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The Social Impact of Architecture
&
Recognition of the Other

THE ORIGINS OF AMERICA

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

We the People of the United States, in order to secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby declare...

IN CONGRESS,
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them; a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are suffered than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same arbitrary design, compels a people to alter their former Systems of Government, they have a right to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies, such has been the length of time they have borne endur'd, that now it is fit they should declare that they are united as one People, that they have dissolved all political connection with Great Britain, that they are free, independent States, absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all connections heretofore between them and Great Britain, ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free, Independent States, they have full power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, enter into Commercials, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.

In the name of the People of the United States, we do hereby certify that the foregoing Declaration was adopted by the Continental Congress, at Philadelphia, on the fourth day of September, 1776.





THE STAKES

Our ability to come together through genuine interaction



What is an Edge?

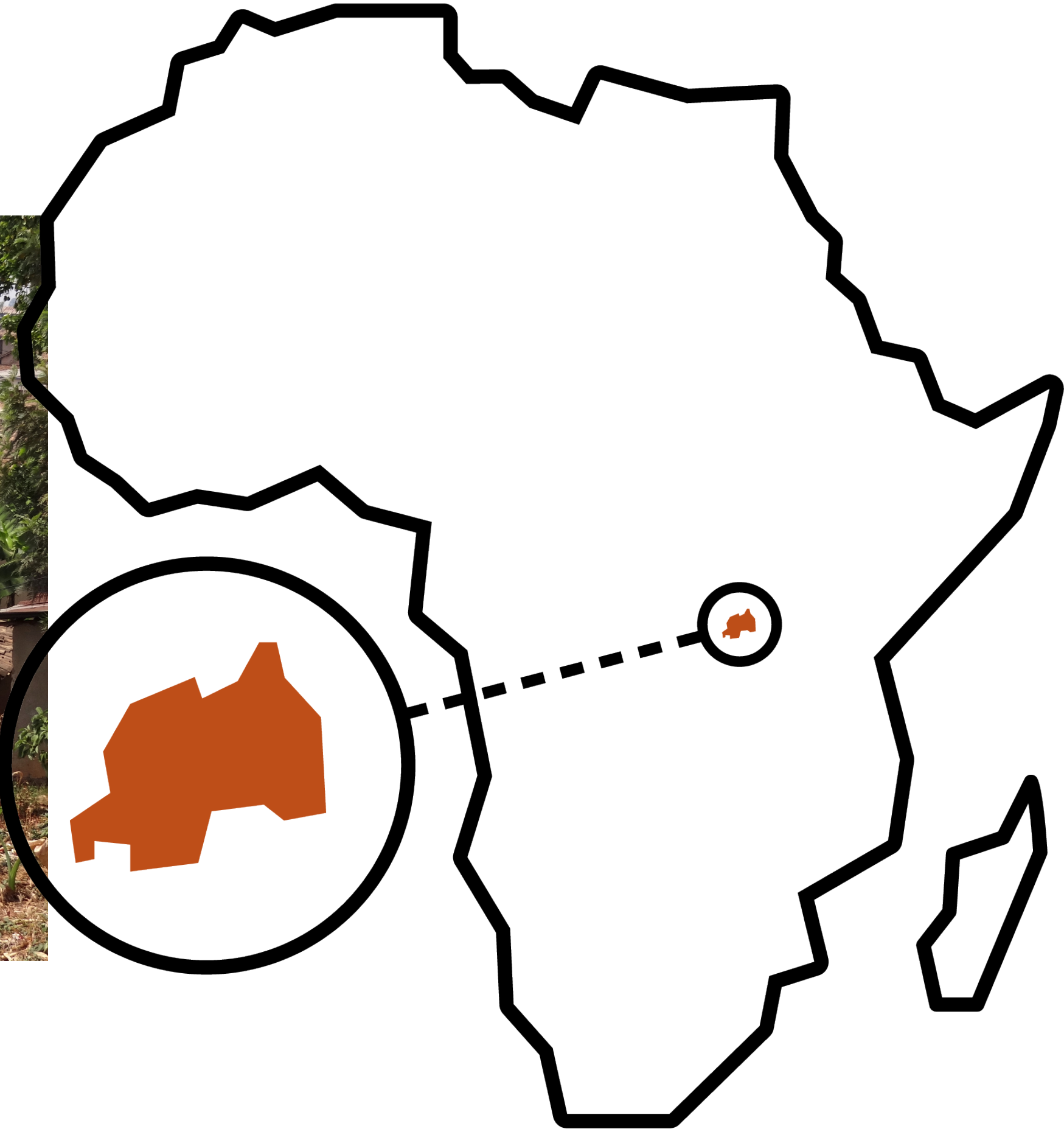


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Edges are the separation of one thing from another. They are obstructive barriers resistant to both motion and sight which must be maneuvered in order to get from one place to another.



