# DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT

## USING ARCHITECTURE AND MASTER PLANNING TO AID IN PERSONAL CONNECTION WITH NATURE

LOBBY AND GREAT HALL

THE WELLNESS RETREAT AT LITTLE PINE LAKE IS A PLACE TO DISCONNECT FROM PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO RECONNECT WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. THIS CAN BE DONE THROUGH PROGRAMMED SPACES AND AN EMPHASIS ON GETTING BACK TO OUR ROOTS IN NATURE. THE RETREAT CONSISTS OF OVER 50 ACRES OF WILDERNESS THAT IS UNTOUCHED WITH A MULTITUDE OF INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED BUILDINGS TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WONDERS OF THE WOODS. THROUGHOUT THE SITE YOU CAN FIND VARIOUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND SPACES TO RELAX AND TAKE IN THE NATURE AROUND YOU IN ALL OF ITS GLORY.

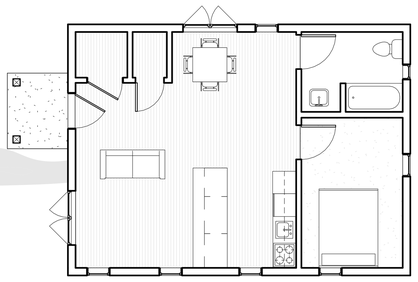
THE RETREAT PROVIDES A PLACE TO LEARN MANY DIFFERENT SKILLS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED LIFE SUCH AS THE FINER POINTS OF COOKING AND SPIRIT-FREE MIXOLOGY, VARIOUS RELAXATION TECHNIQUES AND ACTIVITIES AND WAYS TO STAY FIT AND HEALTHY IN YOUR DAILY LIFE. MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE WATERS EDGE TO BE CALMED BY THE RHYTHMIC SOUND OF WAVES CRASHING ON THE SHORELINE AND THE GULLS SQUAWKING ABOVE. ON YOUR WAY THERE HIKE THE TRAILS AND LISTEN TO THE SQUIRRELS CHATTERING AND THE TREES CREAKING IN THE WIND. AFTER YOU EXPERIENCE ALL OF THIS YOU WILL WANT TO INCORPORATE THESE ACTIVITIES INTO YOUR DAILY LIFE.

GUESTS OF THE RETREAT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE WHAT TYPE OF LODGING THEY WOULD LIKE. THE SITE HAS THREE DIFFERENT STYLES OF LODGING AND THOSE THREE STYLES PROVIDE DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES FOR THE USER. CAMPSITES PROVIDE THE STRONGEST CONNECTION TO NATURE. ONE, TWO AND THREE BEDROOM CABINS PROVIDE THE NEXT CLOSEST CONNECTION TO NATURE AND LASTLY THE MOTEL STYLE HOUSING PROVIDES A FAMILIAR STYLE OF HOUSING FOR MOST OF THE GUESTS. THE CABIN AESTHETIC TAKES INSPIRATION FROM NORWEGIAN DESIGN AND BRINGS IT TO THE WOODS OF MINNESOTA.

## GUEST LODGING

0' 4' 8' 16'

### ONE BEDROOM CABIN



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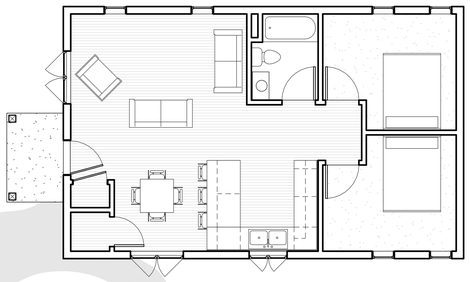

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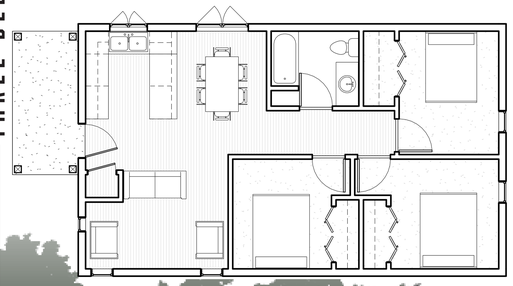

