

New Natural Landscape:

Restoring biodiversity in post-industrial region Parkstad-Limburg

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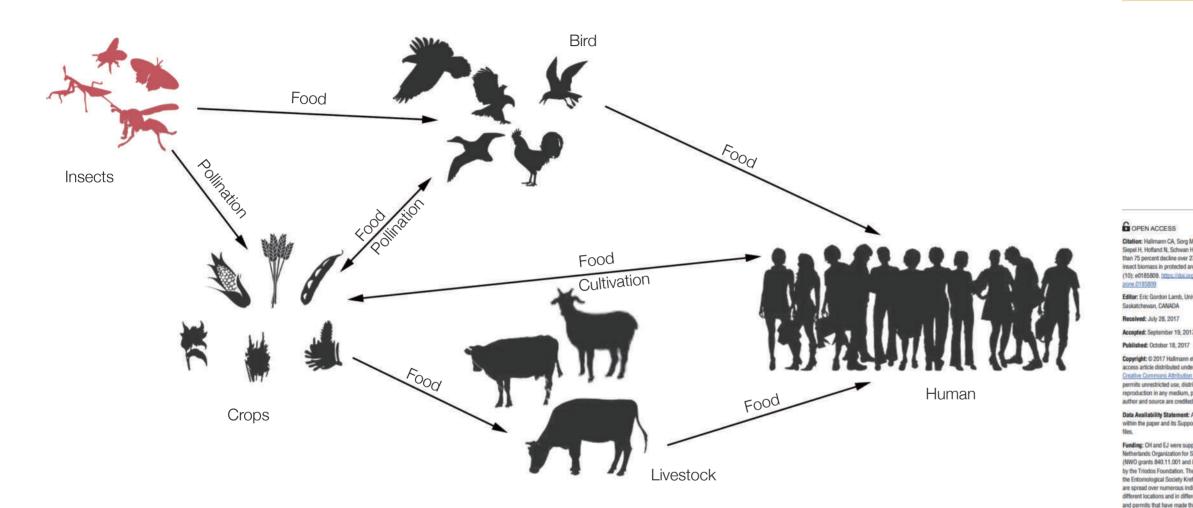
If the bee disappears, the human will be extinct after four years.



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Insects





>75% insects have declined over almost 30 years-Germany

three quarters of butterfly species; 250 species of bees, dropped significantly in numbers-UK



More than 75 percent decline over 27 years in total flying insect biomass in protected areas

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Abstract

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general public. Loss of insect diversity and abundance is expected to provoke cascading effects on food webs and to jeopardize ecosystem services. Our understanding of the extent and underlying causes of this decline is based on the abundance of single species or taxonomic groups only, rather than changes in insect biomass which is more relevant for ecologic cal functioning. Here, we used a standardized protocol to measure total insect biomass nique location-year combinations) to infer on the status and trend of local entomofauna. Our analysis estimates a seasonal decline of 76%, and mid-summer decline of 82% in flying insect biomass over the 27 years of study. We show that this decline is apparent regardle of habitat type, while changes in weather, land use, and habitat characteristics cannot explain this overall decline. This yet unrecognized loss of insect biomass must be taken into account in evaluating declines in abundance of species depending on insects as a food source, and ecosystem functioning in the European landscape.

Loss of insects is certain to have adverse effects on ecosystem functioning, as insects play a ce tral role in a variety of processes, including pollination [1, 2], herbivory and detrivory [3, 4], strient cycling [4] and providing a food source for higher trophic levels such as birds, man mals and amphibians. For example, 80% of wild plants are estimated to depend on insects for pollination [2], while 60% of birds rely on insects as a food source [5]. The eco ovided by wild insects have been estimated at \$57 billion annually in the USA [6]. Clearly, serving insect abundance and diversity should constitute a prime conservation priority Current data suggest an overall pattern of decline in insect diversity and abundance. For example, populations of European grassland butterflies are estimated to have declined by 50% in abundance between 1990 and 2011 [7]. Data for other well-studied taxa such as bees [8-14]

Where have all our insects gone?

There is a crisis in the countryside - and a massive decline in insect shimbers could have significant consequences for the environment ov Robin McKie, Observer science editor

hen Simon Leather was a student in the 1970s, he took a summer job as a postman and delivered mail to the villages of Kirk Hammerton and Green Hammerton in North Yorkshire. He recalls his early morning walks through its lanes, past the porches of houses on his round. At virtually every home, he saw the same picture: windows plastered with tiger moths that had been attracted by lights the previous night and were still clinging to the glass. "It was quite a sight," says Leather, who is now a professor of entomology at Harper Adams University in Shropshire.

But it is not a vision that he has experienced in recent years. Those tiger moths have almost disappeared. "You hardly see any, although there used to be thousands in summer and that was just a couple of villages."

It is an intriguing story and it is likely to be repeated over the next few weeks. The start of summer is the time of year when the nation's insects should make their presence known by coating countryside windows with their fluttering presence, and splattering themselves on car windscreens. But they are spectacularly failing to do so. Instead they are making themselves newsworthy through their absence. Britain's insects, it seems, are disappearing.

This point was underlined last week when tweets from the naturalist and TV presenter Chris Packham went viral after he commented on the absence of insects during a weekend at his home in the New Forest. Packham said he had not seen a single butterfly in his garden, and added that he sleeps with his windows open but rarely finds craneflies or moths in his room in the morning. By contrast, they were commonplace when he was a boy. "Our generation is presiding over an ecological apocalypse and we've somehow or other normalised it," he later said.

Certainly, the statistics are grim. Native ladybird populations are crashing; three quarters of butterfly species - such as the painted lady and the Glanville fritillary have dropped significantly in numbers; while bees, of which there are more than 250 species in the UK, are also suffering major plunges in populations, with great yellow bumblebees, solitary potter flower bees and other species declining steeply in recent years. Other threatened insects include the New Forest cicada, the tansy beetle and the oil beetle.

As for moths, some of the most beautiful visitors to our homes and gardens, the picture is particularly alarming. Apart from the tiger moth, which was once widespread in the UK, the V-moth (Marcaria wauaria) recorded a 99% fall in numbers between 1968 and 2007 and is now threatened with extinction, a fate 🐂 that has already befallen the orange upperwing, the bordered gothic and the Brighton wainscot in recent years.

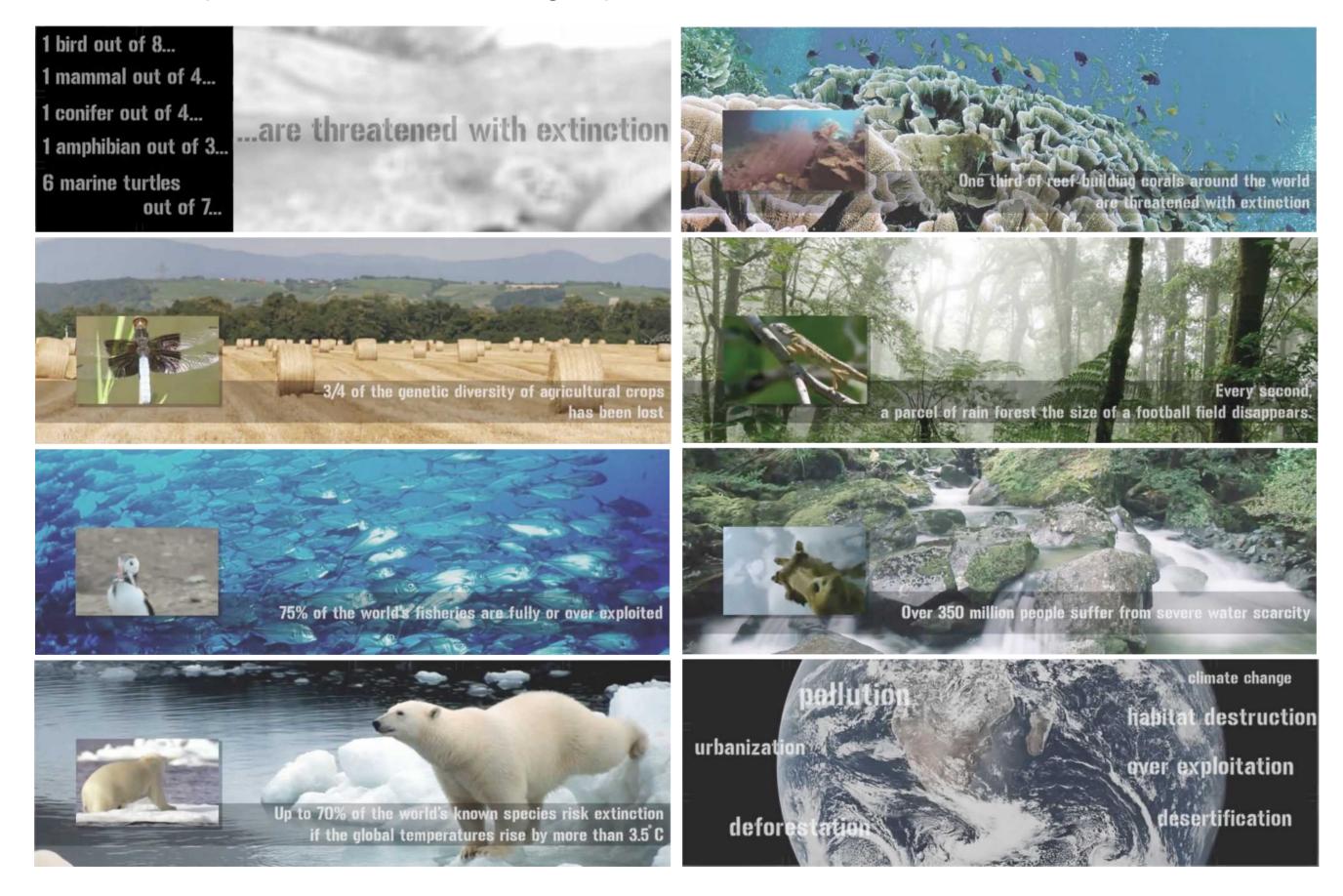




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IUCN: Is this the kind of world we want?

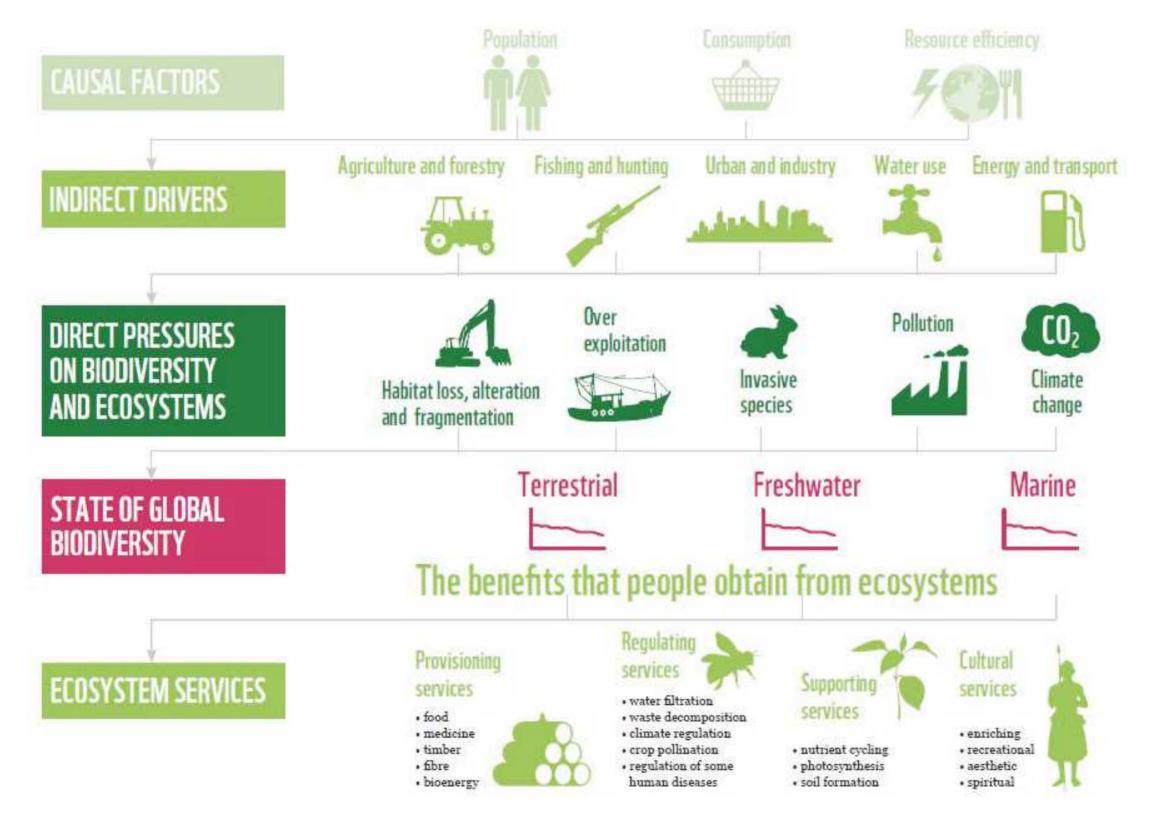
Over a million species will be lost in the coming 50 years



Destruction of Biodiversity has become a Global Problem

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Importance of biodiversity-ecosystem services



Examples of ecosystem services in the Netherlands CULTURAL Wood, fibre, genetic resources SERVICES PROVISIONING SERVICES Green recreation Water for other Natural purposes heritage # Drinking Science and water education Biomass: for energy Coastal protection Cooling in cities 36 Soil fertility Carbon storage Purification of soil, water, air Pollination Sall erosion Absorption of noise, wind and visual disturbances REGULATING Natural pest SERVICES Water suppression storage Source: PBL, WUR, CICES 2014

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Restore Biodiversity

Our lives are inextricably linked with biodiversity and ultimately its protection is essential for our very survival

What is biodiversity?

Biodiversity is recognized at three levels- genetic, species, and ecosystem diversity.





Diversity of genes within a species

Species Diversity



Diversity among species in an ecosystem

Ecosystem Diversity



Diversity of a habitat in a given unit area







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High density&expanding cities pay more value

New York Hongkong Rotterdam









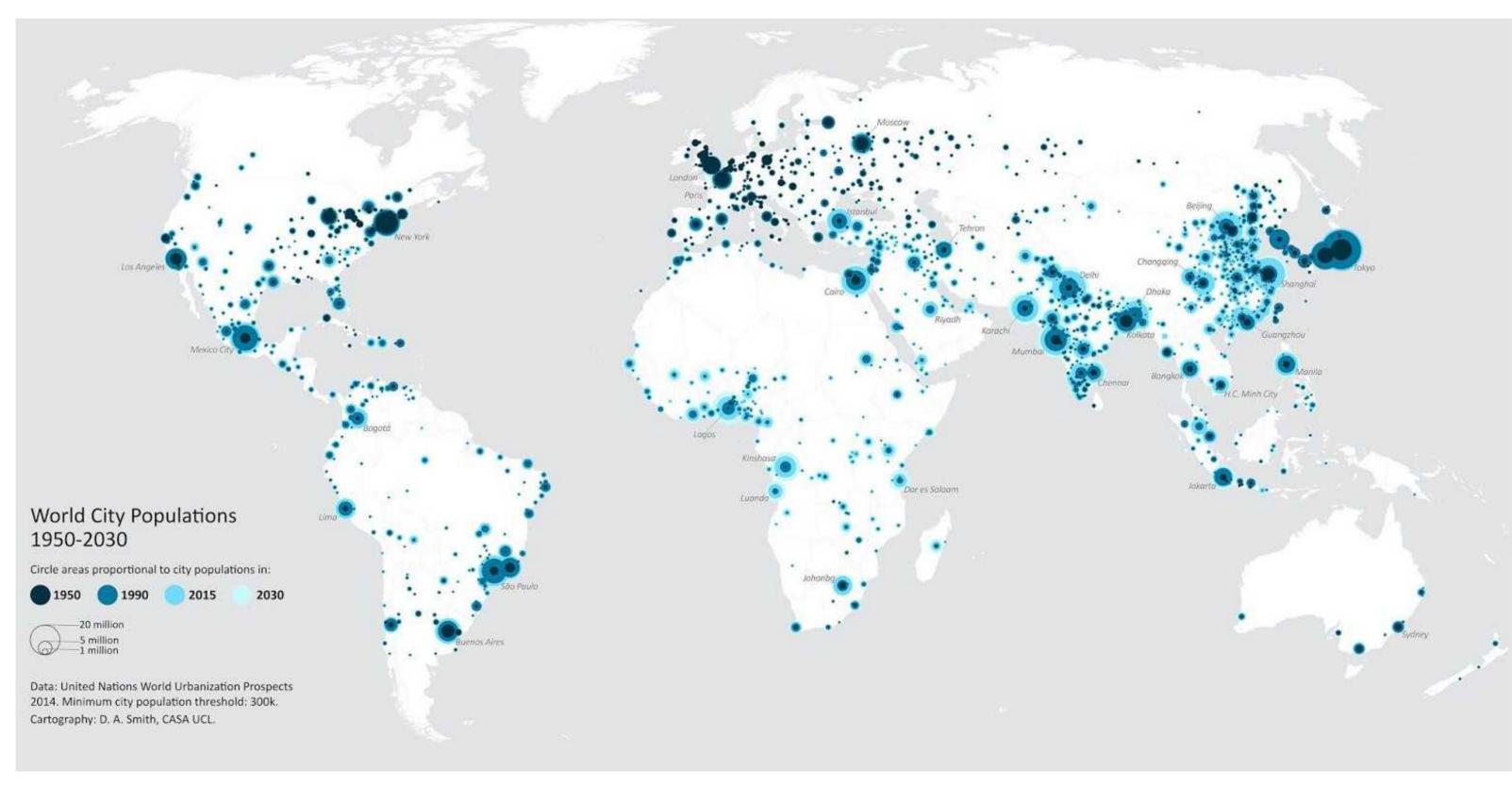




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Shrinking Cities

Massive population loss because a specific interplay of the economic, demographic or settlement systems, environmental hazards, and changes in political or administrative systems.



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The chance to enhance Biodiversity

Before



Vacancies and derelict land

Reconfiguration of urban land-use patterns

Nature conservation and green space development

Vacancy and demolition of buildings
Under-use and vacancy of built infrastructure
Residential and commercial brownfields and abandoned land

After



PARKSTAD LIMBURG

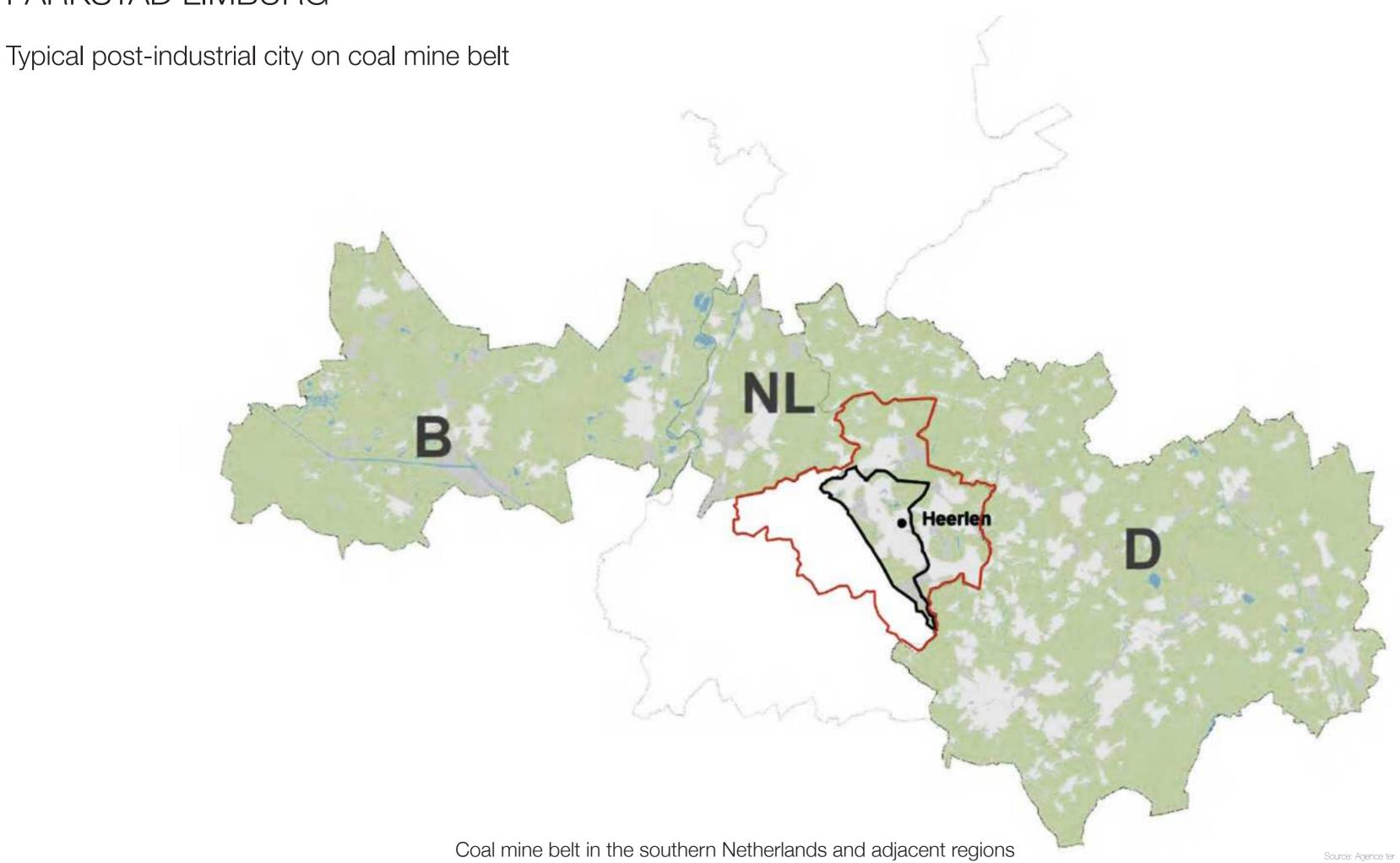
Hilly Landscape



Coal Mine History

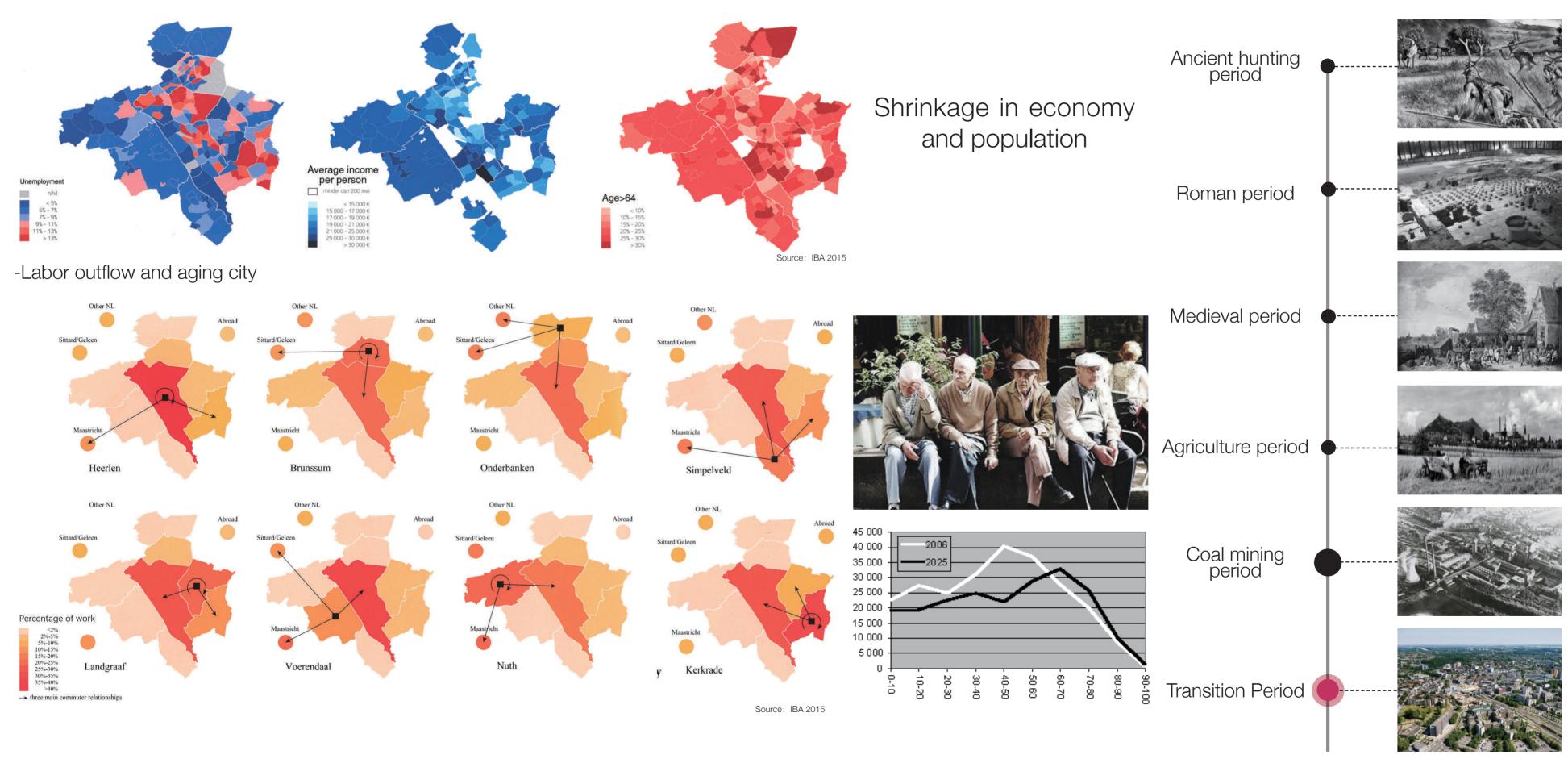


PARKSTAD LIMBURG



PROBLEM STATEMENT Shrinkage

-High unemployed rate and low income



PROBLEM STATEMENT Shrinkage

Poor living quality for residents

Vacant and demolished buildings



Bad maintenance of green space and stream system



PROBLEM STATEMENT Biodiversity

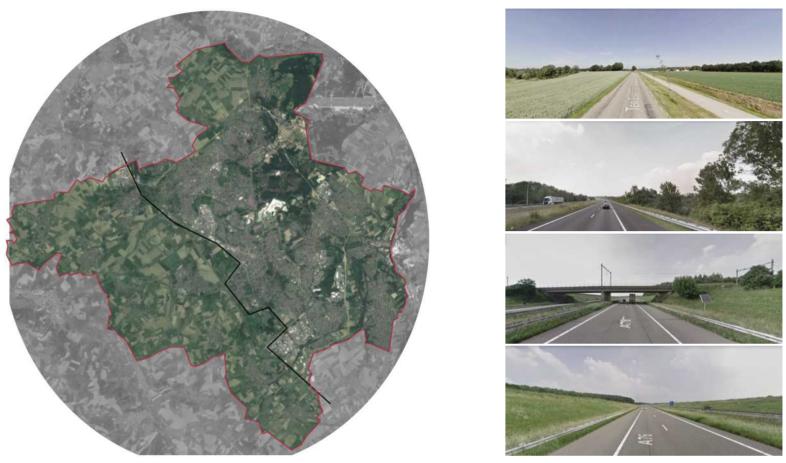
Fragment green space, isolated species provenances habitat.



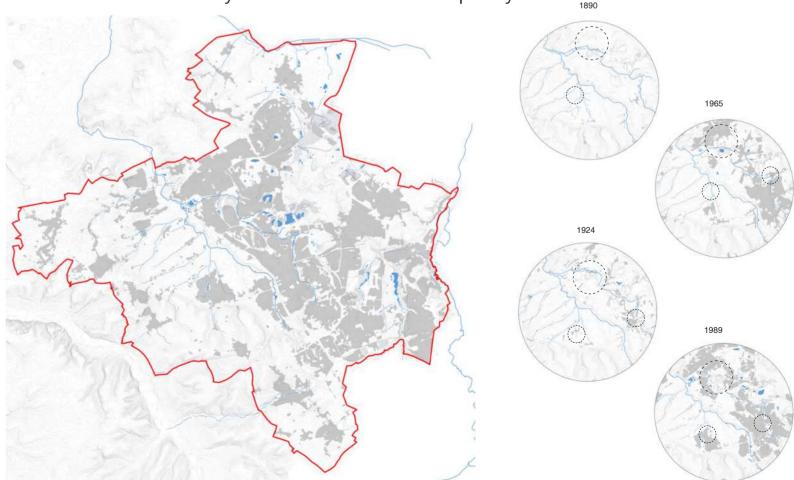
A large number of intensive homogenized agriculture



Clear bounday between Nature and Urban system, limited interaction(HighwayA76,N281)

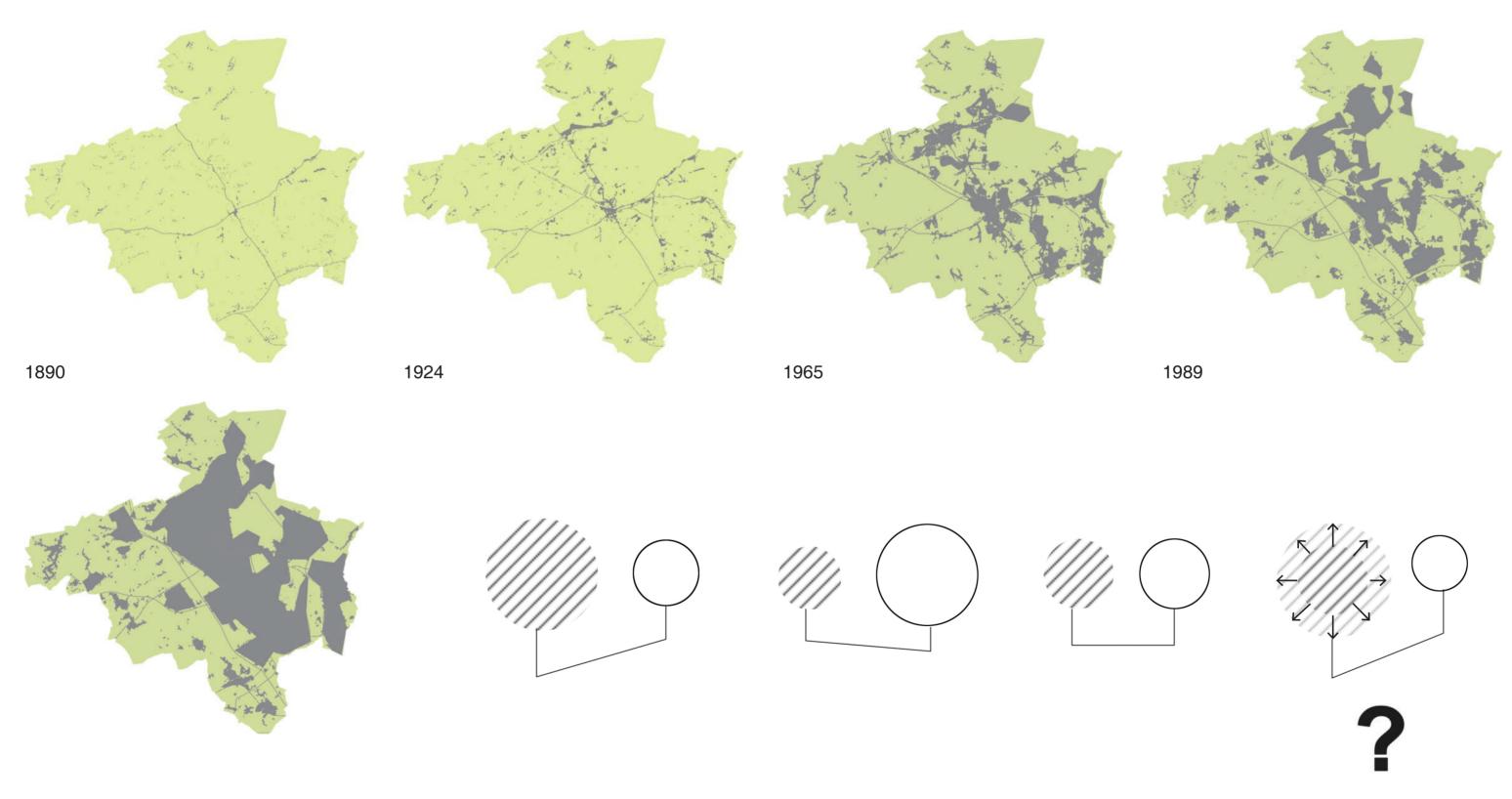


Disconnected water system and bad water quality



PROBLEM STATEMENT Nature and Urban systems

Development from 1850-2017



Future ?

