



DPD# 3019626
3246 & 3250 14TH AVE W
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PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

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STREET PERSPECTIVE

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

PROJECT ADDRESS: 3246 & 3250 14th Ave W Seattle, WA 98119

DPD PROJECT #: 3019626

PARCEL(S): 2770604445, 2770604440

FREQUENT TRANSIT: Yes

ECA: Potential slide

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Gilmans Add
Plat Block: 35
Plat Lot: 3

DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS

ZONE: LR-1

SITE AREA: 12,000 SF

NUMBER OF UNITS: 8 (1 triplex, 2 duplex, 1 SFR)

PARKING REQUIREMENT: 8 required

PROPOSED PARKING STALLS: 8 provided accessed off alley

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The proposed project at 3246/3250 14th Avenue West will create 4 new residential buildings with a total of 8 units; 1 triplex, 2 duplex, and one SFR. 8 surface parking stalls with access from the alley will be provided. The goal for the project is to create an attractive modern community that complements the rich character of the neighborhood.

The project goals are as follows:

- 1. To provide eight well designed and well-constructed light filled units for the growing North Queen Anne neighborhood.
- 2. To provide buildings and uses that positively contribute to the streetscape of 14th Avenue W.
- 3. To maximize the development potential of the property while supporting the city's planning objectives and respecting the existing community's scale and character.
- 4. To maximize the development's connection to its surroundings, including street level engagement and the transition between commercial and residential zones.

FAR: 1.1
(MEETING STANDARDS OF 23.45.510C)

FAR: 13,200 SF

AMENITY SPACE REQUIRED:
25% LOT AREA. 12000 * .25 = 3000 SF

PROPOSED AMENITY AREA:
4022 SF AT GROUND LEVEL

FAR CALCULATION:

	SFR	DUPLEX	TH
LVL 1 SF:	529	1054	2280
LVL 2 SF:	622	1233	2435
LVL 3 SF:	600	1234	2418
ROOF SF:	111	211	429
TOTAL/BLDG:	1872	3732	7562
TOTAL:	13166		

FAR ALLOCATED PER UNITTYPE:

BLDG FOOTPRINT SF:
SFR: 611
MULTIFAMILY: 3697
TOTAL: 4308

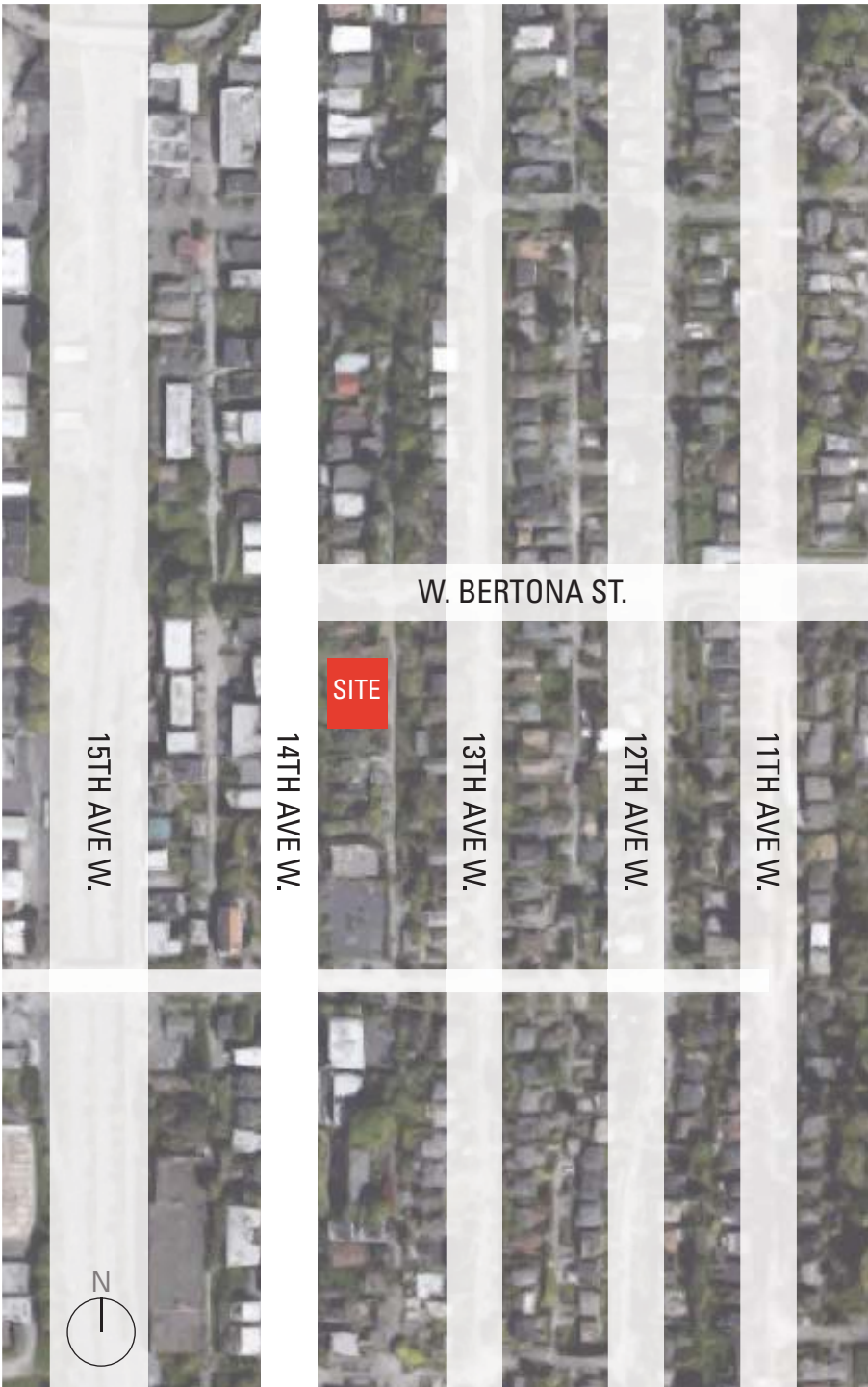
$611/4308 = .1418 = 14.18\%$

(SFR FOOTPRINT % * TOTAL FAR = MAX SFR SF)
.1418 * 13200 = 1872 SF FOR SFR
11328 SF FOR MULTIFAMILY

DENSITY CALCULATION:

