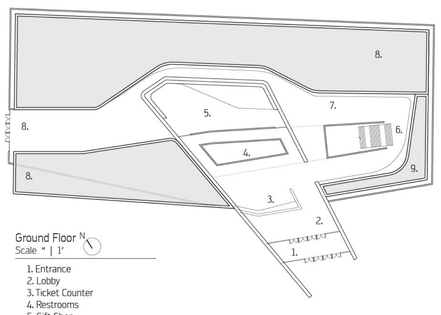
New York City Aquarium + Waterfront Park



Ground Floor N
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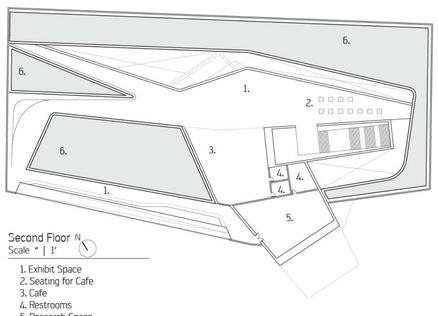
1. Entrance
2. Lobby
3. Ticket Counter
4. Restrooms
5. Gift Shop
6. Entrance to upper level
7. Exhibit Space
8. Entrance to waterfront park
9. Fish Tank



Second Floor N
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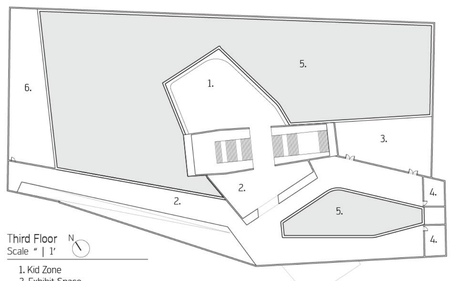
1. Exhibit Space
2. Seating for Cafe
3. Cafe
4. Restrooms
5. Research Space
6. Fish Tank



Third Floor N
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1. Kid Zone
2. Exhibit Space
3. Educational Rooms
4. Restrooms
5. Fish Tank
6. Support Space

Fourth Floor
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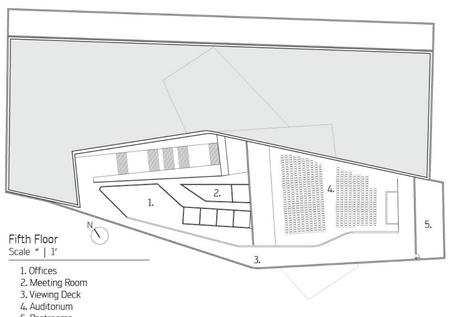
1. Kid Zone
2. Exhibits
3. Viewing Deck
4. Fish Tank
5. Support Space



Fifth Floor
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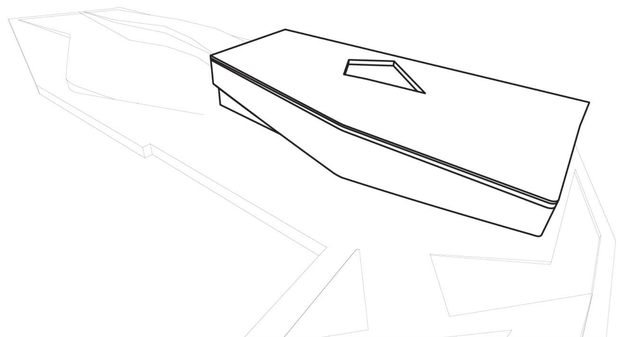
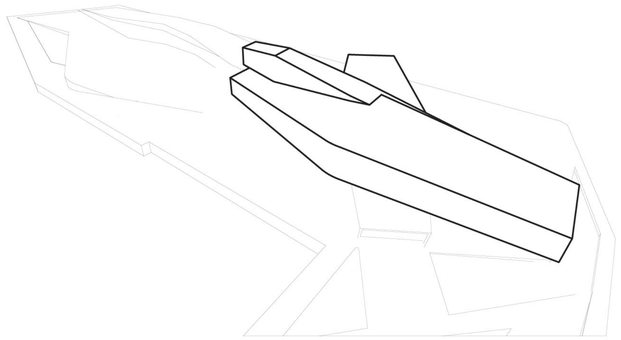
1. Offices
2. Meeting Room
3. Viewing Deck
4. Auditorium
5. Restrooms
6. Fish Tank
7. Support Space

