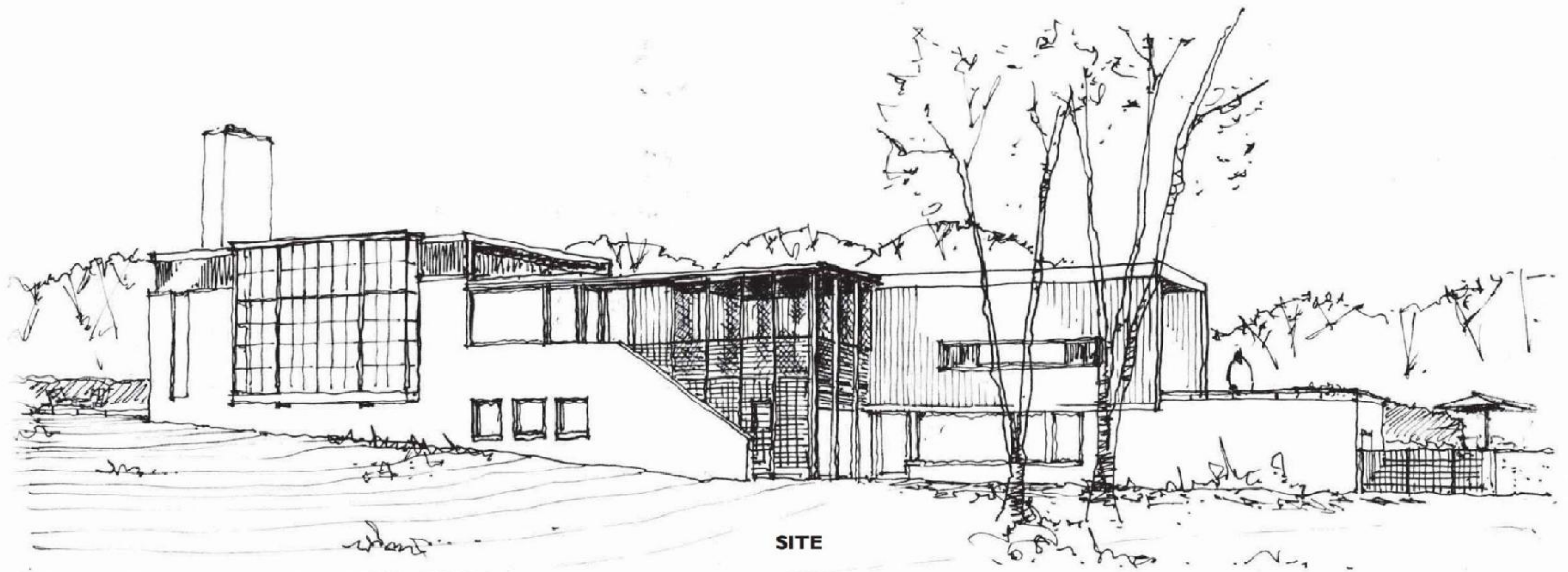




FLETCHER'S MILL



A new residence (4900 SF) and guest house (850 SF) are sited on a knoll that is the upper part of a meadow that slopes gently down to a small freestone river. The compound formed by the two structures is the terminus of a long and level plateau bordered by woods, and of a new entry drive. From this vantage point, this new minimalist house of concrete, whitewashed brick, cedar, copper, bluestone, and steel windows features views of the meadow, the river itself, and two nearby peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

DESIGN STRATEGY

This modern house set directly in the working agrarian landscape of the Virginia Piedmont recalls local traditions once strongly held. Traditional too is the prevalent use of thickened walls (housing ample storage), a palette of natural materials, and a massive tall chimney anchoring the linear forms and terraces to this particular earth.

The site section was carefully considered to achieve comfortable and direct access to the landscape, as well as a prospect from which to view it. By skewing slightly off parallel to contour, the 2-story main house heels into the slope of the meadow at the edge of the plateau to enable each living level to connect to grade. The principal living spaces arrayed along the long axis feature broad views of the lower river meadow to the south, and the wooded hills beyond the river. The main circulation spine linking these spaces is strategically sited to frame views at each end of the close-by mountain peaks.

