

NEWARK'S NEW BOX

A Proposal for the City of Newark Planning Department

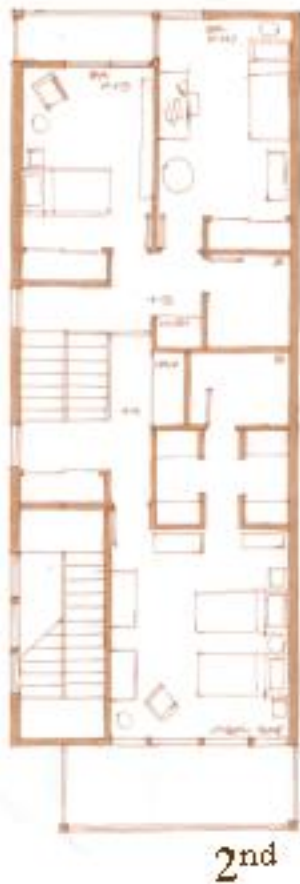
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The GOALS of this proposal rest on two ideas:

RECLAIM THE STREET FOR PEOPLE

DE-BOX THE BOX



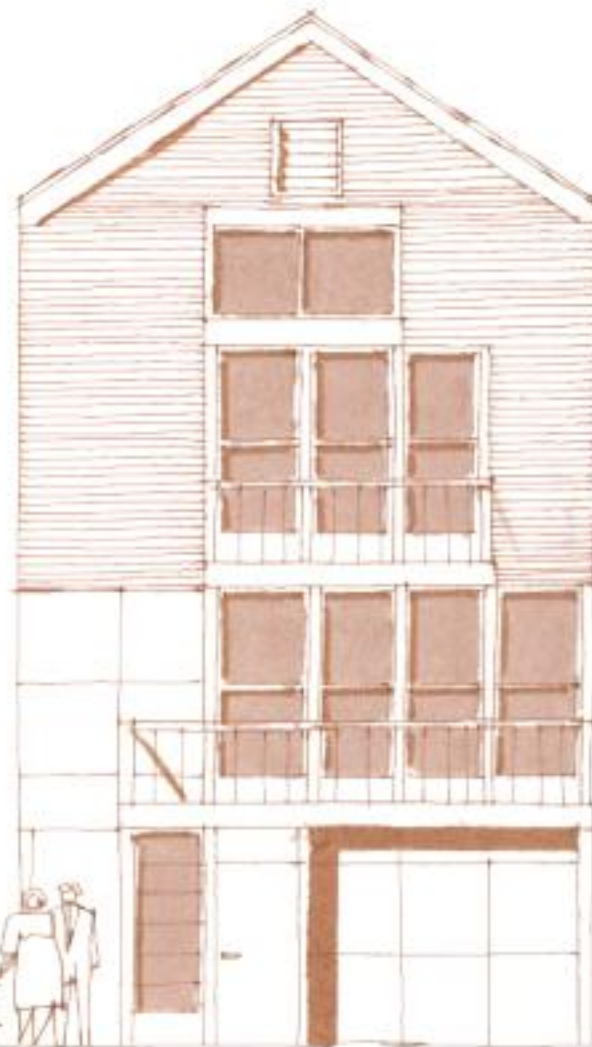
DE-BOX THE BOX

PLAN: The plan is entered at the middle, eliminating the need for circulation and hallways to traverse the entire length of the units. This reduces hallways and allows for increased room dimensions at the ends. There are no interior bedrooms facing the sides. The ground floor features a garden 'great' room and the top unit another height and a half space – the 'sky' room - facing the street.

