

# **SYM | BIO**

Sharing as a way to dwell.

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**research conclusions**

**neighbourhood scale**

**typology scale**

**building system**





**Domain of residential architecture**

**Valuable Neighbourhoods**



# **Problem statement**

## **Housing Crisis?**

Contemporary housing market observations.



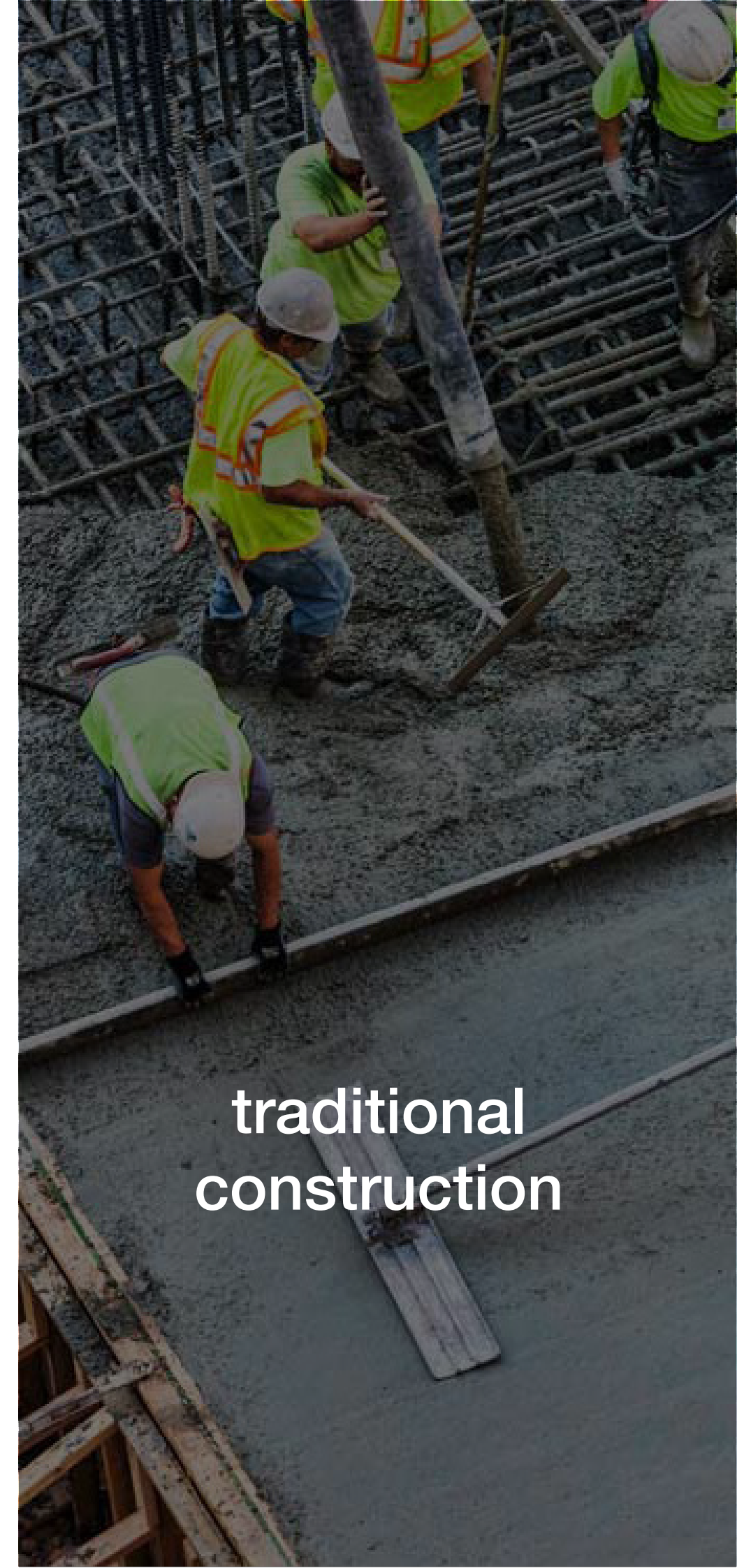


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unaffordability

all-in

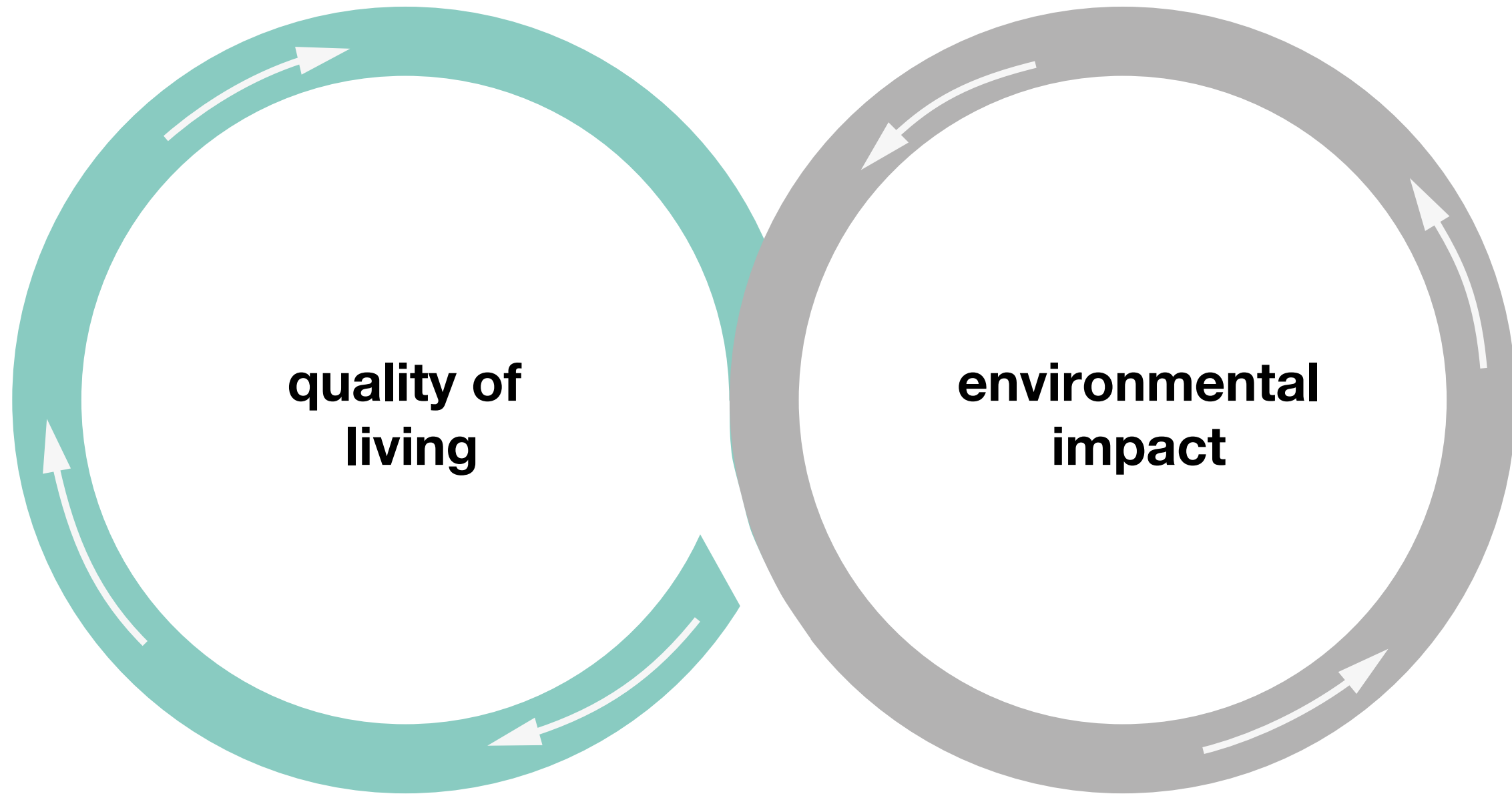


urban  
loneliness



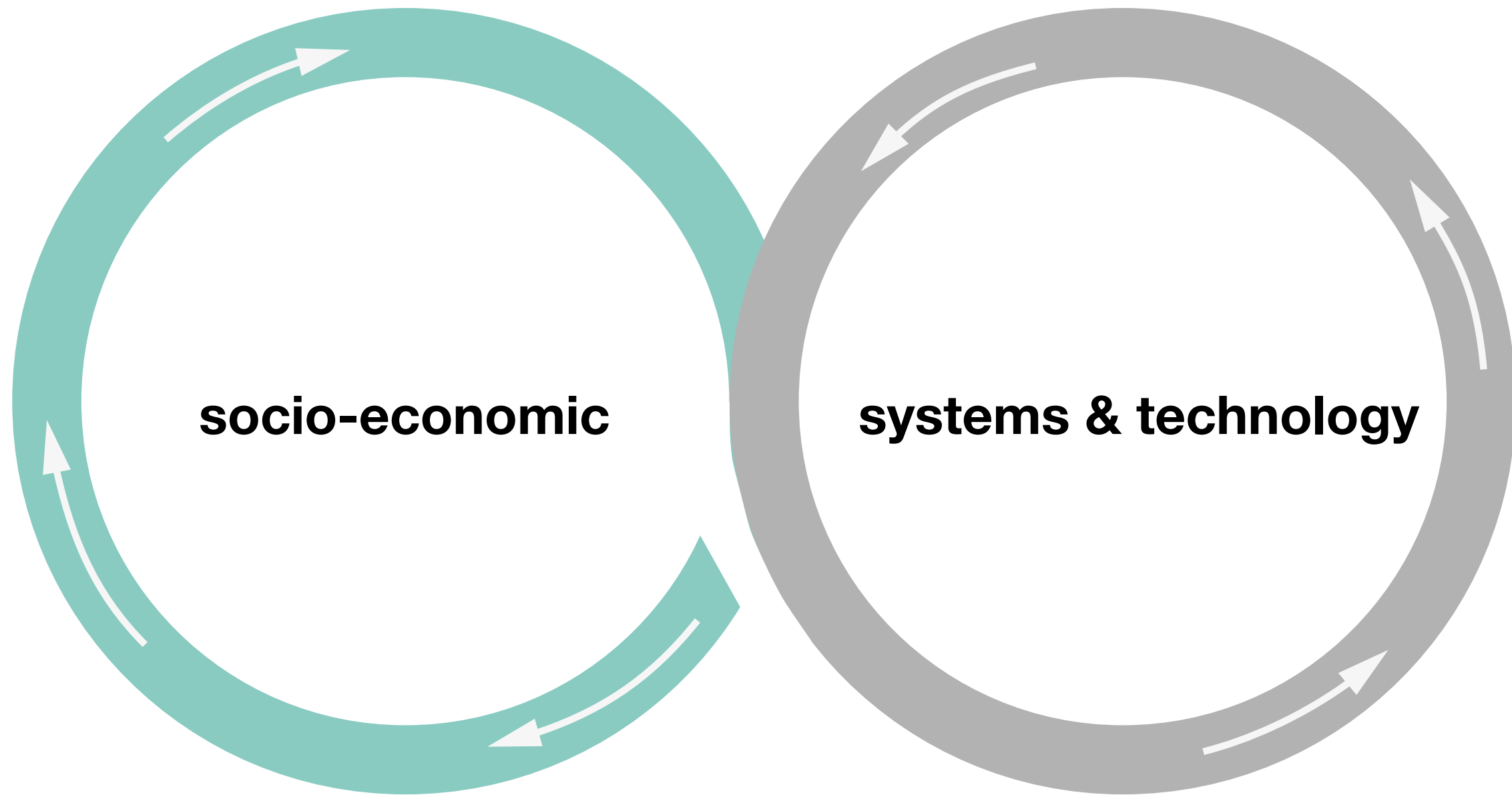
traditional  
construction





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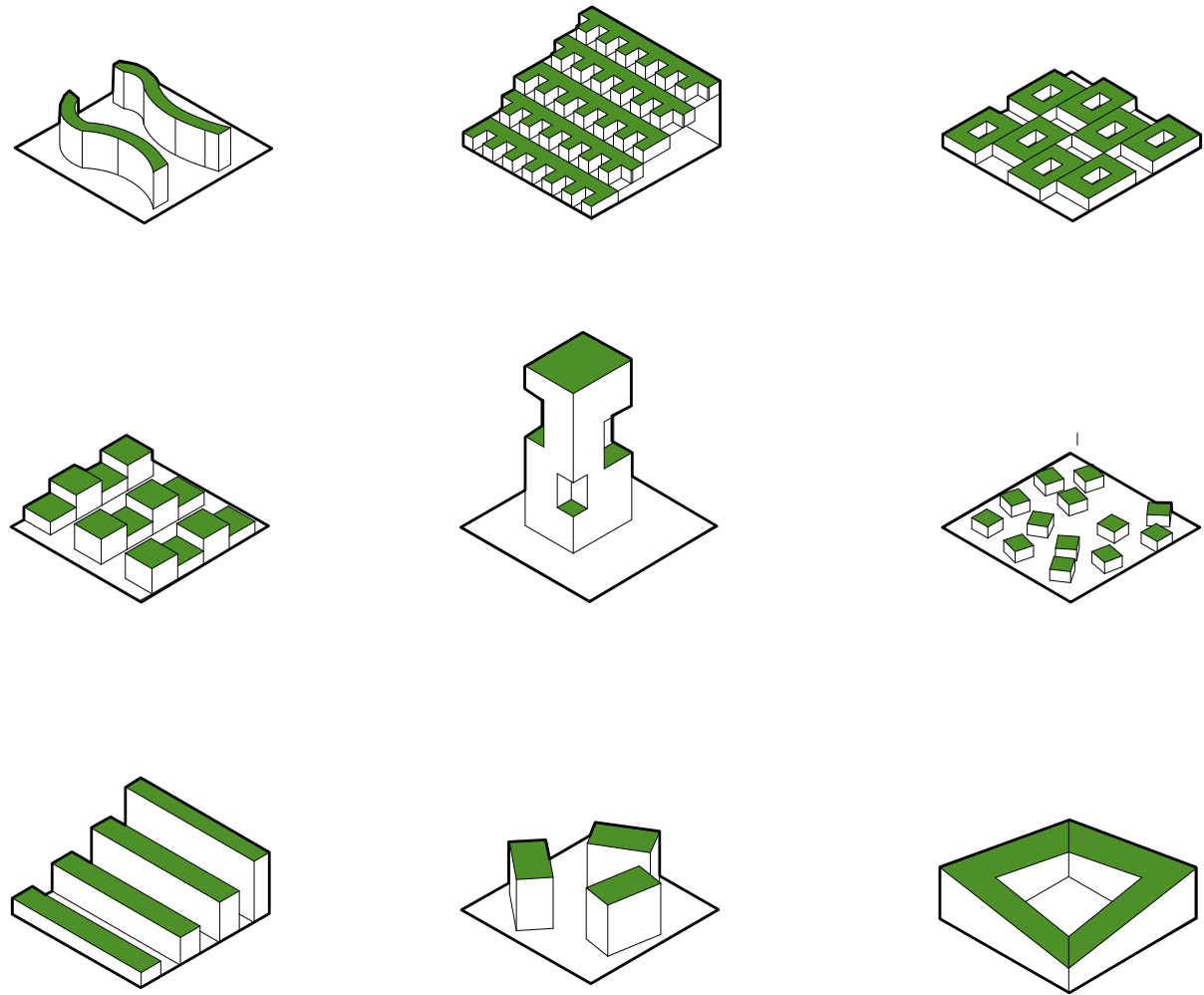
Reflection on the social impact of architecture & technological potentials



# **SYM | BIO**

Reflection on the social impact of architecture & technological potentials

Towards **future-proof, sustainable healthy living** achieved by a  
evolution not a revolution of existing ingredients.



## Available models

Initial exploration of housing models

„**Share** oriented living **models**” possess the biggest potential to approach the problem, as they have **no profit-oriented entity** and are based-on **bottom-up communities** that share **common awareness**

**Hypothesis**



„What qualities & values can sharing on the scale of the neighbourhood provide in social, spatial and technical domains for living environment?“

**Research question**





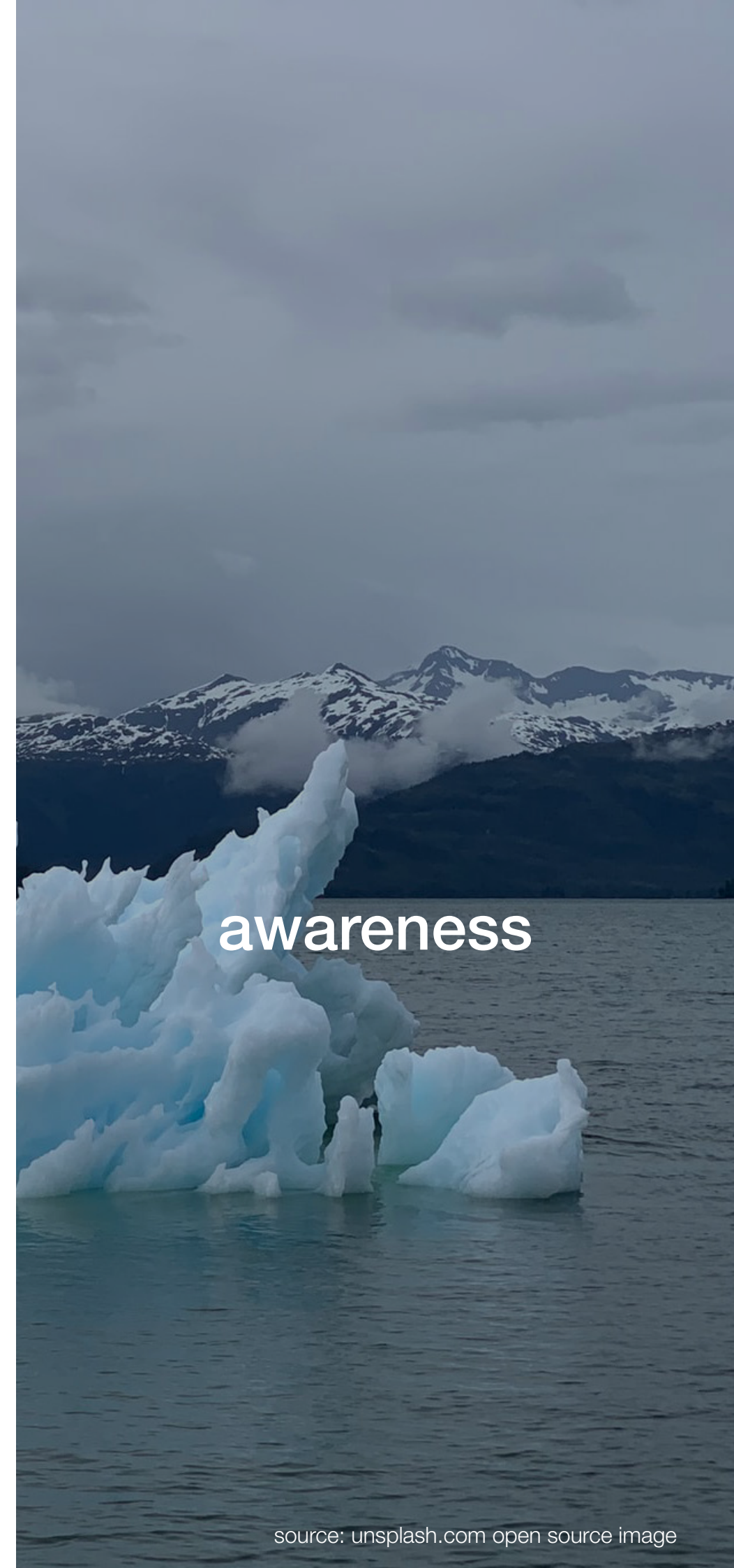
social  
resiliency

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# Thematic research

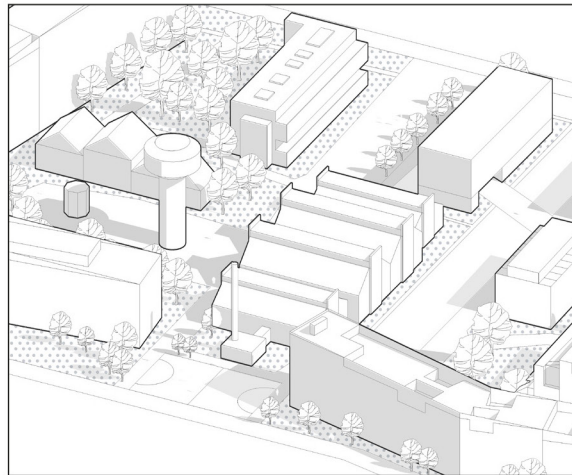
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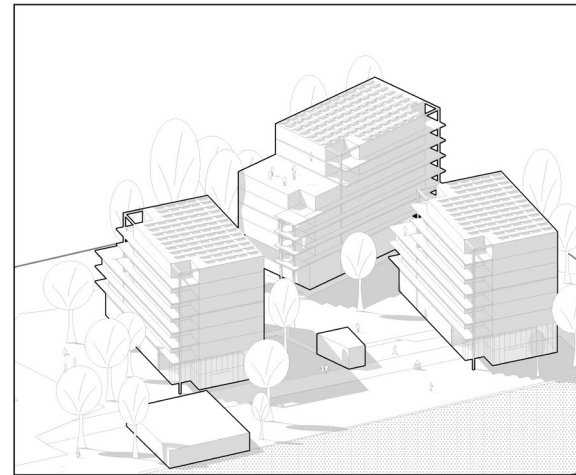
## Research direction

Exploration of the share-oriented living models.



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Multi-corporation



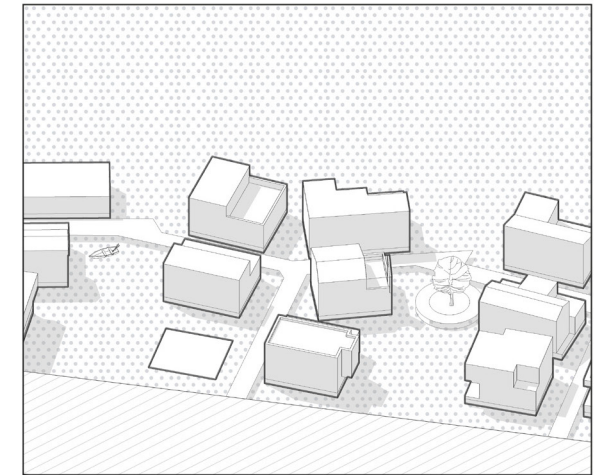
Spreefeld

Living cooperative



BO01

Public-private cooperation



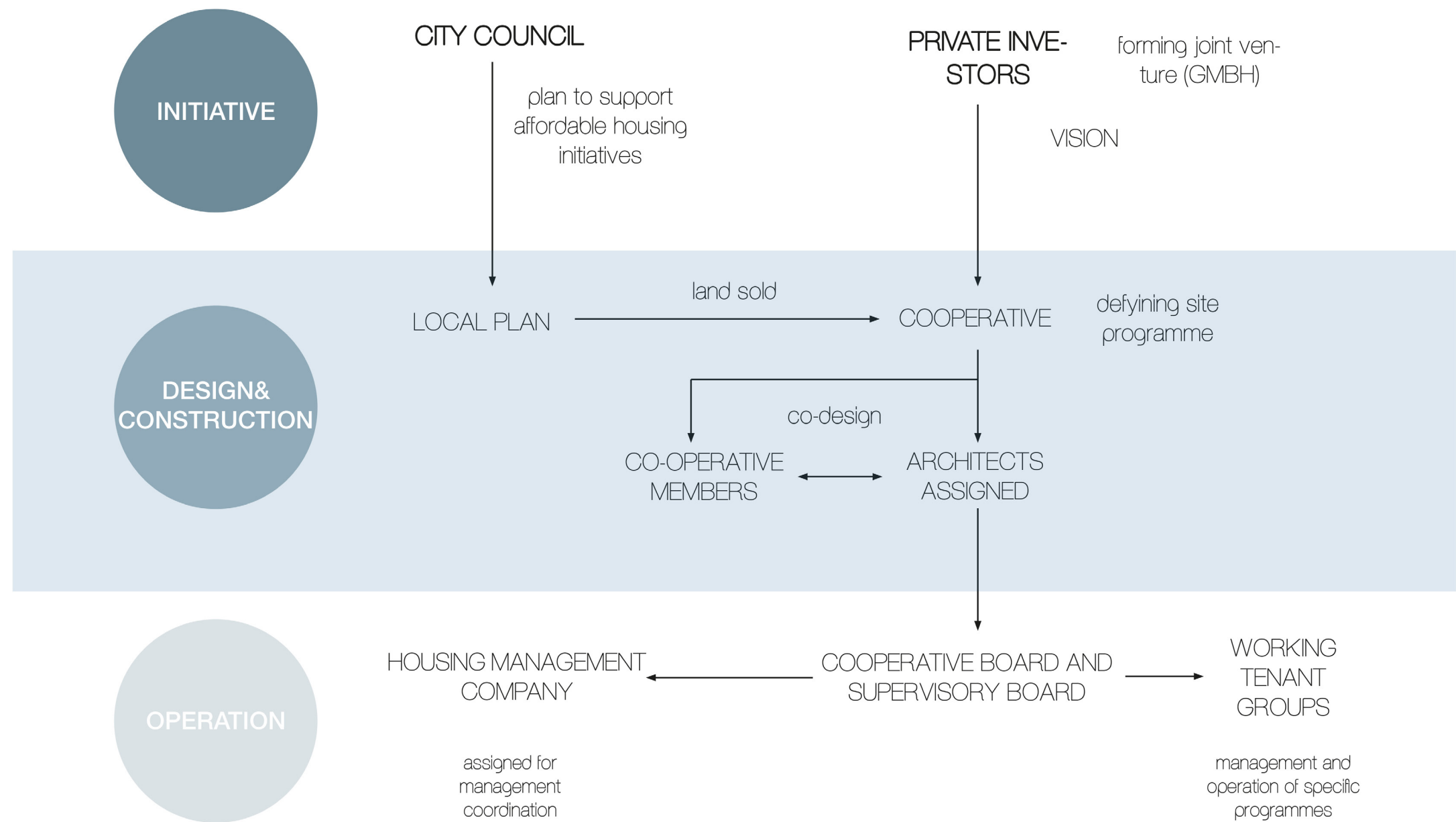
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## Case studies

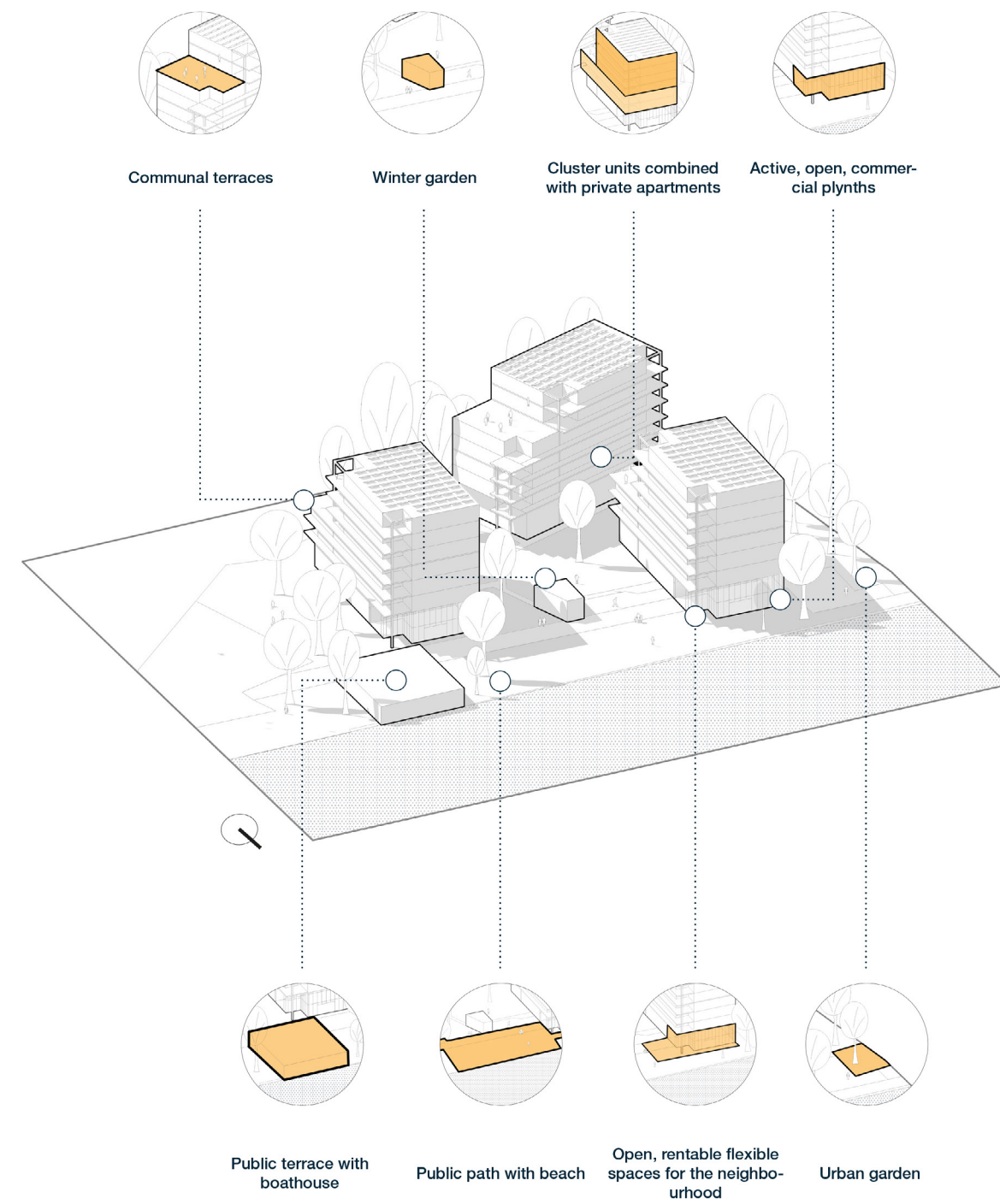
Case chosen with relevancy to thematics & context site.





## Initiative

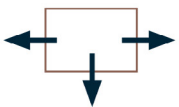
Analyzes of the project realisation process.



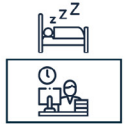
## Architectural outcome

Reflection on programme & spaces related to sharing.

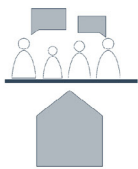
SHARED FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMME




MULTI-FUNCTIONAL RENTABLE SPACE




CO-WORKING PROGRAMME



ELEVATED COLLECTIVE SPACE




GUEST APARTMENTS




KIDS SPACE


ECONOMIC & SOCIAL VALUES




AFFORDABLE HOUSING



ADDED VALUE FOR WHOLE DISTRICT




LONG-TERM ECONOMIC VALUES




KNOWLEDGE SHARING


SHARED USE OF SPACE | OBJECTS




SHARED KITCHENS




SHARED LIVING ROOMS



SHARED STORAGE SPACE




SHARED LAUNDRIES




EVENT SPACE


BUILDING COMPONENTS




LOCAL MATERIALS




LOW-EMBODIED ENERGY



TIMBER COMPONENTS




BATHROOM CATALOG




FLEXIBILITY VIA STRUCTURE SIMPLICITY


USERS PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING




FORMING SHARED VISION




CO-DESIGN WITH ARCHITECTS



COOPERATIVE BOARD

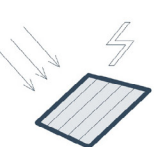


WORKING TEAMS




DIY INTERIORS OF APARTMENTS


ENERGY & MATERIAL FLOWS



RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES



MODULAR GLAZING

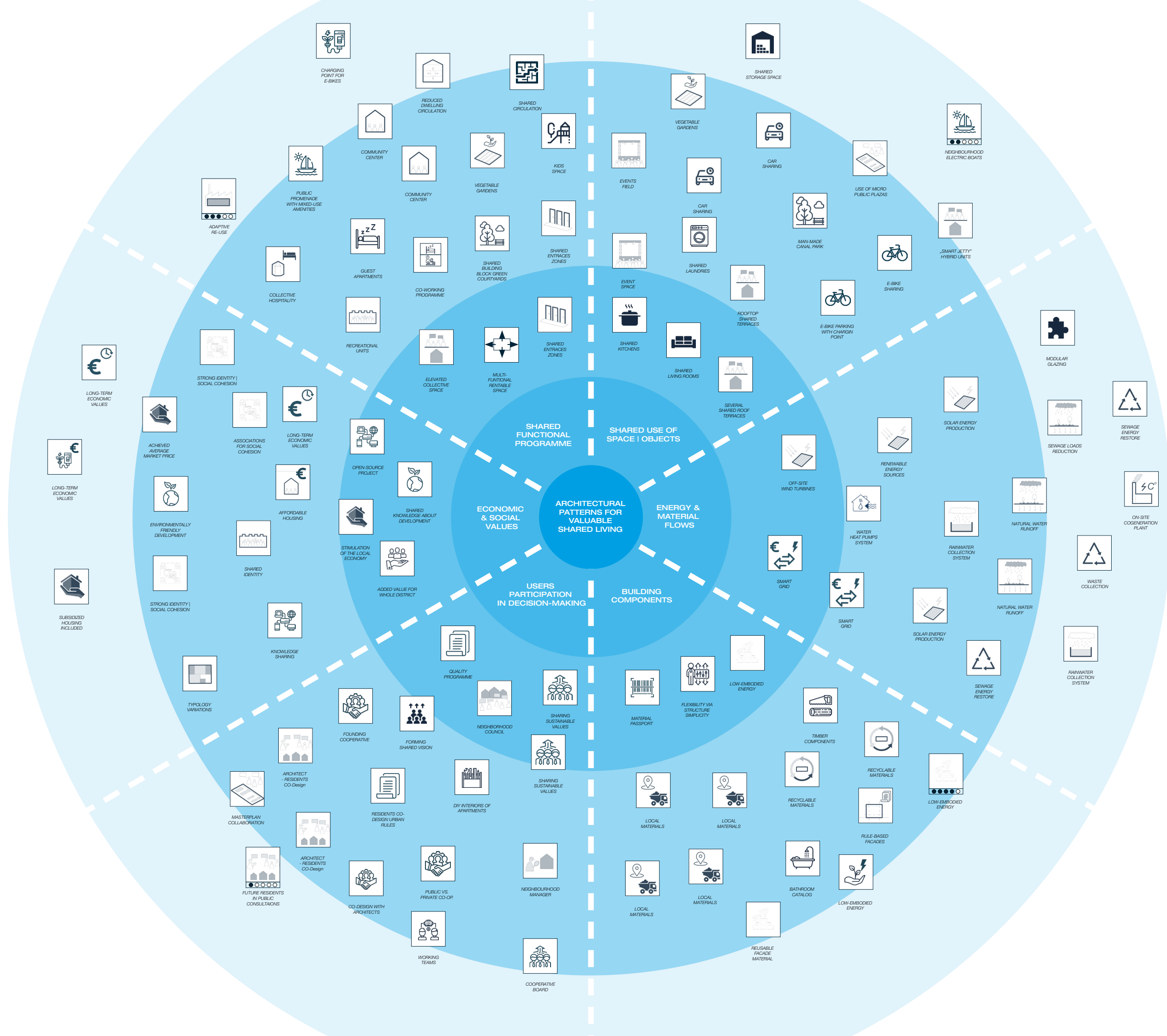


NATURAL WATER RUNOFF

Patterns

Catalog of solutions related to qualities of shared living.