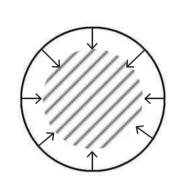
A process of changing the relationship between nature and urban systems

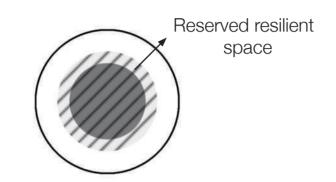
Theoretical Background Smart Decline

A smaller but better system

Planning for less: fewer people, fewer buildings, fewer landuses A development method designed to improve living quality of current residents.





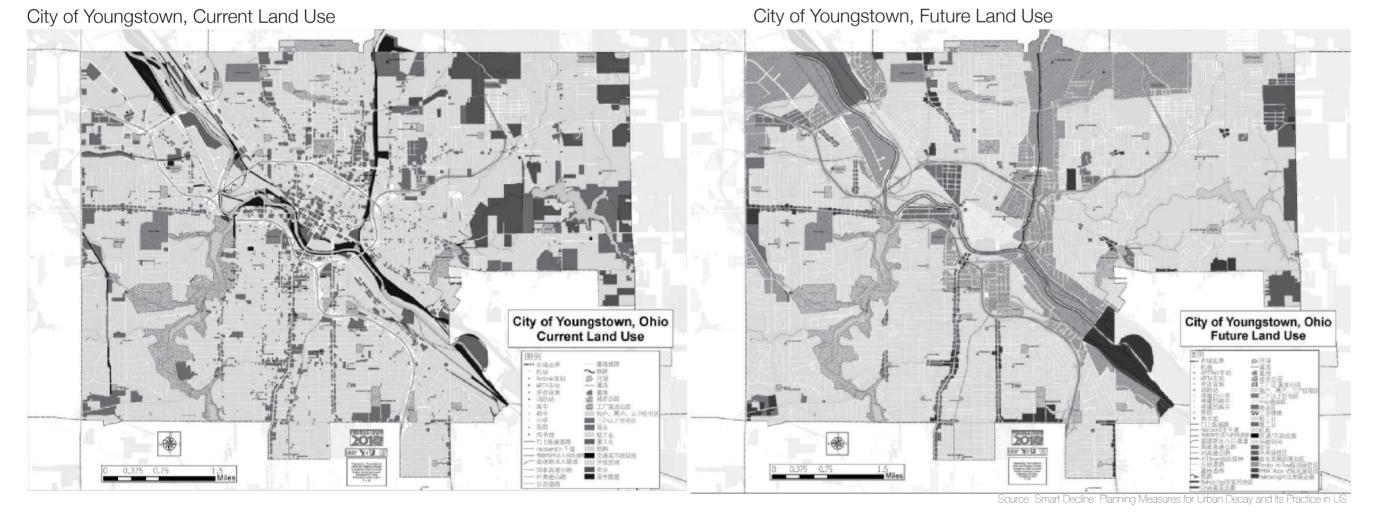


During the recession, many industrial cities tried to become more competitive in the post-industrial knowledge economy era through transformation, but unfortunately, the knowledge economy tends to go to cities with more developed economies and more beautiful environments. Therefore, these shrinking industrial cities have to turn back to face the long-standing predicament.

Hope to develop — Face the recession Passive recession — Active contraction

The Youngstown Citywide plan 2010

Establish a green space network for cities; build competitive industrial zones; build diverse neighborhoods to promote continued neighborhood vibrancy; foster vibrant urban centers



Core issues that need to be addressed:

- 1. How to maintain the vitality and subsequent development of the city with a reduced population?
- 2. How to solve a lot of vacant or abandoned plots and real estate?
- 3. How to develop effective planning and effective implementation?

1974 Philadelphia Green Program:

Transforming abandoned plots into urban open spaces and green spaces to improve urban suitability

2006 Buffalo Queen City Comprehensive Plan:

Reinjecting population, rebuilding industrial bases, revitalizing business districts, and strengthening green spaces and public spaces

2008 Detroit Vacant Property Campaign:

Negotiate with the owner of the house adjacent to the vacant lot to improve the condition of these plots

BJECTIVE AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS
AND ALSEARCH QUESTIONS
Prepare a resilient future for Parkstad Limburg by using natural system to replace some part of urban system to convert land value
How to adjust and reorganize natural and urban systems to enhance biodiversity and ecological value to improve living quality?

OBJECTIVE AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Sub-Questions

Analysis

- -What the existing natural and urban patterns and characteristics of Parkstad Limburg
- -How to utilize these characteristics as guiding elements for future resilient system?
- -What are the criteria and basis for selecting the transform urban space?

Theoretical background

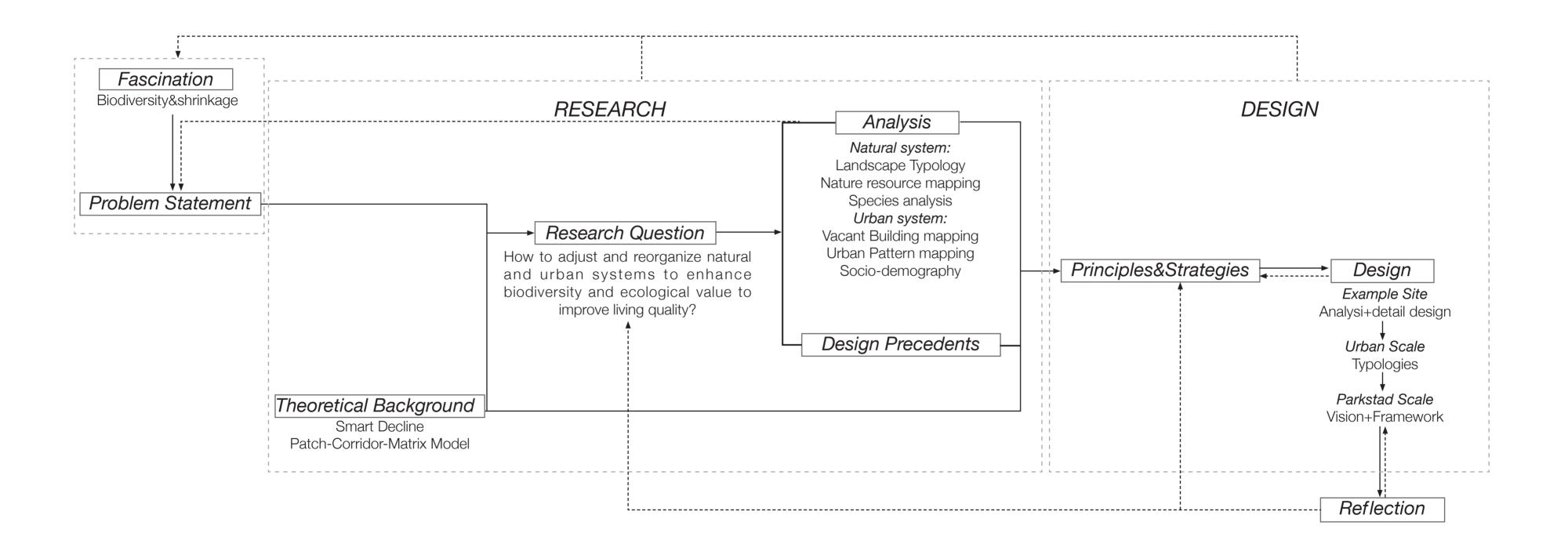
- -How to maintain the vitality and development of the city in the case of urban system contraction?
- -How to maximize the biodiversity by the composition and connection of the patch-corridor-matrix?

Application

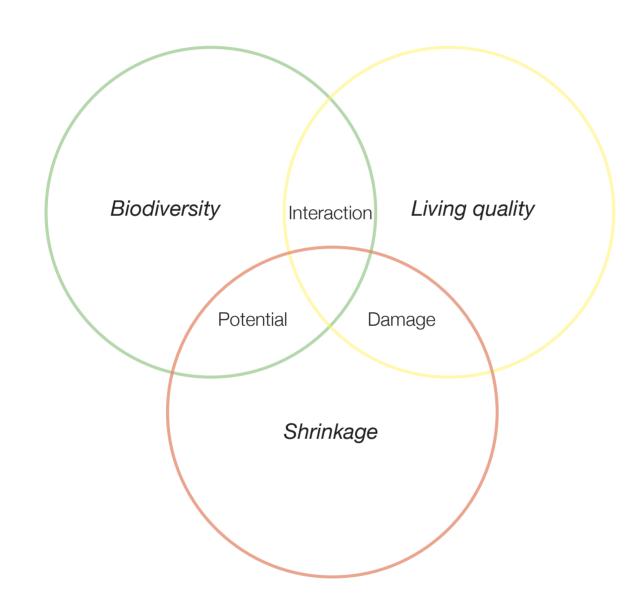
- -How to judge the future direction of these converted urban area whether is natural value or updated urban value?
- -How to control the degree of human intervention while introducing new species to achieve a harmonious coexistence of human, flora and fauna

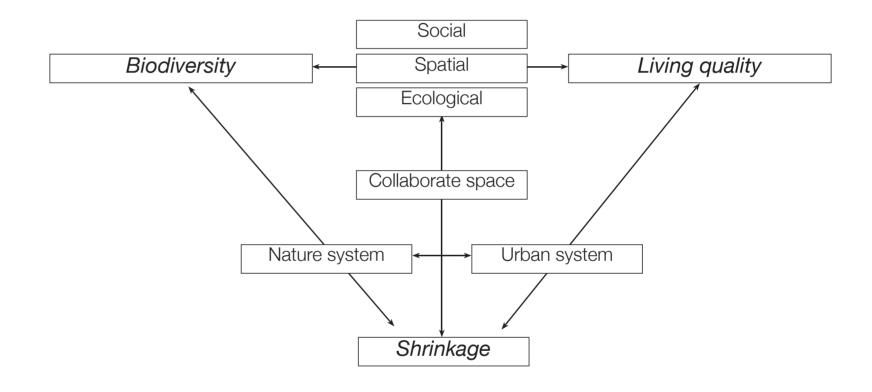
Reflection

METHODOLOGY



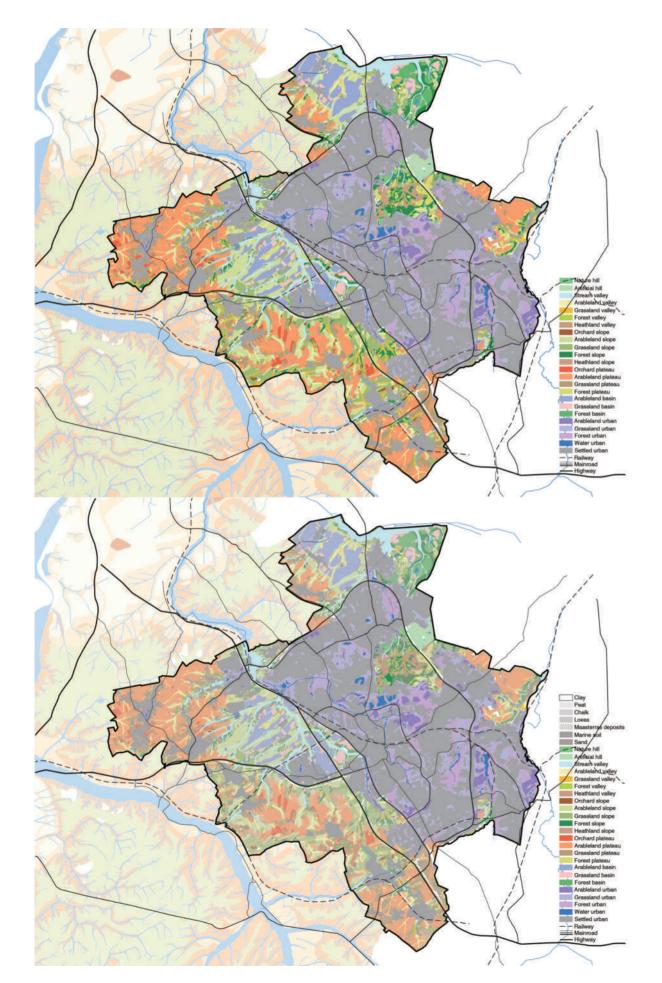
METHODOLOGY

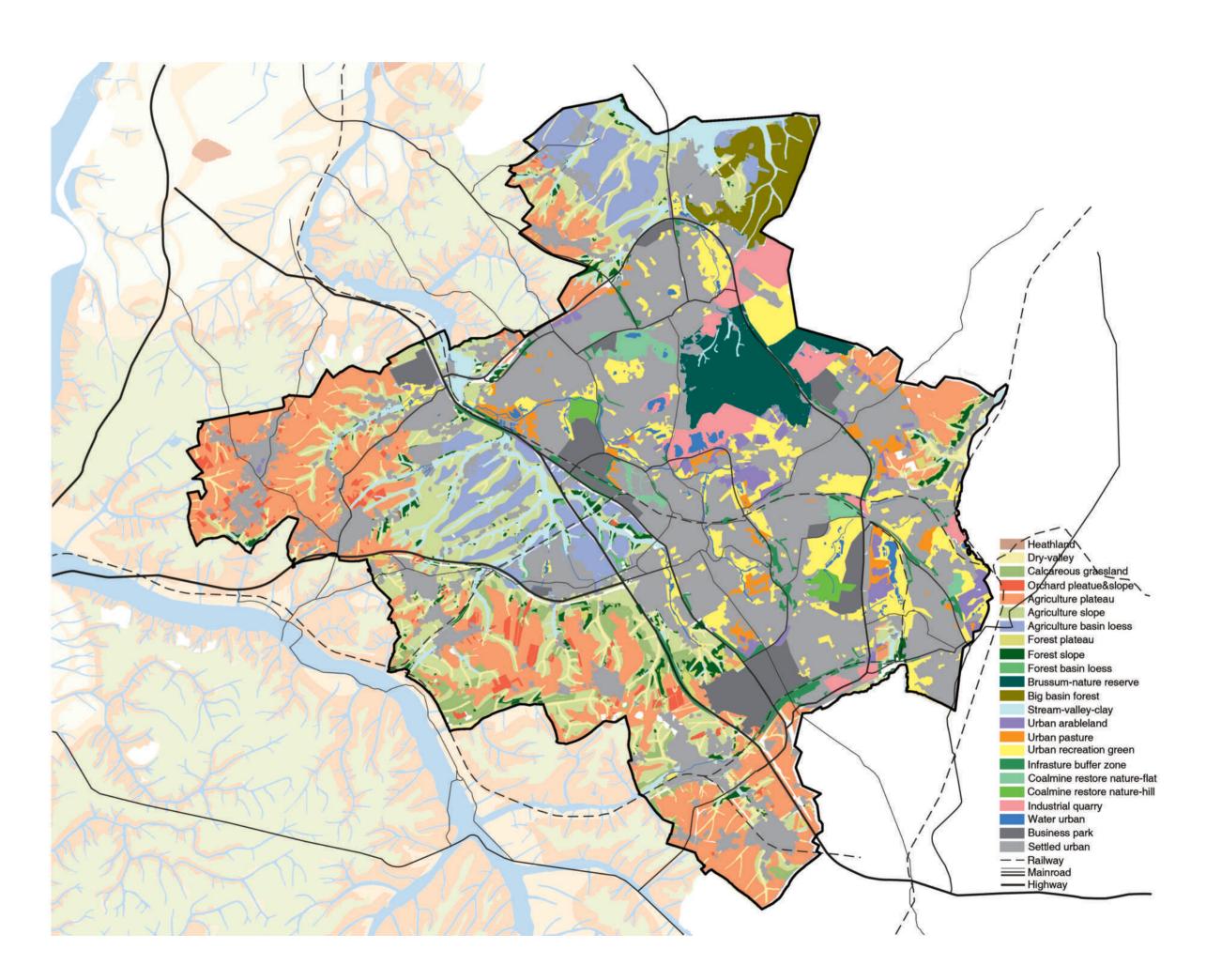




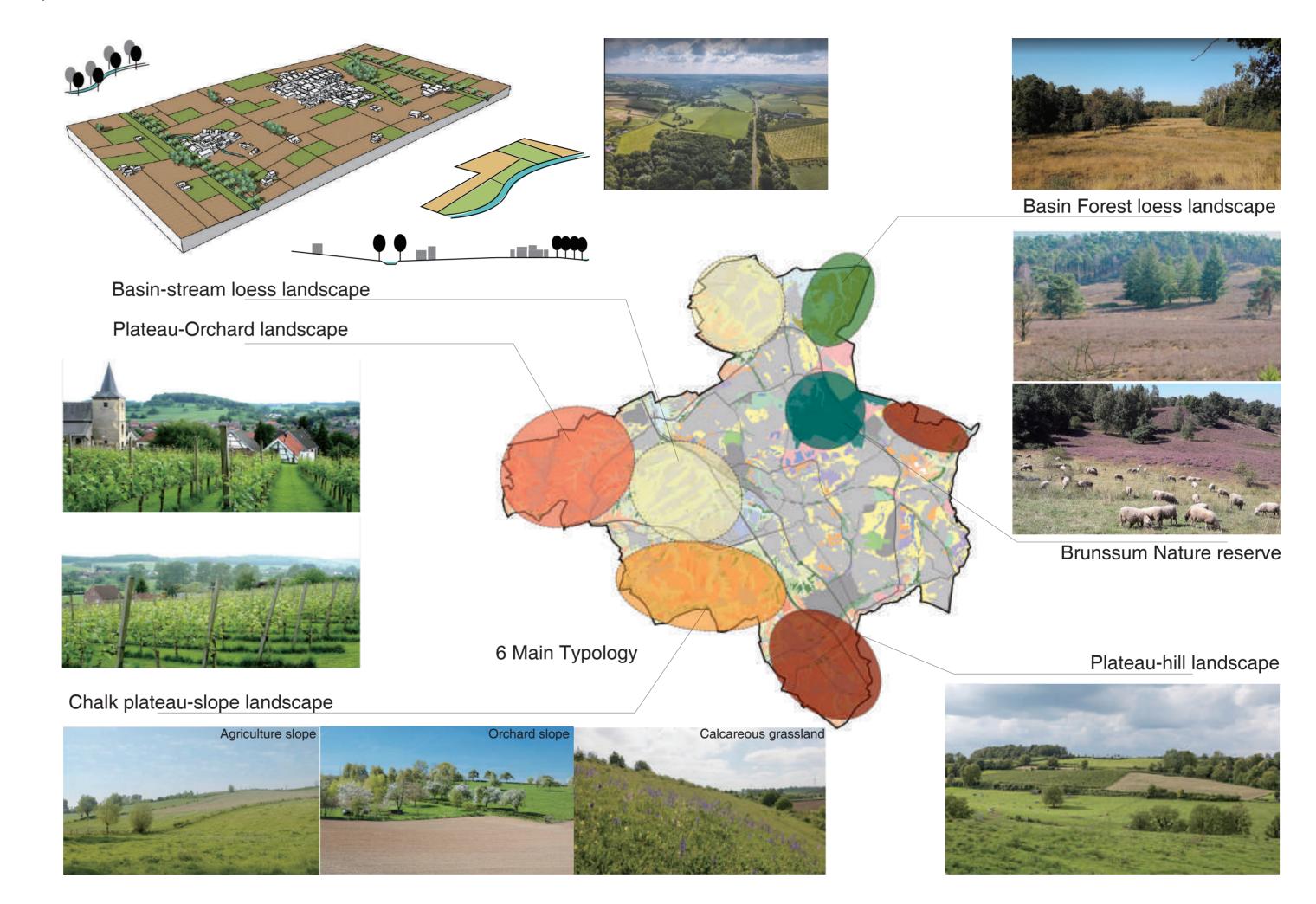


Landscape Typology



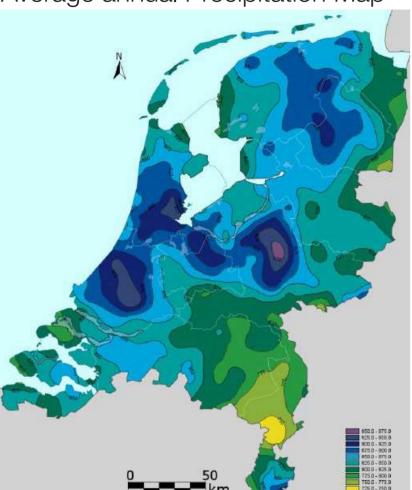


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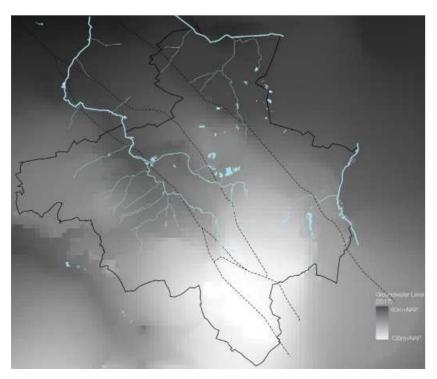


Hydrology

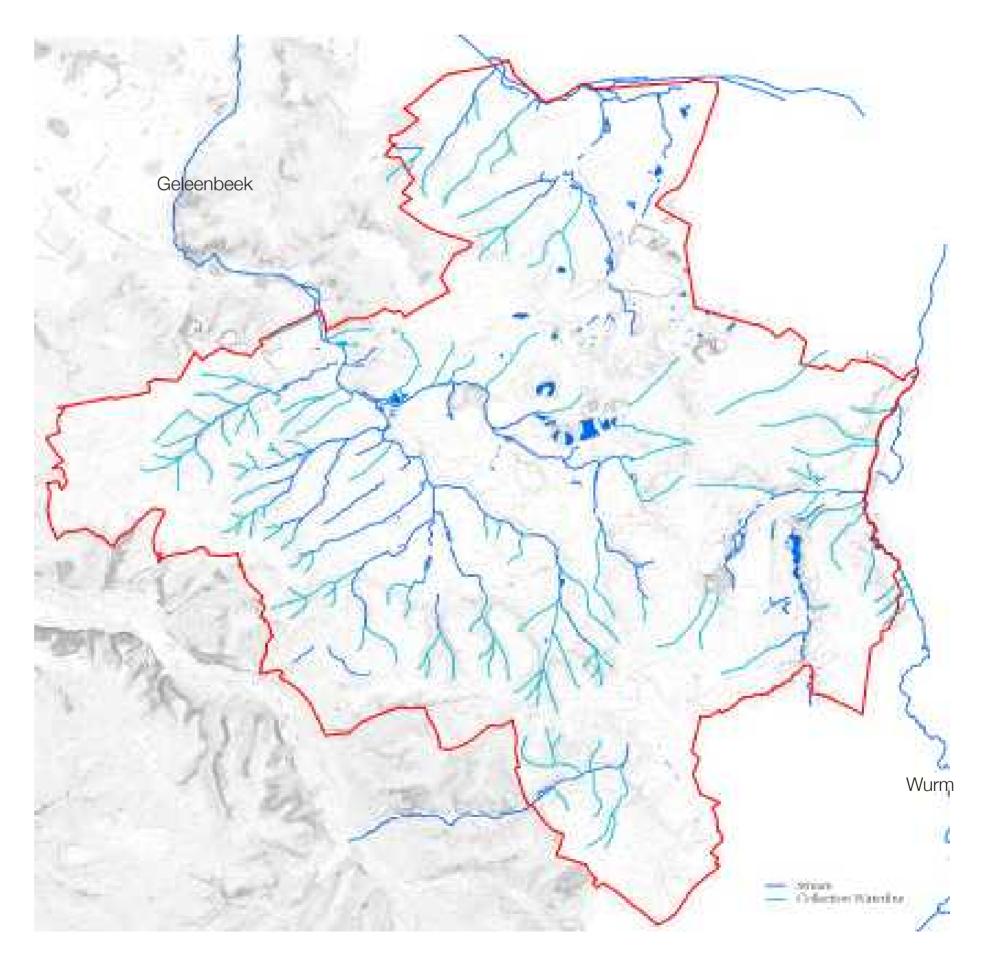
Long-term average 1981-2010 Average annual Precipitation Map

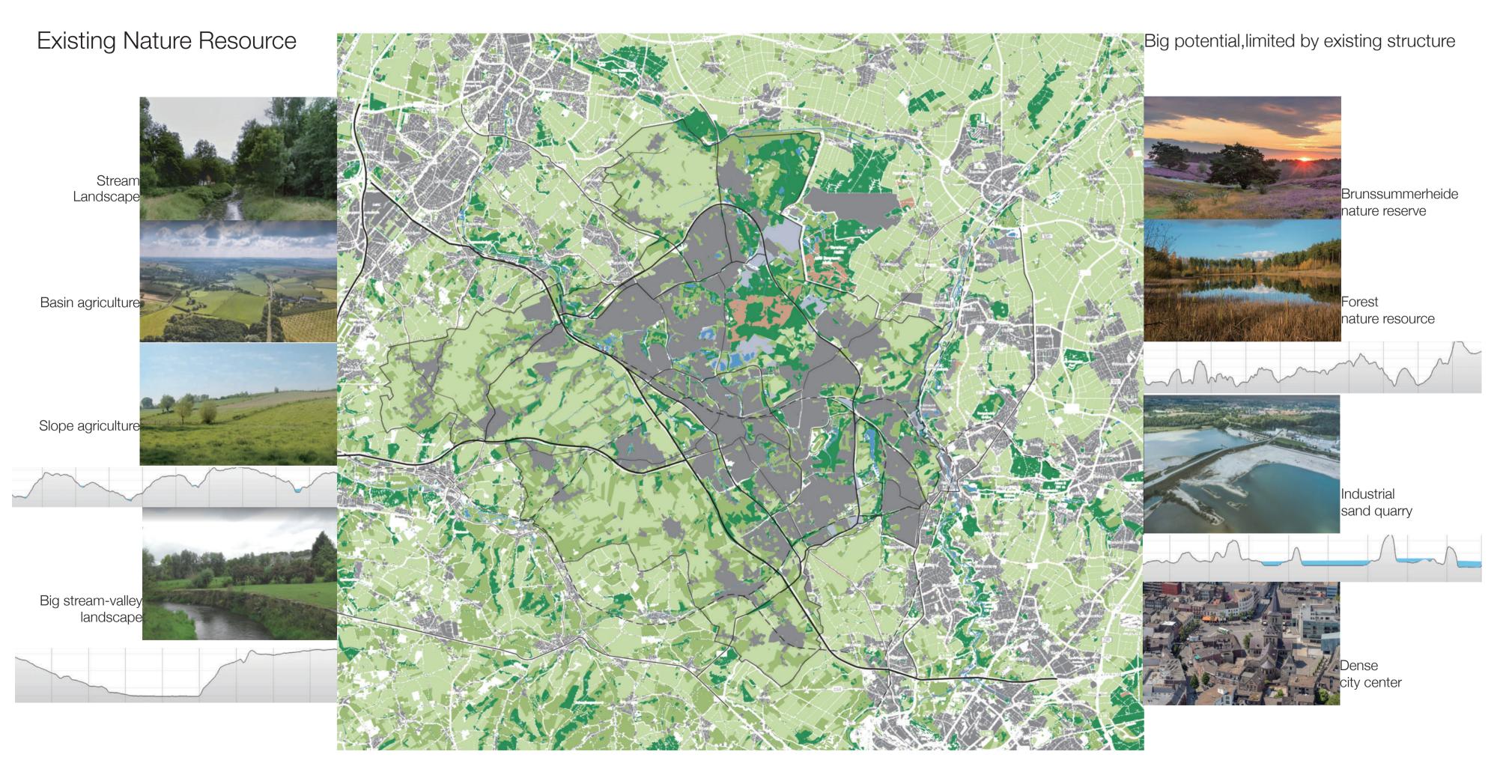


Groundwater level



Collection waterline





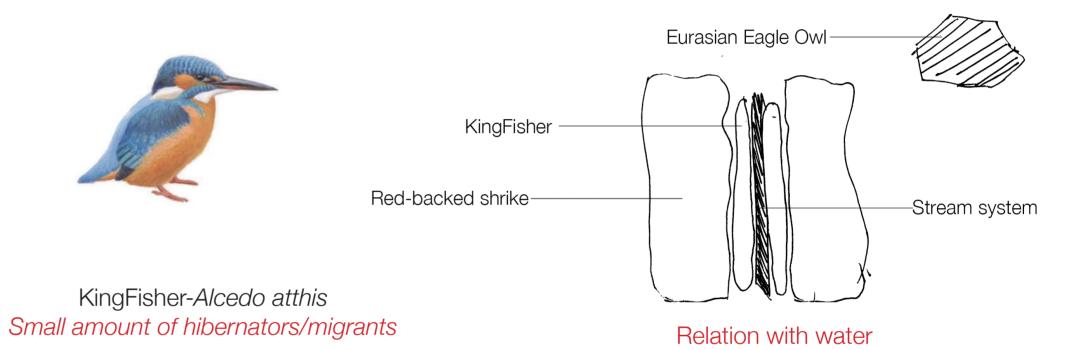
BIRD-How to use this area?



Eurasian Eagle Owl-Bubo bubo Red List



Red-backed shrike-*Lanius collurio Red List*



Users map-BIRD

Eurasian Eagle Owl-Bubo bubo

Red List

HABITAT PREFERENCES

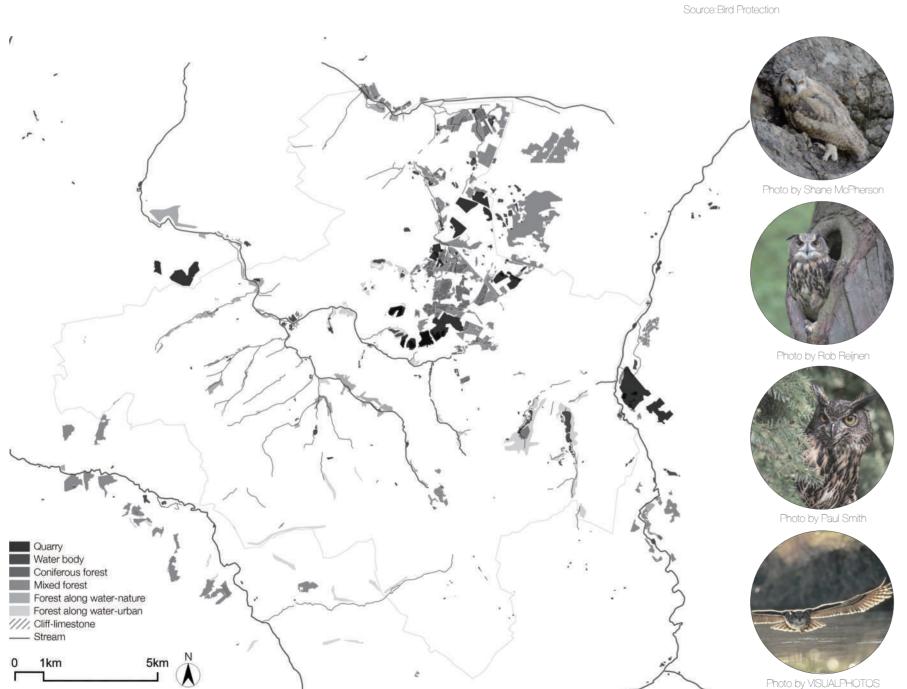
Rocky landscapes: cliffs, ravines, quarries (sand and limestone) Wooded areas:tree lined waterways,coniferous,pine trees,oaks Water: vicinity of riparian or wetlands areas FOOD

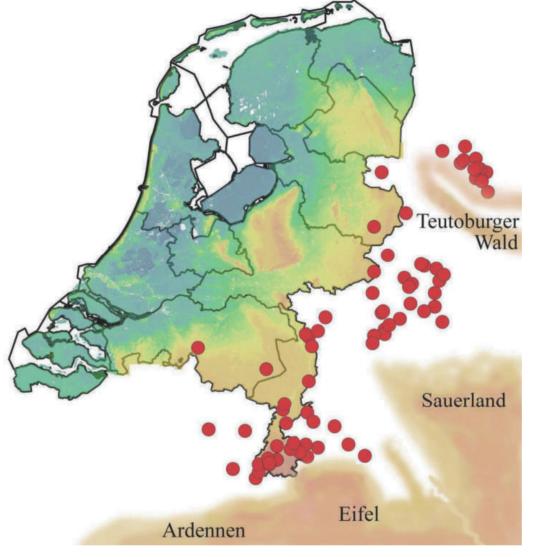
Mice, rats, rabbit, squirrels, and birds

Adequate food supply and nesting sites seem to be the most important prerequisites. Major roads and town centres are avoided



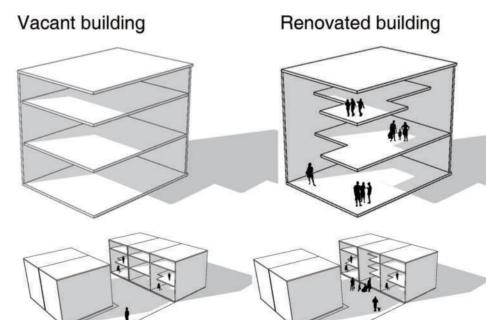
60-75 cm, wingspan 160-188 cm

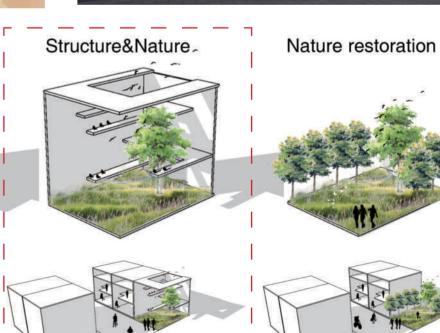


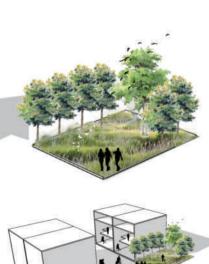












Users map-BIRD

Red-backed shrike-Lanius collurio

Red List

territories.

