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THE MISSION :

AS A DESIGN TEAM, OUR TASK WAS TO DESIGN A TWO-PHASED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED IN GRAND RAPIDS, MN. OUR MAIN GOAL FOR THE PROJECT WAS TO CREATE “COMMUNITY WITHIN COMMUNITY”. THIS MEANT DESIGNING SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND INVITING SPACES THAT FOSTER COMMUNITY AND CONNECTIONS.

WE STRIVED TO FOSTER COMMUNITY BY DESIGNING CLUSTERS OF VARIED DWELLING TYPES OR “NEIGHBORHOODS” ORIENTED AROUND SHARED GATHERING SPACES THAT SPILL OUT INTO THE GREATER PATHWAYS CONNECTING THE SITE. WE TOOK THESE PATHWAYS AND EXTENDED THEM OUT TOWARDS THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD AND LOCAL LANDMARKS IN HOPES THAT THIS WILL PROMOTE CONNECTIVITY AND HELP BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE PROGRAM :

LIVING SPACE :

- (30) ONE BEDROOM APARTMENTS : 625 SF EACH
- (12) TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS : 768 SF EACH
- (5) THREE BEDROOM APARTMENTS : 1008 SF EACH
- (1) FIVE BEDROOM APARTMENTS : 1248 SF EACH
- (12) GARAGES : 32 SF EACH

COMMUNITY SPACE :

GREAT ROOM : 2,000 SF
GARDEN / PATIO / PLAYGROUND : 20,000 SF
STORAGE : 800 SF
WALKING PATHS

