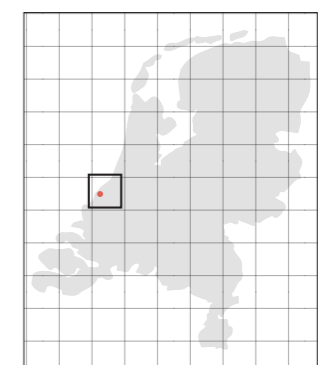


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Third Place &
Third Phase

context



challenges

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(informal) public places, where people can meet each other outside their home and work place

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That is why I am never there.”**

Interview participant, 2025

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Third places

Older people
(65+)

Third phase



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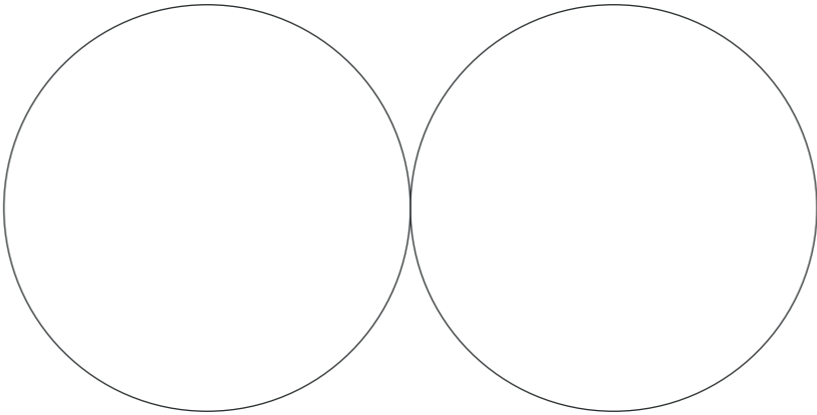
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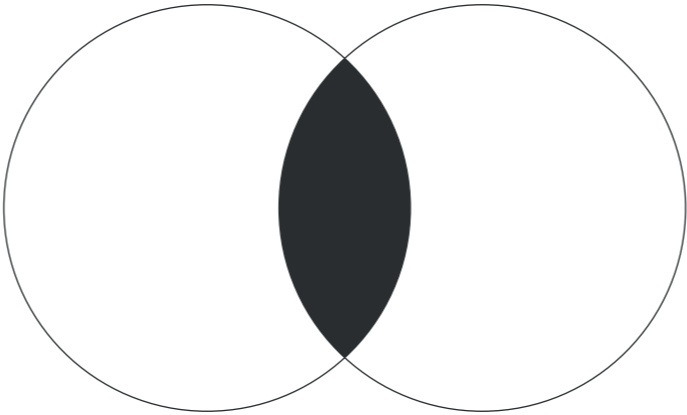
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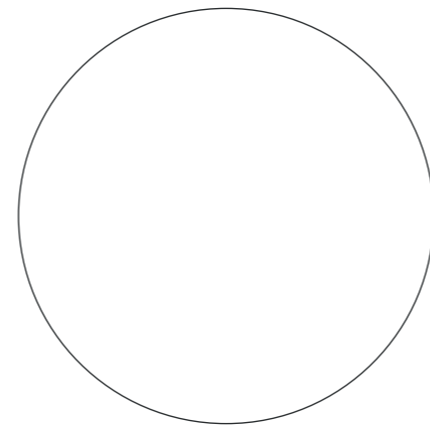
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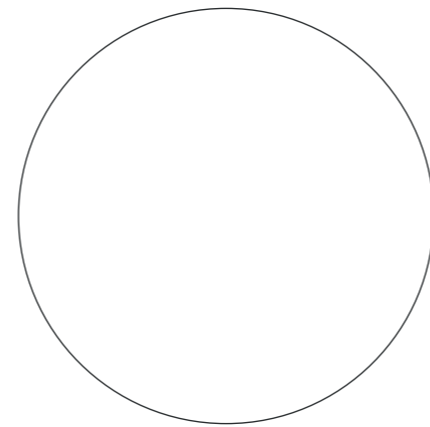
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younger people
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Emerging Adulthood Phase

identity exploration, experimentation, responsibility, and
developing autonomy

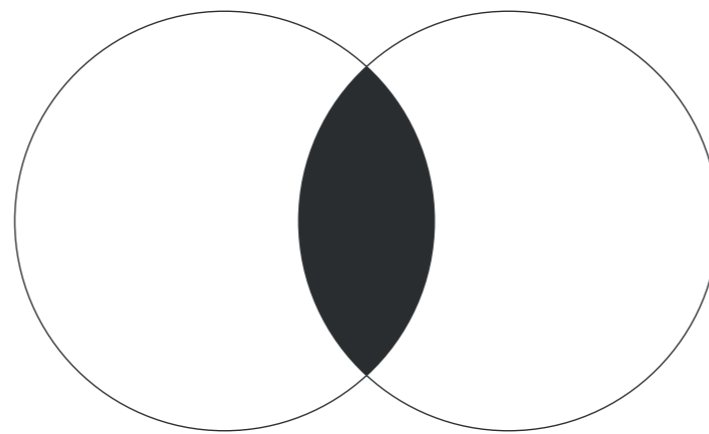


**older people
65+**

Third Phase of Life

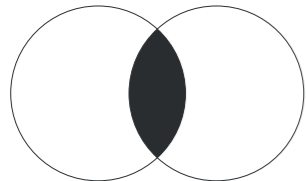
connectedness, being of significance, and feeling of
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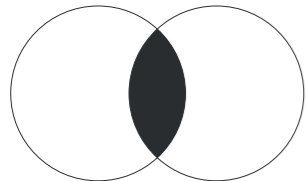
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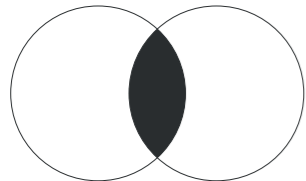
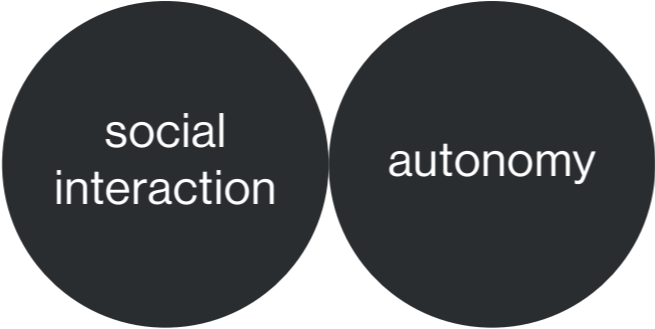


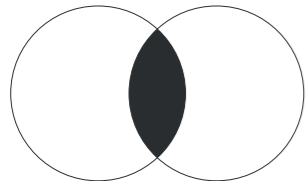
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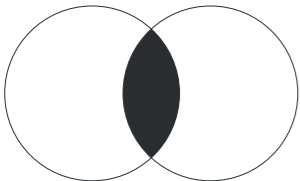
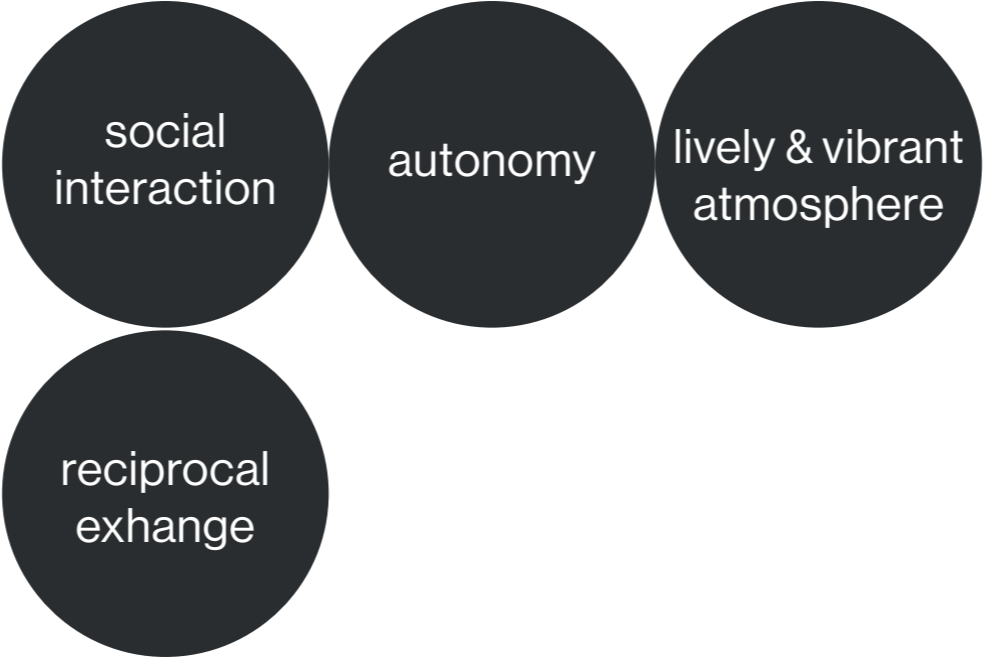
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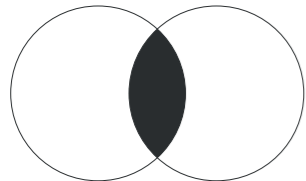
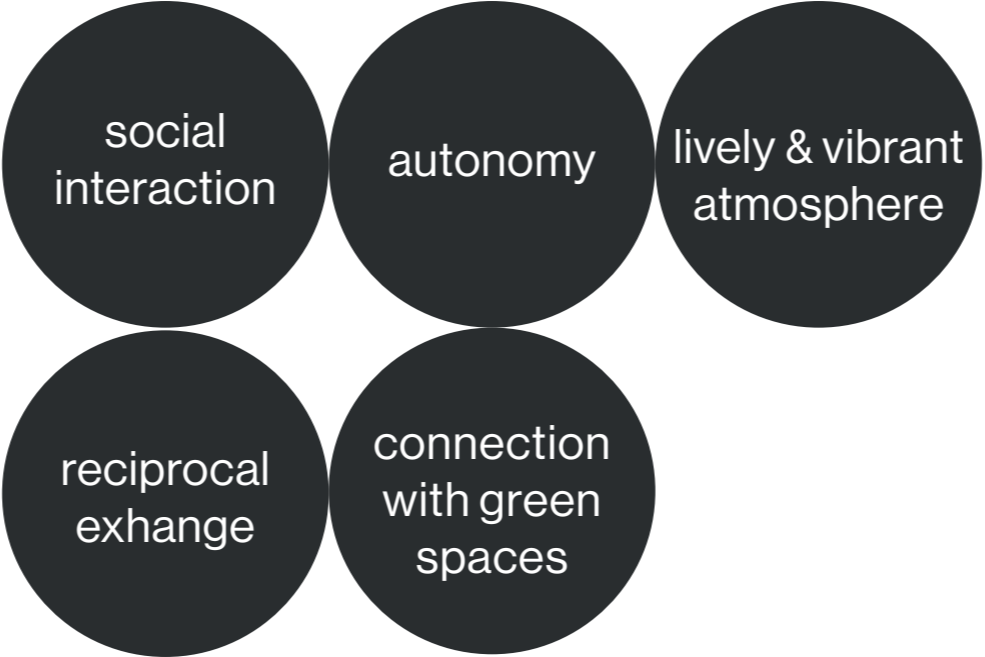








