

Fallen Journalists Memorial

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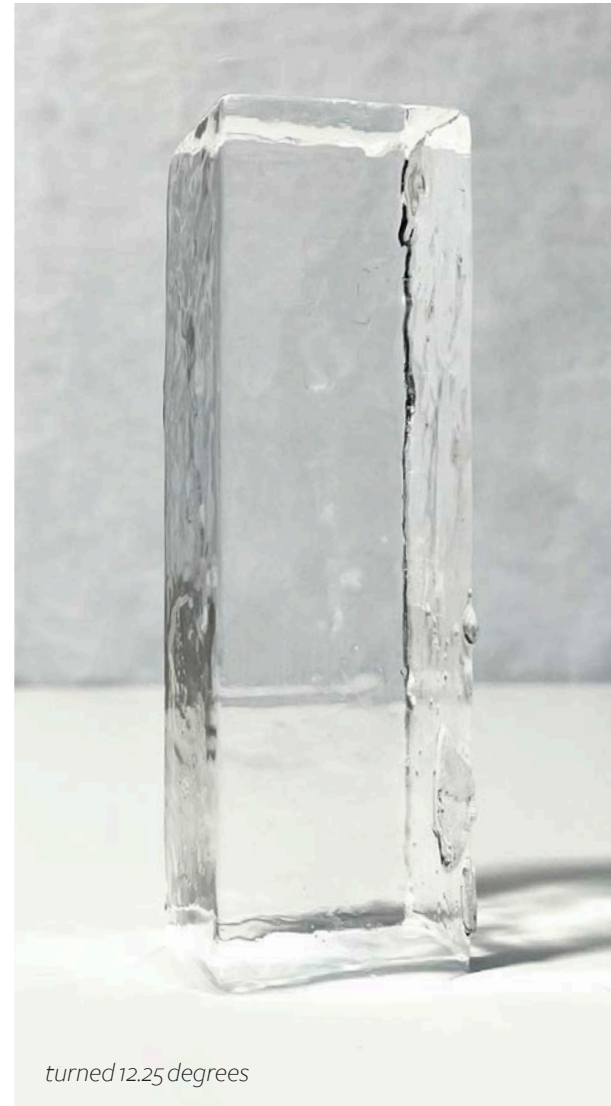
Sustainability



An investigative journalist sheds light on issues obscured in darkness. They clarify factual distortions and explain what is difficult to comprehend, making what is opaque become clear. Similarly, the memorial should engage with themes of transparency, opacity, distortion, clarity and light.



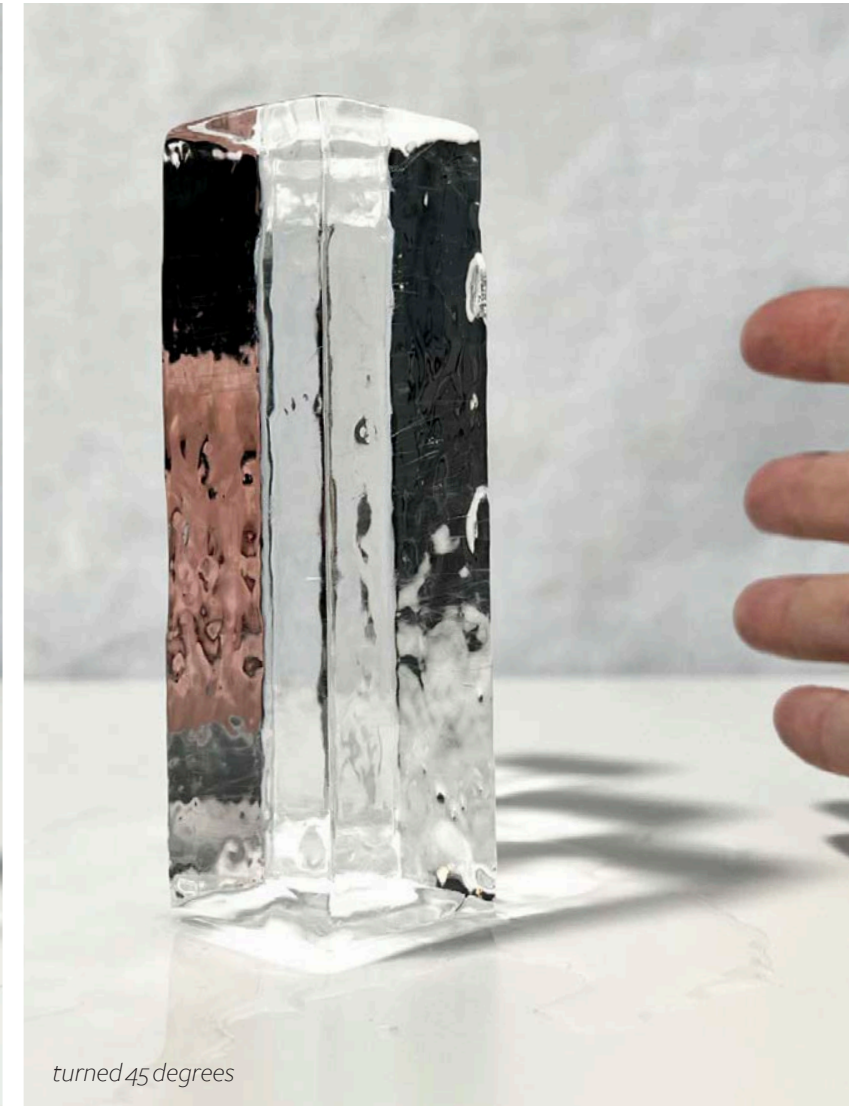
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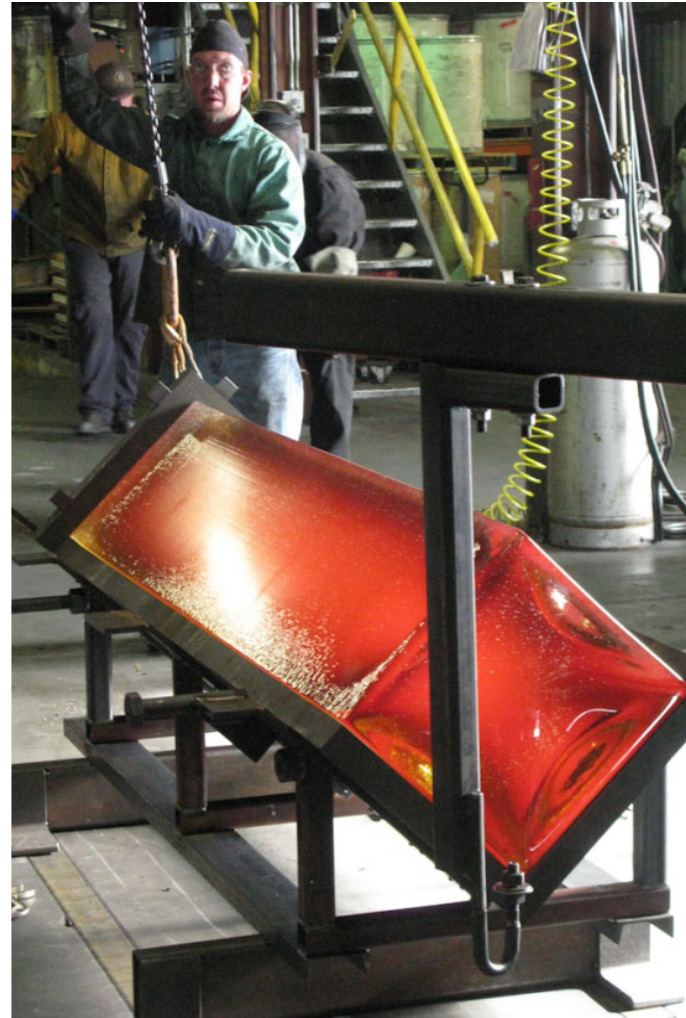
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To explore these themes, we began by studying ice, which can be transparent, distorted, or opaque, depending on the viewer's perspective.

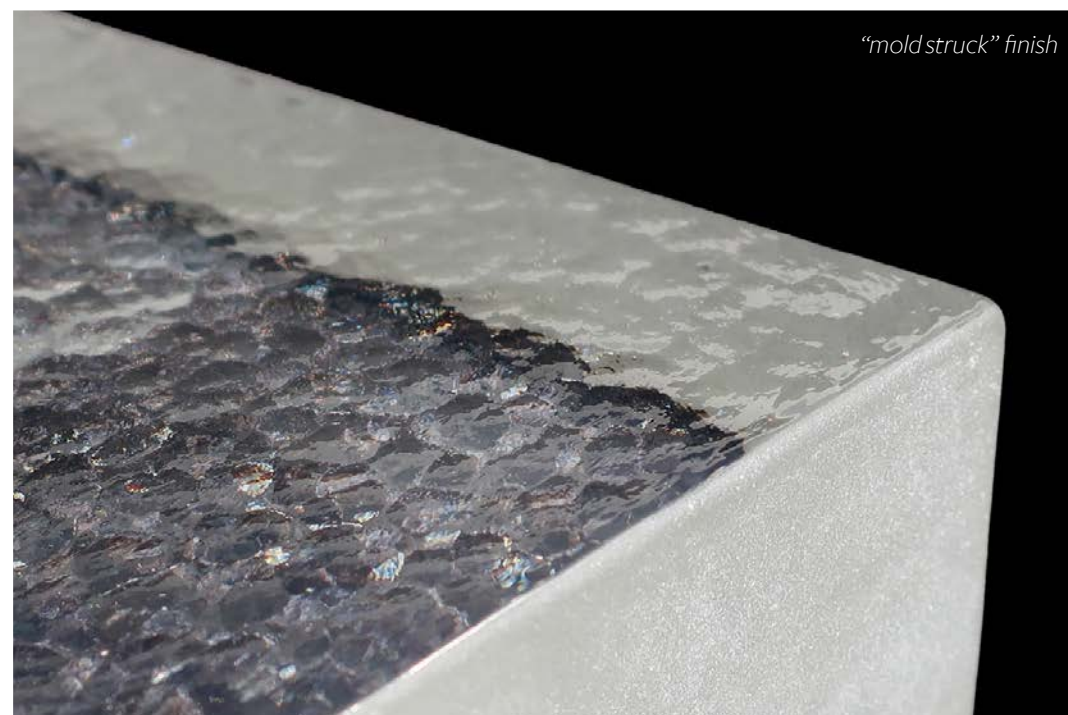
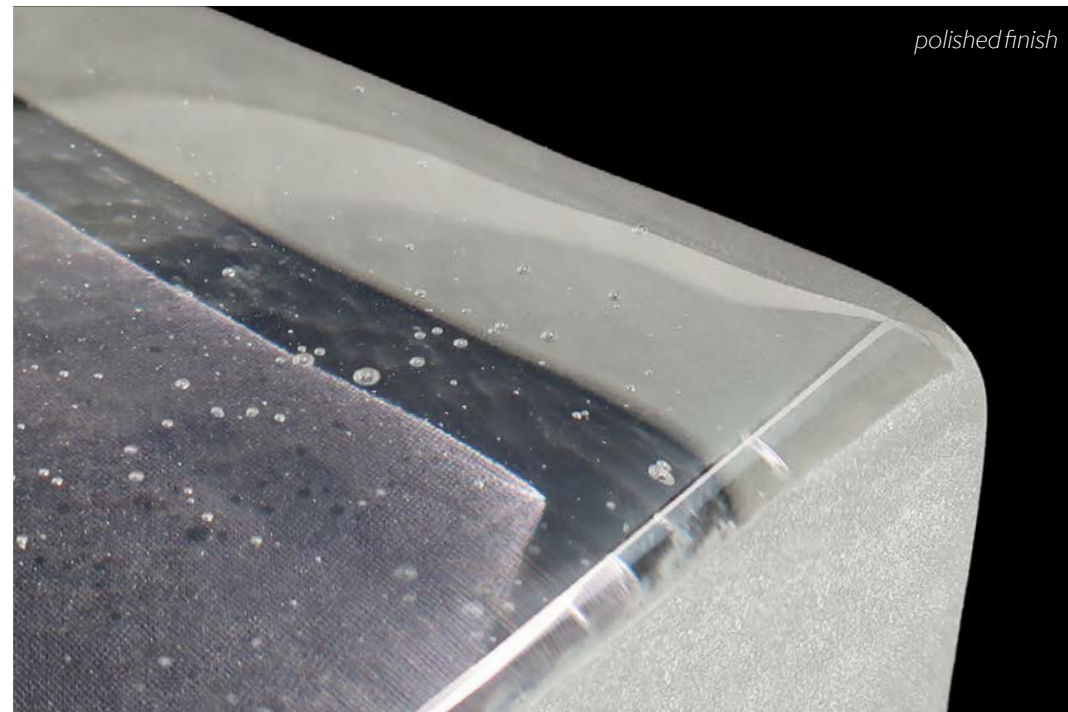


Stacking the ice elements, we noticed how reality can be distorted by the positioning of the stacked ice elements.

Borosilicate glass is a type of glass containing boron trioxide which allows for a very low coefficient of thermal expansion. It is thermal shock resistant and will not crack under extreme temperature changes like regular soda-lime glass. (Pyrex is a form of borosilicate glass)



The memorial will need to **be unique** and **unconventional** to stand out amidst a crowded field. Solid elements of cast glass is the proposed material and main protagonist of our story. Each glass element will be unique and slightly different, to represent the unique personal story of each journalist remembered here.



will the glass become hot to the touch?

glass does not reflect heat, but instead heat passes through glass, with only small amounts absorbed. this is why thermometers still use glass, and why the heat from the sun passes through a window and can be felt on the inside of a house (it should be noted that the bench-height glass elements in our scheme are located under shade trees for added human comfort).

will the glass break?

high grade borosilicate glass is the strongest glass made and is resistant to thermal shock.

how long does glass last?

essentially, the decomposition rate of glass is none. there are no microorganisms on planet earth able to break down glass materials, and since it takes thousands of years, there is not a single glass bottle on the planet that has even come close to decomposing. it is speculated that it takes over 4000 years for glass to break up and decompose.

how will the glass elements be connected?

stacked glass elements will be installed with a silicone pad between them to cushion and adhere them together.

is glass easy to maintain?

yes. periodic cleanings (every 4-6 weeks) using ordinary water from the municipal supply will supplement the natural cleaning provided by rain water. glass elements are scratch resistant, they change little over time and will not rust or fade. in addition, graffiti can be removed easily from glass without special tools or chemicals that might stain or change the appearance of other materials.

What is the difference between soda-lime and borosilicate glass?

Soda-Lime glass is the most common type of glass due to its workability and affordability (over 90% of glass used in commercial applications is soda-lime glass). It consists of roughly 60-70% silica, 13% sodium dioxide (soda), and 9% calcium oxide (lime), along with other trace elements.^{[1][2][5]}

Borosilicate glass is a specialty glass invented in the 1880's by Otto Schott, designed to withstand extreme thermal, chemical, and mechanical conditions.^[3] It contains roughly 80% silica and 13% boron oxide.^{[2][4][5]} The high concentration of both silica and boron oxide gives the borosilicate glass a number of benefits over traditional soda-lime glass, including:

- **Toughness and Scratch Resistance**

borosilicate glass has significantly increased durability and surface hardness compared to soda-lime.^[3]

- **Thermal Expansion and Shock Resistance**

borosilicate glass has less than half the thermal expansion and contraction rate of soda-lime glass, making it highly resistant to cracks and breakage as a result of thermal shock.^{[2][3]}

- **Chemical Stability**

borosilicate glass is very chemically stable, meaning it will resist attack by corrosive agents.^{[2][3]}

- **Optical Clarity**

borosilicate is used in optical applications due to its clarity and high light transmittance. (in comparison, soda-lime glass is less clear and often has a blue-green tint due to its high iron content.)^[3]



Borosilicate glass is used in many different applications where high performance is required, including laboratory glassware, cookware and kitchen equipment, optics, medical devices, and electronic components.



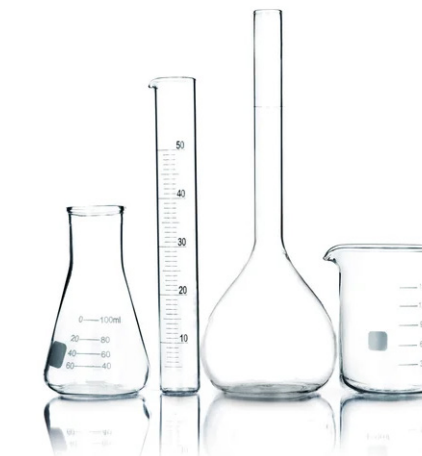
telescope mirror blank



vacuum tube housing



kitchen cookware



laboratory glassware

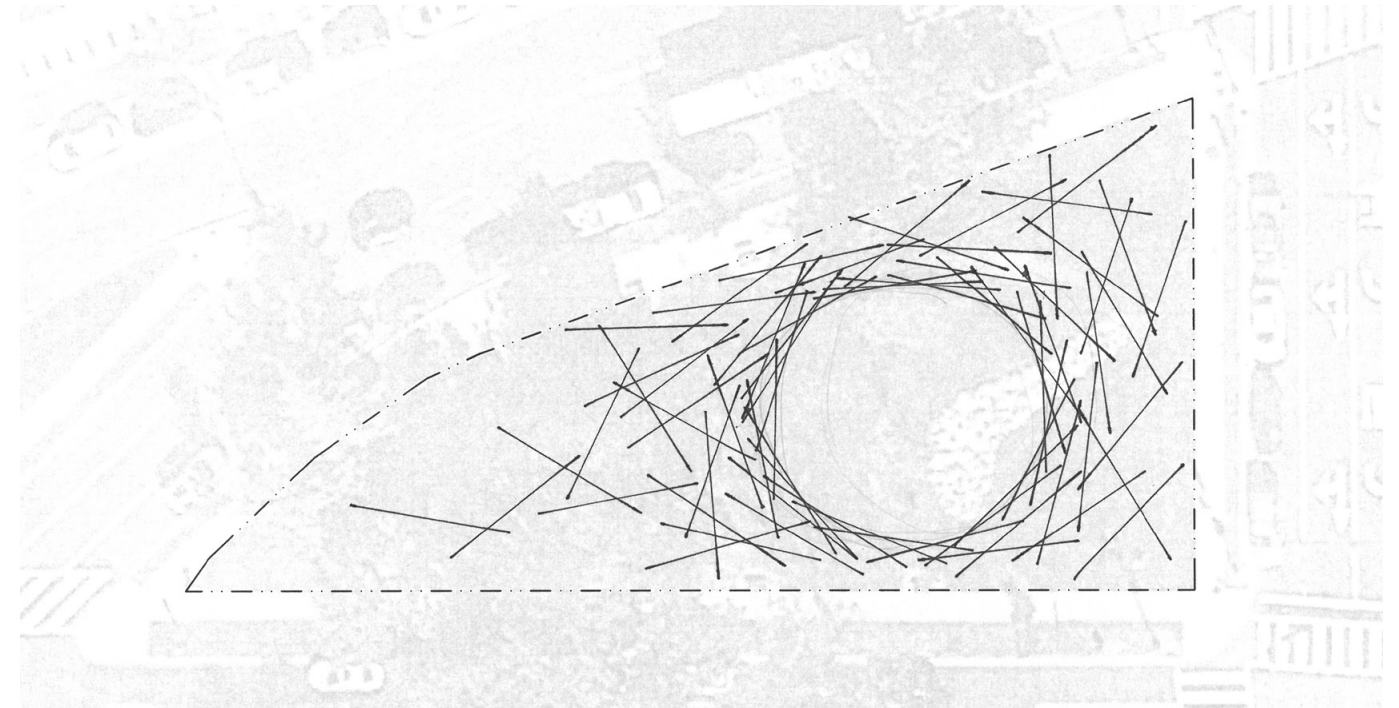
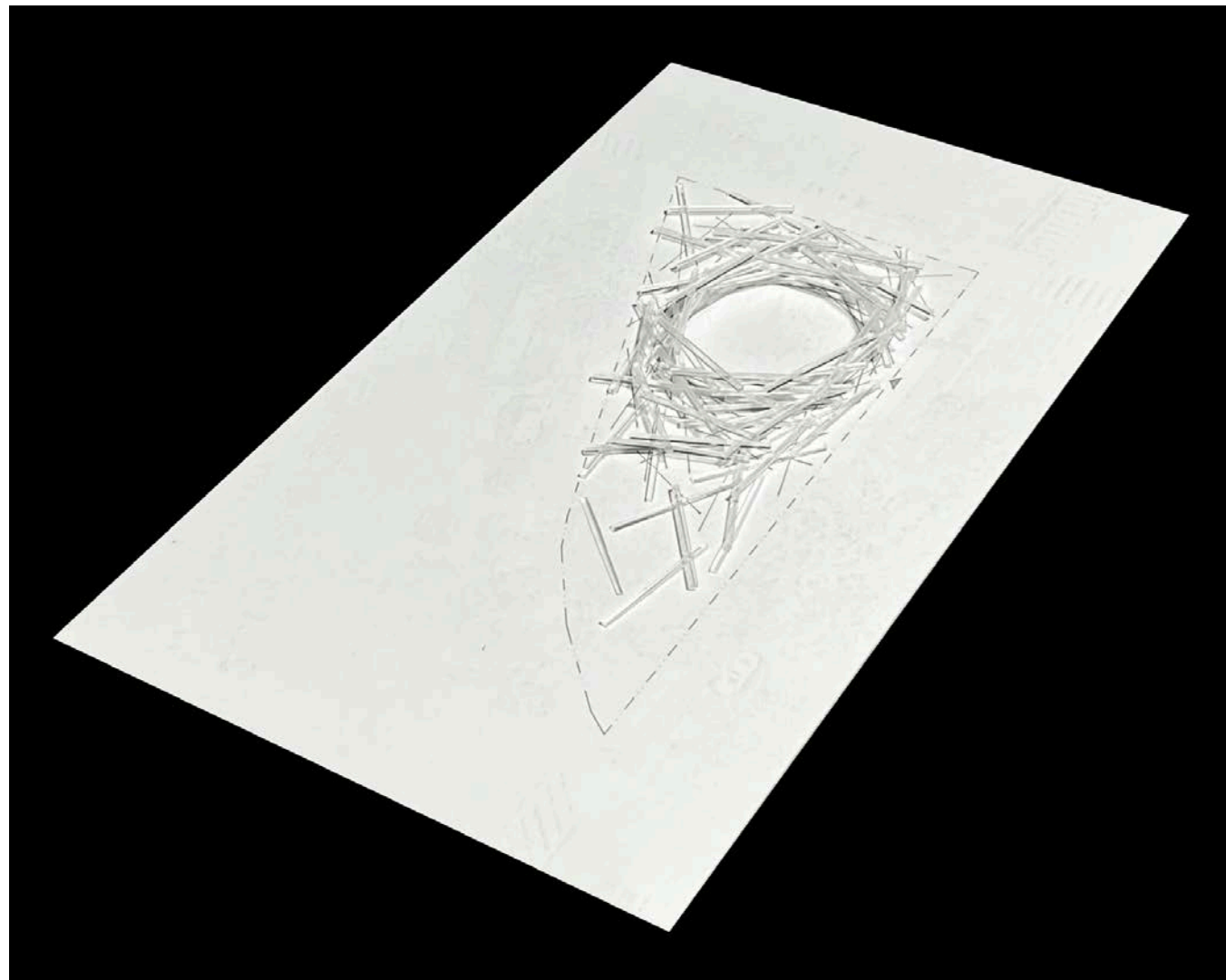


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		definition	borosilicate glass	granite	marble	unreinforced concrete	stainless steel	remarks
mechanical properties	density	amount of mass per unit volume	140 lb/cuft ^[12]	162 lb/cuft ^[10]	168 lb/cuft ^[10]	140 lb/cuft ^[3]	490 lb/cuft ^[2]	borosilicate glass is a similar density to granite, marble, and concrete.
	compressive strength	resistance of a material to breaking under compression	290 ksi ^[7]	320 ksi ^[8]	78 ksi ^[9]	3 ksi ^[3]	30 ksi ^[2]	borosilicate glass has greater compressive strength than marble, unreinforced concrete, and stainless steel. it is similar to granite.
	tensile strength	resistance of a material to breaking under tension	41 ksi ^[7]	5.1 ksi ^[8]	1.3 ksi ^[9]	0.3 ksi ^[3]	74 ksi ^[2]	borosilicate glass has greater tensile strength than granite, marble, and unreinforced concrete
	flexural strength	resistance of a material to breaking under bending	5 ksi ^[7]	3.5 ksi ^[8]	2.2 ksi ^[10]	0.3 ksi ^[3]	30 ksi ^[2]	borosilicate glass has greater flexural strength than granite, marble, and unreinforced concrete
	knop hardness	measure of a material's surface hardness, or its resistance to scratching and abrasion.	480 ^[12]	550 - 650 ^[1]	140 - 180 ^[1]	550 - 850 ^[14]	166 ^[6]	borosilicate glass is harder than marble and stainless steel, and is similar to granite.
thermal properties	thermal expansion coefficient	rate at which a material expands with increase in temperature	3.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ K ^[11]	7.9 - 8.4 x 10 ⁻⁶ K ^[5]	5.5 - 14.1 x 10 ⁻⁶ K ^[5]	13 - 14 x 10 ⁻⁶ K ^[5]	16 x 10 ⁻⁶ K ^[2]	borosilicate glass will be the most stable material when undergoing temperature changes.
	thermal conductivity	the ability of a material to transfer heat energy to and from its surroundings.	1.2 W/m-K ^[12]	1.7 - 4.0 W/m-K ^[4]	2.0 - 2.9 W/m-K ^[4]	1.0 - 1.8 w/m-K ^[4]	16.2 W/m-k ^[6]	borosilicate glass will conduct over 10x less heat than stainless steel, and is similar to concrete.
	specific heat capacity	the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of a material by 1 unit.	0.83 ^[7]	0.79 ^[13]	0.88 ^[13]	0.88 ^[13]	0.50 ^[6]	borosilicate glass will gain less heat than stainless steel, and a similar amount to granite, marble, and concrete.

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Memorial as Story

The memorial design consists of a collection of transparent, solid glass elements arranged on the site in a seemingly accidental manner which aggregate to form a pure cylindrical space at the heart of the site, suggesting the way ostensibly disconnected facts coalesce to form a journalist's story.

Experiencing the memorial is a **journey of discovery** that unfolds slowly, space by space like a story, and casts the visitor in the role of investigative journalist pursuing truth wherever it leads.

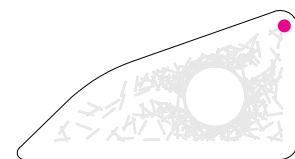
Site



The memorial can be entered from multiple sides with all paths leading to the circular Remembrance Hall, suggesting that there are many paths to the truth, none of which are linear.



19 september 2024 view looking west

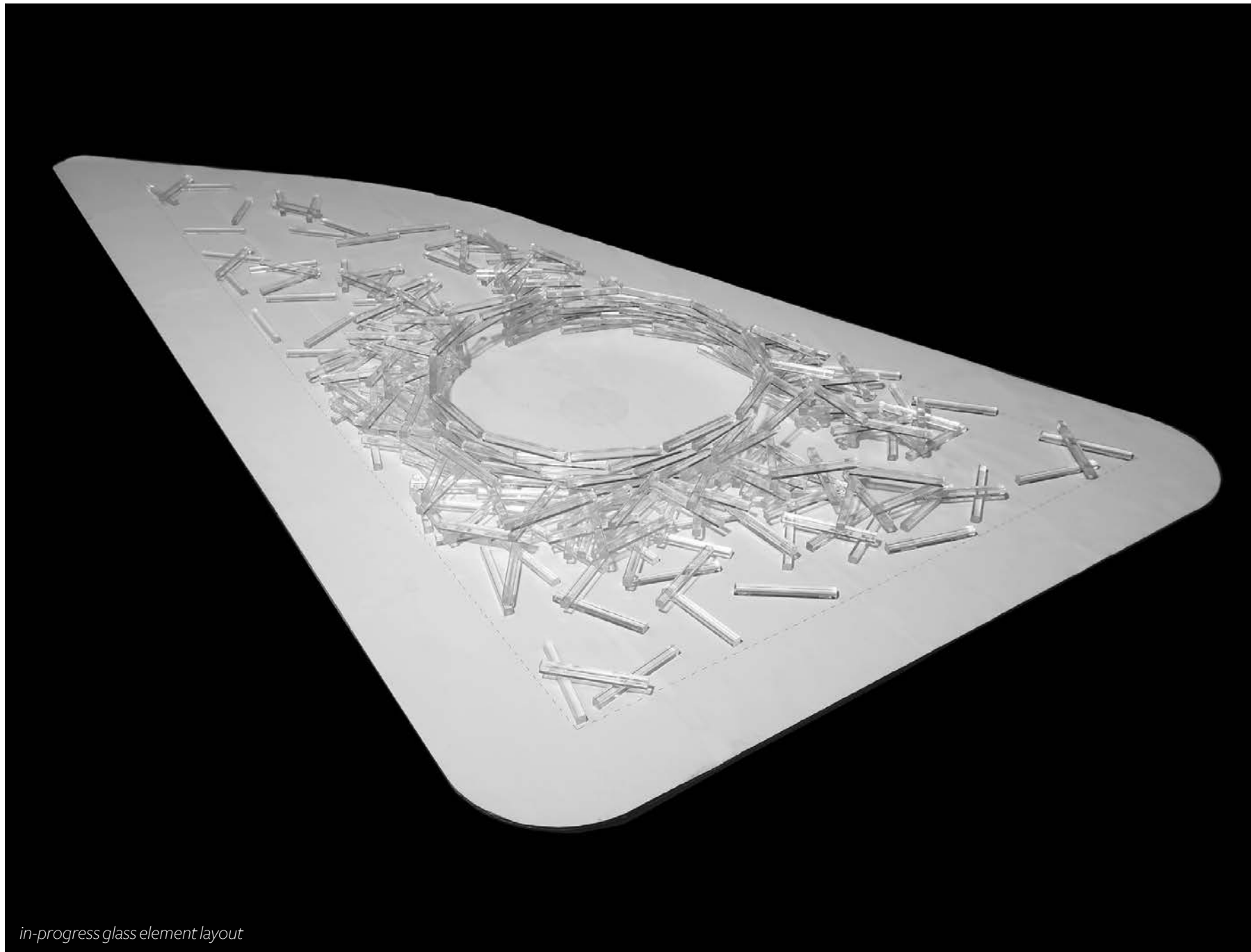


Like a newspaper headline, the memorial appears intriguing at first glance, inviting the visitor in to explore further. As visitors are drawn into the memorial, the glass elements increase in number and density, like facts in a journalist's story.

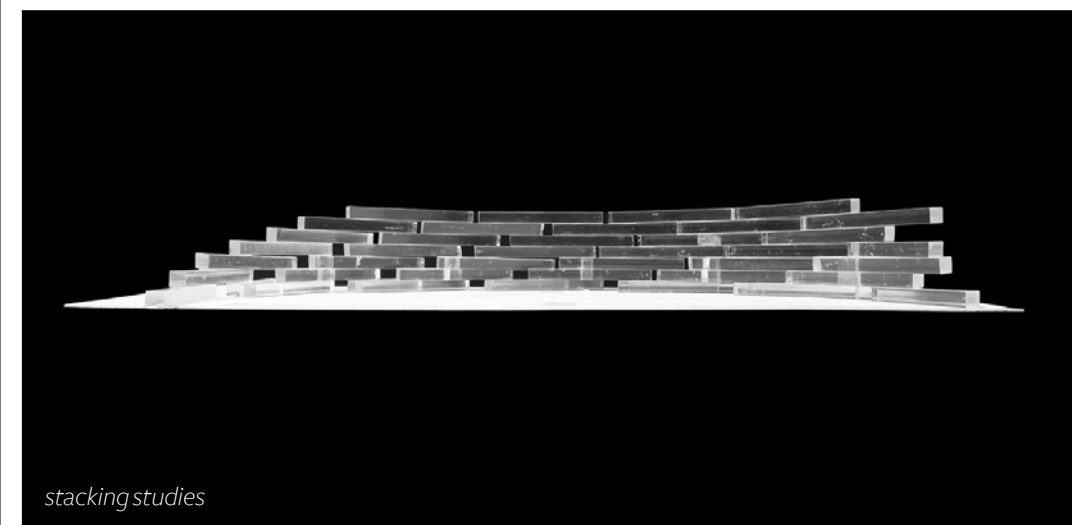
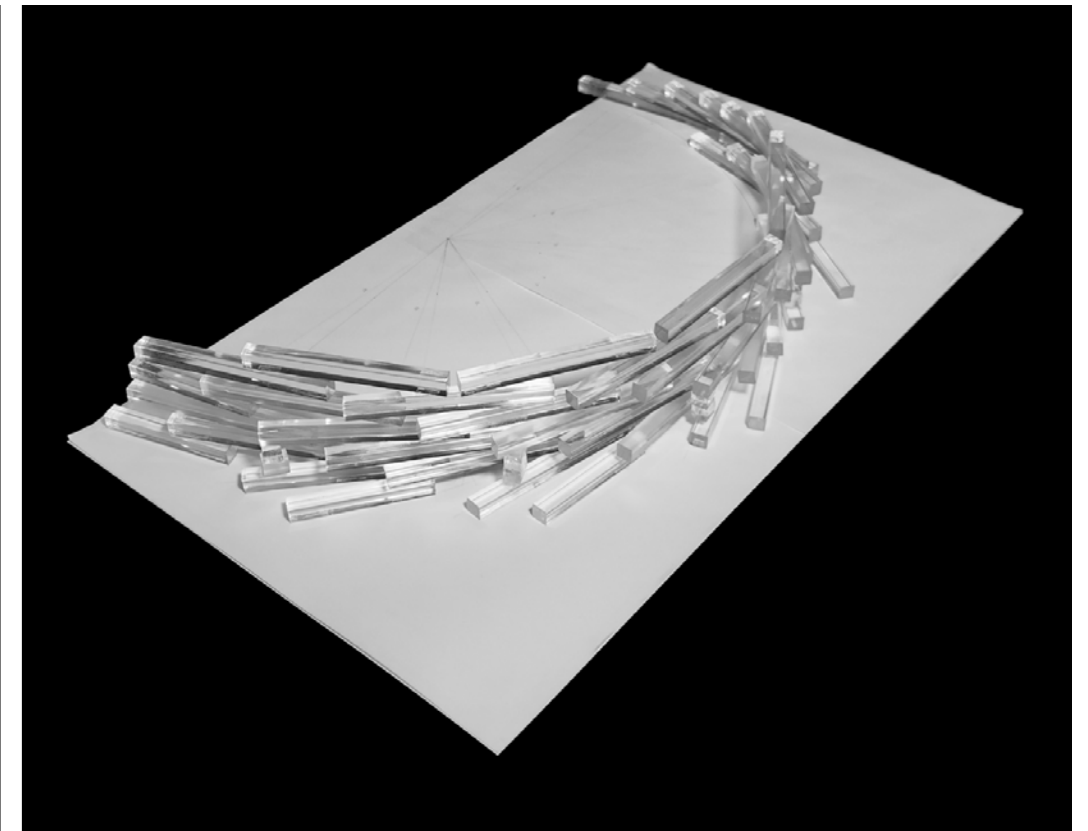
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At night, a soft glow emanates from the site, and the memorial becomes a beacon of truth. Symbolizing the role journalists play in shedding light on conditions obscured in darkness.



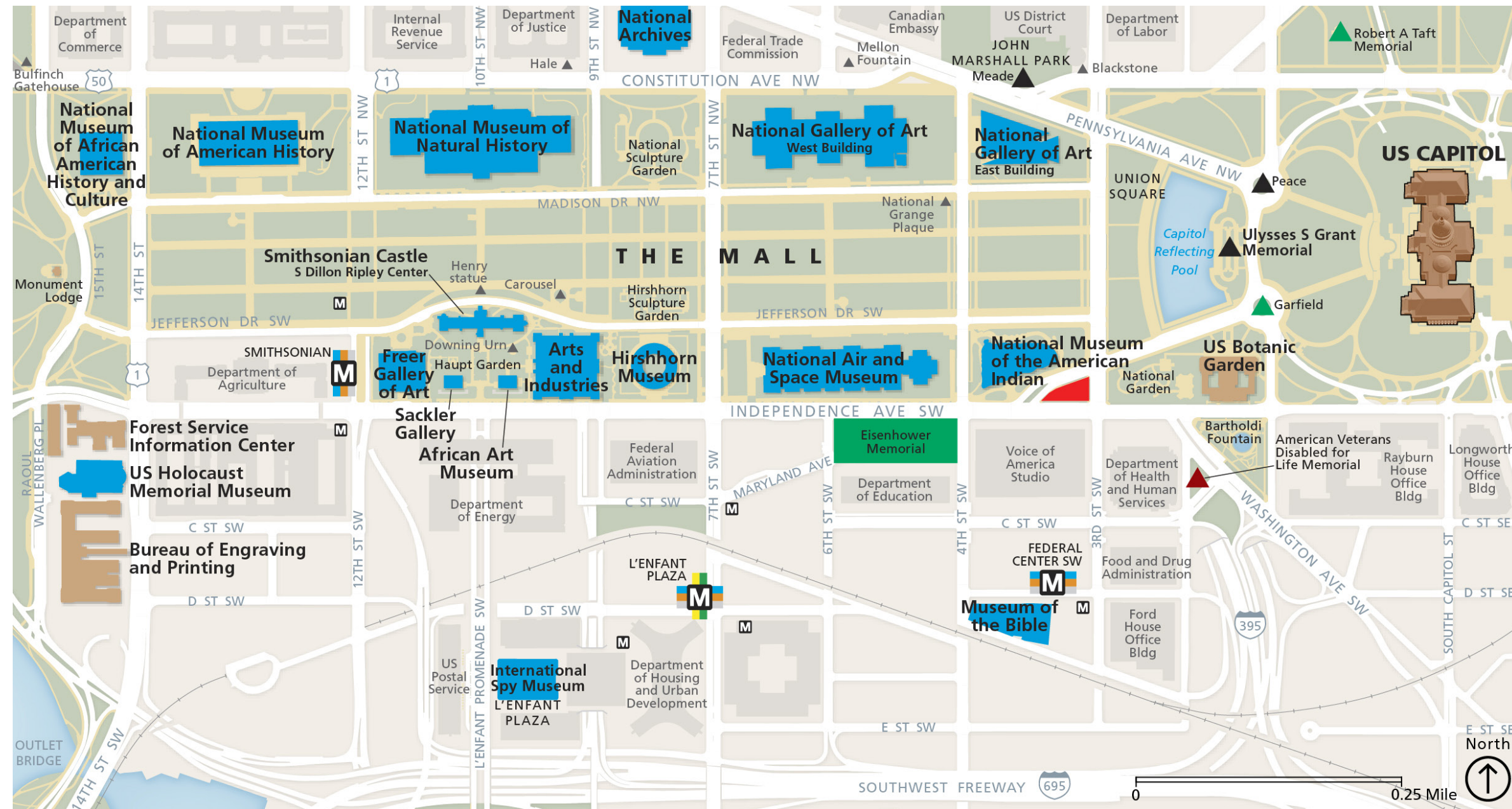
in-progress glass element layout



stacking studies

Solid clear acrylic bars are used to study empirically the disposition on the site of the glass elements that form the memorial's path of discovery.

National Mall Context



- ▲ Fallen Journalists Memorial Site
- National Museums
- ▲ American Leader Memorials
- ▲ Civil War Memorials
- ▲ Military Commemoration
- M Metrorail System
- M Station name Metro lines
- M Entrance/exit to Metro station

Thematic Links

1. US Capitol Building

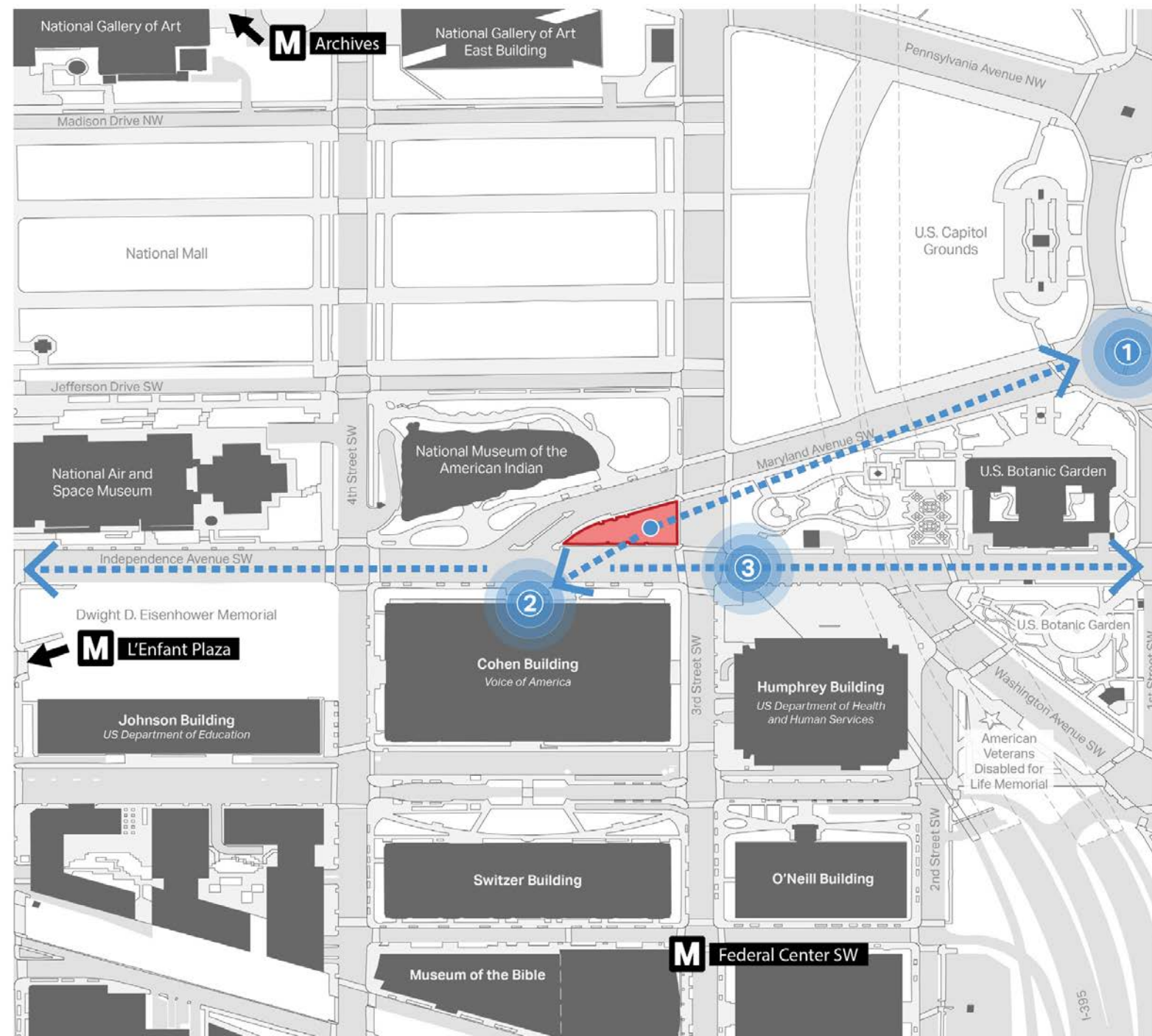
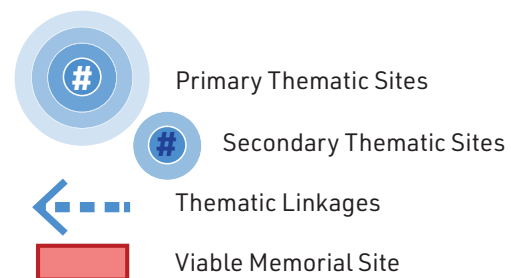
Adjacent to the U.S. Capitol grounds and with a direct, axial, and reciprocal view of the Capitol Dome, the site has a strong visual connection to the seat of the legislative branch of the U.S. federal government. This view underscores the independent relationship between the government and the press.

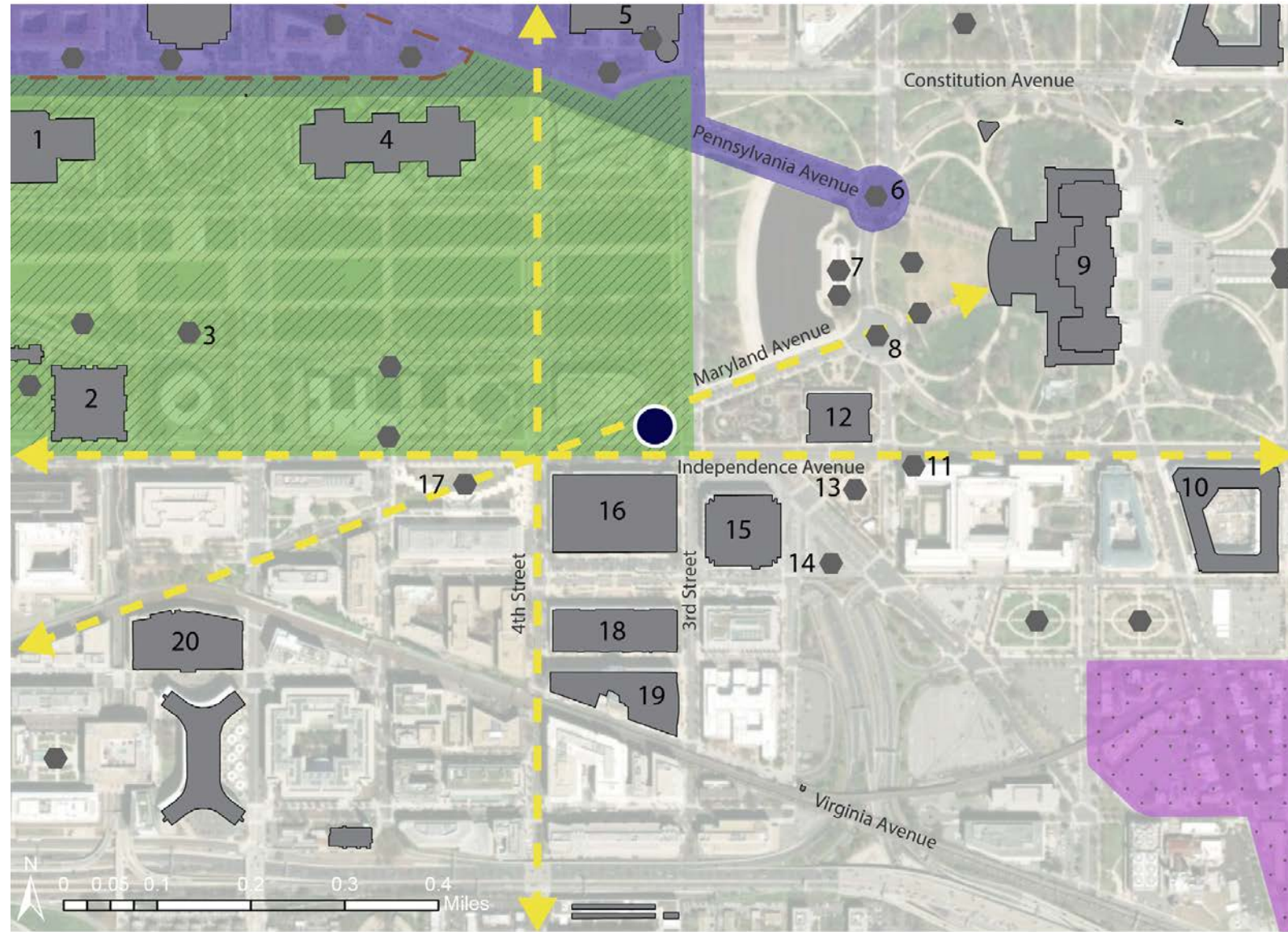
2. Voice of America (Cohen Building)

Directly north of the Cohen Building, the site has a strong visual connection to the headquarters of Voice of America, the oldest and largest American international broadcaster. Voice of America produces media in 47 languages and distributes throughout the world.

3. Independence Avenue

Independence Avenue forms the southern border of the site, emphasizing the importance of an independent free press.





- Potential Site for the Fallen Journalists Memorial
 - Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site
 - Federal Triangle Historic District
 - National Mall Historic District
 - Capitol Hill Historic District
 - - - - - L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington Views
 - Memorials
 - Historic Resources near Potential Site
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Natural History Building, Smithsonian Institution 2 Arts & Industries Building, Smithsonian Institution 3 Hirshorn Sculpture Garden 4 National Gallery of Art 5 US Courthouse for the District of Columbia 6 Peace Monument 7 Ulysses S. Grant Memorial 8 James Garfield Statue 9 United States Capitol 10 Cannon House Office Building | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 James Madison Statue 12 United States Botanic Garden 13 Bartholdi Fountain 14 American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial 15 Hubert H. Humphrey Building (HHS Headquarters) 16 Social Security Administration (Wilbur J. Cohen Building) 17 Eisenhower Memorial 18 Railroad Retirement Board (Mary Switzer Building) 19 Terminal Refrigerating & Warehouse Company 20 GSA Regional Office Building | |
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Site Study

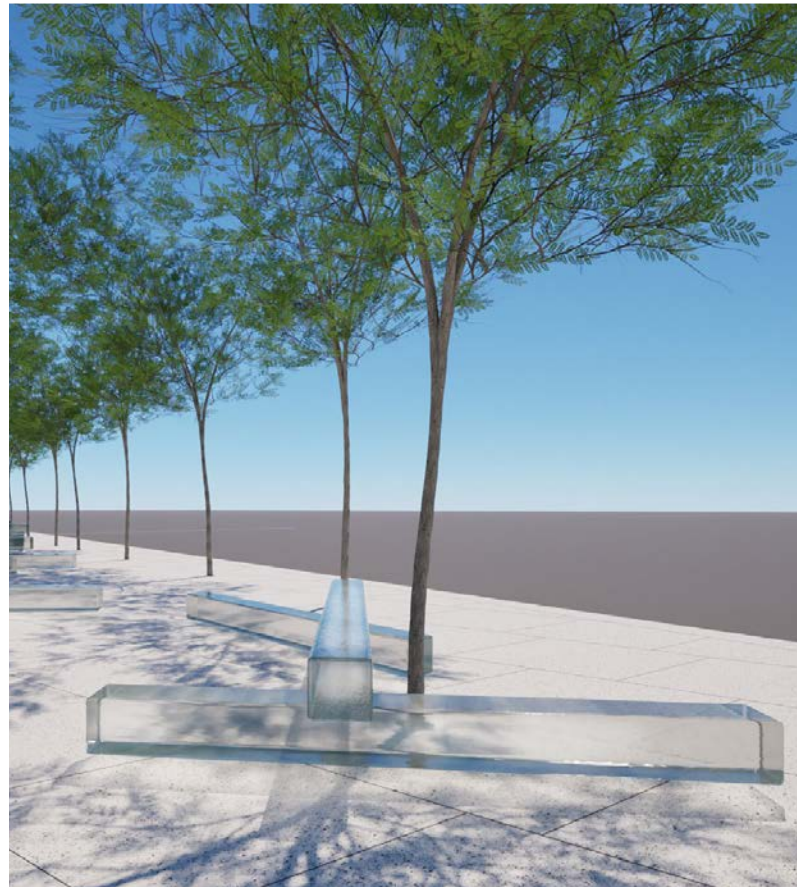
The memorial design for Site O would likely be oriented toward the U.S. Capitol, which would be visible from most of the site; views would likely be constrained over time due to vegetation growth at the U.S. Botanic Garden. The site could accommodate a central memorial area of approximately 7,000 square feet. The open turf of the site provides flexibility for the memorial design.



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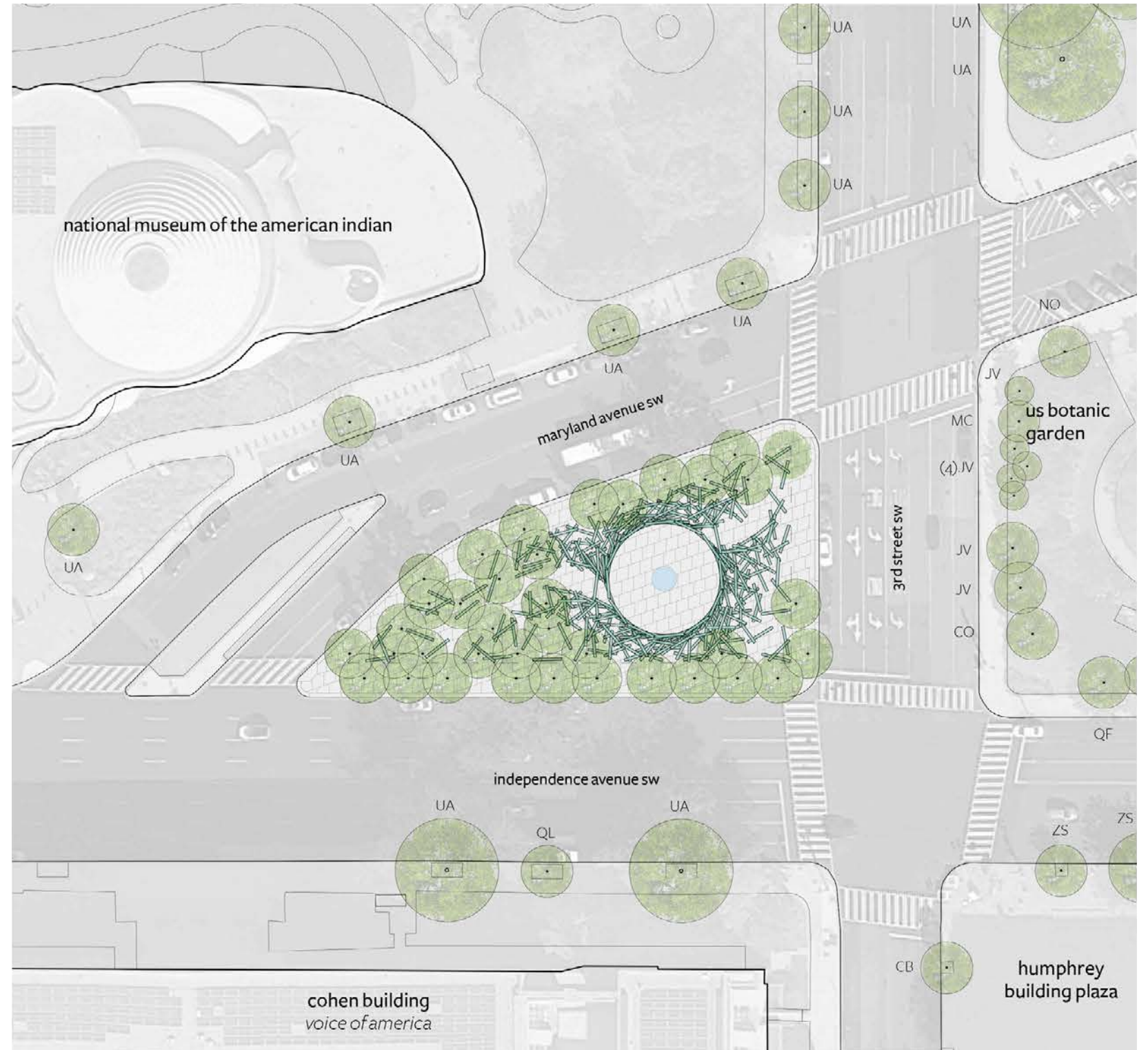


(above)
A monoculture grove of trees appears as a singular element to identify the memorial from afar.



(right)
Tree canopies filter light which activates the glass elements below it.

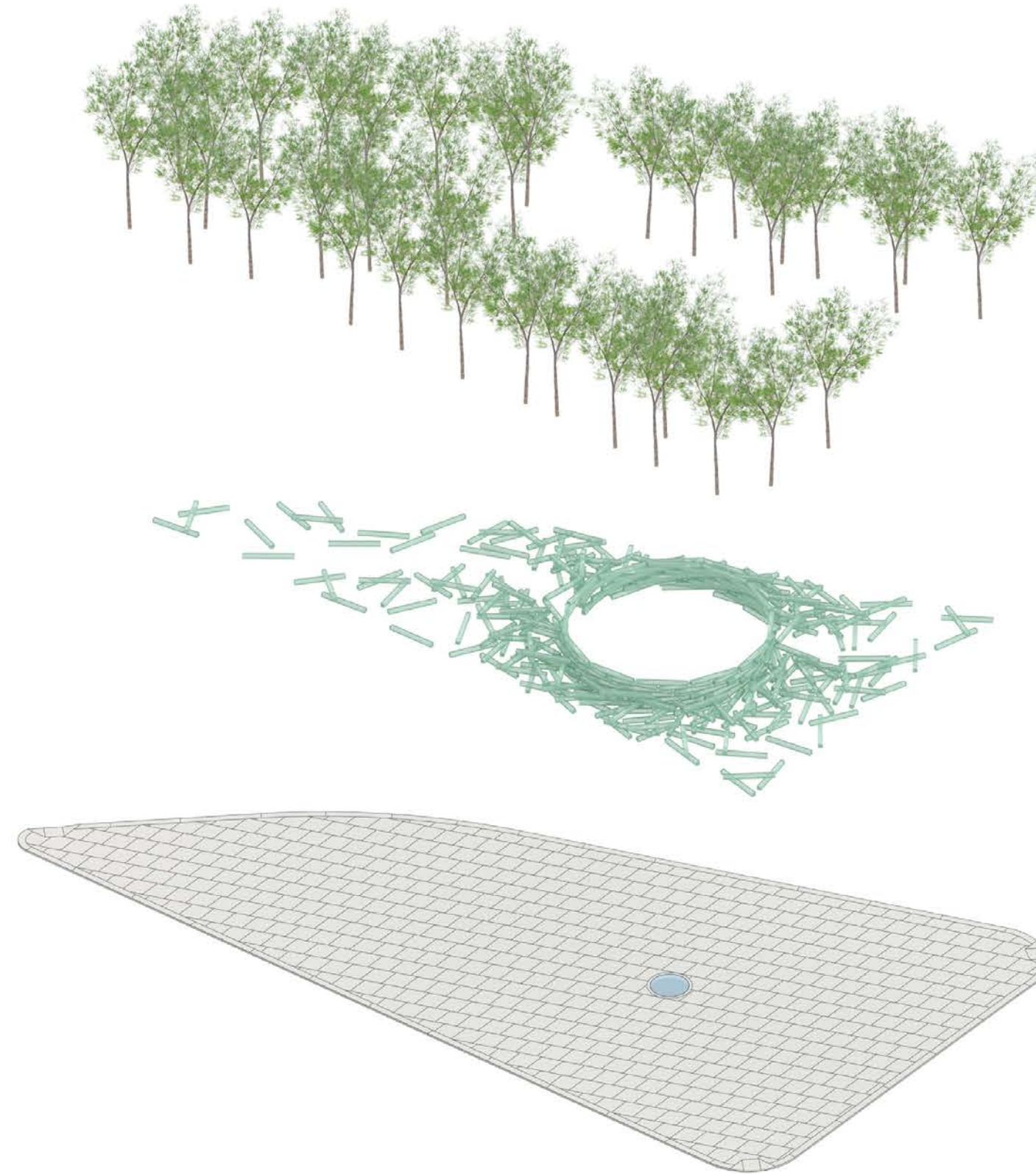
(far right)
The site is expressed as an island, symbolizing an independent press.



