The four homes, with two prototype designs, take advantage of sustainable construction techniques. The homes are super insulated, including a foundation designed for permafrost conditions, and heated with solar thermal energy from the Commons. Passive solar design contributes to heat and natural light, partial power comes from photovoltaics, and green materials make up the construction of the homes. To counter the displacement of earth for construction, each house has a green roof and plentiful garden space, including a unique living wall.