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THE **EMPIRE** BUILDING 6515 38th Ave. S

S Edmunds St

South Seattle

Brighton



# **NEIGHBORHOOD**

# ZONE

SITE

MC1-40 SN

MLK WAY

C1-40

S ANGEL PL

SF 5000

C1-40

S MORGAN ST

# **DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:**

EMPIRE CONDOMINIUMS 6515 38TH AV. S SEATTLE 17 to 24 Condominiums

- -5 town home style condo
- -3 loft style

S HOLLY ST

- -9 to 16 flats
- 4,500 sf retail 25+/- below grade parking space

NO DESIGN DEPARTURES

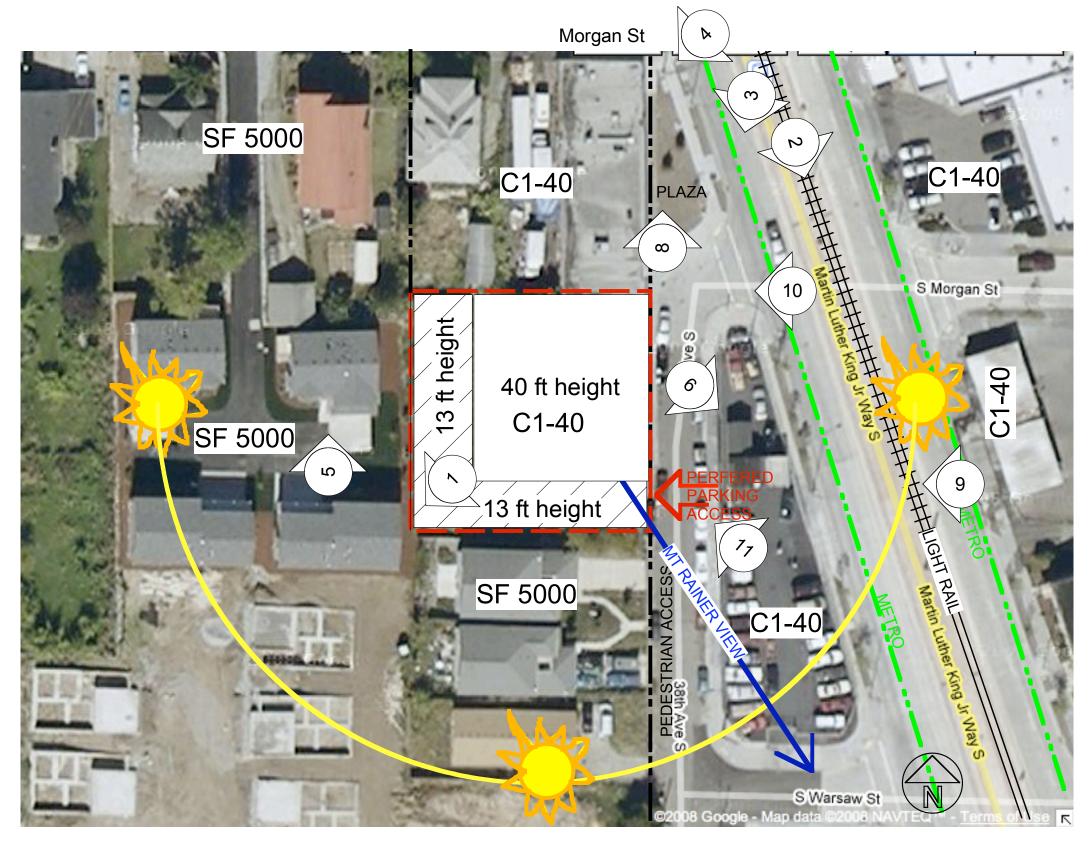
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## Site Analysis Summary

-Street made up of single family and

commercial store fronts.

-Level for easy pedestrian access.

-North end of street high visibility from MLK

S Morgan street

-S Morgan St. intersects with 38th Av. South allowing views of commercial from MLK

-Level for easy pedestrian access

West Property line

-Abuts single family homes.

South Property line

Abuts single family homes.

North Property line

-Abuts Commercial zone with same set backs

the empire property.

-North property has wide sidewalk.

East Property line

-Fronts 38th street. 6ft sidewalk.

Across Street

Odd pie shaped site.

Solar Access

-East façade will have unobstructed access to

-South and West Facades have minimal

from single family homes.

