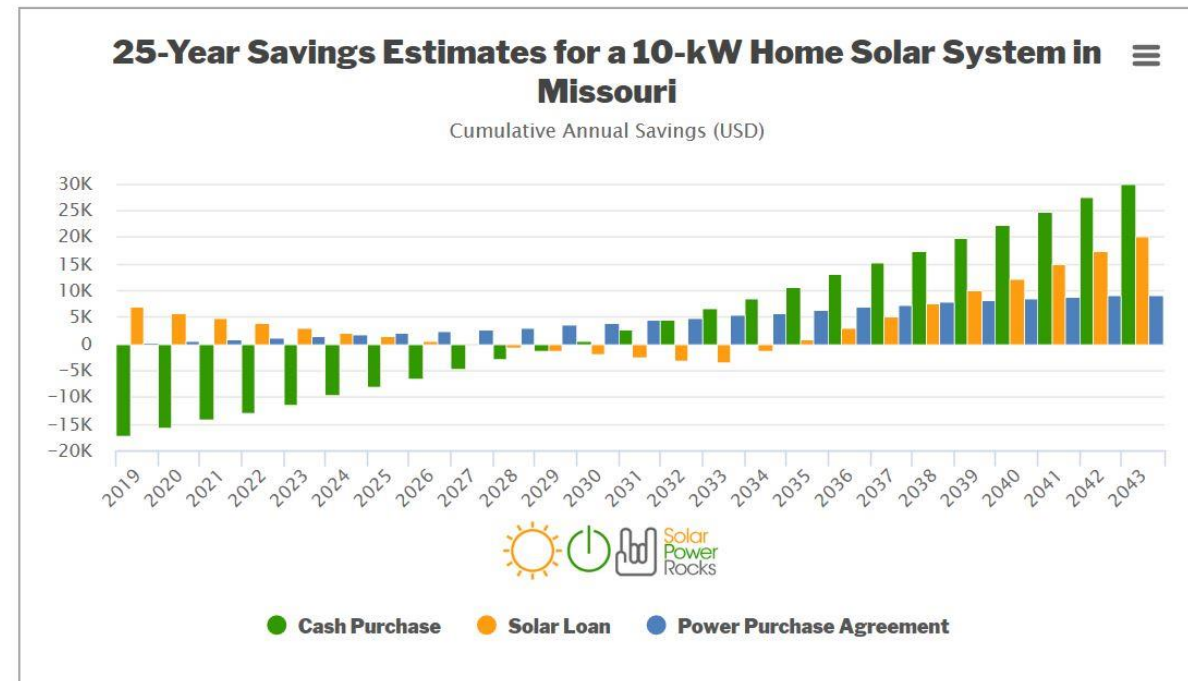
## Rent-to-Own Possibility:

- Invest utility dollars savings for equity
- Floor plan configured for future condominiums

## Repair & Maintenance:

- Rental Income: \$765 per month/unit
- Rental Income: \$535 per month/unit with housing assistance
- Total Rental Income: \$440,640
- Per CHA maintenance = 9% rental income
  - \$39,658 in maintenance

## Optional Purchase Power Agreement



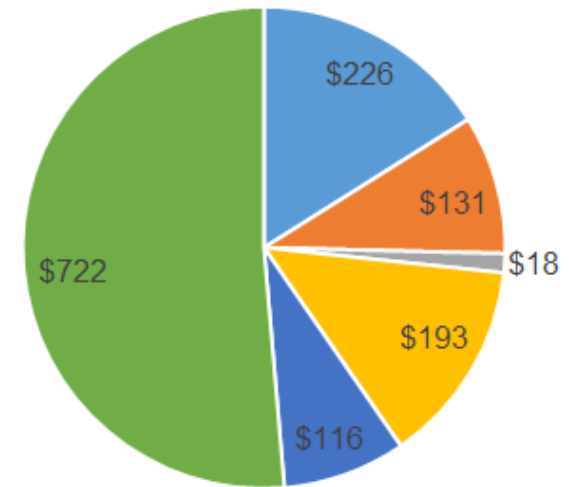
# Financial Feasibility & Affordability



## Rebates, Incentives, and More

- **CHA (client) is Non-for-Profit Organization**
  - Sales Tax 7% savings
  - No compensation or fees for marketing or sales commission
- **Job Point of Columbia (Youth Build)**
  - Lower contractor's overhead and profit (not-for-profit agency)
  - No sales tax on materials
- **Solar Property Tax Exemption (Missouri)**
- **Residential Renewable Energy Tax Credit (30% Geothermal Heat Pumps)**
- **Renewable Electricity Production Tax Credit (PTC) (\$0.023/kWh)**
- **Columbia Water & Light - Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Rebates (Multiple incentives)**
- **Columbia Water & Light - Solar Rebates (\$500/kW)**
- **Columbia Water & Light - HVAC and Lighting Efficiency Rebates**
  - HVAC: \$570 - \$3,770, Lighting: 50% of invoiced cost up to \$22,500)

Summary & Cost of Living



- Monthly Household Debt
- Monthly Utility Costs
- Insurance
- Operation and Maintenance Costs
- Property Tax
- Rent



