

REVIVING THE **DEGRADED**

Planning the unplanned spaces in unproductive landscape

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Design proposal

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Land degradation is a process in which the value of the biophysical environment is affected by a combination of human-induced processes acting upon the land. It is viewed as any change or disturbance to the land perceived to be deleterious or undesirable. Natural hazards are excluded as a cause; however human activities can indirectly affect phenomena such as floods and bush fires.



Source: <https://www.internationale-bauausstellungen.de/geschichte/2013-2020-iba-parkstad-parkstad-in-bewegung/>

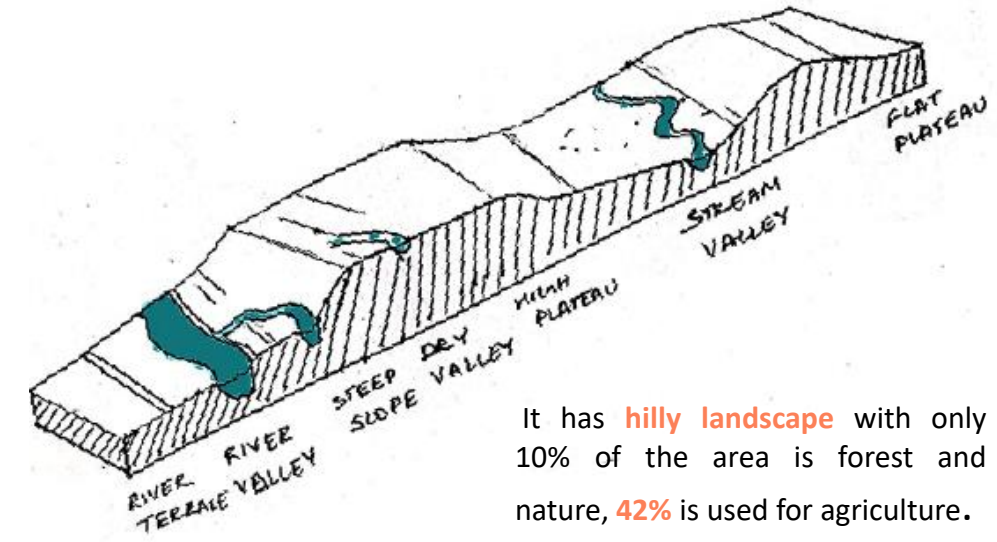
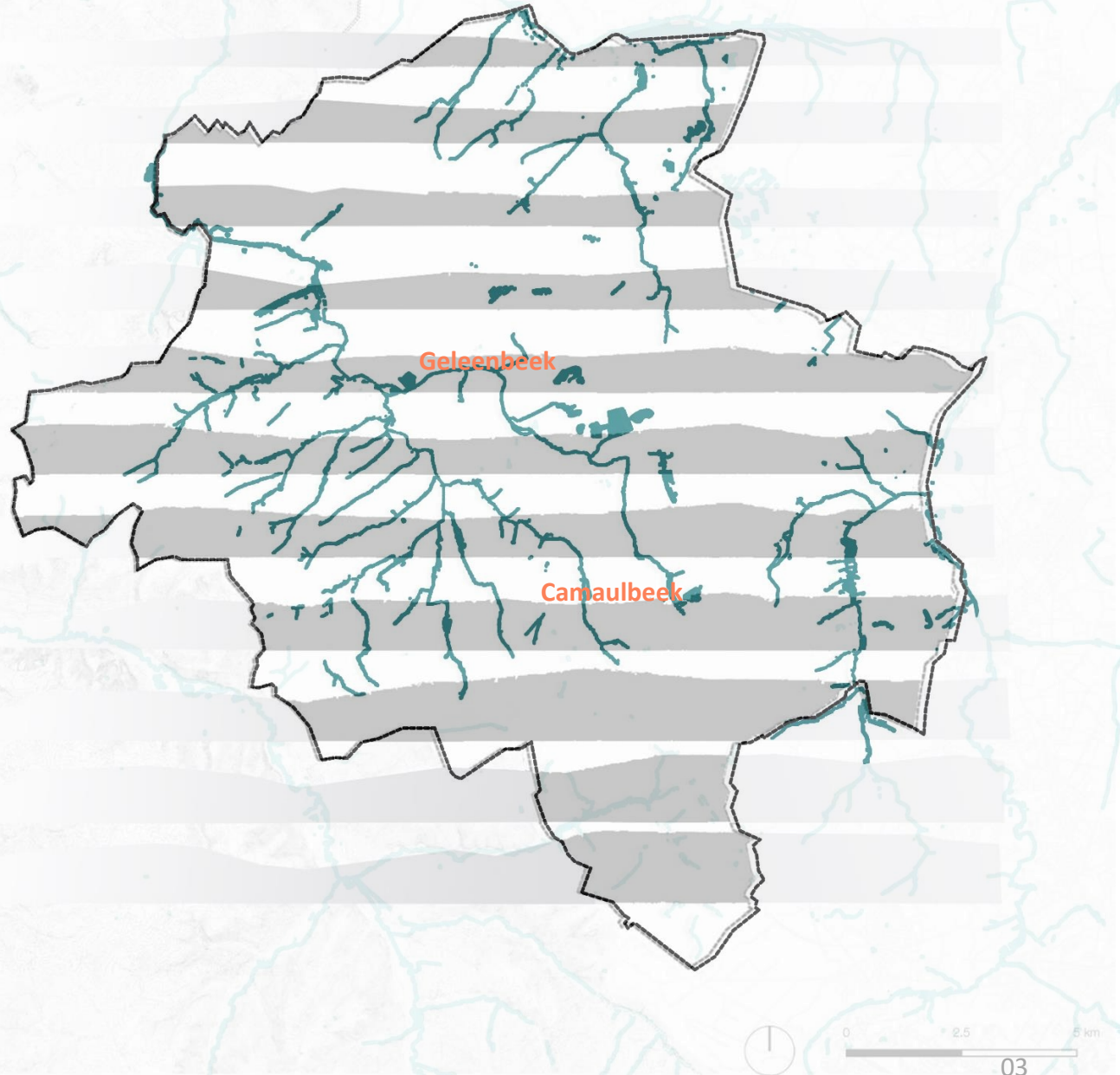
UNDERSTANDING THE LANDSCAPE



Parkstad is in the Southern part of Netherlands. It is divided into 7 municipalities for administration.

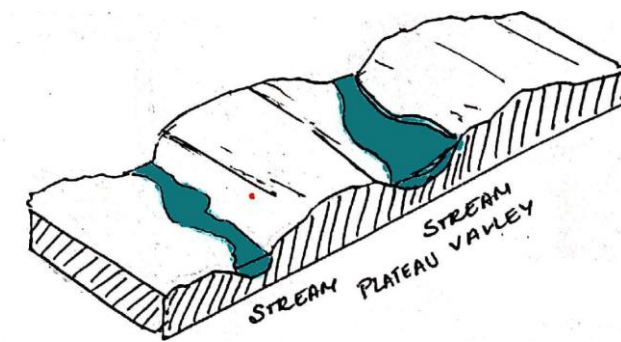
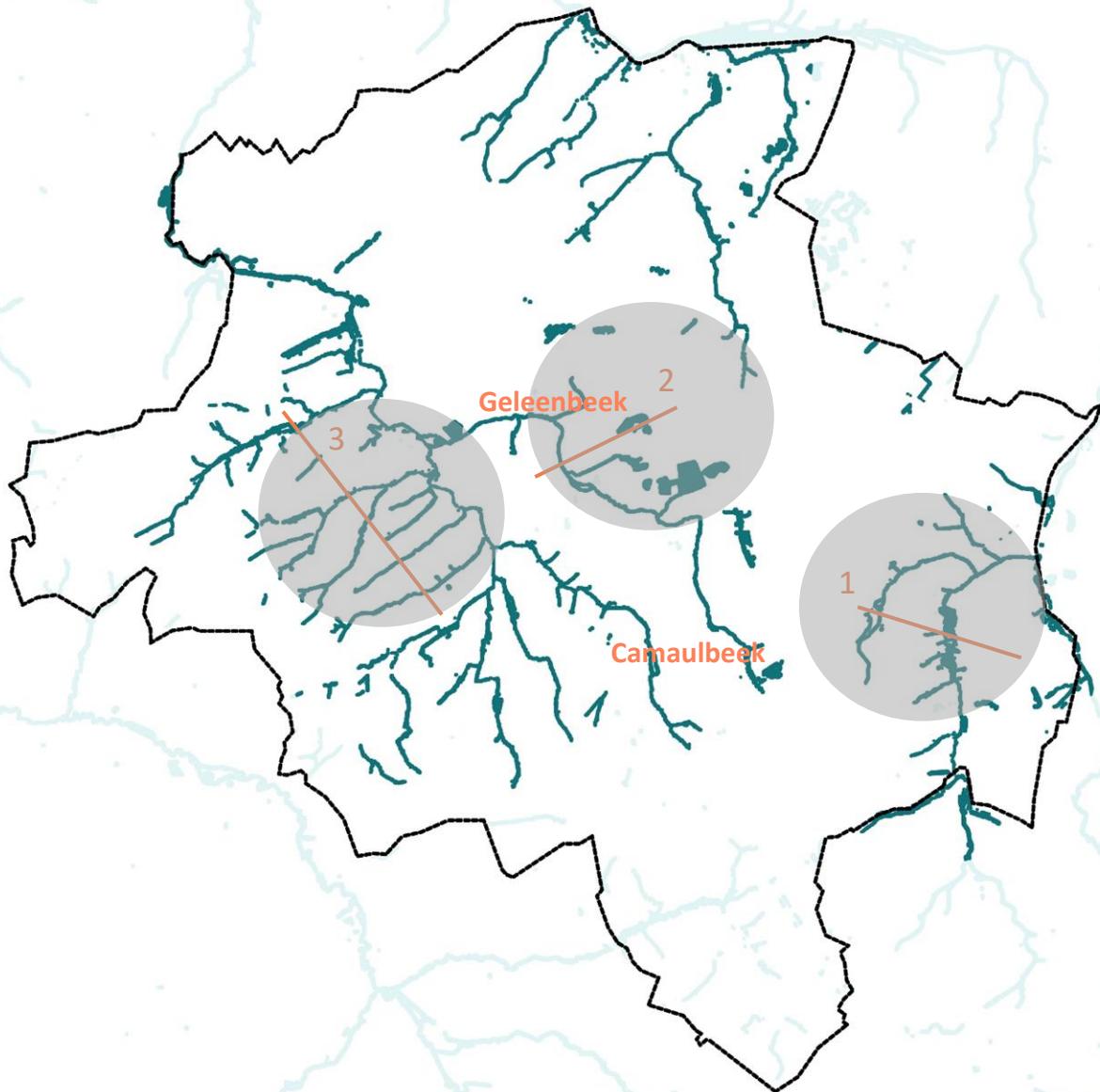
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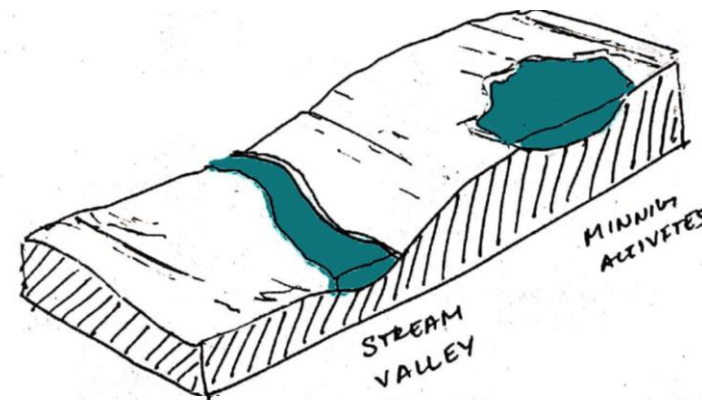


It has **hilly landscape** with only 10% of the area is forest and nature, **42%** is used for agriculture.

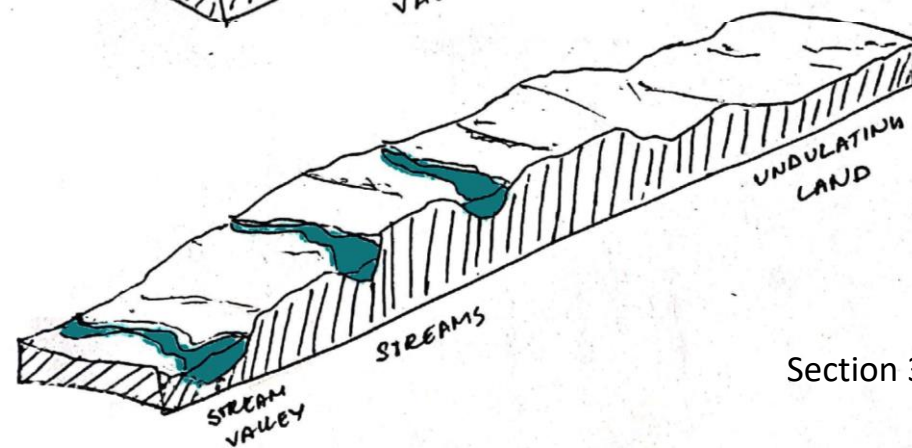




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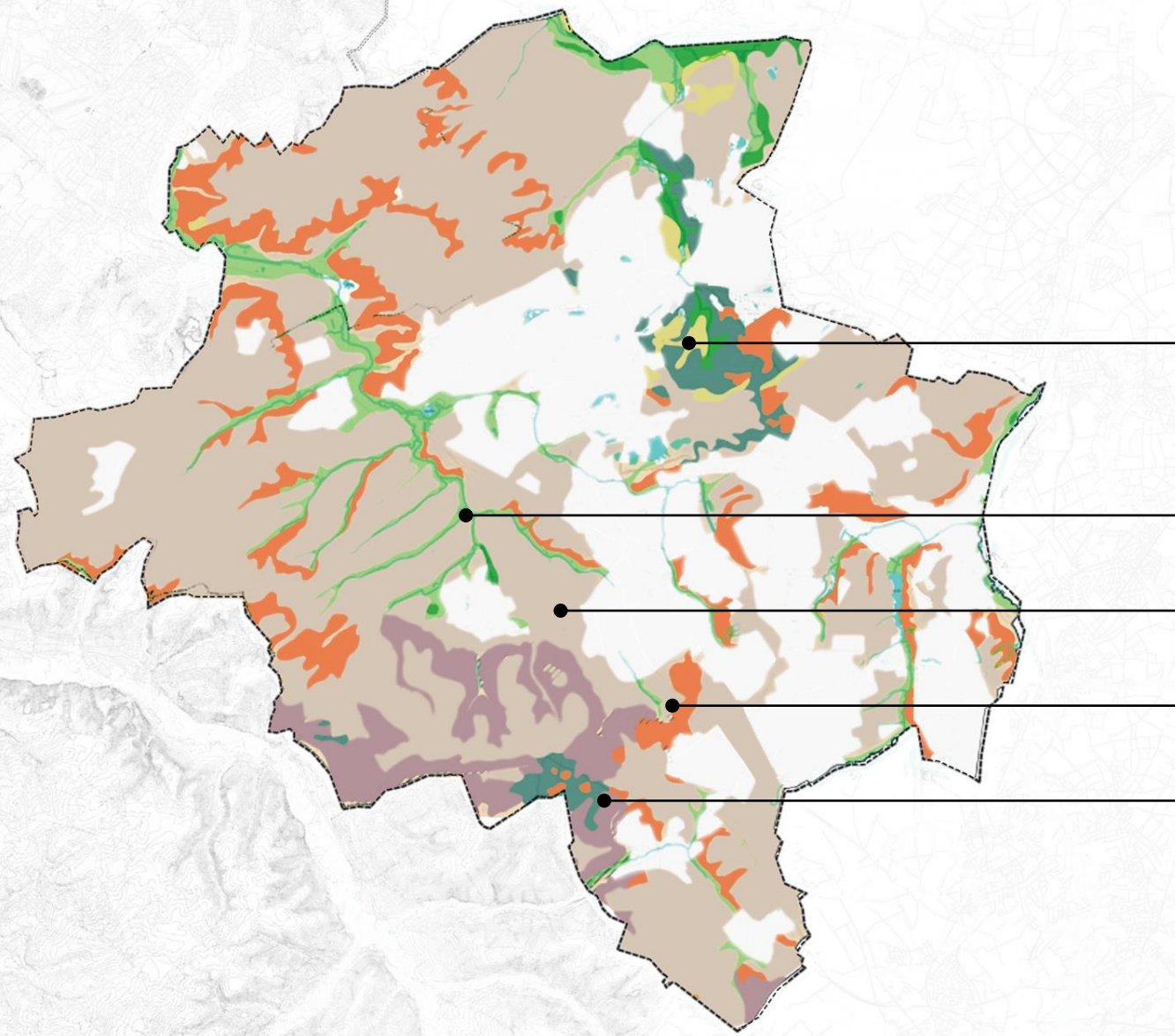


Section 3

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Brunsummerheide



Sandy soil

River clay soil

Loess soil fertile but due to intensive agriculture soil has more nitrate content. Erosion.

Maasterras deposits

Marine soils

Soil types



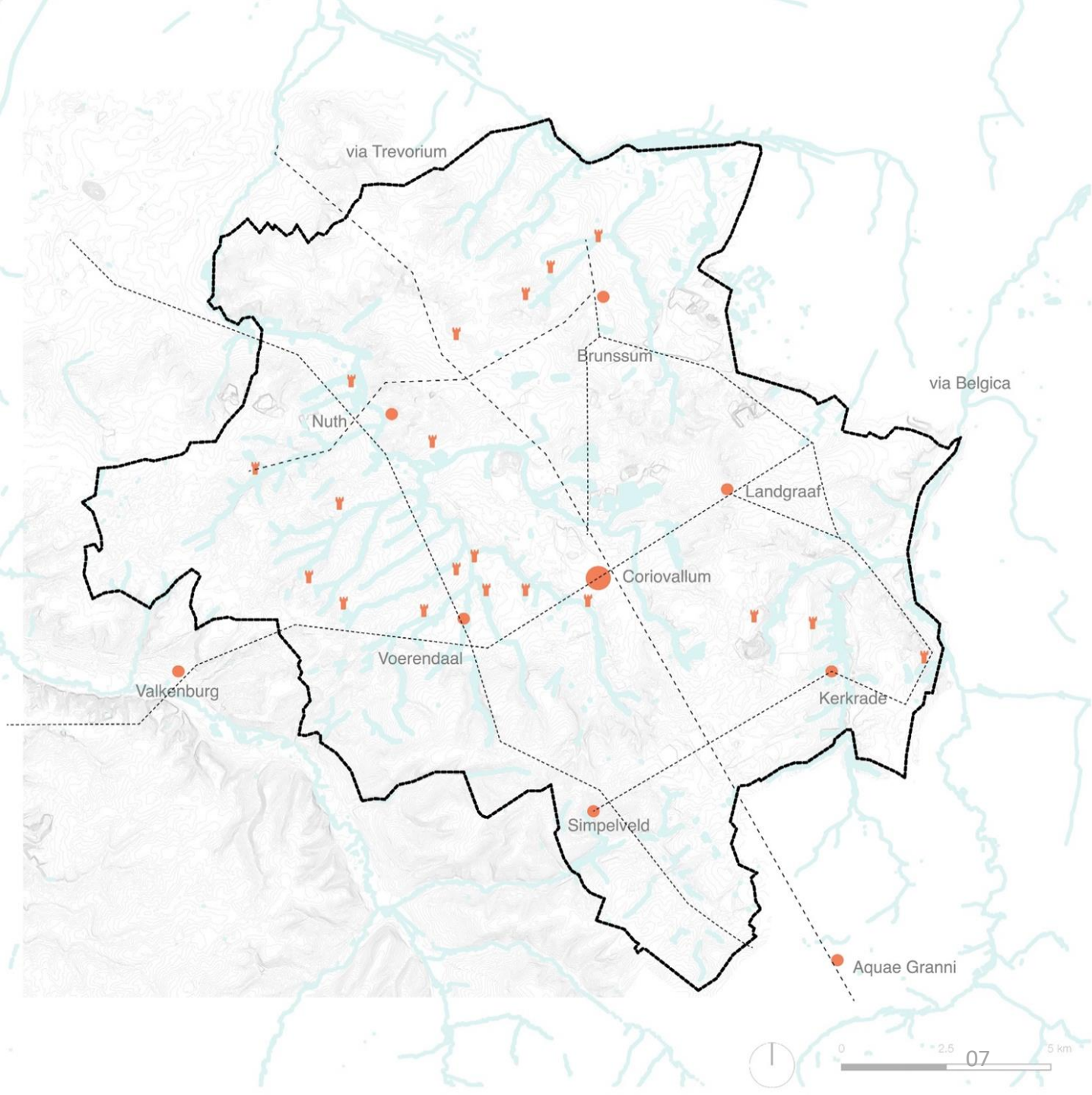
INTRODUCTION

Heerlen was one of the dominant fortified towns in South Limburg under the Roman commonwealth and served as a transit town between Cologne and Tongeren.



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Majority of settlements were situated along the brooks and also **strategically along trading routes**.

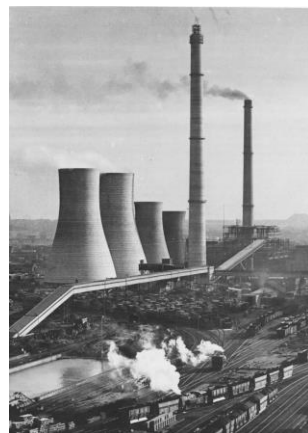
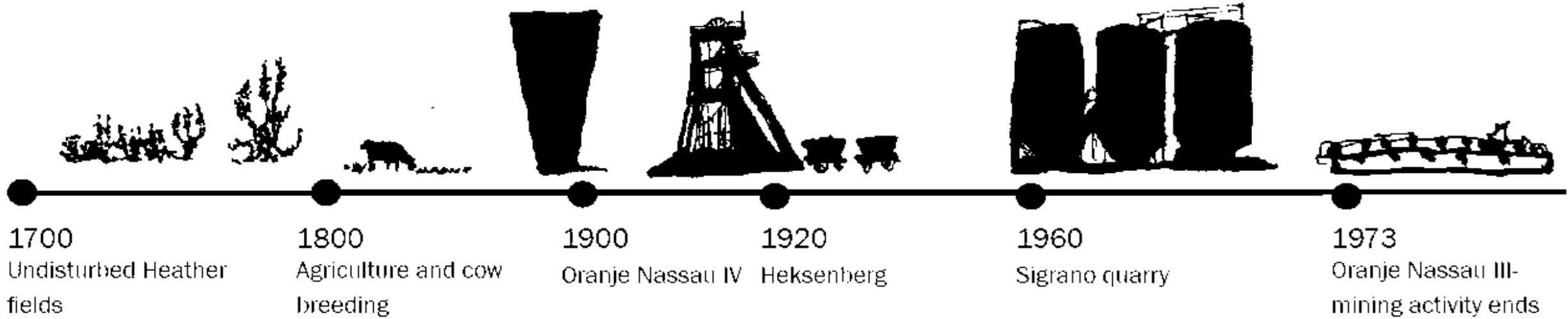


Tea worm castle



Hoensbroek castle

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Source: Sketch adapted from maria kaik
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Oranje Nassau 1

Current situation - demolished

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Crowded public spaces in 1962

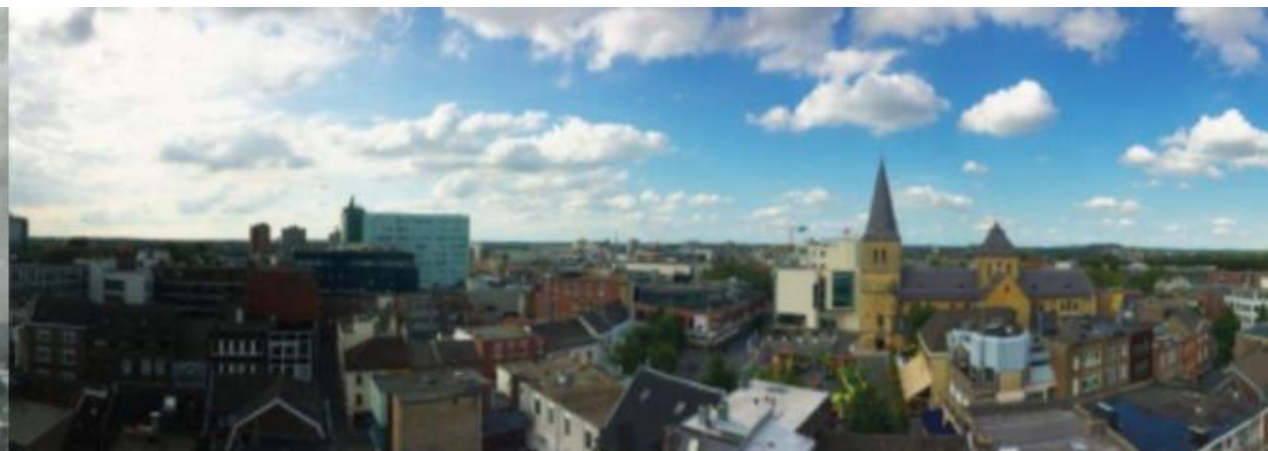
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Unoccupied public transport



Panorama of Heerlen in 1962

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Panorama of Heerlen in 2016

PROBLEMS



Shrinking
degraded landscape
unemployment
vacancy



Fragmentation
spatial segregation
fragmentation in ecological network
urban and rural fragmentation



Water issues
Polluted water
Open pit mining
drying out streams
drinking water extraction

SHRINKING



Degraded landscape



Unemployment



Vacancy

FRAGMENTATION



Spatial segregation



Fragmentation in ecological network



Urban and rural fragmentation

WATER ISSUES



Polluted water



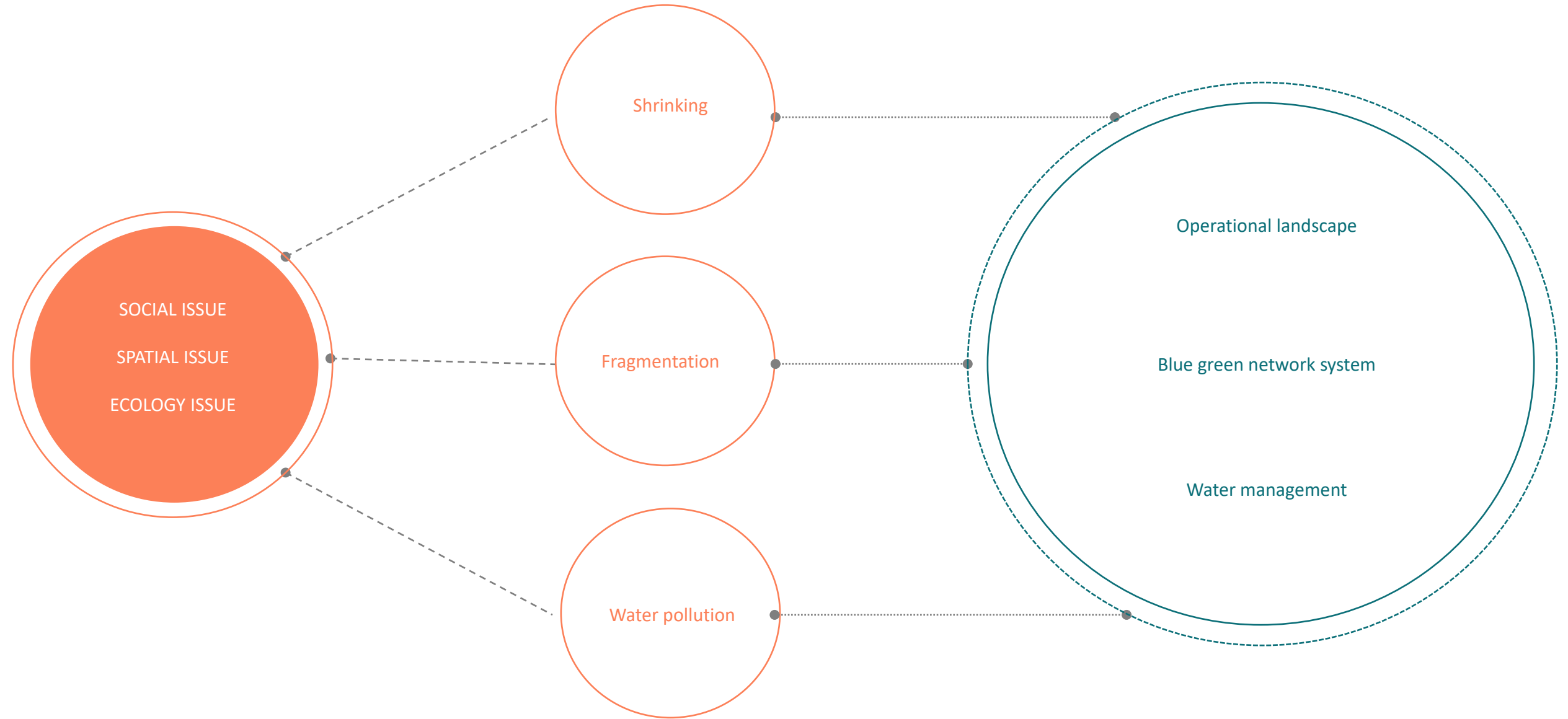
Open pit mining



Drying out streams



Drinking water extraction



RESEARCH QUESTION

What are **circular water design strategies** and spatial framework in the **degraded** and **fragmented** landscape to reduce water pollution (mine, agriculture, waste) in Parkstad?

