

Re-structured.
Transformation strategy for mass-housing
blocks on the example of ERA buildings in
Buitenhof, Delft.

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Fascination - emergence
of new trend - housing
transformation.

Lacaton&Vassal doctrine:
never demolish.

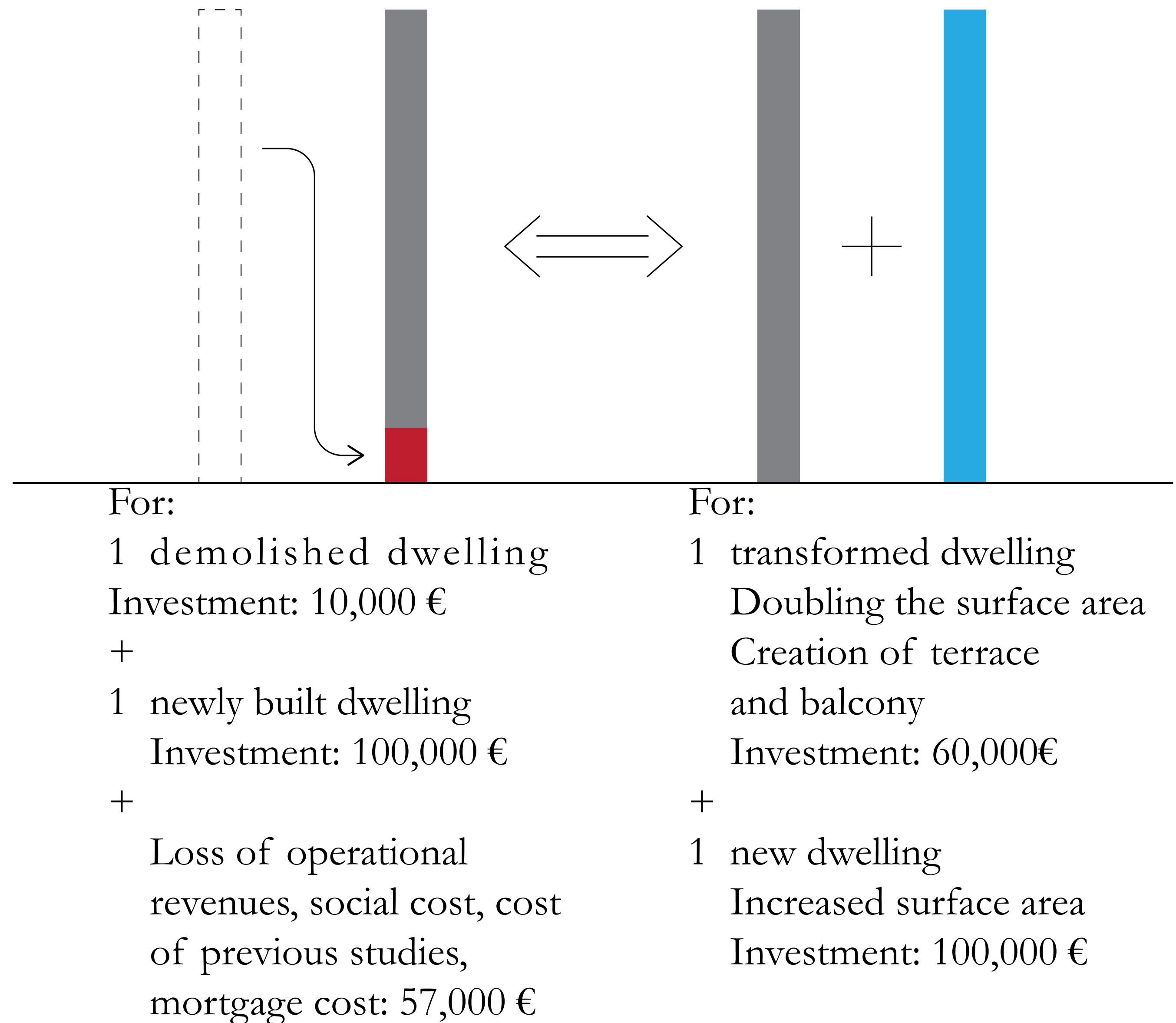


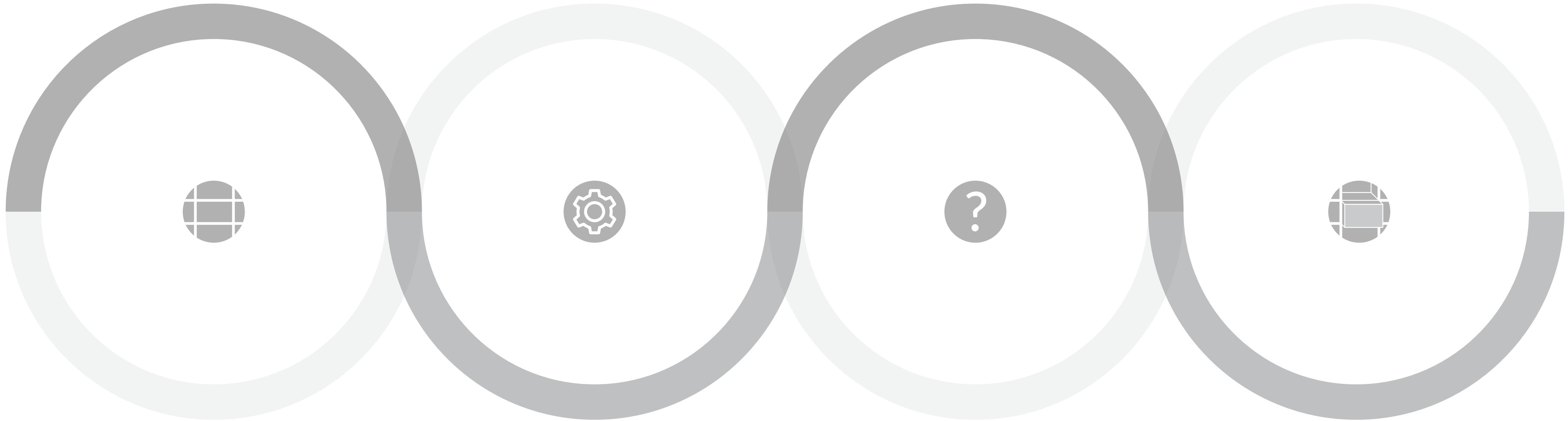
Diagram from F. Druot, A. Lacaton. J.-P. Vassal (2007).
“Plus” Large-scale housing developments.





