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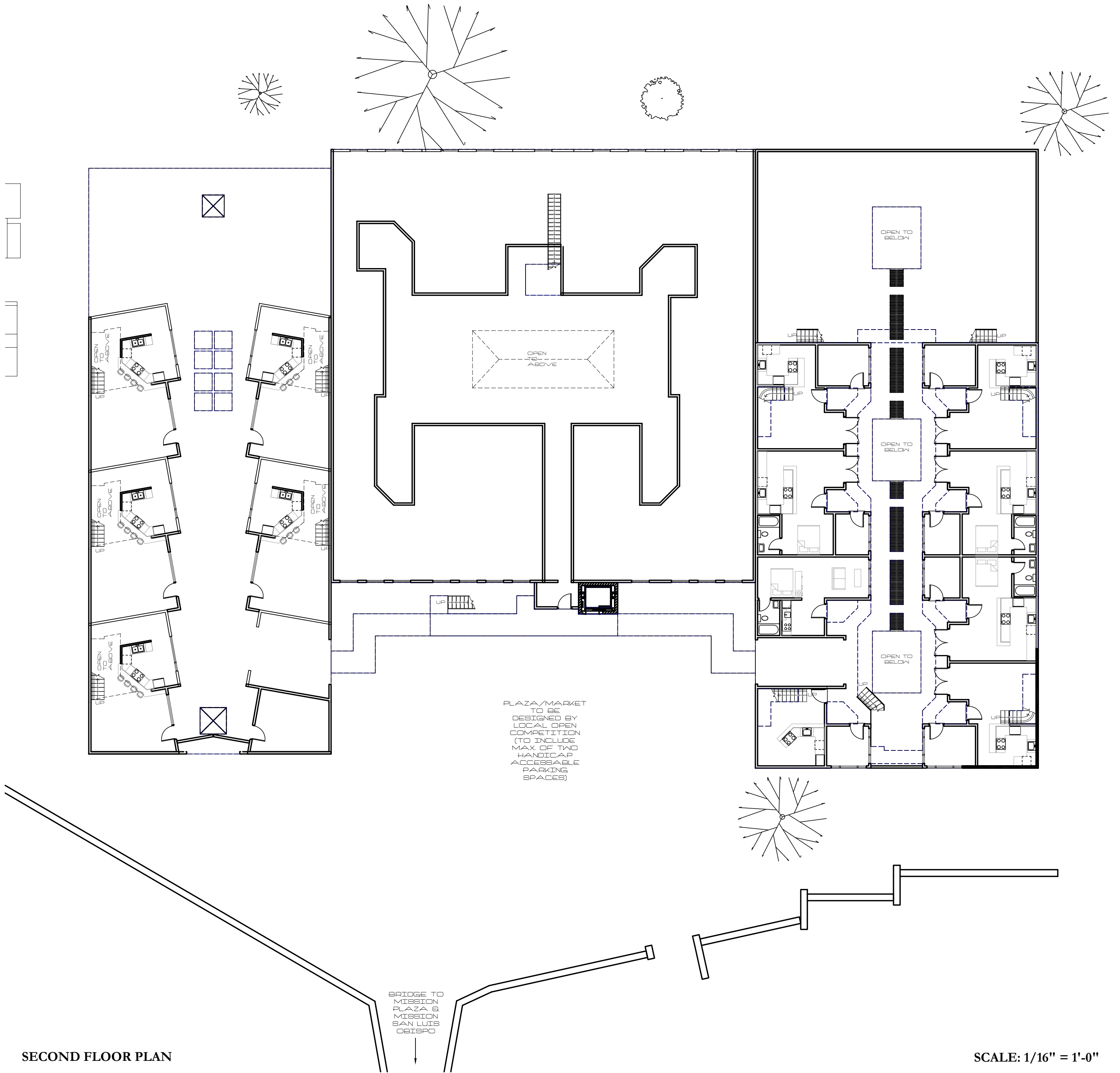
Project Statement

“ADD-A-STORY” is a 10 week exploration of housing within the urban setting of downtown San Luis Obispo. Each student involved in this project was assigned a block, selected via lottery, for which they were to design an infill housing development as an addition to the existing structures. The goals of the project were to: design housing as a response to the current housing crisis as defined by the state’s recent housing mandate, incorporate the ideas and principles of affordable housing into the design, and to create a project that would be acceptable to the residence in accordance with city ordinances and architectural design guidelines.

Existing Site

The site I have been assigned consists of the eastern half of the block bordered by Chorro, Higuera, Broad, and San Luis Creek. I have chosen to place my infill project above the two malls at this location (Mission Mall & The Network). In evaluating this site, I realized that two malls had been built on sites that were underutilized. The idea behind a mall of this type is to use commerce as a transition from one place to another. The transitions these malls create have very little significance. On one end, there is Higuera St; A bustling, pedestrian friendly, socially active street that has become the central axis for the downtown scene. At the other end, there is an open plaza that is currently designated for a couple of parking spaces and almost no points of interest.

