



Massachusetts ADU Design Challenge | Project Cover Sheet

1. Design Team

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2. Design Information

EntryID (randomly assigned by HLC for tracking purposes): 3518

Design Name: The 20-Foot House

ADU Gross Floor Area (square footage): 495

Unit Layout: One-Bedroom

ADU Height (feet): 20

Window/Wall Ratio: 13.6%

Foundation Type: Concrete Frost Wall

3. Project Narrative

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THE 20 FOOT HOUSE

A small home designed for a big housing challenge.

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THE 20 FOOT HOUSE

Comfort and Light Within 20 feet

Harnessing Light and Air for Well-being



MULTIFUNCTIONAL SPACE



ENHANCED DAYLIGHTING



OPTIMIZED VENTILATION



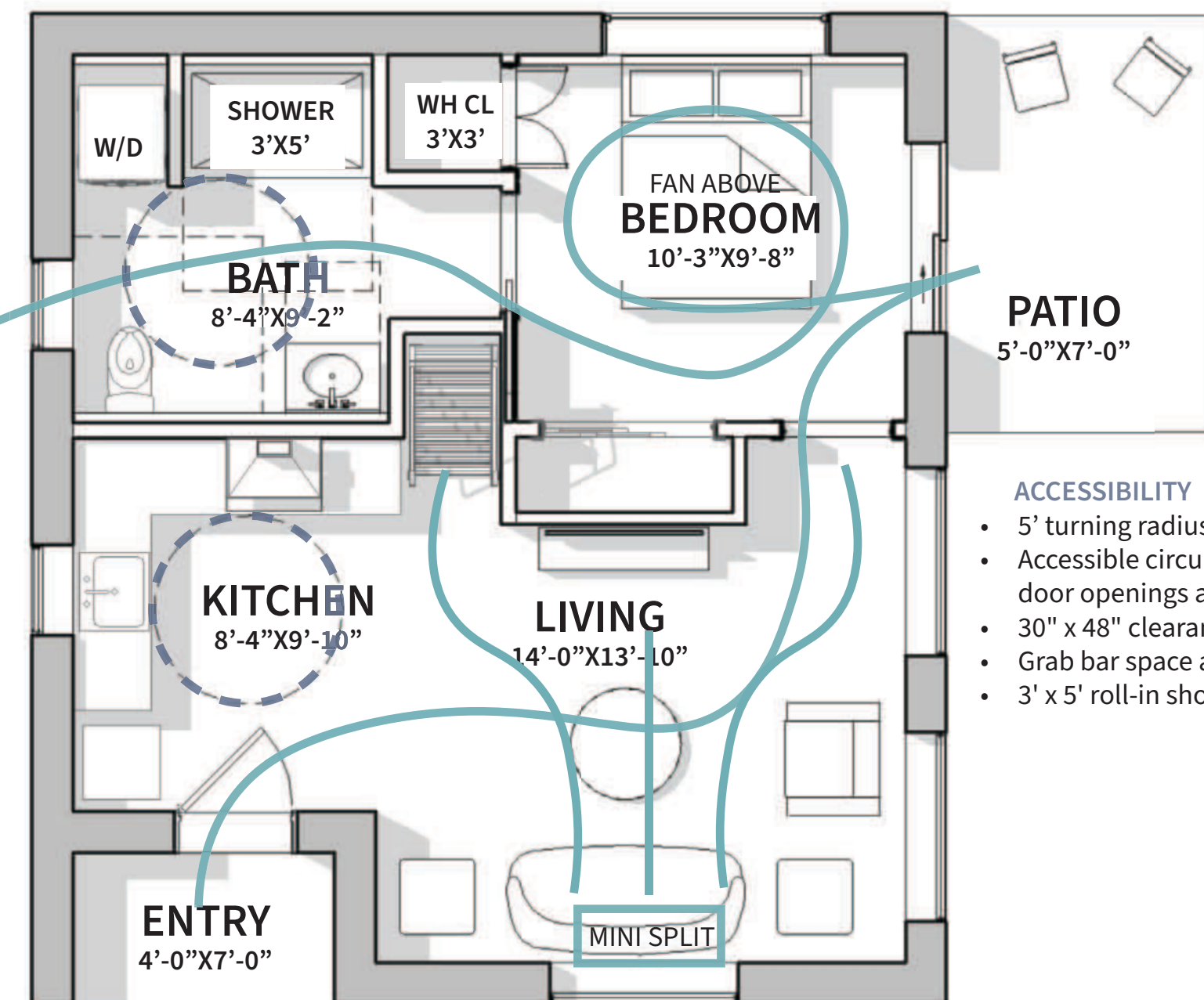
FULLY ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM



ADAPTABLE STORAGE LOFT

Comfort in Every Detail

GROUND LEVEL | 1/4"=1'

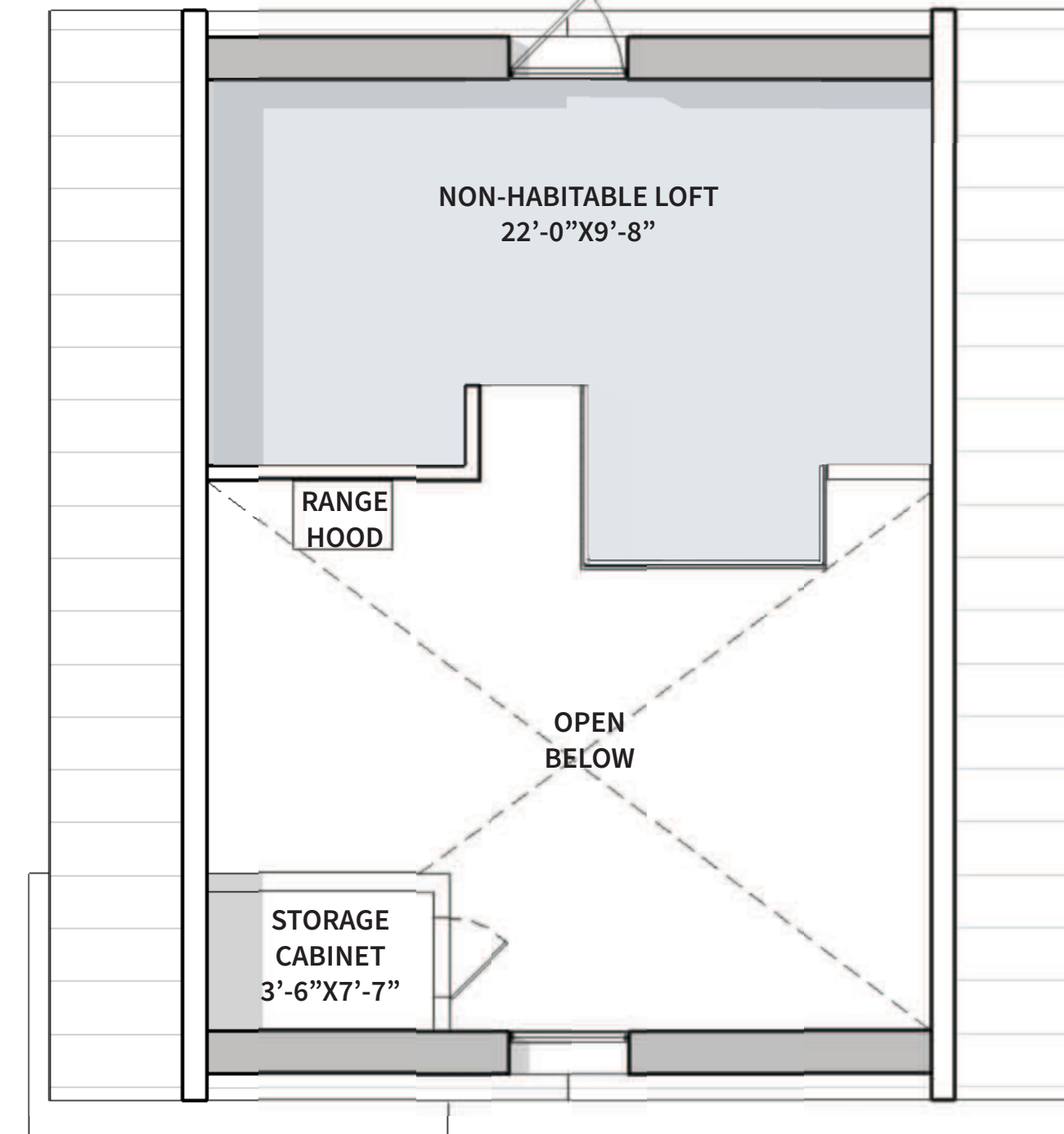


ACCESSIBILITY

- 5' turning radius in kitchen and bathroom.
- Accessible circulation throughout with 32" clear door openings and compliant push/pull clearances.
- 30" x 48" clearance in front of bath sink.
- Grab bar space allocated at the toilet.
- 3' x 5' roll-in shower with transfer area

AIRFLOW
Open living spaces and framed door openings allow a single mini-split to condition the home efficiently, supported by a bedroom ceiling fan and operable doors at both ends for natural cross-ventilation.

