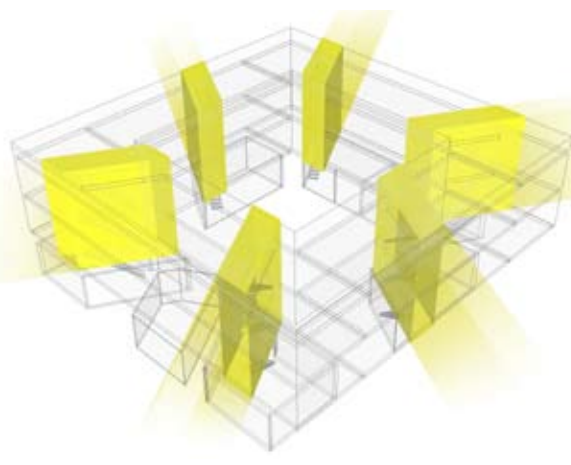


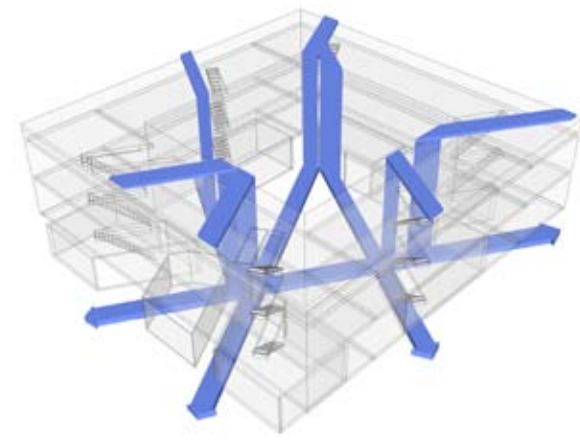
earth

The courtyard, organized around the central presence of a raised volume of earth, acts as a common front yard, bordered by semiprivate extension of the homes. The roof becomes the back yard. On both, vegetated mechanisms improve sustainability in the community and quality of living for the residents.



light

Rays of light cut through the heart of the homes. Through glazed surfaces, the sunshine reaches the center of the courtyard, and the view of the city bleeds into the living spaces.



rain

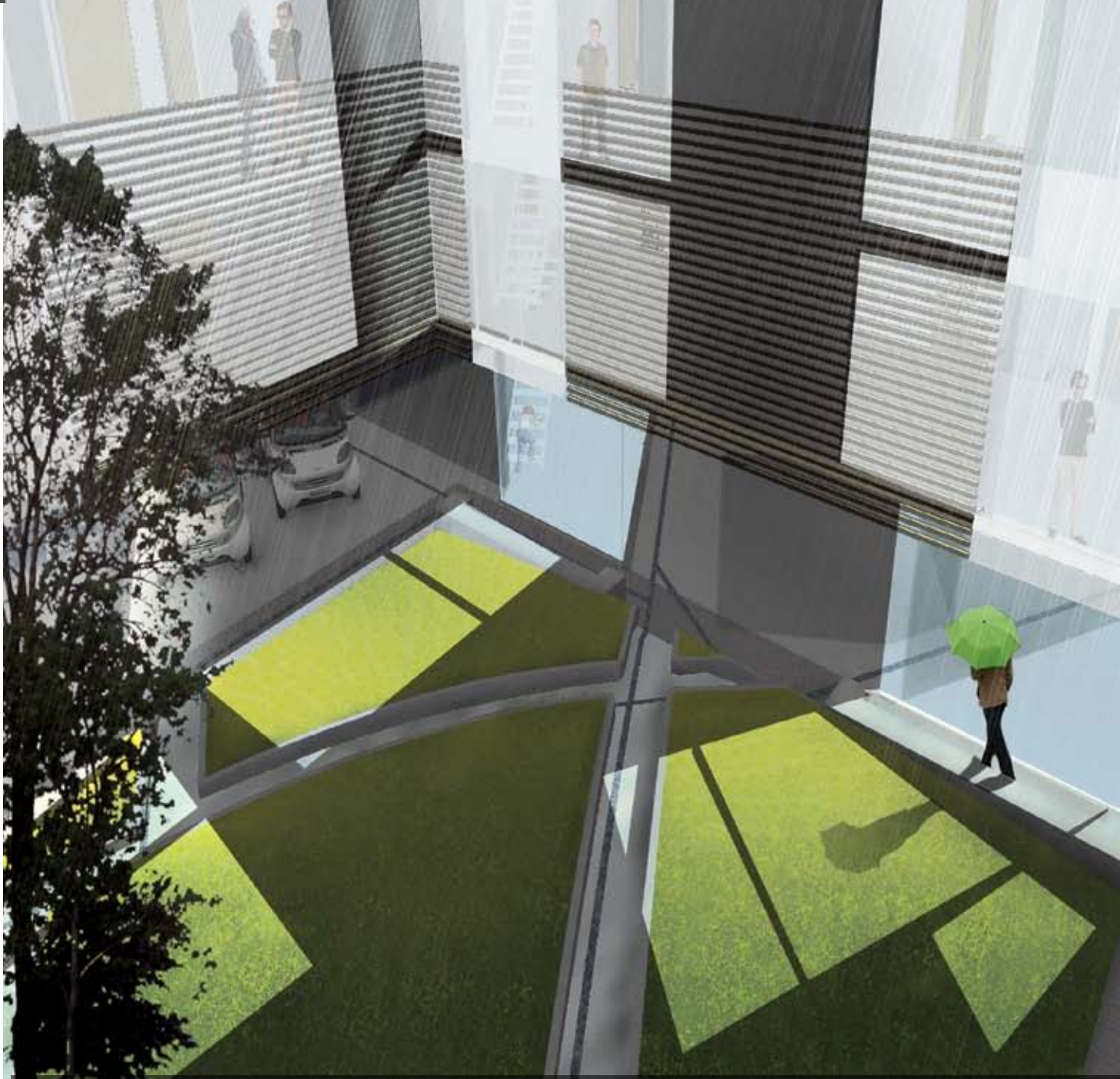
On rainy days, the grid of channels glisten atop cascades, creating gentle white noise, infiltrating and collecting rain in the underground tanks.



