



Pelican House

Pelican River, Minnesota

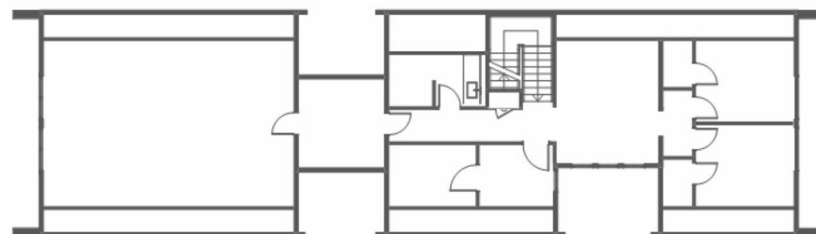
While lakefront property is a high-cost commodity, there remain many exceptional, though unorthodox sites that offer calm and repose equal to that of the more highly coveted lakefront. Without the frequent noise and commotion of jet skis and speed boats, this 80 acre wetland retreat on the Pelican River in Western Minnesota, immerses its residents in a variety of natural beauty through all seasons.

The simple geometry and forms of the buildings blends nearby agricultural and lakefront aesthetics. Indeed, certain elements of the new structures are intended primarily for horticulture. A modest greenhouse and protected planting areas are combined with a large shop building. The property itself is bordered by farm fields and protected wetlands.

The site is approximately divided among 3 different types of landscape; woods, wetland, and native tall grass. Although positioned in an agricultural area, the site has never been cultivated or otherwise developed. In the near future, fruit orchards and various types of gardens will be planted on the site.

The residential building was constructed with the brutal northern winters in mind. Structural insulated panels for exterior walls and roof, combined with limited glazing yield a very energy efficient structure. A robust corrugated steel skin completes the wall and roof assemblies.

Only the residential component of this complex has so far been completed.



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