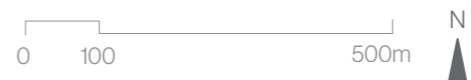




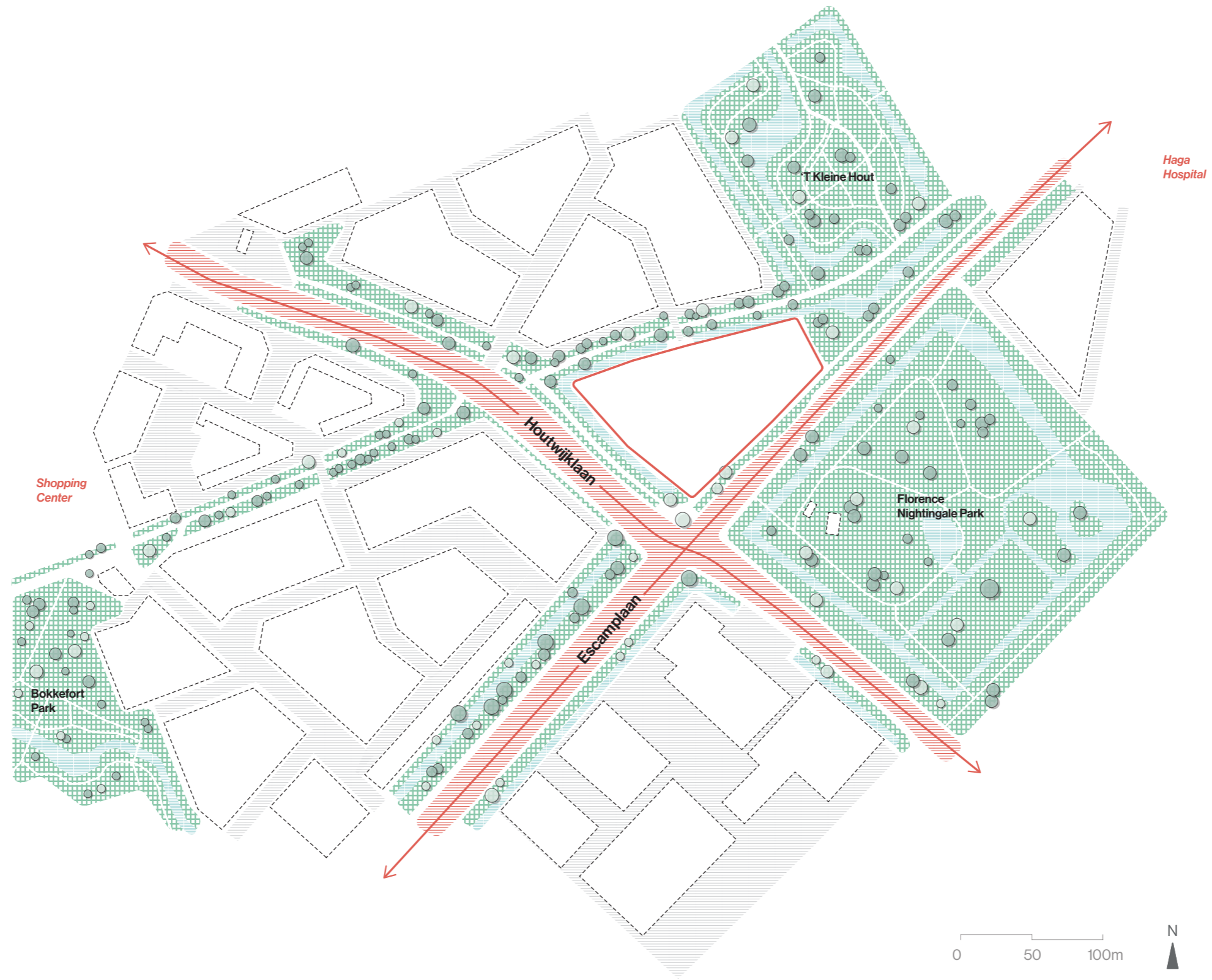
a multifunctional public building that serves as a **third place** for Houtwijk and acts as a connector between facilities and generations, and is closely linked to green outdoor spaces

“The most valuable building would be a multifunctional area [...] where young and old can meet, learn, and do activities together [...] that mix of functions and generations is important.”

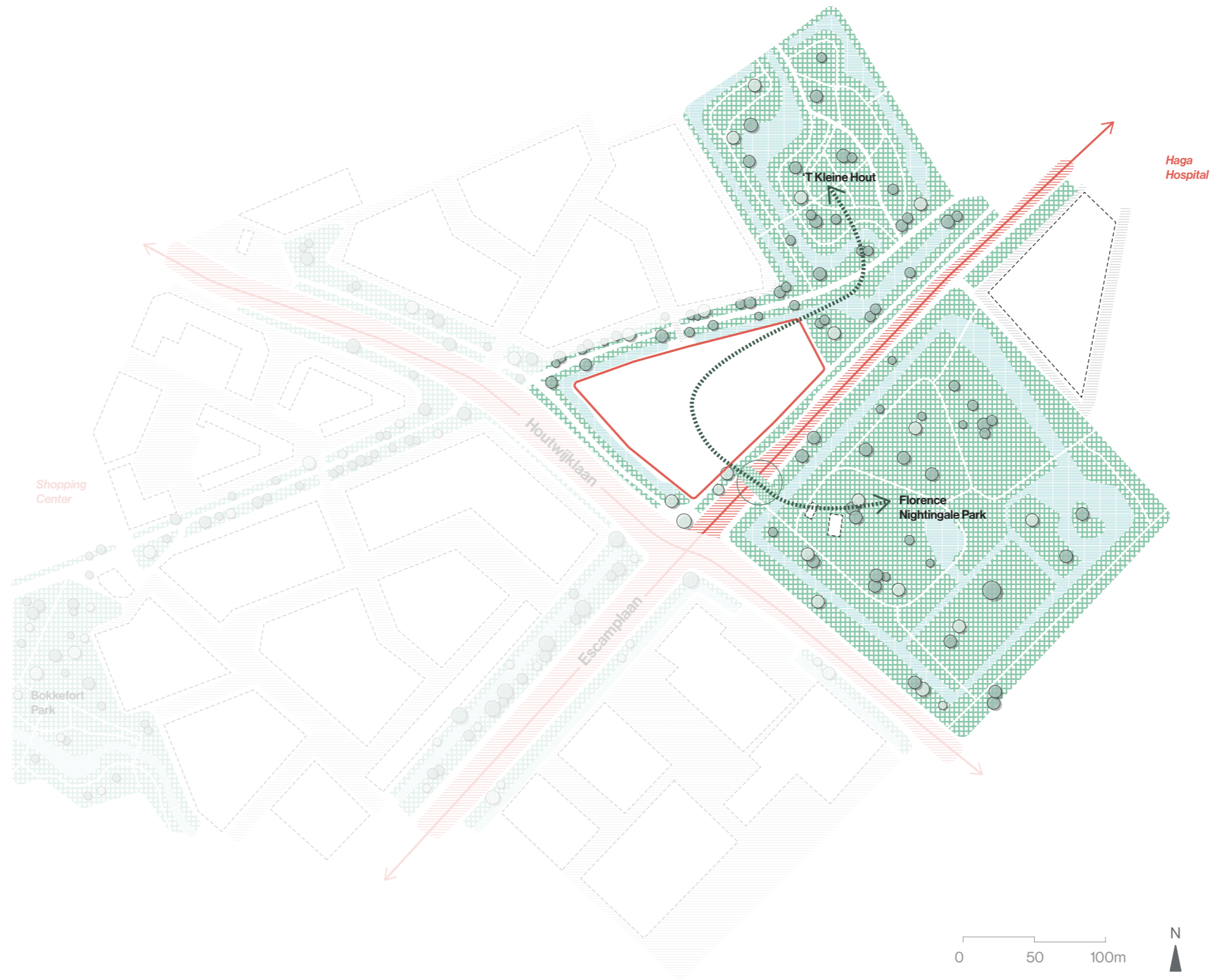
Participatory meeting participant, 2026



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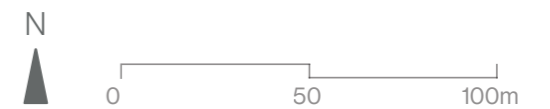
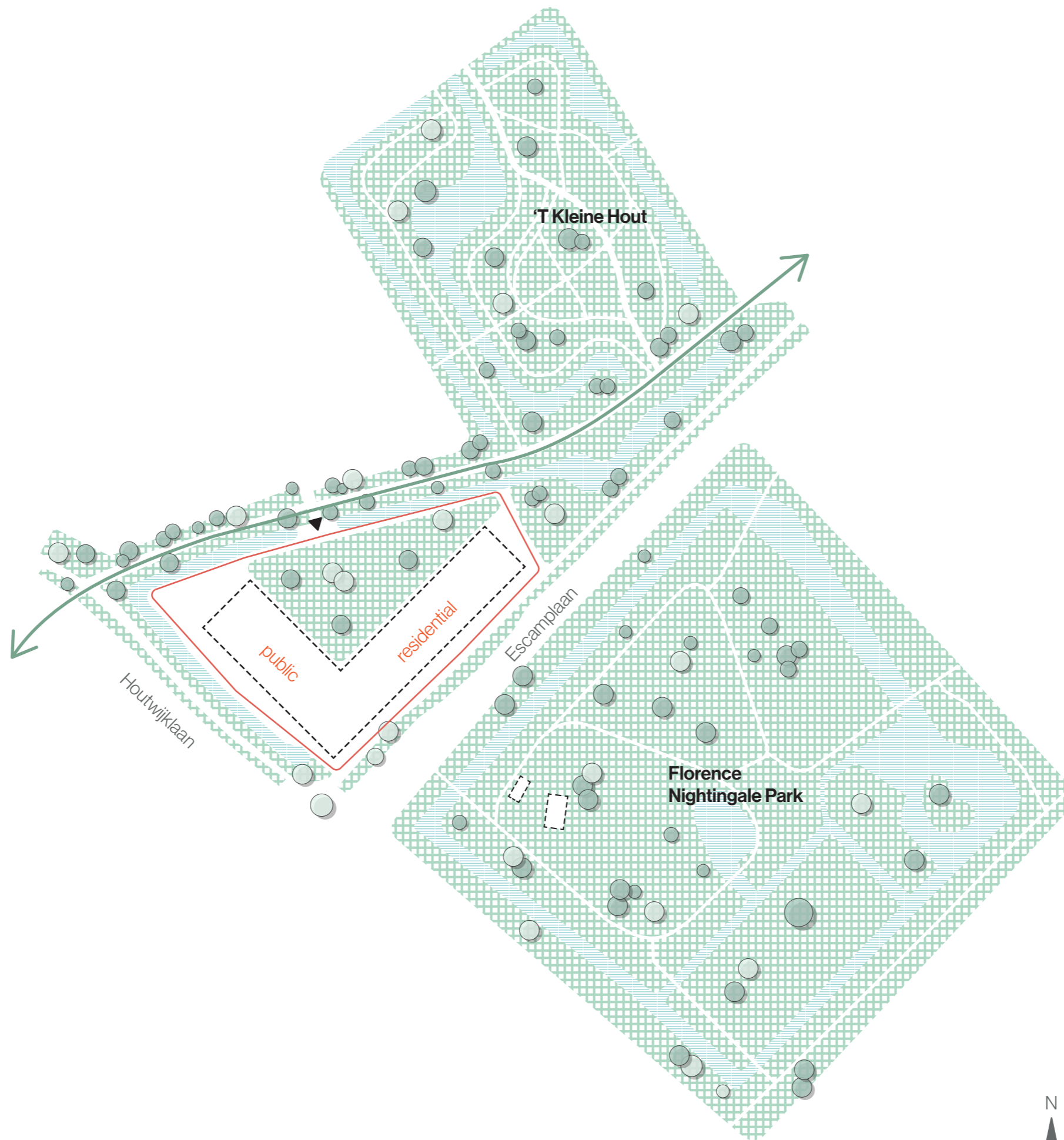