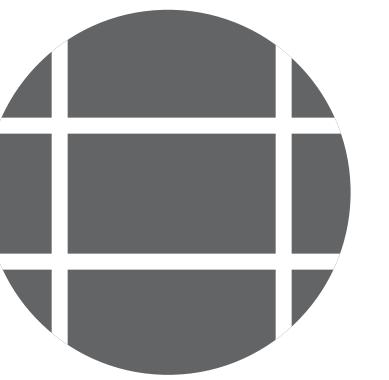
Research Question:

To what extent/how through research-based and participatory design, mass-housing blocks in the Netherlands can be transformed to address the needs of new users and changing society?

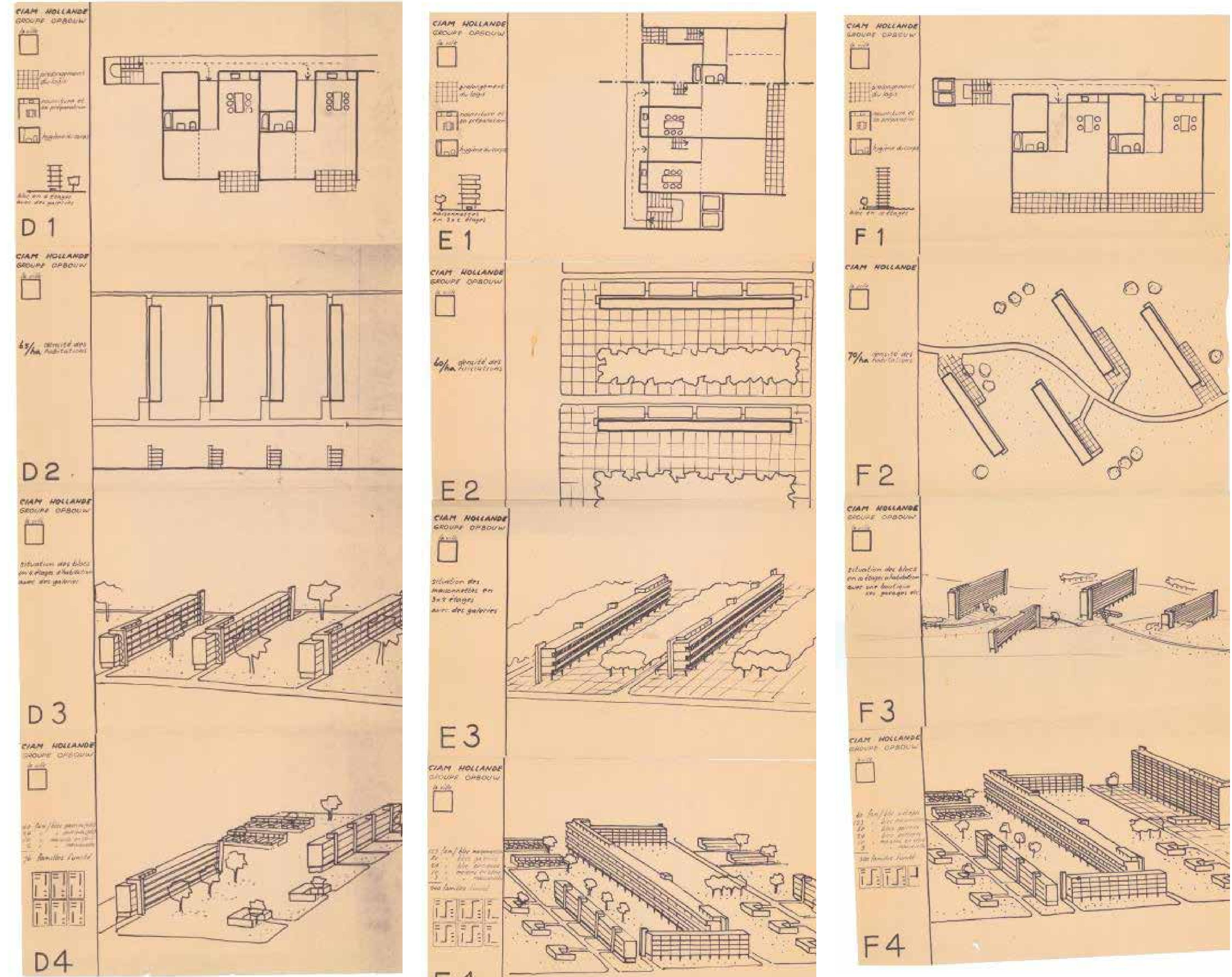


Research subquestions.





