QARMAAPIK HOUSE: LANDSCAPE RECONNECTIONS

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Upon initial site analysis in the remote community of Kangiqsualujjuaq, Nunavik, it became clear that the Inuit inhabitants of the community enjoyed spending their time outdoors as much as possible, and that their current indoor built environments do no reflect their pure connection to the landscape and desire to constantly be within it. This informed my concept of *healing through landscape reconnections*, for the given program of the existing Qarmaapik Safe House. Through this idea of landscape reconnections, I aim to design a built environment that allows the community to feel reconnected with their land, and if possible, even enhancing this connection, while still being indoors. This concept of landscape reconnections is translated into the buildings through physical insertion into the landscape, cantilevers, interstitial spaces that can be opened up to the land, framed views, and nooks.





PHASE ONE PHASE TWO

The project is designed in two phases. The first phase will adapt the existing Qarmaapik House to better fit the needs of the community as a public space, while the proposed safe house building will accommodate more private programs, such as the elder's room, consultation rooms, and temporary housing. The second phase includes the proposed community building, which houses community-centered programs, such as the main gathering space, kitchen, workshop, courtyard, and admin spaces. Since the proposed safe house building and community house building will contain all programs and the existing Qarmaapik House building will no longer by physically suitable for inhabitation, this existing building will no longer be used for this program.