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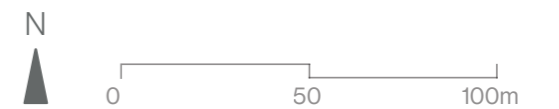


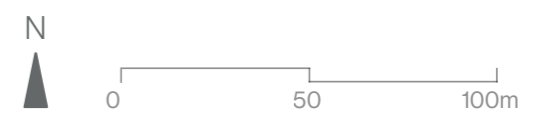
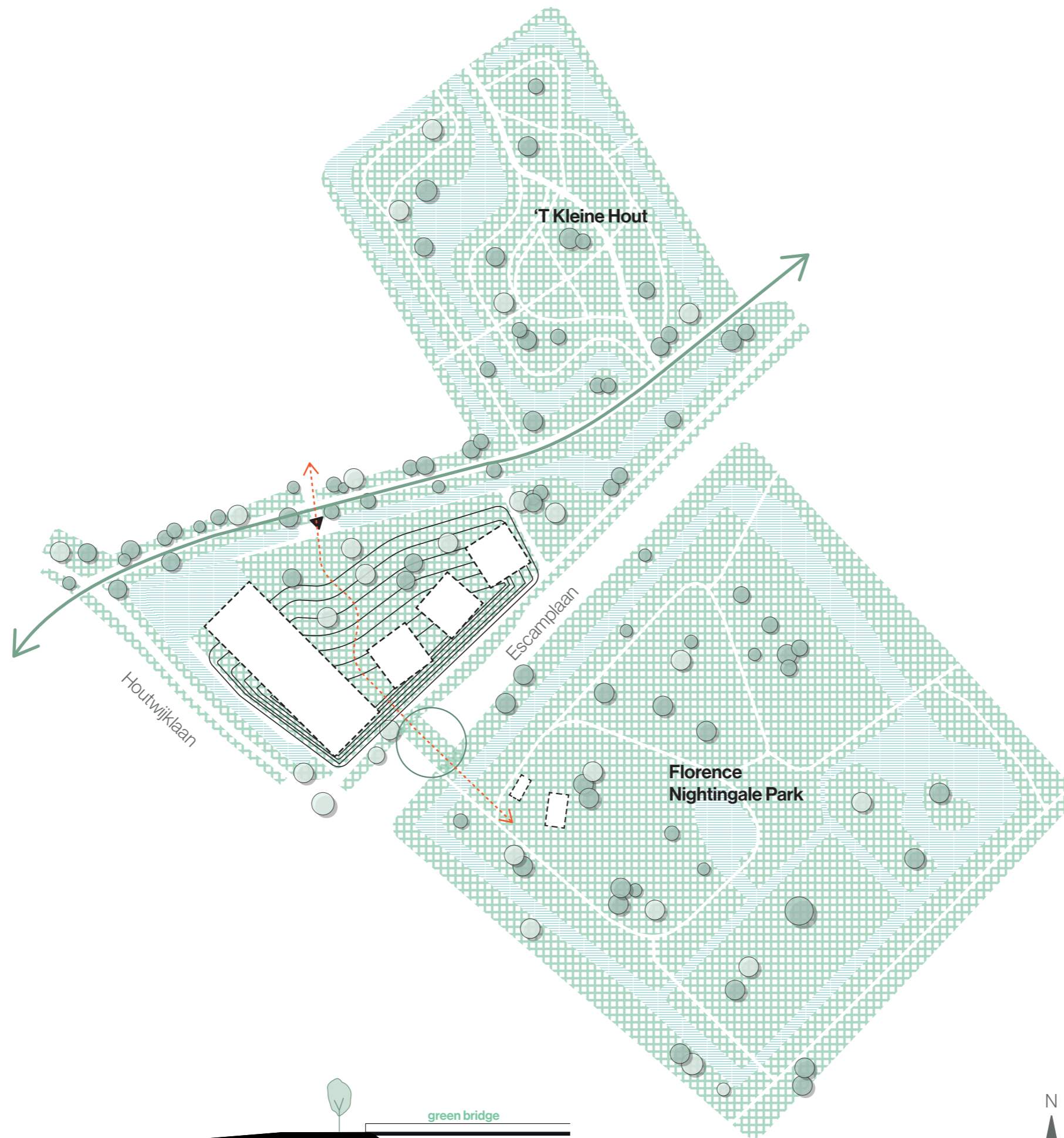
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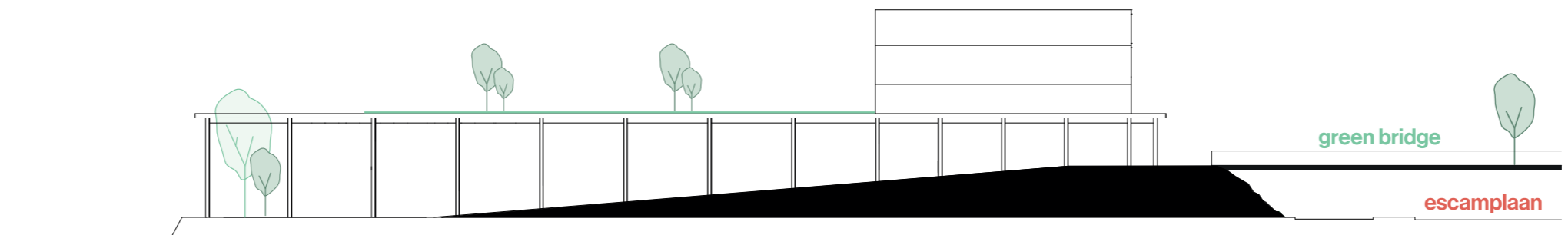
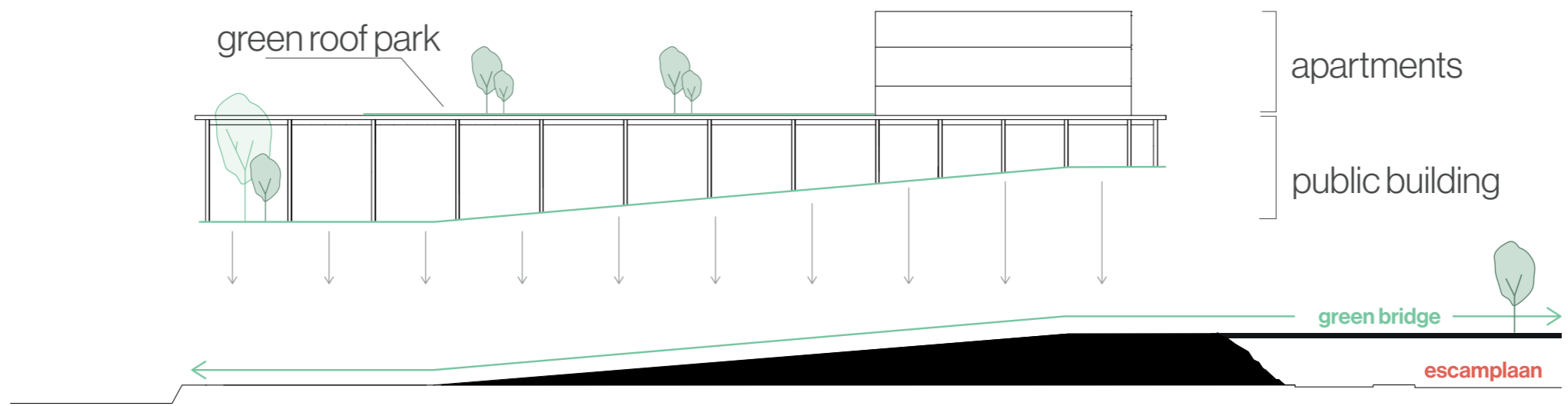
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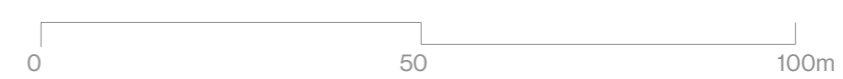
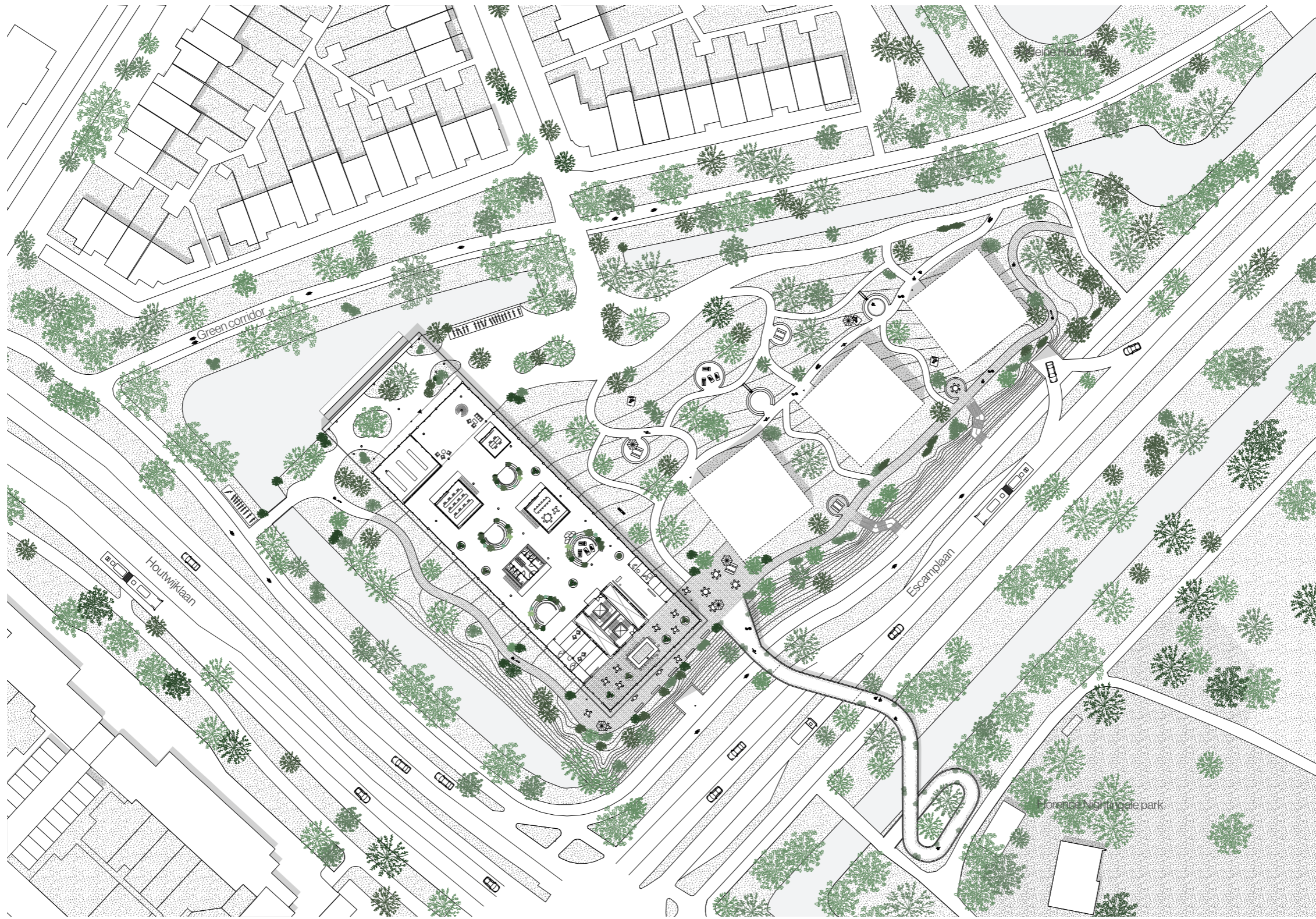


