

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Aware, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0064944****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Aiding Women From Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc. - Extended Stay Shelter

State Funding Requested: \$884,215**House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Six units of safe and sober extended stay shelter for women and families leaving AWARE's emergency safe shelter, with space for supportive services and community participation.
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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$5,114,215
Funding Already Secured:	(\$1,270,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$884,215)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$2,960,000

Funding Details:

FY '10, \$1,000,000 from the AK State Legislature. FY '11, AWARE board of directors designated \$250,000 from AWARE reserves; \$20,000 in donations. FY 2012: \$850,000 CDBG proposal with the CBJ; \$1,000,000 Rasmuson Foundation; \$960,000 HUD-ICDBG in partnership with THRHA, CCTHITA and Yakutat Tlingit Tribe; \$150,000 AWARE's capital campaign.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Need: AWARE staff and board have been aware of the need for supportive transitional housing for women and families leaving AWARE's emergency safe shelter for many years. AWARE's existing facility supports the acute needs of victims and their families seeking refuge from domestic violence. It does not allow for a longer term transitional living. This phase is critical in developing a sense of trust for the families in transition back to the community. In 2007, AWARE applied to and was accepted into the Foraker Pre-Development Program. That program enabled AWARE to strategically assess the need and feasibility of a new building, and contracted with The McDowell Group to assess demand and key factors for success for a transitional housing facility in Juneau for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. They conducted a community wide Needs Assessment and determined a great need for post acute safe housing with supportive services in Juneau, specifically for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It is believed that as many as 30-40 clients exit AWARE's emergency shelter each year with a need for extended stay safe shelter and associated supportive services. There is not another supportive housing provider of this type in Juneau or Southeast Alaska. Economic indicators recognize the cost of housing in Juneau, and the lack of affordable housing in Juneau, make these units especially critical and desirable. This facility will be built adjacent to AWARE's emergency safe shelter.

Current status: In the fall of 2007, AWARE was accepted into the Foraker Pre-Development program for new construction. A project manager was assigned to work with AWARE resulting in a needs assessment for the project, and moving to conceptual design and cost estimates based on the chosen design. AWARE closed on the purchase of the property

adjacent to our emergency shelter in January 2008. Since that time, AWARE has received \$1,000,000 from the State of Alaska, and we have amassed over \$20,000 in designated donations even prior to our formalized capital campaign. In fall 2011, the City and Borough of Juneau chose AWARE's project to forward in grant application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). AWARE is also partnering with the Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority, and the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe in moving this project forward, and jointly securing funding, with particular focus on Indian Community Development Block Grant funds. The idea successfully secured funding for the construction of the Tlingit and Haida Vocational Technical Resource Center in Juneau. Conversations with HUD have indicated this is a viable plan, and grant proposals were submitted in January 2012.

In fall 2011, AWARE placed public notifications requesting qualifications for both a project manager, and a design team. After reviewing applications, AWARE chose Wilson Engineering as our project manager, and Northwind Architects as our design team. We are excited with the forward movement our project is taking.

Detailed construction description: Working with the Foraker Pre-Development Program, MRV established a conceptual program to address number of apartment units, unit size, client safety and accessibility issues, client program needs, staff needs, childcare, site issues, and building amenities. They met several times with the project committee who envisioned on-site transitional housing with secured access that is self-contained, and which evokes the feel of a smaller community within the broader community.

Security is paramount for the AWARE Shelter. The present staff has given significant forethought to achieving a secure facility that provides comfort to the residents, while allowing for them to integrate back into the community.

Additionally, the building should be designed to meet LEED/Green Building standards and should respect the quiet nature of the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Site: The site is a parcel adjacent to the existing facility. The parcel is a wooded lot approximately 105' x 175'. It is northwest of the existing AWARE facility and will be seen directly from the beautiful existing half-circle conference room of the current facility. The site is steeply sloping from the Old Glacier Highway to the tide lands of a remnant of Gastineau Channel, separated by the Egan Expressway from the main body of Gastineau Channel. The site has a nice view to the SW of Douglas Island and its several mountains. The facility will receive direct sunlight from the south and west. The project committee requested that the designers retain as many of the trees as could reasonably be protected and provide a secure connection between the two structures.

