

Transitional territories

Architecture of (post)-extraction in the Ağa lı coal fields, Istanbul

“Do you shovel to survive, or survive to shovel?”

Kōbō Abe, *The Woman in the Dunes*, 1964

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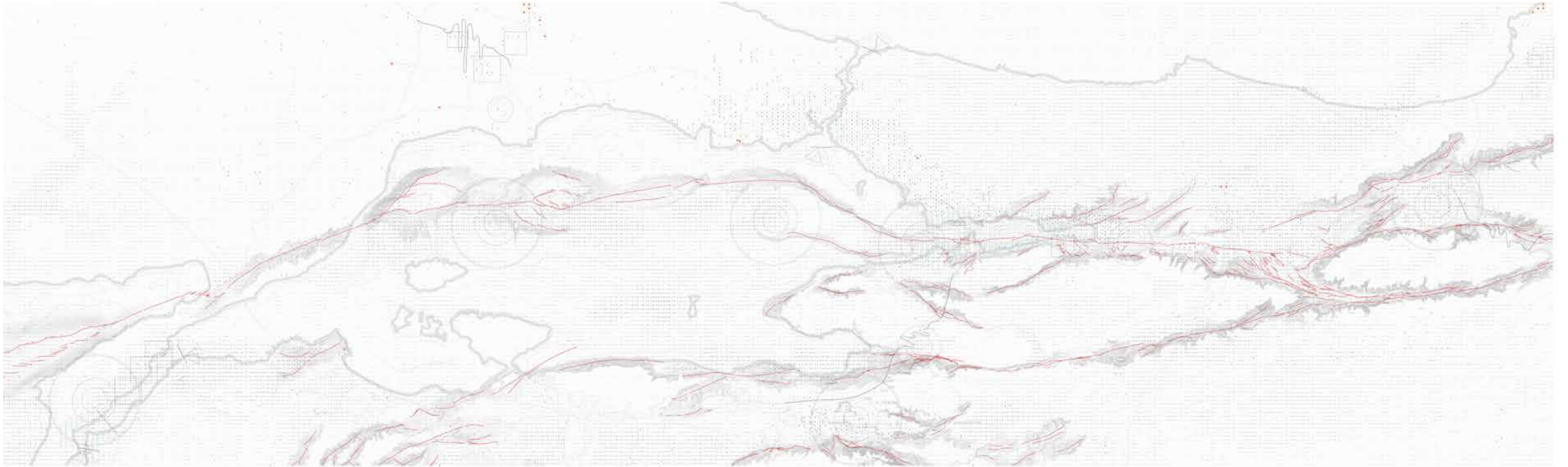
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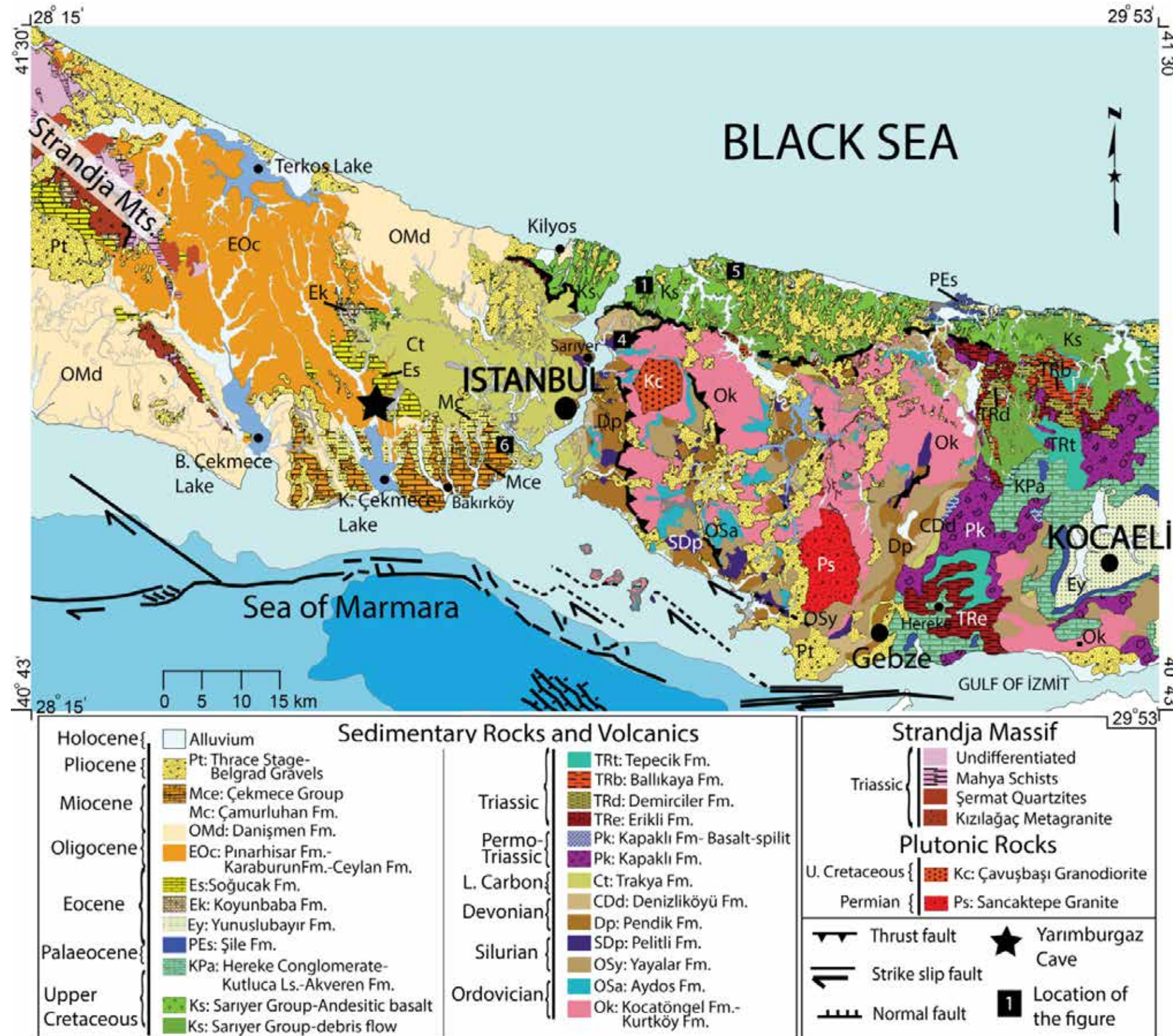
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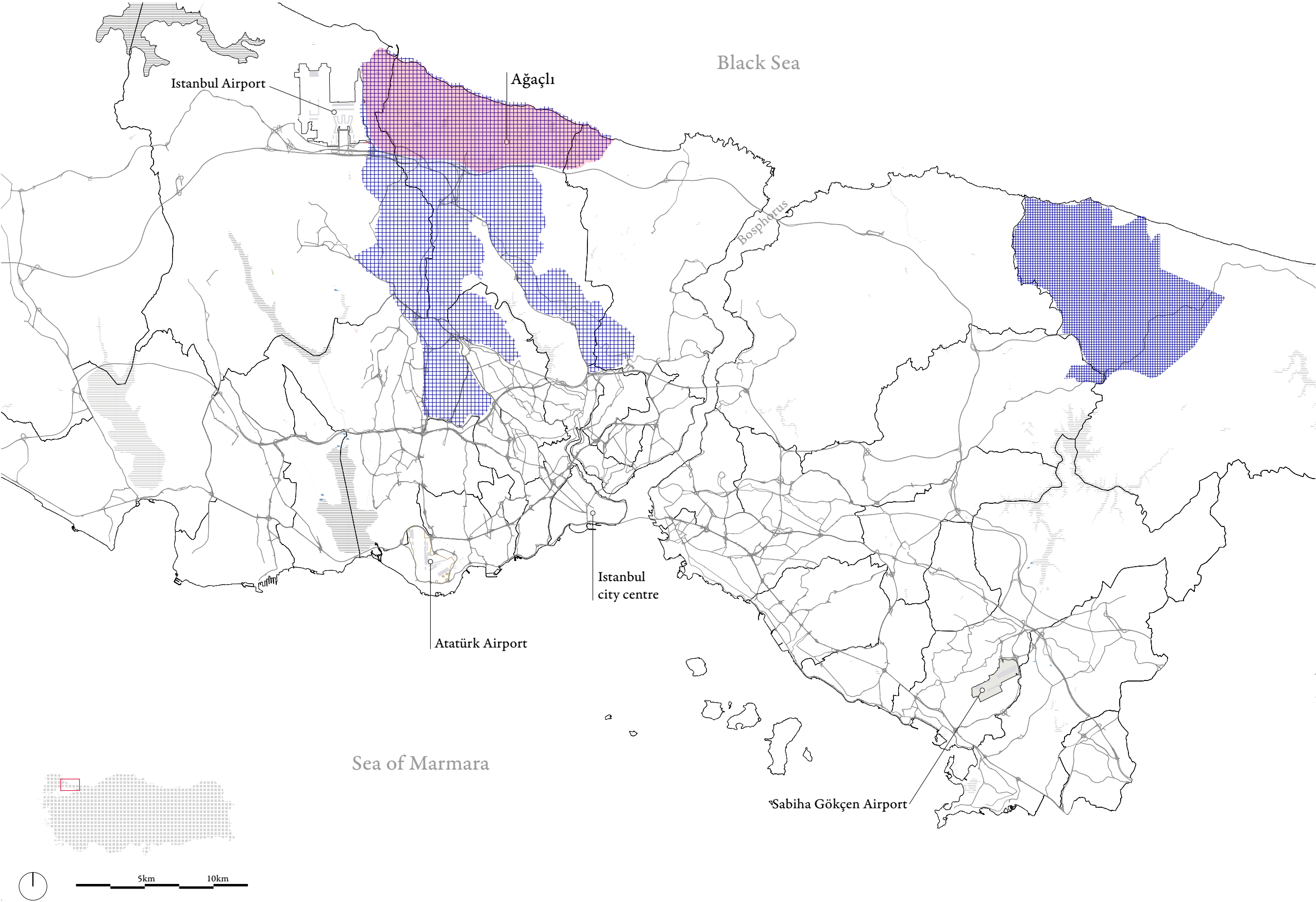
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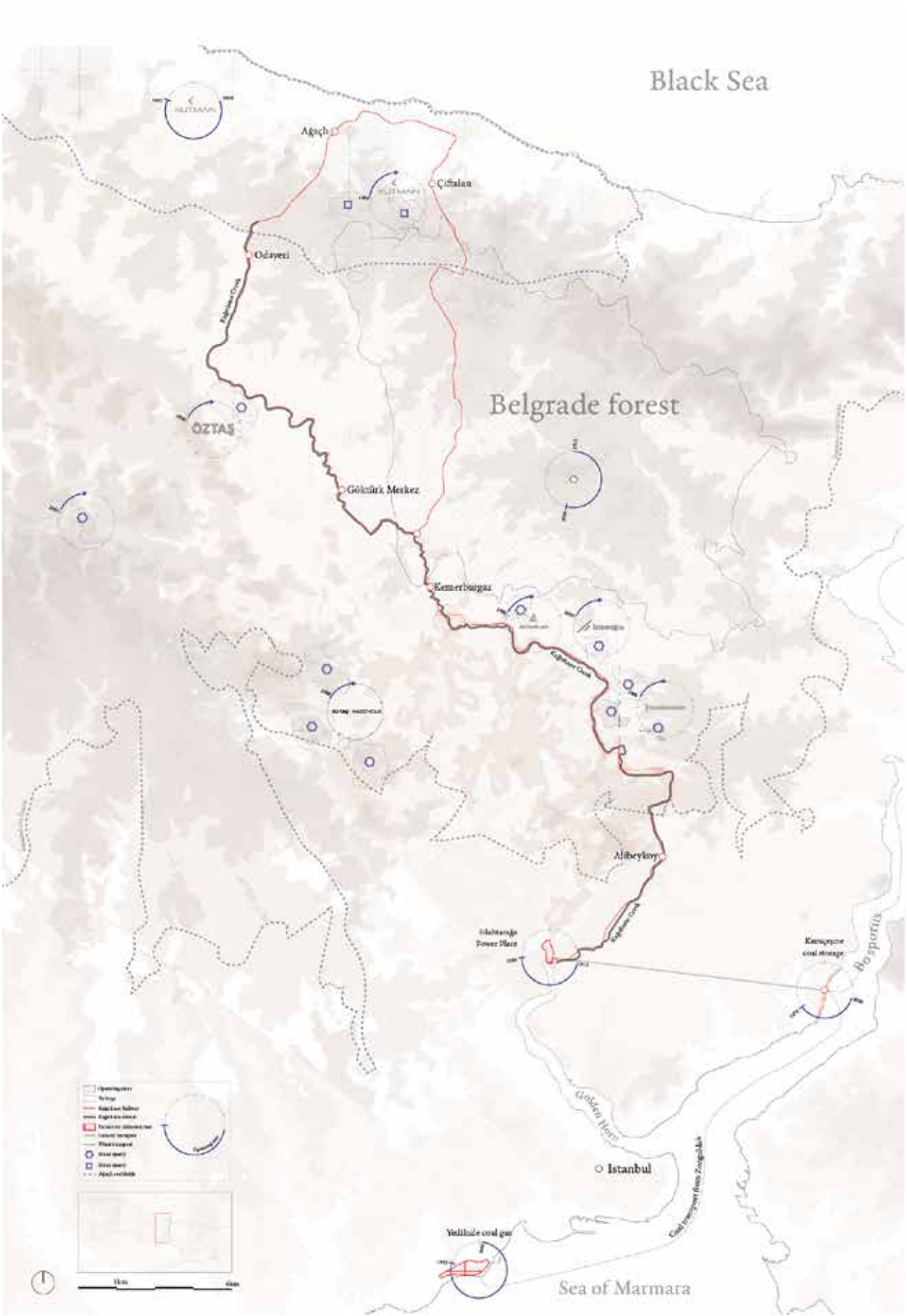
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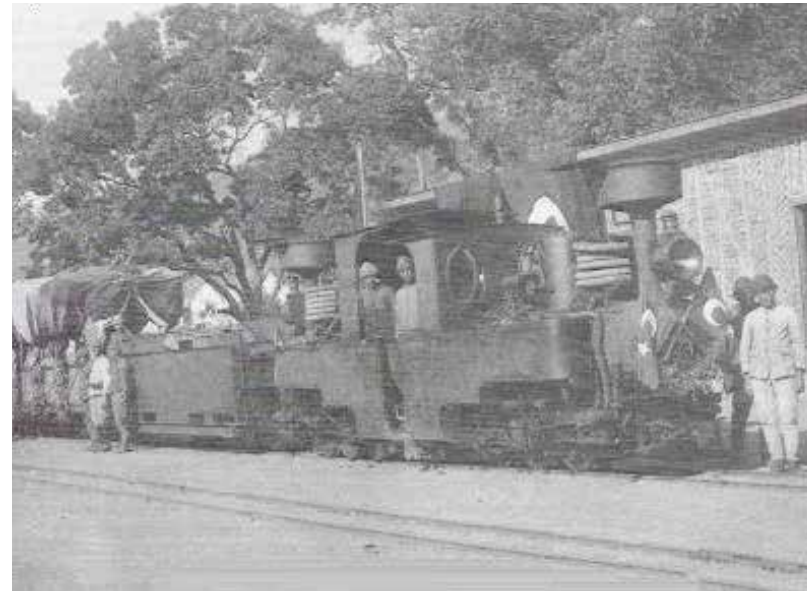


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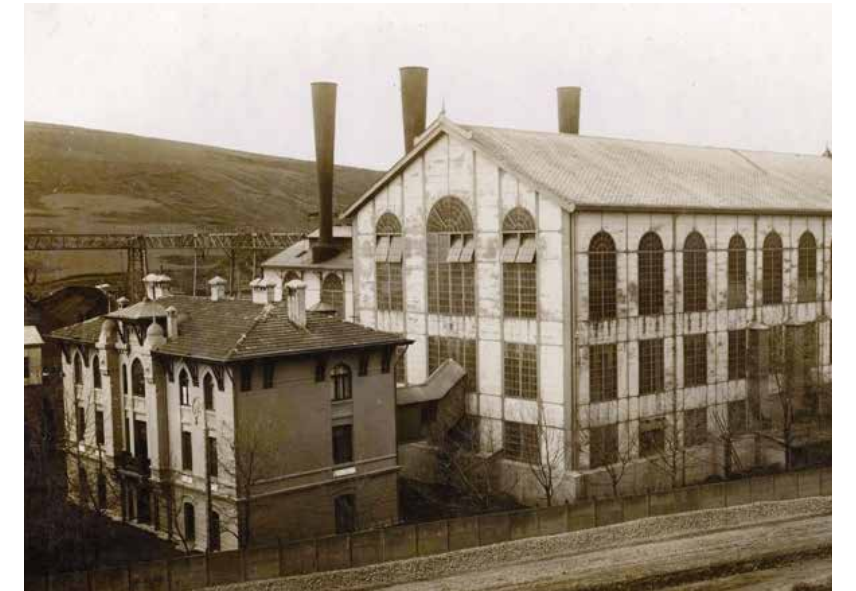




Ağaçlı coal fields



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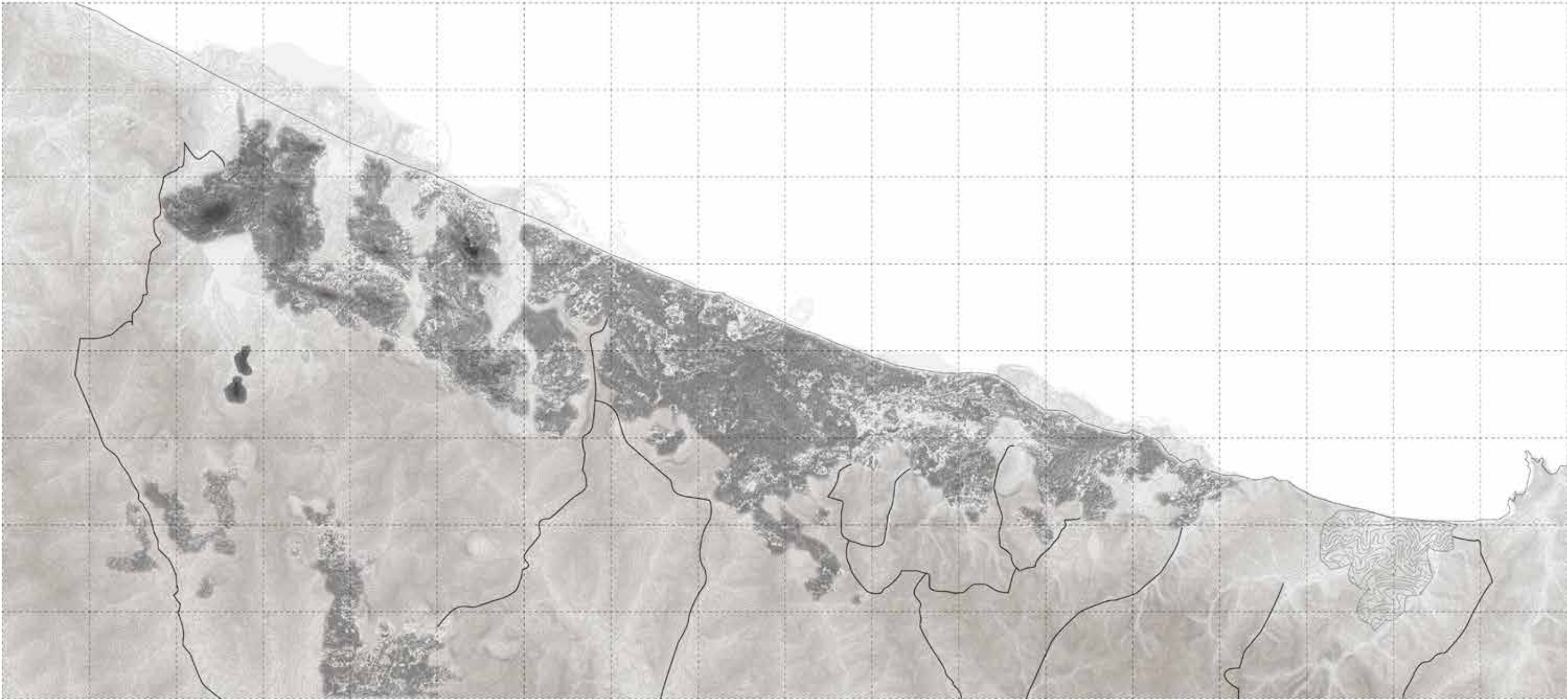


Silahtarğa Power Plant

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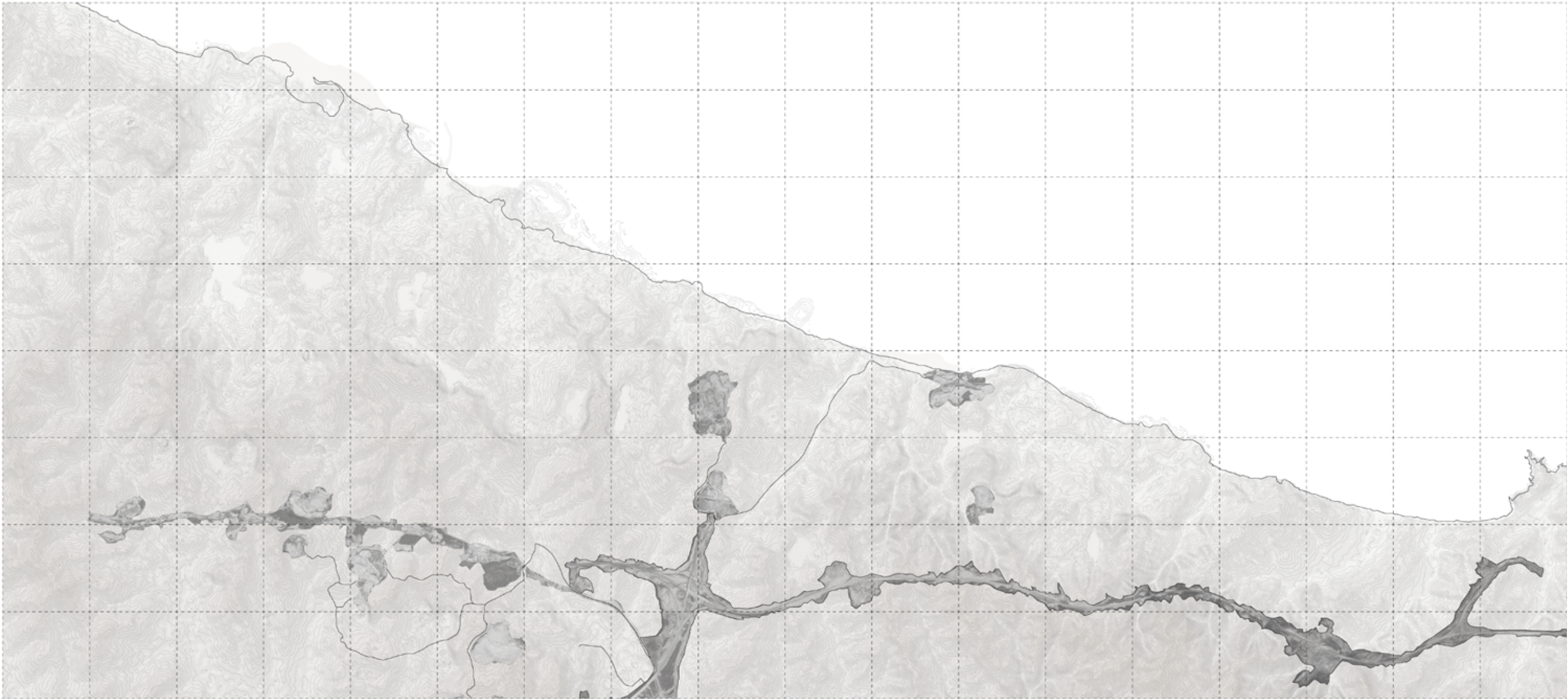


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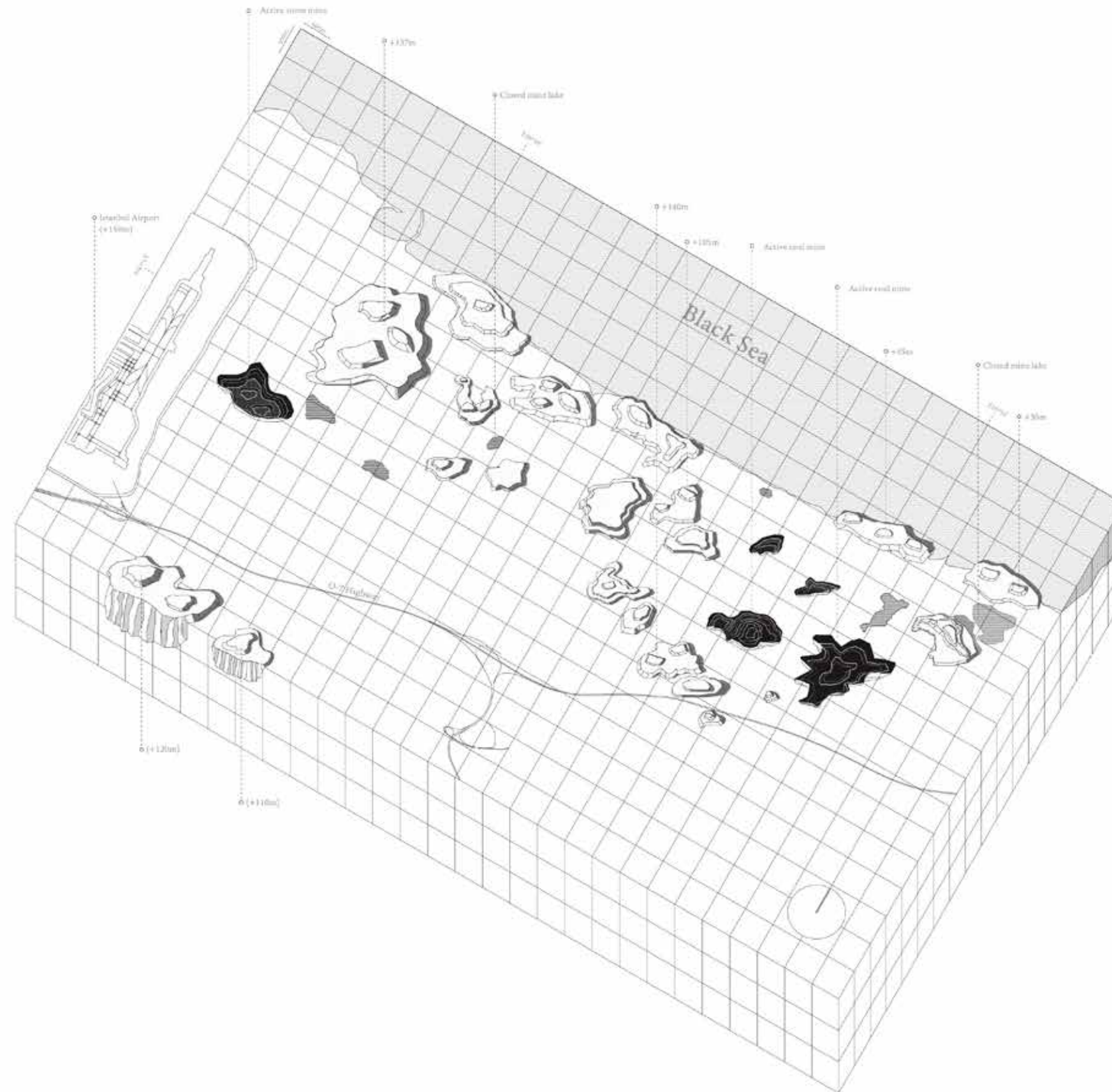


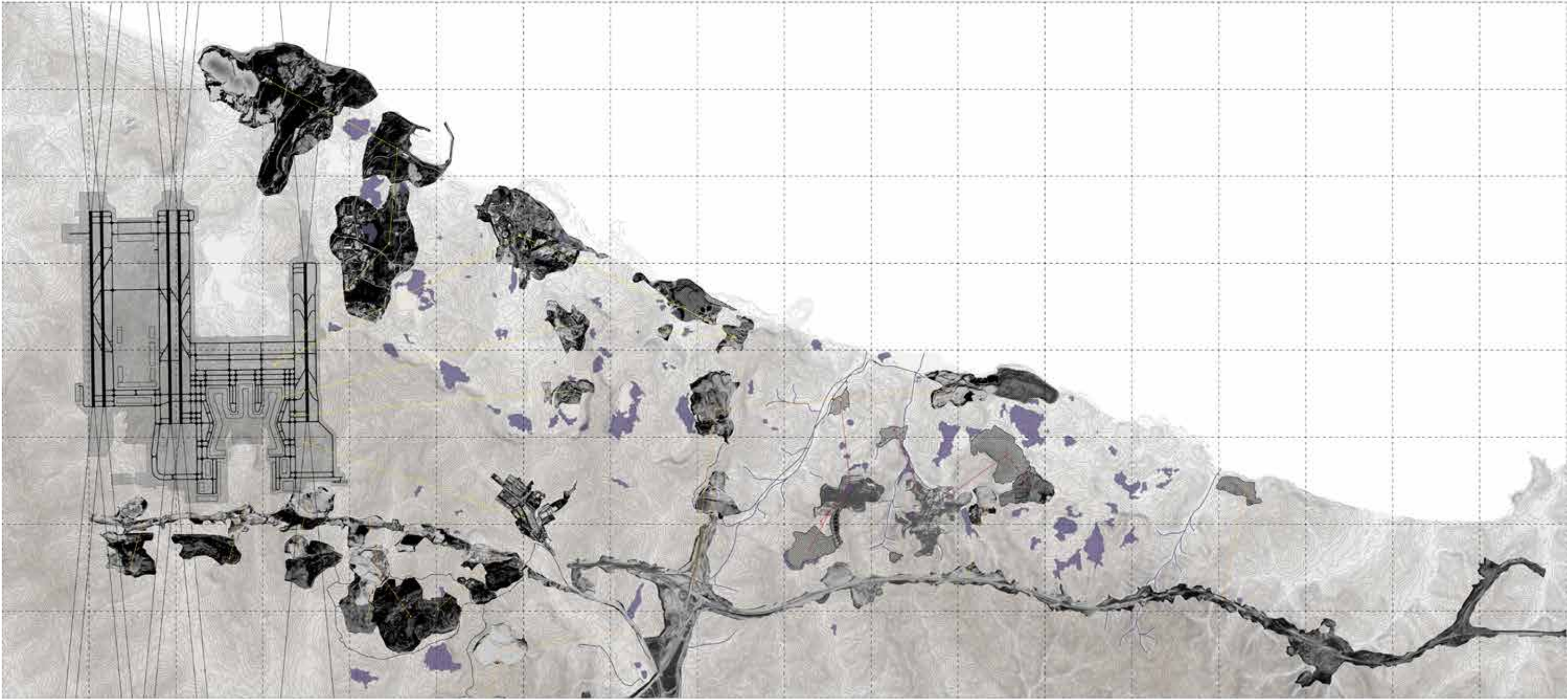
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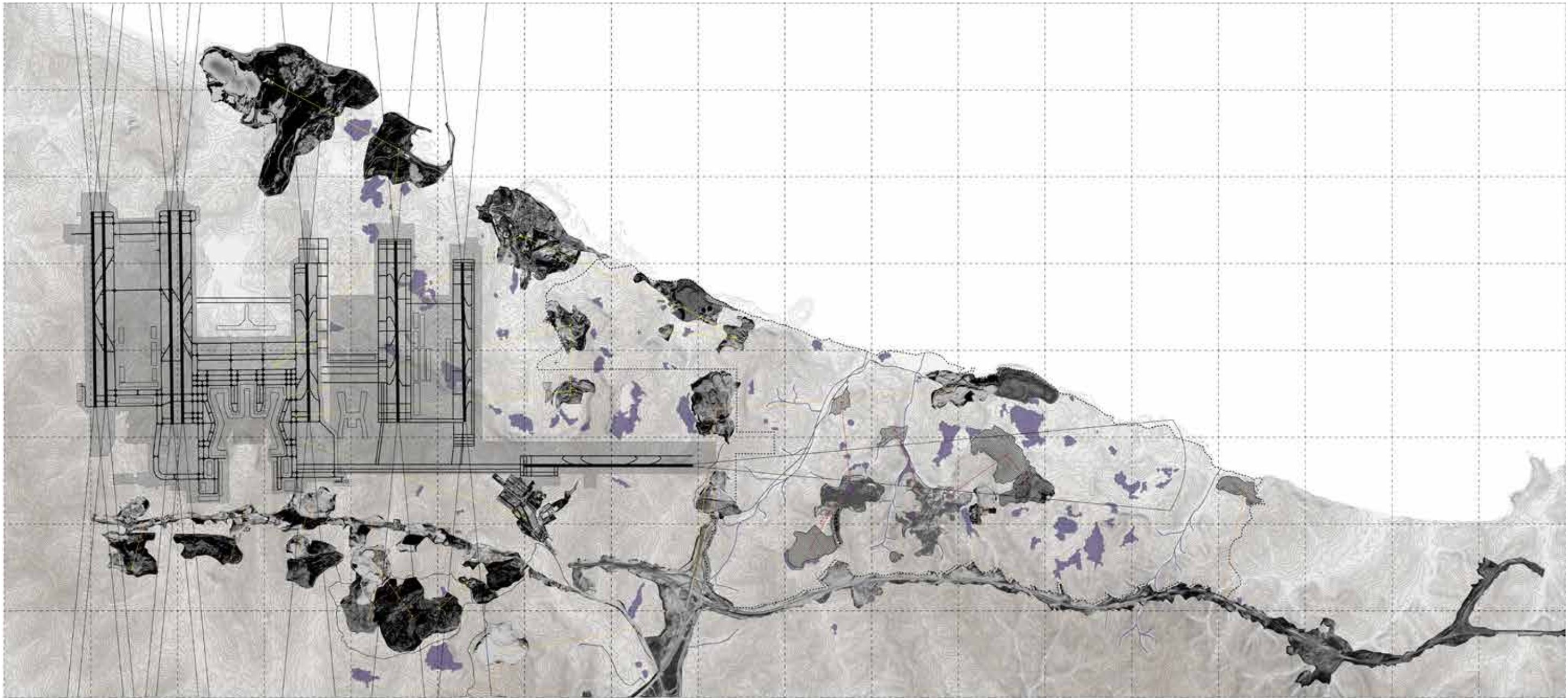
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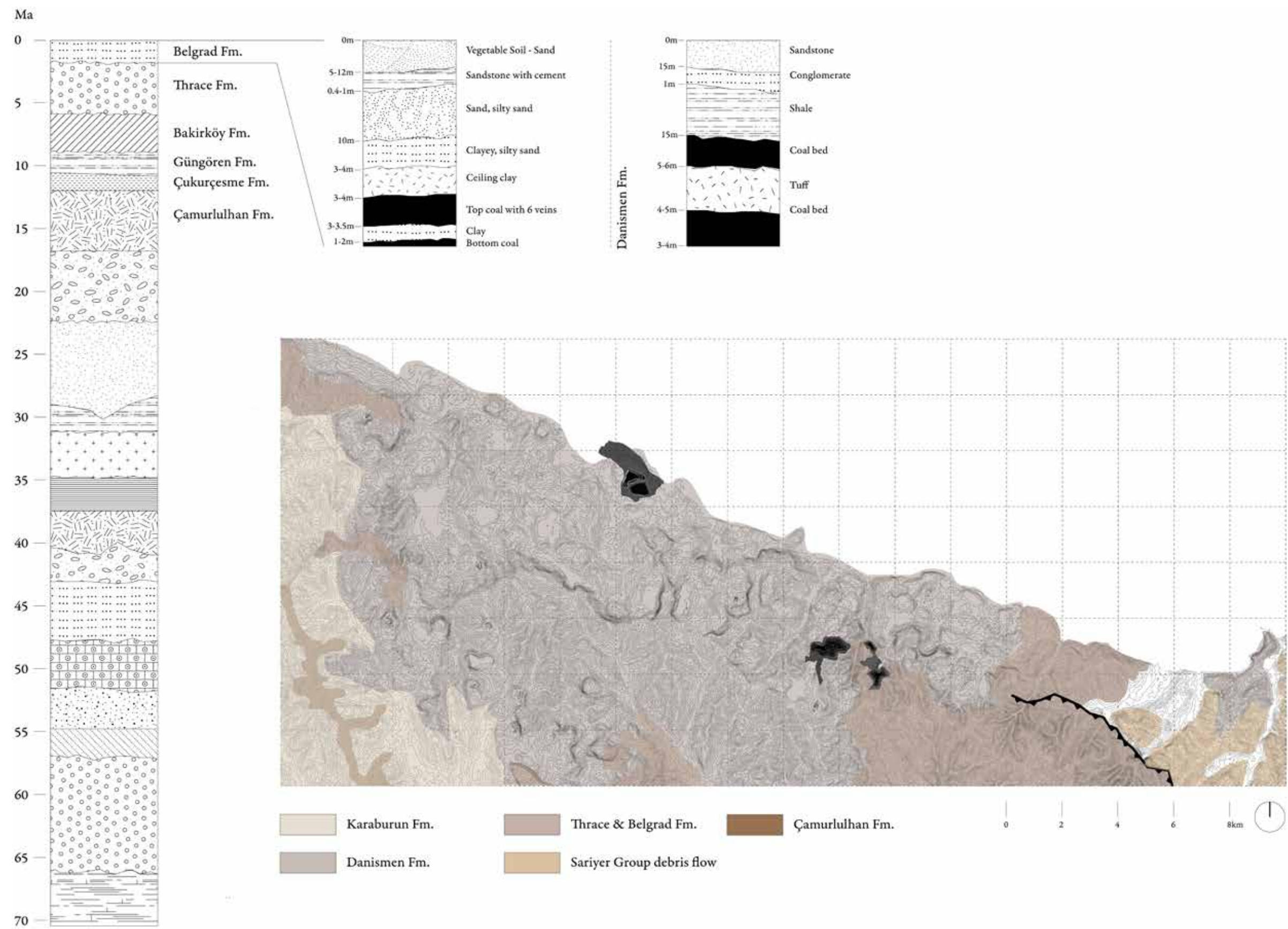
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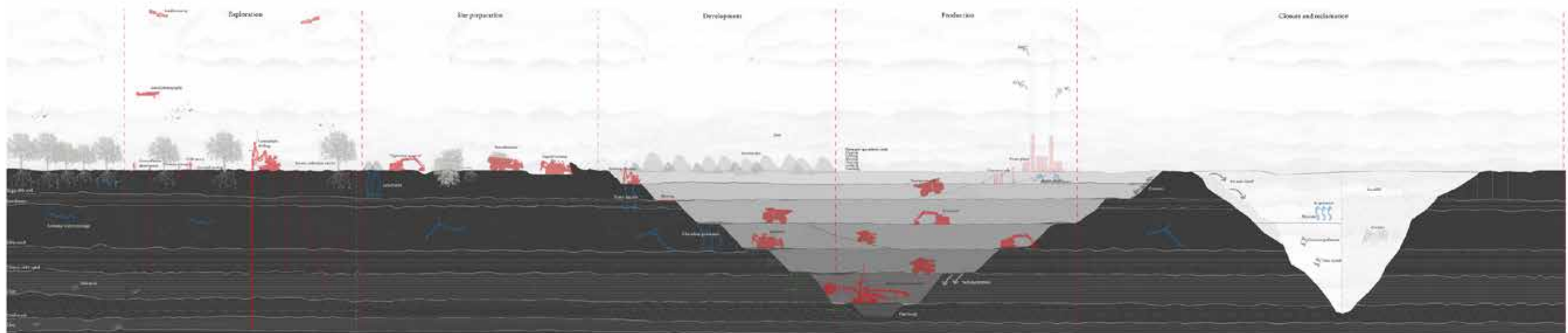
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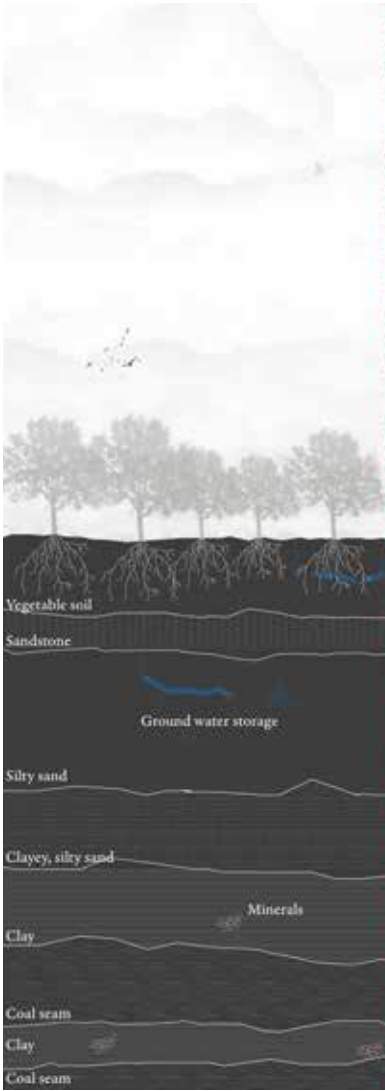
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Possibilities of remediating the (post)-extraction landscapes of the Ağaçlı coal fields.

