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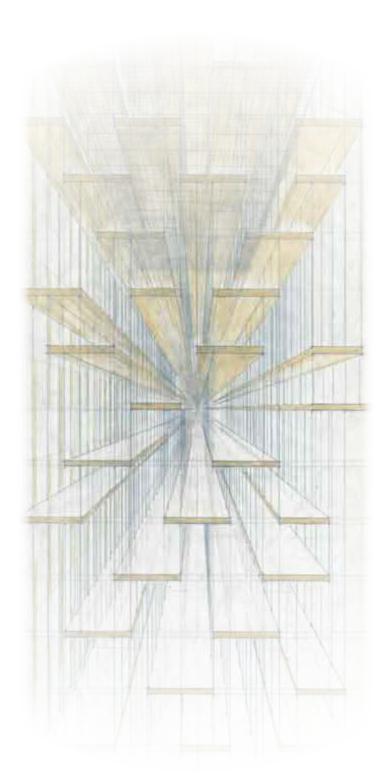
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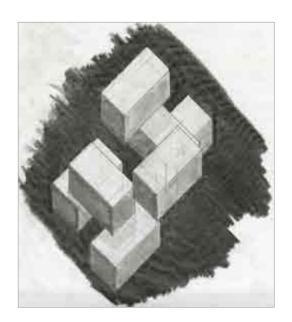
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Abstract

THE GOAL OF URBANISM AS A MODEL IS
NOT TO TEST THE LIMITS OF DENSITY OR
PUSH THE BOUNDARIES OF HOW SOCIALLY
REMOVED OR ENGAGED AN INDIVIDUAL
CAN BE, BUT TO BRING ORDER TO THE
GROWING, MALLEABLE, AND COMPLEX
INTERACTIONS OF HUMAN LIFE.

This model is a hypothesis on different urban connections. A reworking of the framework, which allows for intersecting and layering elements to become the backdrop to the everyday drama of life.

And while modern cities epitomize the collection of autonomous structures, this thesis seeks to expand on that notion through overlapping and folding that model back on itself, creating a means for new dynamics and exchanges.

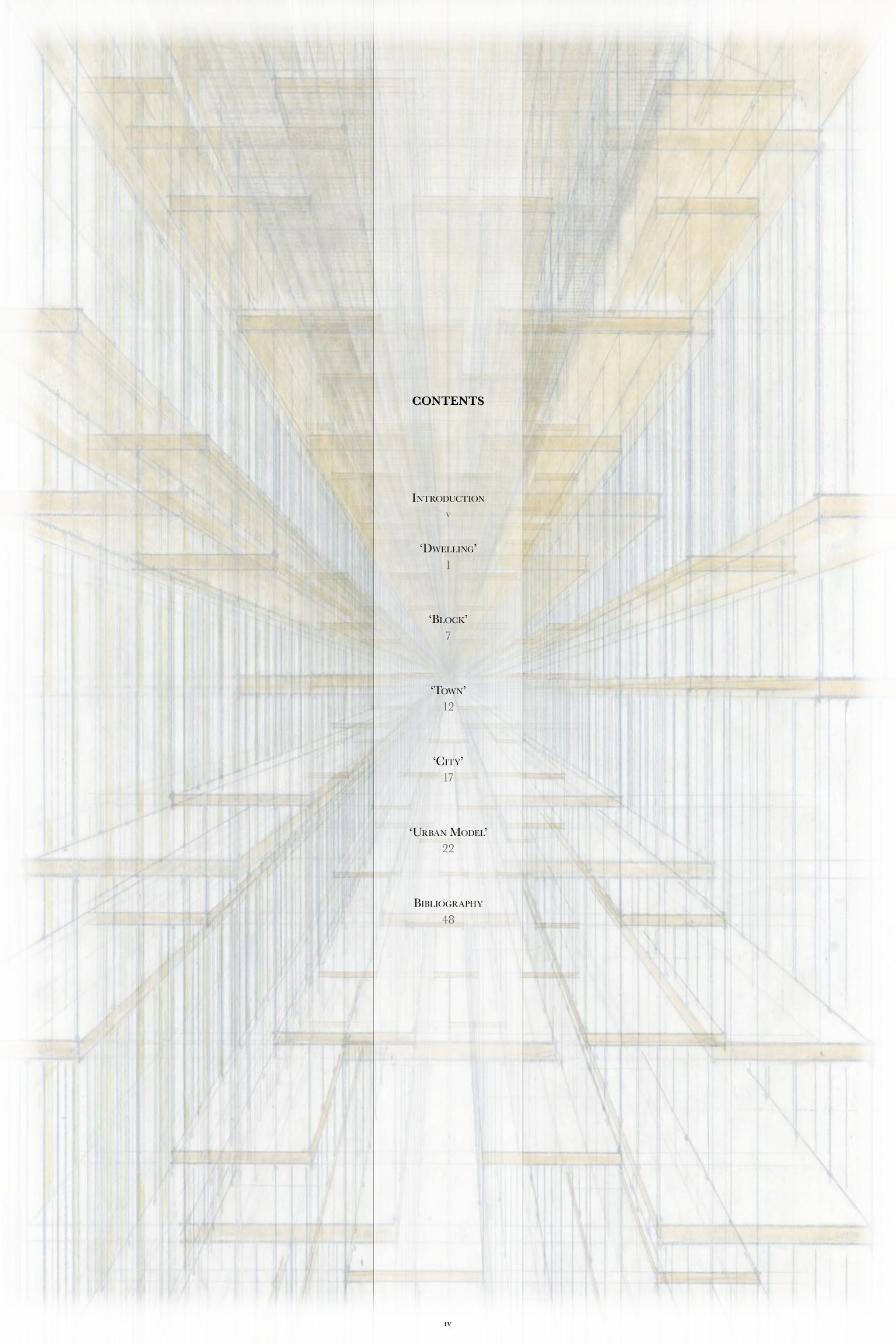


DEDICATION

To Nakita, My Counterpoint and Lifeline, Your Sacrifice and Support Mean the whole world to Me. IBU

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My Mother - my #1 fan My Father And Xoe

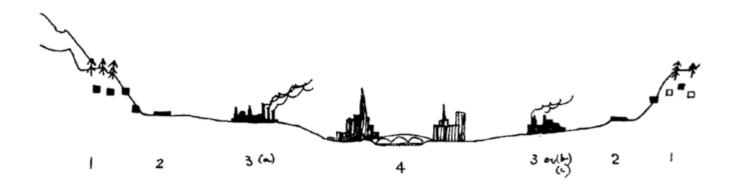


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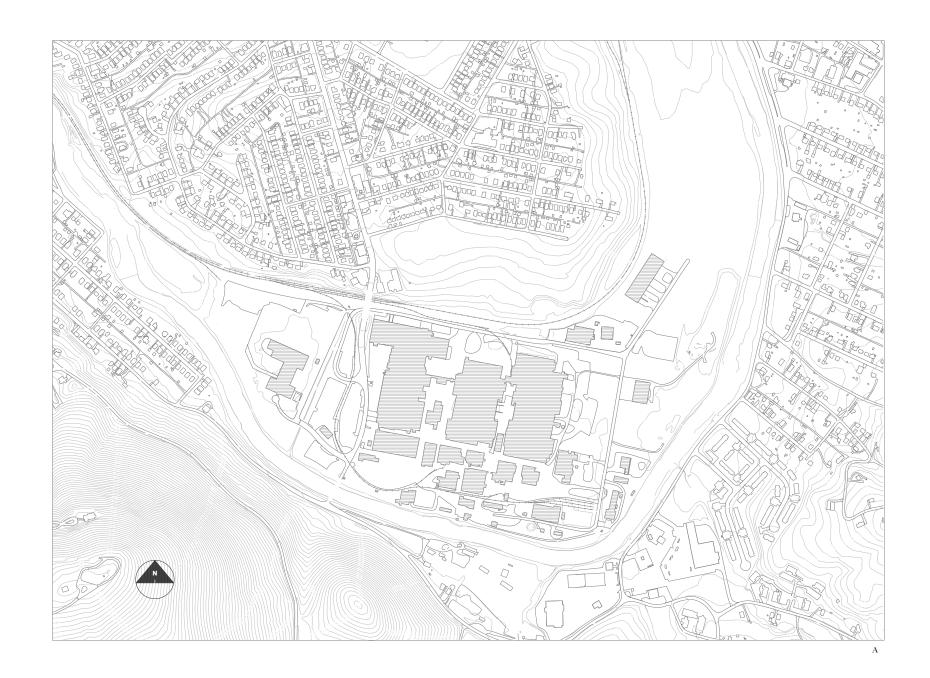
The progression of the thesis follows a similar path posed by Team X members Georges Candilis, Alexis Josic, and Shadrach Woods. The parts are divided to help reflect the different scales attempting to be addressed. The concern was to unite the big and the small to find a form for differing program types to blend. A means of moving from the small to the large, the intimate to the distant.

The attempts made by those members of Team X posited engaging utopian models. A critique of their ideas worth noting is that their models relied too heavily on pedestrian movement; a particular shift which seems more of a prescription for an urban life rather than an attempt to complement it. These urban models focused on a reduction of elements from vehicles to nature in a desire to shape the ideal society. The need to simplify in this regard appears to cost more than it gains by not recognizing the beauty of the irrational. And in the case of this thesis, the attempt is to take the city another step, may likely suffer from the same issues in hindsight.

Going through the Team X texts, the concept of what constitutes a city is addressed primarily through the below diagram. The city emerges through the accumulation of relationships and connections between individuals. At the first stage is the house, or dwelling, the singular element or building block. As a collection of dwellings form, the town develops. The town evolves into the village. Unlike the town which functions as its own microcosm, the village becomes specialized. This specialization indicates a role in a larger network. A network which may take the form of the city. The problem of modern urban centers is the use of artificial and arbitrary zoning. This thesis model attempts to provide different levels of scale to move across and operate. And in doing so, achieves another layer of exploration, reifying and bringing forth programs that breathe new perspective and life into these spaces.

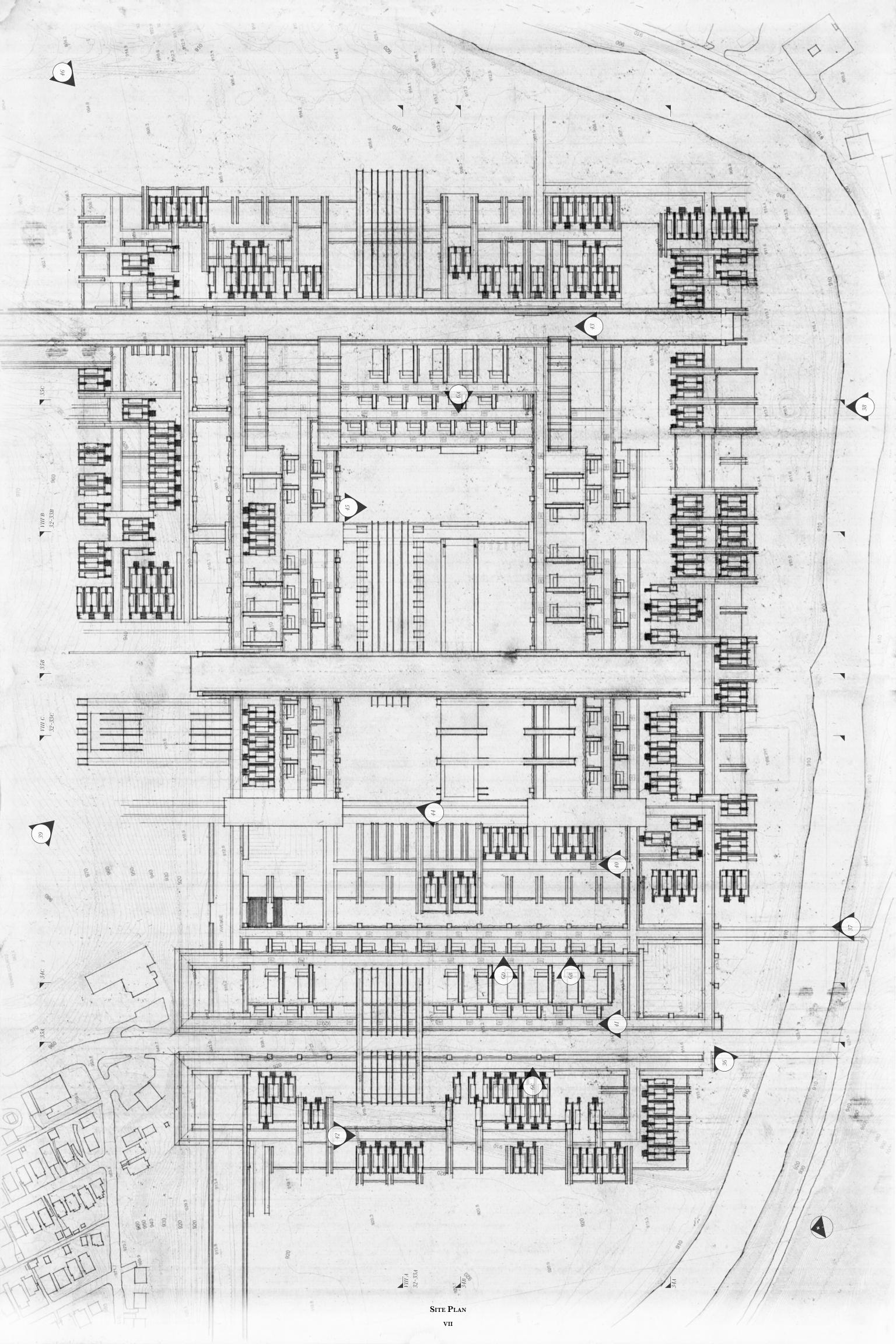


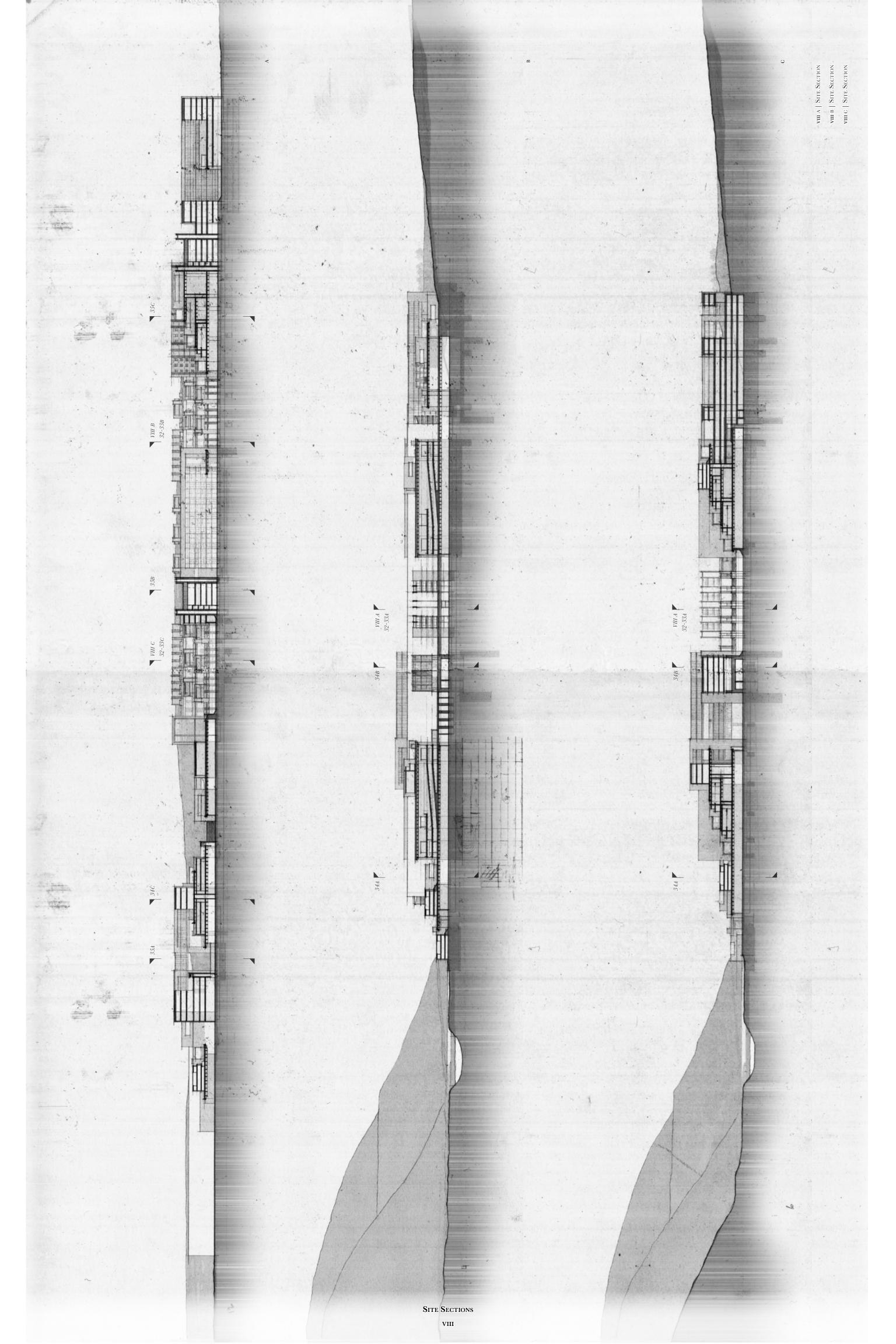
- 1. HOUSE DETACHED HOUSE FARM
- 2. Group Village
- 3. Community Town of Various Sorts (Industrial/Admin/Special)
- 4. Core Cities (Multi-Functional)



Located in Roanoke, VA and sandwiched between a railway and the Roanoke River just below Morningside Park, a piece of land containing an existing industrial park serves as the site. The existing structures, denoted by the shaded regions, are 'removed' for the purposes of the introducing the proposed alternative urban plan.







'Dwelling'

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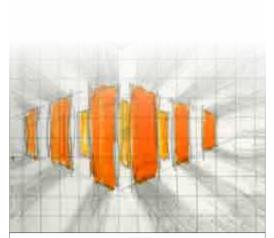
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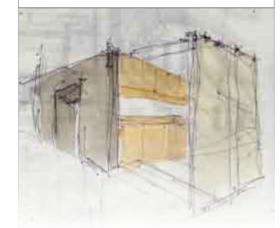
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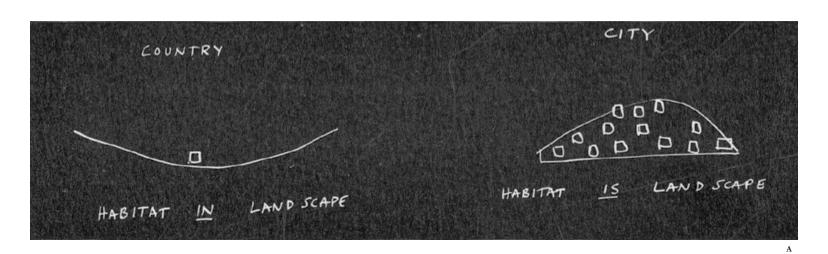
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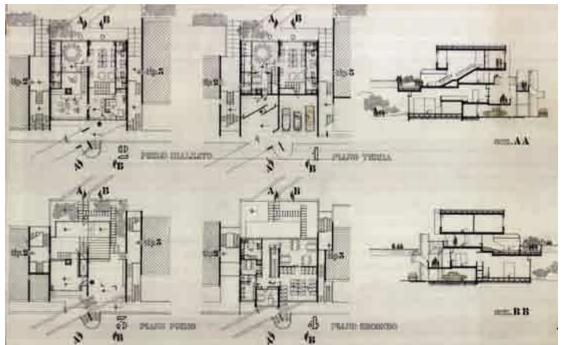
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The dwelling is the primary unit of living. Simultaneously the embodiment of the world and the individual, the house is its own beginning and ending. The world that emanates from its core will resonate throughout the whole.



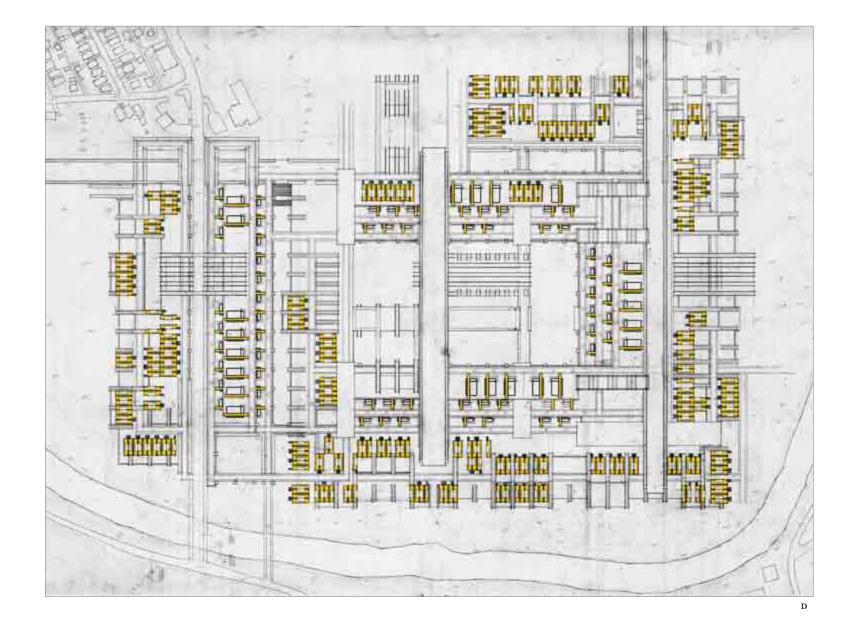






The dwelling, as illustrated in the above diagram (Fig. a) and Moshe Safdie's Habitat '67 (Fig. 2.2.a), fluctuates from being its own autonomous element to being a piece of a larger entity.