1. How to integrate the fragmented region and improve **spatial quality**?
2. How can **waste nutrients** in water and soil be used to develop sustainable landscape?
3. Explore spatial design principles for making the area **adaptive** and **resilient**.
4. Explore the potential of network to improve the quality of water.
5. Is it possible to use the **principles** in future designs for similar locations?

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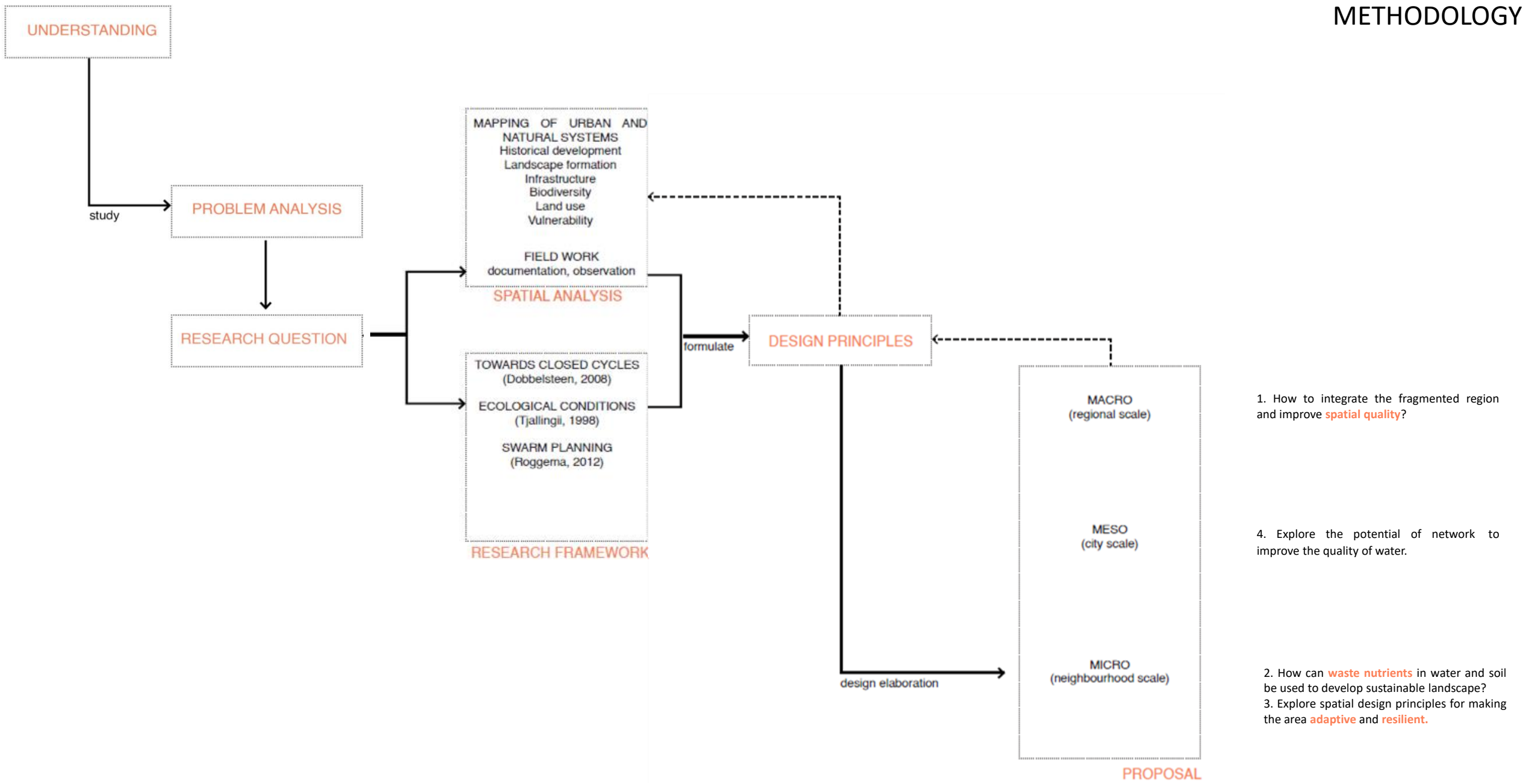
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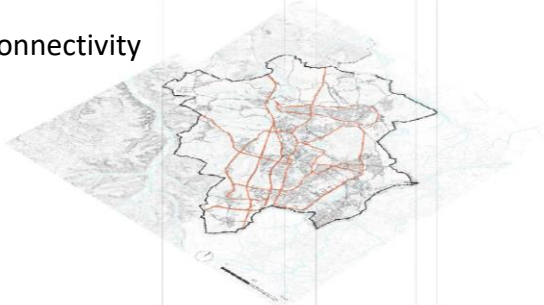
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INFRASTRUCTURE

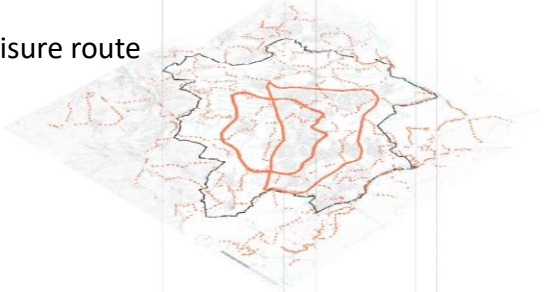
Historical route



Connectivity



Leisure route

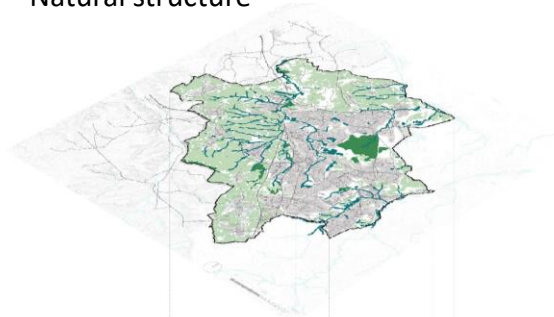


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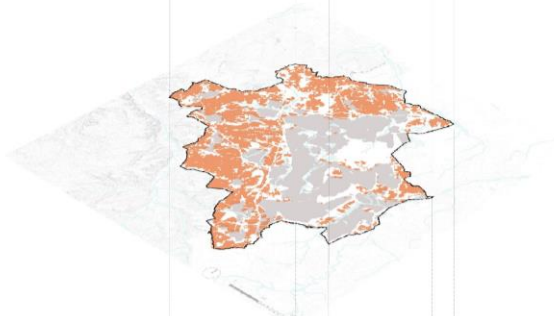


GREEN SYSTEM

Natural structure



Agriculture

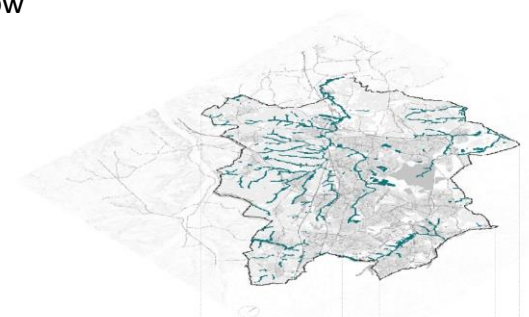


Fragments



BLUE SYSTEM

Water flow



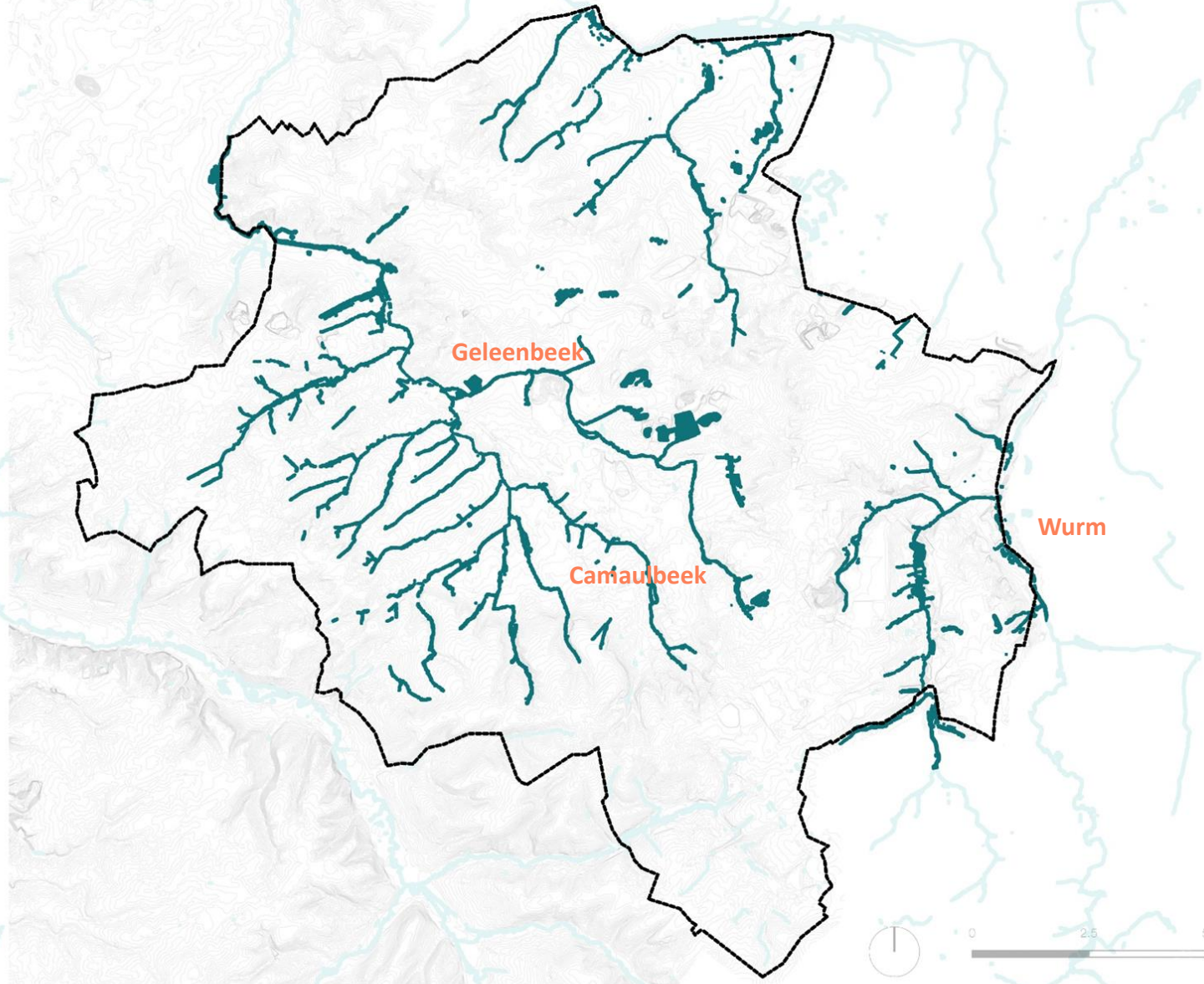
Polluted



DISCONNECTED CYCLE NETWORK

FRAGMENTED GREEN STRUCTURE

POLLUTED AND DRYING OUT



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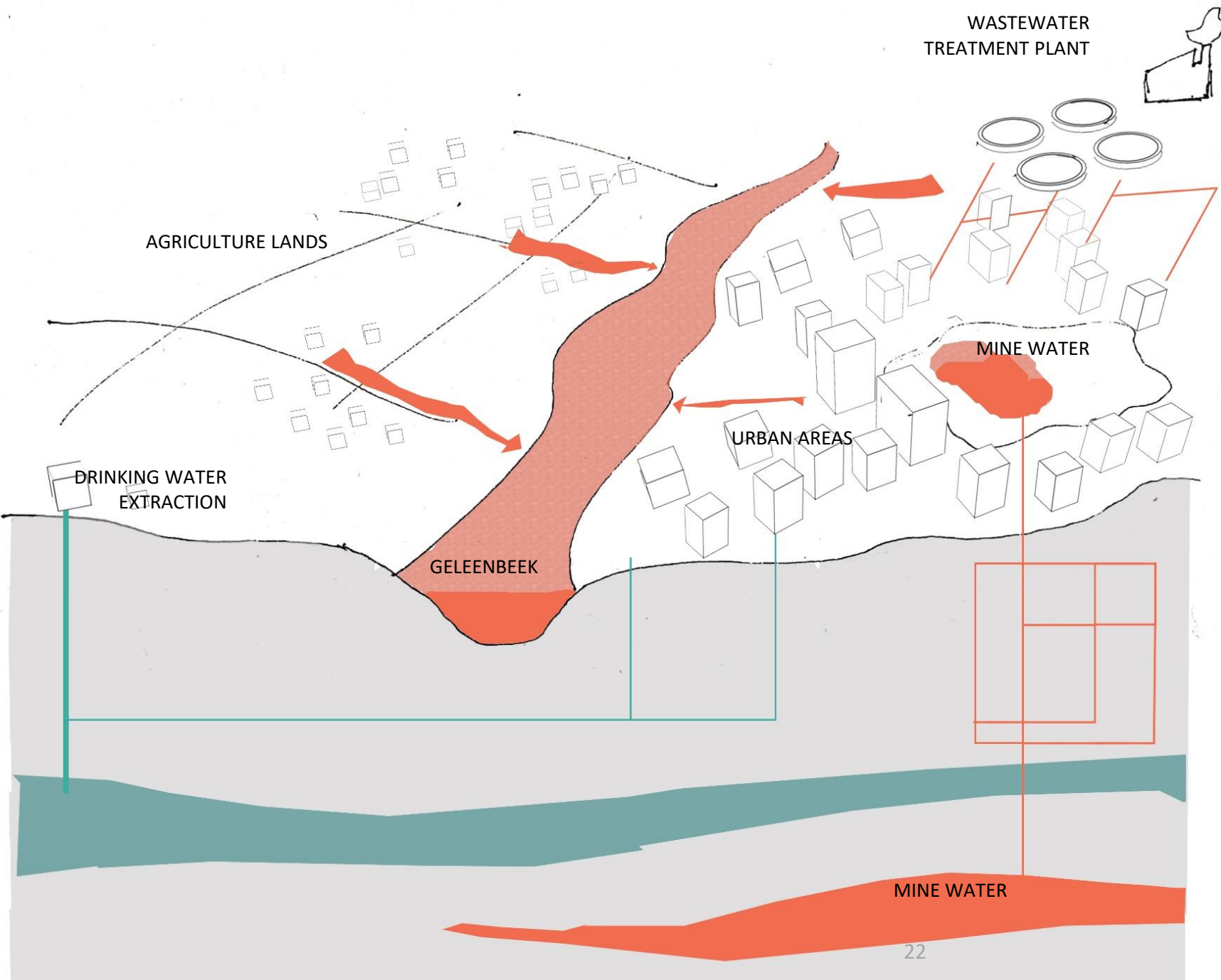


VULNERABLE WATER BODIES



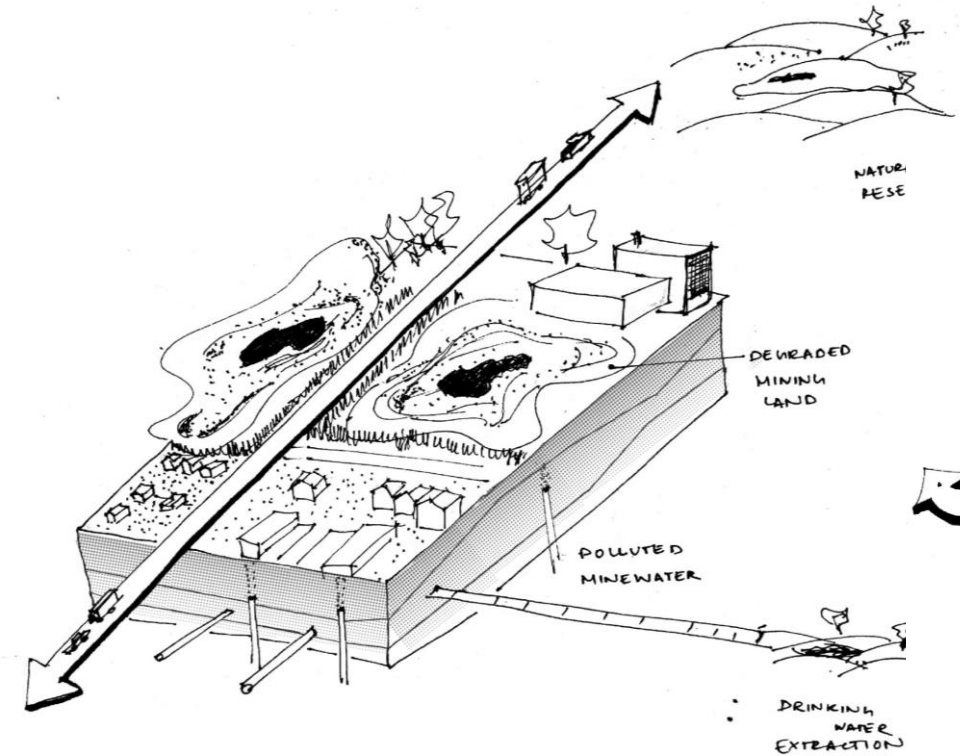
WATER MANAGEMENT

Graphic depiction of how the aesthetic perception of water differs to contamination





Graphic depiction of how the water differs to contamination



W1 - Mine water

Generally contains **heavy metals** or additives used in mining industry. Rising mine water can lead to an increase in groundwater level in the overburden. Due to this groundwater is at risk.



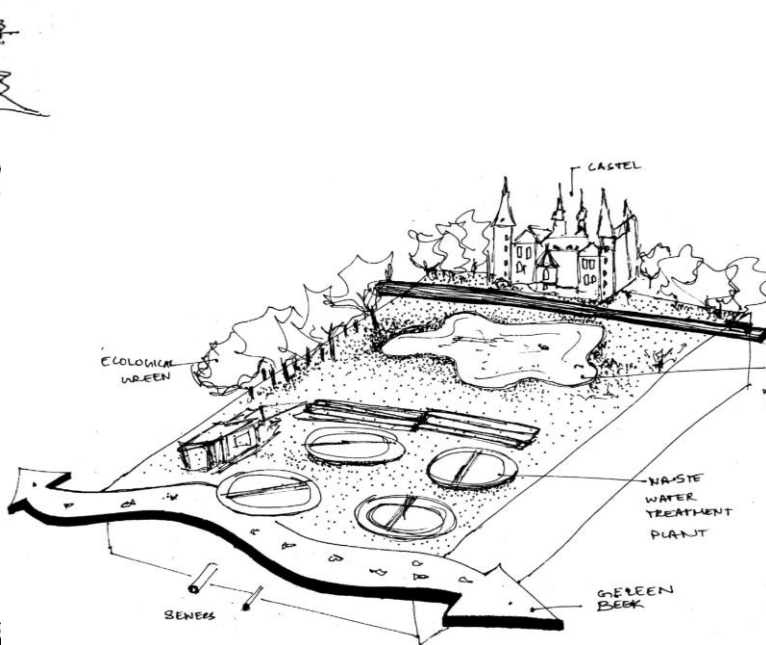
Water pollution



Waste landscape



Demolition waste



W2- Waste Water treatment plant

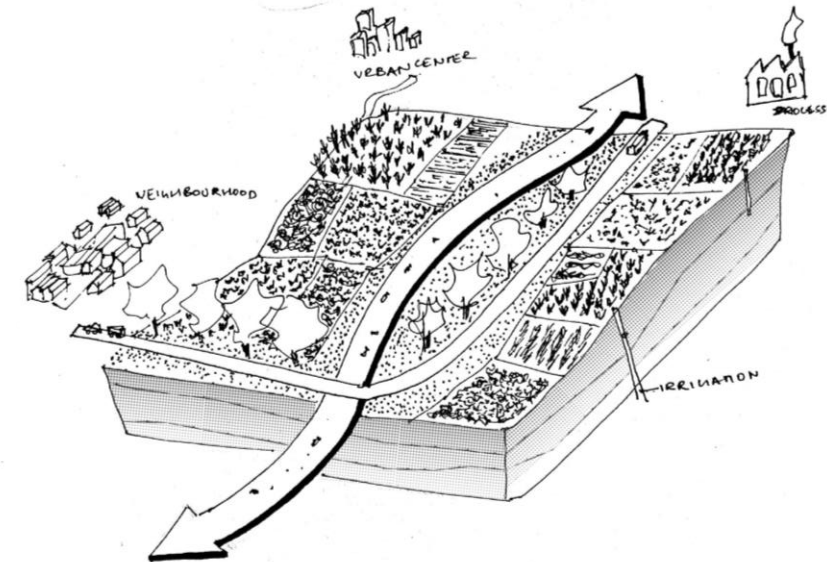
N, K and P there are main nutrients contained in wastewater. pathogens (including bacteria, viruses and protozoa). Helminthes, oils and greases, runoff from streets, parking lots and roofs.



Less recreation value



Waste landscape



W3- Waste water in agriculture area

NH₄ and NO_x in atmospheric depositions, various pesticides, **Cd, N and P** in inorganic fertilizers, and for Cu, Zn, N and P in animal manure. These causes acidification, eutrophication and leaching.



Waste landscape



Unproductive



Water pollution

LOCATION

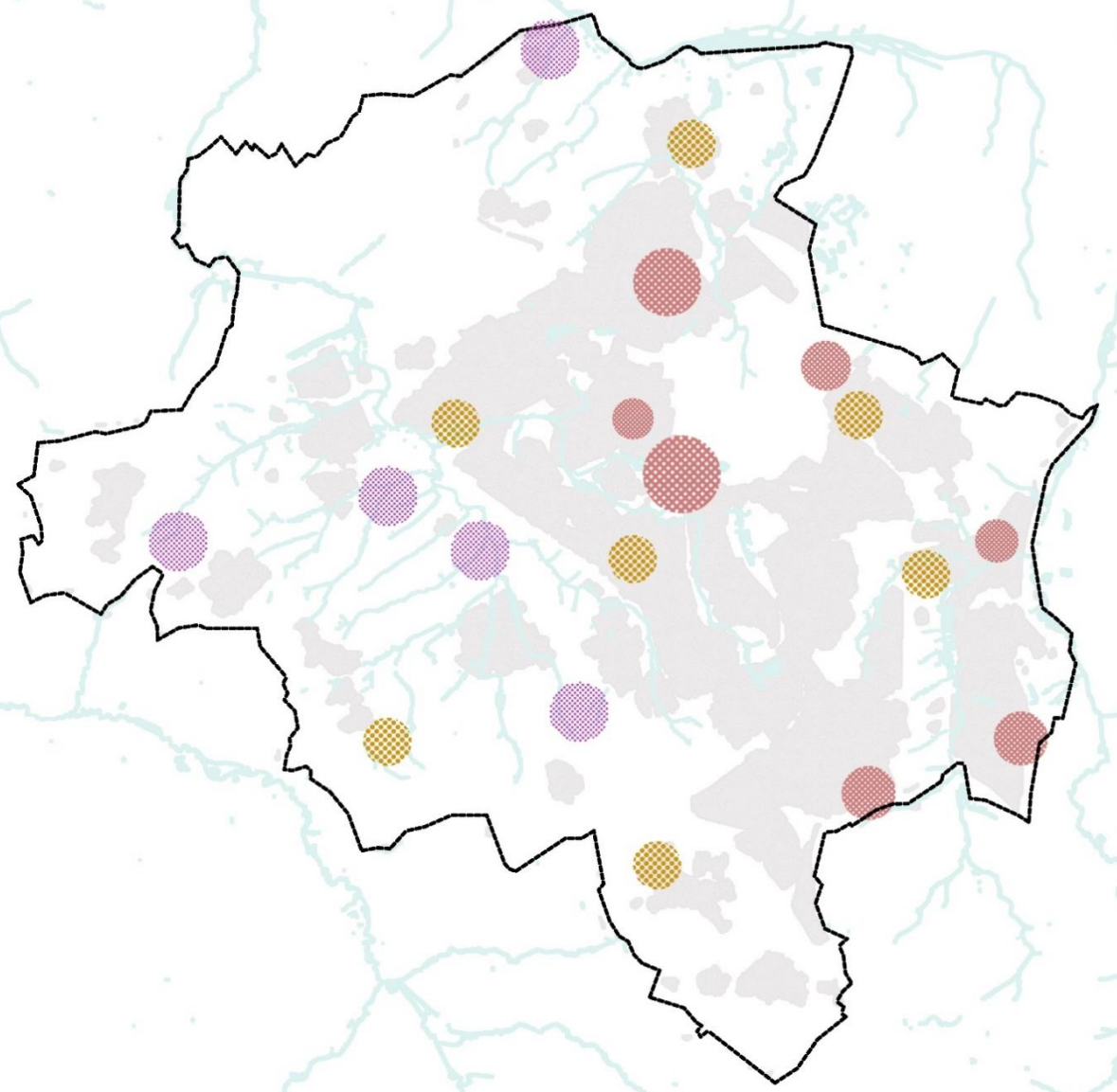
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W2- Waste water treatment plant



W3- Agricultural water



ANALYSIS

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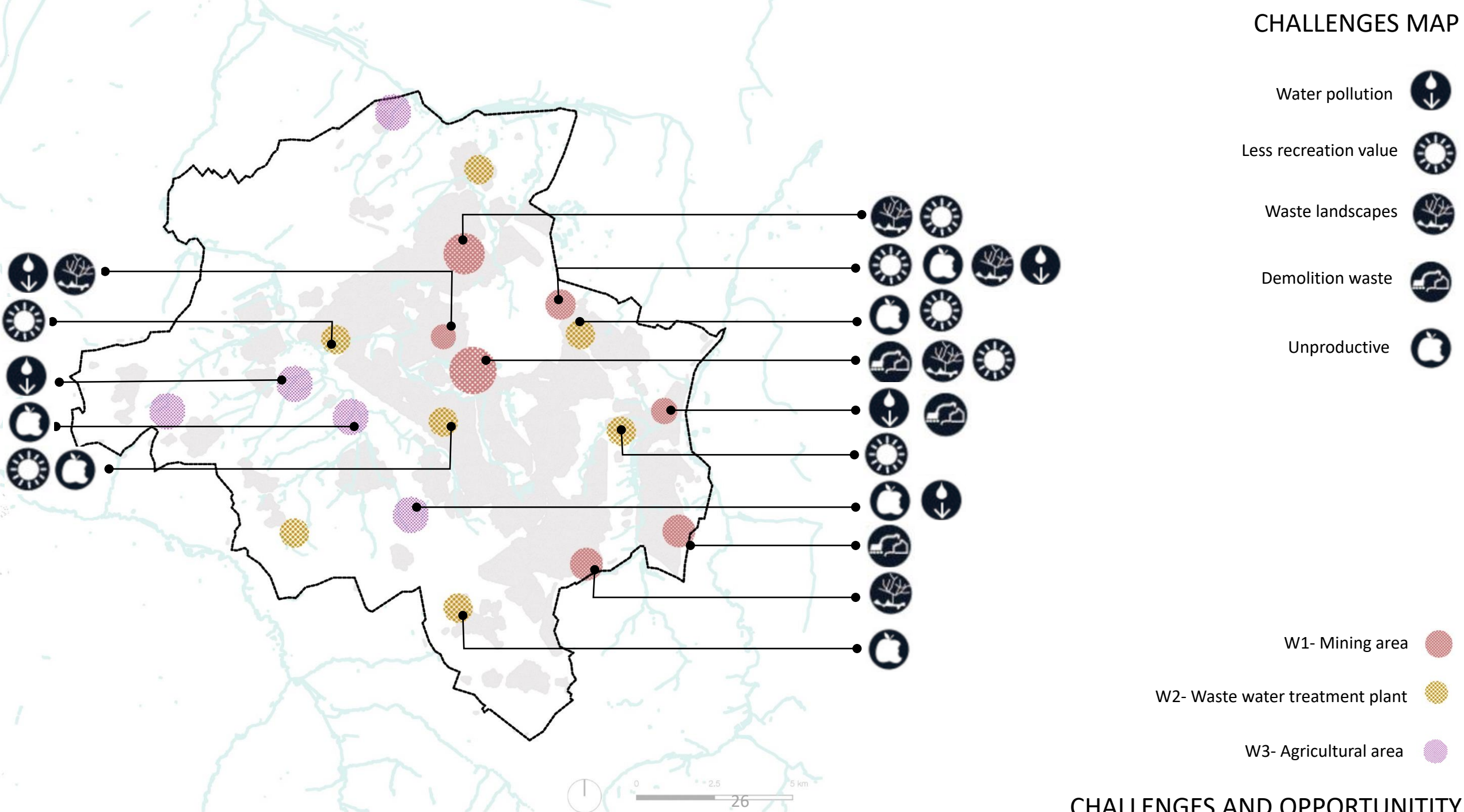
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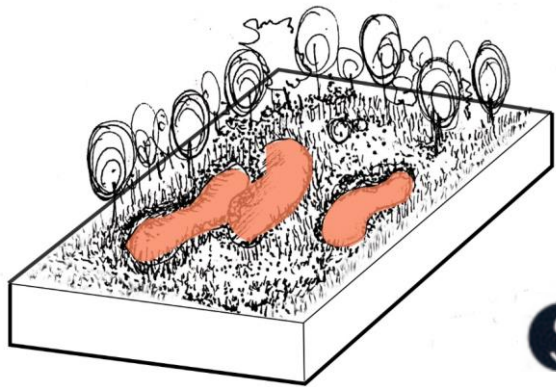
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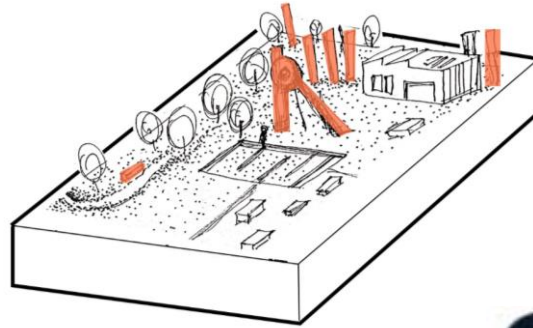
CHALLENGES MAP



