

THE PINK HOUSE

1,800 sf · Houston, Texas



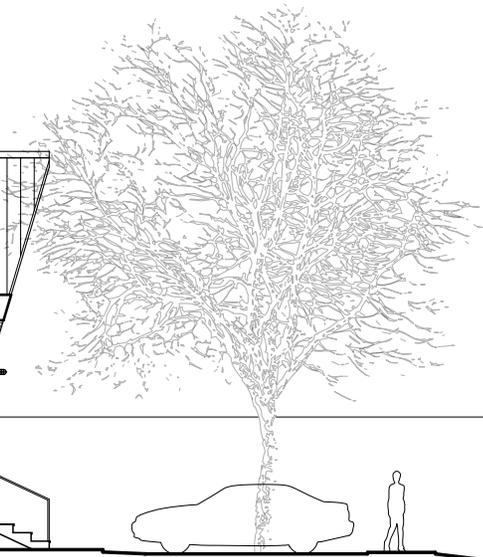
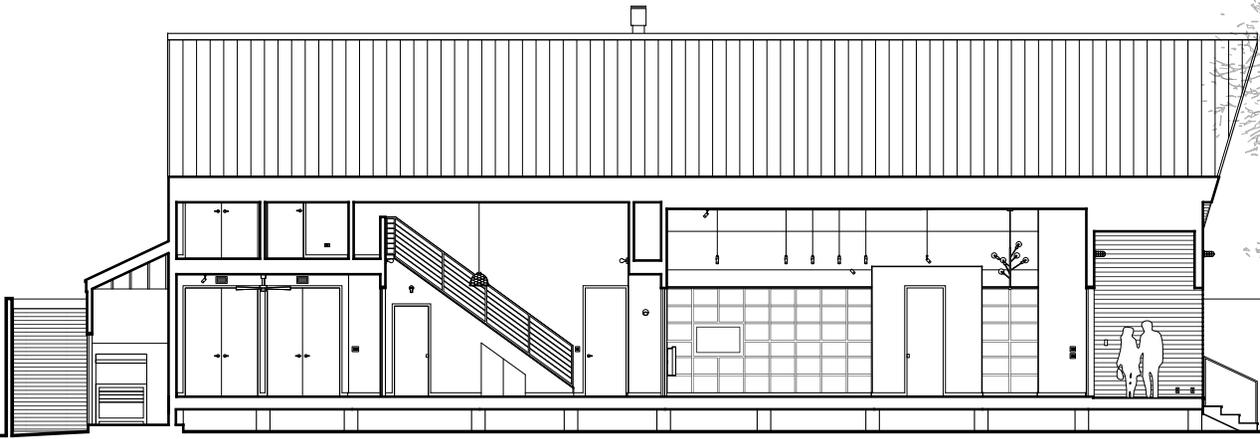
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This 1,800 square foot home is designed for a couple who had lived together in a 600 square foot one-bedroom apartment for thirty-two years. One block from the Menil Collection in Houston's Montrose neighborhood, the 55' x 115' property is dominated by two Virginia Live Oaks and borders a fiberoptic communications facility to the west, which drones an ordinance-compliant 63-decibel hum of urban white noise.

