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Southern Comfort | A modern take on southern vernacular architecture in Augusta, Georgia

A recently completed pocket community in Augusta, Georgia generates a new context for a blighted area on the rise. Located one block from the Laney Walker neighborhood, the site straddles Wrightsboro Road a major east-west connector from the historic downtown to Augusta's well-known colleges and golf courses.

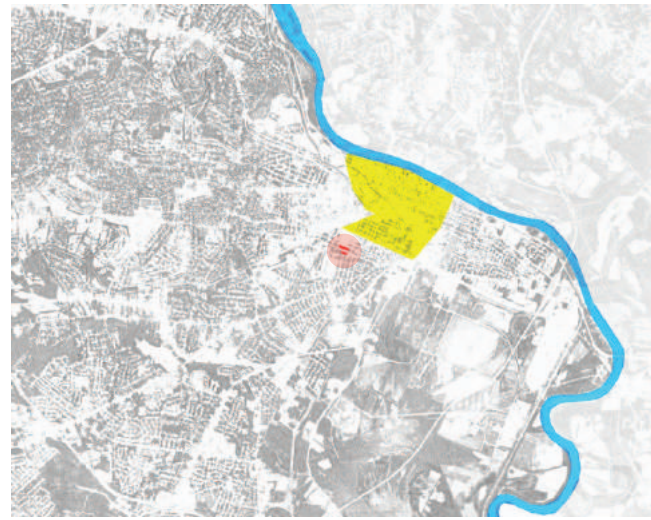
The owner's goal was to restore the vibrancy and charm of his once thriving hometown while providing contemporary housing to meet the needs of today's families. The result is a modern take on southern vernacular architecture. Constructed in two phases, a combination of 35 single family and duplex apartment units line the north and south sides of Wrightsboro Road.

Maintaining a basic palette of building materials and repetitive elements kept the project on budget. Creative modifications to floor plans, window arrangements and porch designs, gives each unit its own identity. Solar hot water heaters, operable windows and energy saving appliances keep utility costs to a minimum. Including an open or screened porch in every unit responds to and respects the local climate while also reviving the traditional southern comfort of porch culture.