- tree species key
- CB - carpinus betulus (european hornbeam)
 - CO - cotinus obovatusa (american smoketree)
 - JV - juniperus virginiana (virginia juniper)
 - MC - myrica cerifera (southern wax myrtle)
 - NO - nyssa ogeche (ogechee tupelo)
 - QF - quercus floridianum (southern sugar maple)
 - QL - quercus lyrata (overcup oak)
 - UA - ulmus americana (american elm)
 - ZS - zelvoka serrata (japanese zelvoka)

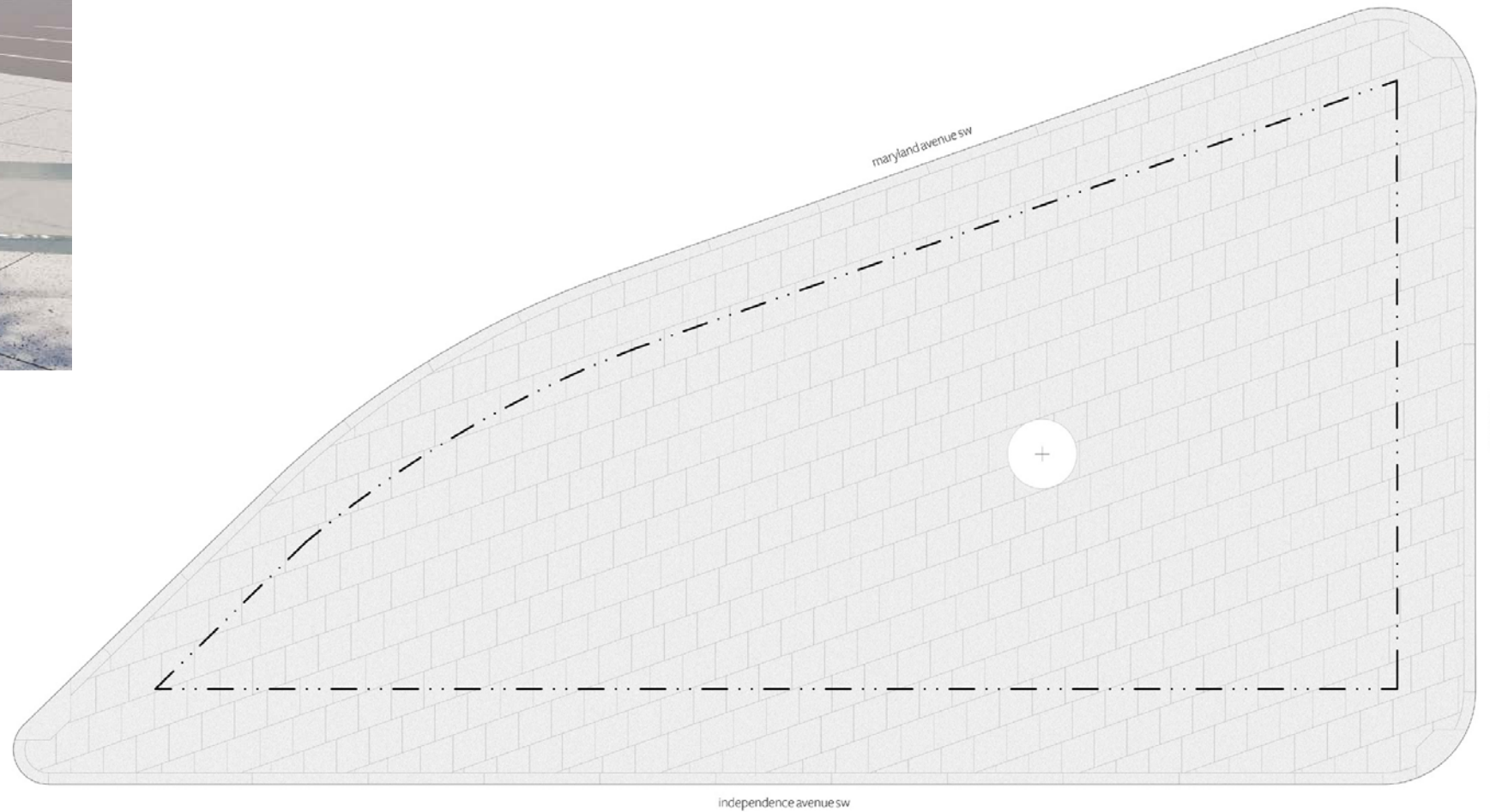
Memorial Design

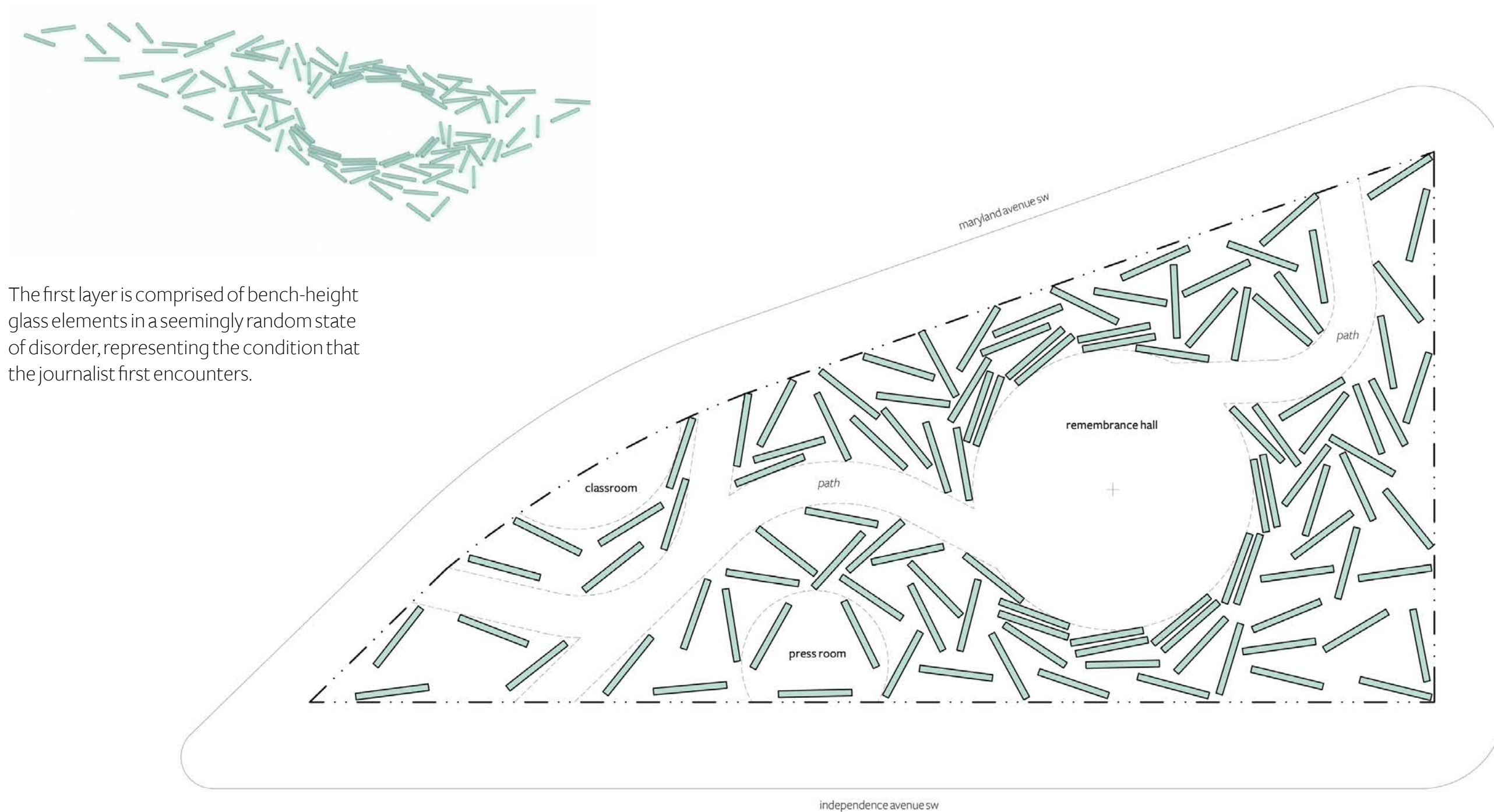
The memorial design consists of the interplay of three superimposed design elements – a hardscape stone plaza overlaid with a grove of trees that sidestep the array of cast glass elements which aggregate to form the memorial’s circular Remembrance Hall at the heart of the site.



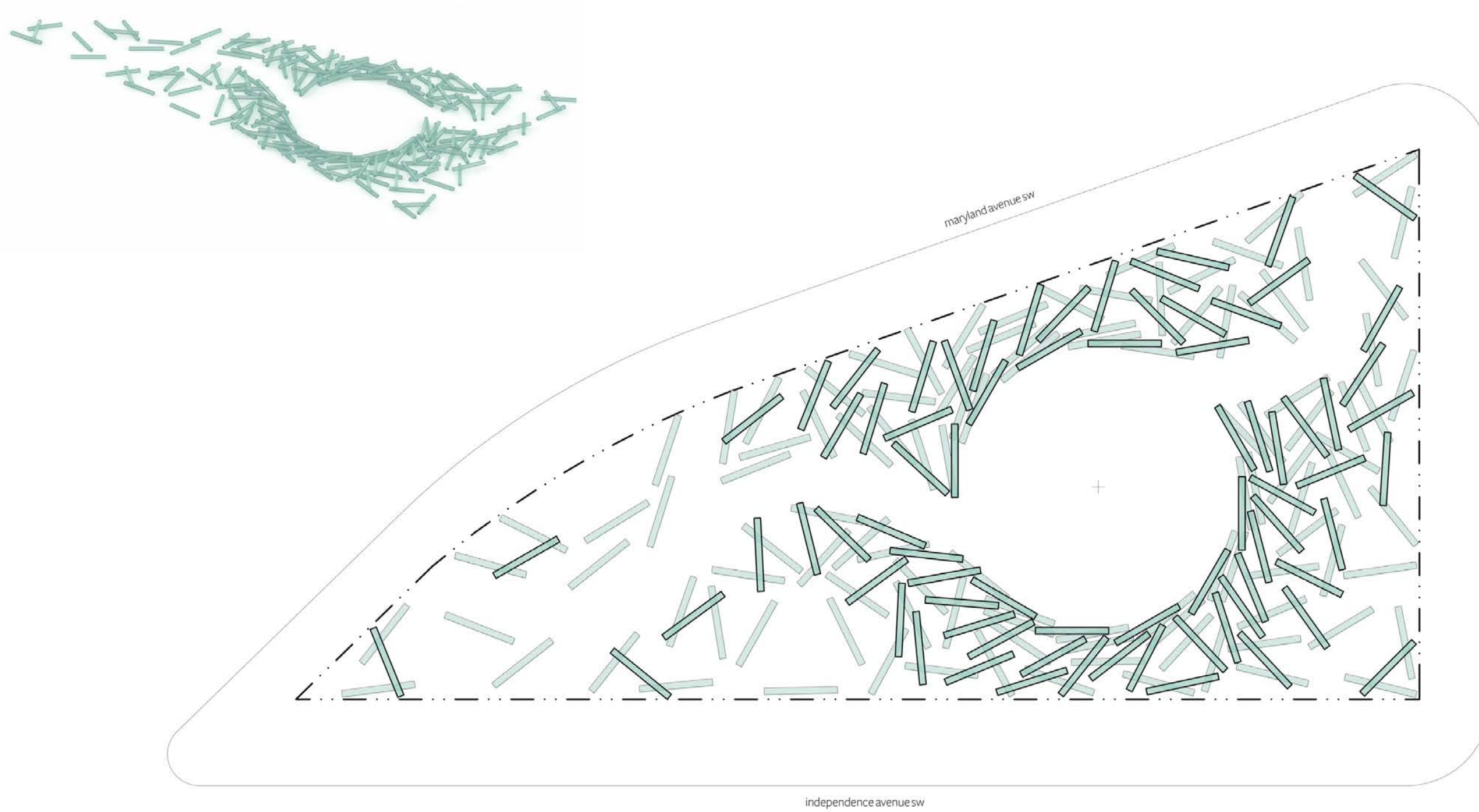


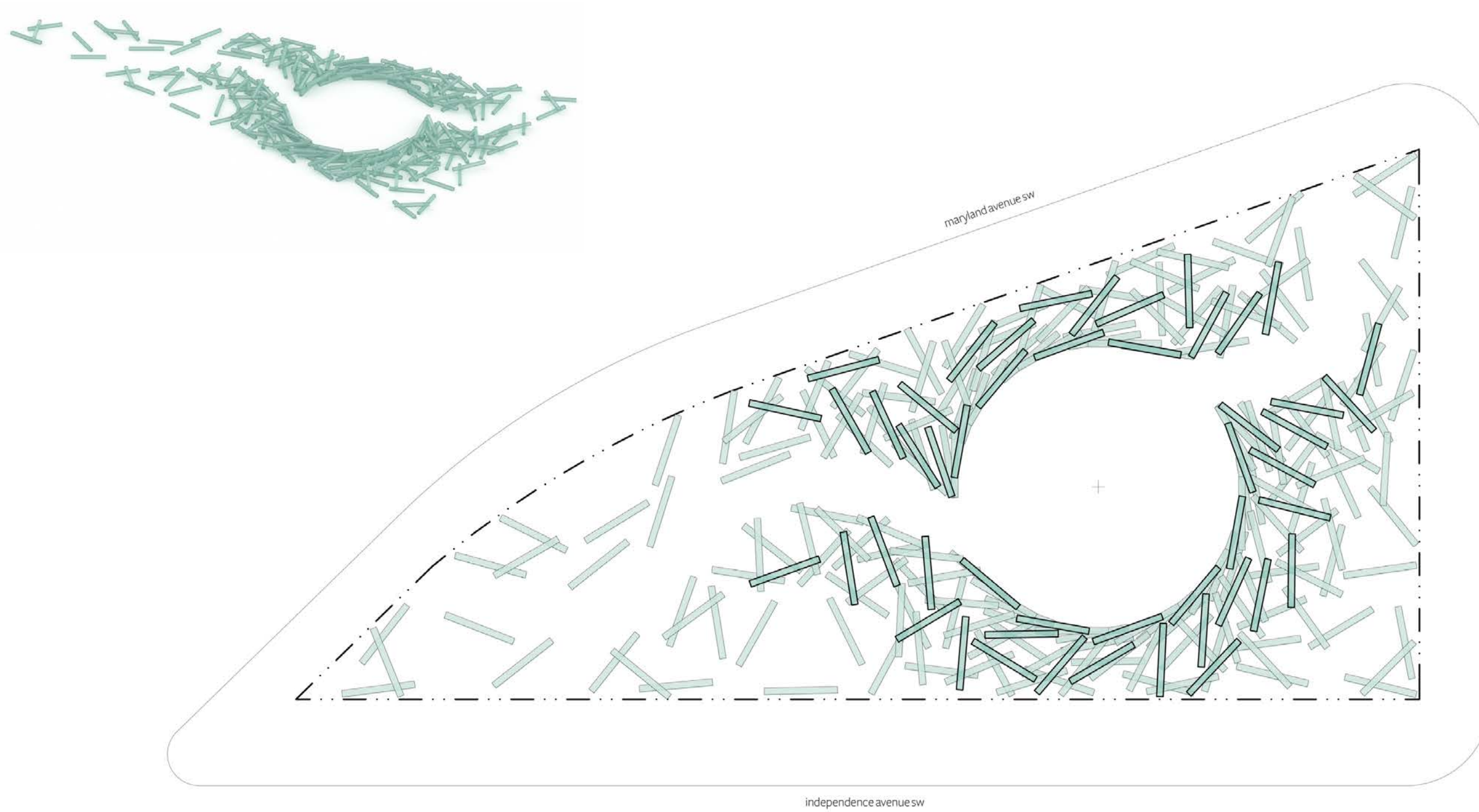
The memorial site's granite-paved hardscape is flat and accessible throughout. Glass elements are raised slightly off the ground to allow stormwater flowthrough and to facilitate routine maintenance. Sunlight activates the glass elements, casting their shadow on the light-colored stone to add another dimension to an experience that is more than the sum of its parts.

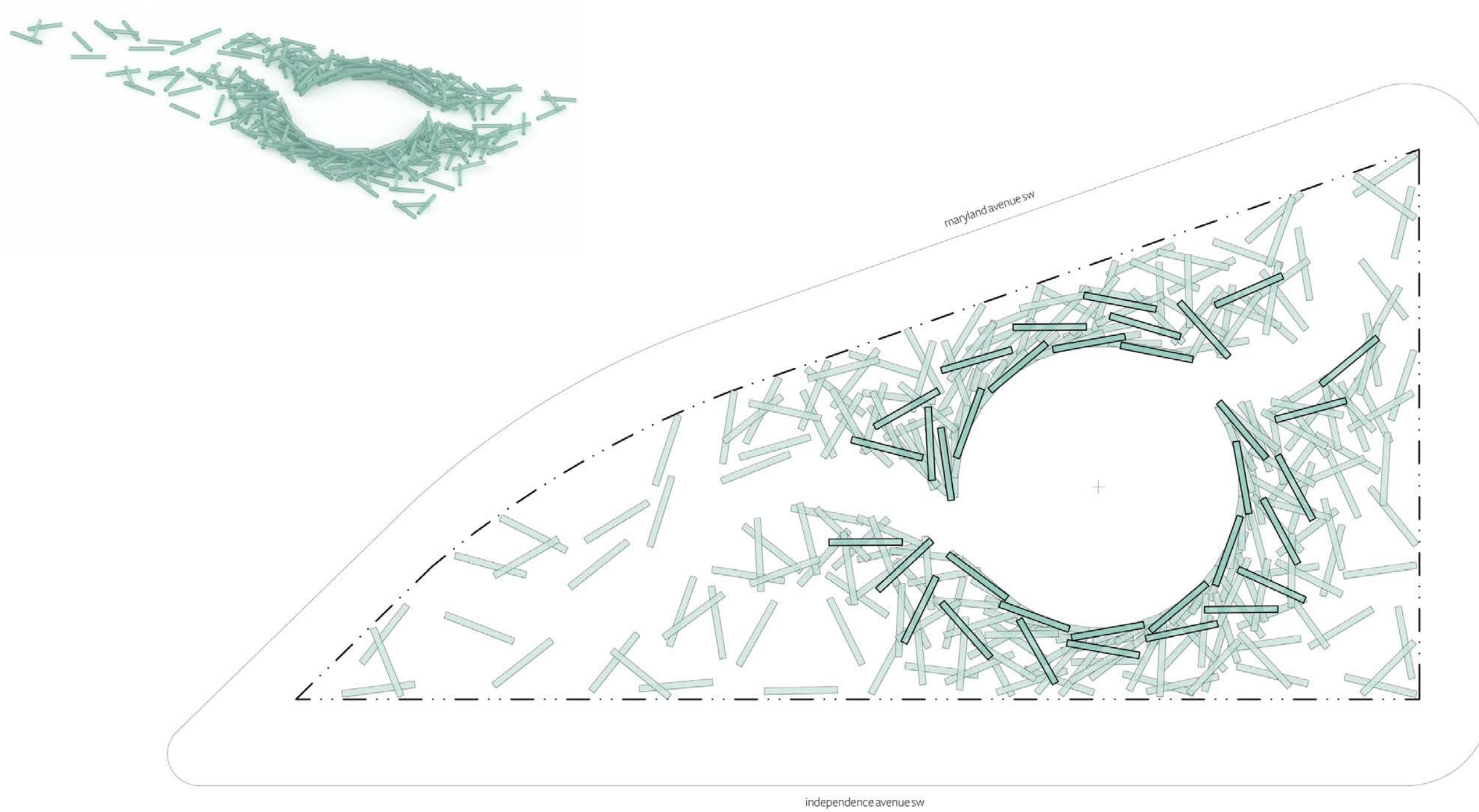


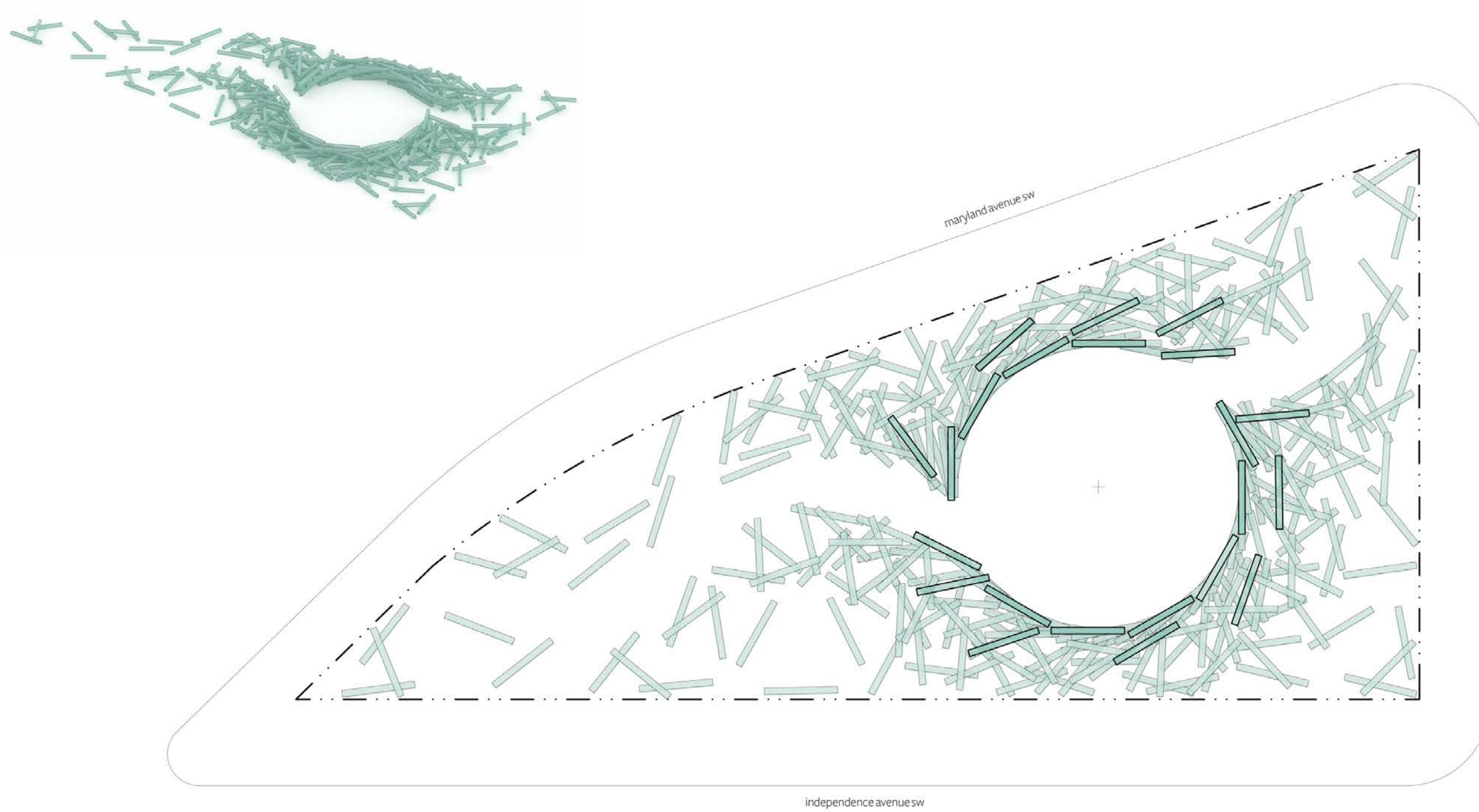


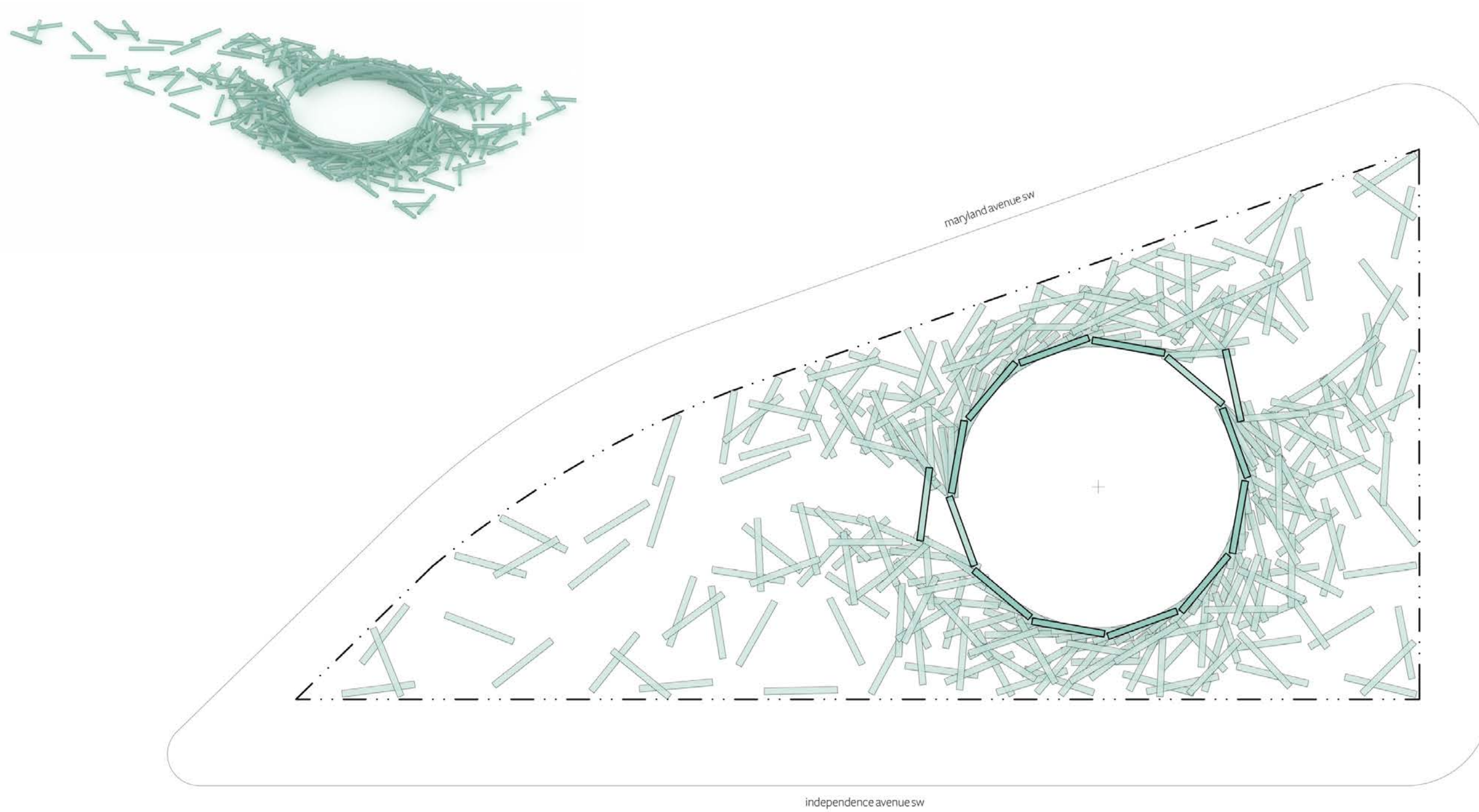
The first layer is comprised of bench-height glass elements in a seemingly random state of disorder, representing the condition that the journalist first encounters.





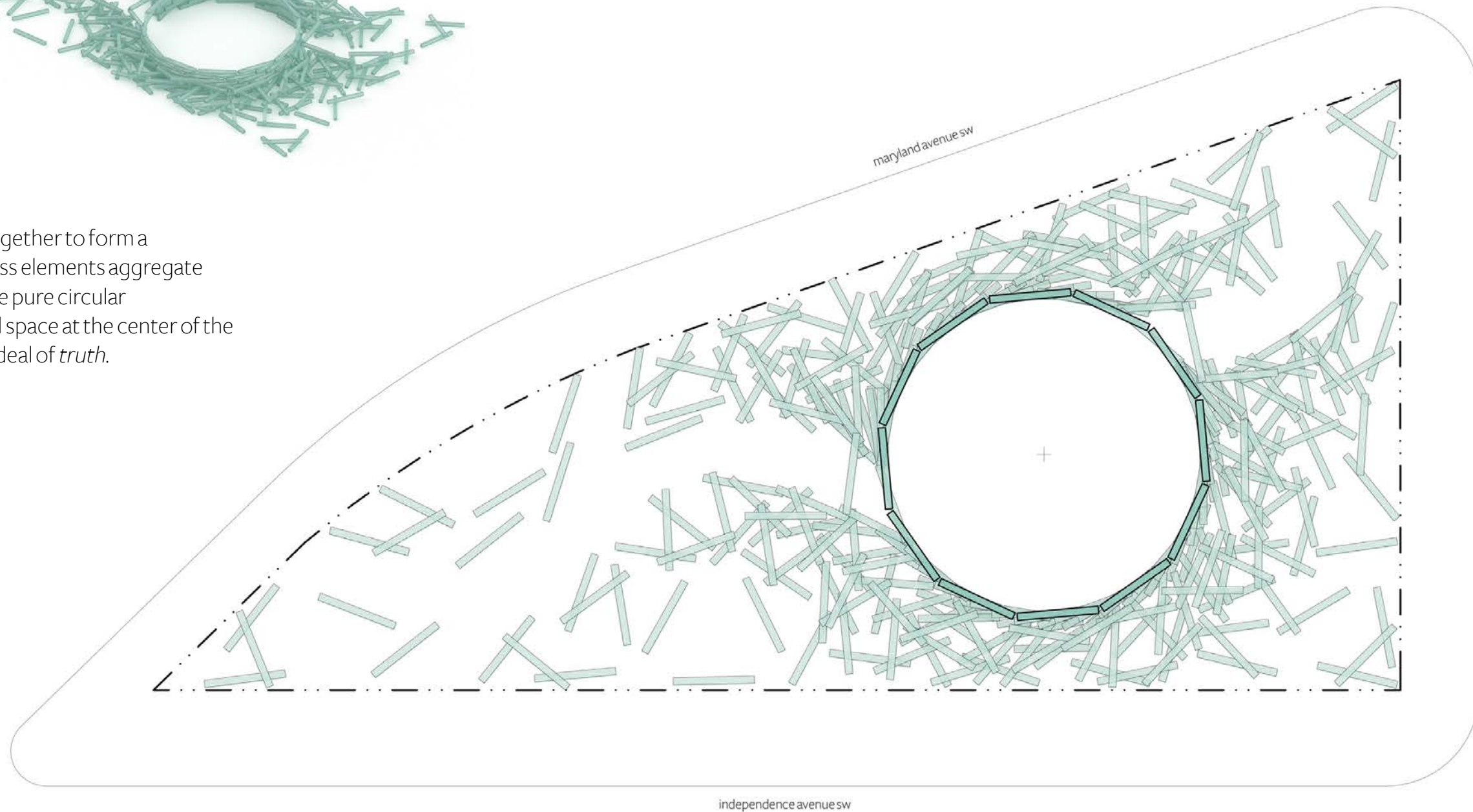


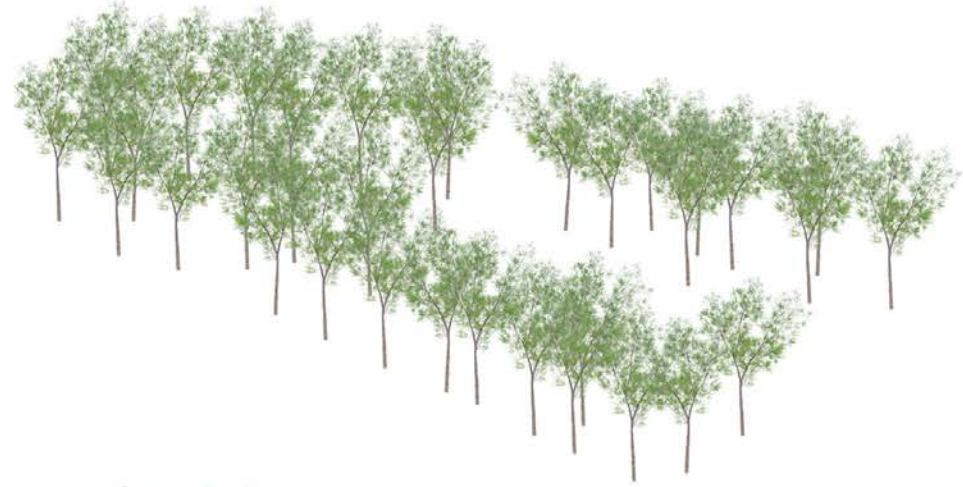




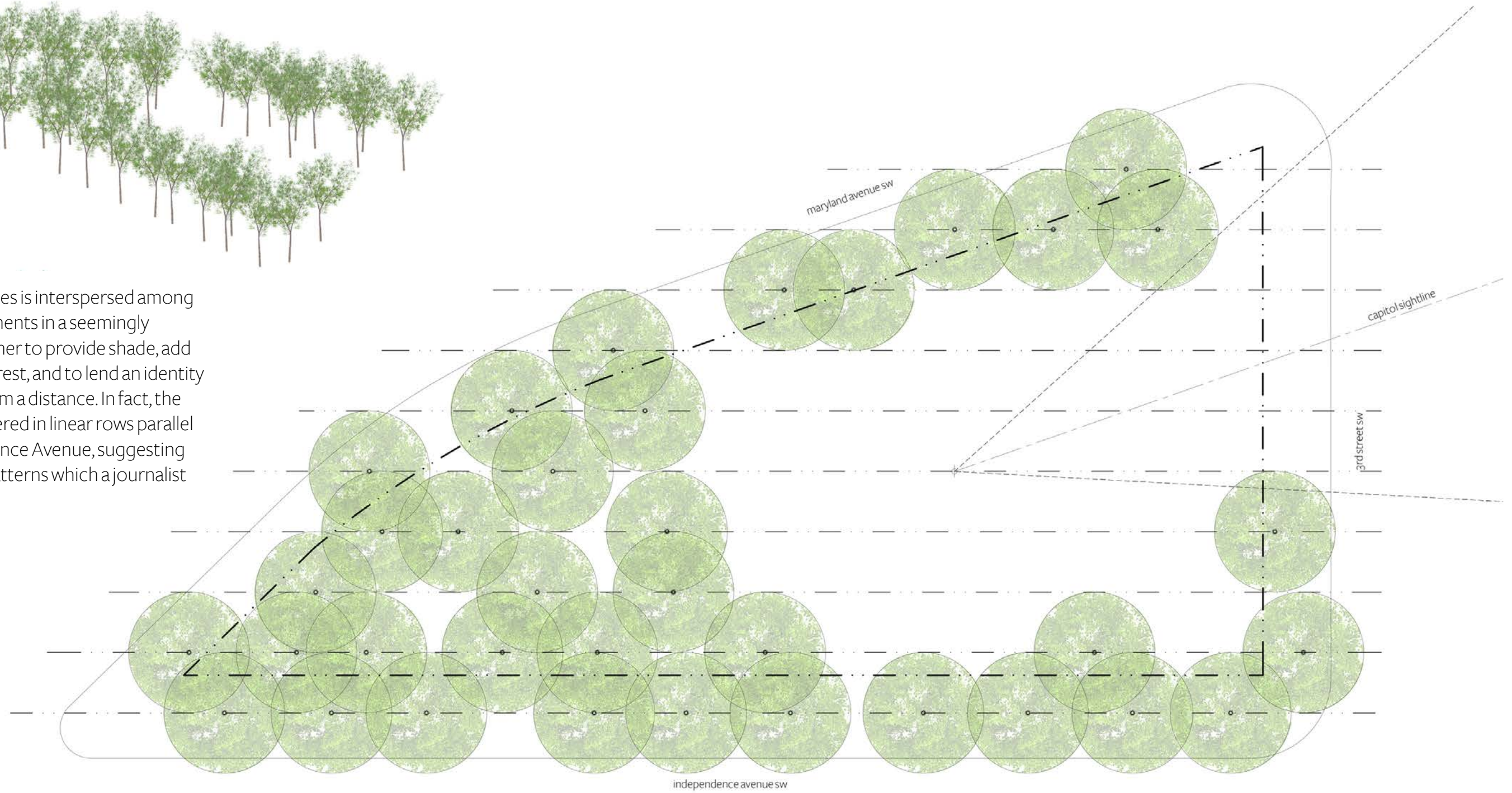


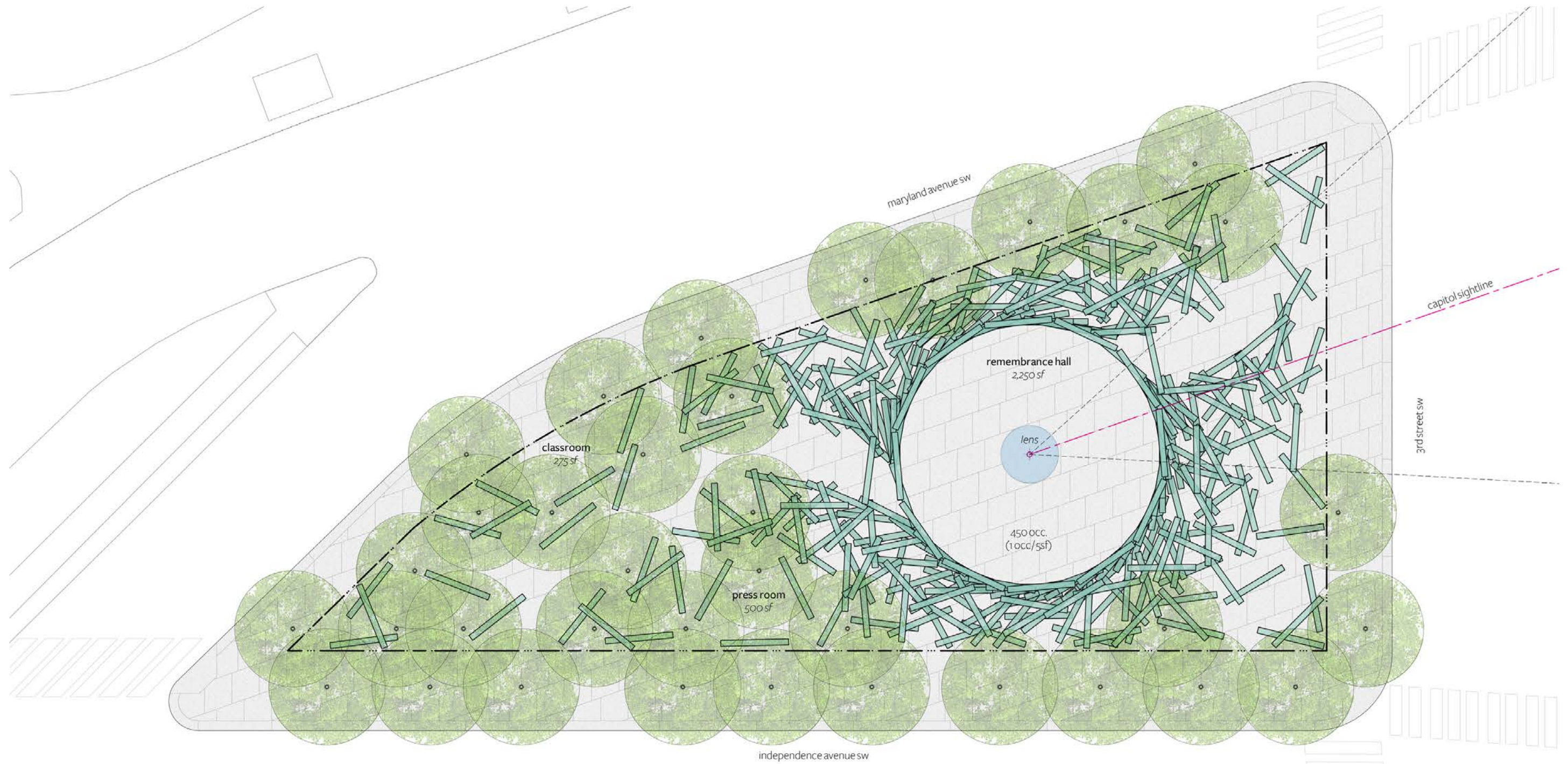
Like facts coming together to form a journalist's story, glass elements aggregate gradually to form the pure circular **Remembrance Hall** space at the center of the site, symboling the ideal of *truth*.





A grove of trees is interspersed among the glass elements in a seemingly random manner to provide shade, add seasonal interest, and to lend an identity to the site from a distance. In fact, the trees are ordered in linear rows parallel to Independence Avenue, suggesting the hidden patterns which a journalist uncovers.

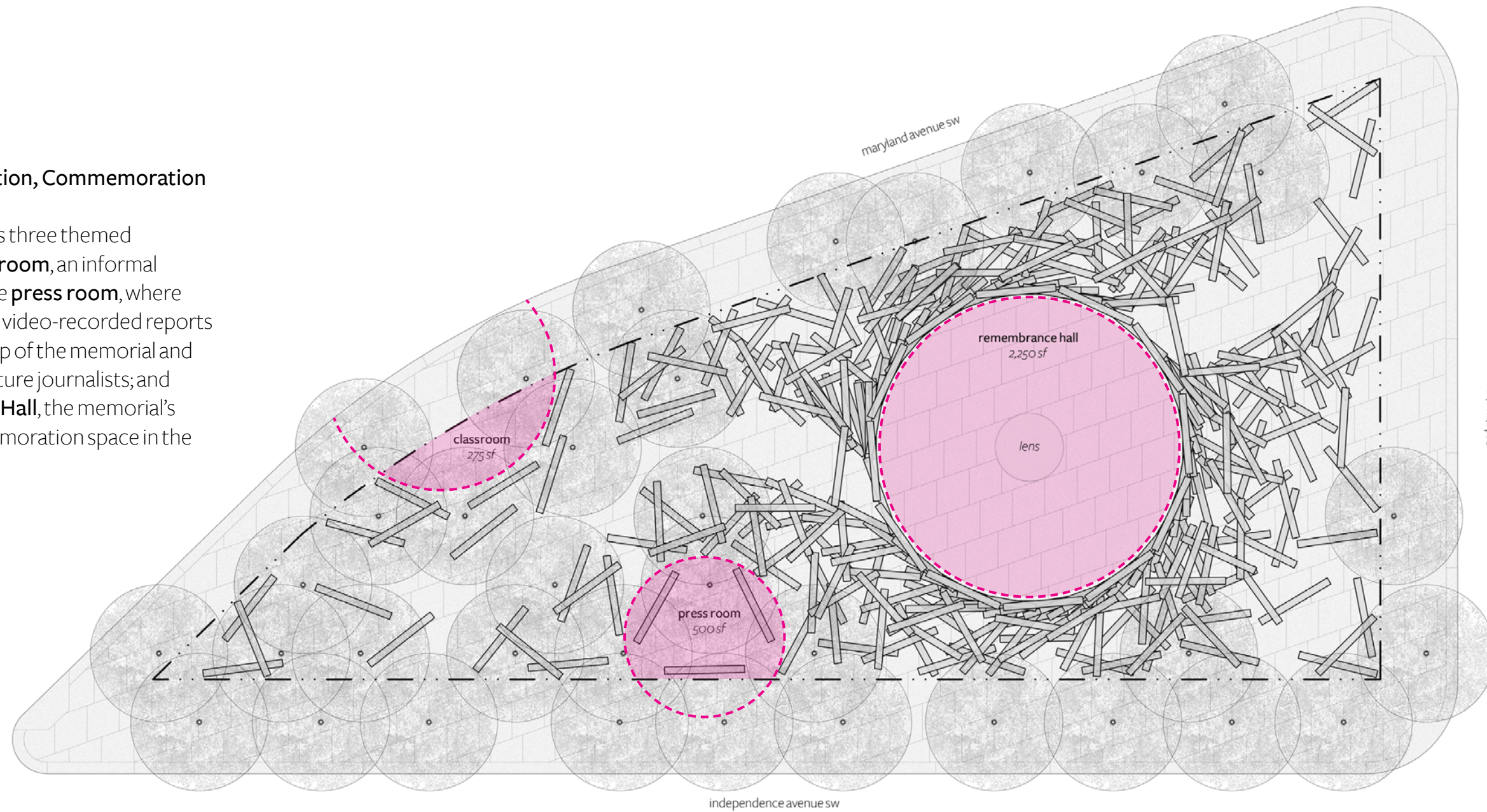


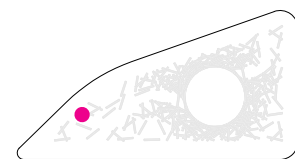


A clearing in the trees at the east end of the site re-introduces views of the Capitol dome from inside the Remembrance Hall. To establish the reciprocal relationship between power and a free press.

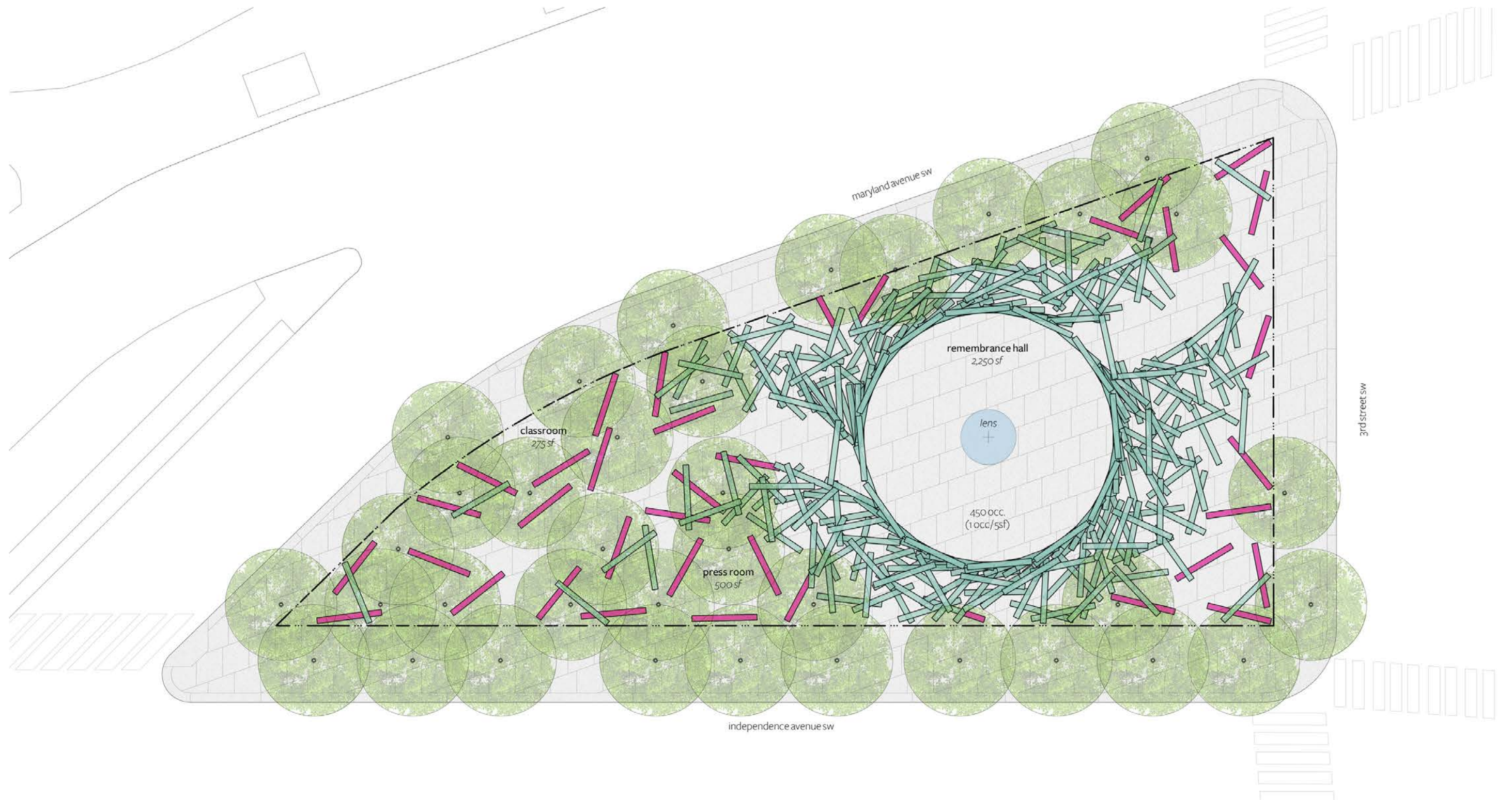
Education, Inspiration, Commemoration

The project includes three themed “rooms” -- the **classroom**, an informal education space; the **press room**, where journalists conduct video-recorded reports against the backdrop of the memorial and Capitol to inspire future journalists; and the **Remembrance Hall**, the memorial’s destination commemoration space in the center of the site.

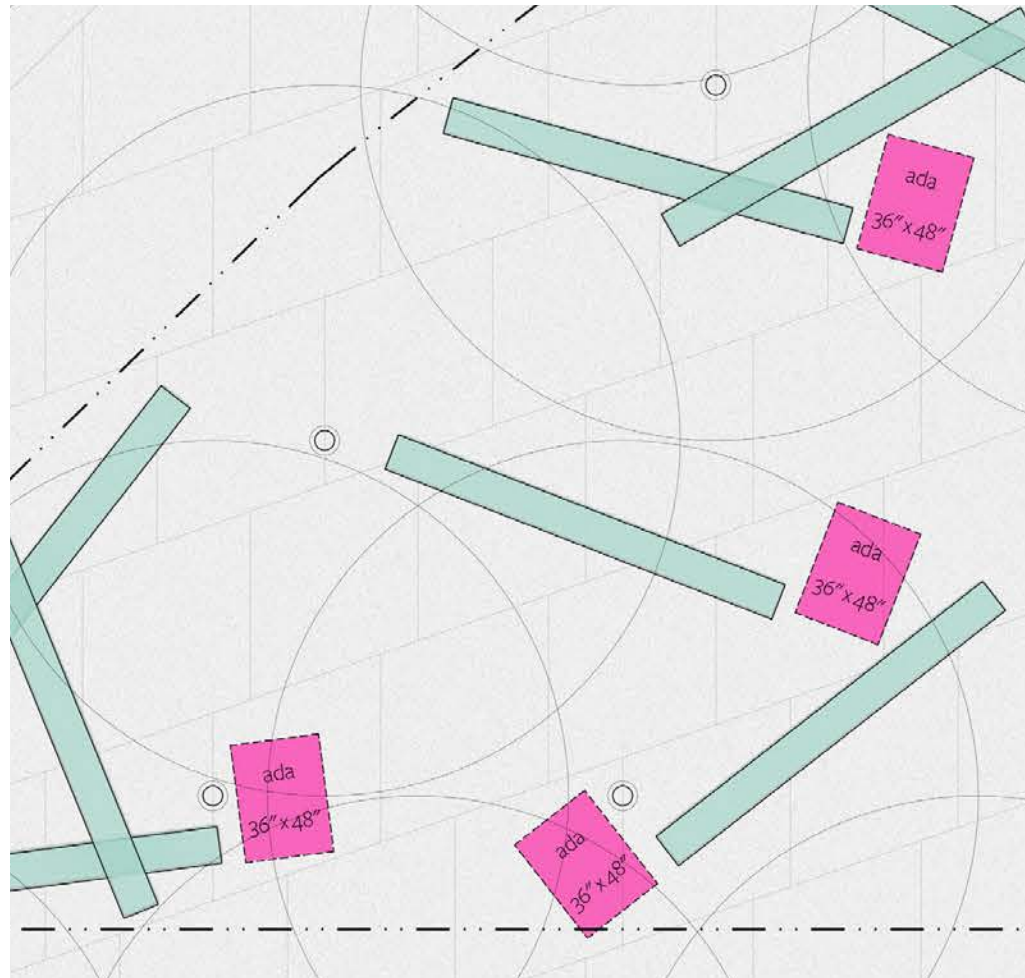




Bench-height glass elements are arranged to create an informal **classroom** (page left) where teachers can introduce the memorial to inspire the next generation of journalists. On the south side of the site is a clearing known as the **press room** (page right) which provides an area for journalists to conduct live reports with the memorial and Capitol building as backdrop.

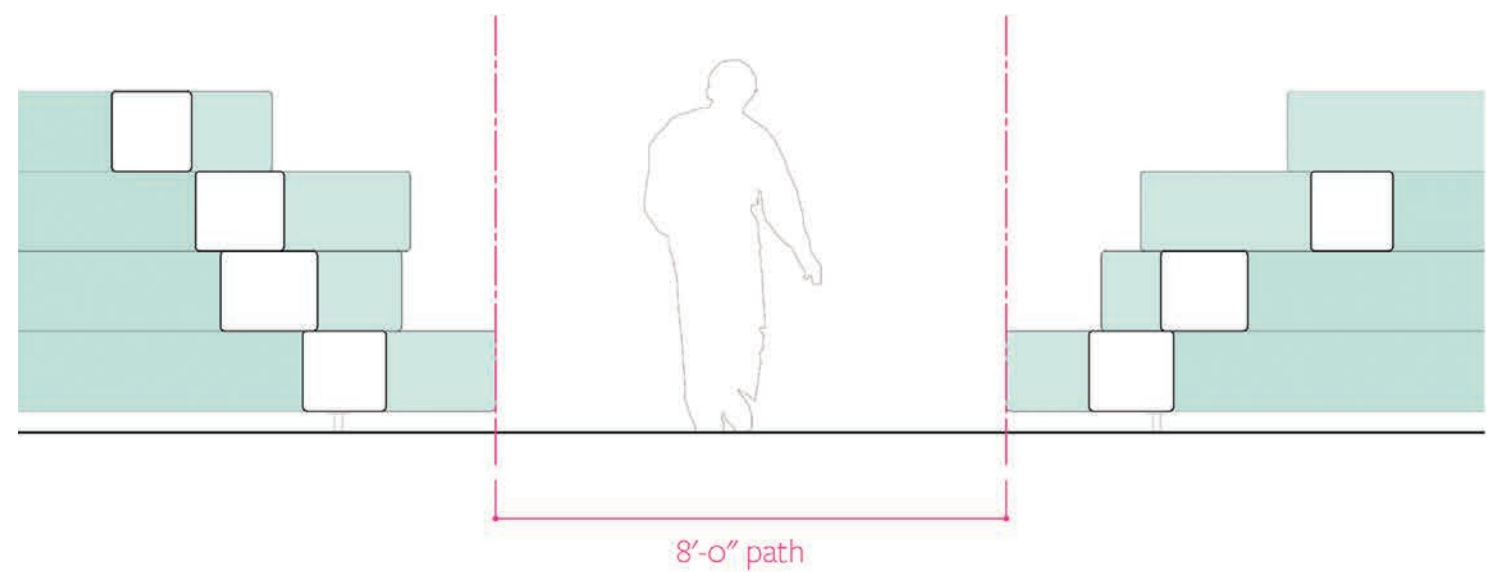
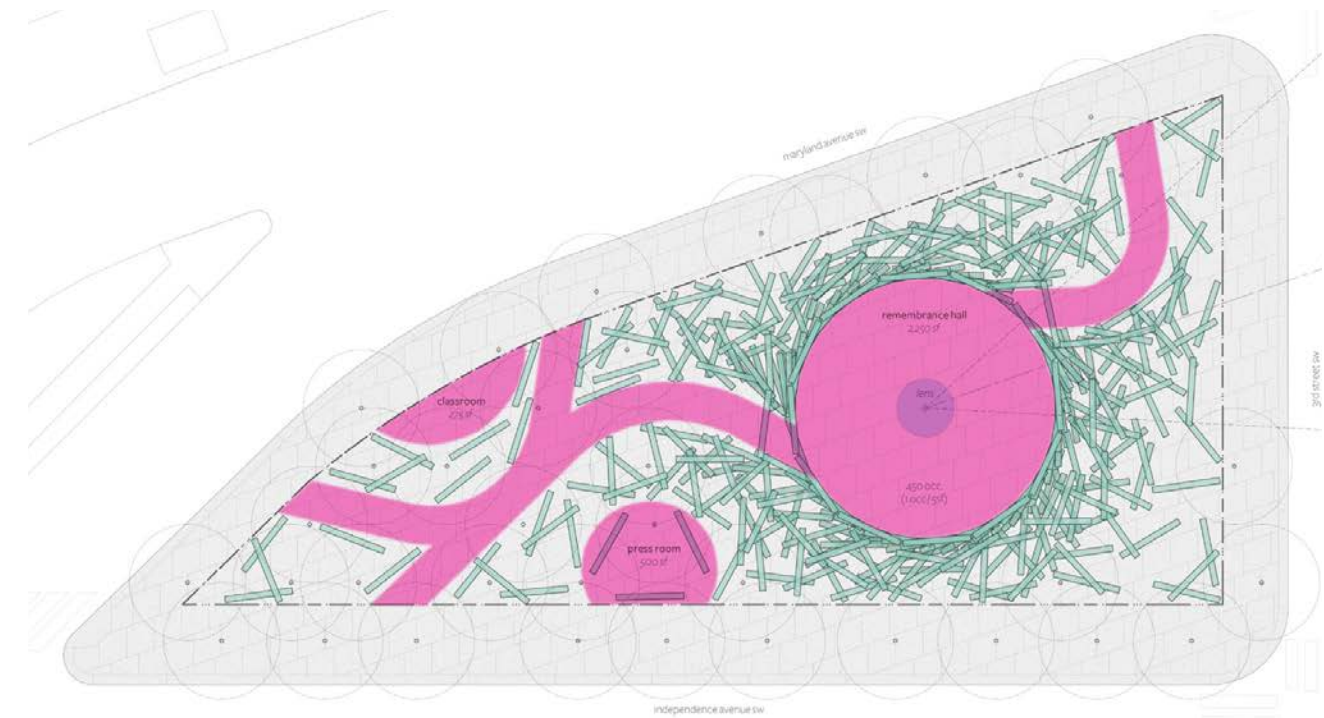


Seating is located throughout the tree-shaded areas of the site, where visitors can pause and reflect



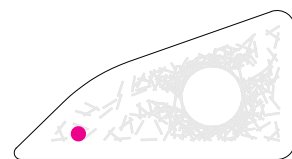
(above)
Per ABA and ADA requirements, ADA clear space is provided throughout the site alongside seat-height elements for wheelchair users.

