

# An interactive design tool for urban planning using the size of the living space as unit of measurement

MSc Geomatics for the built environment

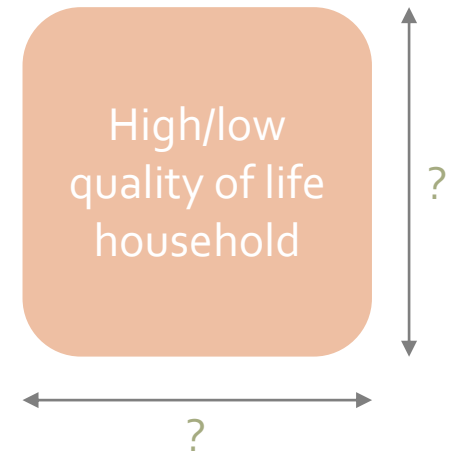
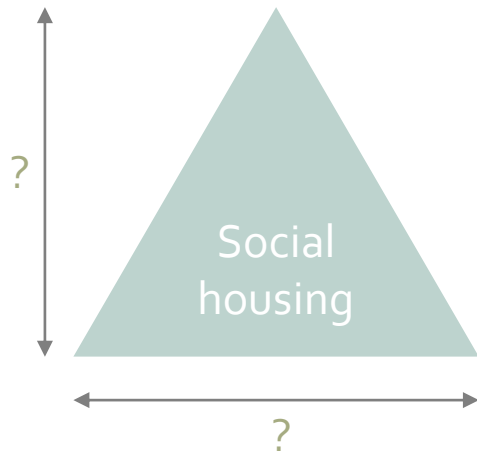
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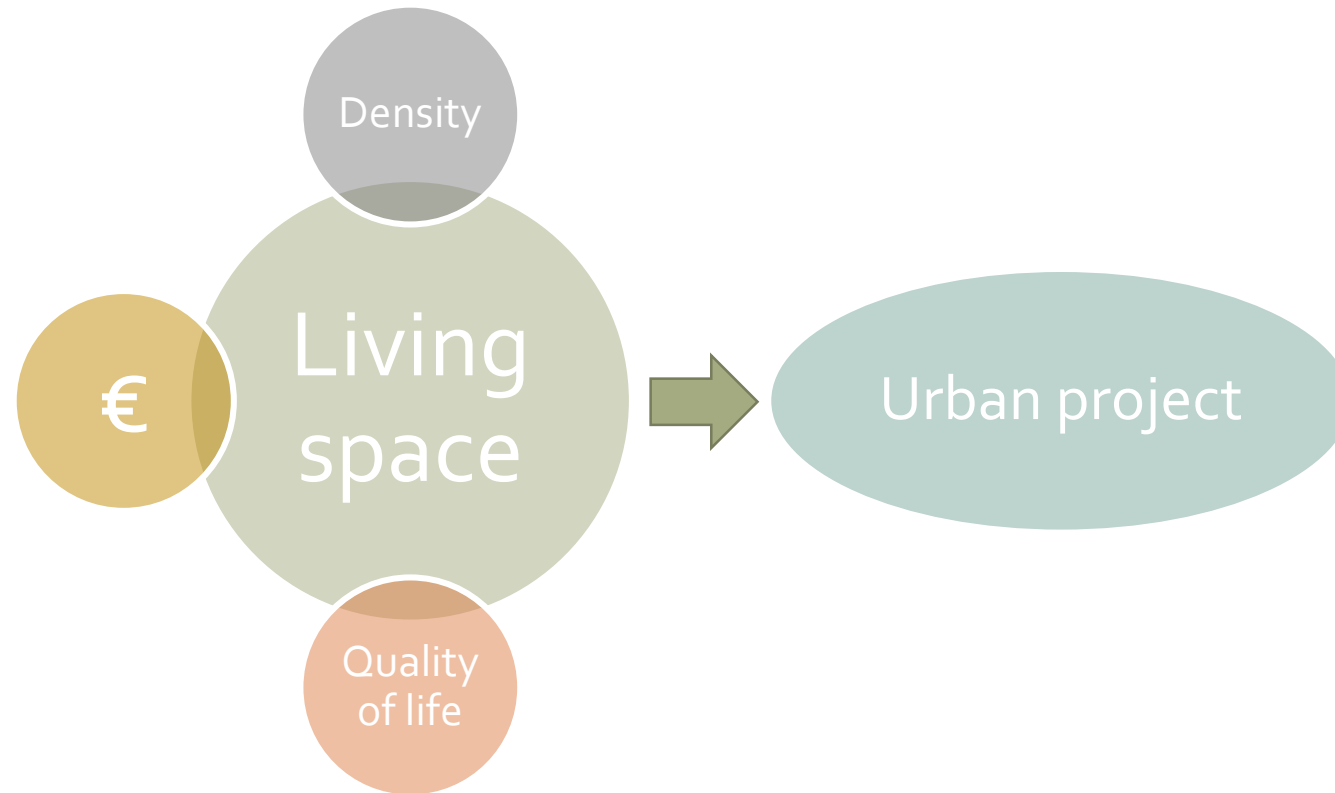


## What is the size of the living space?



## Research question

*What is the size of the living space in Amsterdam in relation with housing density and housing prices, and how this dimension can be used as a unit of measurement for new housing developments like Sloterdijk One in the Haven-Stad project?*



# Test case Sloterdijk One, Haven-stad project - Amsterdam

Haven-stad project

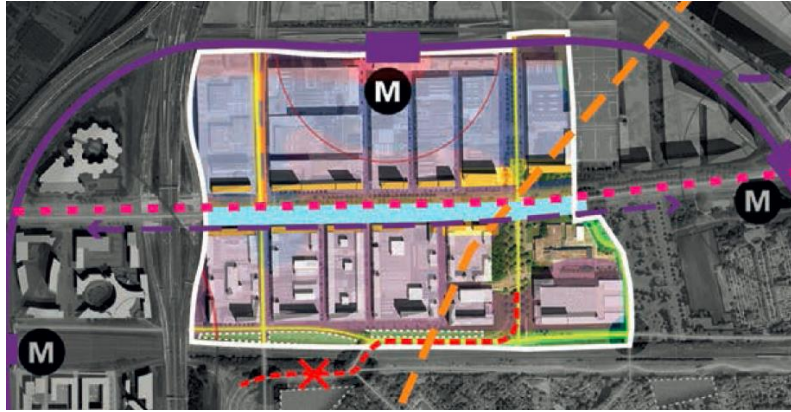
Sloterdijk  
One

Sloterdijk train station

Amsterdam Central Station



# Sloterdijk One



Now

Future



m2

360.311

1.122.000



jobs

4.731

7.480



households

0

11.220



schools

0

8



hospitals

0

8



m2 sport

0

56.100

\*Source: [Ontwikkelstrategie Haven-Stad 2017](#).



# Vision – Amsterdam 2040



\*Source: Gemeente Amsterdam

# Vision – Ring A10



\*Source: Gemeente Amsterdam

# Vision – Sloterdijk One



\*Source: Gemeente Amsterdam



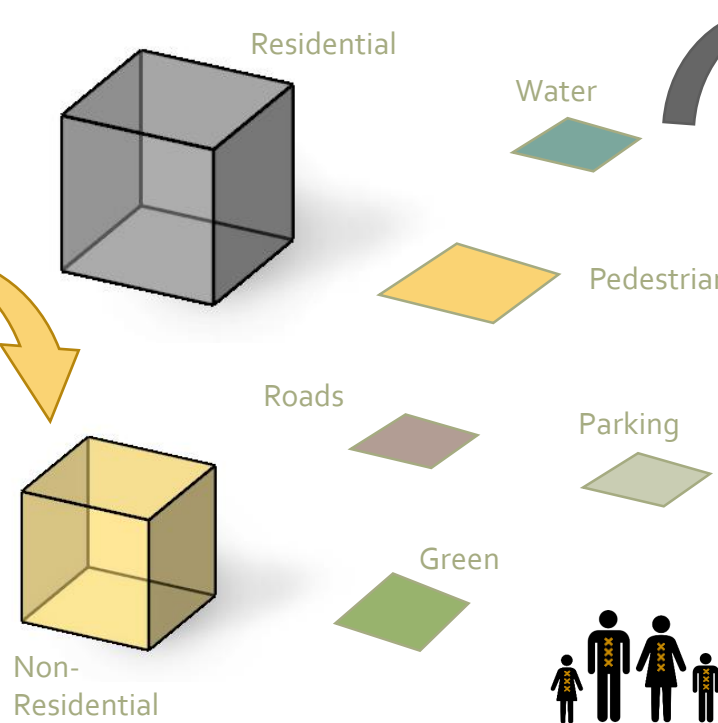
# Methodology overview



- Social housing
- Medium-level housing
- High-level housing

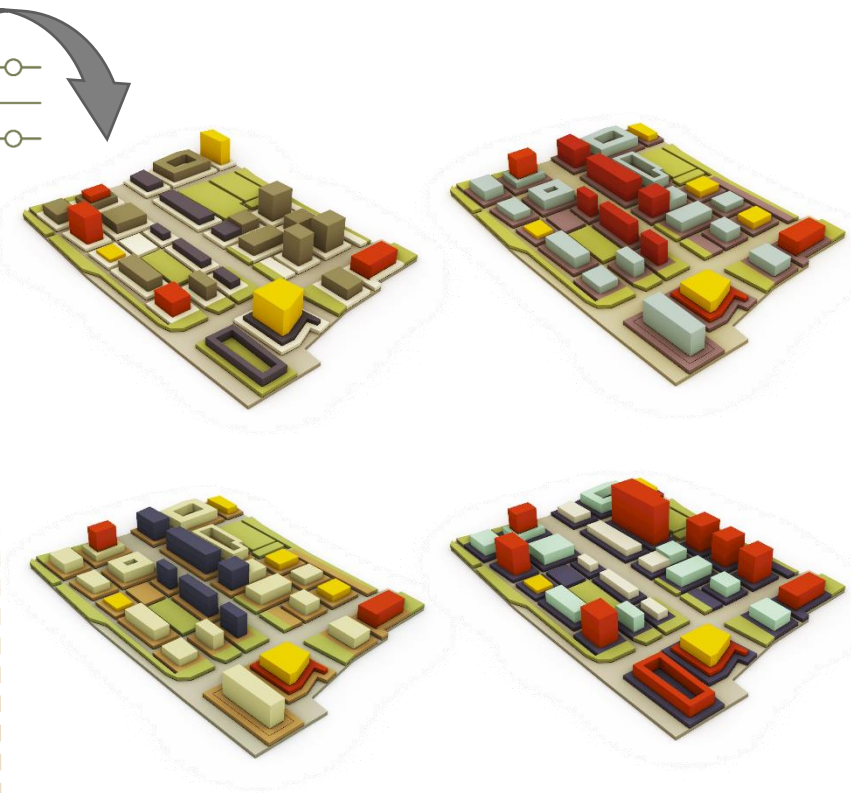
Virtual city model, Definition of KPIs, Selection of similar existing neighbourhoods

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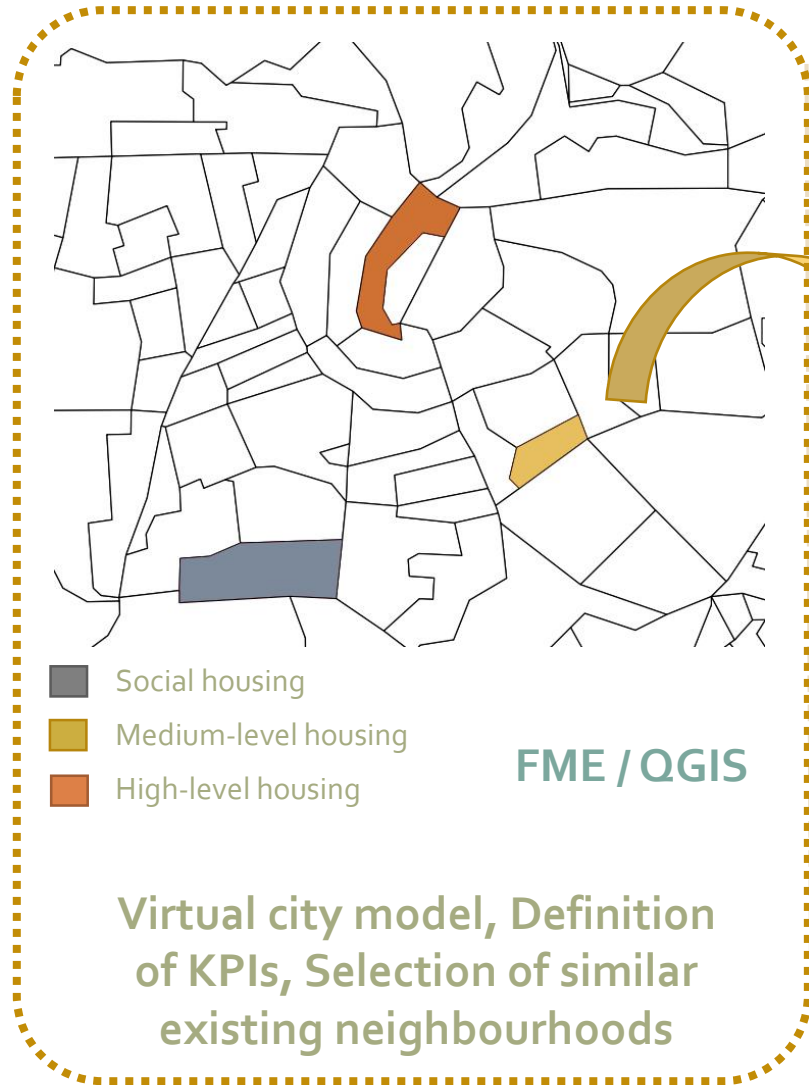
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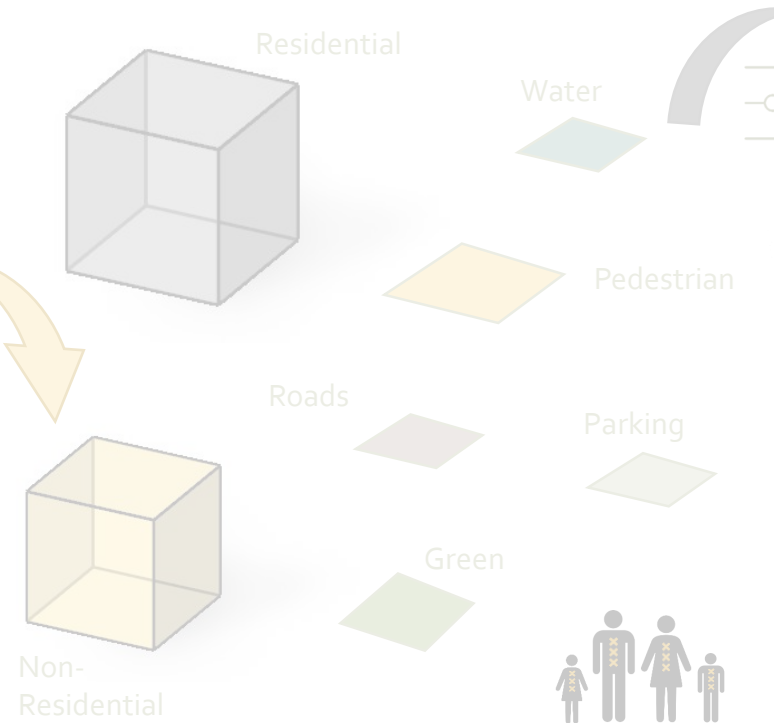
Interactive generation of multiple design proposals/scenarios for a new development area

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# Step 1 – Selection of similar existing neighbourhoods

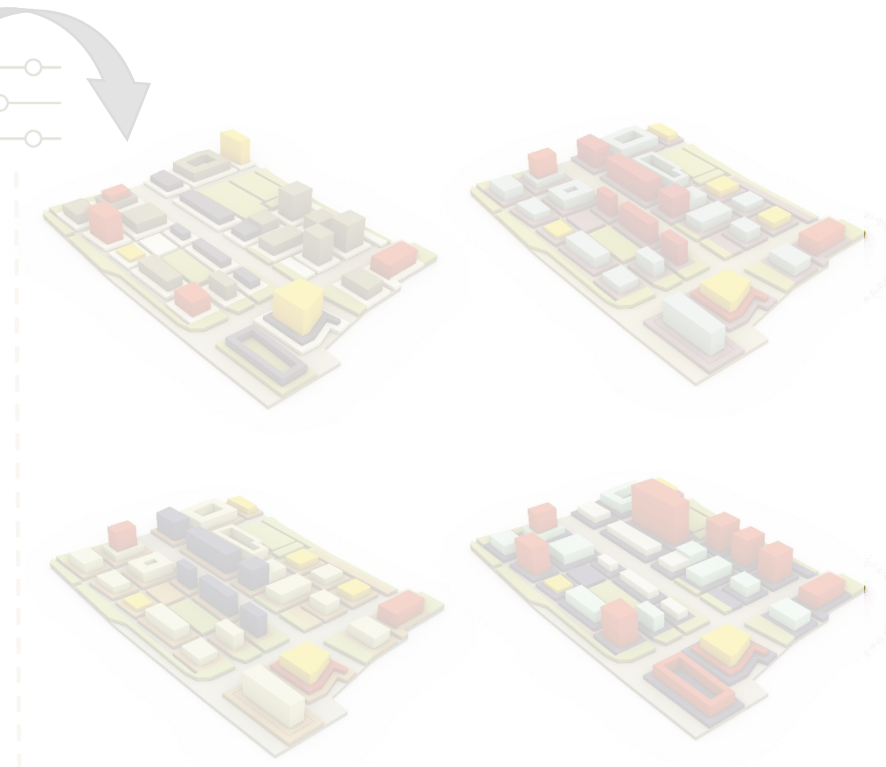


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# Step 1 – KPIs definition based on the Municipality guidelines

