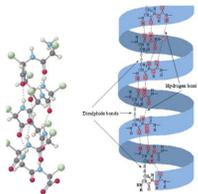


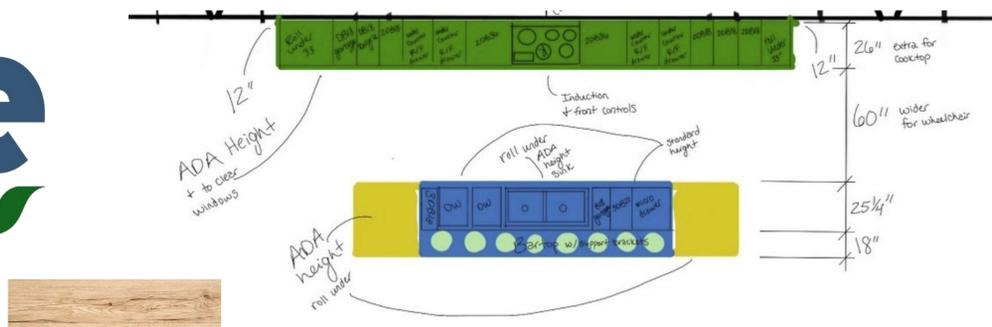
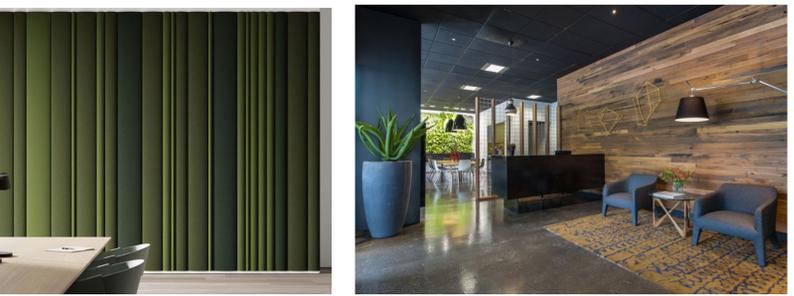
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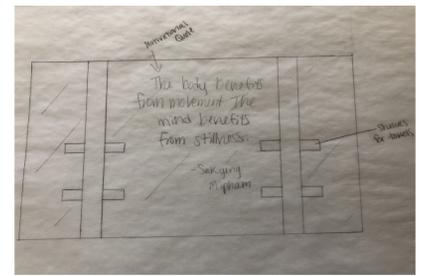
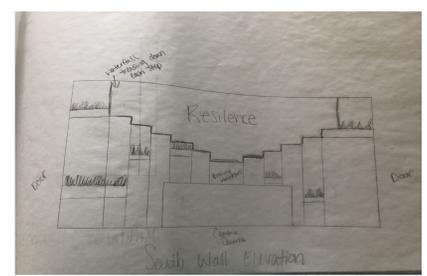
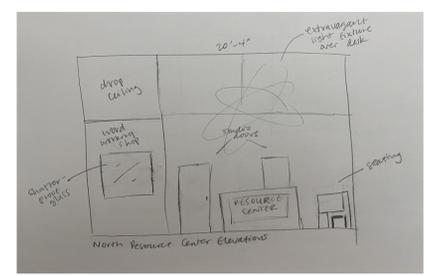
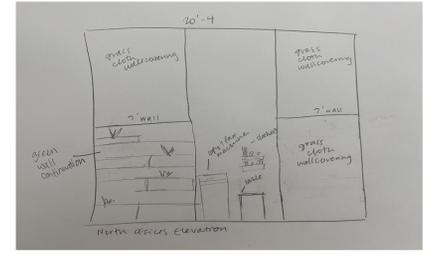
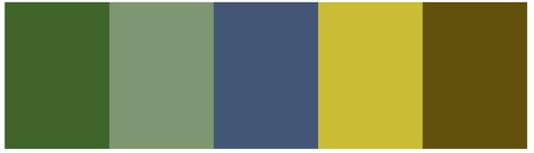
Our branding is based on the characteristics of wool fiber. "Wool is so resilient, it can be bent and twisted over 30,000 times without danger of breaking or being damaged (Canesis 2005). Every wool fiber has a natural elasticity that allows it to be stretched by as much as one third and then still spring back into place." The green "wave" at the bottom of our logo and the wrap around our icon is based on the alpha helix structure of wool. Veterans go through things we can't imagine and are still able to bounce back into the only way of life we've known. Our typography of the word resilience reflects the strength of veterans and also their ability to adapt and bend when needed. We believe Resilience will make bouncing back into civilian life easier by creating a healing and helpful environment of resources and community.



