



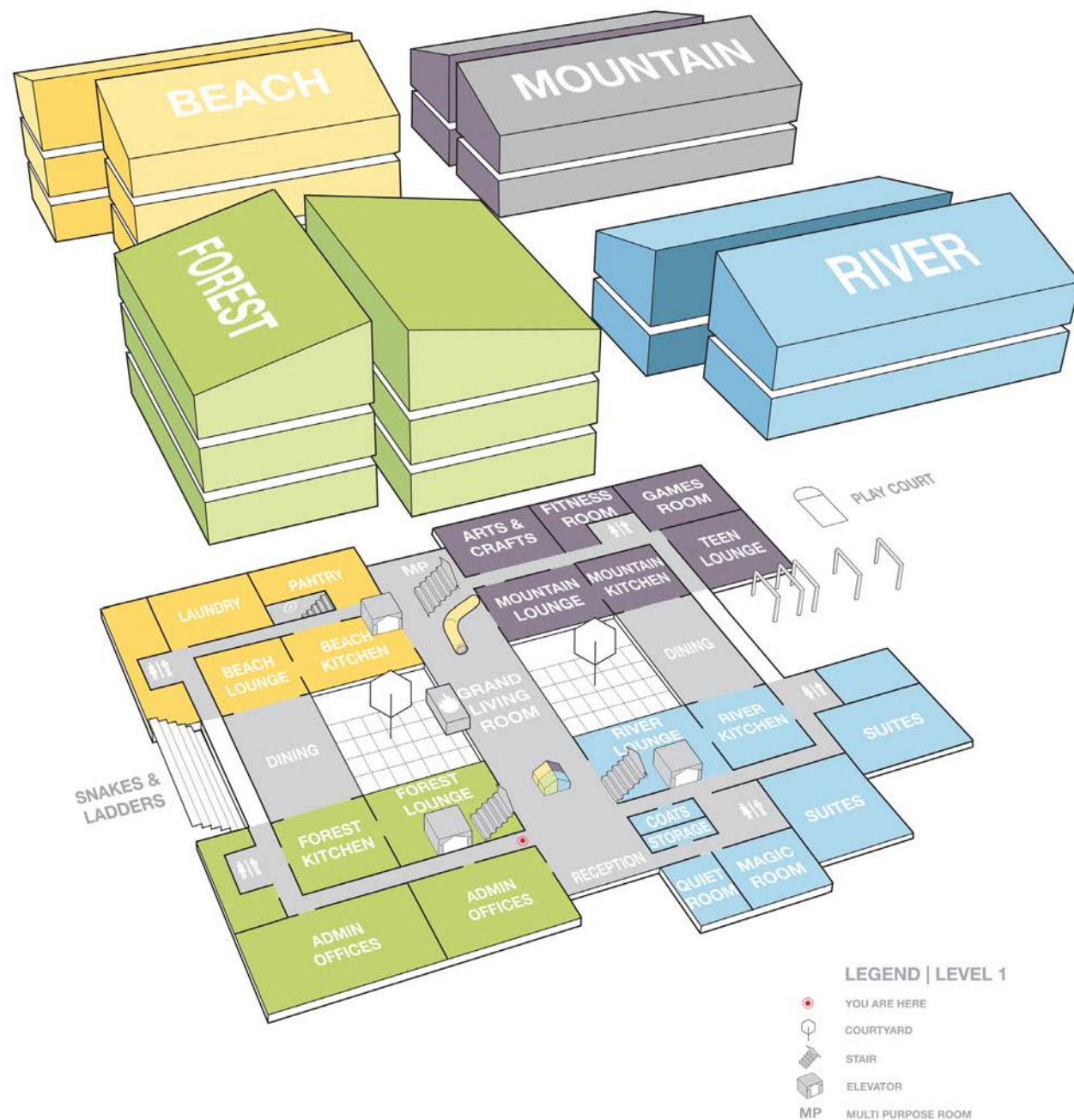
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE BC + YUKON | WILLOW

PUBLIC HEARING | 4910-4950 Willow Street

MARCH 11, 2025

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**We gratefully and respectfully
acknowledge that this project is situated
on the unceded traditional territories
of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam),
Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ
(Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.**



Address	4567 Heather Street, Vancouver BC
Completed	2014
Height	4 storeys with 1 below grade
GFA	7,033 sm (75,703 sf)
Total Suites	73, all hotel style
Amenity	The House includes common spaces, kitchen and dining areas, fitness facilities, library resources, office areas, educational space, and outdoor play areas.
Wellness/ Programs	Family Meals Program, Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Pet Therapy, Massage Therapy, Out-trips, and Group Activities

WHO IS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE?

