

“Greening as a tool for urban politics”

BIG King street west Toronto

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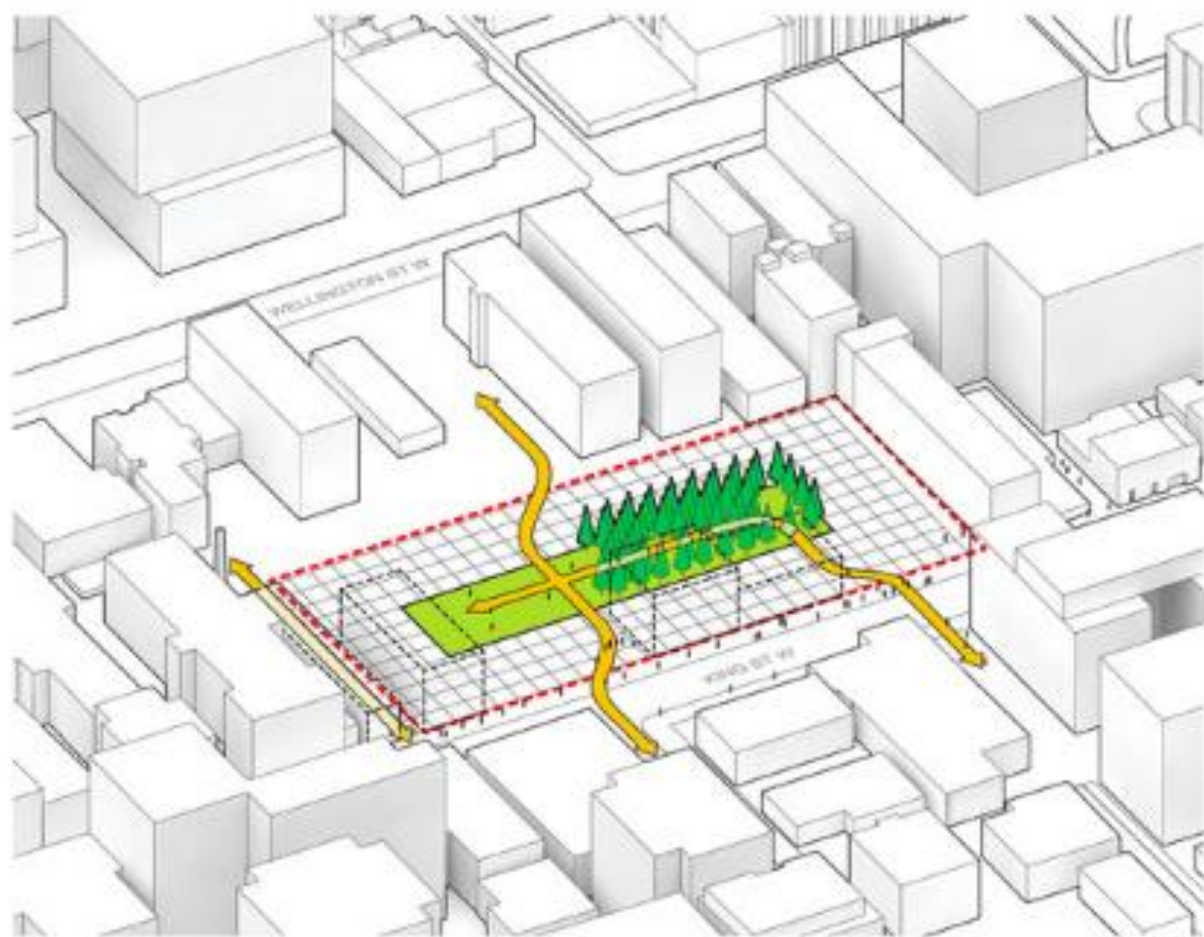