Conceptual Design Strategies: In discussion with the project committee it was suggested and decided that the building should be placed on piling. This was the best solution to deal with the steep slope, and also allowed for a greater sense of security for the residents. The building committee has a strong sense that the building should be residential in scale and should have a reposeful or comforting aspect. Wood siding would be aesthetically desirable, but is not required. The roofs should be sloped and accommodate both the significant rain and snow loads that Juneau receives. The facility must be designed with energy efficiency as a high priority, and it was agreed that the design must be designed to the level of LEED/Green Building.

Conceptual Design: The building is organized with 3 bars parallel to Glacier Highway intersected by a main bar, loosely similar to the Russian Orthodox cross. The existing parking and access drive will be extended at a much gentler grade to meet Glacier Highway. The main entrance is accessed by a small bridge that spans from through the trees to the main entrance. The first bar houses the main entrance, administrative offices, and small meeting room. This first bar is seen as

the gatehouse to the facility. The second bar houses the multi-purpose room, the children's play room, kitchen, and mechanical/storage below. The multi-purpose room will replicate the half-circle of the existing conference room to establish a connection between the two facilities. The third bar will house 4-two bedroom and 2-efficiency apartments. The efficiency apartments are located in the center and have acoustical separated doors to the adjacent bedrooms to allow for flexible expansion of the apartments, depending on the needs of the families. There are transition zones between the three bars that house support components: elevator, stairs, restroom, laundry, janitor, youth computer area, and meditation room. Access to the new facility will be via the entrance drive and a future connective link or bridge. The bridge will exit the existing facility from the present library and then traverse the property raised 10-12' off the ground to connect with an outdoor deck in the new facility.

Project Timeline:

2011: *Project Manager and Design Team selected EXPENDITURES BEGIN and CONTINUE

2012-2013: - Architectural Design and Construction Documents Complete

- Contractor Selection begins, RFP for construction prepared and issued
- Site Preparation, Footings and Foundation constructed
- Structure constructed, Exterior Closure completed
- Int. Construction, Project Completion, Owner Occupancy, Training, Move-In