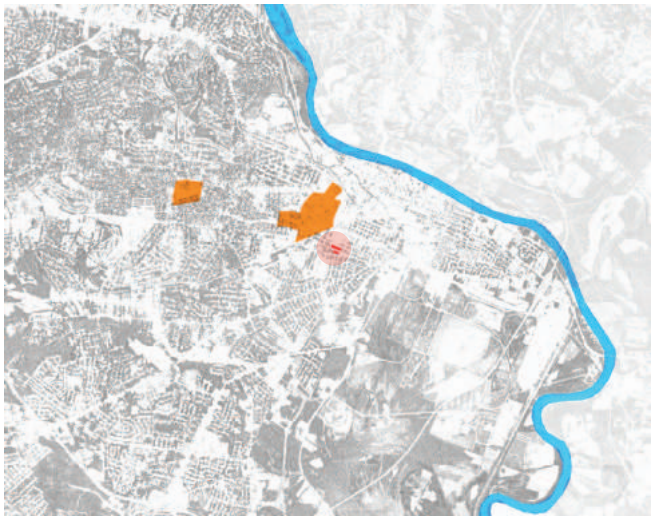
Augusta City Limits

Site

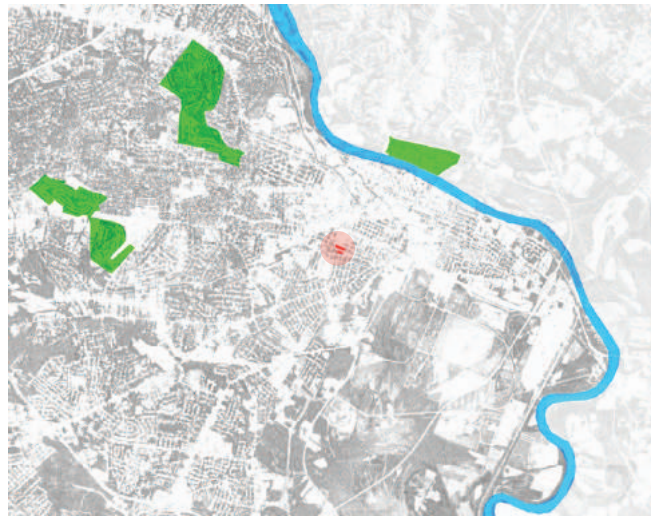
Savannah River



Downtown/Historic District



Colleges & Universities



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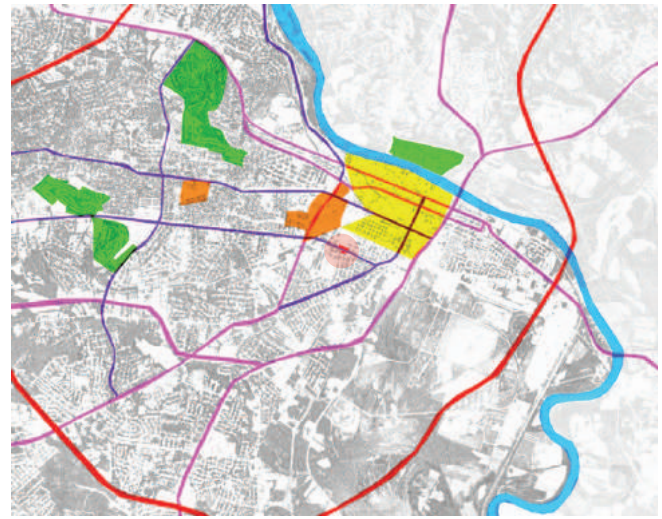


Major Thoroughfares

Surrounding highway

Arterial Streets

Connector Streets

Regional Context

Wrightsboro Road (Existing Context)

Existing Decay

Existing Context

Phase I

Phase II

Phase I
Phase II

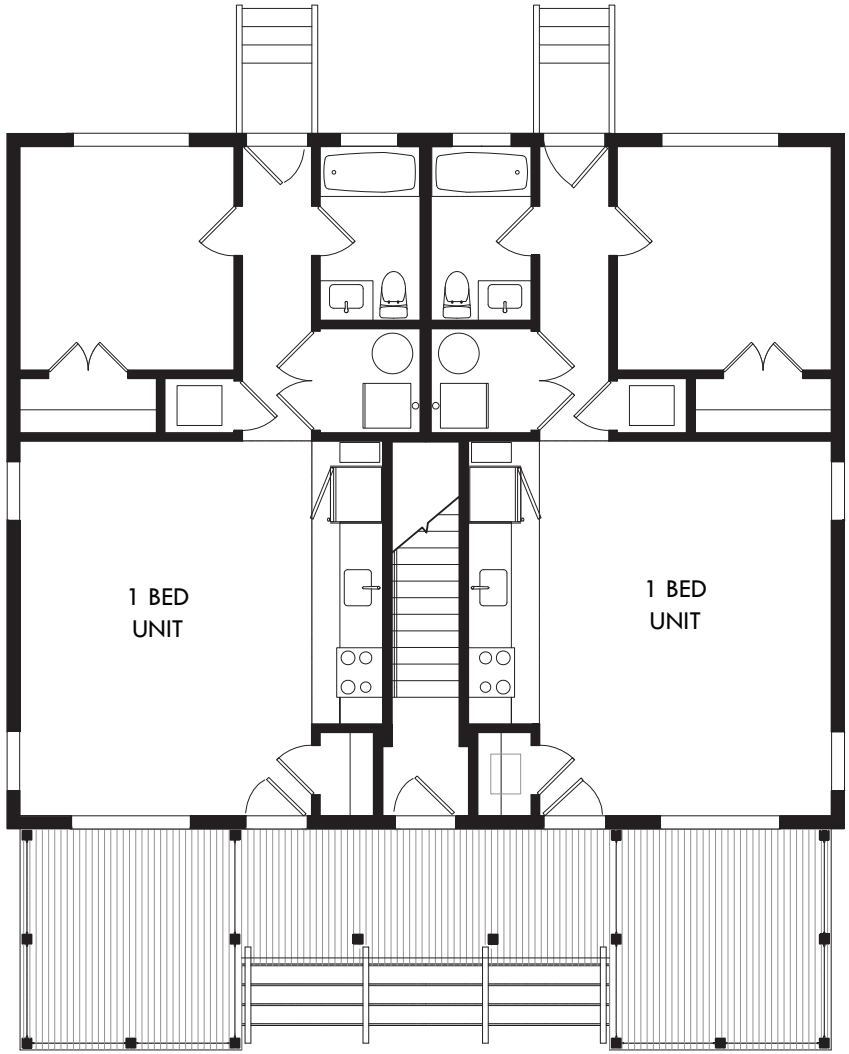
Phase I Housing

- 6 Two-Bedroom Houses
- 3 Multifamily Houses
  - » 2 One Bedroom Apartments
  - » 1 Three Bedroom Apartment

