

HIGHWAY STOPPING PLACE

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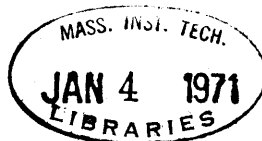
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Introduction

Working within the context of the larger North Stonington thesis project, I endeavor in my thesis to create a specific three-dimensional image of a mixed-use environment located on the narrow strip of land between route 184 and Interstate 95, immediately adjacent to Clarks Falls Road.

Desires of townspeople

In the winter of 1968 the land immediately surrounding the Clarks Falls interchange was zoned "highway commercial." Natural boundaries - edges of woods, old stone walls, streams, etc. - were to be maintained wherever possible. Concerning this area, the townspeople had the following comments and desires:

- 1) Any commercial development must be a source of tax revenue.
- 2) The primary focus of development is to the highway and tourism.
- 3) The primary direction of development is to be east-west along Route 184 to a depth of 500 feet from the center line of that road.
- 4) The area is considered to be a midway stop on the trip from Boston to New York.
- 5) Some part of the development should provide an information service about the entire Connecticut Maritime Heritage area including North Stonington.

Thesis Goals

- A. To design a place on a specific site within the "highway commercial" area in order to give the town a three-dimensional image of a highway oriented, mixed-use environment.

- B. To establish a vocabulary of major physical parts, and to explore the ways of assembling these parts to make a built place.

Program Specifics

The following is a list of facilities to be included in the design of what I call an "Inn."

A. Information and Communication

- 1) An information service for the entire Maritime Heritage Area.
- 2) Information and reservation service for facilities on the site.
- 3) Exhibition space, to be maintained by information service.
- 4) Two private offices.

B. Commercial Facilities

- 1) Small market area.
- 2) Travel items shop.
- 3) Specialty shop related to exhibit area.

C. Eating and Drinking (good cheer!)

- 1) General Restaurant with cafeteria type service.
- 2) Coffee Shop-Cafe.
- 3) Pub.
- 4) Management office.

Program Specifics, continued

D. Sleeping

- 1) Motel units 18 - 20
- 2) Hotel rooms 15
- 3) Lounges and other communal spaces (both indoor and outdoor) associated with all rooms.

E. Parking and Service

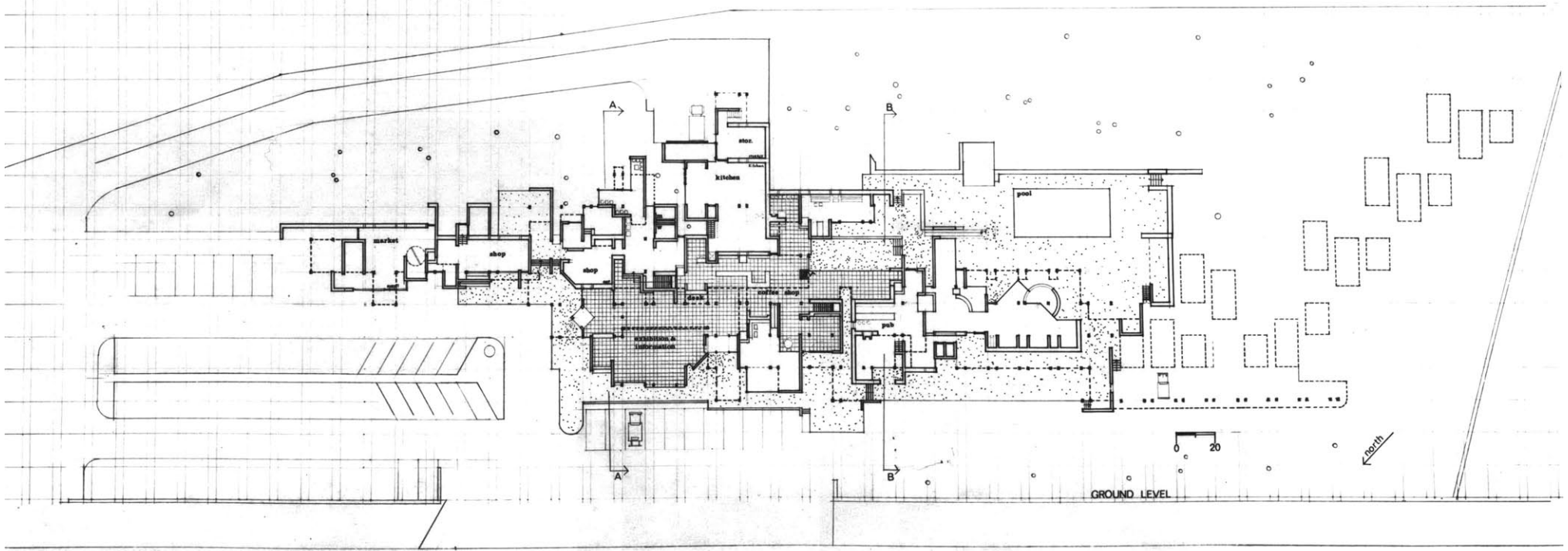
- 1) Kitchen.
- 2) Food storage.
- 3) Parking for 150+ cars.