GITARAMA



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THE WOLRD

Is a densely edged place

EDGE OF THE WORLD

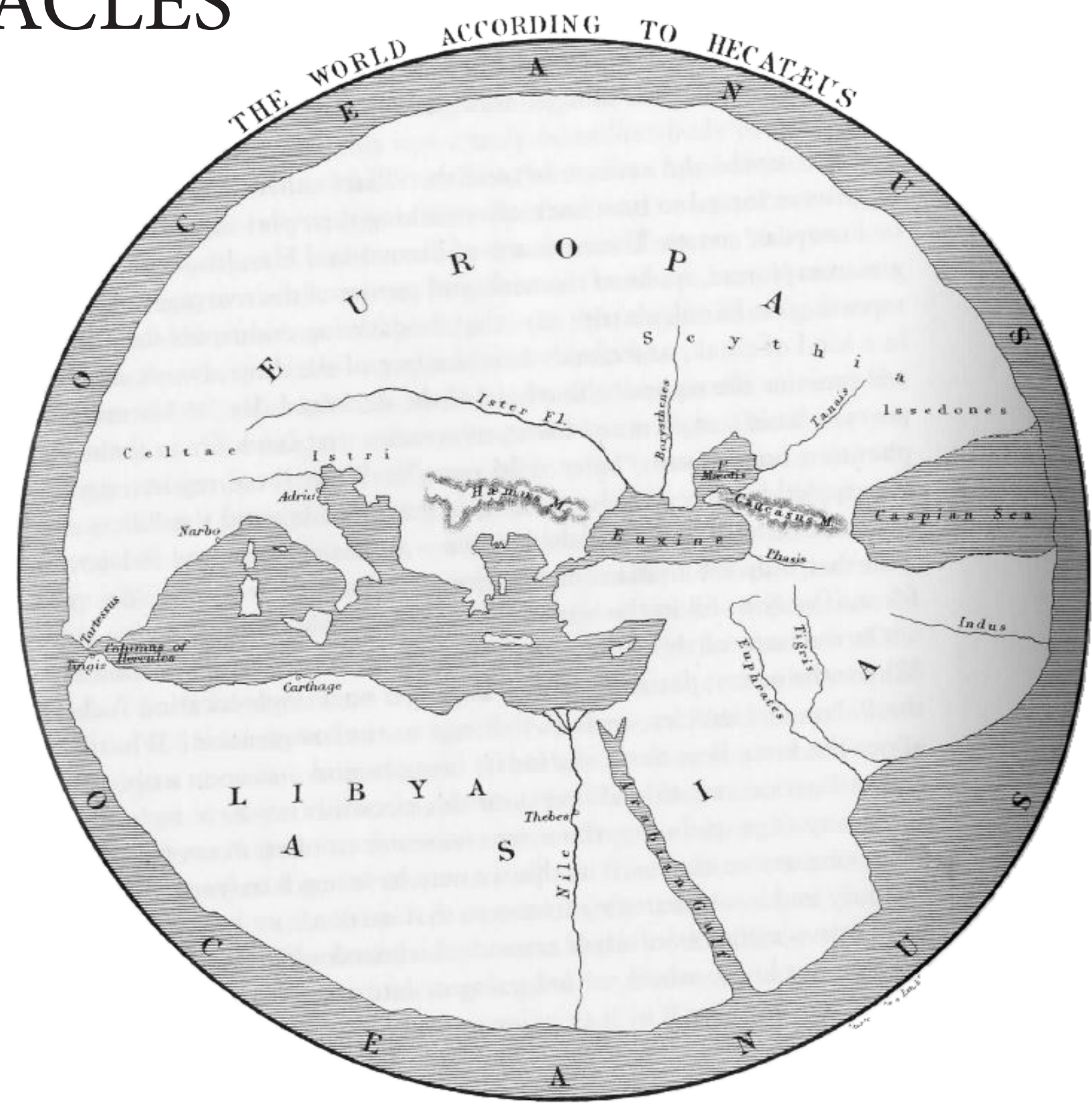
“We need not go all the way to the ocean to find unoccupied regions that call for filling-in by geographical imagination; such imagination has plenty to do right on land.”