SERVICES :

- (4) OFFICES : 120 SF EACH
- UTILITY / MAINTANENCE : 1,300 SF

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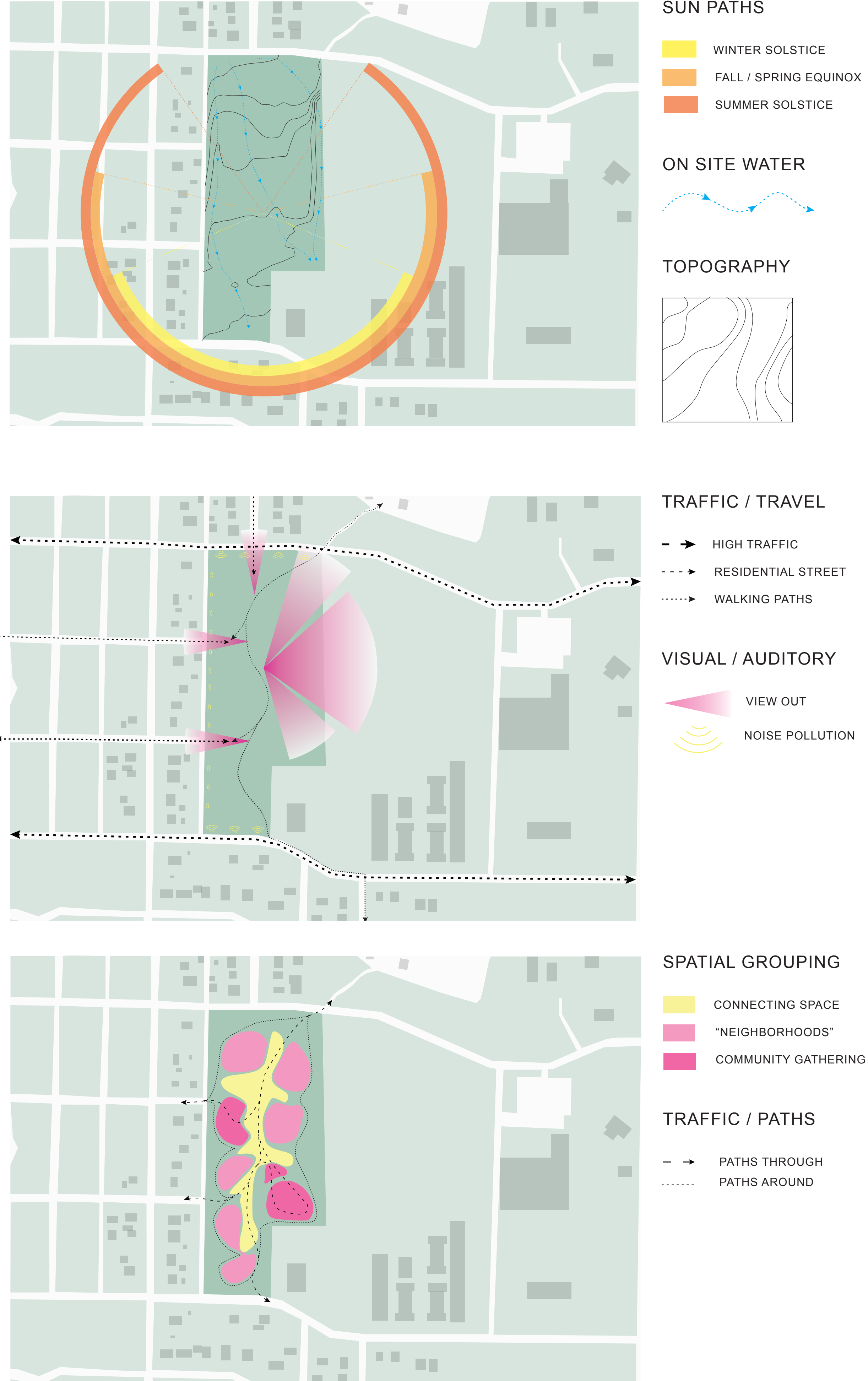
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THE NEIGHBORHOOD :



THE ANALYSIS



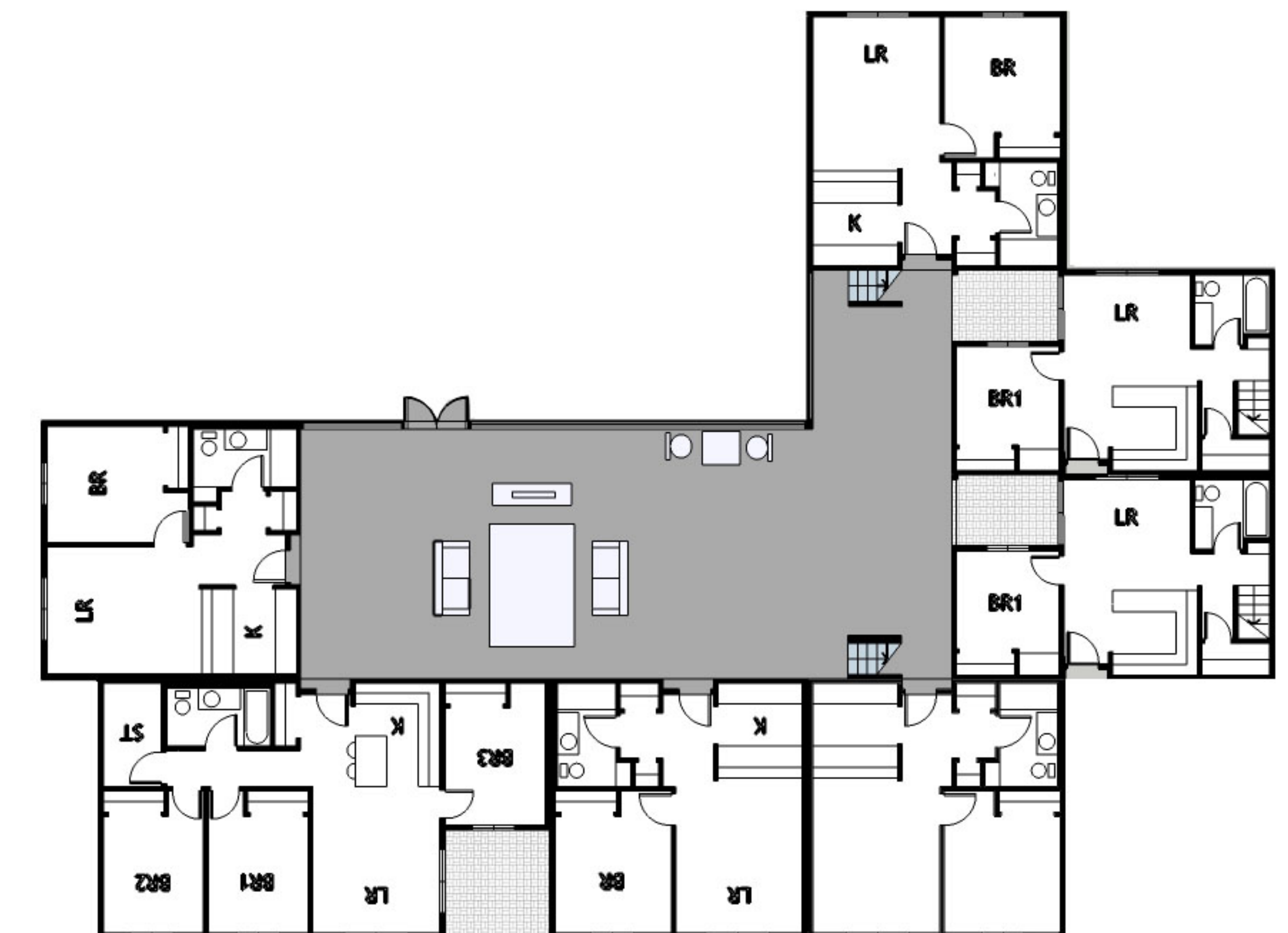
