

Bloemkoolwijken - the New Vernacular?

Exploring the potentials of regional bio-based materials for the facade renovation of Bloemkoolwijken in the Netherlands

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Introduction

02.

Research

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Experimentation

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Look-books

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Proof of concept

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Conclusions

A photograph of a coastal landscape. The foreground is sandy with some low-lying green and yellow plants. The background shows a clear blue sky and a distant horizon line. The text "01. Introduction" is centered in the middle of the image.

01.
Introduction



*The construction of a Bloemkoolwijk
(Rijksdienst vor het Cultureel Erfgoed, n.d.)*

Post-war housing
1940s-1950s:

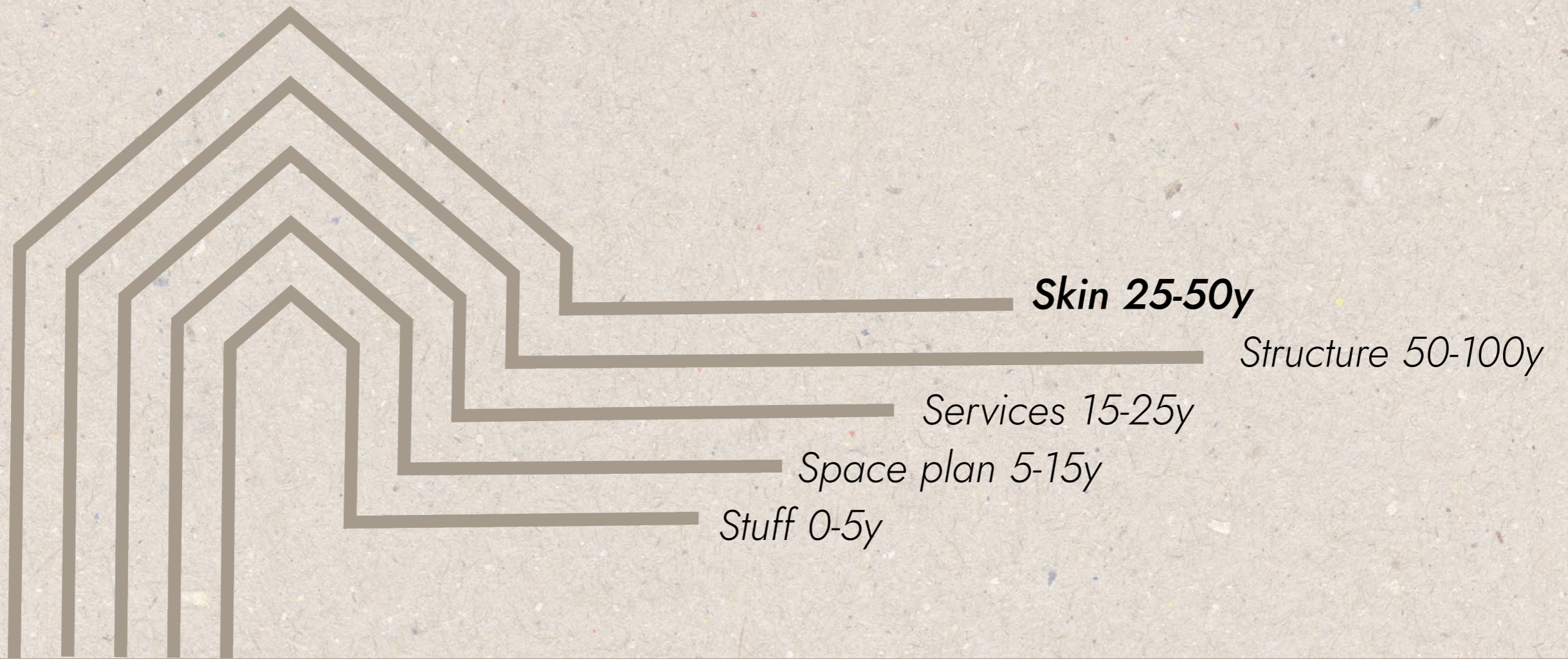


Urban
Linear streets
Private
Car

Bloemkoolwijk
1960s-1970s:



Suburban
Organic
Social
Slow traffic



*A Building's Shearing Layers
(after Brand, 1994)*

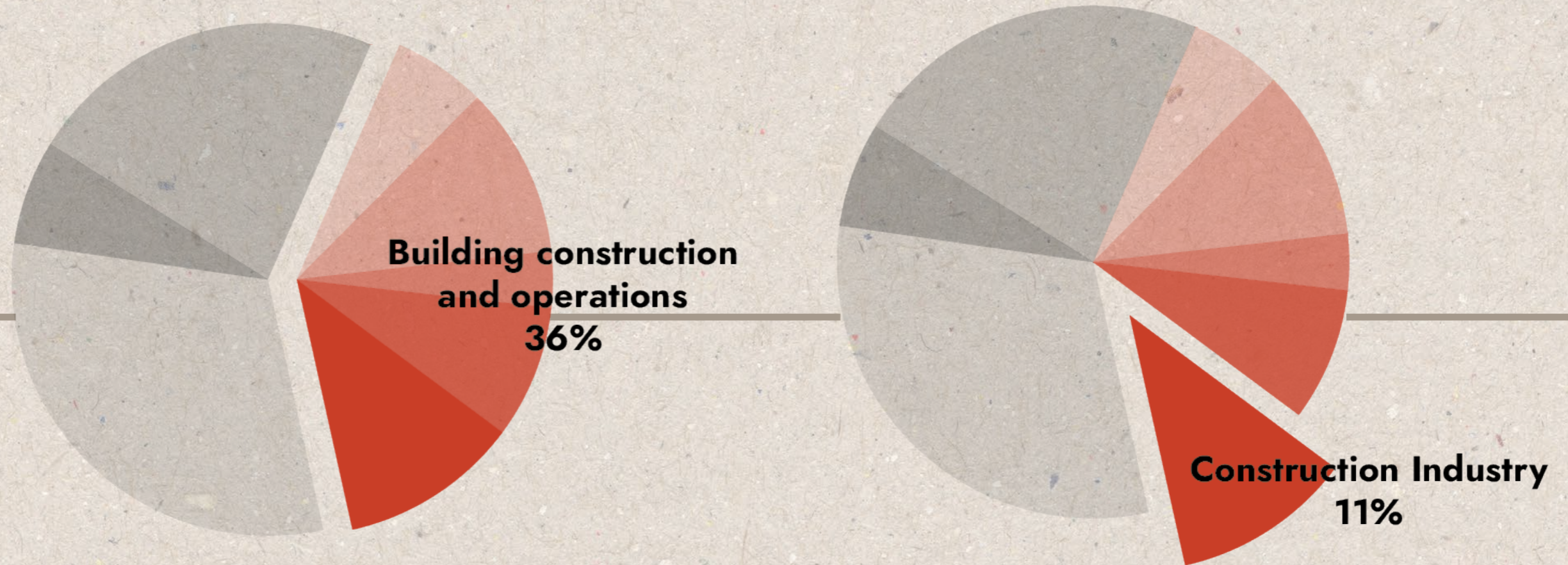
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Need for Renovation



But ...

*Emissions building sector
(after IISD, 2022)*



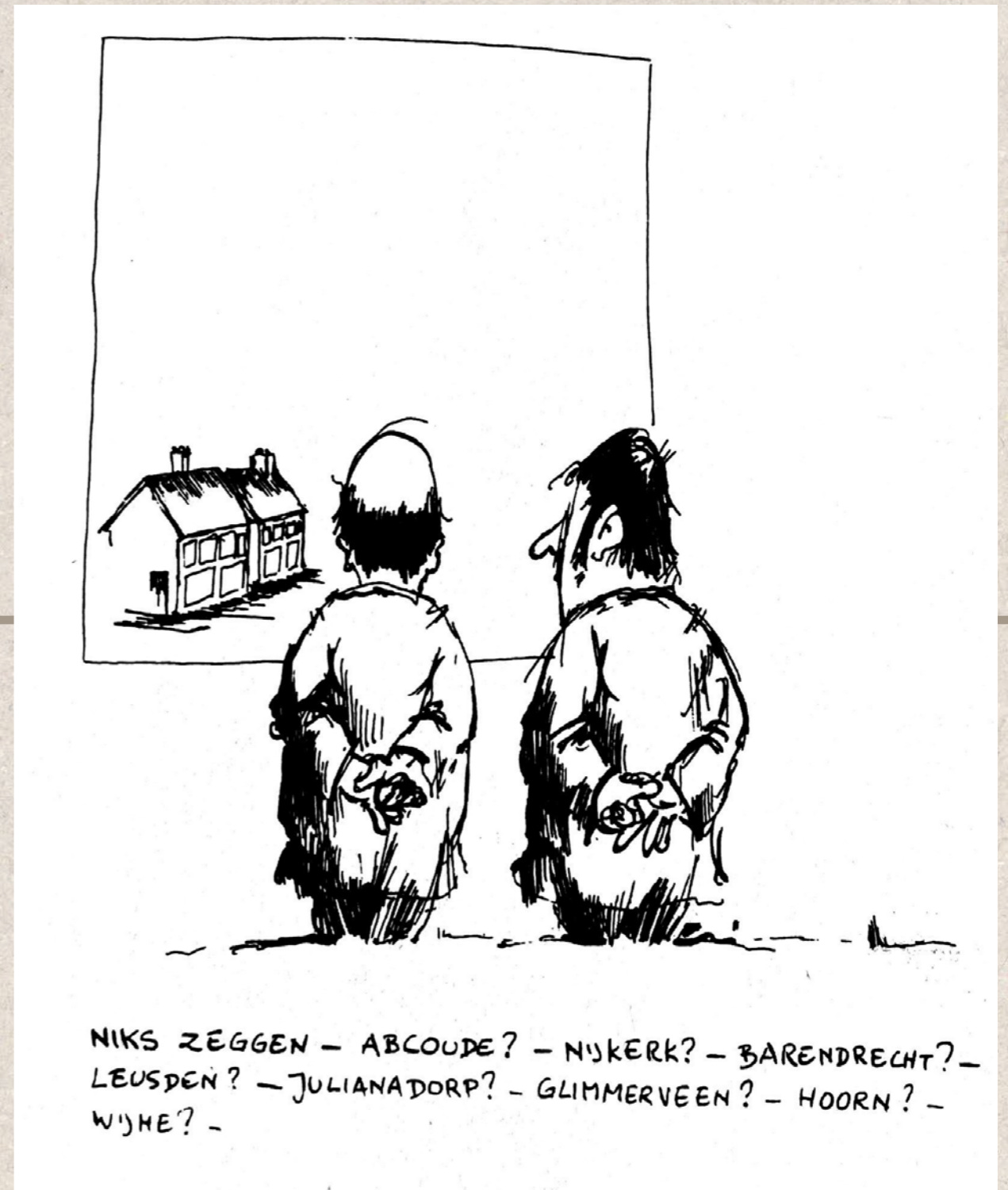
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Emissions of the Building Sector



“ Most modern buildings exist in a “nowhere”; they are not related to a landscape and not to a coherent, urban whole, but live their abstract life in a kind of mathematical-technological space which hardly distinguishes between up and down”

- Cristian Norberg Schulz



3.

Little to No Sense of Place



“Renovation *by using* Bio-Based Materials *from the* Surrounding Landscape”



of 'Bloemkoolwijken'

02.
Vernacular Architecture

03.
Netherlands as a context

for each Regional landscape

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Neighborhoods

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Vegetation

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Conclusions & Reflection

Literature review

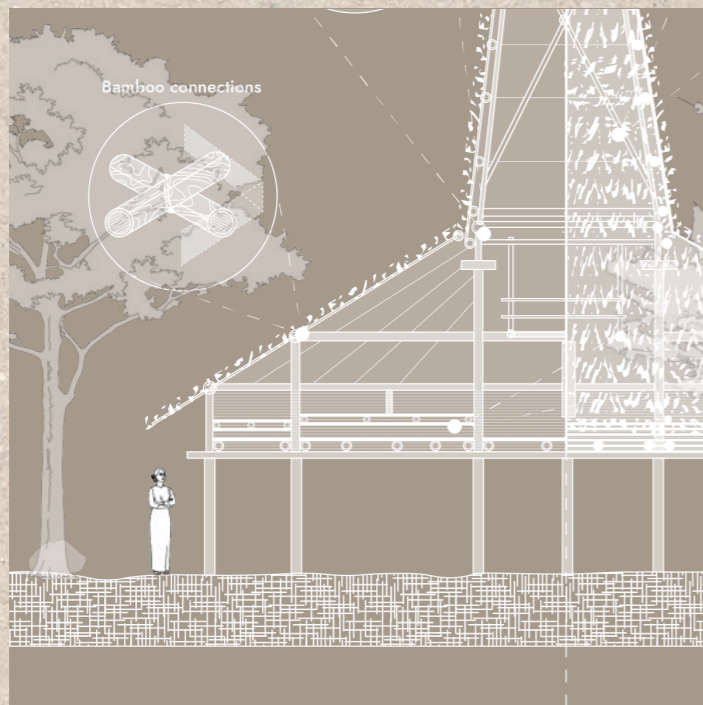
Field research

Research-by-design

.02.
Research



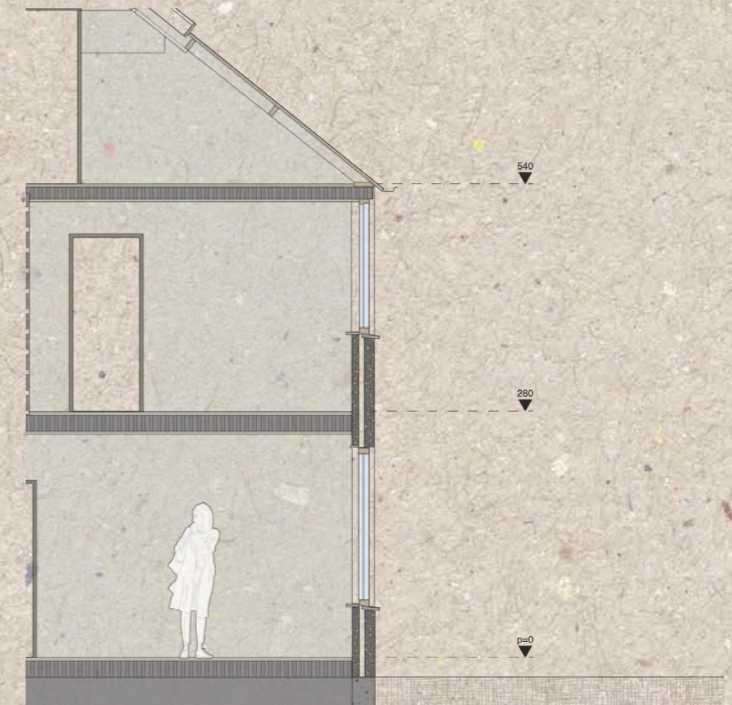
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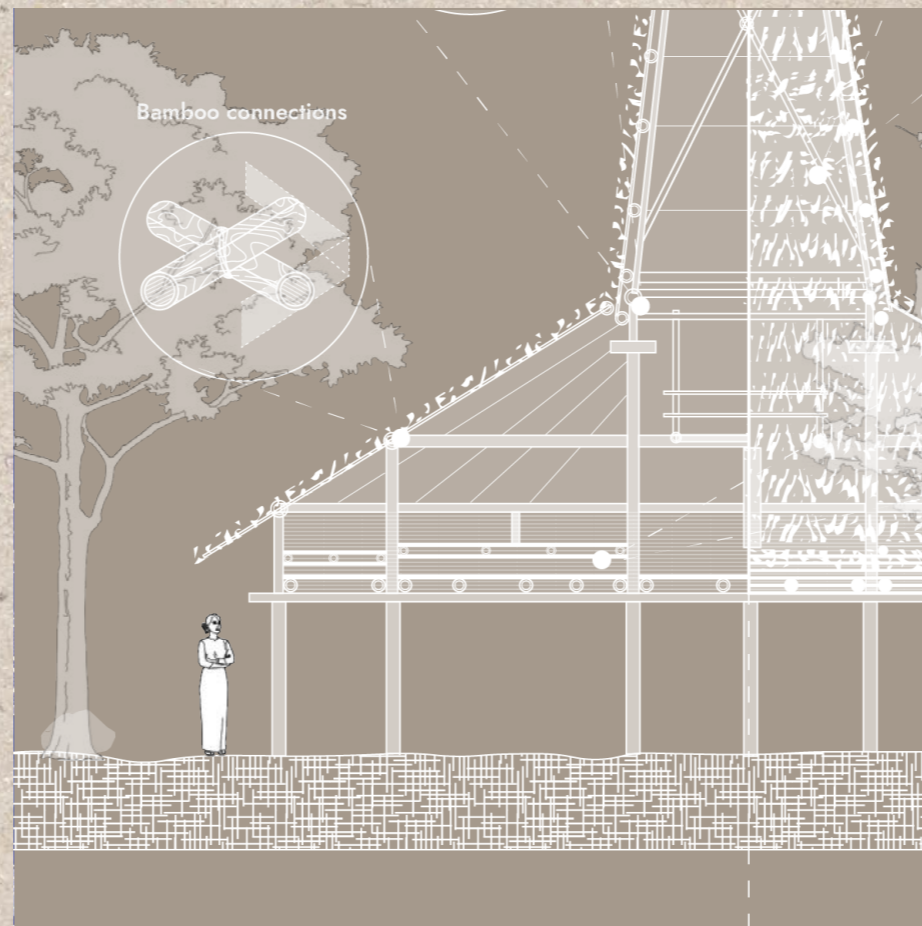
Regional Landscapes



Neighborhoods

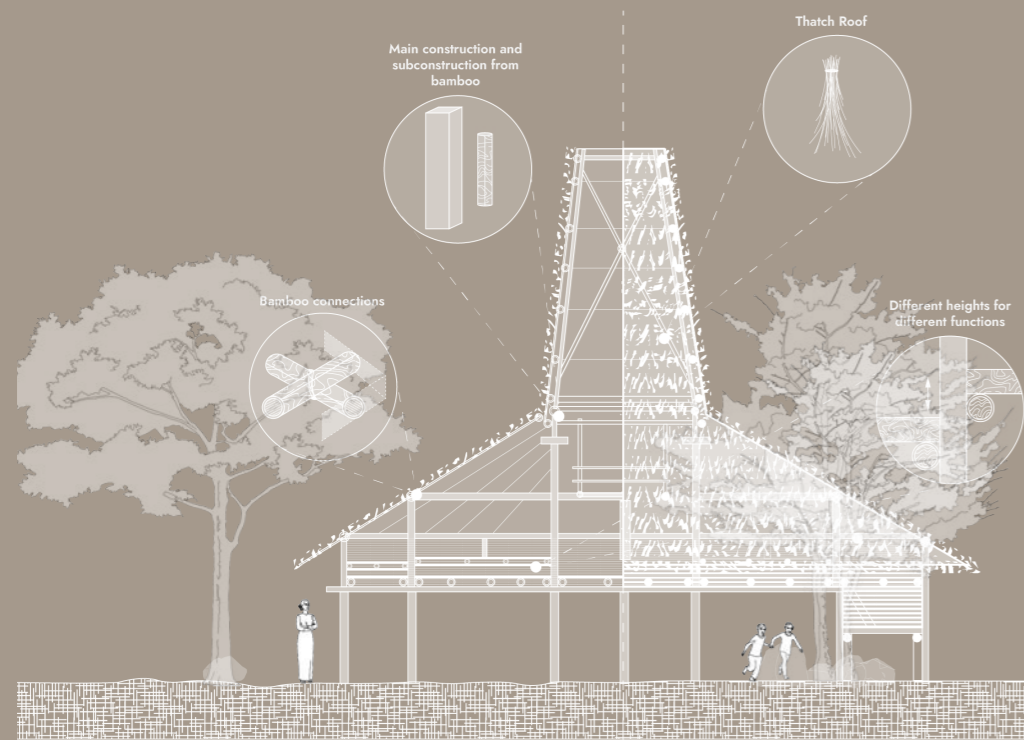


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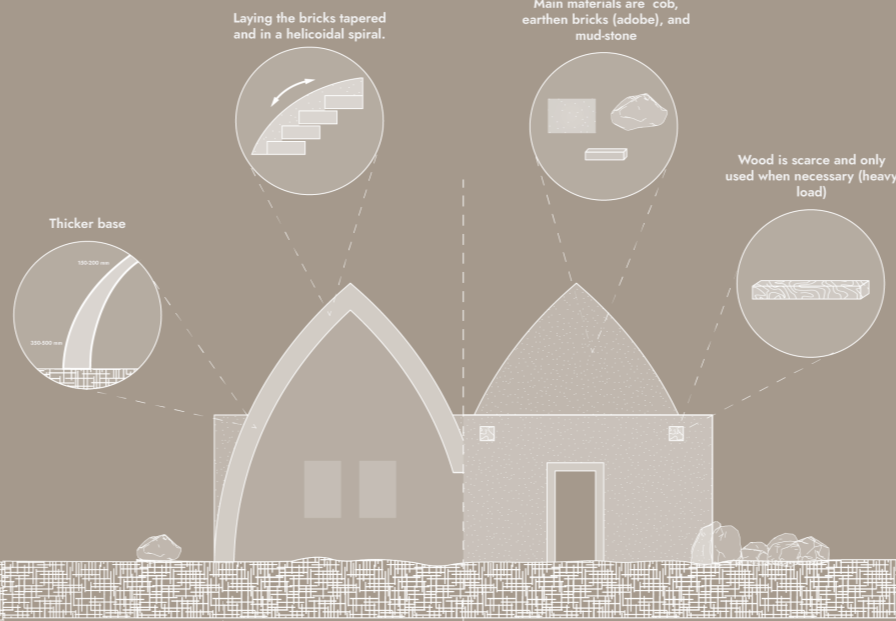


“Gain knowledge on the application of bio-based materials in a low-tech manner.”