Sloterdijk  
One



Amsterdam  
Municipality



Land use



Quality of life



Density



Price per  
sq. meter

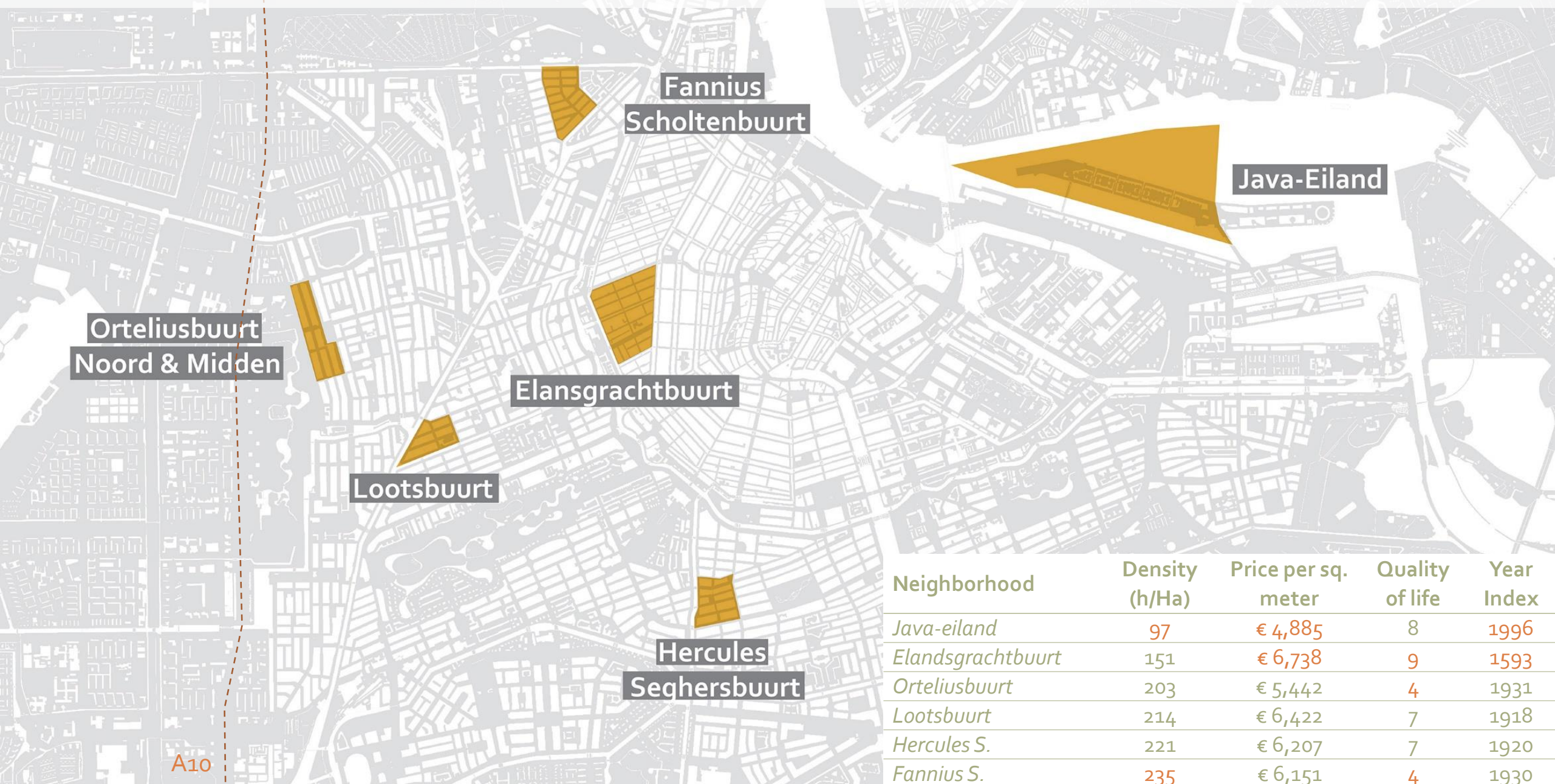
Residential  
80%  
-  
Business  
20%

Super  
High

192  
Households  
per hectare

Social  
-  
Medium  
-  
High

## Step 1 – 6 selected neighborhoods



Neighborhood	Density (h/Ha)	Price per sq. meter	Quality of life	Year Index
<i>Java-eiland</i>	97	€ 4,885	8	1996
<i>Elandsgrachtbuurt</i>	151	€ 6,738	9	1593
<i>Orteliusbuurt</i>	203	€ 5,442	4	1931
<i>Lootsbuurt</i>	214	€ 6,422	7	1918
<i>Hercules S.</i>	221	€ 6,207	7	1920
<i>Fannius S.</i>	235	€ 6,151	4	1930

Java - 8 4,885 e 97 h/Ha 1996



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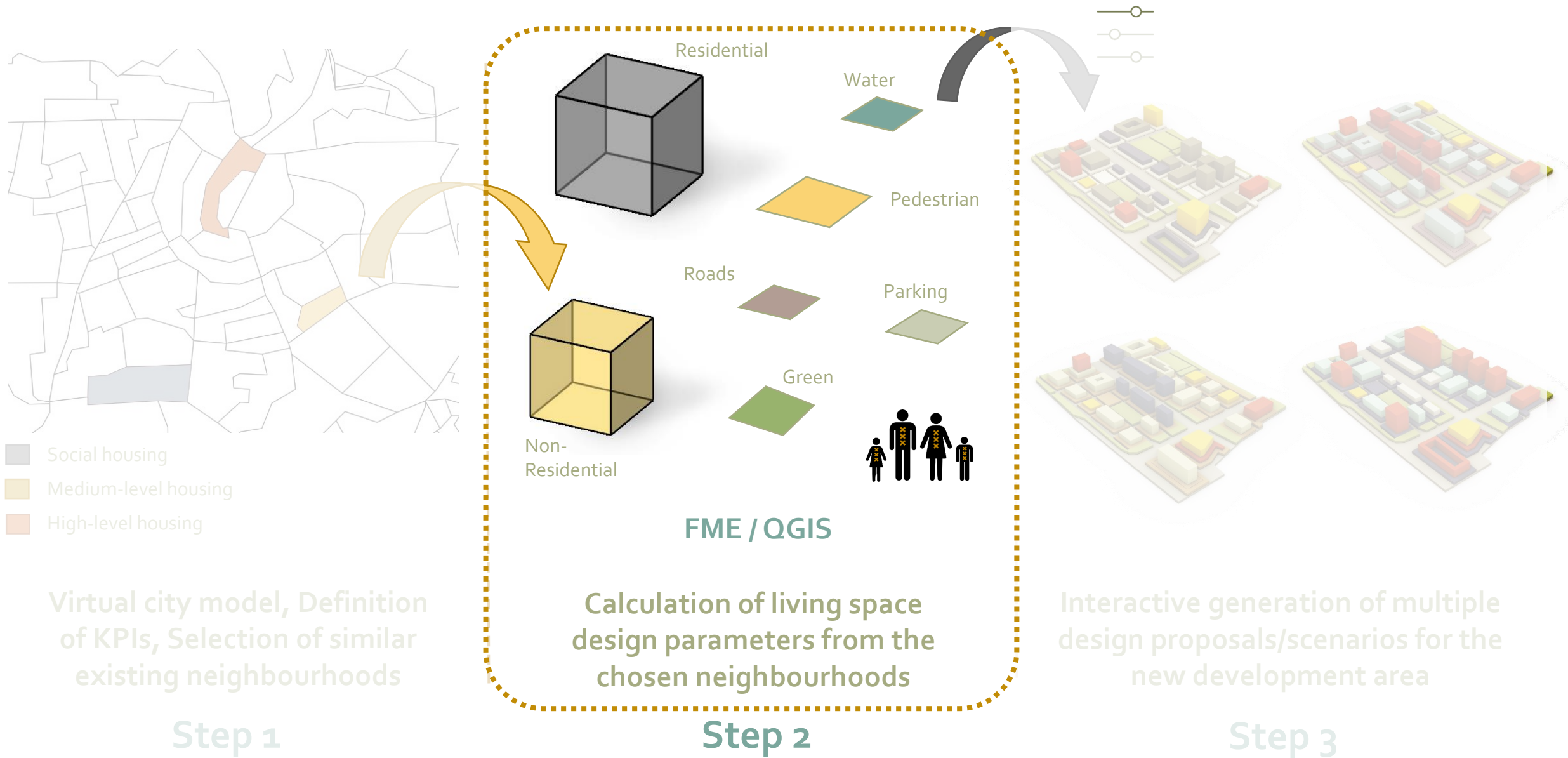


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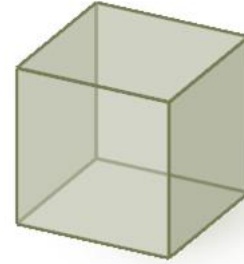
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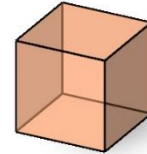
**Indoor  
Space**  
3D



Residential



Households

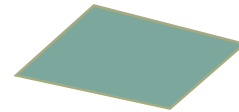


Non residential



Retail  
Food  
Religion  
Health  
Education  
Meeting  
Tourism  
Sports  
Hotel  
etc..

