



CALIFORNIA RANCH

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HISTORY

ORIGINS

Much of southern California's design owes its inspiration to Spanish influence—and the California Ranch is no different. An adaptation of the single-story Spanish Mission houses popular in the mid 19th century, California Ranches gained popularity in the mid 1930s. They're characterized by a low, horizontal shape, broad roof overhangs, and vaulted ceilings above a single story. More contemporary iterations tend to incorporate L or U-shaped layouts, large windows, and ample connection between indoors and out.

HISTORICAL EXAMPLES

Cliff May, Horton Development

Ronald Reagan's Pacific Palisades Home

Modern Ranch Homes



KEY FEATURES

EXTERIORS

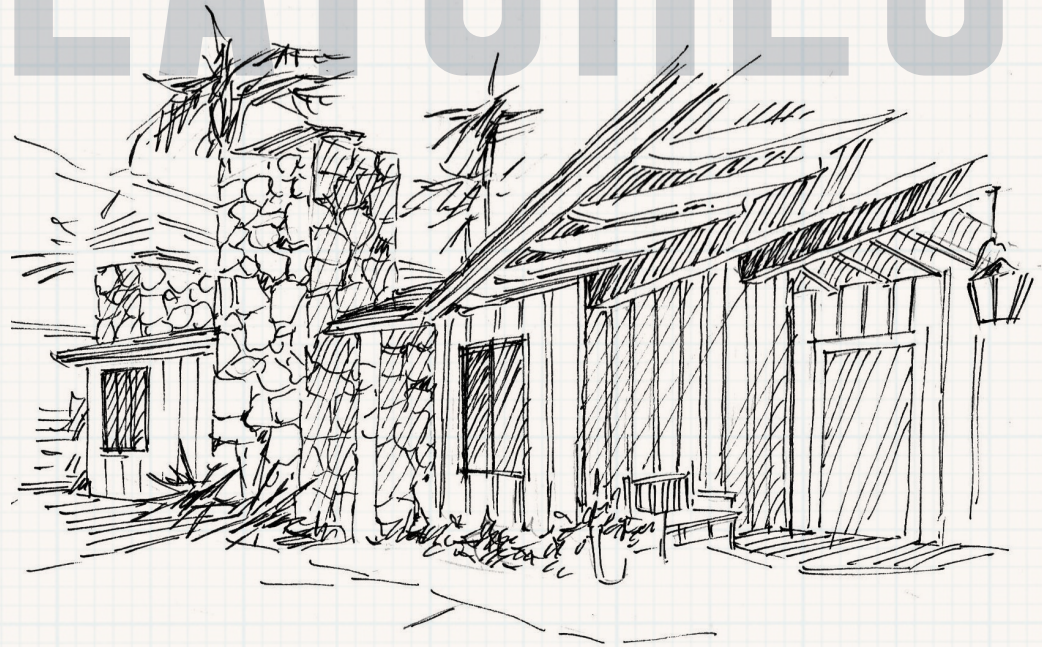
Low-slope, front or side-gable roofs, typically single story. Massing can be simple and traditional (with front and side gable roofs) or complex and modern (with single-pitch or floor roofs).

WINDOWS

Heights ranging from six to eight feet and styles including small casements, standard double-hung, and large walls. Simple exterior casing with flat masonry or stucco.

DOORS

Aligned with tops of windows; solid wood or small, narrow glass panel; sliding doors opening to outdoor spaces are common.