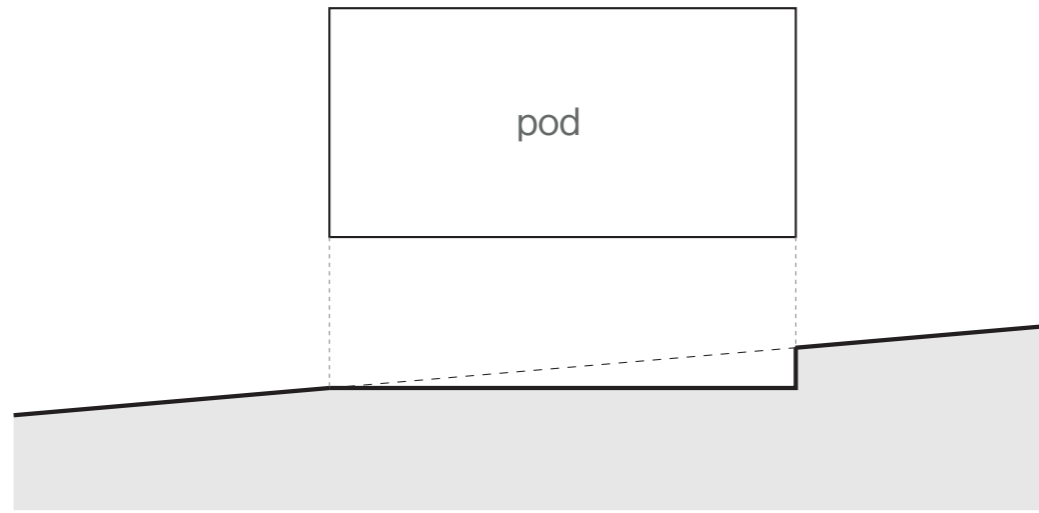
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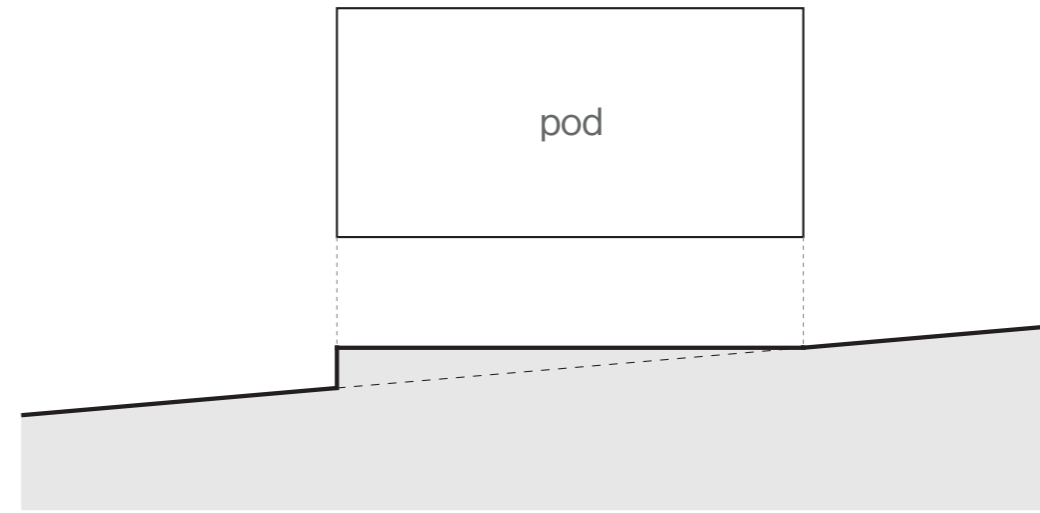