F. Rentable office space

G. Meeting Rooms

- 1) One large with private kitchen facility.
- 2) Two small rooms.

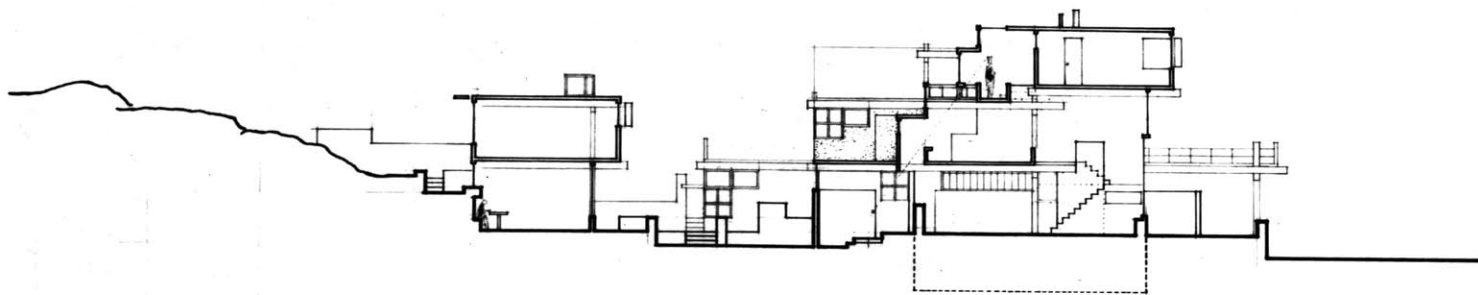
H. Public Rest Rooms and Telephones



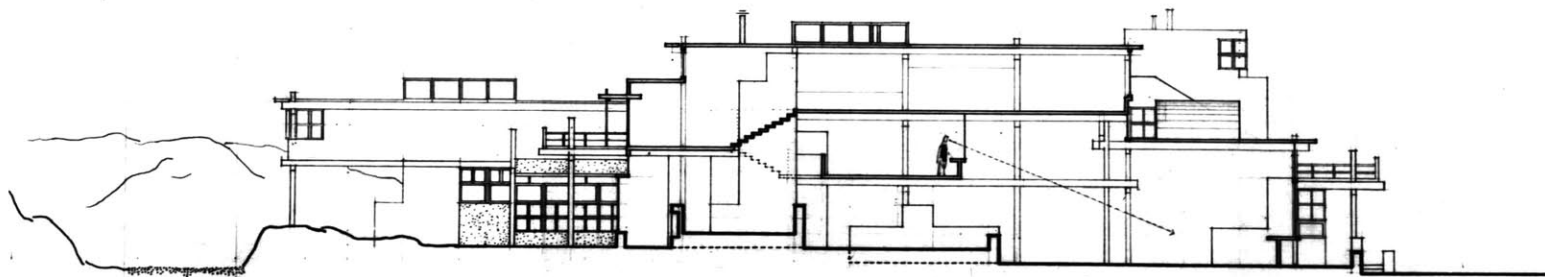