### Building Mass

 -Large massing to front 38th street and north property line. Step massing to west and south.

Views

Views of Mt Rainer from East facades.

### Amenities

-Light Rail on MLK.

-A cultural diverse neighborhood.

-Wide sidewalk fronts store fronts at MLK.

Auto and pedestrian access

-Access from 38th street. No Alley.

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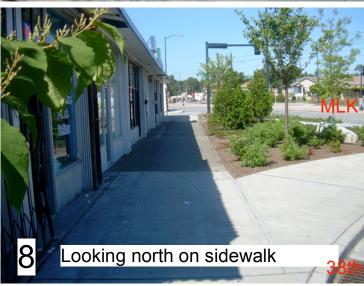


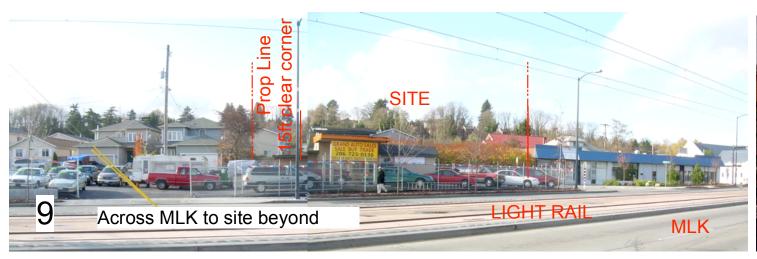
















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8 Looking north on 38th

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PHOTOS

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333300-2130 Tax ID:

C1-40 Zoning:

14,174sf Area Lot

Yes 12,000sf commerial or more than 4 res Design Review:

MUP components will be SEPA, design review

MUP and any proposed zoning code departures.

Retail and Commercial allowed Permitted uses:

Residential: use L4 standards no front yard

setback

40ft + 5ft slope Height:

Mechanical stair and solar OK to extend above

Roof Top Features:

No limit Lot Coverage:

Density requirements do not apply in

residential projects in NC-2 Density

3.0 for residential FAR

3.25 for combined residential/commercial

(below grade exempt)

Setbacks (NC2 to SF): Front:None

Rear:15 feet for portions of structures above 13ft

23.47A.014 B2

Side: 10 feet for portions of structures above

13 ft

Setbacks (NC2 to Commercial) Front: None Rear: None 23.47A.014 B2

Side: None

ADA Parking Per State code. First stall van pool

Office:1:4,000sf long term, 1:40,000sf short term Bicycle:

Residential:1:4 units

Parking Access: 1 garage door max, Alley pertfered

Underground allowed

Behind structure allowed Parking Location: not between façade and street 23.47A.0232

Curb Cut (1) 25ft

Not allowed Outdoor storage

40% or 1,000 what is less (screen required) Outdoor sales 15% or 1,000 what is less (screen required) Outdoor display

Required Open Space:

No modulation required Modulation:

Transparency 23.47A.008

chart E 23.54.015

23.47A.032

Yes. 40% max blank.

Green Factor: 23.47A.016

Parking:

Yes, .30 or GF score or better.

Residential:7-15 units = 75sf(front load) Trash/Recycle

Commercial: 5,000sf = 125sf(rear load) 23.47A.029

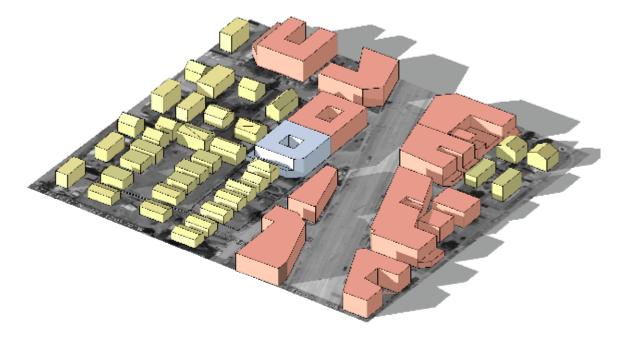
> Residential: 1.15 per unit, .0002 per sf ft per unit over 500sf