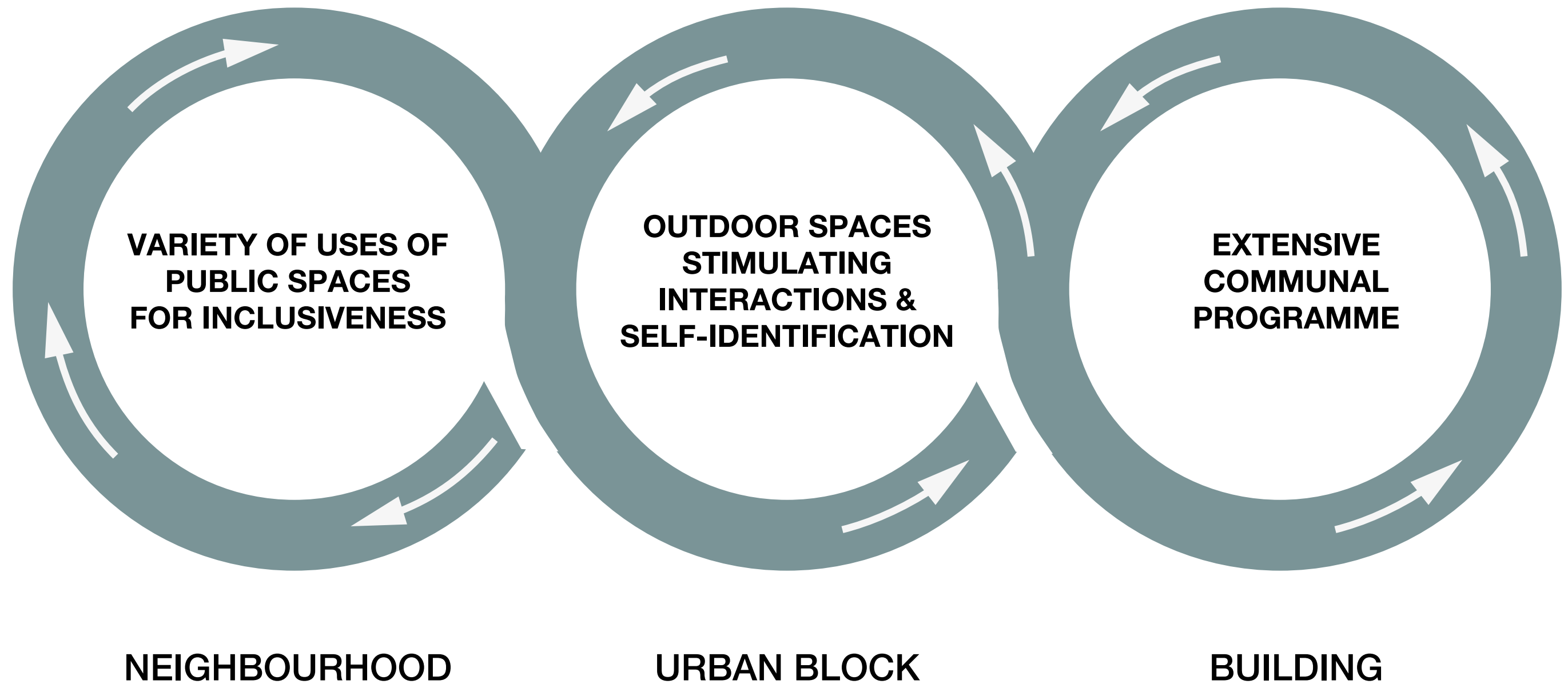
# Research conclusions

Shared living models.

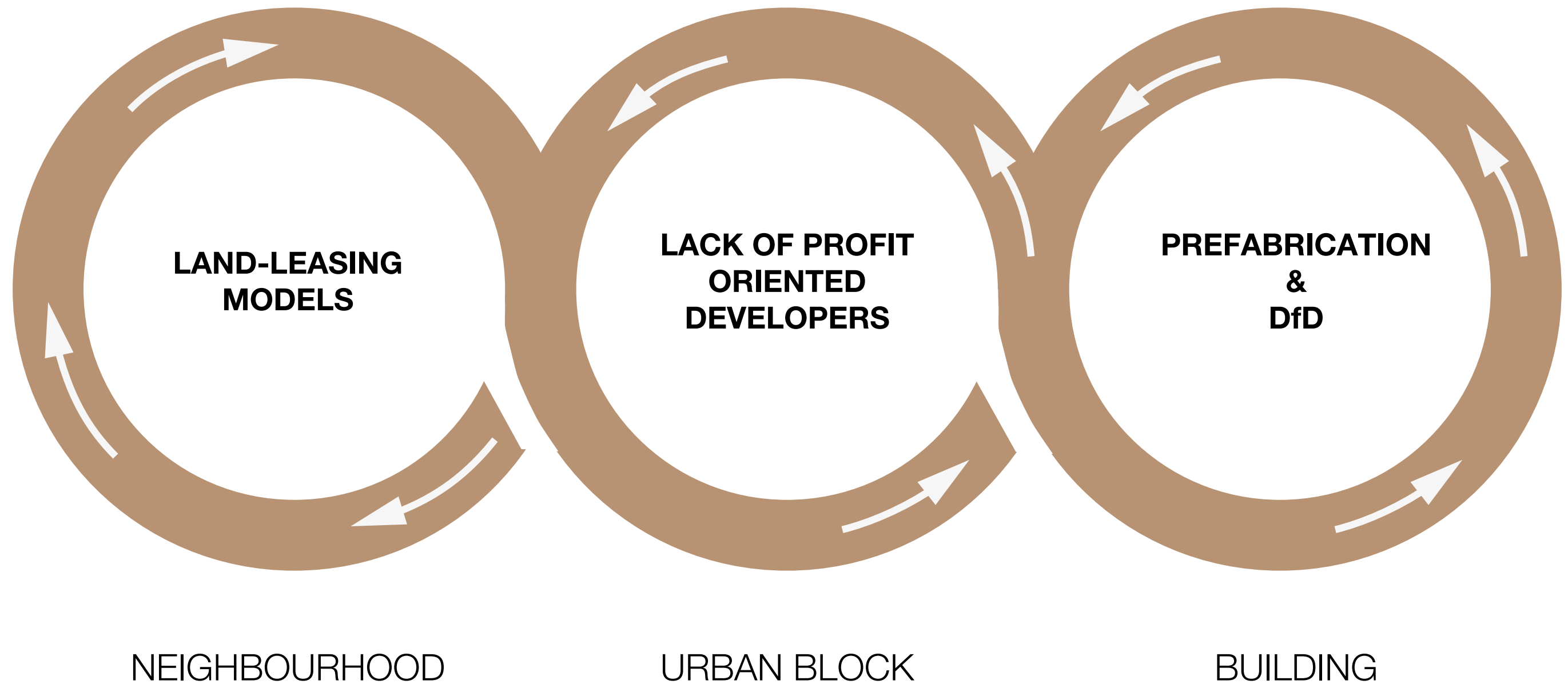
**RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM**



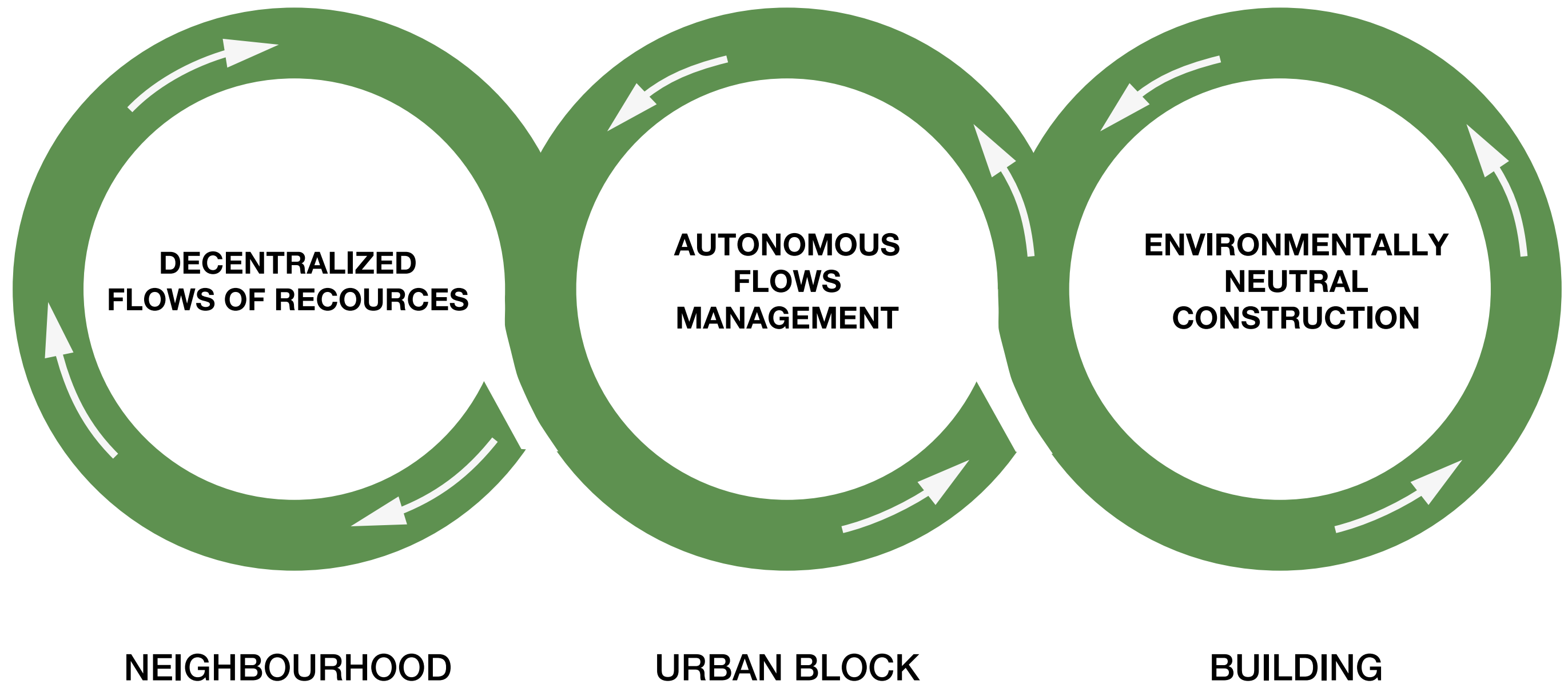
# **SOCIAL RESILIENCE**

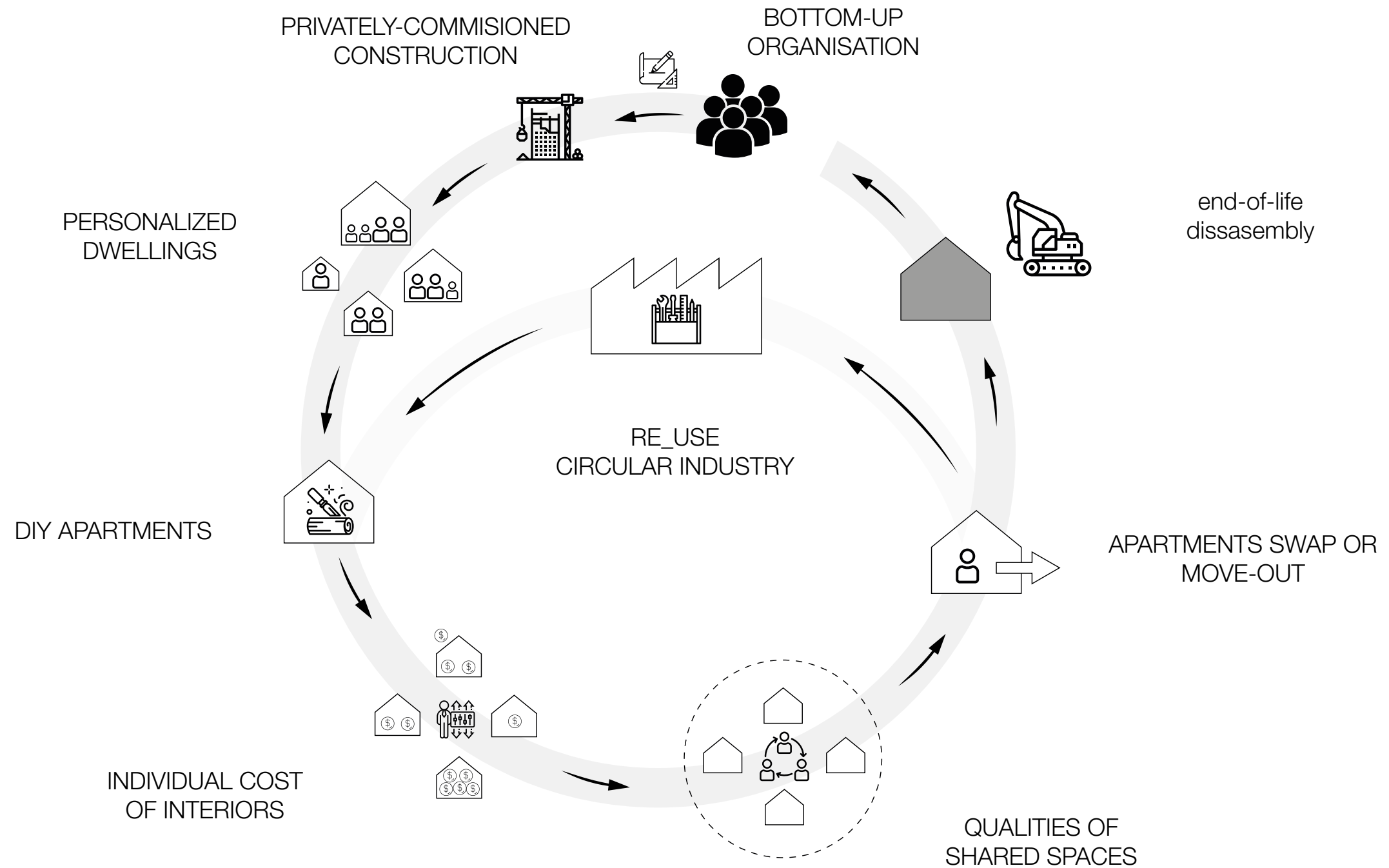


# AFFORDABILITY

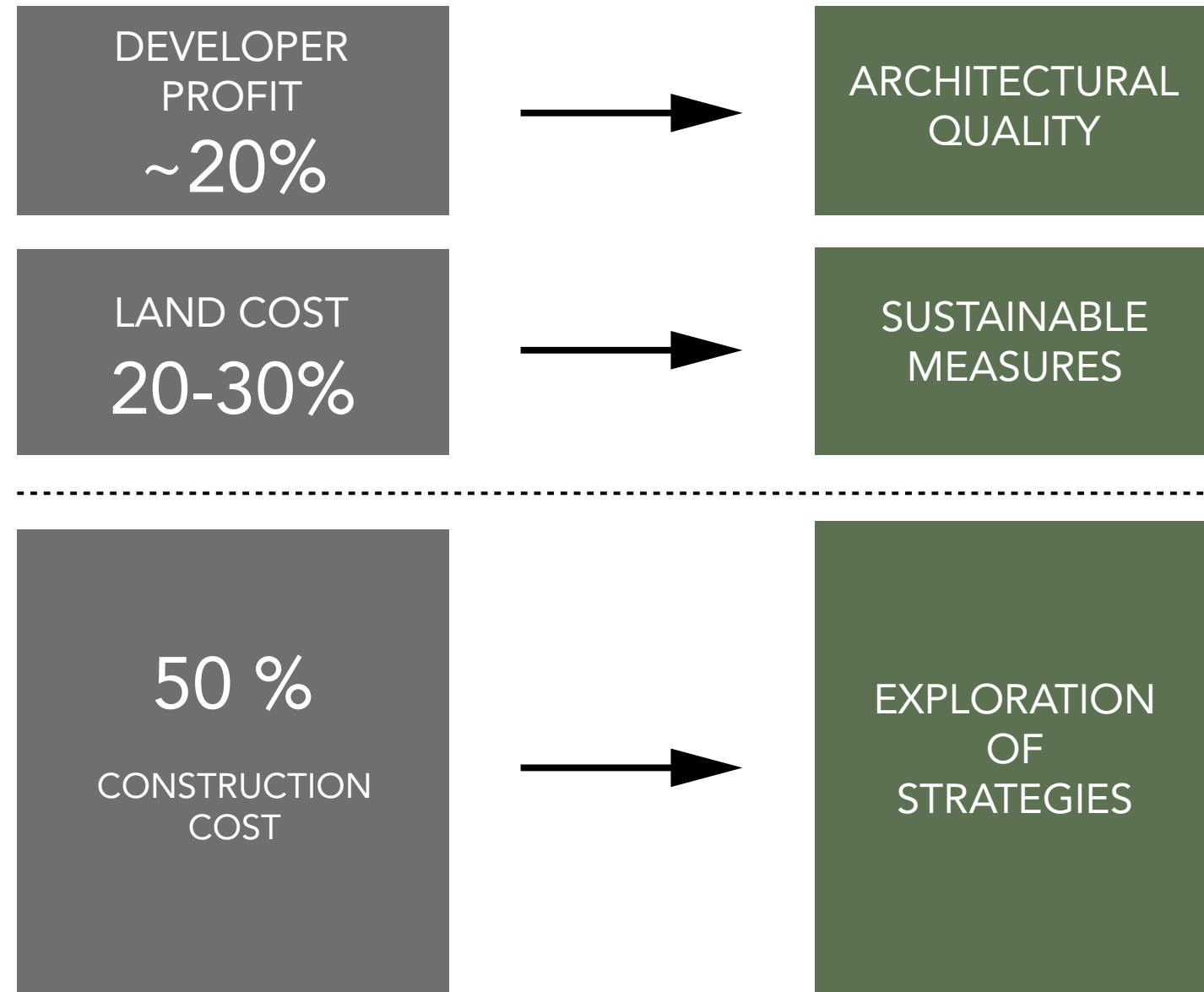


# SUSTAINABILITY





## Conclusive organisation



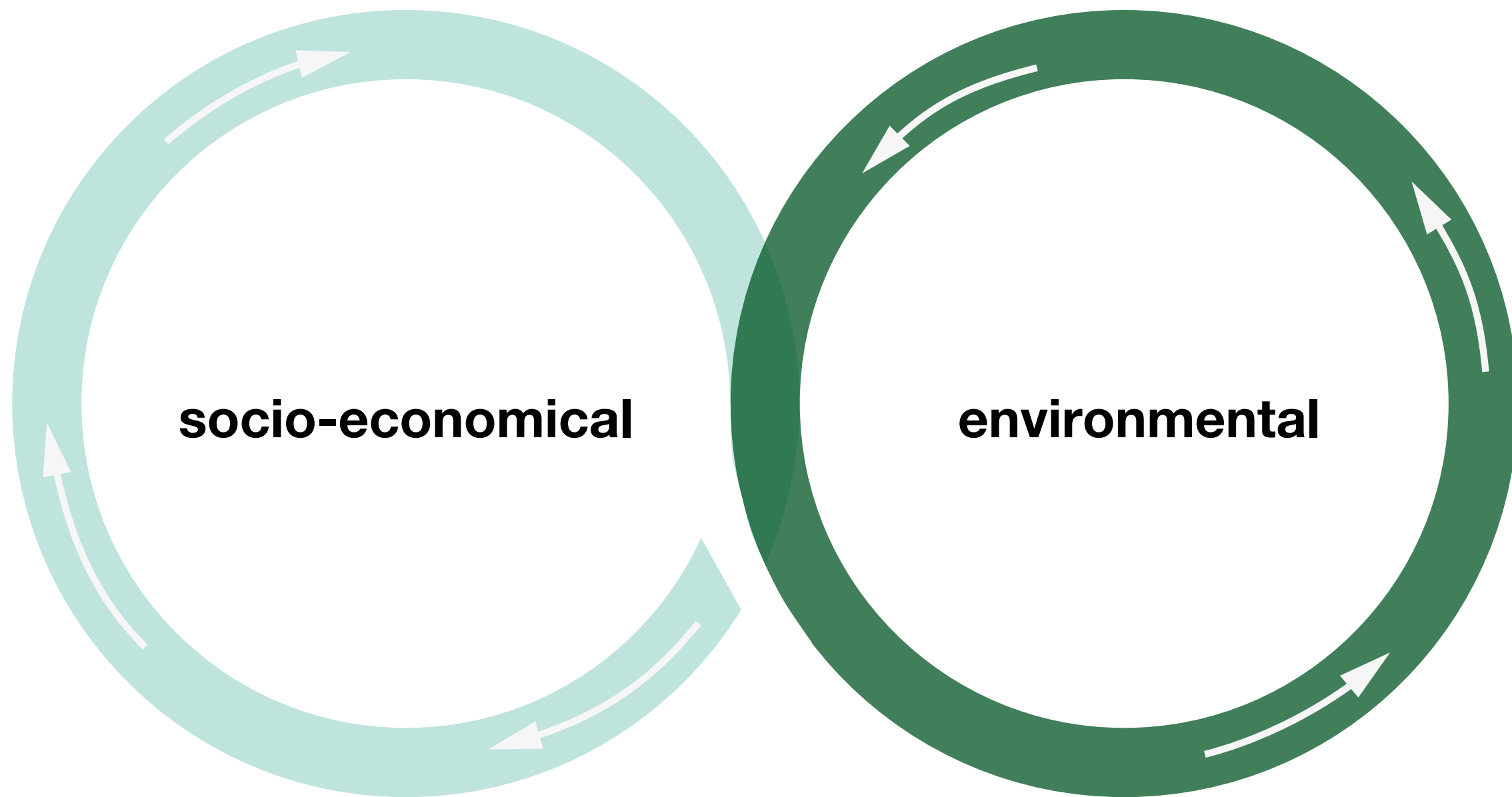
### **Conclusive justification of model.**

Lack of profit of developer and municipal policies for land management creates opportunities for qualitative yet affordable housing.



# Trajectory

Concept



**SUSTAINABILITY**



SYM - together



BIO - life | nature

## **SYM | BIO**

Concept of integrating environmentally-friendly strategies with shared living models to achieve qualitative, future-oriented residential design direction.

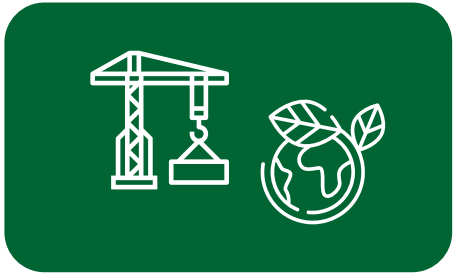
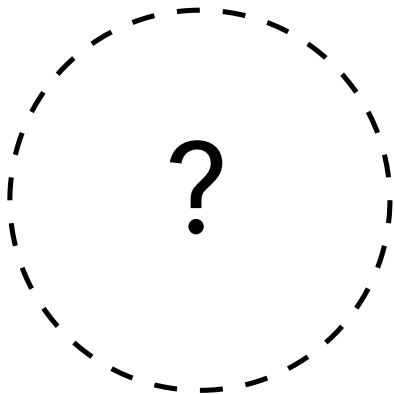
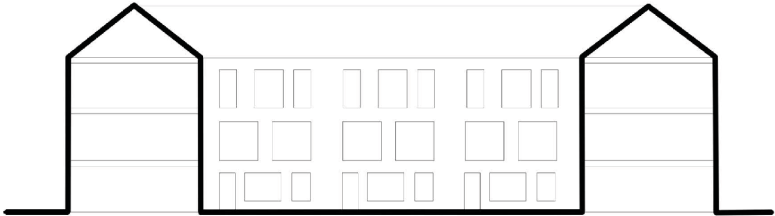
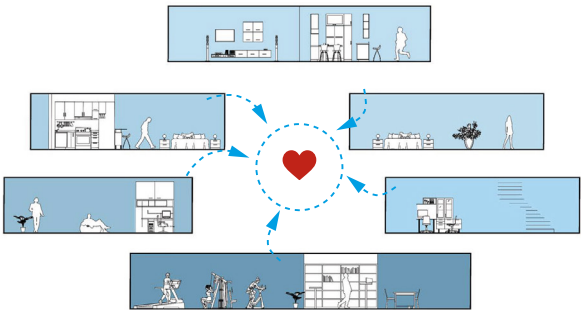




## **Learning from the vernacular**

Traditional dutch Plaggenhut | Natural circular housing.

shared typology



natural landscape

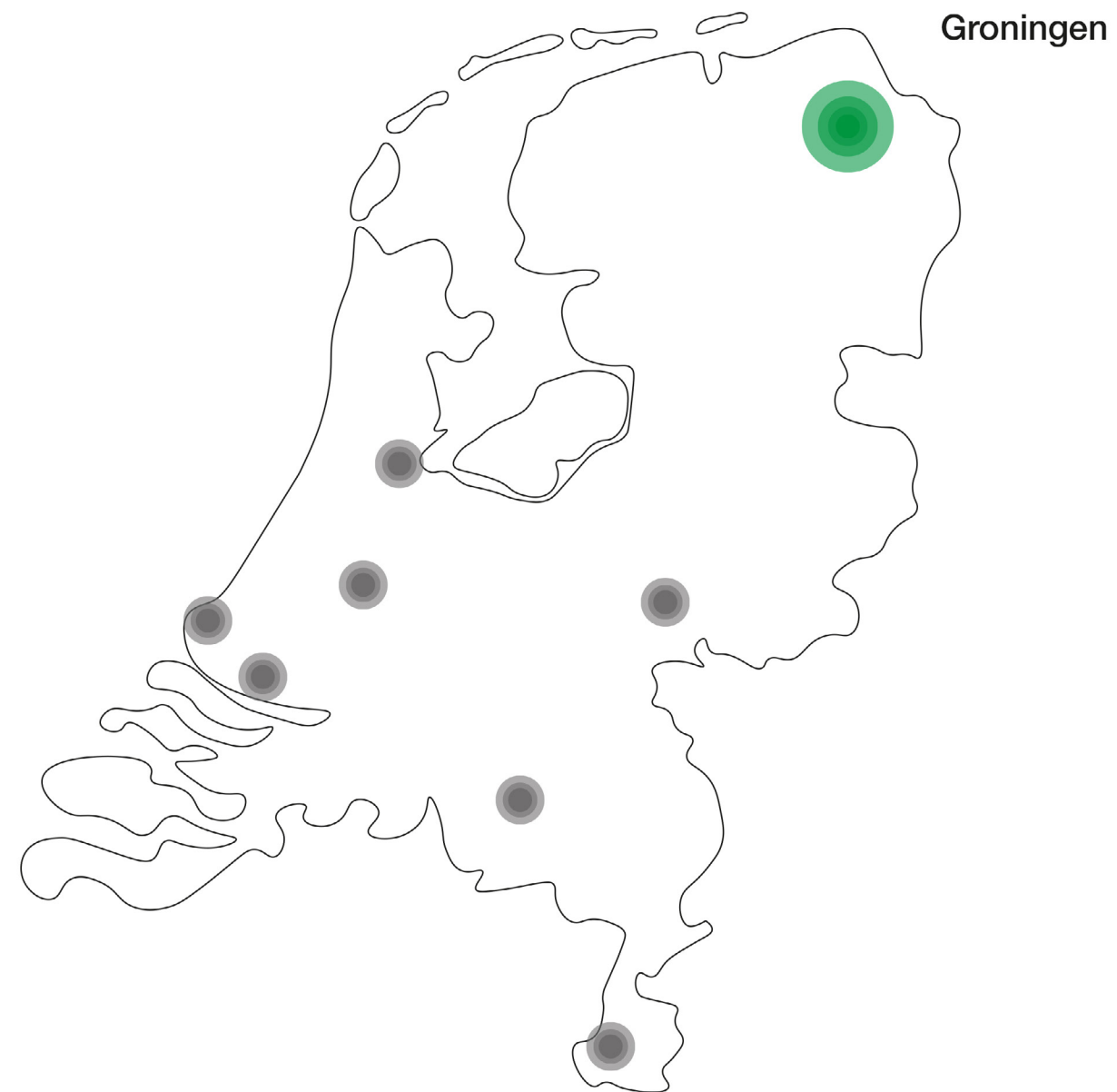
urban shared living

eco construction

# Context

Suiker Unie Terrein Groningen





**Site choice**





POLDERS & CREEKS

WESTRING  
road

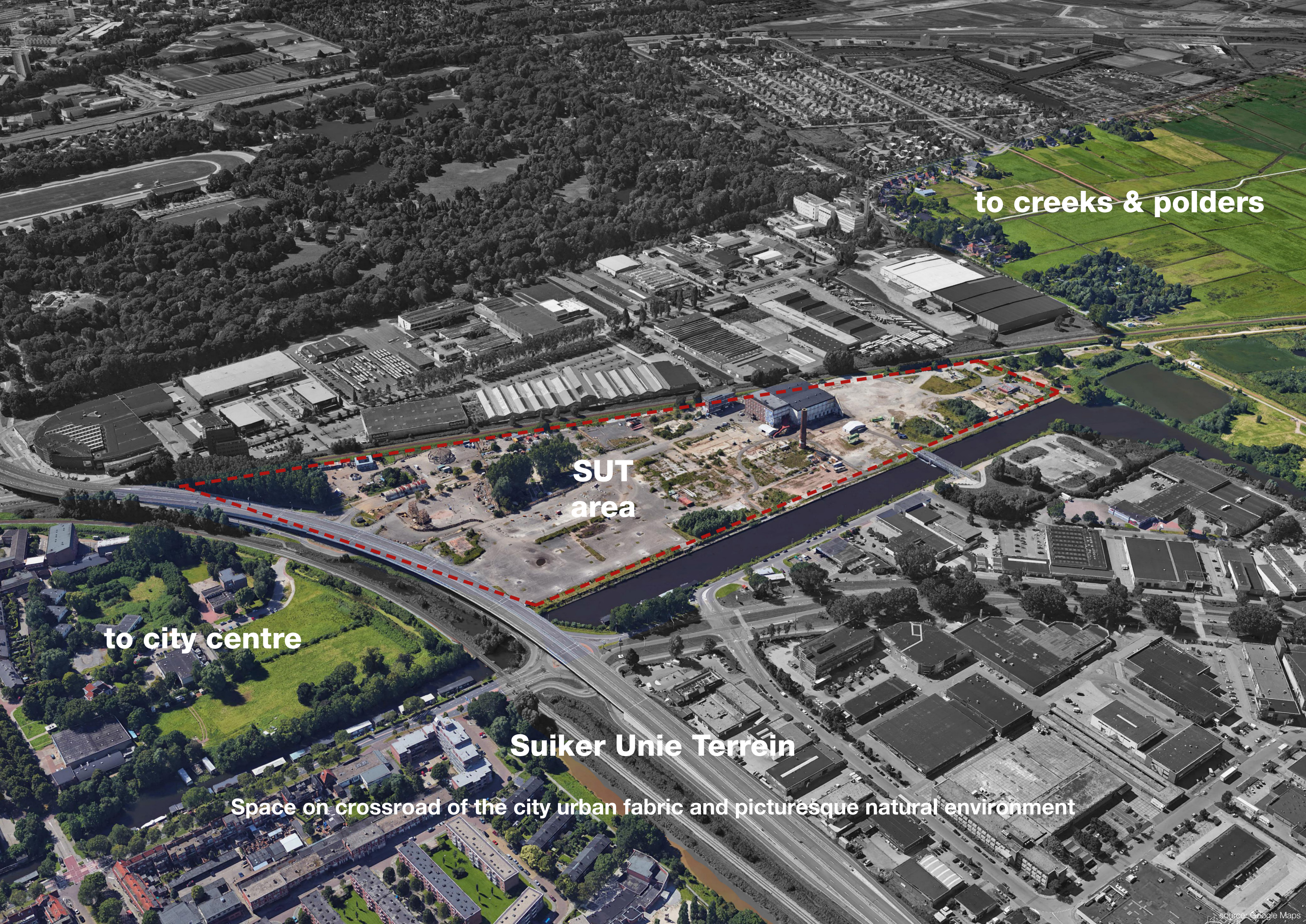
CITY CENTER

GRONINGEN-LEUWAARDEN  
railway

**Suiker Unie Terrein**

Post-industrial site predicted for sustainable housing developments.