**Open  
Space**  
2D



Public



Pedestrian  
Roads  
Parking  
Bike lines  
Water  
Green areas

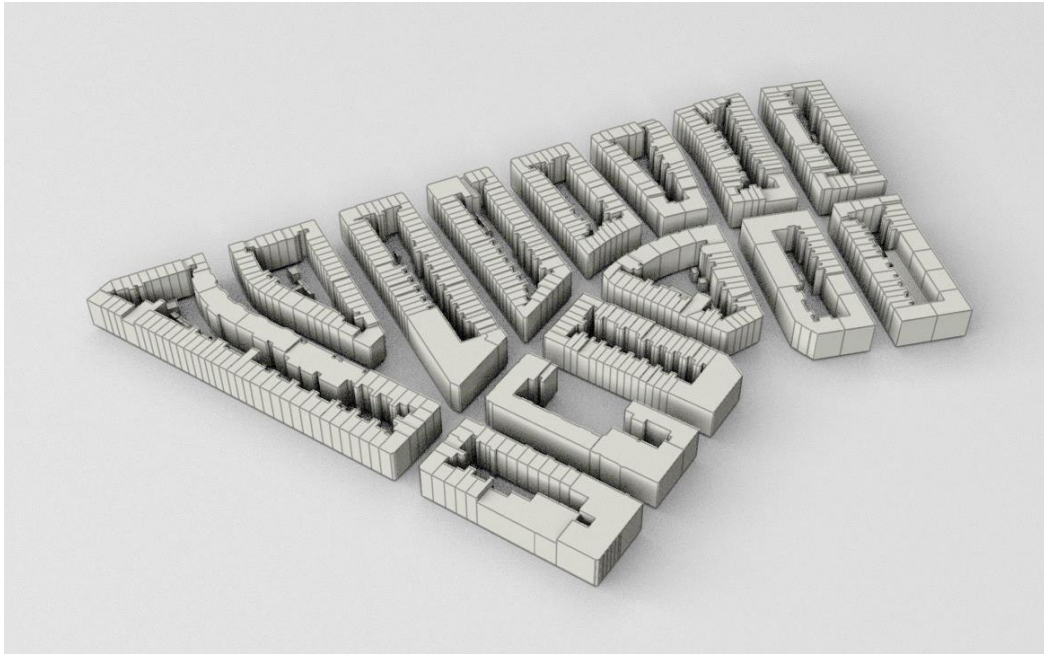


Private

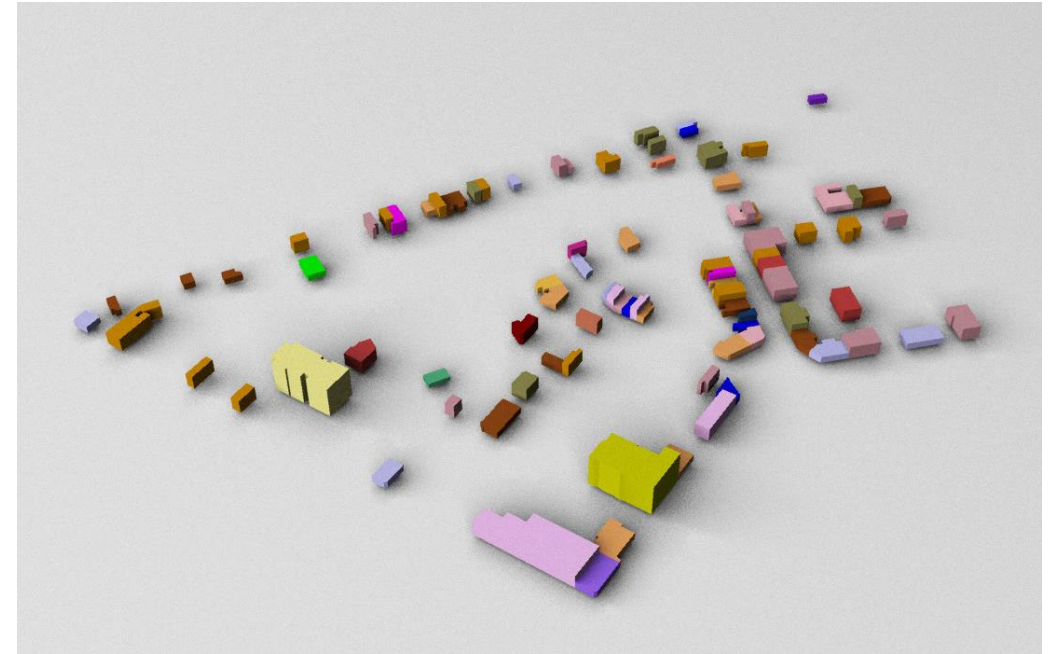


Open space

## Step 2 – Example of living space calculation (Fannius S.)



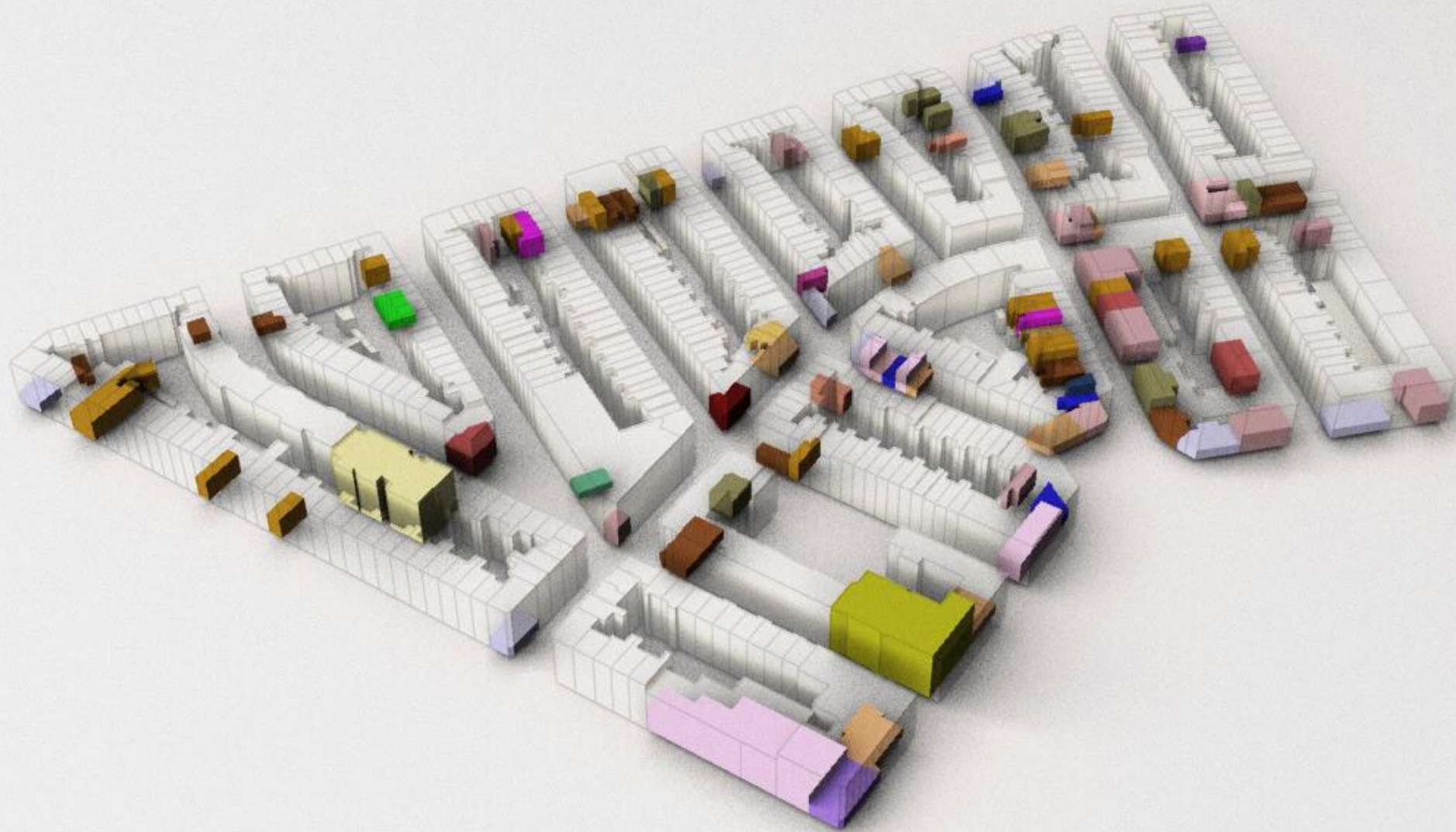
LoD1 Buildings



Non-residential  
functions

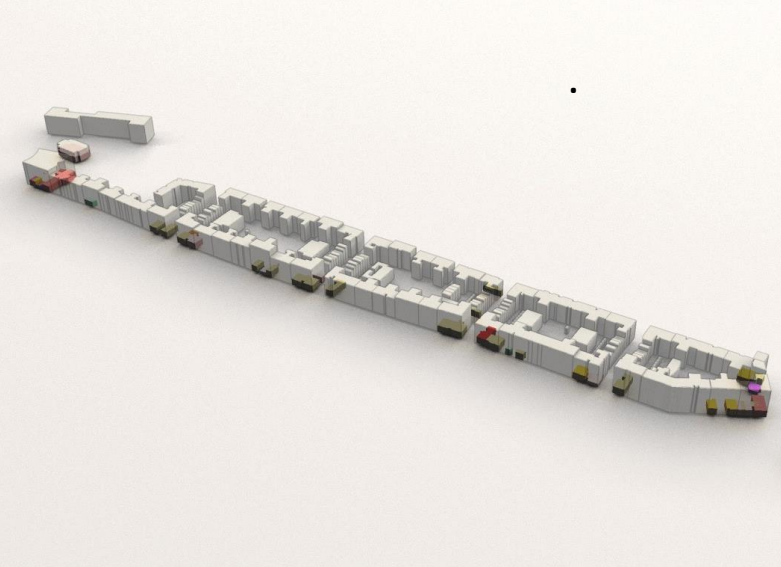


## Step 2 – Volume calculations



**Colour: non-residential**    **White: LoD1 Buildings**

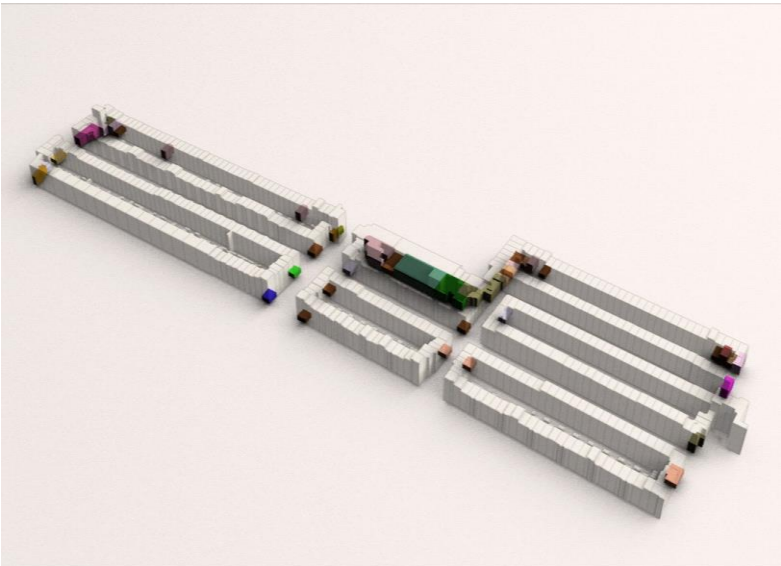
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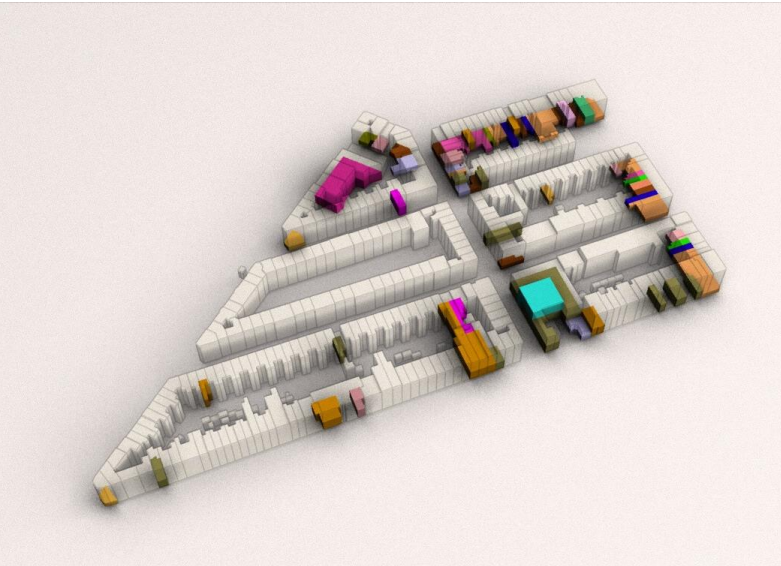
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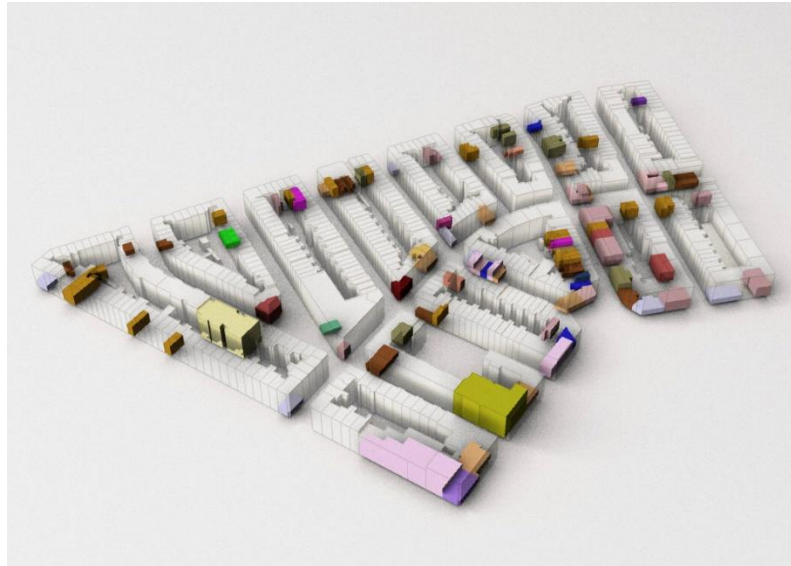
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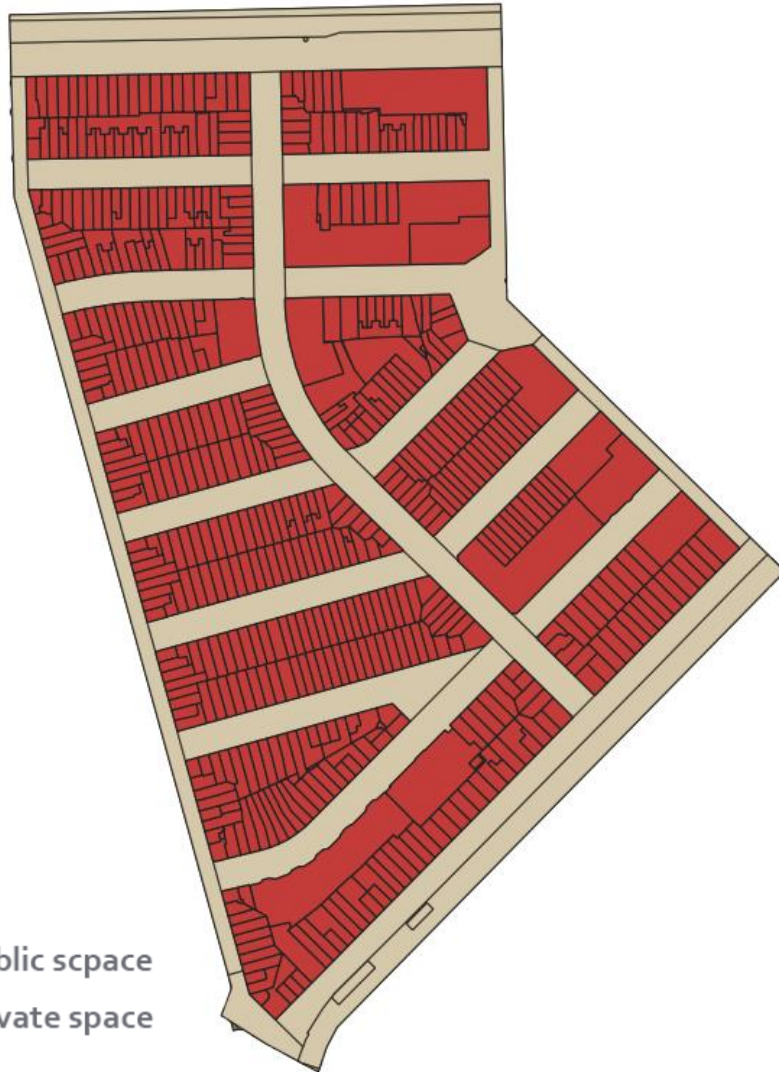
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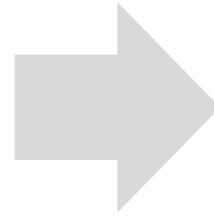
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## Step 2 – Living space calculation – Open space

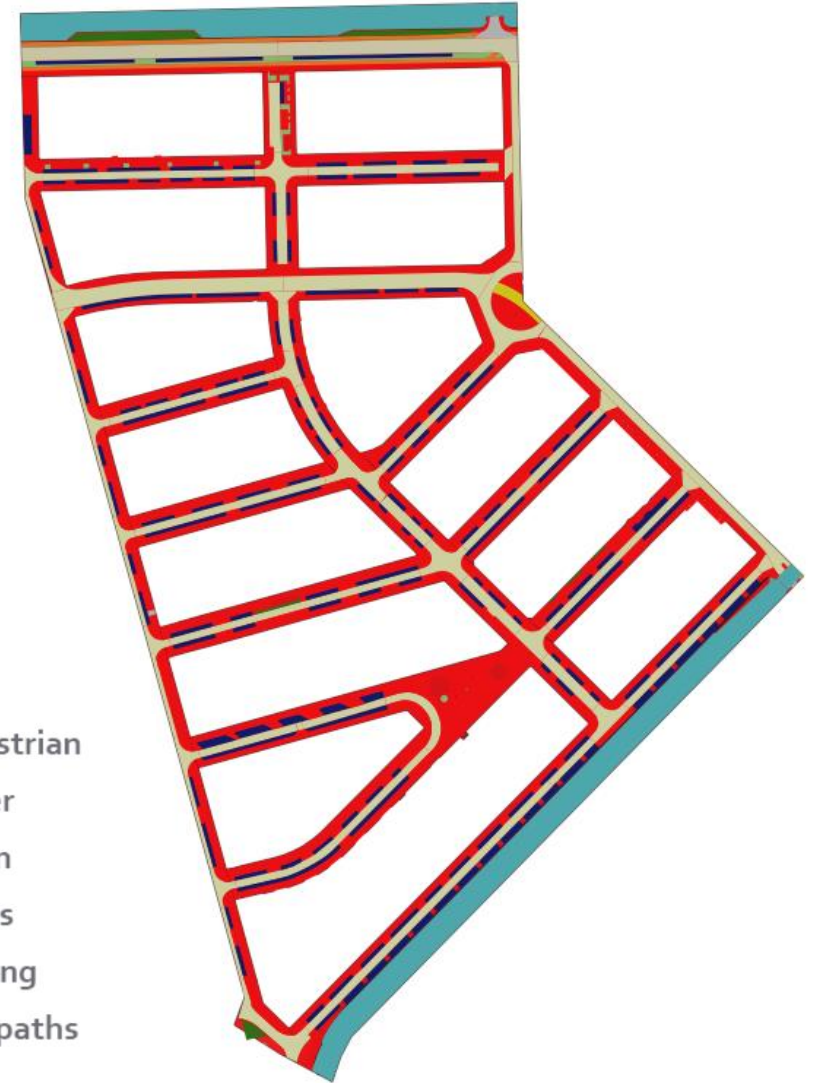
Basisregistratie Kadaster (BRK)



- Public space
- Private space



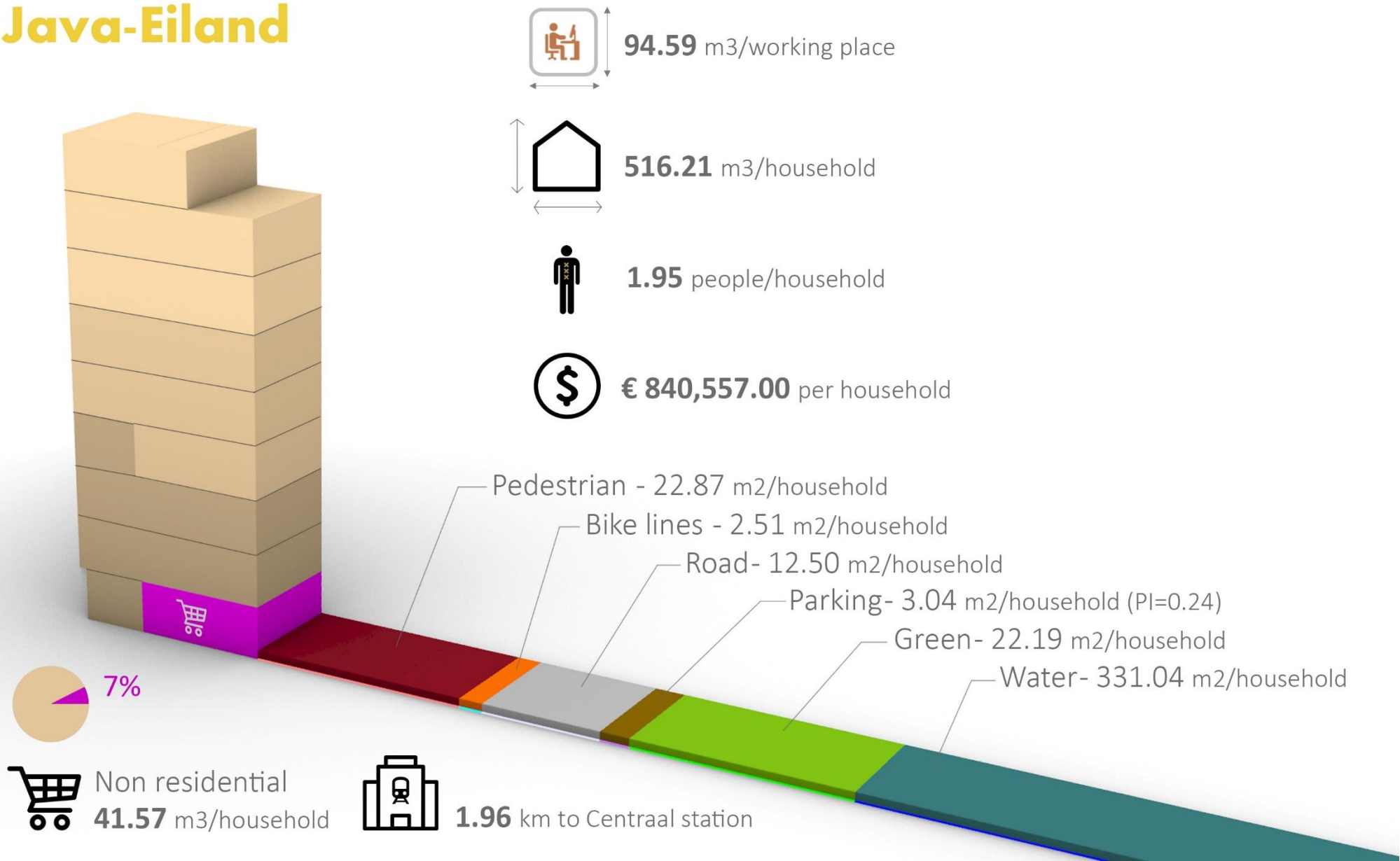
Basisregistratie Grootchalige Topografie (BGT)



- Pedestrian
- Water
- Green
- Roads
- Parking
- Bike paths

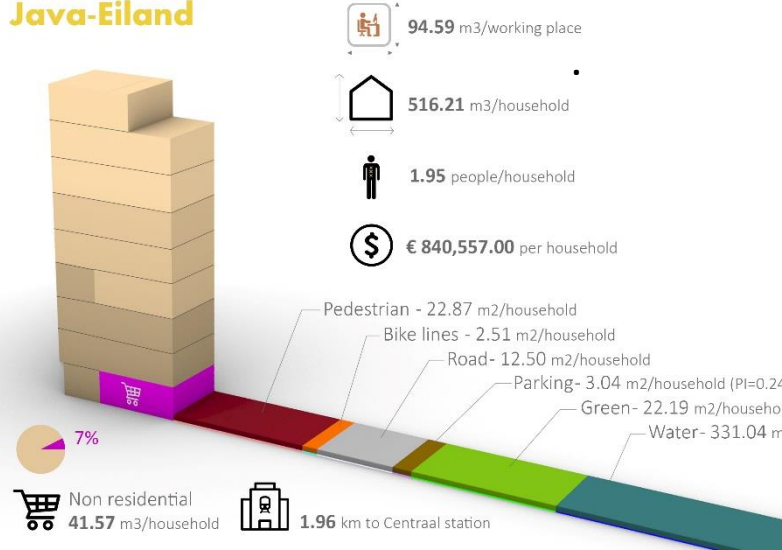
## Step 2 – Comparison panels

### Java-Eiland



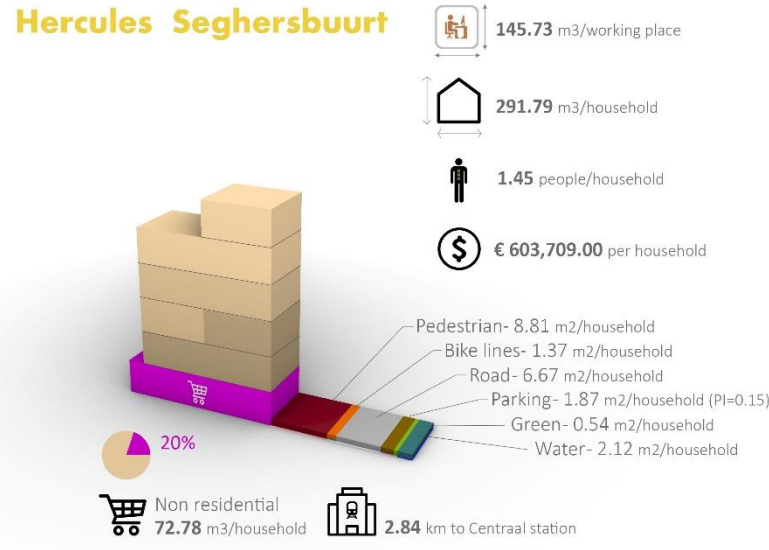
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### Java-Eiland



