



# Auburn Assessment Center

(Auburn Family Shelter)

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# History

- Located on 39 Auburn Place Brooklyn New York
- Original Building erected in 1852
- 10 Story building
- Between Cumberland Medical Center, PS 67 & Brooklyn Public Library
- Under names

(Brooklyn Homeopathic Dispensary, Cumberland Street Orphan Asylum, Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital, Cumberland Hospital, Auburn Family Reception Center, Auburn Family Shelter/Residence, Auburn Assessment Center)

- Birthplace of Spike Lee, Mike Tyson and Michael Jordan



# Auburn Center Vs Cumberland Medical Center

- Separate but bordered building structures
- Share AC Systems
- Auburn Assessment Center was Cumberland hospital until 1983
- Cumberland was added as an addition when hospital closed



# Building Programing Timeline



1852

## Cumberland Street Orphan Asylum

105-111 Cumberland Street, Brooklyn. Cumberland Street Orphan Asylum designed by Fowler & Hough architects. Asylum which moved out in 1870.

1873

## Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital

Opened as Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital at 109 Cumberland Street. Opened on February 13, 1873

1902

## Building undergoes complete renovation

1918

## Cumberland Hospital

Rebuilt and renamed Cumberland Hospital

1922

Re-addressed to 35 and then 39 Auburn Place

1983

## Cumberland Hospital Closes

Cumberland Hospital at 39 Auburn Place close as a hospital on August 24 1983. Opens as Auburn Family Reception Center

2019

## Auburn Family Shelter

The Auburn Shelter, at 39 Auburn has been a temporary home for homeless families for 36 years.

# 8455



Brooklyn Public Library

*Cumberland Street Hospital*  
Brooklyn Collection

**Opening of the Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital.**

The new Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital was formally opened last evening. The building, which was formerly known as the Cumberland-street Orphan Asylum, is situated on the east side of Cumberland-street, about 130 feet north of Myrtle-avenue. It resembles in appearance a genteel private residence. It is built of brick, three stories high, and is partly surrounded by pleasant garden grounds. The wards are well arranged and ventilated, and have a capacity sufficient, it is supposed, to meet all demands likely to be made on it. There were about 300 invited guests present at the opening last evening. Prayers were offered in the main hall by Right Rev. Bishop Littlejohn. Then followed a general inspection of the building in all its departments. After partaking of a splendid collation, the company dispersed at a late hour.

# Contemporary Programing

**“What is terribly disturbing is that the residents have one microwave... but every administrator in that building has their own private microwave,”**



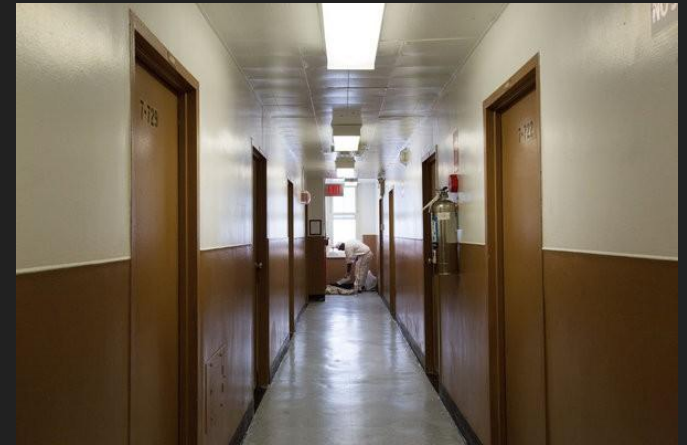
**SOME CALL IT “ ONE OF THE WORST [SHELTERS] IN NEW YORK”**

**“When you complain, they’re going to treat you dirty, and they’re going to f\*\*k you over.”**

# NYC's initiatives for change...

In 2014, under the DeBlasio administration, the city transferred over 400 children and their families out of the shelter, promising to improve services for the 22,000 homeless children in the city.