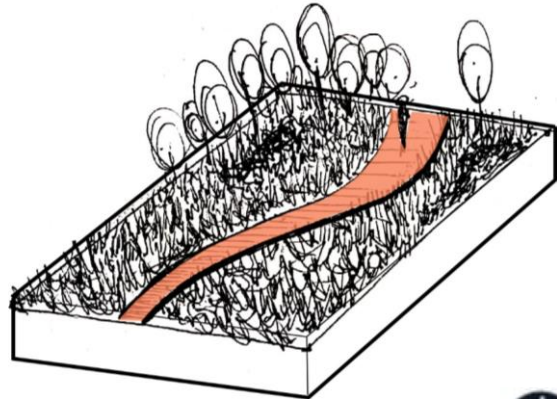
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY



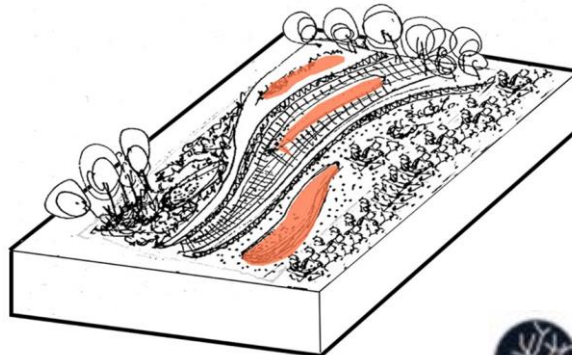
Design for adaptability and reusing water



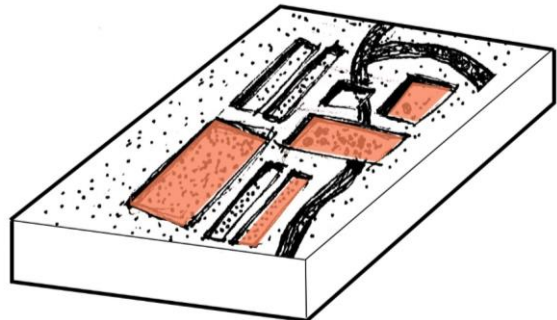
Protect industrial heritage



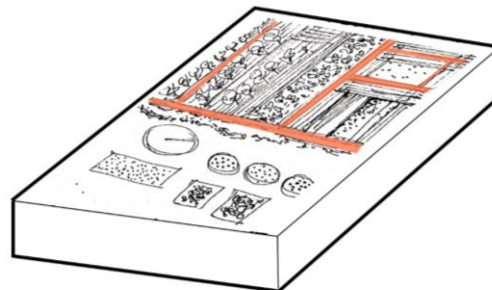
Create spaces for people



Design for resilient landscape



Multifunctionality and diversity



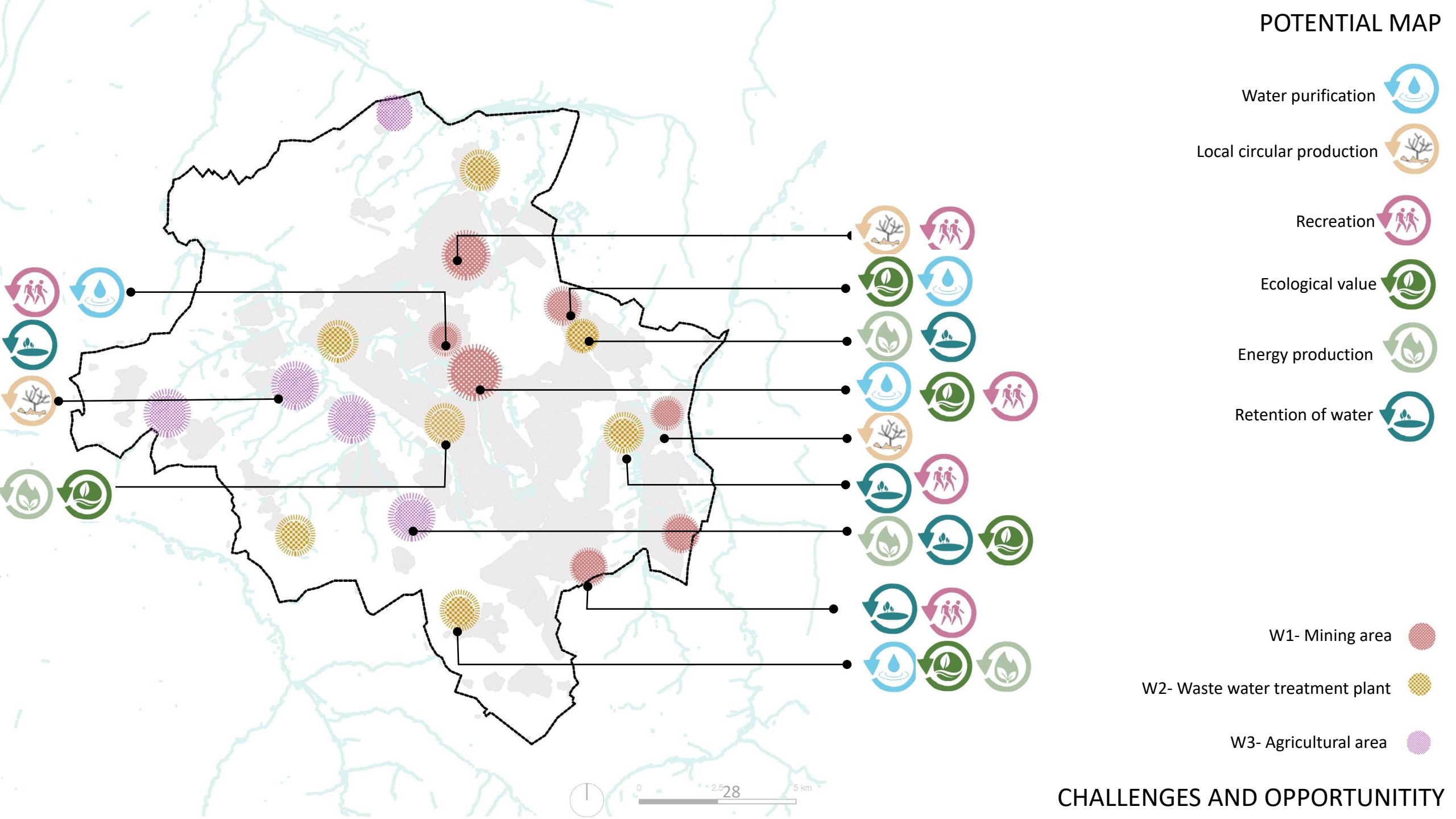
Continuity and ease of movement

- To create identity
- To protect the culture
- reuse industrial waste

- To adapt for climate change
- Storing water to reduce droughts

- - To create a network
- To make it easily accessible and connected

POTENTIAL MAP



Water purification



Local circular production



Recreation



Ecological value



Energy production



Retention of water



W1- Mining area



W2- Waste water treatment plant



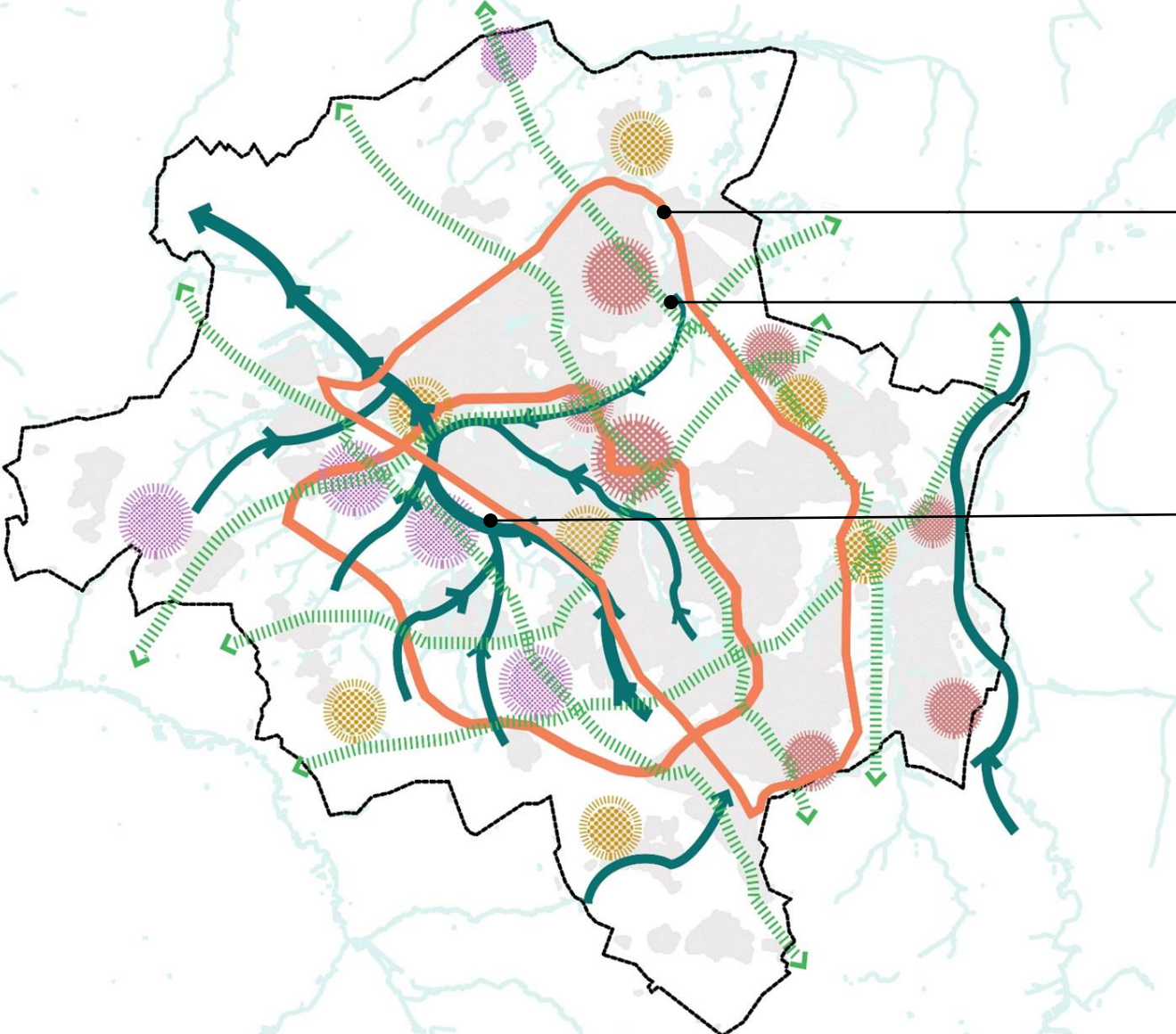
W3- Agricultural area



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY

POTENTIAL MAP

Based on swarm planning theory there is sustainable interventions in few strategic points then a pattern could be created the networks



● Cycle network- leisure lane

● Connectivity made stronger for integrating the region

● Brook structures

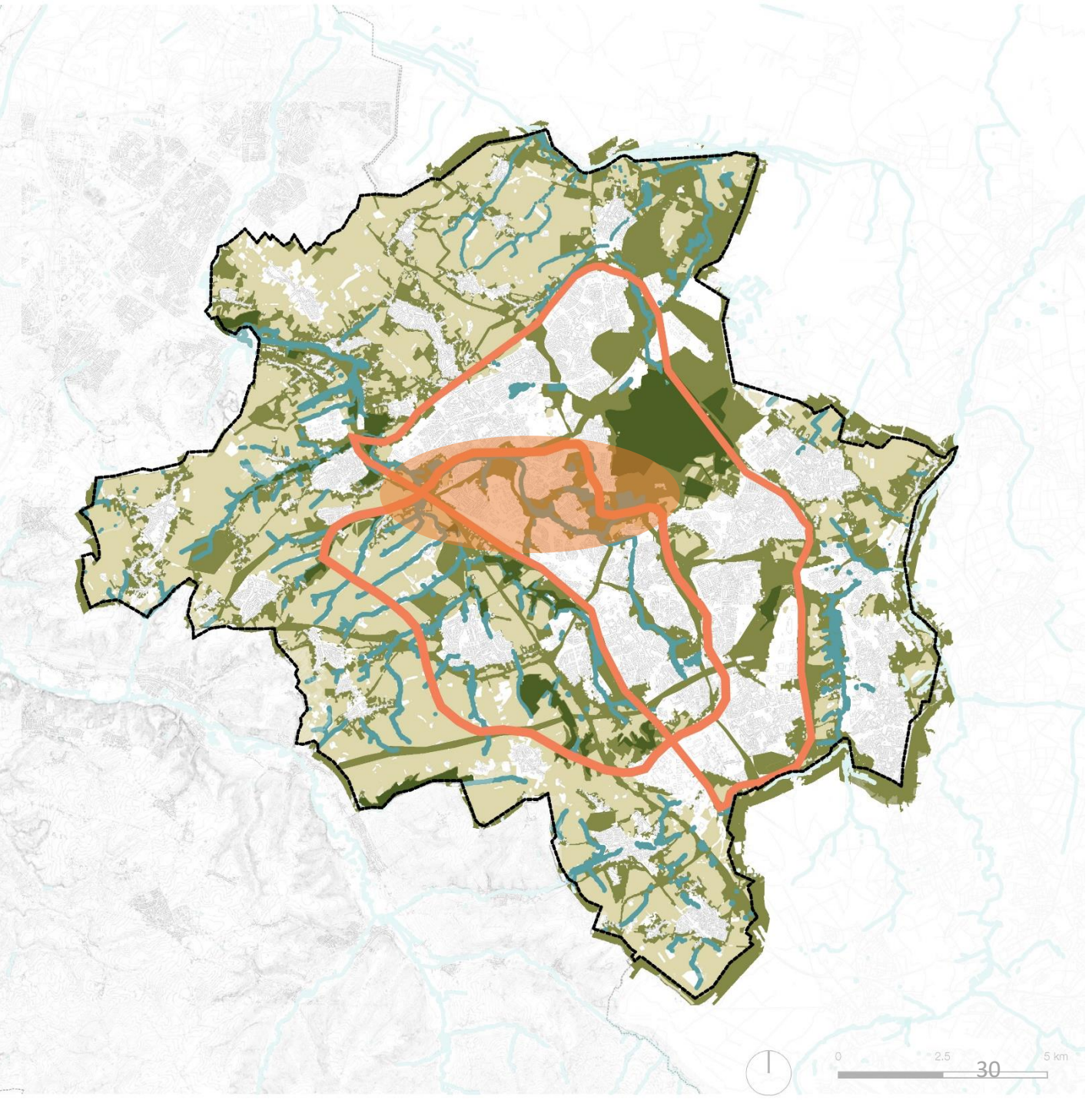
NETWORK SYSTEM

- BLUE-GREEN STRUCTURE

- CYCLE NETWORK(LEISURE LANE)

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY

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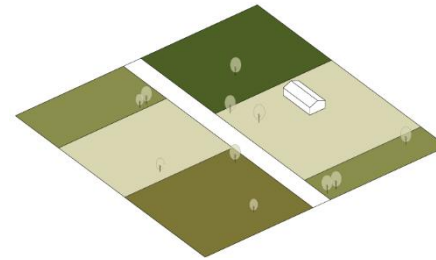
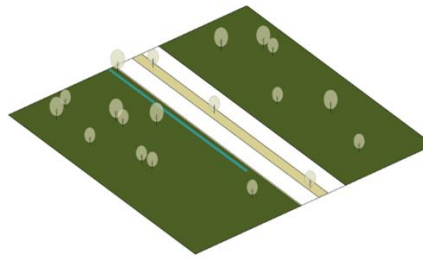
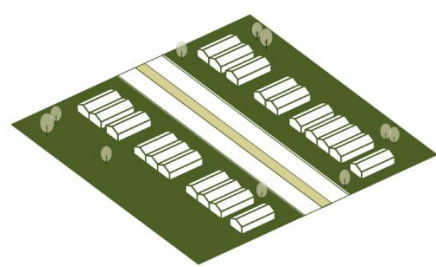
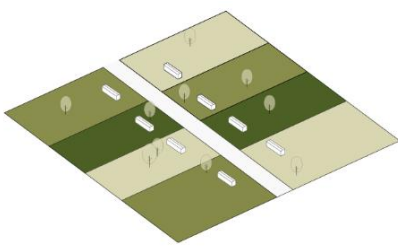


Residential neighborhood

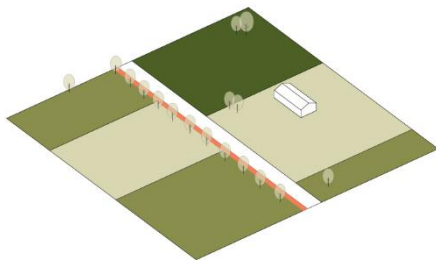
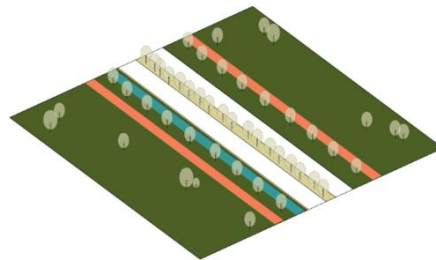
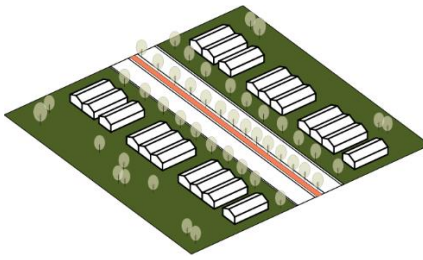
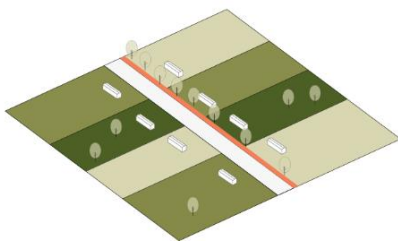
Offices and industries

Highway

Agriculture area



Existing



Proposal

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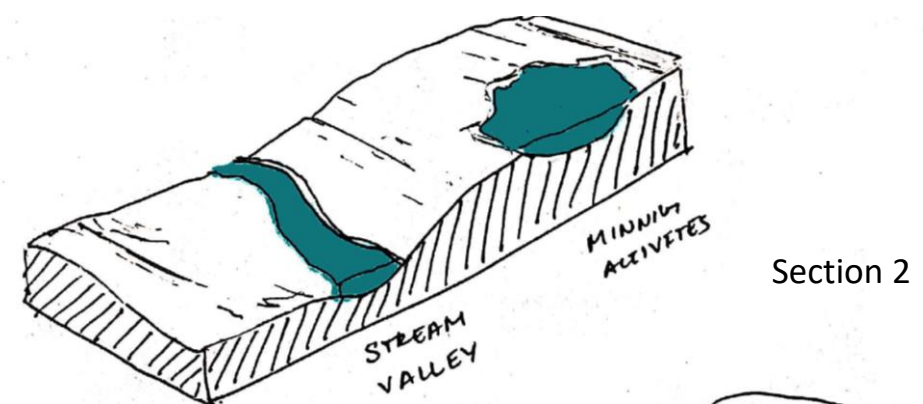
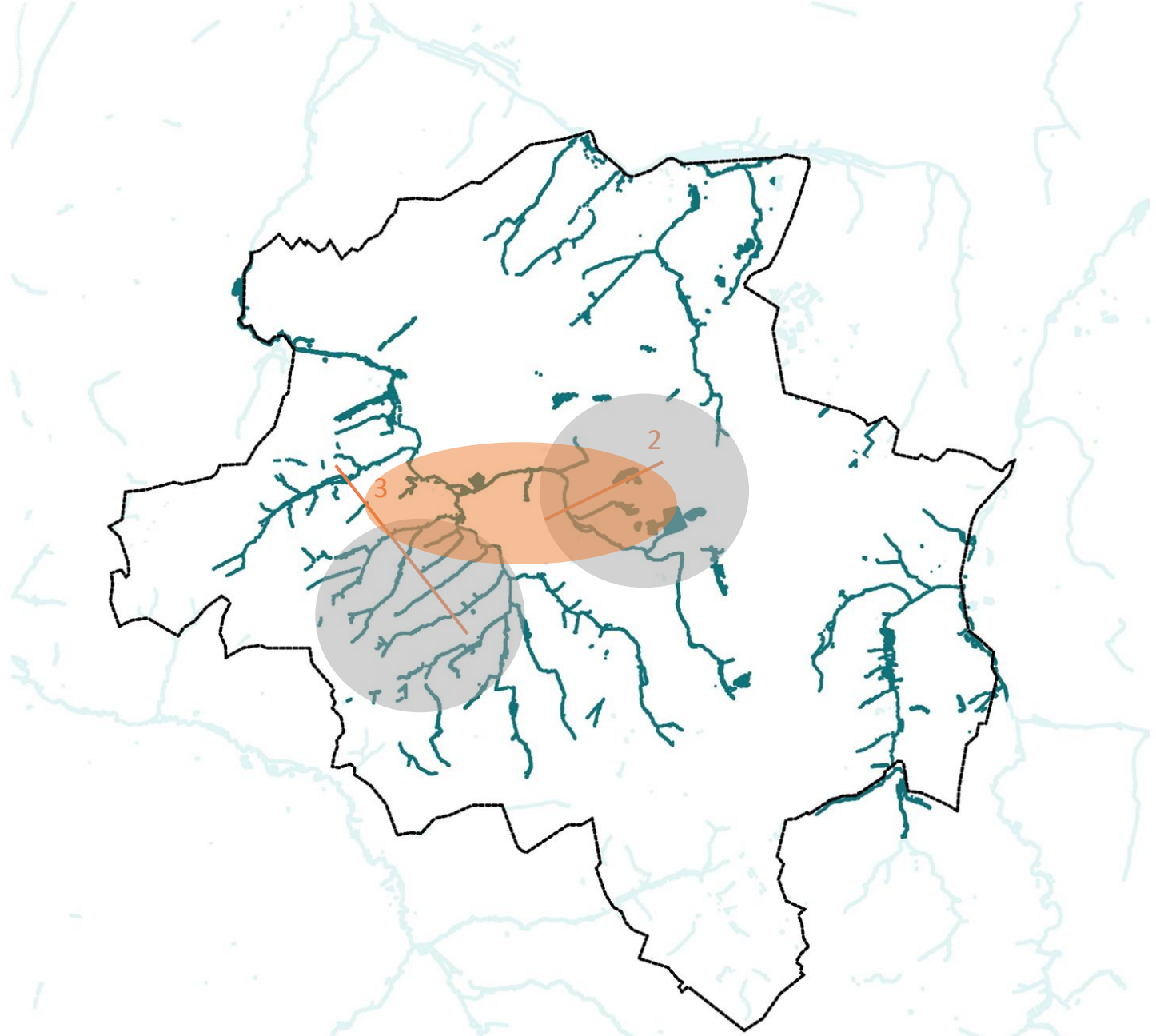
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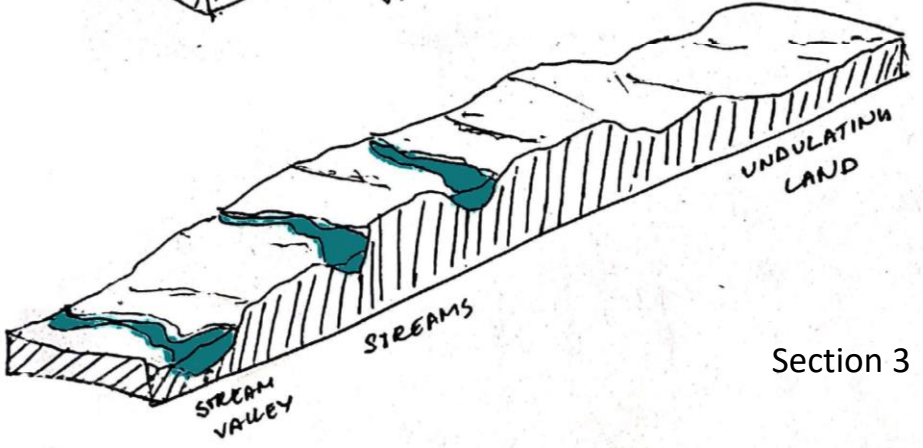
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- LANDSCAPE TYPOLOGIES
- 3 WATER ISSUES
- UNPLANNED SPACES

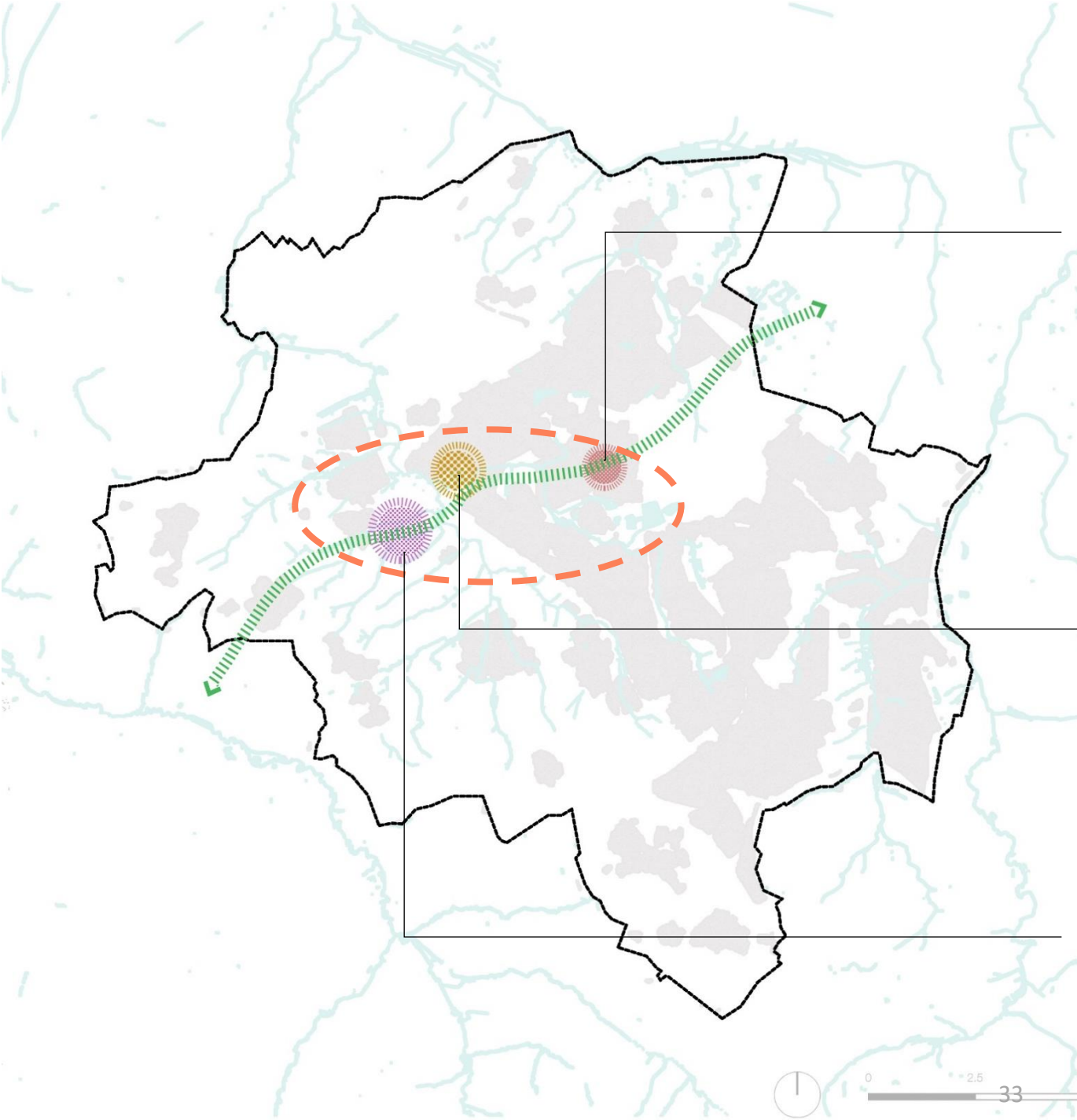


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Based on topography and water catchments each part has its own feature terrain.



