

The Douru river provided a link between the inland communities and the ocean.

Porto is also the beginning of one of the most popular pilgrimages -Saint James tomb in Compostela

Porto is famous for exploring the coast of Spain and Morrocco as well as other African trade Routes

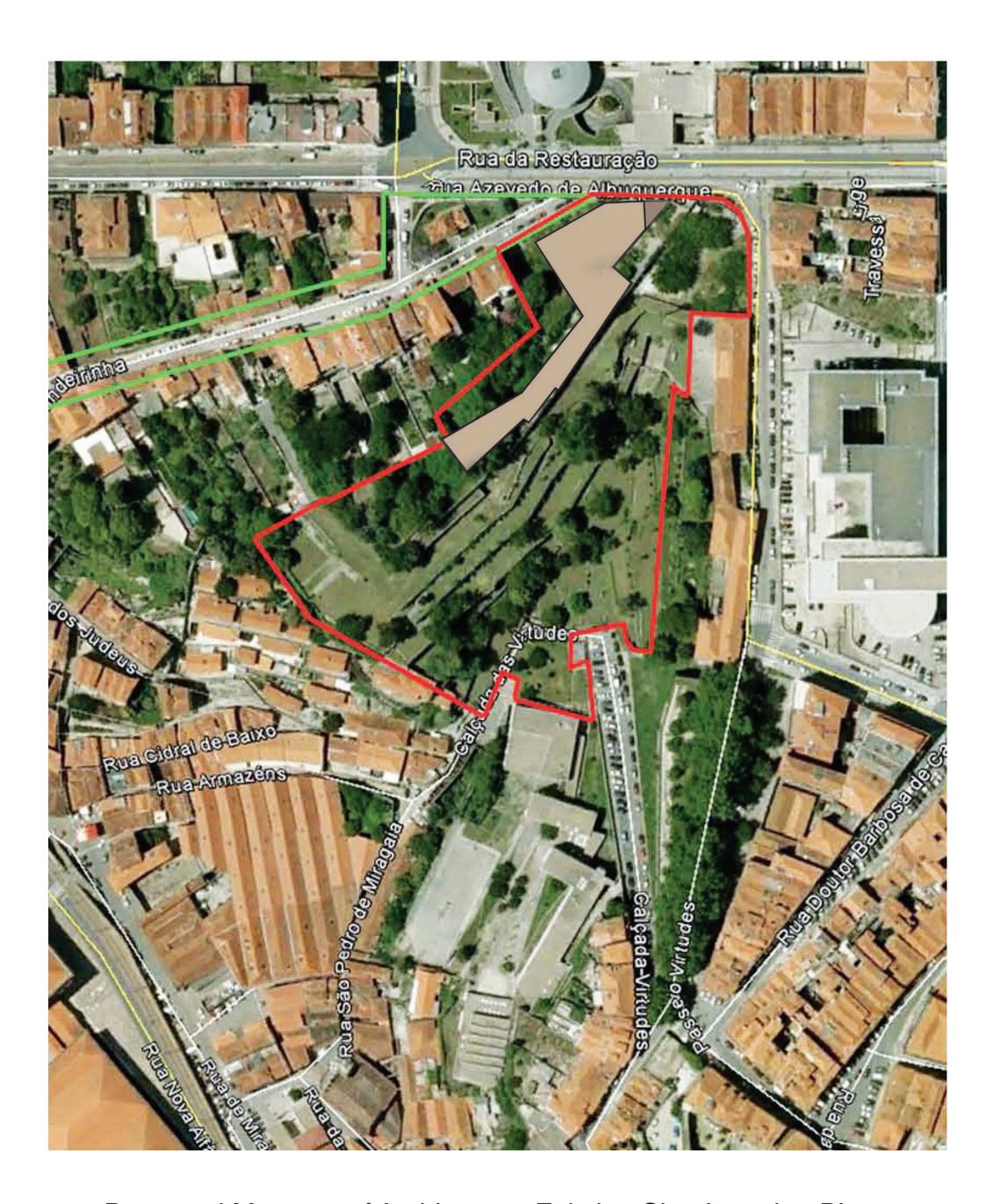
Their trade in fine meats and Port wine has continued into the 21st century

Shipbuilding, Mapping and trade were staples for the Portuguese starting in the 1200's Troubled times have come in waves and the culture has held on to the vineyards as the main commercial venture.

