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TUBMAN CENTER FOR HEALTH AND FREEDOM

SEATTLE, WA

The Tubman Center for Health and Freedom is envisioned as a 25,000-square-foot sanctuary where architecture amplifies courageous care. Rooted in Seattle's Rainier Beach community, it embodies what becomes possible when a neighborhood's history, wisdom, and resilience shape the walls built to serve it.





ELEVATION FROM TRENTON STREET



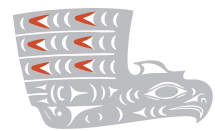
HEAL LIBERATE RESTORE

PACIFIC NORTH WEST
HEALER

NORTH AMERICAN
LIBERATOR

WEST AFRICAN
STEWARD

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SALMON
LIFE GIVING



THUNDERBIRD
PROTECTION



BOW TIE
CHANGE



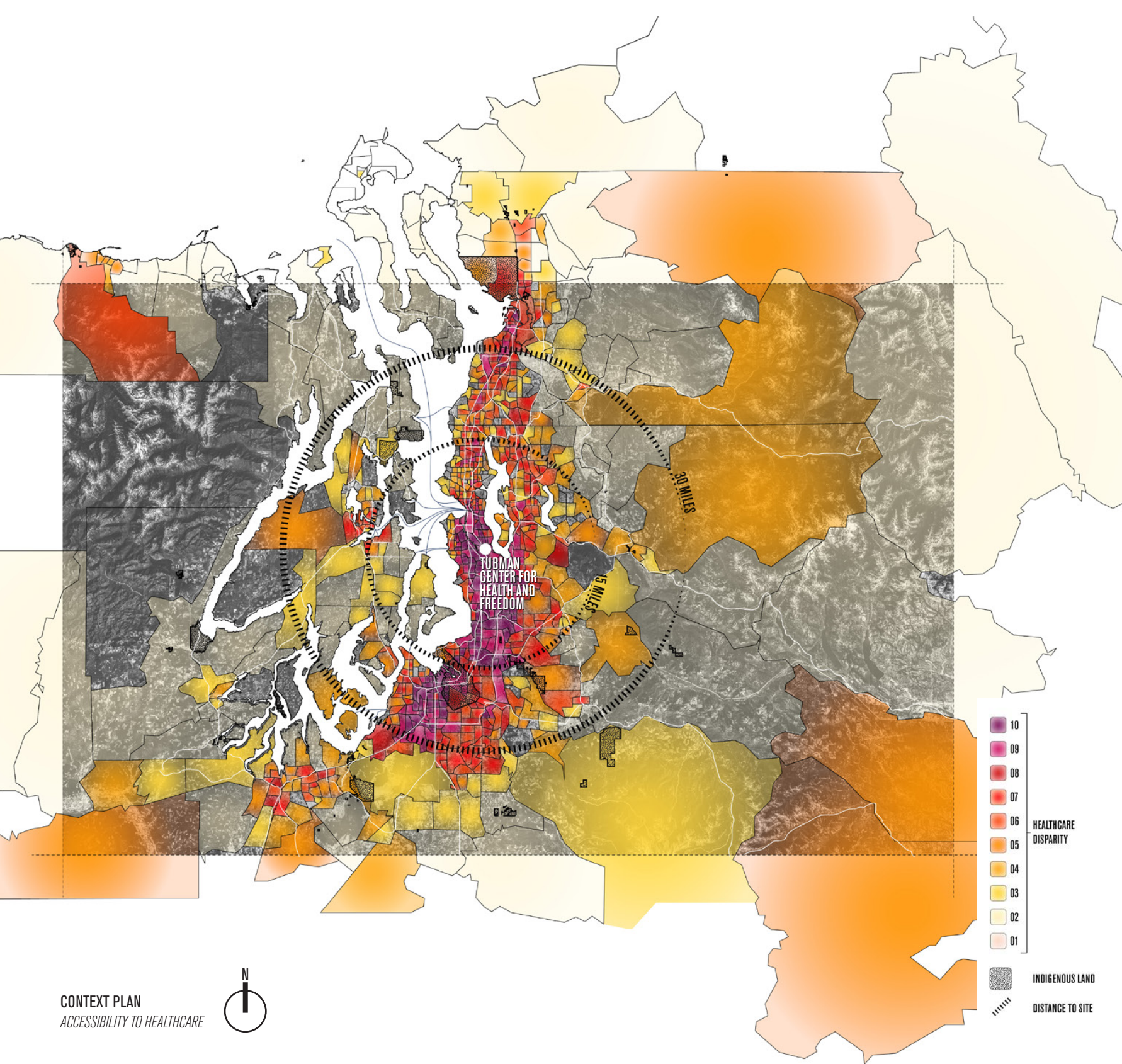
FLYING GEESE
FREEDOM



