



# Hi, I'm Leah Ferry, an interior design student with a deep passion for creating spaces that connect people to nature and spark inspiration. My love for the outdoors, plants, and the organic beauty of curves heavily influences my work. I approach design as an opportunity to craft environments that evoke emotion, promote balance, and celebrate the natural world.

I'm drawn to the calming greens of nature and the textures of the earth, weaving them into spaces that feel alive and nurturing. Whether it's incorporating biophilic design principles or designing environments that support well-being, I aim to create spaces that leave a lasting impression.

When I'm not designing, you'll find me reading, hiking, or exploring the outdoors, all of which fuel my creativity and my passion for thoughtful, inspiring interiors.



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### **EDUCATION**

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY Interior Design with minor in construction management August 2023-Present GPA: 3.968

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI Coursework in Architecture August 2019-December 2020 GPA: 3.397

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON-WAYNE Class of 2019 GPA: 3.567

WADSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2019 GPA: 4.138

### **SKILLS**

Space Planning
Concept Development
Custom FIxture & Furniture
Design
CAD Software (REVIT)
3D Modeling and Rendering
Adobe Creative Suite

Resourcefulness
Initiative
Curiosity
Attention to Detail
Collaboration
Communication Skills
Creative Problem Solving

### WORK EXPERIENCE

VILLAGE OF PUT IN BAY - DOCK HAND
Put-in-Bay, Ohio
May 2024-August 2024, May 2023-August 2023
Managed dock operations, coordinated boat docking, provided service, and ensure teamwork with dockhands.

NETGOLFLEAGUE.COM - CUSTOMER SERVICE REP.
Wadsworth, Ohio
November 2022-May 2023
Handled customer emails and updated golf course data on website, ensuring satisfaction and timely updates.

DOCK SQUARE CLOTHIERS - SALES ASSOCIATE
Oqunquit, Maine
May 2022-August 2022
Managed inventory, maintained store cleanliness, designed store display windows, organized stock.

BOSCO'S PIZZA KITCHEN - MANAGER Wadsworth, Ohio June 2021-April 2022 Trained new employees, managed store operations, handled cash, resolved customer issues, ensured cleanliness and safety.

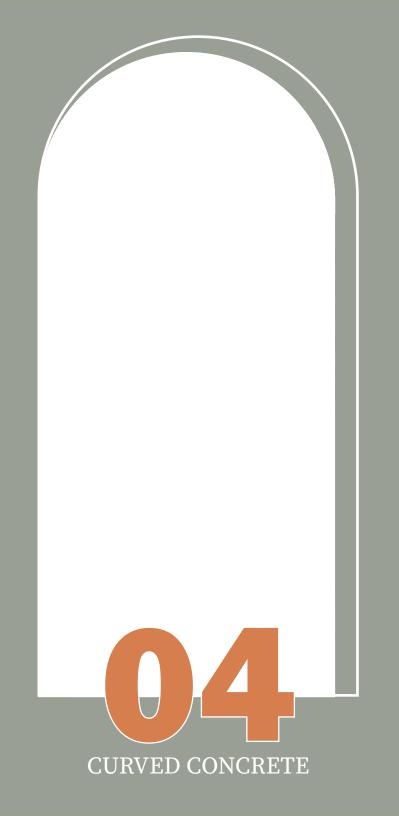
### ORGANIZATIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Construction Management Student Organization Interior Design Student Collaboration International Interior Design Association CAED Book Club Presidents List - Spring 2024 X Gallery Submission - Spring 2024, Fall 2024 Studio III Peer Award - Spring 2024 Deans List - Fall 2023, Fall 2024