Mine water



Wastewater



Agricultural water

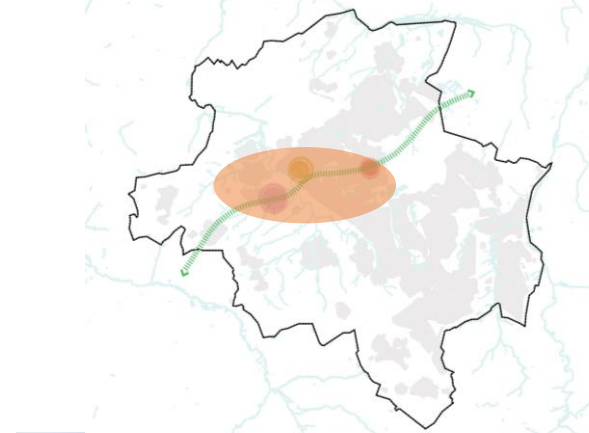
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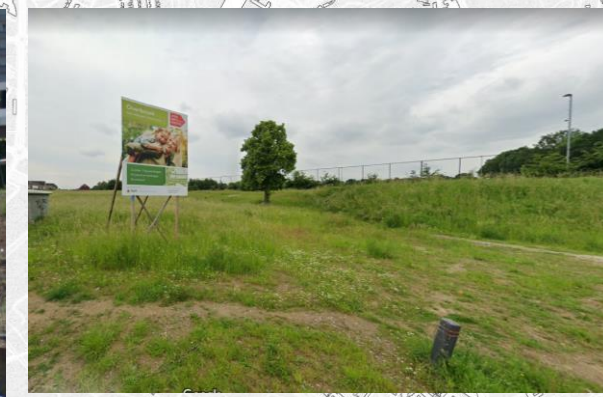
Unused
Abandoned land
Green open spaces
Unproductive areas
Demolished areas



SITE LOCATION
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Opportunity to revive the degraded and unplanned

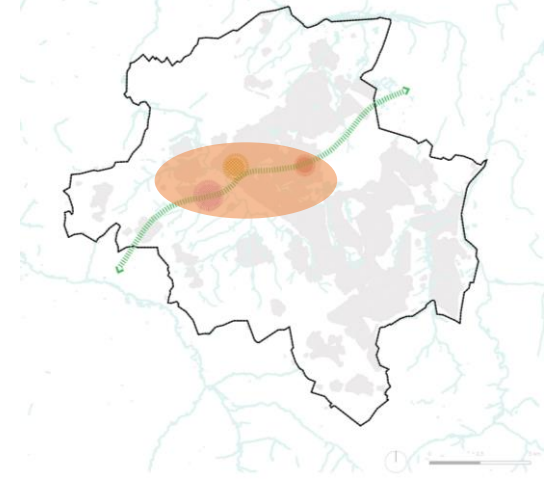


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EXISTING WATER SYSTEM

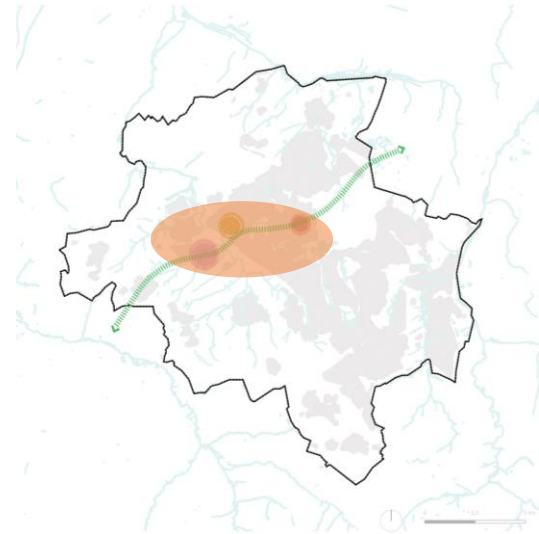
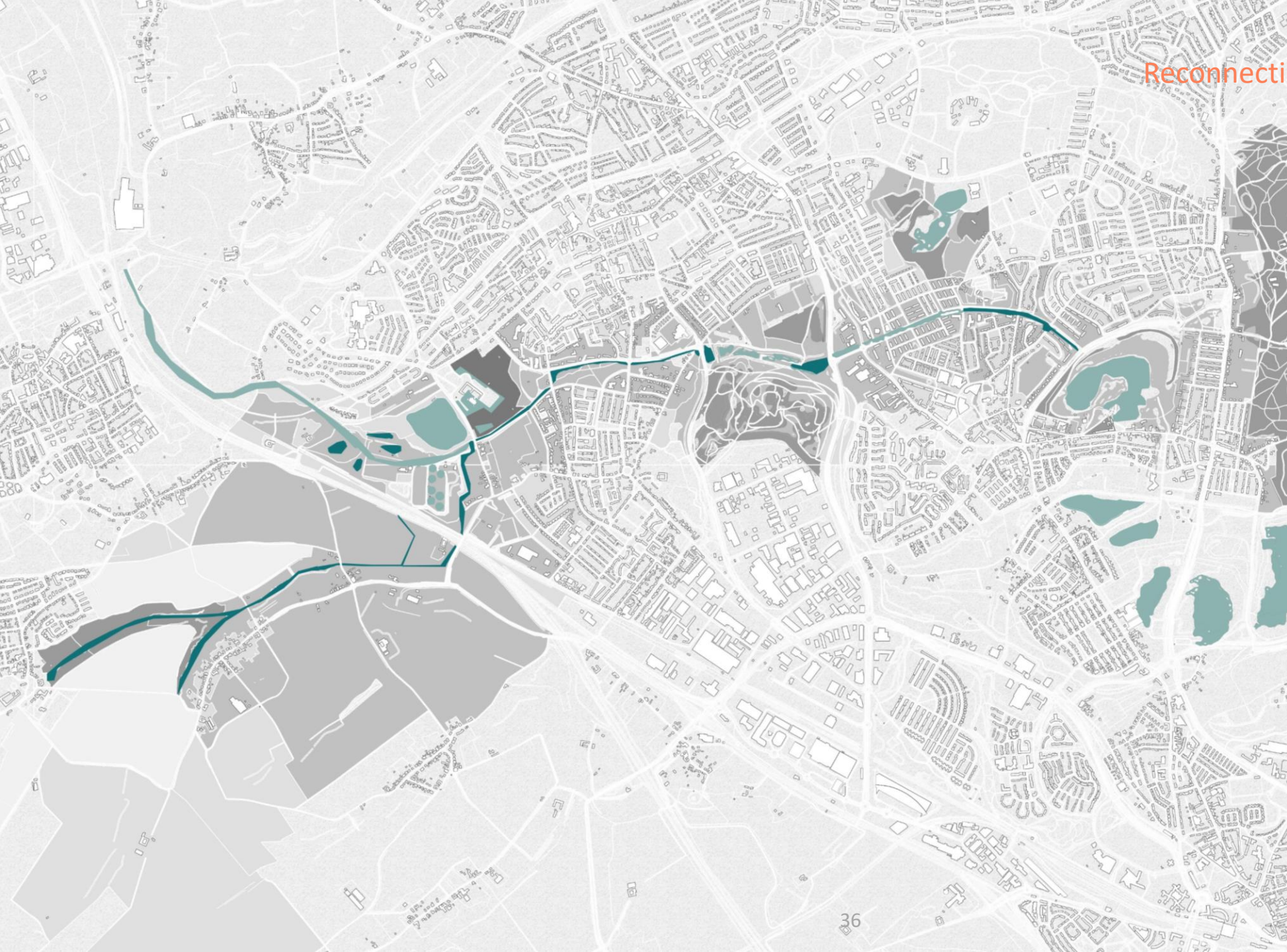
Fragmented existing water structure



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NEW WATER SYSTEM

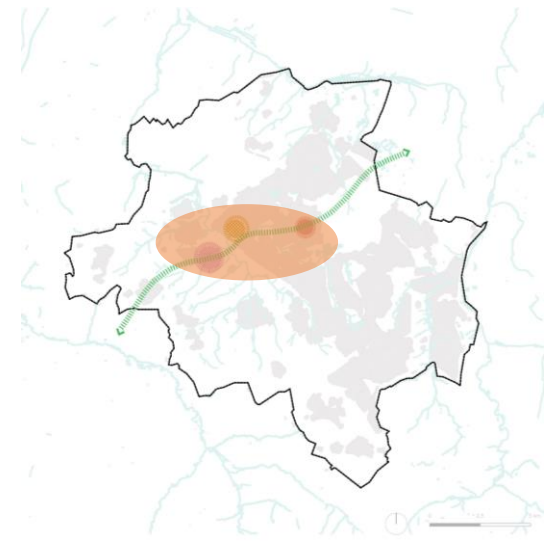
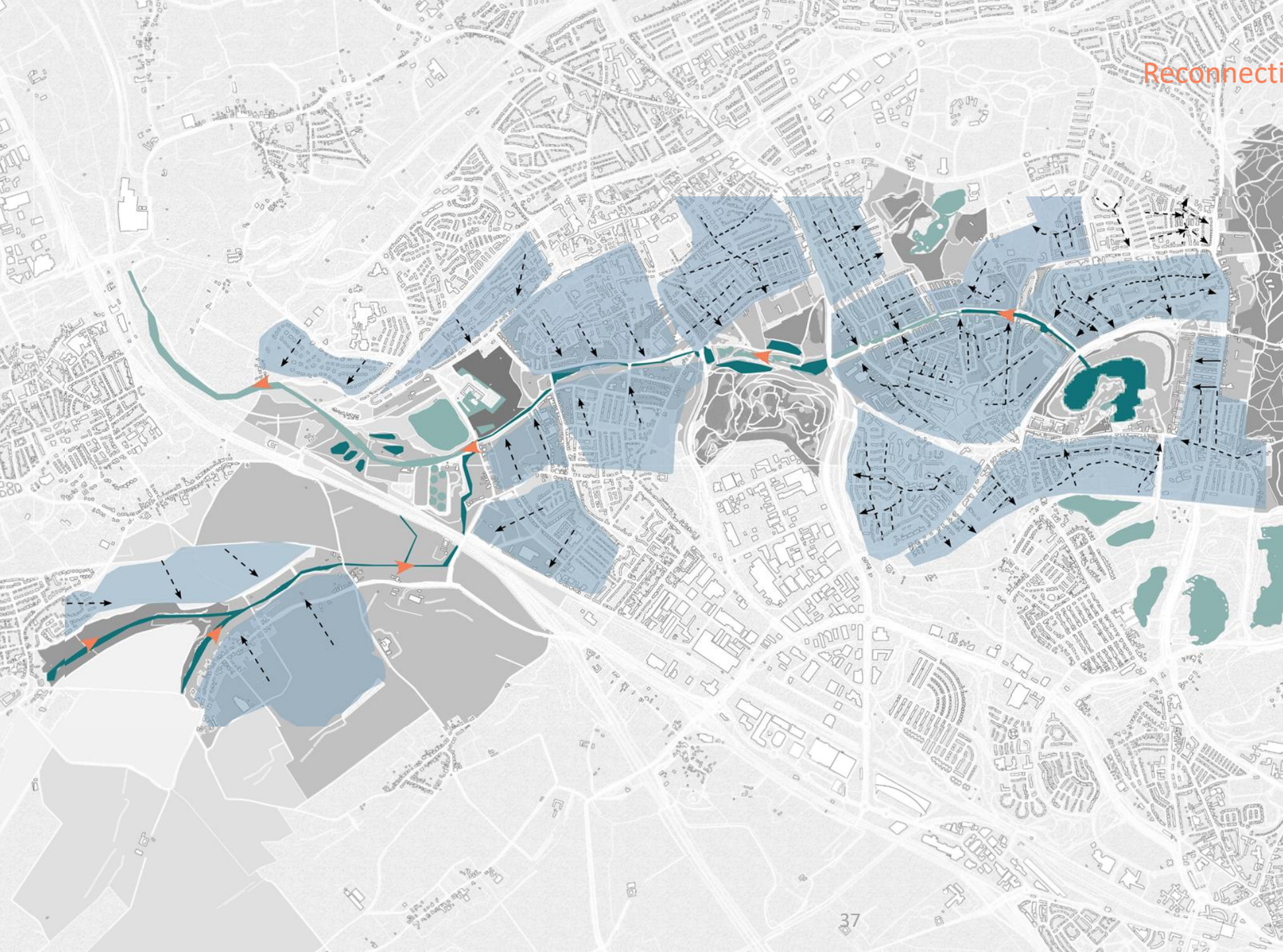
Reconnecting the existing water structure



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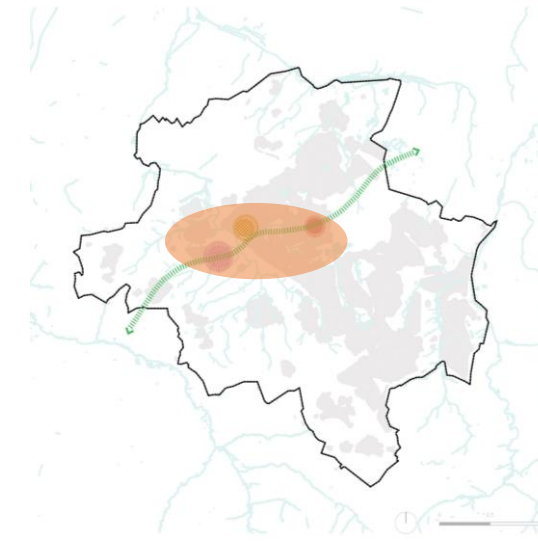
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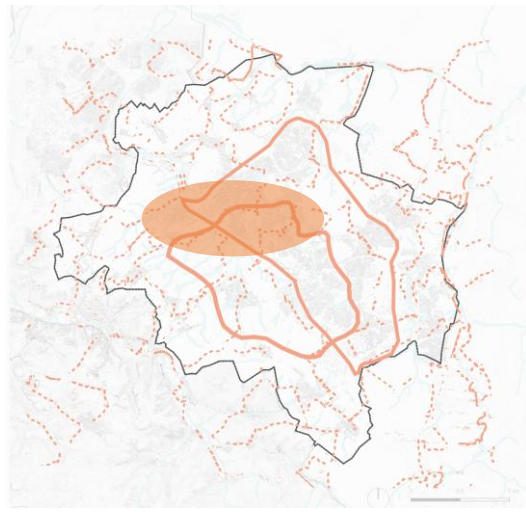
Blue green network

The aim is to elaborate on the **potential** of the **unused spaces** that could become **high quality places** – the backbone of urban- landscape fabric, spatially and **programmatically revitalized**.
Water purification, Storage of water, Water management, Energy production.



DESIGN PROPOSAL

CYCLE ROUTE

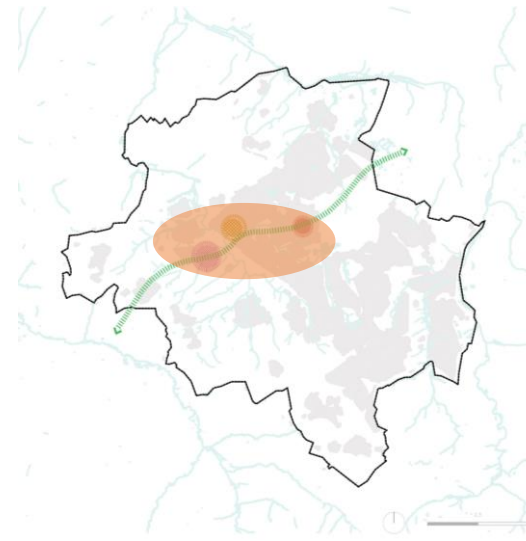


- Connecting different landscape types
- Connected to the node system
- knooppunten route

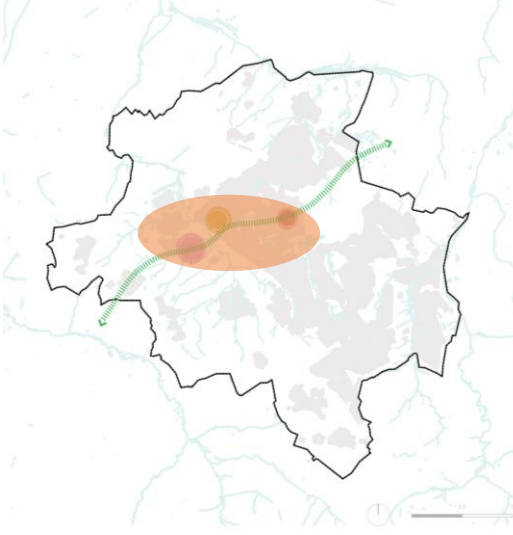
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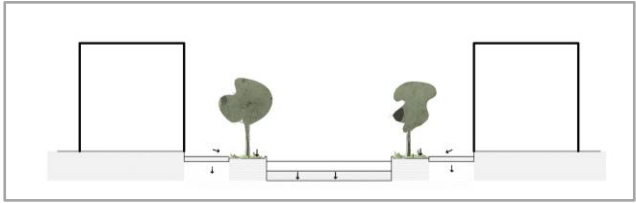
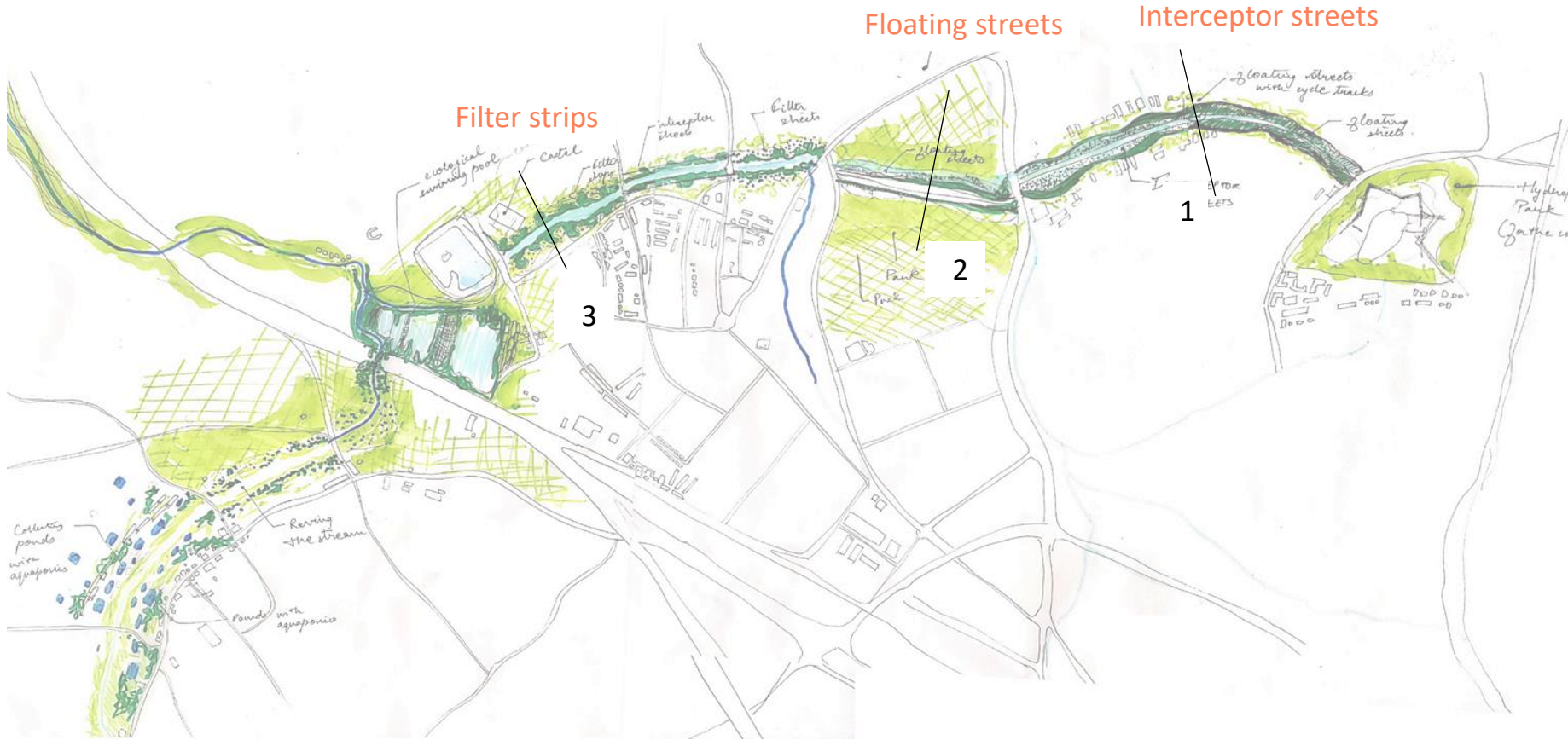


PLANNED SPACES

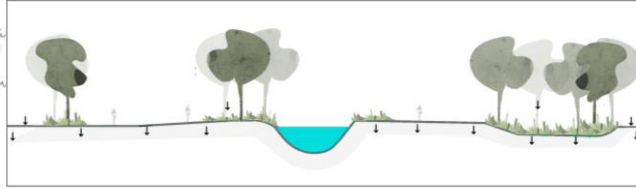


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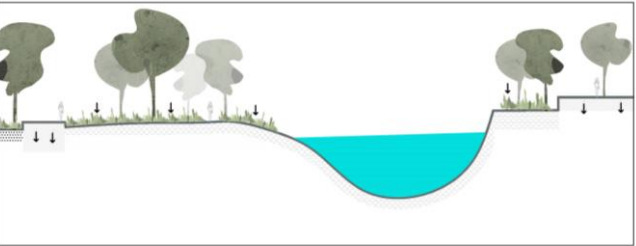




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INTERCEPTOR STREETS

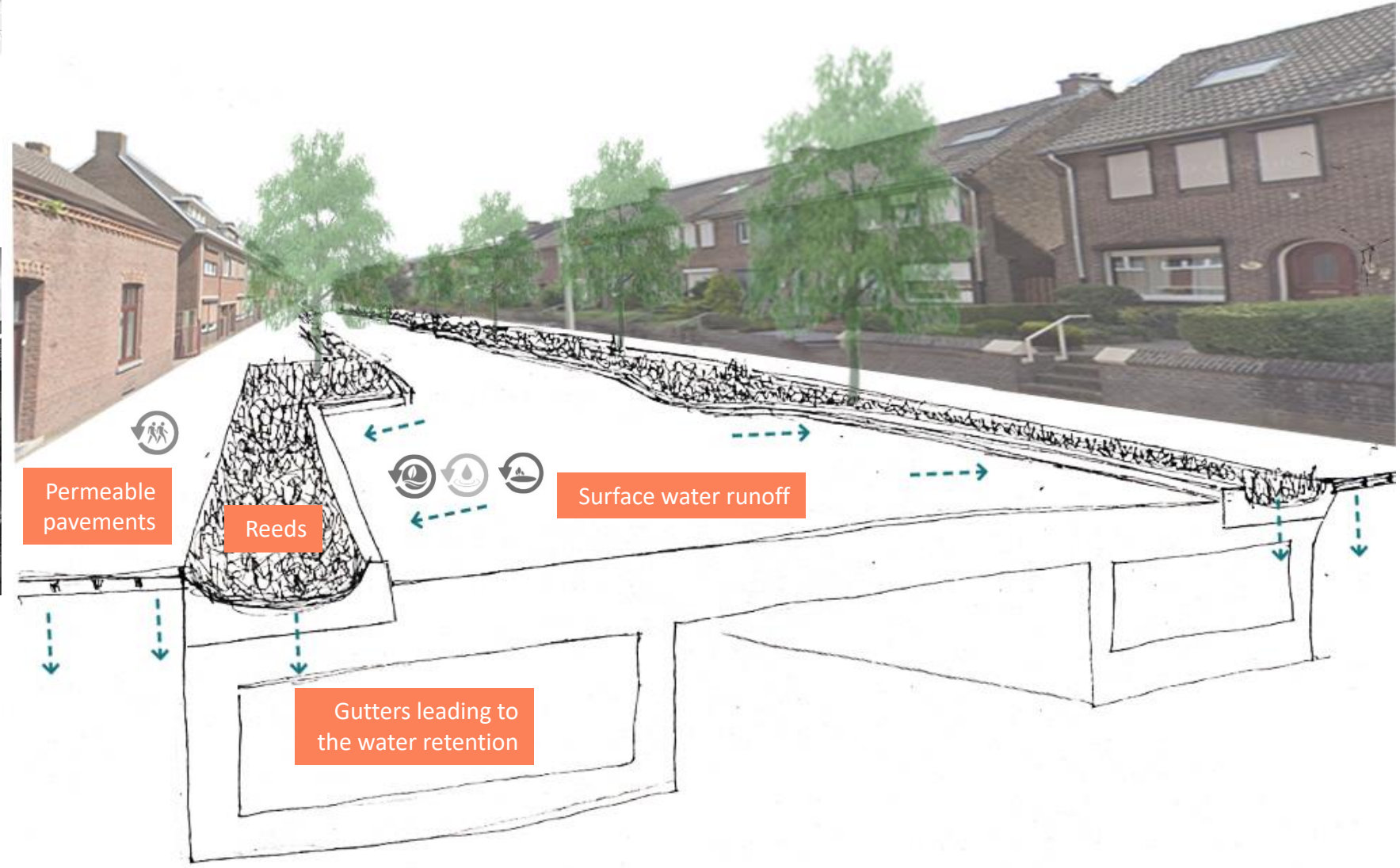
Small scale retrofit in public streets to **collect rainfall**.



Urbanized area with **flooding issue** and cycling paths not connected
High land



Current situation



FILTER STRIPS

To clean the water using **duck weeds**. Low lands need improved ground water management in order to maintain soil stability.