HABITAT PREFERENCES

Grassland deciduous forest-nature
Grassland deciduous forest-urban

Heathland coniferous forest

Water body

A mix of open areas and patches of woody vegetation, with many thorny shrub&trees forests edges, shrubs near road, in shortly grazed or cut meadow

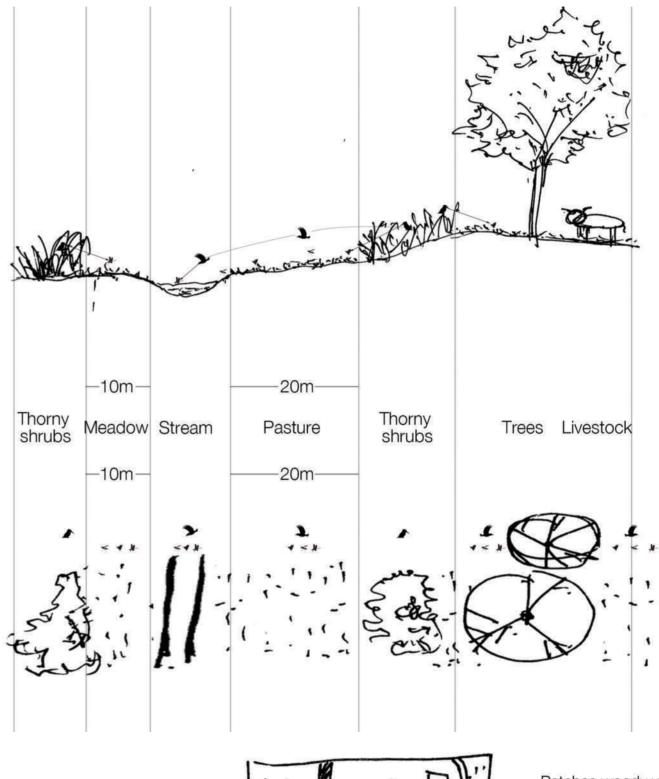
Thorny shrubs: Hawthorns (Crataegus spp), Blackthorn (Prunus spinosa), Scots pine (Pinus sylvestris), Juniper bushes (Juniperus communis), Blackberries (Rubus spp) Water: along the edge of small streams(10-20m) FOOD

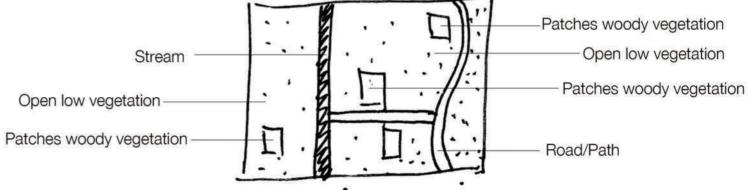
Insects, small mammals, reptiless, mall invertebrates











Users map-BIRD

KingFisher-Alcedo atthis

Red List

HABITAT PREFERENCES

Water: shallow, clear, slow-running streams, rivers, lakes with enough fish, cover and seats.avoid heavy siltation or discolouration

Bank: Well-vegetated, soft but firm banks, steep or vertical banks of compact sand or earth.avoid reinforced or rock banks

Trees or bushes with branches overhanging the river provide important fishing

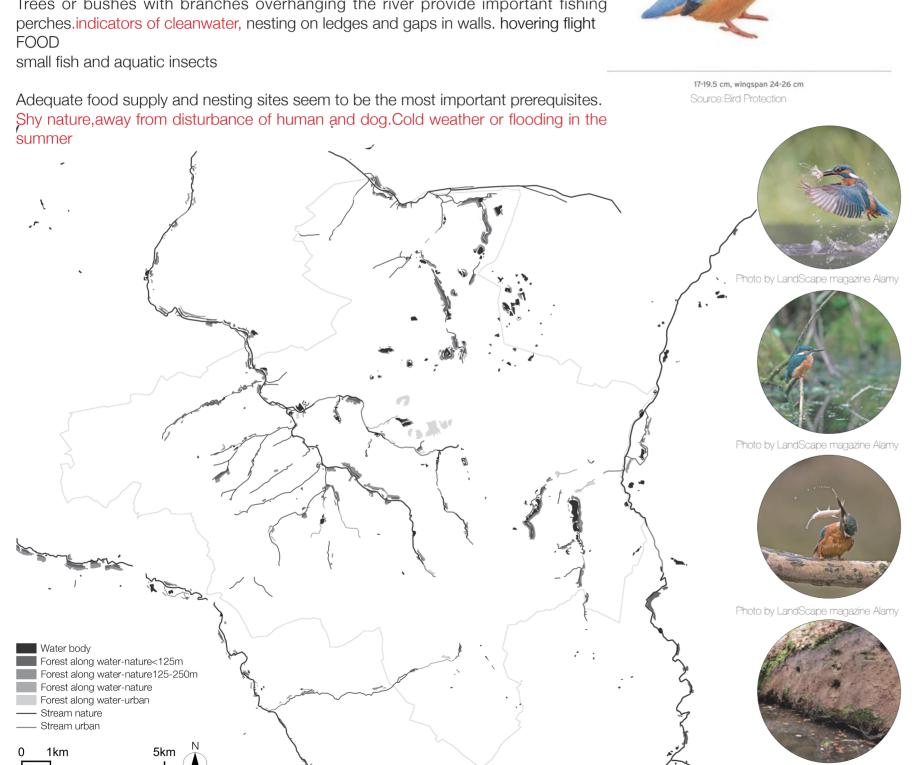
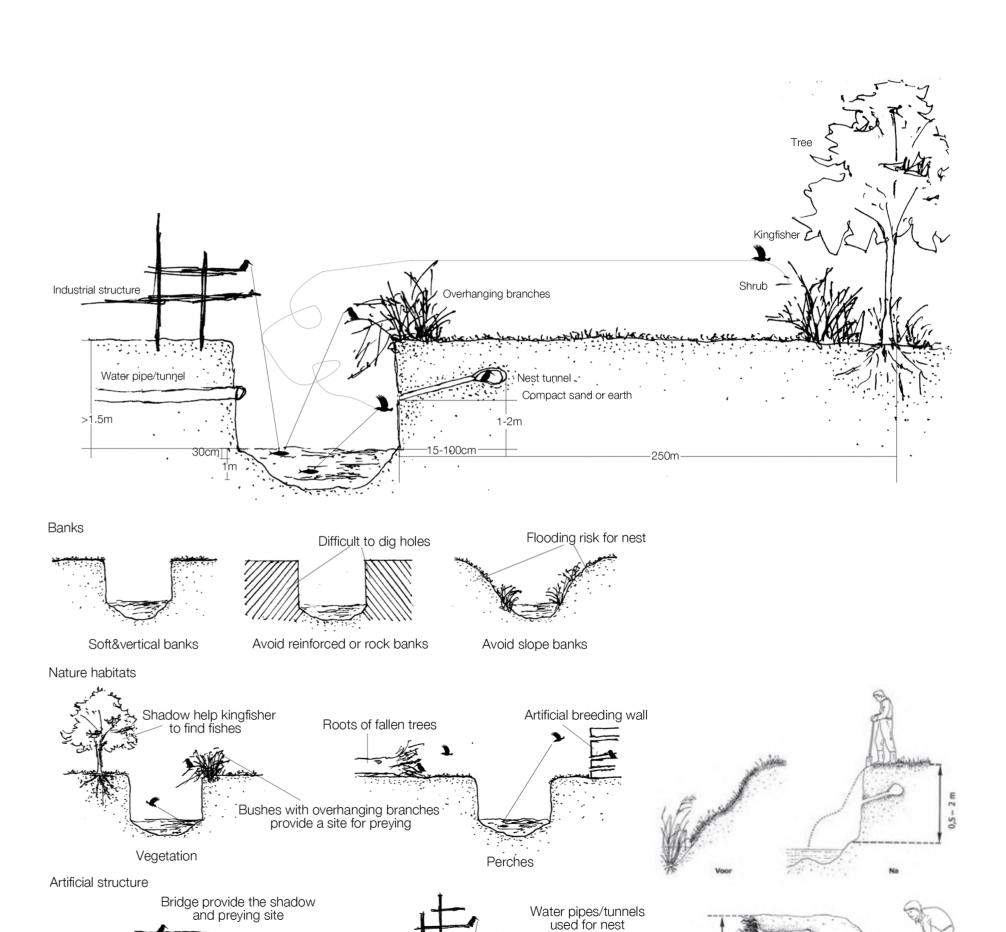


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Industrial elements

1,5 - 2 m

Abandoned industrial structure

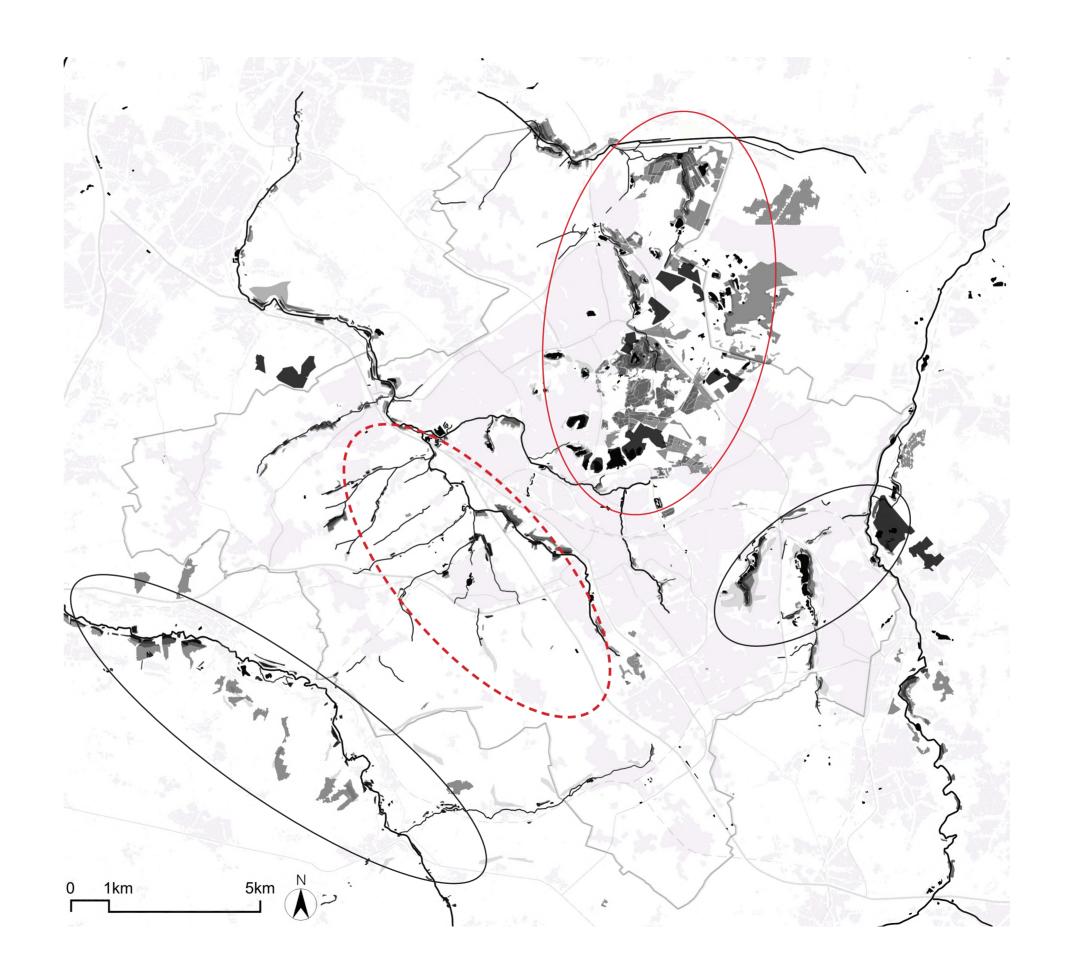
preying site

Overlap 3users distribution maps

Four important habitat area

- -Along stream systems have more nesting possibilities
- -Southeastern nature reserve and sand quarry with many forest provide good and various habitats
- -Stream system around two sides givepossibilities to organism

Stream system is quiet important to all the organism

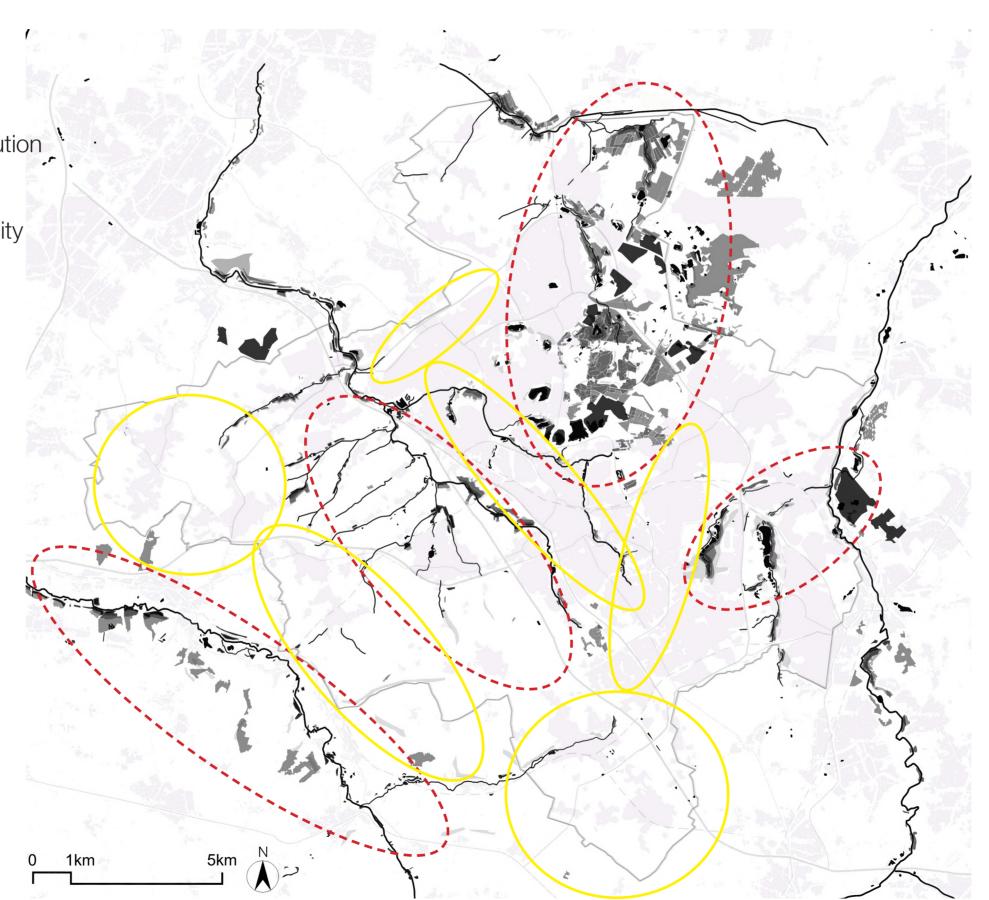


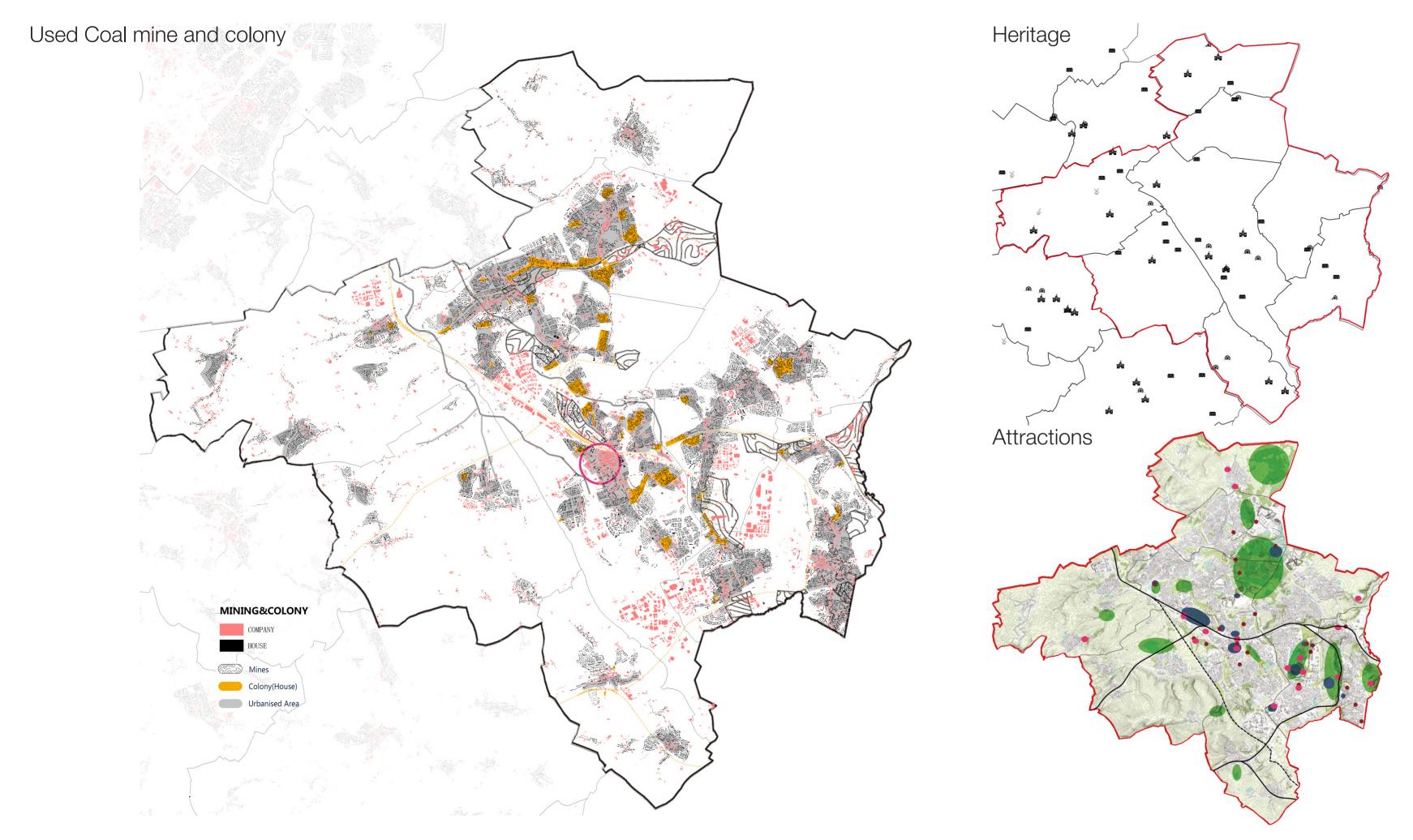
Area need to be improve

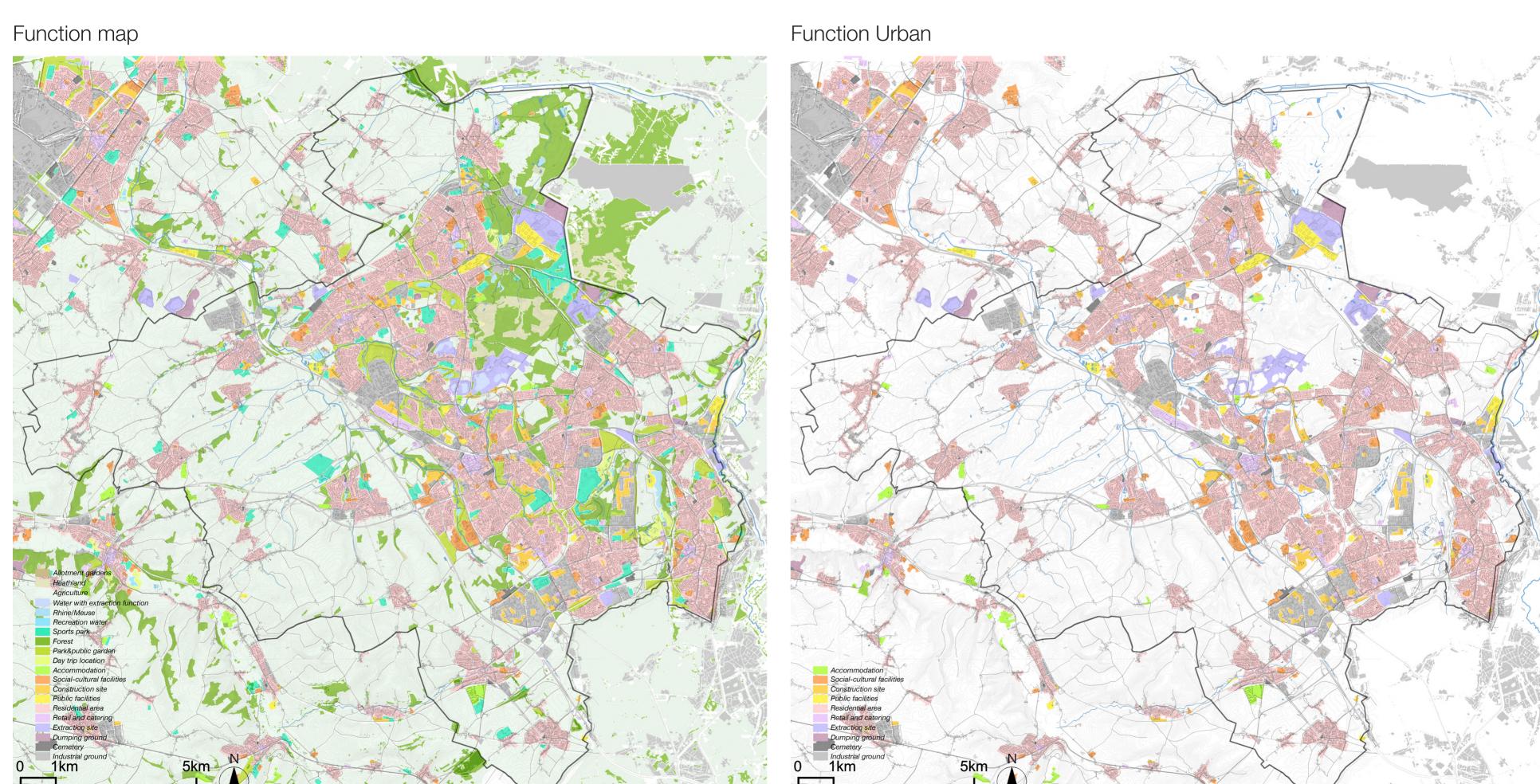
Isolated green island leads to uneven distribution of organisms

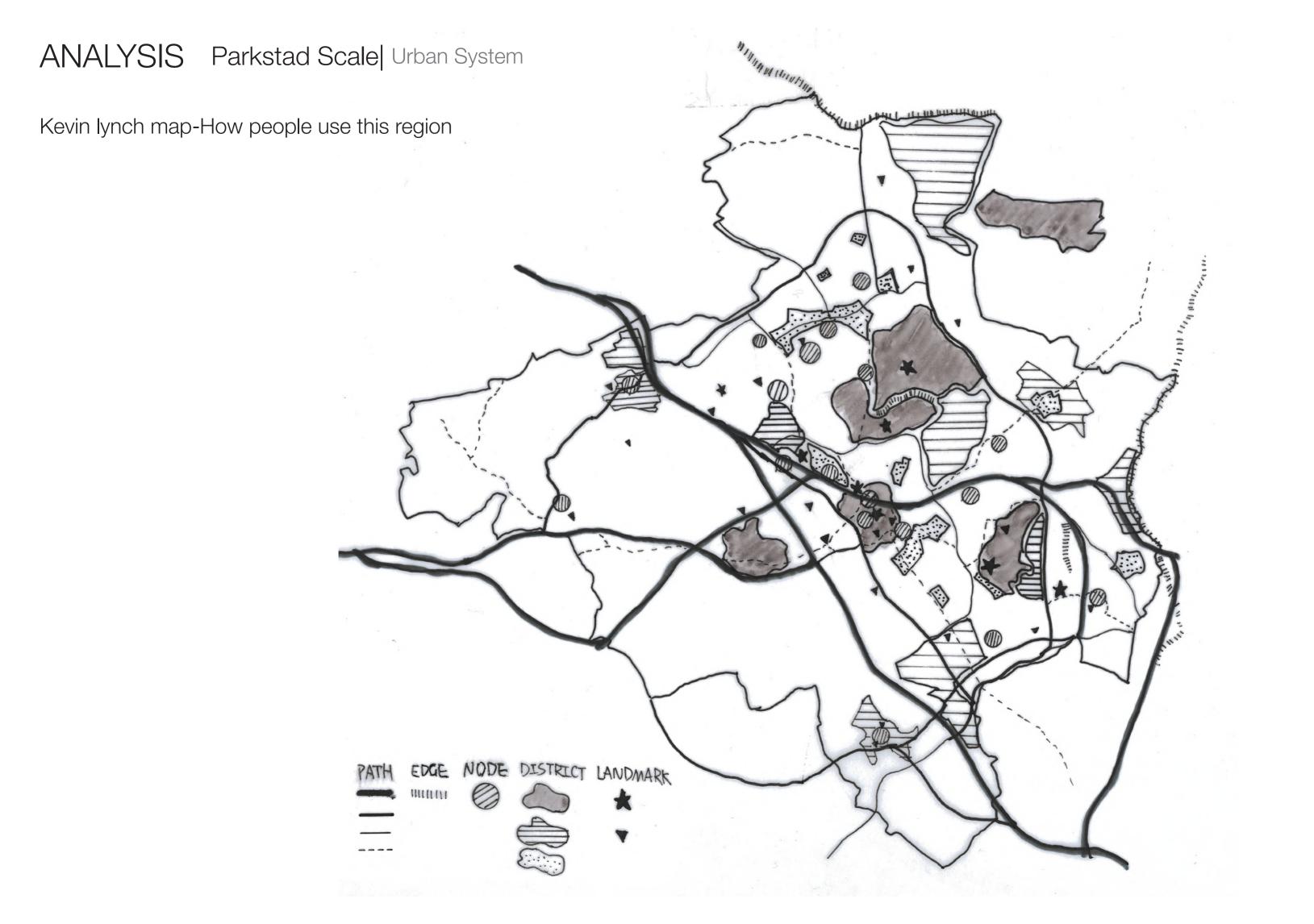
Agricultural and built area have less biodiversity

Blank,gap,breakpoint in the urban area

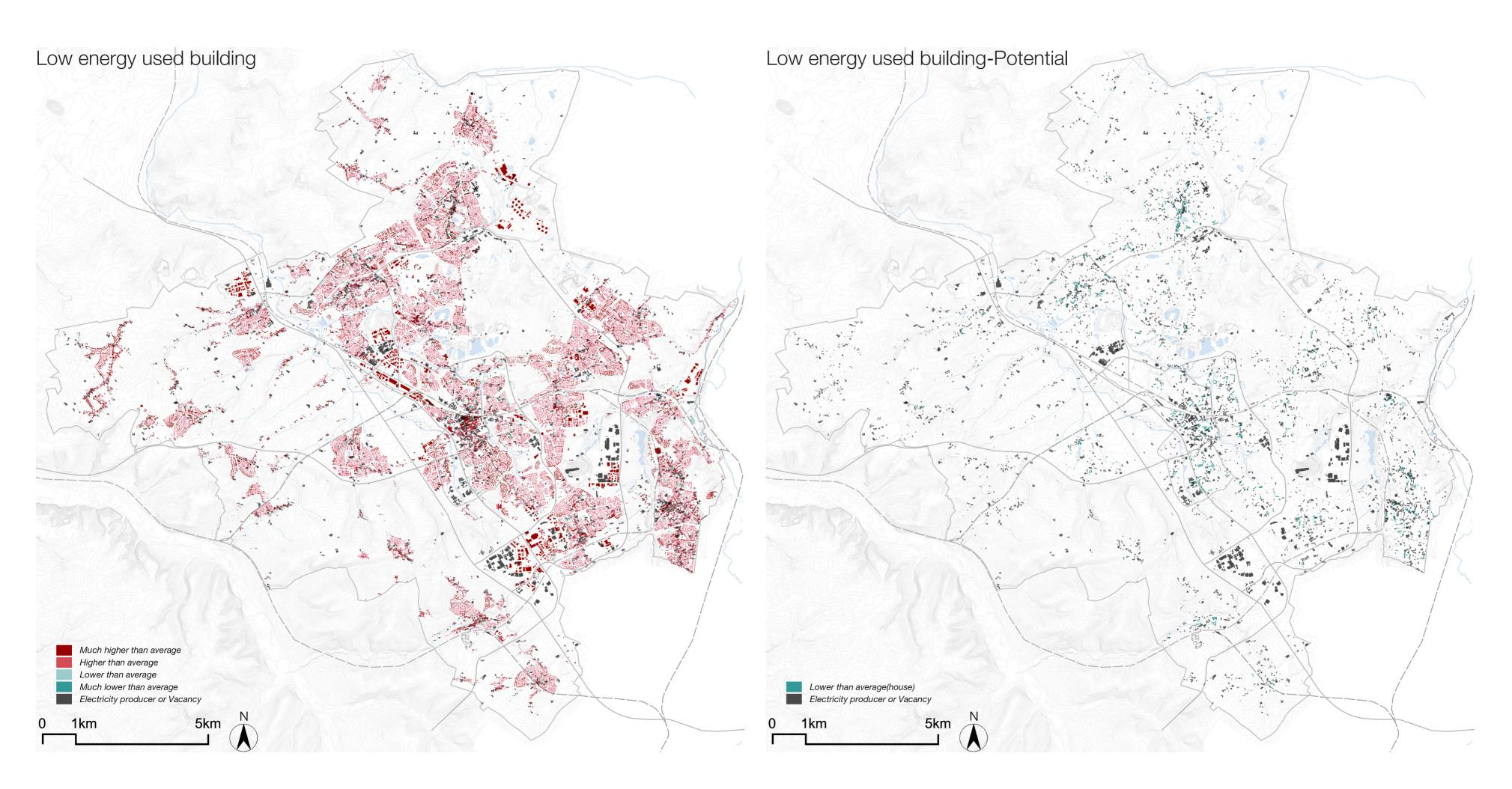






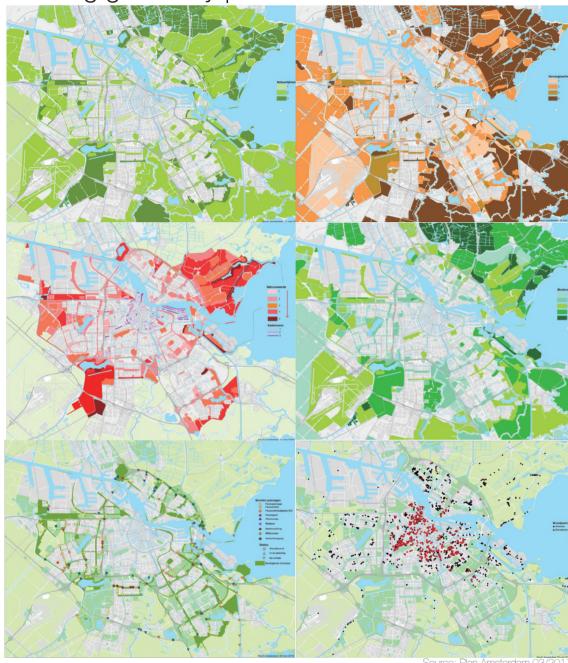


ANALYSIS Parkstad Scale Urban System Two centers & Three zones Activity center Green center Commercial zone Ecological zone Athletic zone EDGE NODE DISTRICT LANDMARK



