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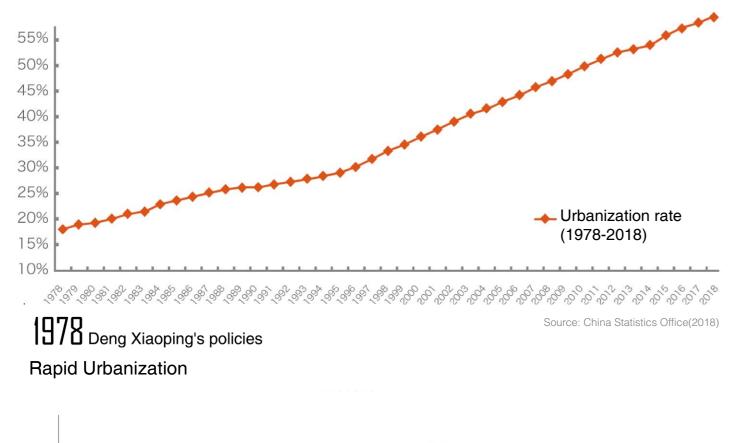
01 INTRODUCTION



Figure 1: Vegetable store in an urban village Source: © BERYL_SNW

INTRODUCTION

Informal Settlement in China







Source: Yangzi News(2018)

1990s-2000s
Urban expansion occupies the countryside



2000s-Present

Urban villages as informal settlements for migrant workers



There are up to **4,000 urban villages** in China's eight first-tier cities, inhabited by more than **35 million migrant workers**.

Source: Chen(2022)

NOTICE

Dear Tenant:

This building is in a government-led redevelopment project. In accordance with the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China, we are legally canceling the rental contract and notifying you to move out by June 30, 2023, so please find your own housing.

> landlord May 18, 2023



Source: Wangyi News(2018)

Disappearing Urban Villages Hiding Widely Recommended

"These delicacies we've enjoyed since childhood are disappearing."

Cheap Vegetables and Delicious Tastes

Figure 2: Women making



Figure 5: Bicycle fruit shop Source: © Claudio Zaccherini



The definition of well-being

"Sustainable condition that allows the individual or population to develop and thrive"

Fulfillment of needs for well-being

Max-Neef, M. (1989). Human scale development conception application and further reflections. http://ci.nii.ac.jp/ncid/BA17184047

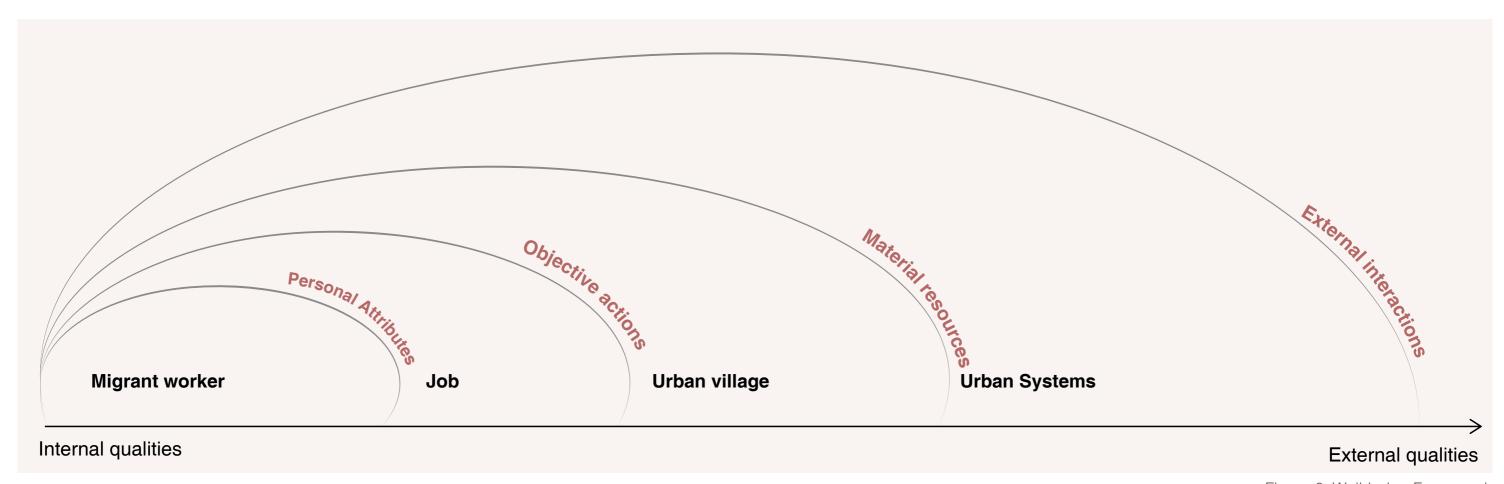


Figure 6: Well-being Framework Adapted from Max-Neef (1989)

Problem Field

Personal Attributes---Educational disadvantages

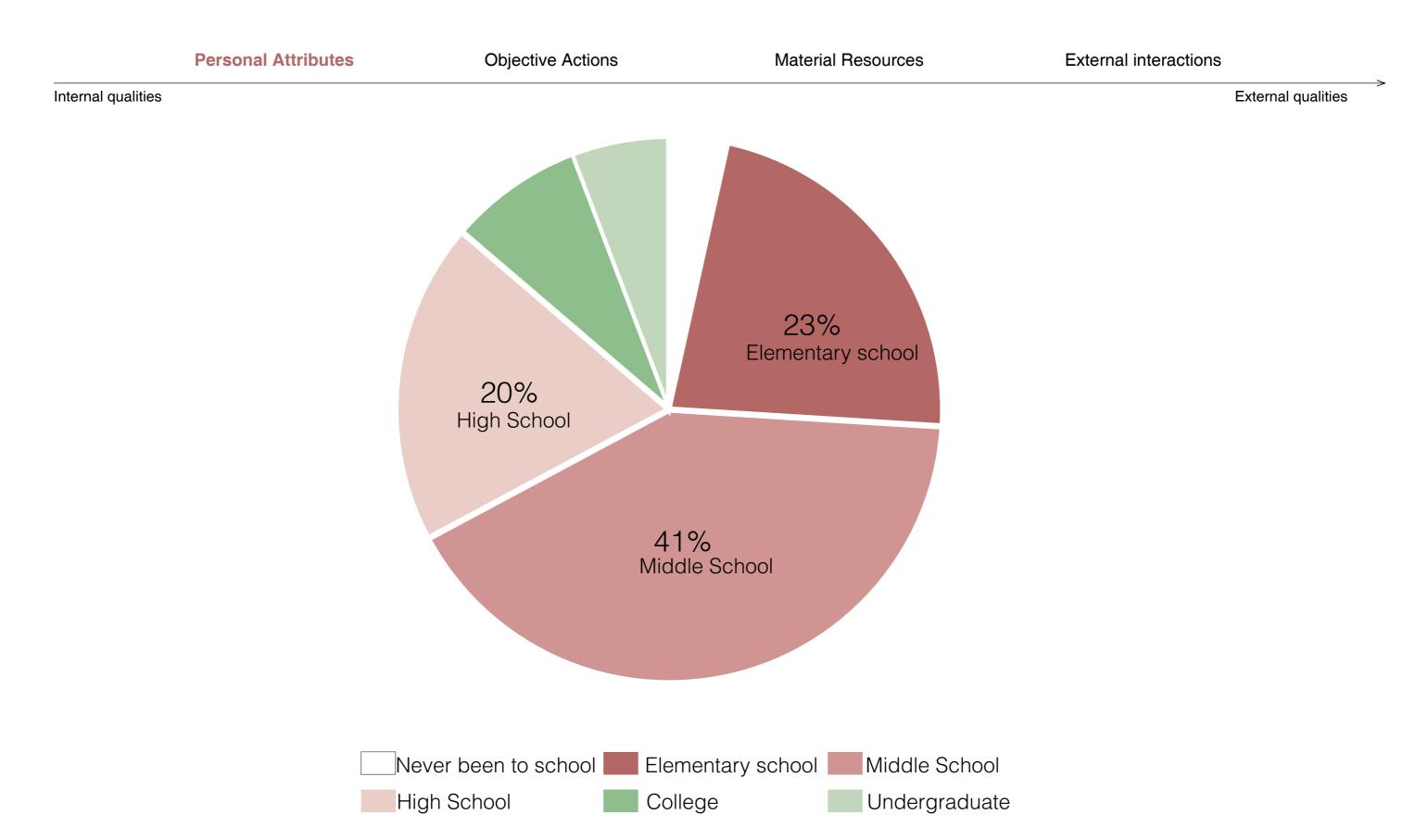


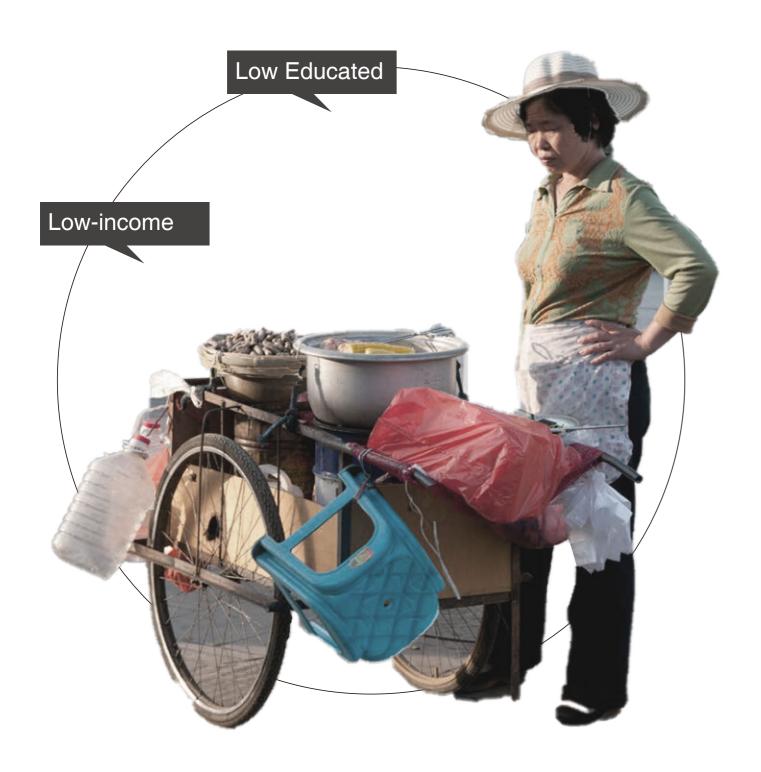
Figure 7: Educational level of migrant workers Source: Mobile Population Data Platform(2017)

Problem Field

Objective Actions---Economic disadvantages

Personal Attributes
Objective Actions
Material Resources
External interactions

External qualities



Migrant workers are working as







stall-keeper

Run a restaurant

The average salary of a migrant worker is

4,500 rmb

1/2 average salary in Chengdu

Source: Chengdu Municipal Bureau of Statistics (2022)

Problem Field

Material Resources---Poor Environment Condition

Personal Attributes Objective Actions Material Resources External interactions

Internal qualities External qualities

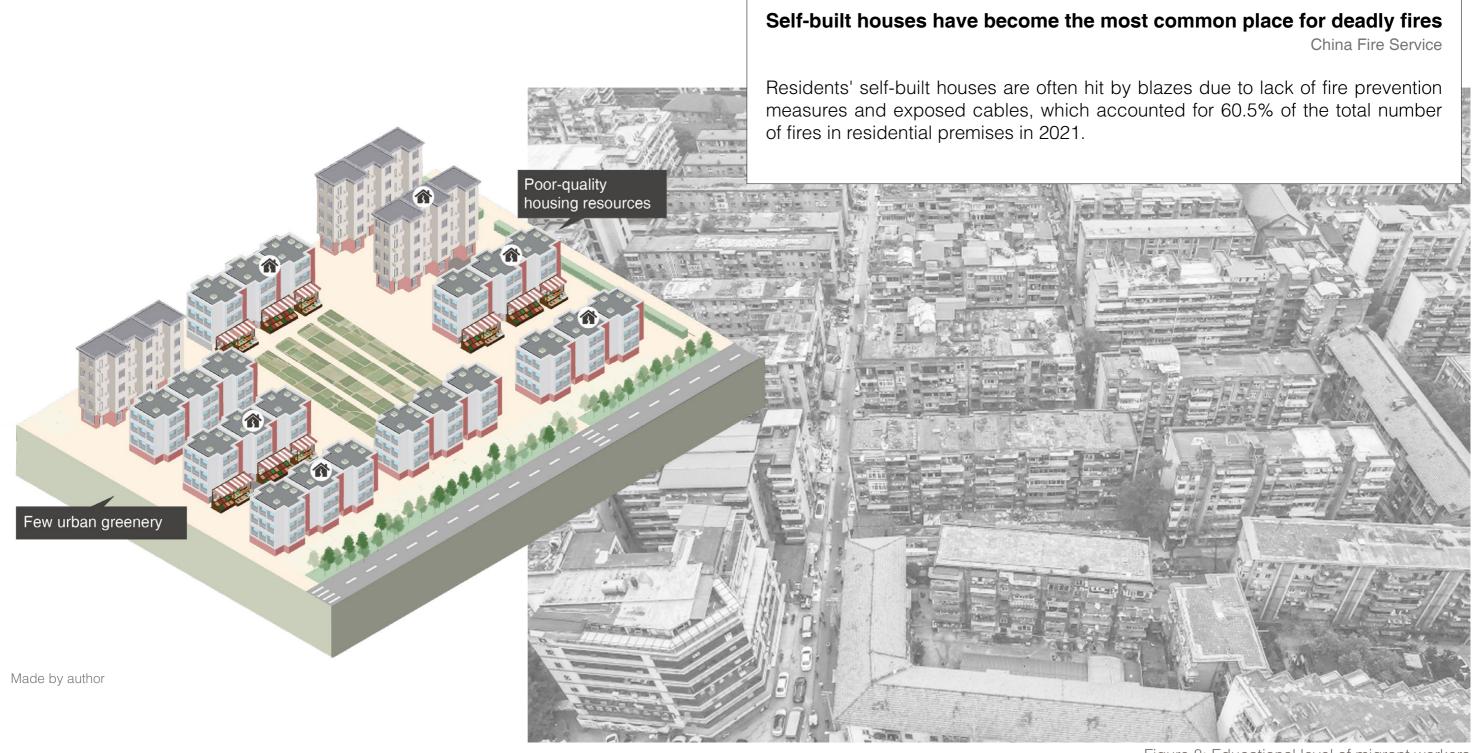


Figure 8: Educational level of migrant workers Source: Baidu Map Street View (2024)

Problem Field

External interactions---Food System Exclusion

Personal Attributes Objective Actions Material Resources External interactions

Internal qualities External qualities

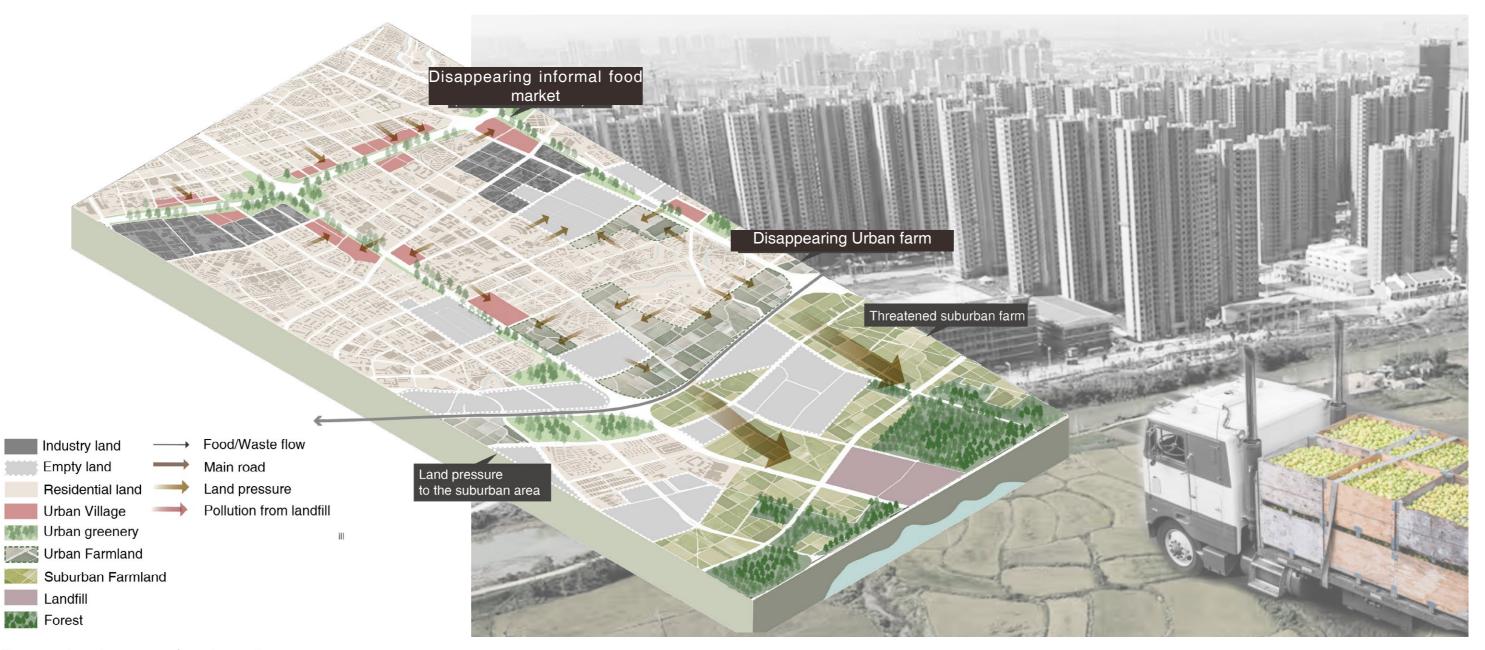


Figure 9: Land pressure from long-distance Made by author

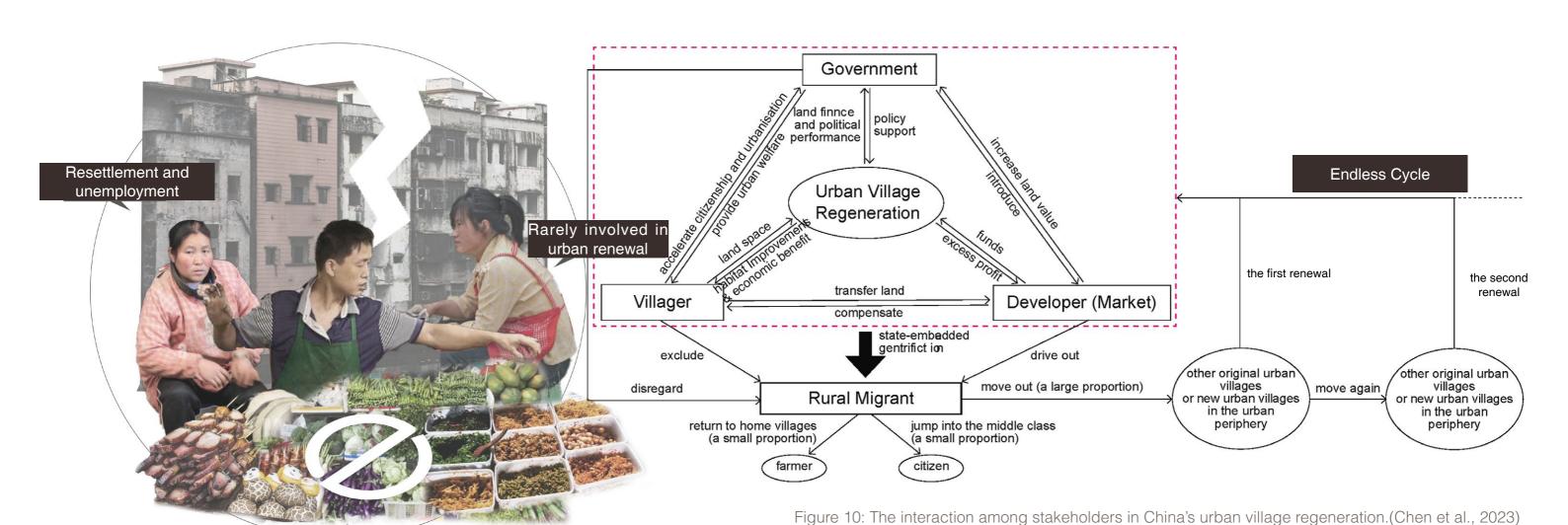
Problem Field

External interactions---Policy and planning system nonrecognition

Unrecognized work

Personal Attributes Objective Actions Material Resources External interactions

Internal qualities External qualities



2.2 Problem Statement

Limited fulfillment of needs for well-being

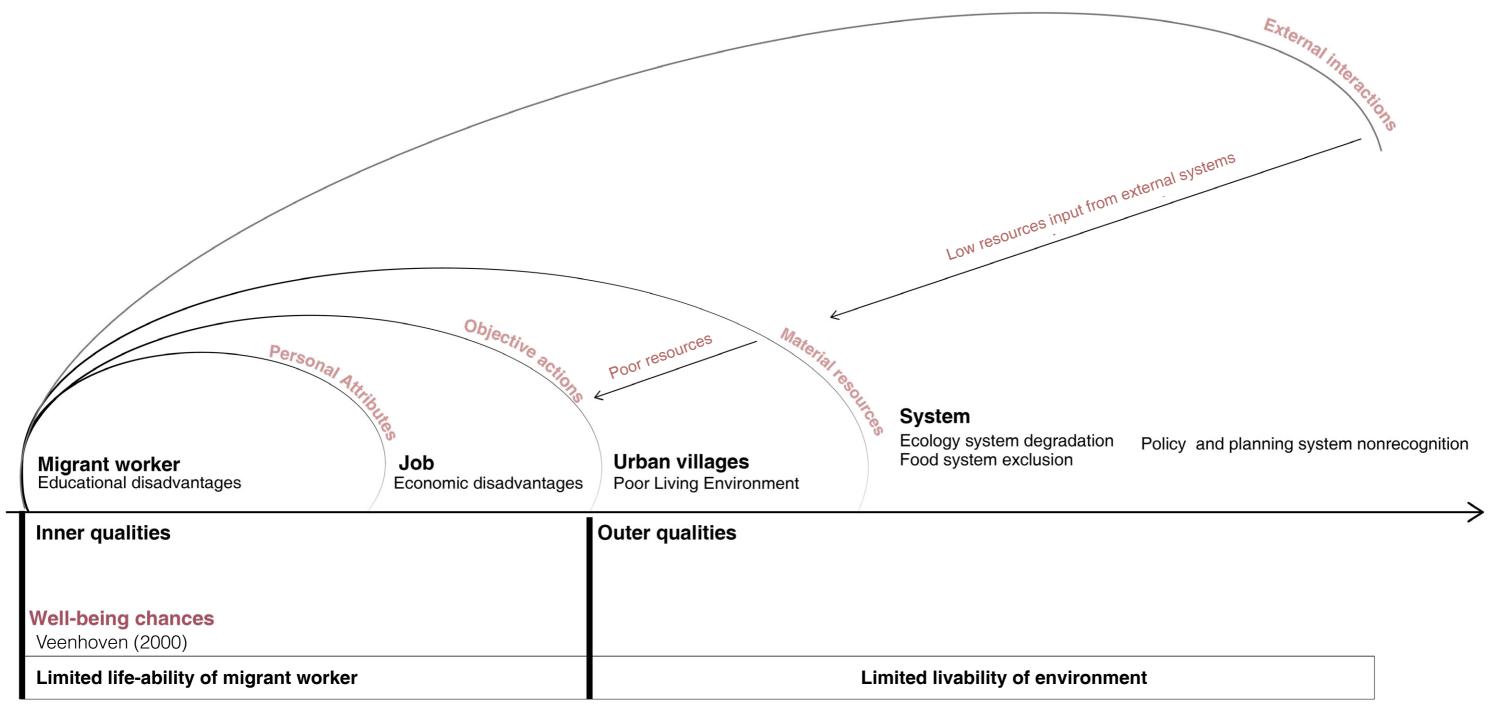


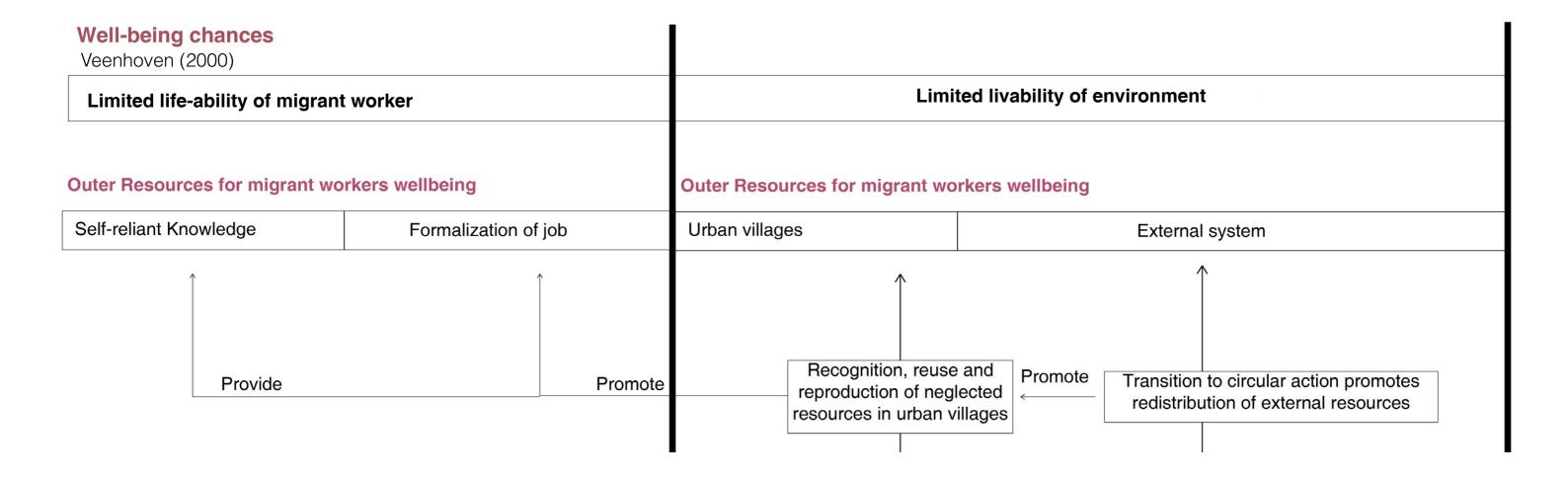
Figure 11: Problem Framework of Non-fulfillment of Needs for Well-being Adapted from Veenhoven (2000)

03 METHODOLOGY



Figure 12: Nloodle making on a tricycle in the snake street Source: Stockphoto Mania





The research aim of this project are:

To explore a new urban village regeneration strategy framework with migrant workers as the main stakeholders.