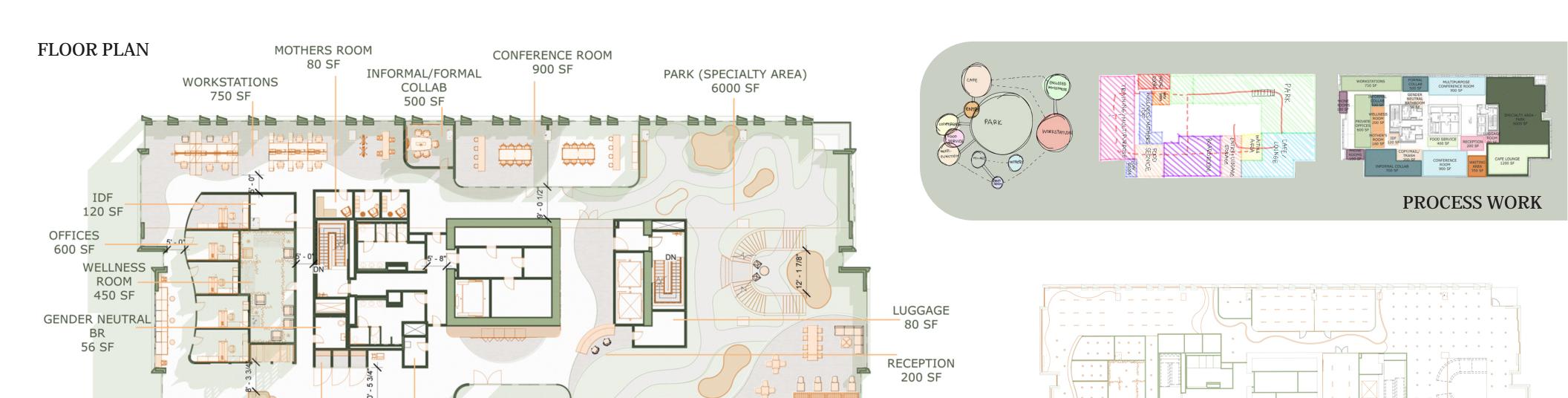
PATH TO BALANCE



### **Trust for Public Land Offices**

Creating a Transformative Workplace

This project, a collaboration with Makenna Daniels, involved designing a transformative 47,400 sq ft office for the Trust for Public Land (TPL) in Cleveland's Midtown Innovation District. Dividing the project across two floors, we each took responsibility for one, aligning with TPL's commitment to sustainability, community, and employee well-being. The design integrates biophilic elements like indoor park areas and a green roof, fostering a seamless connection between nature and the workplace. Flexible spaces for board meetings, think tanks, and community engagement emphasize creativity, collaboration, and inclusivity. The result is a workspace that enhances productivity, and strengthens TPL's connection to the local community, reflecting its mission and empowering employees to thrive and innovate.



CAFE

1200 SF

WAITING AREA

250 SF

MAIL AND

TRASH 60 SF

PHONE PODS

70 SF

BOARDROOM

750 SF

REFLECTED CEILING PLAN

BREAKOUT SPACE

1000 SF



MATERIAL PALETTE

"We Believe Everyone Should Have Access to the Outdoors"