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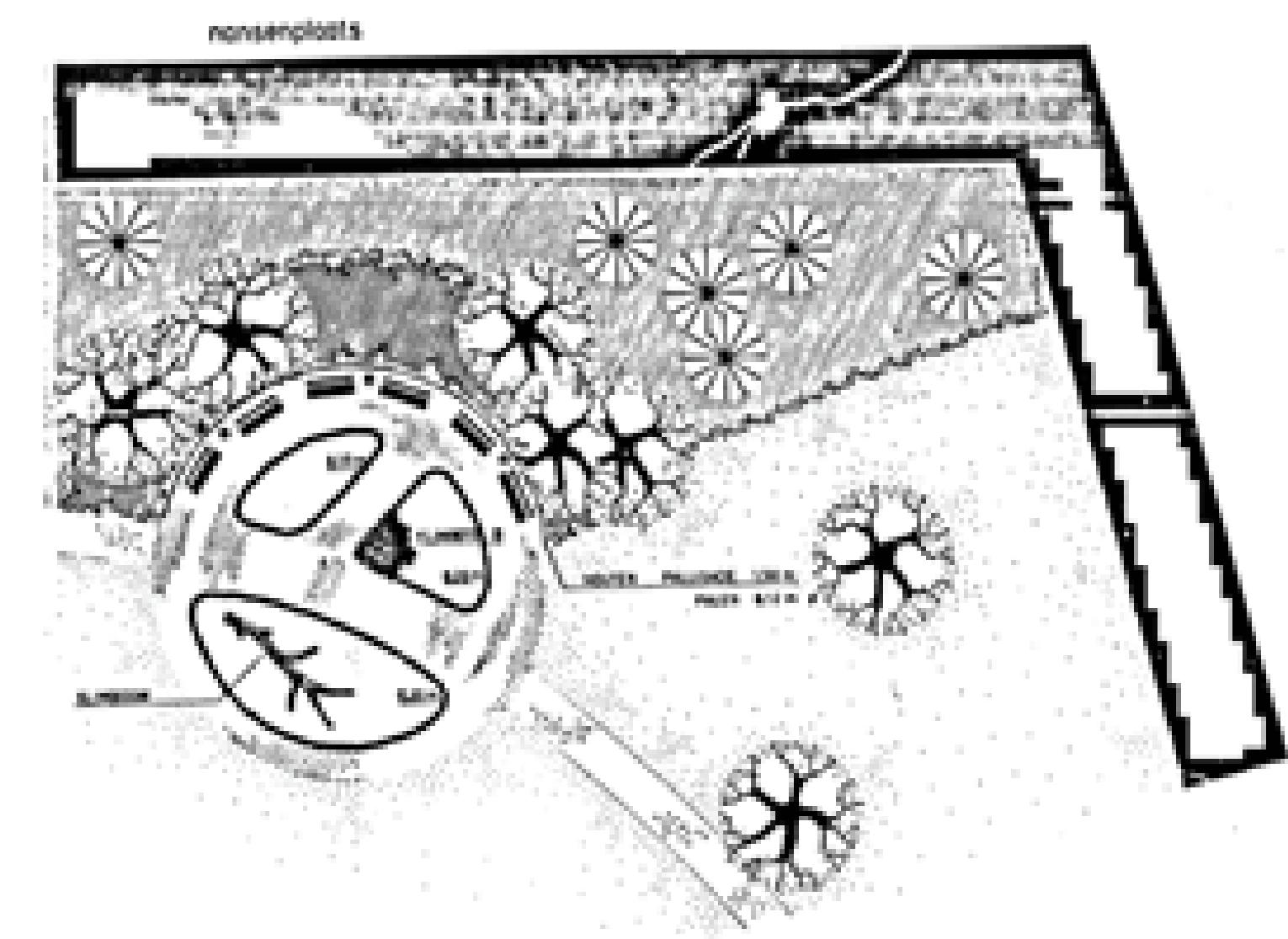
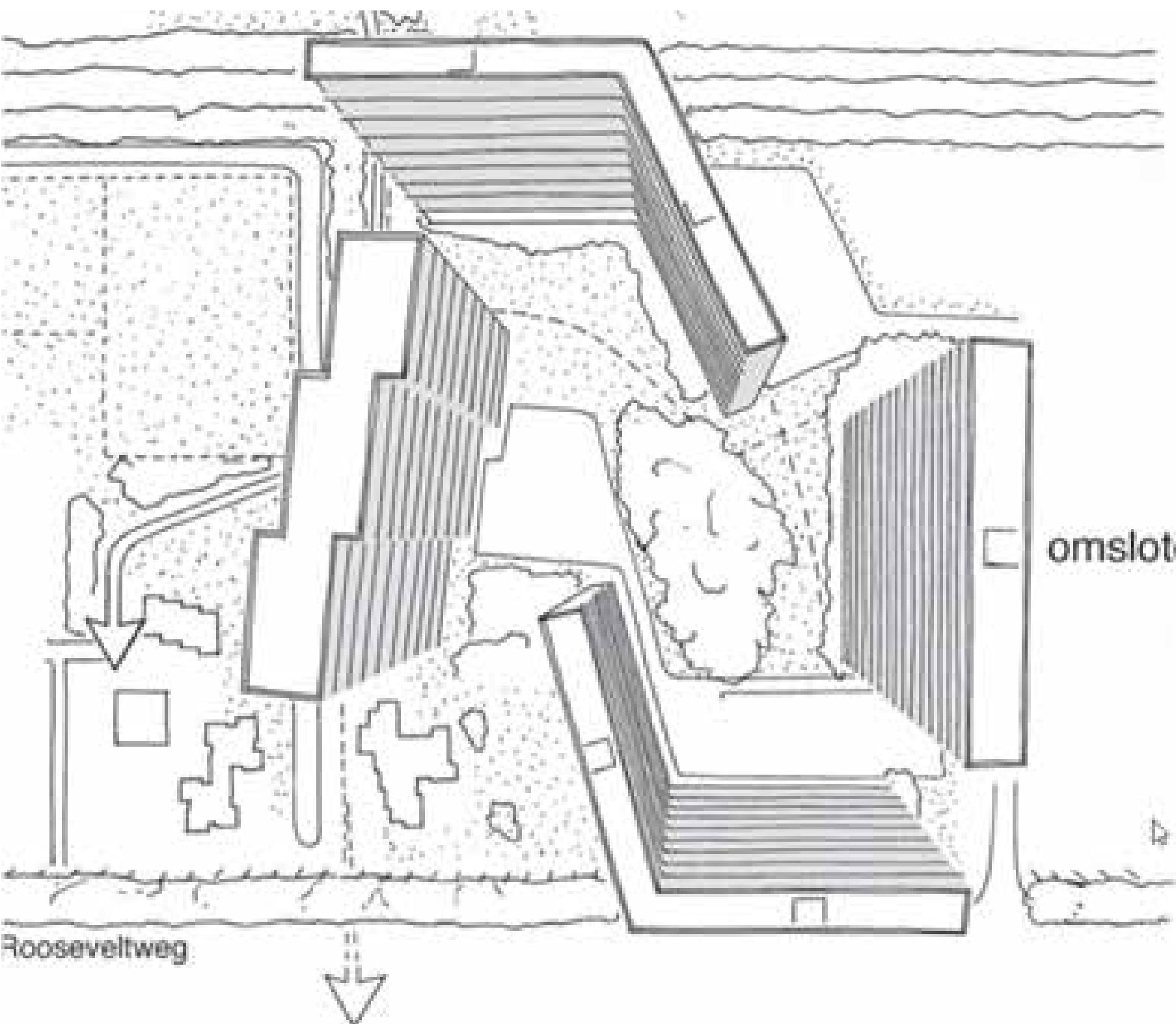


