

# West Don Lands Block 13 Schematic Design June 26, 2024

# Project Description & Background

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Proponent: Dream, Kilmer Design Team: Henriquez Partners Architects, NAK Design Strategies, RWDI Review Stage: Schematic Design

#### Background

- In 2011 Infrastructure Ontario issued an RFP for the Pan Am Athletes Village in the West Don Lands.
- Dream / Kilmer was the winning bidder and purchased the "stage 2 project lands" as part of that deal.
  - These lands included Blocks 12, 16 & 13.
  - Block 13 is the last remaining Block to be developed as part of the Pan Am Athletes Village deal.
- Waterfront Toronto and Dream / Kilmer signed a Development Agreement in 2011
  - DA requires LEED Gold (Toronto Green Standard Version 3 currently in effect)

#### Scope Overview

- Residential area of 688,593 (1,084 units) increased from 602,200 sf (884 units)
- Commercial area of 10,660 sf increased from 8,200 sf
- Car Parking of 169 spots decreased from 214
- **Bike Parking** of 1,084 spots increased from 885

## Timeline

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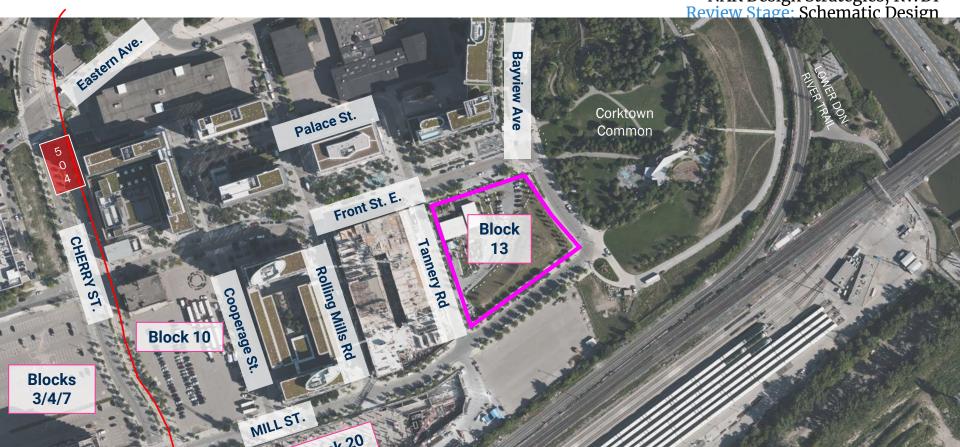
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#### Project Timeline

- March 2022 Pre-Application Consultation
- April 2022 DRP Issues Identification
- April 2022 Rezoning / SPA Submission
- June 2024 DRP Schematic Design

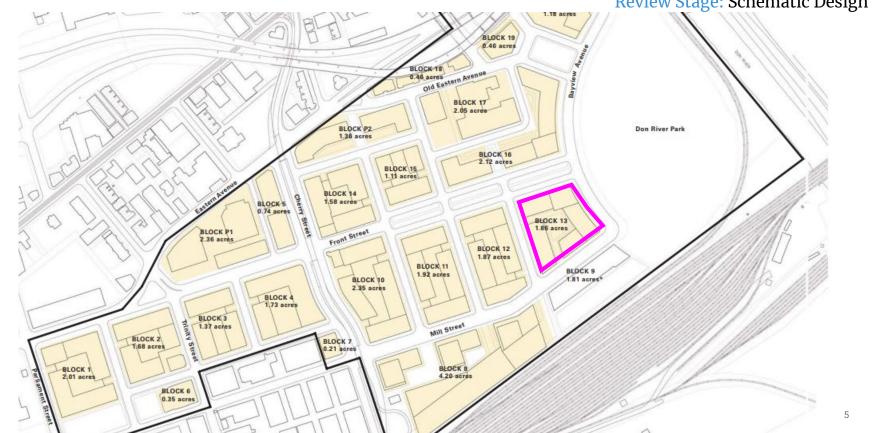
# Site Context

### West Don Lands Block 13



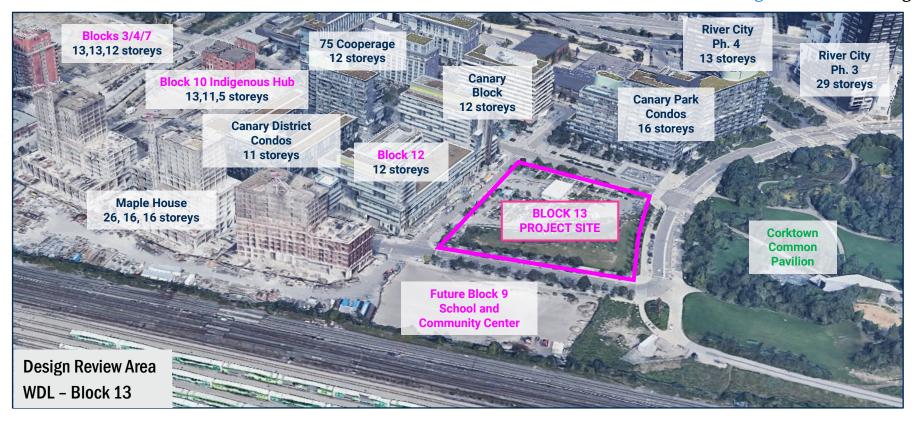
### 2006 Precinct and Block Plan

### West Don Lands Block 13



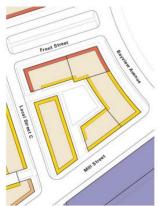
# **Existing Site Context**

#### West Don Lands Block 13



# Block 13 Precinct Plan Massing

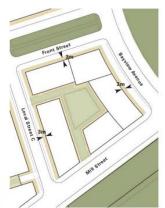
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FRONTAGES AND GROUND FLOOR USES
Front Street will be lined with active uses on the ground
floor which will turn the corner on Bayview Avenue. The
remainder of Bayview Avenue, Mill Street, and Local
Street C will have residential frontage. The block's
interior courtyard will also be lined with residences that
have grade-related units.

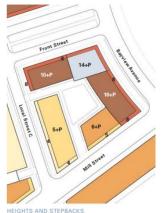






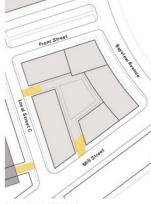
SETBACKS, COURTYARDS, AND OPEN SPACE
3.00m setbacks exist on Front Street, Bayview Avenue,
and Local Street C. No setback zone occurs on Mill
Street. A courtyard will be developed mid-block at grade,
as frontage for grade-related units.





Buildings along Front Street and Bayview Avenue will be 10 storeys in height with a required stepback after the 8th floor. Buildings on Mill Street will be 6 storeys in height with a stepback after the 10 storeys in height with a stepback after the fourth floor to maintain the scale of intimate, neighbourhood streets. A 14 storey tover will rise from the 10 storey building mass at the corner of Front Street and Bayview Avenue. It will stepback after the 8th floor to be in concert with the overall block.

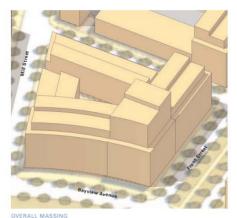




PARKING AND SERVICING

Access ways will be located along Local Street C and
Mill Street. Parking will be required below-grade in order
to facilitate the density planned along Front Street and
Bayview Avenue. Access ways will lead into the belowgrade parking structure before reaching the interior
courtyard.





Large apartment buildings define Front Street and Bayview Avenue with a tower rising from these buildings to a height of 14 storeys. Large apartment buildings with loft-like spaces are planned along Mill Street. Small apartment buildings will be located along Local Street C.



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# Zoning

# By-law 04-2011 (Enacted: Dec. 2010)

#### EASTERN AVENUE H13m H30m FUTURE STREET 'G' H36m FRONT STREET EAST 130m H 15m H26m H26m H24m H24m H24m H24m H15m

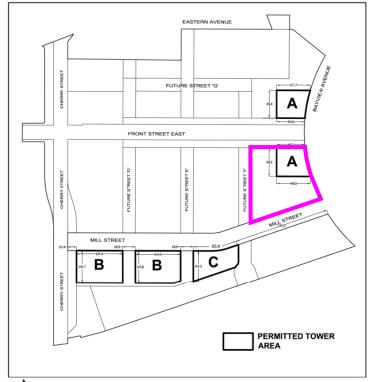
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Map 2 - Heights

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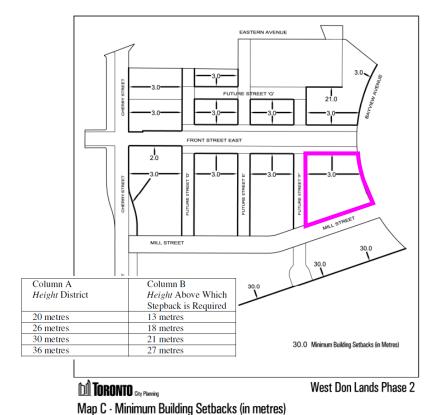
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EASTERN AVENUE

FUTURE STREET 'G'

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West Don Lands Phase 2

**Ground Floor Animation Area** 

Map D - Ground Floor Animation Areas

MILL STREET

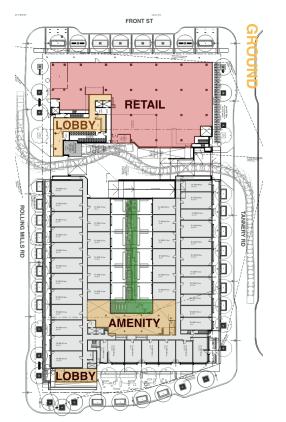
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# Adjacent Design Context Block 12

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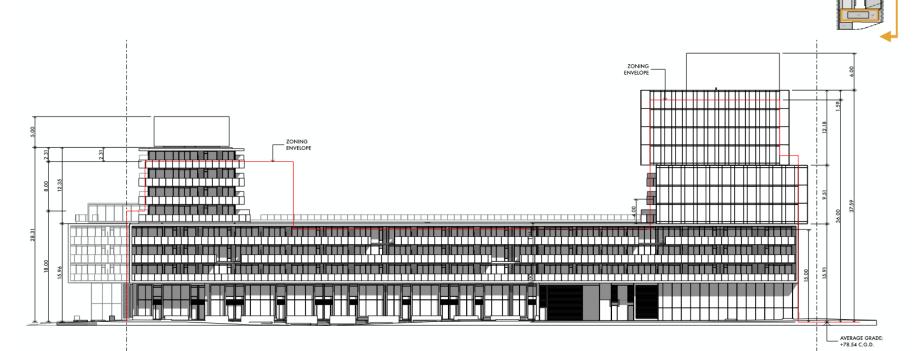


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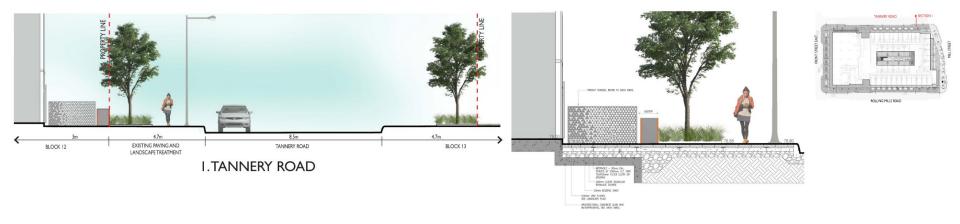
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### **EAST ELEVATION**



# Adjacent Design Context Block 12

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### **DRP Process**

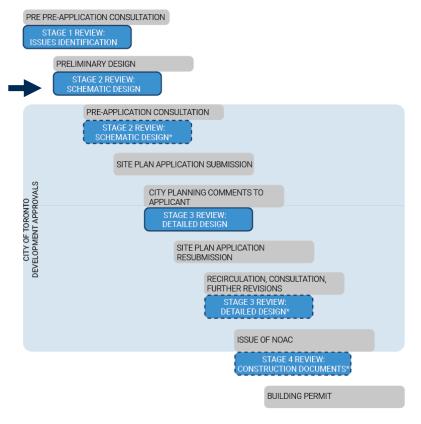
#### Stream 2: Public Land SPA

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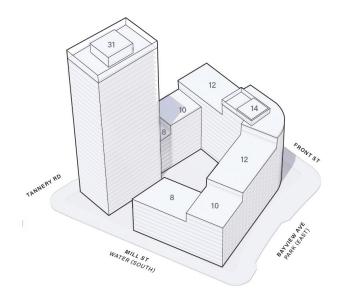
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# Recap March 2022 Issues Identification

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# Consensus Comments March 2022 Issues Identification

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#### General

- Consider the memory of the site before the European settlement and the introduction of canaries to the area as part of the inspiration for the design: the Indigenous community, important heritage of previous settlements, animals, and water.
- Provide complete set of shadow studies throughout the day at Schematic Design.
- Show the existing context and buildings more clearly in the drawings, including adjacent buildings in the section and elevation drawings.

#### Massing

- Overall support for Option 2 massing with the tower located on the southwest corner of the site.
- Strengthen the corner of Front St and Bayview Ave. to achieve the gateway concept, including raising the height of the corner to match the building on the north side of Front St., and tightening or eliminating the radius of the curved corner.
- Consider lowering the southern massing to increase natural light to the courtyard.
- Consider **shifting the tower away from Tannery** towards the east to allow the street to retain its quality on both sides.

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#### **Building Design**

- Support for a ground floor program that would provide critical mass along the Front Street frontage.
- Consider more activation on the Bayview Ave. frontage to better relate to the park. i.e. live/work units, commercial, or other strategies than townhouses or at-grade residential units to better animate the public realm.
- Further develop the Tannery St. elevation in relation to Block 12 and carefully design the townhouse units in relation to the street. Provide an east-west section and elevation drawing.
- Consider the future school on Block 9 when designing the Mill St. elevation.
- Ensure the balcony shading structures can be accessed to be cleaned.
- There are many design elements in the building exterior, consider simplifying the ensemble of materiality, color, motifs, and the different treatment between the tower and mid-rise volumes.

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#### Landscape

- Encouraged the team to retain the existing street trees instead of re-plant.
- Ensure the landscaping for at-grade units is well designed and serve as a threshold between public and private.
- Maximize sunlight into the courtyard to ensure success.

#### Sustainability

- Encouraged the use of thermally broken balconies.
- Maximize all efforts to reduce embodied carbon, such as the use of low-carbon concrete, and carbon emissions from operations.

# Areas for Panel Consideration Waterfront Toronto

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Does the revised massing respond to Panel comments, and relate well with the built-form and public realm context on all sides: Front Street, Bayview Avenue/Corktown Commons, Mill Street, and Tannery Road?

Does the Panel support the revised tower location and the revised facade design concept and cladding strategy?

Do the revised ground floor programs support Front Street, Bayview Ave., Corktown Commons, and the West Don Lands neighbourhood? Does the Panel support the streetscape and landscape design concepts?

Do the proposed sustainability strategies meet Waterfront Toronto's objectives? Are there other strategies that can be considered?



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# **Design Team**



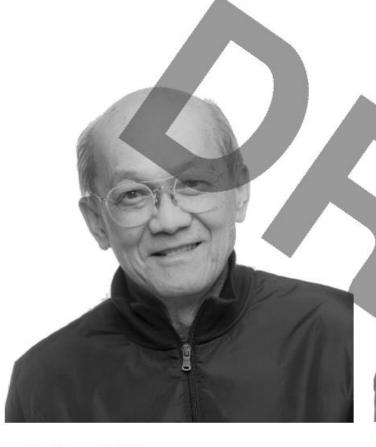
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# Meeting Agenda

- Summary of WT DRP #1 & ZBA #1
- What We Heard
- Massing Explorations
- Proposed Design

# Schedule

- WT DRP Meeting #1
- Original ZBA #1 Application
- WT DRP Meeting #2
- ZBA #2 Submission

March 23, 2022

April 21, 2022

June 26, 2024

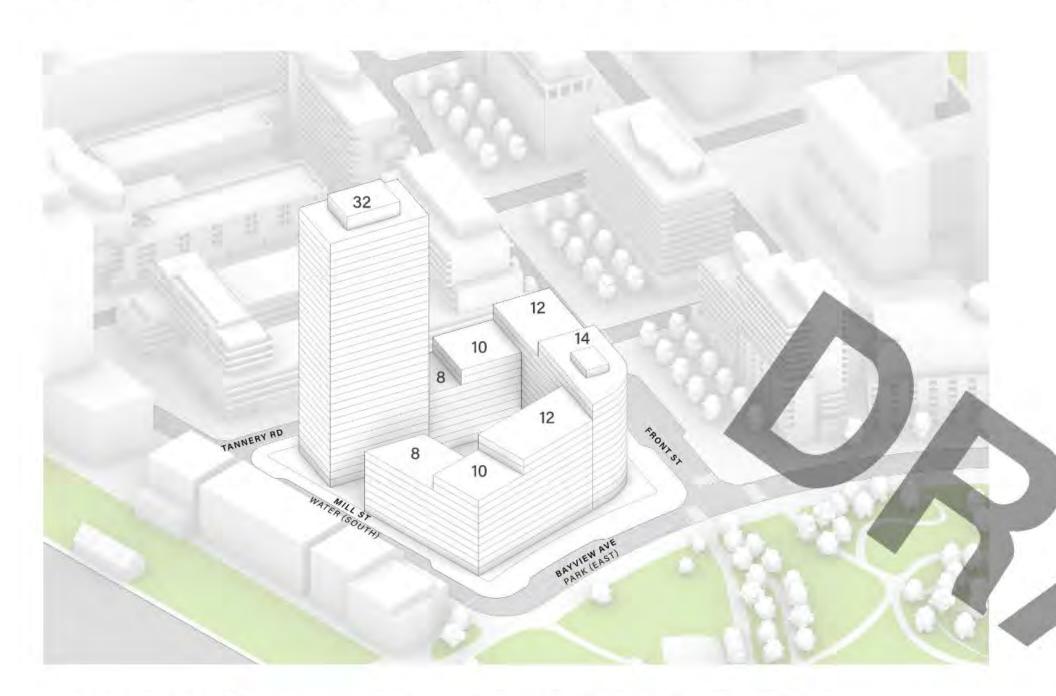
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# WT DRP #1 & ZBA #1

We received many thoughtful comments from the City, Waterfront Toronto and the Design Review Panel