PRINCIPLES & STRATEGIES

Case Study
Building green city | Amsterdam



Connect green spaces to form urban green networks

For *different species*, connect the "breakpoints" on the migration road

A reinterpretation of urban *green-blue networks* as infrastructural systems where *traditional values* of public space are combined with *green values in ecosystem services*

Consider green-blue networks as valuable quantifiable assets in urban economies



Landschaftspark Duisburg Nord

Remodel and update the abandoned industrial sites with diverse function

Create different vegetation environments with old industrial structure

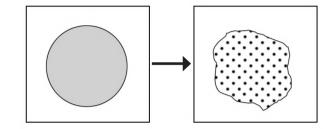


PRINCIPLES & STRATEGIES

Principles: New habitats | Heterogeneous Patches | Native Network

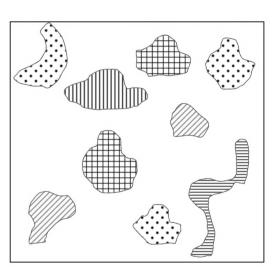
1. New habitats: Rebutild abandoned land cover into new habitats to support more species

Broken | Ugly Landscape ----- Species Diversity



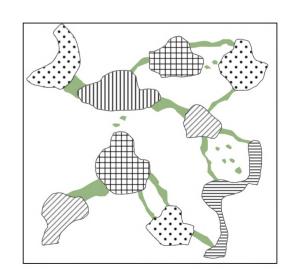
2. Heterogeneous Patches: Establish various types of circumstances to conserve and appeal more species

Homogenous | Dull Landscape ----- Ecosystem Diversity Species Diversity

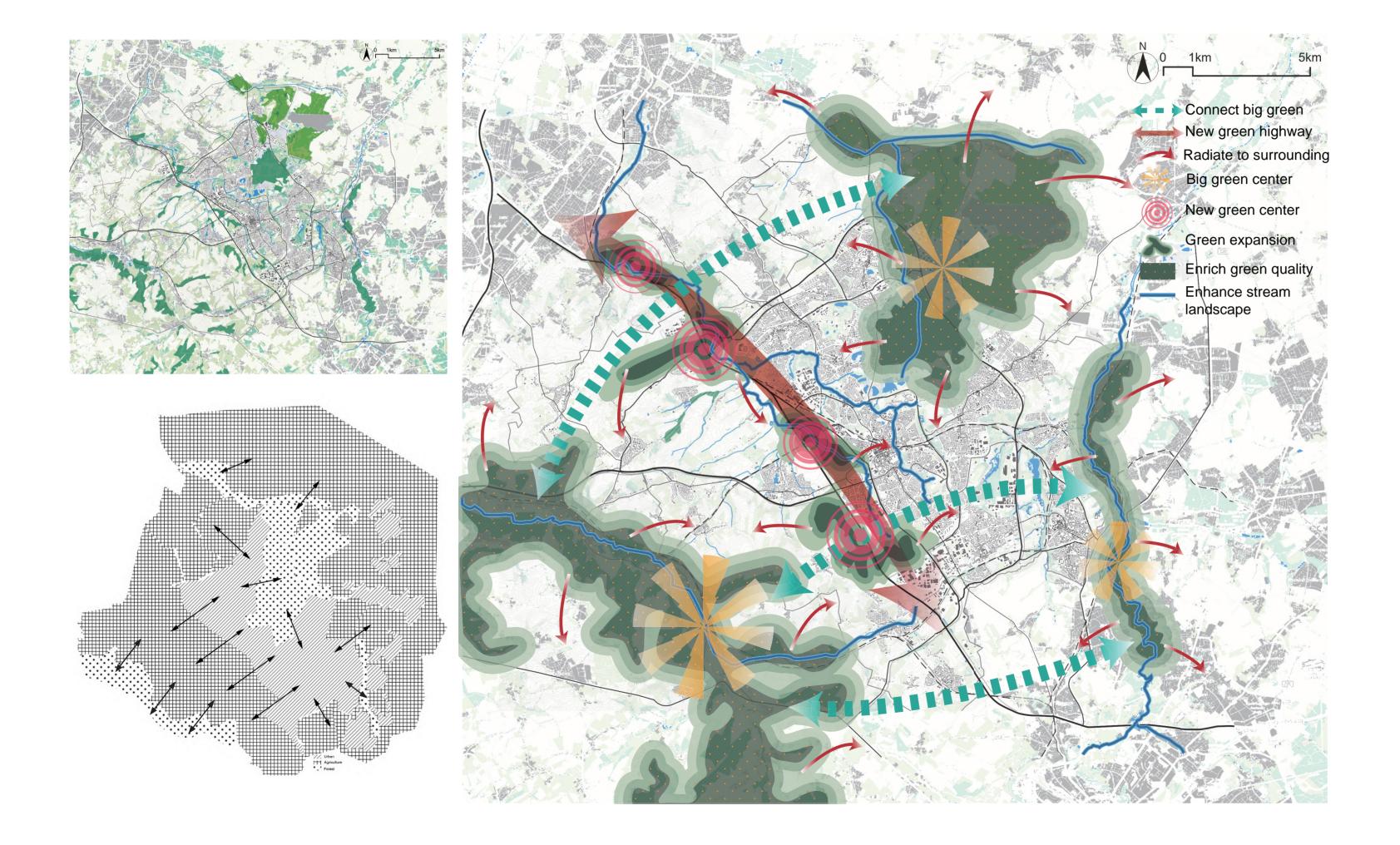


3. Native Network: Make connection between different habitats to promote species migration

Isolated | Fragile Landscape ———— Complex | Strong Landscape ———— Genetic Diversity Species Diversity

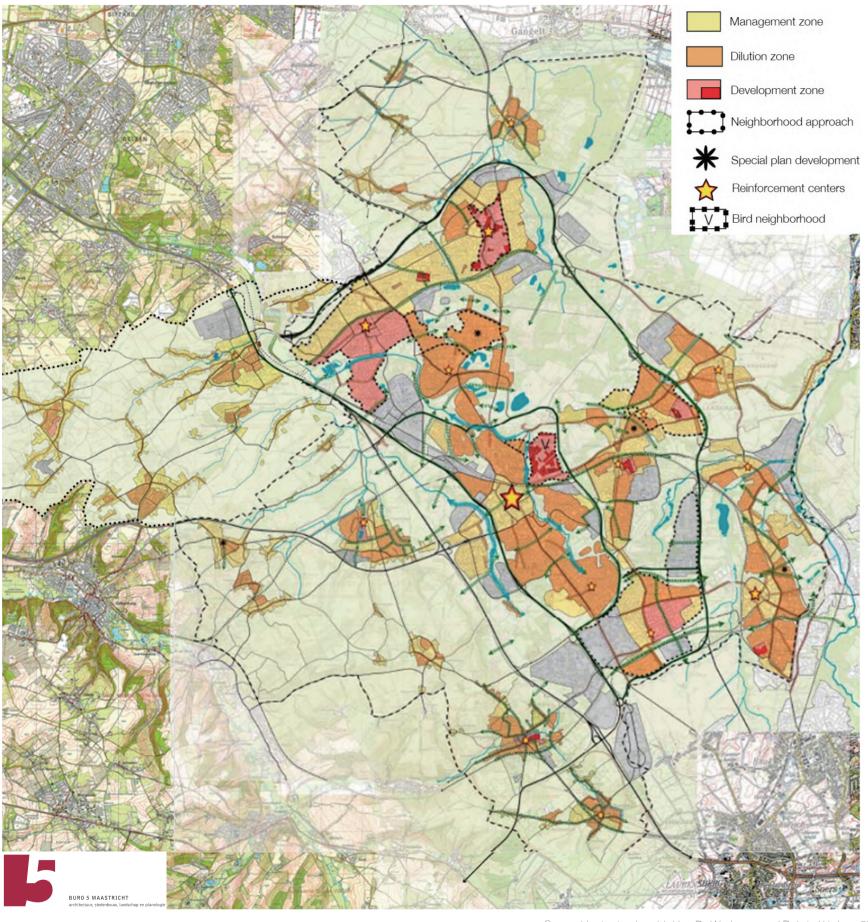




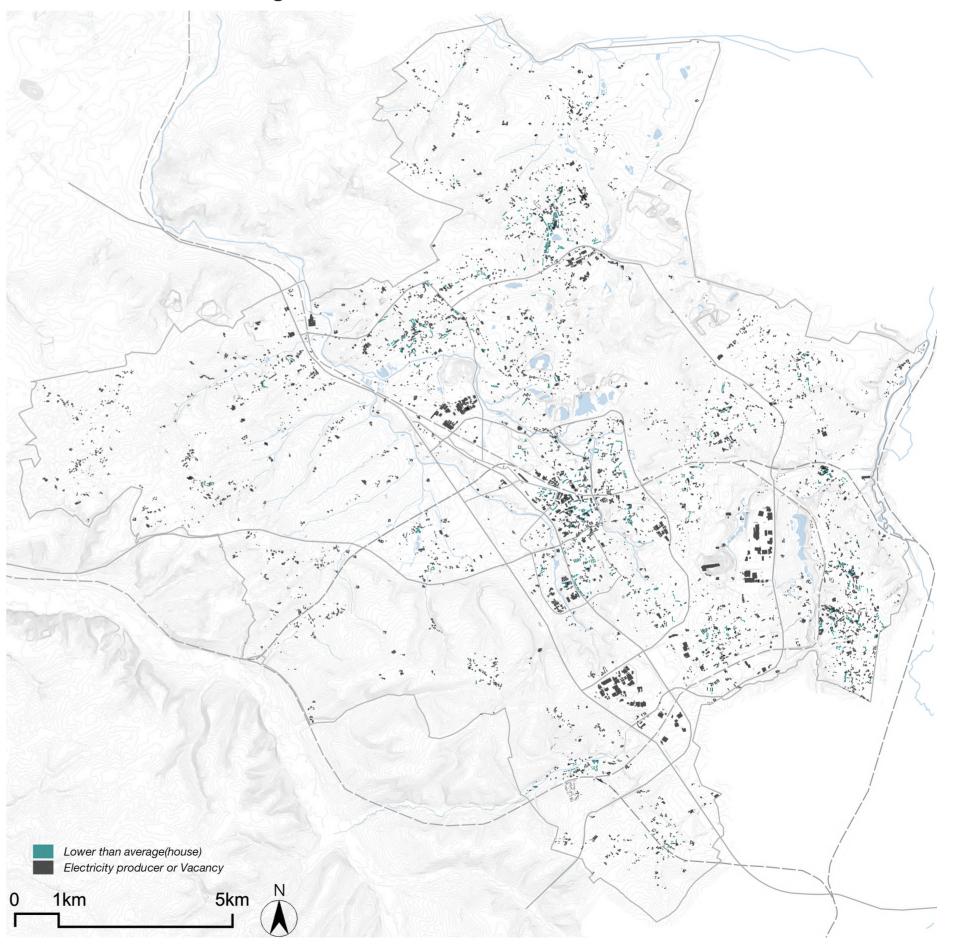


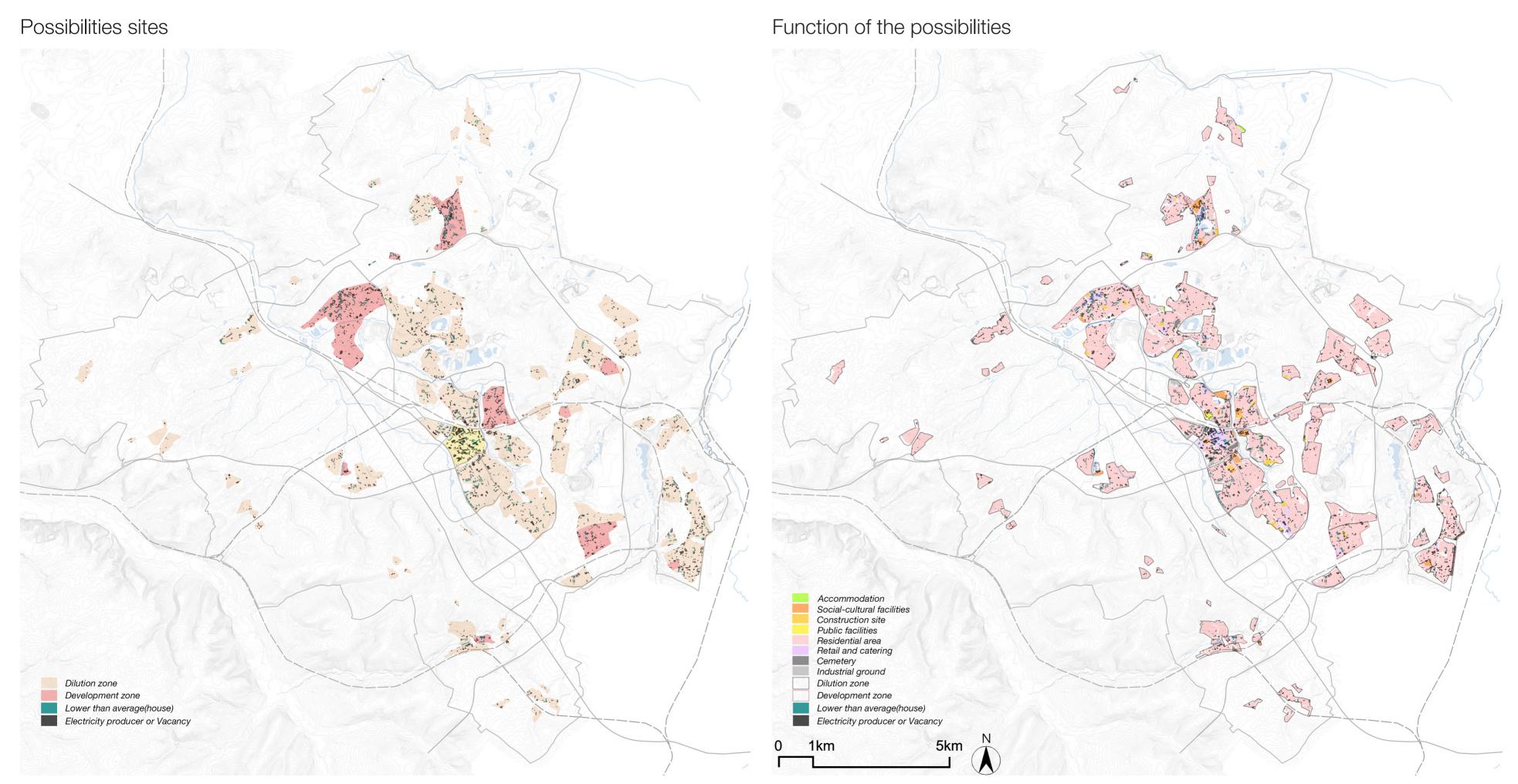
DESIGN Urban Scale

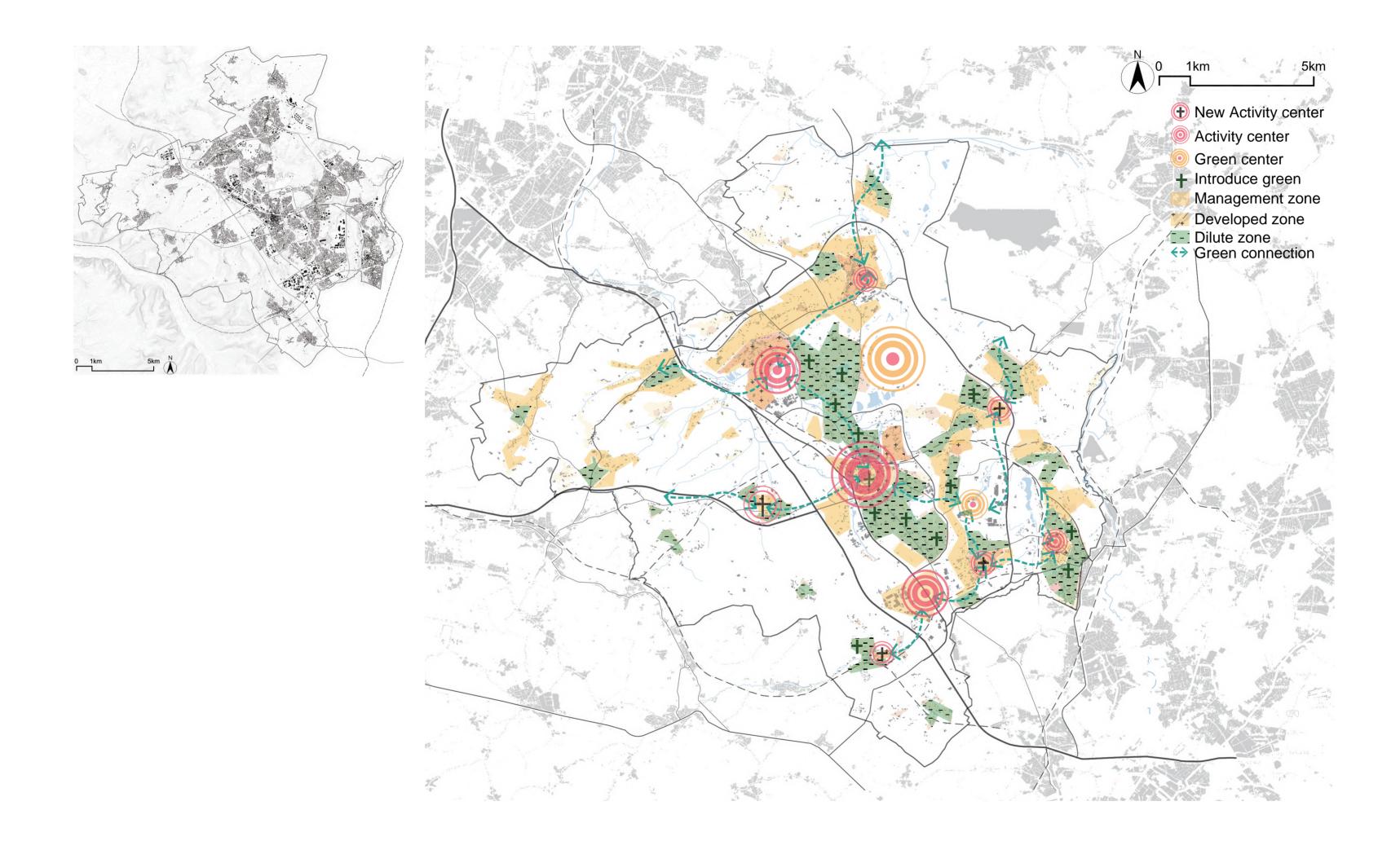
Restructuring vision by Parkstad Limburg

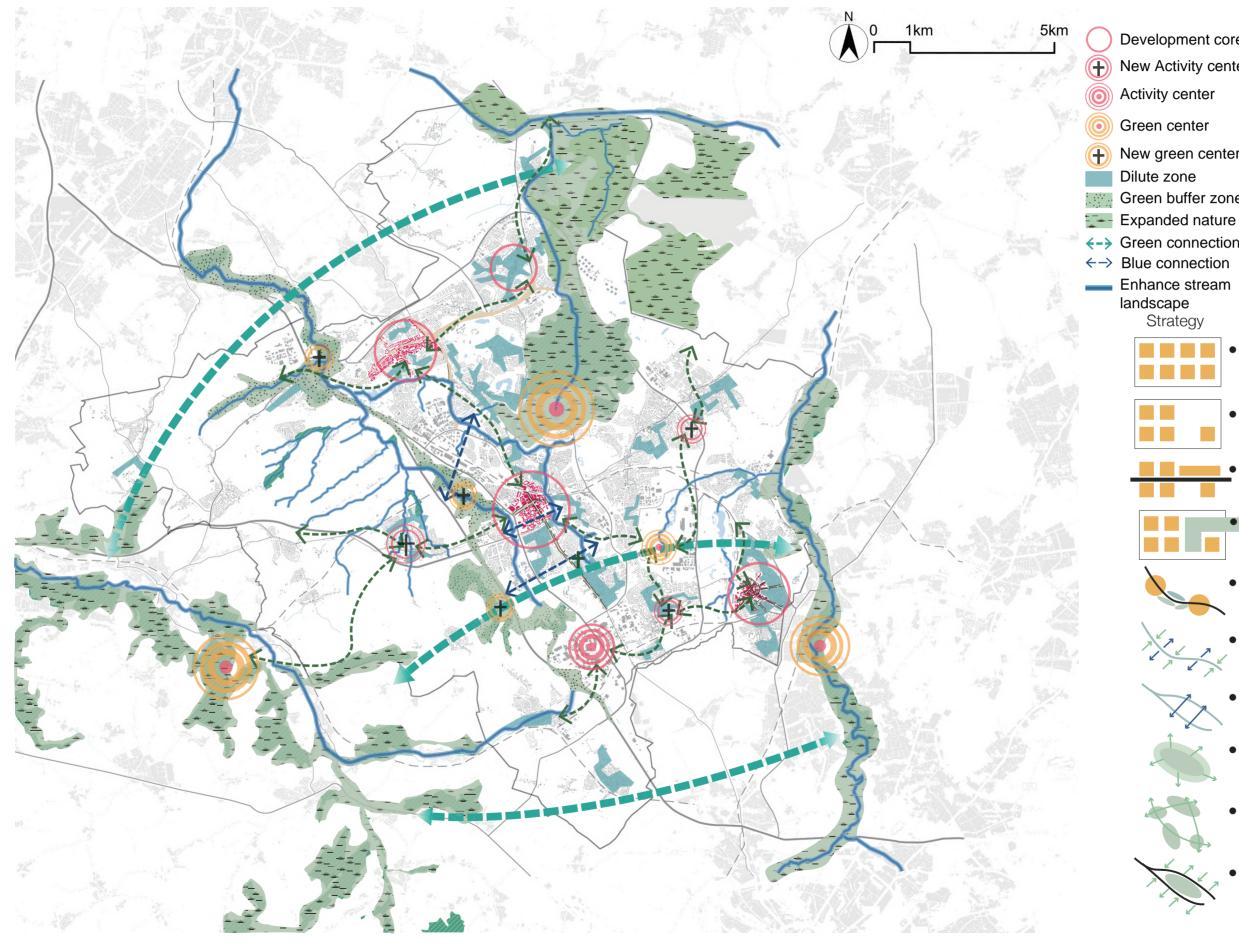


Potential vacant buildings









Development core

New Activity center

Activity center

Green center

New green center

Dilute zone

Green buffer zone

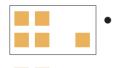
<-> Green connection

←→ Blue connection

Enhance stream landscape Strategy



Keep, manage and reinforce the important center & nodes.



Dilute plots where lots of vacant buildings and lack of resource.



Develope along or around the main Nature or Urban Infrastructure.



Introduce green in both dilute and developer areas.



Green and blue corridors to connect centers.



Enhance stream landscape and add interaction with surroundings



Improve connection and interaction between two stream tributaries.



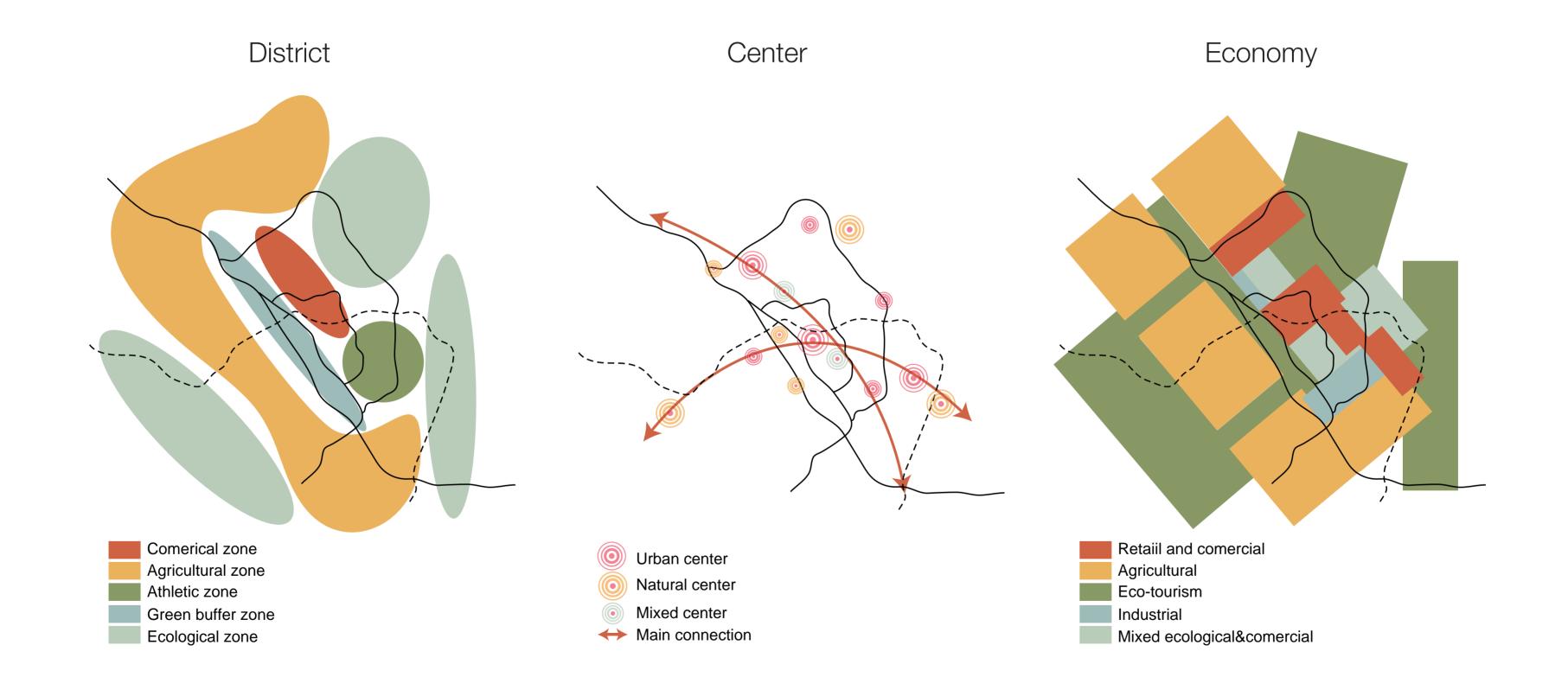
Green spcae radiate to the surrounding patches.



Build connection between big green nature resource.



New green buffer zone between two high way.

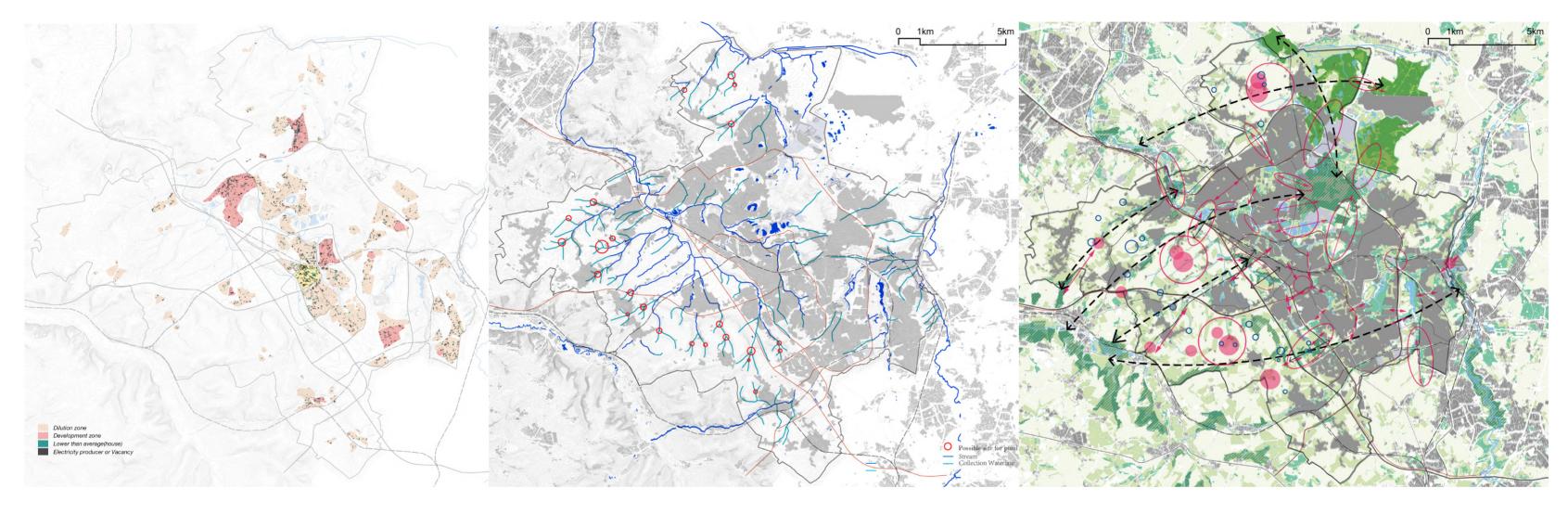


Where and how to make the connection?



