

Eco Resilient Communities

HOUSING FOR LANDSLIDE-PRONE PRECIPITOUS TERRAIN IN BOGOTA'S
INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

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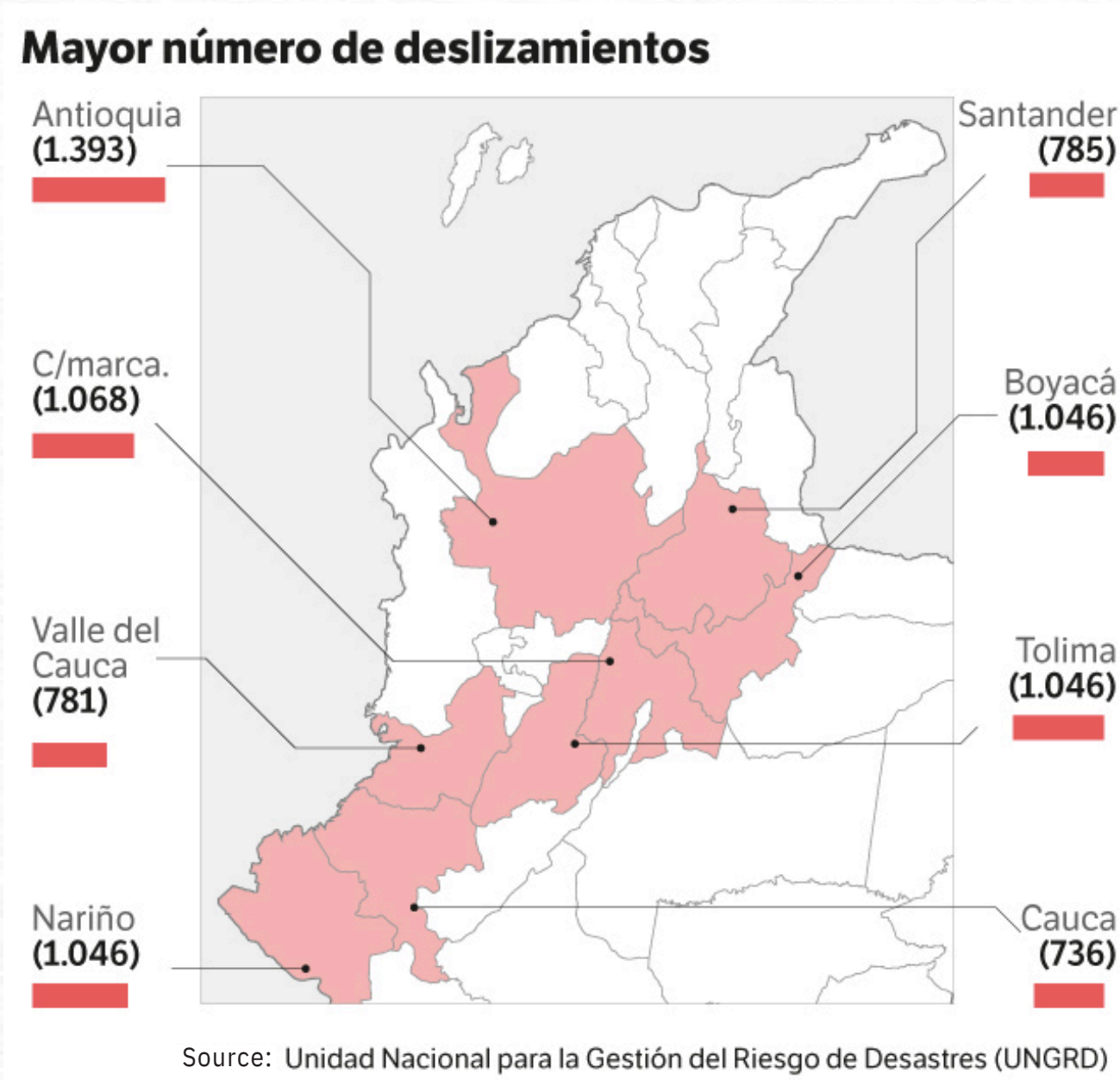
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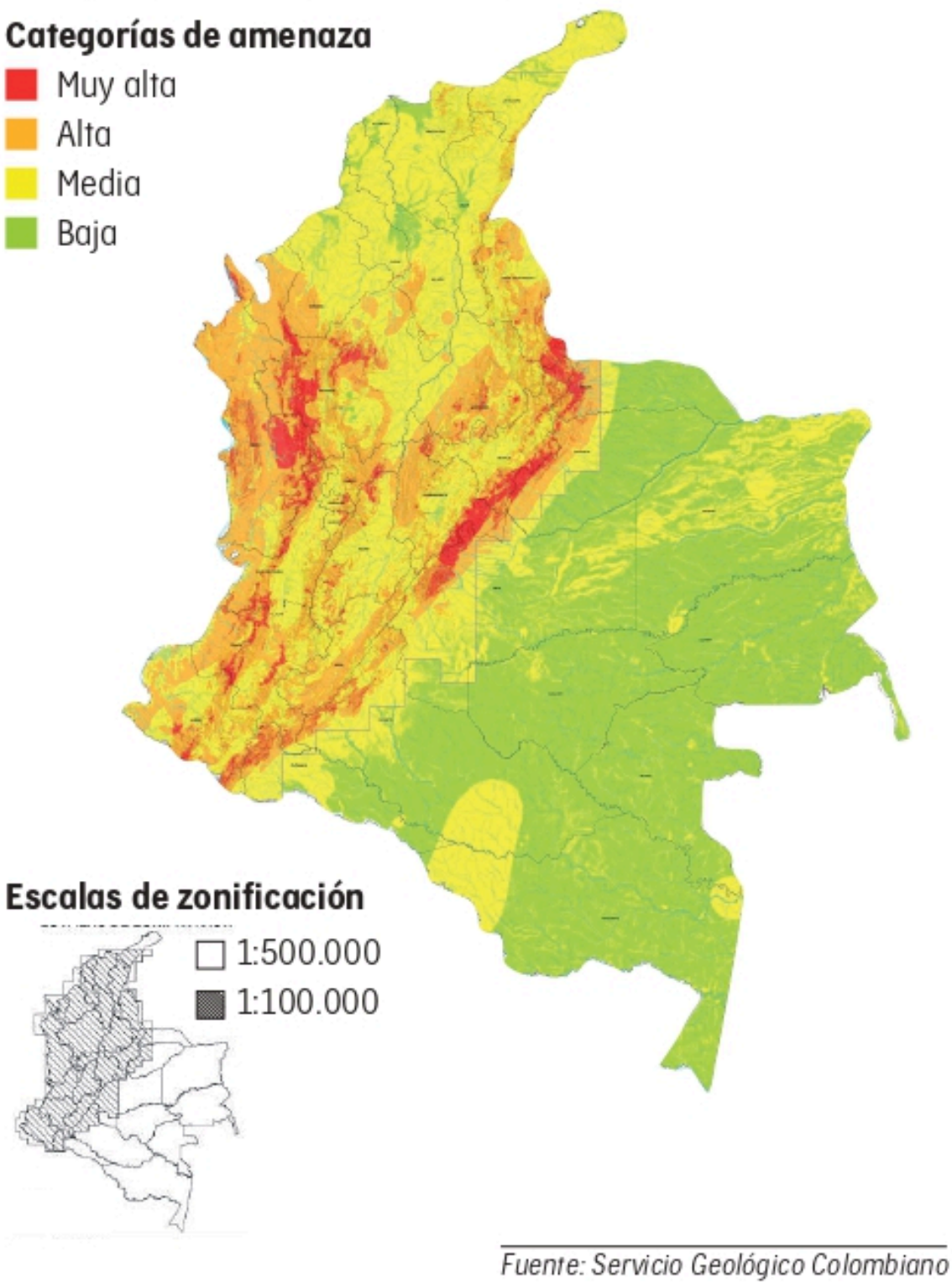
INTRODUCTION

- 30,730 documented landslides, loss of 34,198 lives
- 25/32 departments are classified as, high- risk/red zone (GFDRR)



Zones with most and least risk of landslides

The map assesses the risk of landslides in the country generated by climate and seismic activity





PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Forced migration has contributed to the exodus of an estimated at 6.8 million internally displaced population as of the conclusion of 2022.
- Displaced individuals construct their own dwellings out of necessity,
- Socioeconomic constraints lead to the use of scavenged materials like plastic, sticks, and toxic asphalt resulting in poor structural integrity.
- This cycle leads to recurring devastation and flawed, reconstruction efforts.



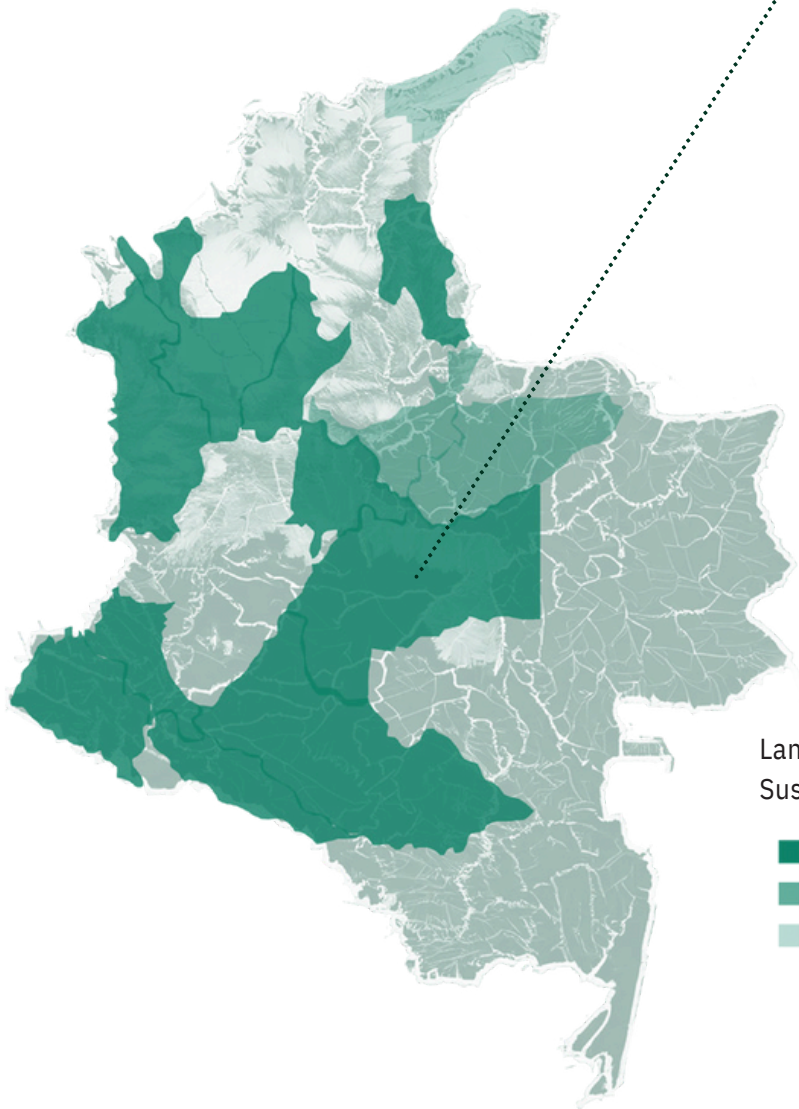




Image by Daniela Diaz- Brick factory located below the residential area right beside the Coal Factory. Causing air pollution.

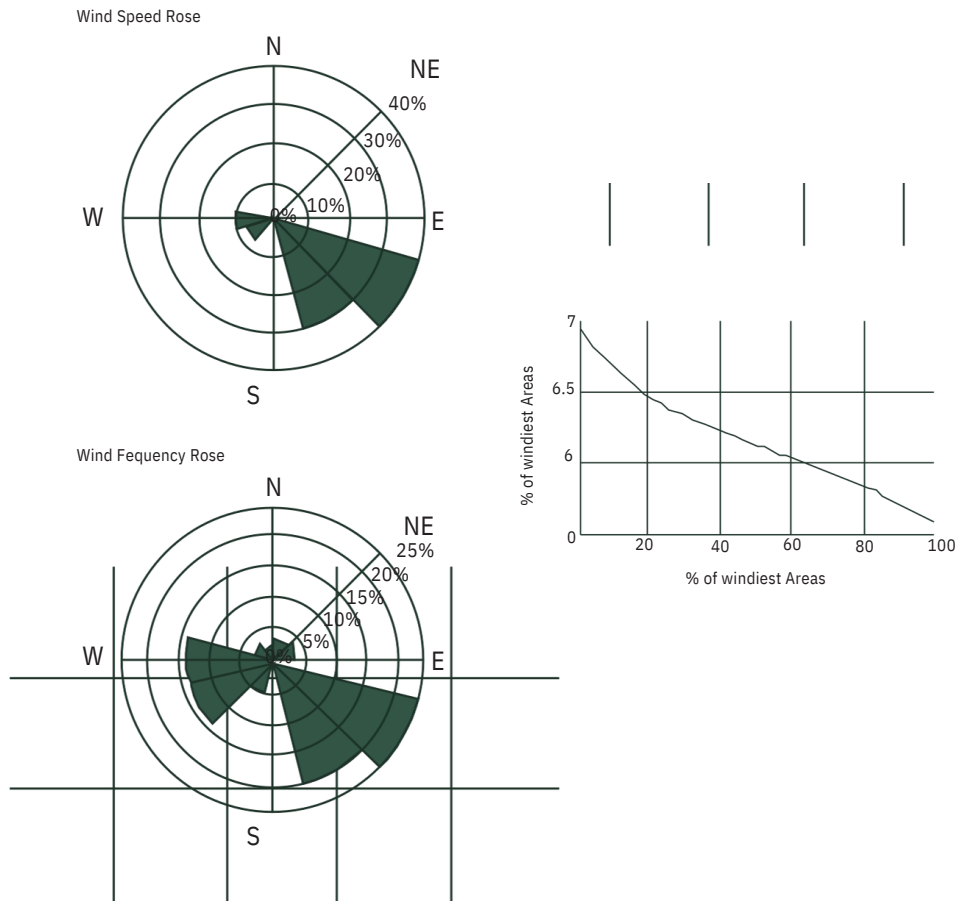
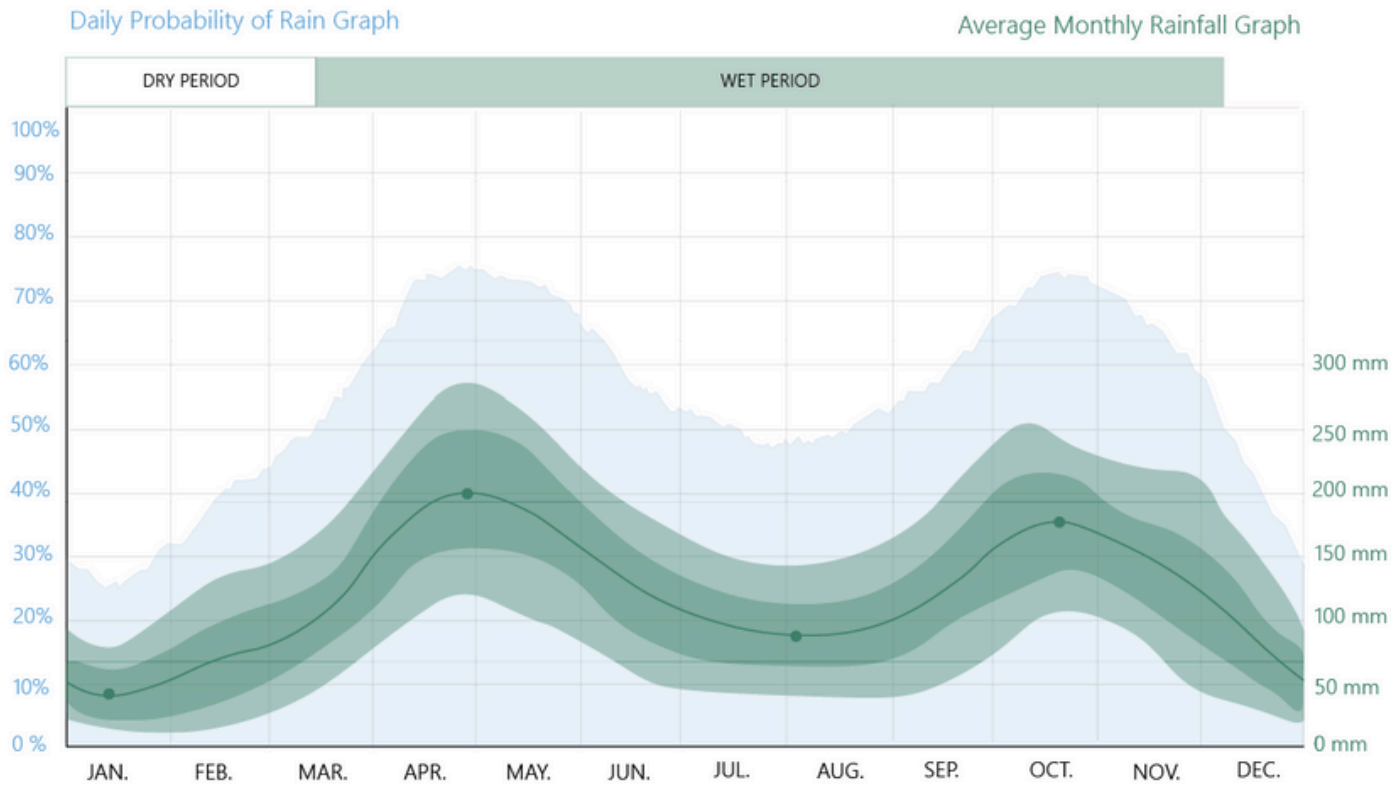
Precipitation

Rainy days fluctuate significantly throughout the year, with the wet season encompassing April, May, and September to December. In contrast, the dry season is from January, February, July, and August—according to IDEAM. The highest rainfall occurs in April with a maximum amount of 200mm, while January tends to have the least precipitation.



Landslide
Susceptibility

- High Risk
- Mid Risk
- Low Risk







Site Analysis





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“We’re still to some extent sleepwalking our way into disasters for the future which we know are going to happen, and not enough is being done to mitigate the damage.”

—John Holmes, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs (Lynn 2009)

DESIGN OBJECTIVE



Provide the community with landslide mitigation techniques and a house design that will improve their life quality.

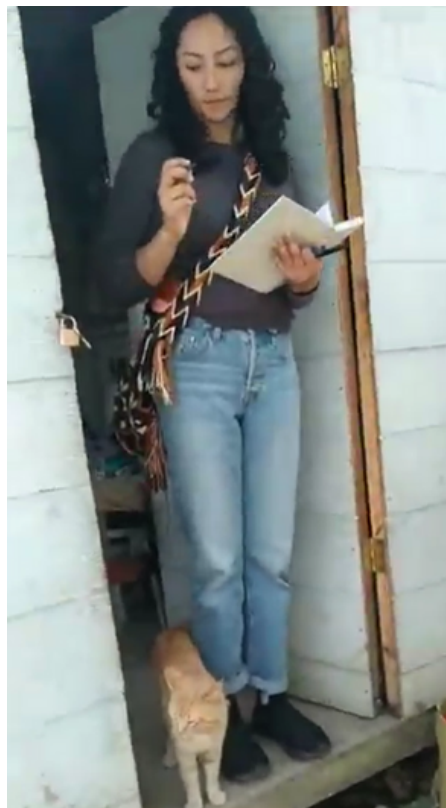
- *showcasing passive strategies and housing diverse spatial characteristics* tailored to accommodate families of different sizes and needs, alongside communal/shared spaces.

Prioritizing:

- Community needs
- Cultural values
- structural Integrity
- Accessible Constructability
- Biobased and upcycled material



Image by Daniela Diaz



Relevance

- Project acknowledges similarities with other localities
- Can offer a model for addressing similar challenges in other localities.
- Design concepts and strategies may benefit other countries facing similar issues.
- Improve quality of life and safety

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Settlement Layout

- Integrated with the Terrain
- Terracing and plantations
- Cluster Formation

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Climate Responsiveness

- Cross Ventilation
- Solar Orientation
- Insulation
- Rain Water Management
- Bio-Based Material

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Structural Elements

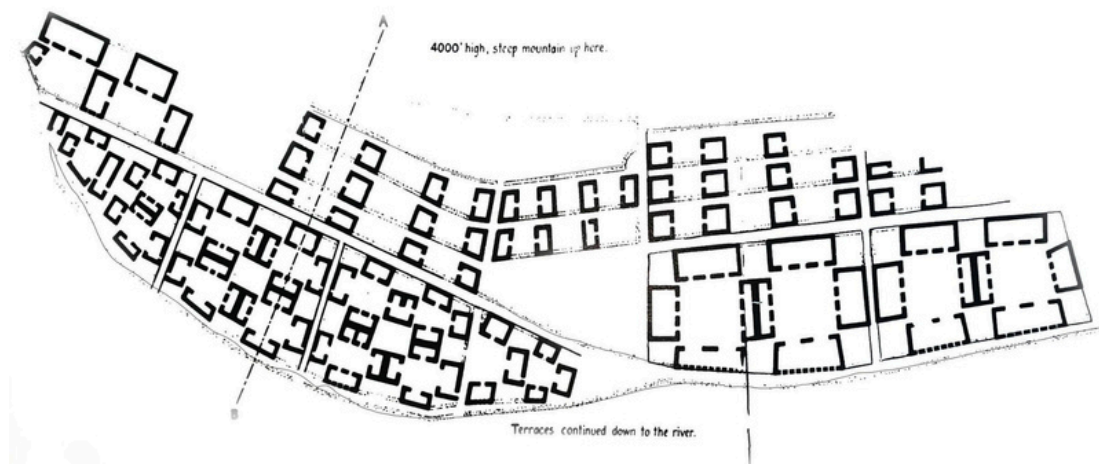
- Integrated foundations into the landscape
- Rain Water management in Architecture
- Interlocking Structure
- Rectangular & L-shape
- Parallel to slope
- Large Eaves

Settlement Layout



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A plan of a *kancha* and other buildings following the natural contours of a mountain. Image drafted by Hiram Bingham in 1911.

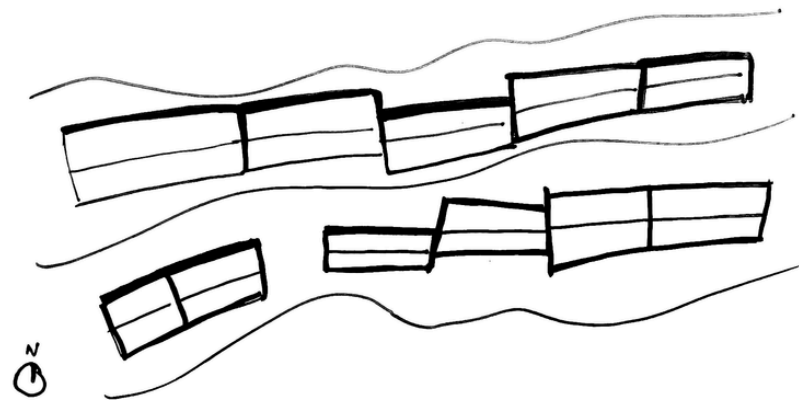


A visualization of a *Kancha* unit with roofs. Image courtesy of En Peru Blog 2009. Annotation by author.



Terraces of Fortress Ollantaytambo view from the bottom looking up. Image taken by author.

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Drawing of Sherpa Village layout. Drawing by Author based on drawing by Manish 2015.

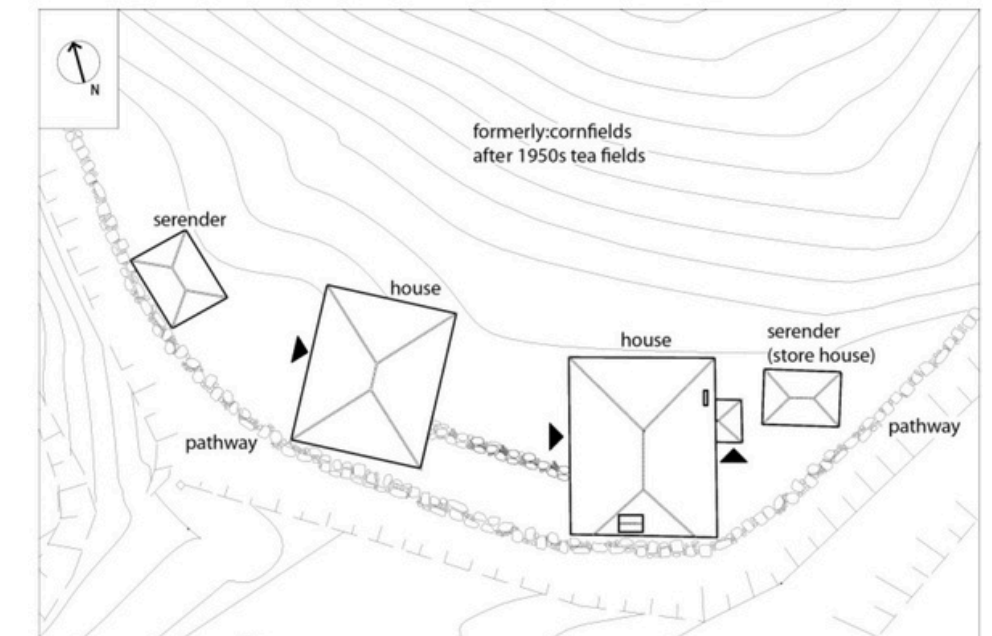


The Namche Bazaar in the Khumbu region. Images courtesy of Sherpa Village Lodge Trek.