The parti of the river

As the Portuguese were fishing and trading in the past, the future should honor and celebrate that history

The site is an important garden that has flows into the river through the site valley; at several points the river has been pushed underground and comes out near the historical customs house. Fountains will be used to create river like connections at the museum and on site.

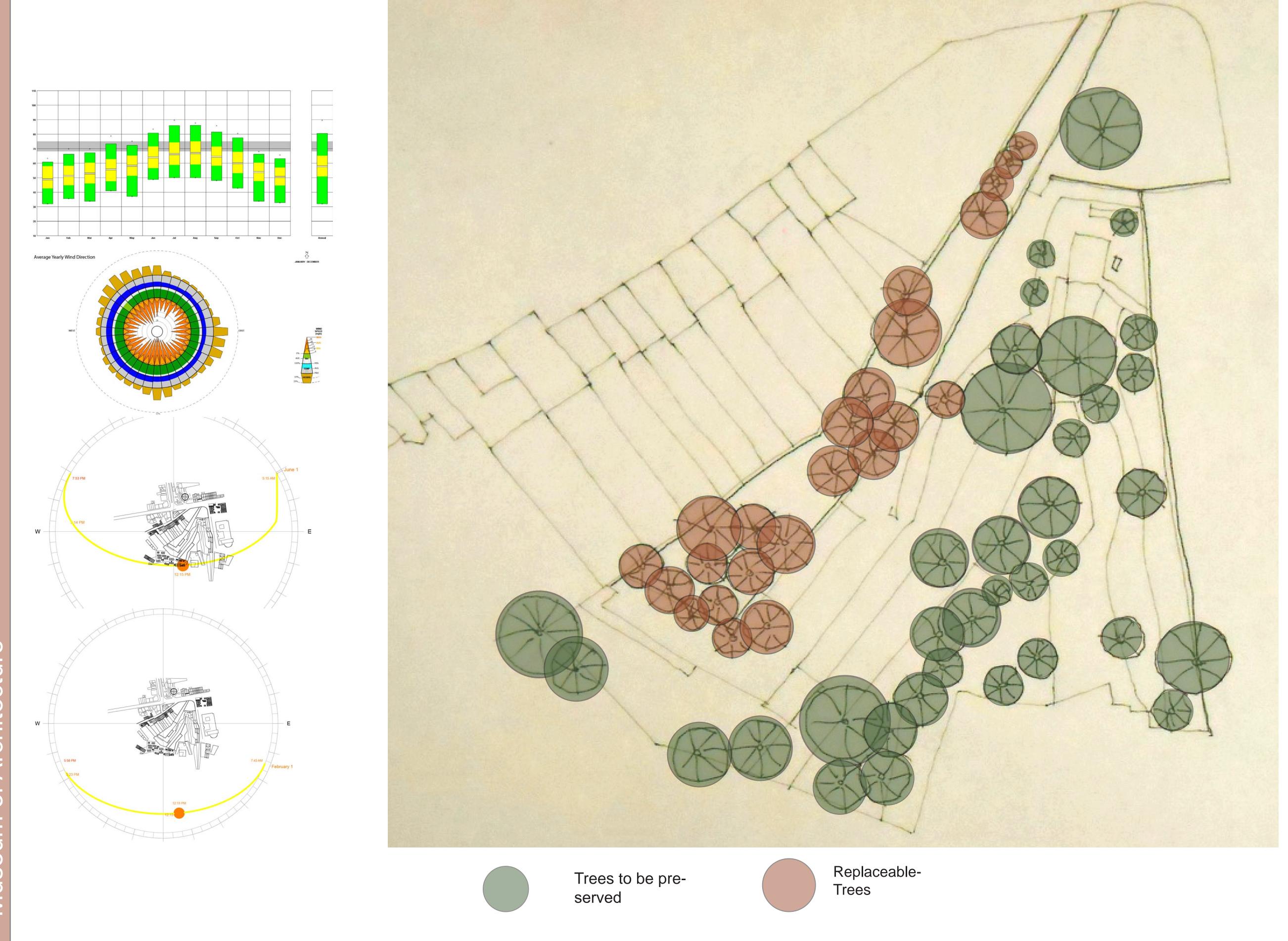


Proposed Museum of Architecture Existing Site Location Plan

Porto by: Alvaro Siza

"the ground of Porto, my city, is possessed by demons. Rugged, granite that has over the centuries resisted hasty plans. The rows of houses roll along the hills and open up to squares, where possible: narrow inlets and inclined planes that no manual would suggest. With difficulty, the walls hold a fabric intent on fleeing;....The slopes demand walls of laboriuously adapted stone, platforms embracin g the landscape and following the essence of it logic, looking out into the Douro, to produce the wine that nourishes the city, wine that pays for the gardens inserted in the blocks, in the great quinte on the river..."[1]