Concept Statement: As designers, we want to create spaces where people can thrive. This concept is extremely important when it comes to veterans who are trying to get back on their feet and may not be in the best physical, mental, or emotional shape to do so. We wanted to design this facility to allow for community interaction, overflowing resources for veterans to utilize, and hands-on activities that account for each veteran's needs. We have created spaces to ensure success for our veterans to help get them back on track and into the community in the safest way possible.

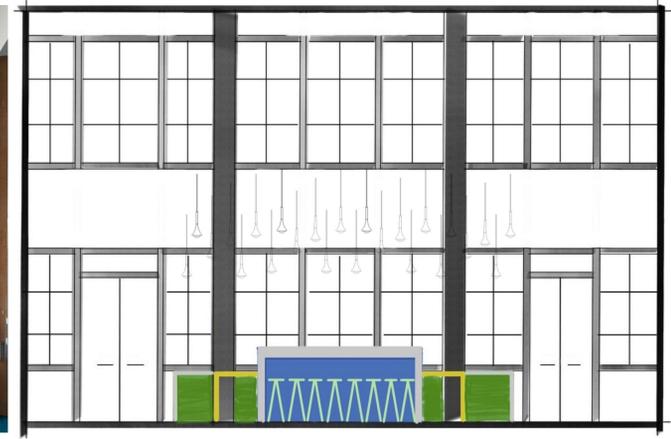
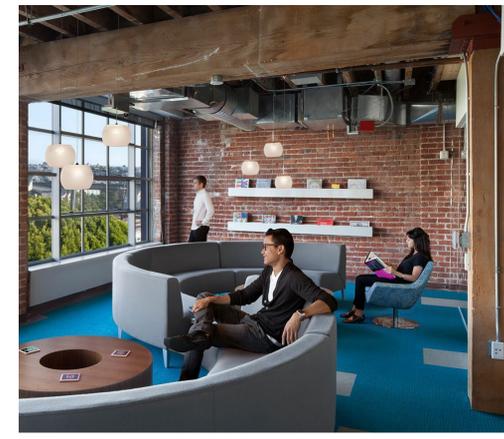