LOFT LEVEL | 1/4"=1'



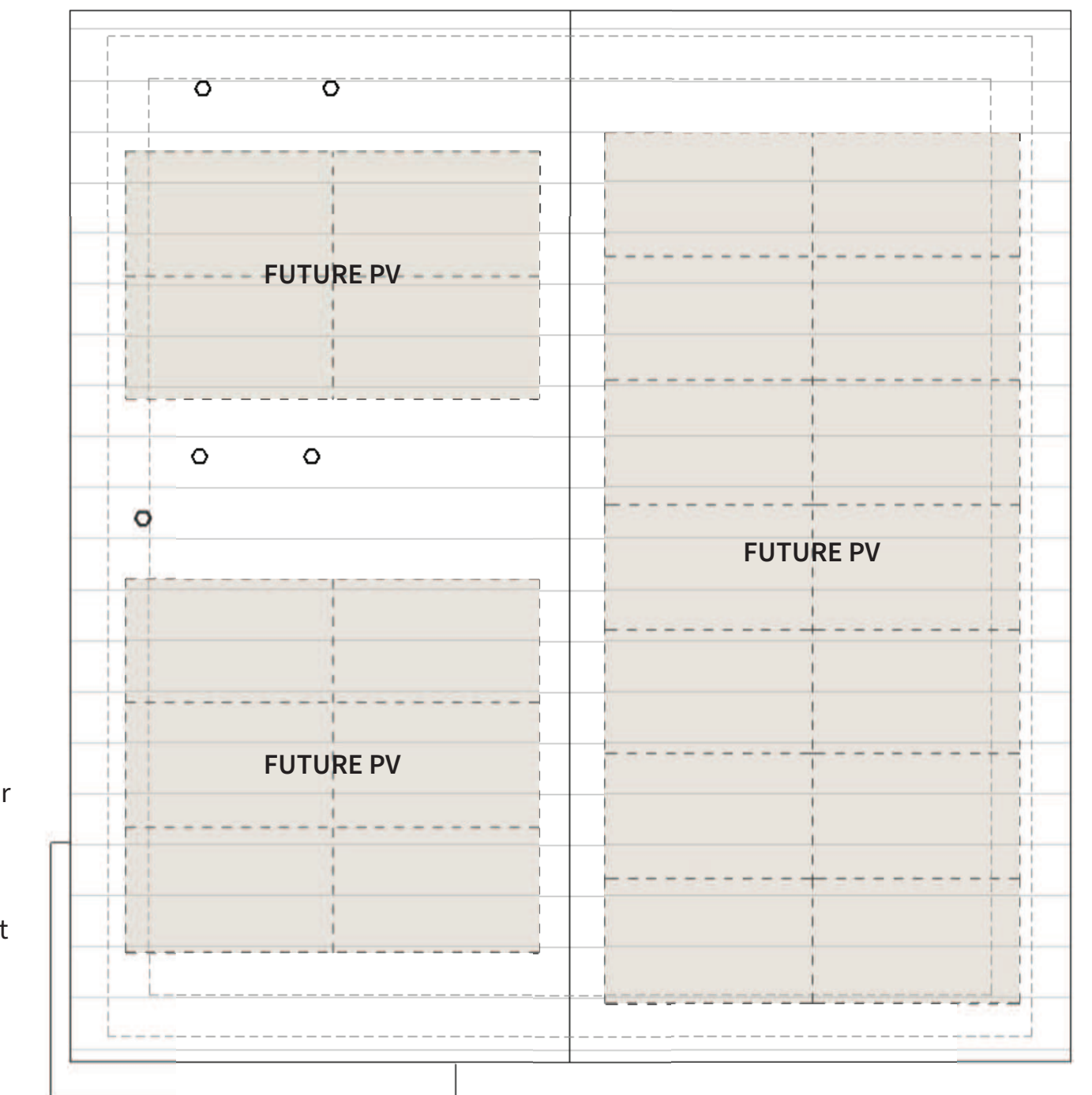
FLEX SPACE

A non-habitable loft, excluded from the 495 SF accessible floor area, provides flexible storage without increasing building size. All primary living functions remain fully accessible at grade.

PV READY

An 8:12 vented roof structure supports long-term durability. Corrugated metal cladding is detailed for future photovoltaic installation without compromising the air or water barrier. The roof is sized to accommodate a minimum 5 kW array—sufficient to offset projected annual energy use and support net-zero readiness.

ROOF | 1/4"=1'



ZERO STEP ENTRY

BARRIER FREE KITCHEN

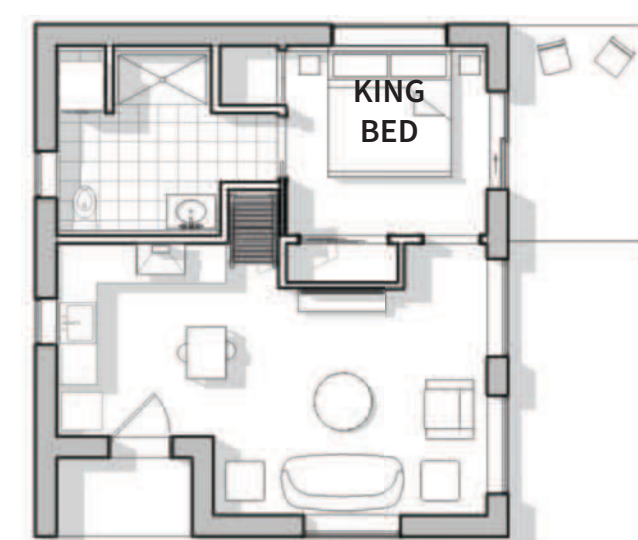
FLEXIBLE LIVING AREA

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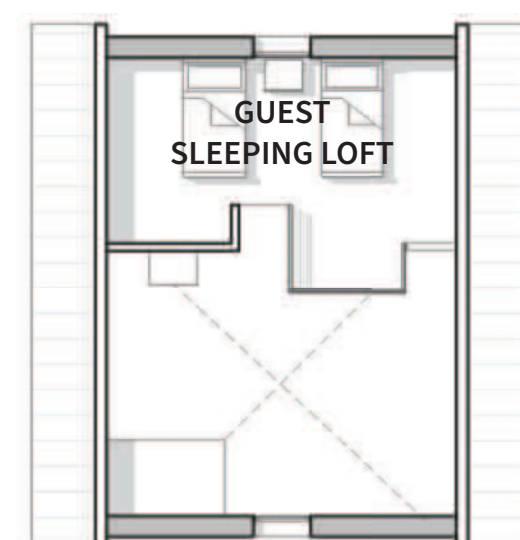
Evolving Spaces for Everyday Life



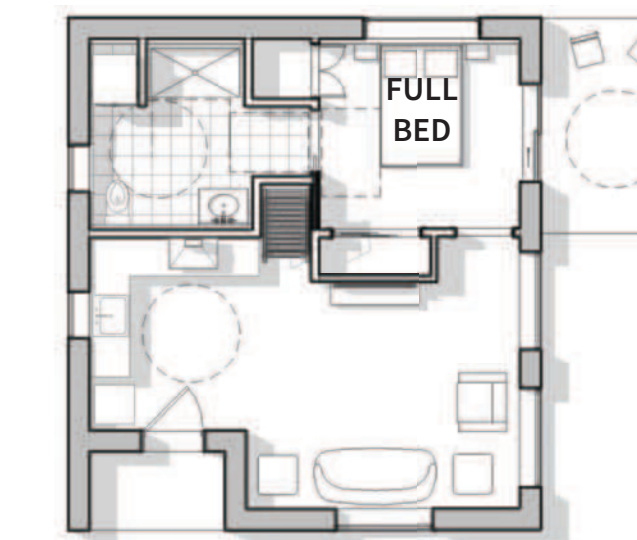
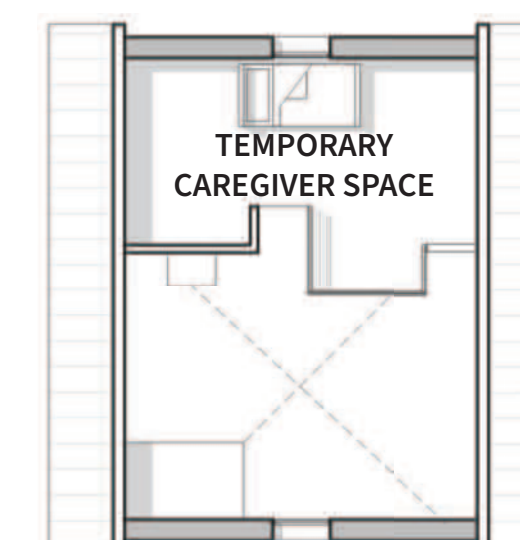
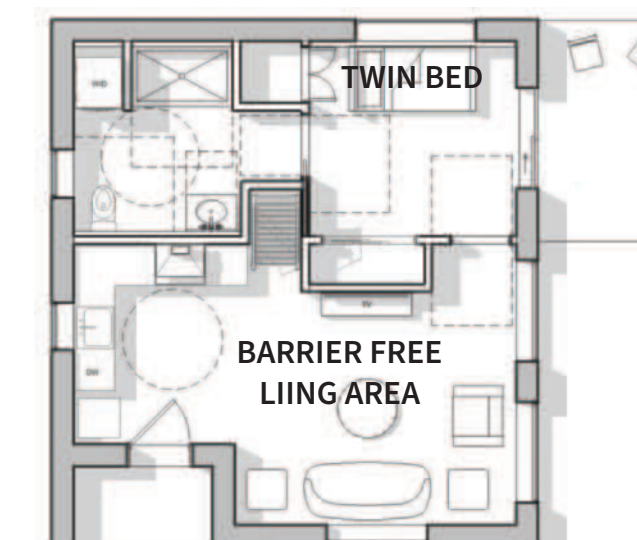
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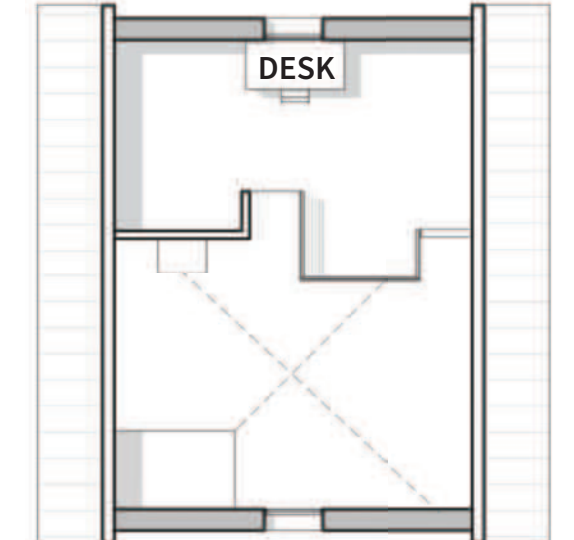
FAMILY VISITING



AGING IN PLACE



WORK FROM HOME



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Nor'easter Proof. Neighborhood Ready.

