

# Tomorrow rural land

--Vitalize Chinese idle homestead land through long-stay rural leisure development

The rapid urbanization process in China has caused the emergence of much idle rural land, especially homestead land, which is a huge waste of land resource and brings about several social problems. Nowadays, Chinese government has realized this problem and has put forward institutional intervention to rural land, and encourage to use rural leisure development mode to vitalize it. However, spatial planning strategies and design principles are not linked well with on-going institutional adjustment, and relative research is lacking and lagging. From the perspective of rural leisure industry, based on the idle homestead land phenomenon, this project takes Bagua island, Nanjing, China as example, intends to introduce 'long stay rural leisure' new development direction, and offers an adapted layers approach methodology, with sustainable Nature-Rural-Urban integrated strategy that connects urban system, natural system and rural system. This project is aimed to vitalize Chinese idle homestead land in the future, furtherly to discuss a development path for tomorrow rural land.

Keywords:

Rural leisure industry, Chinese rural idle homestead land, Long stay rural leisure, long-term rent, Nature-rural-urban integration system, Complex system

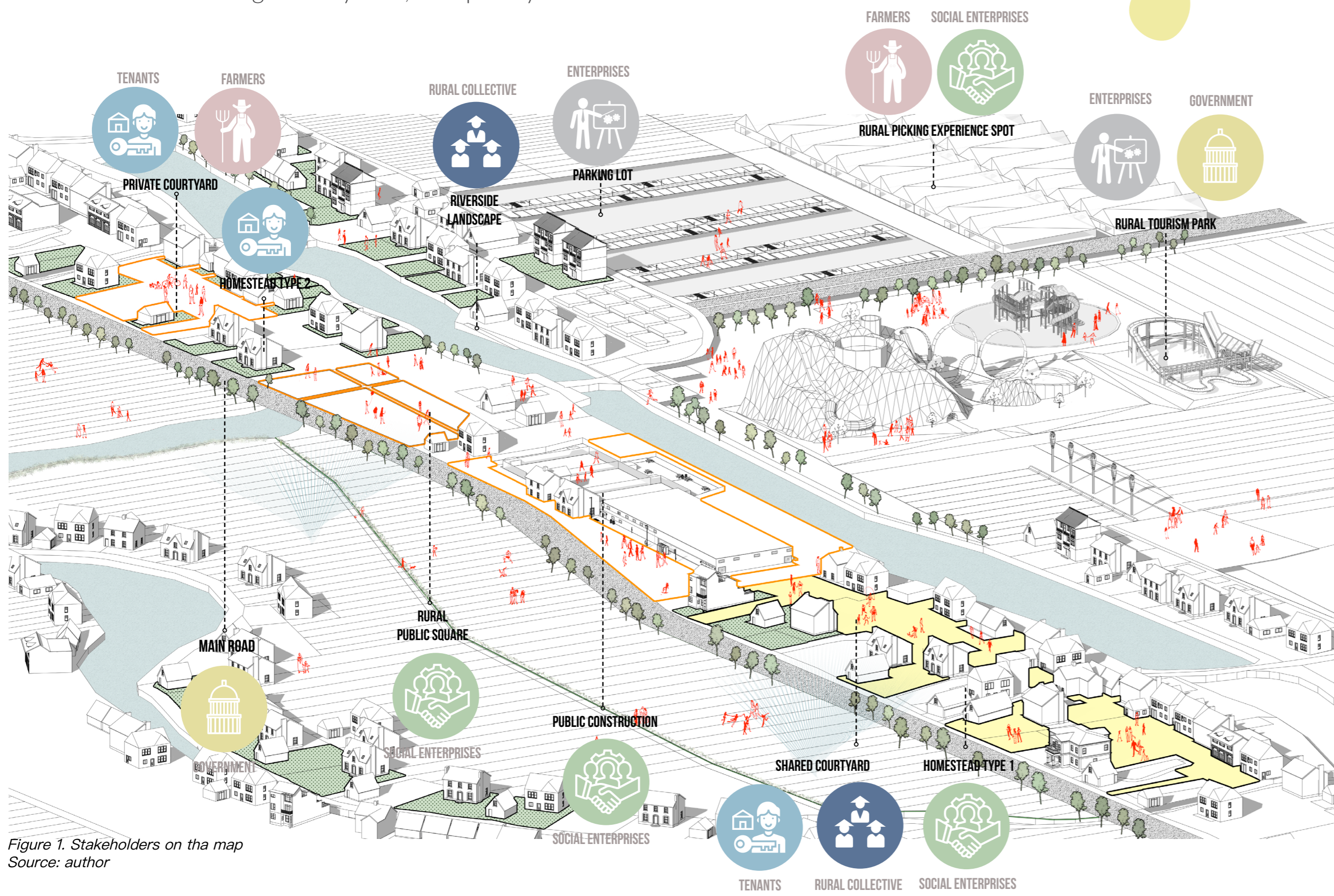


Figure 1. Stakeholders on the map  
Source: author

1. PROGRESSIVE, MODERATE LEISURE CONSTRUCTION

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2. HOMESTEAD ACUPUNCTURE VITALISATION

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3. PRESERVE AND PROMOTE DISTINCTIVE RURAL IDENTITY



Figure 2. Rural lifestyle scenes  
Source: Li Ziqi



Figure 3. Overall vision of bagua island  
Source: author



Figure 4. Pilot projects  
Source: author