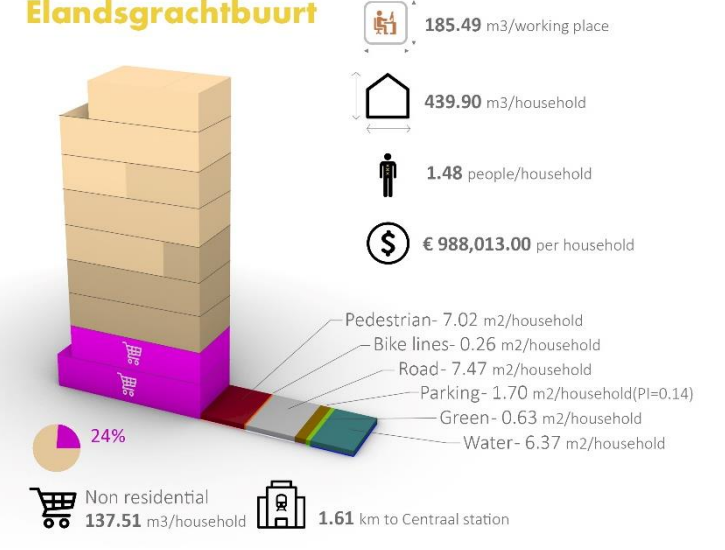
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### Hercules Seghersbuurt

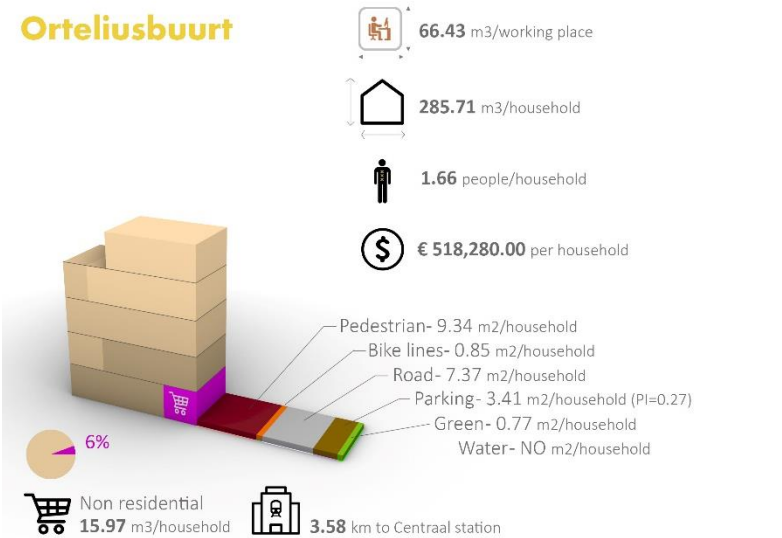


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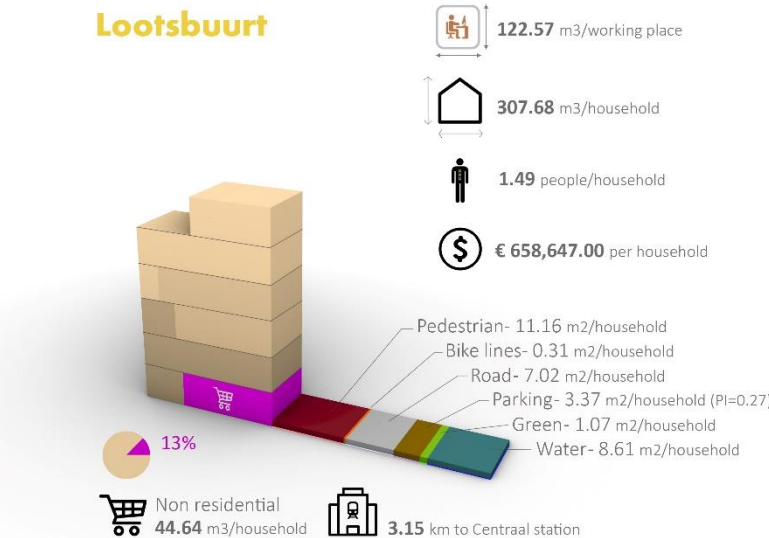
### Elandsgrachtbuurt



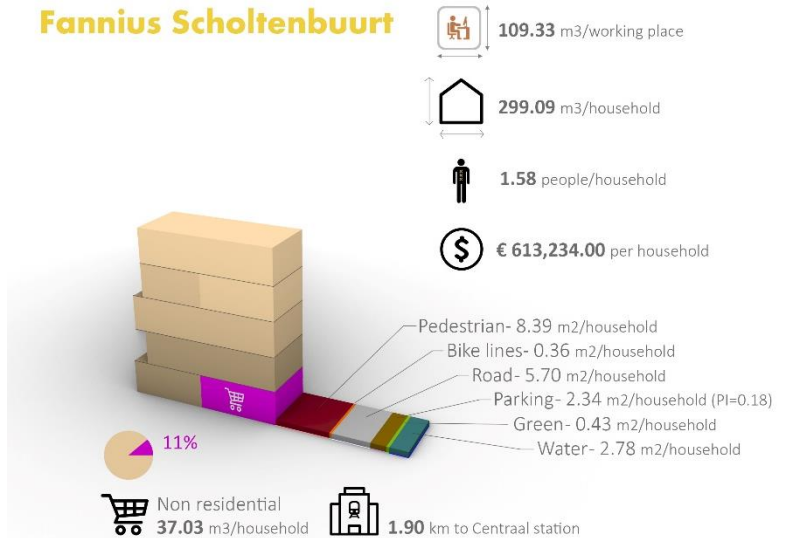
### Orteliusbuurt



### Lootsbuurt



### Fannius Scholtenbuurt

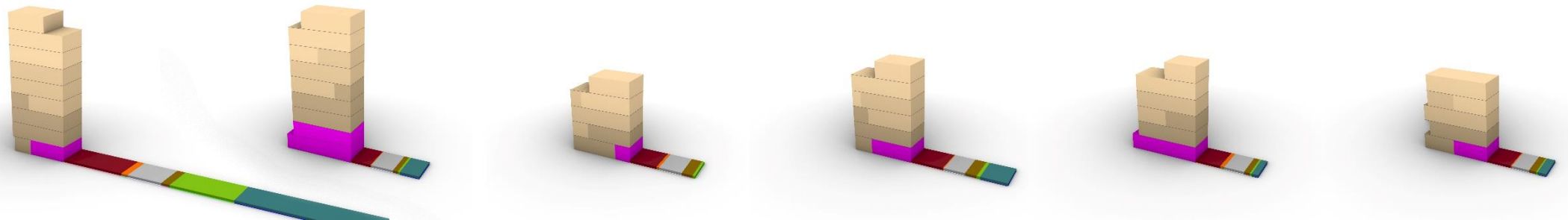
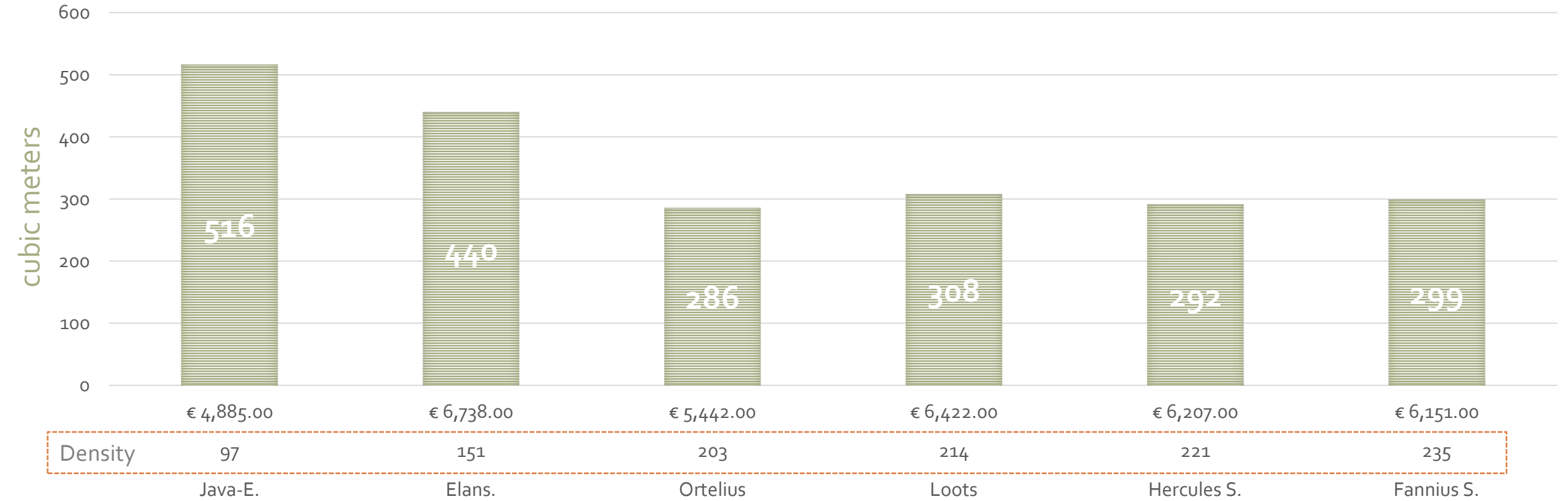


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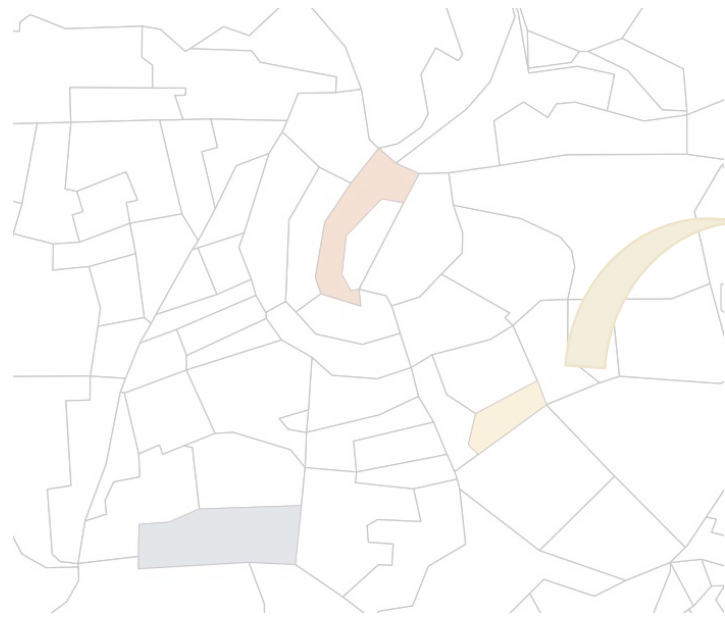
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## Step 2 – Relation density-indoor space size



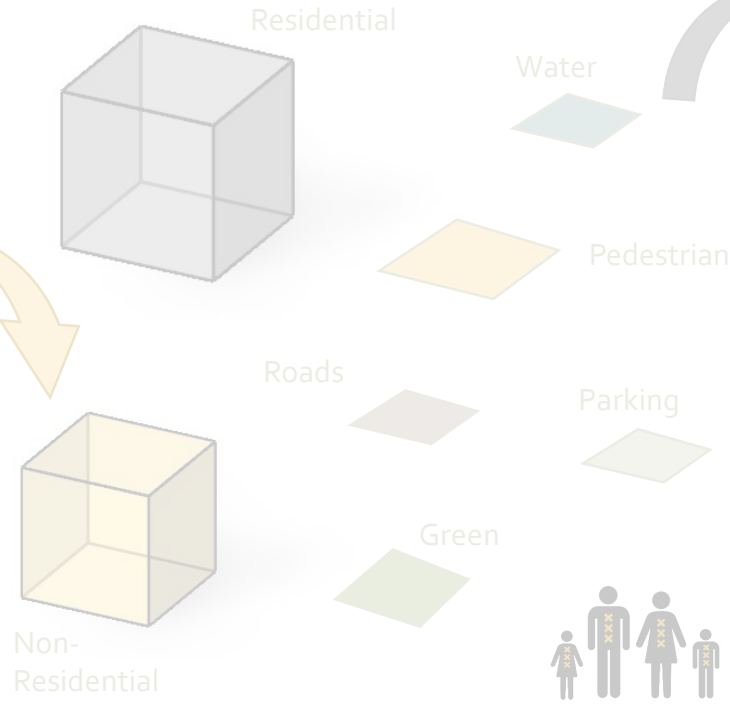
# Step 3 – Interactive generation of multiple design proposals



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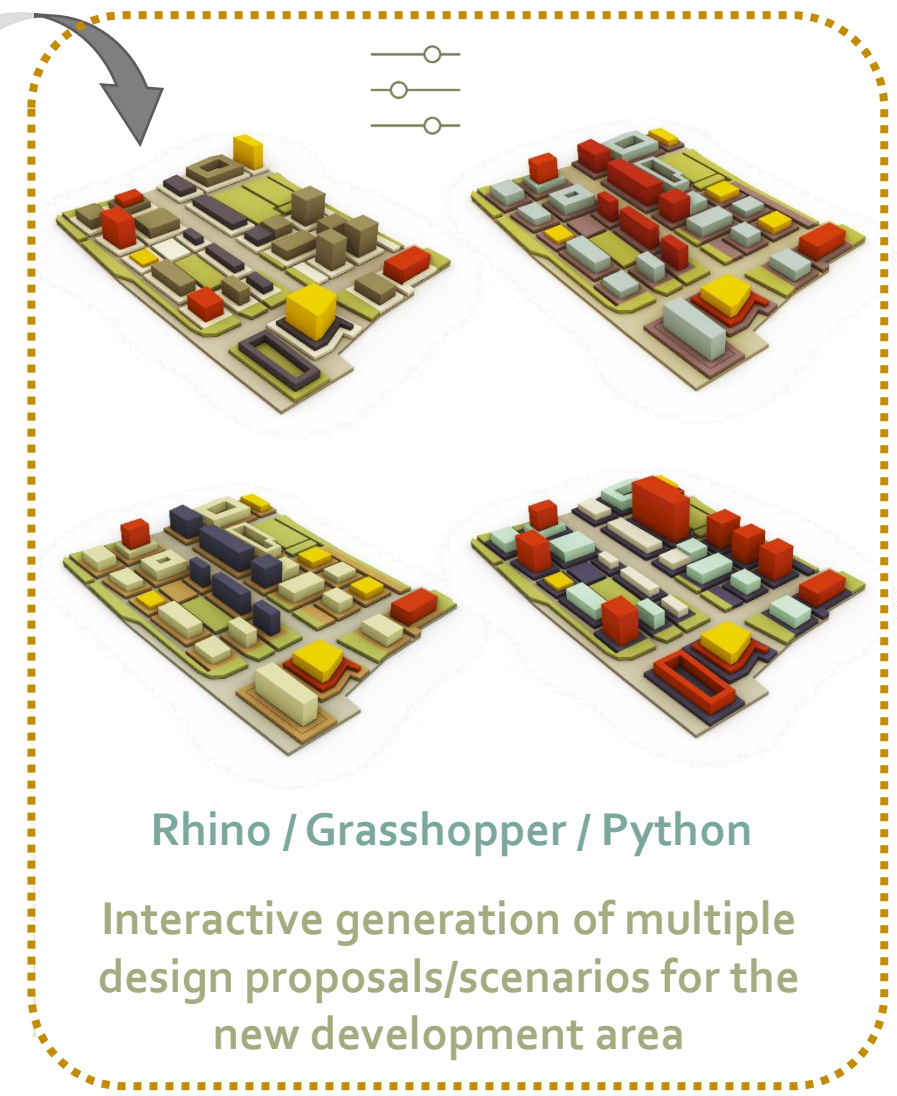
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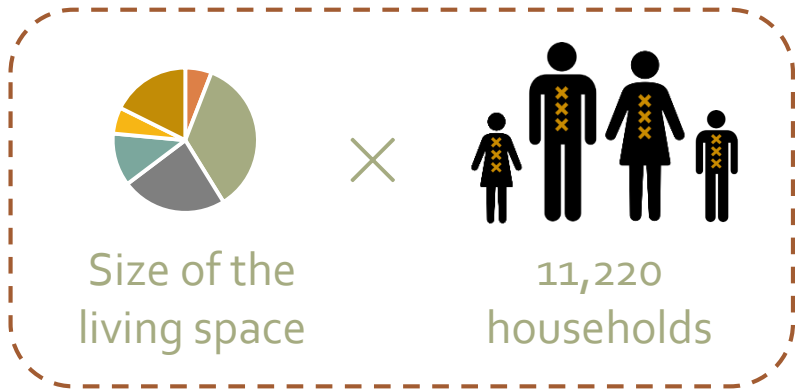
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Rhino / Grasshopper / Python  
Interactive generation of multiple design proposals/scenarios for the new development area