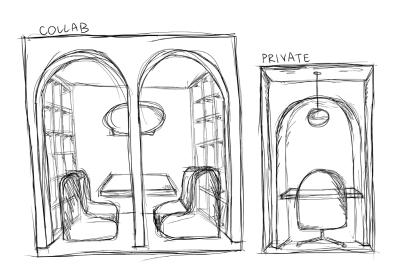
Health



Climate





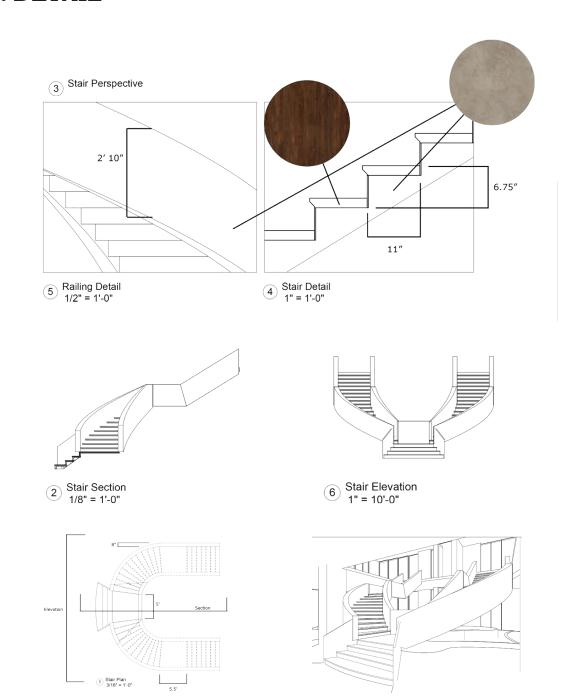


### PHONE PODS RENDER





### STAIR DETAIL







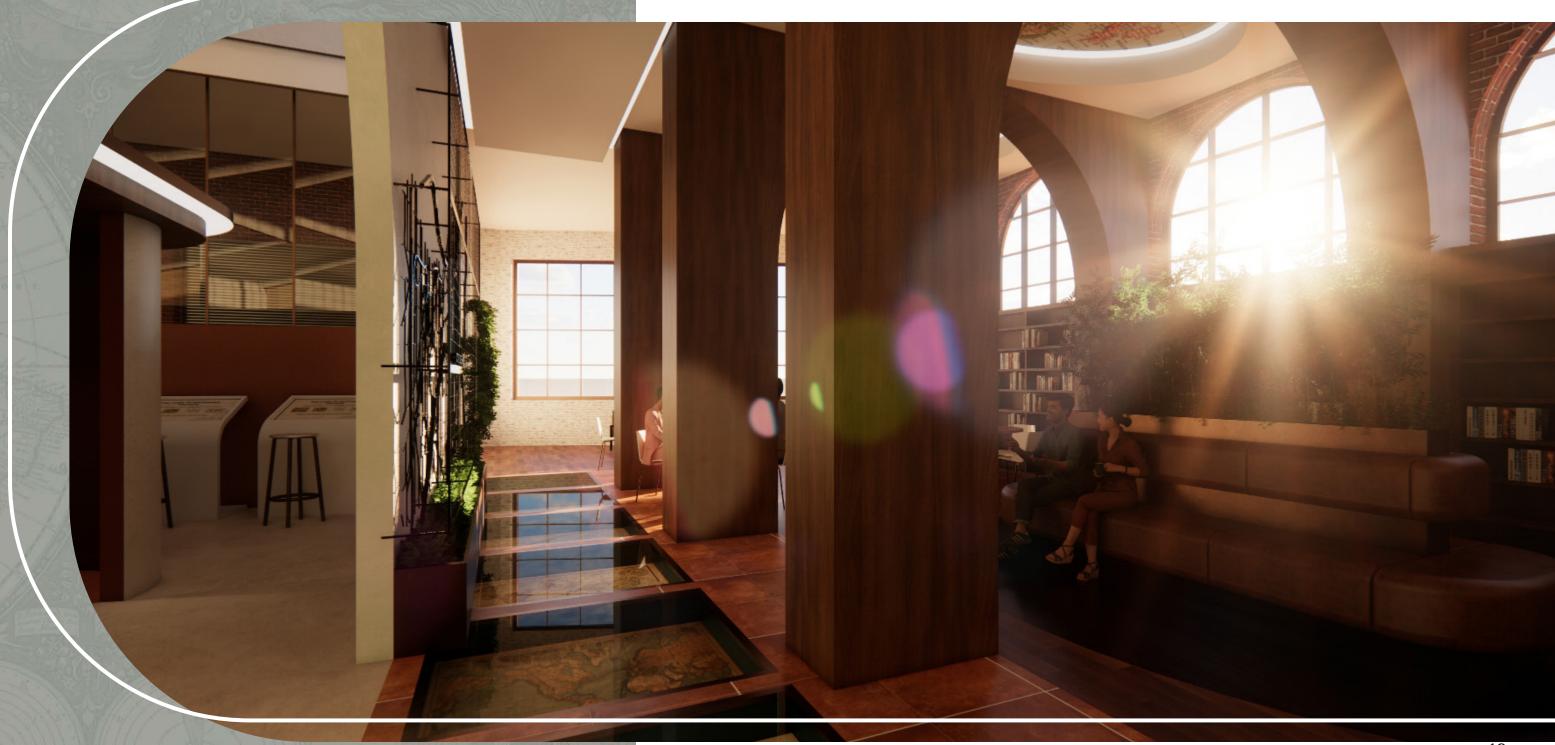




## Wayfinder Archive A Journey Through Maps and Minds

This 7,000 sq. ft. library and archive in Cleveland, Ohio, is designed as an immersive space where maps and stories of exploration converge. Inspired by the ways people navigate both physical and personal journeys, the design fosters interaction, discovery, and preservation. Visitors are invited to engage with historical and contemporary narratives through tactile and digital experiences, encouraging a deeper connection to place, memory, and adventure. By blending traditional archiving with interactive storytelling, the space serves as both a collection of knowledge and an evolving map of collective experience.





### **CONCEPT STORY**

Losing my mother's golden compass necklace, which I wore daily as a reminder of freedom and possibility, ironically taught me the lesson of being "never lost." Drawing inspiration from the imagery of a compass, this project embodies themes of navigation, freedom, and exploration. The library archive intertwines maps, narratives, and journeys, revealing how outer adventures mirror inner quests for visitors to explore.

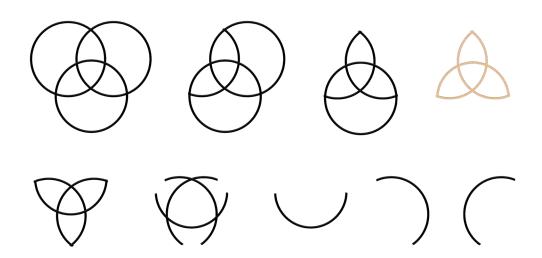


The intricate bond between objects and individuals shapes human identity profoundly, as tangible items hold memories, emotion, and history, becoming integral threads in the fabric of our narratives, mirroring our experiences, aspirations, and relationships.





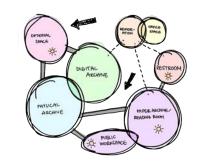
### PARTI DIAGRAM

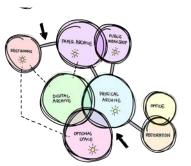


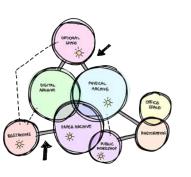
The Wayfinder Archive's space planning was shaped by my parti diagram, which guided circulation and program organization. I overlaid the parti onto the plan, using it to structure movement and spatial hierarchy. This process ensured a cohesive design that embodies exploration and storytelling.

### PROCESS WORK

# LEGEND IMMEDIATE ADJACENCY CLOSE PROXIMITY --- NEARBY ENTRY NATURAL LIGHT



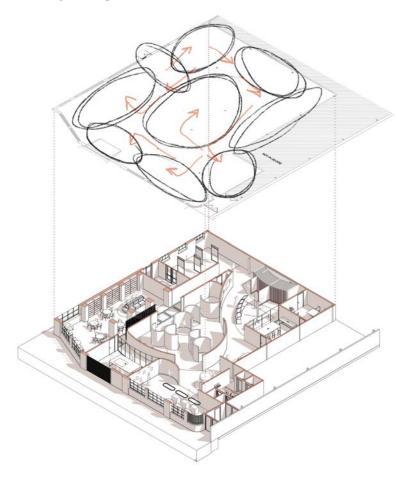




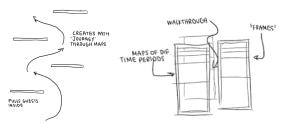
### FLOOR PLAN



### **SPACE PLAN**







I designed custom furniture to enhance the Wayfinder Archive's theme of exploration and storytelling. The map frames and kiosks provide interactive moments, encouraging engagement with historical and personal narratives. The map planter integrates nature into the space, symbolizing growth and discovery. A custom couch offers a resting place for reflection, while the welcome desk guides visitors into the archive. Each piece reinforces the project's concept, creating a tactile and immersive environment.