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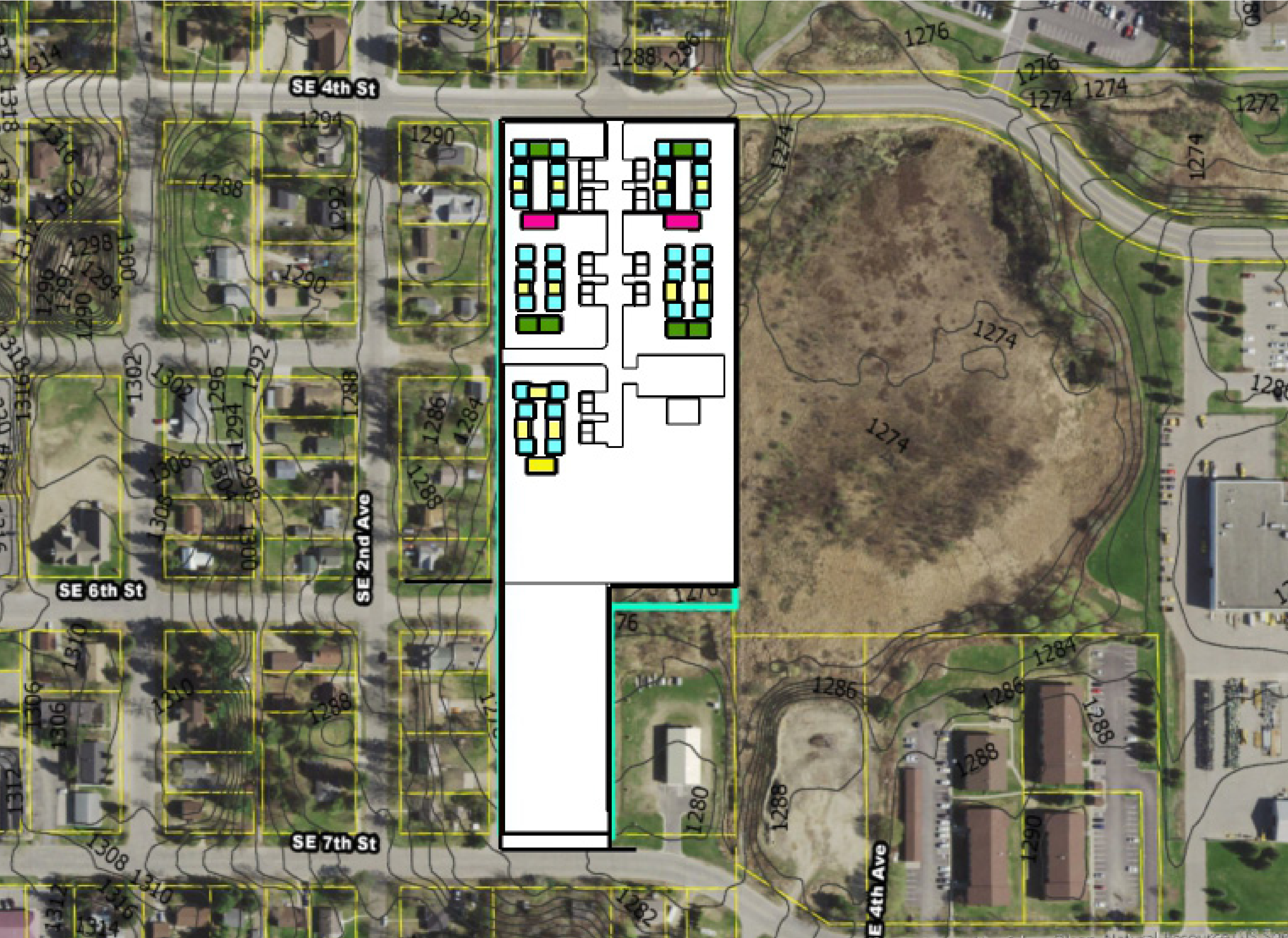
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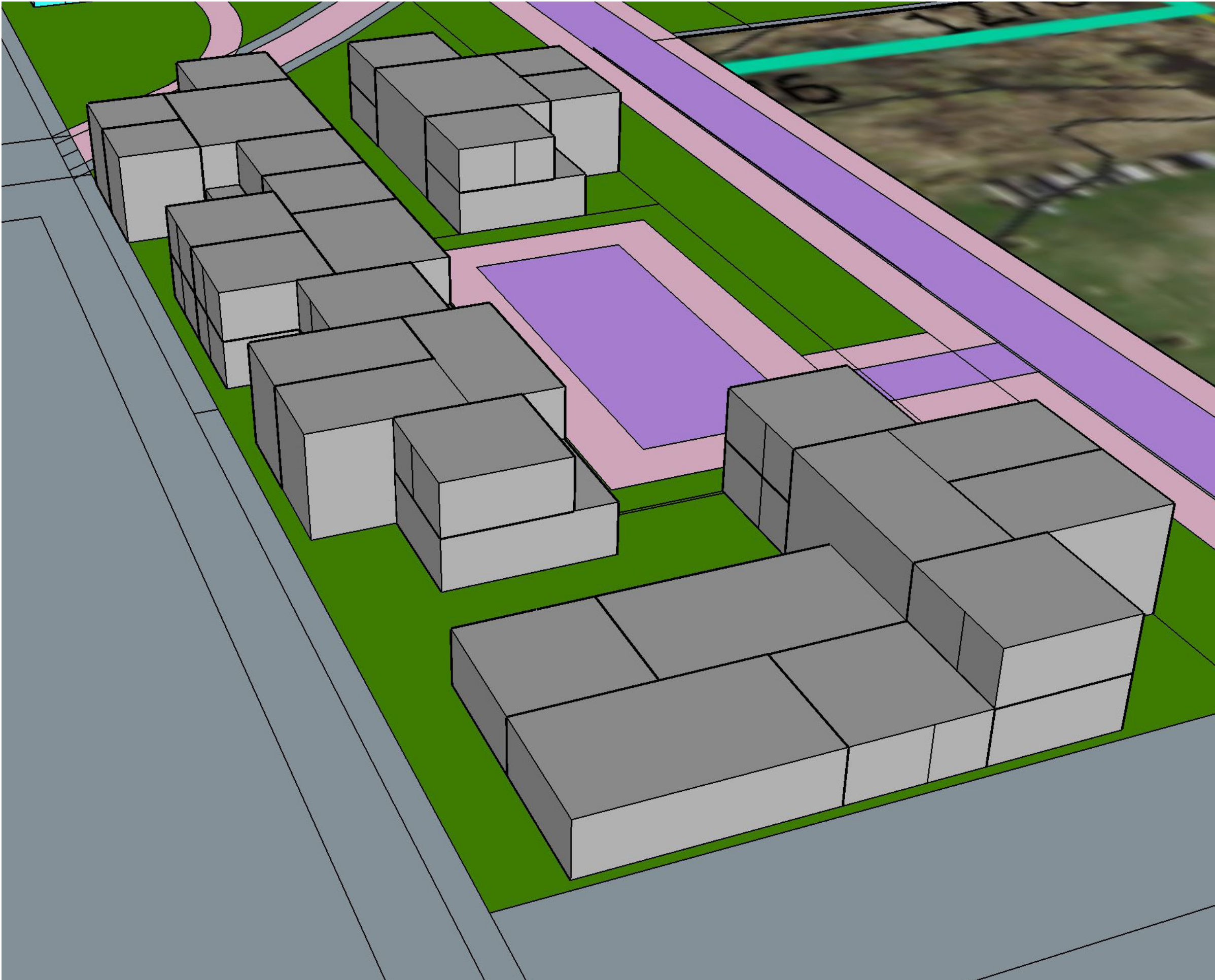
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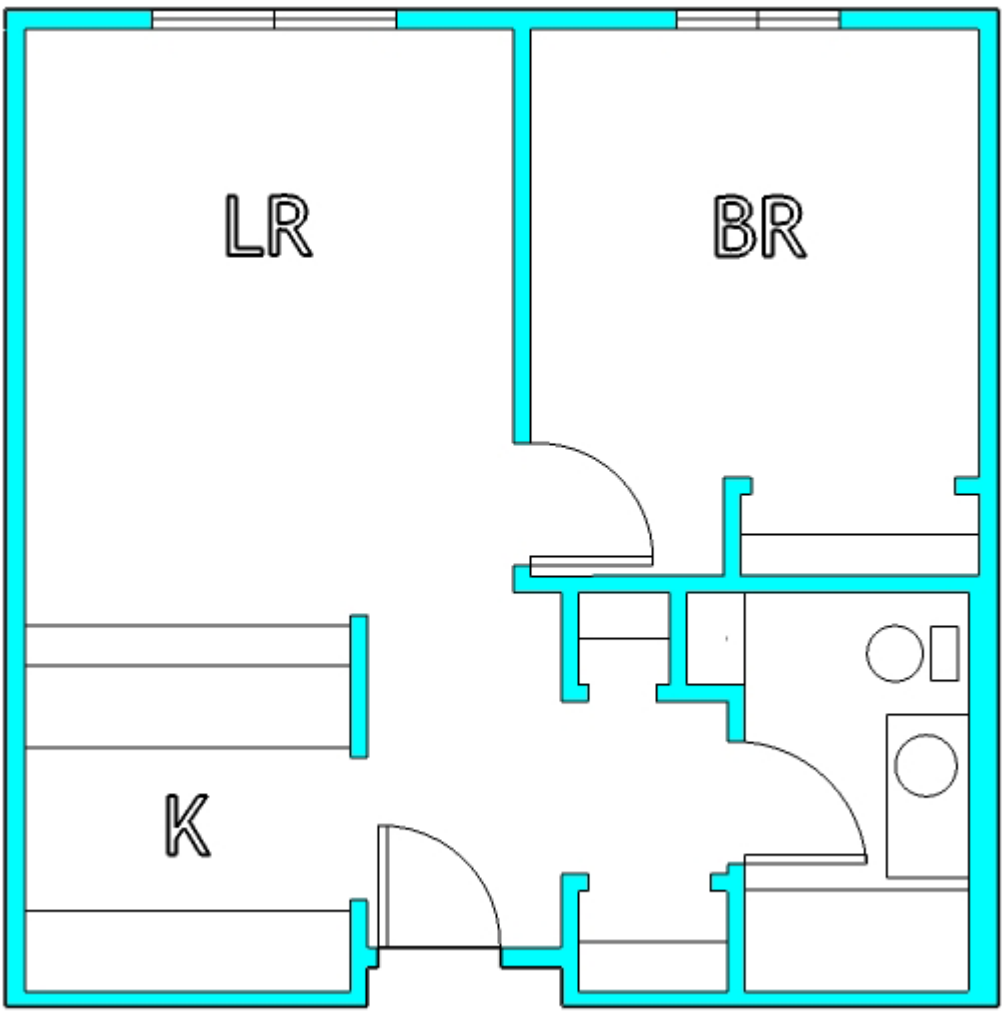