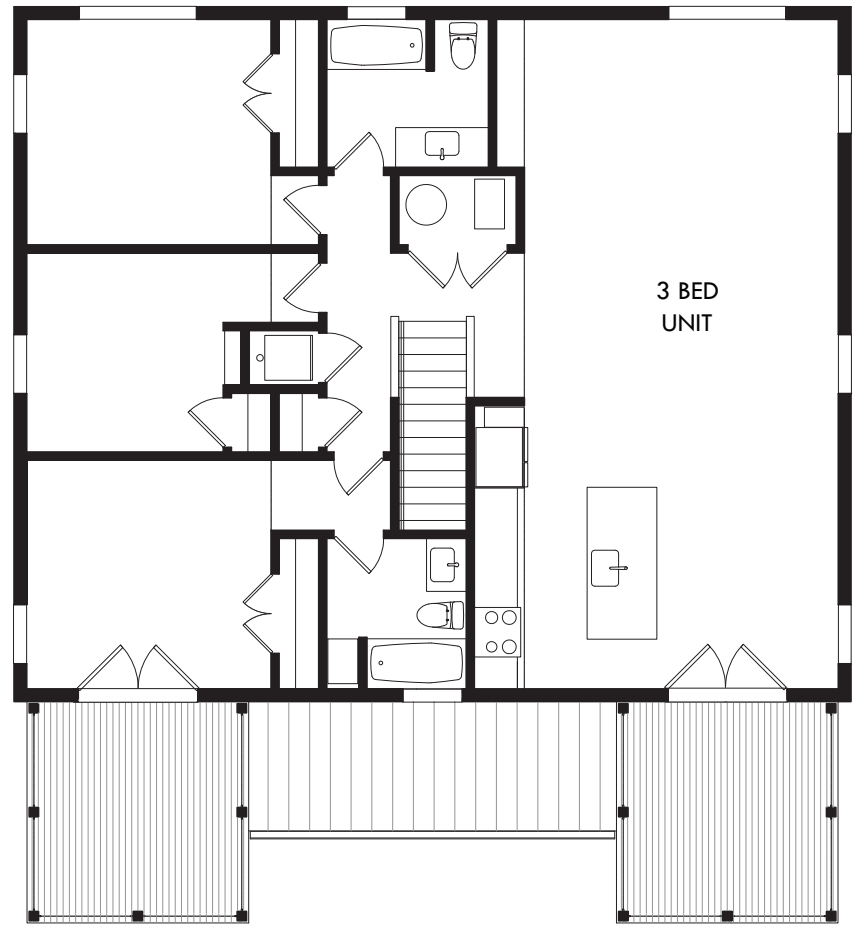
Phase II Housing

- 10 Two-Bedroom Houses
- 5 Duplex Houses
  - » 2 Mirrored Two-Bedroom Houses

Phase I facing Wrightsboro Road



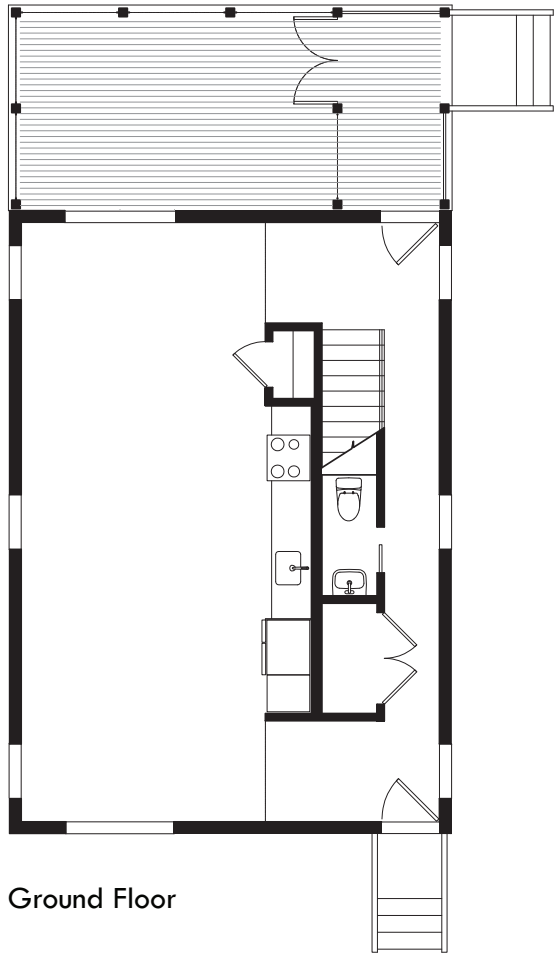
Ground Floor



Second Floor

Phase I Multi-family House

Phase I Shared Space



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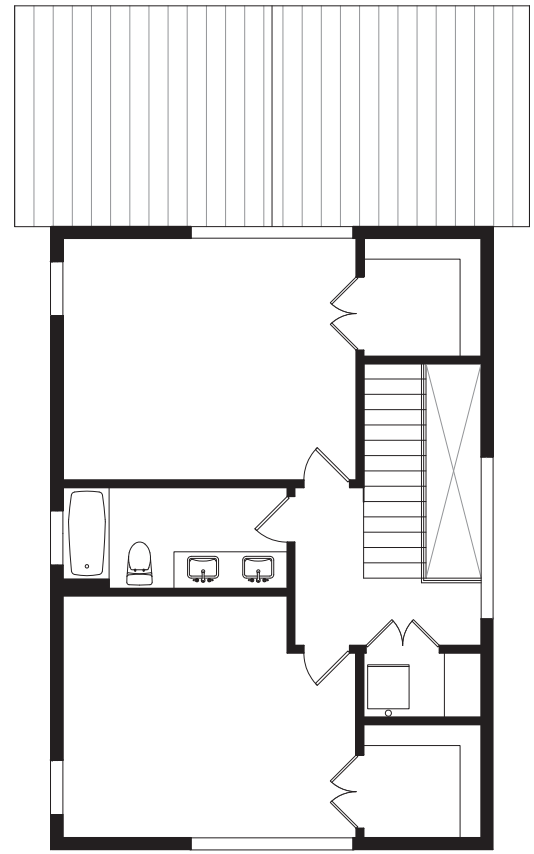

Second Floor

Phase I Two-Bedroom House