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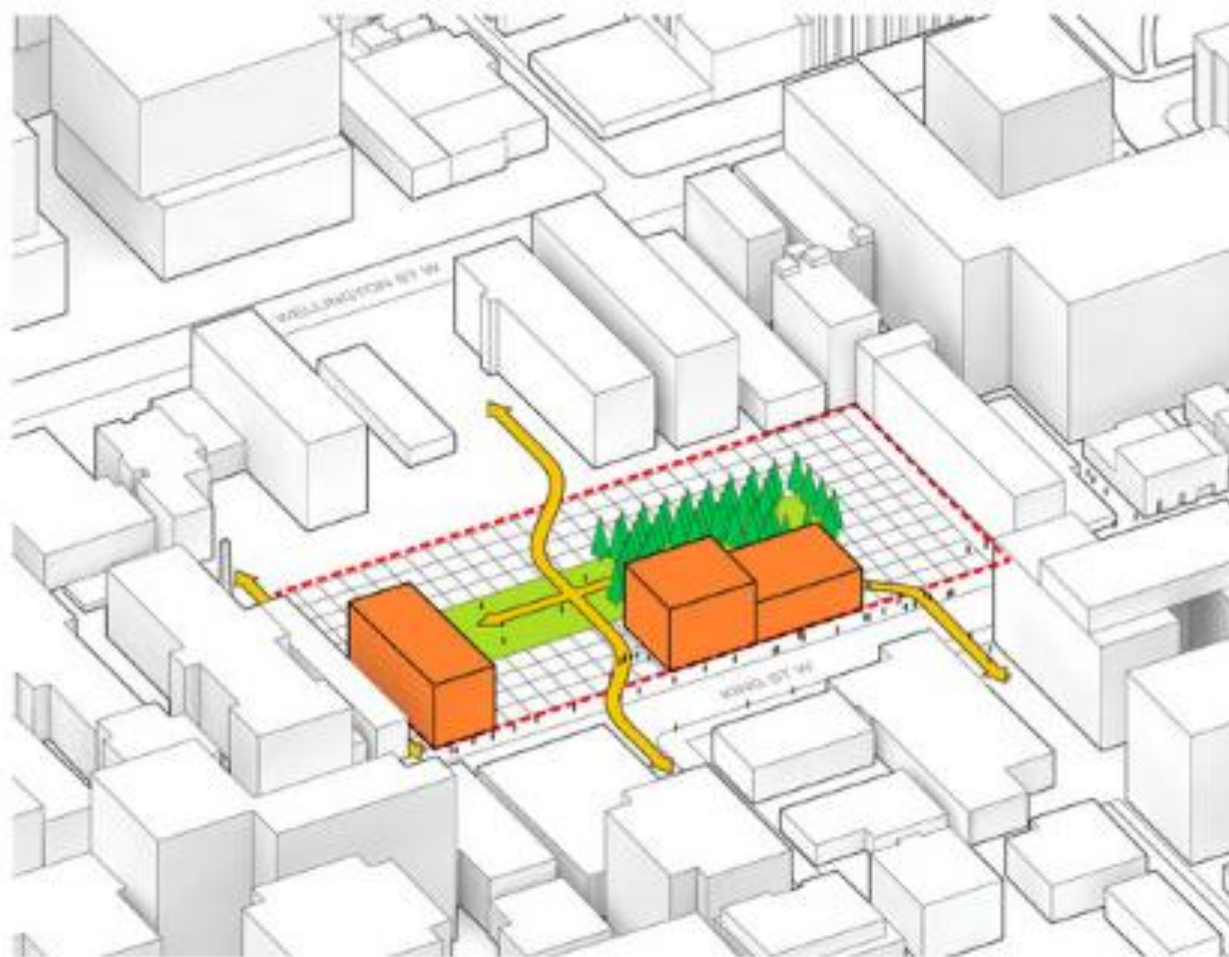
Process / Manipulating mass (public perception?)