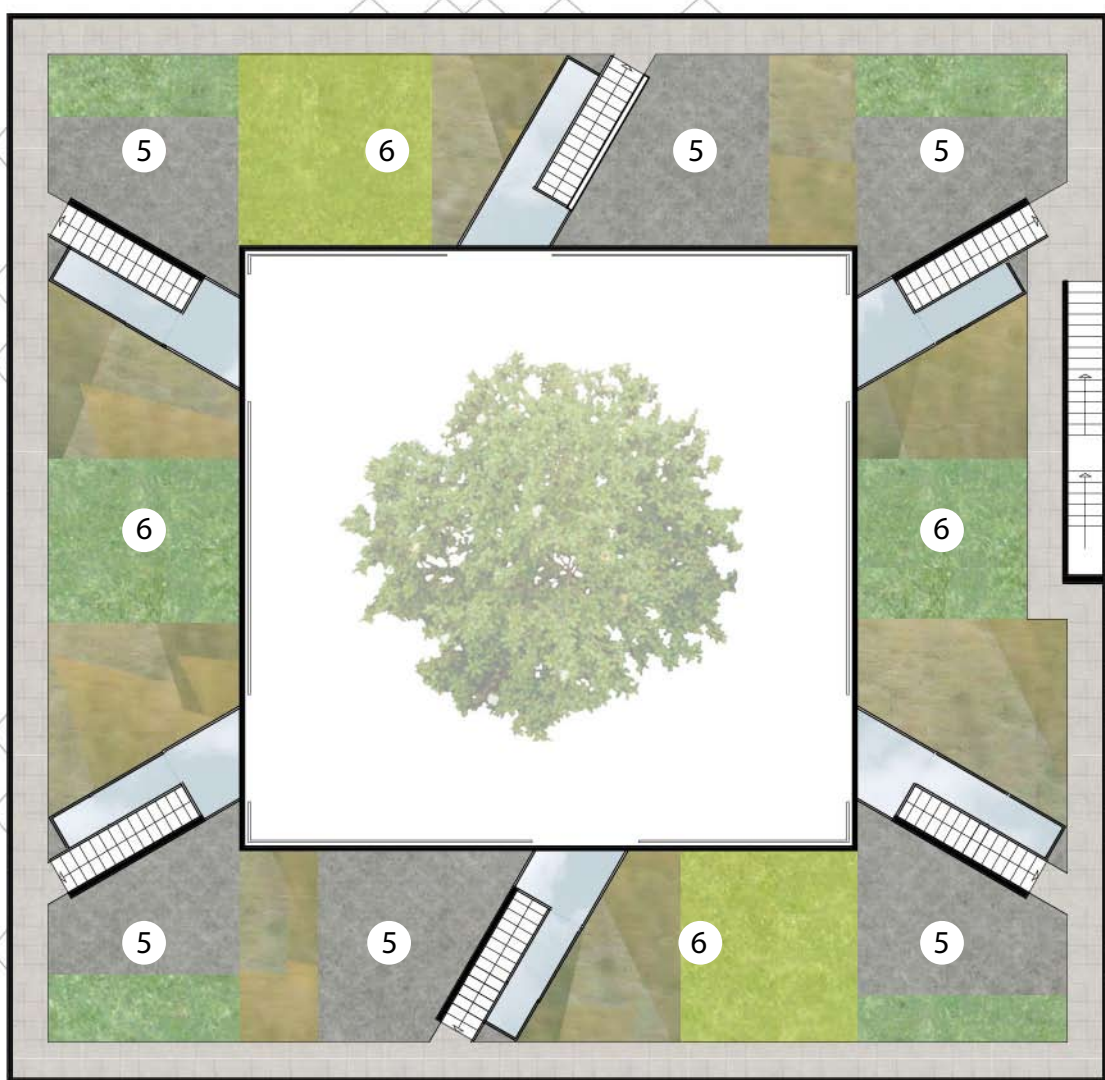
summer; 5:09 pm; returning home for rooftop soirée



spring; 10:42 am; Karl and Mike investigate neighborhood easter egg hunt



autumn; 6:23 pm; evening rainstorm runoff circumscribes the courtyard



roof plan