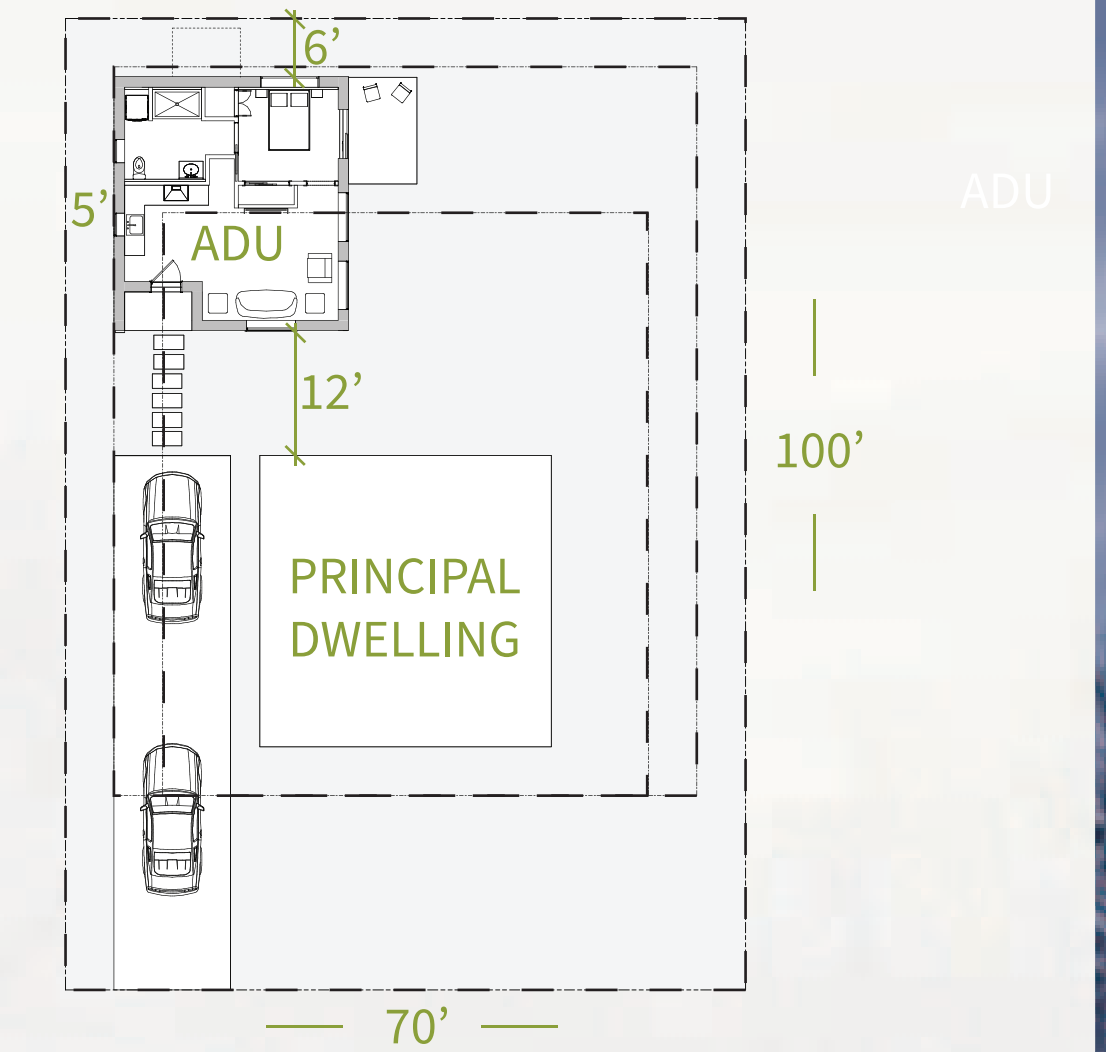


Passive-First Performance, Simplified for Code Clarity

The 20-Foot House combines passive-first building science with straightforward construction logic to create a high-performance ADU that is easy to permit and build across Massachusetts. The compact 20-foot form allows the design to be widely applied in local neighborhoods while remaining within common IRC prescriptive framing limits.

This simple geometry supports a super-insulated, airtight envelope that significantly reduces energy demand. By relying on familiar construction methods and readily available materials rather than specialized systems, the design demonstrates how climate-ready housing can be both highly efficient and easily replicable.

ADAPTABLE FOR COMPACT SITES



35' HEIGHT LIMIT
(i.e. Worcester, Sharon, Milton)

25' HEIGHT LIMIT
(i.e. Lexington, Salem, Newton)

20' HEIGHT LIMIT
(i.e. Amherst, Arlington, Cambridge)

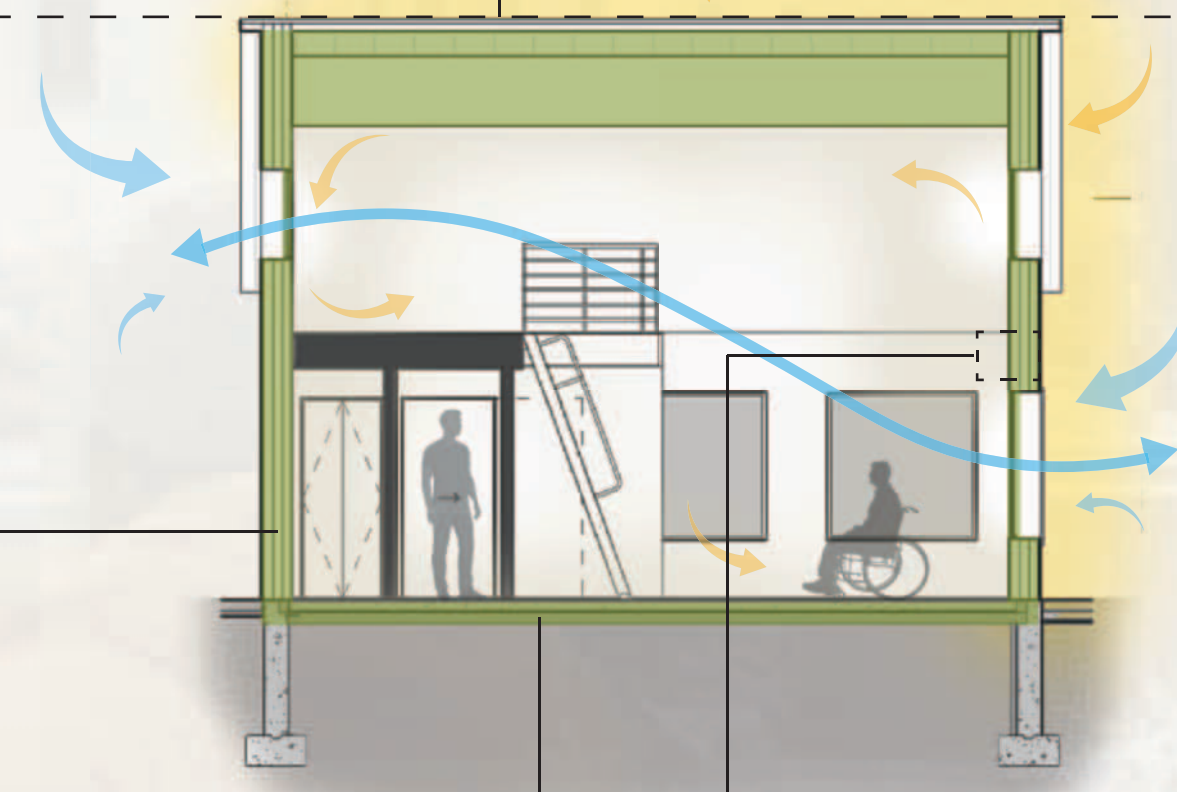
① COMPACT FORM
Reduced surface area =
lower heat loss

② SUPER-INSULATED
ENVELOPE
• R-60 Roof
• R-35 Walls
• R-20 Slab
• $U \leq 0.30$ Windows

