THE JOURNEY TO WELLNESS

A PLAN FOR QUEENSGATE

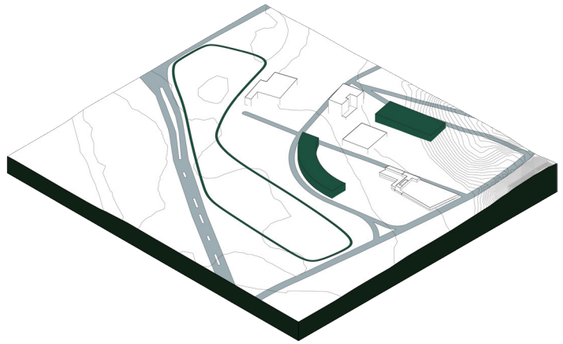
In a community troubled by lack of affordable housing, limited health services, and violence, design for the improvement of community health is essential. The built environment is a major influencer in the well-being of individuals' mental, physical, and economic health. This project proposes the creation of a healthy community with a campus-like feel containing the resources and services needed to combat homelessness, addictions, and health issues in Queensgate.

SAFETY | PHYSICAL HEALTH
SHELTER | MENTAL HEALTH
COMMUNITY | SUSTAINABILITY
OPPORTUNITY | AGRICULTURE

This campus community is designed to help a homeless individual reenter the workforce in stages. The first stage focuses on restoring mental and physical health during a person's 30-day stay at the Shelterhouse for Men or newly added Shelterhouse for Women while in receiving treatment or care from the nearby health clinic. Once healthy, a person will be able to live in transitional housing on the campus while taking job-training courses in the rehabilitated old county jail next door. Jobs available near the site, such as possible employers UPS and Duke Energy, can seek employees through this training center. After 3-12 months, stage three gives an individual the option to rent or buy an apartment in the newly added affordable housing development. At this point, a person that was once homeless has made their way back into society and will be able to support themselves. If a problem occurs, the campus community is there to help residents stay healthy and financially sound.

PHASE 1
MISSION-CRITICAL

GREEN LUNG
HOUSING WEST
CLINIC & HOSPITAL



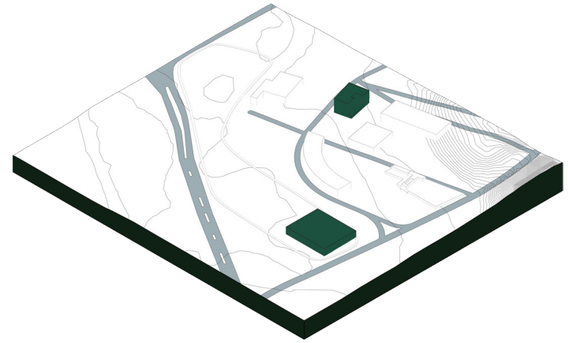
Mike
Age: 33
Interest: Carpentry & Volunteering

Former construction worker Mike developed a debilitating dependency on opioids from being prescribed morphine to alleviate his lower back pain. After losing his home, Mike enrolled in the ***Opioid Detox and Rehabilitation Program*** at the ***David and Rebecca Barron Center for Men***. He has been there for almost a month and is starting to show signs of making a full recovery.

Once he is cleared, Mike's goal is to move into the social housing complex in Queensgate, where he can enjoy access to the campus amenities and a community just like him.

PHASE 2
PROGRESSIVE

JOB CENTER
URBAN AQUAPONICS
RESTAURANT & GROCERY



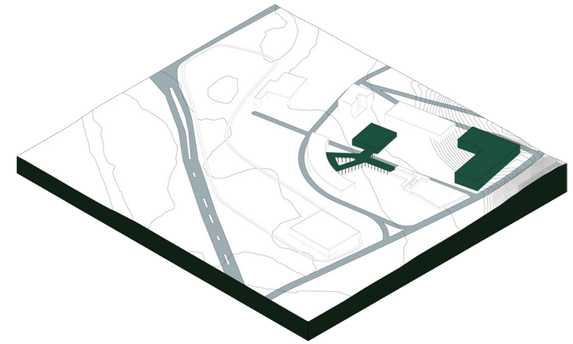
Natalie
Age: 24
Interest: Web Design

At the age of 18, Natalie left her foster care home to live in a downtown apartment. When the hardware store she was working for declared bankruptcy, she was left jobless and without her provided health insurance. Through working with the Job Center on the Queensgate Campus, she was able to land a job running the Queensgate Campus' website.

An insurance agency working out of their office on the ground level of the social housing complex provides Natalie with protection on a rate that she is able to comfortably afford.

PHASE 3
IDENTITY

MAKERSPACE
HOUSING EAST
ELEVATED GREENWAY



Chelsea
Age: 42
Interest: Zumba

Chelsea and her two children, Aliyah and Jalen, moved to Queensgate two years ago following a domestic dispute with her children's father. She was surprised by how much safer and cleaner the Queensgate Campus is than where the three were previously staying.

Chelsea helps teach fitness classes for fellow tenants and anyone downtown looking to get in shape. Aliyah and Jalen now attend Third Grade at Hays-Porter School, which is only a short bus ride North from their apartment.

FINAL CAMPUS