1 UNIT/ 1600 SF LOT AREA
(MEETING STANDARDS OF 23.45.510C)

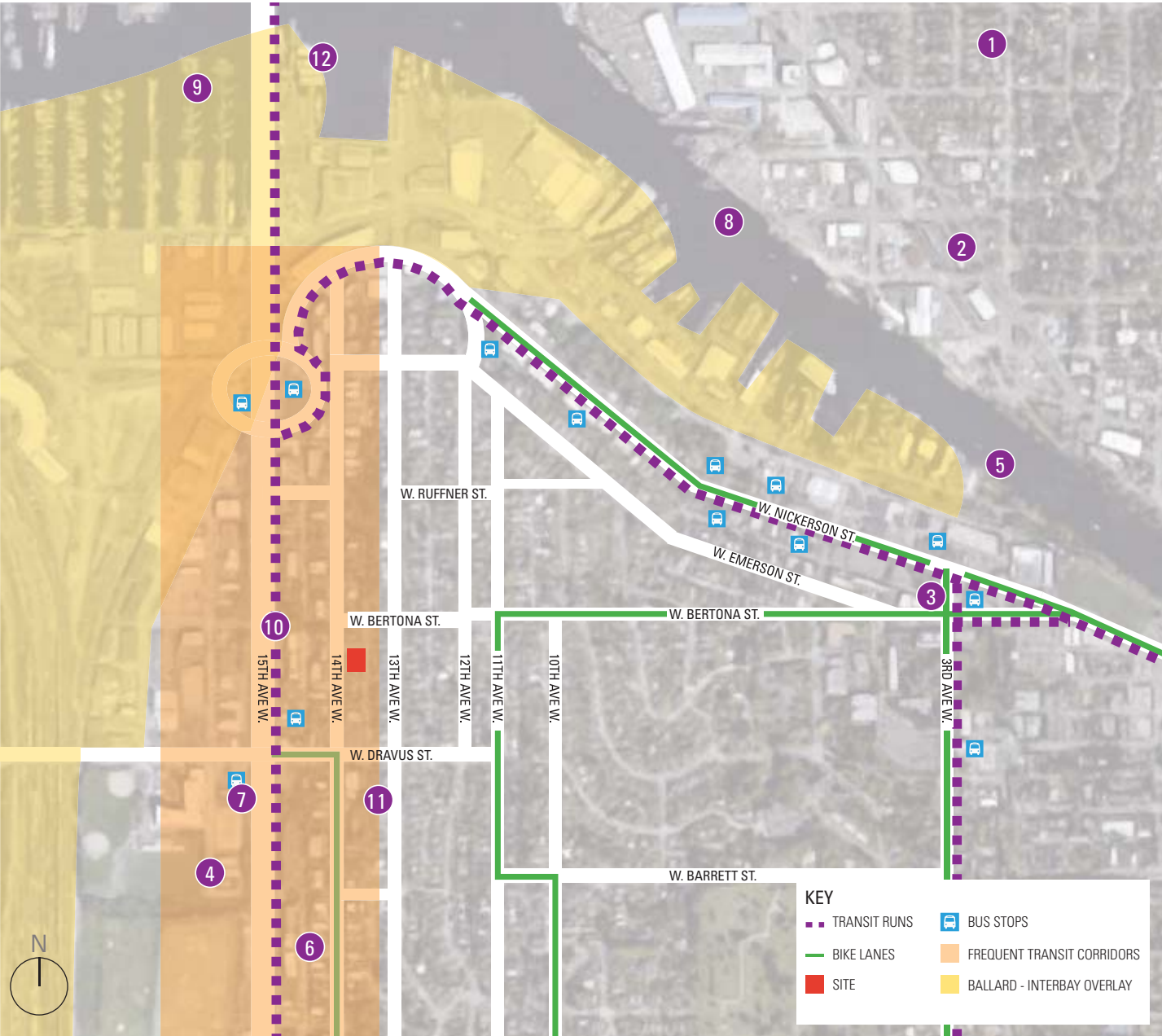
$12000/1600 = 7.5$



AERIAL 9 BLOCK AREA

CONTEXT ANALYSIS

SITE CONTEXT : VICINITY MAP & COMMUNITY NODES



The project site is located on the West slope of North Queen Anne, immediately east of Interbay, located 2 blocks from the busy arterial and frequent transit of 15th Avenue. The zoning for the site is LR1, bounded by SF 5000 to the East and C1-40 to the West. There is a growing number of infill development in this neighborhood, which is characterized by a mix of housing types bounded by single family and commercial.



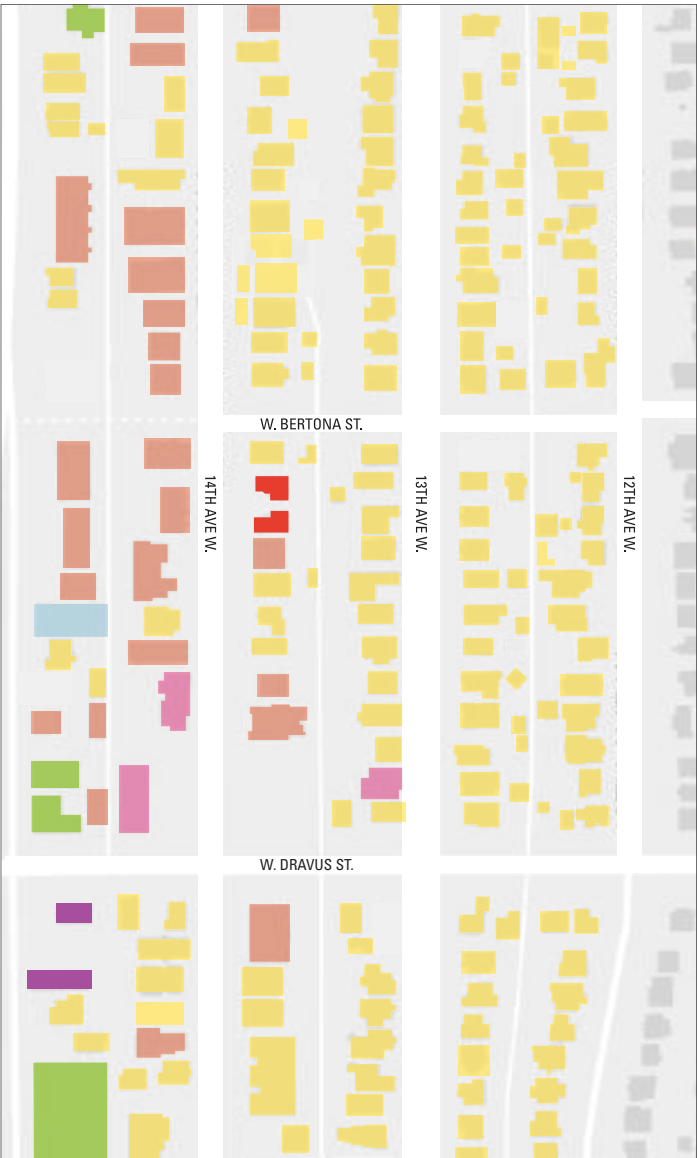
- 1 Ross Park
- 2 Burke Gilman Trail
- 3 Seattle Pacific University
- 4 Interbay Golf Center
- 5 West Ewing Mini Park
- 6 Interbay P-Patch



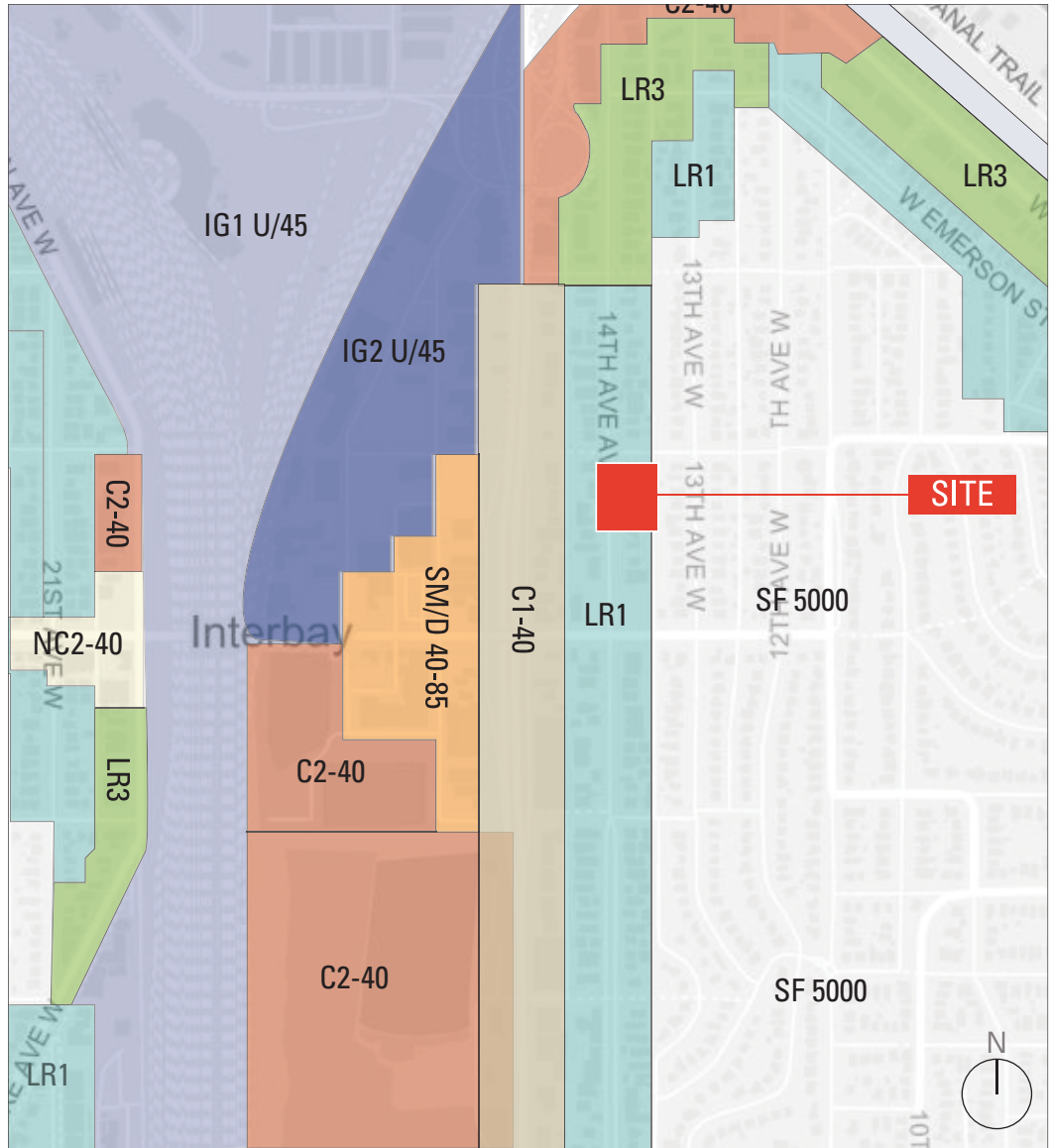
- 7 Interbay Soccer Facility
- 8 Lake Washington Ship Canal
- 9 Salmon Bay Marine Center
- 10 Q.F.C
- 11 Public Storage
- 12 Ballard Bridge