[1]Alvaro Siza, "Oporto", in Burgo, number zero, June 1988, page 20





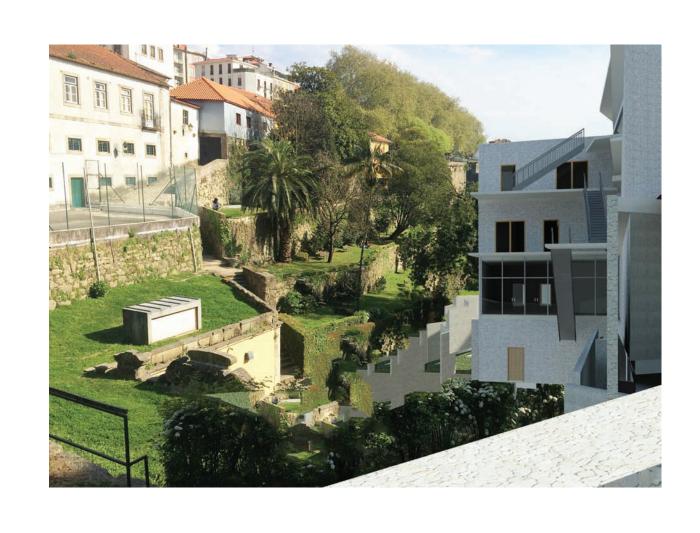


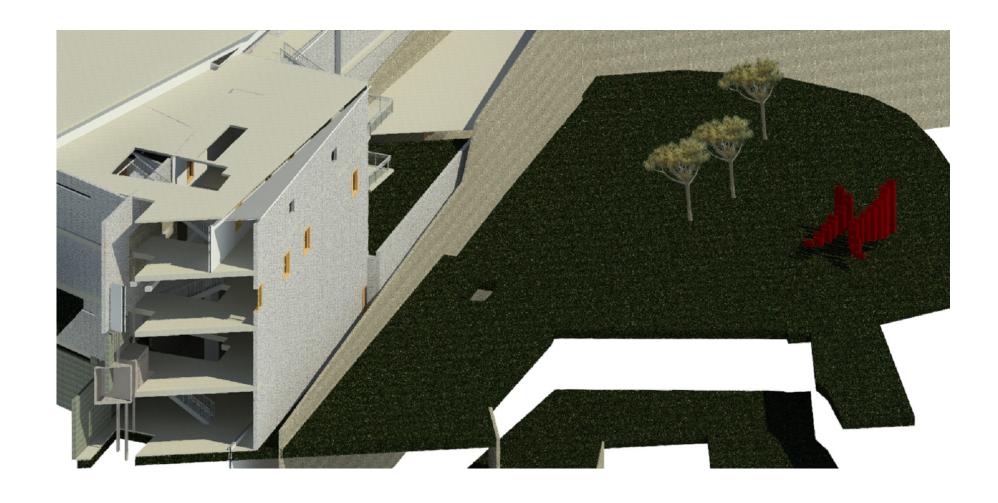
















## Exterior Marble



Marble and Granite for durability and warmth

