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

The Commons

The Commons are 9.8 m long and 9.8 m wide constituting 97.1 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 Nest

857 square meters of sheltered gathering space. Three tiered descending circular amphitheater. Rock and earth landscaping provide wind breaks, shade & bench seating. Movement to & from the nest is multidimensional. 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 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. 225 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.