LOW-PITCHED ROOFS

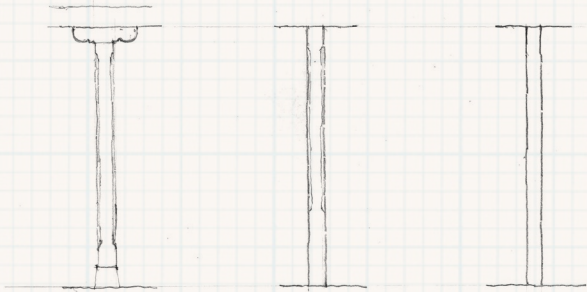
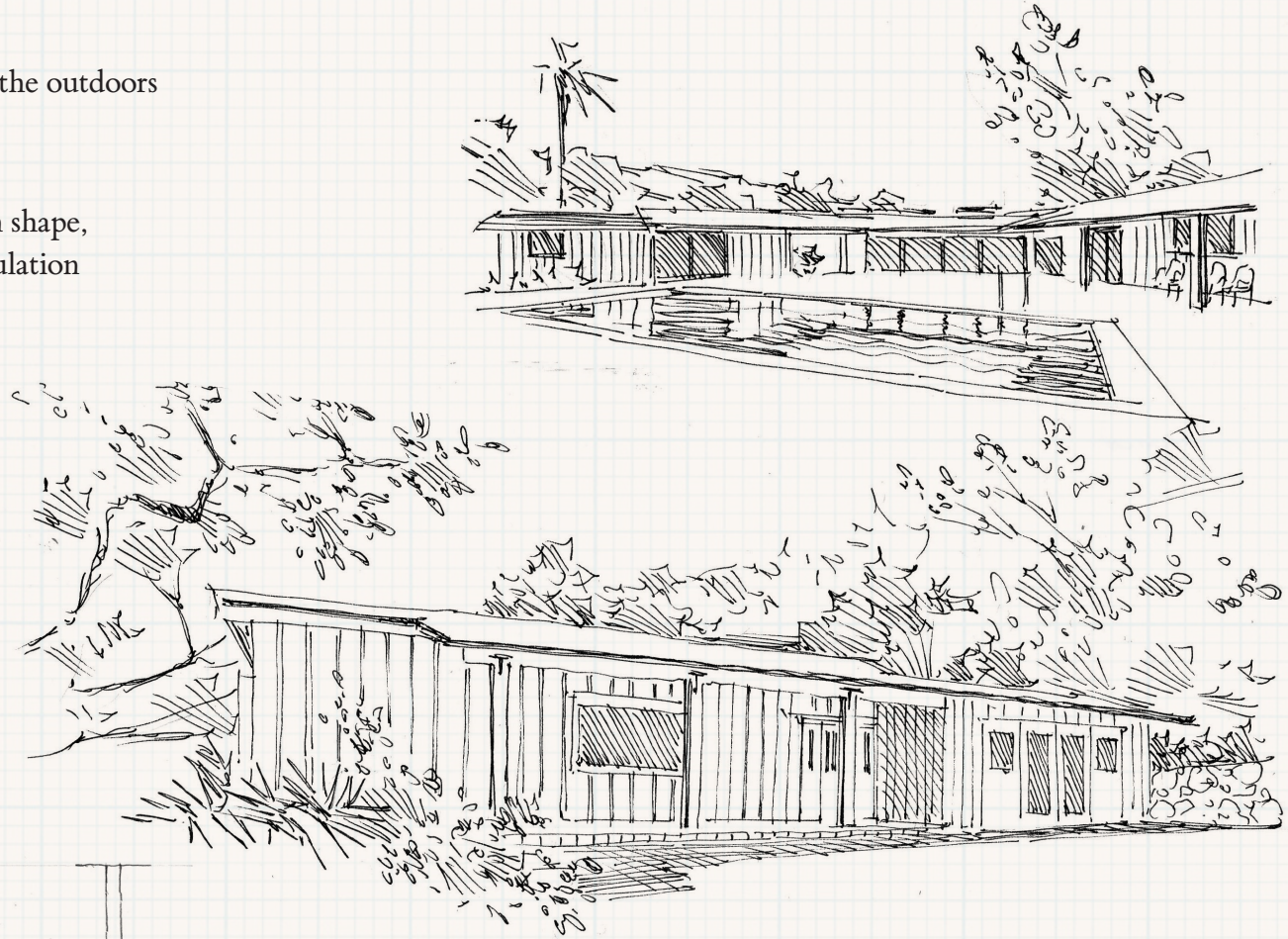
Overhangs with deep eaves