- Tried to find subsidized/permanent housing or suitable temporary shelter for the families while converting it into an adult family shelter
- Children shared bathrooms with strangers
- Families live in rooms without kitchens or running water, preventing them from cooking their own meals or washing baby bottles.
- City reported plan to convert part of ground floor, which holds a cafeteria notorious for mice and spoiled food, into a “culinary arts” training program for adult residents.
- The city also added six more microwaves to the cafeteria



# Building Dimensional Information

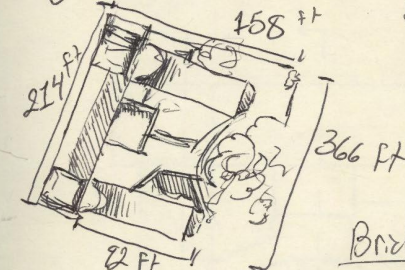
- 89,241 square feet
- 270ft x 551ft

Notes on Auburn

↳ Auburn Assessment Center

↳ Homeless shelter for couples and families without children

Base Shape:



\* Front elevation


\* Side elevation

Brick building

↳ count bricks between headers, count headers

Brick & mortar  
39 Auburn Place  
of the side of

The entire building is approximately 131 feet



header

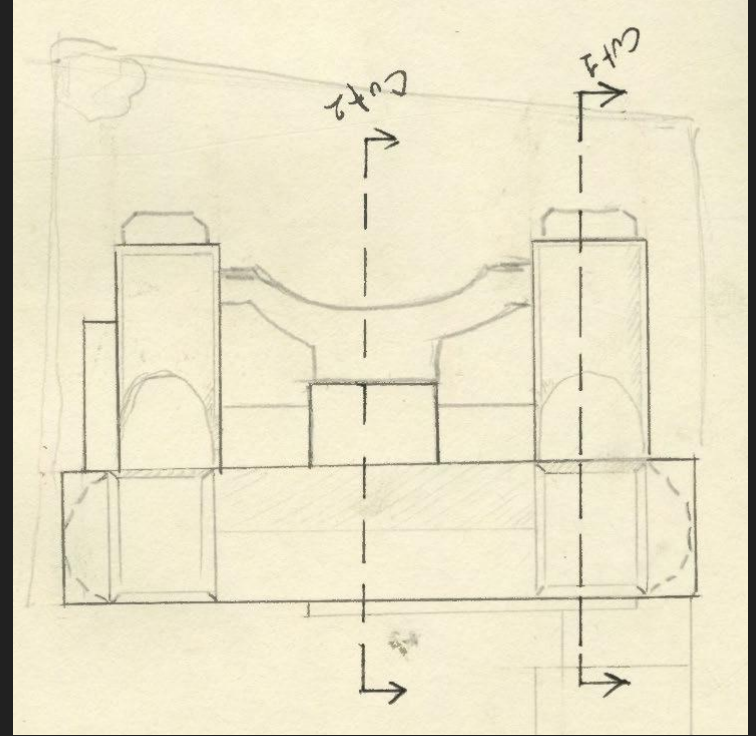
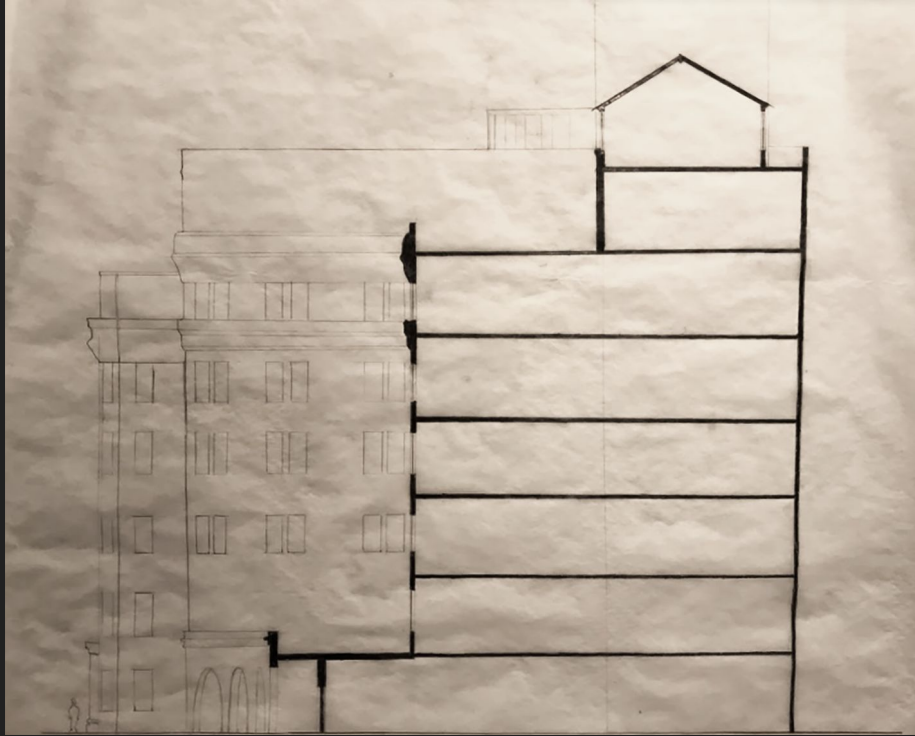
22 inch sections