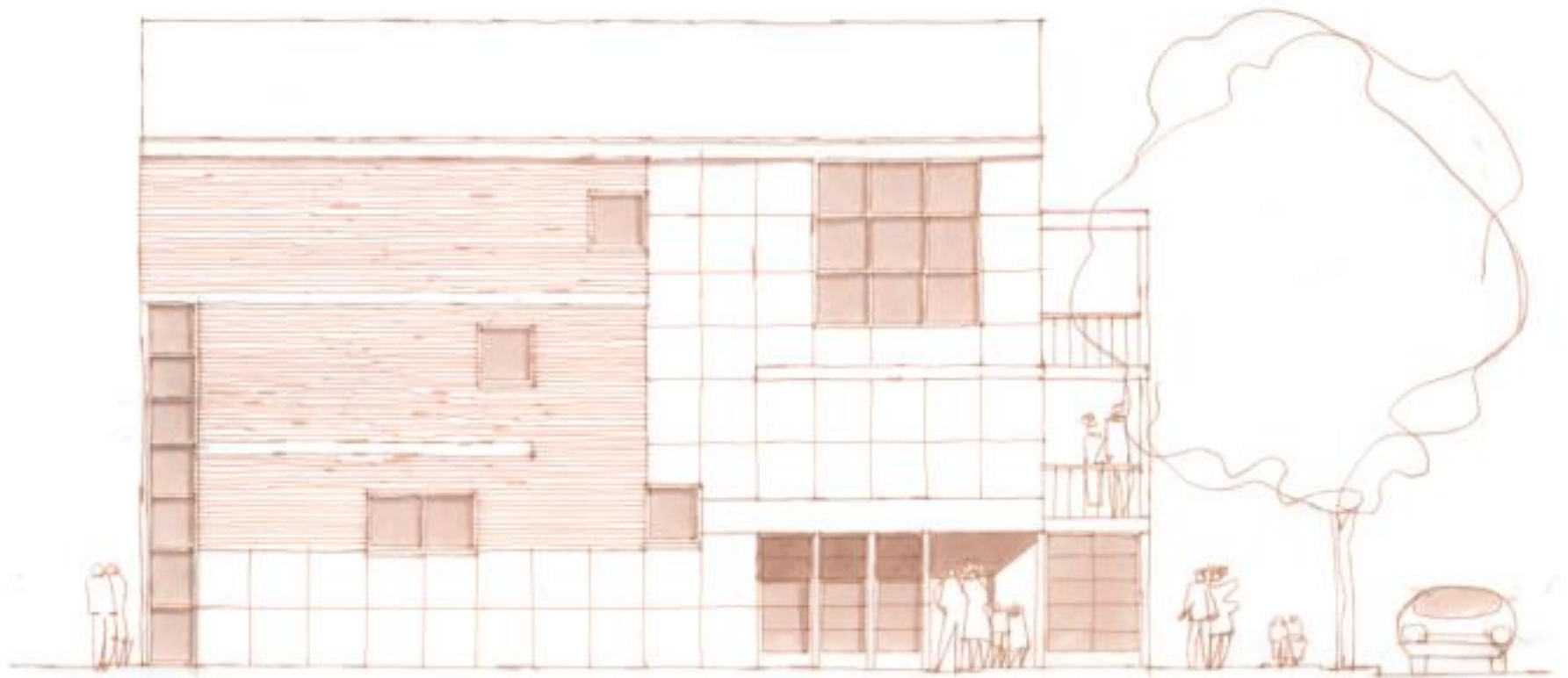
Floor Plans



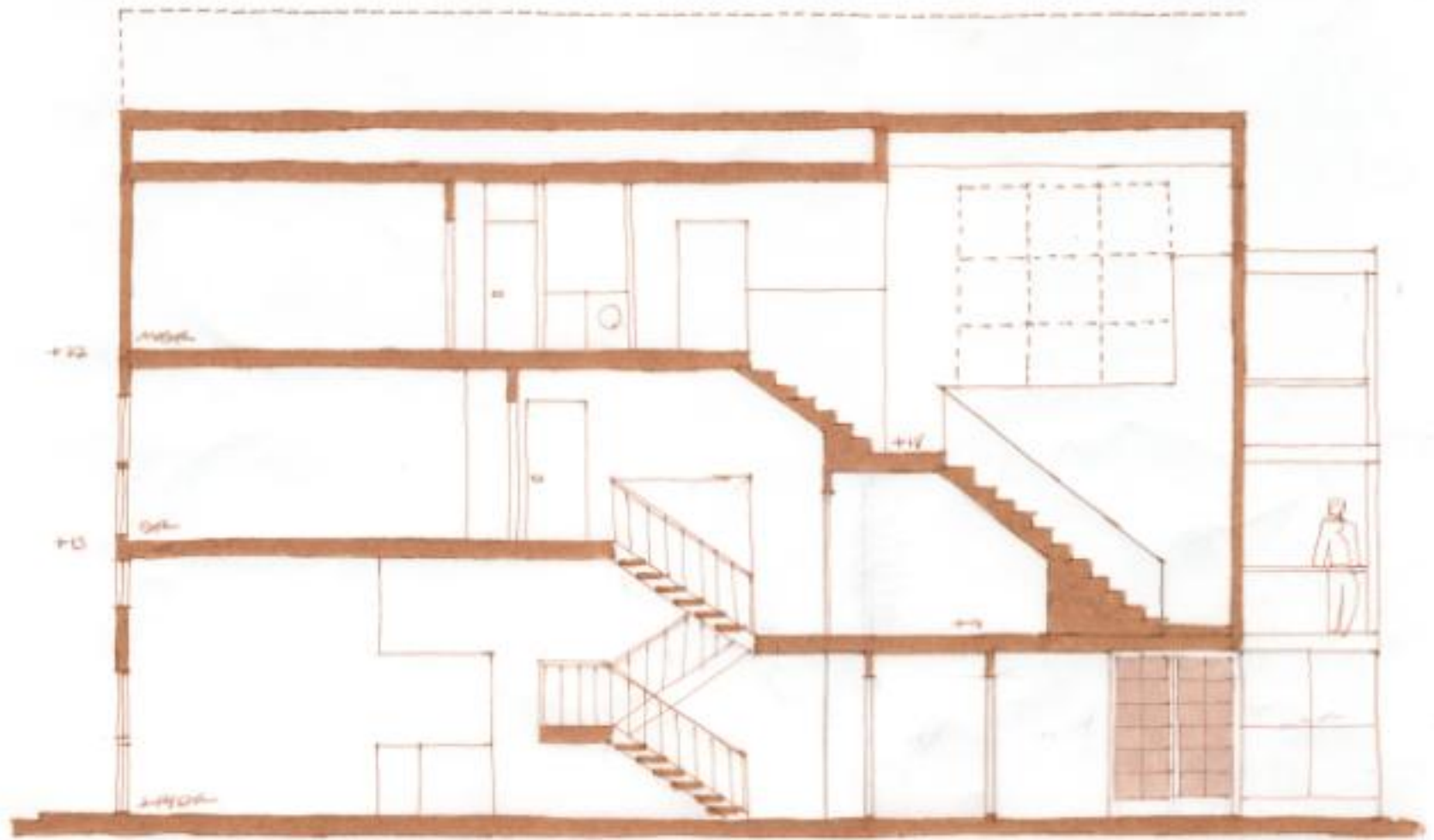
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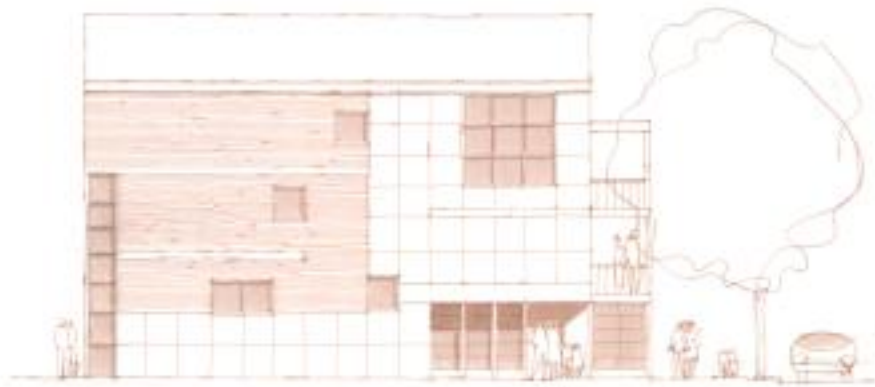
Front Elevation