Insect

Bird

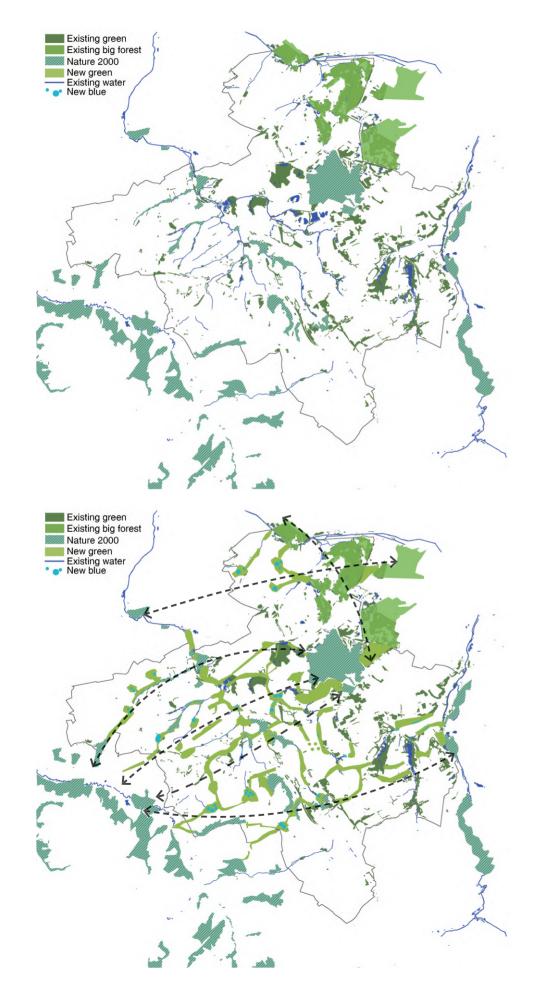


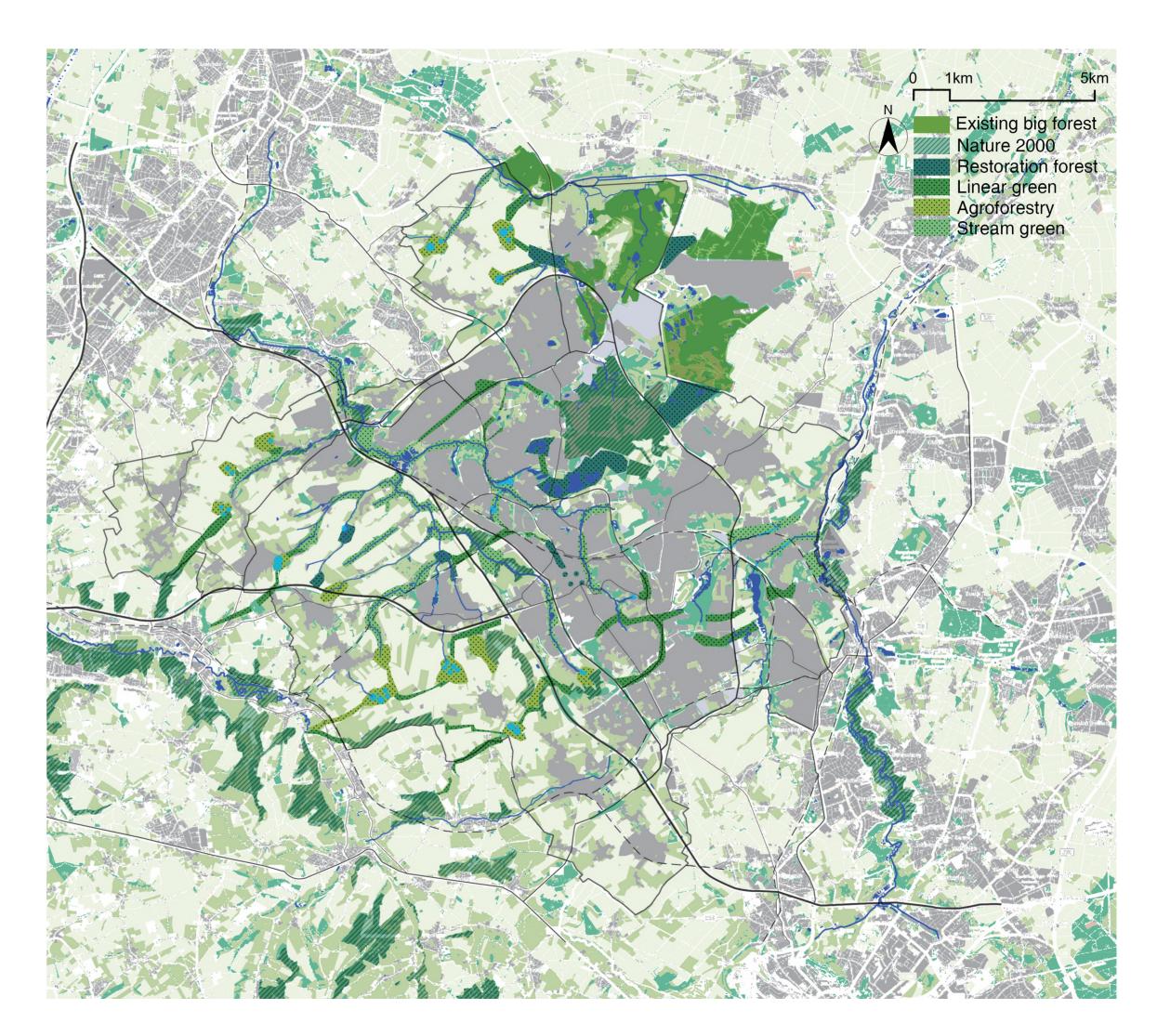
Possibilities sites in urban area

Collection waterline Water catchment area

Final possibilities

Green and Blue Framework





city-center







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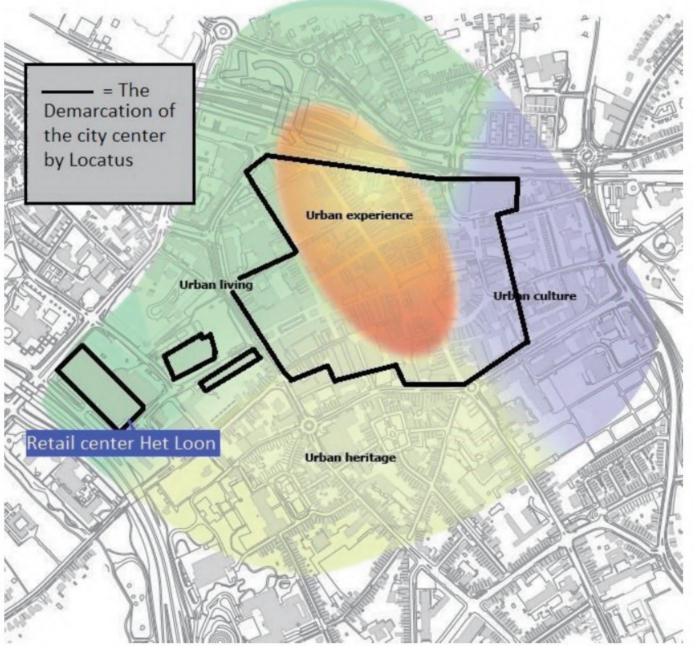
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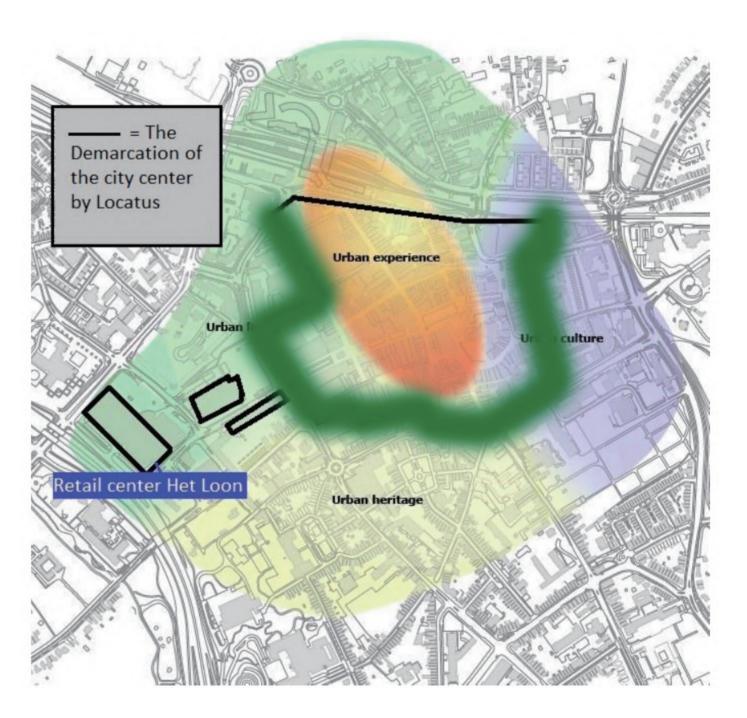




Choose city center as the starting point





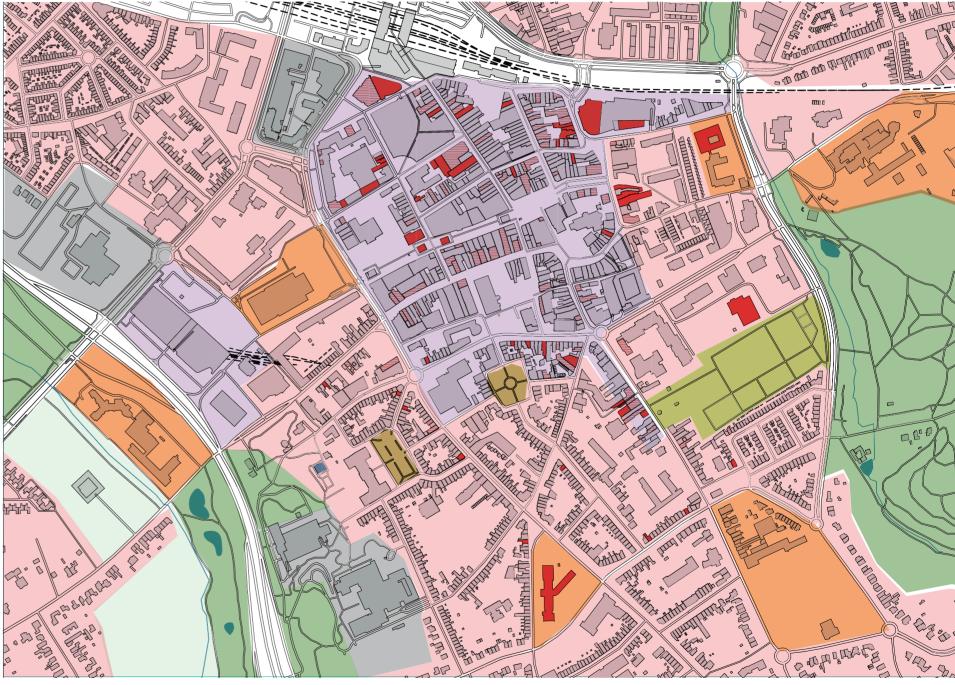


New green ring

Vacant buildings



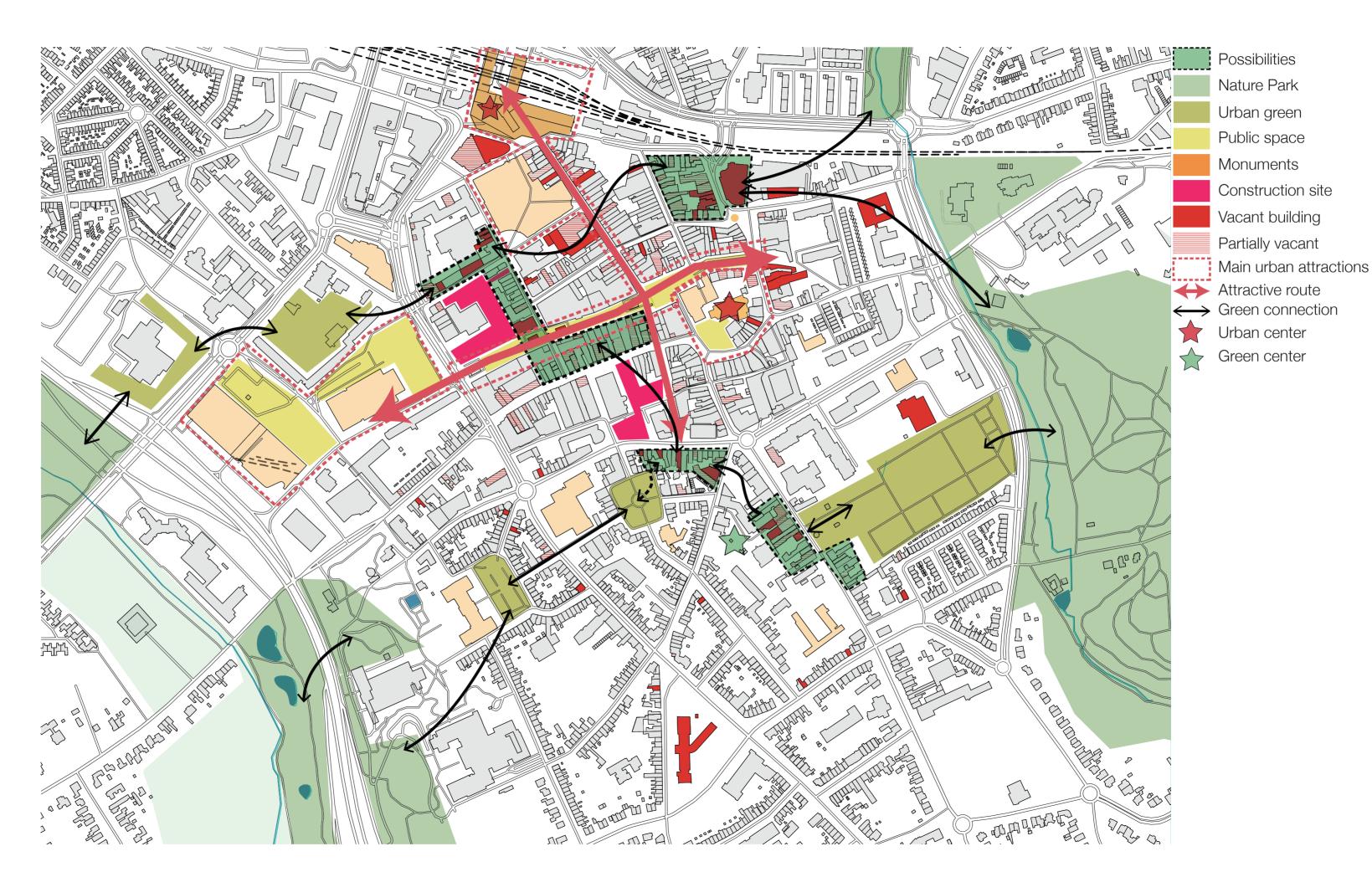
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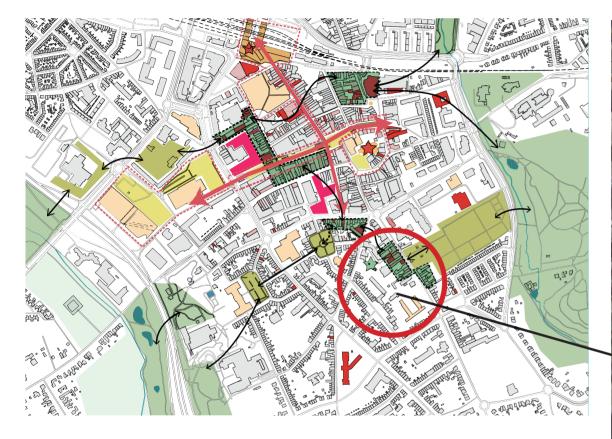
Three possible sites

Build new green belts

Strength the two axis



Final Site













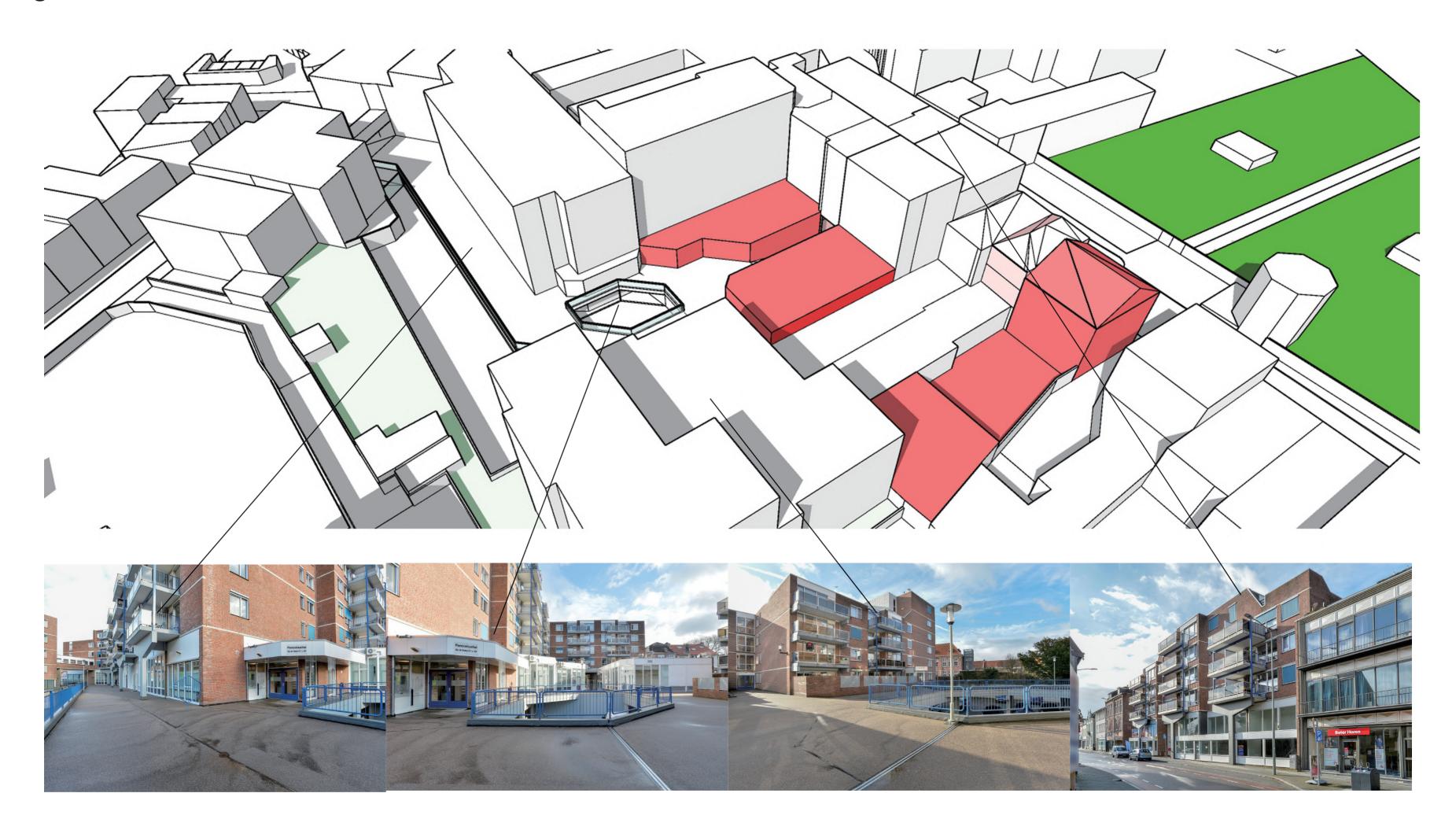




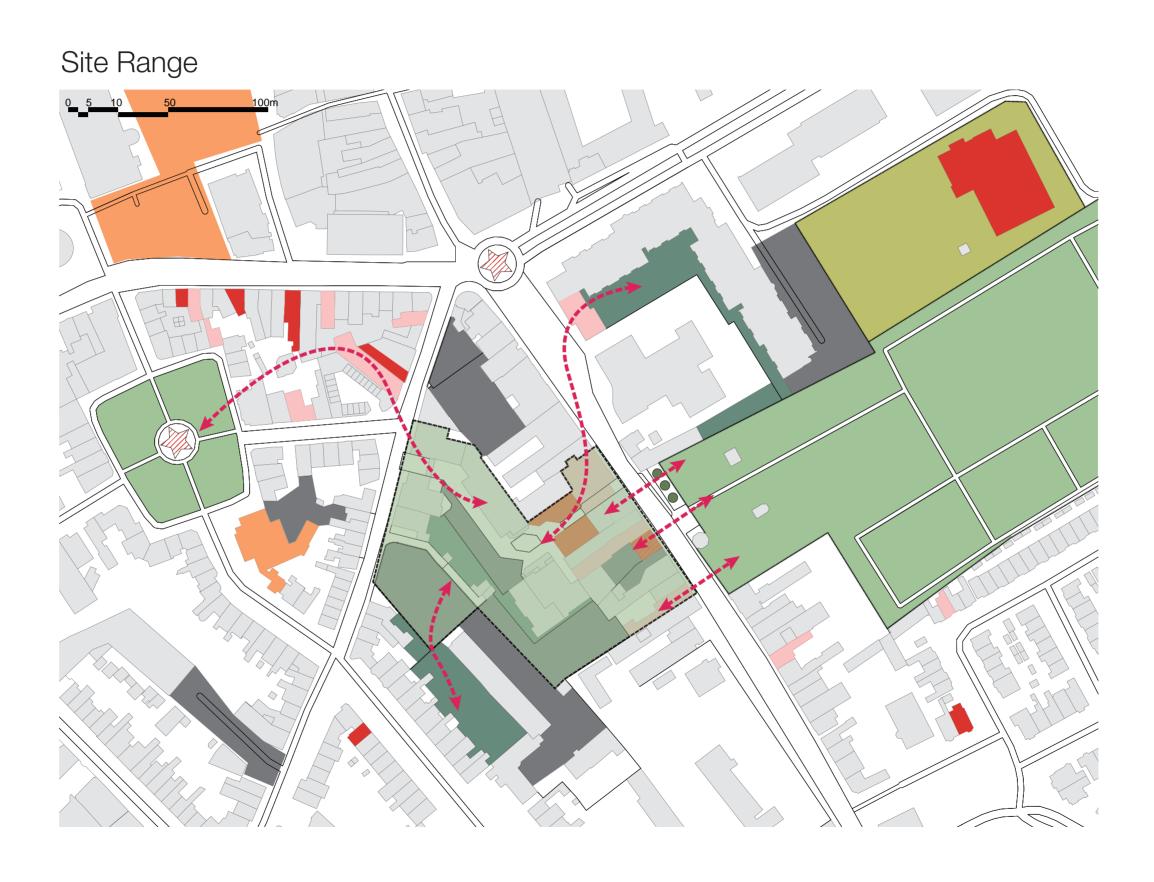


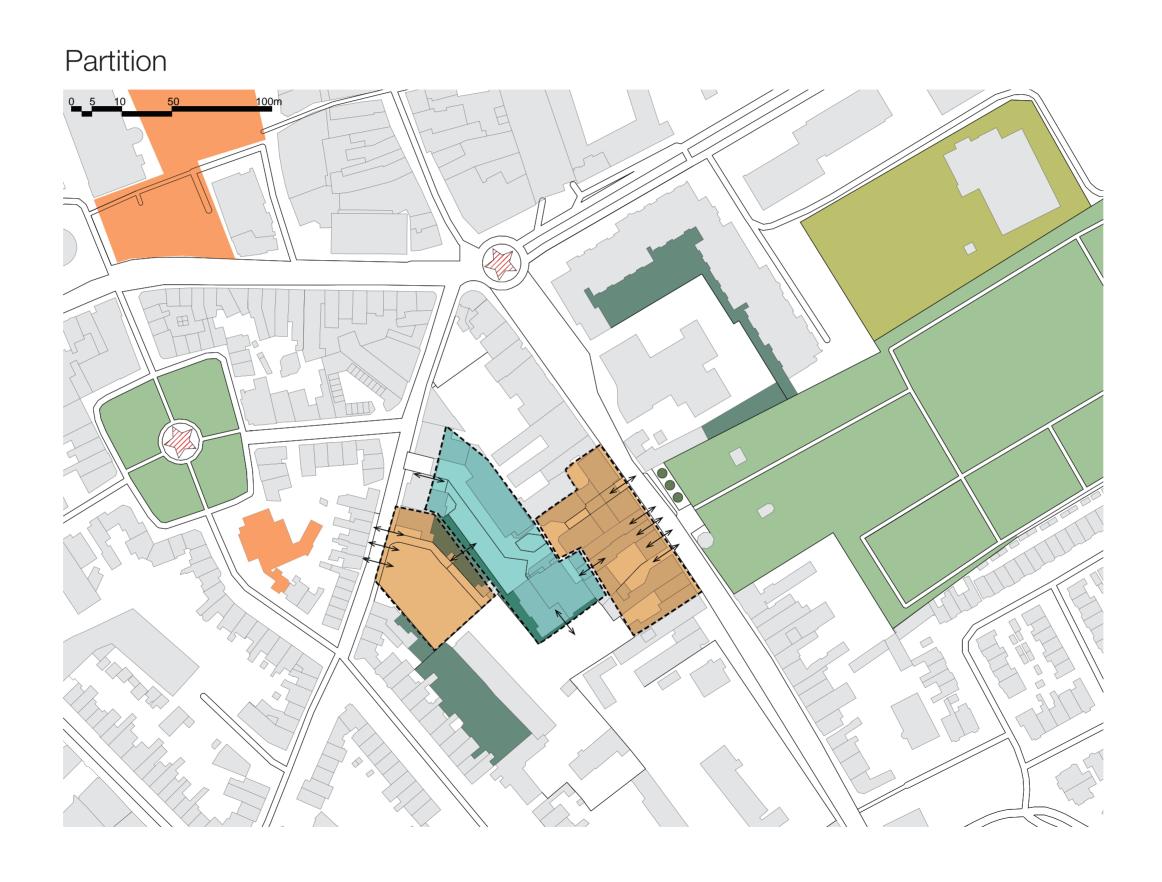


Design Community Scale









4 Tset Design for 4 users



Eurasian Eagle Owl-Bubo bubo Red List



Red-backed shrike-*Lanius collurio*Red List

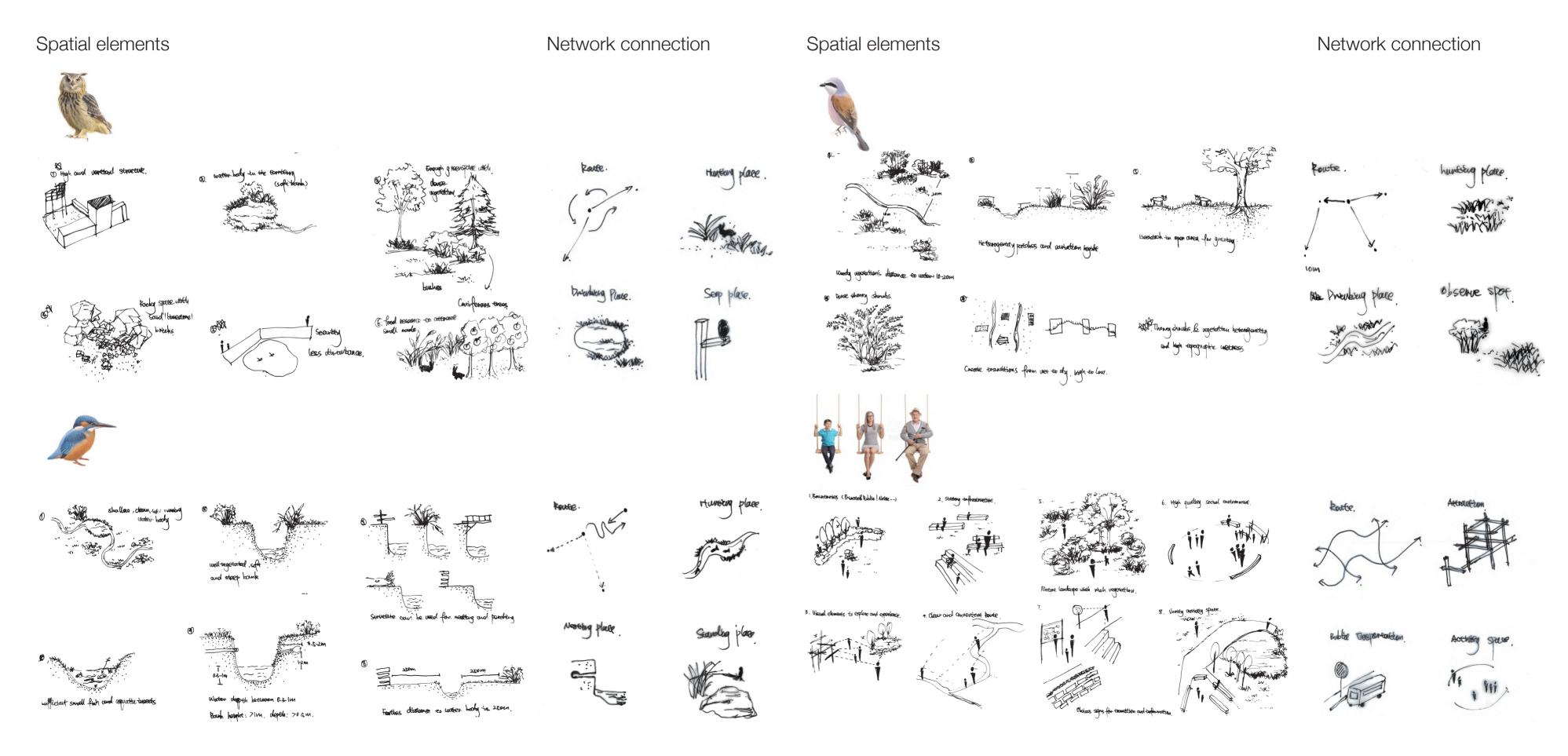


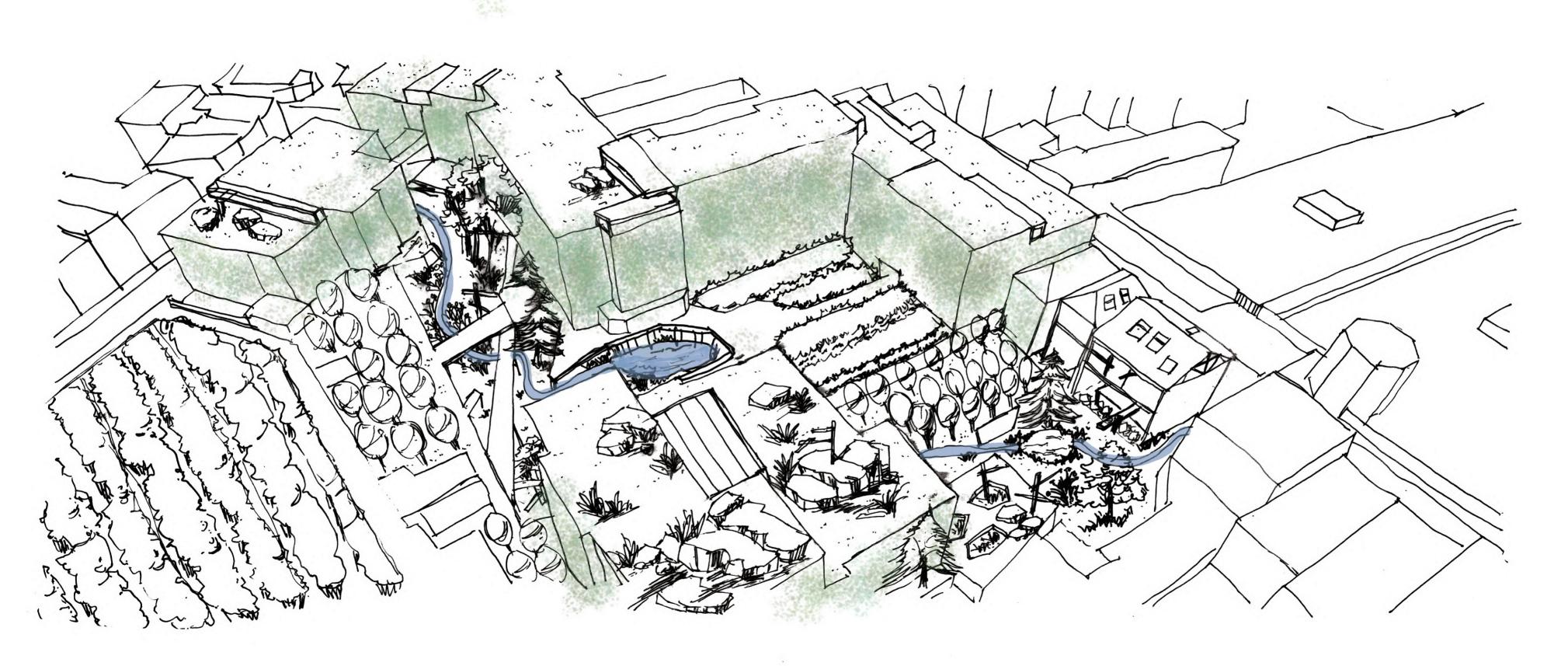
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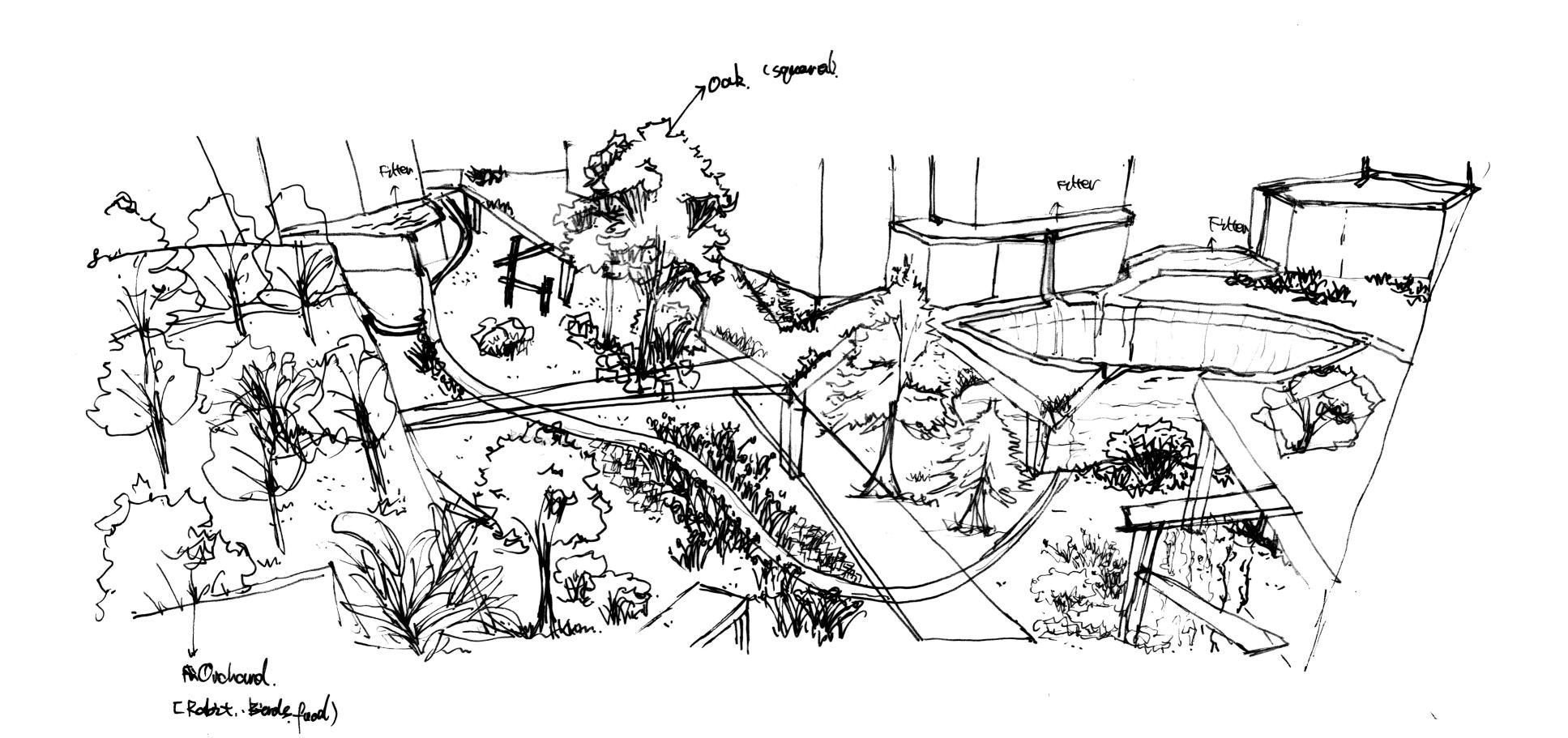


