

Congregate

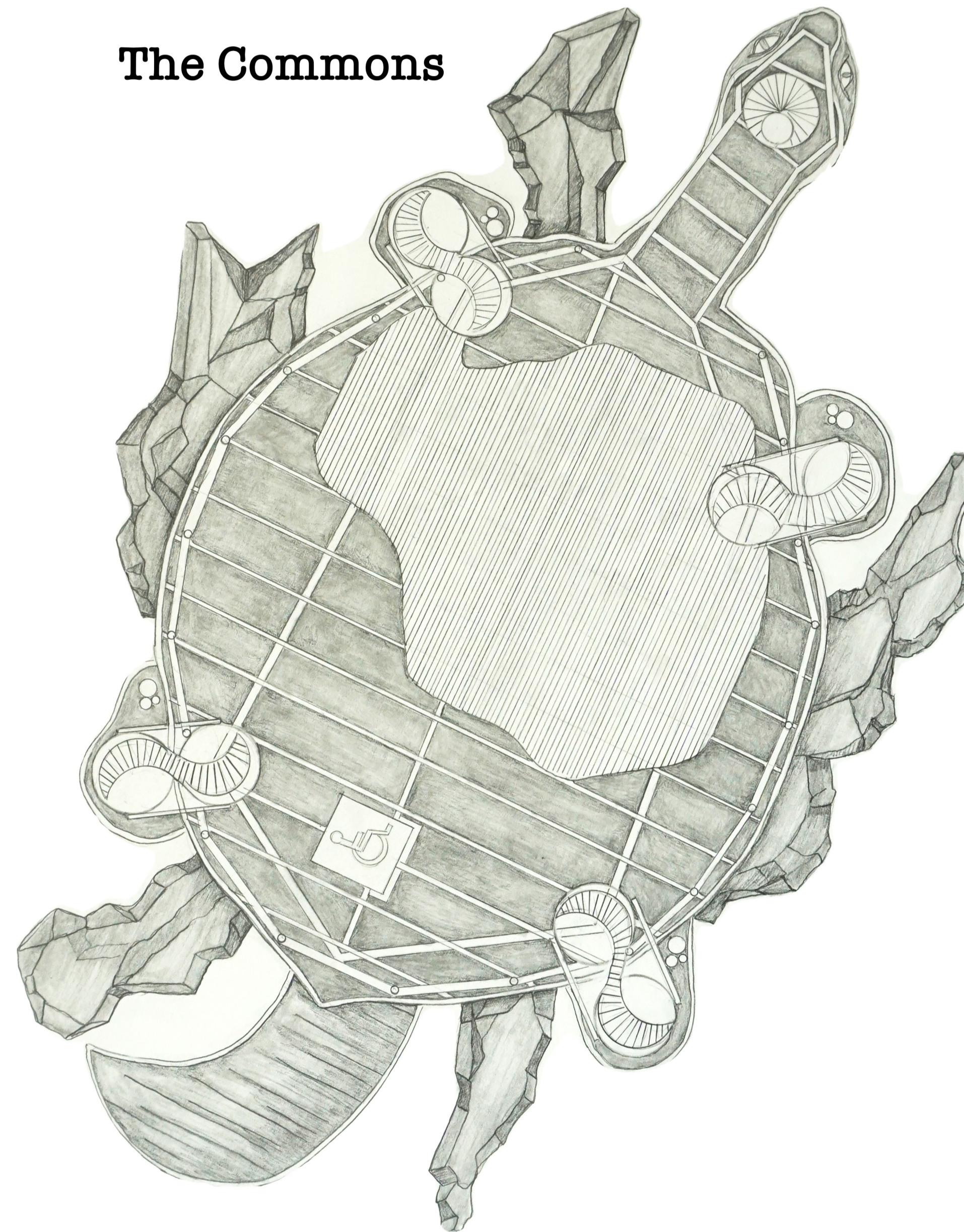
Consilience is an Experience.
It requires exploration and activation to be known.
The sculpture-shelter as Consilience
takes time and movement to reveal itself.

557 square meters of sheltered gathering space.
Three tiered descending circular amphitheater.
Rock and earth geoscaping
provide wind breaks, shade & bench seating.
Movement to & from the nest is multitudinous.
Access is 360 degrees including
climbable & bouldering approaches.
6 m wide sloped ADA ramp for wheeled & motorized equipment
creating exploratory paths winding through earthwork elements.

The Nest



The Commons



The Commons are 28 m long and 23 m wide
constituting 371 sq m of reclaimed floor joist decking.
Includes ADA accessible lift.
Participants climb into the tortoise body
through spiral staircases in each leg.
Ascending into the Commons is a journey
into the protective space inside the tortoise.
In creating the internal life of the tortoise
we constitute the space as we inhabit it.
Do you want to dance?
Do you want to climb?
Do you want to fly?

All this and more is possible.

The Observatory



Do you want to gaze at the night sky?
Do you want to meditate on a desert vista?

Exterior balconies are layered at 3 meter vertical intervals.
233 sq m of solar array on southside of shell produces 70 megawatt per annum.

Topmost circular observatory deck is 23 sq m, deck height 16 m above grade.
Crown deck on tortoise head is 10 sq m, deck height 11 meters above grade.

Green shell & body panels
salvaged from full sized
car hoods with original factory paint & edge.

Observatory and balconies allow for contextualizing
humans into the larger environment.
The big picture reveals
the sky
the landscape
the solar system.