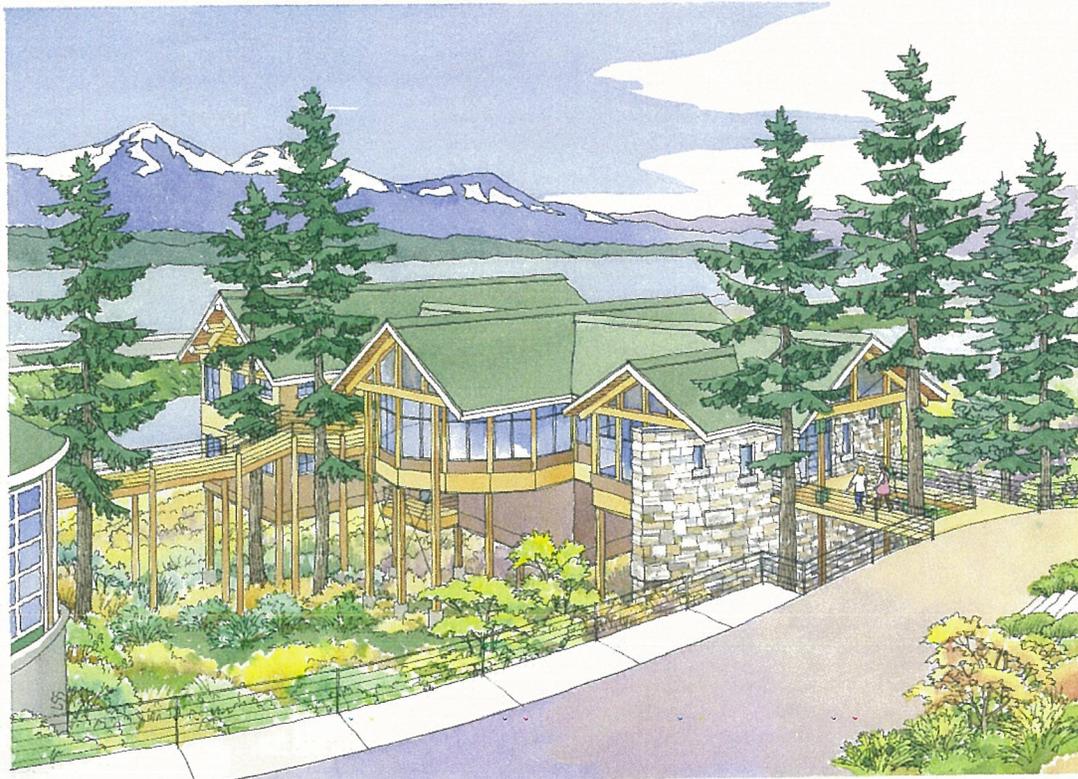
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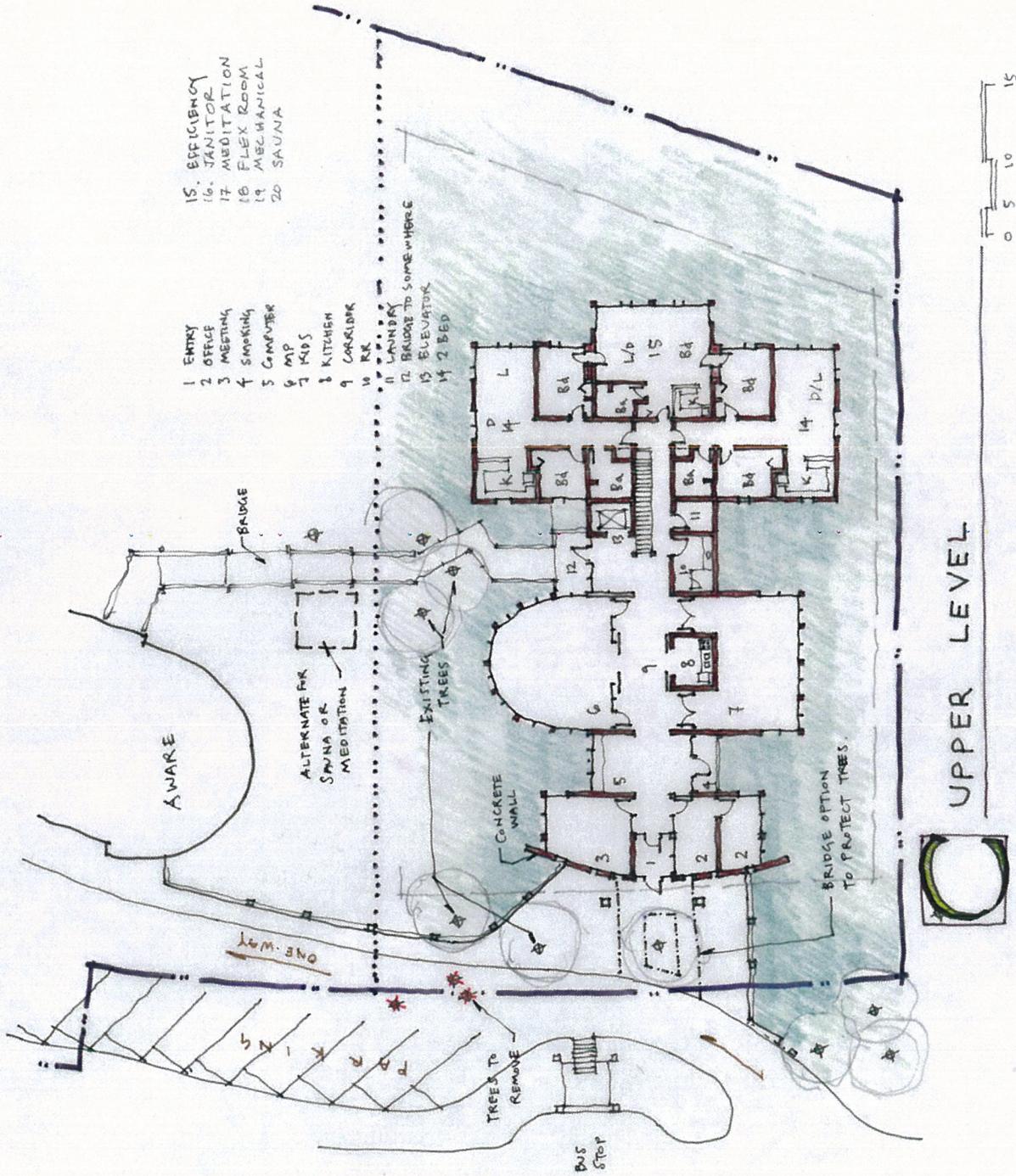
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No