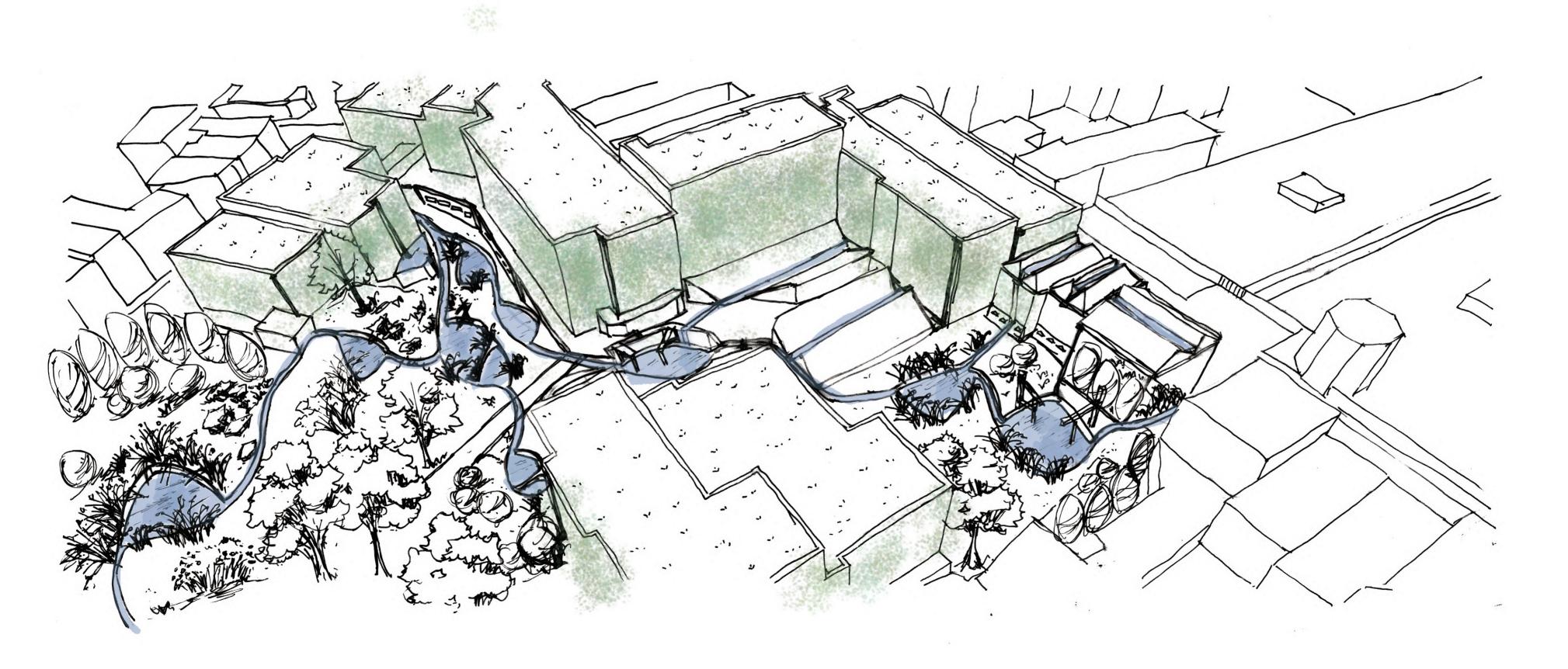
People
Shrinking in population | Eging society

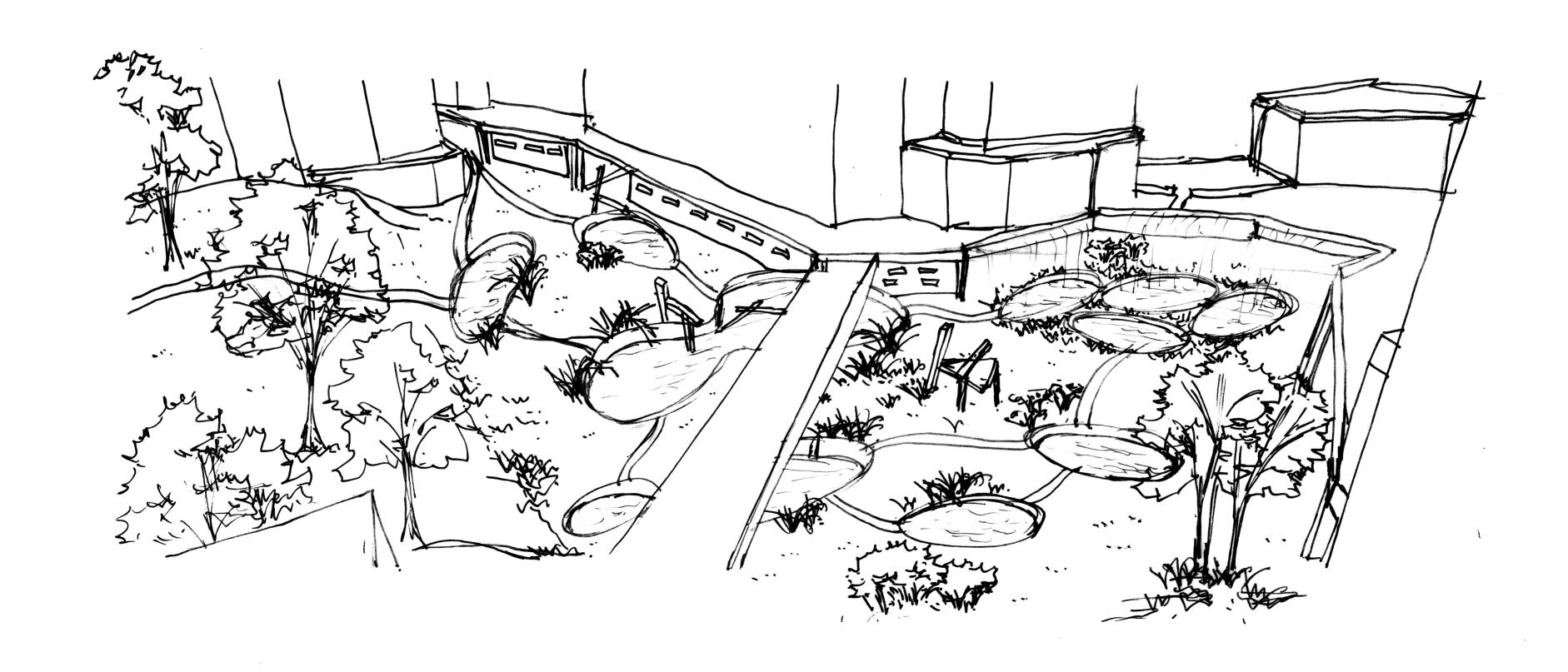
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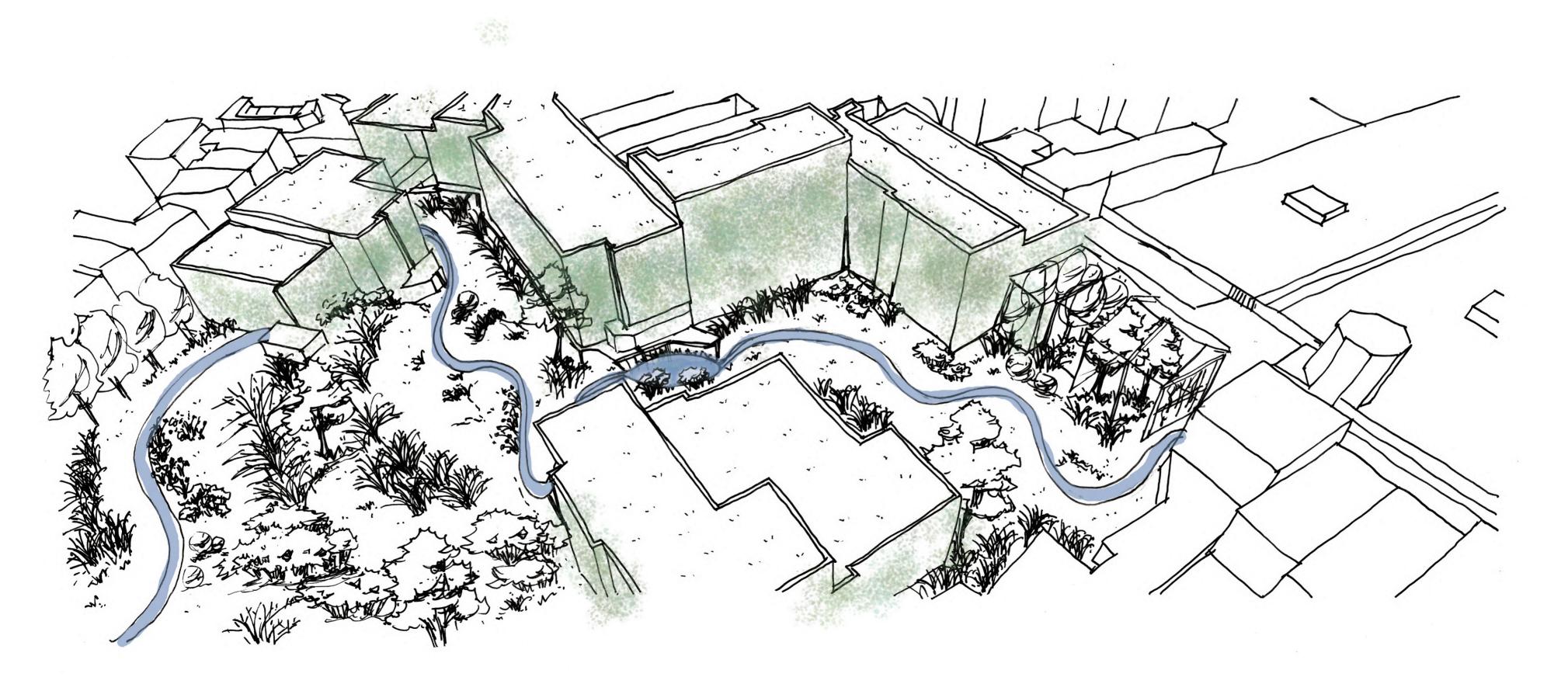


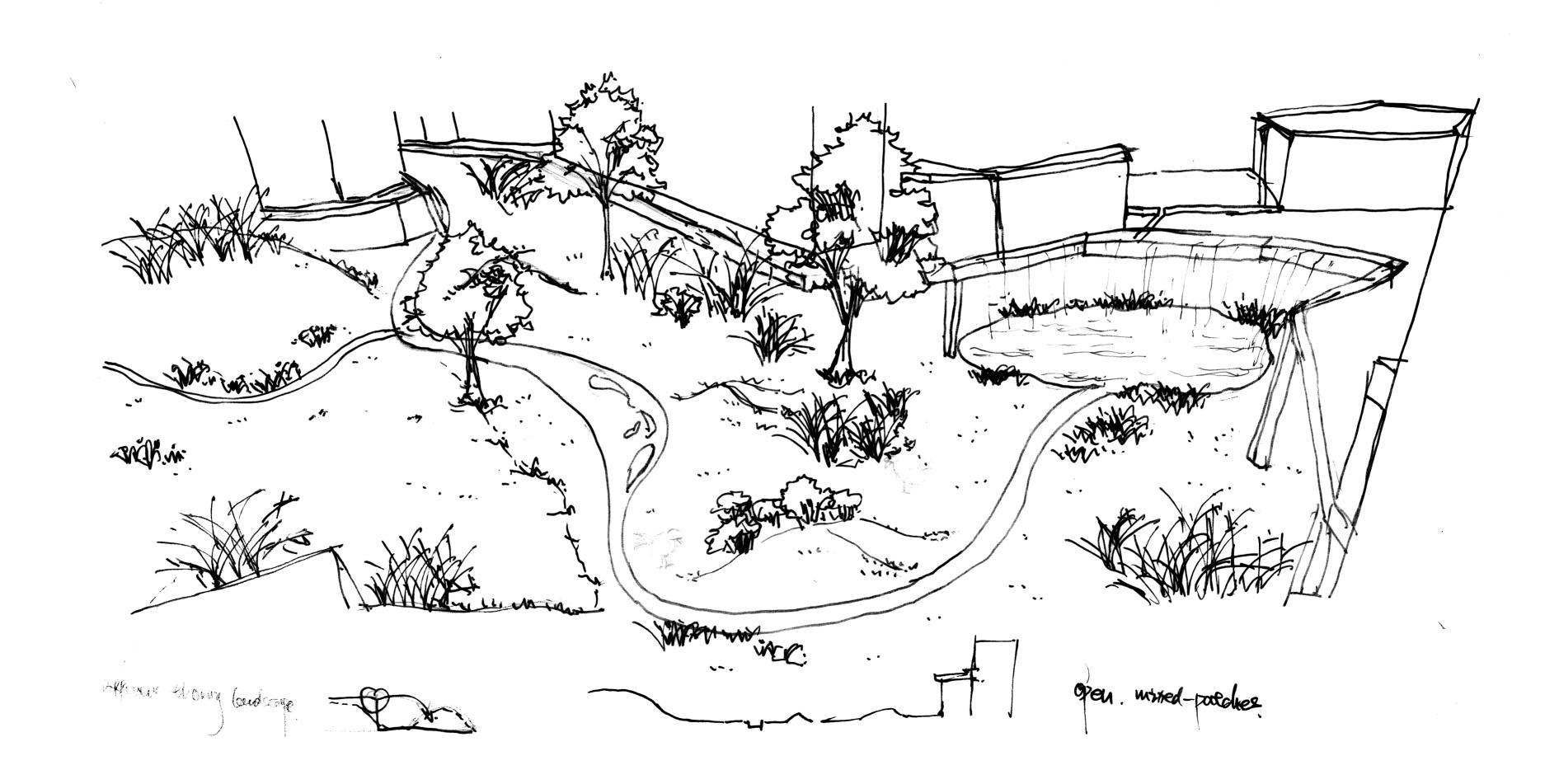


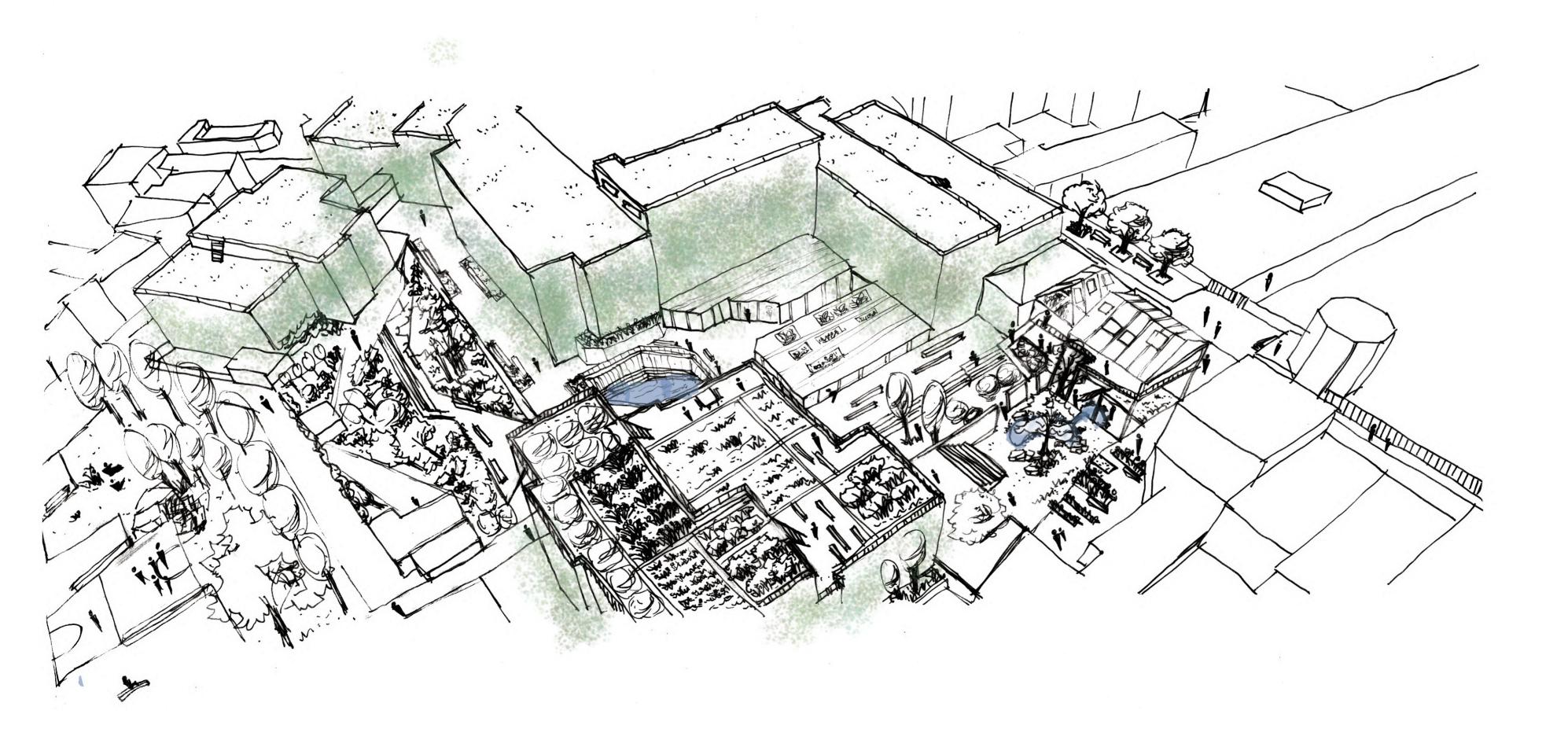


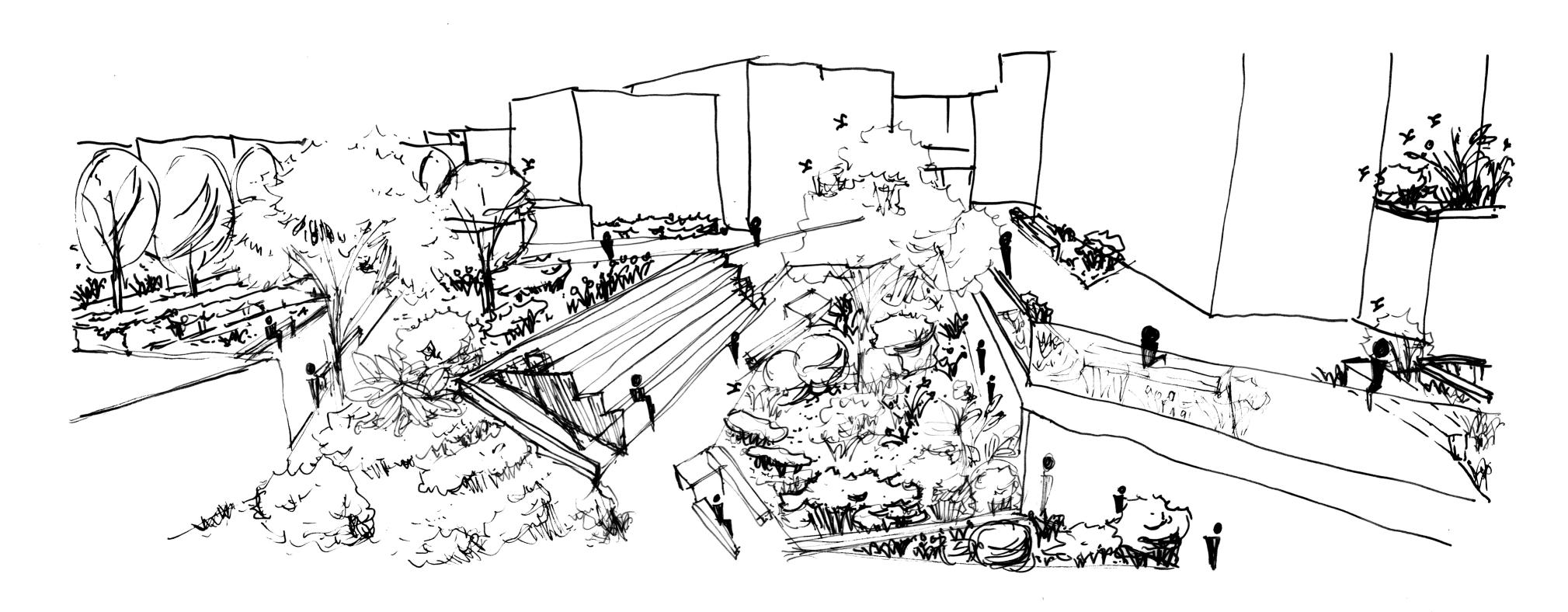








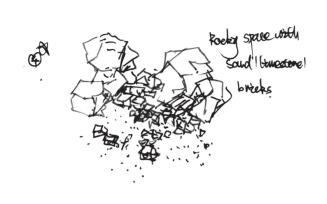


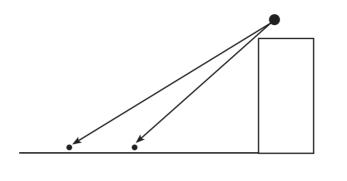


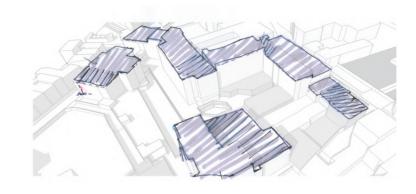
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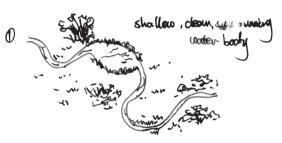
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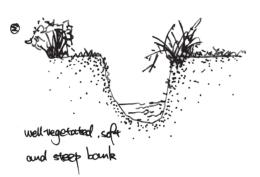
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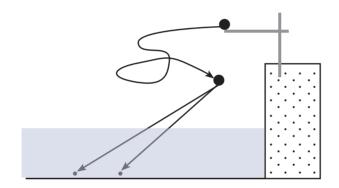


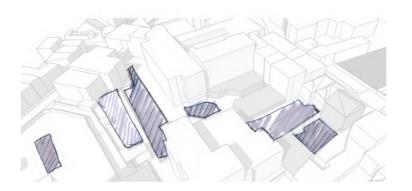




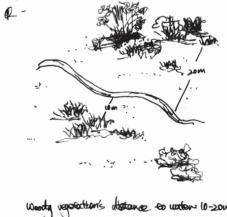




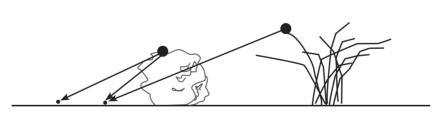


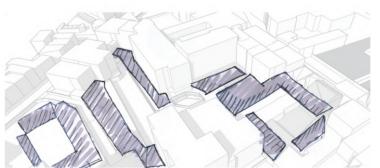


Red-Backed Shrike





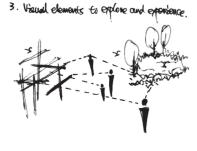


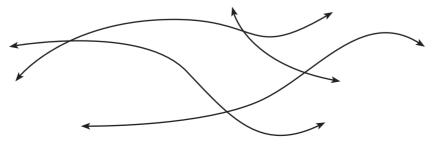


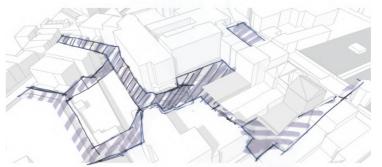


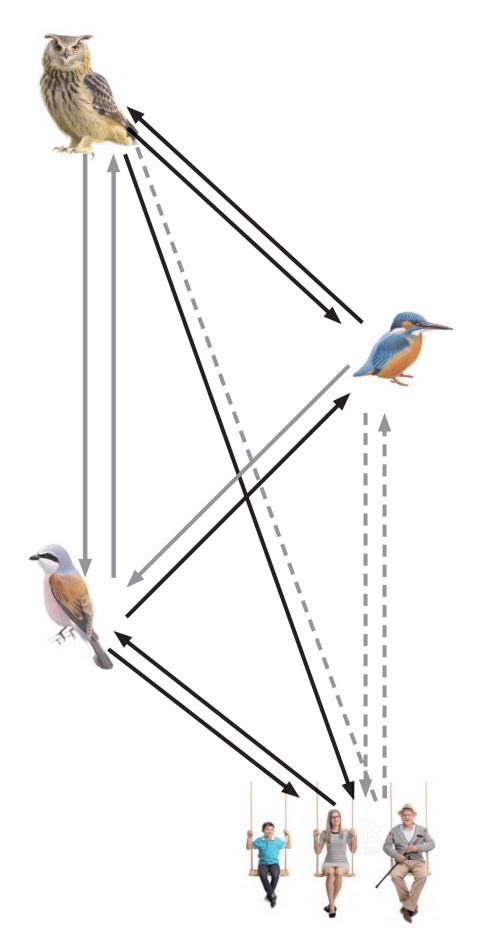






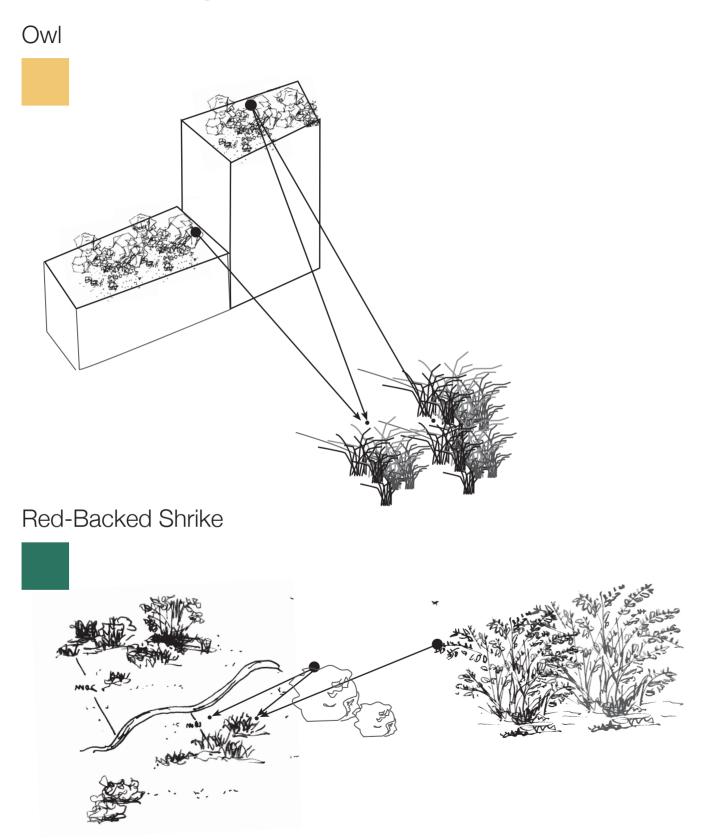


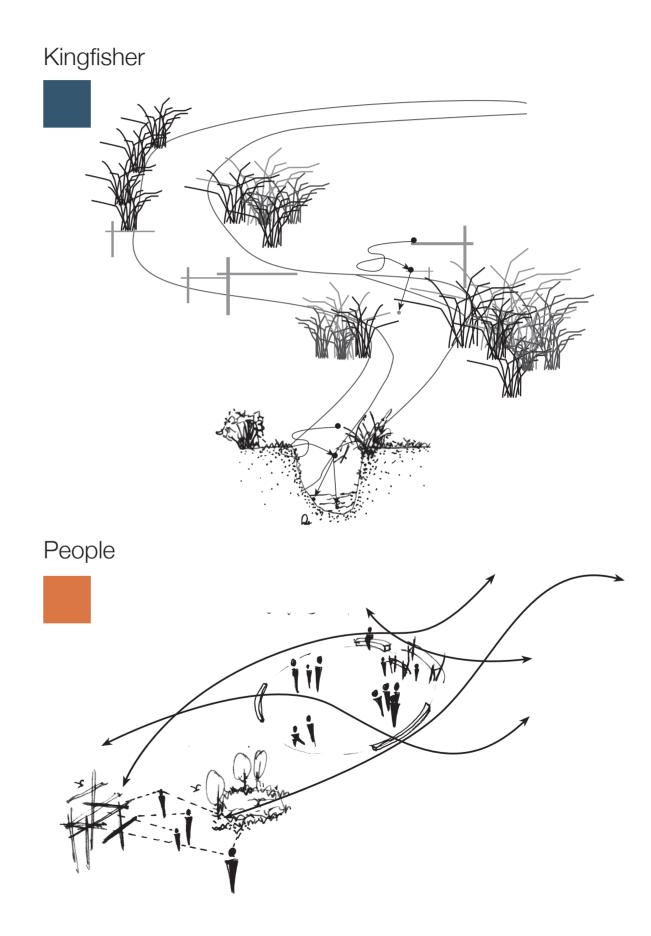




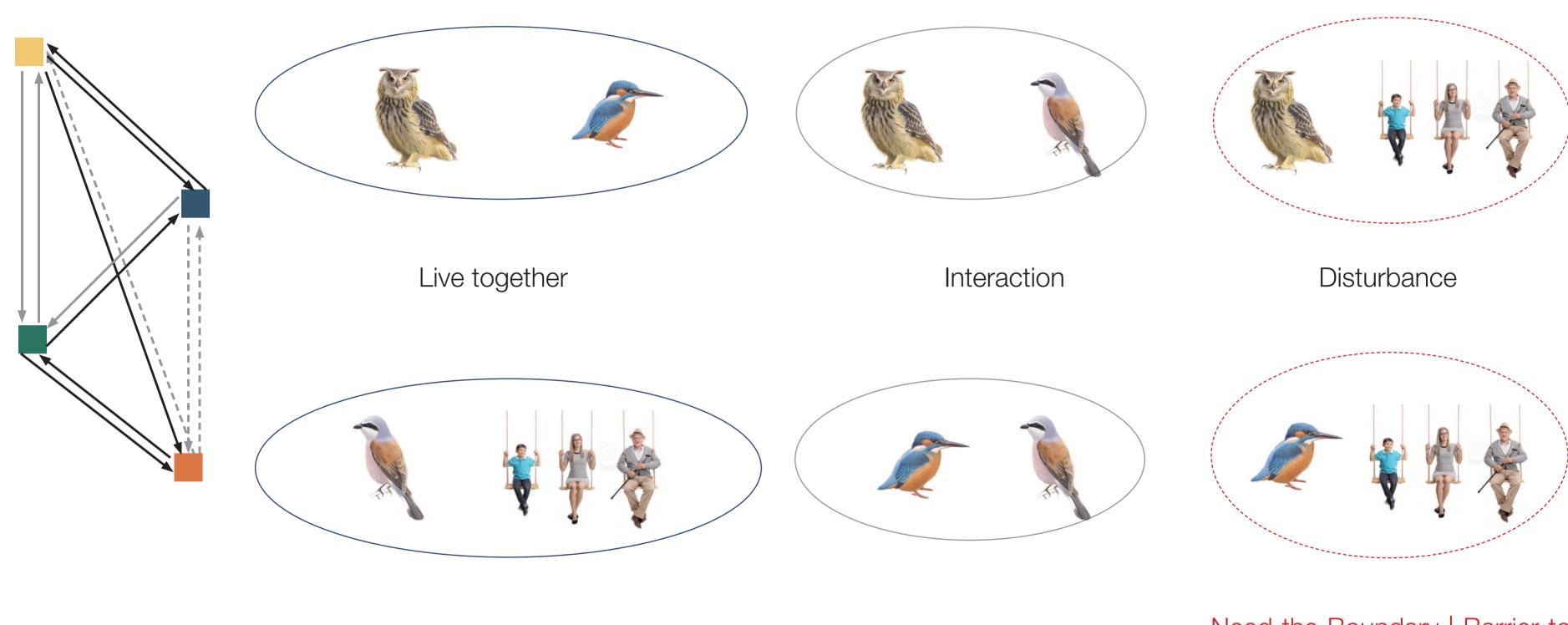
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Basic space composition of each group