Anaximander | Periodos Ges

EMBODIED REALITY



PILLAR OF HERACLES

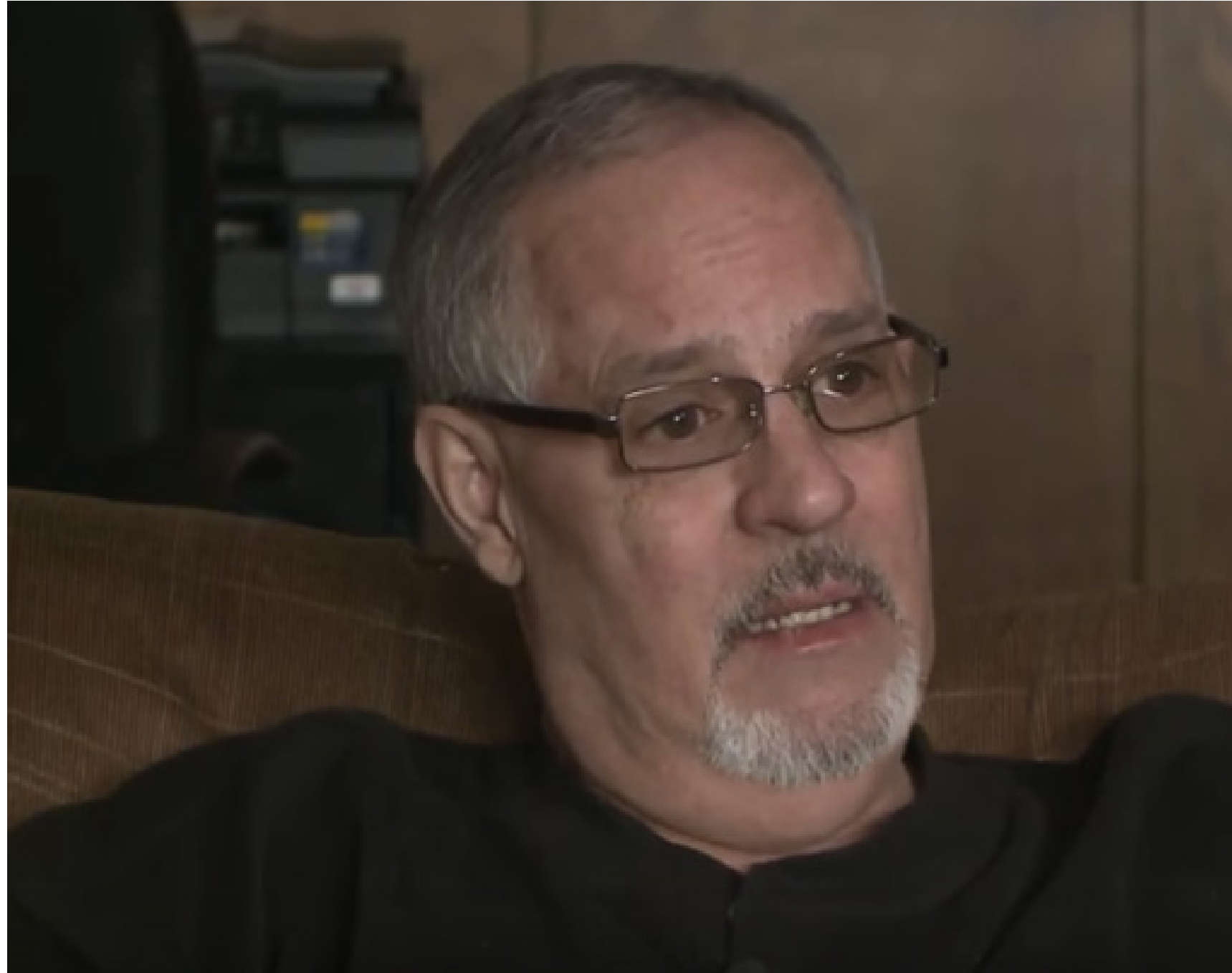


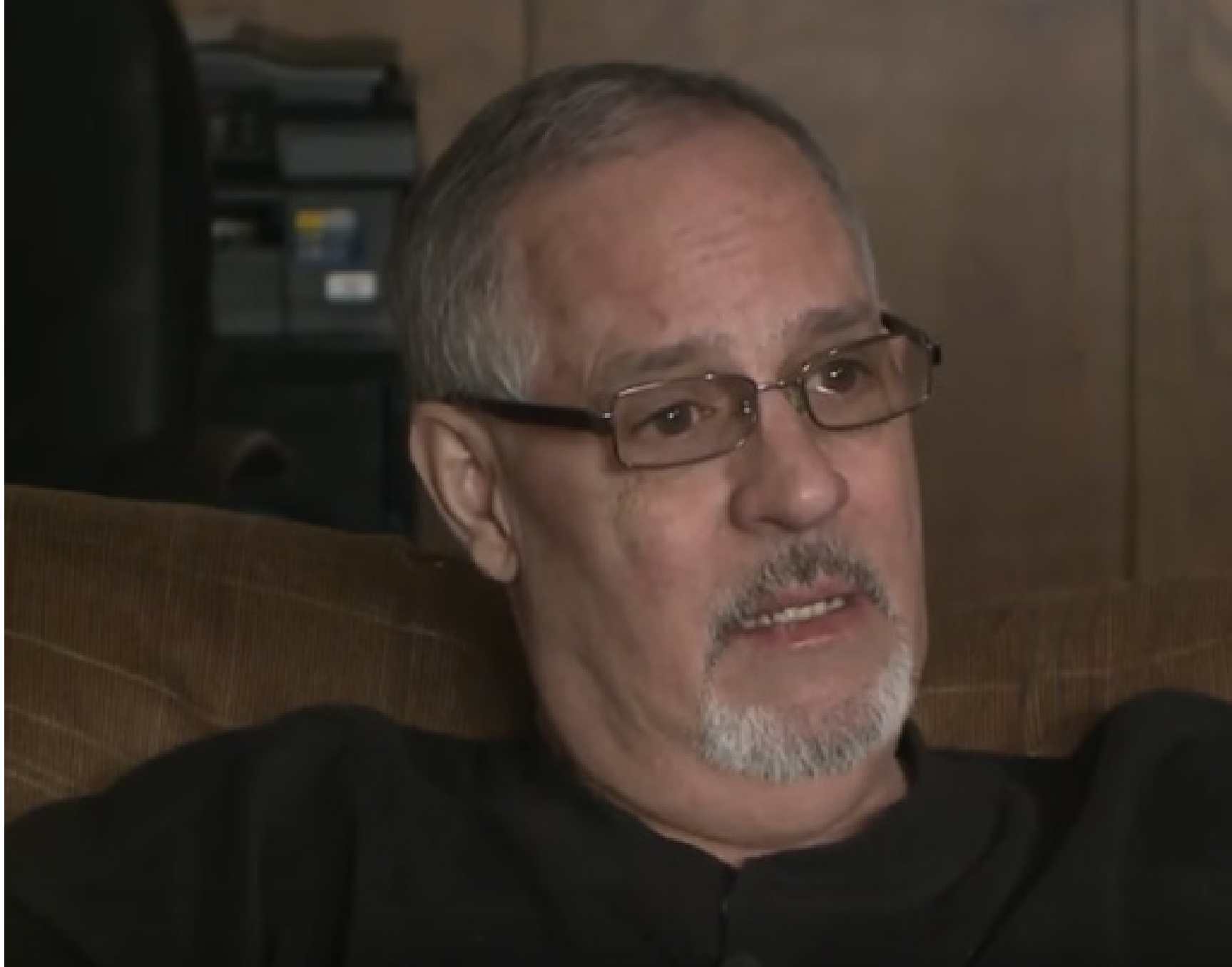






JOHN DUTCHER'S STORY









OUR SOCIETY TODAY

“we interact more with machines than with other human beings, and this results in narcissism, alienation, and the incapacity to grasp a sense of purpose”

Alberto Pérez-Gómez
The Space of Participation

ARTEFACT



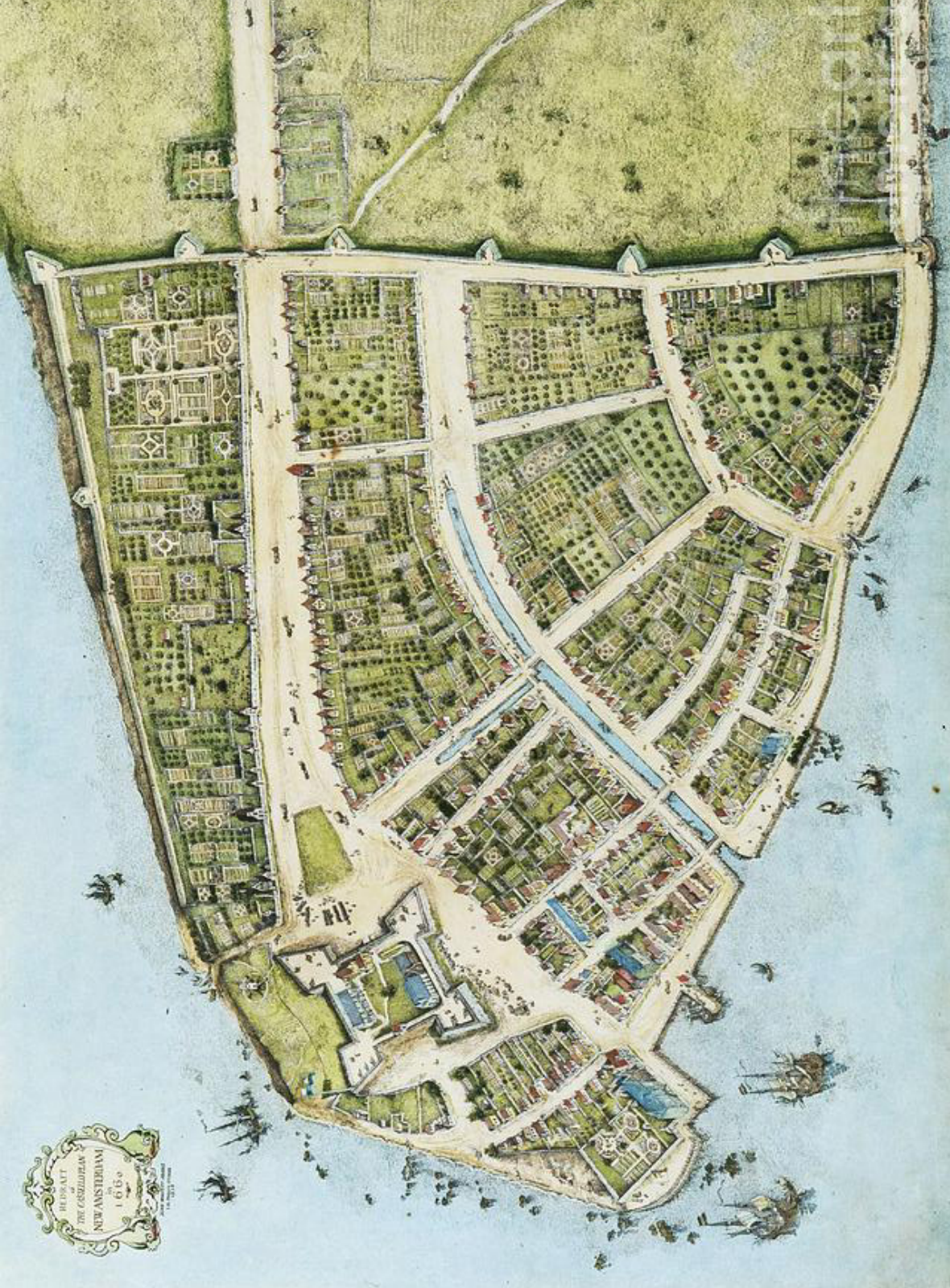
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NEW YORK CITY