③ CONTINUOUS AIR
BARRIER
Target ≤ 1.5 ACH50

④ ALL-ELECTRIC SYSTEMS
Mini-Split Heating/Cooling
ERV Ready

⑤ SOLAR-READY ROOF
• 5 kW Capacity



HIGH PERFORMANCE

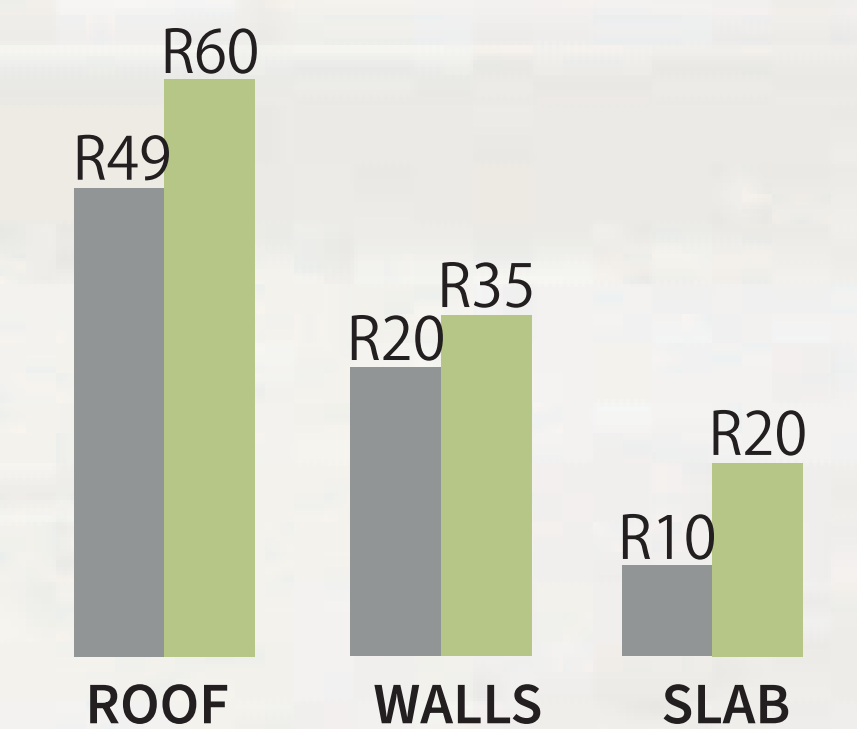
🏠 LOW ENERGY DEMAND

💰 LOW OPERATING COST

☀️ NET ZERO READY

🌿 LOW EMBODIED CARBON

EXCEEDS MA STRETCH CODE



IRC PERSCRIPTIVE

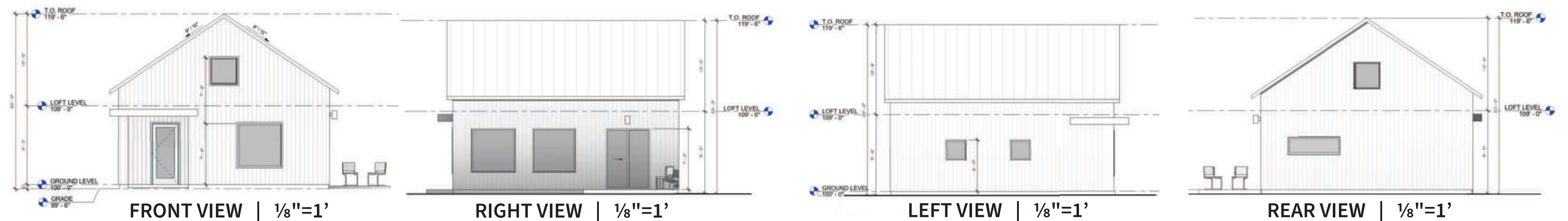
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FEWER SPECIALIZED TRADES

LOCAL MATERIALS

A compact home Massachusetts can build again and again.

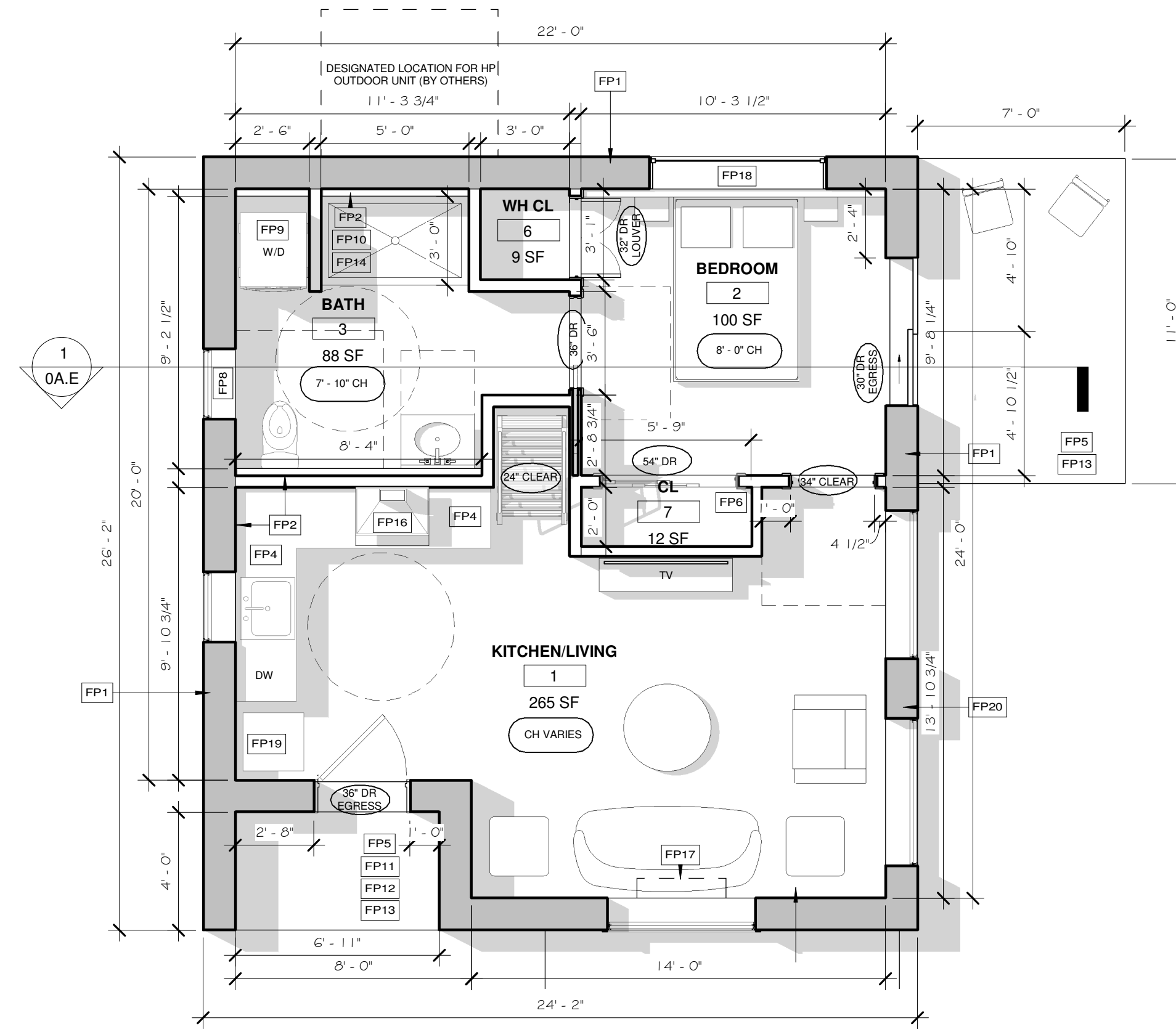
The design uses pre-engineered headers and consistent window and door sizes, allowing doors and windows to be swapped without re-engineering. This built-in flexibility makes the ADU easy to adapt to different sites and homeowner needs.



DESCRIPTION: The ground level of the 20-Foot House organizes all primary living functions within a compact, accessible layout. Entry occurs through a covered porch that transitions directly into an open living area. The living room connects seamlessly to the kitchen and dining space, creating a flexible central area that supports everyday living while allowing a single mini-split system to efficiently condition the home. Large windows provide natural daylight and views to the surrounding landscape, while operable openings at opposite sides of the house enable cross-ventilation.

The kitchen is arranged along the interior wall to maintain clear circulation and accommodate accessible clearances, including a five-foot turning radius. Adjacent to the kitchen, the bathroom includes a curbless shower, stacked washer-dryer, and space for future grab bars. The bedroom is located toward the rear of the plan to provide privacy and includes direct access to daylight and ventilation.

All primary living spaces—including the kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, and living area—are located on the ground level to support barrier-free access and aging in place. Circulation paths maintain clear widths for mobility, while storage and mechanical components are efficiently integrated to preserve usable space. Above the entry and kitchen zone, a non-habitable loft provides additional flexible storage without increasing the regulated habitable floor area.



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FLOOR PLAN KEYNOTES

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ROOF KEYNOTES

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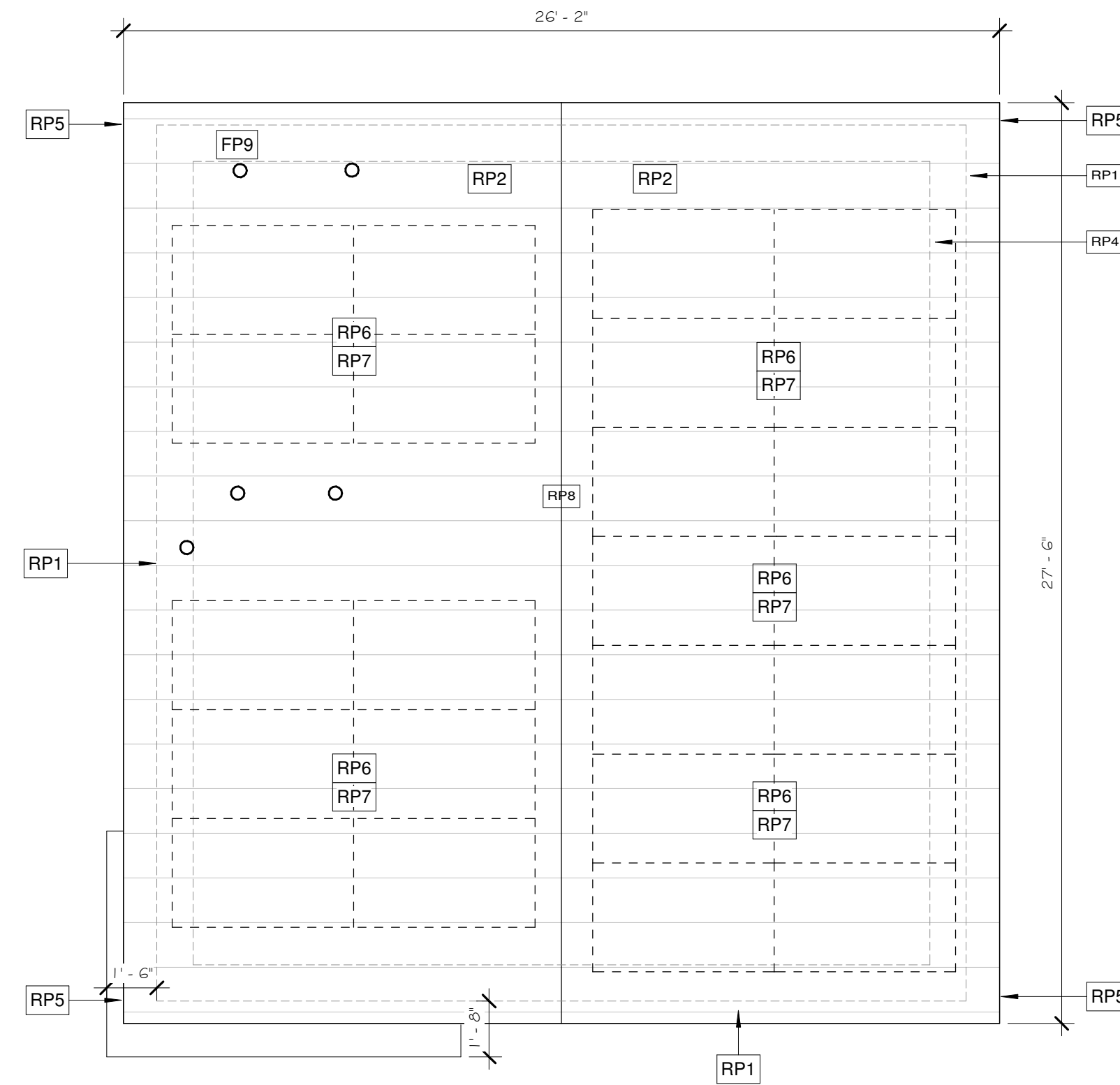
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	ROOFING		ROOF SLOPE

