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Central Harlem Alcohol Crisis Center



CENTRAL HARLEM ALCOHOLIC CRISIS CENTER LONG TERM RECOVERY

New York, New York

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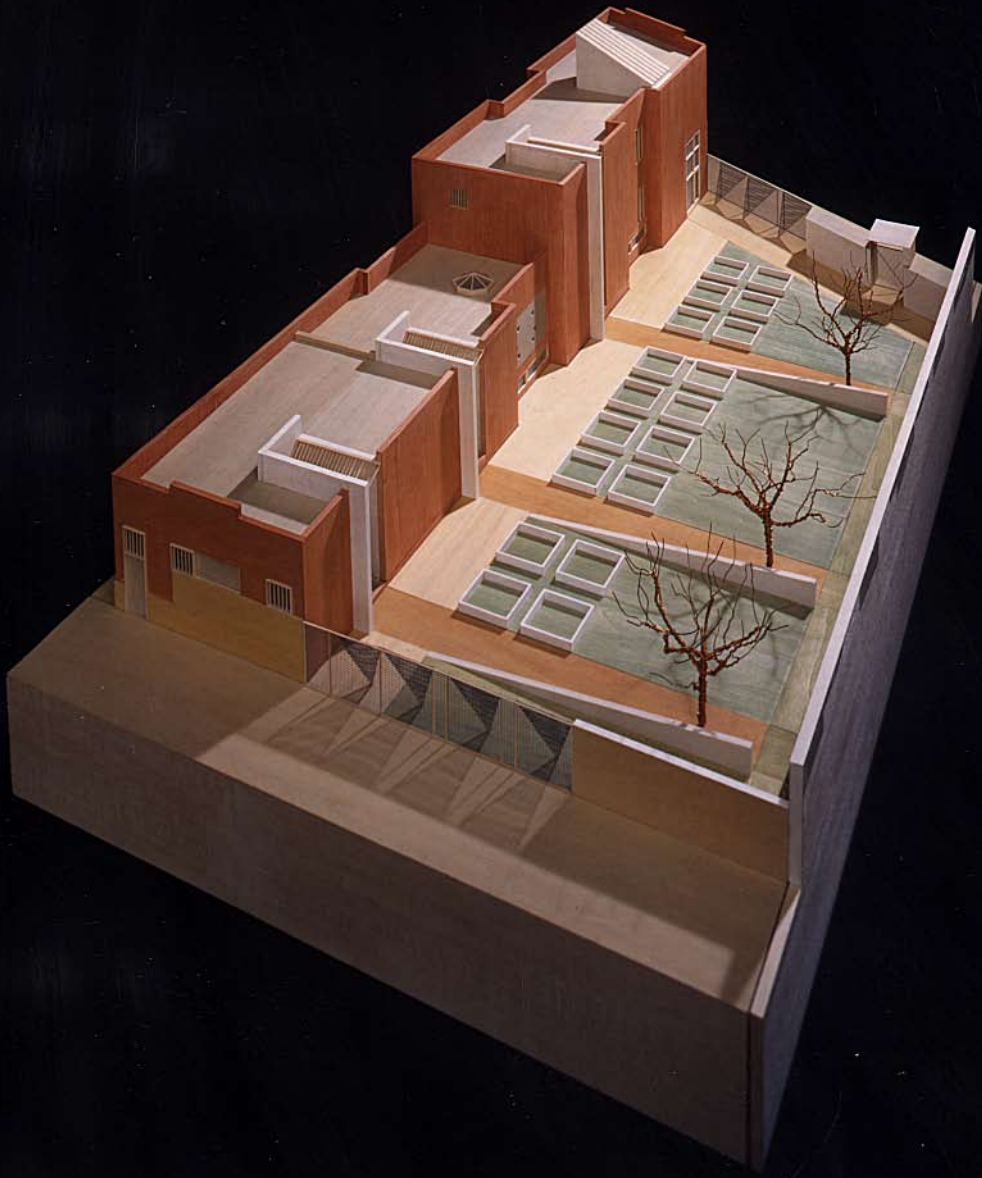
- A long term rehab residence for 19 recovering alcoholics. A community garden to foster the rebirth of the residents and the neighborhood.
 - 8000 square foot building and 7000 square foot garden.
 - Urban neighborhood with a mix of residential buildings, schools, warehouses, garages, and empty lots. And a series of urban green garden sites scattered throughout the neighborhood of Harlem; part of the Green Thumb movement, reclaiming abandoned lots for growth and rehumanization of the neighborhood.
 - Gently sloping through-block site in the middle of a city block. Half of the site occupied by an existing one and two story railroad flat building; half of the site a vacant lot.
 - The project is a gut rehab of the existing shell and is filed as a transient motel, because the site's manufacturing district designation does not include provisions for this kind of use. The outmoded zoning worked in our client's favor, as New York City hotels rooms do not require the 30 foot wide natural lightwells that would normally have forced us to gang guests up into group rooms. By introducing three 12 foot wide light slots into this low building, we were able to create a single room for each guest, each with its own window either facing the new garden or facing the little court created by the slot.
 - Funded by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. The construction budget is \$100 a square foot for the gut rehab of the existing building. The garden will be built primarily through volunteer labor.
 - Existing wood frame building & brick cladding; new openings and light slots. Stucco cladding of new interventions and garden walls. Canopies of perforated metal; garden fences and espalier triangles of chain link..
- The project won a New York Chapter AIA Design Award Citation in 1995.



