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BEST OF SHOW: BRUCE ROADCAP ARCHITECTURE

STAGECOACH NATURAL GAS COMPRESSOR STATION, *OWEGO, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK*

STAGECOACH IS AN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX LOCATED IN THE RURAL HILLS OF UPSTATE NEW YORK WHICH GROWS HARMONIOUSLY OUT OF THE NATIVE ENVIRONMENT WHILE FACILITATING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A MODERN GAS PIPELINE COMPRESSOR STATION. ROLLING BERMS LOWER THE SCALE OF LOCAL DRYSTACK STONE AND REFLECT THE NATURAL SURROUNDING TERRAIN. WILD NATIVE GRASS COVER THE BUILDING ROOF AND SURROUNDING SITE. NATIVE TREES ARE RANDOMLY CLUSTERED AROUND THE SITE PERIPHERY AND ALLOWED TO RESEED. GRASS PAVER ROADS AND PARKING AREAS ARE DEFINED WITH NATURAL BOULDERS AND MINIMAL LIGHTING BOLLARDS. VOIDS IN THE FACADE IDENTIFY MAJOR ENTRIES WITH EXPOSED STAIRWAYS AND DETACHED METAL CANOPIES. THE INTROVERTED PLAN PROVIDES ACOUSTIC AND VISUAL CONTAINMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT. MULLIONLESS GLAZING ACCENTUATES THE CONTROL CENTER AND ALLOWS UNINTERRUPTED VIEWS OF THE INTERIOR EQUIPMENT YARD WHILE STOREFRONT GLAZING PROVIDES A VISUAL DISPLAY OF THE IMPRESSIVE MACHINERY WITHIN. THE ARCHITECTURE OF STAGECOACH IS AN OUTWARD AFFIRMATION OF THE CONFLICT AND TRANSITION BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY EXTERIOR AND HIGH TECH INDUSTRIAL INTERIOR.