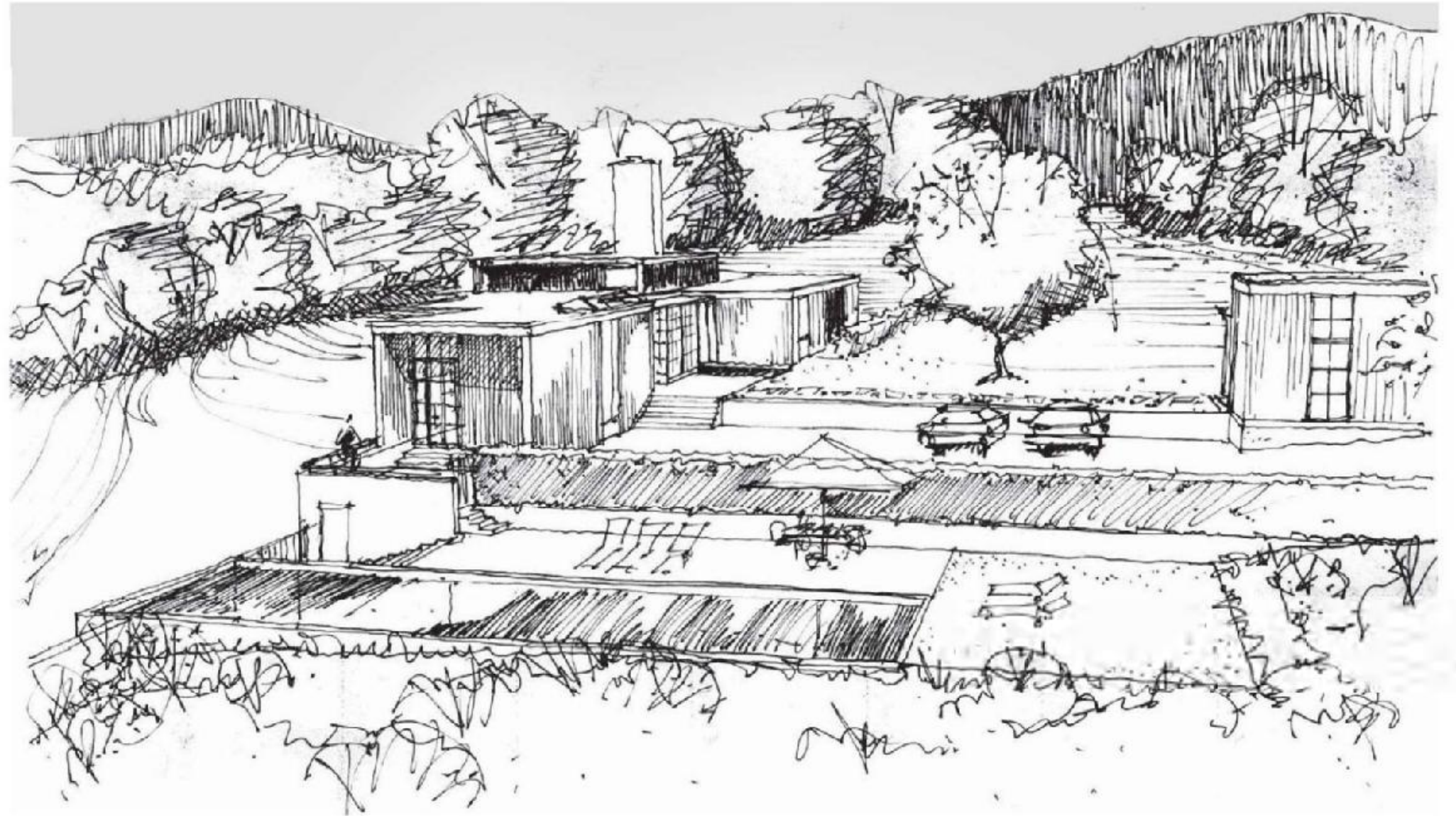
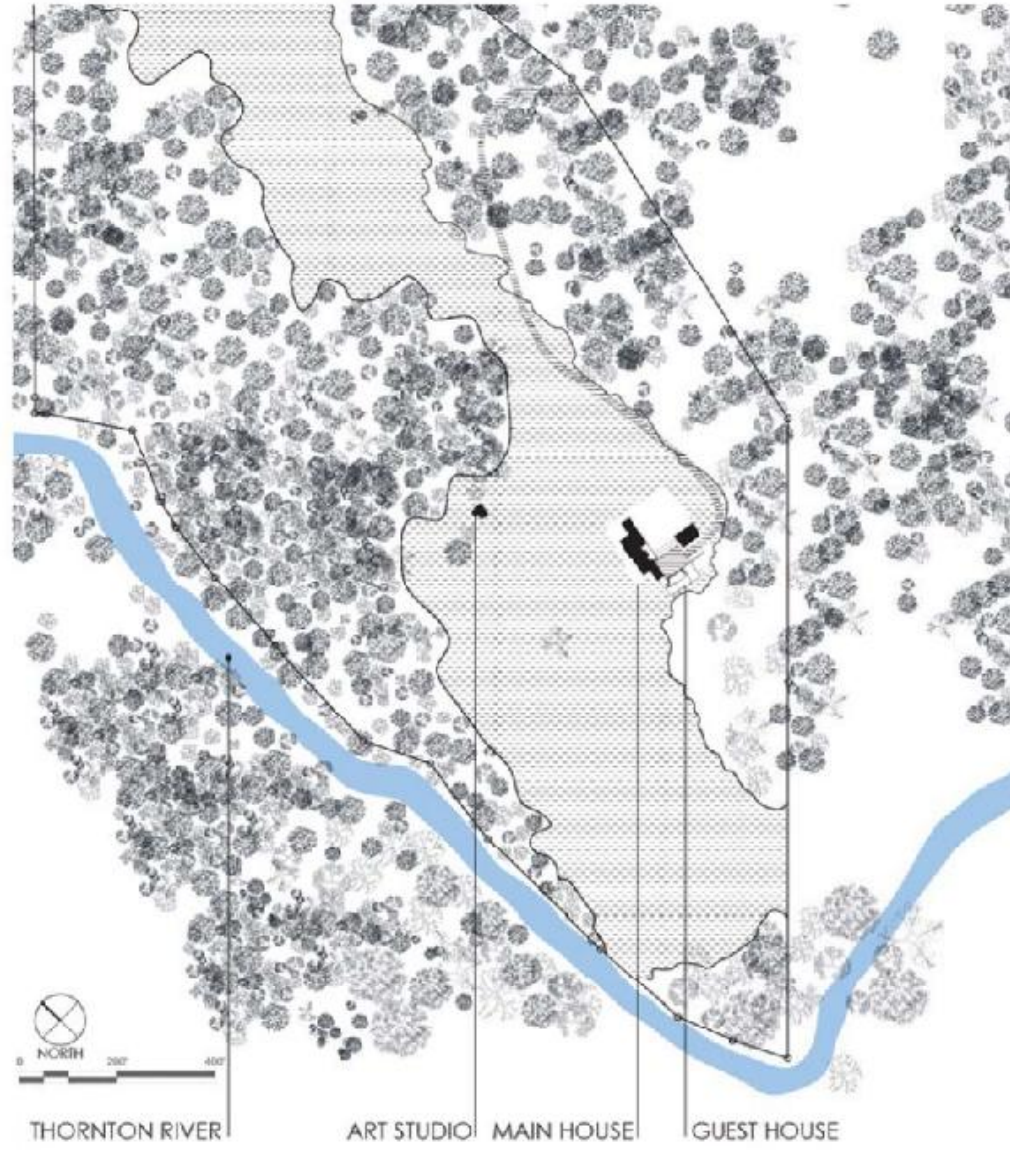
Often an afterthought, in the design of this project the screen porch was the starting point for the site parti and the organization of the program. It and the raised deep end of the pool, occupy the choicest point of the entire property. The east-facing porch is connected en suite to the kitchen and principal living / dining space beyond, making it a destination all times of the day for all but the harshest seasons.