1. **150** suites are required within the next 10 years. That is **77** more units than currently available.
2. The new House will serve families from all over the BC province and Yukon who are **5 to 10+ hours** drive away from specialized treatment for their children.
3. The needs for the families staying **1-2 years** are very different from short-term stays.
4. Long-stay families in the existing Heather House **remove opportunity for short-term stays.**
5. The need for affordable shelter, home cooked food, and keeping families close is paramount to the **healing of their seriously ill children.**

THE NEED FOR A NEW HOUSE





WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

Existing House with 73 hotel
style units completed in
2014.

RMHBC
EXISTING
HOUSE

5 MINUTE
WALK

HEATHER ST

CAMBIE ST

33RD ST

► SITE

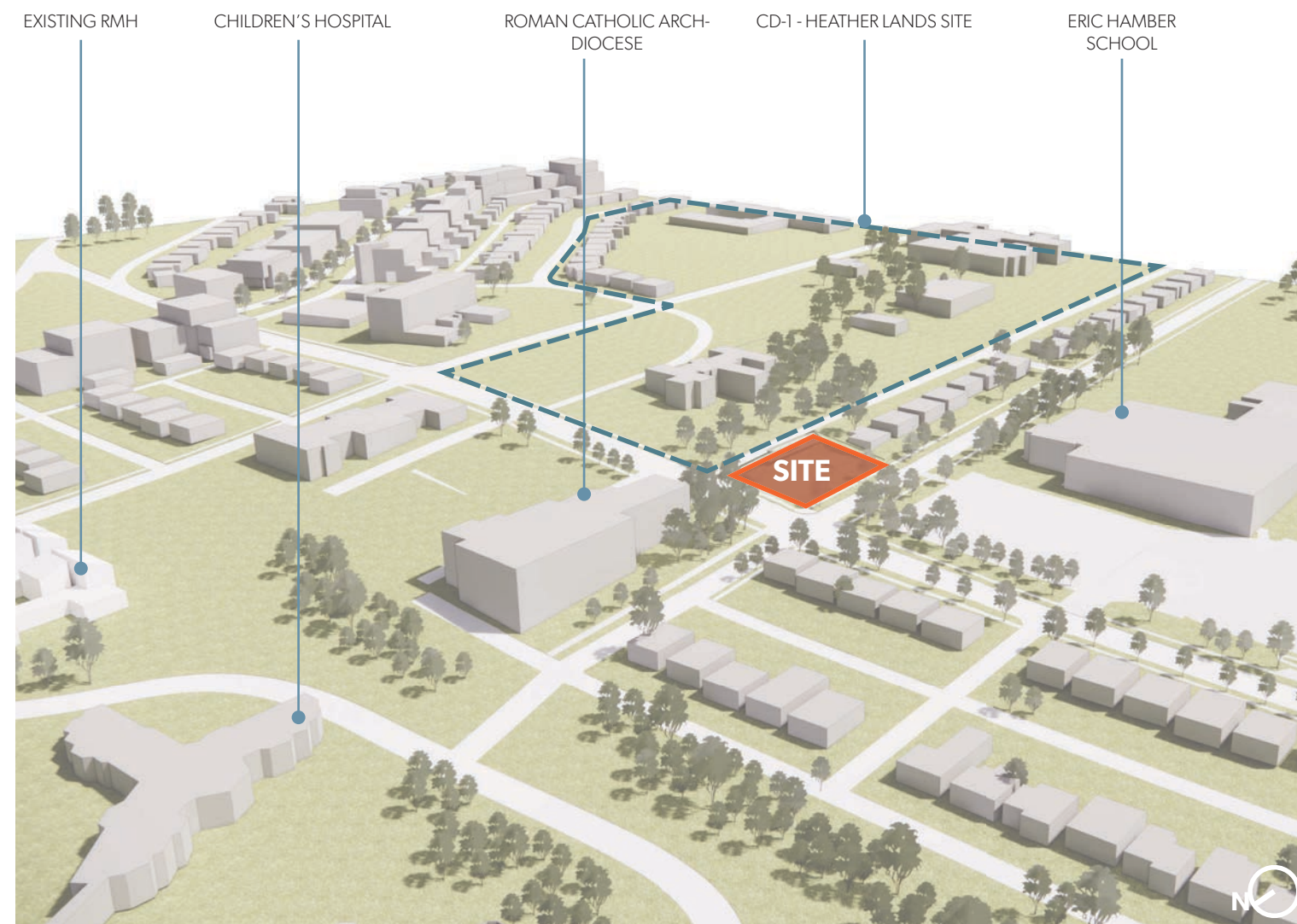
WILLOW ST

With a growing number of
families in need of housing, the
new site will provide 75 long-
term stay suites for families.
The suites will be a range
of studio, 1 Bedroom and 2
Bedroom suites with in-suite
kitchens.

