

CLAYOQUOT SOUND BIOSPHERE CENTRE

Where Learning, Culture, and Climate Action Come Together



A community knowledge hub in one of the world’s most significant UNESCO Biosphere Regions

The Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Centre is a 10,000 sq. ft., zero-carbon, mass timber hub in the UNESCO-designated Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region, designed to bring together learning, cultural knowledge, and climate leadership under one roof. The centre will be a shared space for Indigenous, community, and research-led programming.

Serving Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, local communities, youth, researchers, and visitors, the Centre will enable education, skills training, and year-round economic resilience in Tofino, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

The project is fully permitted and construction-ready!

What this Centre will deliver:

- » A community and visitor hub to support a year round tourism economy
- » A space for training and skills development for local workforce and youth
- » A platform for Indigenous knowledge and cultural leadership
- » A culturally safe and inclusive gathering space
- » A living learning laboratory for environmental stewardship and climate action
- » A model for low-carbon, climate-responsive design

Who it serves:

- » Nuu-chah-nulth Nations in whose territory we operate
- » Residents of Tofino, Ucluelet, and the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District
- » Youth and future leaders
- » Researchers, educators, and knowledge holders
- » Local non-profits, schools and training organizations
- » Visitors seeking meaningful, place-based experiences

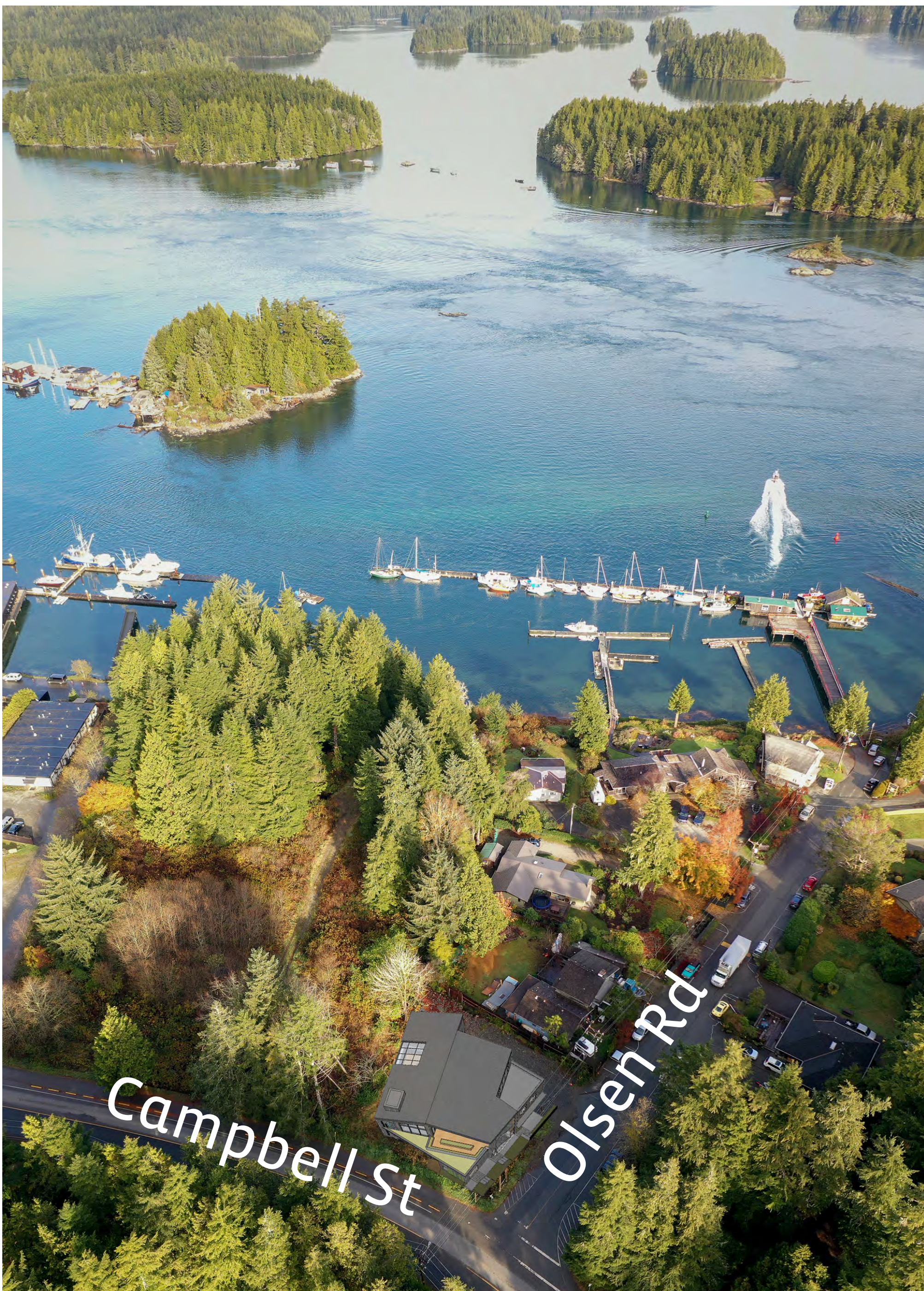
Progress to date:

