

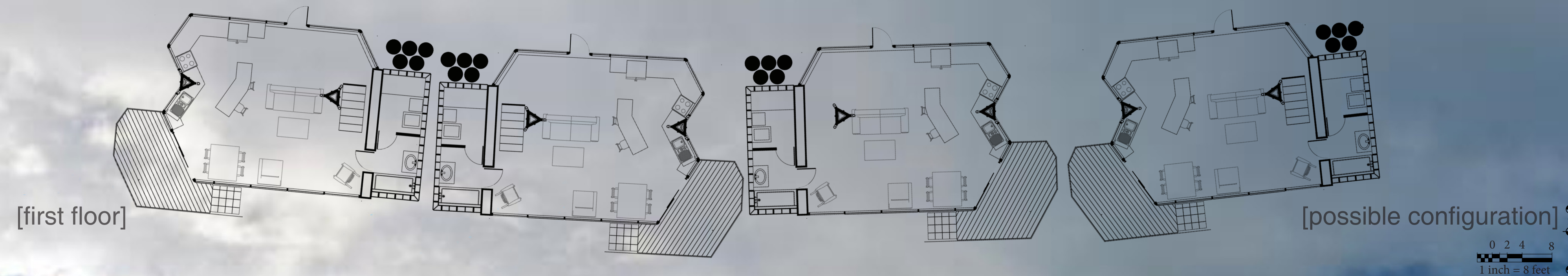
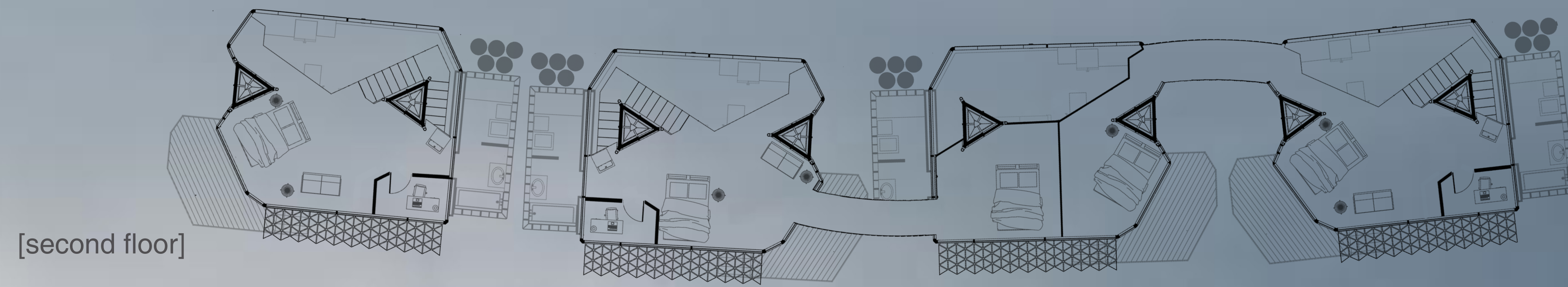
The Ephemeral Population

Temporary Housing for a Transient Workforce

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The oil boom in western North Dakota has played an important role in granting the state immunity from a nationwide economic recession. People from across the country have fled to North Dakota in search of work and a better way of life. It is a modern day gold rush, and there is money to be made in mass quantities. This does, however, come at a price.

The swelling rural communities are feeling the strain on their infrastructures. Sewage lagoons are filling, roads are becoming dilapidated, and available housing is almost non-existent.

This graduate thesis explores these problems with the goal of creating housing that both responds to the temporary nature of an oil boom and gives back to the community in the long run.