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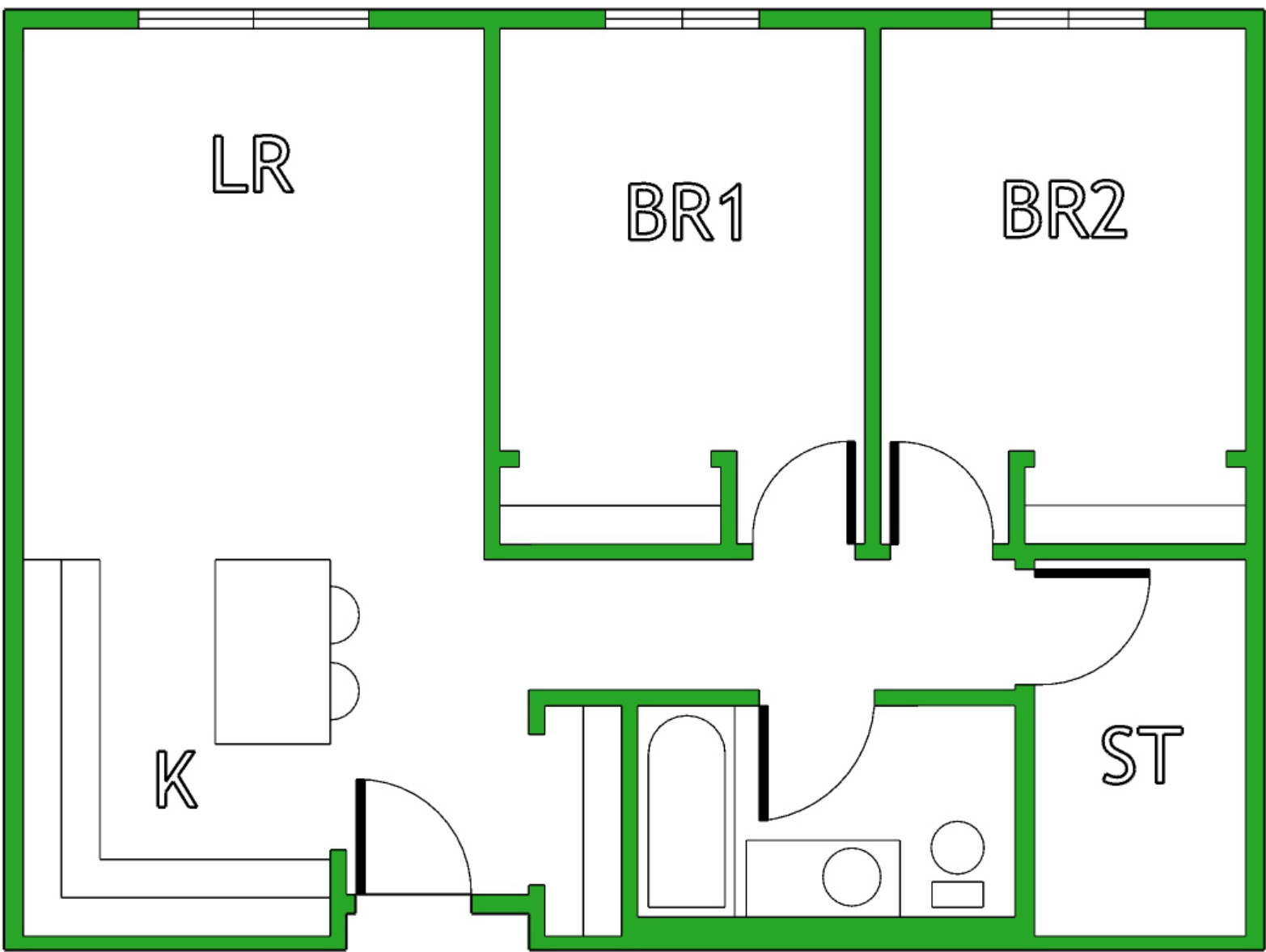
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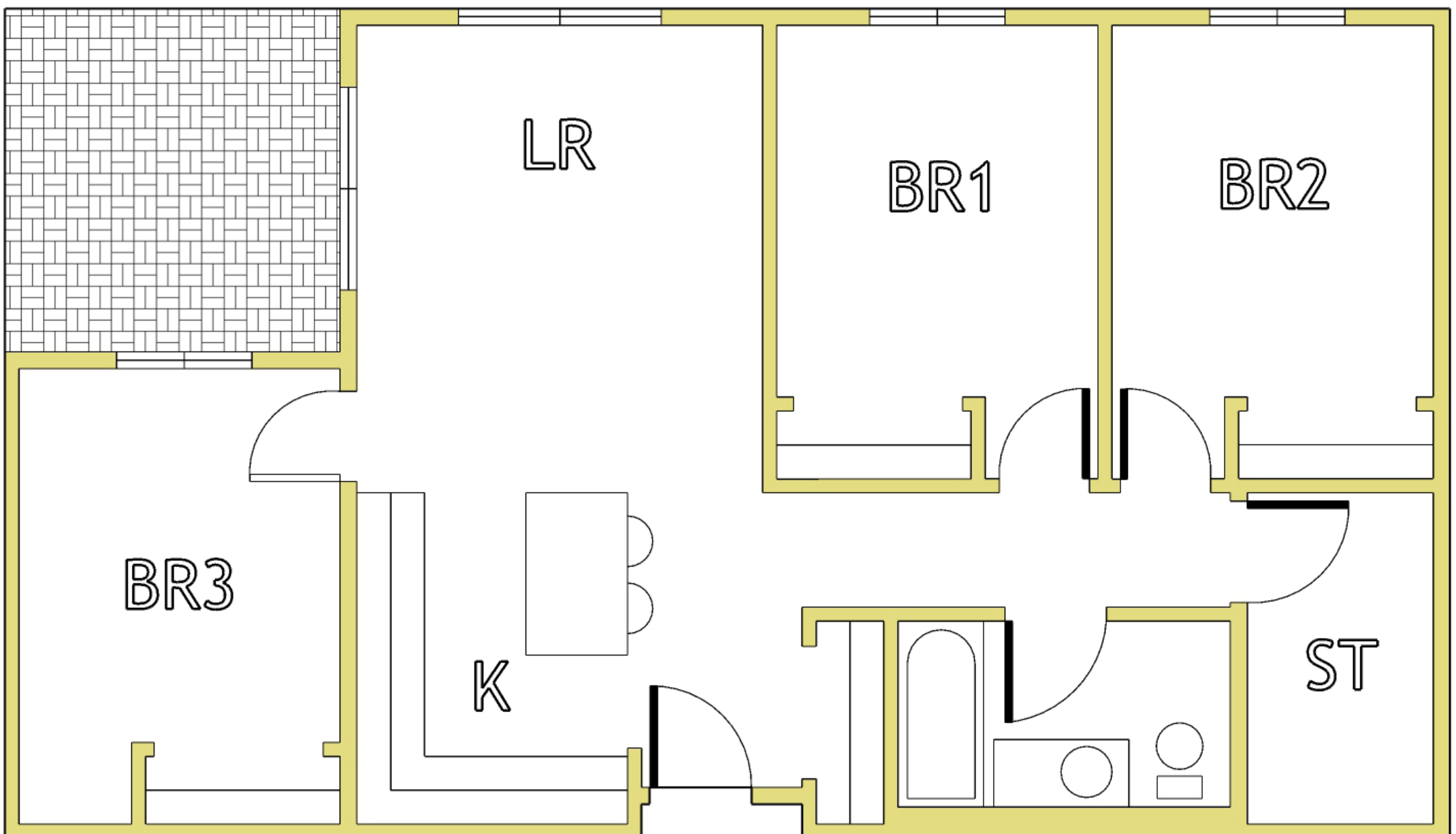
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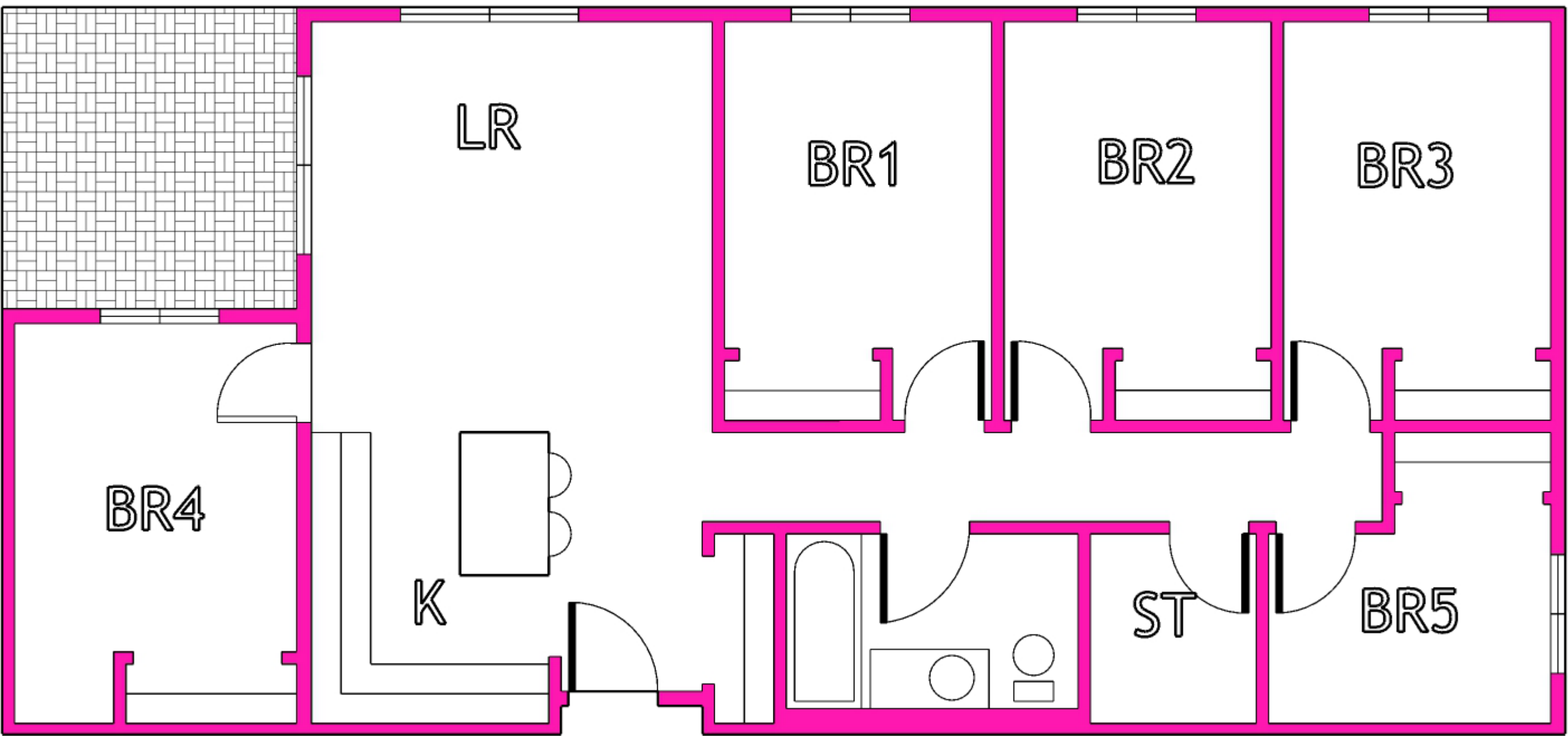
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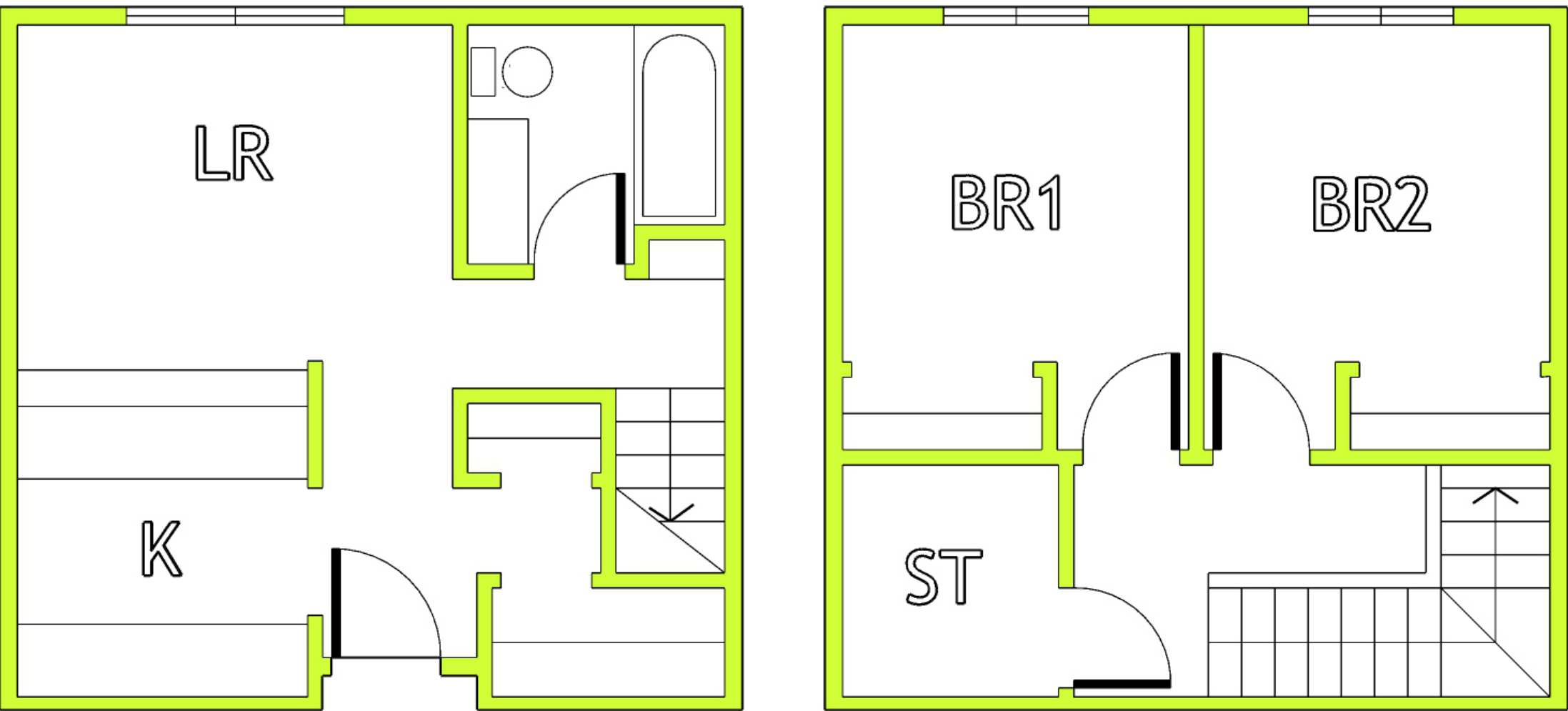