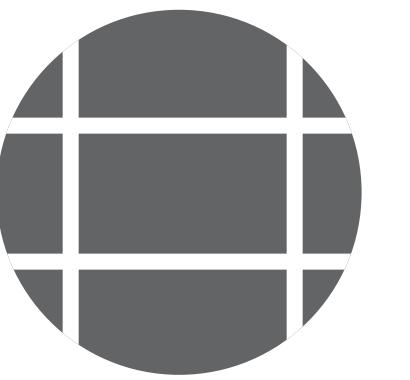
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1. SITE

Local community scale.
L. Stam-Beese designed
urban layout: spaces starting
from the angled buildings
(knikflats) to the details about
public gardens.





1.2. STRUCTURE

Presence of ERA buildings in the Netherlands (1971). Not filled dots mark the building under development.

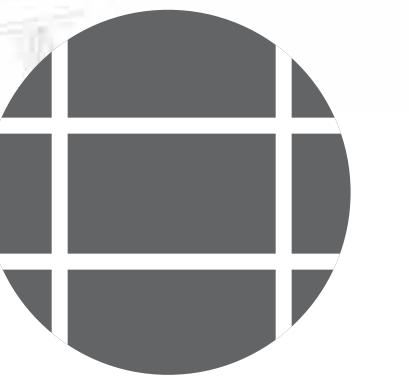
ERA system was similar to the other, casted in-situ systems (Sander, Berda, Wilma II, EBA) and significant in terms of building technology advancement.