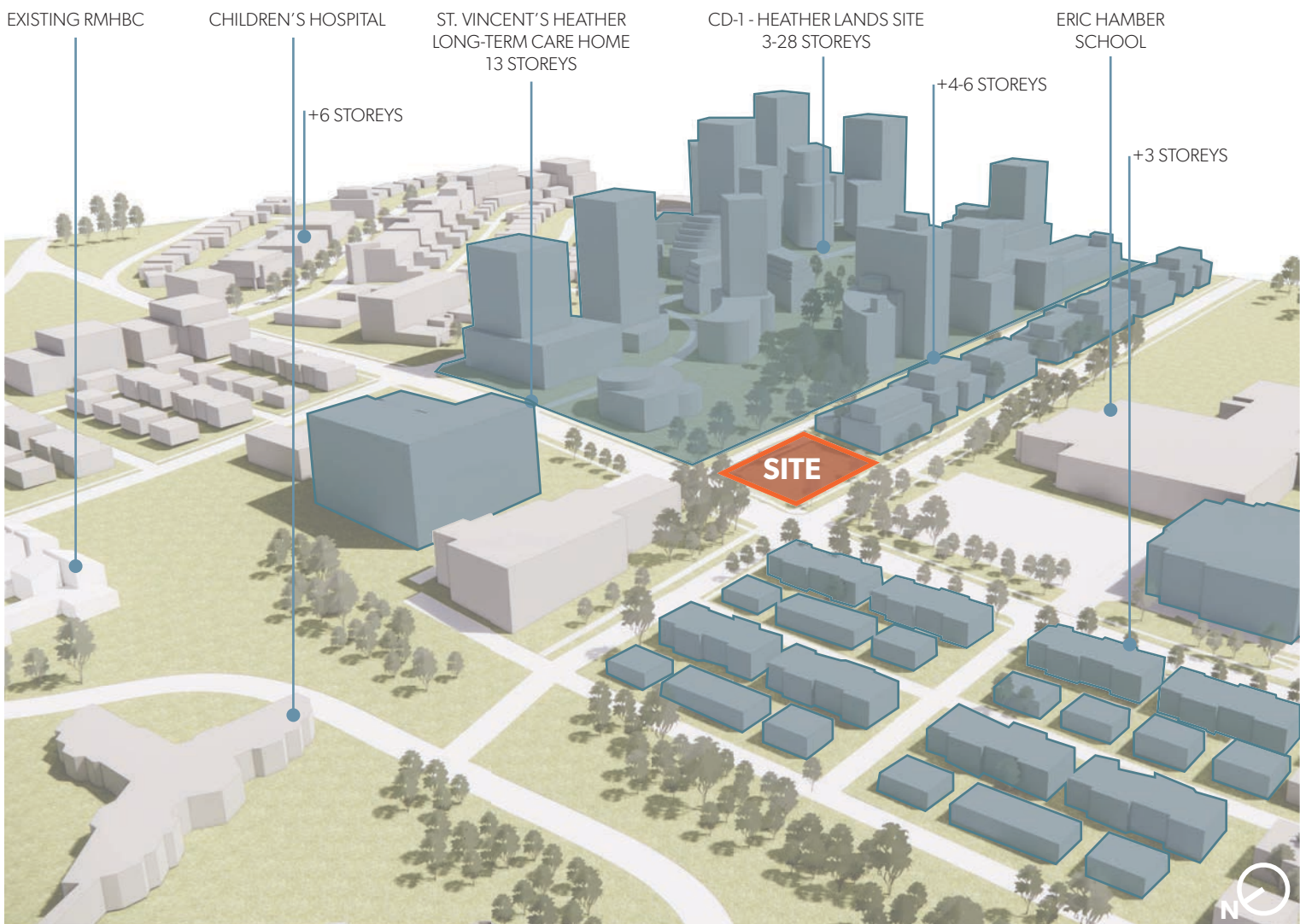
SITE CONTEXT | PROXIMITY OF EXISTING HOUSE AND NEW SITE

Google





CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD SITE AXO



FUTURE NEIGHBOURHOOD SITE AXO



HOME

RMHBC Heather is a welcoming space for all families, which feels like a home rather than a hospital.

RMHBC Willow should build upon the RMHBC Heather success, creating an RMHBC brand of home.



COMMUNITY

The kitchen and dining areas are at the core of the House creating a central community.

These shared spaces provide opportunity for communication between families.



HEALING

Healing is encouraged by creating a place of support for all families.