(right)
The visitor path maintains an **8'** clear width throughout (3' clear width is required per the ADA and ABA). The walls of the visitor path are stacked such that no elements project into the clear width of the path.





19 september 2024 view looking east

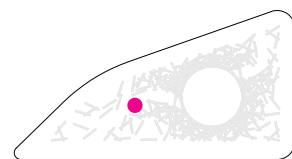


The shaded areas of the memorial provide a comfortable and inspiring public place for people to eat lunch, relax or meet with friends.

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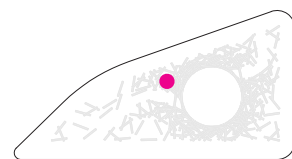


19 september 2024 path night



At night, uplit glass elements light the pathway leading to the circular Remembrance Hall.

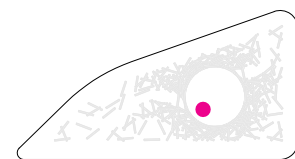
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The memorial experience unfolds slowly, space by space like a story, and casts the visitor into the role of investigative journalist, following the facts, wherever they lead, in the pursuit of truth.



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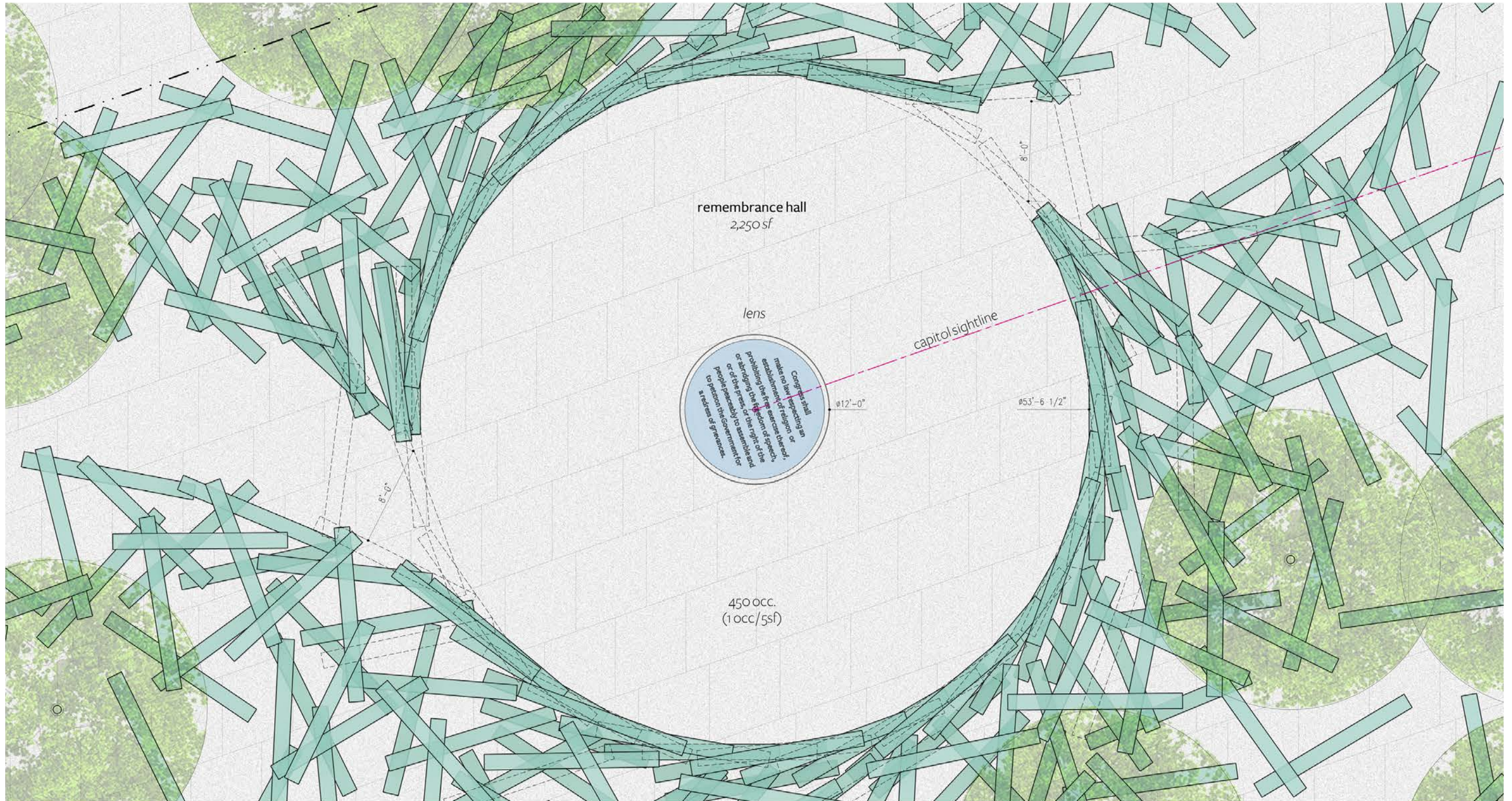


The circular Remembrance Hall is the memorial's "home for truth." Upon entering it, disorder yields to order, and things fall into place. The Capitol dome comes into view, signifying the watchdog role that journalists play in a democracy, and visitors are drawn to a circular glass "lens" in the center of the space bearing an important message: the text of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

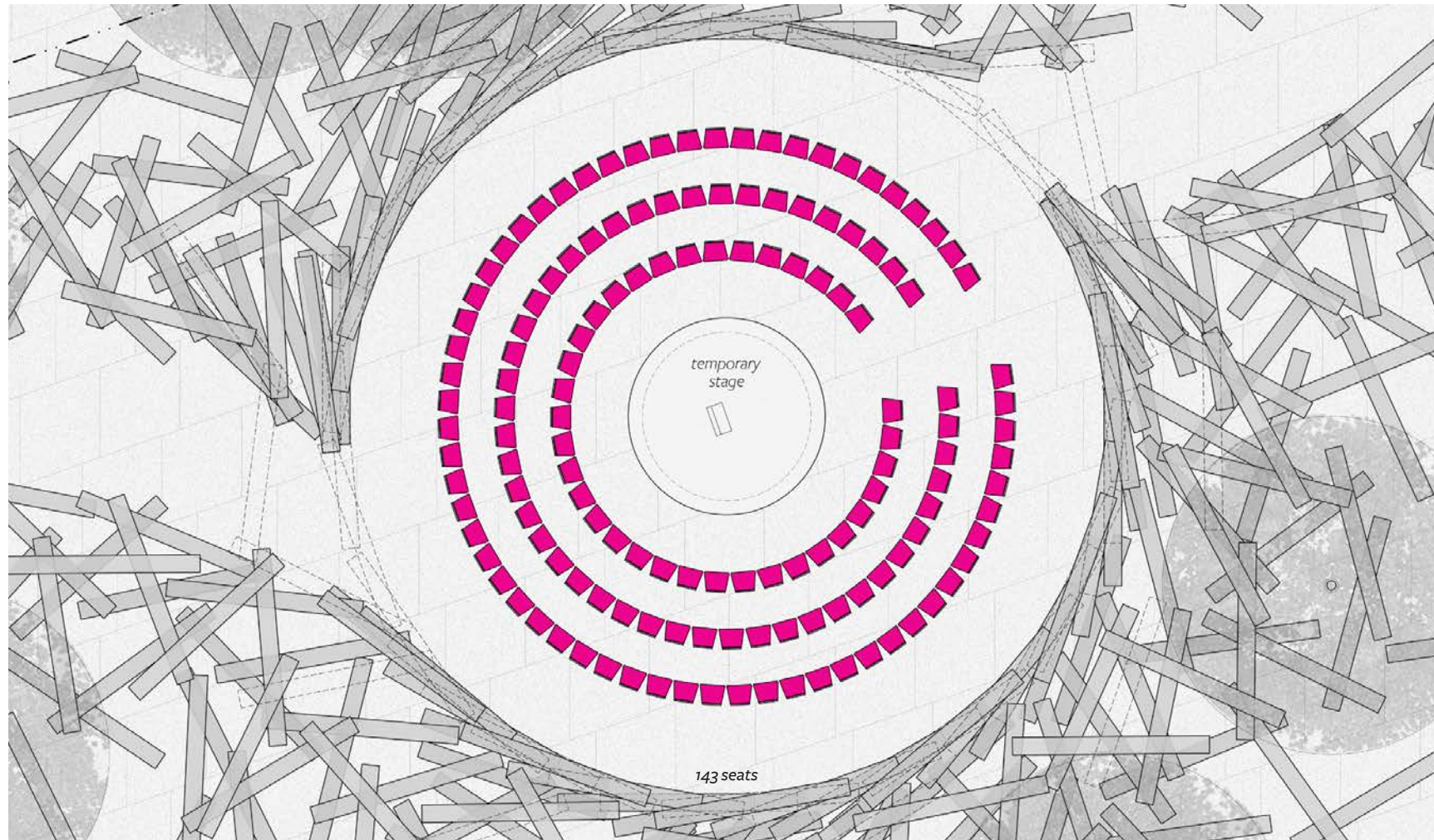
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Looking downward into the lens to read its message, the visitor's own reflection gazes back, implying that each one of us has a role to play in protecting First Amendment freedoms, to properly honor the sacrifice of those remembered here.



Symbolizing the ideal of objective truth, the pure and polished glass lens is protected by the horizontally stacked glass elements which personify the fallen.



event test fit

The Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation plans to support and supplement the physical memorial by:

- hosting ceremonies and events commemorating fallen journalists and annual days of awareness (i.e., World Press Freedom Day, International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists)
- developing long-term programming and digital content
- developing curricula for high school students
- organizing volunteers to provide on-site docents during peak visitor times
- providing a space for reporting news
- arranging professional cleaning and general upkeep of the memorial



classroom



press room



quotes engraved in horizontal bench elements



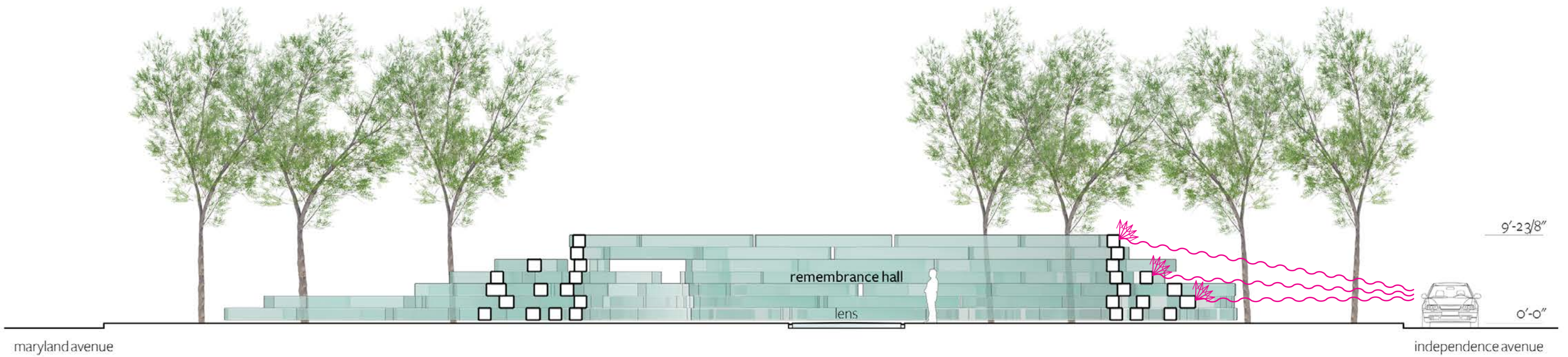
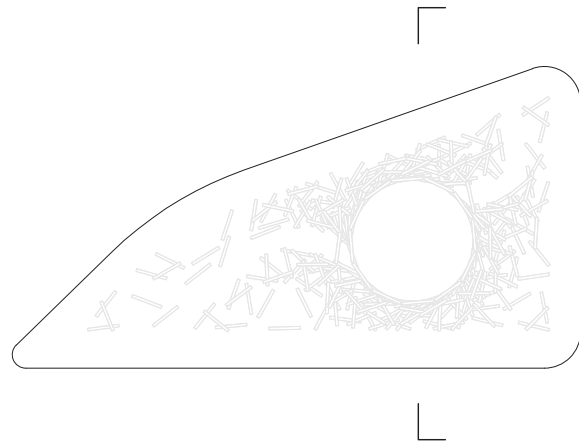
metal discs trigger digital audio content within memorial app



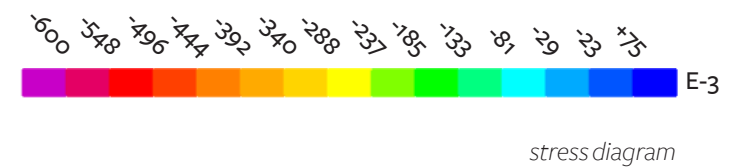
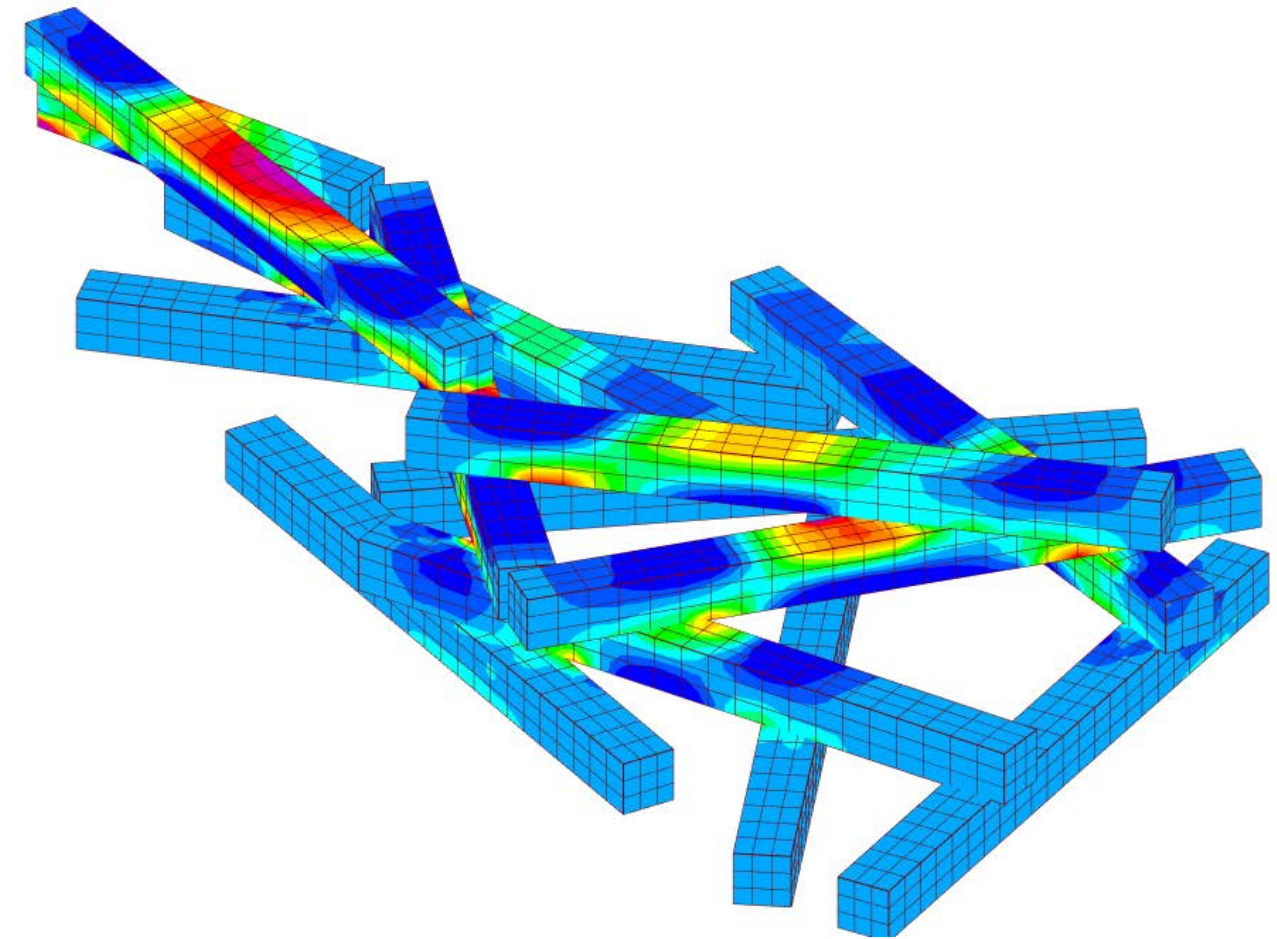
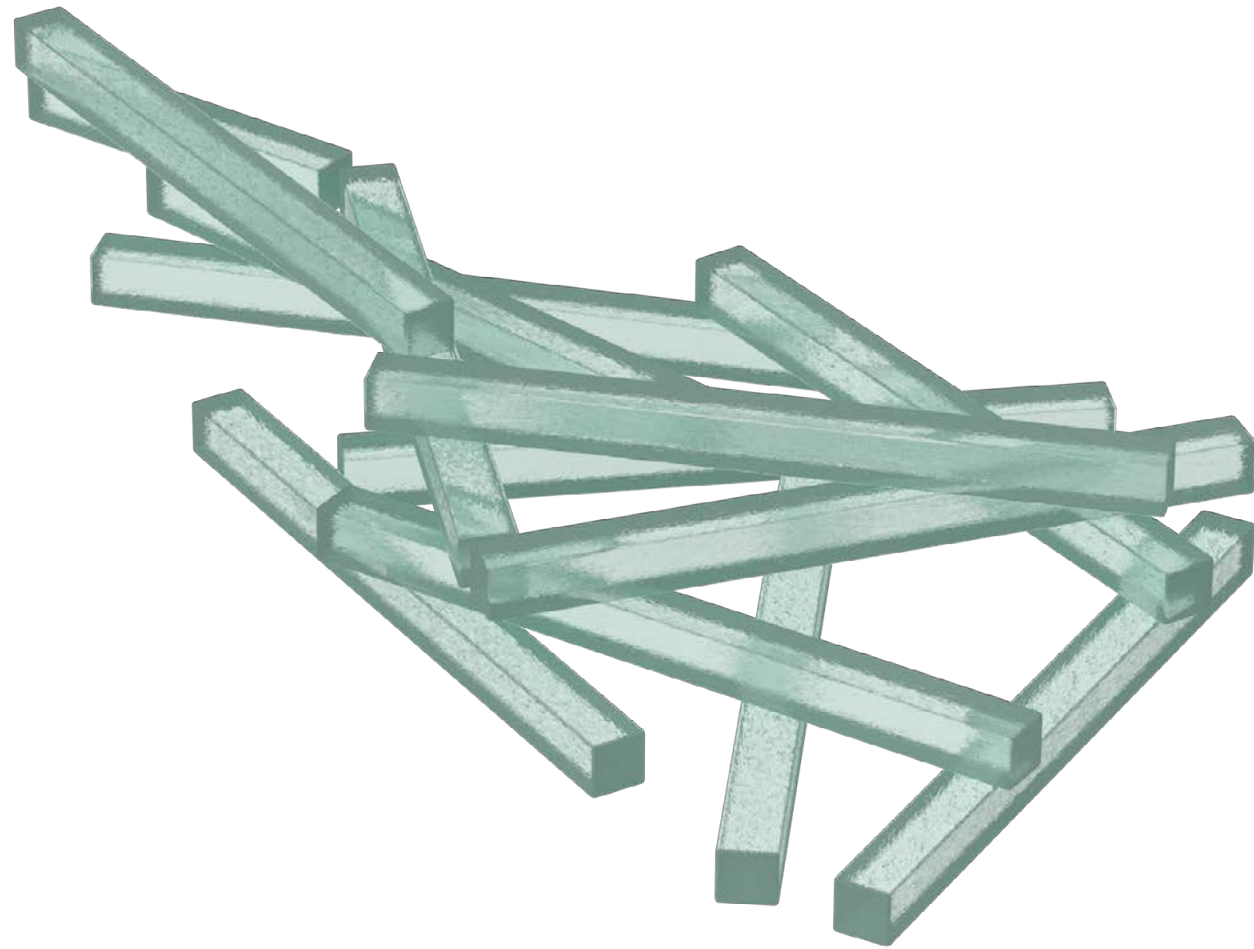
three dimensional engraved images related to journalism (printing press, camera, etc.)



quotes engraved in ends of elements



Like a journalist works to filter out the distracting noise of false information, the glass walls of the Remembrance Hall block the visual and auditory noise of the urban environment to create a place of quiet contemplation.



stress diagram

Glass elements are simply stacked and self-supporting. A structural analysis model was developed to assess stresses occurring within glass sections at representative areas of the memorial. The image above demonstrates flexural stresses, positive values indicating regions of tension in the glass and negative values indicating regions of compression. The resulting stresses were all found to be within standard limits for glass materials compared to accepted standards particularly with regards to the critical tension stresses.

trees
deciduous trees provide shade for human comfort and support wildlife habitat

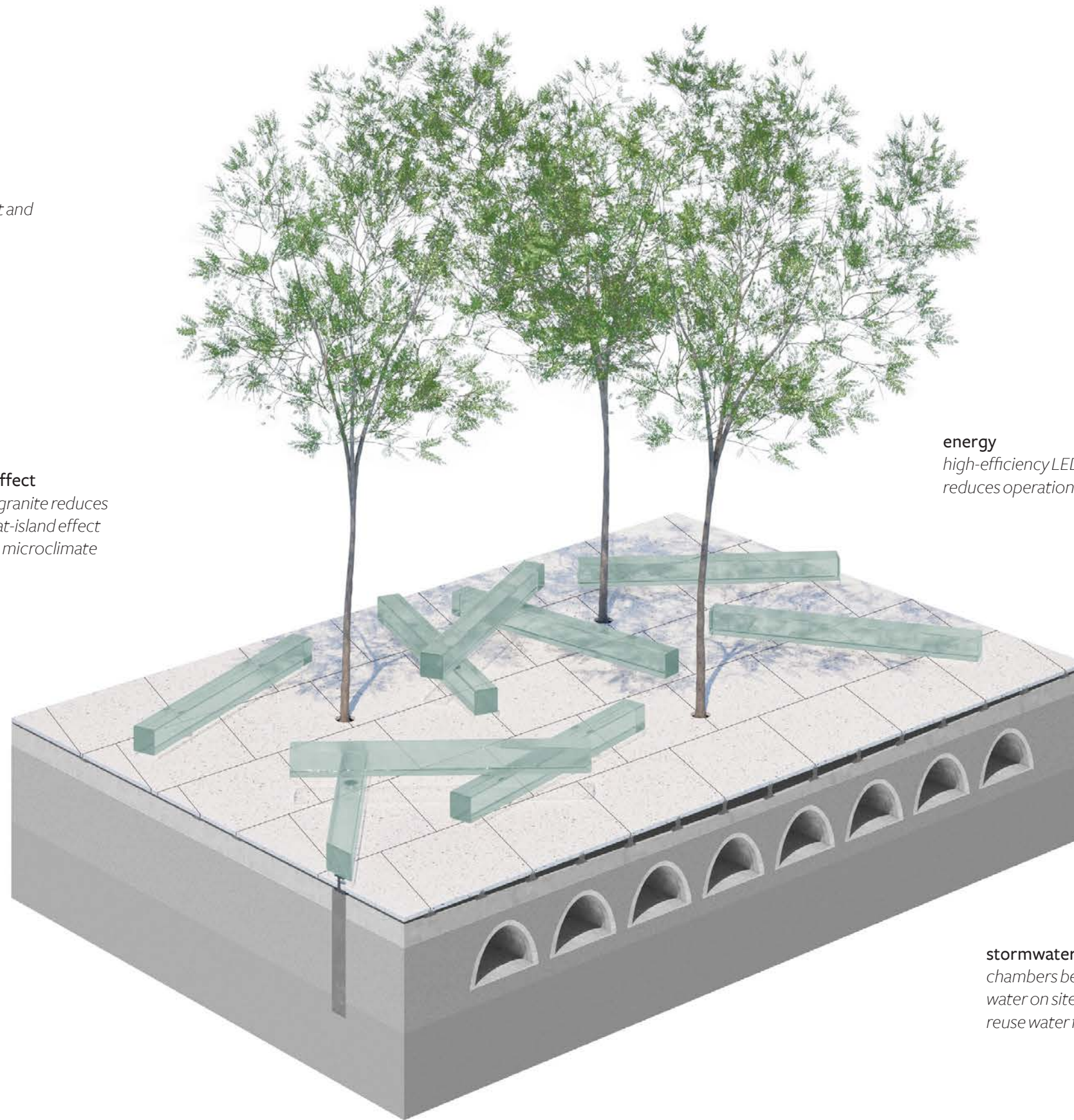
heat-island effect
light colored granite reduces the urban heat-island effect and improves microclimate

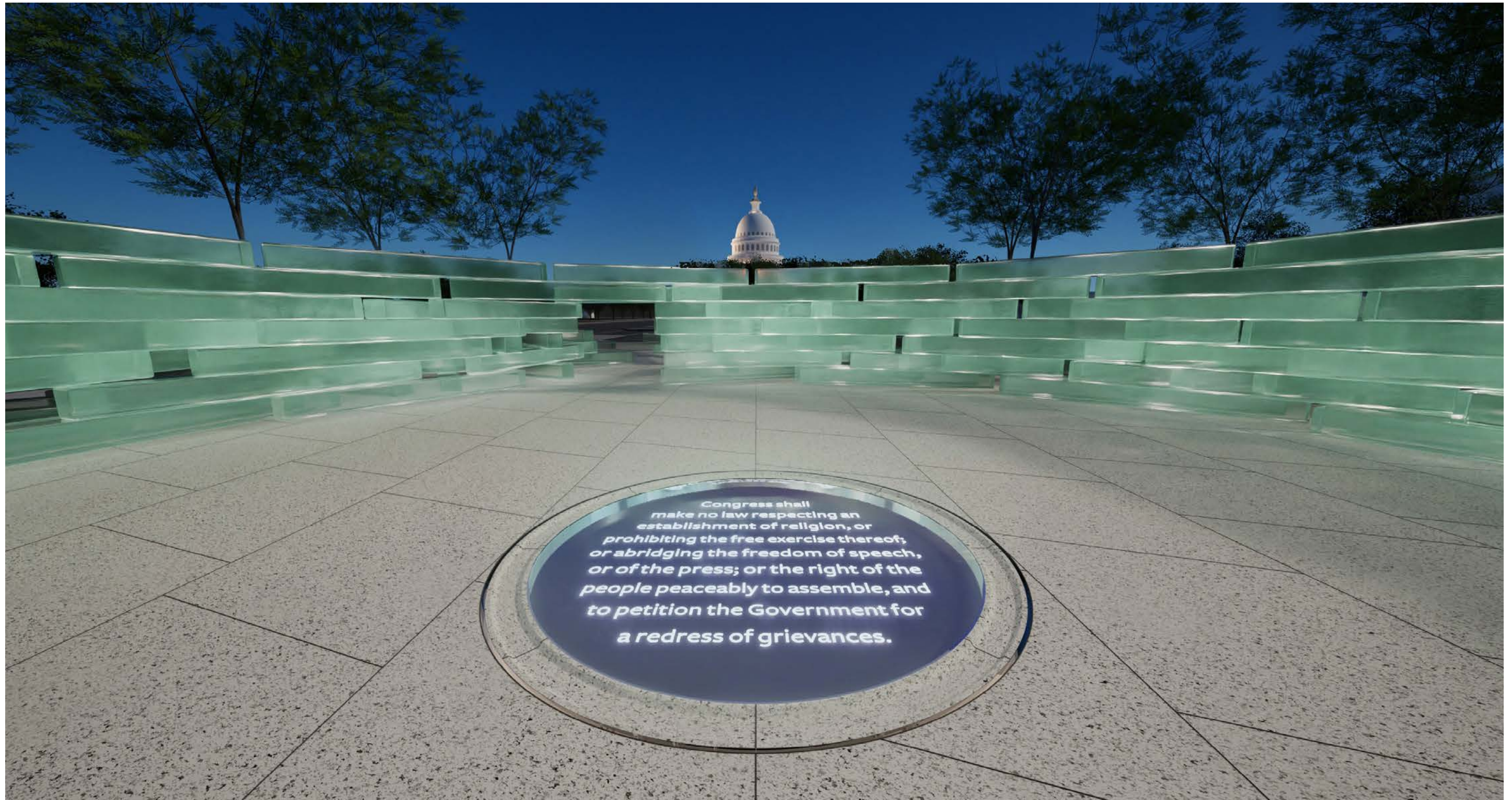
energy
high-efficiency LED lighting reduces operational cost

recycled material
glass elements include recycled material

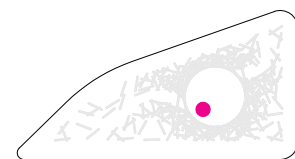
embodied energy
concrete pier foundations use recycled aggregate and fly-ash to reduce embodied energy

stormwater management
chambers below paving detain water on site with potential to reuse water for site irrigation





The First Amendment text is oriented on axis with the Capitol Dome, signifying the watchdog role that journalists play in a democracy.

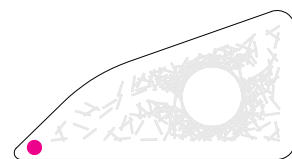


At night, a soft glow emanates from the up-lit glass elements, creating an atmosphere of quiet reflection where those who have sacrificed their life in pursuit of the truth are honored, and First Amendment rights are celebrated.

Appendix



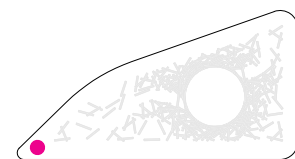
19 september 2024 view looking east summer



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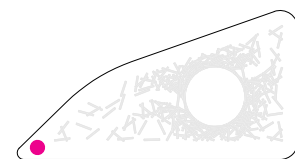
19 september 2024 view looking east autumn



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19 september 2024 view looking east winter



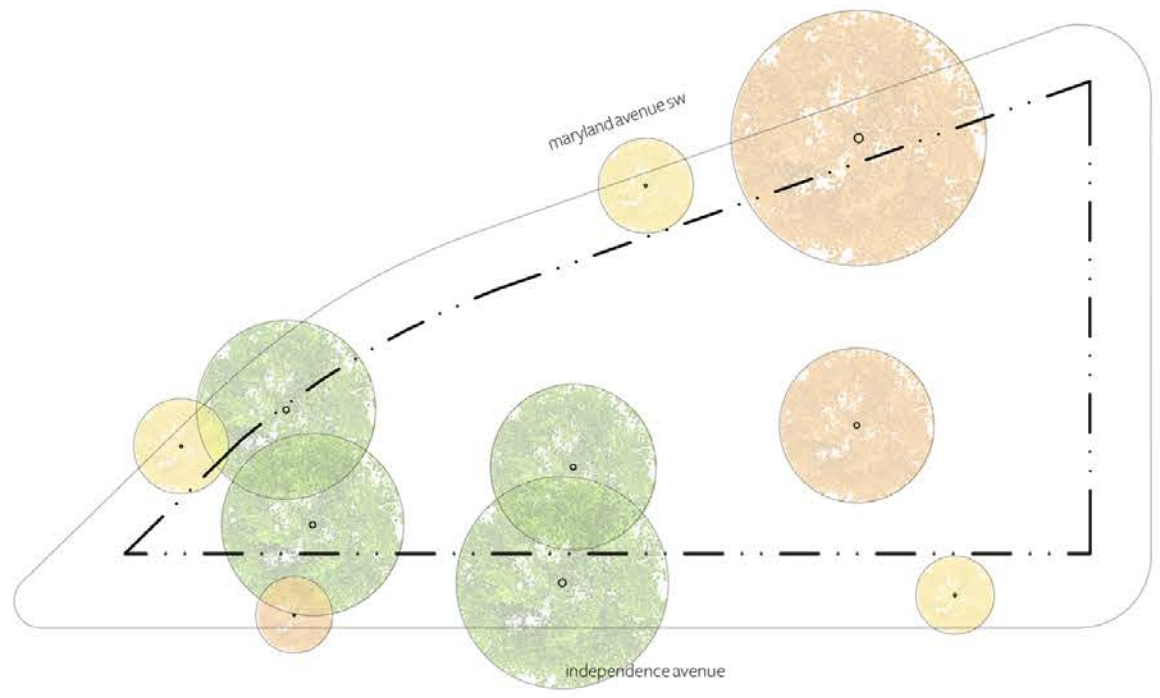
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view looking east

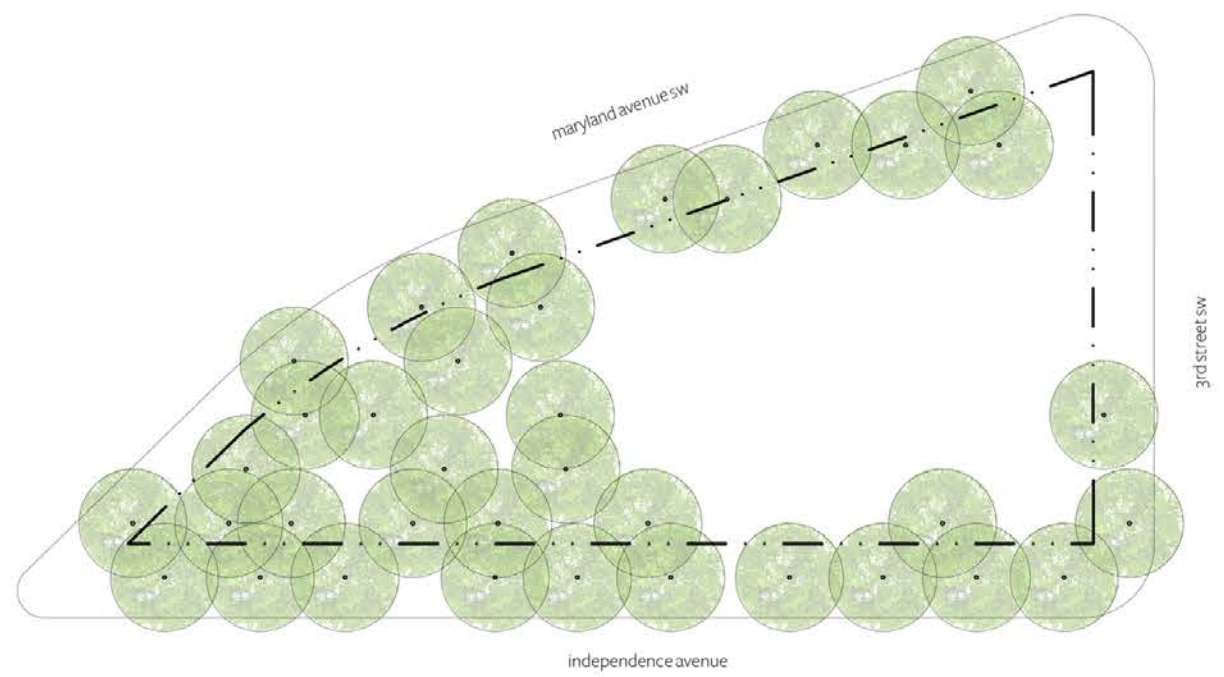


view looking west

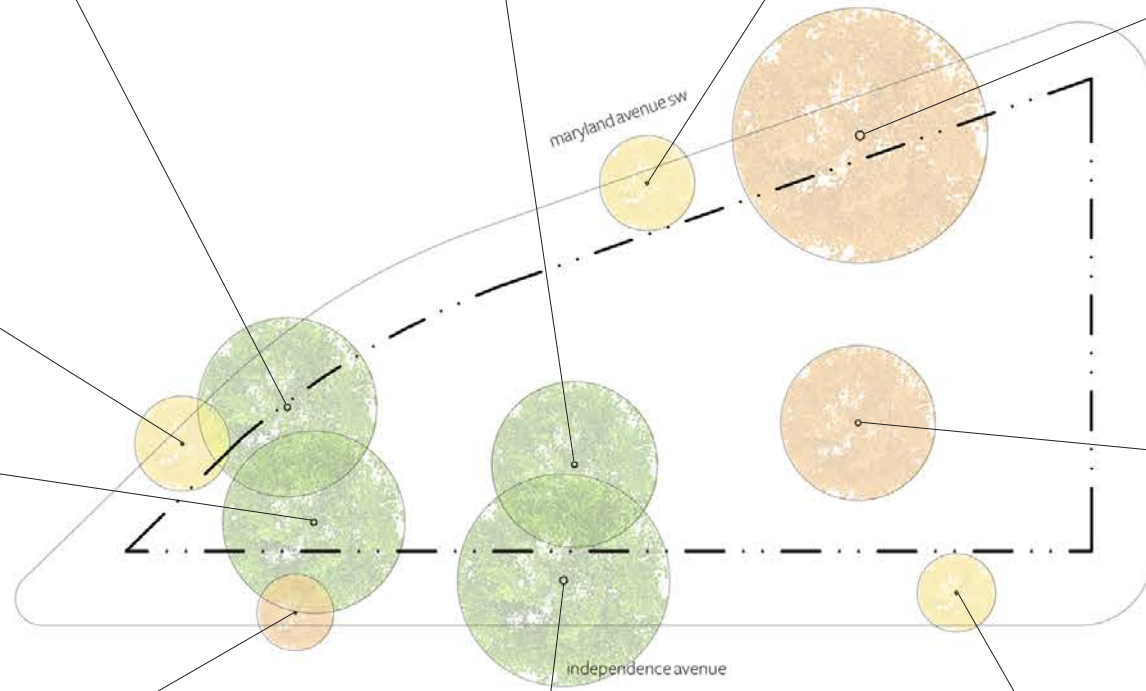


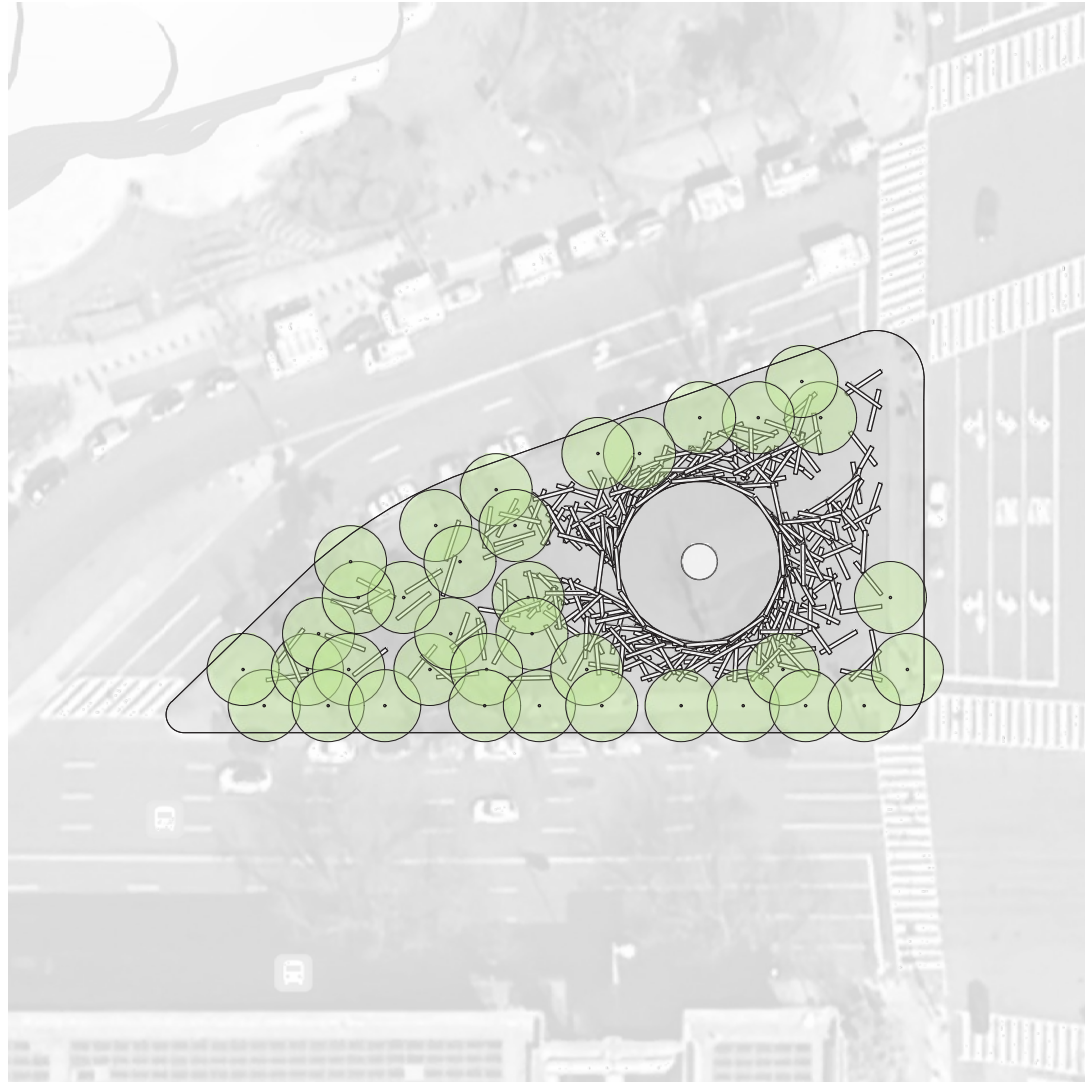
existing 10 trees

orange dying
 yellow transplant candidate



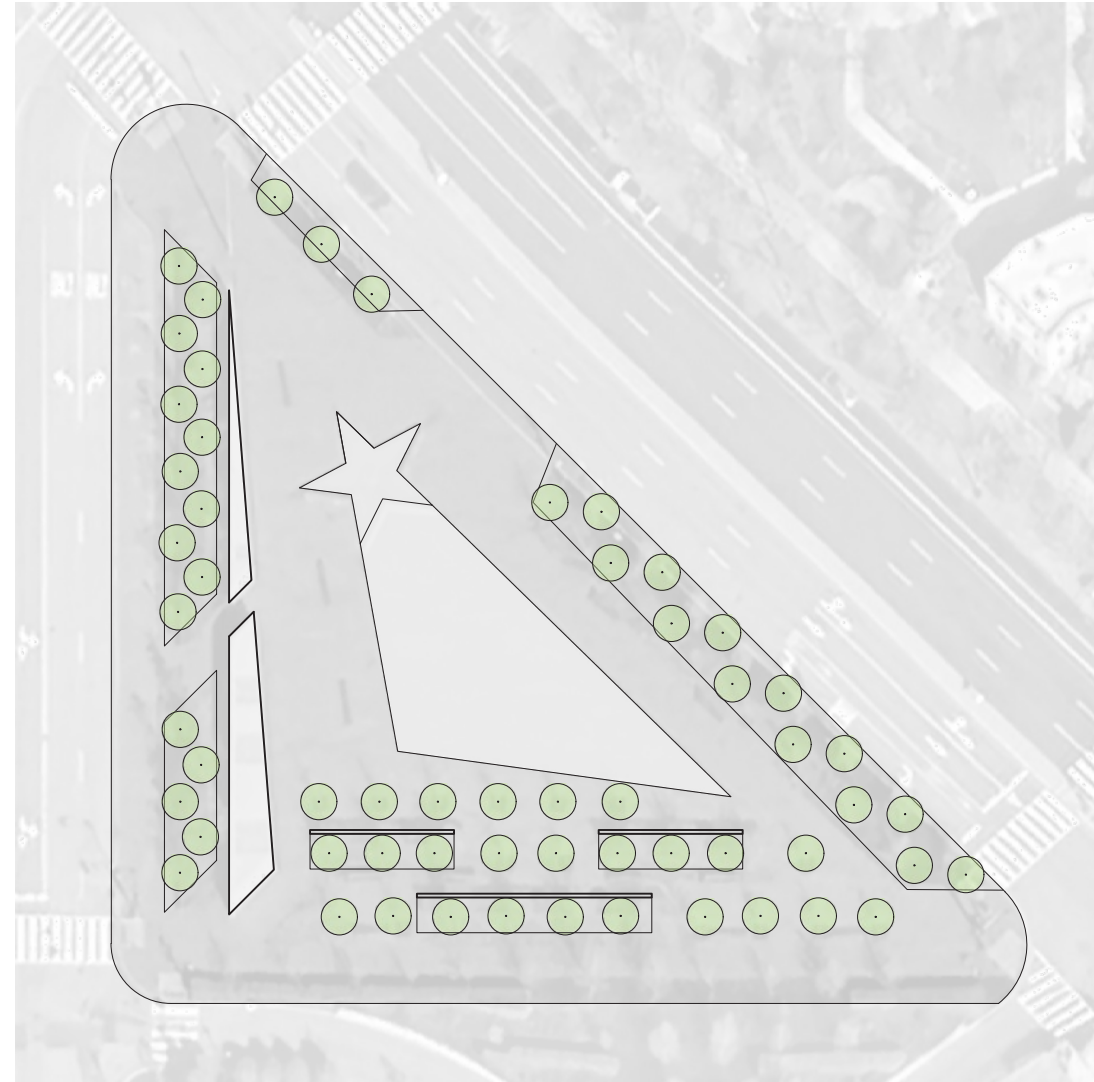
proposed 36 trees





fallen journalists memorial

22,500 sf



american veterans disabled for life memorial

54,750 sf

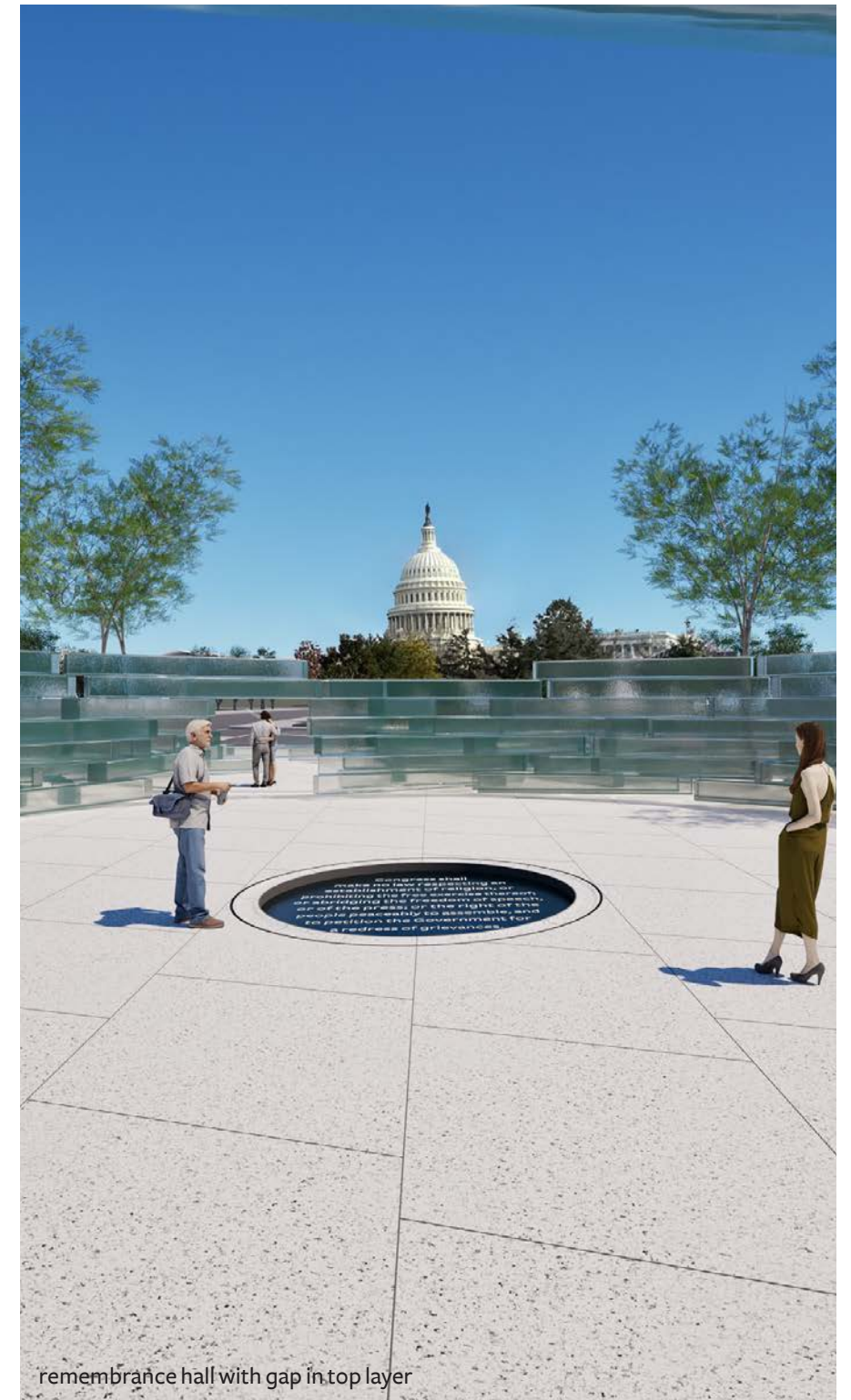




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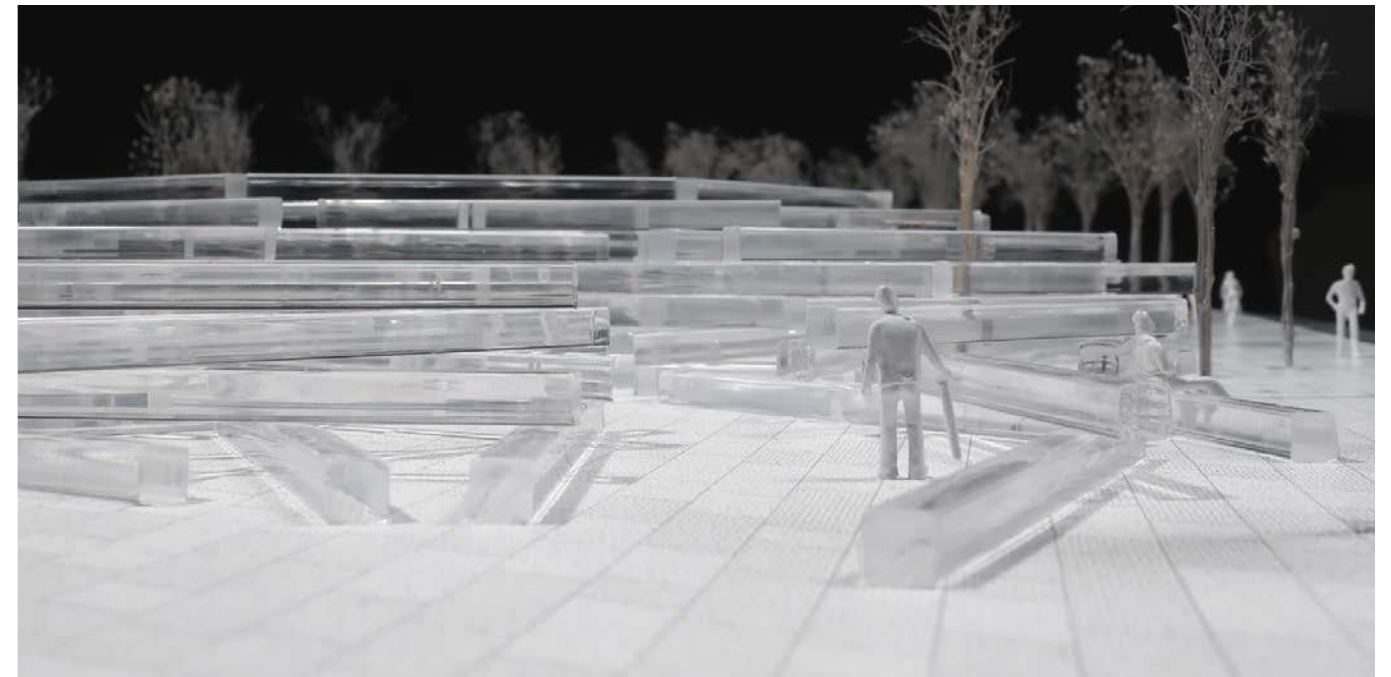
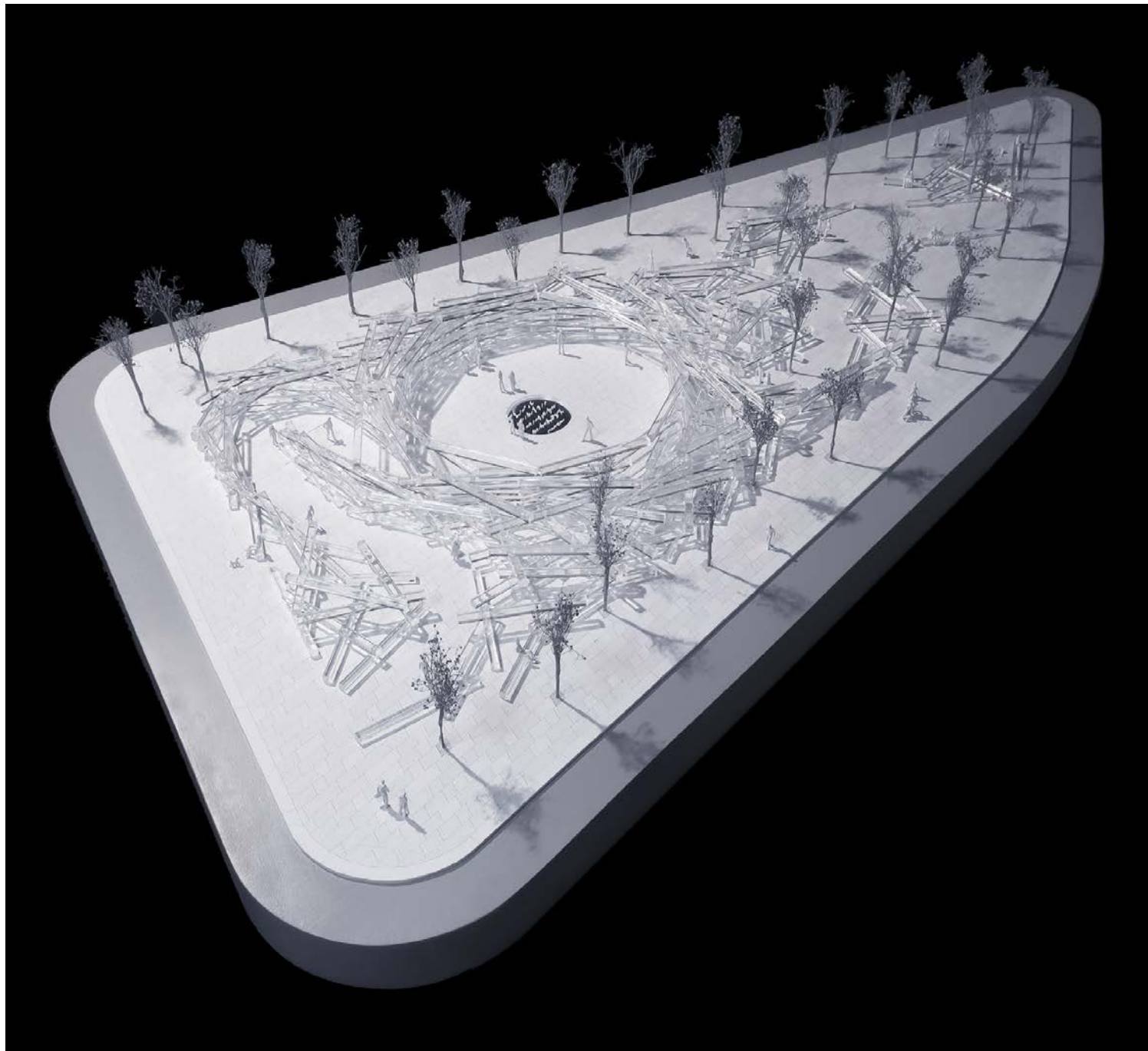
remembrance hall with complete top layer

