Project 3: Information

Julia is a 29-yeard-old interior designer, and native of Chicagoland. Having grown up in the northern suburbs, her knowledge of Chicago and its neighborhoods is like the back of her own hand. She stresses that what drew her to interior design was her ability to express creative freedom while simultaneously giving back to others by giving them a home. Rarely one to follow the beaten path, she's ready to move out of Lakeview East, as she feels it's becoming "too suburban in feel, and too pricey for what it is. Value," she mentioned, "matters to my boyfriend and me." Instead, they have decided that they'd like to move into a larger apartment in Wrigleyville.

Julia is already busy with her job as an interior designer, calling clients via Zoom chat and traveling around to find swatch samples for her clientele. Thus, searching for an apartment, though important, is often too time-consuming for her to really explore properly. After days of searching, Julia's getting exhausted by how many sites, options, and filters there are for finding a new apartment. Finally, she finds Wrigleyville Properties, which is where her user journey begins.

The home screen asks a simple prompt- "I care most about..." - and presents its users three choices:

Location, which focuses on the street address of the listing.

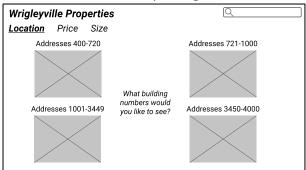
Price, which focuses on the monthly price of renting out the listing.

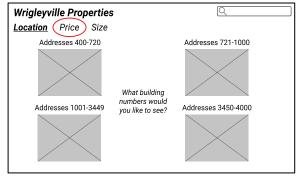
Size, which focuses on how many bedrooms a listing has inside the property.

There is also a search bar at the bottom in the event that a user wants to enter a custom search for a property, in case the previous options don't suffice.

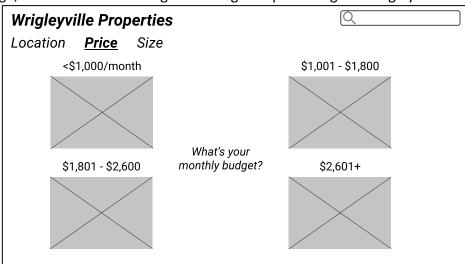
Wrigleyville Properties		
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I care most about		
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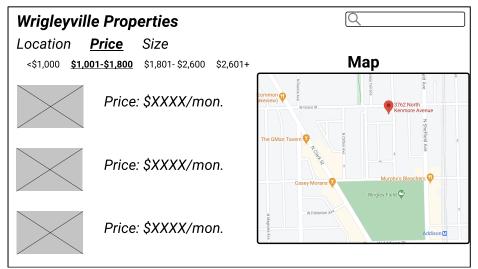
Julia, not realizing that she's searching for the wrong prompt, accidentally clicks on the "Location" tab. She realizes her mistake when the next screen asks another question- "What building numbers would you like to see?" In addition, the following selections she can make list "Addresses" rather than monetary values. Realizing her error, she's able to get to the right category back at the top of the screen, where the main menu of categories can be found. She clicks on "Price" to swap categories and land on the correct page.





Now that she's in the right place, she can see a simple breakdown of listings based on their price, each with a simple range. Remembering her budget, she selects the "\$1,001 - \$1,800" range, and reaches the listings matching that price range in Wrigleyville.





Once she finds a specific apartment she likes, Julia is able to click on its listing and find more information on the listing. It is here that she finds the most detailed information, with price, street address, and other information all available on one page. Now that she's satisfied with her search result, she records the listing information for further discussion with her partner.

Wrigleyville Properties

Location Price Size

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Address: 1234 Main St.

Price/Mon: \$xxxx

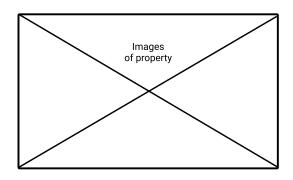
Size: X bed(s)

More Information

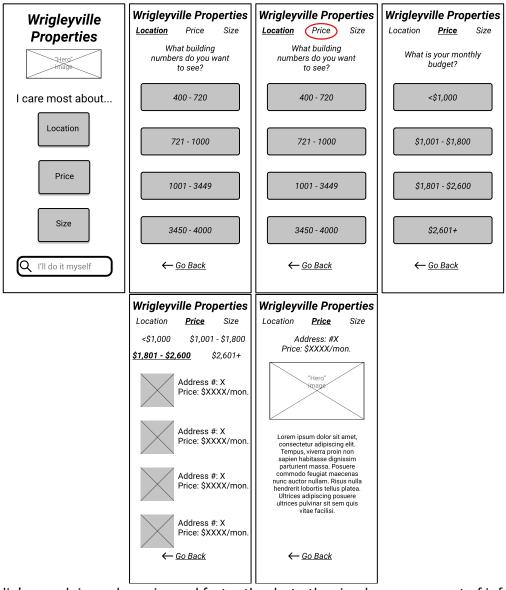
Near school district ABC

Gym within walking distance

Local Restaurants: X, Y, Z



If Julia happened to be searching for apartments while on-the-go, she could also discover the same information and follow the same procedure while using her mobile device. Opening the app or mobile site, the orientation of the screens would simply be vertical, rather than presented in landscape format.



Julia's search is made easier and faster thanks to the simple arrangement of information on the real estate website.