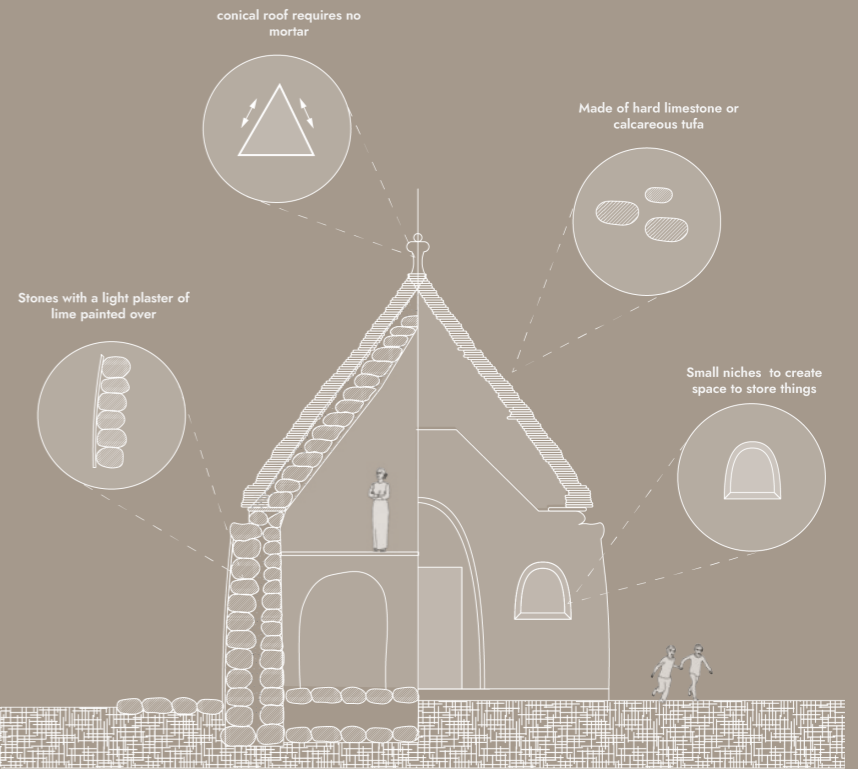
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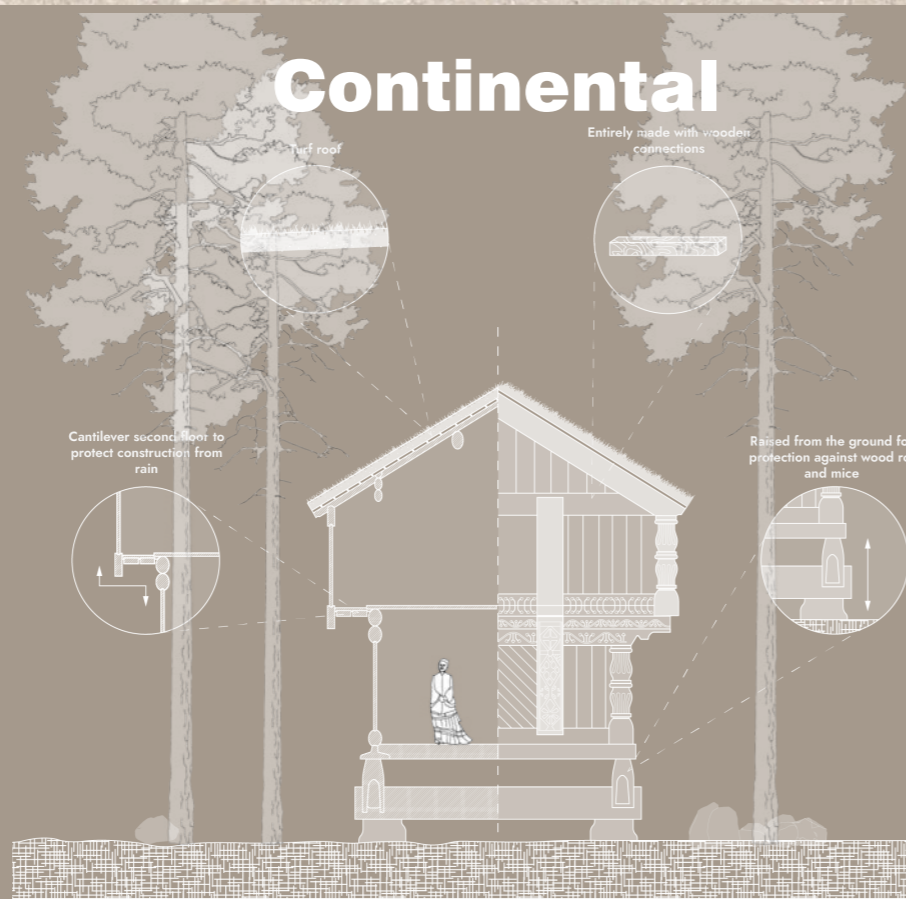
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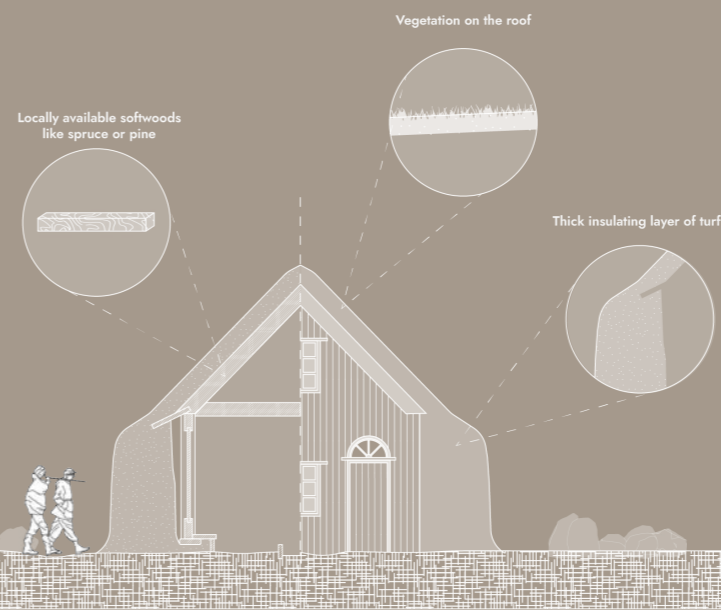
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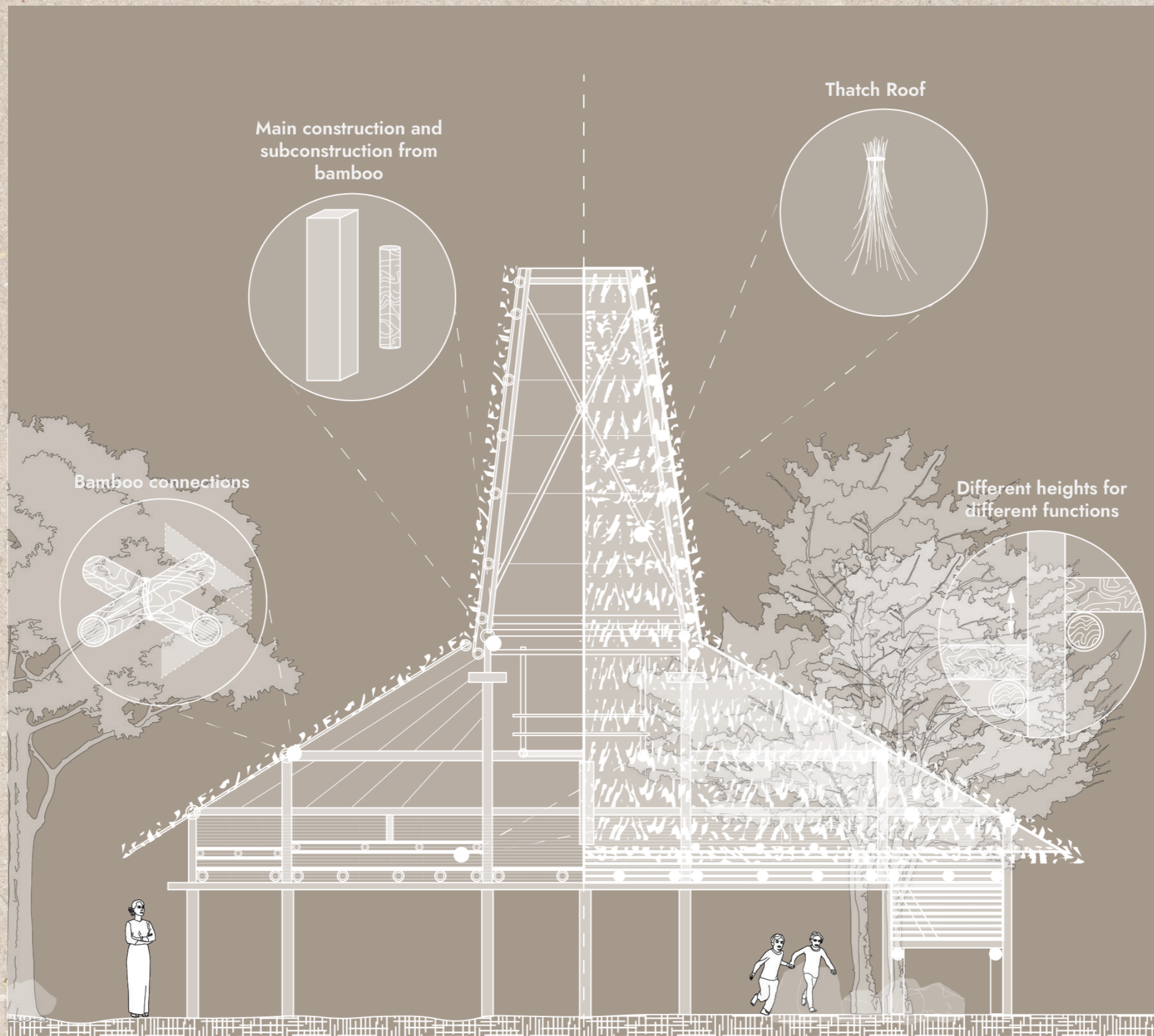


Continental



Polar







Dependant on
climate, available
materials, and
crafts



Identity still visible
today

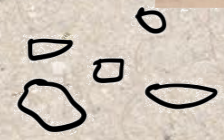


Under treath

What about the Dutch context?



(Lemmers, 2018)



Regional Landscapes



“Gain knowledge on the the different regional landscapes that can be found in the Netherlands.”

North Sea

Intertidal Zone

Sea-Clay landscape

Enclosed Sea Arm

Higher Sand landscape

Dunes

Peat landscape

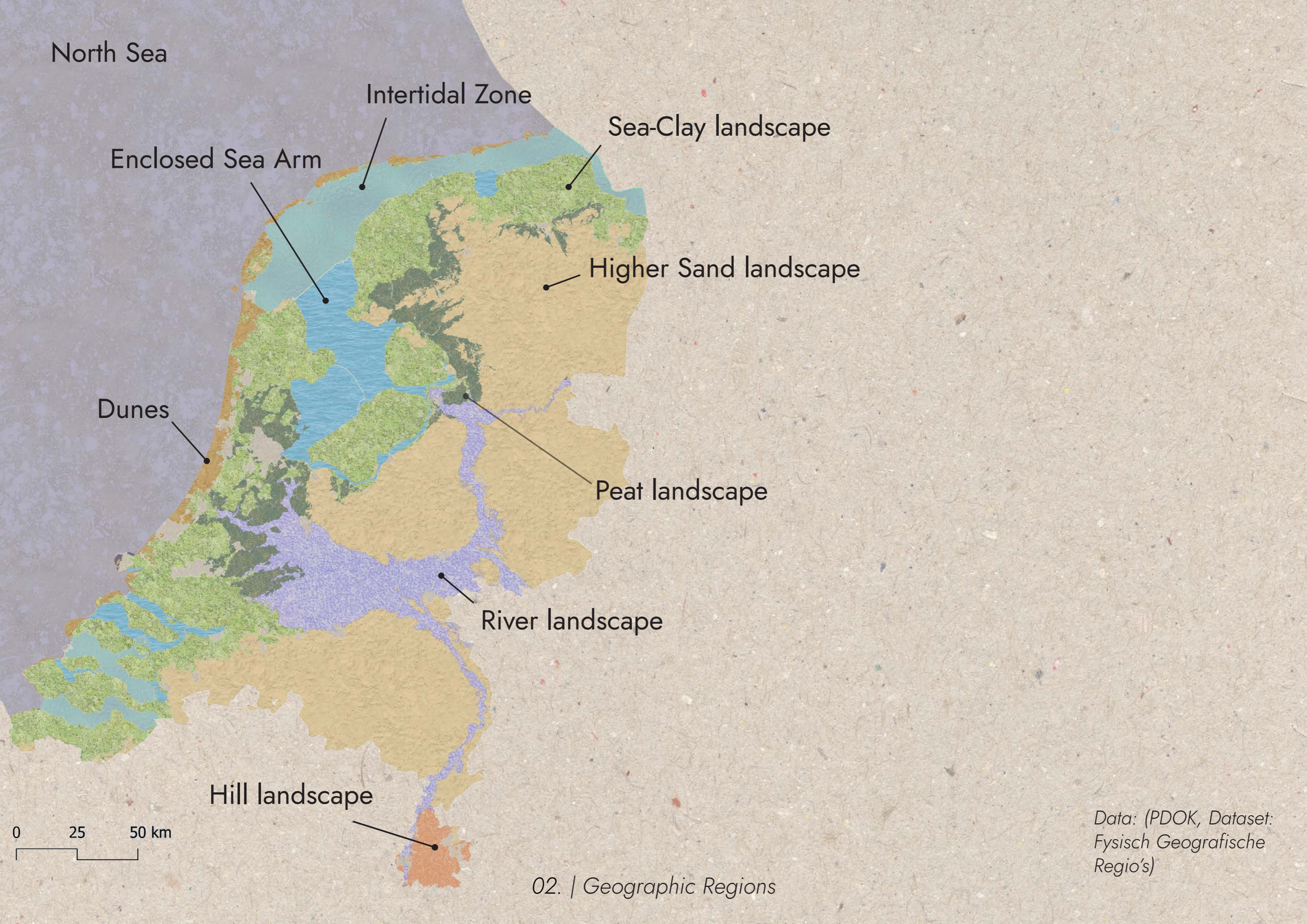
River landscape

Hill landscape

0 25 50 km

Data: (PDOK, Dataset:
Fysisch Geografische
Regio's)

02. | Geographic Regions





- Peat
- Sand
- Clay

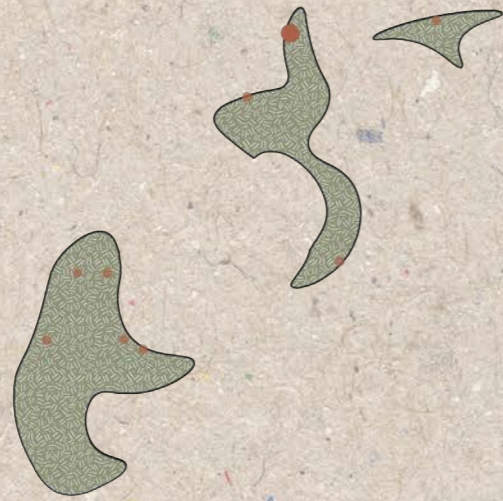
Simplified map based on (Smit, Groenendijk, Köbber, & Vélú, 2022), (Boom Landscapes, n.d.)



- Peat
- Sand
- Clay

Selection of a case-study in each landscape

Camminghaburen - Leeuwarden



Duinpark - Noordwijk



De Fazant - Dronten



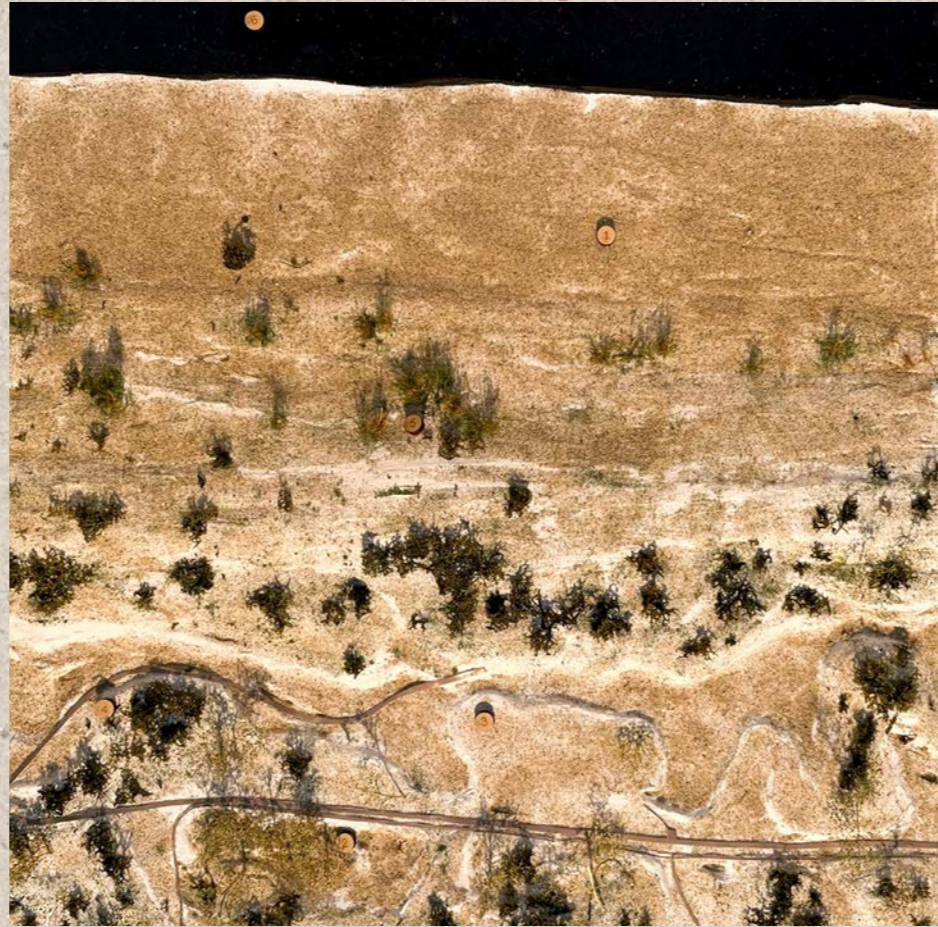
Peat



Camminghaburen - Leeuwarden



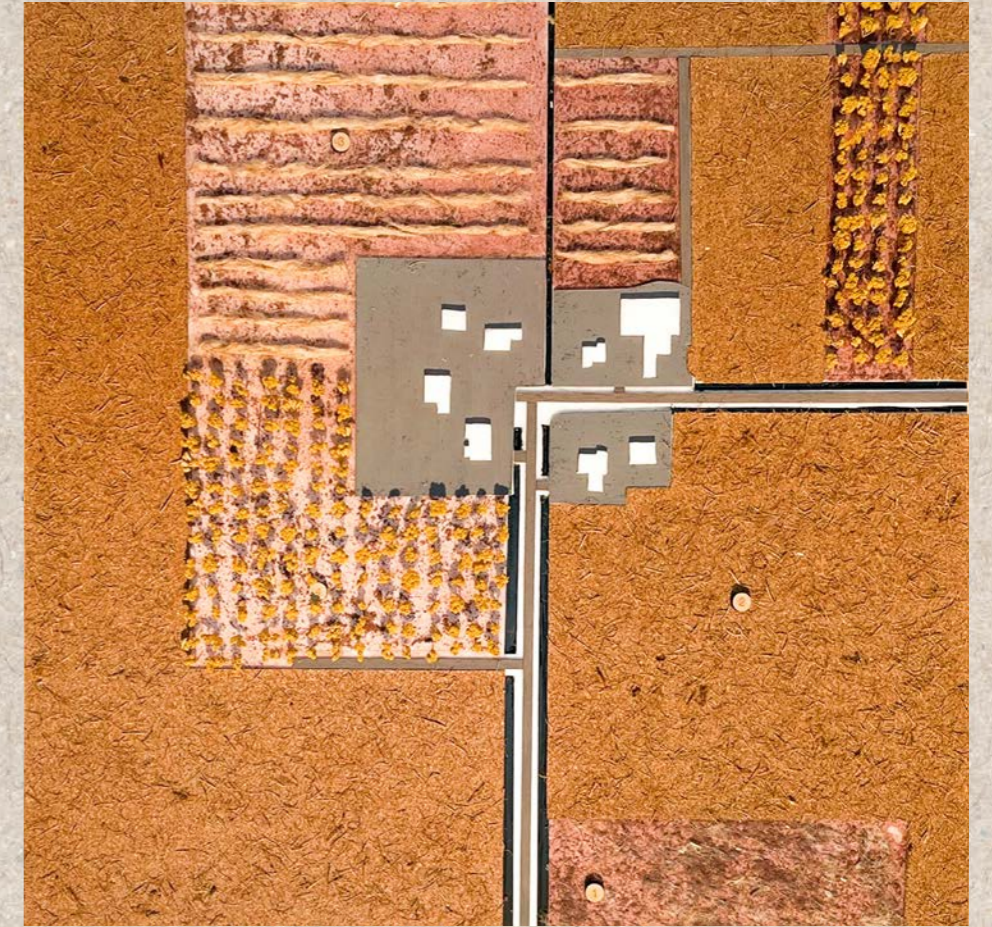
Sand



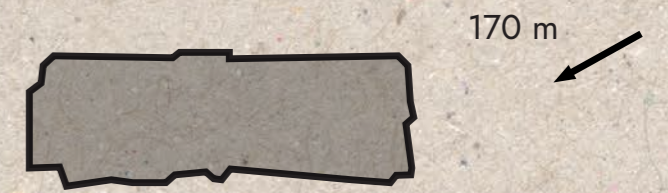
Duinoord - Noordwijk



Clay



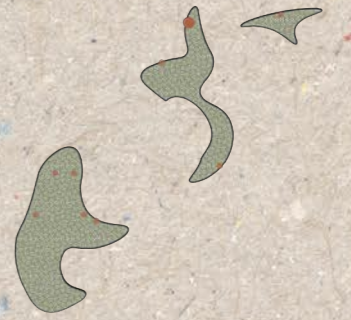
De Fazant - Dronten





Peat

Camminghaburen - Leeuwarden



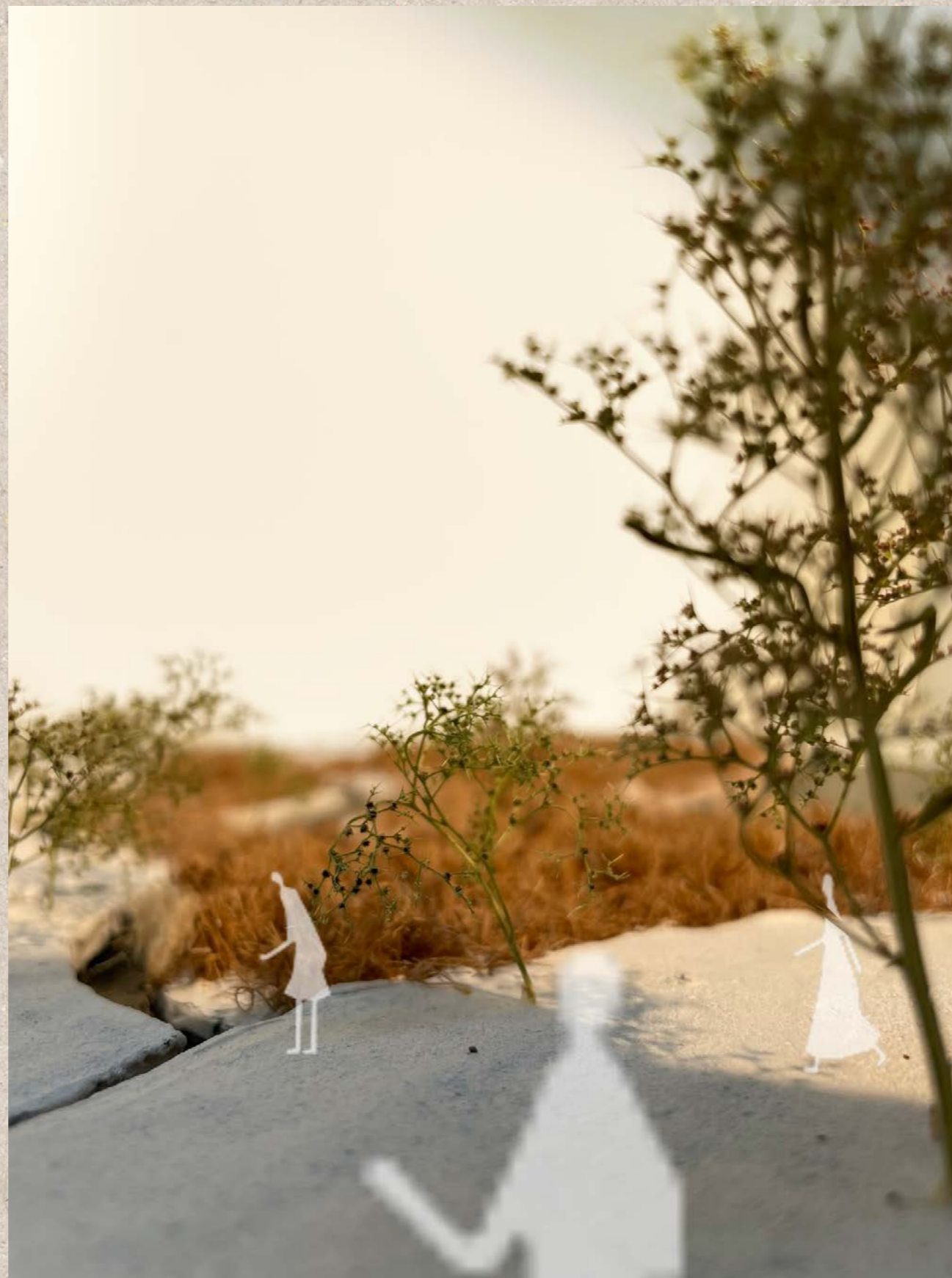
Reedlands

Small and bigger
pathes of water



Vegetation adapted
to wet soil

Peatlakes



Sand



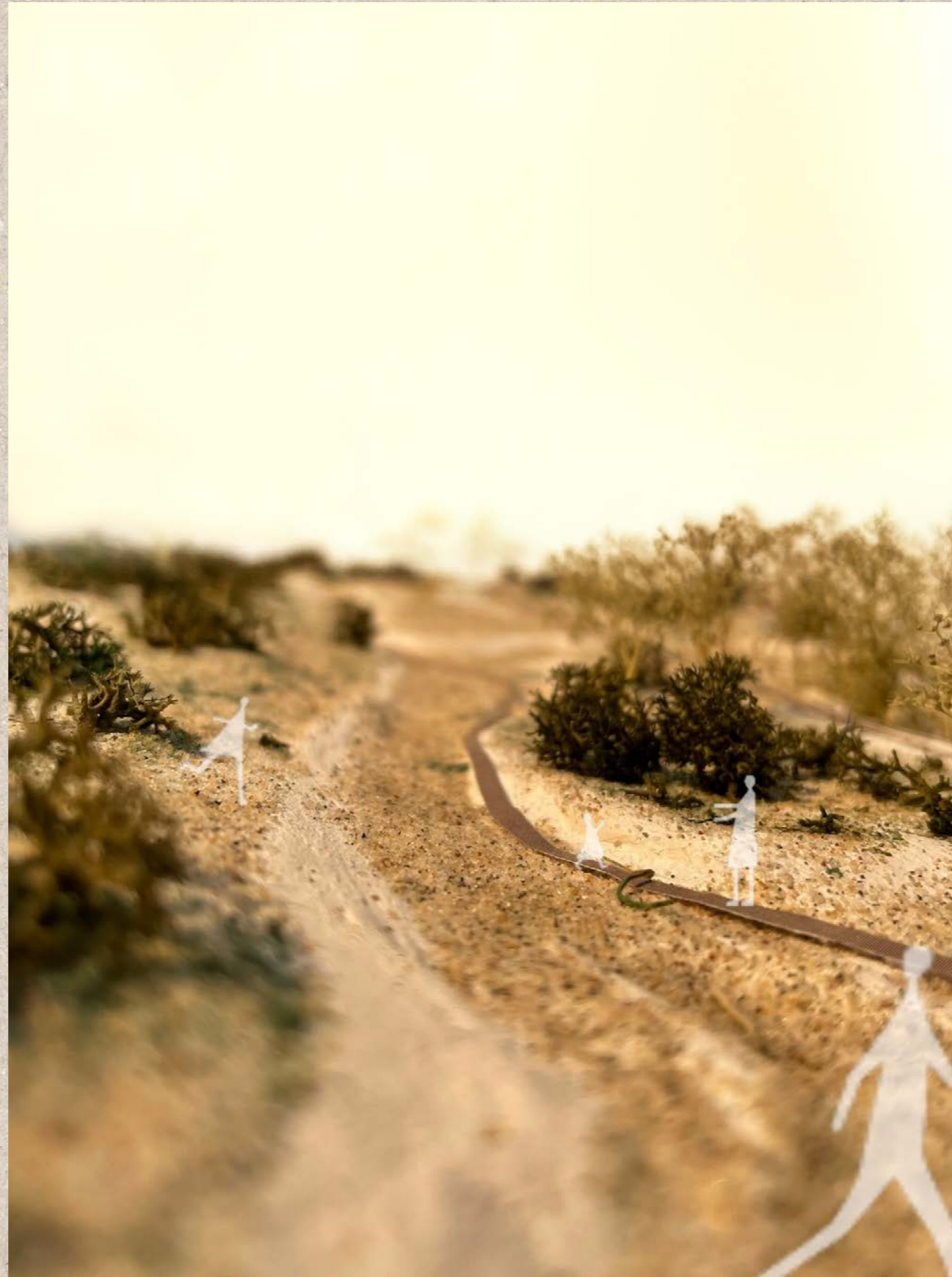
Height differences

Vegetation that is adapted to nutrient-poor soil

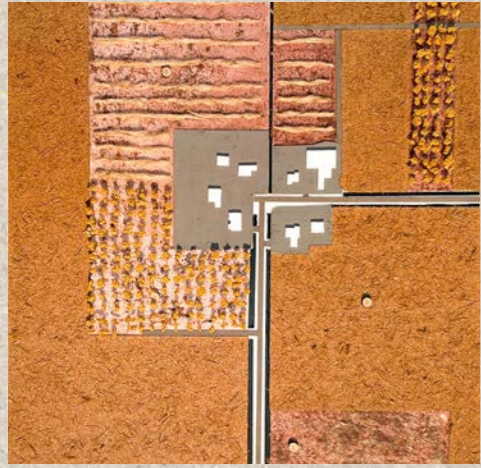


Lower vegetation towards beach

Patches of pine trees



Clay



Agricultural practices

Farmhouses

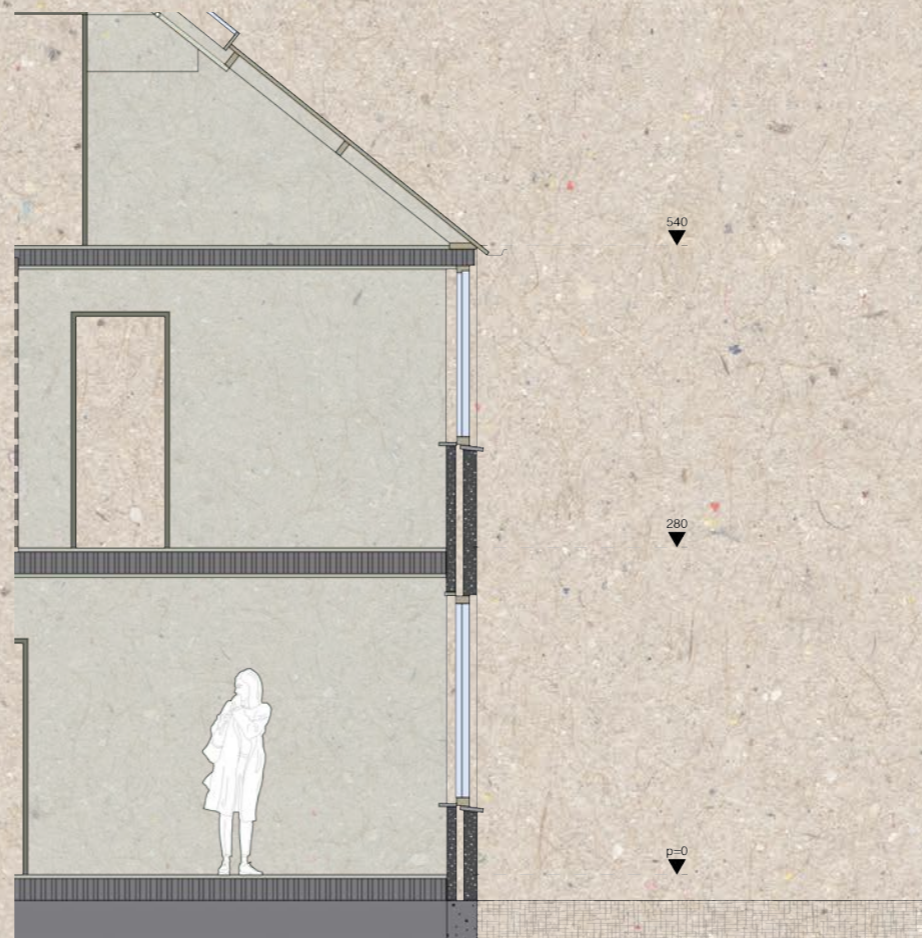


Monoculture

Rectangular grid



Neighborhoods



“Gain knowledge on the characteristics of the neighborhoods”