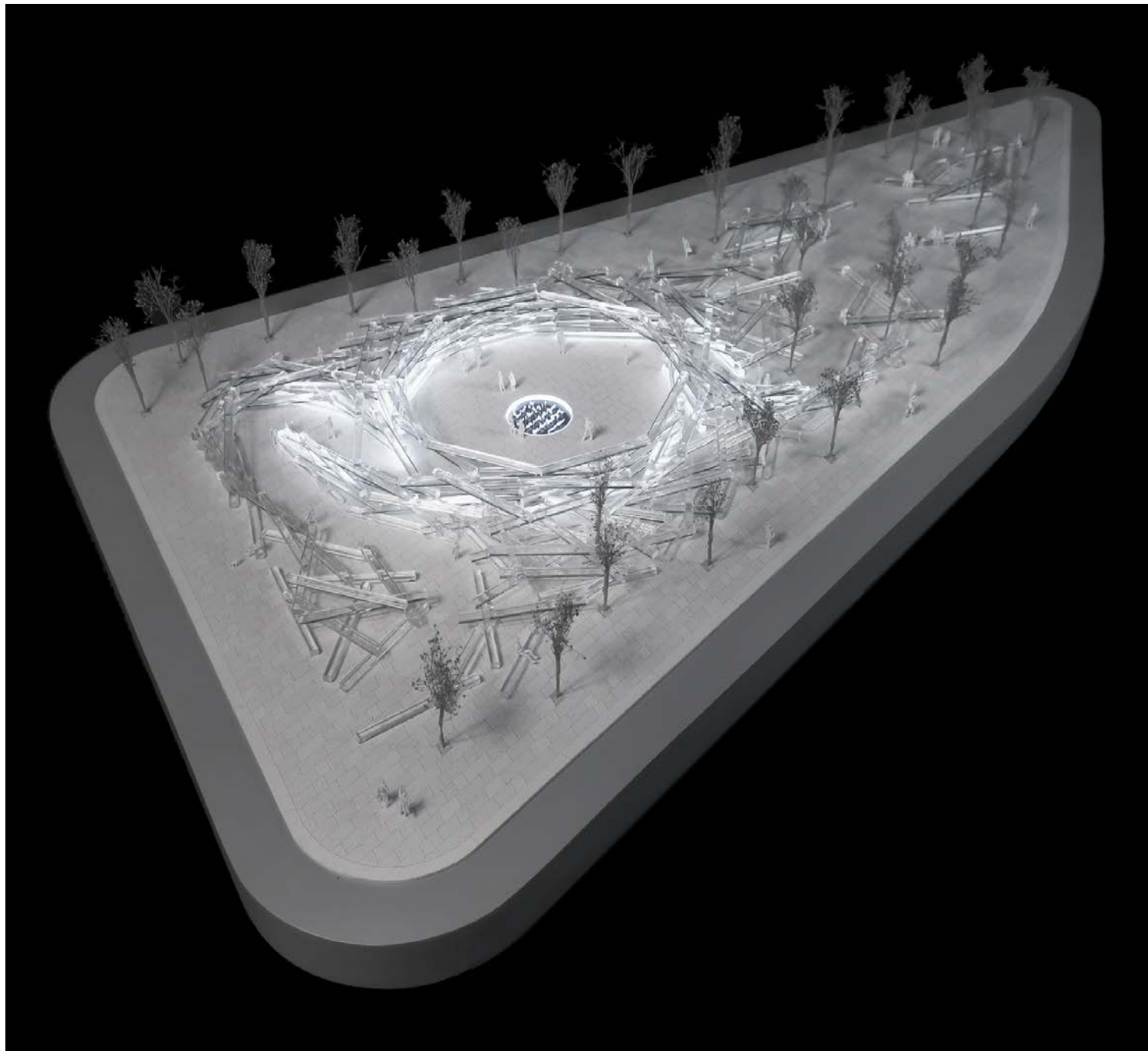


remembrance hall with gap in top layer

Design Development

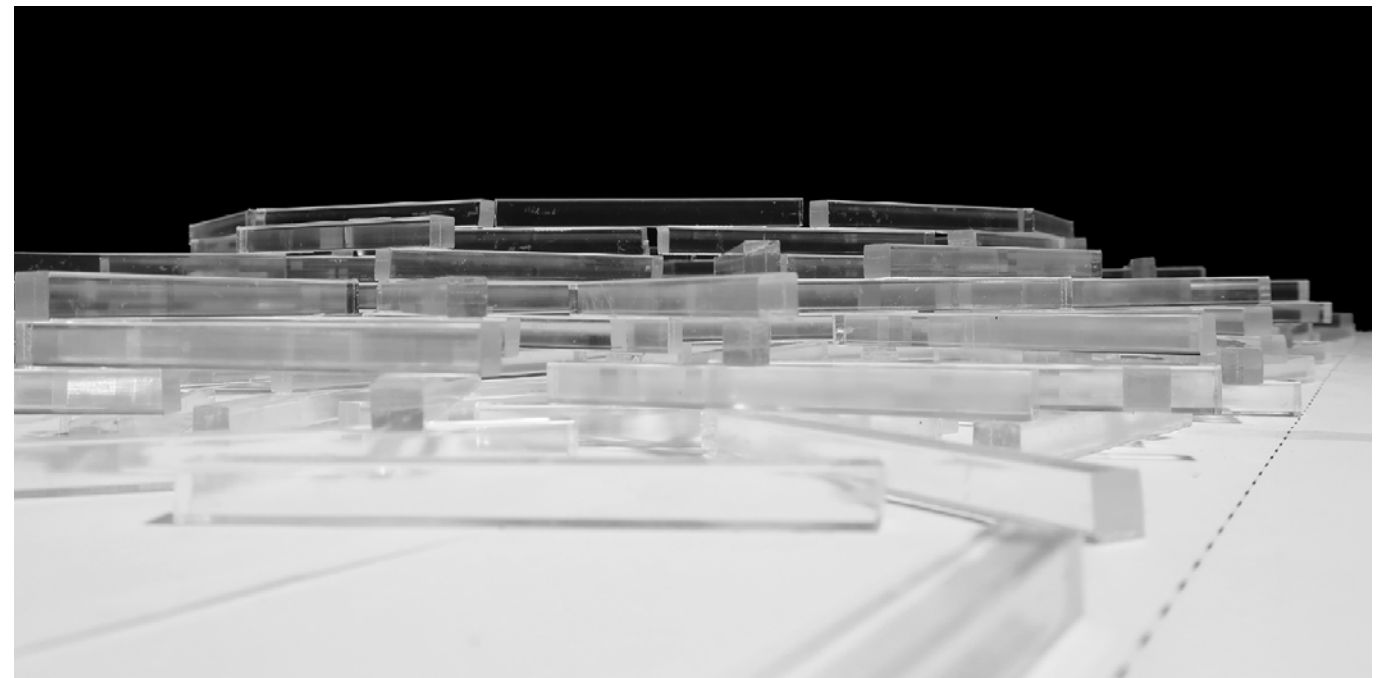
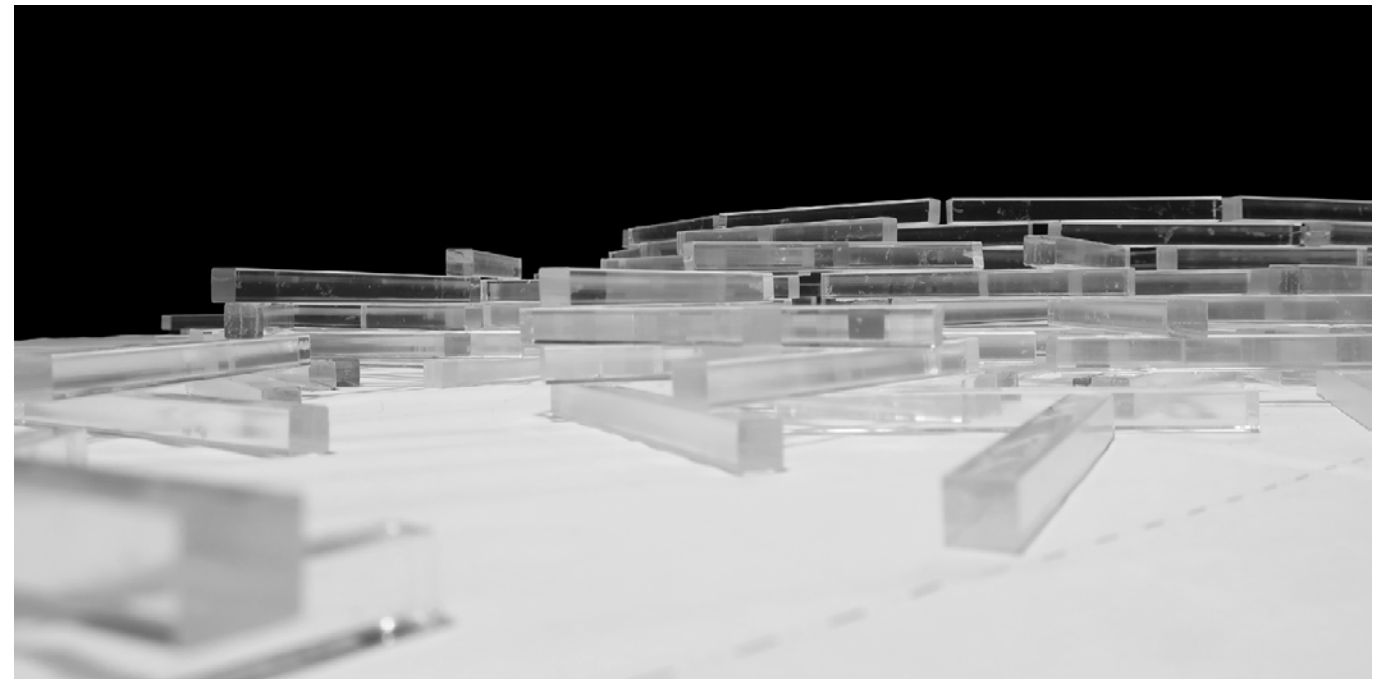
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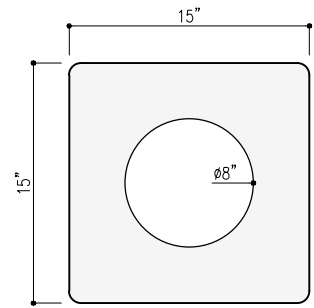
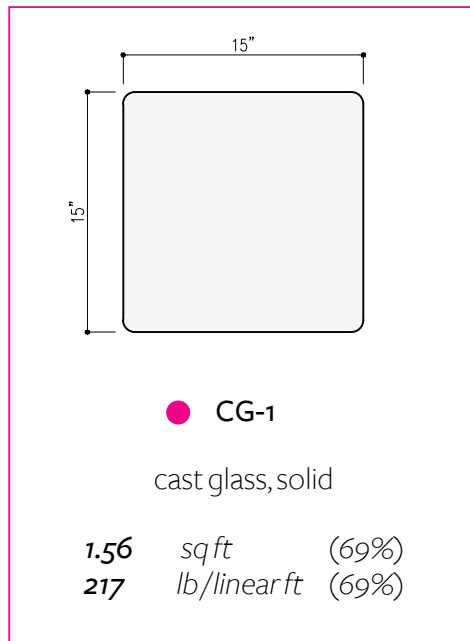




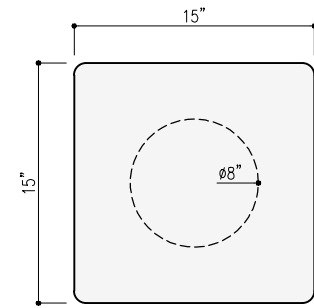
in-progress glass element layout



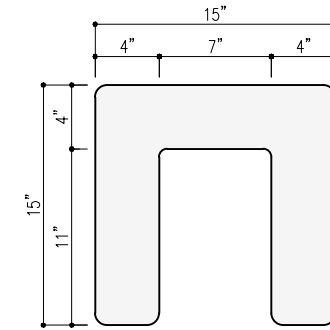
Design Development Element Material and Profile



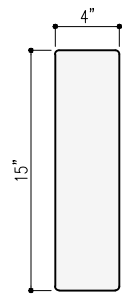
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168	lb/linearft	(53%)



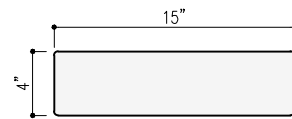
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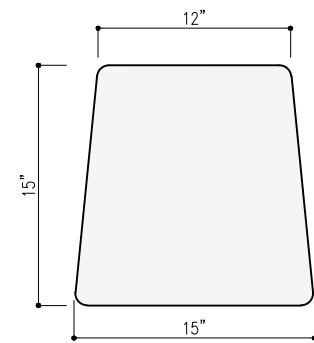
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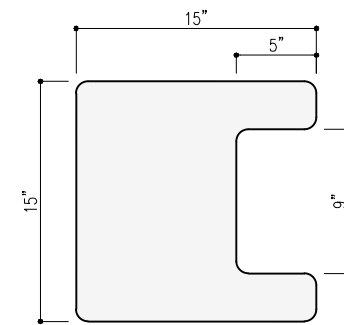
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57	lb/linearft	(18%)



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1.40	sqft	(62%)
195	lb/linearft	(62%)

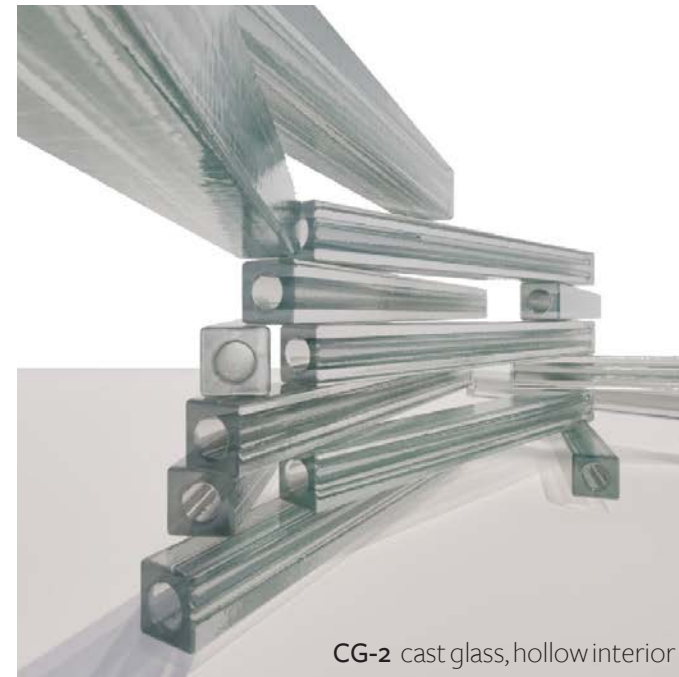


1.25	sqft	(55%)
174	lb/linearft	(55%)

(% indicates comparison to competition scheme)



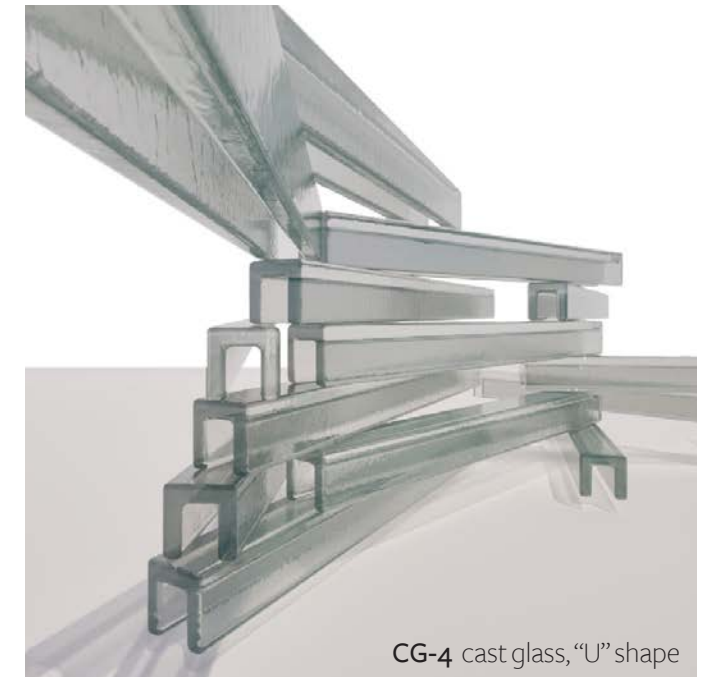
● CG-1 cast glass, solid



CG-2 cast glass, hollow interior



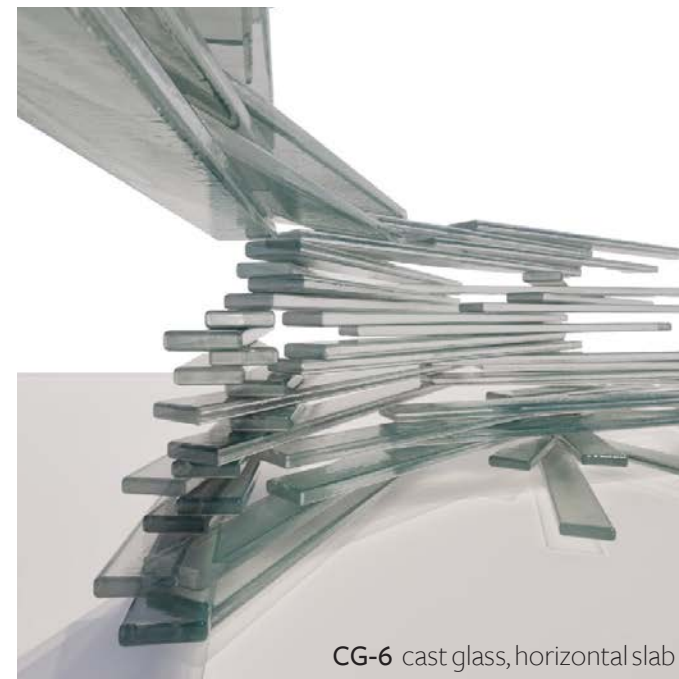
CG-3 cast glass, captured void



CG-4 cast glass, "U" shape



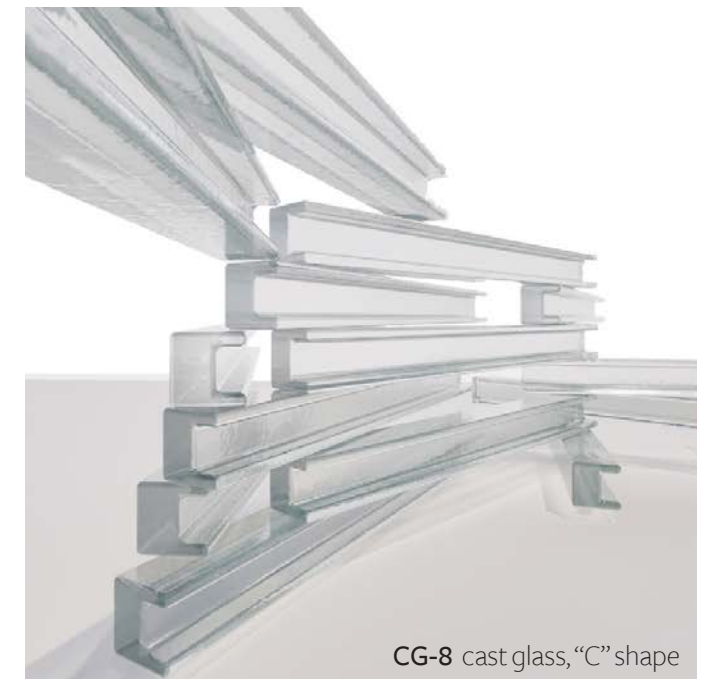
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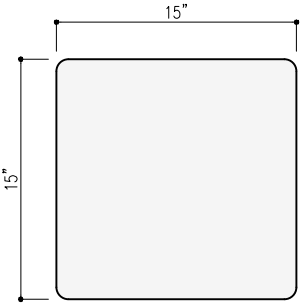
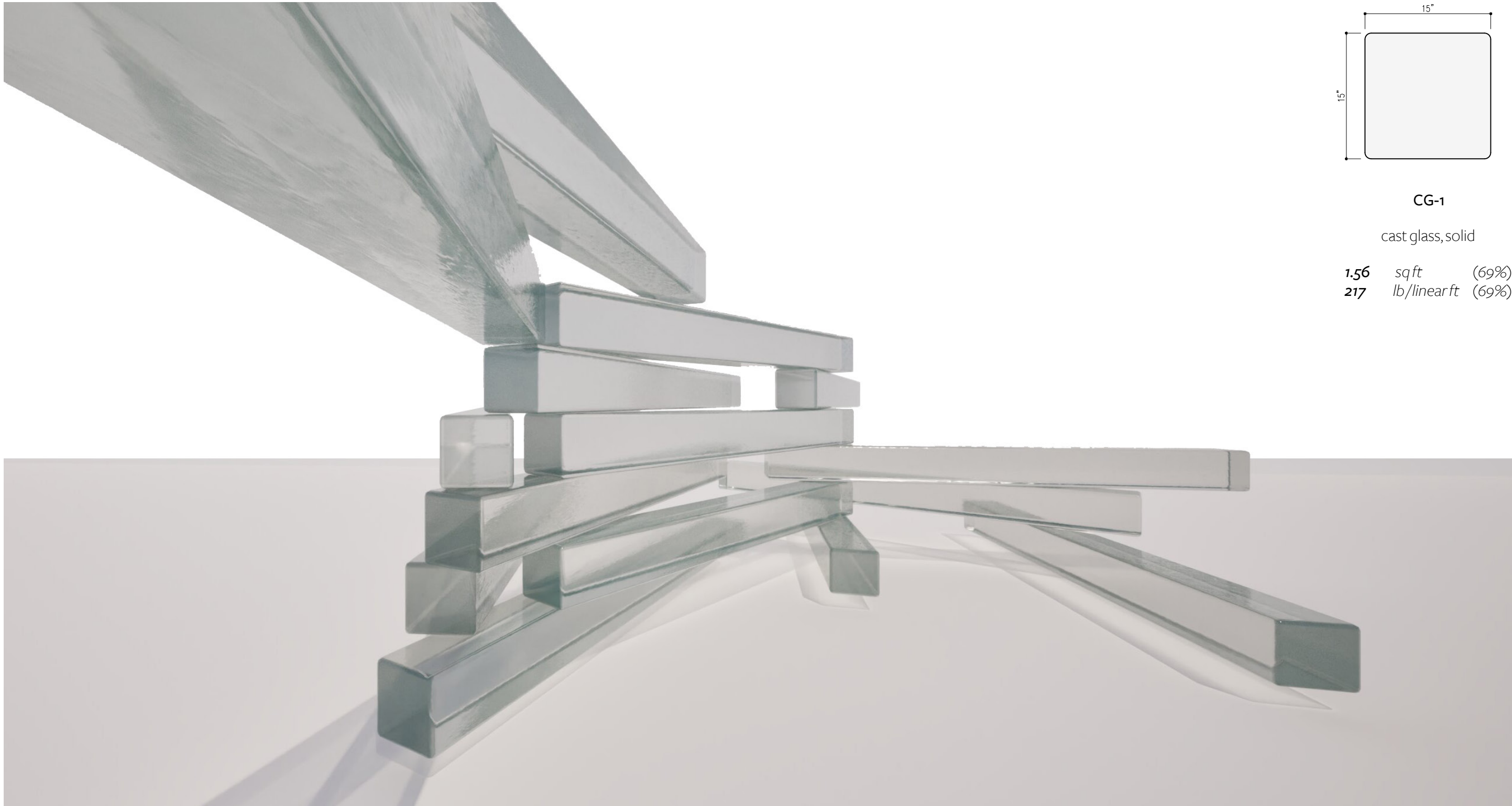
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CG-7 cast glass, trapezoid



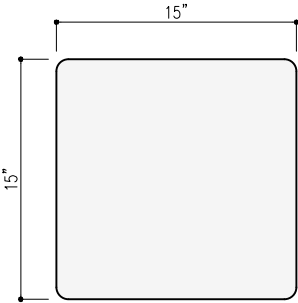
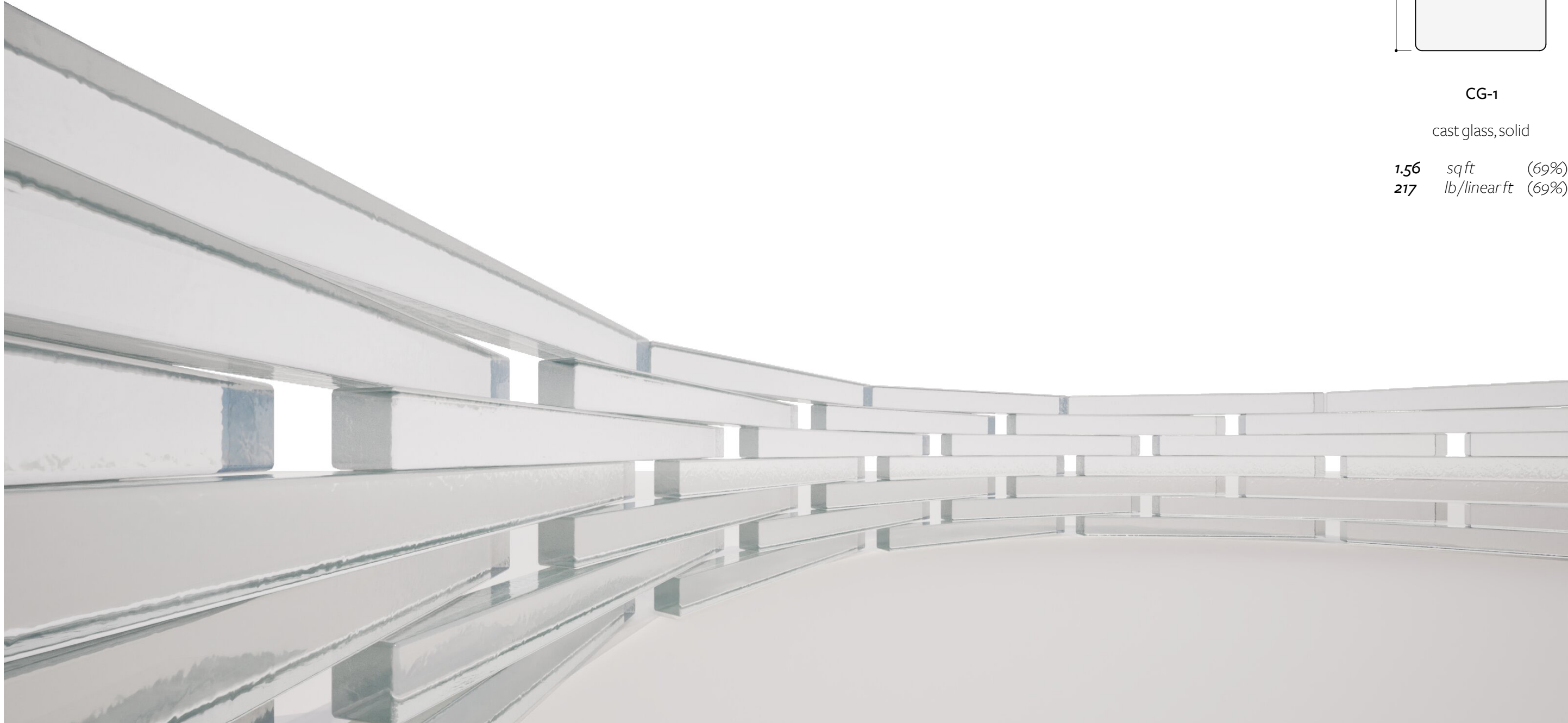
CG-8 cast glass, "C" shape



CG-1

cast glass, solid

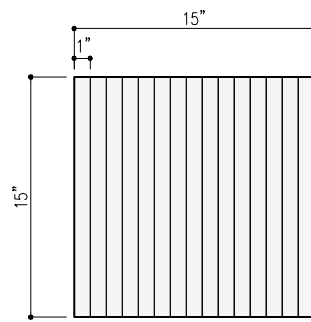
1.56 sqft (69%)
217 lb/linearft (69%)



CG-1

cast glass, solid

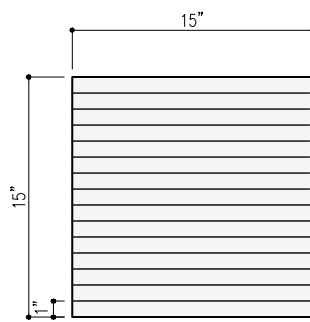
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LG-1

laminated glass, vertical

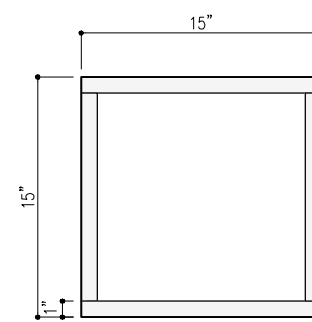
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LG-2

laminated glass, horizontal

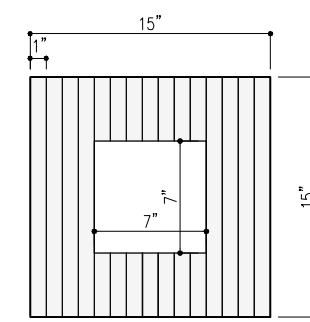
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LG-3

laminated glass, box

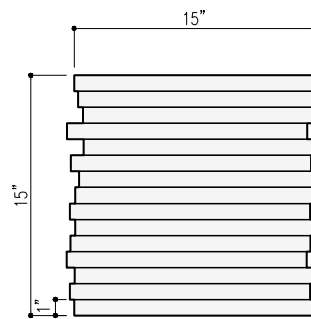
0.39 sqft (17%)
54 lb/linearft (17%)



LG-4

laminated glass, hollow

1.22 sqft (54%)
170 lb/linearft (54%)



LG-5

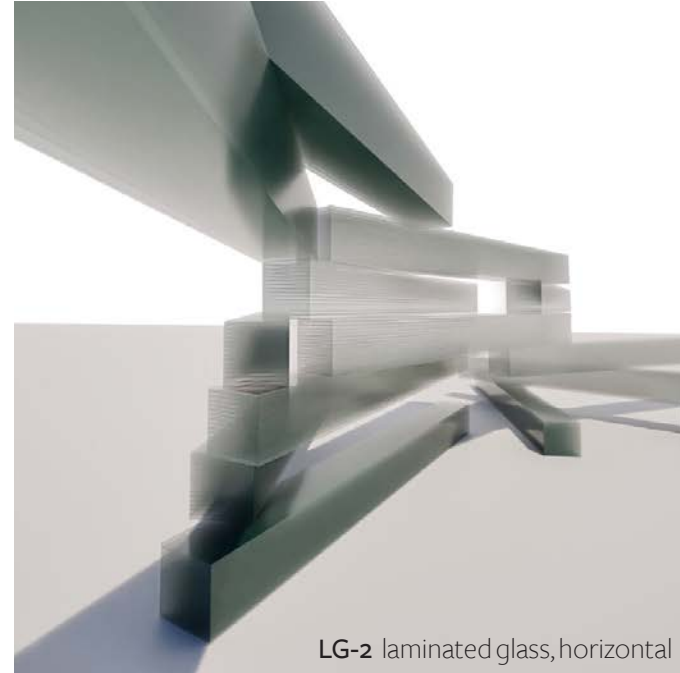
laminated glass, deckled edge

1.55 sqft (69%)
216 lb/linearft (69%)

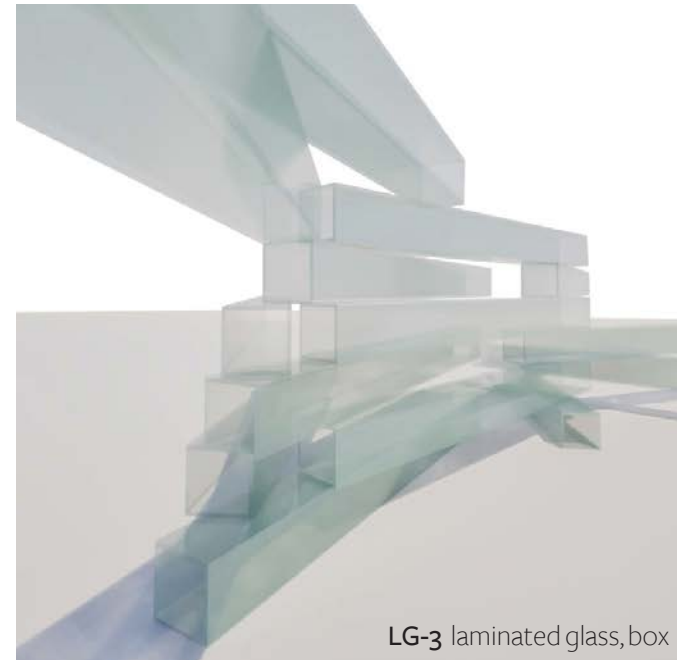
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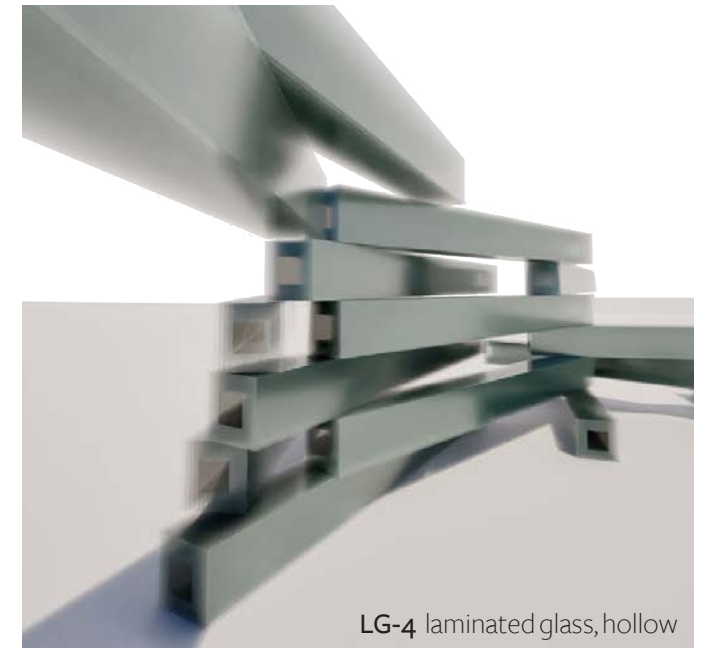
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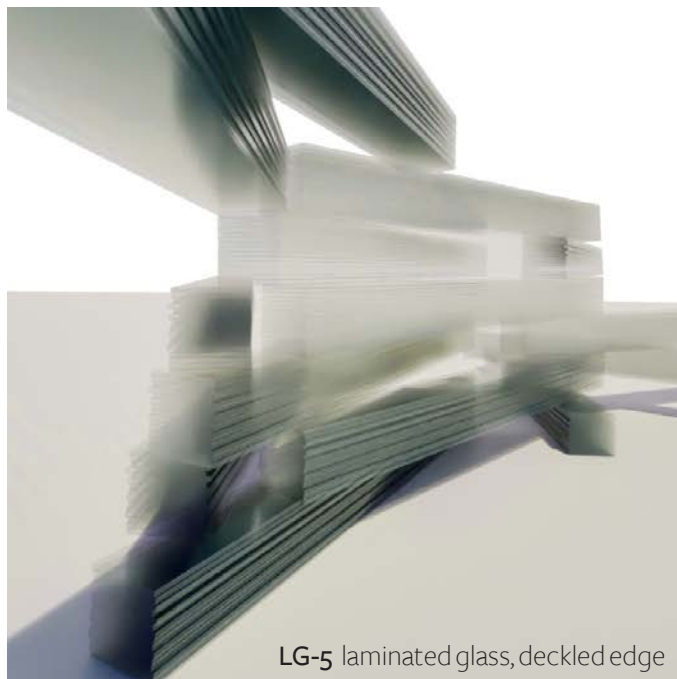
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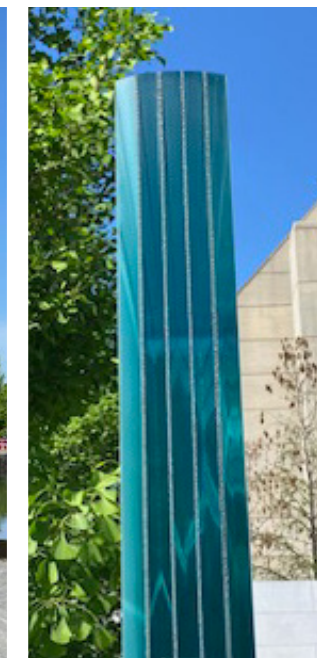
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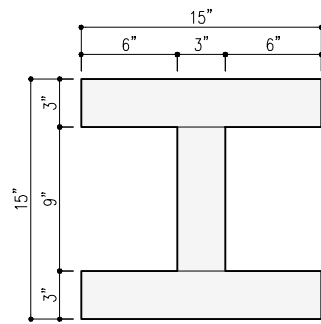
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LG-5 laminated glass, deckled edge



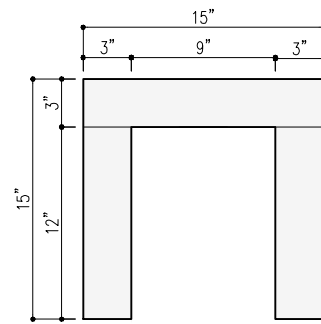
laminated glass used at the disabled veterans memorial



AC-1

acrylic, "I" shape

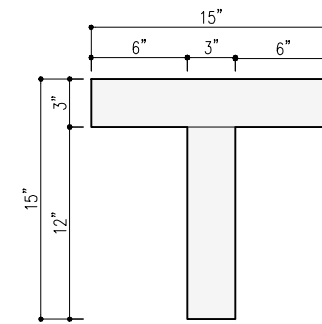
0.81 sqft (36%)
59 lb/linearft (18%)



AC-2

acrylic, "U" shape

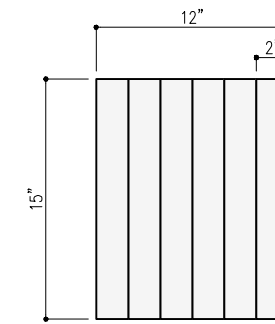
0.81 sqft (36%)
59 lb/linearft (18%)



AC-3

acrylic, "T" shape

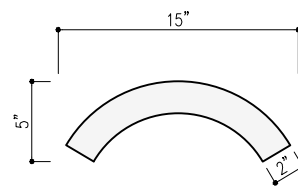
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AC-4

acrylic, laminated/curved

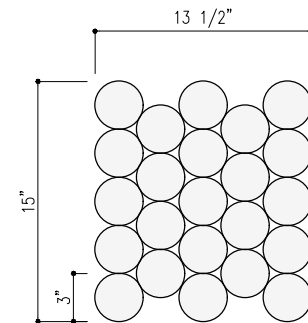
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90 lb/linearft (28%)



AC-5

acrylic, curved

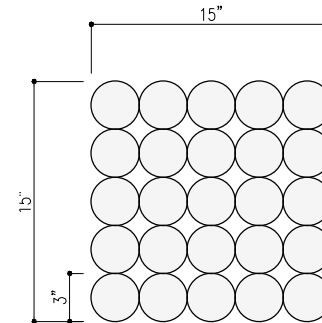
0.20 sqft (8%)
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AC-6

acrylic, rods

1.19 sqft (52%)
86 lb/linearft (27%)

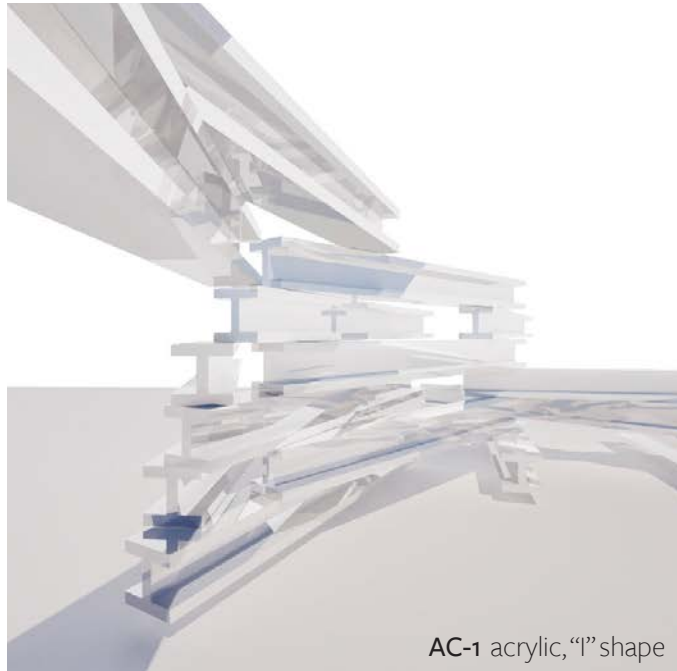


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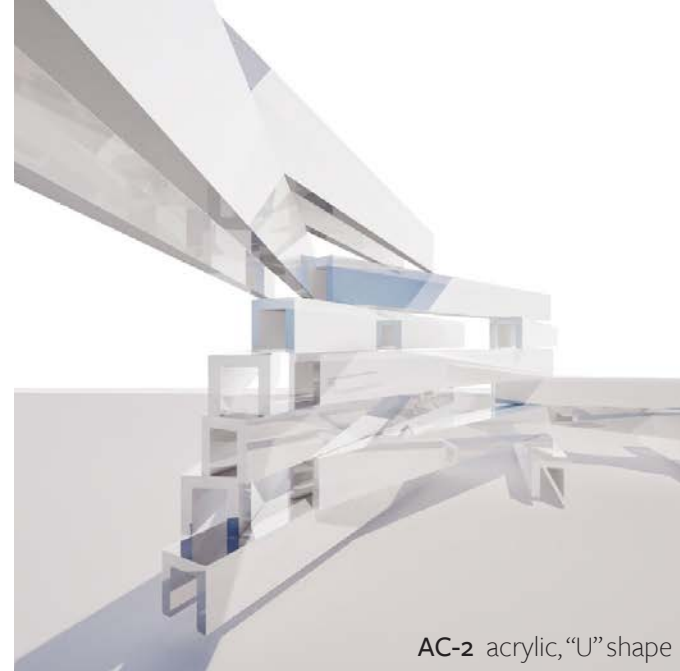
acrylic, rods

1.22 sqft (54%)
88 lb/linearft (28%)

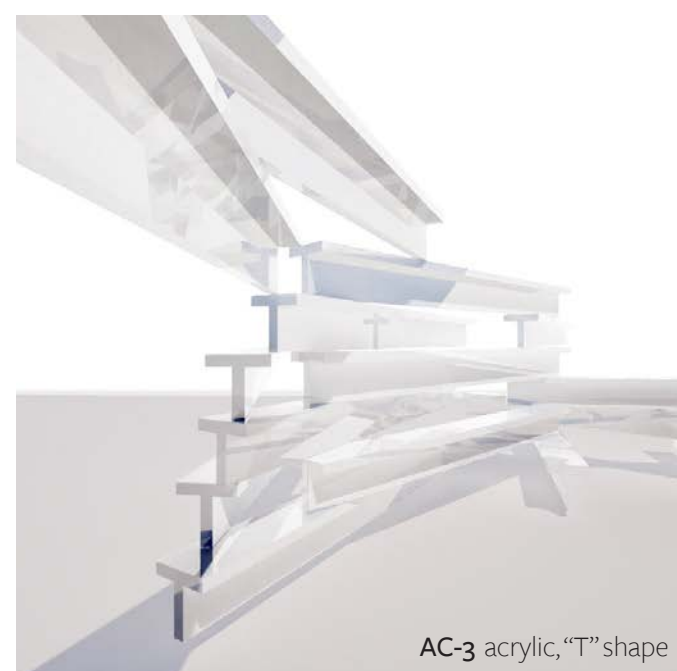
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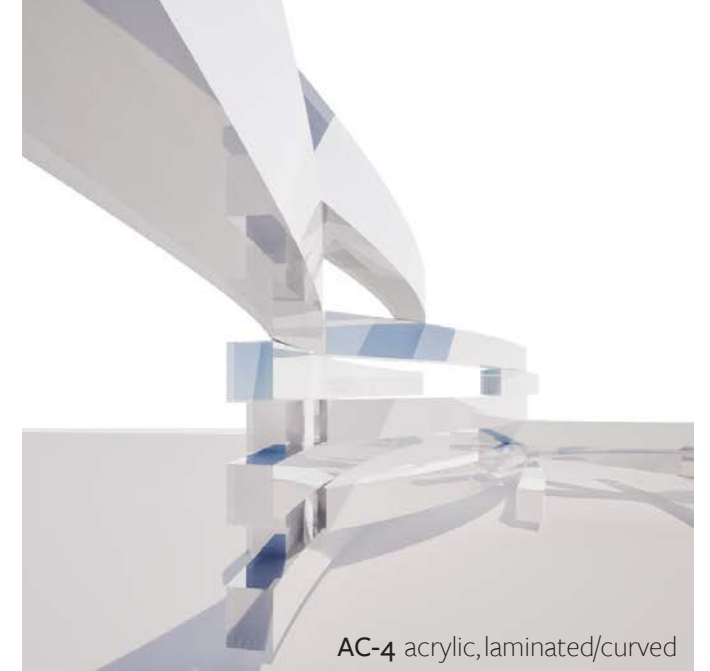
AC-1 acrylic, "I" shape



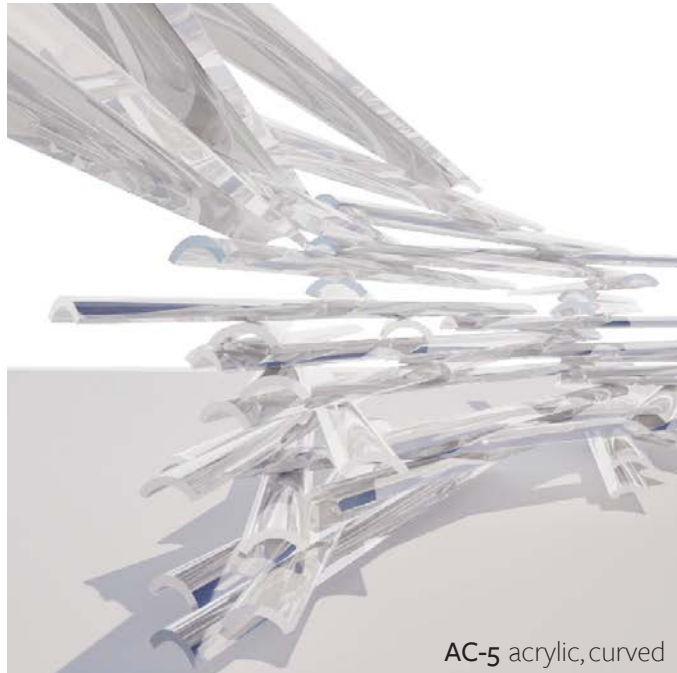
AC-2 acrylic, "U" shape



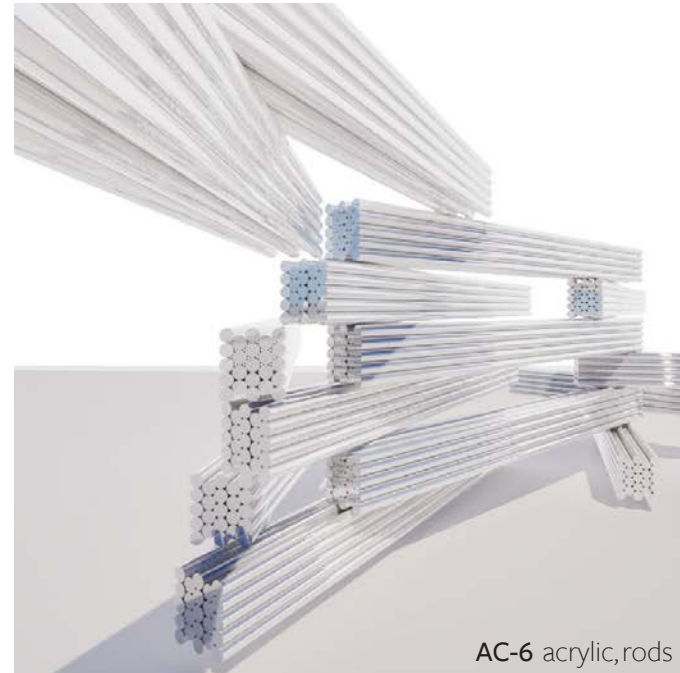
AC-3 acrylic, "T" shape



AC-4 acrylic, laminated/curved



AC-5 acrylic, curved



AC-6 acrylic, rods

Design Development Element Size

2017 District of Columbia Building Code chapter 10 means of egress

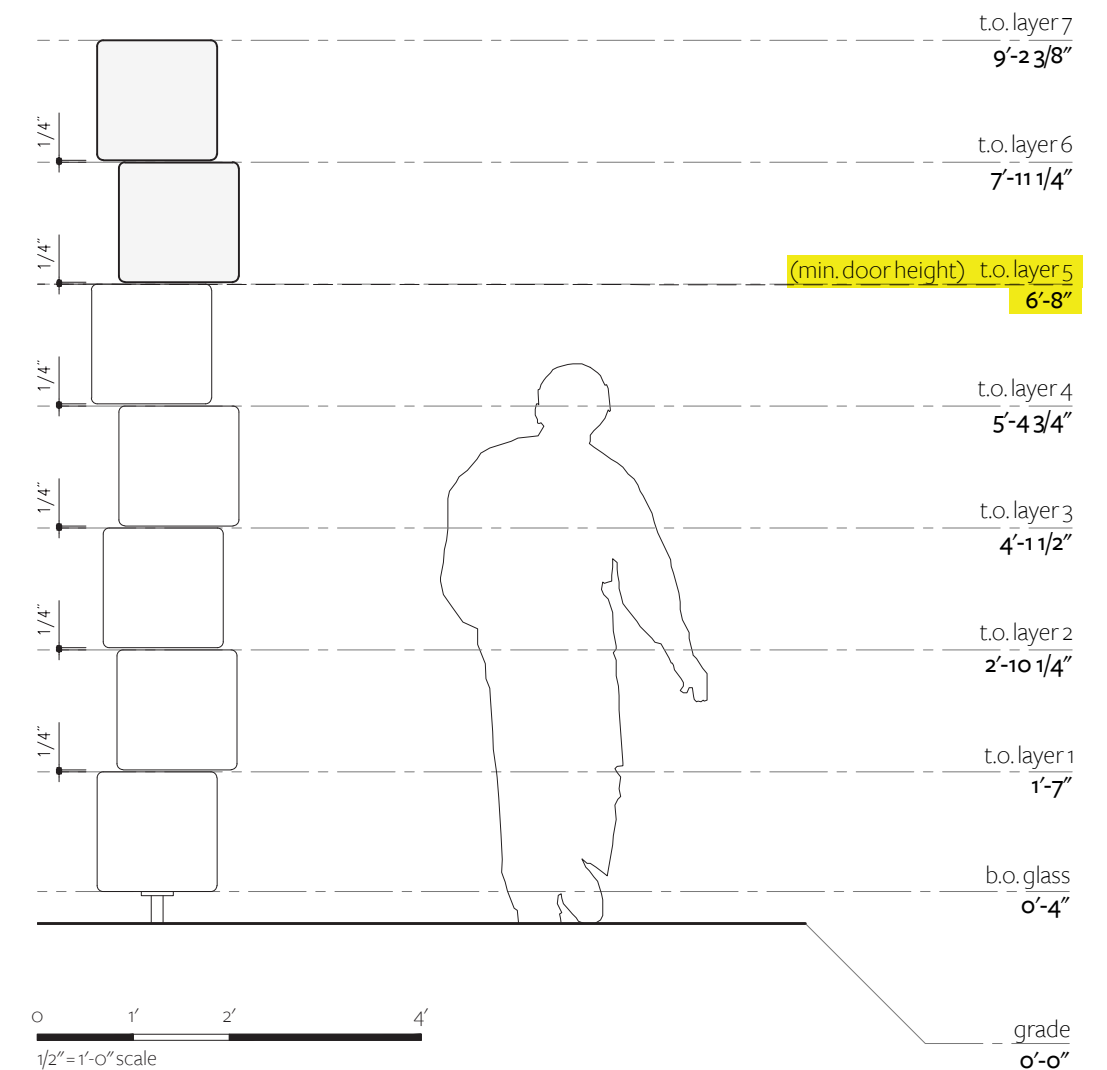
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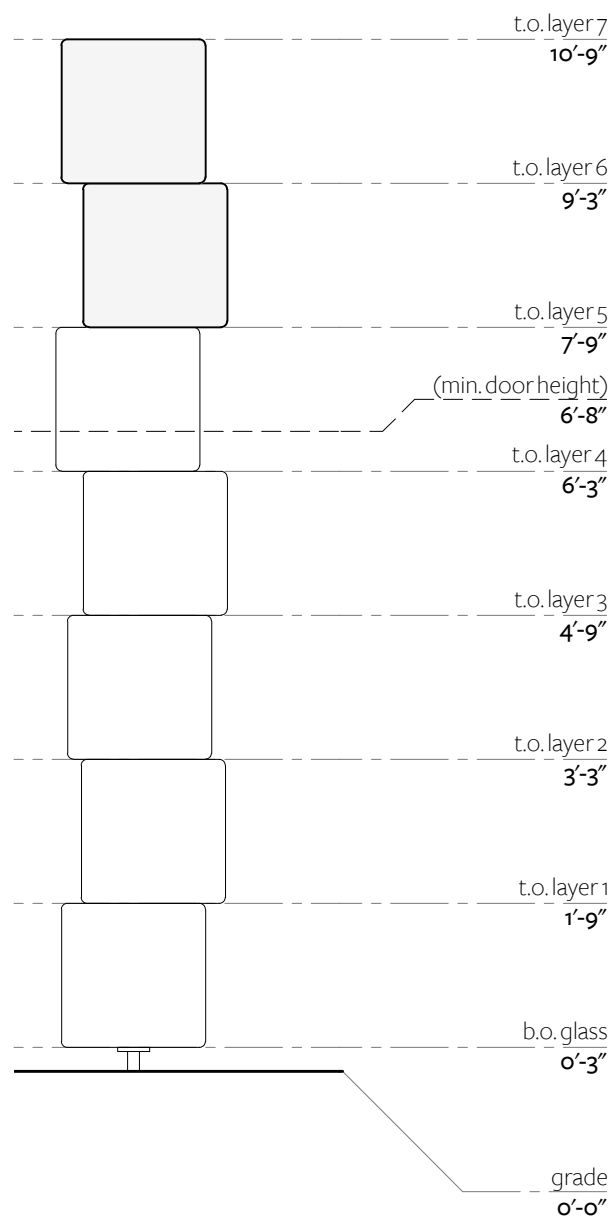
1010.1.1 Size of doors.

The required capacity of each door opening shall be sufficient for the *occupant load* thereof and shall provide a minimum clear width of 32 inches (813 mm). Clear openings of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees (1.57 rad). Where this section requires a minimum clear width of 32 inches (813 mm) and a door opening includes two door leaves without a mullion, one leaf shall provide a clear opening width of 32 inches (813 mm). The maximum width of a swinging door leaf shall be 48 inches (1219 mm) nominal. *Means of egress* doors in a Group I-2 occupancy used for the movement of beds shall provide a clear width not less than 41½ inches (1054 mm). **The height of door openings shall be not less than 80 inches (2032 mm).**

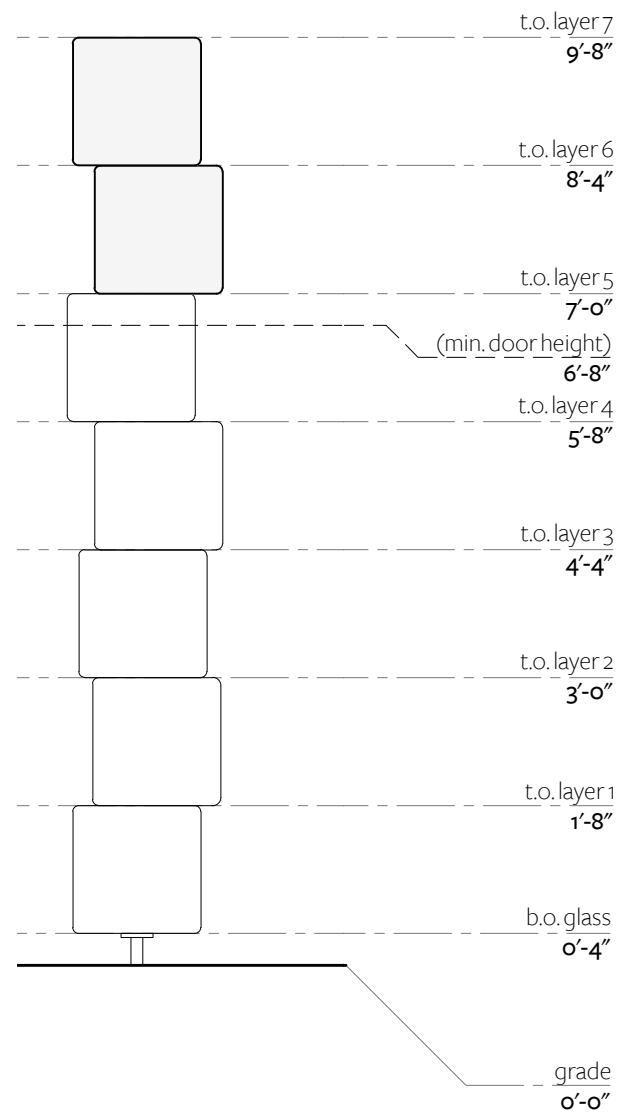
Exceptions:

1. The minimum and maximum width shall not apply to door openings that are not part of the required *means of egress* in Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies.
2. Door openings to resident *sleeping units* in Group I-3 occupancies shall have a clear width of not less than 28 inches (711 mm).
3. Door openings to storage closets less than 10 square feet (0.93 m²) in area shall not be limited by the minimum width.
4. Width of door leaves in revolving doors that comply with Section 1010.1.4.1 shall not be limited.
5. Door openings within a *dwelling unit* or *sleeping unit* shall be not less than 78 inches (1981 mm) in height.
6. Exterior door openings in *dwelling units* and *sleeping units*, other than the required *exit door*, shall be not less than 76 inches (1930 mm) in height.
7. In other than Group R-1 occupancies, the minimum widths shall not apply to interior egress doors within a *dwelling unit* or *sleeping unit* that is not required to be an *Accessible unit*, *Type A unit* or *Type B unit*.
8. Door openings required to be *accessible* within *Type B units* shall have a minimum clear width of 31.75 inches (806 mm).
9. Doors to walk-in freezers and coolers less than 1,000 square feet (93 m²) in area shall have a maximum width of 60 inches (1524 mm).
10. In Group R-1 *dwelling units* or *sleeping units* not required to be *Accessible units*, the minimum width shall not apply to doors for showers or saunas.