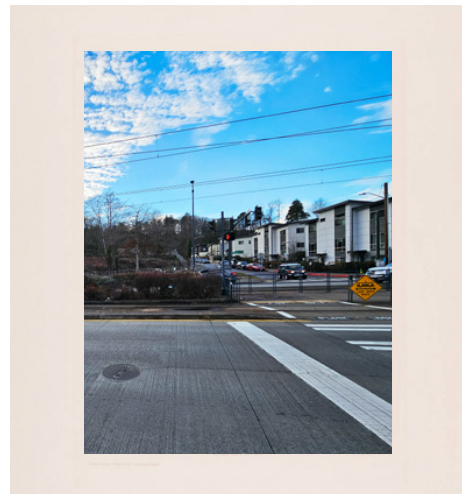
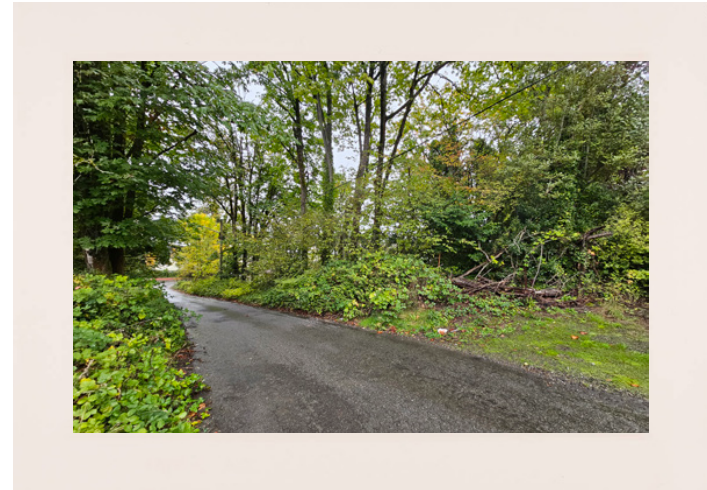
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INTERDEPENDENCE



SANKOFA
GROWTH



CONTEXT PLAN
ACCESSIBILITY TO HEALTHCARE



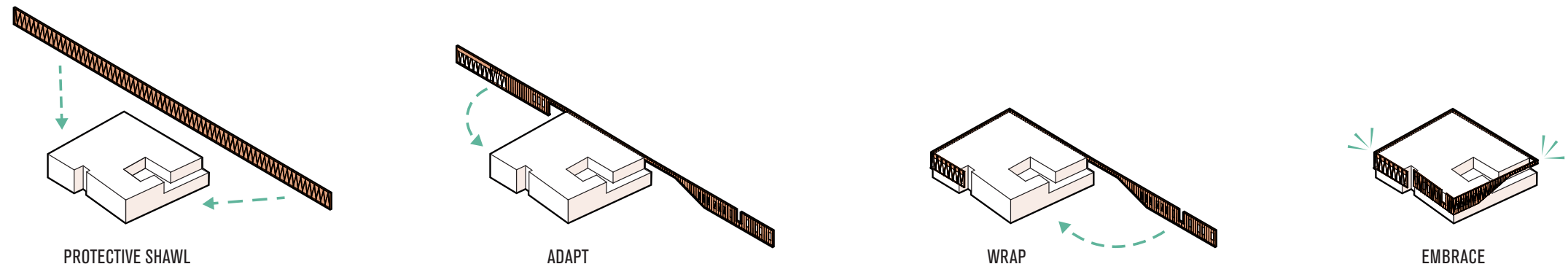
The Tubman Health Center is situated in Seattle's Rainier Beach community, a neighborhood that ranks among the highest in environmental health disparities. Tubman anchors the transition between dense urban fabric and a quieter residential neighborhood. **Located in one of the most diverse ZIP codes in the country, it serves as a gateway to equitable healthcare.** With direct access to the regional light rail network, the center occupies a prominent intersection, both physically and socially, connecting communities to care.