Sherpa Settlements- Images courtesy of Valerio Sestini and Enzo Somigli

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Settlement sample from Fındıklı, Rize (Güler, 2012).

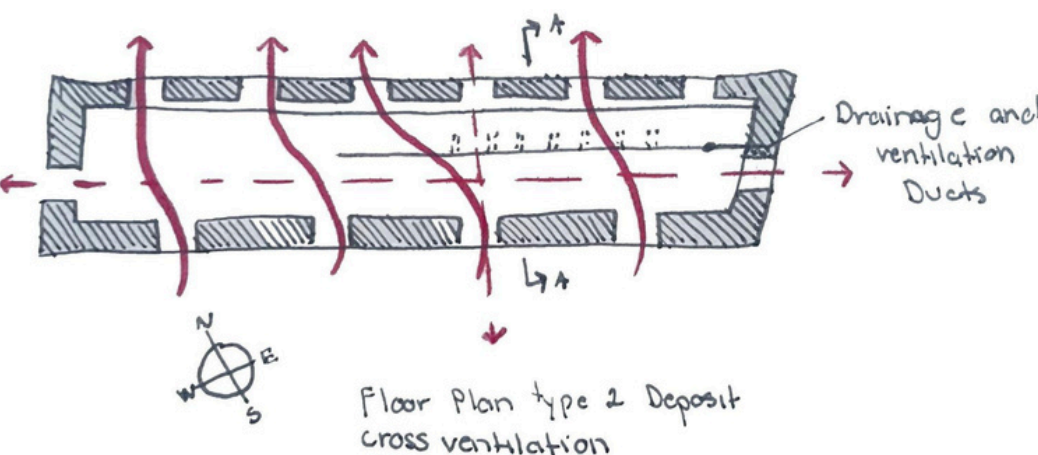


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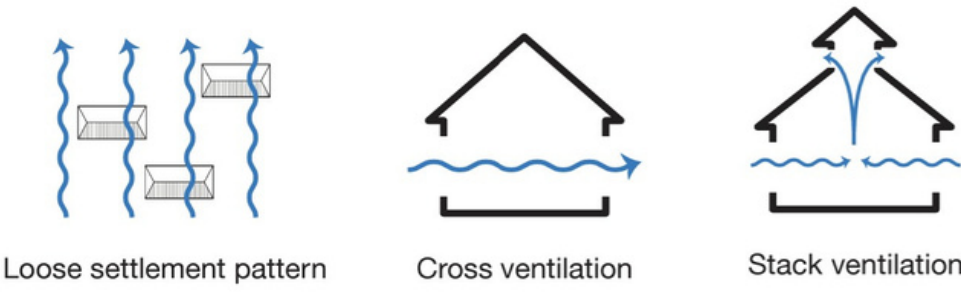
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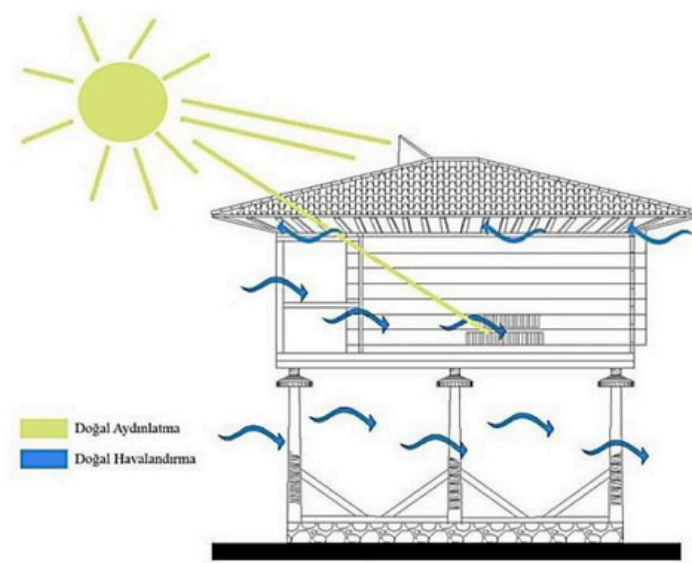
A plan of a rectangular type two *qollqa* in Ollantaytambo. Highlighting the cross ventilation and ducts. Drawing and annotation by the author, (redrawn from Jean-Pierre Protzen 2005, fig 5.19)

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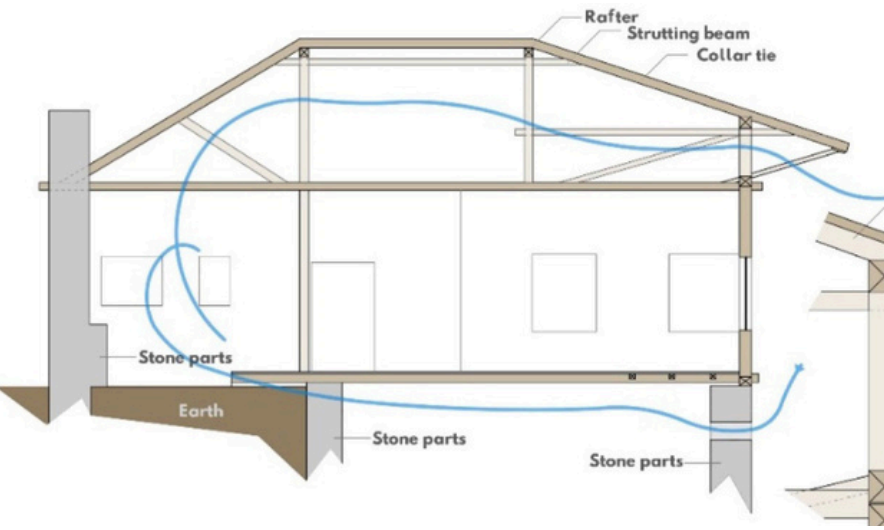


Diagrams courtesy of Bodach, S., Lang, W., Hamhaber, J.

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Climate Responsiveness of a Serender. Diagram courtesy of Selda Al Şensoy, Sibel Kukoglu



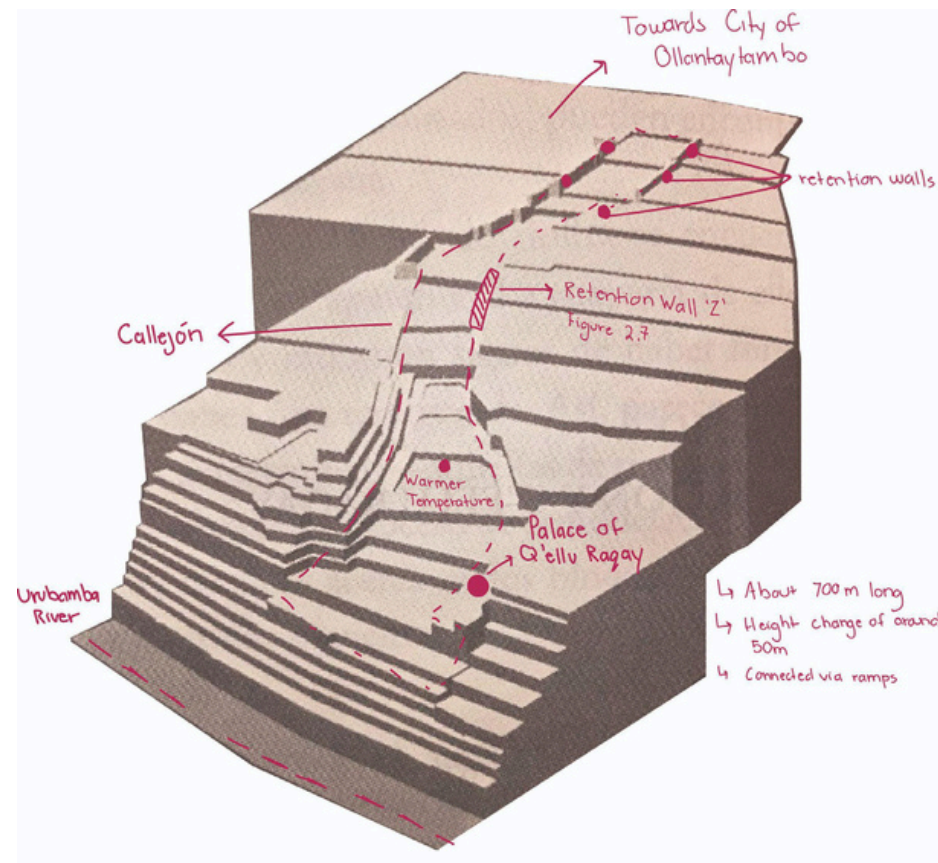
Air circulation and natural ventilation detail. Diagram courtesy of Burcu Salgın , Ömer F. Bayram, Atacan Akgün and Kofi Agyekum.

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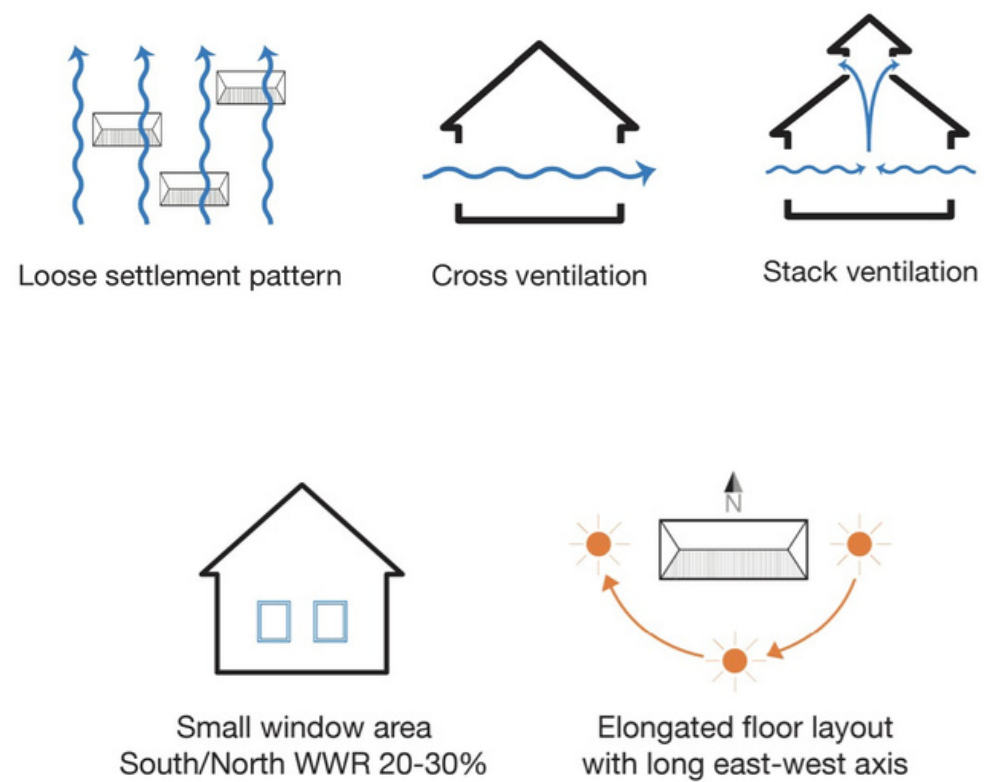
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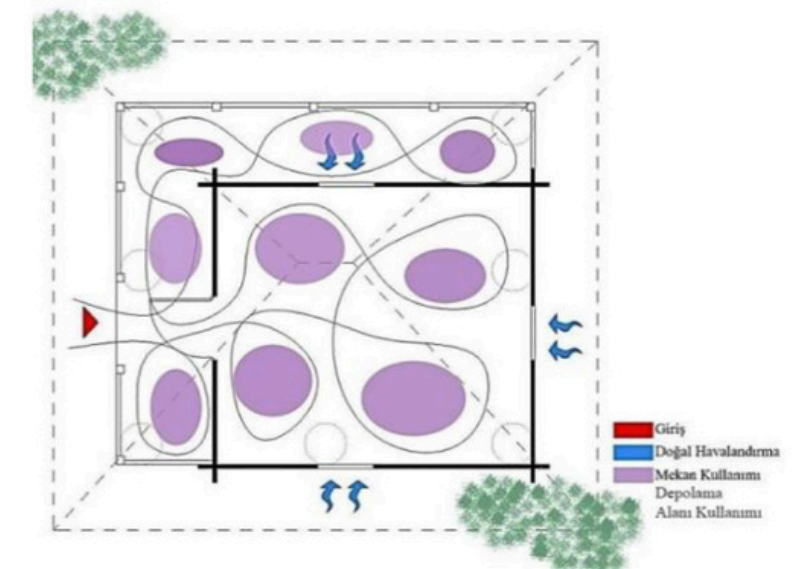
3D model of terraces by Jean-Pierre Protzen annotated by Author.

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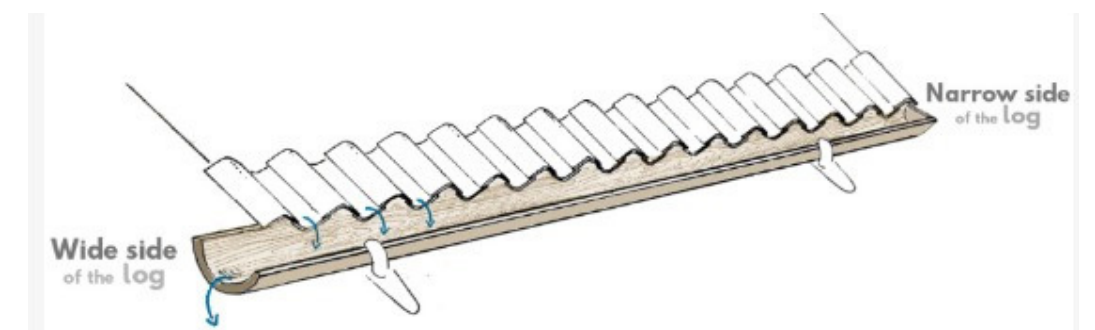


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Rainspout made by pine or spruce log (re-illustrated from Özgüner (1970)).

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STRUCTURAL SYSTEM & FOUNDATION

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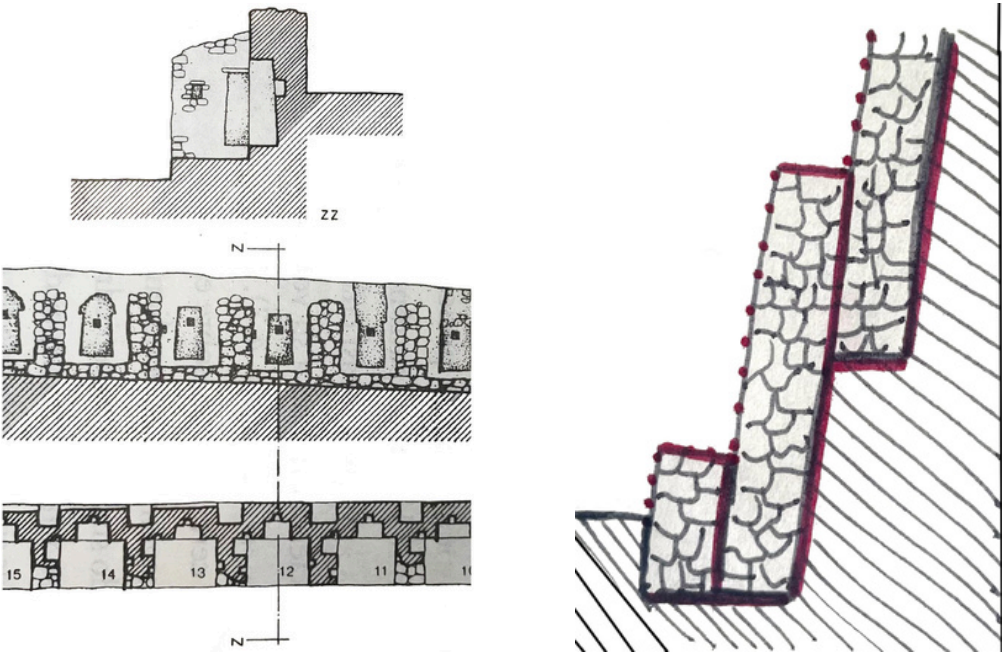
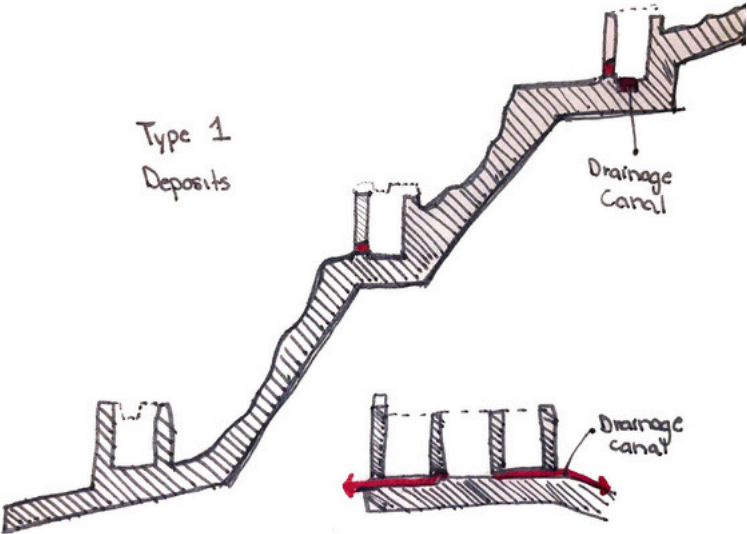


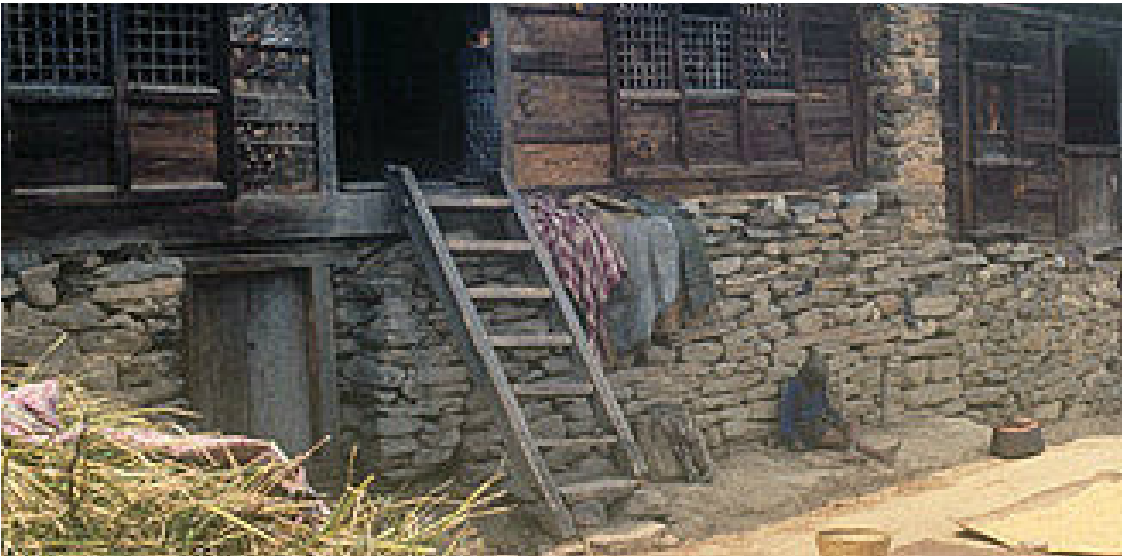
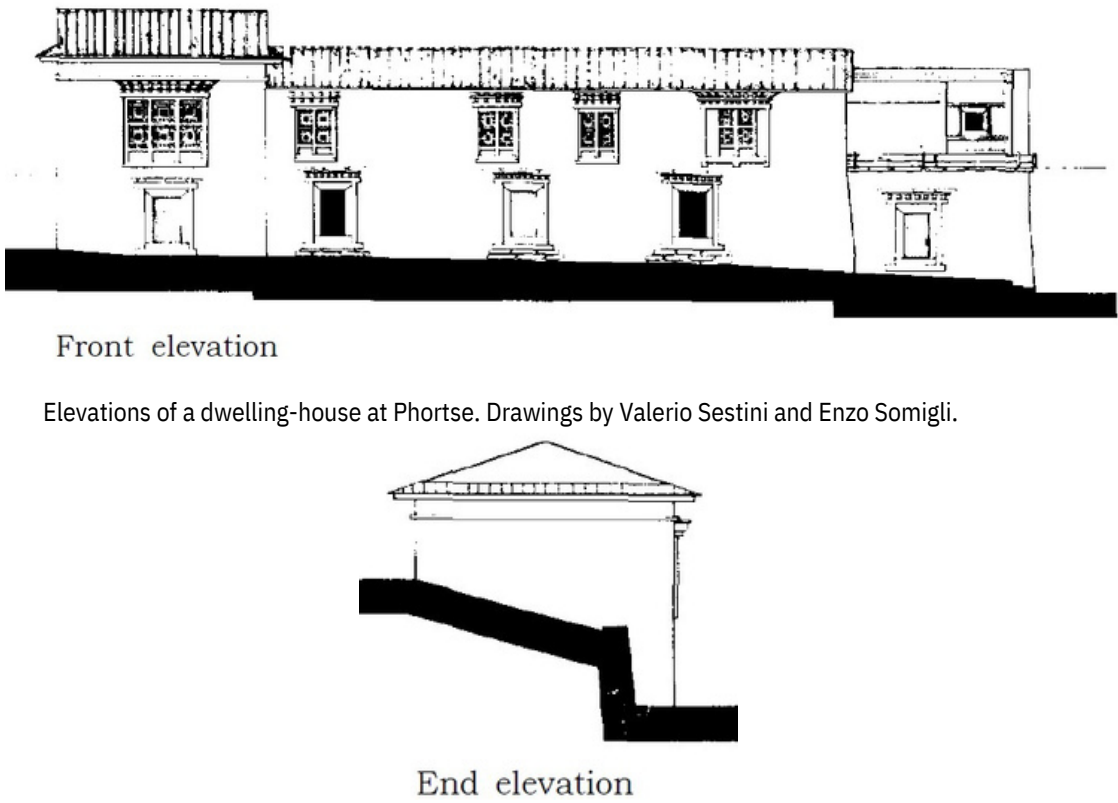
Figure 2.7 Retention wall 'Z' section by Jean P. Protzen

Staggered walls/foundation for greater stability. Drawing by the Author.



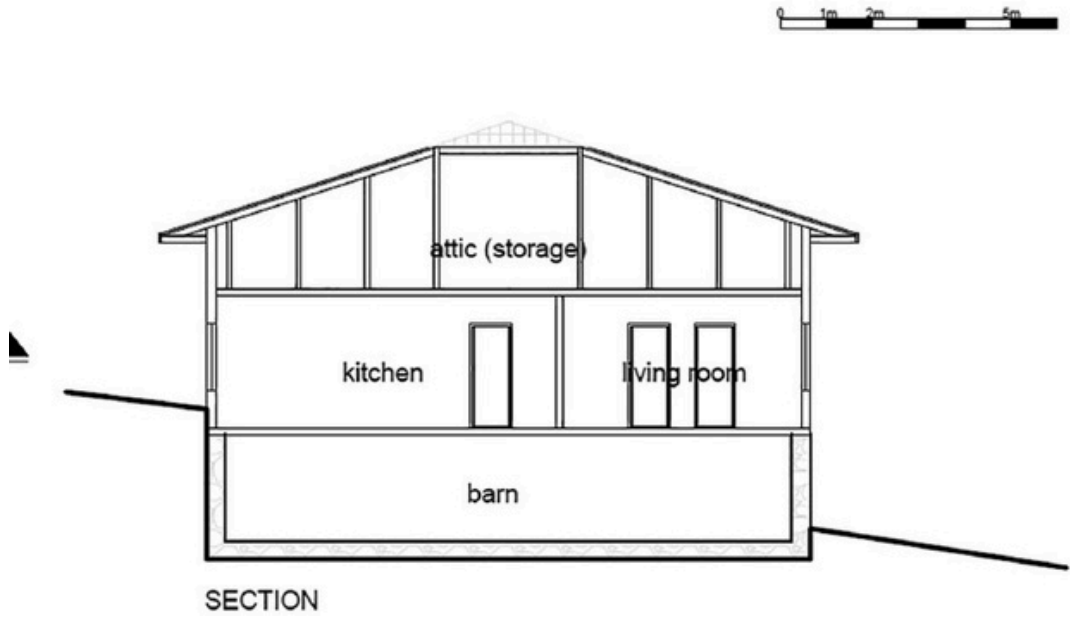
The drawing demonstrates a transversal section of the deposit type one structures, highlighting the drainage and ventilation canals. Drawing and annotation by the author (redrawn from Jean-Pierre Protzen 2005, fig 5.5)

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Sherpa village. Image by Sonia Halliday

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Plan and section drawing of building in the Eastern Black Sea Region. Drawing courtesy of Salih Ceylan.