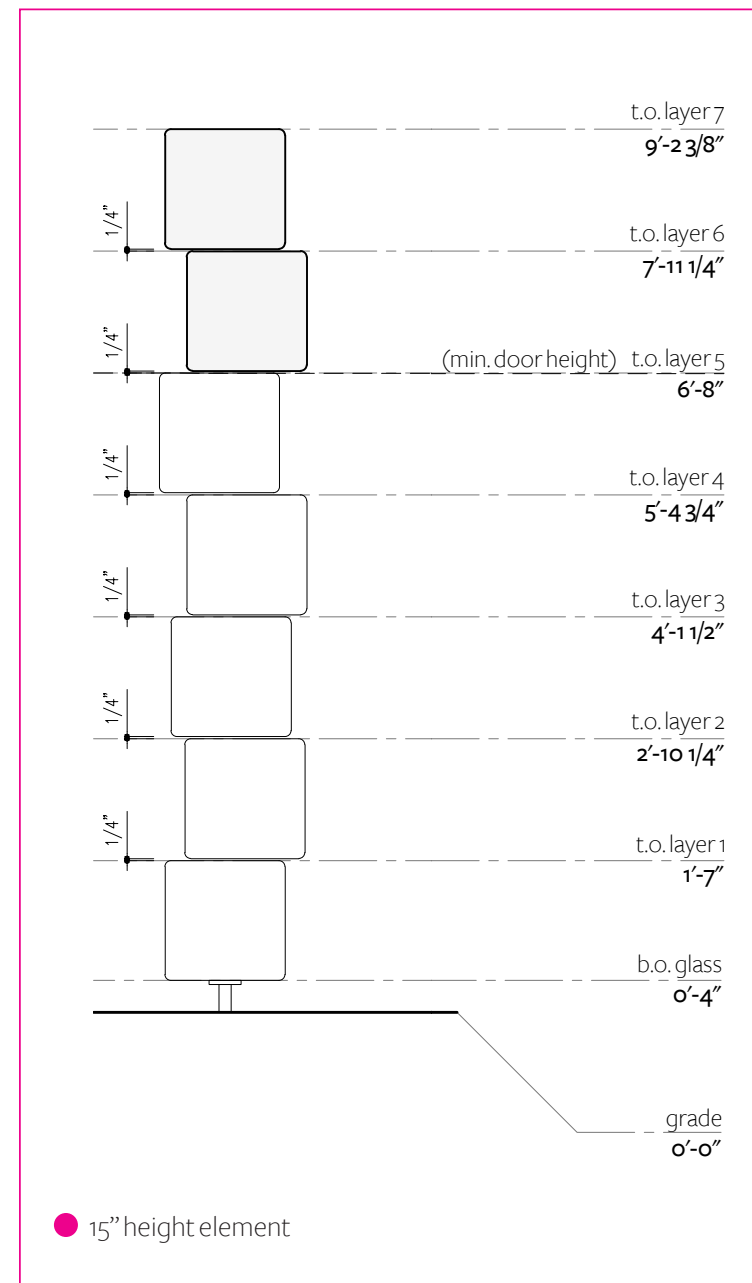




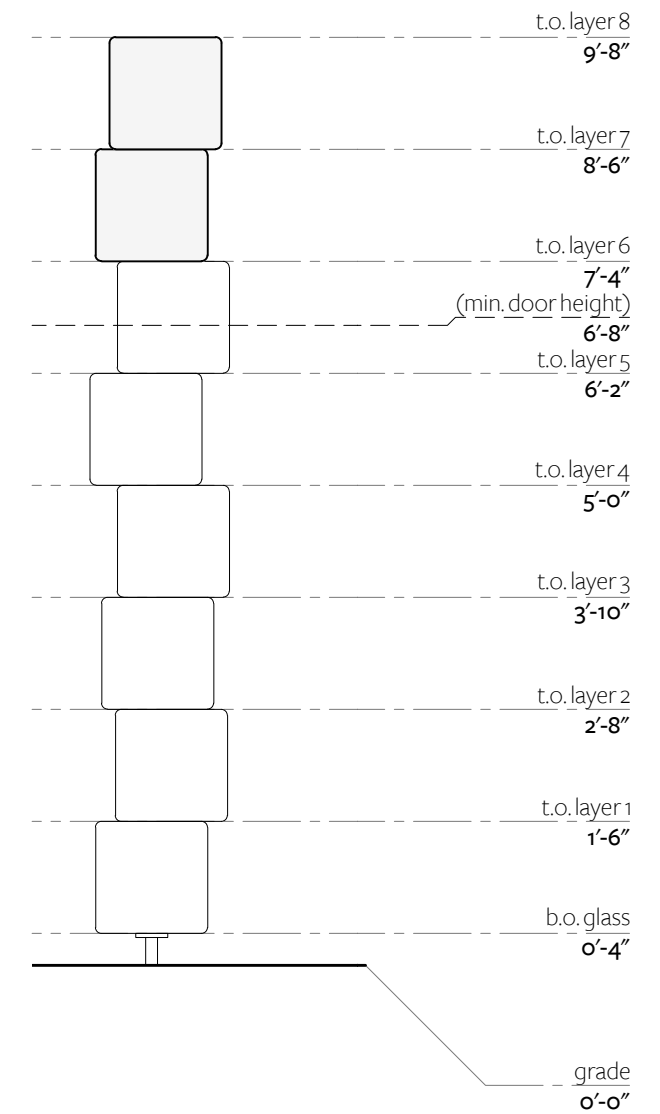
18" height element



16" height element



15" height element



14" height element

2010 ADA Accessibility Standards

<https://www.ada.gov/law-and-regs/design-standards/2010-stds/>

Where are accessible benches required?

Compliance with ADA Section 903 (Benches) shall be required only when specifically referenced in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. This also applies to Texas 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards. There is no specific scoping for benches, except when they are required in the the different sections of the ADA Standards. Because the ADA Standards only deals with fixed or built in elements, benches must be fixed or built in as well.

Benches complying with section 903 are only required at the following spaces:

- Saunas (per section 612)
- Locker Rooms (per section 803)
- Dressing Rooms (per section 803)
- Fitting Rooms (per section 803)
- Holding Cells (807)

And all those benches must follow the requirements in section 903:

903.2 A Clear Floor or Ground Space next to the short axis.

accessible benches not required in assembly areas

221 Assembly Areas



221.1 General. Assembly areas shall provide wheelchair spaces, companion seats, and designated aisle seats complying with 221 and 802. In addition, lawn seating shall comply with 221.5. See additional requirements at 28 CFR 35.151(g) and 28 CFR 36.406(f).

221.2 Wheelchair Spaces. Wheelchair spaces complying with 221.2 shall be provided in assembly areas with fixed seating.

221.2.1 Number and Location. Wheelchair spaces shall be provided complying with 221.2.1.

221.2.1.1 General Seating. Wheelchair spaces complying with 802.1 shall be provided in accordance with Table 221.2.1.

Table 221.2.1. Number of Wheelchair Spaces in Assembly Areas

Number of Seats	Minimum Number of Required Wheelchair Spaces
4 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 150	4
151 to 300	5
301 to 500	6
501 to 5000	6, plus 1 for each 150, or fraction thereof, between 501 through 5000
5001 and over	36, plus 1 for each 200, or fraction thereof, over 5000

assembly areas require wheelchair spaces and companion seats where number of seats exceeds 4

802 Wheelchair Spaces, Companion Seats, and Designated Aisle Seats



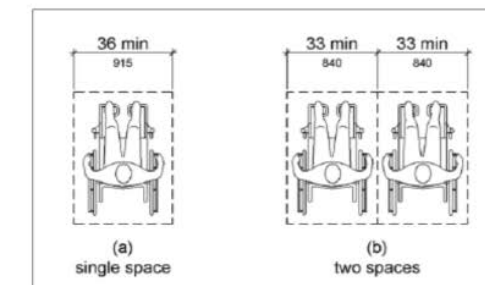
802.1 Wheelchair Spaces. Wheelchair spaces shall comply with 802.1.

802.1.1 Floor or Ground Surface. The floor or ground surface of wheelchair spaces shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.

EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.

802.1.2 Width. A single wheelchair space shall be 36 inches (915 mm) wide minimum. Where two adjacent wheelchair spaces are provided, each wheelchair space shall be 33 inches (840 mm) wide minimum.

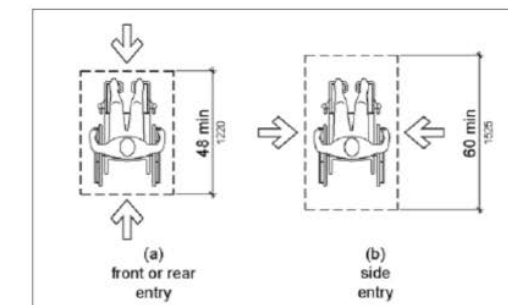
Figure 802.1.2



Width of Wheelchair Spaces in Assembly Areas

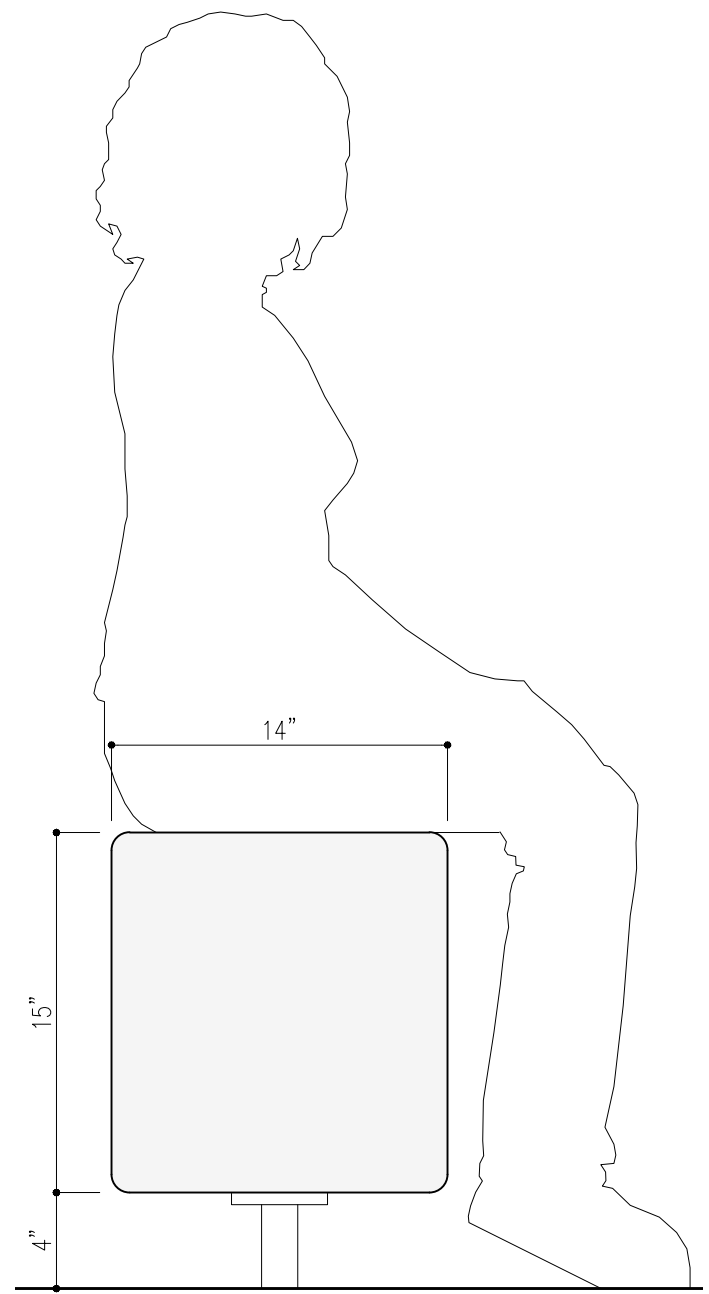
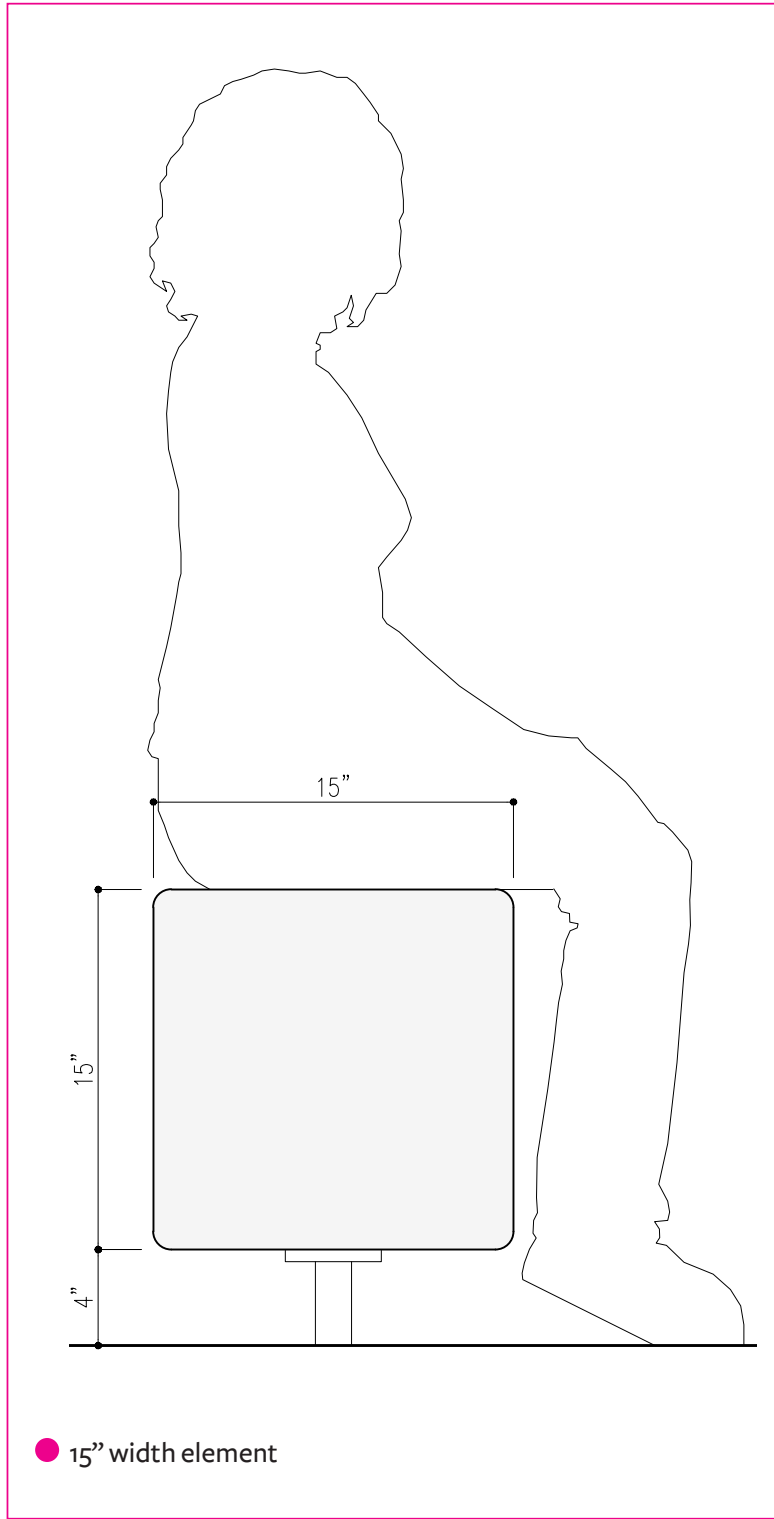
802.1.3 Depth. Where a wheelchair space can be entered from the front or rear, the wheelchair space shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) deep minimum. Where a wheelchair space can be entered only from the side, the wheelchair space shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) deep minimum.

Figure 802.1.3

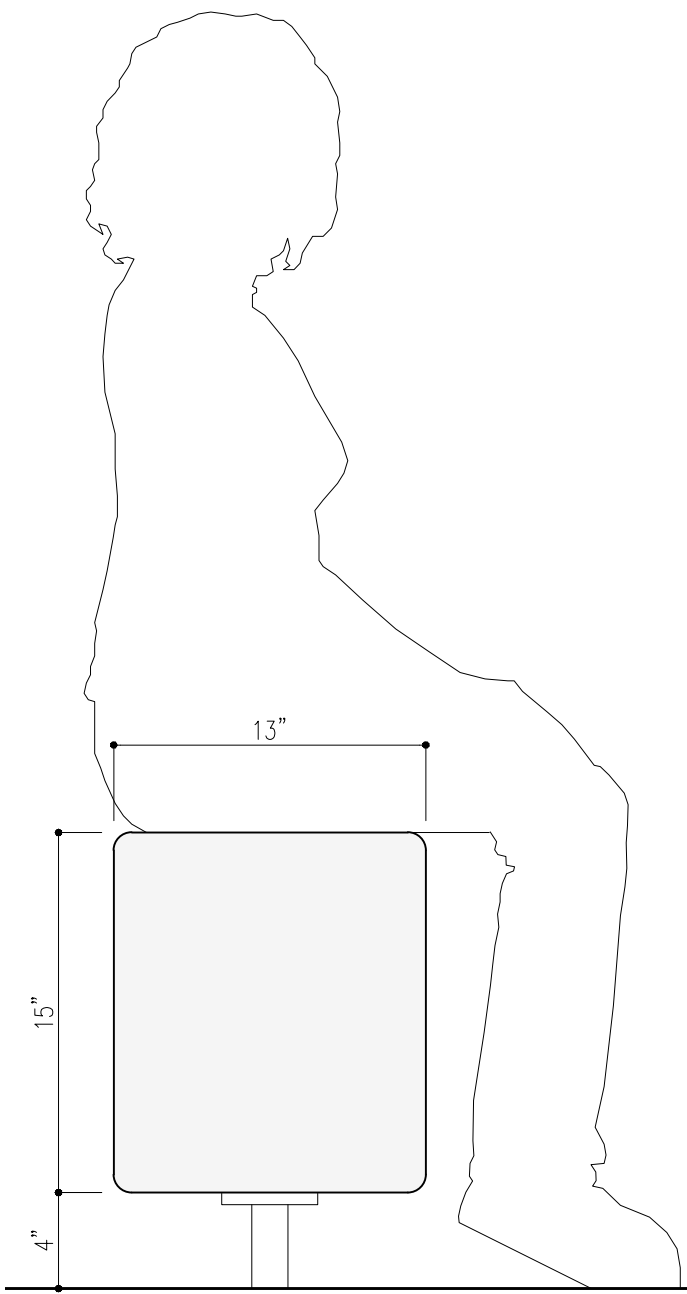


802.3 Companion Seats. Companion seats shall comply with 802.3.

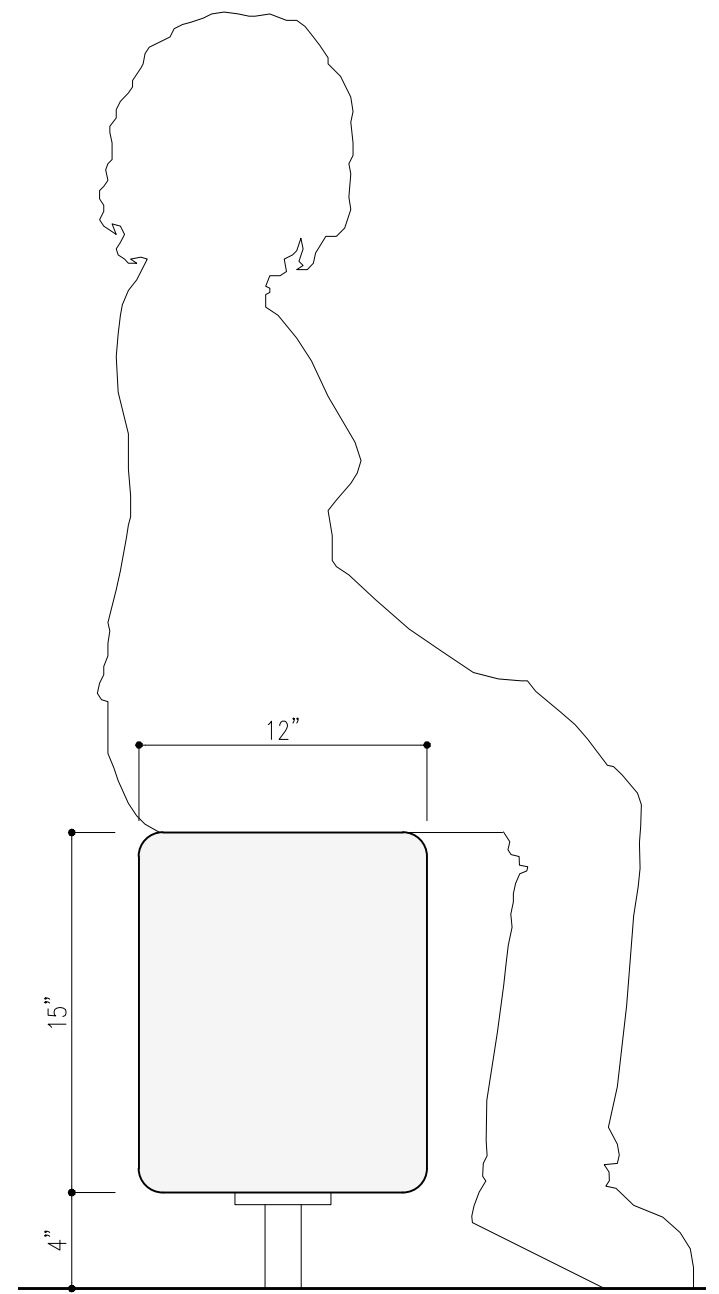
802.3.1 Alignment. In row seating, companion seats shall be located to provide shoulder alignment with adjacent wheelchair spaces. The shoulder alignment point of the wheelchair space shall be measured 36 inches (915 mm) from the front of the wheelchair space. The floor surface of the companion seat shall be at the same elevation as the floor surface of the wheelchair space.



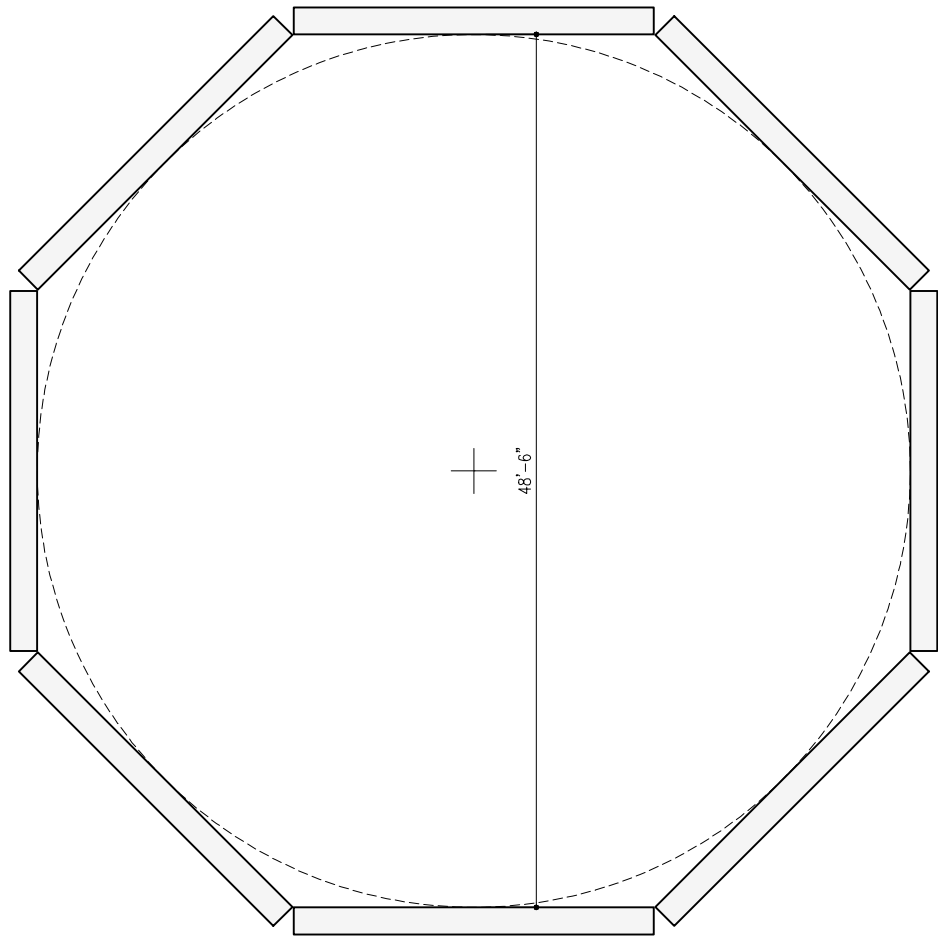
14" width element



13" width element

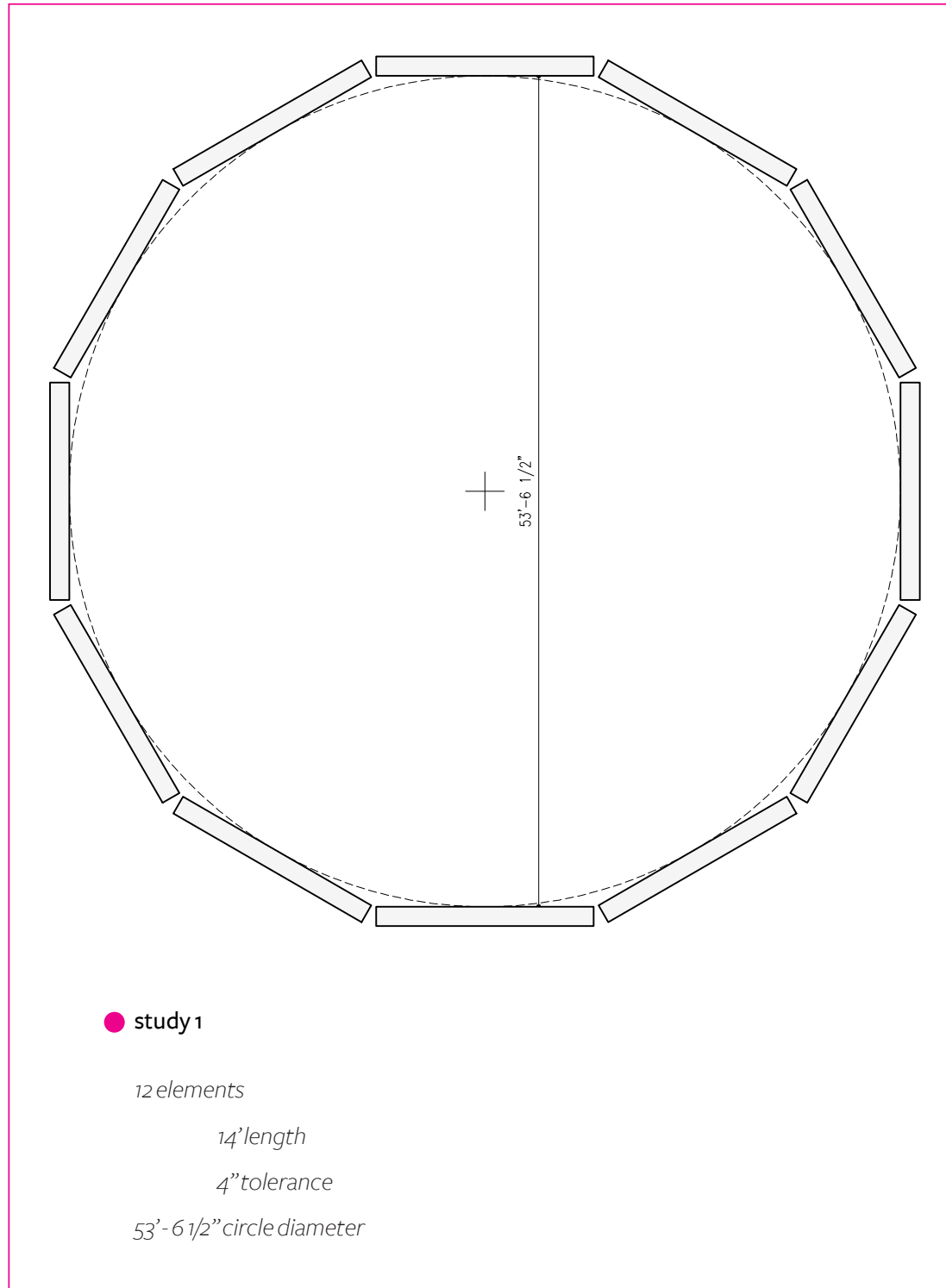


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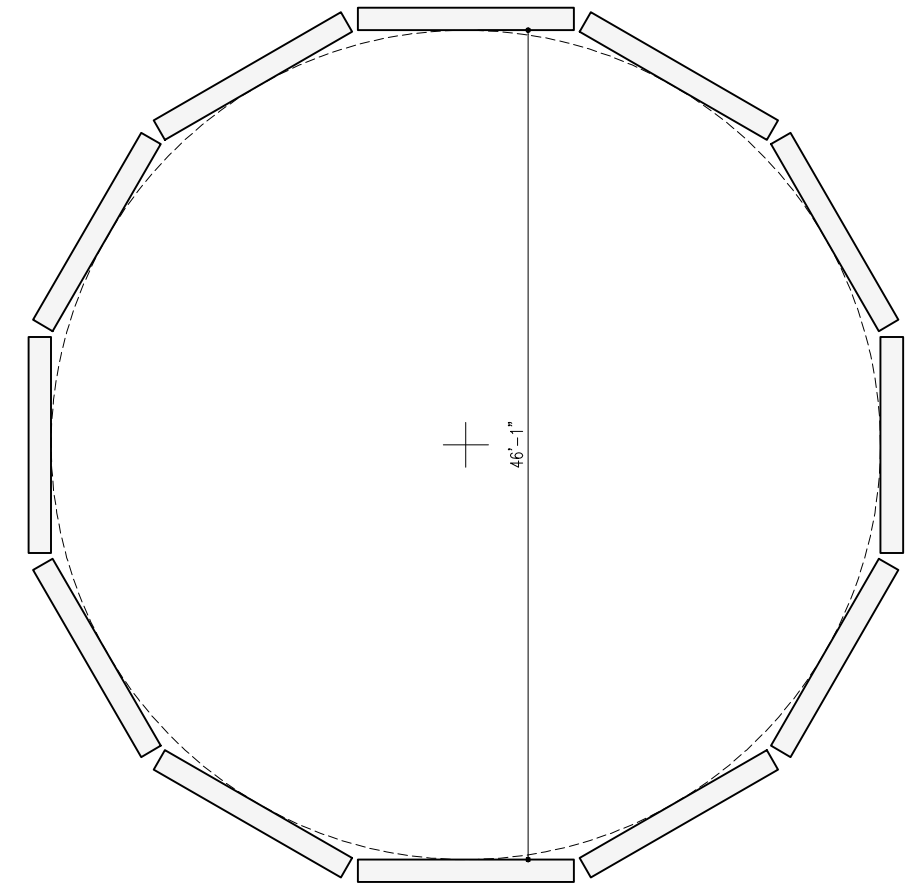
competition scheme

8 elements
 20' length
 1" tolerance
 48'-6" circle diameter



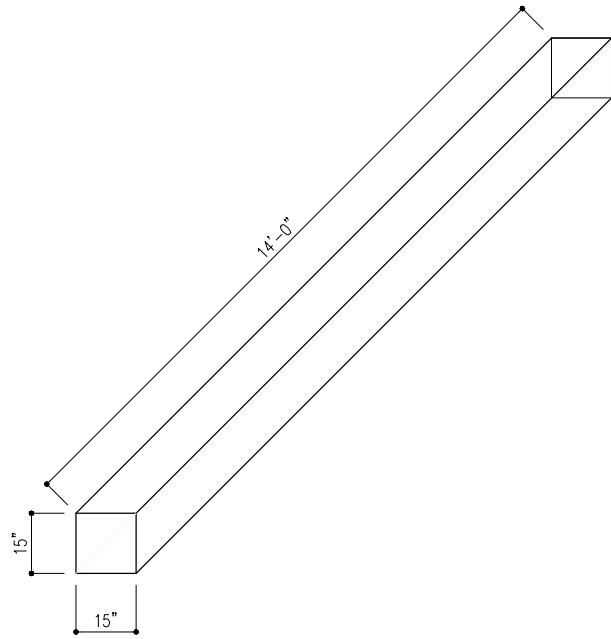
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12 elements
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 53'-6 1/2" circle diameter



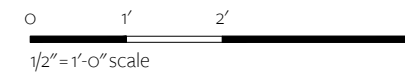
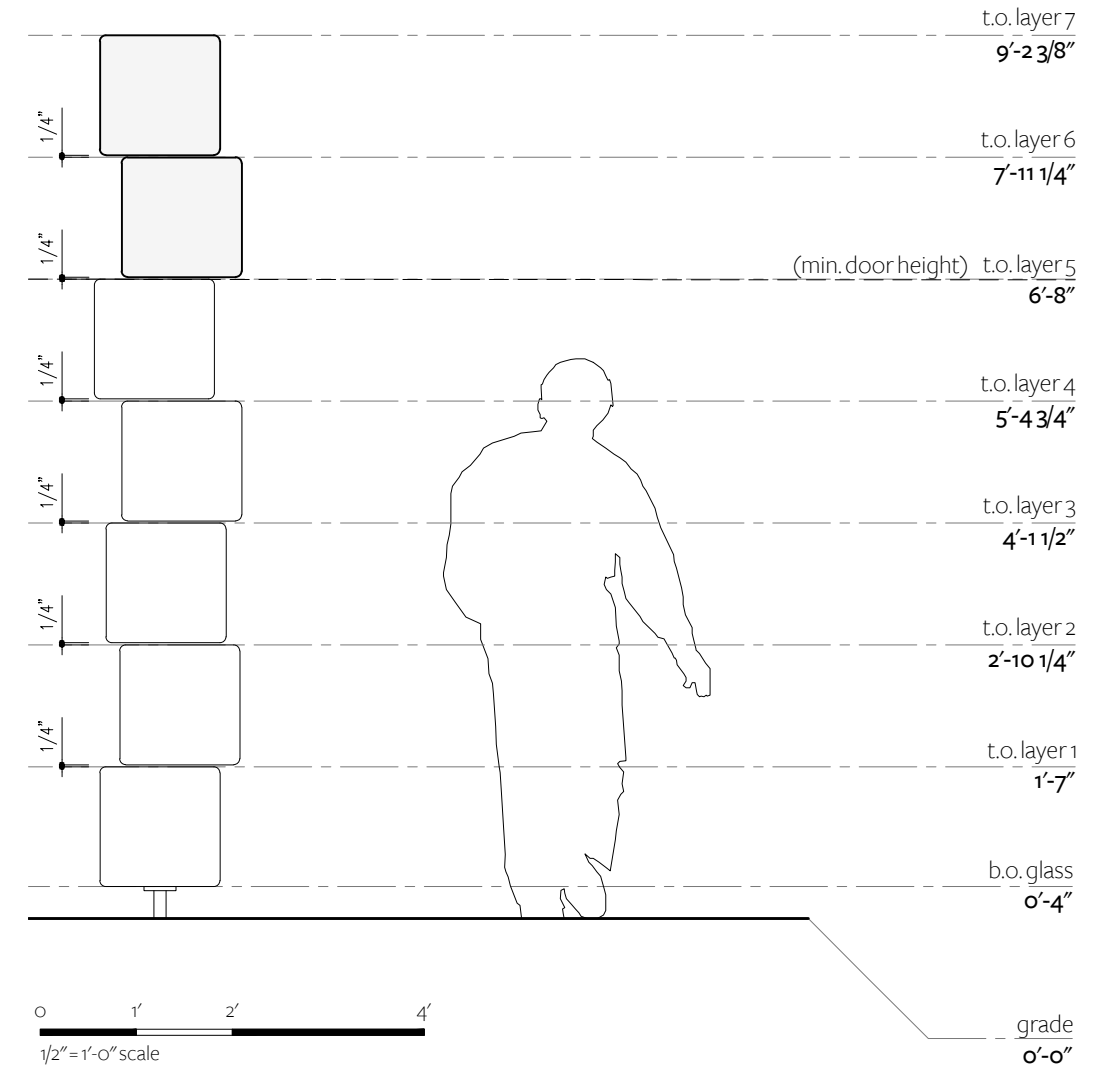
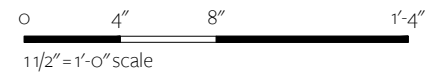
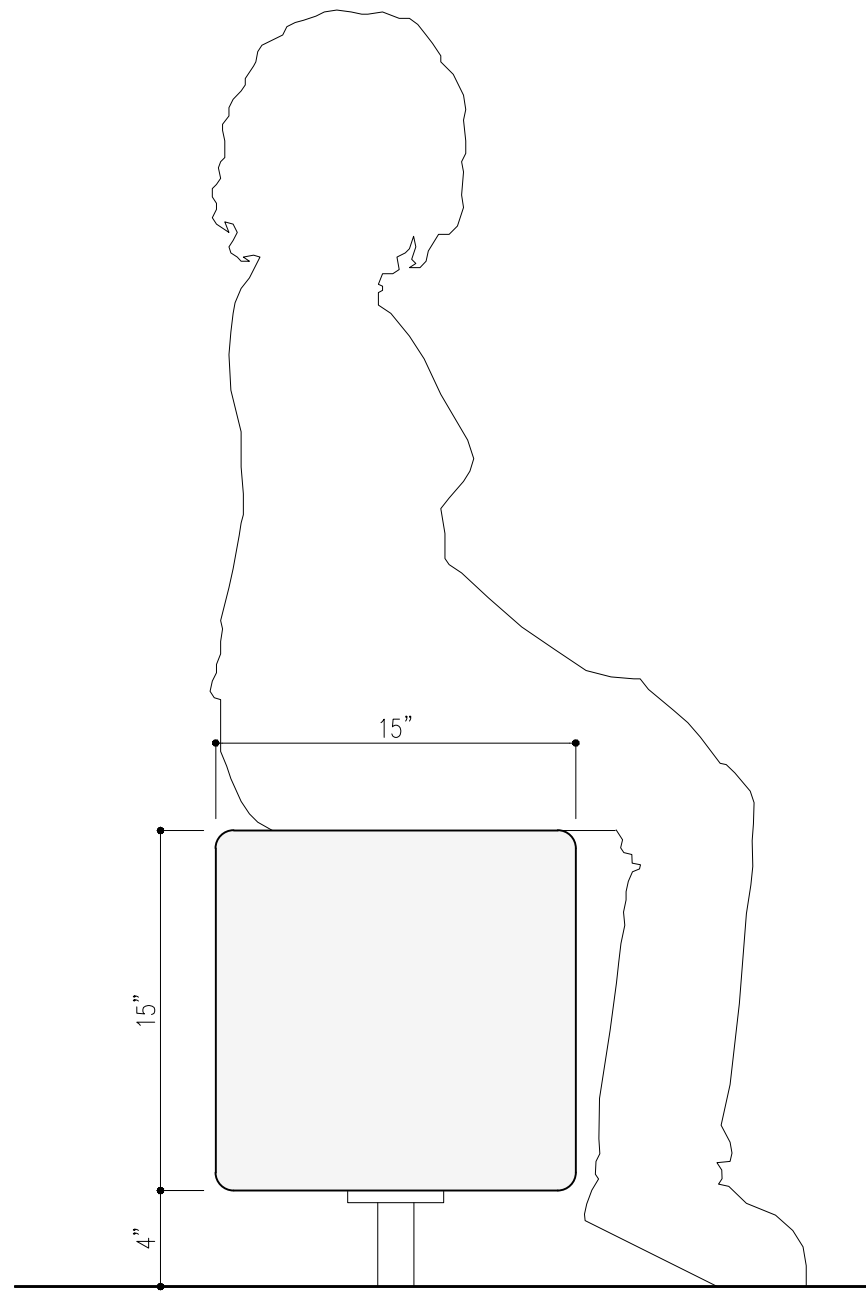
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 46'-1" circle diameter

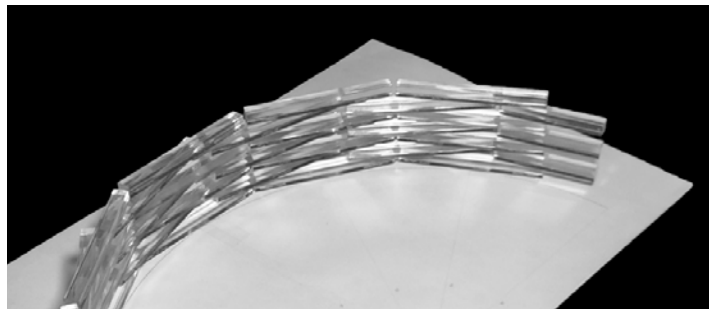


study 1	15" x 15"	
	1.56 sq ft	(69%)
	217 lb/linear ft	(69%)

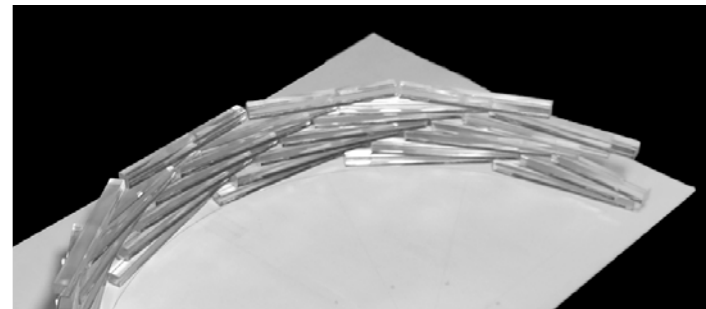
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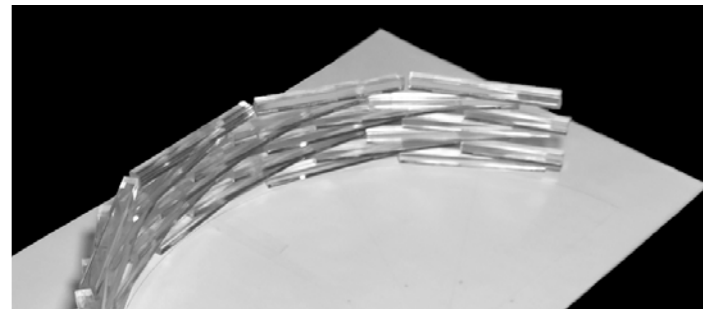
Design Development Circle Stacking



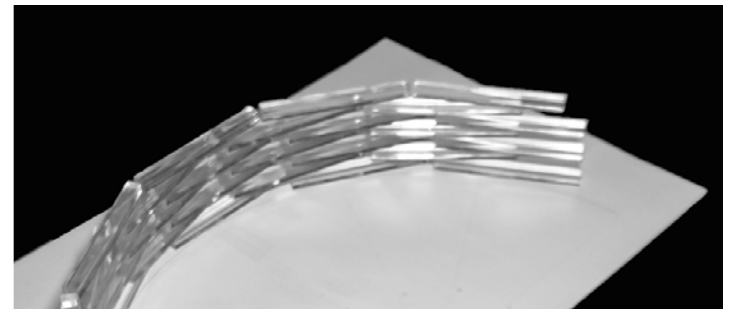
1 - alternating layers **competition scheme**



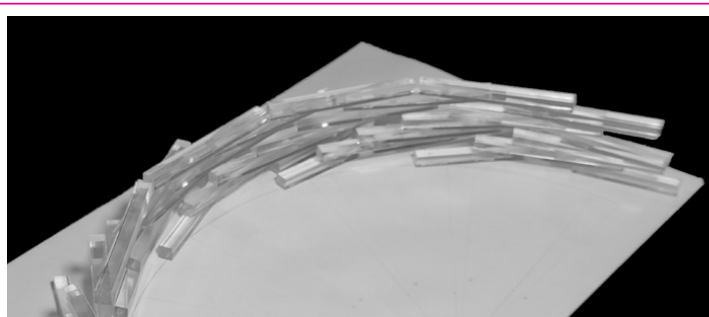
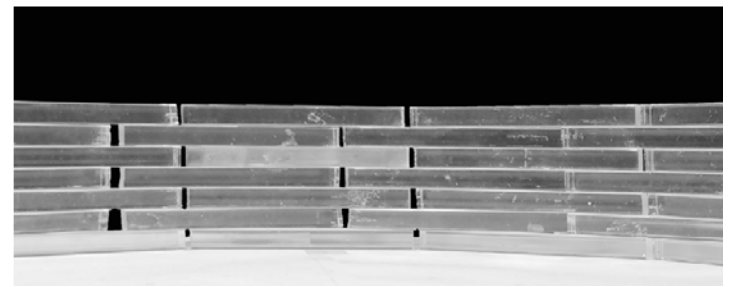
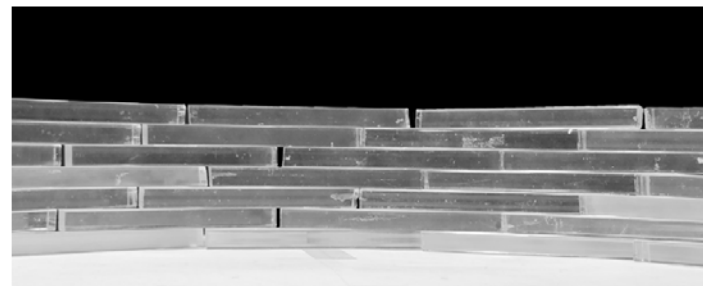
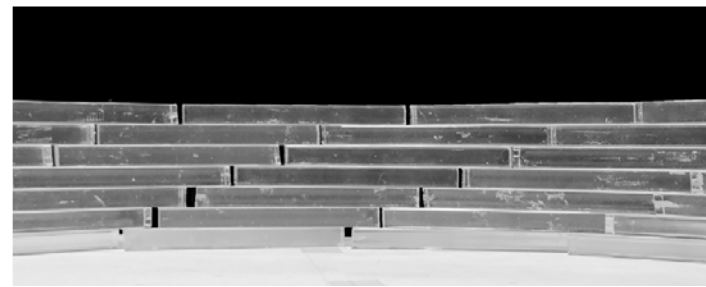
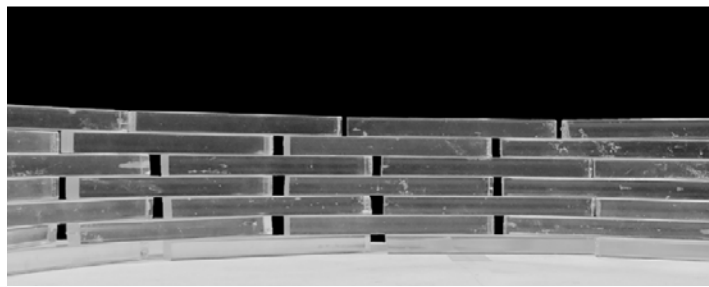
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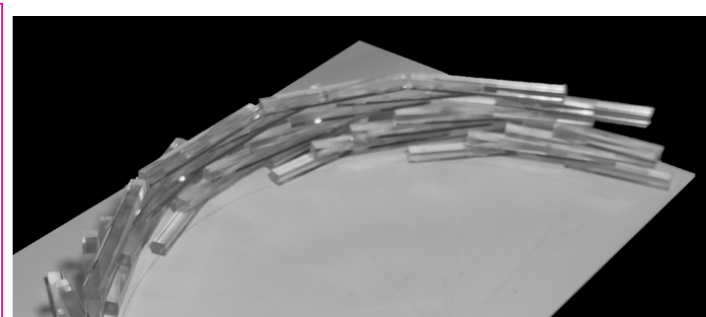
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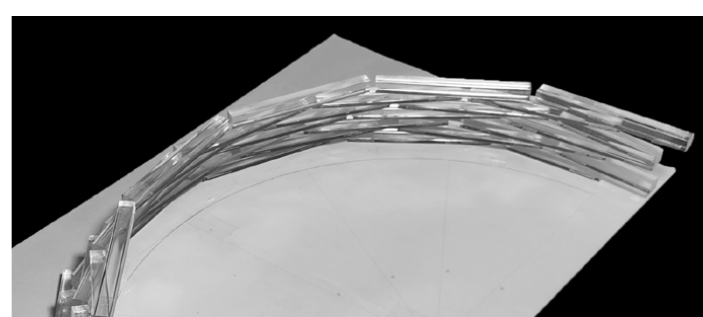
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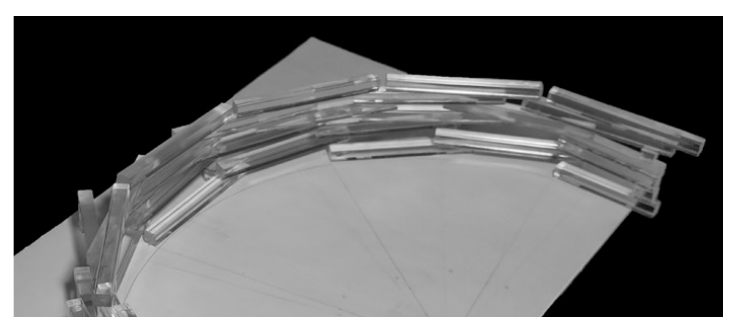
3a - rotated layers (10 degrees), increment linear offset



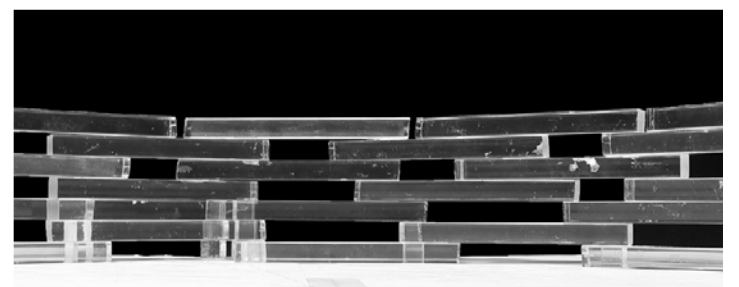
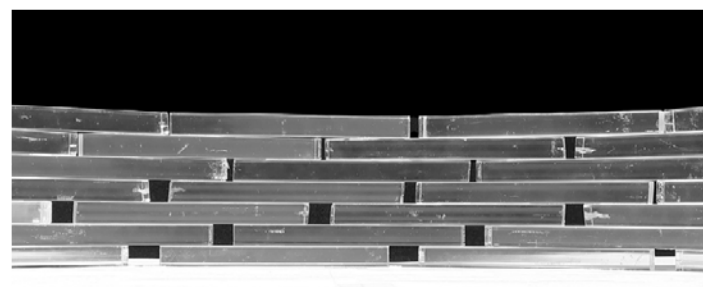
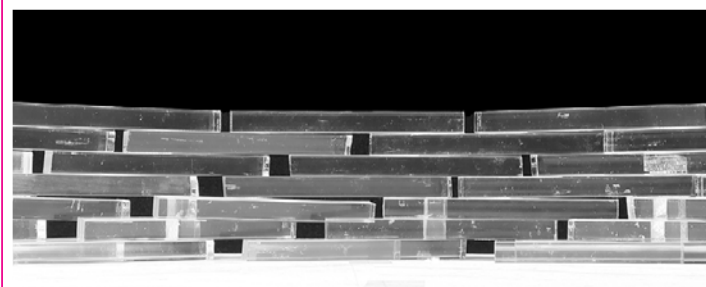
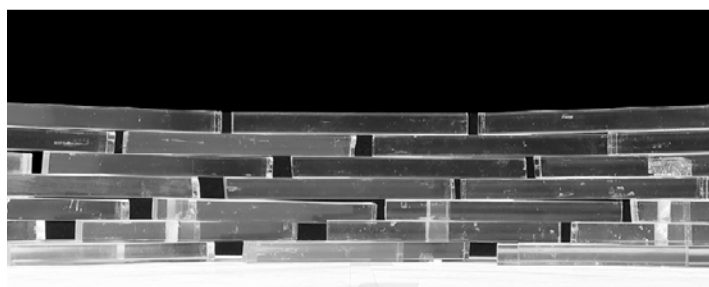
3b - rotated layers (10 degrees), increment element rotation

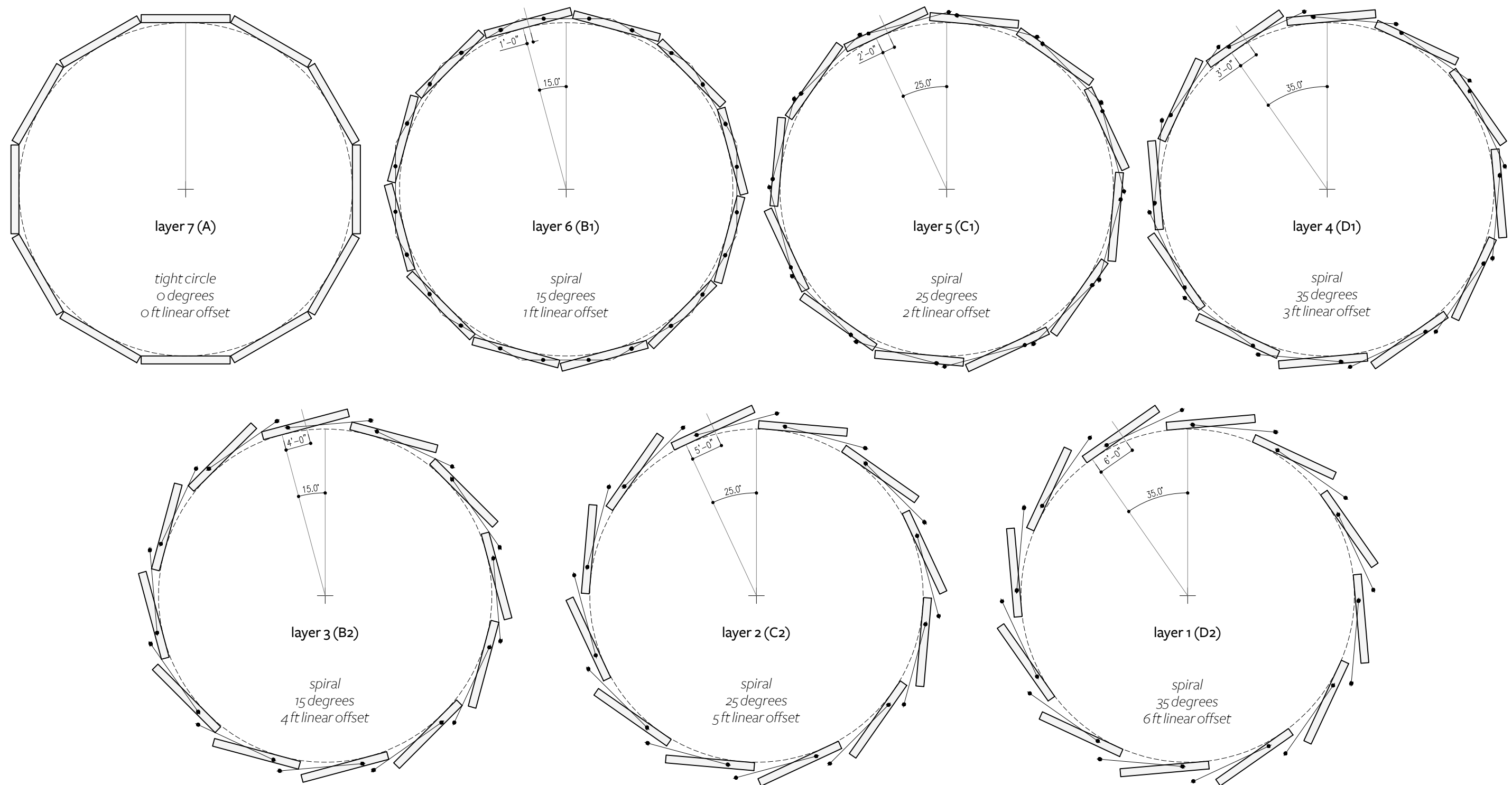


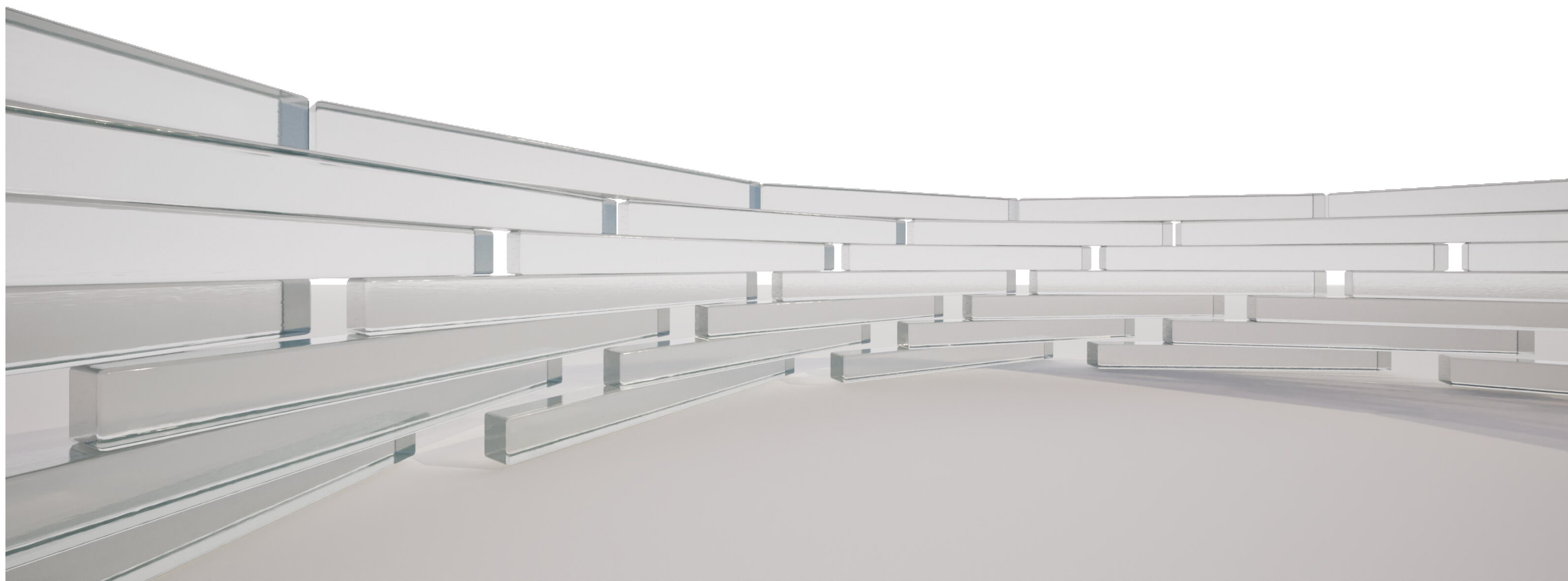
3c - rotated layers (10 degrees), increment circle diameter