# Resilience

Joplin, MO  
May 2011



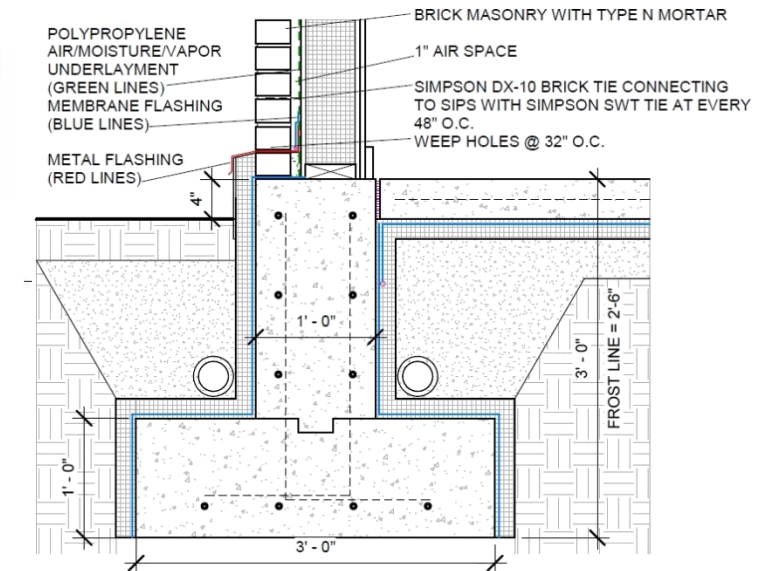
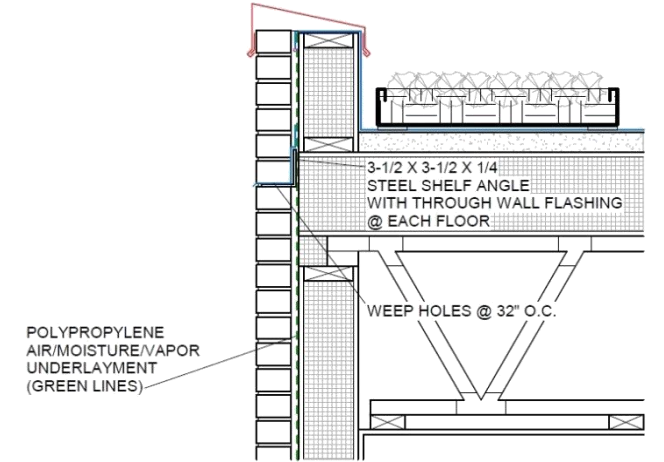
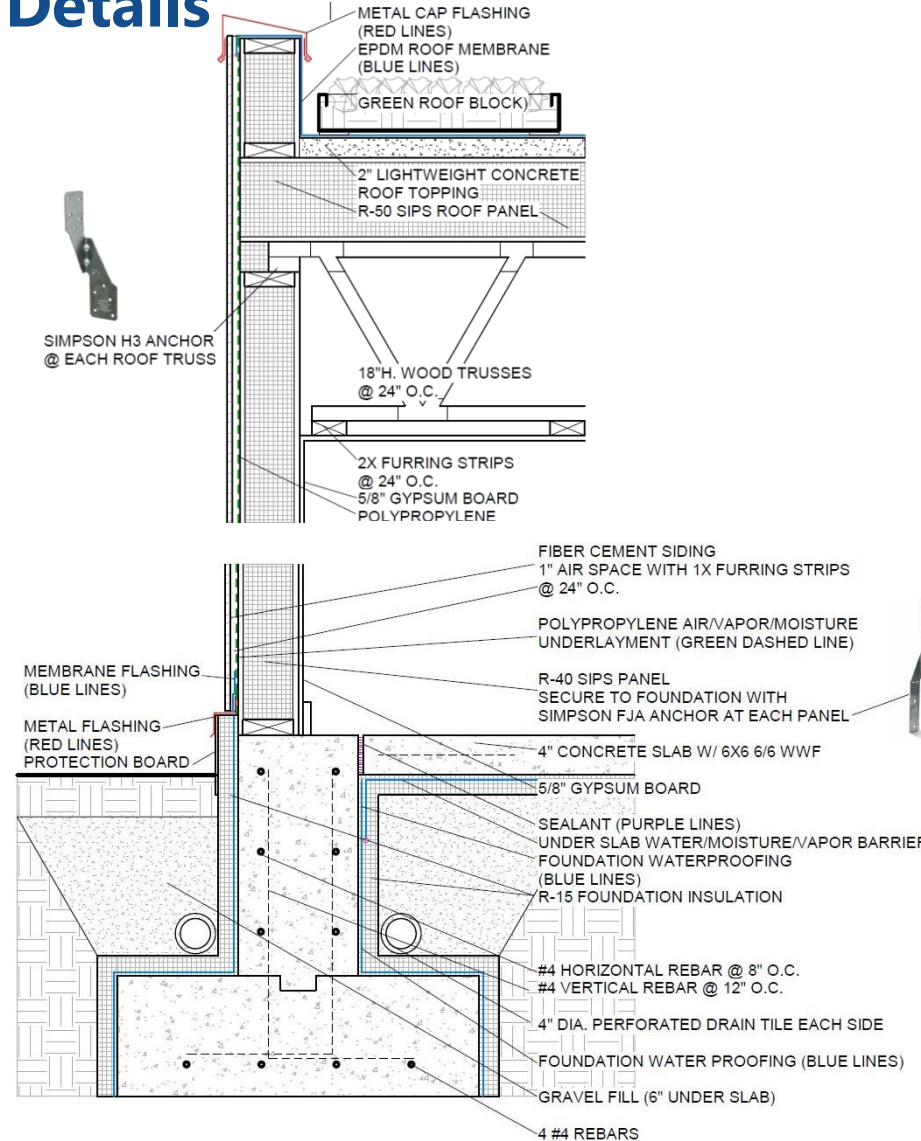
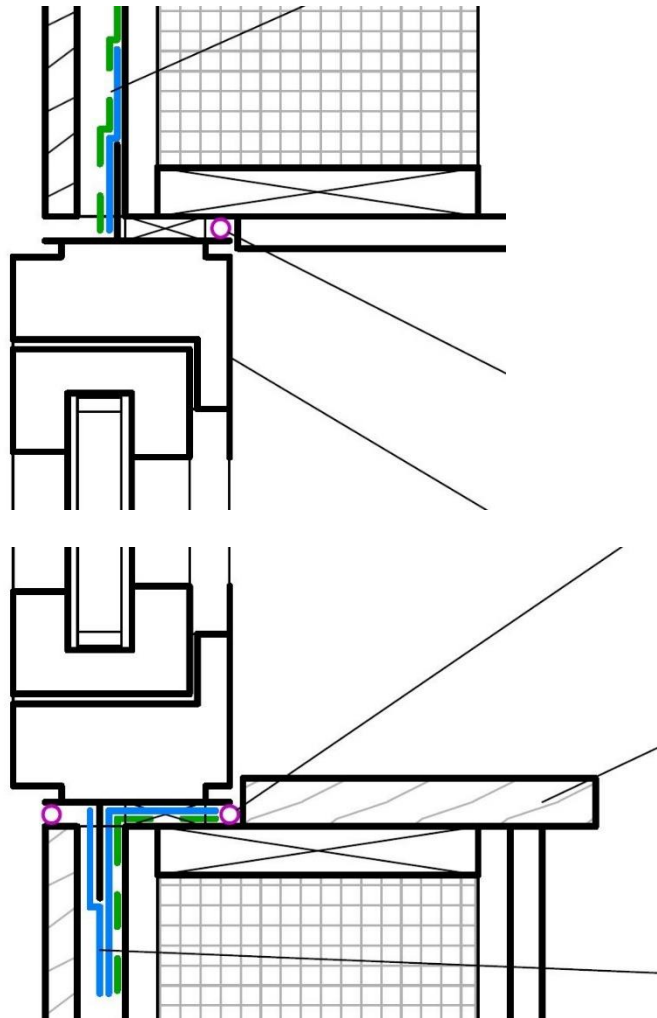






