

# GELM Annex / Díaz Paunetto Arquitectos

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Architects: **Díaz Paunetto Arquitectos**

Area: **Corozal, Puerto Rico**

Architect In Demand: **Víctor Díaz Paunetto**

Project Area: **256. m2**

Venture Calendar year: **2012**

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Collaborators: **Víctor Díaz Paunetto AIA, Ariel Santiago AEE, Alberto de la Cruz AEE, Jimme Vélez, Danniely Staback.**

Engineering Expert: **Roberto Agramonte PE**

Electromechanics: **Francisco Mate PE**

Client: **PuertoRican Household Institute, Inc.**





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*From the architect.* The venture entails a second fee from the Guardería Ecológica La Mina. Like the very first fee, the construction was in a point out of neglect for twenty many years, in which it was when portion of a established of buildings devoted to vocational education facilities and then volunteer corps. The developing was utilised as a sports activities and recreation hall on the first floor and cosmetology salon on the second. The structure is a common module of pre-designed concrete utilized by the Office of Education and learning for college expansions considering that the nineteen sixties, with a second ground in block walls and a wooden roof that was completely collapsed when we arrived at the venture. Being an ecological university, the creating footprint should continue being unchanged and so it was not demolished, even however this notion was tempting, instead the college was completely recovered.



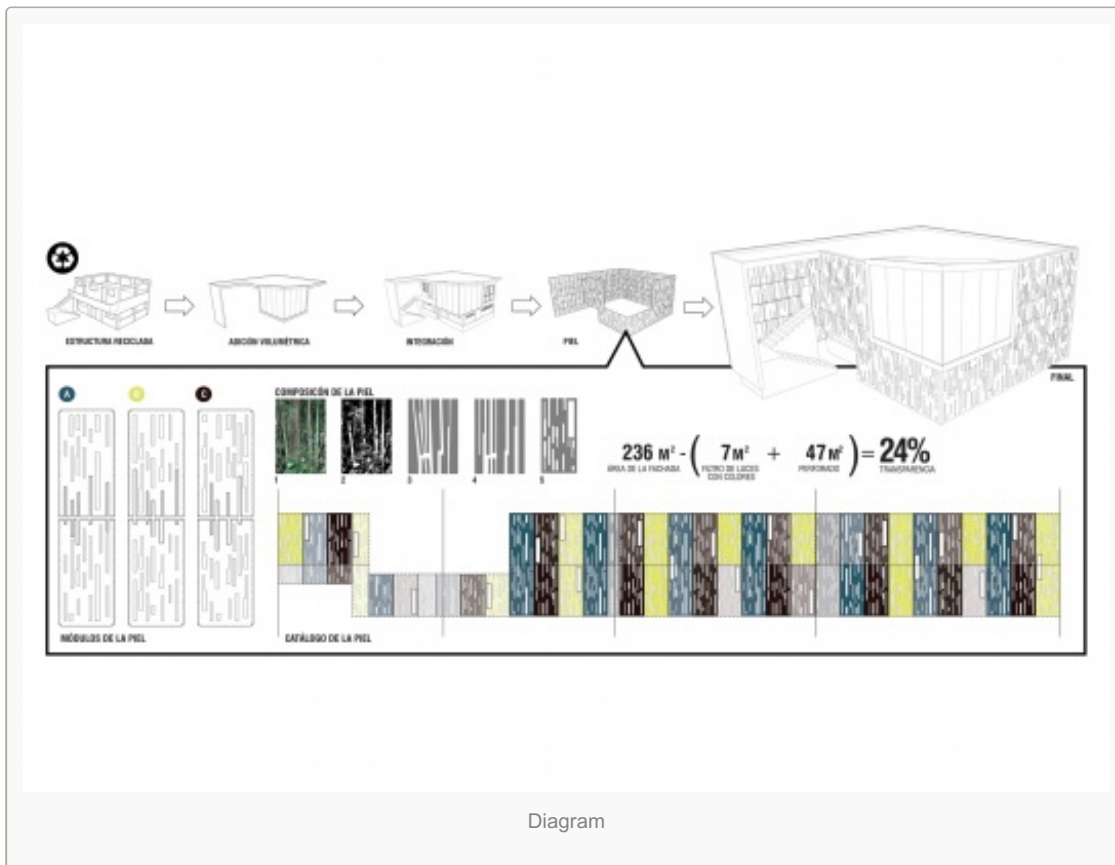
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The structure would now provide as a multipurpose place exactly where the college could offer conferences for parents, seminars and education for academics, amongst other makes use of, as nicely as storage on the 1st ground to support other colleges in the location belonging to the consumer.



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The building had some huge challenges in phrases of expenses and timing offered that only six months have been granted for its style and construction, a principle beneath which the commission was asked for. In terms of style, the 2nd floor experienced the prospective to have a commanding check out of the unique nursery, consisting of one particular floor only and the recreation location for youngsters. A concrete slab roof that extended up the staircase was created to supply shelter from the rain and solar, and a glass volume was designed in direction of the vegetation and the play region. In official phrases this volume would act as a display or display for the nursery, creating different readings although making it possible for light to enter the room and appreciate the sights. The obstacle of harmonizing the relaxation of the composition bordered on its demolition, so we made a decision to line the creating in a weathering steel cladding, a high durability and minimal maintenance content, drilled with a pattern allusive of the bamboos bordering it. This allows light to filter into the space and establishes a dialogue with the setting. Colored glass panes ended up integrated into the sliding glass doors, alluding to the hues employed in the nursery, which bathe the interior with color.



Diagram

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