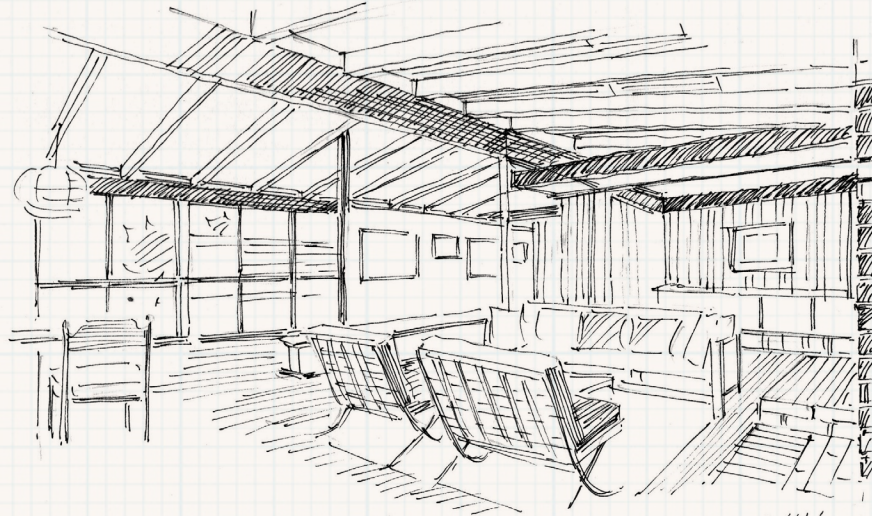
COURTYARDS OR PATIOS

emphasizing connection to the outdoors

COLUMNS

6-8 inch columns, square in shape,
with varying levels of articulation





LAYOUT

Open, wide spaces to allow for natural light

VAULTED CEILINGS

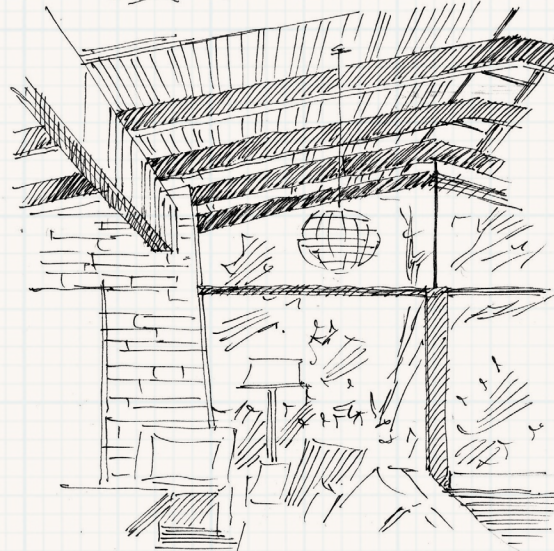
To maximize space in single story

EXPOSED BEAMS

showcasing natural wood grain

NATURAL MATERIALS

Reflecting the landscape outdoors
and infusing warmth

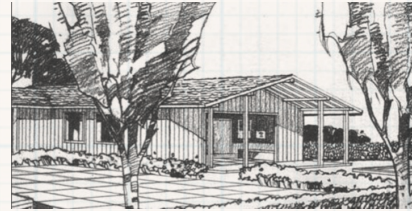


INSPIRATION



& PRECEDENT

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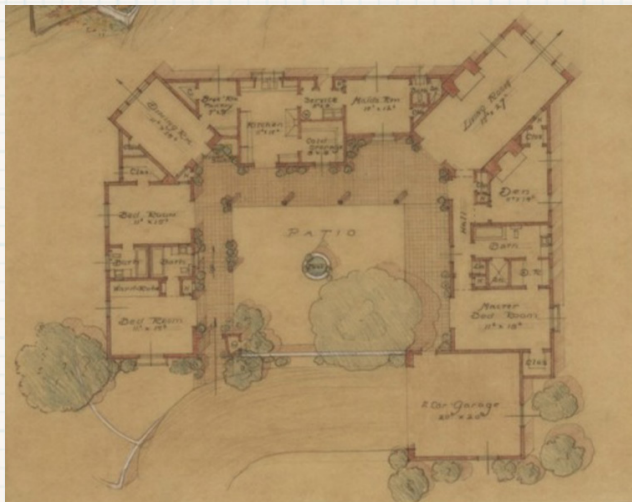