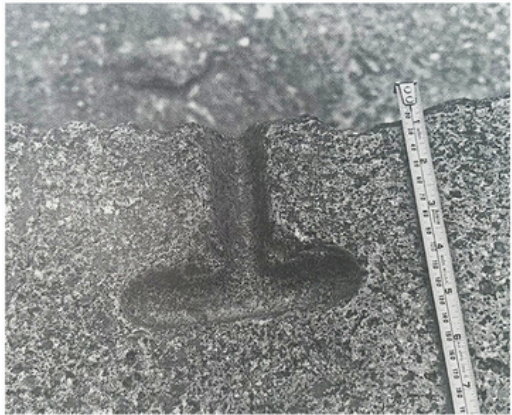
House at Cevizli Village/Artvin at present (Gür and Batur 2005)

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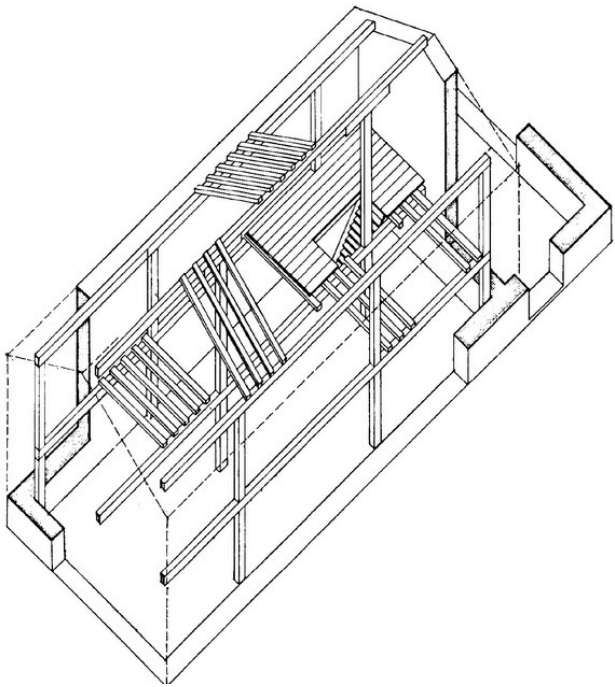
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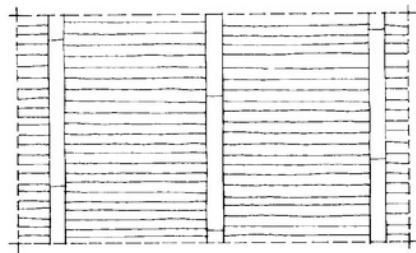
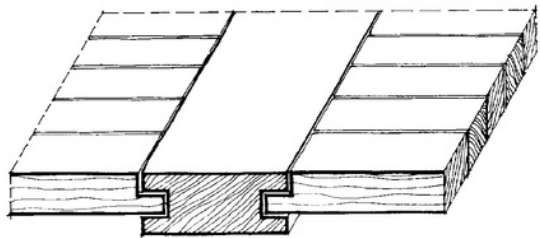
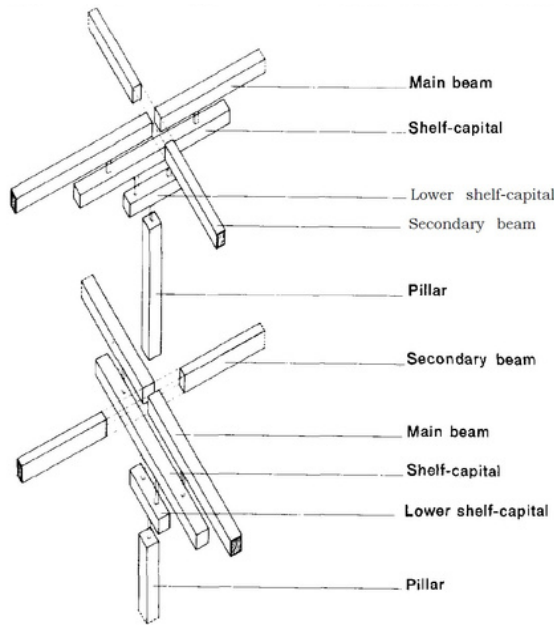


T-shape and U-shape notches in rocks found in Ollantaytambo. Image courtesy of Jean-Pierre Protzen.

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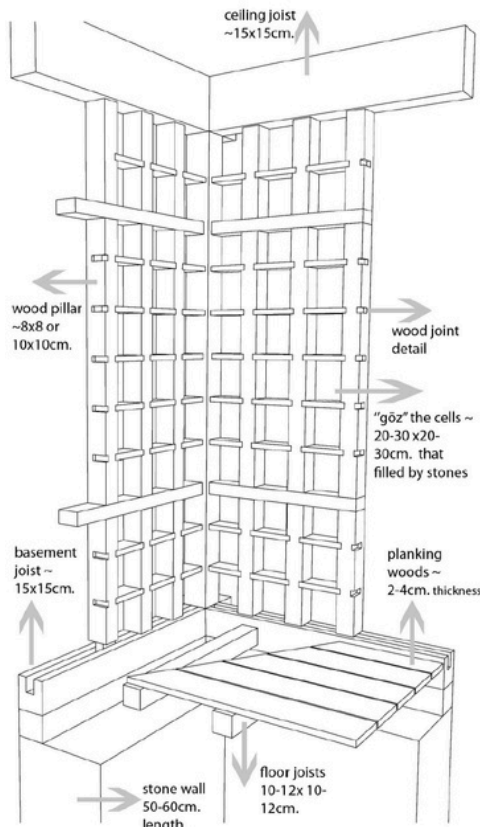


Axonometric of Sherpa dwelling.
Drawing by Valerio Sestini and
Enzo Somigli.



The first diagram is an axonometric of the main beams and shelfcapitals in a gompa.

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Perspective drawing of the construction of a timber
frame structure with cell infilling system (Güler, 2013).



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Figures 2.20 and 2.21 demonstrate two examples of the interlocking technique. Images and annotation by author. Figure 2.22 courtesy of Atticus Drake



Figure 2.19 depicts the different interlocking techniques the Incas employed on the stones, similar to what in the modern day is known as Lego. Image by author.

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Image of a window in a Sherpa home. Image courtesy of Valerio Sestini and Enzo Somigli.

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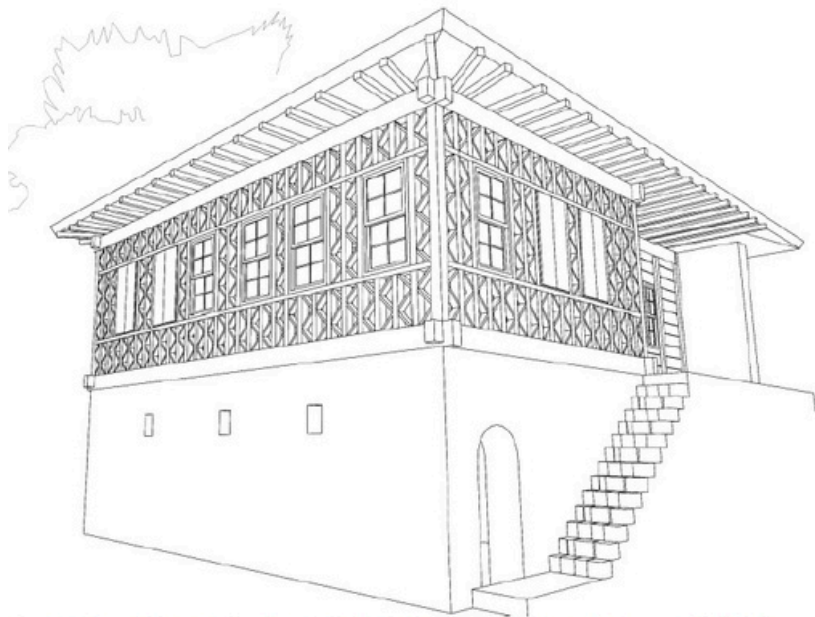


Figure 8. A model of amulet infilling system (Güler, 2013).

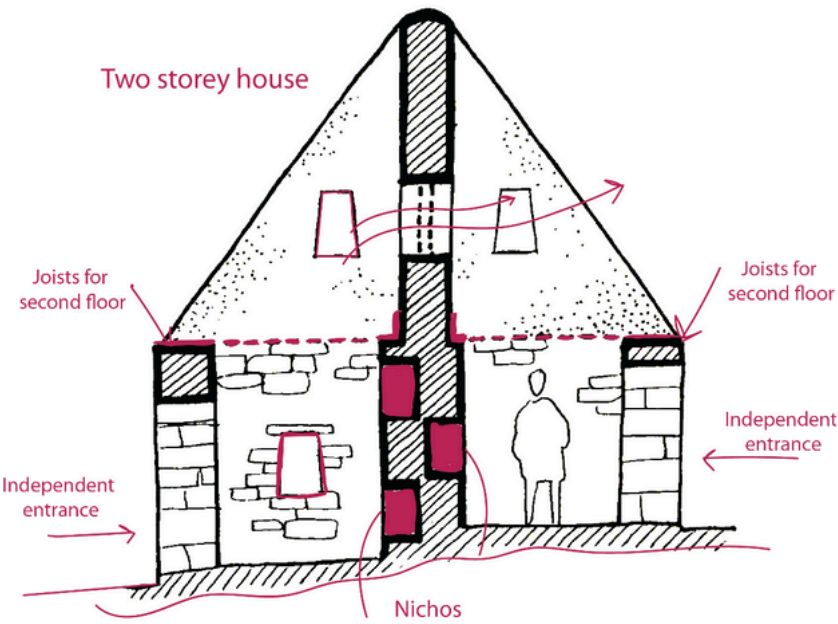


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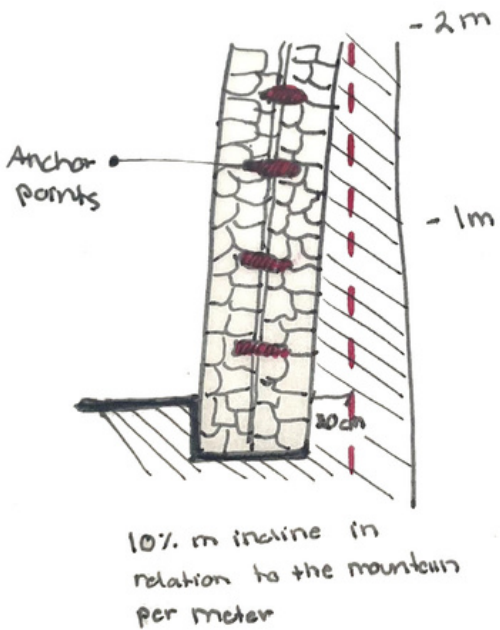
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The drawing depicts a two-story house divided by a central wall with nichos, trapezoidal windows, and joists highlighted in red to support the second floor. Drawing by Gasparini & Margolies annotation by author.

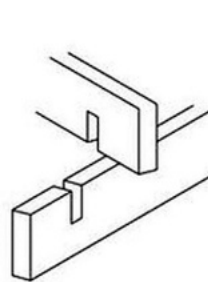
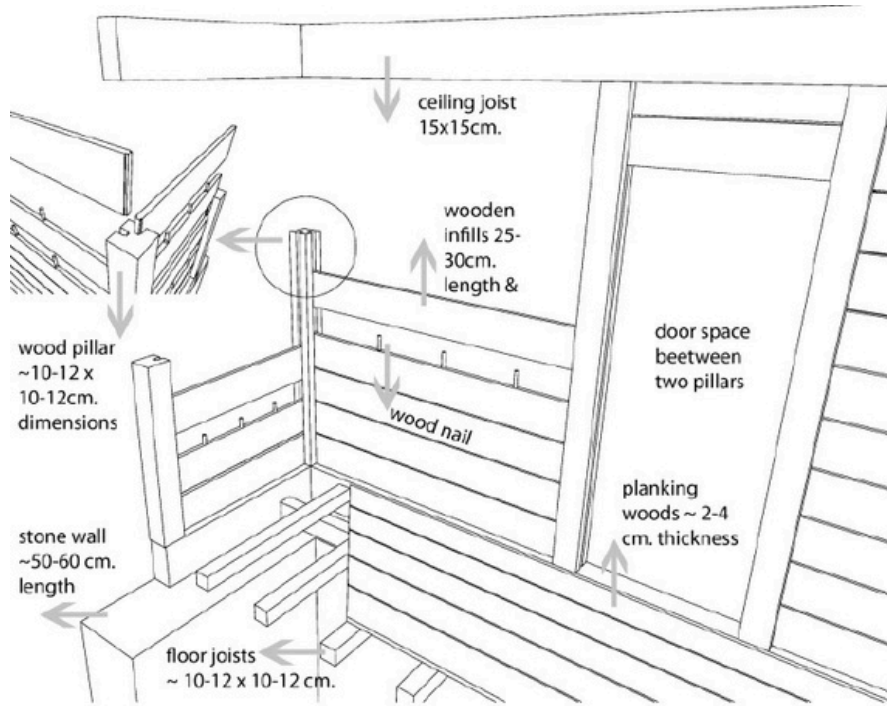


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Sherpa House courtesy of Photo Voyages. Steep roof, roof overhang on two levels , small windows, retaining wall made out of stone in back garden, along with trees and plants to prevent soil erosion.

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The wood infill structural system diagram. Retrieved from Elif Berna Var.

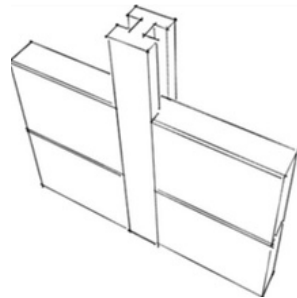
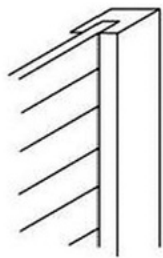


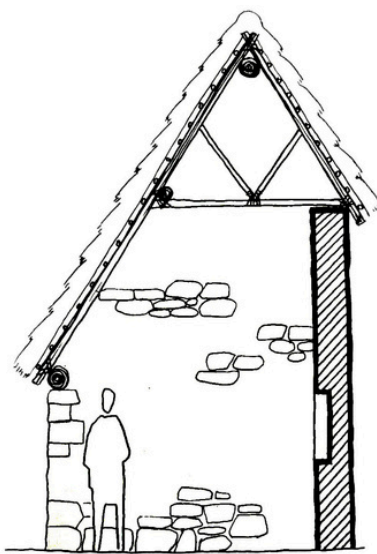
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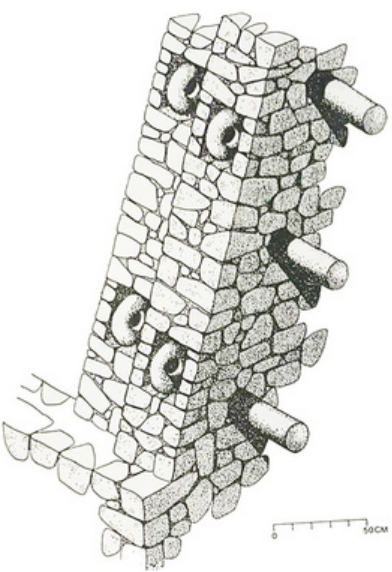


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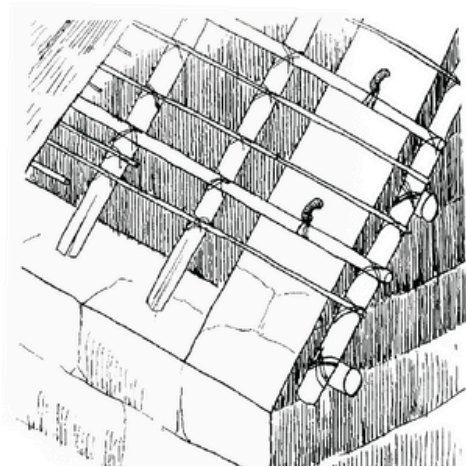
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Drawing of roof slopes and lengths by Gasparini & Margolies

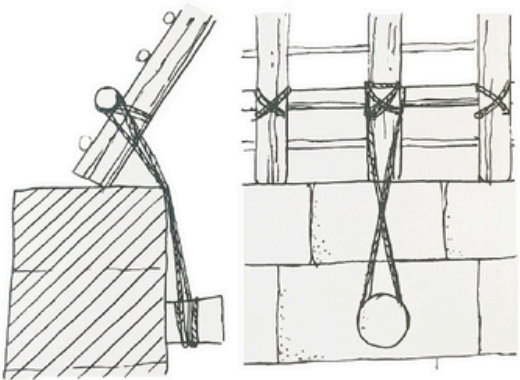


Possible stone peg and rings structural system



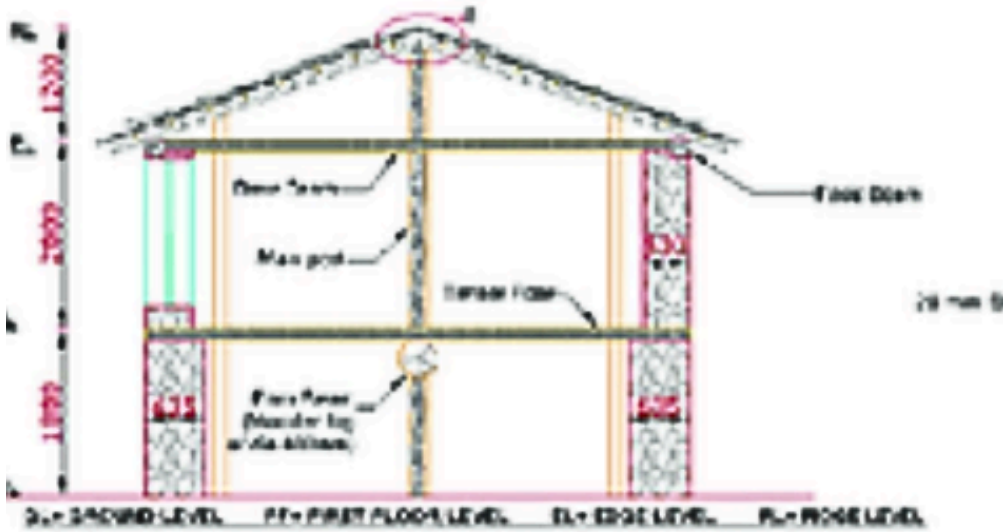
Drawing by Gasparini & Margolies, annotated by the author.

Possible method of tying the roof to pegs inside room



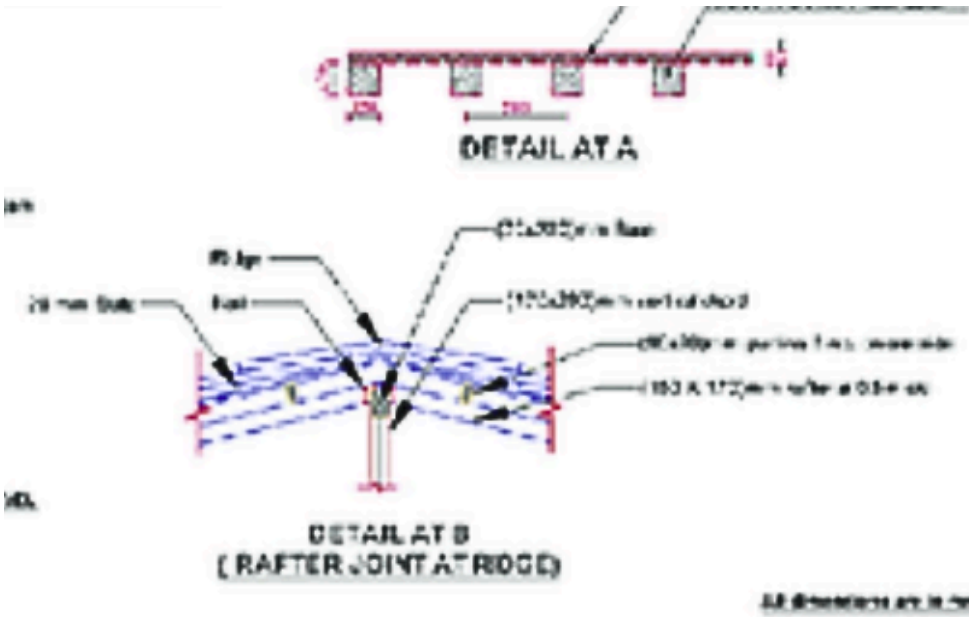
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SECTION AT Y-Y

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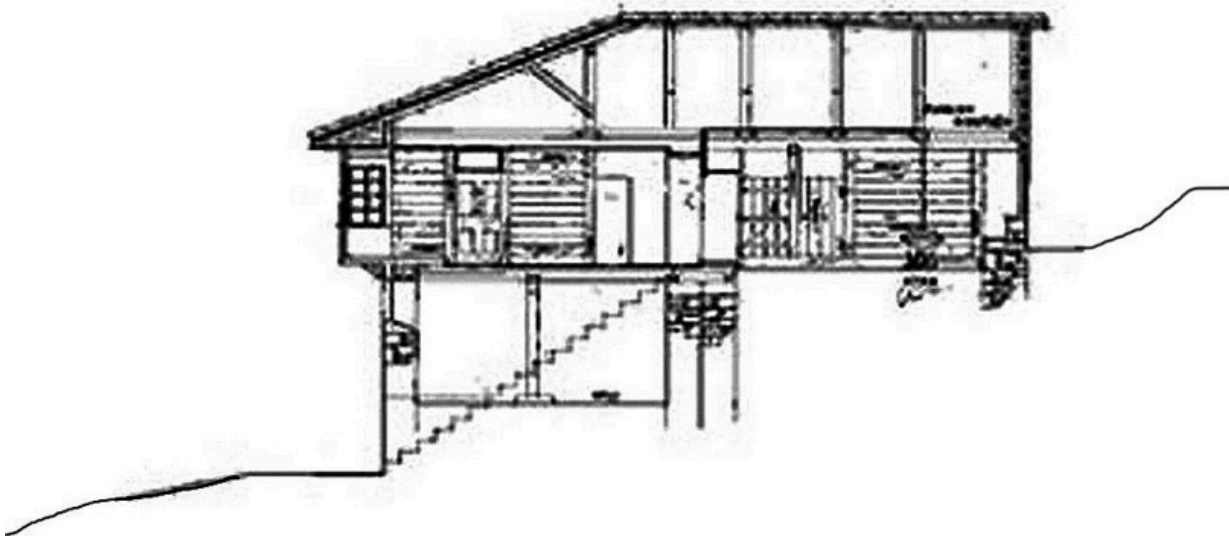
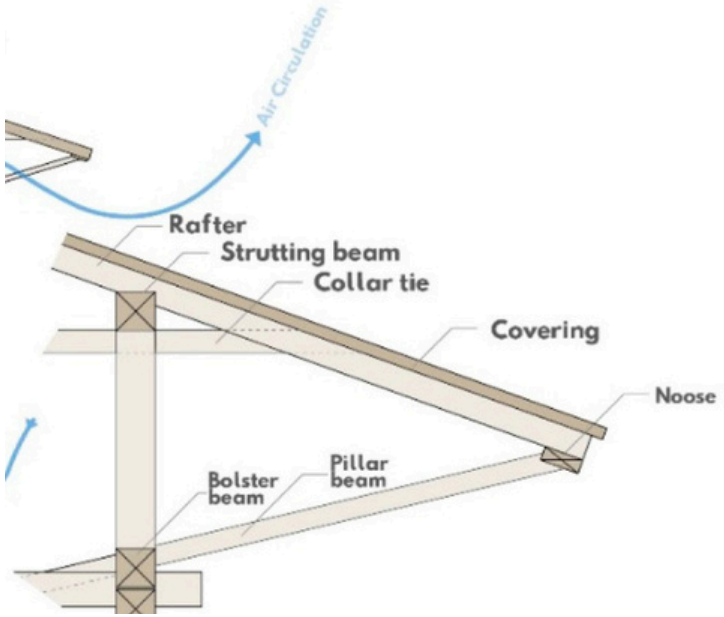


Figure 3.1- Cross sections of dwelling (Batur, 2005)



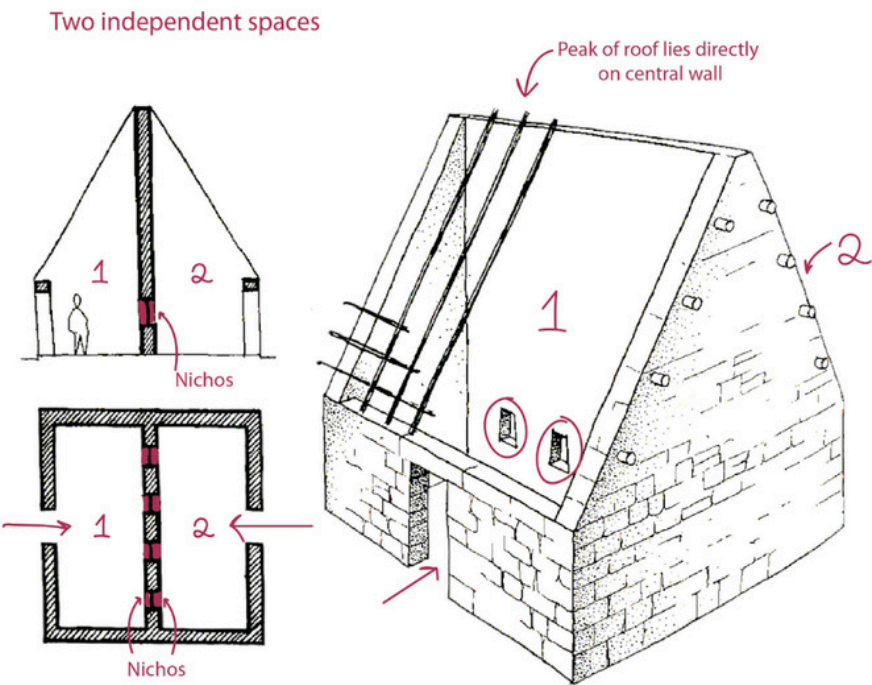
Detail of roof structure, diagram courtesy of Burcu Salgın , Ömer F. Bayram, Atacan Akgün and Kofi Agyekum.