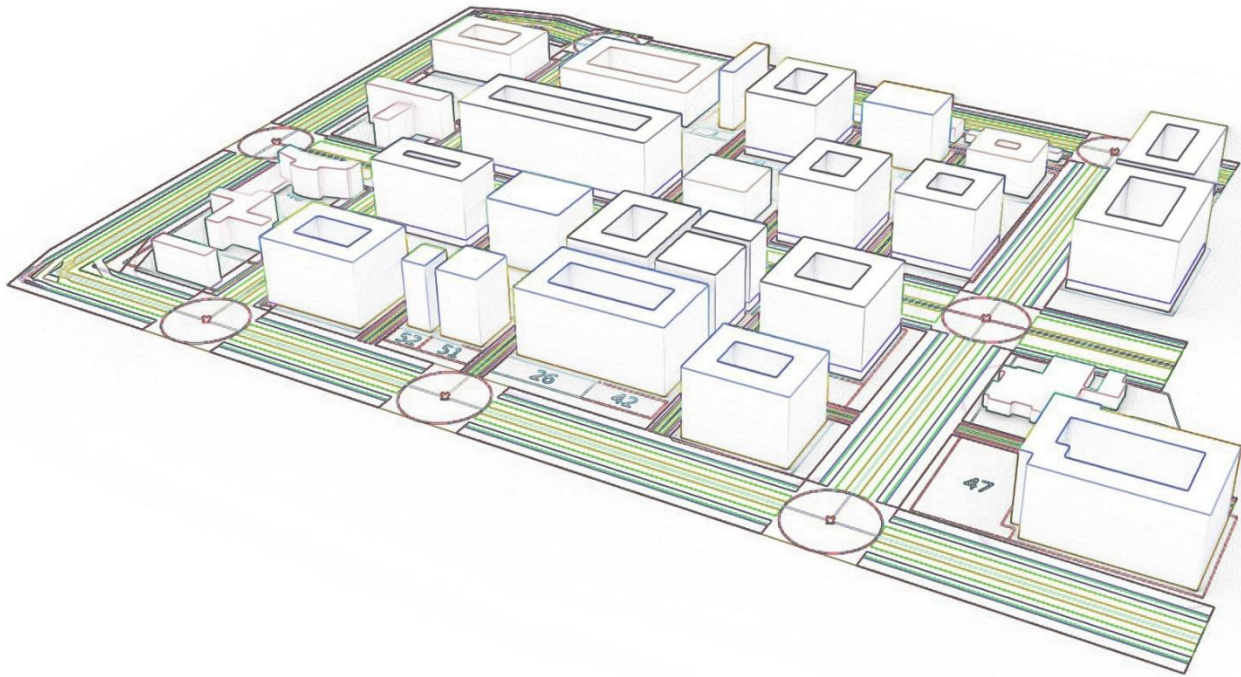
Step 3

# Step 3 – Interactive 3D model \_ Implementation



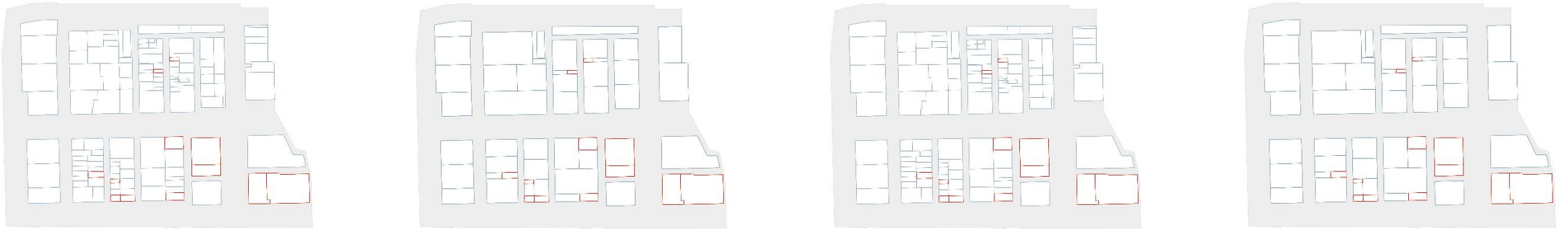
= 3D City Model

LOD 1

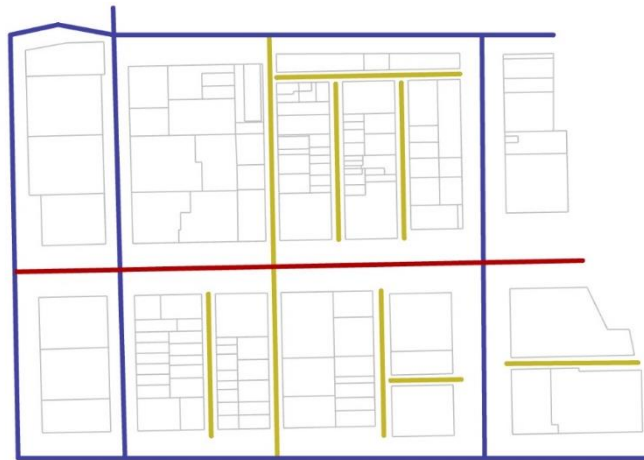




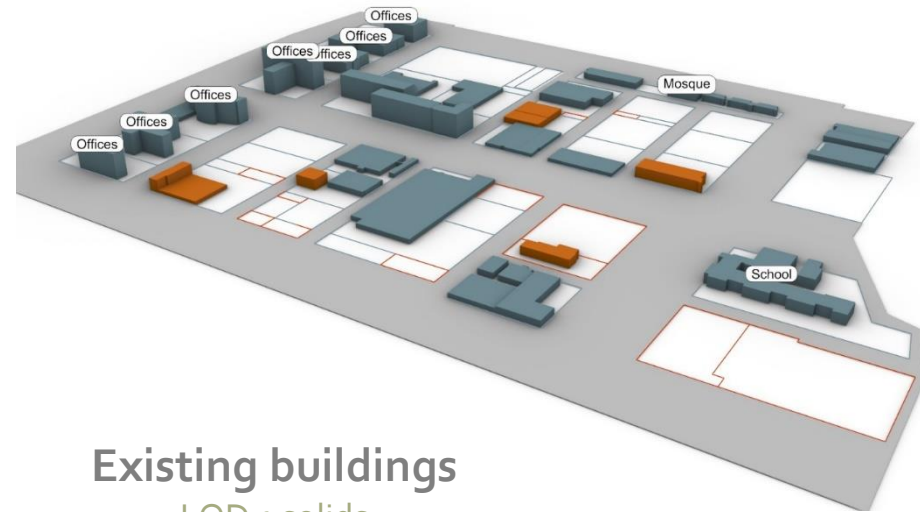
## Step 3– Input geometries (user)



**Parcellations (plots)** Closed polygons (polylines)



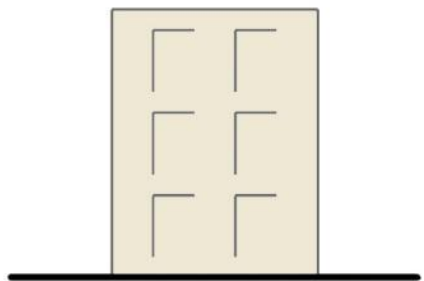
**Road lines** Lines & polylines



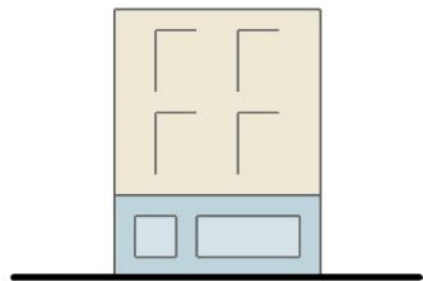
**Existing buildings**

LOD 1 solids

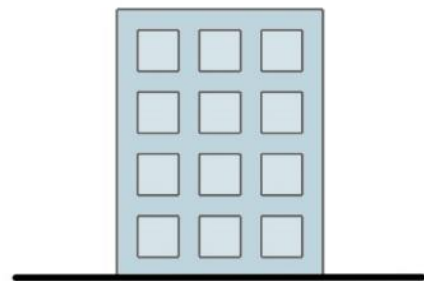
### Step 3 – Options to create buildings



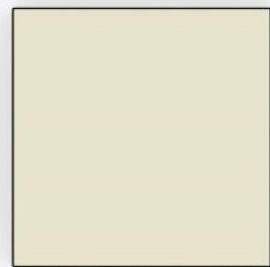
Residential



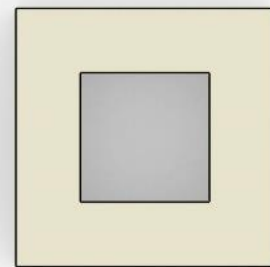
Mixed-use



Non-residential

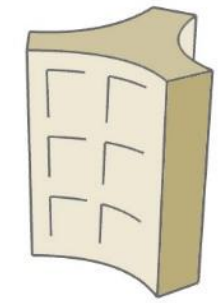


Solid building

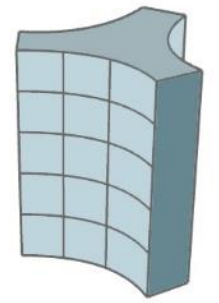


Courtyard building

(top view - only for new buildings)

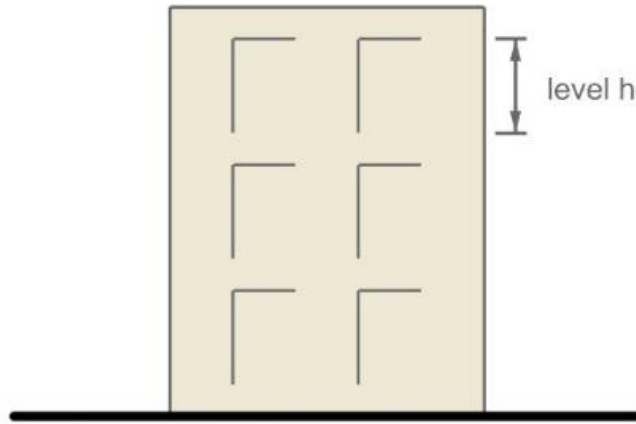


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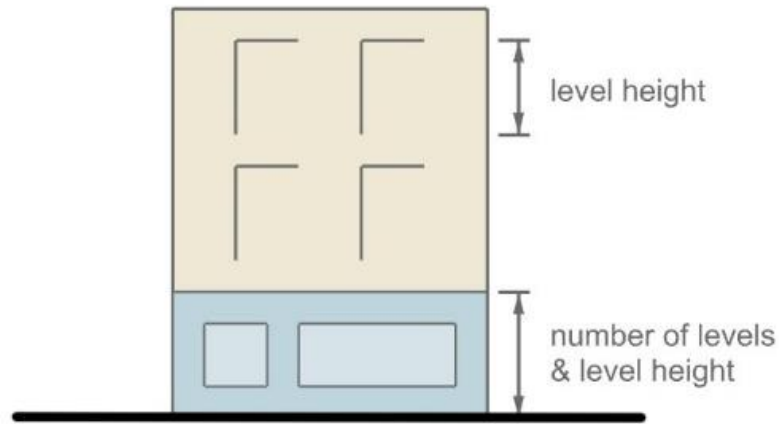


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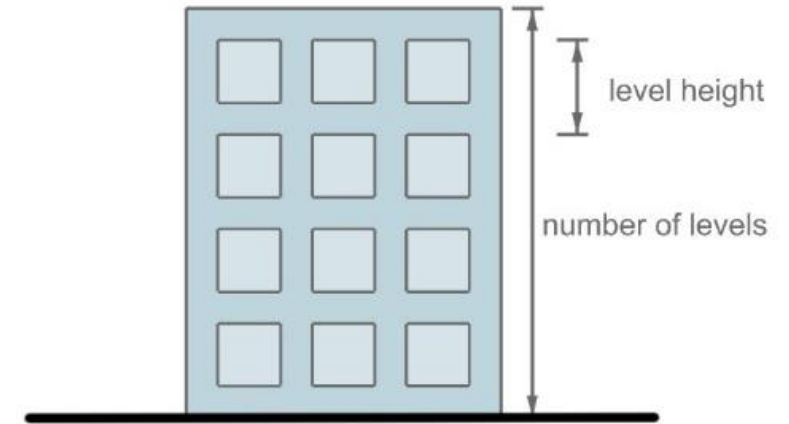
### Step 3 – Geometrical parameters for new buildings



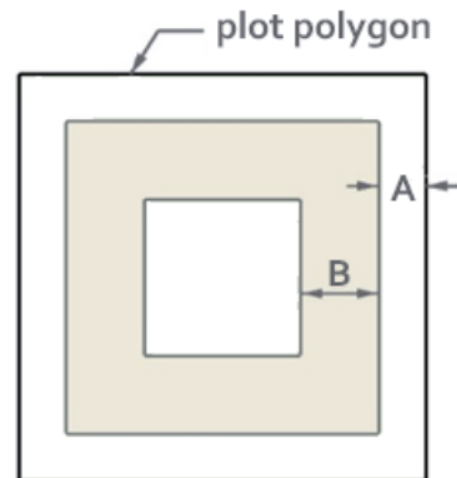
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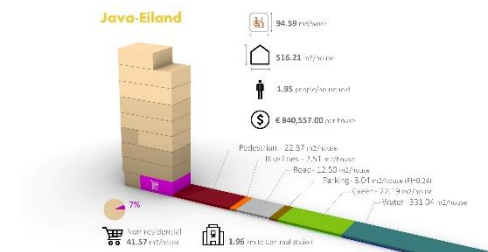
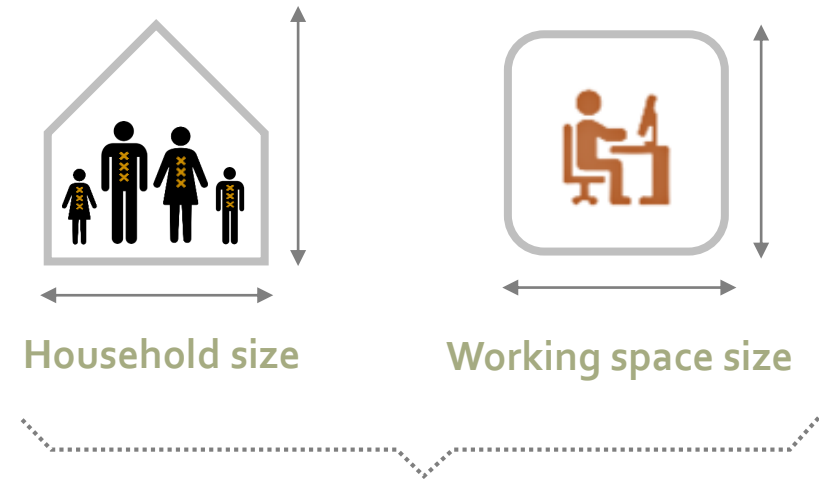
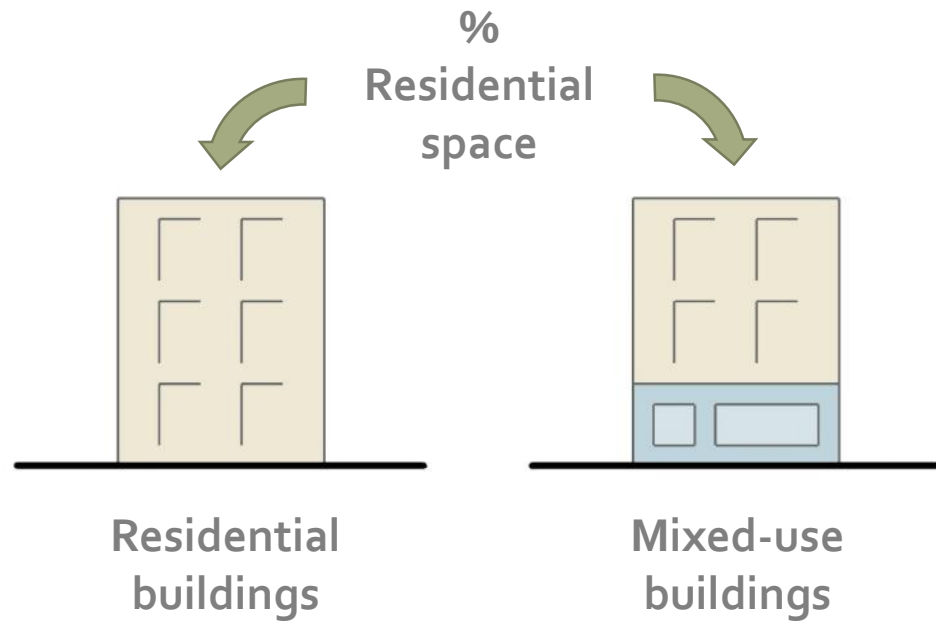
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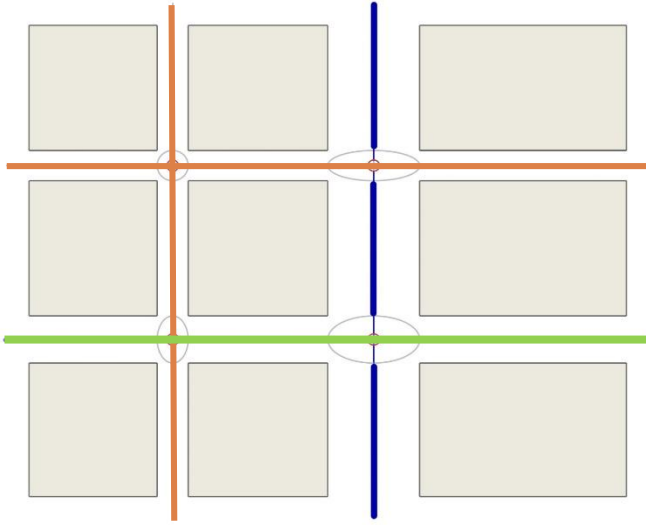
**A** = Distance from the plot border based on the height of the building