Wise Cafe & Loyalty Lounge



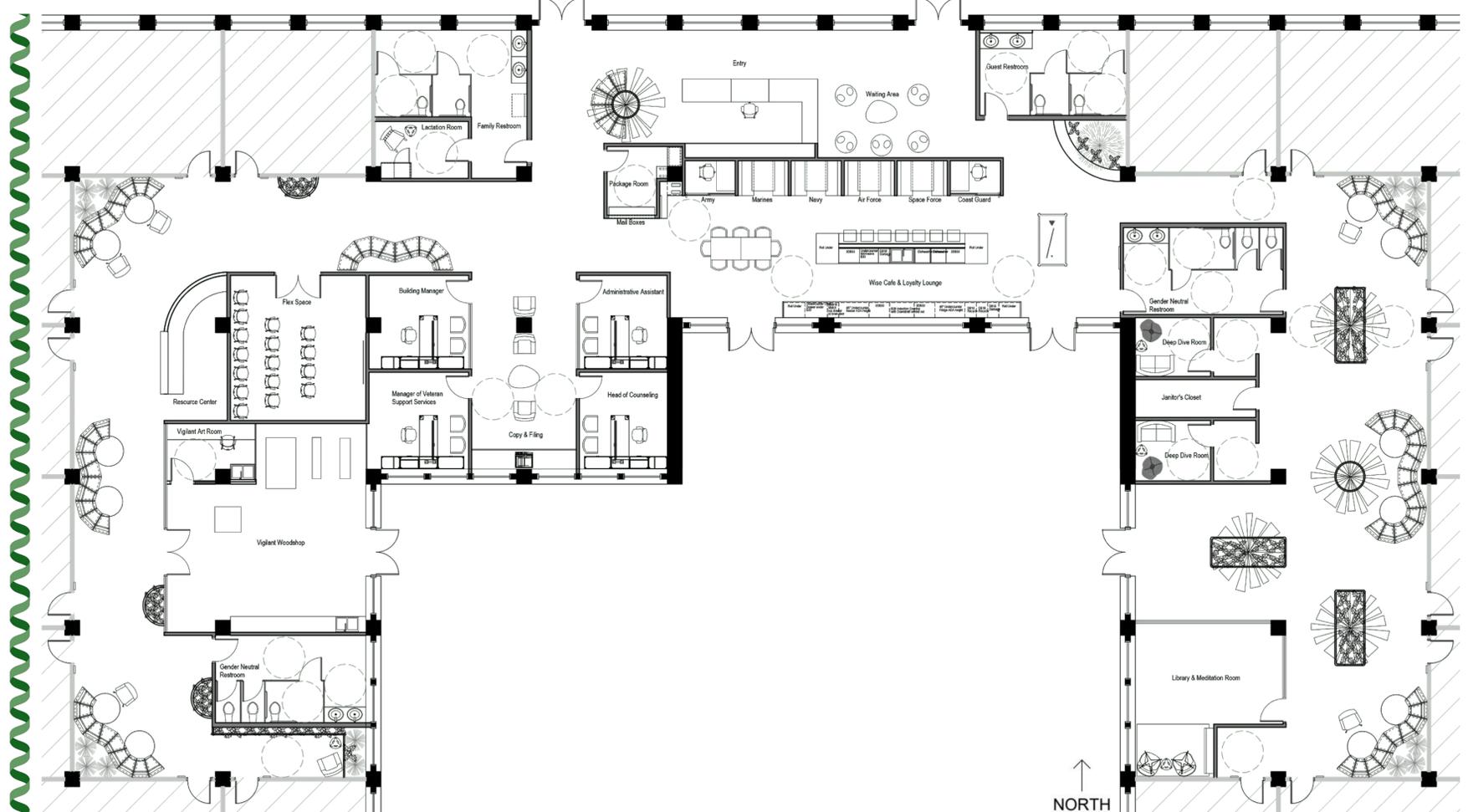
Site Analysis

The site is located in Downtown Fargo. The location provides access to the MATBUS, parks, a workout facility, and events frequently held in the area like the Red River Market, film festivals, and parades. It's within a 3 minute walk to the nearest bus stop, and a 10 minute walk to the MATBUS GTC center that travels to all areas of Fargo, including the VA Hospital & grocery stores.



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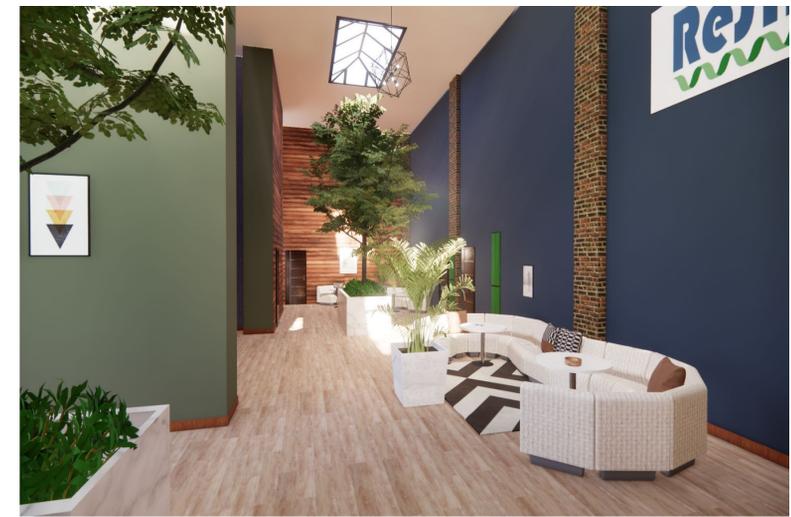


*FF&E Plan Not to Scale

- The current unit designs have only a large centralized multipurpose day room used for meeting, eating, watching television, and exercise. Both male and female Veterans indicated that having additional quiet areas to engage in private small group conversations to connect with one another on a more personal basis or meet with family members, engage in activities like reading or writing, or just experience quiet introspection would be a welcomed addition in the newly designed space.
- Design Solution: Avoid having only one area of flexible use, create smaller areas for small groups. (Also noted in VA's Design Guide for Mental Health Facilities)**



- Design Solution: Veterans often desire socialization in areas that are smaller and more intimate as opposed to large dayrooms. Locating dayrooms, which can offer a greater sense of community, near staff work areas may also enhance informal patient-staff interactions. Seating arrangements in common areas should also support socialization. However, there should be ample distance between seating areas to reduce the pressure to socialize (Broker, Rohricht, & Priebe, 1995; G. Evans, 2003; Tirlington, 2004).**



Skylights penetrate the interior corridors with light. Facades with modular seating are situated right outside of rooms to promote interaction between residents.