SURROUNDING USES

ZONING MAP



- SURROUNDING USE KEY**
- SITE
 - MIXED-USE
 - MULTIFAMILY
 - RETAIL
 - OFFICE
 - RESIDENTIAL



ZONING MAP

CONTEXT ANALYSIS

NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN CUES



1 THE FLATS AT INTERBAY AT 3036 16TH AVE W.



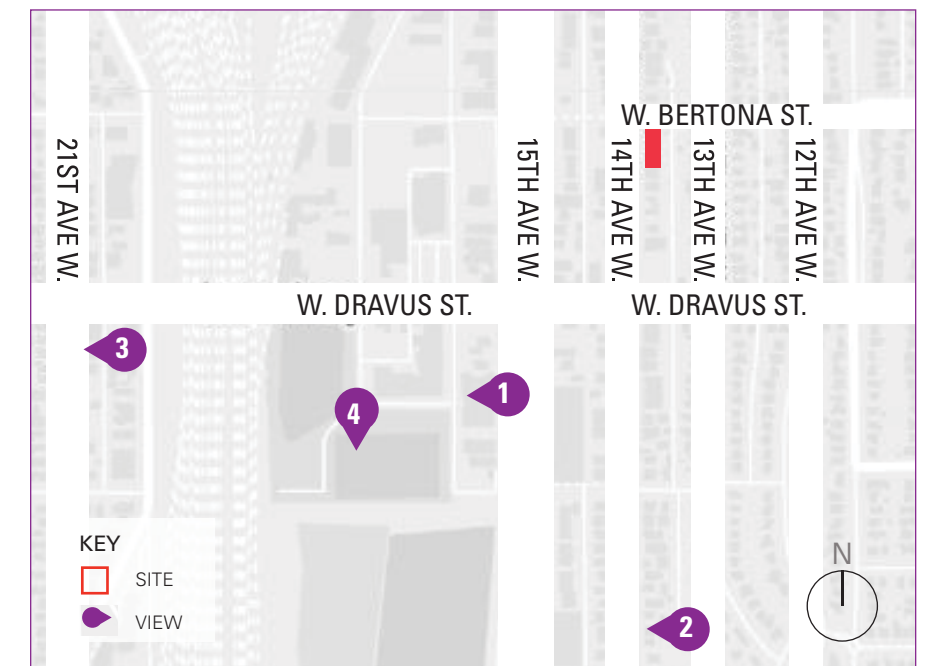
2 TOWNHOUSES AT 2817 PROSCH AVE W.



3 TEMPO APARTMENTS AT 2015 WEST DRAVUS STREET



4 SLATE APARTMENTS AT 3040 17TH AVE W.



NEIGHBORHOOD VICINITY PHOTOS



1 THE INN OF TWIN GABLES, NORTH OF SITE



2 3044 14TH AVE W, SOUTH OF SITE



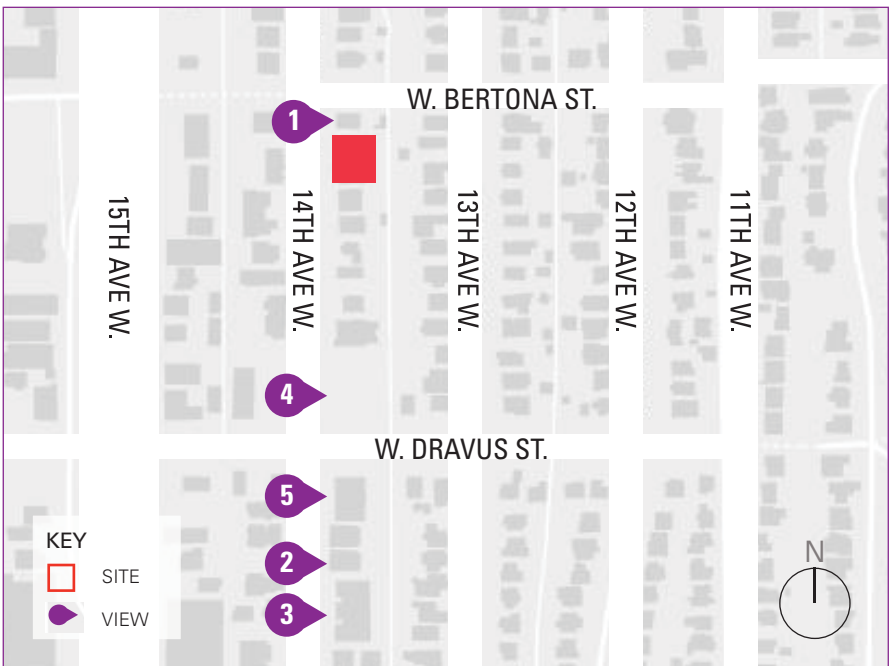
3 3030 14TH AVE W, SOUTH OF SITE



4 PARKING LOT, SOUTH OF SITE



5 3050 14TH AVE W, SOUTH OF SITE



EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS



STREET SCAPE | LOOKING EAST FROM ALLEY

SITE



STREET SCAPE | WEST ELEVATION OF SITE

SITE



STREET SCAPE | EAST ELEVATION OF SITE

SITE ANALYSIS

3246/3250 14th Avenue West is a mid block lot fronting on 14th Avenue West, with alley access to the rear of the lot. The site slopes down from the alley to the street dropping 16 feet. The steep slope enables units to be built on the site without obstructing neighbor's views.

Two non-remarkable single family homes exist on the site, and will be demolished. There is no significant vegetation on the site and no trees over 6" in diameter. However, a large exceptional Black Walnut tree is located just over the property line on the site to the North. Careful steps have been taken with coordination from an arborist to preserve this tree and allow it to serve as an amenity to the site.

A 1.5 story single family residence is located on the neighboring lot to the North and an 8 unit multifamily structure on the lot to the South.