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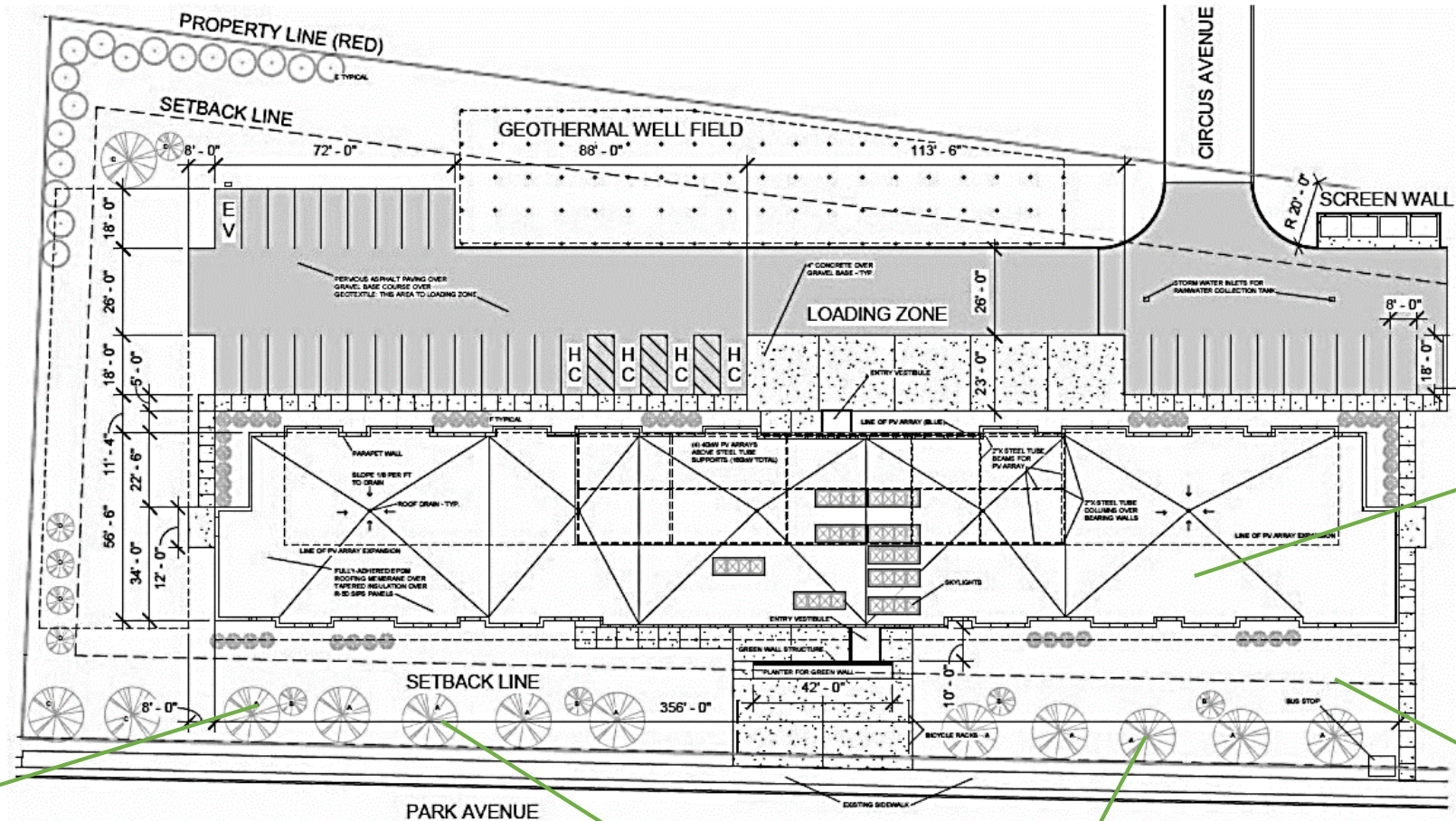
## Building Enclosure Design Details





## Site & Roof Plan

- Xeriscaping (native plants) limits the need for additional irrigation and fertilizers
- Modular green roof blocks (optional)
- Rainwater collection from roof and parking lot
- Permeable paving in some areas