- » Land secured and owned by CBT
- » Design and Class A costing estimate complete
- » Building permit issued (December 2025)
- » \$12.5M secured (as of April 2026)
- » Indigenous partnership embedded from inception
- » 100+ letters of support
- » Self-sustaining social enterprise operating model
- » Community-based, data-informed programming

Timeline:

- » Today: Fully permitted, shovel ready
- » Next Phase: Procurement and Construction
- » Build Time: 18–22 months

**This is not about proving the Vision
- it is about building it!**



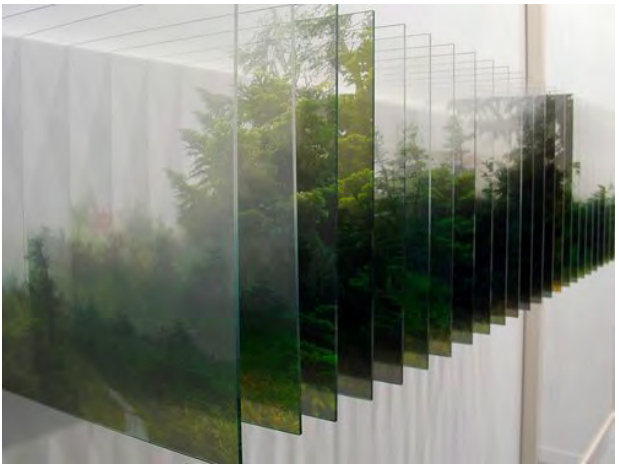
SPACES DESIGNED FOR COMMUNITY, CULTURE, ART, AND LEARNING

UNESCO VISITOR CENTRE AND EXHIBITION SPACE

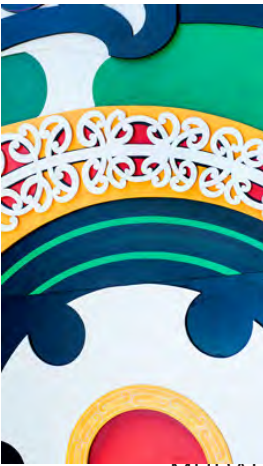
- » Interactive exhibits on biodiversity, culture, and climate
- » Gateway for 750,000+ annual visitors to the region
- » Showcases Indigenous knowledge and stewardship
- » Provides a platform for storytelling, research and data sharing
- » Extends visitor stays and local spending
- » Builds global awareness of the Biosphere Region
- » Anchors the region's first UNESCO visitor experience



HANGING PIECE
(CORINNE YOUNG)



TRANSLUCENT PIECE
(FUKUOKA)



MURAL
(TUHOE NATION)



EDUCATION AND TRAINING SPACE

- » Provides flexible rooms for workshops, training, and events
- » Includes collaboration space for local organizations
- » Serves as a hub for research, upskilling and education
- » Enables year-round programming
- » Supports local NGOs and social service organizations
- » Builds workforce skills and community capacity