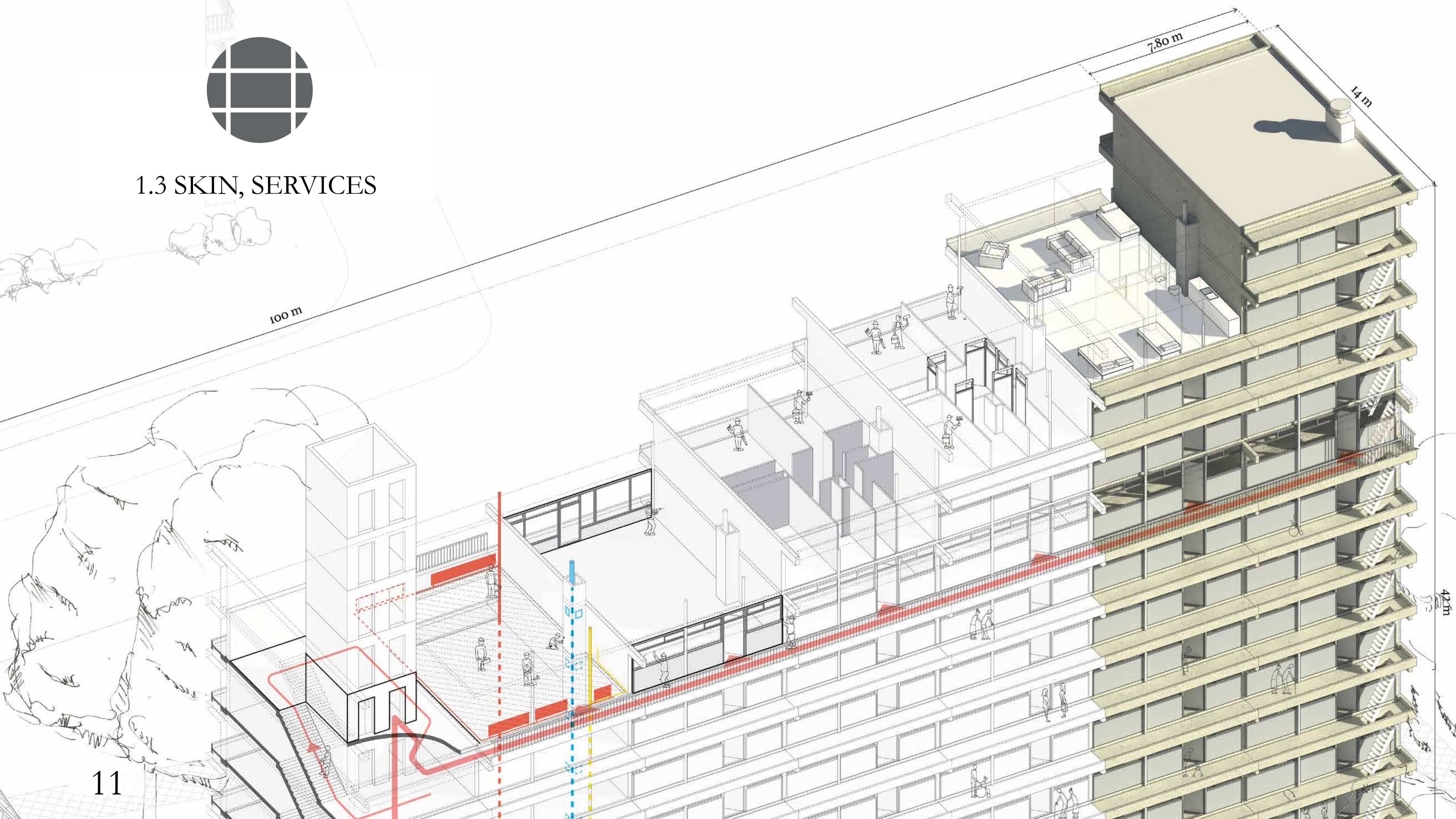


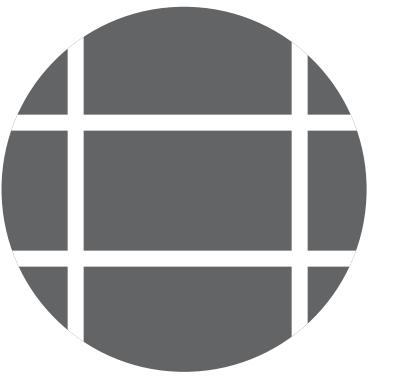
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“Contractors architecture”-
complete design from structural
system...



1.3 SKIN, SERVICES





standard ERA floor layout, scale 1:50

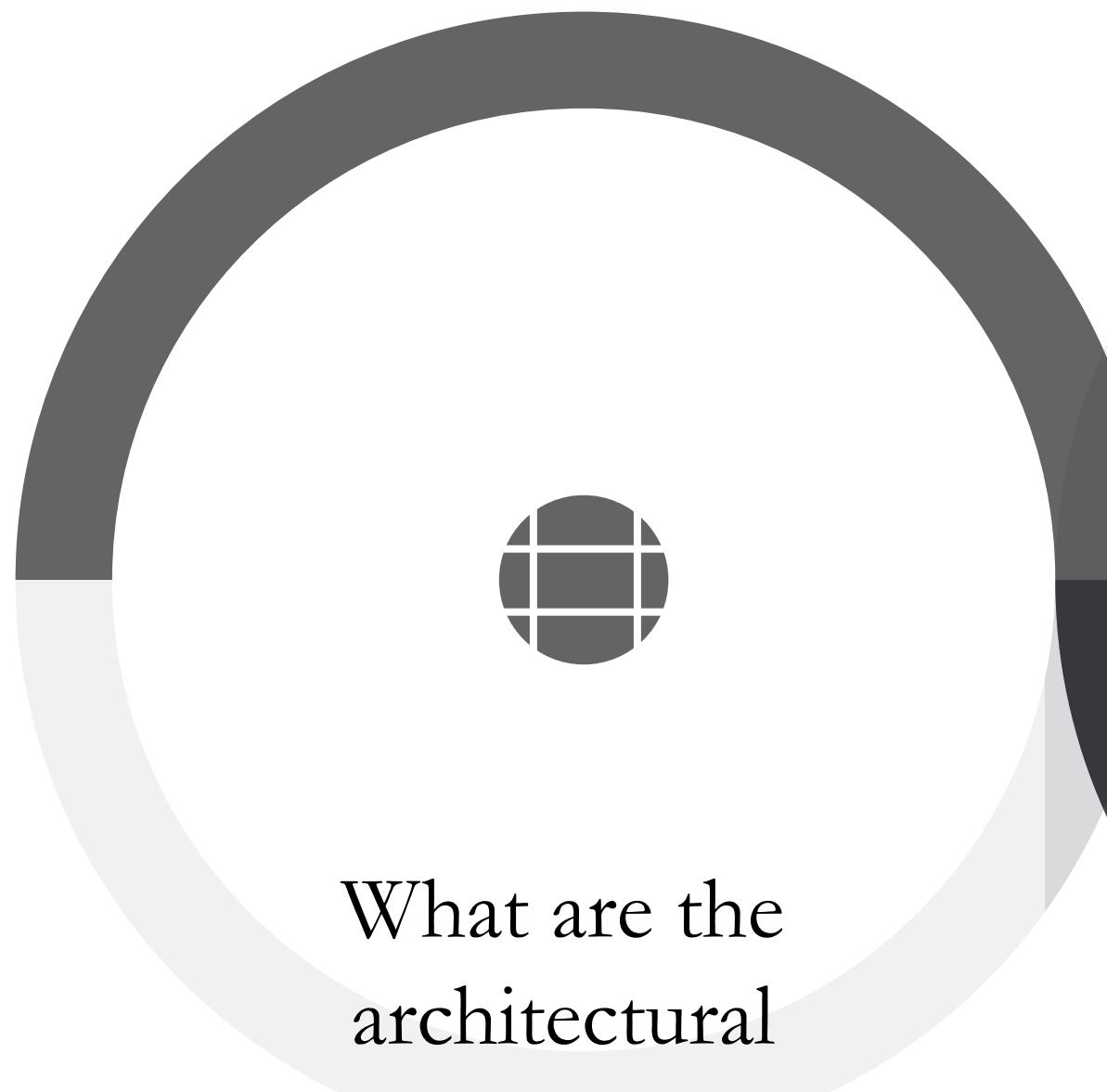
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1.5. SPACE PLAN