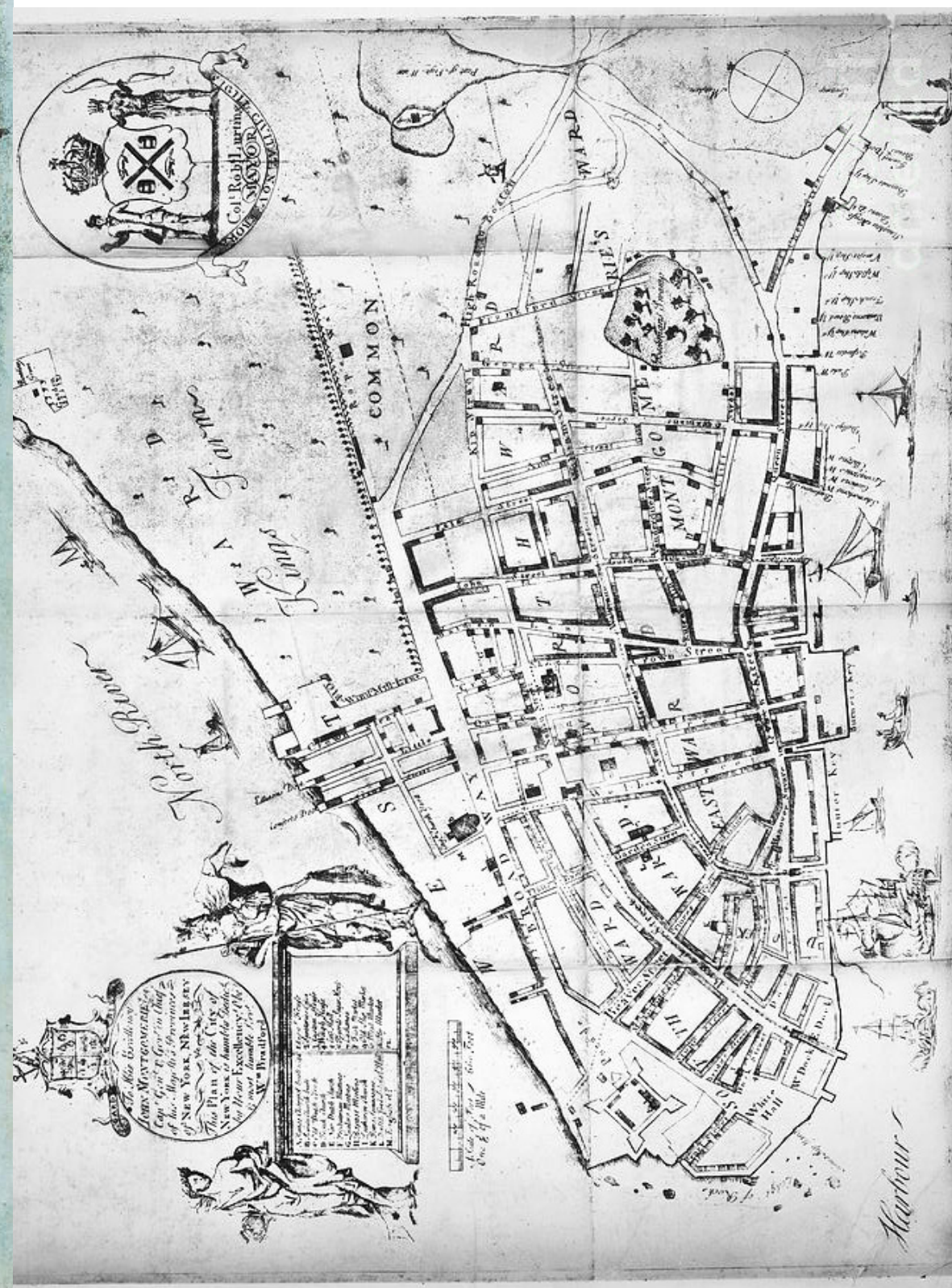


ELLIS ISLAND





Fort Amsterdam



Fort James

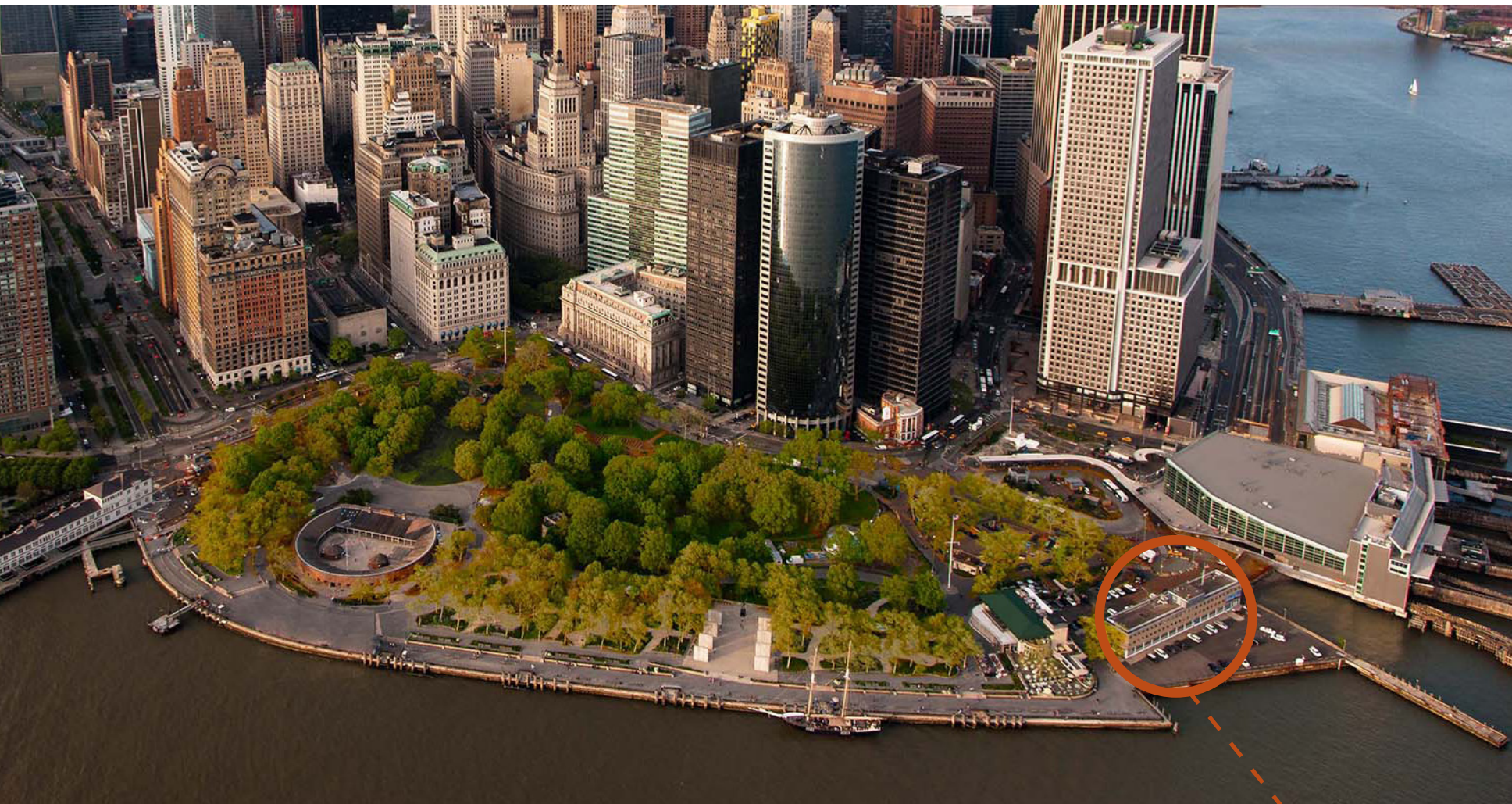


Fort Clinton

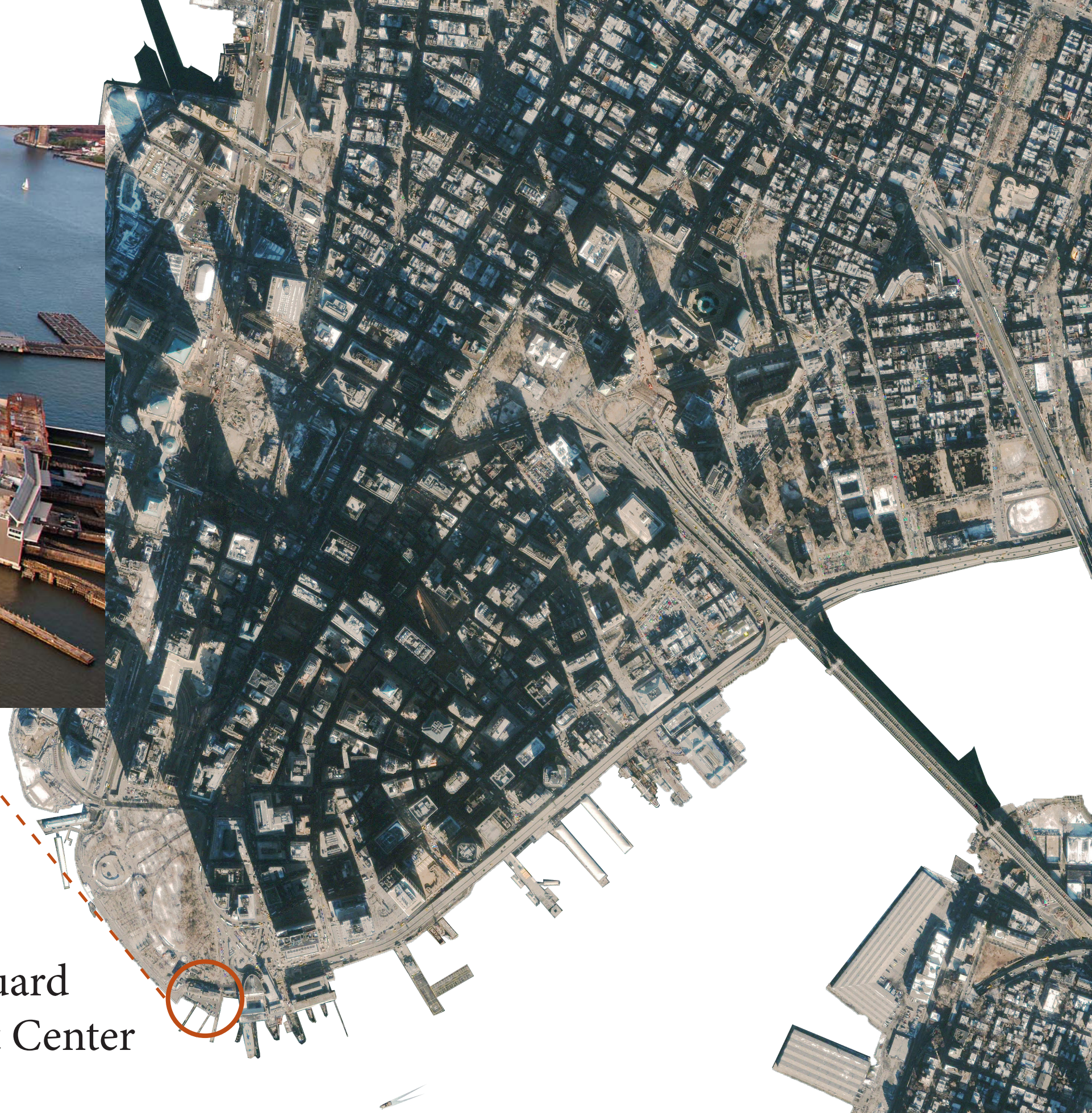