- 15. EFFICIENCY
- 16. JANITOR
- 17. MEDITATION
- 18. FLEX ROOM
- 19. MECHANICAL
- 20. SAUNA

- 1 ENTRY
- 2 OFFICE
- 3 MEETING
- 4 SMOKING
- 5 COMPUTER
- 6 MIP
- 7 KIDS
- 8 KITCHEN
- 9 CORRIDOR
- 10 RR
- 11 LANDING
- 12 BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE
- 13 ELEVATOR
- 14 2 BED

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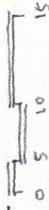
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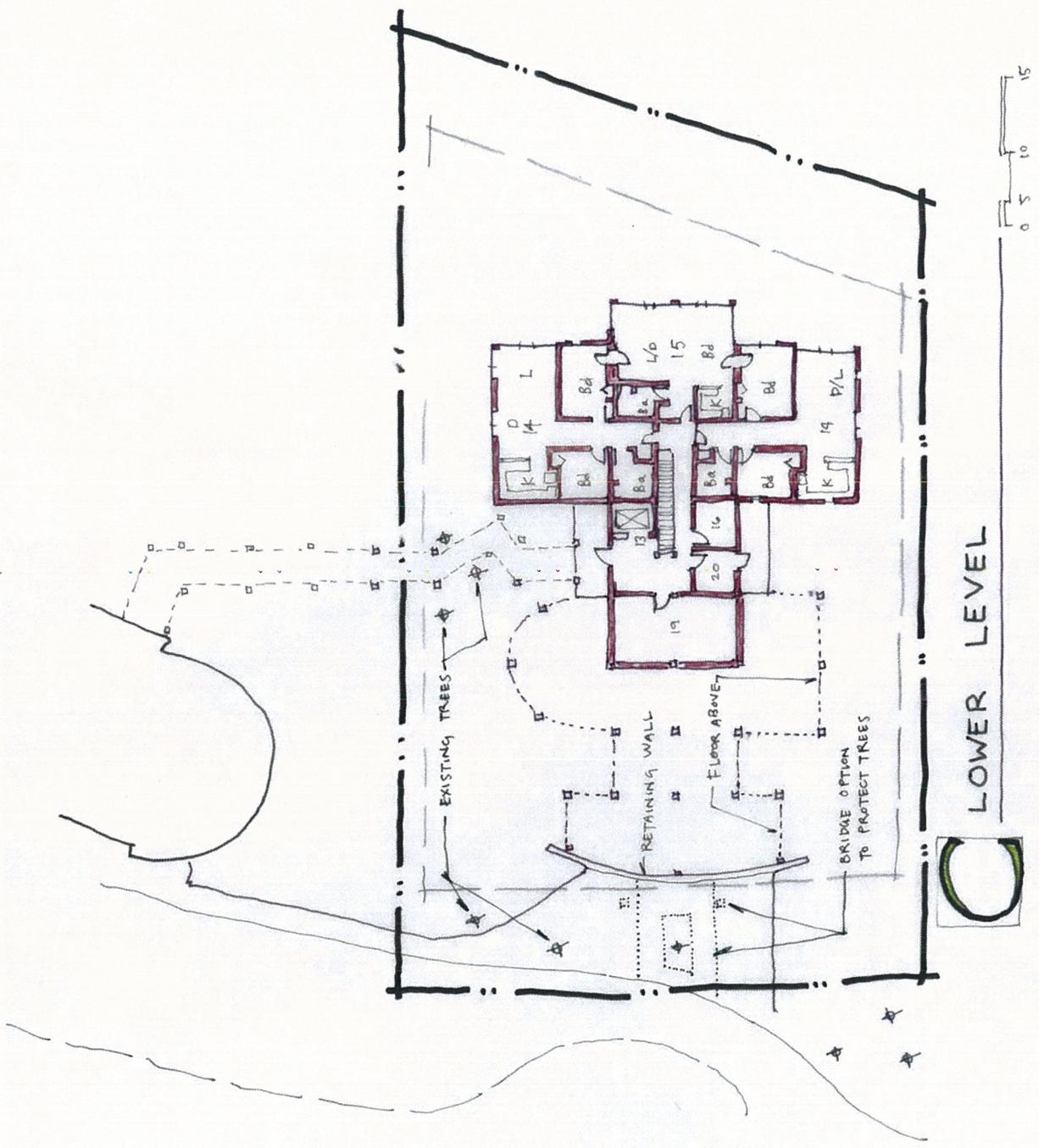
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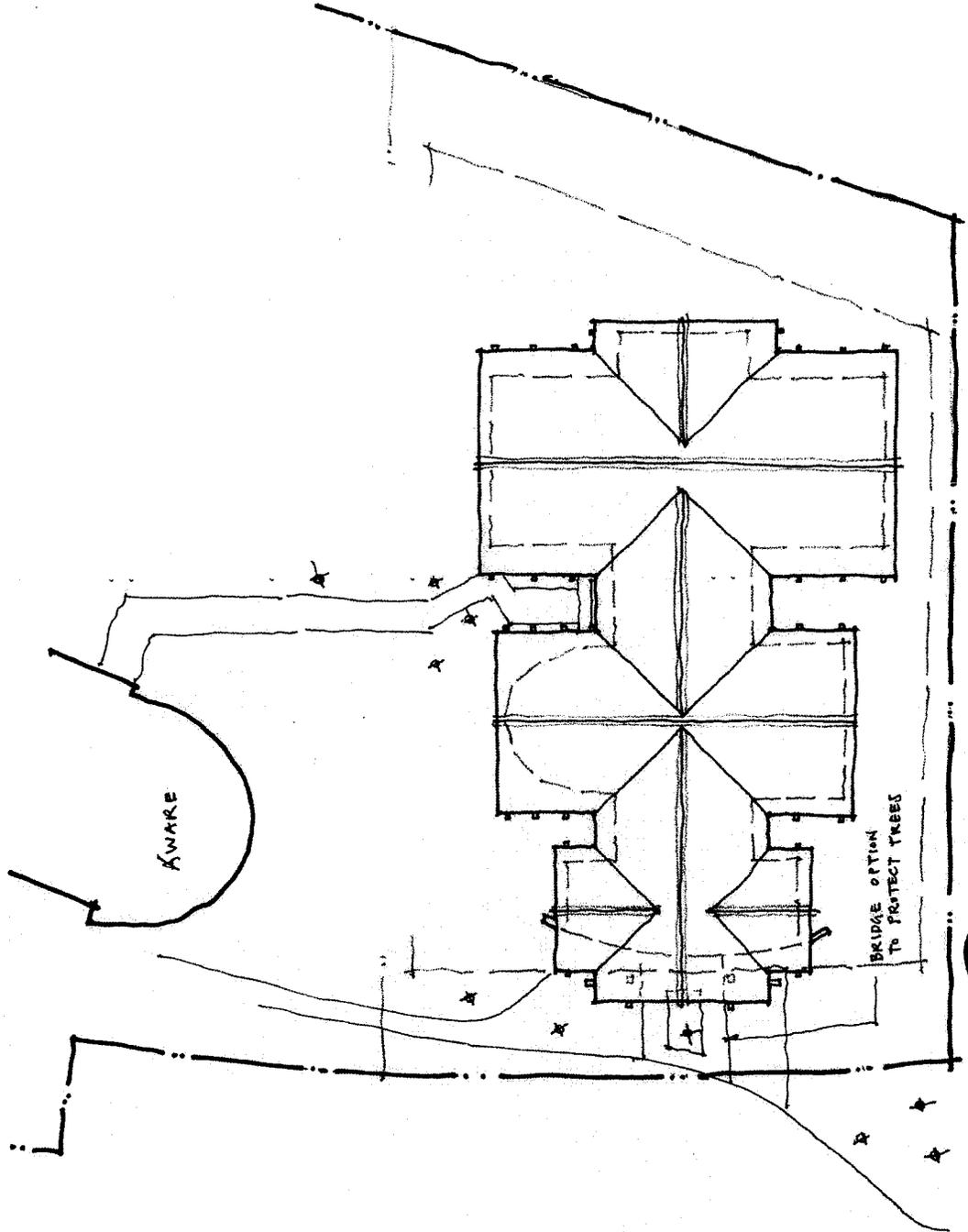