Standard gallery apartment for a family in 1960's



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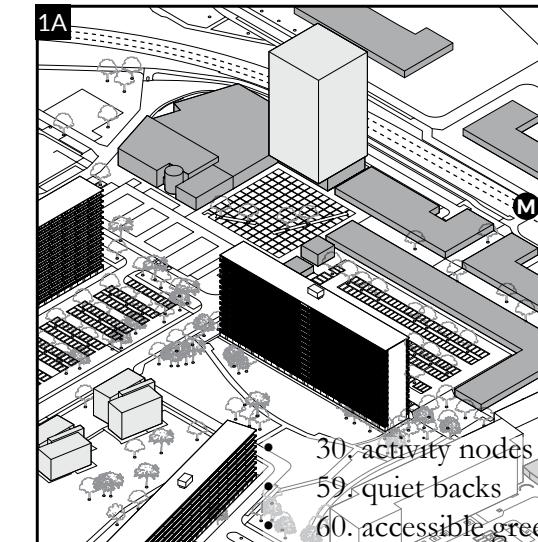


Case studies summary: Transformation interventions in 4 types of space:

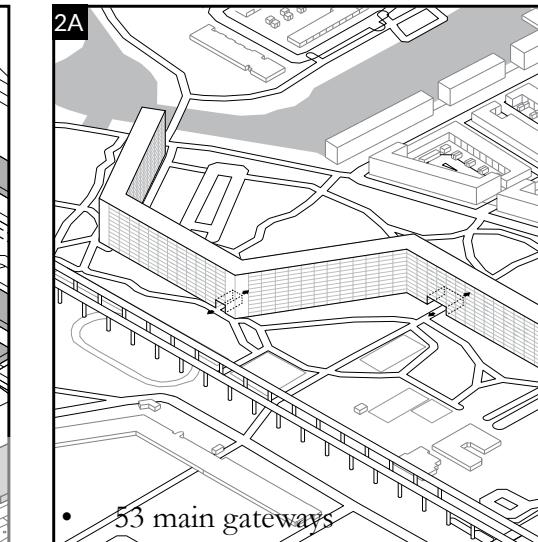
1. Public, accessible to all dwellers
2. Community space & circulation
3. Semi-private balcony space
4. Custom dwelling - private domain

Comparison of qualities after housing transformation.