EXISTING SITE PHOTOS



1 BACK OF THE TWO FAMILY HOMES, ON SITE.



2 BACK ALLEY FACING NORTH OF SITE



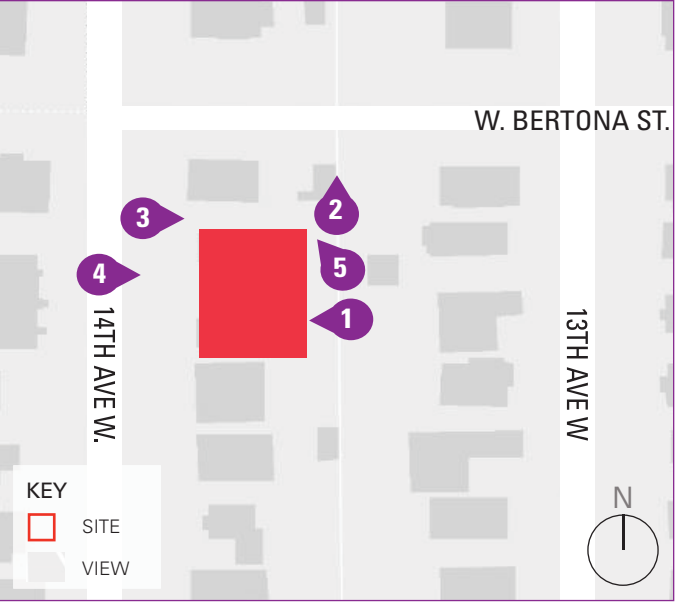
3 EXCEPTIONAL TREE JUST OVER PROPERTY LINE, NORTH OF THE SITE



4 FRONT OF THE TWO FAMILY HOMES ON SITE

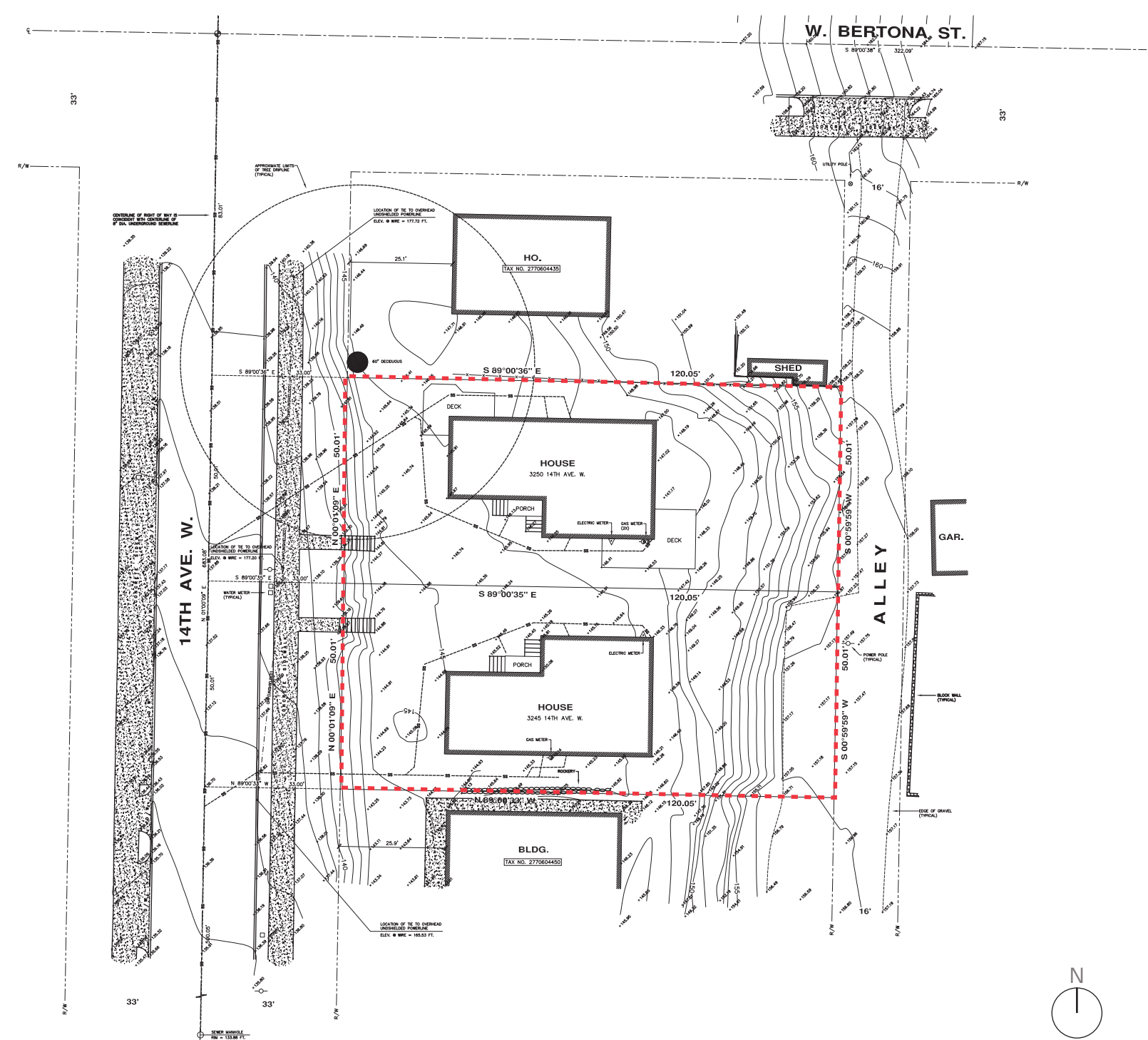


5 BACK ALLEY

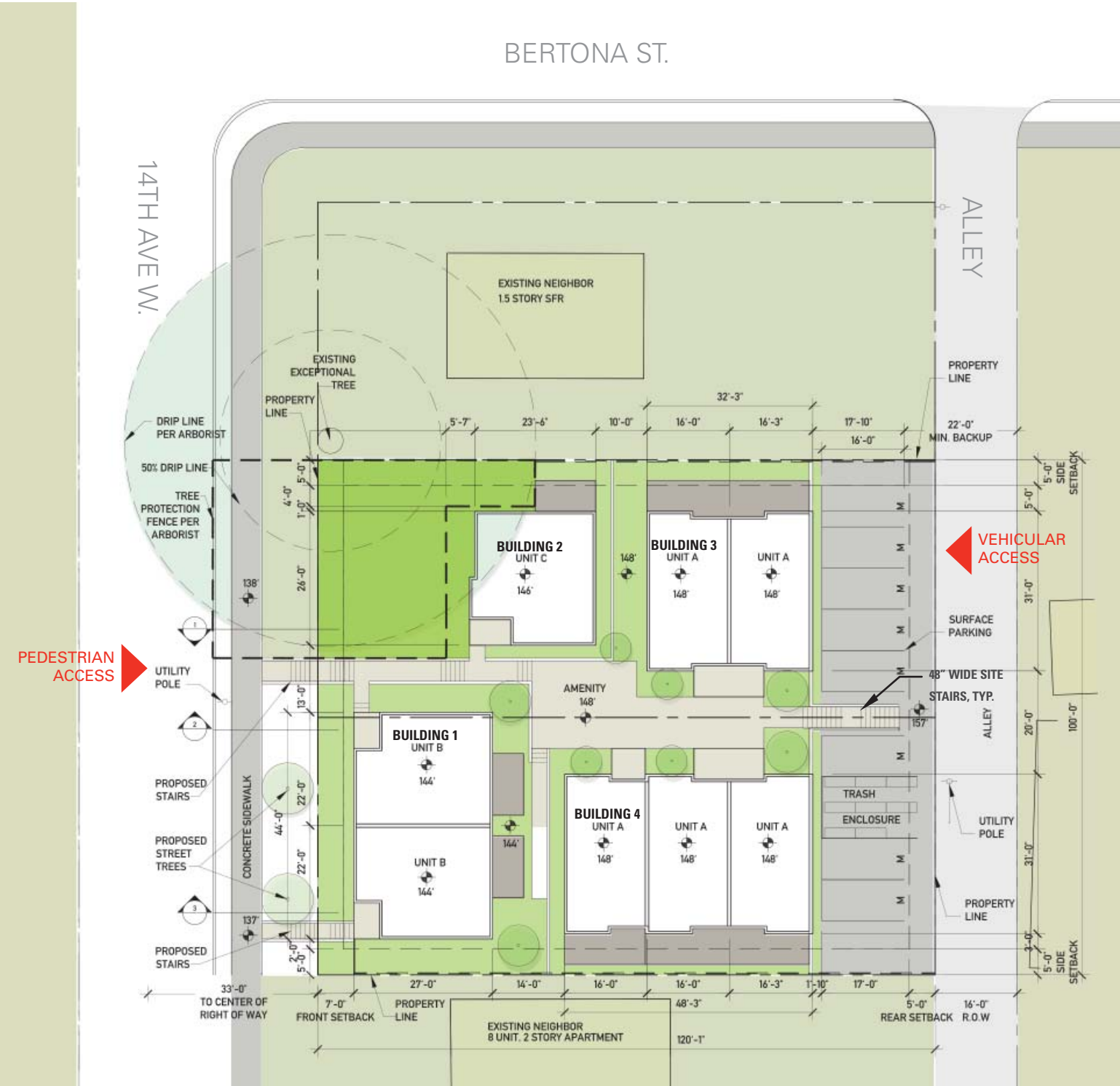


EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

SURVEY



SITE PLAN



LANDSCAPE PLAN



SMC TITLE	SMC REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE / REFERENCE
23.45.504. PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES	RESIDENTIAL USE PERMITTED OUTRIGHT PER 23.45.504 TABLE A	COMPLIANT
23.45.508. GENERAL PROVISIONS	REQUIRED PARKING, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES, AND FAR CALCULATION FOR MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY OF RESIDENTIAL USE ADDRESSED BELOW	
23.53.006 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND CIRCULATION	PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND CIRCULATION REQUIRED. SIDEWALKS REQUIRED PER R.O.W. IMPROVEMENTS MANUAL	COMPLIANT: SEE SITE PLAN
23.53.030 ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS IN ALL ZONES	NO MINIMUM WIDTH REQUIRED FOR EXISTING ALLEY. ALLEY SHALL BE PAVED PER 23.45.510C	COMPLIANT: SEE SITE PLAN
23.54.015 REQUIRED PARKING	RESIDENTIAL USE OUTSIDE URBAN VILLAGE, 1 PARKING SPACE FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT REQUIRED - 8 PROVIDED, 1 BIKE PARKING PER 4 DWELLING UNITS REQUIRED	COMPLIANT: SEE SITE PLAN
23.54.040 SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS STORAGE AND ACCESS	(1) 2'x6' AREA FOR EACH UNIT REQUIRED (UNITS WILL BE BILLED SEPARATELY BY UTILITY). (8) 2'x6' AREA PROVIDED. BINS WILL BE PULLED TO STREET BY OWNERS ON COLLECTION DAY. STORAGE AREAS TO BE SCREENED ON ALL FOUR SIDES.	COMPLIANT: SEE SITE PLAN
23.86.007 GROSS FLOOR AREA AND FAR MEASUREMENT	IF MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY OF RESIDENTIAL USE IS LOCATED ON A LOT, THE FAR LIMIT FOR EACH CATEGORY OF RESIDENTIAL USE IS BASED ON EACH CATEGORY'S PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STRUCTURE FOOTPRINT AREA	COMPLIANT: SEE FAR CALCULATIONS
23.45.510. FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) LIMITS	1.1 FAR LIMIT IN LR-1 ZONE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND TOWNHOUSES MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF 23.45.510.C.	COMPLIANT: SEE FAR CALCULATIONS TOWNHOUSE TO BE BUILT-GREEN 4 STAR OR BETTER
23.45.512. DENSITY LIMITS– LOWRISE ZONES	SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING - 1/1600. TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT MEETING 23.45.510.C - 1/1600	COMPLIANT: SEE DENSITY LIMIT CALCULATIONS
23.45.514. STRUCTURE HEIGHT	30' HEIGHT LIMIT + 4' PARAPET HEIGHT	COMPLIANT: SEE BUILDING SECTIONS
23.45.518. SETBACKS AND SEPARATIONS	7' AVG., 5' MIN. FRONT & REAR. 5' SIDE FOR FACADES 40 FT OR LESS IN LENGTH. 7' AVG., 5' MIN SIDE FOR FACADES > 40 FT IN LENGTH, 10' SEPARATION BETWEEN PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES.	COMPLIANT: SEE SITE PLAN
23.45.522. AMENITY AREA	25% OF LOT AREA; 50% OF REQUIRED AMENITY SPACE TO BE AT GROUND LEVEL; 10' MIN. DIM. FROM SIDE LOT LINES	COMPLIANT: SEE AMENITY AREA CALCULATIONS
23.45.524. LANDSCAPING STANDARDS	GREEN FACTOR SCORE OF 0.6 REQUIRED	COMPLIANT
23.45.526. LEED, BUILT GREEN, AND EVERGREEN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER FAR LIMIT TOWNHOUSE WILL MEET GREEN BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, EITHER BUILT GREEN 4 STAR RATING OR LEED SILVER RATING.	COMPLIANT: TOWNHOUSE COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING BUILT-GREEN 4 STAR RATING.
23.45.527. STRUCTURE WIDTH AND FACADE LENGTH LIMITS IN LR ZONES	ON SIDE LOT LINES WITHIN 15' OF LOT LINE, TOTAL LENGTH OF FACADE MUST BE LESS THAN 65% OF SAID LOT LINE. MAXIMUM STRUCTURE WIDTH IS 60 FEET.	COMPLIANT: SEE SITE PLAN
23.45.534. LIGHT AND GLARE STANDARDS	ALL LIGHT TO BE SHIELDED AND DIRECTED AWAY FROM ADJACENT PROPERTIES; PARKING TO HAVE 5'-6' SCREEN	COMPLIANT
23.45.536. PARKING LOCATION, ACCESS, AND SCREENING	PARKING ACCESS TO BE FROM ALLEY, PARKING TO BE SURFACE PARKING.	COMPLIANT: SEE SITE PLAN

DESIGN GUIDELINES

CS1 NATURAL SYSTEMS AND SITE FEATURES

D. Plants and Habitat

1. On-Site Features: Incorporate on-site natural habitats and landscape elements such as: existing trees, native plant species or other vegetation into project design and connect those features to existing networks of open spaces and natural habitats wherever possible. Consider relocating significant trees and vegetation if retention is not feasible.
- **Response:** There is no significant vegetation on the site, however there is a large exceptional Black Walnut tree located on the neighboring site to the North. With the guidance of an arborist we have the goal of using this tree as a driver of the design and as a feature of the site. The buildings are sited well clear of the critical root zone, and almost entirely out of the drip line of the tree.

