



View of Entry from Bowen Island Trunk Road

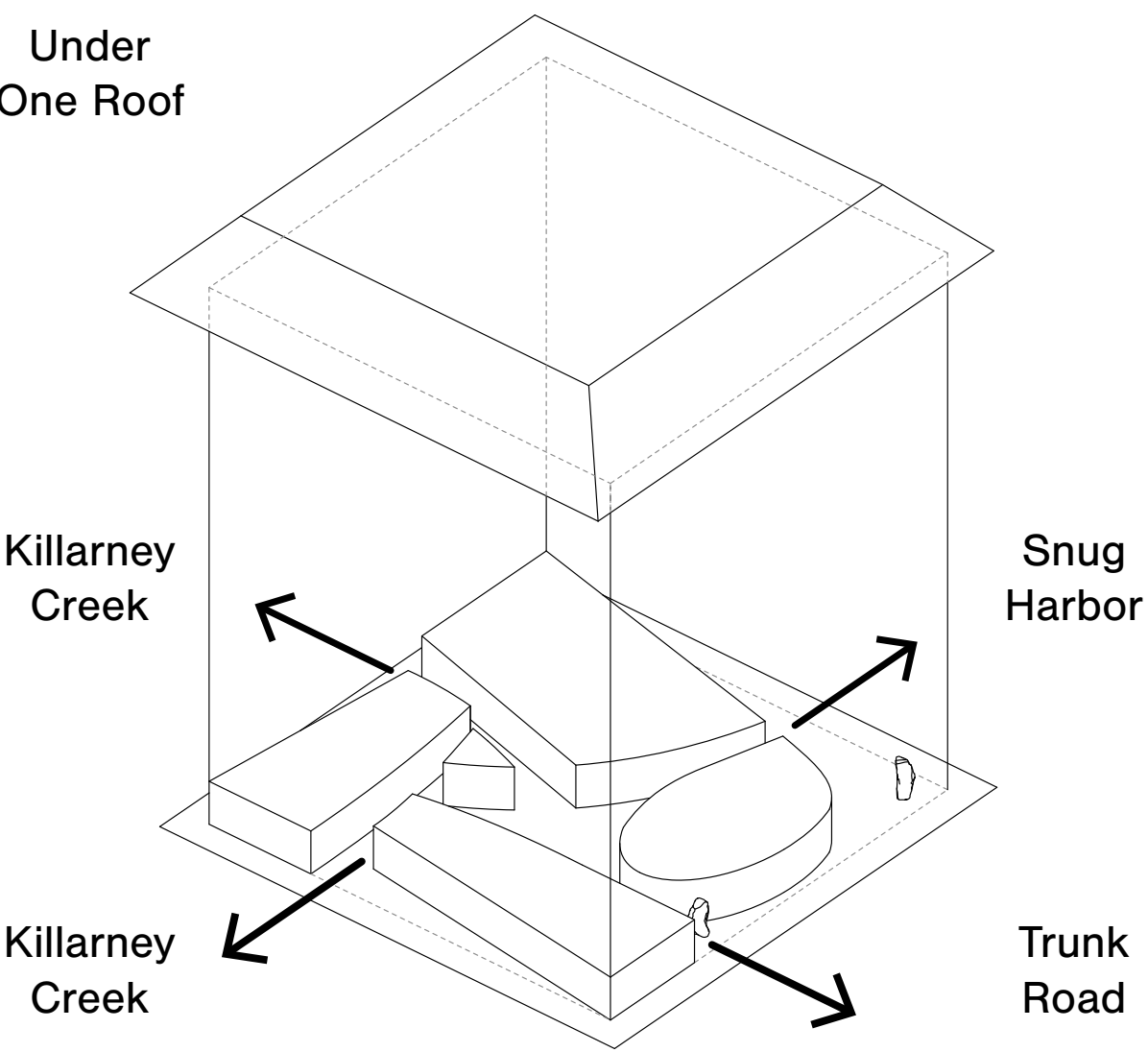
# Emergent Systems: Communal Living Center

Bowen Island, British Columbia, Canada

The Bowen Island Community Center provides a gateway to the island and an essential gathering place for the community around the activities of collective governance, recreation, and art. These unique, yet interdependent functions are celebrated as discrete rooms that exist under one grand roof. The building celebrates the vital interconnected systems of an island: material, human, animal, and plant inhibition by using local, durable, and resilient materials, technologies for energy efficiency, and native plantings.

Set atop a hill, the center provides unique views of the island - from the harbor to the sky. From the street, the building appears as a large home set amongst wild flowers and pine trees. However, the building occupies a rolling hill and becomes a way of walking on the slopes: providing access to community land and natural trails. The Center envisions the essential tasks of community building occurring in balance with the environment.