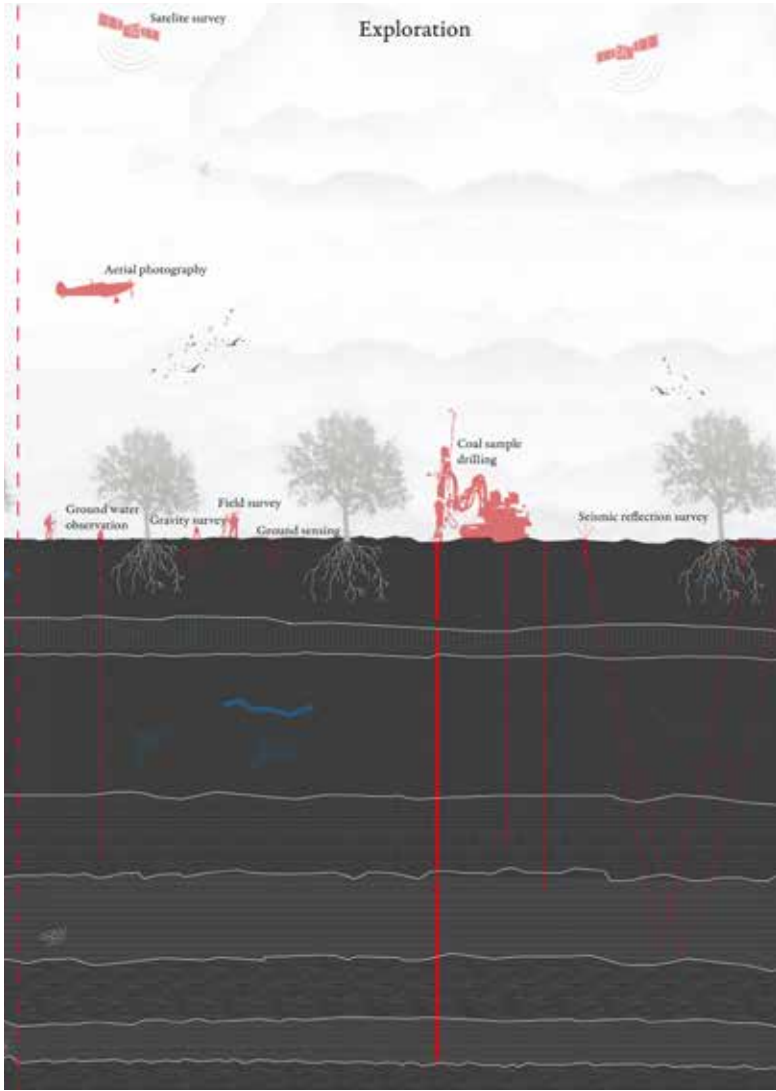
An alternative occupation, seeing soil not as a static being,
but as a medium in transition,
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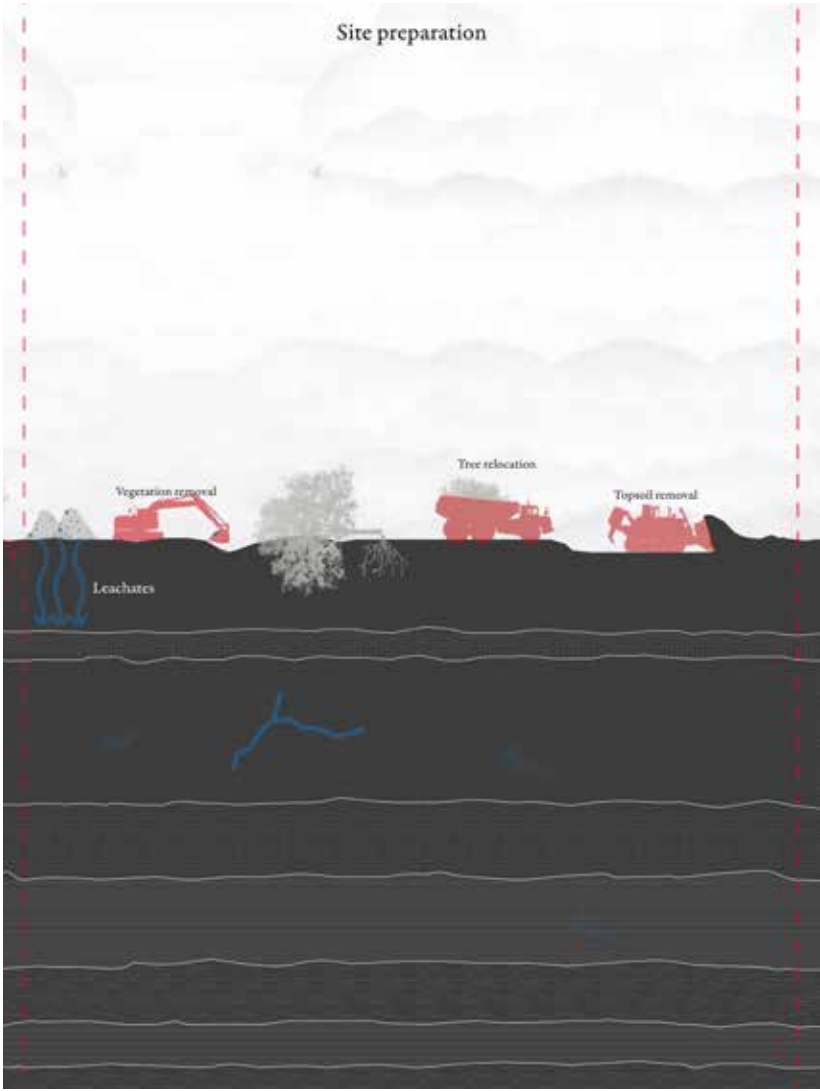




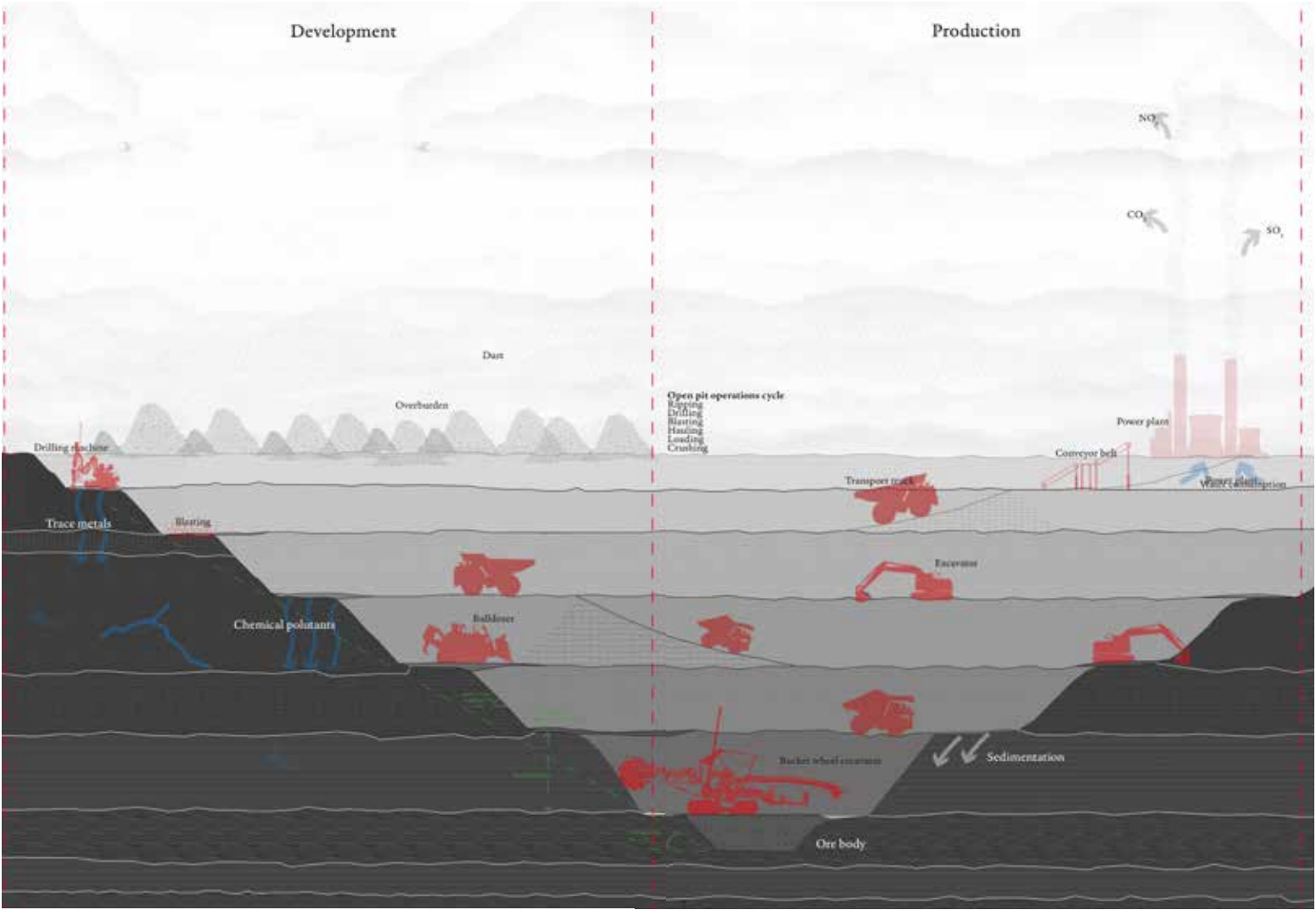
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3 - 15 years

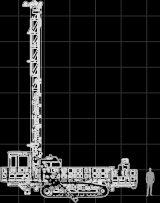
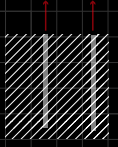

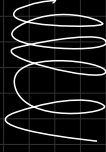
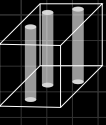
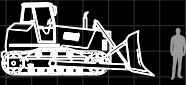
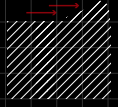

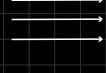
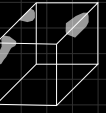




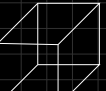

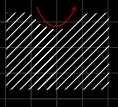
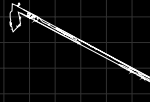
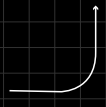
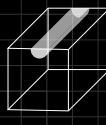
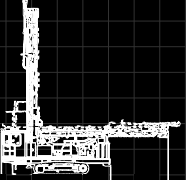


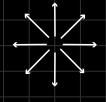
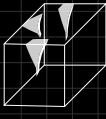

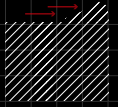

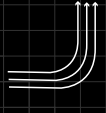

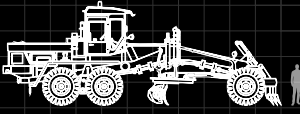
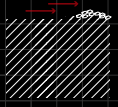
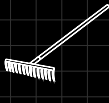

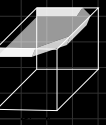

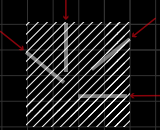

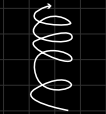
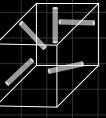


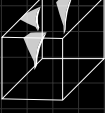
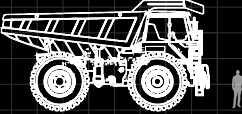
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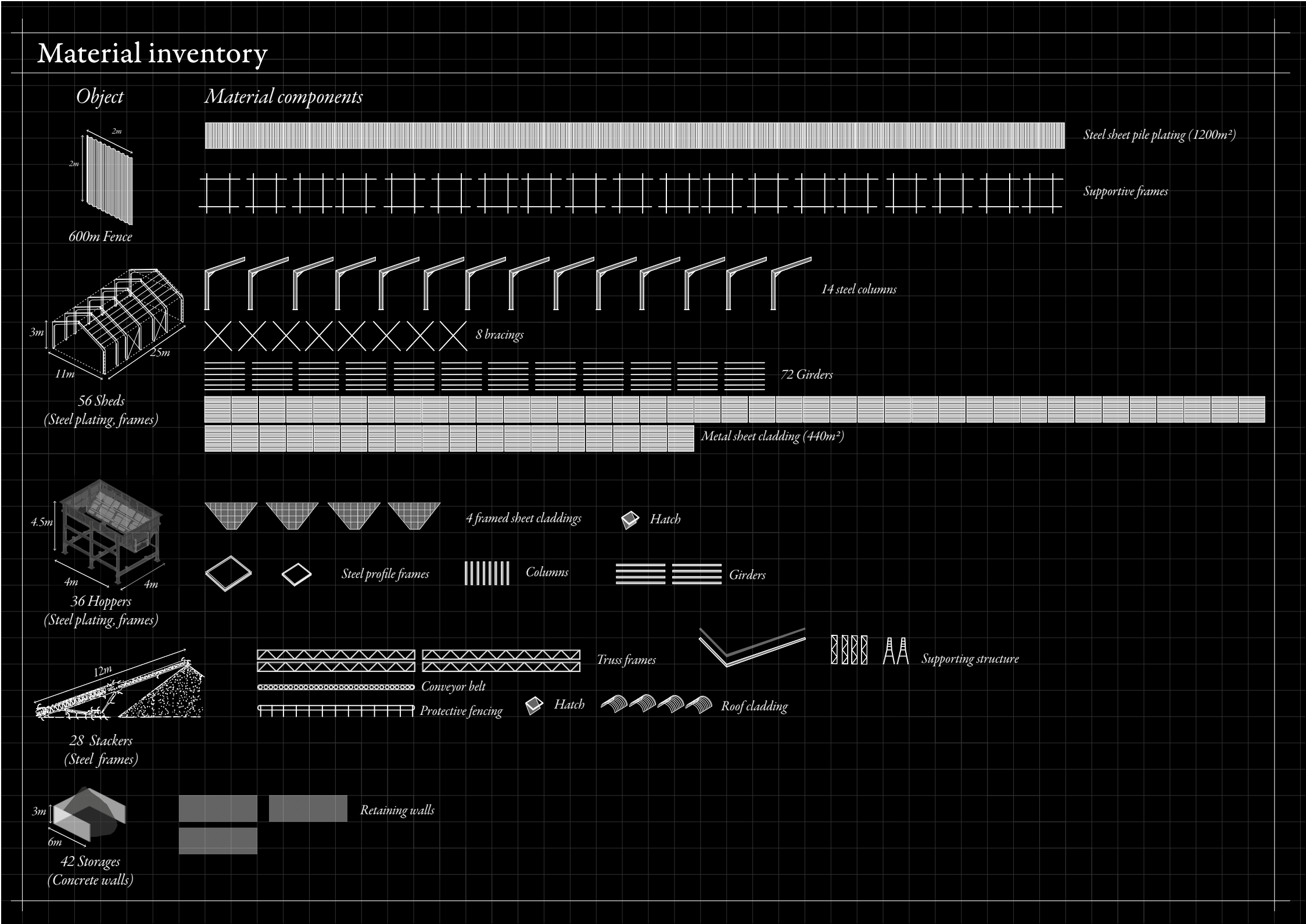
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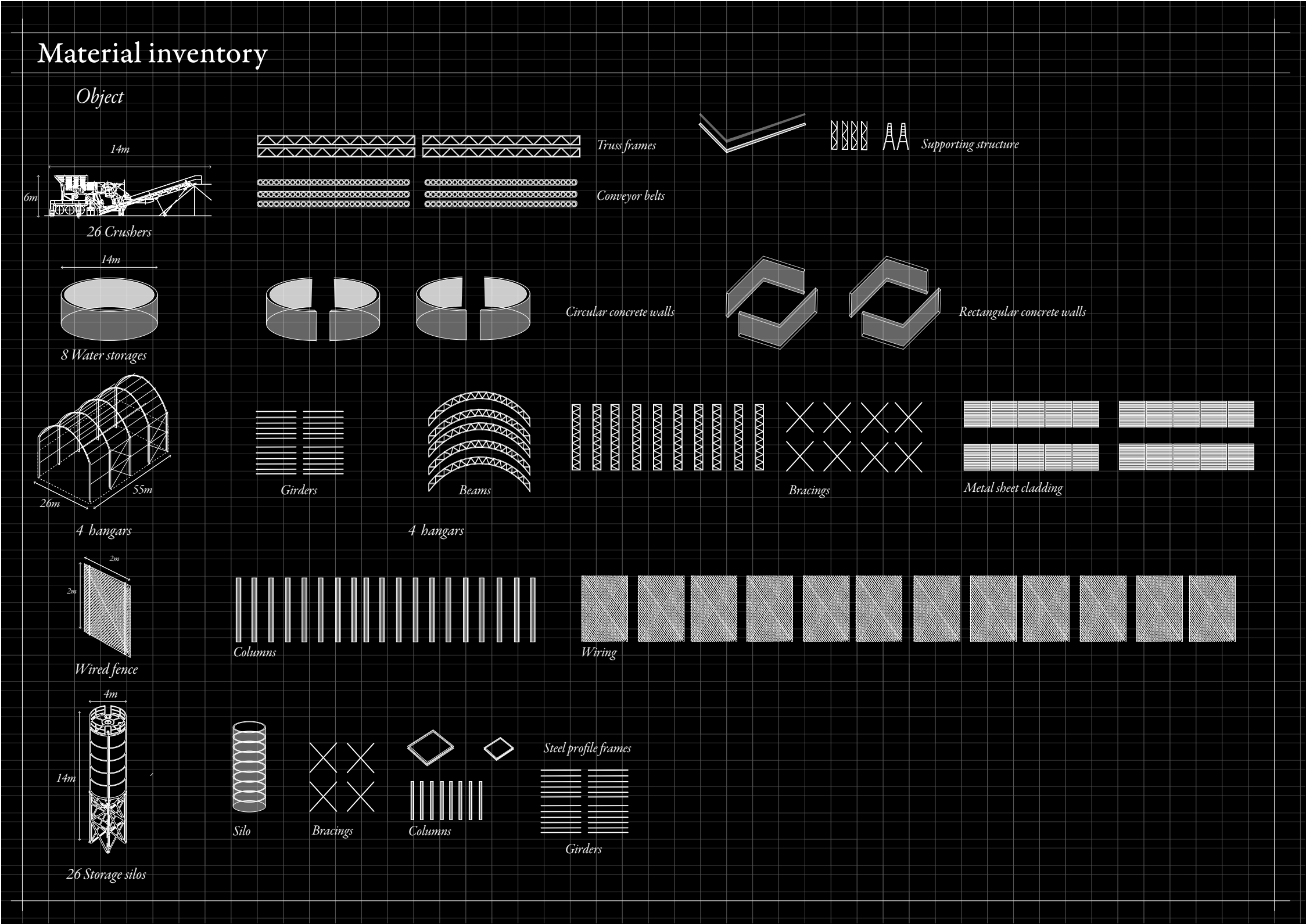
10 - 50 years

Extraction machine inventory					EXPLOATION
Instrument	Function	Manual	Movement	Void	
 Corehole drill	 Excavating coreholes	 Auger torque	 Cylindrical	 Cylinder	OBSERVING
 Bulldozer	 Move earth	 Shovel	 Linear	 Various	
 Transport truck	 Transport	 Wheelbarrow	 Stationary	 None	
 Shovel	 Digging	 Land hoe	 Directional	 Cylindrical	
 Blasthole drill	 Blasting	 Drill	 Omnidirectional	 Various	PREPARATION
 Dozer	 Move earth	 Shovel	 Directional	 Cubical	
 Grader	 Grade earth	 Rake	 Outwards	 Trapezoid	
 Long-hole drilling rig	 Drilling	 Auger torque	 Cylindrical	 Cylinder	

					PRODUCTION
Instrument	Function	Manual	Movement	Void	
 Bucket-wheel excavator	 Dig, transport, load earth	 Drill, shovel, wheelbarrow	 Directional	 Cylindrical	BECOMING
 Dragline excavator	 Remove overburden	 Loading shovel, wheelbarrow	 Omnidirectional	 Various	
 Shovel	 Collecting	 Loading shovel	 Directional	 Cylindrical	
 Mine truck	 Transport	 Wheelbarrow	 Stationary	 None	
 Crane lift	 Loading	 Jib crane	 Omnidirectional	 Cone	RECLAMATION
 Hoppers	 Hold & dispense	 Conical sief	 Directional	 Conical	
 Conveyor belt	 Transport, blend, mix	 Manual sorting	 Linear	 None	
 Crusher	 Crush	 Pickaxe	 Directional	 Crack	
 Stackers	 Piling	 Manual sorting	 Directional	 Cone	RECLAMATION







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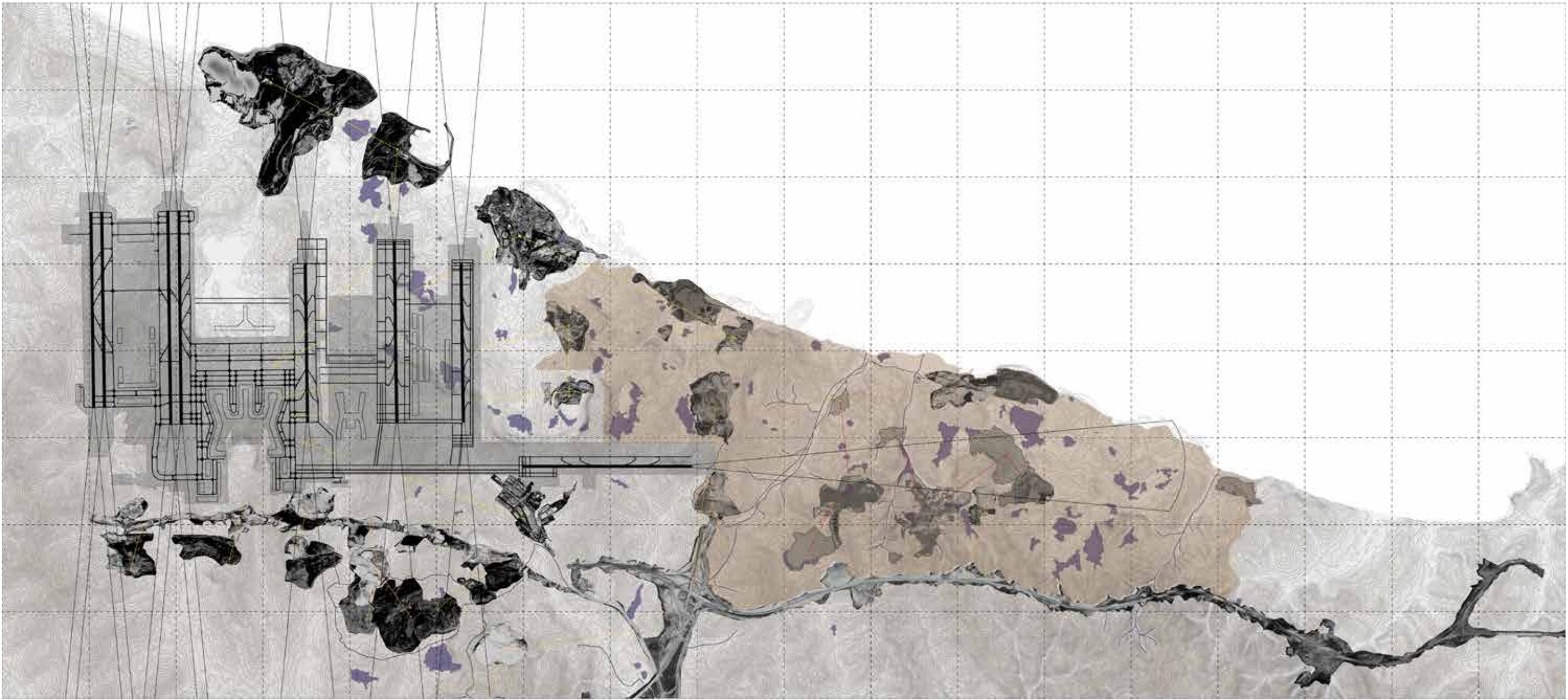
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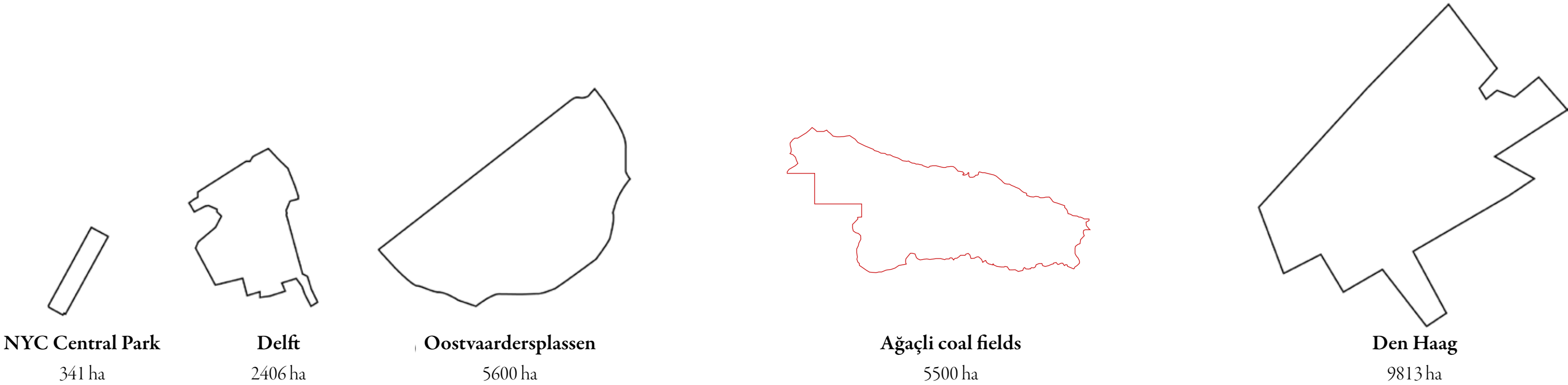
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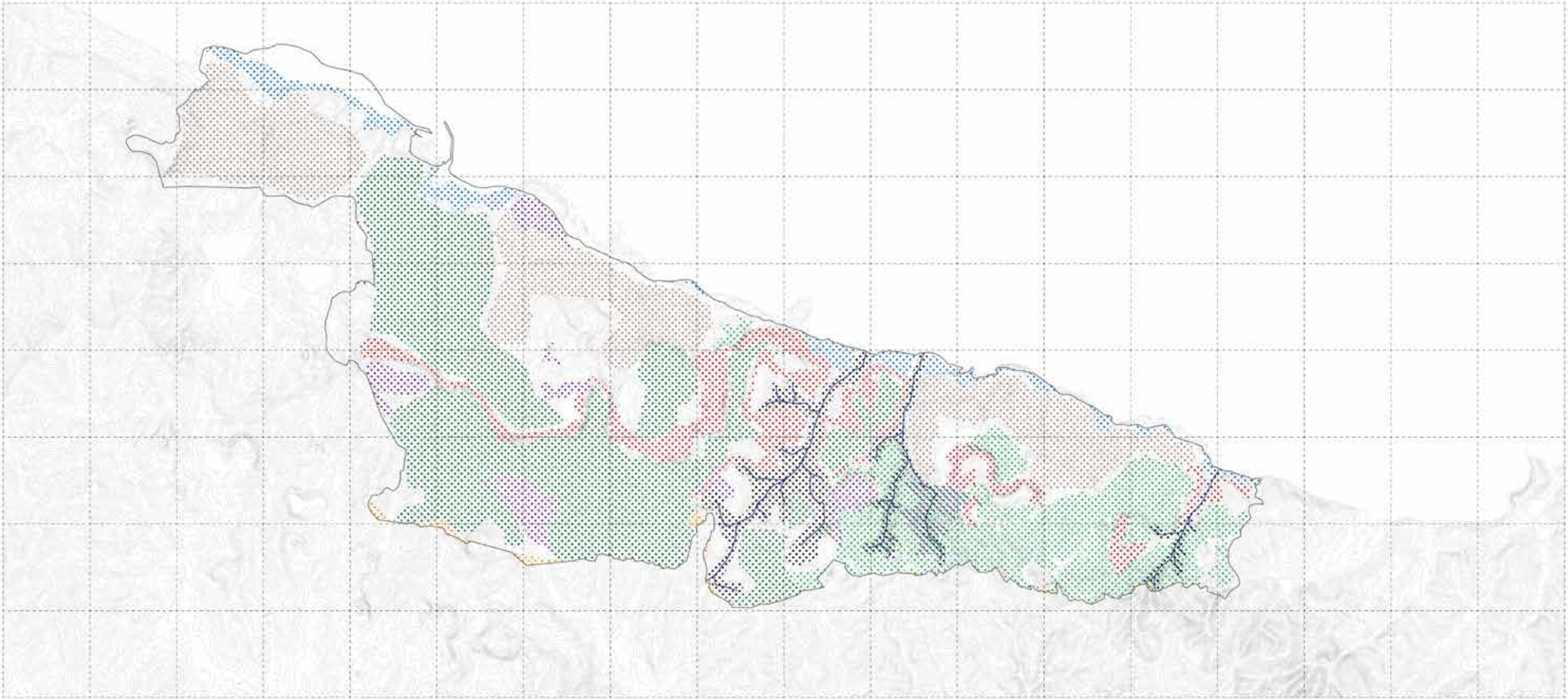
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Remediation

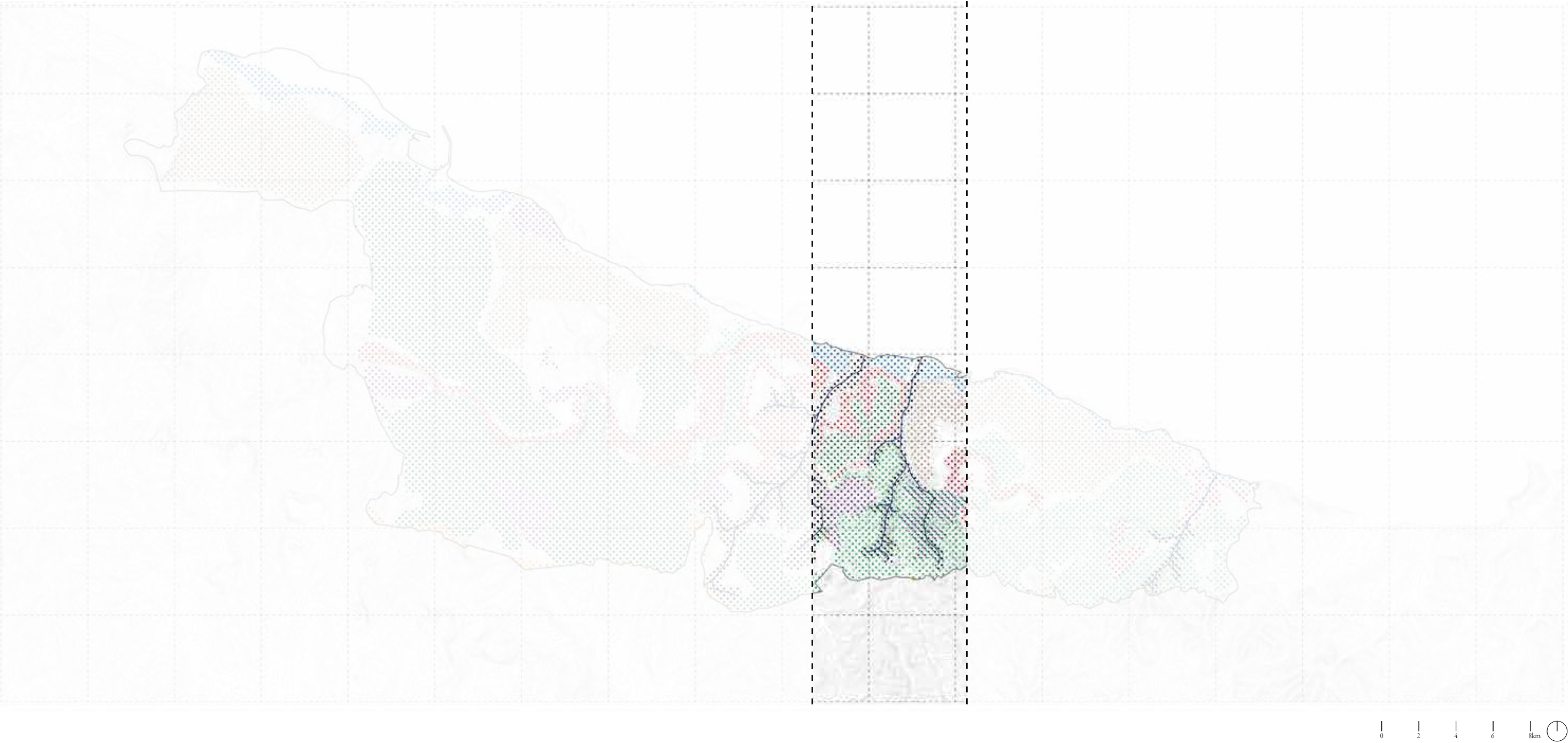
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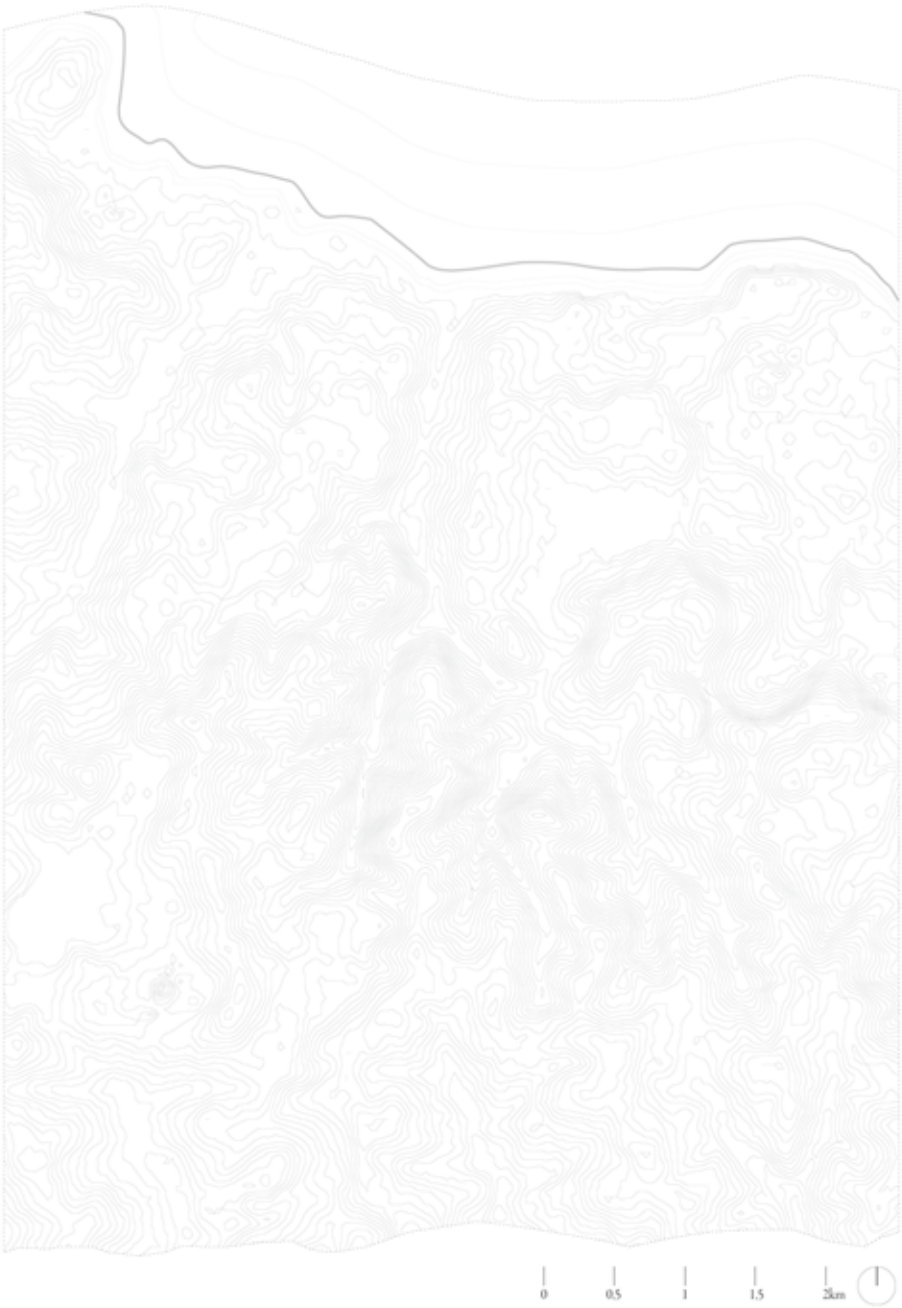