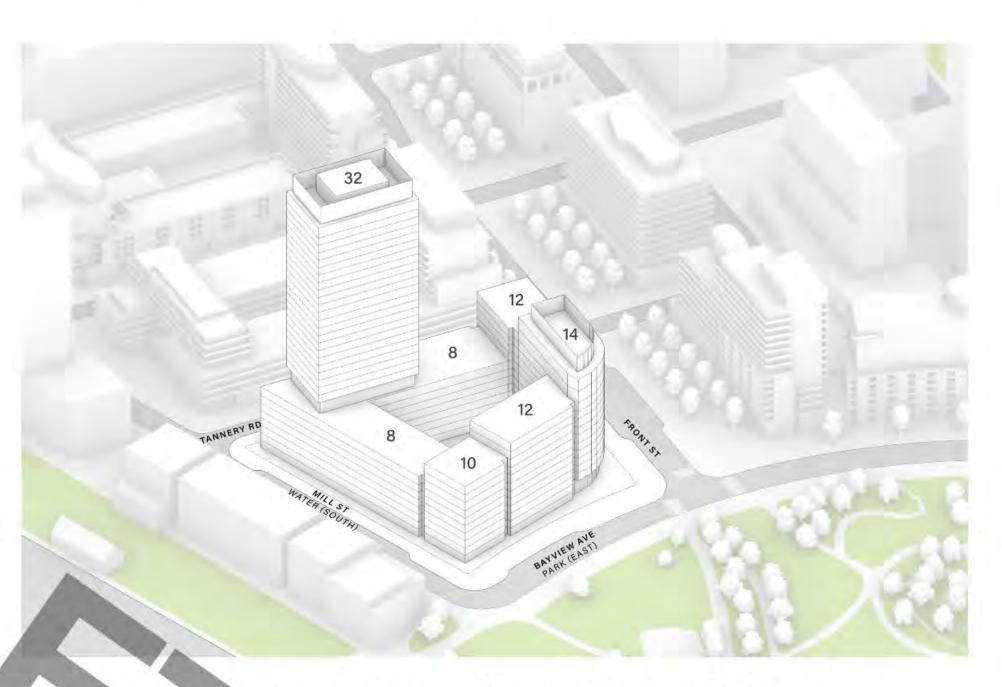
Your feedback helped guide our applications

# WT DRP #1 Application



- Contributes to enhanced public realm and expanded streetscape at Front / Bayview intersection
- Reinforces mid-rise scale along street frontages, including Front
   St and Corktown Common
- Locates tall building element within emerging tall building context north of the rail corridor
- Minimizes shadow impact on Corktown Common Park
- Create exceptional quality housing units with views, natural daylight and outdoor spaces

# **ZBA #1 Application**



- Locates tower directly across from existing and approved towers (Blocks 8 & 20)
- Massing on Front Street frames gateway to the park
- Reinforces streetwall heights along Bayview and Front Streets
- Minimizes shadows on the park

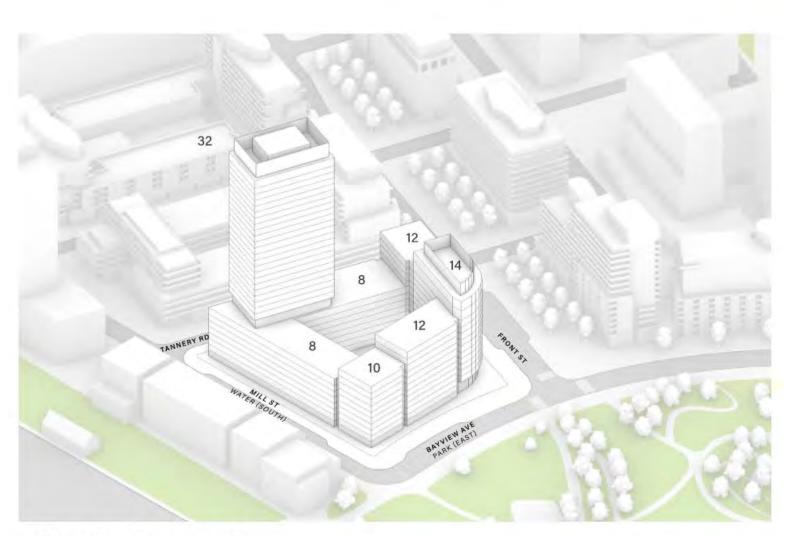
# What We Heard

- 1. Tighten or eliminate the radius at the NE corner
- 2. The SW tower should be relocated along Mill Street
- 3. Symmetry between Block 13 and Block 4 is essential to respect the Block Plan
- 4. The height of the NE Tower should be 16 storeys to match Block 4
- 5. The podium on Front and Bayview should be 12 storeys to match Block 4
- 6. The podium on Tannery and Mill should be 5 storeys to relate to Block 12 and allow more sunlight into the courtyard

- 7. The design should continue the arc established by Block 4 along Bayview
- 8. The podium on Front and Bayview should be broken up to reduce the scale in reference to Block 4
- 9. The tower height remains a concern for shadows on the park
- 10. The SW tower floor plate should be reviewed to mitigate the size of the tower
- 11. The SW tower should be setback from Tannery Road
- 12. Maintain a minimum of 18m separation between the SW tower and podium

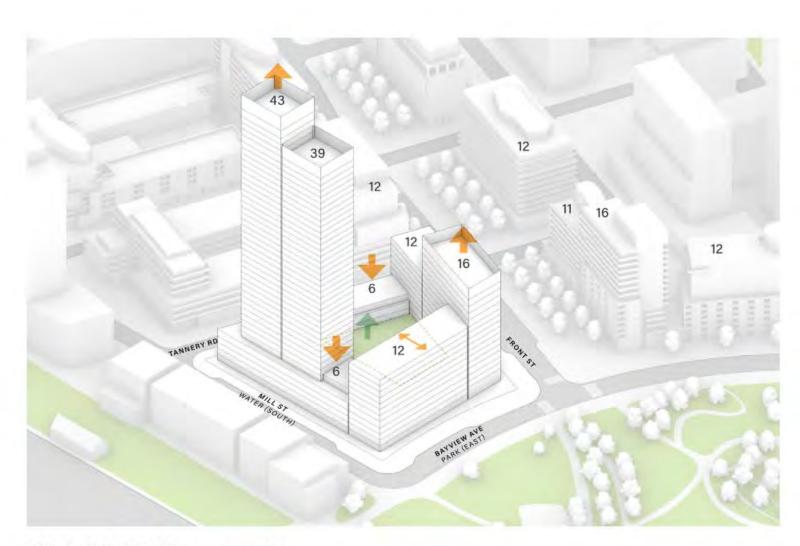
# Massing Exploration

The following diagrams include massing explorations in response to the comments we received



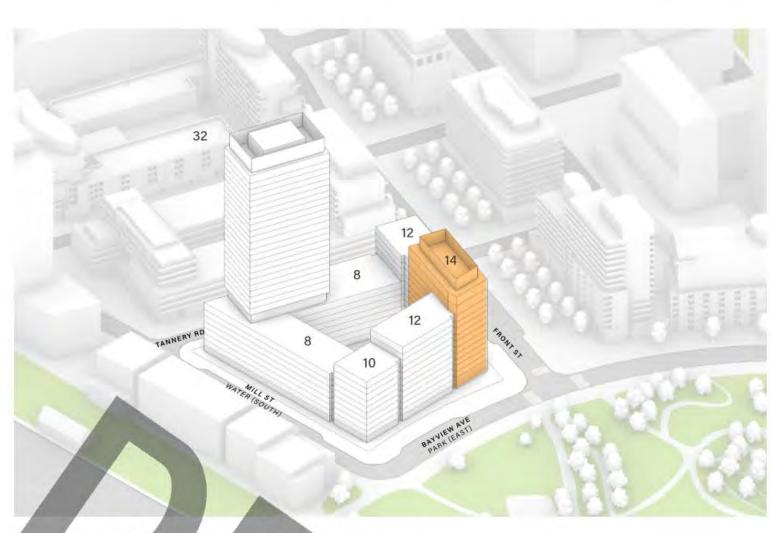
**ZBA #1 Application** 

Proposed Form of Development



# **Height Refinements**

- The height of the NW tower and podium (on Front and Bayview)
   adjusted to match Block 4
- Height of podium on Mill and Tannery reduced to match Block 12
- Depth of streetwall decreased to improve livability of suites
- · Height of SW tower increased to balance overall density
- · Central courtyard relocated from ground floor to rooftop on level 4



## **Shape of NE Tower Adjusted**

Radius at NE corner has been eliminated

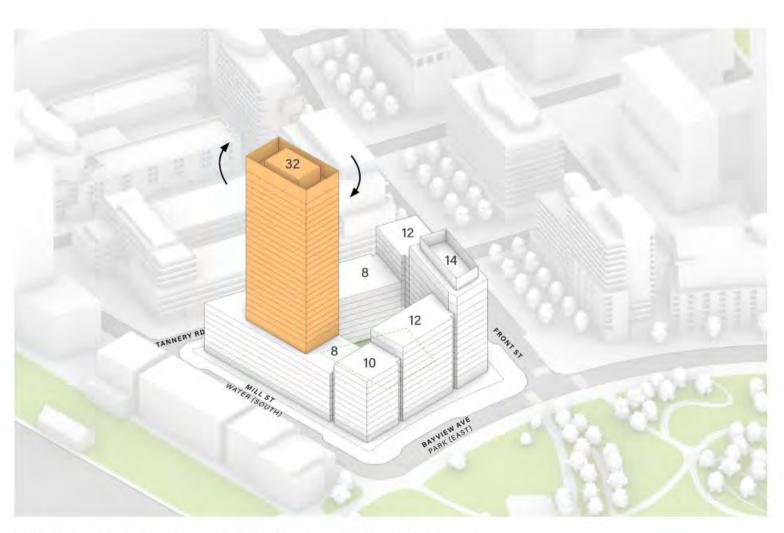


# **Expressing the Arc from Block 4**

The shape of the podium on Bayview has been revised to continue the arc from Block 4

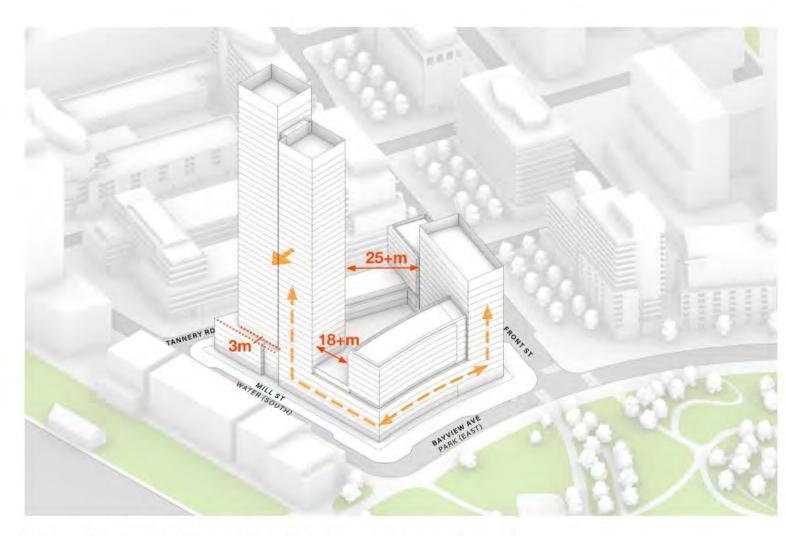
#### **Articulation to Break Down the Scale**

- Reveals added to break-up the scale of the podium
- Reveal at SW tower increased to further differentiate tower elements and mitigate the scale



## **SW Tower Aligned Along Mill Street**

SW tower rotated and relocated along Mill Street



## **Breaking Down the Scale of the Tower**

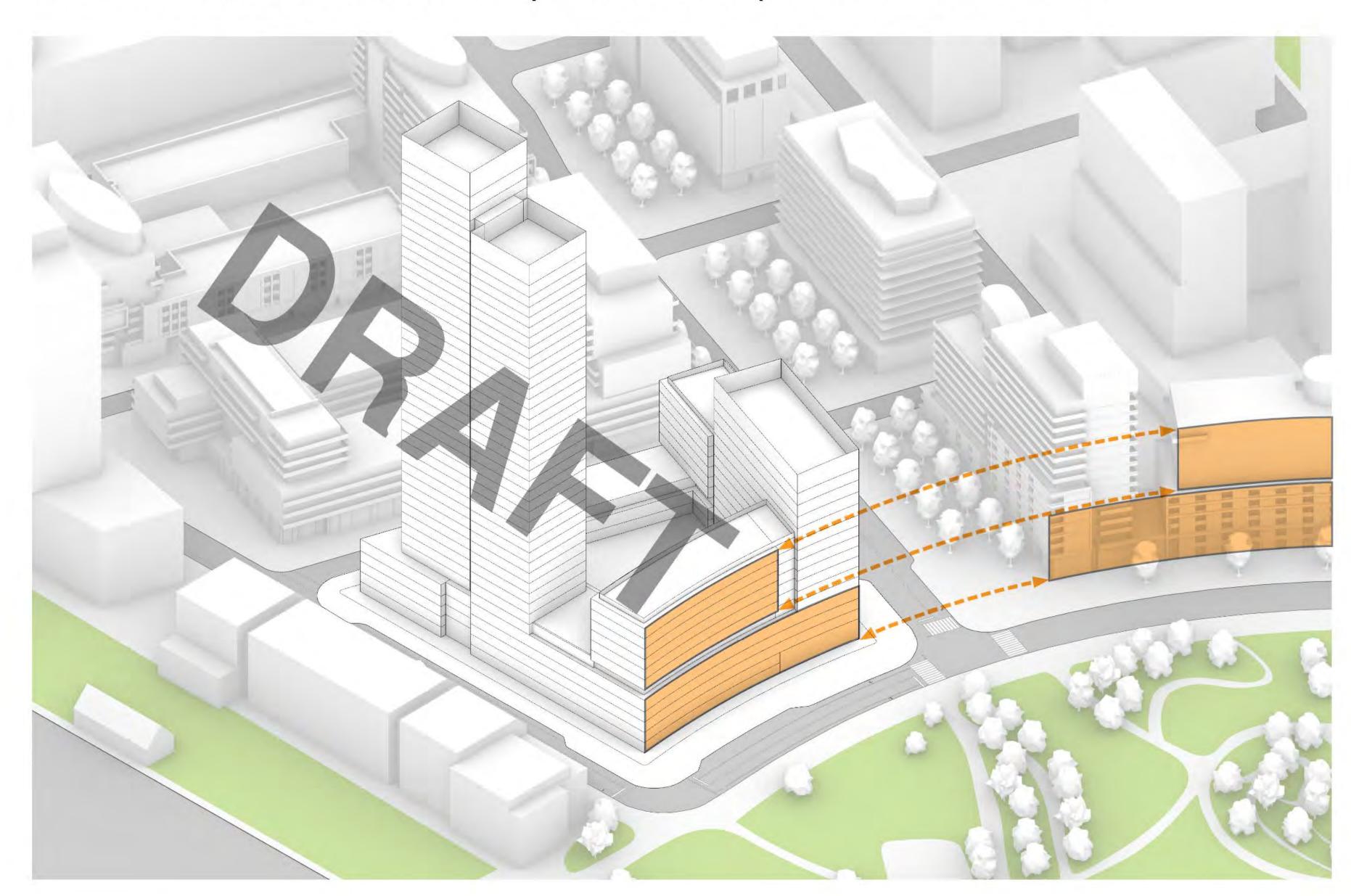
 The east portion of the tower has been shifted south to further differentiate the tower elements and mitigate the scale of the tower

## **Maintaining Minimum Setbacks**

- Setbacks between the tower and podium have been maintained.
- Tower separations between SW and NW towers have been maintained

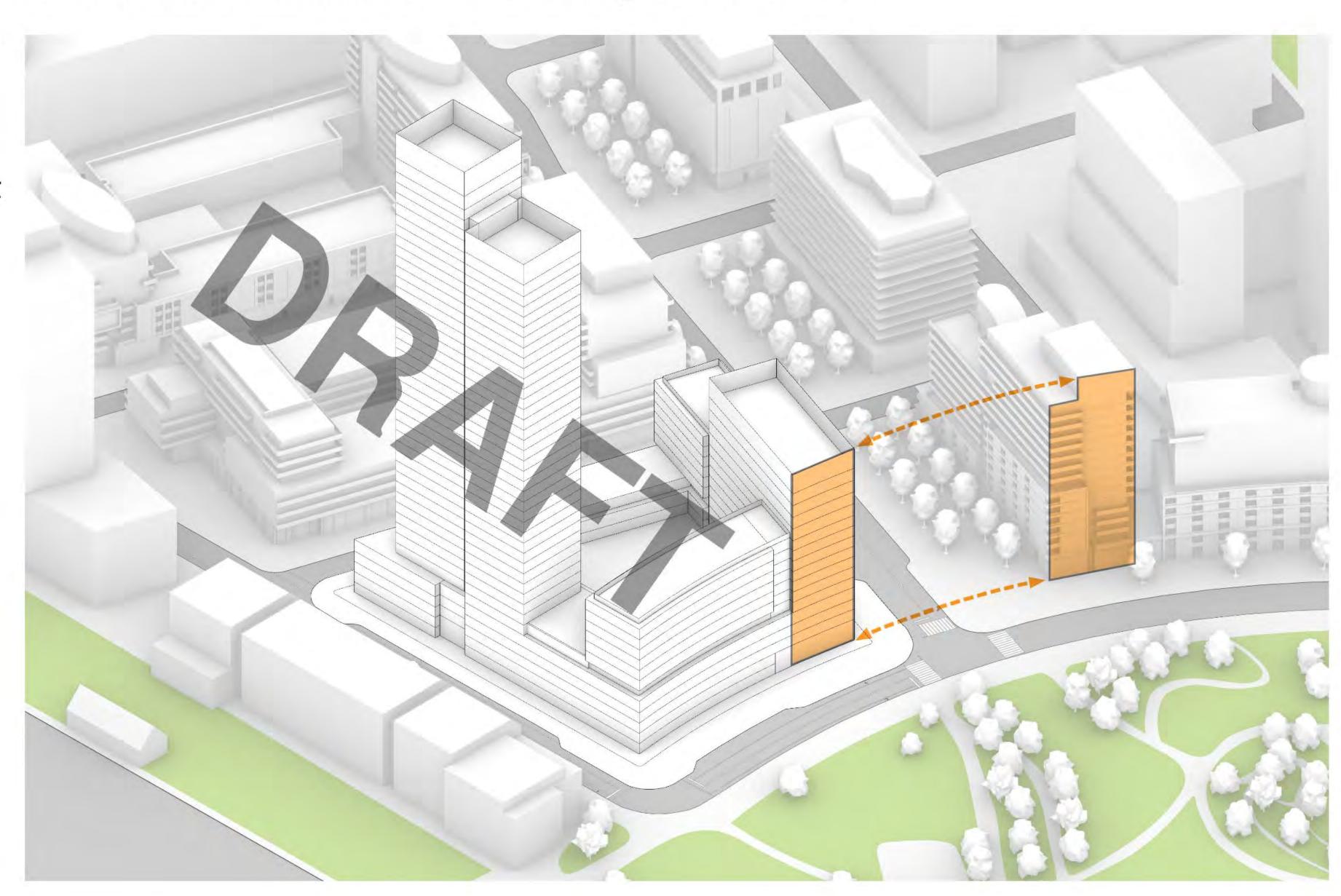
# Urban Analysis - The Arc and Reveals Respect the Expression of Block 4