Sub-aims include:

Examining the barriers set by urban renewal planning and policy systems for migrant workers' participation in decision-making processes.

Establishing insights into the current informal food sector in which migrant workers are engaged.



How to lead the urban village regeneration based on the policy and strategic framework of spatial justice and human-scale circular development, to achieve the well-being of migrant workers?

SQ1: What procedural and spatial barriers do urban planning systems create that affect the inequalities of migrant workers?

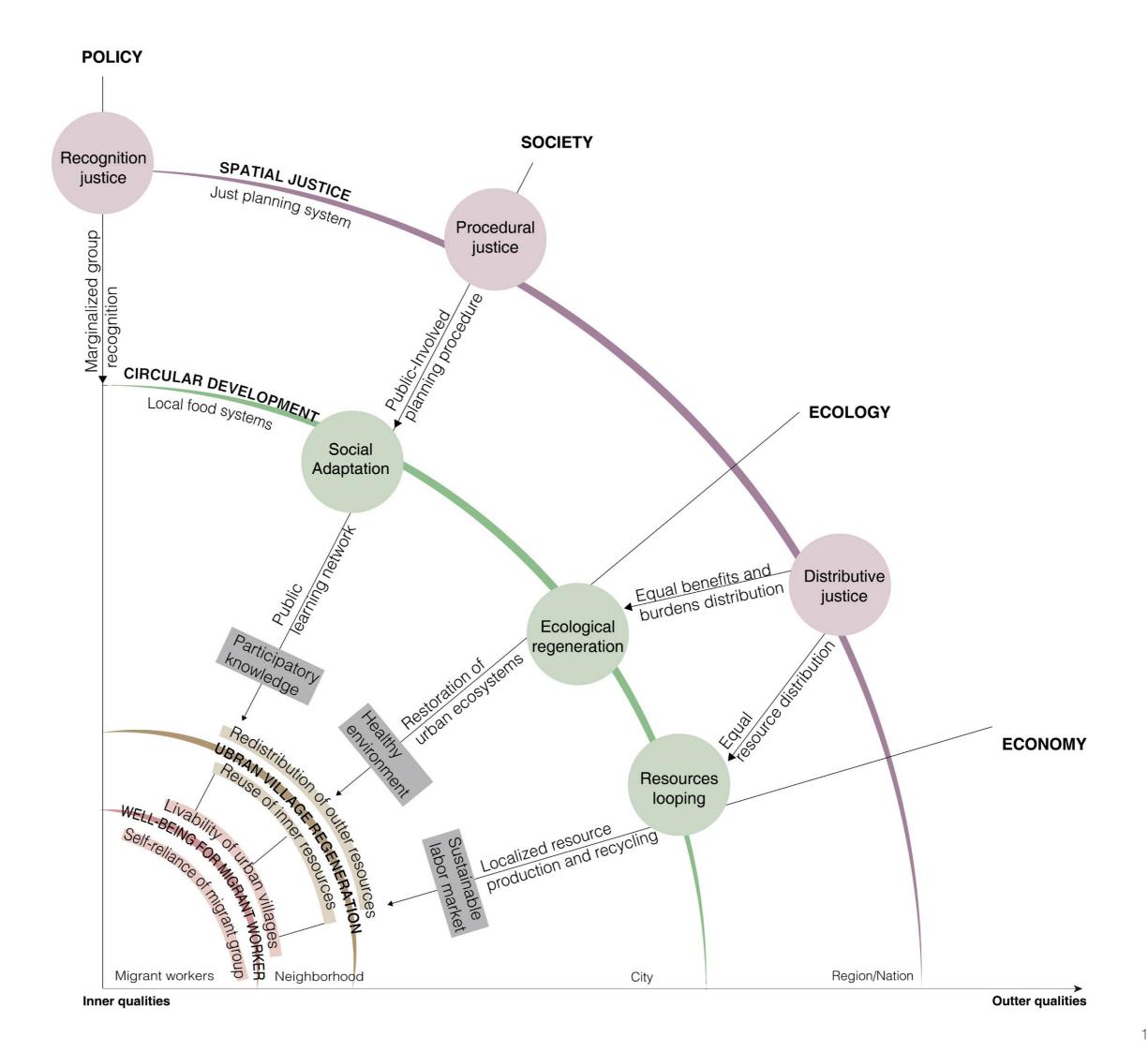
SQ2: What are the foodscapes of the short-distance food flows that migrant workers engage in?

SQ3:What intervention can transform the food system in Chengdu's green buffer zone into a circular model that addresses the degradation of urban ecosystems and effectively integrates marginalized communities?

SQ4:How can urban villages utilize resources from circular local food systems for internal resource reuse in order to regenerate at the social, ecological, and economic perspective?

SQ5:How can the gap between grassroots initiatives and policy-making systems be bridged to ensure the participation of migrant workers?

METHODOLOGY Conceptual Framework



04 ANALYSIS

- 4.1 Introduction to Chengdu
- 4.2 Research location---the Green Belt
- 4.3 Landscape analysis
- 4.4 Food system analysis
- 4.5 Stakeholder analysis



Figure 13: Farm and Vegetable Fields with garbage in foreground. Apartment buildings in distance. Source: Stan Rohrer(2010)

INTRODUCTION TO CHENGDU

Chengdu---The Ancient Agricultural Region and the Capital of Gastronomy

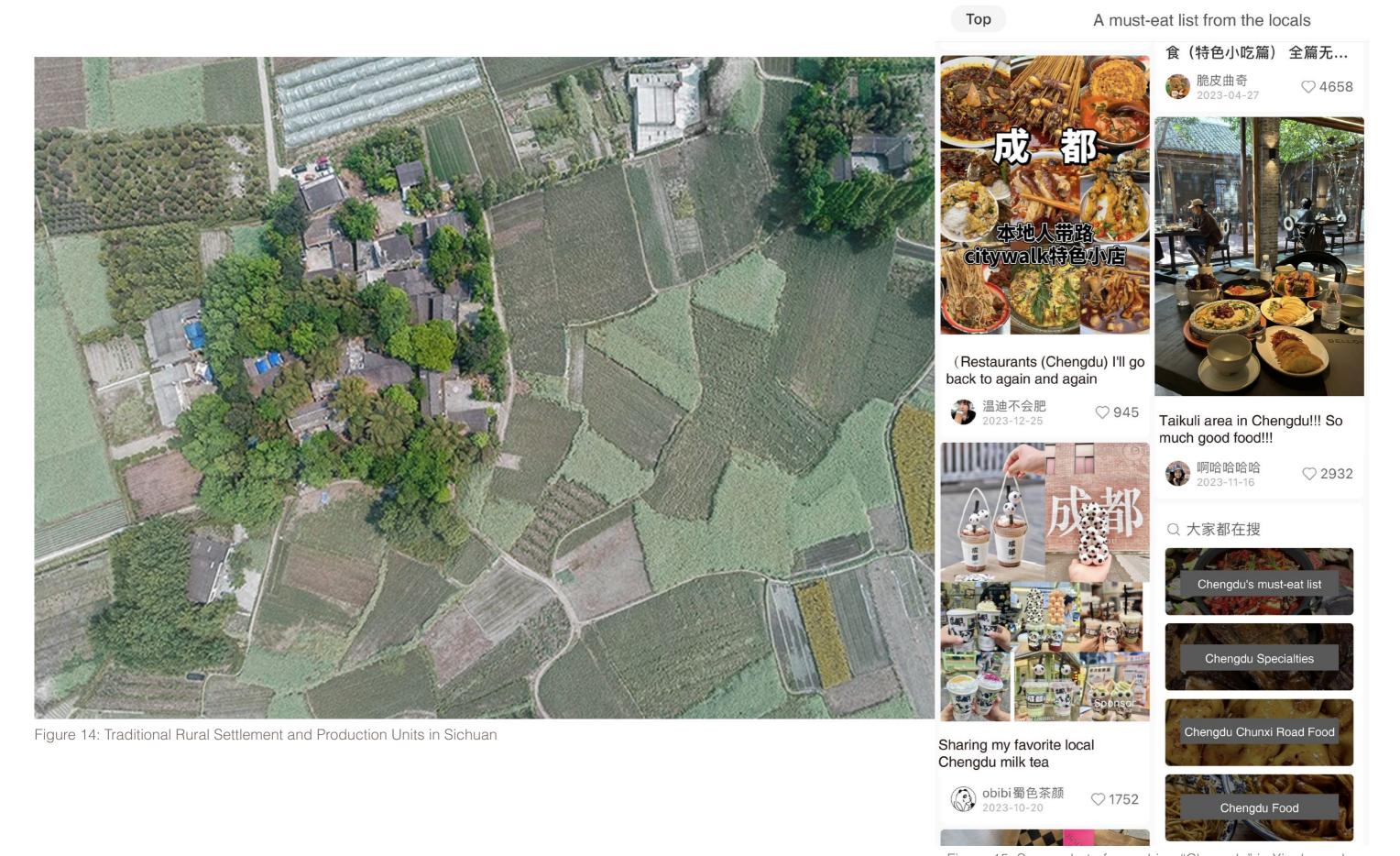
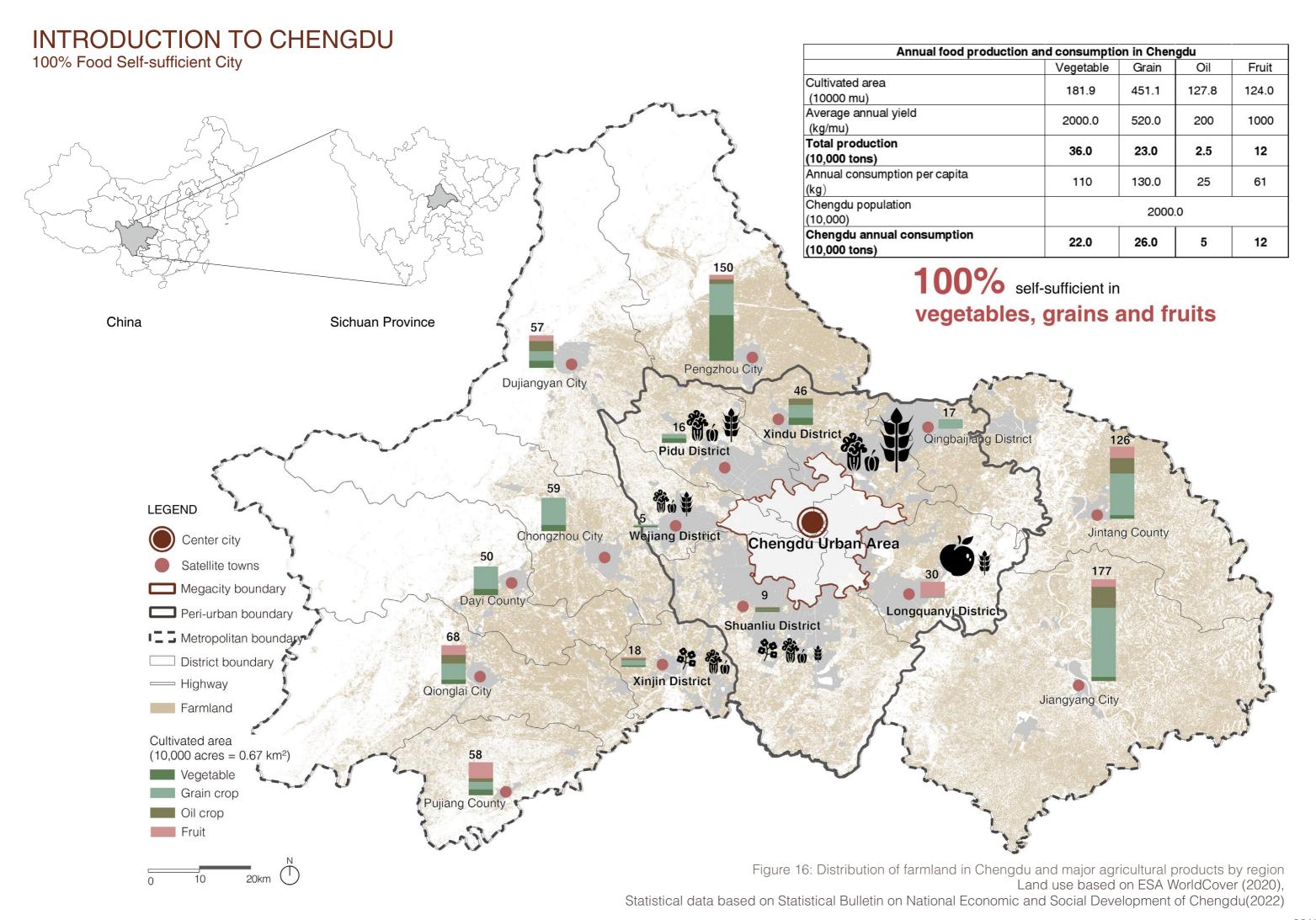


Figure 15: Screenshot of searching "Chengdu" in Xiaohongshu



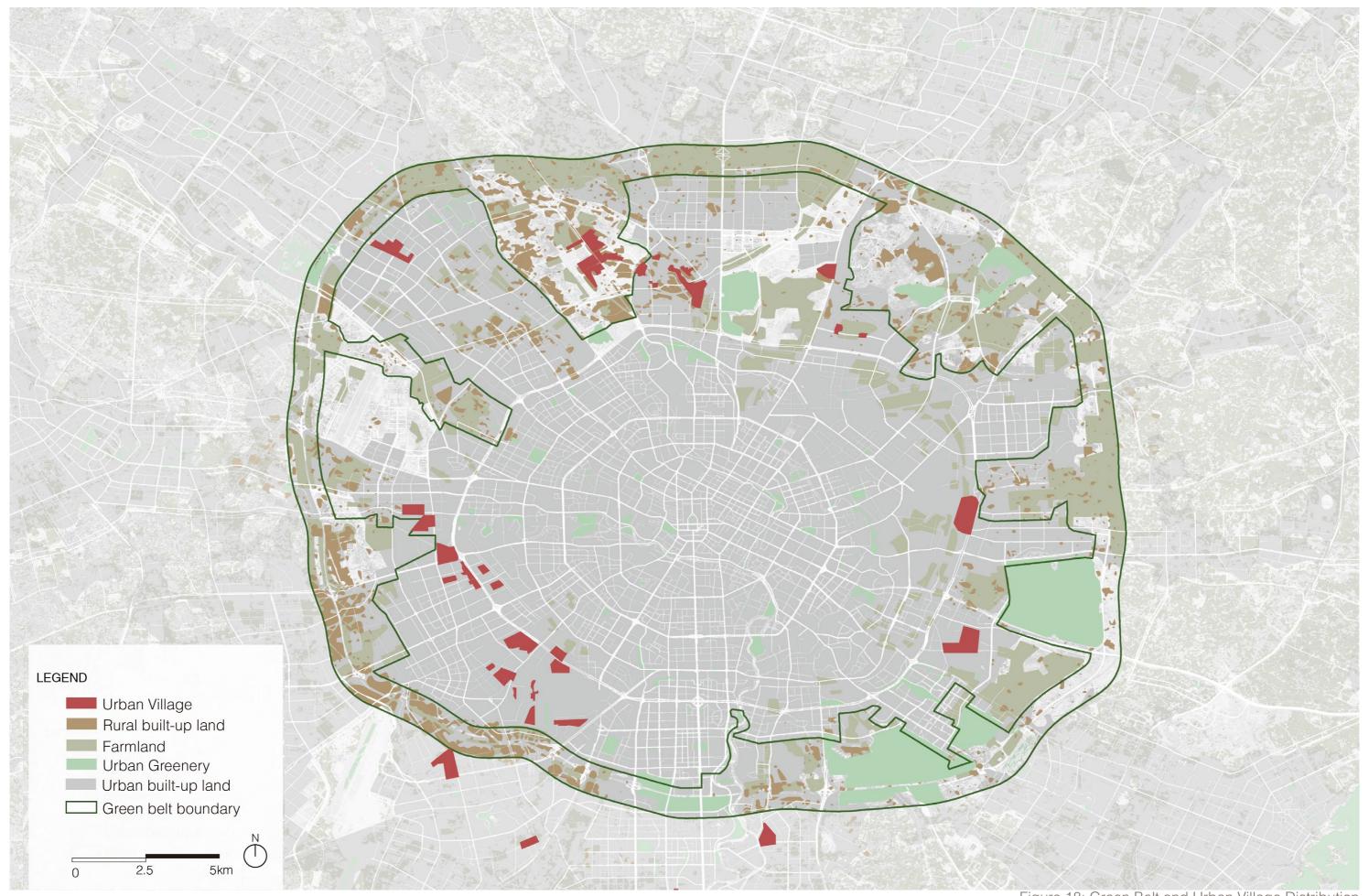
RESEARCH LOCATION---THE GREEN BELT

Reasons for Location - Threats and Opportunities

The green belt is an **urban expansion control area** consisting of **500 meters along each side of the urban ring road** and **7 wedge-shaped sites.**The total area is **187 km²**.



Mix Rural-urban Landscape



Rural-urban landscape gradient lead by urban master plan

1954

Transition from agriculture to industry, defining the city as a "socialist industrial city focused on precision machinery, mechanical manufacturing, and light industry." (Tao & Wang, 2000)

1982

Emphasis on military and heavy manufacturing bases, state-owned military factories.

1994

Industry relocation from the city center, trends in housing commodification and land market formation.

2011

Development of substantial infrastructure and new residential areas along six major corridors, catering to high-end services and quality housing.

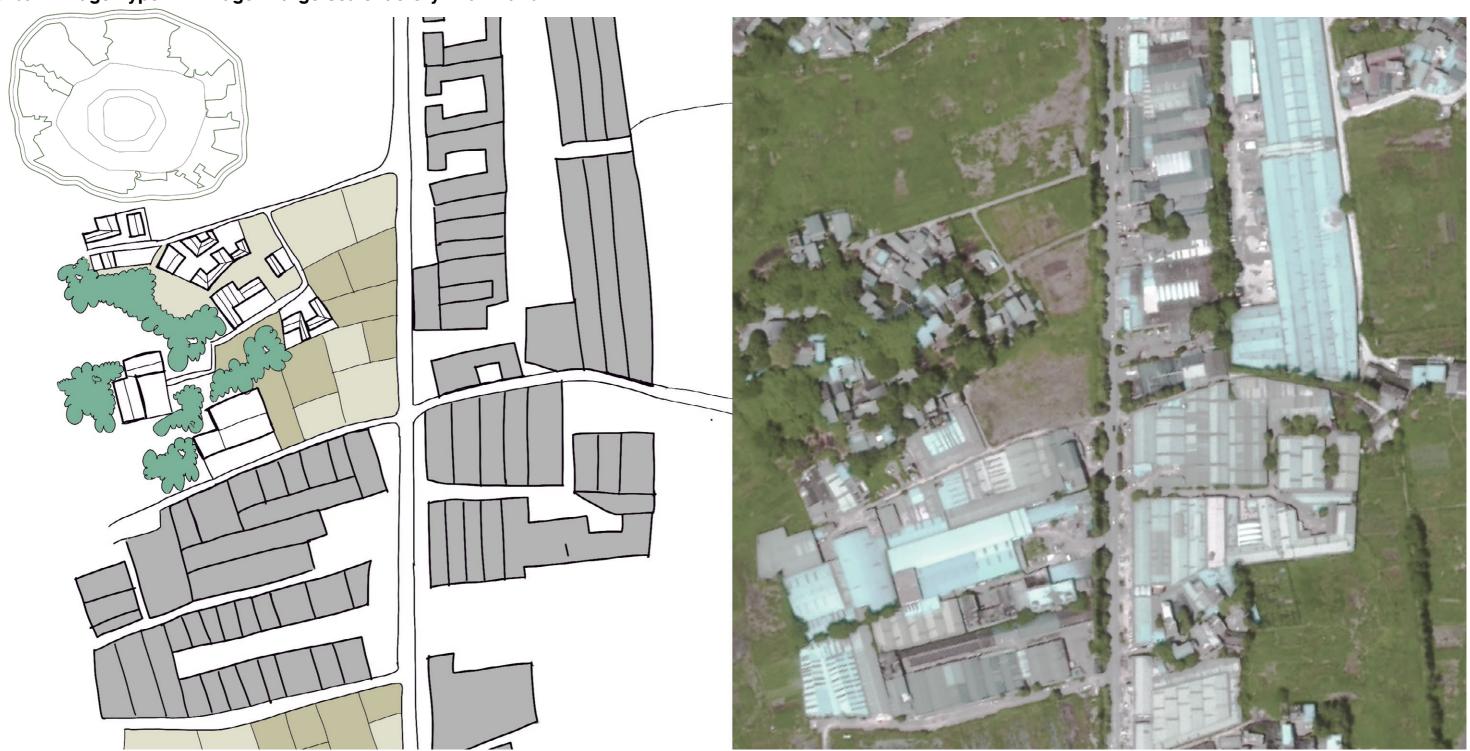


Figure 19: Primary industries described in the four editions of Chengdu's urban Made by the author

A Landscape Gradually Transformed from Rural to Urban



Urban Village Type 1---Village + large-scale factory + farmland



Made by the author

Source: Bing Satellite Map(2024)

A Landscape Gradually Transformed from Rural to Urban

Urban Village Type 2---Urban village + large-scale factories + fragmented farmland





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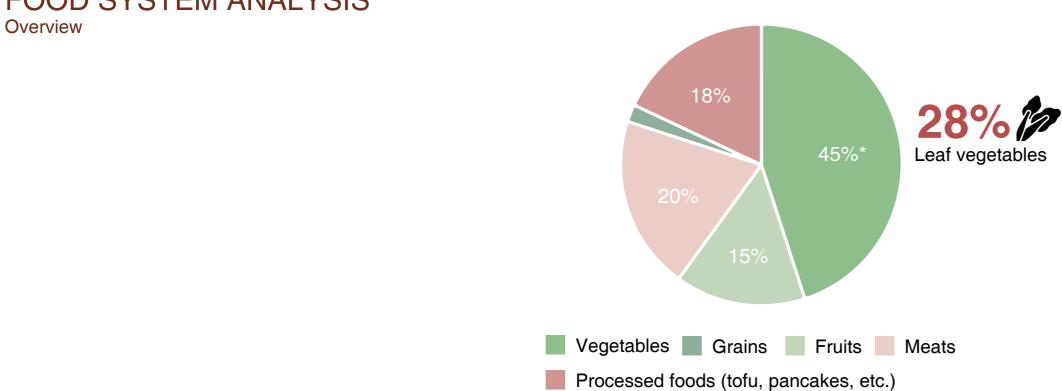
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Urban Village Type 3---Urban village + land under construction + residential land

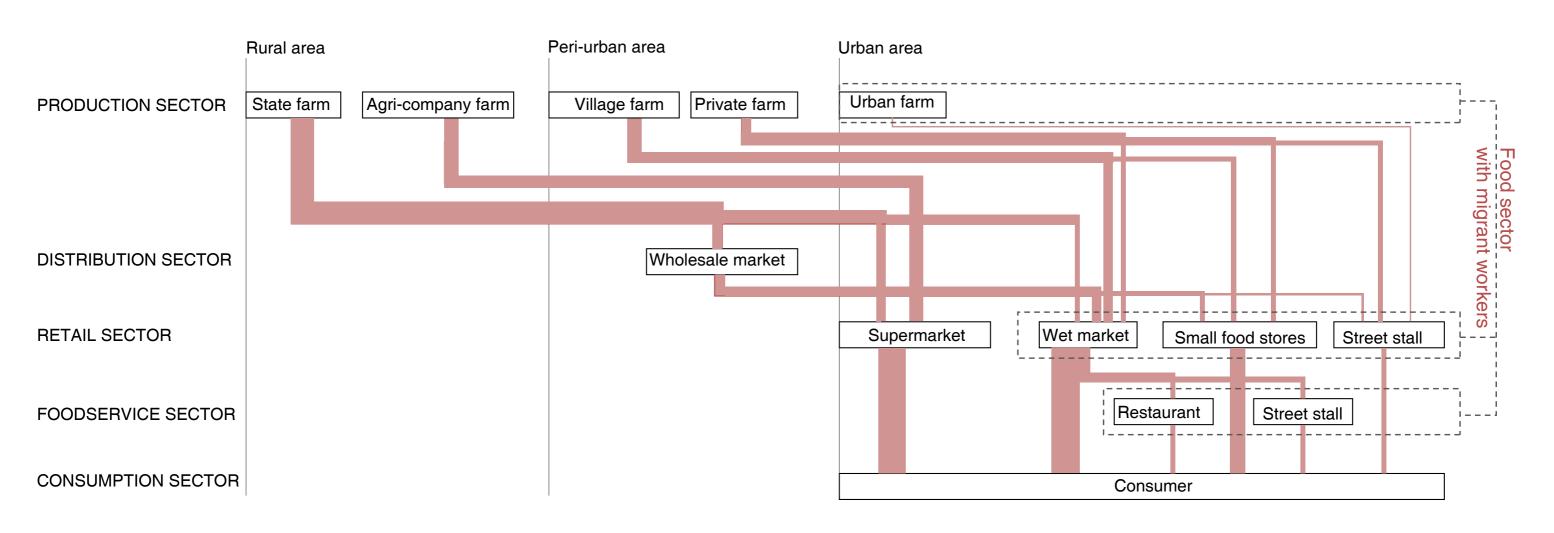


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Source: Bing Satellite Map(2024)