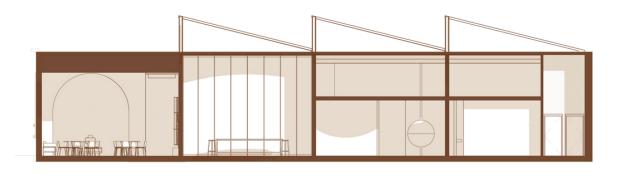


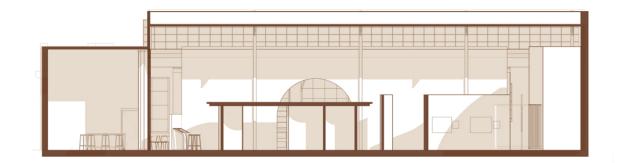




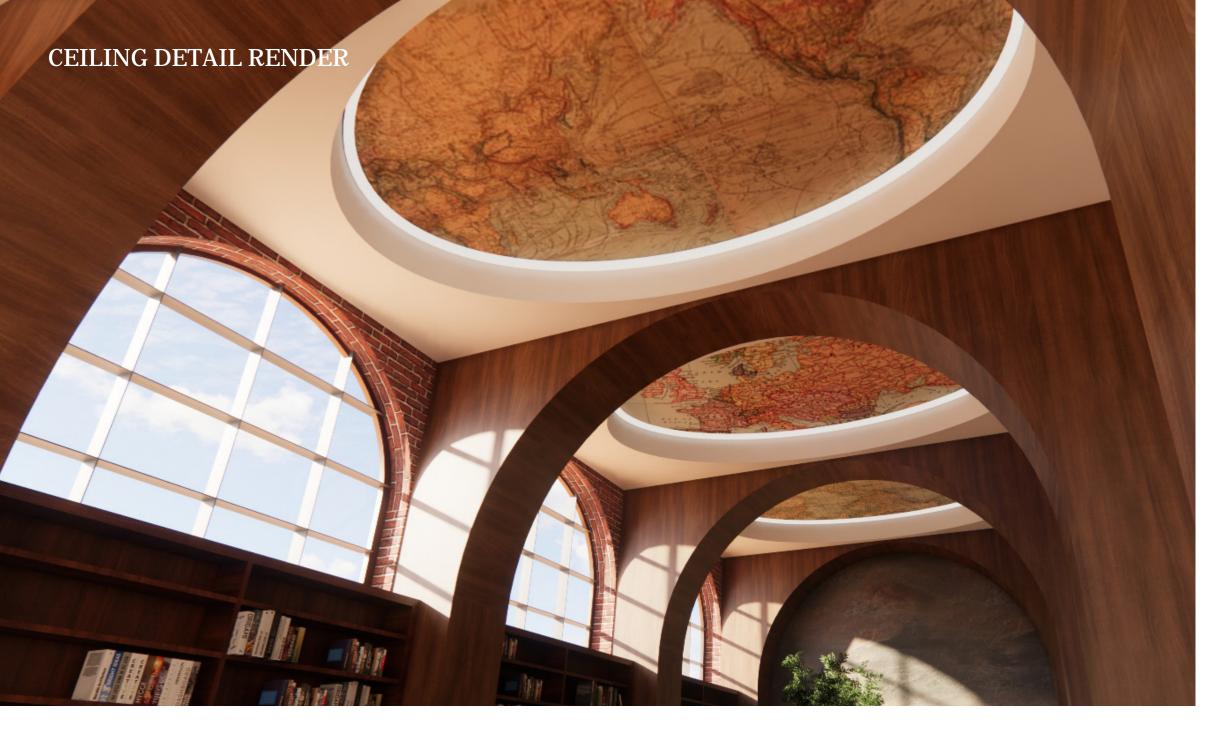




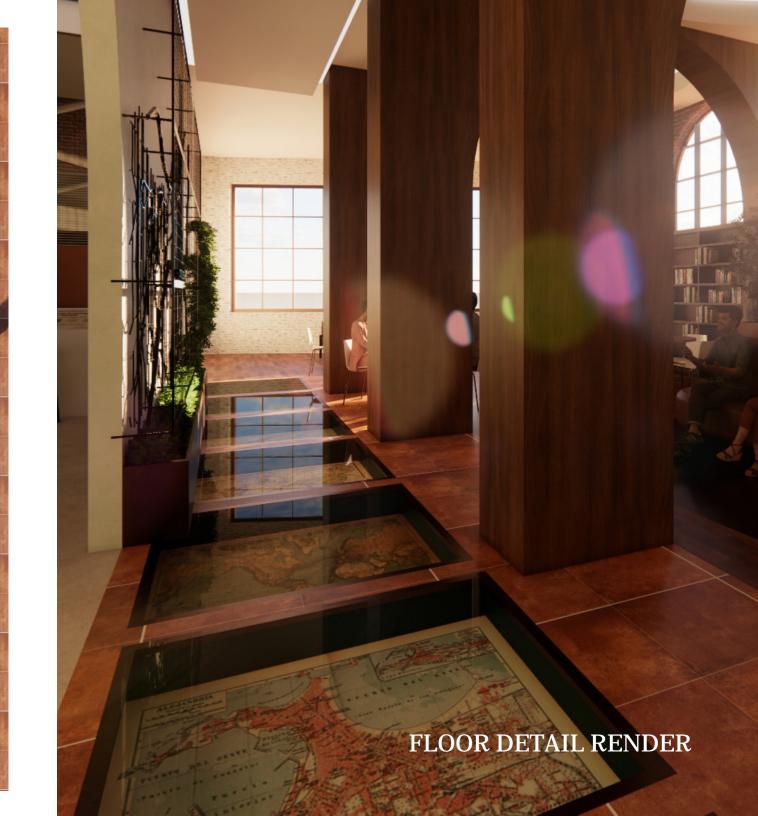




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