Retail: 1:250sf 23.54.015

Office:1:1000sf Restaraunt:1:250sf

Transit reduction: 20% reduction within 800ft Exemptions: No parking required for first 1500sf

each business



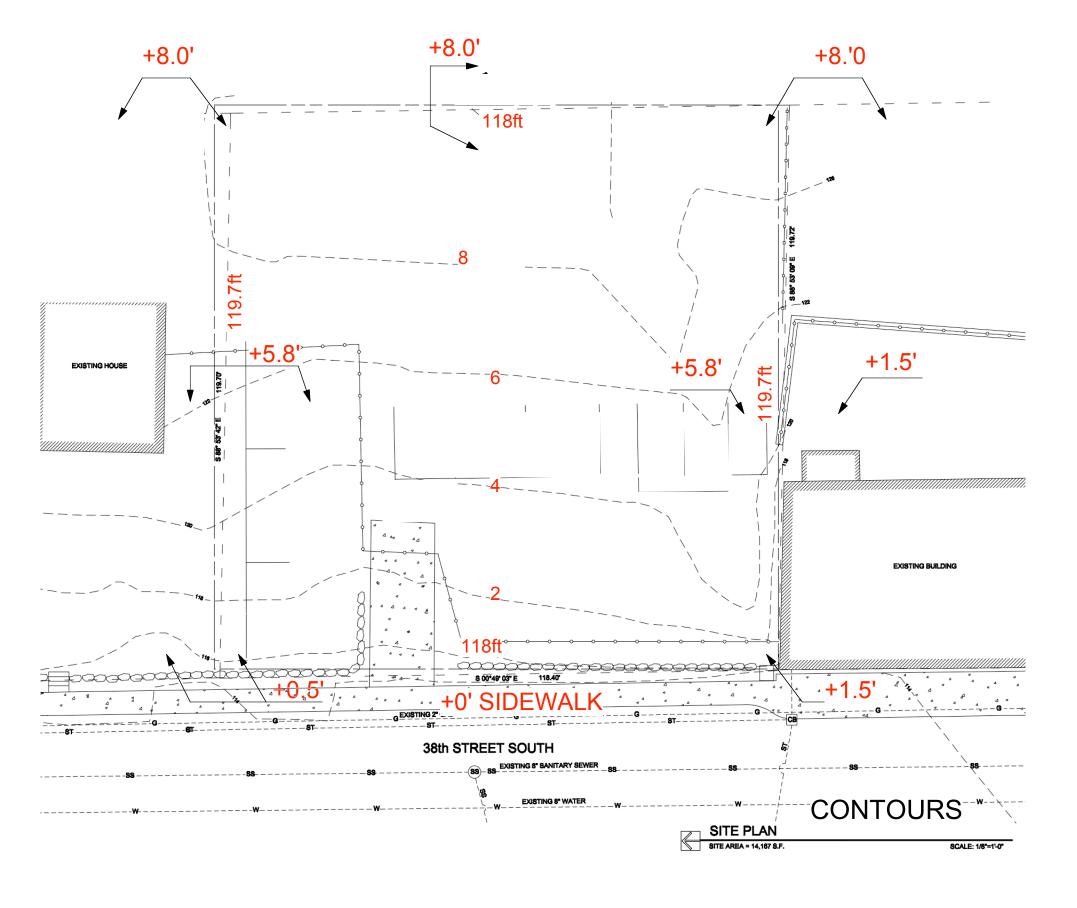
MAXIMUM MASSING FOR **NEIGHBORHOOD USING** C1-40 CODES

INFORMATION PROJECT

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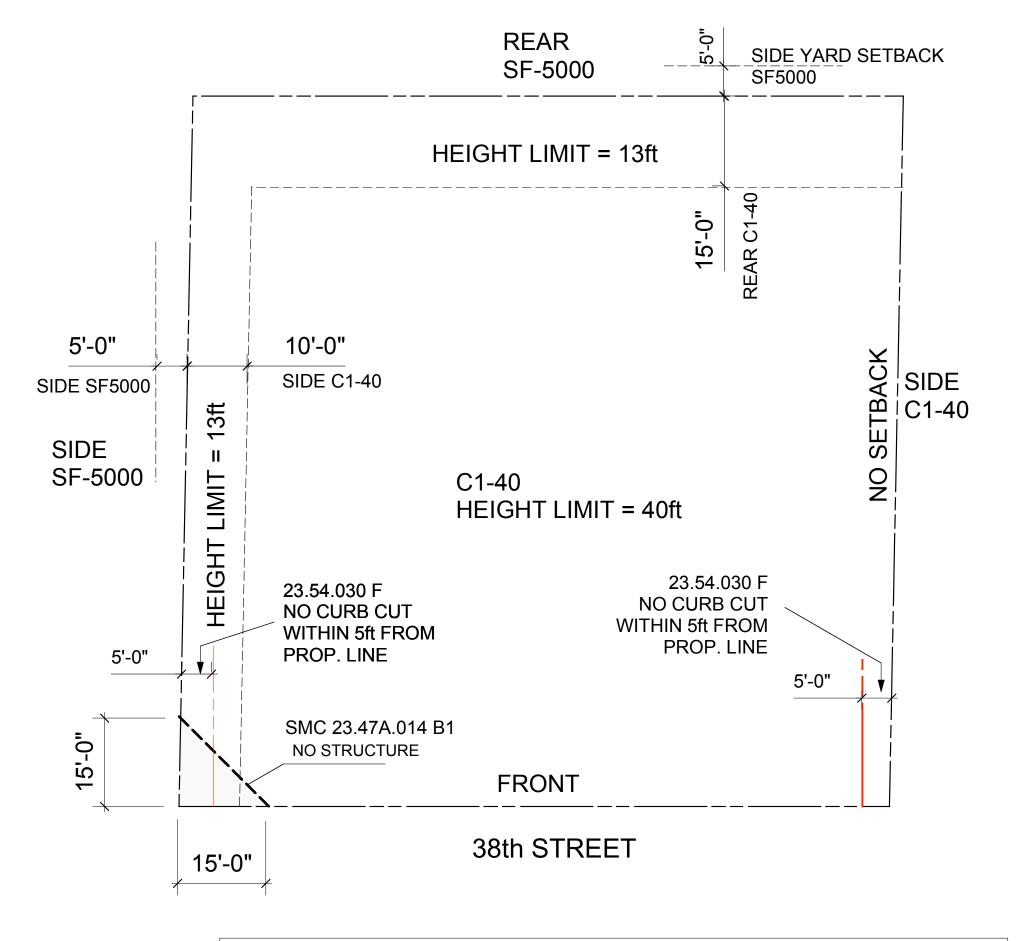
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# 1. SIDE @ SF-5000

SMC 23.47A.014 B2 setback is required on the south property line. A setback is required along any rear or side lot line that abuts a lot in a residential zone, as follows:Ten (10) feet for portions of structures above thirteen (13) feet

in height to a maximum of sixty-five (65) feet; and

2. REAR @ SF-5000 SMC 23.4/A.014 B3 setback is required along the west property line. Structures with more than one dwelling unit. For a structure with more than one dwelling unit, a setback is required along any rear lot line that abuts a lot in a residential zone or that is across an alley from a lot in a residential zone, as follows: Fifteen (15) feet for portions of structures above thirteen (13)

feet in height to a maximum of forty (40) feet.

# 3. CORNER @ STREET

SMC 23.47A.014 B1 A setback is required on any lot that abuts the intersection of a side lot line and front lot line of a lot in a residential zone. The required setback forms a triangular area. Two (2) sides of the triangle must each extend along the street lot line and side lot line fifteen (15) feet from the intersection of the street lot line and the side lot line abutting the residentially zoned lot. The third side connects these two (2) sides with a diagonal line across the lot. This setback is required in the SE corner of the site.