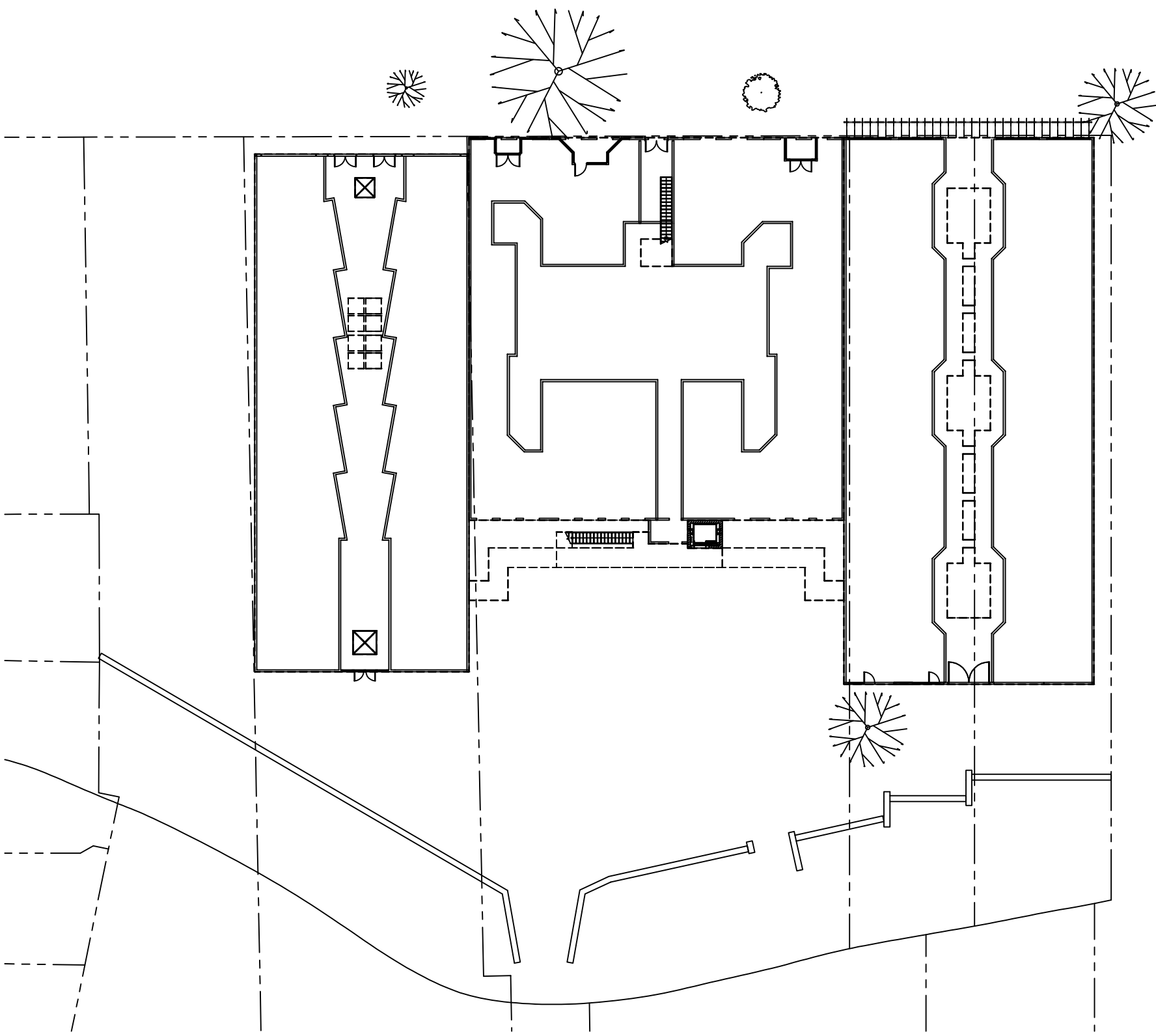
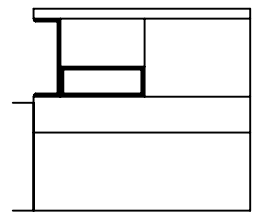
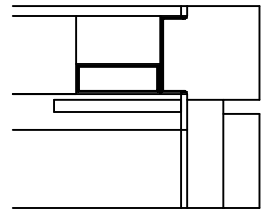
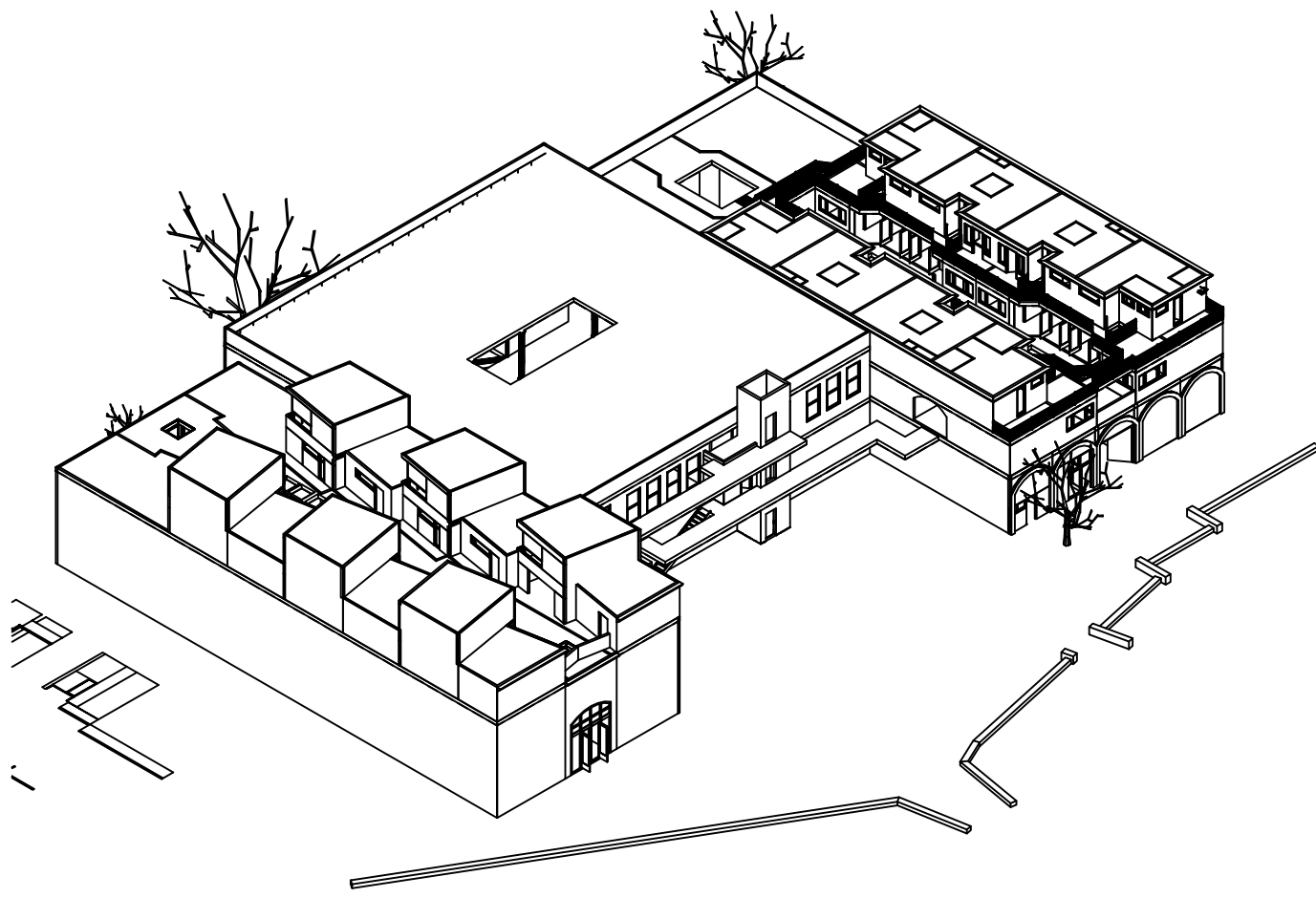
The intent of my proposal is to reestablish the functionality of the malls by creating a focus in the underutilized area. The proposal included new housing above both of the malls with primary access from “creekside”. The target clients for these units ranges from the disabled and elderly, to the affordability clientele, and finally the affluent clients wishing to live “above” the urban scene. The open area between these malls and behind the Warden Building (the building set between the malls) would be designed as an open plaza in the style of the Italian piazza and could be used as a permanent outdoor market.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