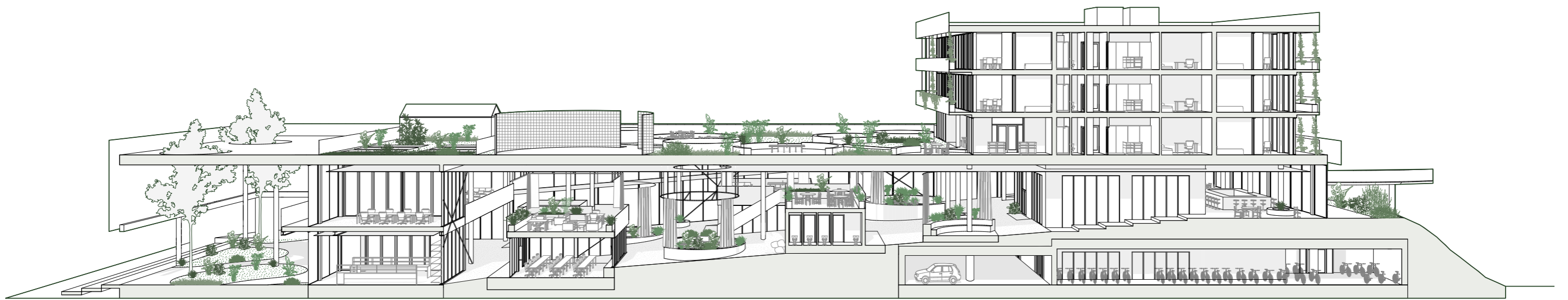




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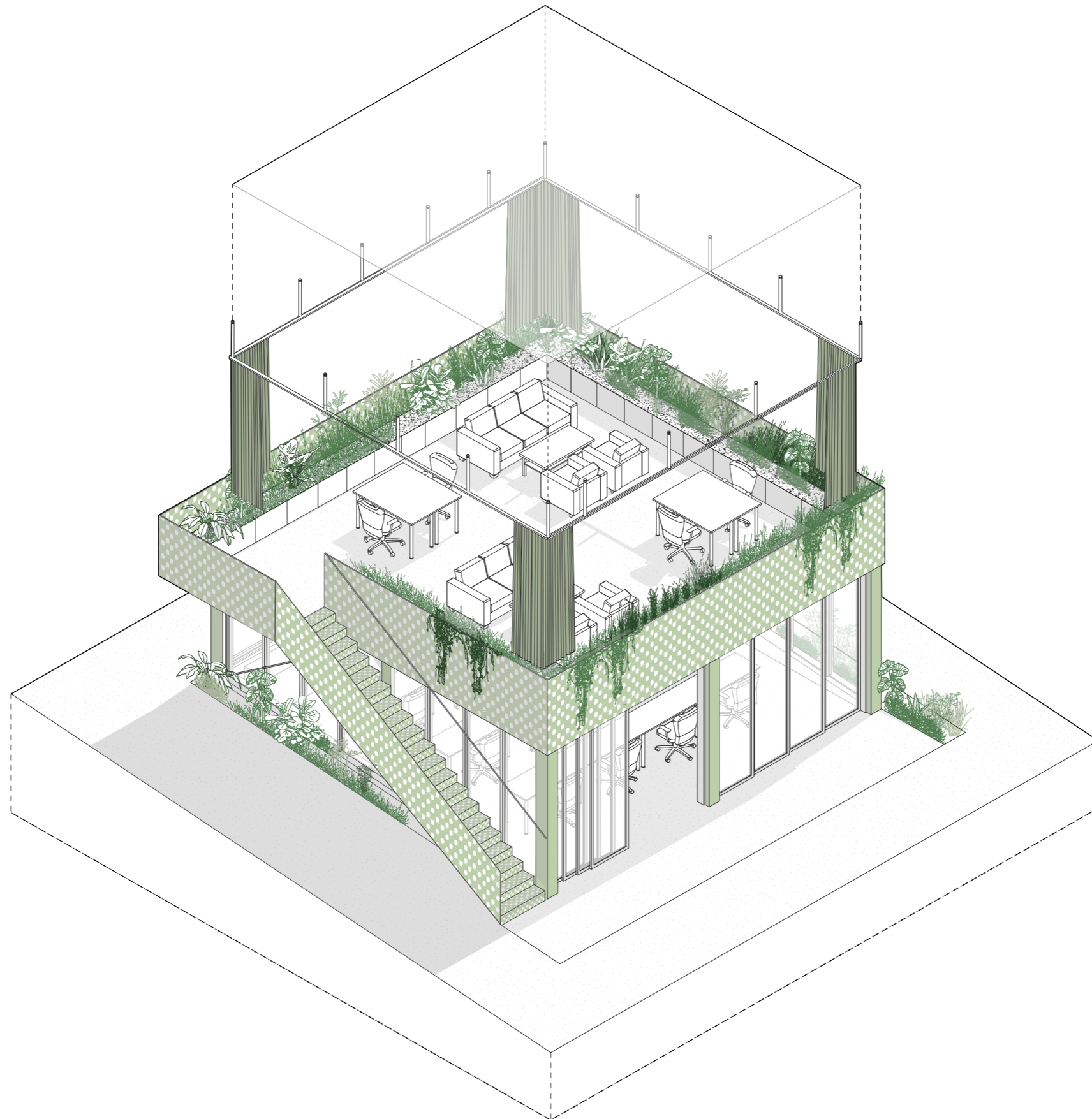
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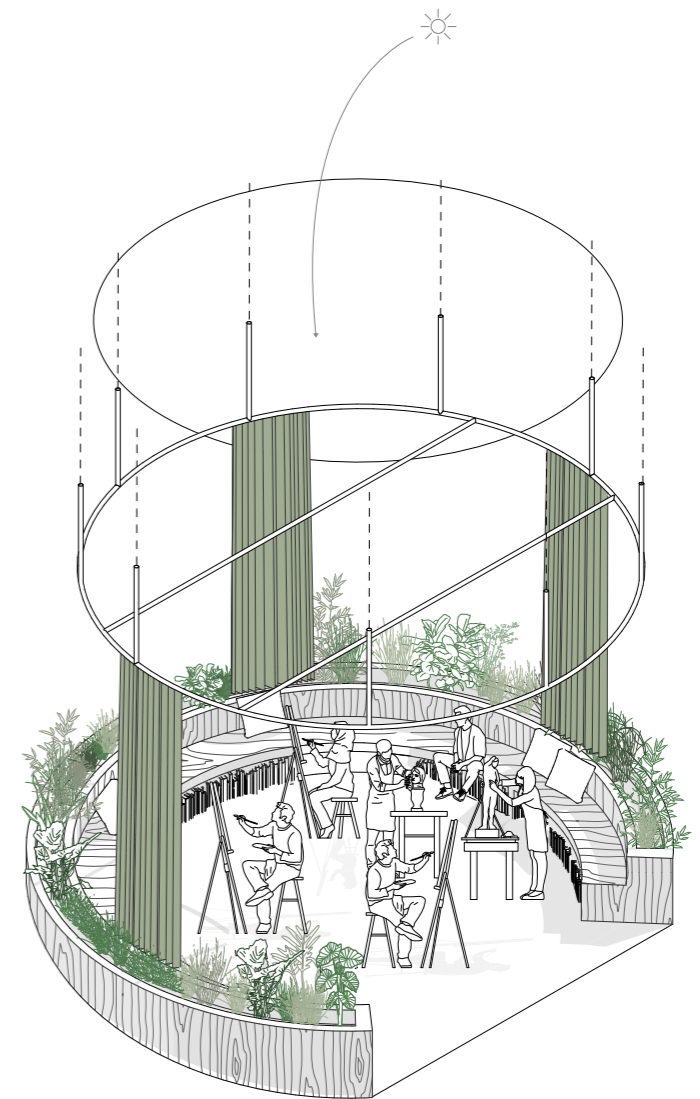
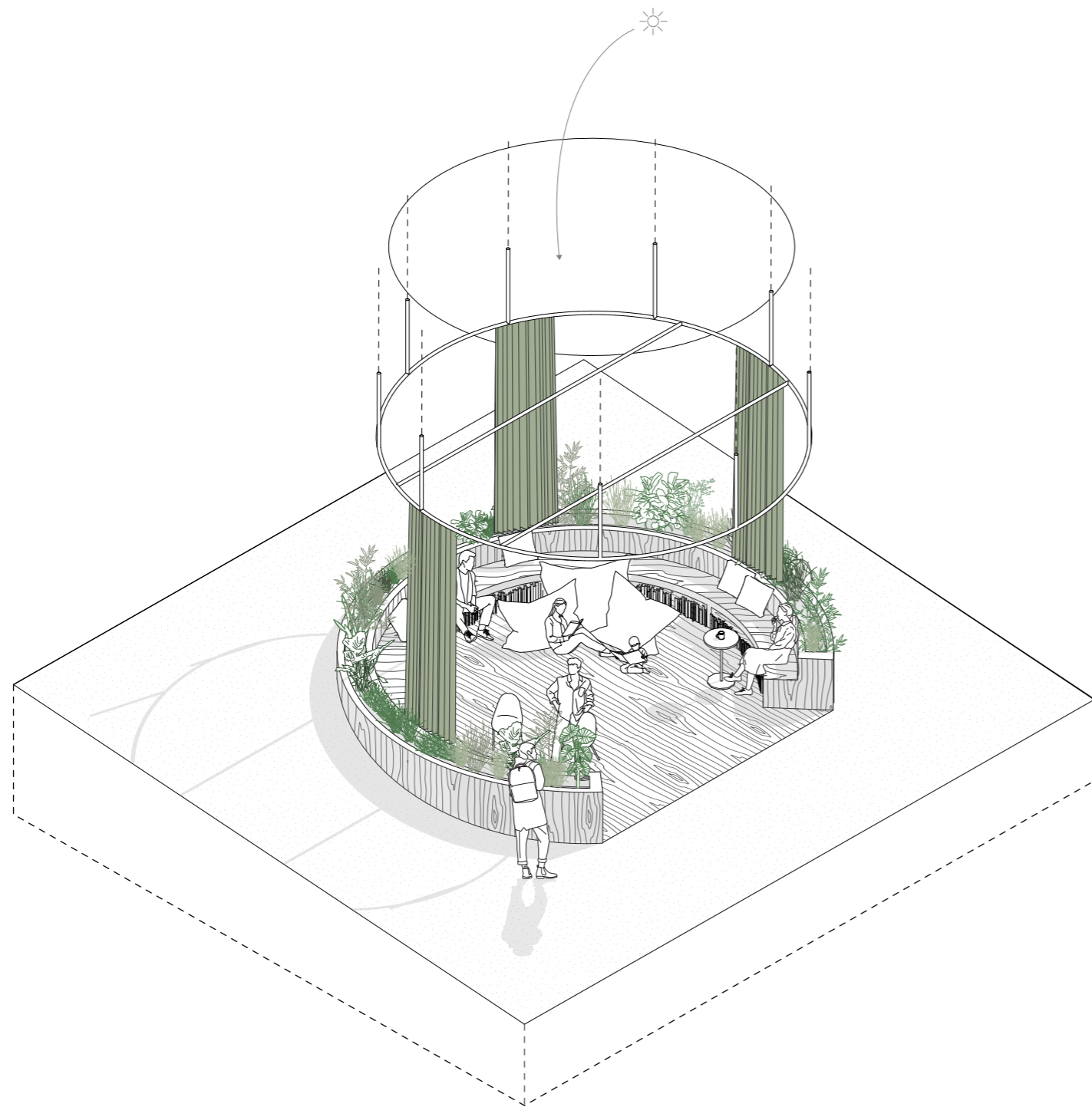
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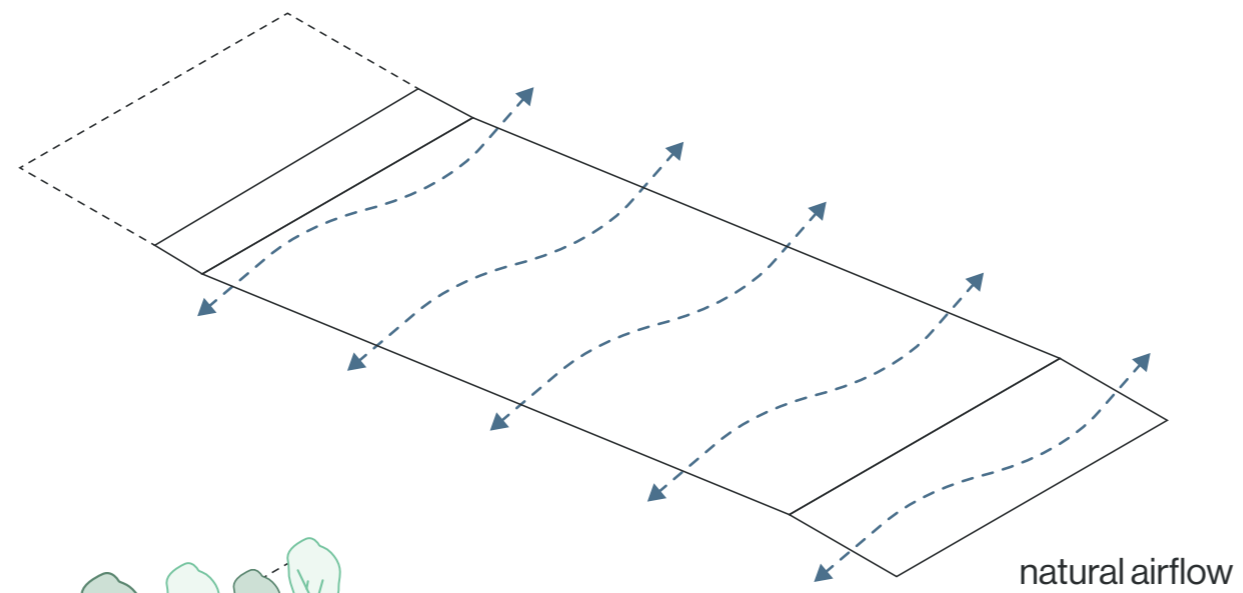
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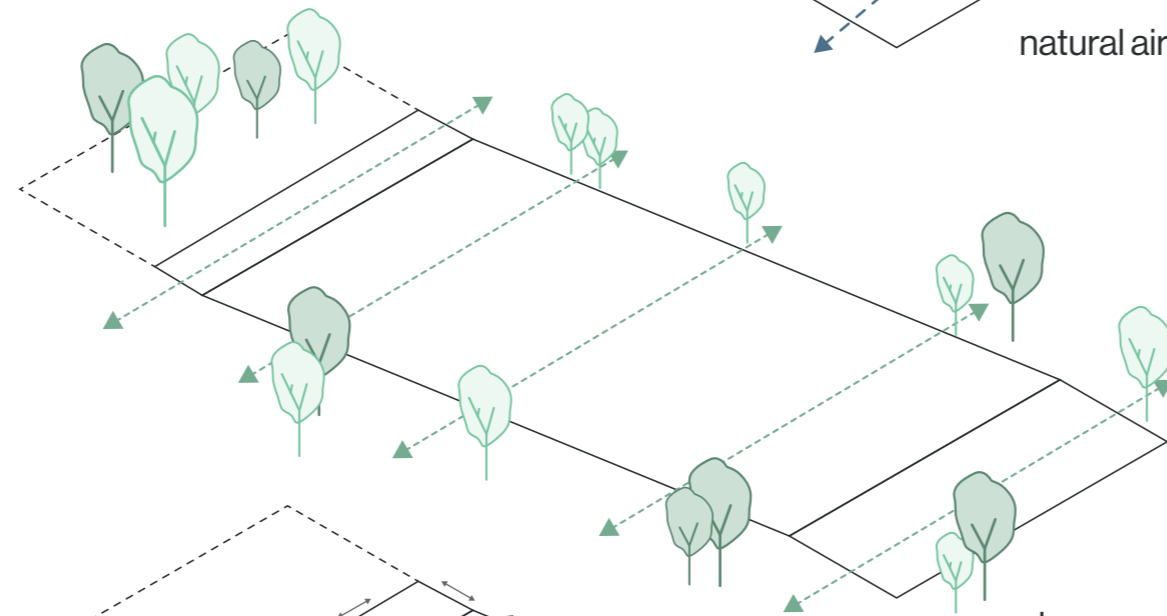