TEXTILE PIECE
(DEBORAH SPARROW - MUSQUEAM)



AUDITORY PIECE
(JENNIFER PRITCHARD)



LANDSCAPE INLAY
(UNKNOWN)

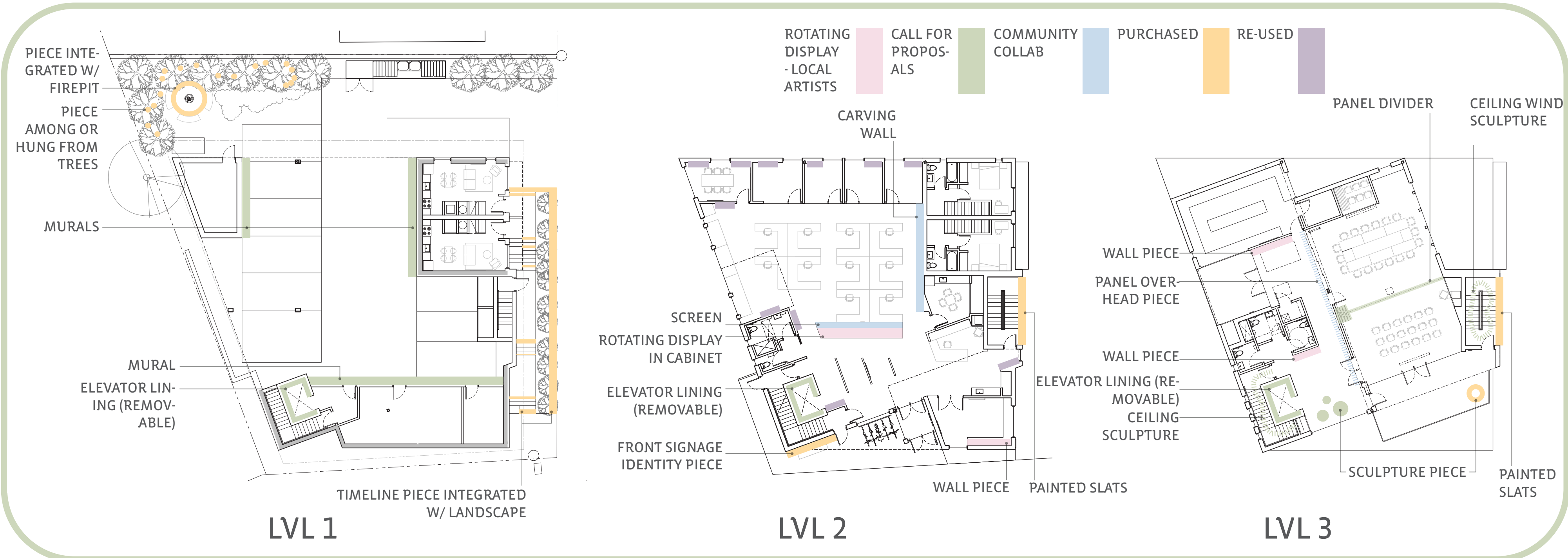


ELDERS ROOM

- » Provides a dedicated space for Nuu-chah-nulth knowledge
- » Supports intergenerational learning and cultural programming
- » Offers a quiet, culturally grounded gathering space
- » Supports reconciliation in action
- » Preserves and shares cultural knowledge
- » Strengthens community wellbeing and identity