Noordwijk



Dronten



Leeuwarden



Noordwijk



Dronten

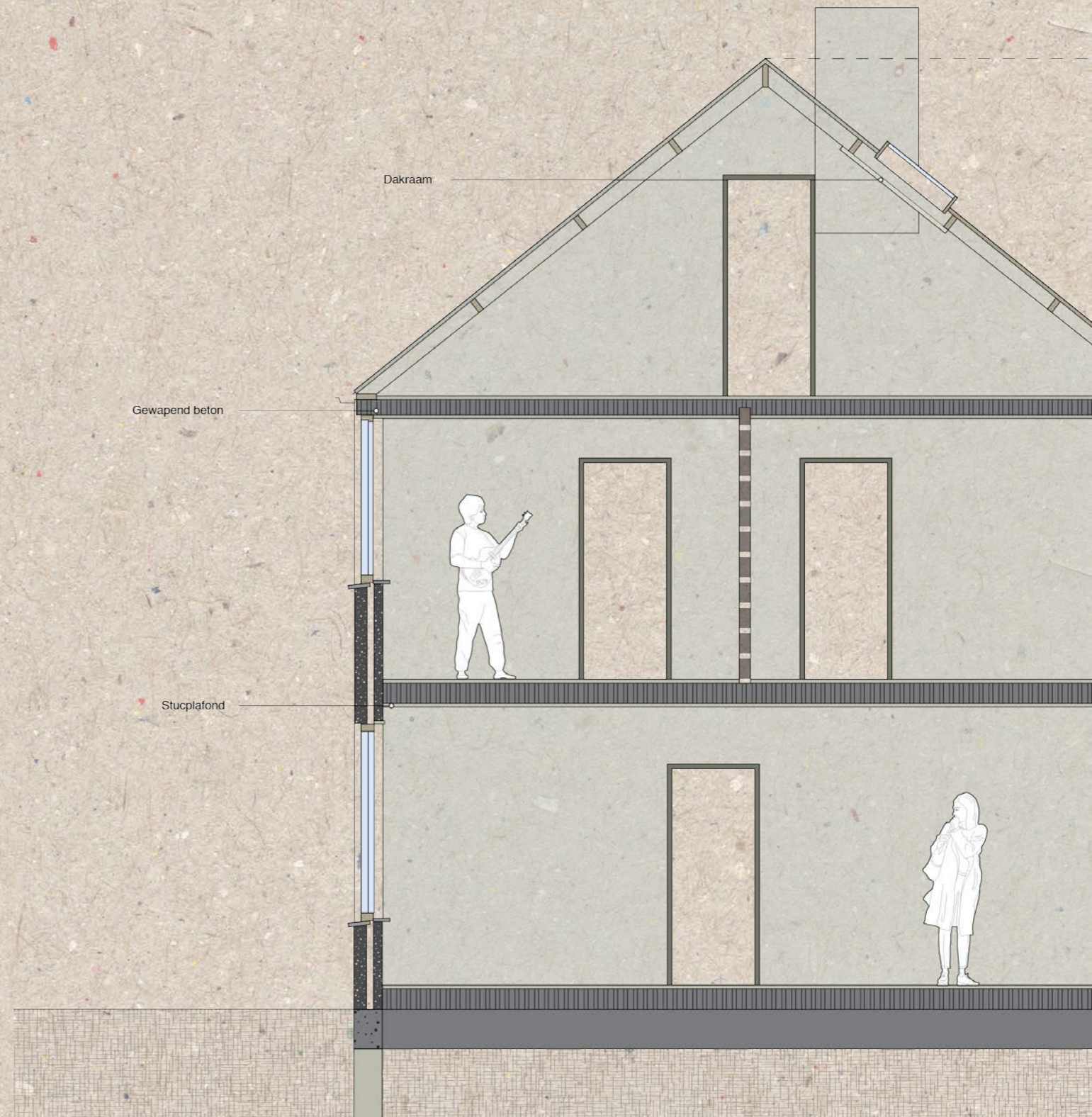


Leeuwarden



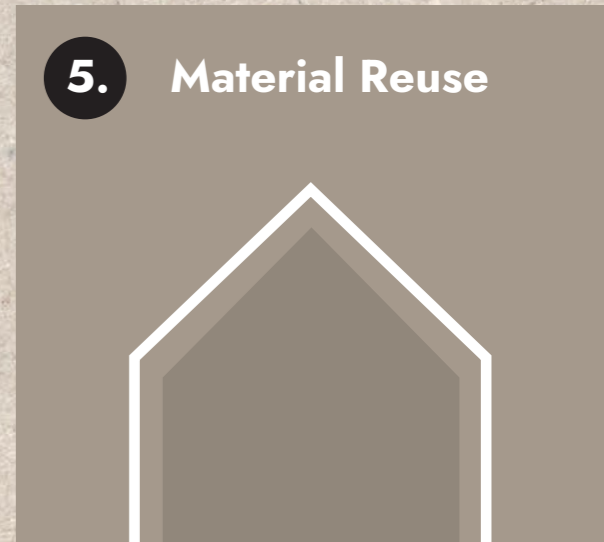
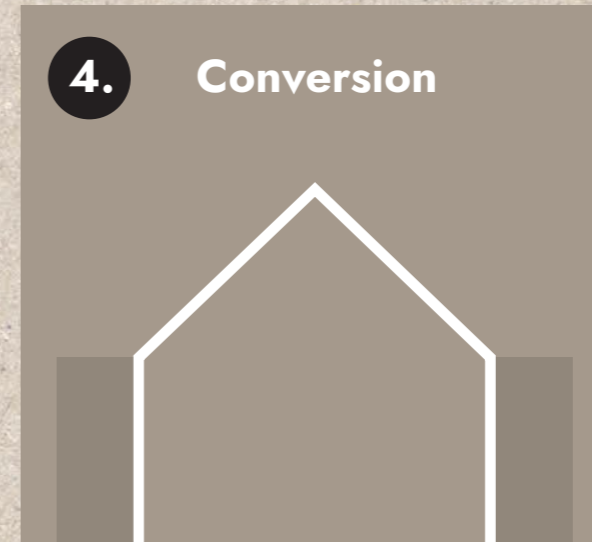
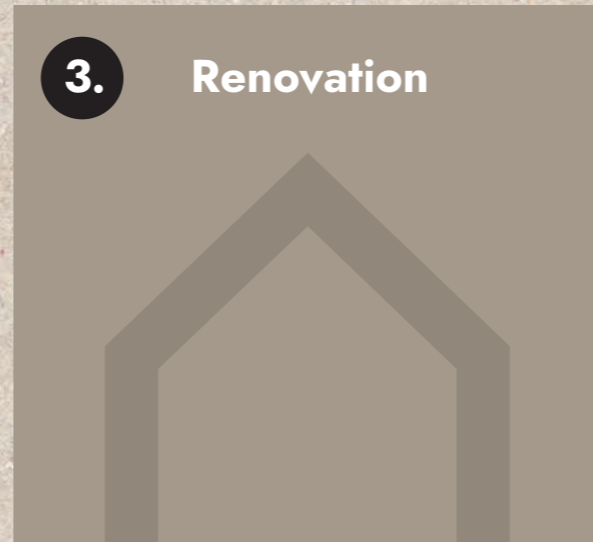
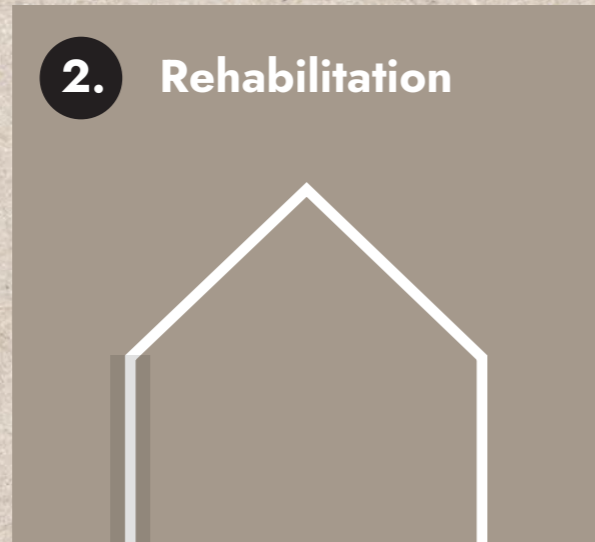
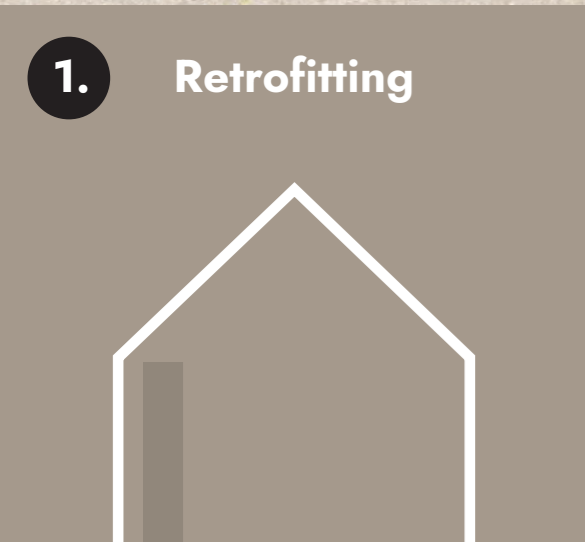


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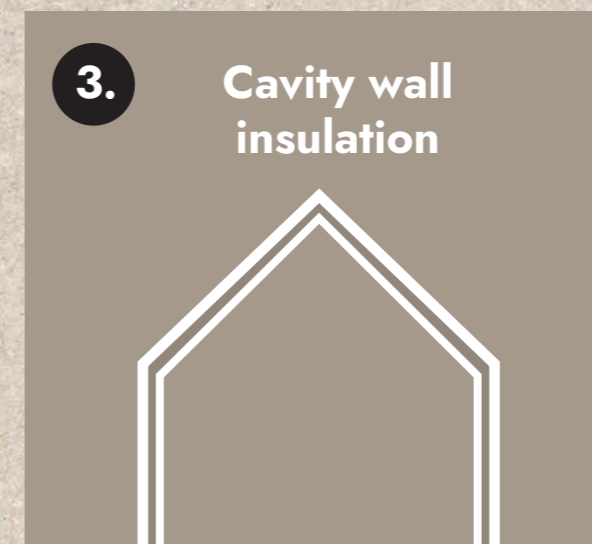
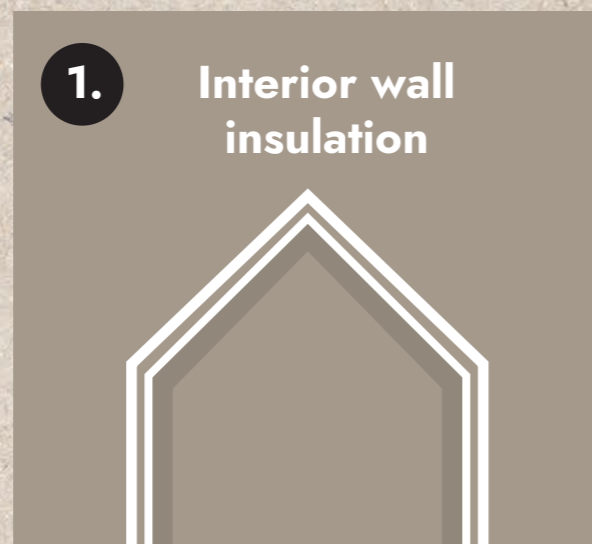


02. Insulation

Renovation strategies



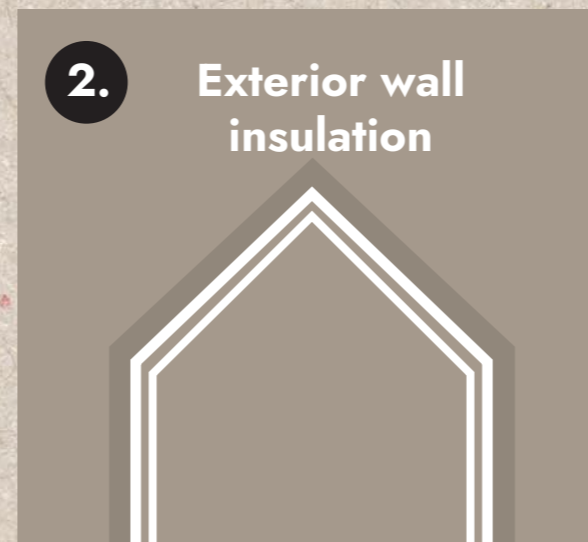
Facade Renovation Strategies




Renovation strategies



Facade Renovation Strategies





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Experimentation

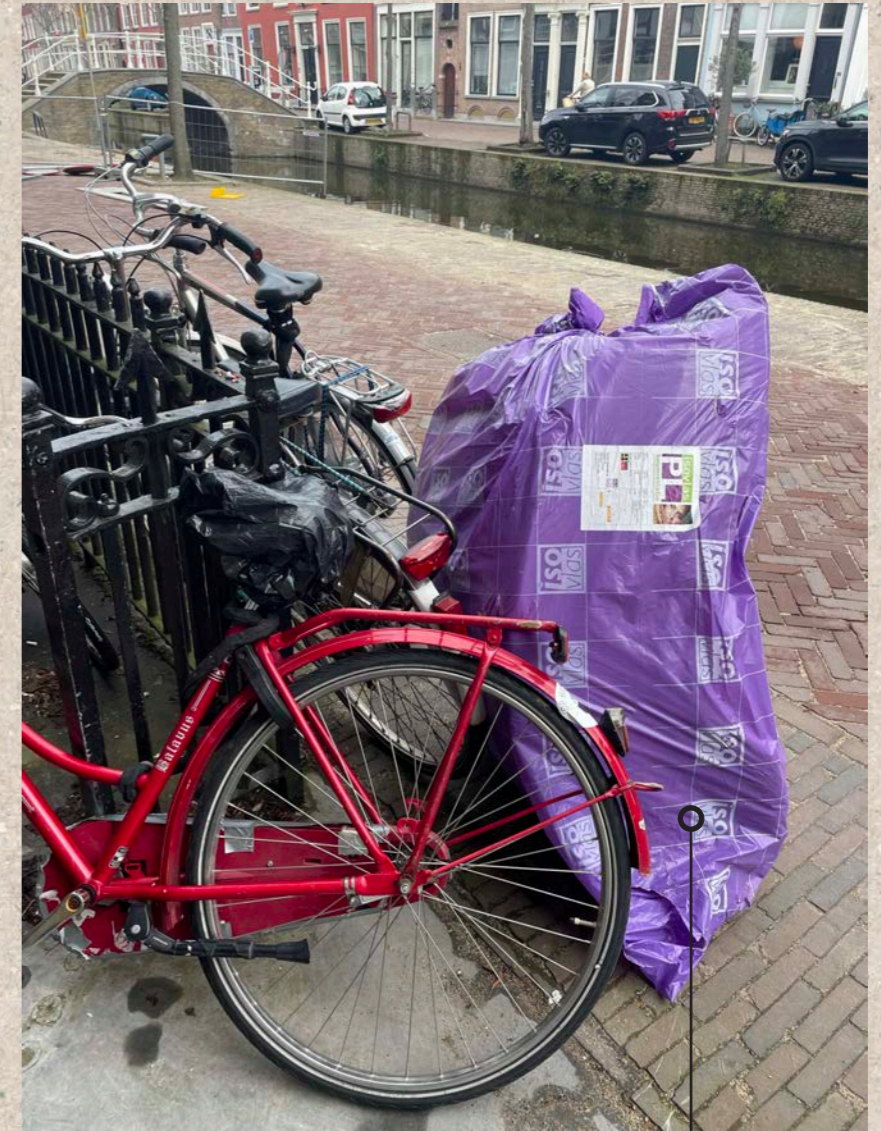
“Gain knowledge on the application and properties of the different materials”



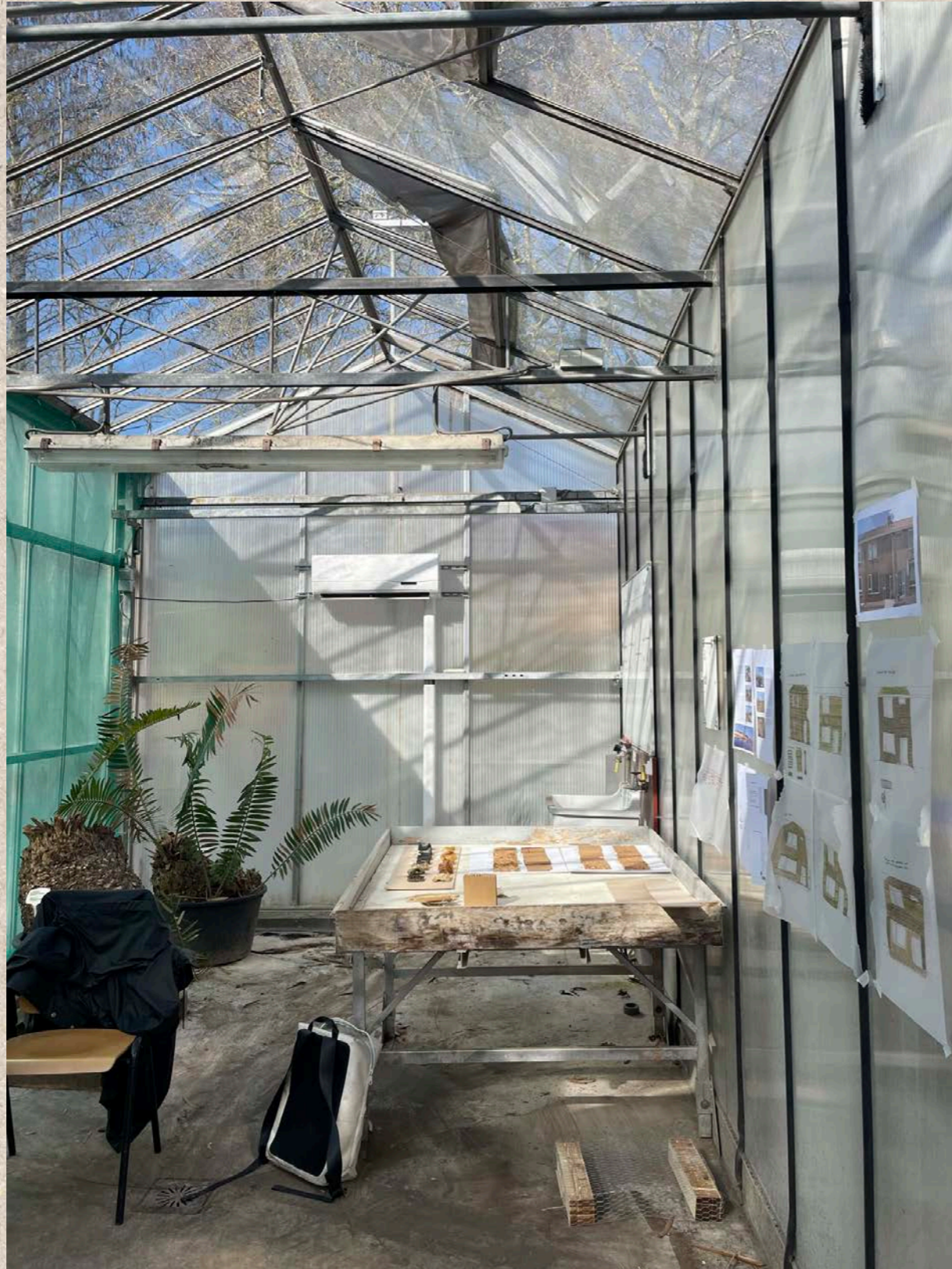
Reed from
a reedcutter



Loam from a
company in
Lekkerkerk



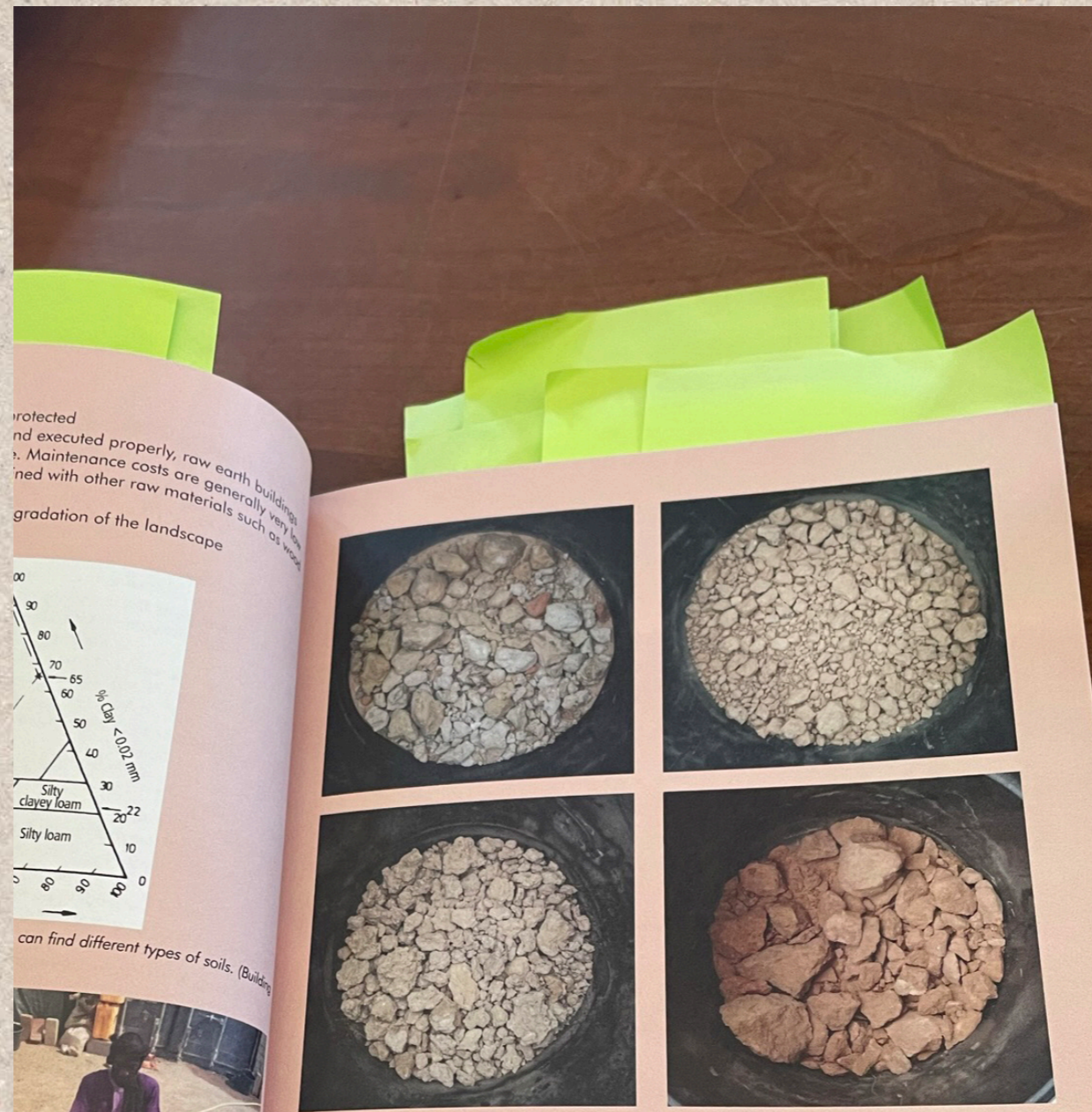
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Workspace at the Botanical Garden