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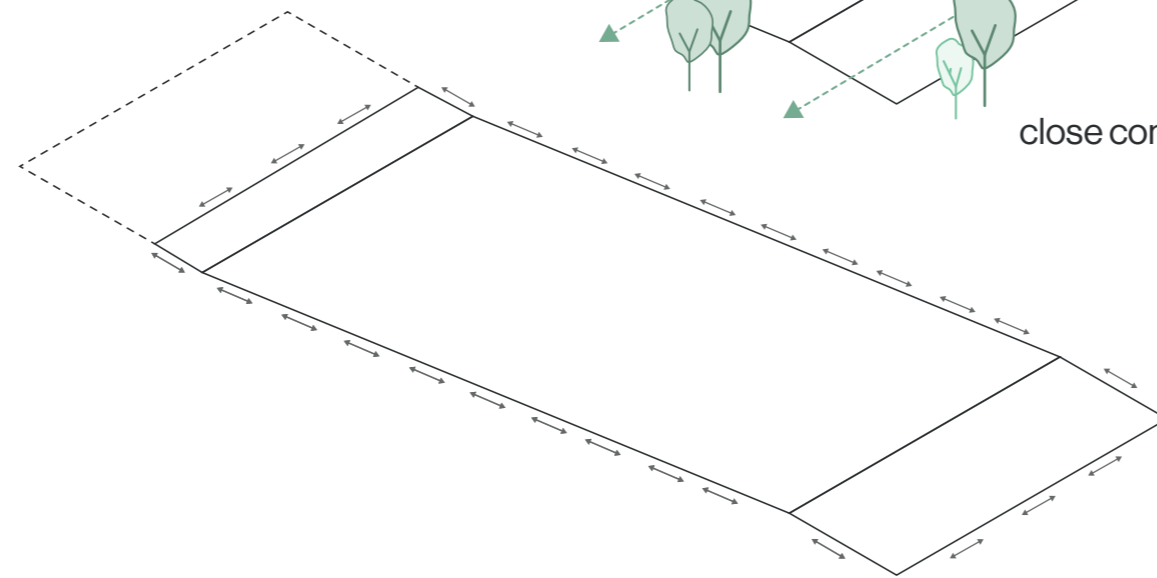




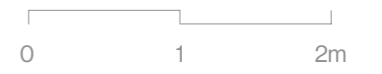
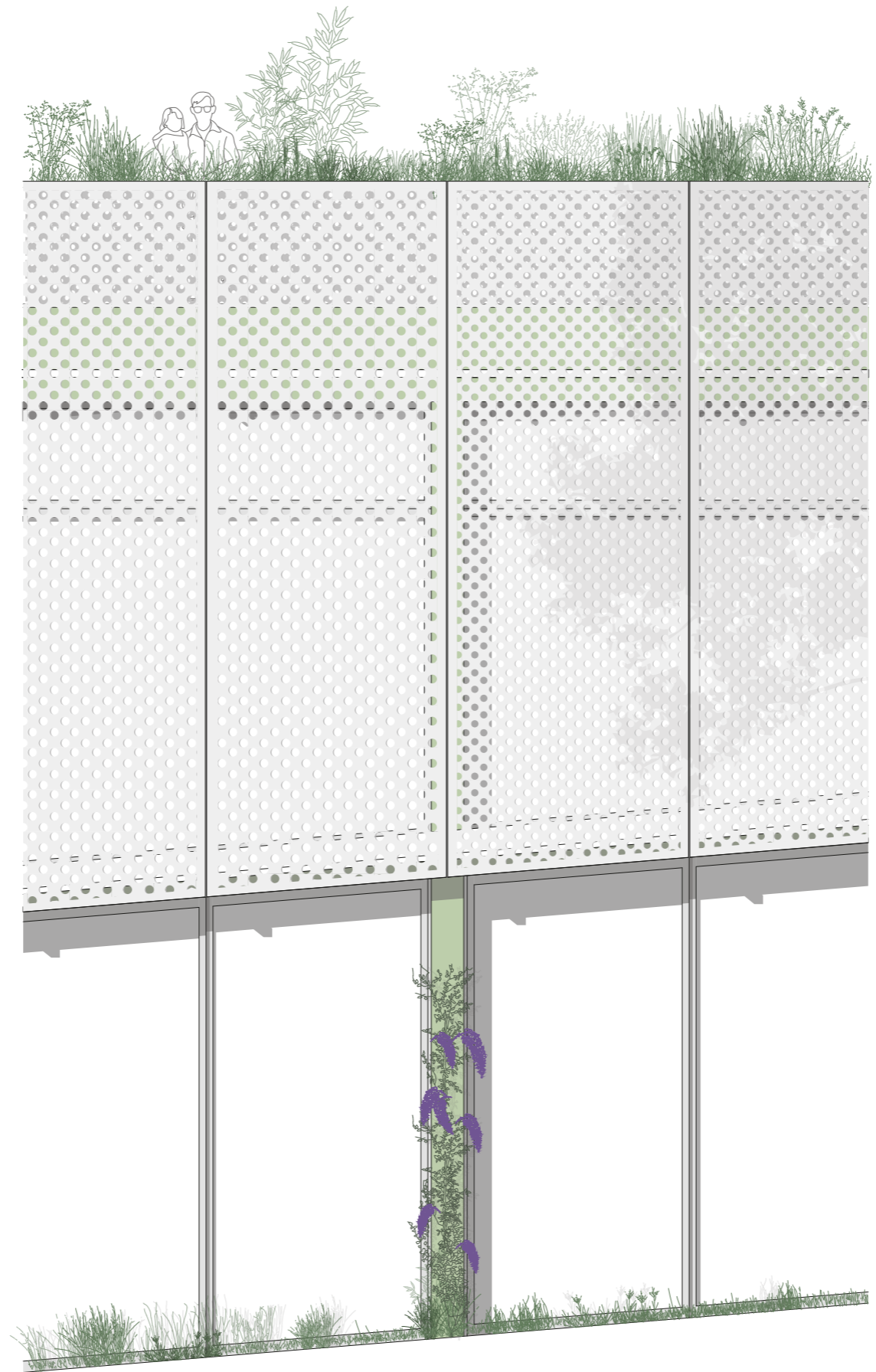
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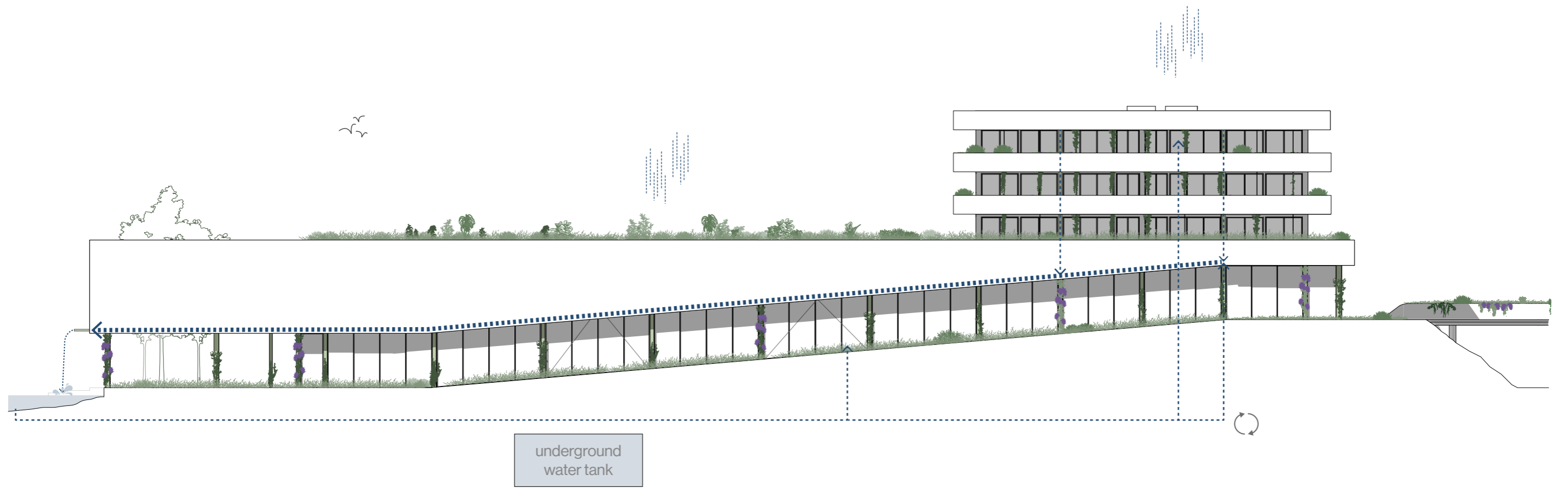