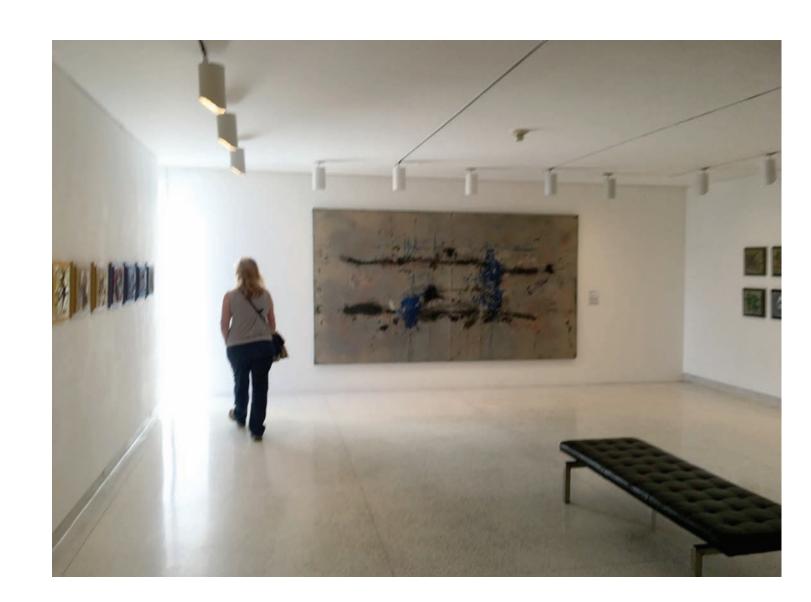
Light colors in galleries to enhance the exibitions

Natural light and LED lighting

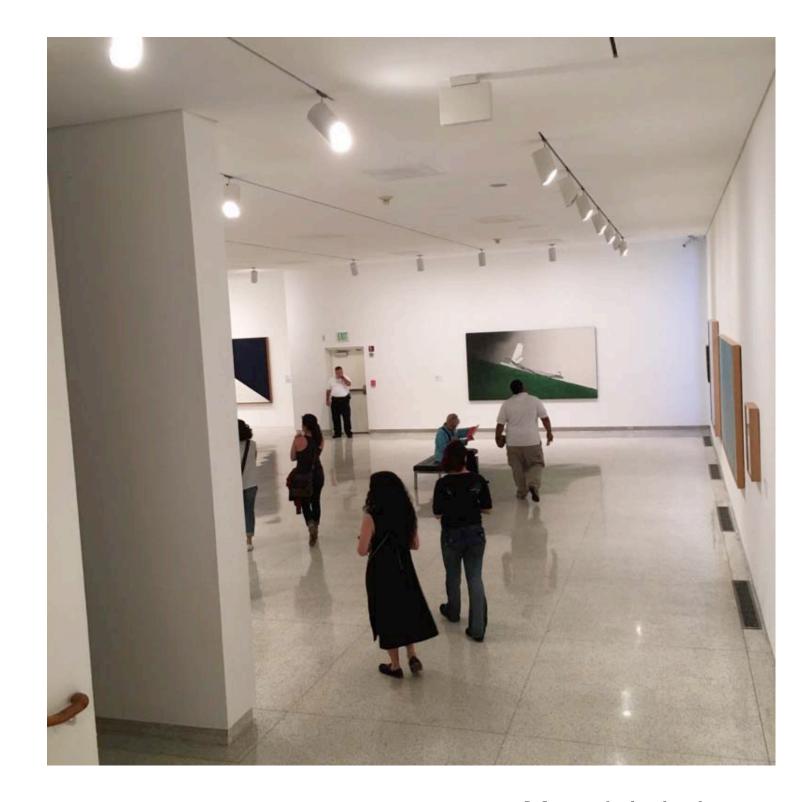
Simple pallette that does not interfere with enjoyment of the art

