

# SITE SCALE

## Hospital + Surroundings

The hospital is one of many historical institutions to adopt the red brick aesthetic which is so typical of N.D.G. It would be more accurate to say the facades of the houses in the immediate area blend with the facade of the hospital, since most of them were built after the hospital was and blatantly referenced its vernacular. At the same time, when so much of an area is undifferentiated residential fabric that is clad in red brick, the hospital seems to take on an element of that aesthetic which is familiarly “residential”.

When approaching the hospital from Avenue Montclair, the “front” entrance is found only a few feet from the sidewalk. This entrance is not as prominent as one might expect from a hospital. There is not much besides its very basic signage, a small paved area, a bench, and a mailbox that set it apart from any other portion of the front facade. After a few visits to this site, in combination with the physical experience of approaching the hospital from either end of the block and either side of the street, one is left with the impression that the hospital site is tightly interwoven with and softened by the residential fabric. This blending is so strong, and so complete that the facility remains unnoticed until the passer-by is literally in front of the hospital.



## FACADE STUDY

30m

