

Terraform

Site Plan

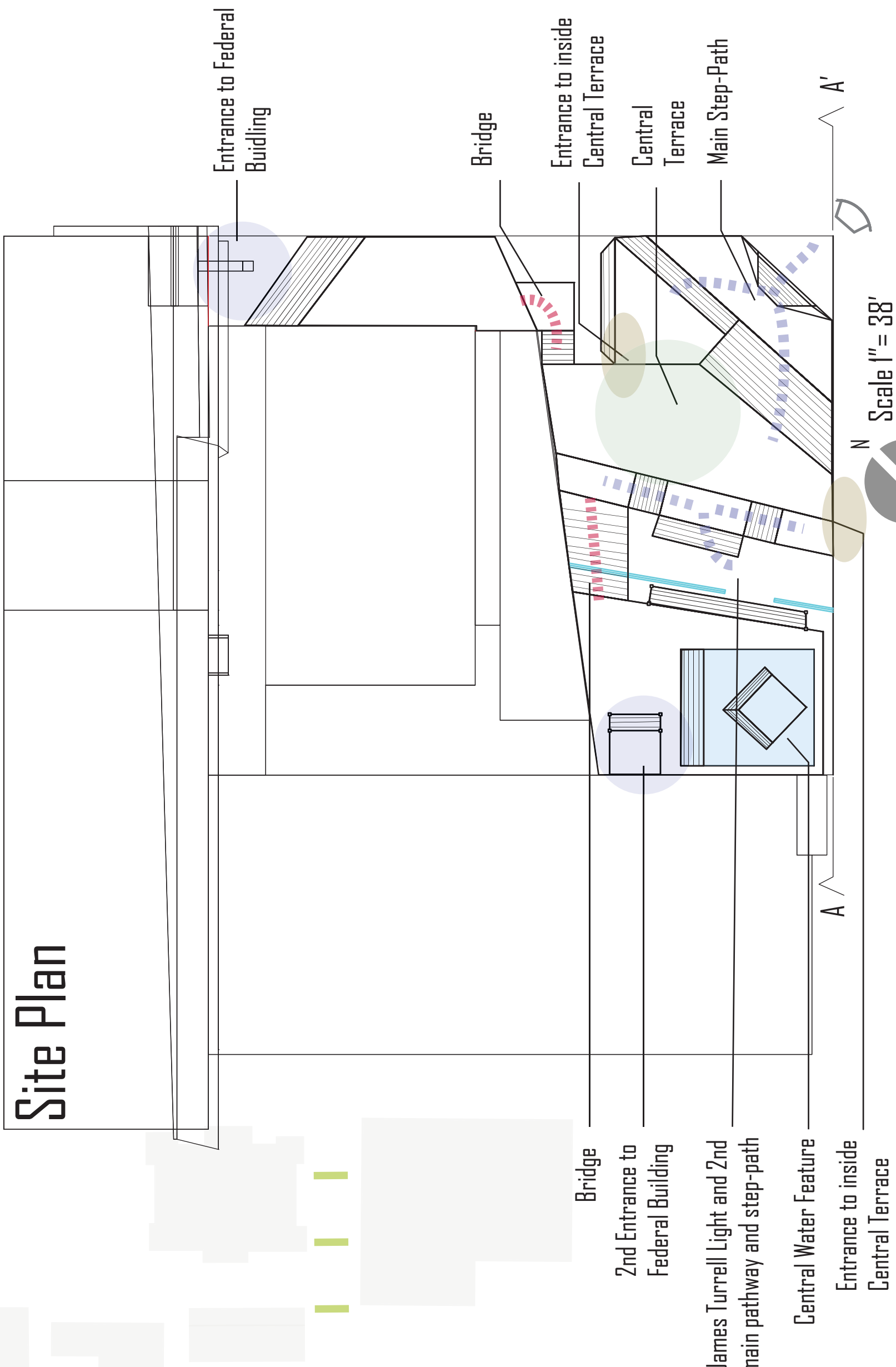
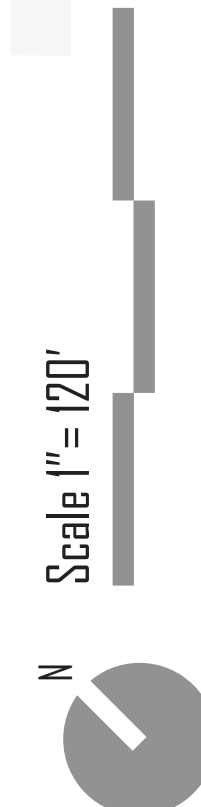