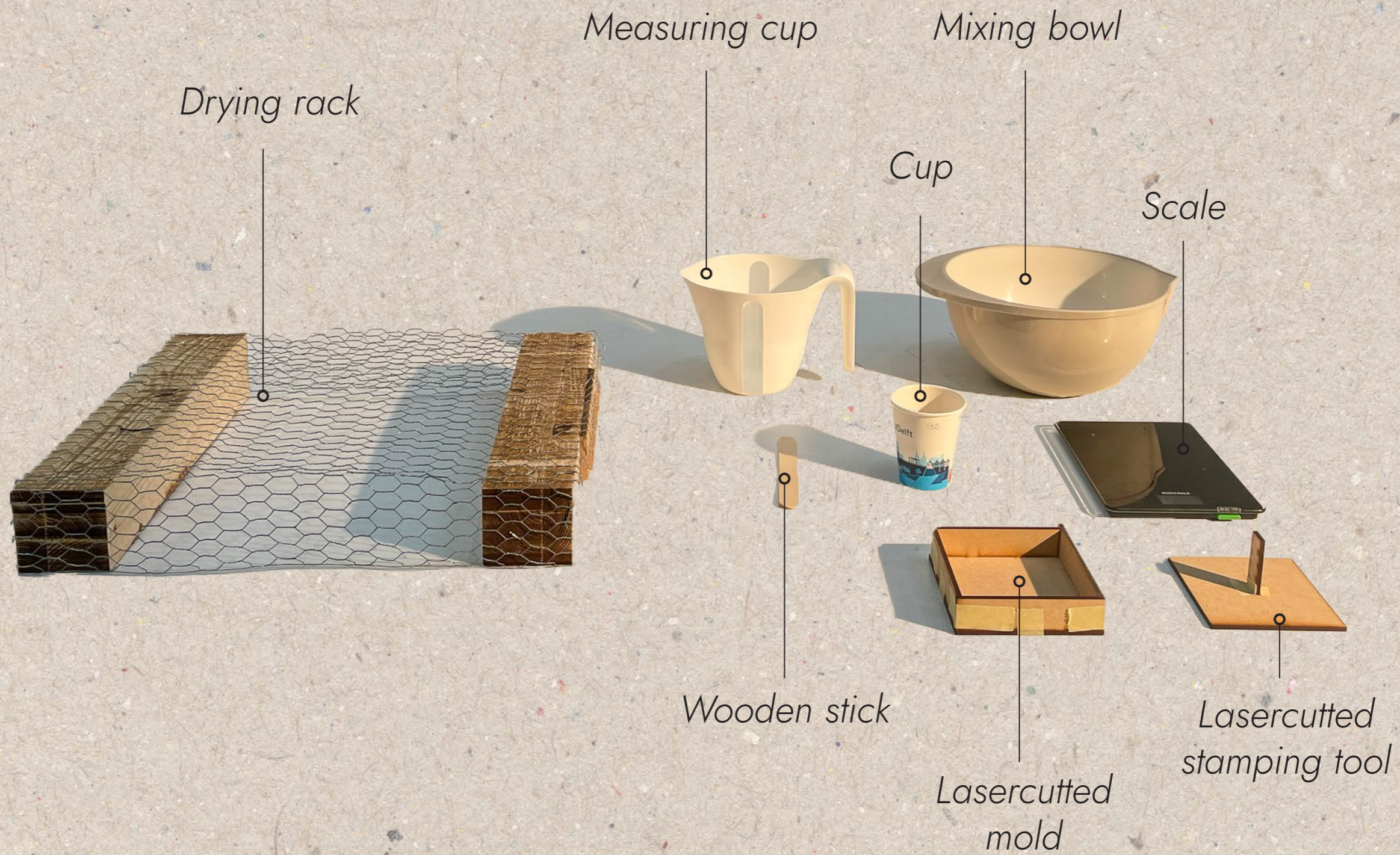


Reedcutting with Wout v/d Belt in the Wieden



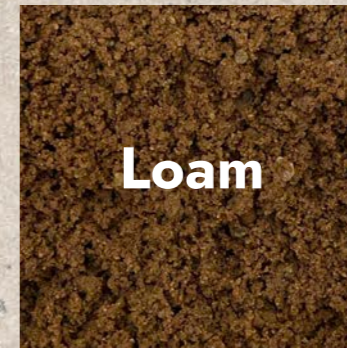
Visiting Oskam in Lekkerkerk, experts in Loam construction

03. | Learning from experts





Clay Landscape



Loam

Sand Landscape



Algae

Peat Landscape



Reed



03. | Loam experiments



L1



L2



L3



L4



LS1



LS2



LS3



LS4



LF1



LF2



LF3



LF4



LFH1



LFH2



LFH3



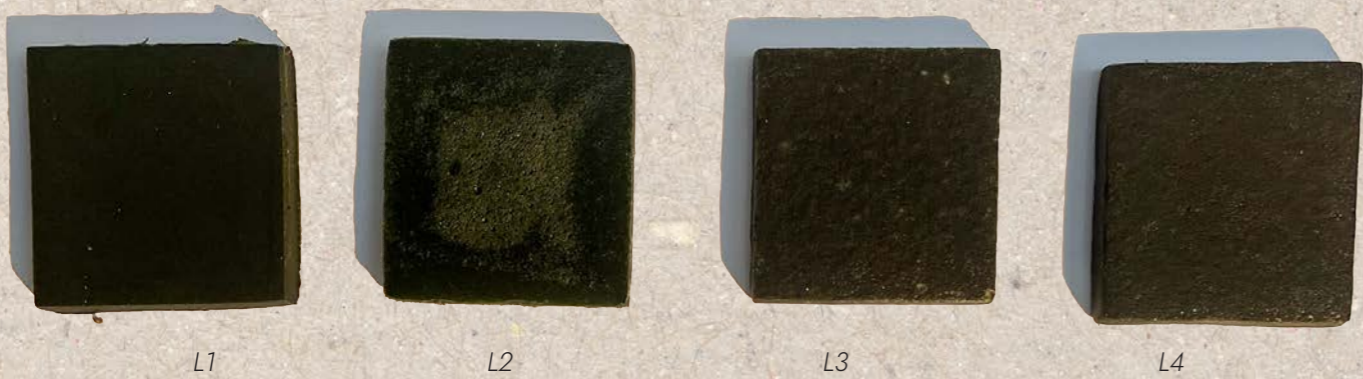
LFH4

- Very little water necessary, otherwise it becomes brittle
- Adding straw, flax or hemp gives it more structural strength
- Which of those did not really make a difference, only in looks

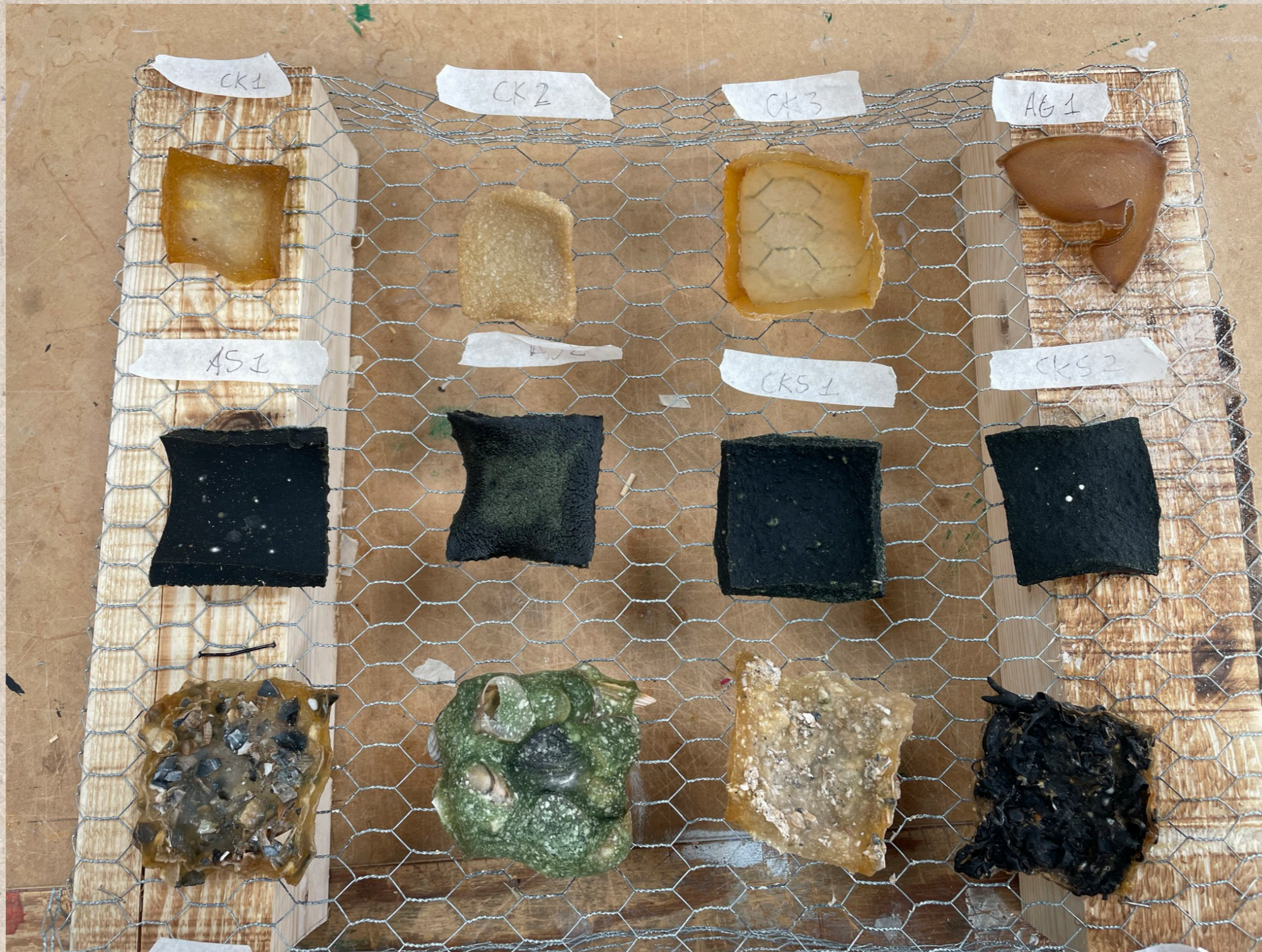




03. | Algea experiments



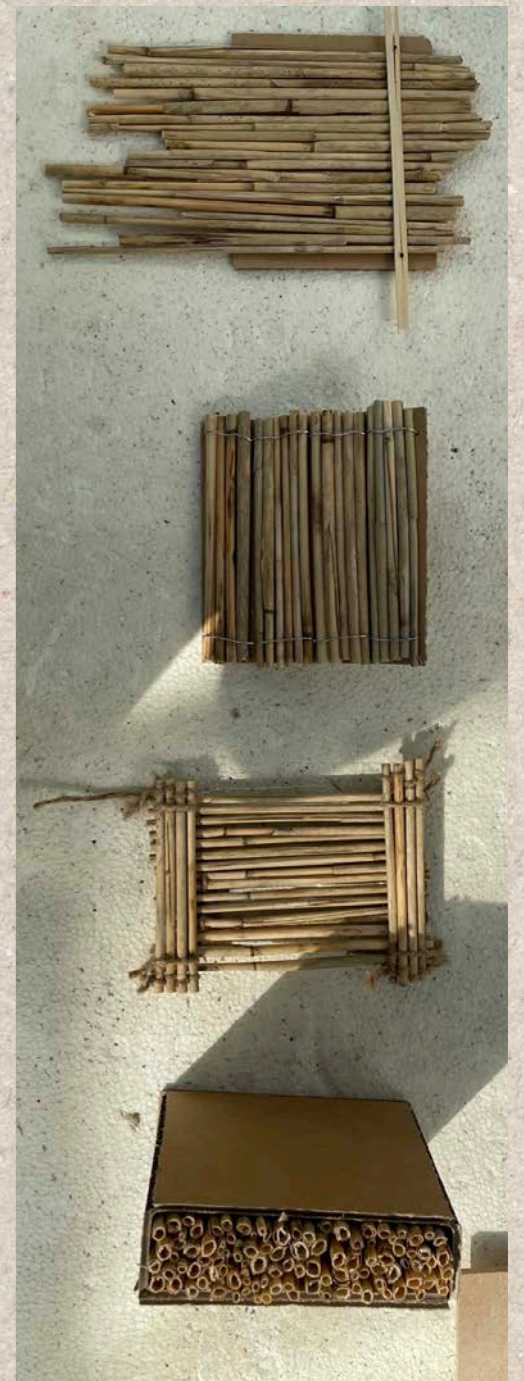
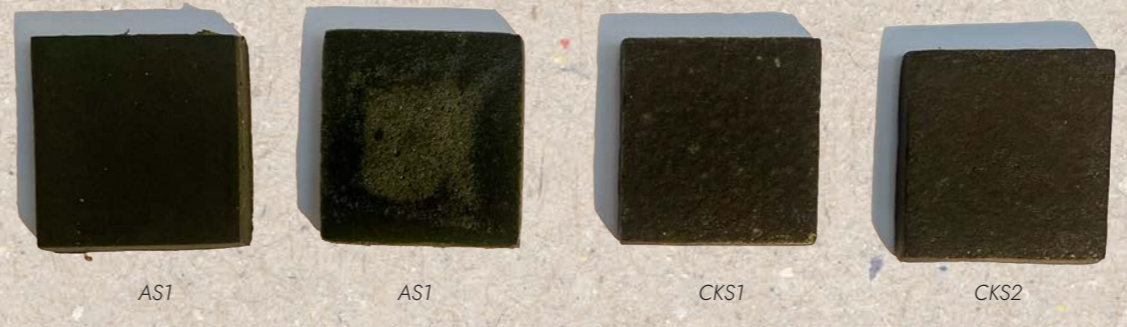
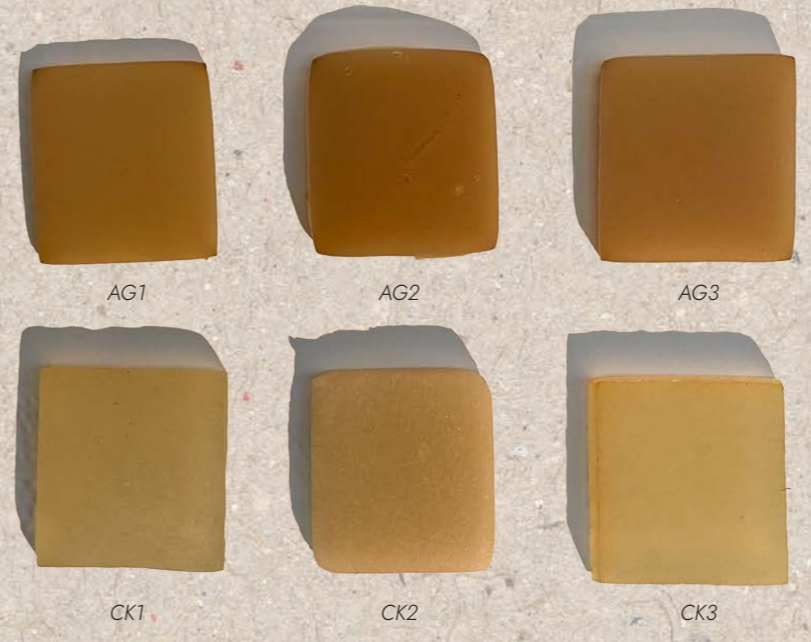
- Molding, especially first ones
- Shrinkage by 50%
- Sides started to curl
- Smell of the seaweed
- Very little spirulina necessary
- Crushed shells work well for aesthetics



03. | Algae experiments



- Reed can be tight in different ways
- Time consuming
- Pushing it down with wood works easiest
- Clamping it in between a frame could work as cladding



Research

**Vernacular
Architecture**

*Bio-based materials
in vernacular designs*

**Regional
Landscapes**

*Different regional
landscapes &
characteristics*

Neighborhoods

*Characteristics &
renovation needs*

Experimentation

*Hands-on knowledge
materials*

Translation to



Look-books

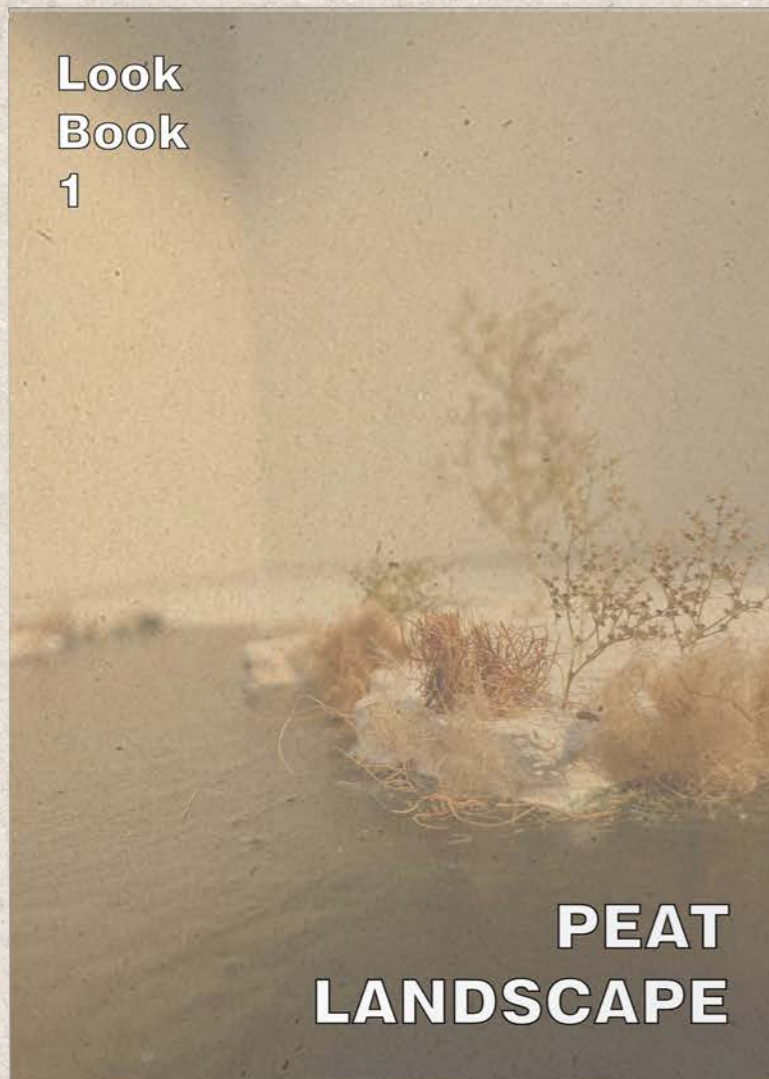
*Bundled renovation
possibilities per landscape*



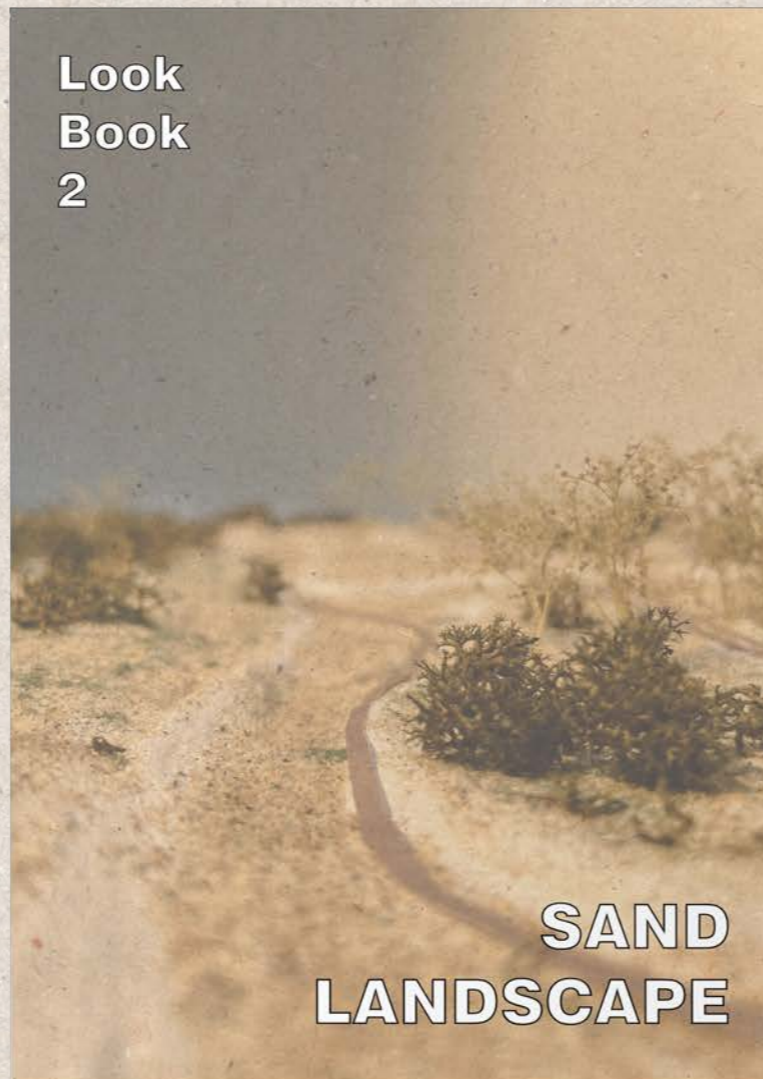
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Look-books

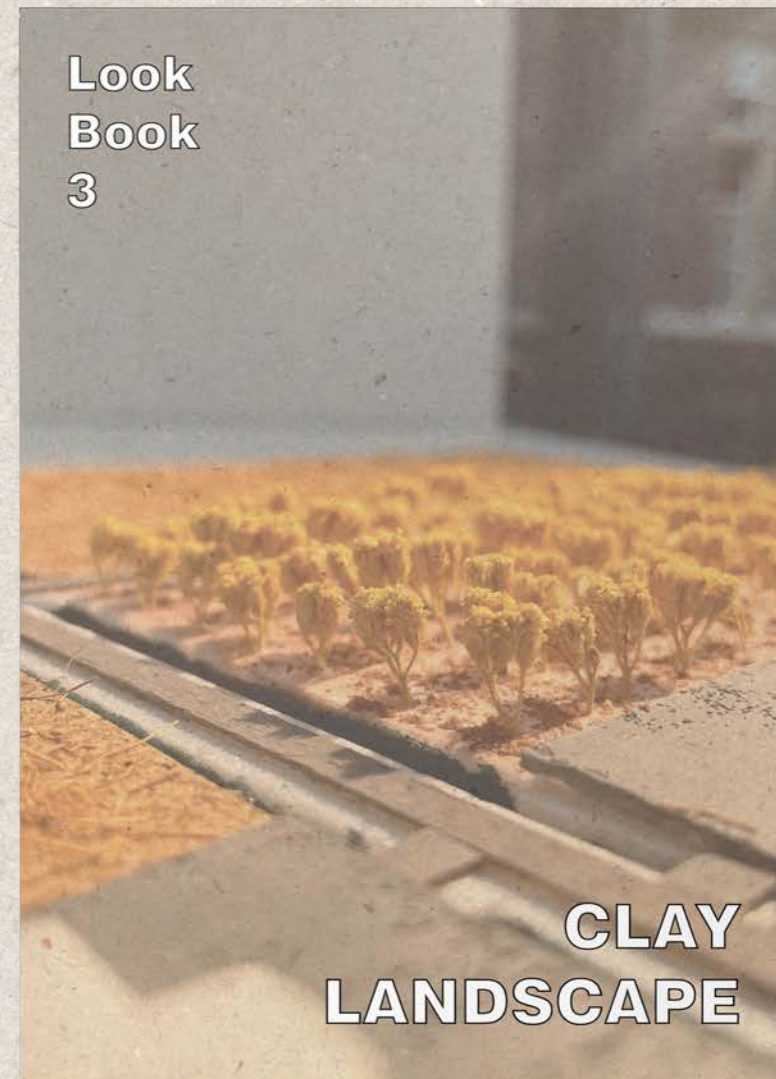
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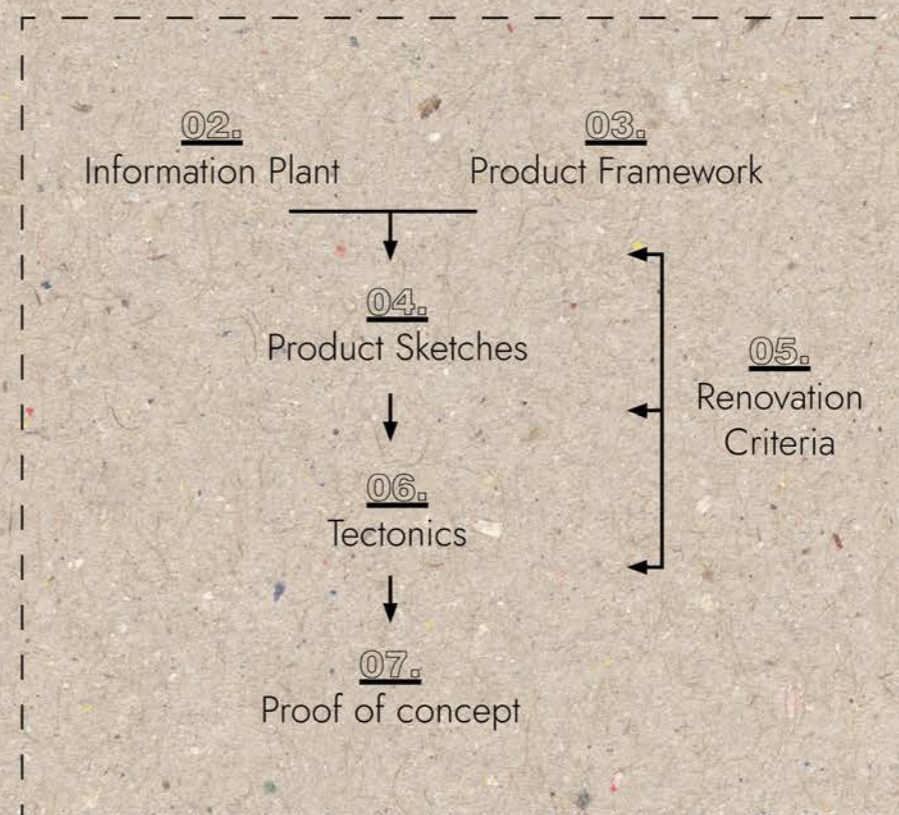
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**PEAT
LANDSCAPE**