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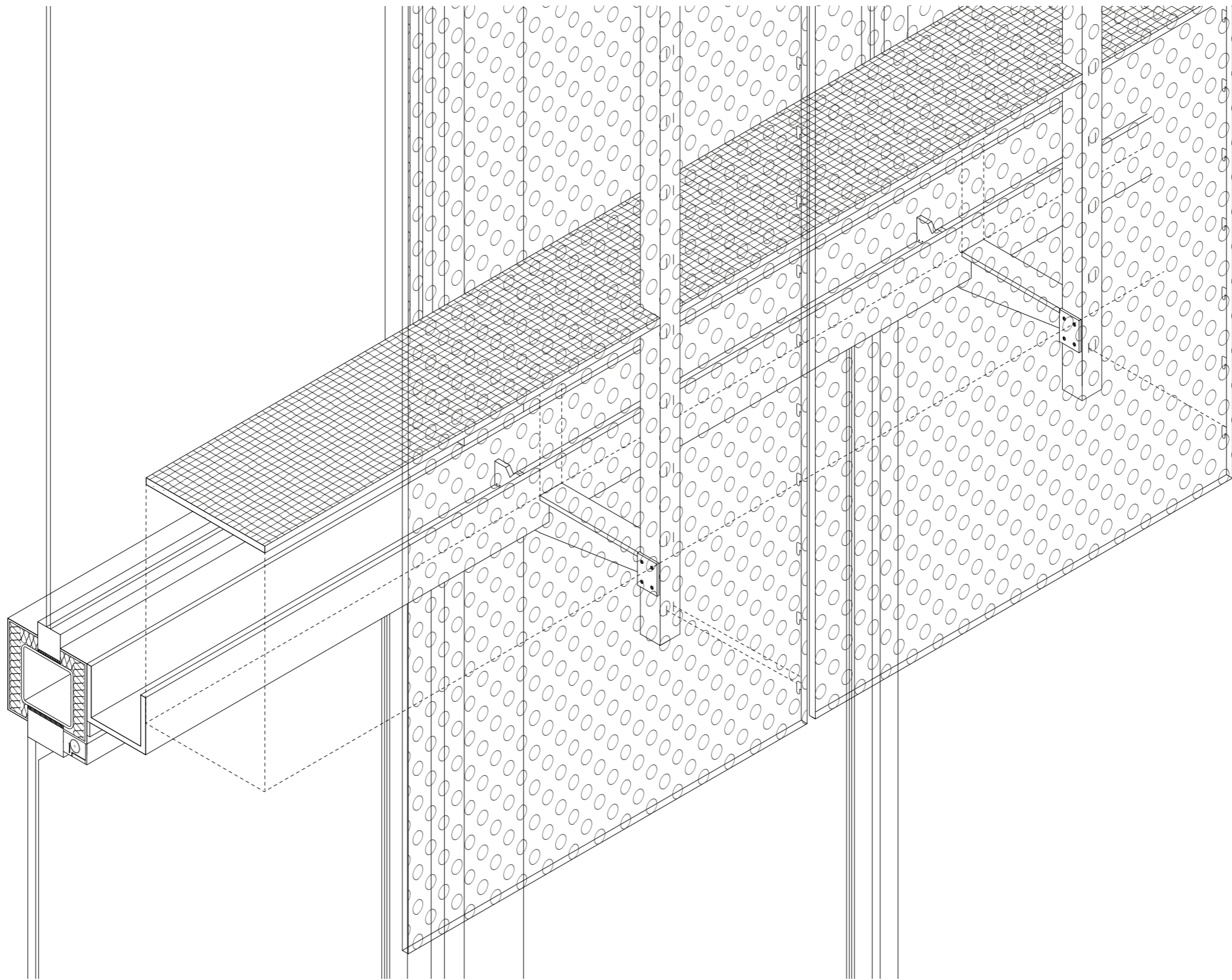


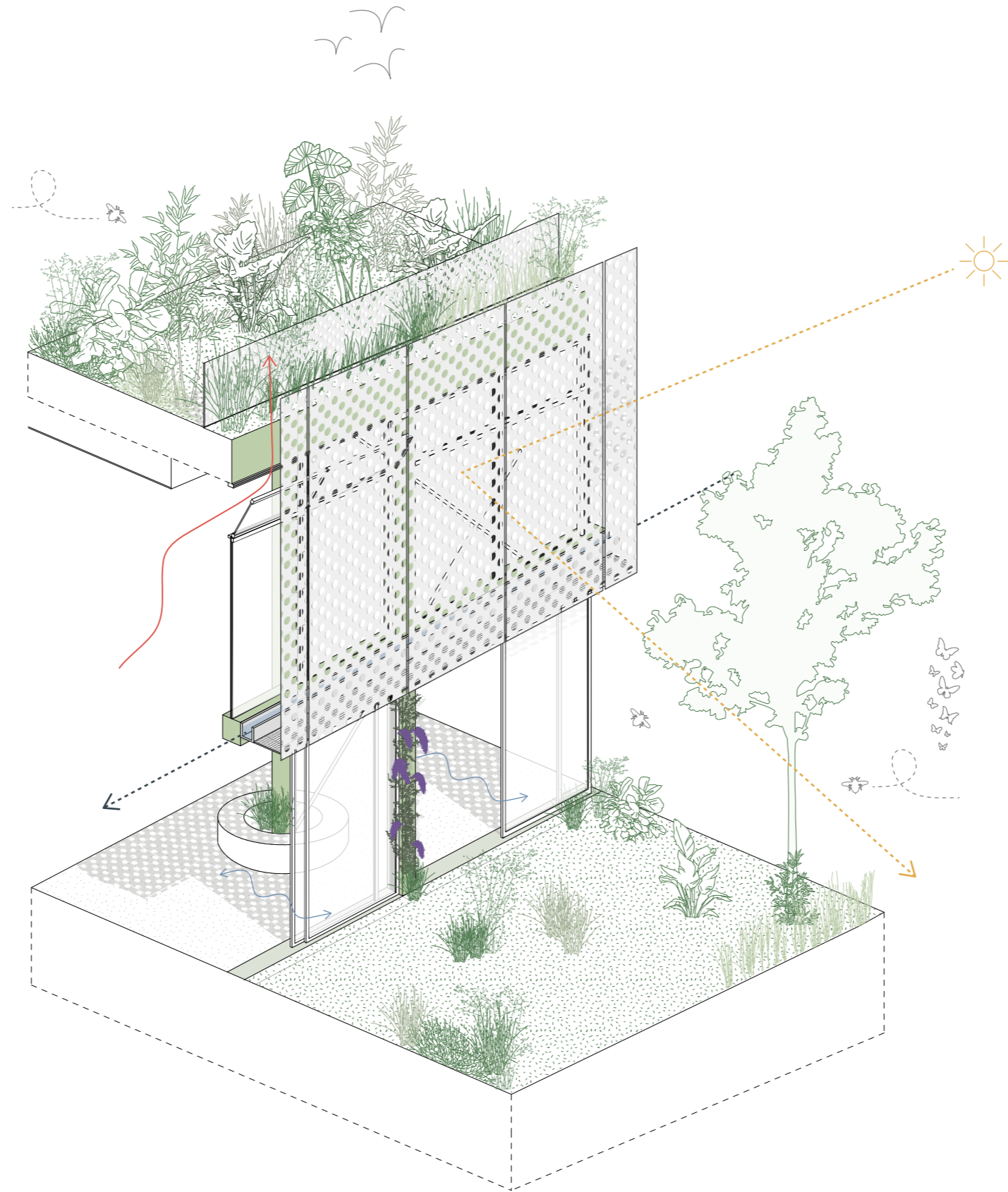


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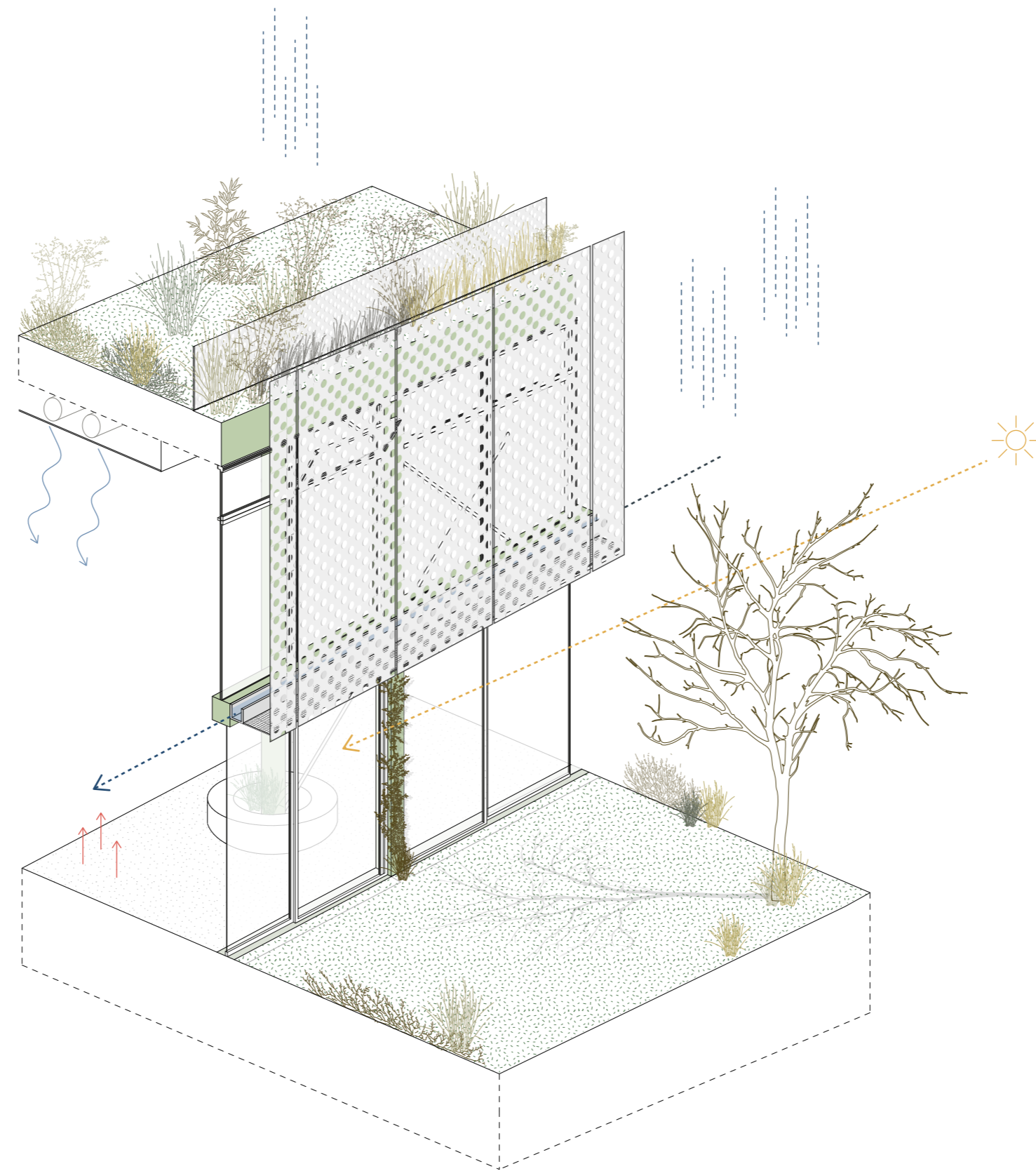
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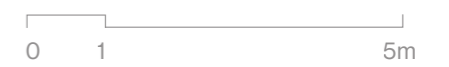