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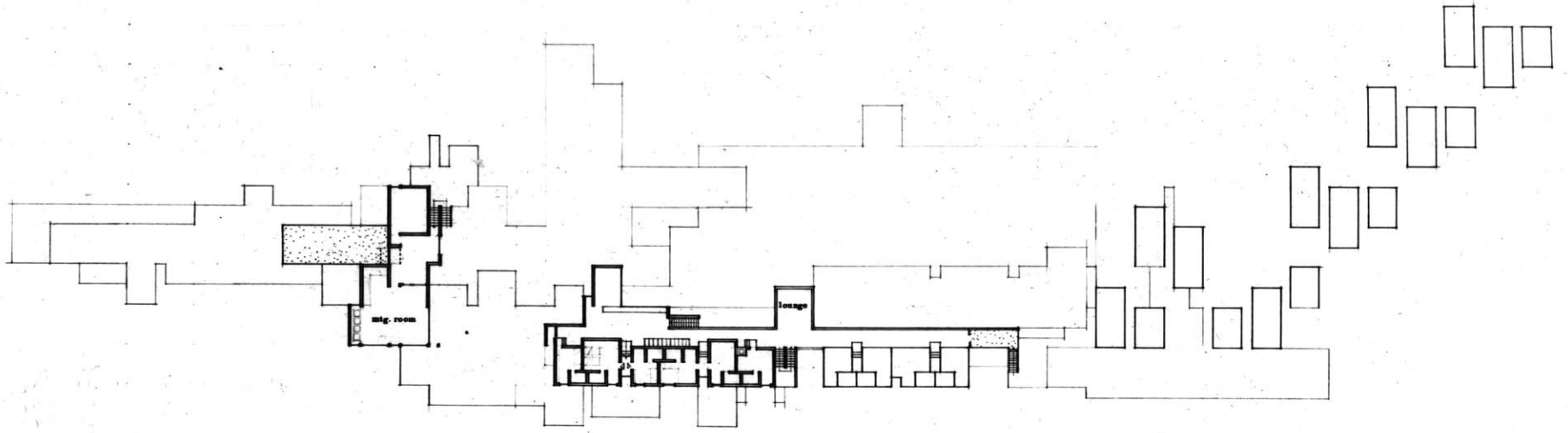


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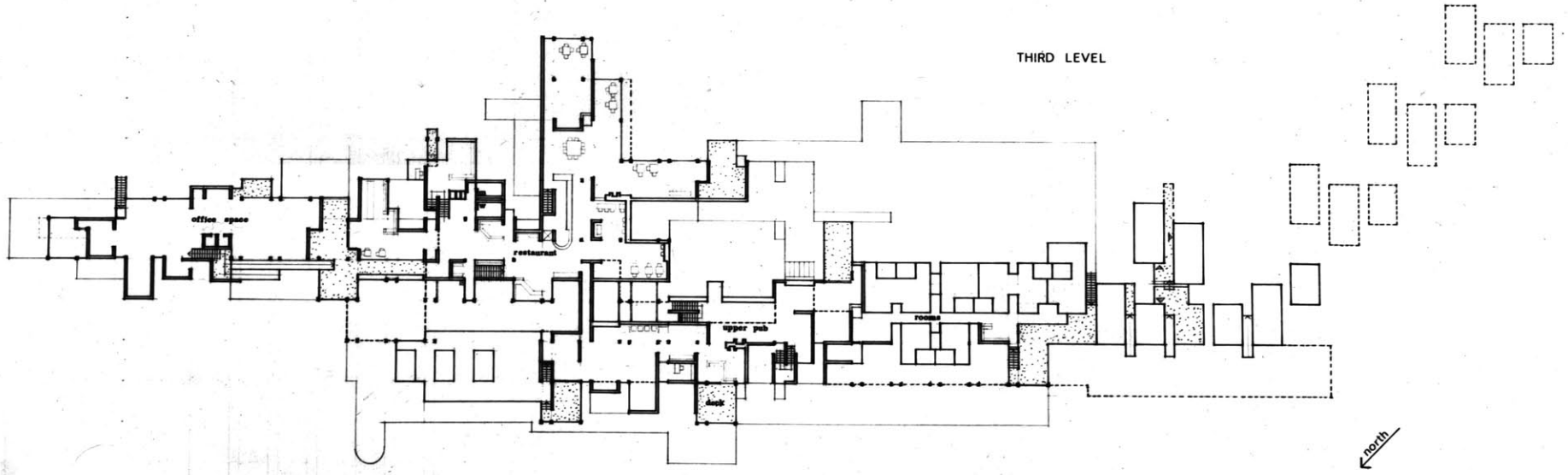


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