**B** = Thickness of the building

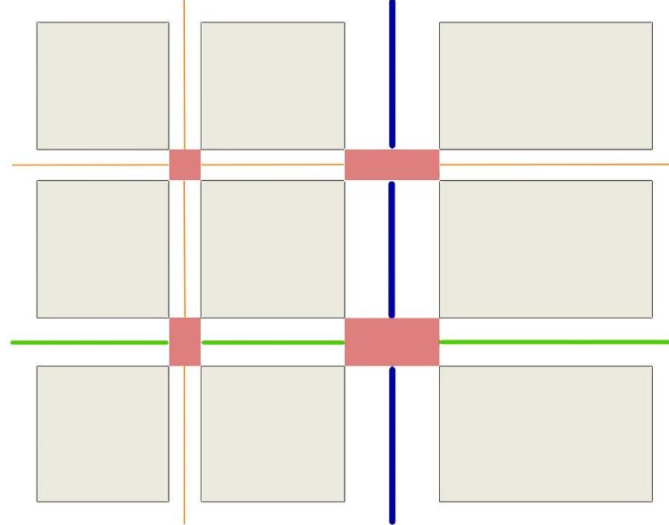
## Step 3 – Other inputs for indoor space



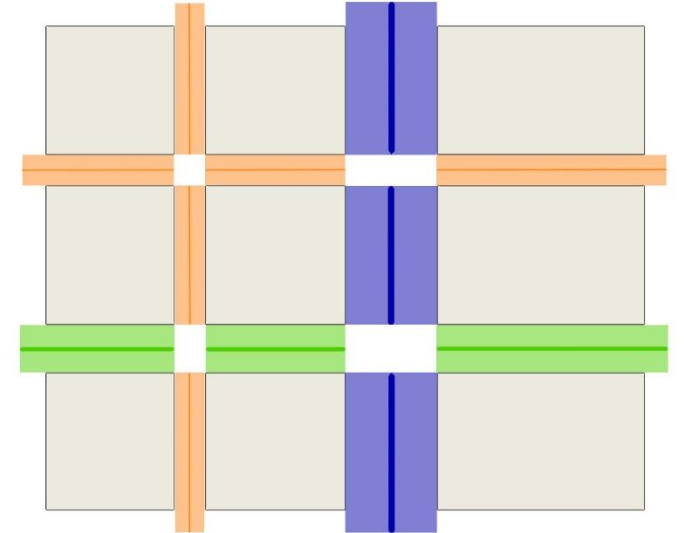
## Step 3 – Open space calculation



- Search for intersections
- Define the size of the intersections based on road sizes

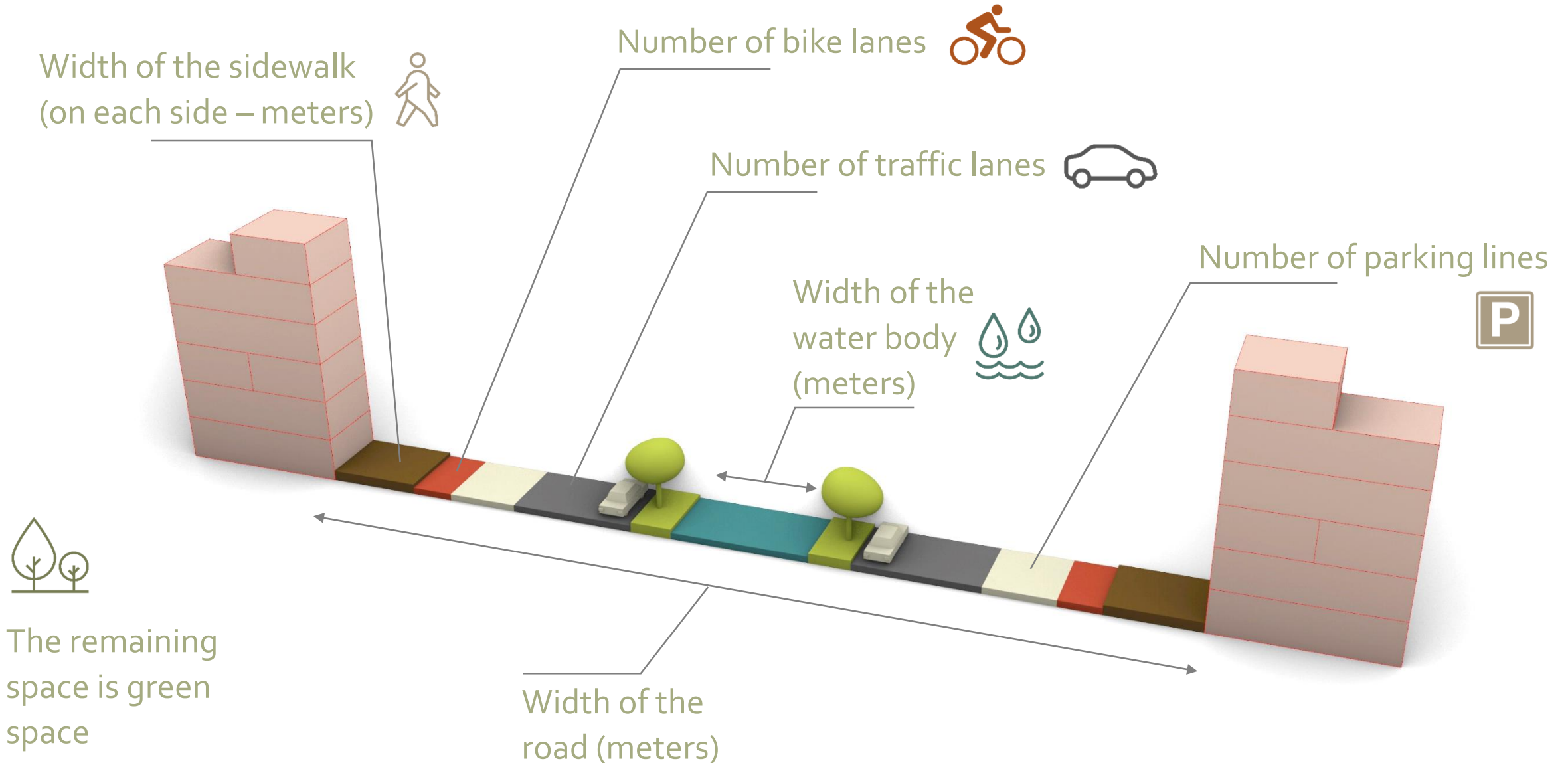


- Intersections considered as driving space

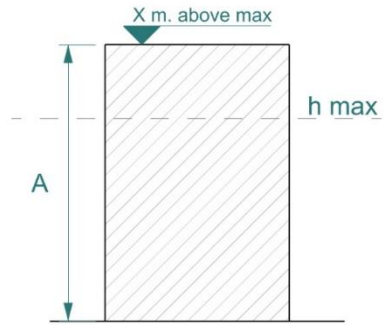


- The remaining segments are considered for open space calculations
- Each road typology is customized separately

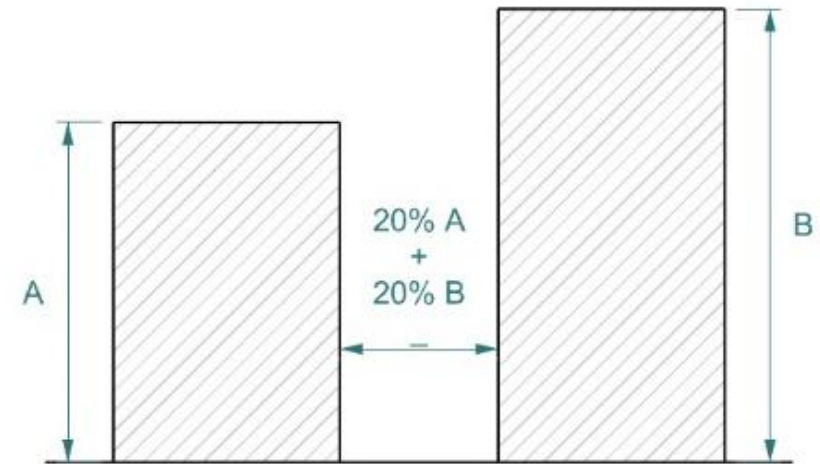
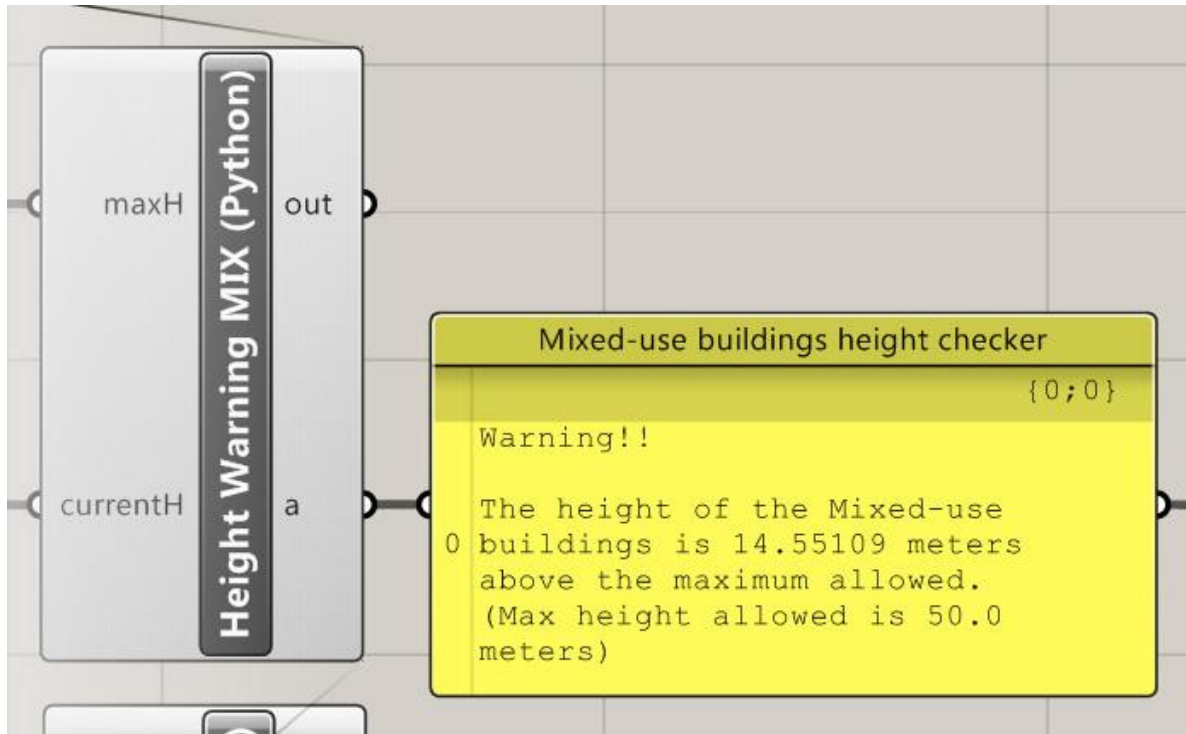
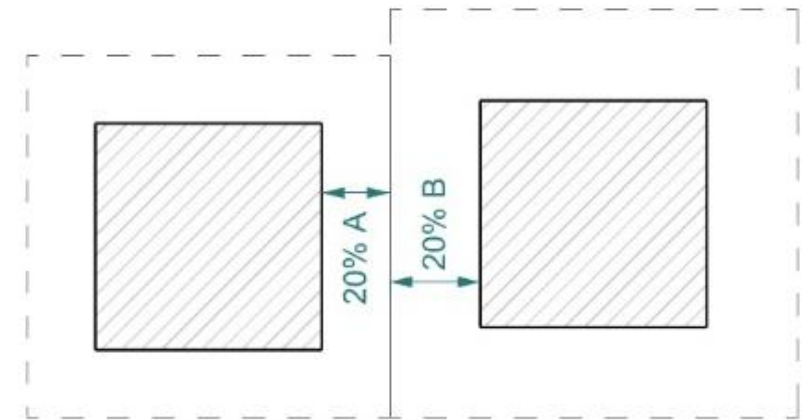
### Step 3 – Schematic representation of the six open space classes



### Step 3 – Example of urban/architectonic constraints

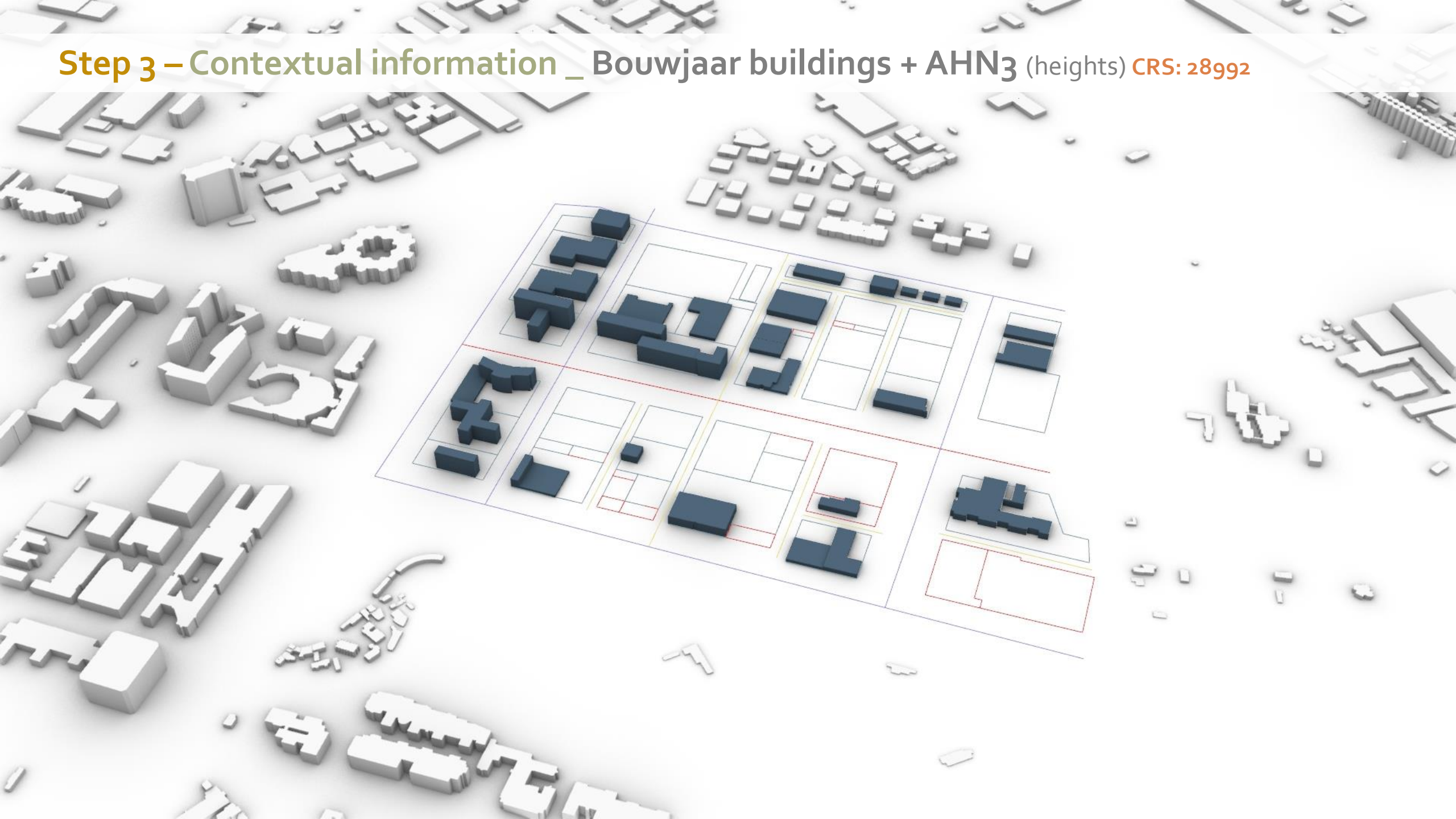


Heights warning



Rule: Space between buildings

Step 3 – Contextual information \_ Bouwjaar buildings + AHN3 (heights) CRS: 28992