Scaled Floor Plan

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Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"

DESCRIPTION: The roof plan uses a simple gabled form designed for durability, energy performance, and ease of construction. The 8:12 roof slope supports efficient snow shedding in New England climates while allowing ample space for insulation to achieve high thermal performance. The roof structure uses manufacturer-engineered trusses that can be sourced locally and installed without complex framing. The south-facing roof surface is sized to accommodate a 5 kW photovoltaic array, supporting net-zero readiness without altering the building's geometry. Corrugated metal roofing is detailed to maintain the integrity of the air and water barrier while allowing future solar installation.



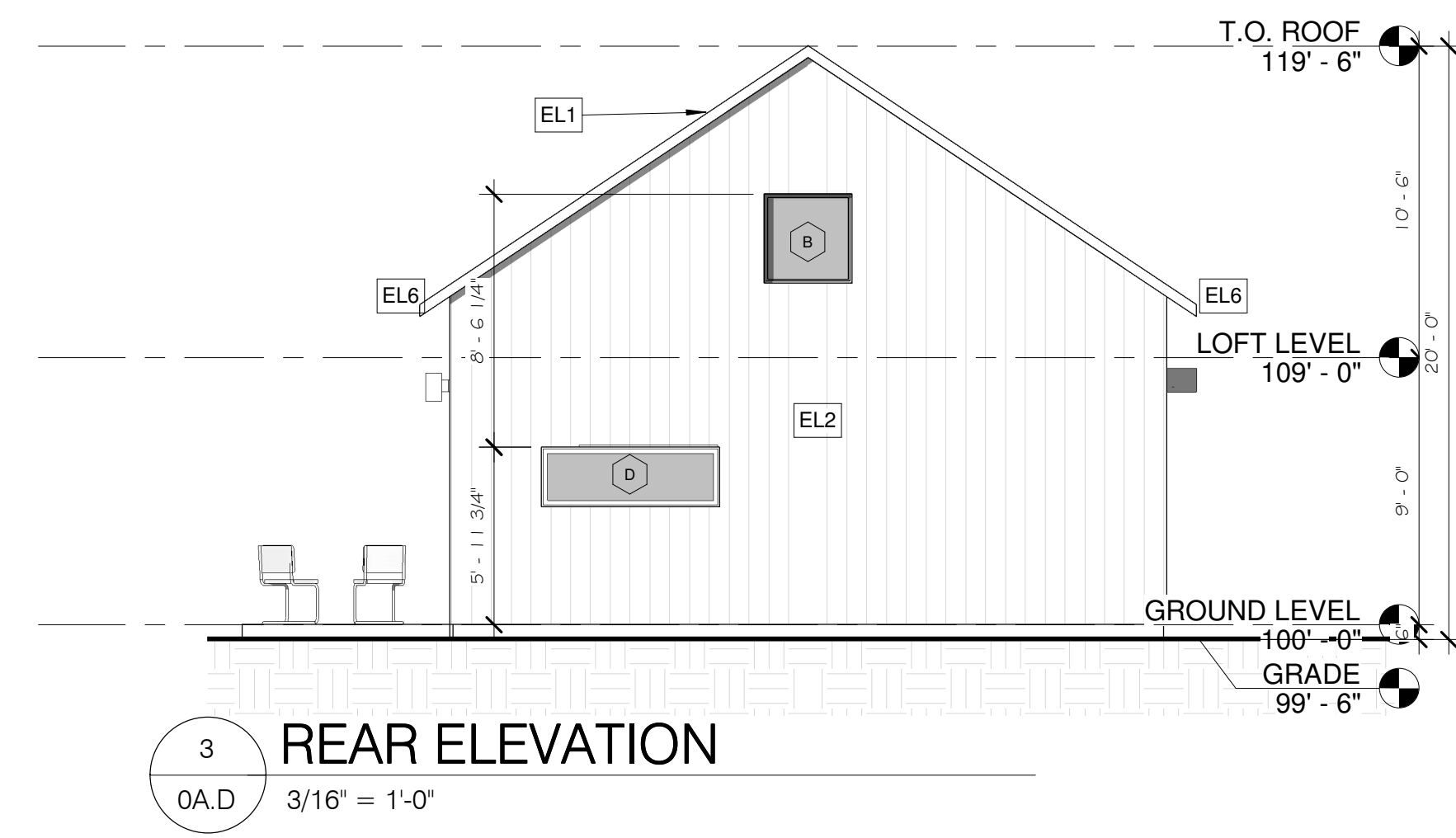
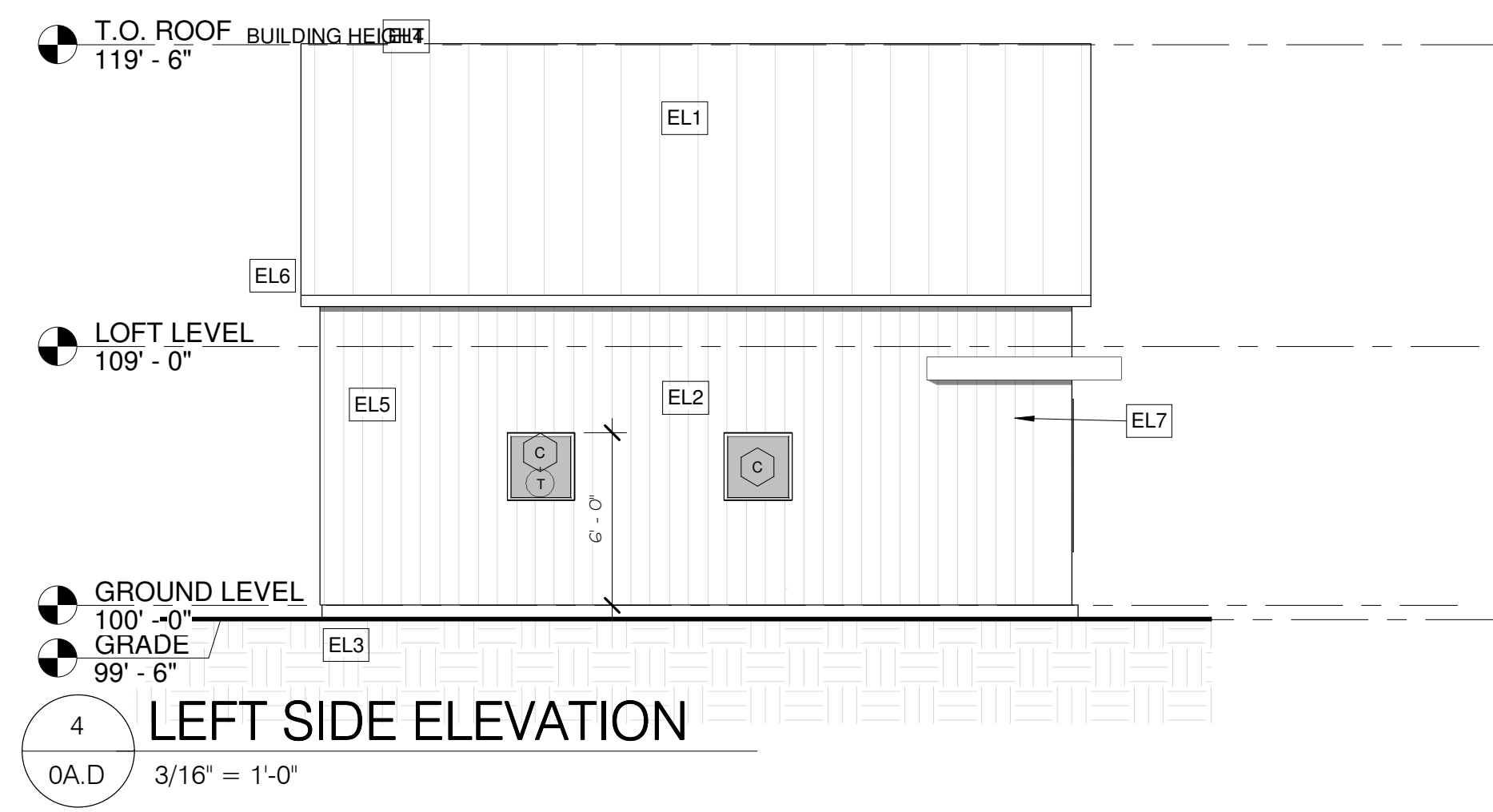
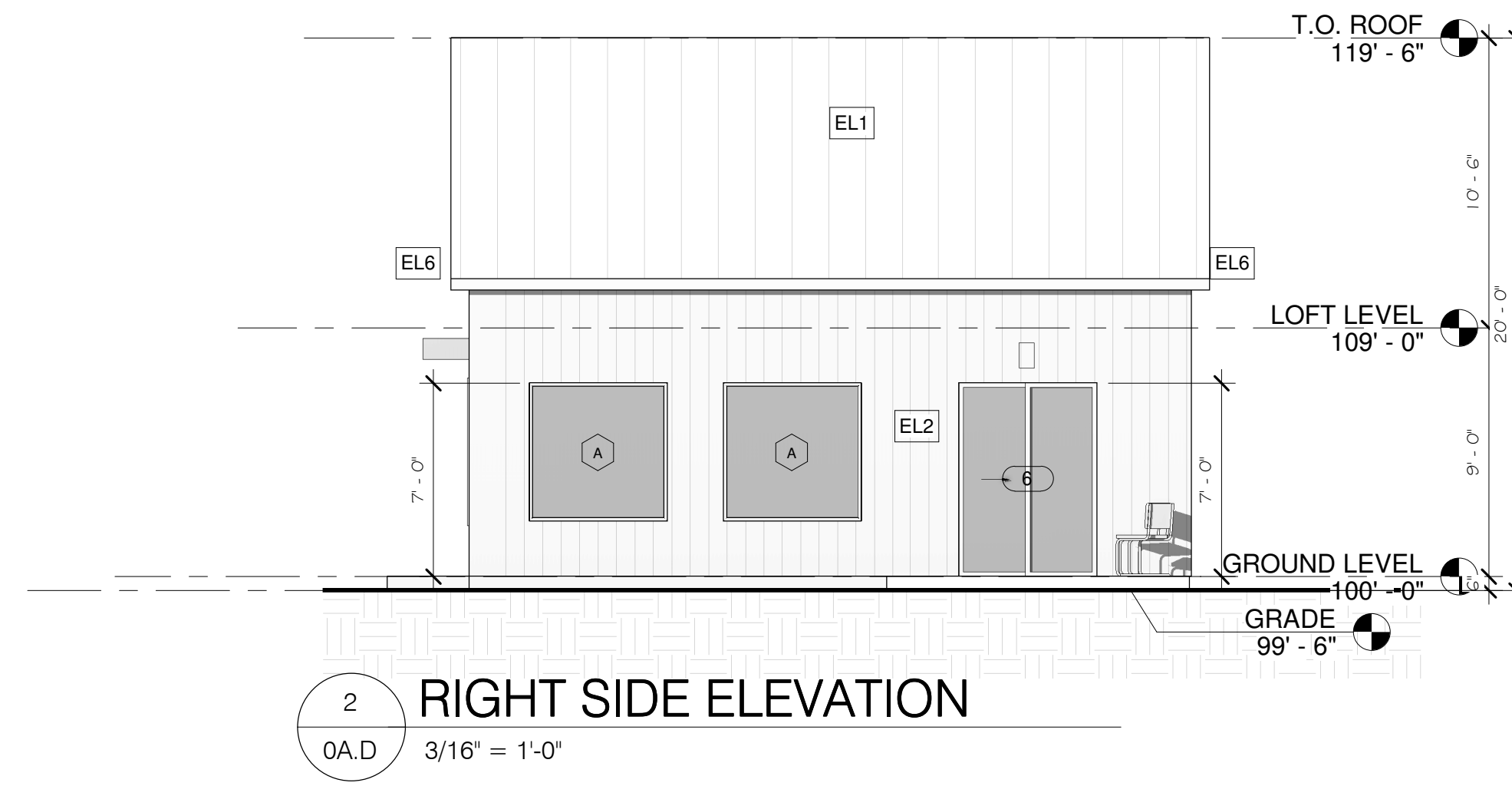
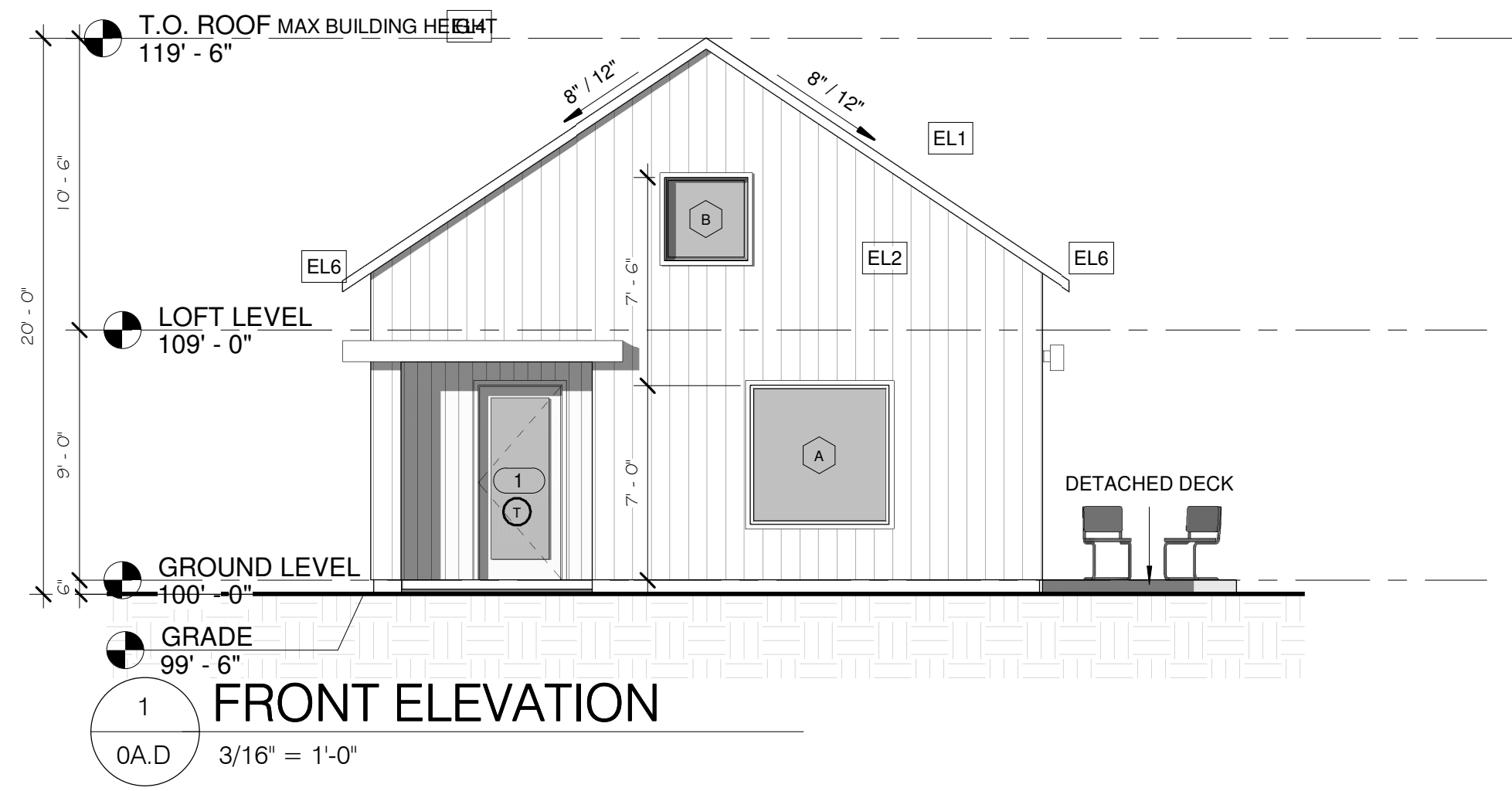
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Scaled Floor Plan
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DESCRIPTION: The exterior elevations express the compact form and straightforward construction logic of the 20-Foot House. The simple gabled volume keeps the building height below the 20-foot zoning threshold, expanding feasibility across many Massachusetts municipalities while preserving neighborhood scale. Window placements are carefully proportioned to provide daylight, views, and cross-ventilation while maintaining a modest window-to-wall ratio that supports the high-performance envelope. Vertical wood siding reinforces the building's New England character while providing durable, easily sourced cladding that can be installed using standard construction practices. The elevations demonstrate how a compact form and restrained material palette can create a small home that feels both contemporary and familiar within residential neighborhoods.