The housing unit takes on the role of forming urban fabric by allowing its architecture to inform the site. Giancarlo's De Carlo's Villagio Matteotti (fig. b & c) housing estate helps illustrate this principle. Through the formation of these simple dwellings, wonderful spaces emerge.

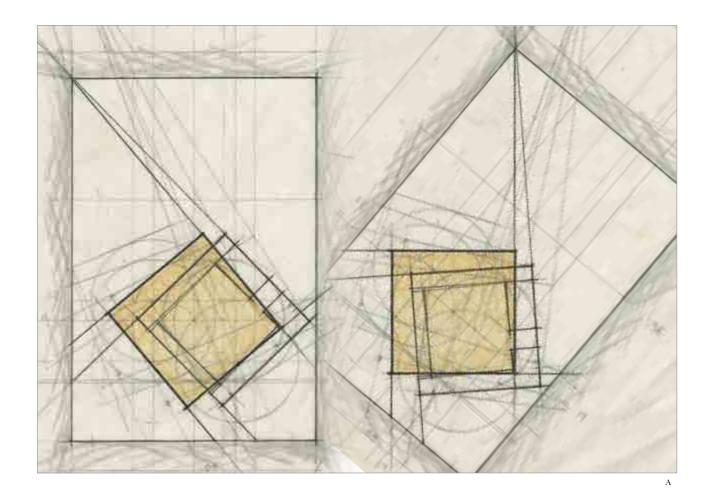


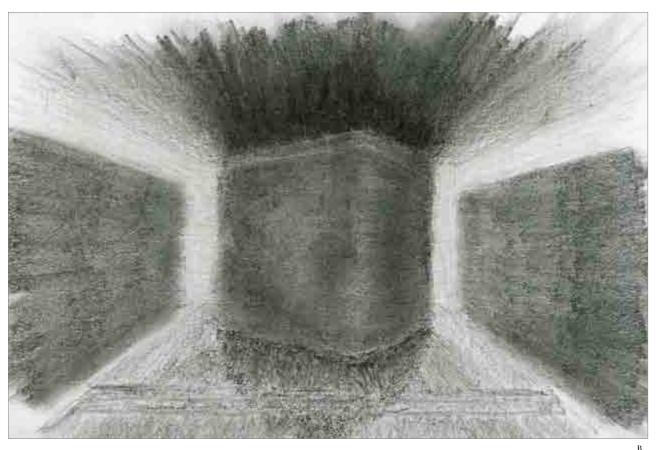
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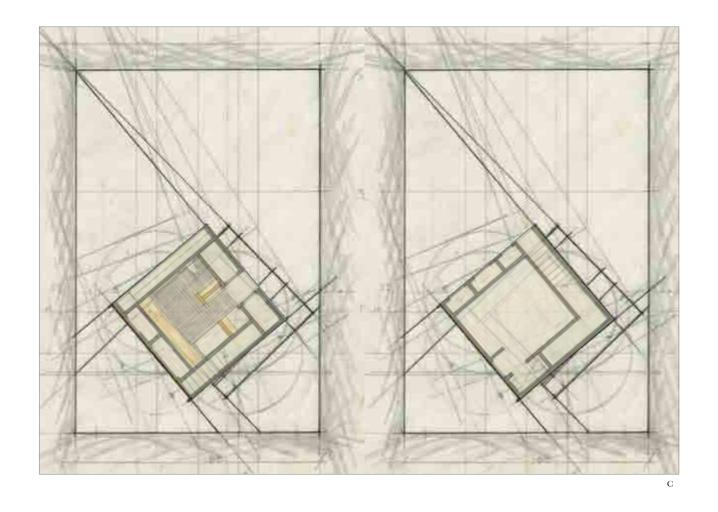
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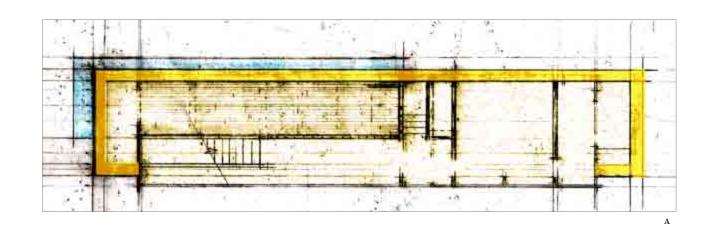


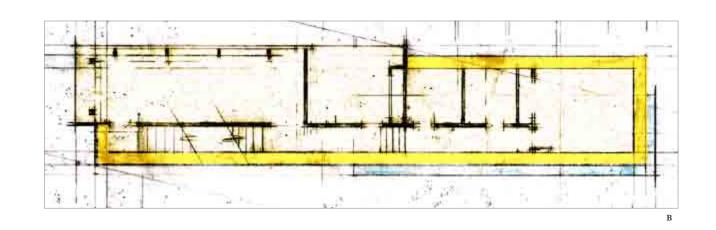


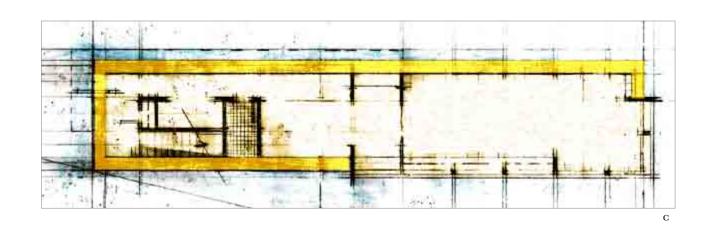
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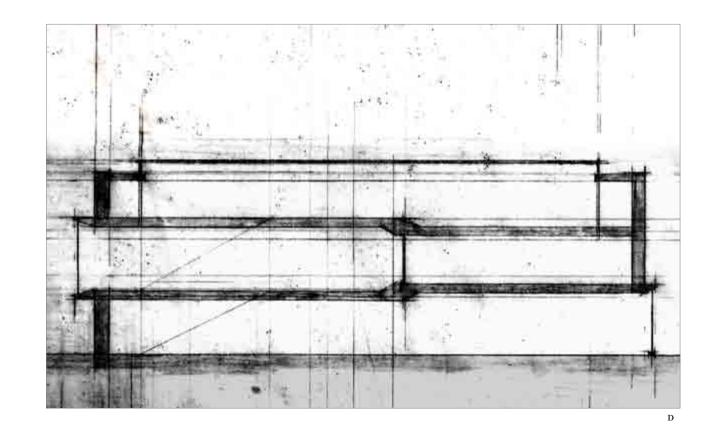
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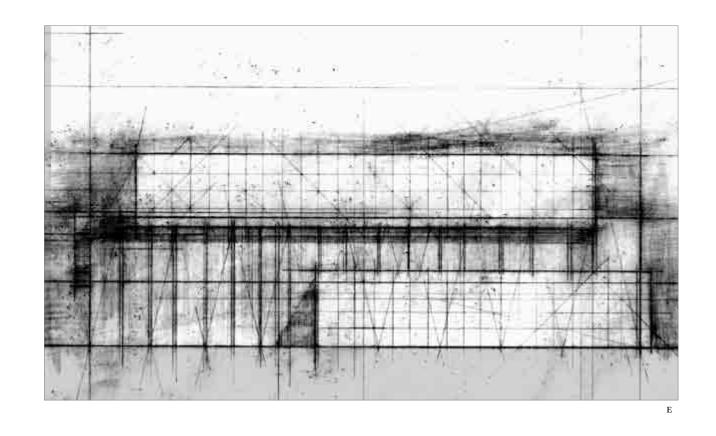
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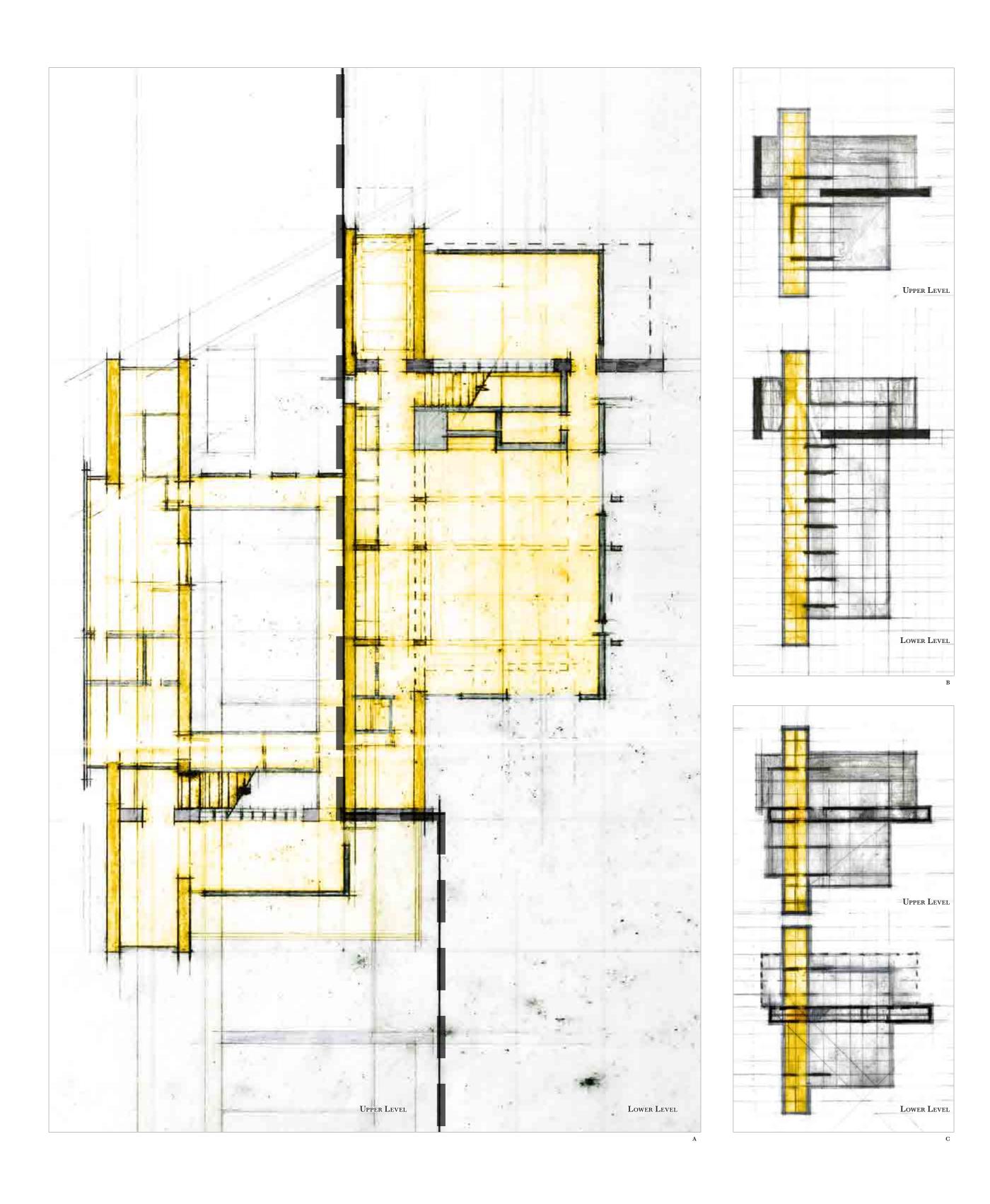








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'Block'

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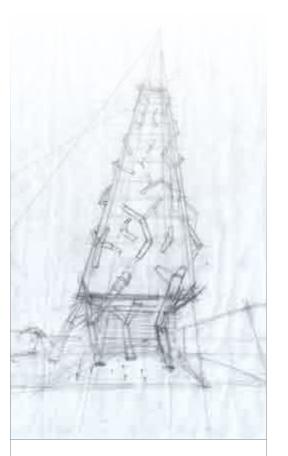
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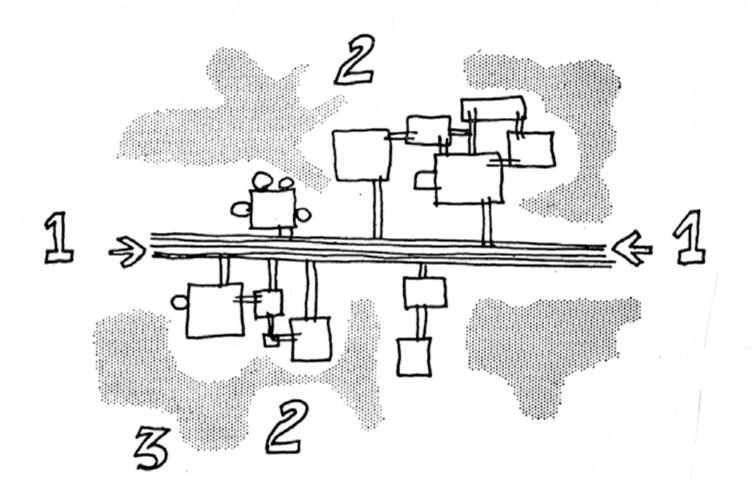
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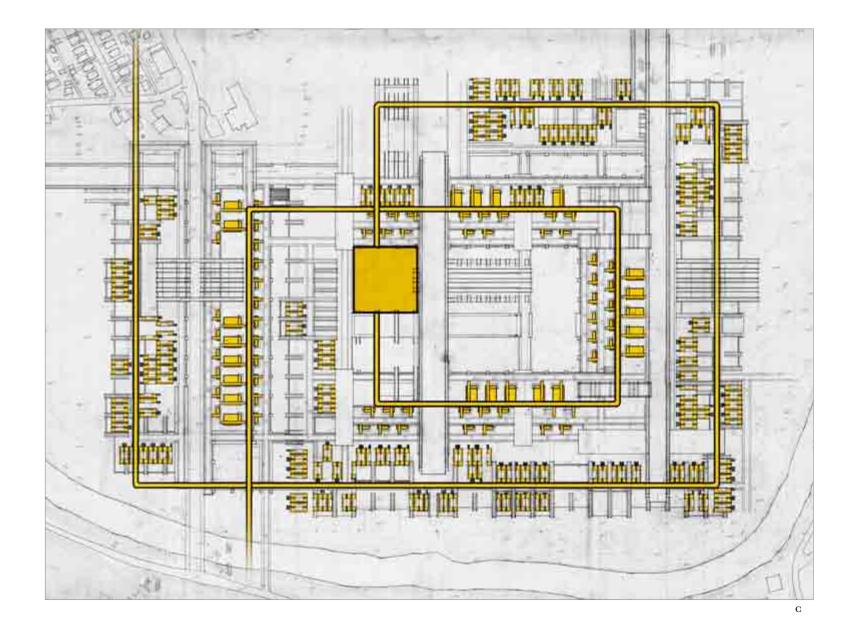
From one room a collection emerges to form a village. A series of streets connecting the rooms to the world beyond.

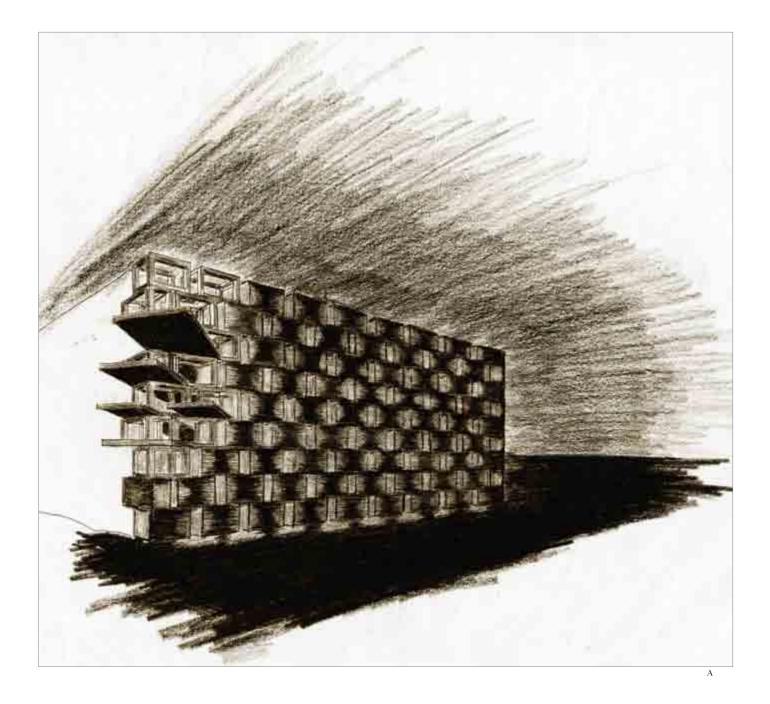




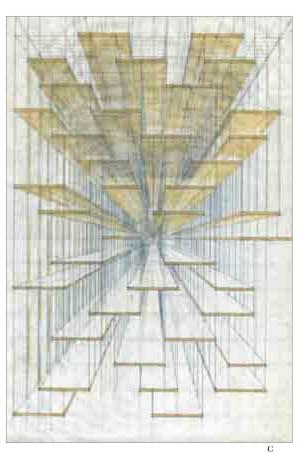


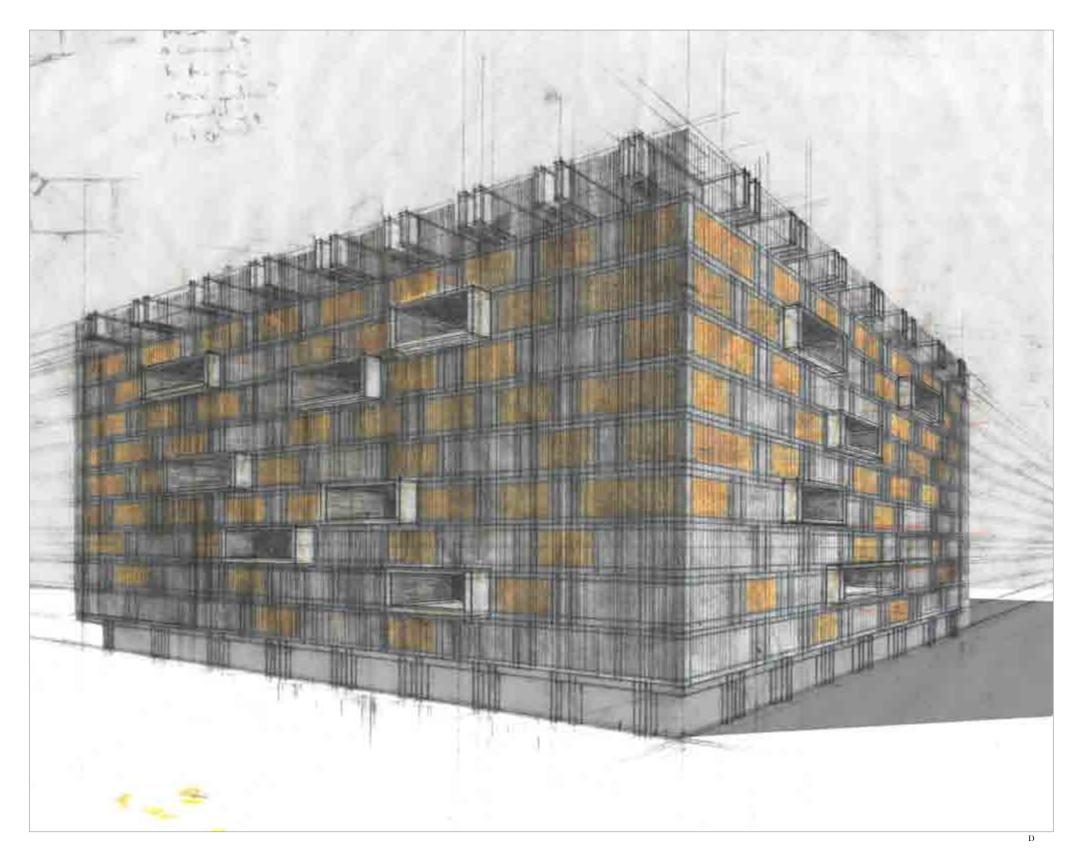
The growth of the block, as mentioned previously, is a simple aggregation of multiple dwellings. It facilitates the emergence of gathering locations for public and social dealings. The community functions in its own cluster and starts to develop connections with additional clusters.