to creeks & polders

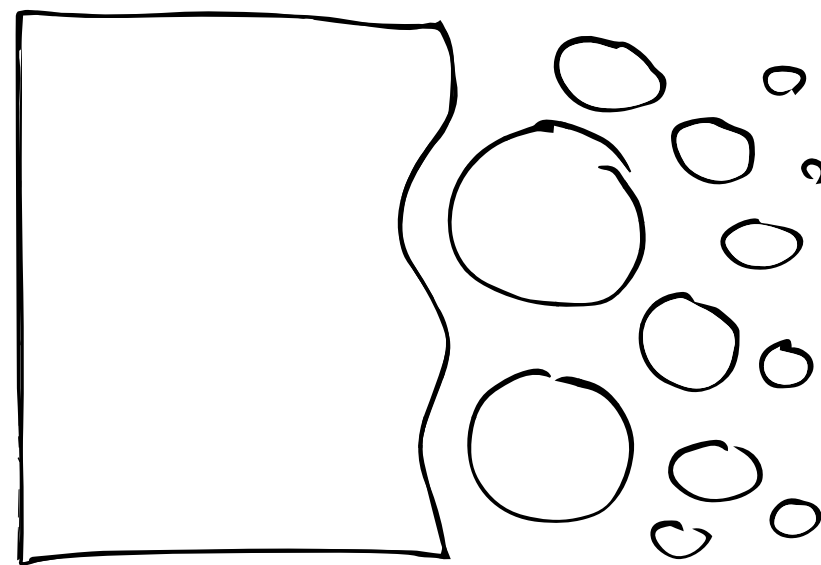
SUT  
area

to city centre

Suiker Unie Terrein

Space on crossroad of the city urban fabric and picturesque natural environment



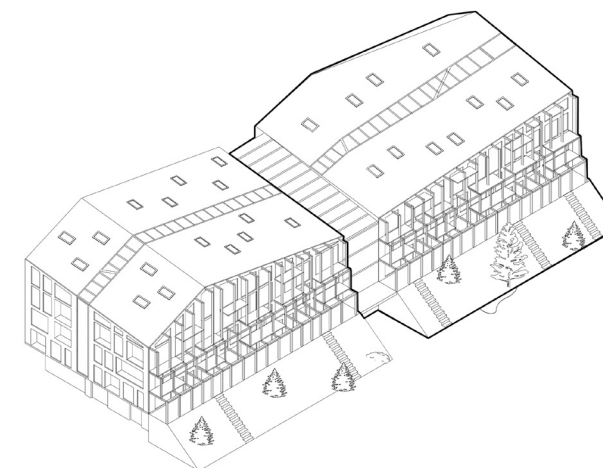
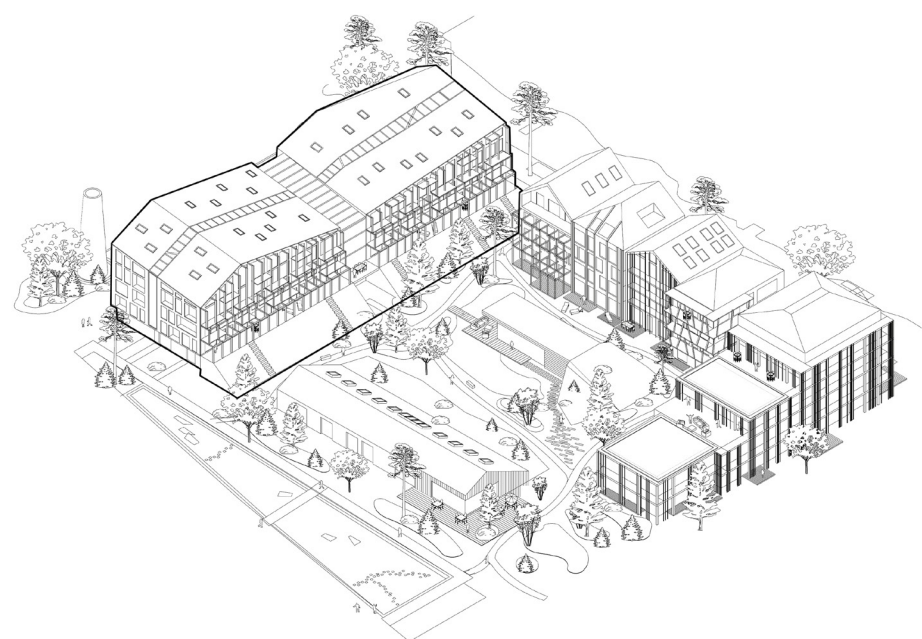
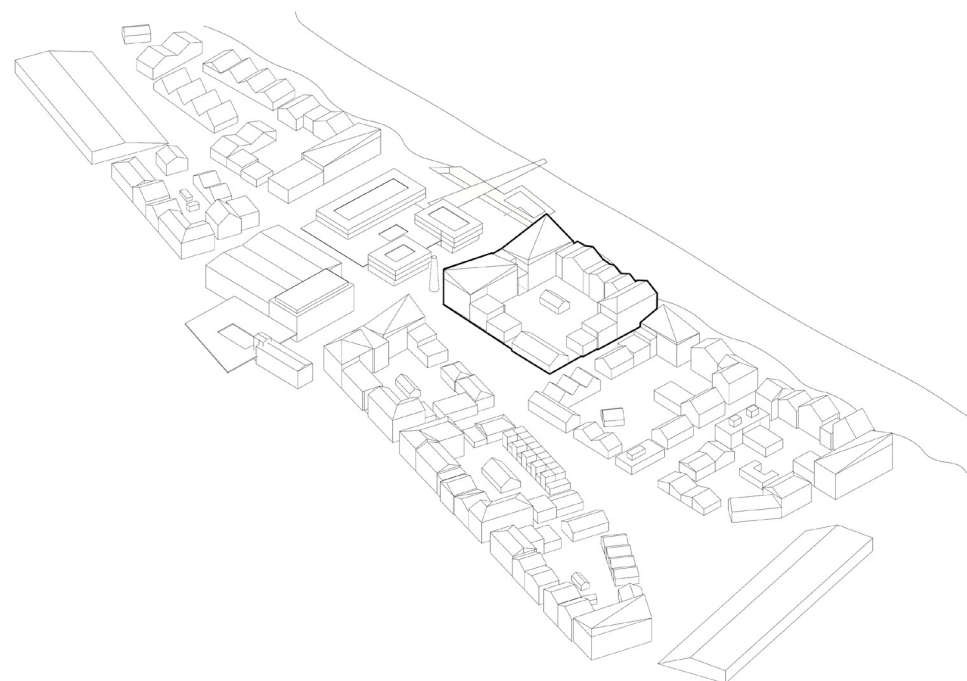
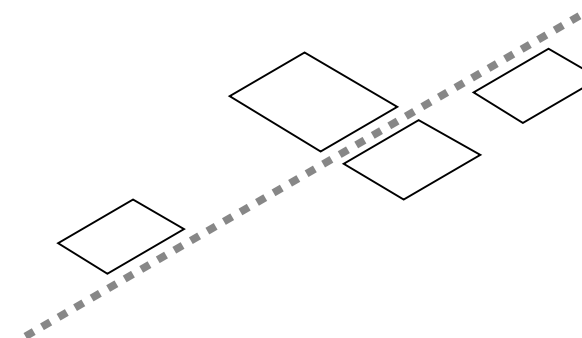
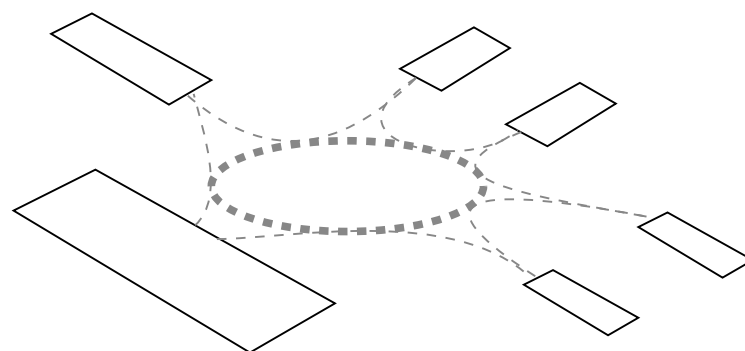
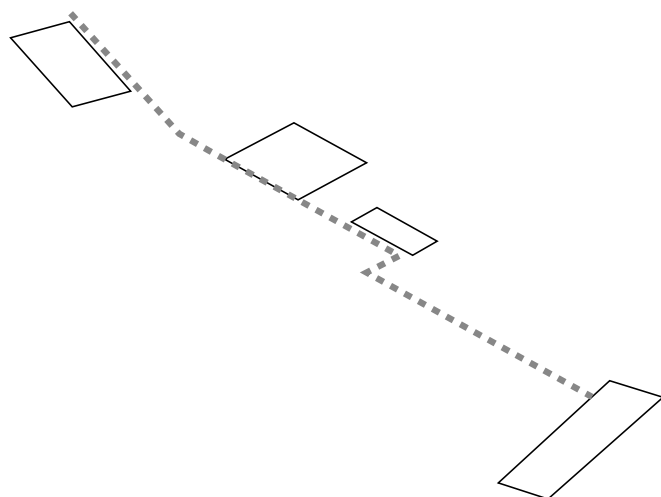


## **In-between**

Main concept for the site design is development of connector between urban city life and the polders.

# Exploration

Project organisation.



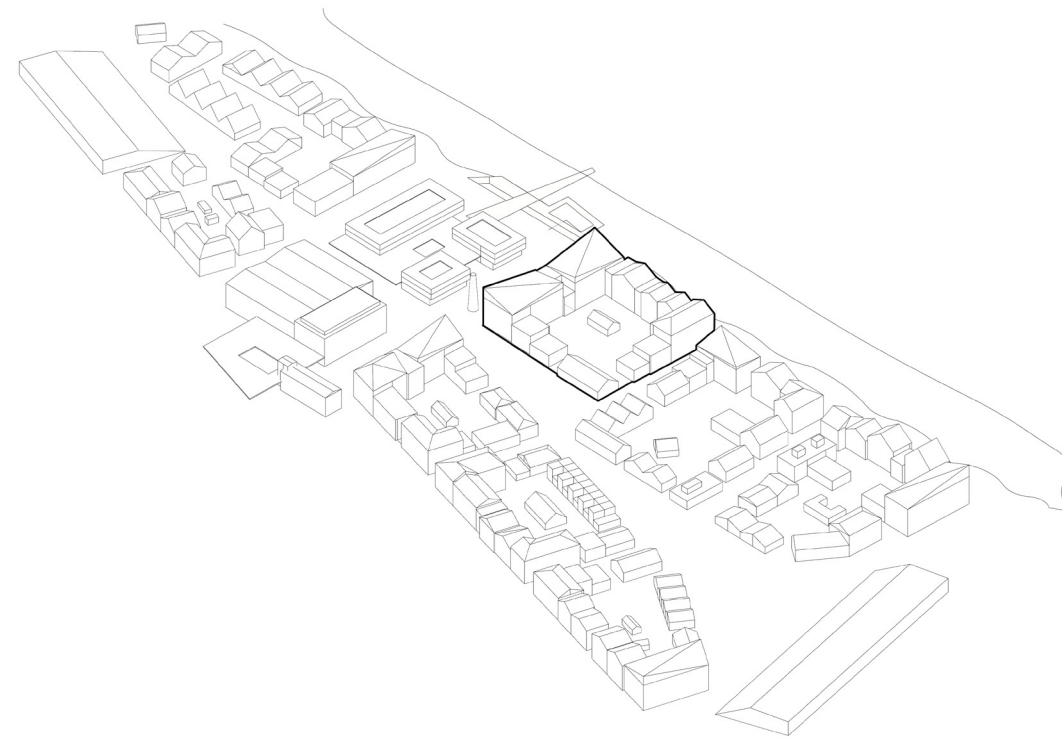
Nature for social inclusiveness

Nature as social&well-being stimulator

Qualities of living together

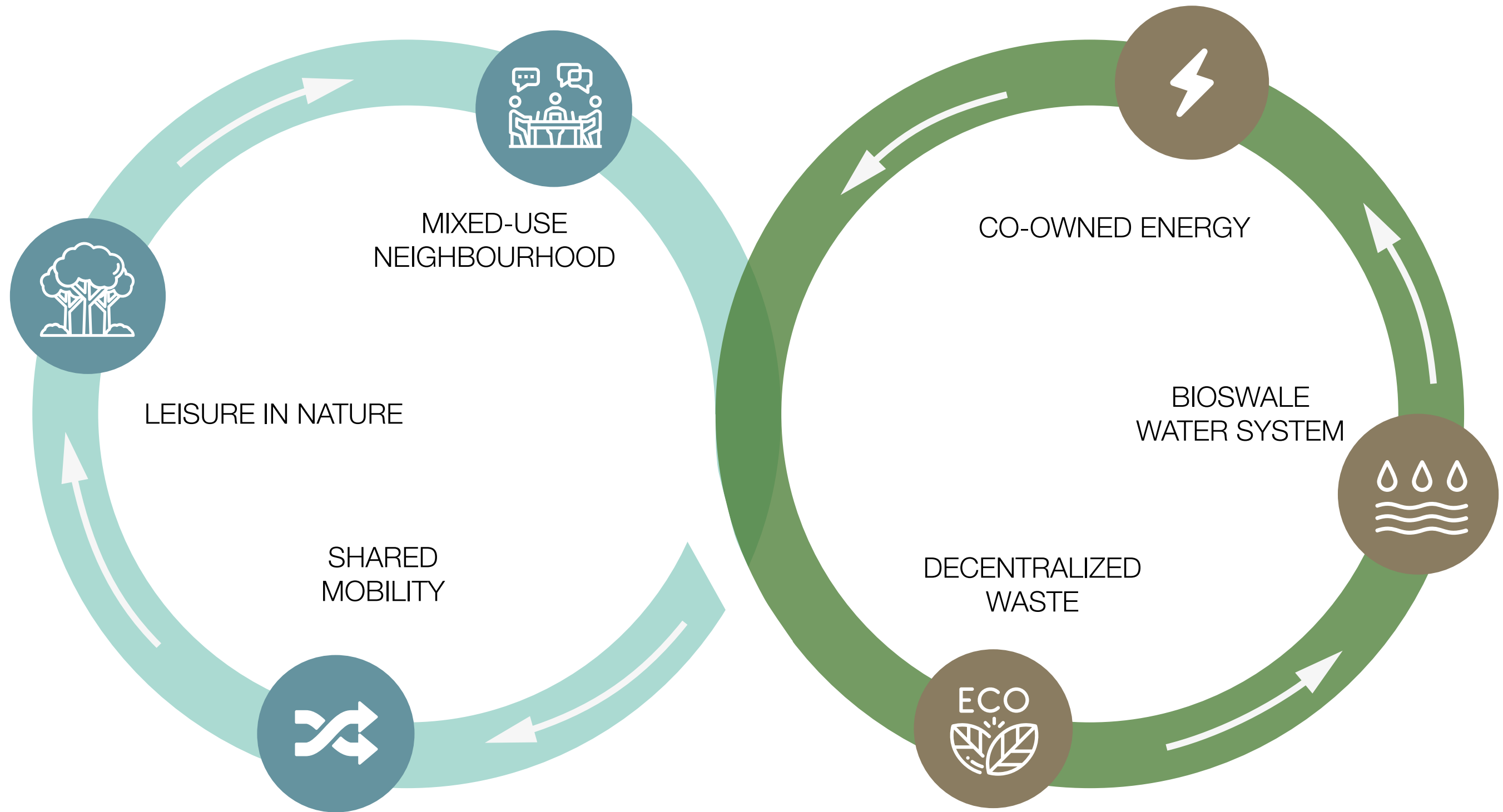
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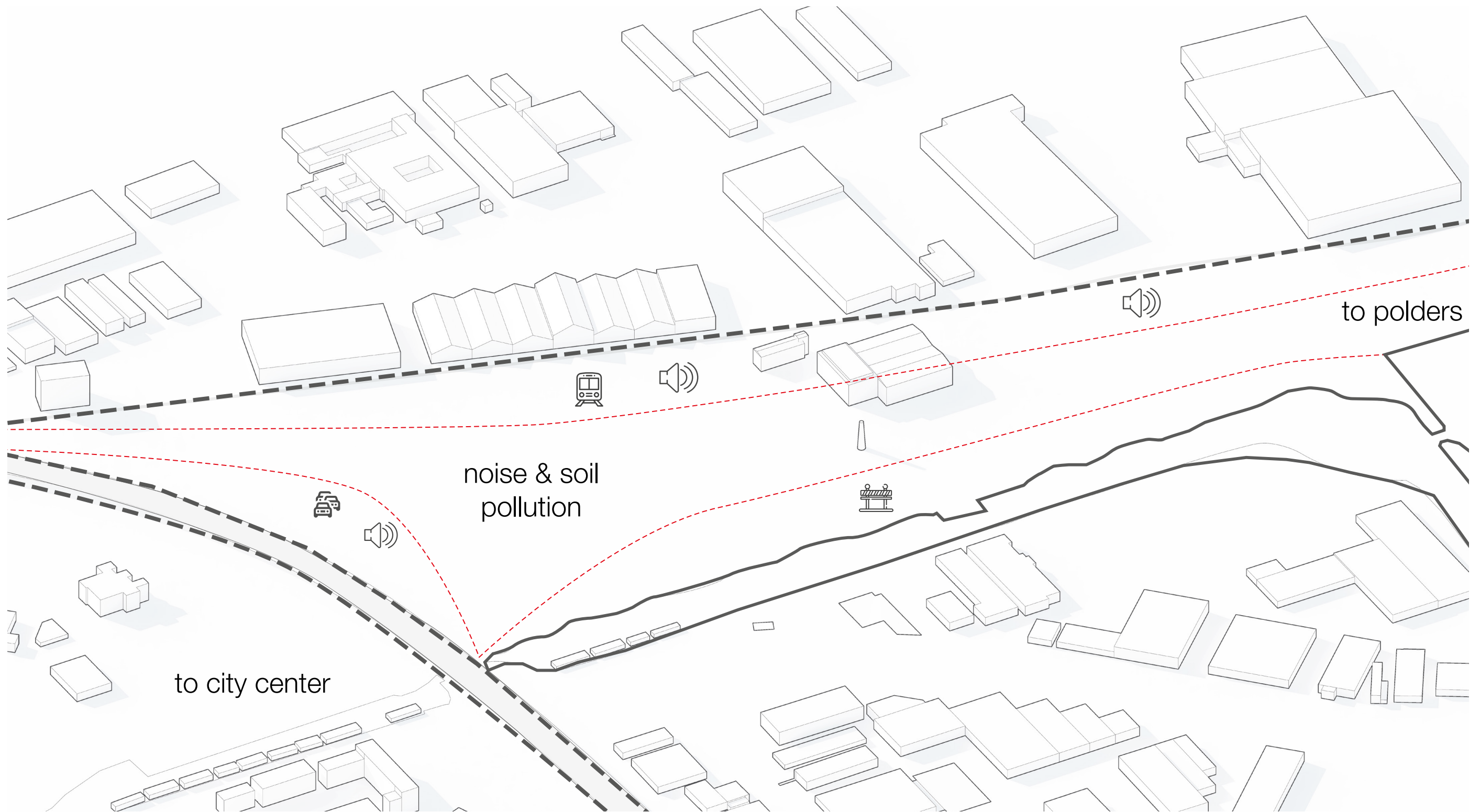
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Masterplan scale

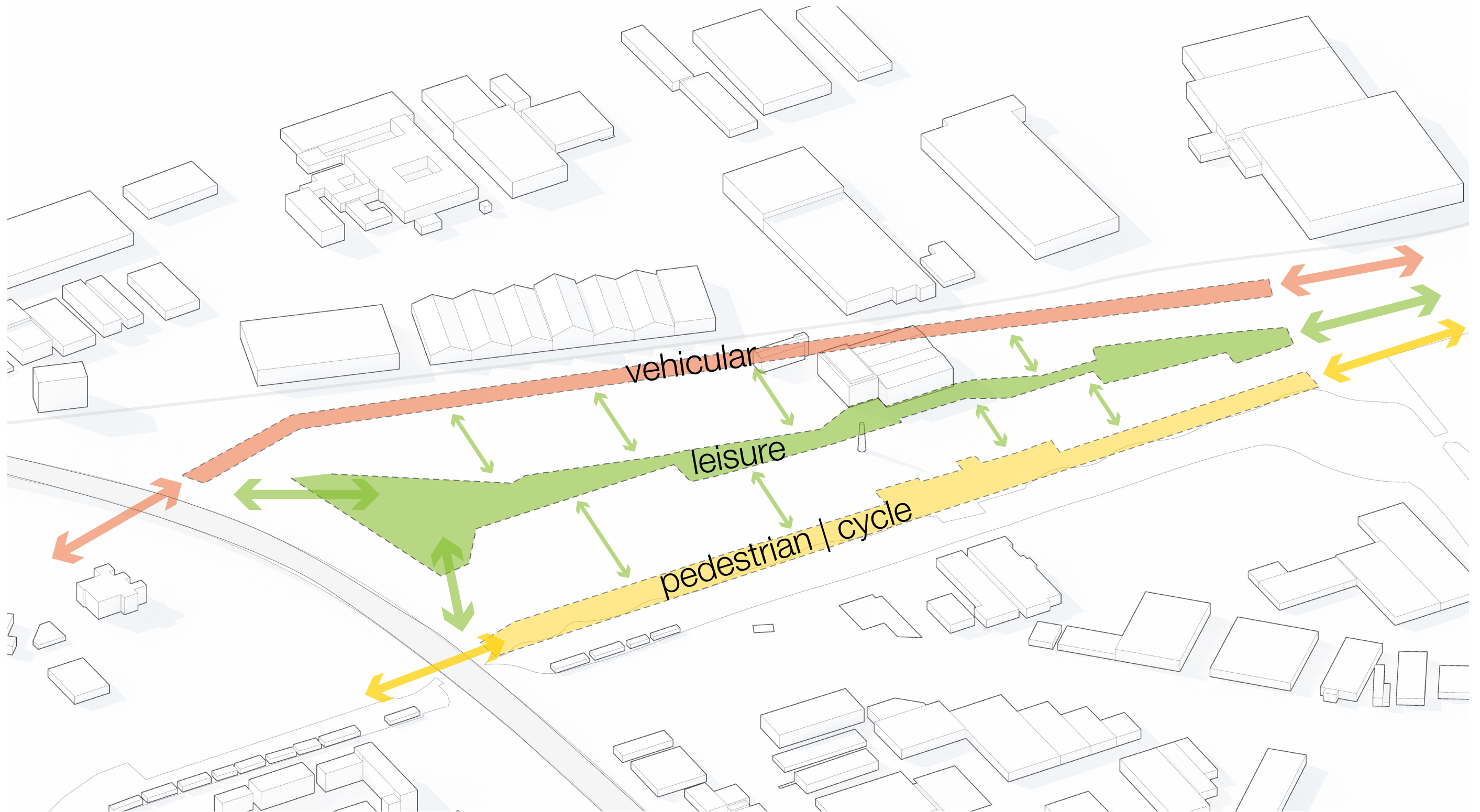


## **SYMBIO strategies**

Masterplan ambitions focused on co-owned ways of use&management of resources flows.