Green Roof



Coneflower



Yellow Wild Indigo



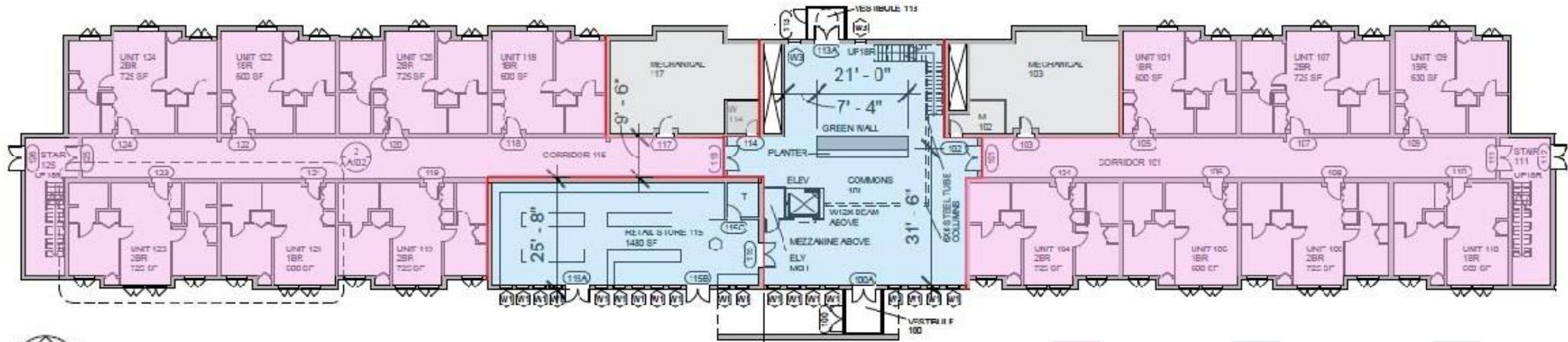
Bluestem



Buffalo Grass



# Architecture



1<sup>st</sup> Floorplan

PRIVATE



PUBLIC



SERVICE



Long central axis maximizes solar (**passive** and **active**) exposure

Separation of **public/private/services** spaces

Resilient core (**red lines**): ICF walls and two-hour fire separation

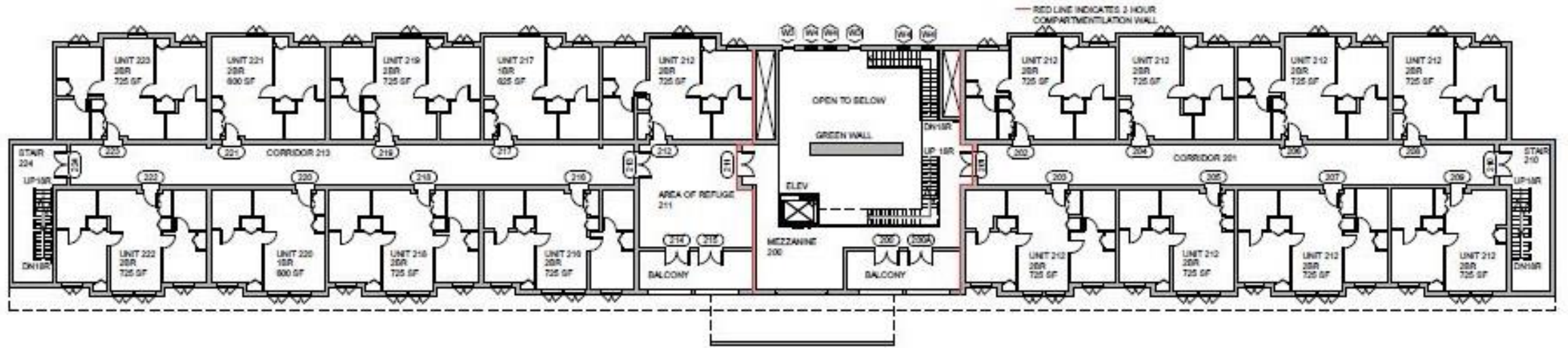
**Exterior material** and **form** of building inspired by surrounding street and neighborhood