EXTERIOR FEATURES



THE NEW CALIFORNIA CLASSICS

OPEN WOOD INTERIORS





NATURAL MATERIALS
TILE, STONE & WOOD



Atrium White
OC-145



Baby Fawn
OC-15



Soft Satin
2164-60



Shaker Beige
HC-45



Stonington Gray
HC-170



Palladian Blue
HC-144



Audubon Russet
HC-51



Garrison Red
HC-66



Driftwood
2107-40



York Harbor Yellow
2154-40

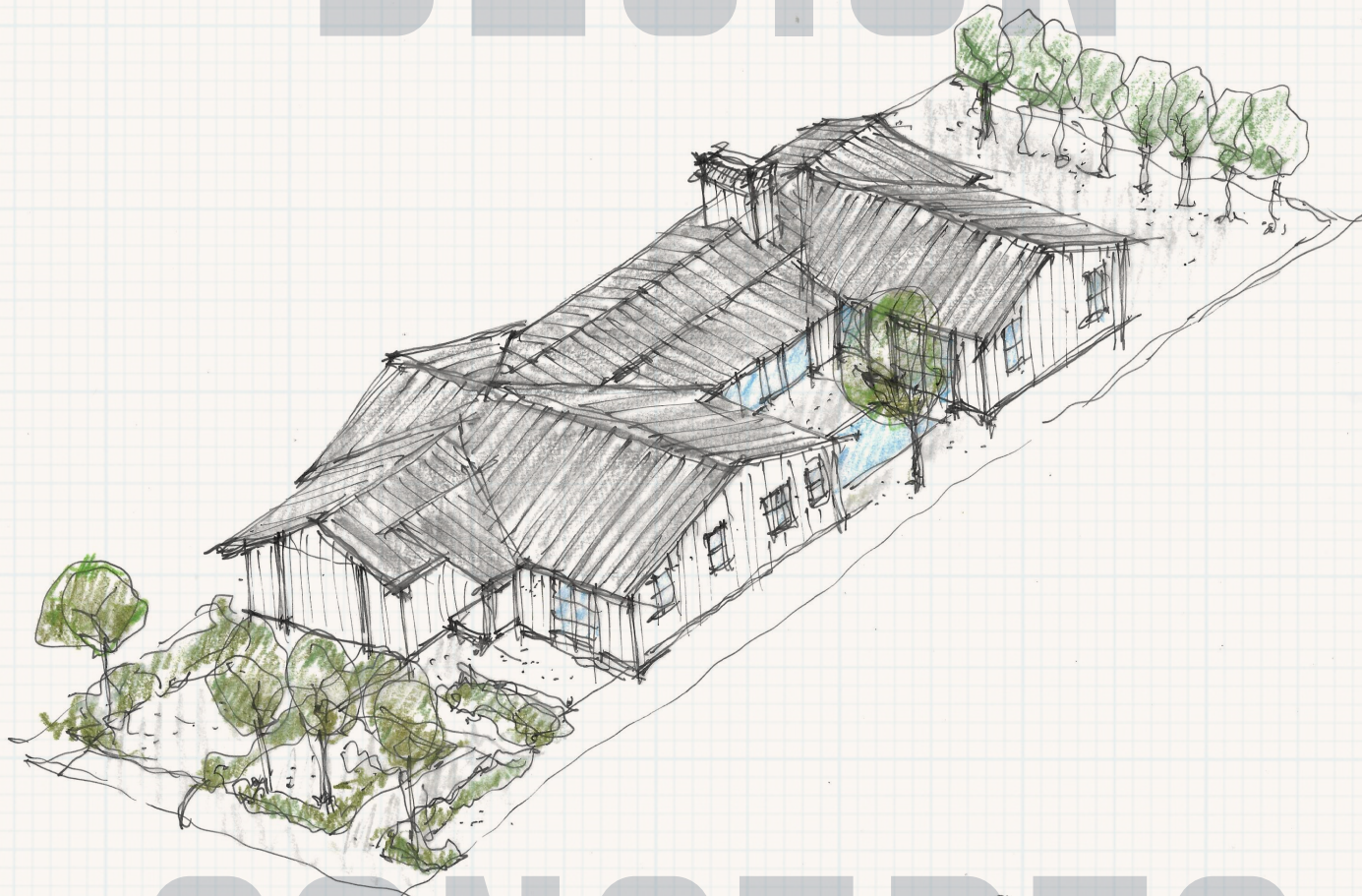


Louisburg Green