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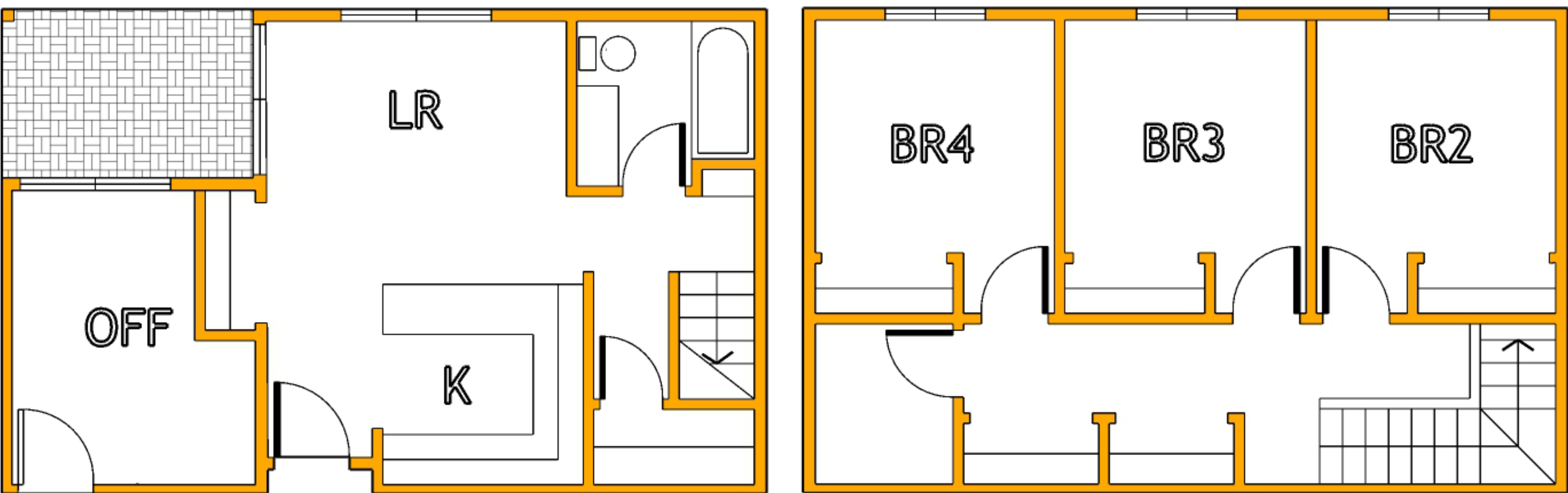
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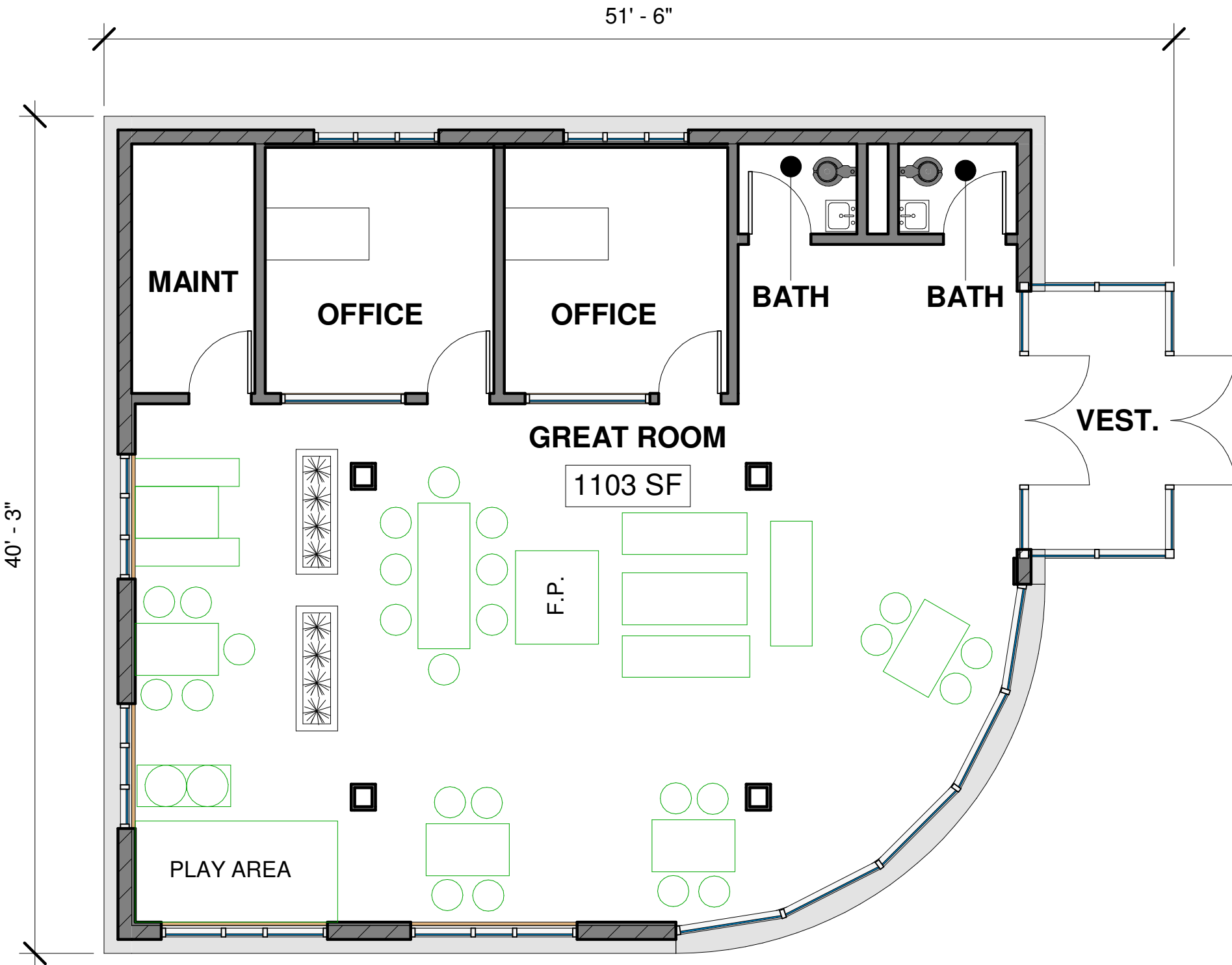


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THE GREAT ROOM :



STORAGE :