Figure-Ground

Traffic routes leading to the possible entry points of the plaza

Public Space of the Federal Plaza



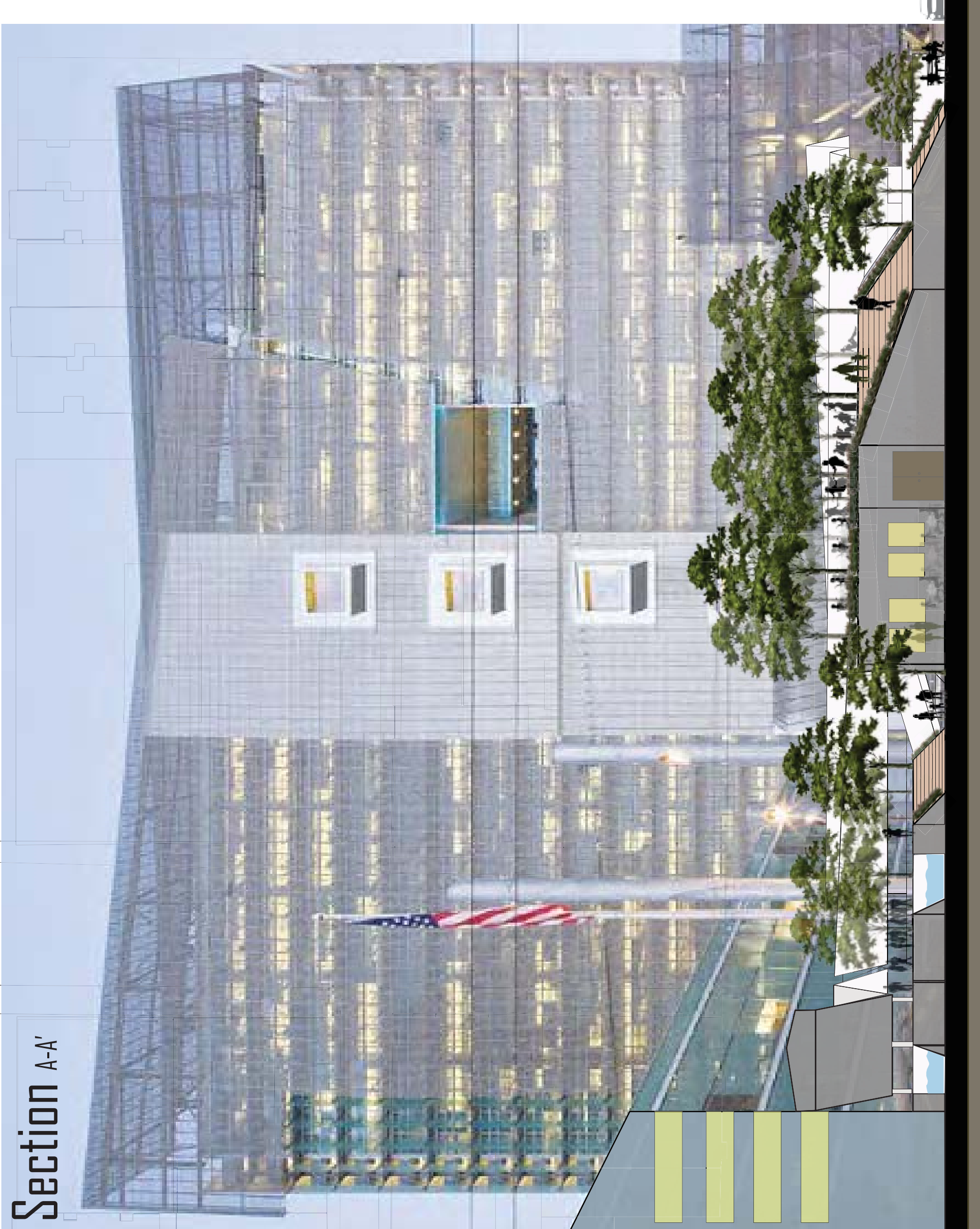
Terraform, the newly designed plaza of the San Francisco Federal Building, is created to highlight the layout and history of the city of San Francisco. Terraform takes into account two unique aspects of the city of San Francisco: its hilly topography and its famous bay. The perspective of Terraform is designed to resemble the hilly topography of San Francisco by replicating it through steps and ranges of heights. It also focuses on the relation of the water including the two famous landmarks, the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Bridge, which connect the city to the rest of the world.

The central terrace of Terraform resembles of the city of San Francisco itself. This level consists of the largest area within the plaza and includes the most diverse topography. Leading from this central terrace of the plaza, one is able to arrive to the other two levels representing distinct regions by either crossing one of two bridges or by walking back to ground level and across to the other features. The two walkway bridges depict San Francisco's two famous bridges and represent the importance of these bridges to the city itself as they lead to the other two regions of the plaza. These regions are designed to resemble the rest of the nation so that the two bridges lead to the two entrances of the Federal Building.

There is a central water feature located on the south region of the plaza which consists of a pool with a large central platform in the middle. This pool collects rainfall, that is able to be recycled. The pool surrounding the island represents and illustrates the significance of the bay to San Francisco and the infamous Alcatraz island. Within the Central Terrace, one can enter through either of the two side doors to enter a building within the terrace that houses a restaurant and shops. To get on top of the terrace, there are multiple step paths that lead to a prime courtyard.

Terraform has various areas to sit, relax and enjoy leisurely activities on the central hill. People are able to visit the different terraces of Terraform to learn more about the city as historic, geological and cultural information and displays are available to gain a greater appreciation of this unique California city.

Section A-A'



Collages