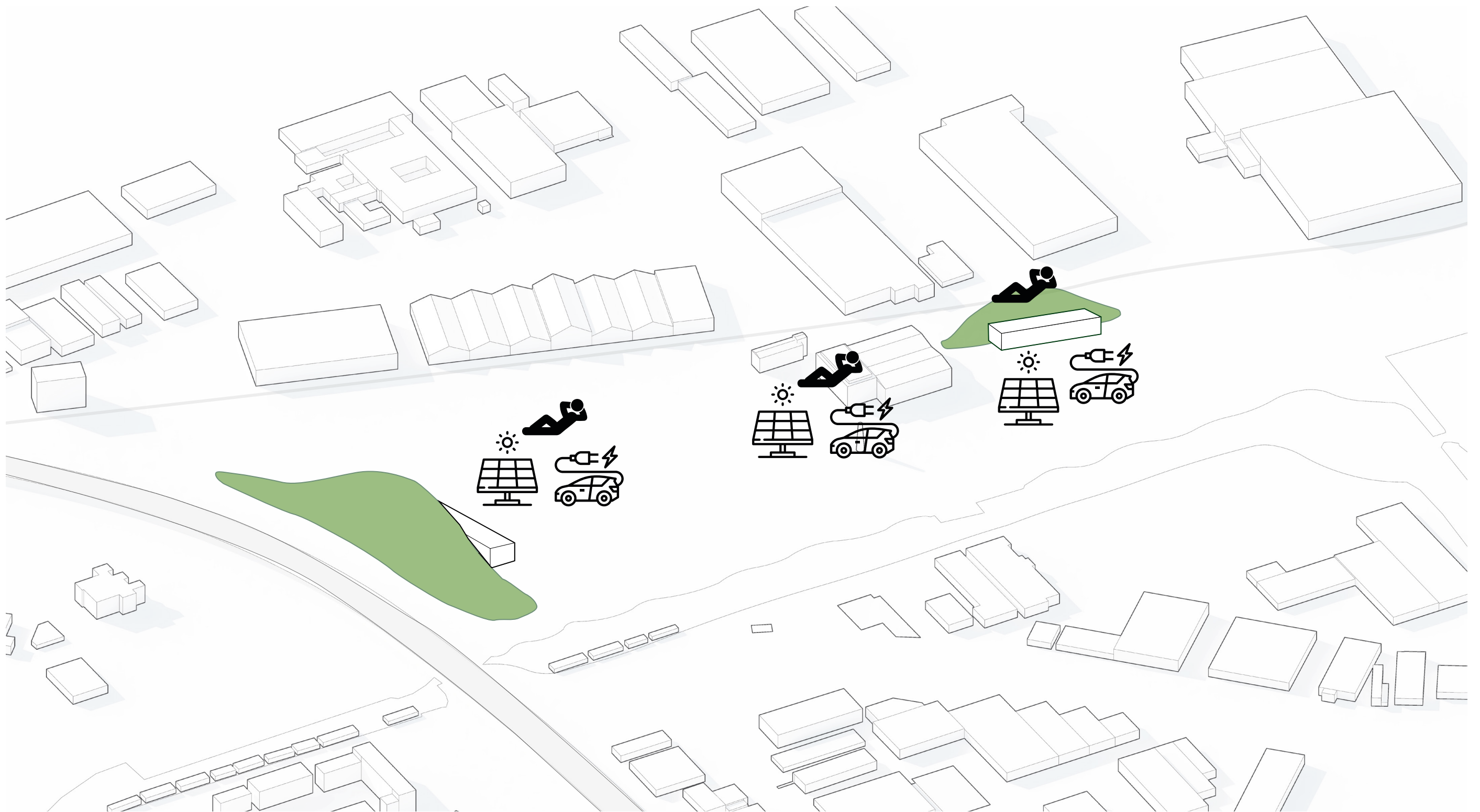


**Reclaiming industrial zone to the city**

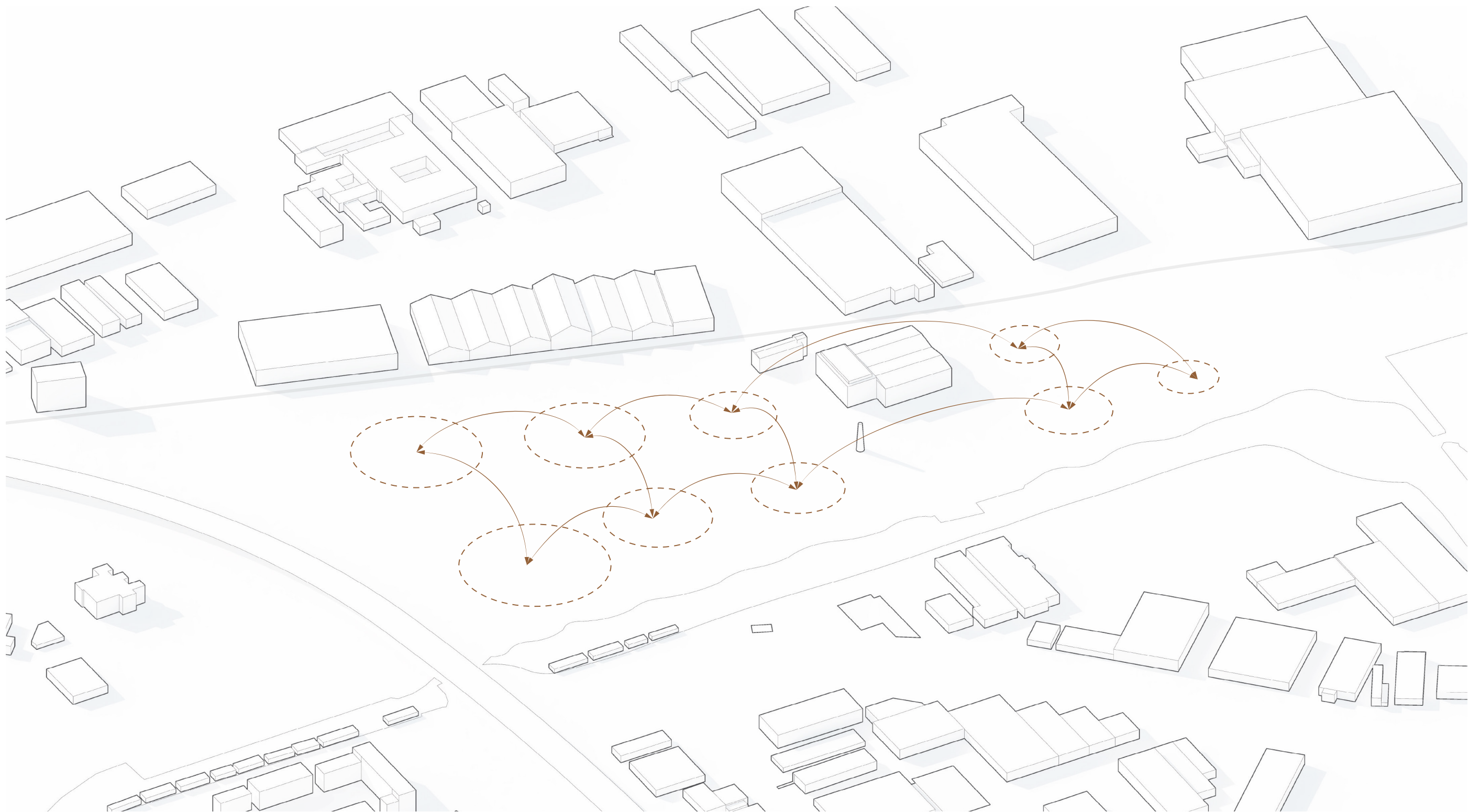


## TRIPLE MOBILITY

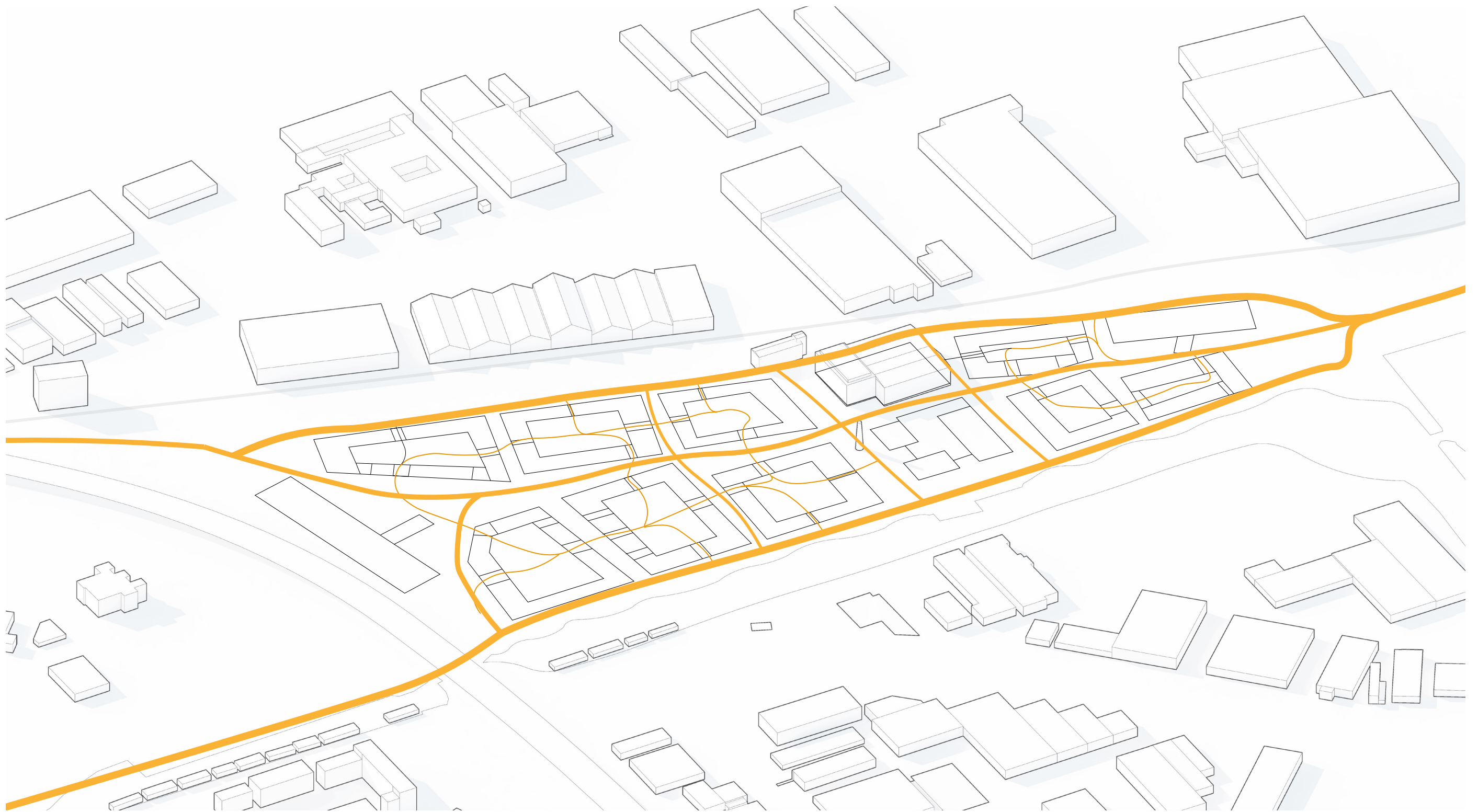




## MOBILITY & ENERGY HUBS

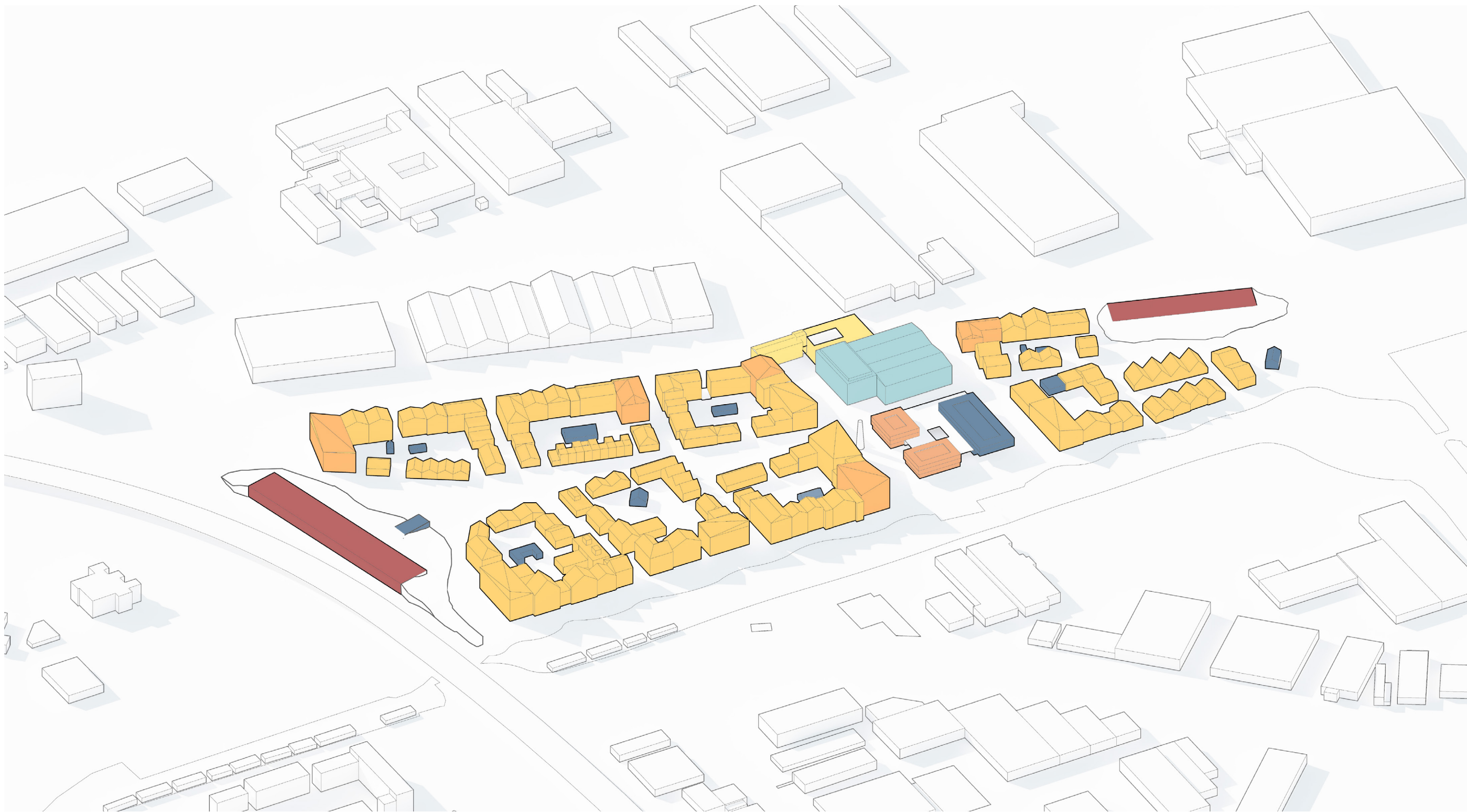


## INTERCONNECTED BLOCKS



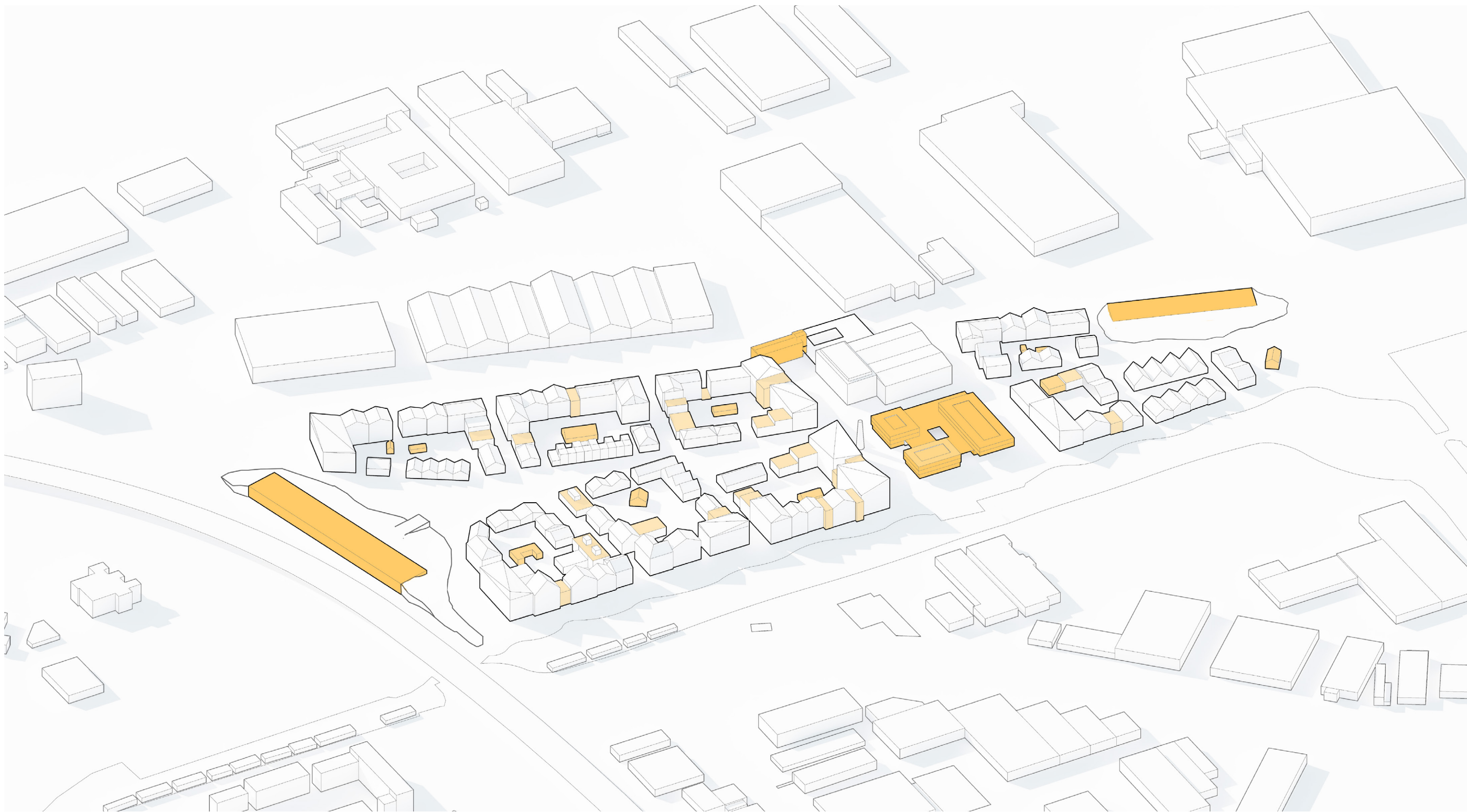
**DENSE PEDESTRIAN NETWORK**



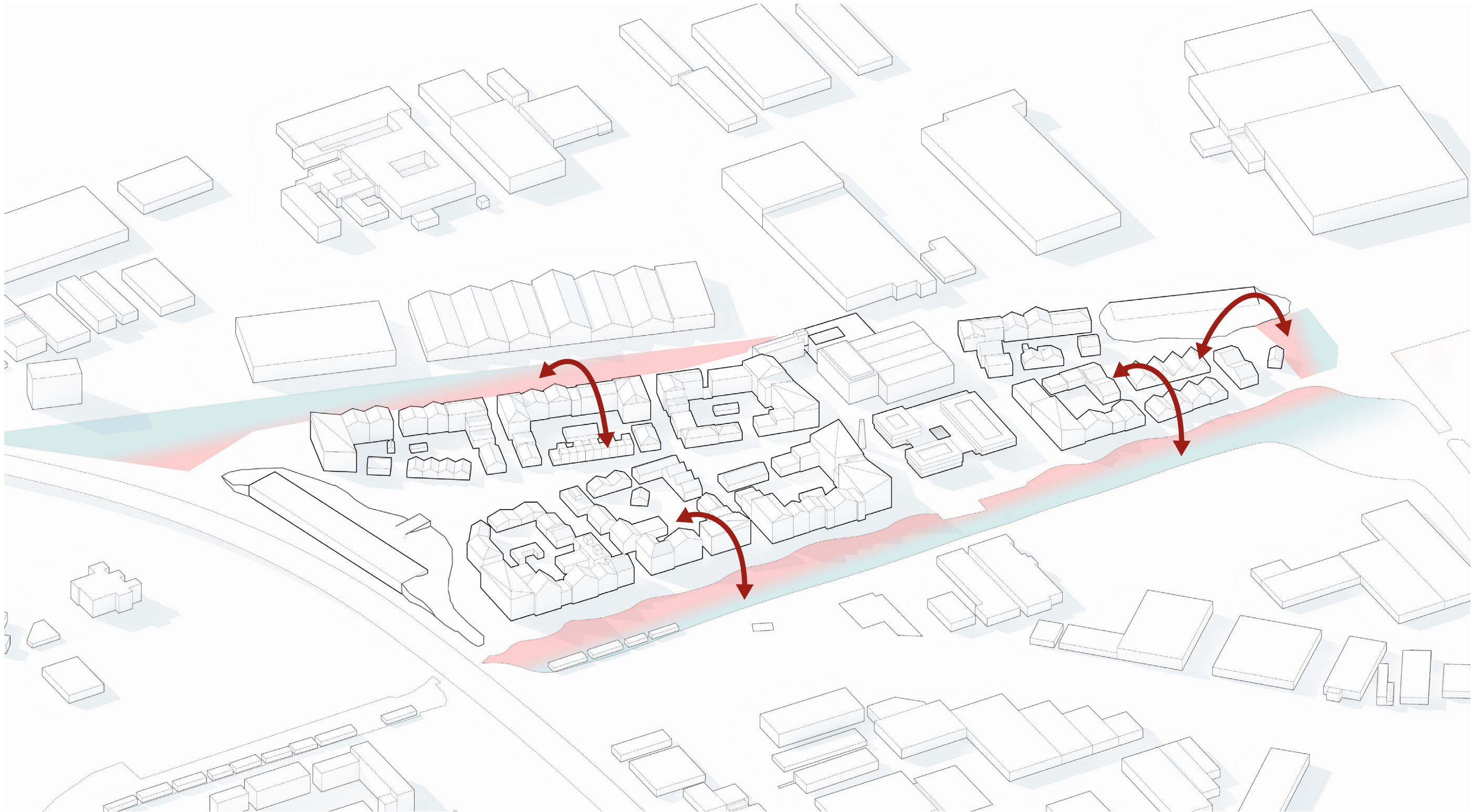


**MIXED\_USE**



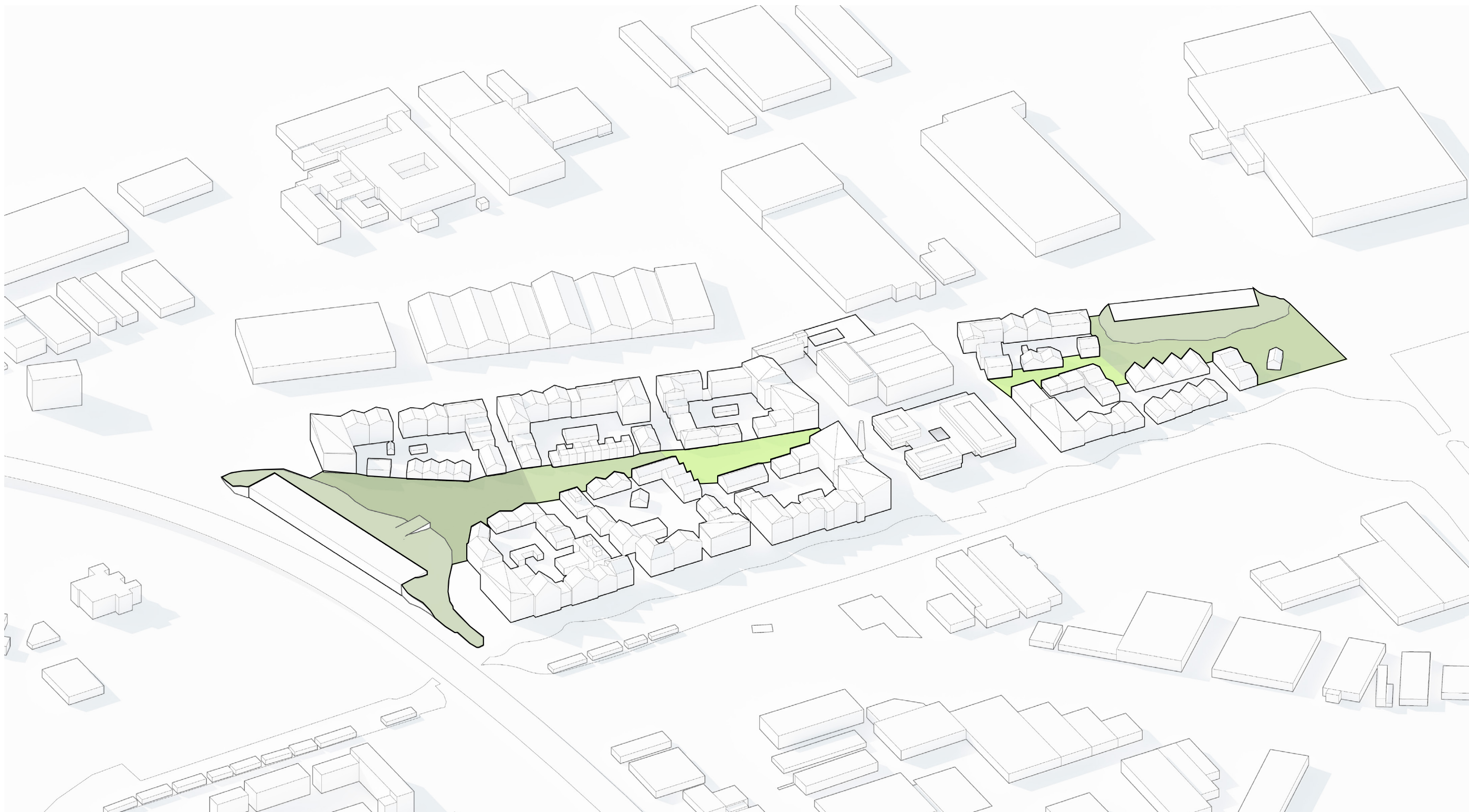


**SHARED-USE PROMOTED**



## DECENTRALIZED ENERGY FLOWS





## **LEISURE BY NATURE**

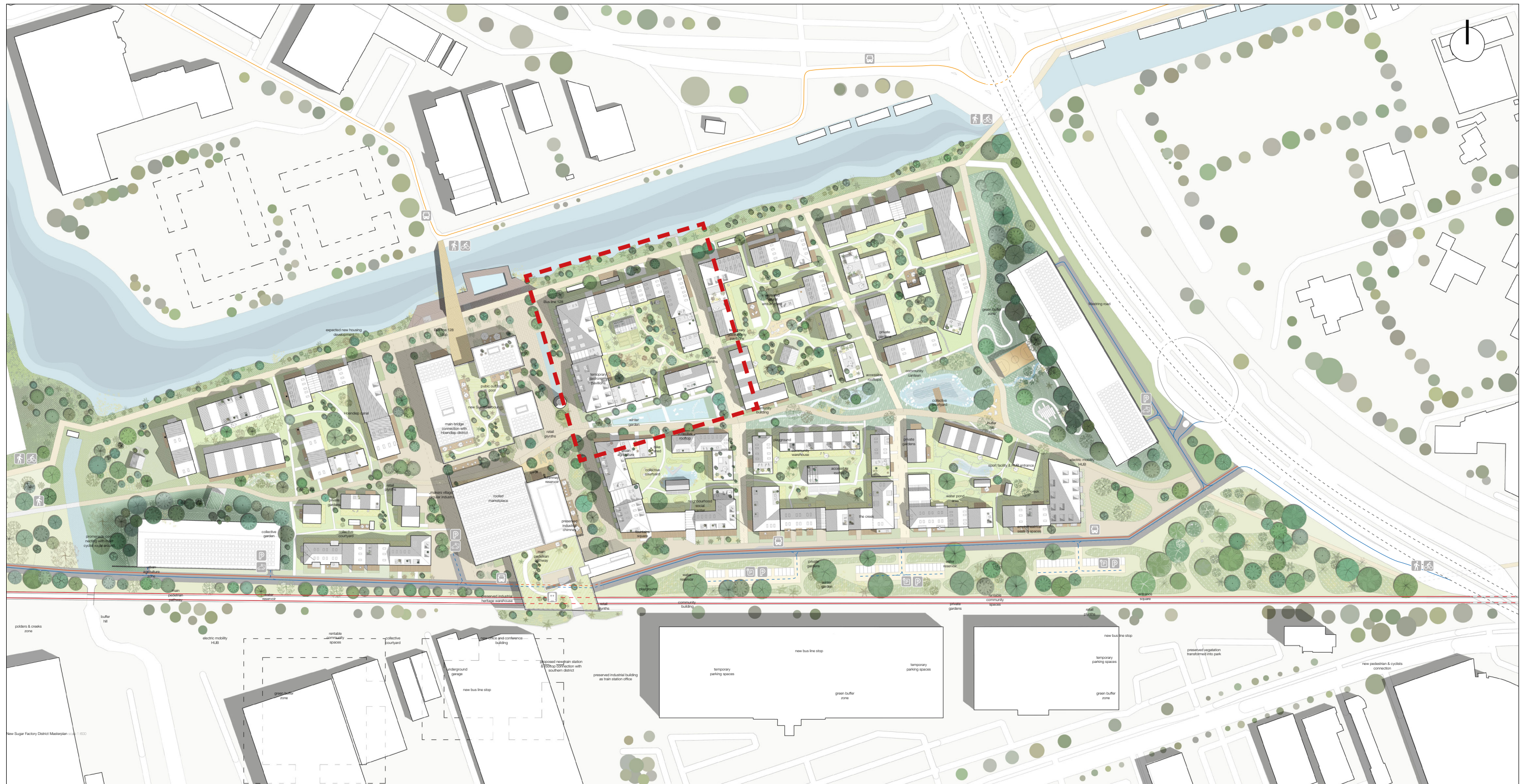


**GREEN CONNECTOR**



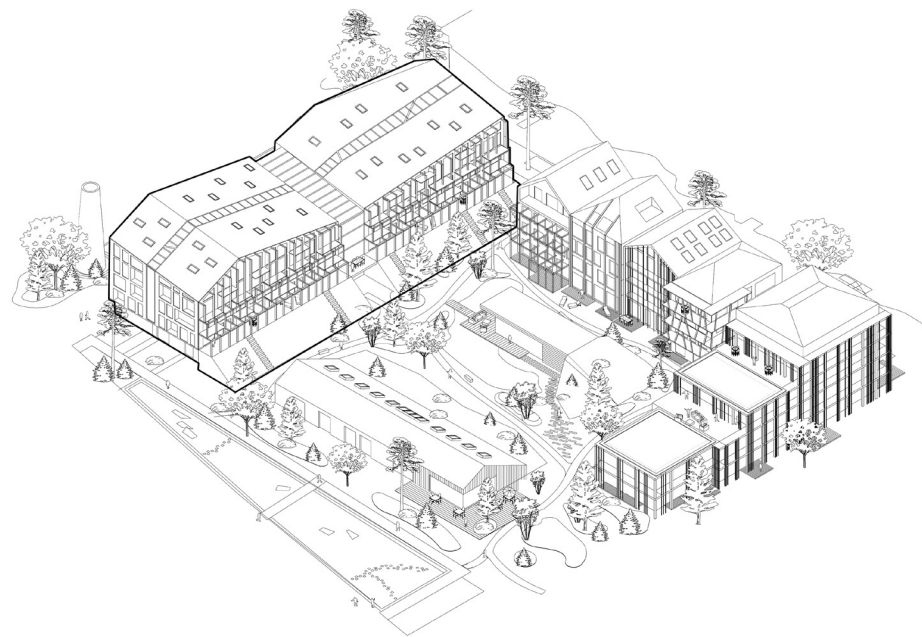






## Masterplan as framework





# Urban blend

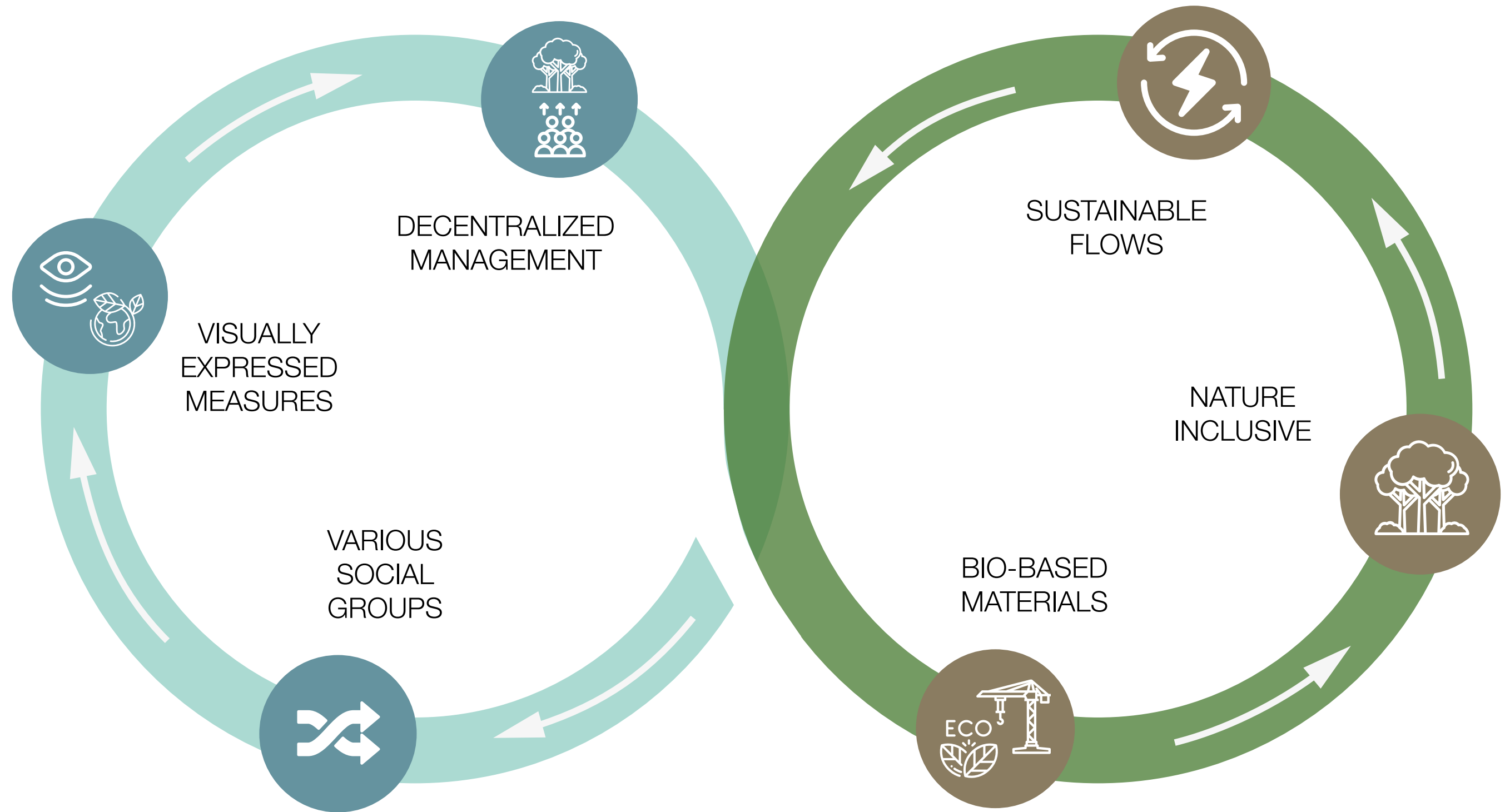
block scale



## **Blend of nature and architecture**

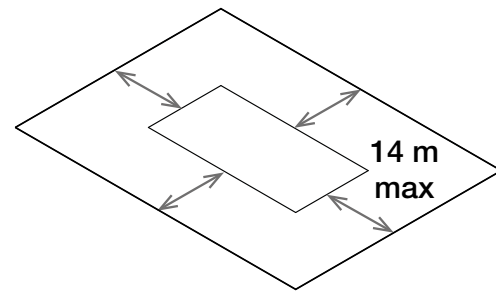
Residential quartier where vegetation and shared living create a vibrant unifying social structure.



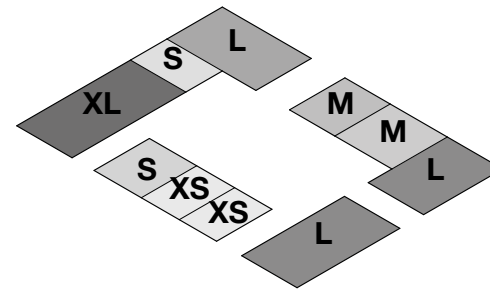


## Strategies

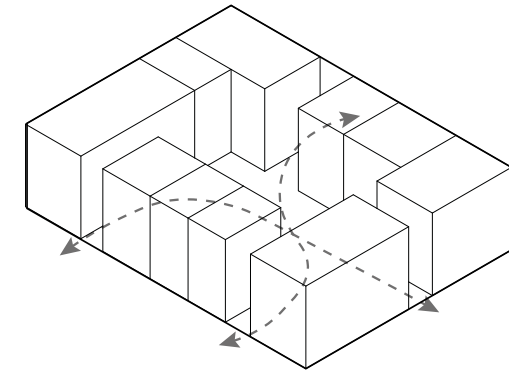
Courtyard block challenges focused on creation of highly urban environment with qualities of nature inclusive design.