ELEVATION KEYNOTES	ELEVATION GENERAL NOTES	EXTERIOR FINISH NOTES	LEGEND	DESIGN INTENT	<p>Exterior Elevations</p> <h1>0A.D</h1> <p>Scale As indicated</p>
<p>EL1 MINIMUM CLASS A ROOF ASSEMBLY - SEE MANUFACTURER SPECIFICATIONS</p> <p>EL2 CLADDING - SEE EXTERIOR MATERIALS NOTE</p> <p>EL3 FOUNDATION FINISH - SEE EXTERIOR MATERIALS NOTE</p> <p>EL4 HEIGHT IS MEASURED AT THE BUILDING LINE FROM THE LOWER OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED GRADES IF LOT EXCEEDS 10% EXCLUSIVE OF AIR ZONE), THEN THE ADDITIONAL HEIGHT LIMITATION NEEDS TO BE SHOWN</p> <p>EL5 DRYER VENT TERMINATION (MINIMUM OF 3 FT FROM ANY OPENING)</p> <p>EL6 DOWNSPOUTS SHALL BE 2" ROUND METAL WITH ANGLED OFFSET ELBOWS AS NEEDED, SECURED WITH STRAPS SPACED EVERY 8'-4" VERTICALLY, AND MAY TERMINATE AT A SPLASH BLOCK, DRAIN TILE, OR RAINWATER HARVESTING BARREL. GUTTERS TO BE 6" HALF ROUND ALUMINUM (PRIMED & PAINTED OR MILL FINISH) WITH FASCIA MOUNTED METAL BRACKETS AT 32" O.C. AND DRIP EDGE FLASHING DIRECTED INTO GUTTER.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF FINISH, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED (U.N.O.). ALL DOORS SHALL BE LOCATED 3 1/2" FROM THE NEAREST INTERSECTING WALL AT THE HINGED SIDE, U.N.O. WRITTEN DIMENSIONS SHALL GOVERN OVER SCALED MEASUREMENTS. SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS ON SITE PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE ARCHITECT OF ANY DISCREPANCIES. REFER TO FLOOR PLANS, FRAMING PLANS, SECTIONS, AND DETAILS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DIMENSIONS. SEE DOOR AND WINDOW SCHEDULES FOR TYPES, HEIGHTS, AND HEAD ALIGNMENTS. FRAMING ELEVATIONS, INCLUDING FLOOR PLATES AND FLOOR LEVELS, ARE MEASURED FROM BUILDING FINISH FLOOR, U.N.O. SEE ROOF PLAN FOR APPROXIMATE DOWNSPOUT LOCATIONS, U.N.O. COORDINATE WITH GUTTER LAYOUT AND DETAIL SHEETS. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY EXTERIOR COLOR SCHEME AND MATERIAL FINISHES WITH OWNER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. EXISTING AND FINISH GRADE LINES SHALL BE CLEARLY SHOWN ON ALL ELEVATIONS. MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT SHALL BE MEASURED FROM THE LOWER OF THE EXISTING OR FINISH GRADE ADJACENT TO THE STRUCTURE, AS DEFINED BY STATE BUILDING CODE AND LOCAL ZONING BYLAWS. INDICATE THE HEIGHT LIMITATION LINE ON ALL ELEVATIONS. 	<p>IF THE NATURAL SLOPE OF THE LOT EXCEEDS TEN PERCENT (10%), THE HEIGHT LIMITATION SHALL BE ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL ZONING PROVISIONS GOVERNING MEASUREMENT ON SLOPED LOTS. PROVIDE SLOPE CALCULATIONS AND REFERENCE GRADE POINTS ON SITE PLAN AND ELEVATIONS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> VERIFY FINISH FLOOR ELEVATIONS AND TOP OF FOUNDATION ELEVATIONS WITH CIVIL OR SURVEY DRAWINGS PRIOR TO FRAMING. PROVIDE CONTINUOUS WEATHER RESISTIVE BARRIER AND FLASHING AT ALL PENETRATIONS, OPENINGS, AND MATERIAL TRANSITIONS PER MANUFACTURER REQUIREMENTS. PROVIDE METAL DRIP EDGE AT ALL ROOF EAVES AND GABLES. WINDOW AND DOOR HEADS TO ALIGN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. PROVIDE BACKER ROD AND SEALANT AT CONTROL JOINTS, DISSIMILAR MATERIAL TRANSITIONS, AND PENETRATIONS. EXTERIOR LIGHT FIXTURES SHALL BE DARK-SKY COMPLIANT AND RATED FOR DAMP OR WET LOCATIONS AS APPLICABLE. ALL EXTERIOR WALL ASSEMBLIES SHALL INCLUDE A CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER AND INSULATION PER ENERGY CODE REQUIREMENTS. COORDINATE ALL MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING PENETRATIONS THROUGH WALLS AND ROOF WITH ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN POSITIVE DRAINAGE AWAY FROM FOUNDATION WALLS AFTER FINAL GRADING. FIELD VERIFY ALL MOUNTING HEIGHTS FOR FIXTURES, METER BOXES, AND EXTERIOR EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. 	<p>EXTERIOR CARPENTRY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> WOOD FOR EXTERIOR USE SHALL HAVE A MOISTURE CONTENT BETWEEN 9 TO 15 PERCENT, WHEN DELIVERED TO THE PROJECT. REFER TO OWNERS STAINPANT SCHEDULE <p>ROOFING, FLASHING & GUTTERS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ROOFING SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS. STORM WALKING AT FOUR COURSES CLOSEST TO RIDGE. DOUBLE LAYER STARTER COURSE. FLASHING SHALL BE 6" PREFORMED DRIP EDGES AT ROOFS. PREFORMED DRIP EDGES AT WINDOW AND DOOR CASING HEADS, SIZED TO FIT. SUBMIT ANY RIDGE & SHED VENTS FOR APPROVAL. ROOFING FELT: 15# ASPHALT IMPREGNATED. ICE & WATER SHIELD: 72" WIDE CONTINUOUS AT ROOF EDGES & 36" VALLEYS & WALLS. PROVIDE FULL ICE & WATER SHIELD LAYER AT ROOFS WITH 4:12 SLOPE OR LESS, WHERE ASPHALT ROOFING IS SPECIFIED. GUTTERS: SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH ALL ACCESSORIES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS. SUBMIT STANDARD COLOR CHART TO ARCHITECT FOR APPROVAL. DOWNSPOUTS: ROUND ALUMINUM WITH ALL ACCESSORIES AND INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS. SUBMIT STANDARD COLOR CHART TO ARCHITECT FOR APPROVAL. VERIFY LOCATIONS & CONNECT TO UNDERGROUND DRAIN SYSTEM. MEMBRANE "BUBBER" ROOFING AT LOW SLOPE ROOFS SHALL BE 60 MIL EPDM FULLY ADHERED, LAP JOINTS 6". 	<p>SECTION CUT</p> <p>ELEVATION CALLOUT</p> <p>DETAIL DRAWING REF.</p> <p>ELEVATION MARKER</p> <p>KEYNOTE</p> <p>DOOR SYMBOL</p> <p>WINDOW SYMBOL</p> <p>TEMPERED GLASS</p> <p>GLAZING</p> <p>ROOFING</p> <p>VERTICAL SIDING</p>	