CS2 URBAN PATTERN AND FORM

B. Adjacent Sites, Streets, and Open Spaces

1. Site Characteristics
 2. Connection to the Street
 3. Character of Open Space
- **Response:** The topography and exceptional tree are central drivers of the design. By pulling all structures away from the tree a large open area at the NW corner of the site will be maintained. Each unit will be three stories tall, minimizing the footprint and allowing for the central amenity space as well as minimizing impervious surfaces. Wide sidewalks and long sight lines through the site provide for a stronger connection to the street.

C. Relationship to the Block

1. Mid-Block Sites
- **Response:** Windows are reduced on the South and North facades closest to the existing neighbors in order to maintain privacy. Landscaping including vegetation and appropriately detailed fences will be used for screening at the ground level. As the buildings step down with the topography, they will allow for the major views to be maintained from neighboring sites to the North and to the East.

D. Height, Bulk, and Scale

1. Existing Development and Zoning: Review the height, bulk, and scale of neighboring buildings as well as the scale of development anticipated by zoning for the area to determine an appropriate complement and/or transition. Note that existing buildings may or may not reflect the density allowed by zoning or anticipated by applicable policies.
2. Existing Site Features: Use changes in topography, site shape, and vegetation or structures to help make a successful fit with adjacent properties; for example siting the greatest mass of the building on the lower part of the site or using an existing stand of trees to buffer building height from a smaller neighboring building.

- **Response:** As part of a growing neighborhood, these units are designed to comfortably increase density while maintaining the scale of the neighborhood through small footprints, human scaled materials, and articulated facades that break down the scale of each structure. The primary 'box' of each unit is wrapped in lap siding to match with the surrounding single family homes, with a cantilevered box inserted into adding design intrigue and consistency to the project as a whole. In order to provide a feeling of welcoming and legibility, each unit's entry is recessed and wrapped in cedar. These units are designed to appeal to growing families interested in an urban living situation while maintaining the characteristics of the neighborhood. By building units a mixture of sizes, including 5 units of a relatively small size, the project will help the North Queen Anne neighborhood grow while maintaining its qualities. With the variety of sizes it will serve as its own miniature neighborhood, allowing 8 families of different values to live in a small community.

PL1 CONNECTIVITY

B. Walkways and Connections

1. Pedestrian Infrastructure: Connect on-site pedestrian walkways with existing public and private pedestrian infrastructure, thereby supporting pedestrian connections within and outside the project.
 3. Pedestrian Amenities
- **Response:** The existing steep, narrow, and poorly maintained pedestrian access stair will be demolished and in its place a 48" wide, low riser height, and clean stair will access the site and its central path and courtyard providing an open and inviting design.

PL2 WALKABILITY

B. Safety and Security

1. Eyes on the Street
 2. Lighting for Safety
 3. Street-Level Transparency
- **Response:** The three units fronting 14th Avenue will use extensive glazing to maintain transparency on their West facades, allowing for natural surveillance of the street and surrounding areas. Balconies, roof decks and community outdoor spaces will increase observation abilities from all units. Lighting will be provided along the central path and at unit entries to provide for safety and comfortable pedestrian travel.

PL3 STREET LEVEL INTERACTION

A. Entries

1. Design Objectives: Design primary entries to be obvious, identifiable, and distinctive with clear lines of sight and lobbies visually connected to the street. Scale and detail them to function well for their

anticipated use and also to fit with the building of which they are a part, differentiating residential and commercial entries with design features and amenities specific to each.

2. Ensemble of Elements

- ▶ **Response:** All entries are recessed, and as part of the design sheathed in cedar and heavily glazed, providing for distinct, clearly demarcated, comfortable passage. The entries are a major feature of the design, and serve to soften and unify the project while providing a covered stoop to access each unit.