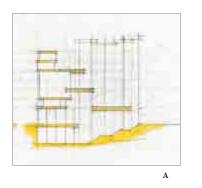


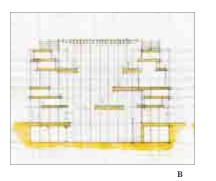
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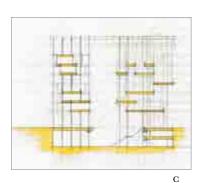
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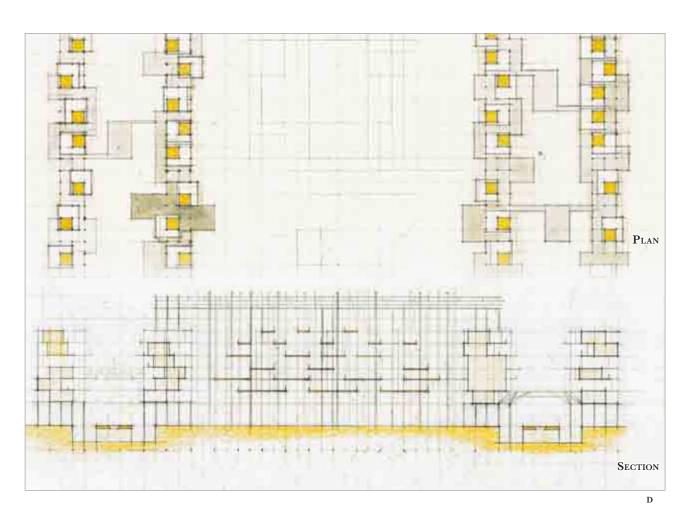
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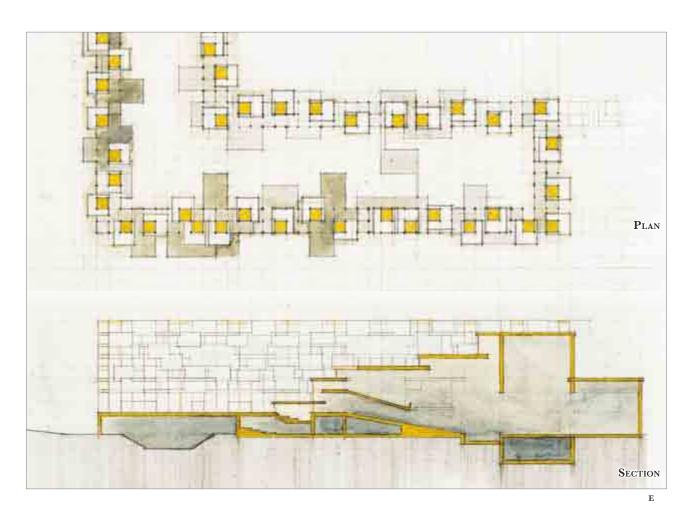
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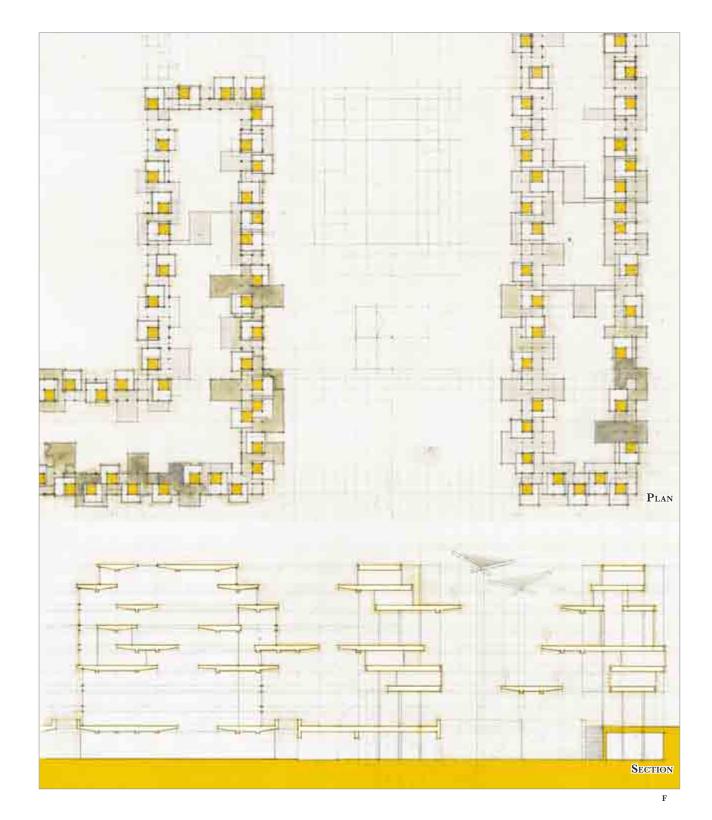






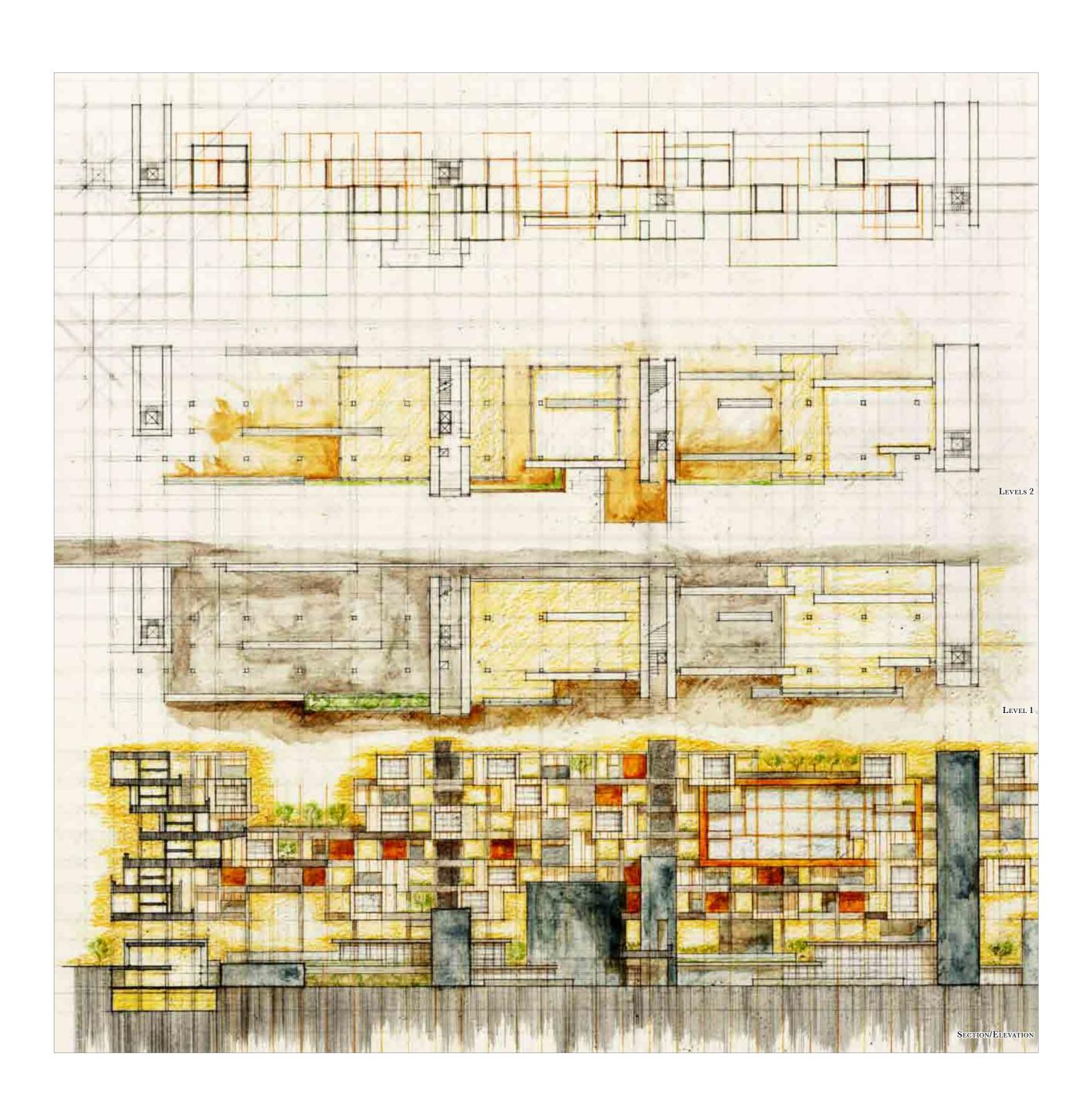






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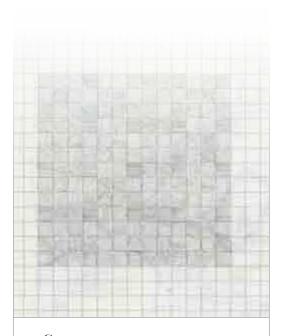
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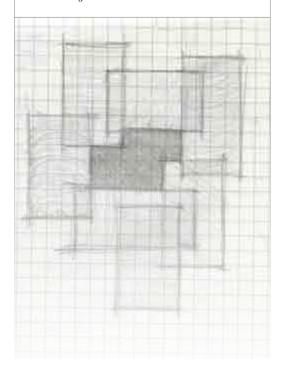
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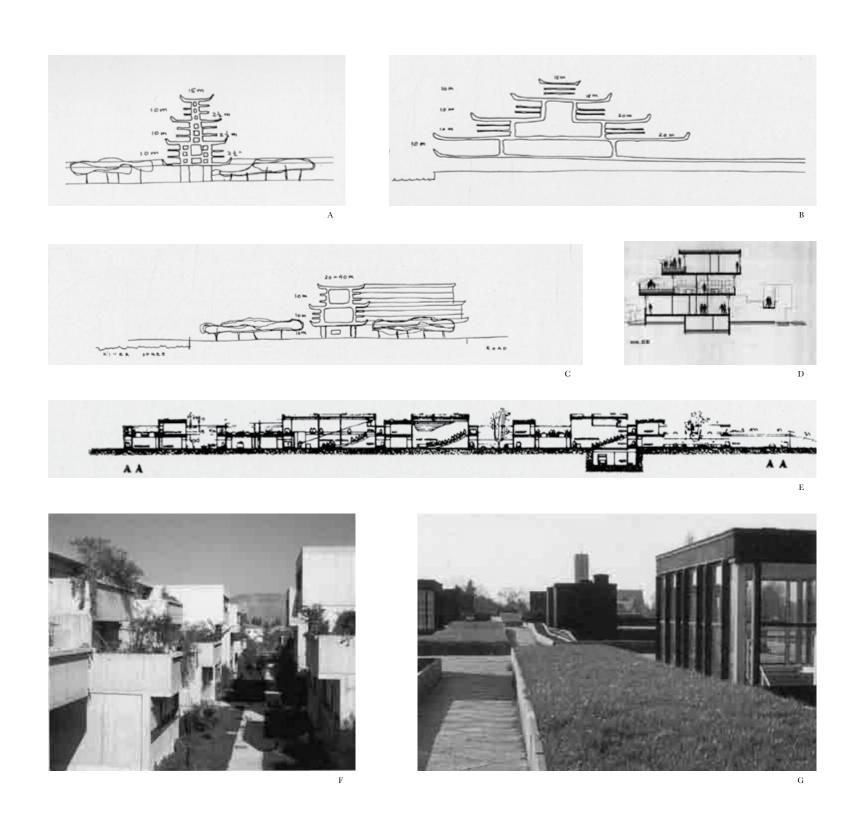
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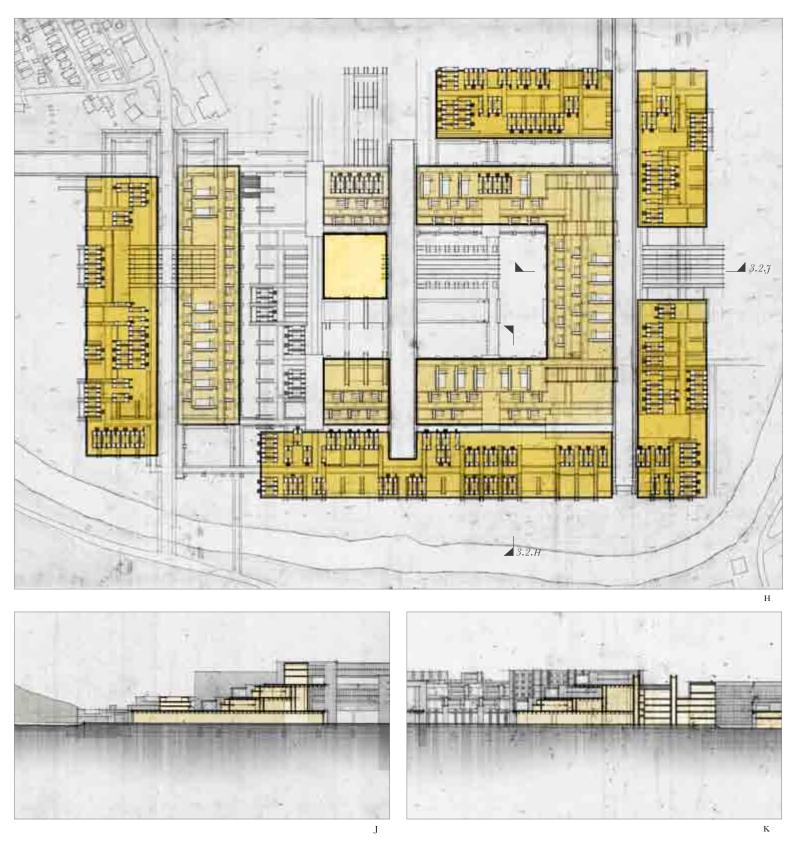


CRAFTING NEW SPACES TO GO BEYOND
THE NEEDS OF THE BLOCK, THE TOWN
TAKES ON NEW CHARACTERISTICS IN
THE JOINTS BETWEEN DWELLINGS.





This 'new' model is realized again by recalling the Free University and Villagio Matteotti's stacking ground-scapes to create structures that blurred the boundary of what the ground plane is and how the building intersects it. Through the shifting and distorting of the plane, the disconnect from the ground induced by taller buildings is mitigated - if not shifted to a labyrinthine experience. Yet through that shifting, within the new planes established, differing forms and spaces arises.



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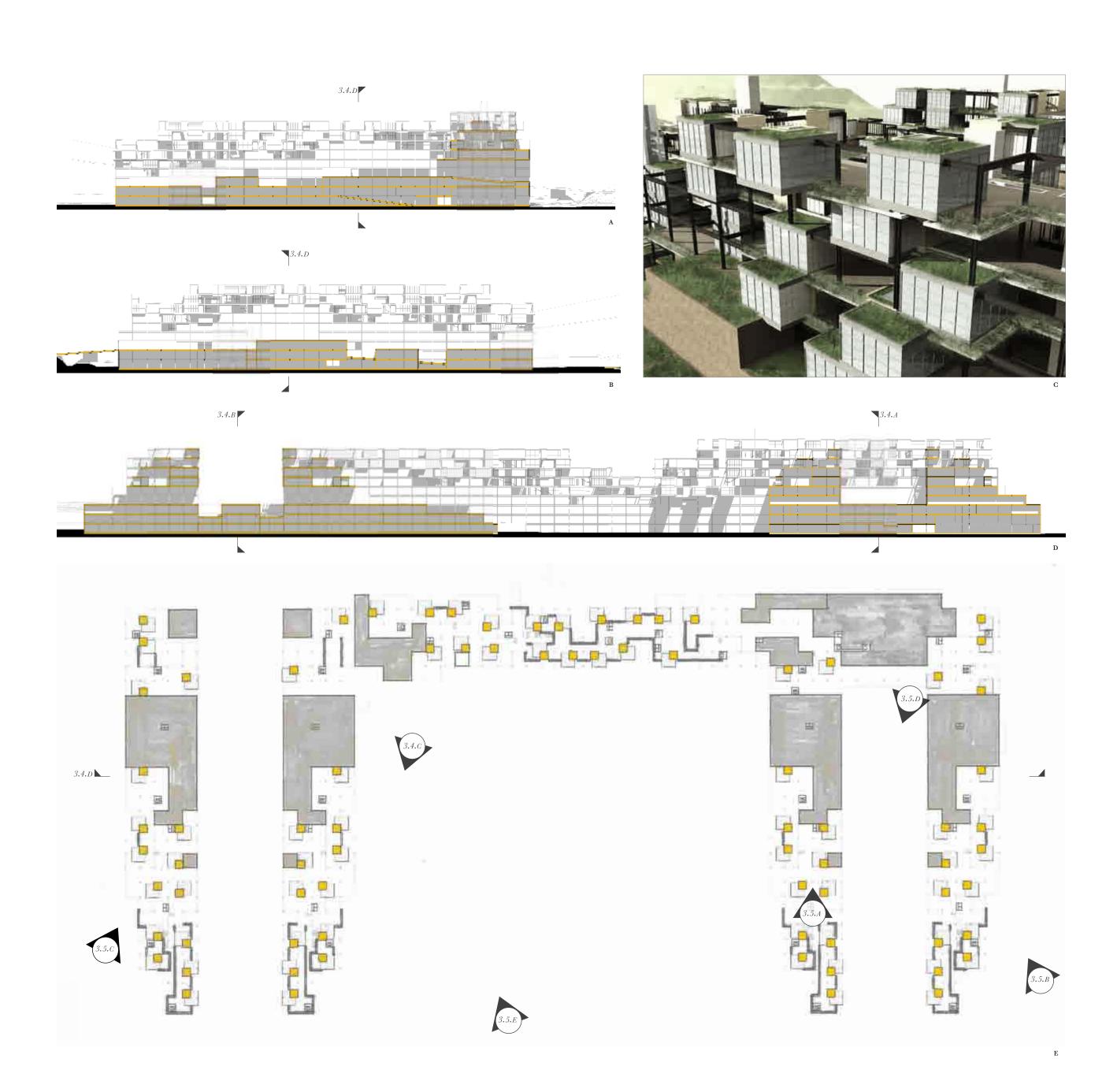
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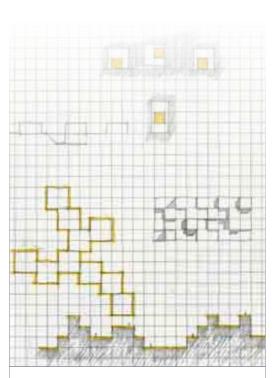
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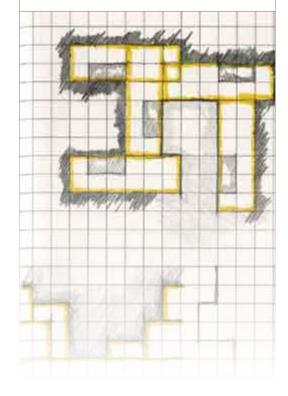
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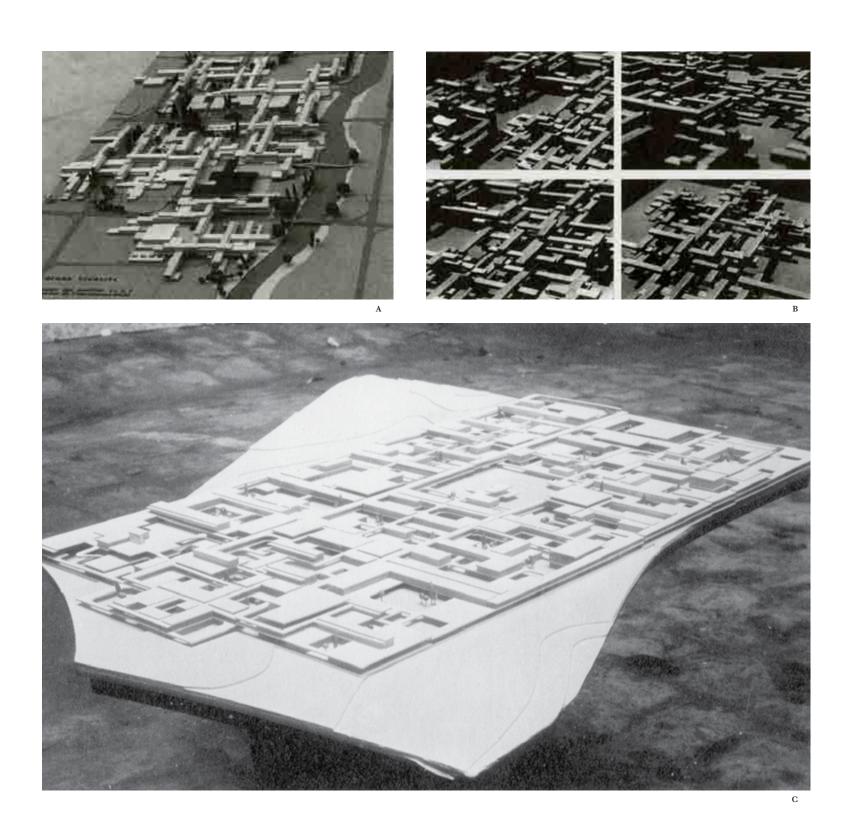
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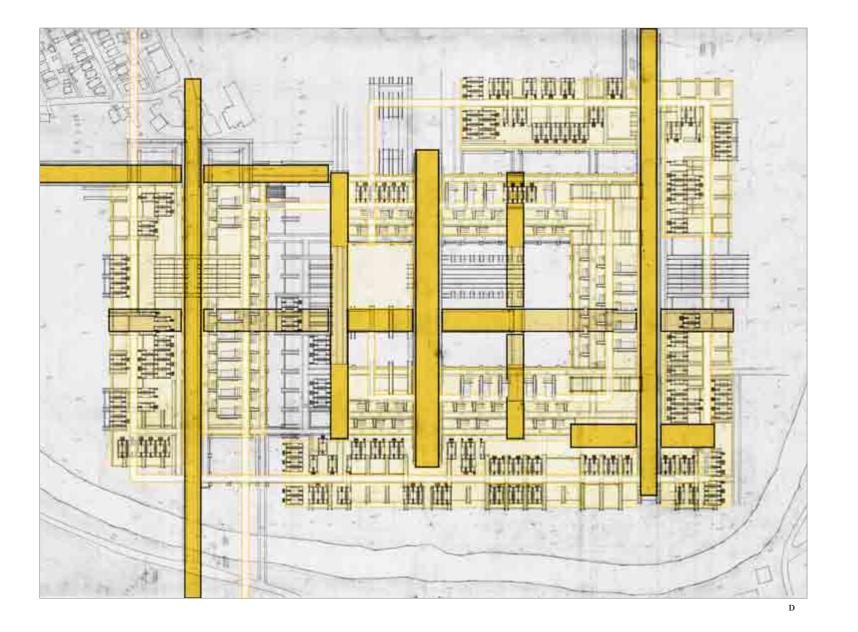


WITH THE PARTS AMASSED,
THE TOWNS CONNECTED,
THE CITY EMERGES FROM THE
LAYERS TO FORM A NEW PATTERN OF
OPEN AND CONTAINED SPACES.





