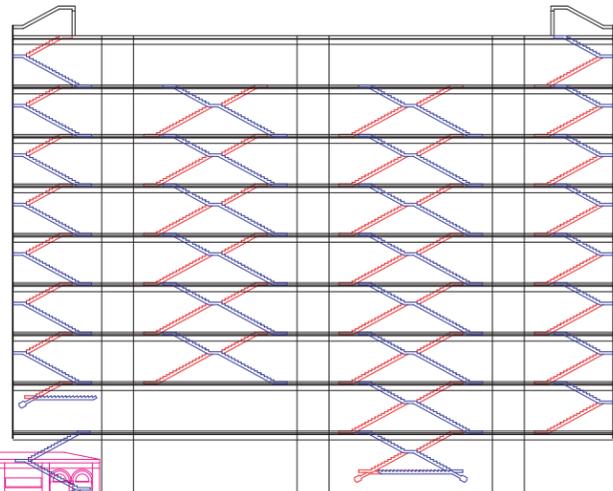


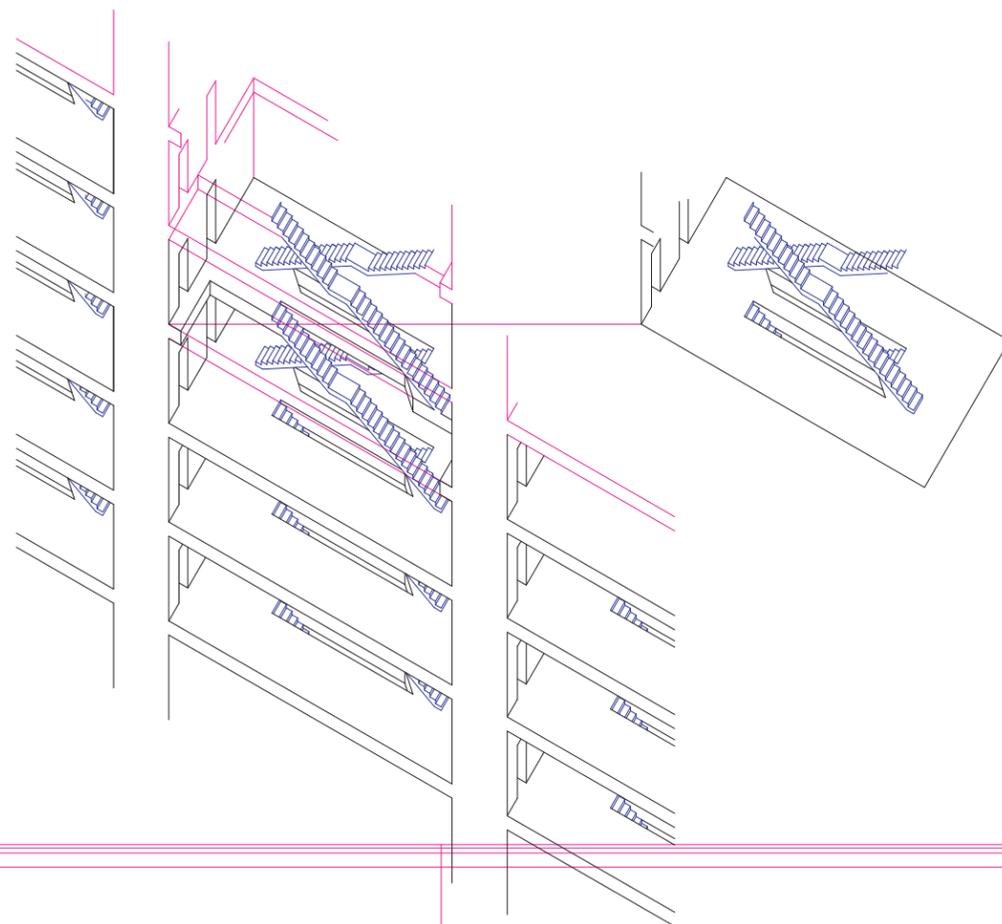
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COMMODYING HOMELESSNESS

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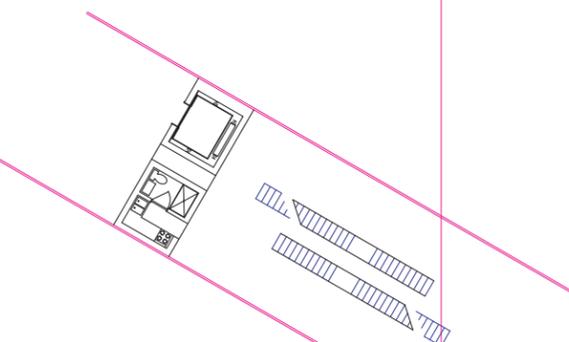


The goal being to provide a space that is desired. The space itself doesn't differ much from an empty lot anywhere in the city. The offer is not that of typical government-funded temporary housing. To an extent, the inherent advantages within this program are in what it lacks in relation to other programs. There is no pre-built domestic structure; so the individual must stake claim to a space, as they would on the street. There are also very minimal regulations - claiming residence within the structure only requires an adherence to basic safety guidelines and respect towards the other members of the residing community. But there's sweat equity involved - after all, it is a privilege to reside here.

Constant access to utilities and refuge from the bitter cold of winter do not come free - the payment required in this case is not money, however. It's community involvement and a willingness to work for the amenities being received. It's a helping hand in exchange for providing a level of safety among residents that government shelters cannot.

The income is generated by advertisement, and an adjoining market available to the members of the program community. The organization seeks out unused spaces throughout the city; the throw-away spaces too small or awkward for any legitimate construction project. In this way, the program has the opportunity to embed itself within existing upper/middle class communities - communities that would not otherwise welcome a "homeless shelter."

All the elements are there for any individual within the program community to get a financial and social foothold. A legitimate market is open to residents to generate personal income. All that is asked of residents is their self-respect and determination.



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