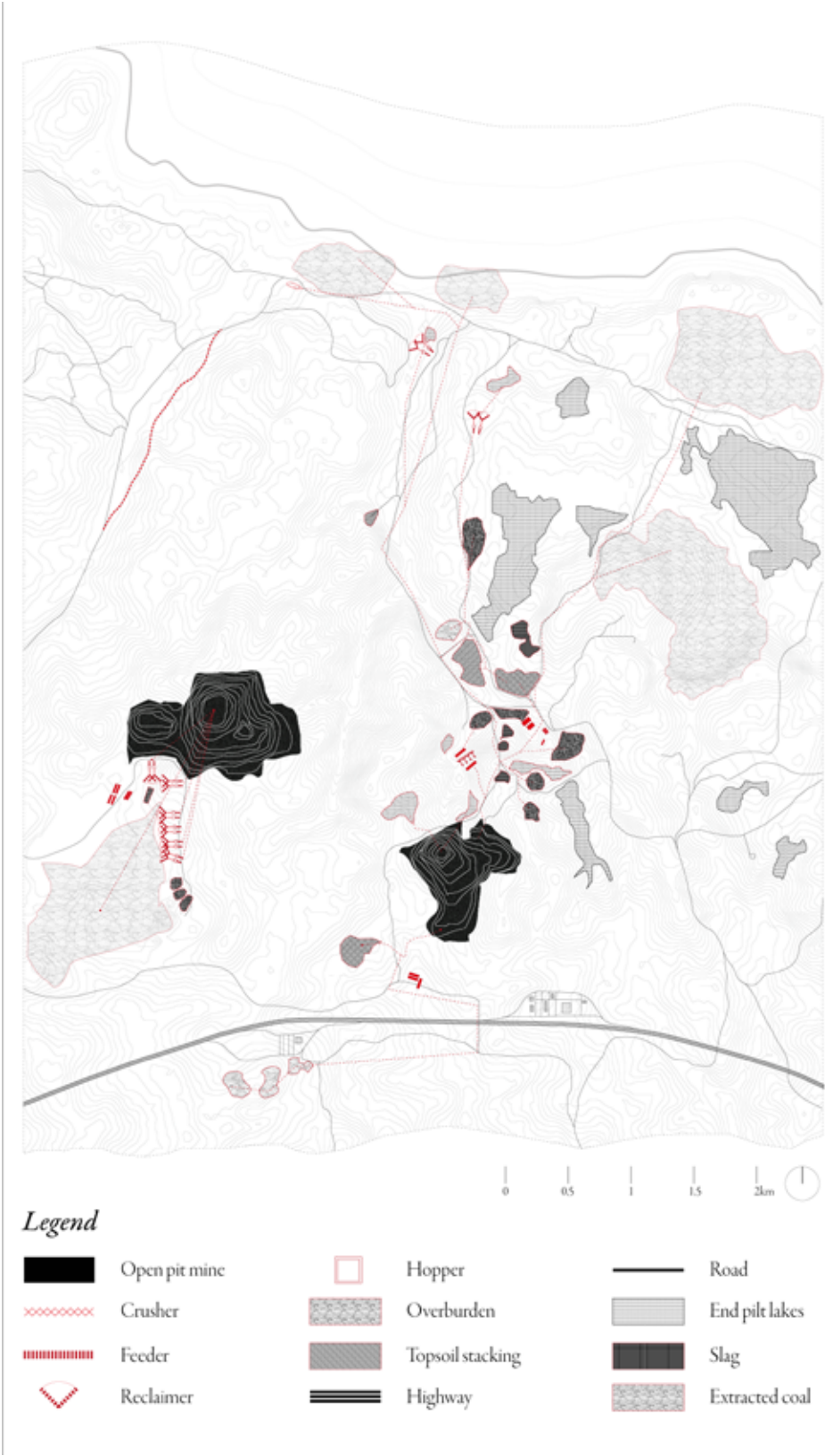


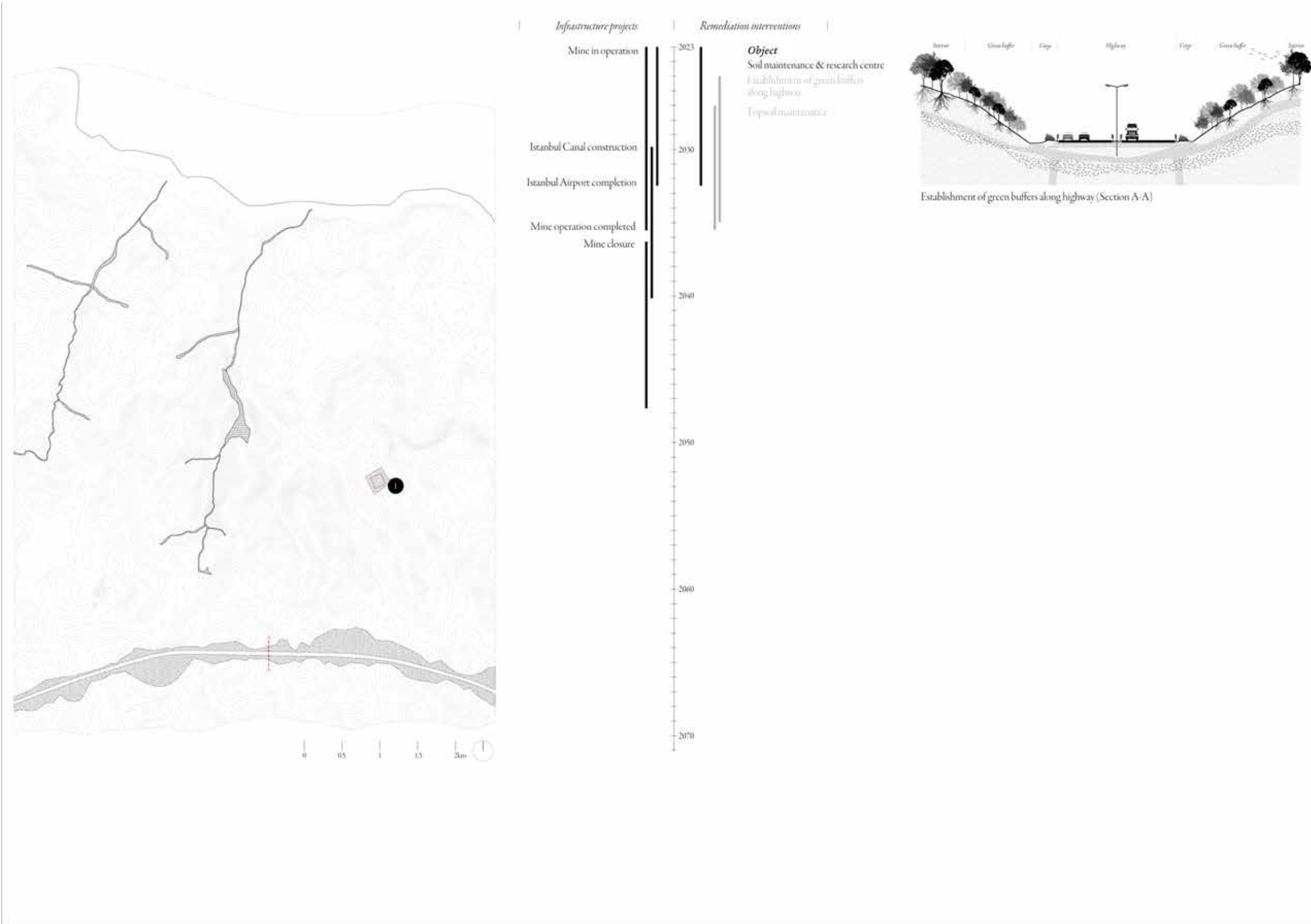


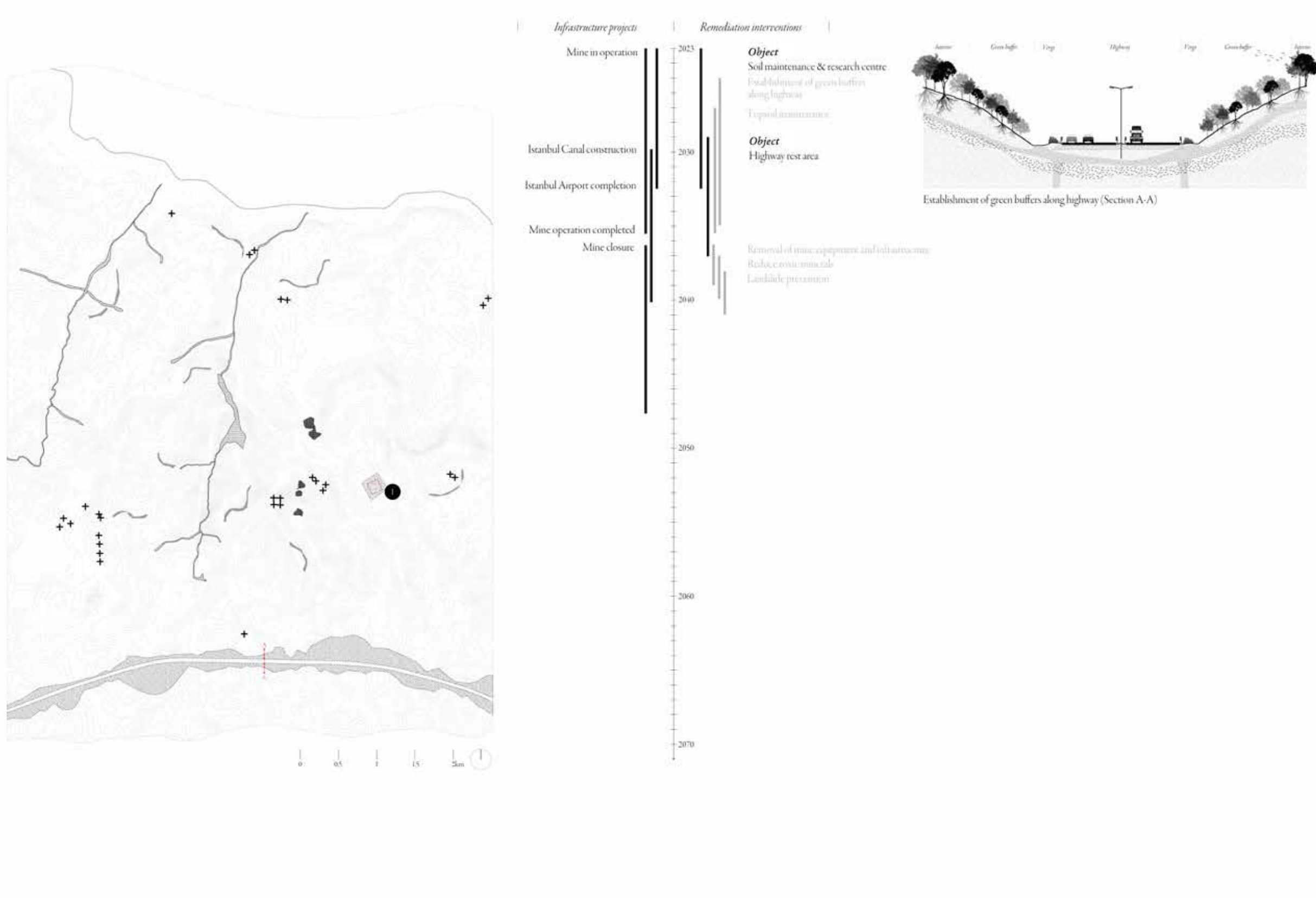
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|  | Improving forest quality |  | Restoration of biomes |
|  | Containment of erosion |  | Preserving coastal areas |
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|  | Reusing mining materials |  | Establishing green corridors |

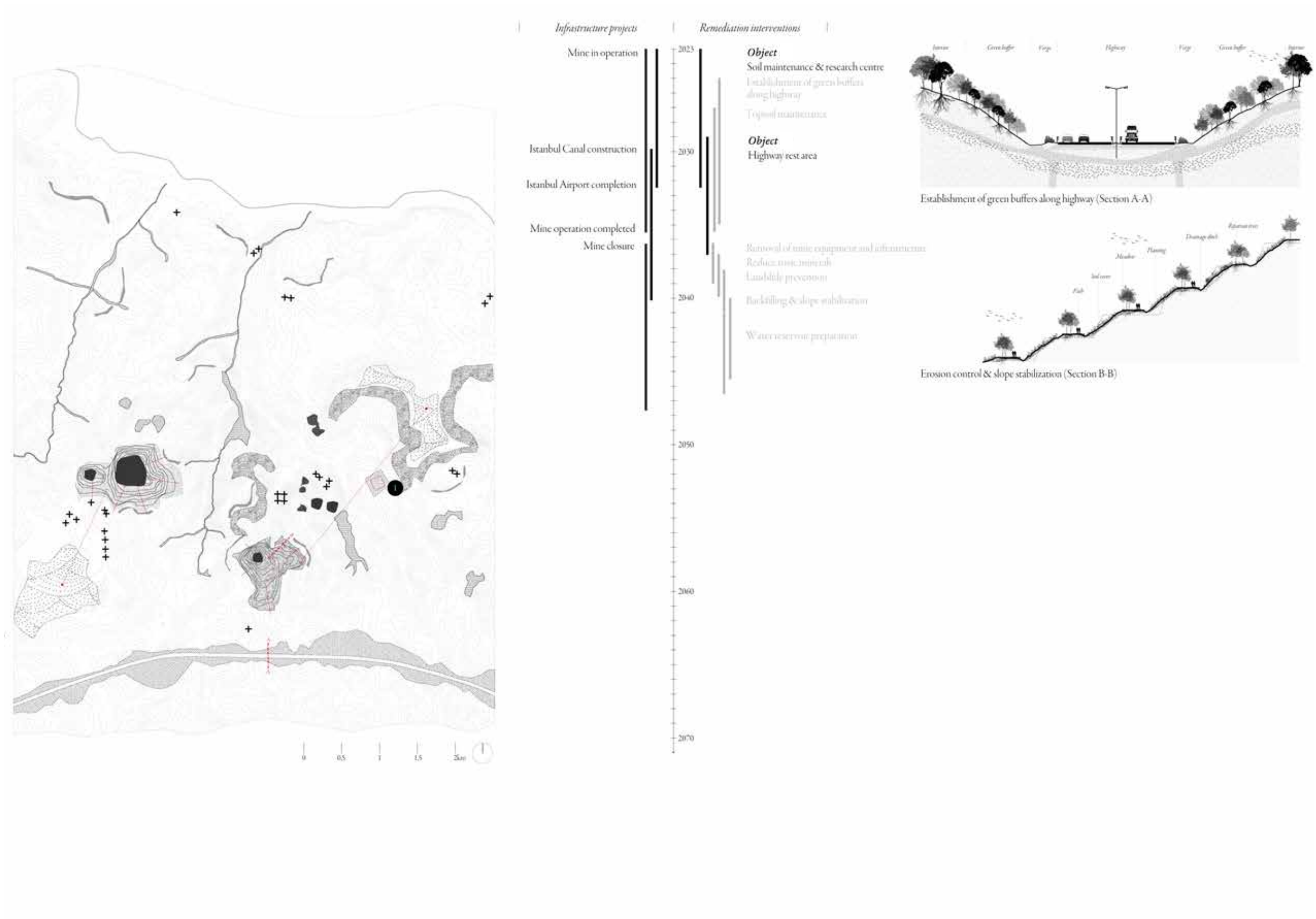


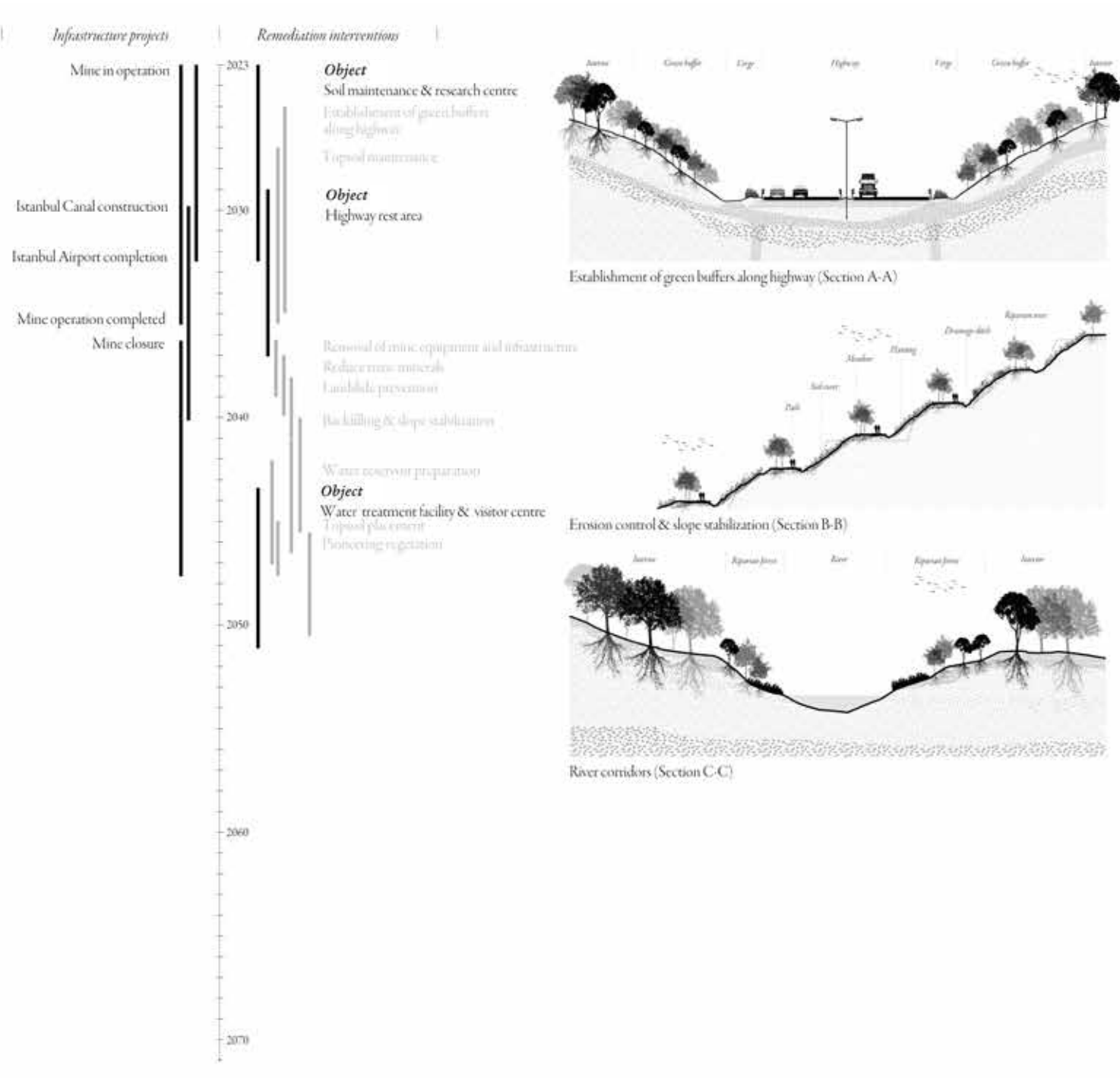
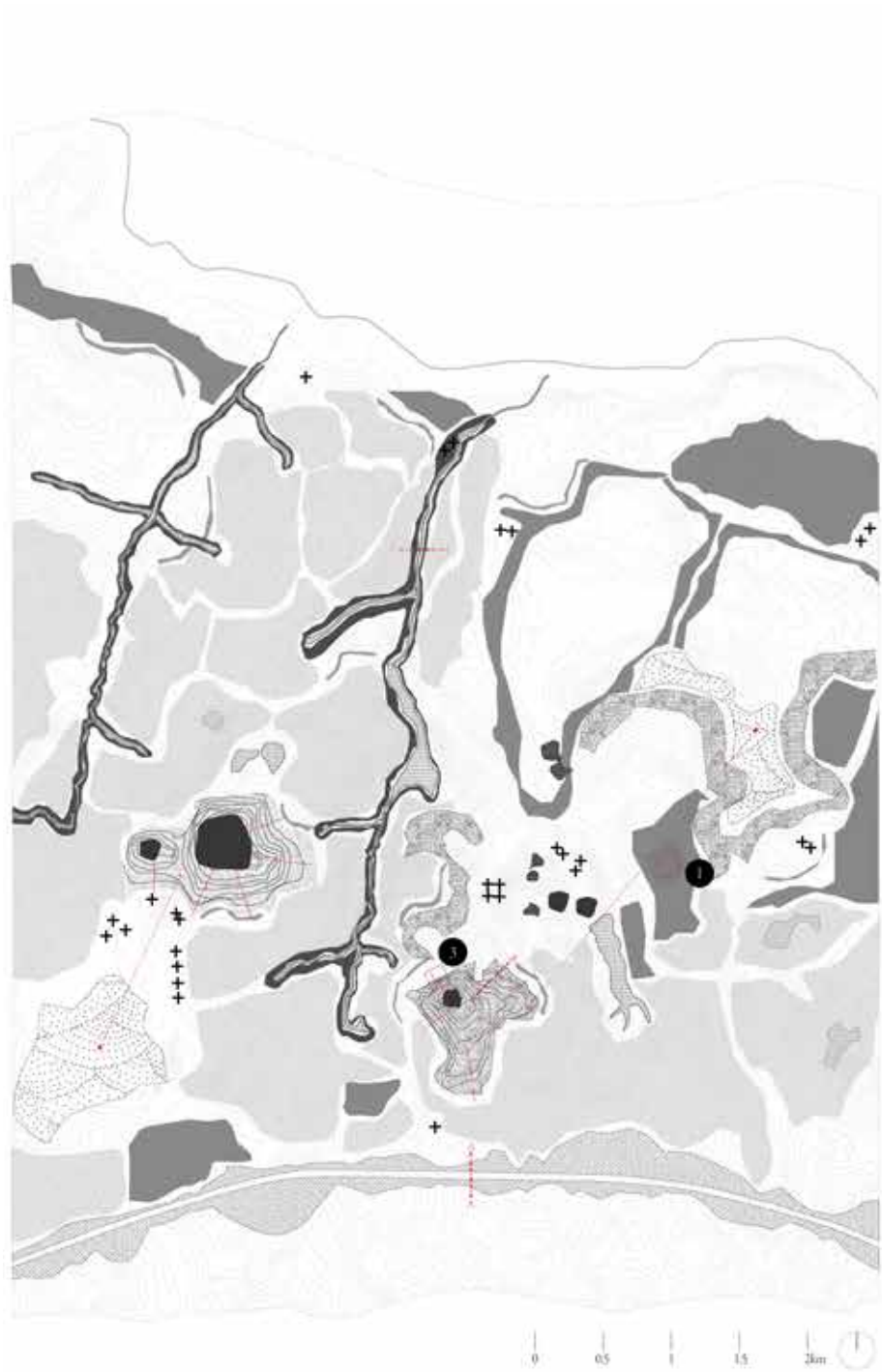


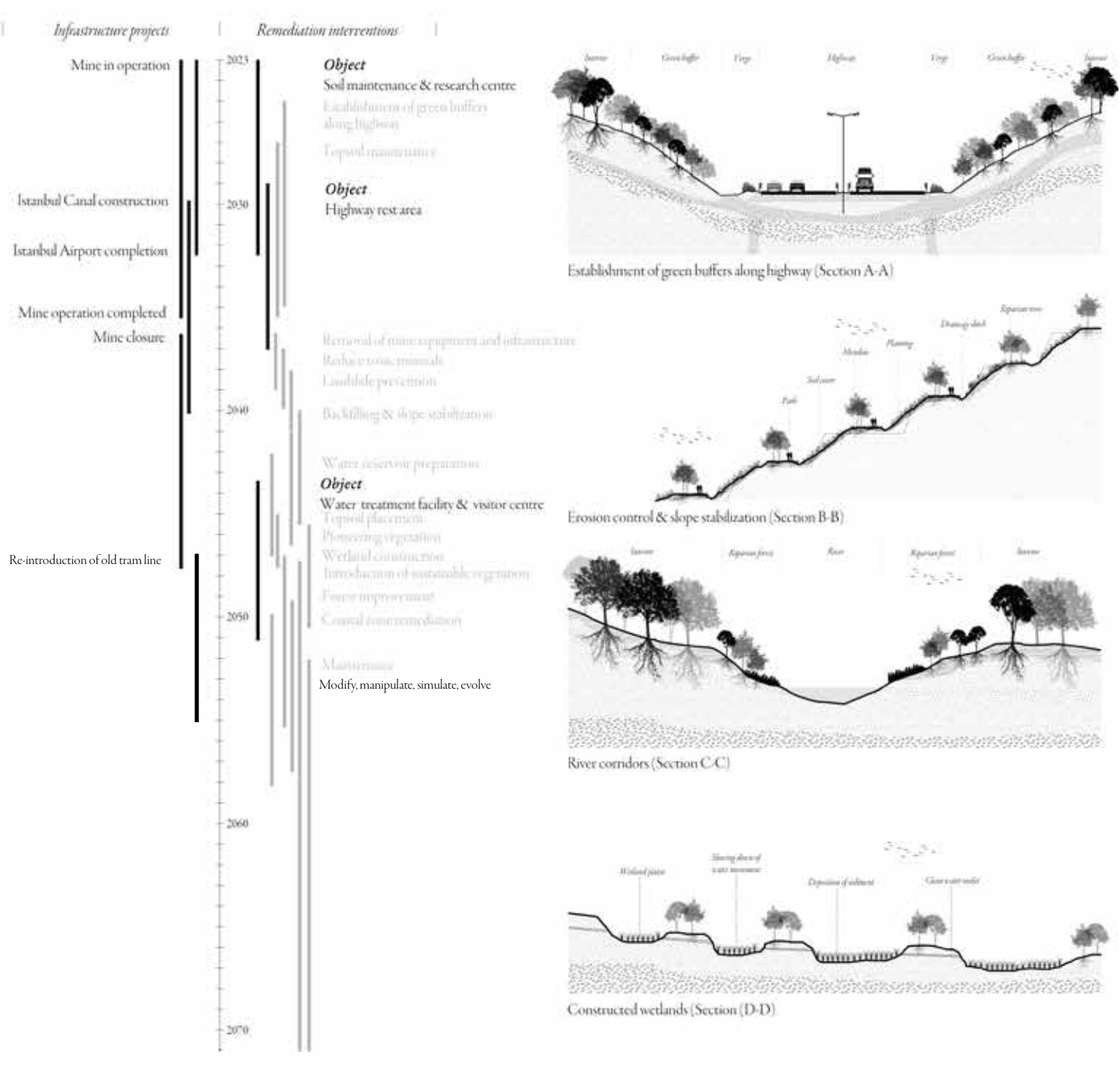
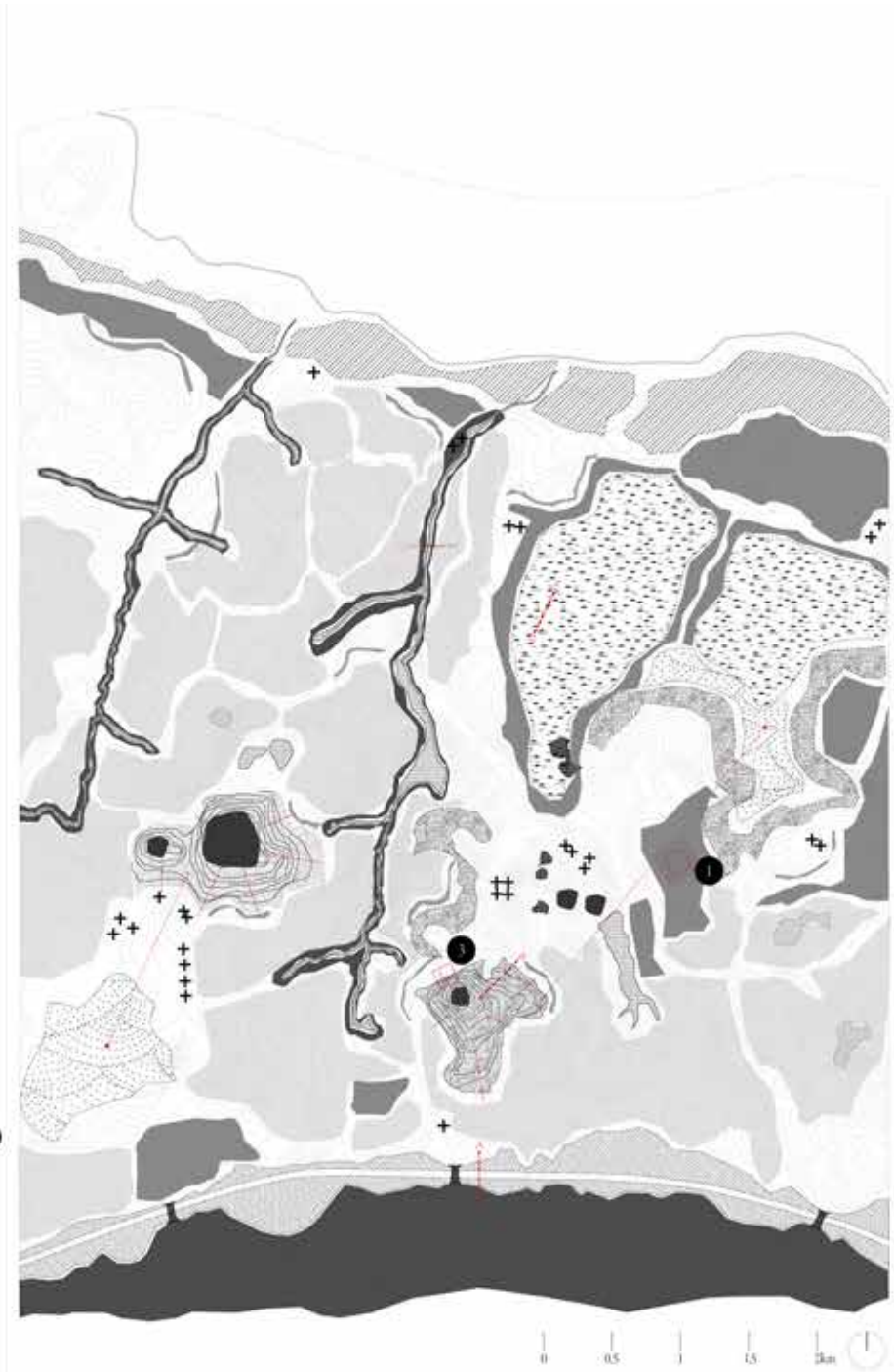