Reflecting the form of dwellings, shifting the scale of what is considered home from small to large, the spines tie the towns together. The spines aid in the vertical transitions from each layer while also providing external connections to other sites. While the line between building and landscape blends, the diagram ventures further away from a figure/ground diagram.

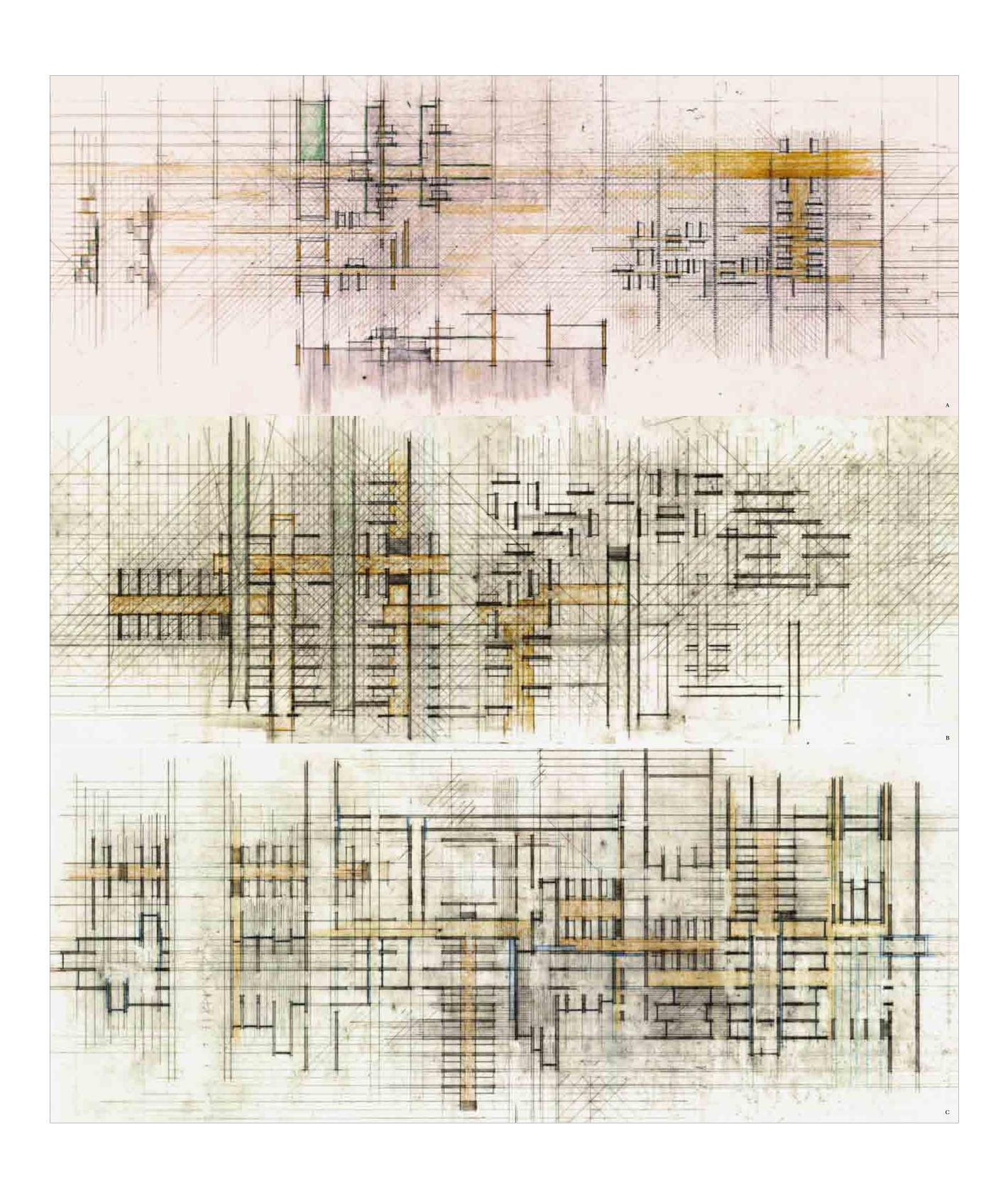


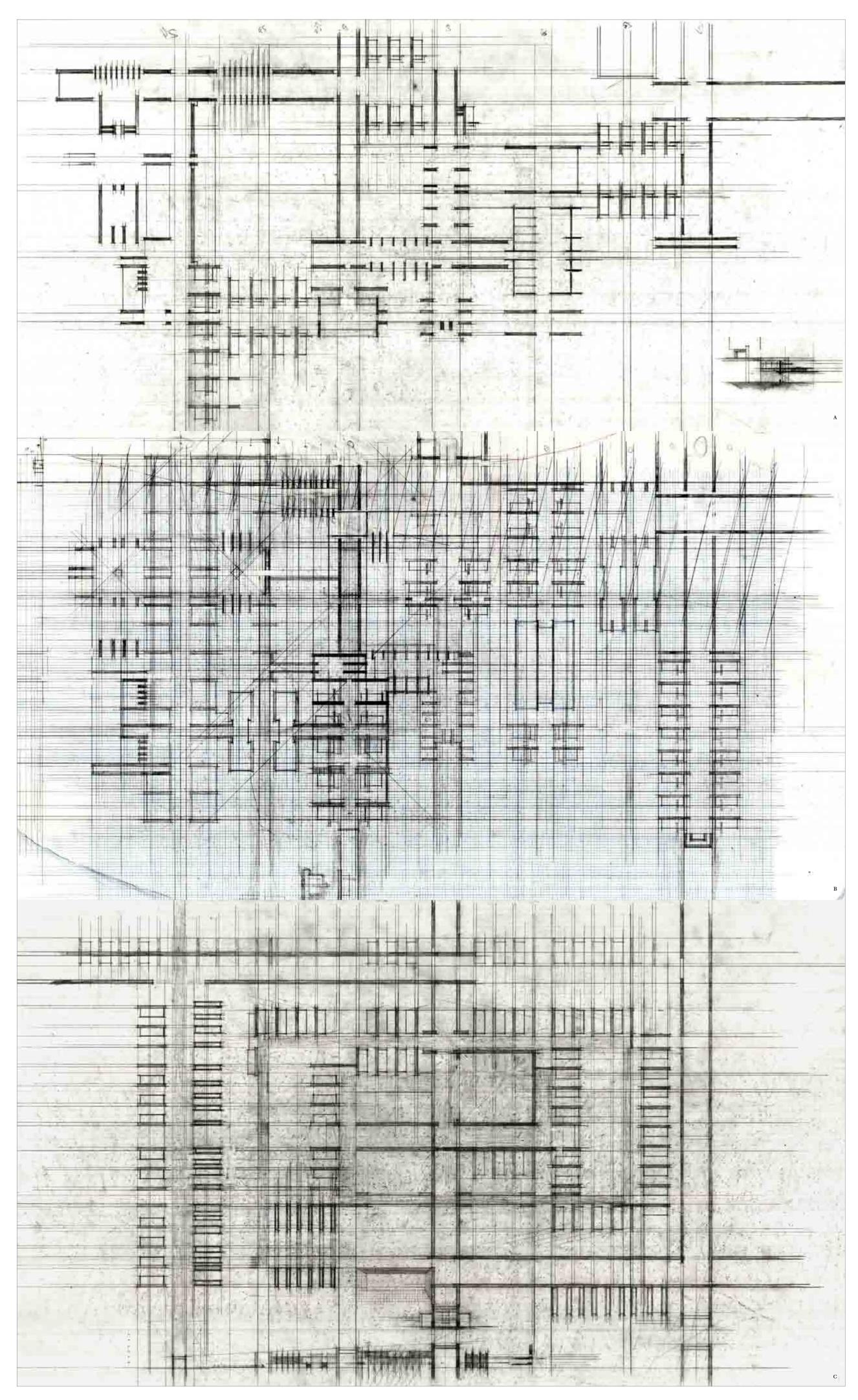
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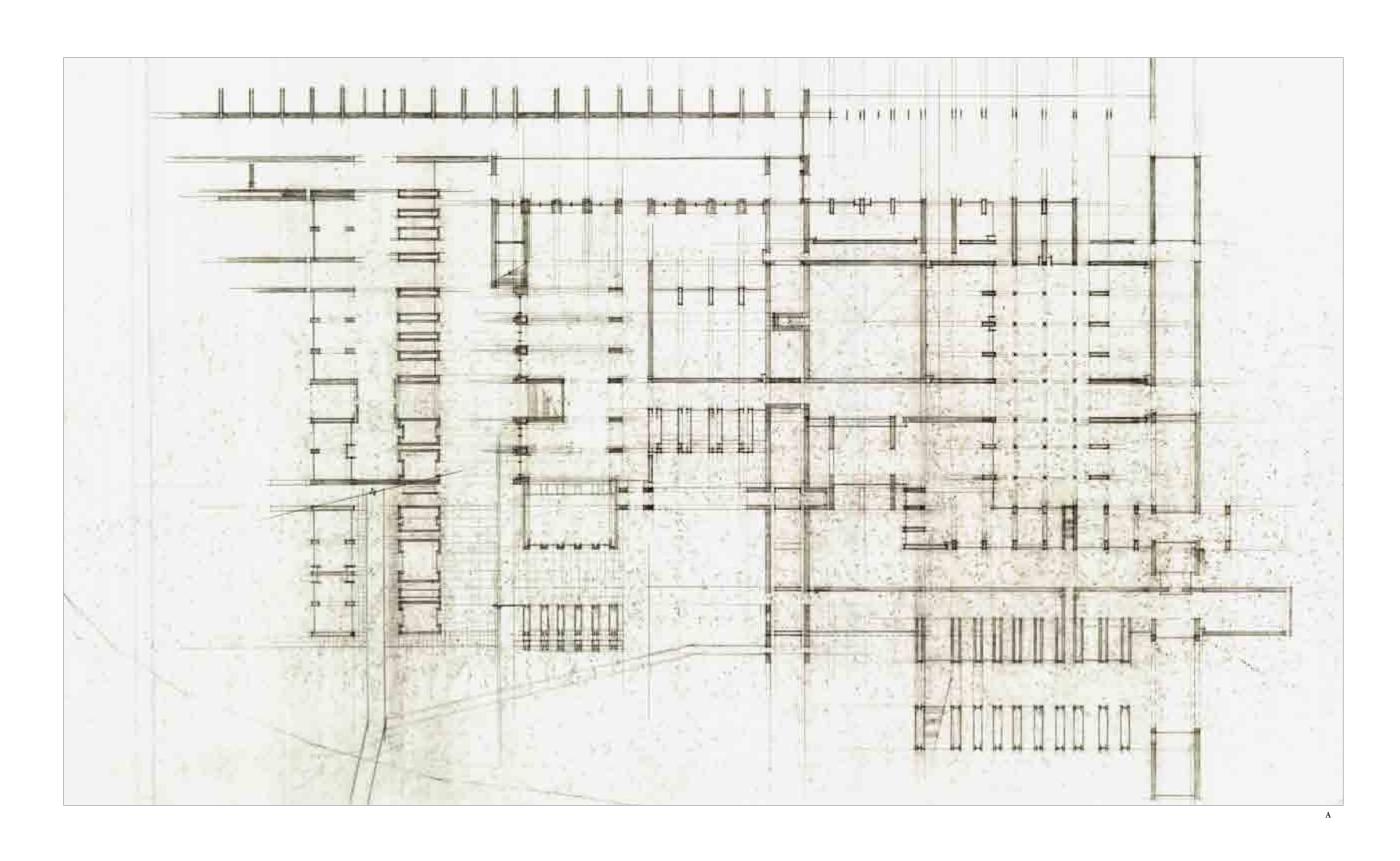
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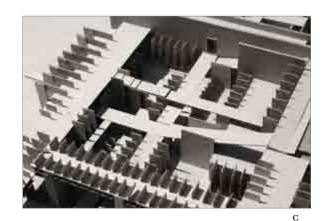
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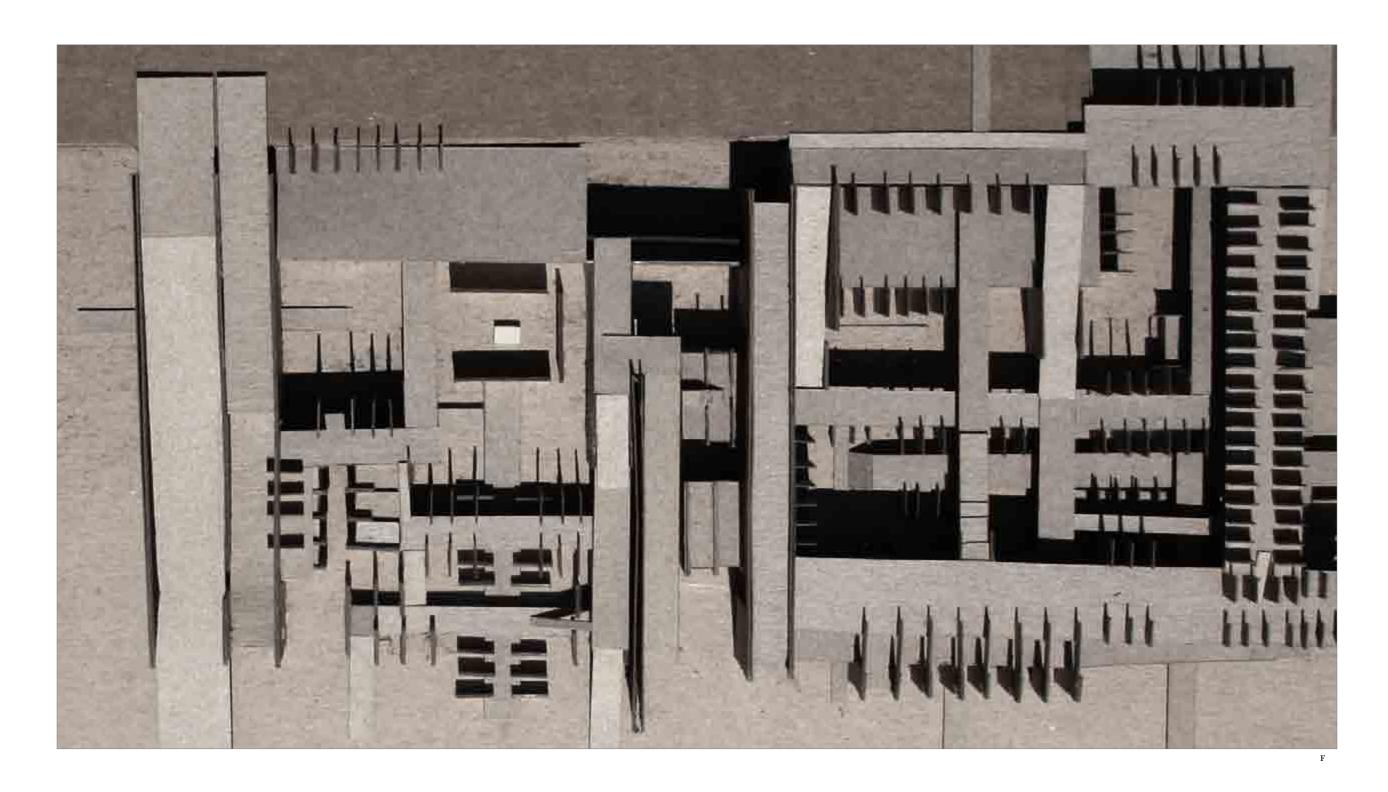












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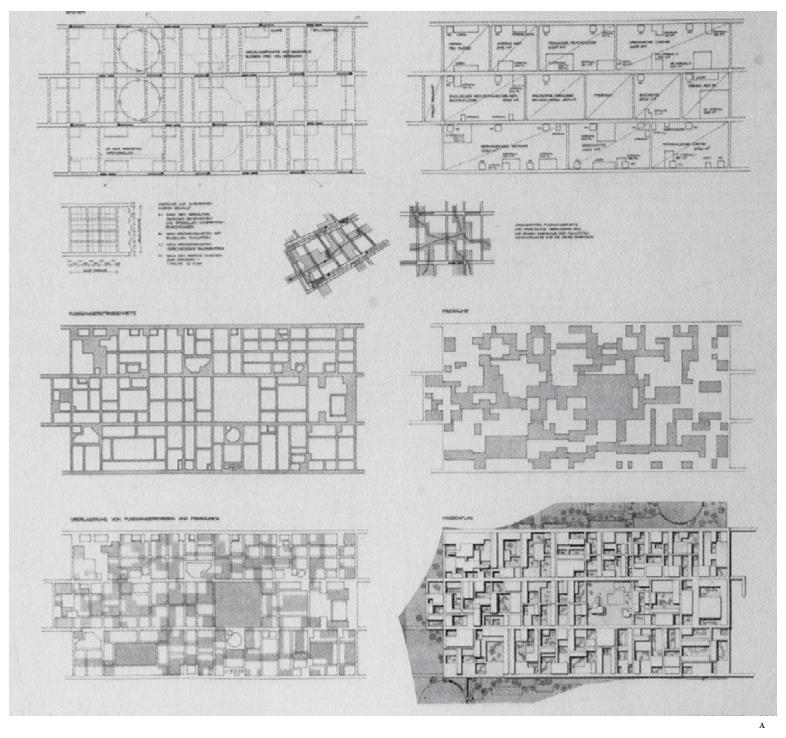
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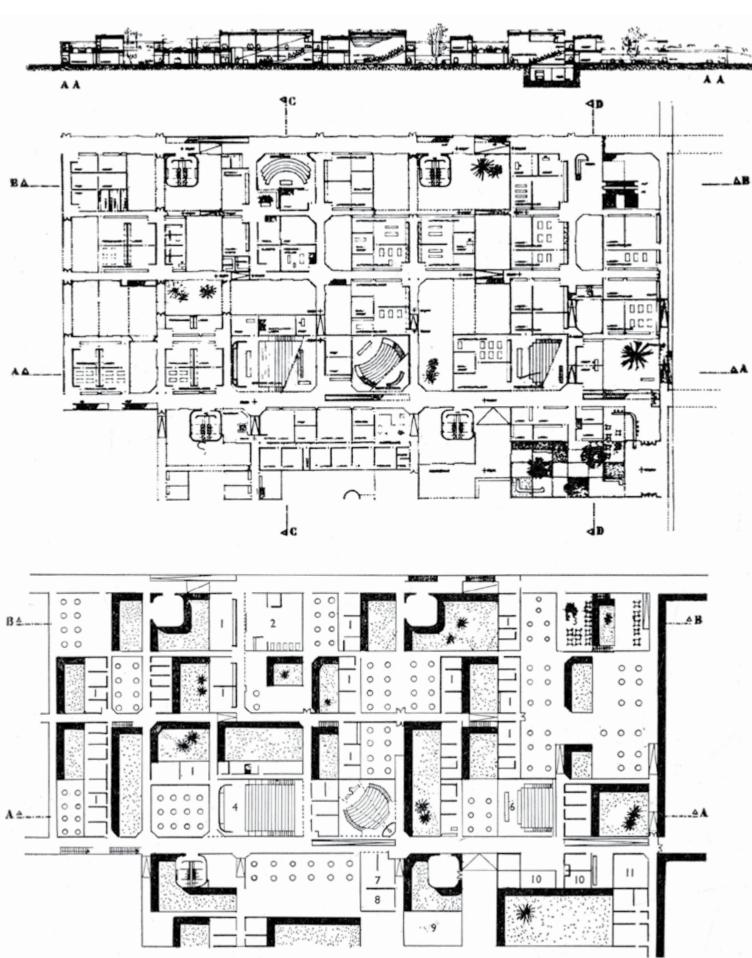
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35	Perspective Circulation
SITE SECTIONS	Spine and Pond
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35B SITE SECTION	Perspective Courtyard
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47 Concept Sketch