 The arc, reveals and podium heights along Bayview help reinforce the relationship to Block 4 facing the park



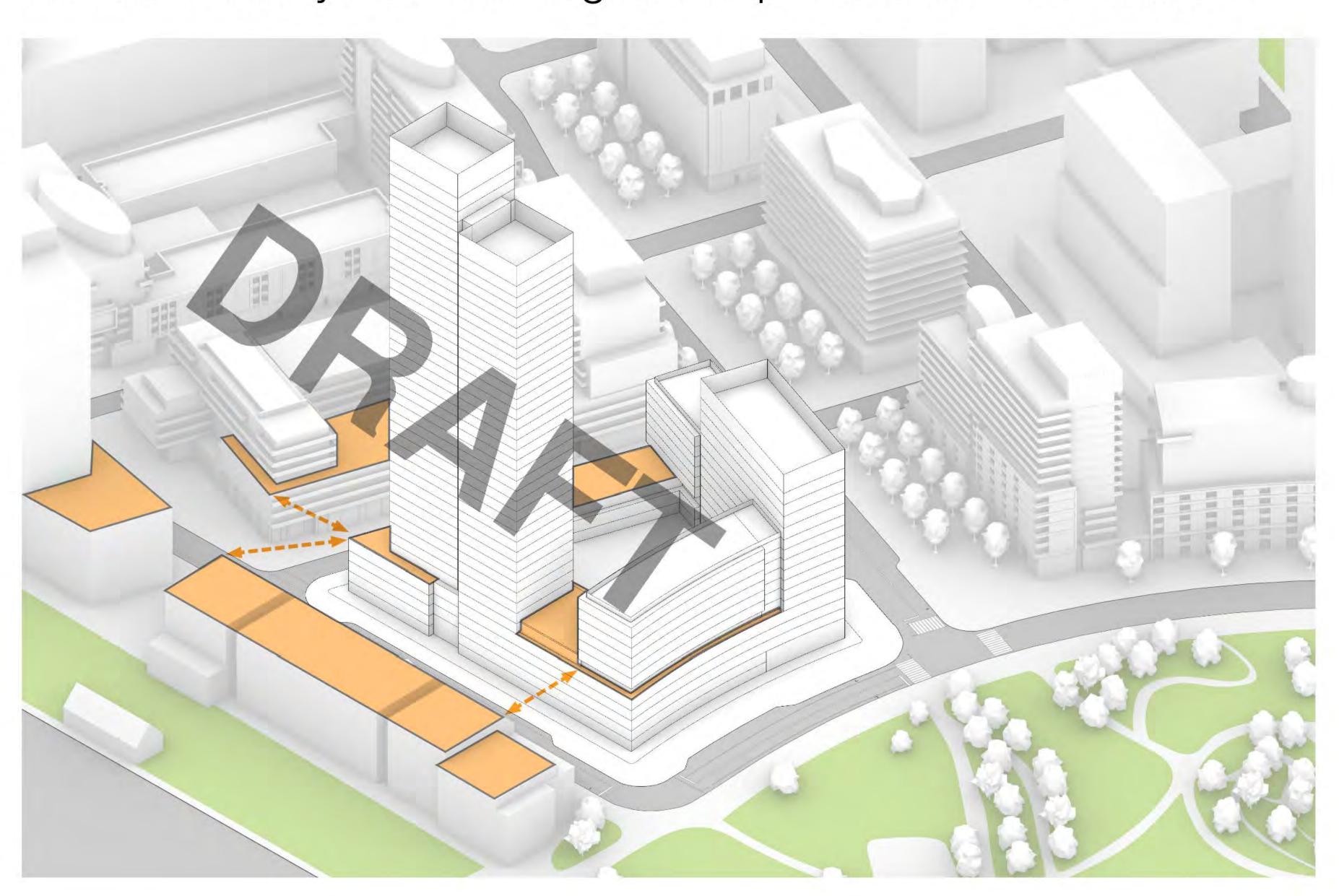
# Urban Analysis - NE Tower Frames the Gateway to the Park

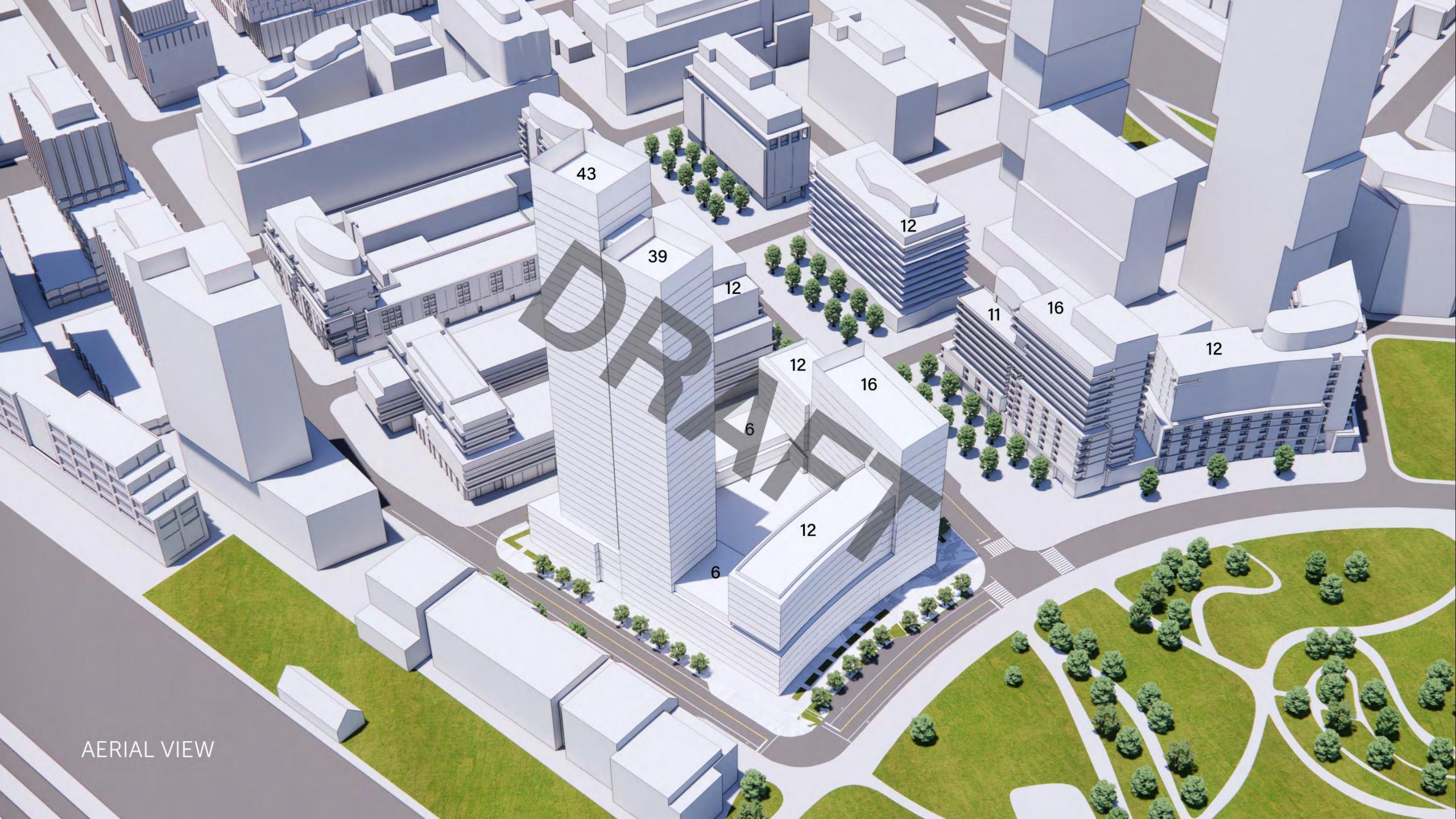
 The height of the NE tower compliments the height of the tower at Block 4, and frames the 'Gateway' to the park at the end of Front Street

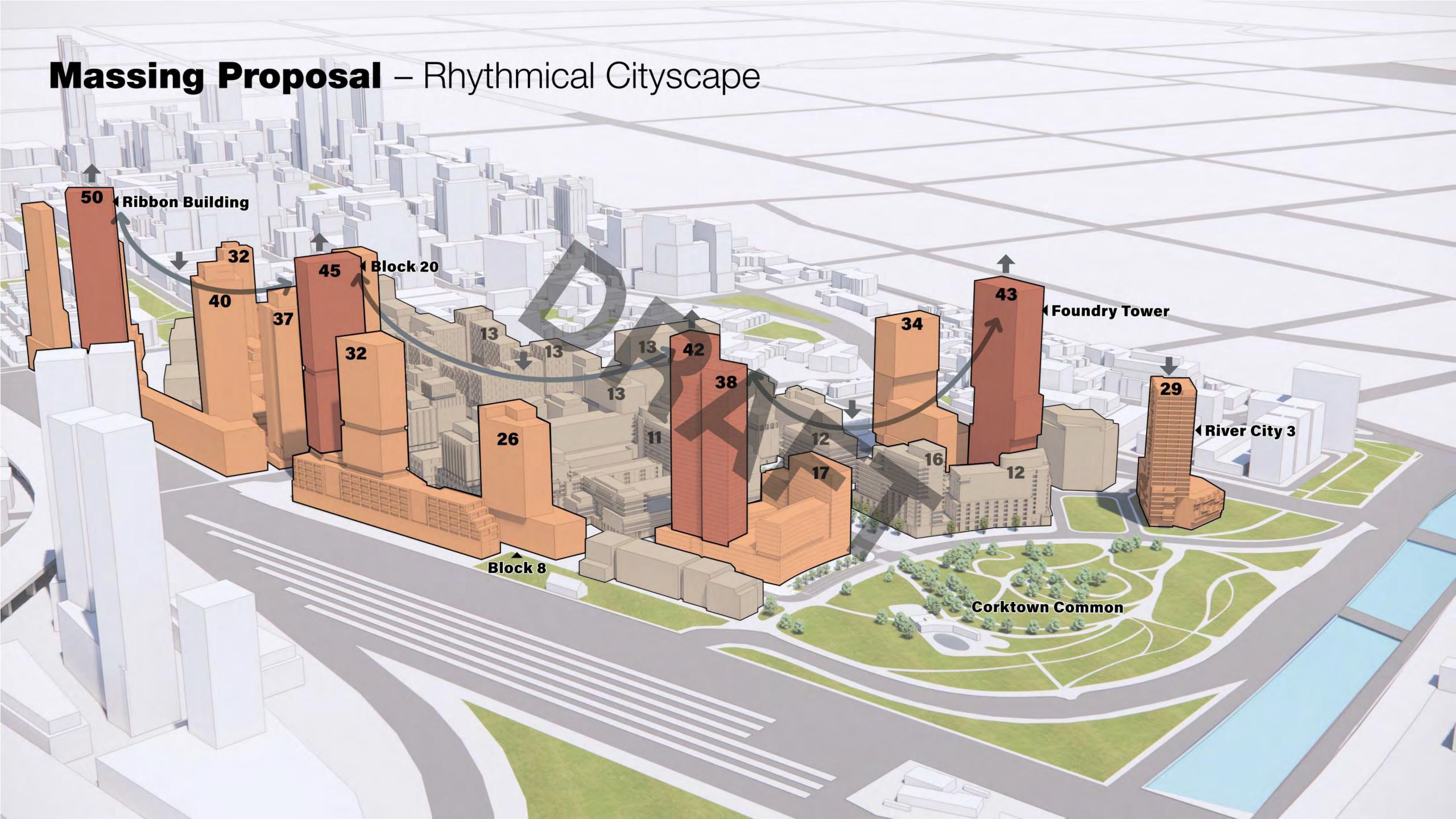


# Urban Analysis - Mill and Tannery Podium Heights Respond to the Site Context

 The height of the podium on Mill and Tannery responds to the height of the podium at Block 12 and respects the surrounding podium heights





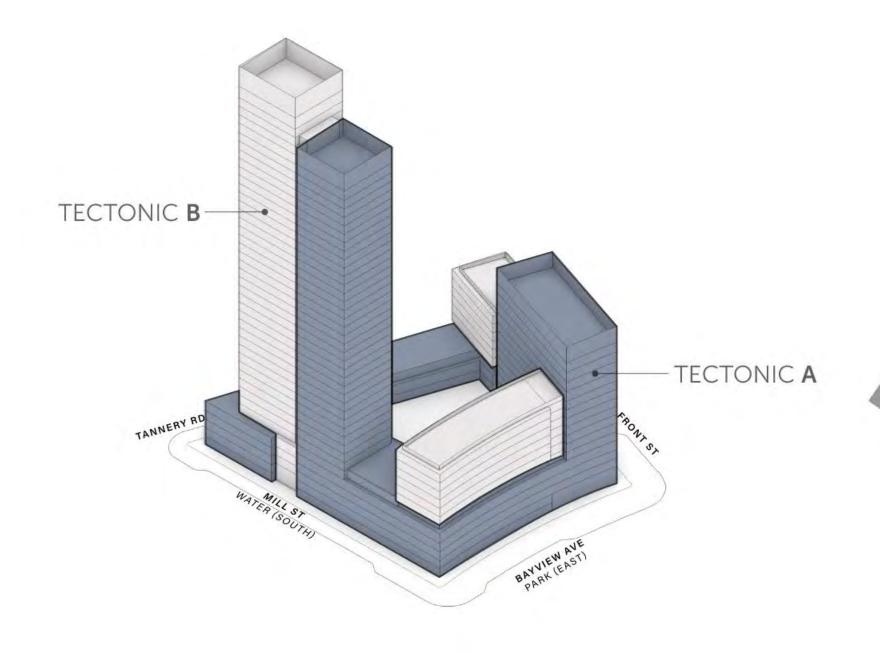




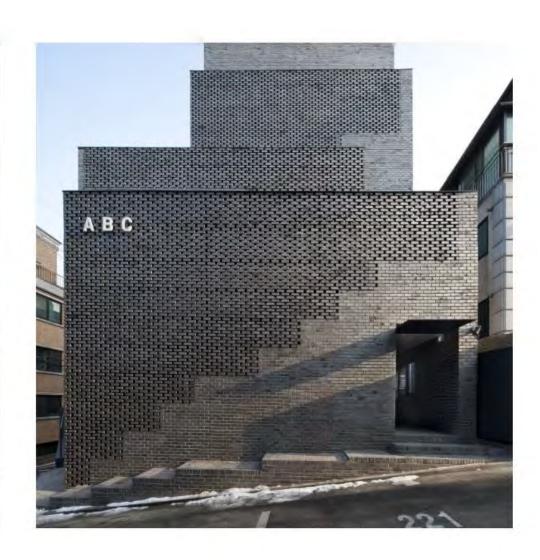


# Design Development

#### **Simplified Tectonics**

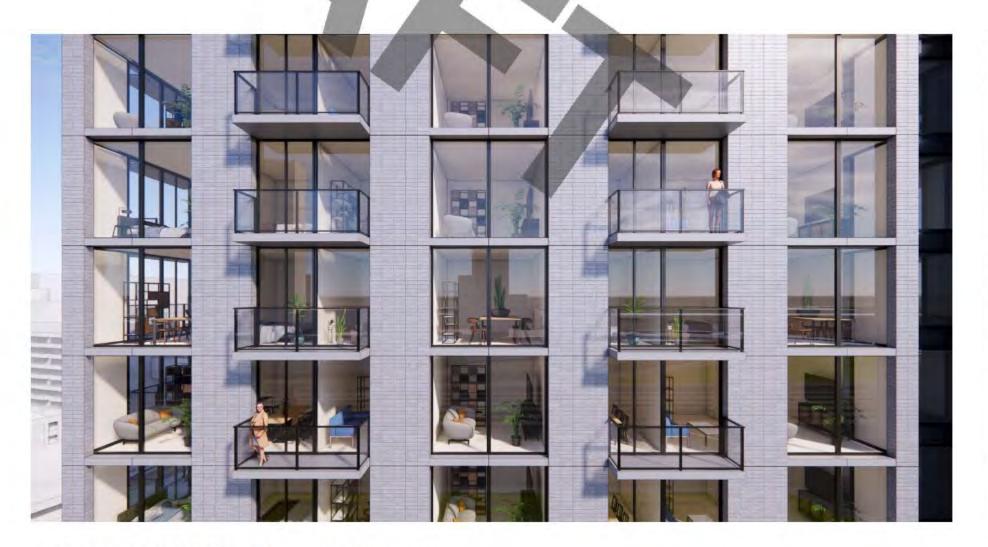






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- The tectonic expression has designed to reinforce the massing and further differentiate the elements
- The revised expression mitigates the scale of the SW tower and podium elements





TECTONIC B SILVER







FRONT STREET STREETSCAPE



BAYVIEW AVENUE & MILL STREET STREETSCAPE



MILL STREET & TANNERY ROAD STREETSCAPE



**SOUTHEAST CORNER** - LOOKING NORTHWEST



EAST ELEVATION ON BAYVIEW AVENUE - LOOKING WEST



**NORTHEAST CORNER** - LOOKING WEST



EAST ELEVATION FROM PARK - LOOKING WEST AT FRONT STREET GATEWAY



NORTHWEST CORNER AT FRONT STREET AND TANNERY ROAD - LOOKING SOUTH



**AERIAL** - LOOKING NORTH WEST



**AERIAL** - LOOKING WEST



**AERIAL** - LOOKING EAST

# Drawings & Project Data

#### **Project Data**

#### **Areas**

Residential GFA: 688,593sf

Commercial GFA: 10,660 sf

Total GFA: 706,723 sf

#### Heights

Tower: 132.6m, 43 Storeys

Streetwall: 37.2m, 12 Storeys

#### Units

Total Suites: 1,084

Total Studios: 54 (5%)