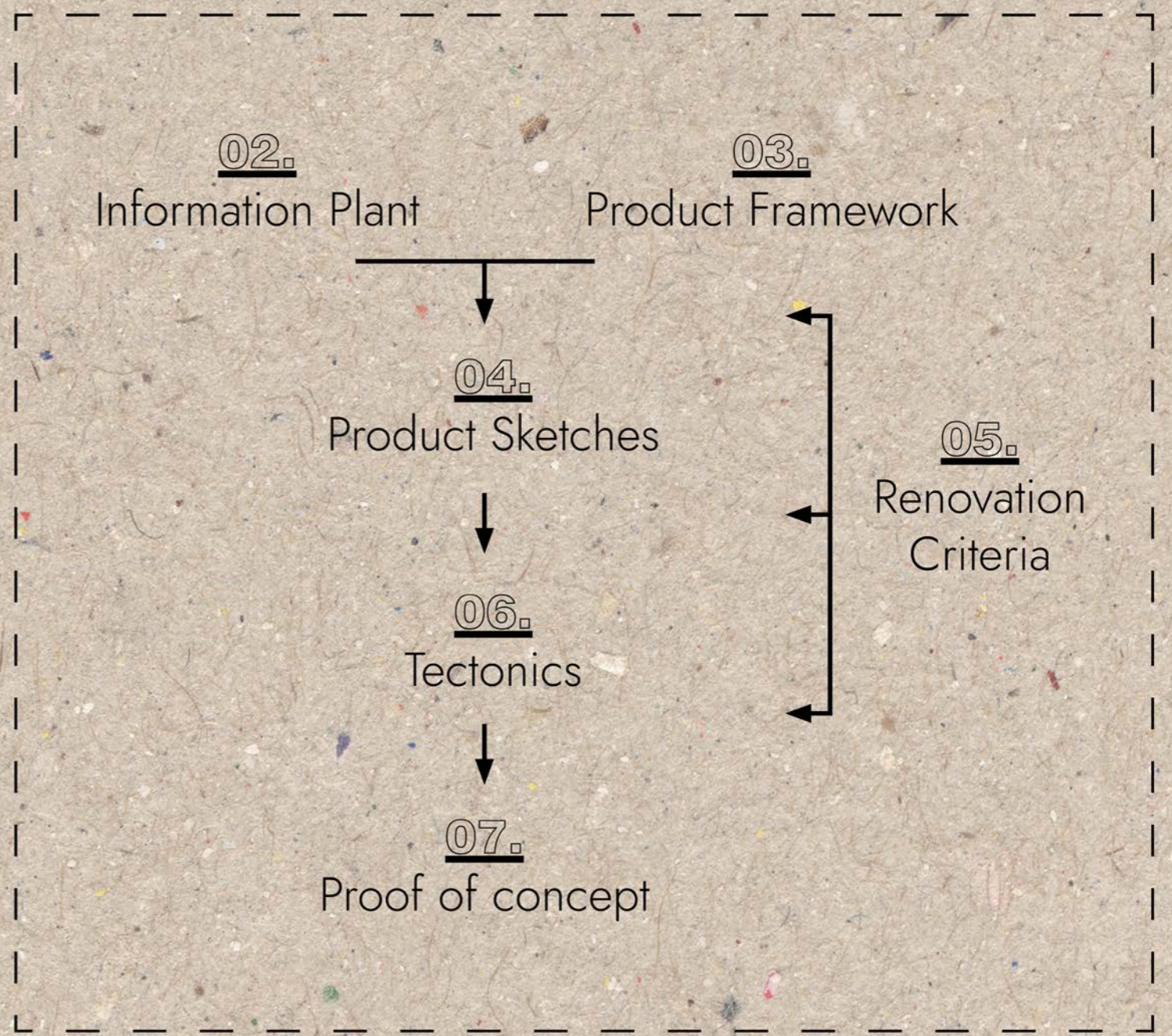
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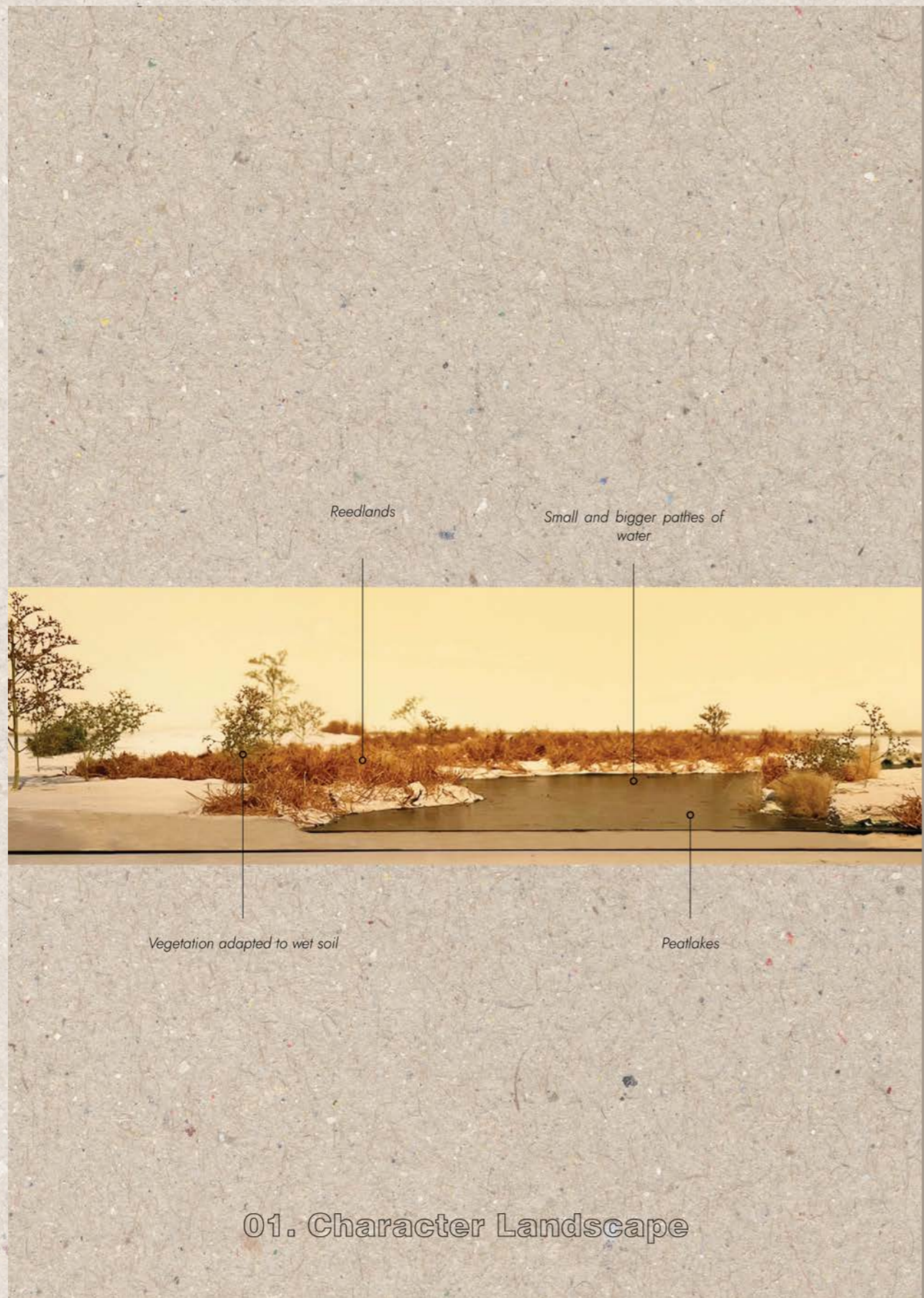
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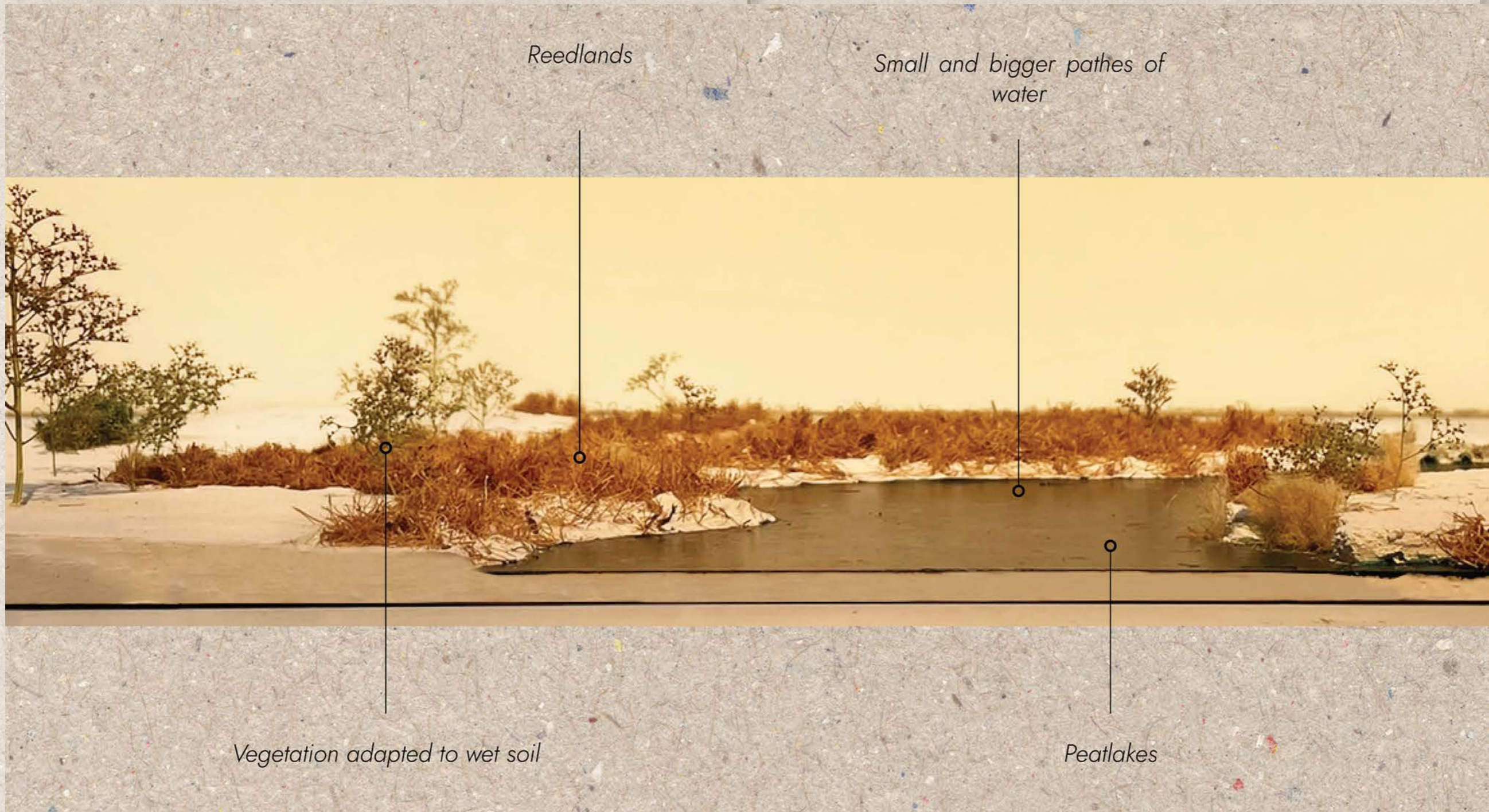


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01. Character Landscape

P1
CATTAIL
Typha latifolia



P2
ELEPHANT GRASS
Miscanthus giganteus



P4
WILLOW TREE
Salix



P3
REED
Phragmites australis



P5
ALDER TREE
Salicaceae



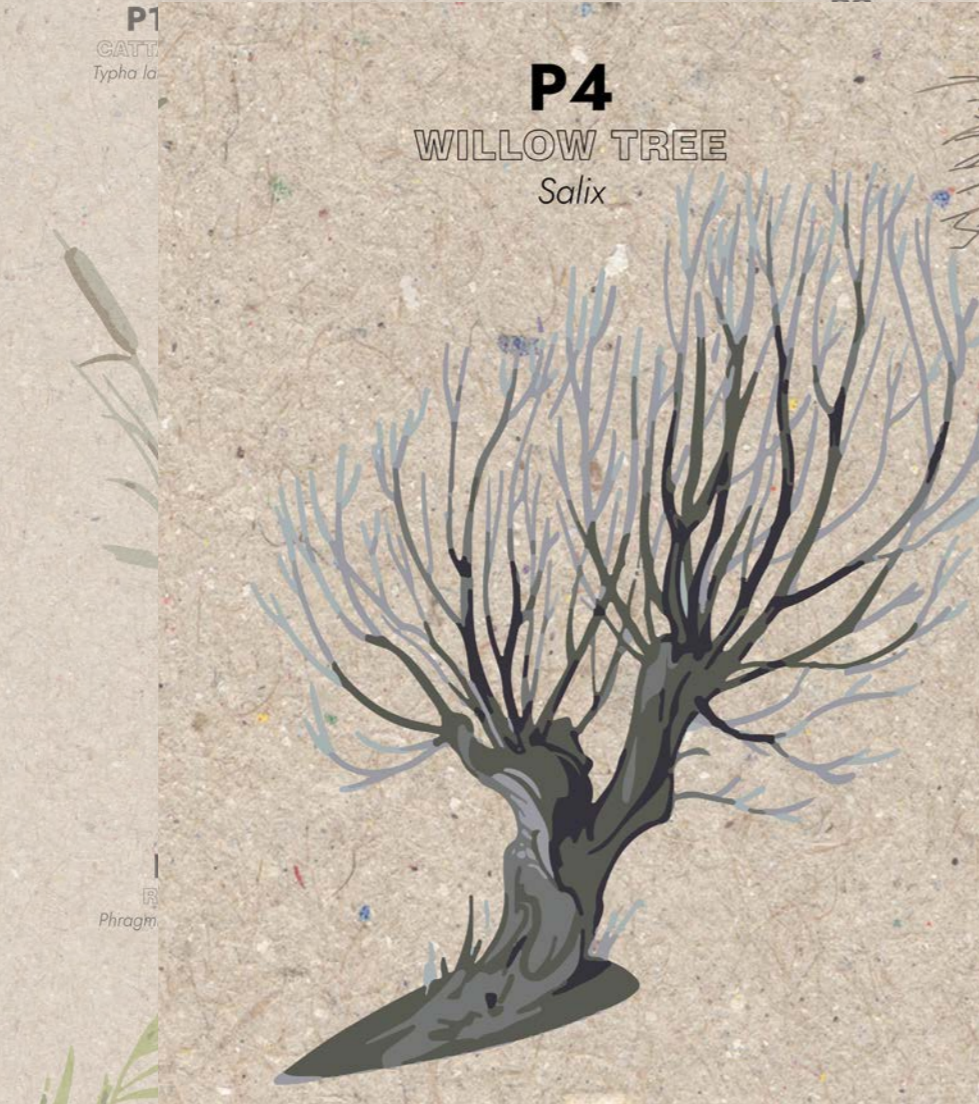
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02. Materials information

P1
CATT
Typha la

P4
WILLOW TREE
Salix

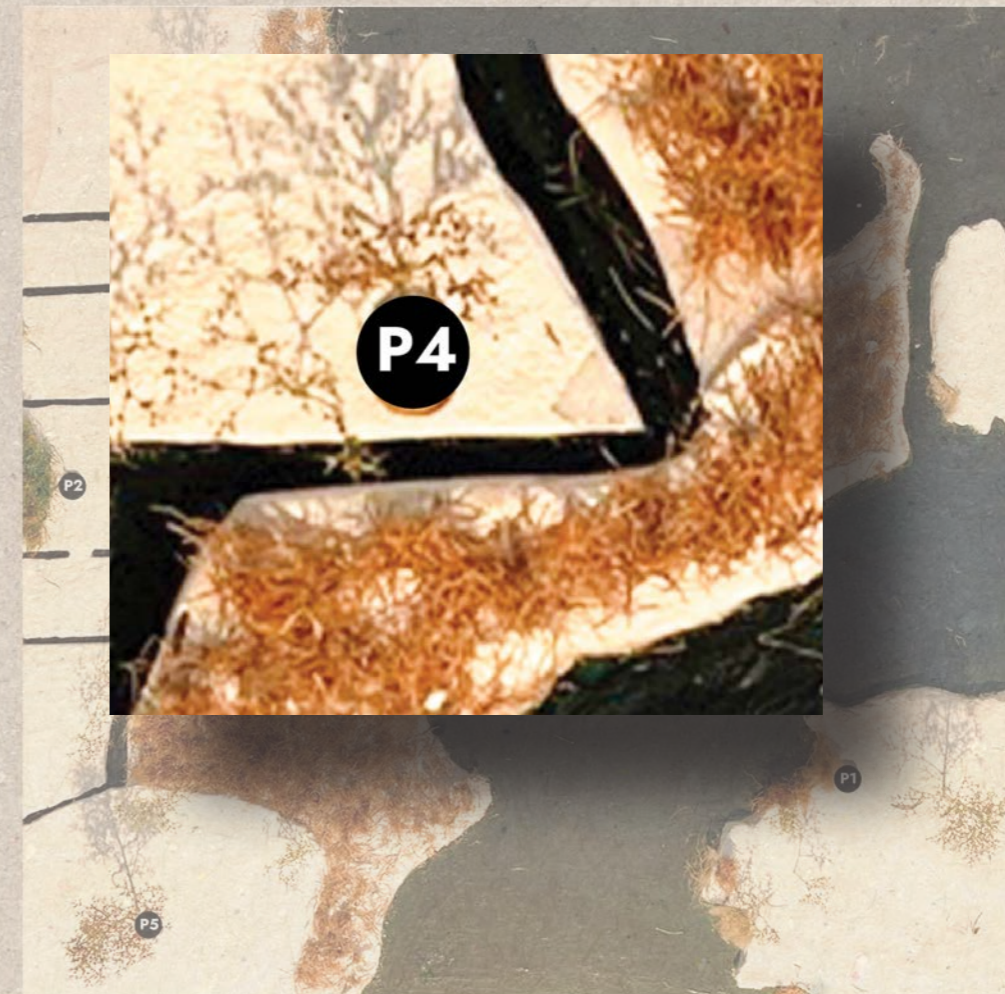


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0 20 40 m

P1
CATTAIL
Typha latifolia



Used for:
 Insulation

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Yield:
 20t of dry mass/ha (1)

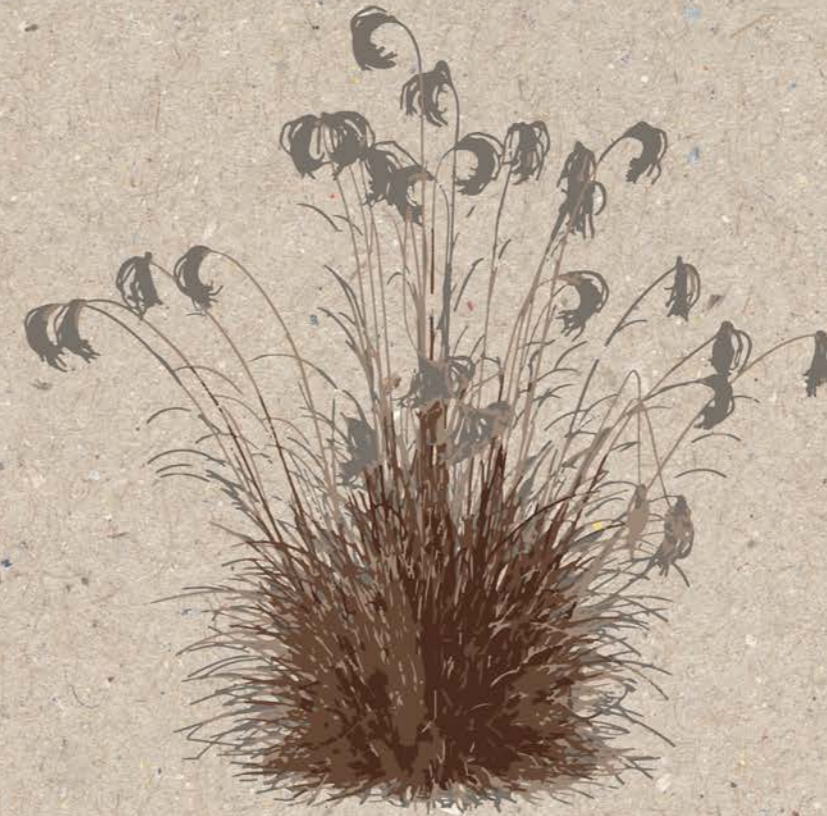
Growing time:
 24 weeks (1)

Insulation properties:
 Lambda = 0.052 W/mK (2)

Thickness:
 144 mm*

1: (Wichtmann, Schröder, & Joosten, 2016)
 2: (Frauenhofer Institute, 2013)

P2
ELEPHANT GRASS
Miscanthus giganteus



Used for:
 Insulation

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Yield:
 20 tons dry mass/ ha (1)

Growing time:
 1 year (1)

Insulation properties:
 Lambda = 0.04 W/mK (2)

Thickness:
 180mm*

1: (Wichtmann, Schröder, & Joosten, 2016)
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P3

REED

Phragmites australis



Yield:

6-24 tons dry mass/ ha (1)

Insulation properties:

$\text{Lambda} = 0.06 \text{ W/mK}$ (2)

1: (Wichtmann, Schröder, & Joosten, 2016)

2: (Malheiro, et al., 2021).

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P4

WILLOW TREE

Salix



Used for:
Cladding
Binding material

The willow belongs to the *Salix* genus which includes around 400 different species. It has a preference for moist soil and is known for its ability to tolerate flooding. The willow tree is one of the fastest growing trees and can grow up to 30 centimeters per year. The branches of willow trees, known as willow withes, are slender, flexible and grow rapidly. Annual pollarding of the willow trees generates large quantities of willow withies (Flora van Nederland, 2013).

Yield:

6 - 13 tons dry mass/ ha
(trees 7y of age) (1)

Growing time:

1 year (1)

1: (Bestman, et al., 2019)

P5

ALDER TREE

Alnus glutinosa



Used for:
Sub-structure
Foundation
Cabinetry
Doors

The Alder tree grows in various moist and cool conditions such as riparian zones (Designing Buildings, 2022). They have a high water use and release a significant amount of methane during transpiration. The tree can grow up to 24m in height, although this is rare. They usually have multiple trunks, and the bark is black-brown and strongly grooved (Flora van Nederland, 2013). The tree is able to host the nitrogen-fixing bacterium *Frankia alni* in its roots. This enables the plant to grow in otherwise unsuitable, low-nutrient areas such as wastelands, where it can serve as a pioneer species and help improve the quality of the soil over time (Designing Buildings, 2022).

Yield:
2.56-4.75 m³ / ha
dry matter (1)

Growing time:
15-20 years (1)

*1. (Aosaar, Varik, & Uri, 2012)

* Estimated thickness based on R= 4.5 m²K/W
** If left blank, no information available

The process of converting vegetation into a building material follows a structured approach, which involves three key steps leading to the creation of a final building component.

PROCESSING | initial process after harvesting



BAILING



CUTTING



PRESSING



WEAVING



SHREDDING



COMBING

SUPPORT | putting the products on the facade



SUB-STRUCTURE



ON FACADE



BETWEEN



BOX



FRAME

ATTACHING | attachments that are needed in the process



CLAMPING



GLUEING



TENSIONING



BINDING



SCREWING



NAILING



LOCKING

03. Production framework

PROCESSING | initial process after harvesting



BAILING



CUTTING



PRESSING



SUB-STRUCTURE



ON FACADE



BETWEEN

SUPPORT | putting the products on the facade



BOX



FRAME

ATTACHING | attachments that are needed in the process

CLAMPING

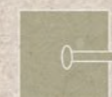
GLUEING

TENSIONING

BINDING



SCREWING



NAILING



LOCKING

The process of converting vegetation into a building material follows a structured approach, which involves three key steps leading to the creation of a final building component.

03. Production framework

INSULATION

MATERIAL	PROCESSING	SUPPORT	ATTACHING	FRAGMENT	
ELEPHANT GRASS <i>Miscanthus giganteus</i> 	 SHREDDING	 PRESSING	 ON FACADE	 SCREWING	 <i>Miscanthus pressed panel directly on facade</i>
		 BAILING	 BETWEEN	 CLAMPING	 <i>Miscanthus bailed on substructure</i>
REED <i>Phragmites australis</i> 	 CUTTING	 BOX	 TENSIONING	 SCREWING	 <i>Reed in box</i>
TYPHA <i>Typha latifolia</i> 	 SHREDDING	 PRESSING	 ON FACADE	 SCREWING	 <i>Typha pressed panel directly on facade</i>
	 SHREDDING	 PRESSING	 BETWEEN	 CLAMPING	 <i>Typha pressed panel between frame</i>

INSULATION

MATERIAL

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ELEPHANT GRASS
Miscanthus giganteus



SHREDDING



PRESSING



ON FACADE



SCREWING



Miscanthus pressed panel directly on facade



BAILING



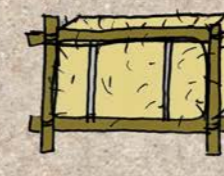
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CLAMPING



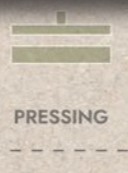
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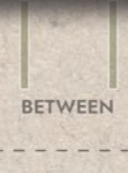
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SHREDDING



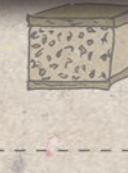
PRESSING



BETWEEN



CLAMPING



Typha pressed panel between frame

Insulation



Miscanthus pressed panel directly on facade



Miscanthus bailed on substructure



Reed in box



Typha pressed panel directly on facade



Typha pressed panel between frame

Cladding



Reed clamped in frame



Reed clamped by wooden slat



Reed banded together



Reed bundled together



Willow withies weaved on frame

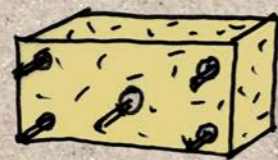


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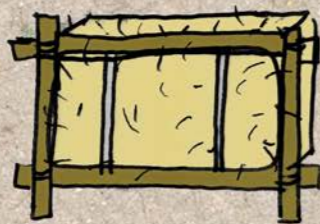


Willow withies randomly nailed on substructure

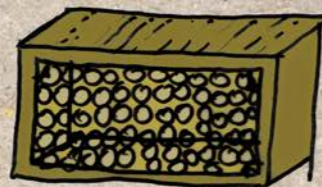
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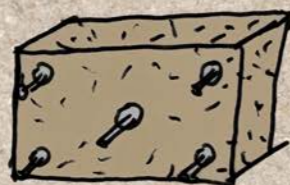
Miscanthus pressed panel directly on facade



Miscanthus bailed on substructure



Reed in box



Typha pressed panel directly on facade



Typha pressed panel between frame

Cladding



Reed clamped in frame



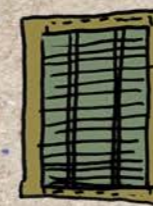
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The different options can be evaluated based on factors that are important for sustainable renovation. The Pugh chart method can be employed to assign scores ranging from -1, 0, or 1 to each option. This scoring serves as a rough estimation of their performance in relation to the chosen criteria.