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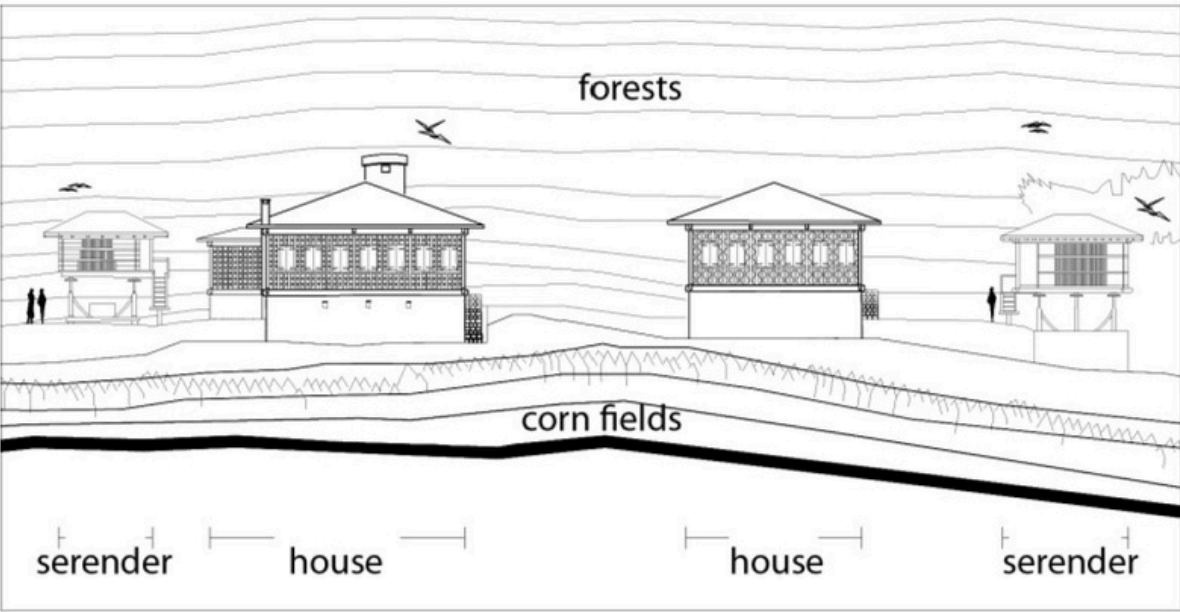
A housing typology with two independent spaces that are divided by a central wall where the peak of the roof lies. Drawing by Gasparini & Margolies annotation by author.



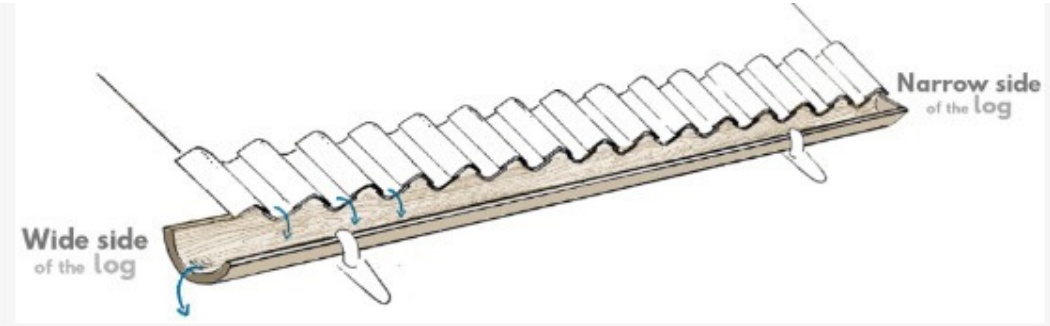
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Housing inbedded in the mountain. Surmener/ Trabzon. Image courtesy by Gur and Batur 2005.



Elevation of housing clusters and teh religious serender (Güler, 2013). Steep roofs as well.



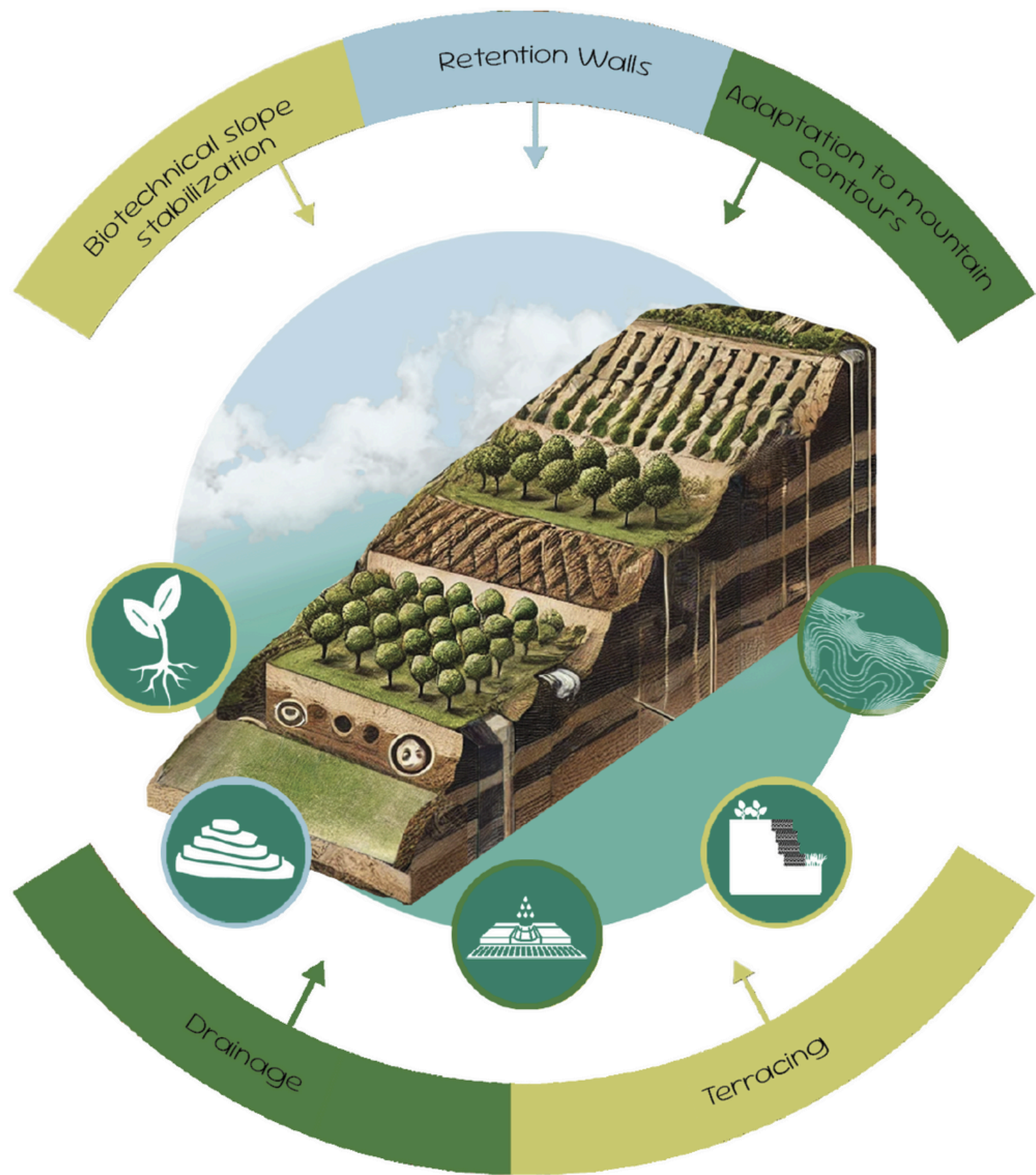
Rainspout made by pine or spruce log (re-illustrated from Özgüner (1970)).

RESEARCH CONCLUSION

Structure- Foundations- Walls- Roofs

- Integrated foundations into the landscape and stilts for humid areas
- Rain Water management in Architecture
- Interlocking Structures
- Rectangular & L-shape building
- Parallel to slope
- Large Eaves

Landslide Mitigation Techniques Derived from Vernacular Engineering



Design Principles Diagram

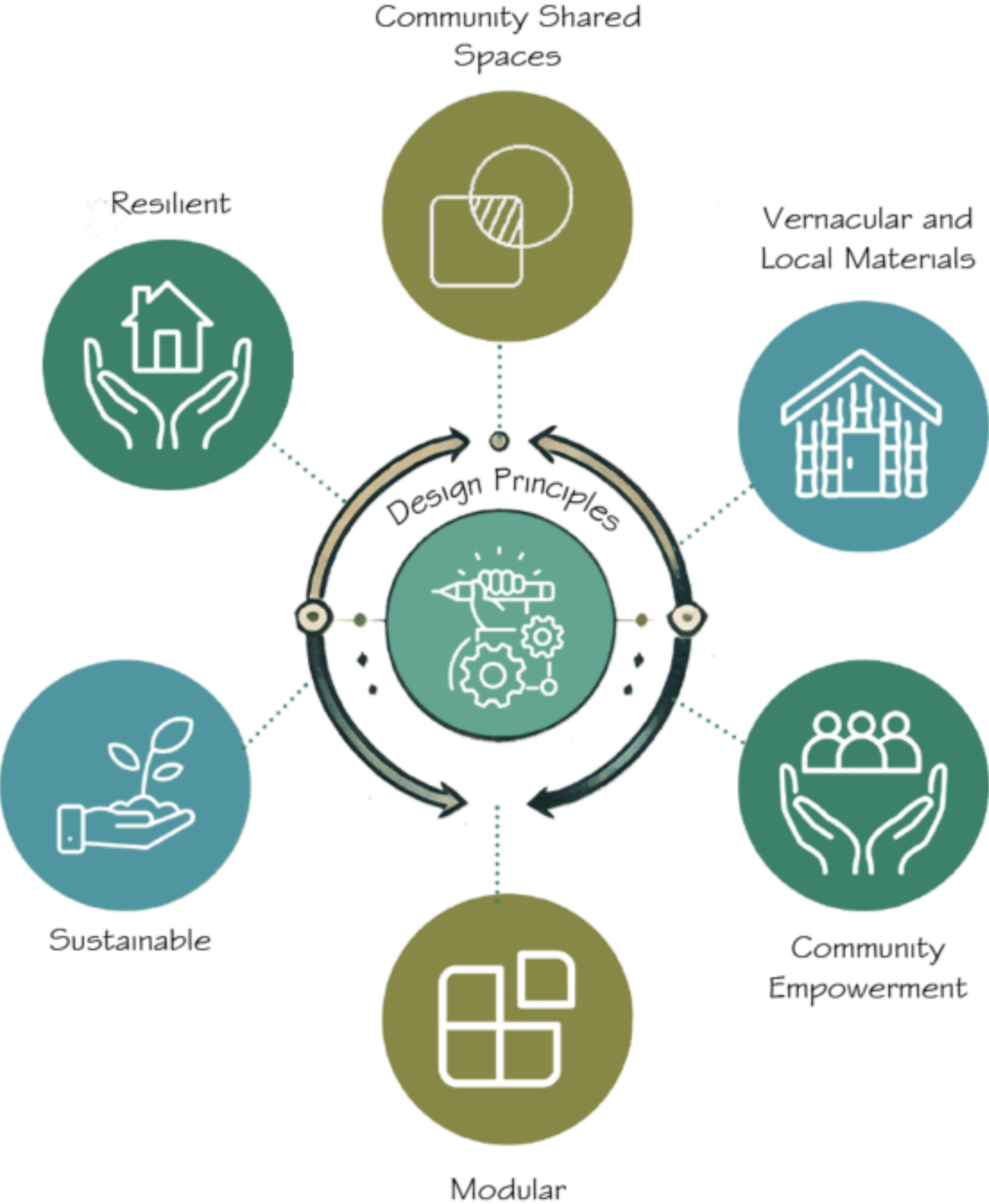




Image by Daniela Diaz- One of the few remaining patches of vegetation in the area, which was once densely forested.

Agricultural Potential and Biotechnical Slope Stabilization

Native Plants



Chusquea - Bamboo



Giant cabuyá (Furcraea andina)



Yarumo (Cecropia spp.)



Encenillo (Weinmannia tomentosa)

Agricultural Potential and Biotechnical Slope Stabilization

Fruits



Uchuva (Physalis)



Blackberries (Rubus glaucus)



Lulo (Solanum quitoense)



Curuba (Passiflora tripartita)



Tomato

Vegetables



Potatoes (Solanum tuberosum)



Carrots (Daucus carota)



Beets



Cabbage (Brassica spp.)



Onion



Lettuce



Coriander- Cilantro



Cammomile

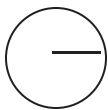
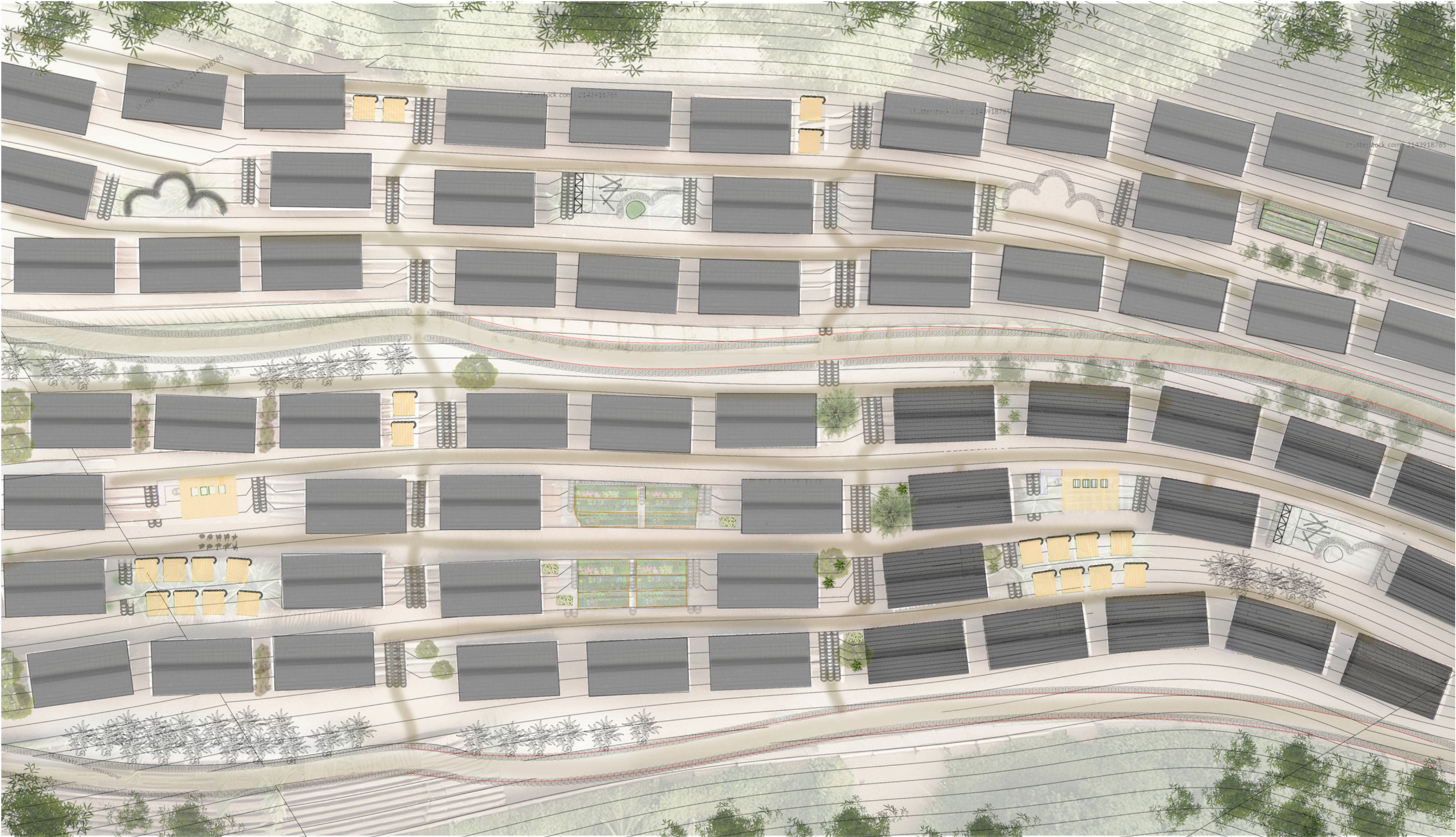


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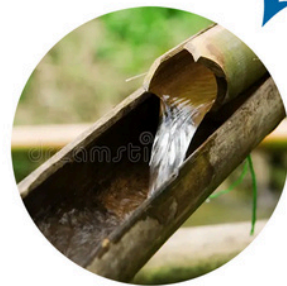
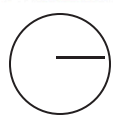
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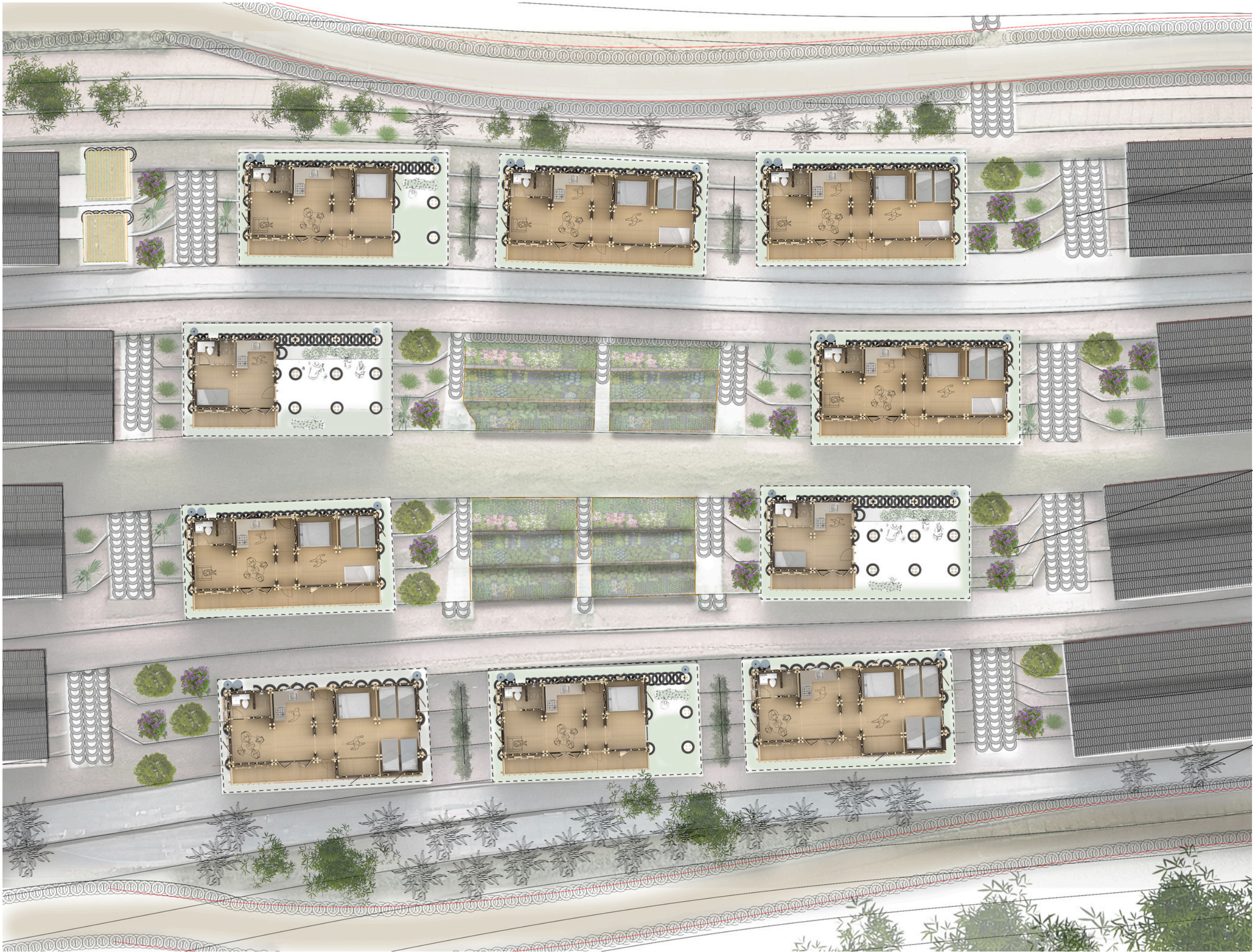
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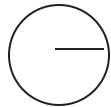
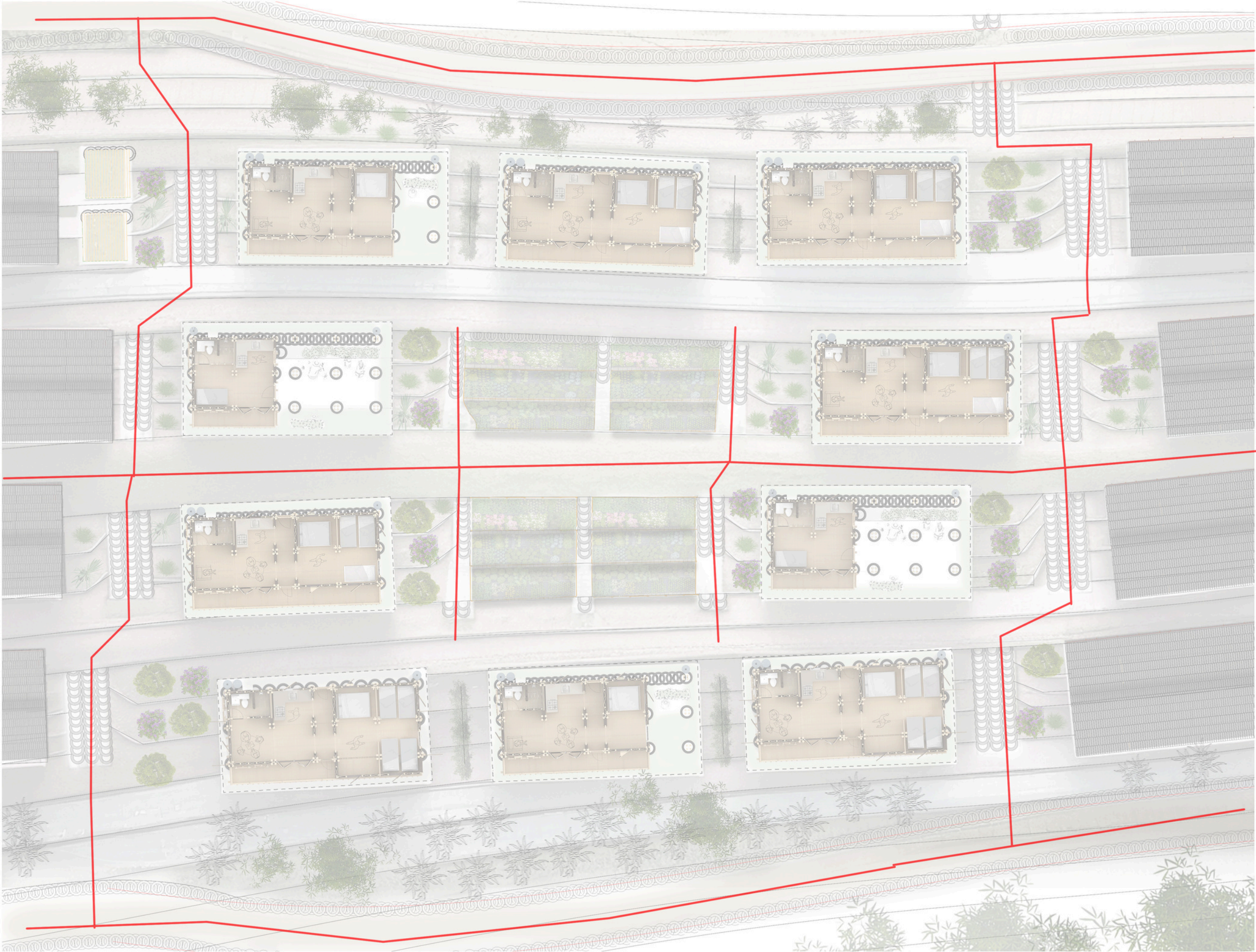
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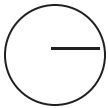
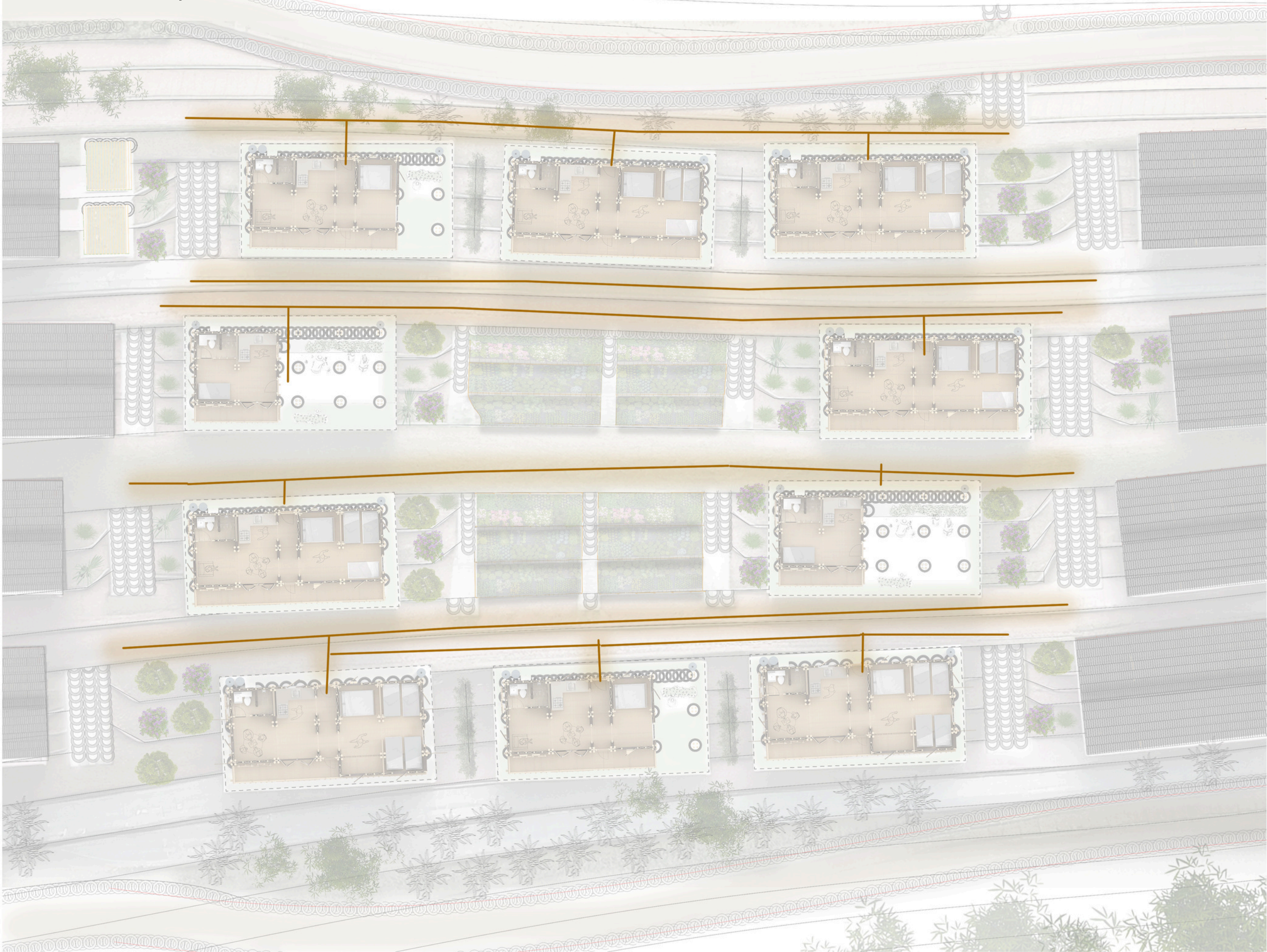
Communal Garden Cluster Plan