Data source: Si et al. (2016) *Percentage of vendors selling this type of food



Supply chain diagram based on Si et al. (2016)

Sales volume data source: Statistical Bulletin on National Economic and Social Development of Chengdu(2022)

Two contrasting food systems

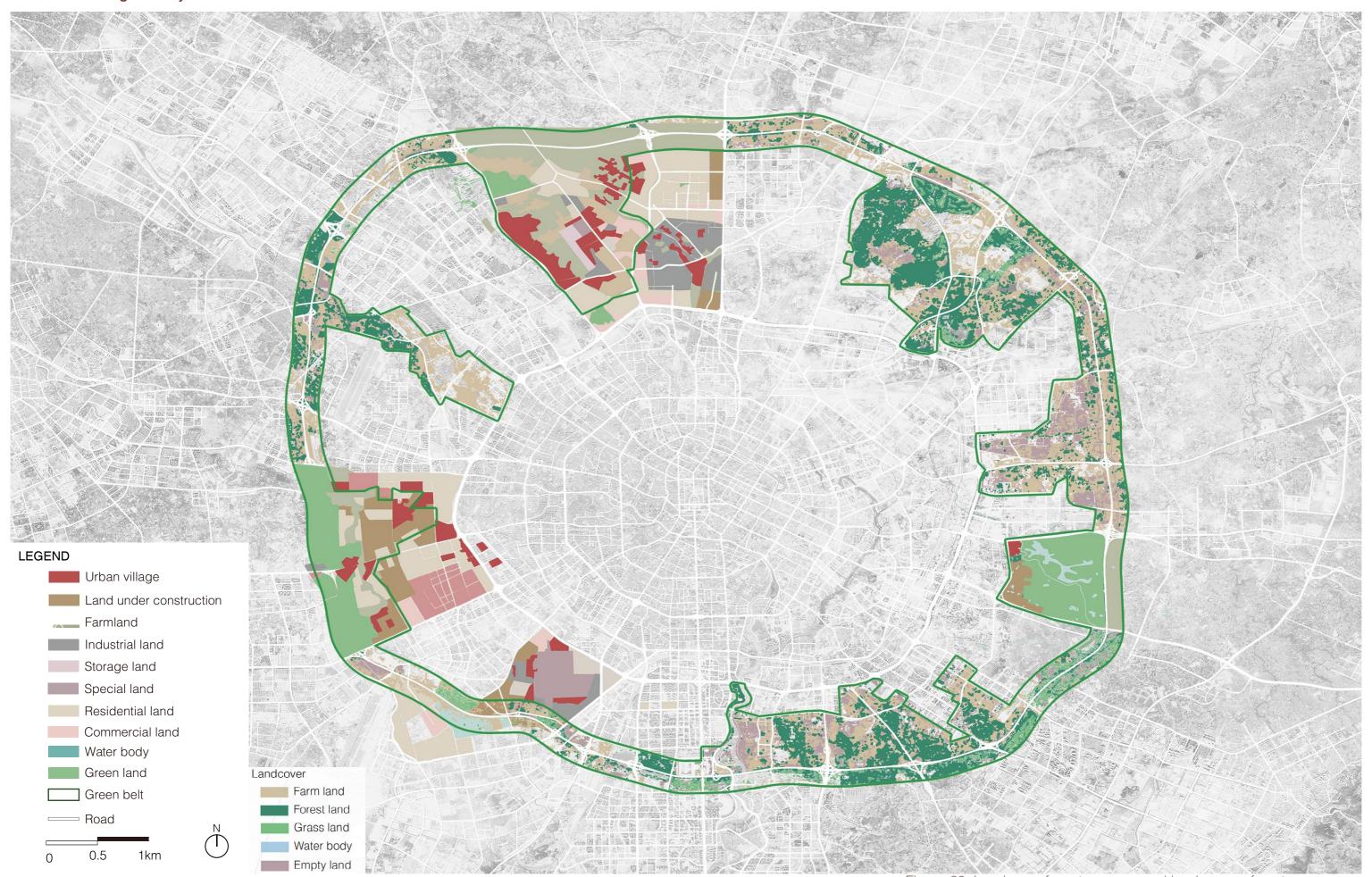
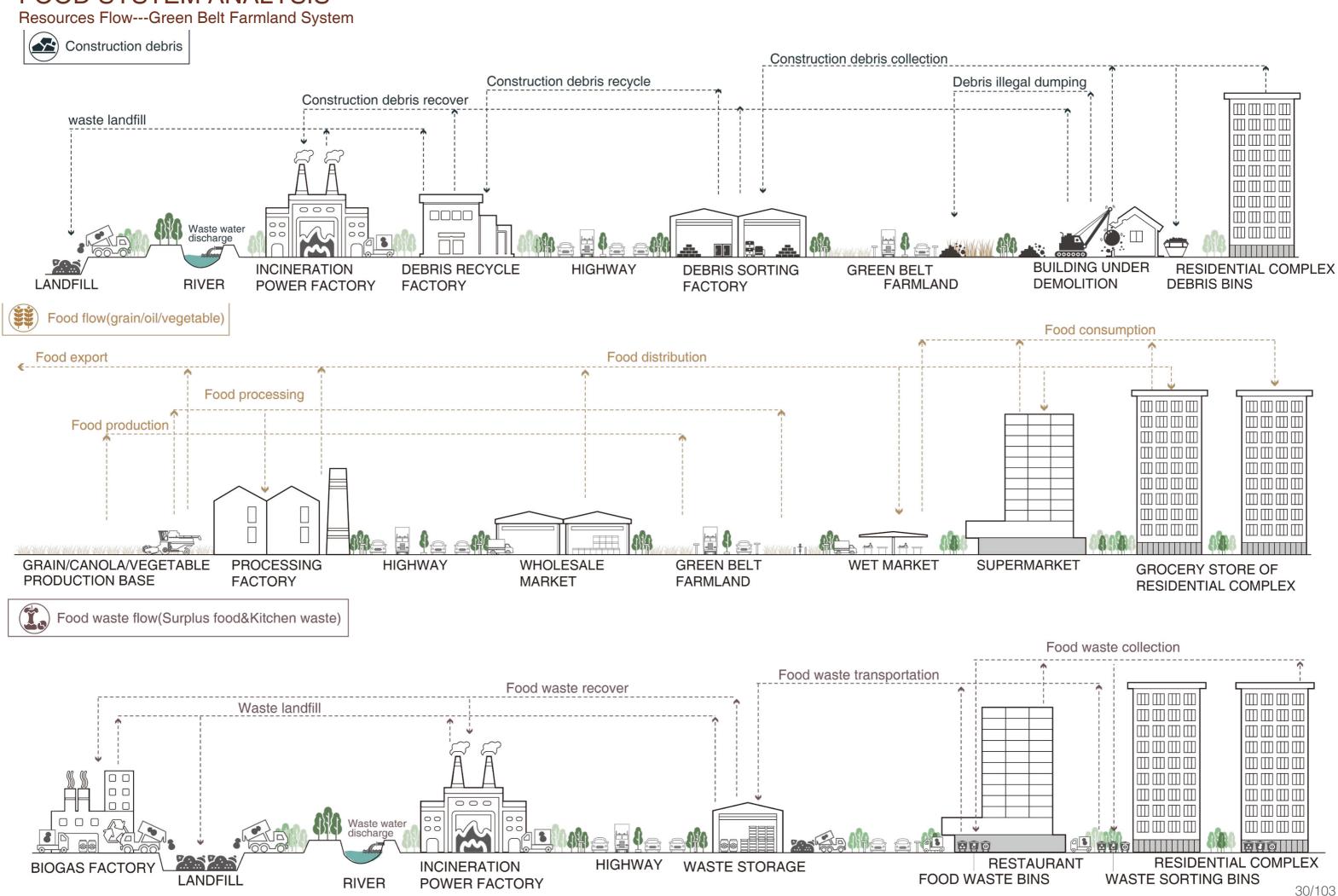
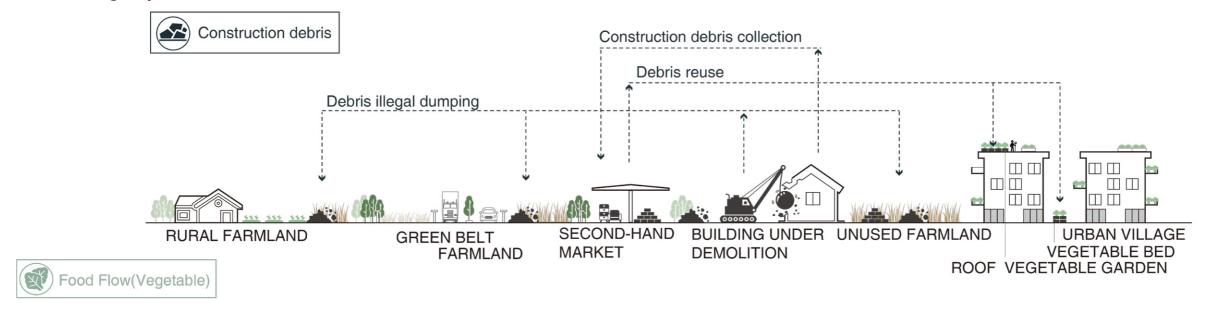
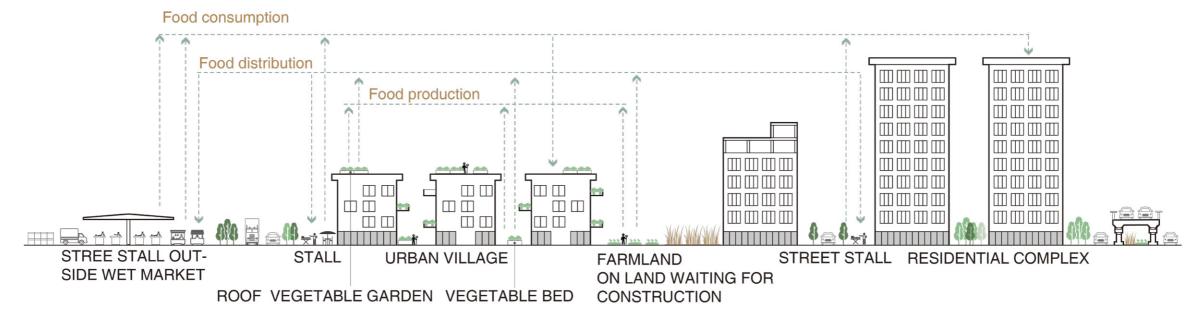


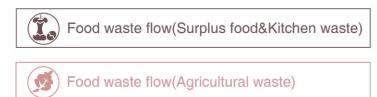
Figure 20: Land use of western zone and land cover of eastern zone Based on: ESA WorldCover (2020), Bing statellite map(2024) 29/103

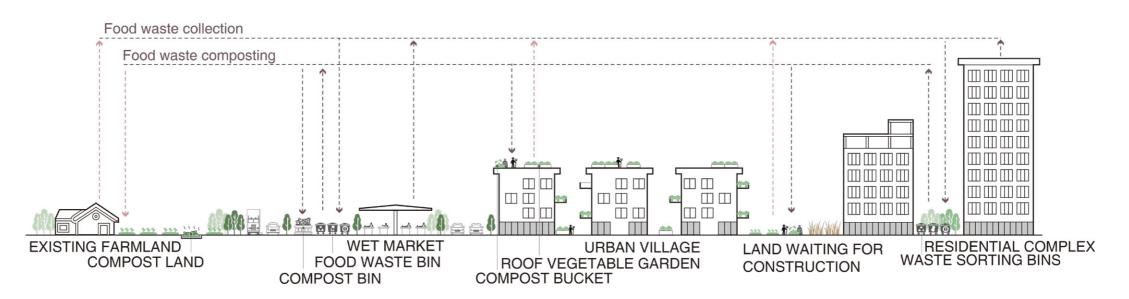


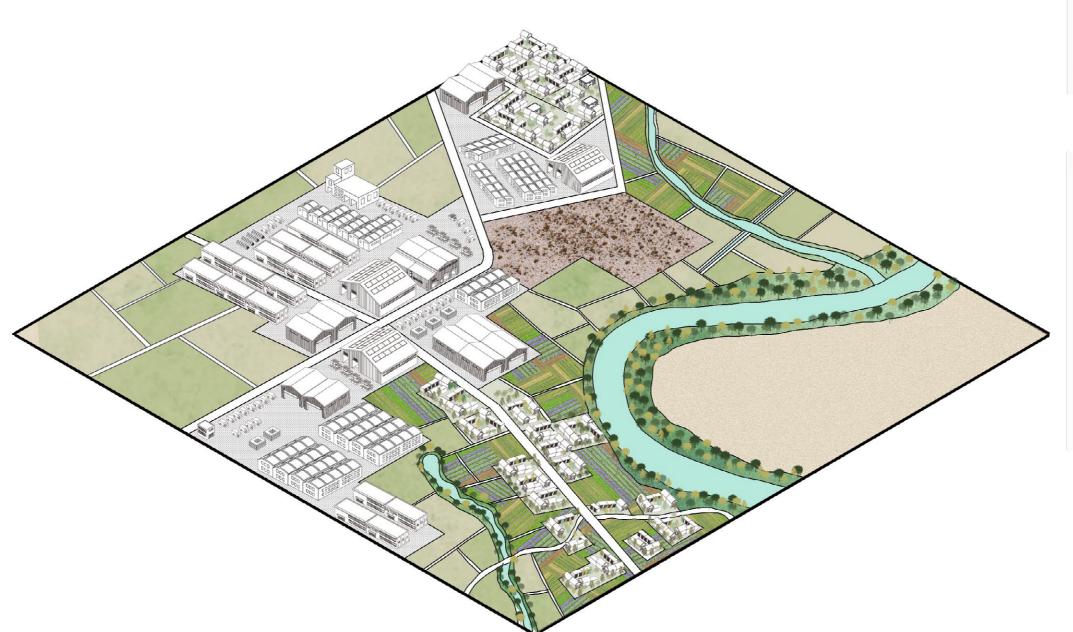
Resources Flow---Urban Village System











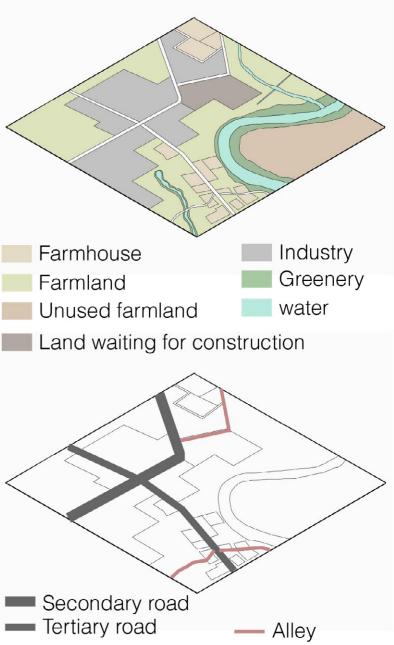


Figure 21: Landuse and Transportation Analysis
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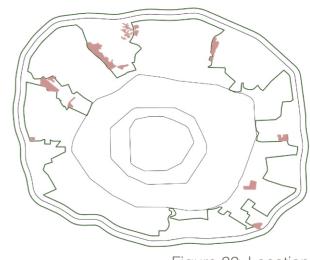


Figure 22: Location

Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 1

Spatial Justice

Whether the space is accessible to all, ensuring individual has access to the resources and services in the space in order to have equal opportunities for development

Socio-spatial Adaptation

As the physical form of social adaptation, it emphasizes the ability of physical space to adapt to multiple functions to ensure the flexibility of society in the face of transformational needs.

1-Make progress

Resources Looping

Space's commitment to circularity by examining the extent to which material resources within the space are recyclable and reused

Ecological Regeneration

-1-Pose threats

0-No impact

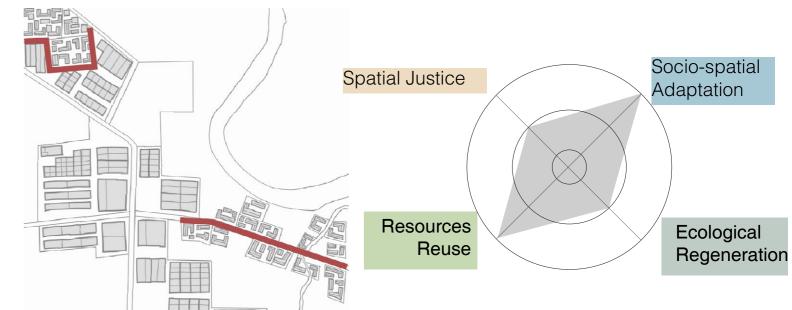
the environmental impact of the space, evaluating whether its design and use contribute to or detract from the health of the ecosystem

Production space: Vegetable Growing Boxes Made from Reused Debris



Location:

Assessment



Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 1

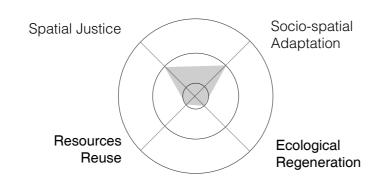
Production space: Unused Farmland



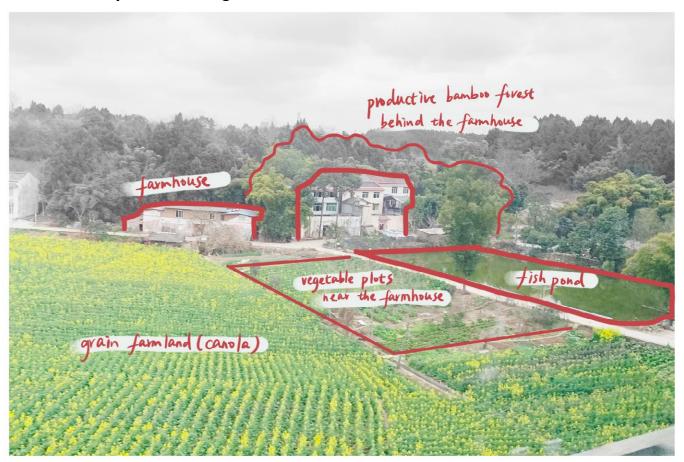
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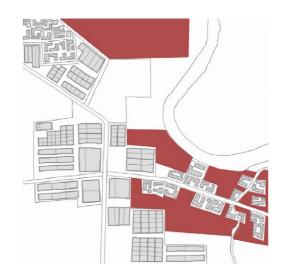
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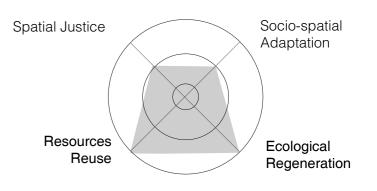


Production space: Existing farmland



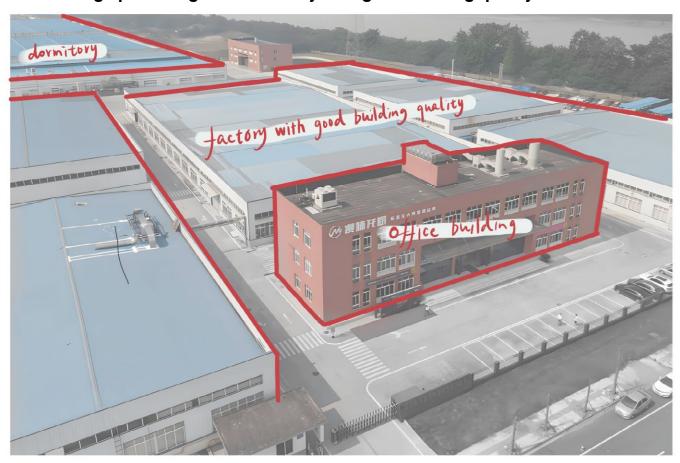
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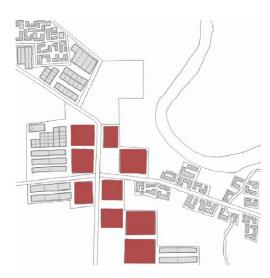


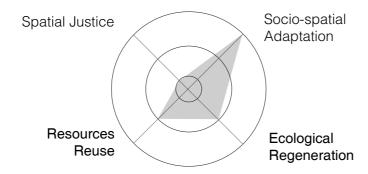
Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 1

Processing space: large-scale factory with good building quality



Location:

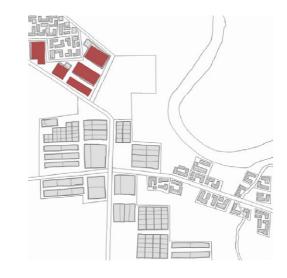


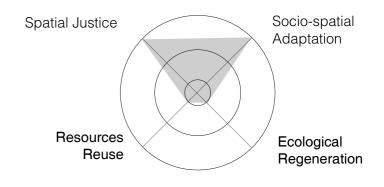


Processing space: middle-scale factory with poor building quality



Location:





Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 1

SWOT analysis

STRENGTHS

Spatial Adaptability:

Numerous large and medium-sized industrial buildings of good quality are vacant.

Spatial Adaptability:

The demand for construction debris and food waste processing, combined with government requirements for high-tech industrial zone and the availability of numerous buildable and idle industrial buildings, provides space for future circular industrial zone development.

Resource Reuse:

The construction of future circular industrial parks offers opportunities, knowledge, and methods for the recycling and reuse of construction debris.

Ecological Regeneration:

A small portion of <u>demolished industrial debris</u> is piled up on nearby vacant farmland.

Non-Exclusion:

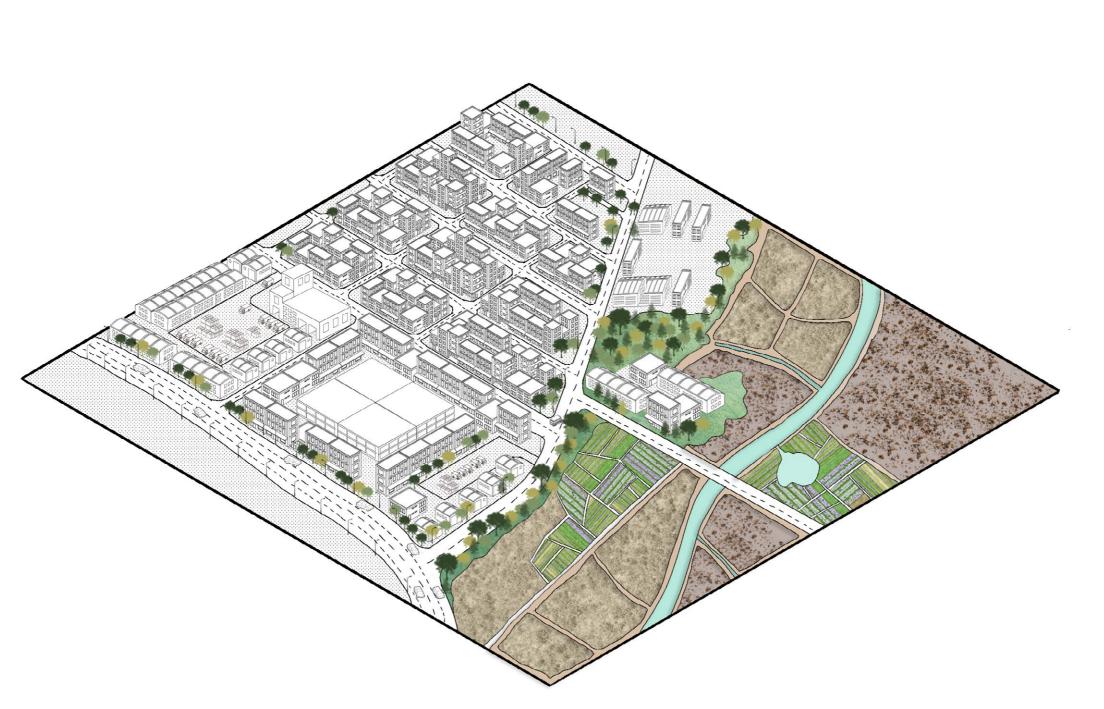
New factories producing circular products may require workers with higher education levels, limiting job opportunities for migrant workers.

Ecological Regeneration:

Industrial areas within the city may pollute surrounding farmland and water systems.

WEAKNESSES THREATS

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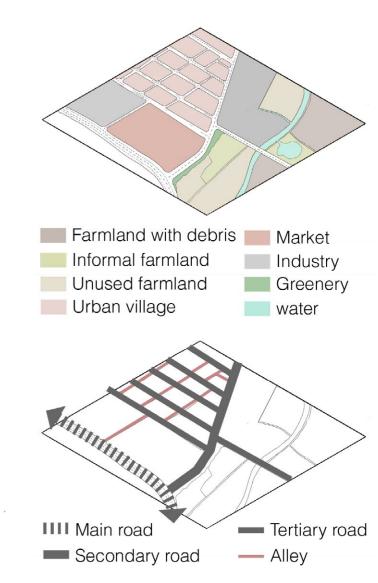


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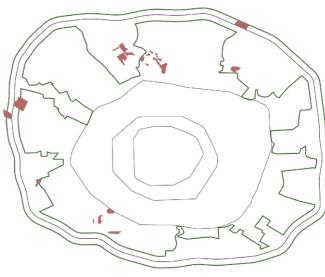


Figure 23: Location

Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 2

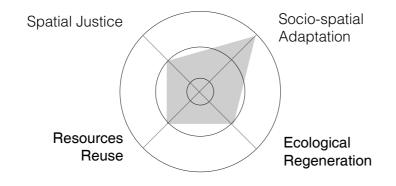
Production space: Vegetable Plots on Unused Flower Bed



Location:



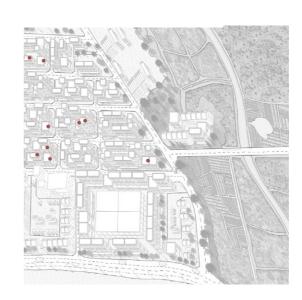
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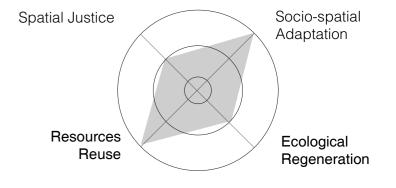
Production space: Roof Vegetable Garden



Location:



Assessment



Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 2

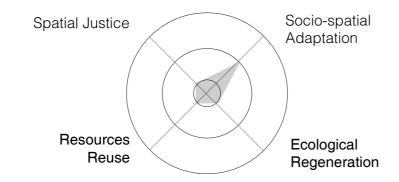
Distribution space: Permanent stalls inside the market



Location:



Assessment



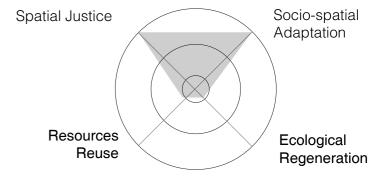
Distribution space: Temporary stalls outside the market



Location:



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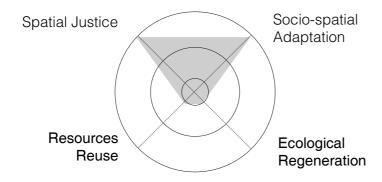
Consumption space: Street food vendors



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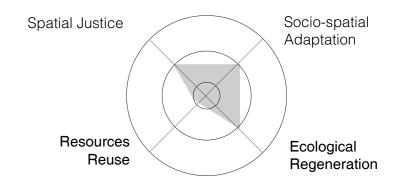
Consumption space: Vegetable store



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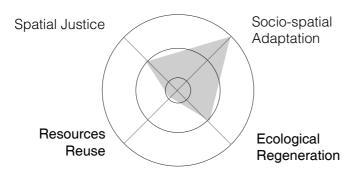
Consumption space: Fast Food Restaurants



Location:



Assessment



Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 2

SWOT analysis

STRENGTHS OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Exclusion:

Urban village self-construction and lax urban governance grant equitable spatial access to all, fostering robust social networks and a local labor market among tenants.