Total 1-Bed: 712 (65%)

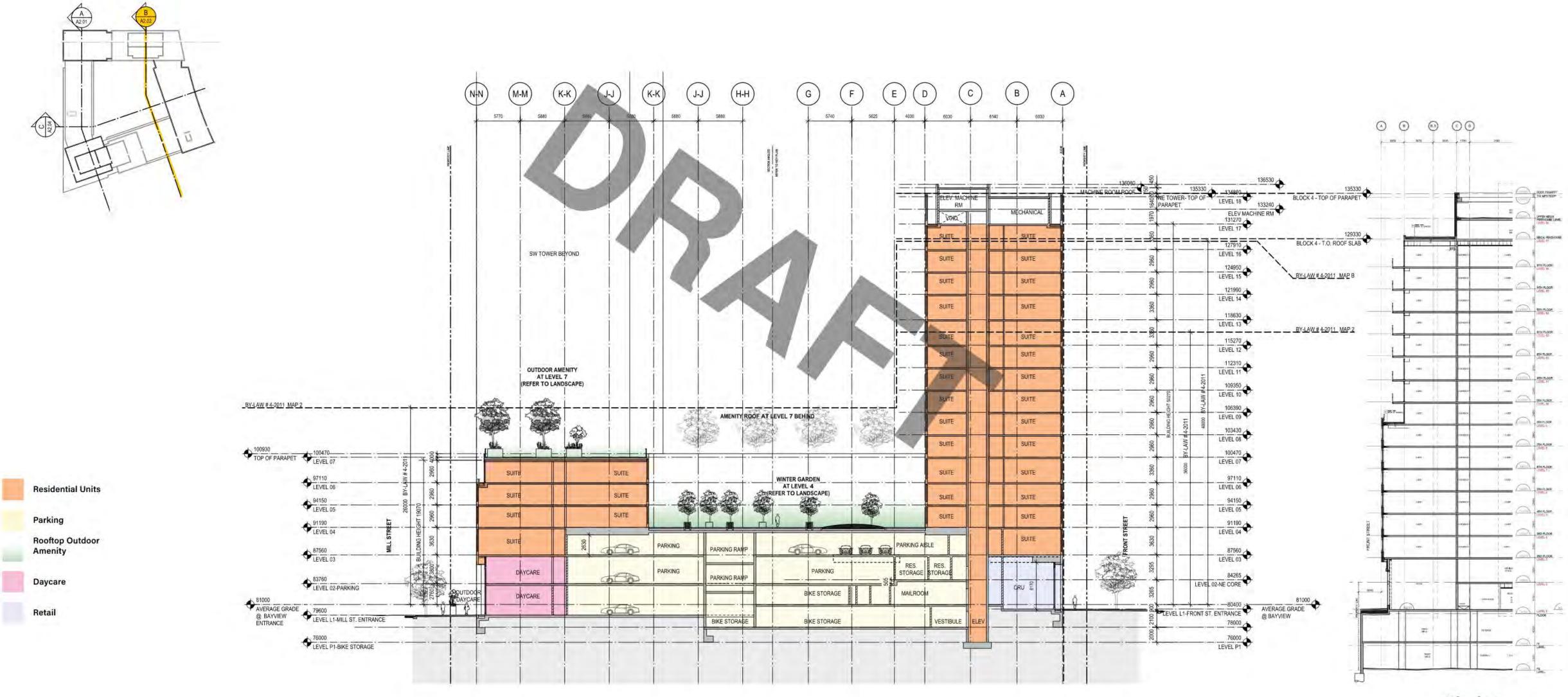
• Total 2-Bed: 213 (20%)

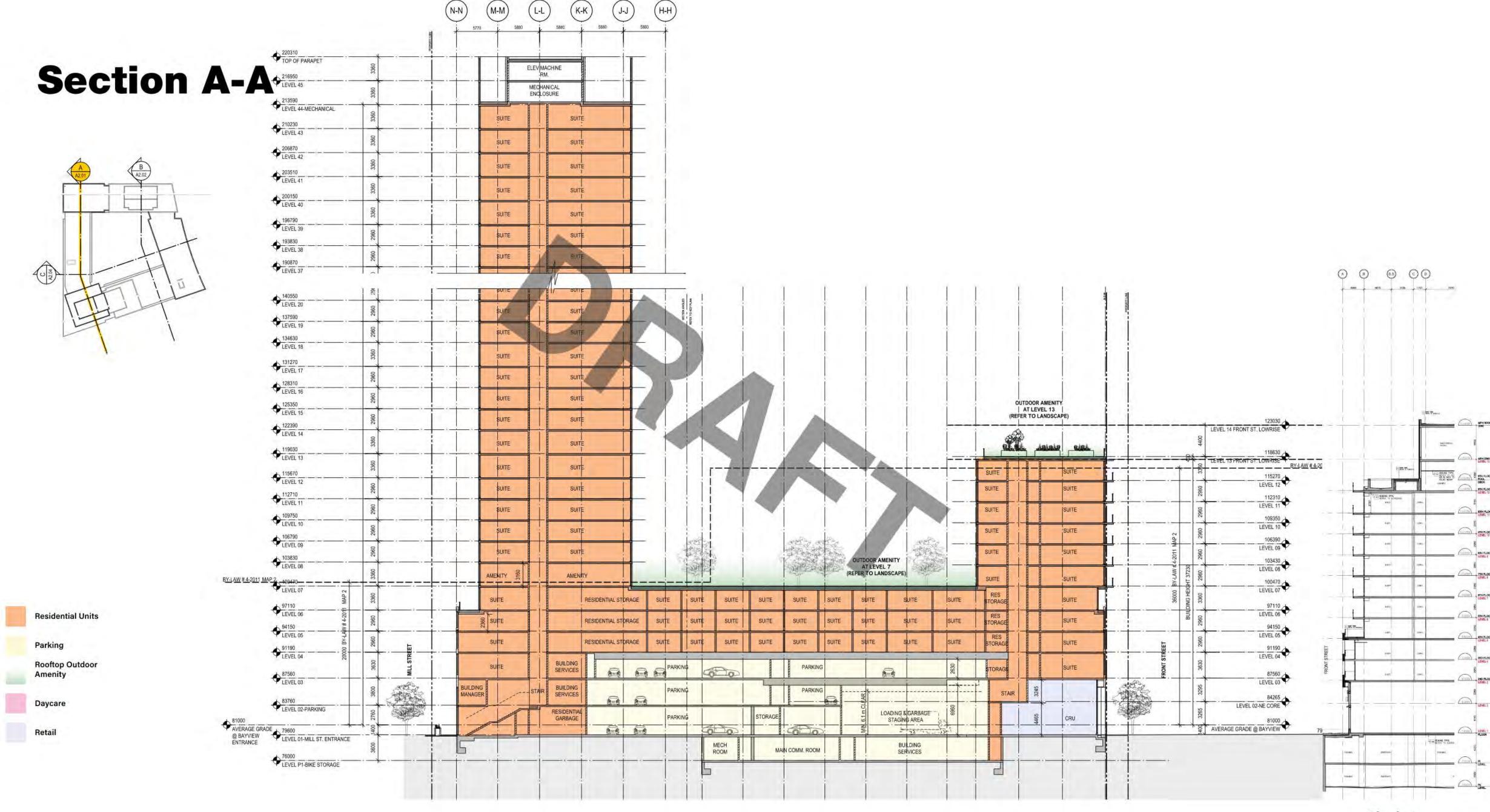
Total 3-Bed: 105 (10%)

#### **Parking**

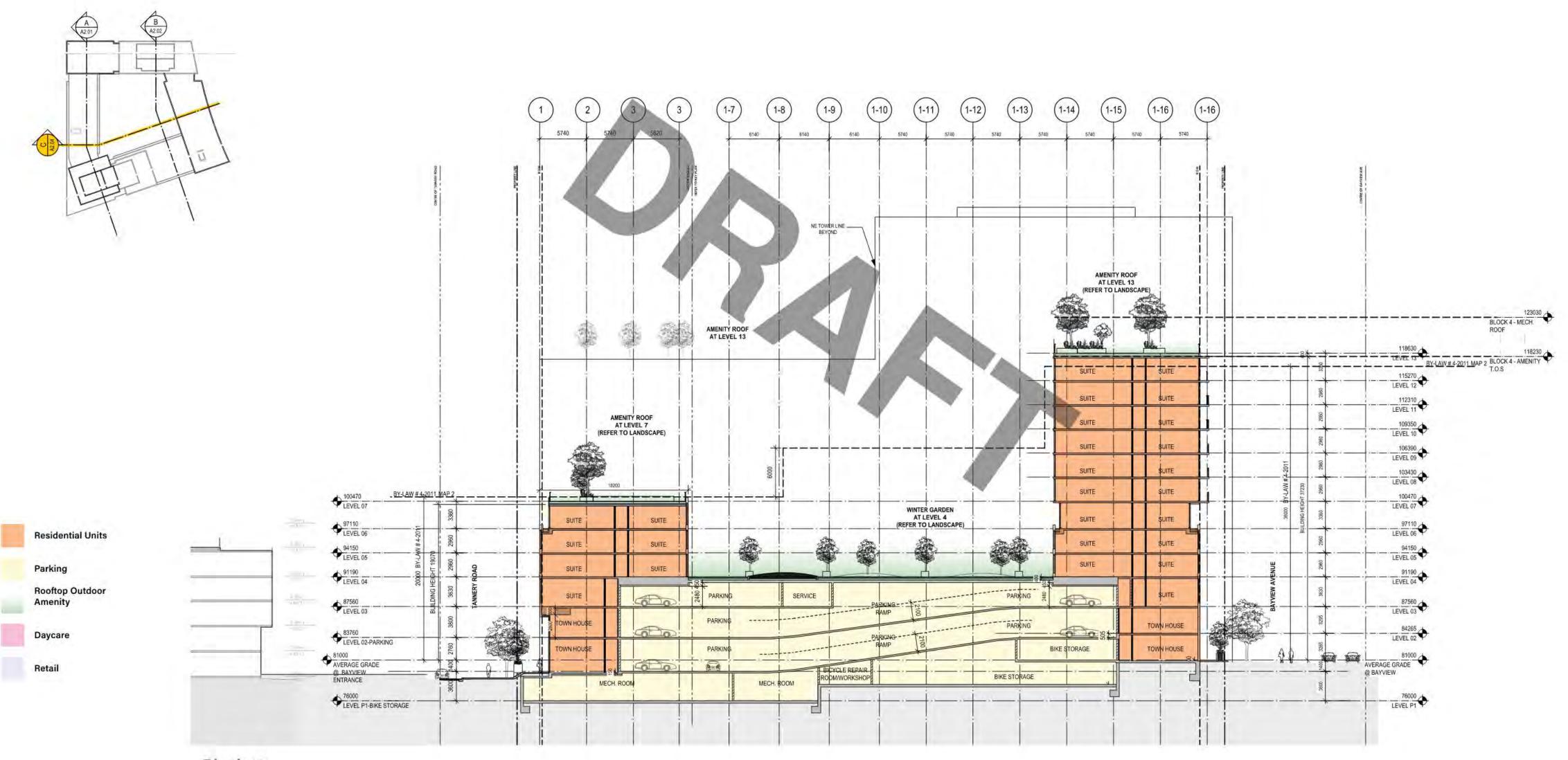
Bike Parking: 1,084 Stalls, (0.9 Long Term + 0.1 Short Term)