Natural landscape of the



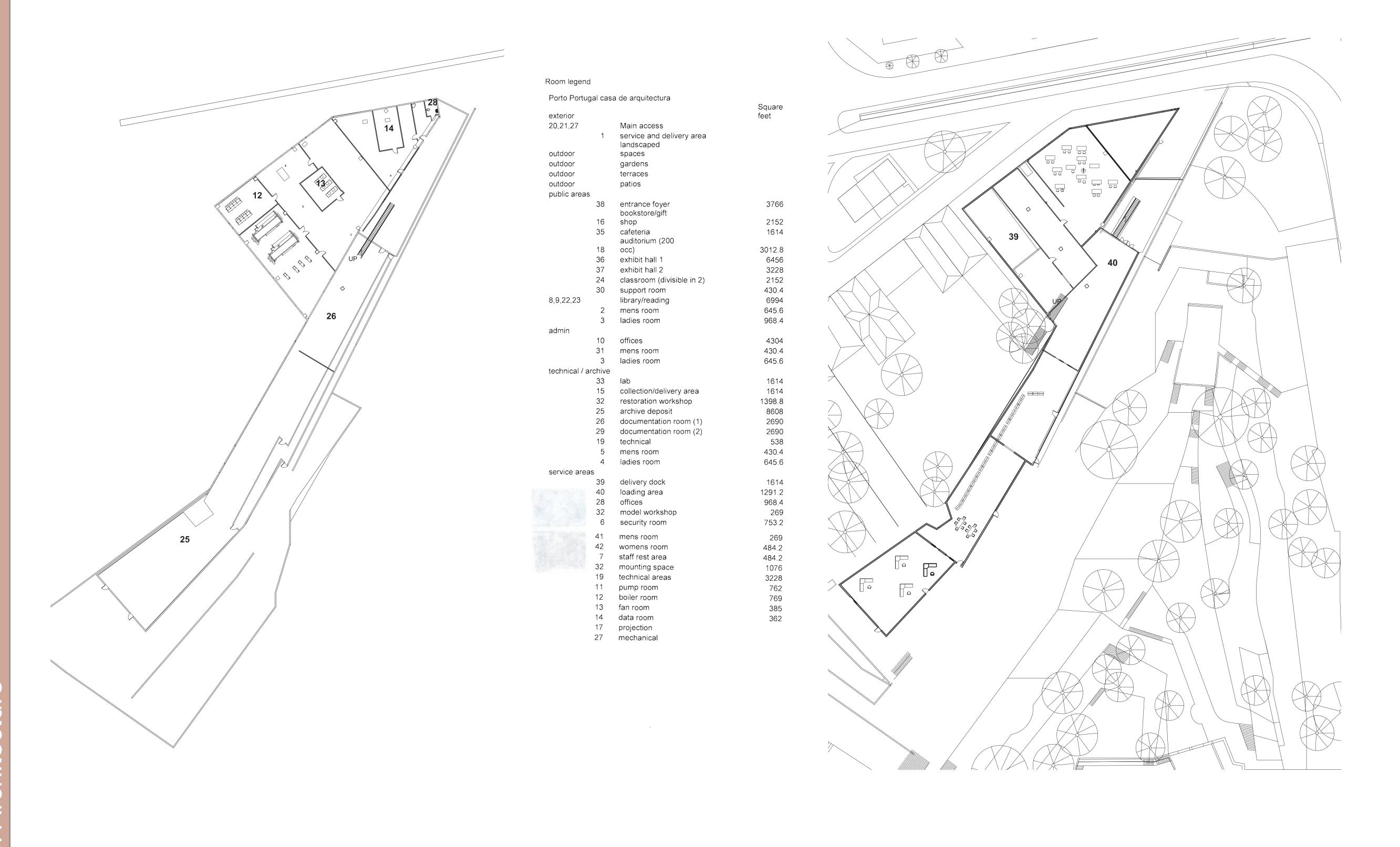


Interior Gallery spaces



Material choices

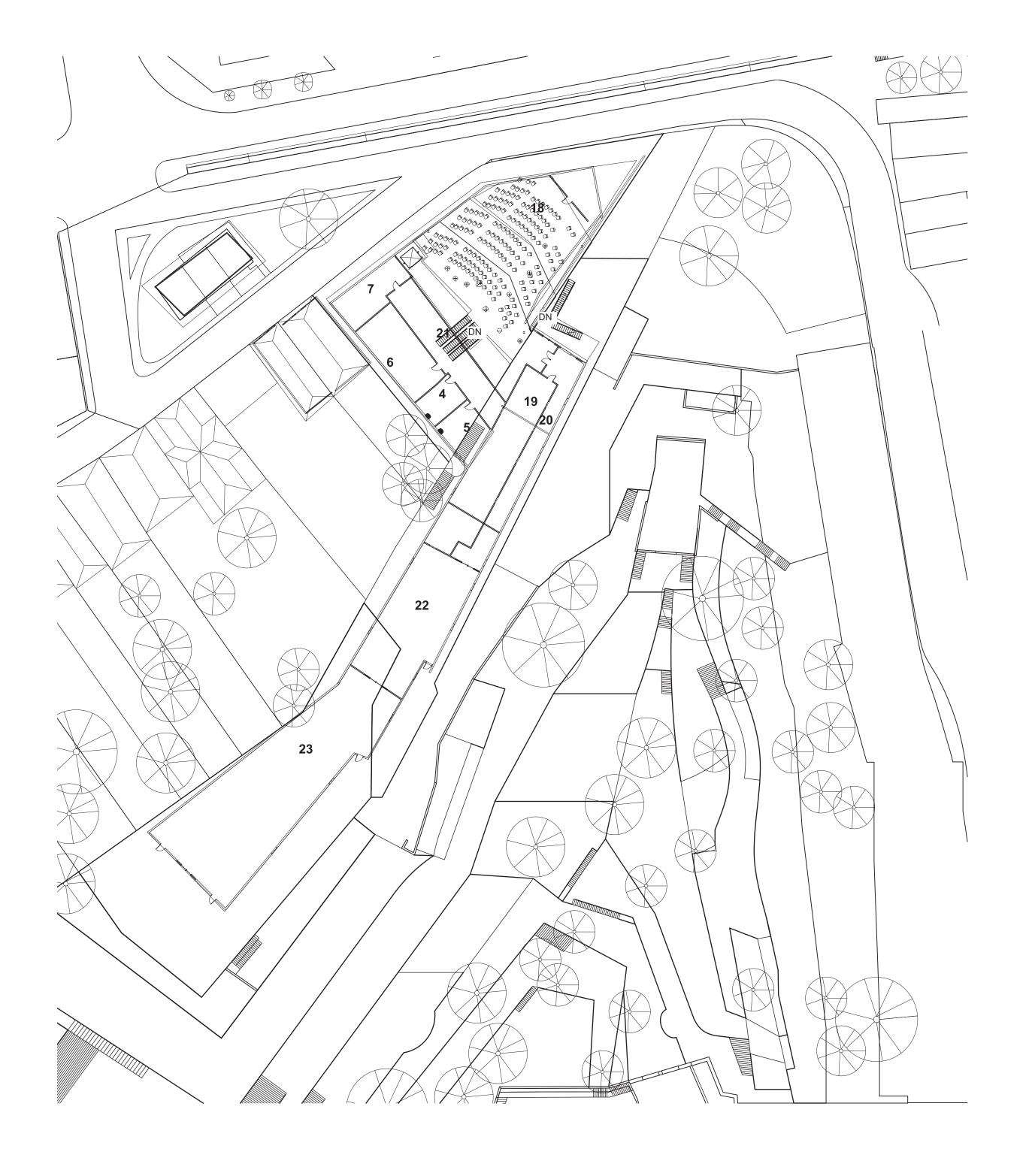




Lowest Basement level -1 1/32 "=1"

Basement level 0 1/32" =1'





Ground level plan

Second level plan 1"=16'

