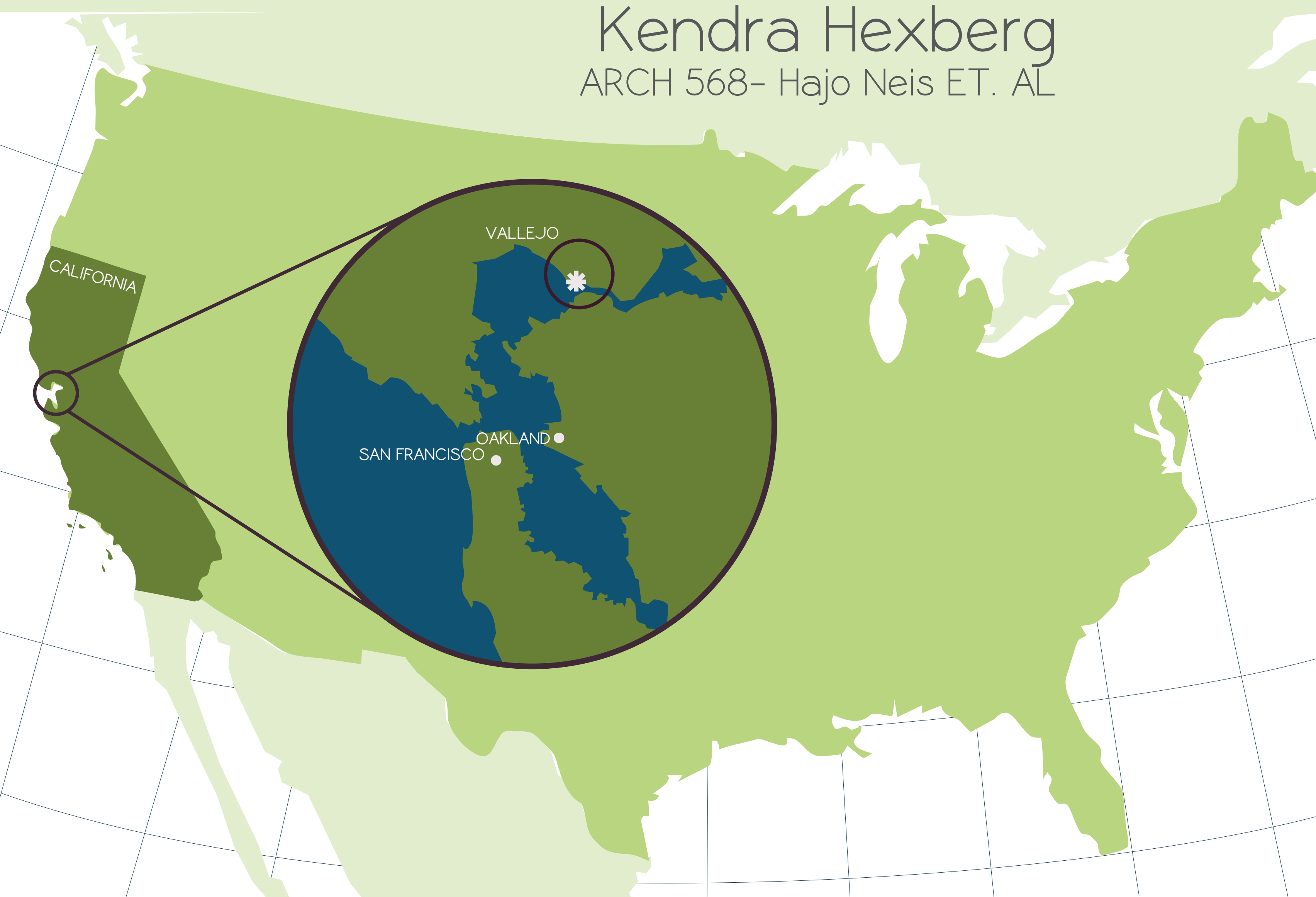


[Re]Connecting

There are no lifestyle adjustment services or military deprogramming seminars; discharged servicemen are left to find their own way. At Veterans Enclave discharged servicemen and women, regardless of their standing, are heralded back into civilian society with all the glory and help they deserve.