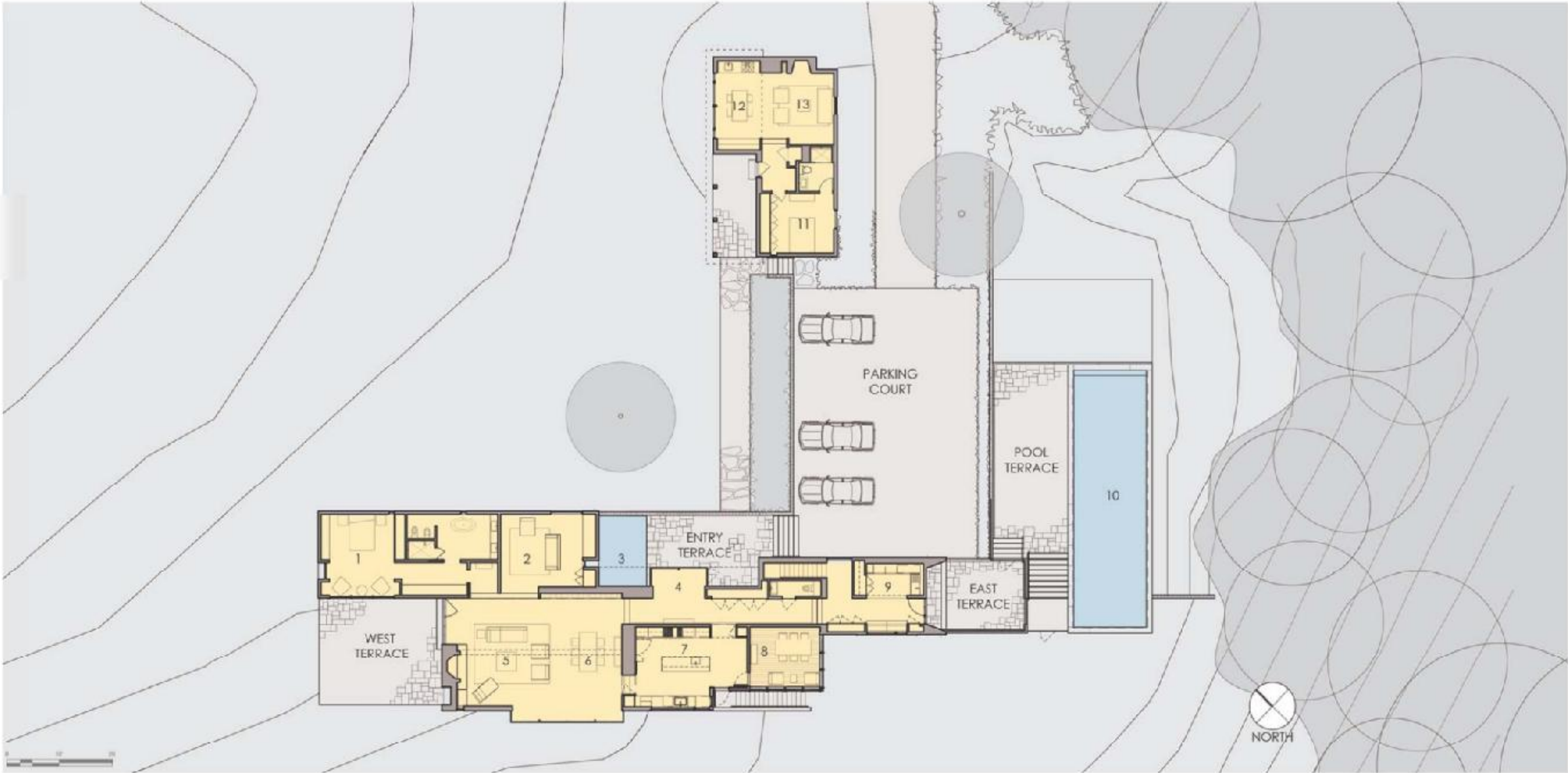


SITE



UPPER LEVEL PLAN

- LEGEND
- 1. MASTER BEDROOM
 - 2. STUDY
 - 3. FOUNTAIN
 - 4. ENTRY
 - 5. LIVING ROOM
 - 6. DINING
 - 7. KITCHEN
 - 8. SCREEN PORCH
 - 9. MUD/LAUNDRY ROOM
 - 10. POOL
 - 11. GUEST BEDROOM
 - 12. GUEST DINING ROOM
 - 13. GUEST LIVING ROOM



LOWER LEVEL PLAN

- LEGEND
- 1. CRAWL SPACE
 - 2. MECHANICAL ROOM
 - 3. BASEMENT
 - 4. GUEST BEDROOM
 - 5. STUDY
 - 6. GUEST BEDROOM
 - 7. BATHROOM
 - 8. POOL VAULT
 - 9. GENERATOR