HC-113

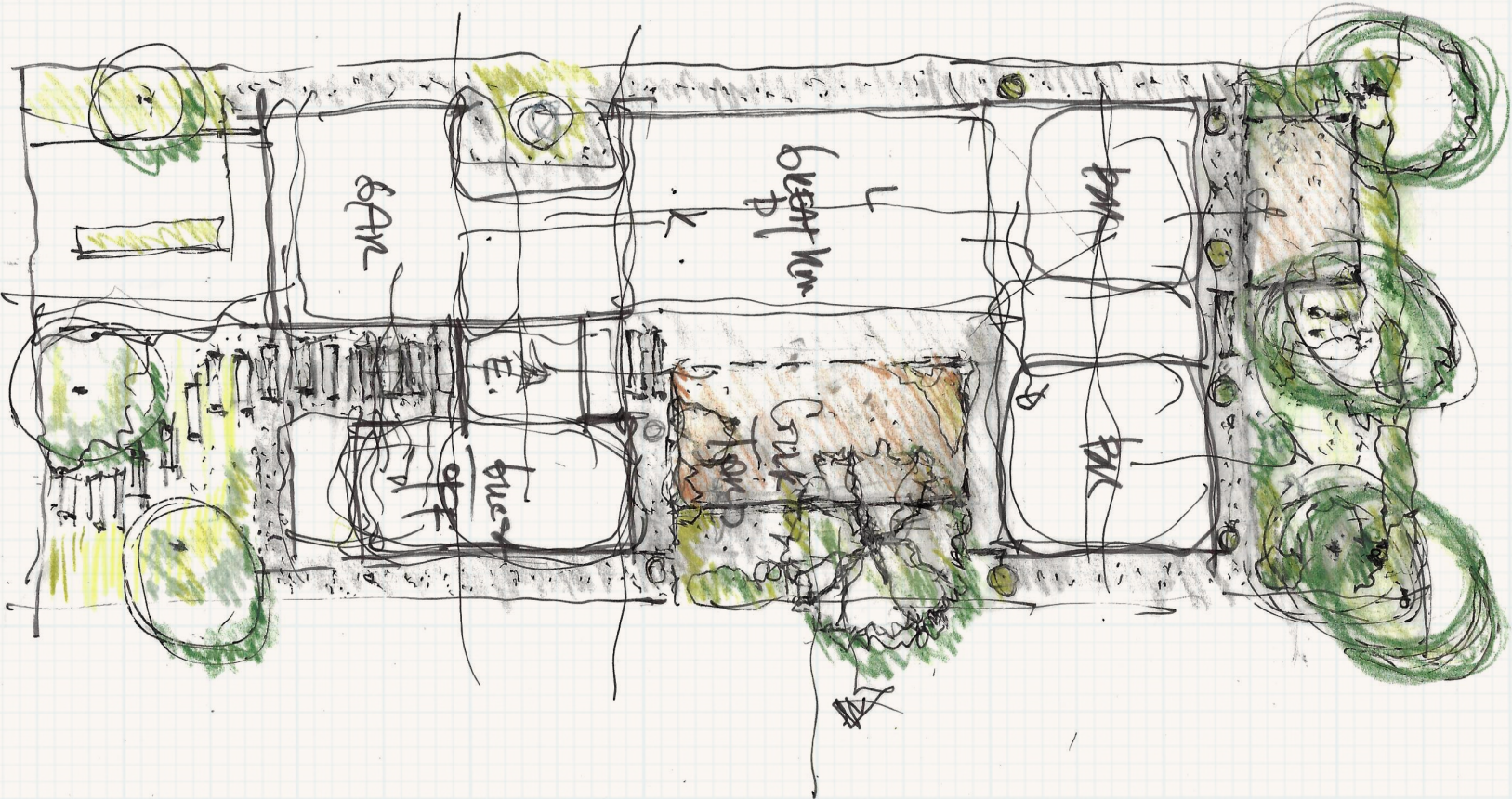


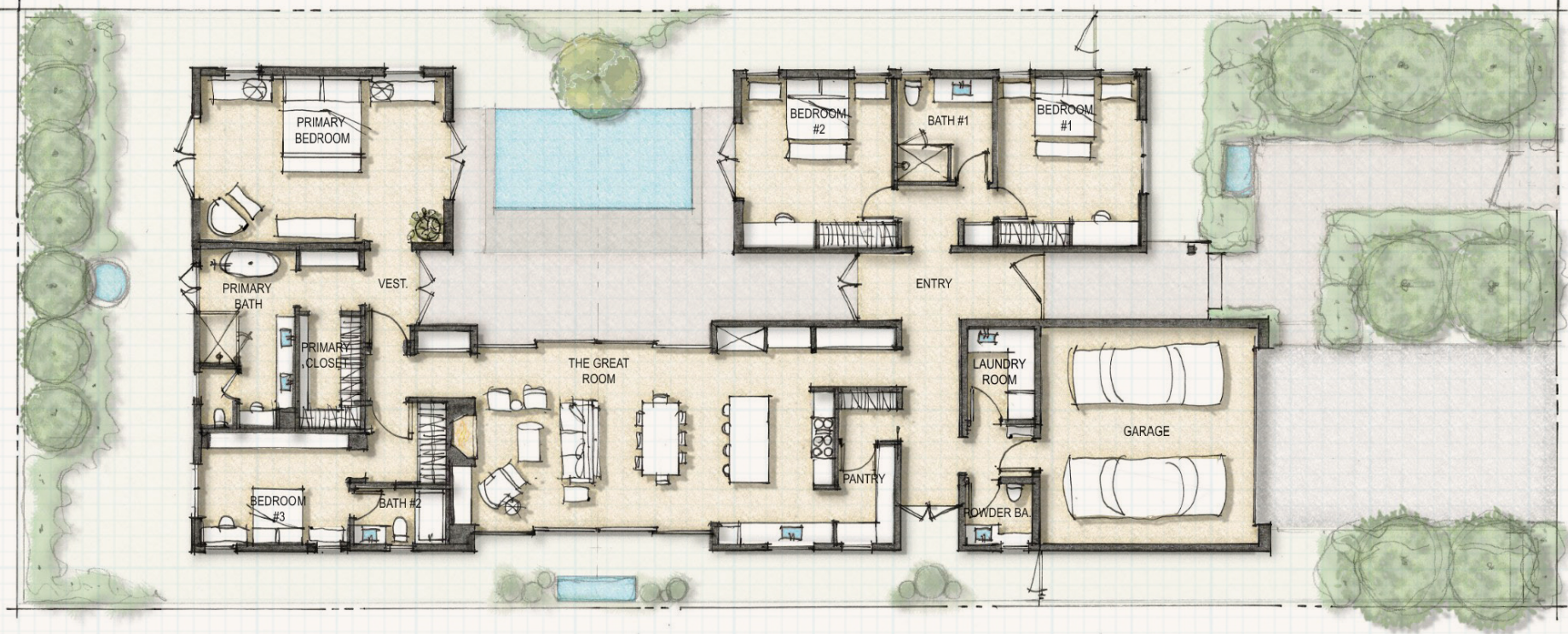
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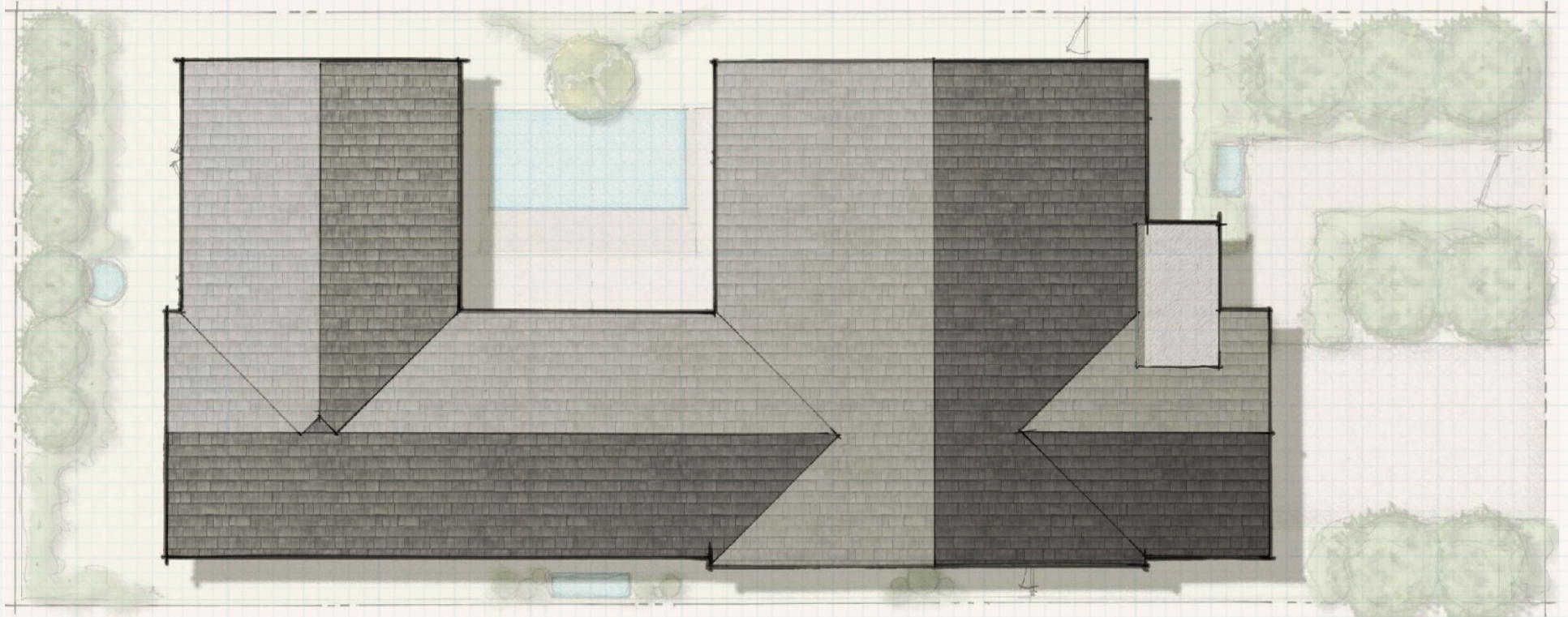