FORT CLINTON



BATTERY PARK



Coast Guard
Recruitment Center



PROGRAMMATIC ELEMENTS

Cultural Library

Learn about your culture & the culture of others

Celebration Space

Naturalization Ceremonies, Weddings, Concerts

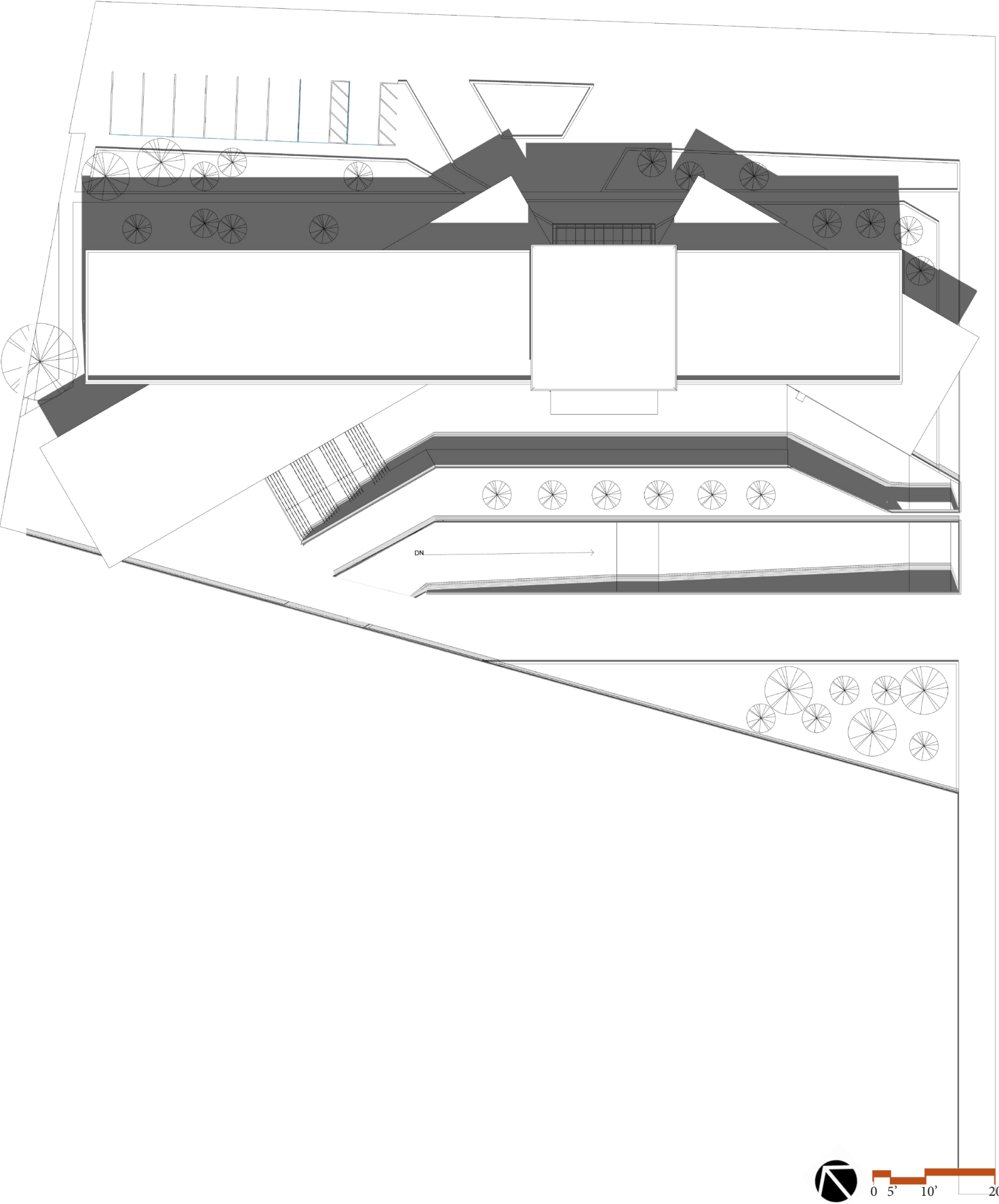
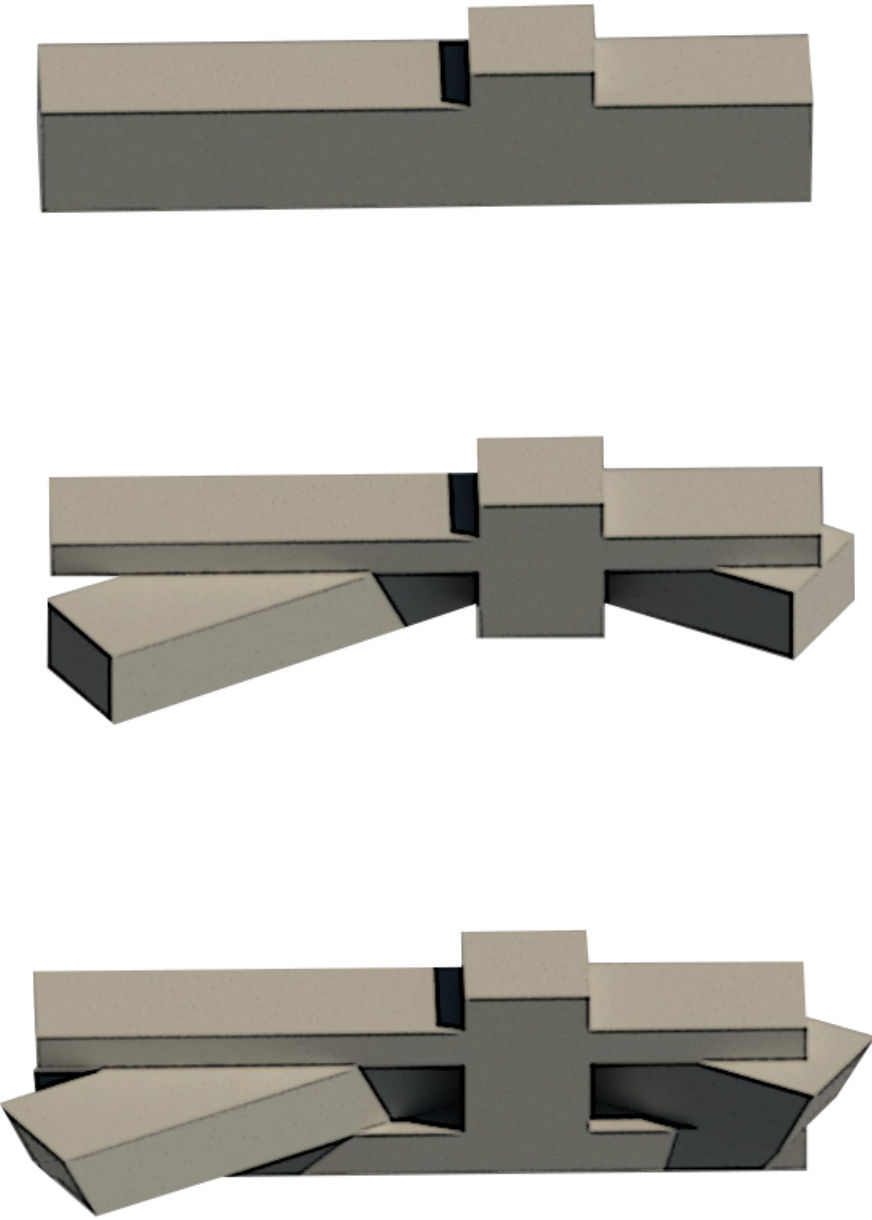
USCIS Offices