Architectural translation

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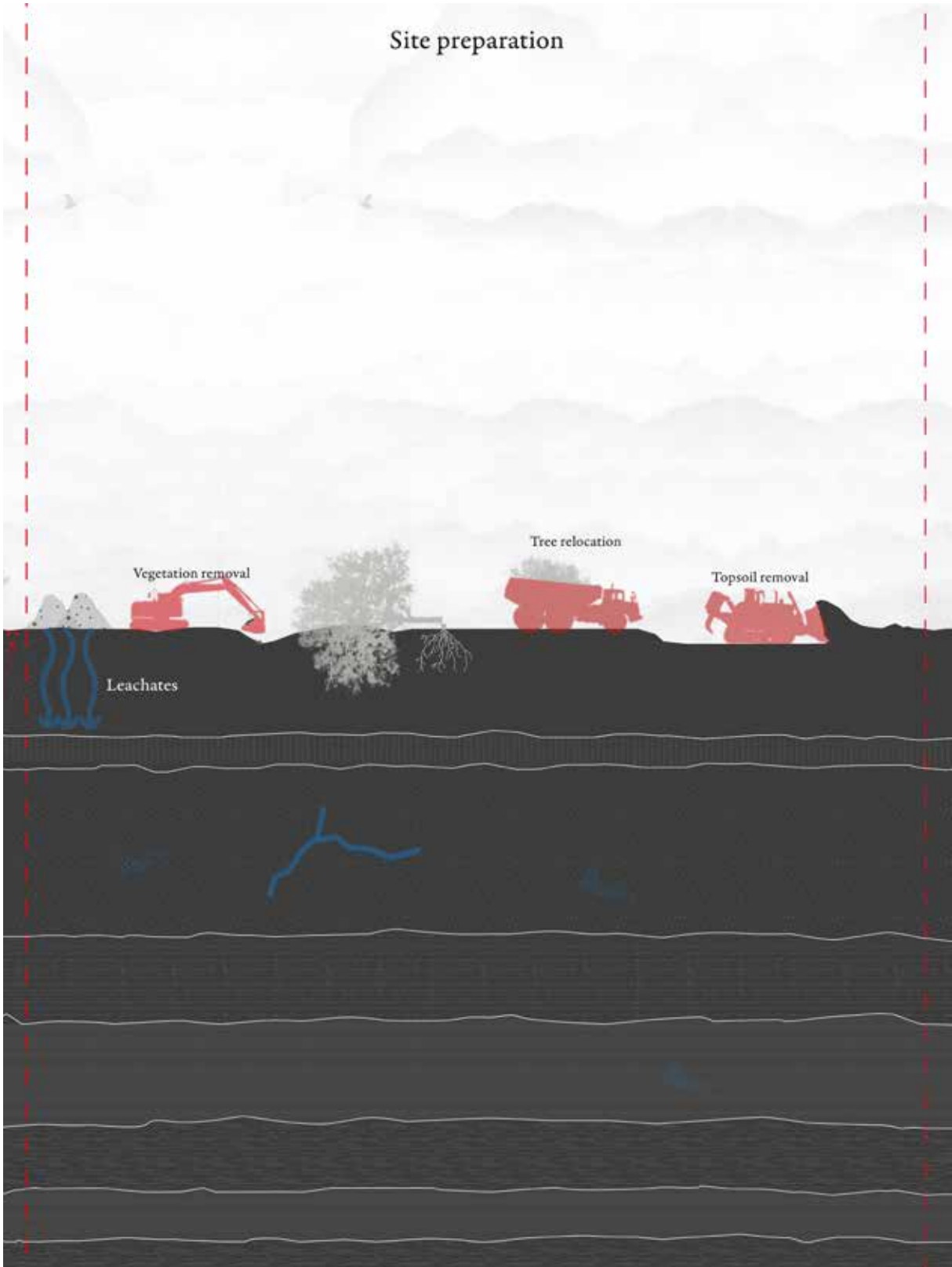
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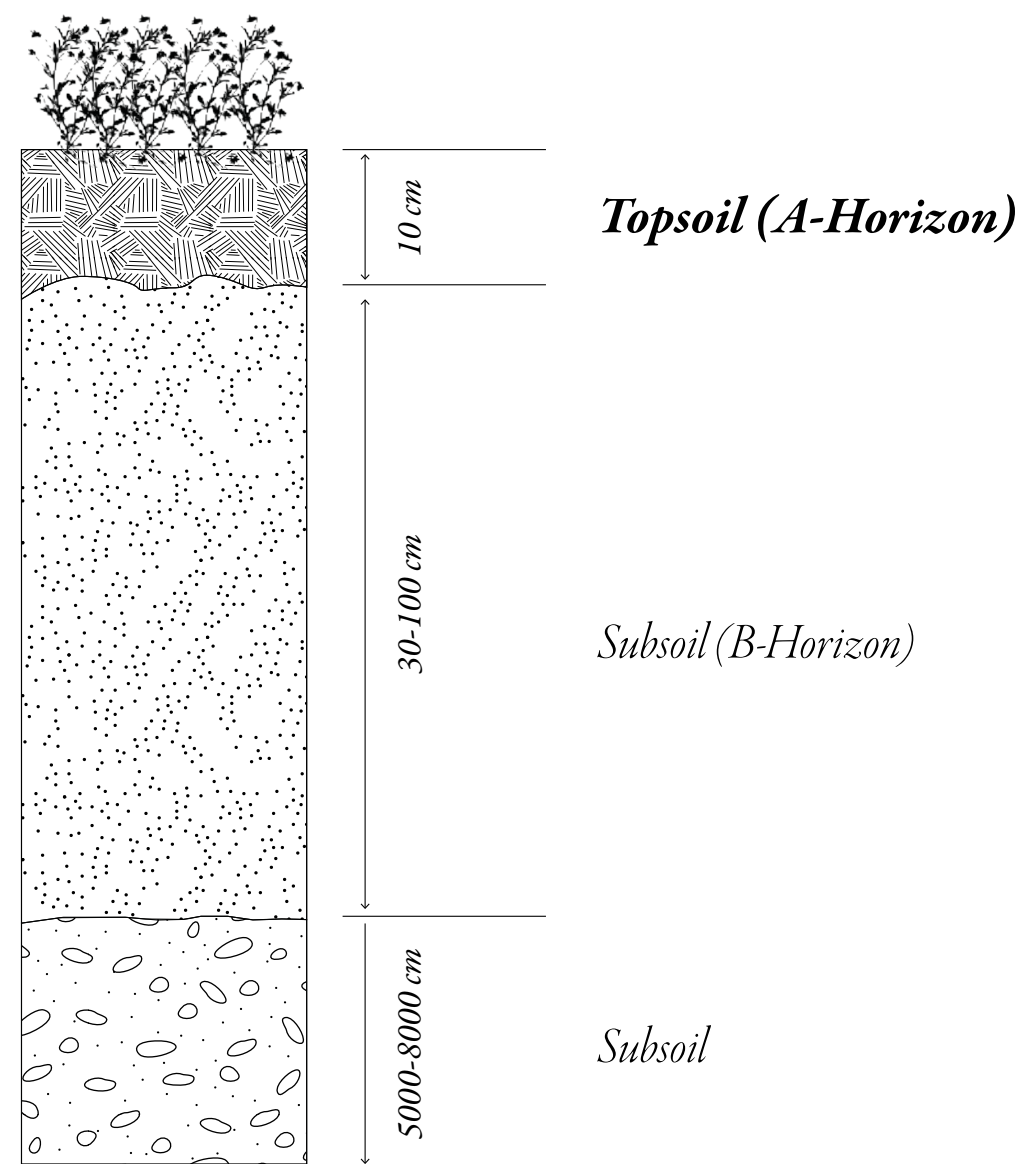
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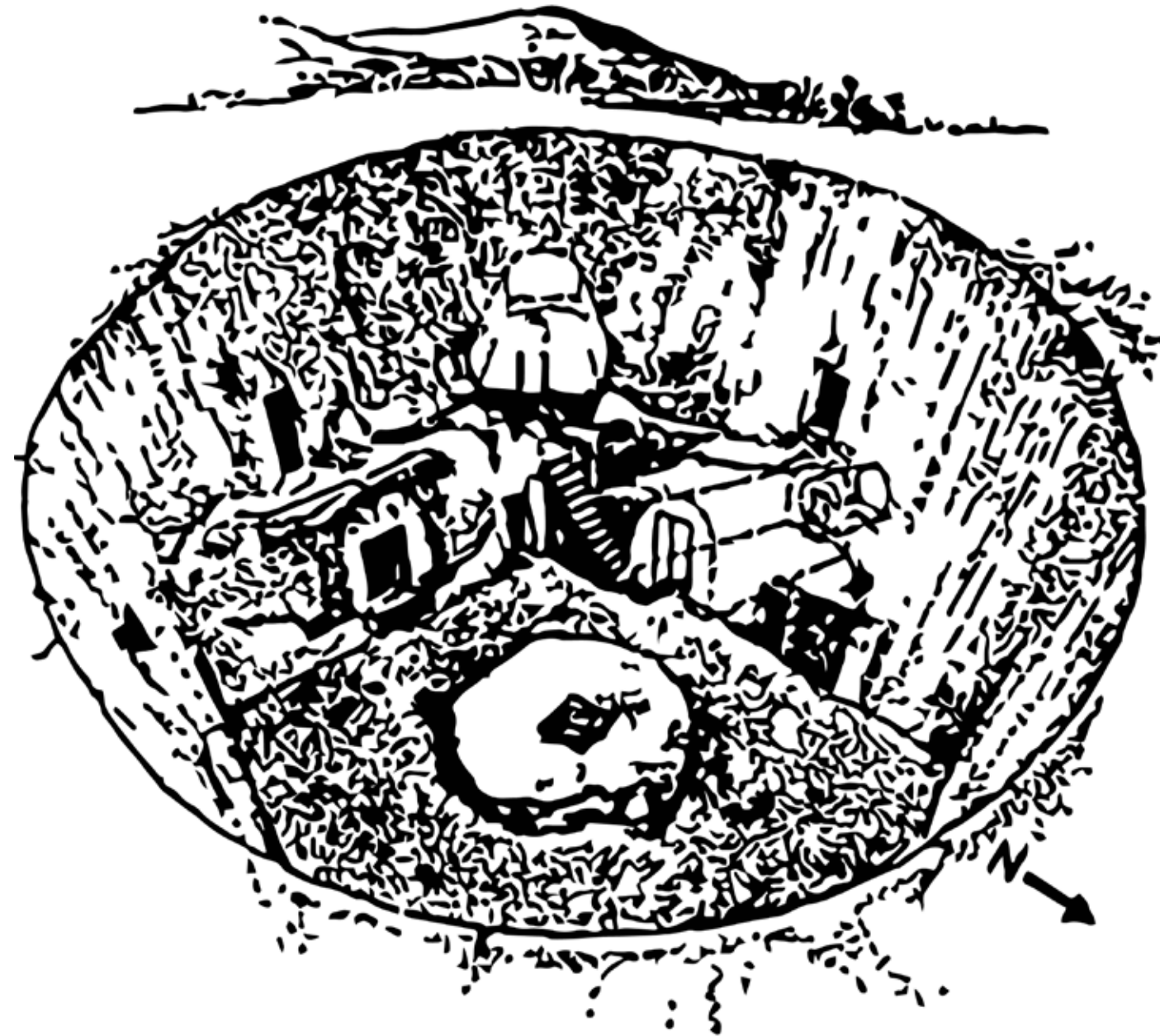


1 - 2 years



Topsoil maintenance centre | (Un)inhabitable zone

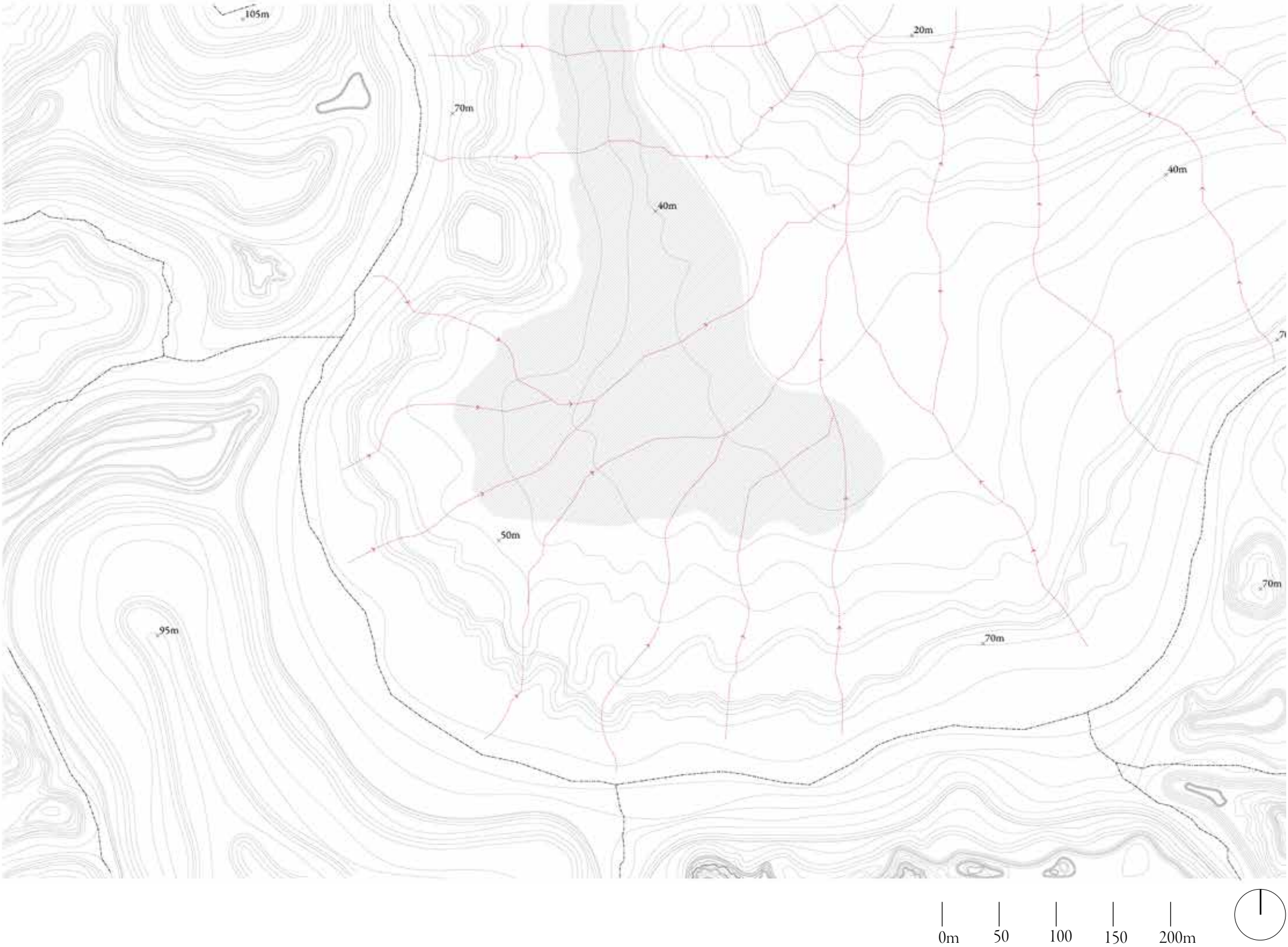


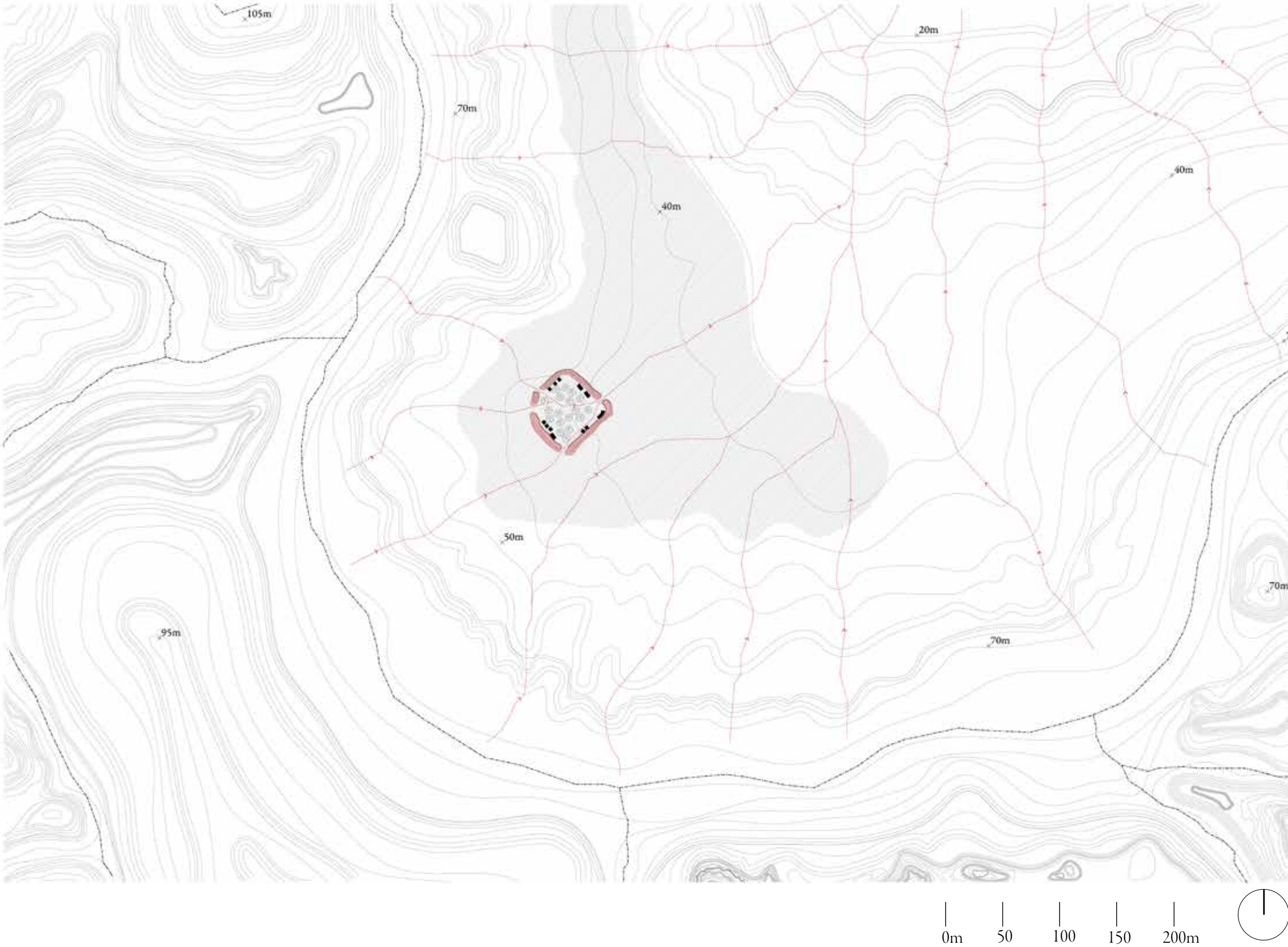


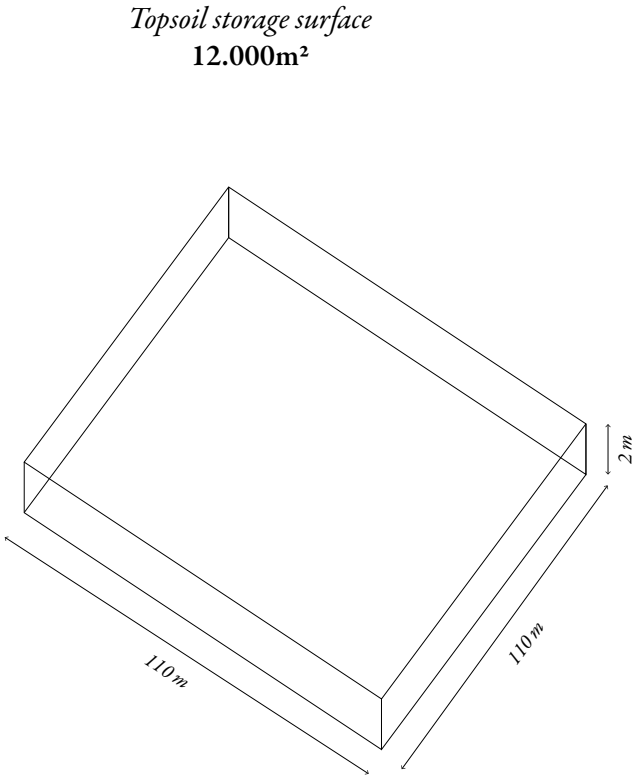
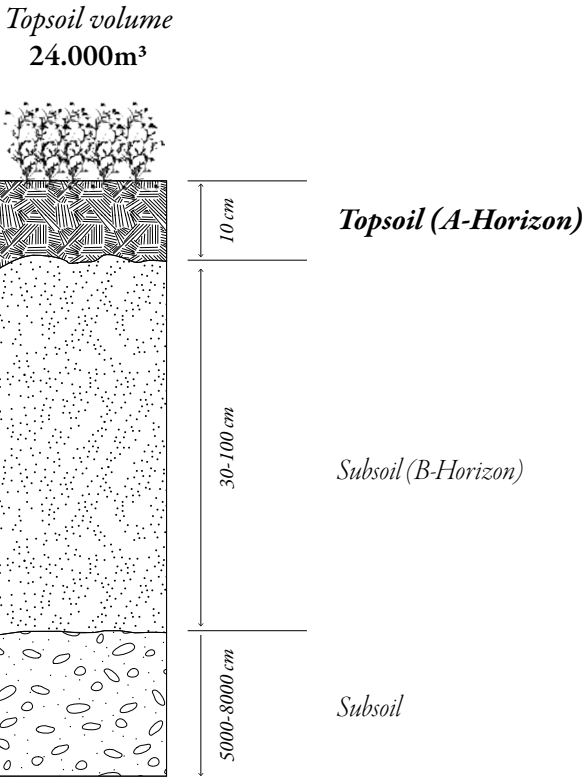
Vernacular sunken courtyard in Matmata (Aseem A, 2010)

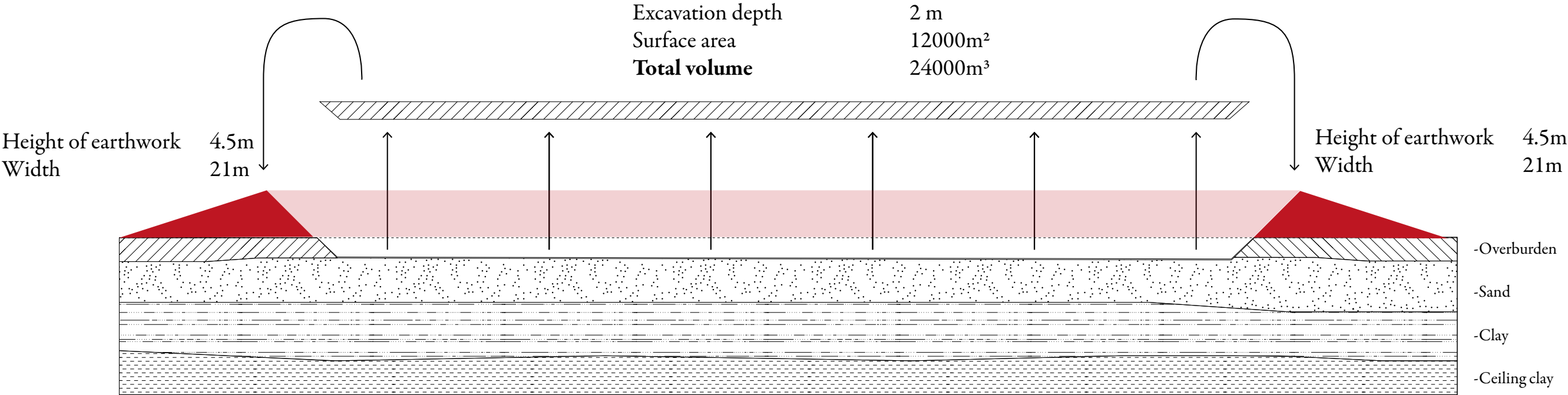


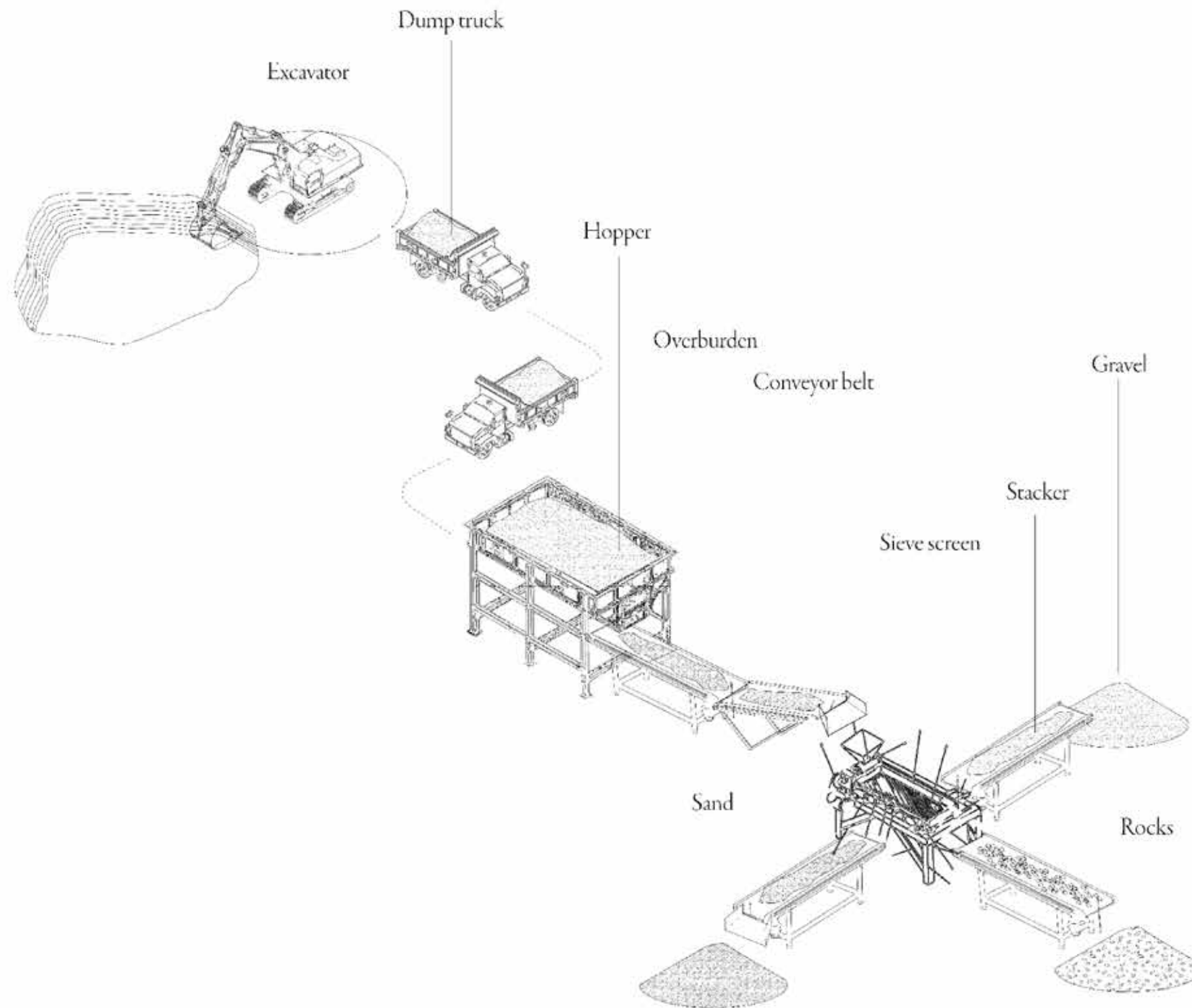




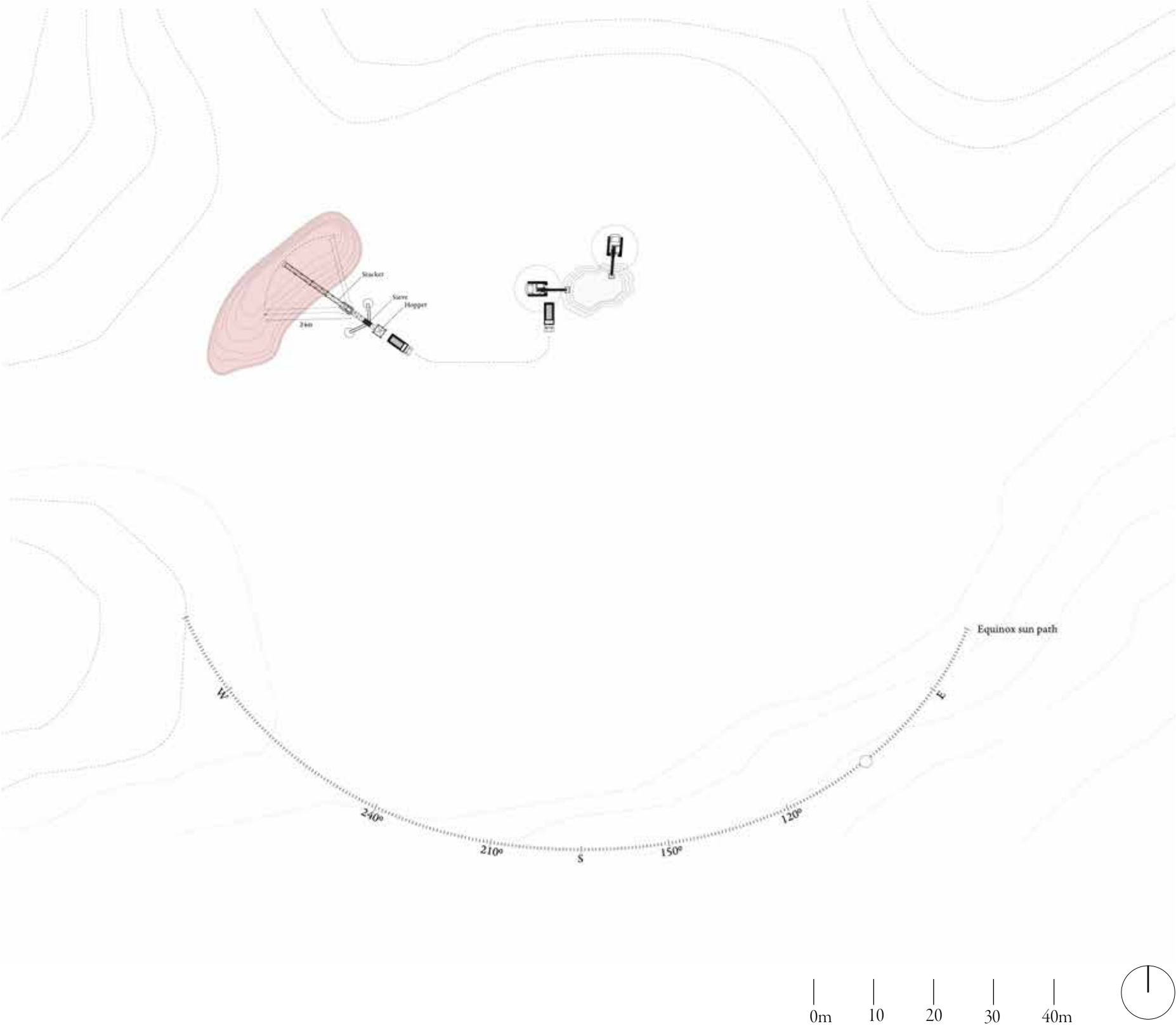


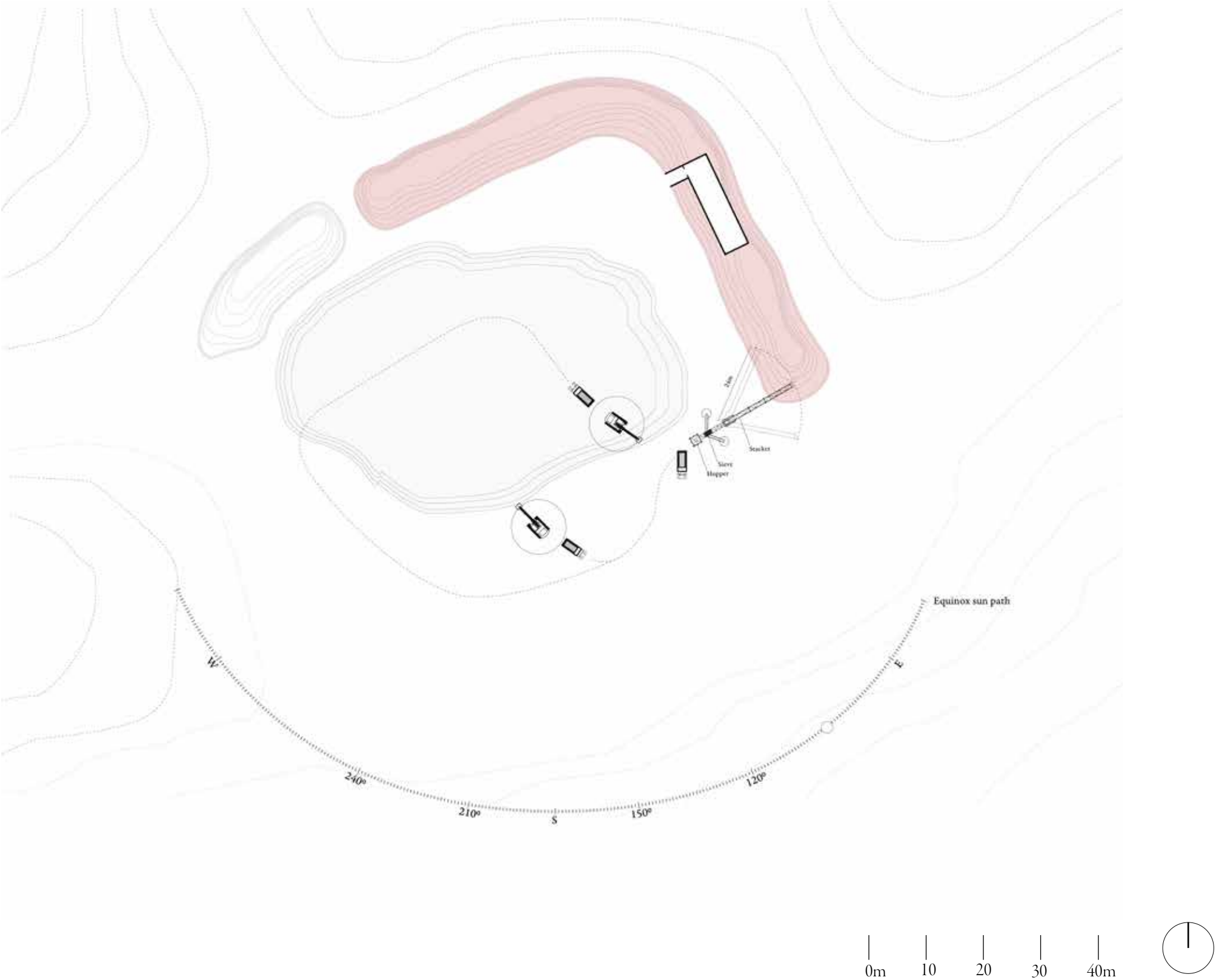




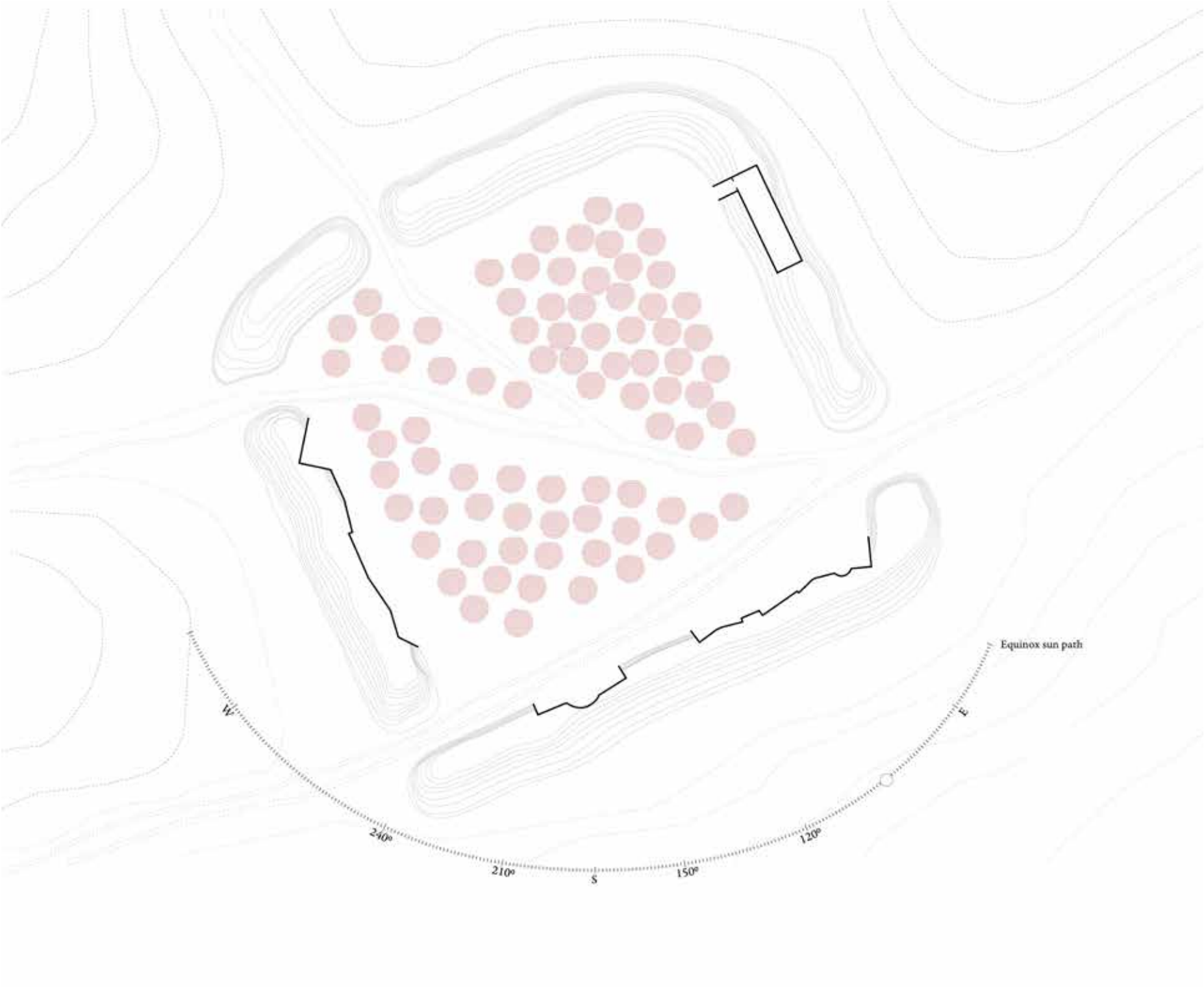


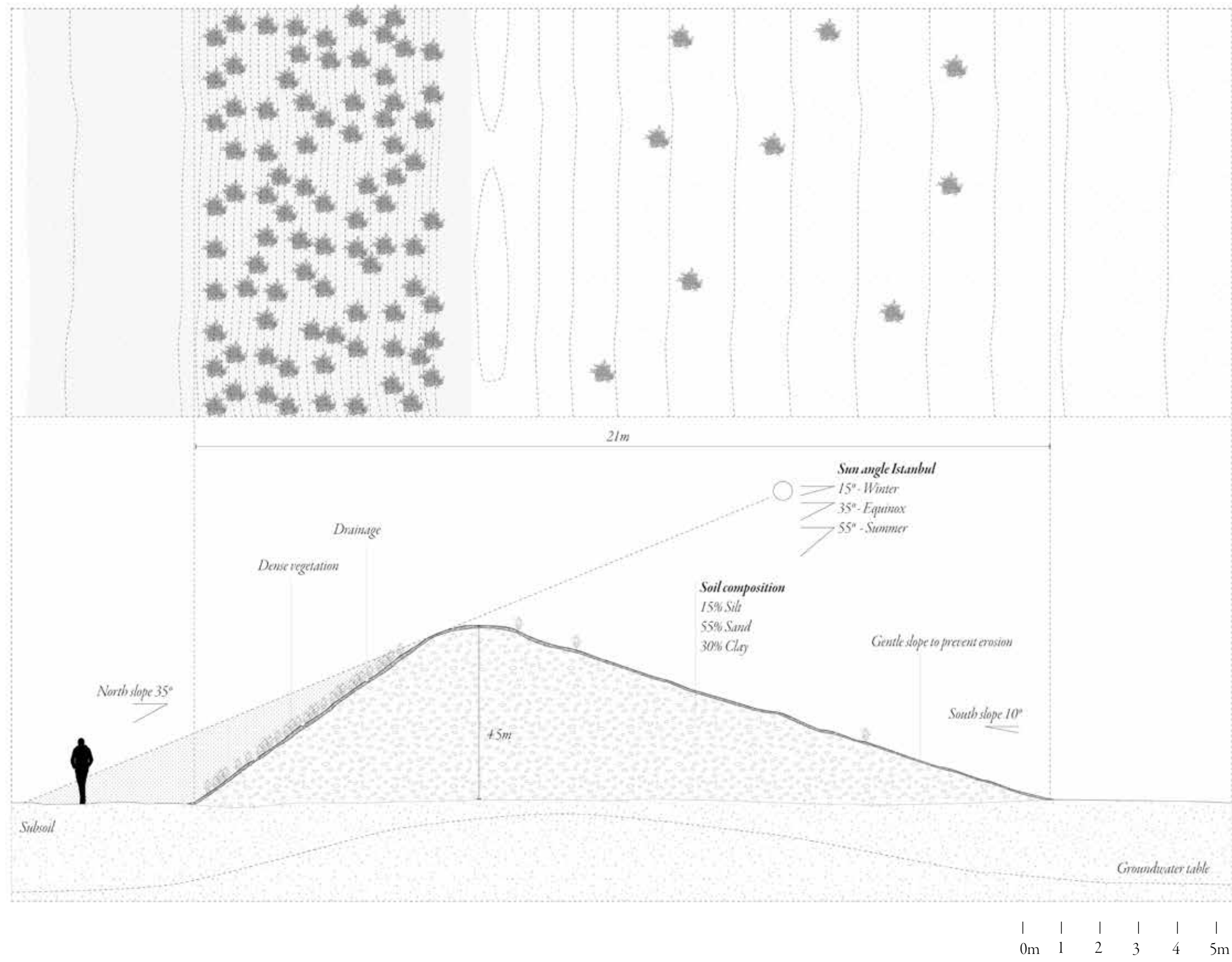


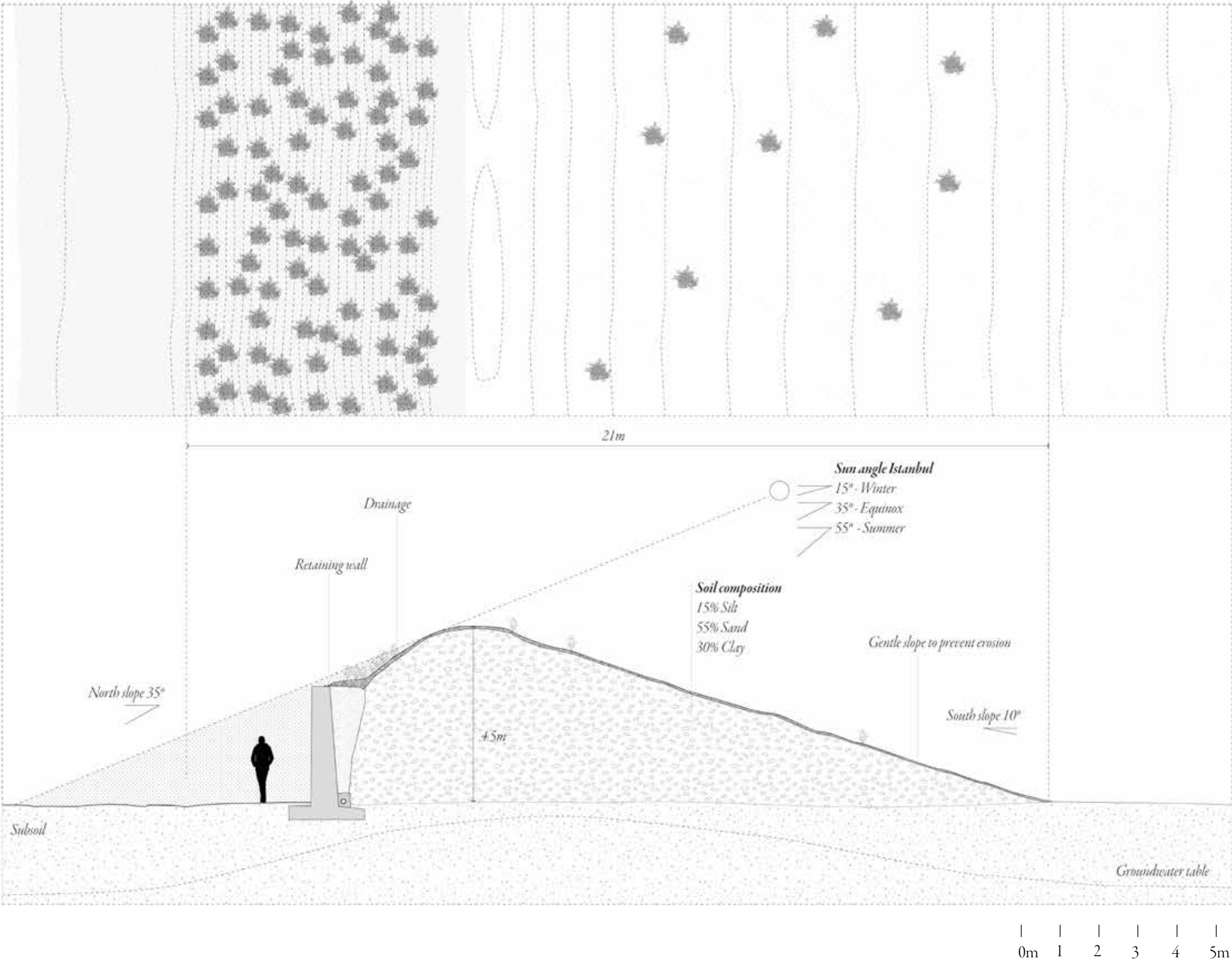












Topsoil maintenance centre | Plan

Legend

- 1. Topsoil heaps
- 2. Walking paths

Seed bank

- 3. Entrance
- 4. Reception
- 5. MEP room
- 6. Access air lock
- 7. Seed archive

