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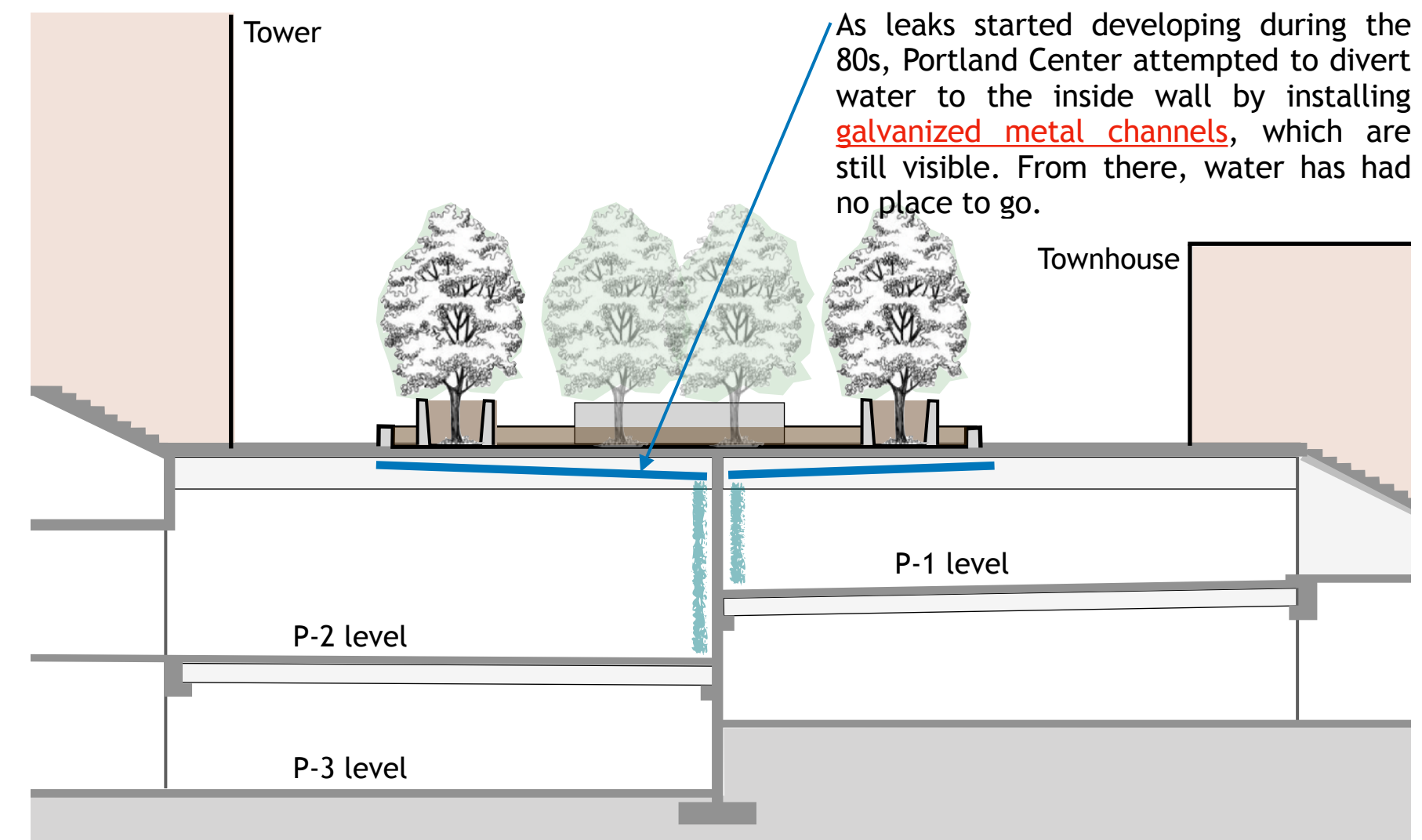
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The two primary planting areas consisted of a low section, about 15” to 18” deep, intended only for ground cover. The northern half is about 48 feet square; and the southern half is about 48 feet wide by 40 feet high. Set within those larger planters was a grouping of 13 large concrete planters—six feet square, and longer—providing each tree with about four cubic yards of soil.

There were no steps onto the ground cover, or breaks in the perimeter walls, so presumably, the intent was only to provide a green roof over the garage. The only encroachment was the area for the freight elevator on the southern edge. Each townhome had four planters separated by tall, wooden garden walls.

The layout was strictly geometric to complement the architecture. But, in fairness, that so much planting was included in this 60s project—and not cut out for budget reasons—was an accomplishment in its own right.

The cross-section below is to the same scale as the plan and shows the lower section for ground cover, the six foot wide planters, and trees reaching about 20 feet in height.



As leaks started developing during the 80s, Portland Center attempted to divert water to the inside wall by installing galvanized metal channels, which are still visible. From there, water has had no place to go.

Note also, the handsome paving pattern that existed back then, that picked up on the structural lines of the tower and carried across to the East Tower, and the wooden trellis that extended all the way from the tower to the beginning of the stairway down to the Second Ave Mall.

The paving pattern was obliterated from memory when the first waterproofing was applied to the walkways, decades ago, and the wood trellis (along with other wood structures, not depicted) undoubtedly deteriorated over time and was removed.

Harrison West Condominium

Another preposterously quick turnaround from the Krochina/Bosch architectural design studio and bait shop “Leeches, our specialty,” with an epiphany moment from Janet Van Wess