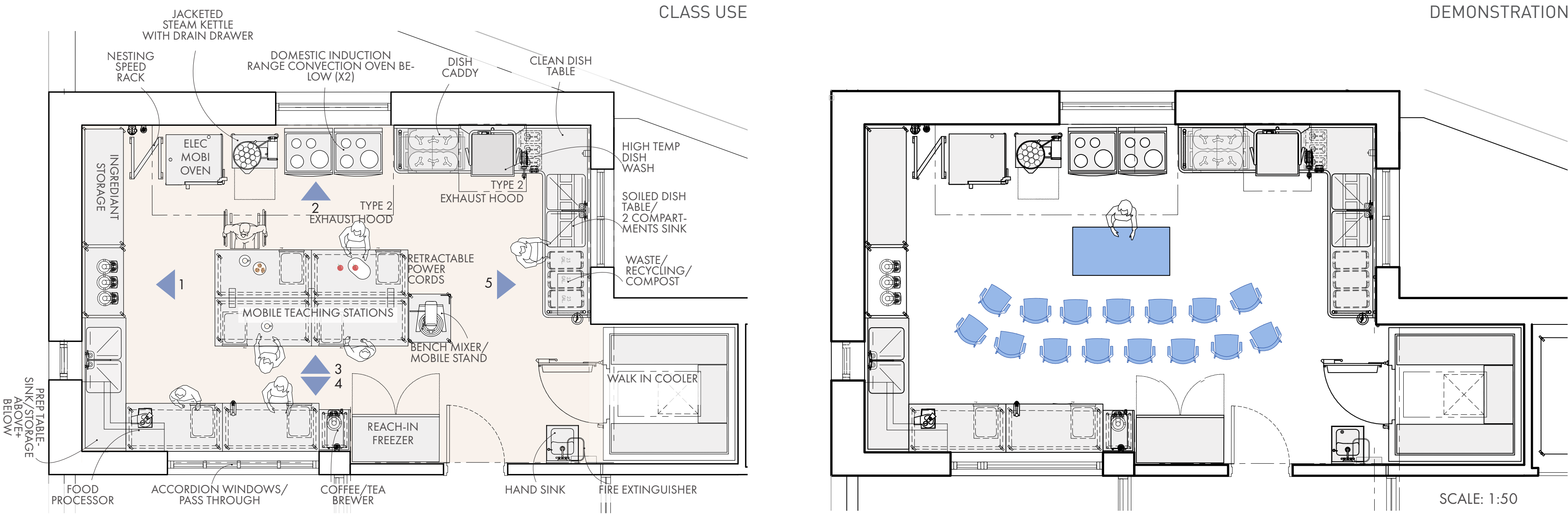
ART PROGRAM

- » Features rotating Indigenous and local art
- » Includes permanent installations integrated into the building
- » Offers multi-sensory, place-based storytelling experiences
- » Celebrates culture and identity
- » Creates a living, evolving community space
- » Increase diverse economic opportunities for west coast artists



