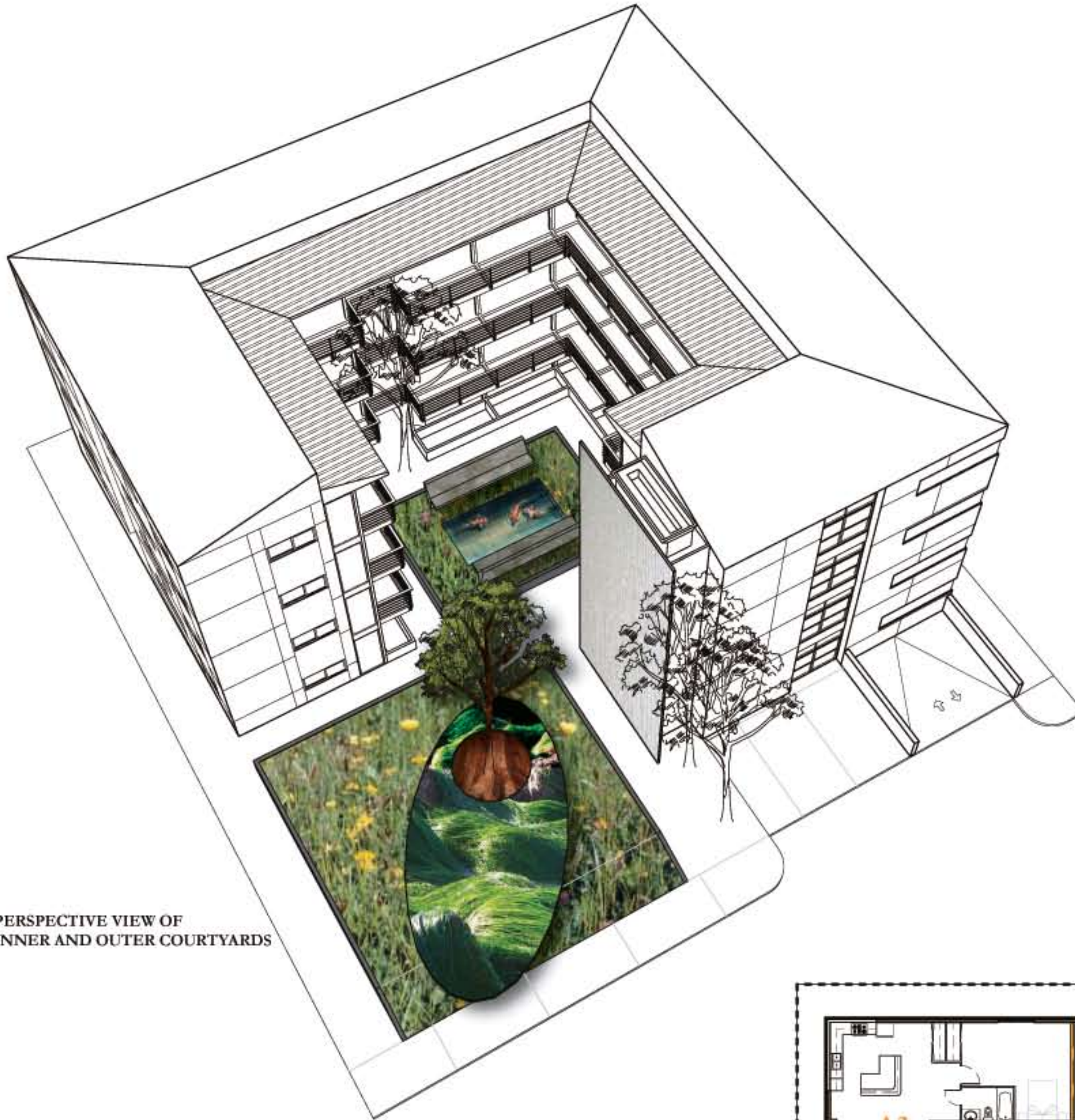


INNER AND OUTER COURTYARDS HOUSING

INNER PORTLAND INFILL SITE

"A successful city neighborhood is a place that keeps sufficiently abreast of its problems so it is not destroyed by them." -Jane Jacob

This competition proposal addresses Portland's growing concerns for family housing. "Like many growing cities, multifamily housing and other higher density housing types now constitute the majority of new housing being built in Portland. This trend reflects the increasing scarcity of land available for the development of conventional detached houses with sizable private yards—the housing type traditionally associated in Portland with "family housing." Another trend is the inevitable urban flight of families to the suburbs as the end solution to the lack of wholesome neighborhood housing with green spaces. The proposal to this problem is of a 23,791 SF prototypical housing type that consists of sixteen living units, four studios at 357 SF, four one-bedroom units at 693 SF, and eight two-bedrooms units at 1,128 SF each. An underground level parking is provided, one stall for each living unit with additional ADA accessible stalls. The varieties of living units are intended to provide quality living space, not only for a family of four, but also for single parents household. The maximum building height is at 45'-0" from ground floor to highest roof pitch. Maxing out on the height limit of zone R1 allows for additional units.