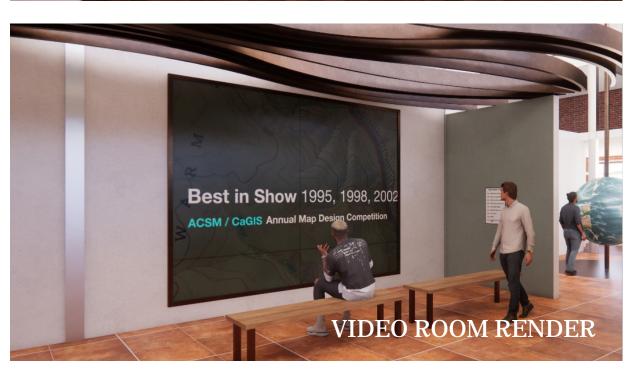




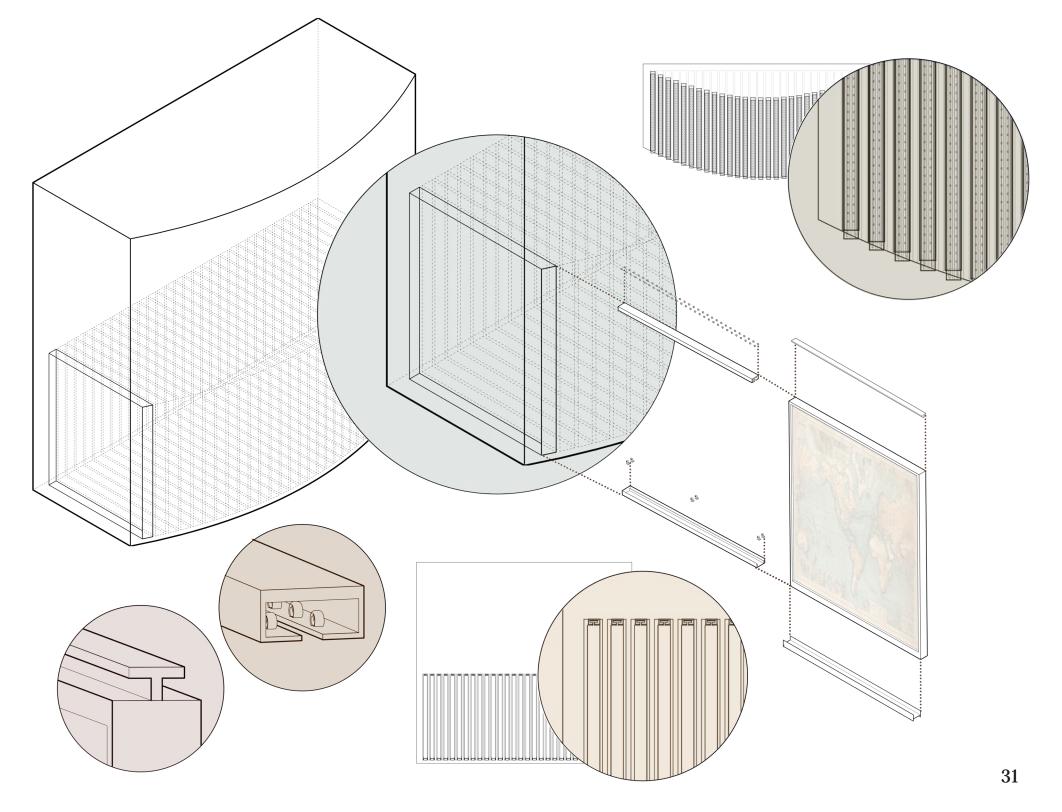














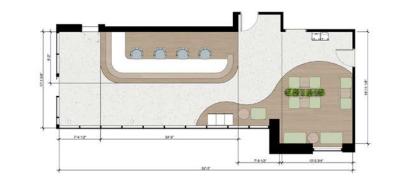
### Path to Balance A Journey of Healing and Renewal