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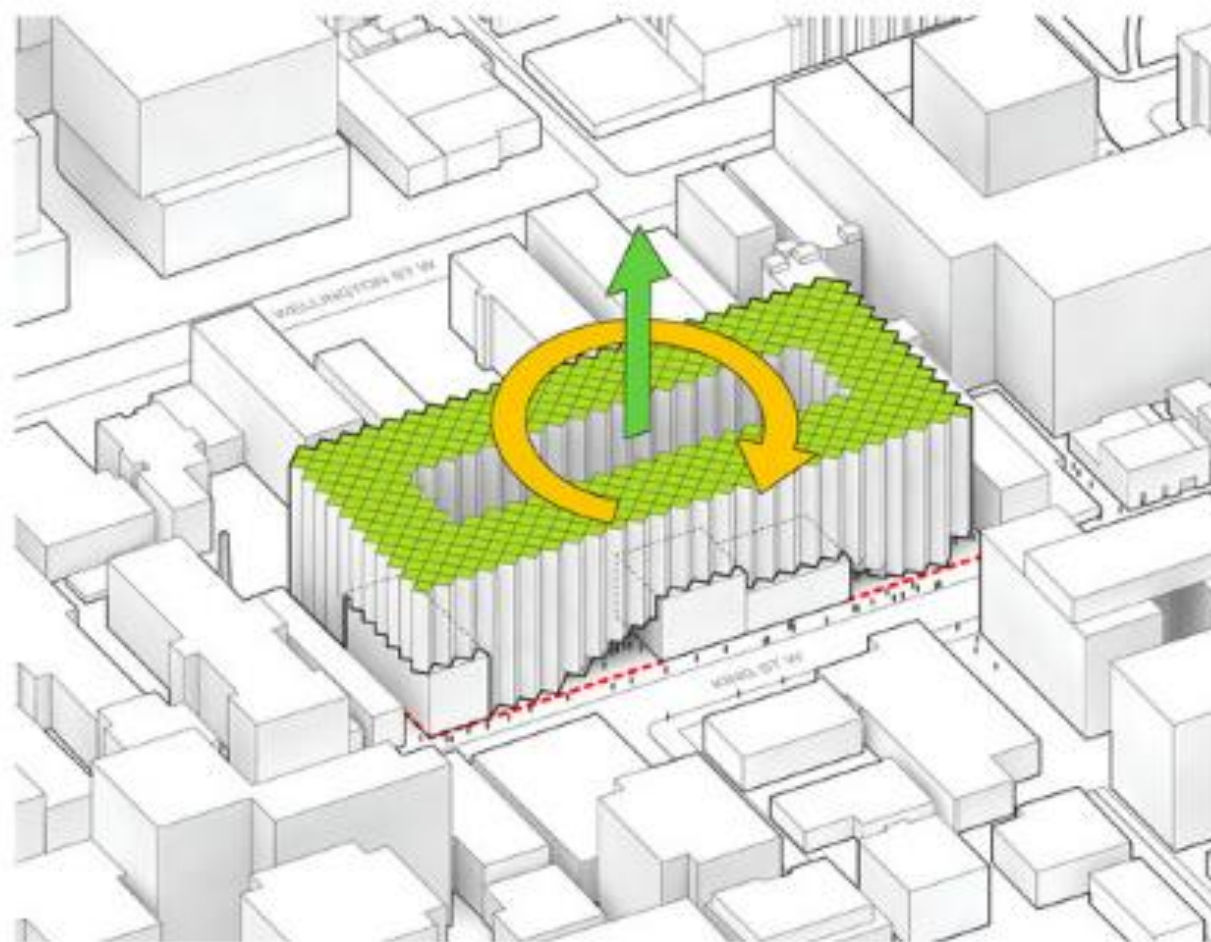
URBAN FOREST