Spatial Adaptability:

Expansive pedestrian pathways and secondary roads, commandeered by street vendors, establish a dynamic and mature culinary commerce environment.

Resource Recycling:

Economic imperatives encourage migrant workers to adopt resource reuse practices, evidenced by a rich culture of construction waste recycling, secondary market trading, and a preference for localized food supply chains over distant supermarket dependencies.

Ecological Regeneration:

Migrant workers' agricultural inclinations drive spontaneous cultivation on idle lands, counteracting land vacancy and supplementing domestic economies.

Non-Exclusion:

Government policies favoring inclusive renewal underscore a commitment to preserving urban village socio-cultural integrity.

Spatial Adaptability:

Local governance exhibits tolerance towards street vending, suggesting potential for adaptive commercial use.

Ecological Regeneration:

Municipal directives advocate for stringent farmland conservation and ecological restoration efforts.

Non-Exclusion:

The area's demographic, dominated by migrant workers, deters urban residents' engagement with the space and its culinary offerings.

Spatial Adaptability:

Inferior quality of informal housing stock challenges potential upgrades or renovations.

Resource Recycling:

The informal management framework facilitates the unlawful accumulation of kitchen refuse and construction debris.

Ecological Regeneration:

Informal agricultural practices, constrained by synthetic fertilizer use and irrigation scarcity, limit productivity and sustainability, compounded by substantial kitchen waste from unauthorized street commerce.

Non-Exclusion:

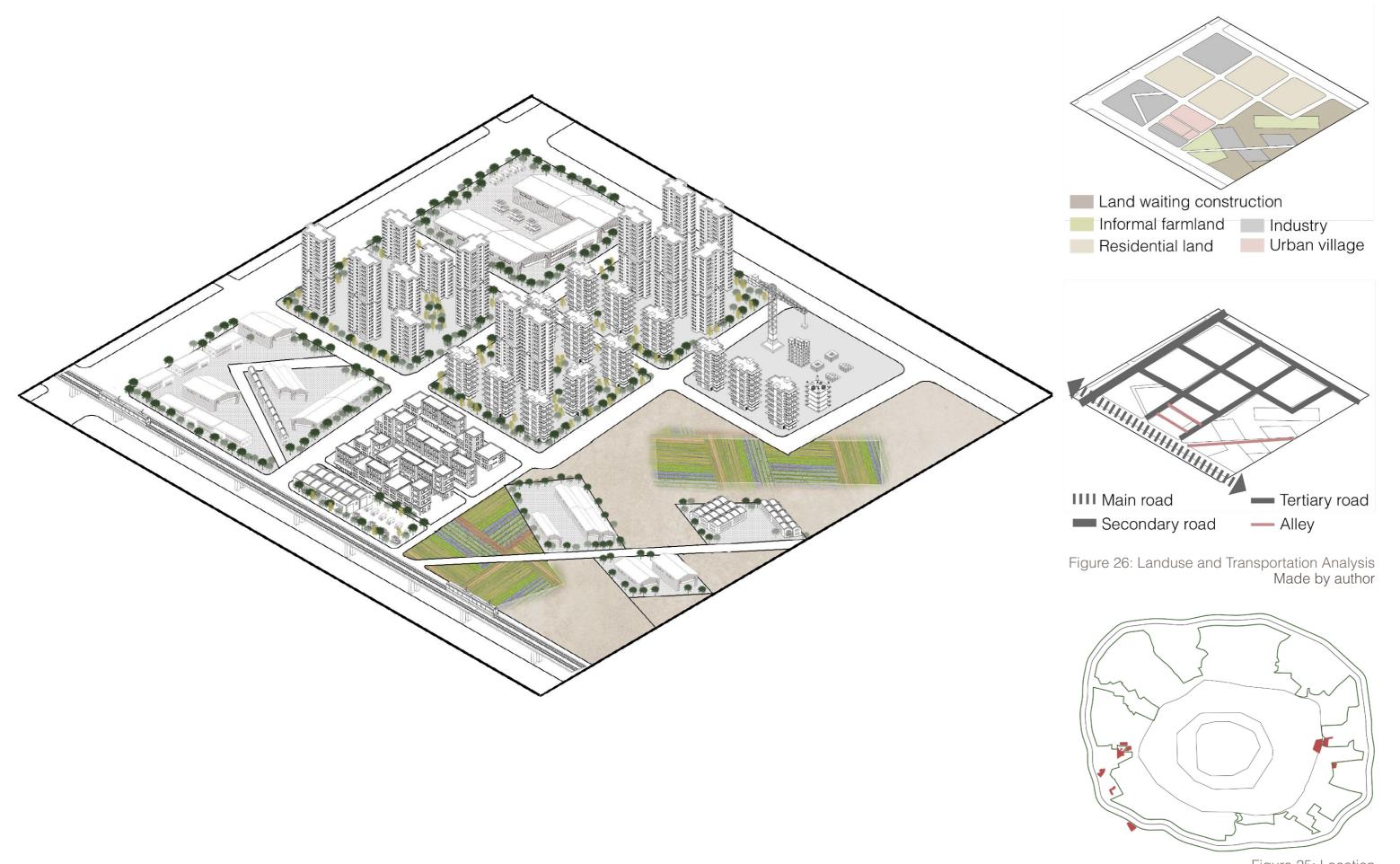
Centralized land management by corporate entities impedes the continuation of informal urban agricultural activities.

Ecological Regeneration:

Predominantly demolition-focused urban renewal poses risks to the peripheral agricultural land through mismanaged construction waste.

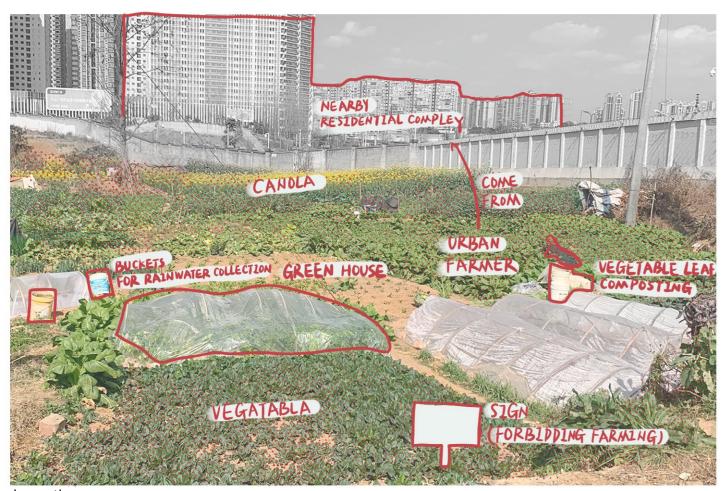
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Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 3



Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 3

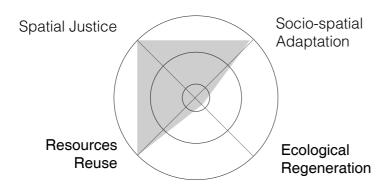
Production space: Community-sponsored farmland on land waiting for construction



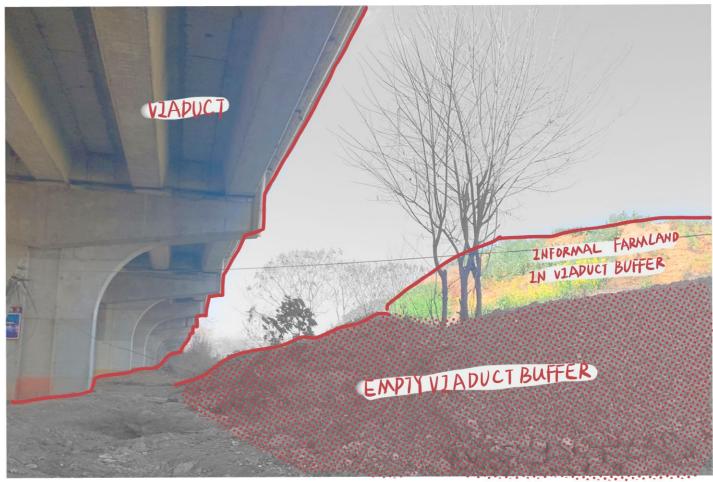
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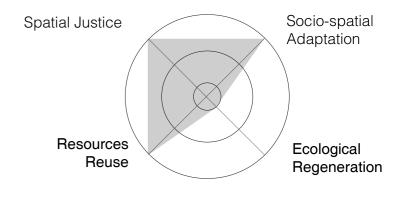
Consumption space: Community-sponsored farmland on transportation buffer zone



Location:



Assessment



Short-distance Foodscapes in Urban Village Type 3

SWOT analysis

STRENGTHS

OPPORTUNITIES

Spatial Adaptability:

A subset of industrial buildings of commendable quality and abundant vacant spaces surrounding undeveloped residential areas (under-bridge spaces, railway buffer zones, and undeveloped lots) present significant potential for adaptive use.

Ecological Regeneration:

Residents of nearby modern residential complexes engage in spontaneous urban agriculture activities with urban village inhabitants, driven by interests in leisure and recreation. Initiatives like community-organized kitchen waste composting and shared gardens offer models for sustainable practices.

Resource Reuse:

The construction of new residential areas provides an opportunity for the increased use of recyclable materials and the reuse of construction debris, supported by governmental regulations and advocacy for kitchen waste recycling.

Non-Exclusion:

The strict management protocols of surrounding modern residential complexes necessitate homeowner association approval for the reuse of communal spaces, such as rooftops.

Resource Reuse:

Chengdu's household kitchen waste segregation awareness and practice remain suboptimal.

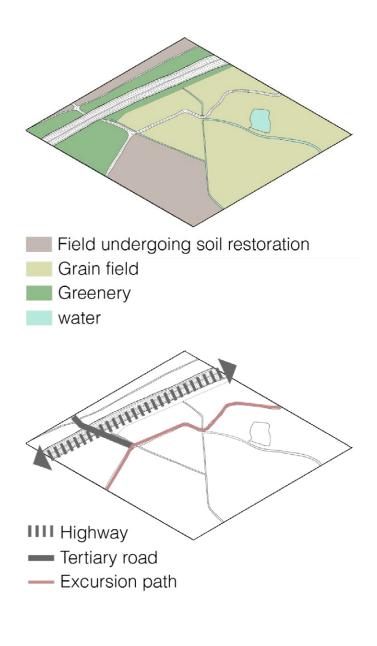
Spatial Adaptability:

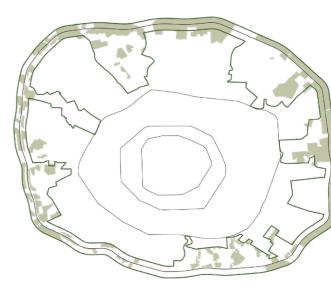
Governmental plans to demolish industrial buildings close to residential areas lack consideration for their potential transformation.

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Long-distance Foodscapes in Green Belt Farmland

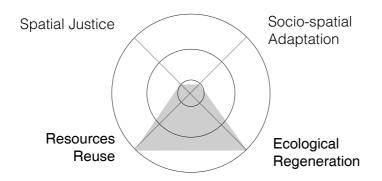
Production space: Modernized farmland centrally managed by the company



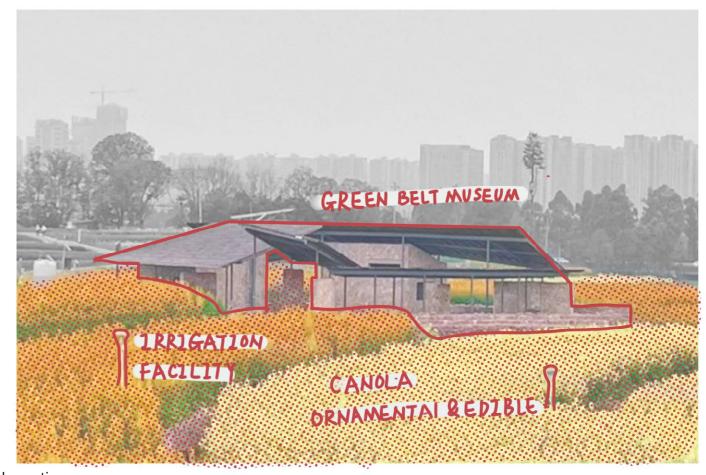
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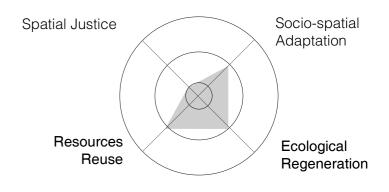
Education Space: Green belt museum



Location:



Assessment



ANALYSIS-5.5 FOOD SYSTEM

Long-distance Foodscapes in belt

SWOT analysis

STRENGTHS

Resource Reuse:

Practices on greenways utilize wheat and rice straw for soil fertility enhancement, demonstrating effective agricultural waste management.

Ecological Regeneration:

Previously barren or debris-filled lands have been rehabilitated to productive farmlands through subsoil inversion and debris removal.

Ecological Regeneration:

Strong municipal policy for farmland conservation and ecological restoration offer a supportive backdrop for further regenerative initiatives.

Non-Exclusion:

Large-scale modern agricultural projects have marginalized individual farmers' practices and reduced public engagement with agriculture, leading to a diminished understanding of food security and farmland conservation.

Ecological Regeneration:

Persisting low soil fertility despite two years of efforts, with many areas still in early stages of rehabilitation. Original irrigation systems are largely inoperative.

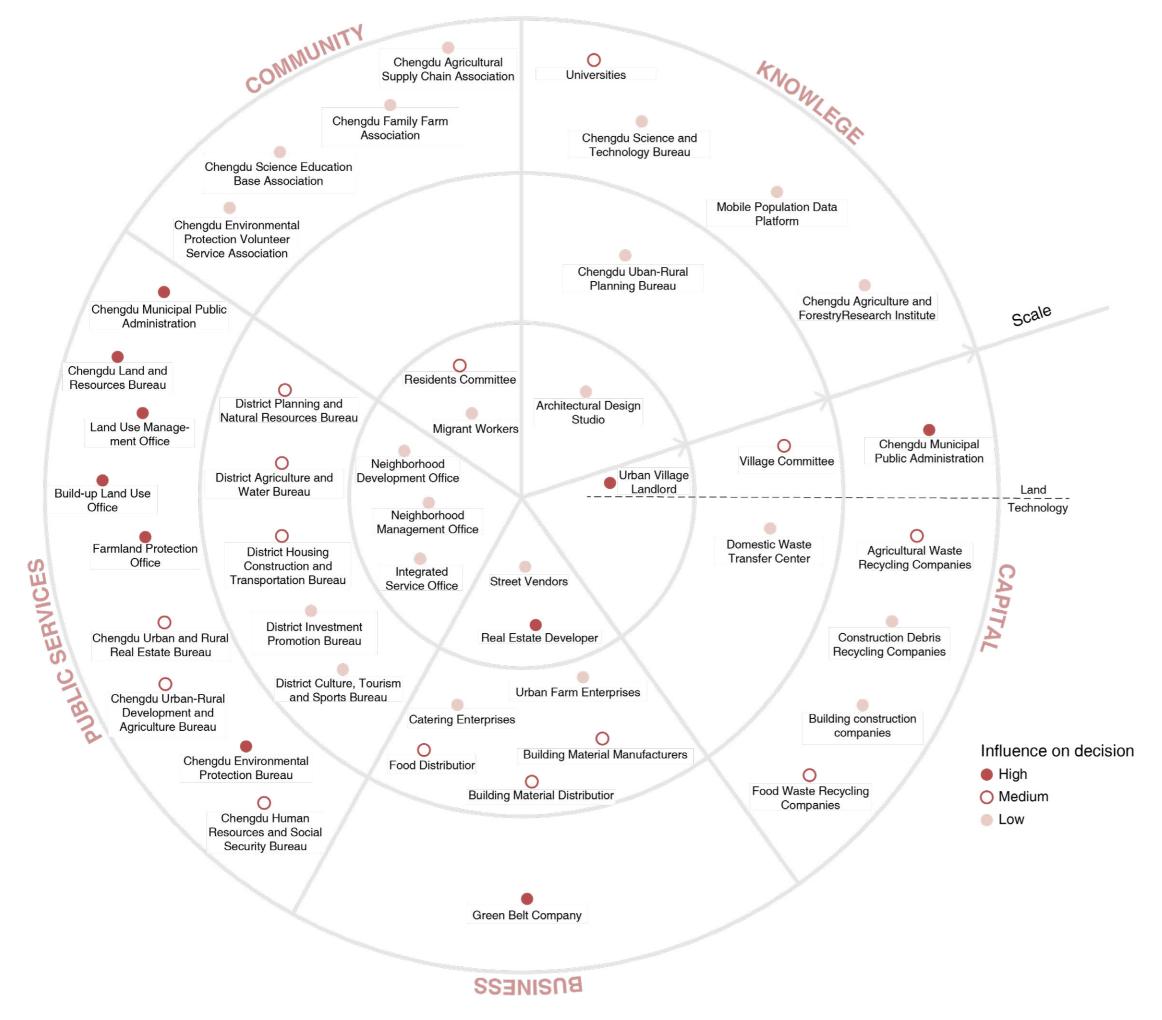
Ecological Regeneration:

Imminent urban renewal focused on demolition could pose risks to surrounding farmland via construction debris.

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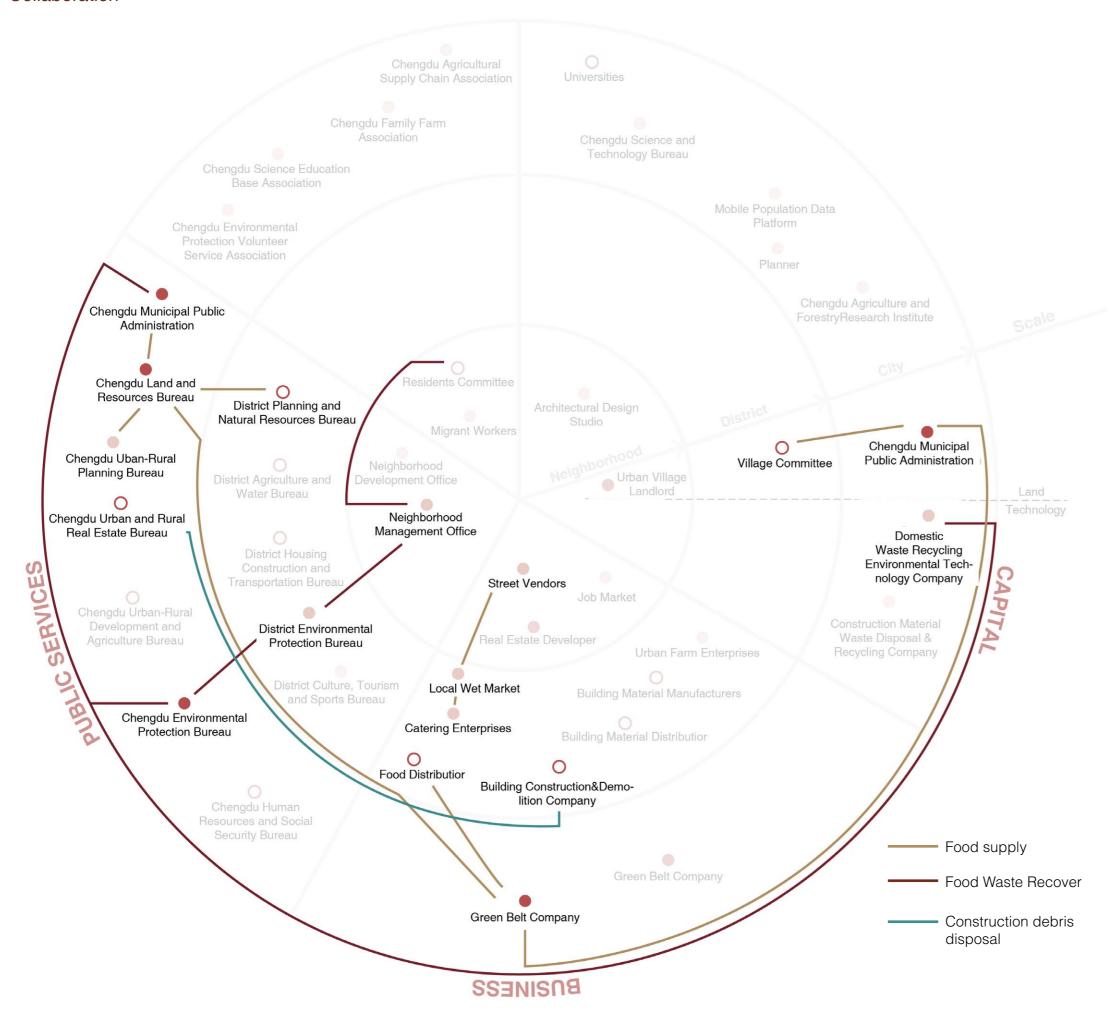
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Actors



STAKEHOLDER ANALYSE

Collaboration



STAKEHOLDER ANALYSE

Conflict

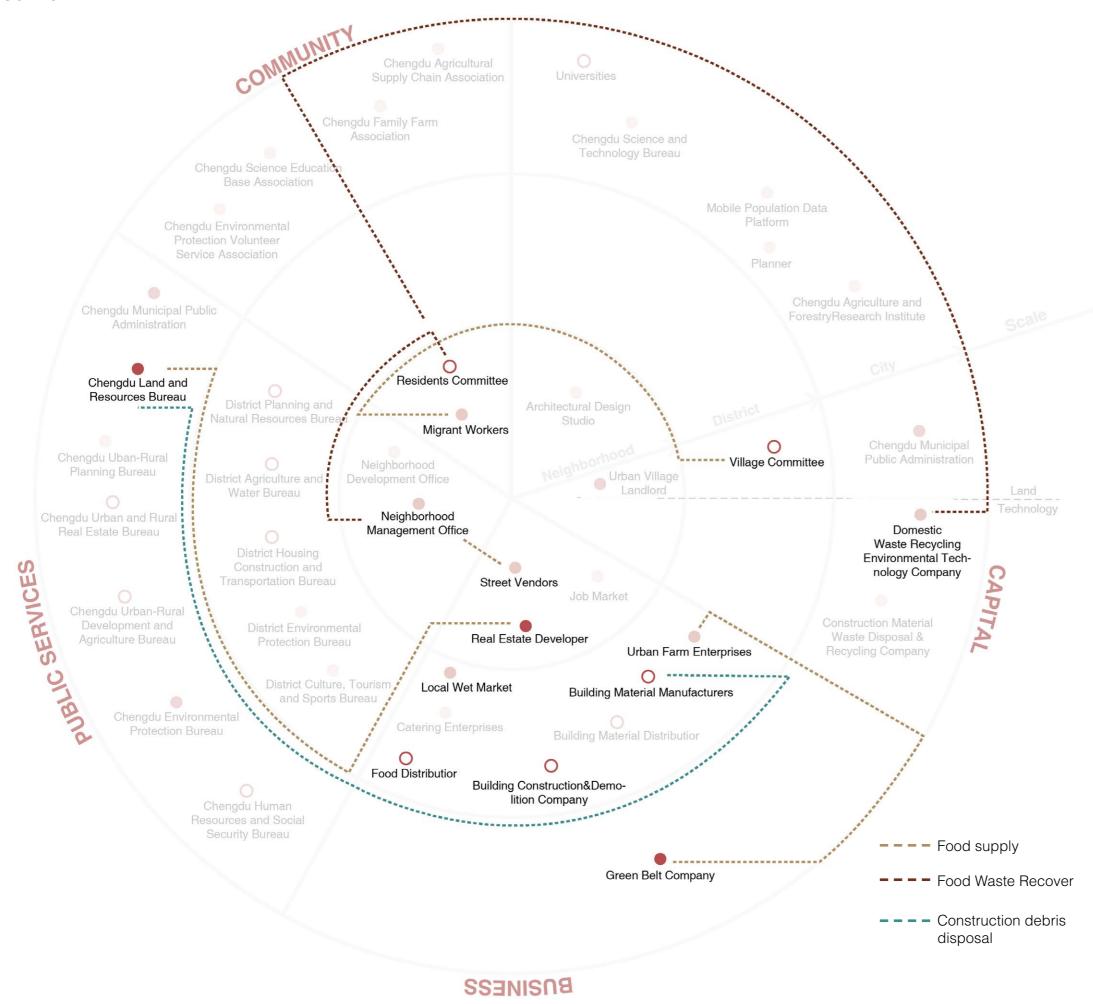




Figure 27: An urban farmer harvests winter squash from his rooftop vegetable gar-Source: Cavan Images



Socio-spatial Adaptation

- S: Abundant industrial buildings of good quality and vacant land.
- S: Active street food businesses occupying roads.
- W: Inferior quality of informal residential buildings.
- W: Strict management in modern residential complexes hinders communal space reuse.
- O: Relaxed street vending policies.
- T: Demolishment of industrial buildings without considering transformation potential.