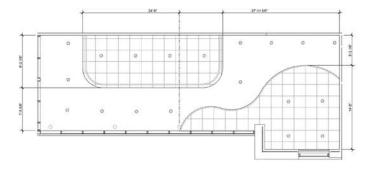
Path to Balance is a behavioral health inpatient center designed to foster healing through a sense of stability and harmony. Grounded in the concept of balance, the project integrates openness and privacy, structure and softness, movement and stillness to create a restorative environment. Nature-inspired elements, such as organic textures and calming wall coverings, enhance the therapeutic atmosphere, while flexible therapy rooms and quiet reflection spaces support individual and group needs. Prioritizing accessibility, safety, and comfort, the design provides a reassuring and intuitive environment where patients can navigate their journey toward healing with a sense of control and tranquility.

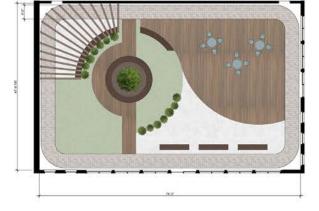


The concept of balance guided the design of my behavioral health hospital, creating a space that fosters stability, comfort, and healing. I focused on balancing openness with privacy, natural elements with structured forms, and calming tones with and calming tones with moments of visual interest. The layout promotes intuitive navigation and a sense of control, while material choices and lighting reinforce a soothing atmosphere. By thoughtfully integrating these elements, the design supports both emotional well-being and functional care, ensuring a restorative environment for patients and staff alike.