Scoring

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5. Insulating properties

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6. Abundance

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7. Lifespan

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05. Renovation criteria

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Once various vegetation options have been identified, they can be combined in different variations on the facade. These combinations can be explored through various layouts and arrangements. This section showcases a range of these possibilities and provides conceptual sketches to illustrate what they could look like.

MOZAIC



HORIZONTAL



SURFACE



VERTICAL



05. Tectonics

MOZAIC



HORIZONTAL



SURFACE



VERTICAL



05. Tectonics

04. | Tectonics



MOZAIC



'Panelled Willow'



Typha pressed panel directly on facade



Willow withies weaved on frame



Willow withies nailed on frame

HORIZONTAL



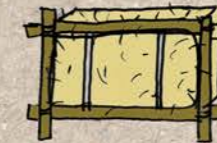
'Binded Reed'



Reed bundled together



Reed binded together



Miscanthus bailed on sub-structure

SURFACE



'Thatched reed'



Reed in box



Reed clamped by wooden slat

VERTICAL



'Combined thatched and paneled reed'



Miscanthus pressed panel directly on facade



Reed clamped by wooden slat



Reed clamped in frame

SURFACE



'Thatched reed'



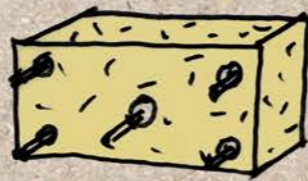
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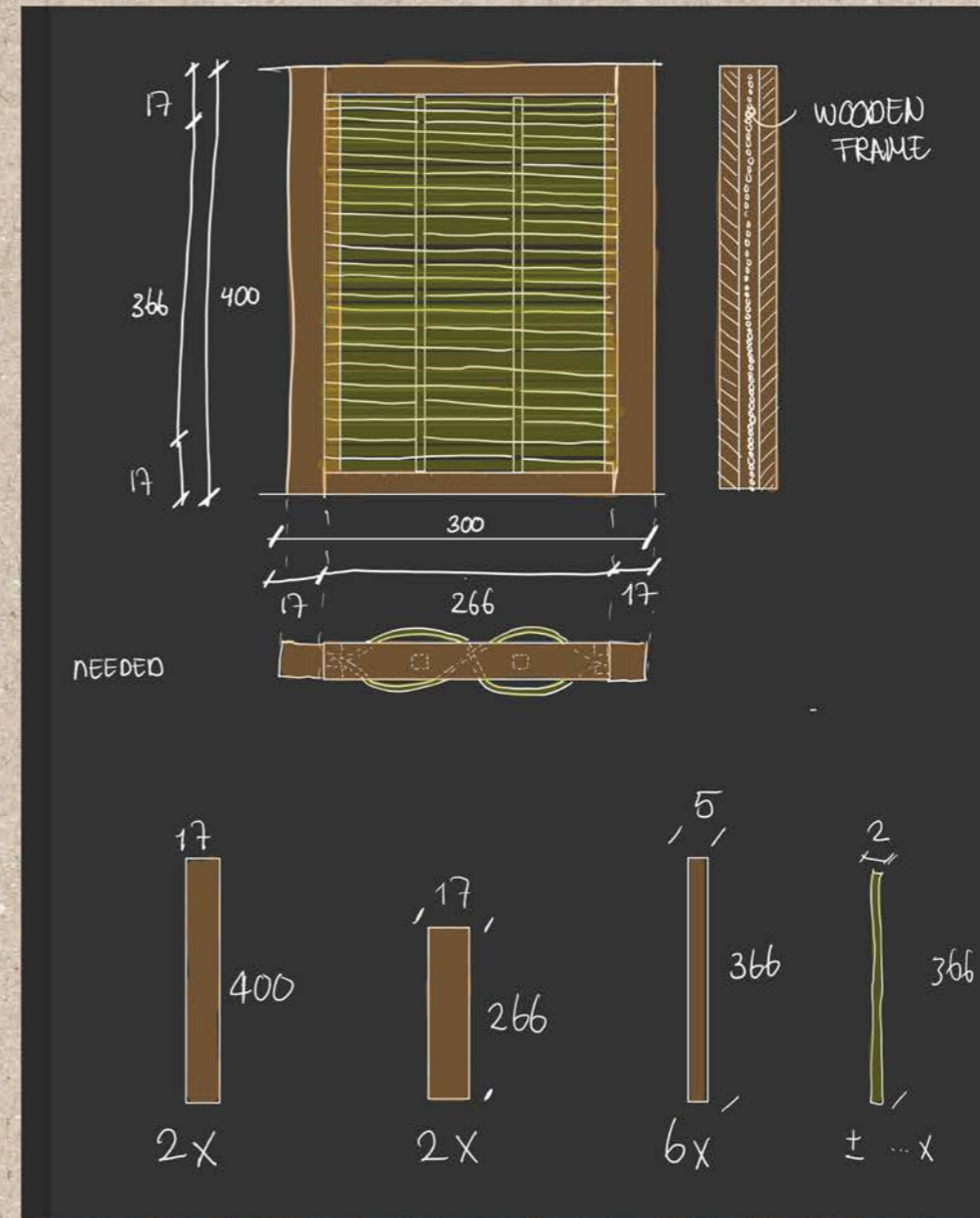
Willow withies weaved on frame



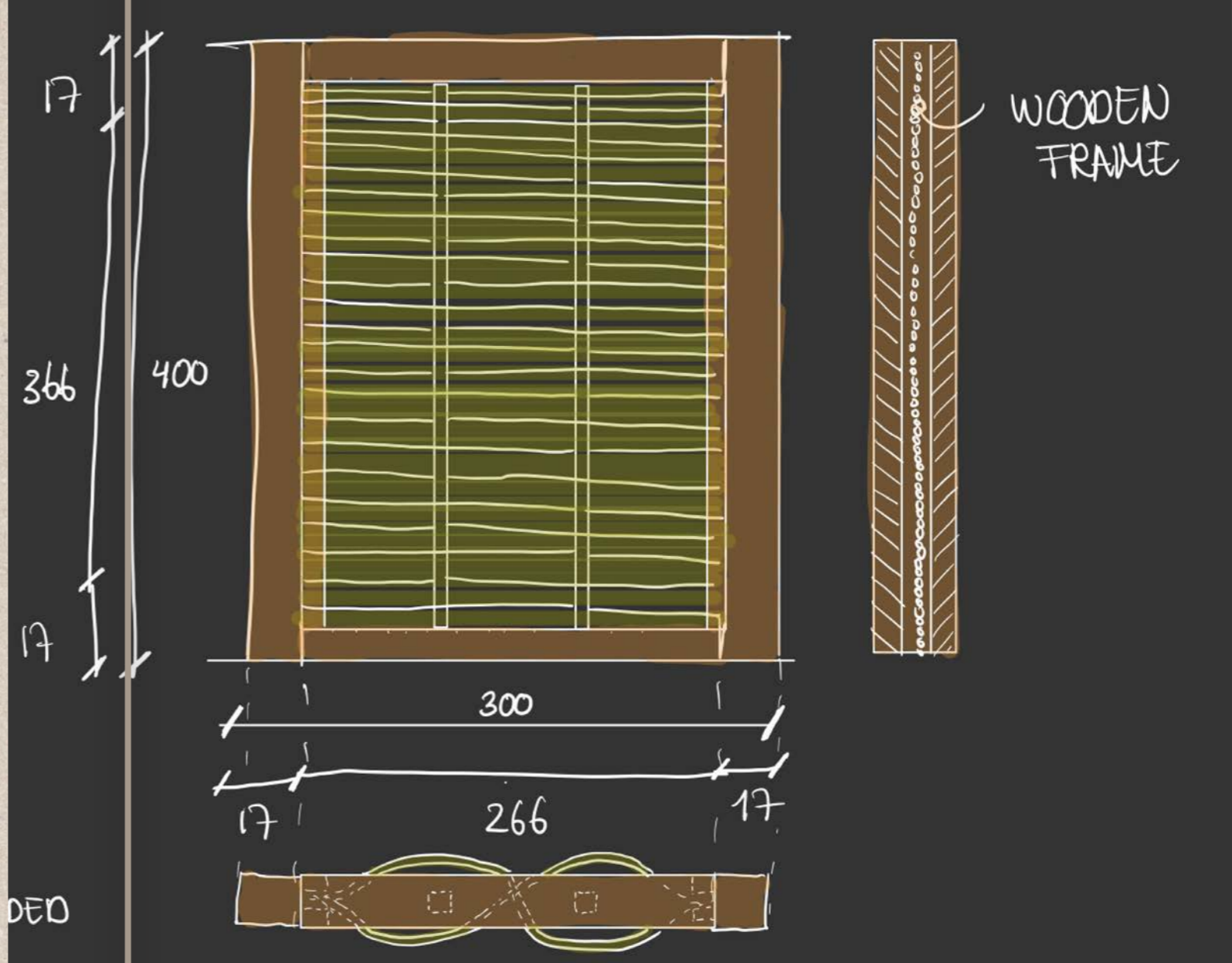
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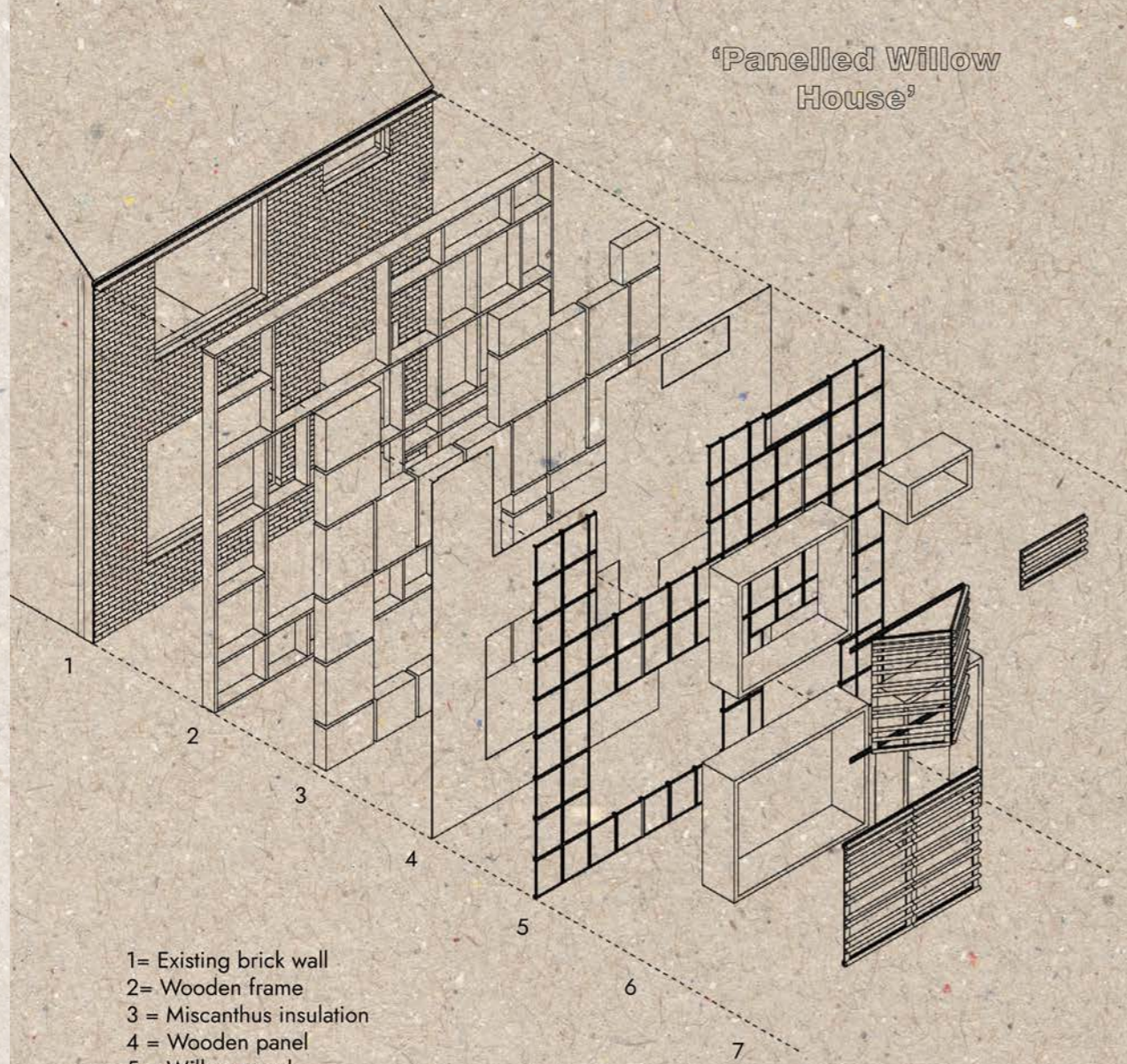
L2



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'Panelled Willow House'



- 1= Existing brick wall
- 2= Wooden frame
- 3= Miscanthus insulation
- 4= Wooden panel
- 5= Willow panels
- 6= Window sills
- 7= Willow branch louvres



1.0 | Existing brick wall



2.0 | Wooden frame



3.0 | Miscanthus insulation



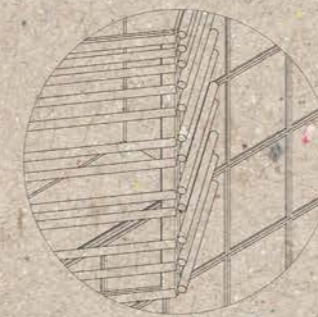
4.0 | Wooden plate



5.0 | Willow panels



6.0 | Window sill

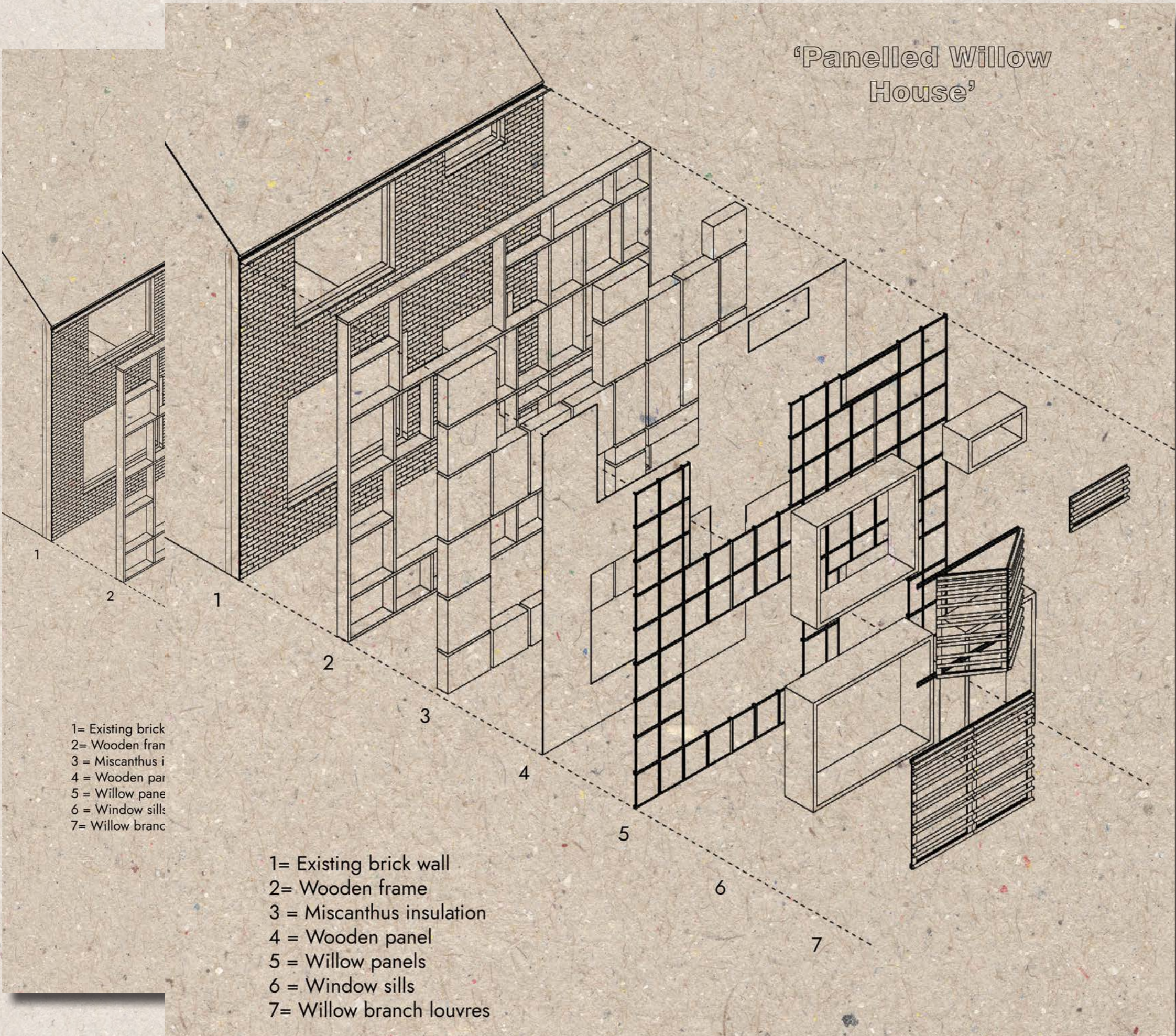


7.0 | Willow branch louvres

06. Proof of concept

04. | Proof of concept

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canthus insulation

Window sill

Peat




Sand



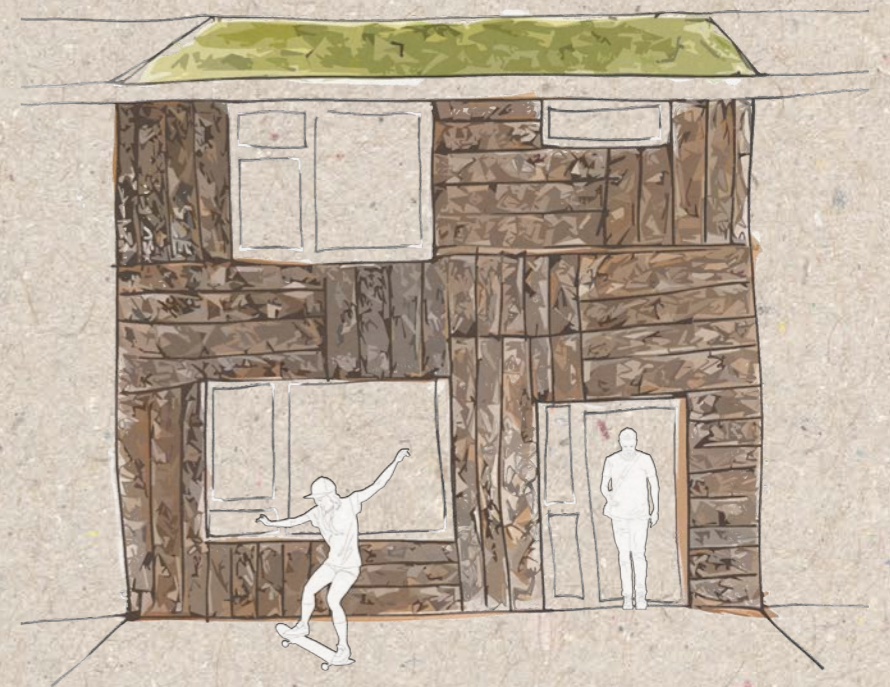
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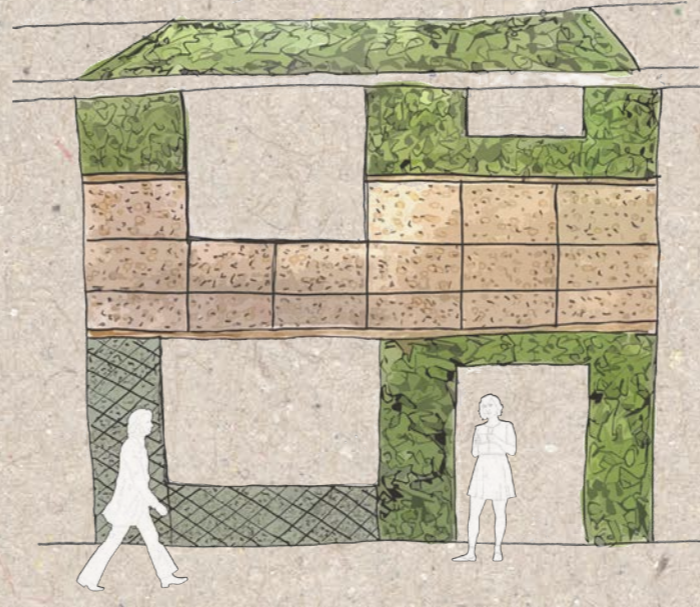


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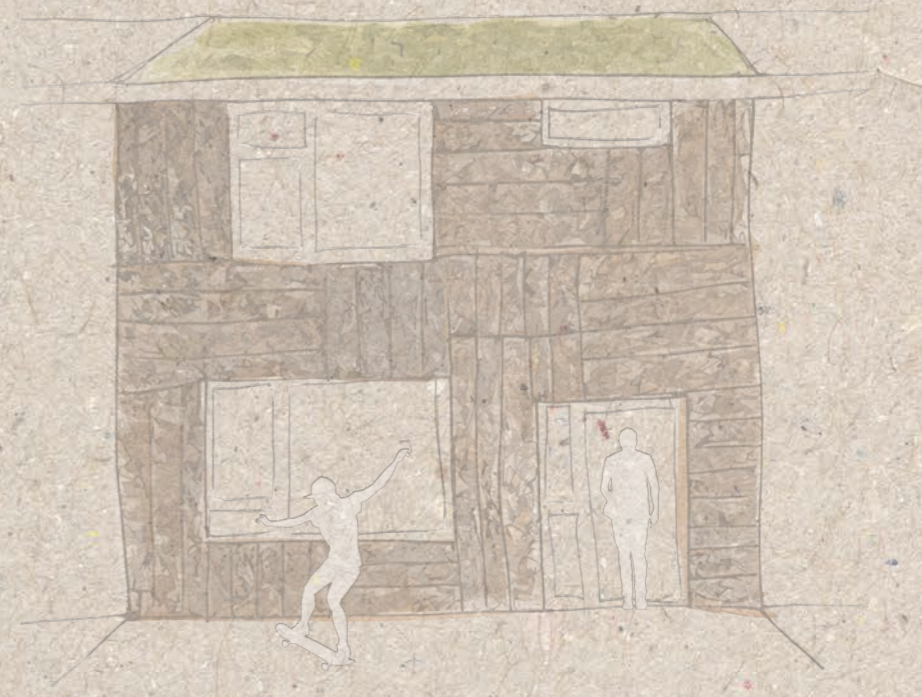


Broad Overview



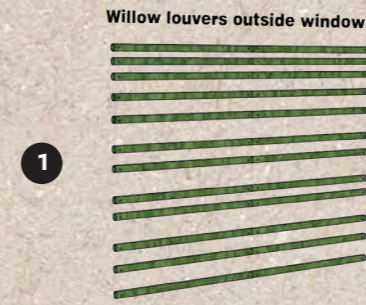


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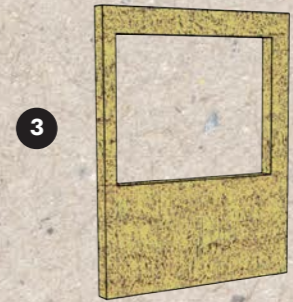