The courtyard is defined by two distinct atmospheres: a plaza on the east and a landscaped hemlock forest on the west, creating a public gathering space.



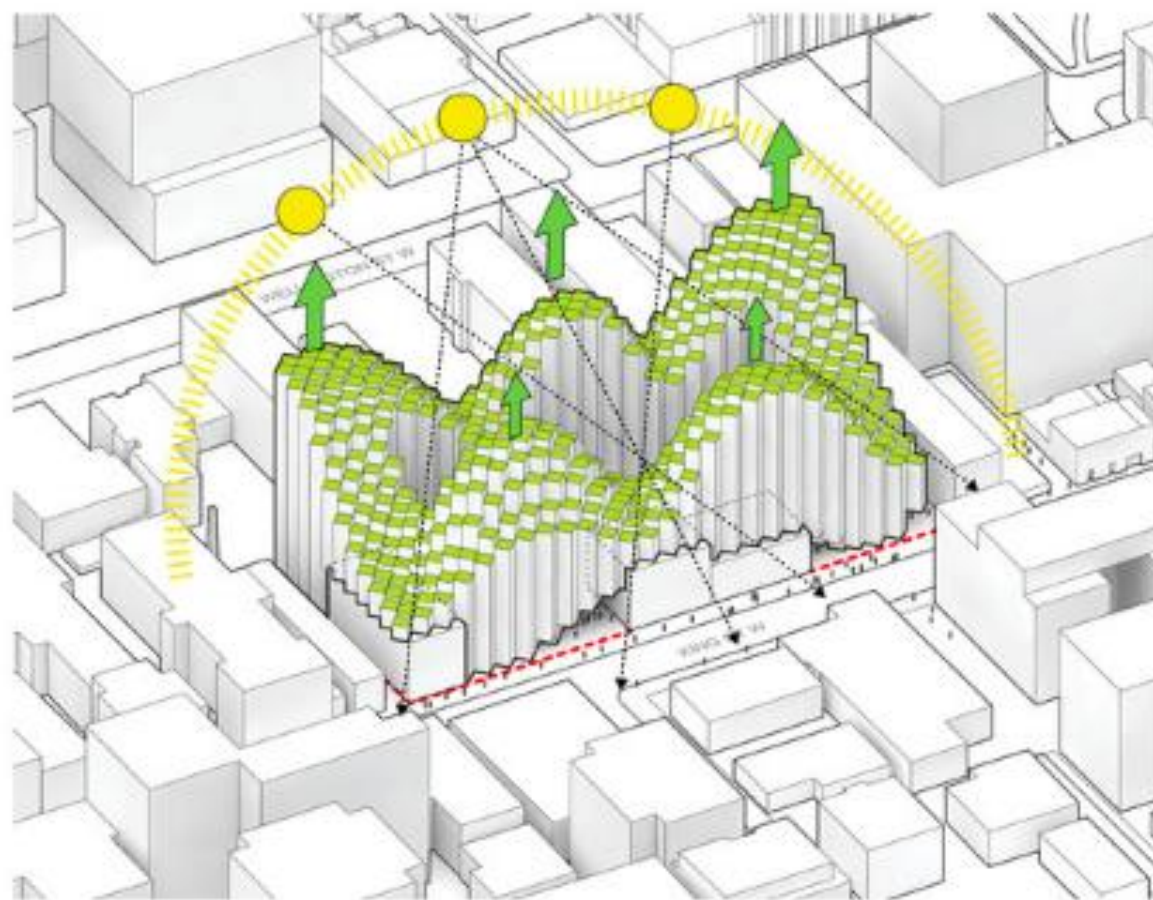
HERITAGE BUILDINGS

Along King Street, heritage buildings are preserved as volumes within the complex. Their façades and interior floor heights are maintained and blended into the new building.