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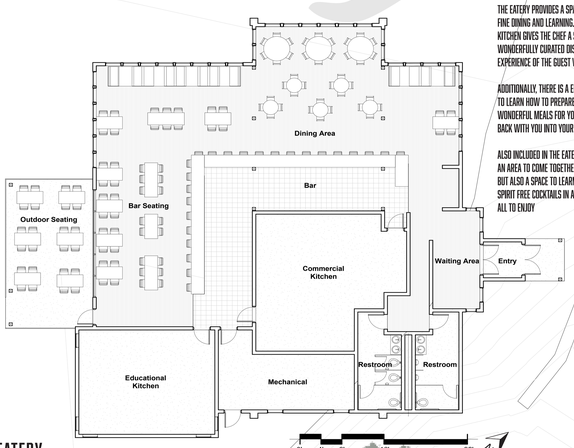
THE EATERY FEATURES LARGE TIMBERS TO BRING THE FEELING OF NATURE INDOORS. ALSO INCLUDED IS A COVERED PATIO WITH DEPLOYABLE BUG SCREENS TO REALLY IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WONDER OF THE WILD WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE AMENITIES OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT. THE IMAGE ABOVE SHOWS THE ENTRY PATH FROM THE RESIDENCES INTO THE BAR AREA OF THE EATERY. THE IMAGE TO THE LEFT HIGHLIGHTS THE VIEWS THE PATRONS HAVE OF THE NATURE THEY ARE SURROUNDED BY WHILE DINING HERE.

THE EATERY PROVIDES A SPACE FOR BOTH FINE DINING AND LEARNING. THE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN GIVES THE CHEF A SPACE TO CREATE WONDERFULLY CURATED DISHES TO ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE GUEST WHILE AT THE RETREAT.

ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS A EDUCATIONAL KITCHEN TO LEARN HOW TO PREPARE SOME OF THESE WONDERFUL MEALS FOR YOURSELF TO BRING BACK WITH YOU INTO YOUR NORMAL LIVES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE EATERY IS THE BAR. THIS IS AN AREA TO COME TOGETHER AND SHARE A DRINK BUT ALSO A SPACE TO LEARN HOW TO CRAFT SPIRIT FREE COCKTAILS IN A MIXOLOGY CLASS FOR ALL TO ENJOY

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8. BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURT
9. RESTROOMS
10. ROW HOUSING
11. CAMP SITES

SITE PLAN

LITTLE PINE LAKE
46°38'01.0" N
95°32'05.8" W
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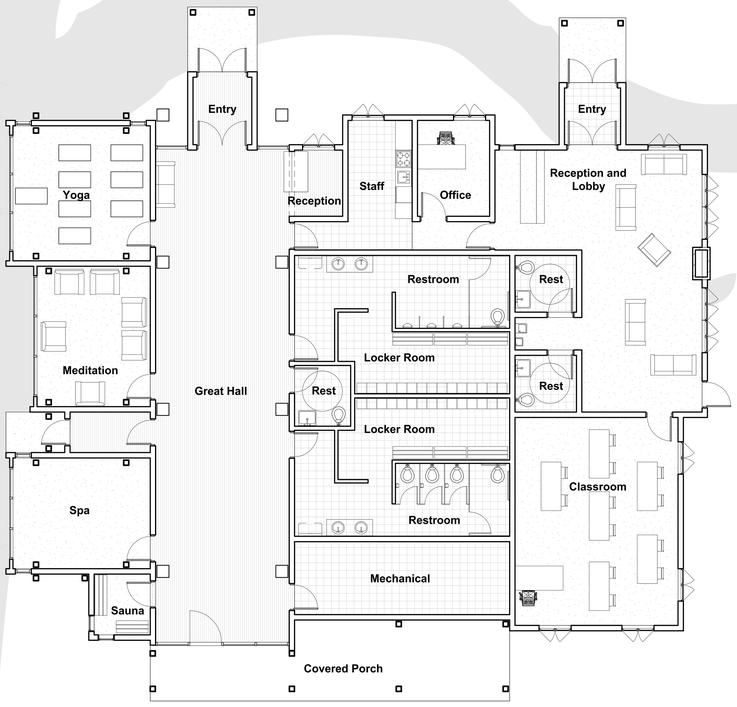
THE LOBBY PROVIDES A RECEPTION PLACE FOR INCOMING GUESTS TO THE RETREAT AS WELL AS A COMMUNITY CLASSROOM AND MEETING SPACE. THIS SPACE IS INTENDED FOR USE BY GROUPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, 4H GROUP AND ANYBODY ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING IN A DIFFERENT SETTING THAN TYPICAL. BECAUSE THIS IS A COMMUNITY SPACE THERE IS A CONTROL ACCESS POINT BETWEEN THE LOBBY AND THE REST OF THE BUILDING MAKING THE RETREAT FUNCTIONS SAFE AND SECURE DURING NON TYPICAL BUSINESS HOURS.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING IS THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE RETREAT HOUSED ADJACENT TO THE GREAT HALL. THE GREAT HALL SERVES AS A CIRCULATION SPACE AS WELL AS GATHERING AND COMMUNITY AREA FOR THE GUESTS AND STAFF TO MINGLE. LOCATED OFF OF THE GREAT HALL ARE ALL OF THE MAIN FUNCTIONS, YOGA, MEDITATION, SPA, SAUNA AND THE SUPPORT SPACES OF LOCKERS AND RESTROOMS. THE GREAT HALL COULD BE EXPANDED AT THE END OF THE ROOM TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE DESIRED AMENITIES.

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