Maintenance

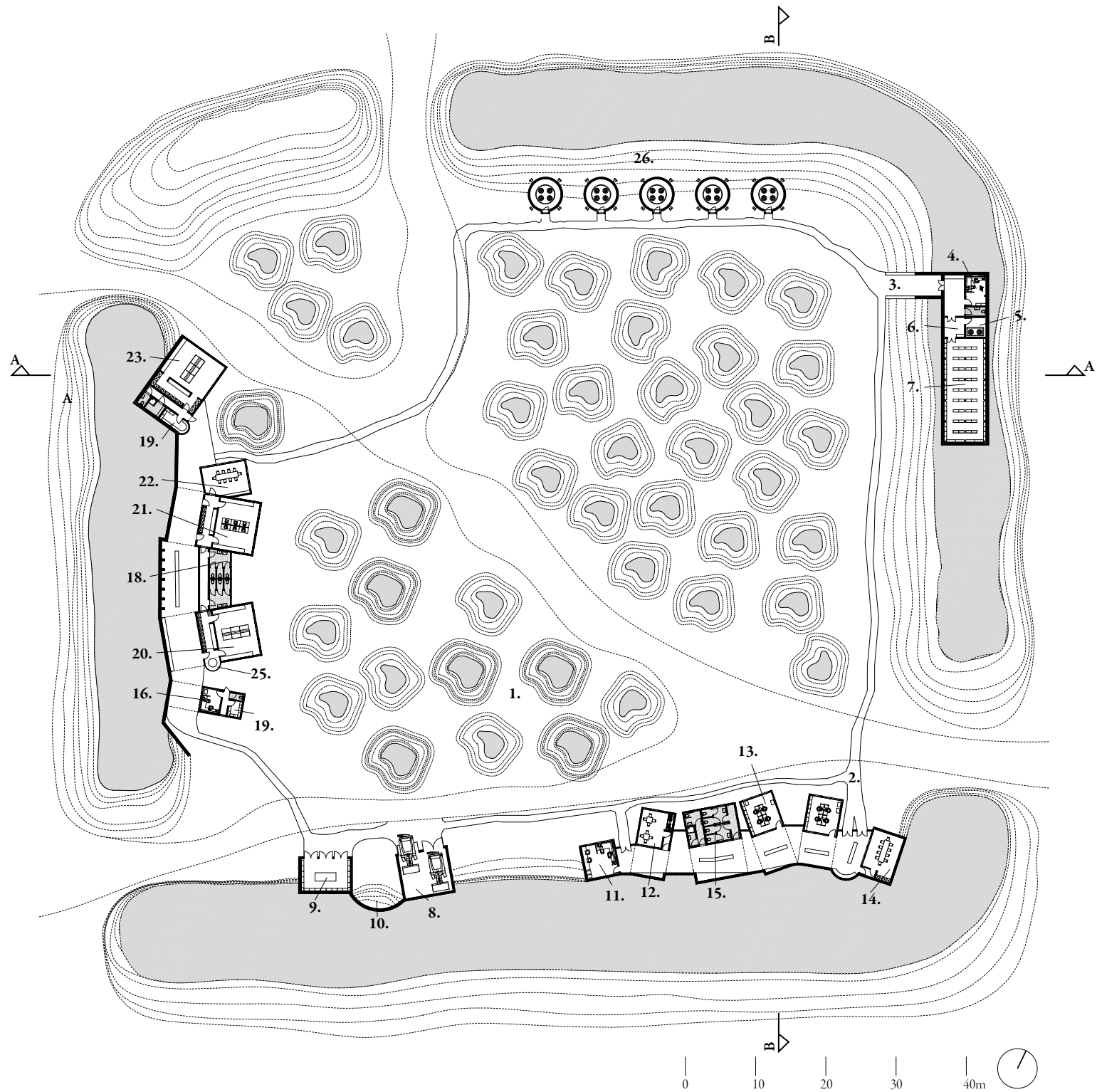
- 8. Machine garage
- 9. Workshop
- 10. Residu soil

Office

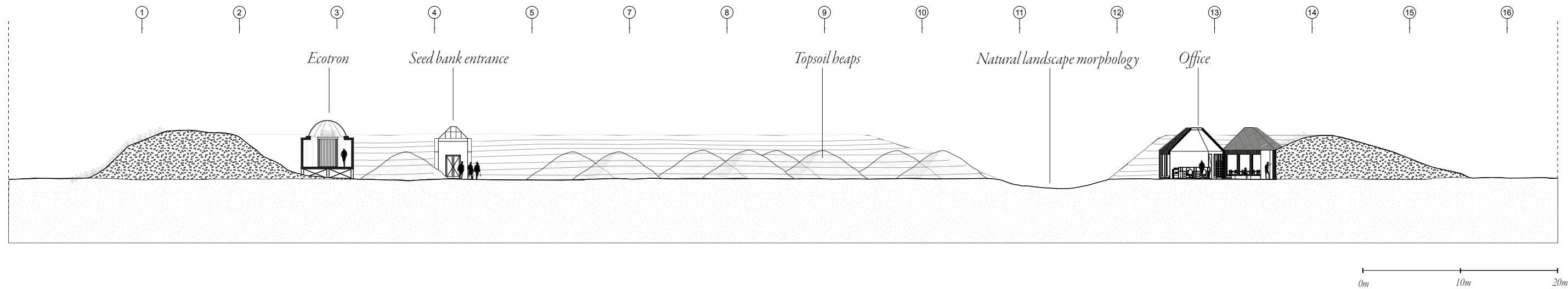
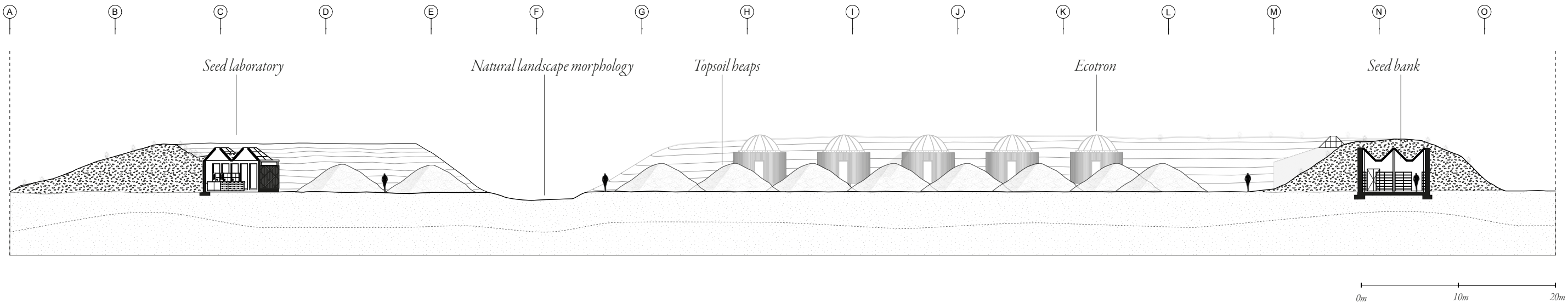
- 11. Administration
- 12. Canteen
- 13. Office space
- 14. Meeting room
- 15. Toilets

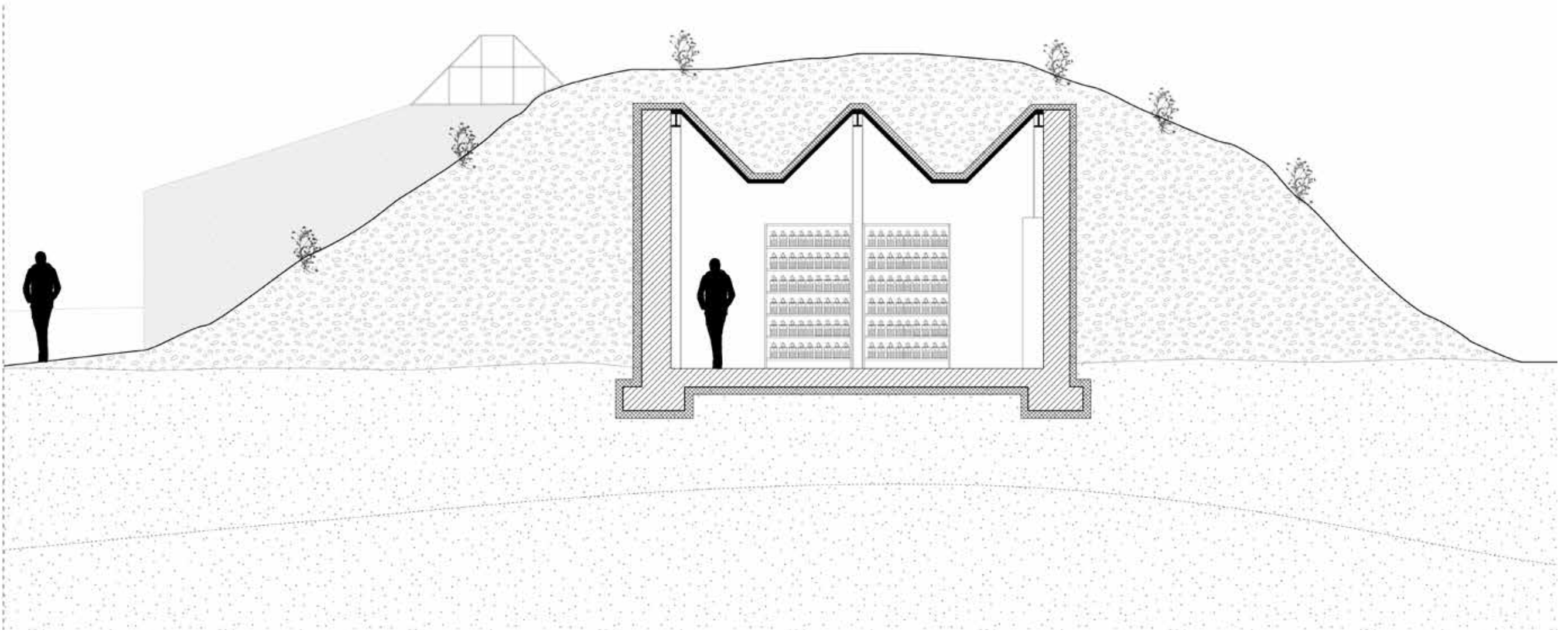
Laboratory

- 16. Reception
- 17. MEP room
- 18. Toilet
- 19. Storage & Server room
- 20. Microscopy
- 21. Germination laboratory
- 22. Meeting room
- 23. Seed laboratory
- 24. Cleaning room
- 25. Growth room
- 26. Ecotrons



Topsoil maintenance centre | Section

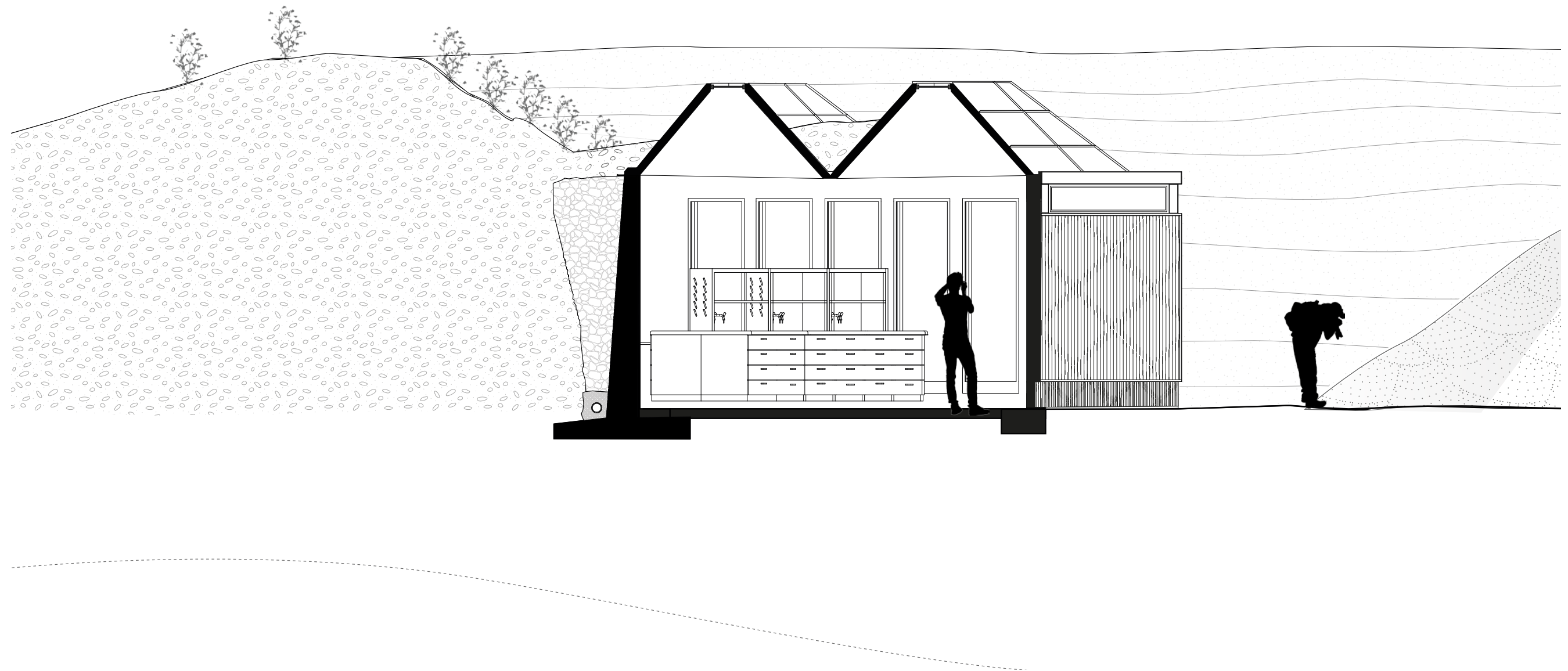




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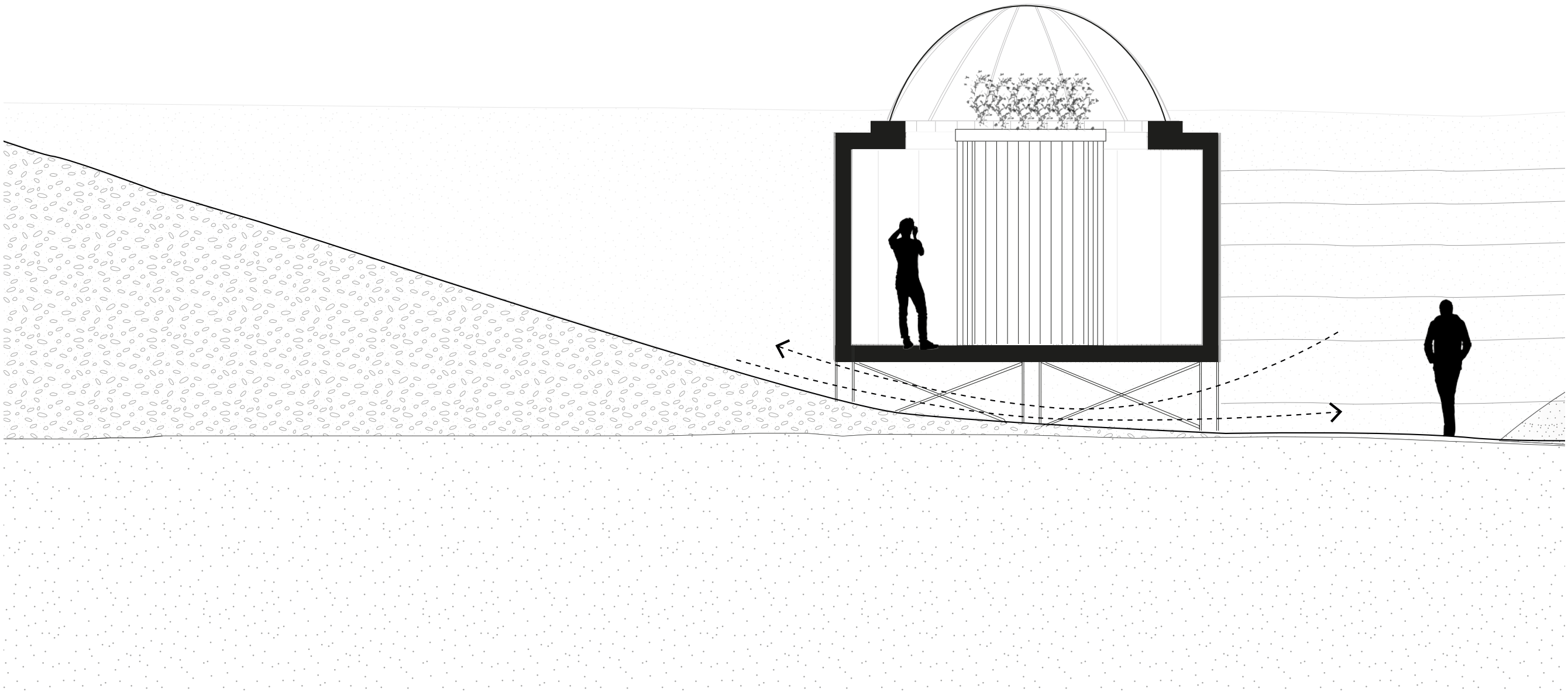
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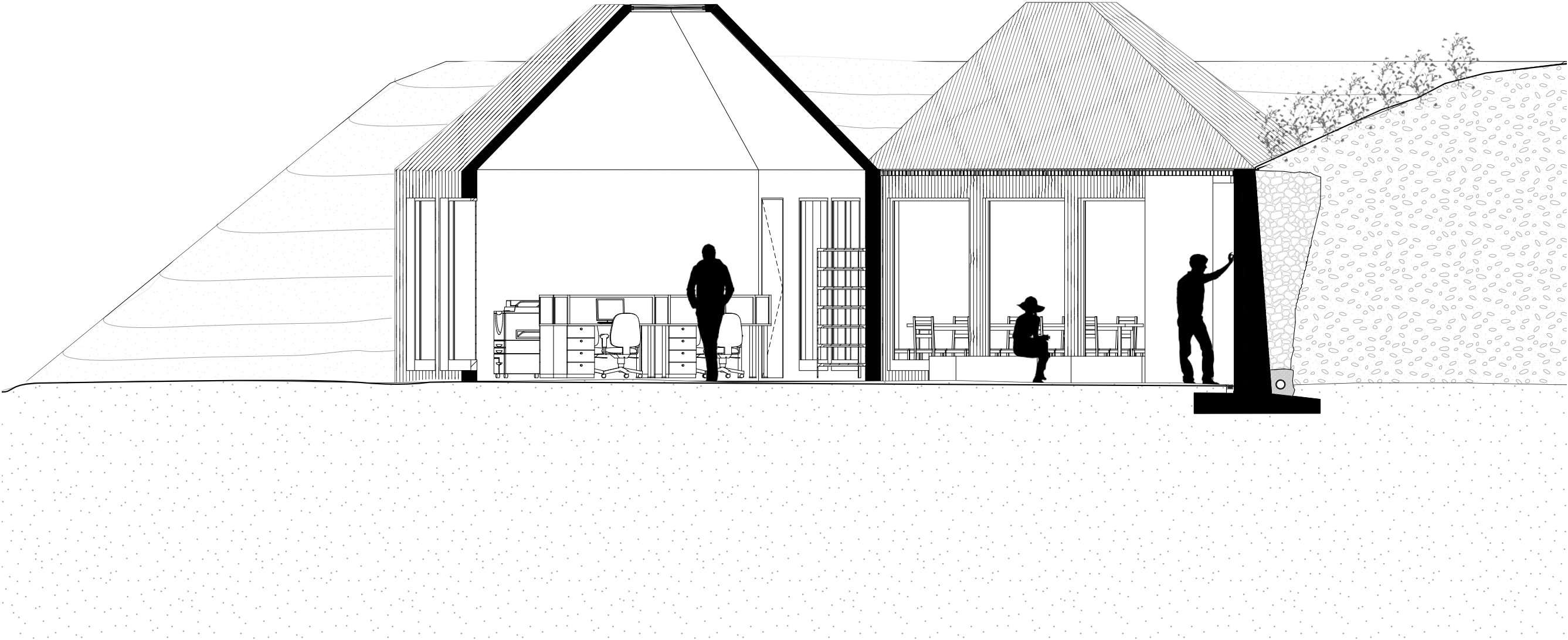
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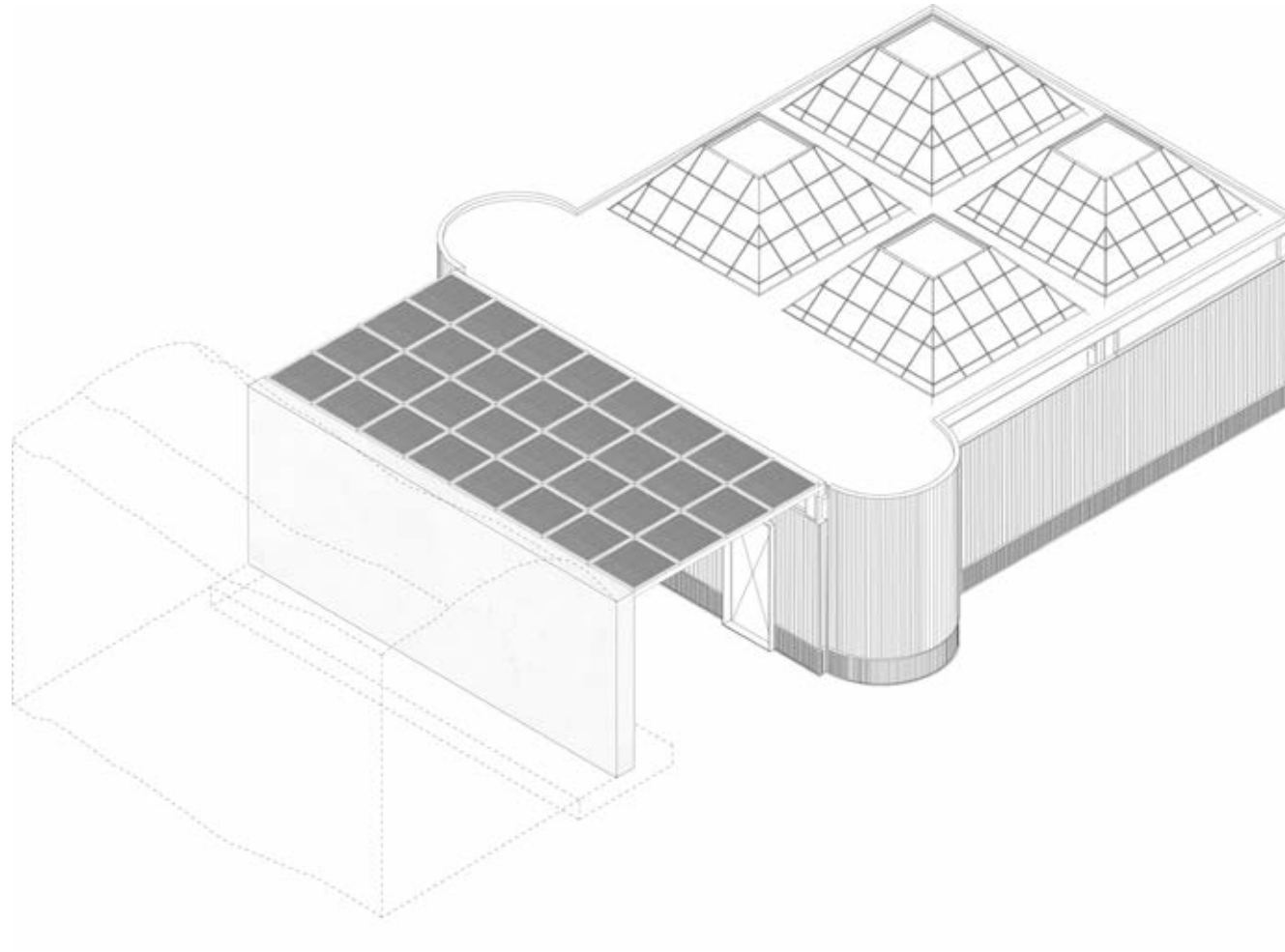
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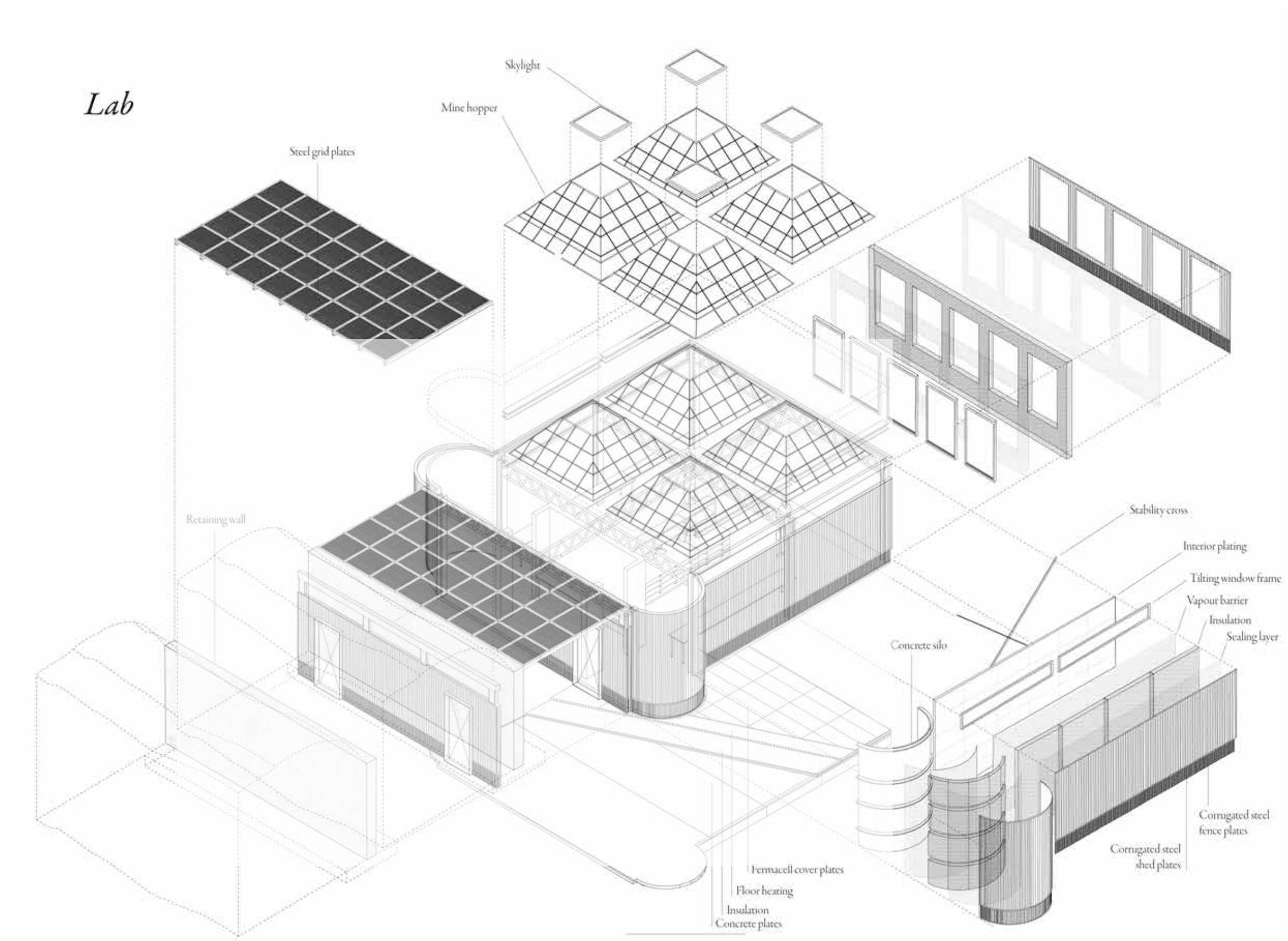
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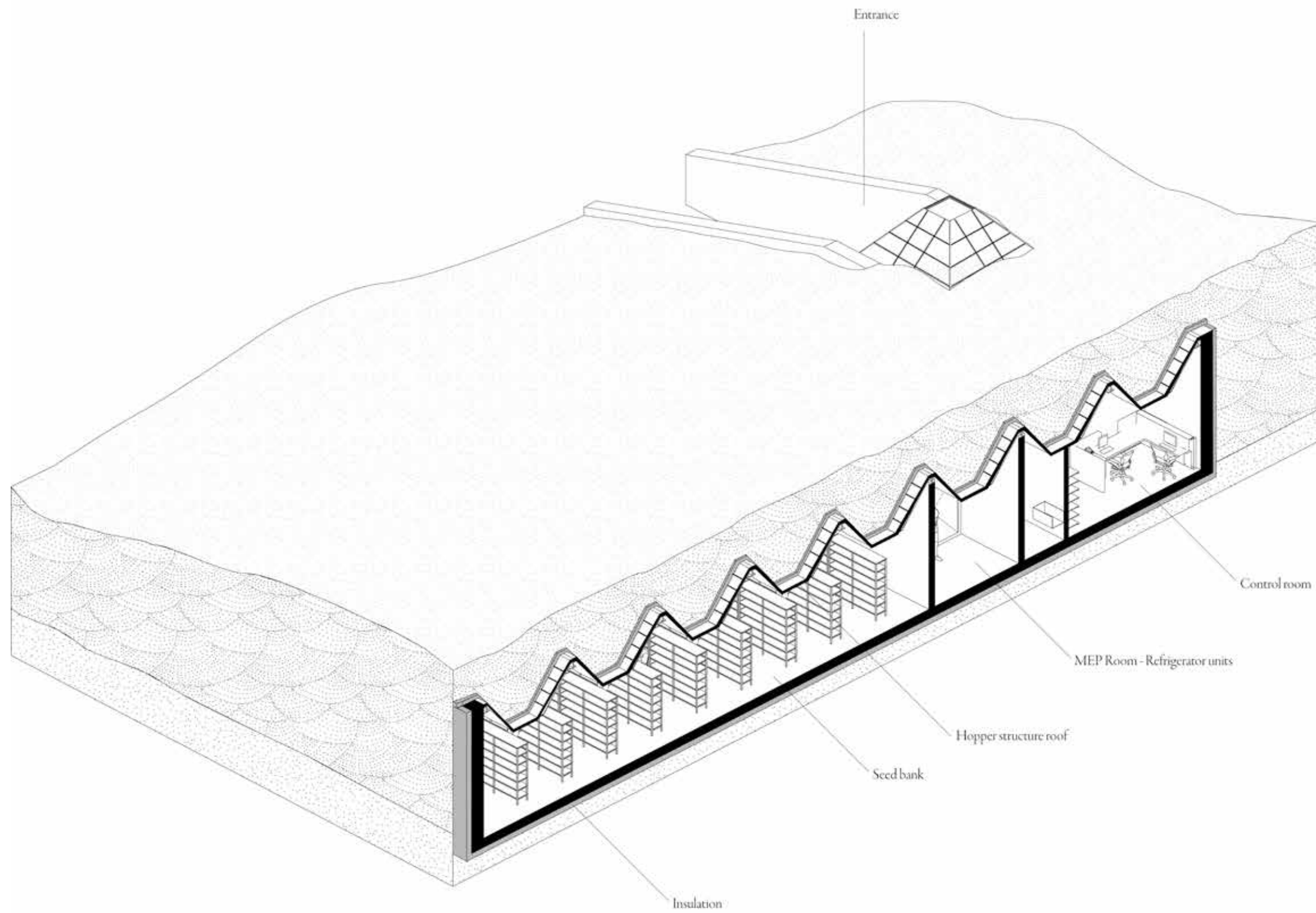