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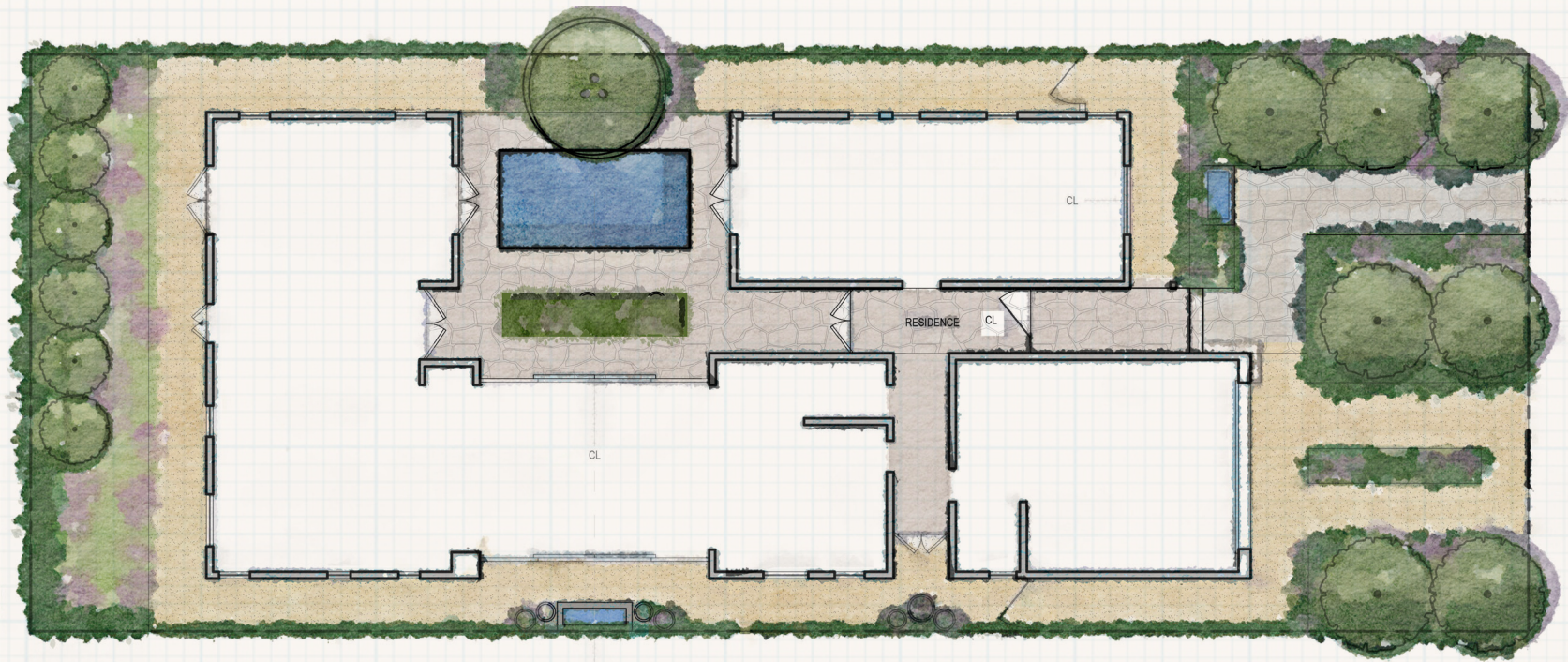
CONCEPTS







LANDSCAPE



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HARDSCAPE &
GARDEN ELEMENTS