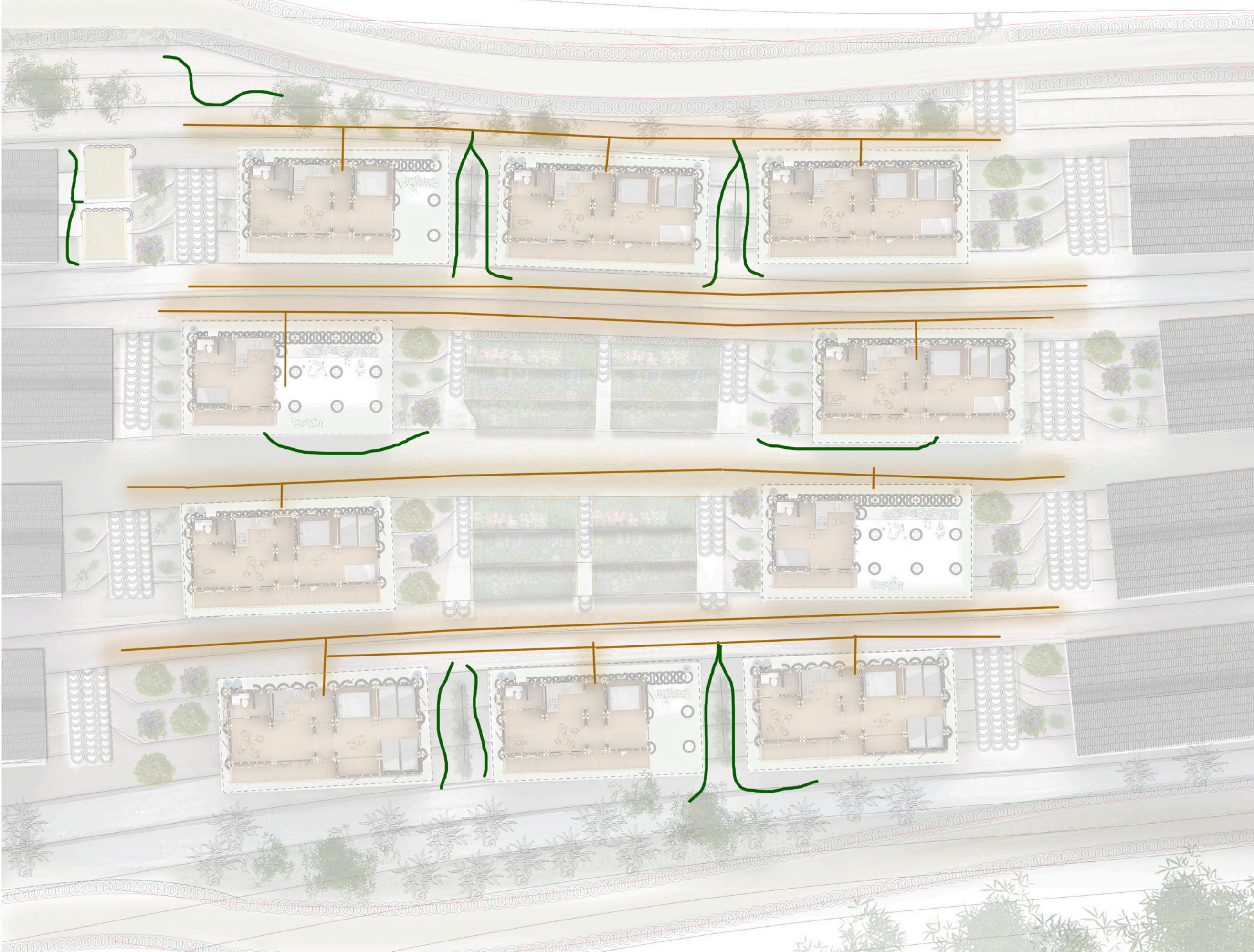
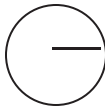
Circulation- Main Pathways



Circulation- Cluster Level paths



Circulation- Cluster Level Informal Paths



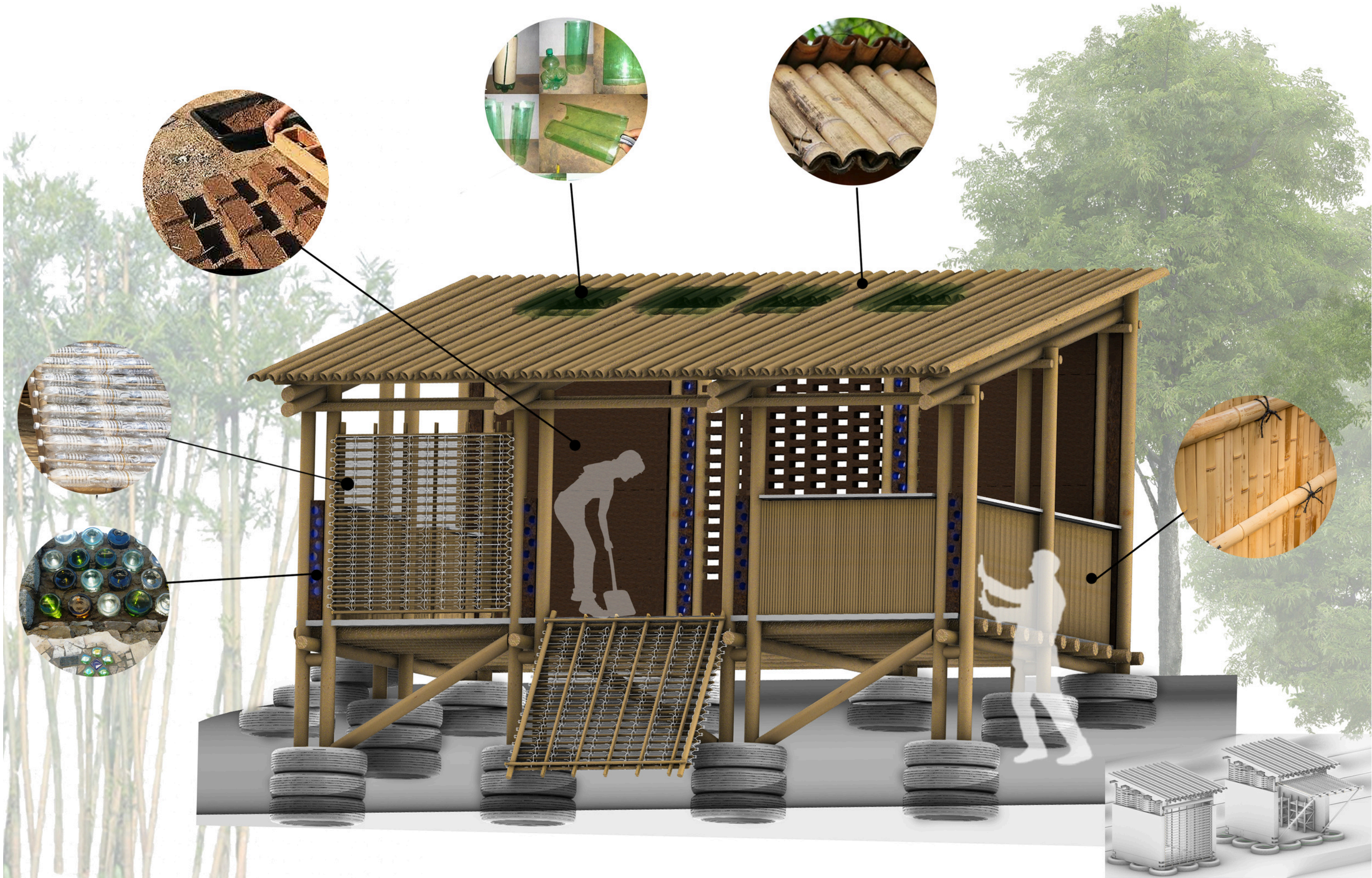
Section through Garden Cluster



Cluster Growth- Workshop & Storage



Workshop & Storage





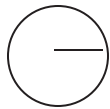
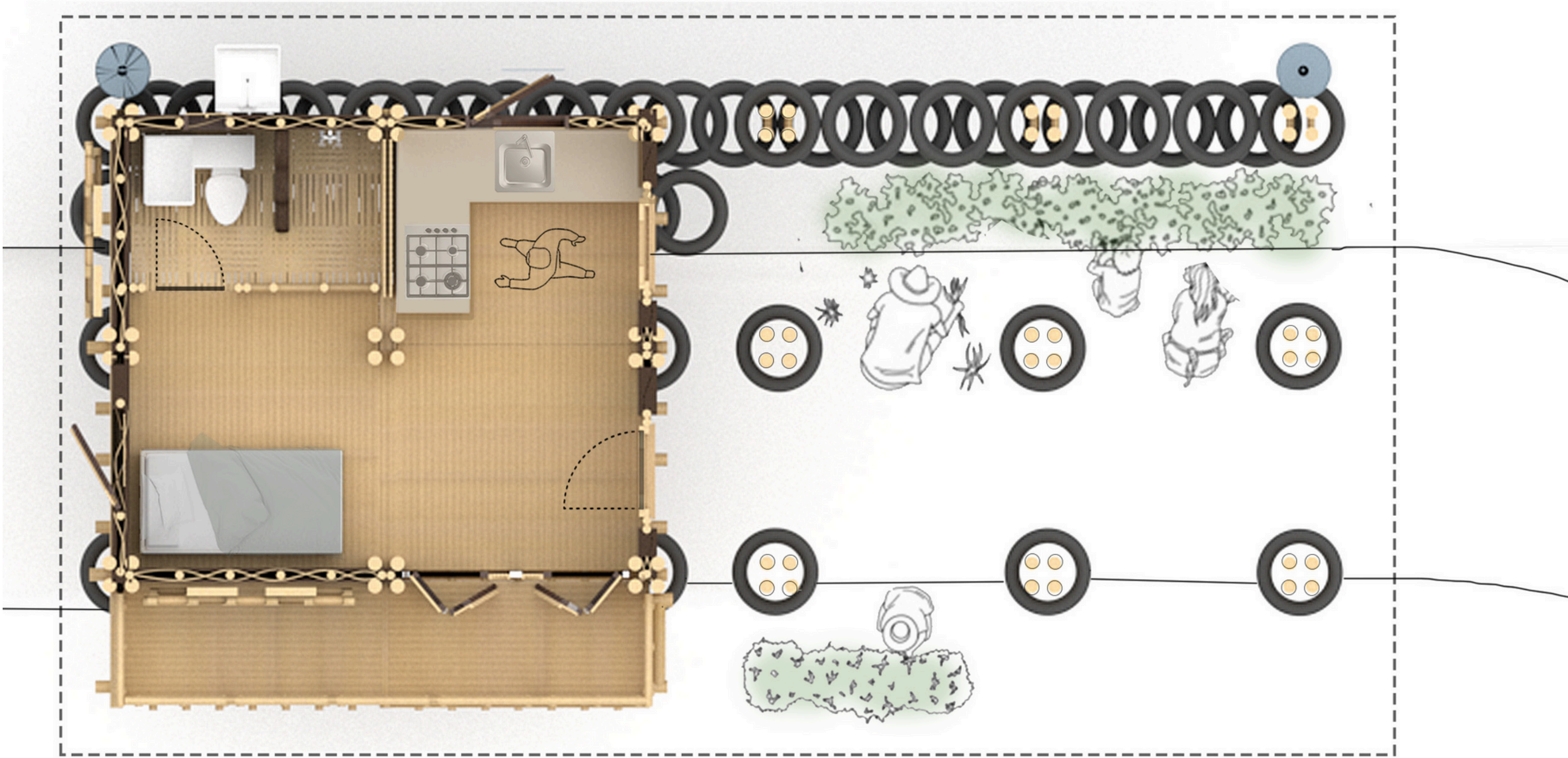


Housing Proposal

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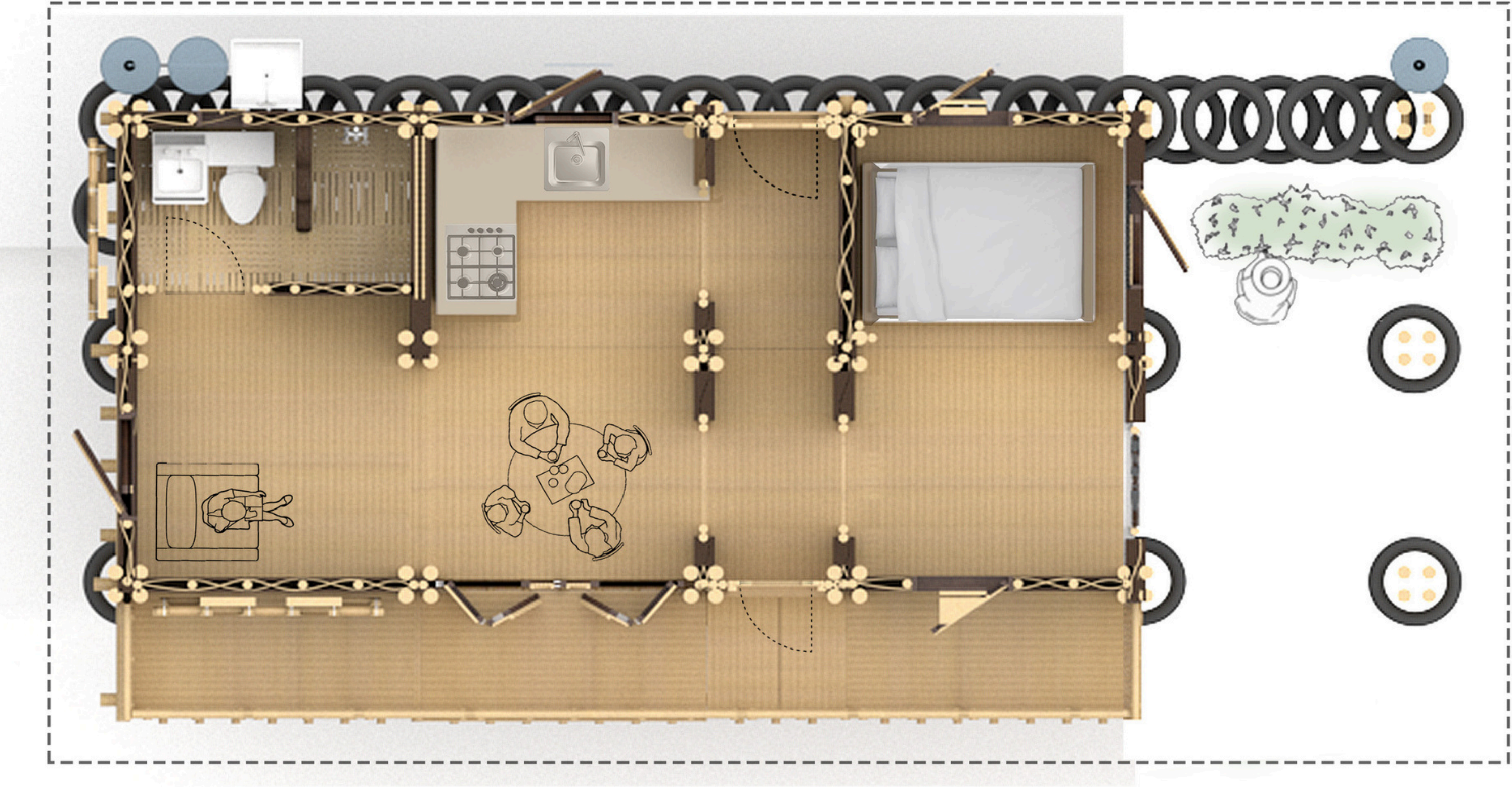
Phase 1-Floor Plan



Phase 2- House



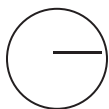
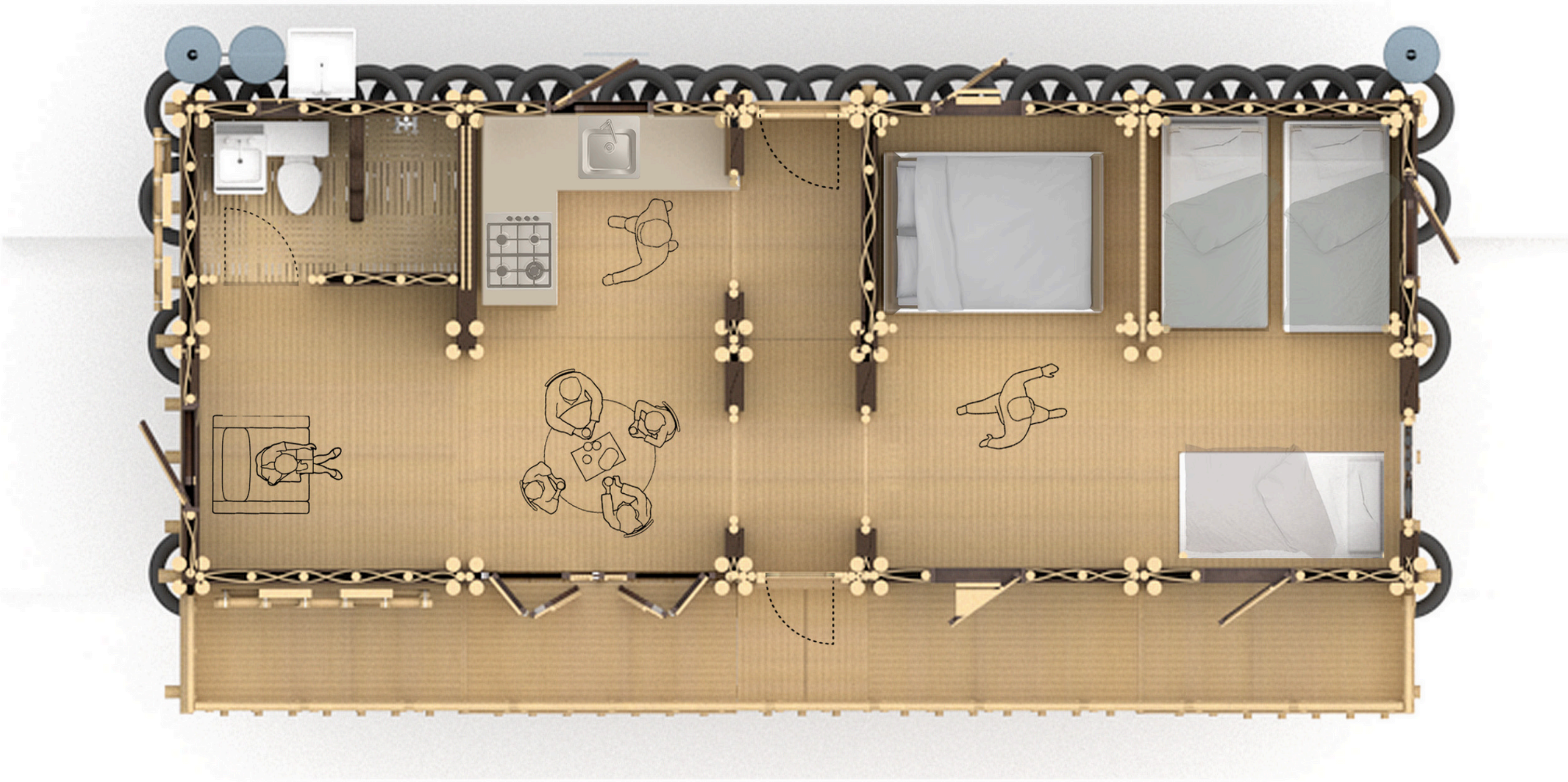
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Phase 3- House



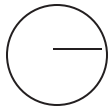
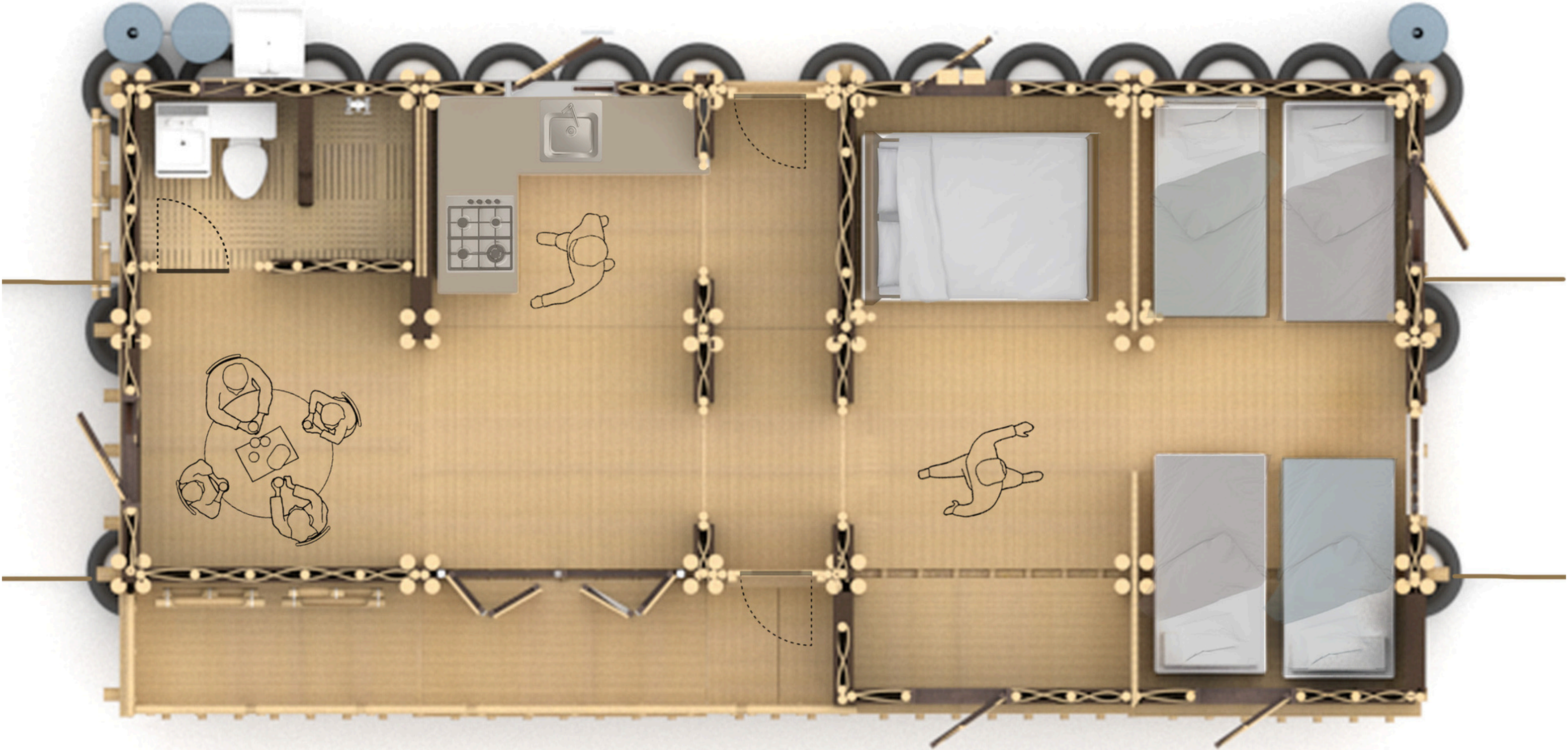
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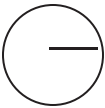
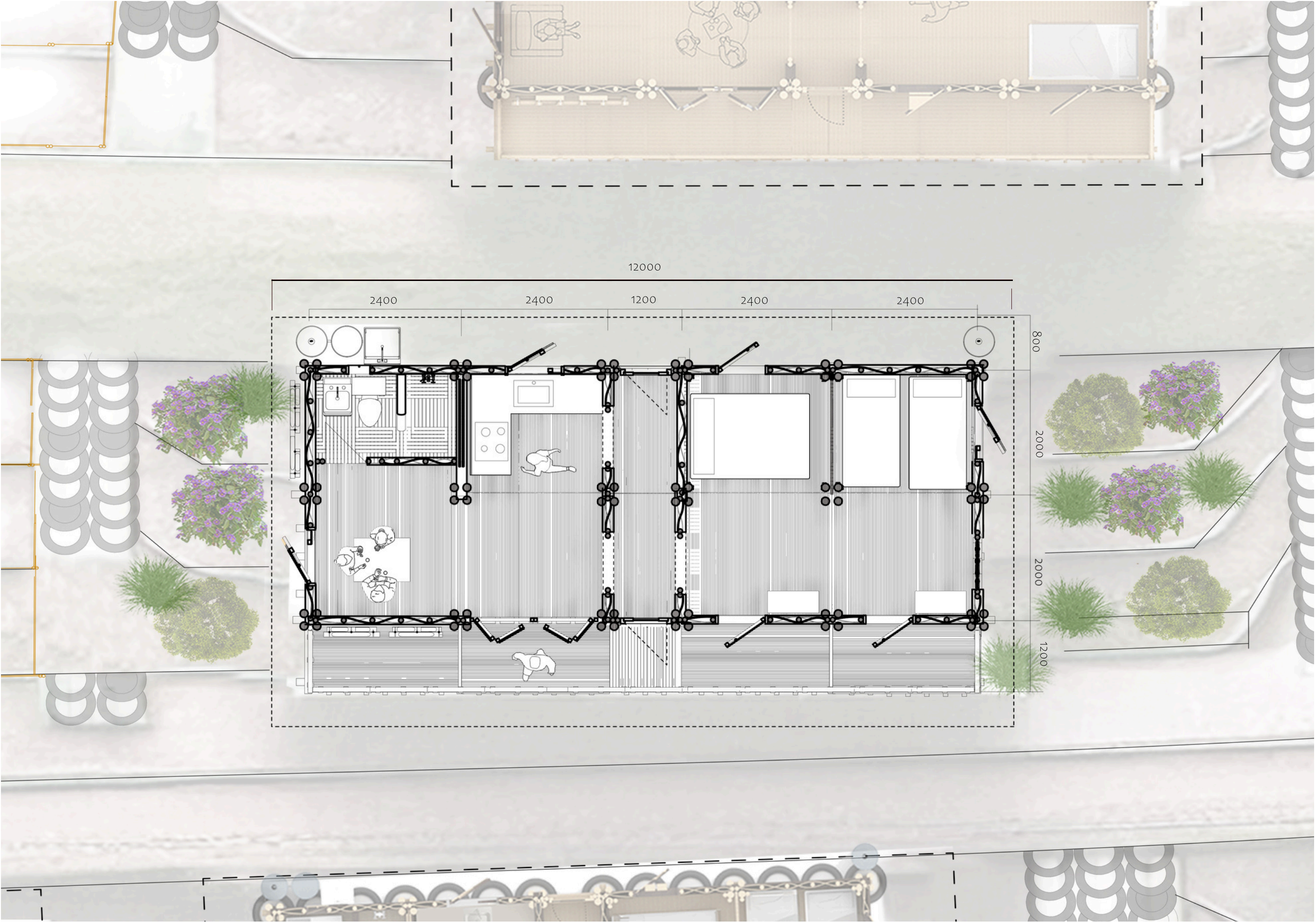
Phase4- House