- Brick and fiber cement siding
- High-performance vinyl windows and doors

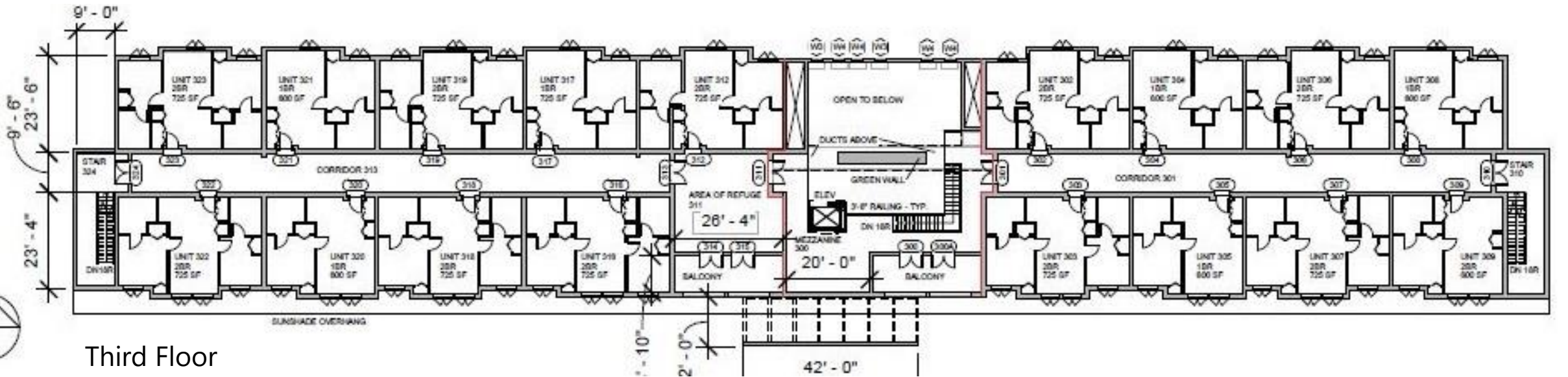
**Air lock vestibules** at entries

**27 one-bed**, one-bath; **21 two-bed**, two bath apartments

**3-story**, 32 feet tall building

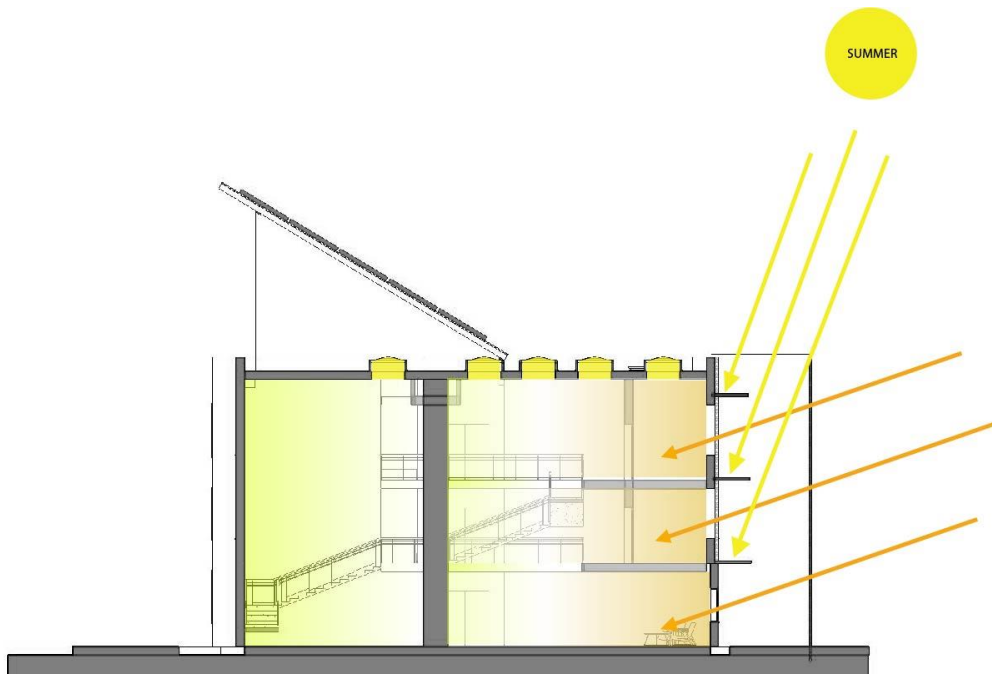


Second Floor

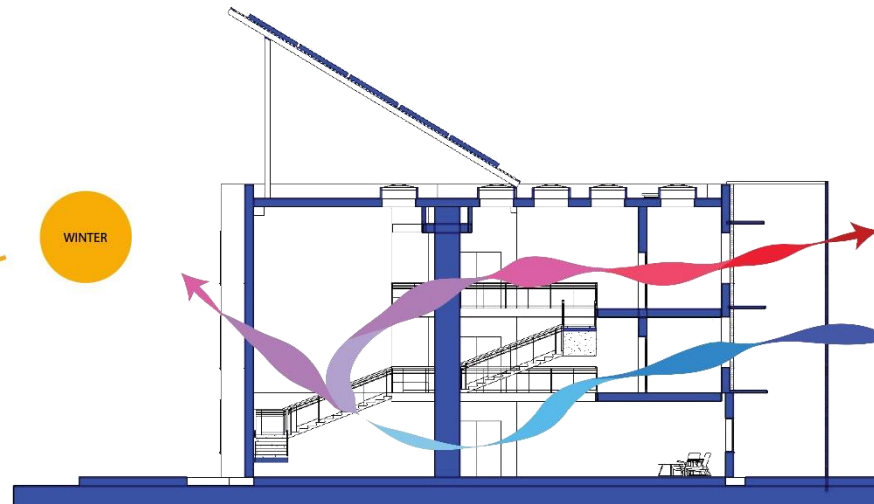


Third Floor





## Sun Diagram



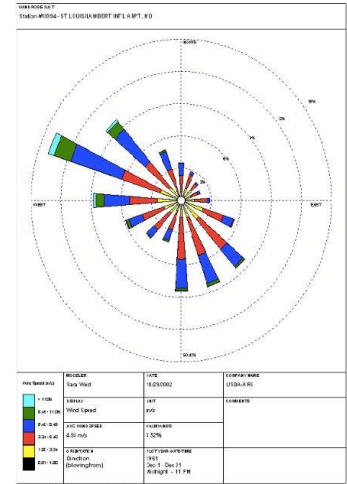
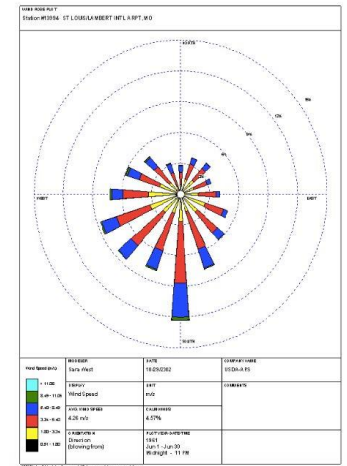
## Breeze Diagram

The commons area is designed for **passive solar heating, cooling** (natural ventilation), and **daylighting**.

- **Reduces loads** for mechanical and electrical systems
- Allow for heating, cooling and lighting during **disaster recovery** or **refuge**

### Quaker Window Manchester Series

	U-Value	SHGC
Vinyl Casement	.23	.18
Vinyl Double Hung	.25	.21
Vinyl Picture Window	.22	.22



## Wind Roses



## Indoor and Outdoor Vertical Green Wall

These walls include a variety of plants to give the building texture and life.

