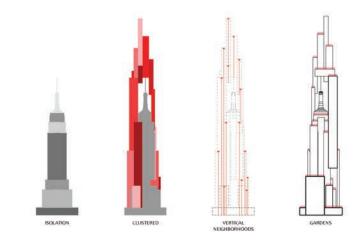
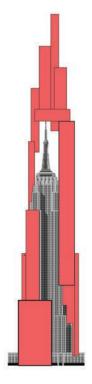
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THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING FORMS THE STRUCTURAL AND METAPHYSICAL CORE OF A NEW BUILDING THAT WILL BECOME THE TALLEST SKYSCRAPER IN MANHATTAN - PRESERVING THE BUILDING'S ORIGINAL INTEGRITY WHILE PROVIDING A NEW ASPIRATION FOR NEW YORKERS. THIS SYMBOL OF CHANGE REFLECTS THE ADVANCEMENT OF LIFE AND PROVIDES A NEW LIVING EXPERIENCE FOR SENIORS AT MULTIPLE SCALES THROUGH DISTINCT NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE SKY. THE NEW BUILDING CONSISTS OF VERTICAL CLUSTERS THAT TERMINATE AS PUBLIC AMENITIES AND ROOF GARDENS. THESE GARDENS IN THE SKY BECOME GATHERING PLACES FOR SOCIAL COMMUNITIES THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY LOOK TOWARD THE CITY AND THE ORIGINAL BUILDING. WITH VARYING DEGREES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACE, RESIDENTS CAN FIND A SAFE HAVEN IN MORE PRIVATE AREAS OR SOCIALIZE WITH GROUPS. THE OLD AND THE NEW WILL RECIPROCATE, CASTING LIGHT ON ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THE VOID SURROUNDING THE PEAK OF THE HISTORICAL BUILDING WHILE THE BUILDING REINVENTS ITSELF AS THE BOLD ICON OF NEW YORK CITY.