#### **Section B-B**



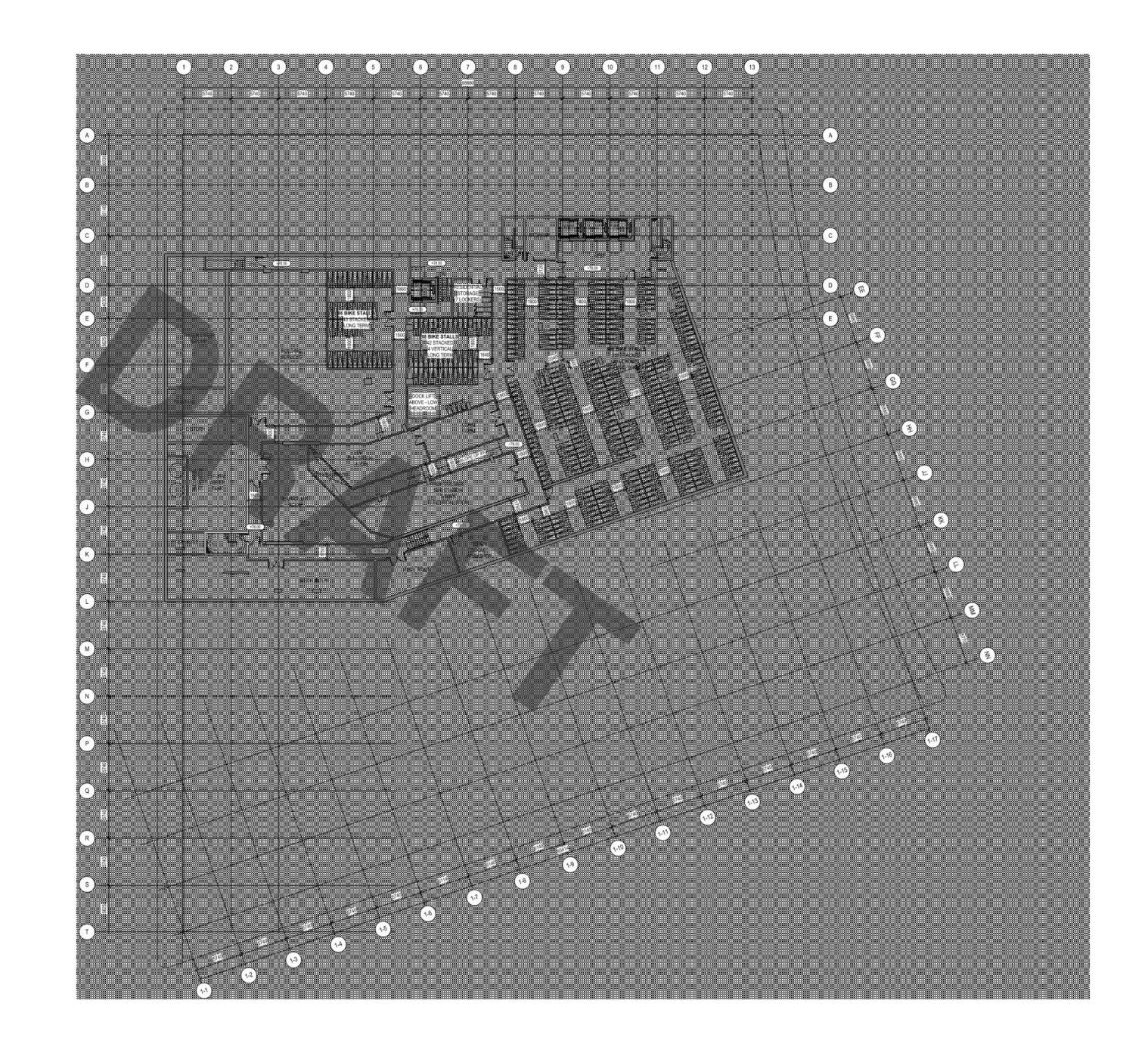


#### **Section C-C**



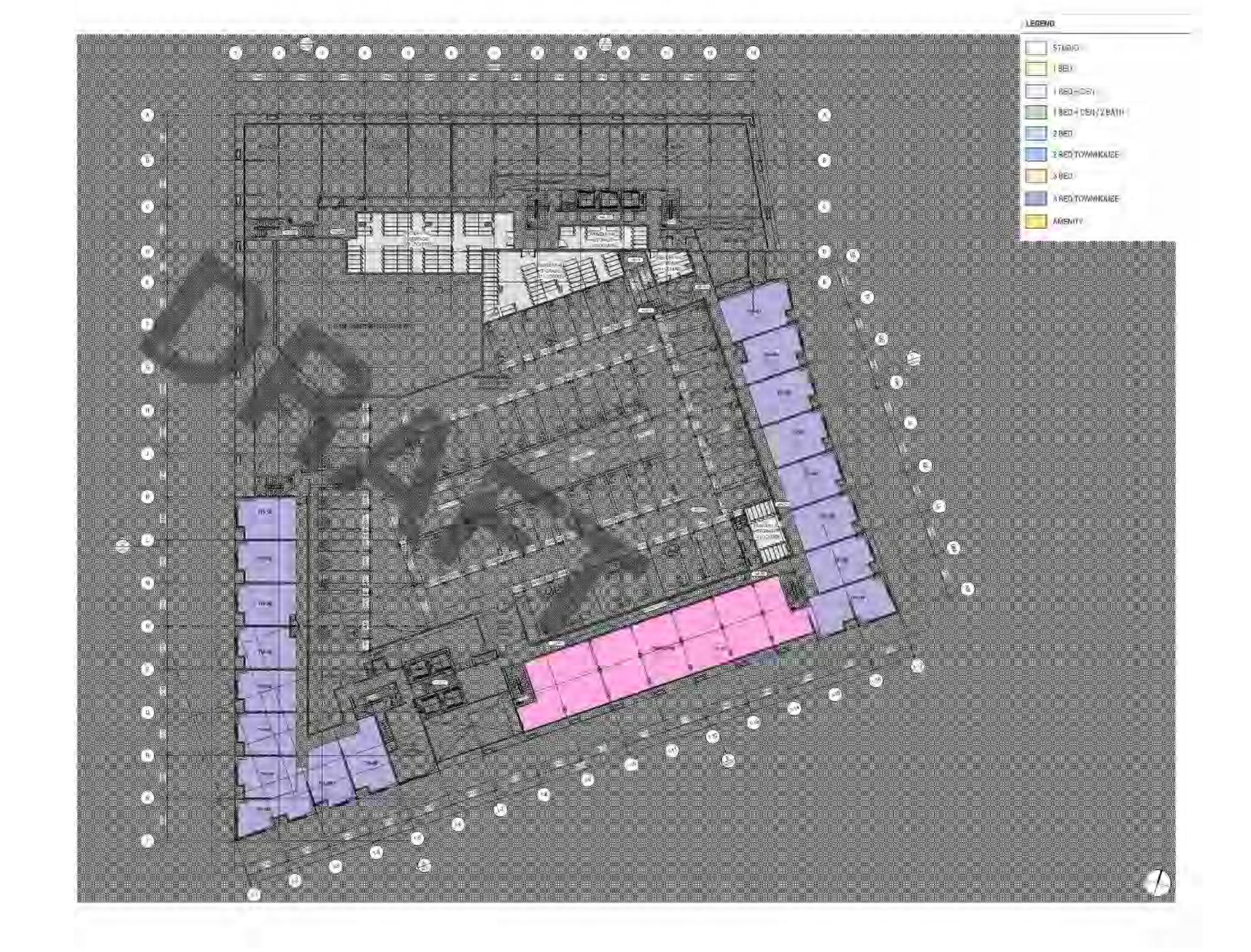
Block 12

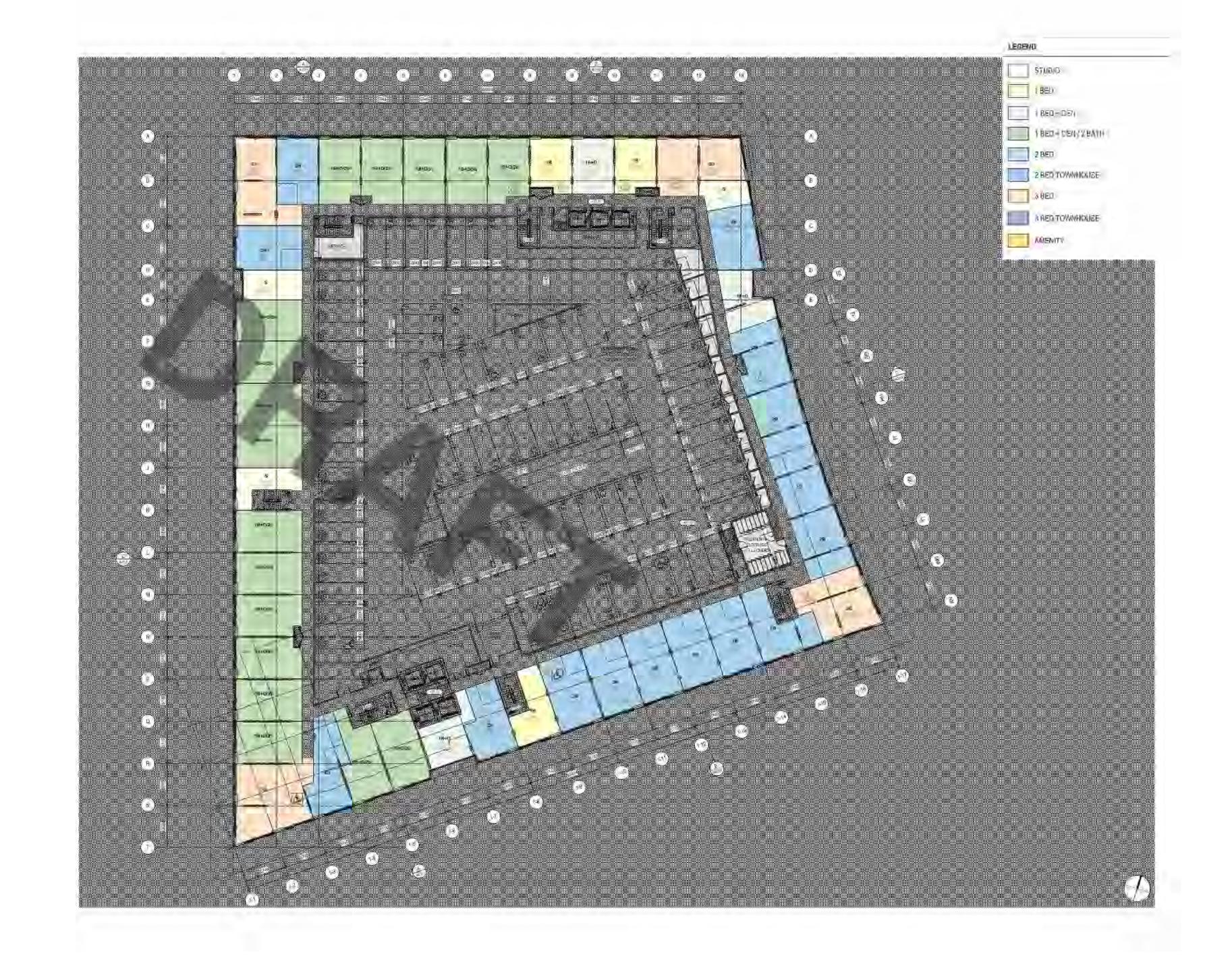
### Level P1



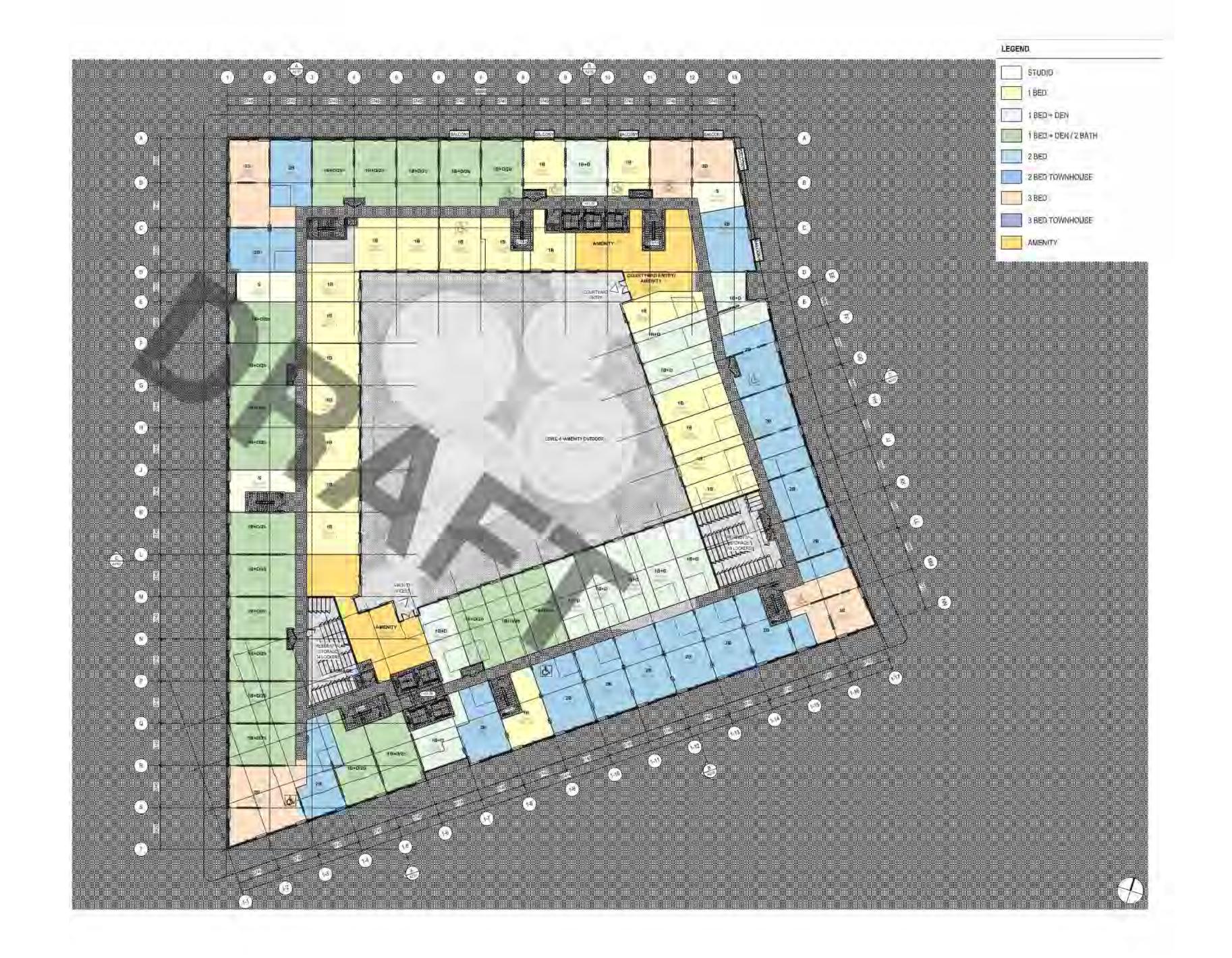


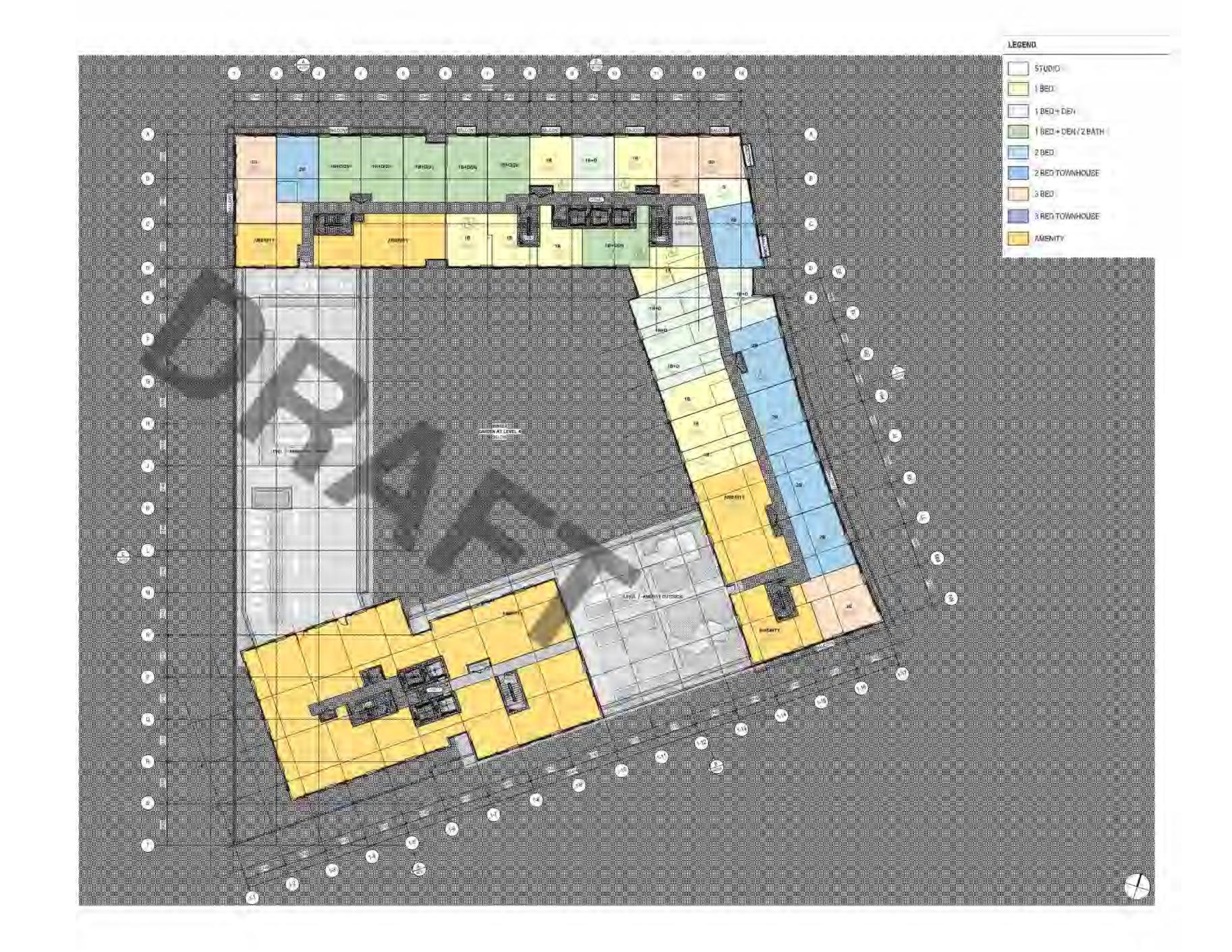
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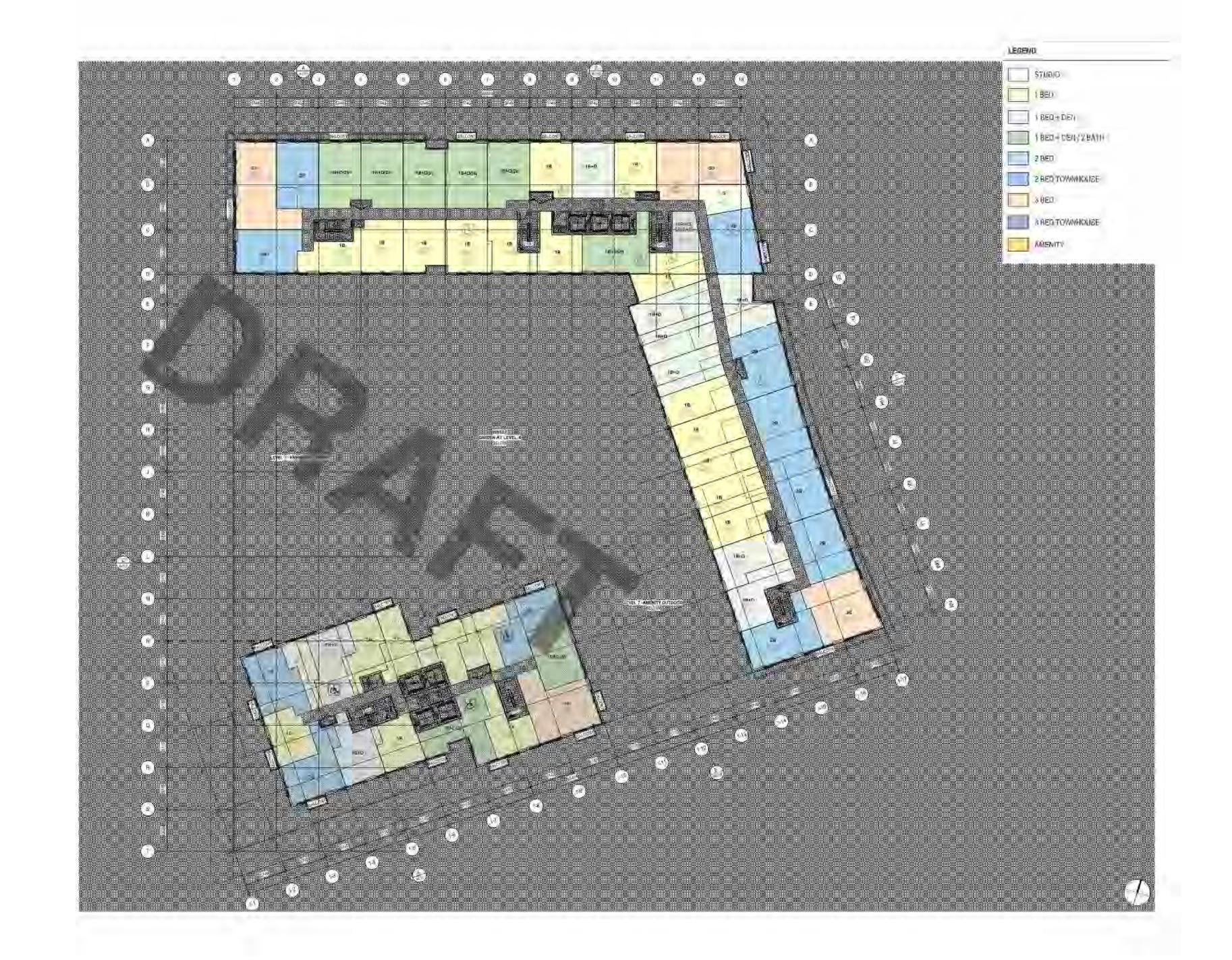