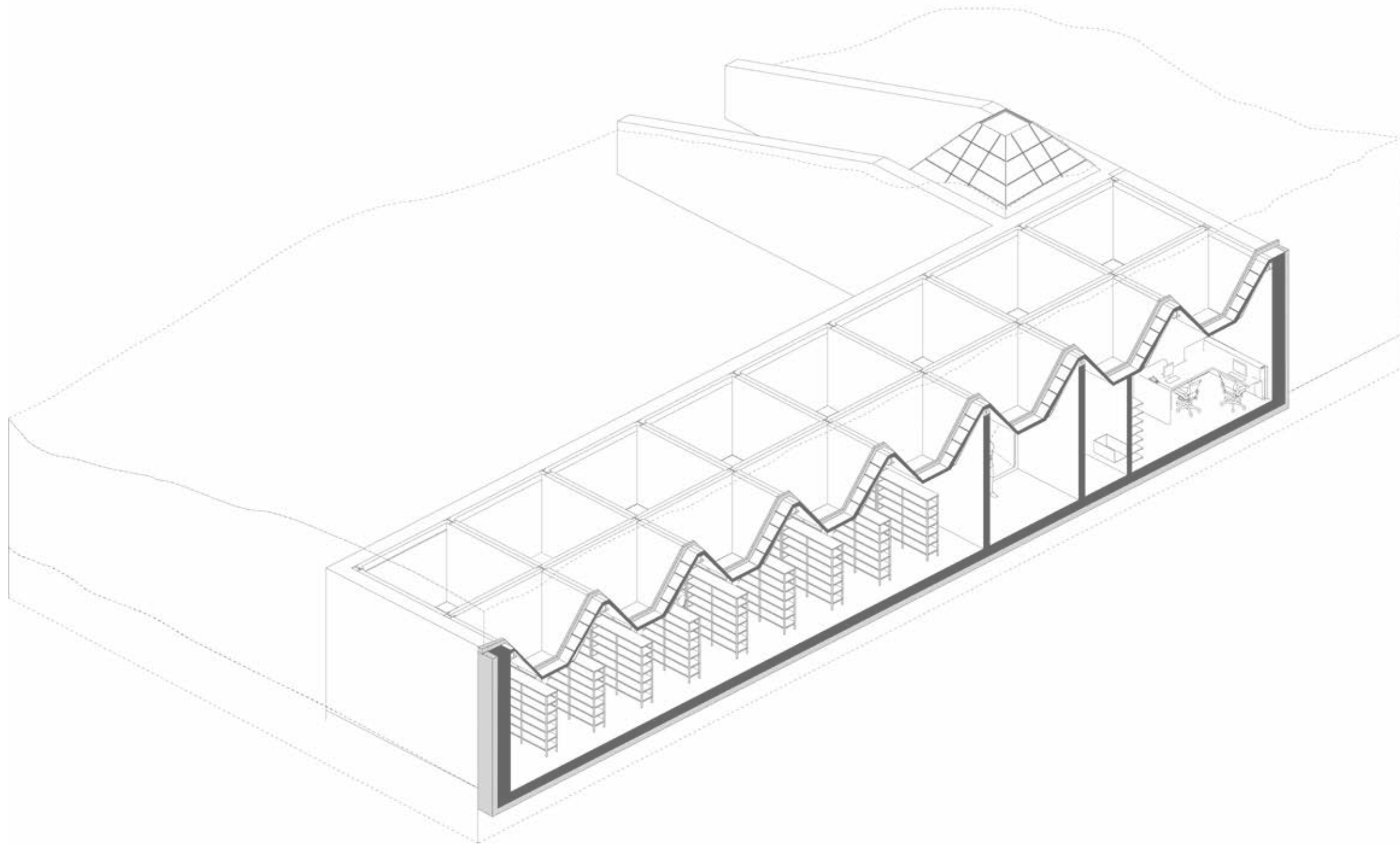
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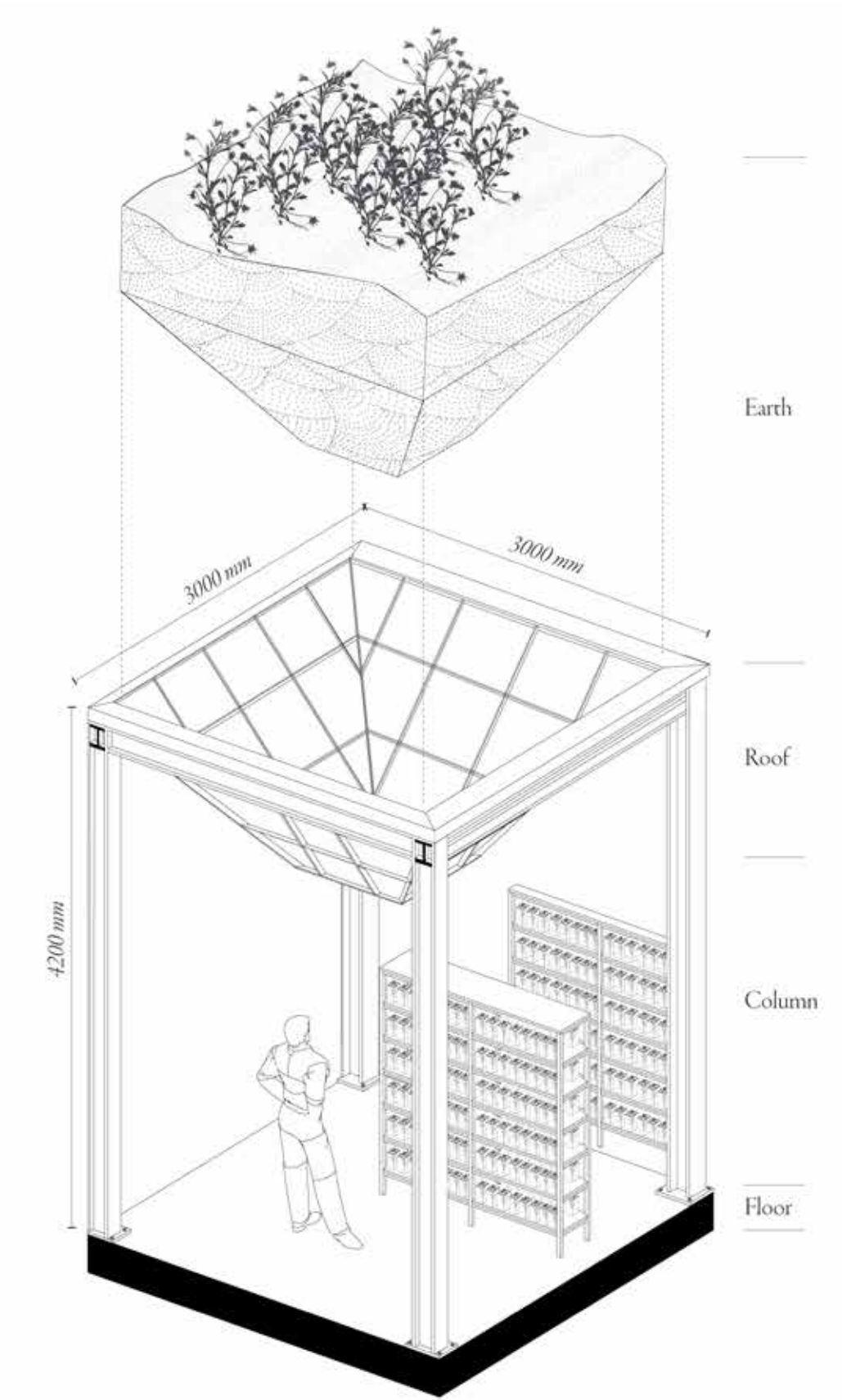


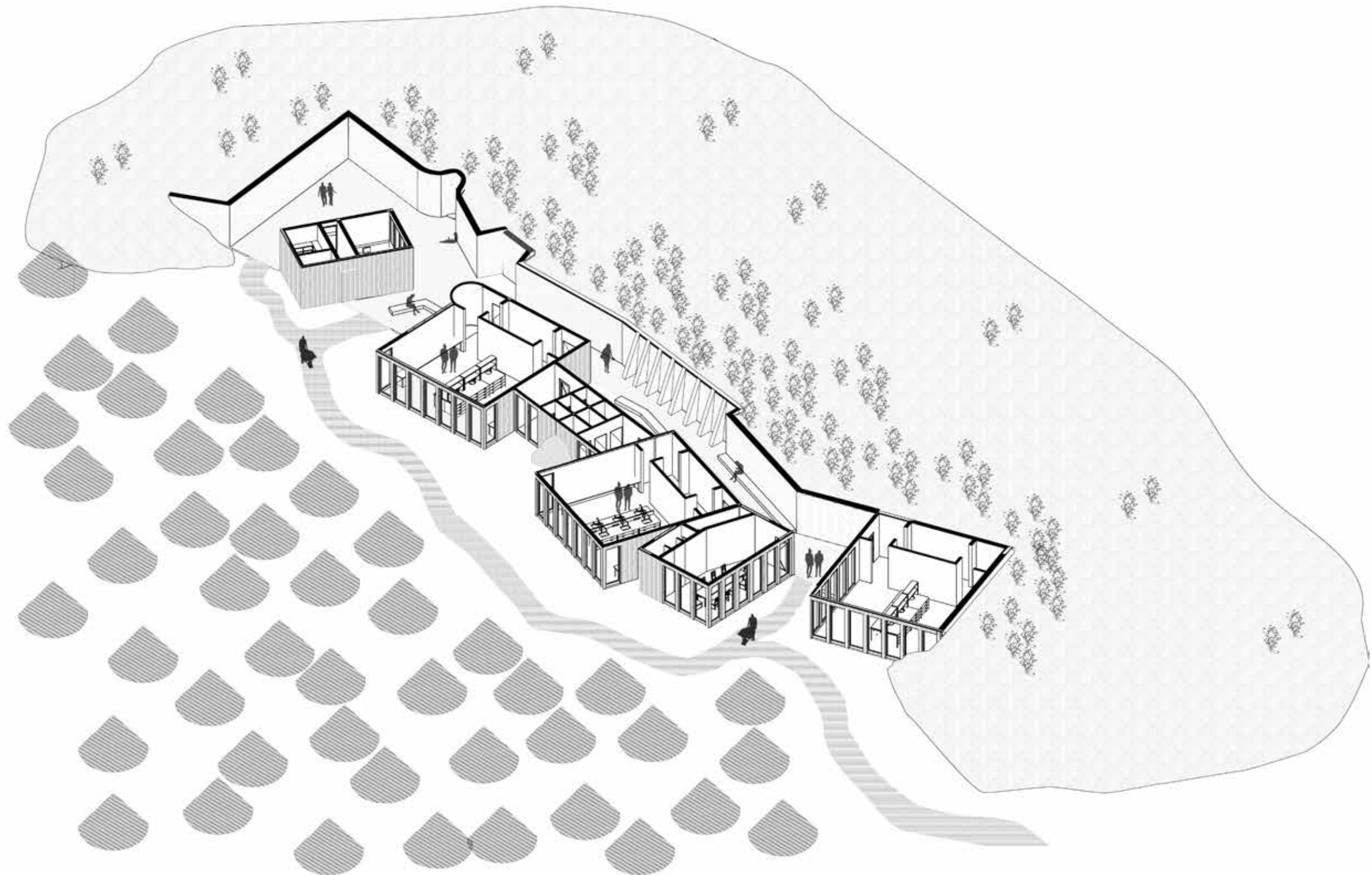












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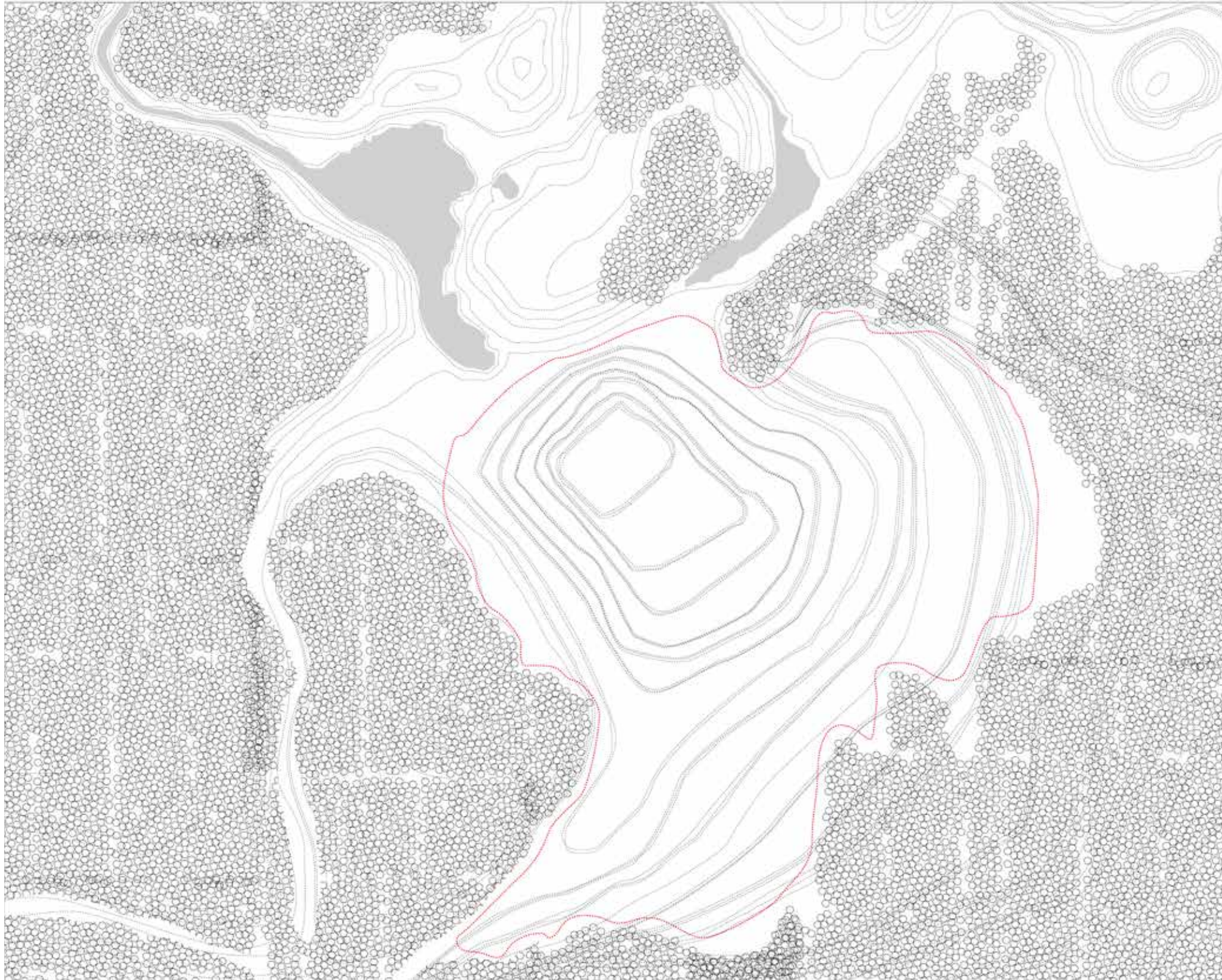
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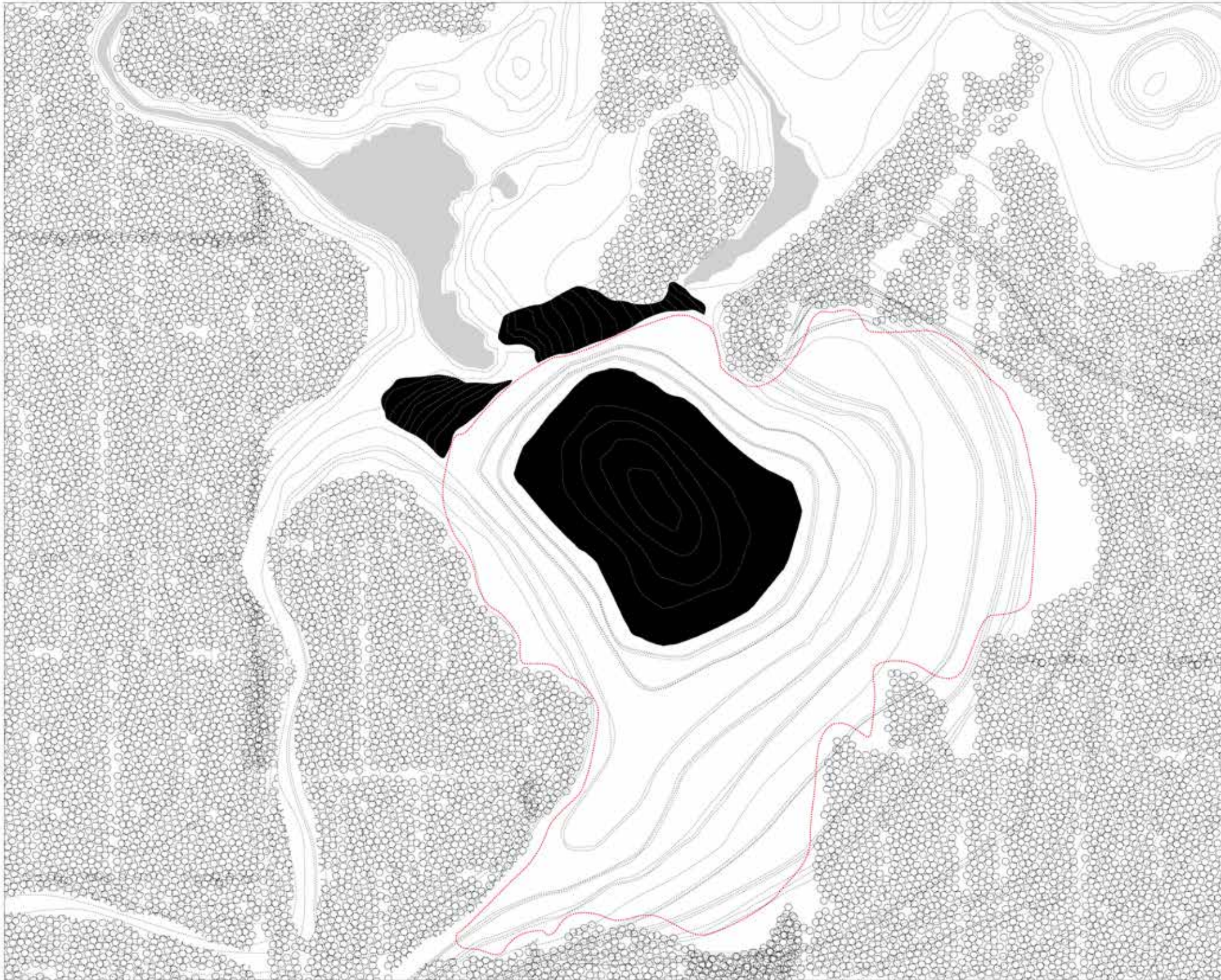
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7. Object 3 | Highway rest stop



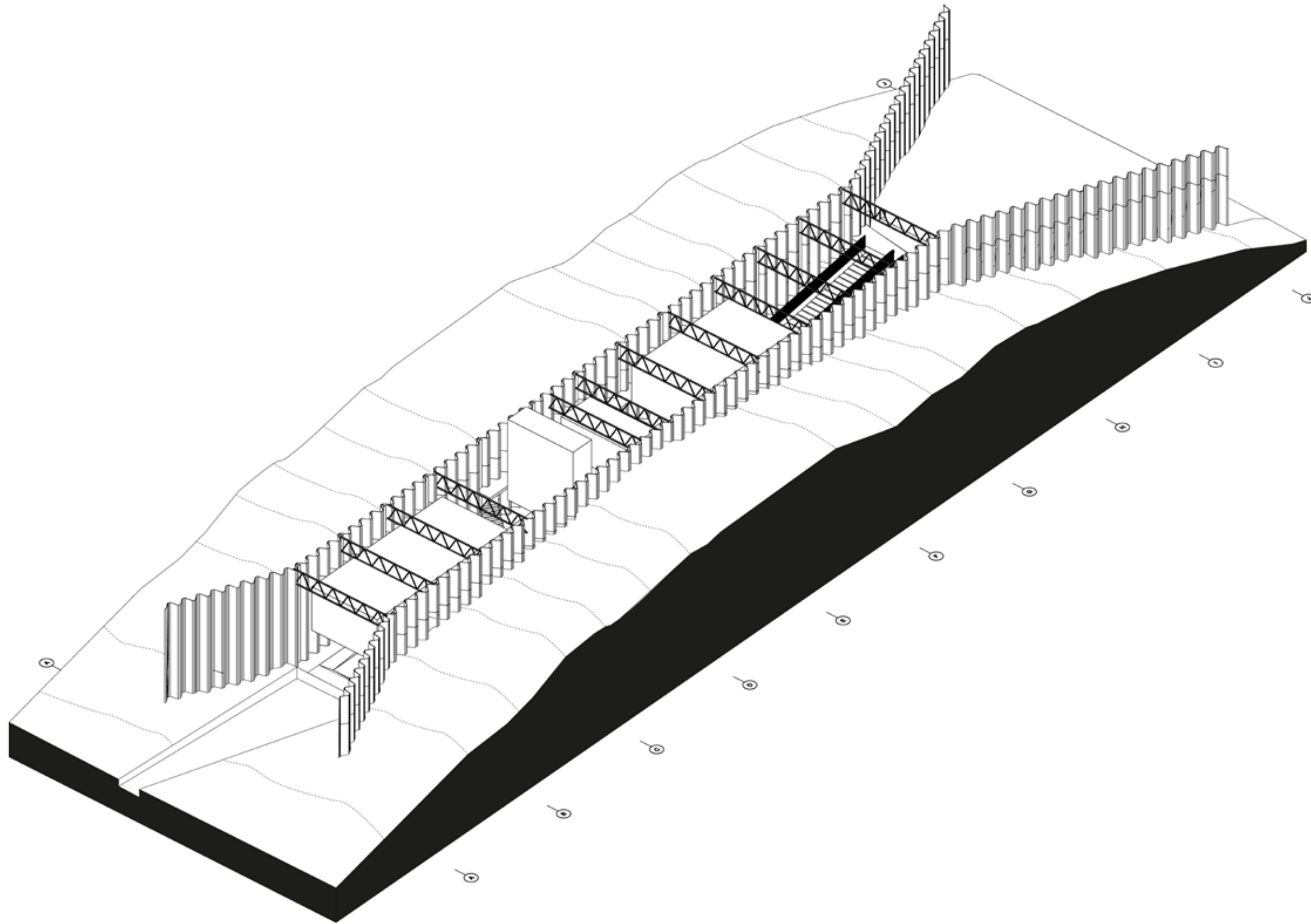


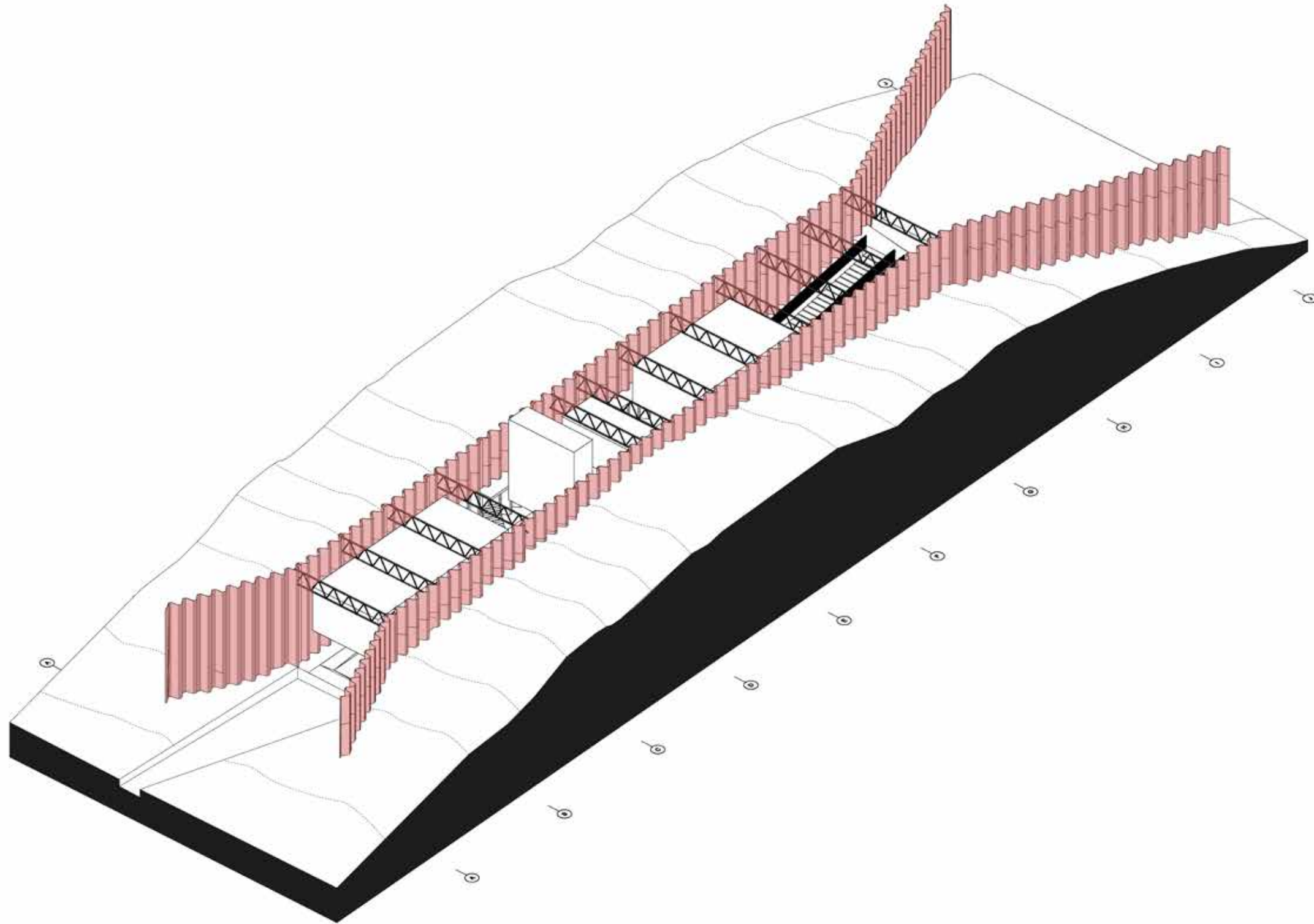


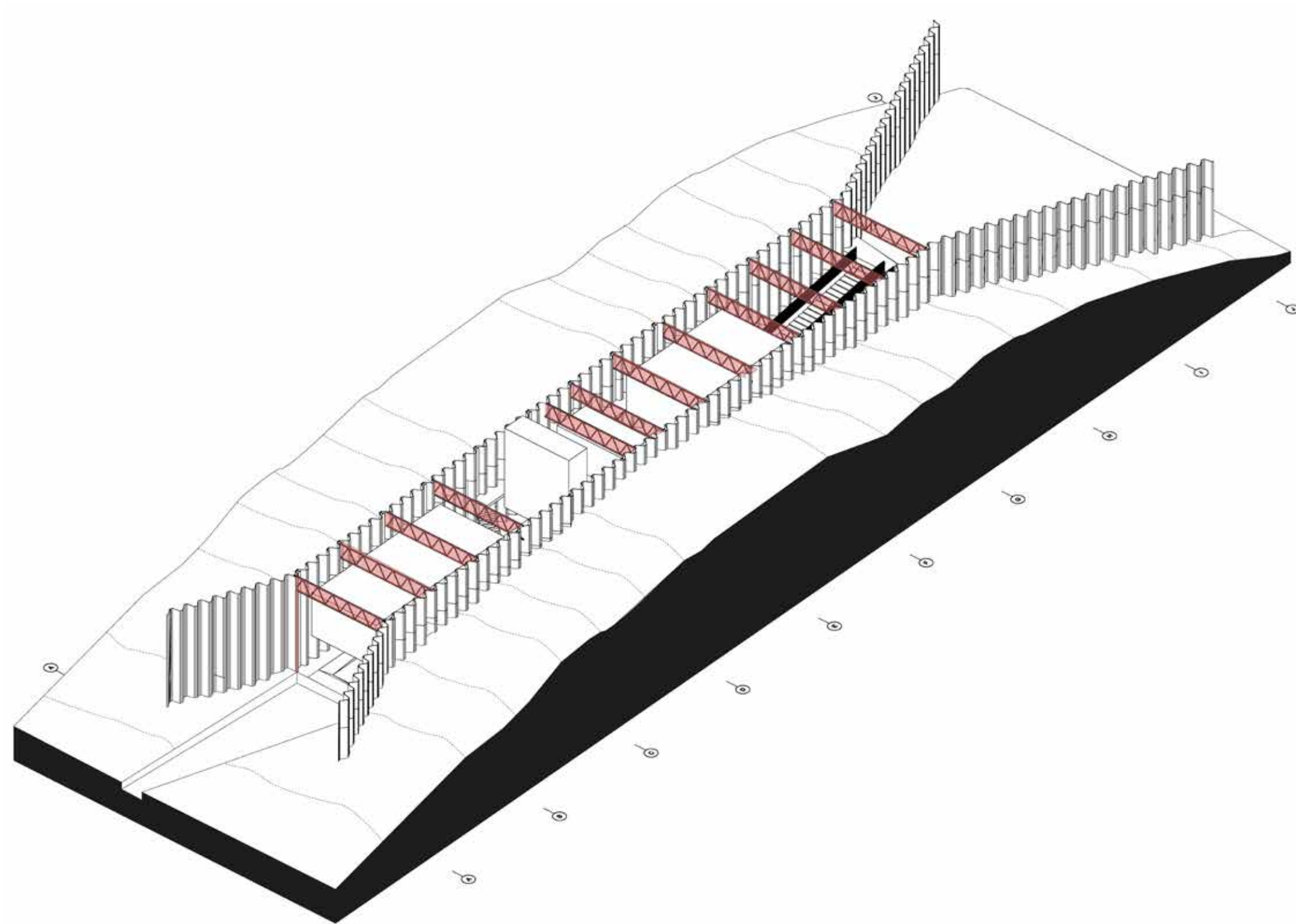


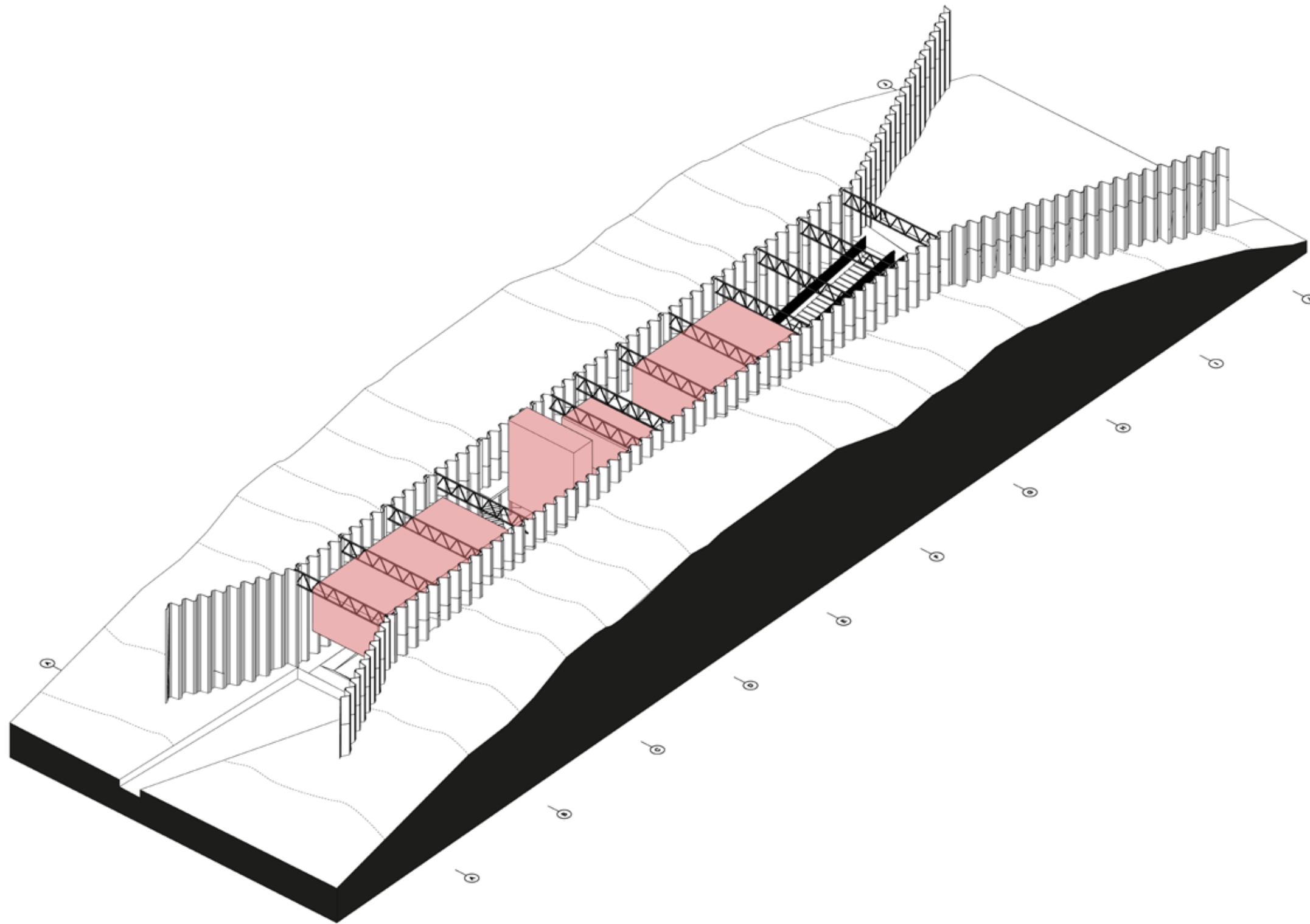


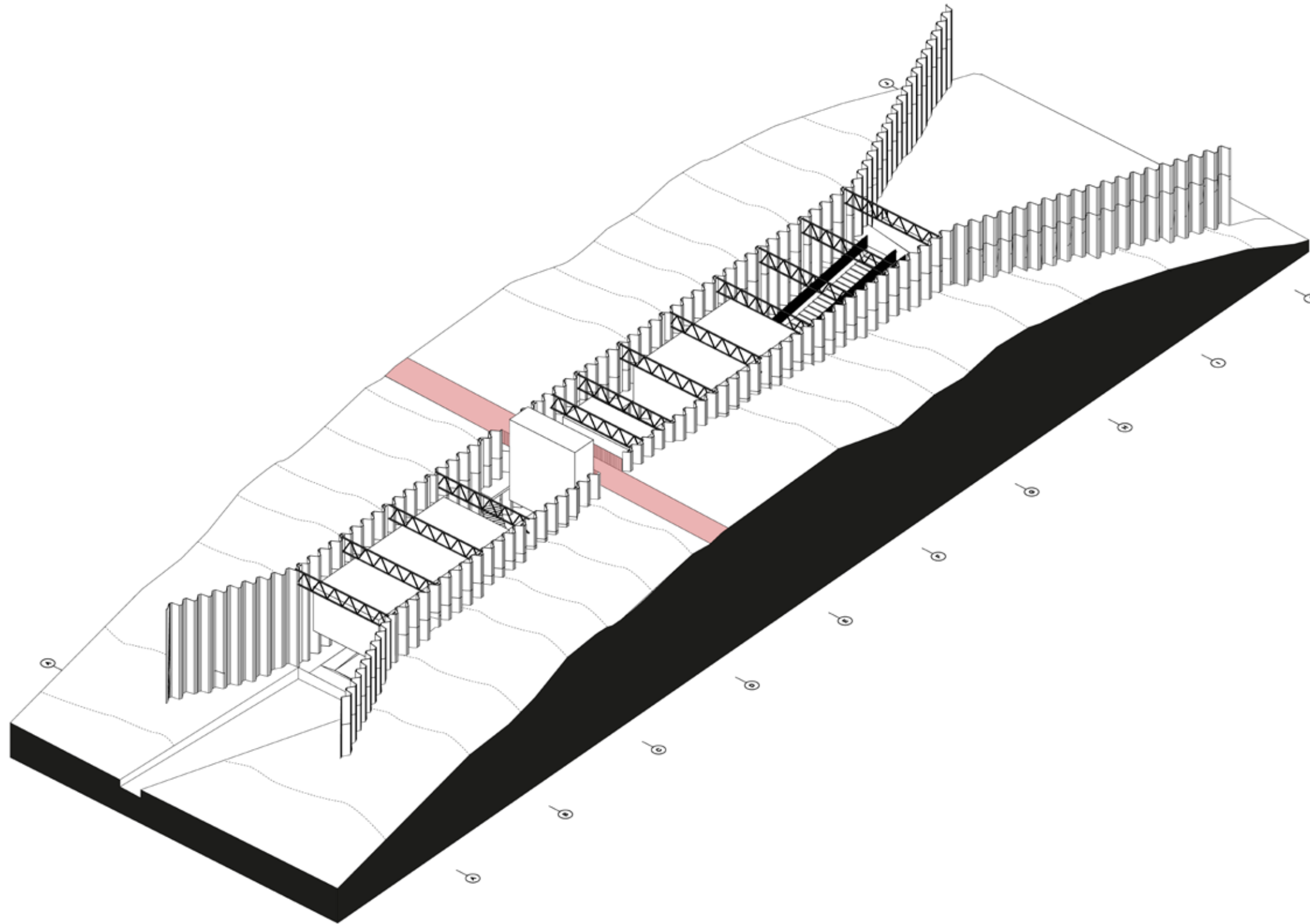




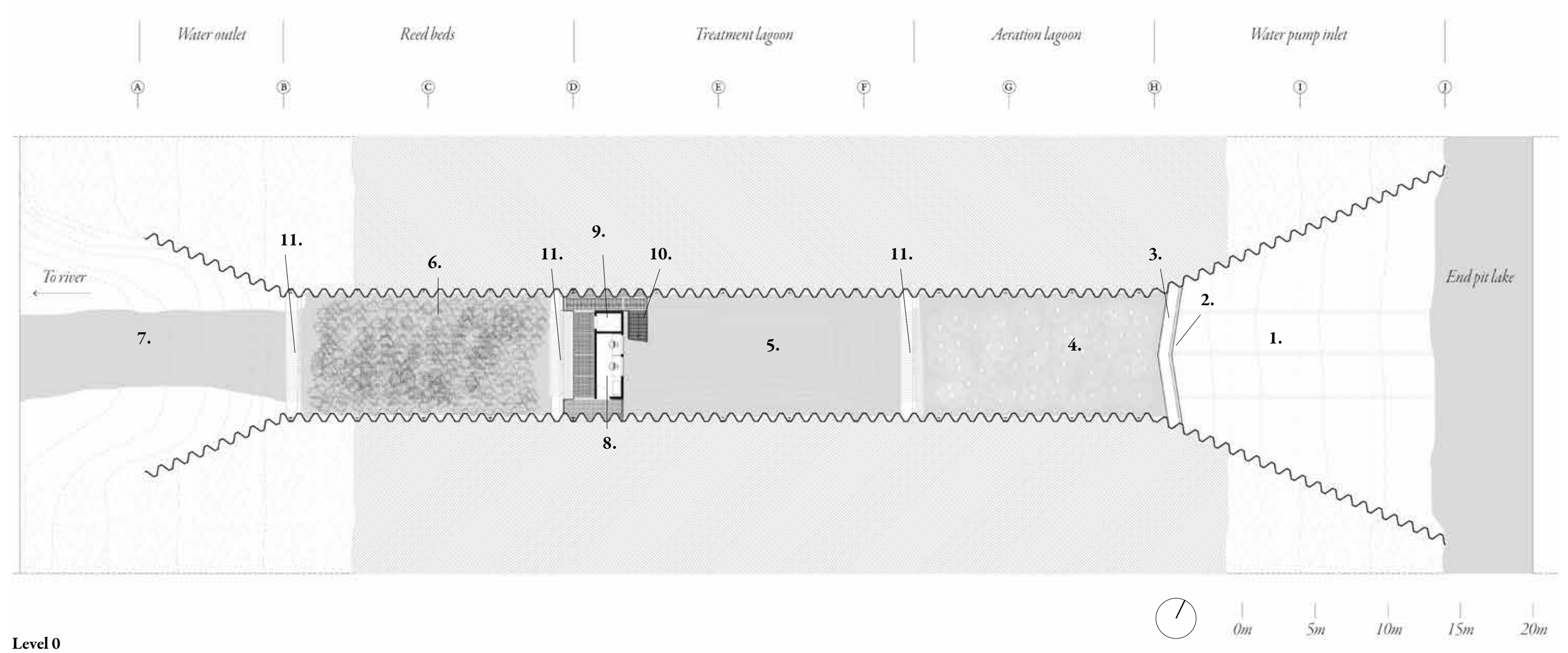






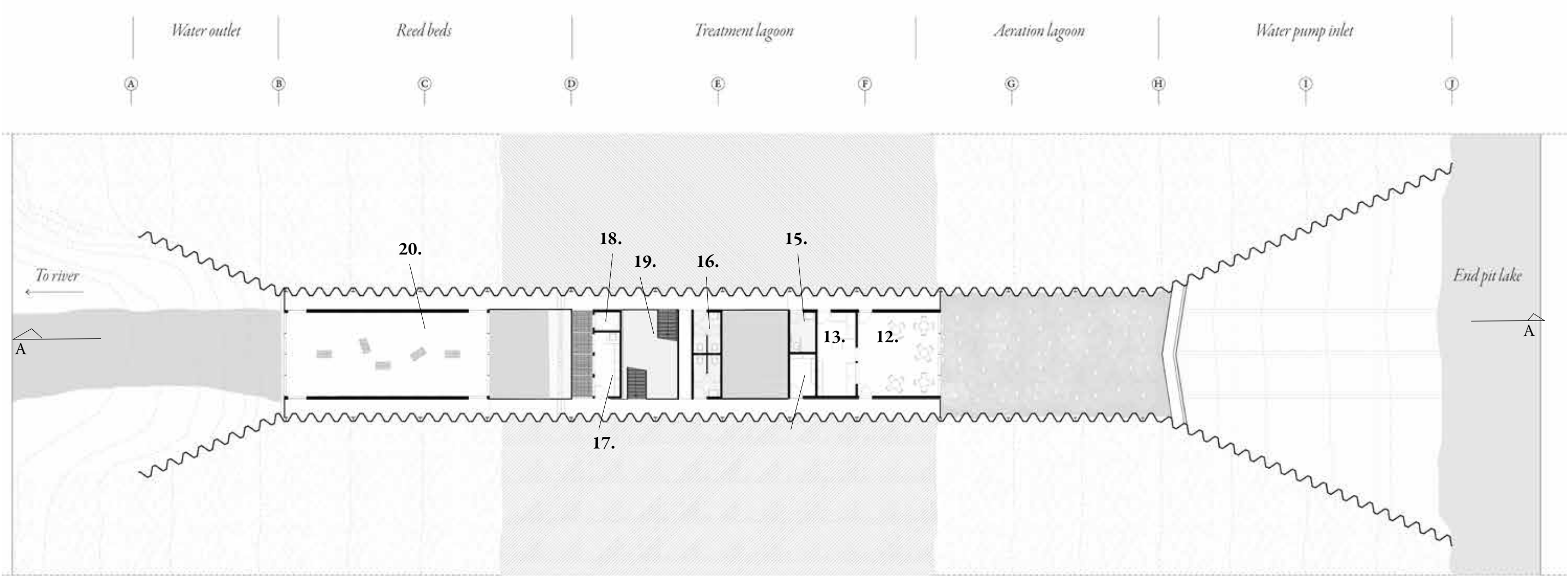


Water treatment facility | Level 0 - Water treatment



1. Water pumps
2. Inlet
3. Retaining wall
4. Aeration
5. Treatment
6. Reed beds
7. Outlet
8. Control room
9. Lift
10. Stairs
11. Filter

