

CONCEPT

1. Trees, Carousel, Tot Lot, and Playground are removed from the site (to be relocated). Five Skaters Statue is retained.

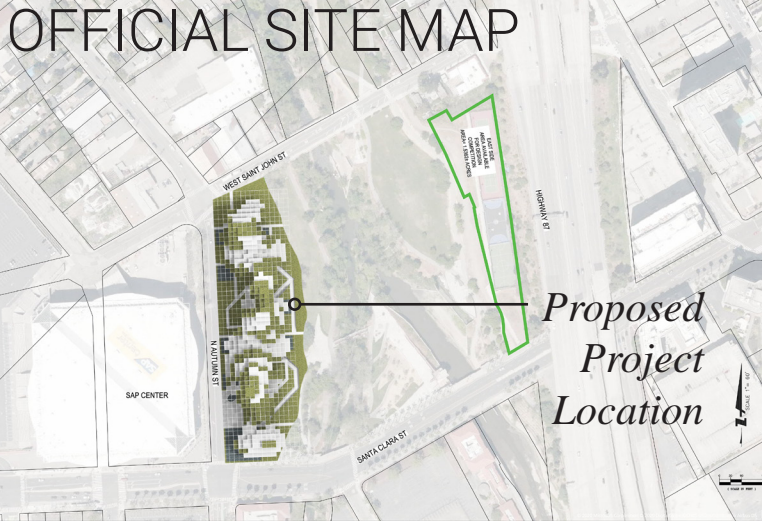
2. The intricate network of hills and dales is carved into the site, giving The Valley its articulation.

3. The dales are filled with water to create ponds, and a network of paths that move along, above, and below the site are added.

4. The primary structure of The Cloud is a 12' x 12' x 12' steel grid, spanning the entire site, creating a 192' x 720' x 200' frame.