- The interior wall will be planted on a Florafelt Vertical Garden Planter.
- The exterior wall cools summer breezes entering the building and protects windows

## Ecologically Sensitive Interior Materials

- Rapidly renewable, recycled content, and/or local materials
- No VOCs or Formaldehyde
- **Concrete floor** in public areas and South apartments for thermal mass
- **Linoleum flooring** in bathrooms: 98% bio-based; 78% recycled content; biodegradable
- **Paperstone counter surfaces**: 100% recyclable and durable
- **Engineered bamboo hardwood**: 50-year warranty
- 100% LED lighting, with photocell





# Operations



Frigidaire Electric Stovetop and Oven



Energy Star Frigidaire Refrigerator



Insignia Microwave



GE combination washer and dryer



Energy Star Recessed Green LED lighting



LED GE Morgan Ceiling Fan with remote



Bar pendants lightology freejack LED lights



Panasonic whisper recessed LED lights vent fan



Vanity DweLED Bathroom Lighting



Philips Vetro LED PW series wall sconce



Energy Star Bellacore LED table pendants

# Market Potential

## Target Occupant:

**2-3 family members, low-income**

Target Family Income: **\$45,221 (2-3 family members)**

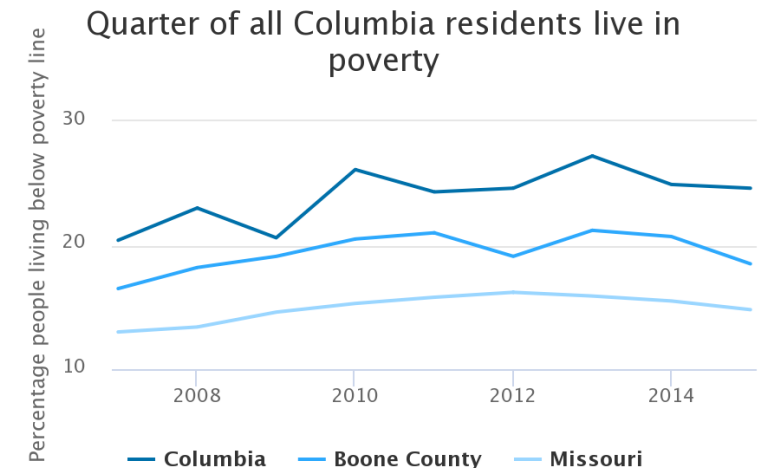
Cost of Living (Columbia, MO): **92.9%**

- Renters on public housing assistance (30% of adjusted monthly income)
- Most renters on LIHEAP and other government assistance
- Most families are food insecure



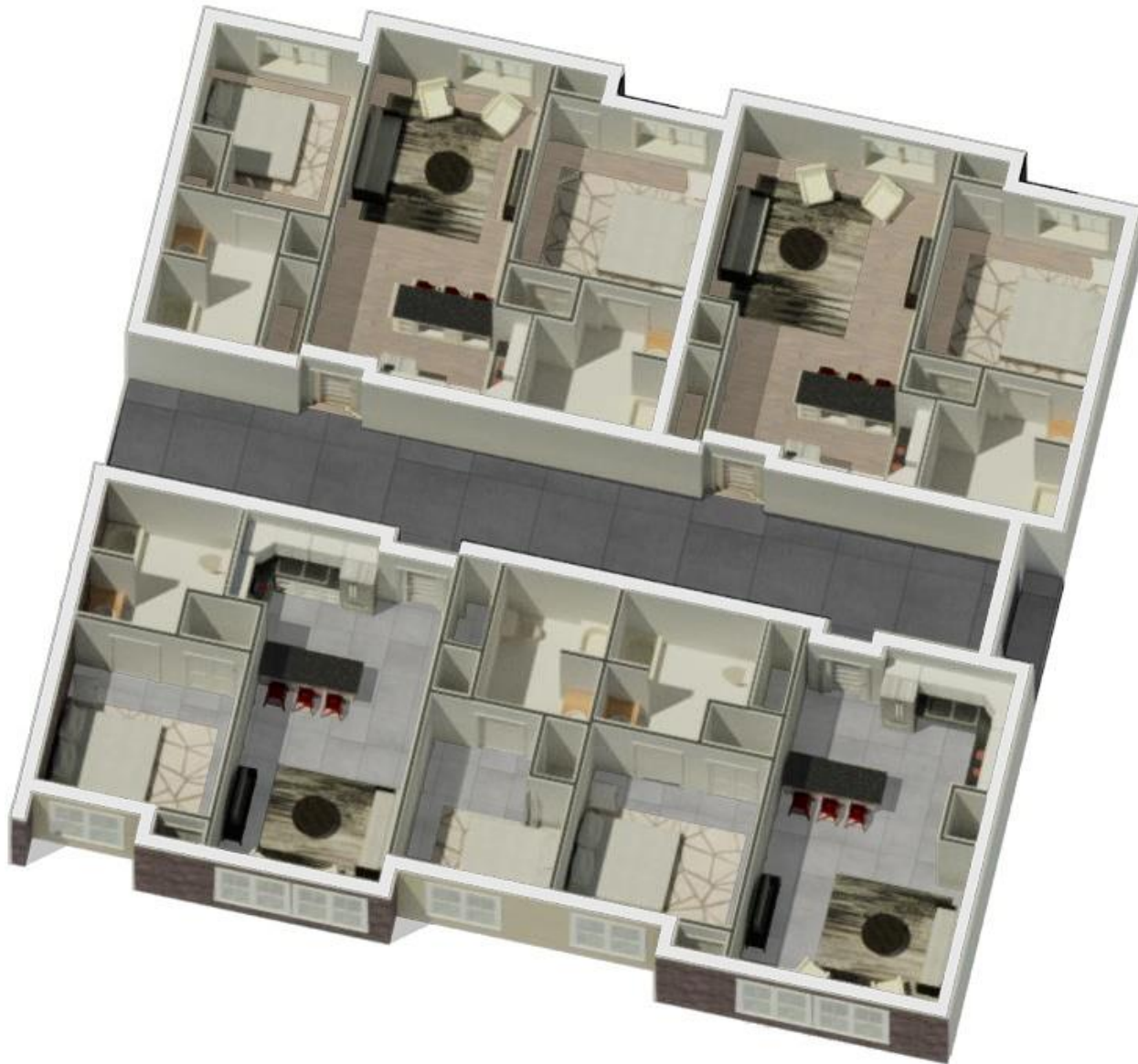
## CHA Criteria:

- **1,200 applications** for housing assistance per year
- **1,900 units** currently in CHA ownership
  - 2 year wait list
- Income limits
  - \$26,750 one-occupant
  - \$30,600 two-occupants
  - \$34,400 three-occupants
- Renters Assistance
- Livability and convenience
- Better benefits for less money





# Market Potential



**Sun space** South side apartments (bedrooms, living, dining, and kitchens) and atrium/mezzanines with thermal mass for solar heating

**Universal design** principles:

- 3 foot doors
- 5 foot turning diameter
- Clearances for approach
- One level
- Clear lines of sight

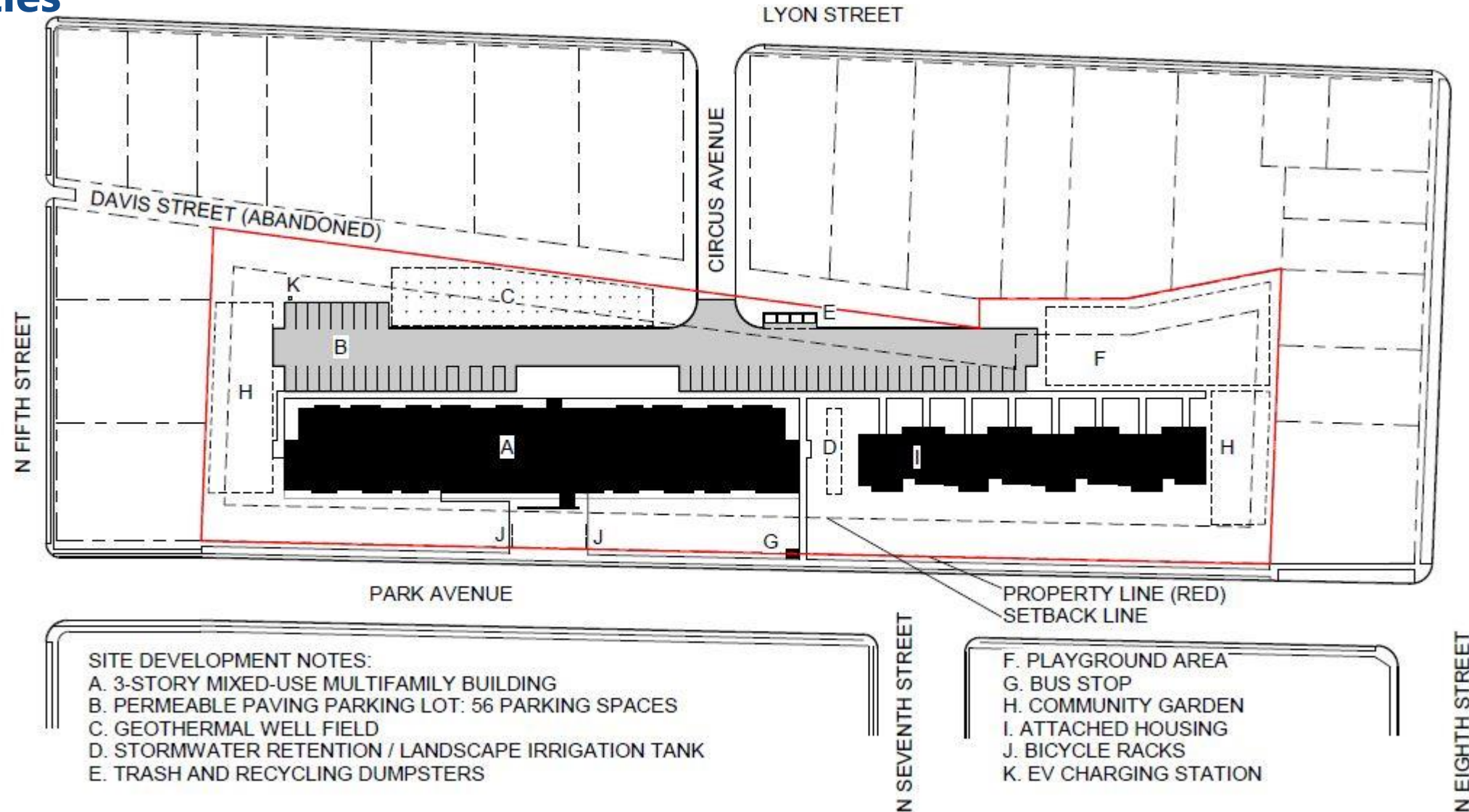
**Heat spaces** (kitchen, laundry, mechanical) located in central axis of building, near hallways

**Open** floor plan (flexibility)

- No hallways in apartments

# Market Potential

## Amenities





# Comfort & Environmental Quality

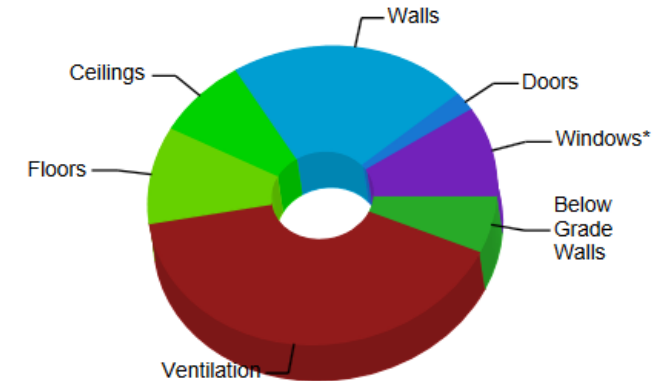
## HVAC Design Criteria:

- Systems that fit into the limited area
- Maximizes human comfort
- Maximizes energy-efficiency
- Assists in reducing indoor humidity to below 50%
- Affordable for simple homes that are market ready
- Easy distribution of conditioned, filtered, and fresh air to all rooms for good indoor air quality
- Quiet system performance
- Reliable quality and low maintenance
- Simple and intuitive to use by homeowners
- Water heating through geothermal heat pump

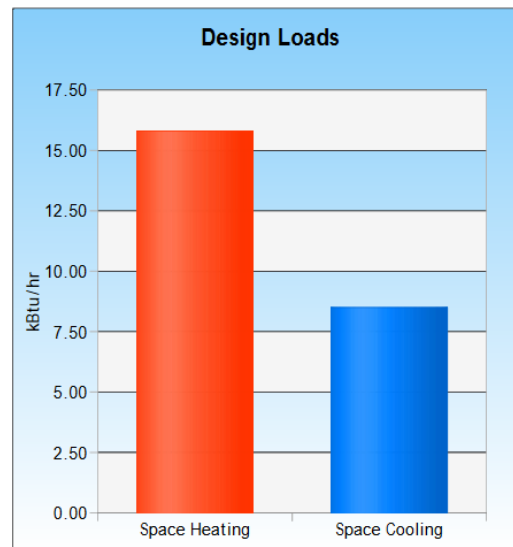
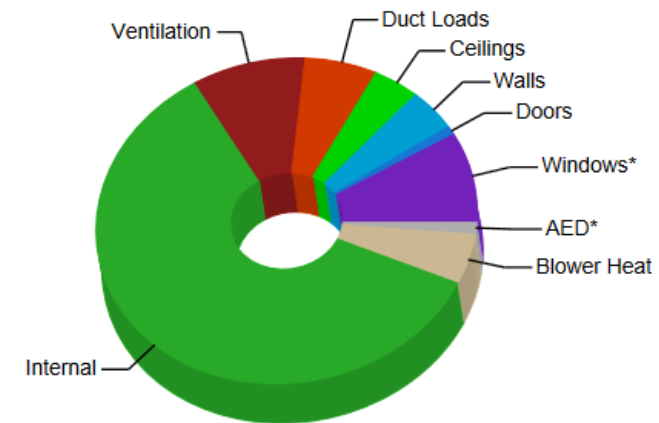


## Manual J Assumptions

Heating Load Breakdown



Sensible Load Breakdown



REM Rate – Heating and Cooling loads



Honeywell VNT5070 E 1000  
Energy Recovery Ventilator

- **Radon Reduction:** Passive system in each residential wing
- **Whole House Ventilation:** Honeywell VNT5070 E 1000 Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV)
  - 60 to 65 CFM
  - ASHRAE 62.2 compliance
- **Filtration:** MERV 10 (Winter and Summer), MERV 13 (Spring and Autumn)
- **Source Exhaust** (ducted to outside):
  - Bathrooms: 50 CFM
  - Kitchen: 100-135 CFM



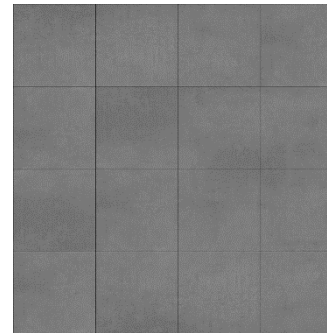
# Comfort & Environmental Quality

## Noise Control:

- Double-stud walls with insulation
  - Between units
  - Between hallways and units
- STC value:
  - 50 to 59 (loud sounds can barely be heard)

## Contaminant Control:

- No VOCs or Formaldehyde
- MERV 10 to 13 filtration
- Indoor plant wall to naturally remove contaminants, and naturally control humidity
- Units are separated from each other thermally, acoustically, and for fresh air flow
- Independent exhaust for kitchens and bathrooms



# Innovation

## Resilient Core



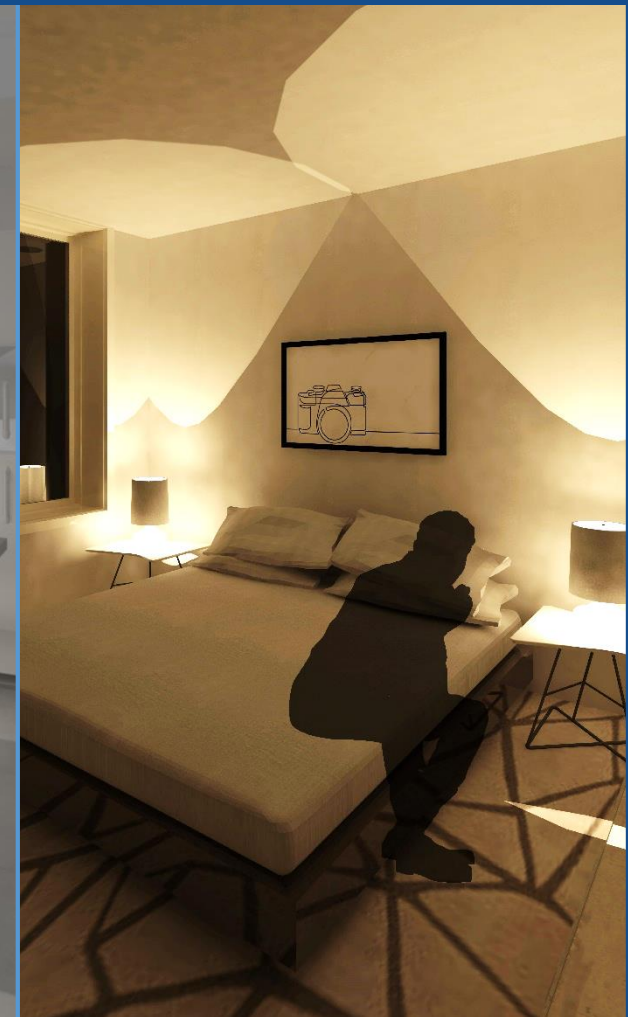
## Green Walls



## Affordability



## Accessibility





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