Palatine Park, an existing river front city park, is partially located adjacent to the site. Palatine Park is divided into two sections by a closed low level bridge and High Street bridge. The park area slopes down into a small flat flood plain where a boat ramp and seasonal pontoon fishing/boat dock are located. The town’s plans for new facilities are being considered for the southern section of the park, and improvements include the addition of public restrooms, parking, picnic facilities and revitalizing the dock area. A trail/boardwalk are planned to pass under the closed low level bridge. The existing and proposed park encompasses approximately six acres. My design incorporates these ideas through an axis where movement can be channeled.
The town of Fairmont is primarily divided into an east side and a west side by the Monongahela River. One’s gaze can follow the High Street Bridge into the historic west side commercial structures toward the courthouse in the center. The east side is more residential with a strip of businesses along Merchant Street which ends at the project site above the river. The structures facing Merchant Street do not acknowledge the river behind them. The river front was used as a delivery and loading side for the businesses, but most likely in the past the waterfront had a utilitarian quality and the town had limited means to maintain it. Today, interest has increased and the area is a focus of recreation and redevelopment.
Plan is of second level dining/private dining.

Section is of north side

- Stairs
- Bar/Counter
- Restrooms
- Dining
- Terrace
- Counter
- Office
- Storage
- Aisles

Plan is of first level market and restaurant

Axon is of all floors.

- Stairs
- Elevator
- Walkway
- Banquet Dining

- Indoor Dining
- Outdoor Dining
- Kitchen
- Restrooms
- Main Corridor/Stairs
- Market
- Office/Retail Space
- Mechanical