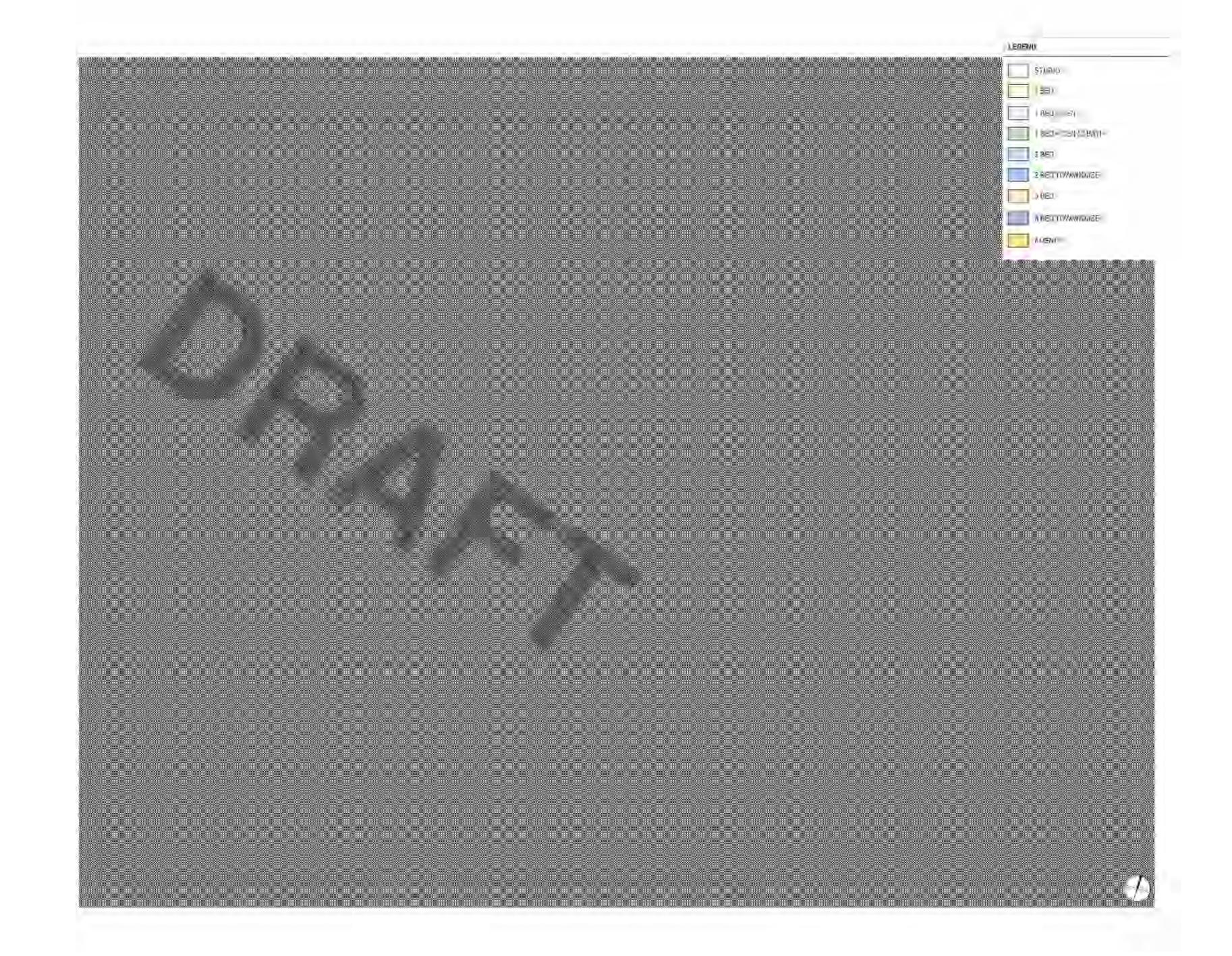
## Typical Podium Level 4-6





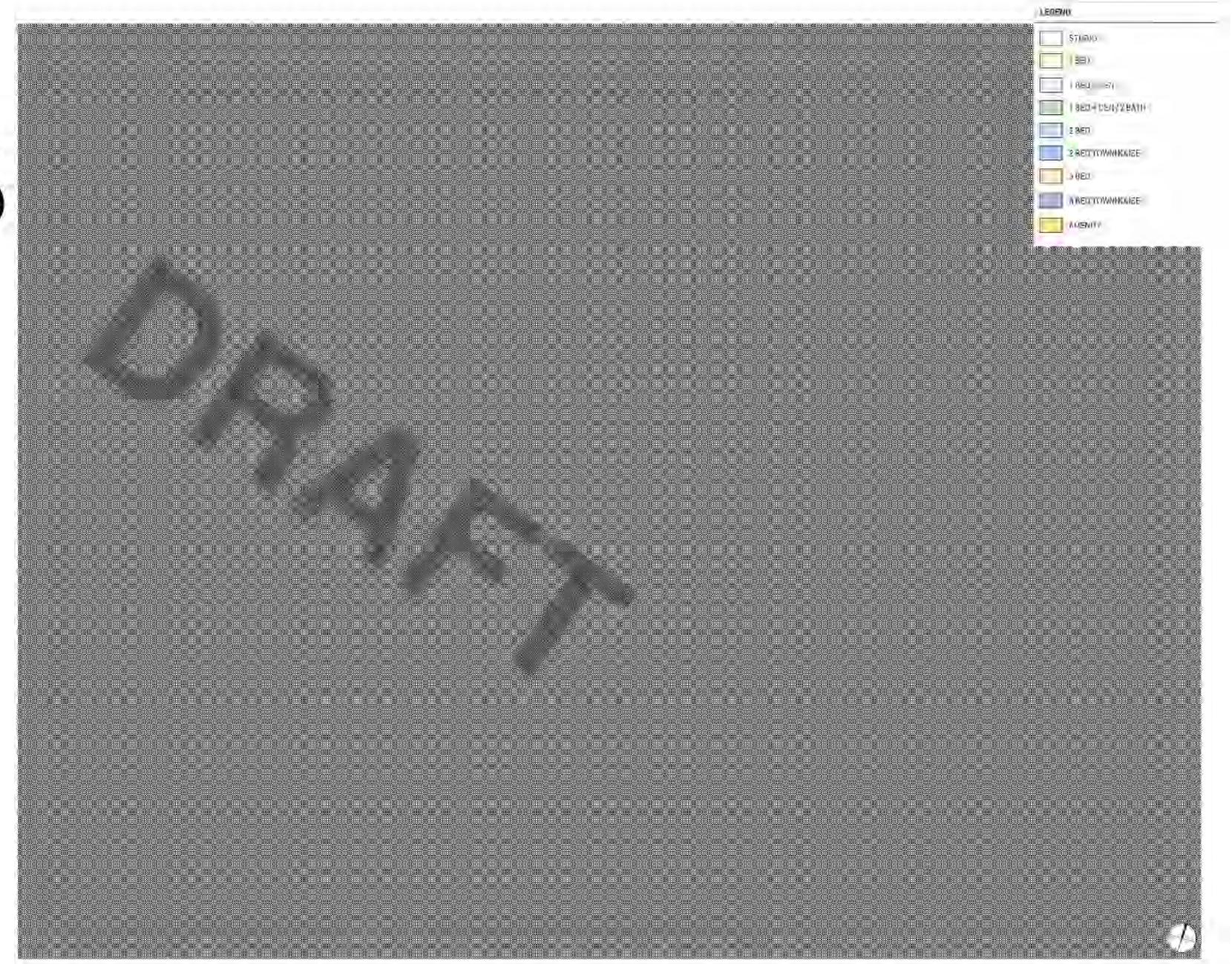
## **Level 8-12**





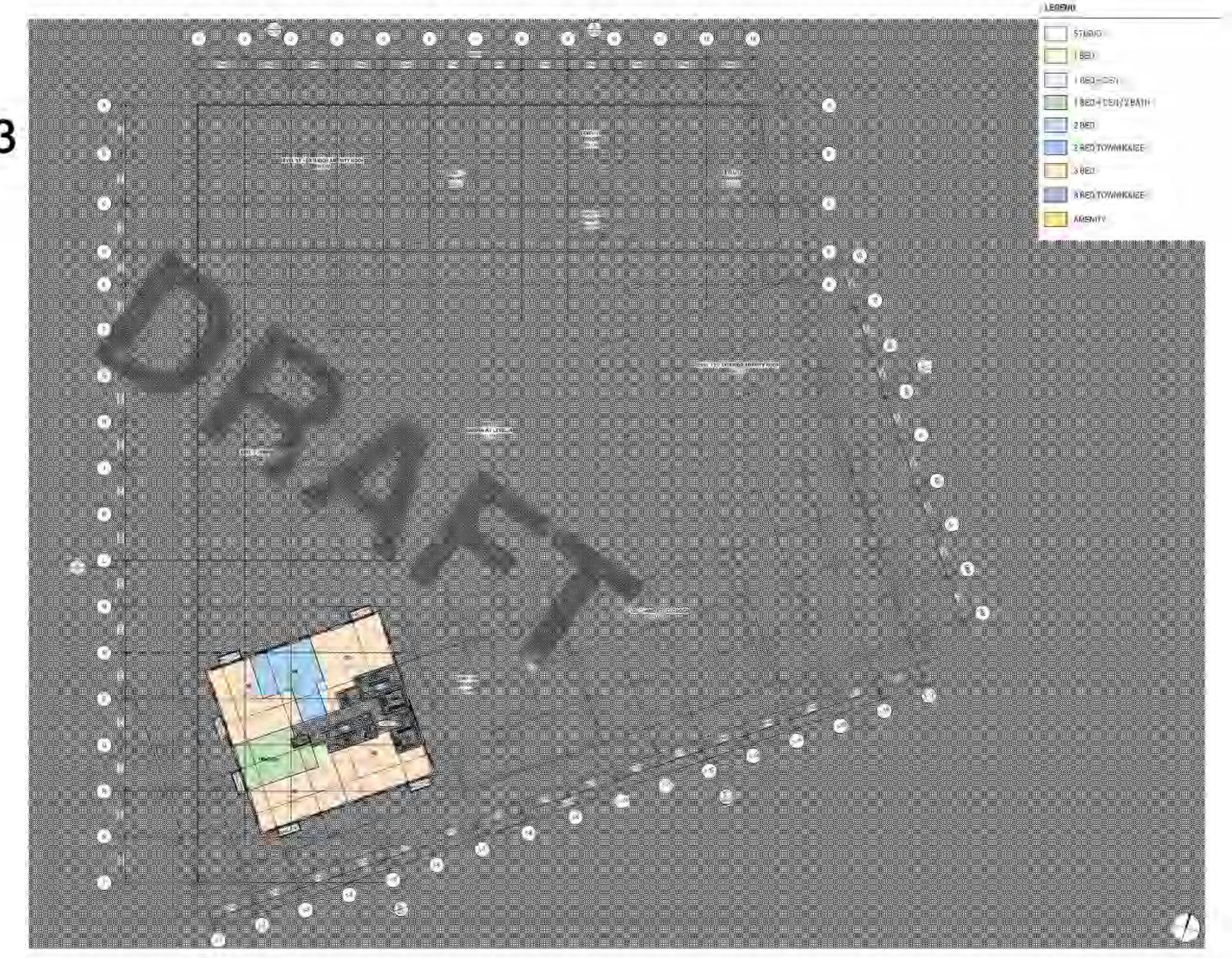
## **Typical Tower**

NE Tower Level 14-16 SW Tower Level 14-39



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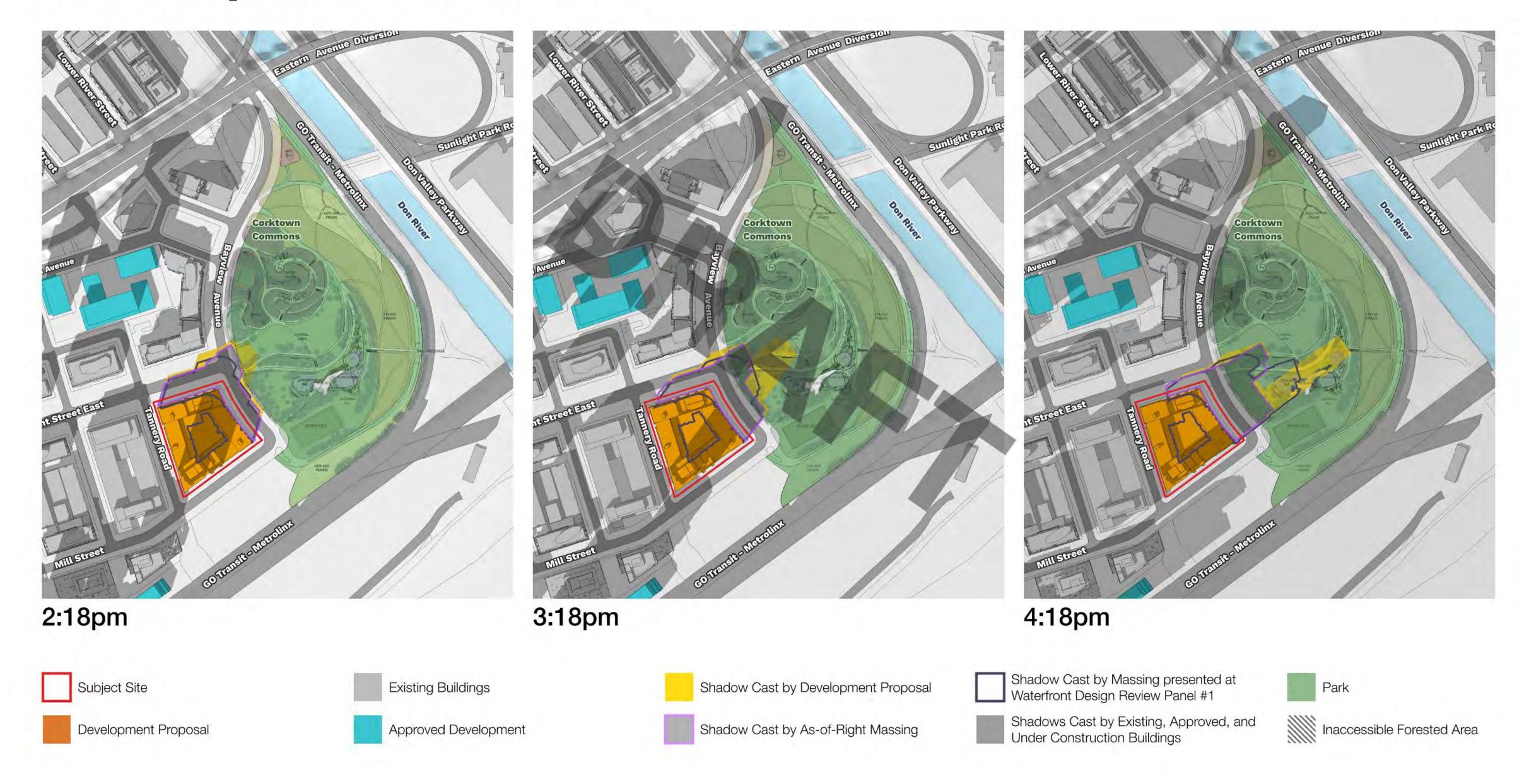
SW Tower Level 40-43



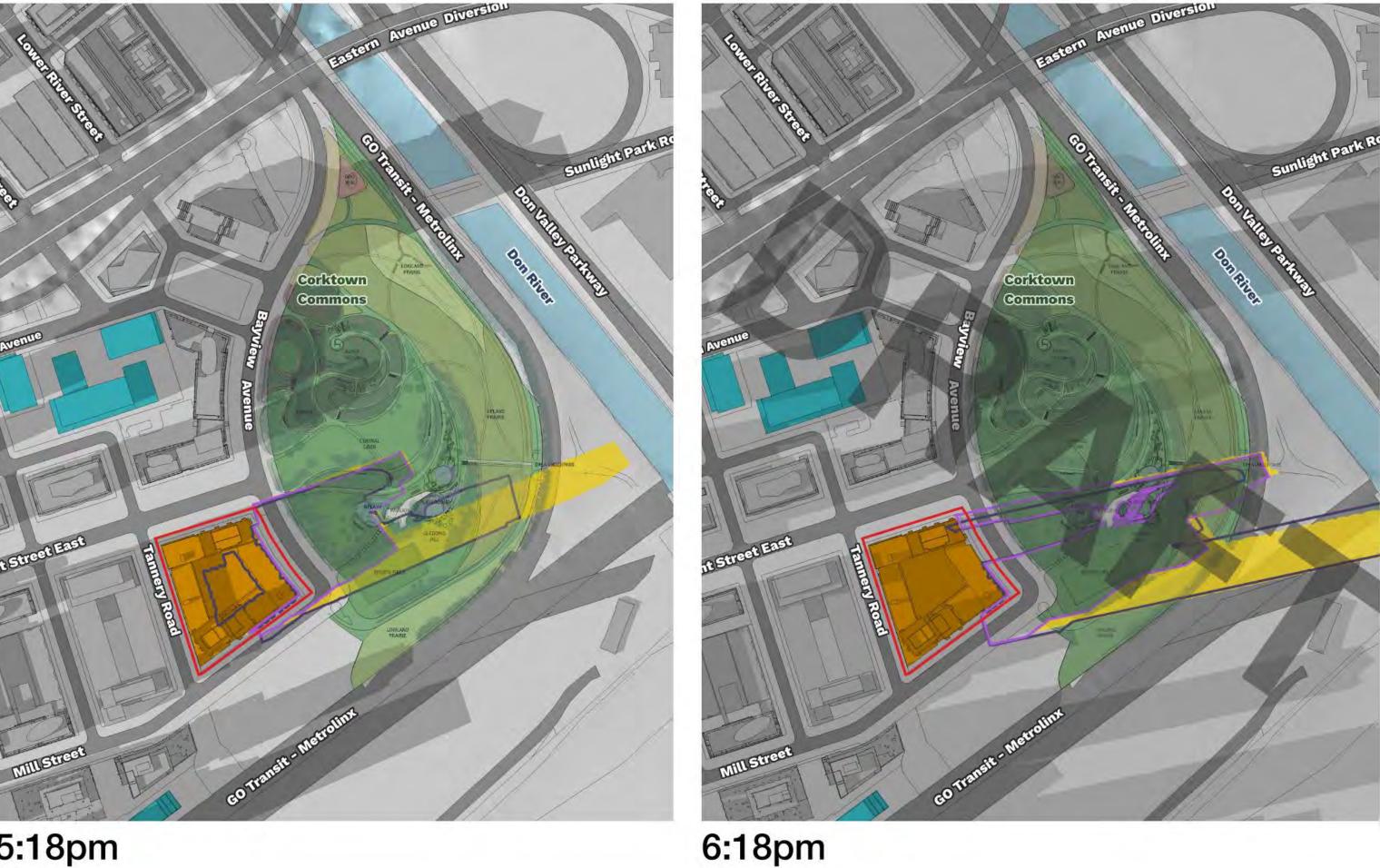
## Shadow Studies

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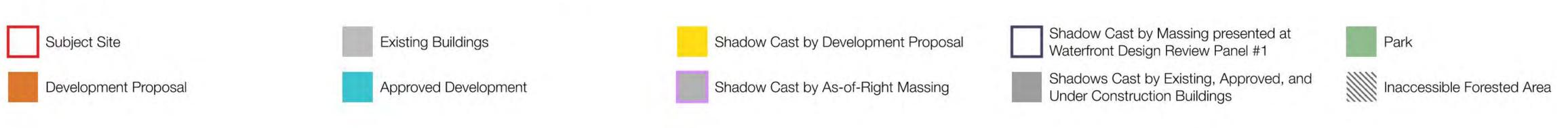
#### Vernal Equinox - March 21st