Polluted water and no well-connected cycle routes, low land



Cycle path

Water canal

Duck weed

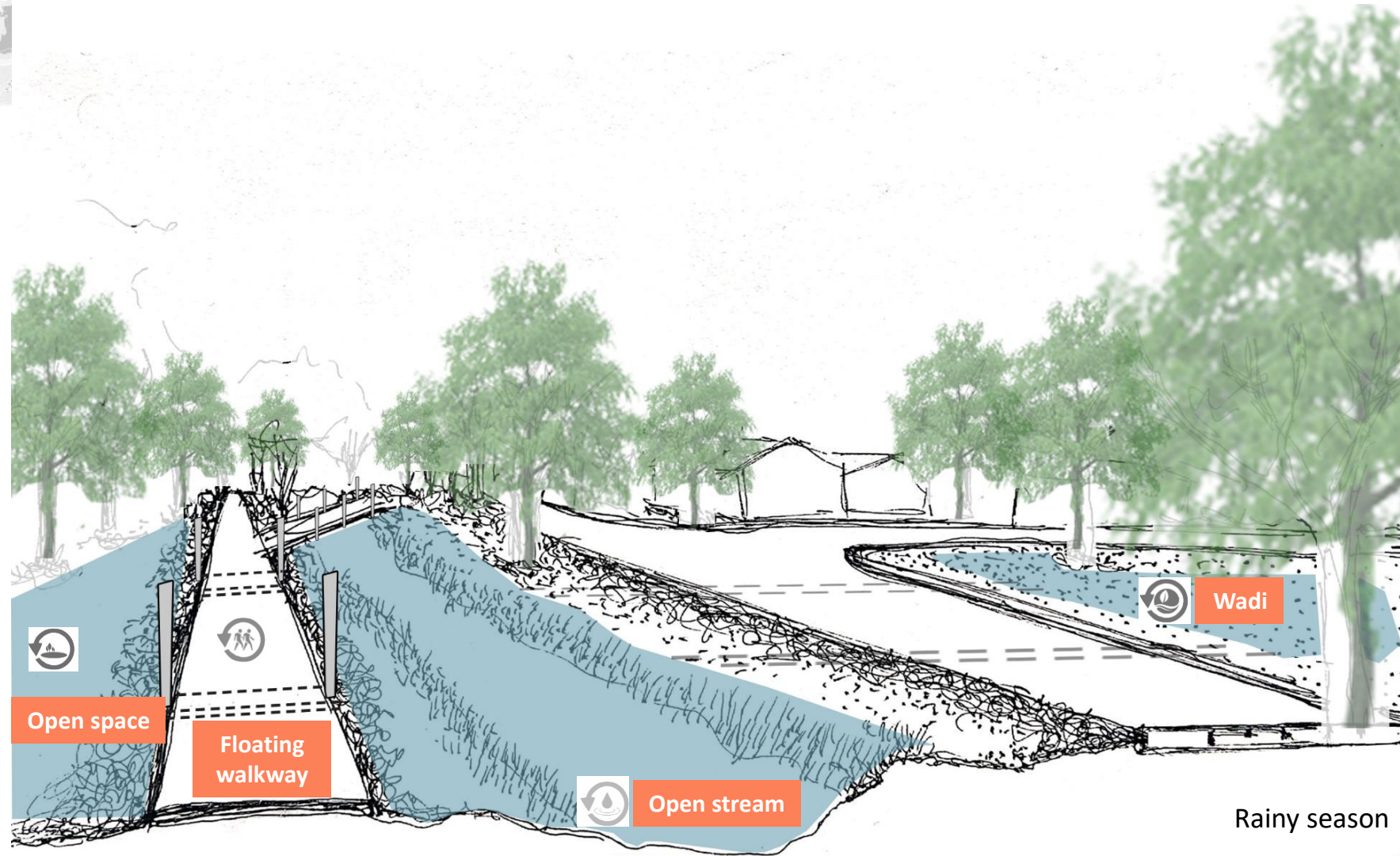
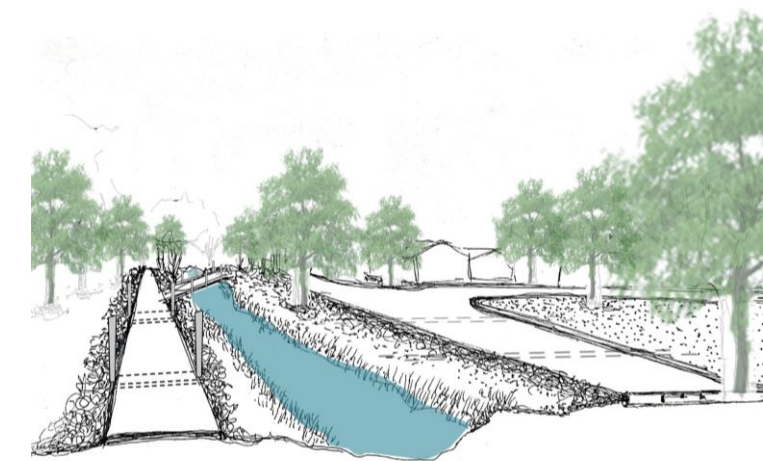
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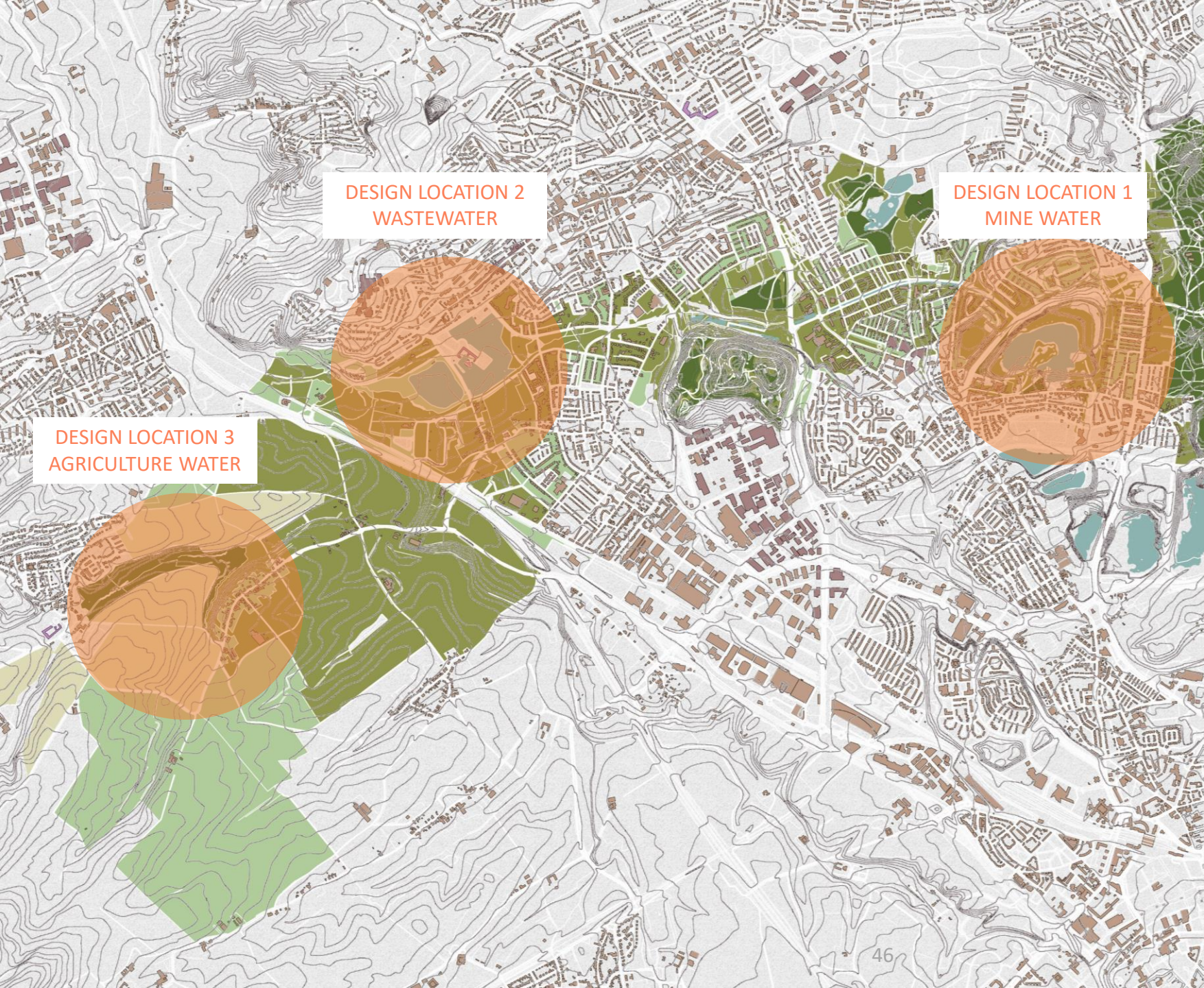
FLOATING STREETS

Walkways adaptable due to the change in the level of water and spaces to retain water.



Use of unplanned spaces, Low lying areas

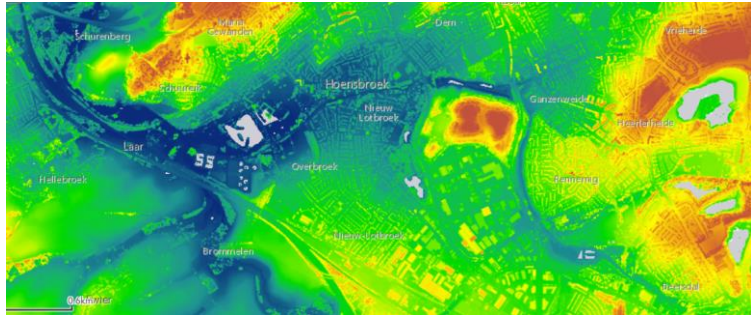




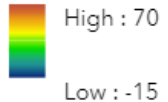
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WASTEWATER

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MINE WATER

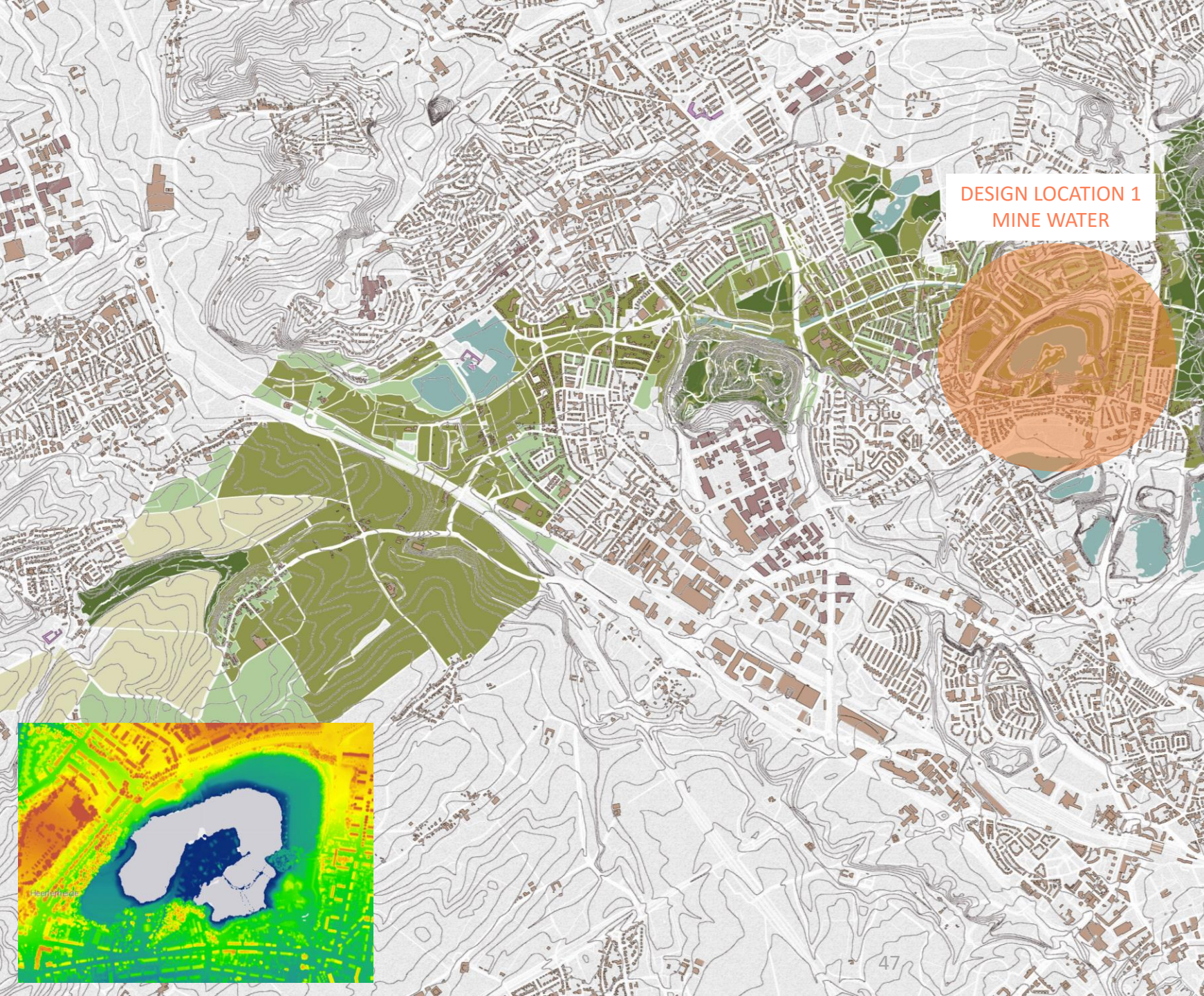
DESIGN LOCATION 3
AGRICULTURE WATER



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MINE WATER - DESIGN LOCATION 1



DESIGN LOCATION 1
MINE WATER



HIGH LAND, HIGHLY CONTOURED

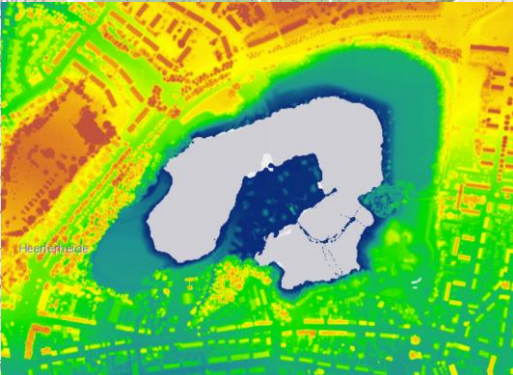
ABANDONED LAND

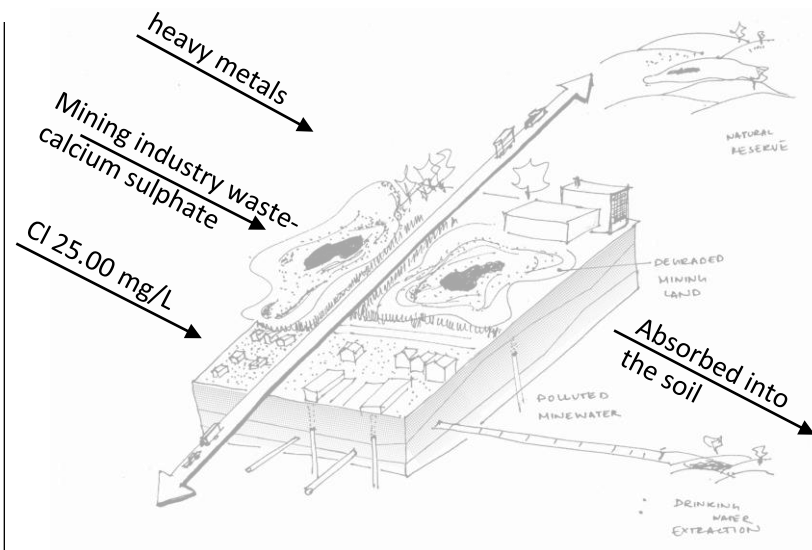
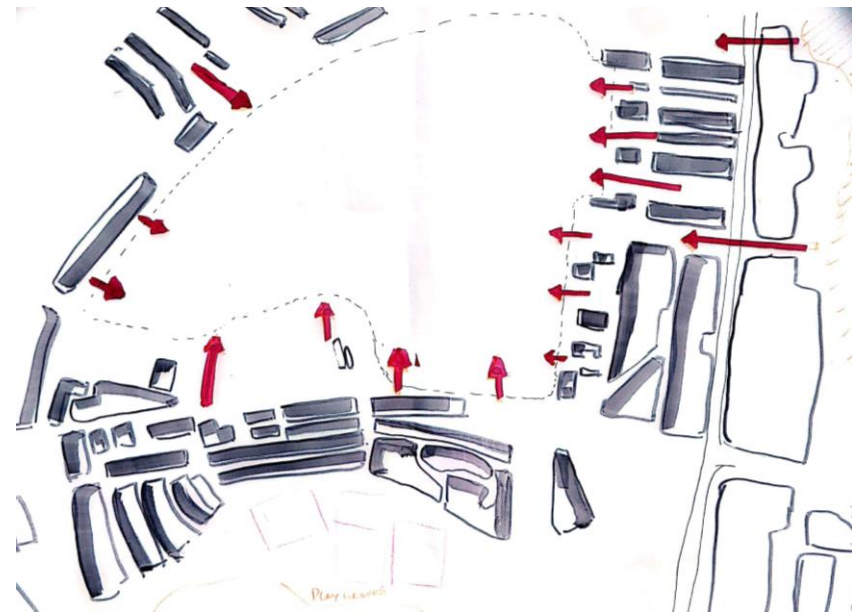
MANY NEIGHBOURHOODS AROUND

NEXT TO FOREST AREA

INDUSTRIAL WASTE

DESIGN PROPOSAL





Disconnected to the neighborhood
- **fenced** open spaces



Water pollution
Generally contains **heavy metals** or additives used in mining industry. Rising mine water can lead to an increase in groundwater level in the overburden. Due to this groundwater is at risk.



Ecologically degraded
- mining activities **no vegetation**
- **disconnected with ecological area**
- pollution



Next to the high ecological area (Brumssum heide)
Can act as steppingstone in ecological structure

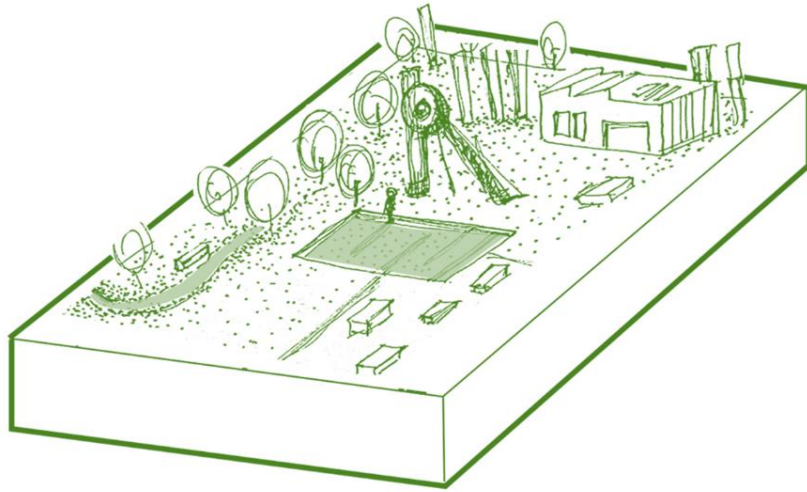


Landmark structures

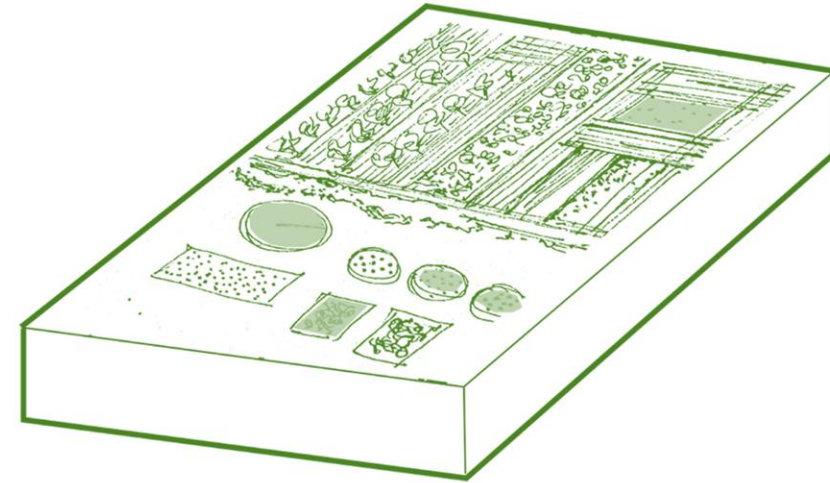


Case study:
Landschaftspark Duisburg-
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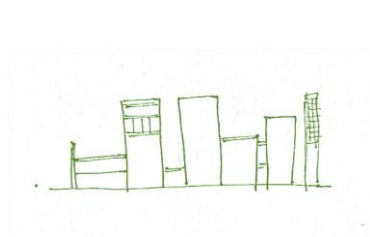
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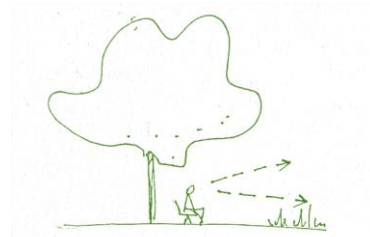
Protect industrial heritage



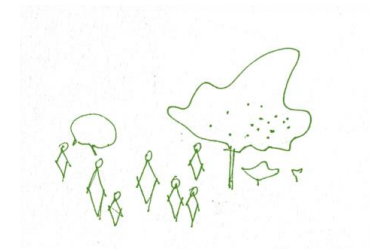
Continuity and ease of movement



Industrial heritage



Park facilities



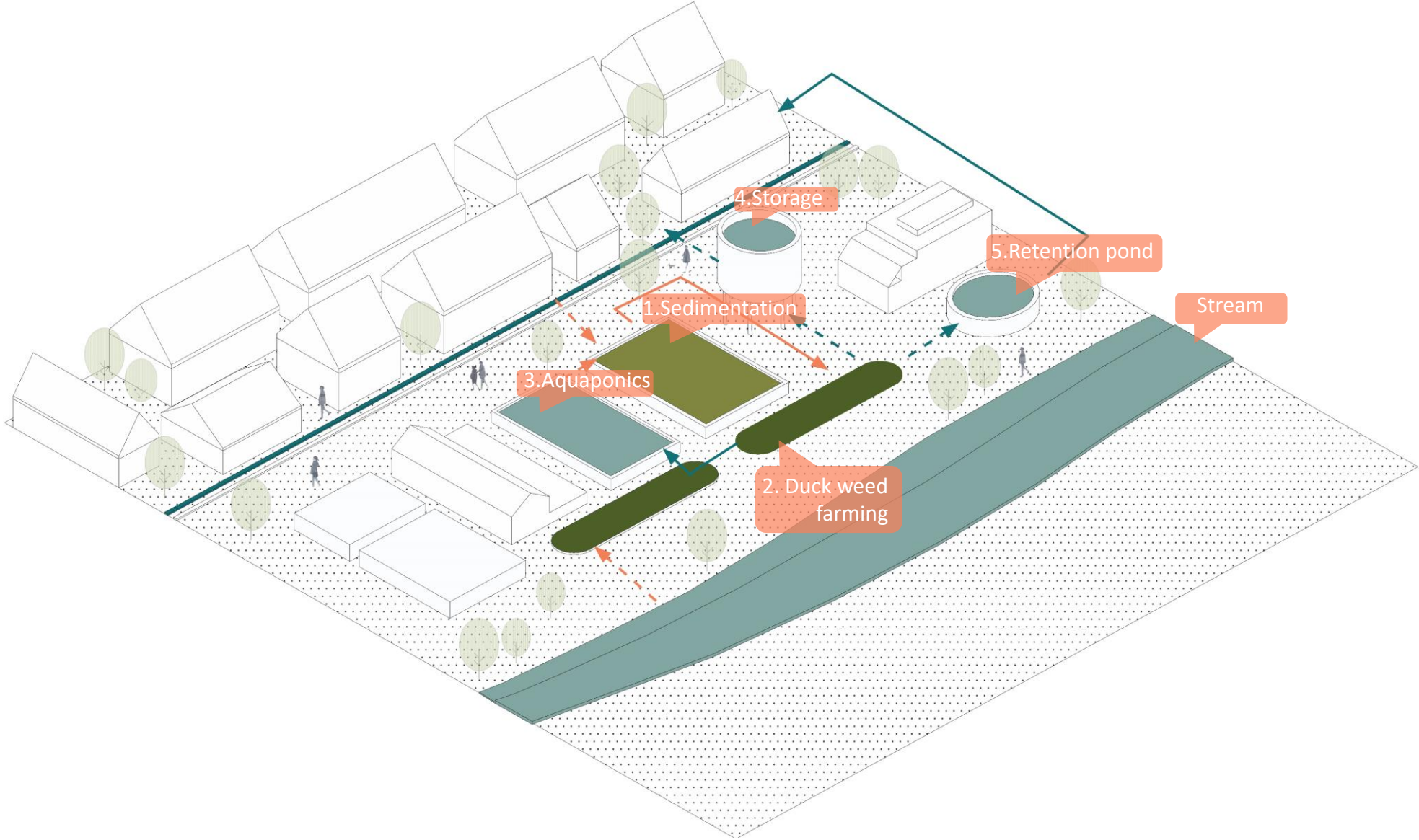
Community gathering

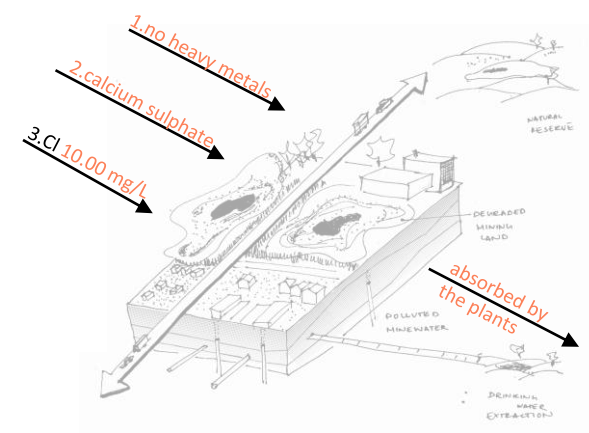
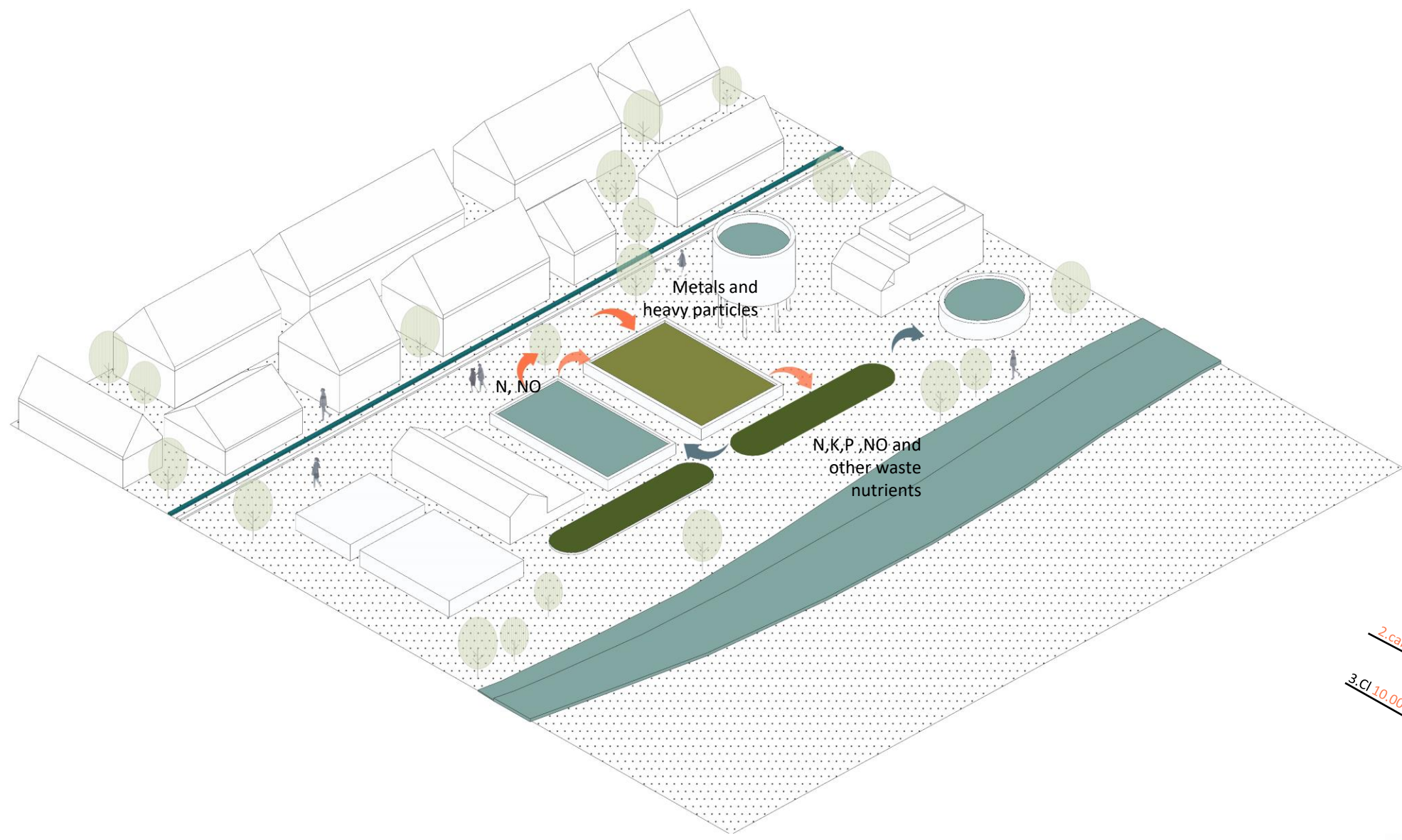
SYSTEM PROPOSAL