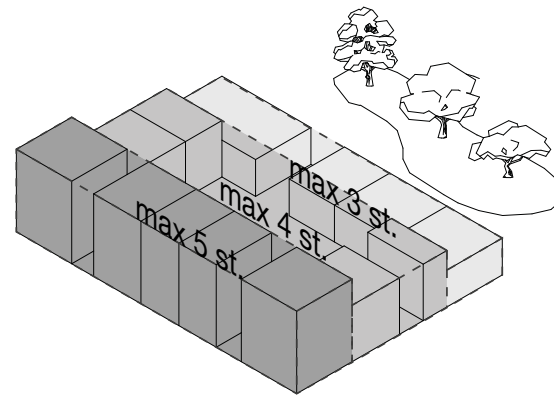
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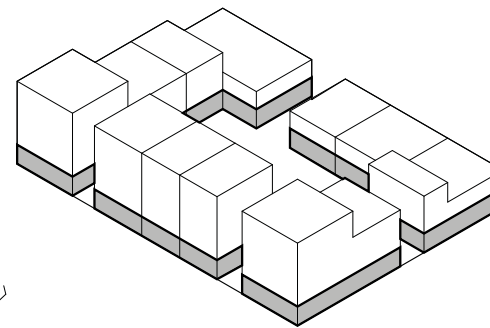
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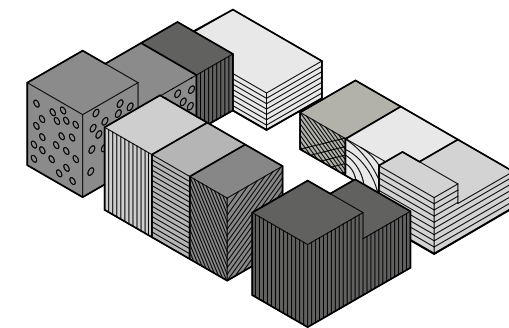
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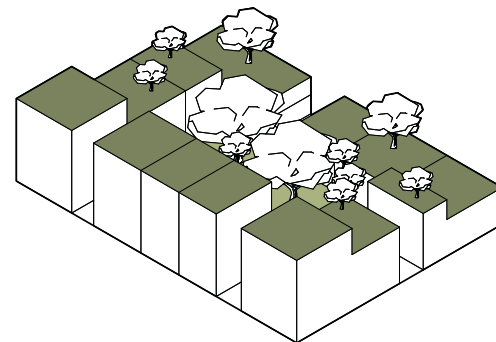
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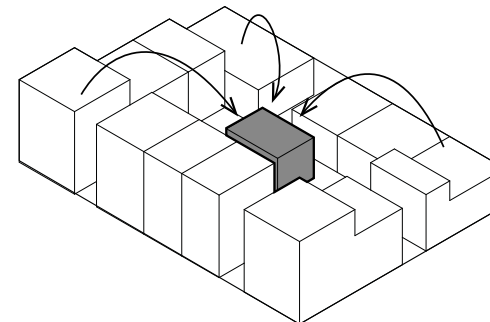
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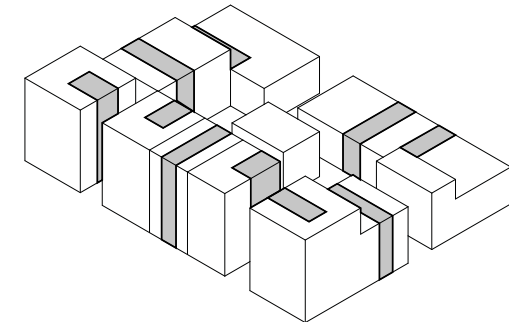
Identity stimulation



Nature inclusive



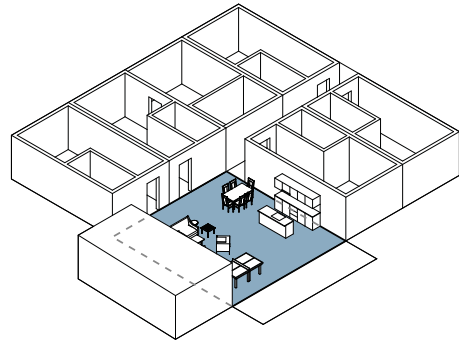
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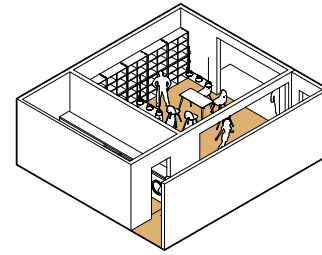
Shared cores

## Block rules

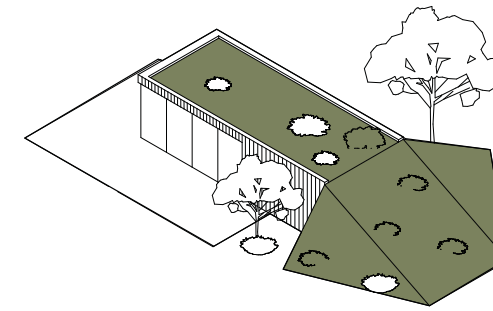




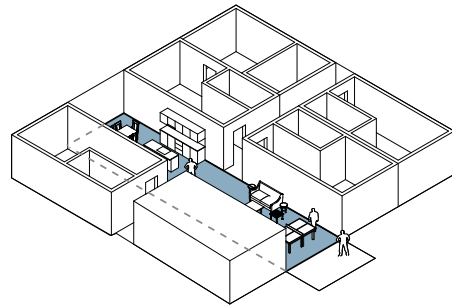
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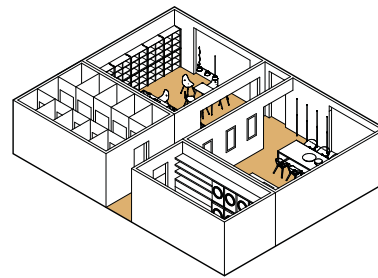
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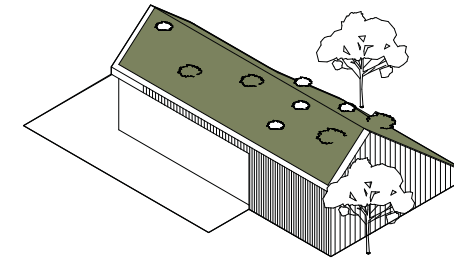
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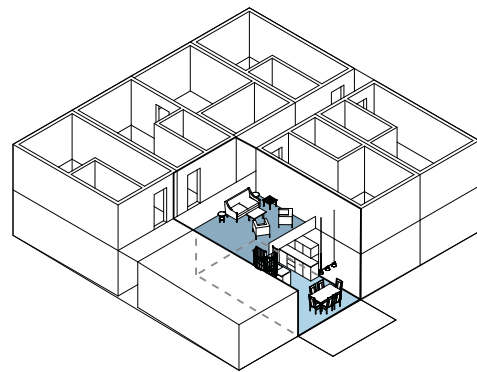
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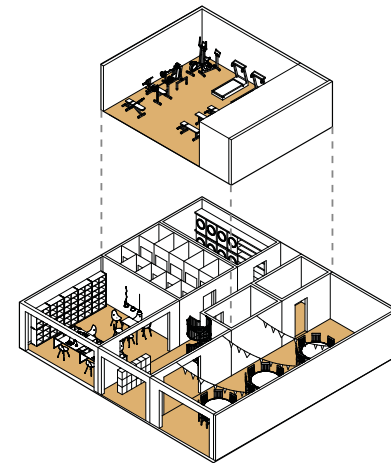
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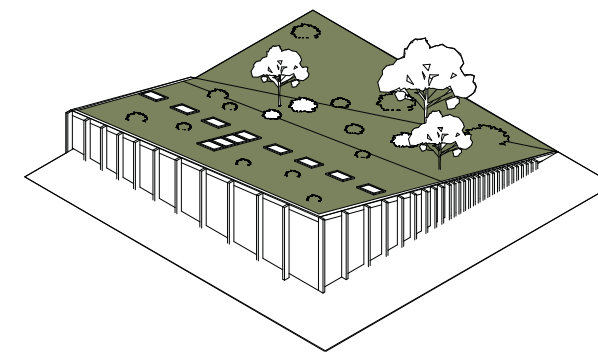
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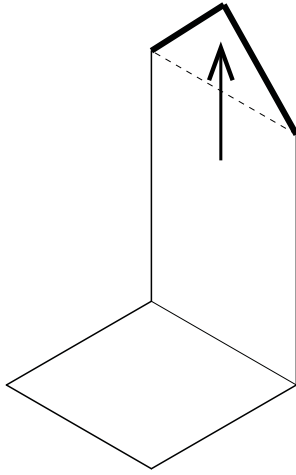


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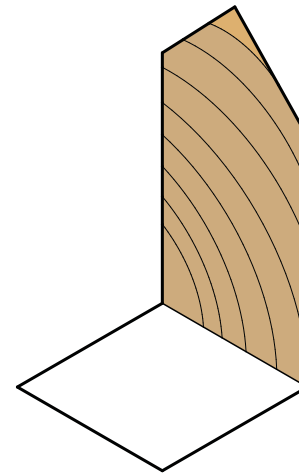


Local community center

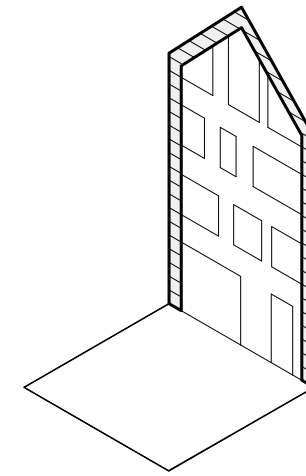
## Programme rules



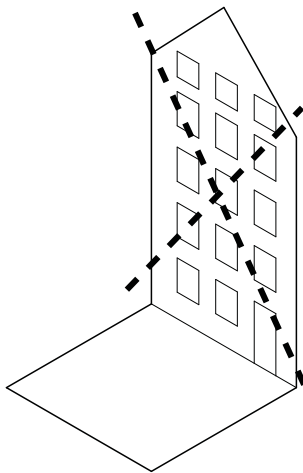
Context related massing.



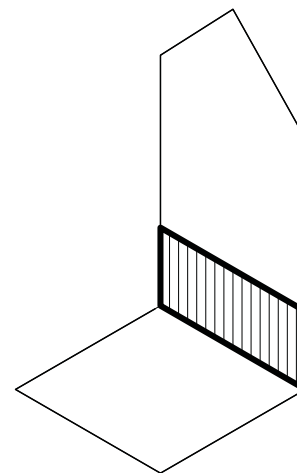
Nature materials exposed.



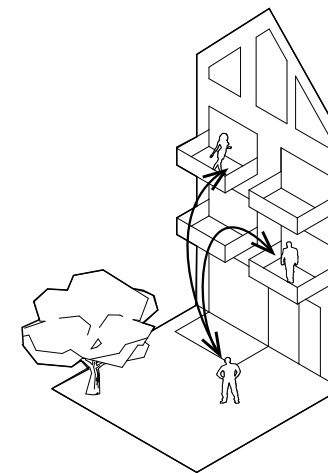
Organised composition.



Non-repetitive rythms.



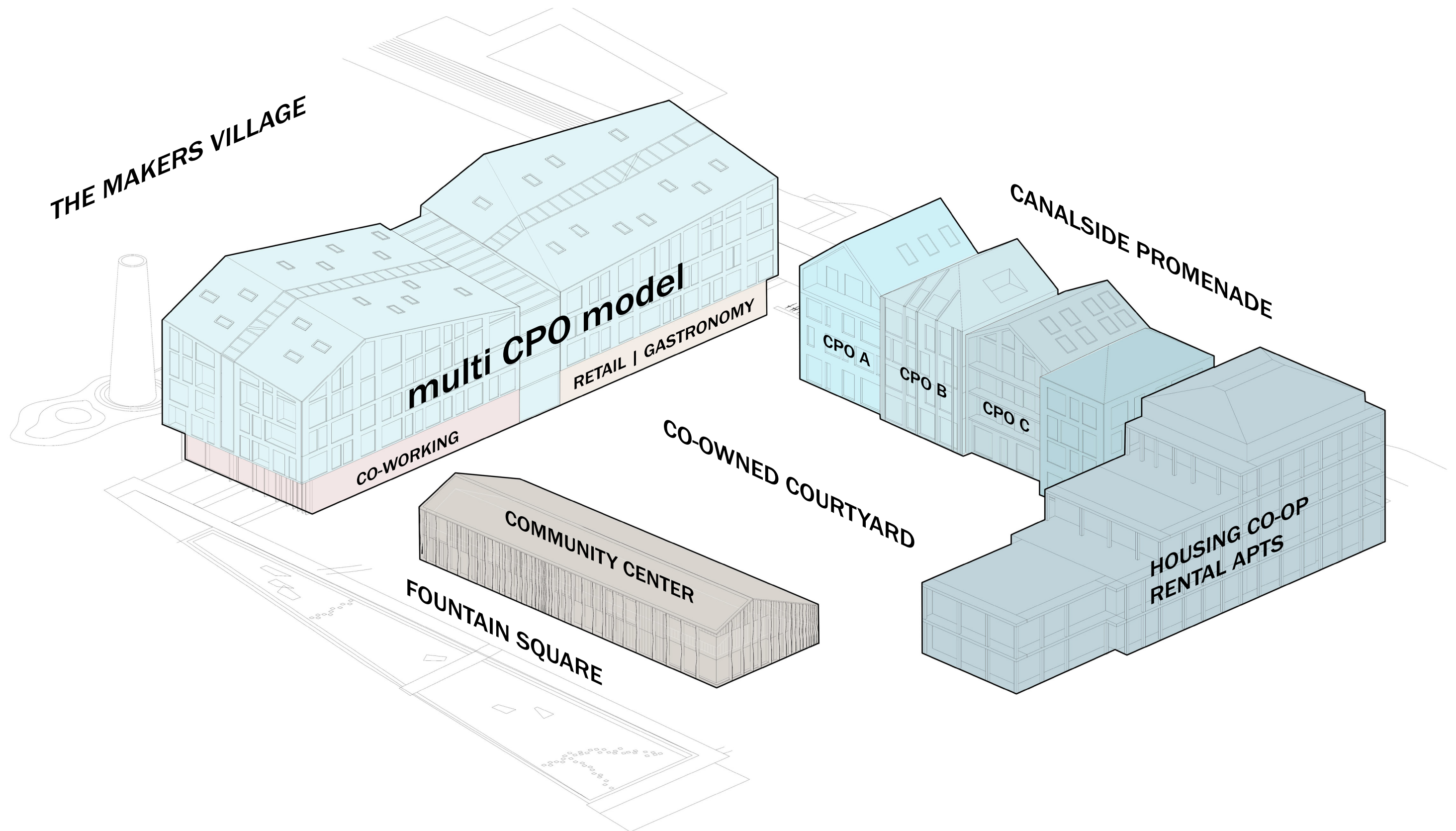
Emphasized plynth.



Facades porosity.

## Materialisation rules





## Programme

Variation of organisational models to shorten the timeline of the bottom-up developments.





## **Nature inclusive**

The synergy between buildings and the nature starts with extensive forest-like environment.





## Connectors

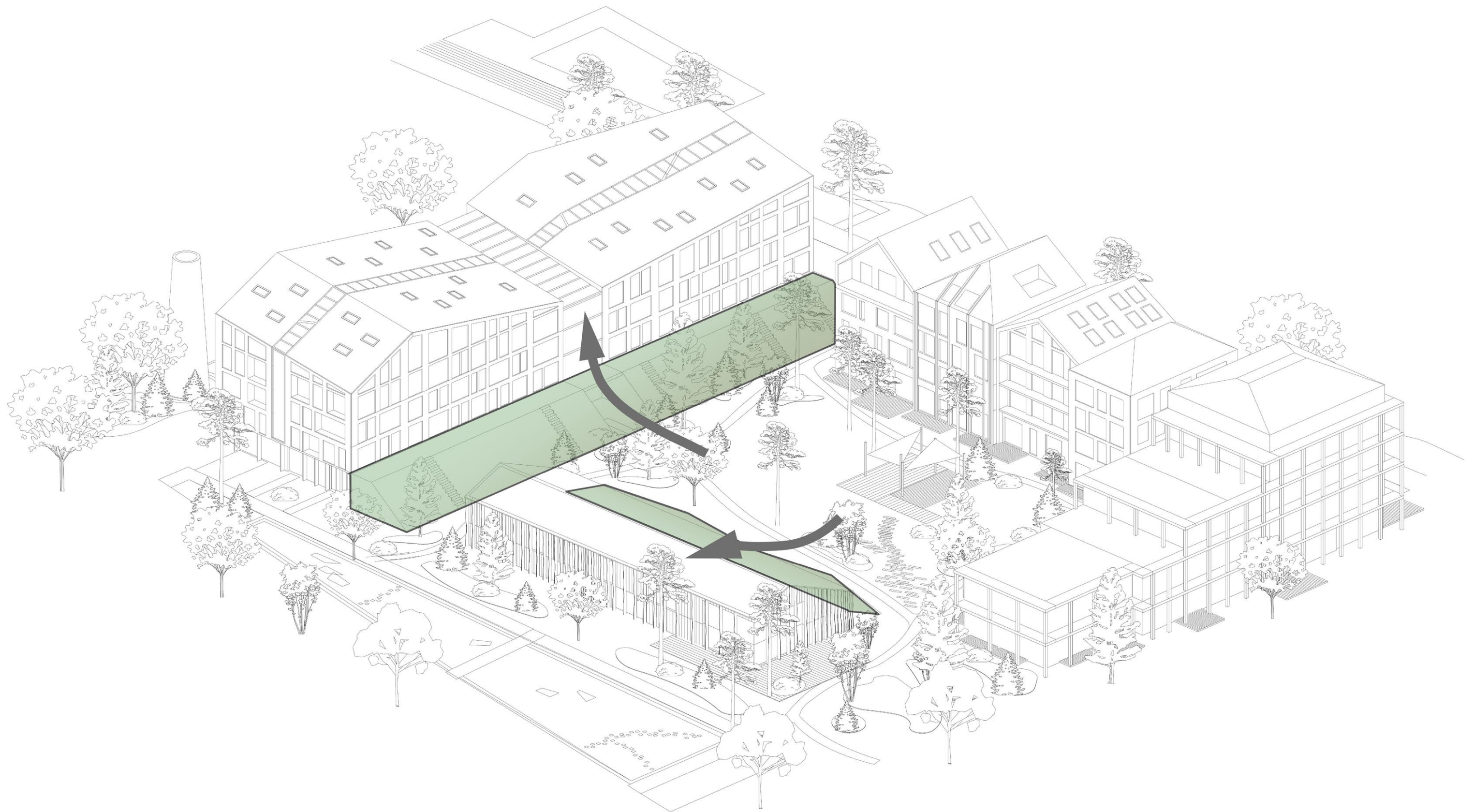
The key paths responds to the gravity points of the masterplan in direct surrounding of the site.



## **Social courtyard**

Block residents configure their community space, that serves as a framework for their activities.

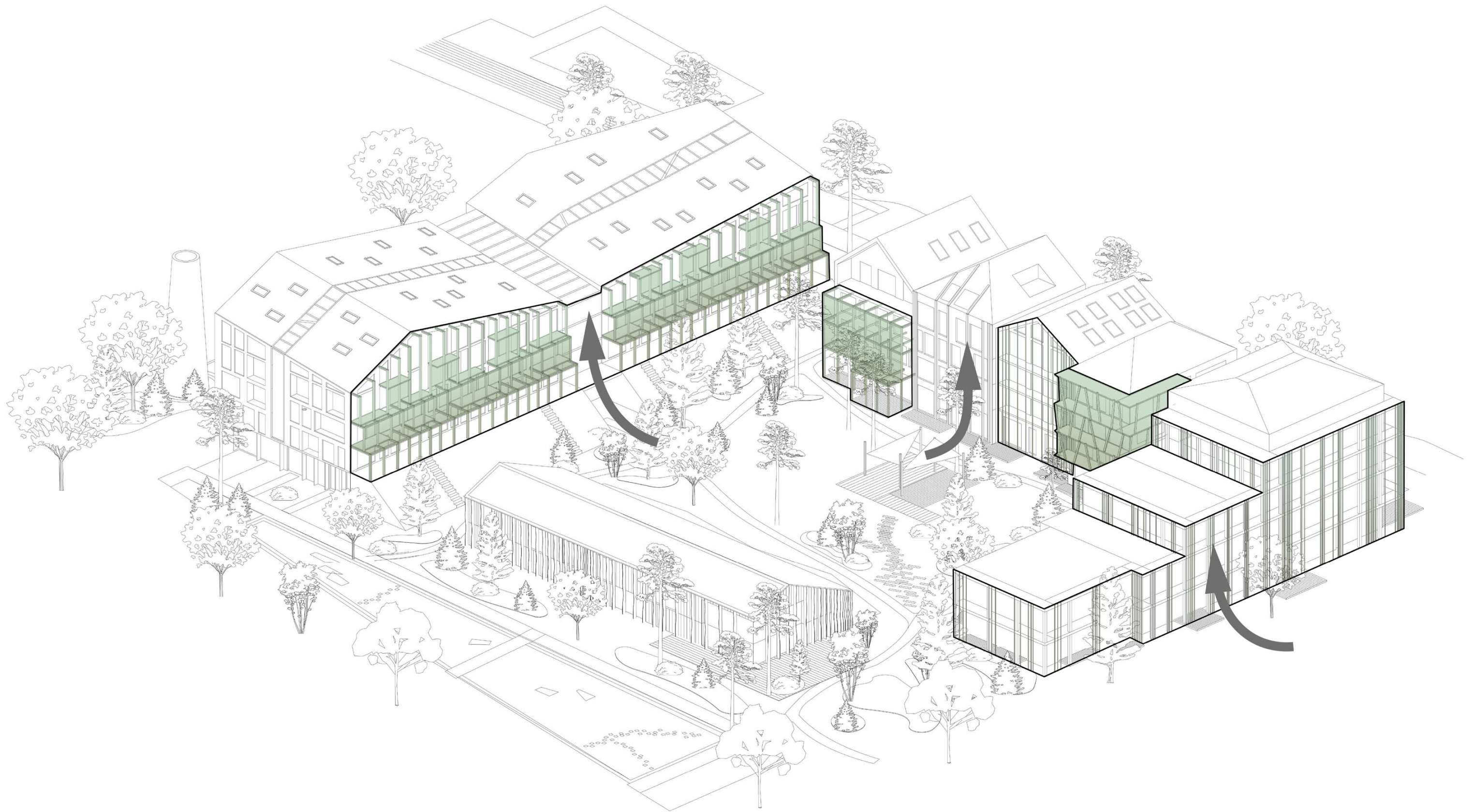




## **Landscape**

Second phase of the synergy with nature is differentiation of the topography to integrate it with architecture and use as an spatial, functional advantage.





## **Green facades**

Further blend of architecture and nature by porosity of internal facades, design to accomodate extensive vegetation.

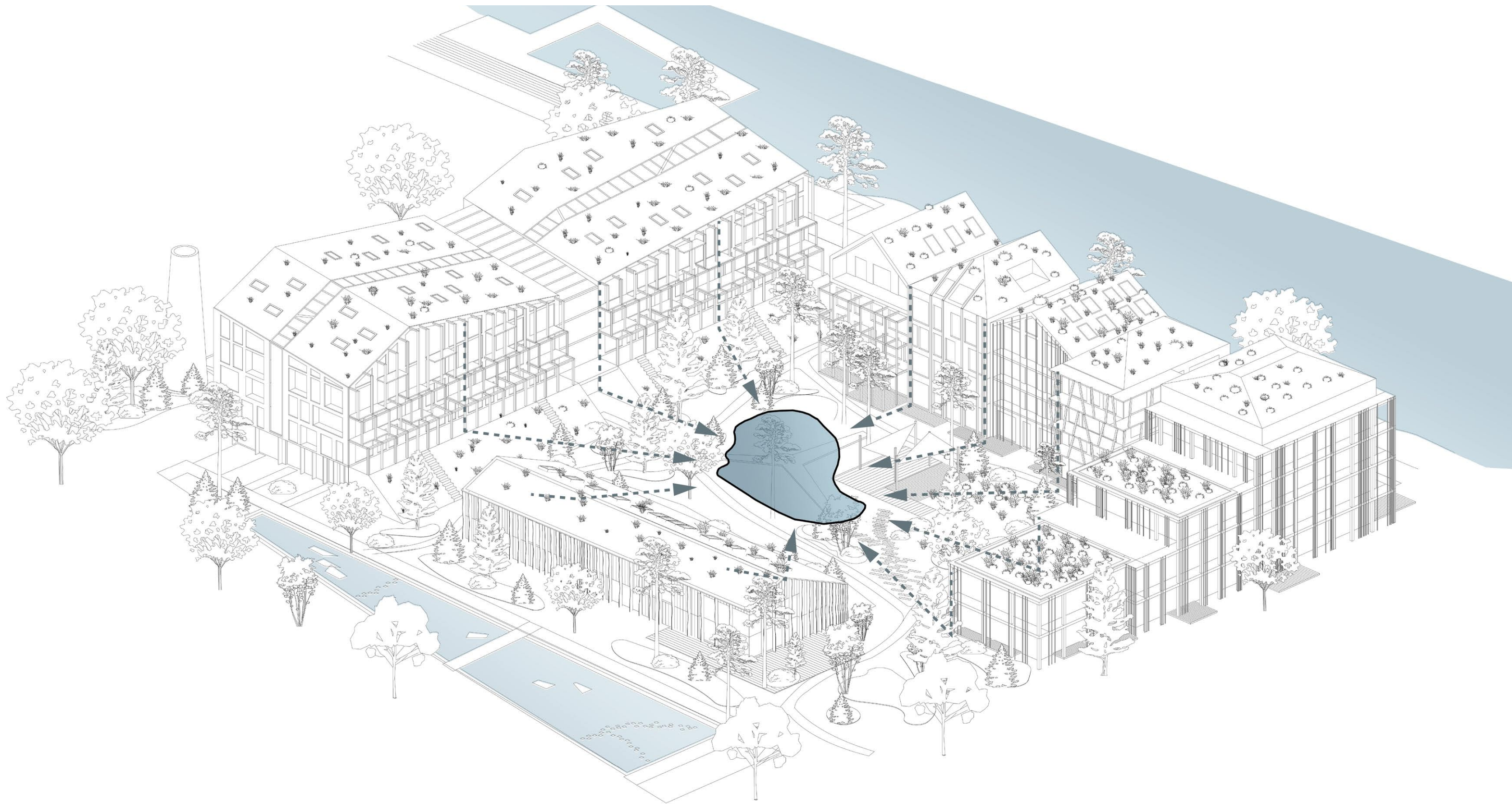




## **Green roofs**

The nature incorporates courtyard park, facades systems, finally rooftops compliment the blend.

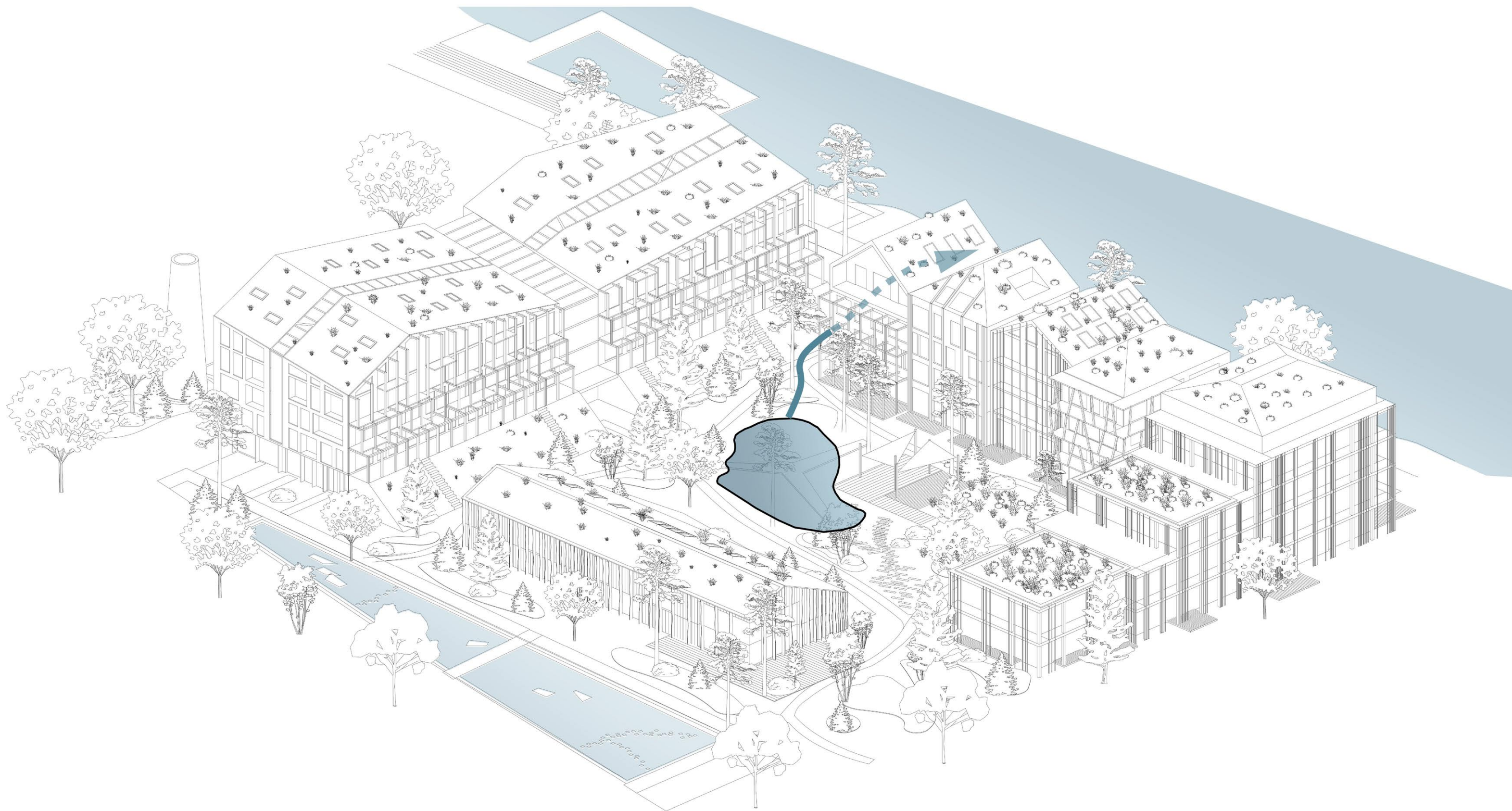




## Water management

The landscape proposal includes topography formed to accomodate stormwater management and water leisure features.

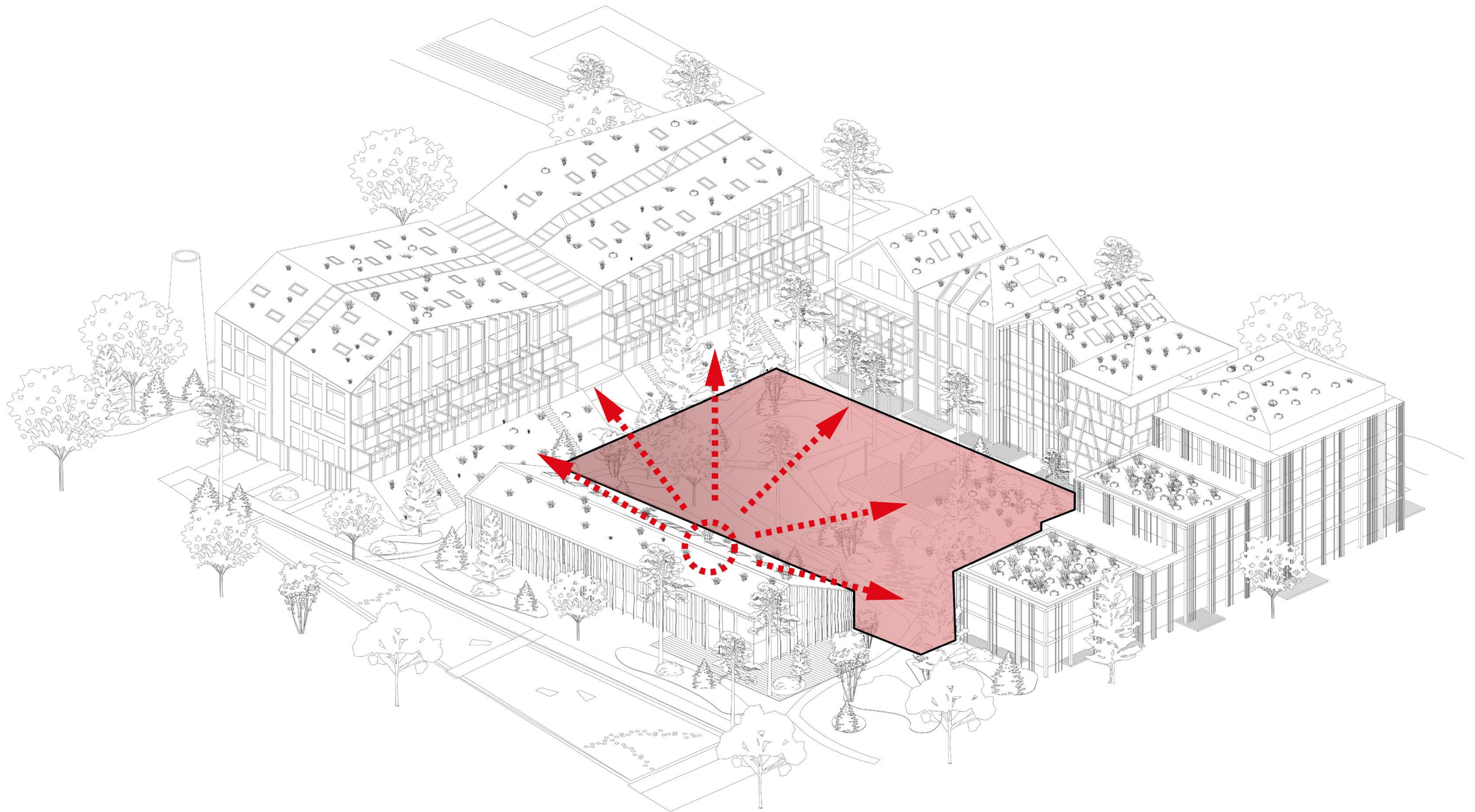




## Water management

Natural runoff of stormwater from the courtyard to the Hoendiep canal.





## Heating & cooling

Ground heat pumps centralized system, with heat pump units and heat water cylinders in central building with distribution to the adjacent residential buildings.





## **Towards SYM BIO**

The result is public domain that provides residents with the qualities of urban life and rural natural environment.





## The plynth

Courtyard block ground floor is organized inwards natural courtyards and responding to adjacent public spaces.

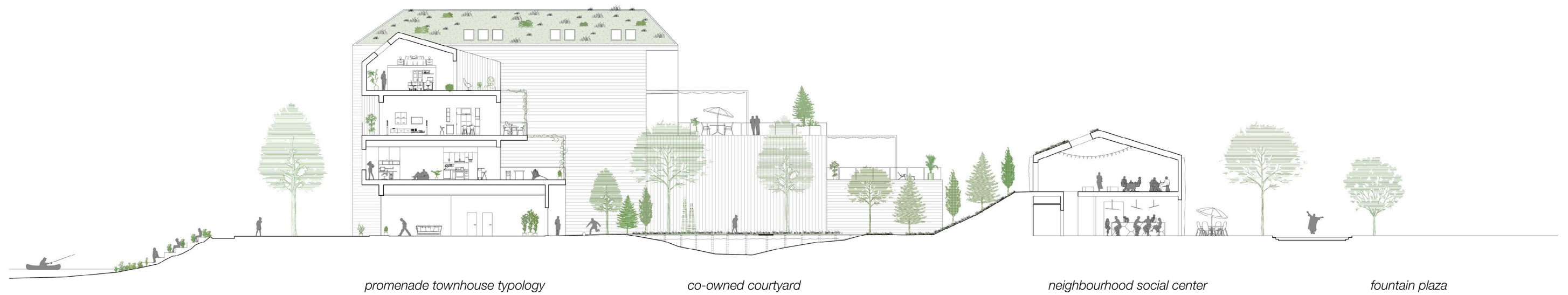




## Shared cores

Each of the buildings incorporates logic of cores with shared amenities.