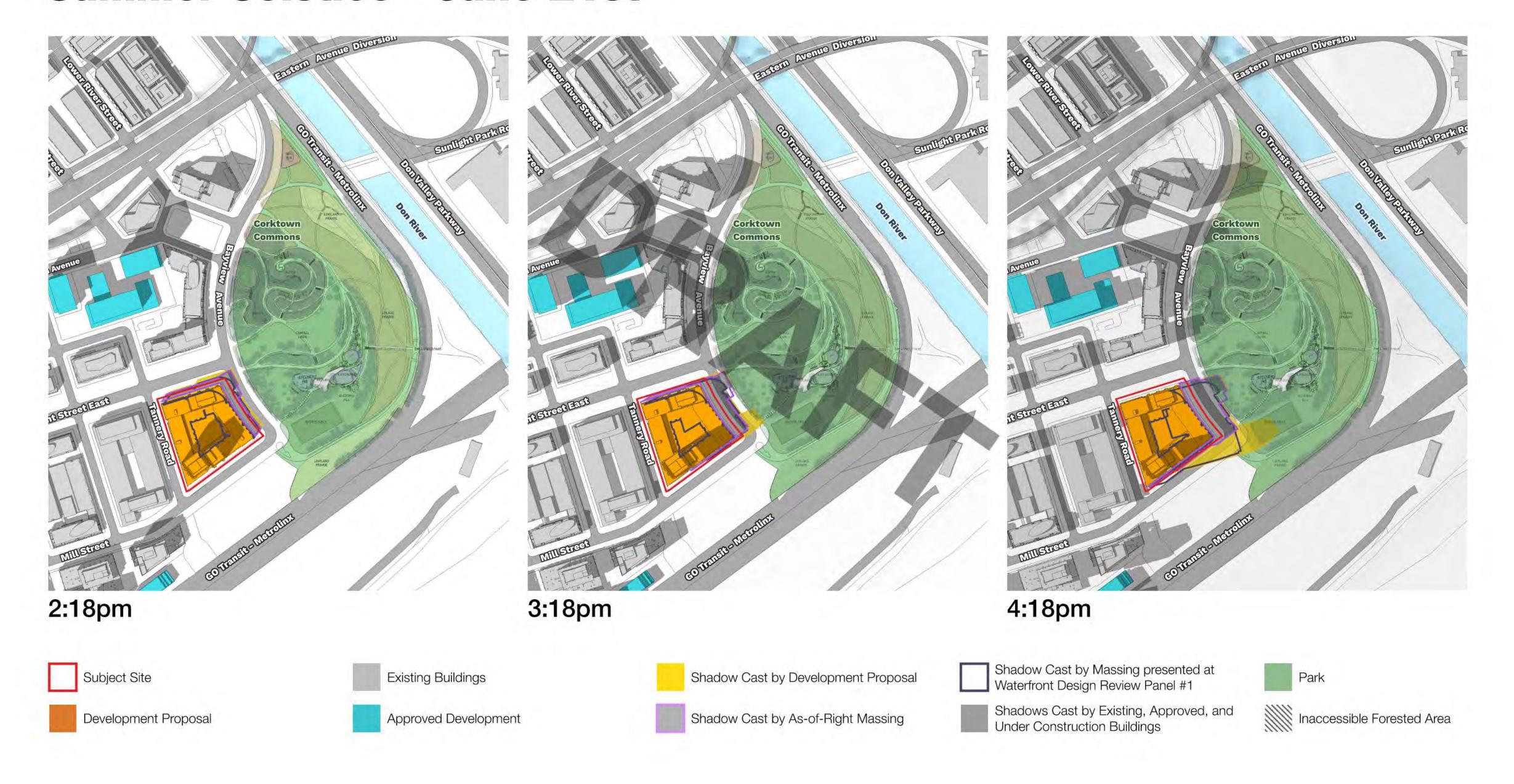
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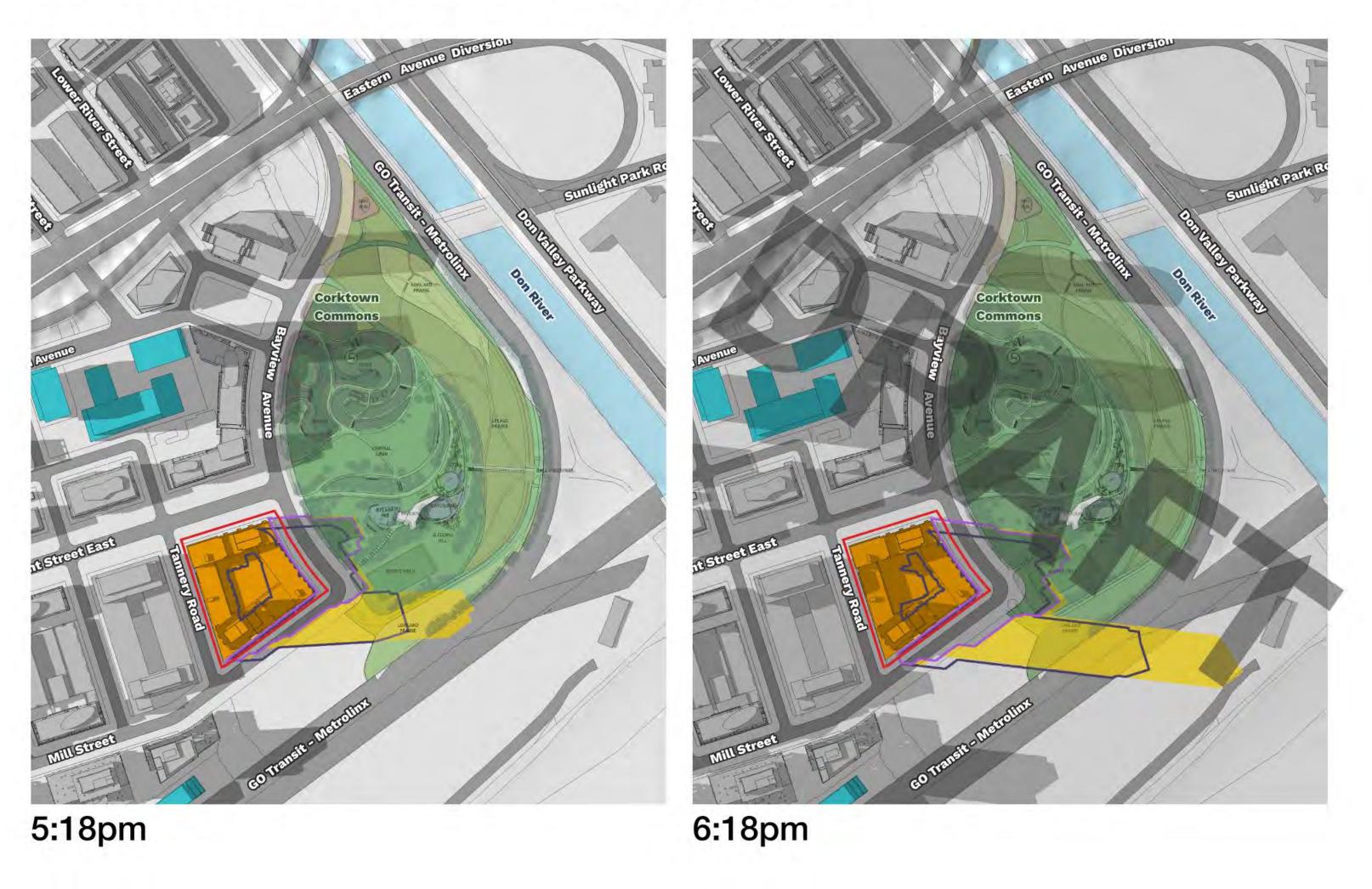
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#### **Summer Solstice - June 21st**



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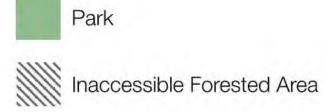




Shadow Cast by Development Proposal

Shadow Cast by As-of-Right Massing

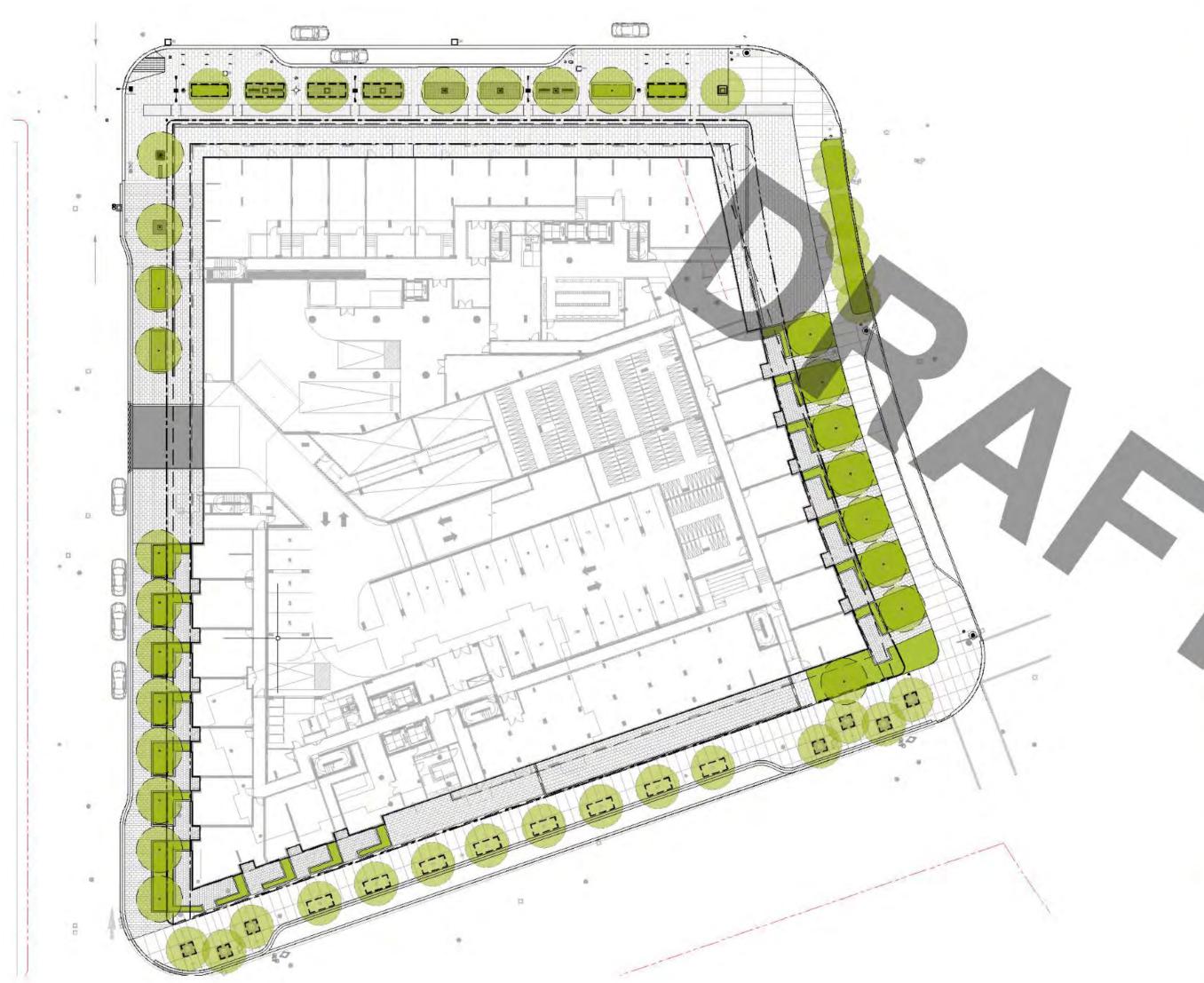
Shadows Cast by Existing, Approved, and Under Construction Buildings



## Landscape Design NAK design strategies

## Level 1

 Landscape design is proposed to enhance the public realm and pedestrian experience at ground floor.



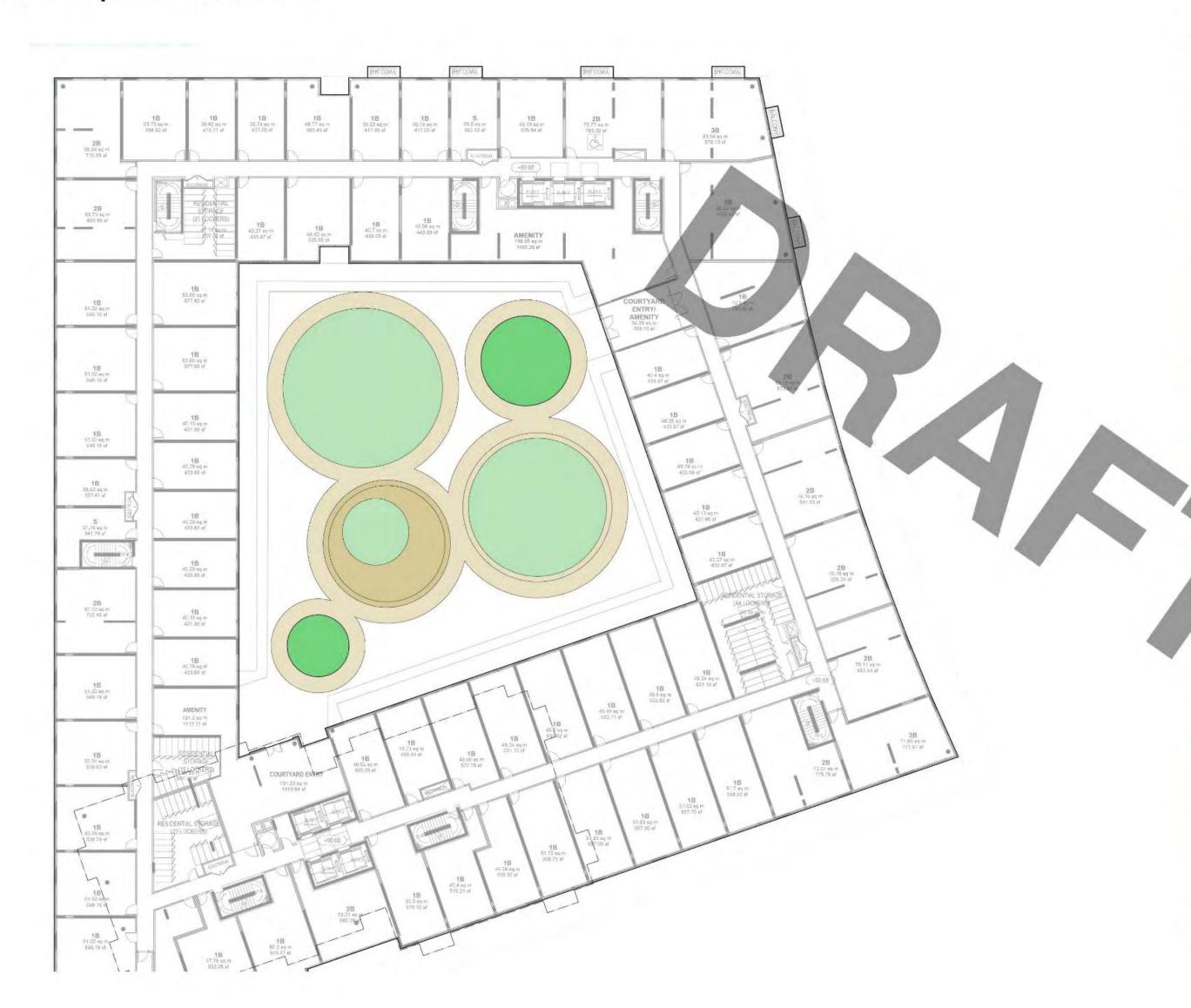


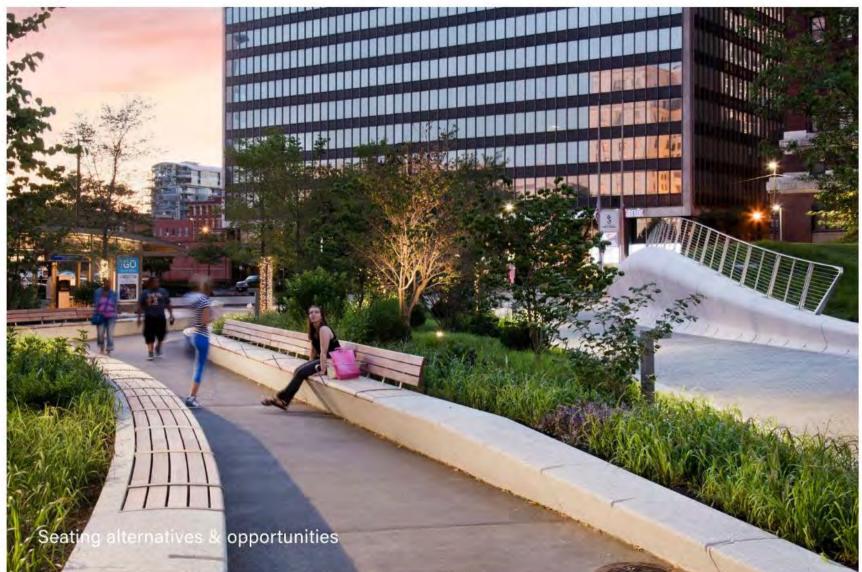


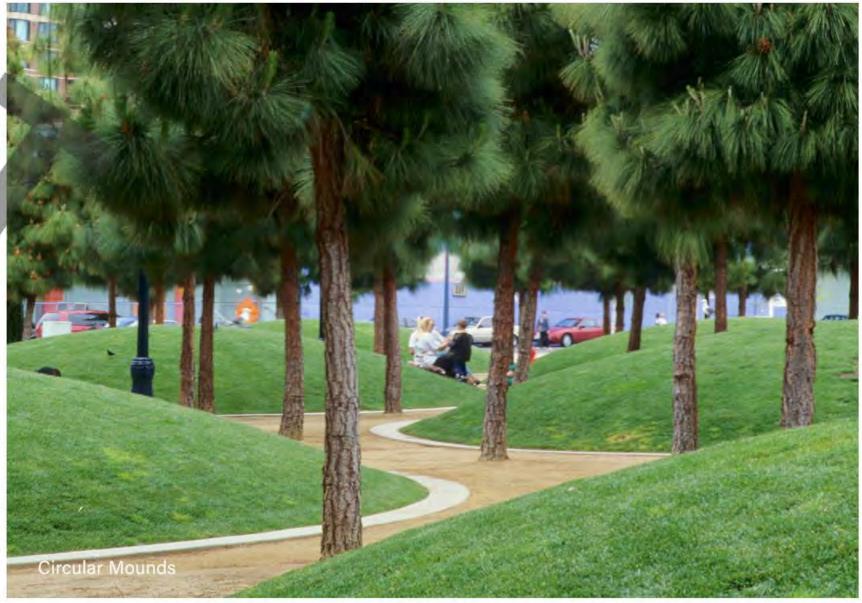
Existing Street Level Residential Block 11 Cooperage Street

## **Landscape Concept**

 Distinct circular geometric forms define a unique landscape character.