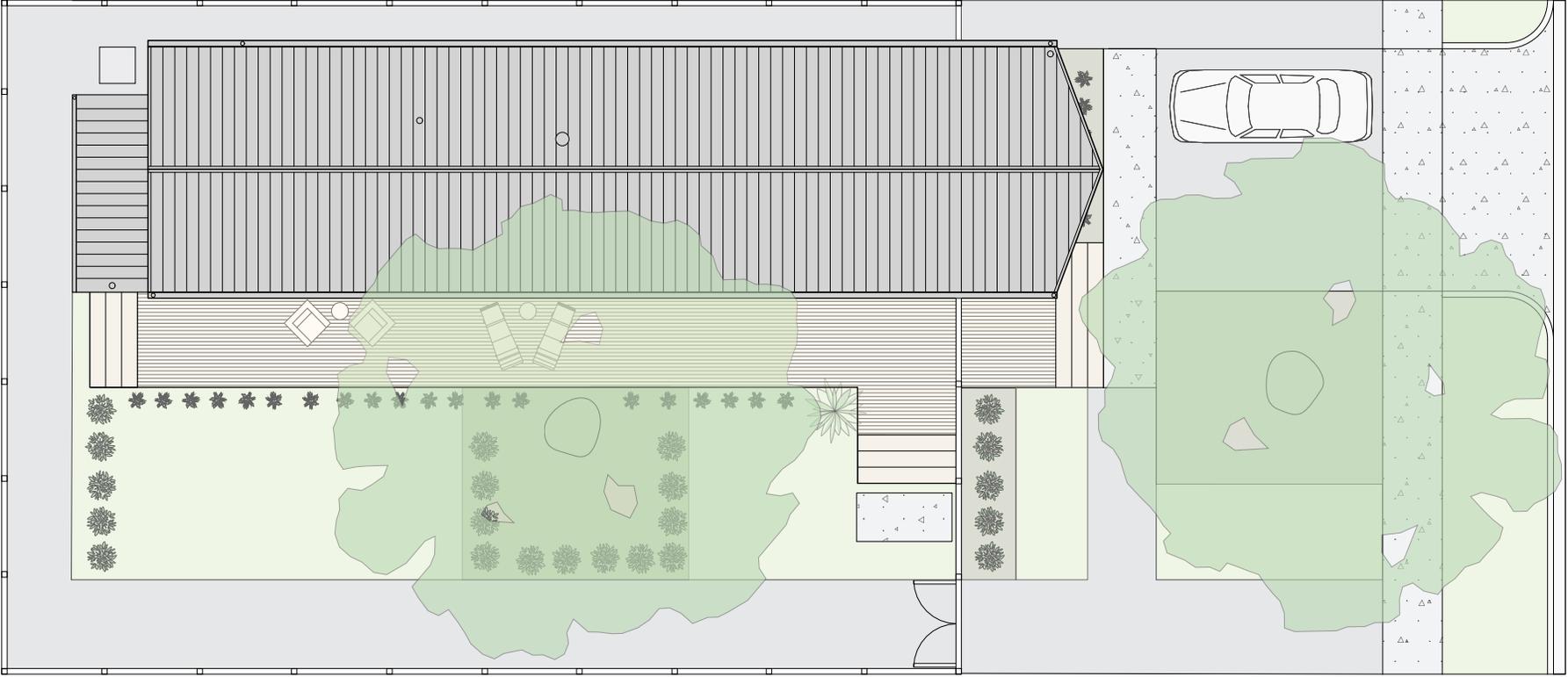
Everything bows to the trees. Turning its back on the westward noise and harsh afternoon sun, the 20' x 80' plan spills under the eastward oaks. Four sliding glass doors – shielded on sunny days by louvered barn doors and the wide reach of the trees – bring in daylight and open onto a deck and side yard that run the length of the house. The home is pier-raised 30" above grade for flood protection and to allow airflow and site-maximized water absorption beneath the structure. The STC-rated staggered stud western wall is further buffered against noise pollution by the owners' library of approximately 4,000 monographs.

The house – reminiscent of the shotgun typology prominent across Houston – is organized along a circulation spine linking the side yard and interior rooms. The northern front-half of the house is a vaulted double-height section containing the street-facing kitchen and library-lined dining and living areas. The southern back-half houses the more private program. It was imperative that the house also accommodate the owners' art collection, including several large-scale, site-specific commissions by Houston artists.

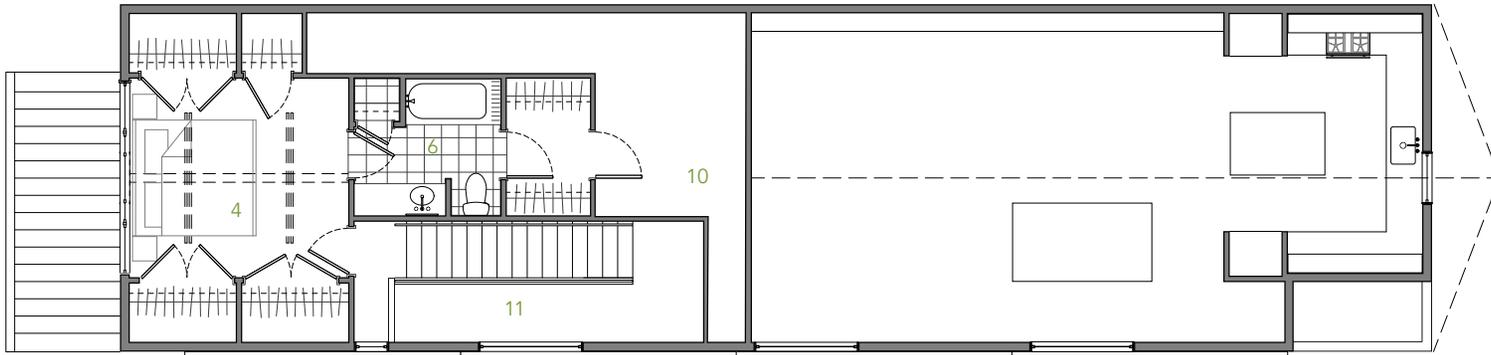




Section
0 2 4 10 FT



Site Plan
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Second Floor



First Floor

- 1. Kitchen
- 2. Dining
- 3. Living
- 4. Bedroom
- 5. Office
- 6. Bathroom
- 7. Laundry
- 8. Deck
- 9. Storage Shed
- 10. Mechanical
- 11. Open to Below