Support is provided when it is needed with spaces to talk to staff and other families, but also with spaces to spend time alone.



NATURE

Connections are created between the inside and outside, with opportunities to look inwards towards nature within the House.

Courtyard spaces create feelings of enclosure and pockets of nature within the House.



PLAY

The slide in the RMHBC Heather House is well loved and important in creating a sense of play.

The element of play should also consider all ages throughout the House.

CONNECTING TO THE SITE

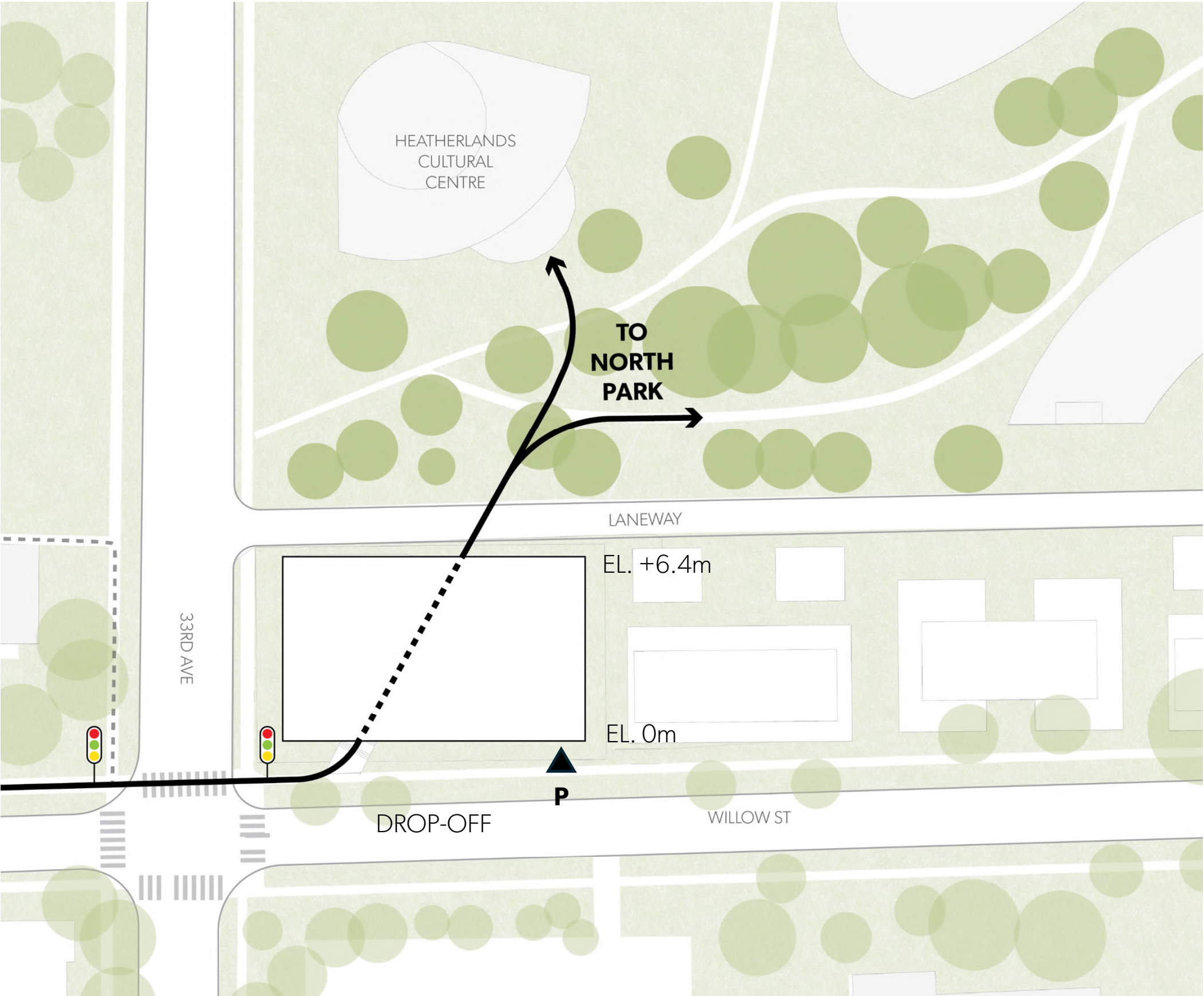
- Connecting to the Heather Lands and Cultural Center.
- Looking outwards to The Two Sisters, North Shore Mountains, Fraser River and Mt Baker.
- Telling the Stories and History of the site through art & culture.