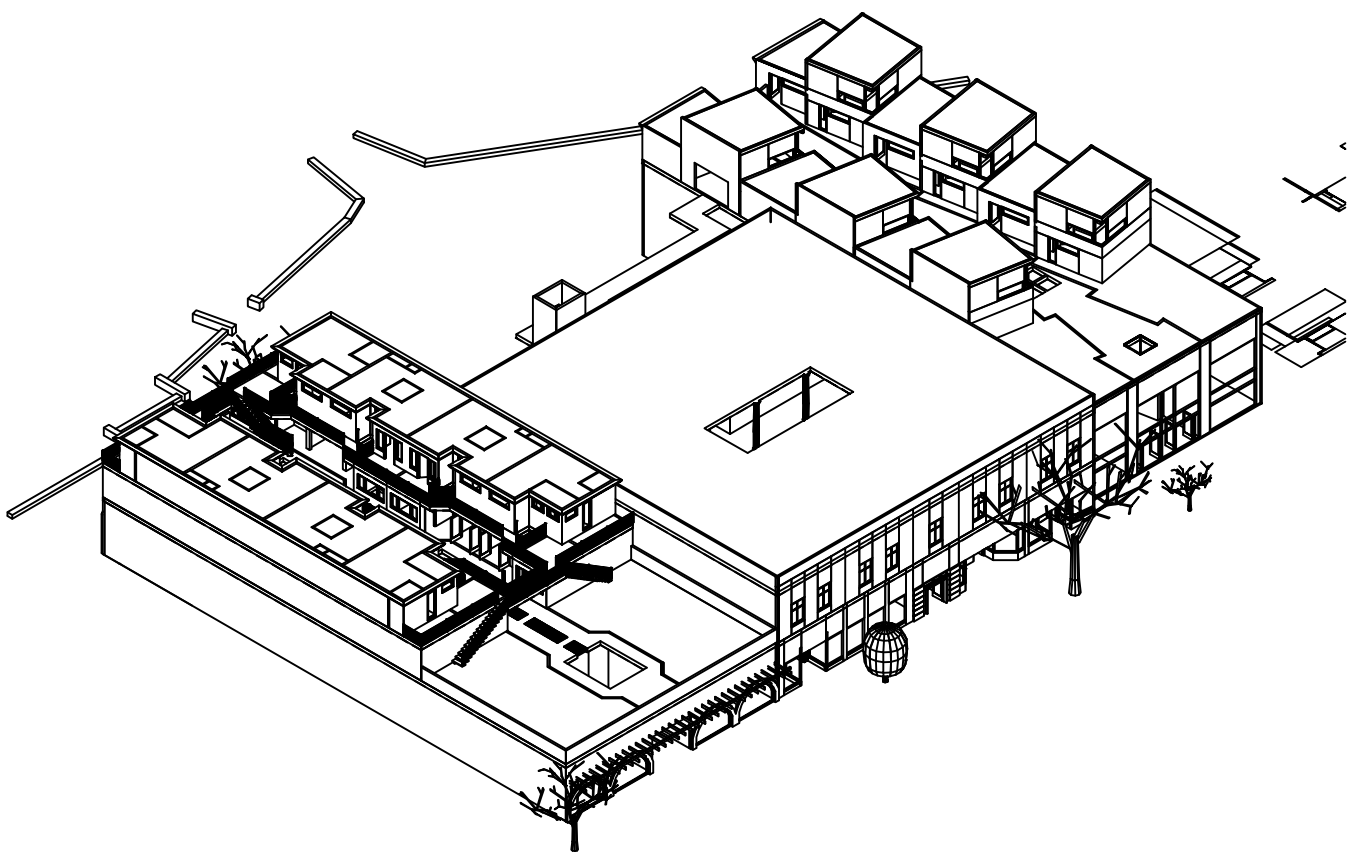
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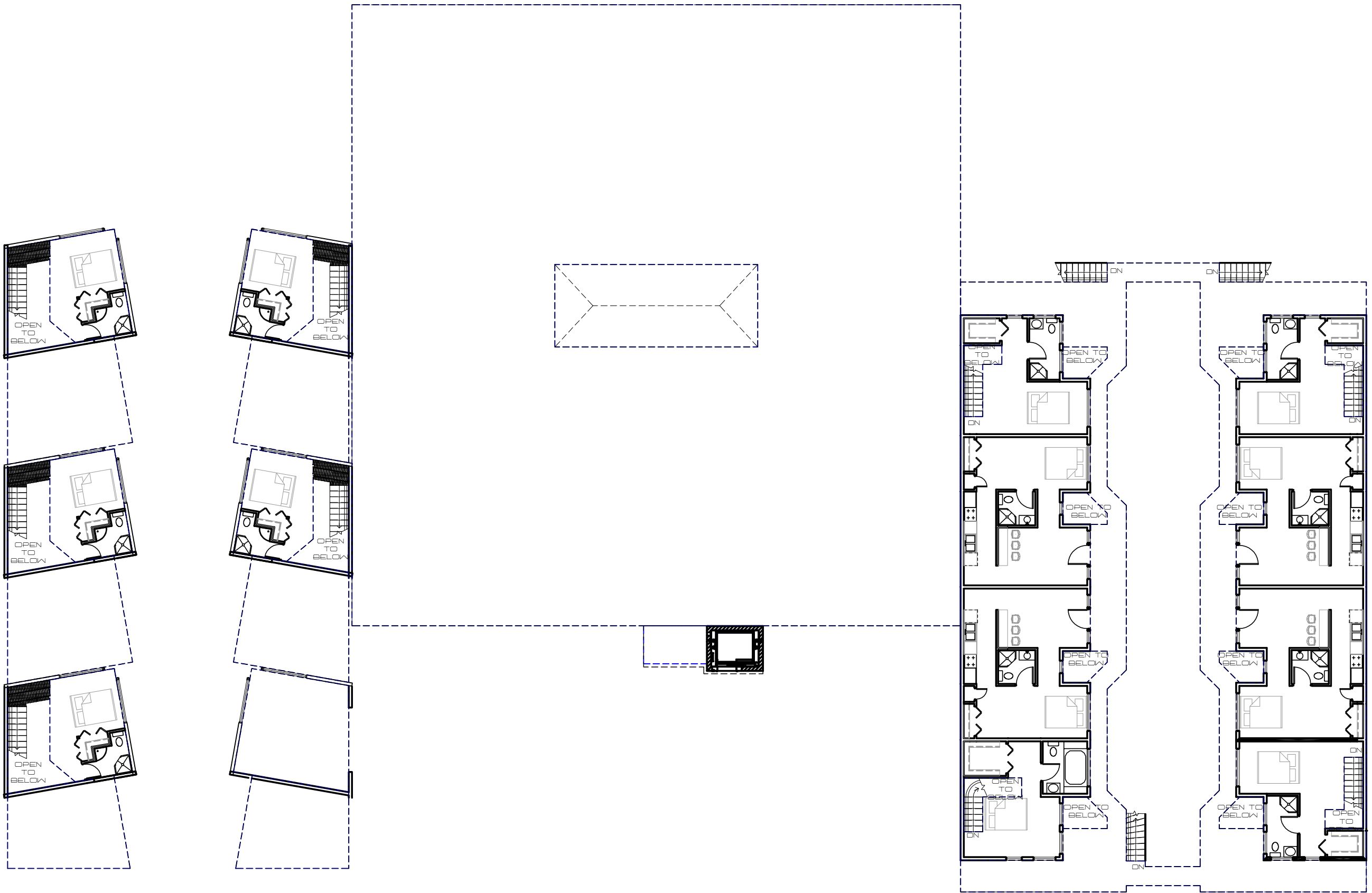
ARCHITECTURAL



SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1/32" = 1'-0"

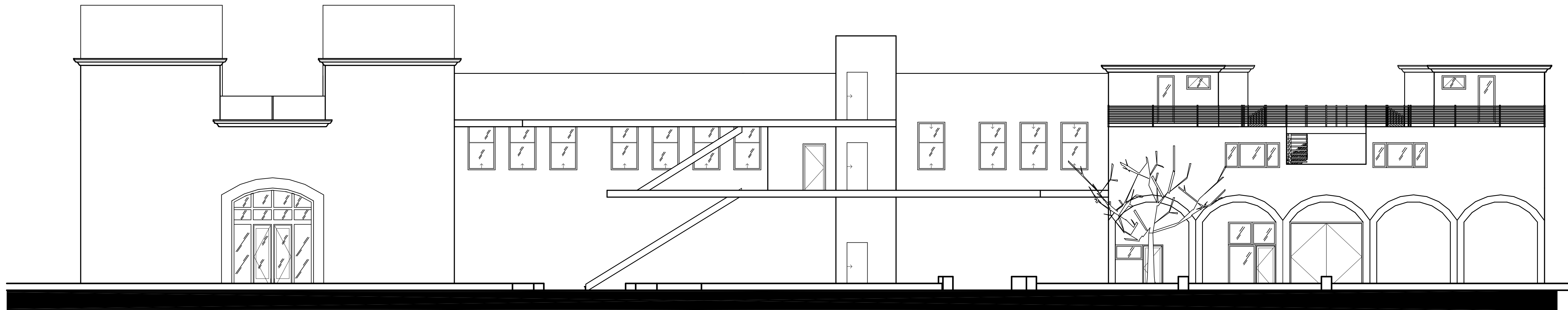




THIRD FLOOR PLAN

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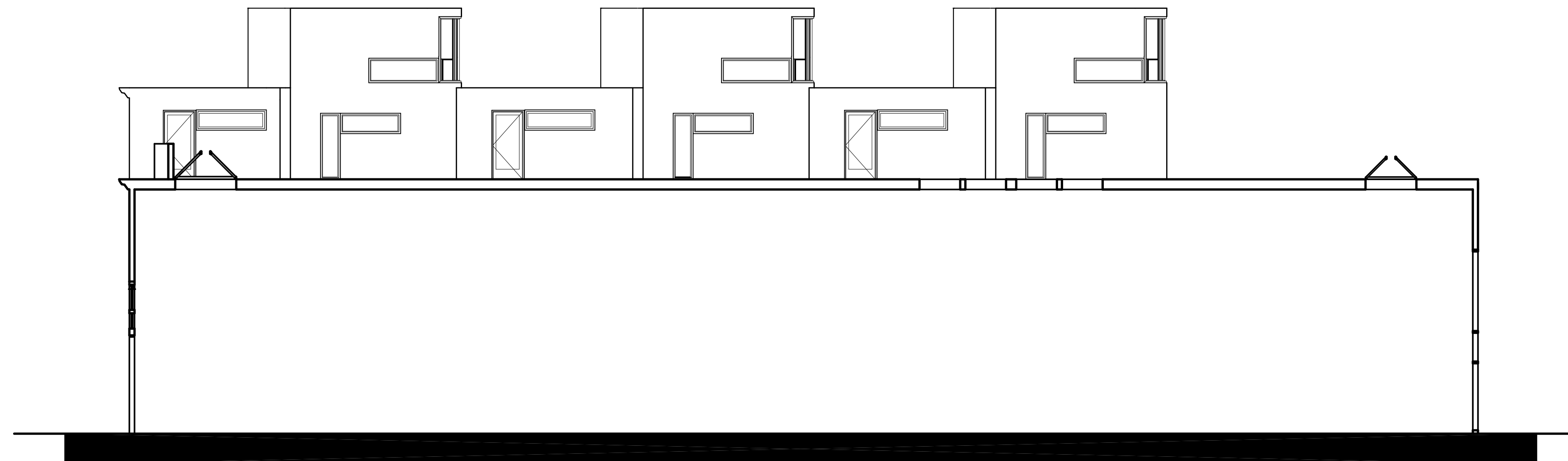
FLOOR PLANS