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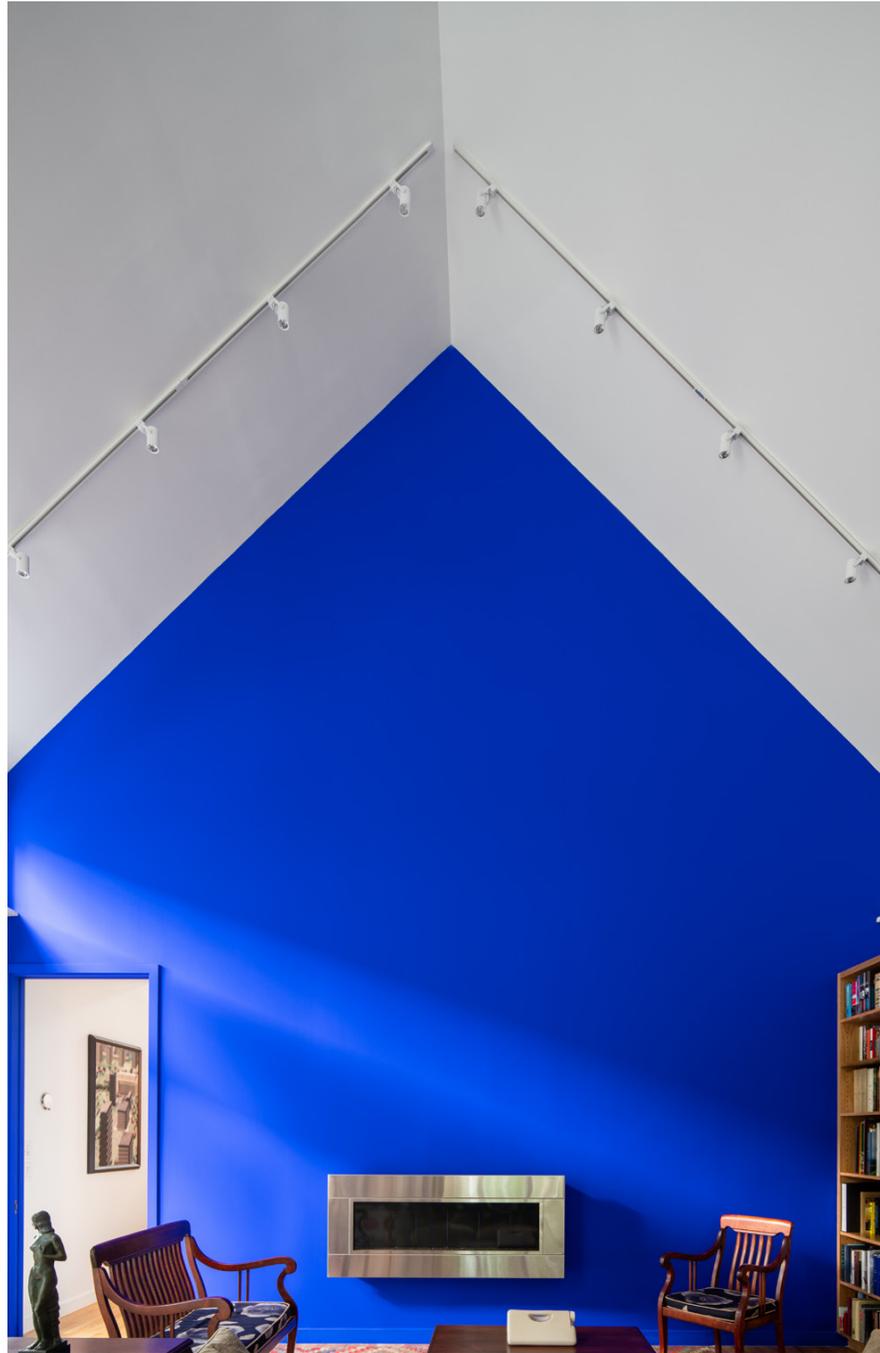


























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