# 4. FRONT

None Required

# 5. PARKING

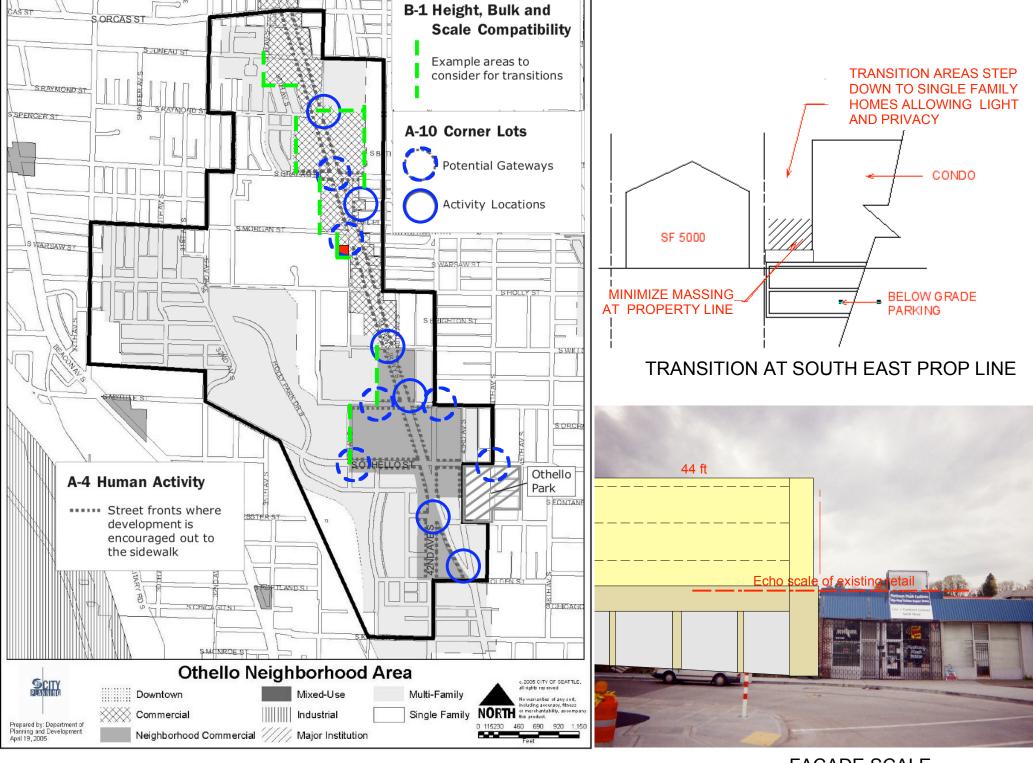
No curbcut within 5ft of propertyline. Min Curb Cut width 22ft 10ft sight triangle required per 23.54.030 E

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**FACADE SCALE** 

Othello Neighborhood:

The Empire Building is located in the Othello neighborhood plan. We intend to meet all the goals set out in the neighborhood plan:

Establishing new or reinforcing existing commercial "nodes" of development: The site is next door to one of the few existing storefront buildings in the neighborhood. Aligning the storefronts makes for an ideal street front for retail. This, along with the enlarged sidewalk make for an urban node.

Improving commercial facades: The site has been awarded a front yard street dedication waiver. This allows the facades to align in traditional urban style

Promoting sensitive transitions from commercial to residential land: The zone allows up to 13 ft tall massing at the property lines that abut sf5000 zones. We have chosen to not build in this area allowing substantial relief from the single family lots. We are also trying to modulate the east and south units to better relate to the context of the neighbor hood. This allows for a courtyard and open space.

Encouraging pedestrian comfort and safety: the store fronts along 38th, the addition of signage and lighting will create a friendly streetscape. The site is currently empty and detracts from the street.

Creating community identity: This new building along with the existing store fronts to the north will reinforce the Othello neighborhood as a whole and also and also create a small node of activity.

Bulk and height: The buildings major mass will be on the

38<sup>th</sup> frontage. The full 40ft will be used. The building will step down to the east and south to relate to the single family zone.

Façade Continuity: The scale and rhythm of the adjoining façade will be echoed in the empire building to create a harmonious streetscape. Unfortunately the adjoining building to the porth is only one floor. Changing materials and a to the north is only one floor. Changing materials and a small step back will

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### Desired Uses / Location

### Use Location:

The zoning allows a 40-foot height, and the design intent is to use the full height for 3 residential stories over a mixed-use base. The Commercial first floor is half submerged in the site. Residential portion above street level will meet the set back code with out code changes

### Retail:

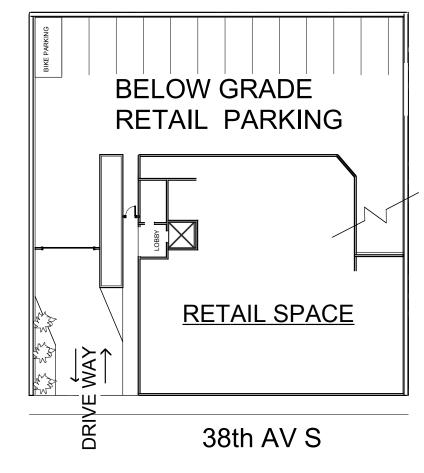
This highly visible site is well suited to retail use. The design intent is to use the geometry and the slope of the site to best advantage for an active pedestrian environment. Parking entry is set back from the street and all parking is below grade and behind the retail store fronts on 38th per code.