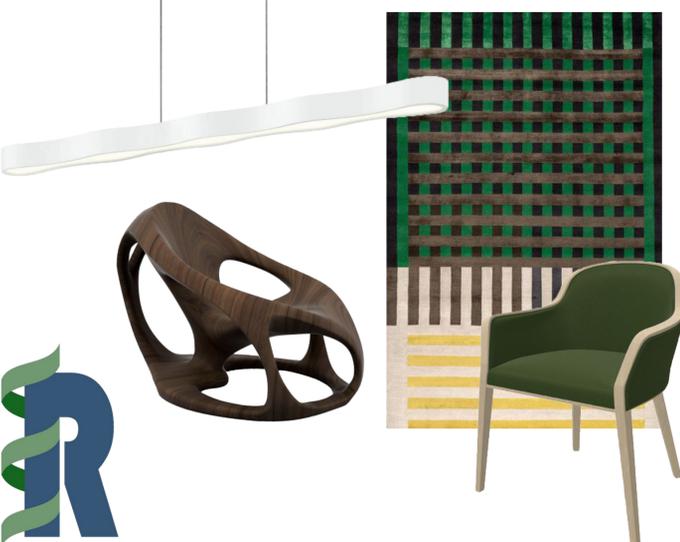
- Certain research suggests that well-appointed patient care and socialization areas with comfortable furniture may positively contribute to patient and family member satisfaction, decrease patient anxiety, and improve patient-provider communication (Malone & Delinger, 2011; Polacek et al., 2015).
- Design Solution: providing optimal seating comfort for patients in their AIMH by using fully upholstered seating with moisture-resistant fabrics and inward-turned seams to prevent ligature points. Heavy steel-framed furnishings with high static load limits are located in common areas under direct staff observation, and smaller club-style chairs that are bolted to the floor but swivel to promote freedom of movement are used in patient rooms and social gathering areas.**



convenient exit out into interior courtyard and means of egress.



The library situated inside the meditation room for a quiet space to unwind.



Spec Gravity

- Pros**
- Available in a variety of fabrics and finishes to promote a therapeutic environment
 - Open back allows crumbs and liquids to fall to the floor
 - Moveable for easy cleaning or for patient access to the dining table.
- Cons**
- Chair only weighs 30 lbs

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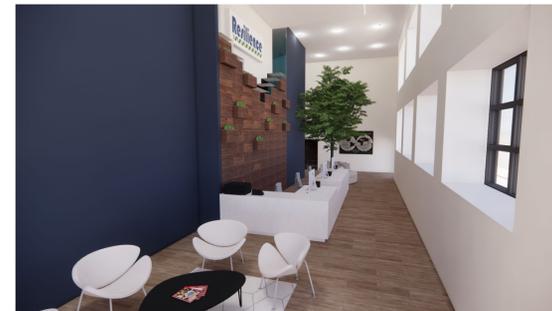
Spec Gravity Chairs are a freestanding option for Dining Rooms, they have limited horizontal brackets (just to attach the back to the frame) and the arms slope toward the back where they are not attached. When specified in vinyl they are easy to wipe clean and do not have enclosed backs so any crumbs will fall to the floor. The leg is a wall-saver style to minimize damage. Used as a freestanding chair, this item can be used to allow Veterans to get closer to the table or farther away as needed by the individual.

Norix Ultra-Max

- Pros**
- Chairs can be weighted with sand or bolted to the floor
- Cons**
- Limited styles and colors
 - If not installed and sealed correctly sand can leak

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Norix Ultra-Max Chairs are able to be weighted with sand, bolted to the floor or ganged. There are no anchor points and seven colors to choose from. The Ultra-Max chair is available with or without arms.



Our Entry/ Reception area is home to our green wall and waterfall feature. The green wall and waterfall help with maintaining good air quality throughout the space.



Meditation room provides a quiet space for personal or therapeutic meditation, yoga, etc.



Our Resource Desk provides opportunity for veterans to look for local jobs or become apart of groups that their interested in.



Isle, ZM239
68% Post-Consumer Recycled Polyester
100,000 DDouble Rubs



Linen, 1MN01
80,000 Double Rubs
56% Recycled Polyester



Wrought Iron, 5-569
Leather
100,000 Double Rubs



Turner 9003 Grey
Leather



Charcoal, 1AX10



Breaker, ZTB01
Stain Resistant
50,000 Double Rubs



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Beeline - Valley

For the materials that we picked, we tried to be as eco friendly as we could be. Also with the thought of calming in the back of our minds. We don't want any of these to be triggering colors at all for the veterans that will be occupying the space. Along with triggers we need to think of durability. Durability is important over the pandemic period. Textiles that don't house germs and bacteria for long periods of time are ideal but if not, we need to have the materials be easily maintained.