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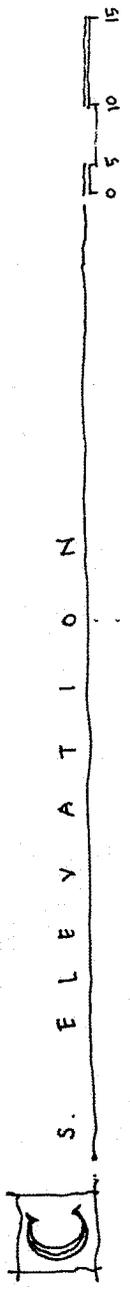
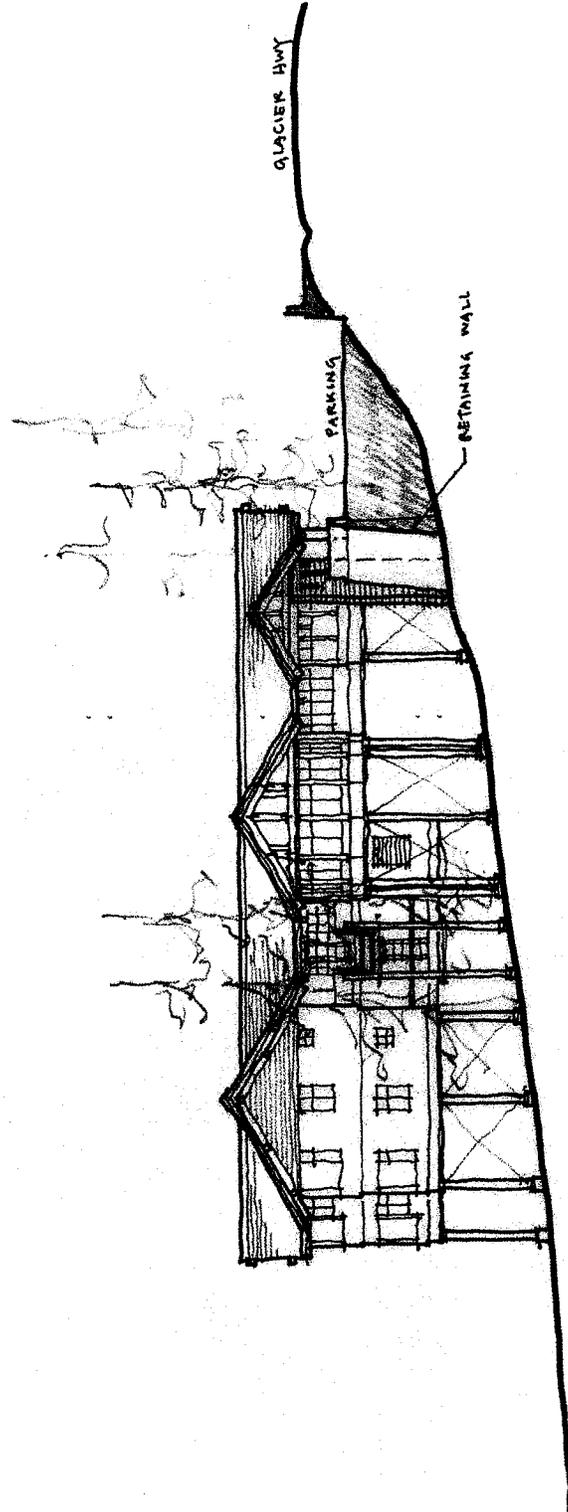


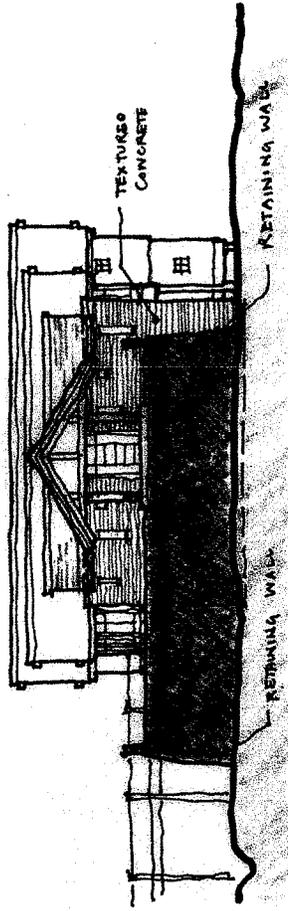
LOWER LEVEL



ROOF PLAN







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