For the community

Hydrophilic park

Water purification





ACCESSIBILITY

- Easily **accessible** from the neighbourhoods
- Removed physical barriers
- creating **visual connect**

Secondary access

Mainly accessible for neighborhoods



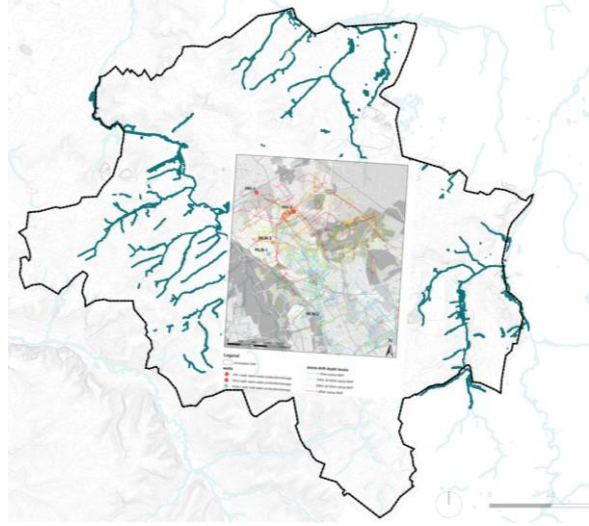
Main entry access

DESIGN PROPOSAL



ACCESSIBILITY

- Main pathway is shafts which are underground
- creating **visual connect**



Walking stroll

Main pathway

DESIGN PROPOSAL

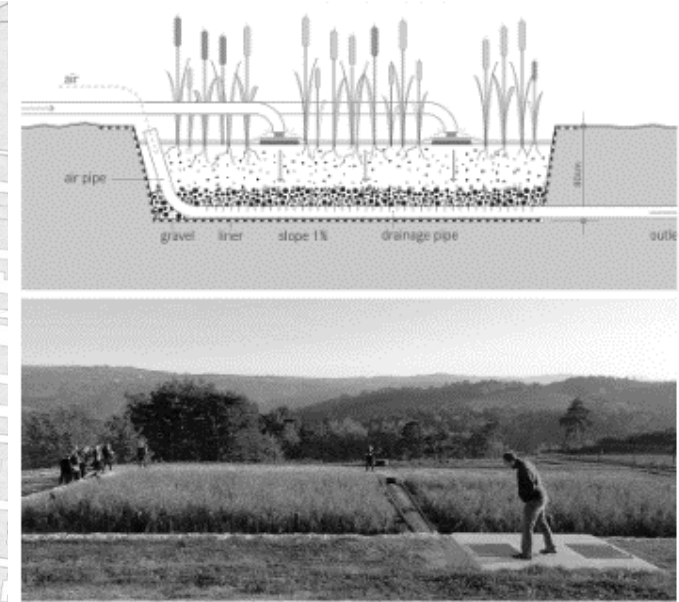
POLLUTED WATER

SEDIMENTATION POND

DUCKWEED/ALGAE TREATMENT

AQUAPONICS

WATER STORAGE



Minimum Area: 490 m²

In the lowest area and are closet to the inlet

DESIGN PROPOSAL

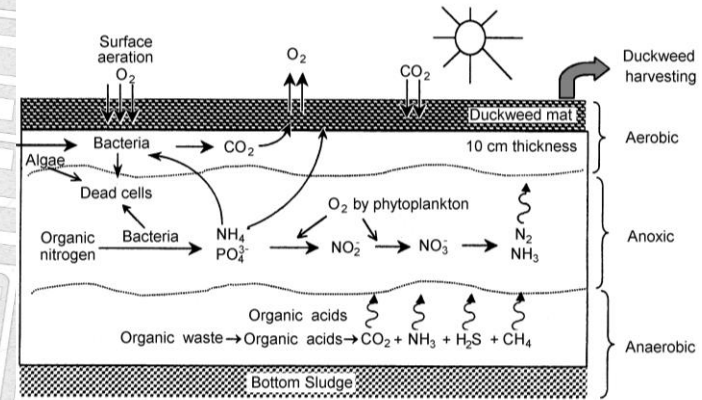
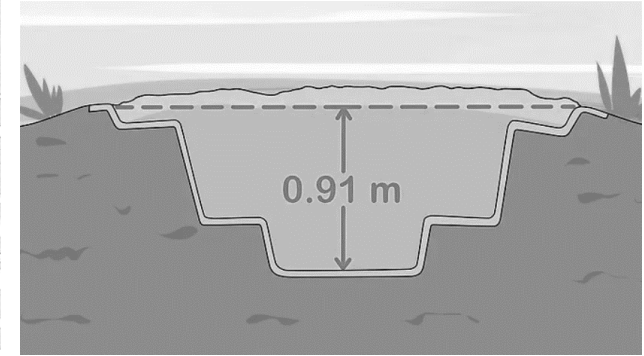
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Biological Processes in Duckweed-Based Wastewater treatment

Energy for water production and distribution: 33.060 kWh(+/- 12 households)

0.47kWh/m³ drinking water produces

Source: WaterKIP (2008) Op weg naar een klimaatneutrale waterketen.

Energy for water treatment*

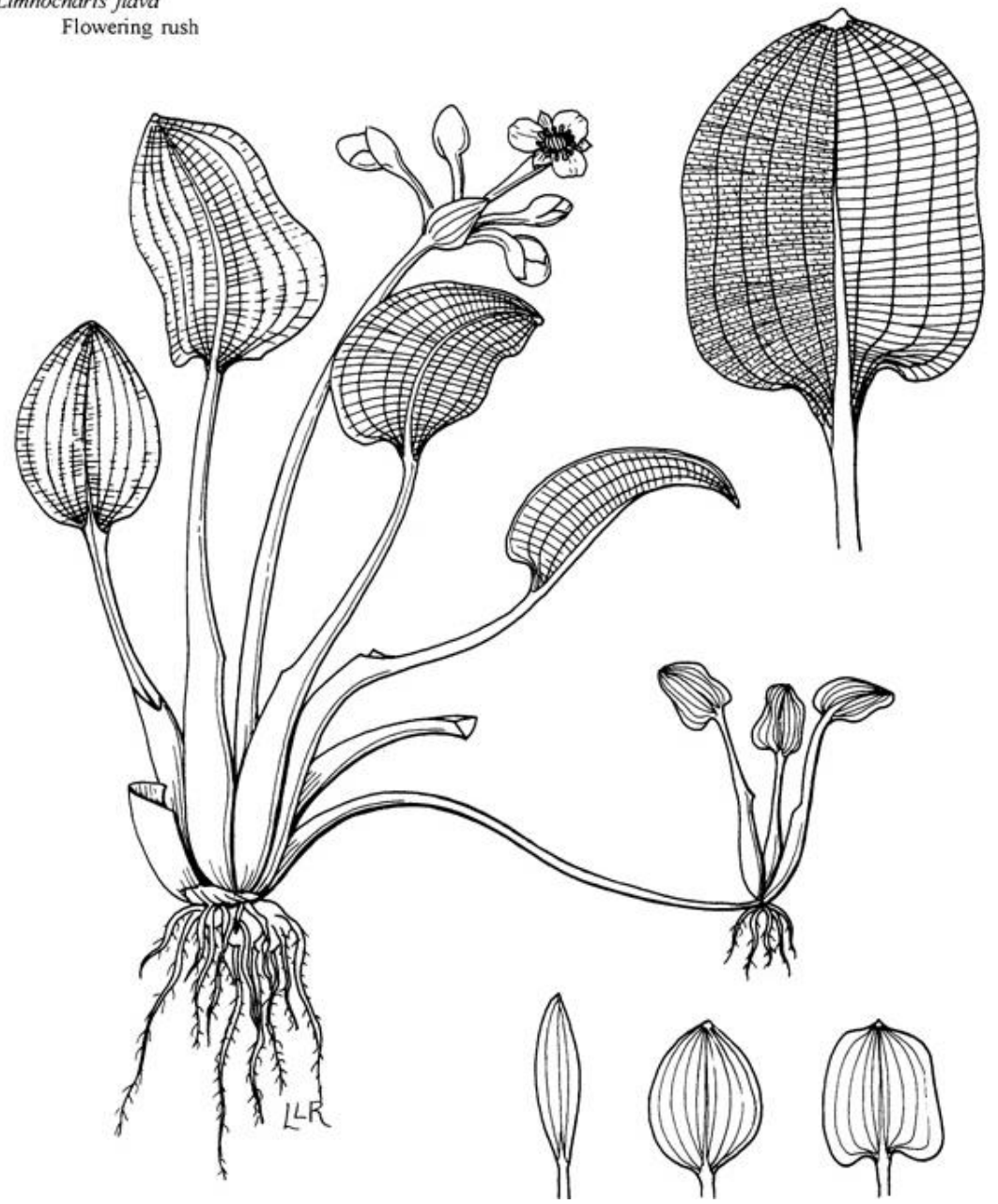
Active treatment

- Water treatment plants
- Chemical treatment

Passive treatment

- Constructed Wetlands
- Algae (Isola – duck weed)

Limnocharis flava
Flowering rush



NUTRIENTS ABSORBED- AMMONIA, NITRATE, PHOSPHOROUS

DUCKWEED AS FEED

BIOGAS PRODUCTION

COMPOST FOR URBAN FARMING

PRODUCTION OF WATER

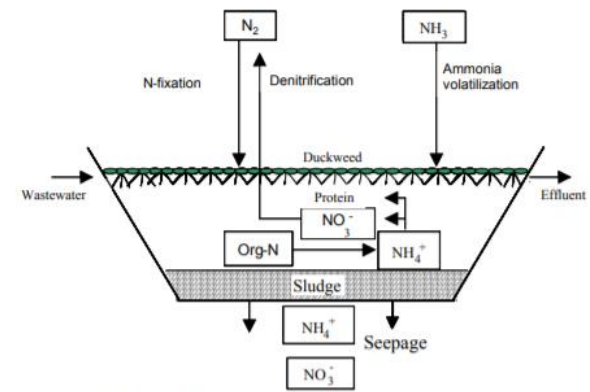


Fig. 5. Nitrogen transport and transformation mechanisms in a Duckweed Pond.



Source: <https://edepot.wur.nl/21921>

POLLUTED WATER

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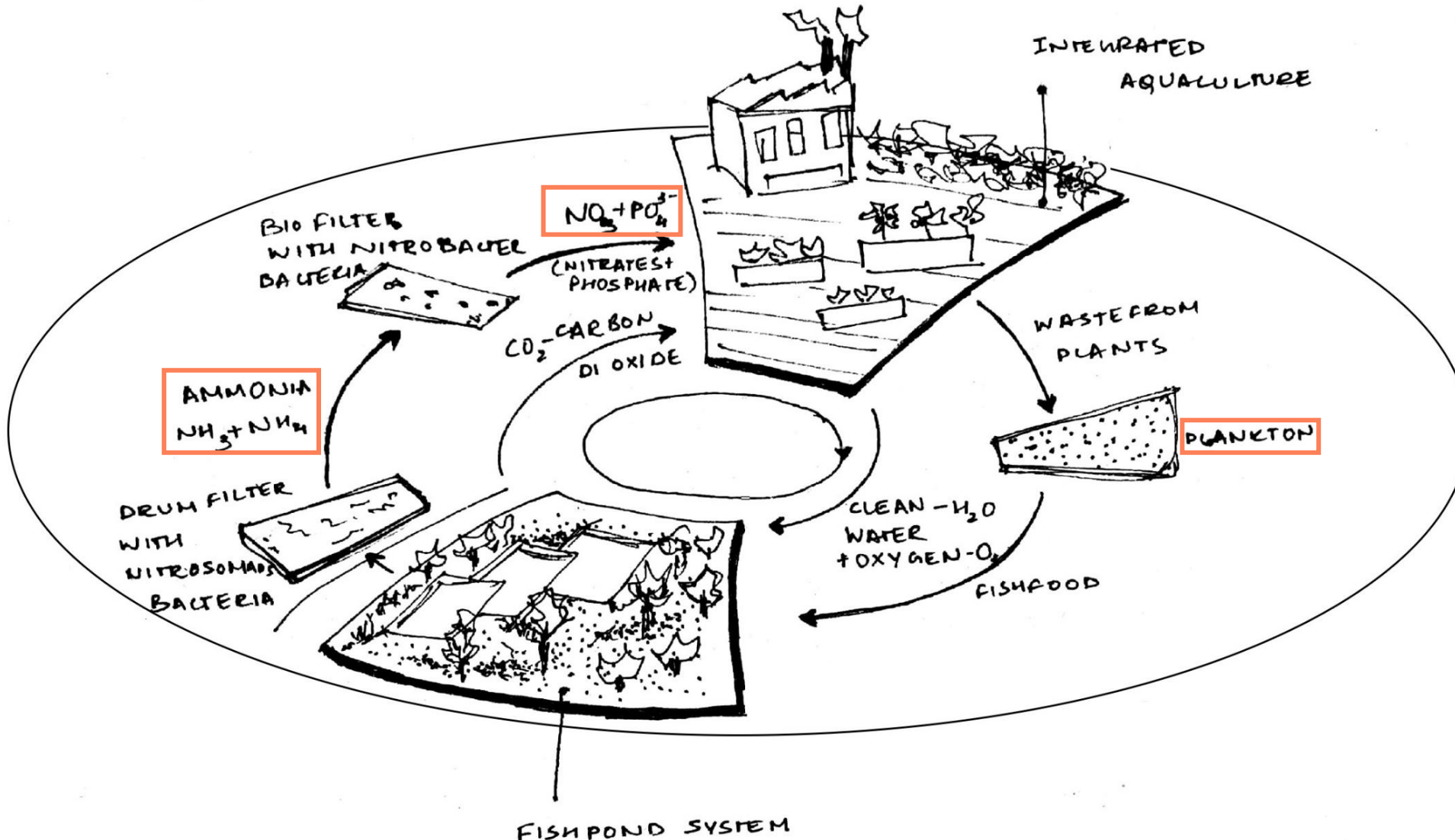


1 fish- 30 -40 liters
Growing medium 1000 liters – 40 sq
number of growing medium
25 fishes

Ph water 6-6.5
Fish size 4- 5 inches

Highest level fish tank

DESIGN PROPOSAL



How can **waste nutrients** in water and soil be used to develop sustainable landscape?

In case the pond complex receives wastewater from 2000-3000 capita at hydraulic retention time of 21 days. The results demonstrated that the combined wastewater and fish aquaculture system produced over 12 tons fish/ha/year, yielding a net annual profit of about US\$ 2000/ha (Gijzen and Ikramullah, 1999; ICDDR, 1995).

ECOLOGY CONNECTIONS



Epilobium angustifolium
Wijgermoede

Typha latifolia
Grote Uisdodde

Digitalis purpurea
Vingeroedskruud



Achillea millefolium
Duizendblad

Salix nigra
Zwarts wilg

Lolium perenne
Rooigras



Agrostis capillaris
Struigras

Festuca arundinacea
Rietzwenkgras

Forest areas

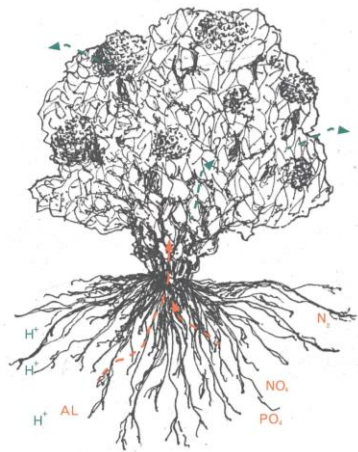
Dense planting
To connect to the
neighborhood

Linking to
the forest

Dense planting
along the road

Plants to absorb
the pollution
Phytoremediation

Hydrangeas



Reeds



Salix alba



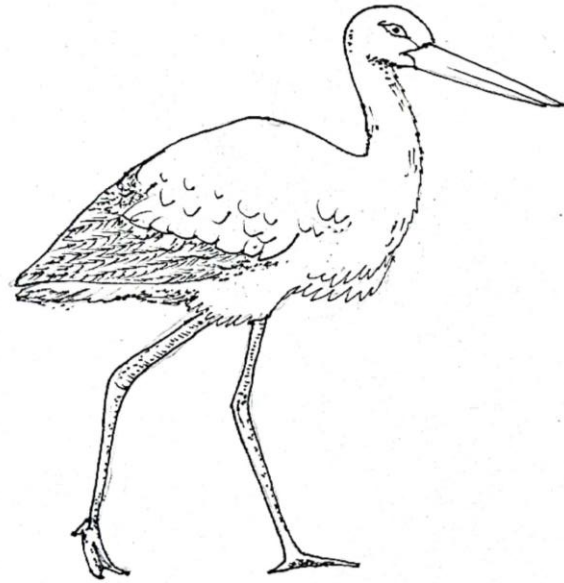
Pine trees



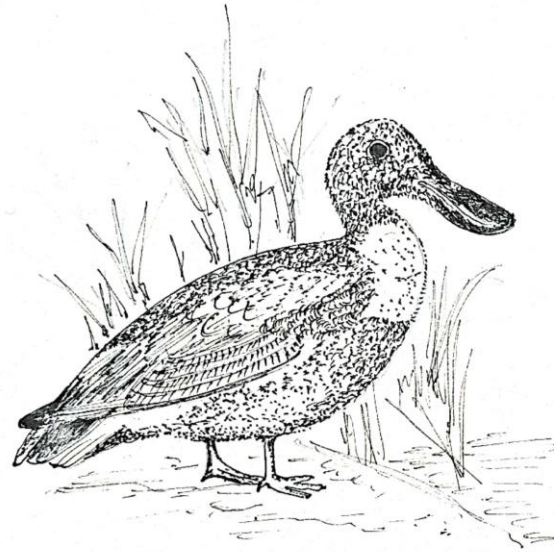
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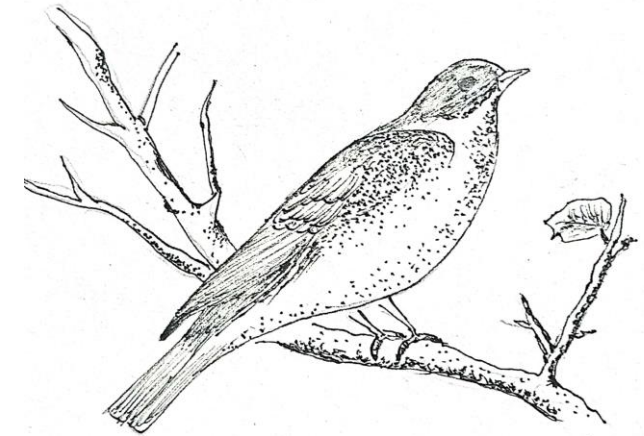
Most birds have threat of **habitat loss** whereas some also due to mining and nests predators.