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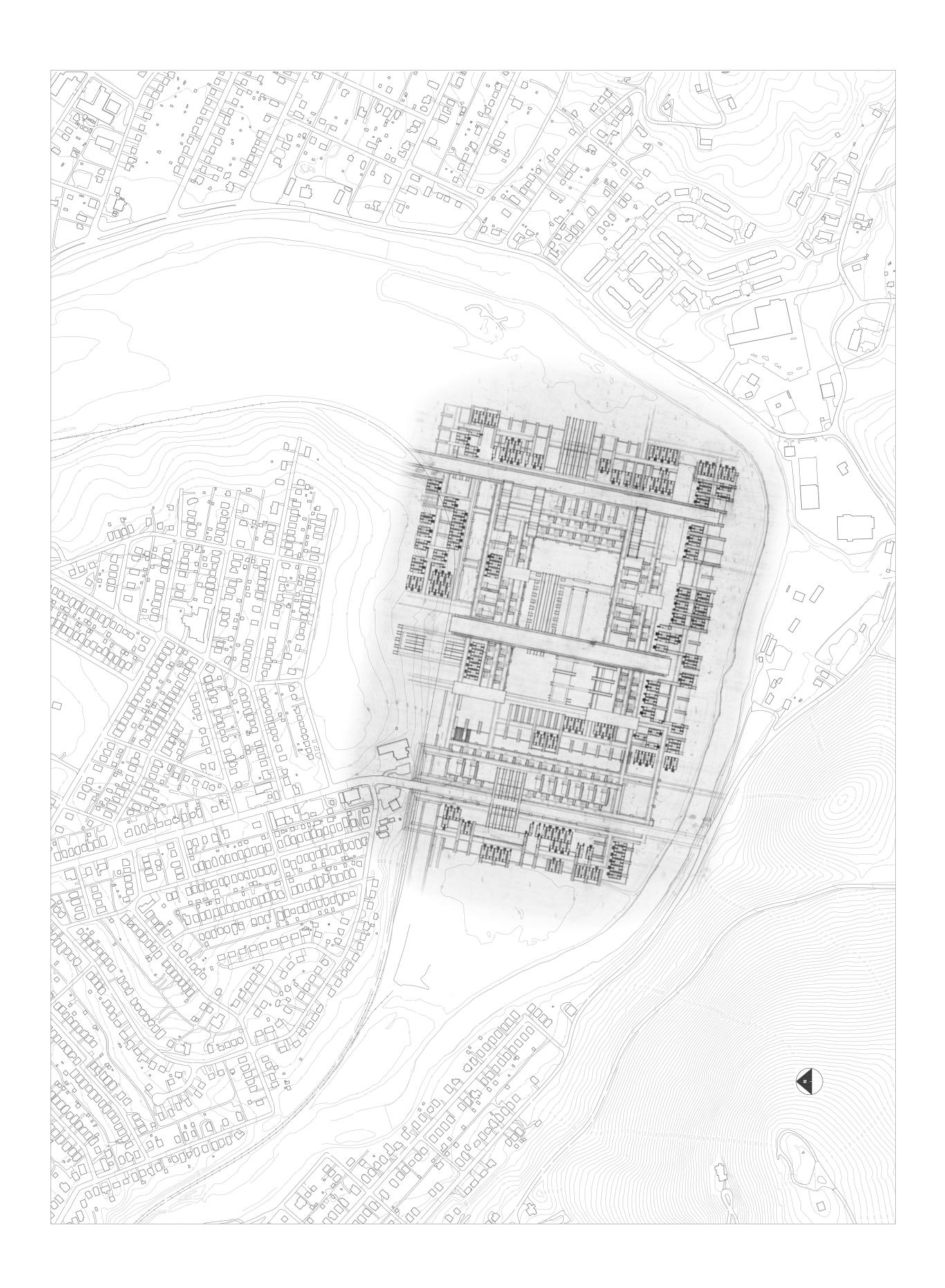
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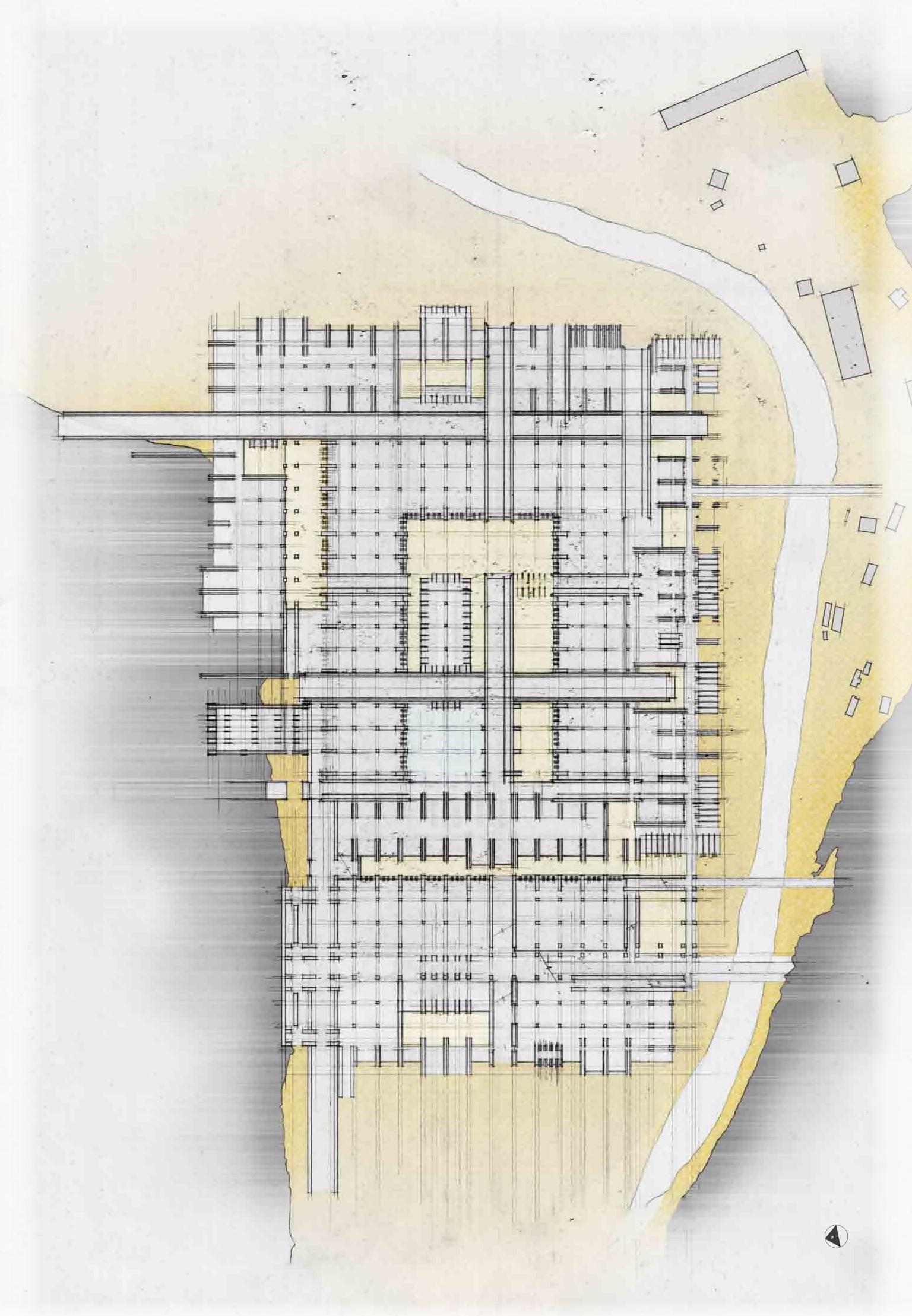


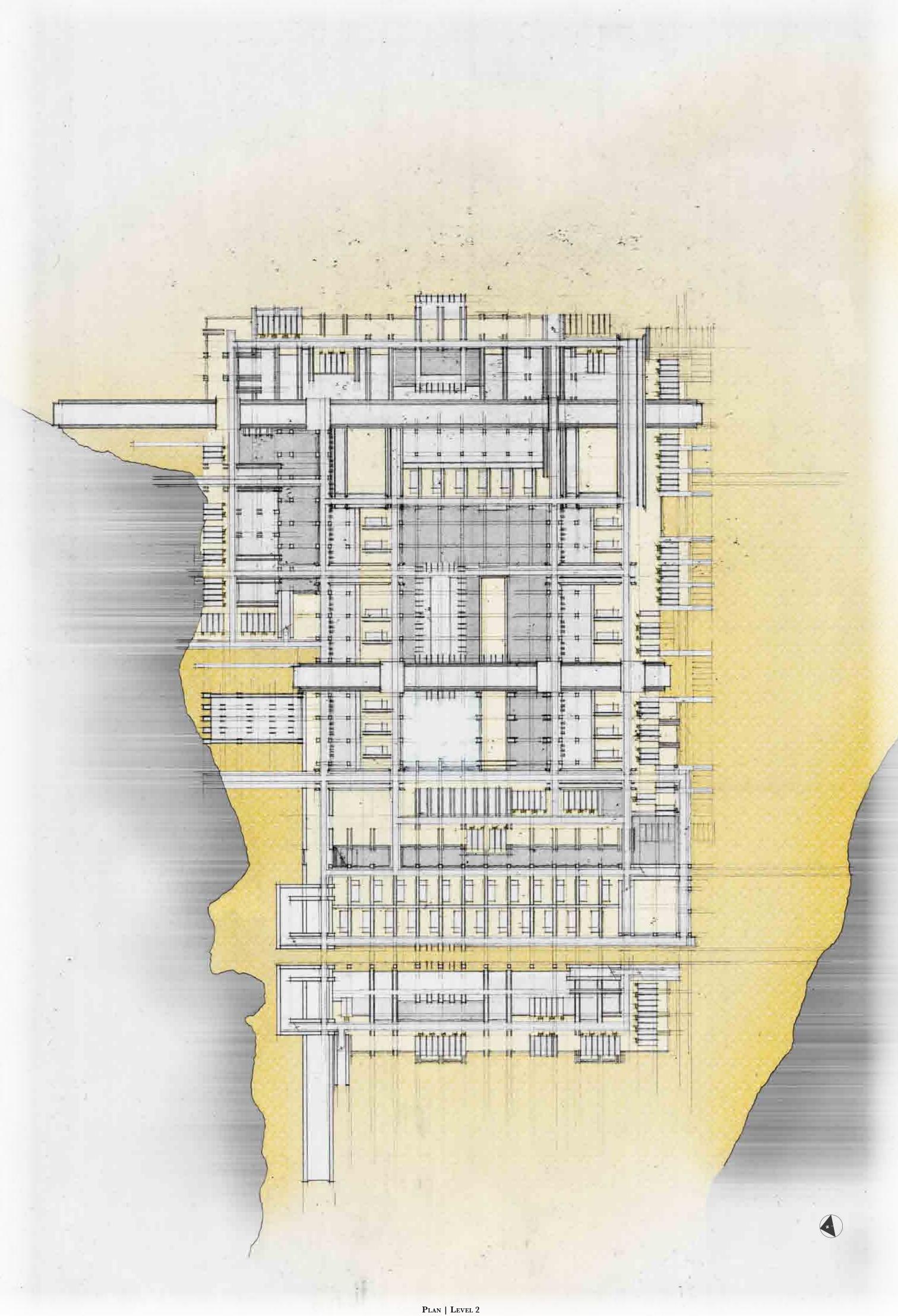
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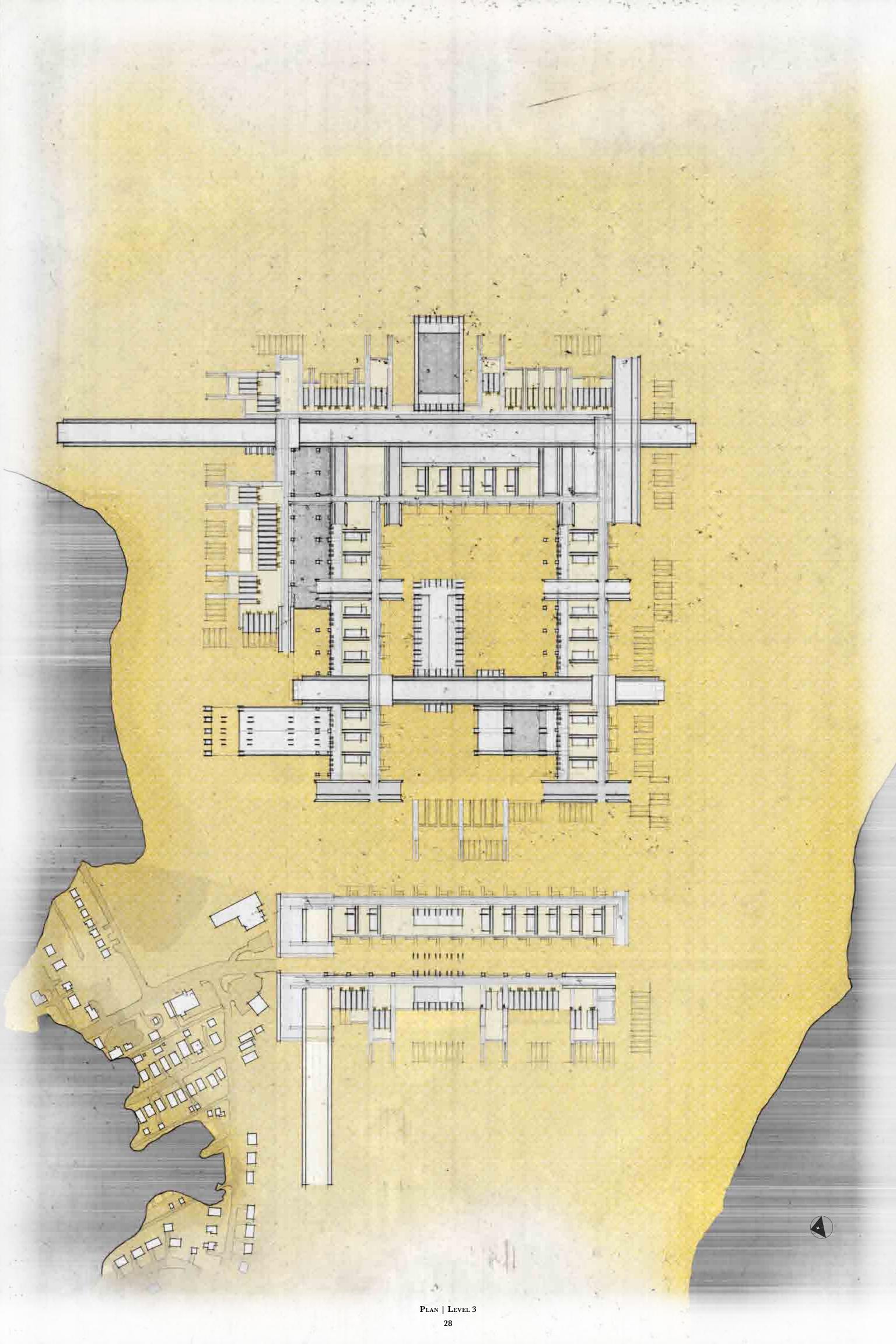
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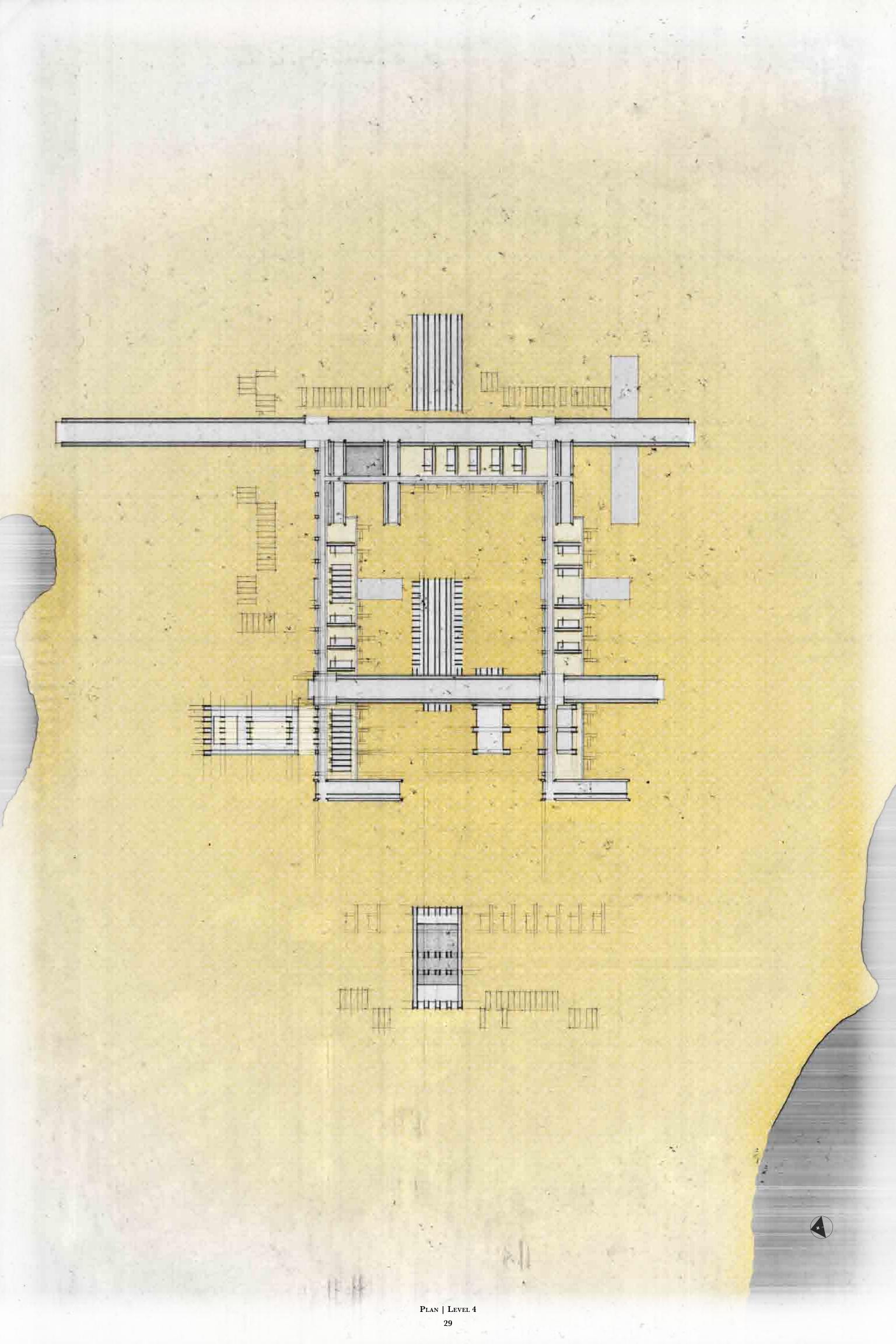
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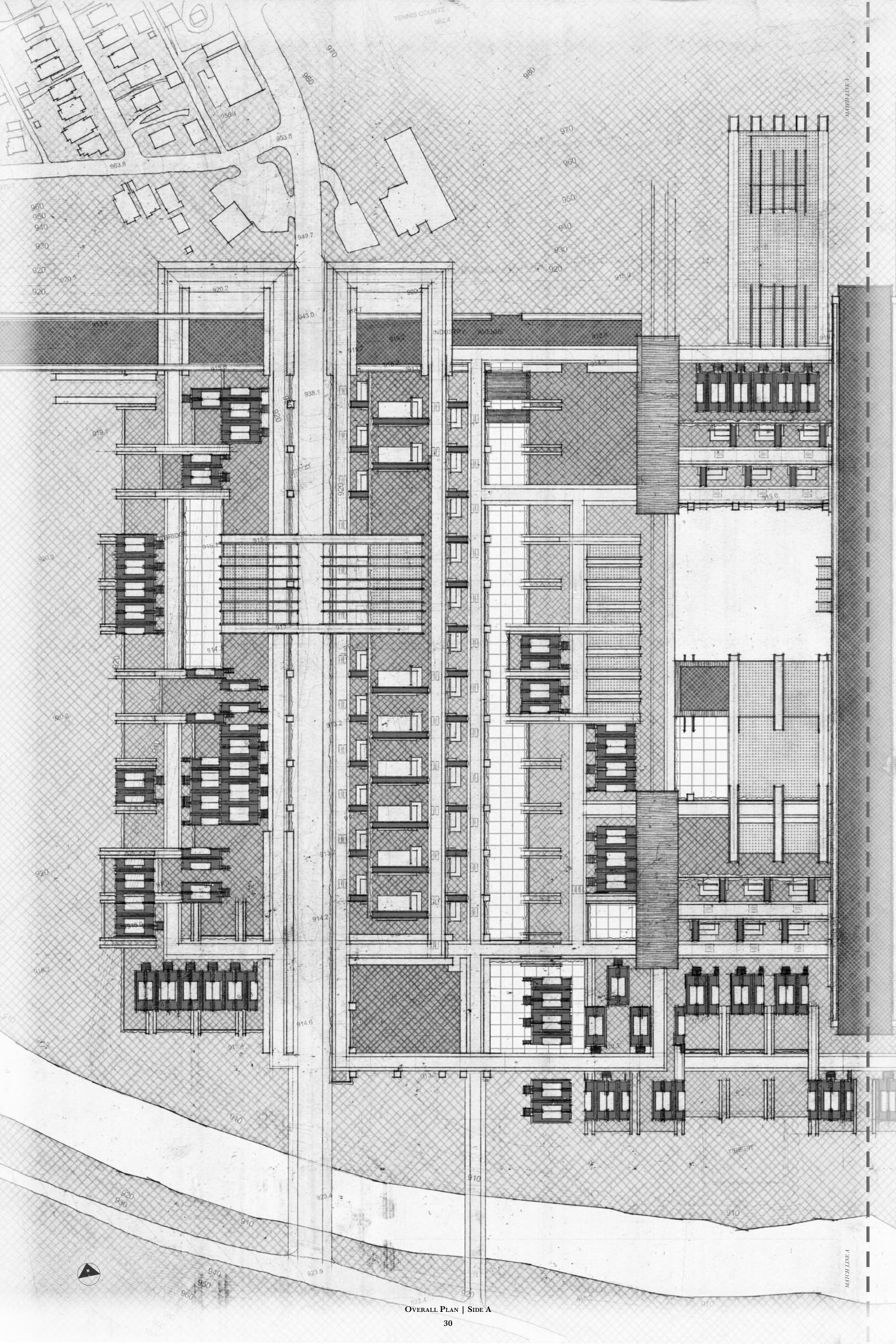