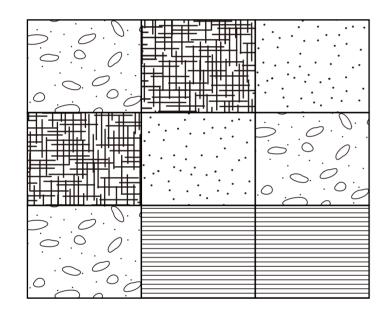


How to collaboration



Need the Boundary | Barrier to protect

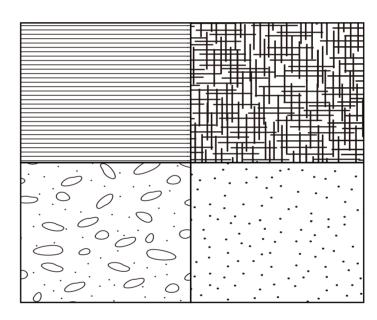
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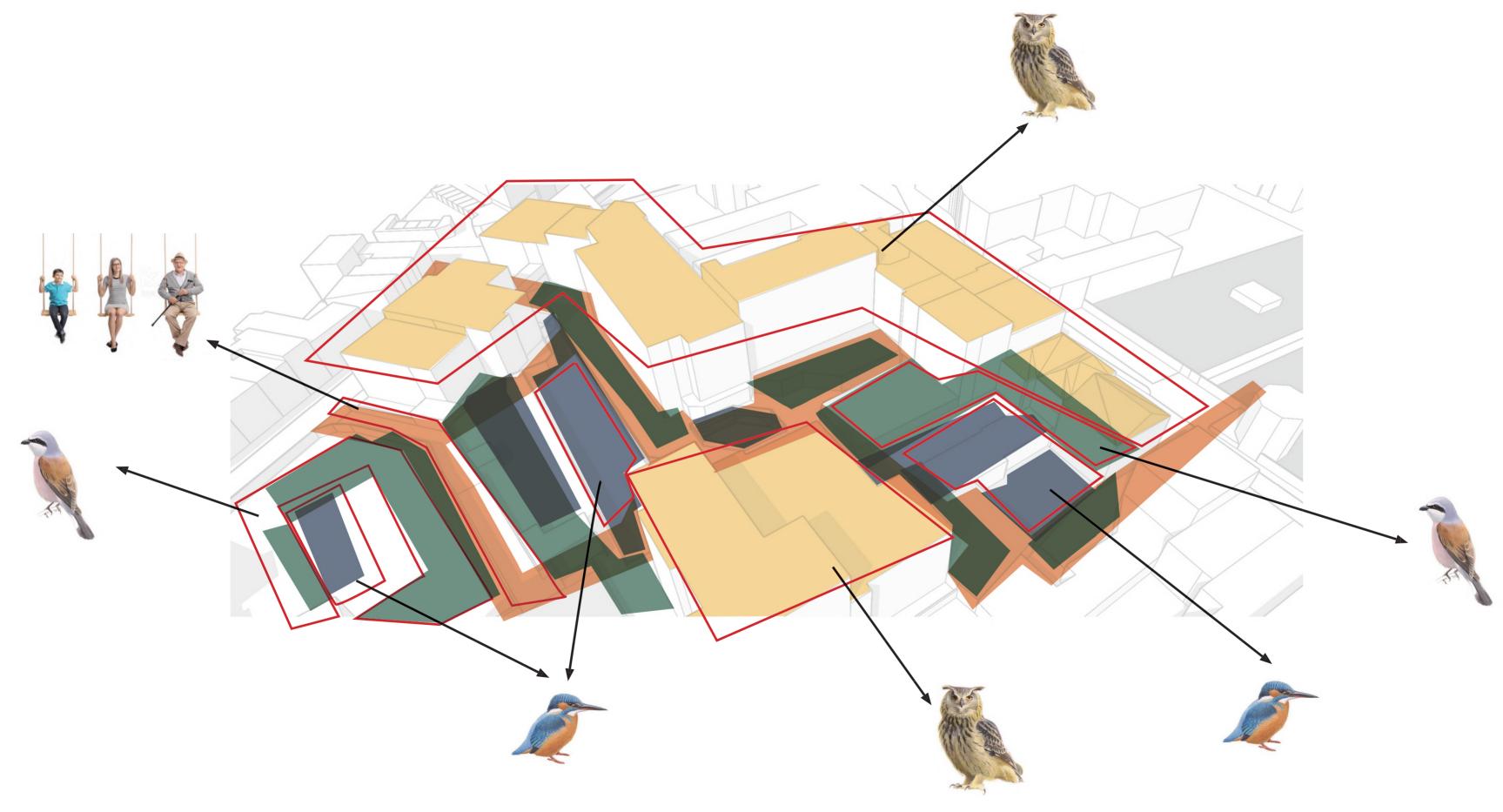


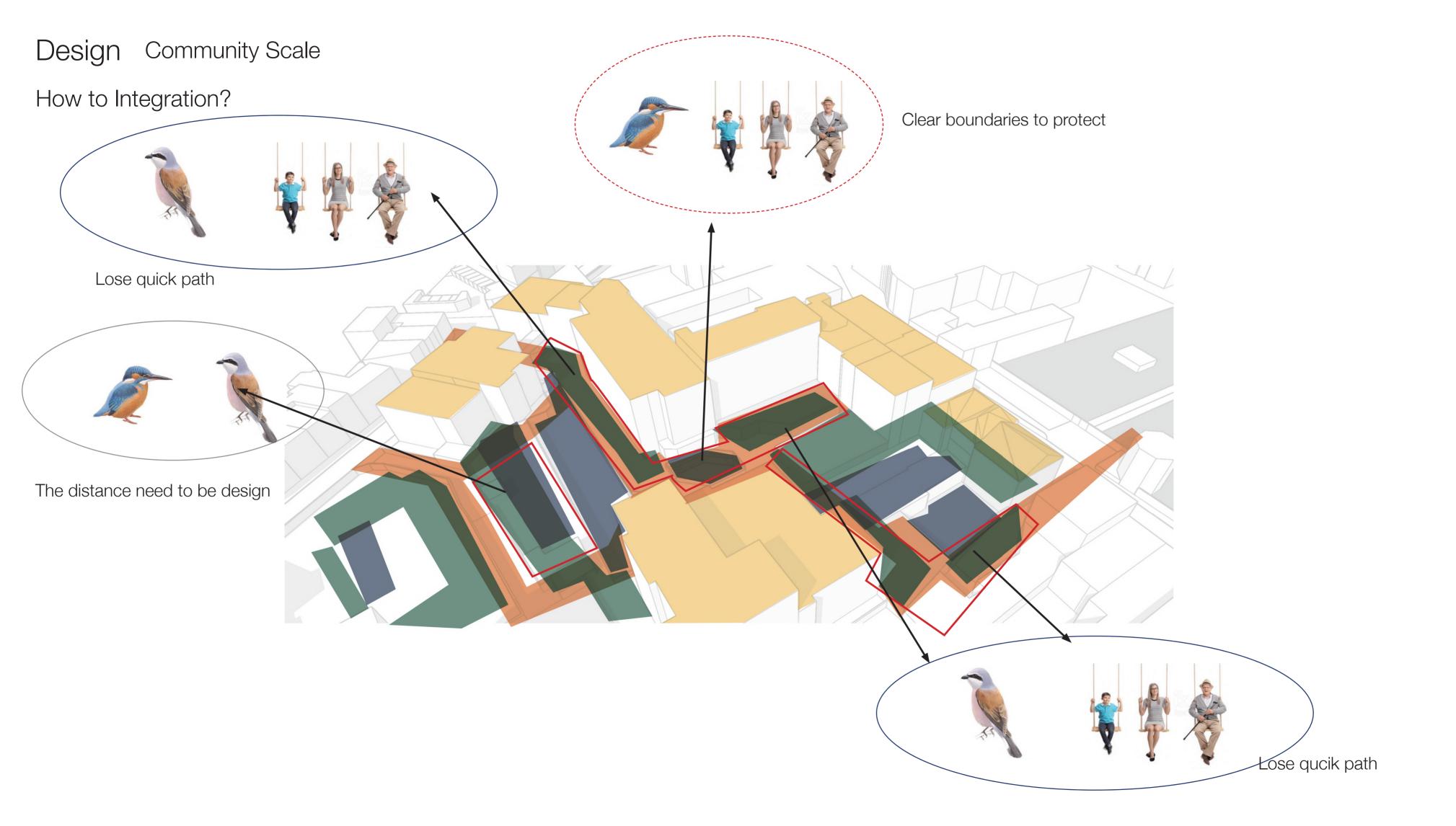
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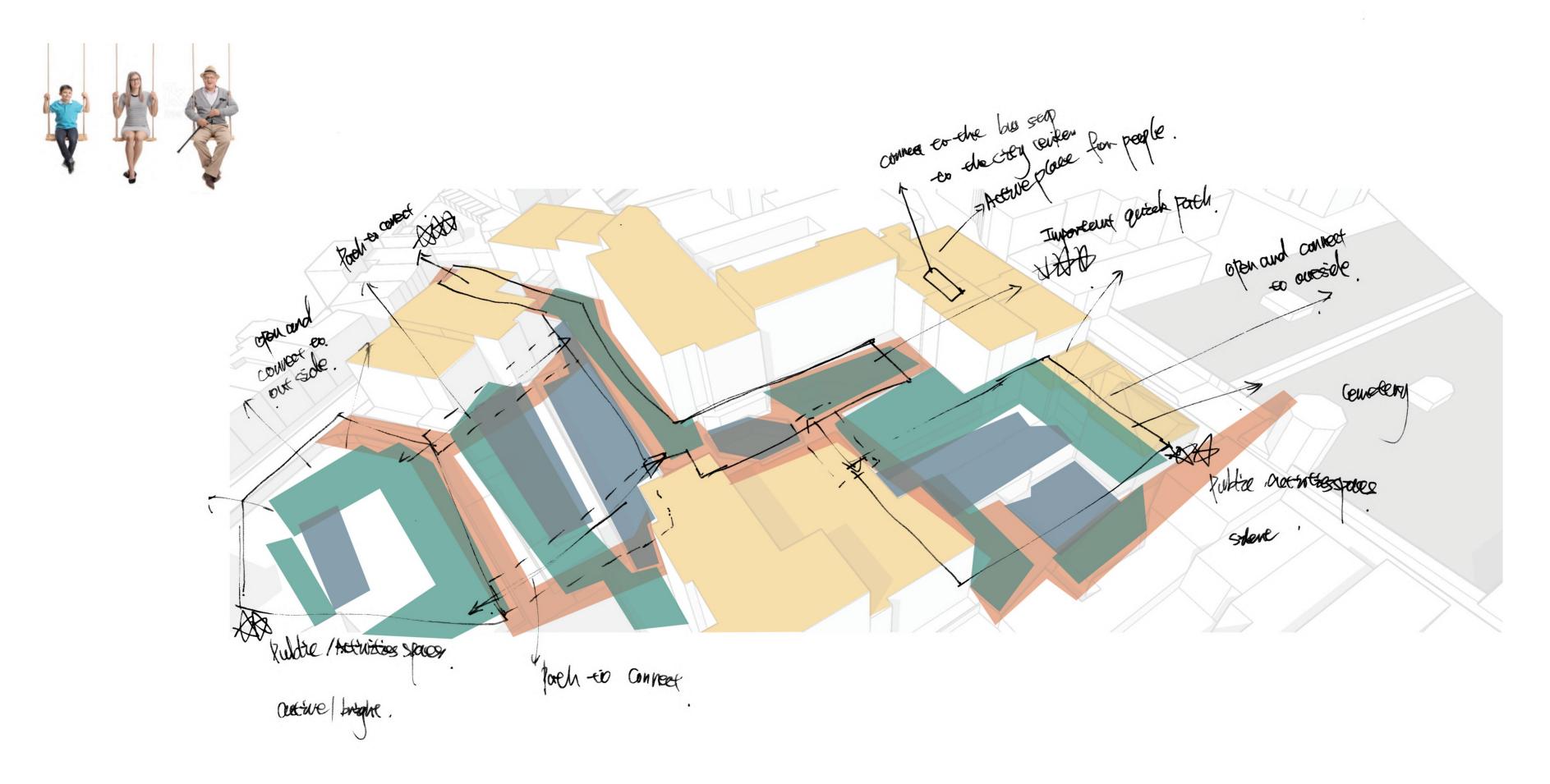


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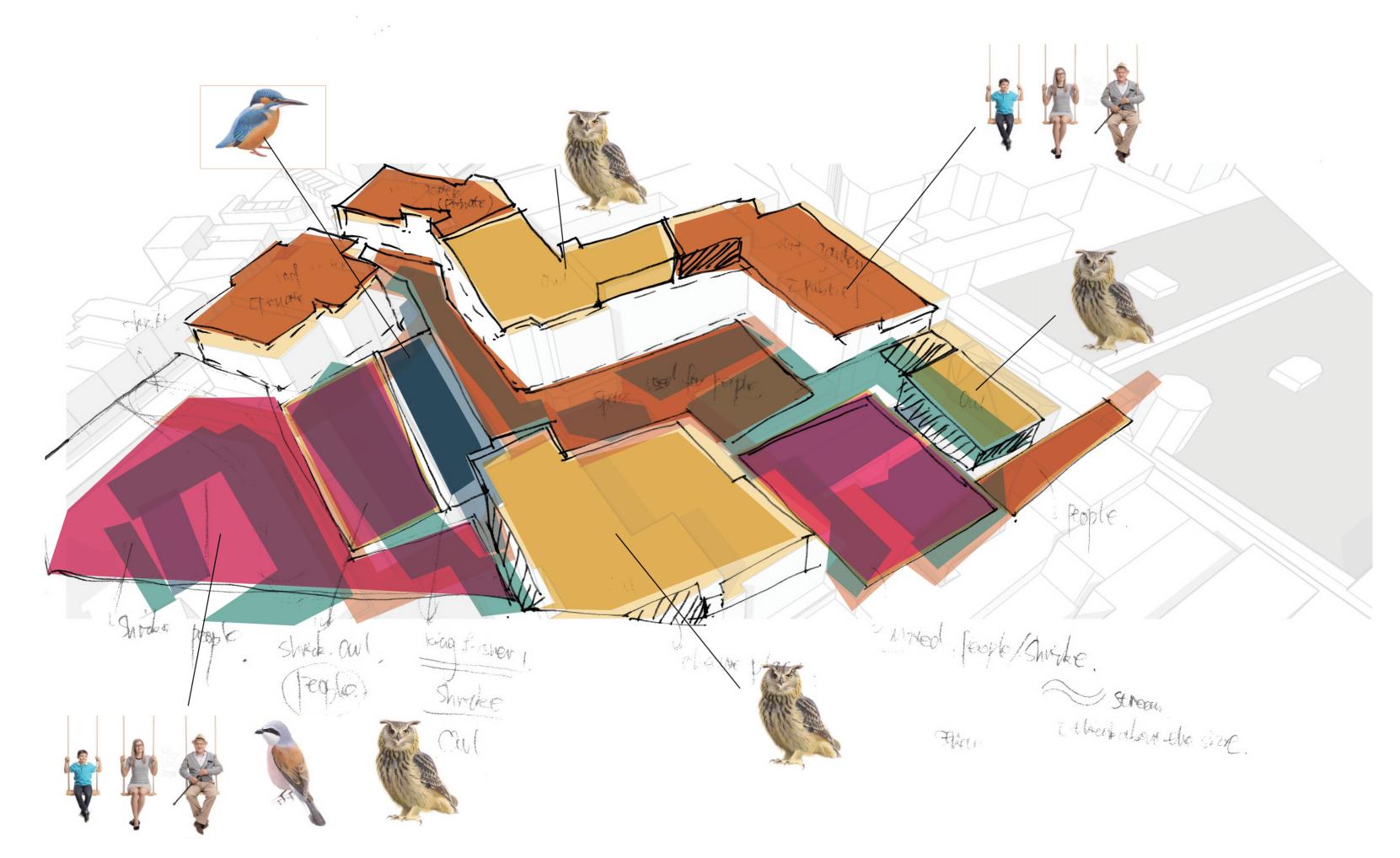
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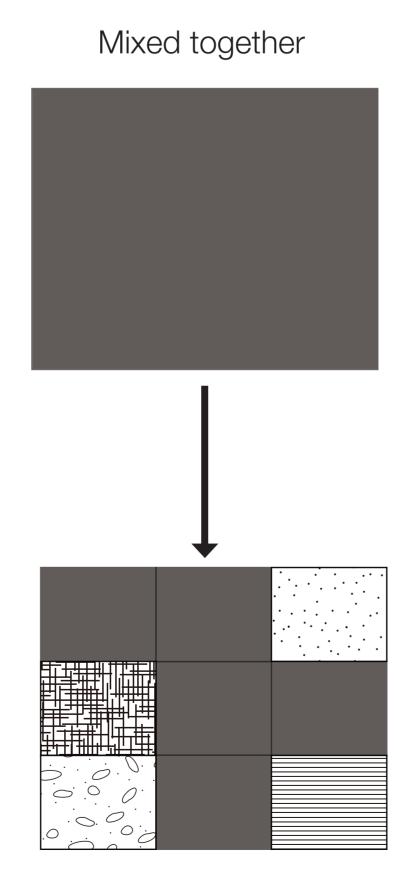


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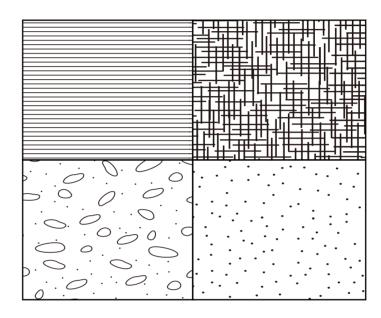


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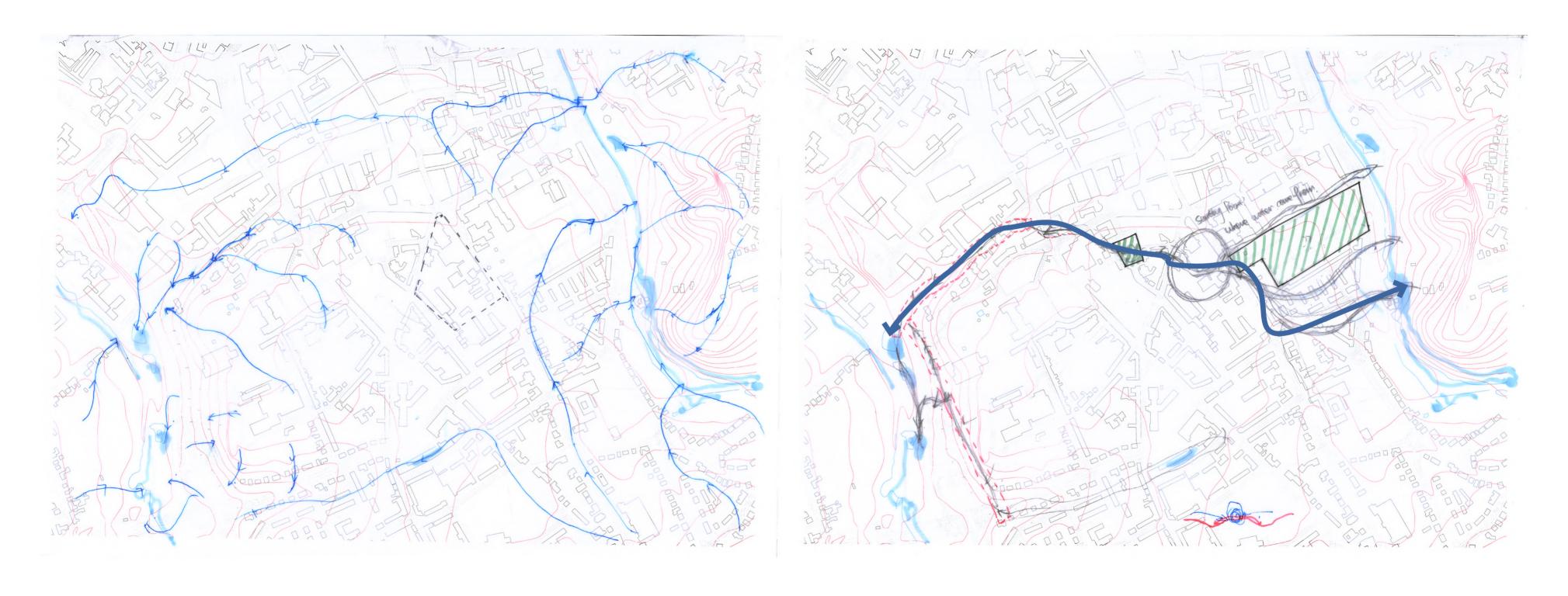


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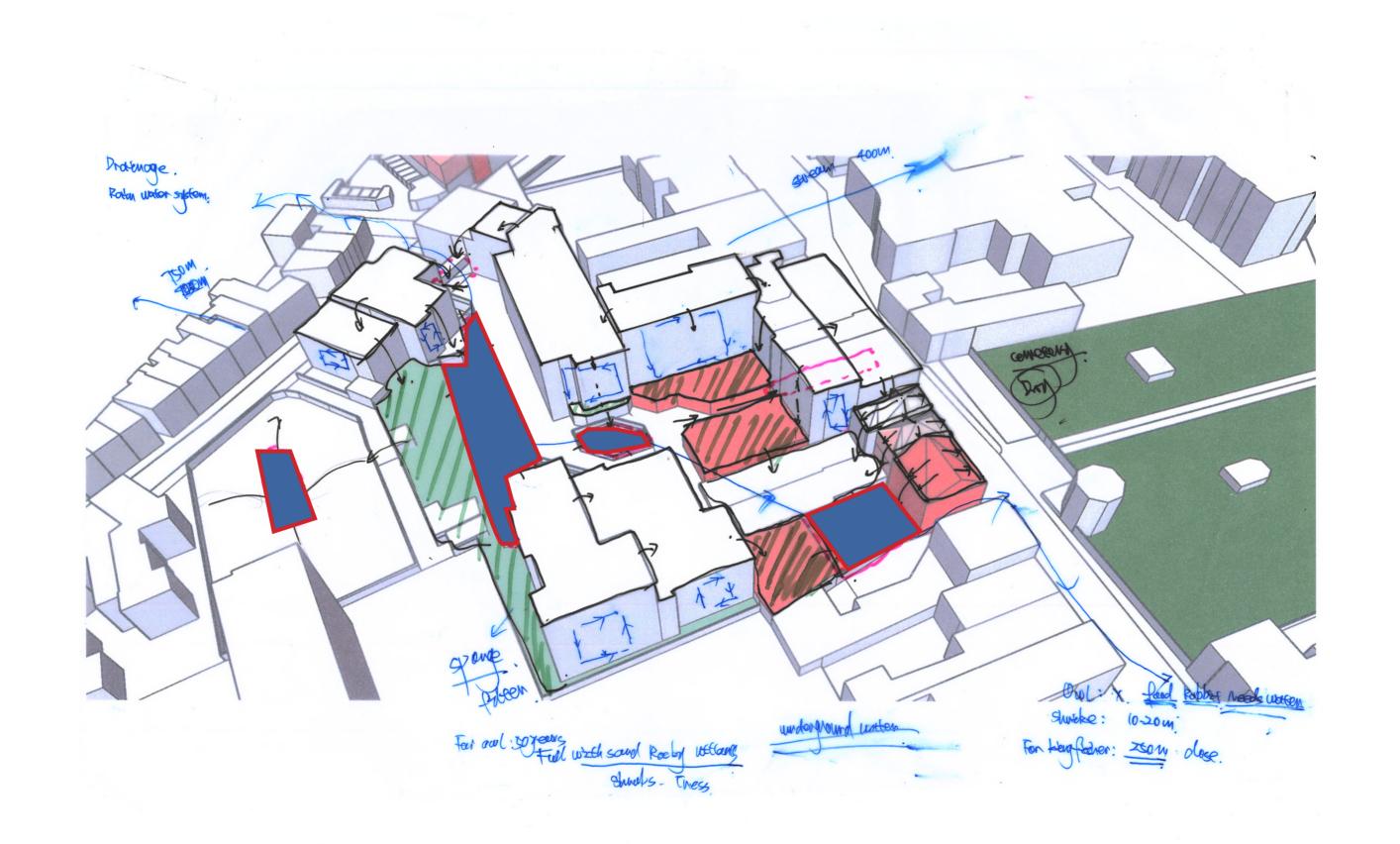


Core area mixed together | Some part single occupied

Water Collection



Water Collection



Create new water



Kingfisher needs as much as possible soft water banks, so the water is curved to create more edges. Also, offer nesting sites with more distance to the water system for Red-backed shrike.



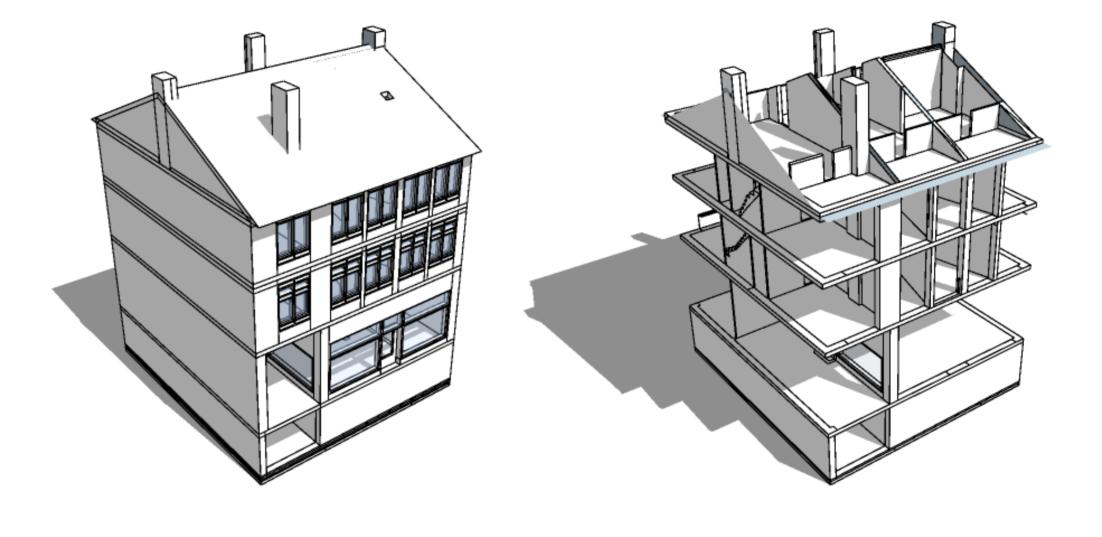
Because the Red-backed shrike need to nest at the place where 10-20m far from the water, so the green line is the boder at 10m to water, which decide the distribution area for Red-backed shrike.

