

# Block 48

## Madison, Minnesota

A place to live and foster community.



BLOCK 48  
TRANSFORMATIVE DENSIFICATION

The site, currently the last undeveloped plot on the southern edge of main street is primed for redevelopment. This project aims to rejuvenate main street by introducing a mixture of housing typologies in a city block-size mixed use development. The design consists of a family of three linear housing blocks and one apartment block organized around a central semi-public garden. The volumes, which share a similar character and finishing in red brick will together form a permeable, urban ensemble with a strong identity. The 27,500 square foot of floor area will contain a mixture of housing and commercial spaces. The various types of housing (row houses, apartments and studios) will be complemented with private rooftop outdoor spaces.

This project was made possible through the coordination & partnership with the UMVRDC and funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.



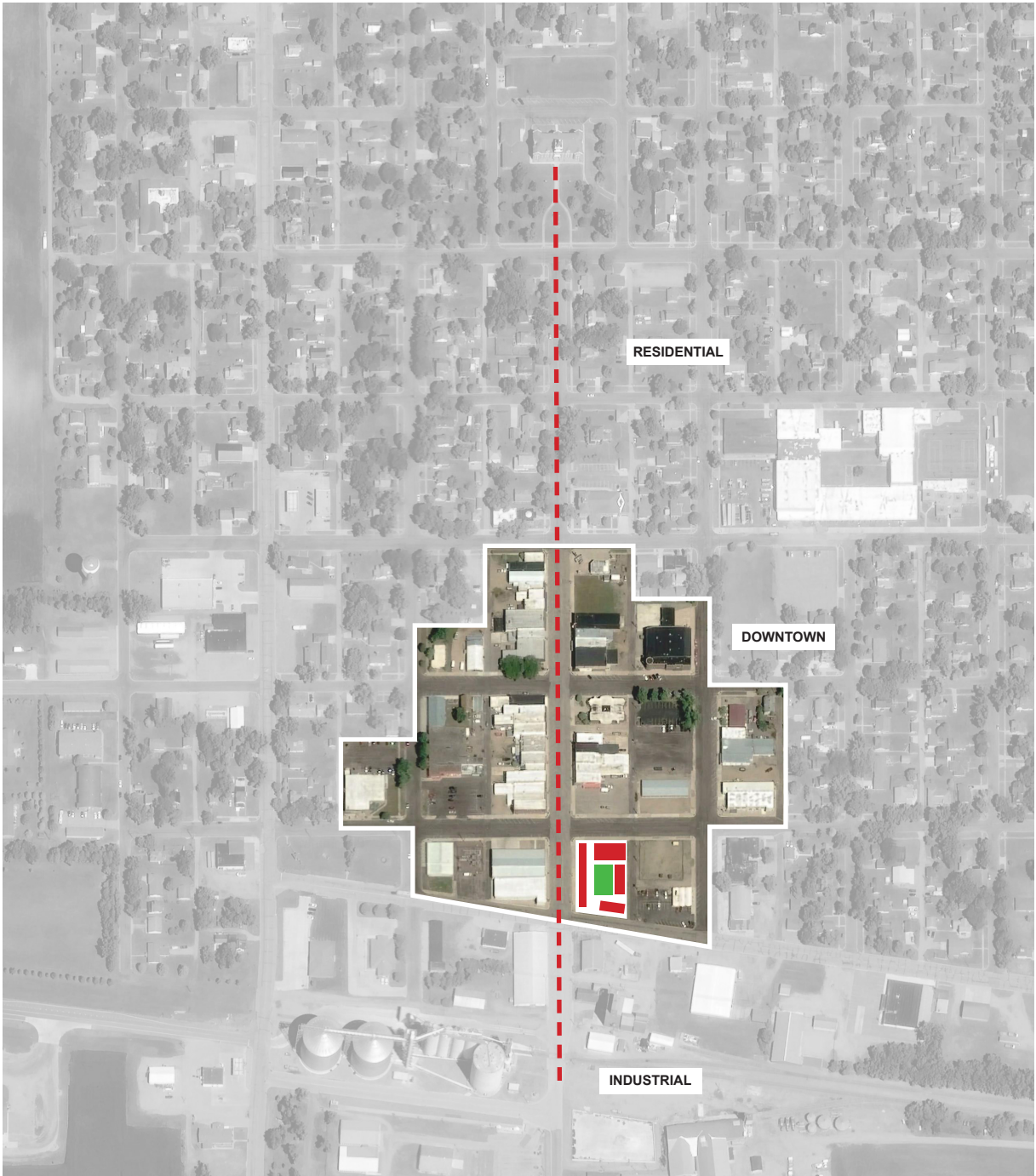
Location	Madison, Minnesota	
Client	City of Madison	
Year	2022	
Status	Concept	
Program	Residential	23,500 SF
	Commercial	4,000 SF



# Context / Process

## Transforming Main Street

Block 48 will be a catalyst in the transformation of the southern tip of Main Street from a post-industrial edge - formerly a vacant site - to a new neighborhood. Located at the southern-most tip of Main Street of Madison, the site will be a gateway to the neighborhood beyond and have a unique impact on the Madison skyline.



