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### LAND 1500- Climate

I chose to study the microclimate from the comfort of two benches that are situated outside of the door of my apartment. The benches are located in between the mail lockers and a patch of grass that connects multiple apartments to a common ground. One way in which the microclimate relating to these benches could be improved is that the small overhead ledge does not provide much protection from precipitation. Admittedly, not many people seek to sit on a bench in the rain, but there are some, like myself, who do. The wind often blows the rain in a sideways manner that would then hit the viewer, causing them to get wet. Another way the microclimate could be improved is additional shade. The color of our apartments are painted brown, which attracts the sun and intensifies the temperature of the area. A final way that the microclimate of these chairs could be improved is more strategic placement of the chairs. Some people enjoy sitting in the sunshine, but the tall height of our buildings often block the sun from hitting the outdoor area. Thus, the chairs could be placed towards the position of the sun, such as on the edges of the grass. I realize that all of these potential improvements contradict each other, which is why I propose that my apartment integrates multiple more chairs in various different locations, each serving a different purpose.

Aside from climate, I believe that there are more design elements that need to be considered. First, the chair overlooks a lawn that looks as if there has not been much design

consideration. There is a patch of rocks that border the sidewalk and grass, making it feel like the individual is barricaded from entering the lawn. Also, there is a black barbeque that obstructs the view from the chair and is not centered with the lawn, making the proportions of the scenery feel off. The chairs are placed in front of apartment owners' doors, making it feel that the sitter is imposing on their privacy, despite the lawn being a common area. Perhaps if the design of the lawn was created as a more intentional area for recreation and relaxation, then the sitter would feel more at ease while enjoying the outdoors.