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Phase II facing Wrightsboro Road

1 House

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3 Window Configurations

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2 Porches

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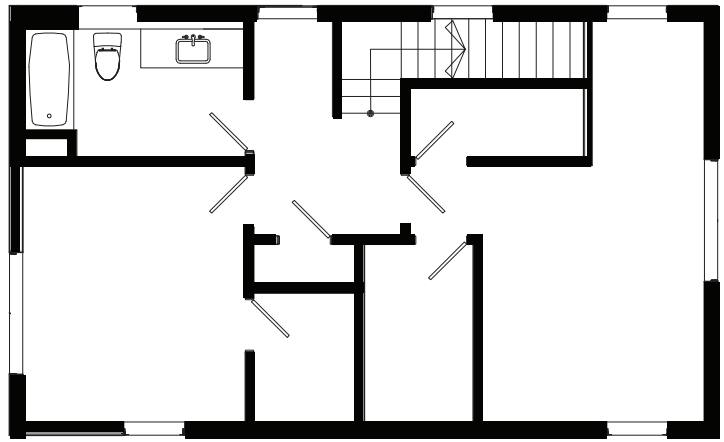
10 Unique Houses

Phase II Design Strategy



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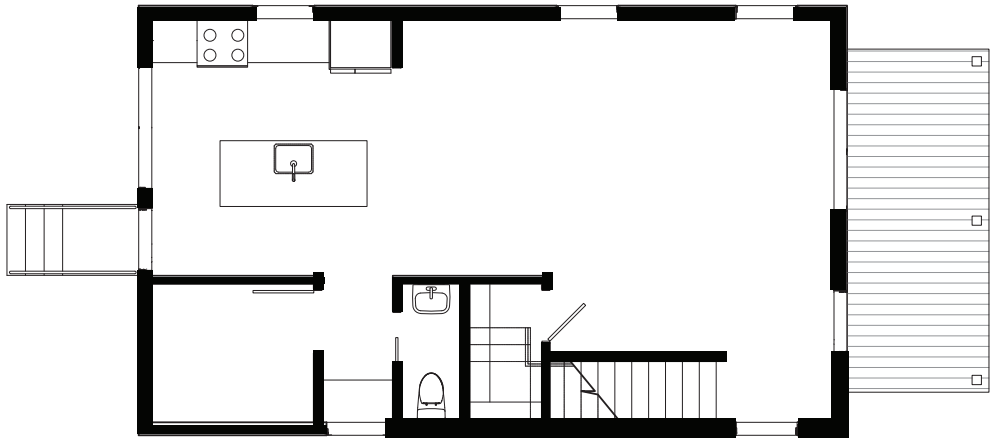