5. The secondary structure of The Cloud is a 6' x 6' x 6' steel grid, creating the framework for the internal program.

6. The program of The Cloud consists of a museum, restaurants, shops, social activators, and exterior viewing terraces.



THE CLOUD & THE VALLEY

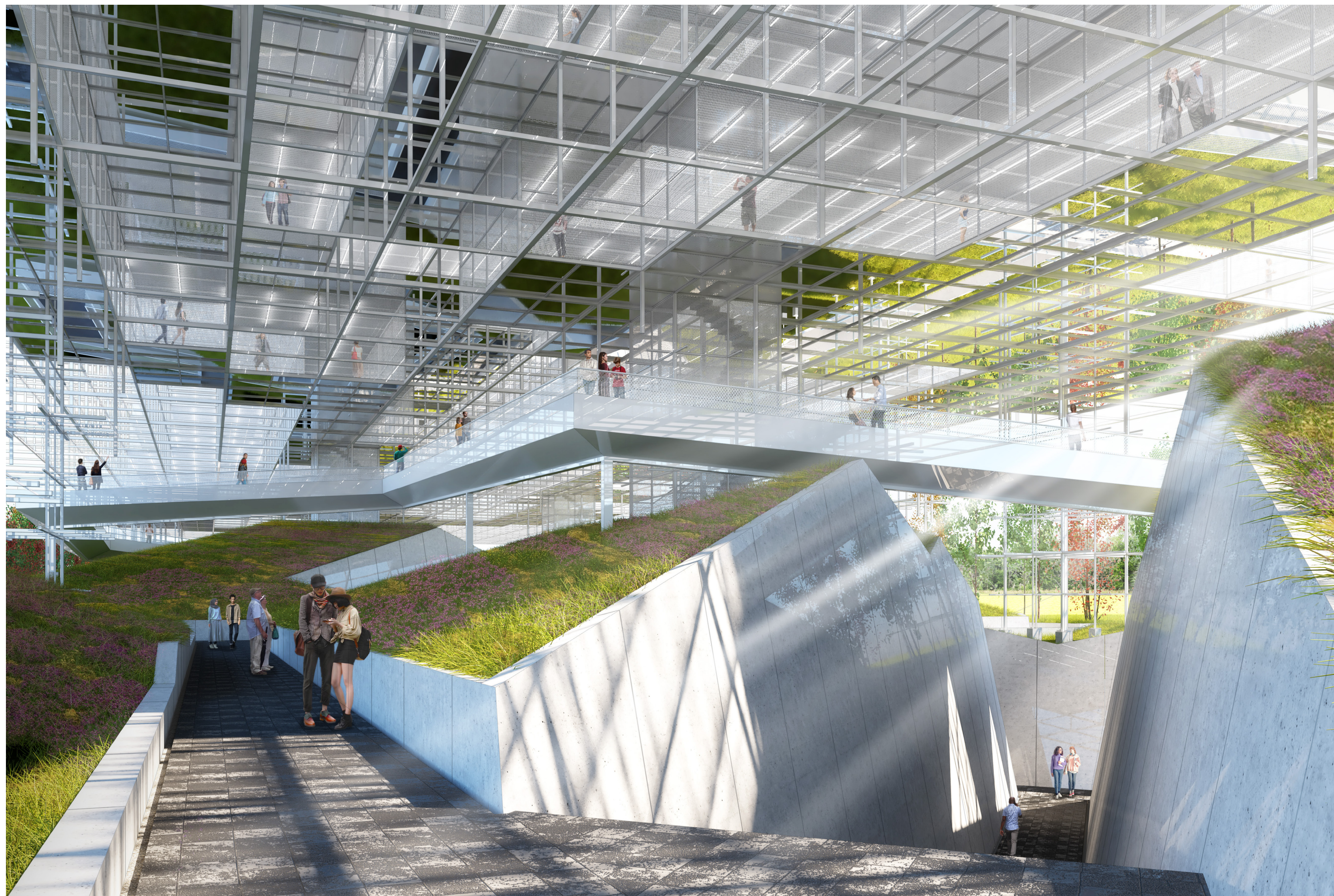
AN INDETERMINATE MONUMENT TO INNOVATION

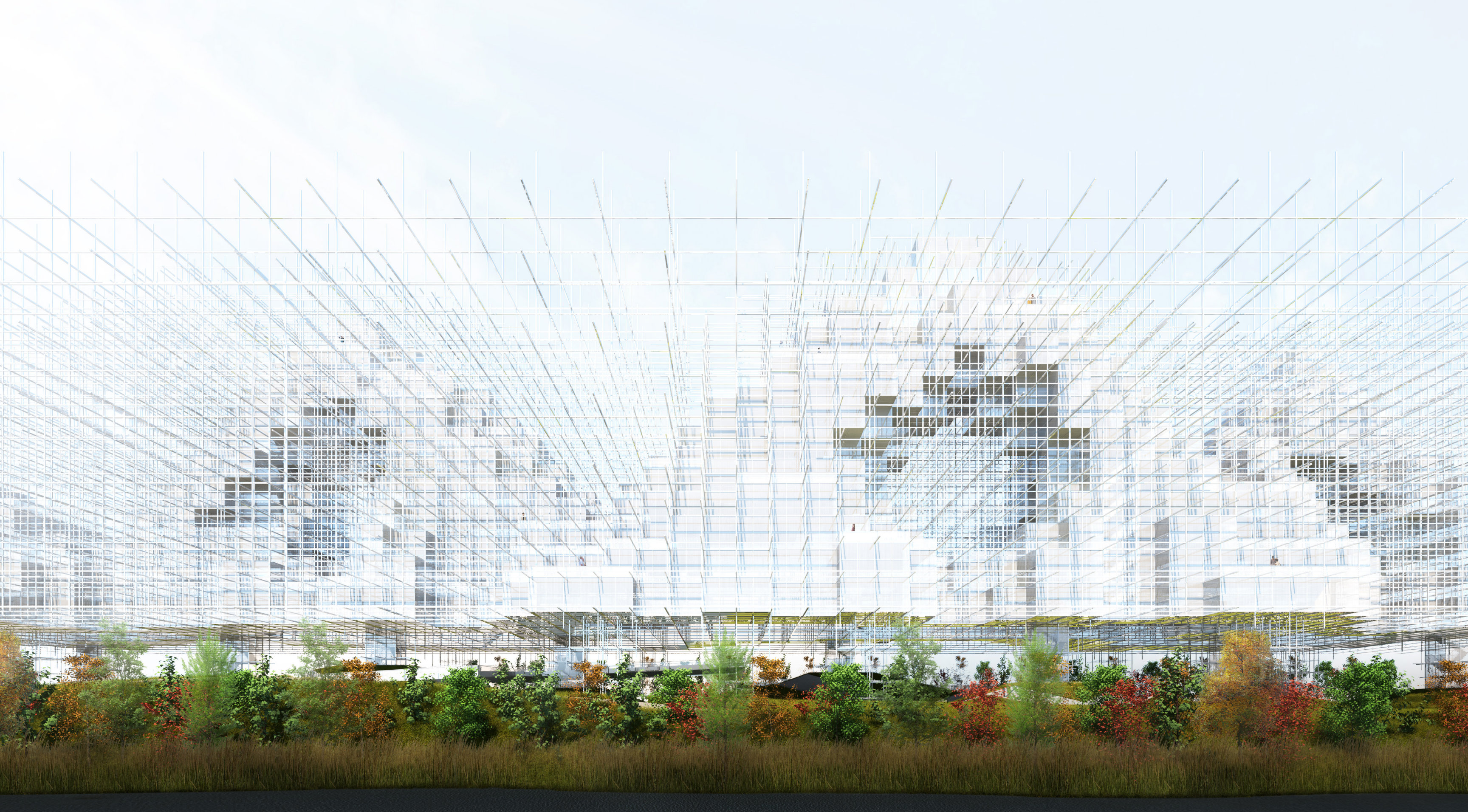


◀ VALLEY LEVEL PLAN