ELEVATION FROM 42ND AVENUE

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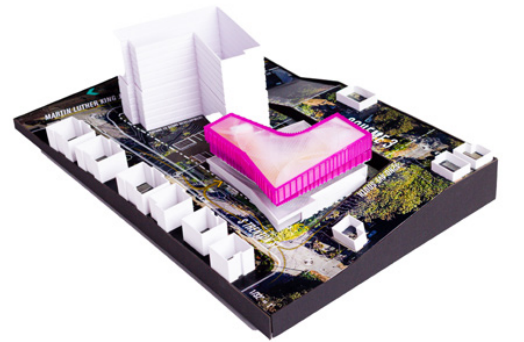




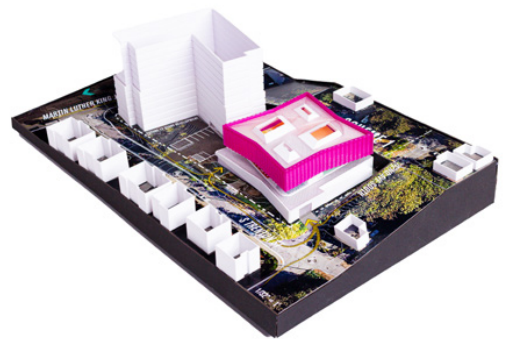
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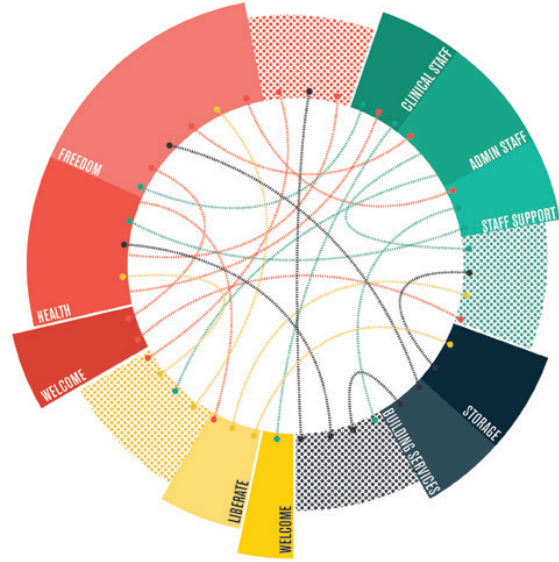
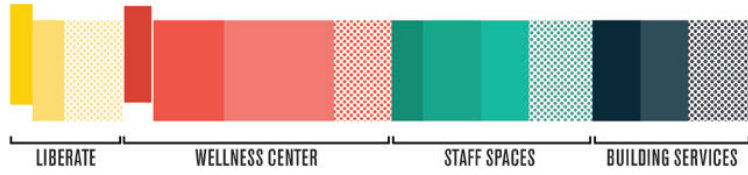
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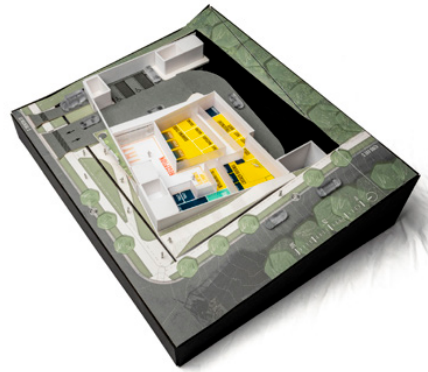
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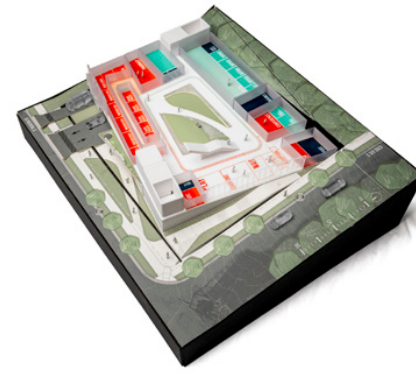
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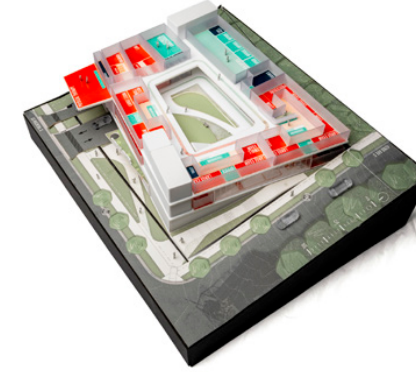
PROGRAM DIAGRAM
INTERCONNECTED



DESIGN MODEL
LEVEL - 0



DESIGN MODEL
LEVEL - 1



DESIGN MODEL
LEVEL - 2



DESIGN MODEL
LEVEL - 3



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Within its walls, contemporary medicine operates alongside ancestral knowledge. Herbal remedies, ritual healing, hydrotherapy, and clinical care coexist, offering people the power to choose their own path toward wellness. The design listens first, allowing culture, nature, and community to guide the experience.