Facilitate the immigrant to citizen process

Courtroom

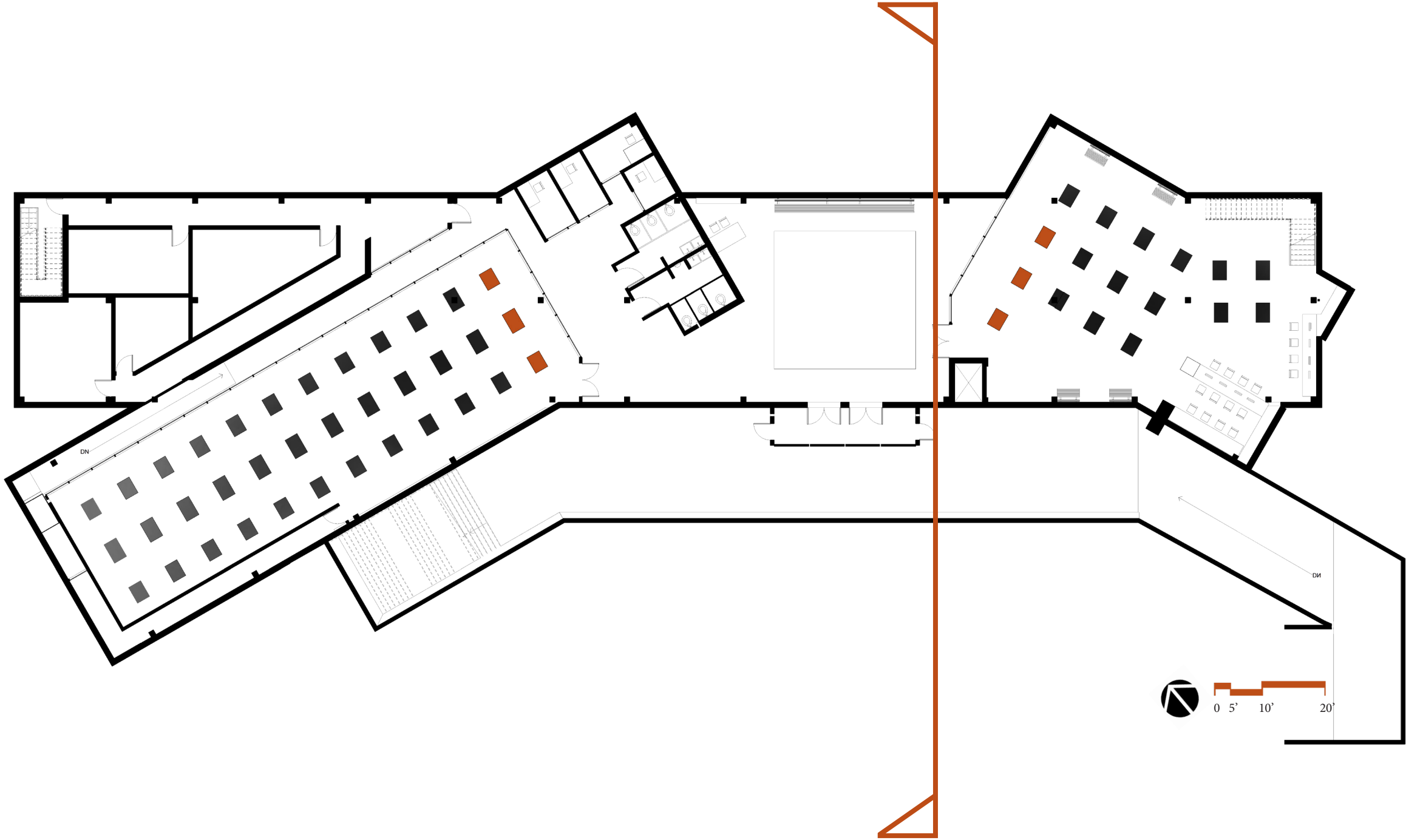
Open and close the gateway into America

SITE



ENTRY

Floor Plan 0



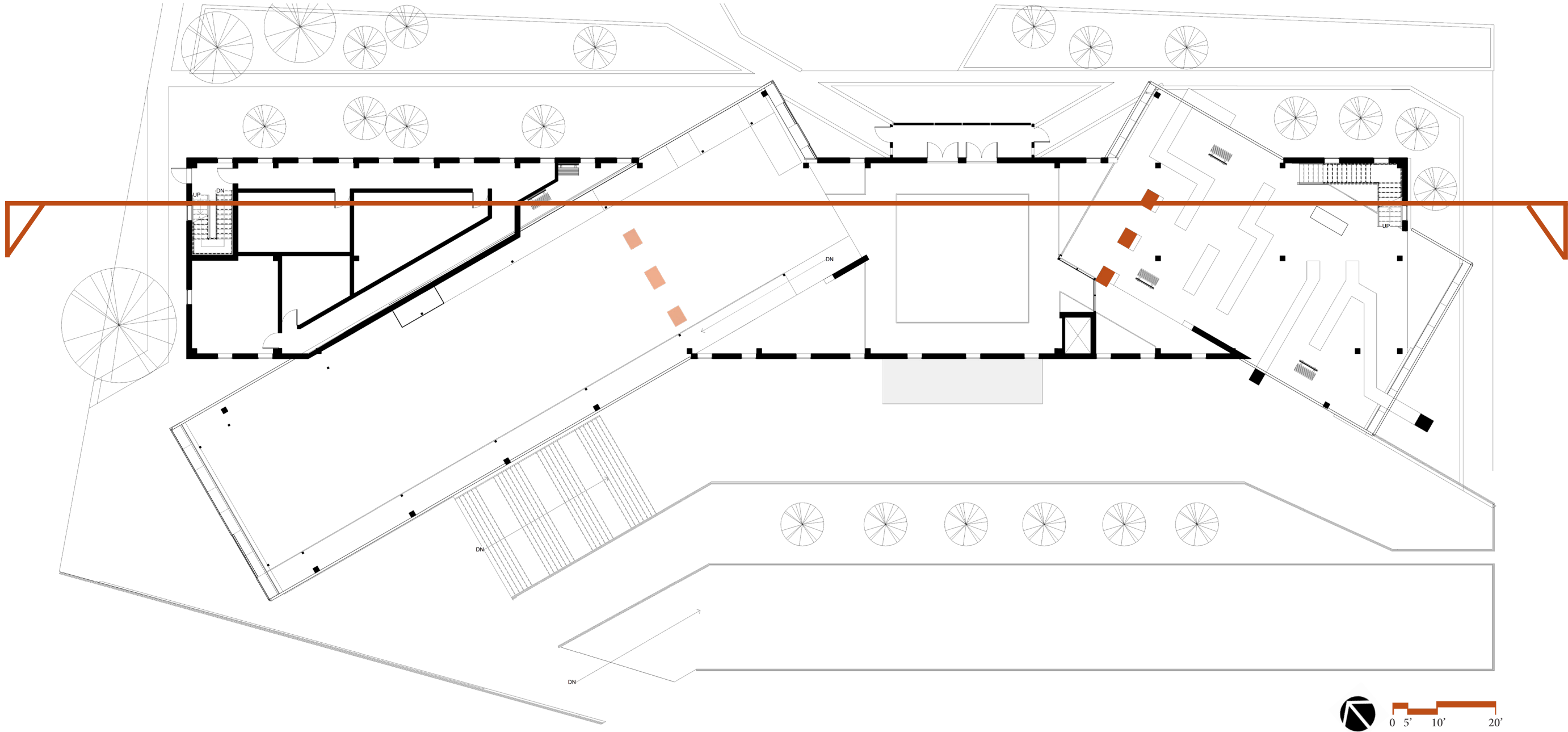