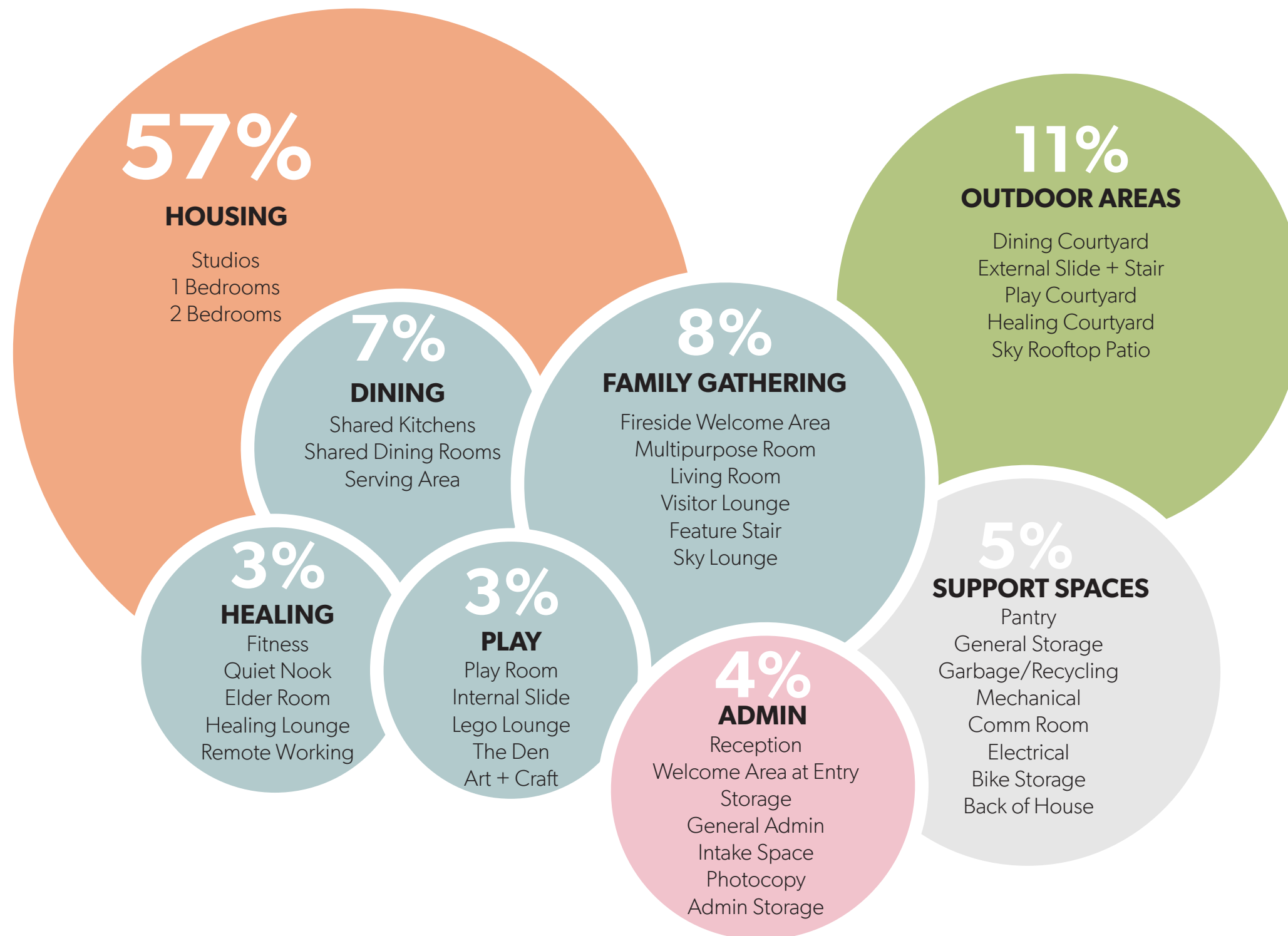
CREATING A HOME

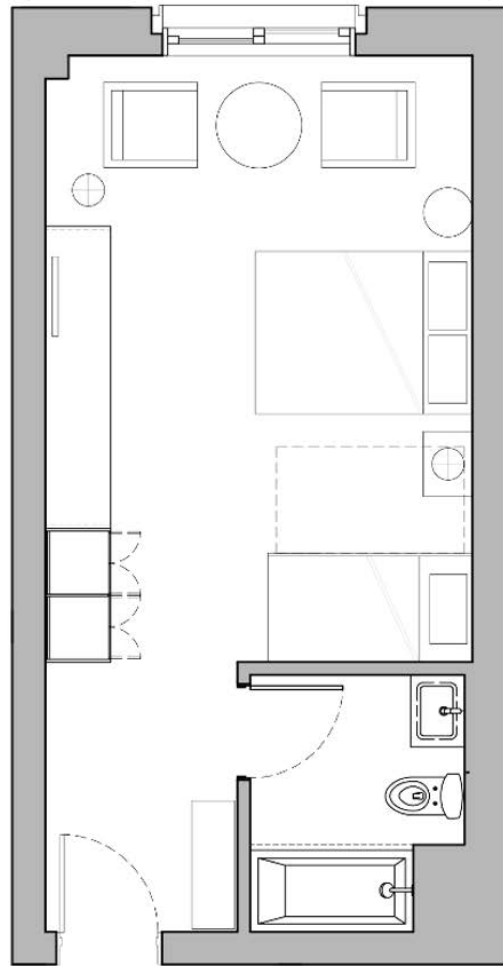
- Creating MST - RMHBC connection and Keeping Families Together by incorporating a Long House Community Support Program.
- Designing for the future, thinking 7 generations ahead and from a child’s perspective.

A PLACE OF HEALING

- The House program will include places to cry, celebrate and for support.