Concept Diagrams



Site Plan



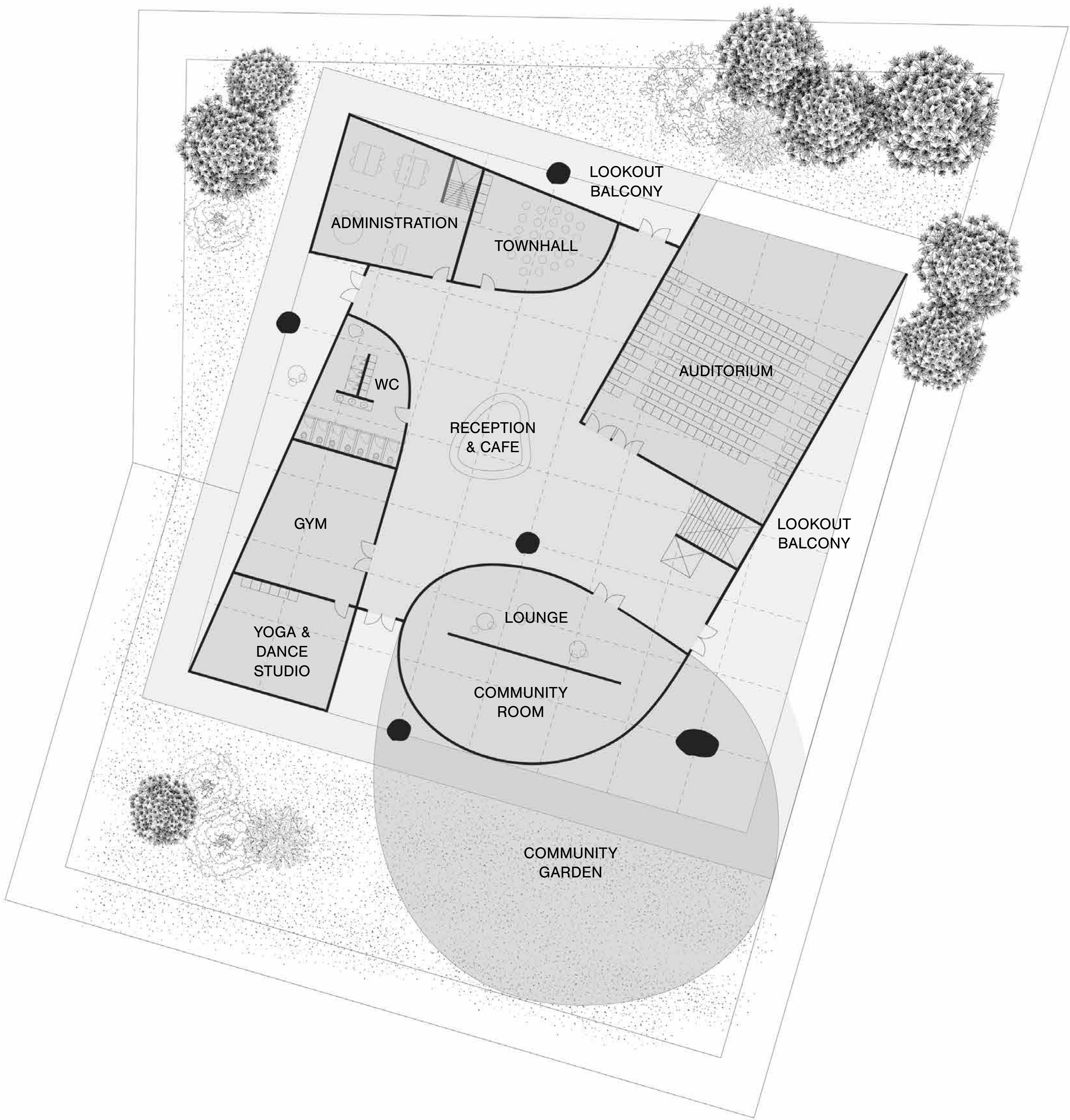




View of Reception and Gallery/Multipurpose Room

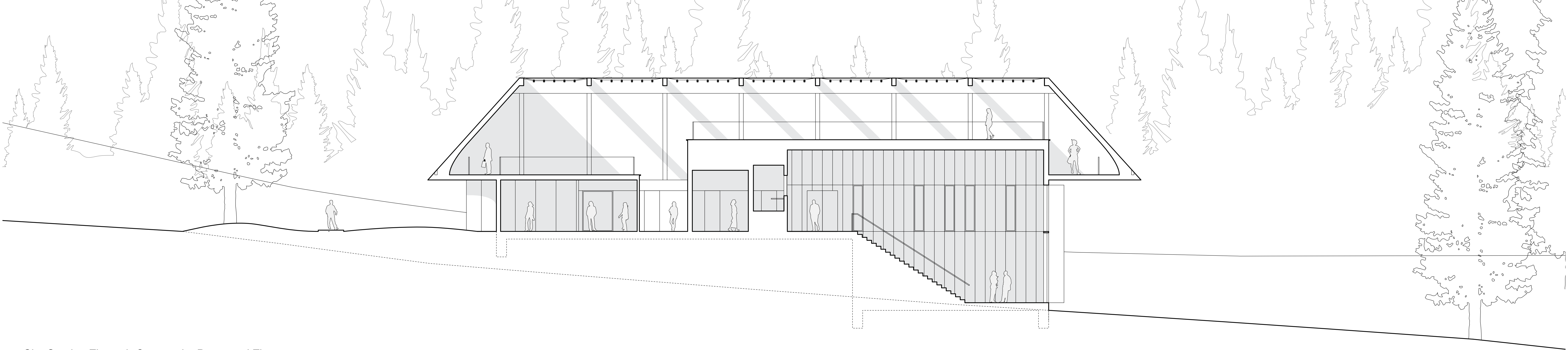


View of Theater



Entry Level Floor Plan





Site Section Through Community Room and Theatre



View of the east facade from a hillside nature trail