Side Elevation

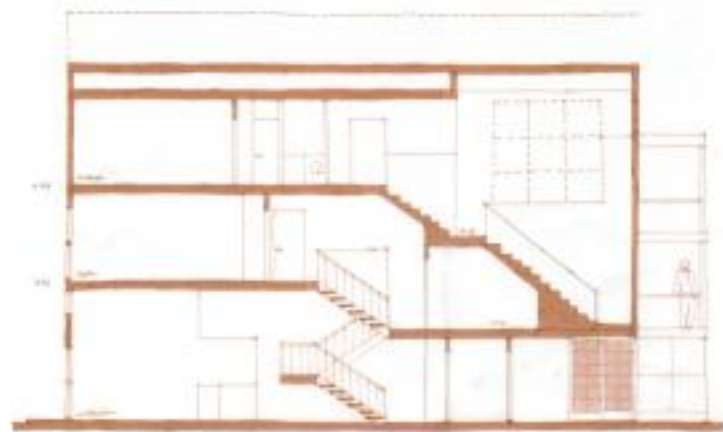


Section



FORM: The exterior box is broken to form the entry ways and create an intimate space there. Front porches further eliminate the feeling of the box.

MATERIALS: Cementitious fiber board panels and siding wrap around the front and entry way side to further eliminate a boxy feeling. Photo voltaic panels should be placed on the roof for energy production.



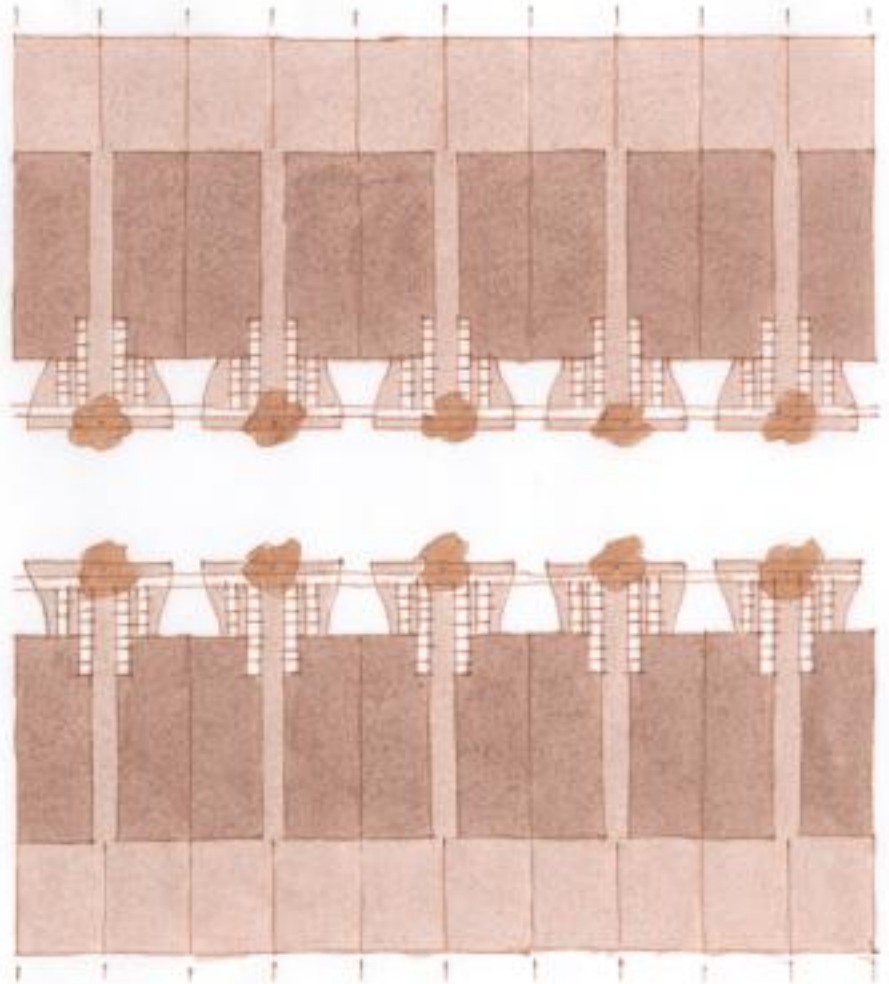
SECTION: There is a split-level duplex on ground and second floor with an open stair connecting the three levels. The top unit is also a split level. These different levels create spatial interest and exciting major rooms. They also help zone the individual dwellings into public and private areas.

RECLAIM THE STREET FOR PEOPLE

ENTRY WAYS: Each house has its two units' front doors on side and front in a friendly open space connecting the houses to sidewalk and street.