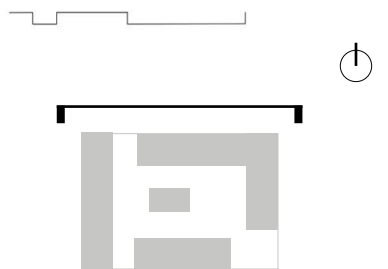




## The courtyard

Longitudinal section through stormwater pond and activities zone.





## Materiality application

Materiality rules use scenario, using natural materials for facades, each of the buildings received individual architectural expresion to stimulate self-identification of the residents.



rooftop meadow environment



extensive roofs vegetation



green facades planting



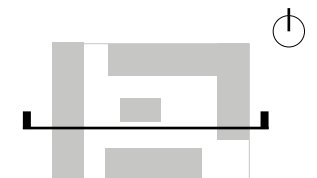
extensive slopes vegetation



stormwater pond



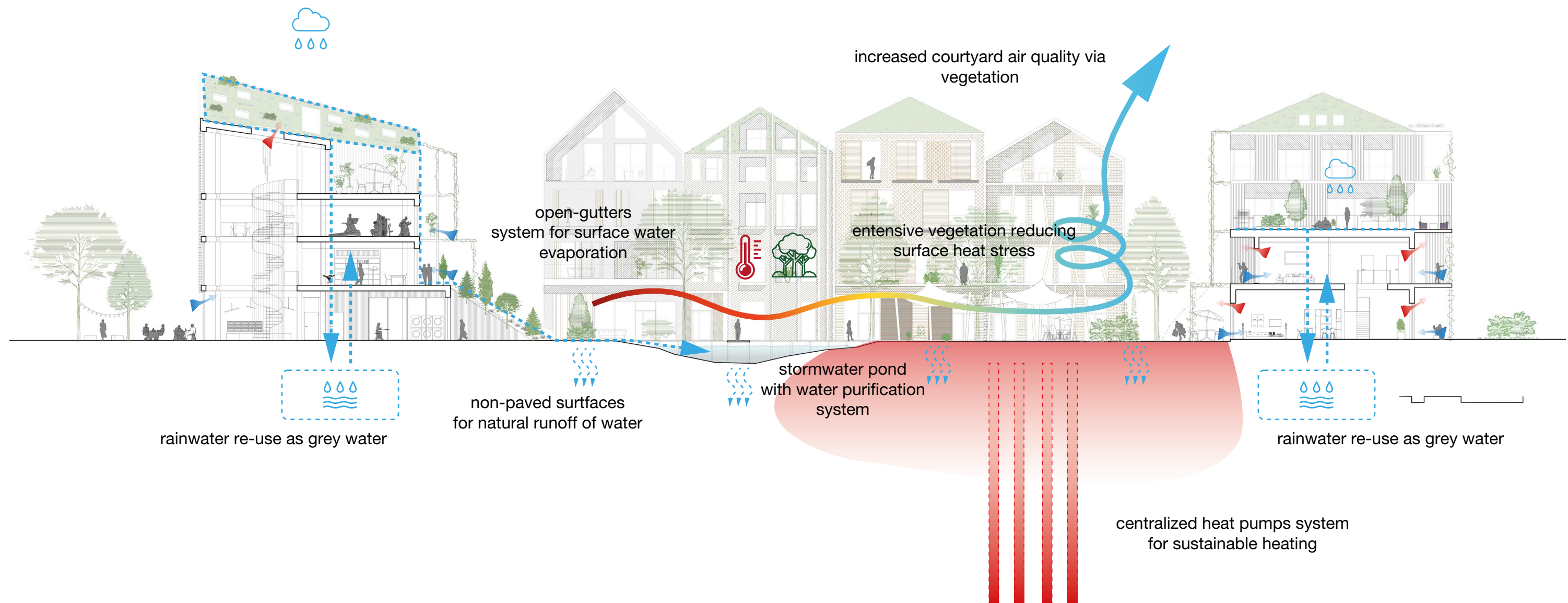
extensive tree planting



## Bioswale strategy

Extensive bioswale to purify stormwater, control climate, reduce heat stress.





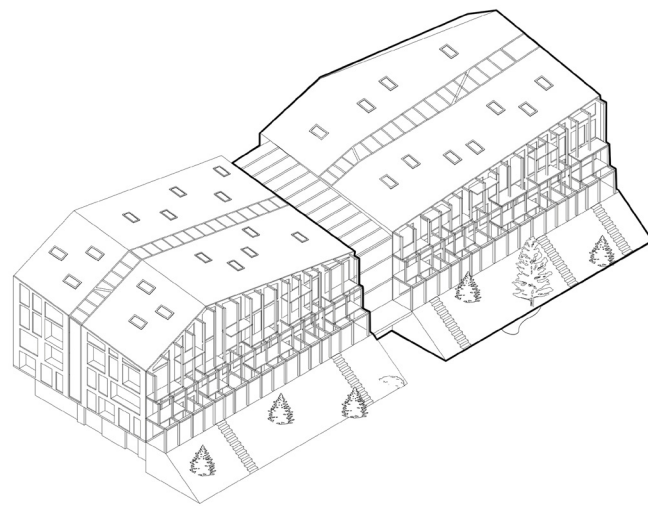
## Climate design

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# Shared backbone

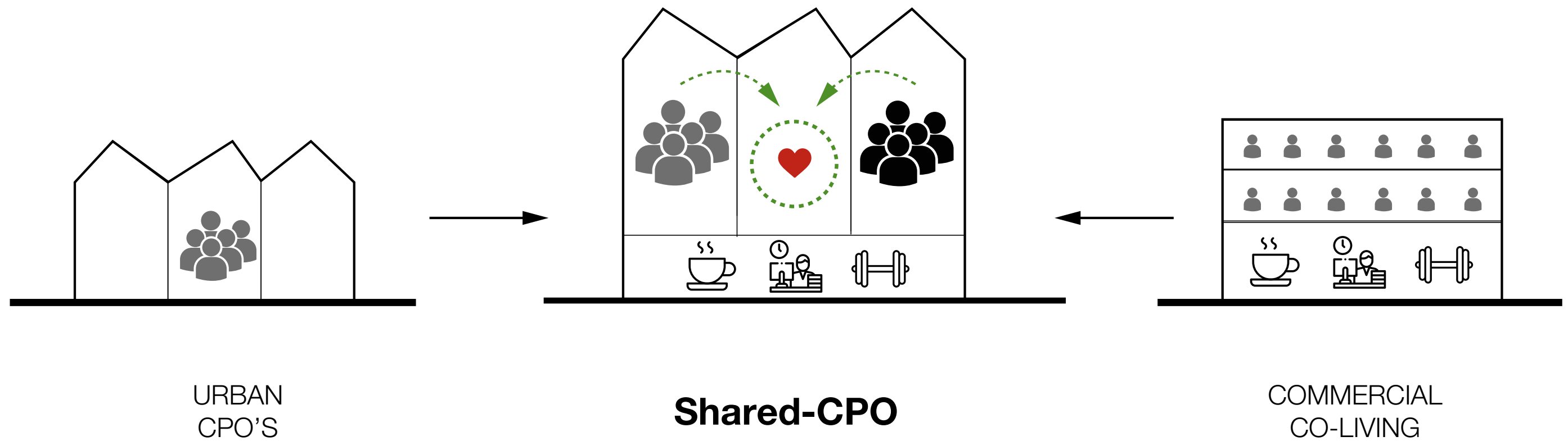
Typology scale



## **Organization**

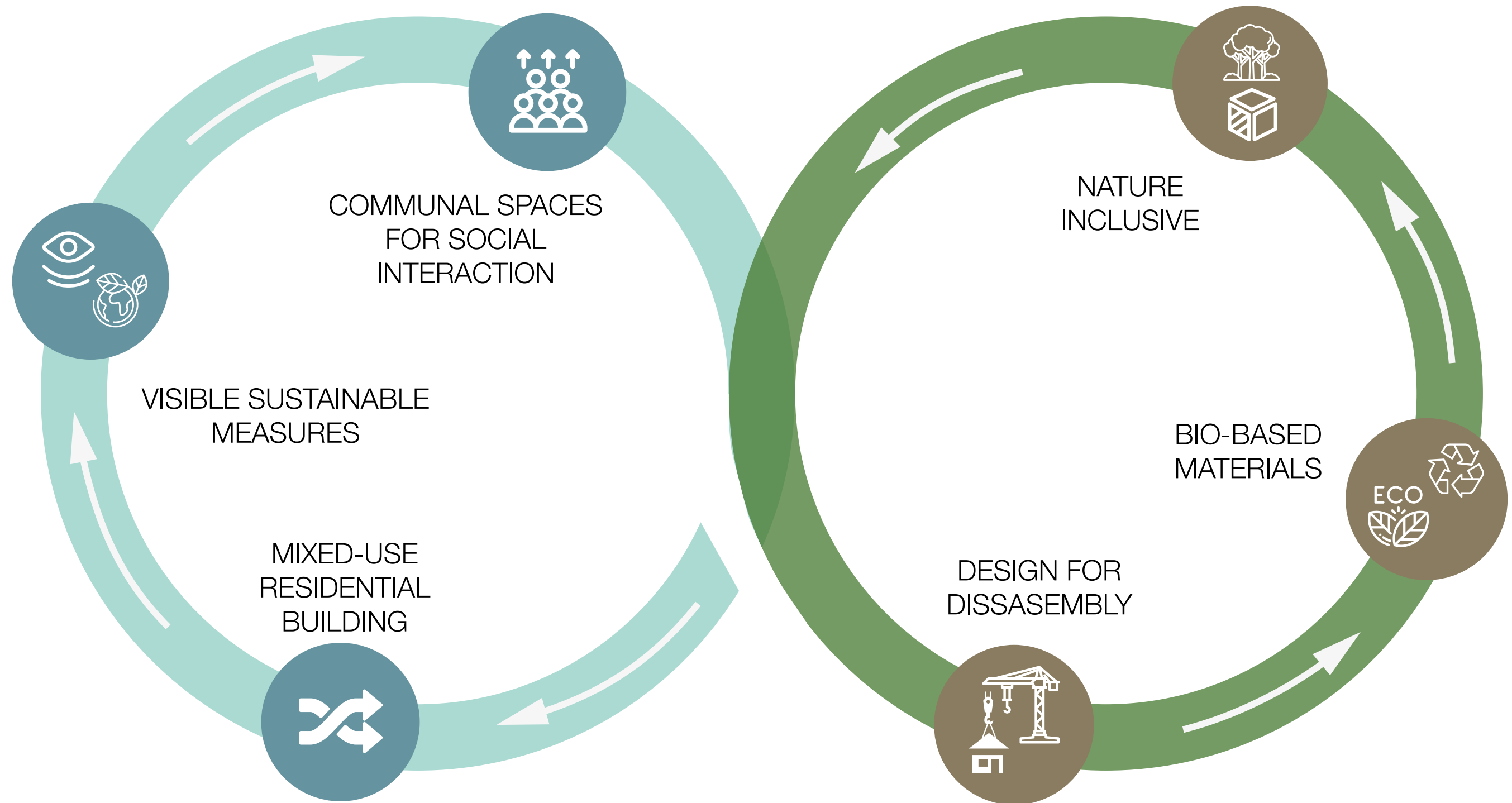
Combination of more than one CPO to achieve economical potential of realisation of extensive mixed programme.





## Organization

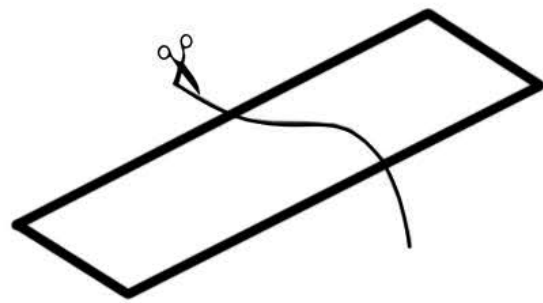
Exploration of model on the edge between bottom-up and top-down shared living models.



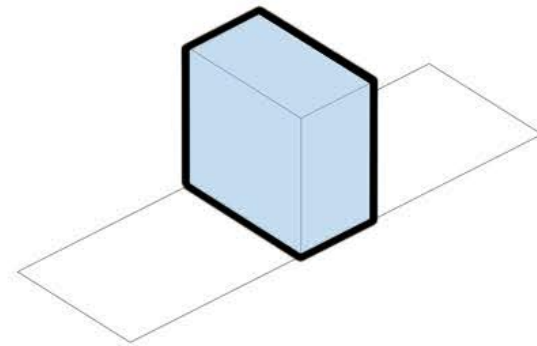
## Strategies

Creation of building that via its shared amenities forms a social life incubator.  
Architecturally expressing the SYM BIO concept.

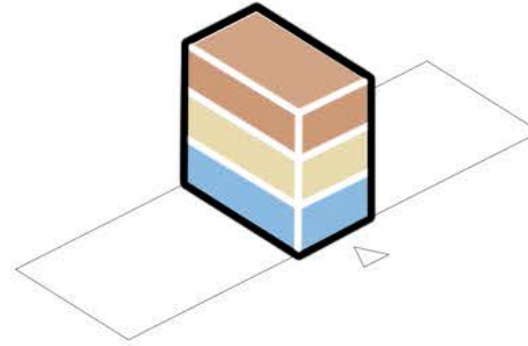




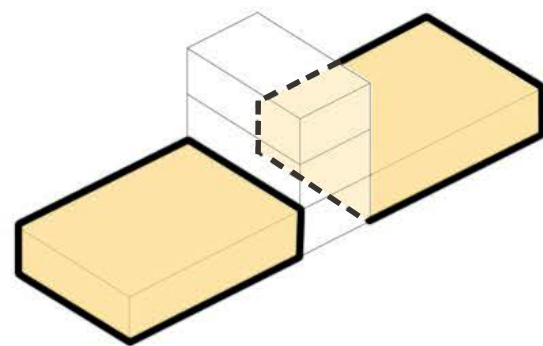
URBAN PLAZA | COURTYARD  
CONNECTOR



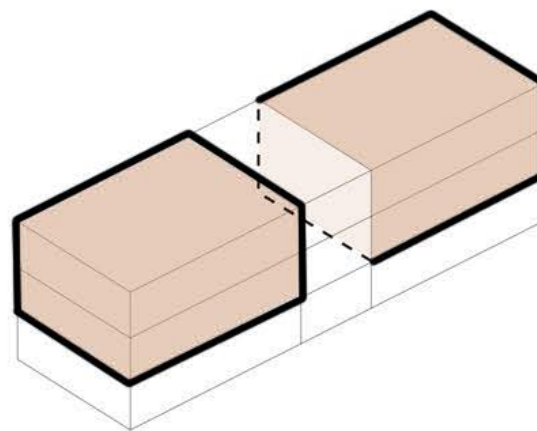
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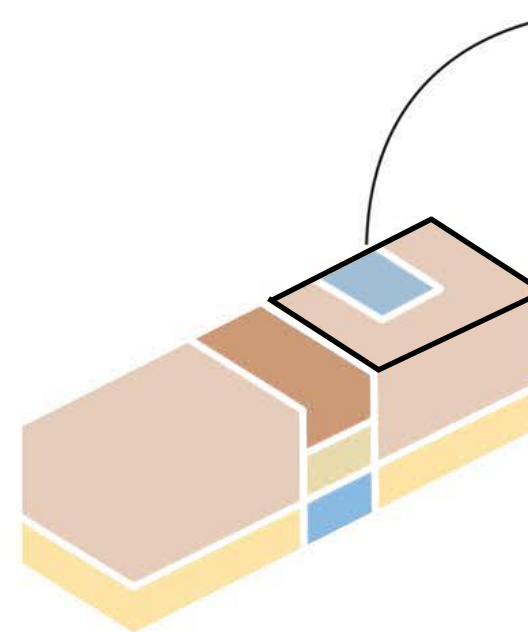
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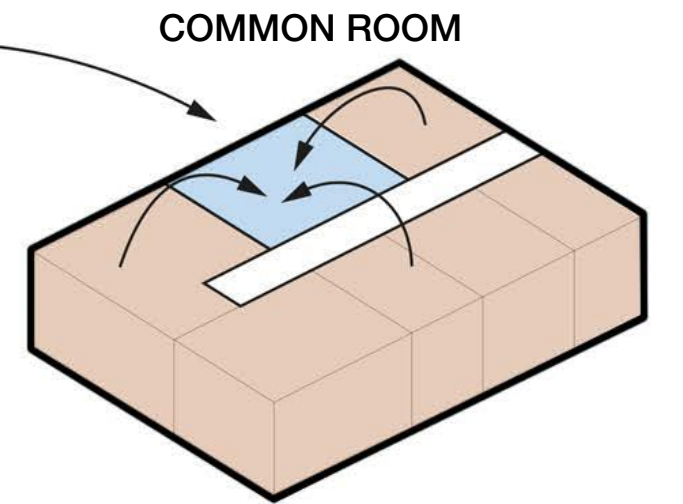
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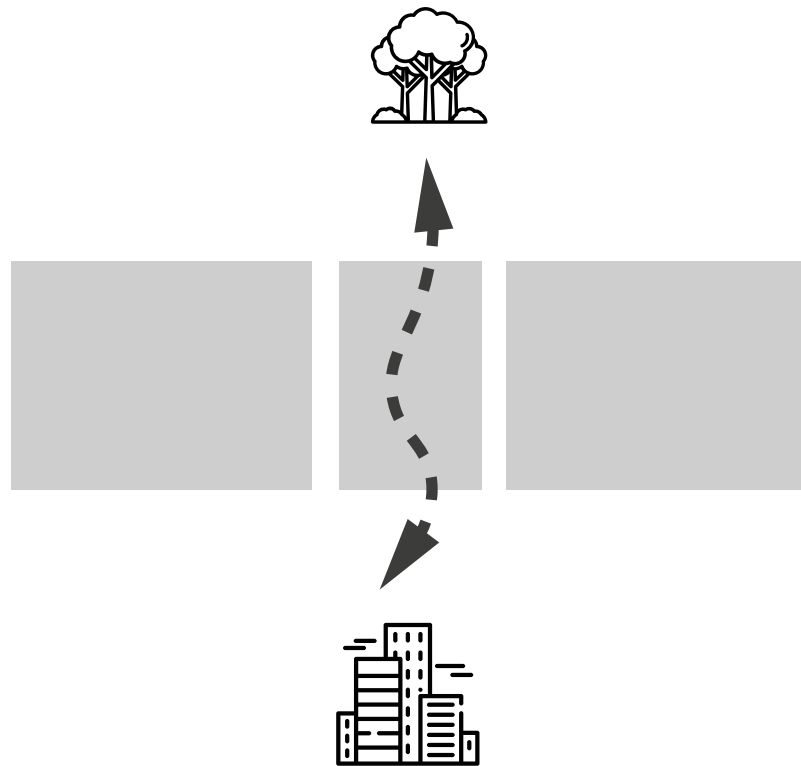
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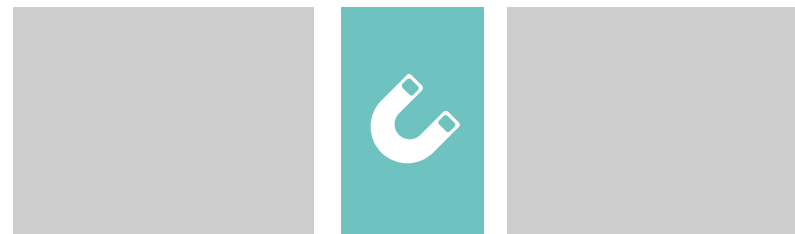
CLUSTER LIVING



CLUSTERS APARTMENTS



Local connector



Core of shared amenities

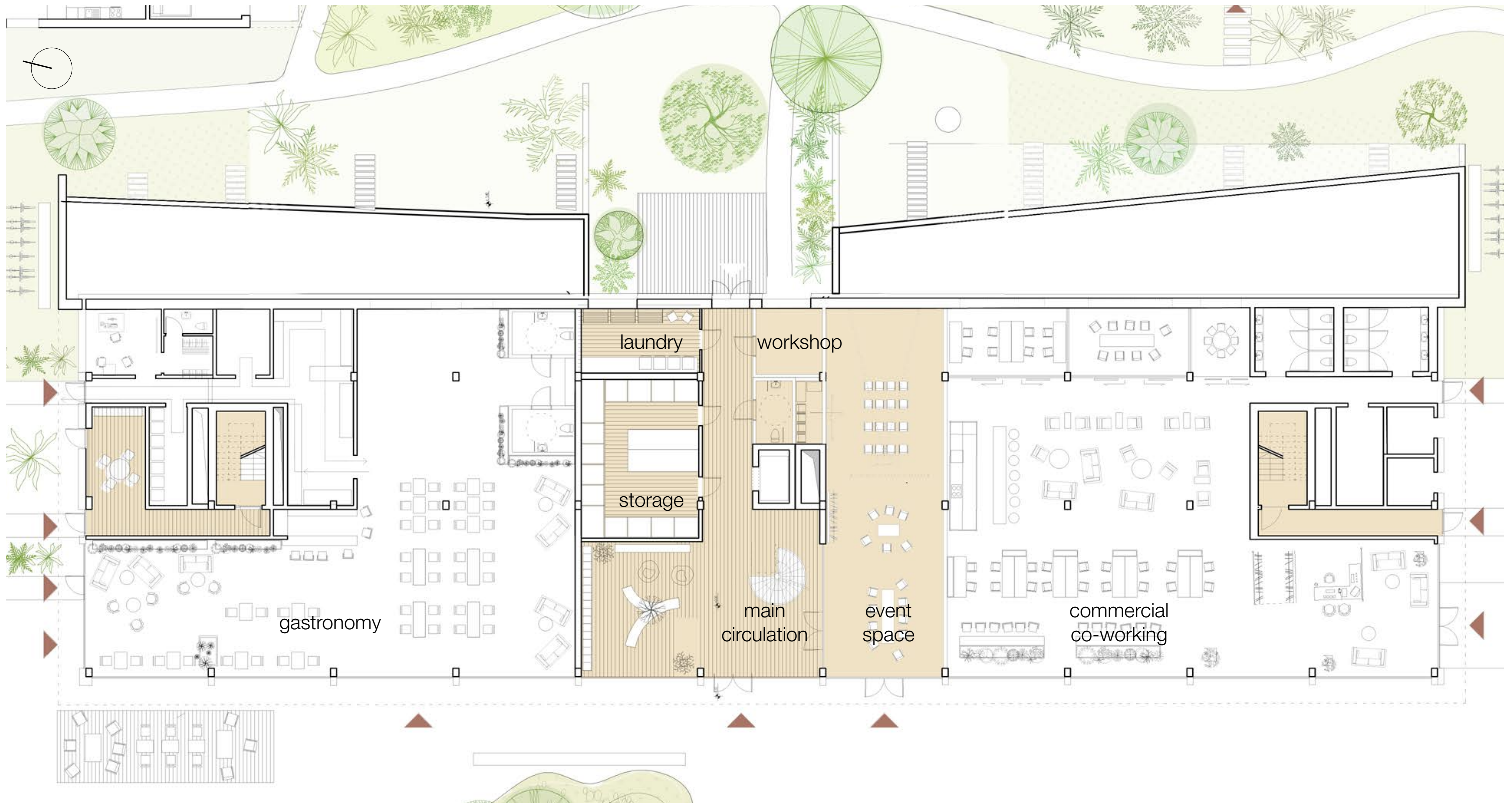


Commercial spaces exposed

## Plynth logic

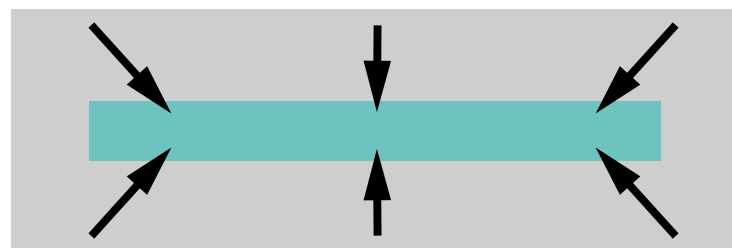
Building ground floor expresses strategies responding to adjacent context and integrates the beyond dwelling functions.





## Ground floor

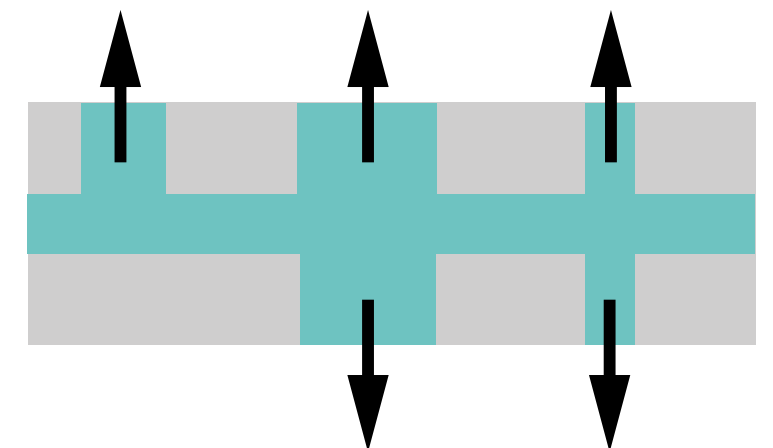
Central core with shared storage, workshop, laundry room and rentable event space



Exploring corridor typology



Internal street extended

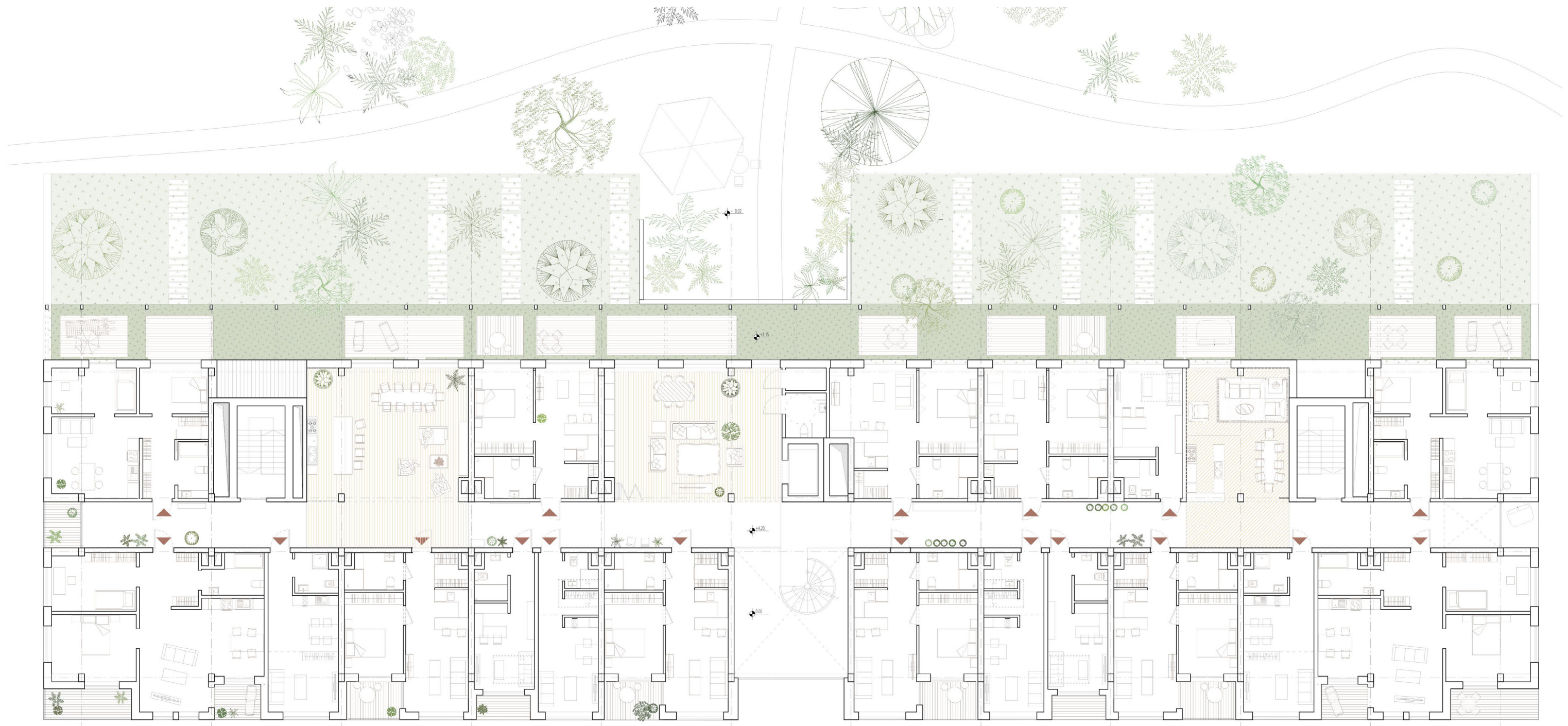


Community backbone

## Typology logic

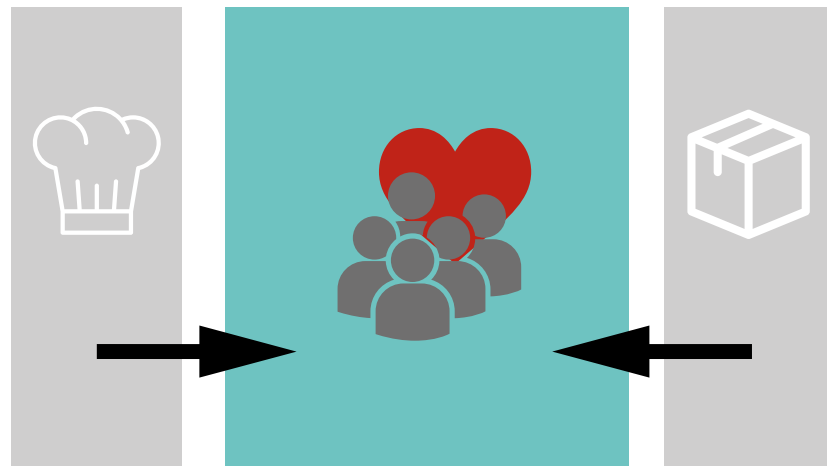
Based on efficient corridor typology transformed into system of interconnected community spaces.



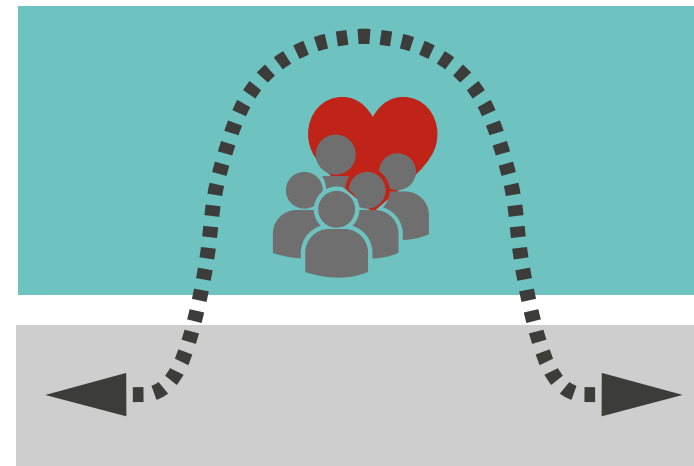


## Typical floor

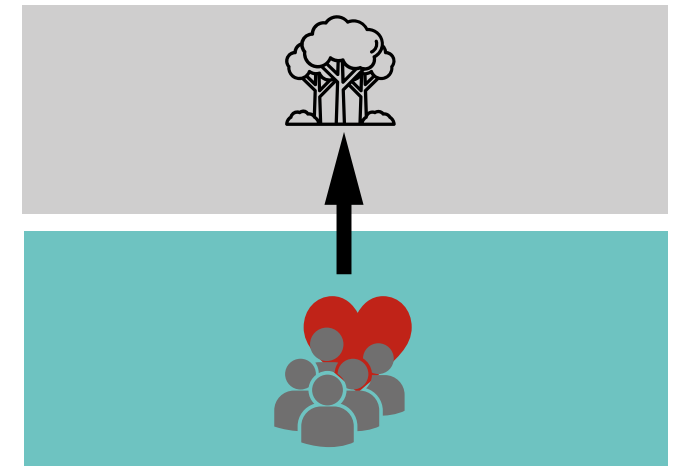
Internal street connects community rooms and central core with additional shared ammenities.