PRESSURE

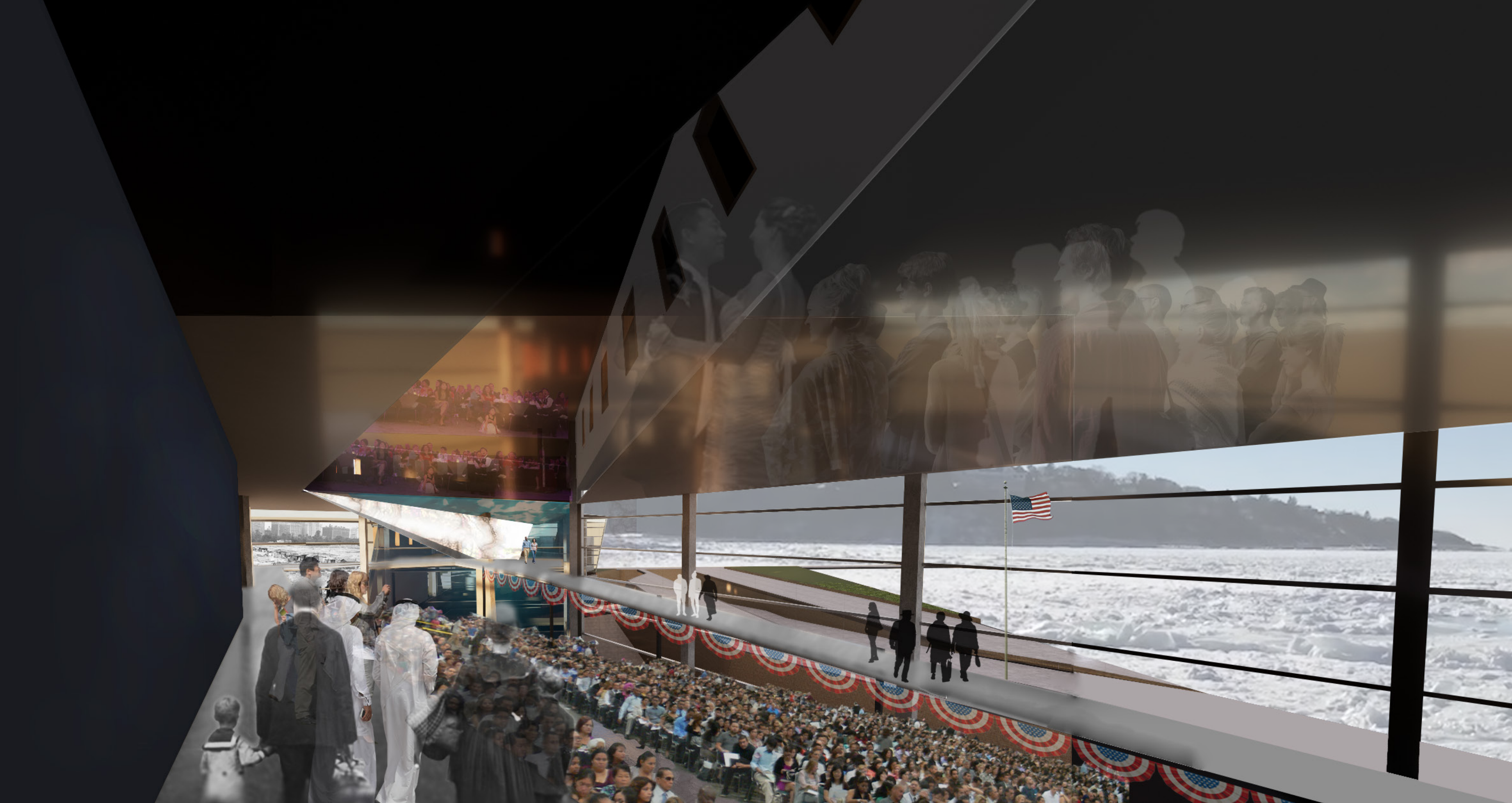




LIBRARY & CELEBRATION SPACE

Floor 1

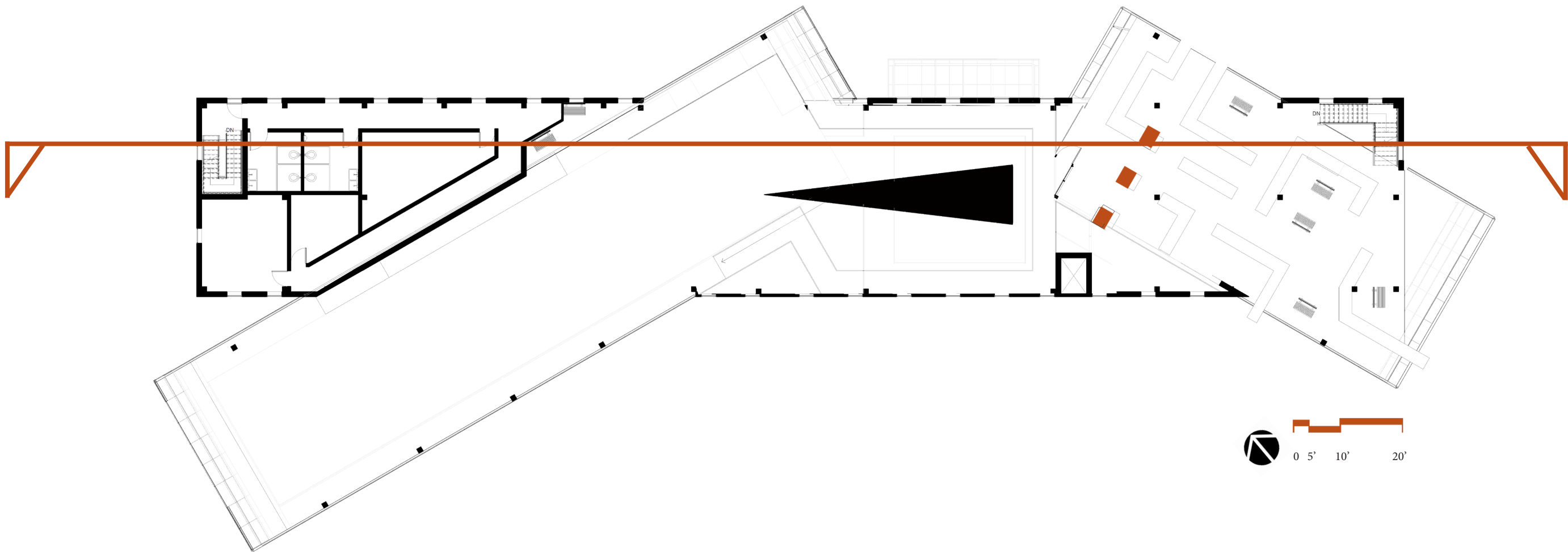






LIBRARY

Floor 2





GOVERNMENT FLOOR

Floor 3