FOOD, CULTURE, ACCESSIBILITY, AND COMMUNITY

TEACHING KITCHEN - FUNCTIONAL FLEXIBILITY



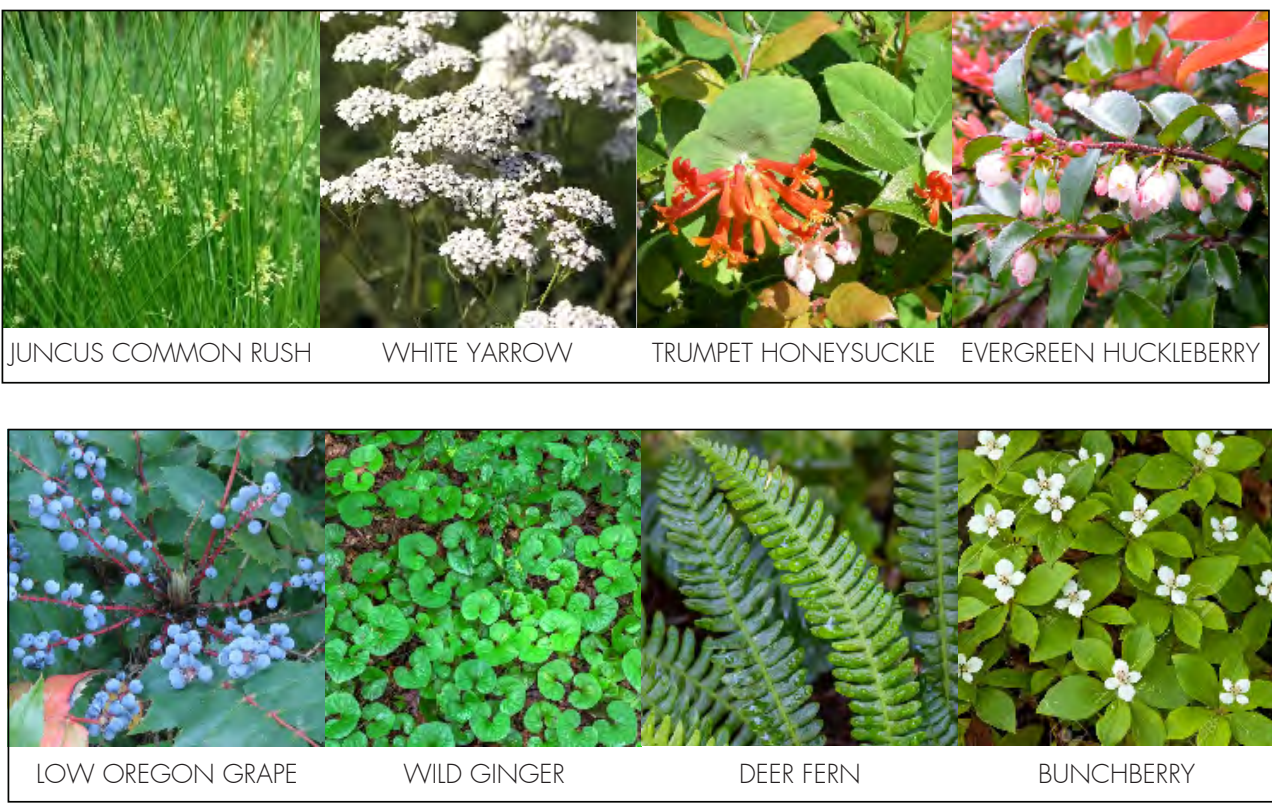
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND CULINARY TOURISM

- » Delivers food industry certifications and job training
- » Supports Indigenous food entrepreneurship
- » Provides visitor workshops and experiences
- » Creates employment pathways
- » Contributes to diverse local food economy
- » Drives year-round tourism
- » Delivers cooking, preservation, and food security programs
- » Strengthens food sovereignty and cultural food systems
- » Provides youth and family education opportunities
- » Hosts community meals and cultural food practices
- » Improves health outcomes
- » Strengthens food security
- » Builds life skills and resilience



ESSENTIAL HOUSING AND OUTDOOR SPACES

- » Includes 2 residential units integrated into the building
- » Supports workforce retention and essential housing needs
- » Provides integrated parking, electric vehicle charging stations
- » Indigenous plants and edible gardens
- » Ceremonial Fire pit area
- » Outdoor classrooms and gathering space
- » Connection to land and place