- The landscape approach will focus of the importance of plants and sounds of water with community gardens and connection to the Heather Lands park.







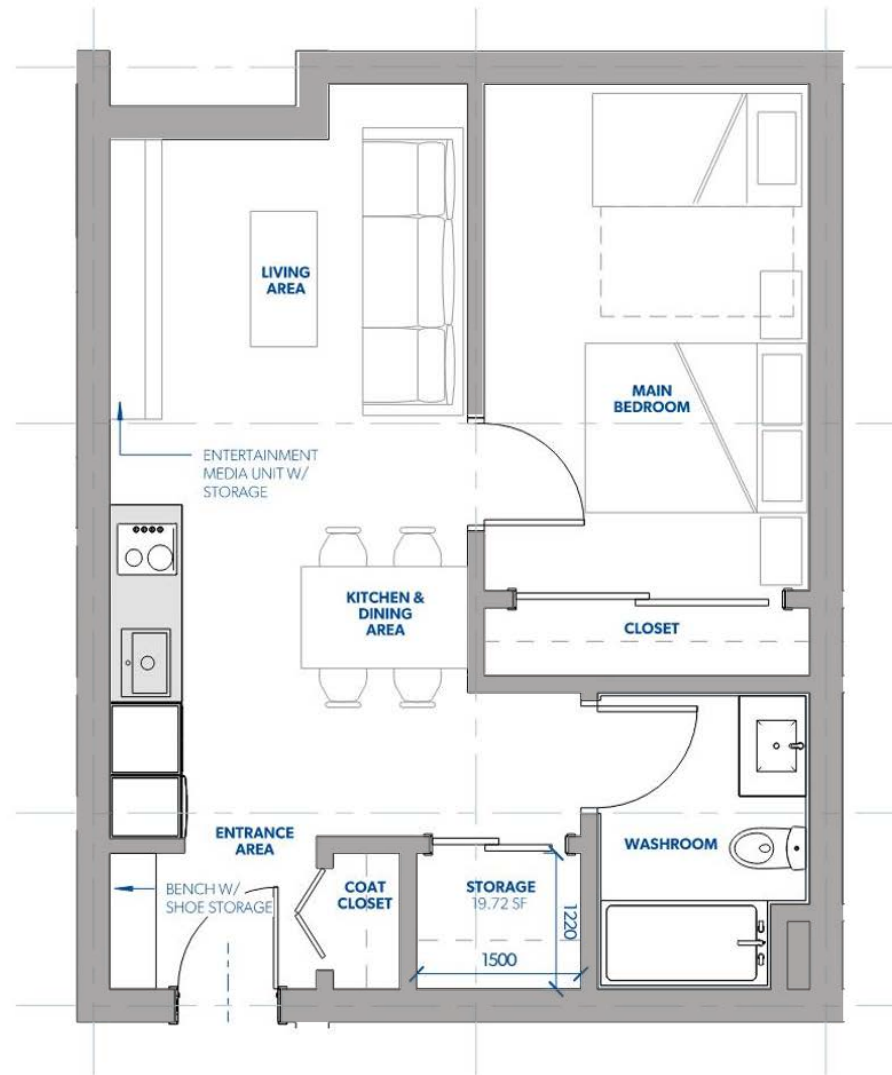
RMH Hotel Suite

Area: 38m²

Capacity: 4

Queen Bed (1)

Twin Trundle (2)



1 Bed Apartment

Area: 49.2m² / 529 SF

Capacity: 6

Queen Bed (2)

Twin Trundle (2)

Sofa Bed (2)