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THE ROOF ASSEMBLY relies on continuous airtightness, full insulation depth at eaves, and uninterrupted ventilation from soffit to ridge.

Install intelligent vapor control membrane (Basis of Design: Pro Clima Intello or approved equal) continuously on the warm side. Fully tape and seal all seams, terminations, and penetrations. Maintain continuous air barrier alignment between wall and roof assemblies; seal membrane to top plates and framing.

Energy heel scissor trusses shall allow full insulation thickness over exterior walls without compression. Install dense-pack cellulose at required density with approved netting. Provide ventilation baffles at each truss bay to maintain a minimum 2 1/2" continuous vent cavity above insulation. Do not block airflow.

R1 ROOF ASSEMBLY

EXTERIOR AIR BARRIER / WRB NOTE:
Provide self-adhered, vapor-permeable membrane (Basis of Design: Henry Blueskin VP100 or approved equal) as primary exterior air barrier and water-resistive barrier.

Install continuously over exterior sheathing in accordance with manufacturer instructions. Fully adhere and roll membrane; shingle-lap to shed water.

Seal all seams, terminations, and penetrations with manufacturer-approved materials. Integrate continuously with window flashings, foundation waterproofing, roof underlayment, and interior air barrier to maintain airtightness.

VAPOR CONTROL NOTE:
The intelligent vapor control membrane (Basis of Design: Pro Clima Intello or approved equal) shall serve as the primary interior air barrier and vapor control layer. The membrane must be installed continuously on the warm side of the insulation, fully taped at all seams and sealed at all perimeters, transitions, and penetrations to maintain uninterrupted airtightness. Airtight installation is critical to performance. All penetrations—including electrical boxes and the single accent chandelier—shall be gasketed and sealed to the membrane. Recessed lighting is not permitted. Any additional ceiling penetrations require a dedicated service cavity below the membrane to preserve air barrier continuity.

PROVIDE 2" OF EPS RIGID INSULATION ON THE INTERIOR FACE OF THE RIM JOIST TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS INSULATION. SEAL ALL EDGES OF THE EPS USING LOW-EXPANSION FOAM OR APPROVED SEALANT TO MAINTAIN THE AIR BARRIER. ENSURE CONTINUITY WITH ADJACENT AIR BARRIER MATERIALS

W1 WALL ASSEMBLY

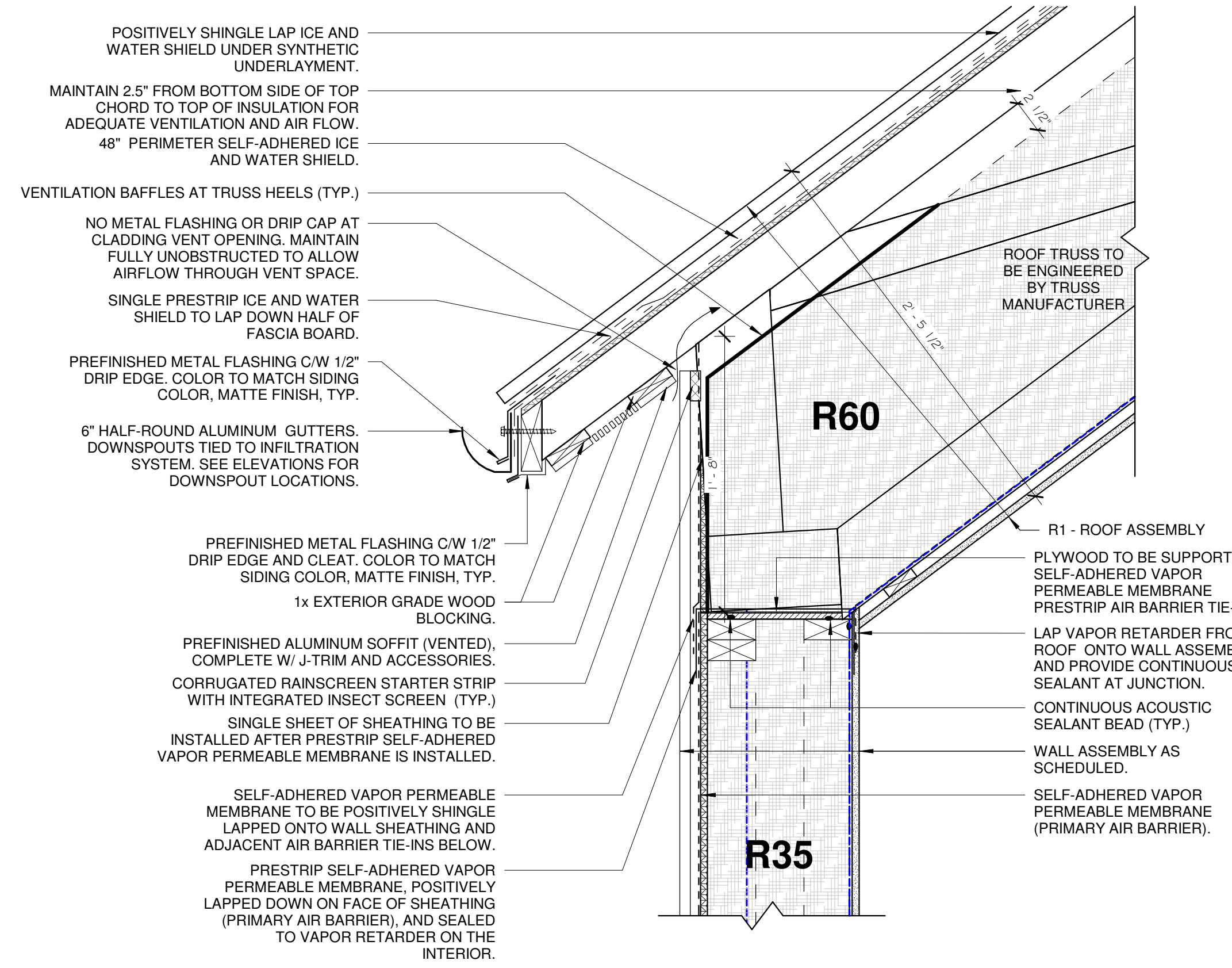
THE WALL ASSEMBLY requires a continuous exterior air barrier, dense-pack cellulose insulation installed at full manufacturer-specified density, and a fully vented 1/4" rainscreen to promote outward drying of the sheathing.