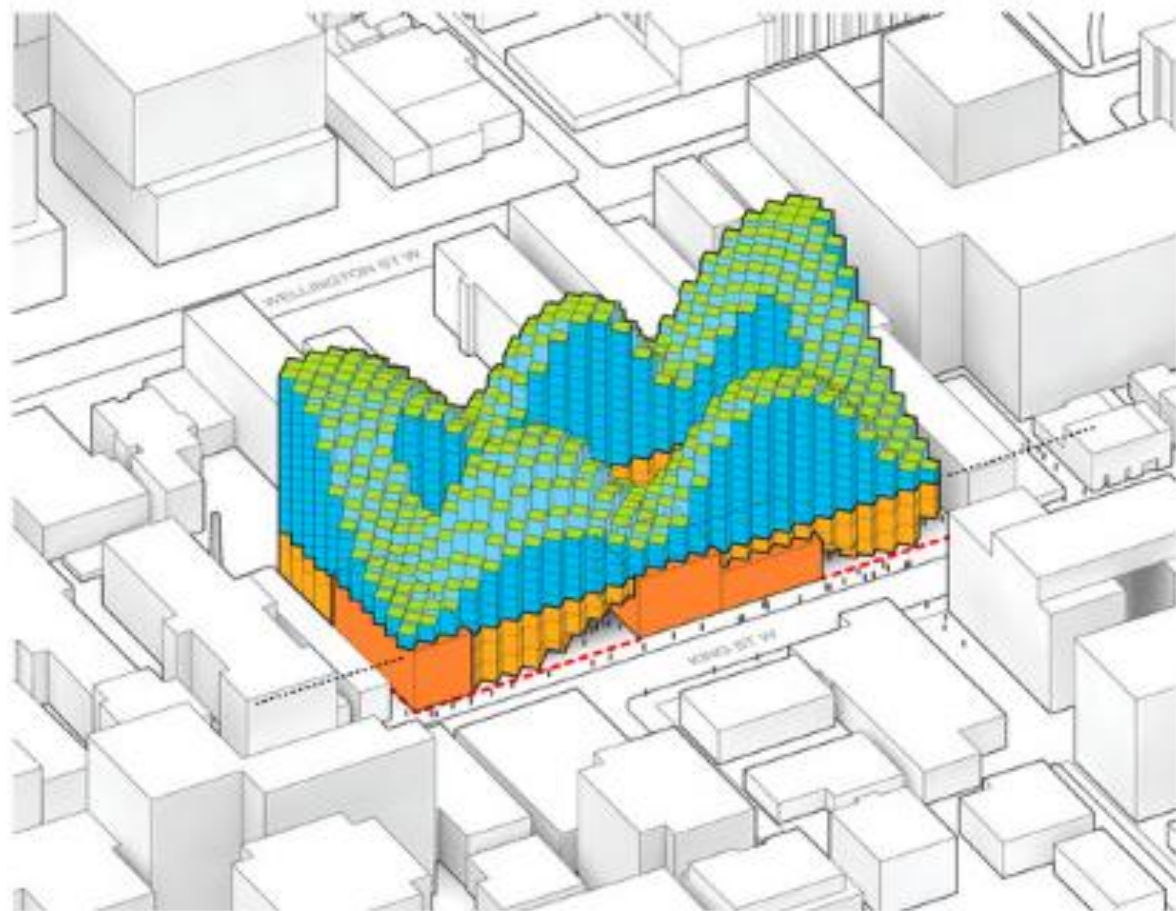
EXTRUSION

The grid surrounding the courtyard is extruded upwards and rotated 45 degrees to open views and increase sunlight exposure for interior spaces.