Design Community

Master plan





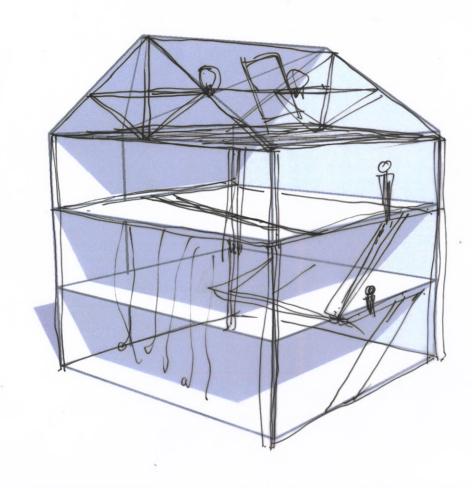




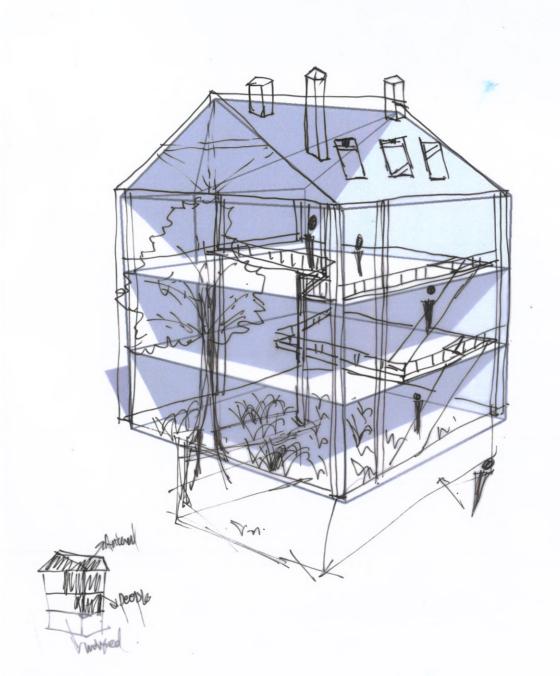




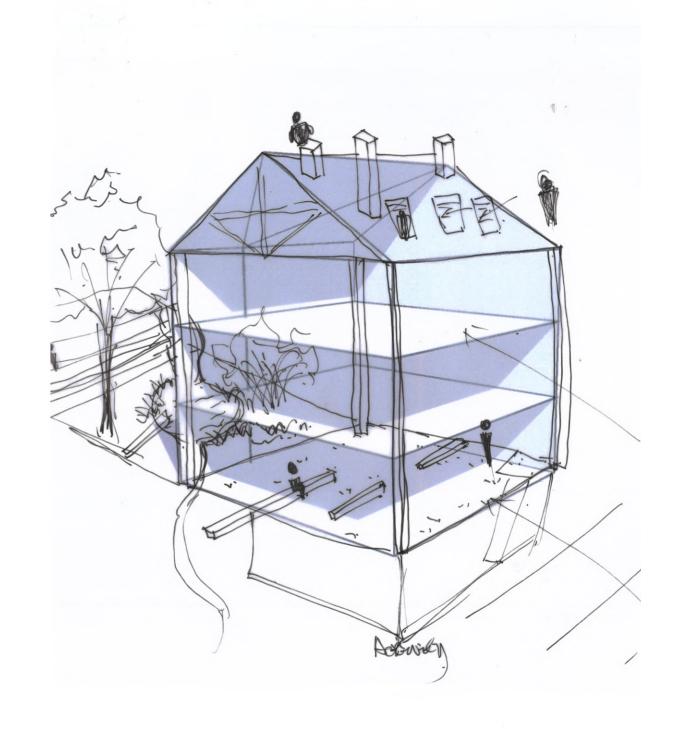




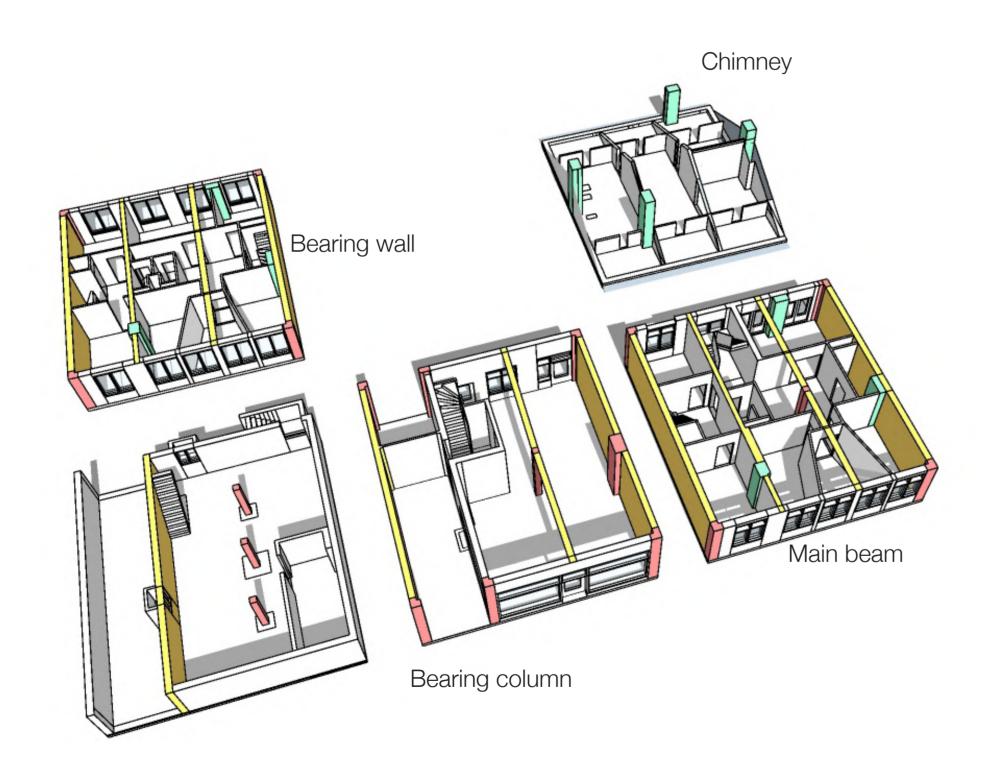
How can different users use the building

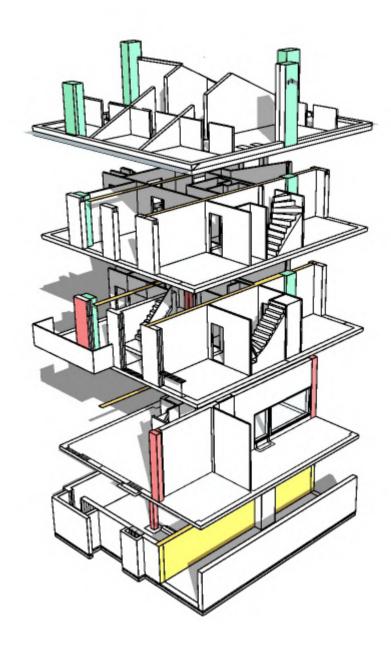


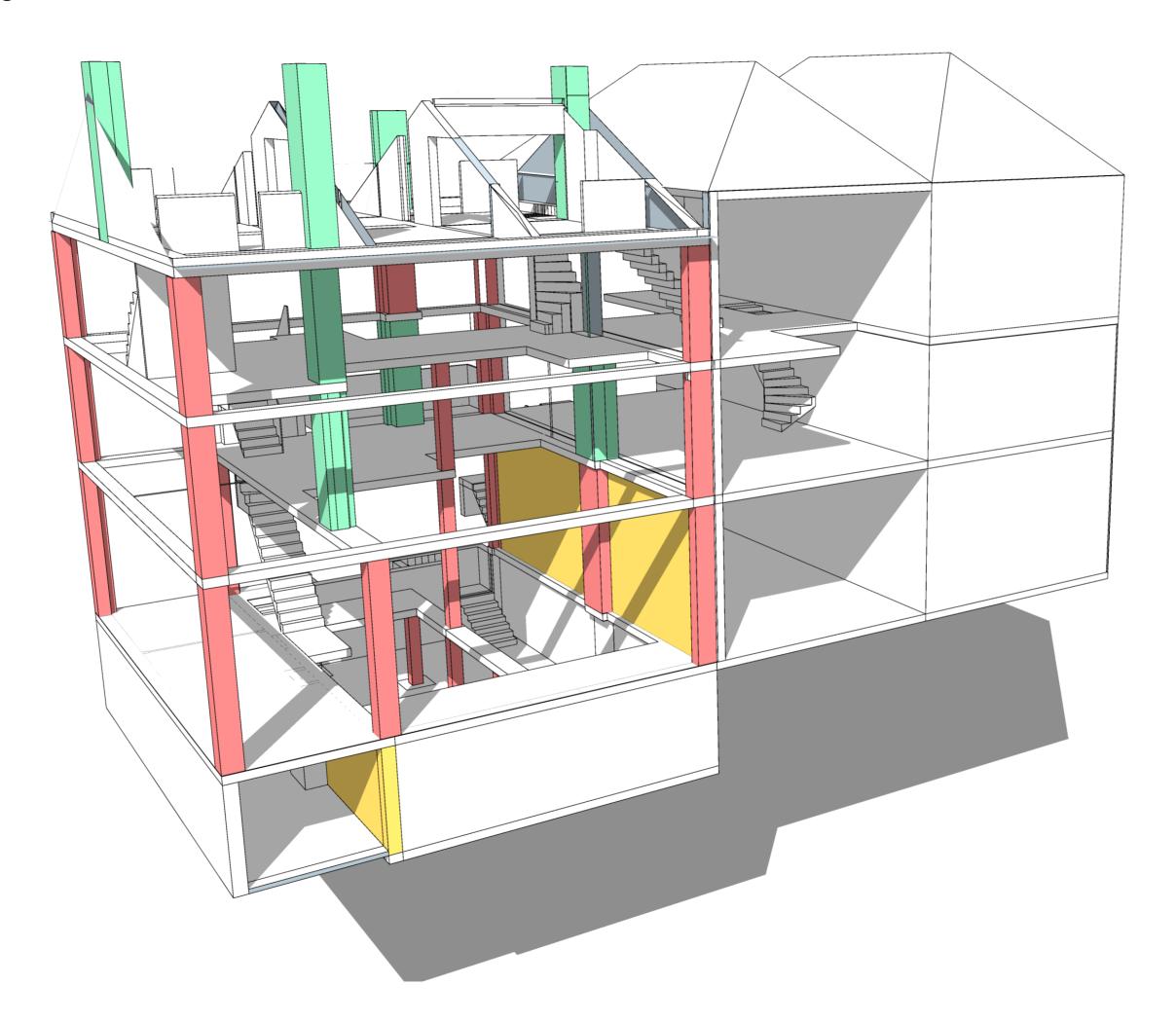
How can Flora use the building



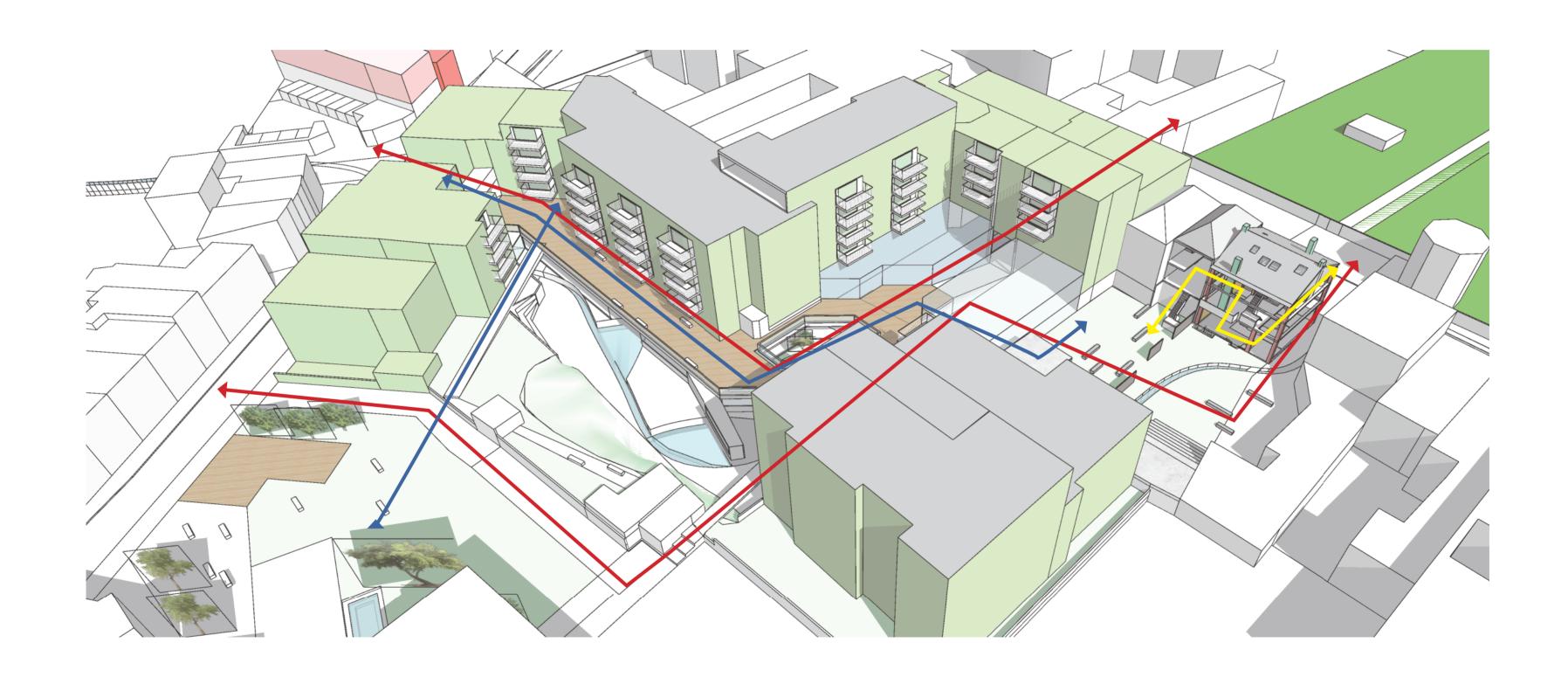
How the building connect with outside space







Road systems

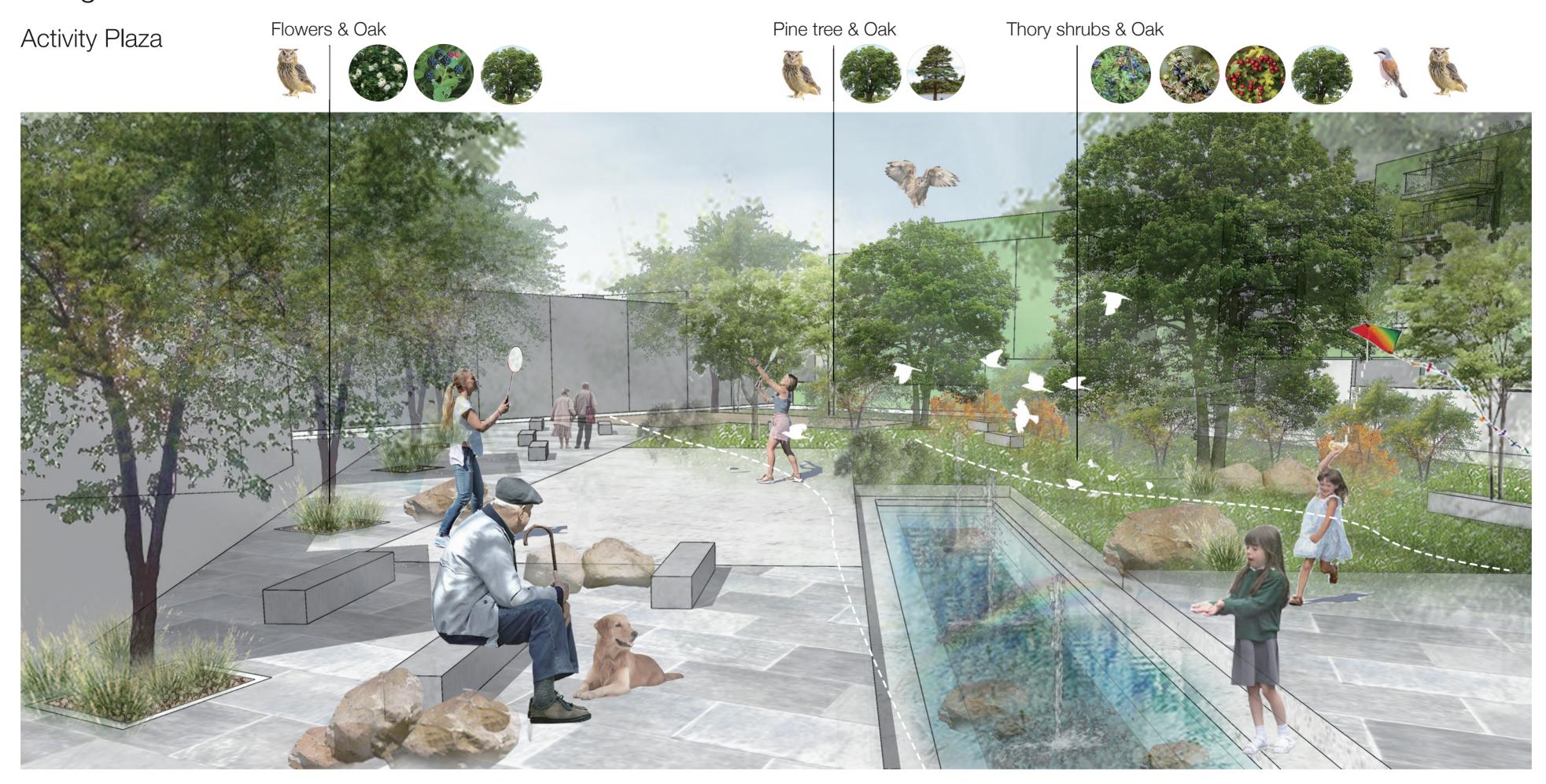




Activity Plaza







Hard surface parking plot

















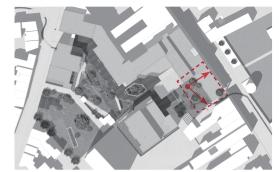
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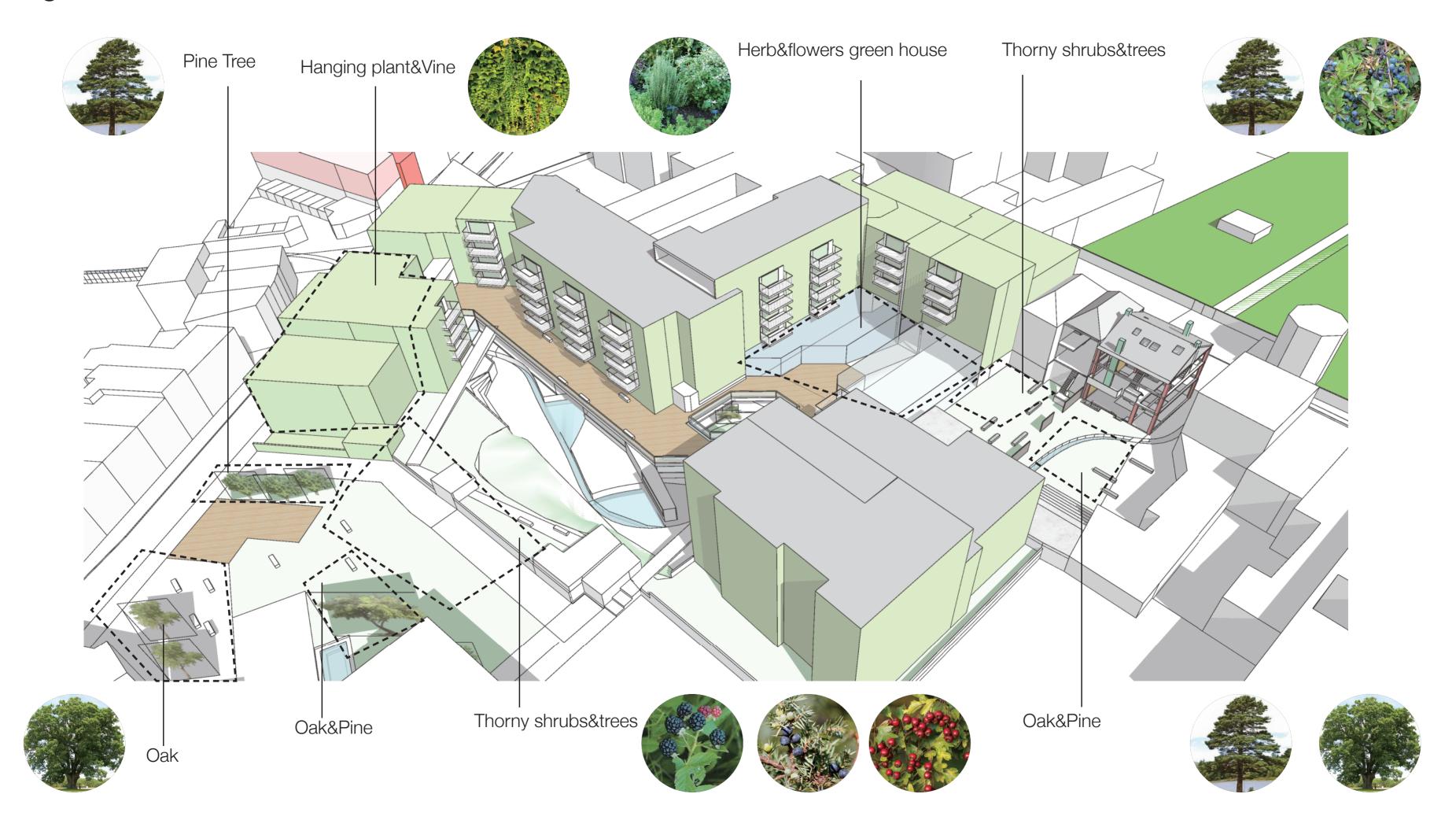
Design Community Scale Backyard open gardens

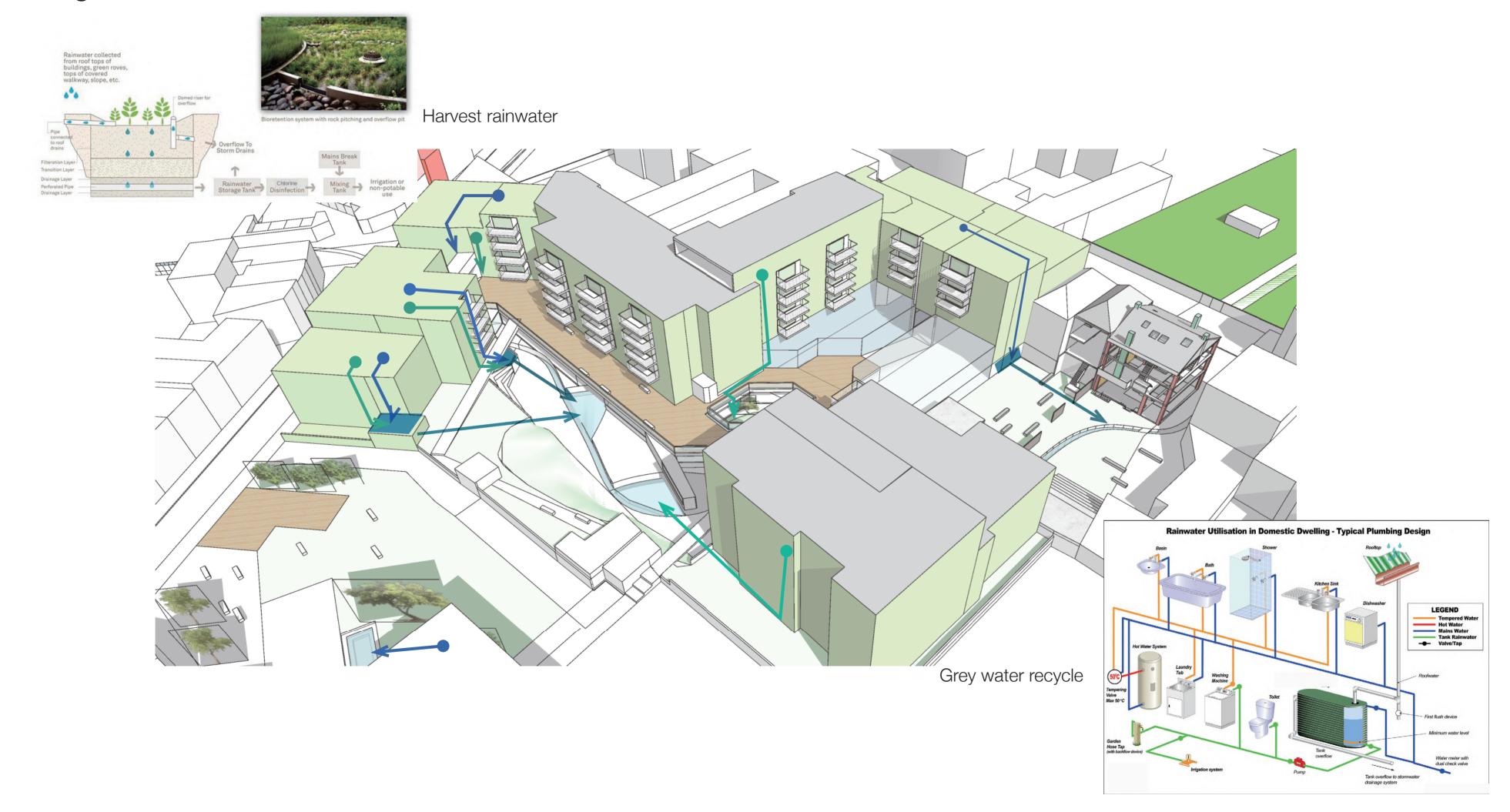


Building gardens









Community Scale Design

The soil of the site was originally Loess, which became barren after the construction of the city of severe decades. It lacks of trace elements now, which is not conducive to plant growth. The transformation plan aims to transform the hard pavement into a new regeneration vegetation system by controlling soil moisture, planting selective vegetation, improving the soil environment, and etc., to offer more opportunities for biodiversity and increase its sustainability.

Composting improves the soil environment Temparature Oxygei Humus Fermentation 60/1 = Humus vegetation improving soil environment











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Muhlenbergia capillaris Ophiopogon japonicus

Panicum virgatum L.

Cyperus papyrus

Cover material controls soil moisture



Volcanical Foundation



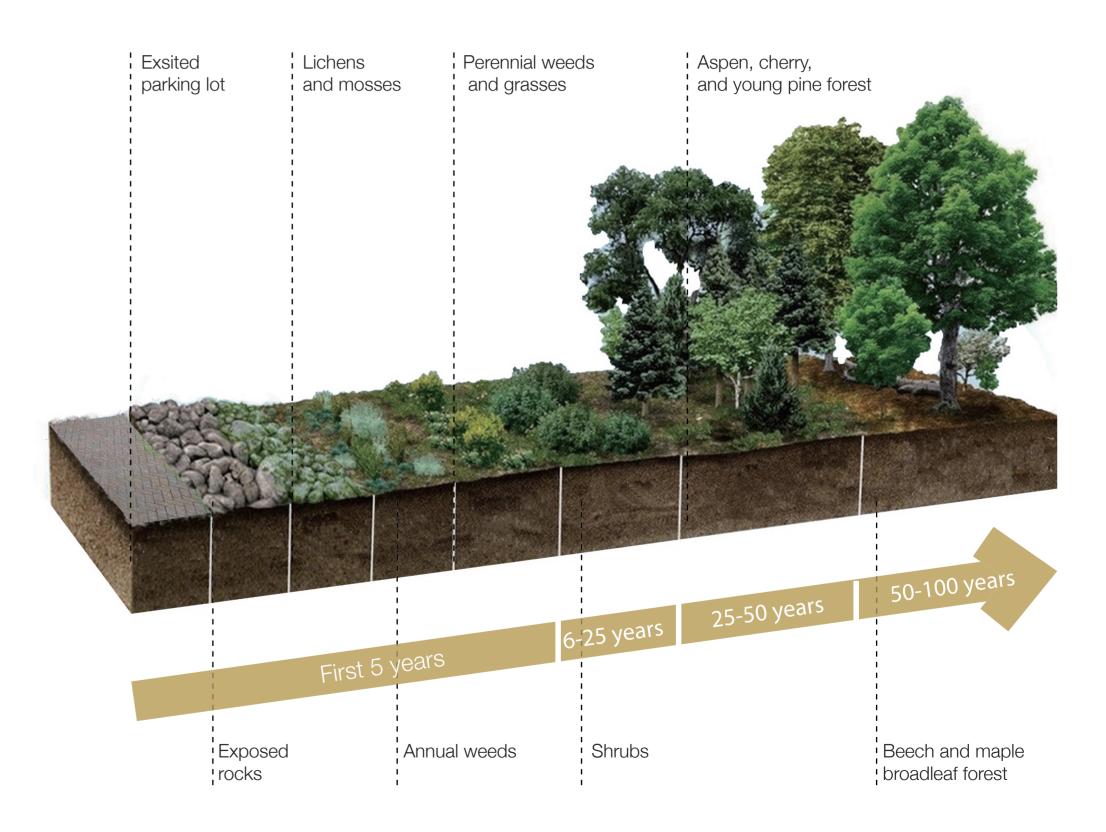
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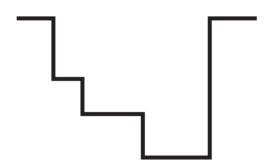


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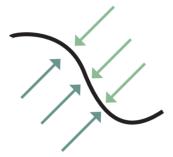
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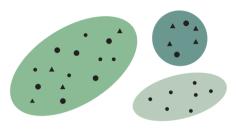
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Process

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Capacity

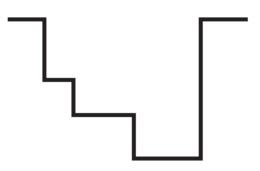
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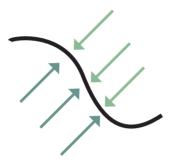
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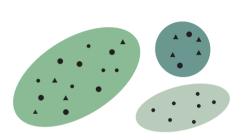
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Design Urban Scale



Stripe | Scattered | Partially vacant buildings |







Block | Dense | More totally vancant buildings |



Design Urban Scale











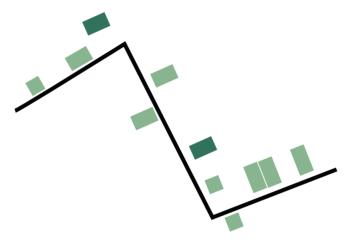
Commercial center | More human disturbance |

Not suitable for kingfisher



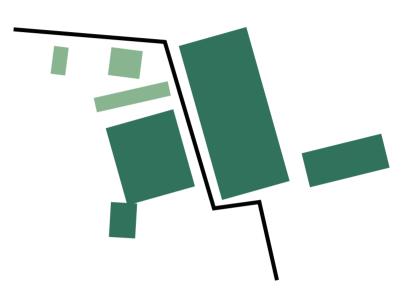
Residential community | More silence and privacy | Suitable for kingfisher





Scattered block|
Material for rocky landscape |
Box to protect and offer high structure |
Suitable for Owl





Big open space | More different distance to water |

Suitable for Red-backed shrike

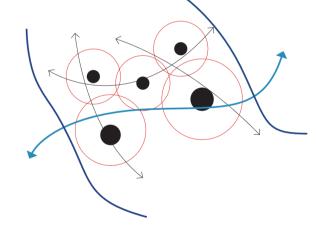


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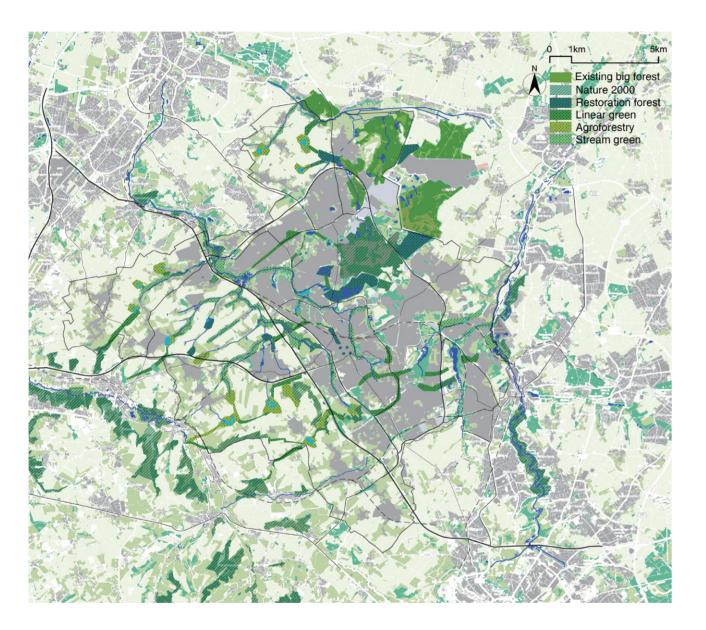




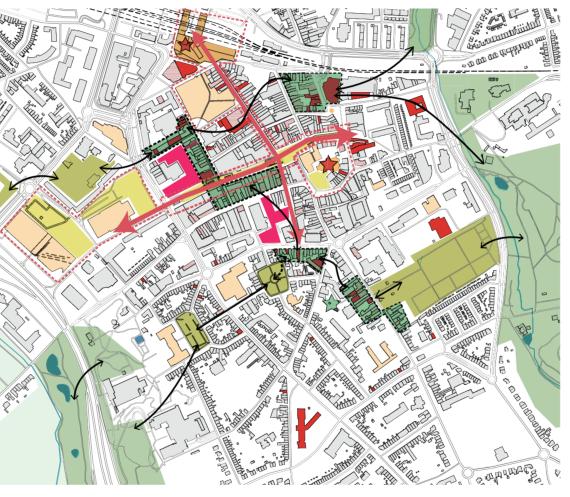


DESIGN

Parkstad scale



Urban scale



Community scale