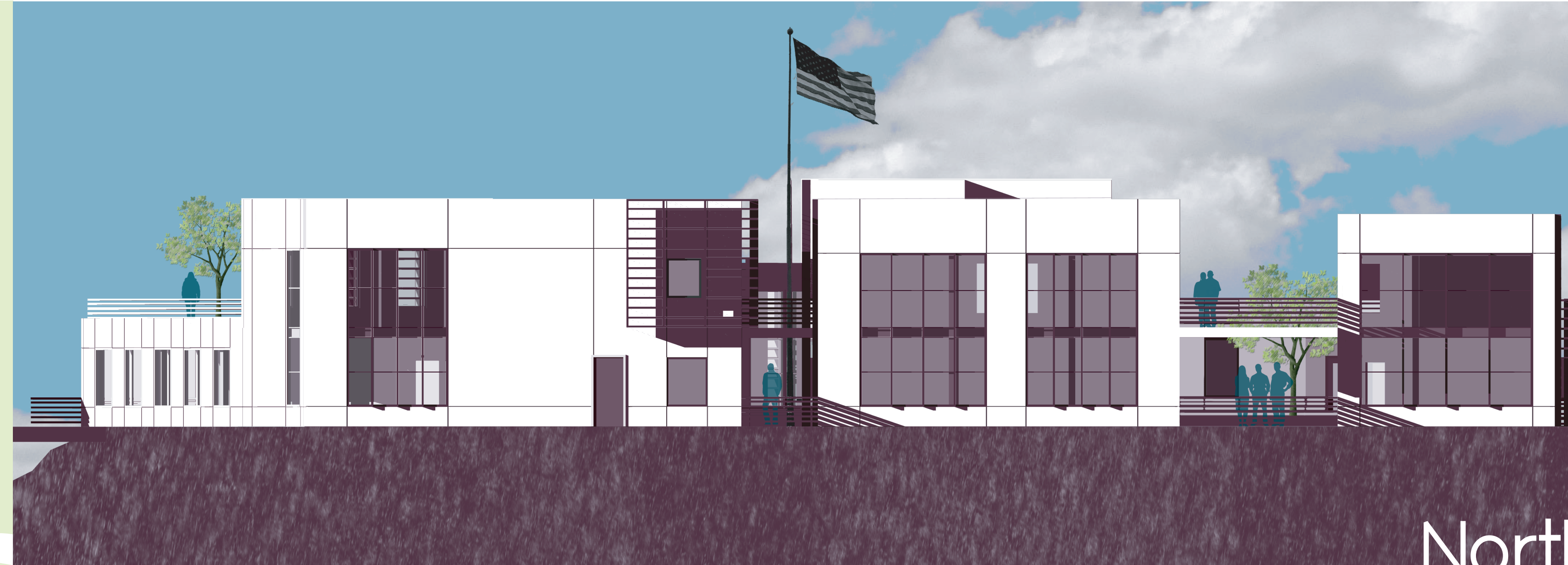
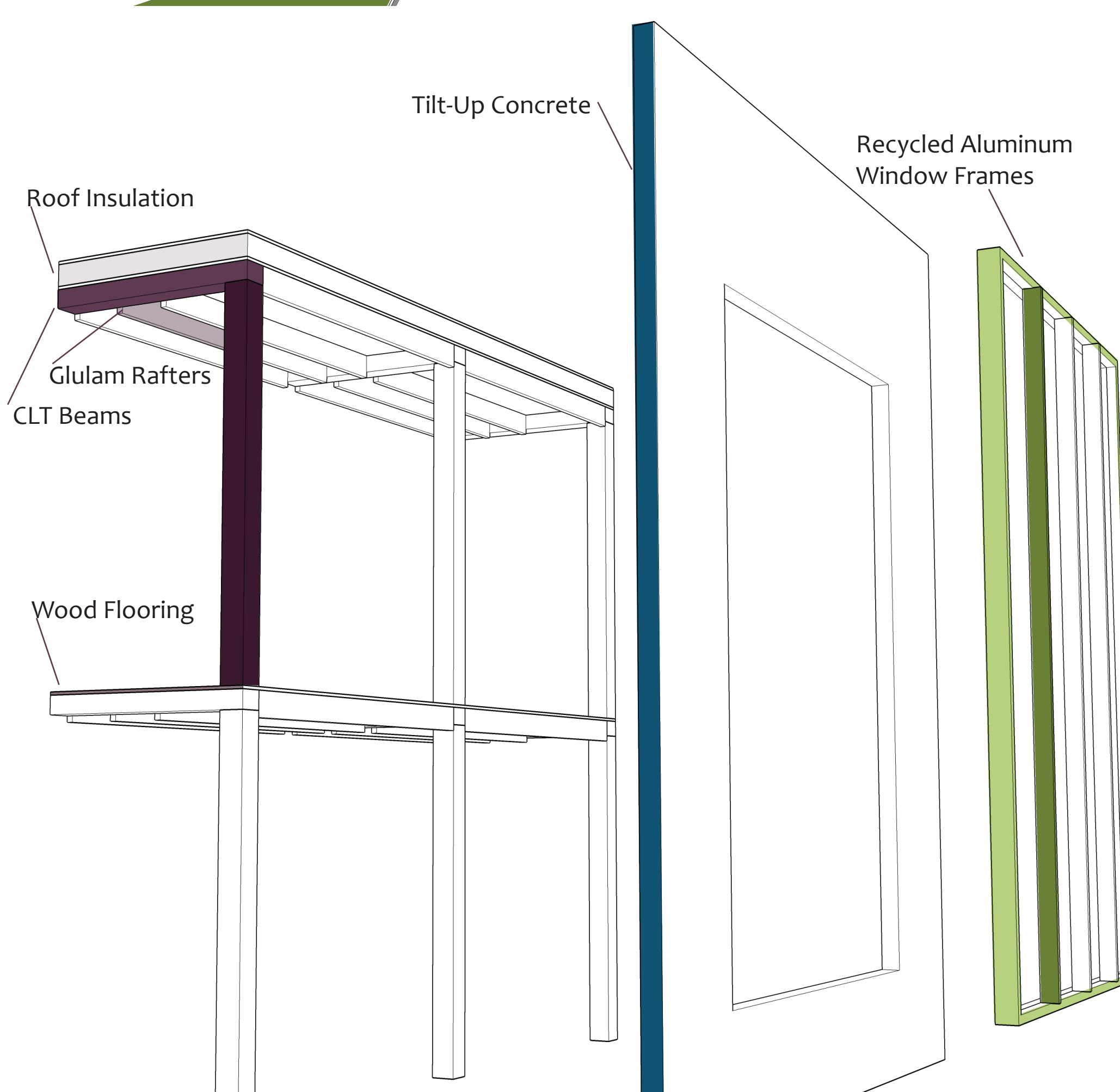
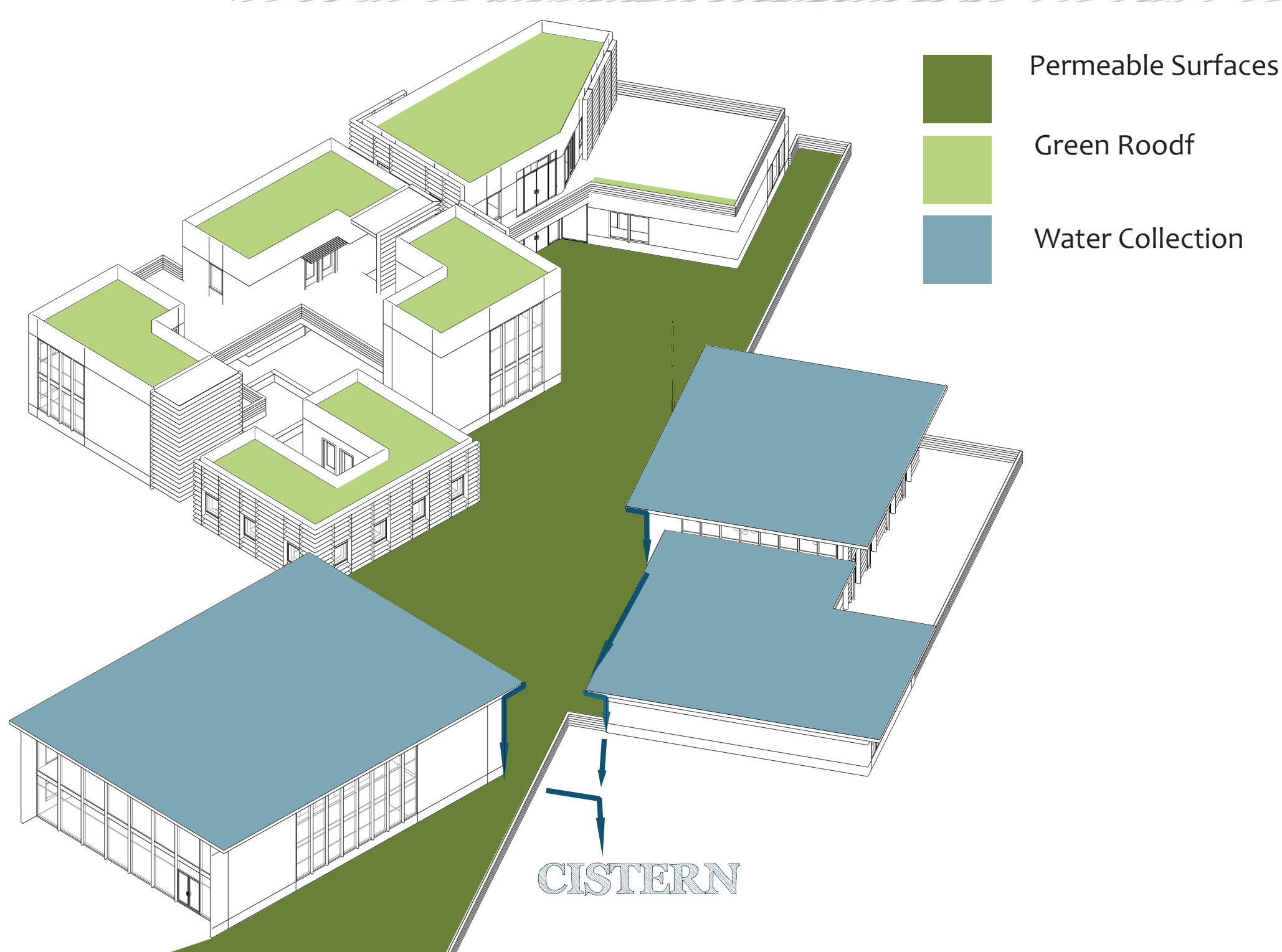
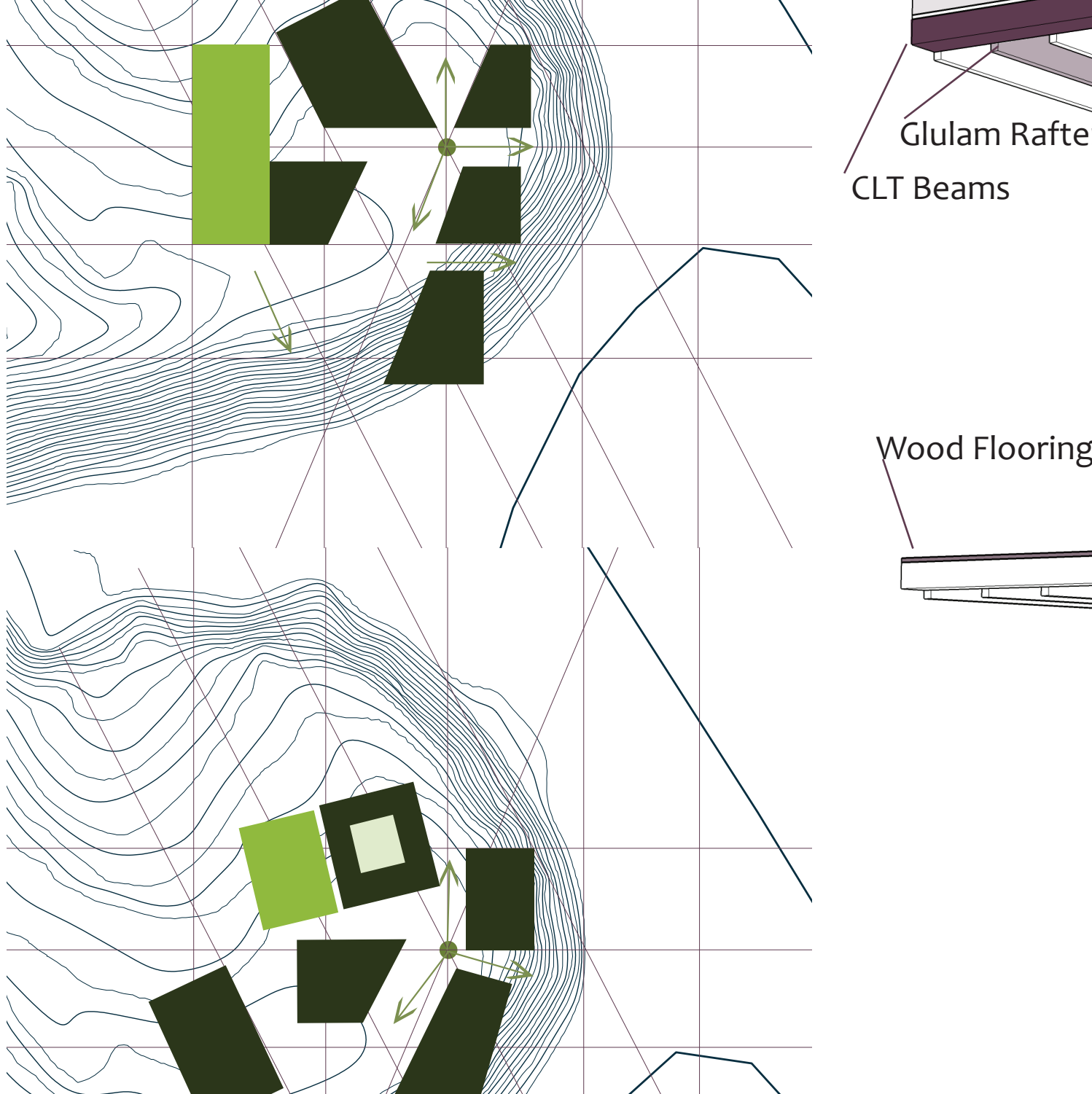
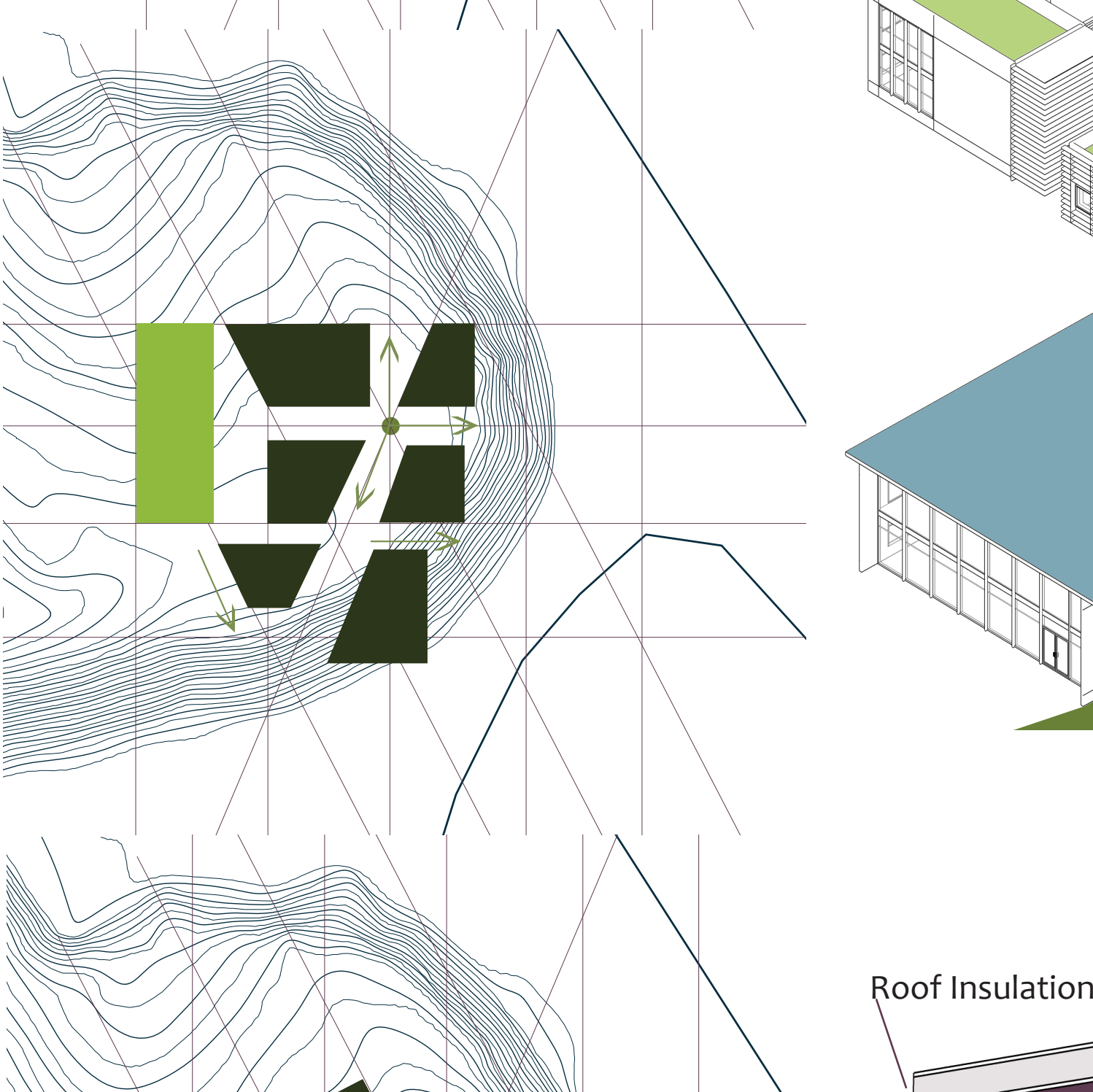
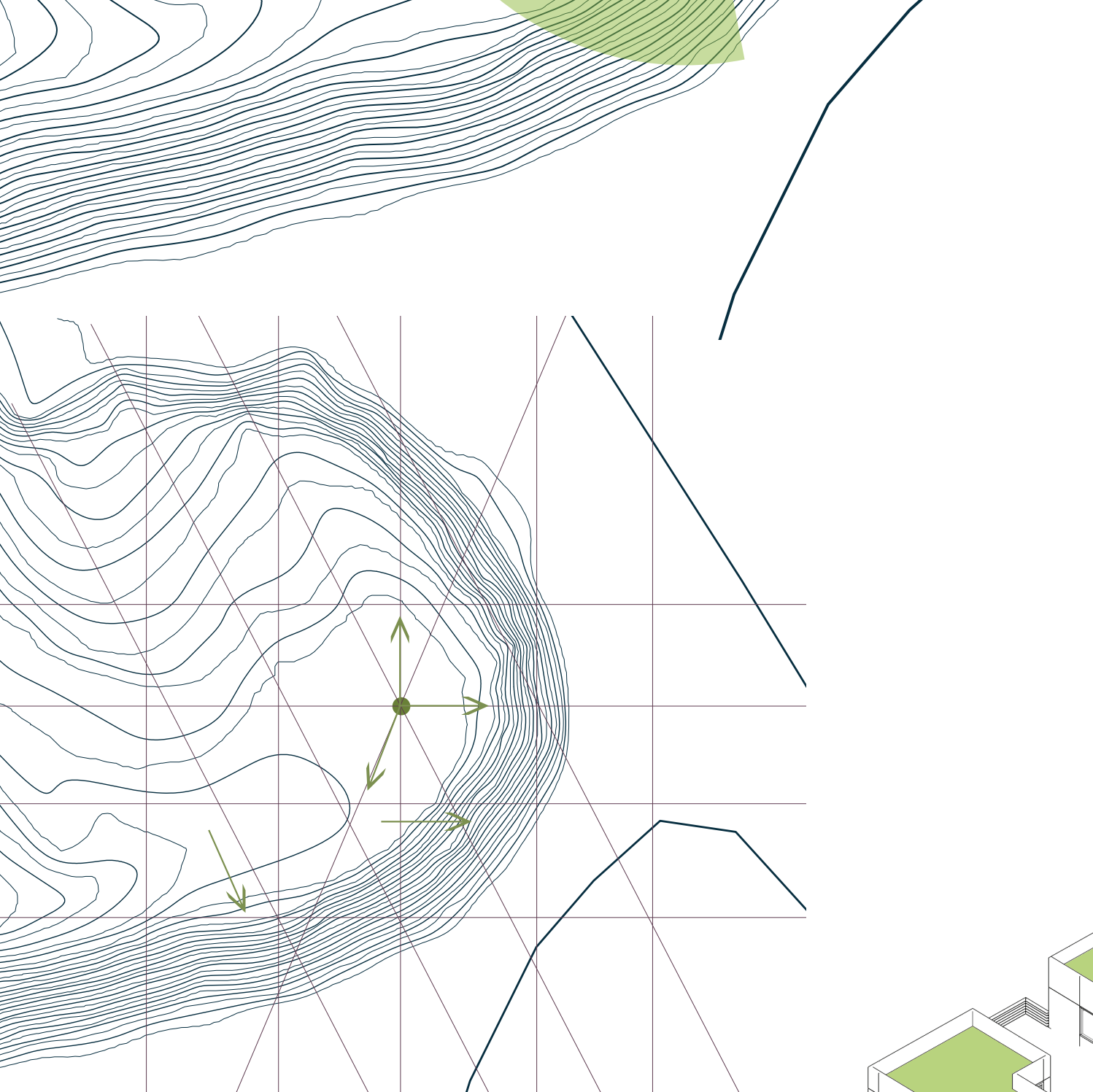
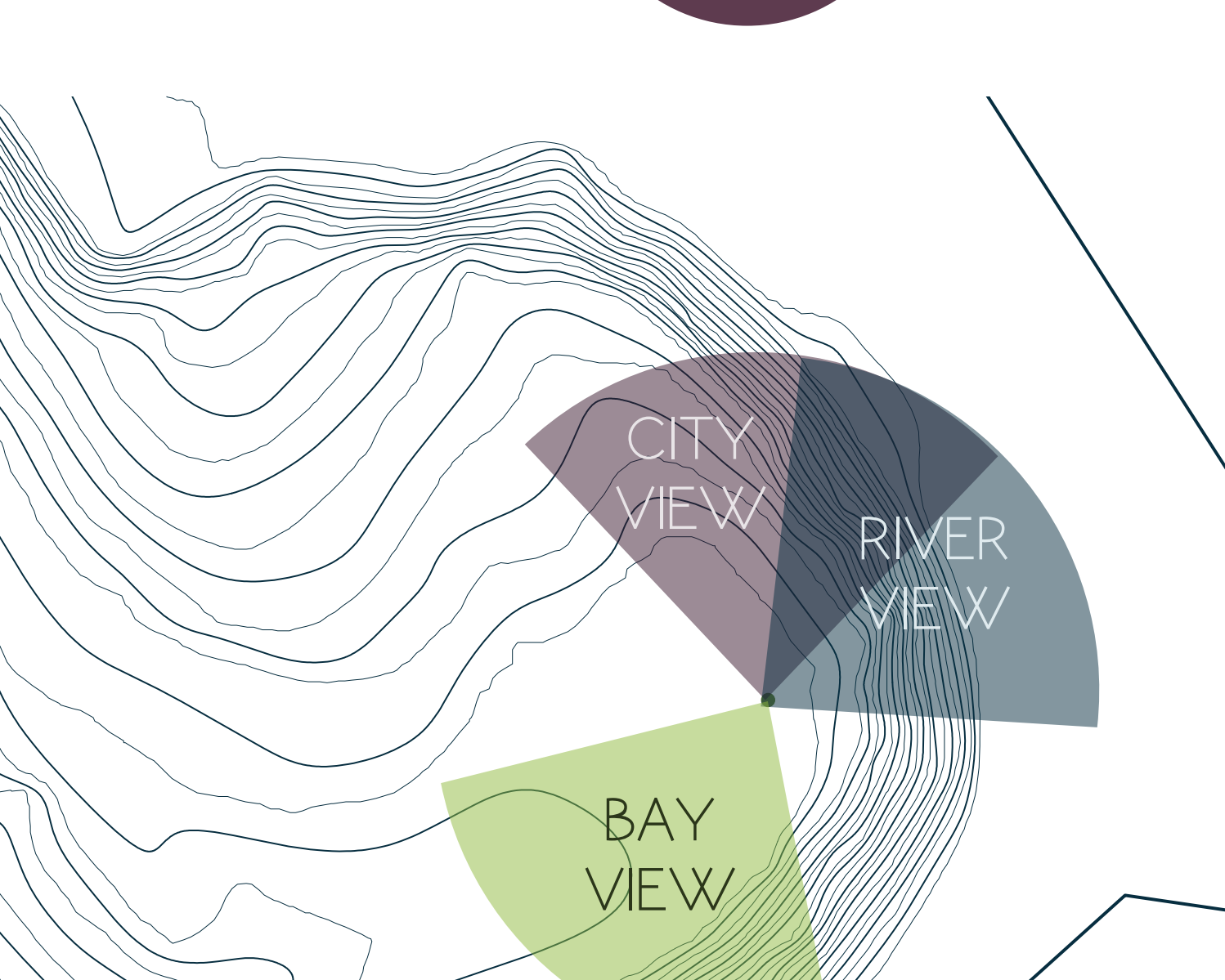
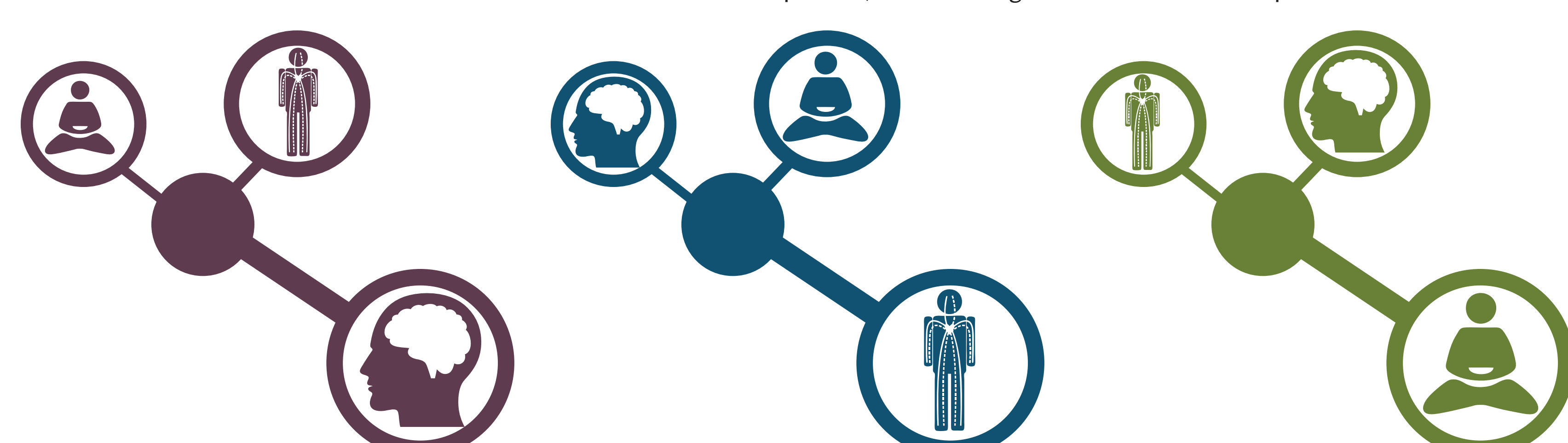
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MIND, BODY, SOUL CONNECTION:

From the beginning this project has been about reconnecting. Reconnecting people with the water, reconnecting people with community, and reconnecting veteran's to civilian society.

The first connections were made regionally to make Vallejo a more desirable city to live, work, and play in. The three major broken connections in the City of Vallejo were: connection to the Greater Bay Area, connection to the water (San Pablo Bay), and an intercity rail line to connect the people to each other. To reconnect Vallejo to the Greater Bay Area I propose an extension of the BART train (Bay Area Rapid Transit) using the Richmond train line. The two new stops in Vallejo are proposed to directly connect to a new streetcar line. The Vallejo Streetcar is proposed as two separate lines; a loop that runs from the BART stops along highway 80 to Mare Island and back, and a linear loop that runs north-south along Vallejo's major traffic artery. The last connection was devised to take back the waterfront property from big polluting industry and make it usable by the citizens of the City of Vallejo. Along the Napa River (The Mare Island Straight) there are only a few locations for people to access the water, these locations are also poorly maintained and might as well just be vacant lots. I propose a large scale redevelopment of the waterfront property into a vibrant mixed-use community with 3 miles of waterfront access. The star of the new waterfront community is a 6 mile long recreation loop that runs both sides of the Napa river, with crossings at the southern most point of Mare Island and at



the north via the route 37 bridge.

The impetus of this project, is not the elaborate regional plan, but rather the idea that veteran's need help reconnecting with civilian society after returning from combat zones. It is not that they are broken or in some way disinherited from civilian society, but rather they have lost touch with the speed and intentions of civilian life. Left to their own devices only %10 of veterans are able to re-integrate without developing anti-social behaviors. These behaviors range from mental diagnosis like PTSD to agoraphobia. Veterans Enclave is here to help the %80 percent of veterans who suffer from PTSD like symptoms and other anti-social behaviors. These veterans benefit from reconnecting their mind, body, and soul with their community. By nurturing the mind, body, and soul through therapy, recreation, and career development; Veterans can begin to see how they are a part of a community again.

Veterans Enclave is a place for veterans to reconnect their mind with the goals of civilian society, reconnect their body with the pace of daily life, and reconnect their soul with themselves. They have served our country; putting their mind, body, and soul into combat for the greater good; We should do more to help veterans return to the community that they were fighting for.