Winter stork



Northern Haver



Collared sand martin



Grassland



Aquatic



Artificial terrestrial



Ecological island

Fishponds

Duck weed farming

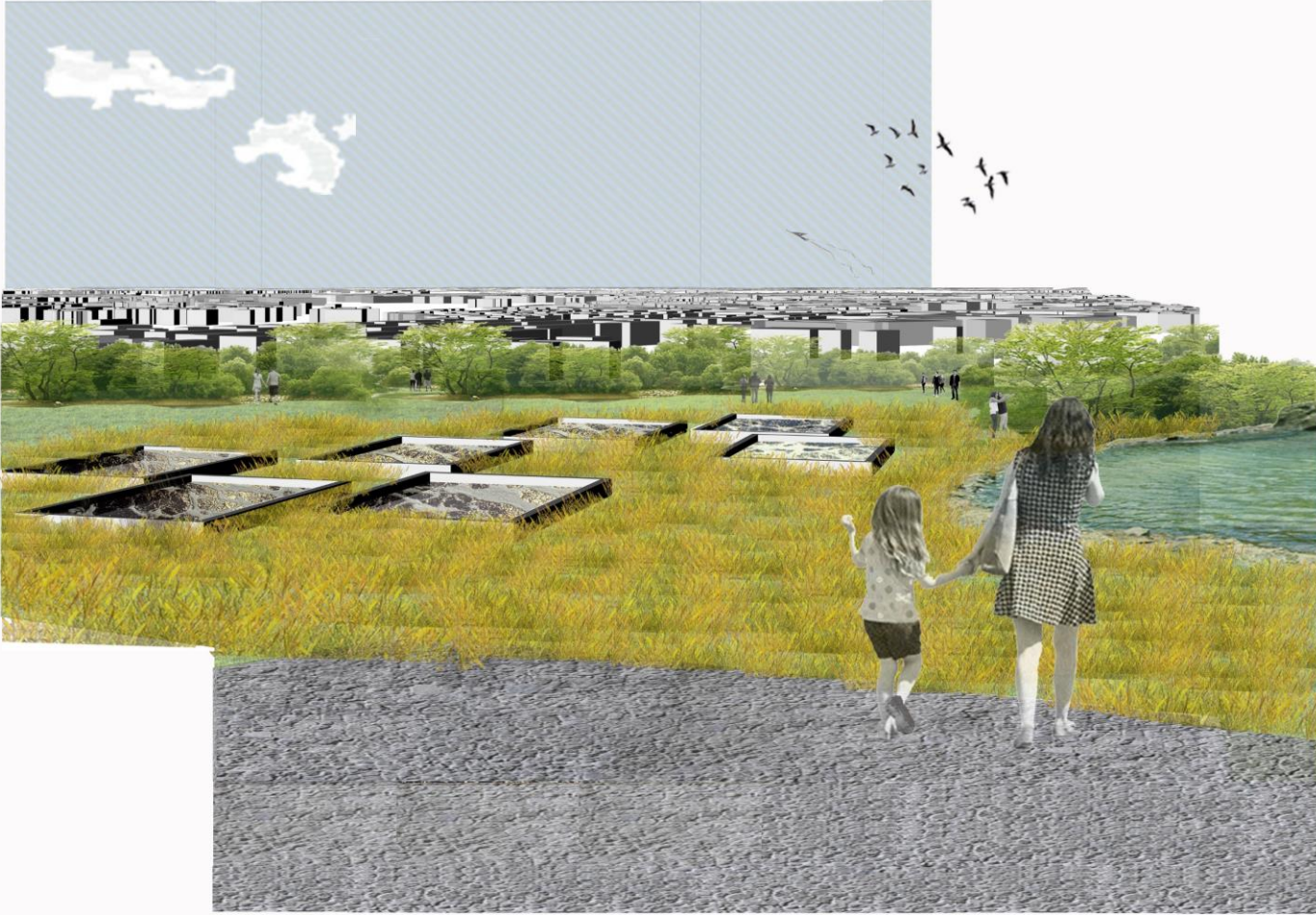
Community gardens

Orchard

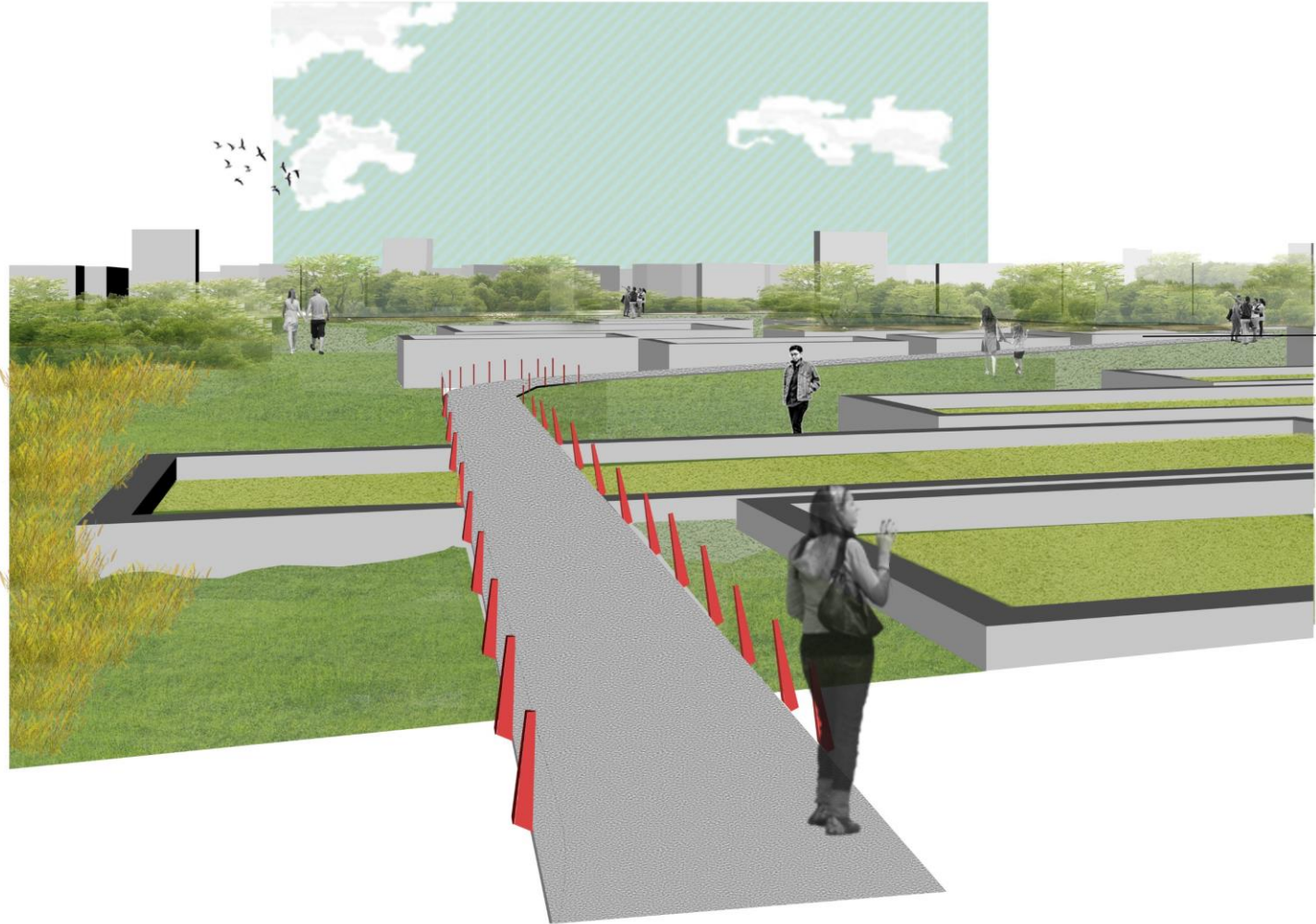
Sedimentation ponds

Cycling and walking

Entry



Sedimentation ponds



Duck weed farming



Corten steel



Local stone
-mergel lime stone
-Veldbrand bricks



Gravel





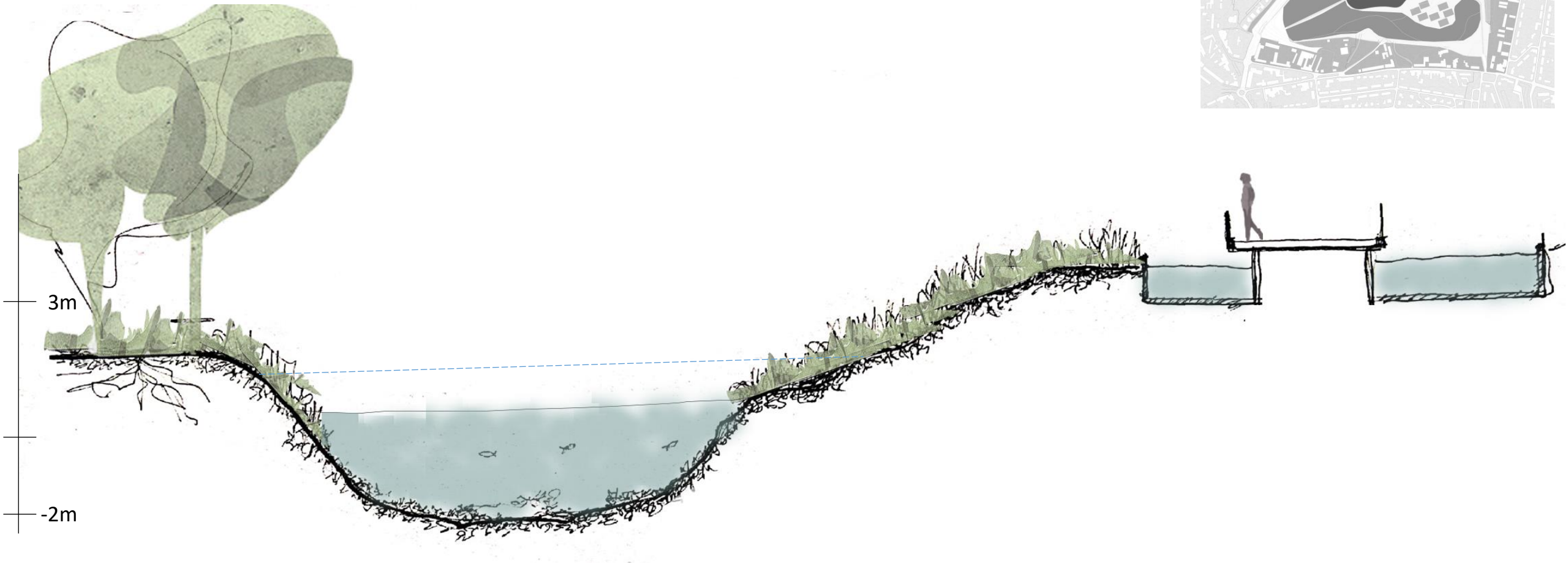
1-3 years



3-6 years



7-10 years



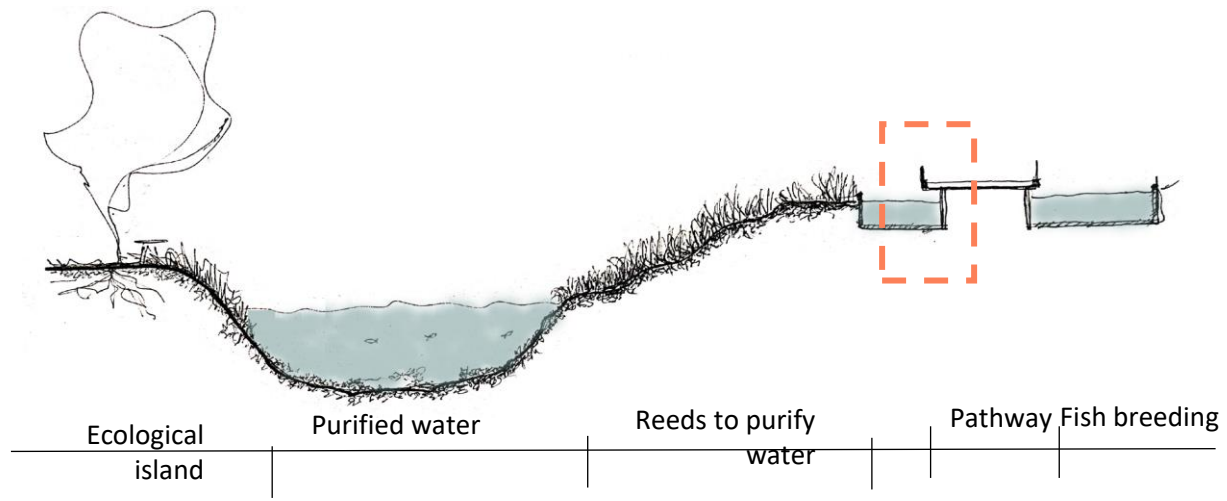
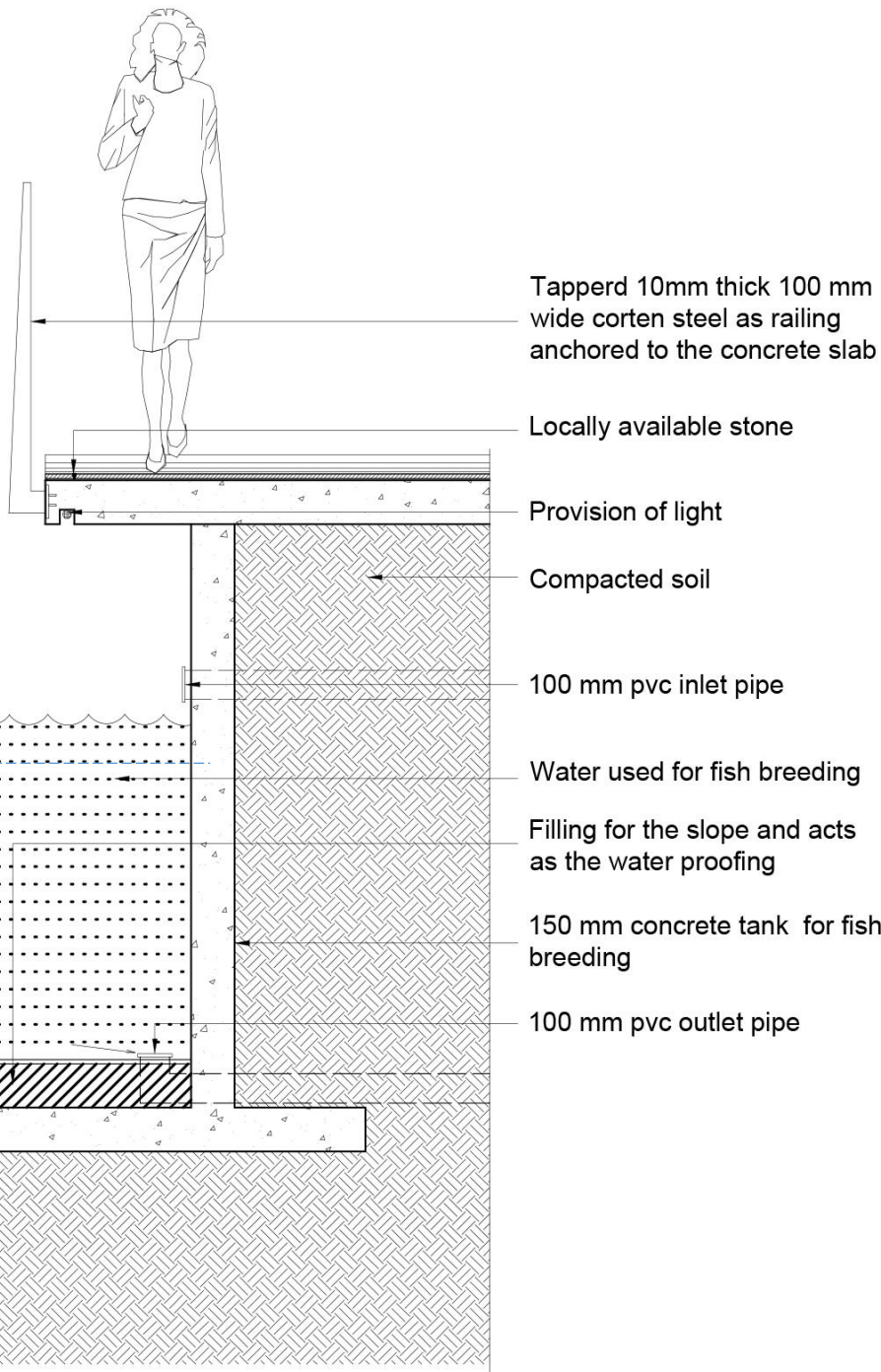
Ecological island

Purified water

Reeds to purify water

Pathway

Fish breeding



Corten steel



Local stone
-mangel lime stone
-Veldbrand bricks

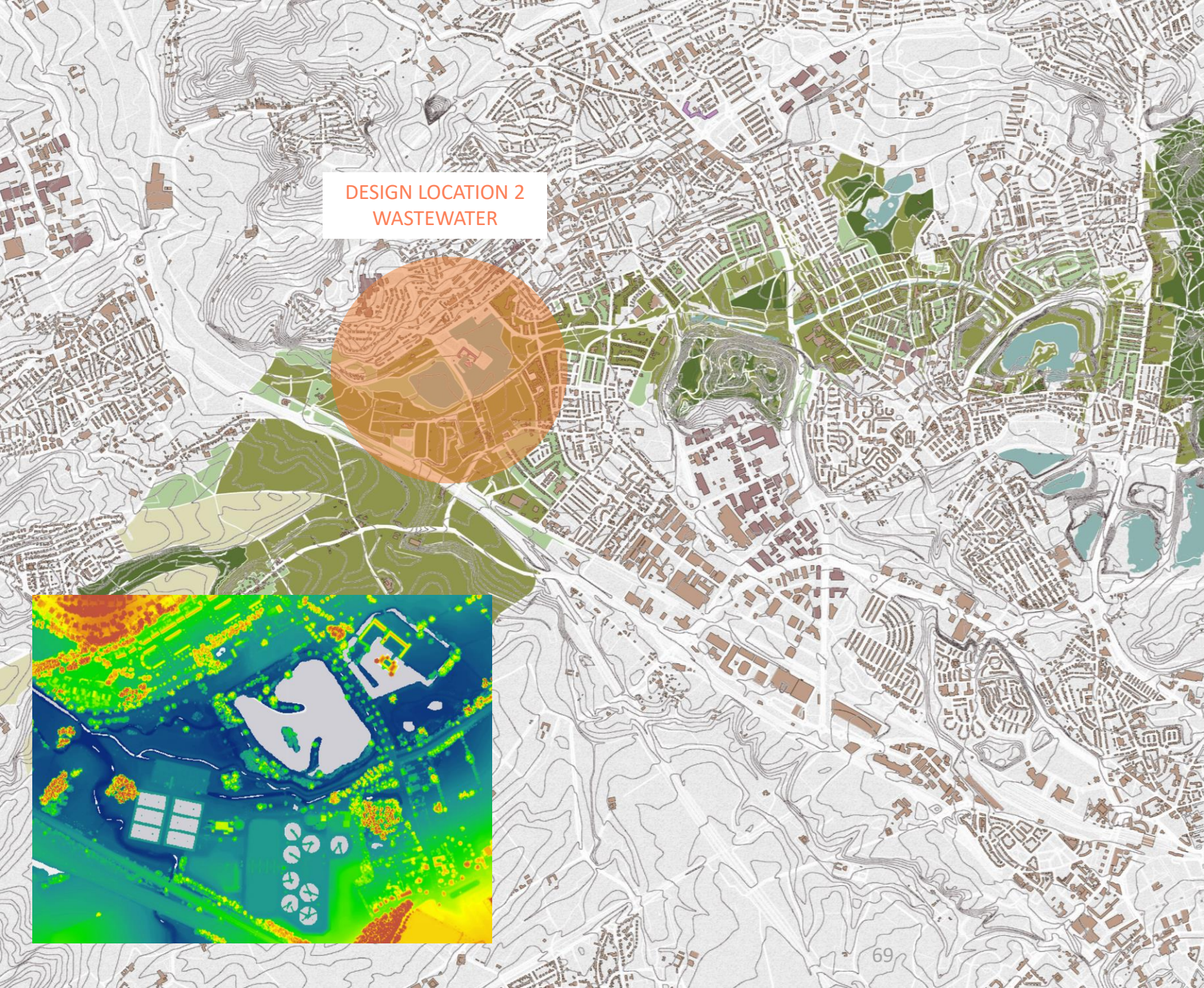


Exposed concrete



- Salix alba
- Poular
- Ash
- alus
- Hawthorn hedges
- Craetgus monogyna

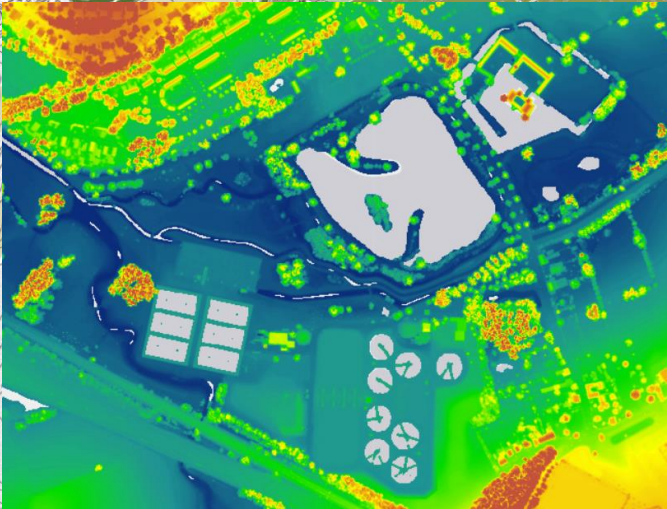
DESIGN LOCATION 2 - WASTEWATER



WATER TREATMENT SITE

LOW LAND, WATER CATCHMENT AREA

CASTELS NEXT TO THE SITE



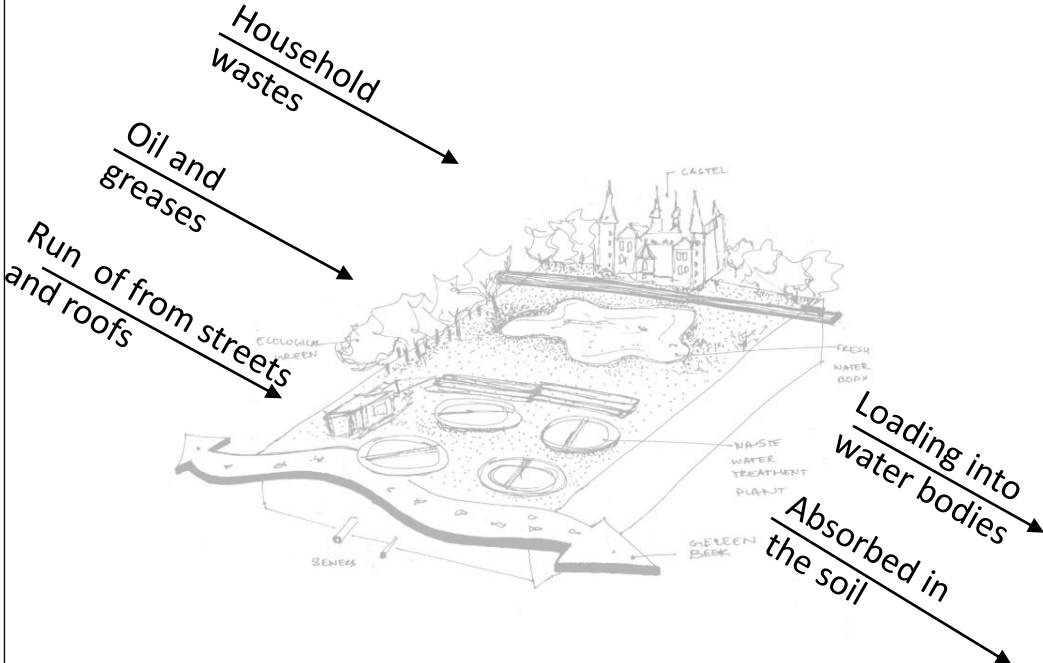
DESIGN PROPOSAL



Unplanned areas



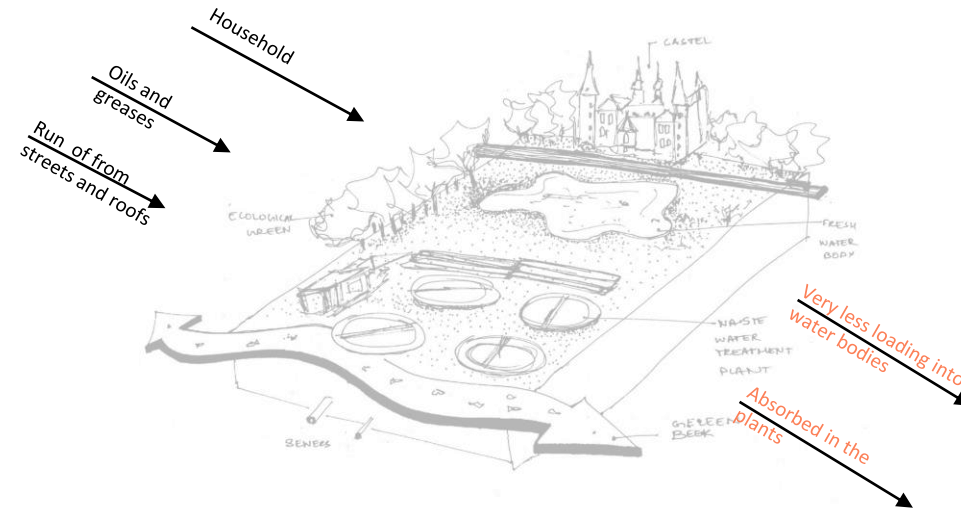
Low ecology value



Wastewater treatment plant



Tourist attraction

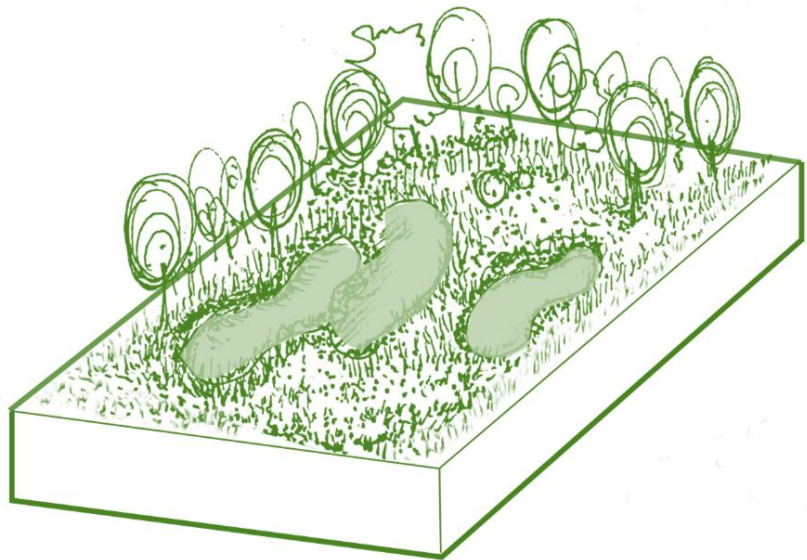


Production of clean water

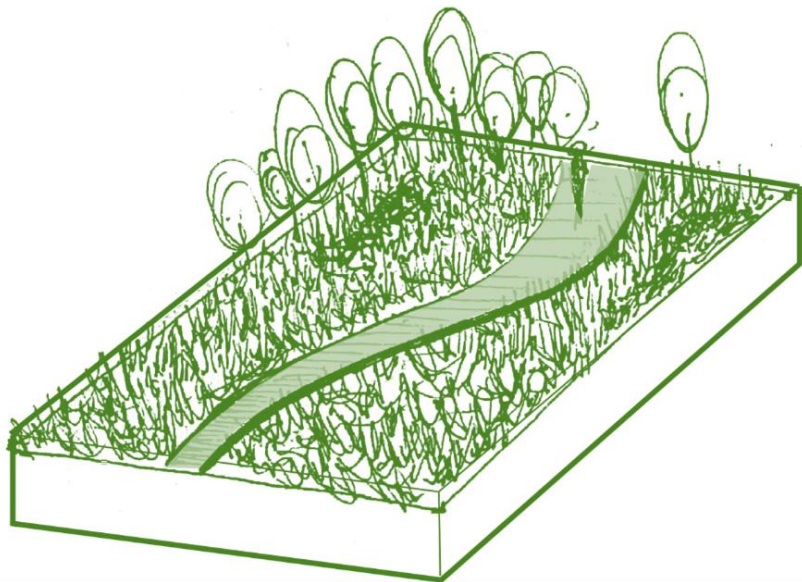


Case study: Antwerp park- Ecological swimming pools

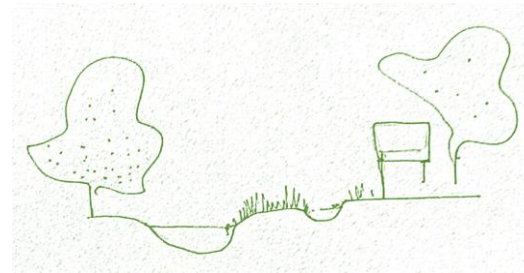
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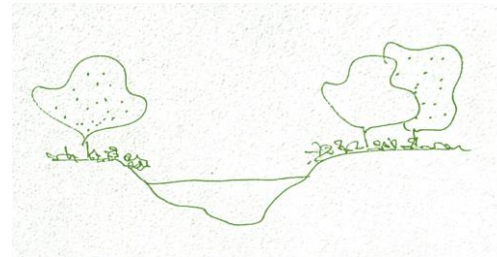
Design for adaptability and reusing



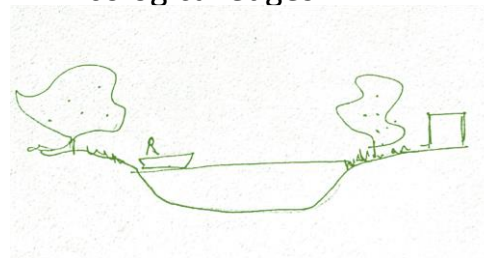
Create spaces for people



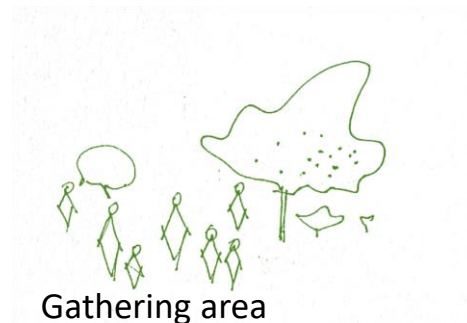
Reuse of water



Ecological edges

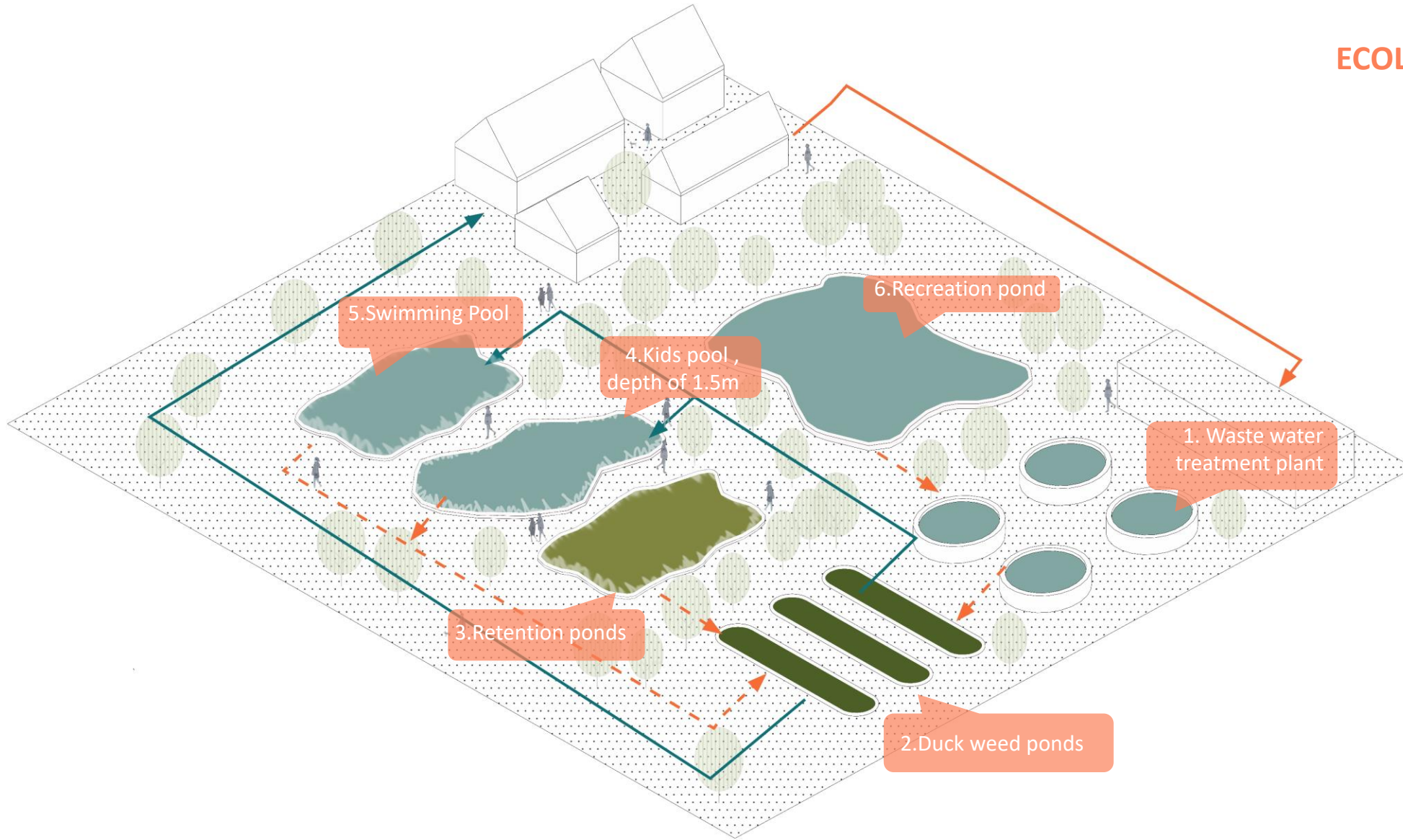


Recreational activities



Gathering area

OPPORTUNITIES IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT SITE
FOR THE VISITORS
ECOLOGICAL SWIMMING POOL







Recreation pond

Retention pond

Kids pool

Deck pathways

Sedimentation (heavy
metals, oils and greases
removed)

Duck weed farming
(to purify water)





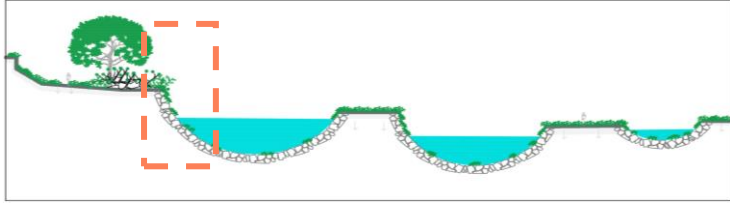
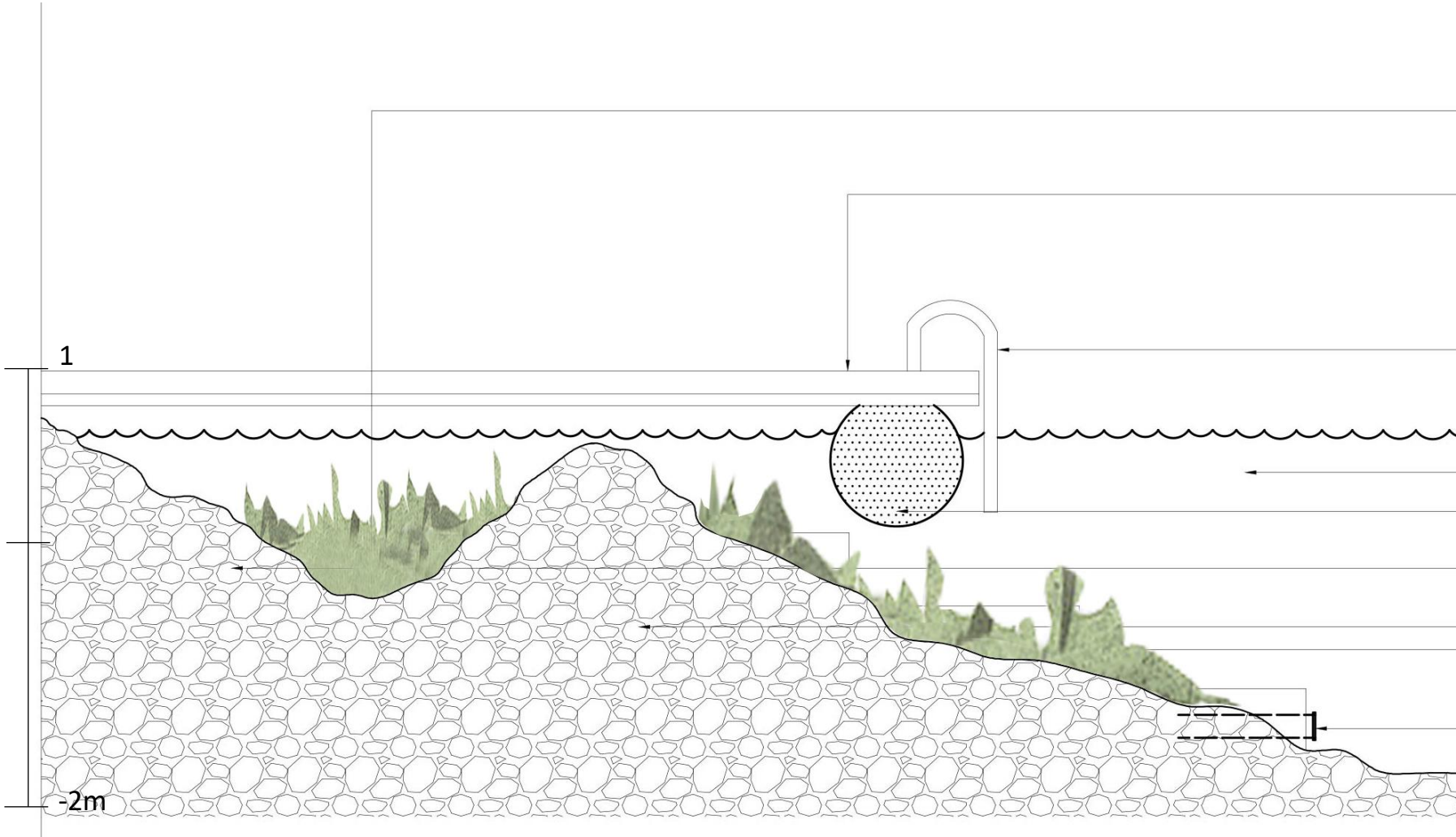


