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This Geographical Investigation has certainly opened my eyes to a small part of what today's urban developers' jobs entail. Although the Geographical Concept of *place* is the most fundamental of them all, simply where the facility should be located, in our case, within a residential area, the space a facility takes up should entail the meaningful activities which take place in said facility, in this case, the medical assistance sought by the elderly population. Coupled with that, my group and I had to consider how sustainable the facility was, in our case adding a mini-garden and solar panels to the roof, to ensure the environment does not take a toll. In this aspect, the physical and mental well-being of our clientele, the elderly, should be held to the same importance, and we have done so by implementing physical and mental therapy facilities. If I had done this round of Geographical Investigation differently, I would have encouraged looking into the environmental impact of the facility, as we did not make any significant effort to be conscious about this aspect. This can include finding ways to decrease the facility's water and electricity consumption. Improvements to the overall look and feel of the model could be improved, one prominent way being adding relaxing colors to the walls of the model, which has practical implementations, such as being used in mental institutes to calm patients down.