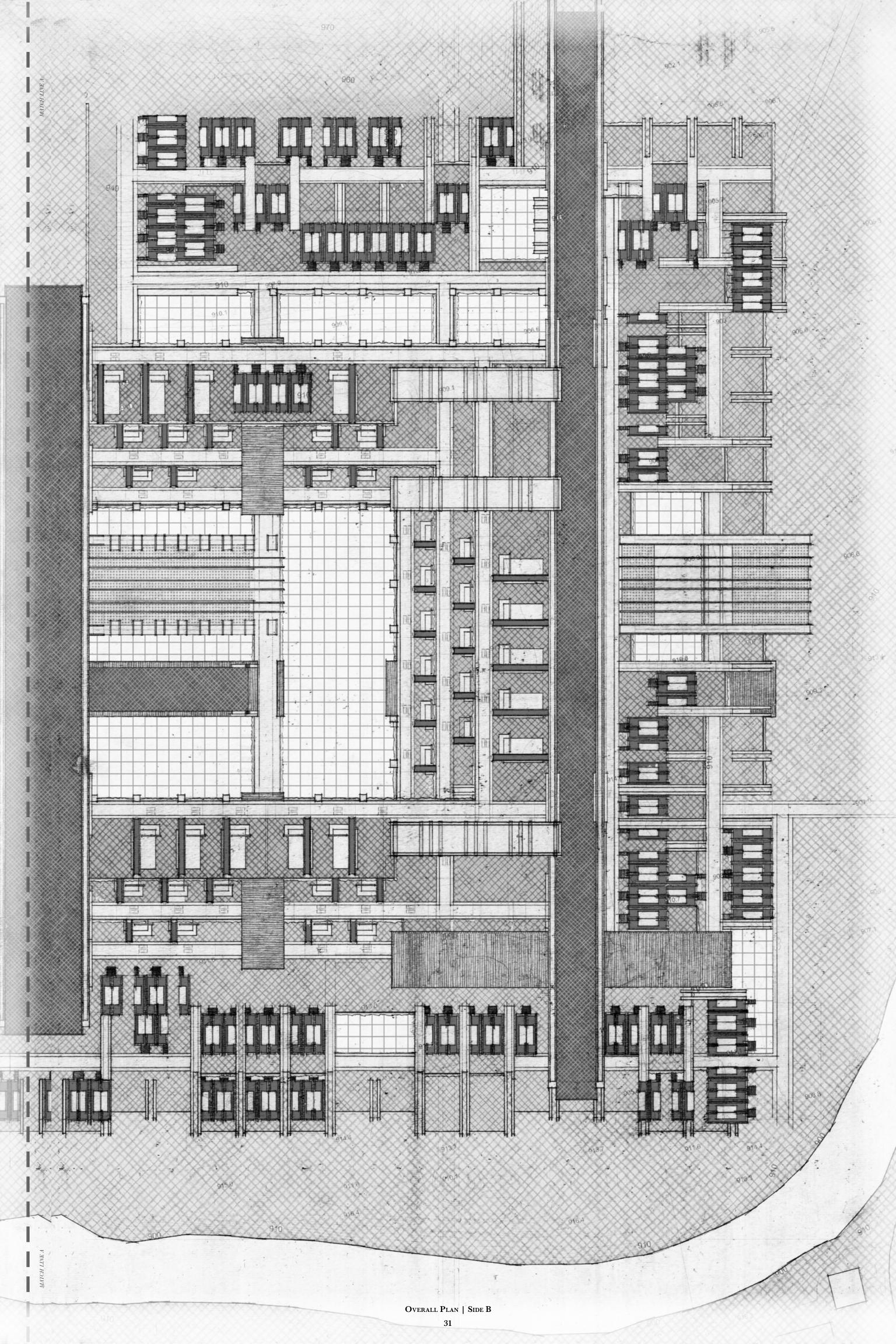


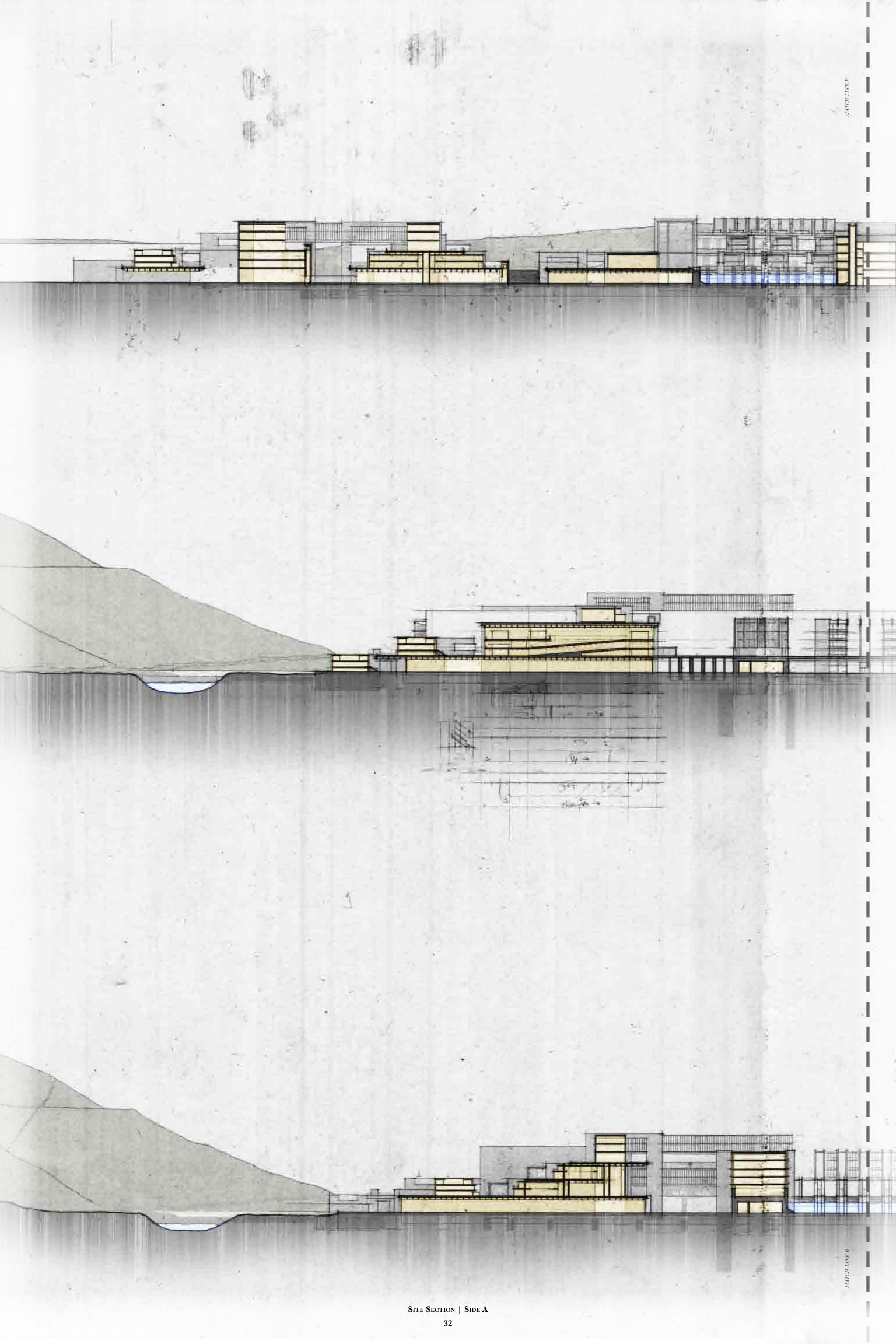


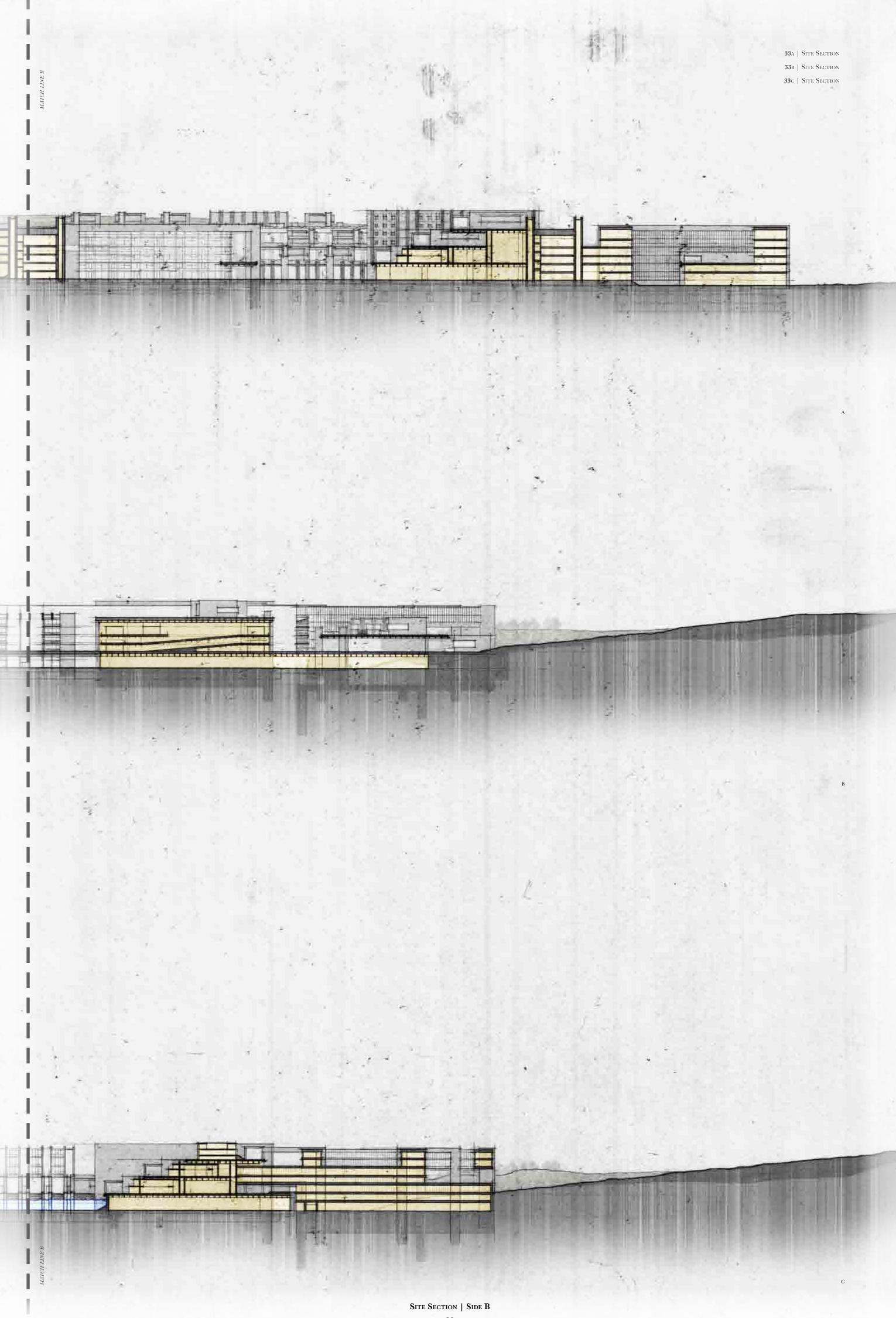


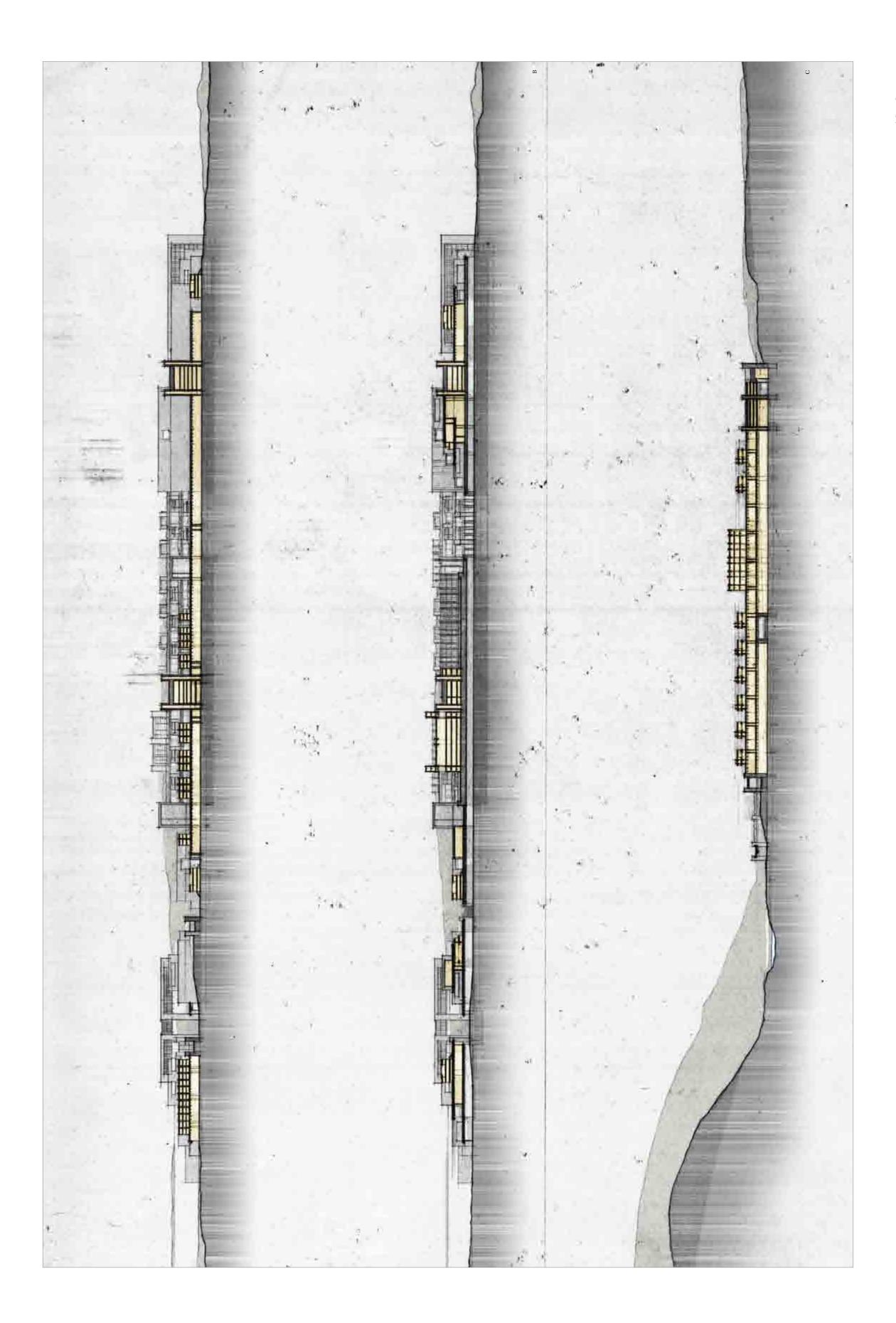


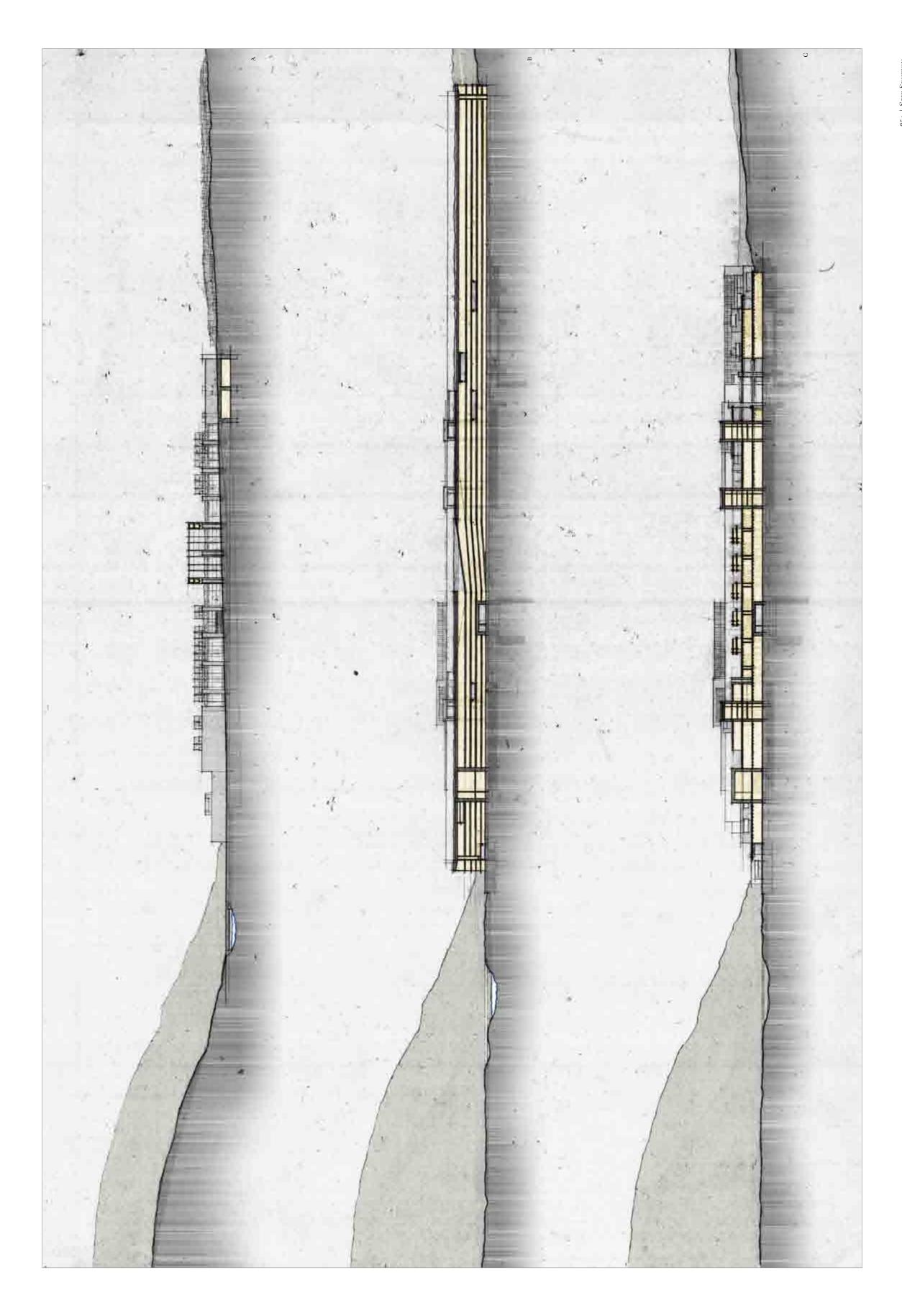


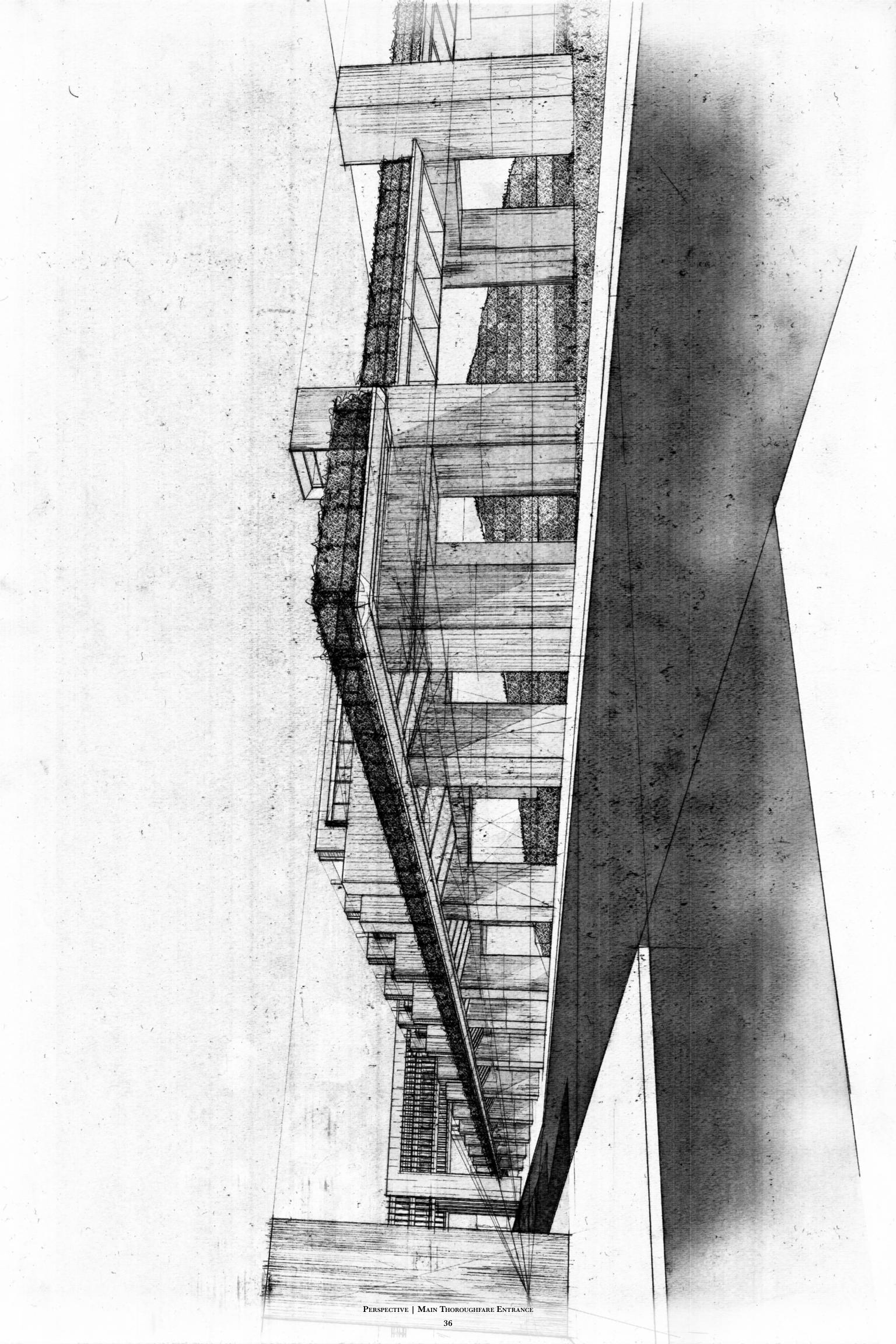