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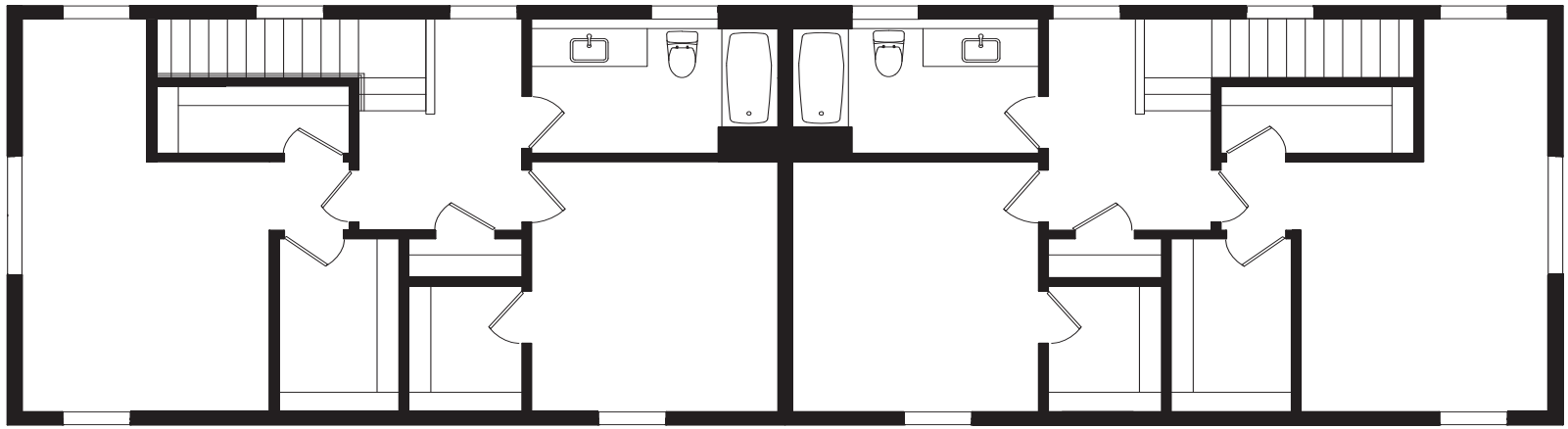
Phase II Two-Bedroom House

Phase II Facing Parking Court



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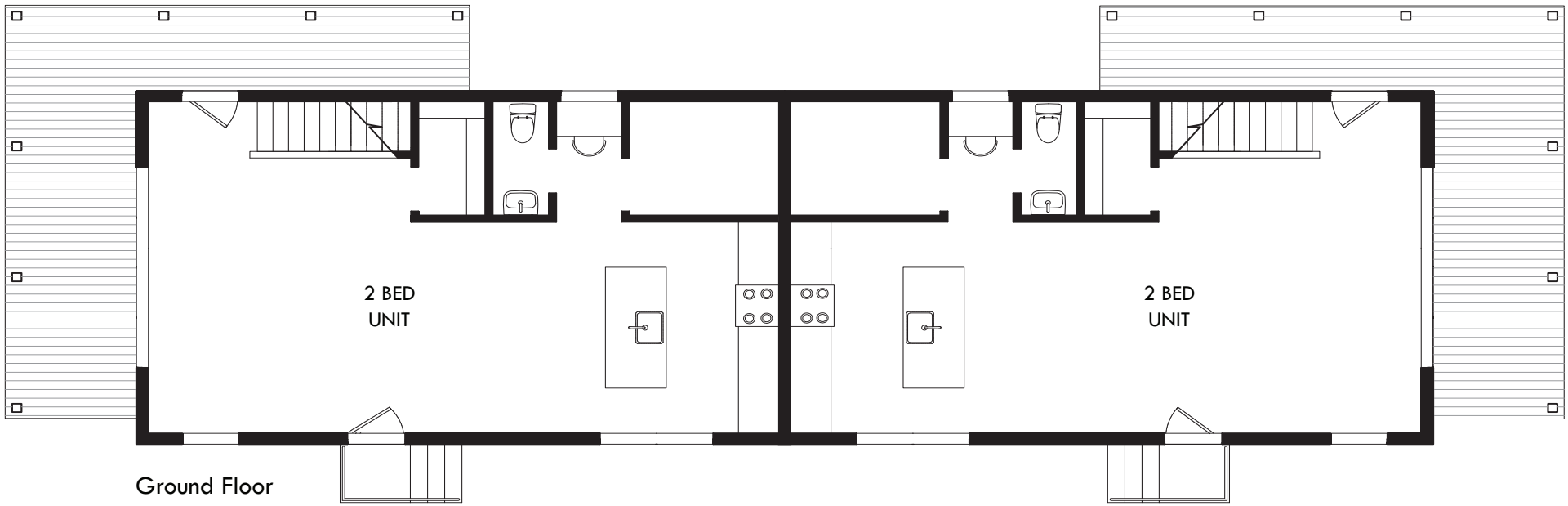

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Phase II Duplex House

Phase II facing Wrightsboro Road