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This project reconceives an existing double height space into an Urban Tree House oasis.

By combining two separate residential apartments, a new double height space is created for art, plants, and citrus trees. Taking advantage of commanding near and far views of the Hudson River, this project fabricates two “urban tree houses” or sculptural pavilions to give the double height a sense of scale and depth. Connecting the two timber structures is a self-supporting timber spiral stair. Like two giant hammocks, the tops’ of these urban tree houses suspend climbing nets, allowing individuals to enjoying the dramatic internal and external views at various heights.

The existing room-and-corridor apartment plans are inverted: by placing all of the requirements for daily living into compact storage and bathroom cores, the layout is liberated into a loft-like space with perimeter circulation.

PROJECT
Private residence

SIZE
326 m² (3,512 ft²)

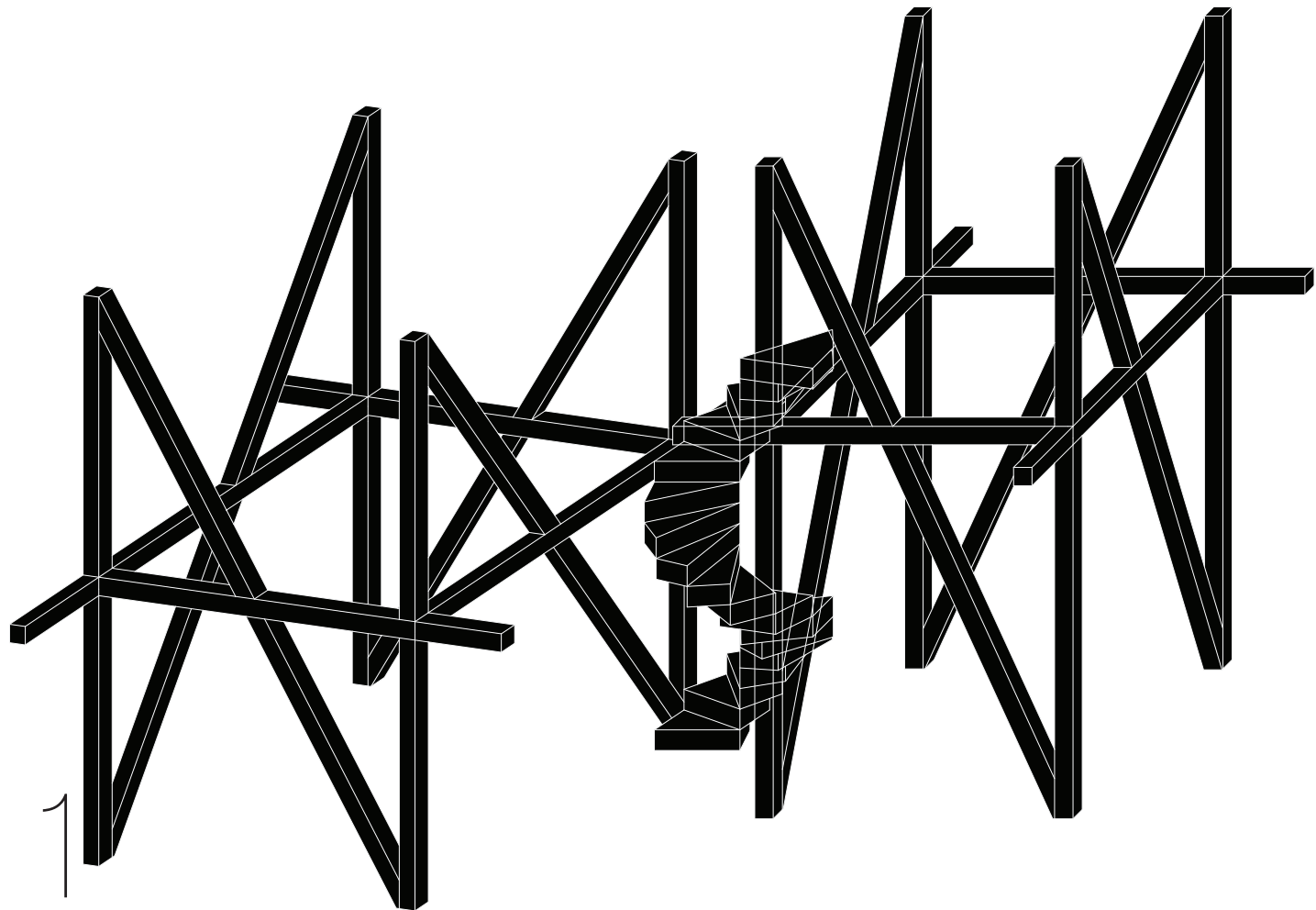
LOCATION
New York, NY

COLLABORATION
GMS, Gallon Engineering, Blueberry Construction

STATUS
Completed 2021

VALUE
\$ 4 million

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1. Elevation oblique. 2. Model. 3. View from entrance.

IMAGE: NO ARCHITECTURE