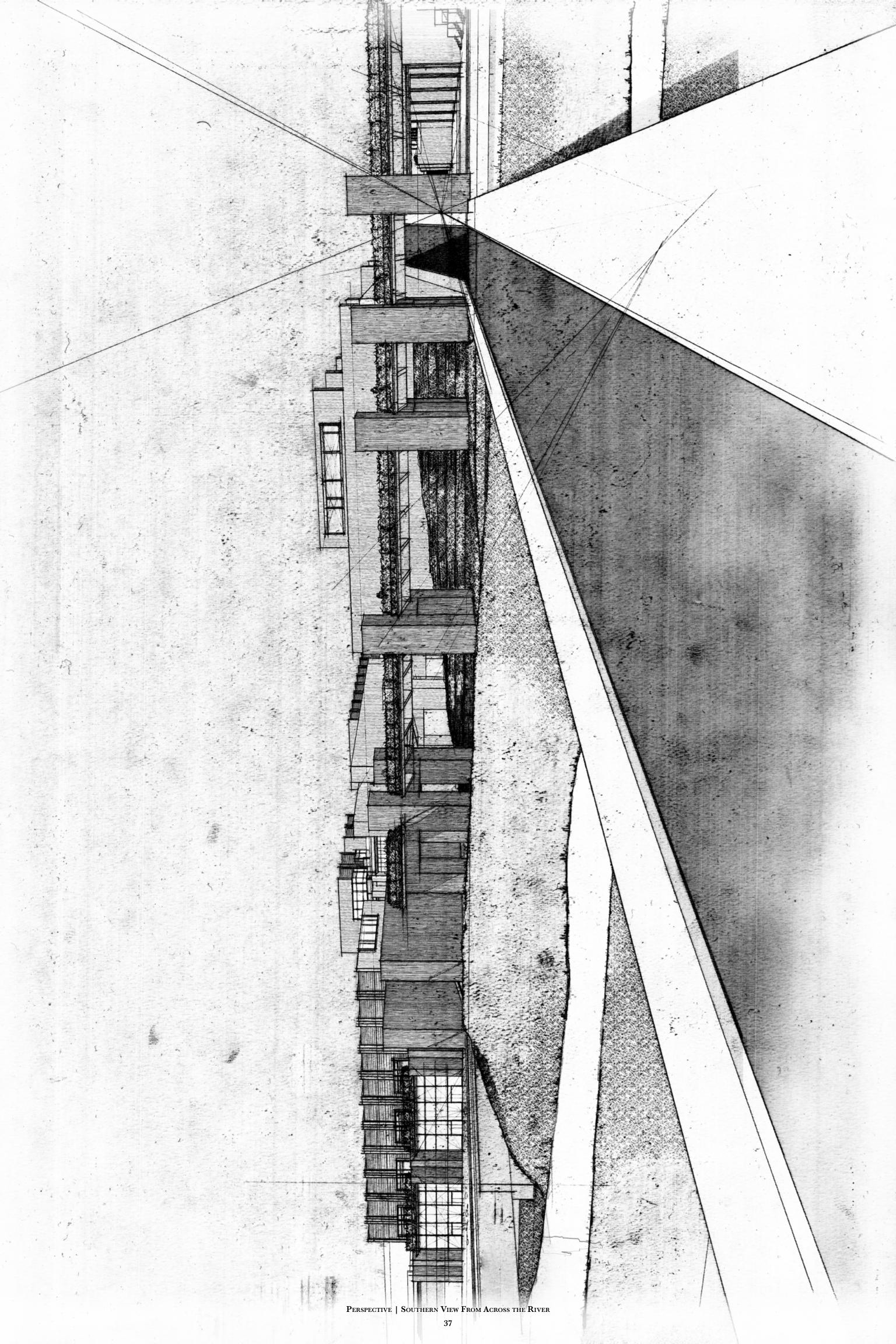


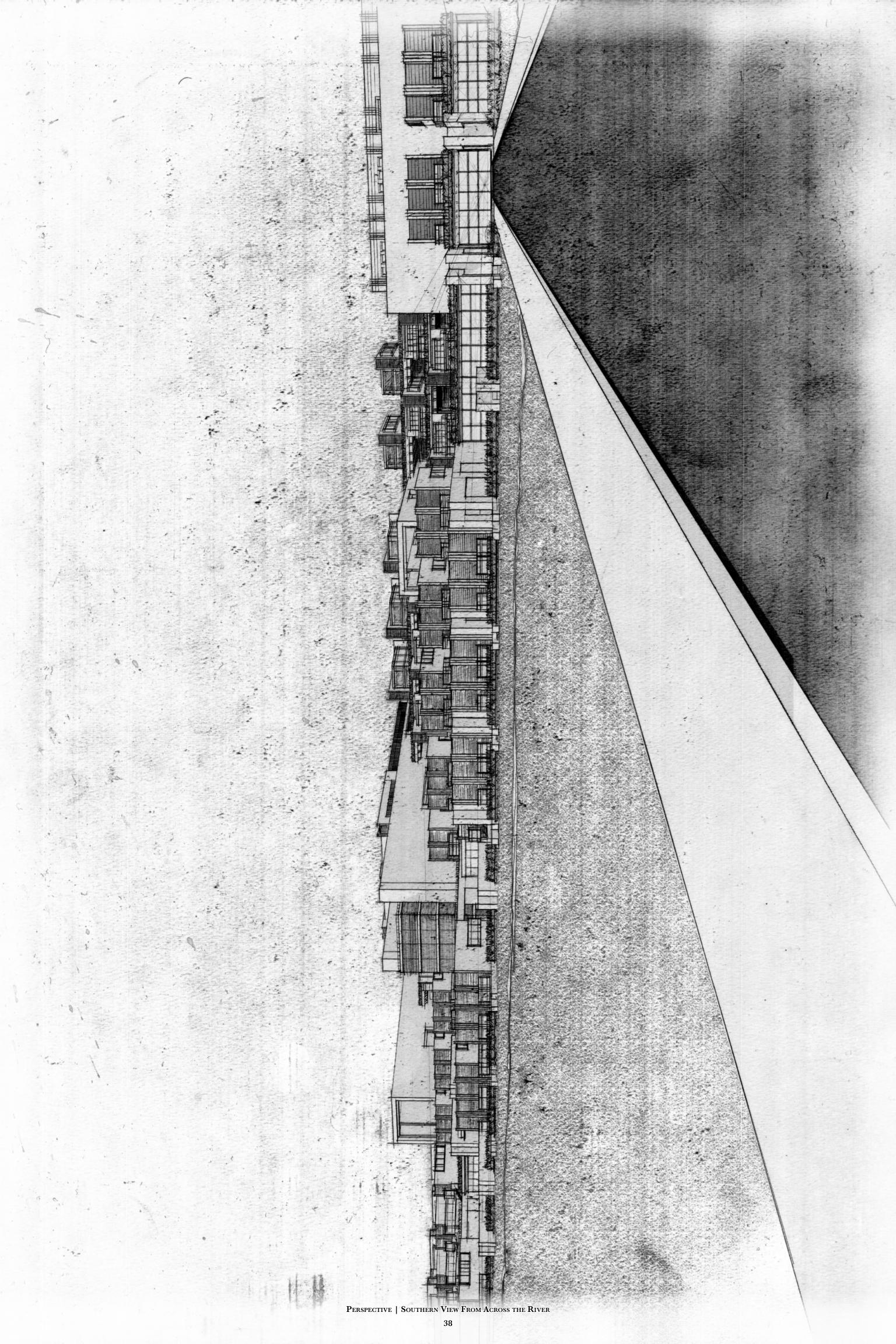


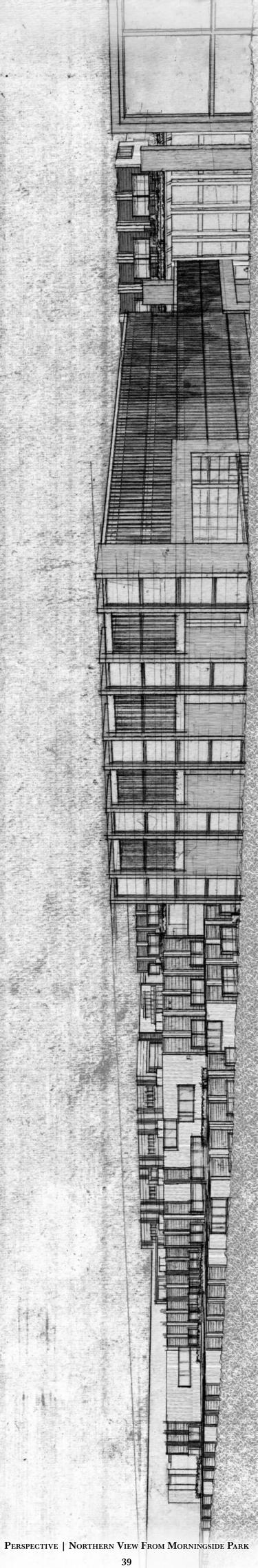


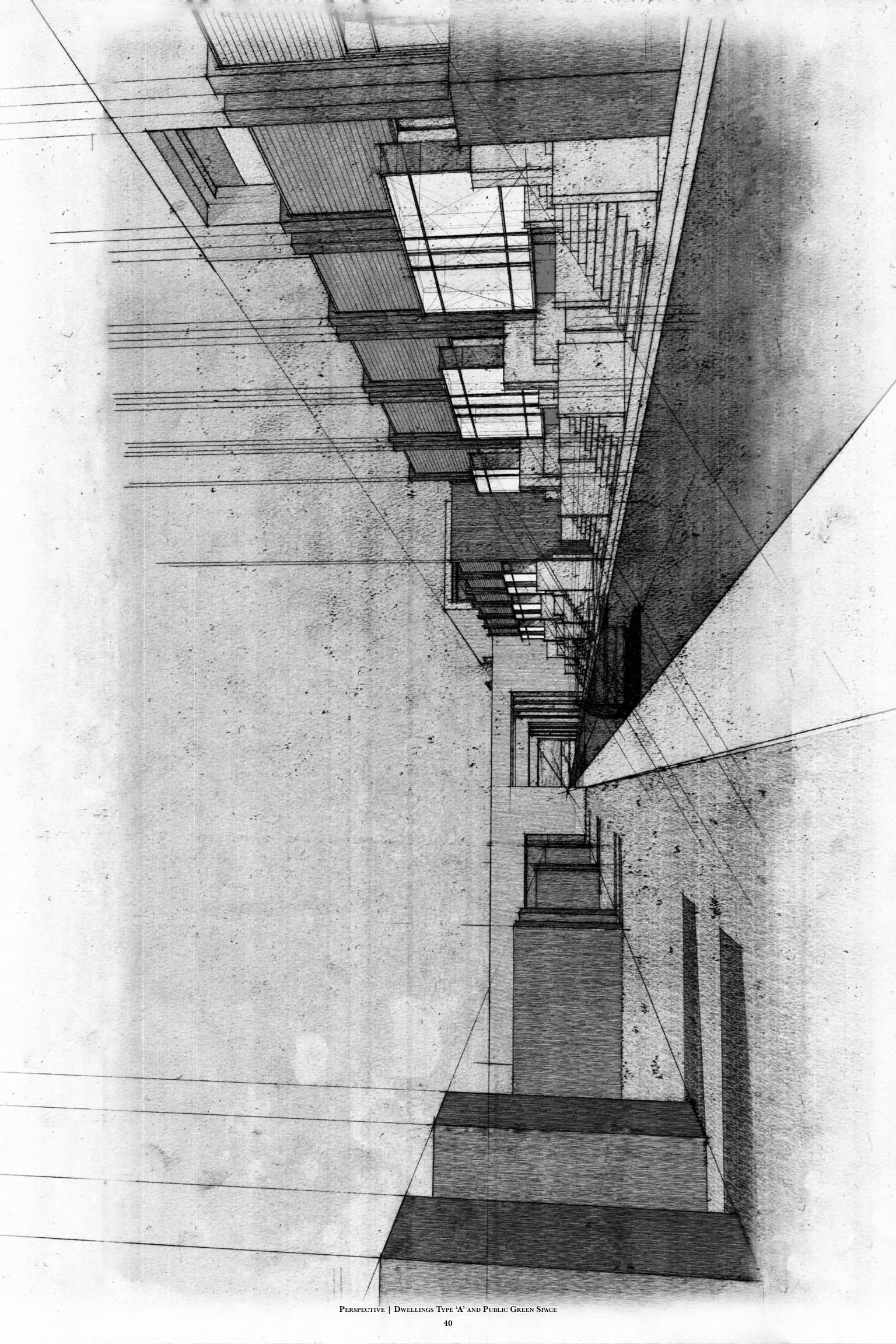


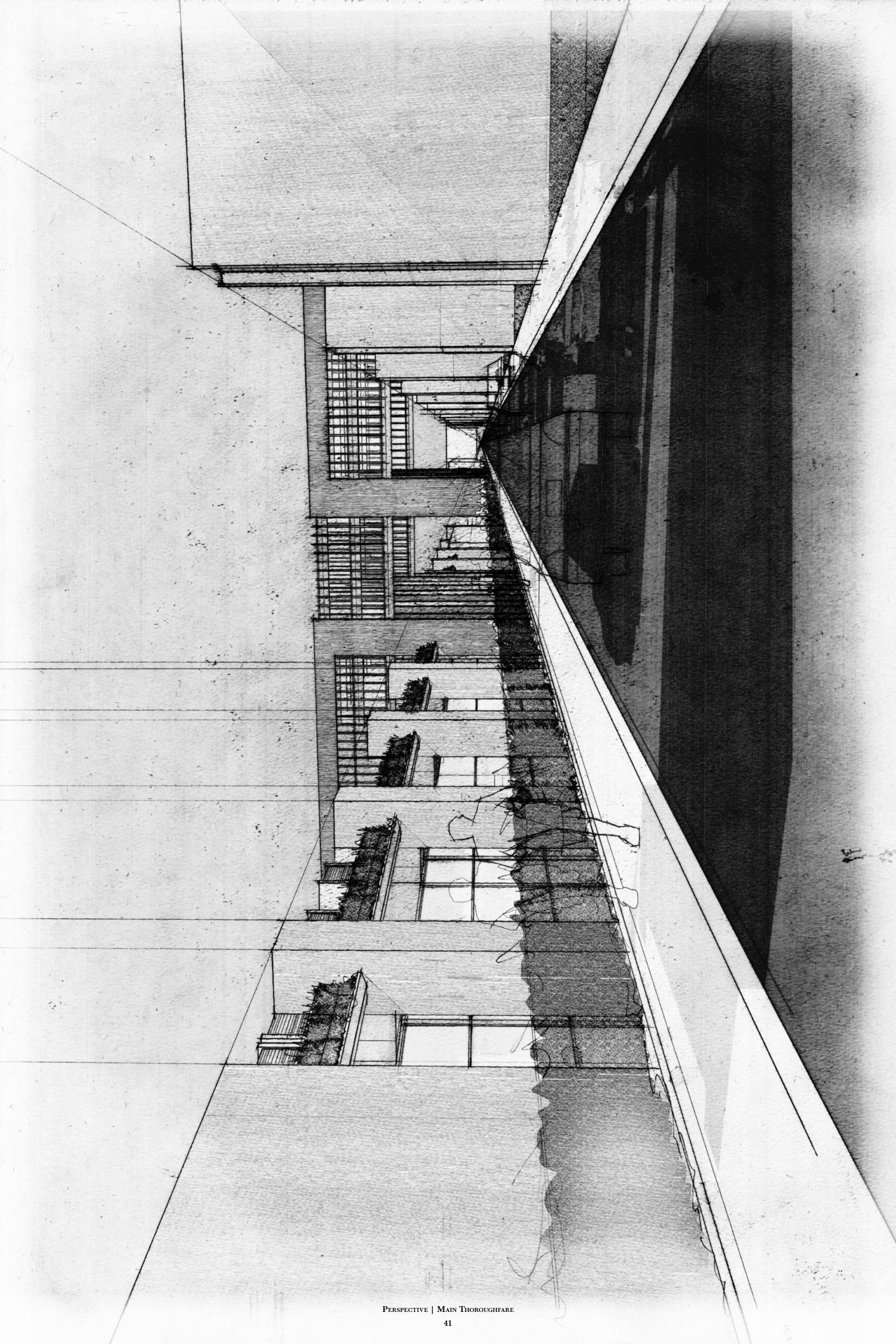


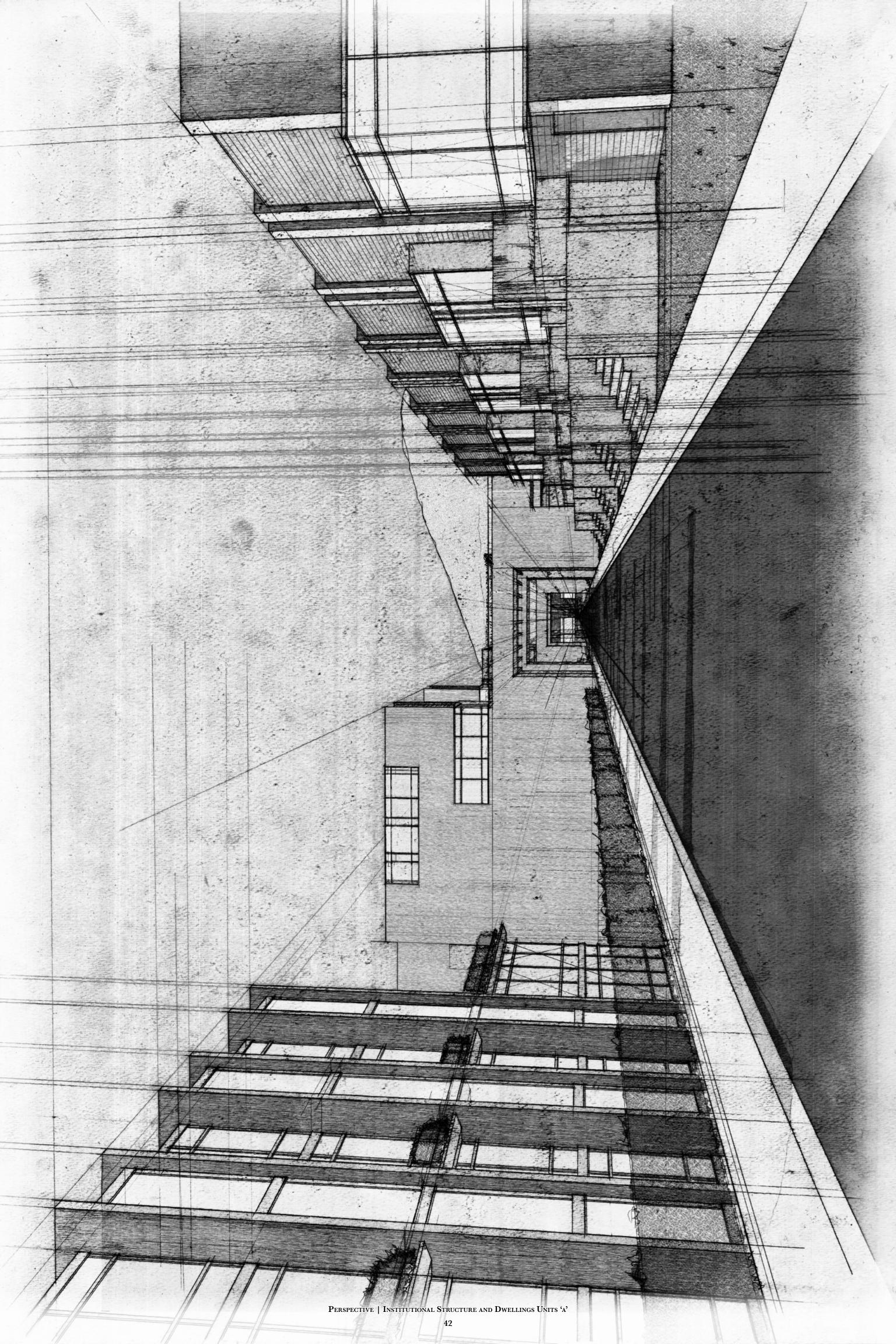