Resource Looping

- S: Community-driven circular practices and initiatives.
- W: Illegal dumping of kitchen waste and construction debris.
- W: Suboptimal household waste segregation awareness and practices.
- O: Government regulations and advocacy for kitchen waste recycling.
- O: Potential for extensive use of recyclable materials in new constructions

Ecological Regeneration

- S: Community-driven urban agriculture practices.
- W: Pollution risks to surrounding farmland and water systems from industrial areas.
- O: Strong municipal mandates for ecological restoration and farmland conservation .
- T: Debris from demolition-focused urban renewal.

Spatial Justice

- S: Special social networks within local labor markets enhance communal support.
- W: Marginalization of individual farmers' practices
- W: Centralized land management leads to reduction in public agricultural engagement.
- O: Governmental emphasis on inclusive urban village renewal policies.
- T: Centralized land management hinders local informal urban agriculture.

Socio-spatial Adaptation

Circular Knowledge Learning Network

Creation of Adaptable Space

Resource Looping

No food waste & links residual flows to promote a closed balance

Prioritizes to the shortest food loop

Ecological Regeneration

Rich surface water system

Farmland regeneration

Protection of forest diversity

Spatial Justice

Sustainable labor markets

Community empowerment

VISION From Goal to Vision

Vision of Green Belt Farmland

Existing landscape

Ecological regeneration

Goal

Rich surface water system

Farmland regeneration

Protection of forest diversity

Social adaptation

Circular Belt Learning Lab

Circular Agricultural Park

Future Zone

Design initiatives



VISION From Goal to Vision

Vision of Urban Village Type 1

Existing landscape

Resource looping

Goal

No food waste & links residual flows to promote a closed balance

Future Zone

Circular Technology Park

Social adaptation

Circular Belt Learning Lab

Creation of Adaptable Space

Equal opportunities for development

Sustainable labor markets

Design initiatives



VISION From Goal to Vision

Vision of Urban Village Type 2

Existing landscape Goal Future Zone



Equal opportunities for development

Sustainable labor markets

Community empowerment

Social adaptation

Creation of Adaptable Space

Resource looping

No food waste & links residual flows to promote a closed balance

Design initiatives



Circular Production and Consumption Town

From Goal to Vision

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Social adaptation

Circular Belt Learning Lab

Creation of Adaptable Space

Resource looping

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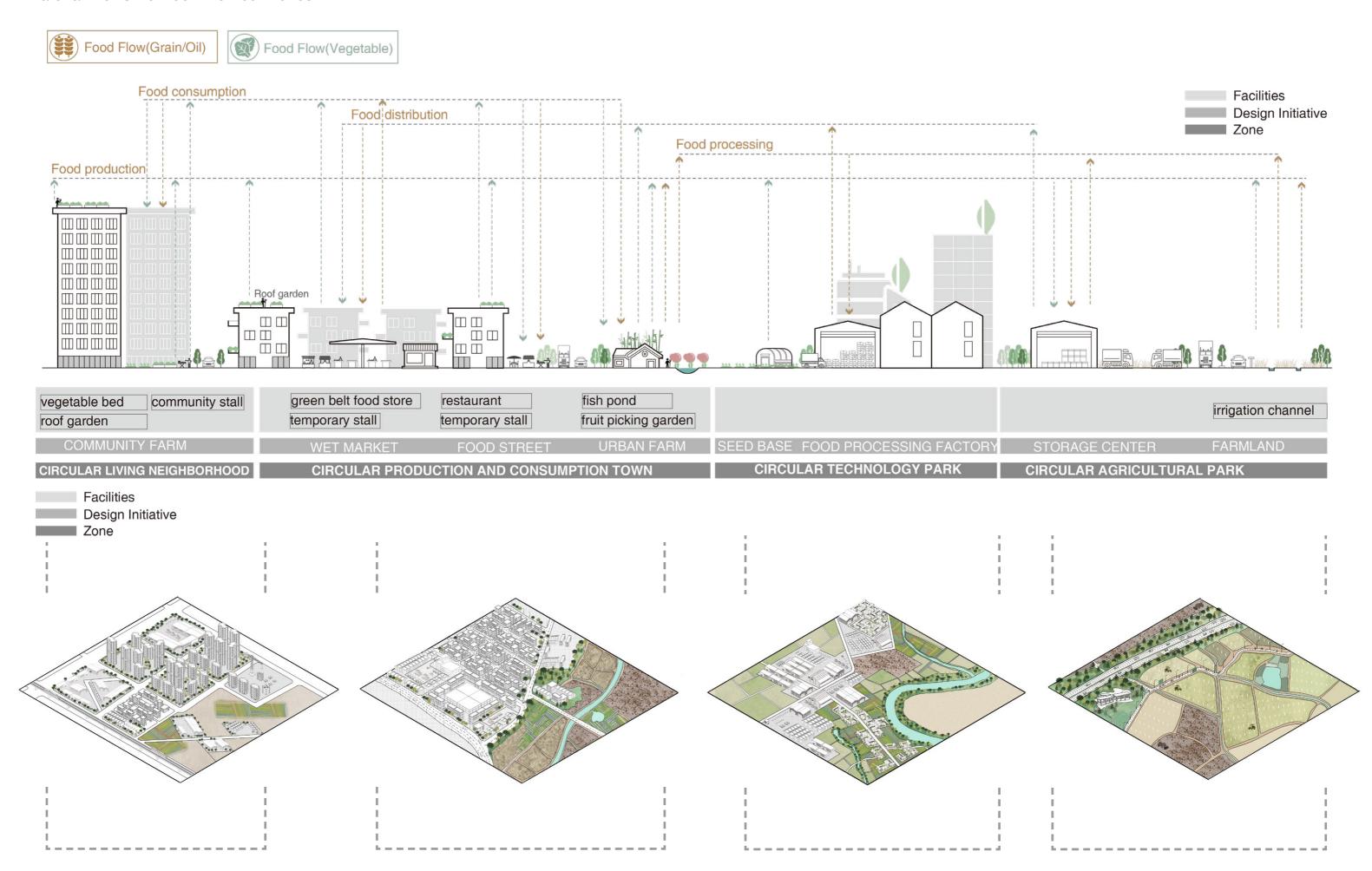
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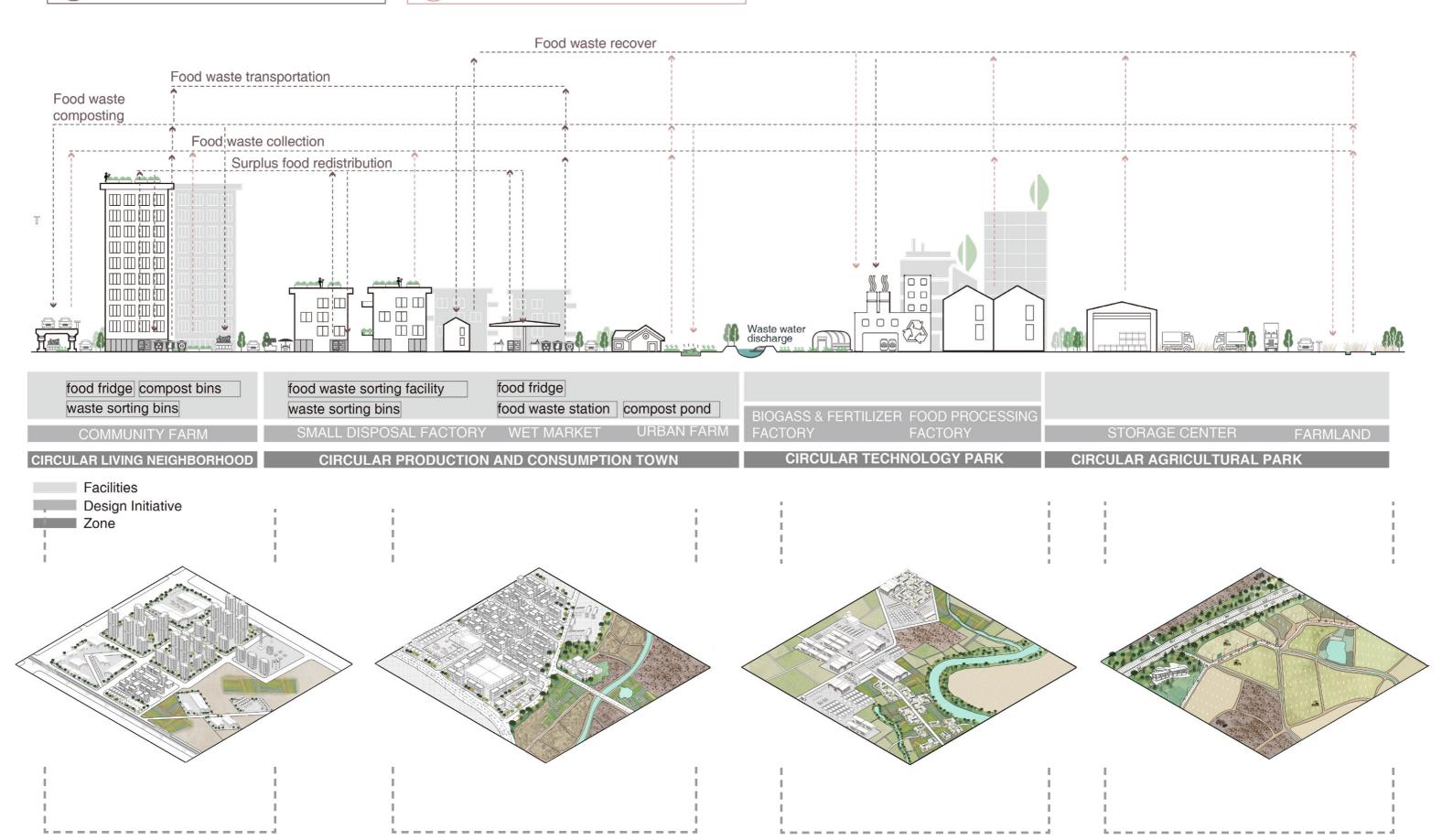
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Material Flows Between the Four Zones



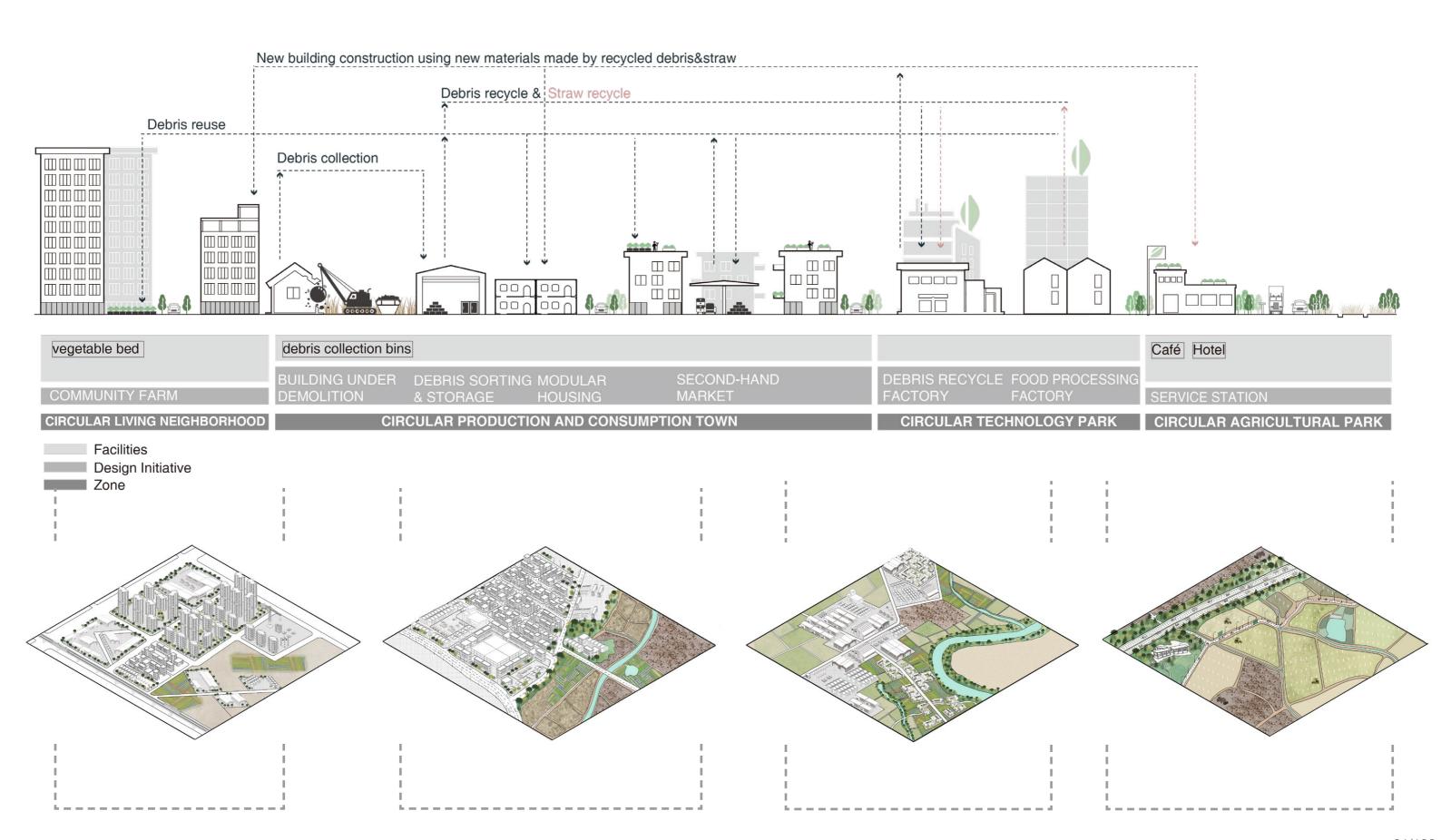
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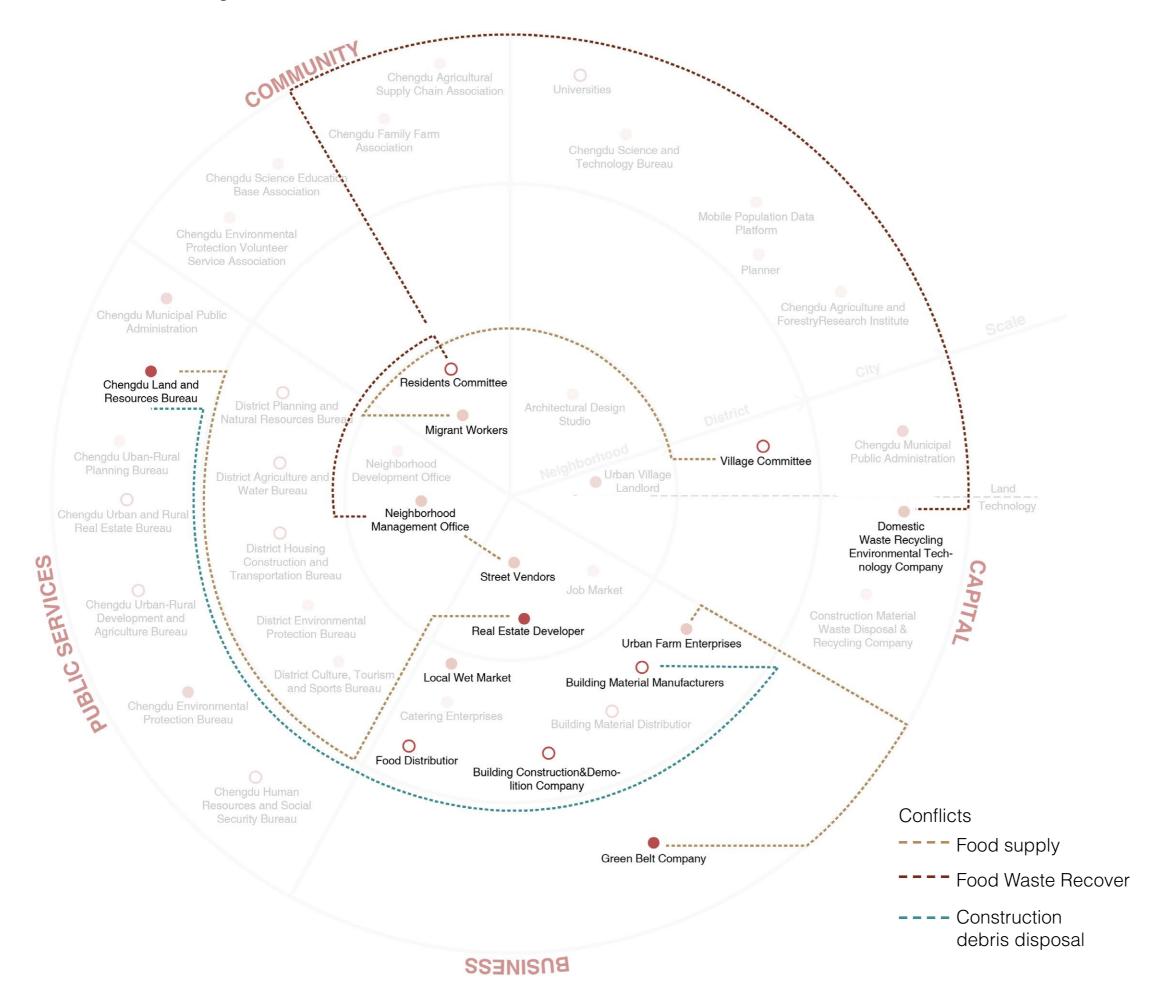


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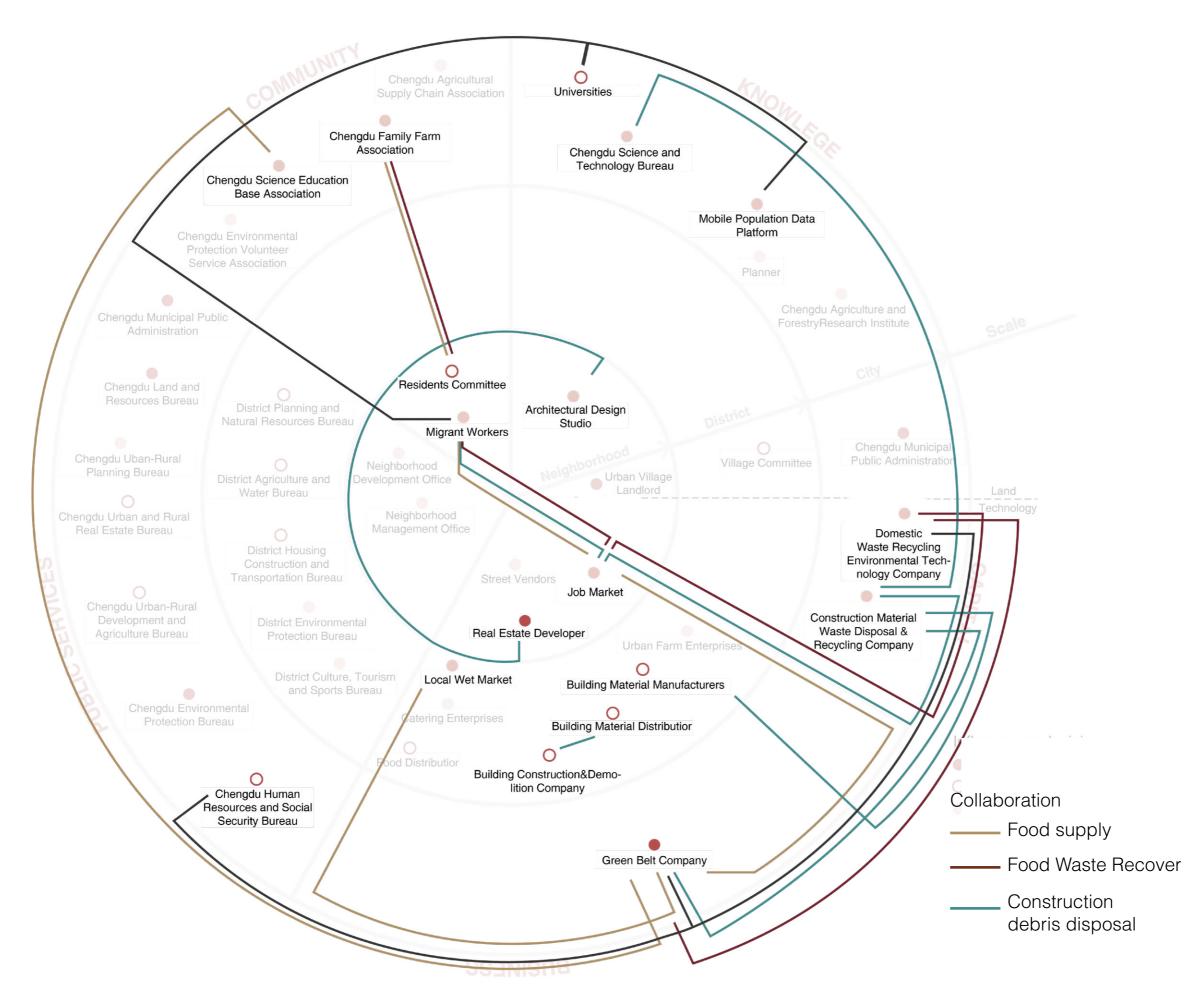
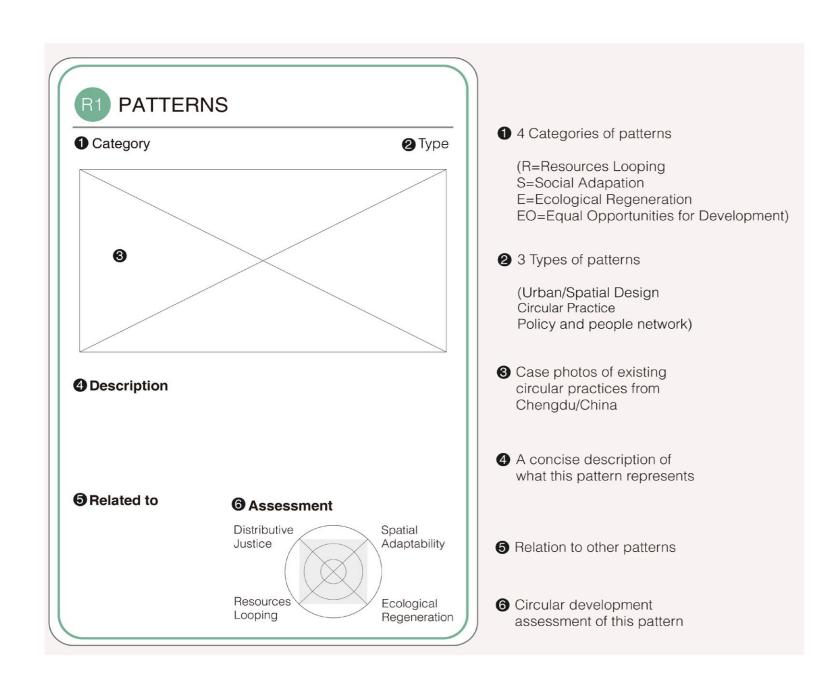
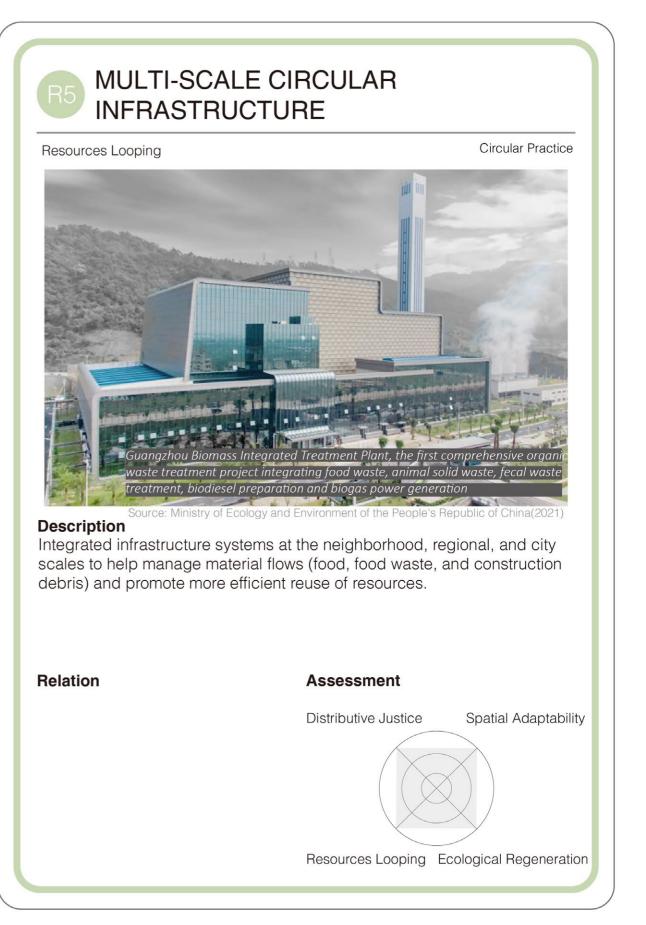




Figure 28: Traditional bamboo and timber building materials market in Source: Jiao and Tang (2019)

Pattern Template





Based on Hill, A. V. (Ed.). (2020). Foundries of the future: A guide to 21st century cities of making.