The New York City Aquarium and Waterfront Park competition encourages designers to present innovative ideas for an aquarium that intimately connects the building to its surrounding green space. This city lacks an aquarium that educates people on the marine life in the area. There is great need not only for an aquarium, but for beautiful park space as well. The concept for this design focuses on creating an experience that allows visitors to truly feel like they are amongst the marine life rather than simply look ing at it. There is an overall container for the aquarium that protects both people and fish. This container houses the various program which is placed within the container. Water then floods the container filling every remaining inch. The fish tanks surround the program much like water surrounds the land. Visitors of the aquarium will fell as though they are with the fish.

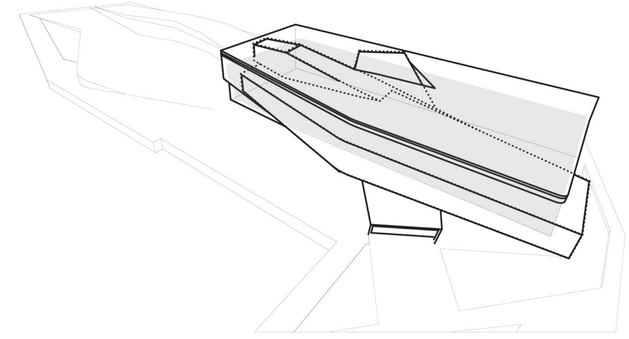
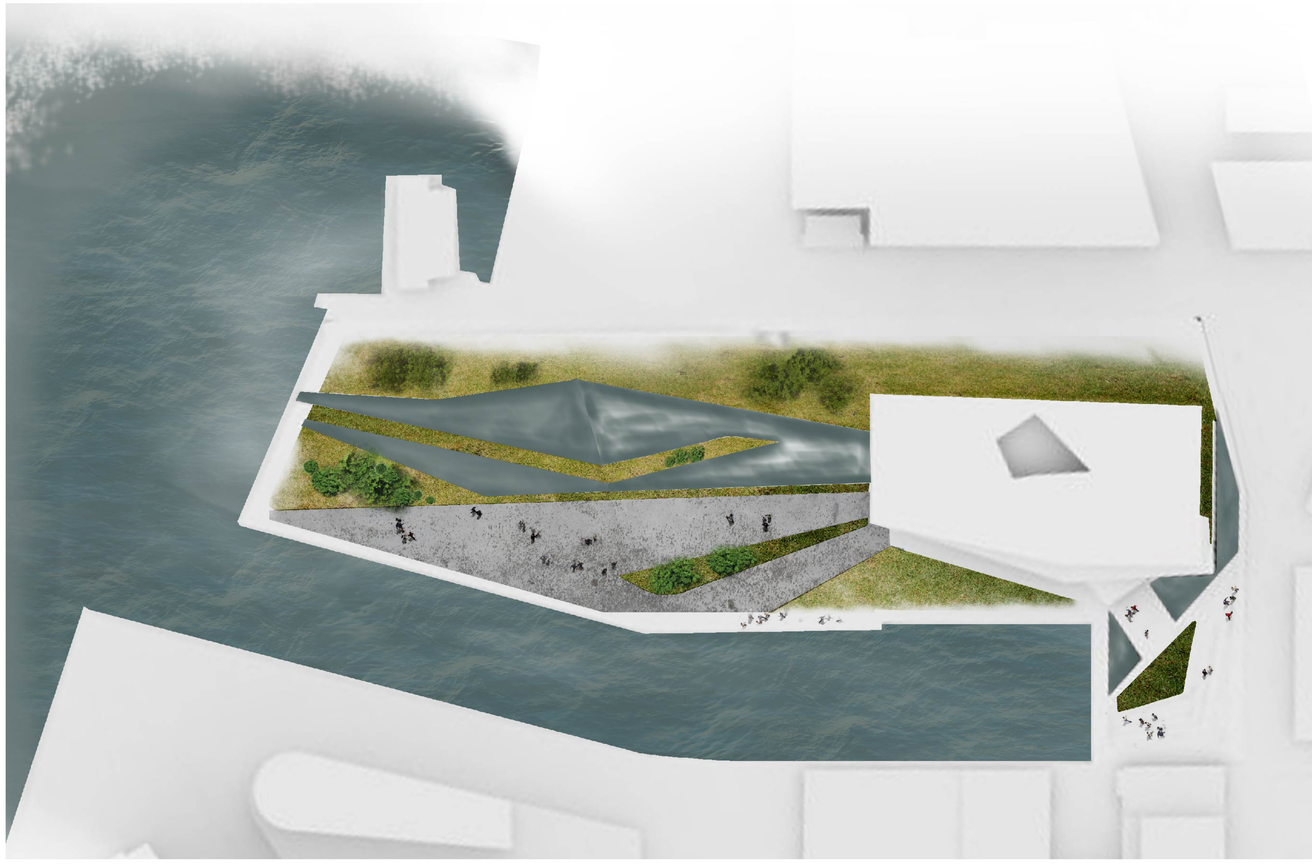
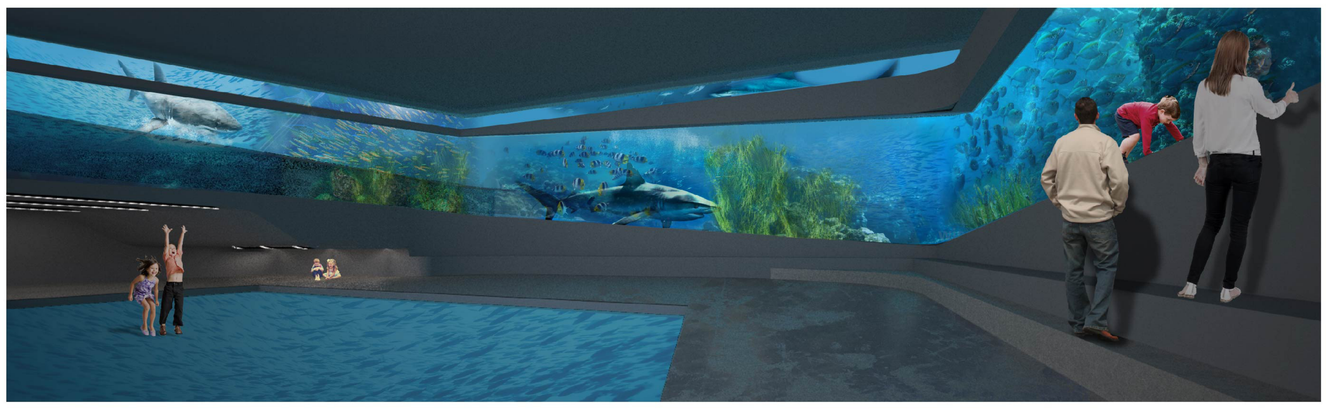
The aquarium will contain five large exhibits spaces, a KID ZONE, marine research, ser vice spaces, and an integrated waterfront park that utilizes the site's waterfront edge. The park brings water in from the East River allowing people to closely see how the water systems work. The water carves through the landscape allowing interesting vari ations in elevation while also maintain appropriate water levels. The water is just as much of an educational experience as the aquarium, and the attractive peaceful ele gance of the park will encourage people to approach the area even if they do not wish to visit the aquarium.



Container



Land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