The interior intelligent vapor control membrane (Basis of Design: Pro Clima Intello or approved equal) shall be installed continuously across the inner stud layer and sealed at all joints, plates, corners, and penetrations to provide interior vapor control and air barrier continuity.

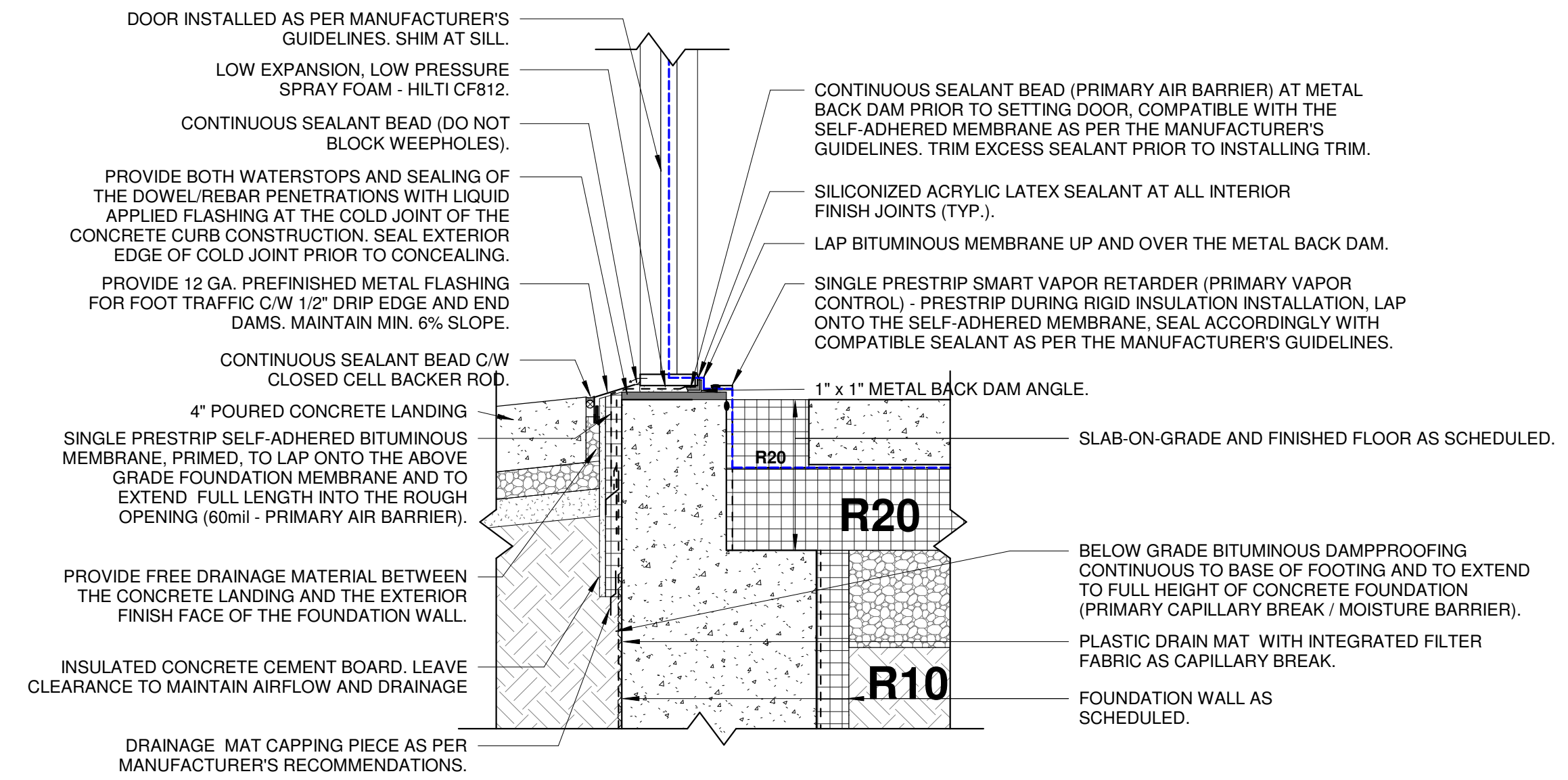
Proper installation and commissioning of the ERV is required to maintain stable interior humidity levels and protect the high-R wall assembly for long-term durability.

THE FLOOR ASSEMBLY depends on continuous high-compressive-strength EPS beneath the slab and EPS installed vertically between the stem wall and slab edge to minimize thermal bridging and maintain a continuous insulation layer. All foam board joints must be installed tight, sealed where required, and protected from moisture intrusion, with vapor control layers properly lapped and continuous under the entire slab. Coordination with structural drawings and site conditions is required, and the ERV must be installed and commissioned to control interior humidity, ensuring the insulated slab performs as designed over the long term.

1 TYPICAL WALL SECTION AT EAVE & ZERO STEP ENTRY THRESHOLD
3/4" = 1'-0"



2 ENLARGED ROOF DETAIL AT EAVE
1 1/2" = 1'-0"



3 ENLARGED ZERO STEP THRESHOLD DETAIL
1 1/2" = 1'-0"

CONSTRUCTION ASSEMBLIES

- W1 - DOUBLE STUD WALL ASSEMBLY:**
- FSC PINE BOARD & BATTEN SIDING (PAINTED, LOW VOC EXT. GRADE PAINT), ORIENTED VERTICALLY
 - 3/4" P.T. WOOD STRAPPING, ORIENTED DIAGONALLY
 - SELF-ADHERED VAPOR PERMEABLE MEMBRANE (PRIMARY AIR BARRIER).
 - 1/2" EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD SHEATHING
 - R38 DENSE PACK CELLULOSE
 - 2x4" WOOD STUDS @ 12" O.C.
 - 3.5" SPACE BETWEEN FRAMING (FILLED WITH INSULATION)
 - 2x4" WOOD STUDS @ 12" O.C.
 - INTELLIGENT AIR BARRIER AND VAPOR CONTROL LAYER (BASIS OF DESIGN: PRO CLIMA INTELLO)
 - 1/2" BLUEBOARD AND PAINTED PLASTER

- R1 - ROOF ASSEMBLY:**
- CORRUGATED METAL ROOFING
 - SYNTHETIC ROOF UNDERLAYMENT (VAPOR PERMEABLE)
 - 5/8" PLYWOOD ROOF SHEATHING
 - ROOF TRUSS - REFER TO STRUCTURAL
 - 2" AIR GAP OR BAFFLES
 - 11.25" DENSE BLOWN CELLULOSE, R-40
 - INTELLIGENT AIR BARRIER AND VAPOR CONTROL LAYER (BASIS OF DESIGN: PRO CLIMA INTELLO)
 - 3/4" WOOD STRAPPING @ 16" O.C.
 - 1/2" BLUEBOARD AND PAINTED PLASTER

- F1 - FLOOR ASSEMBLY:**
- FINISH FLOOR AS SCHEDULED
 - 4" REINFORCED CONCRETE SLAB-ON-GRADE (PER STRUCTURAL)
 - CONTINUOUS VAPOR BARRIER BELOW SLAB, MINIMUM 10 MIL., SEALED AT SEAMS AND PENETRATIONS
 - CONTINUOUS RIGID INSULATION BELOW SLAB AND VERTICALLY AT SLAB EDGE (EPS OR APPROVED EQUAL), THICKNESS PER ENERGY COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION
 - COMPACTED GRANULAR BASE AS REQUIRED
 - FOUNDATION WALL AND FOOTING PER STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS

SECTION GENERAL NOTES

- MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS ALIGNMENT OF AIR, WATER, AND THERMAL CONTROL LAYERS ACROSS WALL, ROOF, AND SLAB TRANSITIONS.
- COORDINATE ENVELOPE ASSEMBLIES TO PRESERVE FULL-DEPTH INSULATION AND VENTILATION CLEARANCES.
- MINIMIZE PENETRATIONS THROUGH THE THERMAL ENVELOPE. SEAL ALL PENETRATIONS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE DESIGNATED AIR BARRIER PLANE.
- PROVIDE POSITIVE DRAINAGE AND SHINGLE-LAP SEQUENCING AT ALL EXTERIOR ASSEMBLIES TO PREVENT WATER INTRUSION.
- INSTALL FIRE BLOCKING IN CONCEALED VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CAVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 780 CMR SECTION R302.11.
- FIELD VERIFY DIMENSIONS AND COORDINATE DOOR THRESHOLD ELEVATIONS TO MAINTAIN ZERO-STEP ACCESSIBILITY AND REQUIRED EXTERIOR SLOPE.

Wall Section
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Scale As indicated





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