approx: 8 stories → 14 stories

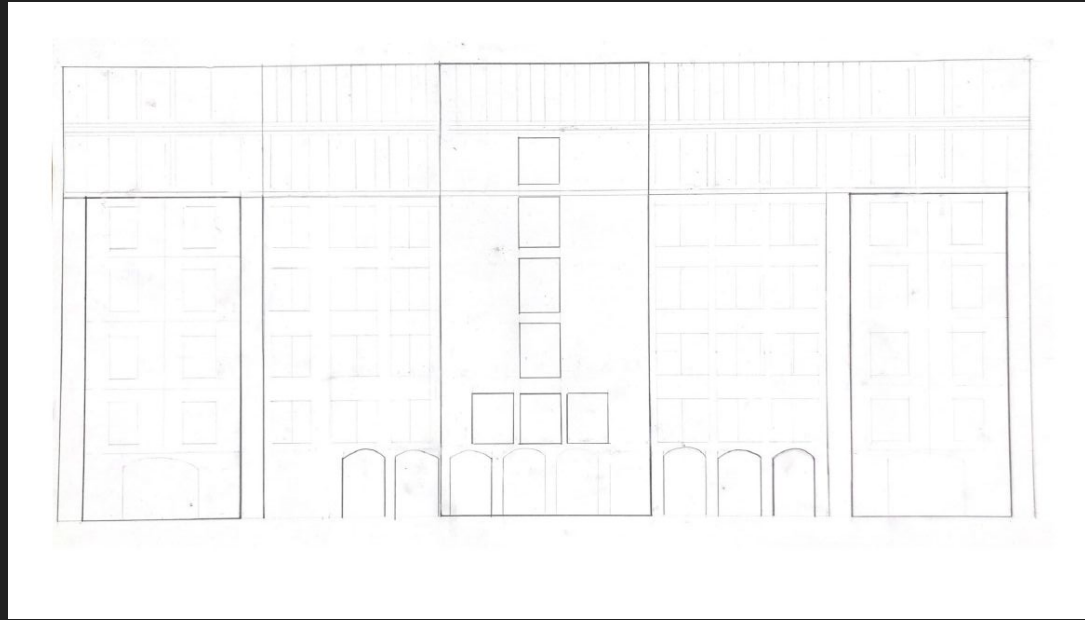
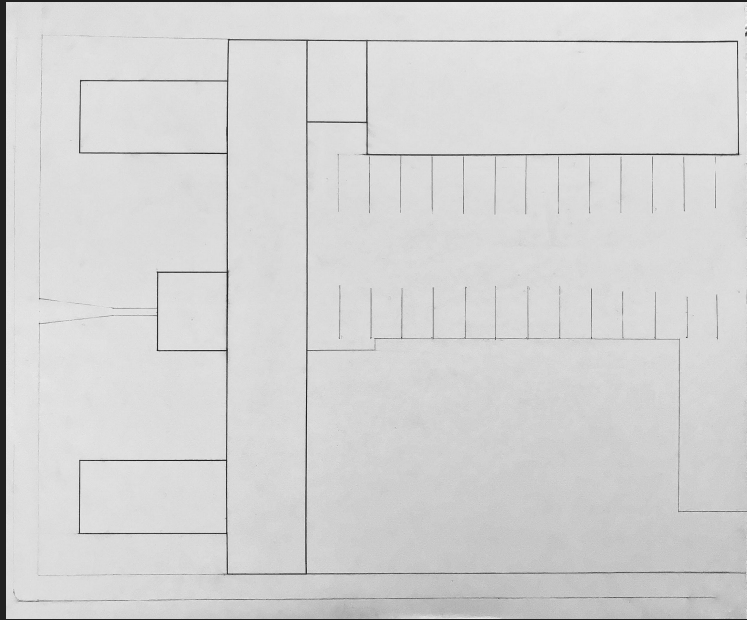
approx 112 ft high