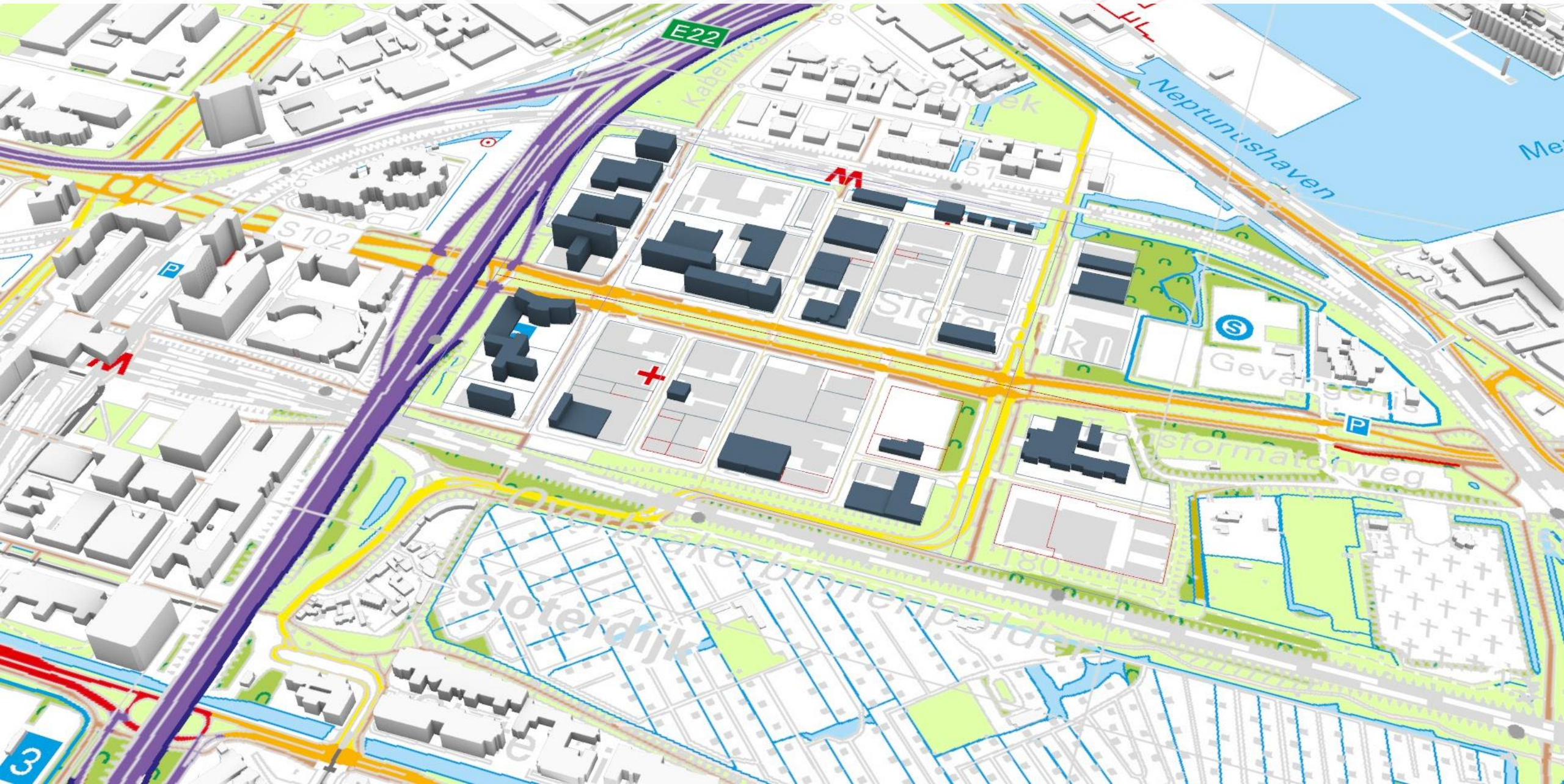




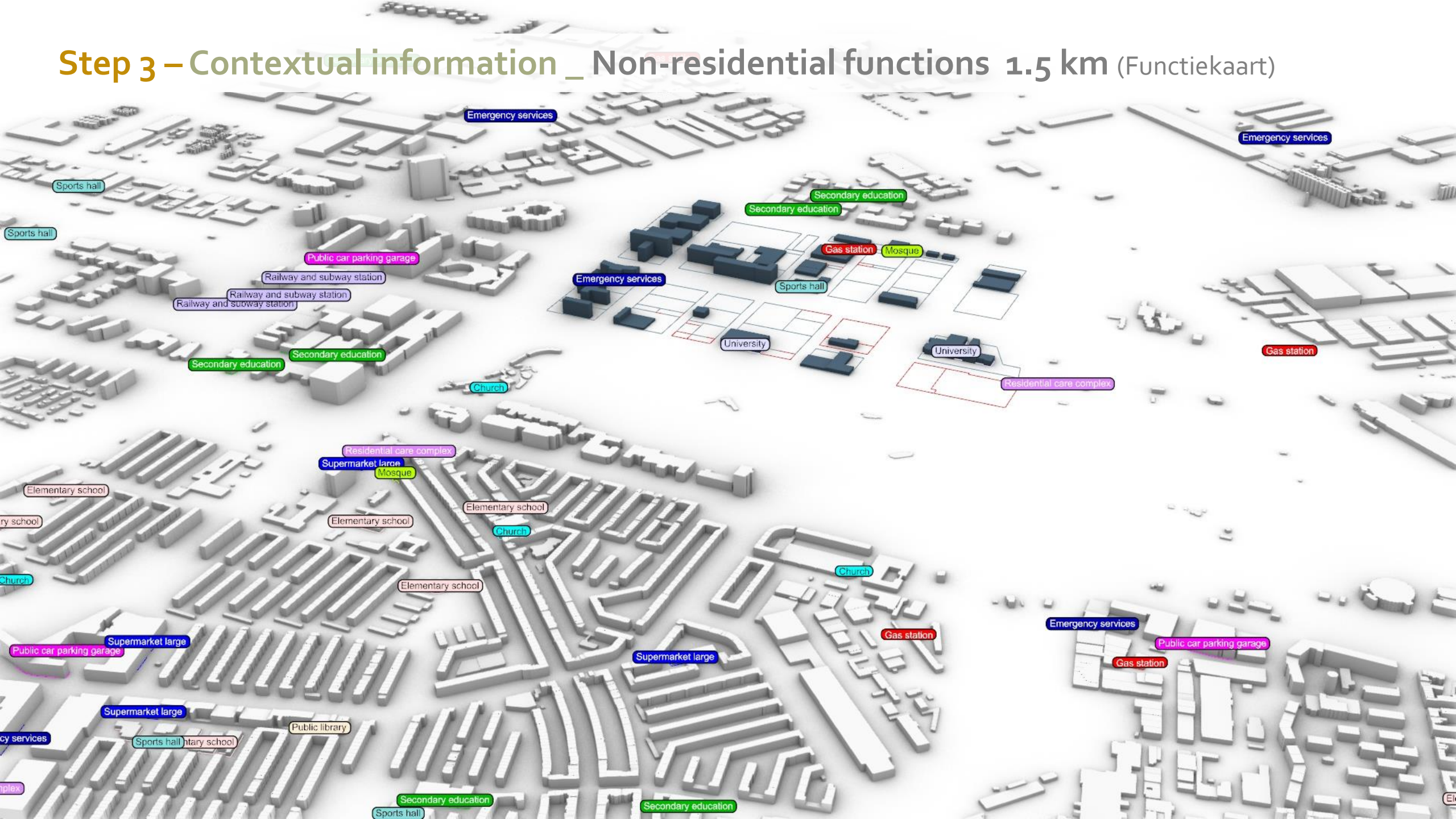
### Step 3 – Contextual information \_ Public transportation network (Tram- en metronet + GVB)



### Step 3 – Contextual information \_TOP25NL (raster)



# Step 3 – Contextual information \_ Non-residential functions 1.5 km (Functiekaart)

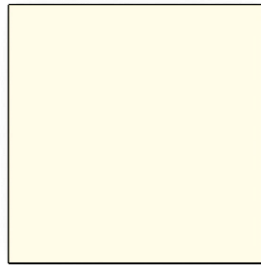


## 3 step – Demo

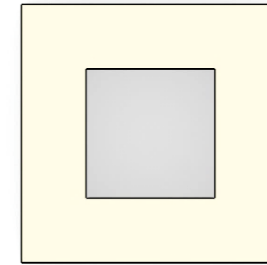
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPYT5\\_cFlqw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPYT5_cFlqw)

### 3 step – Further considerations

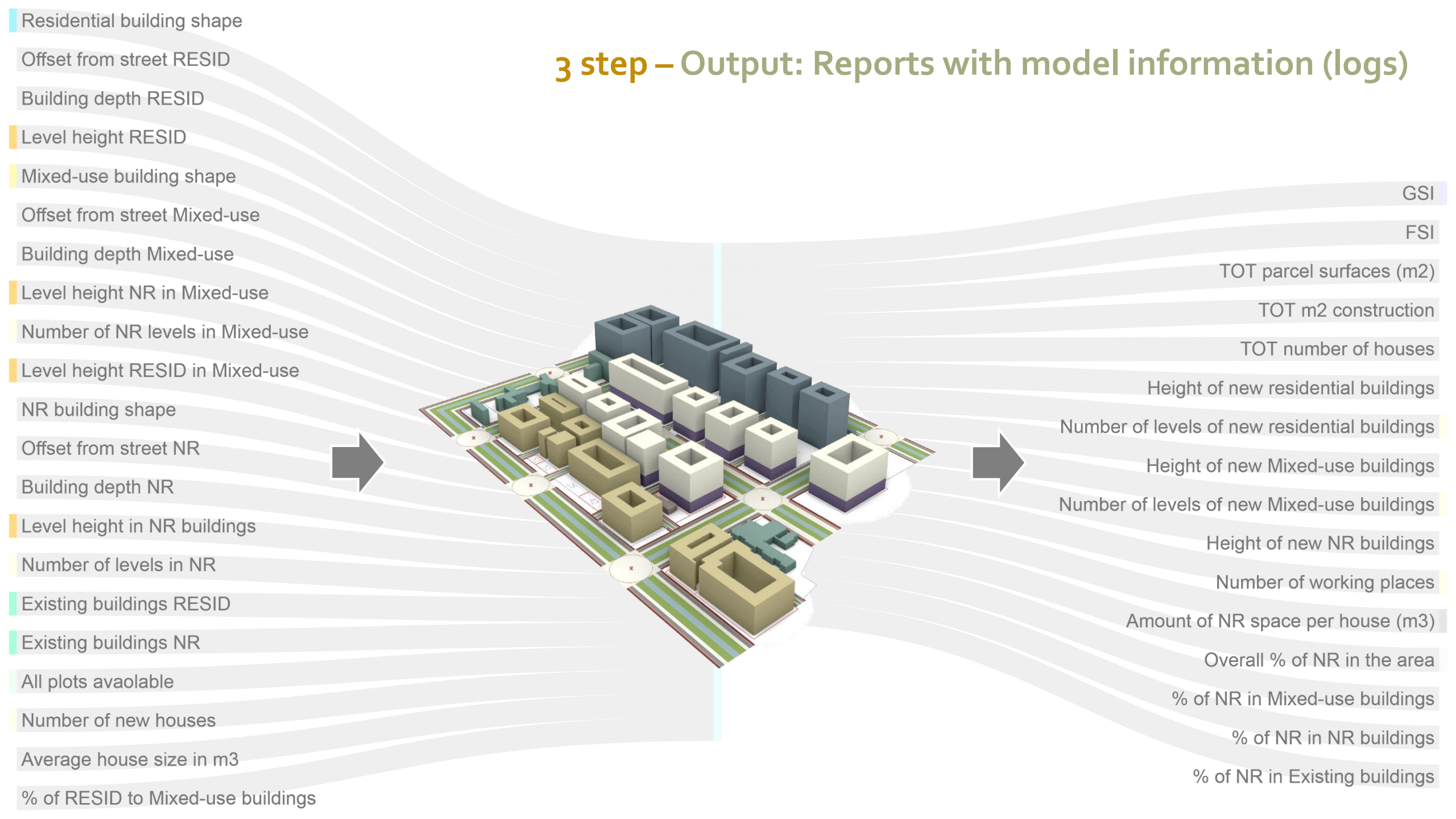
Solid  
buildings



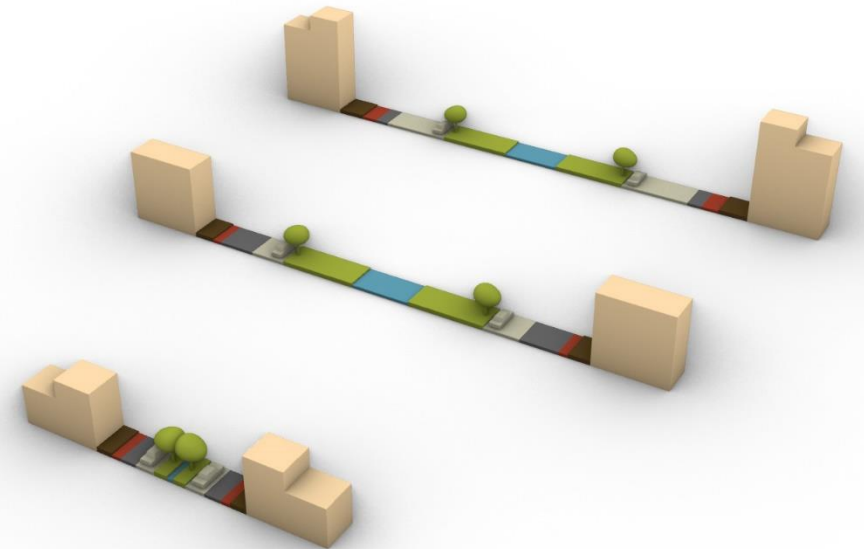
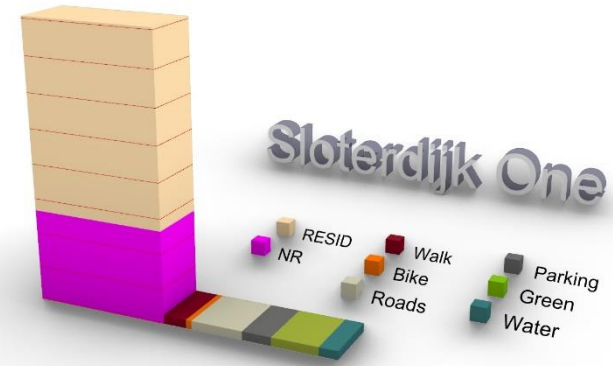
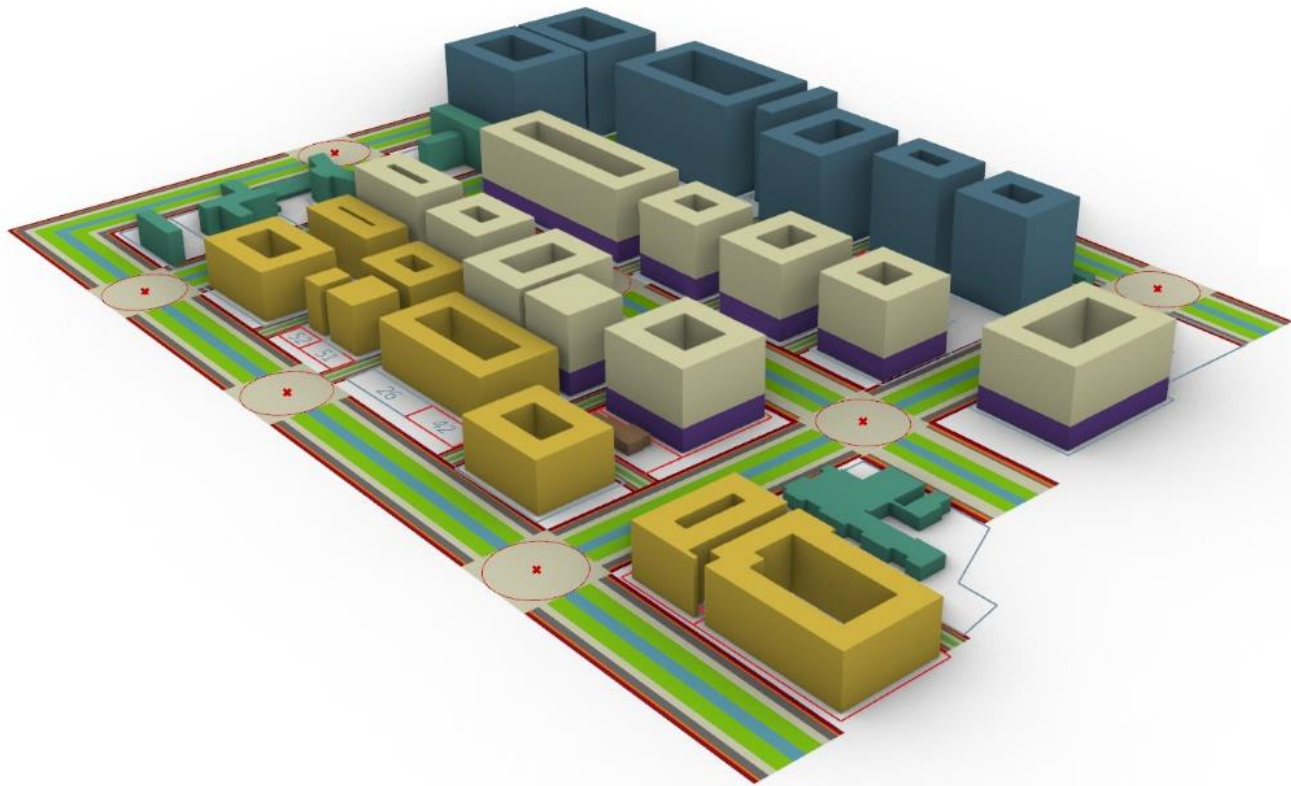
Courtyard  
buildings (blocks)