PL4 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

A. Entry Locations and Relationships

1. Serving all Modes of Travel: Provide safe and convenient access points for all modes of travel.
2. Connections to All Modes: Site the primary entry in a location that logically relates to building uses and clearly connects all major points of access.

- ▶ **Response:** Clear pedestrian access will be provided from each unit to 14th to allow connection to the frequent transit corridor and commercial areas along Interbay. 14th Avenue is an unsigned connection street for bicyclists, and provides easy access to the Elliot Bay Trail.

DC1 PROJECT USES AND ACTIVITIES

C. Parking and Services Uses

2. Visual Impacts: Reduce the visual impacts of parking lots, parking structures, entrances, and related signs and equipment as much as possible. Consider breaking large parking lots into smaller lots, and/ or provide trees, landscaping or fencing as a screen. Design at-grade parking structures so that they are architecturally compatible with the rest of the building and streetscape

- ▶ **Response:** Vehicle access is through the alley, allowing easy access but shielded from the public by the buildings. Parking will be screened to reduce glare into units and neighboring structures.

DC3 OPEN SPACE CONCEPT

A. Building-Open Space Relationship

1. Interior/Exterior Fit: Develop an open space concept in conjunction with the architectural concept to ensure that interior and exterior spaces relate well to each other and support the functions of the development.

- ▶ **Response:** A central community space uniting the units is a major feature of the project, framed by the surrounding units with easy access from each.

DC4 EXTERIOR ELEMENTS AND FINISHES

A. Building Materials

1. Exterior Finish Materials
2. Climate Appropriateness

- ▶ **Response:** Exterior materials have been selected for qualities of attractiveness, similar scale to the neighborhood, easy maintenance, sustainability, and durability. All balconies and railings will be selected to be attractive and durable, with design qualities that mesh with the project.

B. Signage

2. Coordination With Project Design

- ▶ **Response:** Signage will be clearly visible, at a similar location, at each building entry.

C. Lighting

1. Functions
2. Avoiding Glare

- ▶ **Response:** Lighting will be provided along the central path and at unit entries, and all exterior lighting will be shielded to prevent glare to neighboring structures.

D. Trees, Landscape And Hardscape Materials

1. Choice of Plant Materials
2. Hardscape Materials
4. Place Making

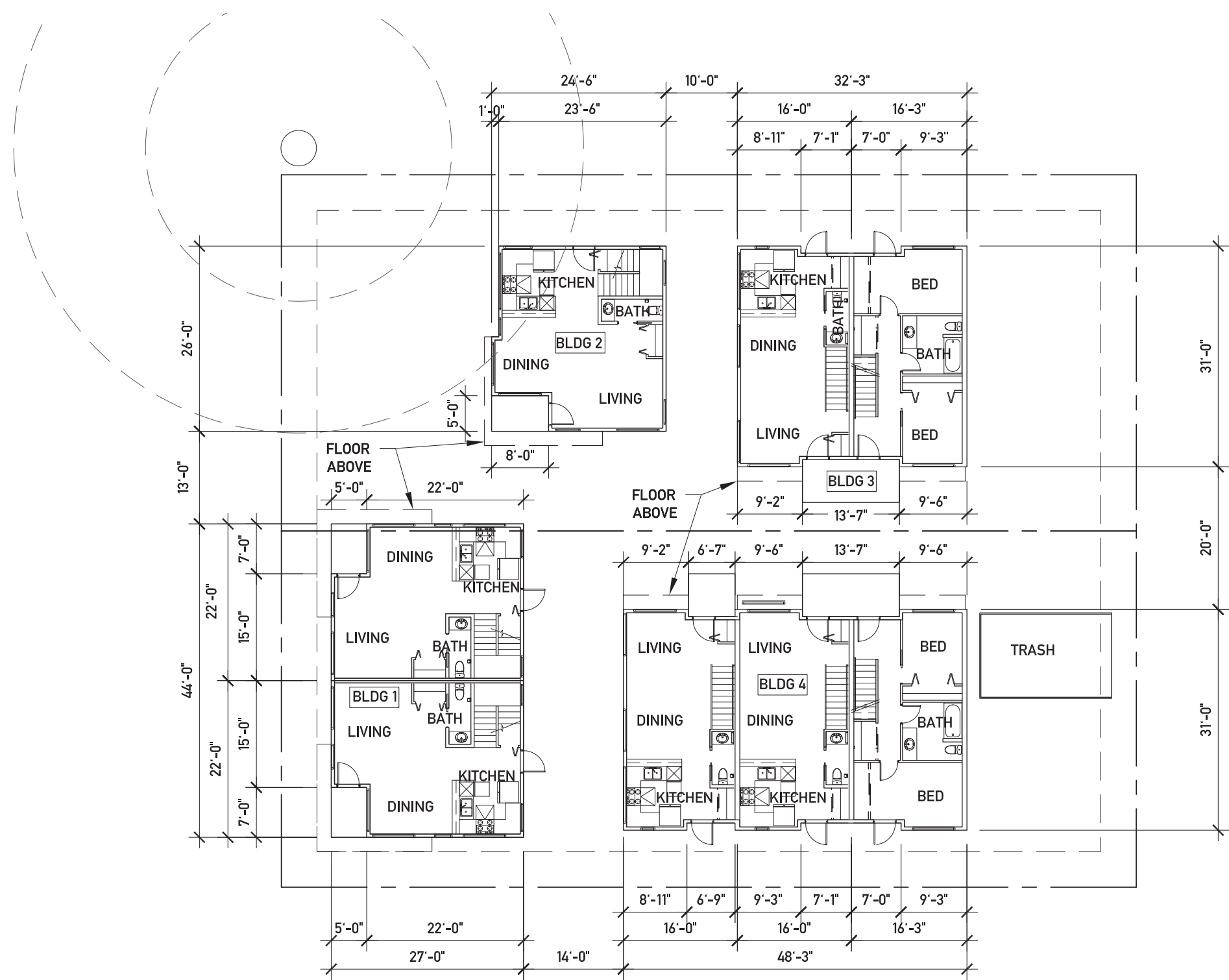
- ▶ **Response:** Landscaping will be provided that requires minimum maintenance and native qualities. Plant selections will be based on both maintenance and design qualities, providing attractive additions to the structures while providing both design interest and shielding.