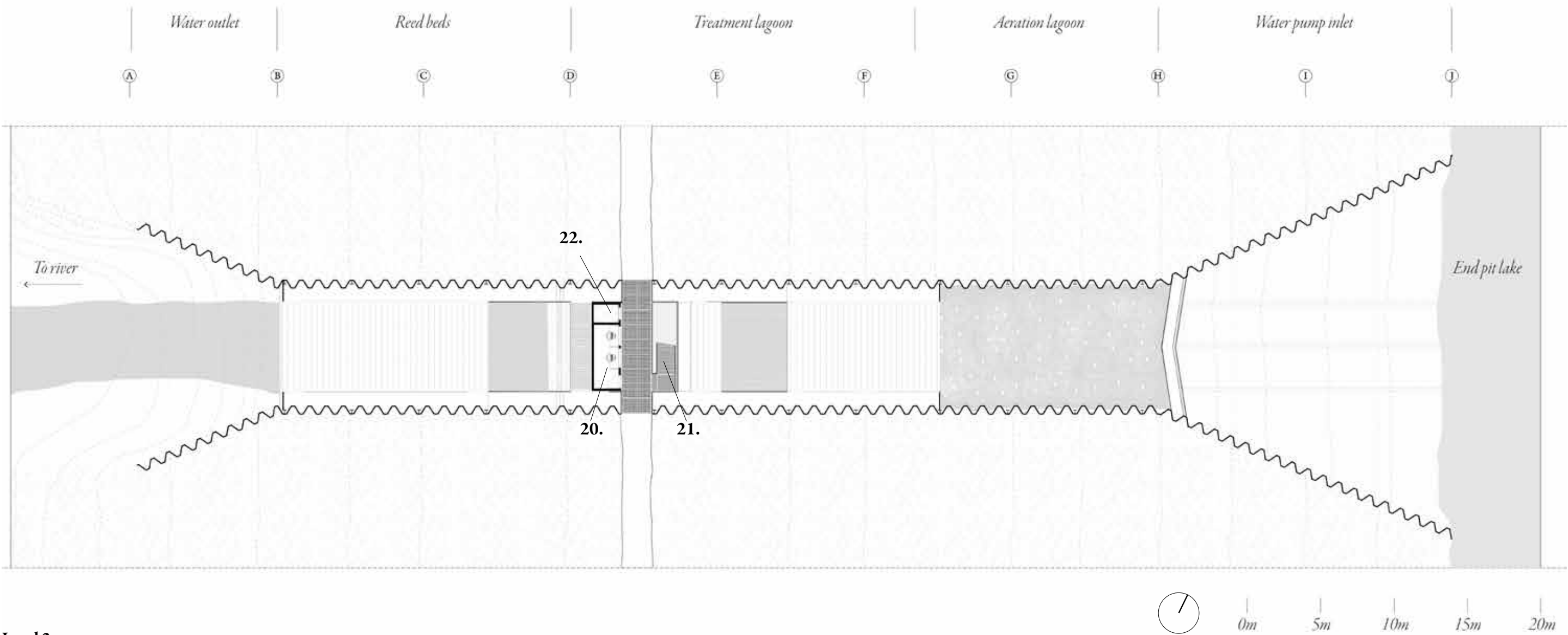
Water treatment facility | Level 1 - Visitor Centre



Level 1

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| 12. Cafe | 18. Lift |
| 13. Kitchen | 19. Stairs |
| 14. Storage | 20. Exhibition |
| 15. Disabled toilet | |
| 16. Toilet | |
| 17. Shop | |

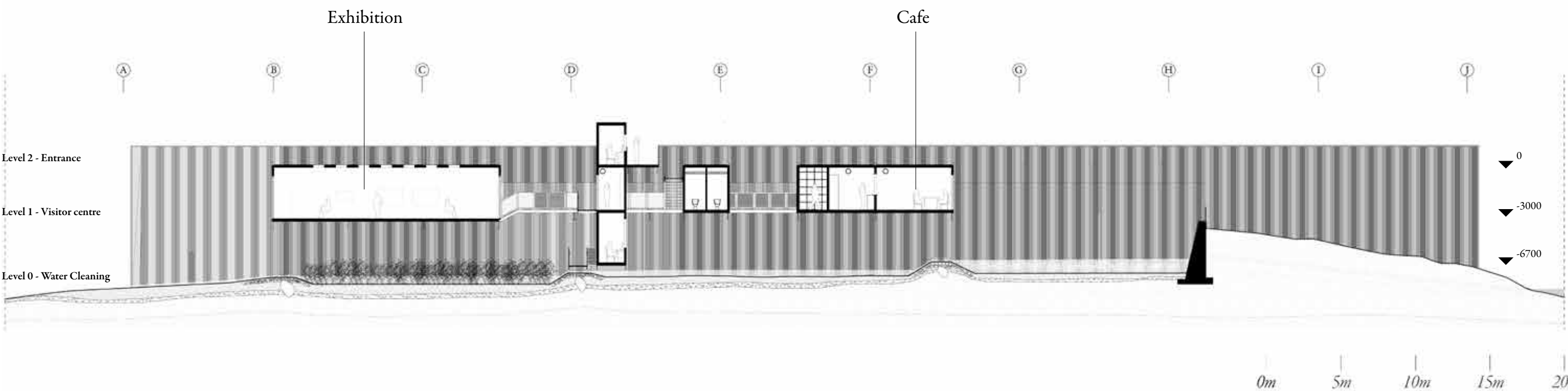
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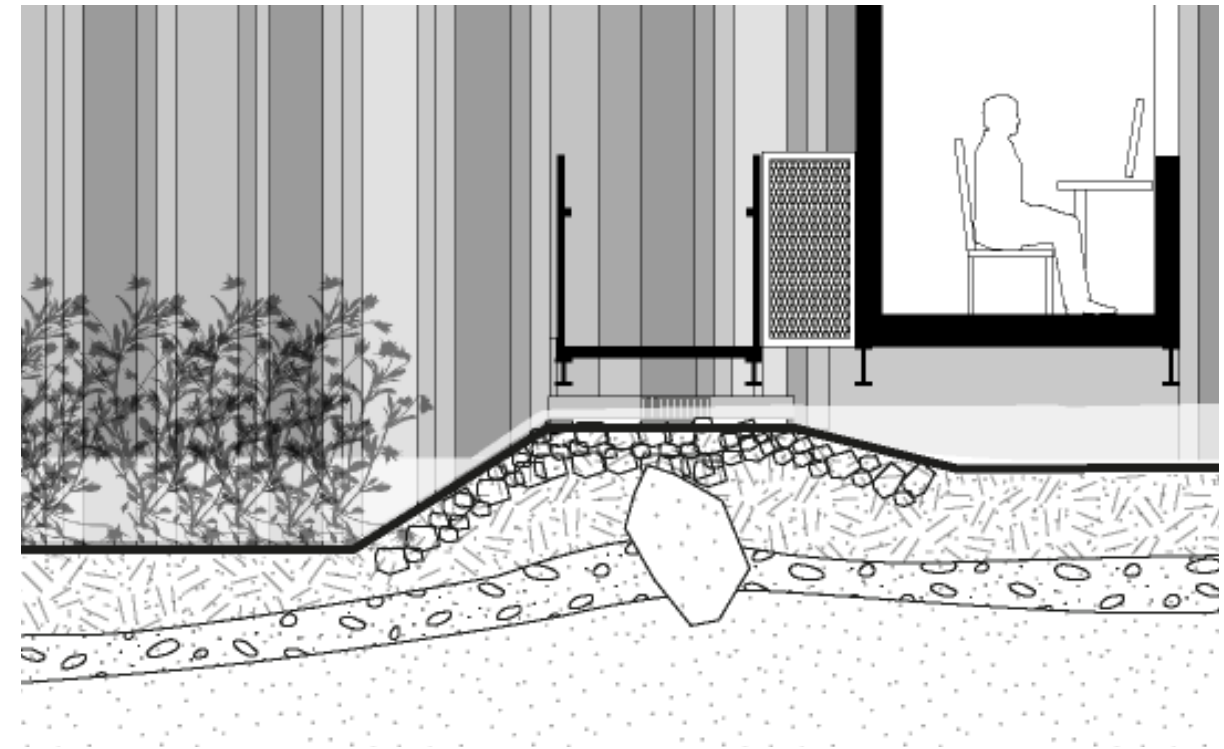
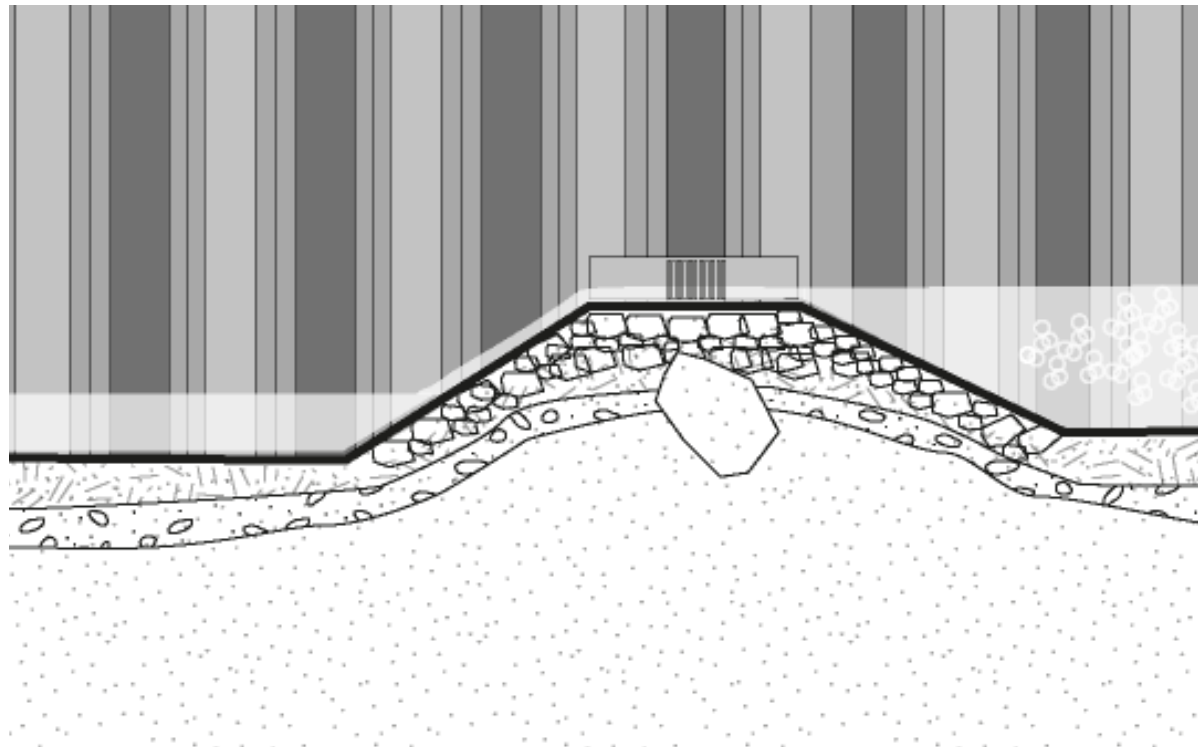


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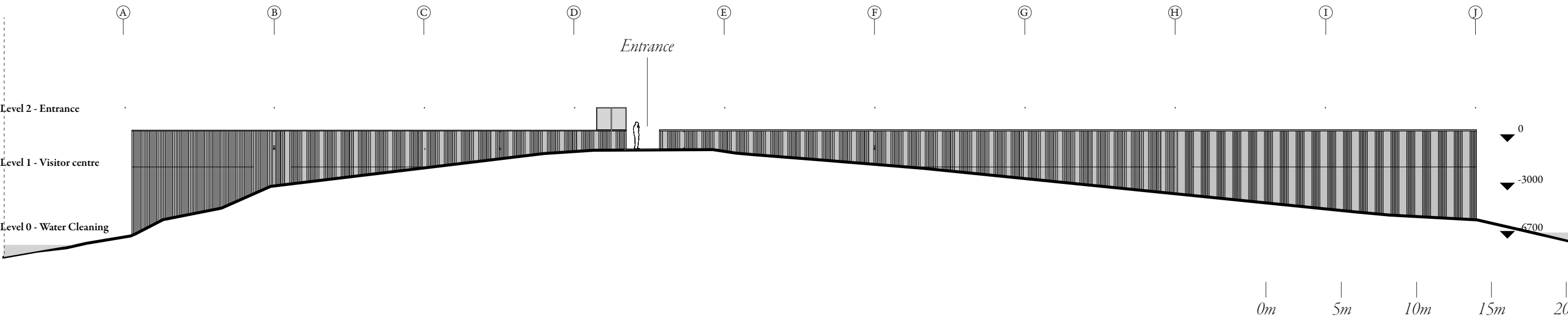
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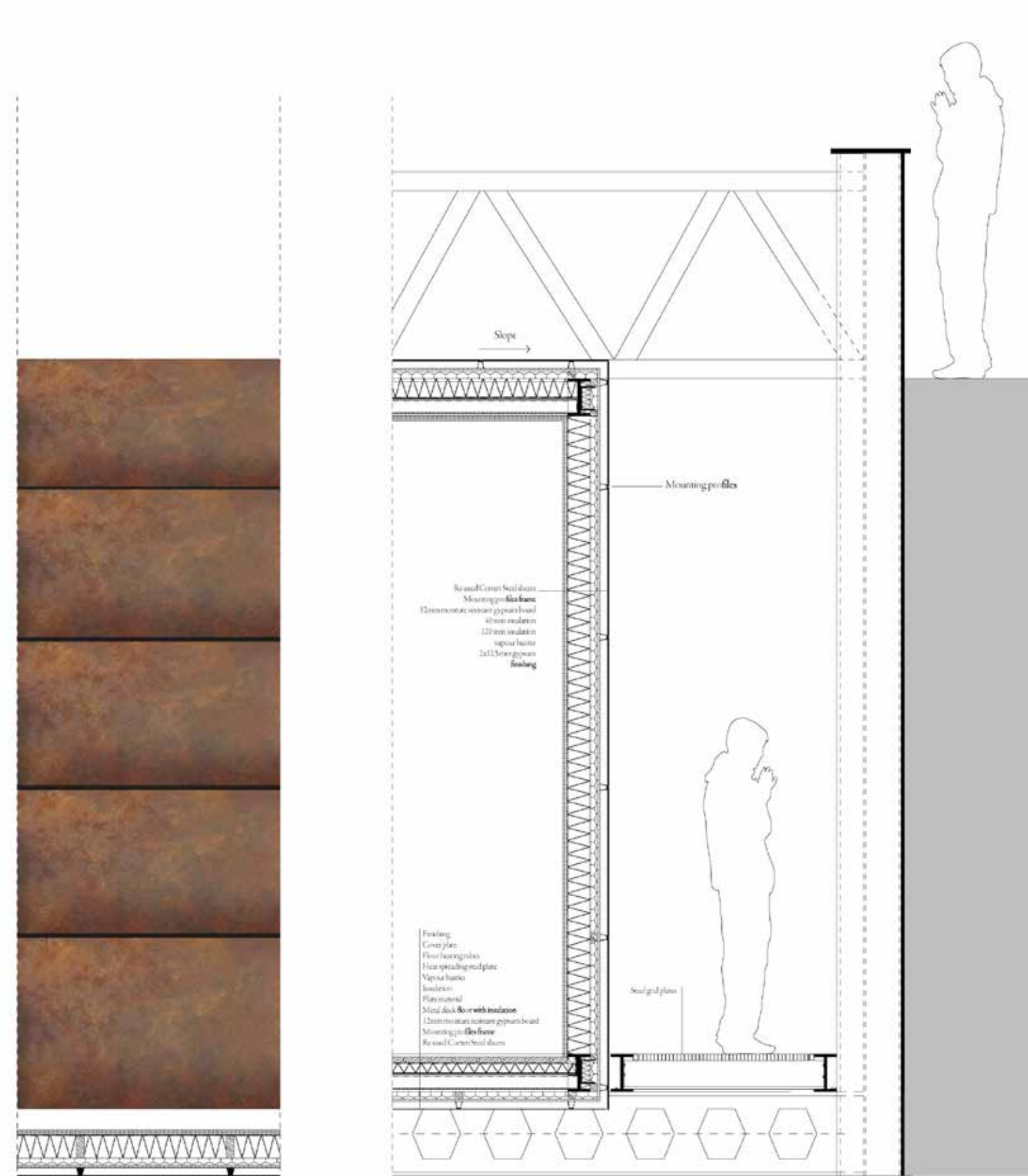
Water treatment facility | Section





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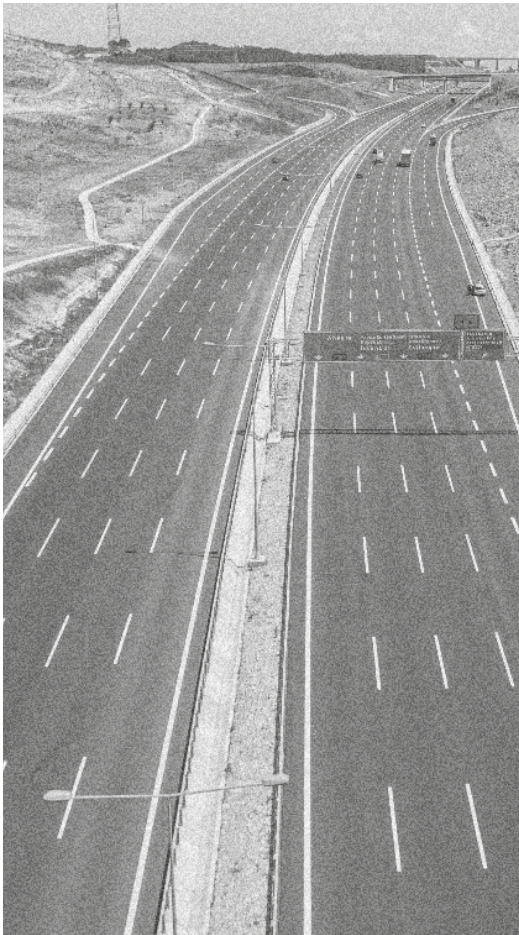
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Highway



Airport



Mine

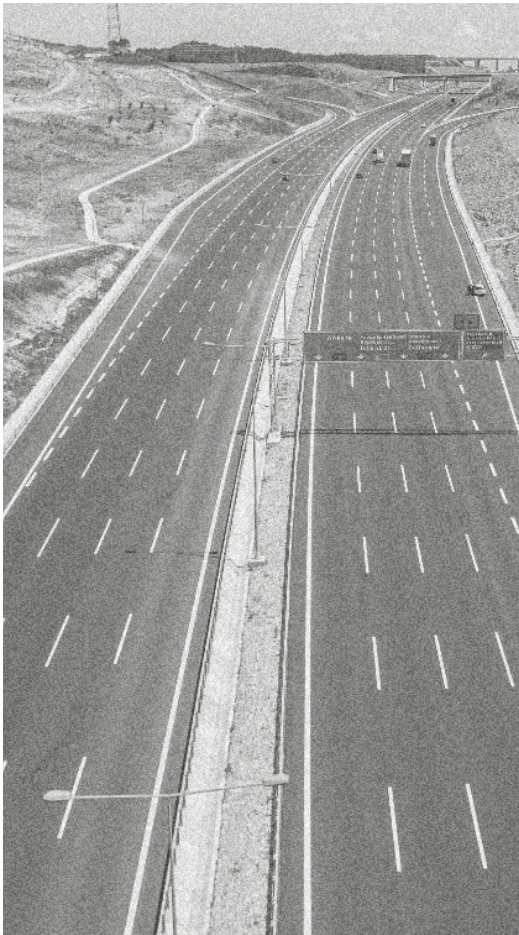


Black Sea coast



Belgrade Forest

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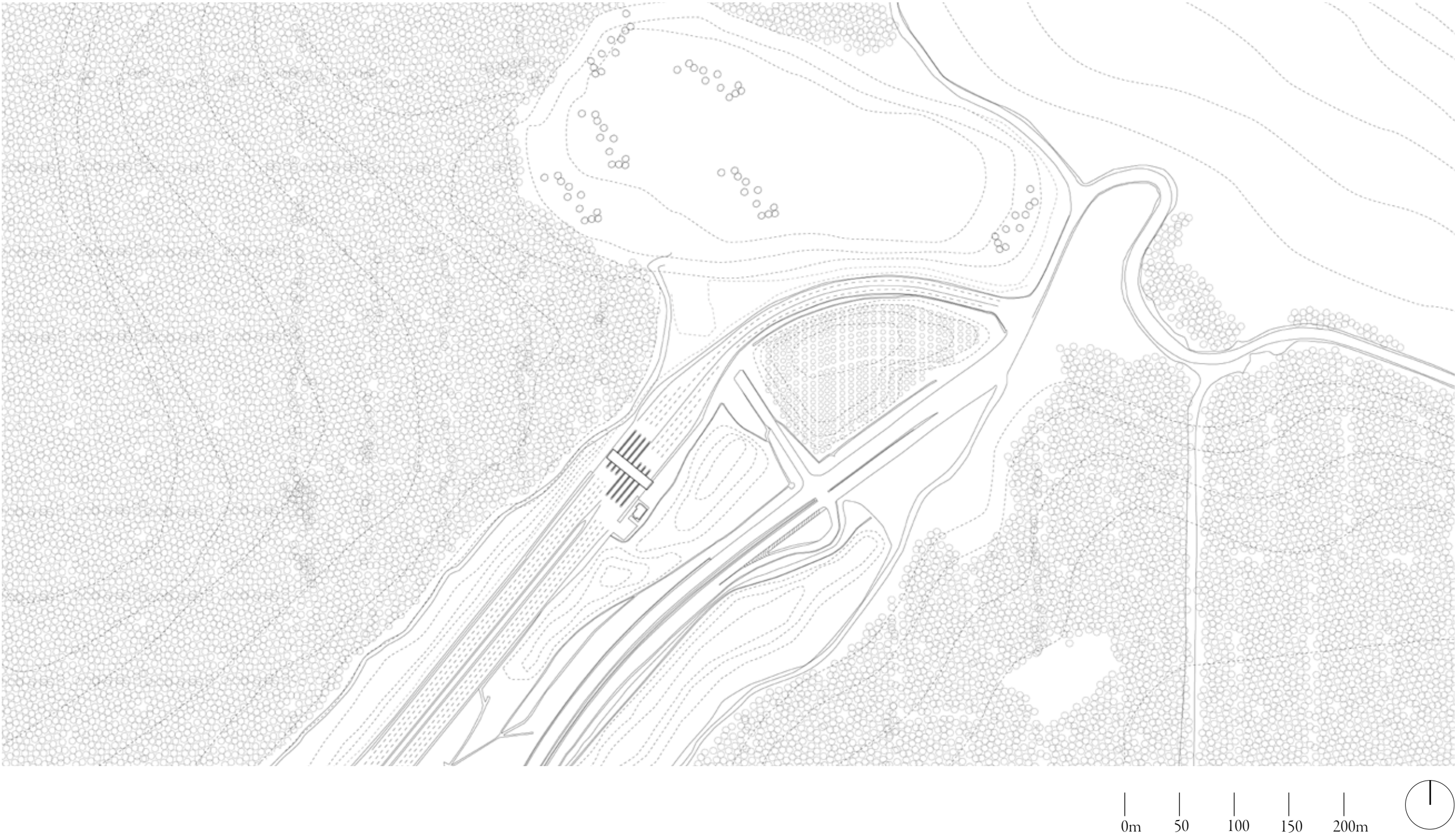
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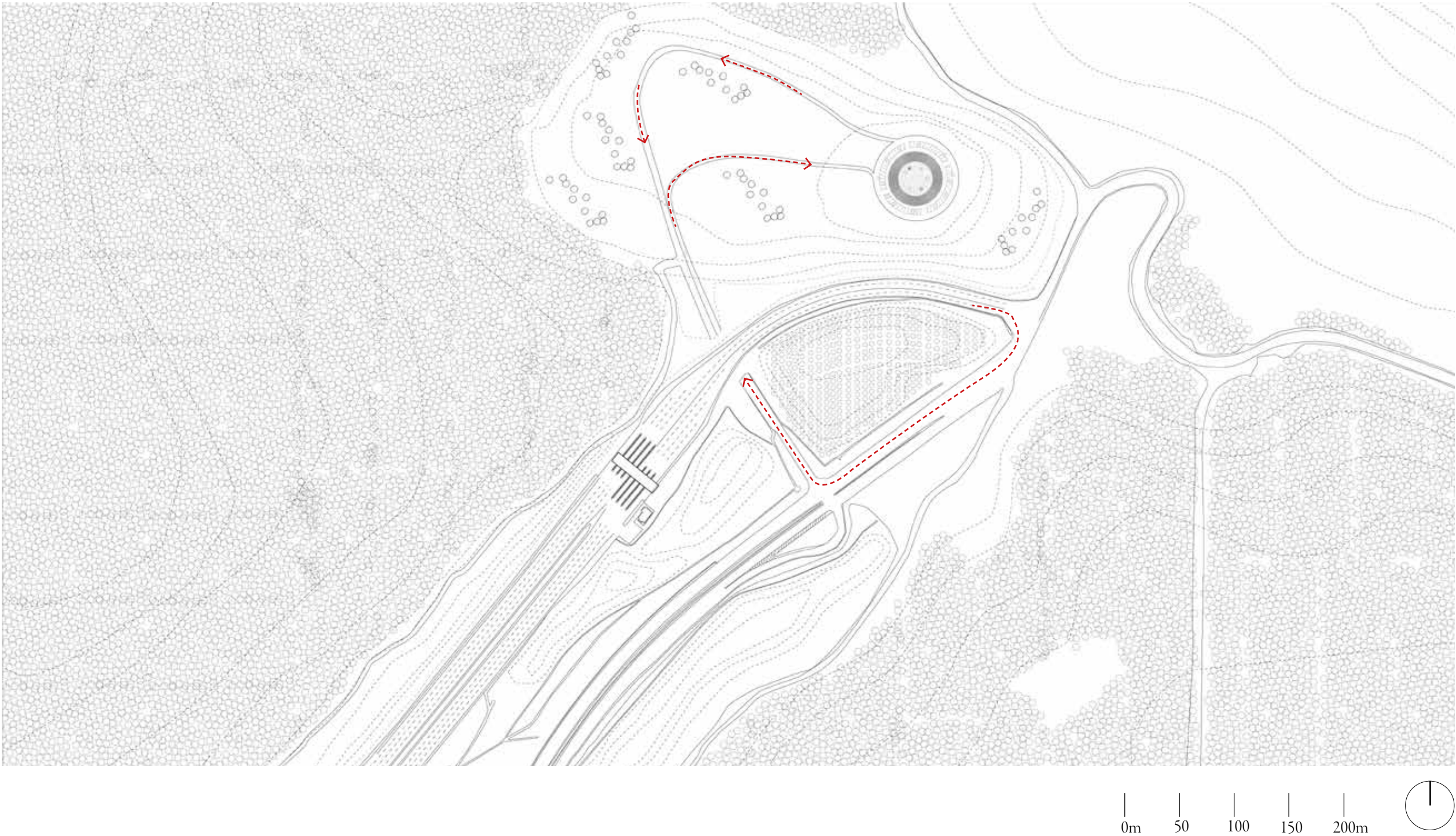


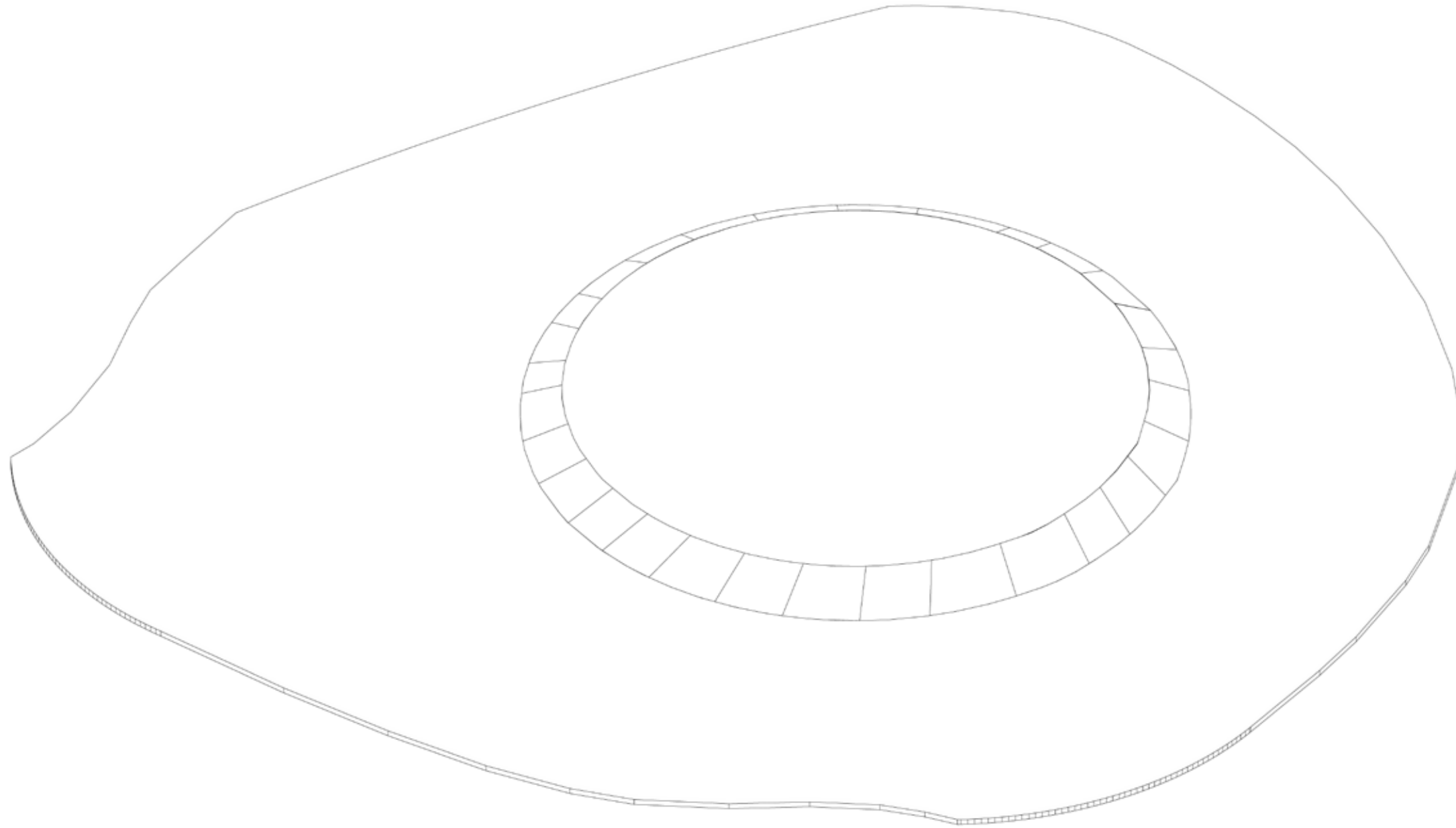
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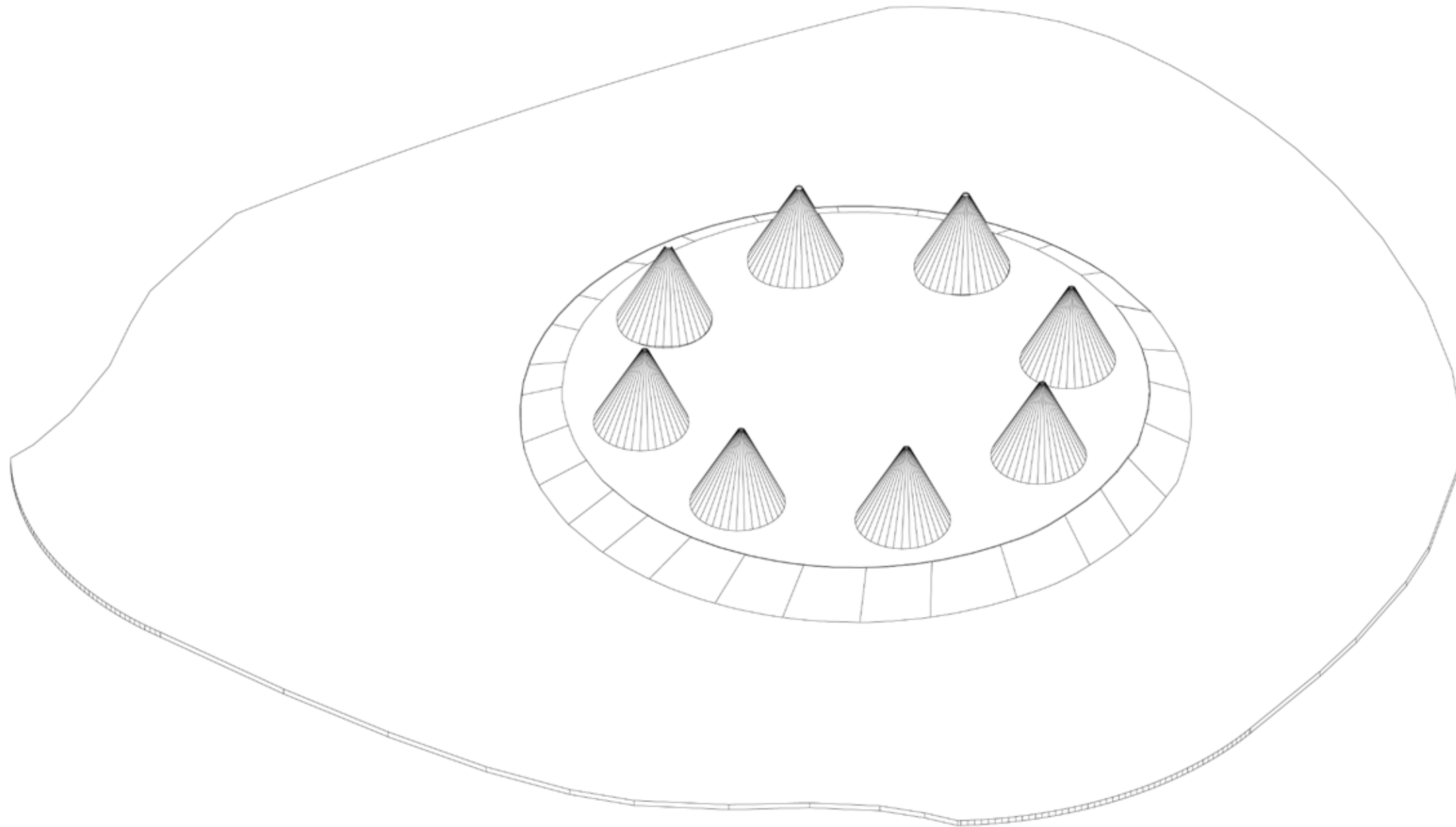