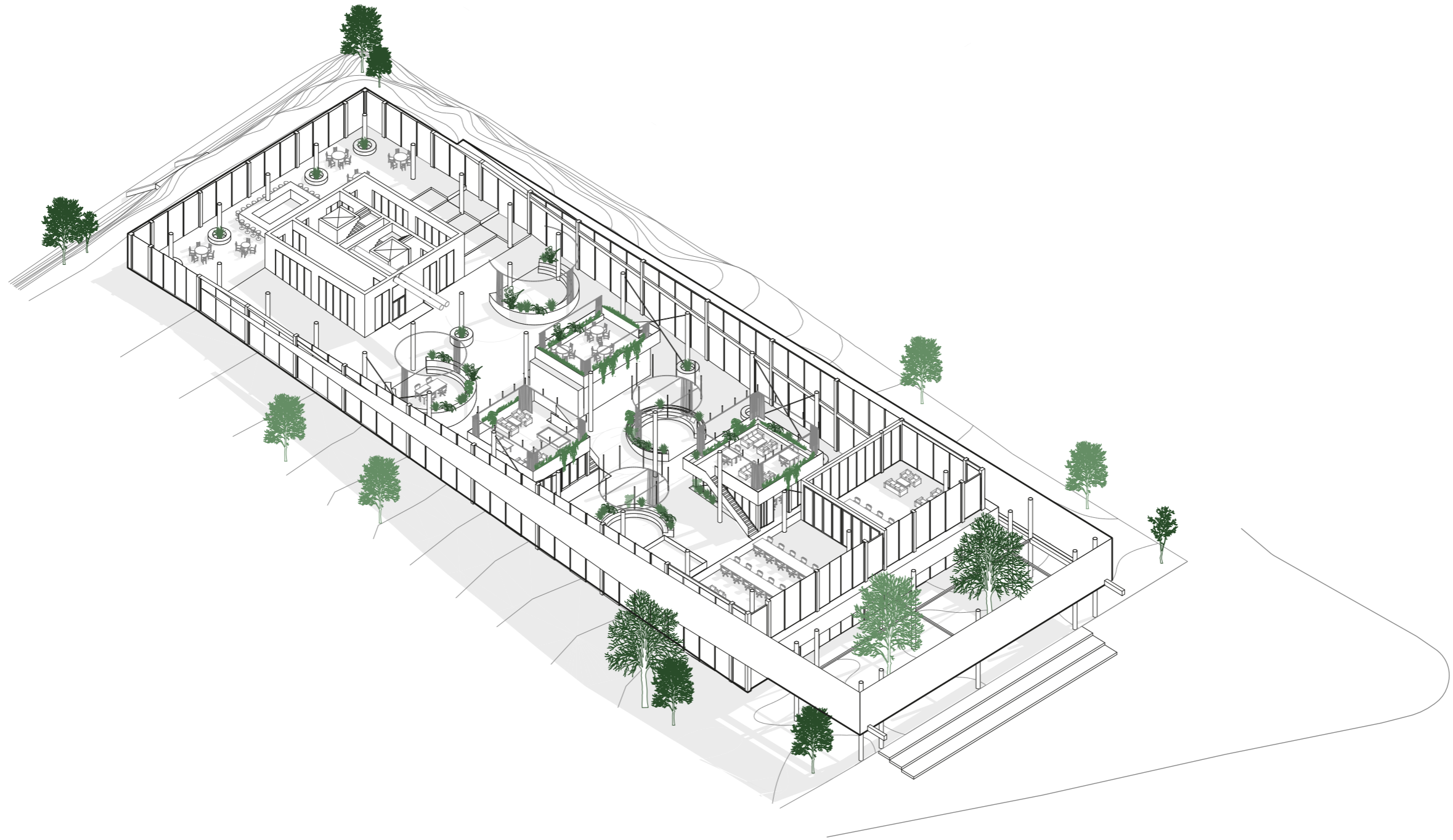
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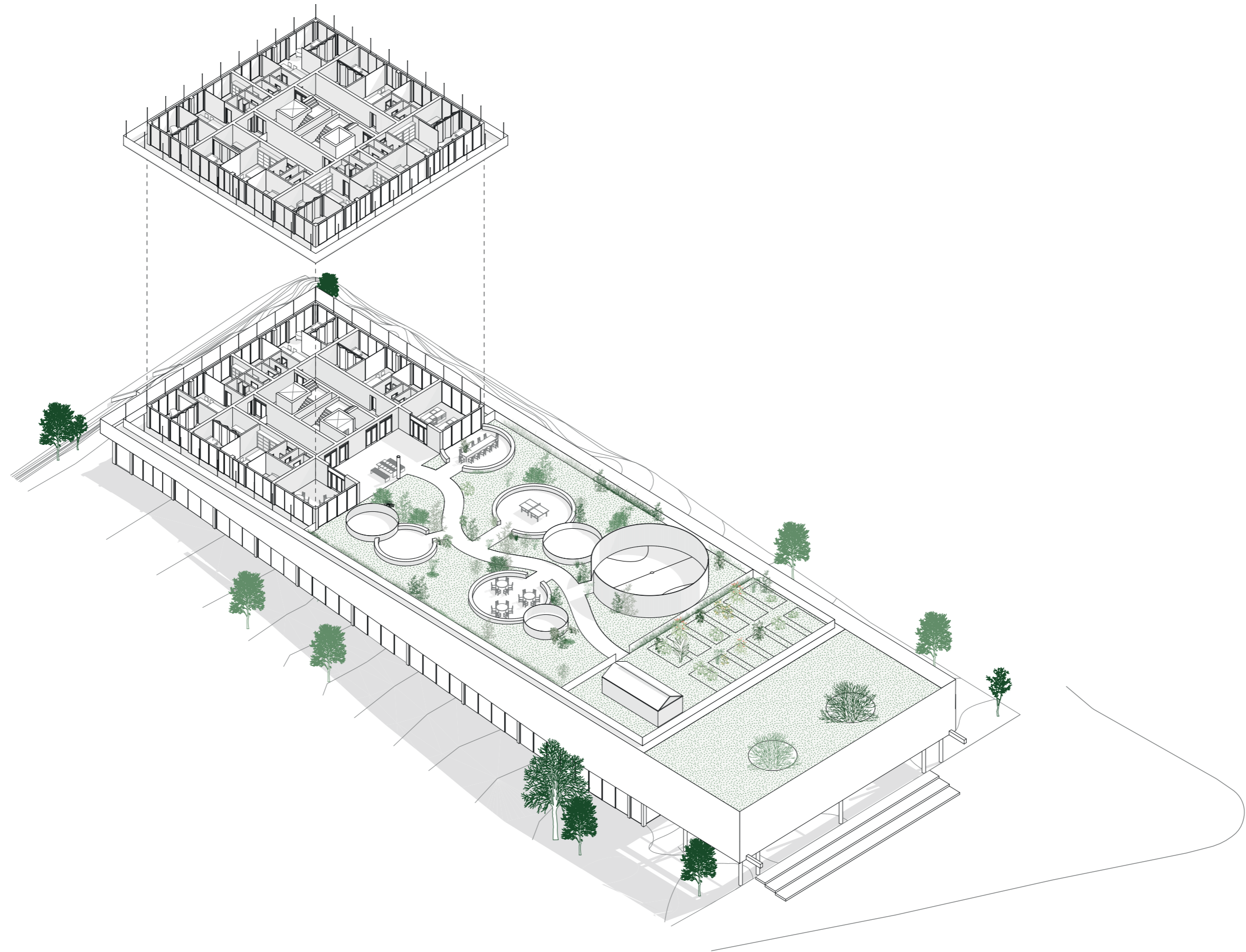


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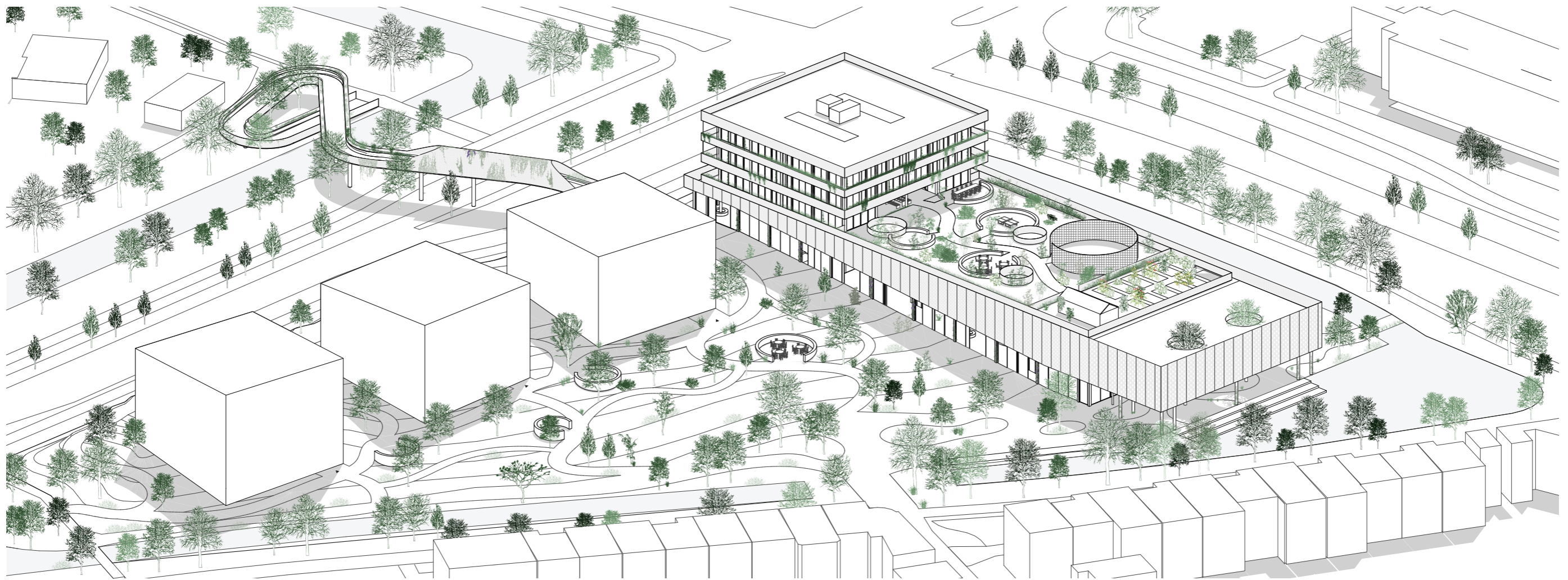




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