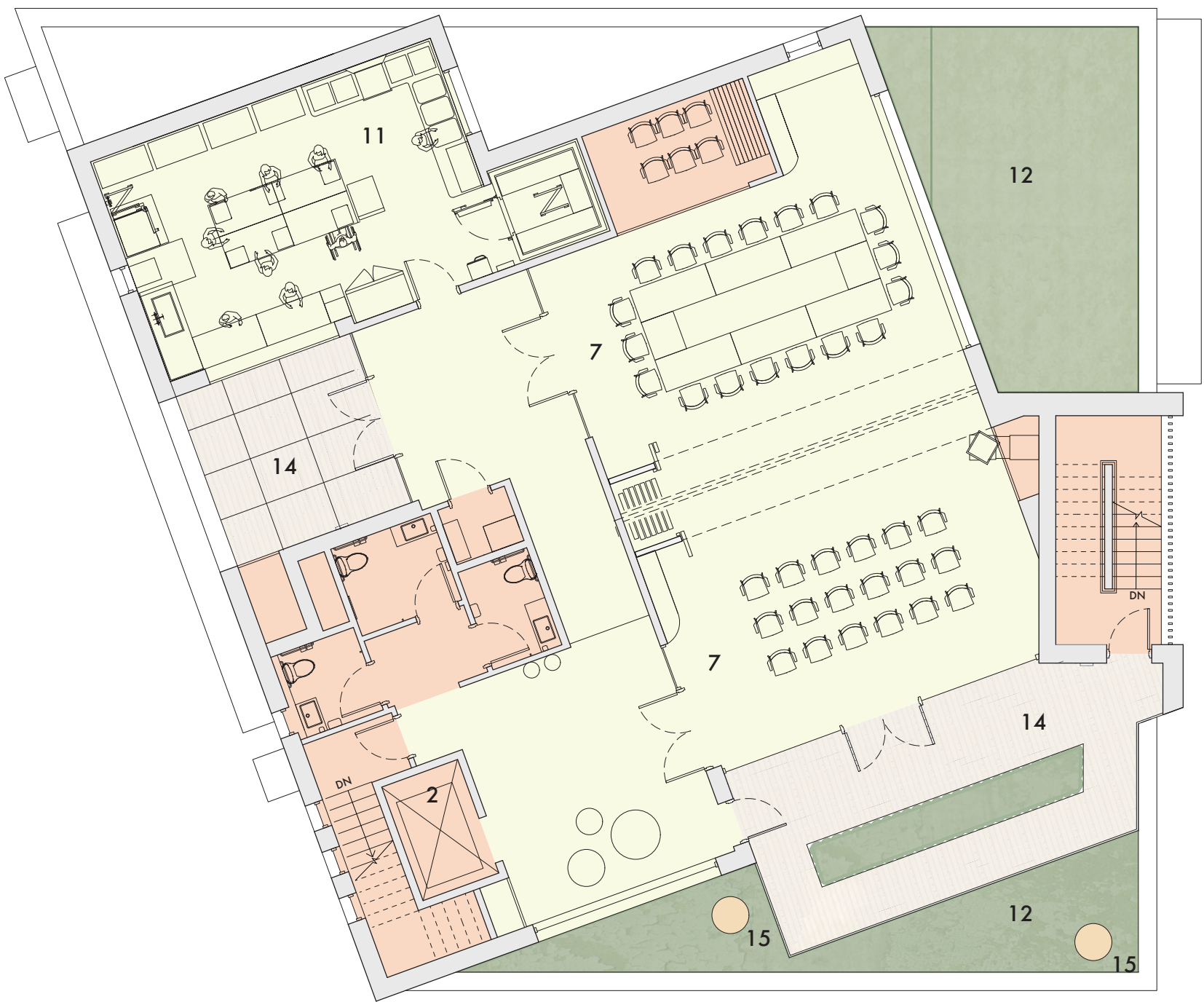
INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE

- » Universal design throughout
- » Elevator + barrier-free access
- » All-gender washrooms
- » Sensory-aware and inclusive spaces
- » Community engagement throughout design

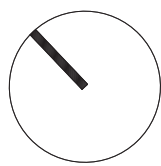


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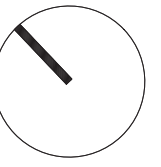
- GATHERING
- SERVICES



◀ Level 2



- WORKING
- GATHERING
- RESIDENTIAL
- SERVICES



- LEGEND
1. RESIDENTIAL UNIT
 2. ELEVATOR
 3. MAIN ENTRANCE
 4. VISITOR CENTRE
 5. ELDERS ROOM
 6. EXHIBITION SPACE
 7. EDUCATION AND TRAINING SPACE
 8. OFFICE
 9. COMMUNITY COMMON ROOM
 10. COLLABORATION AND RESEARCH SPACE
 11. COMMUNITY TEACHING KITCHEN
 12. LIVING GREEN ROOF
 13. MEETING ROOM
 14. OUT DOOR GATHERING SPACE
 15. WELCOME FIGURES
 16. PARKING
 17. SERVICE SPACE
 18. CEREMONY

◀ Level 1



- CONCRETE PAVER
- CONCRETE
- PLANTED
- RAINWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
- GRAVEL
- PERMEABLE PAVER W/SOD
- PERMEABLE PAVER W/ GRAVEL
- RESIDENTIAL
- SERVICES

