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**A SUSTAINABLE GREEN
OASIS IN BALTIMORE**

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MASTER PLAN



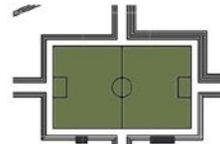
Project Program

Located in the heart of Baltimore, this project transforms a former parking lot into a sustainable green oasis - a vibrant hub for recreation, leisure, and community engagement. The redesigned space features an assortment of sports courts - soccer, basketball, tennis, and volleyball - that host various activities and events, along with a dynamic children's playground that stimulates creativity and learning.

The addition of a water fountain enhances the aesthetics and functionality of the area, providing a cooling station and a focal point for community events. Canopies strategically placed next to the courts and bike parking lot offer shaded rest areas, storage, and space for outdoor gatherings.

A key highlight is the bike path that winds through the oasis, promoting eco-friendly transportation and connecting the project to the surrounding neighborhoods. A secure bike parking lot enhances accessibility and encourages more visits by bike.

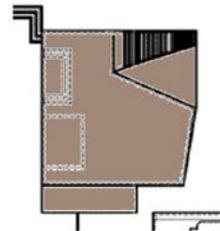
The café shop in the oasis serves as a social and cultural hub, offering refreshments, workspace, and hosting local events, all while embracing sustainable practices. Altogether, the project transforms an urban eyesore into a lively, environmentally-friendly space that encourages active lifestyles, fosters community interaction, and provides a breath of fresh air within the city.