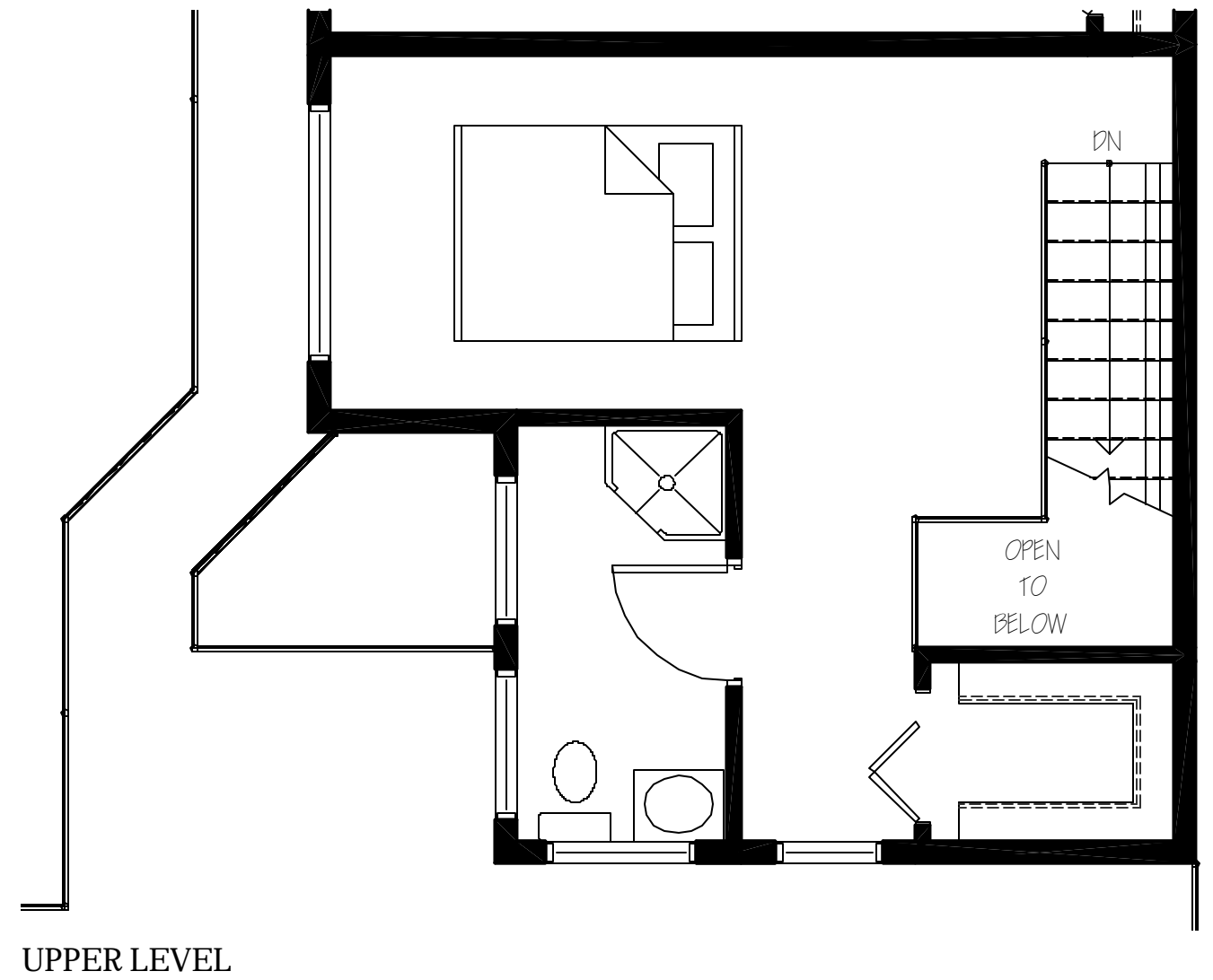
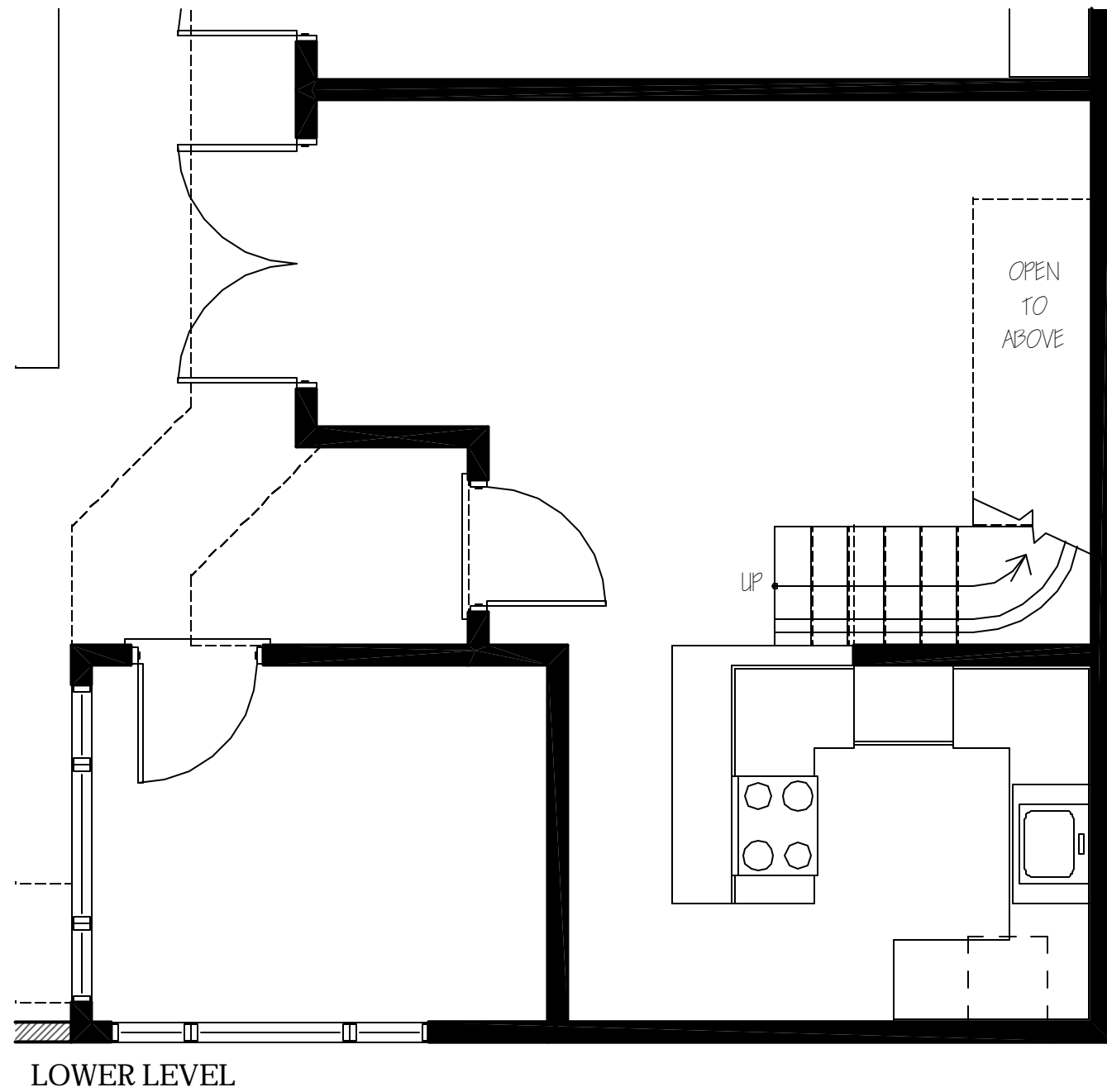
CREEKSIDE ELEVATION - PROPOSED
1/8" = 1'-0"