# ROOMS CARE





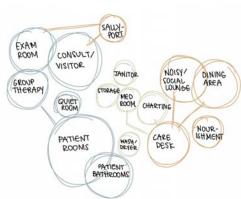


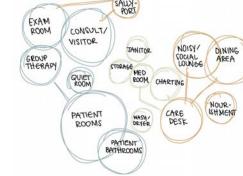
LOBBY AND COURTYARD

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### **BUBBLE DIAGRAMS**

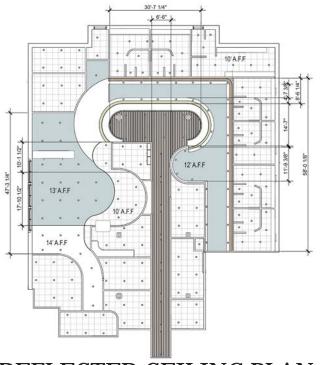






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### FLOOR PLAN



### REFLECTED CEILING PLAN

Noisy Activity/Social Lounge

Group Therapy/Quiet Activity

Quiet Room

Single Bed Patient Room

Double Bed Patient Room

Care Desk

Social Lounge

Staff Work Charting Area

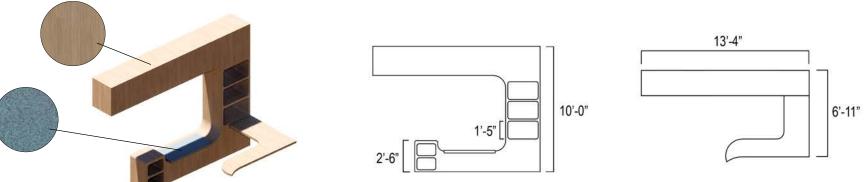
Washer/Dryer Closet

Storage Room

Janitor Closet

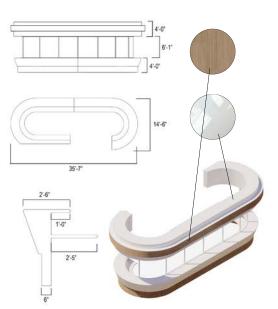


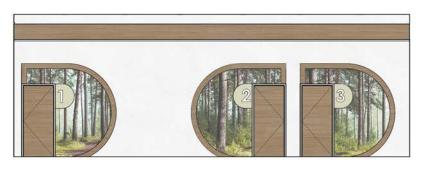










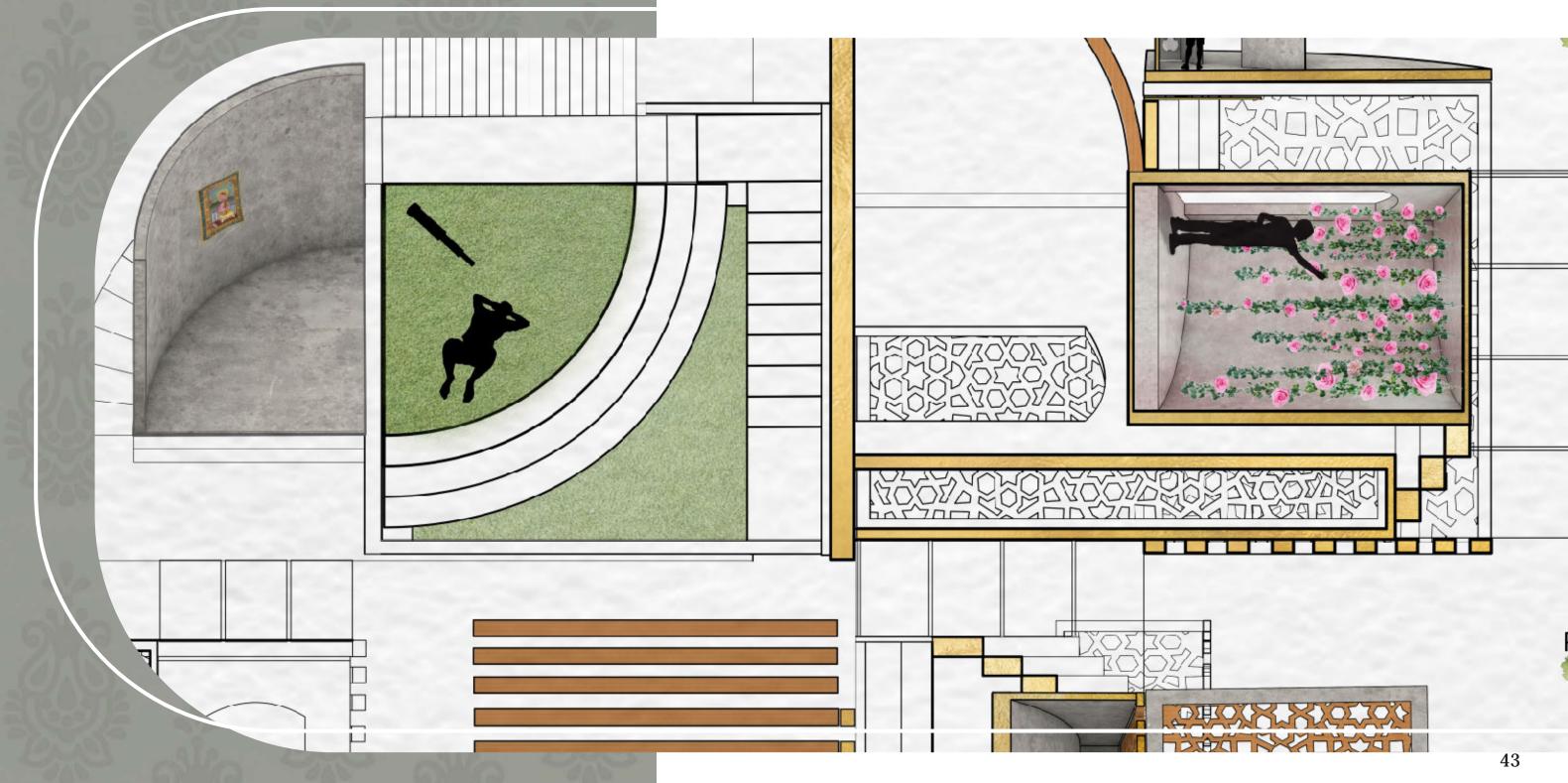


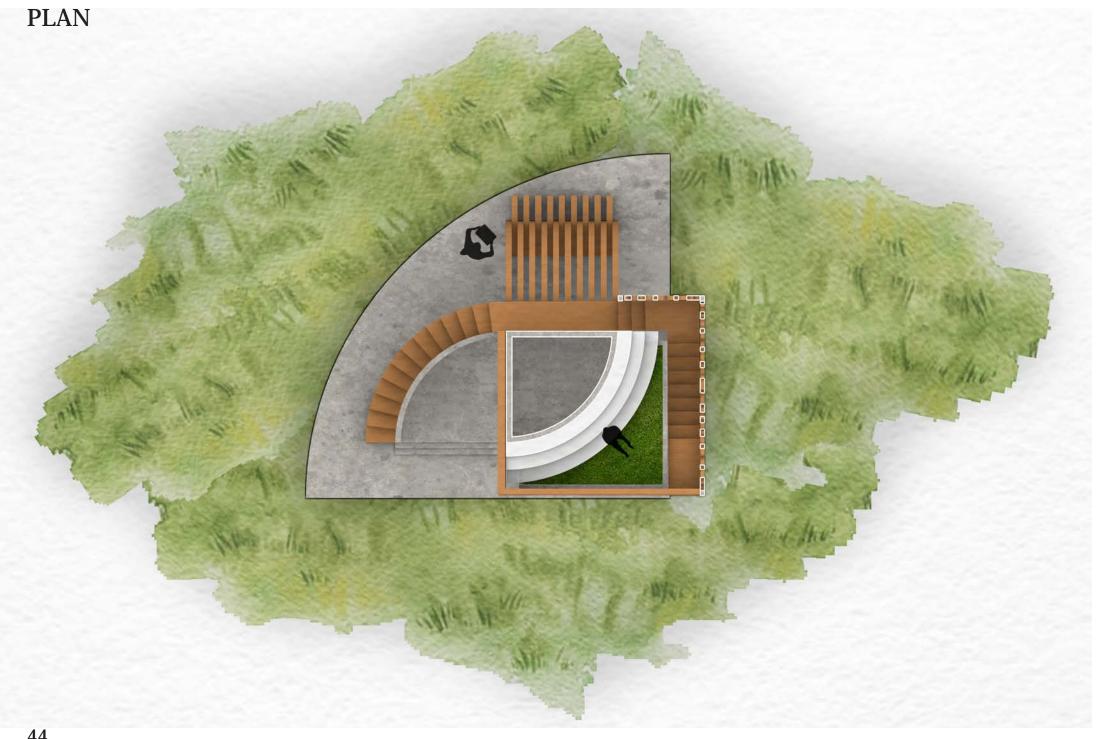


### **Curved Concrete**Sculpting Movement and Rest

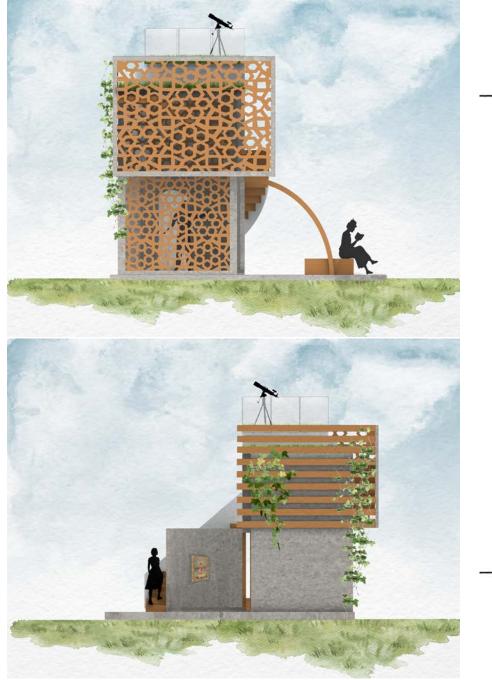