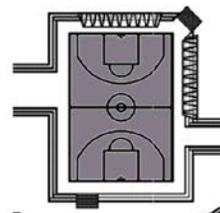
Soccer Court



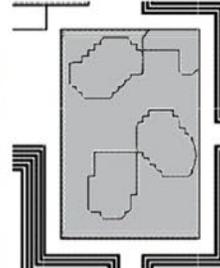
Water Fountain



Café Shop



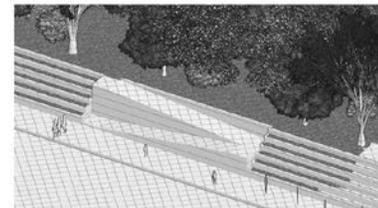
Basketball Court



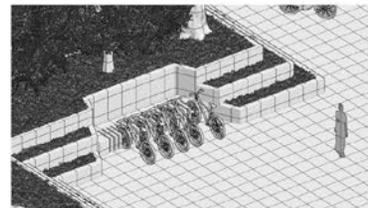
Children's Playground



Bicycle Paths



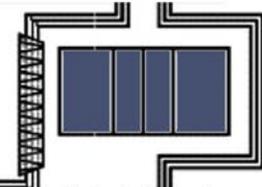
Bicycle Ramps



Bicycle Parking



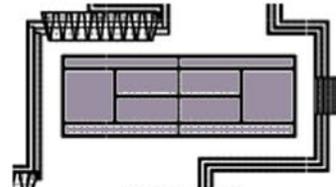
Bicycle Paths



Volleyball Court



Public Restroom

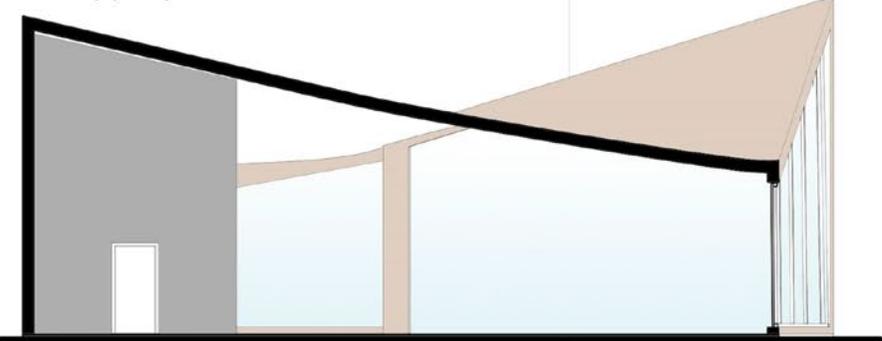


Tennis Court



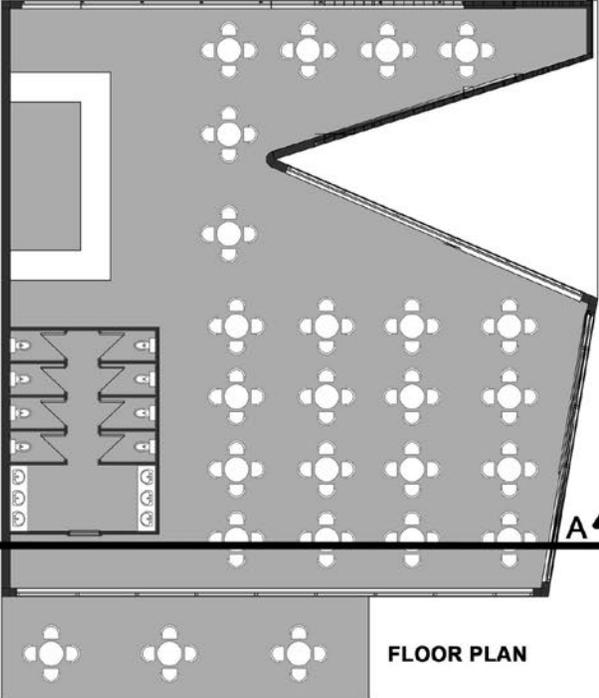
CAFE SHOP

Café Shop: A modern, inviting café offering a variety of beverages and light snacks, with both indoor and outdoor seating options for patrons to relax and enjoy the green oasis.

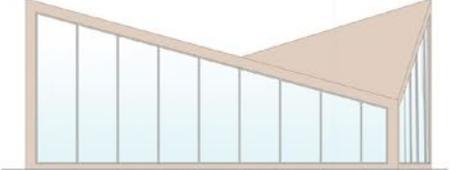


SECTION A-A

The cafe shop within the green oasis serves as a multifunctional space, providing visitors with a variety of refreshments, light snacks, and meals to cater to diverse tastes and dietary preferences. It functions as a social hub where friends, families, and colleagues can gather, relax, and connect, fostering community bonds. Equipped with free Wi-Fi and comfortable seating arrangements, the cafe enables patrons to work, study, or attend online meetings in a pleasant atmosphere. Additionally, the cafe hosts cultural events and activities such as art exhibitions, live music performances, poetry readings, and workshops to promote local talents and enrich the cultural experience. Emphasizing sustainability, the cafe incorporates eco-friendly initiatives such as using locally sourced ingredients, offering reusable or biodegradable packaging, and promoting waste reduction to minimize its environmental impact.



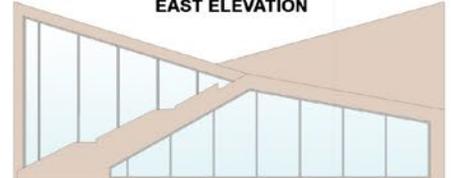
FLOOR PLAN



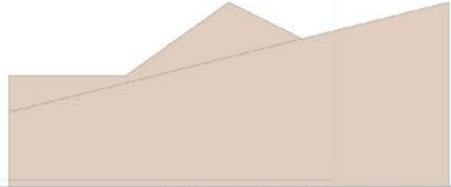
SOUTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION



NORTH ELEVATION

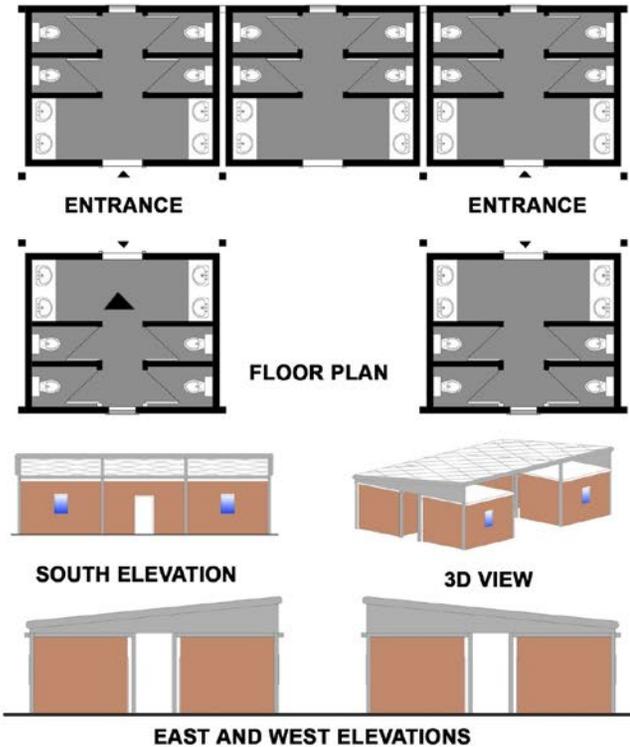


WEST ELEVATION



PUBLIC RESTROOM

Public Restroom: A clean and accessible public restroom facility, including separate male and female areas, as well as a dedicated family restroom and accessible facilities for people with disabilities.



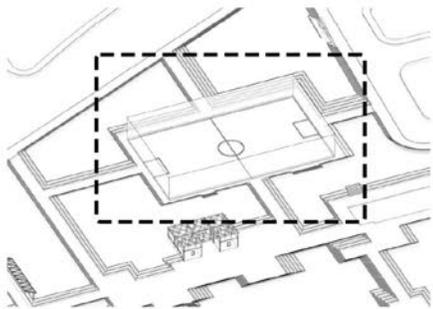
Public Restroom located in the site



SPORT COURTS

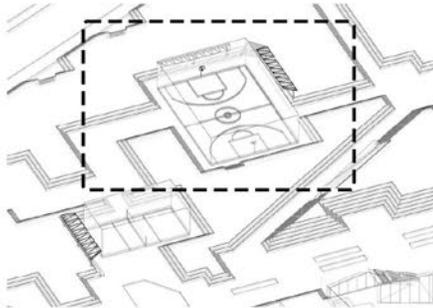


The soccer court in our green oasis provides versatile activities for all. It accommodates casual games, organized youth leagues, and competitive tournaments, promoting fun, skill development, and teamwork for players of various ages and skill levels. Skill-enhancing clinics, guided by experienced coaches, along with soccer-specific fitness classes, further enrich the recreational and wellness aspects of the space.



SOCCER COURT

The basketball court caters to a wide array of participants, providing informal pick-up games, organized youth leagues, skills clinics, and fast-paced 3-on-3 tournaments. These activities facilitate enjoyment, skill development, teamwork, and friendly competition among players of all skill levels. Also, basketball-inspired fitness classes are offered to enhance overall athleticism and fitness, promoting a comprehensive sports experience.



BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURT

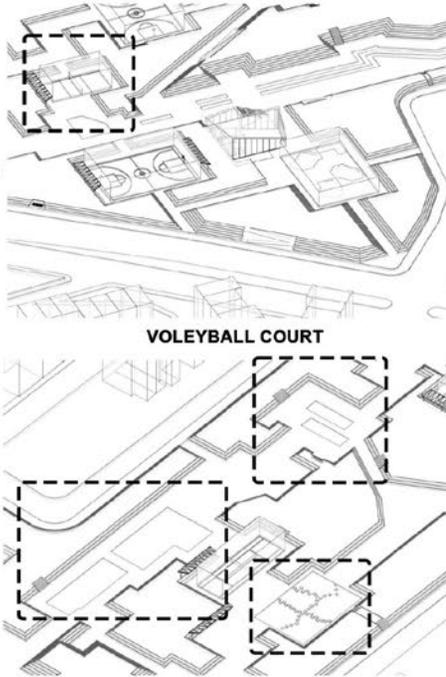


SPORT COURT AND WATER FOUNTAIN



The volleyball court, with its hard surface, caters to a diverse range of players and activities. It facilitates open play, youth leagues, skills clinics, and local to regional competitions, promoting casual enjoyment, skill enhancement, and competitive spirit. Additionally, occasional grass-based volleyball matches are hosted, providing a unique, fun alternative to conventional indoor games when feasible.

The water fountain, a focal point of the green oasis, provides visual appeal and contributes to a serene ambiance. It acts as a fun activity area for children, a cooling station for visitors, and a picturesque backdrop for photography. Furthermore, it serves as a central feature during special events, fostering a sense of community and unity in the space.