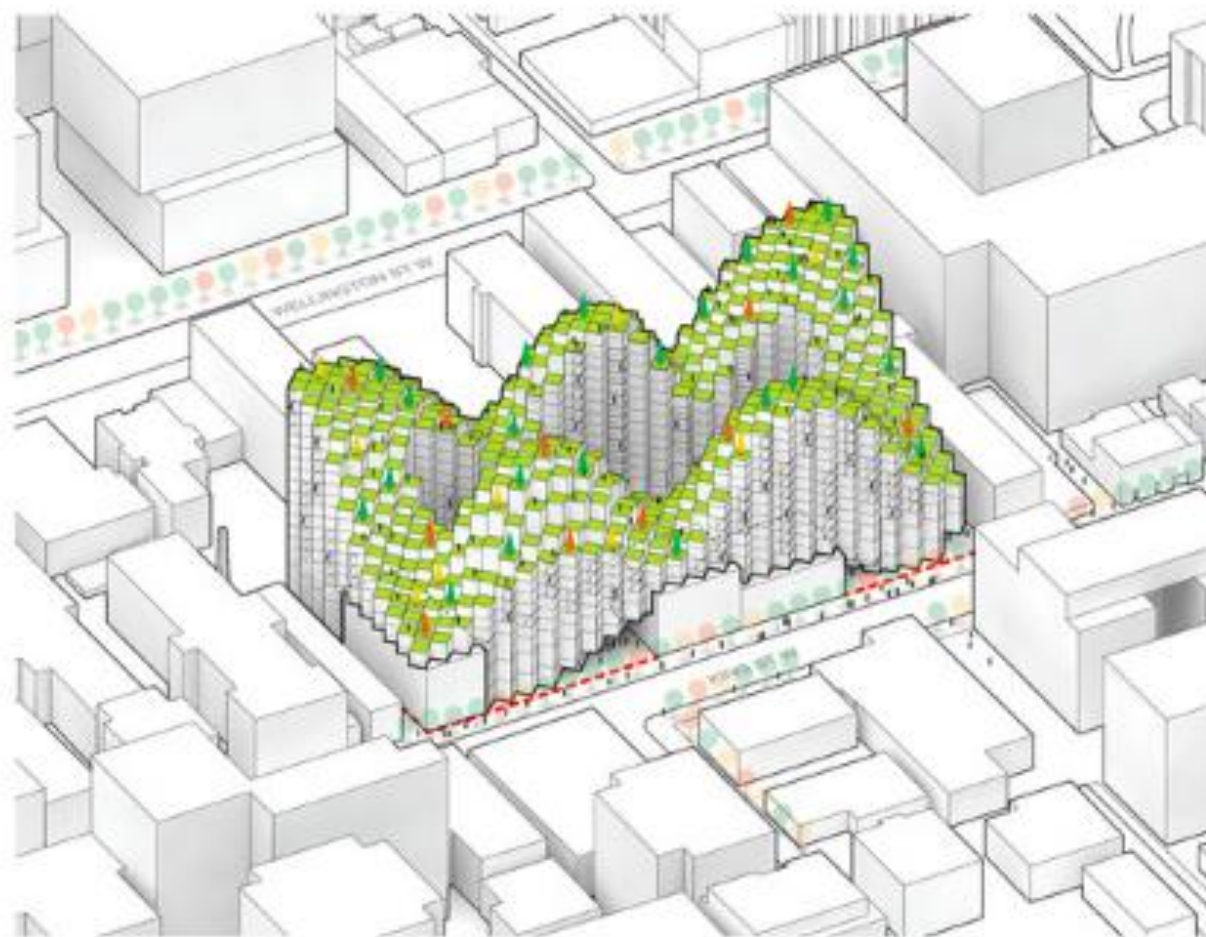
PEAKS AND VALLEYS

The roof surface is manipulated to form peaks and valleys that allow sunlight into the courtyard, organizing the housing into five volumes. An undulating design allows light to reach neighboring King Street all year round.



PROGRAM

Areas for retail and boutique office space correspond with the height of the heritage buildings, while residential units fill the peaks and valleys above.



PRODUCTIVE TOPOGRAPHY

Private terraces are landscaped to provide tenants with open green space typically reserved for suburban environments. Shared terraces provide communal areas and the potential for urban farming.



Pixels

Heritage Buildings

Innovation which 'drives Hamilton forward'

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“ambition to create community”

“mountains,”

“Residents will be able to see each other and say hello to each other,”

“BIG, and their clients, were ready to do something more thoughtful, but had no interest in blending in.”

“Mr. Ingels refers back to Pierre Chareau’s Maison du Verre, the Modernist house completed in 1932 in a Paris courtyard.”

“It will look a bit like an iceberg.”

“The mountains will frame a central courtyard”

“misting device they call a cloudmaker”

“Each home will include a tree planted in a purpose-built, irrigated planter and a trellis planted with vines.”

BOZIKOVIC, ALEX. “Thinking BIG: Danish Architects Have a Radical Vision to Build a Distinct Condo Community in Toronto.”



**“Modelled after a mountain range, “
“The inner-courtyard, which basically functions as a valley”
“The plaza itself is defined by two distinct atmospheres: a lushly landscaped forest paired next to an urban, hardscaped court. The resulting balance between these perceived opposites is a reflection of Toronto’s current state of rapid redevelopment: the union of old and new, an open community atmosphere in an intimate setting, calming green scenery within a bustling urban context.”
“The resulting undulating façade is a connective topography—allowing increased circulation through the neighborhood while creating an abundance of green space normally reserved for the suburbs.”**

“The King Street Condominiums.” The King Street Condominiums, www.thekingstreetcondominiums.com/.

“Green narratives do not build green cities”