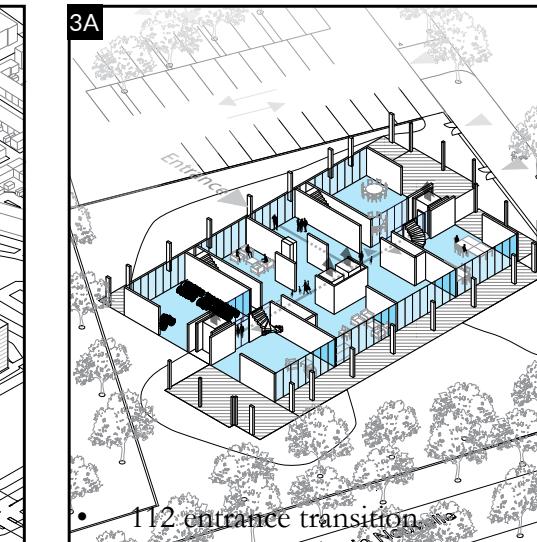
Ommoord, Rotterdam
& Buitenhof, Delft



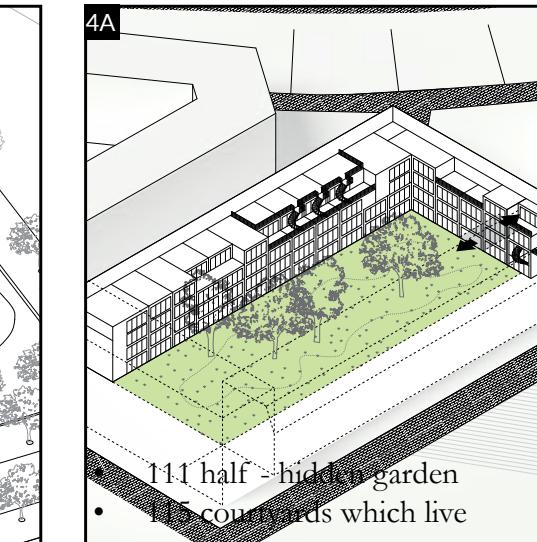
Kleiburg, Amsterdam



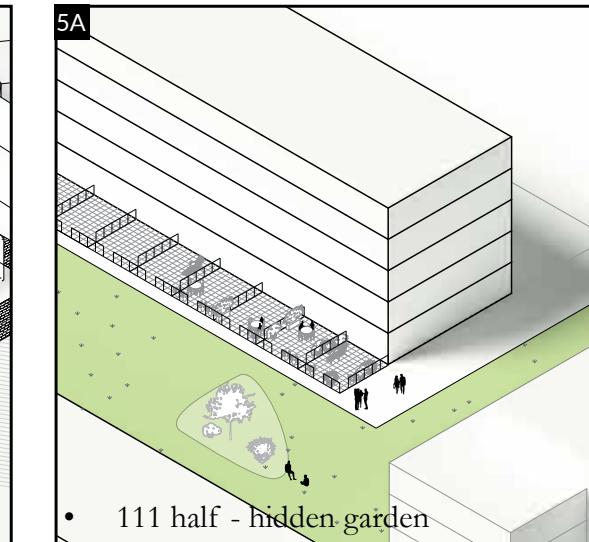
Bois-Le-Prêtre Tower Block, Paris



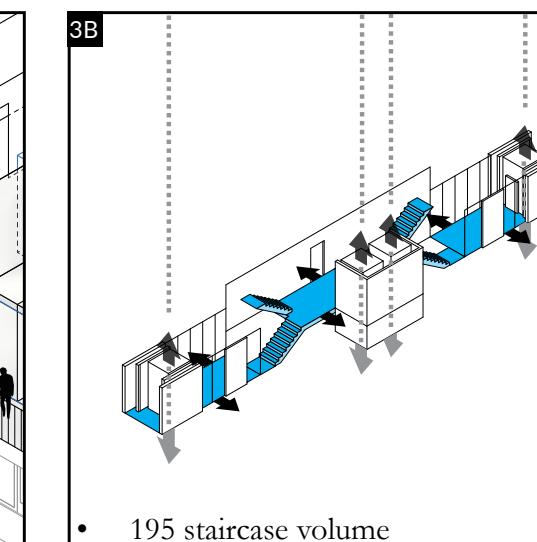
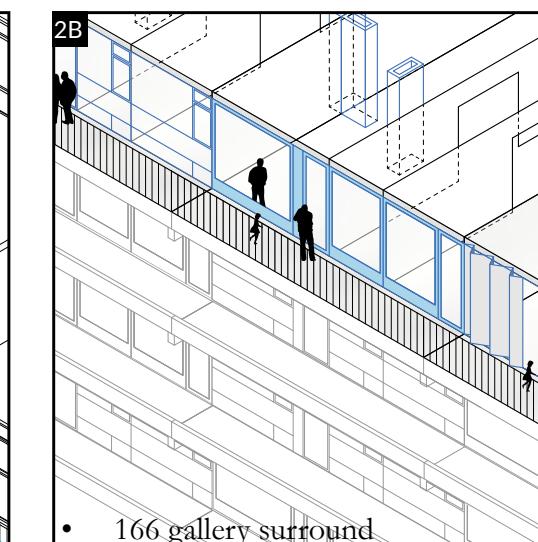
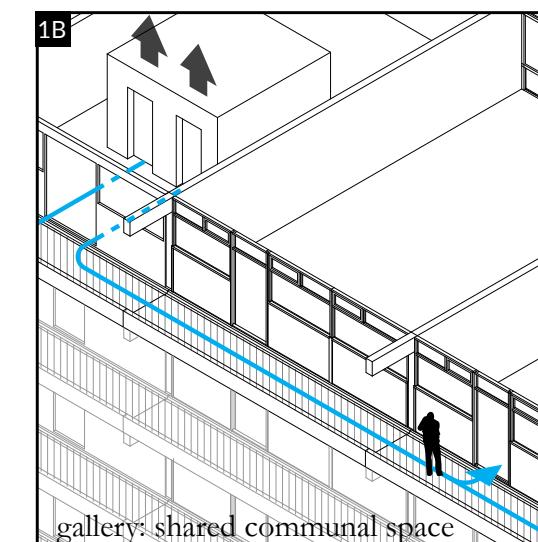
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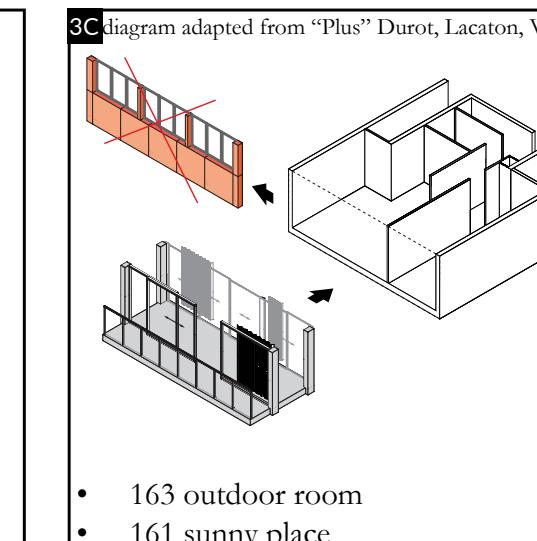
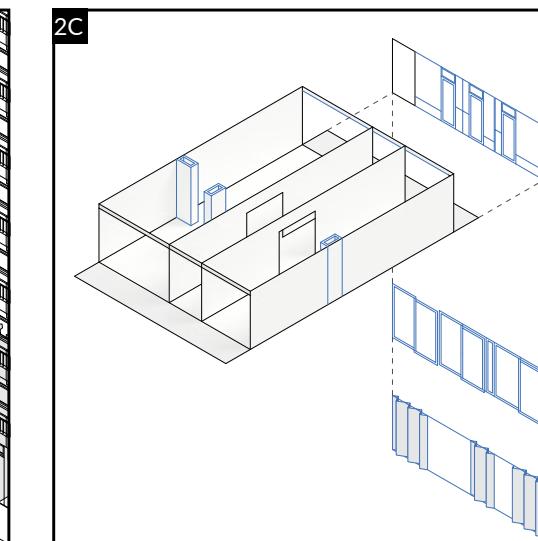
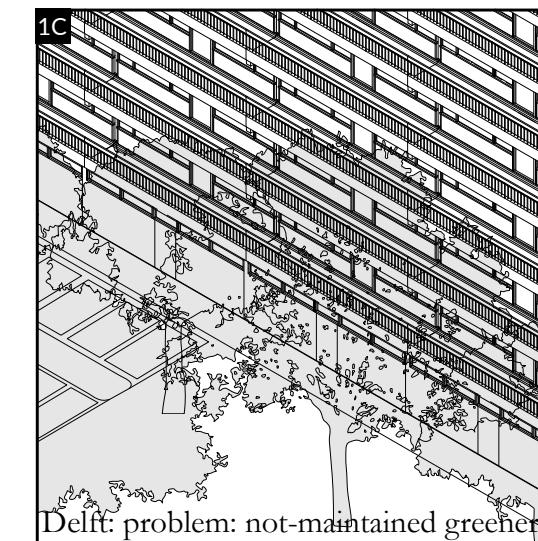