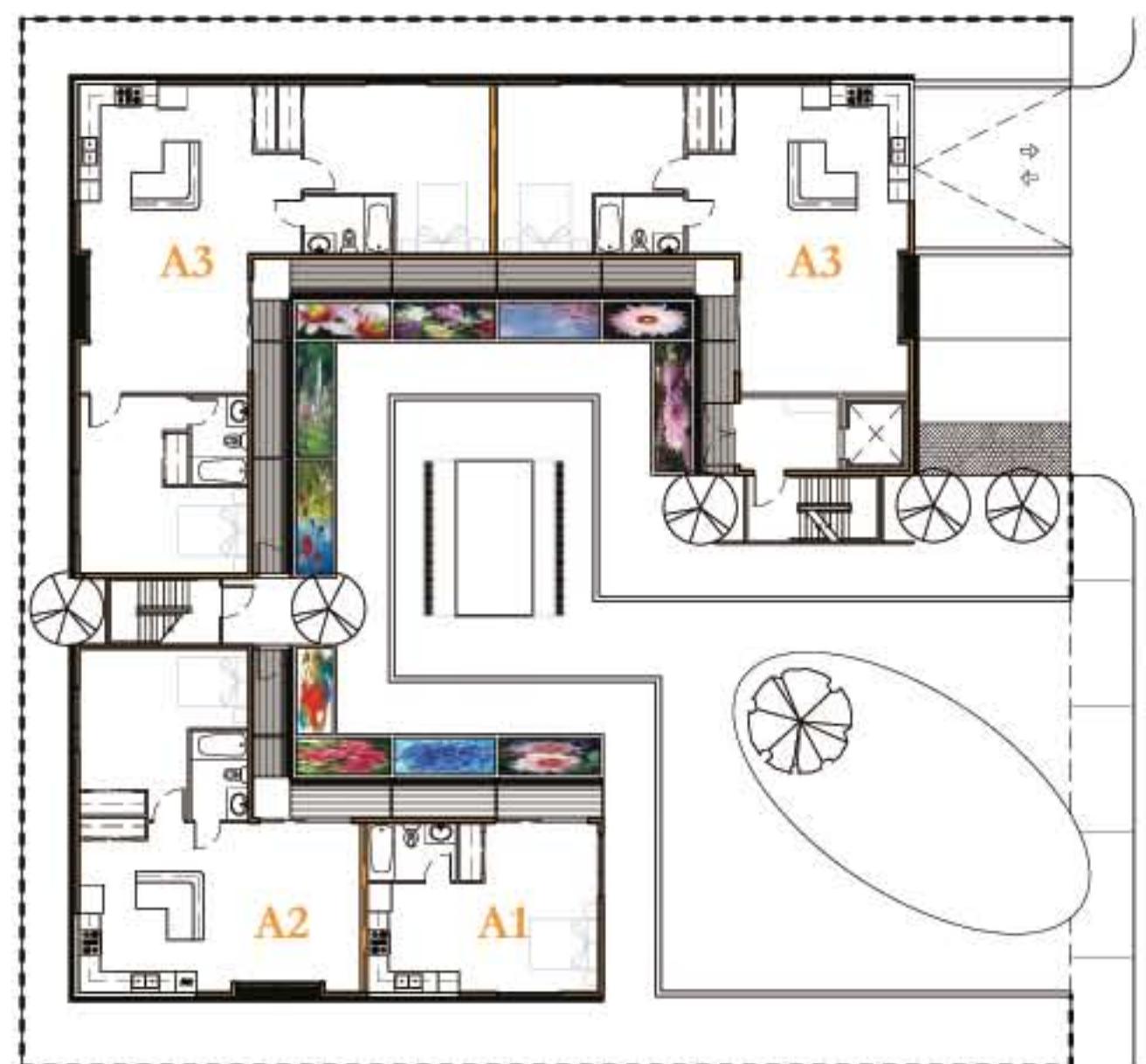


The concept behind the courtyard design is of an inner and outer courtyard. Traditional courtyards are centerpiece of a house. They are enclosed from the public street and only served as an oasis for the residence of the household. However, the typology of this design is to juxtapose traditional housing structure to a new language of courtyard design. The inner courtyard leaks out from its internal resting as if the barricade of traditional courtyard housing design has been broken and the content of the courtyard garden spills out for public use and admiration. The outer courtyard is design to be a stage for activities, while the inner courtyard is a place for meditation and reflections.

PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF INNER AND OUTER COURTYARDS

There are multiple levels of ownerships of green space. The outer courtyard is meant for the public, while the inner courtyard is for the residence of the building. However, both are accessible for each group, creating a strong dynamic between the residence and the neighborhood. In order to provide the residence a place that is uniquely home, each unit opens into a gallery that faces the inner courtyard, like traditional courtyard housing. Part of the gallery is for circulation while the other part is meant as an individual house garden for each residential unit. This concept is derived from the idea of the traditional home and its front yard.

- A1 Studio
- A2 One-bedroom
- A3 Two-bedrooms



GROUND/ SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

