

The Bahia neighborhood is characterized by its surrounding hills and the expansive wetlands to the east. Our goal is to design a community that ties the surrounding landscape & architecture and the existing & new community

together.

The houses fan out from streets along the existing terraced terrain to allow view of the wetlands to the east and to reduce site work. In Misty Road Parcel, the road becomes a series of loops to form communal farms and gardens where the inhabitants and visitors from outside the community can share activities together. These farms & gardens will be watered by rainwater harvested by the surrounding houses, which will be stored in the underground cisterns. At the north & south end of the central farms & gardens, there are communal rooms & storages where meetings or community game nights can take place.

The communal farms & gardens will become hubs for interaction between the existing & the new community to create a new identity for the neighborhood.

ARCHITECTURE

PARCEL B

Our proposed houses fuse modern & vernacular houses together while incorporating the Bay Area architectural tradition of the 60s to create unique designs. We envisioned each house to be a collection of cottage-scale boxes that are arranged on the site in a pattern to fit the existing terrain and take advantage of the view and sunlight. These boxes are linked together by a continuous roof blanket, which has a dynamic folding character that reflects the surrounding topography.

The boxes will be preassembled off-site to reduce construction waste & time for material & economical sustainability. They come in three sizes - the large box (12'x20') will function as a kitchen & dining room, the medium box (11'x18') as a bedroom, and the small box (8'-4"x13') as a bathroom. A free-flowing space in between these boxes becomes a living room & a hallway that allows barrier-free access to any rooms as well as easy cross-ventilation for air circulation.

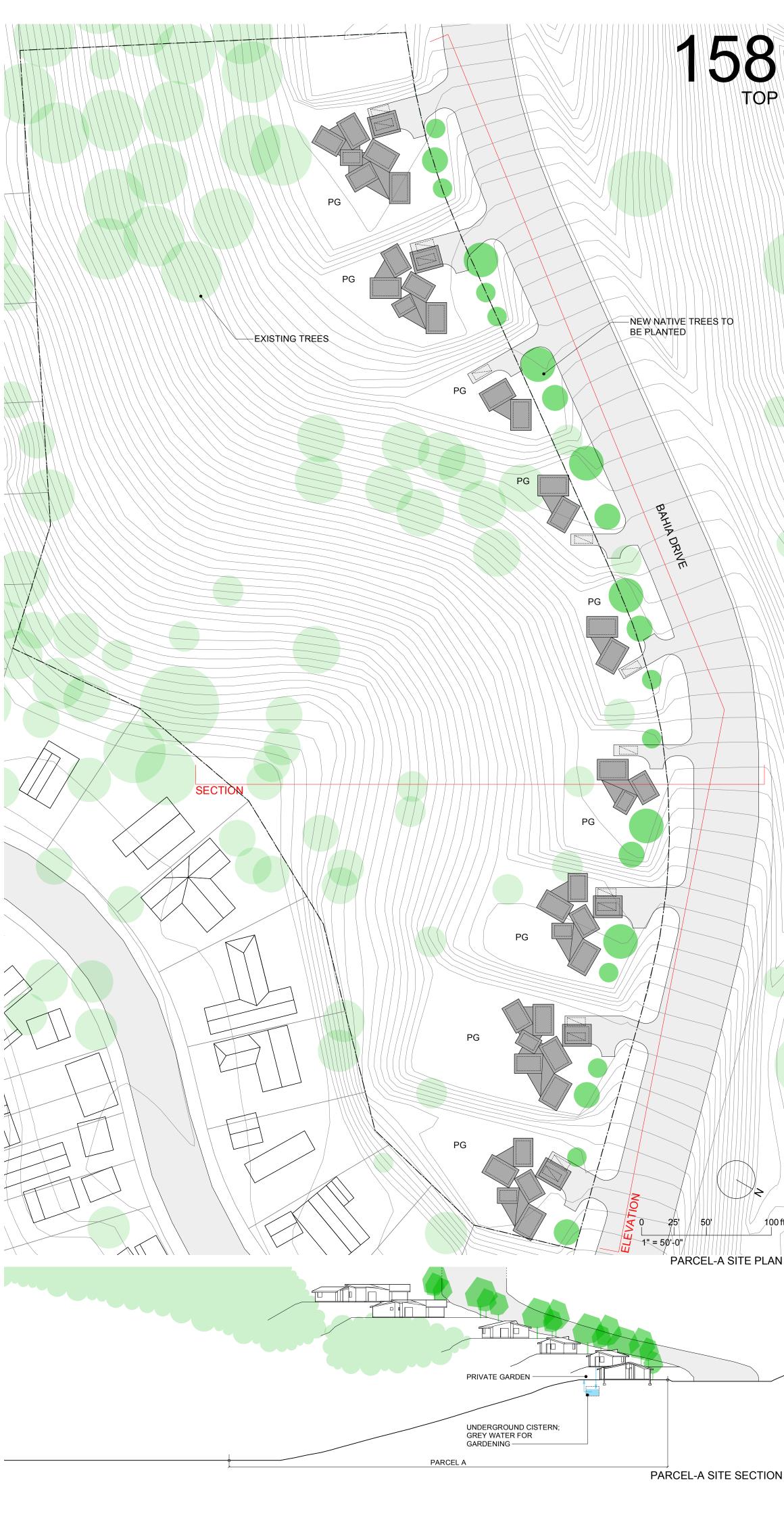
Since each house is a collection of boxes, it breaks down the house mass and increases house flexibility & adoptability for future functional or technological updates. If an inhabitant wants an addition, another preassemble box can easily be added without compromising the original architecture.