3d - rotated layers (10 degrees), increment element count







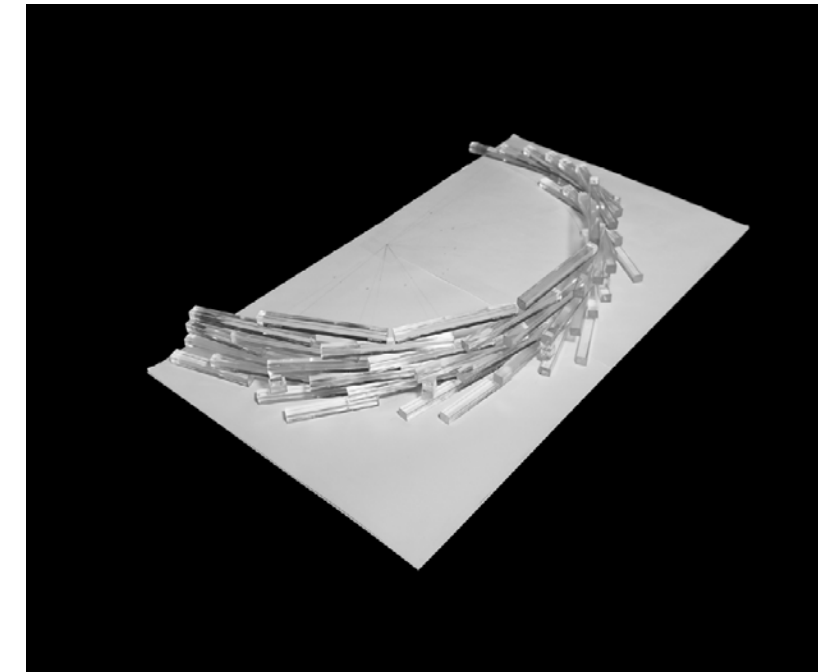
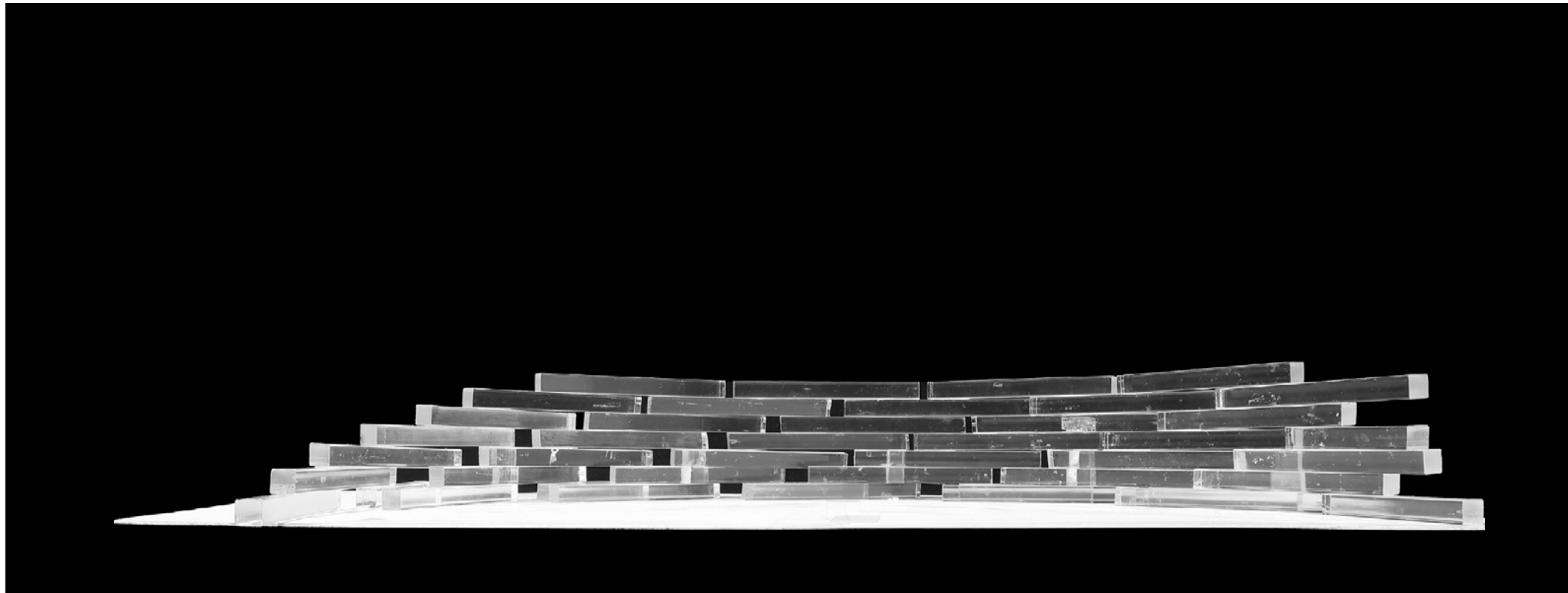
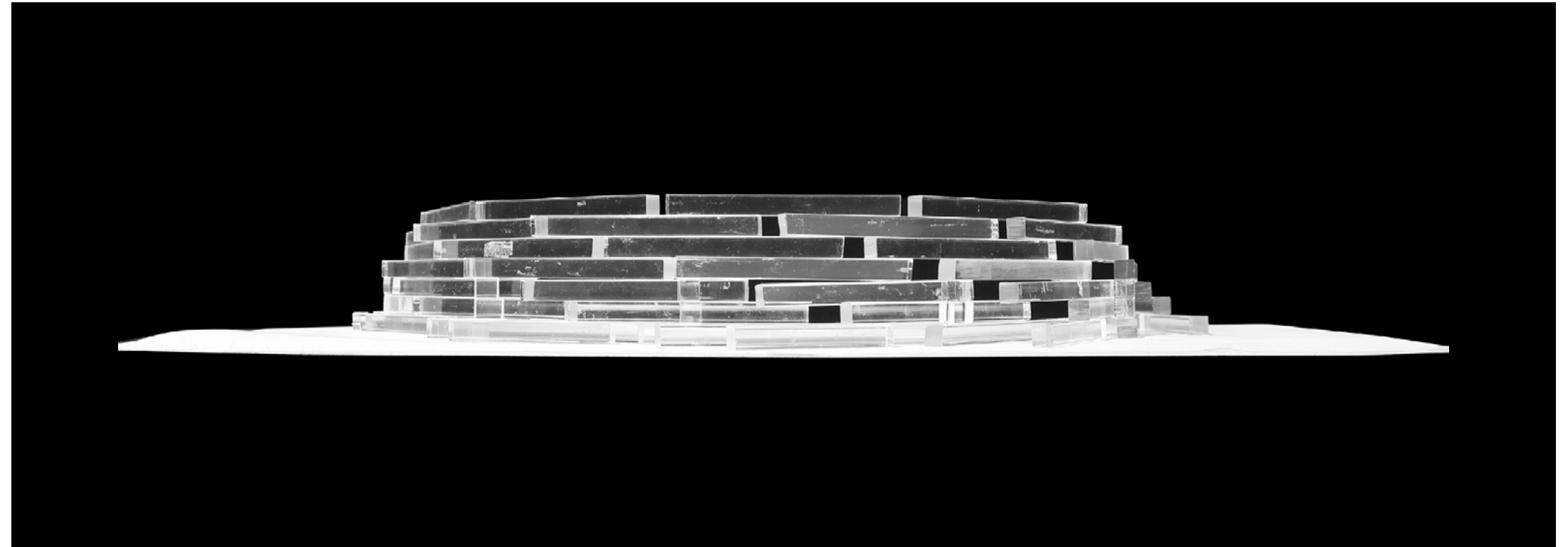
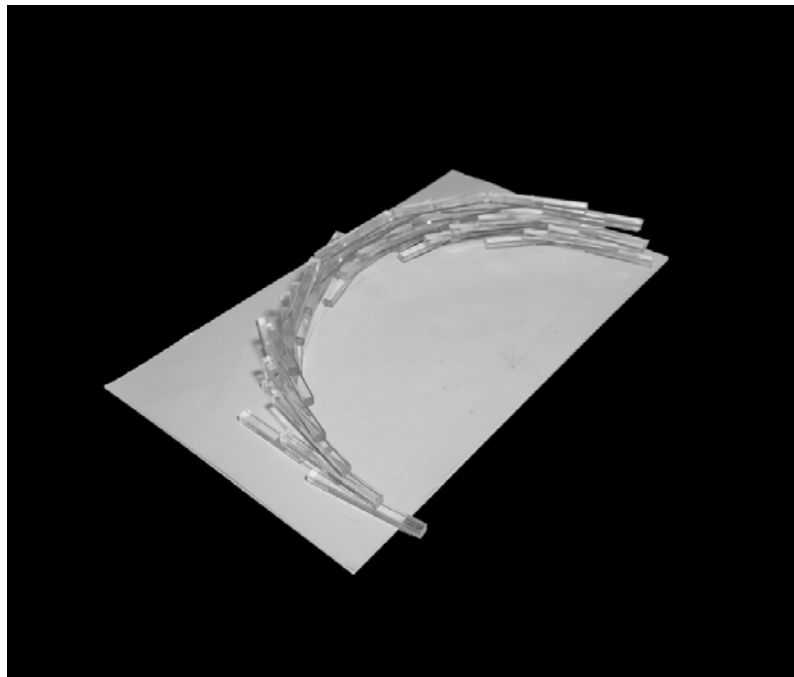


TABLE 1004.1.2 MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA ALLOWANCES PER OCCUPANT

Assembly without fixed seats	
Concentrated (chairs only—not fixed)	7 net
Standing space	5 net
Unconcentrated (tables and chairs)	15 net

occupancy = area of circle / occupant load factor
 = 2,250 sf / 5 net

occupancy = 450 occupants

1005.3.2 Other egress components.

The capacity, in inches, of *means of egress* components other than *stairways* shall be calculated by multiplying the *occupant load* served by such component by a means of egress capacity factor of 0.2 inch (5.1 mm) per occupant.

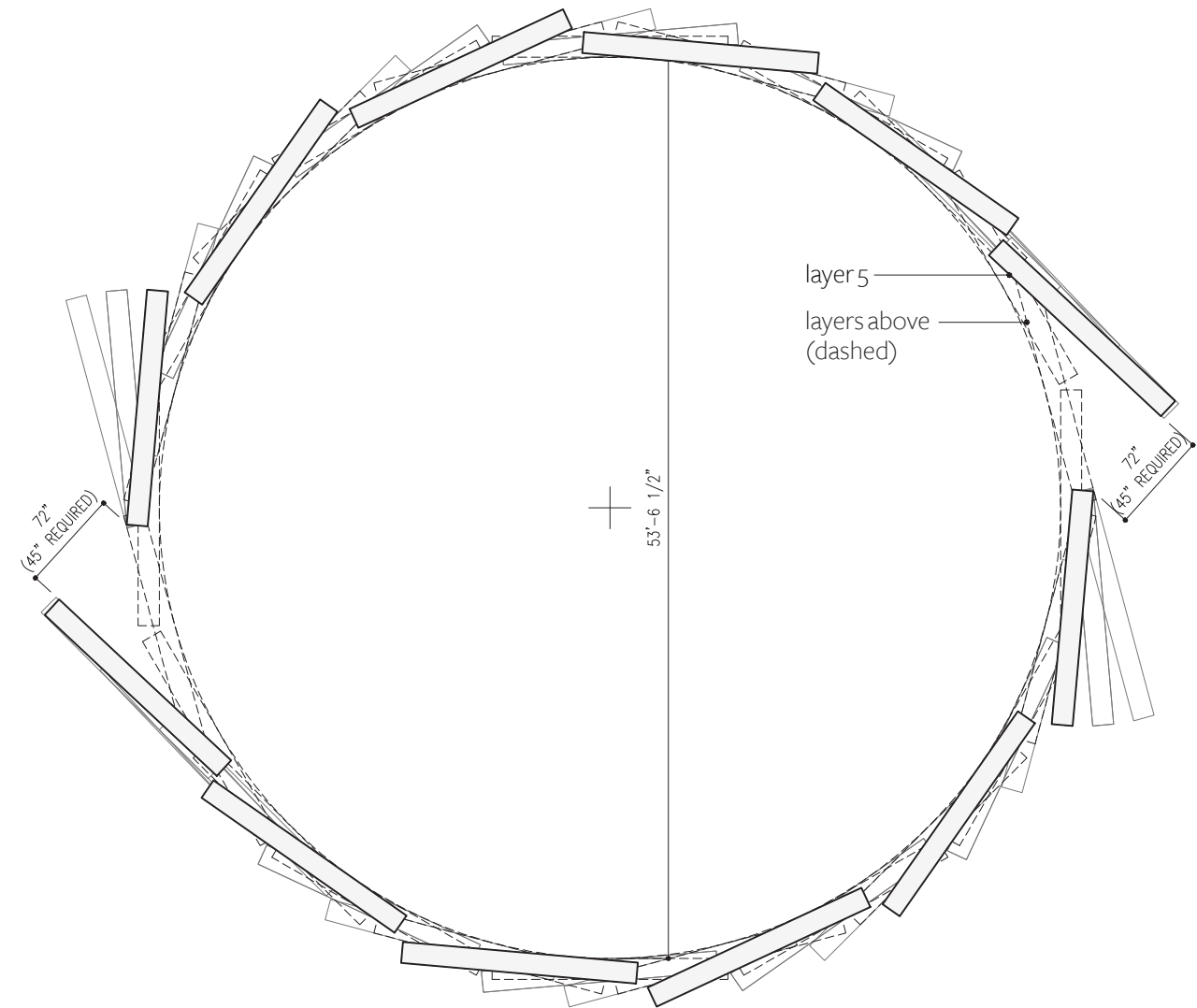
required egress capacity = occupant load x 0.2"
 = 450 x 0.2"

required egress capacity = 90" required (144" provided)

TABLE 1006.3.1 MINIMUM NUMBER OF EXITS OR ACCESS TO EXITS PER STORY

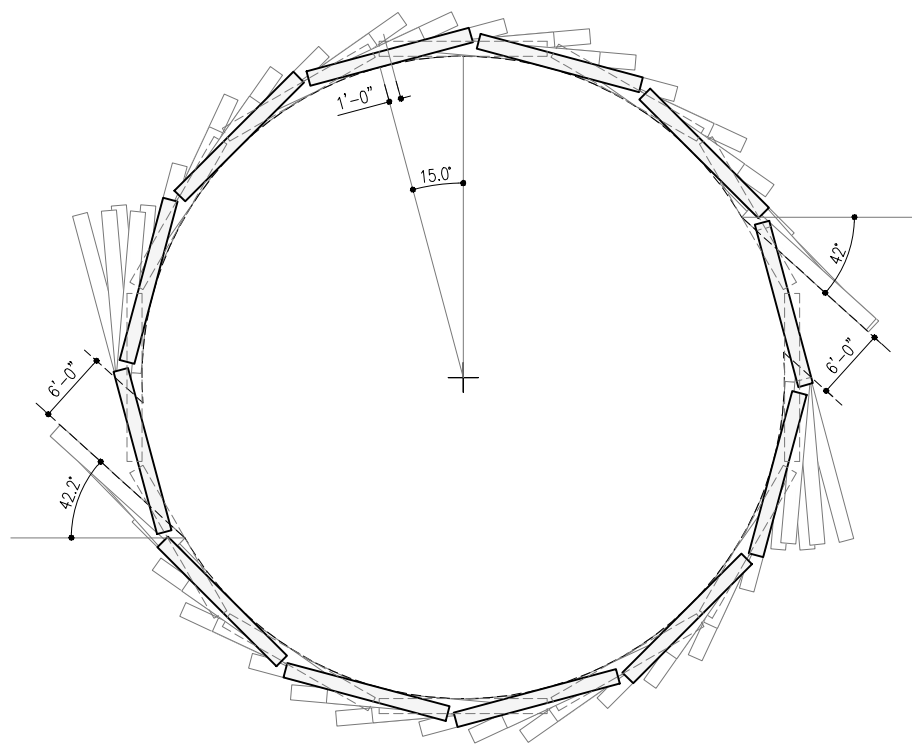
OCCUPANT LOAD PER STORY	MINIMUM NUMBER OF EXITS OR ACCESS TO EXITS FROM STORY
1-500	2
501-1,000	3
More than 1,000	4

minimum number of exits = 2 exits

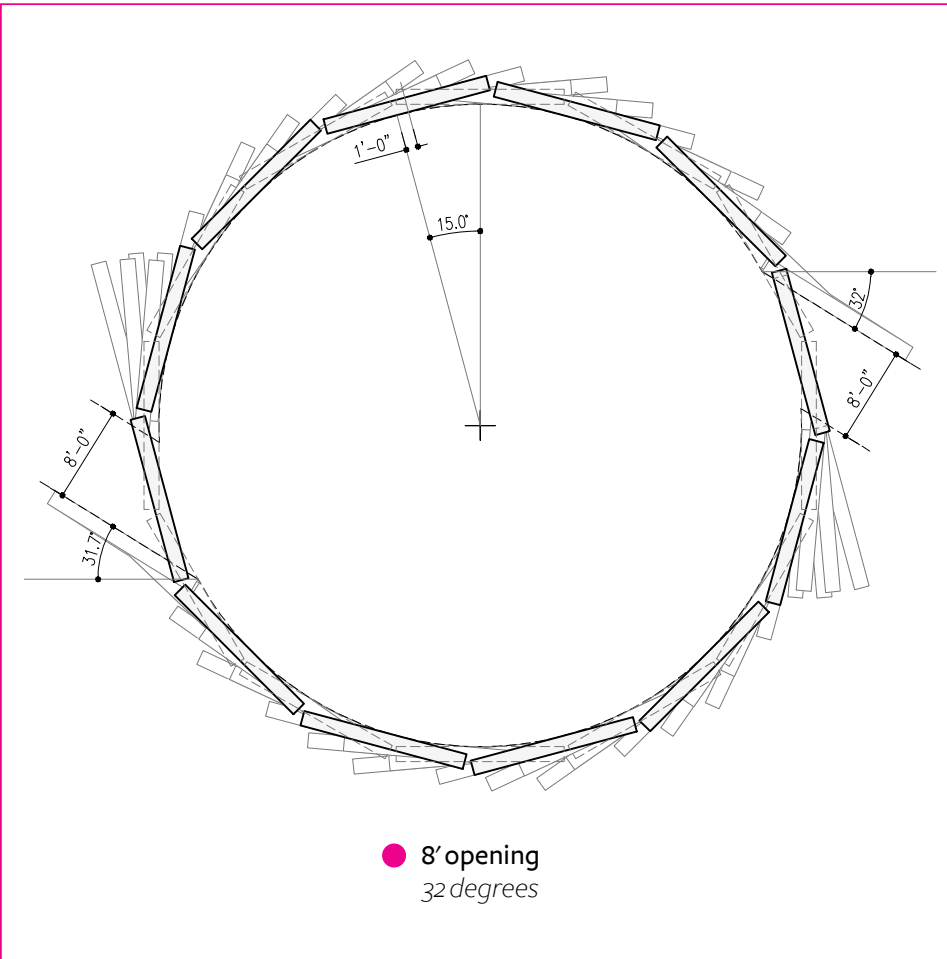


remembrance hall

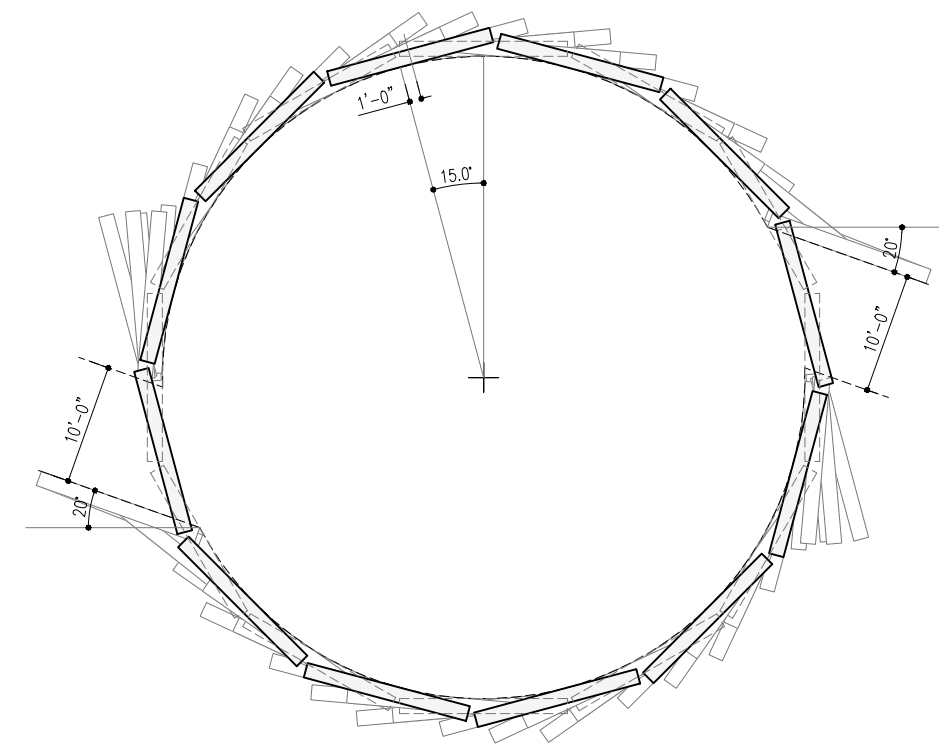
15" x 15" x 14' elements (4" tolerance)
 circle diameter: 53' 6"
 circle area: 2,250 sf
 occupancy: 450 occs



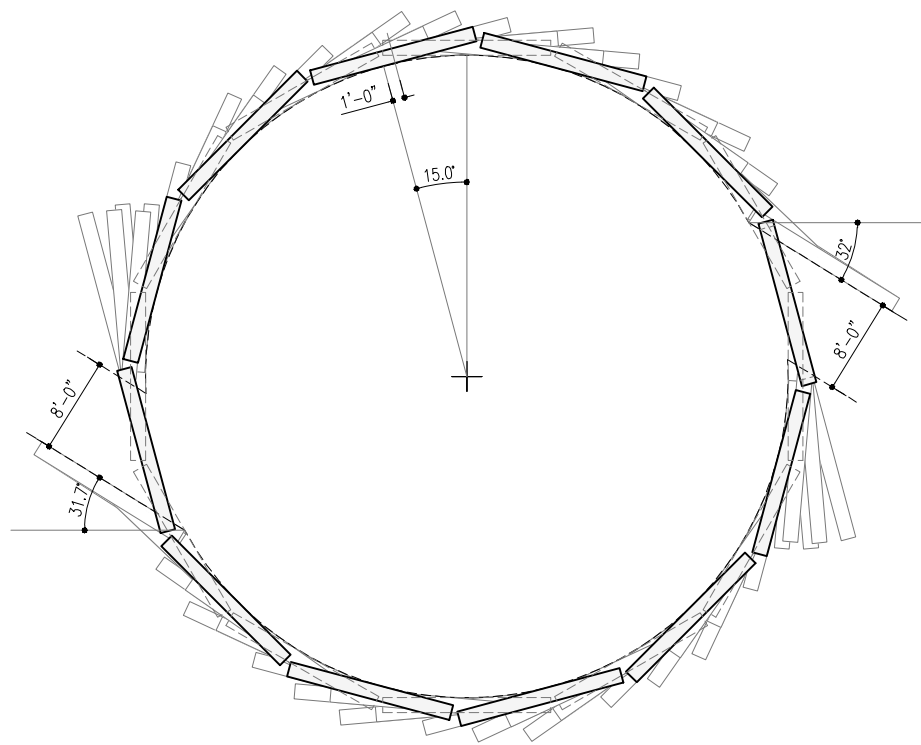
6' opening
42 degrees



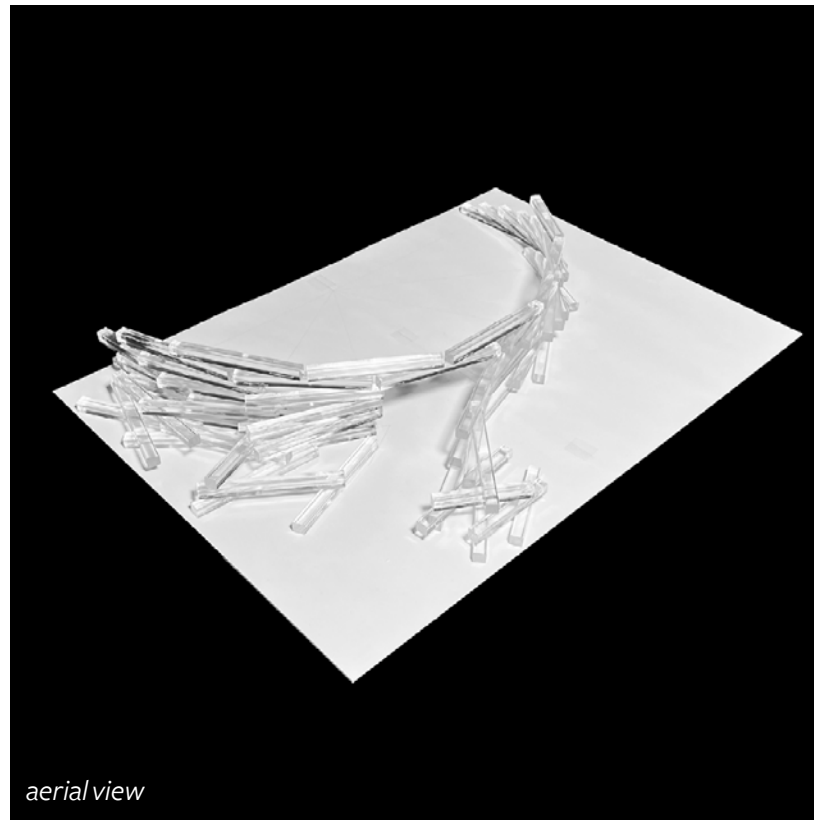
8' opening
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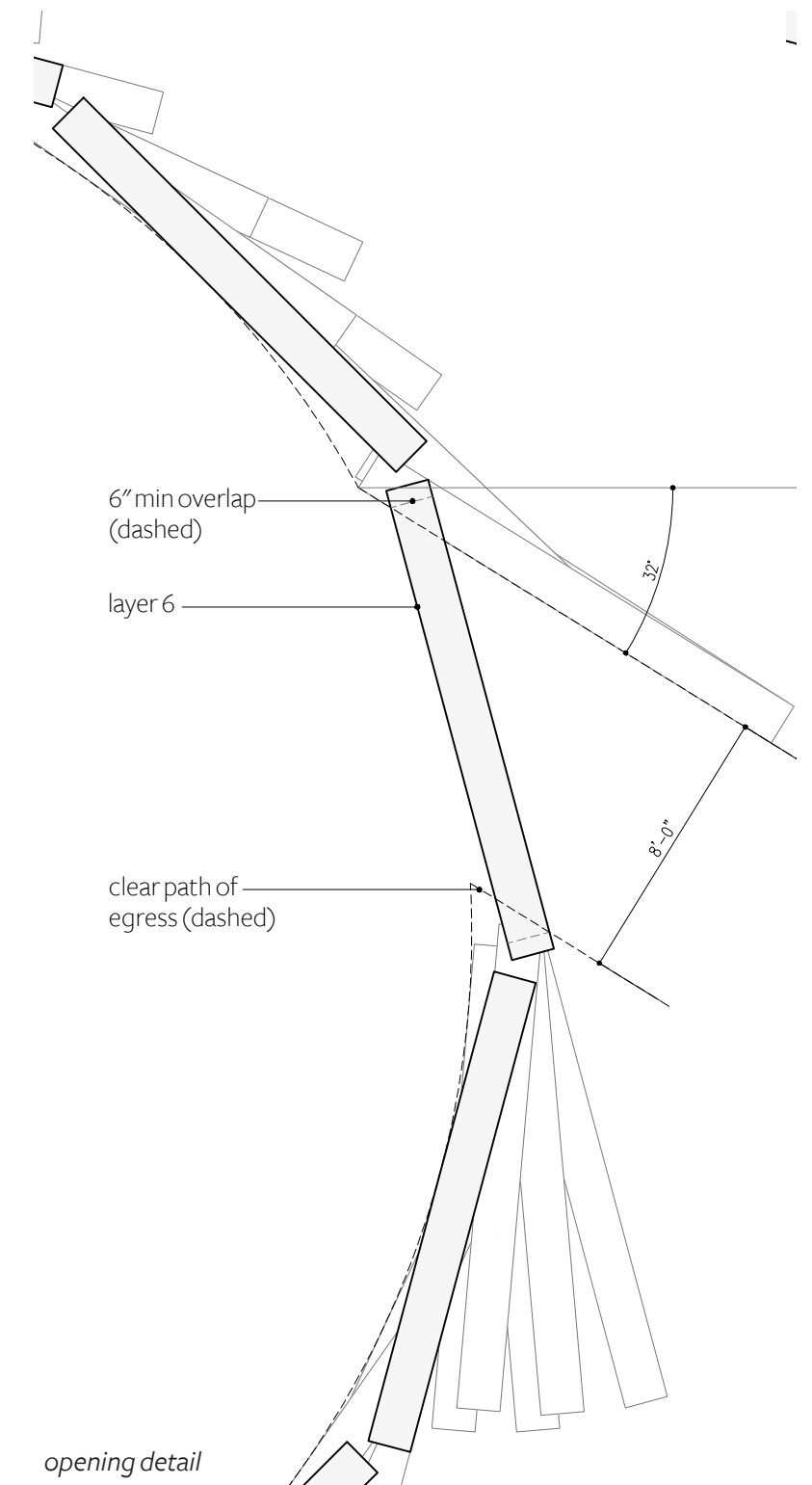
10' opening
20 degrees



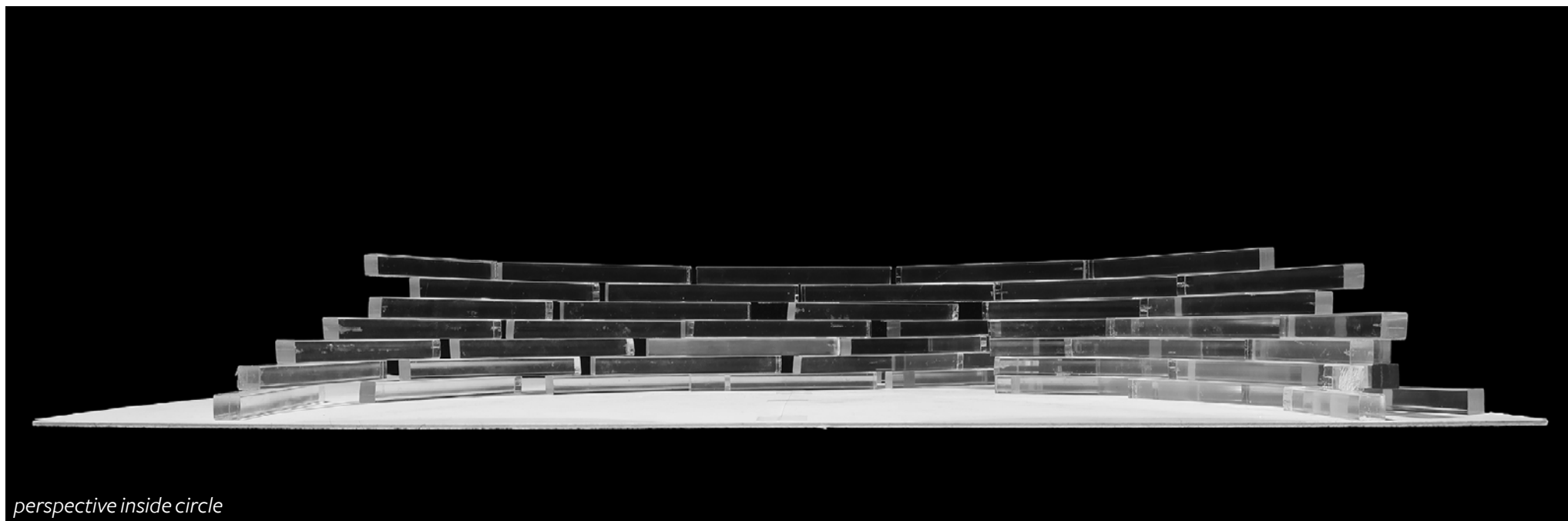
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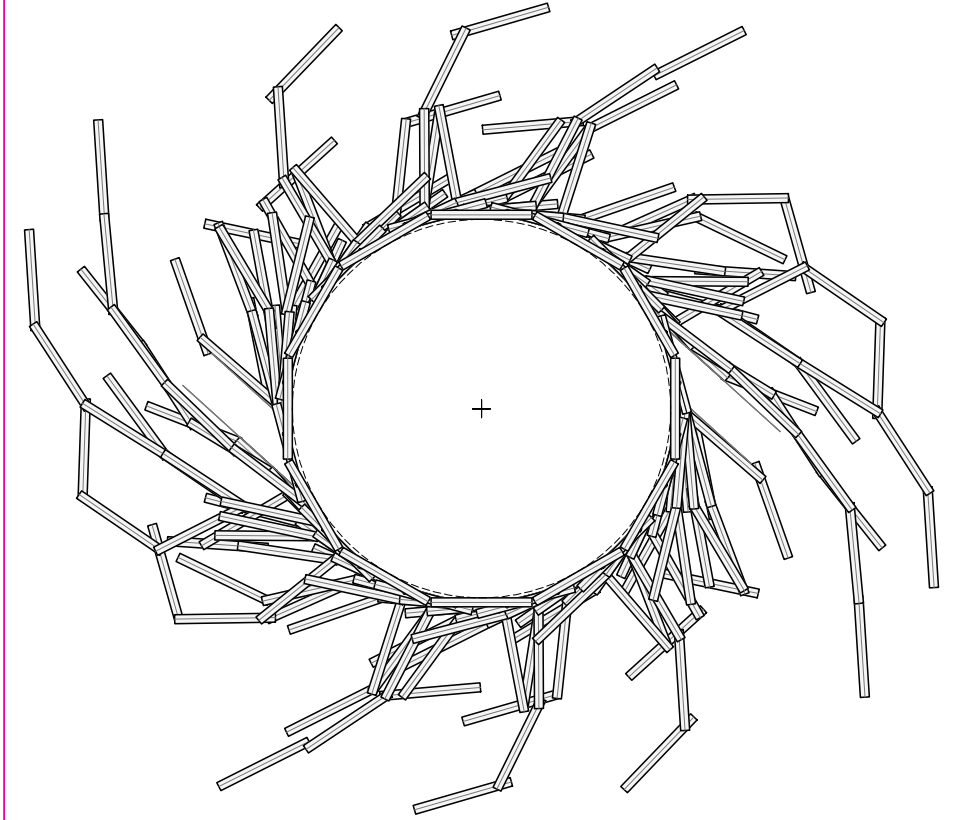
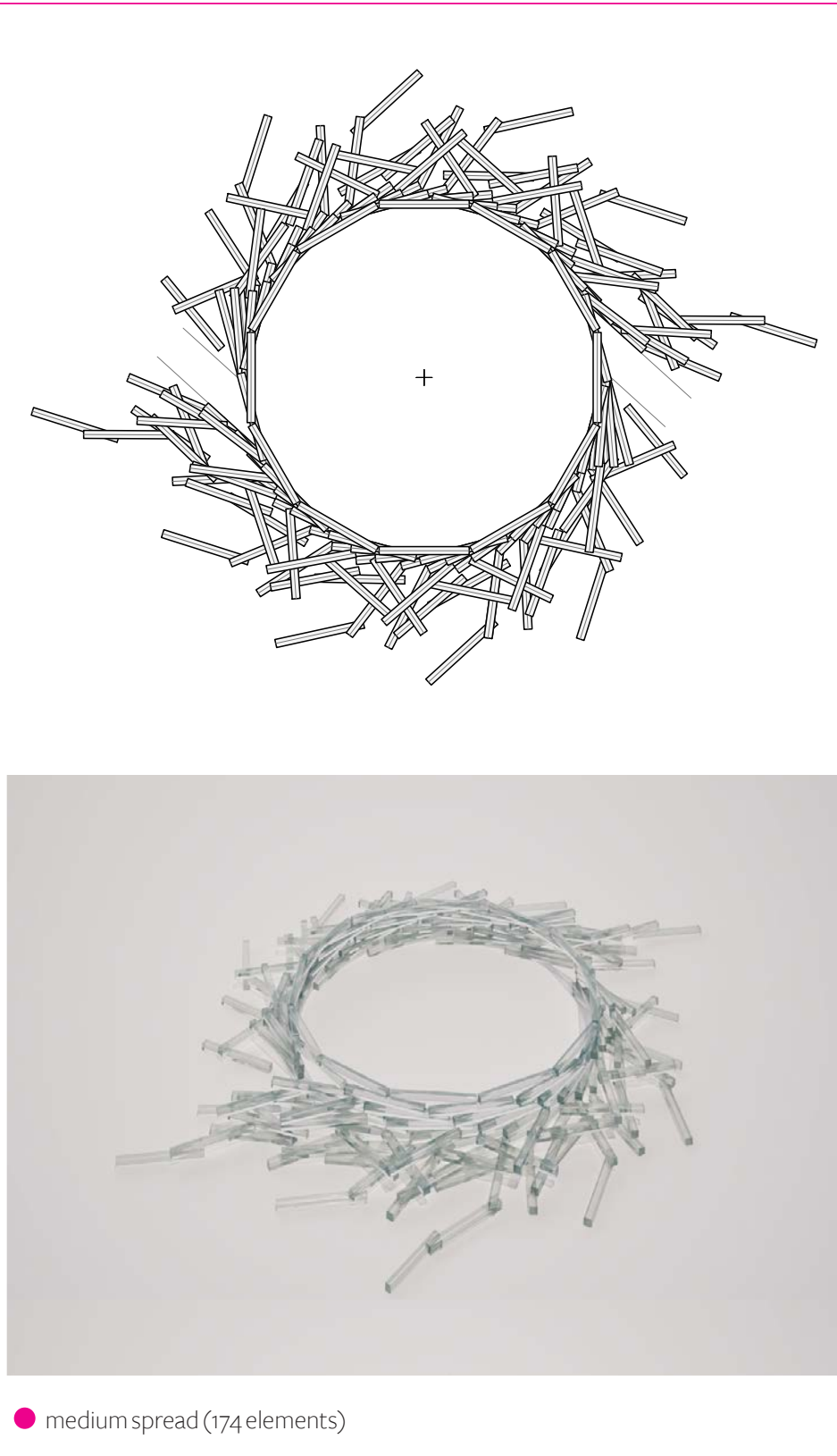
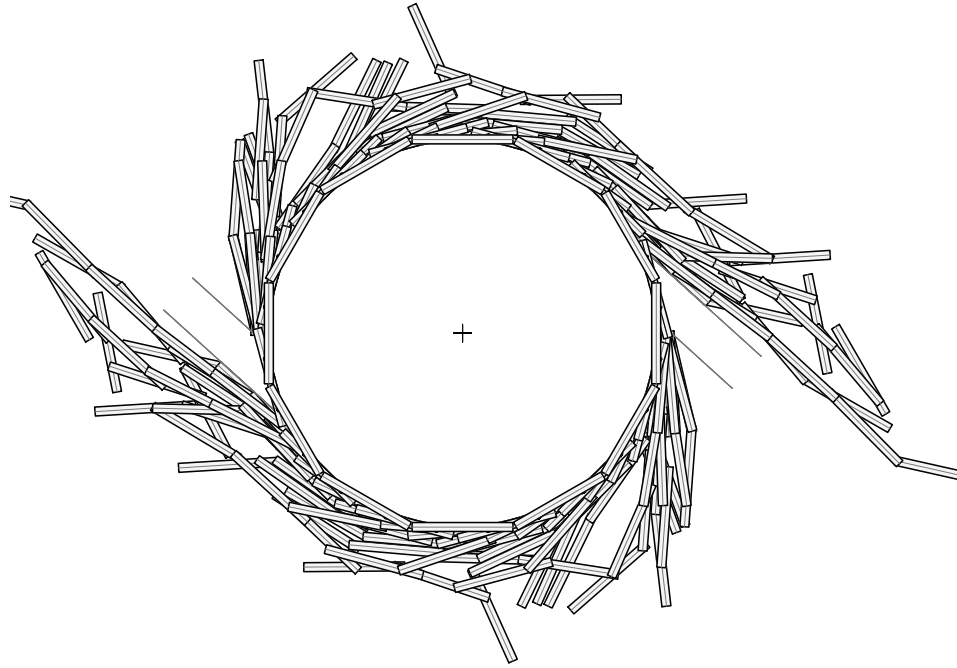
aerial view



opening detail



perspective inside circle

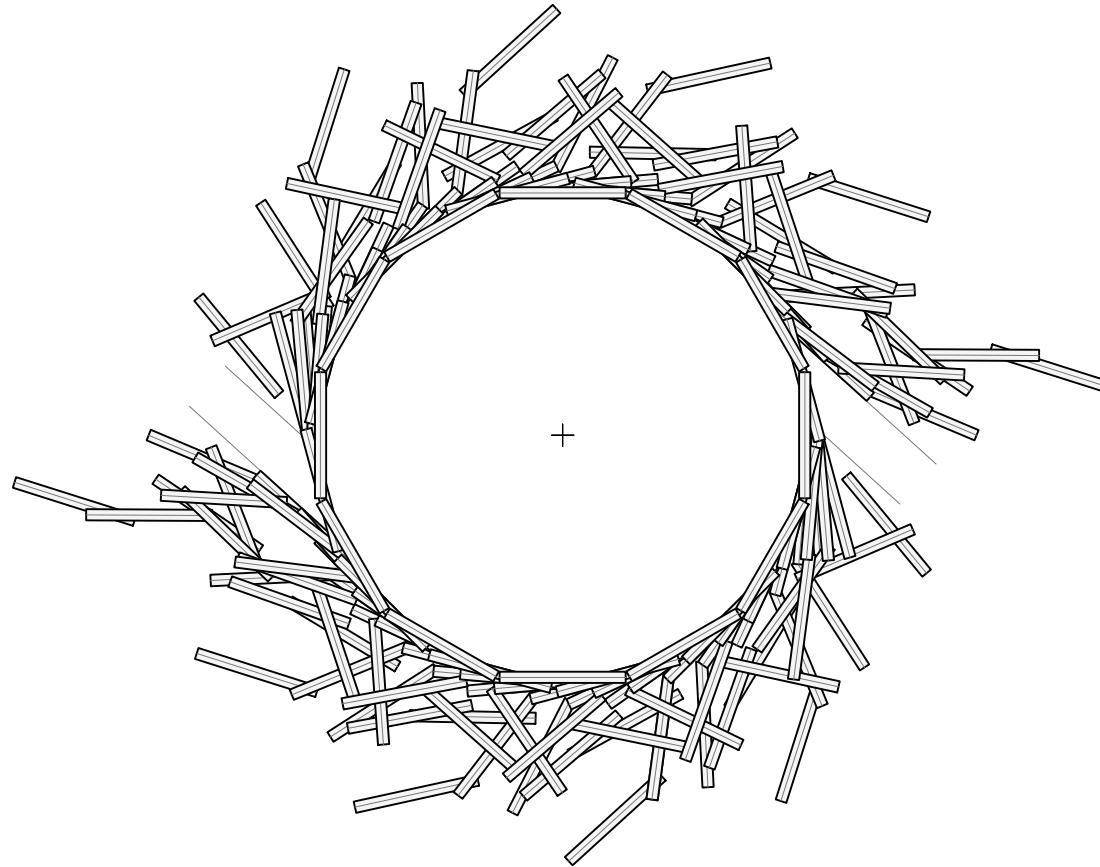


compact spread (220 elements)

● medium spread (174 elements)

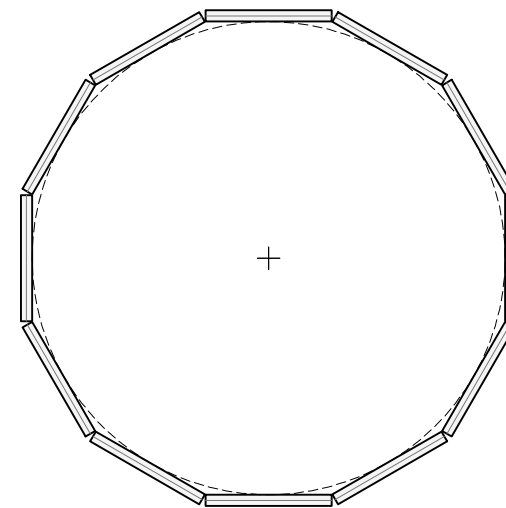
wide spread (222 elements)

total elements 174 elements (151%)
x 19.11 cubic ft per element
total volume 3,325 cubic ft (64%)



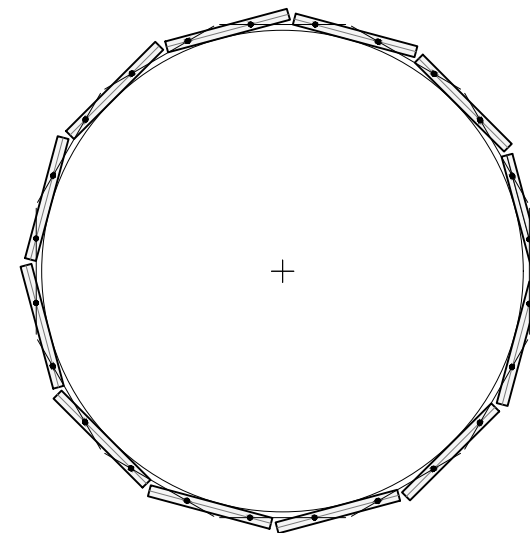
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layer 6	12 elements	(150%)
layer 5	14 elements	(175%)
layer 4	24 elements	(171%)
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layer 2	34 elements	(117%)
layer 1	46 elements	(143%)
total	174 elements	(151%)



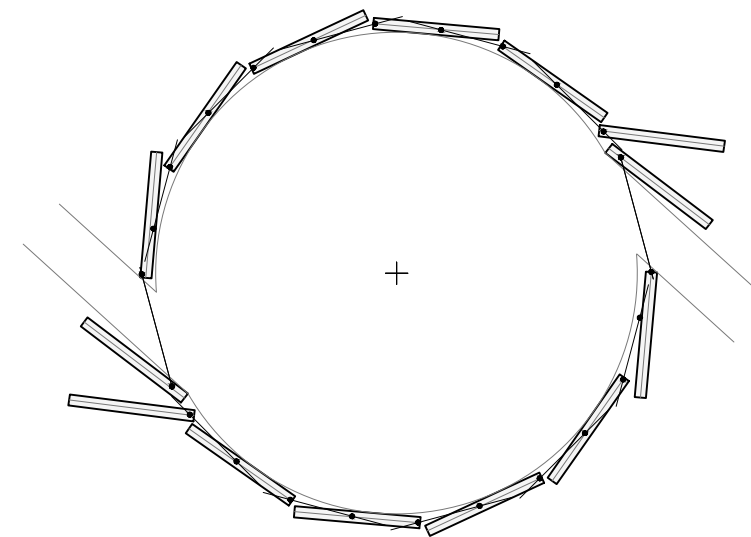
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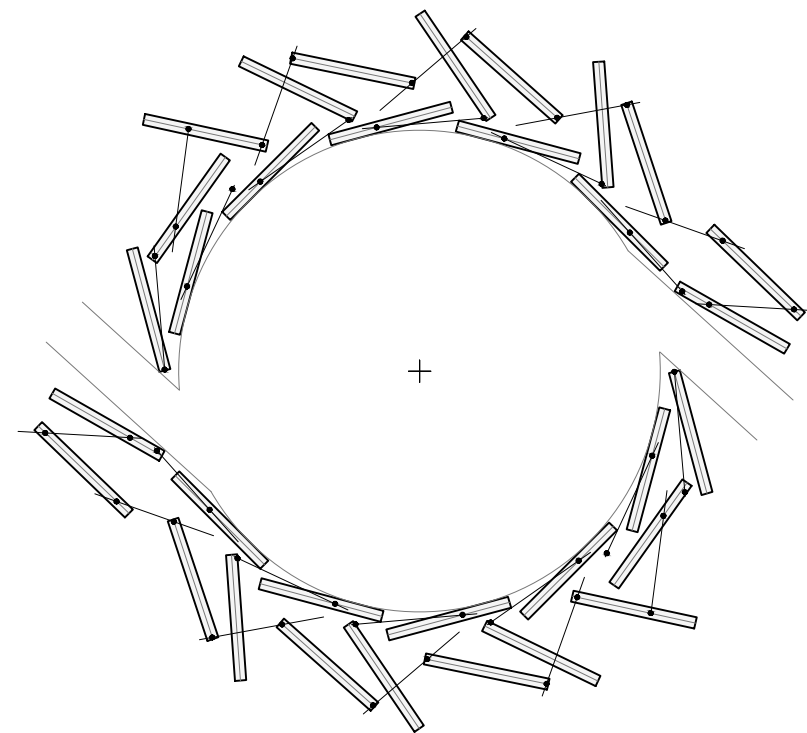
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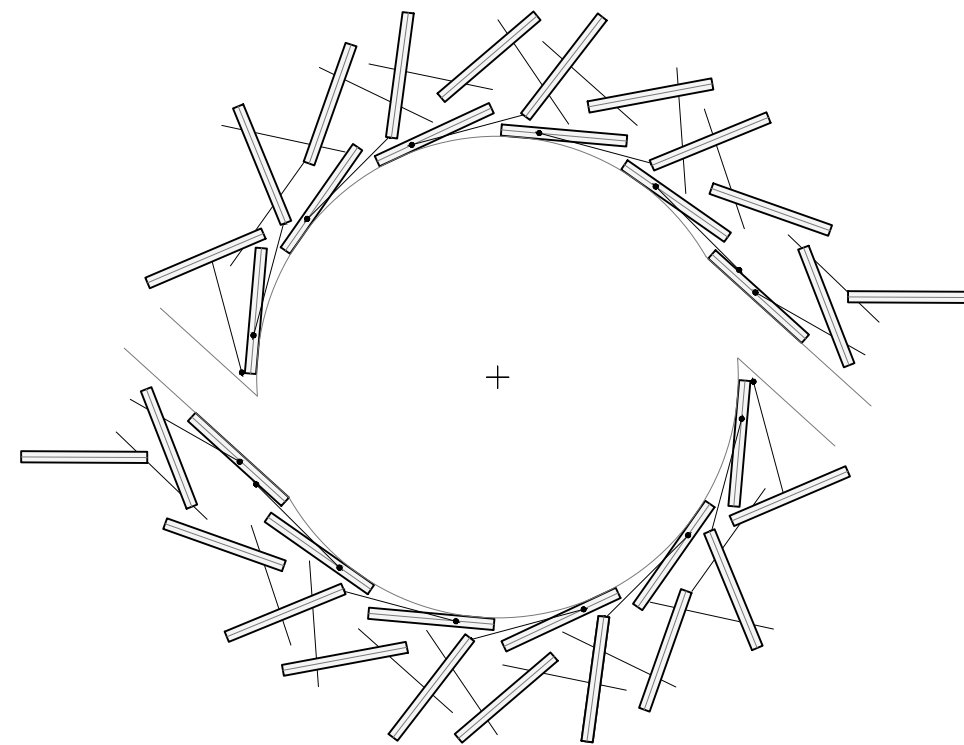
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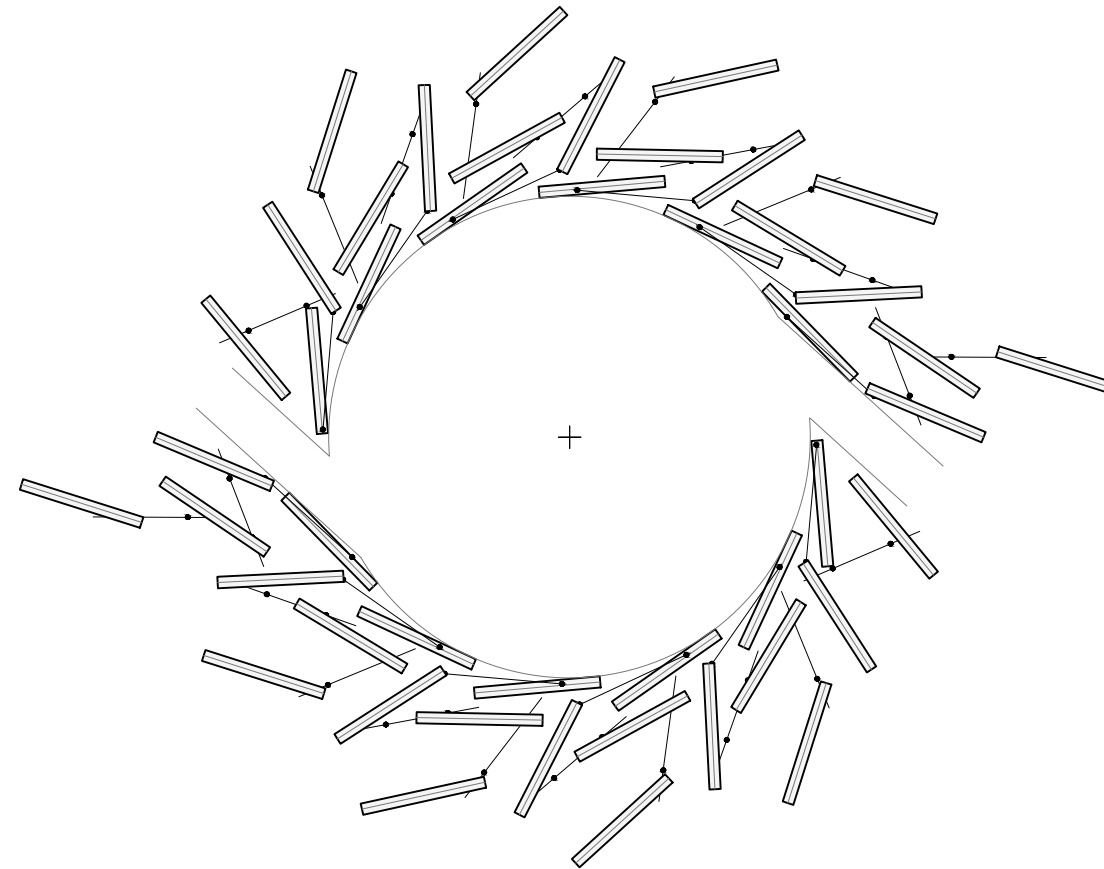
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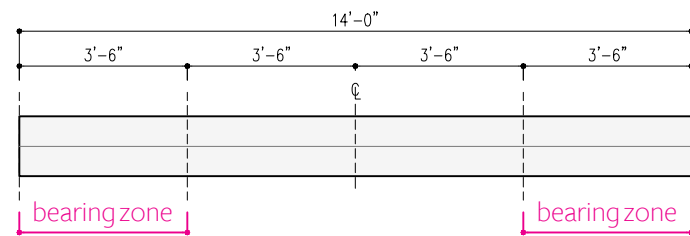
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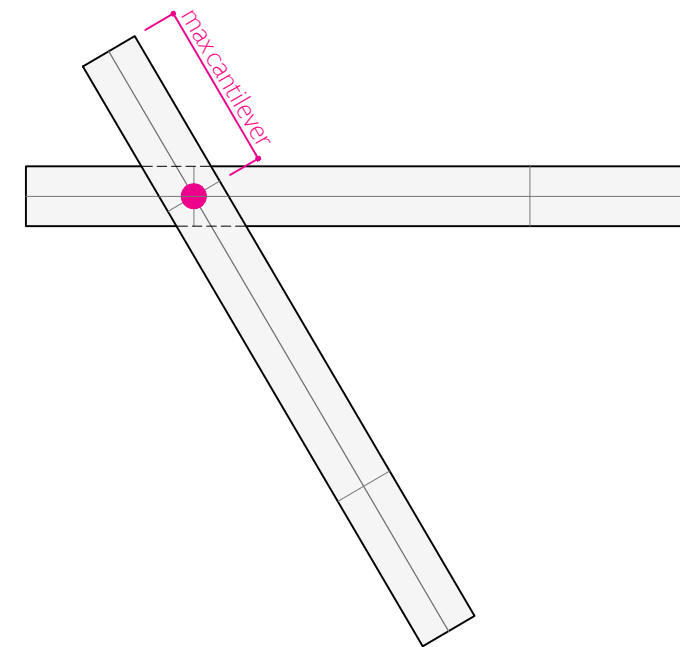
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bearing zone - no element bears on the middle of another element