The site serves as the bottom bracket of the cultural core of the city.

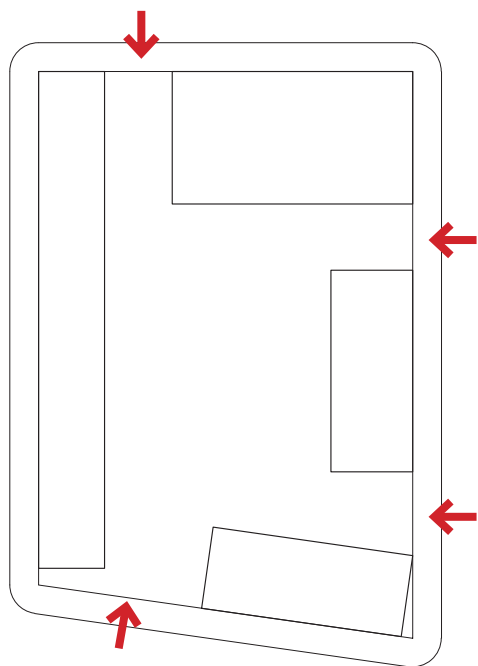
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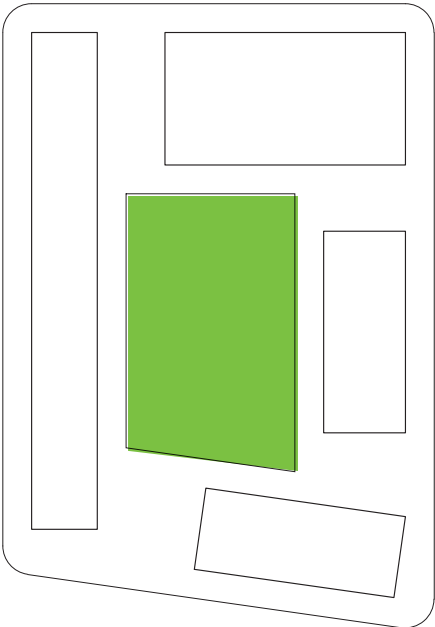
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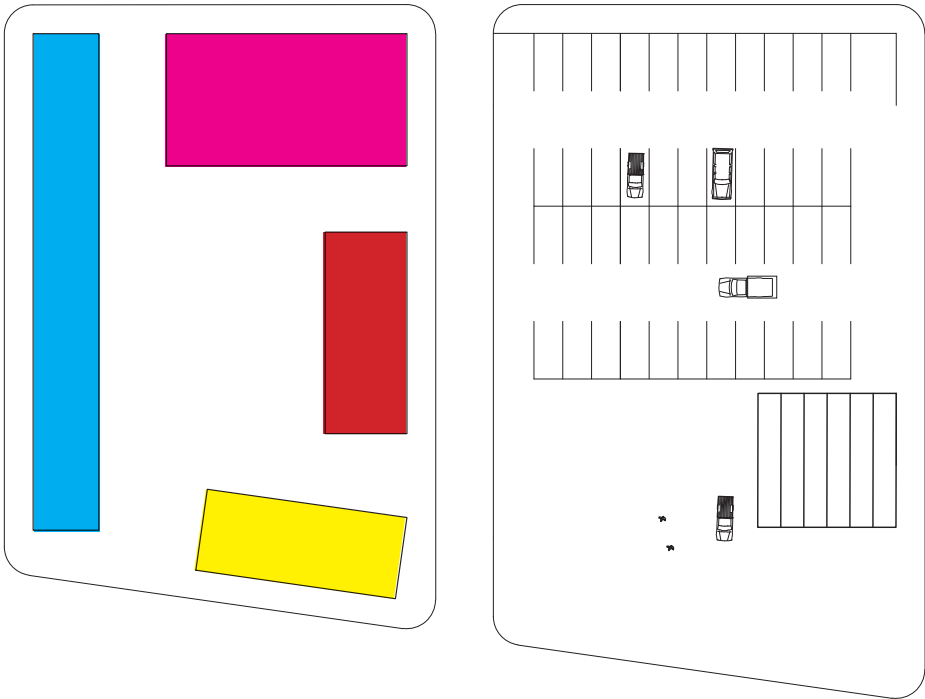
# Design Principles



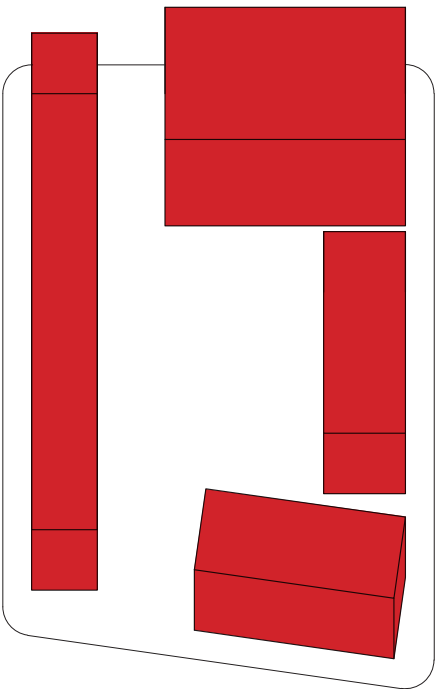
1. activate building edges  
All sides of the building allow access