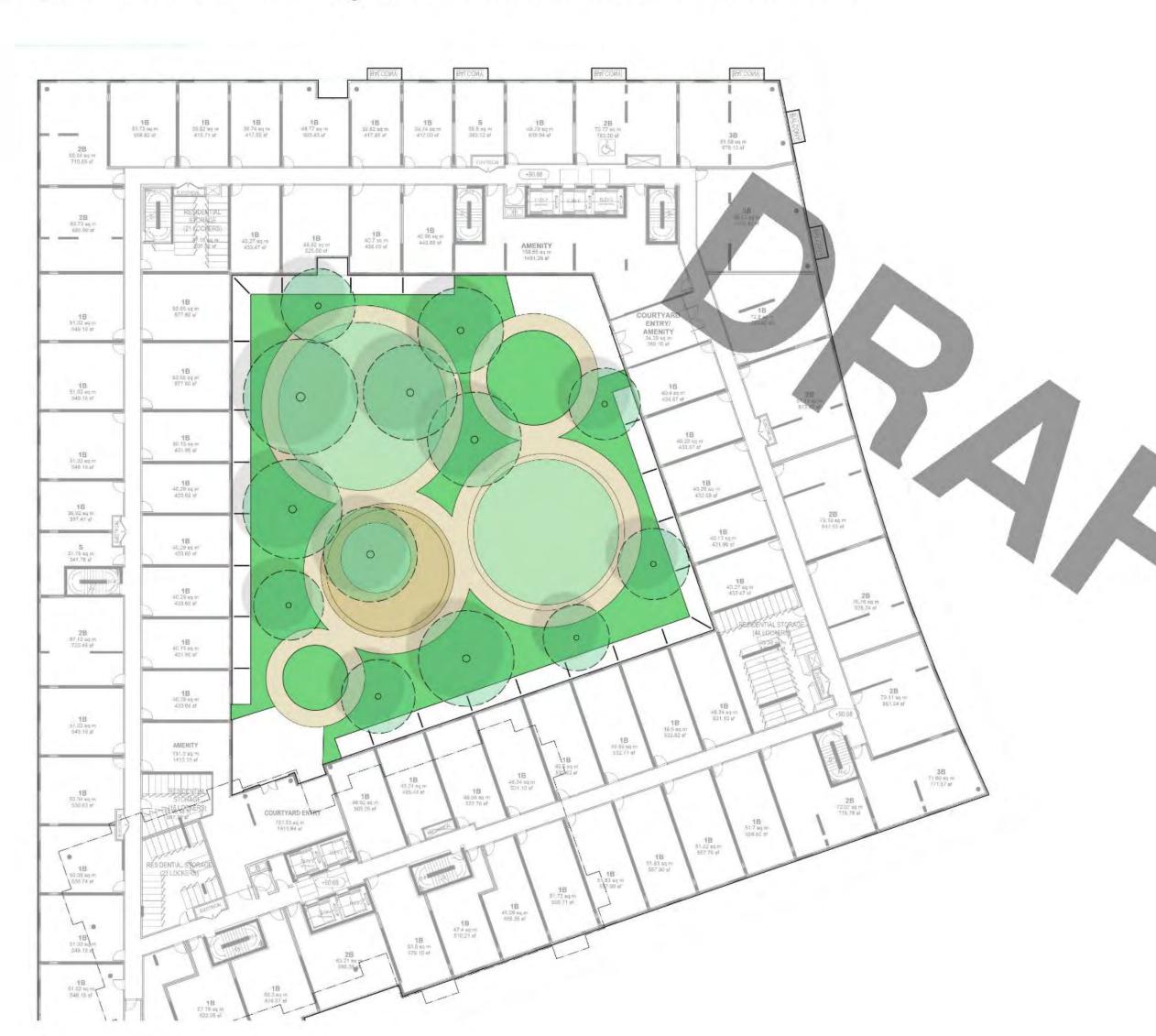


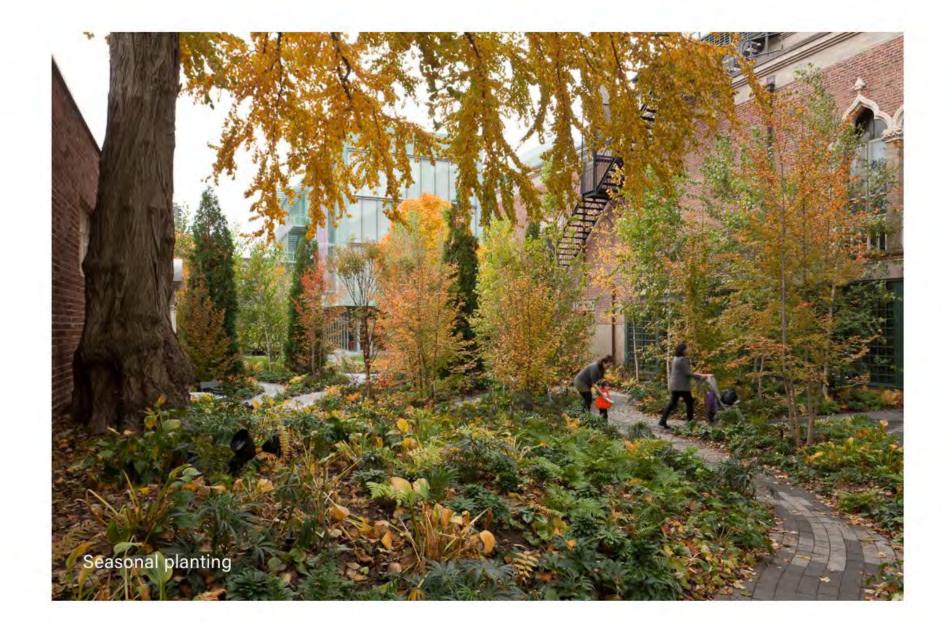




## **Level 4 Courtyard (Winter Garden)**

 Surrounded by planting, the garden finds peace and quiet, becomes a garden oasis for its residents







## Level 7 & 13 Rooftops

 The rooftops feature outdoor amenities including dog run, gym, pool, lounge areas, community garden & more



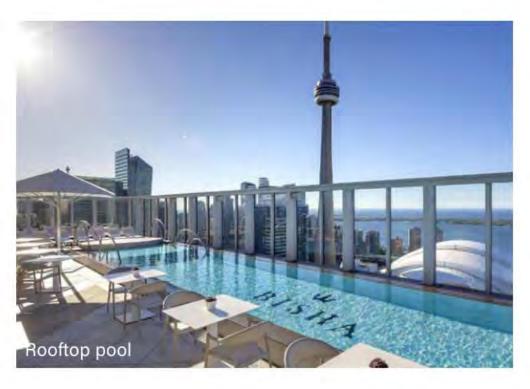




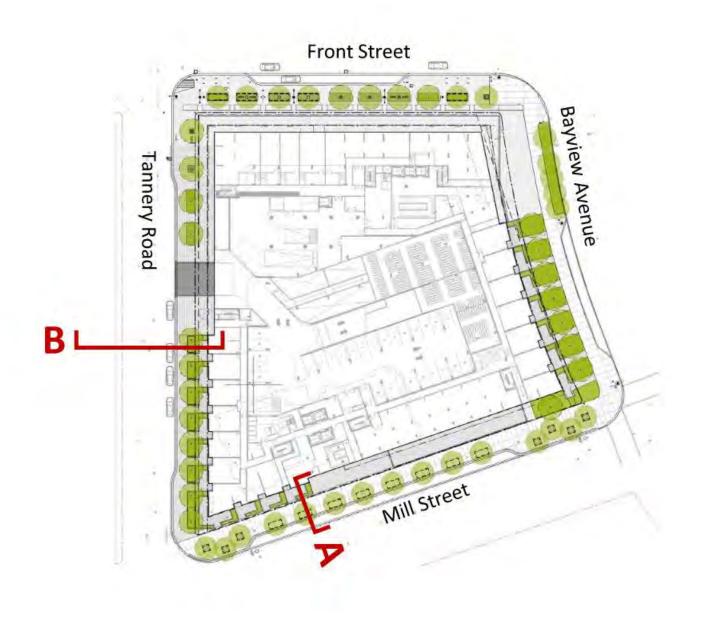


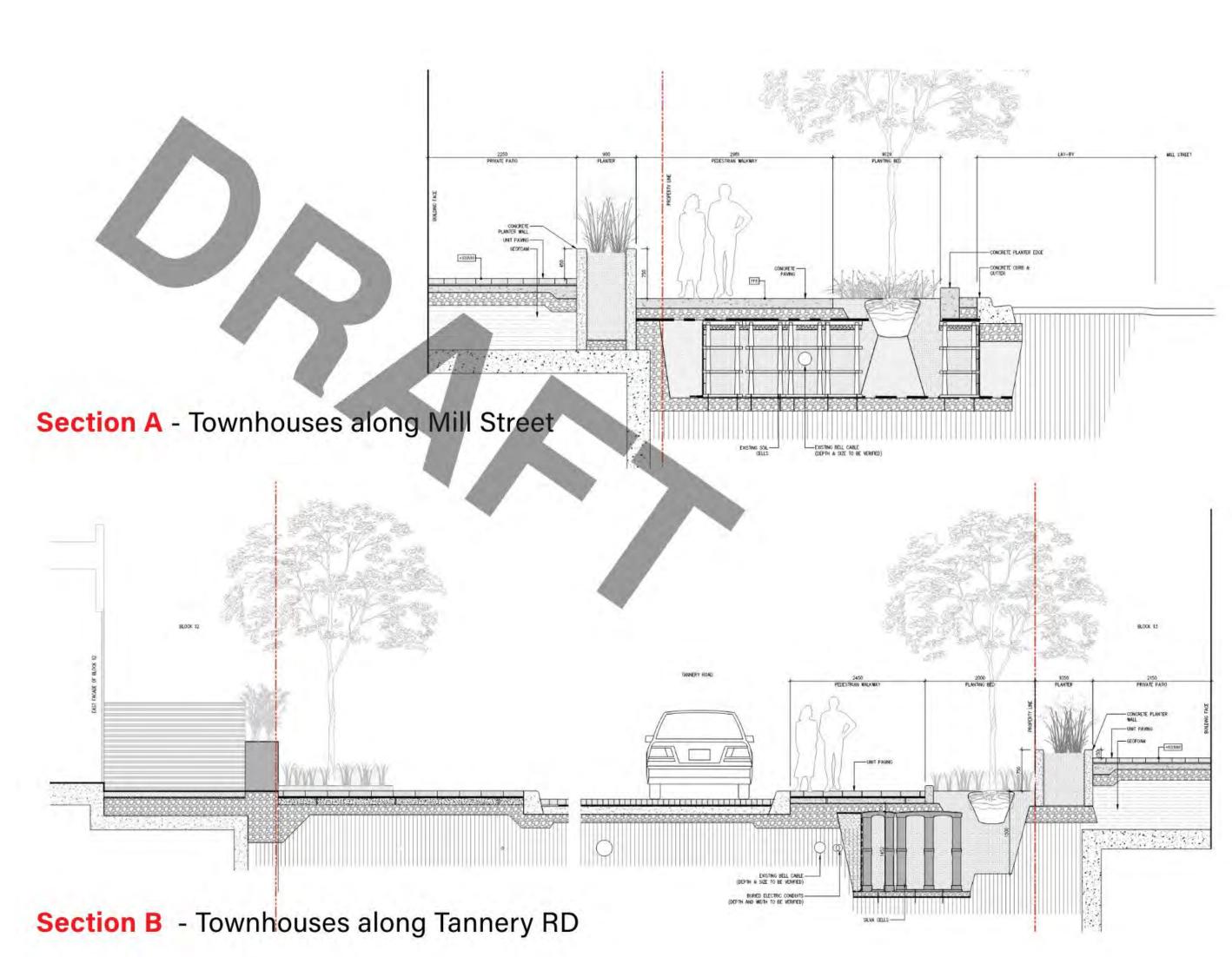




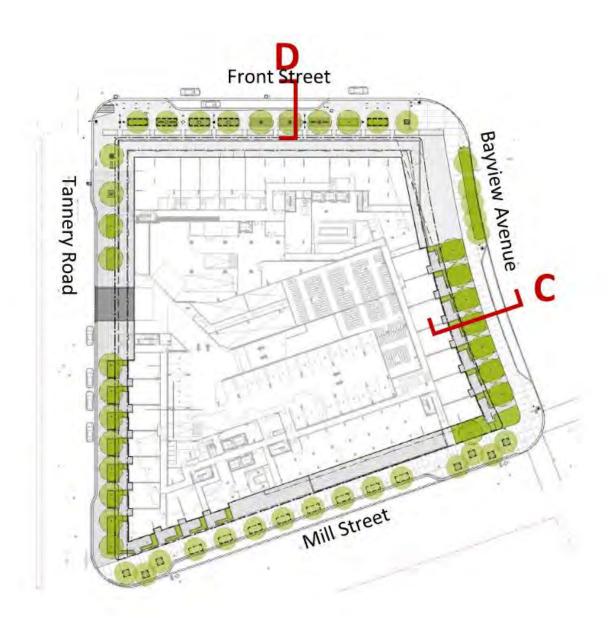


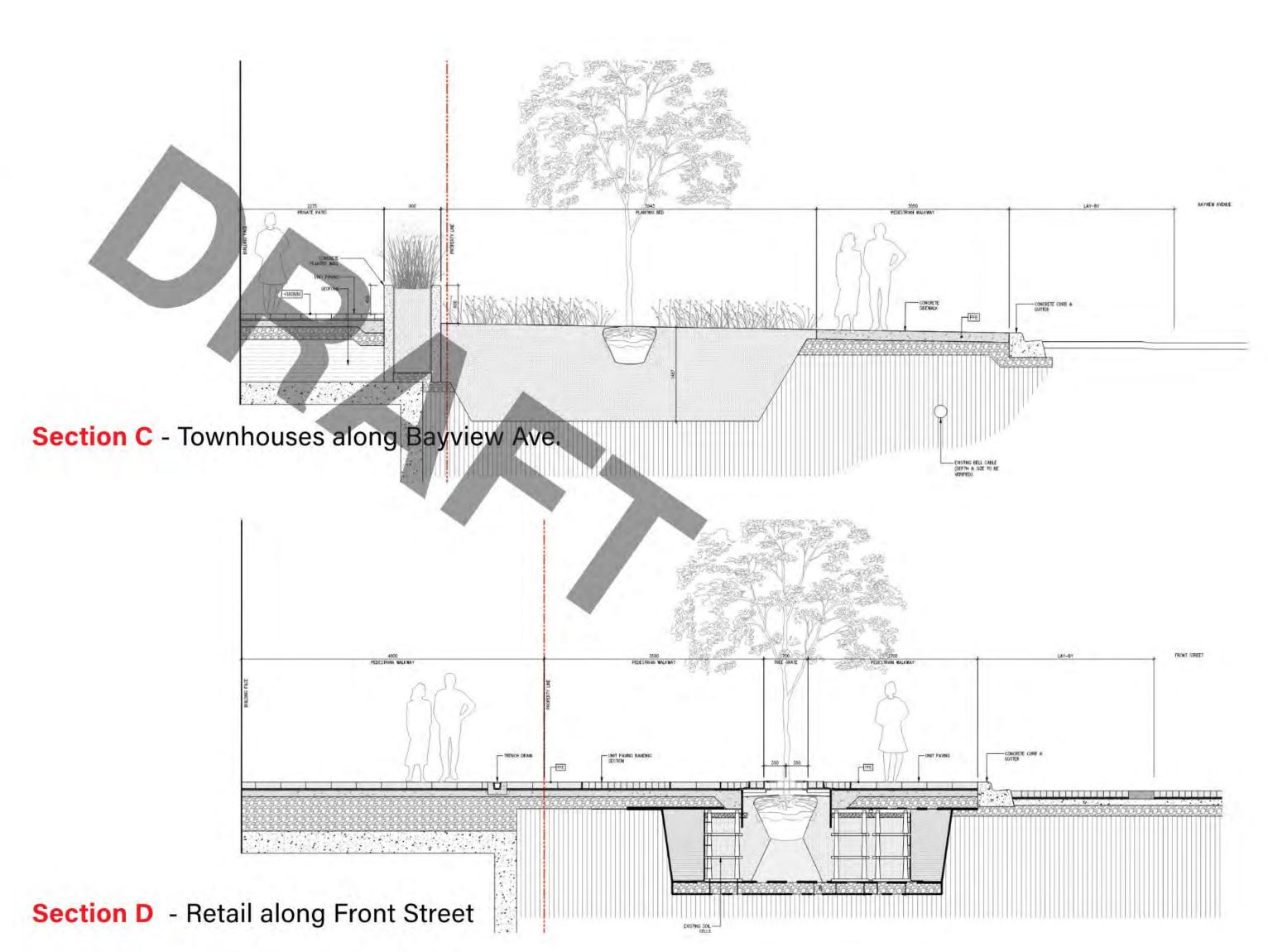
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# Sustainability RM

## Sustainability - Minimum Requirements and Ambitions

Applicable programs / standards	Our current minimum performance thresholds	
TGS v3, at least Tier 1	EUI: 170	
Ontario Building Code's Supplementary Standard SB-10	TEDI: 70 GHGi: 20	
LEED v4 for New Construction, Gold	Compliance with <i>EAp2: Minimum Energy Performance,</i> and points under <i>EAc1: Optimize Energy Efficiency</i> (targeting at least a 24% cost improvement over NECB 2011)	

## Sustainability - Energy and Climate Strategies

- High performance building enclosure
- In suite energy recovery ventilator
- Highly efficient water-cooled chiller
- High efficiency water source heat pump system with backup condensing boilers and fluid cooler
- Induced draft cooling tower with variable speed drive for the fan
- 50 / 50 window to wall ratio

- 95% efficient condensing boilers for space heating and service water heating
- Electronically commutated (EC) motors on ERV fans, fan coil units
- VFD drives in most hydronic pumps
- High efficacy LED light fixtures with occupancy control in amenity, corridors, and parking areas

## Sustainability – Path to LEED Gold: 63 Points

Credit Categories	Yes	Maybe
Integrative Design (1)	1	0
Location & Transportation (16)	15	1
Sustainable Sites (10)	5	0
Water Efficiency (11)	5	2
Energy & Atmosphere (32)	17	2
Materials & Resources (13)	4	3
Indoor Environmental Quality (16)	8	0
Innovation (6)	5	1
Regional Priority (4)	3	1
TOTAL	63	10

Current Level: Possible Path to Gold

Point Levels: Certified 40-49; Silver 50-59; Gold 60-79; Platinum 80+

## Sustainability - LEED Credit Strategies

## Home Runs to Confirm

- Bicycle parking and electric vehicles
- Storage and collection of recyclables
- Light colored paving and vegetated roofs to reduce heat island effect
- Careful selection of exterior lighting to reduce light pollution
- All LED lighting
- Low-emitting materials

## Further Consideration/Analysis

- CO2 monitoring in densely occupied amenity spaces
- Enhanced refrigerant management
- Irrigation / reclaimed water submetering
- Reduce indoor water use by 40%
- Conduct Whole-building Life-cycle Assessment
- Enhanced Systems + Envelope Commissioning

## Thank You