FEWER AND SMALLER CURB CUTS: When the idea can be applied to more than one house, curb cuts to the interior garages can be shared, restoring the street edge to a green verge.

LANDSCAPING: Plantings are placed in these entry ways and trees along the street verge restoring the street to a more natural quality.



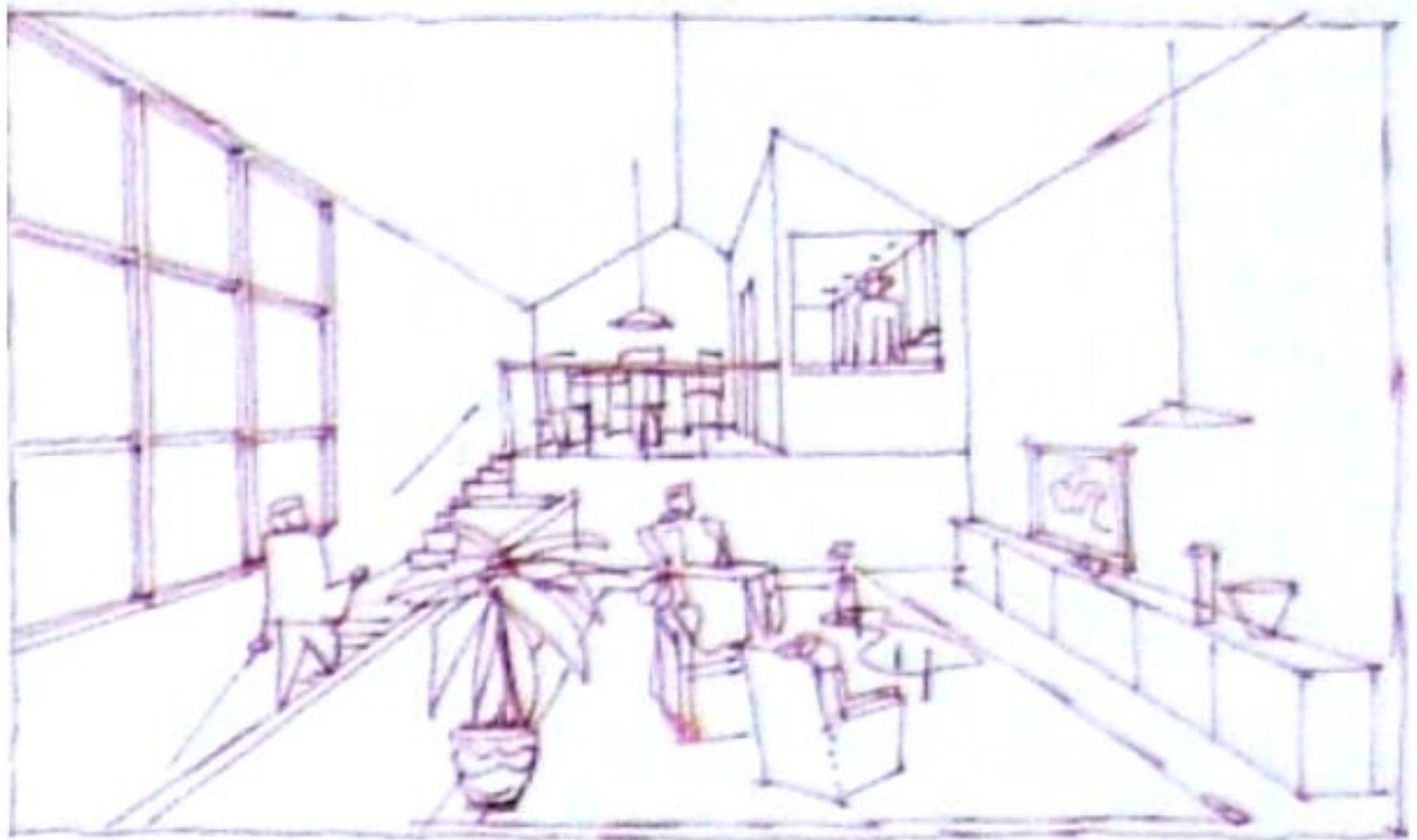
Street Plan



Streetscape



Perspective



Interior Perspective