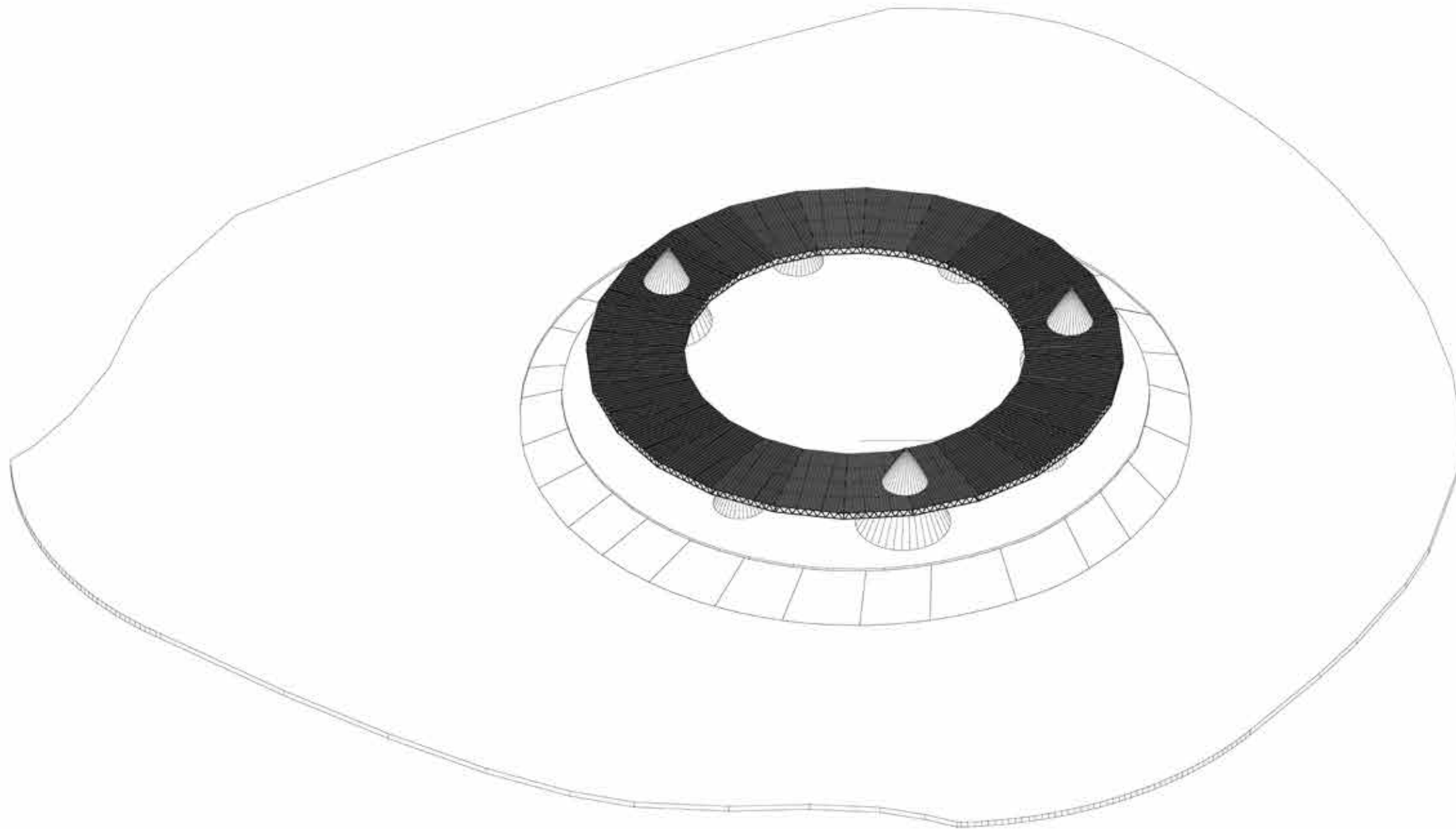
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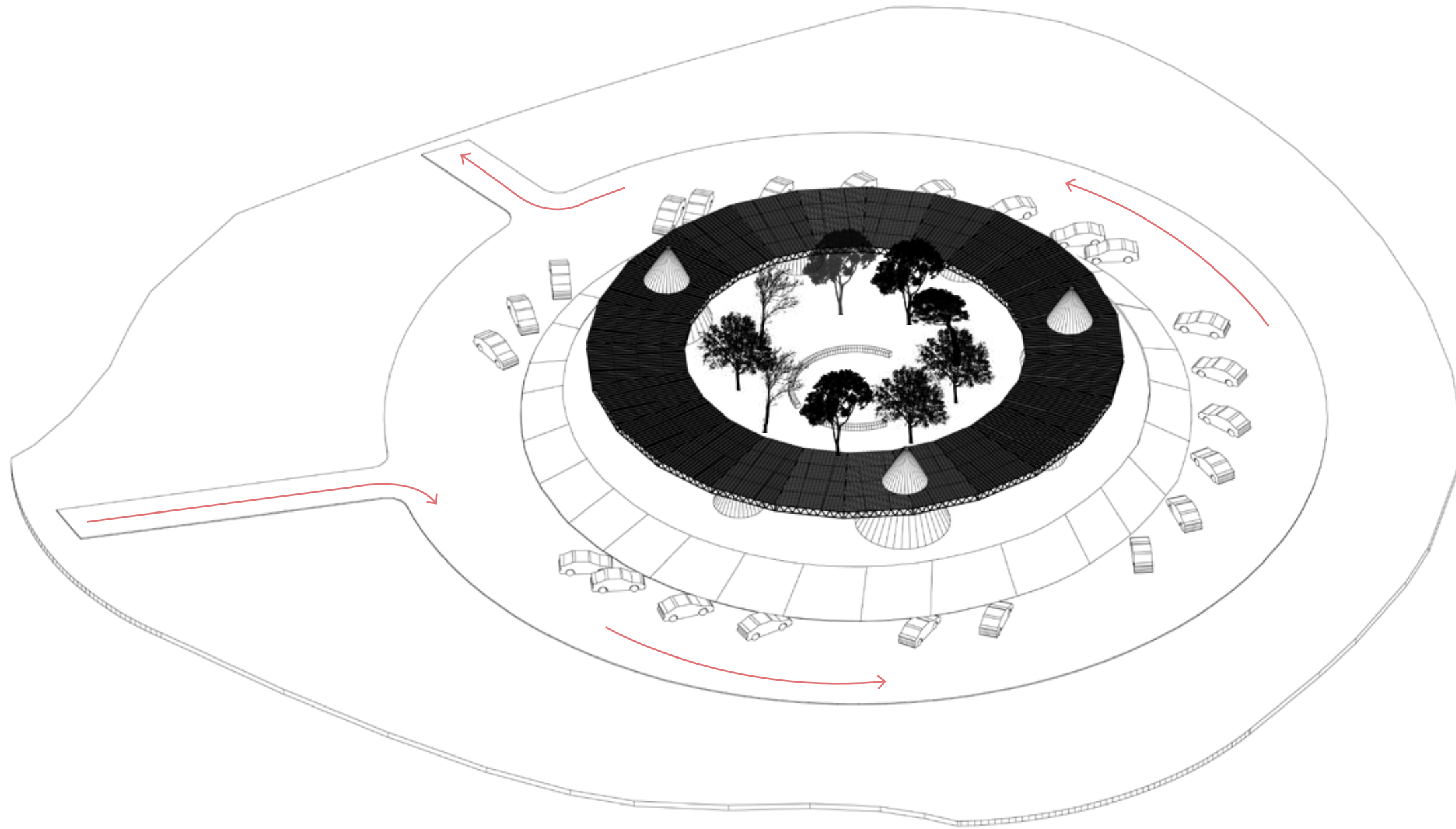




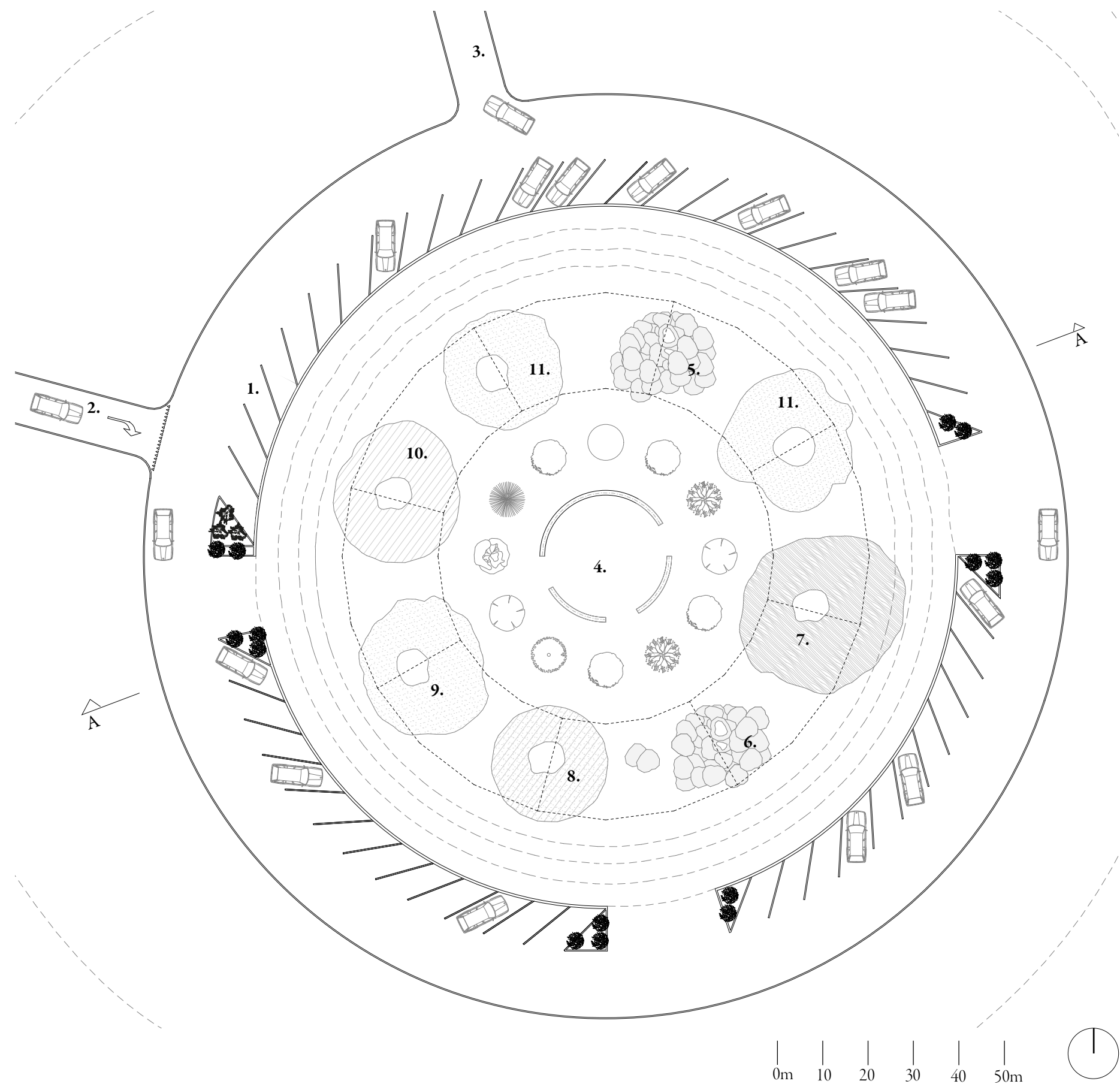


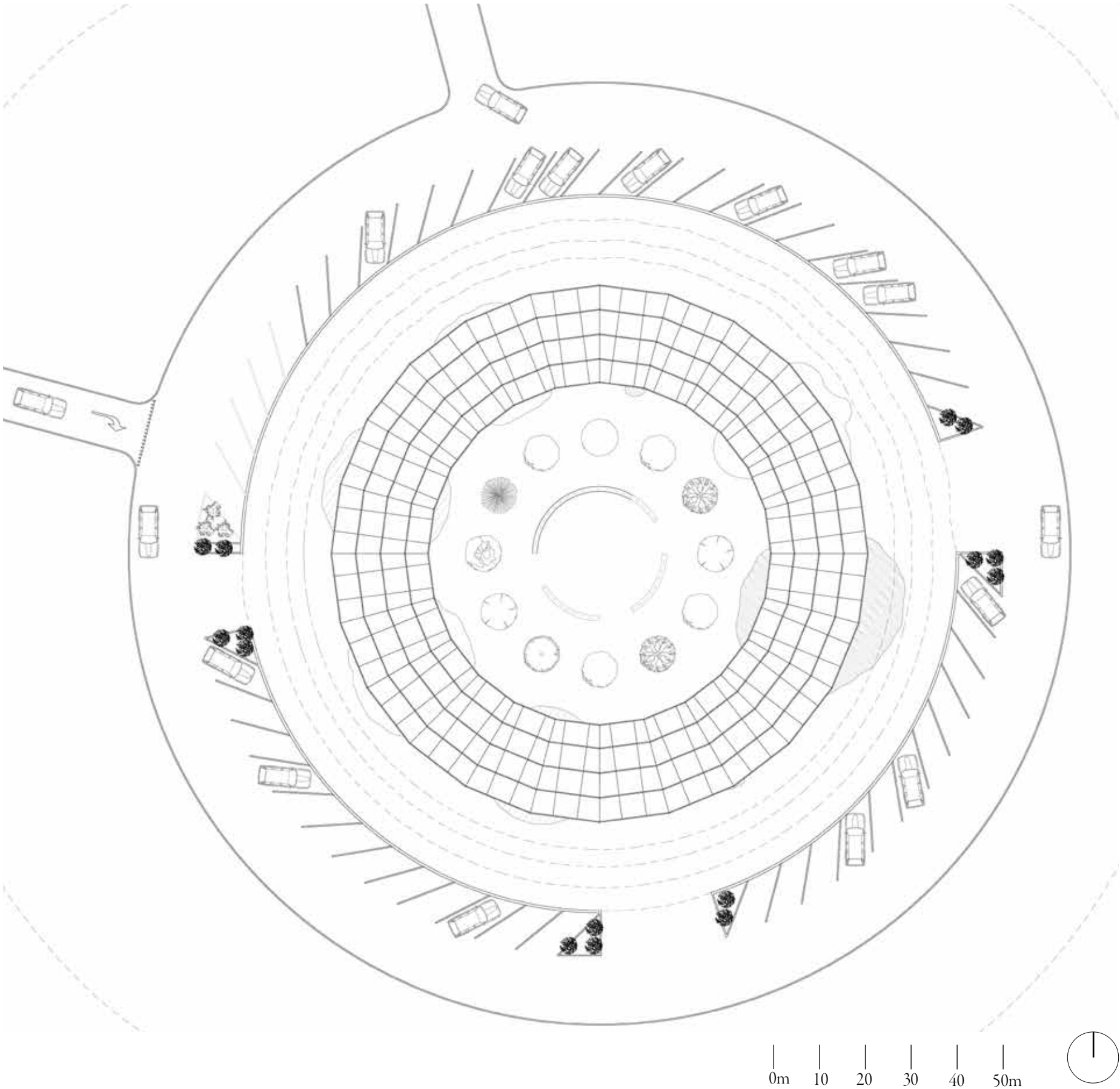






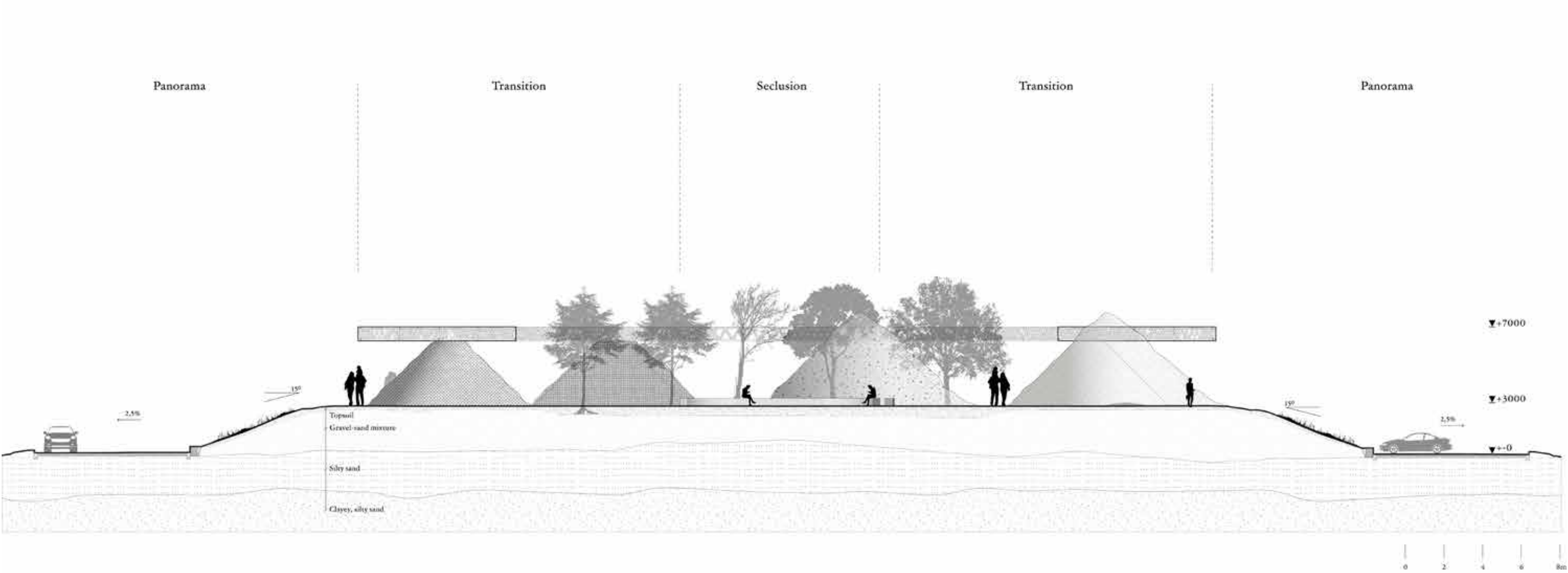
Highway rest stop | Plan



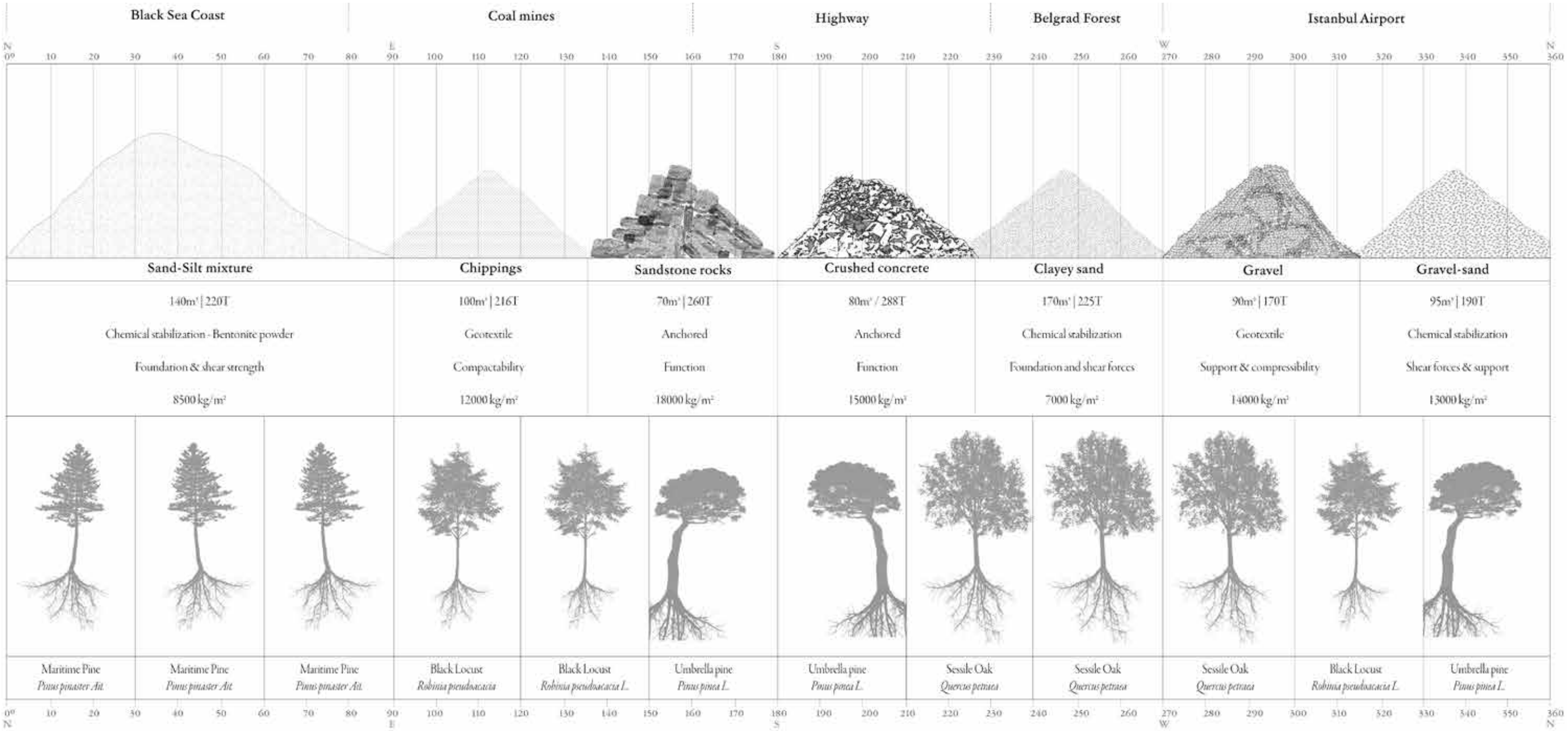


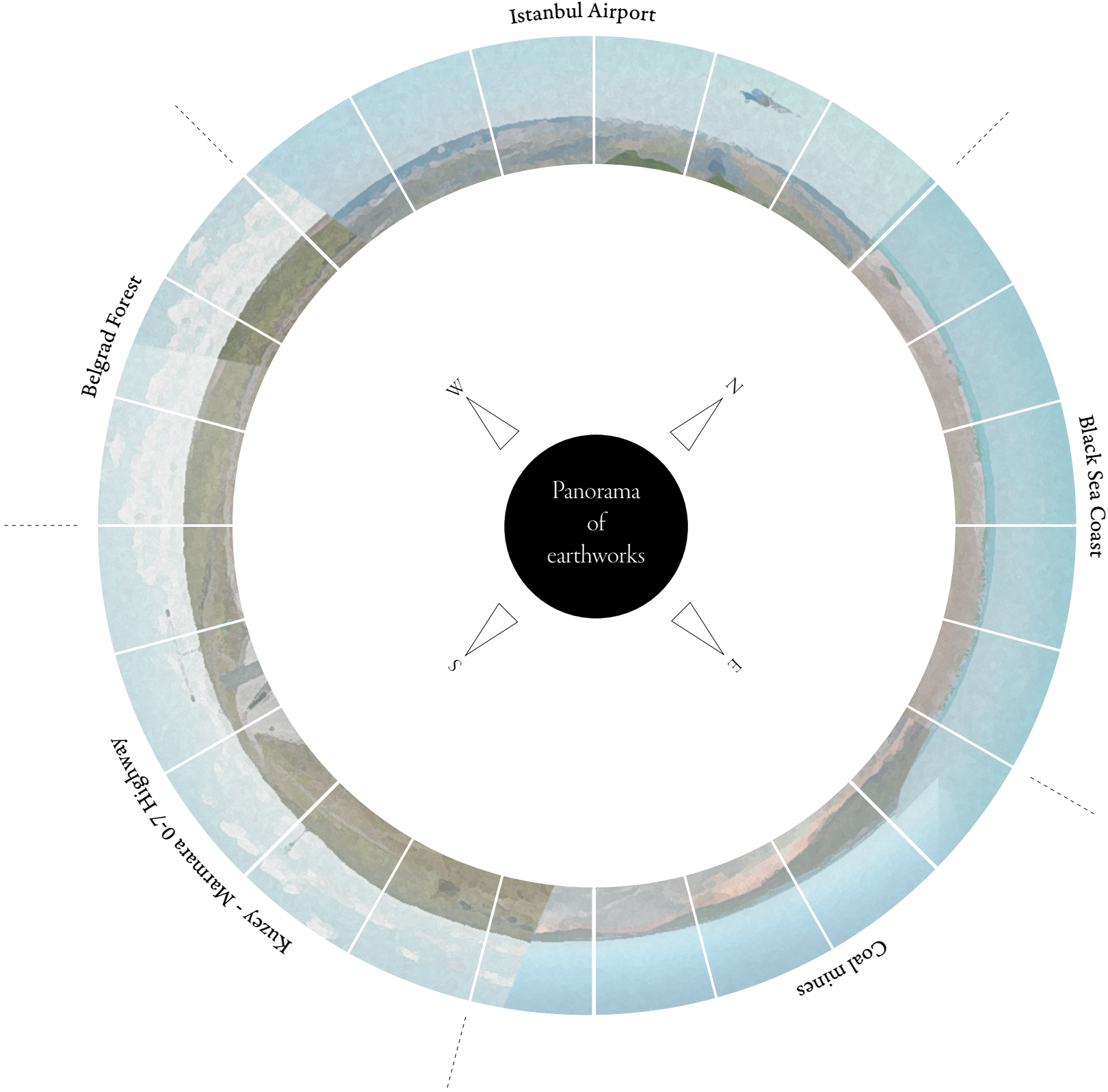
- Legend**
- 1. Parking
 - 2. Entrance road
 - 3. Exit road
 - 4. Seating
- Soil columns*
- 5. Sandstone
 - 6. Crushed concrete
 - 7. Sand-silt mixture
 - 8. Chippings
 - 9. Clayey sand
 - 10.Gravel
 - 11. Gravel sand

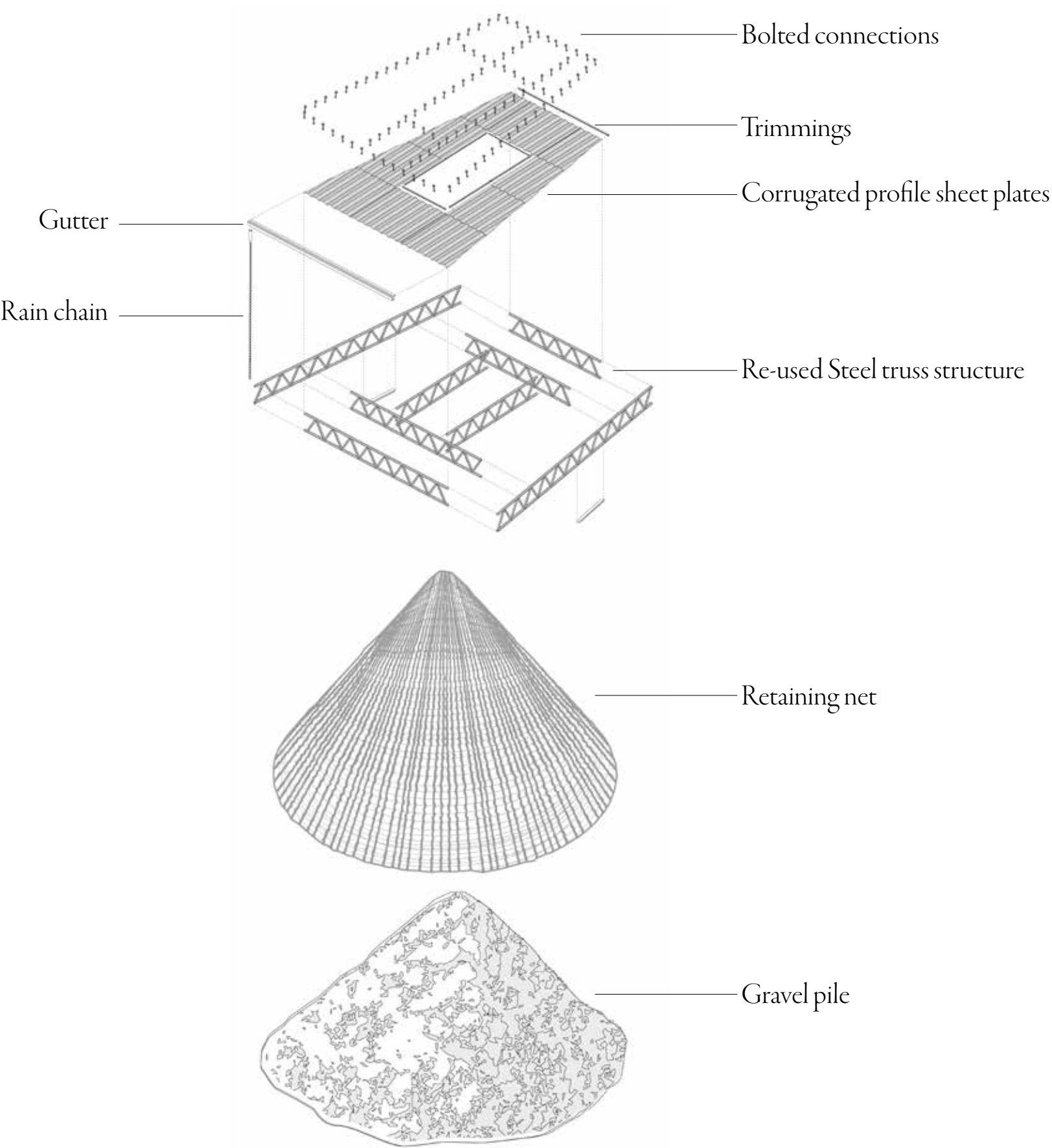
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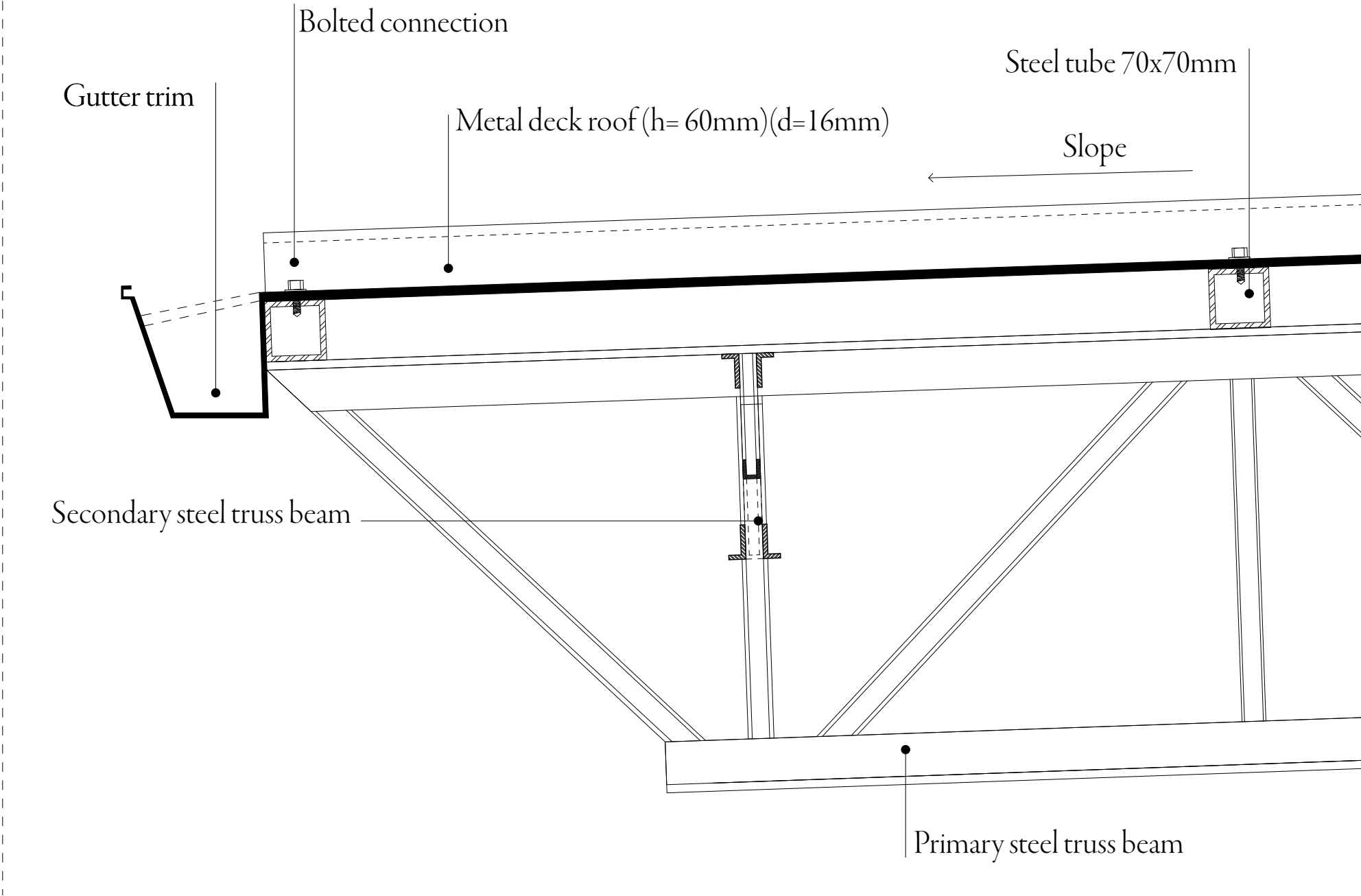


Highway rest stop | Panorama





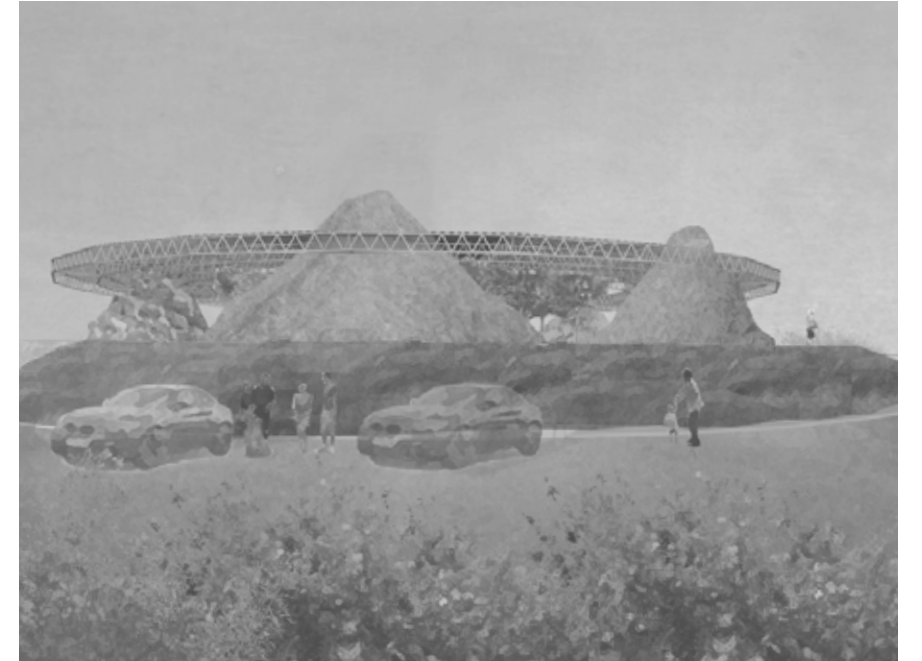
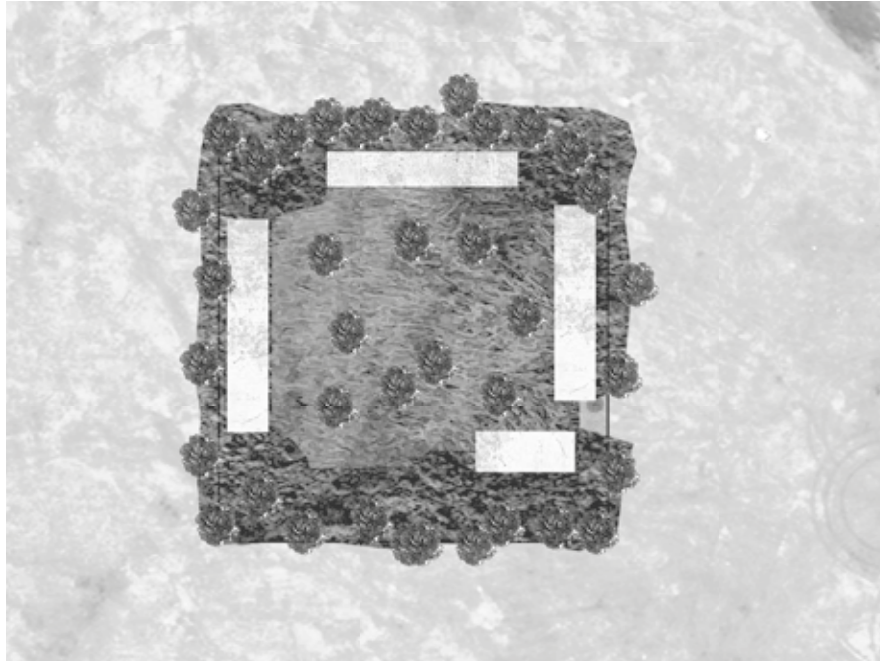






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