River stones



Wood deck





film develops on the filter grains, which reduces organic impurities

100 mm wide wooden planks deck

stainless steel ladder

swimming area

tube for float

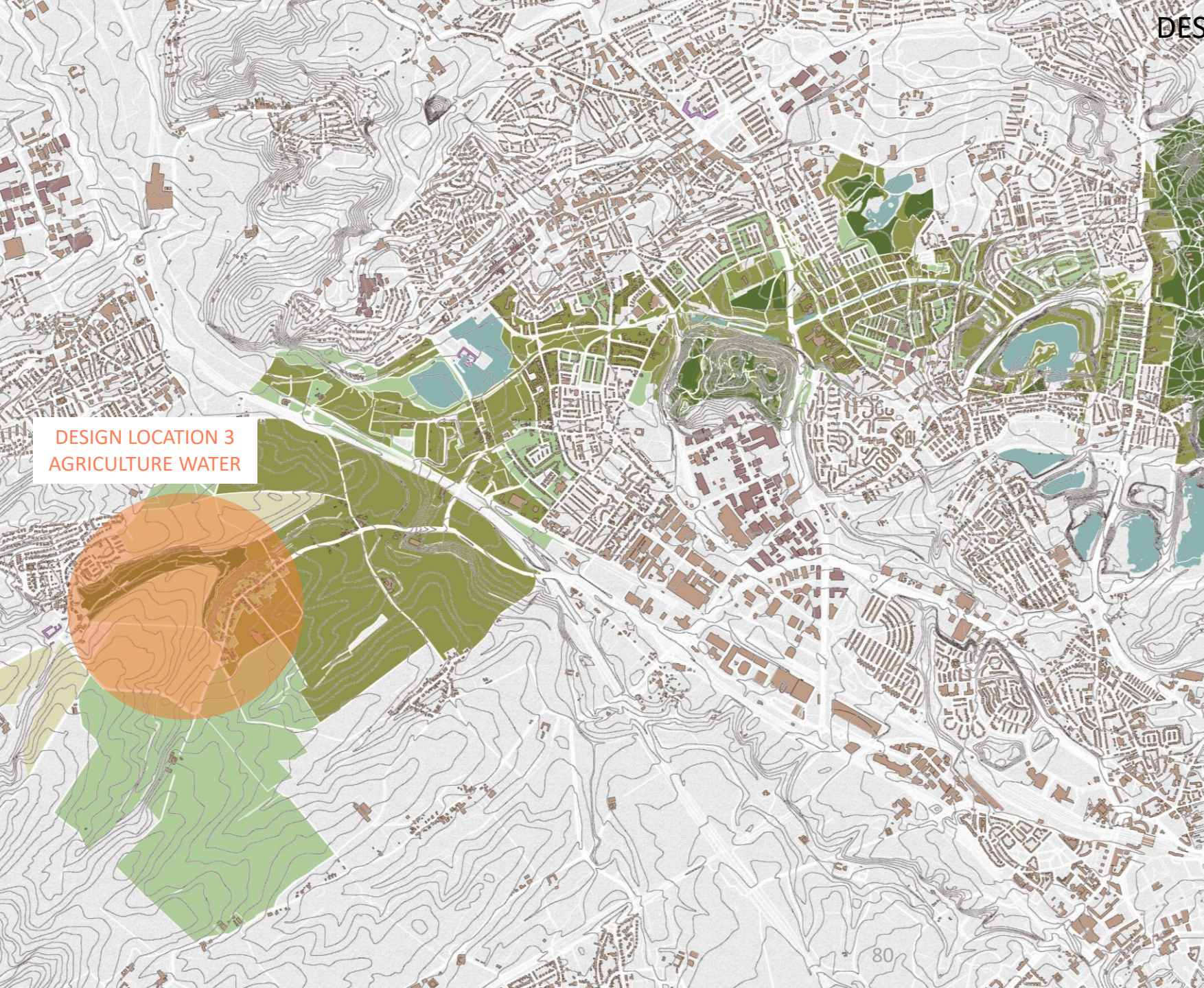
Mixture of river rock and lava rock provides a biofilter medium for the moving water and growth medium for water plants

compacted soil
600 mm wide stairs of local stone

Bottom flow stirs up water from the bottom to prevent untreated water



DESIGN LOCATION 3 - AGRICULTURE WATER



DESIGN LOCATION 3
AGRICULTURE WATER



IN THE RURAL AREA

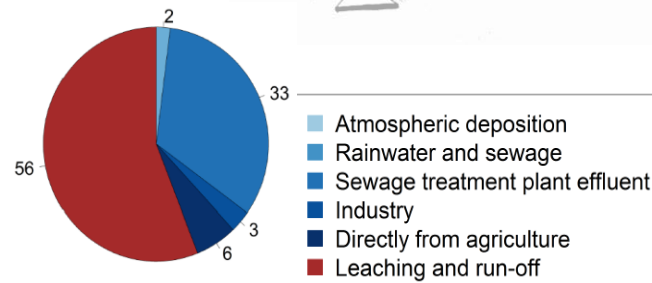
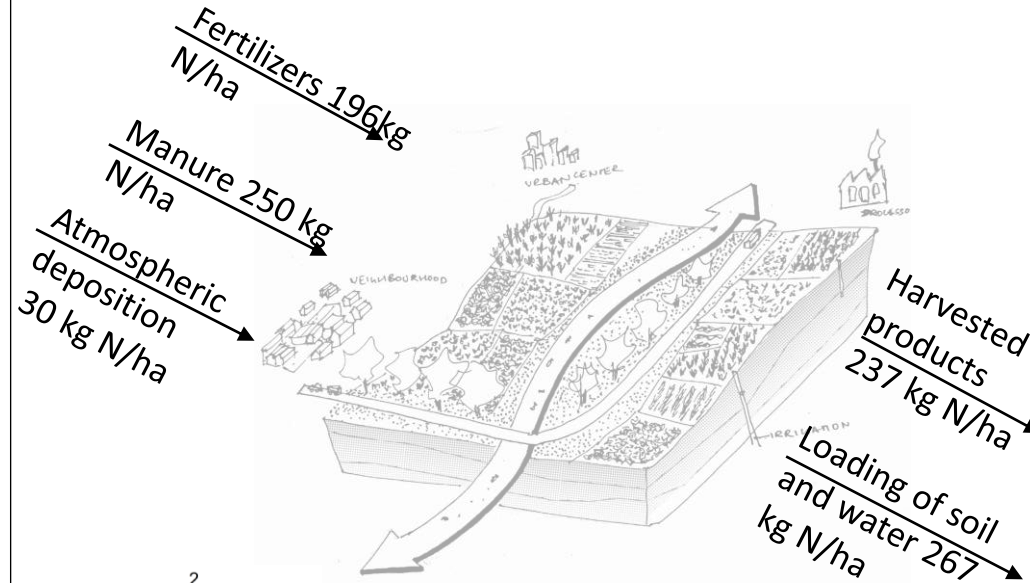
UNDULATING LAND , TERRACES

NEXT TO THE STREAM

DESIGN PROPOSAL



BROOK DRYING OUT



Source of value : oenemaetal,1997

WASTE NUTRIENTS

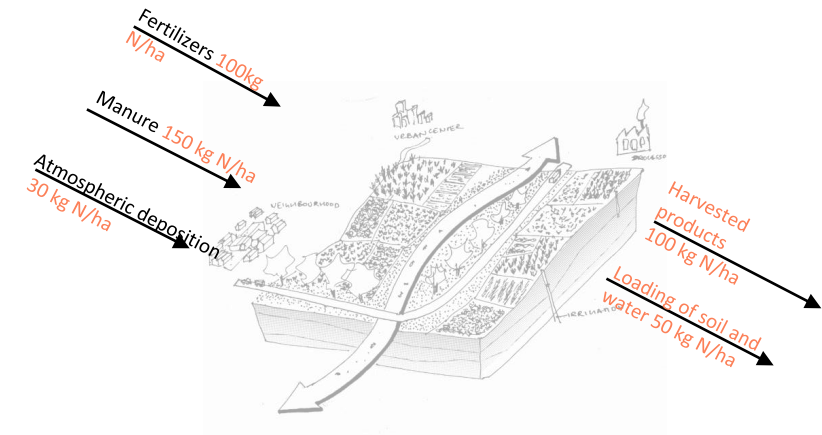
NH_y and NO_x in atmospheric depositions, various pesticides, Cd, N and P in inorganic fertilizers, and for **Cu, Zn, N and P** in animal manure.



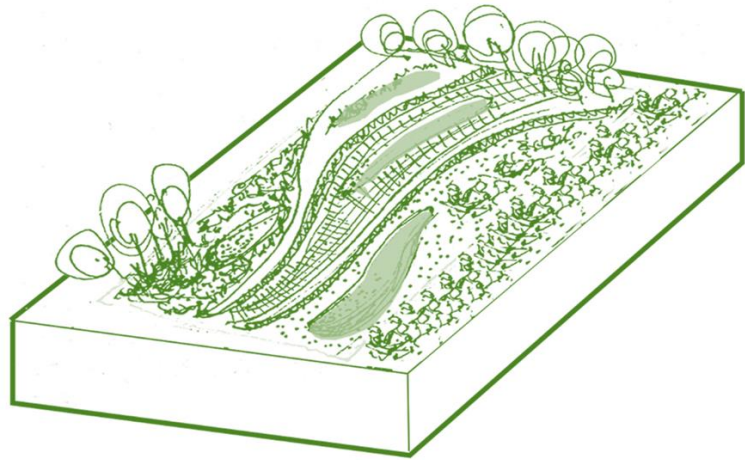
LOW PRODUCTIVITY



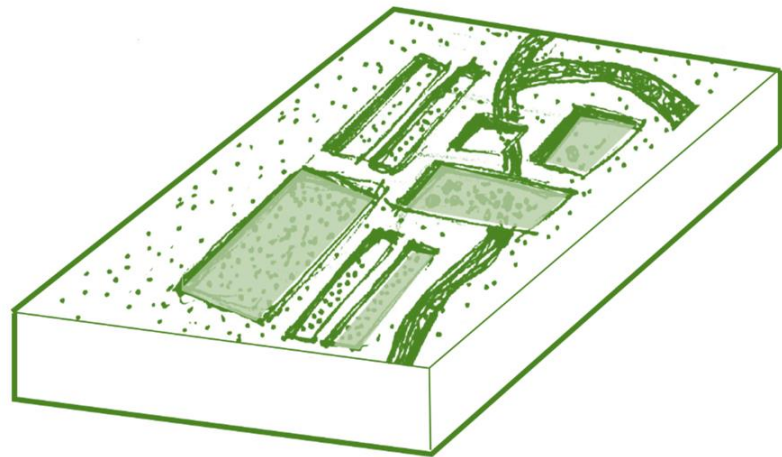
Natura 2000



Reuse of water and nutrients



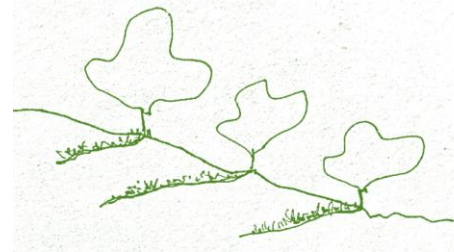
Design for resilient landscape



Multifunctionality and diversity



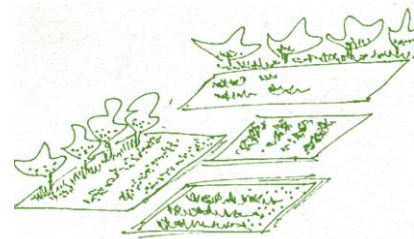
Species variety



Prevent erosion

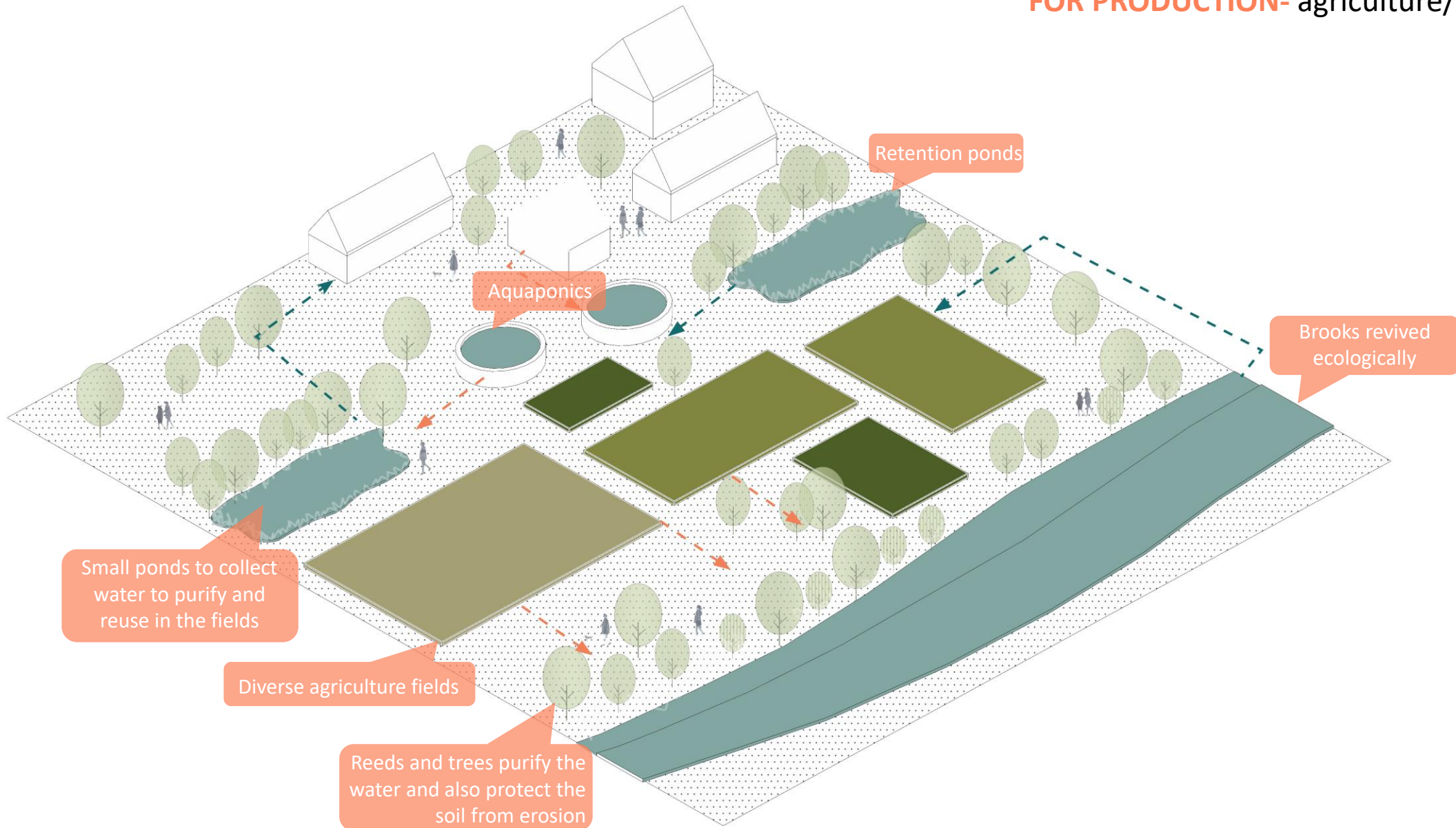


Ecological edges



Local production

SYSTEM PROPOSAL
FOR PRODUCTION- agriculture/aquaponic production





AGRICULTURE WATER

- **Smaller patches** diverse agriculture
- Minimum size 6m -12 m
- Using **crops** rotation which compliment each other and use the nutrients(companion planting)
- **Water retention** and reuse



Orchard- typical feature of this region

Source: <https://www.waterschaplimburg.nl/@5563/vijf-organisaties/>

Ecological edge
along the stream

Ponds to retain
water in the fields

Wetlands to
purify water

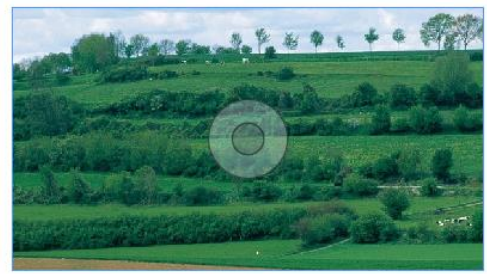
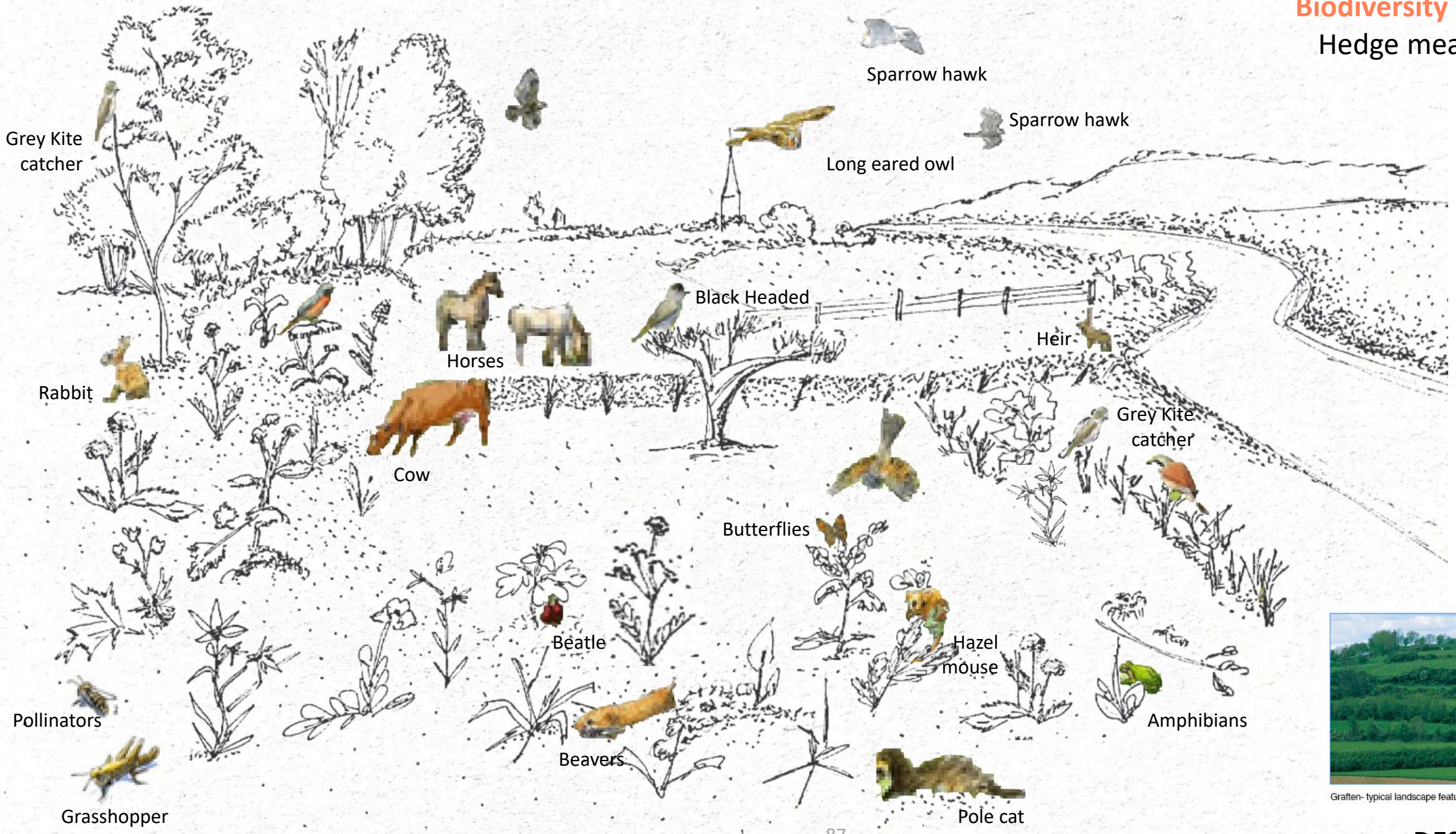
Aquaponics
production
Diverse farming
and native plants

Forest patch to
absorb nutrients

Graften
to reduce erosion

DESIGN PROPOSAL

Biodiversity in eco corridors
Hedge meadow landscape



Graften- typical landscape feature of this region



Introduction

Method

Analysis

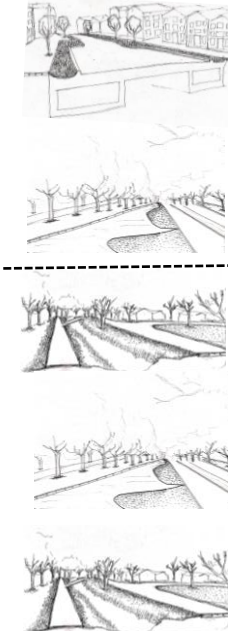
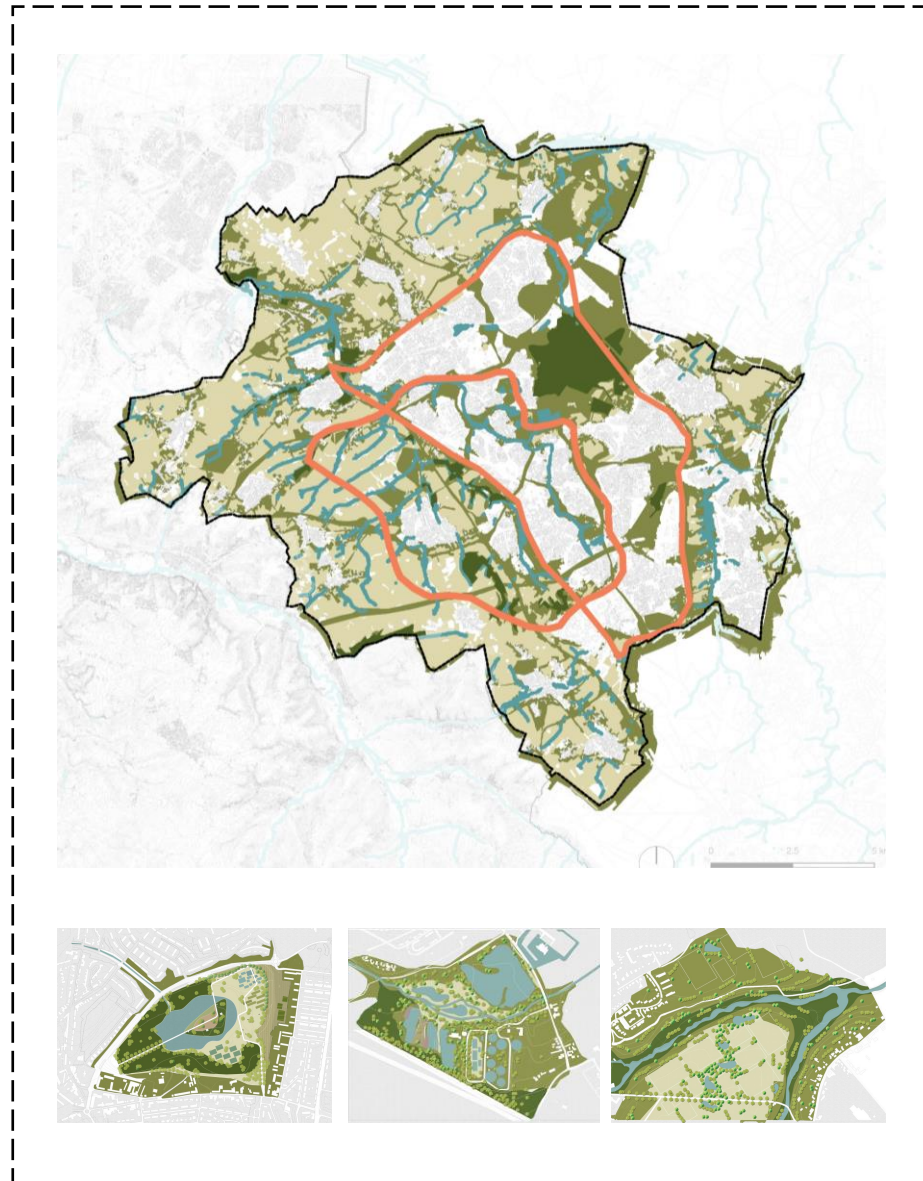
Challenges and opportunities

Design proposal

Conclusion

What are **circular design strategies** and spatial framework in the **degraded** and **fragmented** landscape to reduce water (mine, agriculture, wastewater) pollution in Parkstad?

Eco device
----->
Swarm planning theory



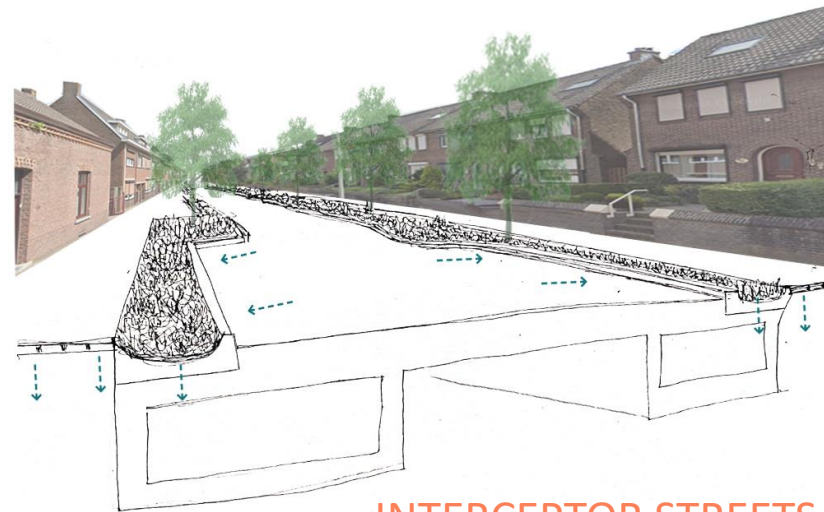
Operational landscape

Blue green network system

Socio-ecological balance

“Street is river of life”

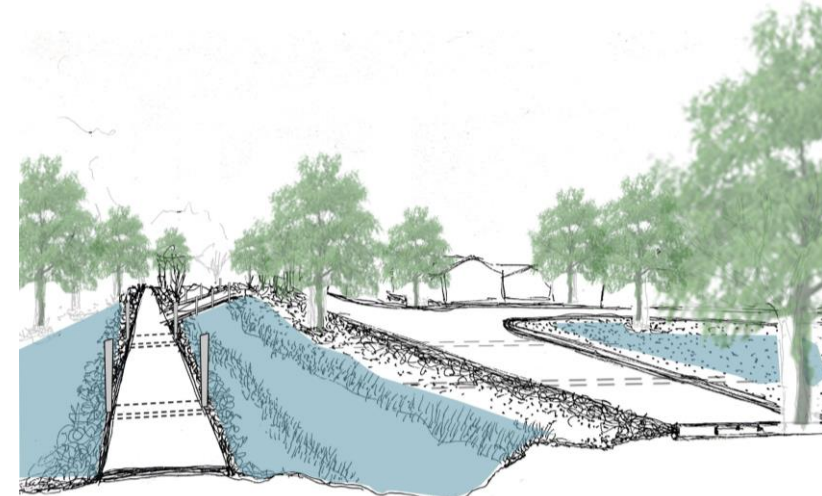
-William(urban gorillas)



INTERCEPTOR STREETS
(reusing)



FILTER STRIPS
(purification)



FLOATING STREETS
(storing)

Mine water



Disconnected to the neighborhood

Mine Water pollution

Ecologically degraded

Hydrophilic park



Wastewater



Unplanned areas

Low ecology value

Wastewater treatment

Ecological pool



Agricultural water



Stream drying

Waste nutrients

Low productivity

Diverse agriculture





- Unplanned areas can create **multifunctional spaces** in urban and landscape fabric to cater sudden change and make the region adaptive.

- Green and blue structure creating a **network system** which acts as development of the region make it **resilient**.

Thank you for listening