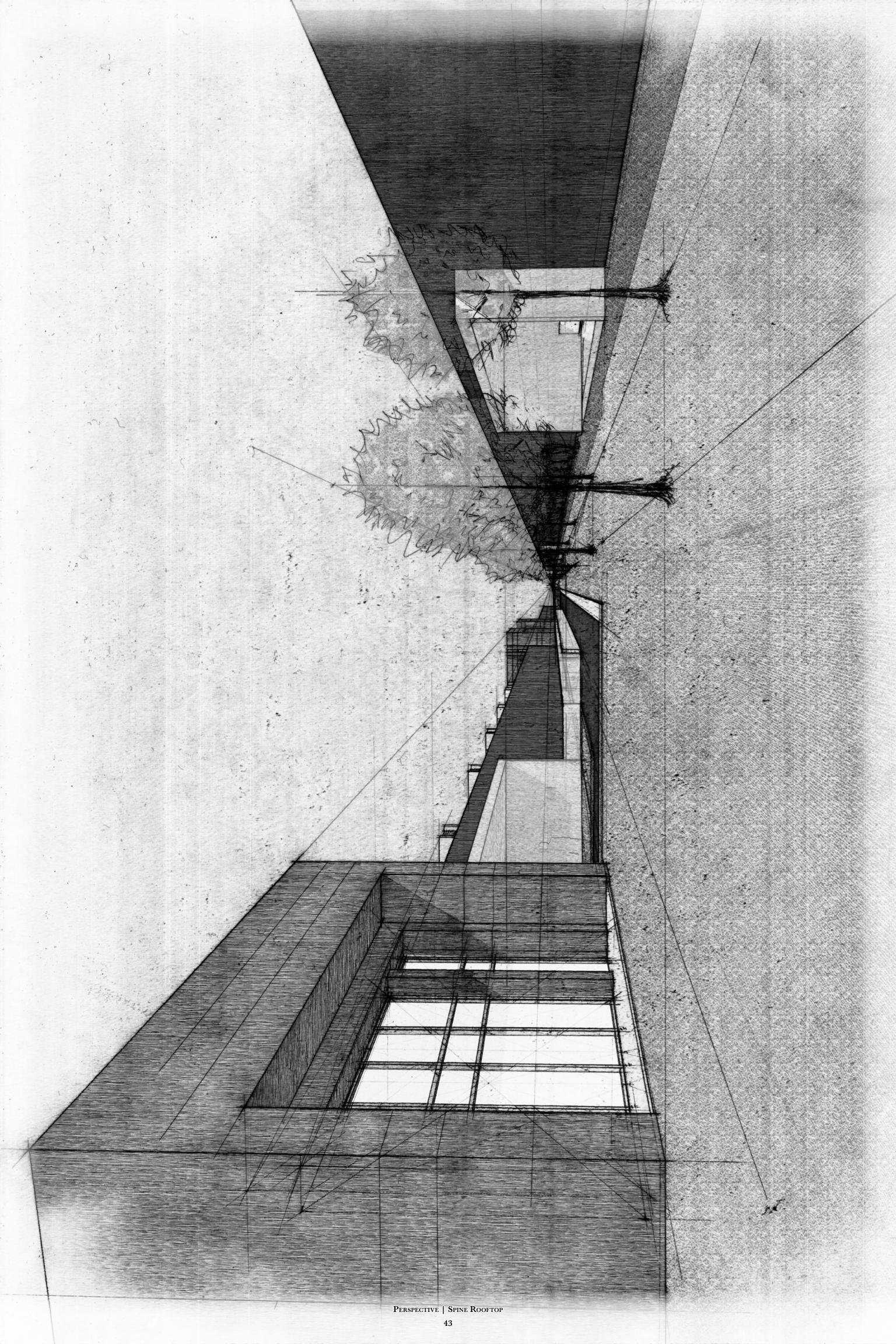


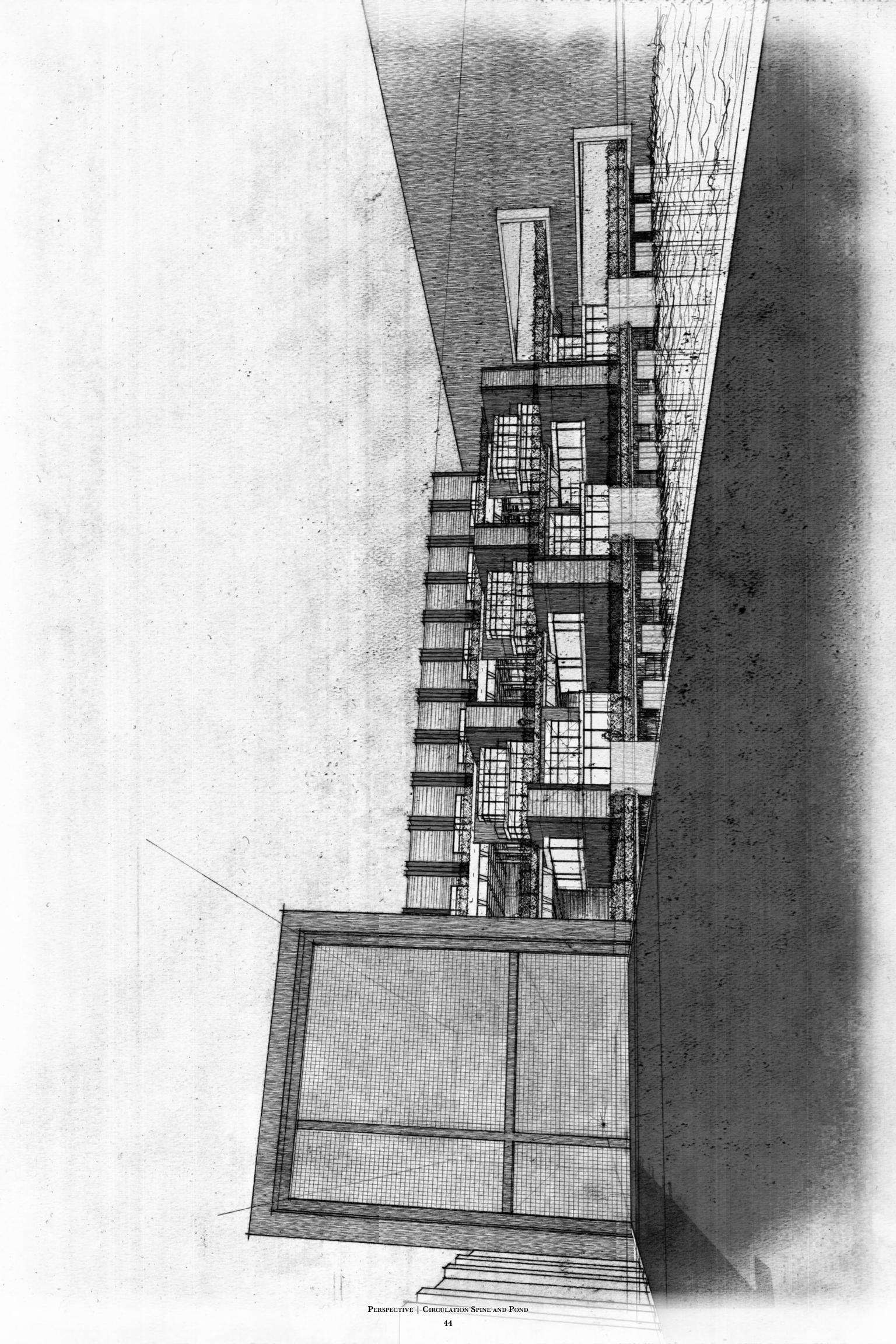


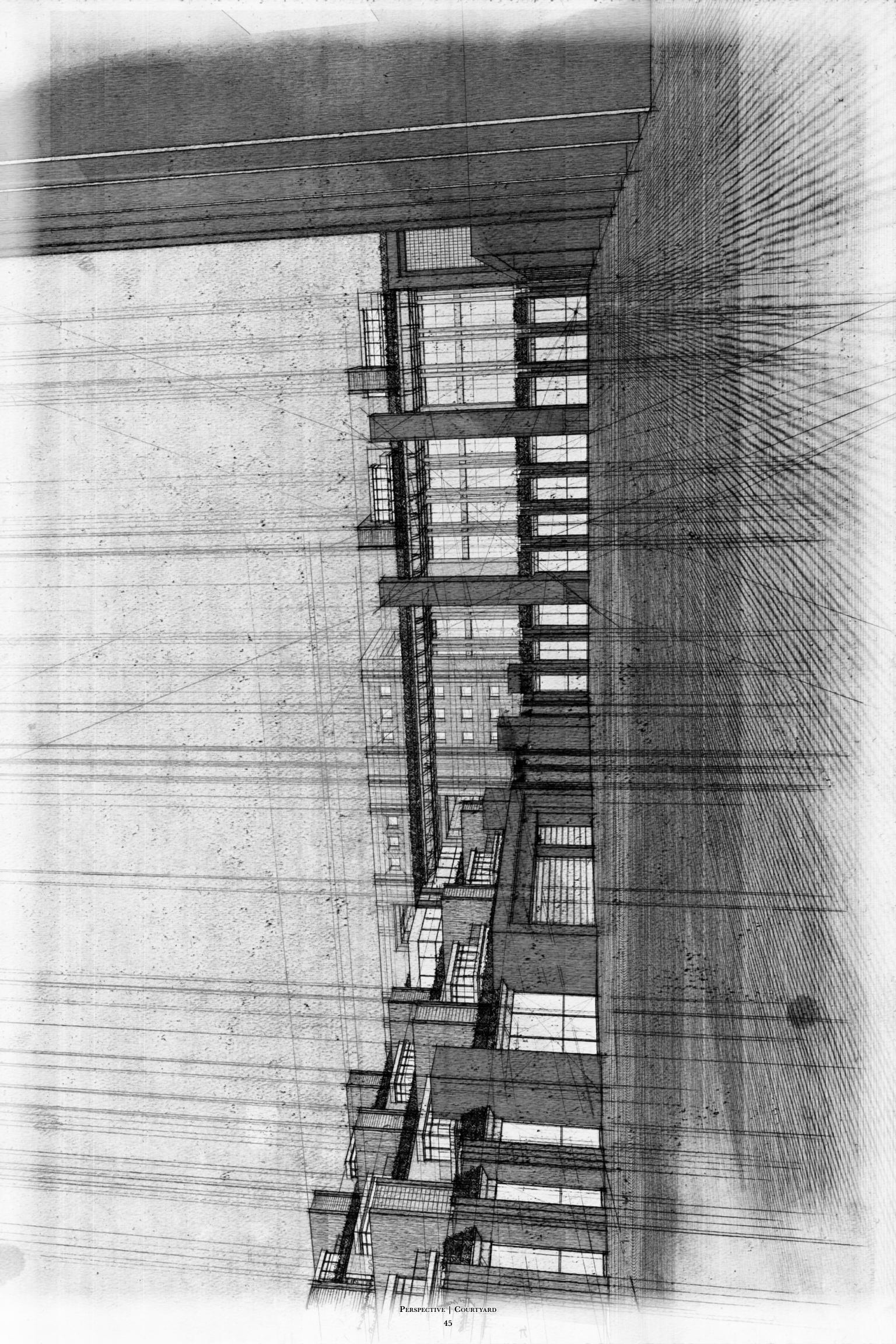


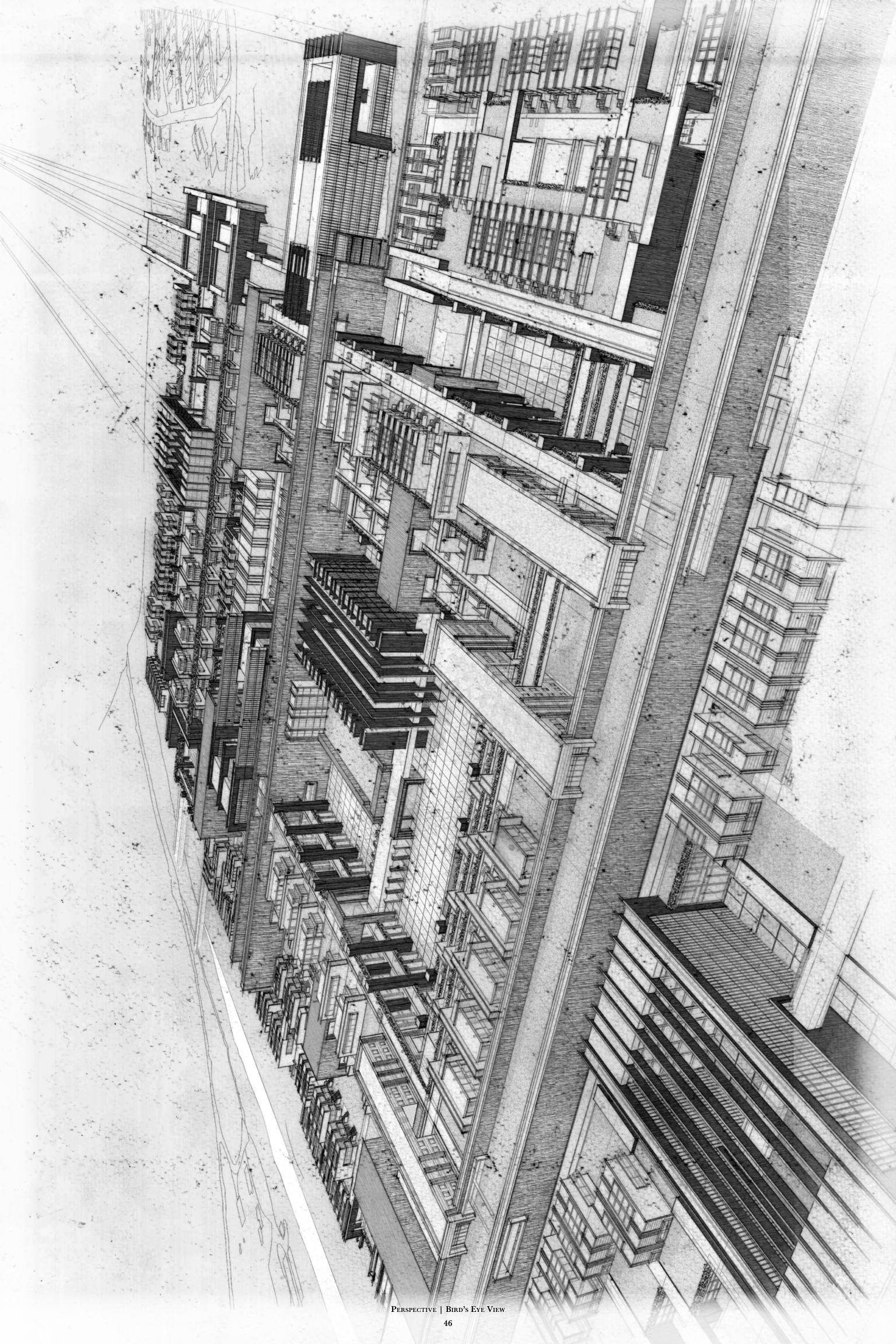


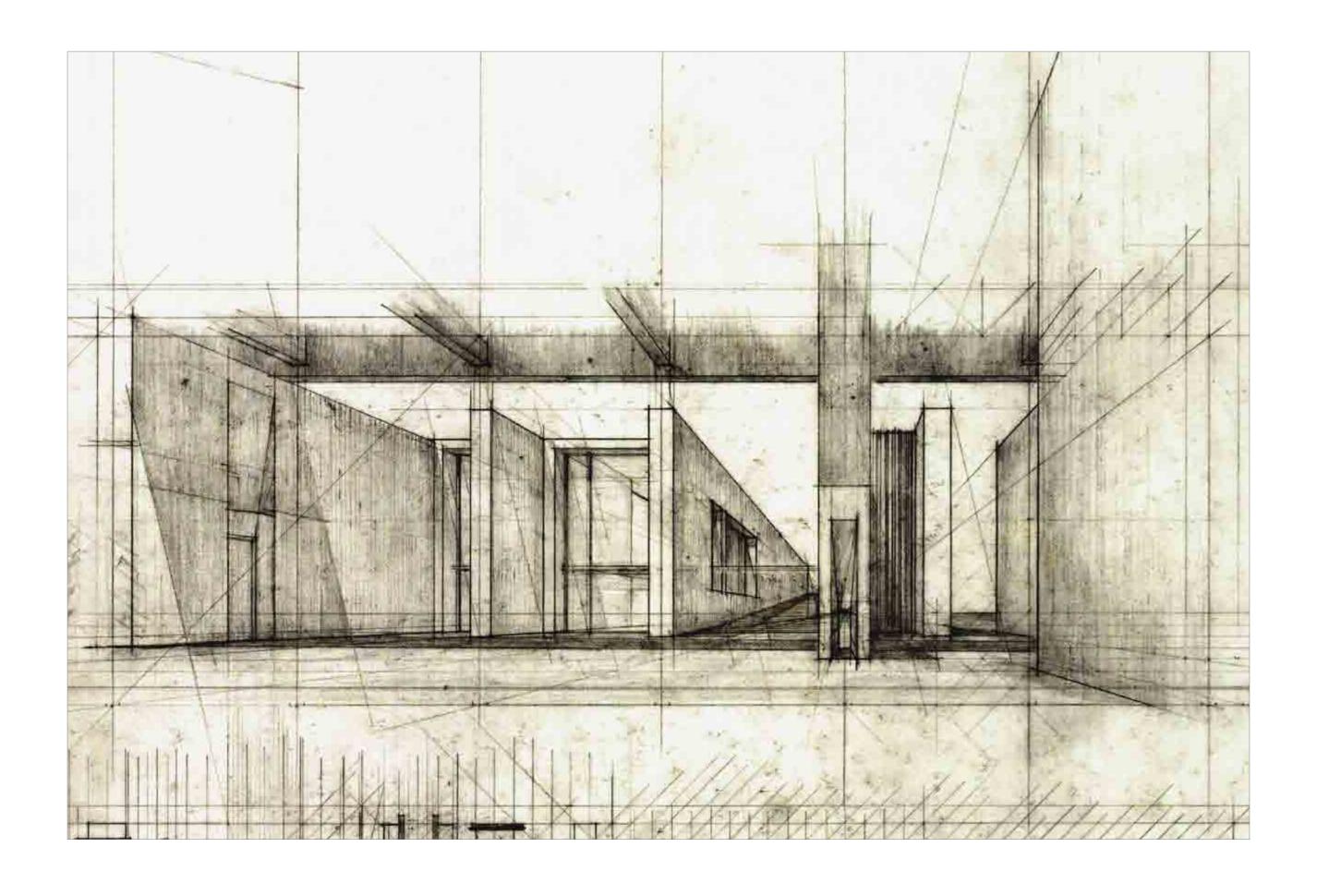












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