Service & Served



Extension of circulation

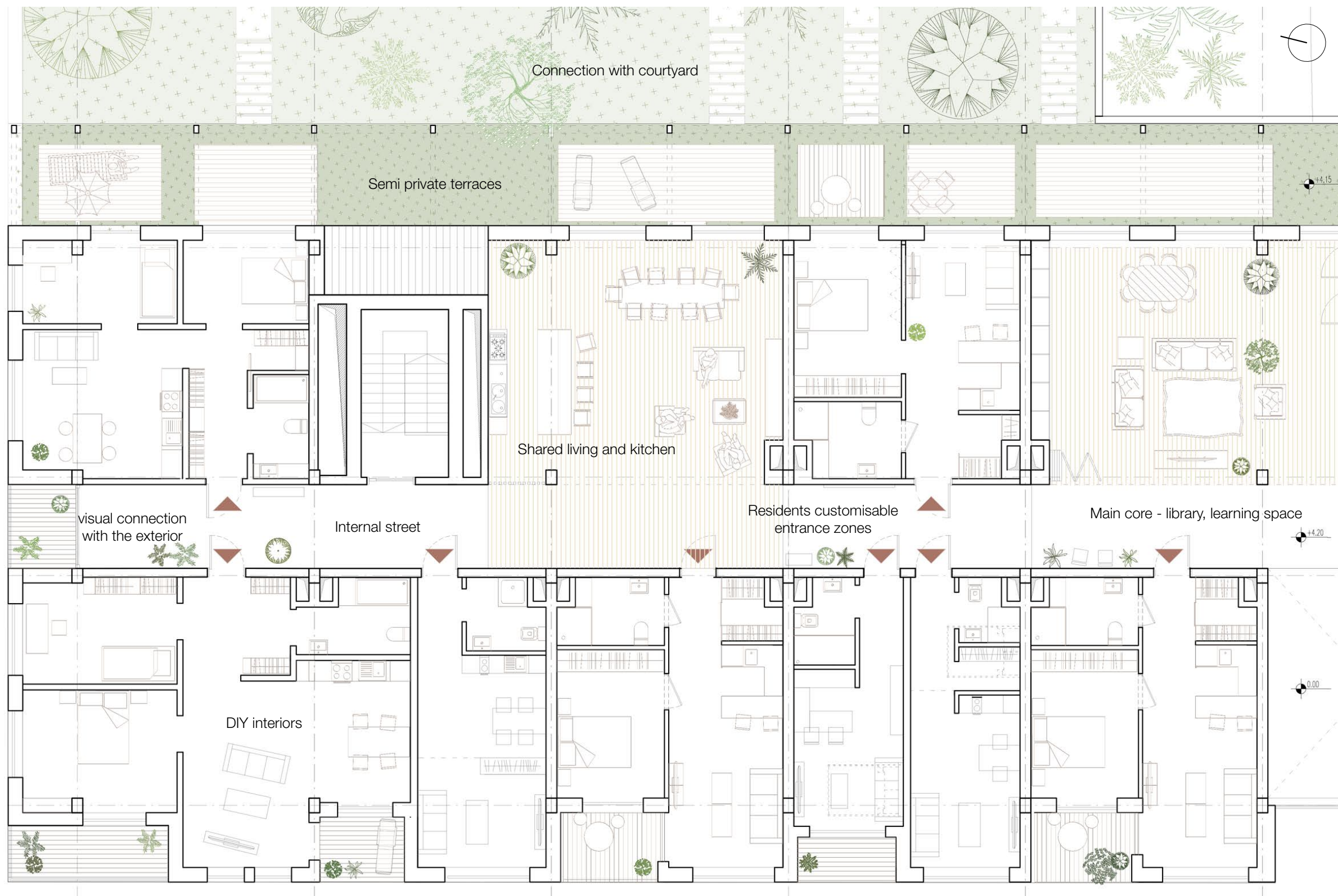


In - outdoor connected

## Common rooms

Organized between individual apartments, open spaces supported by functional „service” spaces.

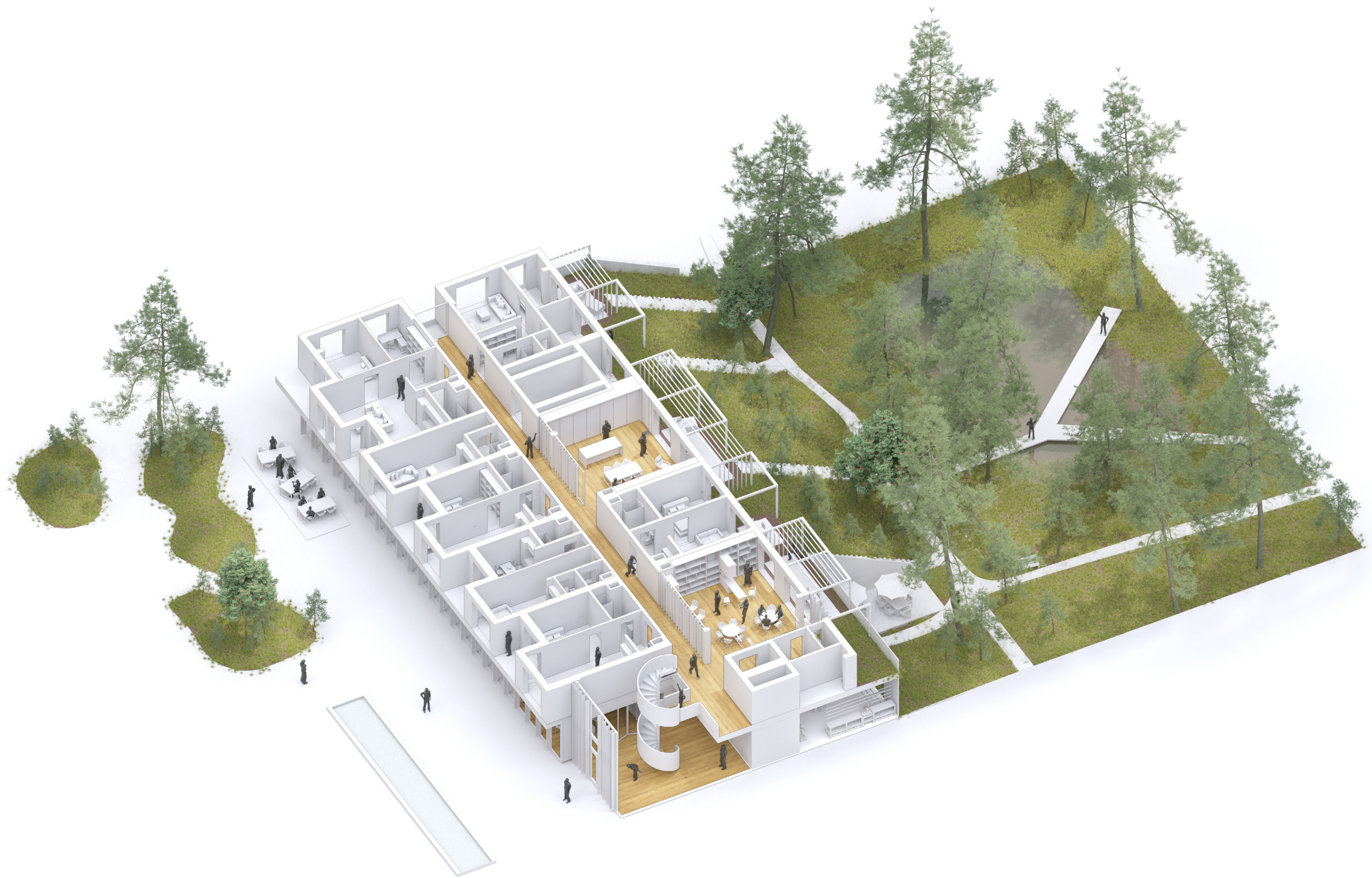




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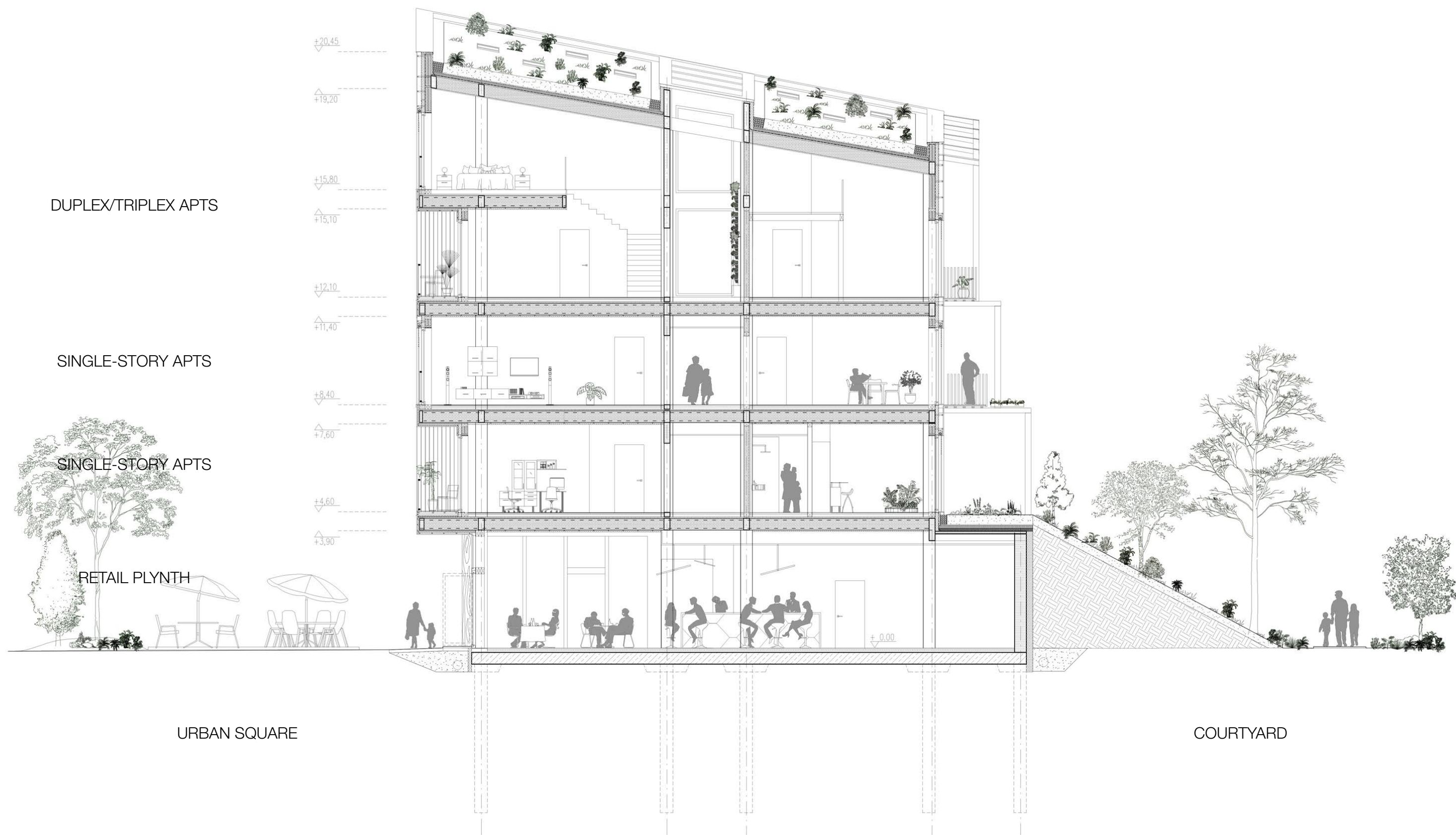




## Shared living

Highlighted communal spaces constitute of the backbone of the building. Spaces for social interactions.





## Typical section

Floor heights relates to the programme, elevated ground floor with retail, followed by residential levels.









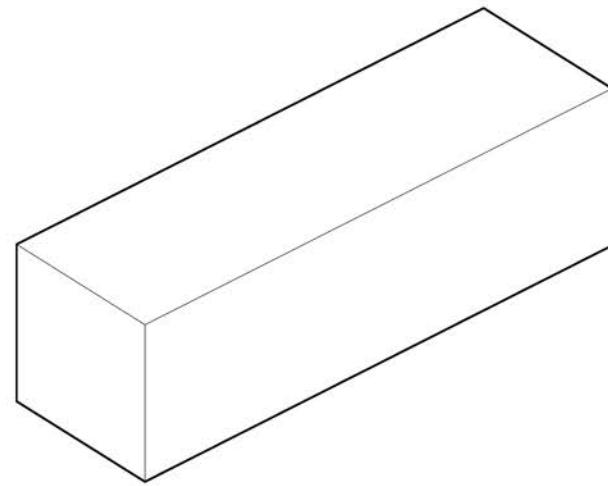




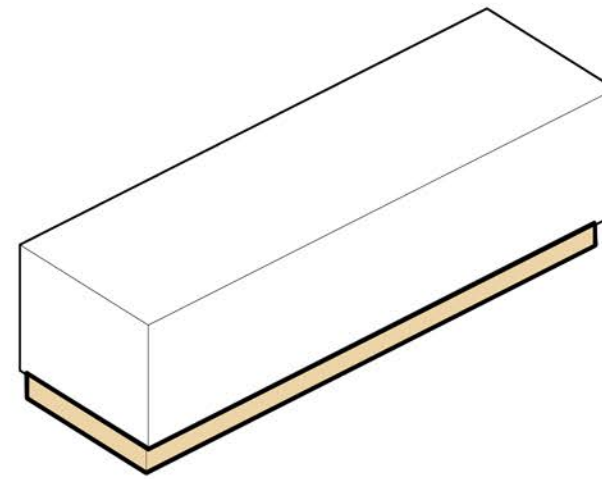


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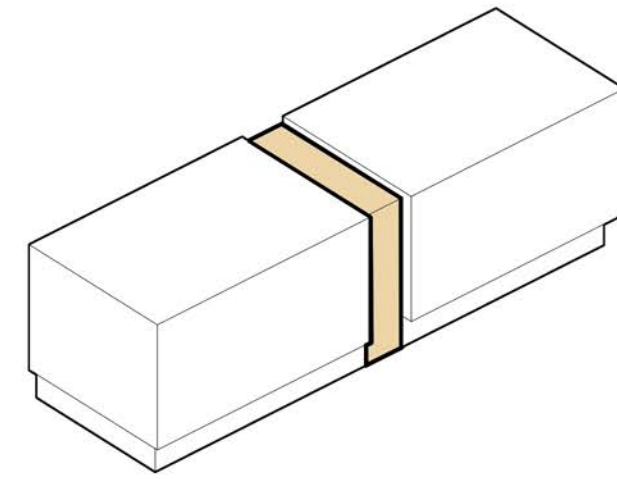
building scale



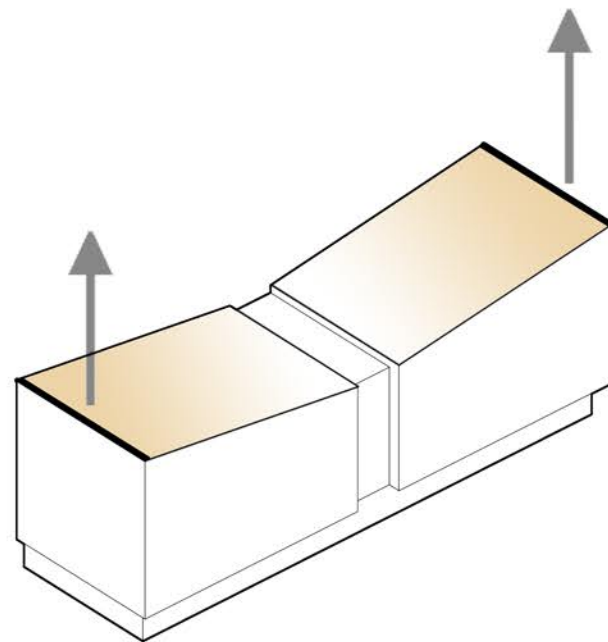
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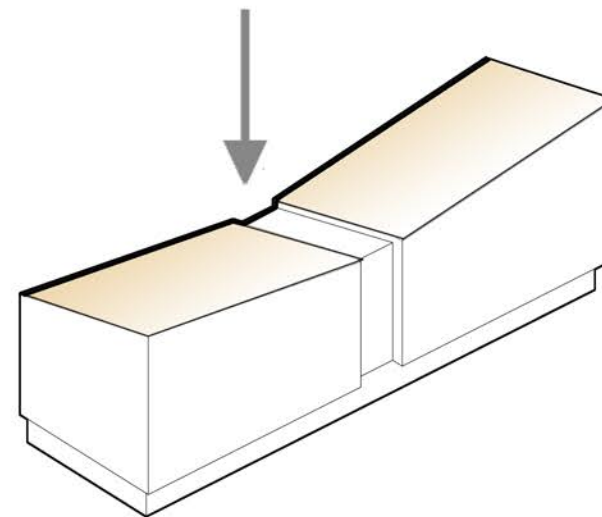
Exposed plinth



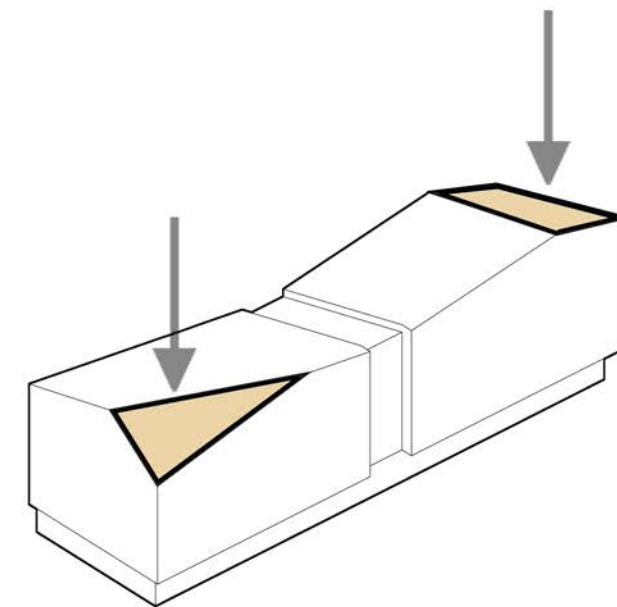
Highlighted core



Response to context  
buildings height



Reduced scale  
towards courtyard



Human scale related  
corcers height reduction

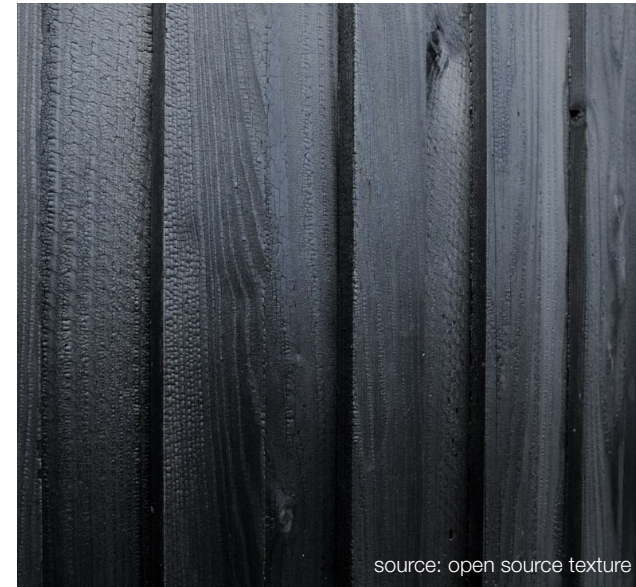
## Massing

Context & programme related development of the building form.





Extensive green roofs



Facade major - charred wood



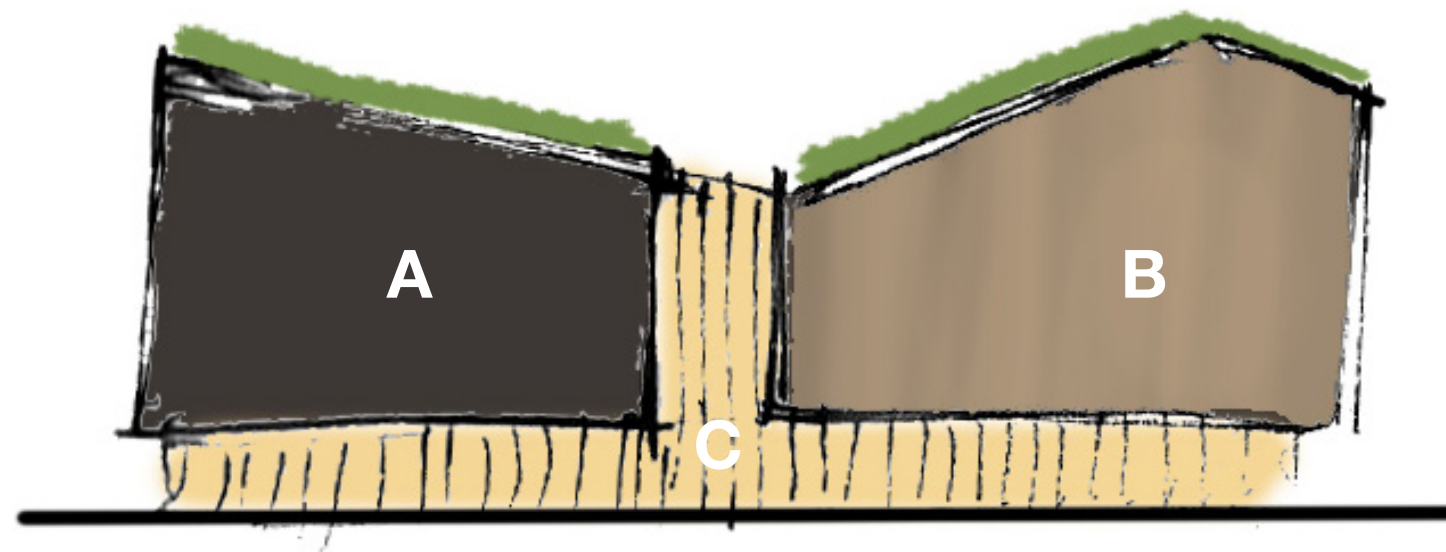
Facade minor - conifer wood



Interior key accents -  
reused containers

## Architectural expression motives

Following strategy to express the SYM BIO logic of environmentally-friendly development.



## Key architectural components

Two CPOs expressed by different massing and facade cladding. Unified by a common language of the plinth and core.





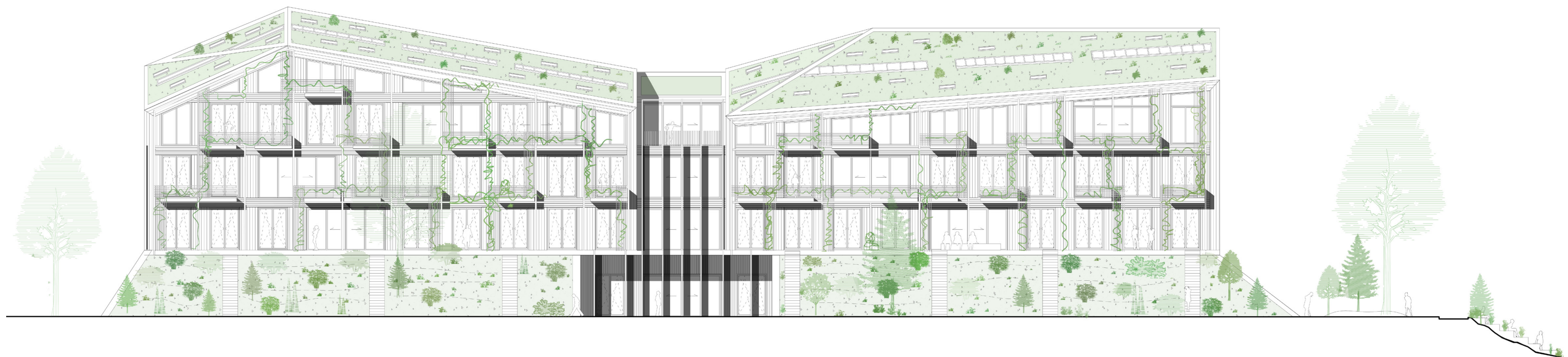
## Urban facade

Western (main) facade. Adjacent to the public square.









Eastern facade.

## Courtyard facade

Eastern facade. Adjacent to the main courtyard.



## **From urban square to intimate courtyard**

Urban facade opening towards the urban square and courtyard facade „stepping” towards nature of the courtyard.









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# Constructability

building scale

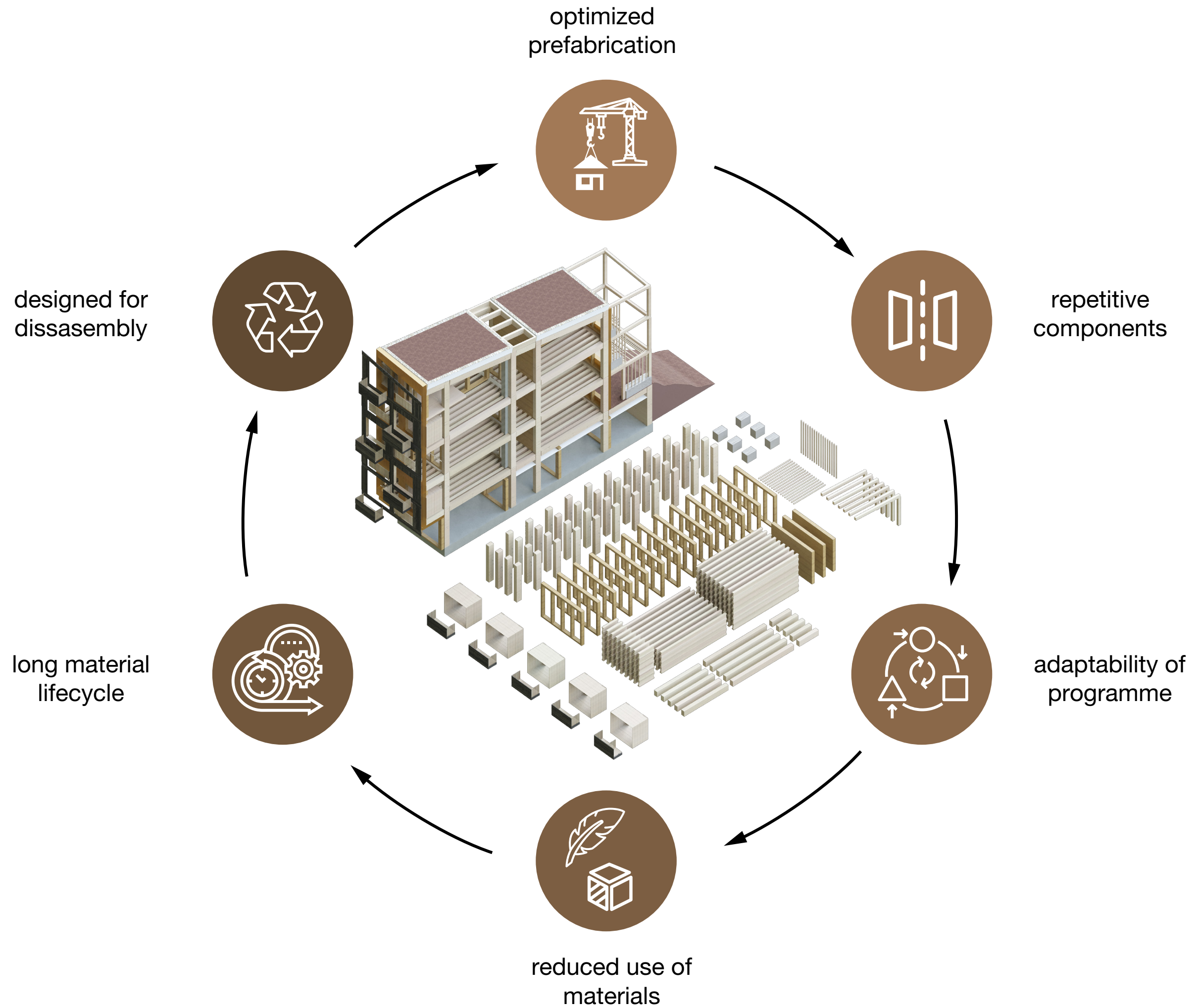


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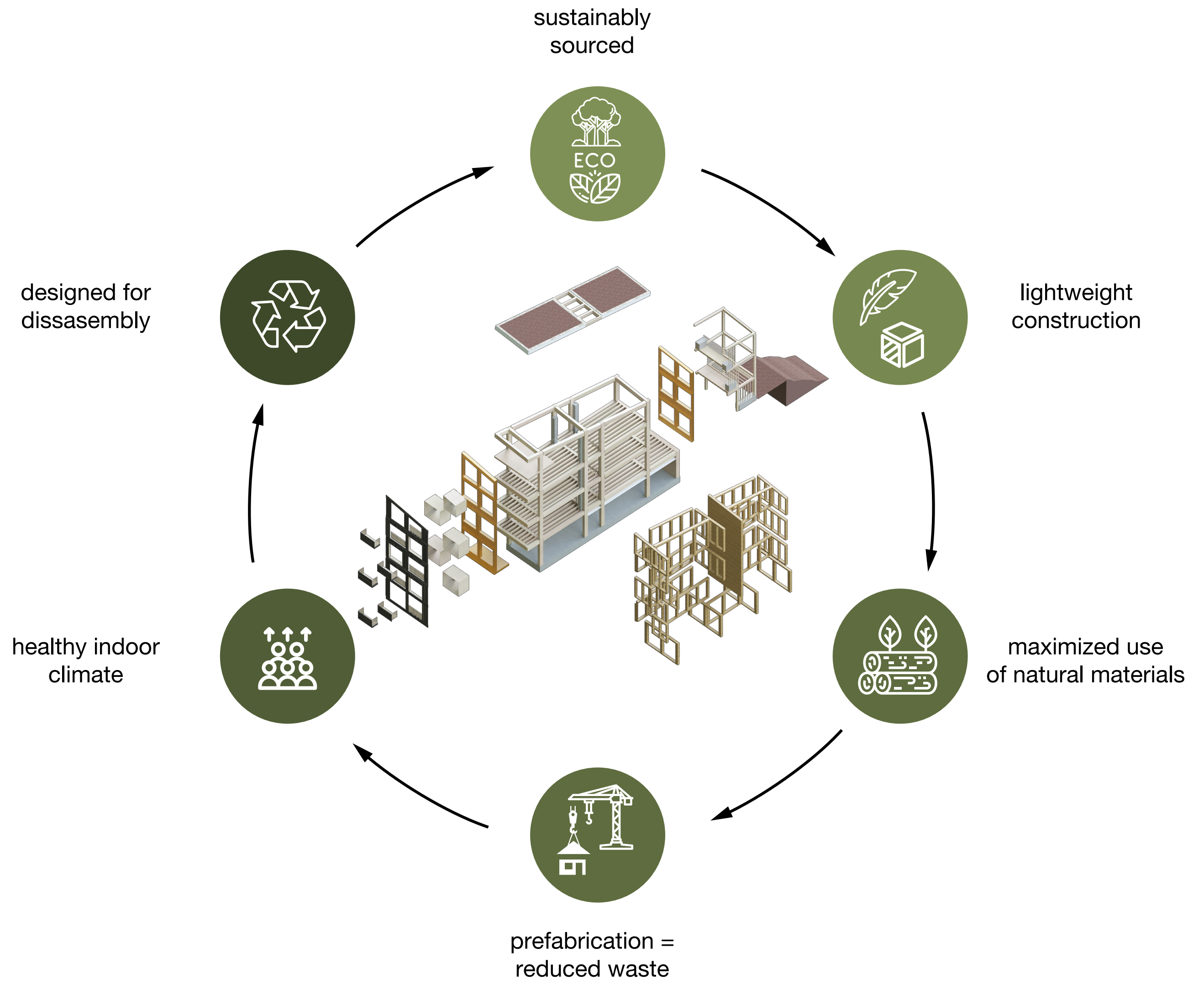


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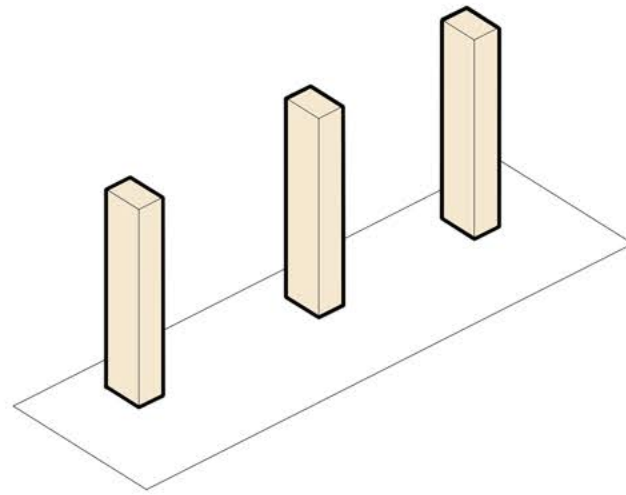