COMMUNITY HOUSE PLAN: gathering space, workshop, courtyard, admin



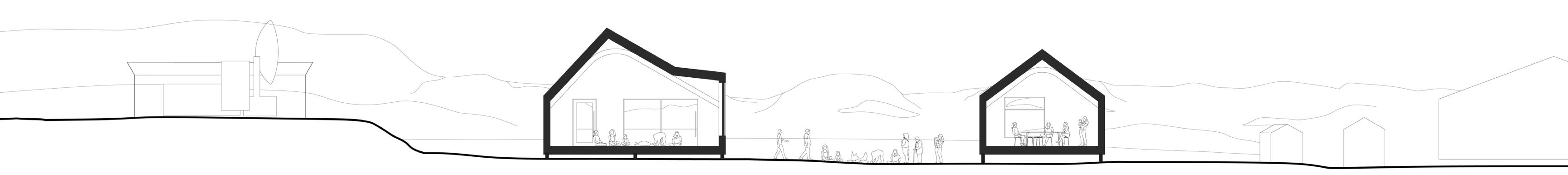
SITE AXO: site adjacencies + paths

SAFE HOUSE PLAN: elder's room, consultation rooms, temporary housing

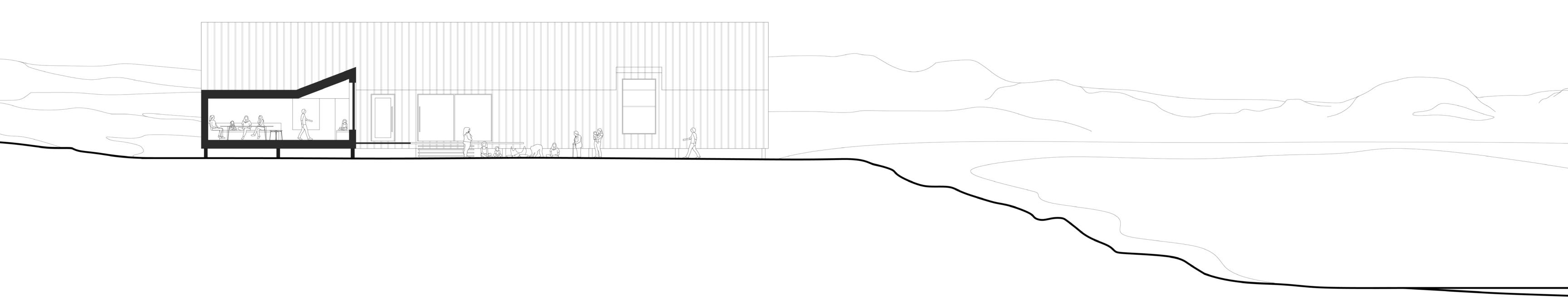


ELDER'S ROOM PERSPECTIVE

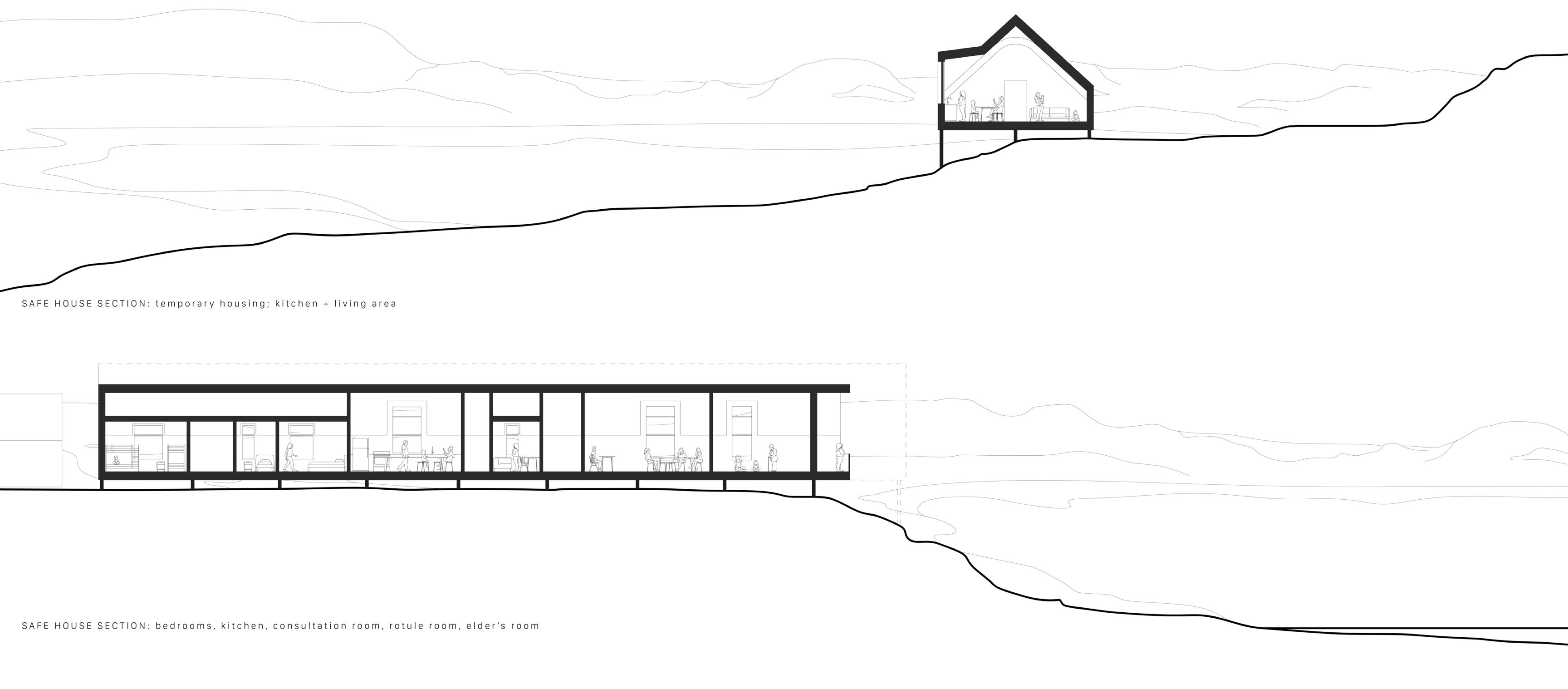
EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE FROM WATER



COMMUNITY HOUSE SECTION: workshop, courtyard, admin



COMMUNITY HOUSE SECTION: rotule space, courtyard





COMMUNITY HOUSE ELEVATION: north entrance from road

SAFE HOUSE ELEVATION: north elevation from road



Kangiqsualujjuaq, while the interior is a warm glow of plywood that clads the walls and ceilings. In areas of the exterior that are more protected from the elements, such as the covered porches, this wood peeks through to give a hint to welcoming space inside.