### 3 step – Output: Reports with model information (logs)



### 3 step – Output: Screenshots from the 3D model



### 3 step – Output: Export 3D model + data (CityGML + Geo-globes visualization in collaboration with G.Agugiario)

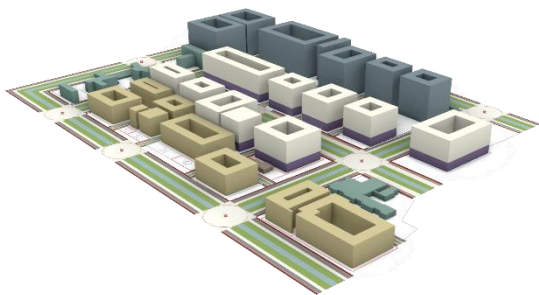
#### RESIDENTIAL OVERVIEW

- 0 - Total number of houses: 11996.05 homes
  - I - New houses: 11220.0 homes
    - I - Houses in MIXED-USE buildings: 60.0 %
    - 0 - Houses in RESID buildings: 40.0 %
  - 0 - Existing houses: 776.05 homes
- I - Average house size: 350.0 m3

Log (CSV)

+

Model (DWG)



Open standardized data model  
to store and share 3D city models



Cesium screenshot: G. Agugiario



# Overview of the project

**geo-data**  
spatial and non-  
spatial information

open

format

Standard



**design tool**  
knowledge

Geomatics

Architecture

Urbanism

IT

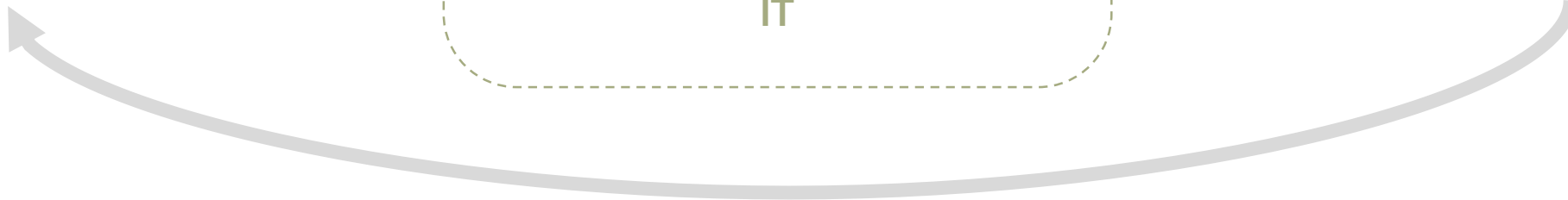


**geo-design**  
spatial design

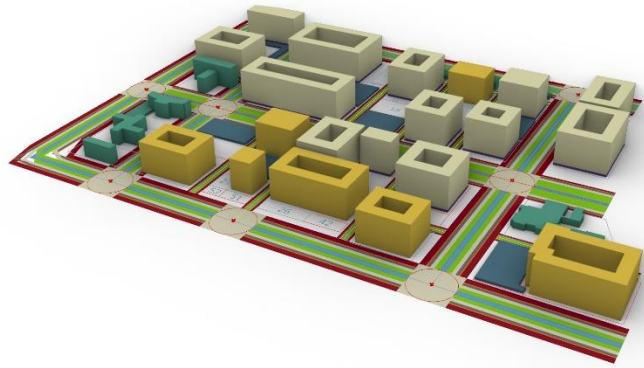
spatial analyses

decision making

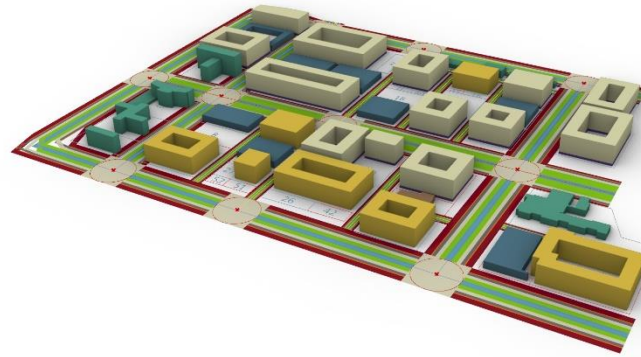
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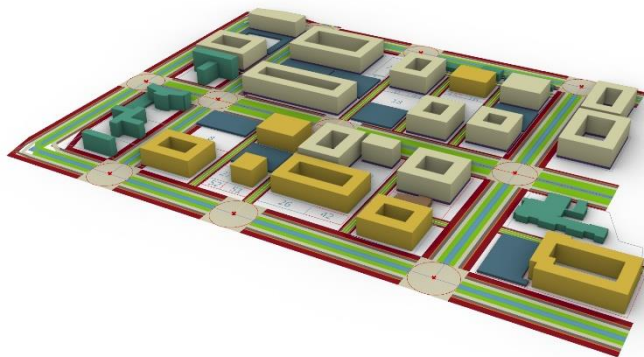
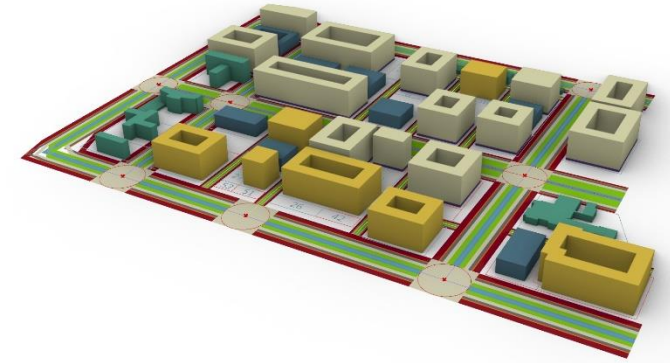
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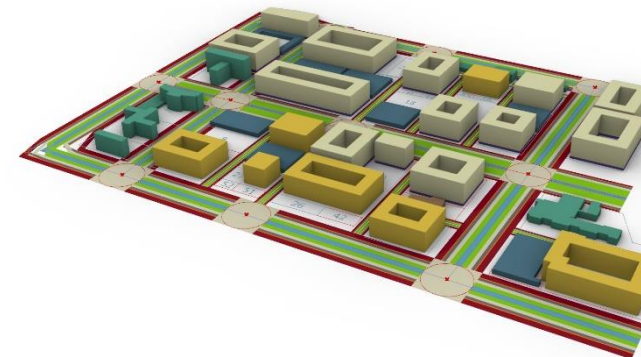
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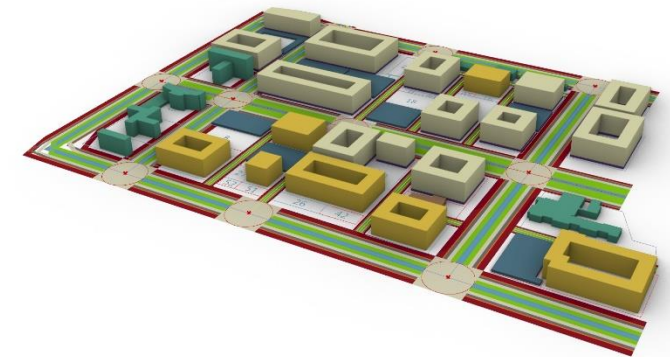
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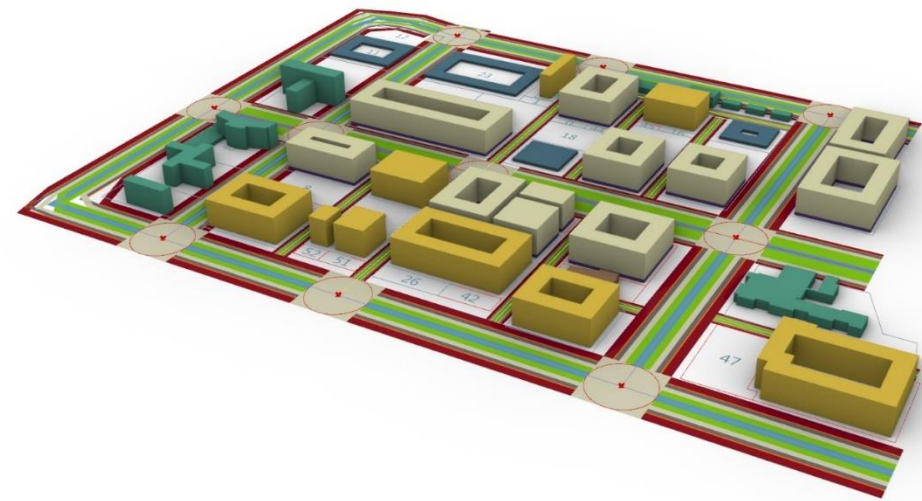
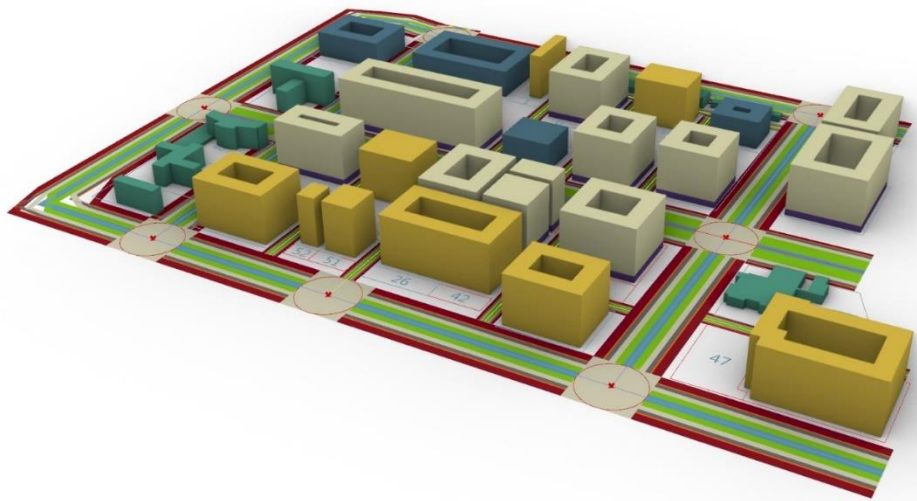


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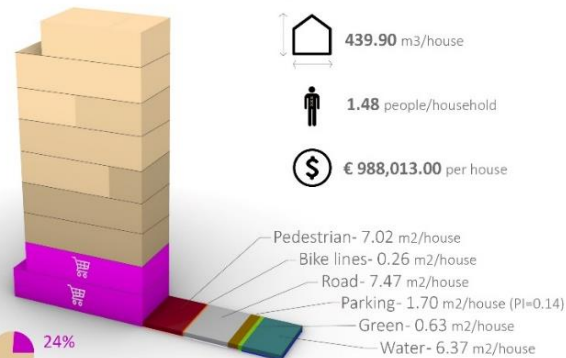


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# Comparison among scenarios – Goal: 11,220 households



## Elandsgrachtbuurt



Non residential 137.51 m<sup>3</sup>/house  
1.61 km to Centraal station

## Orteliusbuurt



Non residential 15.97 m<sup>3</sup>/house  
3.58 km to Centraal station

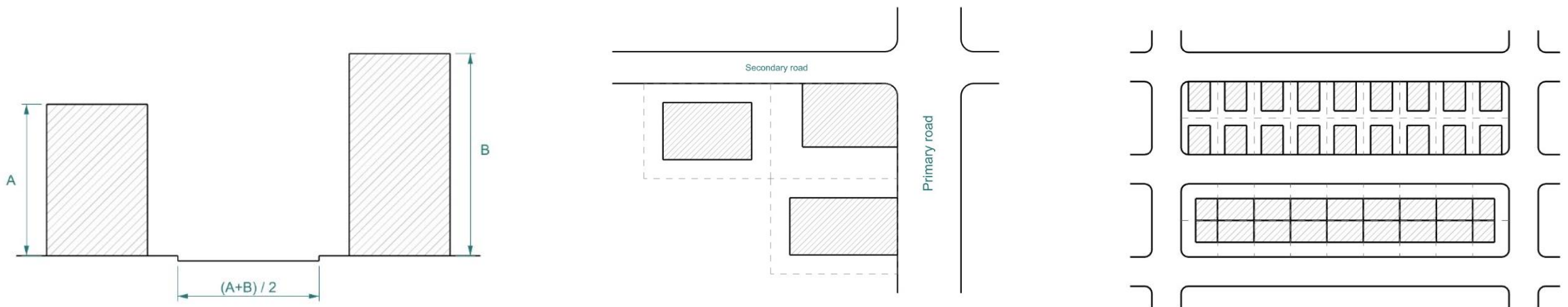
11220 households	Java E.	Hercules	Elands.	Orteliusb.	Lootsb.	Fannius
Household size (m <sup>3</sup> )	515	290	440	285	310	300
Working space (m <sup>3</sup> )	95	145	185	65	125	110
Working places	8,692	7,785	7,524	12,703	7,930	11,250
FSI	5.8	3.8	5.51	3.57	3.92	3.79
m <sup>2</sup> of construction	1,848,000	1,212,200	1,754,700	1,136,400	1,247,900	1,206,500
Storeys Residential	16	9	13	9	9	9
Storeys Mixed-Use	17	10	15	10	11	11
Storeys NR	1	3	6	1	2	1

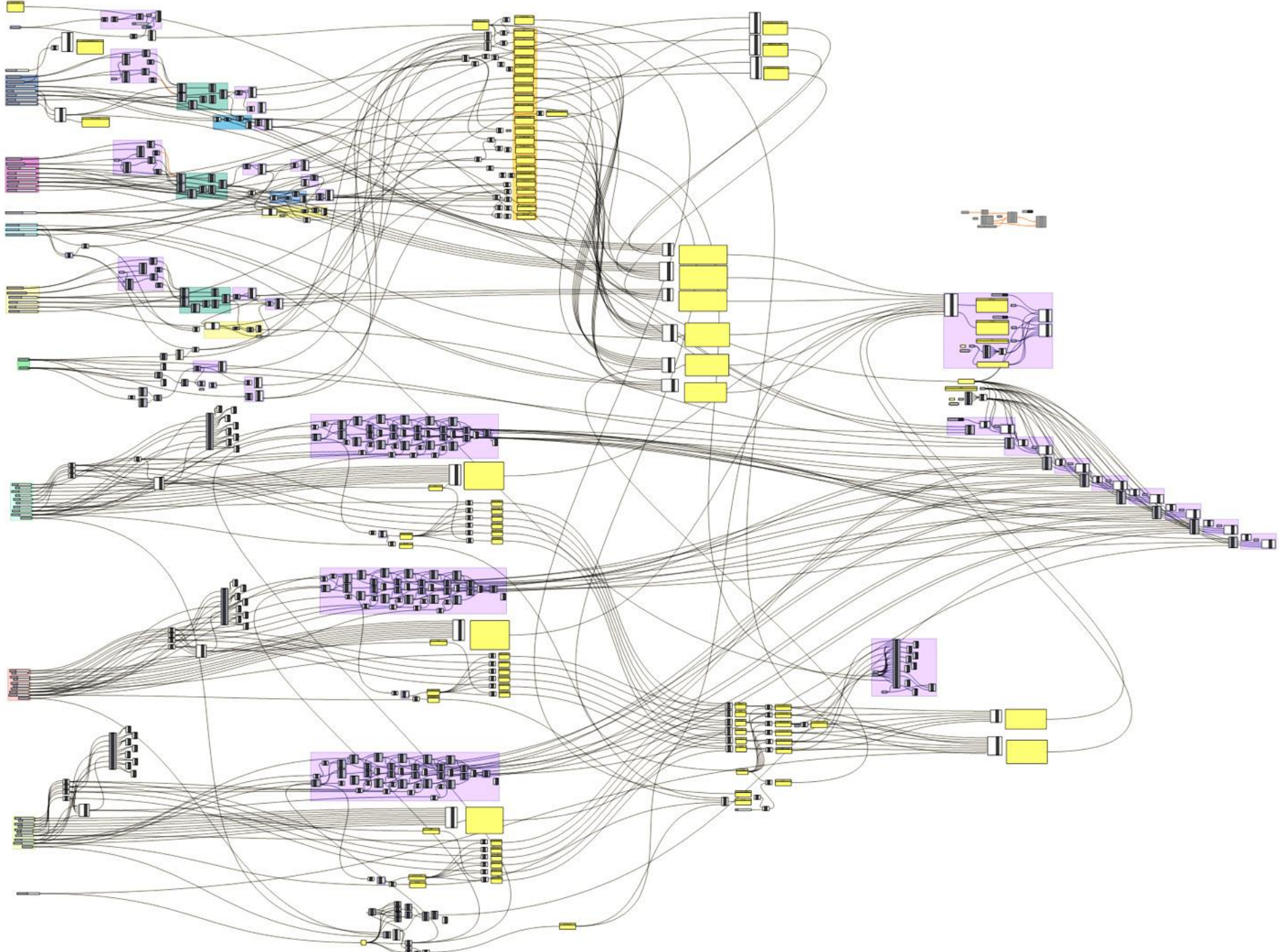
# Conclusions

- Analyze the **city of the present** through open **data** to create the **city of the future**.
- Inspiration from the Amsterdam Municipality goal: **reproduce** the existing **areas of 'success'** in expansion projects of the city (ring A10).
- Even if assumptions and simplifications were made in this thesis, the results shown the importance of considering the **size of the living spaces for future** development projects.
- Forgotten design proposals? The **exporting process** proposed in this thesis allows to make more **transparent** and **public** the design process and **store design as data** for possible future benefits.
- **GIS analysis** and parametric modelling of **cities** and **roads** together to have a complete overview of the design process.
- Expected uses of the 3D modelling tool for the design process:
  - Before - Help to **set the minimum parameters** for a new project.
  - During - **Review the guidelines** and check if the parameters are up to date.
  - After - **Adjust** parameters or **add new data** over time.

# Future implementations

1. Calculate in an automated way the **size of the living space for Amsterdam** and the **NL** based on the proposed method.
2. Being able to **compare** the scenarios **with other neighbourhoods** in the country and viceversa.
3. Implement the 3D modelling tool in an **open source software** (preferably web based).
4. Implement a **topology checker** to improve the **design possibilities** and calculate road widths based on building heights.





Thanks.