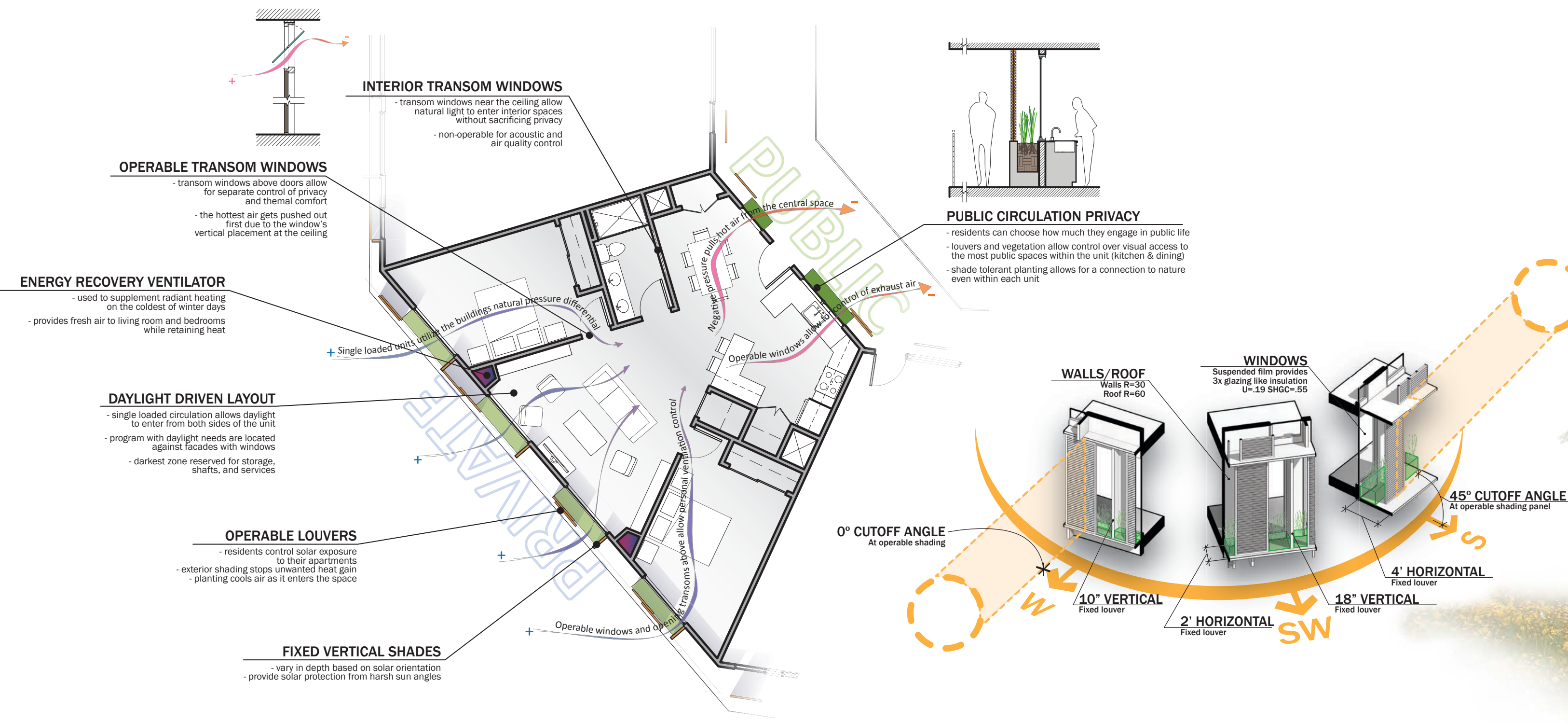


# FLOURISH ELEMENTAL ACCESS EQUITABLE RESOURCES



In natural ecosystems, balance of resource flows is critical to livelihood. For Architecture at Zero, energy balance is the focus, though it is just one component of any project striving for sustainability. It is not just doing less harm to the environment, but seeking to restore and enhance its diversity, vibrancy, and equity at all levels in order to support all life. Flourish strives to create a holistic framework for living that promotes individual physical and emotional health as well as collective social community.

An energy balance is reached through building forms driven by the elements, and optimized by its inhabitants connecting to their place. Internal systems and the energy used by them depend on the performance of the skin - the building's overall ability to regulate itself relative to solar input. A single-loaded unit layout allows for equitable access to solar exposure, views to the outdoors, daylight penetration, and natural ventilation. Human occupants also become an active part of the overall ecosystem. Besides having the ability to control their personal comfort through passive building systems, they have the opportunity to utilize a variety of common areas as a way to share resources and build community outside of their individual unit. Intertwining circulation paths guide the inhabitants through a series of public and private multi-functional spaces that allow them to interact with others and reconnect with nature.