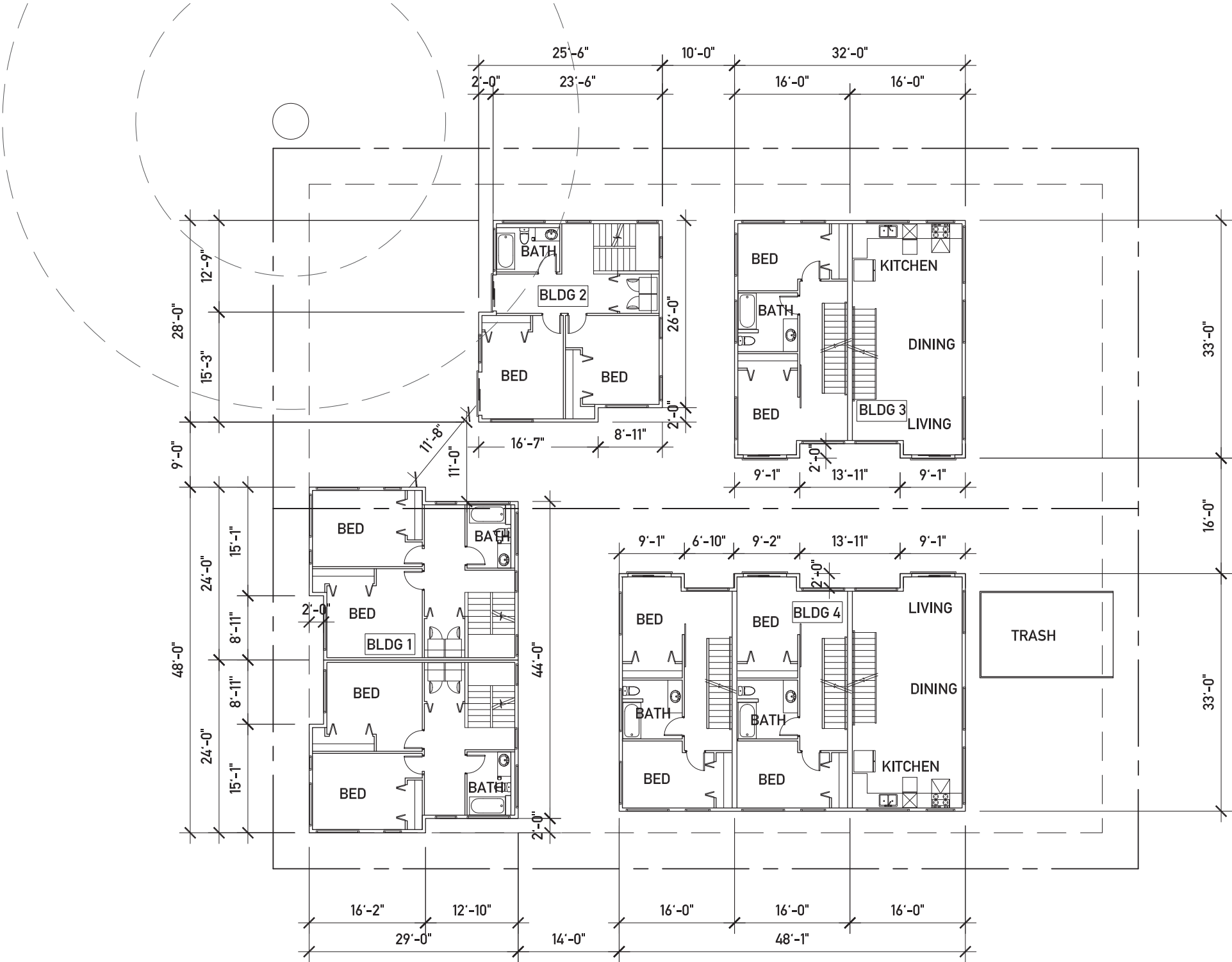
AMENITY SPACE PERSPECTIVE

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FLOOR PLANS | LEVEL 1

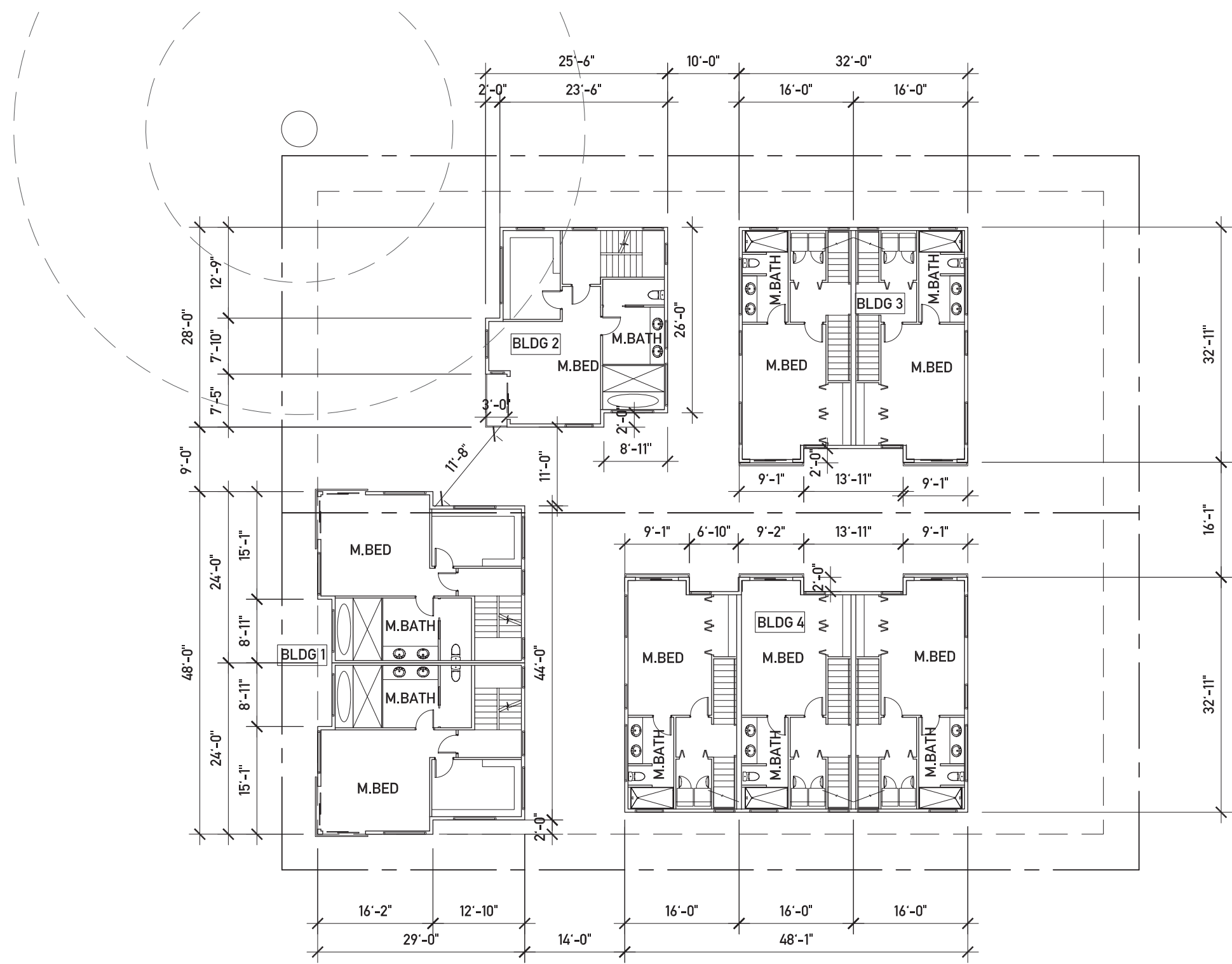


FLOOR PLANS | LEVEL 2



ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS

FLOOR PLANS | LEVEL 3



ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS

ELEVATIONS | NORTH



- MATERIAL USES KEY**
- 1 GREY FIBER CEMENT PANEL
 - 2 OFF-WHITE FIBER CEMENT LAP SIDING
 - 3 HORIZONTAL CEDAR SIDING
 - 4 ADDRESS SIGN LOCATION
 - 5 VINYL DOOR/WINDOW ASSEMBLY
 - 6 JULIET BALCONY
 - 7 CONCRETE STAIR
 - 8 METAL RAILING
 - 9 WOOD FENCE
 - 10 MEMBRANE ROOF
 - 11 PAINTED ENTRY DOOR
 - 12 CONCRETE RETAINING WALL



ELEVATIONS | SOUTH

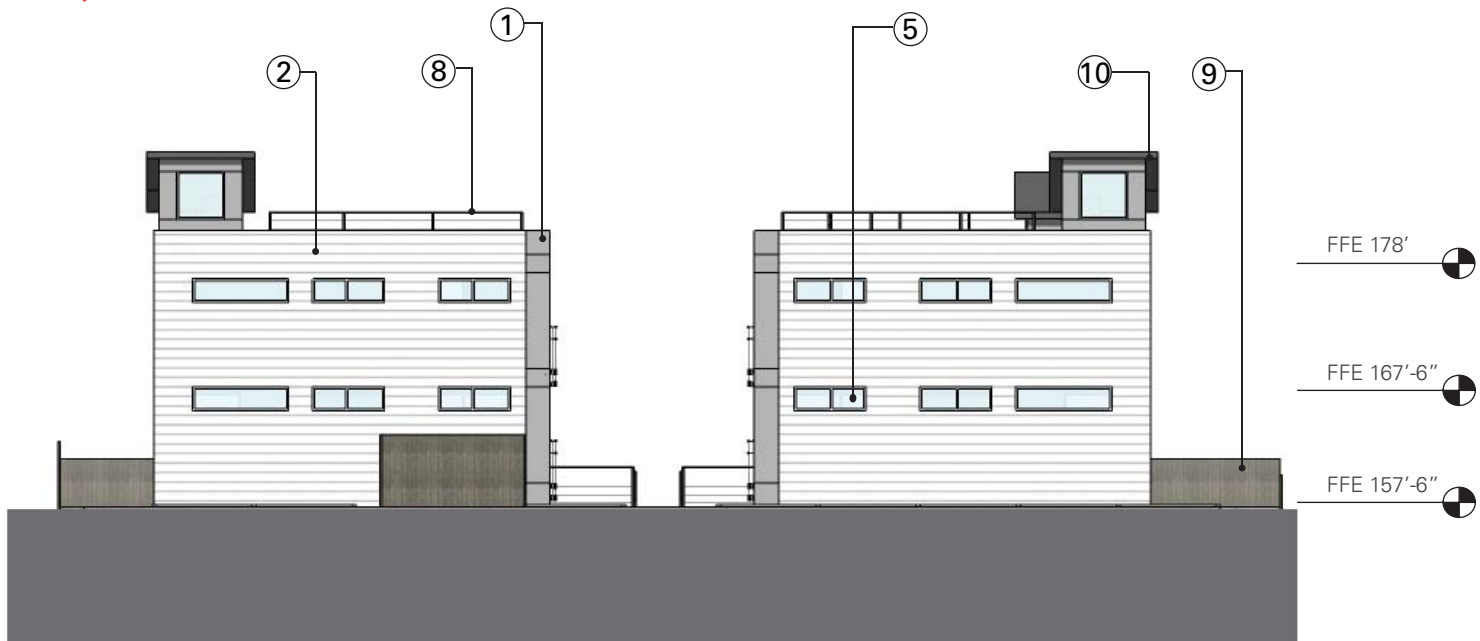


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ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS

ELEVATIONS | EAST



EAST (ALLEY) ELEVATION

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EAST COURTYARD ELEVATION

ELEVATIONS | WEST



WEST (STREET) ELEVATION



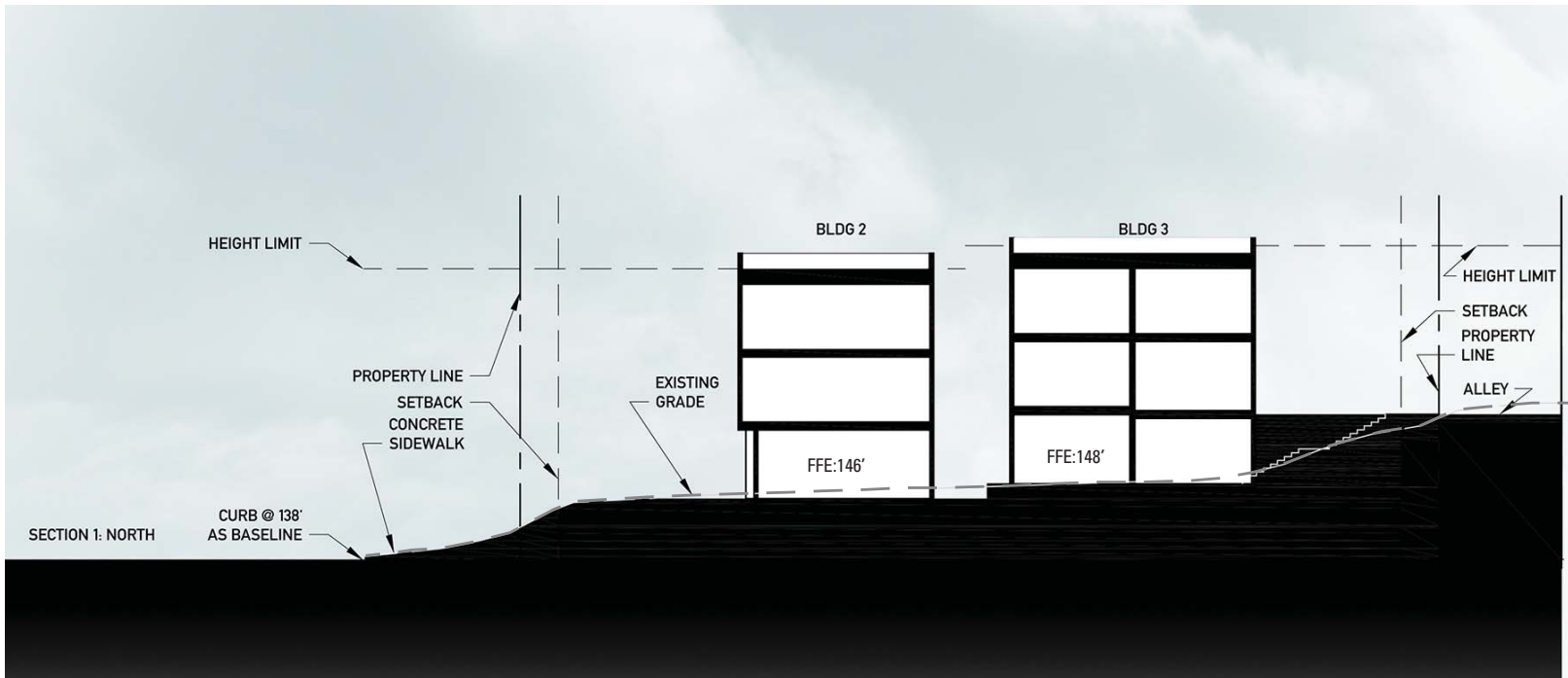
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ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS

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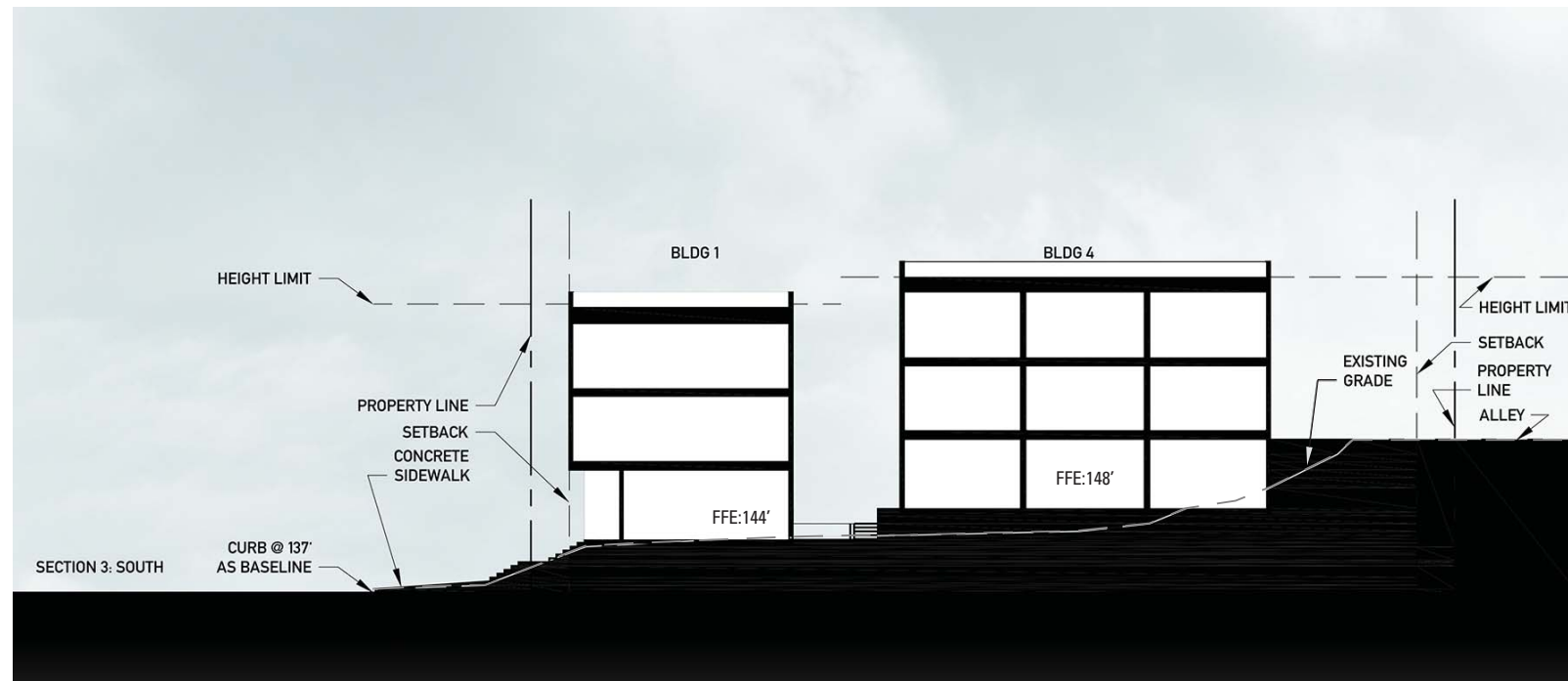


SECTION 1: NORTH



SECTION 2: CENTER

SECTIONS



SECTION 3: SOUTH

ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS

RENDERING



AERIAL FROM NE

RENDERING



AERIAL FROM SE

ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS

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PERSPECTIVE FROM STREET

RENDERING



PERSPECTIVE FROM ALLEY

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AERIAL FROM NW