Community House
Dawson, Minnesota

A place to rest, hang out and build community.
Design Principles

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Community Focus
The aim of the new building is to provide a place to charge electric vehicles, do your laundry, wash your dog, go to the bathroom.

Beyond the basic task, the place should be a nice place to rest and refresh.

A place to recharge...

Washing + Re-charging + Washing + Refreshing + Educating
The site is centrally located between two regional campgrounds in Dawson.
Site Evaluation

Constraints

Vehicular Access Currently, off-street parking exists

Accessibility How will people arrive here?

Openness Must create an urban presence

Opportunities

Location Visible, corner site just off of main street

Accessibility Ample area for adding parking on-site.

Presence The building is exposed on a corner site and conceived as having four equal facades
The building pragmatically combines many of the features associated with rest stops. Refueling is combined with a wifi hotspot, laundromat and restroom facility to create a community-serving rest stop.
Wood clad interior