Curved Concrete is a sculptural, freestanding staircase-unit shaped through section drawing and physical modeling. Inspired by Udaipur's layered history, it explores movement, rest, and sensory engagement through carved niches, cantilevered platforms, and intricate spatial connections. Rising to 9'-2", it integrates programmed moments beyond circulation. Balancing solidity and fluidity, the design carves inhabitable voids, creating a rhythm of movement and pause. Material selections—wood, glass, and concrete—enhance structural contrast and lightness, making the staircase both sculptural and experiential.







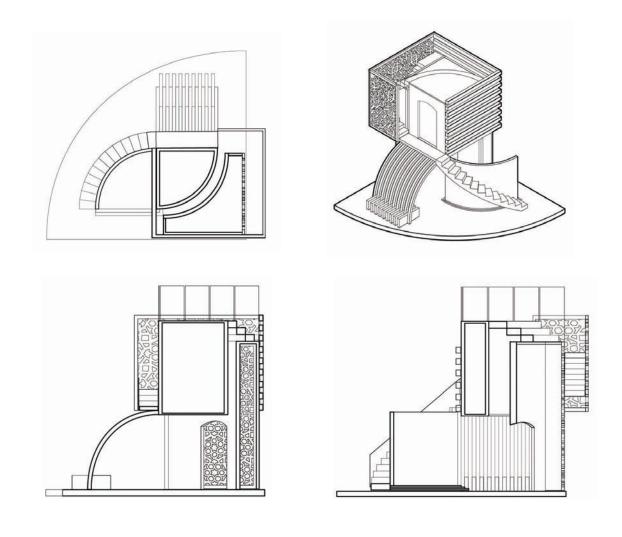
### **EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS**

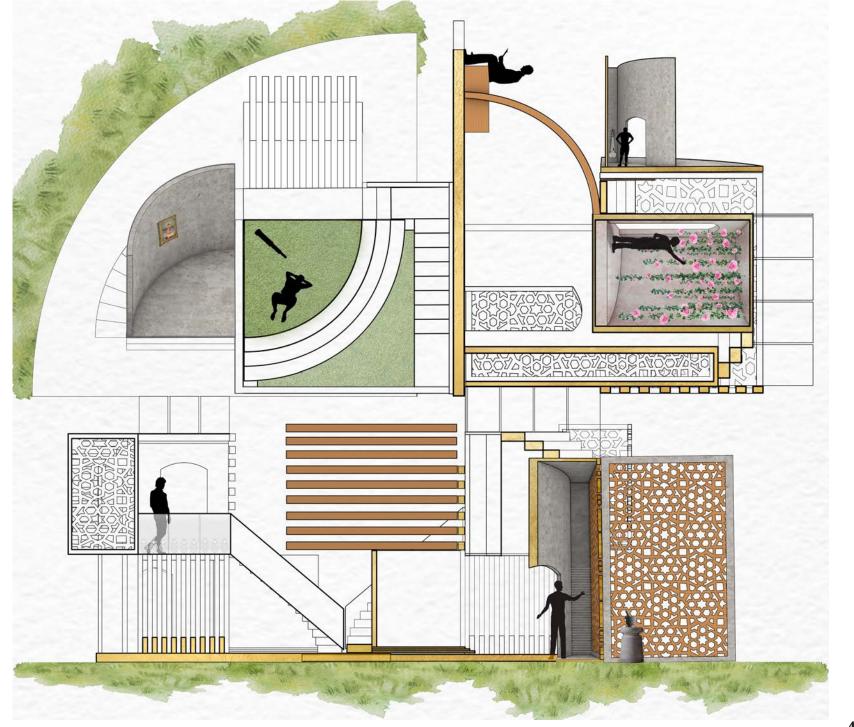




PHYSICAL MODEL RENDER

### LINE DRAWINGS









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