- Drawings



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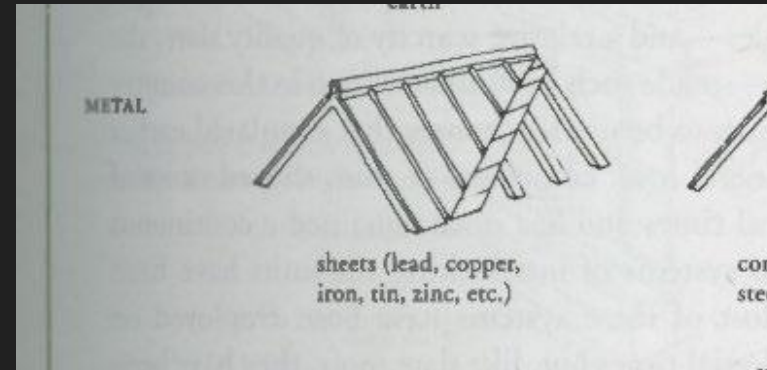
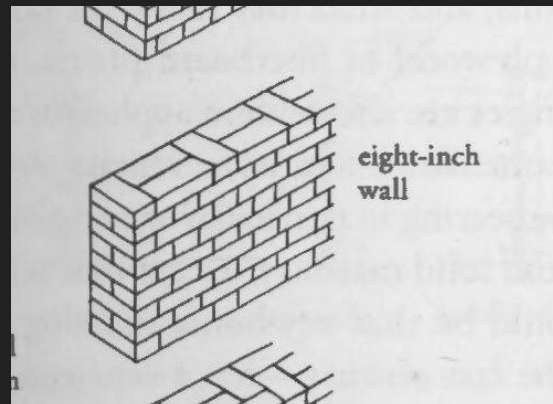
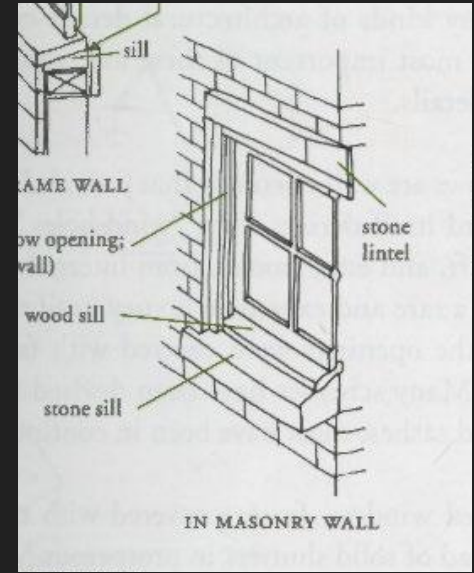
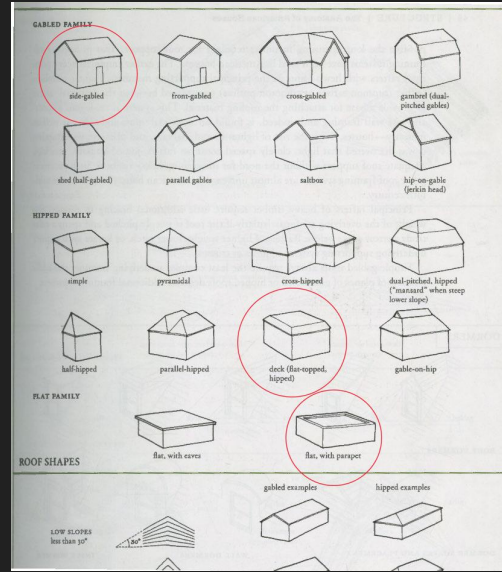


# ● Building Materials

The building was constructed  
with structural masonry, specifically  
brick and mortar, the roof  
is most likely sheet metal.