24%
STUDIO

56%
1 BED

20%
2 BED



LONG-TERM HOUSING



COMMUNITY SUPPORT



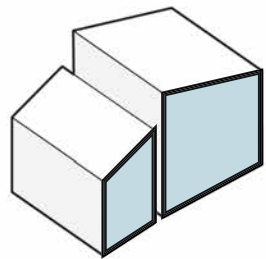
CONNECT TO THE SITE



EMBRACE NATURE

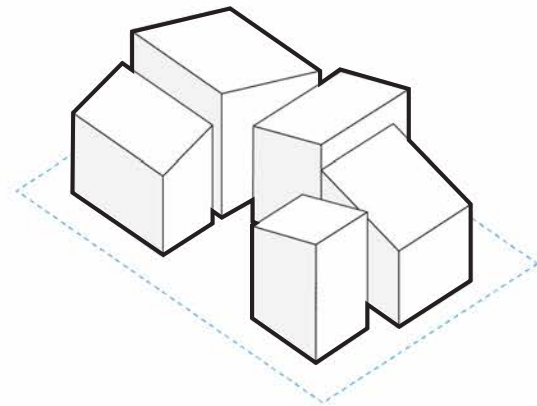


SUSTAINABILITY



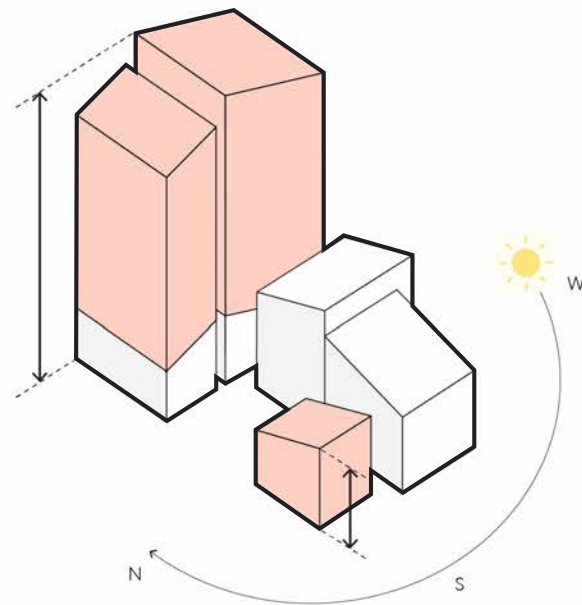
STEP 01 | RMHBC BRAND

Continuing the architectural language of the existing Ronald McDonald House.



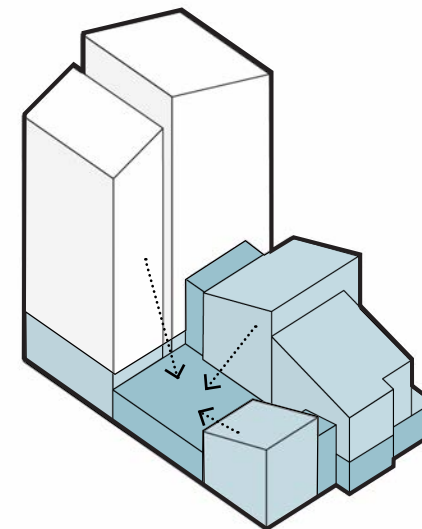
STEP 02 | VILLAGE

Multiplying the form to establish a community of buildings on the site.



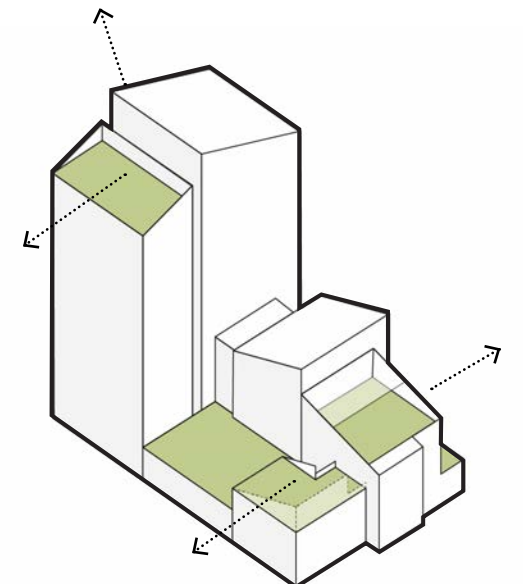
STEP 03 | SCALE & SUNLIGHT

Scaling up to achieve the required density to accommodate affordable housing.
&
Distributing massing for sunlight penetration.



STEP 04 | LOOKING IN

Connecting forms and creating central hubs of communal shared space.



STEP 05 | LOOKING OUT

Framing views of surrounding context and nature.
&
Creating outdoor **green spaces**.