Phase 4-Floor Plan



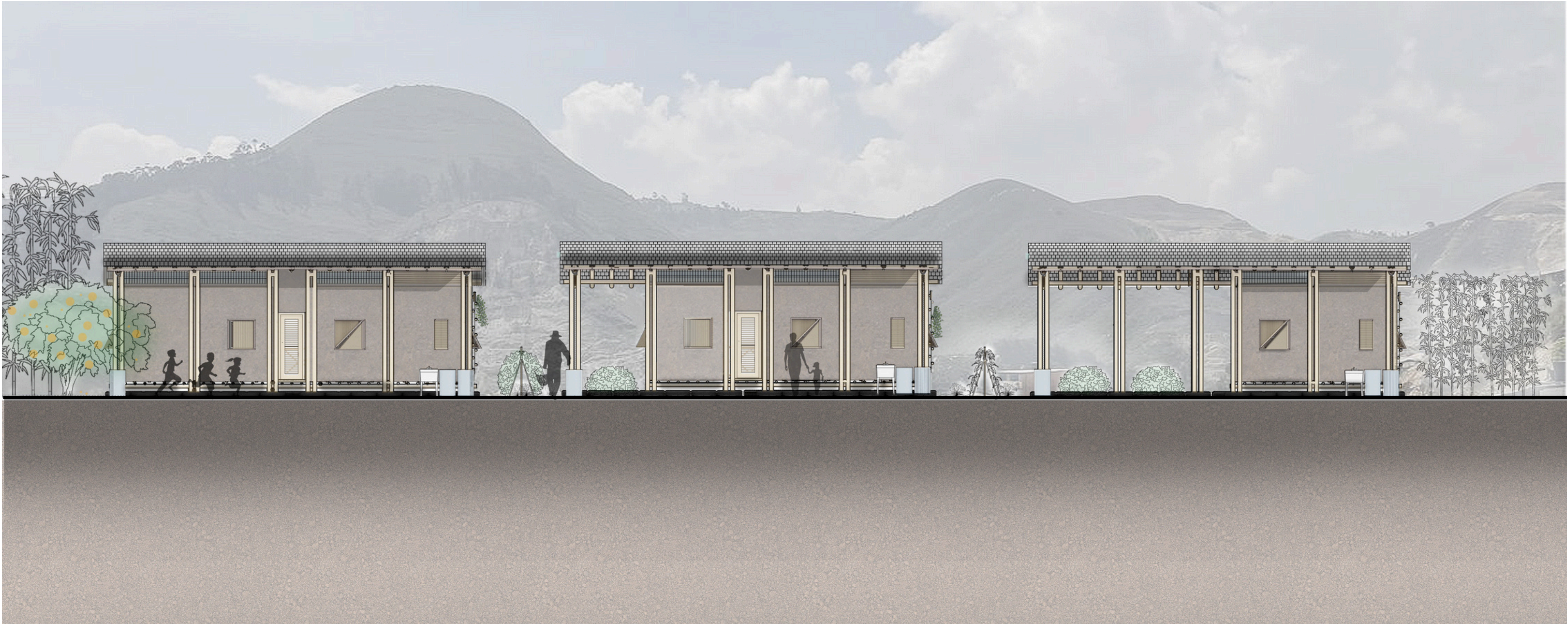
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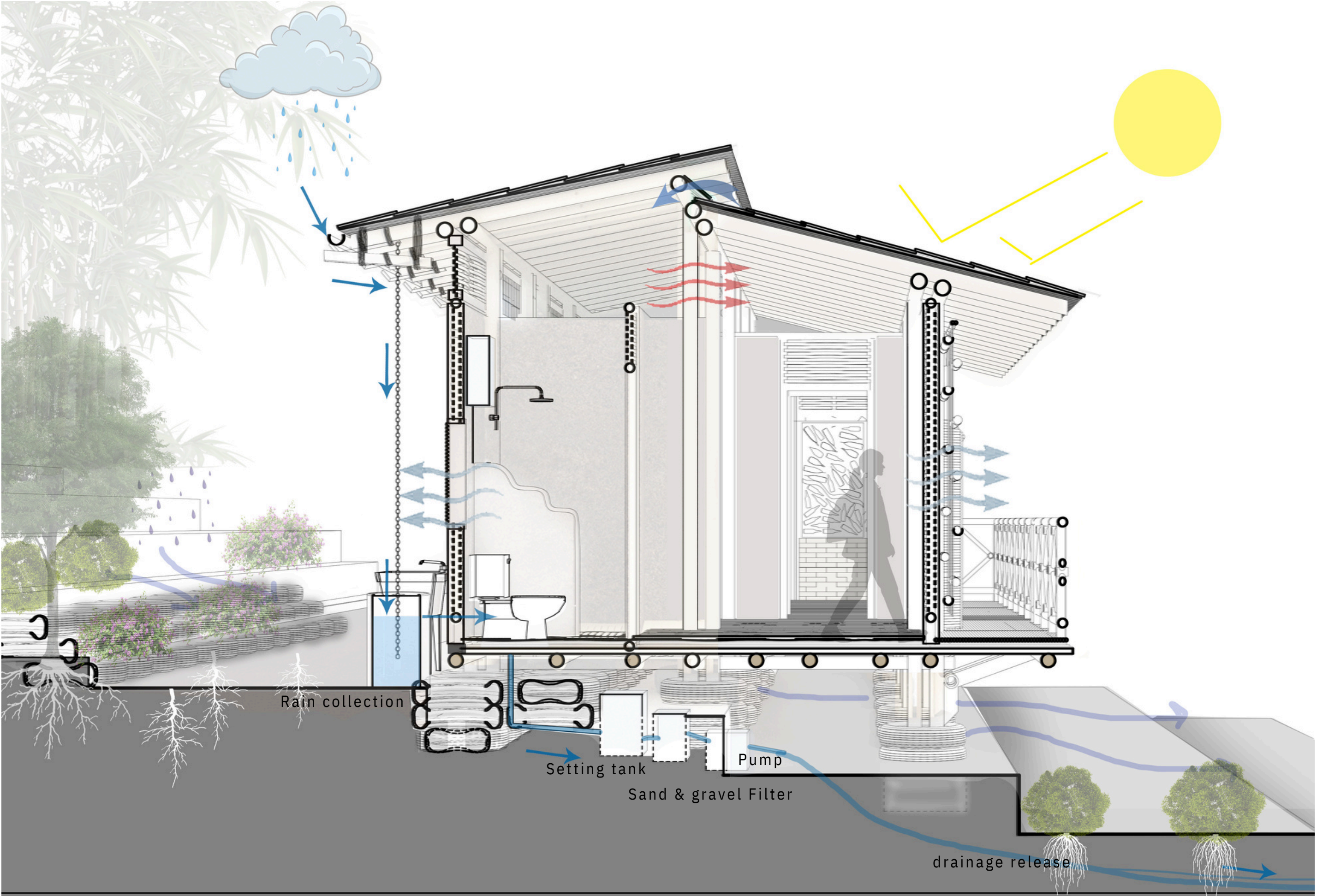
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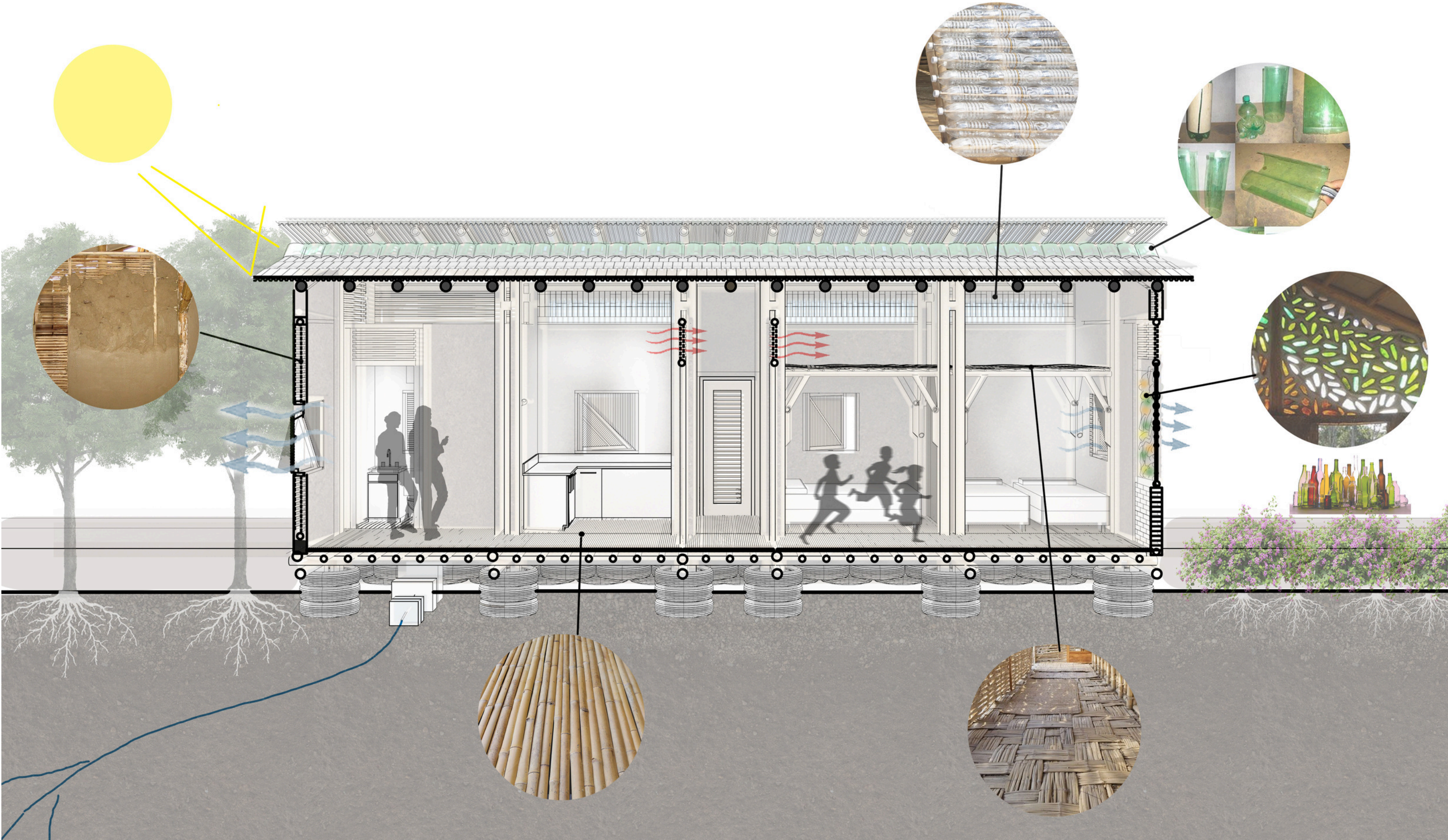
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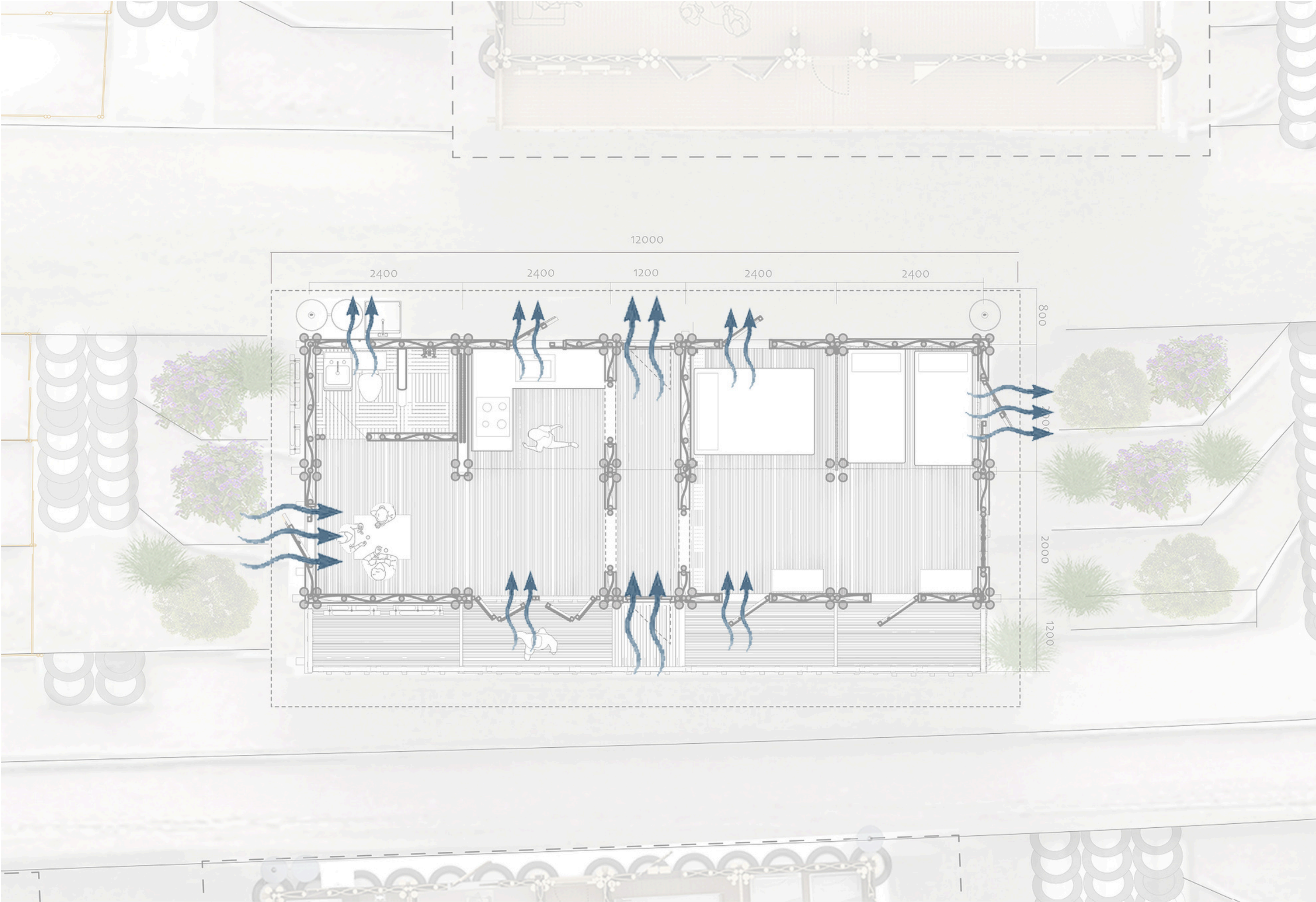
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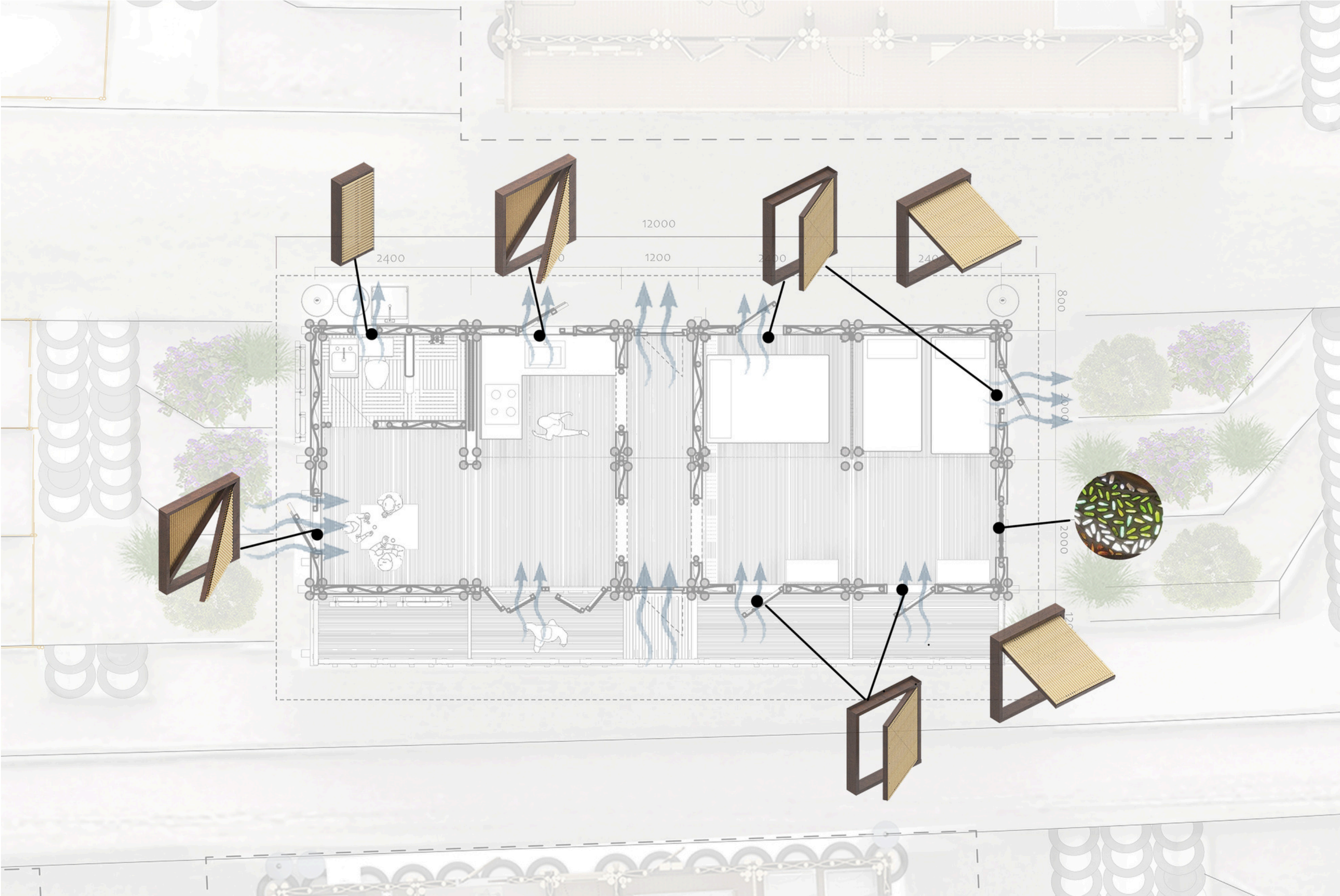
Longitudinal Section