"MISSION MALL" BUILDING SECTION - PROPOSED
1/8" = 1'-0"

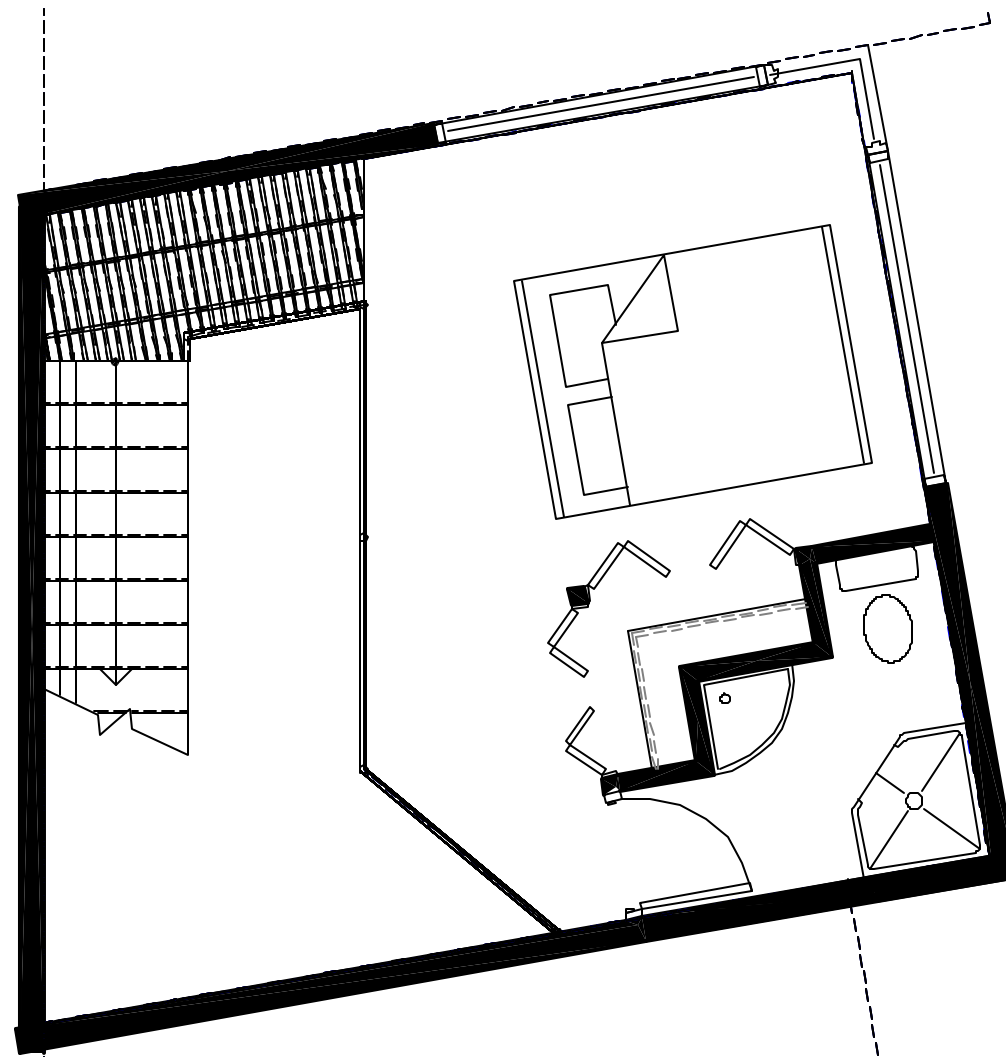
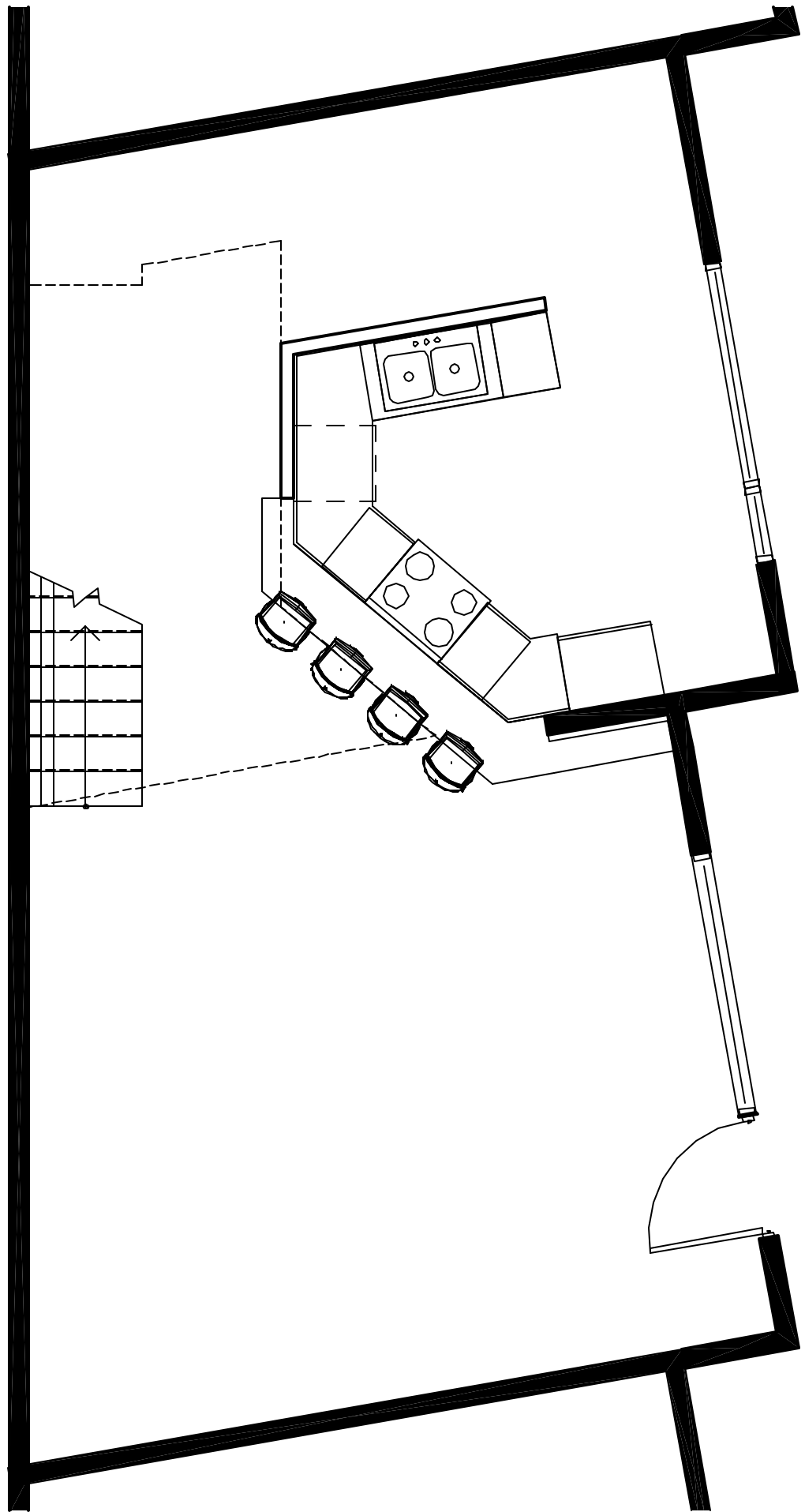


"THE NETWORK" BUILDING SECTION - PROPOSED
1/8" = 1'-0"



**MISSION APARTMENTS
FLOOR PLAN "A"**

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



MEZZANINE LEVEL

**NETWORK APARTMENTS
FLOOR PLANS**

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"