▼ VIEW NORTH FROM VALLEY

▲ VIEW NORTH FROM CLOUD OBSERVATION DECKS

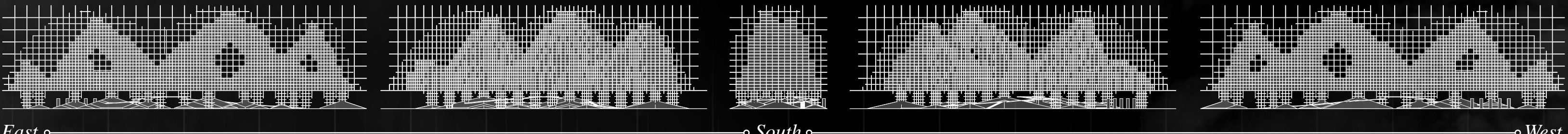
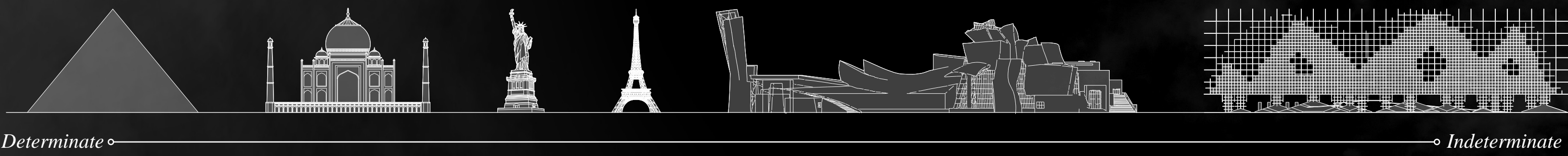
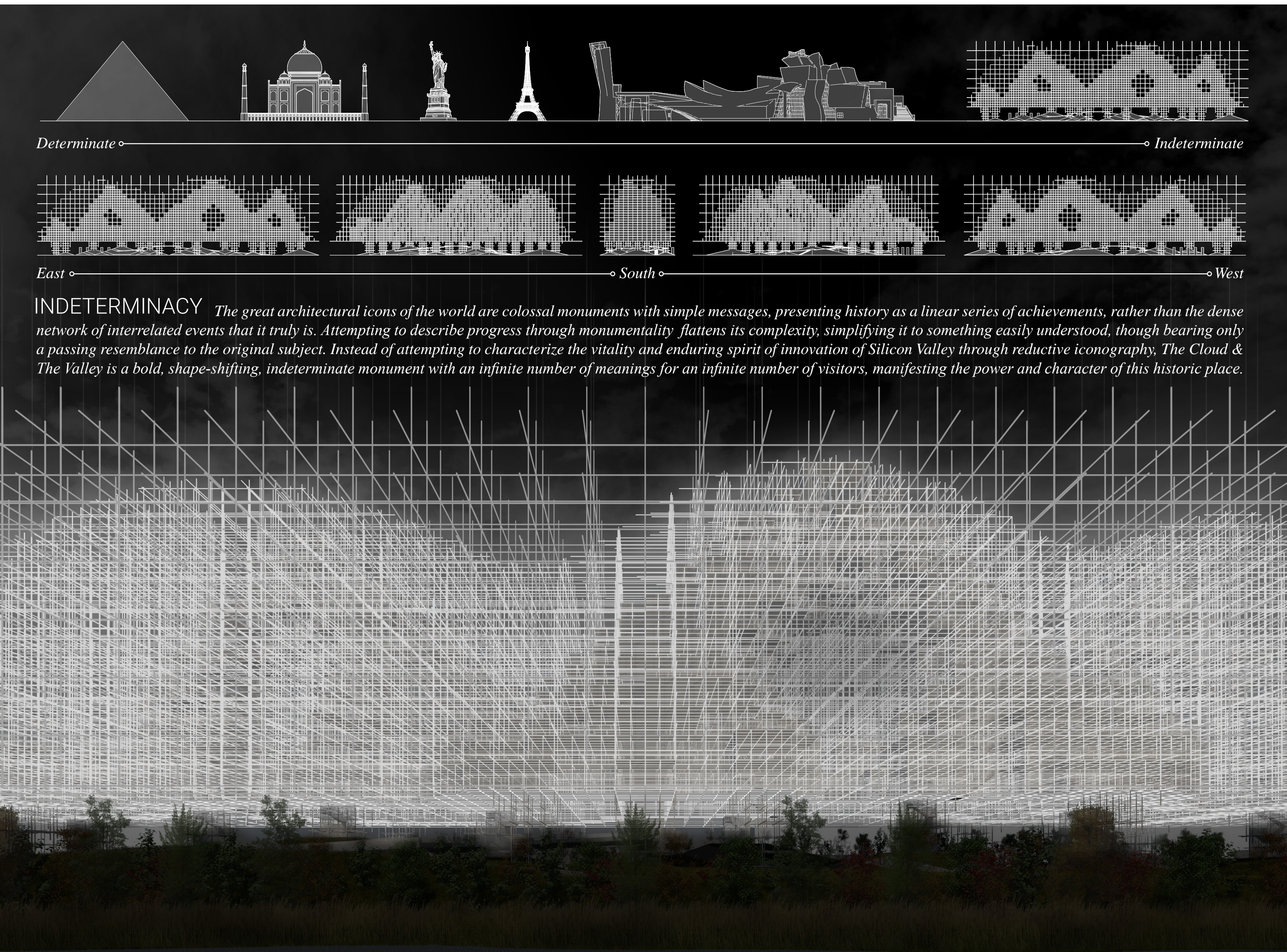