VOLEYBALL COURT

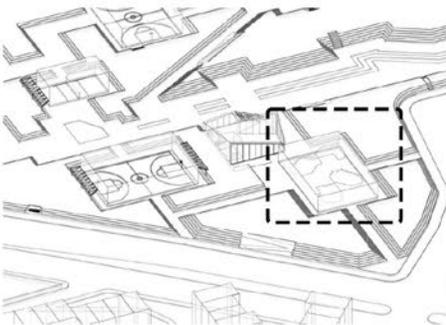
WATER FOUNTAIN



SPORT COURTS

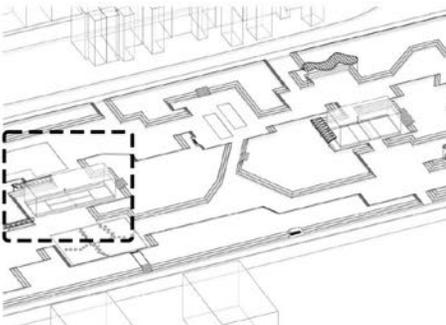


The tennis court offers diverse activities for all ages and skill levels, from casual open play to lessons and clinics led by professional coaches. It hosts youth programs that promote skill development, sportsmanship, and healthy competition, alongside doubles events that encourage teamwork and camaraderie. The court also serves as a venue for local and regional tennis competitions, attracting a wide range of players.



PLAYGROUND COURT

The children's playground in the green oasis serves as a dynamic hub for young visitors, offering free play, themed areas, parent-child activities, educational programs, and special events. These elements foster exploration, social interaction, imagination, learning, and celebration, catering to different age groups and interests while promoting physical and cognitive development.



TENNIS COURT

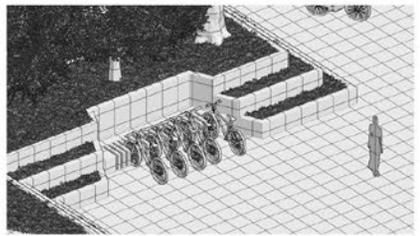
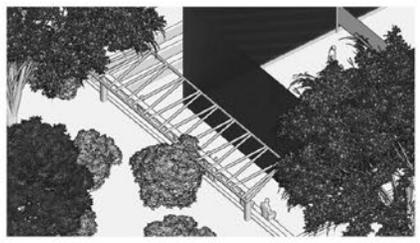
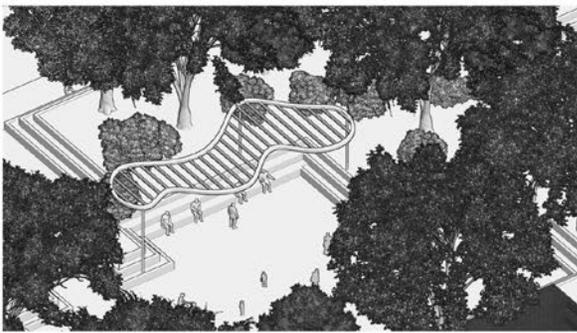
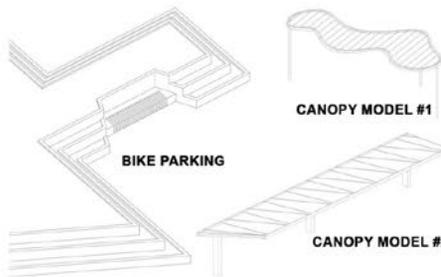


CANOPIES AND BIKE PARKING



Canopies situated by the courts offer multifunctional benefits. They provide shaded resting spots with comfortable seating for relaxation, socializing, or game watching. Acting as storage areas for personal belongings during play, they enhance convenience and safety. Additionally, these canopies serve as convenient, sheltered locations for post-game gatherings and team meetings, enriching the overall sporting experience.

The bike parking lot plays a crucial role in promoting sustainable transportation and enhancing visitor experience. It offers secure parking for cyclists, thereby reducing theft and vandalism risk. By encouraging bike use, it aids in reducing traffic and improving air quality. The convenient location of the parking lot facilitates easy access to the green oasis's amenities. Additionally, it fosters stronger community connectivity by linking the green oasis to nearby neighborhoods.



MOMENTS IN THE SITE