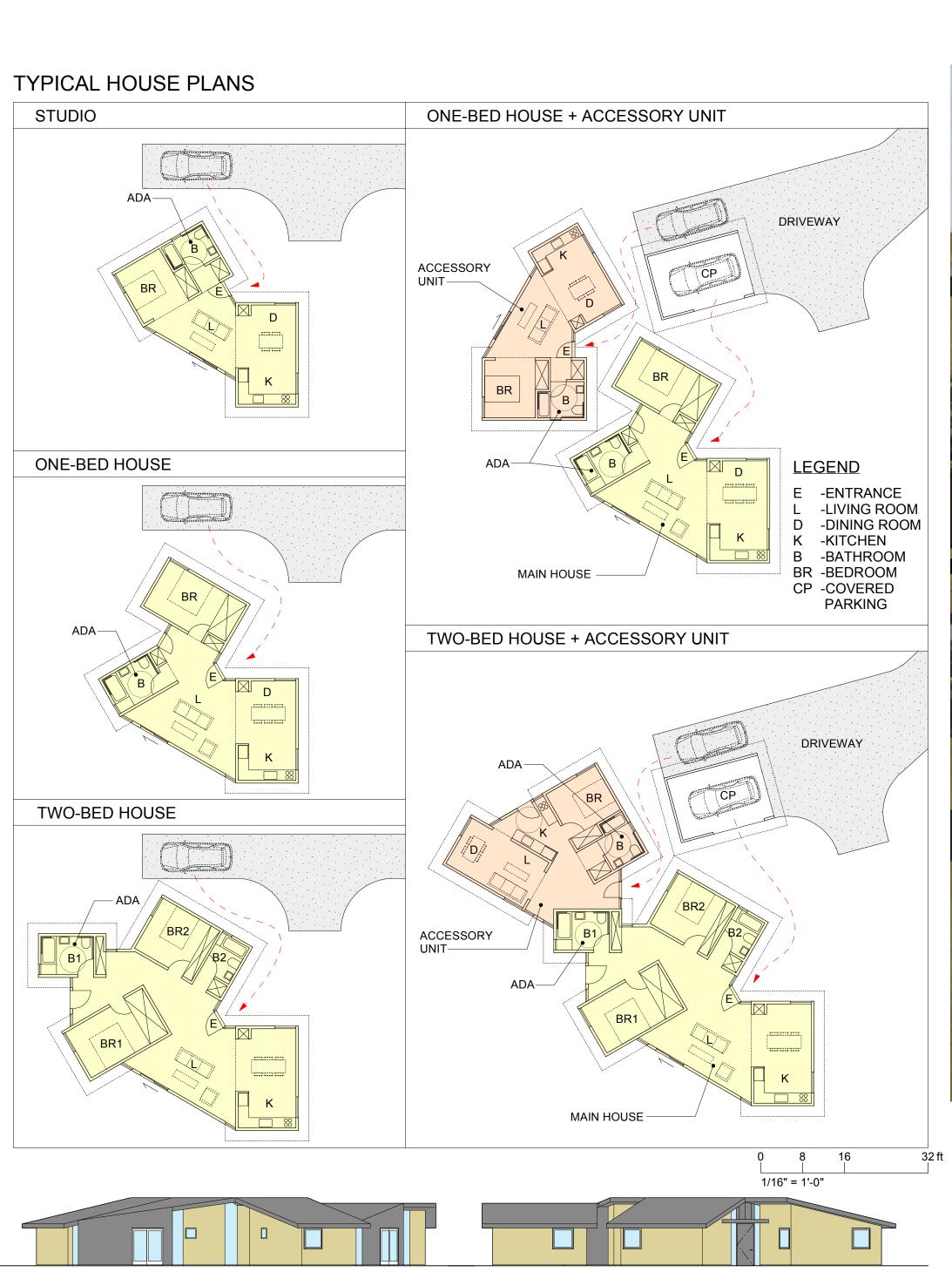
SITE PLAN LEGEND

TOPAZ DRIVE

PG -PRIVATE GARDEN



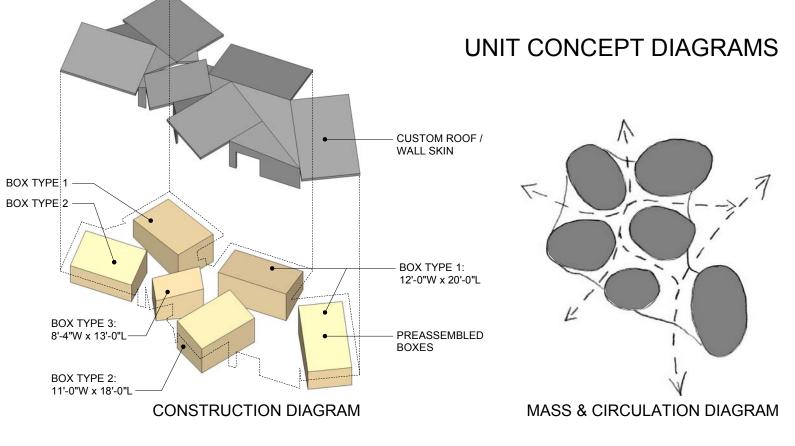


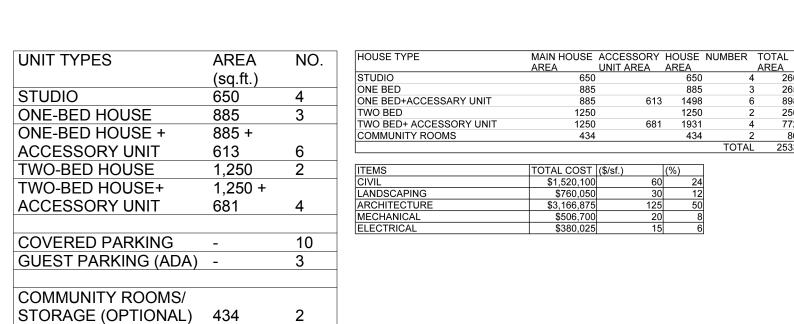






UNIT SUMMARY





CONCEPTUAL COST ESTIMATE



VIEW FROM HALLWAY LOOKING AT LIVING ROOM & KITCHEN