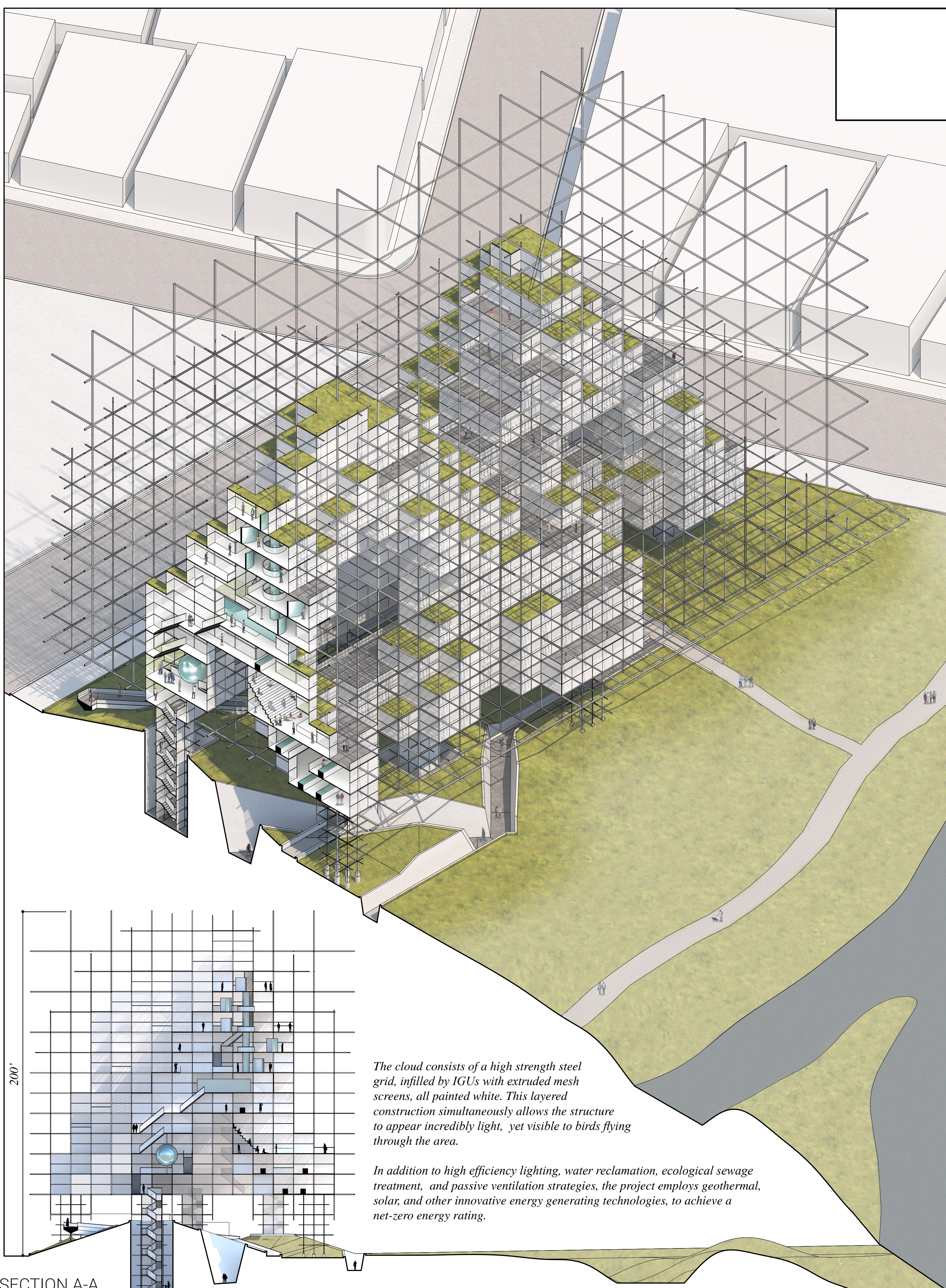
EAST ELEVATION, DAY ▲

EAST ELEVATION, NIGHT ▼

ISOMETRIC SECTION A-A ►



INDETERMINACY *The great architectural icons of the world are colossal monuments with simple messages, presenting history as a linear series of achievements, rather than the dense network of interrelated events that it truly is. Attempting to describe progress through monumentality flattens its complexity, simplifying it to something easily understood, though bearing only a passing resemblance to the original subject. Instead of attempting to characterize the vitality and enduring spirit of innovation of Silicon Valley through reductive iconography, The Cloud & The Valley is a bold, shape-shifting, indeterminate monument with an infinite number of meanings for an infinite number of visitors, manifesting the power and character of this historic place.*



SECTION A-A

The cloud consists of a high strength steel grid, infilled by IGUs with extruded mesh screens, all painted white. This layered construction simultaneously allows the structure to appear incredibly light, yet visible to birds flying through the area.

In addition to high efficiency lighting, water reclamation, ecological sewage treatment, and passive ventilation strategies, the project employs geothermal, solar, and other innovative energy generating technologies, to achieve a net-zero energy rating.