

The primary goal of the scheme was to respond to the existing context surrounding the Franklinton site; we sought to achieve this through both scale and maintenance of pedestrian thoroughfares. In the portion of the site surrounded by Franklinton, we responded to the height of the community by populating the site with 4-story, 4-unit blocks. In the portion surrounded by the park; however, height was unlimited. We took advantage of the views of the river and downtown and essentially created a vertical equivalent to the rest of the site by stacking the 4-story blocks into a tower. The organization of the blocks allows for pedestrian traffic to continue across the site by creating three courts: an entry plaza off the street acting as a front door to the blocks, a back-of-house alley to access underground parking, and a backyard space to provide an abundance of outdoor green space for residents.