Cross ventilation Recommendation



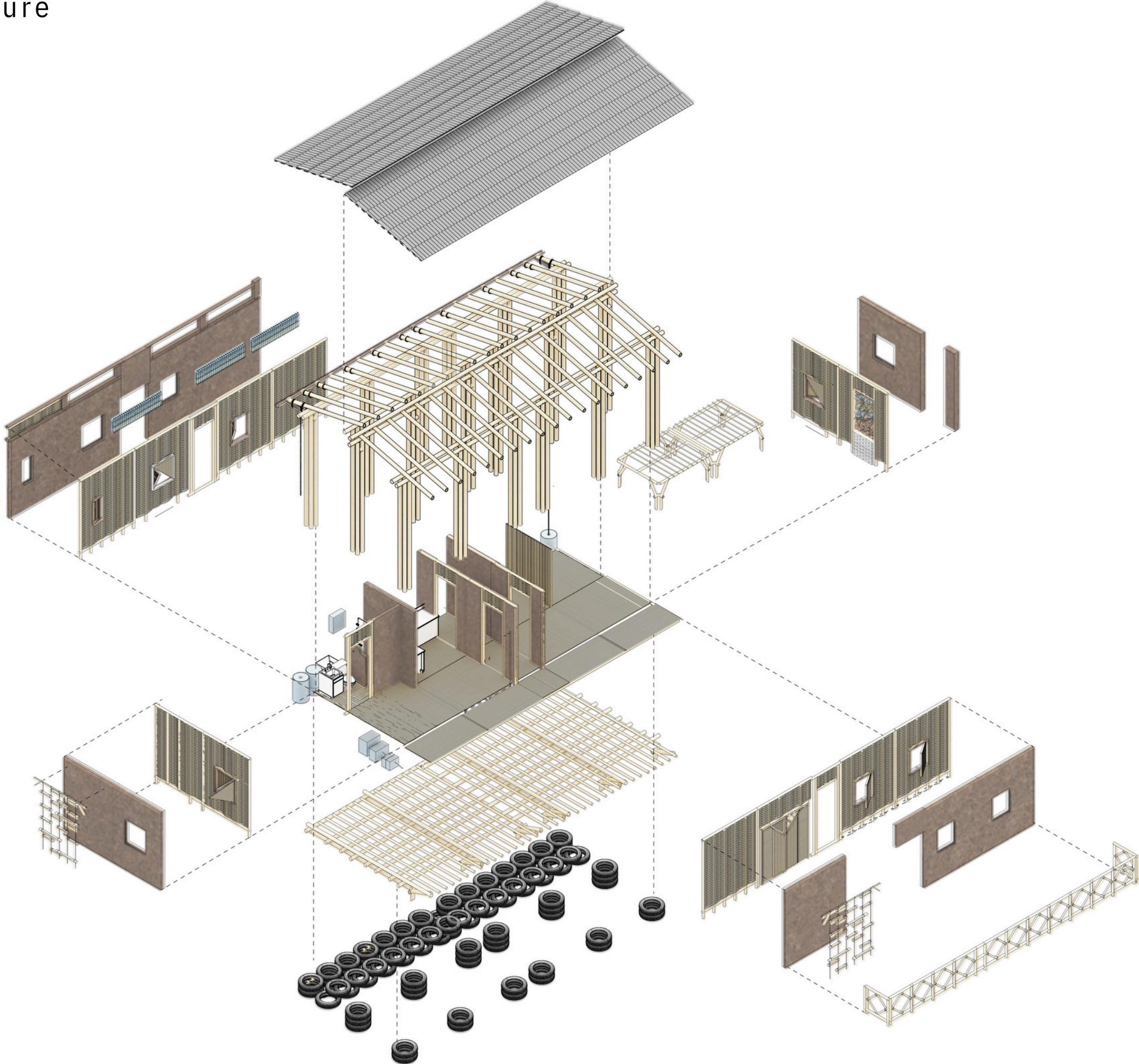
Window recommendation



Interior Render Bedrooms

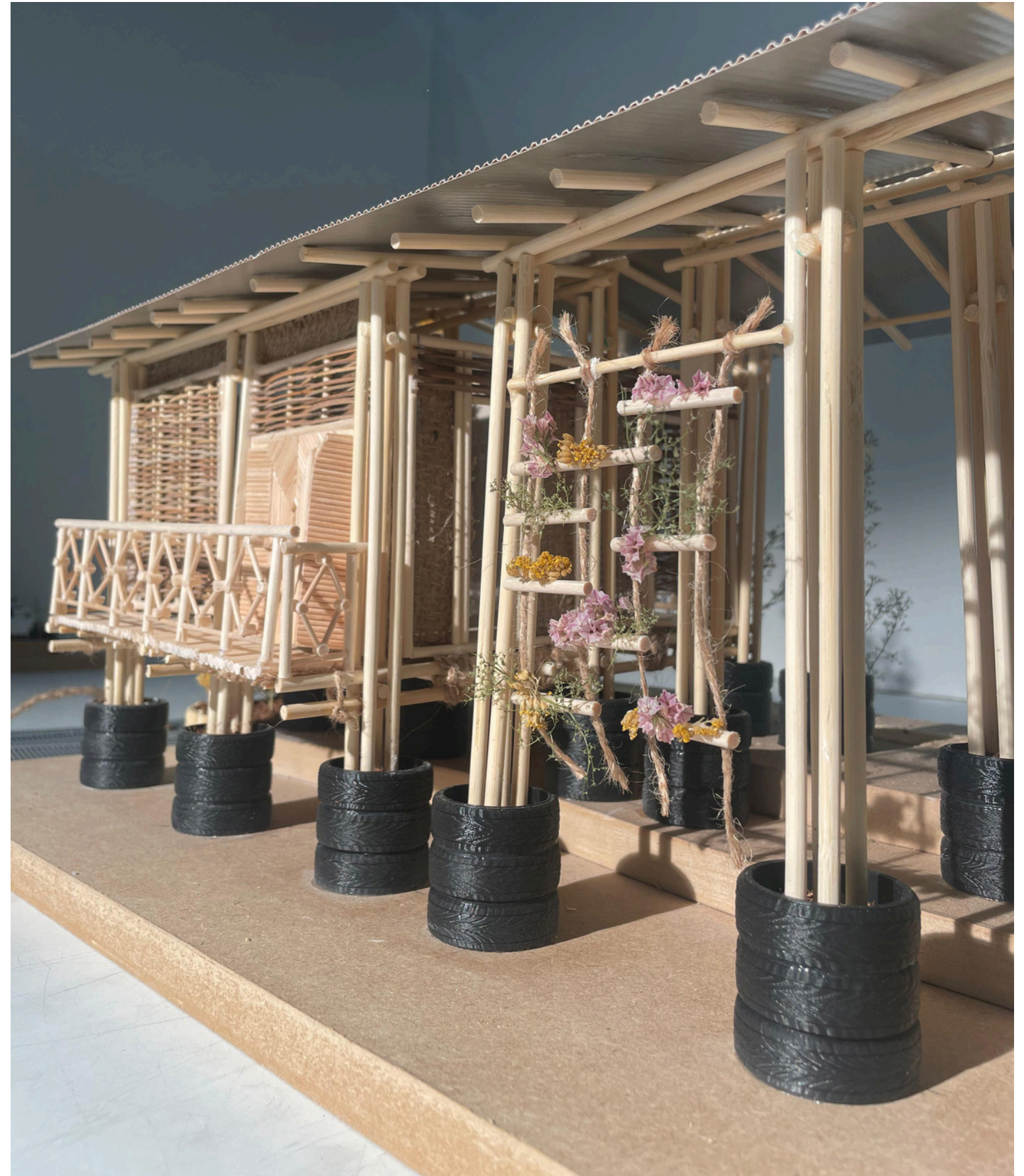


Exploded Axonometric- structure



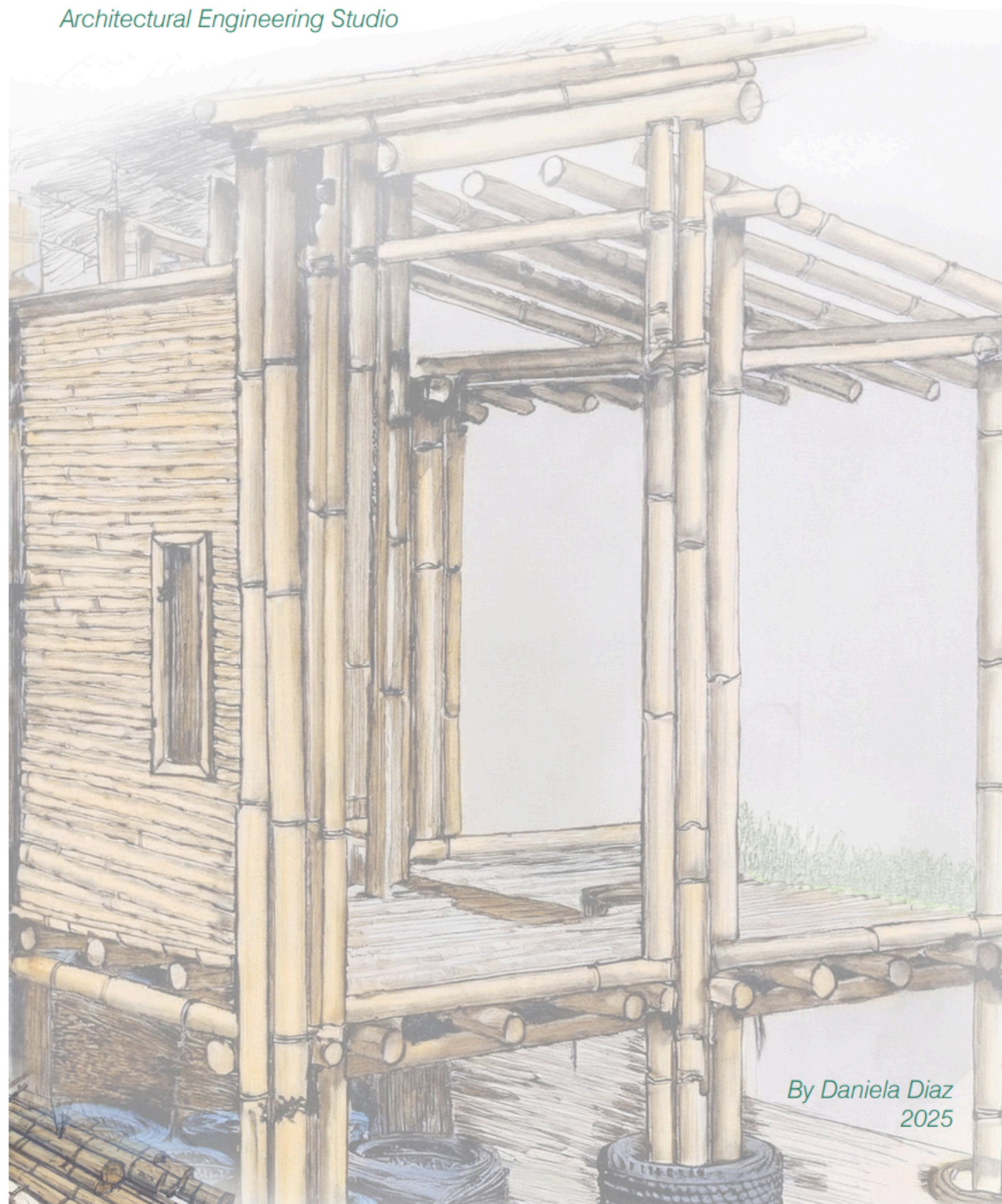


Model 1:25



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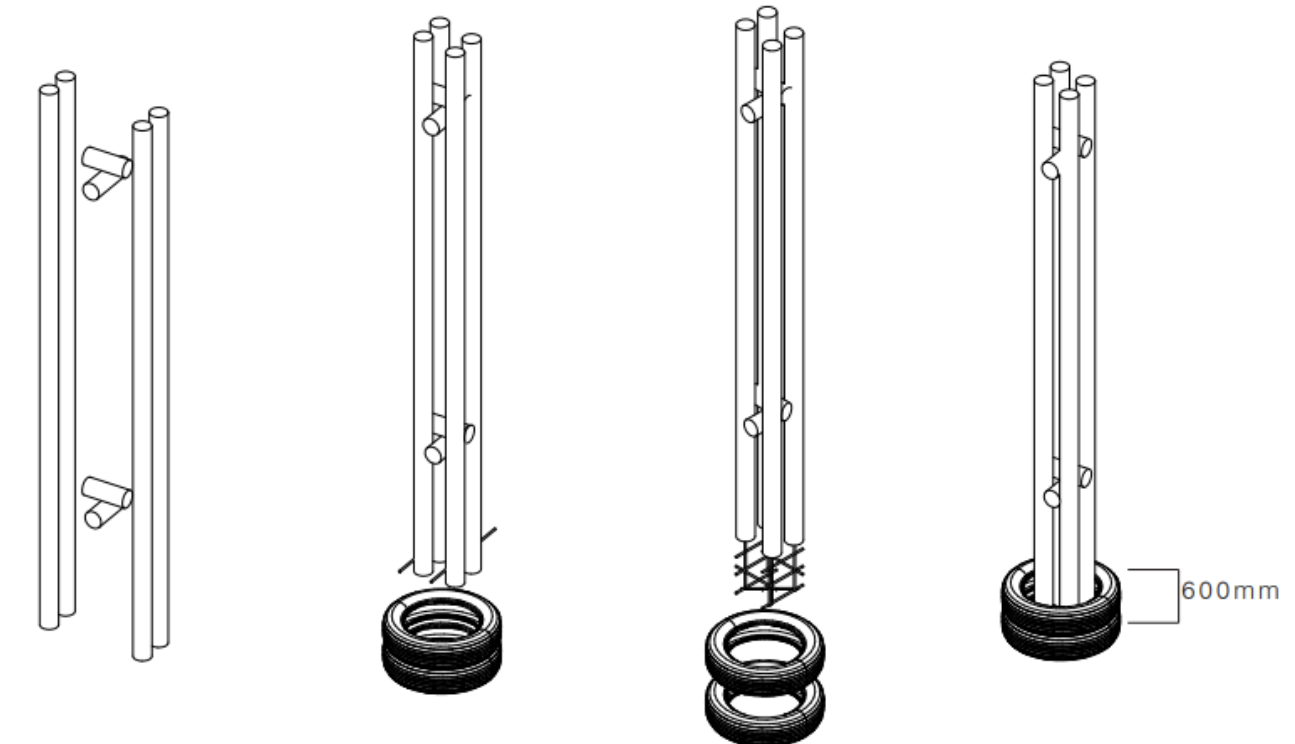
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Frame | Estructura

Columns

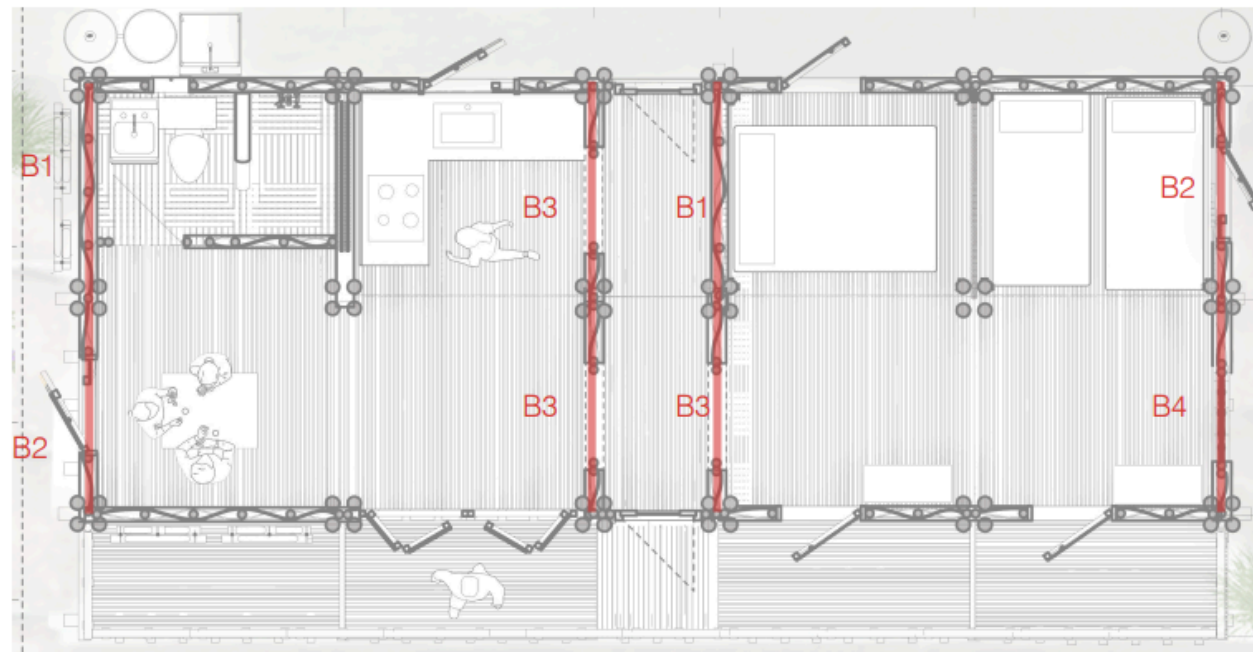
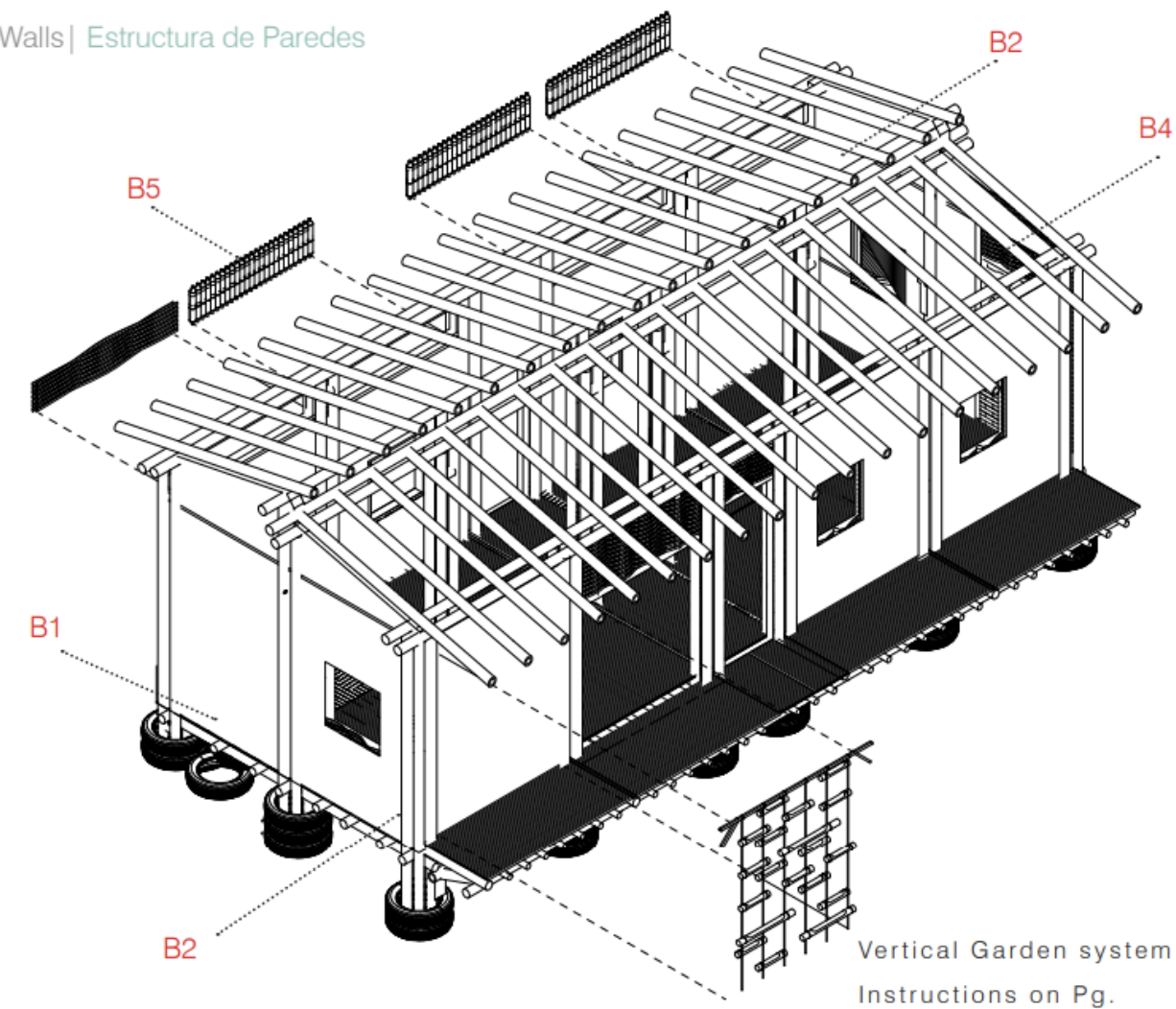
Columnas y Estructura

- Install prefabricated vertical Bamboo Columns
 - Infill Tires with a mix of soil and concrete
 - Ensure Columns are firmly anchored in Foundation. (Should be minimum about 1.5-2 tires deep of 600mm)
- Instalar columnas verticales prefabricadas de bambú
 - Rellenar los neumáticos con una mezcla de tierra y cemento
 - Asegurarse de que las columnas estén firmemente ancladas a la base (deben tener una profundidad mínima de aproximadamente 1,5-2 neumáticos de 600 mm)

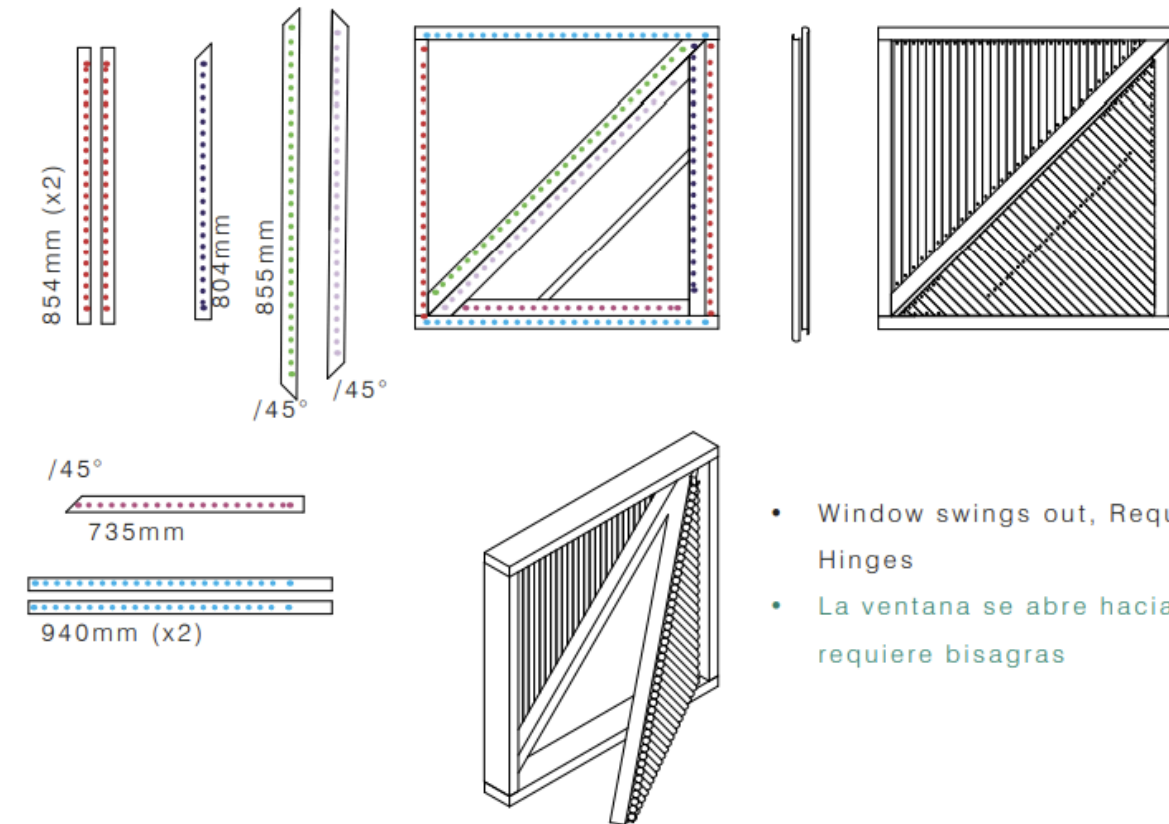


- A. 4450mm (x24) \varnothing 130mm
- B. 5000mm (x12)
- C. 4700mm (x36)

Total Bamboo Poles: 72 to create 18 Columns
Total de postes de bambú: 72 para crear 18 columnas

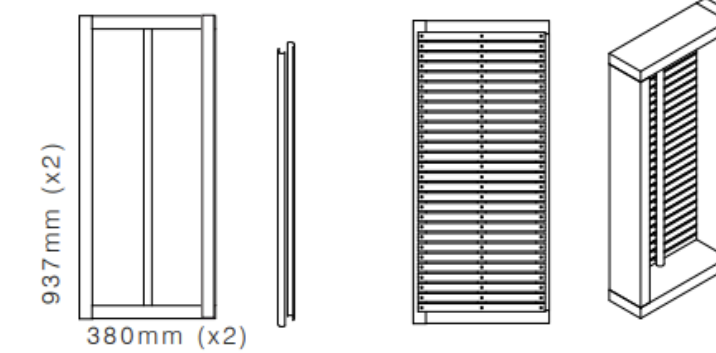


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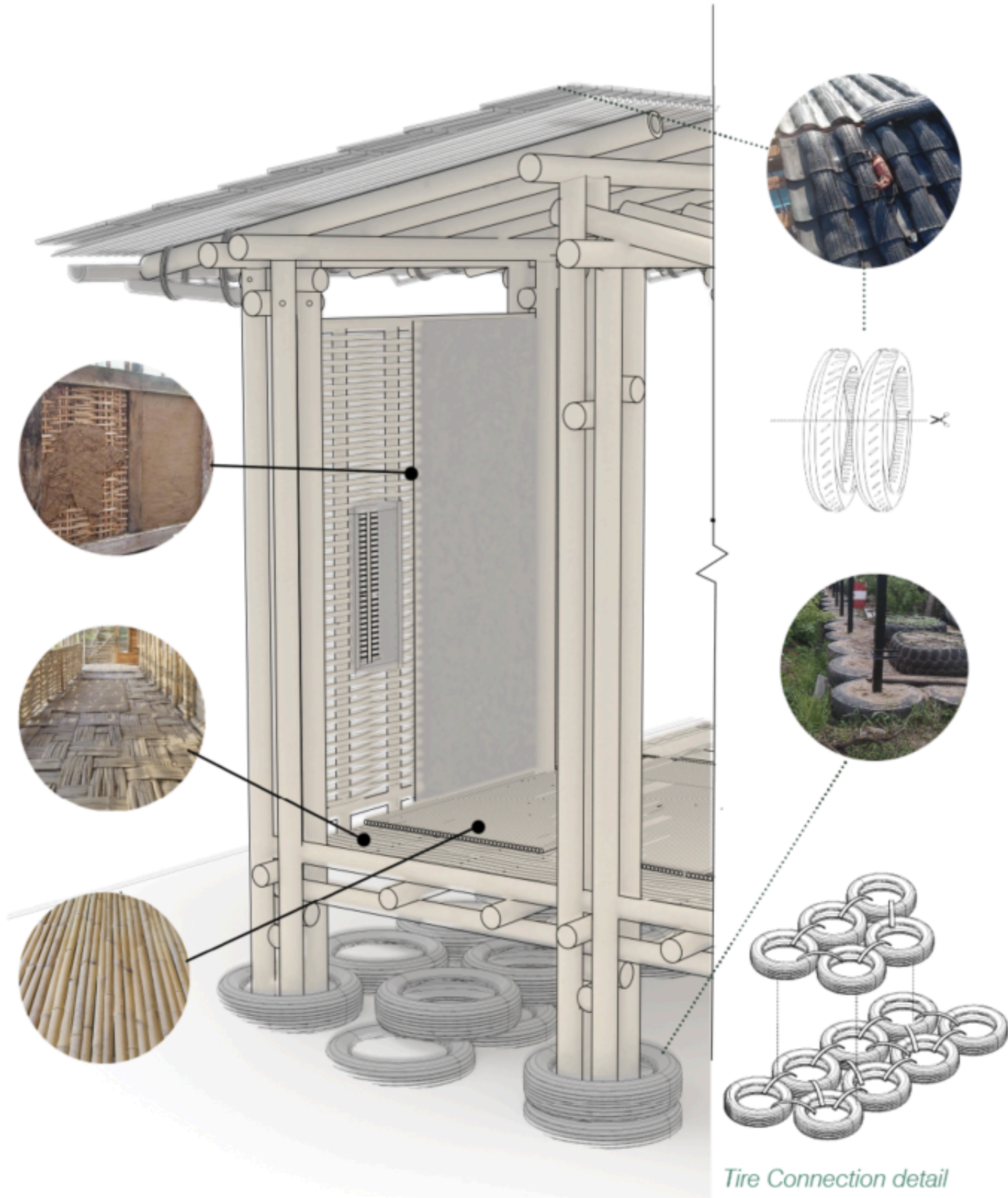
- Window swings out, Requires Hinges
- La ventana se abre hacia afuera, requiere bisagras

W4



- The frame should already be built. Cut small bamboo pole in half and attach to frame with small nails. Leave some space inbetween each bamboo stick for ventilation
- El marco ya debería estar construido. Corte una vara de bambú pequeña por la mitad y fíjela al marco con clavos pequeños. Deje algo de espacio entre cada vara de bambú para que haya ventilación.