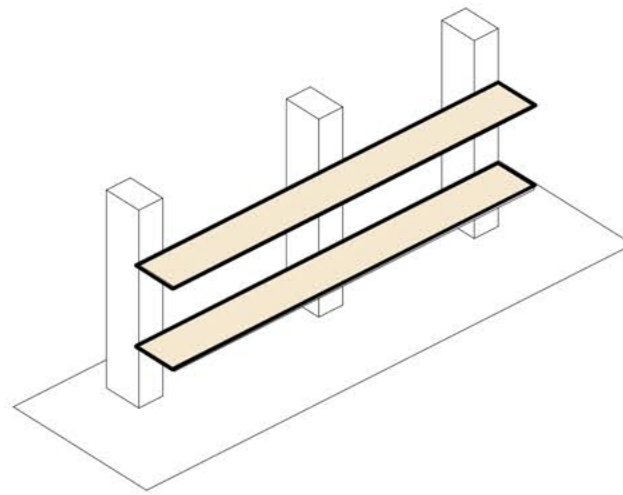




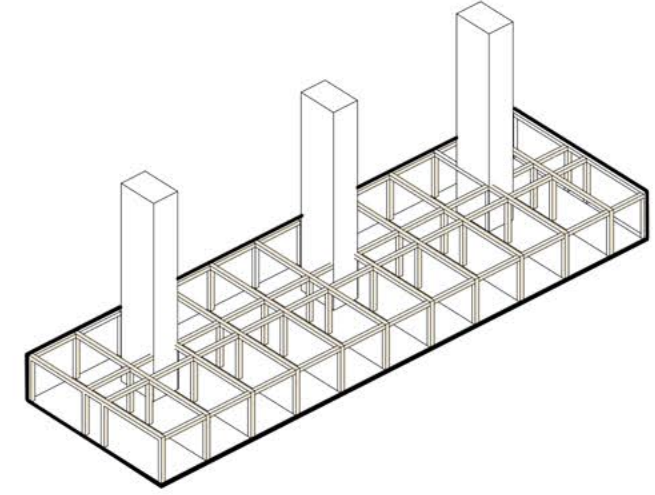




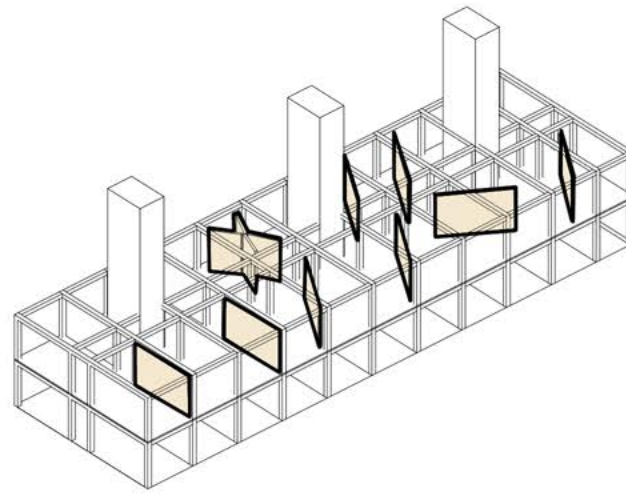
Main cores



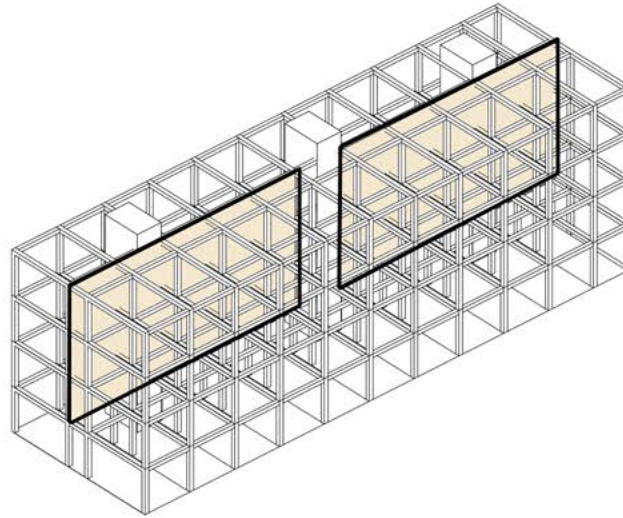
Compact circulation



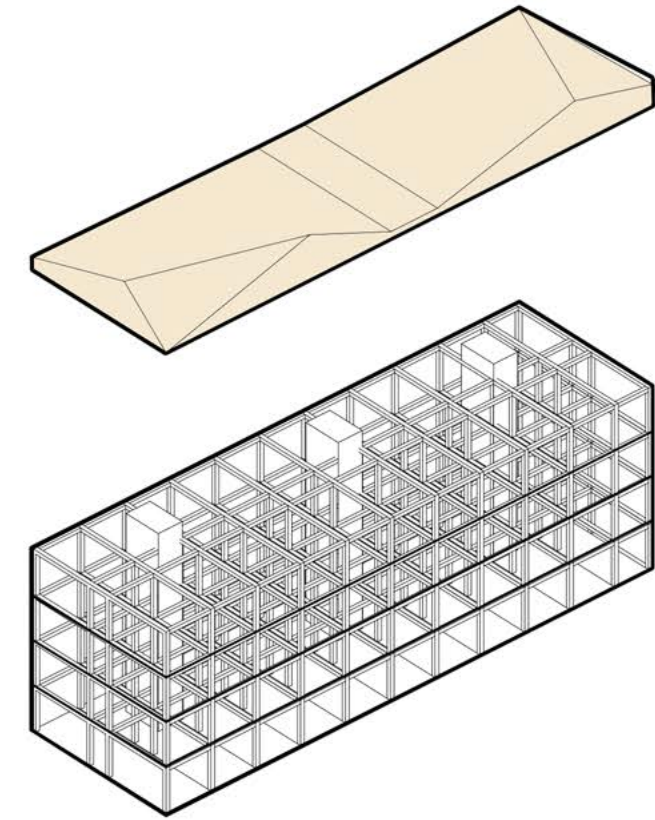
Post-beam glulam system



Flexibility of partitioning

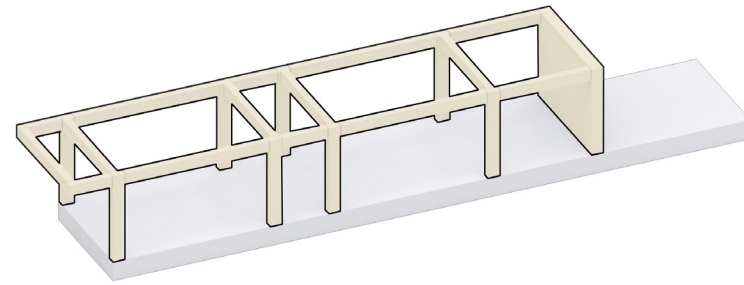


Longitudinal stability walls

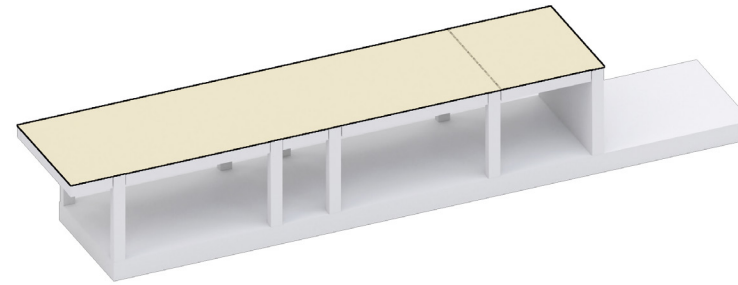


Repetitive prefab structure with custom-made roof structure

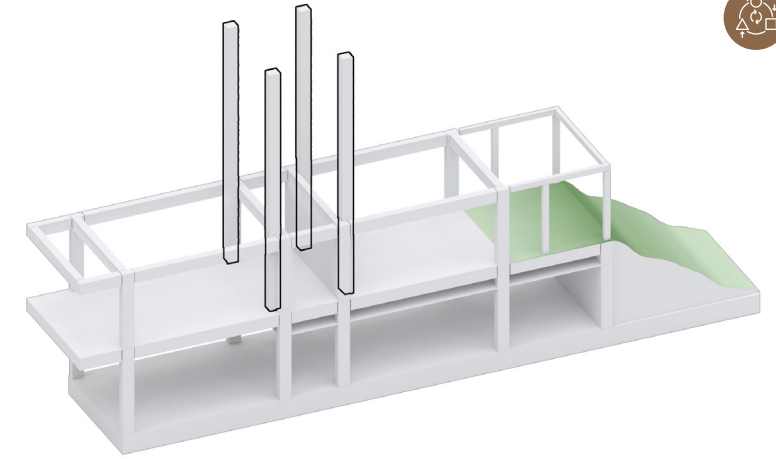




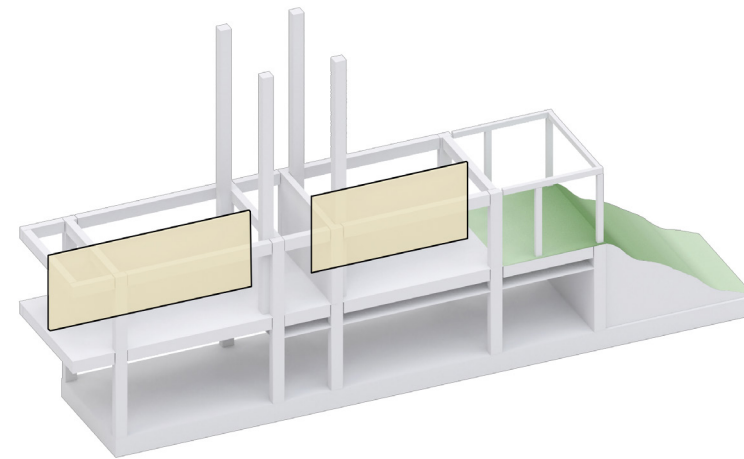
Glulam timber post-beam framework



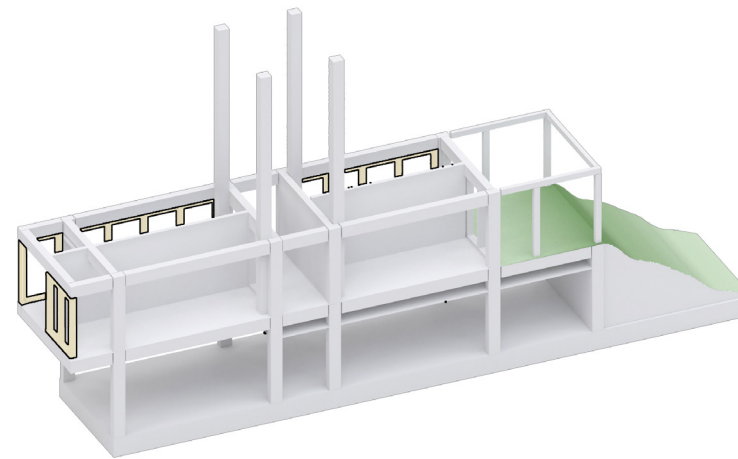
Demountable floor system



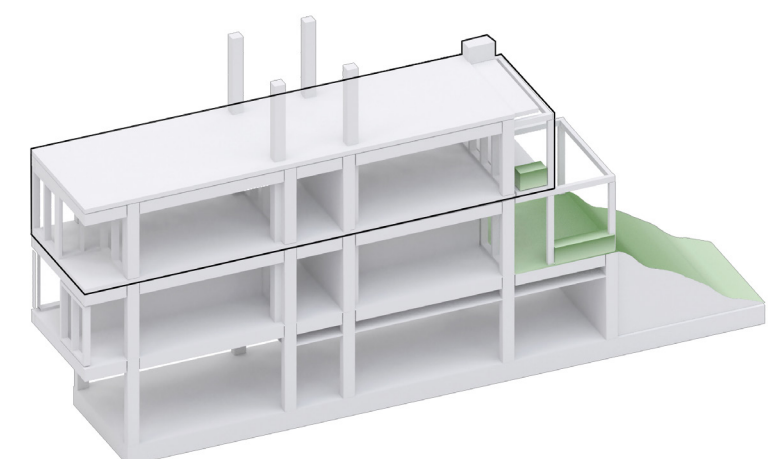
Doubled-shafts



Frexible placement of partitioning walls



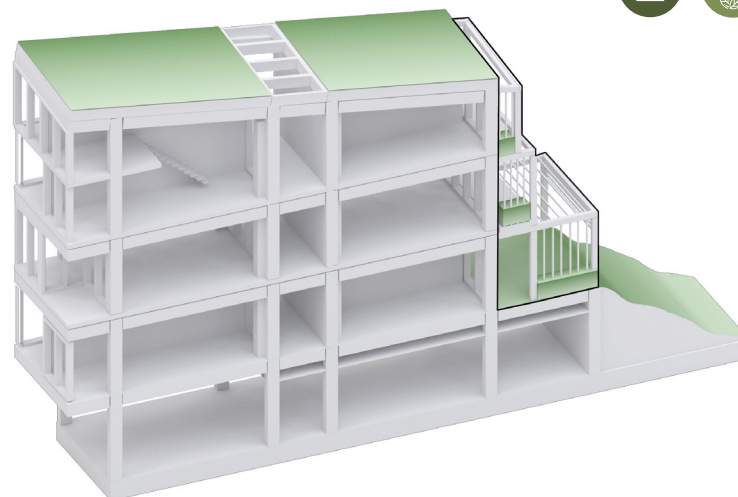
Lightweight skeleton walls system



Repetitive floor



Additional sub-levels in duplex/triplex apartments

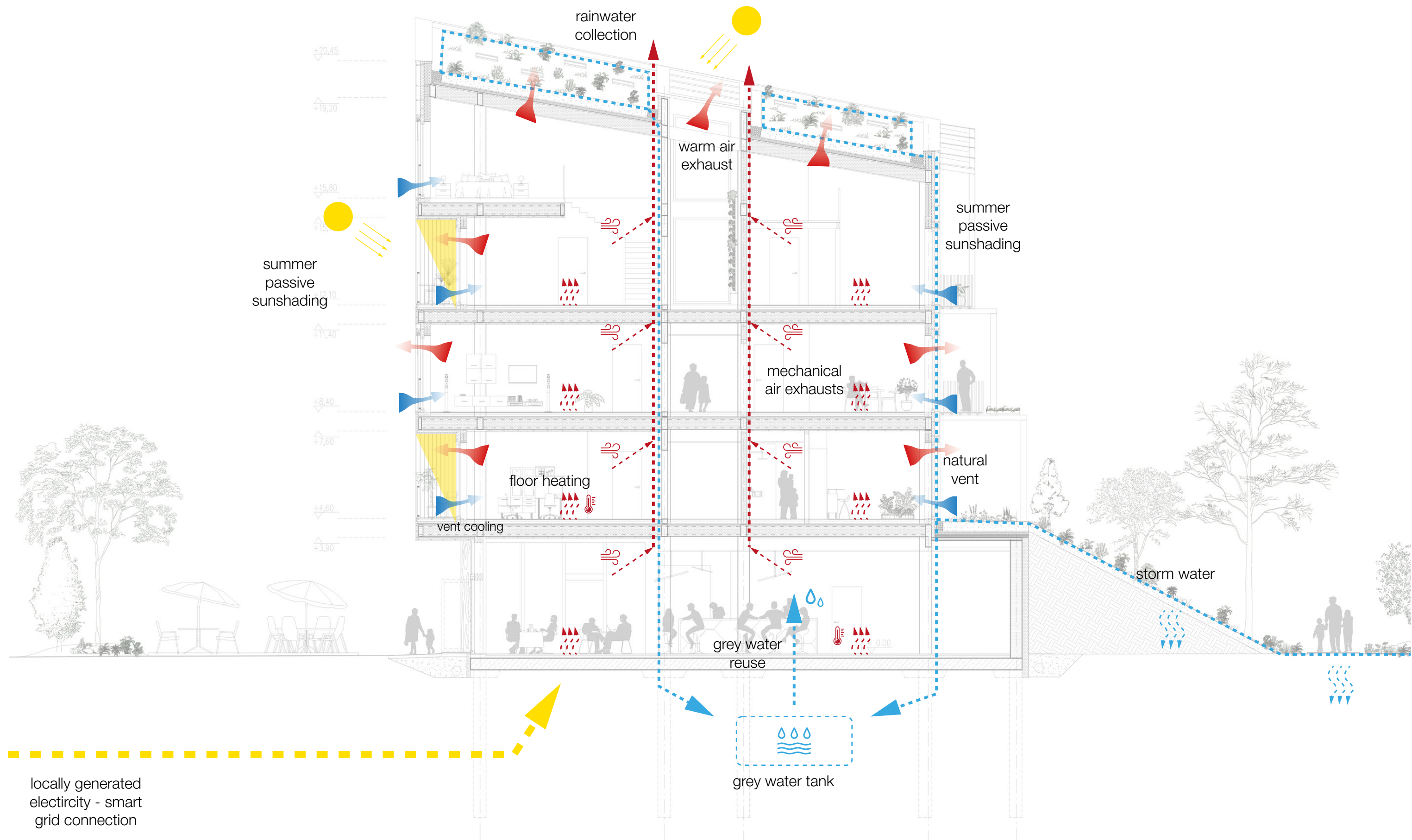


Pergolas



Timber facade





## Climate design



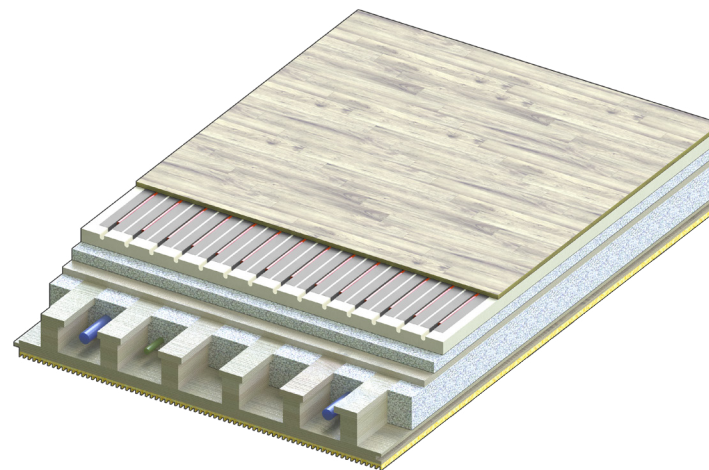
# Components

details





facade system



flooring system

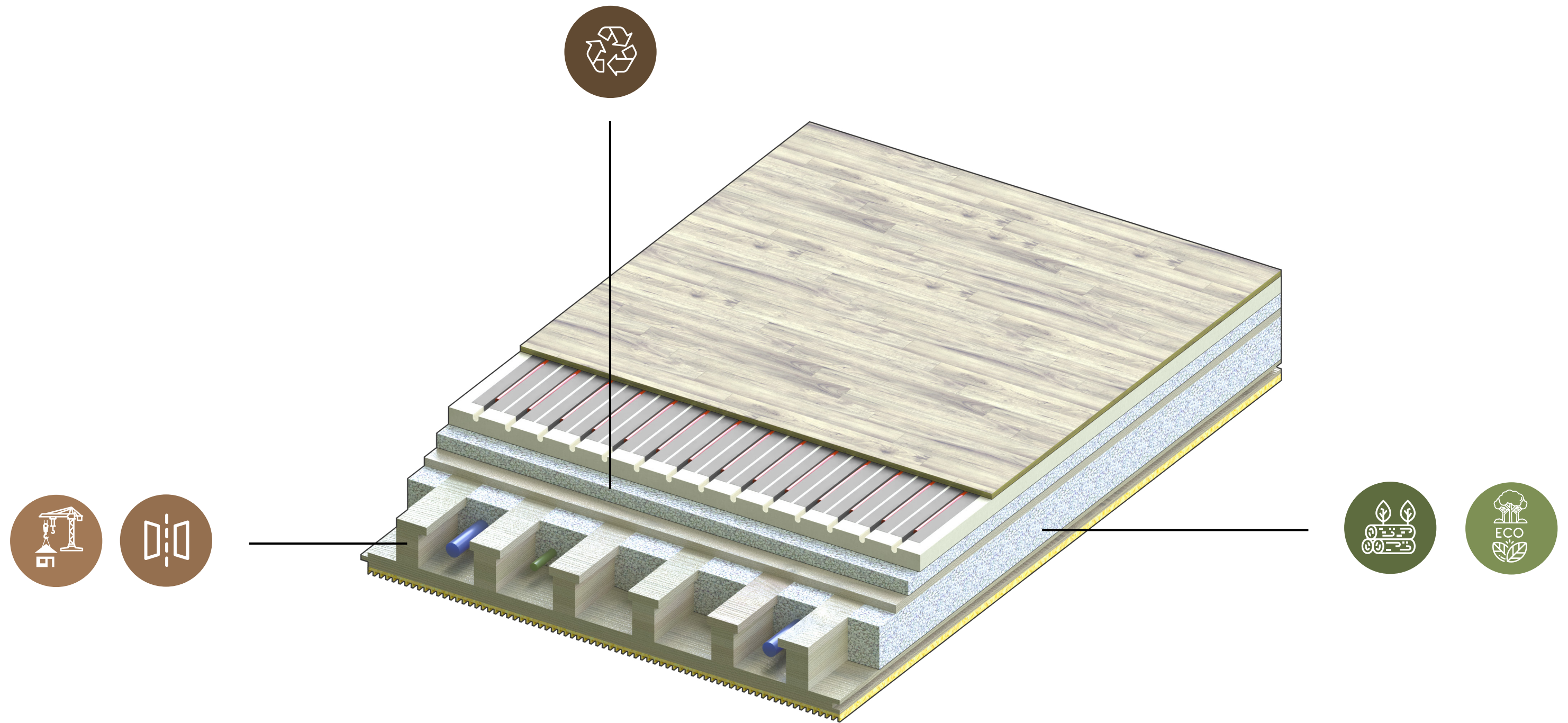


partitioning system



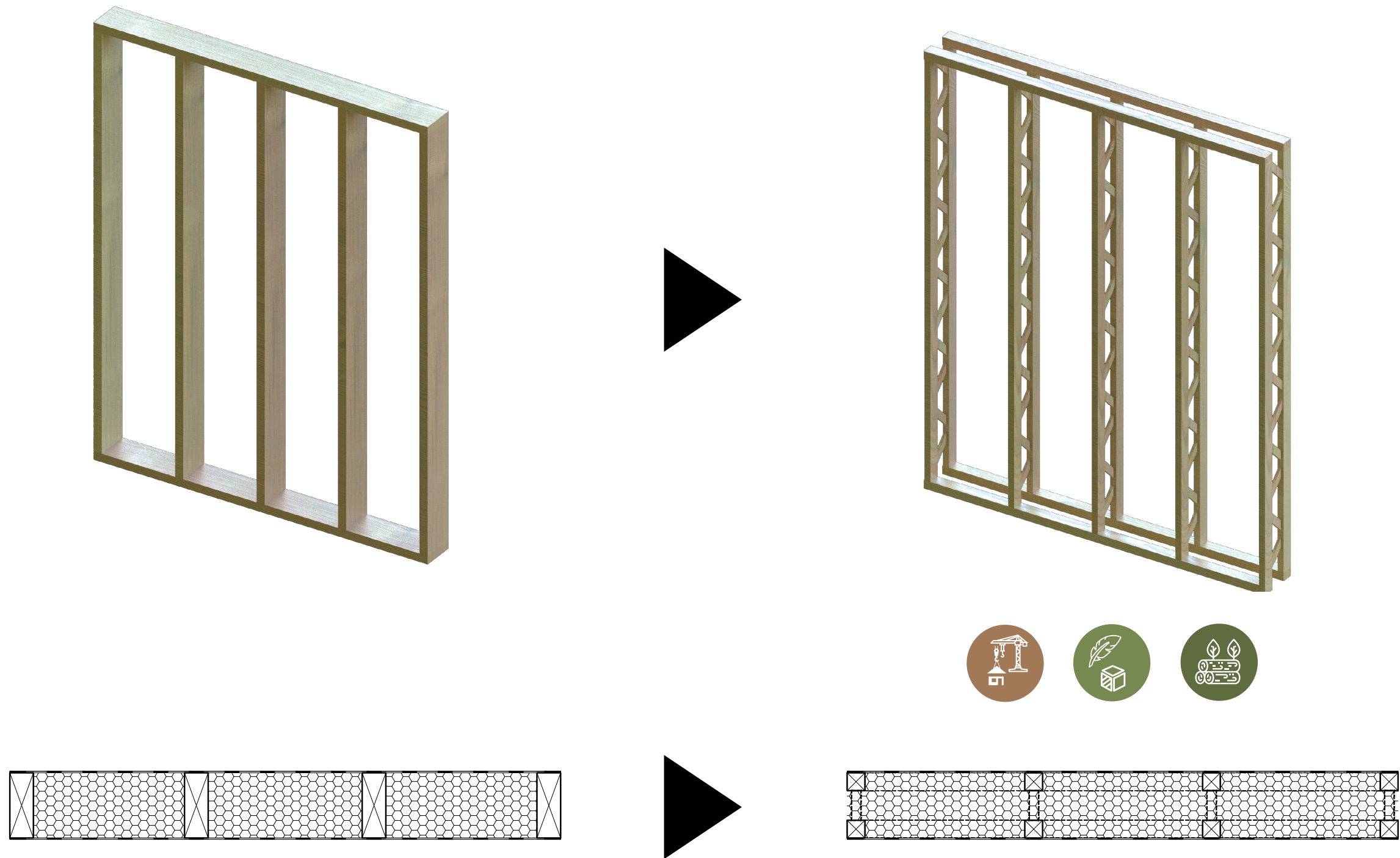
## Key components

Elaboration on the most important building components in relation to design for disassembly.



**Flooring system**





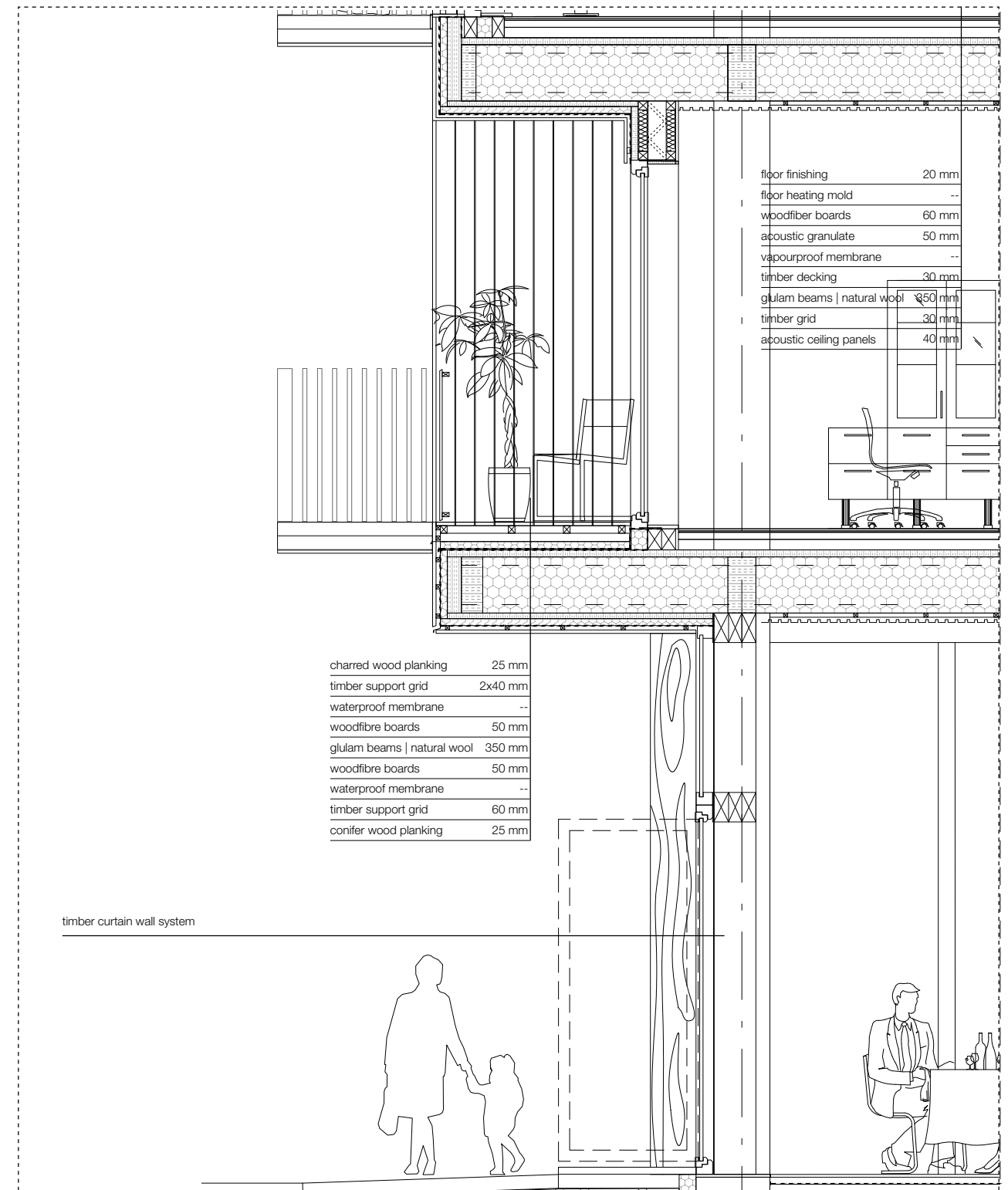
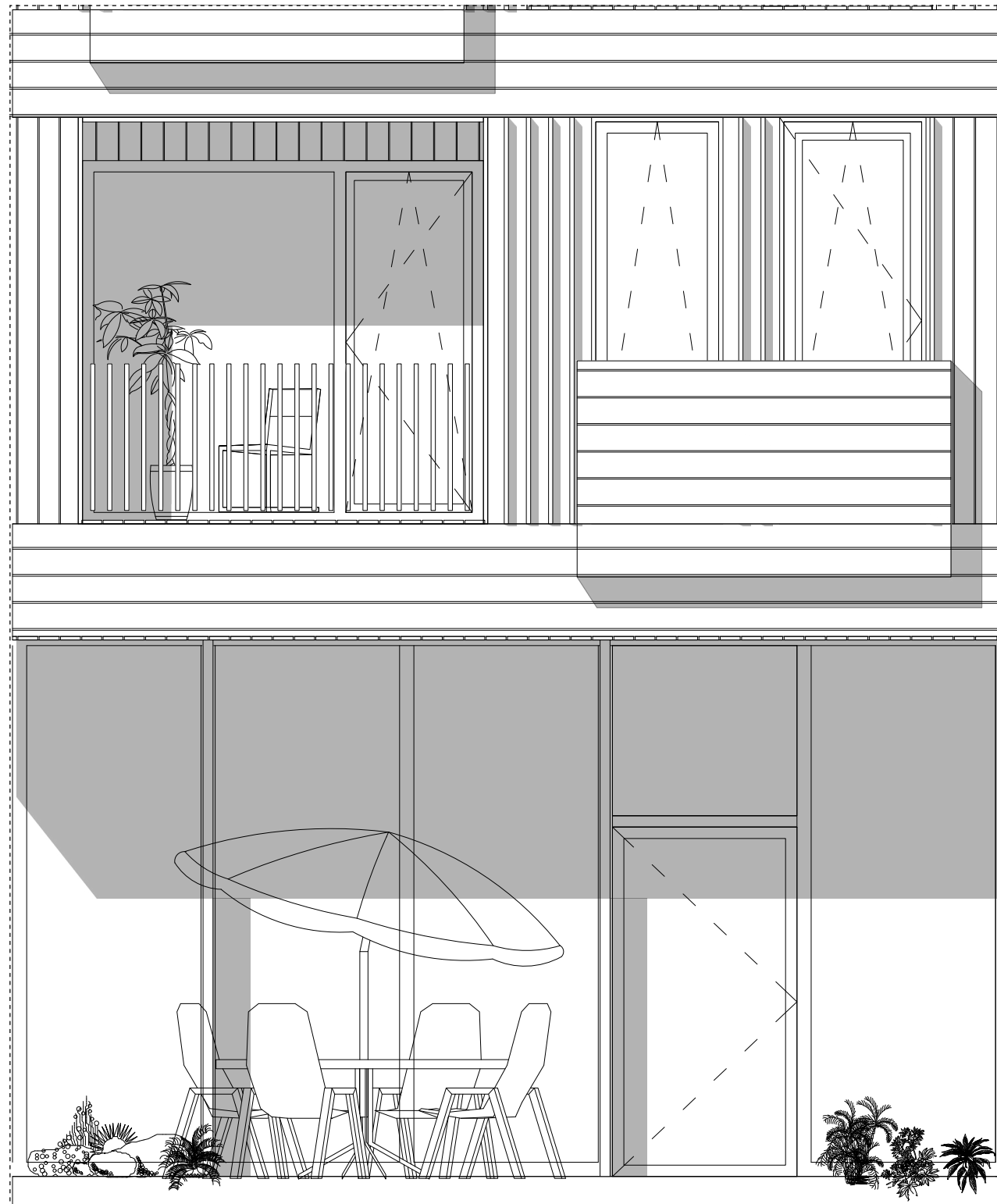
**Skeleton walls exploration**



## Facade

Lightweight non-load bearing facade, with use wood-fibre & natural wool insulation.





## Assembly

Lightweight non-load bearing facade, with use wood-fibre & natural wool insulation.





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