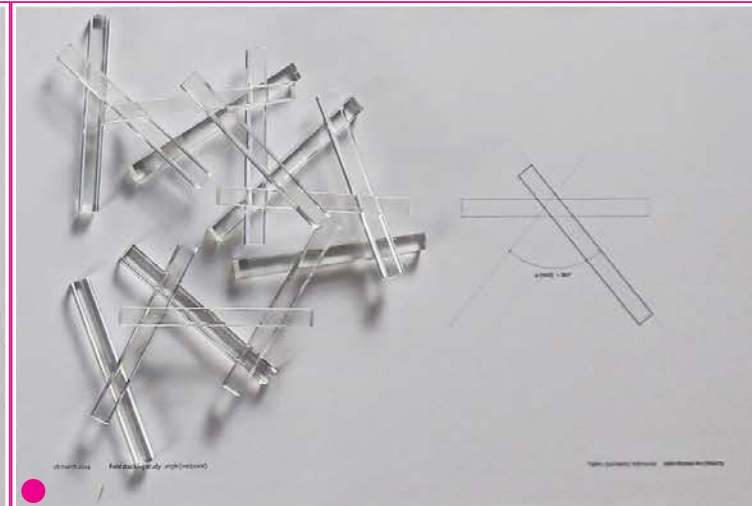
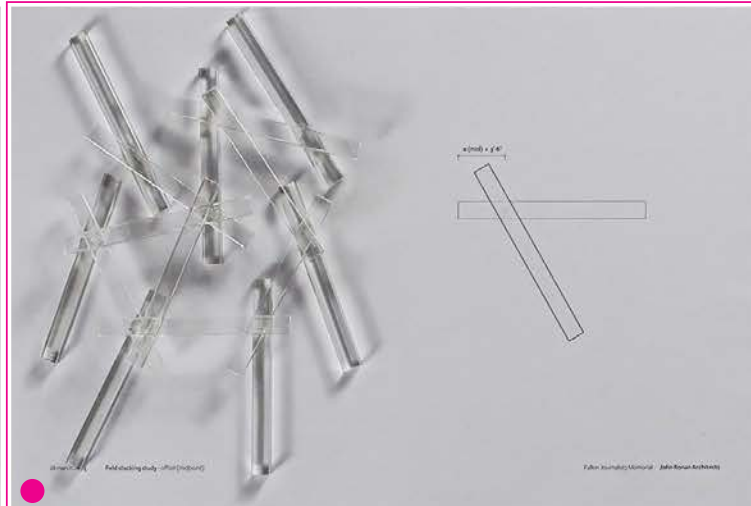
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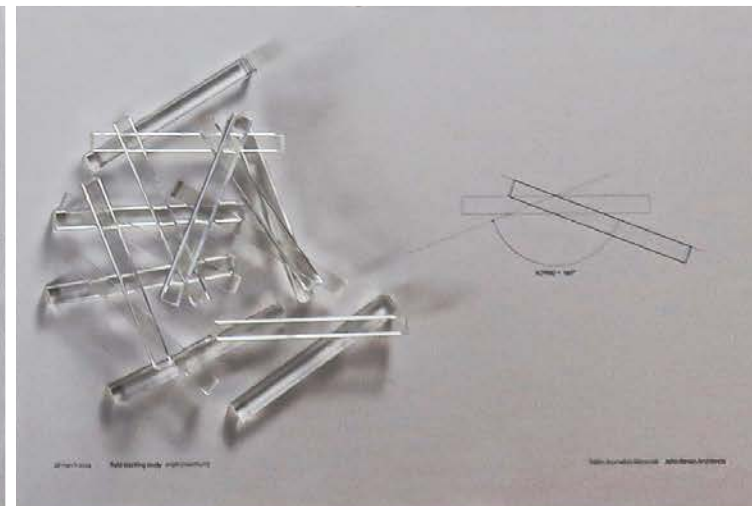
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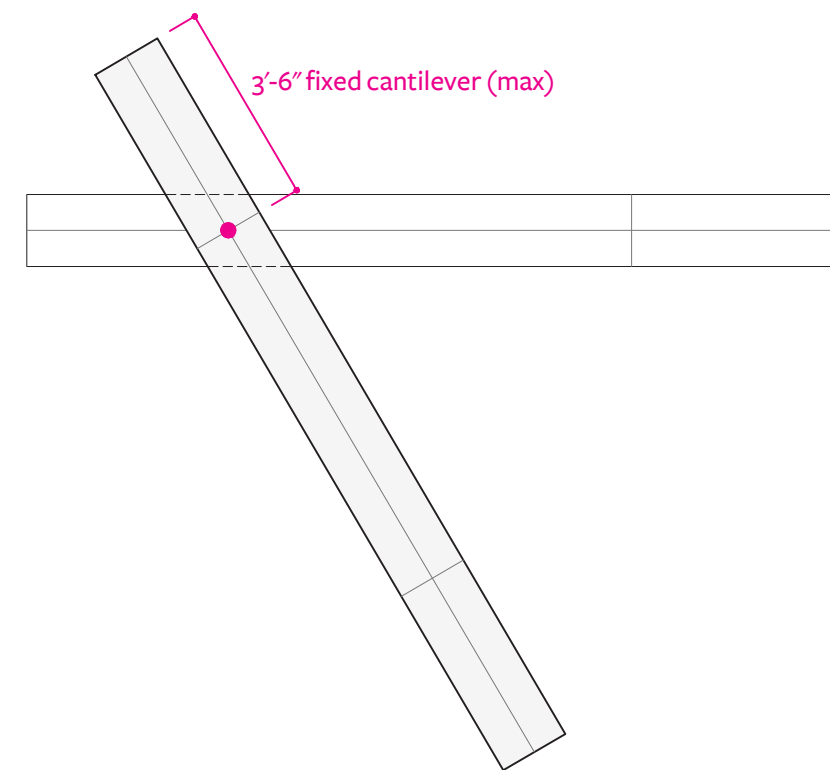
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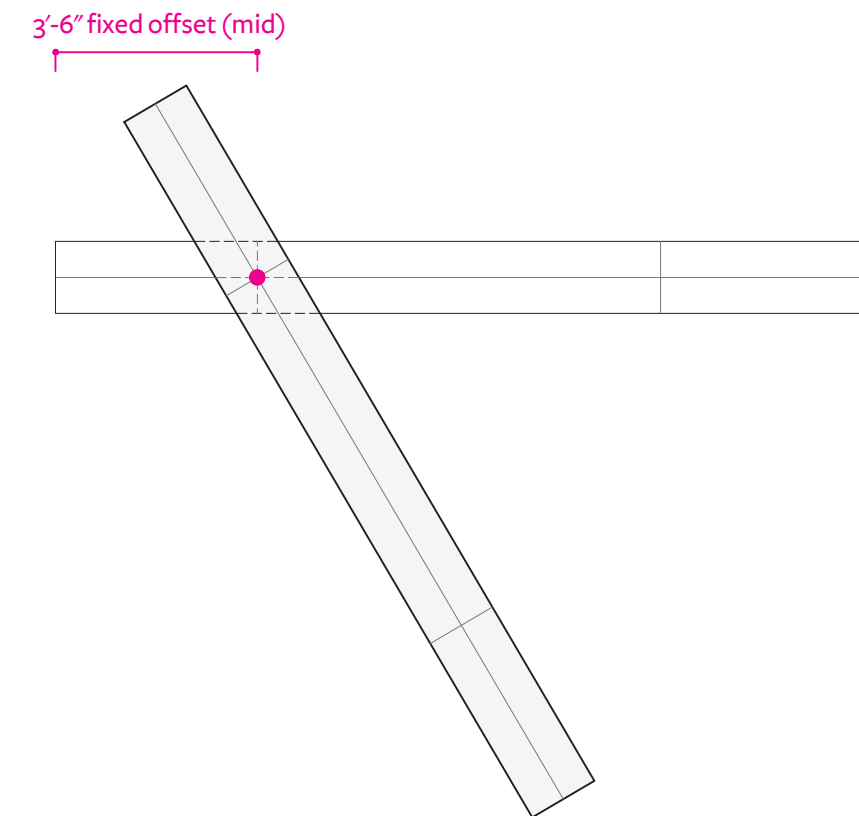


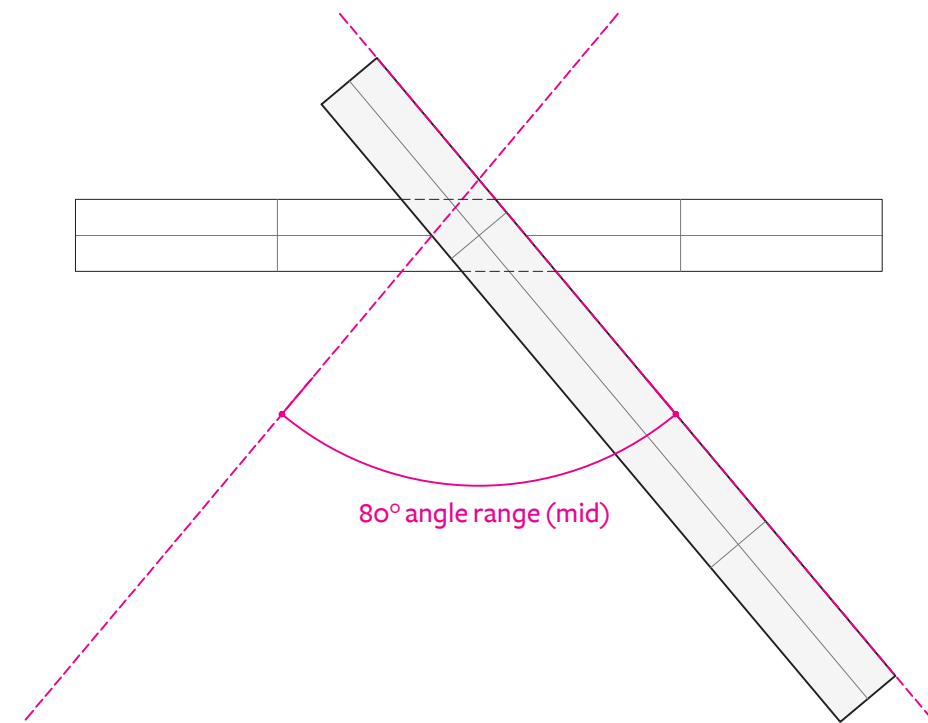
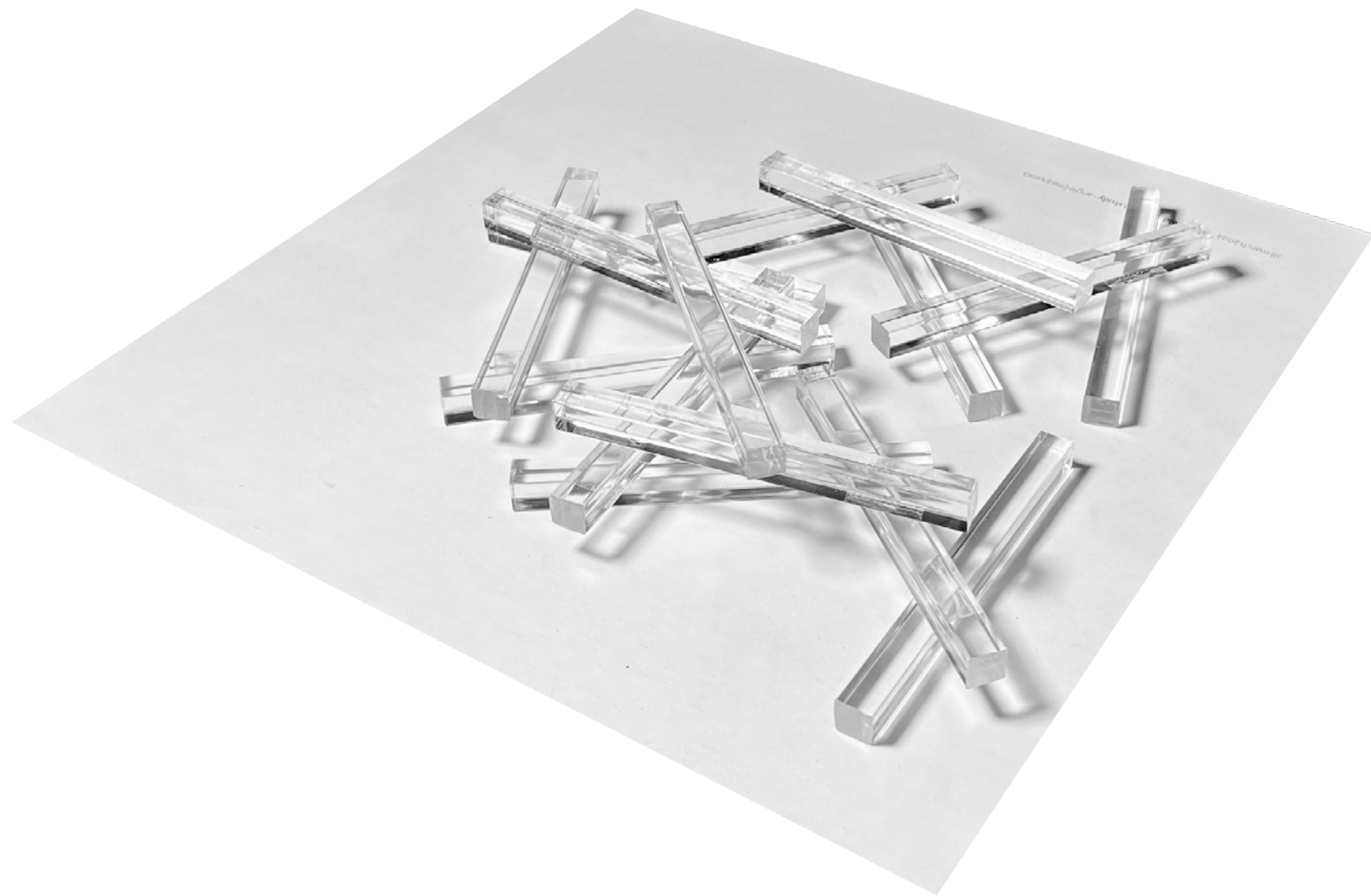
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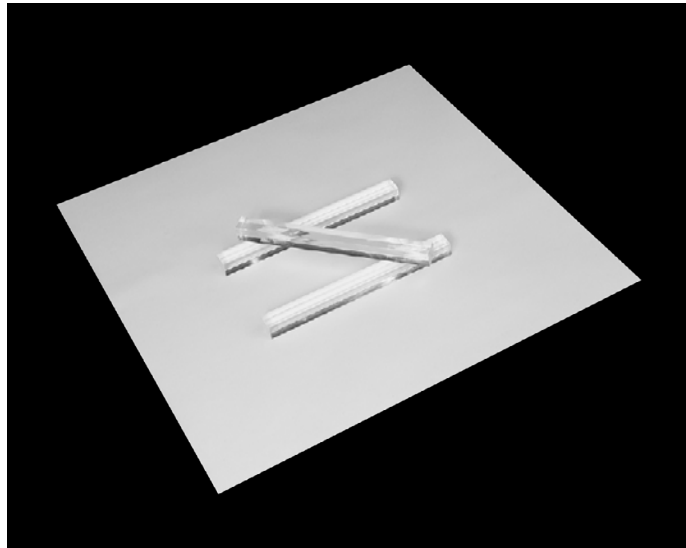
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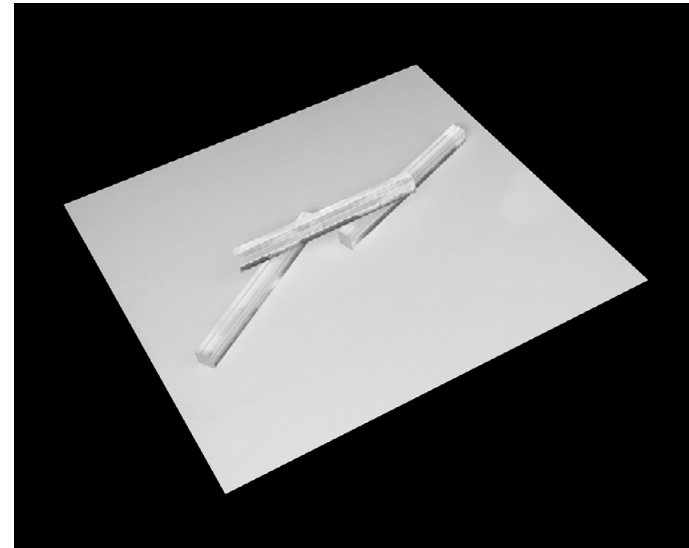




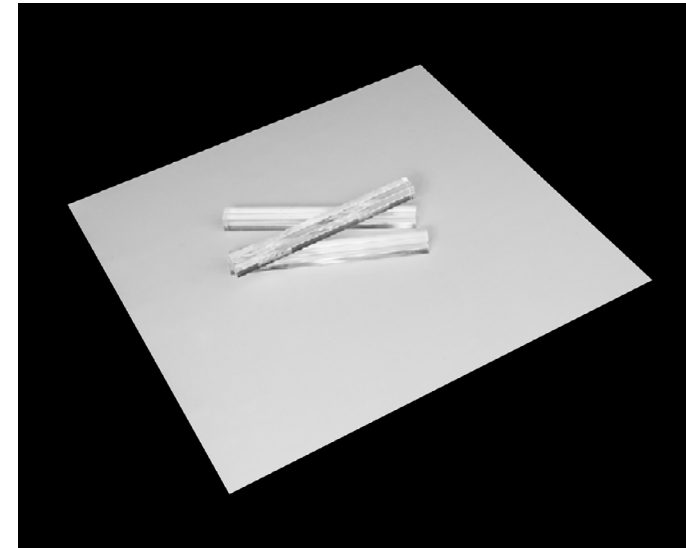
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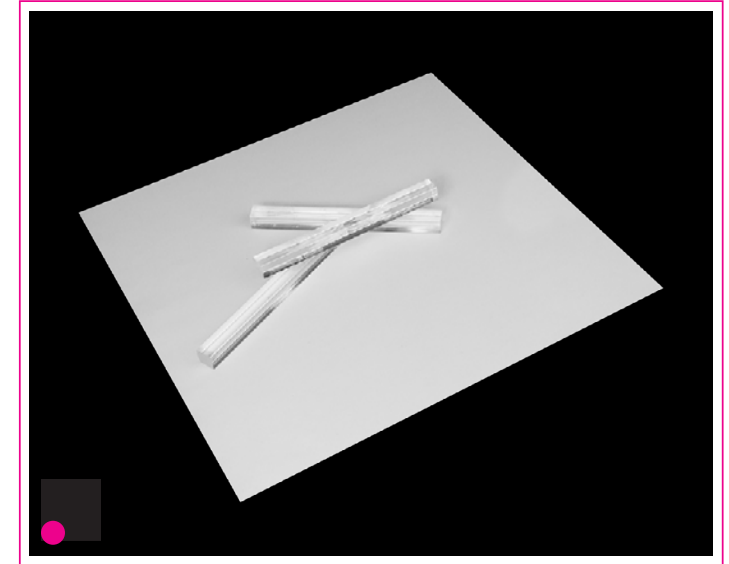
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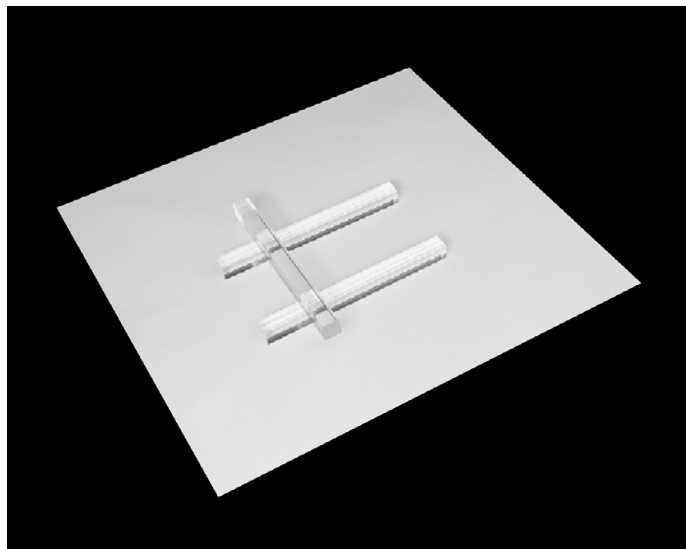


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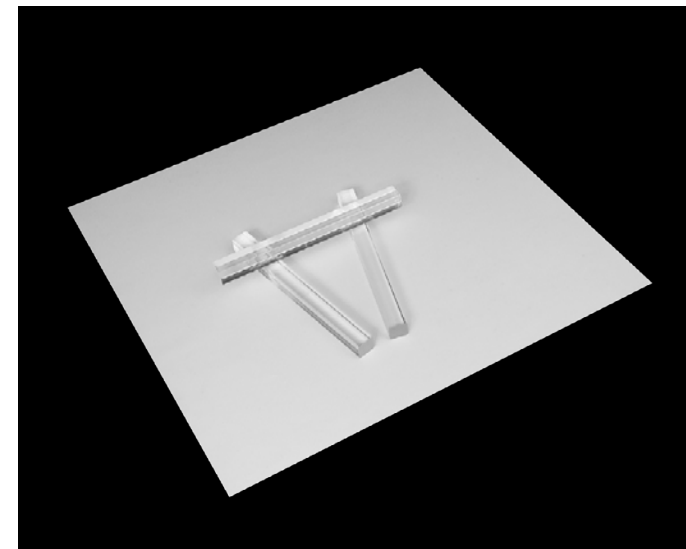
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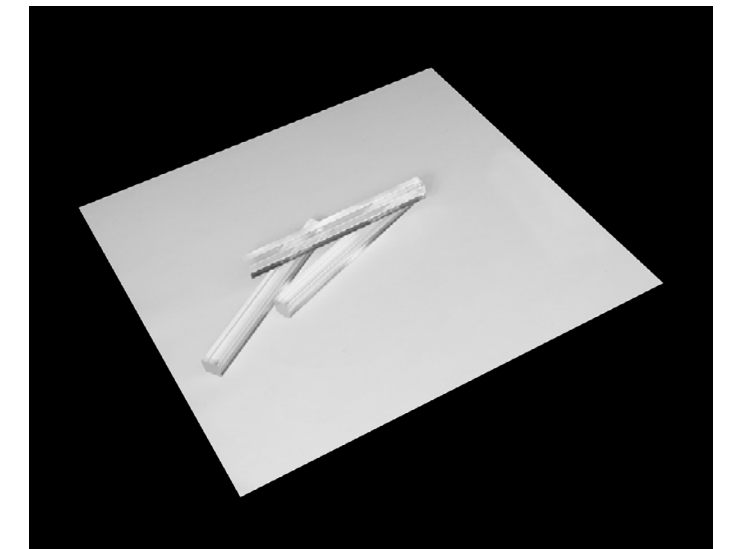
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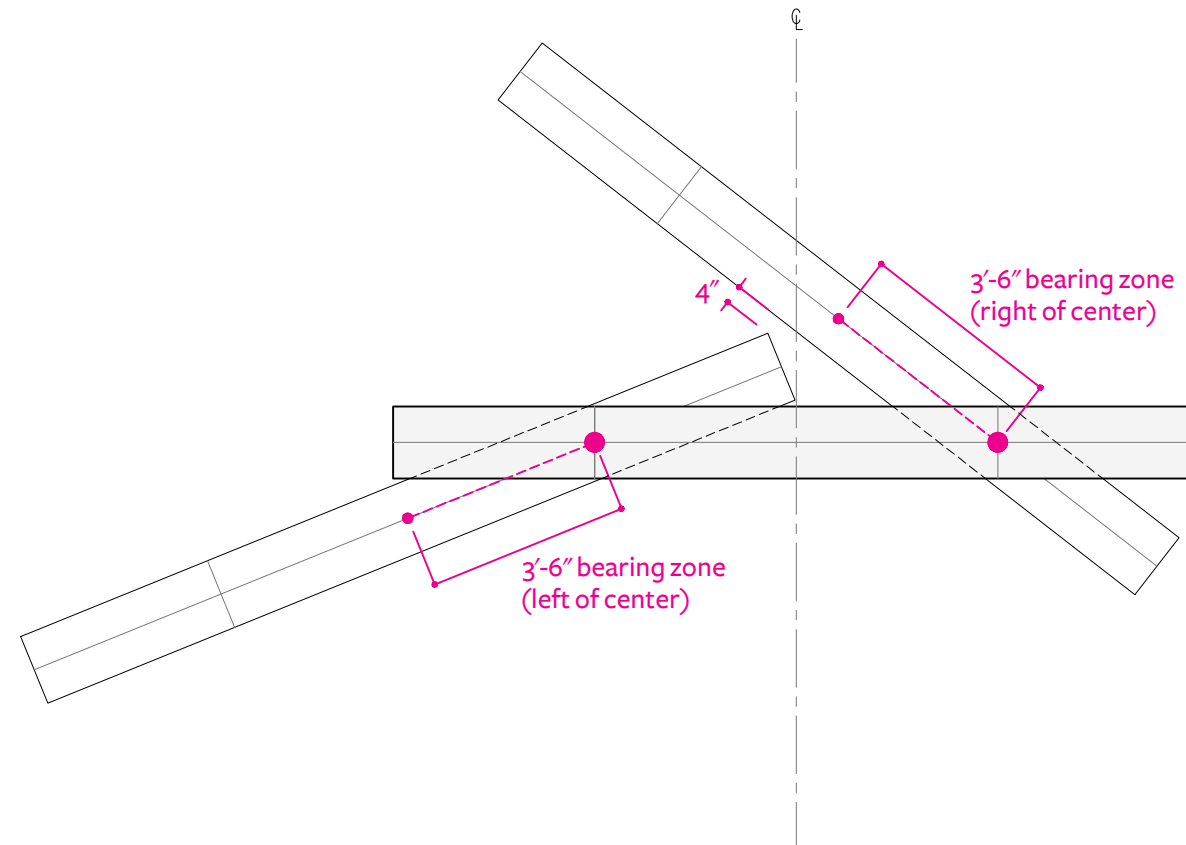
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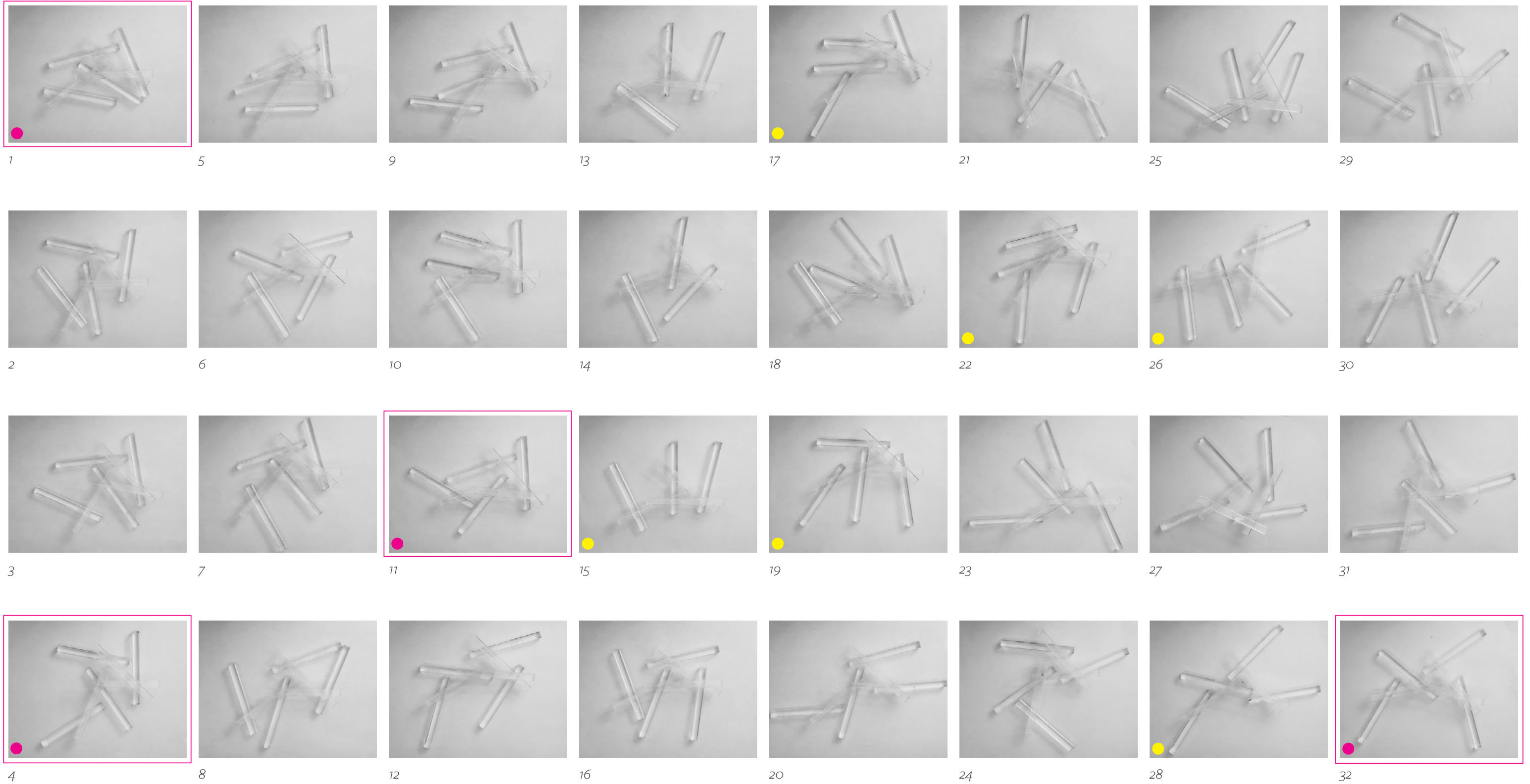


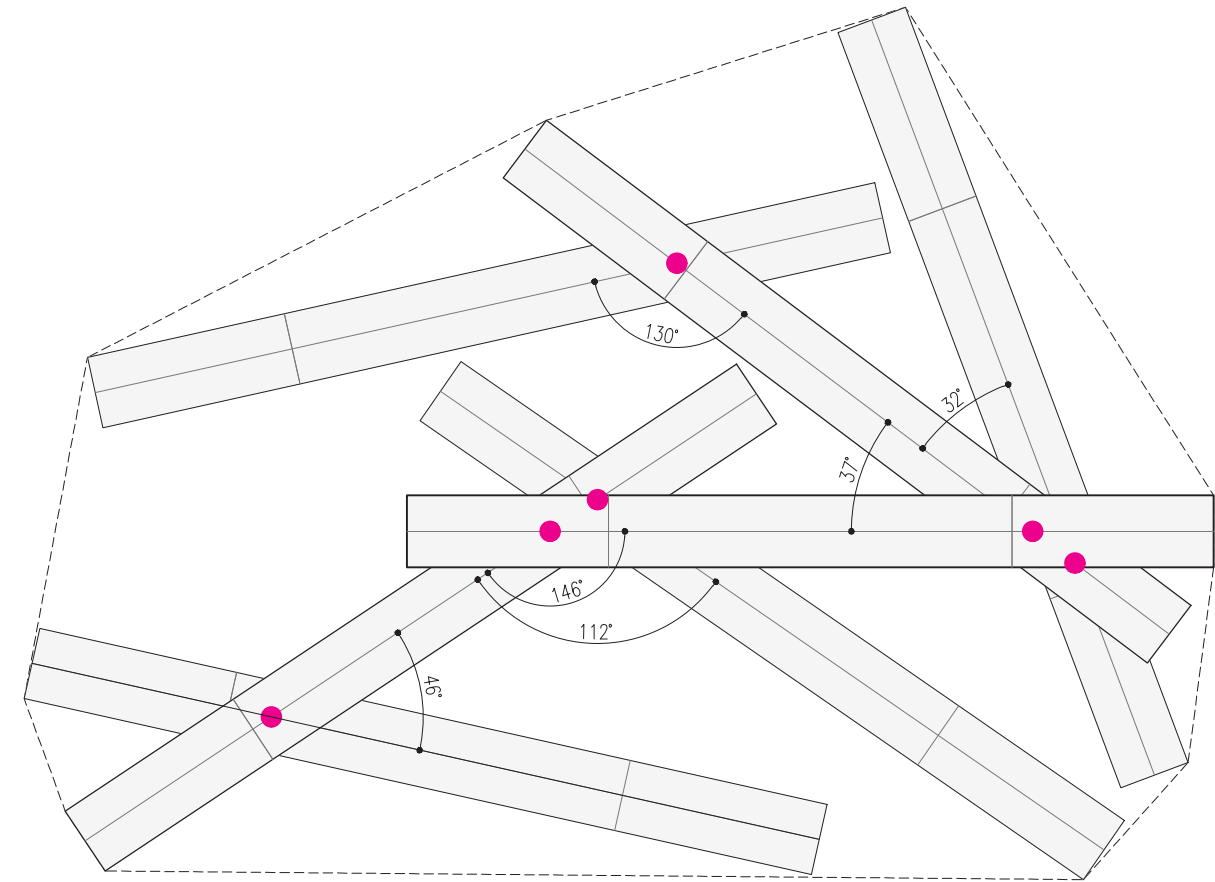
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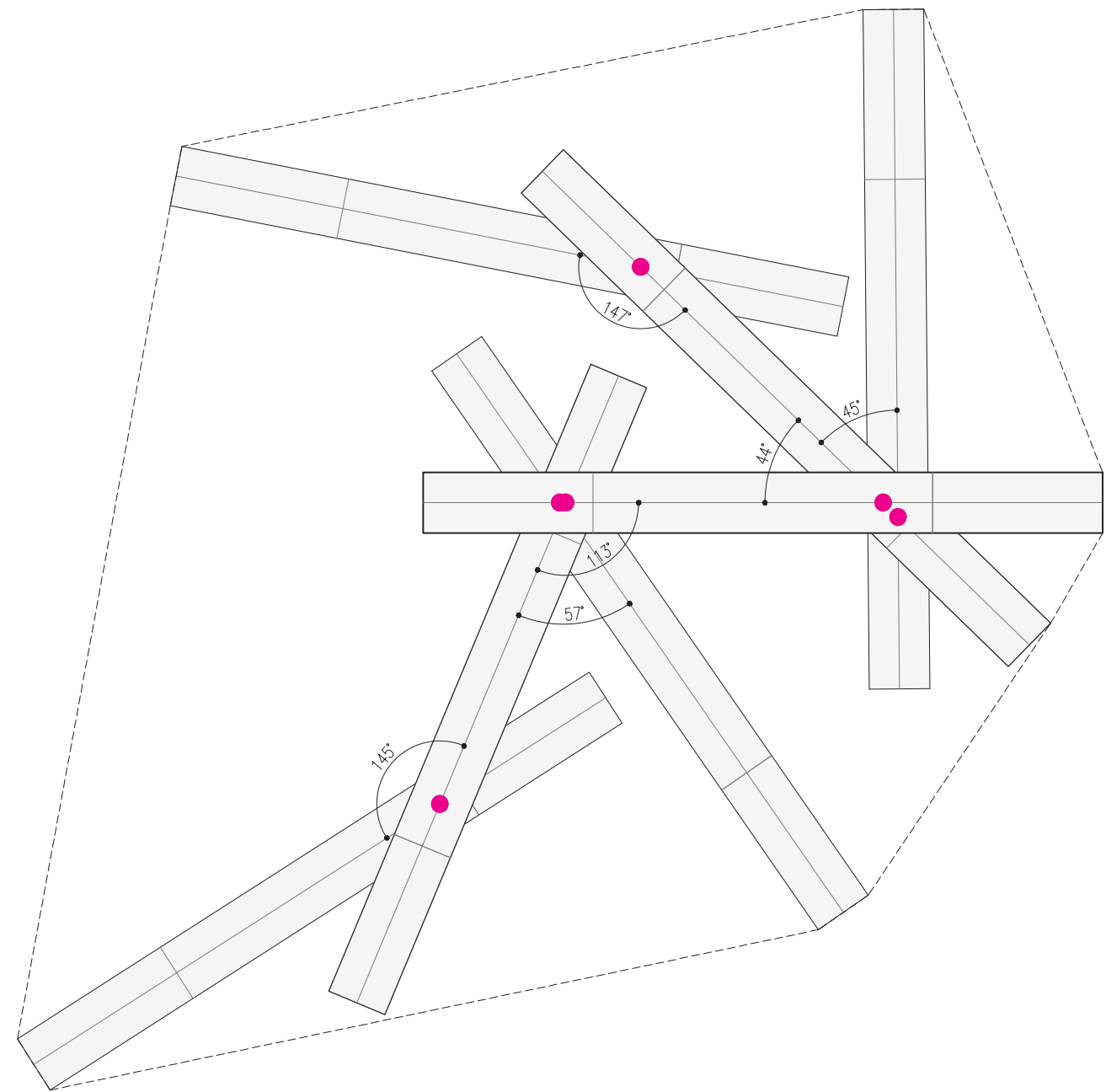
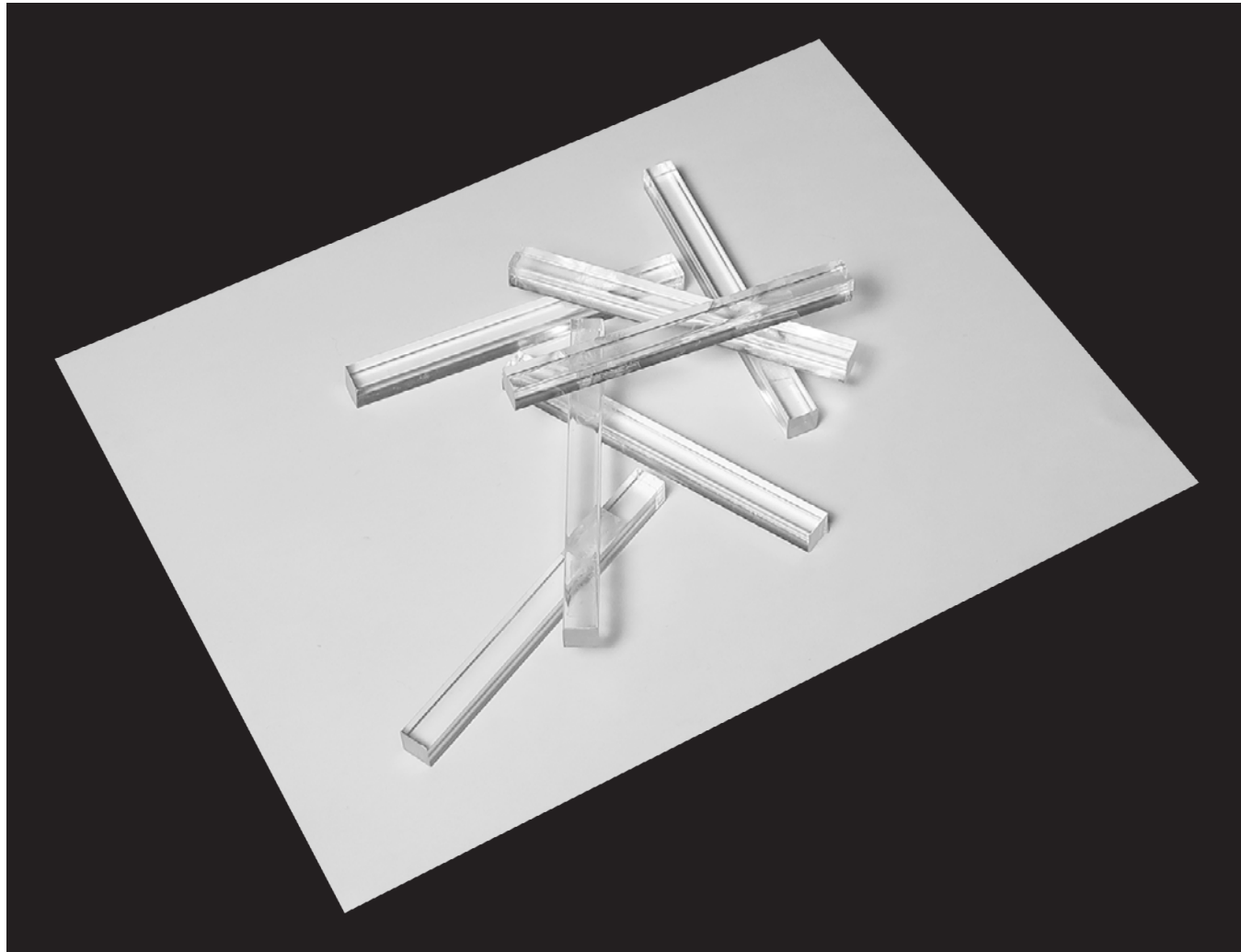
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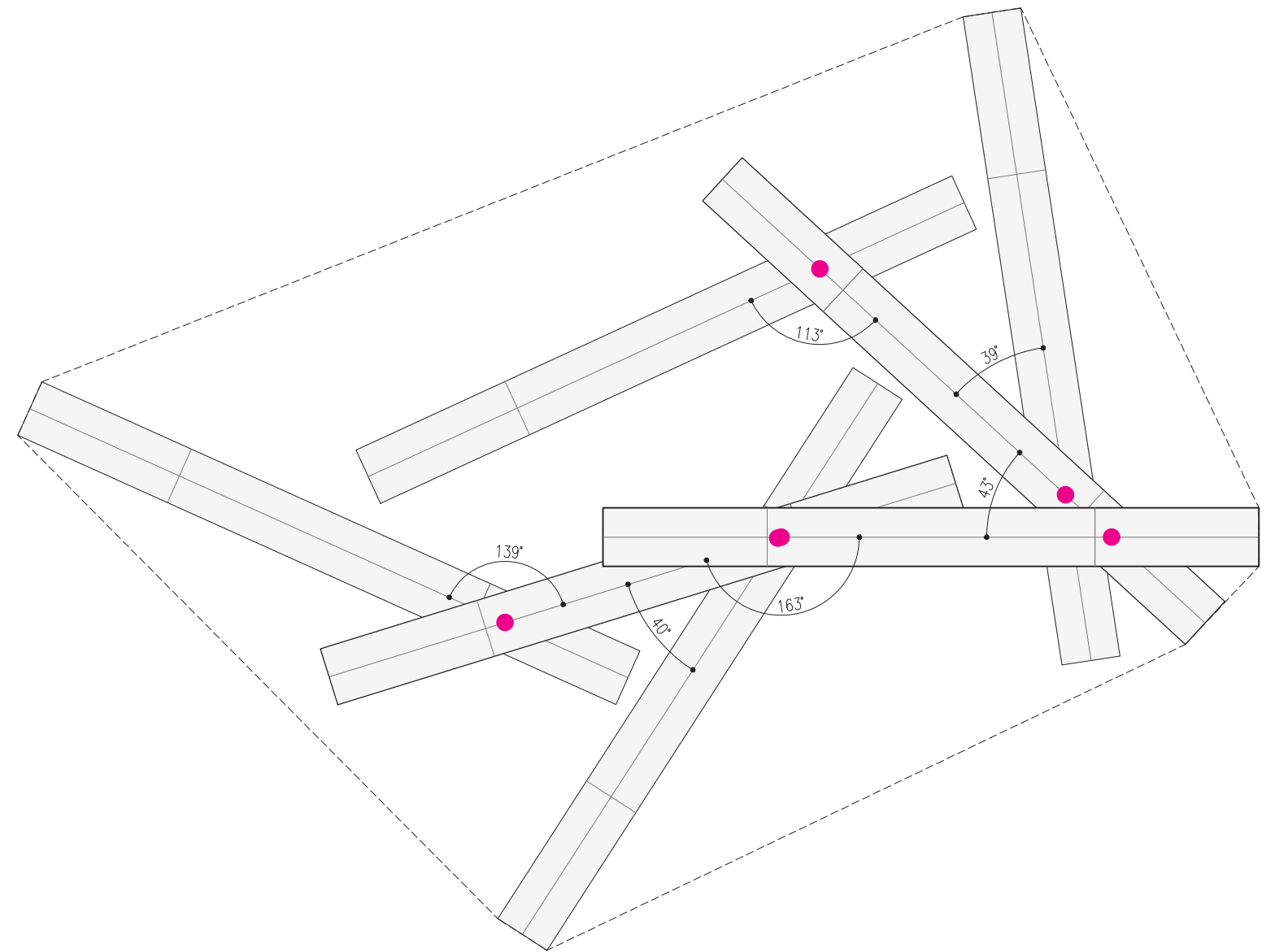
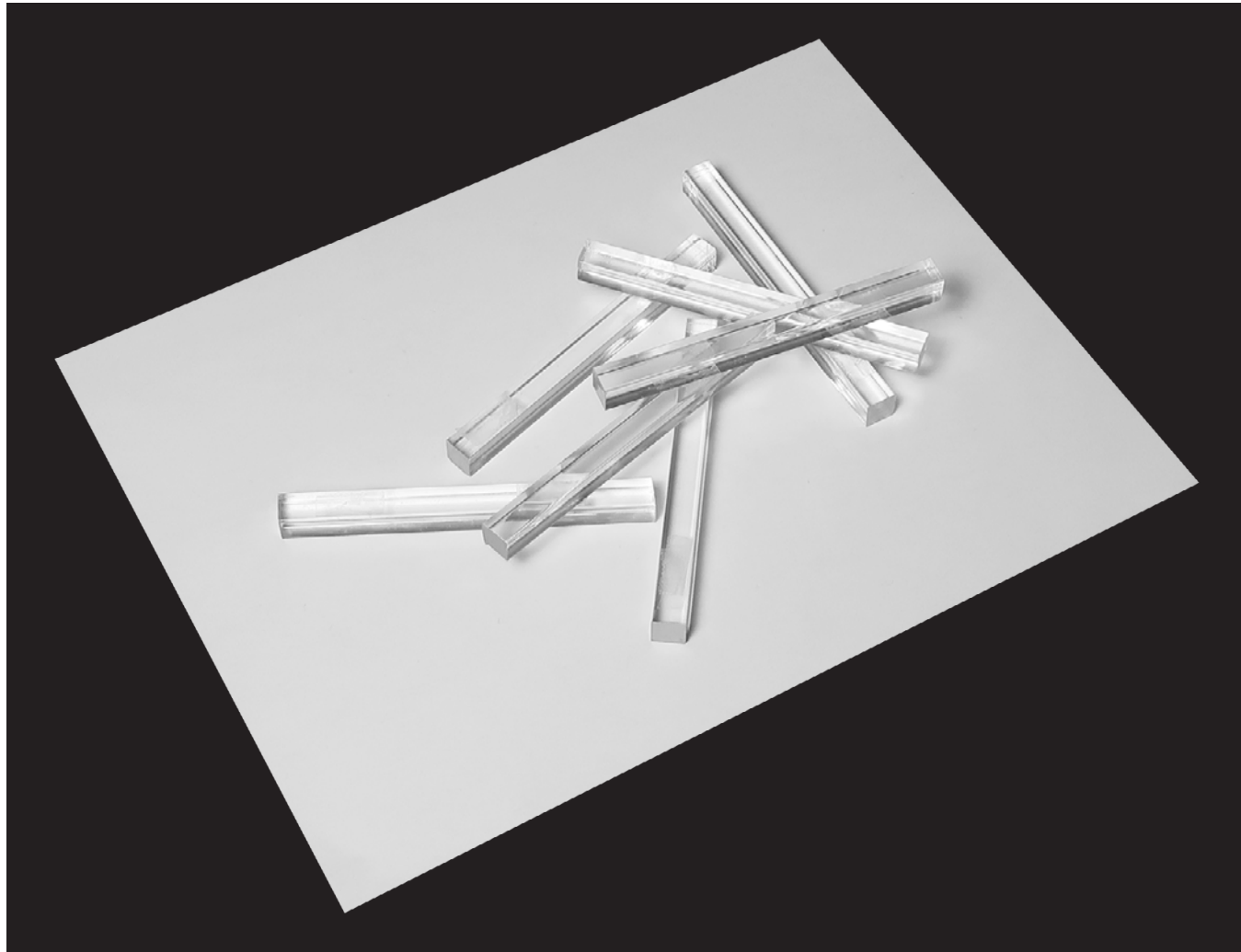