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LONGITUDINAL SECTION



ARRIVING AT COURTYARD ENTRANCE

A central courtyard anchors the building — a quiet, open clearing that reconnects visitors to season, sky, and the steady rhythms of the natural world. The architectural form draws deeply from Harriet Tubman's legacy: protection, courage, and the unwavering will to lead others toward liberation. Patterns across the façade merge West African symbols of renewal with Pacific Northwest motifs of guardianship, creating a living skin that speaks to connection, movement, and growth.

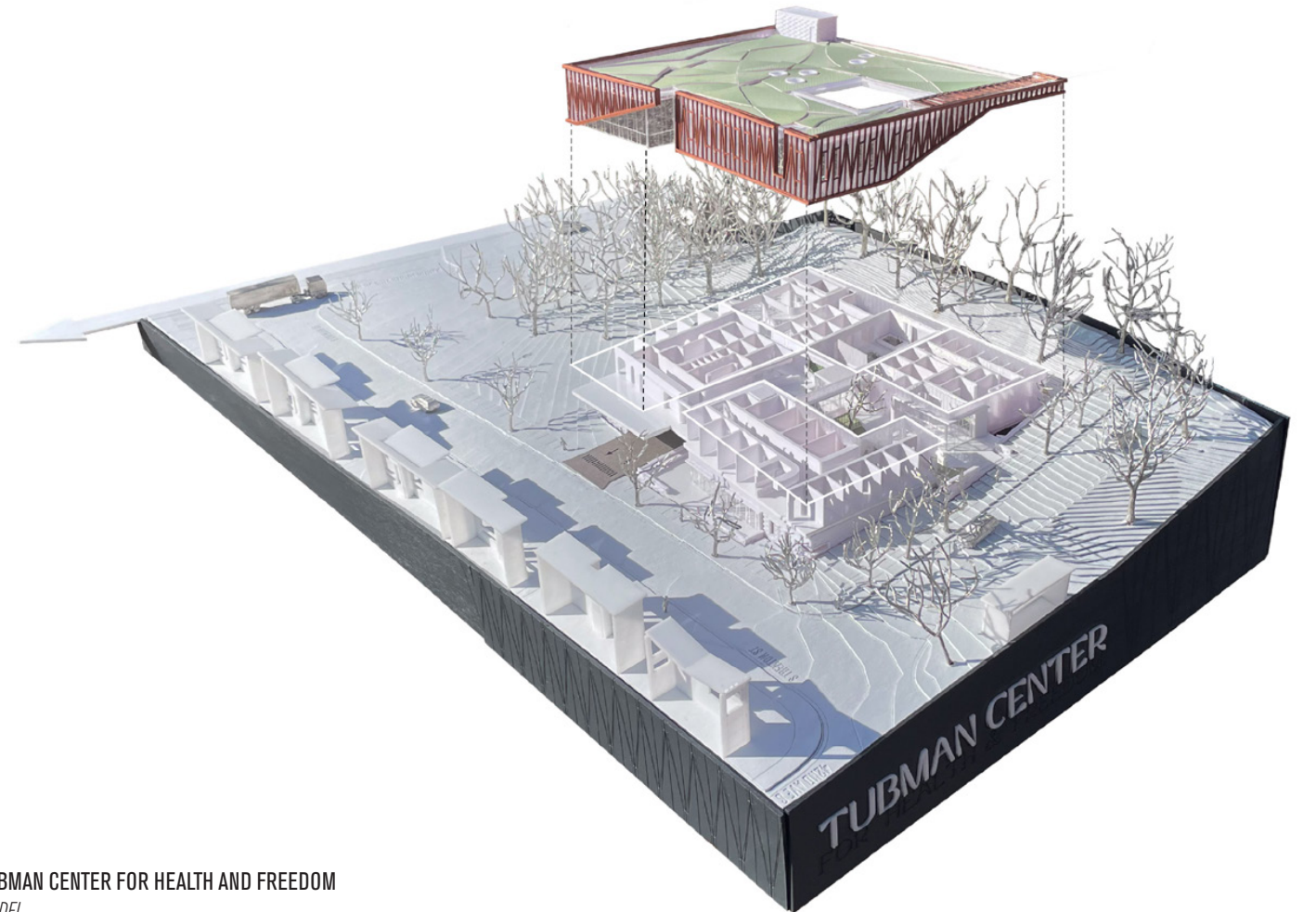




ENTRY COURTYARD



LOBBY LOOKING AT COURTYARD



TUBMAN CENTER FOR HEALTH AND FREEDOM
MODEL