Willow louveres window



Thatched reed cladding



Willow panel



Wooden frame



Reed panel



Typha insulation



Wooden frame louveres



Wooden window sills



Wooden casting

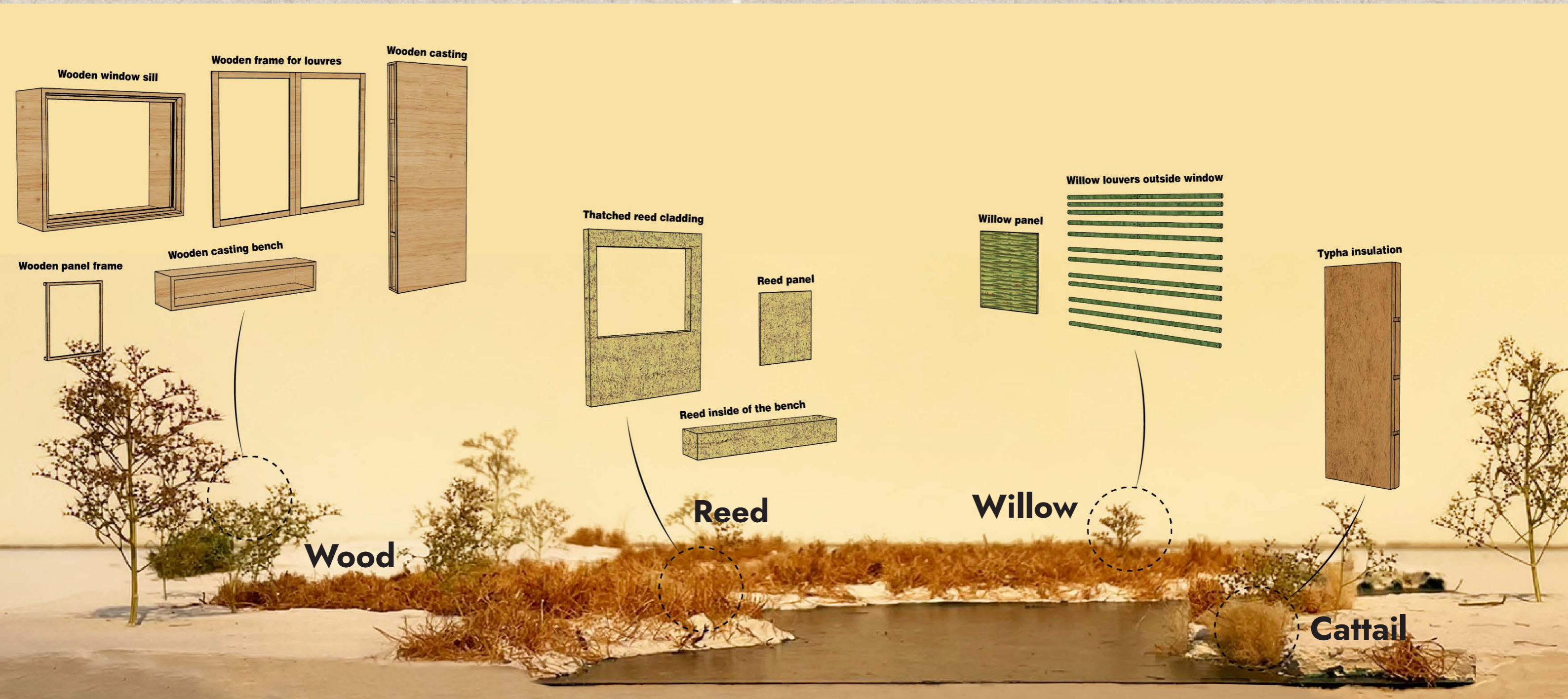


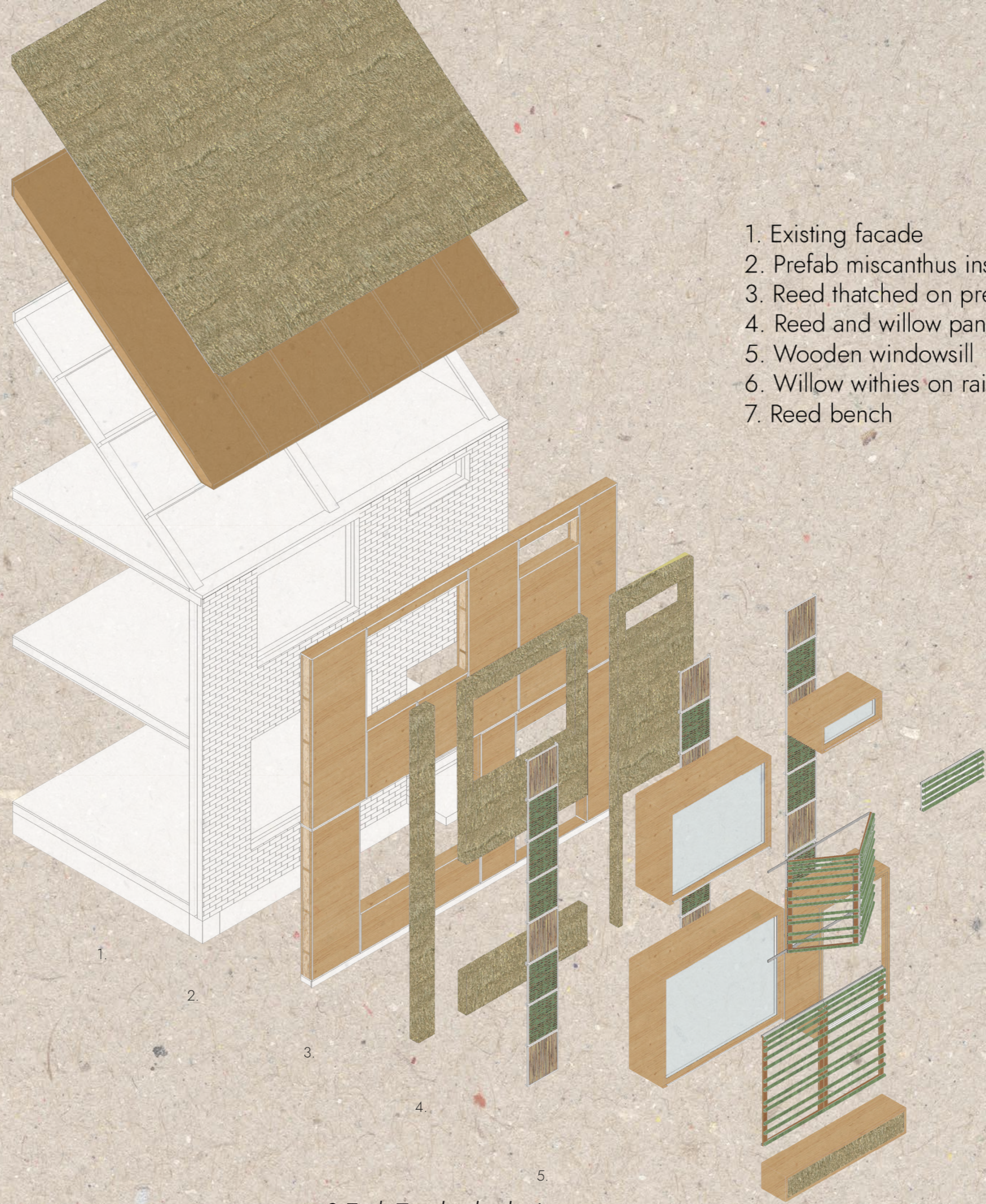
Wooden casting bench



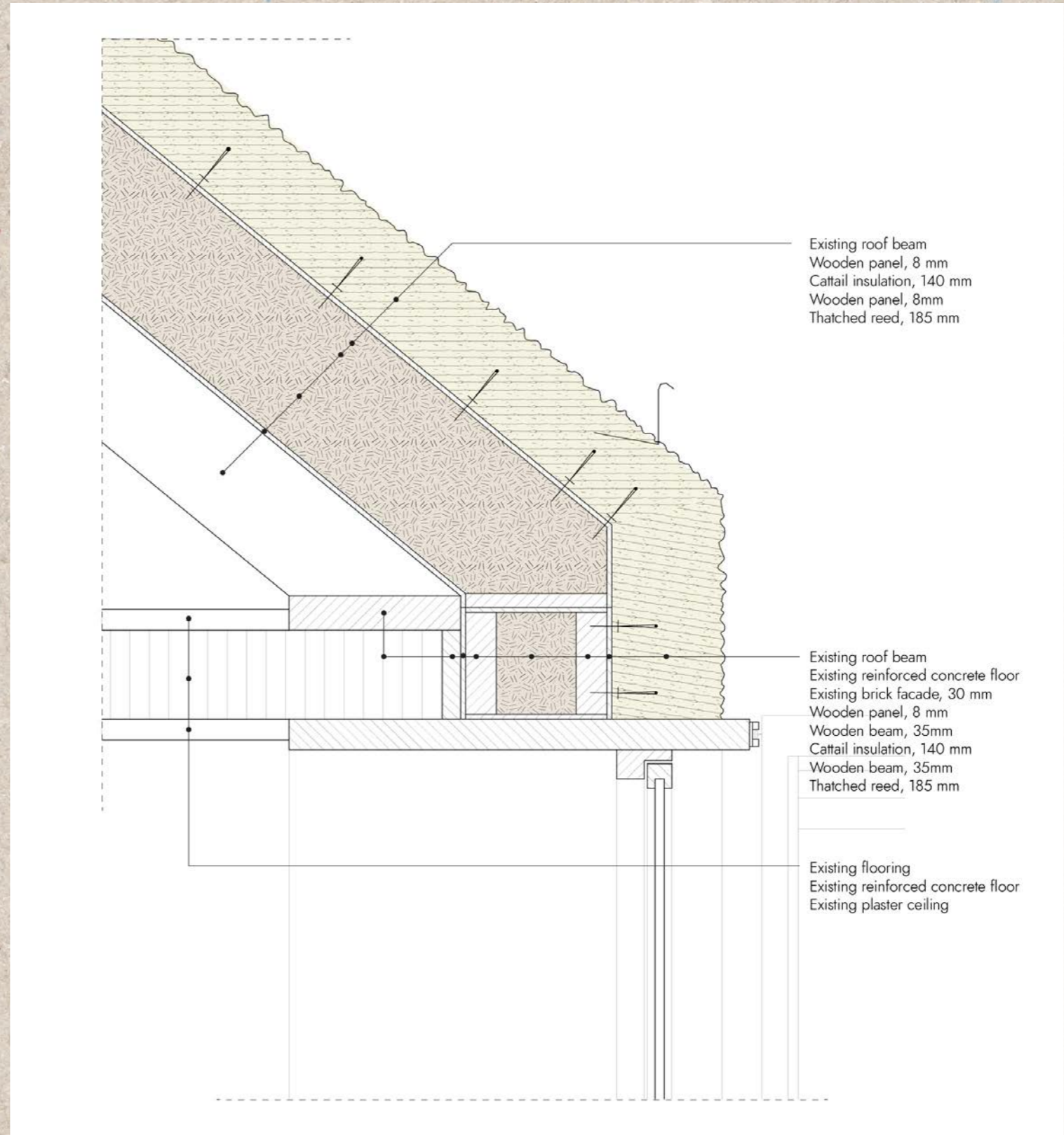
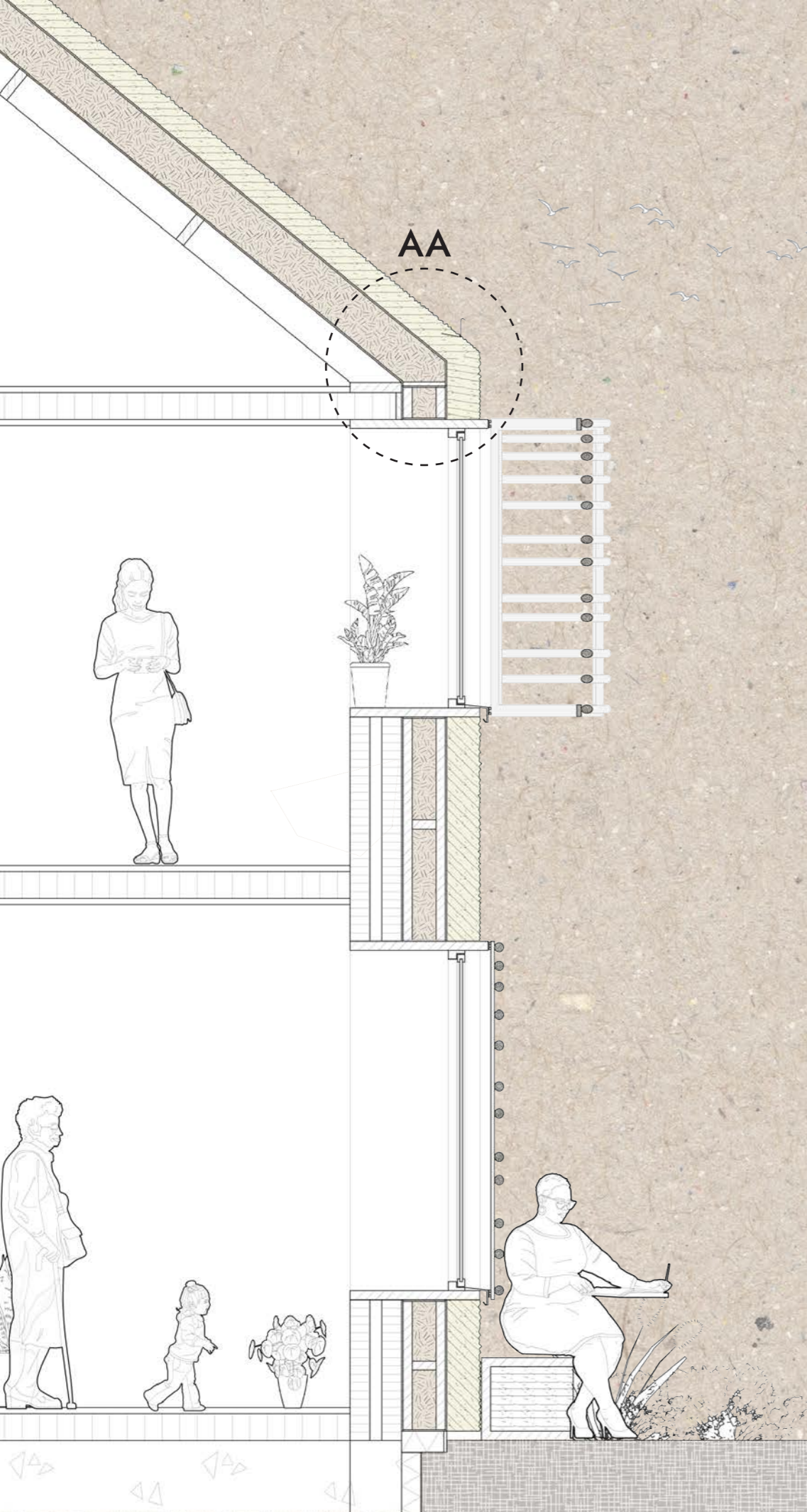
Reed inside bench

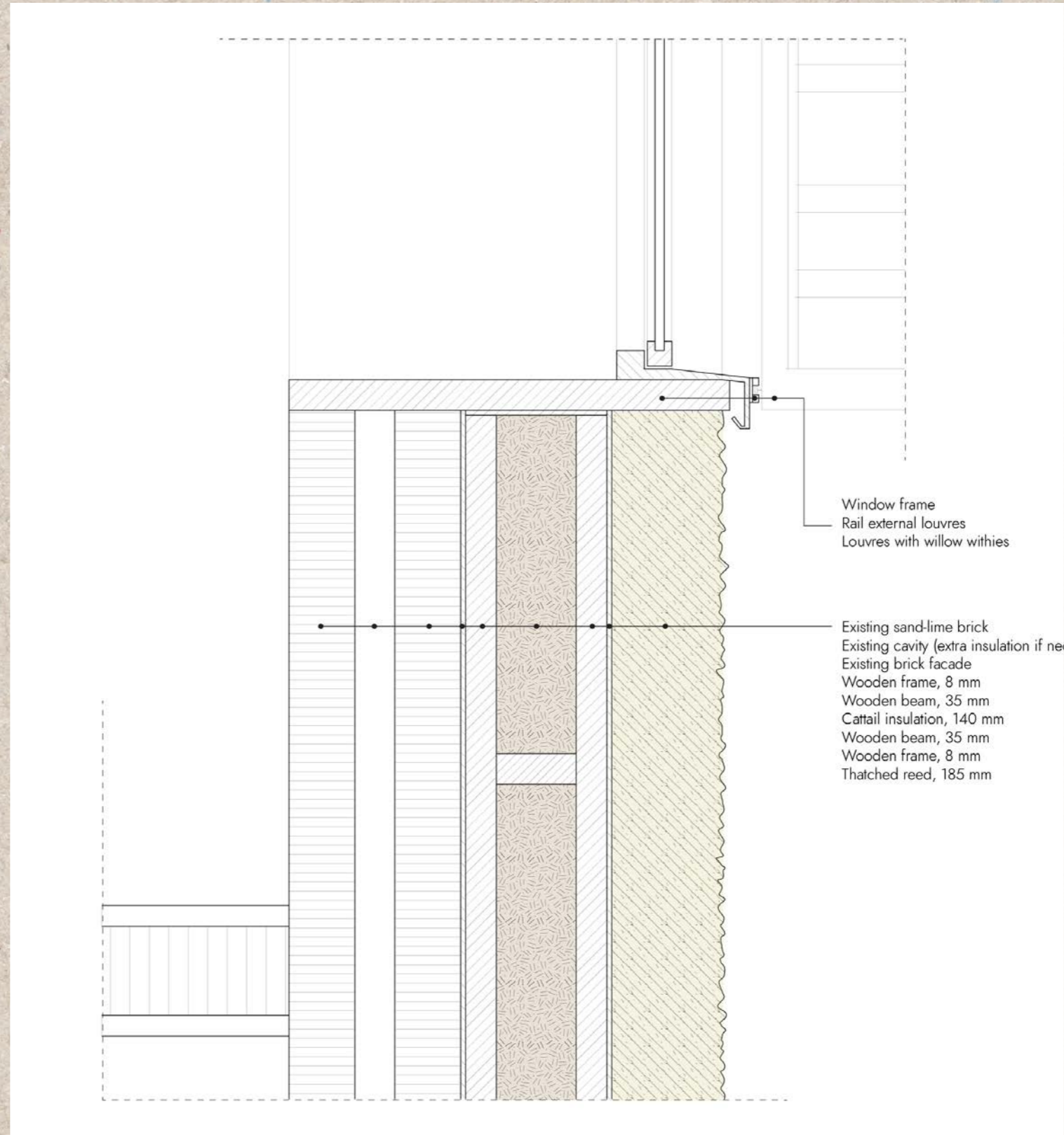
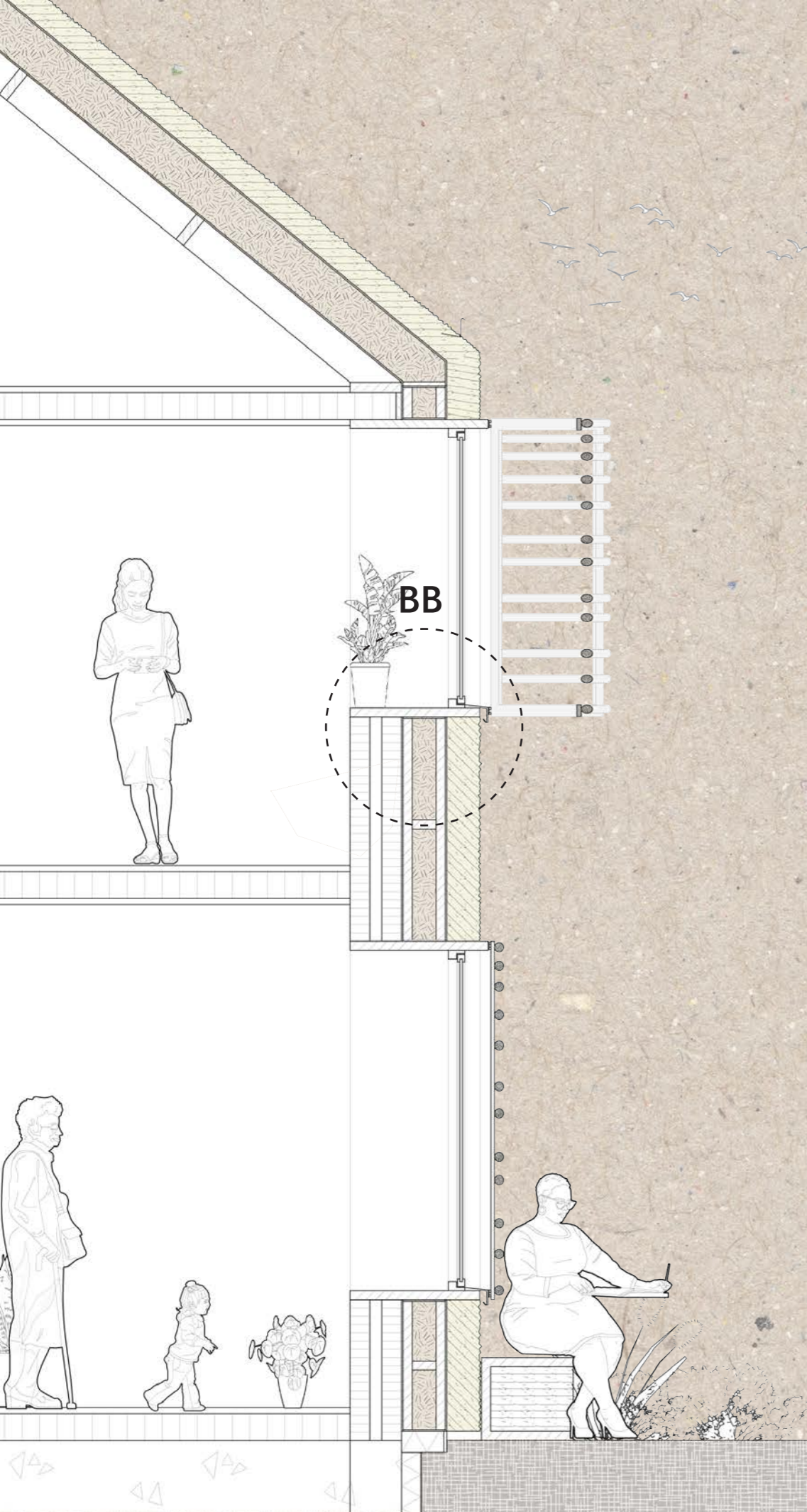


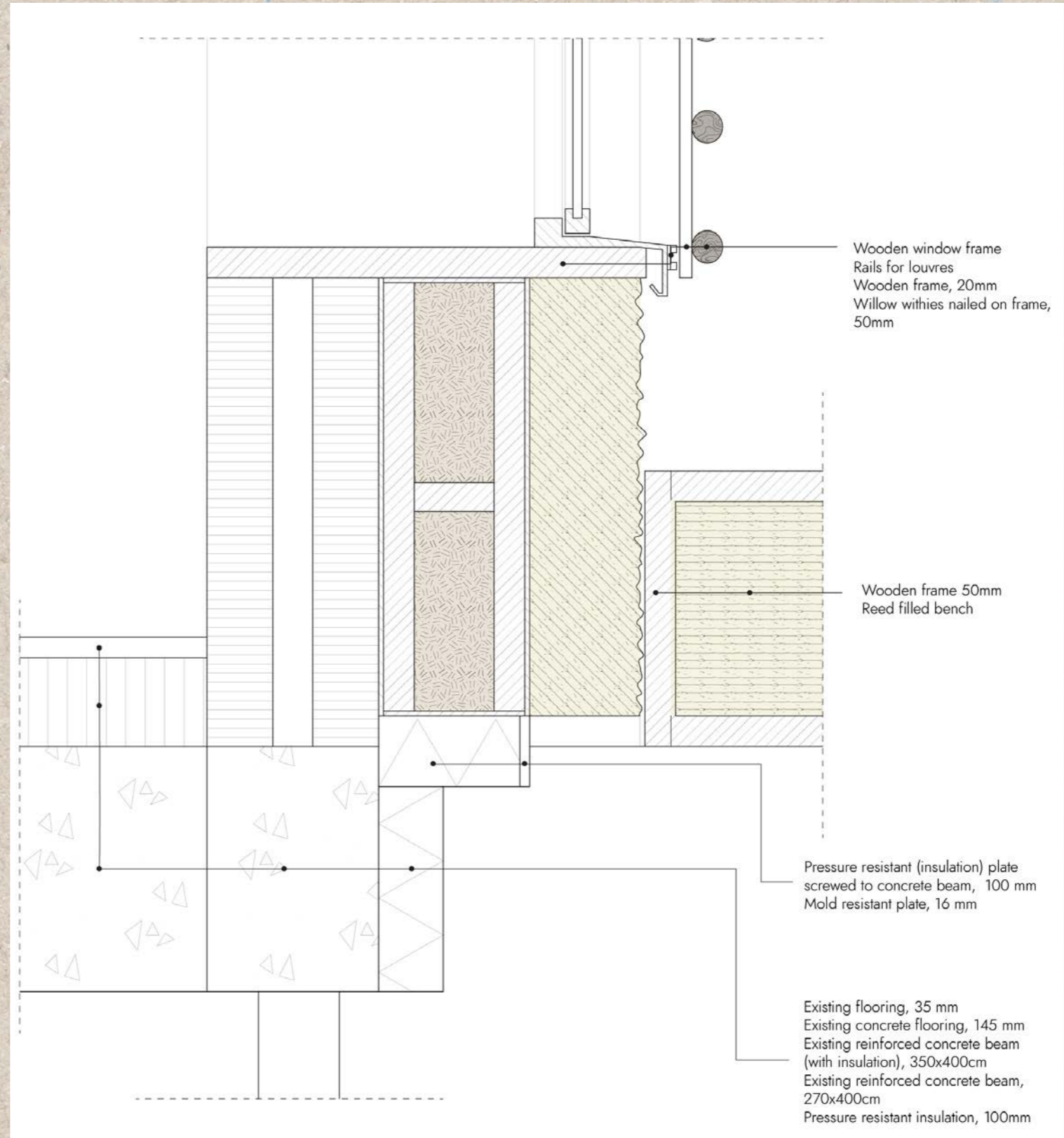
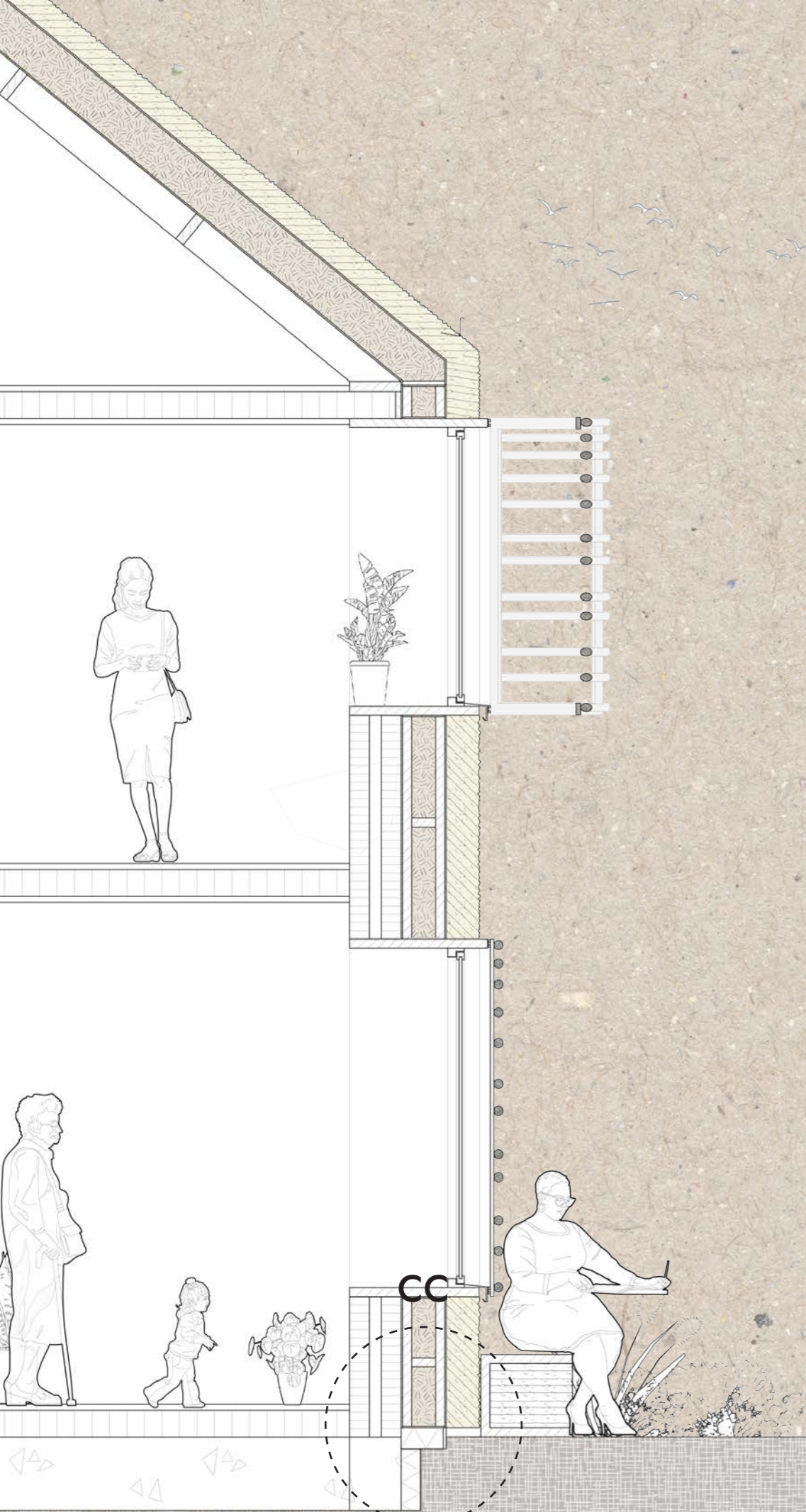




1. Existing facade
2. Prefab miscanthus insulation elements
3. Reed thatched on prefab elements
4. Reed and willow panels screwed on prefab element
5. Wooden windowsill
6. Willow withies on rail
7. Reed bench









Heat transfer coefficient (U)
 $W/(m^2K)$

U-value without renovation:

$$R_t = 2.65 [m^2K/W]$$


$$U = 0.38 W/(m^2K)$$

Bio-based renovation

$$R_t = 9.70 [m^2K/W]$$

$$U = 0.10 W/(m^2K)$$

*Meets passive housing requirements
($U < 0.15 W/(m^2K)$)*



Environmental Impact (GWP)*
CO₂-eq./m² wall

New Construction

(New bricks, aerated concrete, mineral wool, PE foil, mortar, calvanized steel)

+ 84 kg CO₂ eq./m²

Conventional Renovation

(mineral wool, PE foil, mortar, calvanized steel)

+ 10.41 kg CO₂ eq./m²

Bio-Based Renovation

(cattail insulation, construction wood, reed cladding, screws)

-62,14 kg CO₂ eq./m²

*Based on LCA from CINARK, the German database, Ökobaudat and for reet from "Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V" (Beim et. al., 2023).