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R4 Re-use of Material & Energy Flow	S2 Public Face	E4 Protection & Restoration of Forest	Accessible Knowledge Platforms
R6 Material Booklet	S6 Get Attention by Art	E5 Soil Regeneration	EO7 Diverse Civil Sector
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Timeline for strategy implementation

WAVE DROP RIPPLE Initiate pilot projects, establish policies Implement multi-scale infrastructure, promote recycled materials, Integrate sustainable building materials and local food consumption expand urban village regeneration and circular logistics centers, and into daily life, expand food waste and construction debris processing. for recycled materials, and raise ensure migrant worker inclusion in job markets and planning decisions. public awareness through events. 2025 2030 2035 2040 2045 2050 China's Fourteenth Five-Year Plan(2020-2025) Chengdu Master Plan (2024-2040) China's Fifteenth Five-Year Plan(unpublished) Completion of urban village regeneration and greenway National recycling rate of crop straw: 86% Setting the Next Circular Development Goal farmland restoration within the central city area National recycling rate of construction waste:60% Set the Green Belt area as a pilot for circular urban regeneration Establish a multi-scale circular infrastructure system Circular and straw building materials become common and are Identify existing debris and develop Promote the use of recycled materials in new construction frequently used in residential and office buildings a material booklet Set up Green Belt agro-logistics centers to facilitate the distribution of Enact policies requiring recycled locally-produced food products within the city **TECHNOLOGY** building materials utilization for new construction projects **INFRASTRUCTURE** Expand the scale of food waste and building material processing Establish an experimental center for straw building materials in the Green Belt area, aiming to recycle as much of Chengdu's food waste and construction debris locally Experiment with and apply innovative straw building materials Hold harvest festivals and set up museums to raise public awareness about the necessity of farmland restoration Extend the experience of the biennale to other urban villages in the Increase awareness of the necessity and benefits of building renova-Design Anjing urban village as a Green Belt area for comprehensive urban village regeneration tion among Chengdu citizens pilot, hosting a biennale on circular SOCIET **AWARENESS** development to explore the poten-. Continuously collect feasible plans for repurposing vacant buildings tial for repurposing vacant buildings and reusing construction debris in urban village regeneration ADAPTIVE SPACE Allow urban village pilots to convert Cultivate a consumption habit among Chengdu citizens to prefer local-Establish community circular logistics centers in urban villages, orgavacant land into community-manly-produced food and consciously use vacant land to grow their own nizing classes to share experiences in circular actions aged farms and permit street vendfood ing on certain streets Removing debris from farmland Implementing crop rotation to maintain soil fertility ECOLOGY IRRIGATION SYSTEM Planting legumes to fertilize the soil Minimum external input & Use organic fertilizers recycled from food waste SOIL Restoring previous irrigation canals Setting canal buffer to maintain clean irrigation water Restoring existing forest Establish participatory urban regeneration planning processes Design Anjing community as a pilot, establishing a migrant worker resident committee and organizing Set up monitoring mechanisms to ensure the inclusion and employment Organize participatory platforms, such as roundtable meetings, to **PARTICIPATION** meetings to hear their needs rate of migrant workers widely include migrant workers in planning decisions **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** Connect migrant workers with external knowledge and job opportunities, bridging the informal job Establish policies for equal job market of urban villages with enterprises opportunities, promoting the employment of migrant workers and providing necessary job training

07 MESO-SCALE DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION

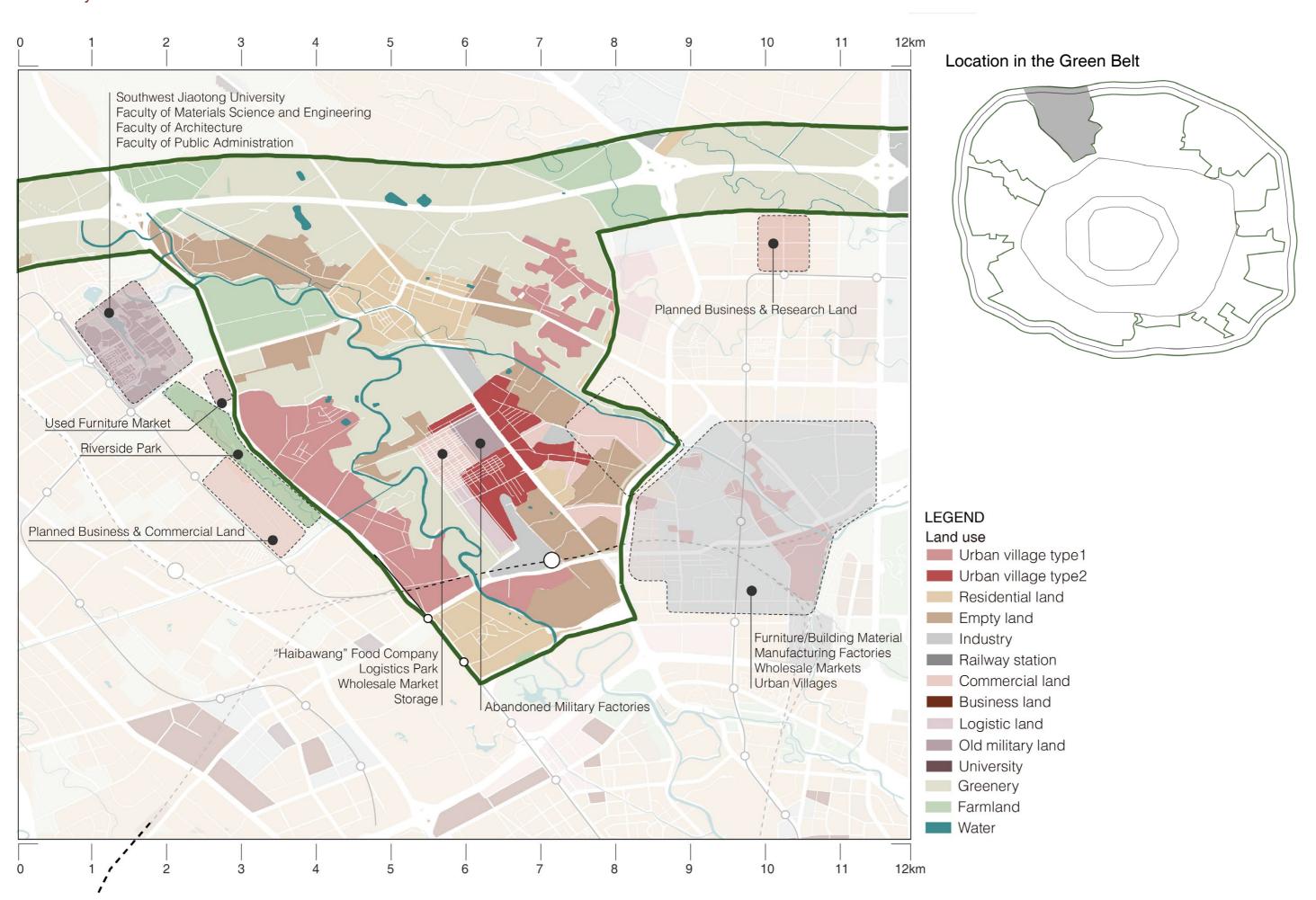


Figure 29: Walkers in the rapeseed flower fields on the Chengdu Greenway during the Spring Festival of 2024

Source: Little Red Book, The Cat Slipped Shoulder, Authorized by the Author

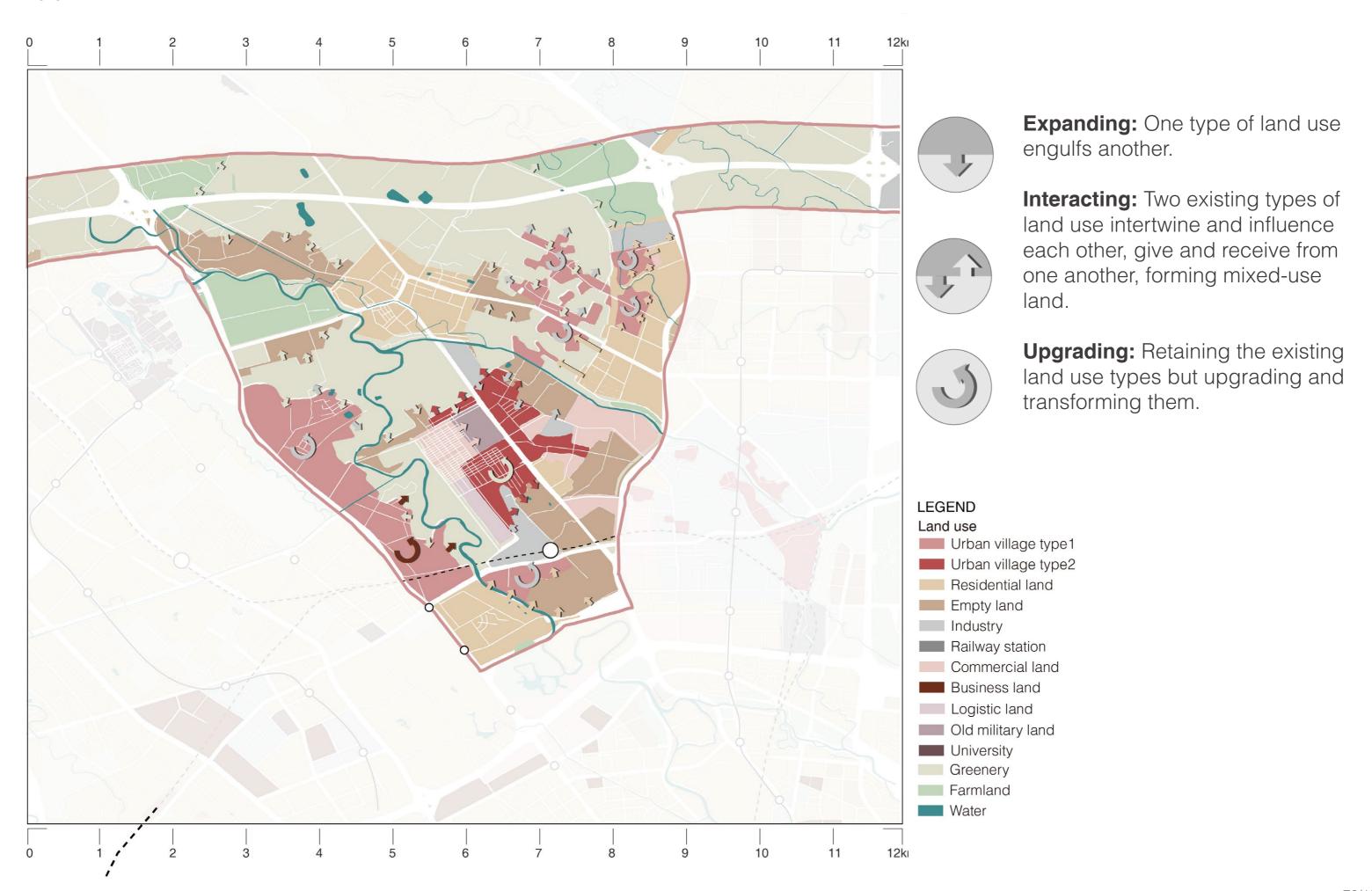
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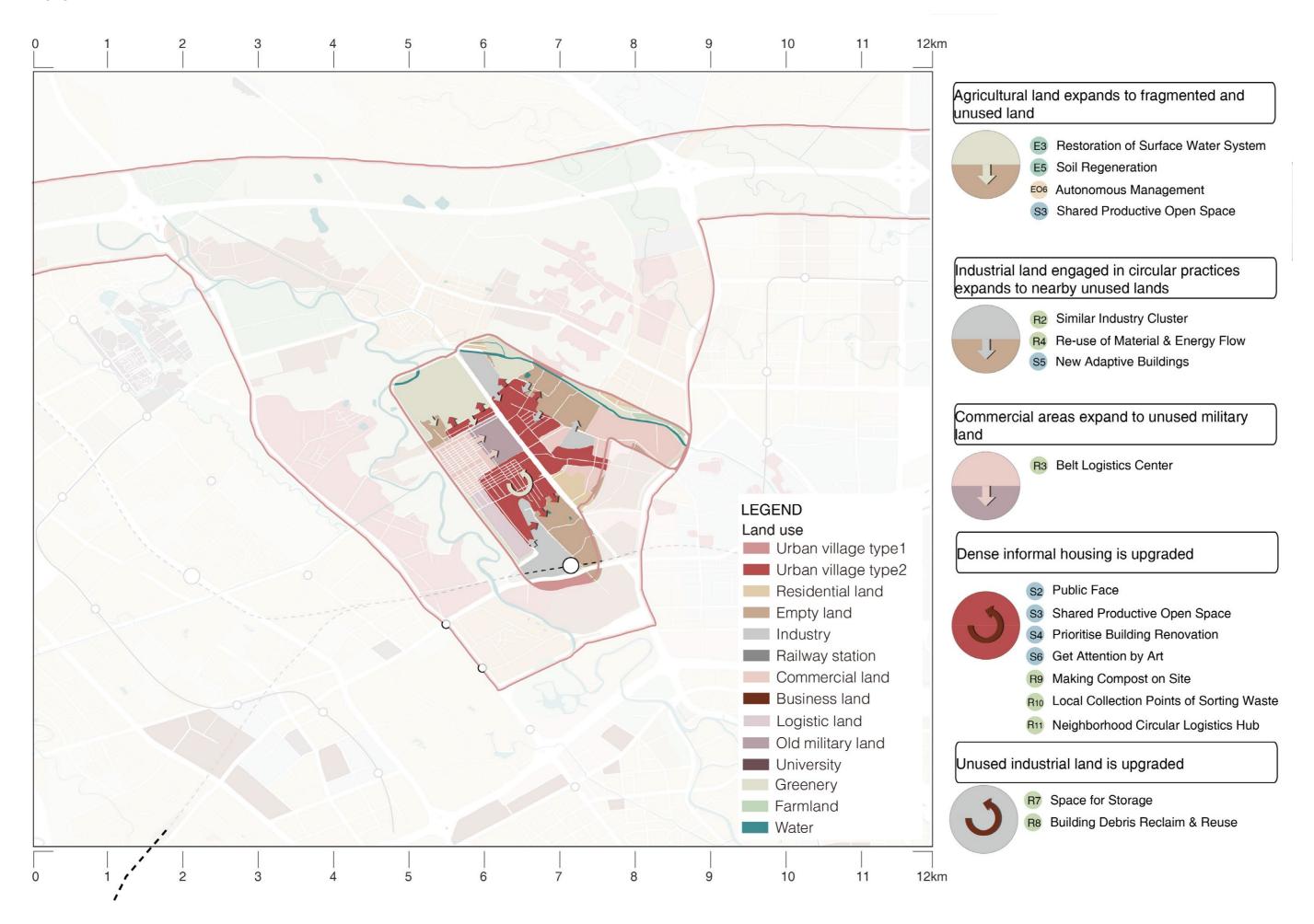


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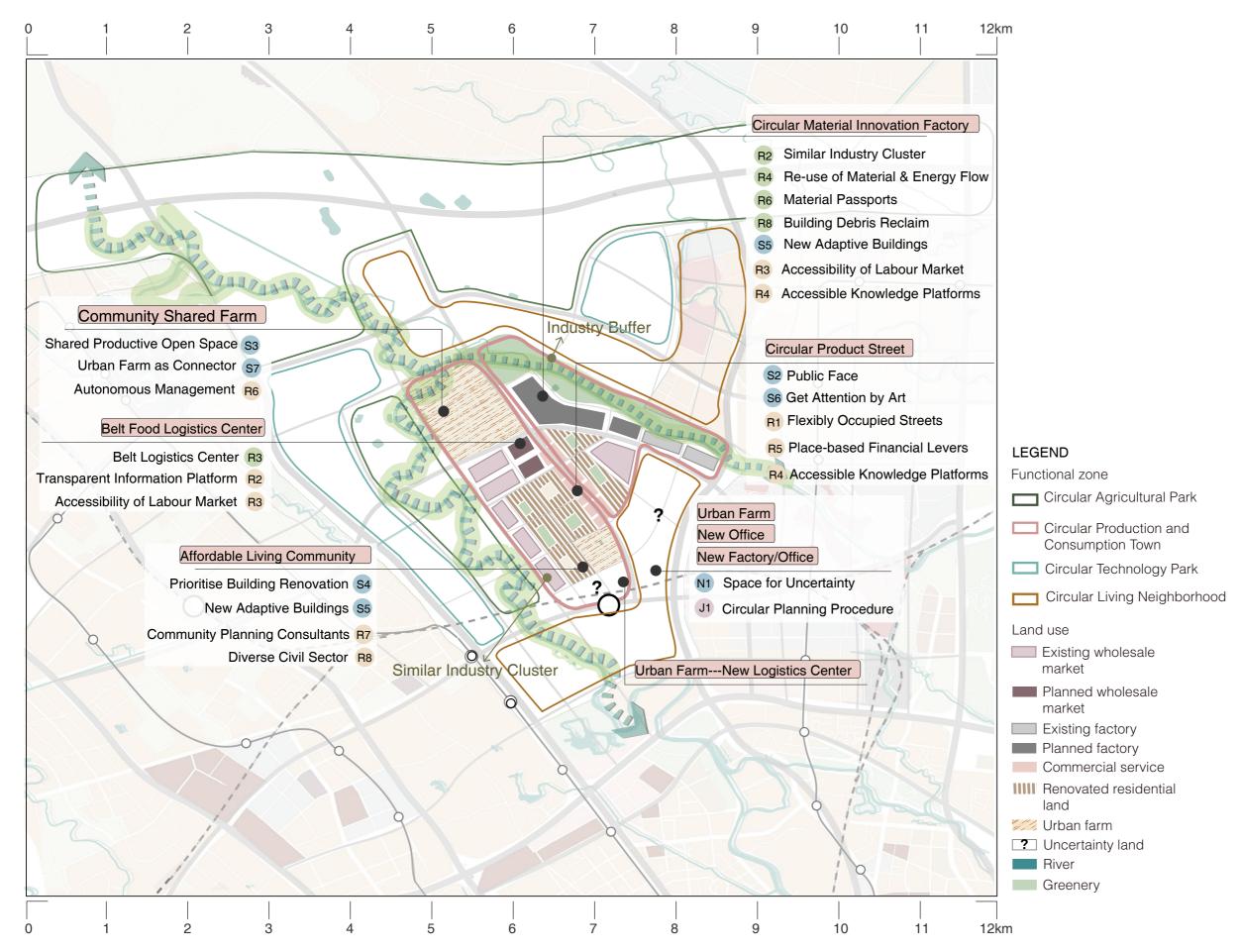


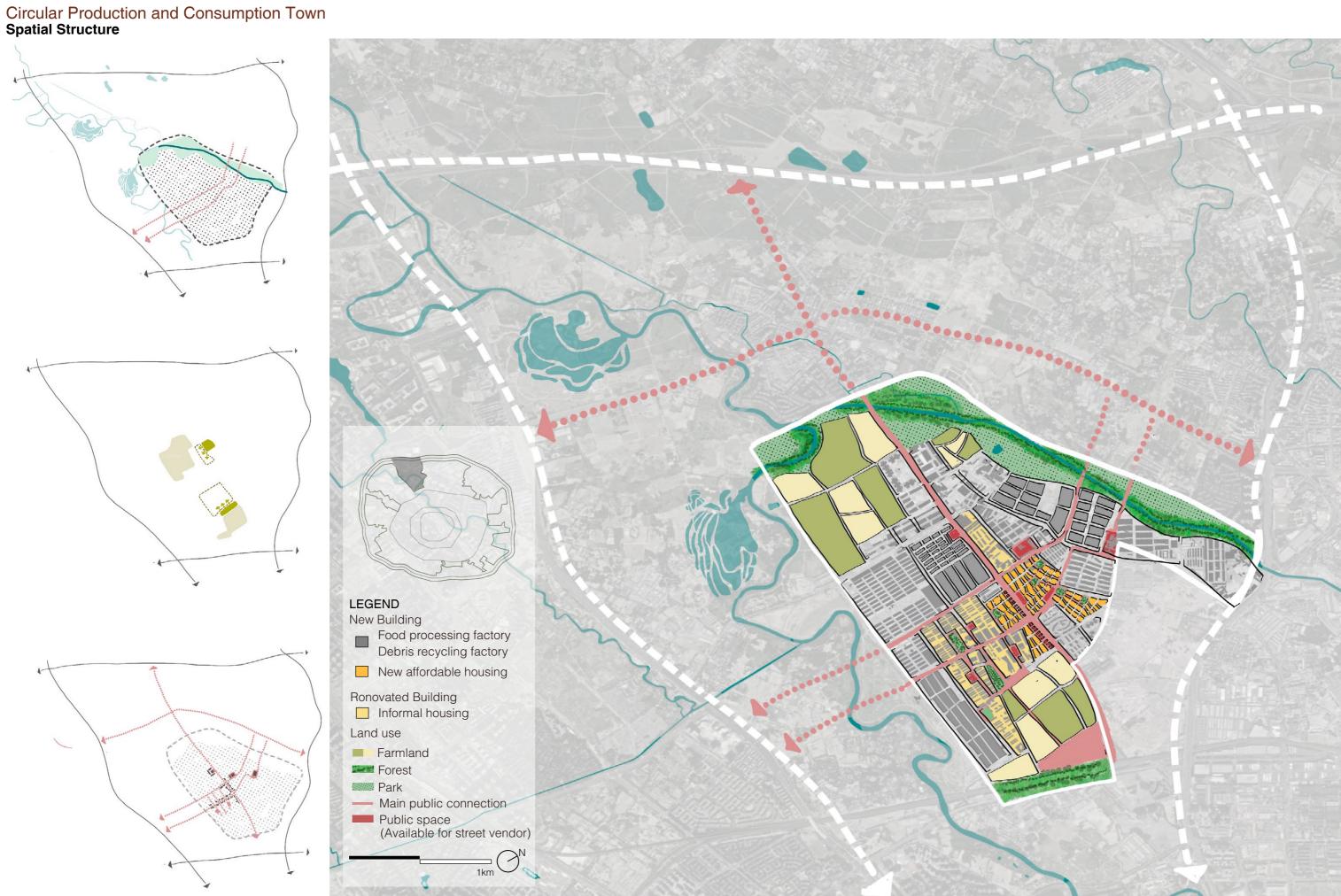
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Circular Production and Consumption Town

Land use





Circular Production and Consumption Town **Perspective Map** -Attractive entrance to the axis of commercial public space -Vibrant commercial atmosphere with food + building materials second hand market THE THE PERSON NAMED IN TH -Liveableand affordable residential community **LEGEND** munity 5 **New Building** New Factory Residential Building Renovated Building Residential Building ■ Public Service Building Commercial Buildings ■ Community Service Buildings Land use Grain Farmland Vegetable Farmland Greenery Water Public Space Undertrack compost 2 Anjing station EcoArt plaza 4 Community shared farmland **6** Family harvest plots **6** Community reclaim factory 7 Circular showcase avenue 8 Farmgate feast avenue Local flavors lane Community circular logistics center Wet Market Circular rebuild community Reclaim manufacturing factory Greenbelt food logistics center 15 Farmer market 16 Restored irrigation canal Existing buildings Informal settlement 18 Modern residential community 19 Food Storage Factory Building materials manufacturing factory

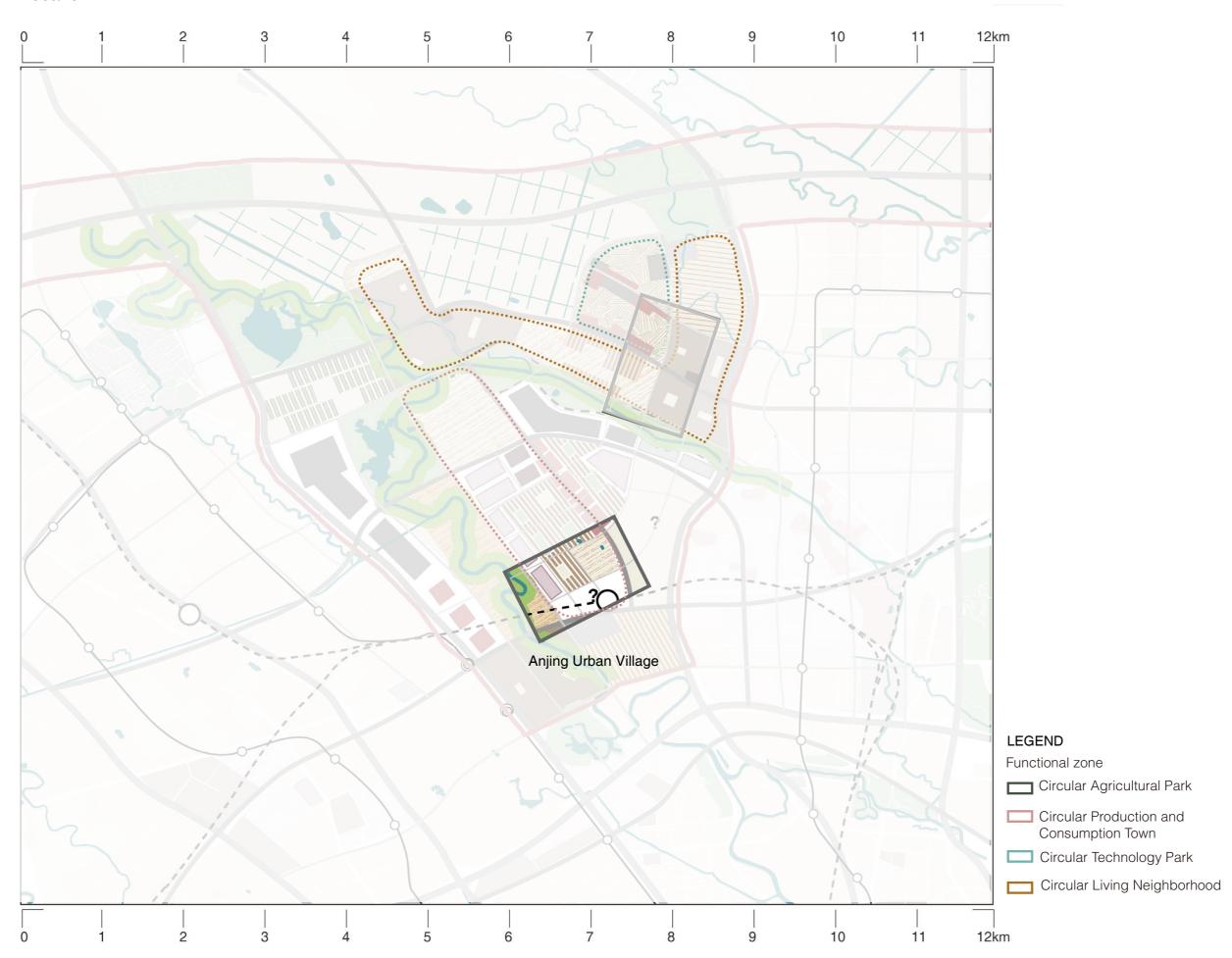
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Figure 30: Prefab straw wall panels Source: EcoCocon