2. Public Garden  
Introducing a semi-public garden



3. mixed-use program  
A diversity of uses and housing types



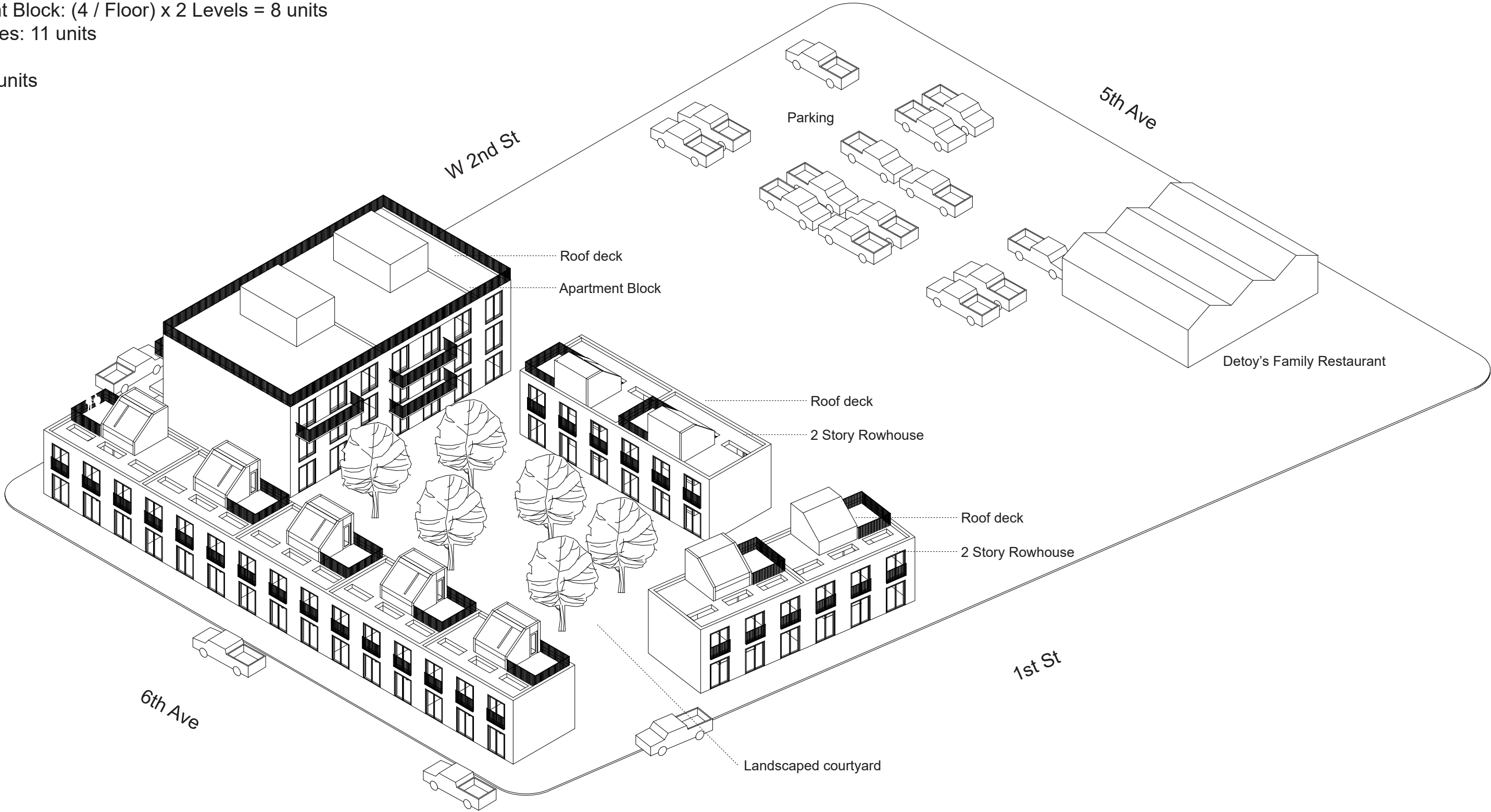
4. Urban Ensemble  
A collection of volumes unified by their materiality



# Layout

Units  
Apartment Block: (4 / Floor) x 2 Levels = 8 units  
Rowhouses: 11 units

Total: 19 units





W 2nd St

View looking South at intersection of W2nd St & 6th Ave





1st St

View looking West on 1st St



View looking North on 6th Ave





W 2nd St

View from Parking lot (Corner of W 2nd St & 5th Ave)