Costs

€/m² wall

Conventional Renovation

(mineral wool, PE foil, mortar, calvanized steel)

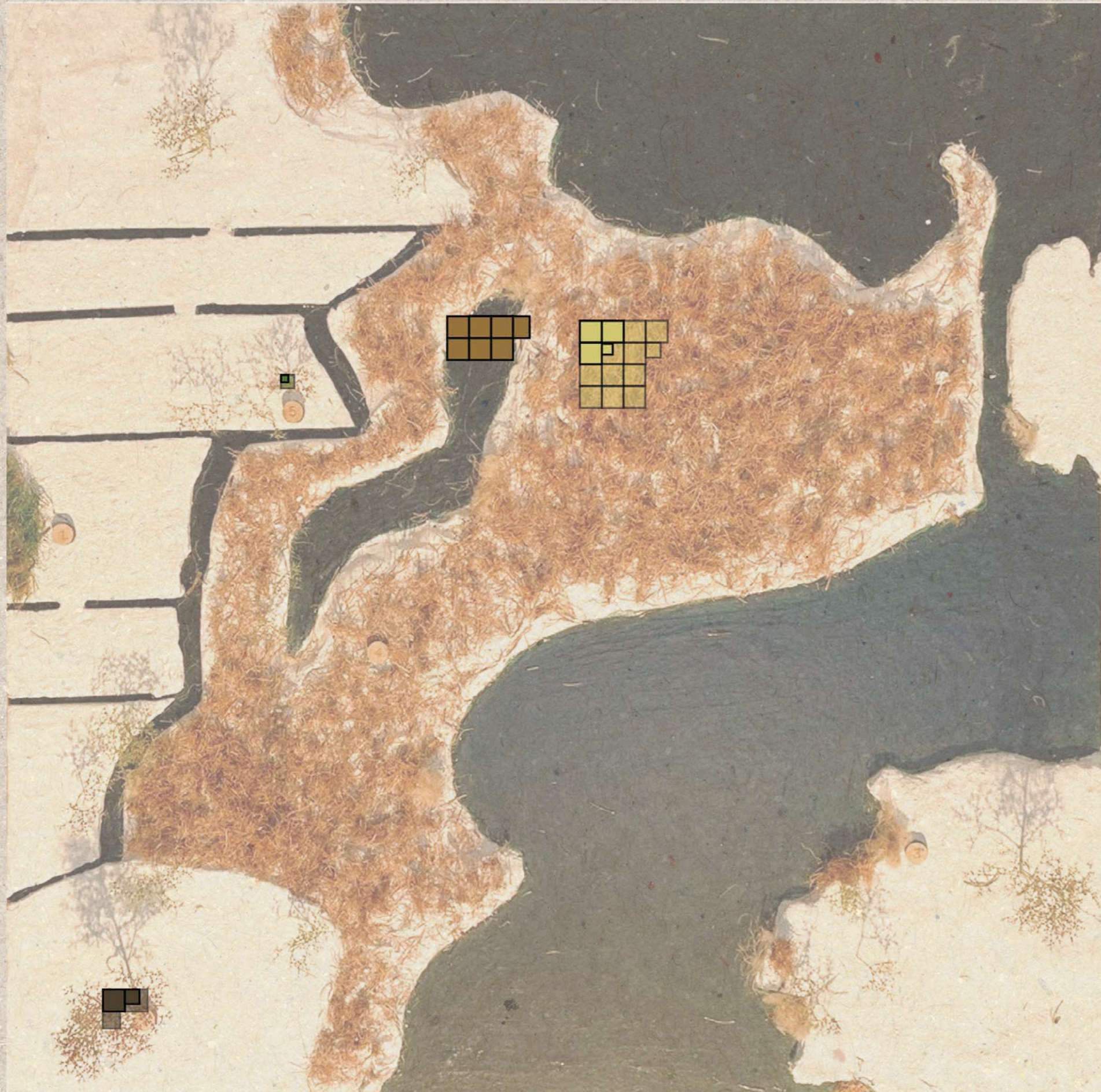
€ 76.78/m²

Bio-Based Renovation

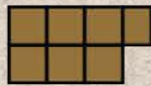
(cattail insulation, construction wood, reed cladding, screws)


€ 128,76 /m²

- Can not only be measured in price
- Still a small production
- Carbon tax





Space Requirements
One house
*Based on m³ needed,
 yield, density crop and
 hectares/m³*

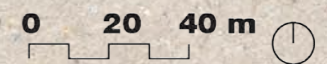
TYPHA  = 0.68 ha

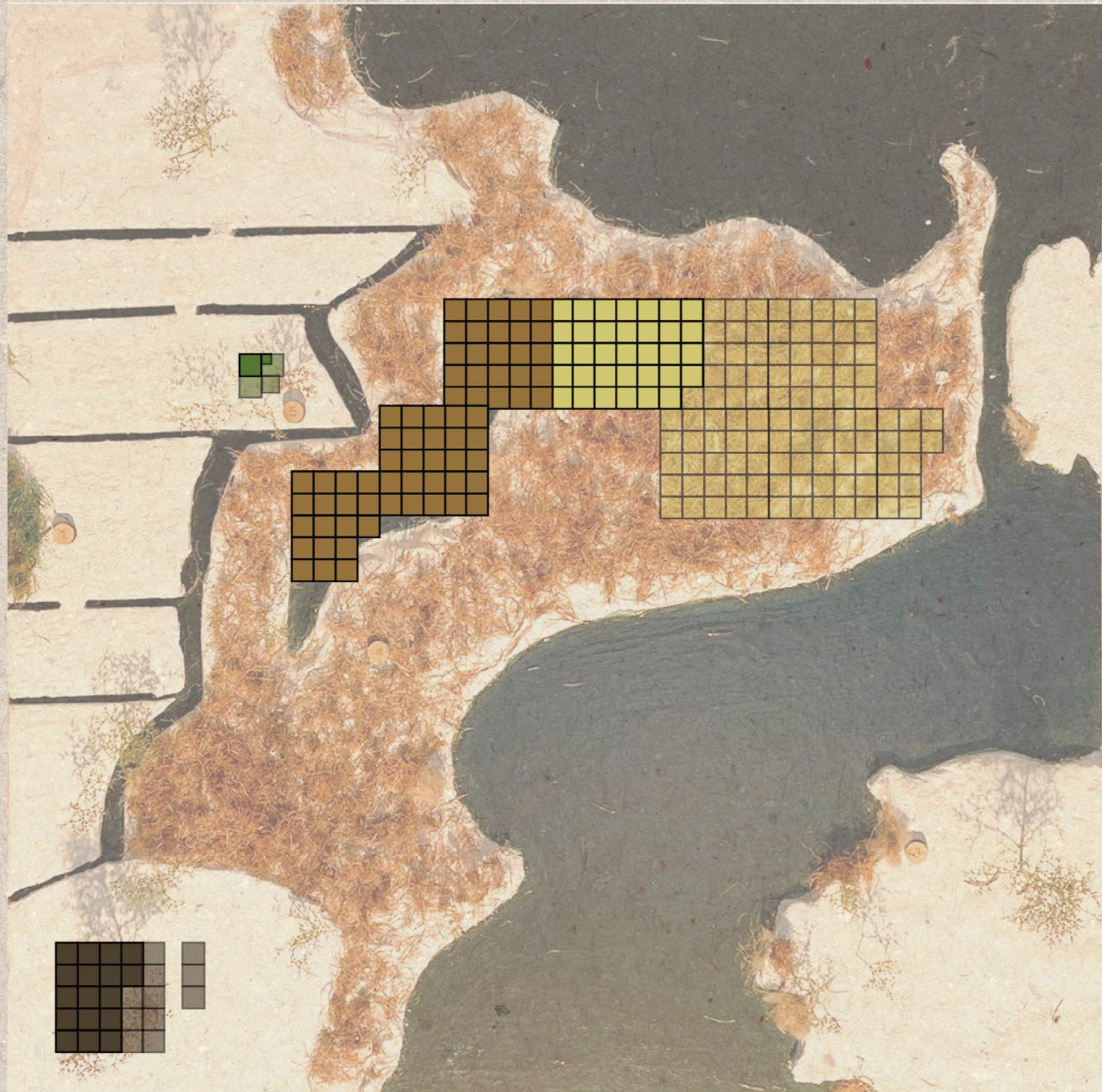
REED  = 0.34 - 1.37 ha

WILLOW  = 0.012-0.038 ha

(ALDER) WOOD  = 0.17 - 0.28 ha

 = 10 x 10 = 100 m² = 0.1 ha







Space Requirements
One street
*Based on m³ needed,
 yield, density crop and
 hectares/m³*

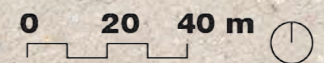
TYPHA  x 10

REED  x 10

WILLOW  x 10

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Heat transfer coefficient (U)
0.10 W/(m²K)

Environmental Impact (GWP)
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Costs
€ 128,76 /m²

Space requirements
1.2 ha/house

Housing cooperation

We want to provide our residents with comfortable housing that fits within our budget



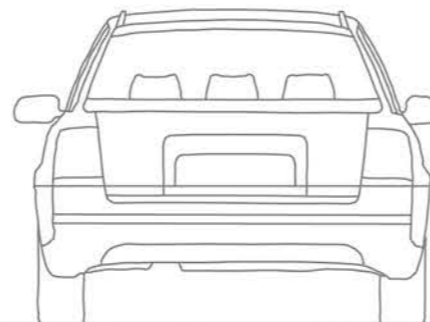
Residents

The building needs to fit the needs of all generations and be comfortable to live in



Municipalities

We want to make sure all actors are happy and the quality of life in the whole municipality is maintained



Environmental organisations

We want to make sure that construction happens in a sustainable manner and protect our natural resources



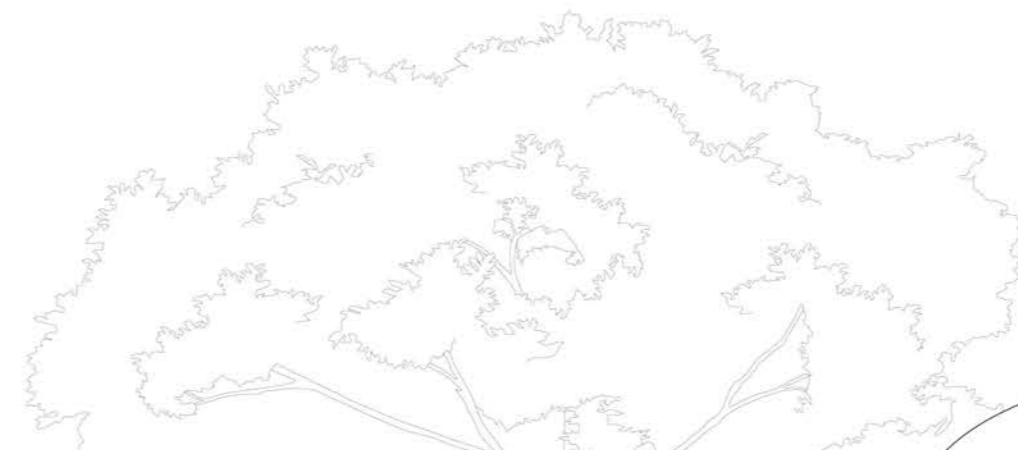
Architect

We want to be pioneers when it comes to energy-neutral and bio-based building



Builders

The construction needs to be easy and standardized



Housing cooperation

The social cohesion in the neighborhood is better than ever before!

Architect

This project can put our office on the map when it comes to bio-based building!

Residents

The better insulation and renovated exterior makes me appreciate the house and meets the needs for all generations!

Municipalities

By working together the social cohesion in the neighborhood improved which improved the overall quality of life!

Environmental organisations

Bio-based materials reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and promote the use of renewable resources!

Builders

Bio-based materials can be lighter, easier to work with, and require less specialized equipment!



.05.
Conclusions



*“What are the potentials of **regional bio-based materials** for add-on **facade renovation** of **Bloemkoolwijken** in the Netherlands?”*

1. Need for Renovation
2. Emissions of the Building Sector
3. Little to No Sense of Place



Bio-based materials from the regional landscape can be used to renovate, resulting in minimal to no emissions compared to conventional building materials, while also creating a region-specific identity.

- *Every landscape and material has its **own qualities***
- *Important to consider the **specific needs** of the building, vegetation available and their properties.*

- **Look-books** *provide a **comprehensive overview***
- **Proof of concept** *showed more **in-depth knowledge***

- *Still some **obstacles in implementation** like costs and uncertainties.*
- *But **research and pioneers are crucial** in making this feasible and successful!*





Thanks for listening!

Questions?

Regional bio-based materials

Vernacular architecture

- Highly influenced by climate, available materials and craftsmanship in the area

Regional landscapes

- Three main categories being: clay, sand and peat landscapes.

Vegetation

- Peat landscape: vegetation that thrives in wet and marschy conditions
- Sand landscape: vegetation that is adapted to nutrient poor soil
- Clay landscape: fertile soil with vegetation often for agricultural practices

Cauliflower neighborhoods

Defining features

- Defining features include: organic shape, 'woonerf' principle, single family homes and aesthetically modest.
- Add-on renovation most suitable because of improvement insulation and aesthetics

Case-studies

- 'Camminghaburen' Leeuwarden in peat landscape
- 'Duinoord', Noordwijk in sand landscape
- 'De Fazant', Dronten in clay landscape

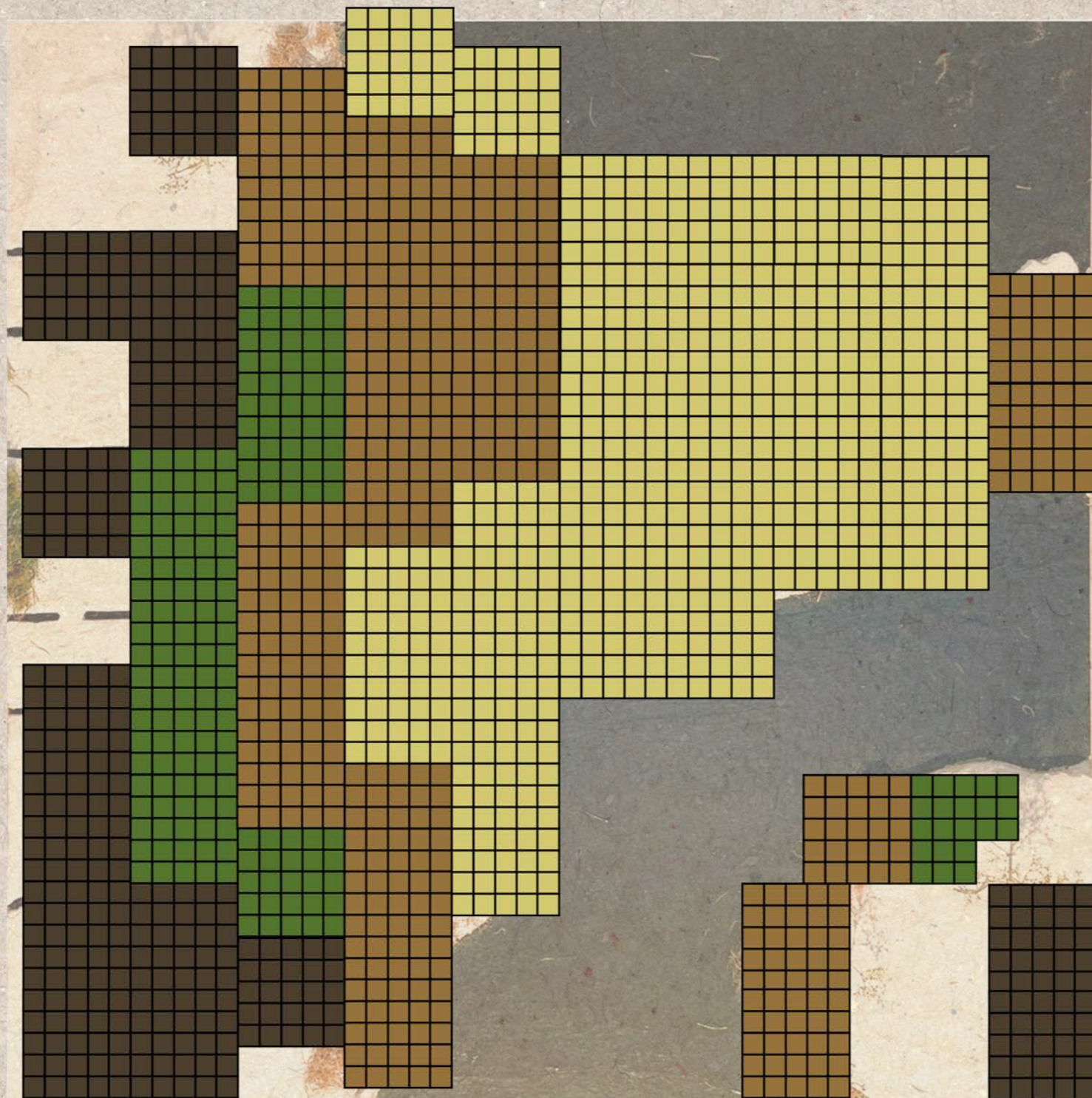
Facade renovation

Key considerations and requirements

- Improving the insulation and aesthetics
- Futureproofing by making the design as demountable and circular as possible

configurations regional

- Numerous possibilities, therefore organized in a framework of processing, structure, attaching and teconics




Materials possible on this plot?

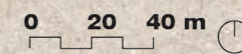
TYPHA  x 70

REED  x 47 - 191

WILLOW  x 526 - 1.667

(ALDER) WOOD  x 125 - 206

 = 10 x 10 = 100 m² = 0.1 ha



U-Value

Materials (in-out)	Thickness (mm)	Lambda Conductivity (λ) [W/mK]	Isolans Resistivity (R) [m^2K/W]	
Brick facade	110	0.8	0.1344	Existing: $R_t = 2.65 [m^2K/W]$ $U = 0.38 W/(m^2K)$
Cavity (air)	60	0.024-0.026	2.40	
Sand-lime brick	110	0.8-1.0	0.1194	
Wooden plate	10	0.02	0.5	
Typha insulation	210	0.052	4.0384	Bio-based renovation: $R_t = 9.70 [m^2K/W]$ $U = 0.10 W/(m^2K)$
Wooden plate	10	0.02	0.5	
Reed cladding	180	0.08-0.1	2.0	
Total (R_t)			9.6922	

**Environmental impact (GWP)
CO2-eq./m2 wall**

**Simplified to only wall element
Based on the LCA of CINARK using on the basis of LCA phases
A1: Extraction & harvesting
A2: Transportation to factory
A3: Manufacturing product**

New construction

Conventional Renovation

New bricks	108	+ 34.5 kg	Mineral wool	200	+ 2.76 kg
Aerated concrete	200	+ 39.4 kg	PE foil	0.05	+ 0.4 kg
Mineral wool	200	+ 2.76 kg	Mortar		+ 2.75 kg
PE foil	0.05	+ 0.4 kg	Calvanized steel	5 pcs/m²	+ 4.5 kg
Mortar		+ 2.75 kg			
Calvanized steel	5 pcs/m²	+ 4.5 kg			
<u>+ 84 kg CO₂ eq./m²</u>			<u>+ 10.41 kg CO₂ eq./m²</u>		

Bio-based renovation

Plywood	20	-10.3
Typha insulation	210	+ 0.0067*
Reed cladding	180	- 41.2
Construction wood	2	- 13.52
Galvanized steel screws		+ 2.87

-62.14 kg CO₂ eq./m²

*** by .. for the entire production chain if the long term carbon storage is also considered with 0.31 ton co2-eq./ha**

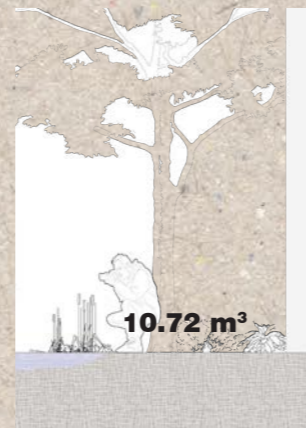
Costs materials**Conventional Renovation**

	Thickness mm	Cost	Source	Total
Mineral wool	200	9,79 (m2)	(Gamma, 2023)	9,79
PE Foil	0.05	39.89 (10m2)	(Gamma, 2023)	3.99
Steel cladding	5 pcs / m2	(Starting at) 50 (m2)	(Gamma, 2023)	50
Screws	25 pcs.	25,99 50 pcs.	(Gamma, 2023)	13
				76.78 /m2

Bio-Based Renovation

	Thickness mm	Cost	Source	Total
Plywood	20	12,99 (1x1x0.01m)	(Gamma, 2023)	25,98
Cattail insulation	210	310 (1x1x1m)	(Frauenhofer,2013)	65,1
Reed cladding	180	27-36 (1x1m)	(Federatie Rietdekkers, 2023)	30
Construction wood	2	21,49 (0.045x0.07x3)	(Gamma, 2023)	7,16
Galvanized steel screws	5 pcs.	25,99 50 pcs.	(Gamma, 2023)	0,52
				128,76 /m2

Material needed



TYPHA

Facade
7.5 panels: $7.5 \times 0.579 = 4.35 \text{ m}^3$
Roof
roof 11 panels: $11 \times 0.579 = 6.37 \text{ m}^3$

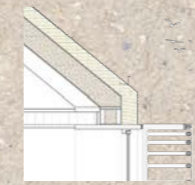
total: 10.72 m³

10.72 m³

REED

Thatch
facade: 2.36 m^3
roof: 4.30 m^3
Panels
 $10 \times 0.004 \text{ m}^3 = 0.04 \text{ m}^3$
Bench
 0.373 m^3

total: 7.073 m³



6.66 m³



0.373 m³

0.04 m³



0.888 m³



0.3288 m³

WILLOW

Facade Panels
 $14 \times 0.04 = 0.056 \text{ m}^3$
Window Panels
 $52 \times 0.0025 = 0.133 \text{ m}^3$

total: 0.19 m³

0.056 m³

0.133 m³

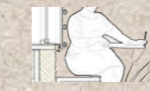
WOOD

Window Sill
 0.888 m^3
Frame Facade Panels
 $24 \times 0.00137 = 0.03288 \text{ m}^3$
Frame Louvres
 $0.0047 + (2 \times 0.0072) + (2 \times 0.01) = 0.0391 \text{ m}^3$
Frame Bench
 0.182 m^3
Frame Insulation
facade: $7.5 \times (0.0235 + 2 \times 0.0262) = 0.057 \text{ m}^3$
roof: $5.5 \times 0.479 = 2.63 \text{ m}^3$

total: 3.45 m³



3.20 m³



0.182 m³

Yield Vegetation

Cattail: 20t of dry mass/hectare (Frauenhofer Institute, 2013)
Reed: 6 - 24 tons dry mass/ hectare (Wichtmann, Schröder, & Joosten, 2016)
Willow: 6 - 13 tons dry mass/ hectare (trees 7y of age) (Bestman, et al., 2019)
(Alder)Wood: 17 tons dry mass / hectare / year (Aosaar, Varik, & Uri, 2012)

Density

Cattail: 63 kg / m³ (Material District, 2013)
Reed: 583 kg / m³ (Malheiro, et al., 2021)
Willow: 400 -600 kg / m³ (Engineering ToolBox, 2004)
(Alder)wood: 420 - 680 kg / m³ (Engineering ToolBox, 2004)

1 ha = 10.000 m²

Hectares/m³ Material

Cattail: 20.000 kg / hectare -> 31.74 m³ / hectare
Reed: 6.000-24.000 kg / hectare -> 10.29 - 41.17 m³ / hectare
Willow: 6.000-13.000 kg/ hectare -> 10.00 - 32.5 m³ / hectare
(Alder)wood: 17.000 kg / hectare -> 25 - 40.48 m³ / hectare

Cattail: $0.68 \times 10.000 = \underline{6\ 800 \text{ m}^2}$
Reed: $0.34 - 1.37 \times 10\ 000 = \underline{3\ 400 - 13\ 700 \text{ m}^2}$
Willow: $0.038 - 0.012 \times 10\ 000 = \underline{120 - 380 \text{ m}^2}$
(Alder)Wood: $0.17-0.28 \text{ hectare} \times 10\ 0000 = \underline{1\ 700 - 2\ 800 \text{ m}^2}$

Hectares Needed ((Hectares/m³) / (Material needed))

Cattail: $21.44 \text{ m}^3 \rightarrow 0.68 \text{ hectare} / \text{entire house}$
Reed: $2 \times 7.073 \text{ m}^3 / 10.29-41.17 = 0.34 - 1.37 \text{ hectare} / \text{entire house}$
Willow: $2 \times 0.19 \text{ m}^3 / 10.00 - 32.5 = 0.038 - 0.012 \text{ hectare} / \text{entire house}$
(Alder)Wood: $2 \times 3.45 \text{ m}^3 / 25-40.48 = 0.17-0.28 \text{ hectare} / \text{entire house}$