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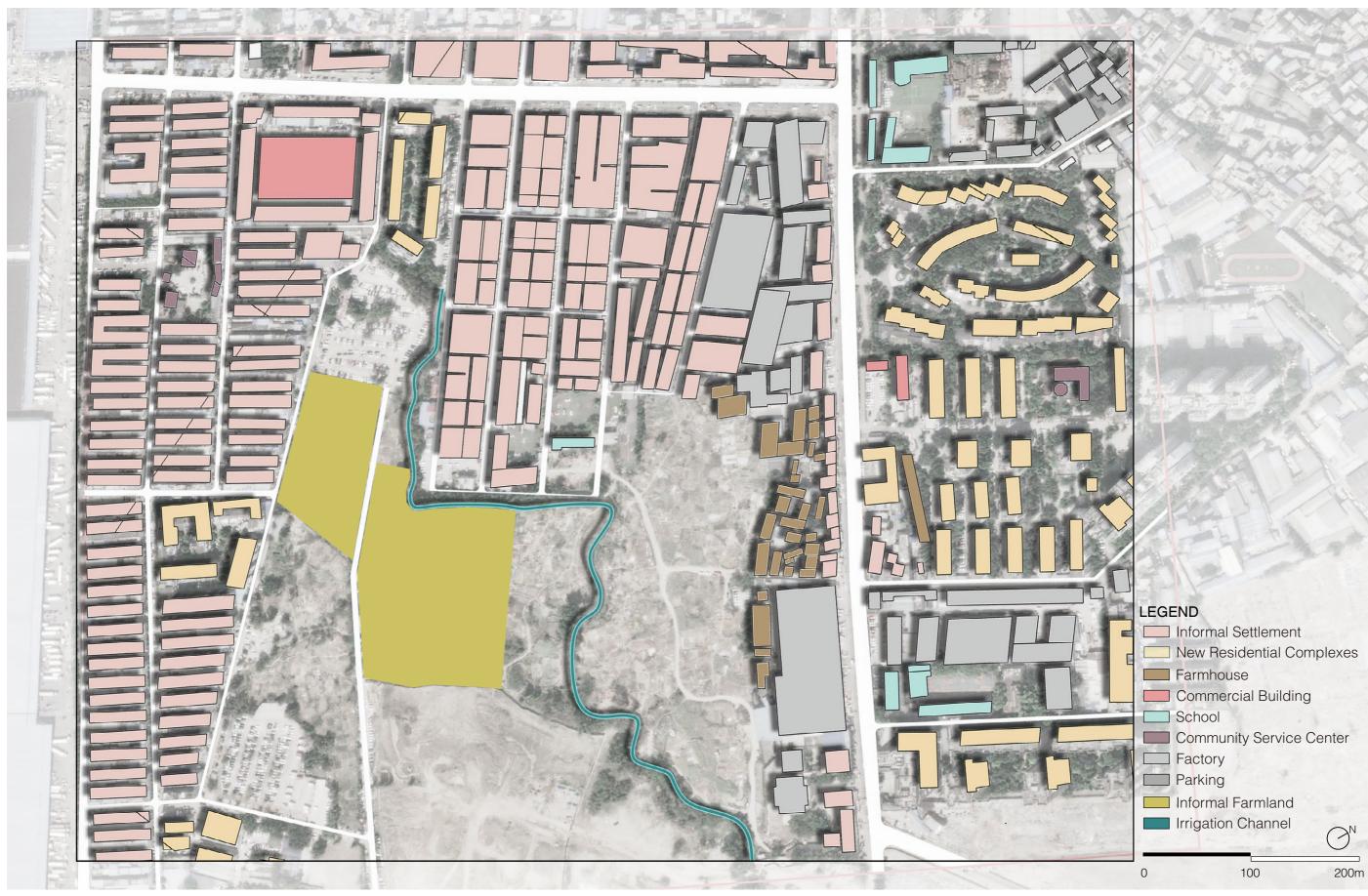
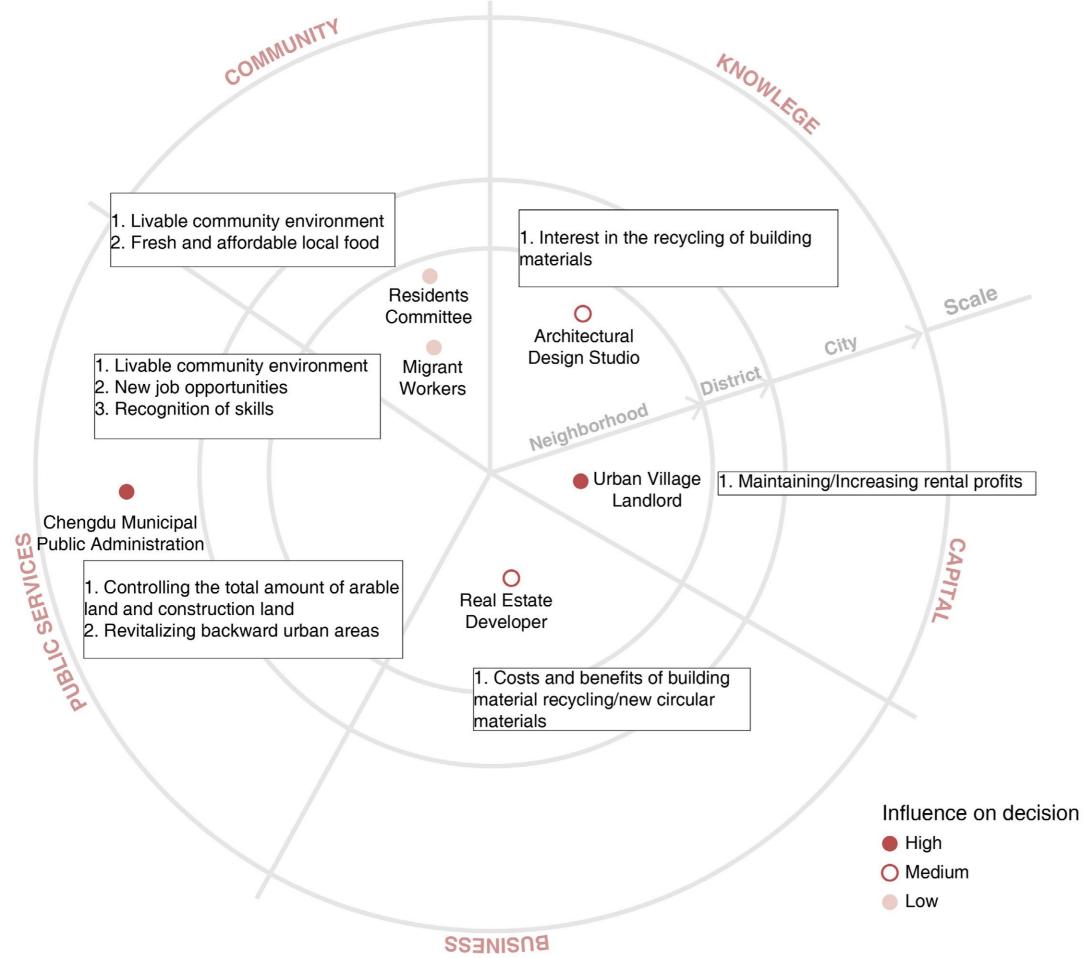
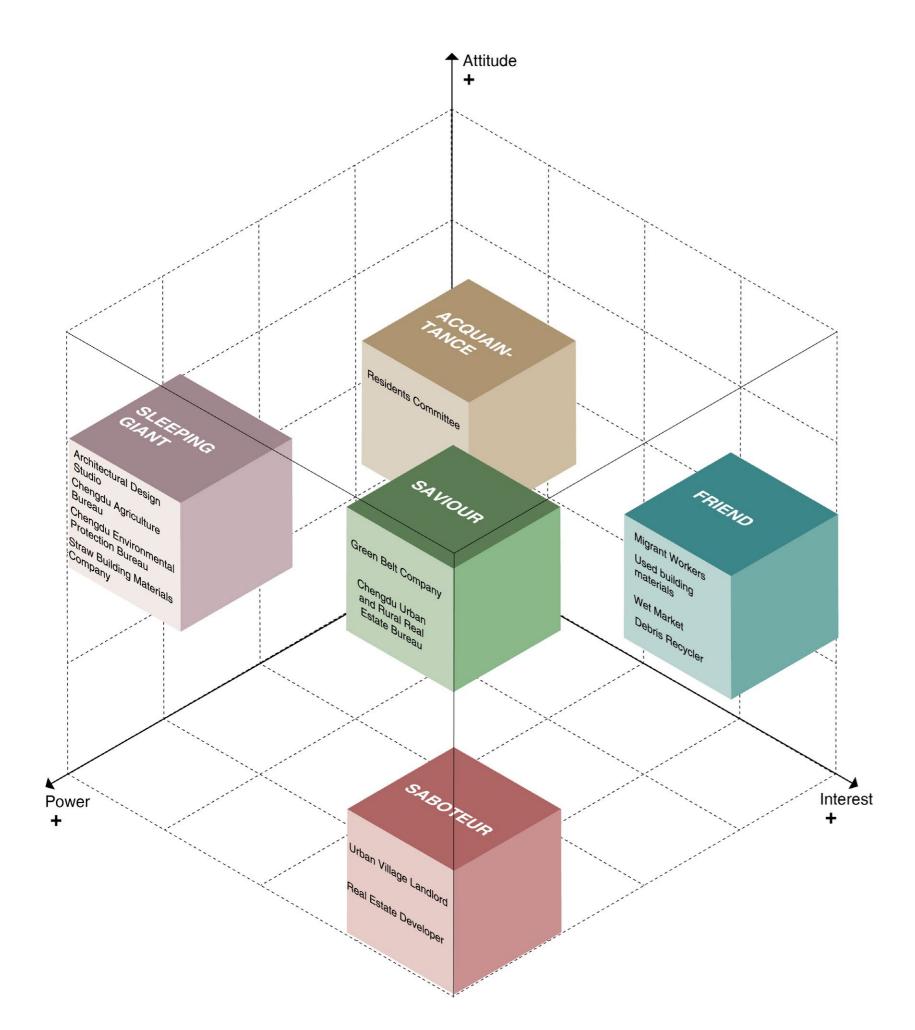


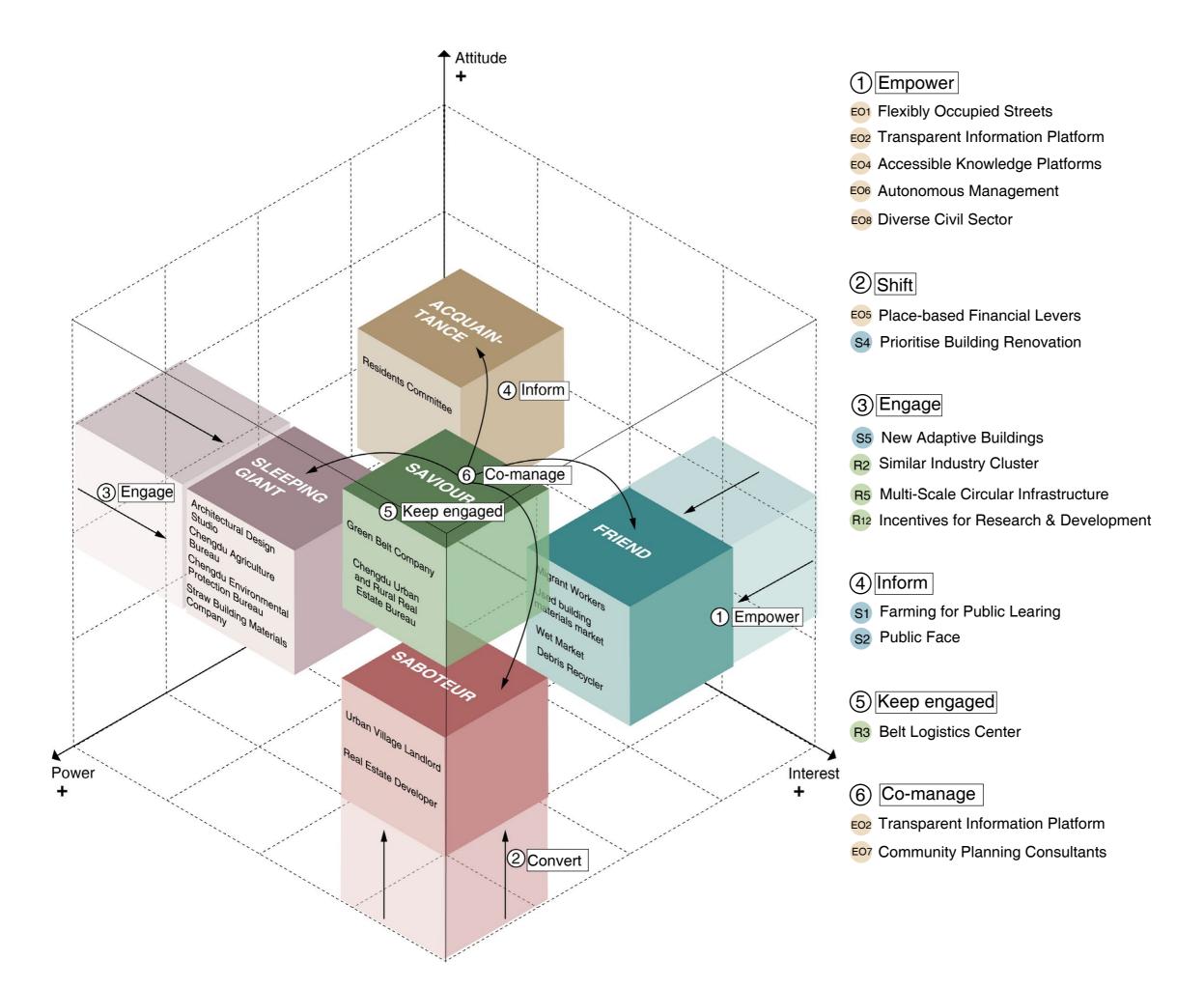
Figure 31: Based on Bing statellite map(2024)

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Co-design Workshop







Co-design Workshop

Open Discussion One: Prioritization of Establishing Circularity for Three Material Types

SHORTEST FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

Grains

Vegetables Lightly processed foods (tofu, noodles)

Agricultural waste to building materials (straw)

NO FOOD WASTE

No leftover food

Composting with food waste (Peel, Eggshells)

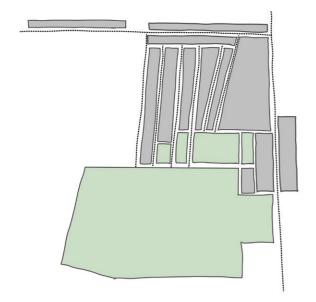
NO CONSTRUCTION WASTE

Recycle of bricks & concrete

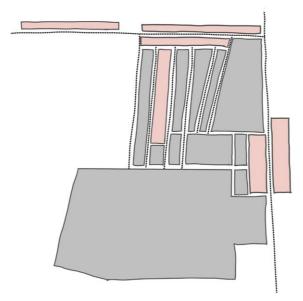
Repurpose of glass & timber

New circular materials(straw brick/column/panel)

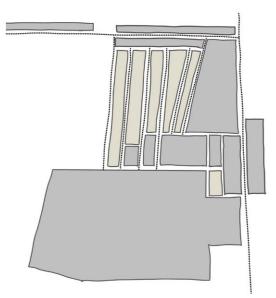
Outcomes-Timeline







Develop a commercial atmosphere on main streets.



Incorporate food production and waste recycling within residential areas.

Get Attention by Art & Biennial S6	Invitation to architects for urban village renovation and exhibition Attracting the attention of residents, architects and artists nationwide to circular	ar regeneration
Public Face S2	Train station plaza and circular showcase avenue created to attract tourists	
Restoration of Surface Water System E3	Restoration of old irrigation canals Establishment of buffer zones for canals Rich irrigation canal system to provide water for agricult	ture and livabili
Building Debris Reclaim & Reuse R8	Reuse of construction debris in renovation and new construction Promote future new construction for reuse of debris	
Community Planning Consultants E07	Arranging for a planner in each village to provide planning advice and identify local cultural characteristics.	
Diverse Civil Sector Eos	Establishment of migrant worker resident committees	
	Organize residents' meetings to listen to local views	Meso sca
Shared Productive Open Space S3	Conversion of some abandoned ground floor stores into garages	
	Set up community vegetable gardens in alleys	
Construction debris transfer station R7	Sorting and temporary storage of necessary demolition operations and existing construction debris Promote future demolition projects for collecting recycla	ble materials
Making Compost on Site R9	Set up composting bins and small composting sites in the community	ting facilities
	Encourage residents to segregate food waste	
Local Collection Points of Sorting Waste R10	Set up composting bins and small composting sites in the community	
Neighborhood Circular Logistics Hub R11	Set up committee offices in each urban village	
	Food sharing refrigerators Material repair studio Influence nearby communities to set up similar food sharing	ring/repair fac
Place-based Financial Levers R12	Incentives and punishment for waste separation Incentives for the use of circular materials in new construction	
Flexibly Occupied Streets E01	Release suitable locations on streets to allow street vendors Vibrant Food Alley Attracts Tourists	
Autonomous Management E06	Opening up some of the agricultural land around urban villages to allow private contracting Pick-your-own farms, providing visitors with access to a	griculture Micro sc

Open Discussion Two: Evaluation of Patterns



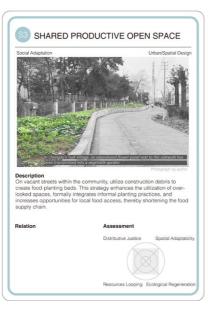
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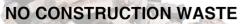












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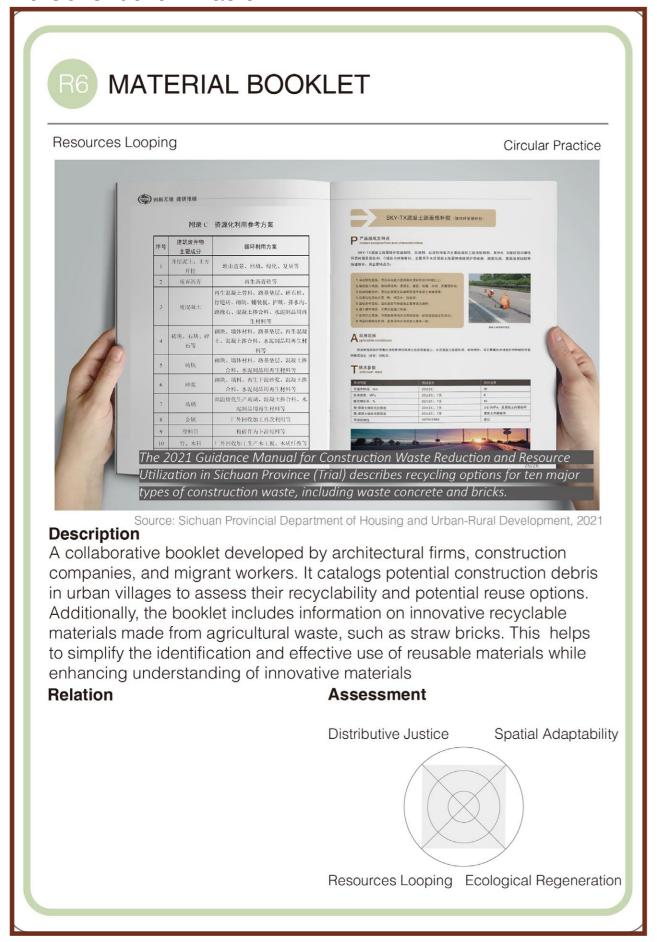




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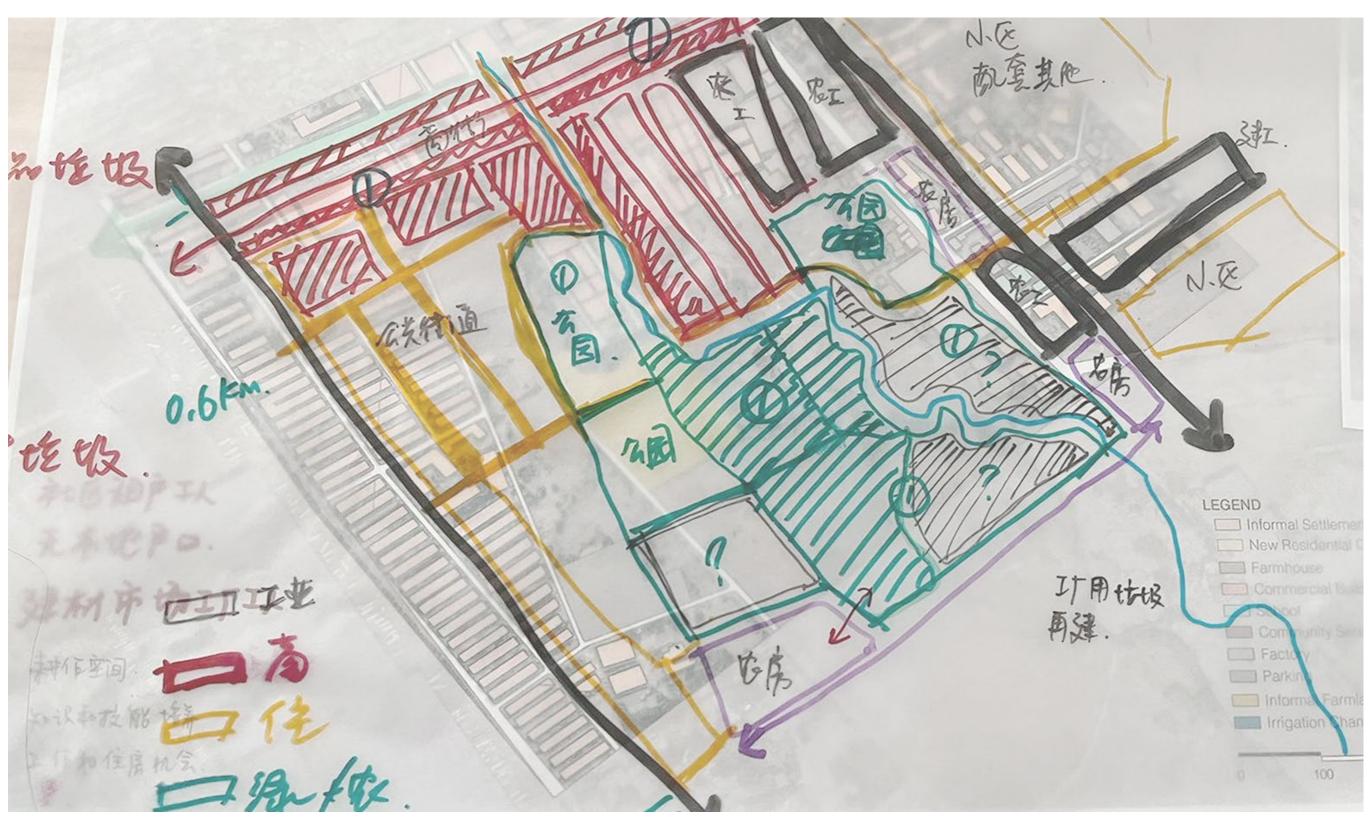
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Co-Design Session Three: Potential Applications and Spatial Forms for Patterns

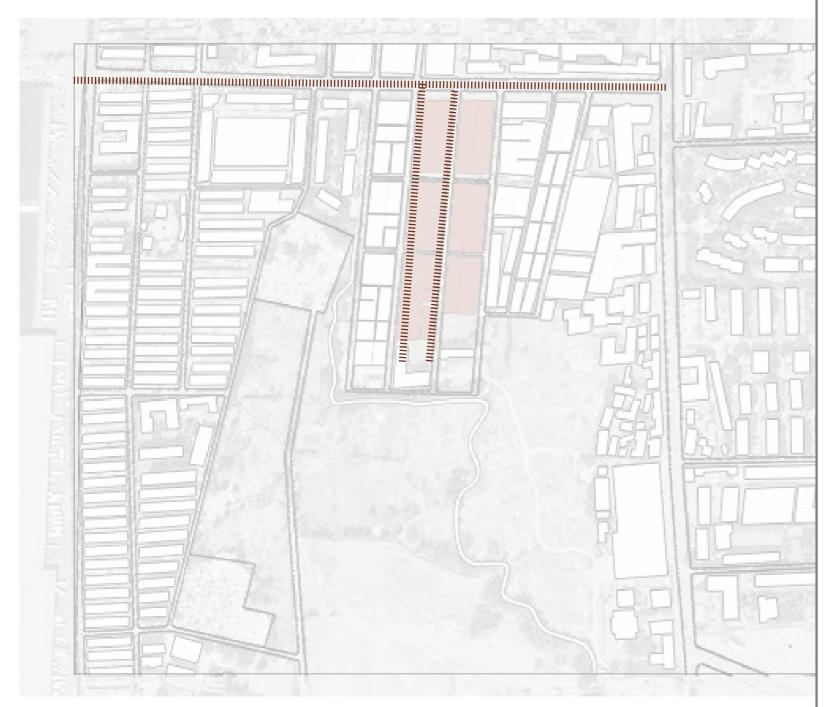


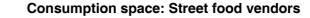
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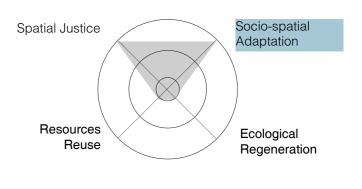




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Assessment



SWOT Conclusion

Socio-spatial Adaptation

Strengths: a vibrant commercial atmosphere.