# Building Components

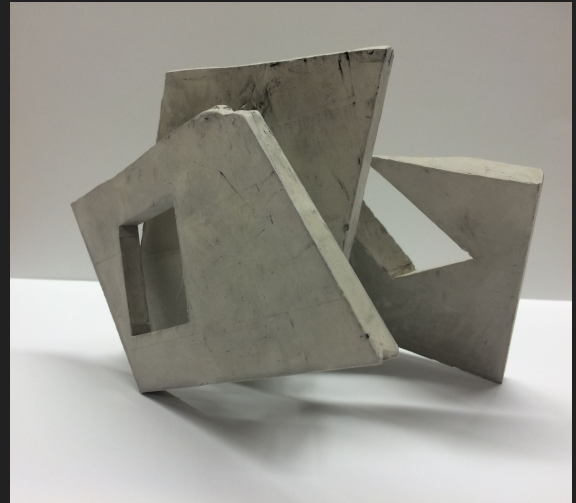


- Building/Model Assembly



# Model Assembly + Material List

For the model we will be using chipboard, basswood sticks, and rockite

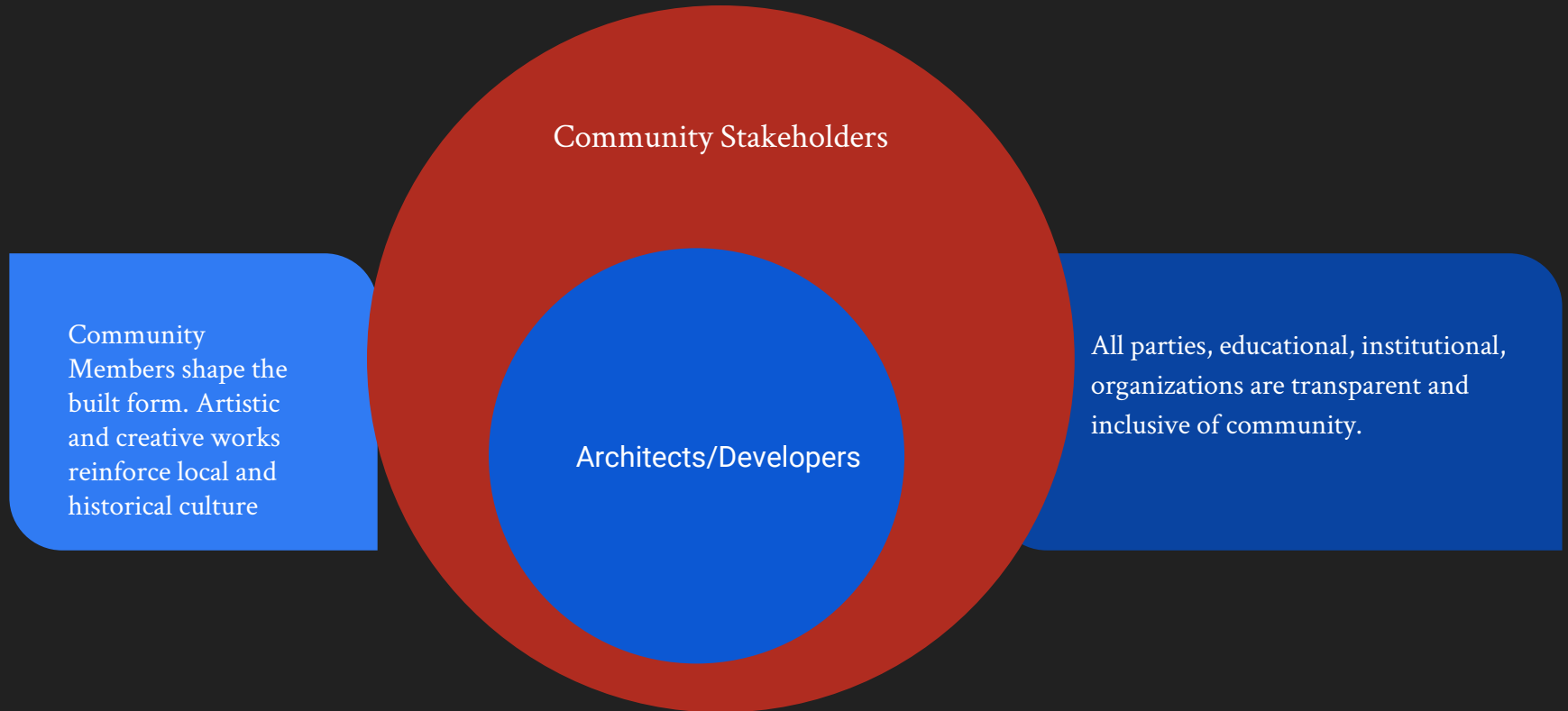


# Stakeholders/Community Importance

- Largely disinvested community of color
  - 27% Asian
  - 21% Black
  - 45% Latinx
  - 16% White
  - 32% Unemployment Rate
  - 3% Below Poverty Line
  - 7% College Degree
  - 33% People With Disabilities
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- Making subsidized and shelter housing incredibly important
  - Designs that support economic growth
  - Socially relevant designs
  - Showing ethnic identity and footprint



# 21st Century Regenerative Development





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