Perspective



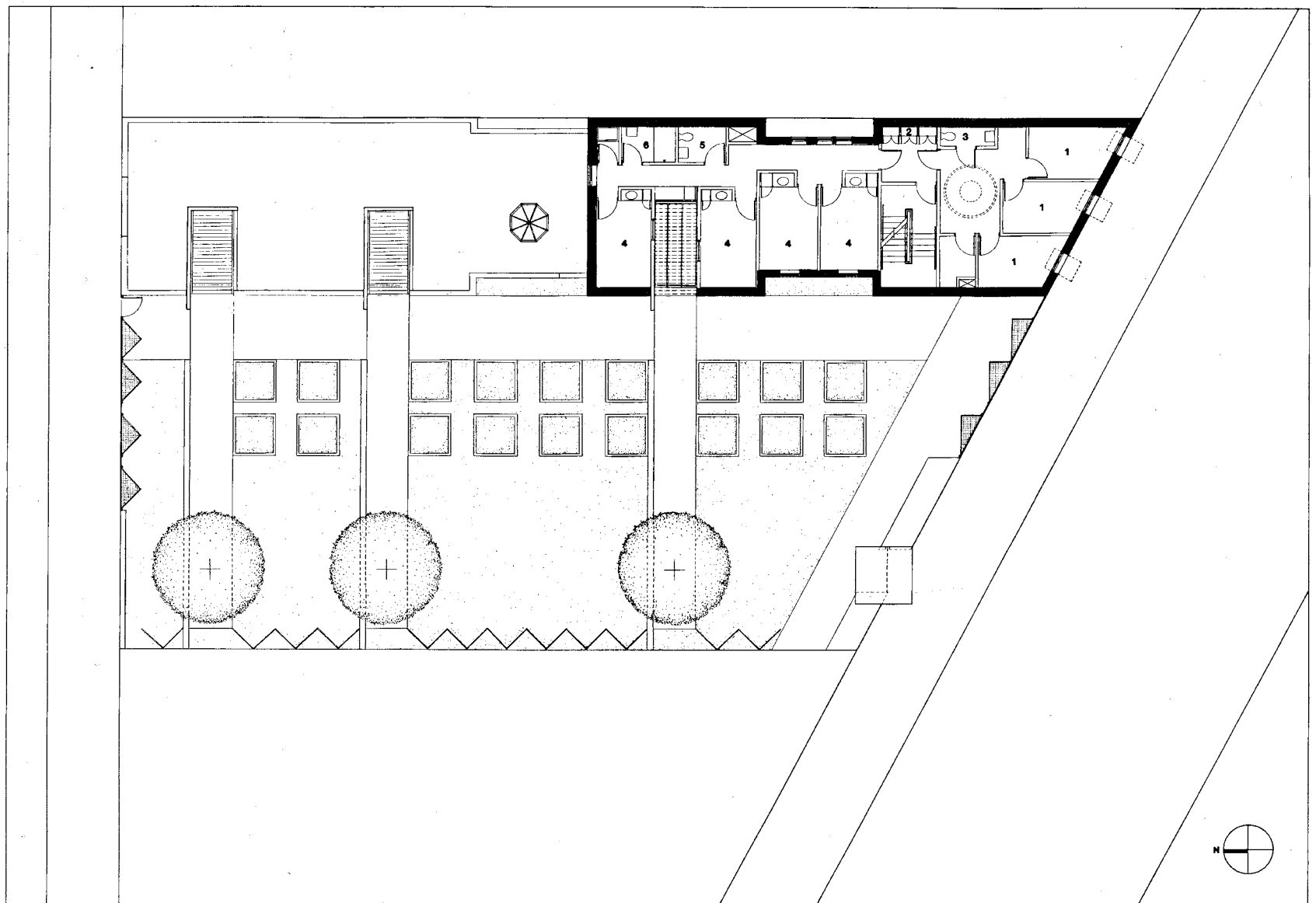
Concept section



Day and night building axonometrics



Interior model



- 1 OFFICES
- 2 STORAGE
- 3 STAFF TOILETS
- 4 RESIDENCE ROOMS
- 5 TOILET

Second floor plan



Day and night view of courtyard