Opportunities: Existing policies permitting street vendors

Goal

Socio-spatial Adaptation

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FLEXIBLY OCCUPIED STREETS

Equal Opportunity for Development

Policy and people network



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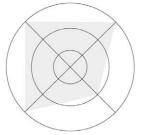
In Chengdu, unlike other regions, urban village streets within informal residential areas are relatively wide, especially the main streets. Allowing street food vendors to set up stalls in these idle spaces facilitates the direct local sale of vegetables grown in community farms. This helps establish a local food supply chain, enhancing the accessibility of freshly grown produce within the community.

Relation

Assessment

EO5, EO7, S3

Distributive Justice Socio-spatial Adaptation



Resources Looping Ecological Regeneration

Step3: Spatial design using pattern

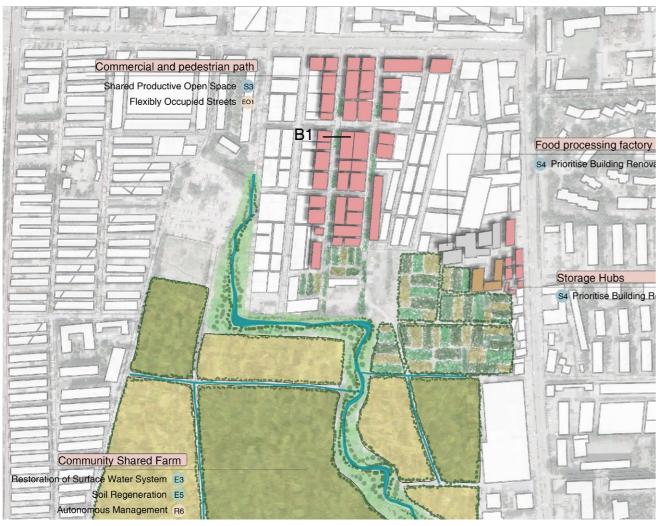


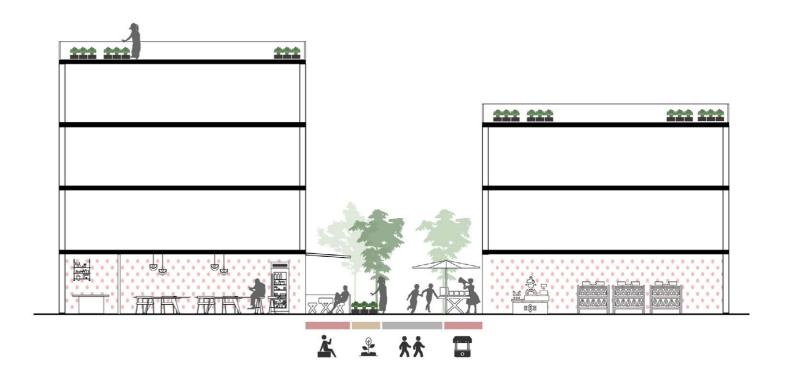






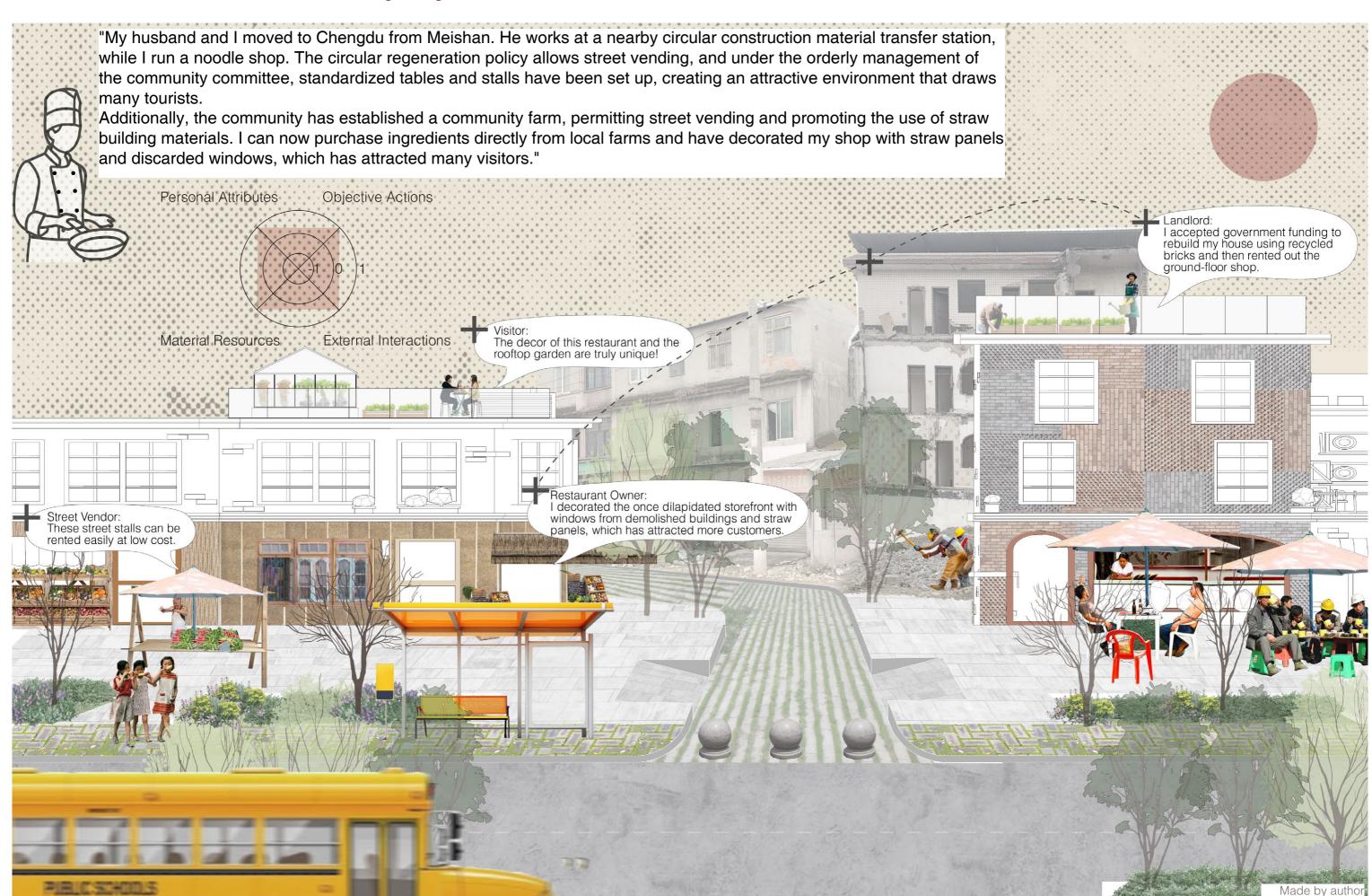


Figure 36: Potential space for food flow Made by author





Circular transformation contributes to the well-being of migrant workers



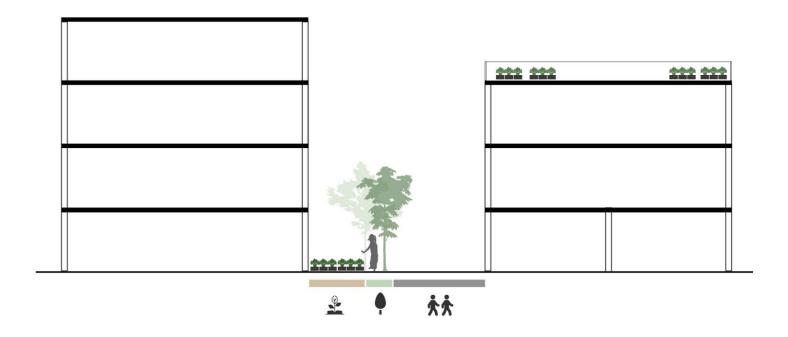
Spatial design







Figure 37: Potential space for food waste flow Made by author





Spatial design

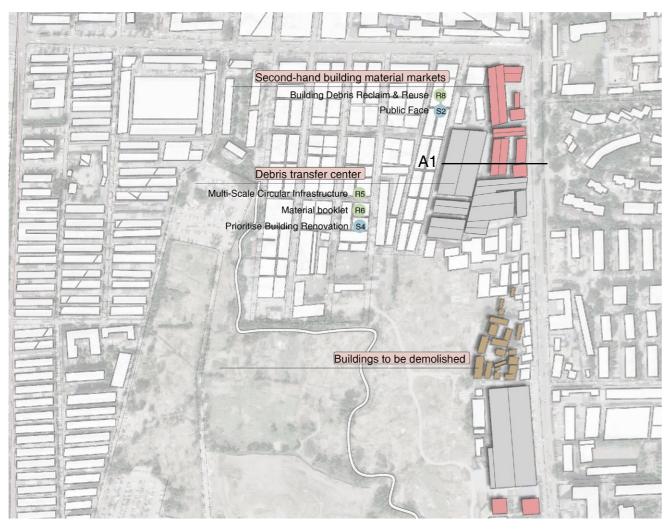
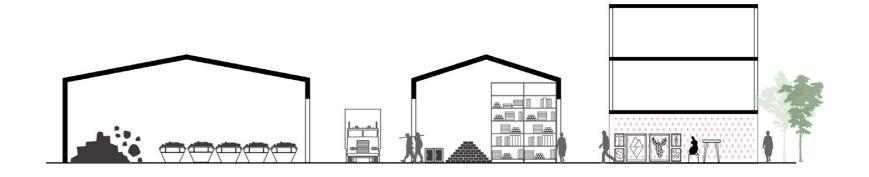
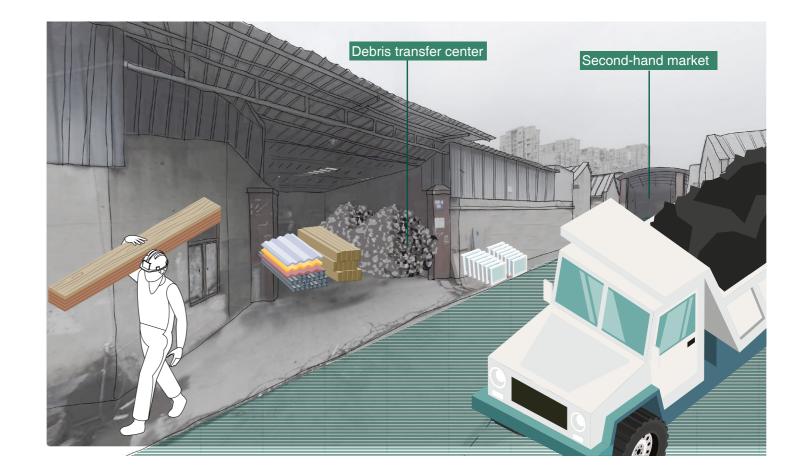




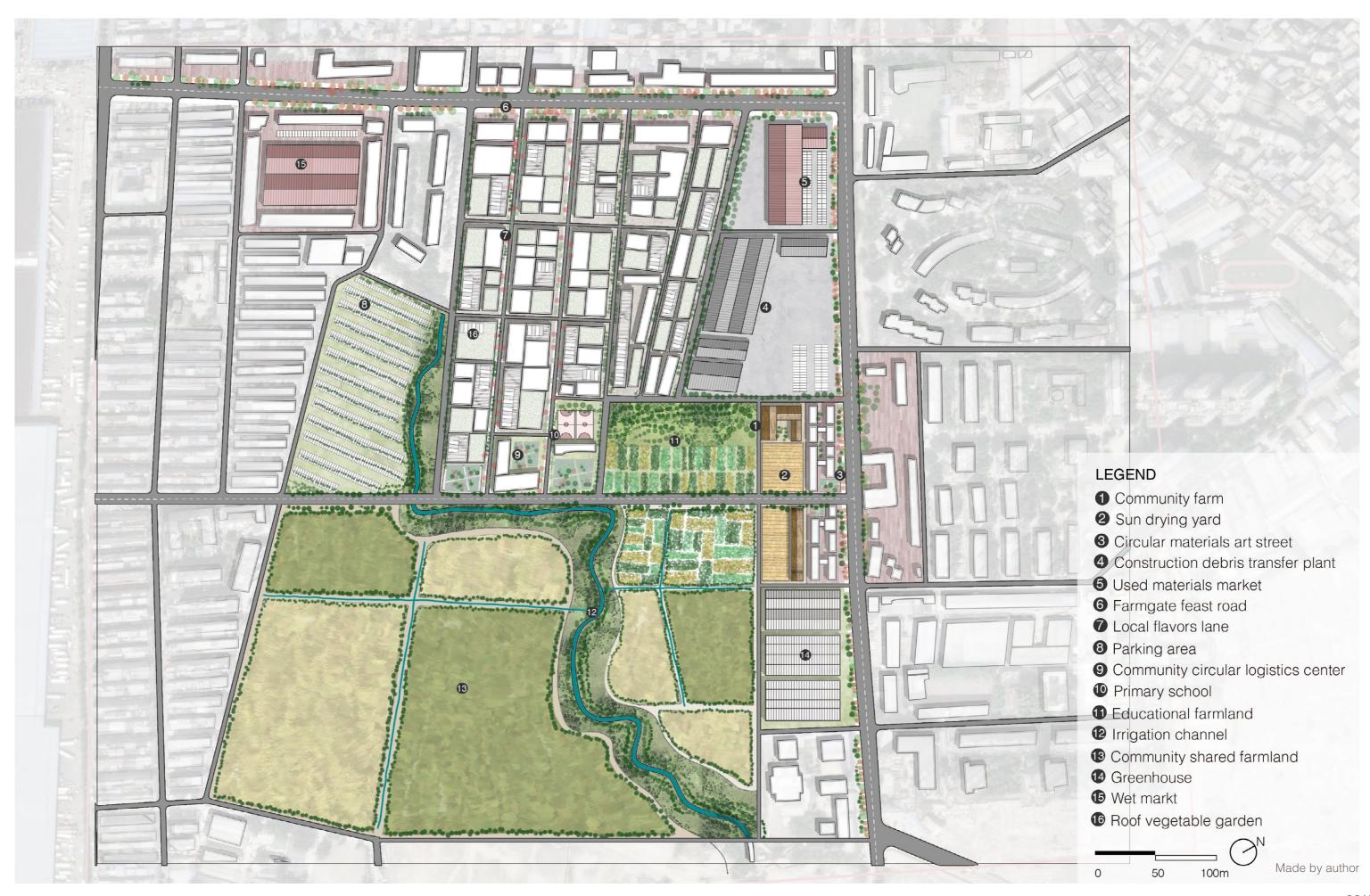


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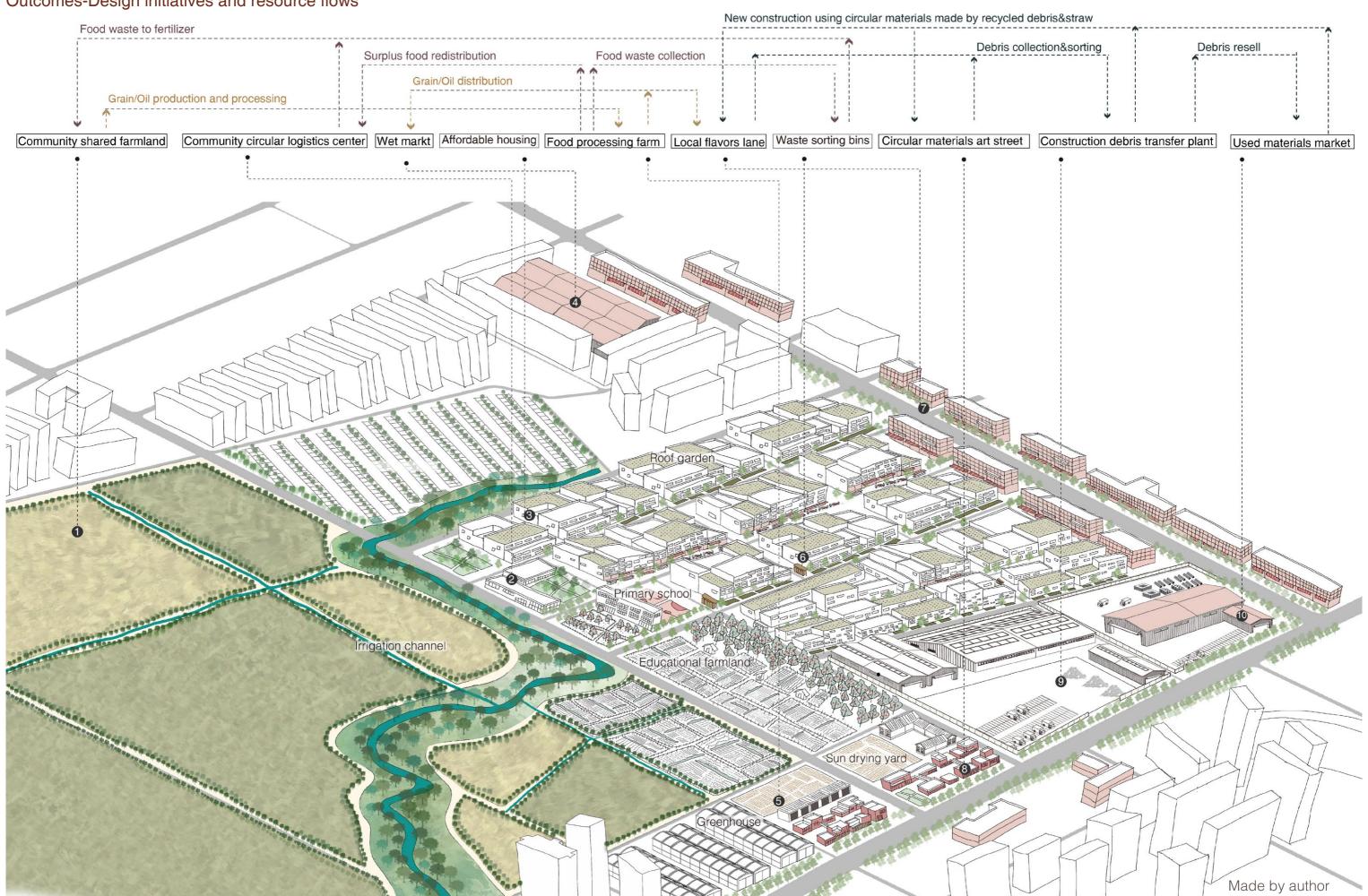




Master plan



Outcomes-Design initiatives and resource flows



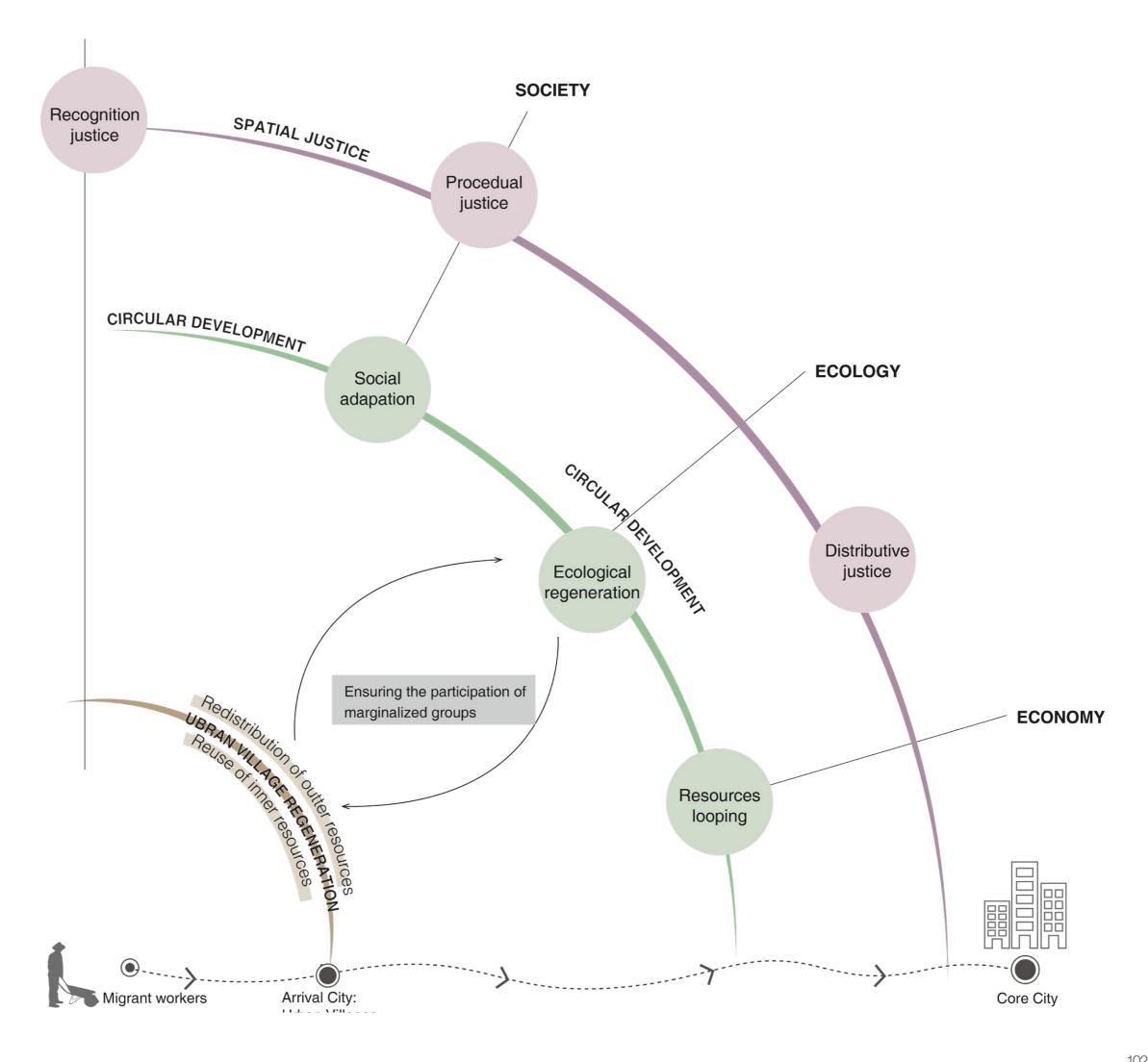
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Figure 39: Vegetable garden in front of abandoned shop in Chengdu's urban vil-Source: Photograph by the author

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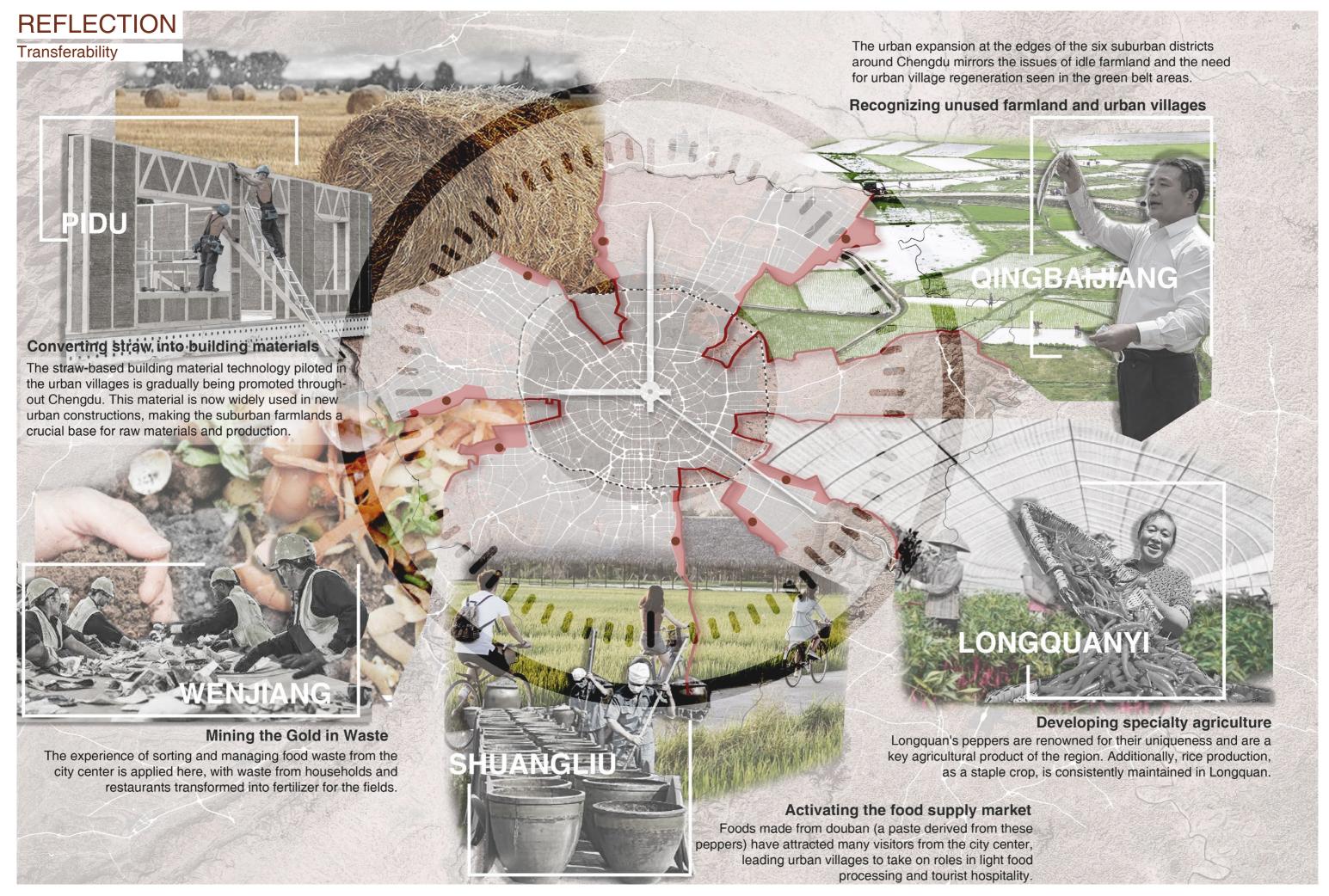


Figure 40: The transferability for Chengdu Metropolitan Made by author