MASSING APPROACH



AFFORDABLE HOUSING
LEVELS 3-13

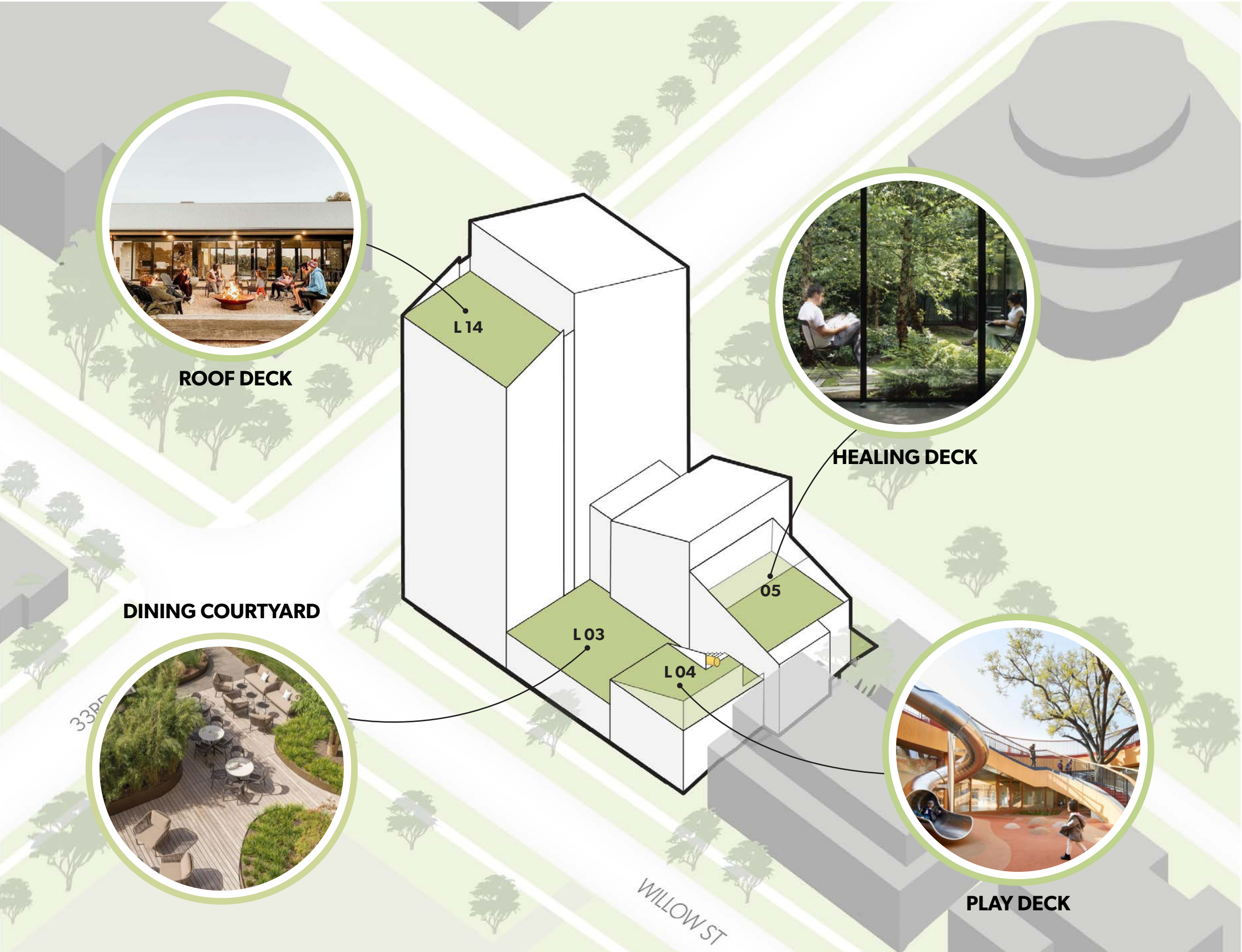


COURTYARD
LEVELS 2,3,4, 14



AMENITY
LEVELS 1-4, 14

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



OUTDOOR ROOF TERRACES



FACADE DESIGN



Materials



4. SHINGLE 02
METAL GRADIENT



3. CHAMPAGNE METAL FINISH



2. SHINGLE 01
CERAMIC/ STONE/ SLATE



1. WOOD CLADDING



RENDERED STREET VIEW | APPROACH FROM 33RD AVENUE



INTERNAL RENDER | LOOKING ONTO THE 2ND FLOOR DECK



SECTIONAL RENDER | RELATIONSHIP WITH HEATHERLANDS



RENDERED STREET VIEW | FROM HEATHERLANDS CULTURAL CENTRE