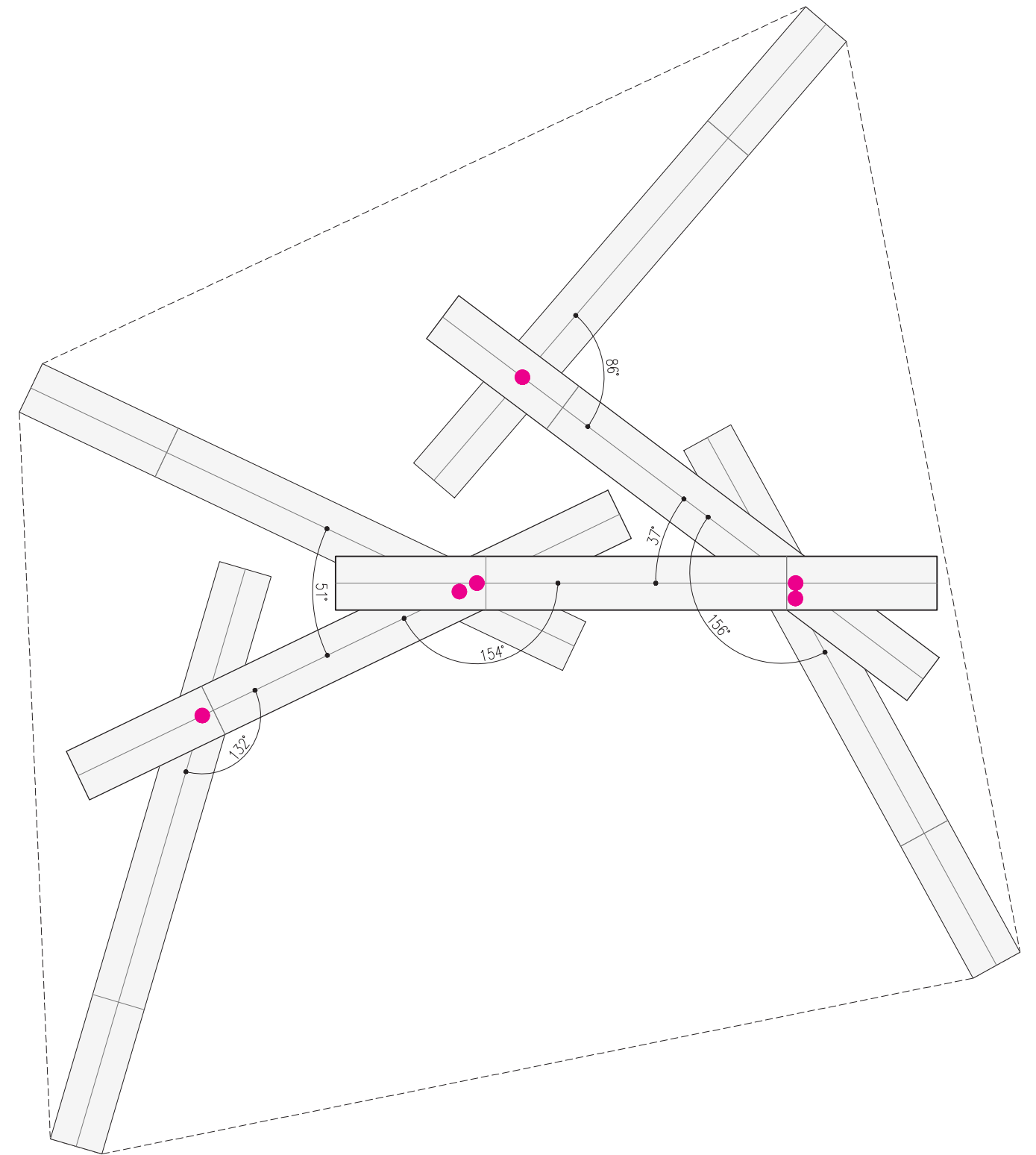
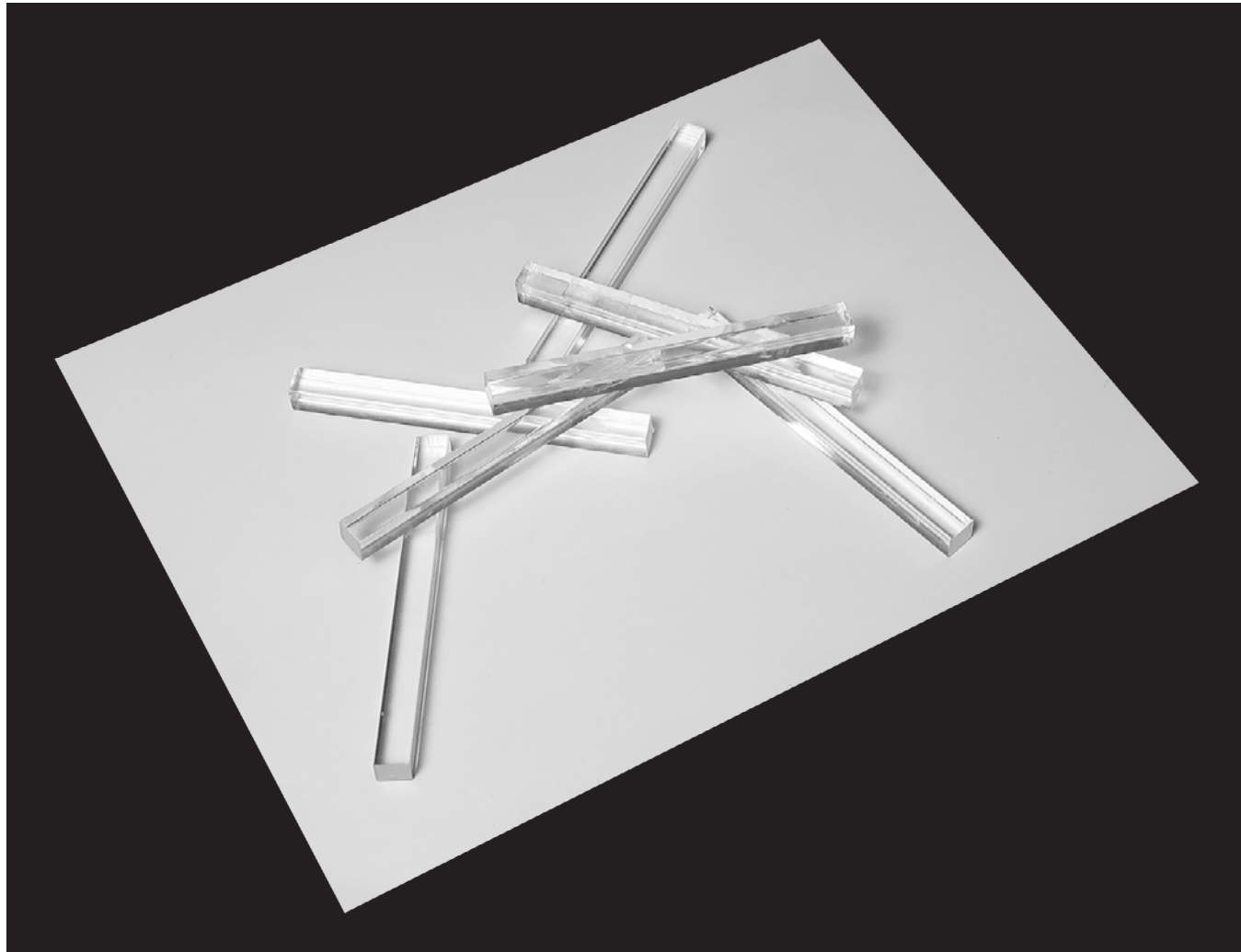
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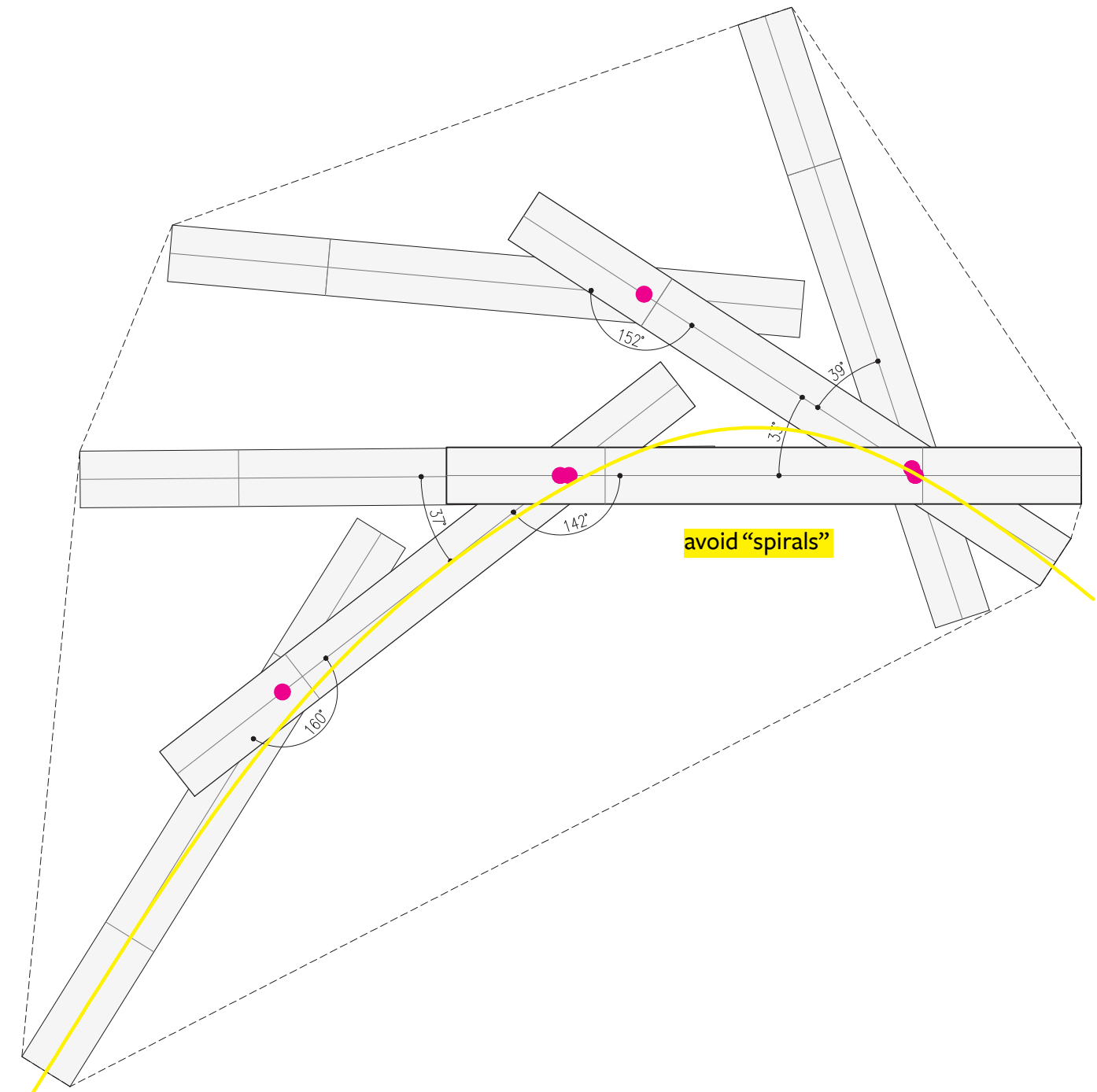
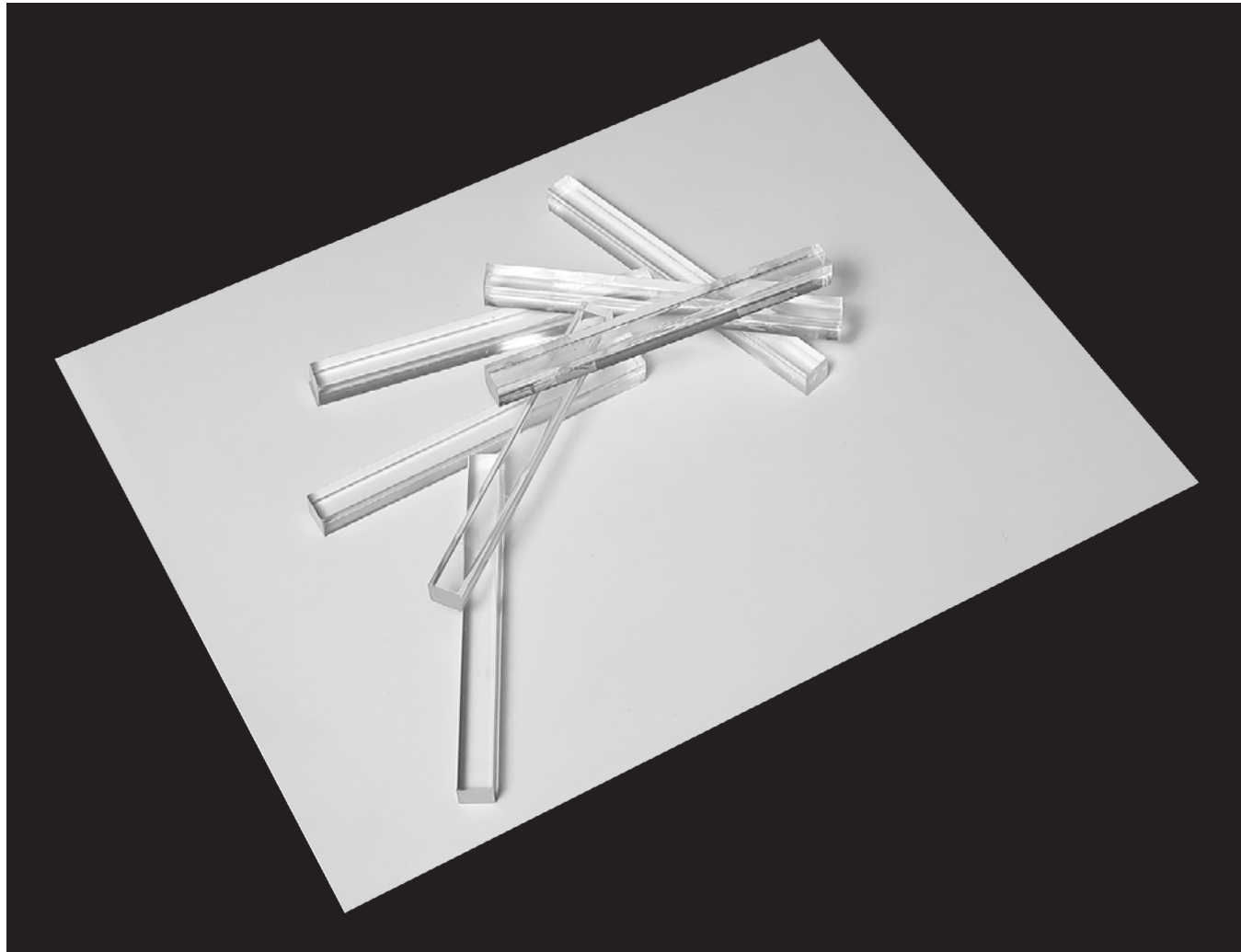
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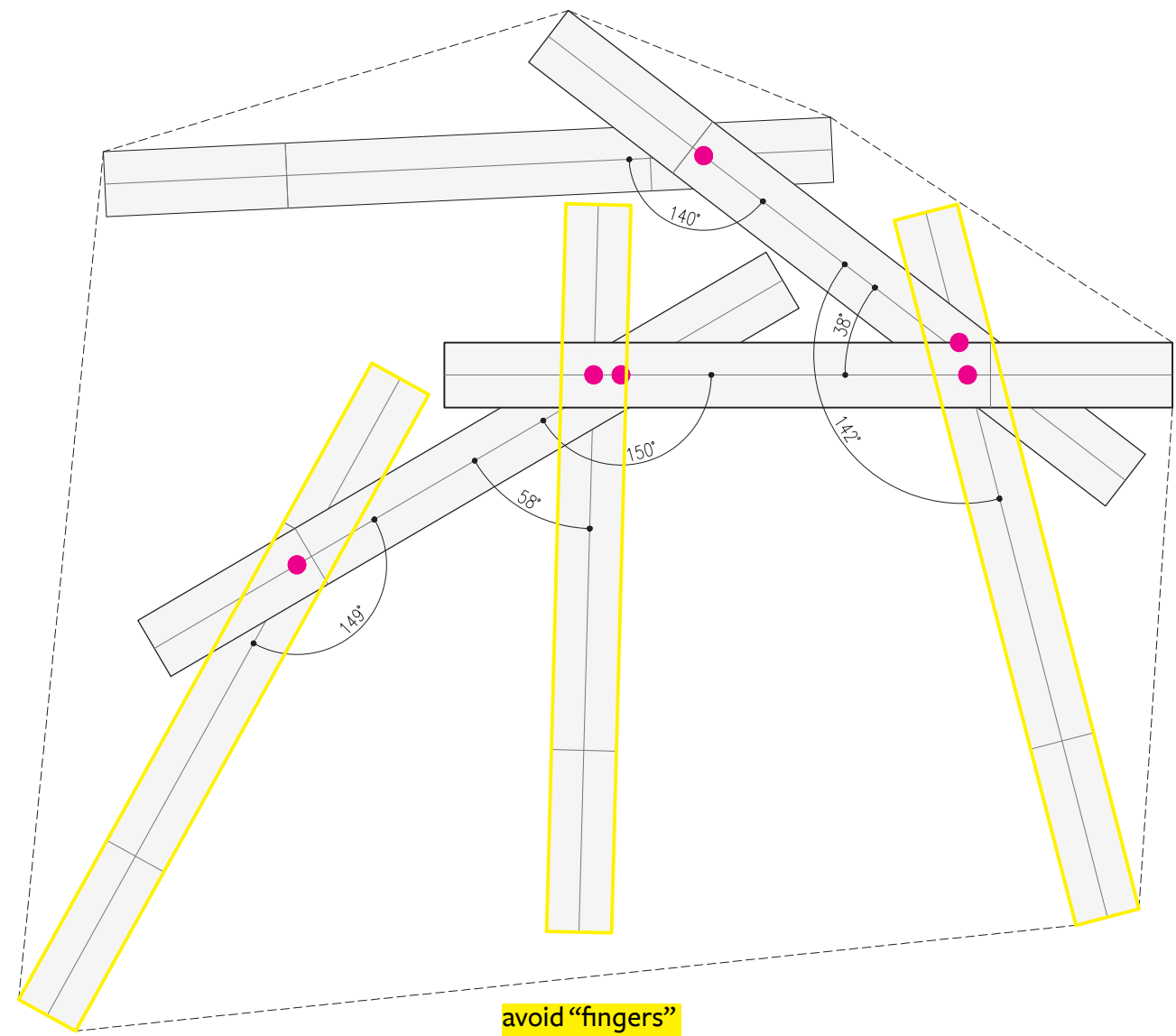
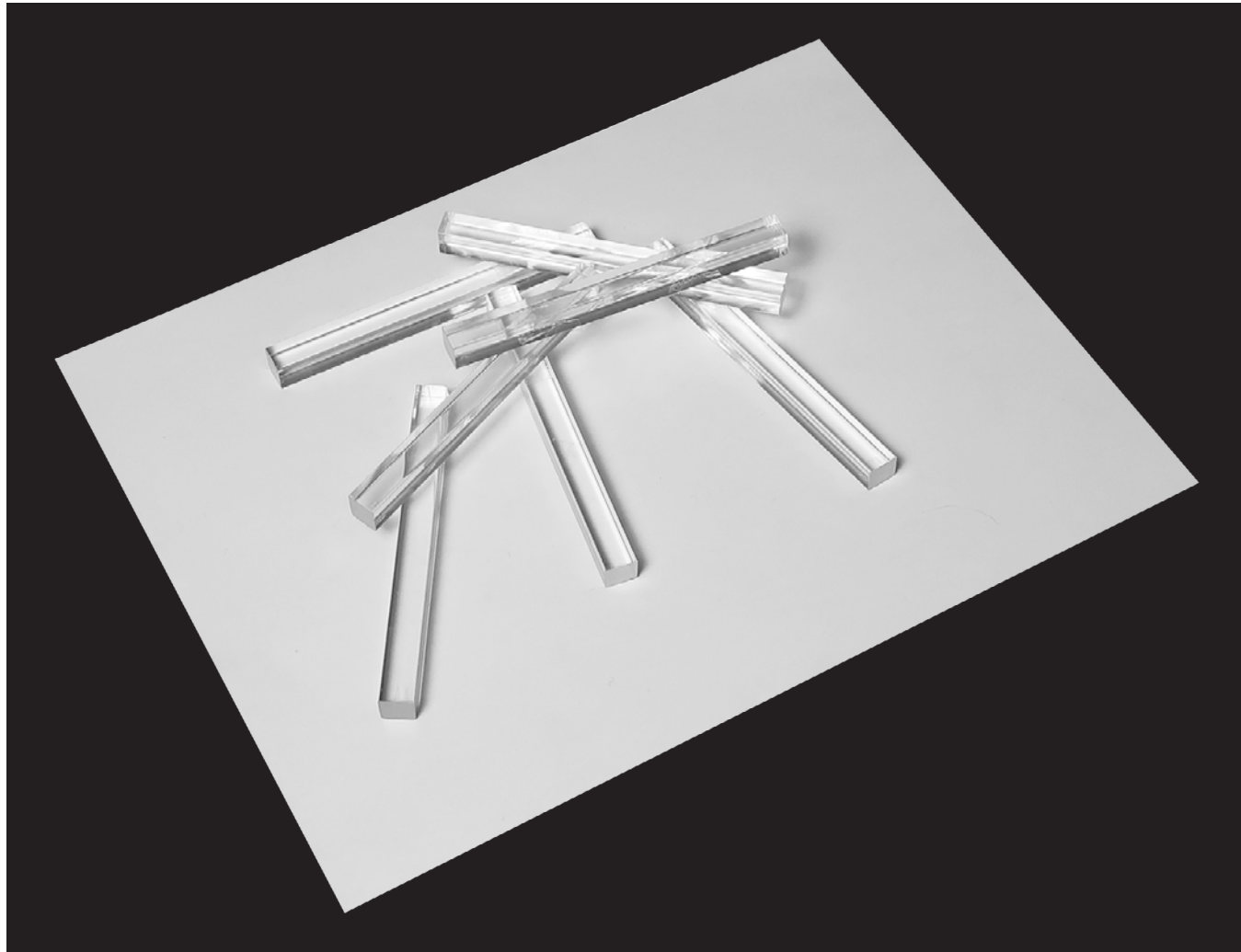
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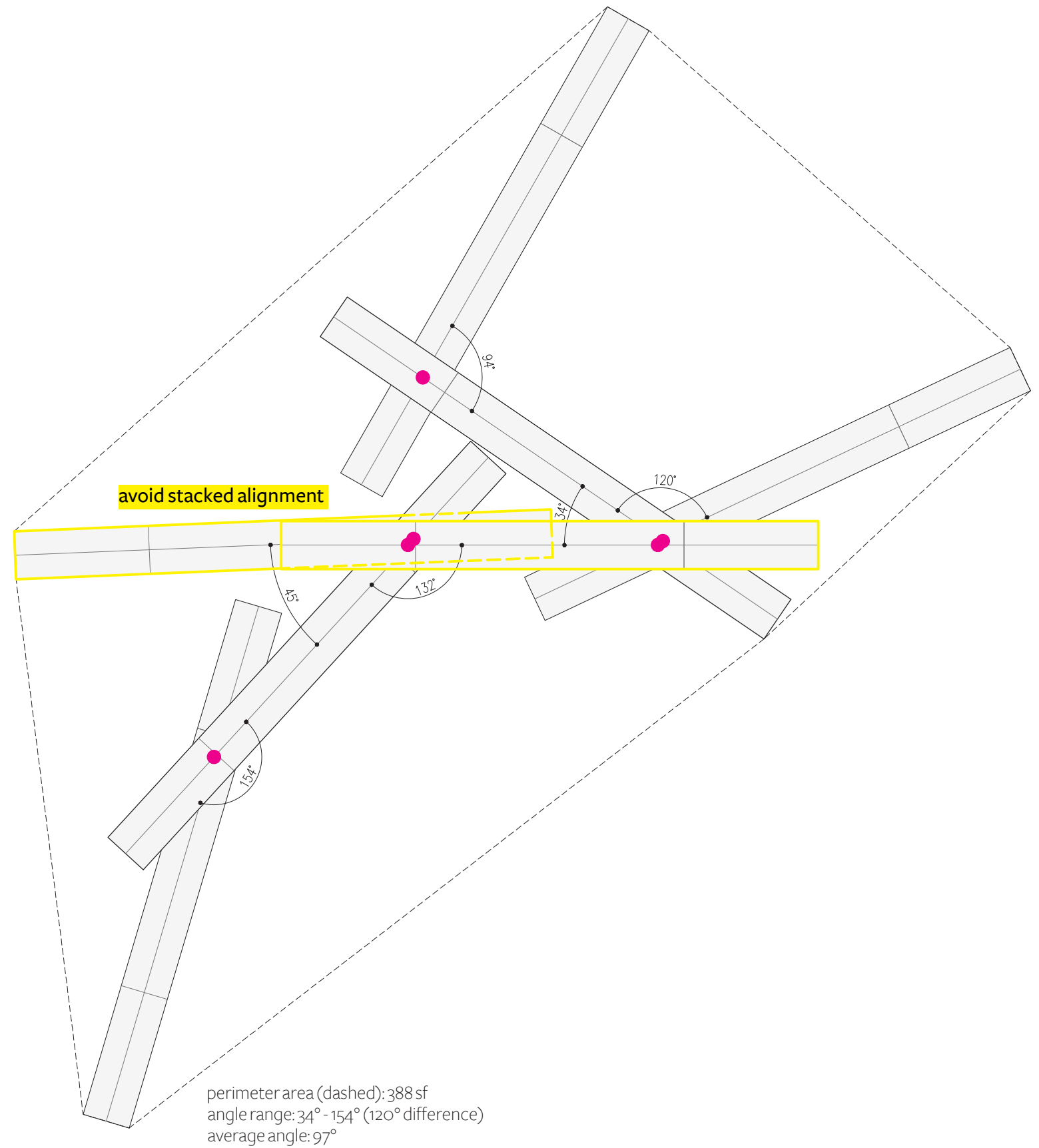
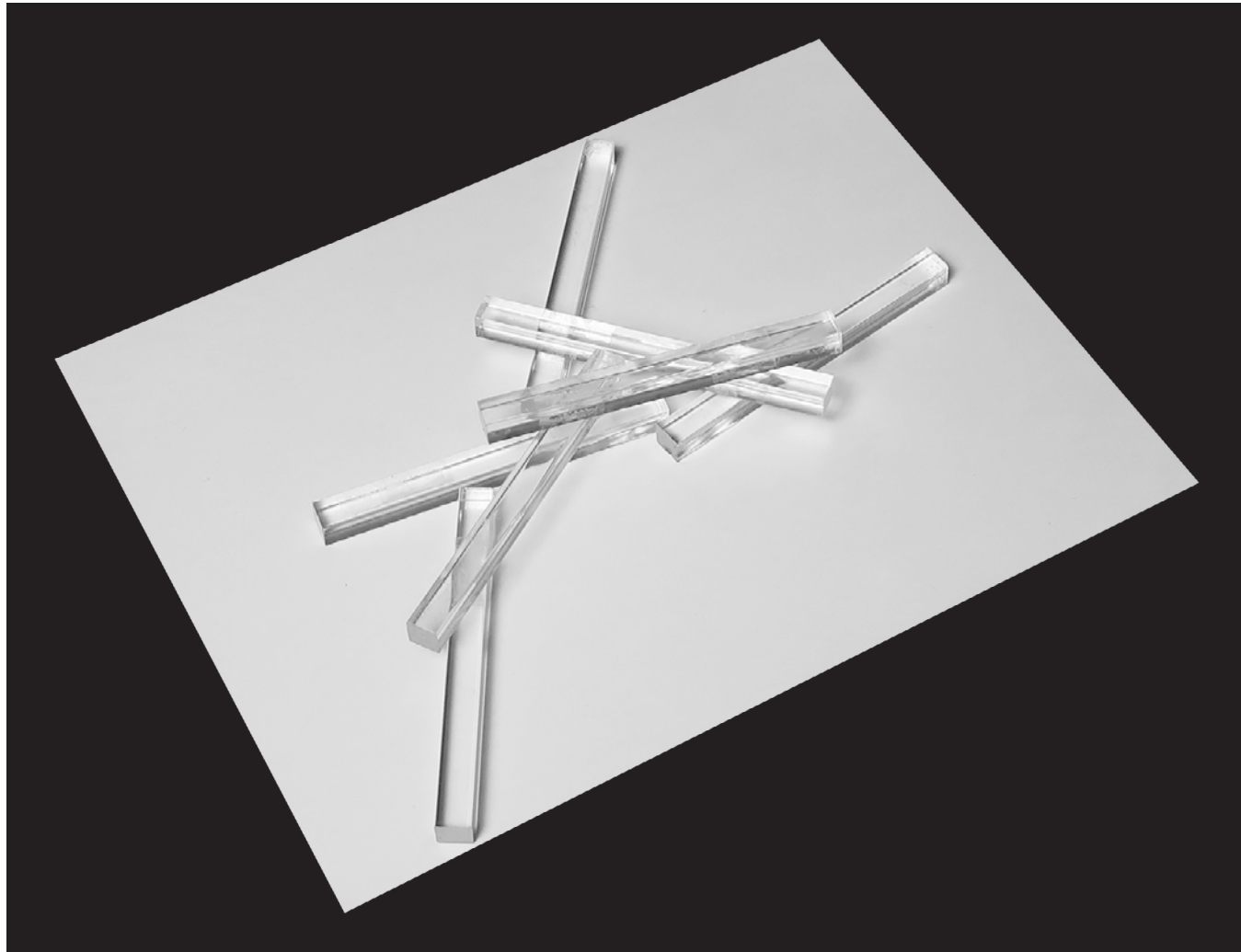
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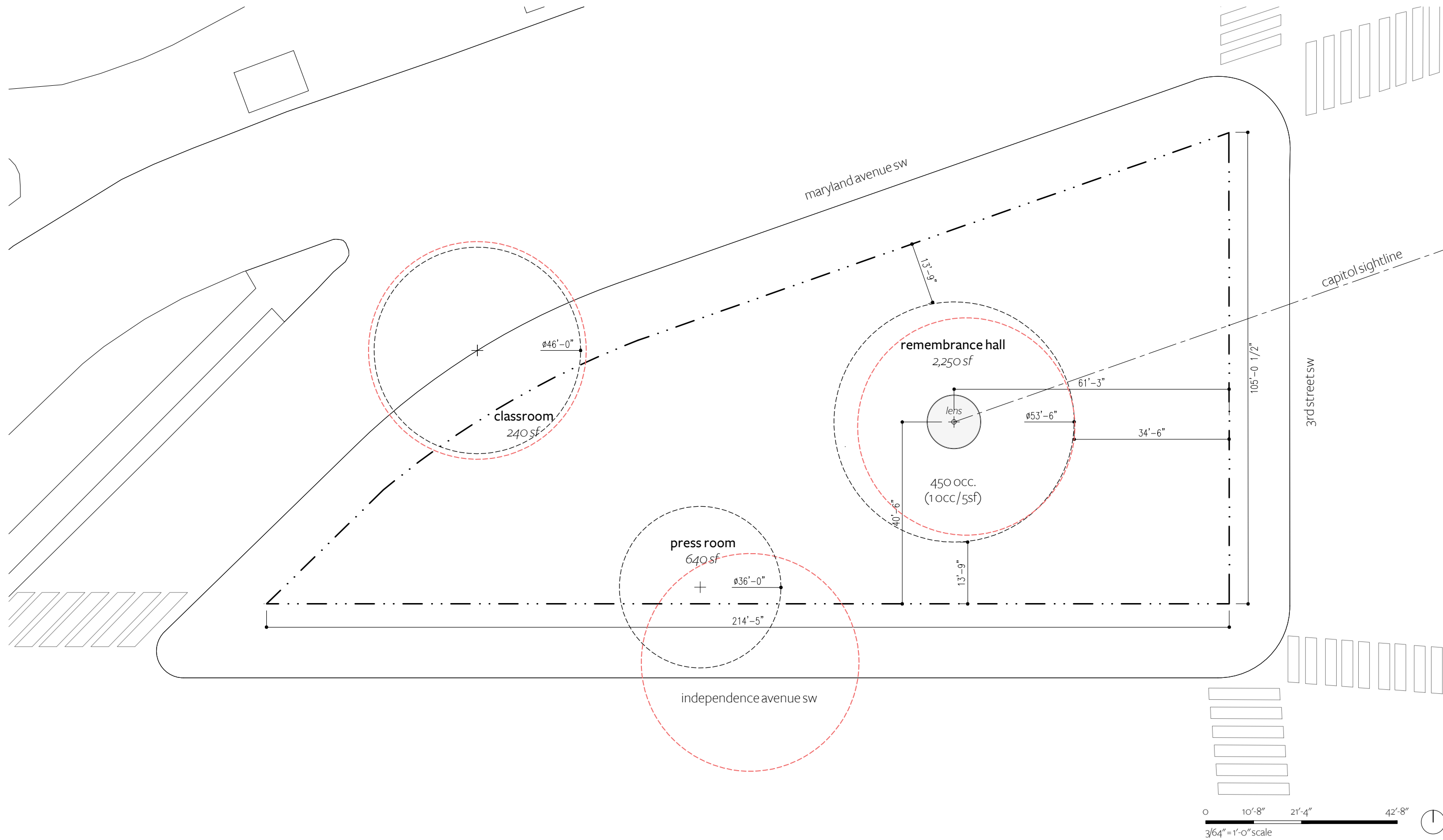
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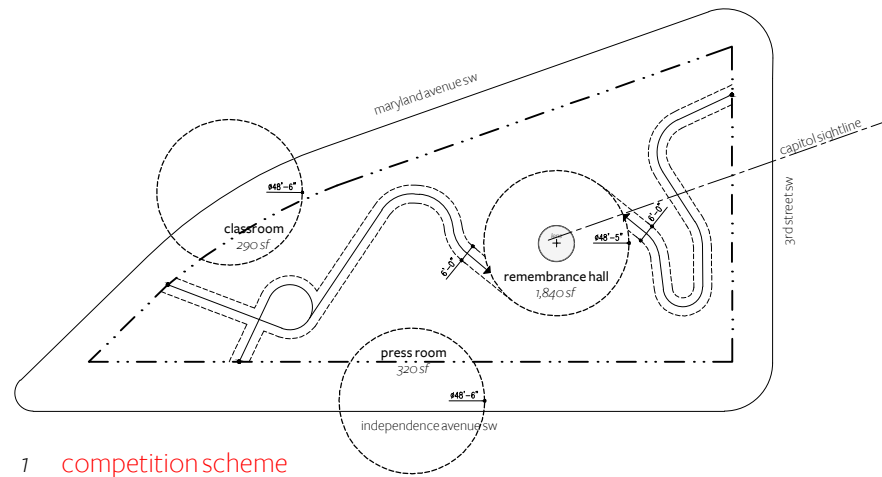


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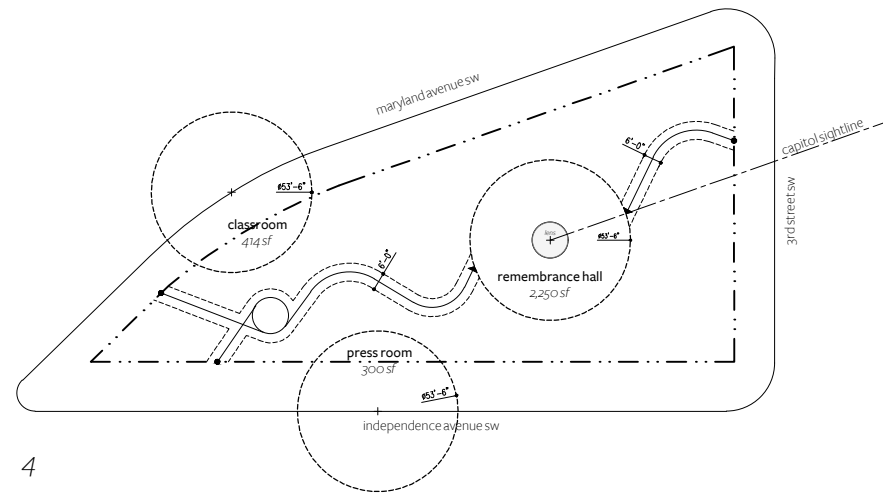


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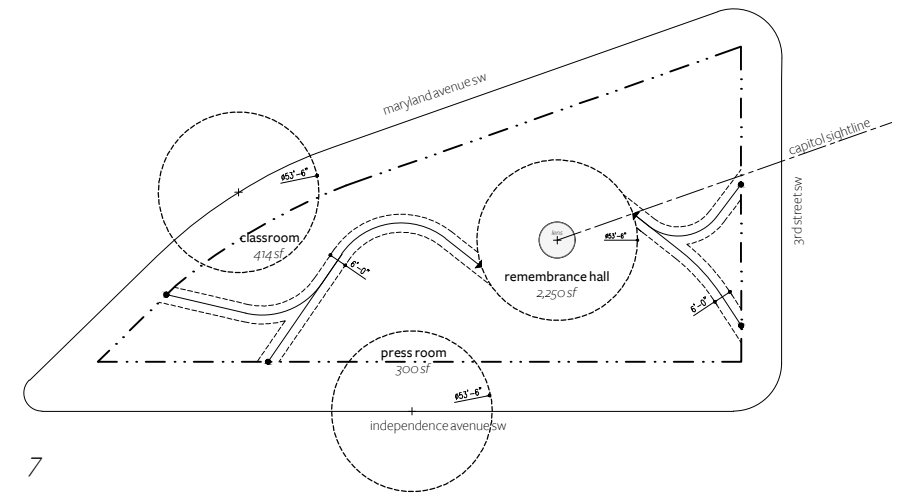




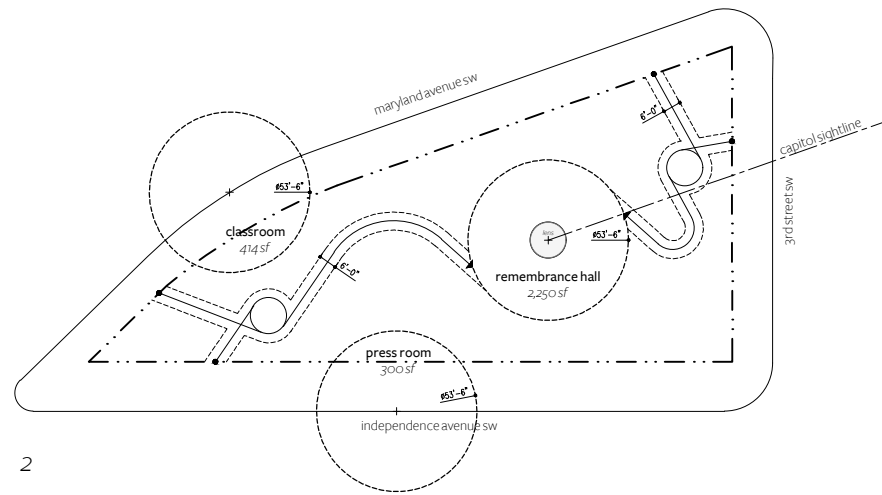
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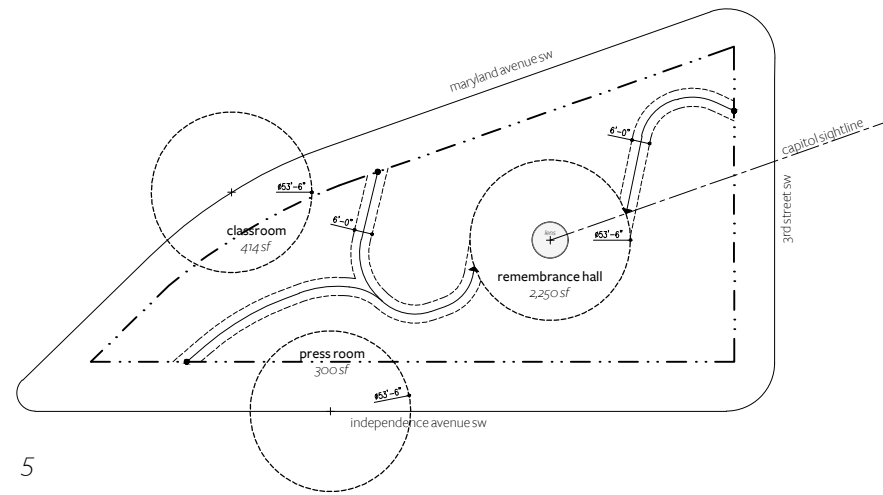
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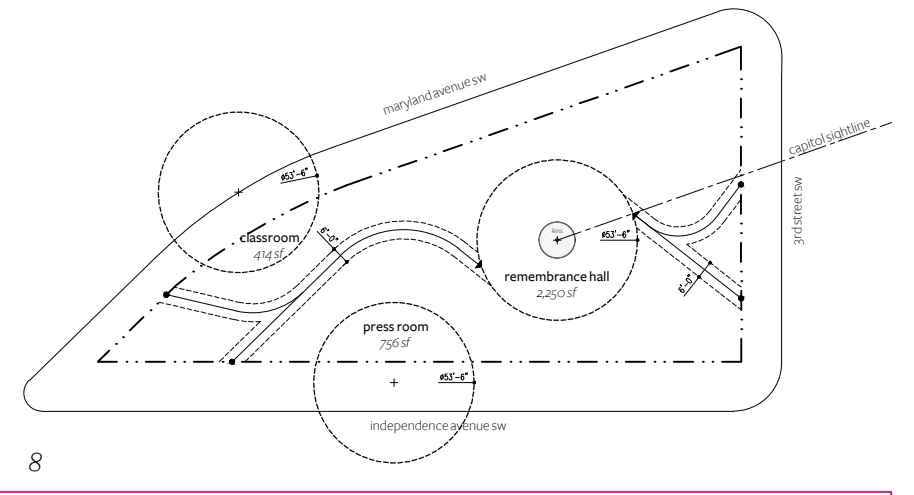
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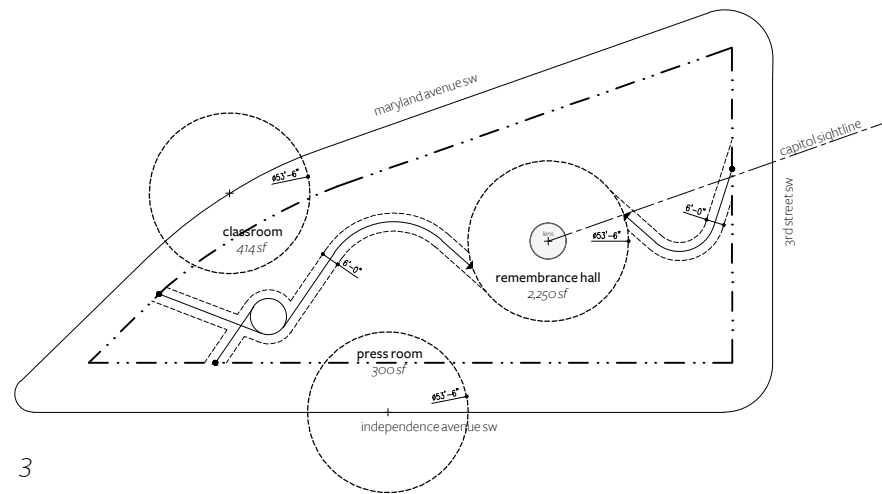
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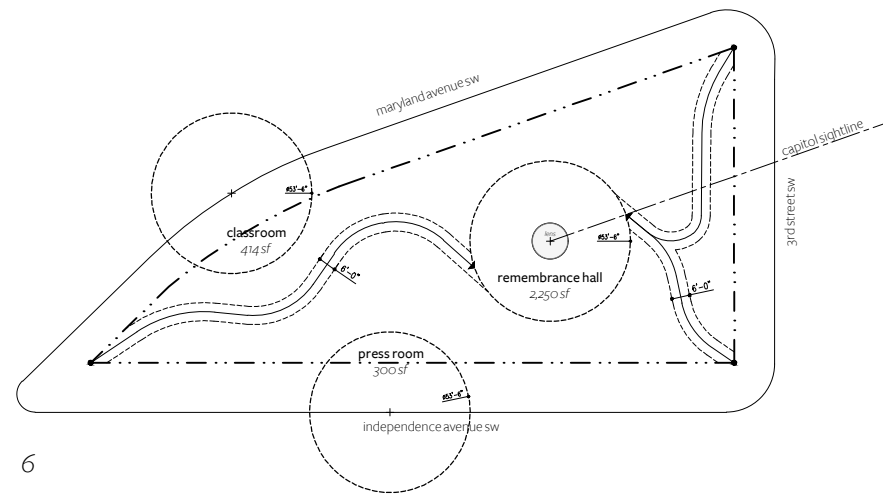
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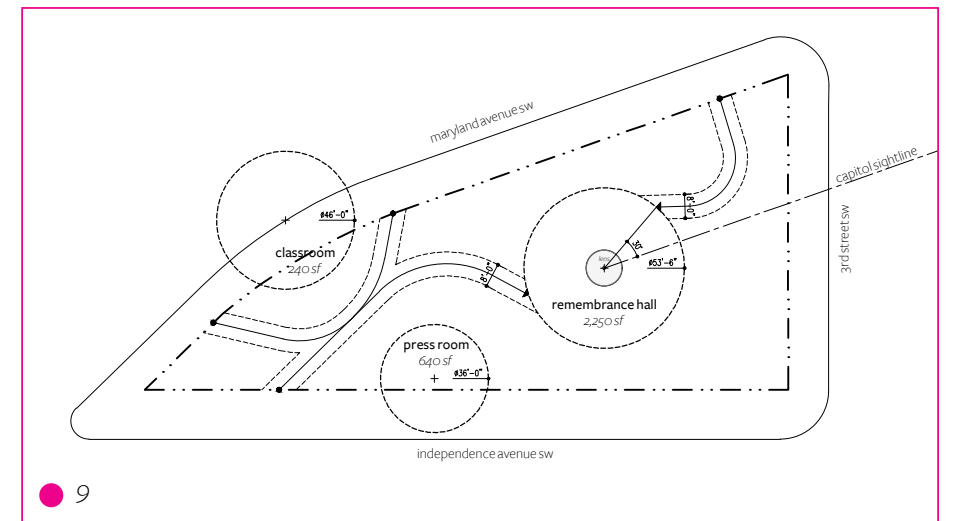
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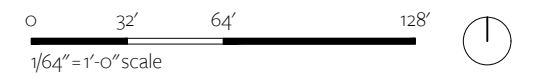
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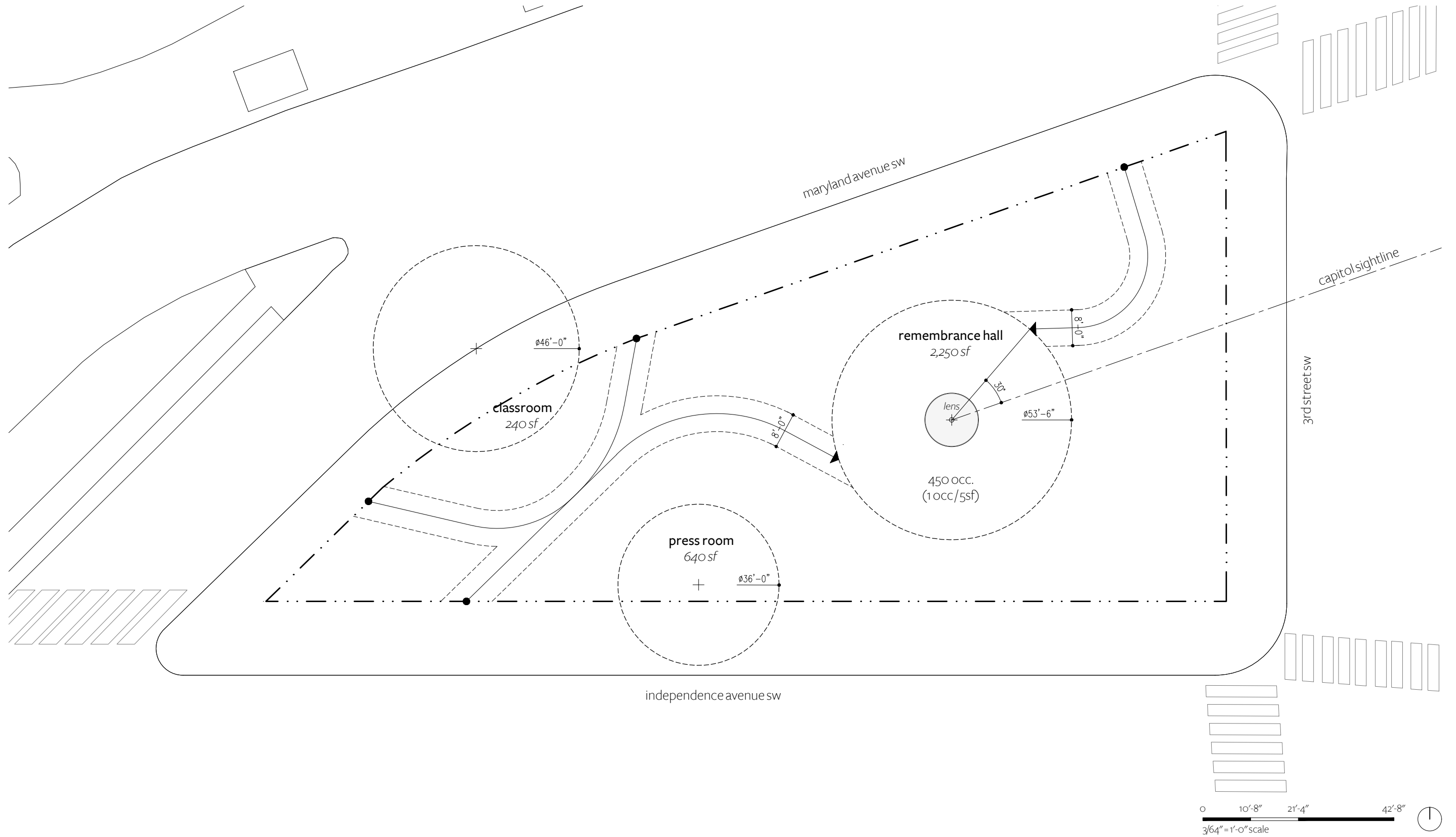


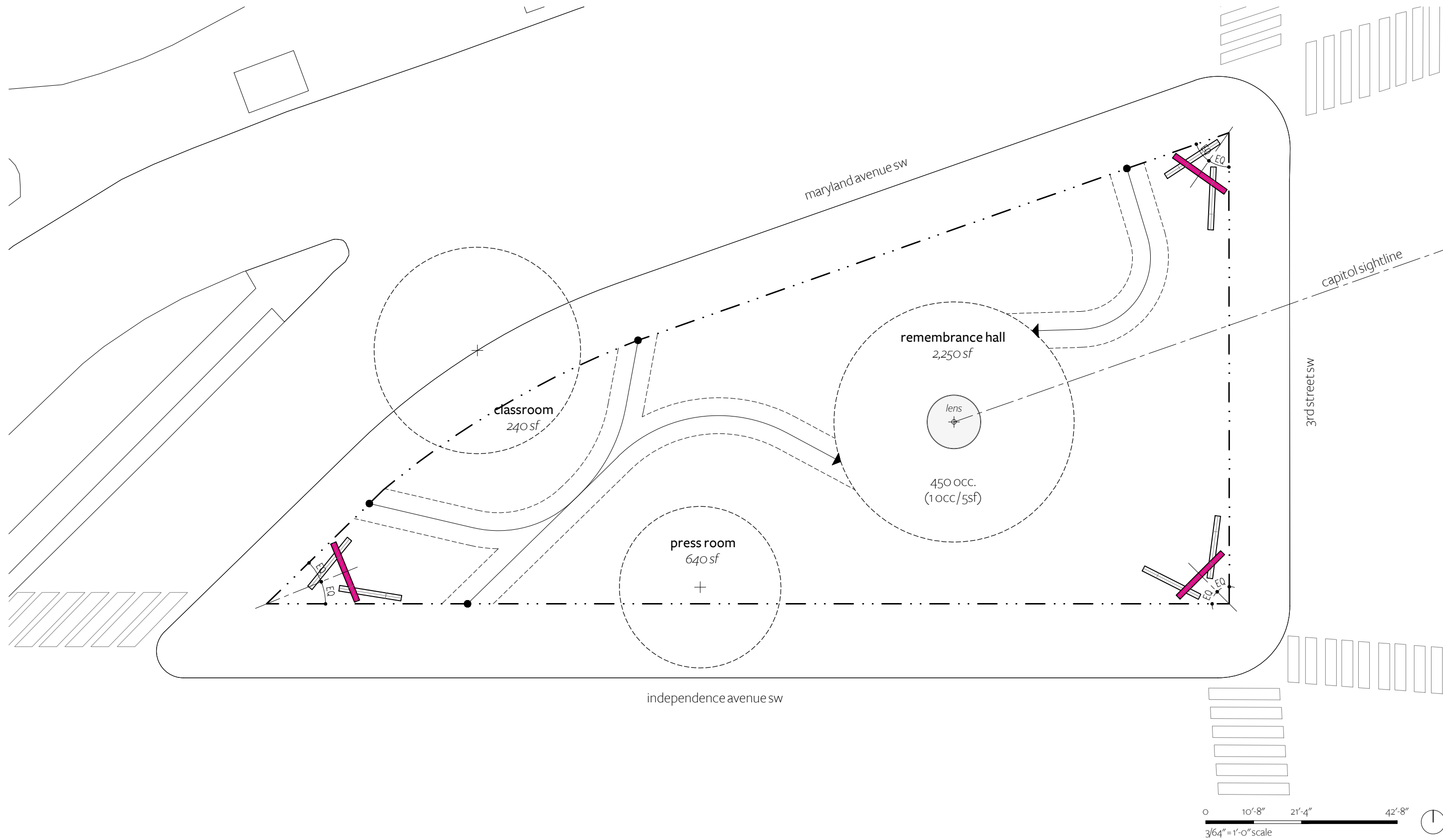
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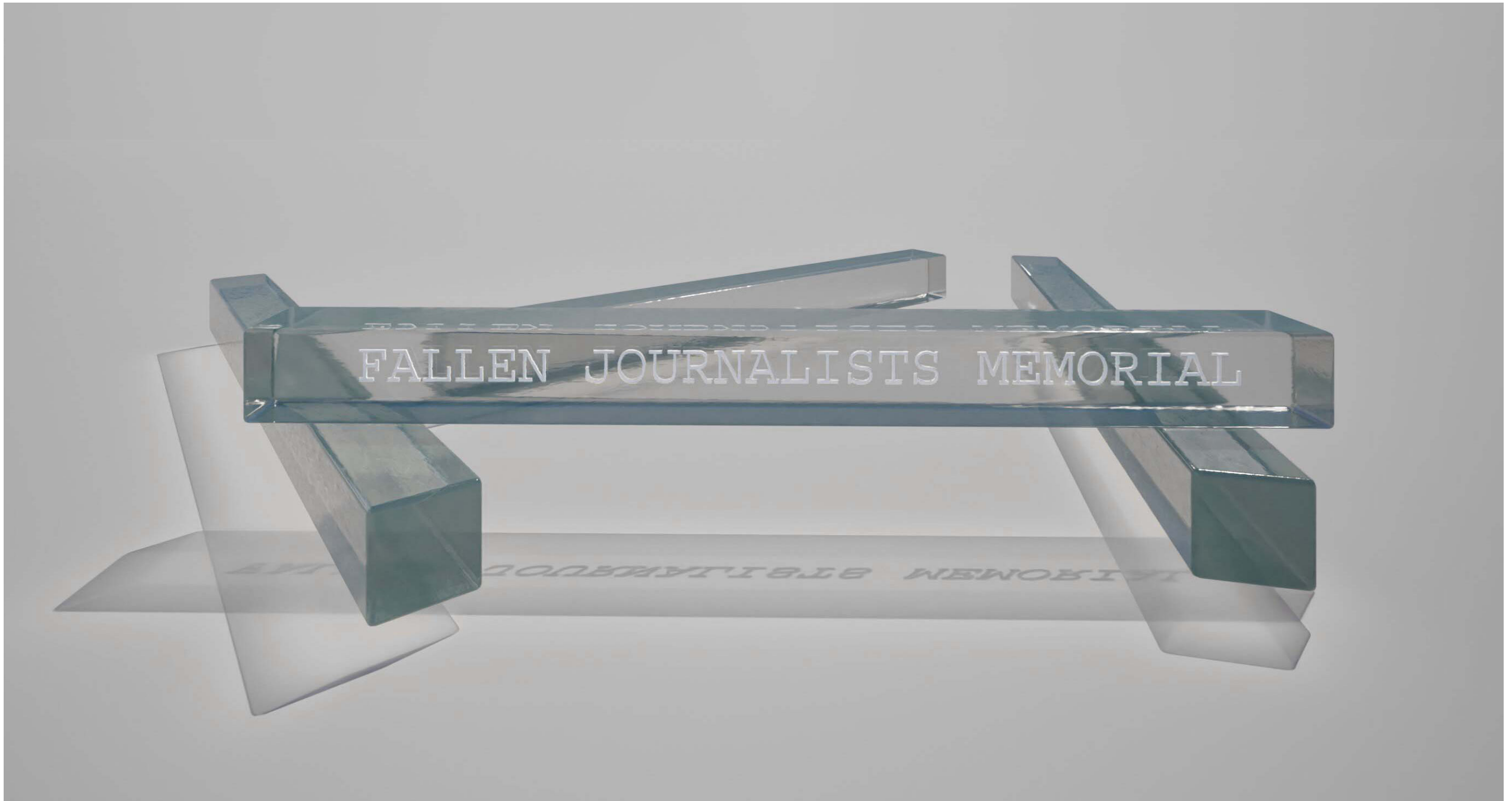
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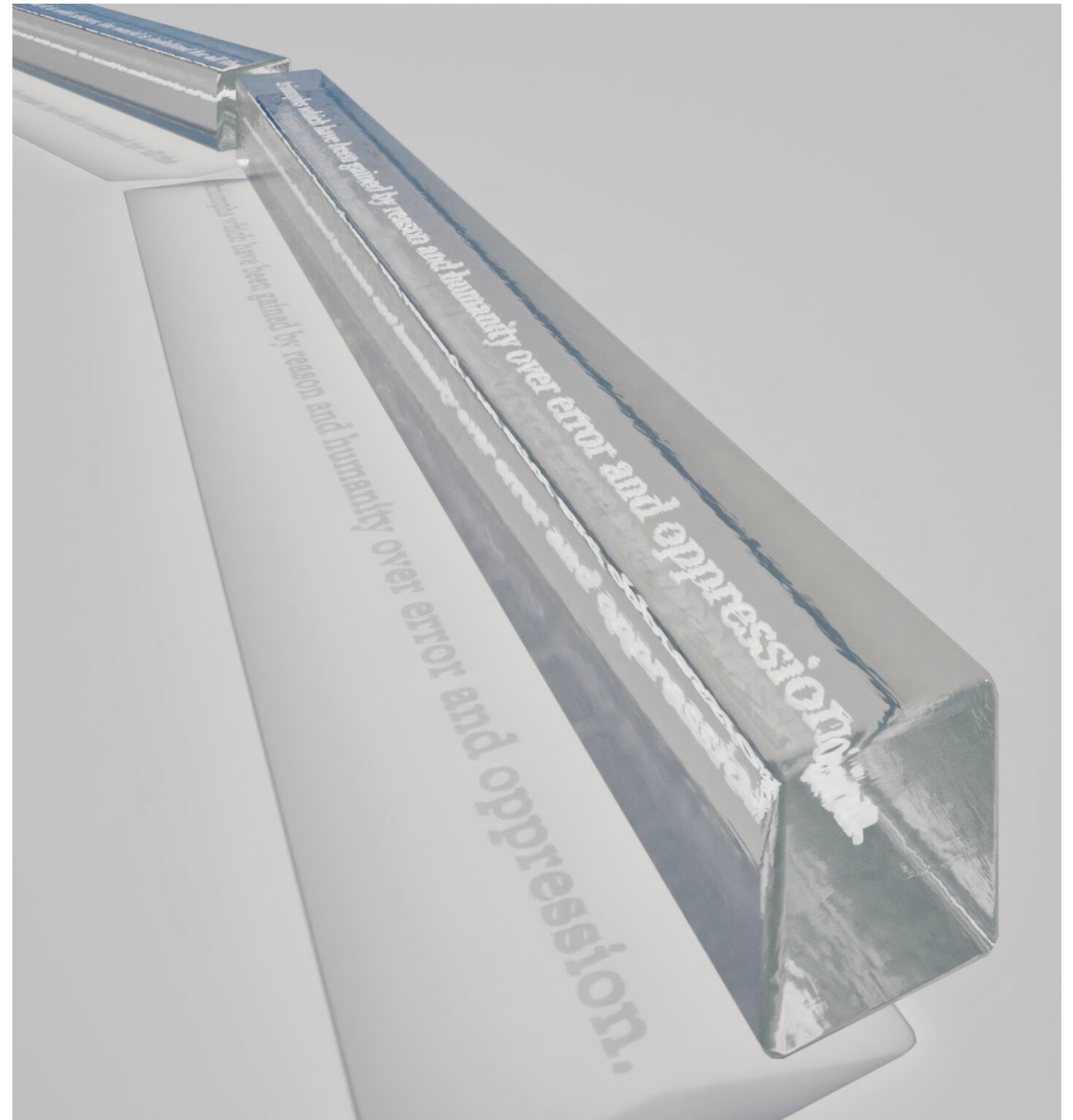
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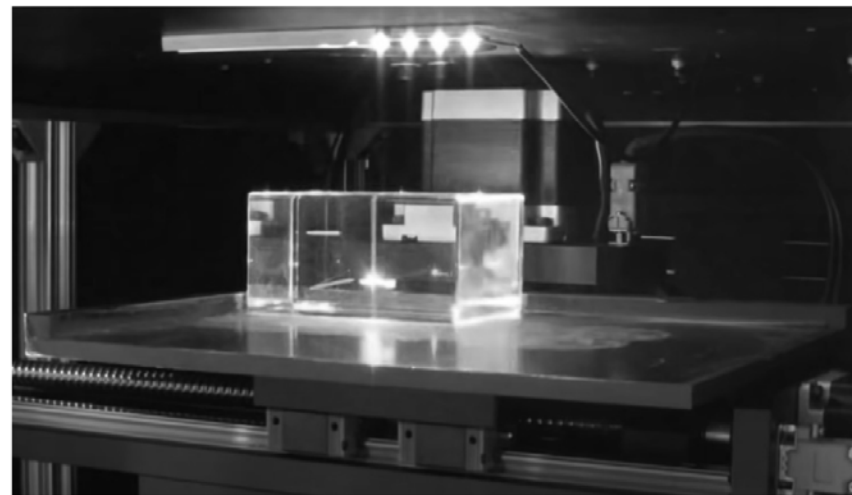
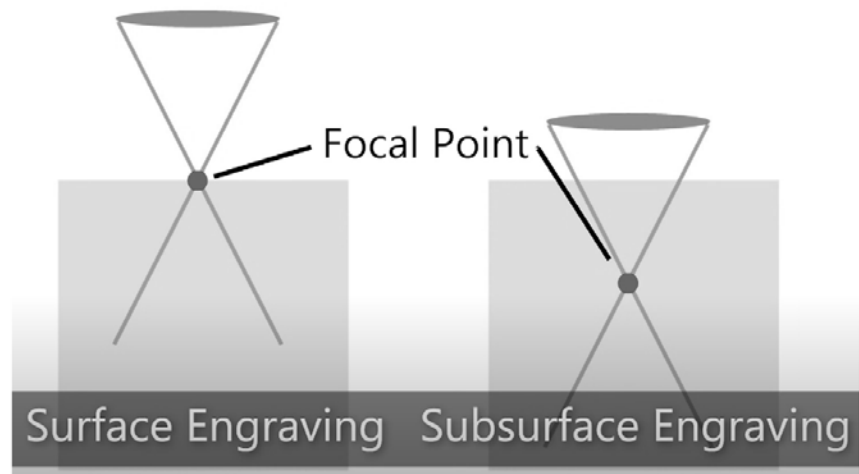




“To the press alone, checkered as it is with abuses,
the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have
been gained by reason and humanity over error and
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- James Madison





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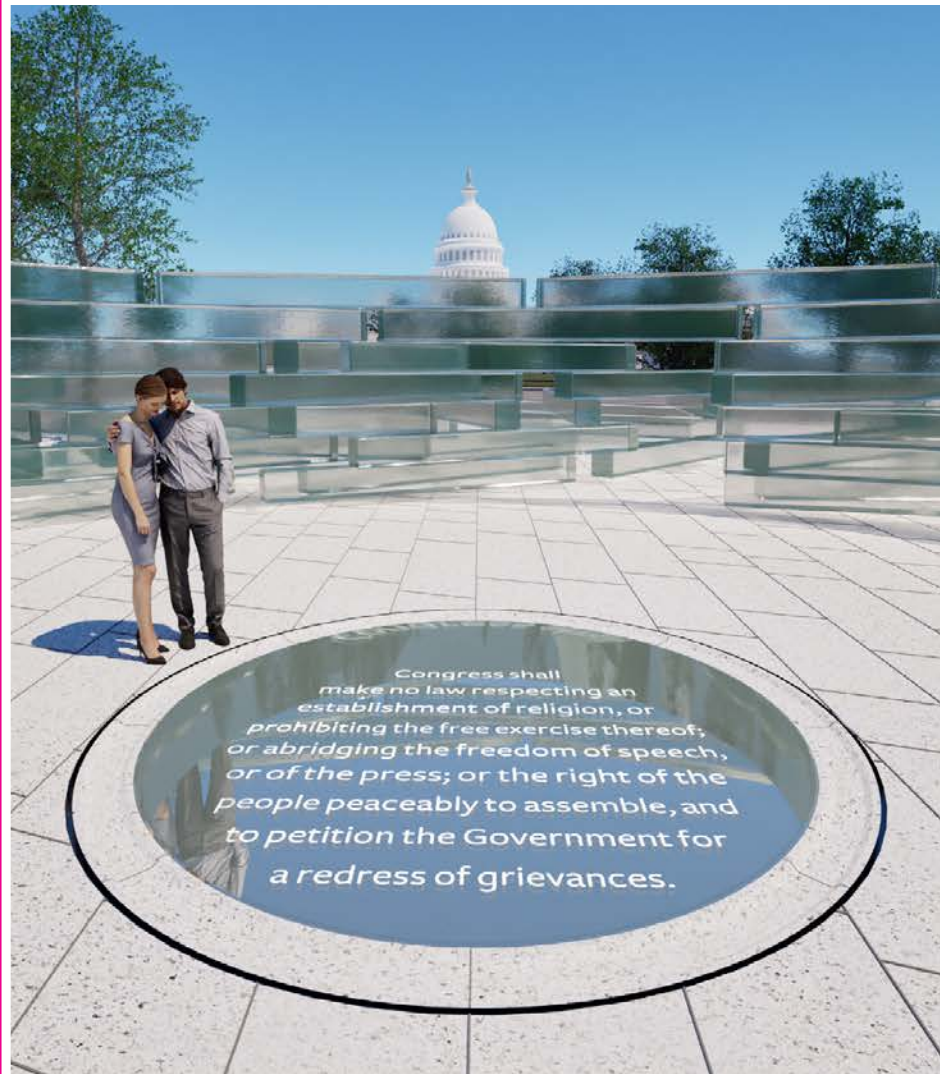


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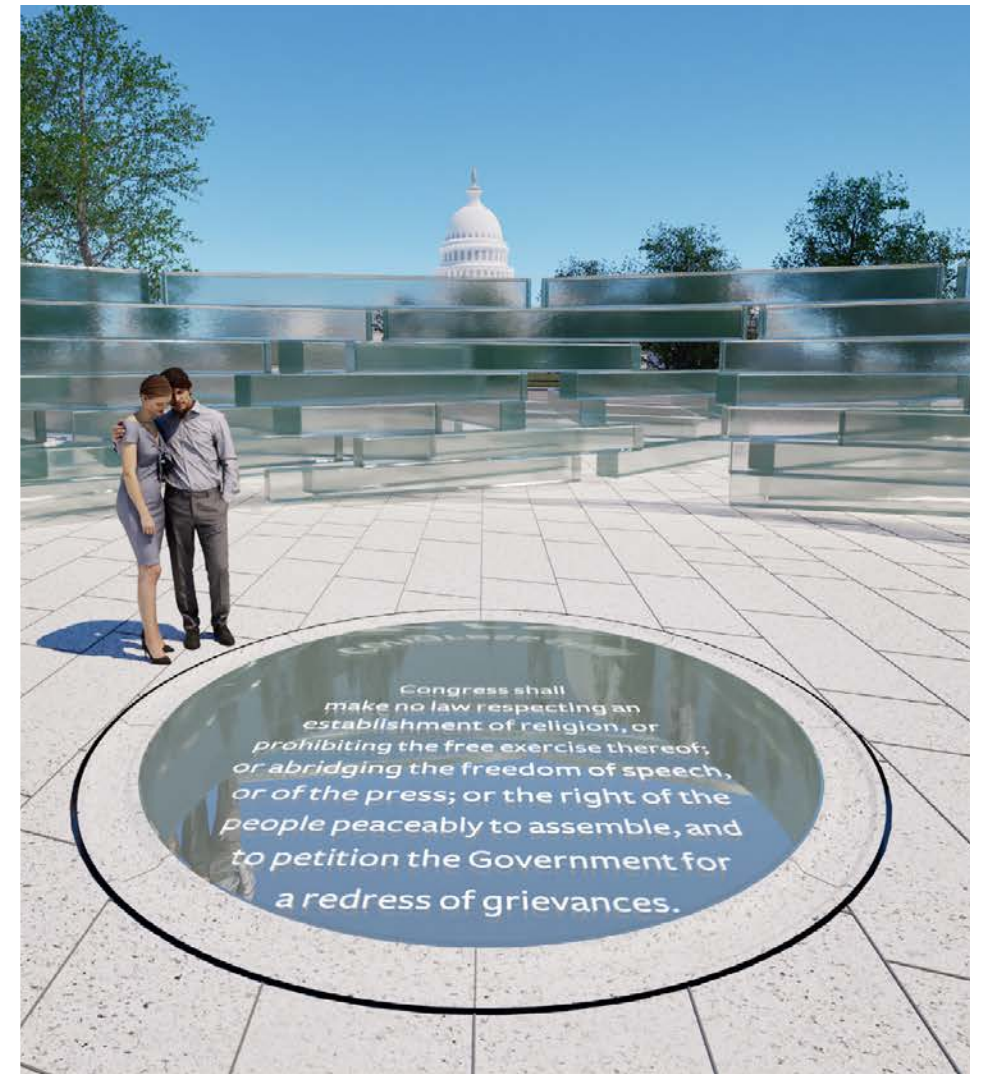
Design Development Lens



● 4" depth



8" depth



12" depth