#### Residential

Three floors of residential units are proposed above the retail level. The because of the complex context and transition we have chosen to incorporate several housing types. 1.) Row house 2.) Loft style 3. Flats. Each type relates best to its neighbors and exploits the views and light.

## Design

Three alternatives for the massing are included in this document. The design intent will be to have minimal massing against the SF5000 lots for bulk reduction. The buildings make courtyards for residential use. The main building fronts 38th this defines an attractive, urban edge. The residential units should also be arranged in such a way that allows the open space to serve the residents well and serve as an asset for both passive and active uses.





Scale: 1" = 30 ft





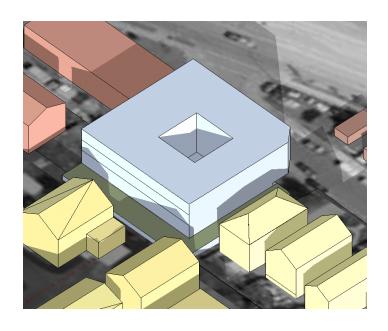
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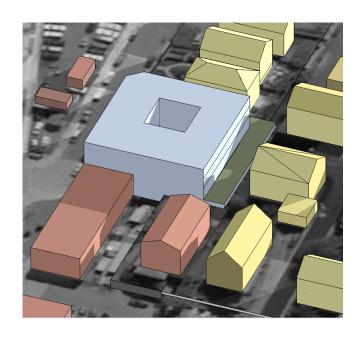
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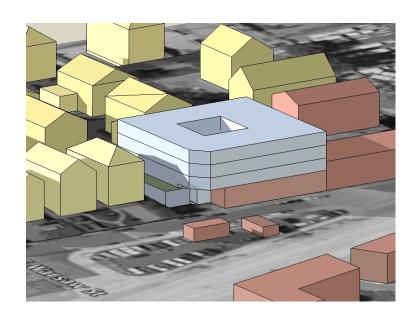




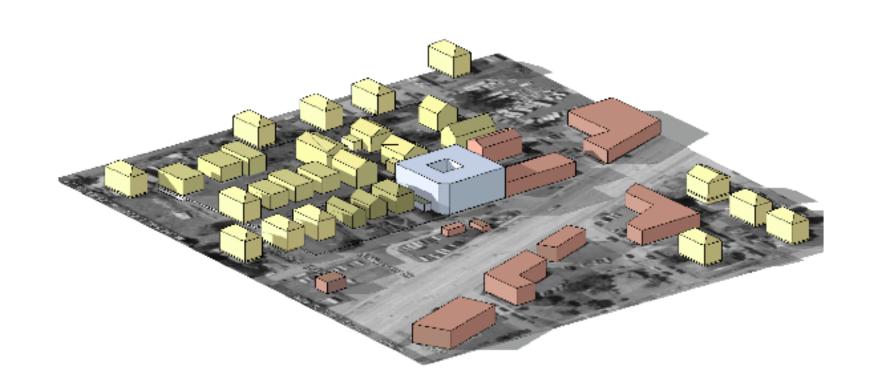
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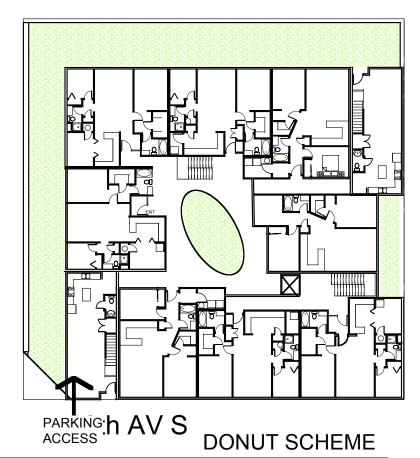
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**AXON LOOKING NORTH WEST** 