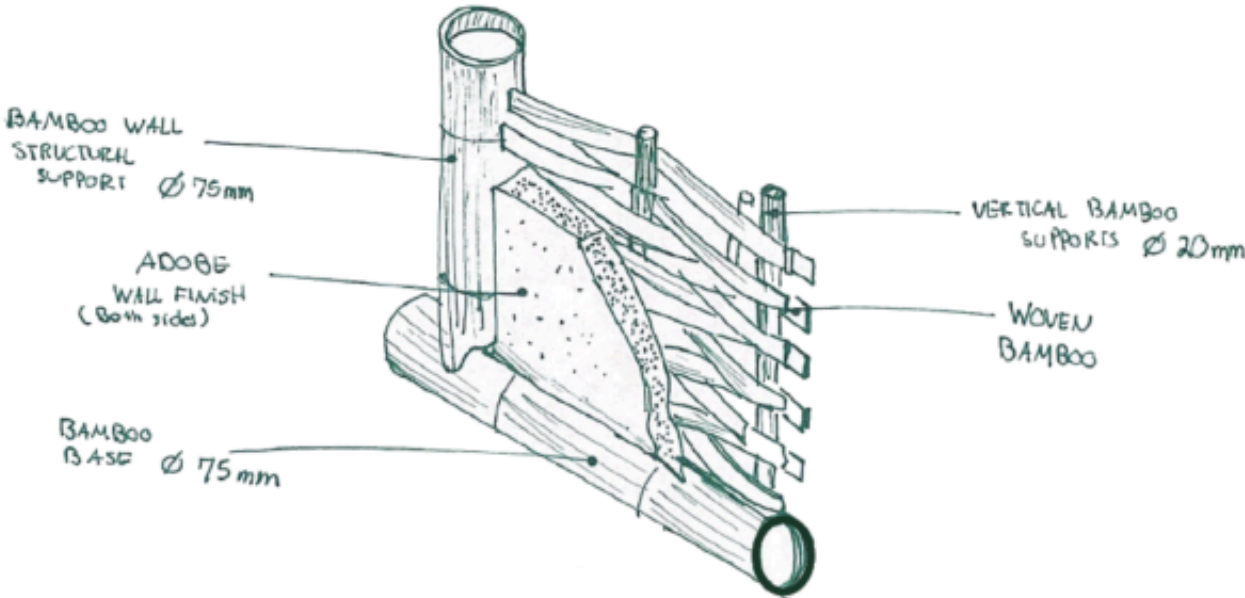
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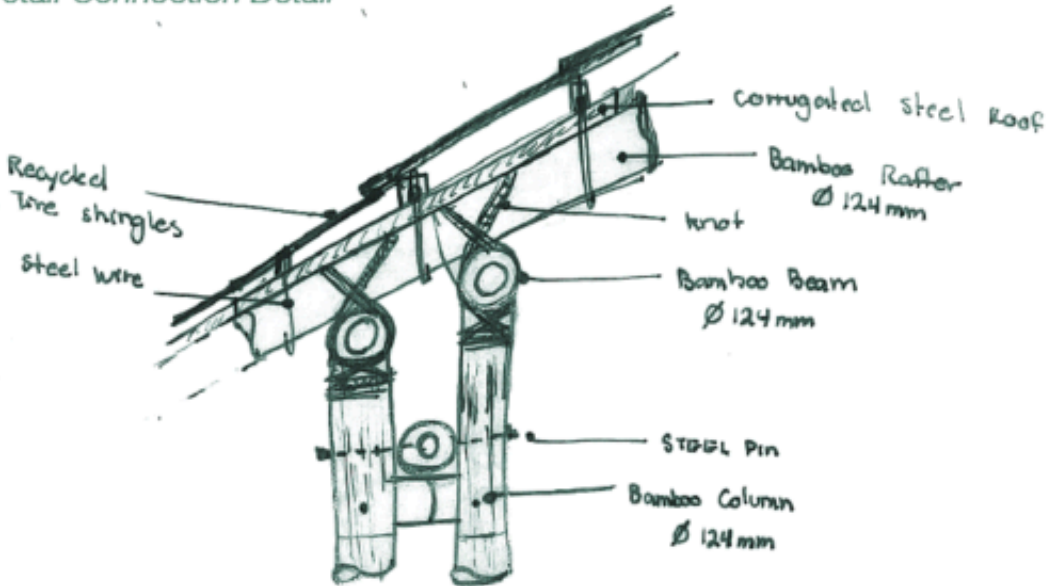
Tire Connection detail

Details and Connections

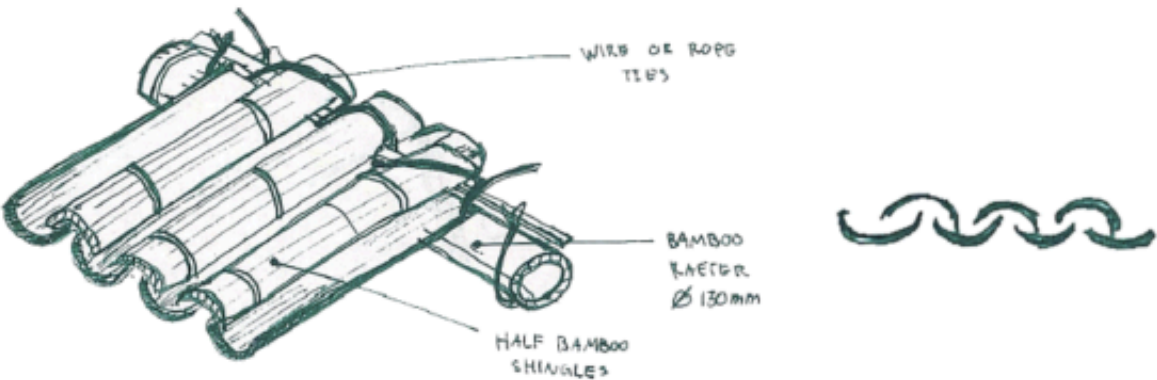
Wall Structure Detail



Roof Detail Connection Detail



Alternate Bamboo Roof Detail



Typologies

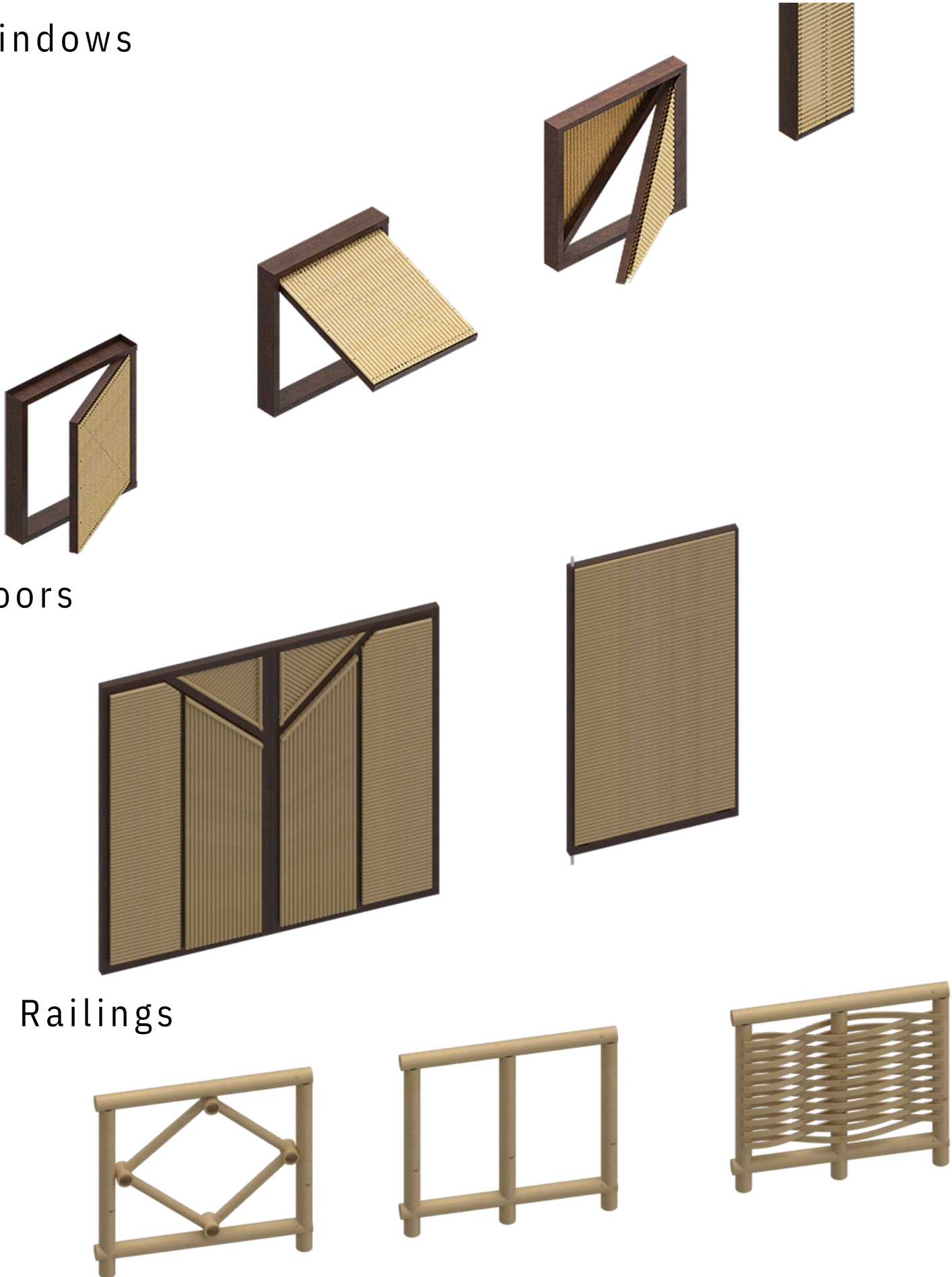
Walls



Windows

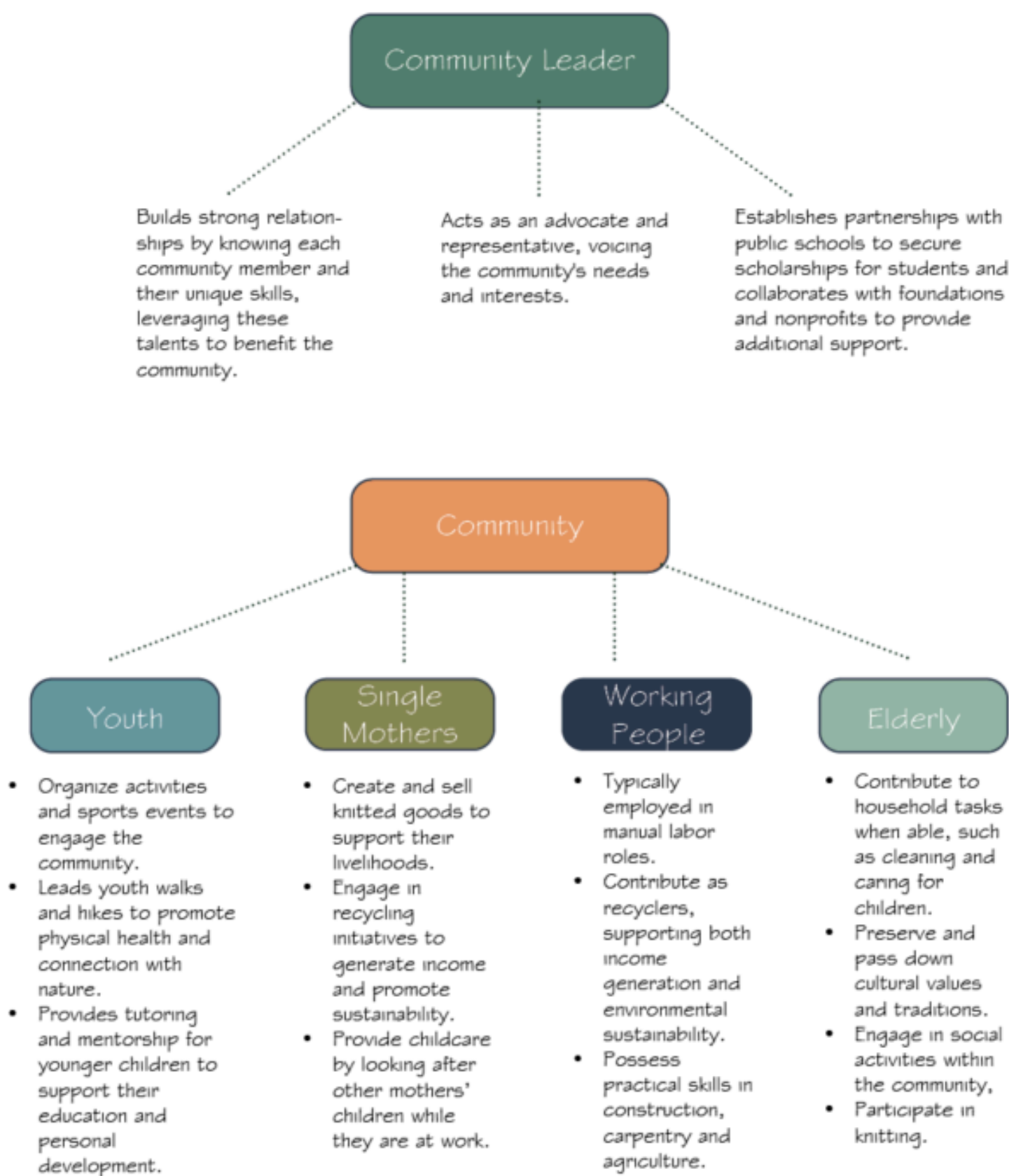
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Porch Railings

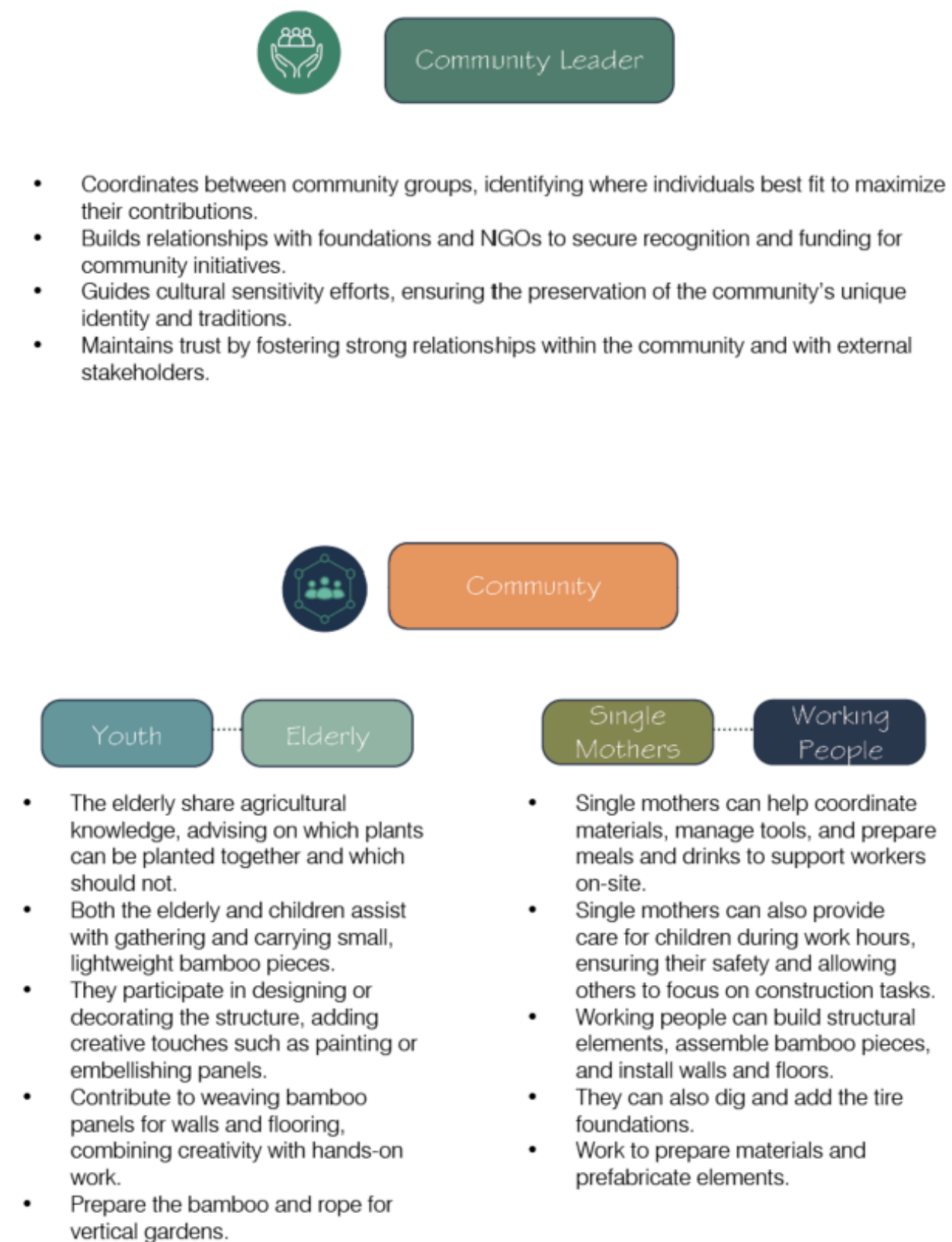


Stakeholders

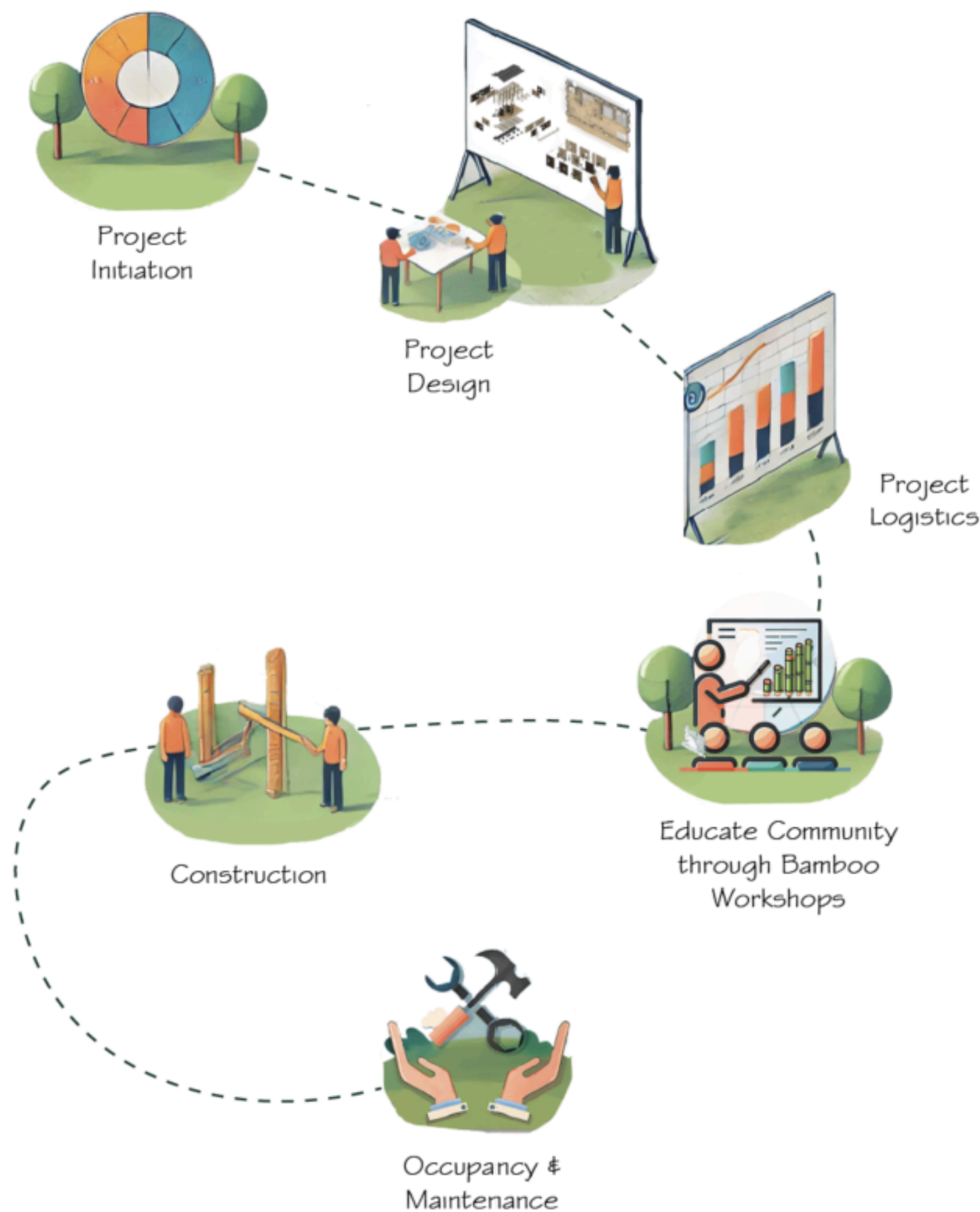


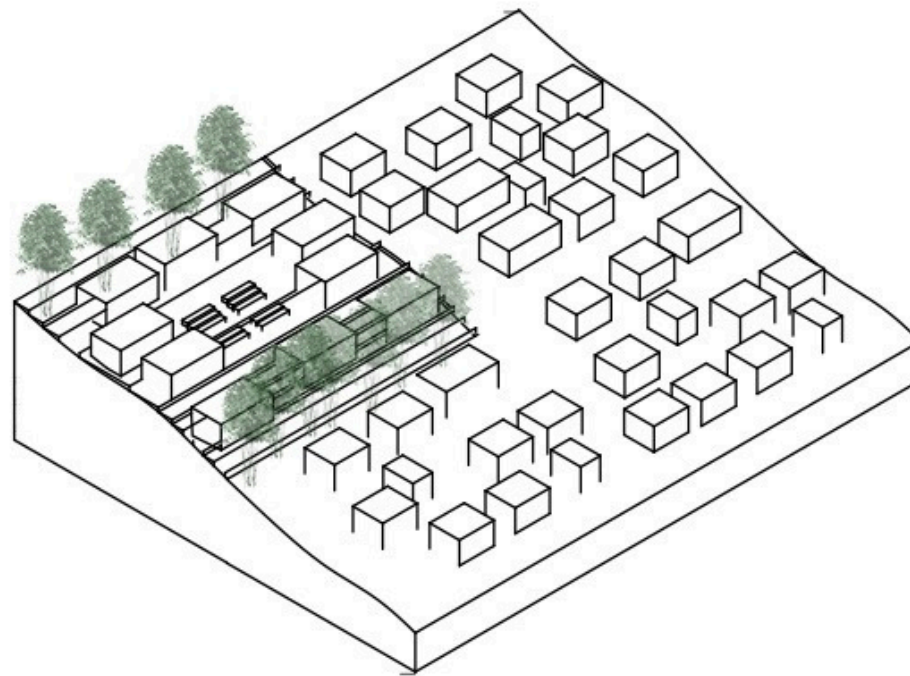
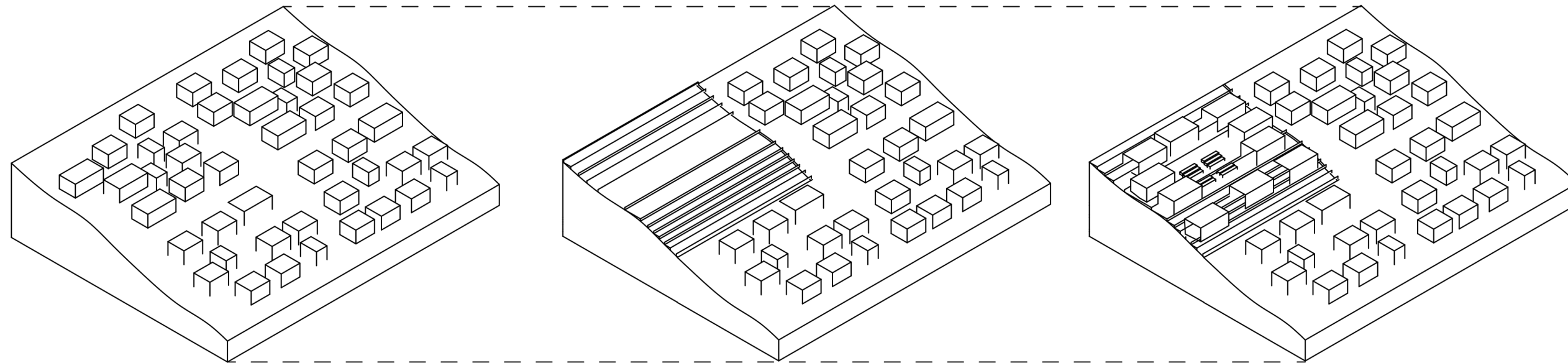


Proposed Project Community Organization



Project Development





Project construction Phases

1. The houses within the perimeter of the new cluster space must be cleared, with all functioning doors and materials salvaged for reuse in the new project. Any remaining unusable materials should be recycled to minimize waste.
2. The area should then be terraced to ensure landslide mitigation techniques. Should be done