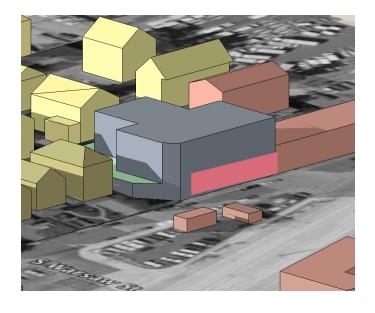
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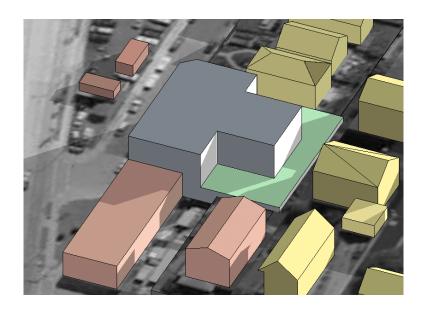
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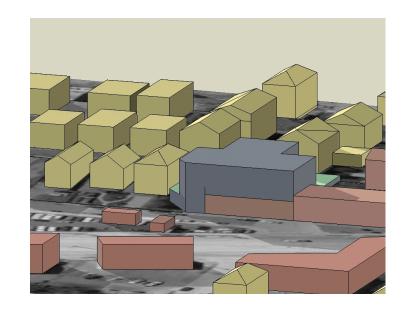
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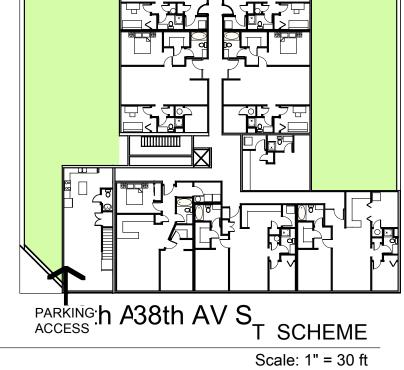


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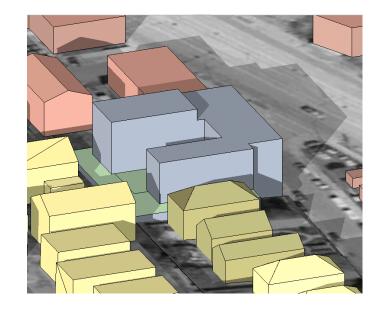


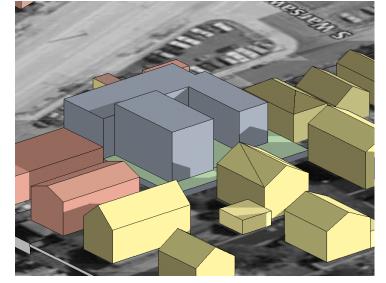


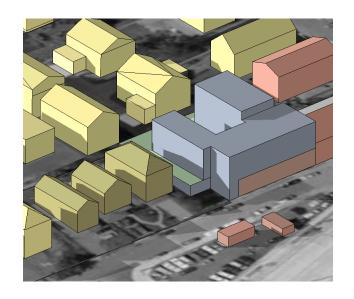
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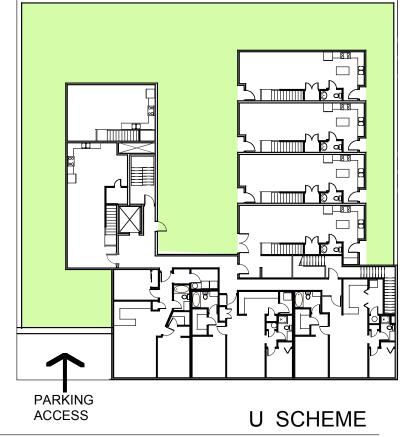


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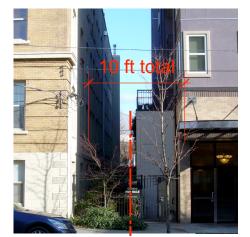
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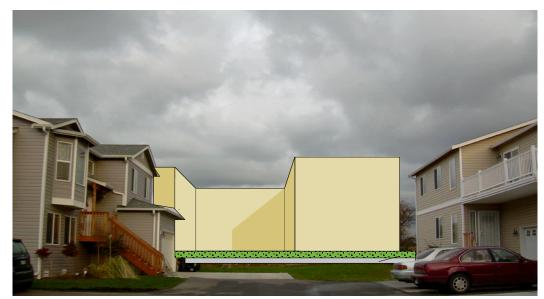
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SIDE YARD SETBACKS FOR LIVABLE SPACE



SHARED SPACE CREATES VISTAS, AIR and LIGHT

RESIDENTIAL SCALE





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DESIGN GOALS



FRONT / REAR DICHOTOMY