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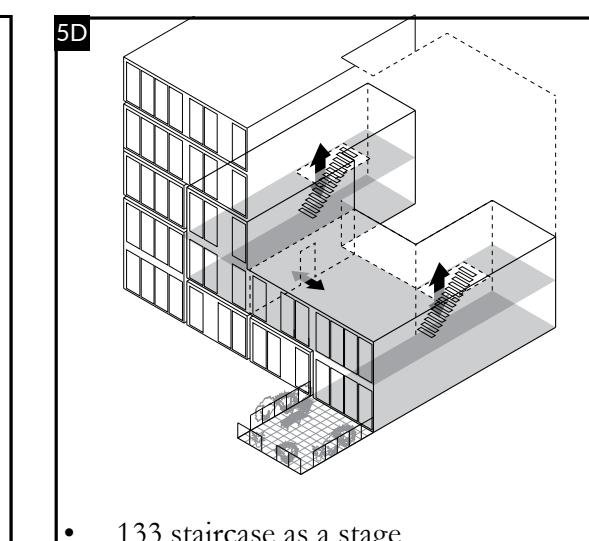
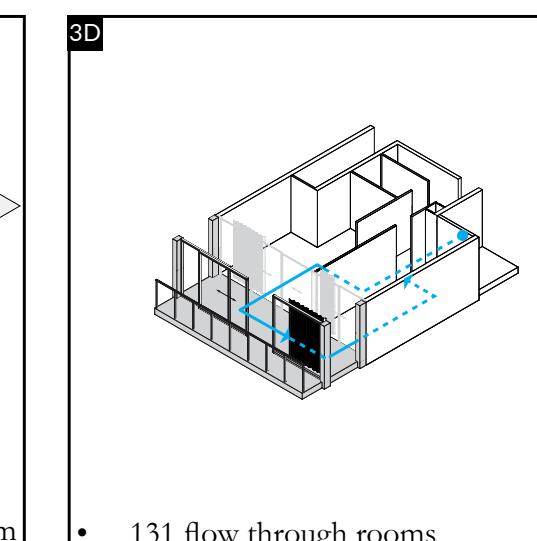
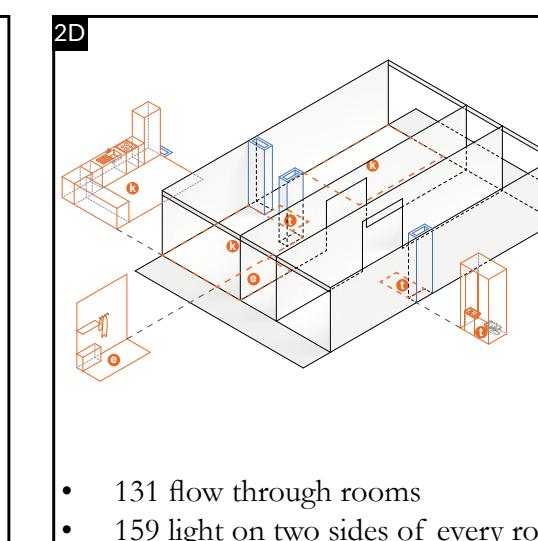
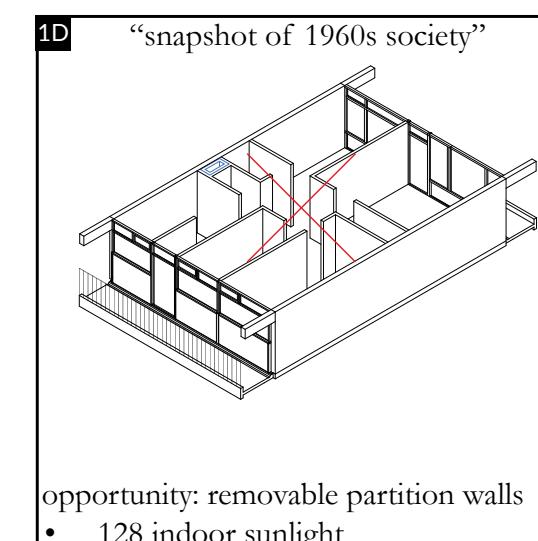
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Discussion:
Transformation process and resilience of housing estates. Is Ommoord a site suitable for radical housing transformation?





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Photography from 1967:
17/30. Rotterdam Ommoord.
Een wederopbouwgebied van
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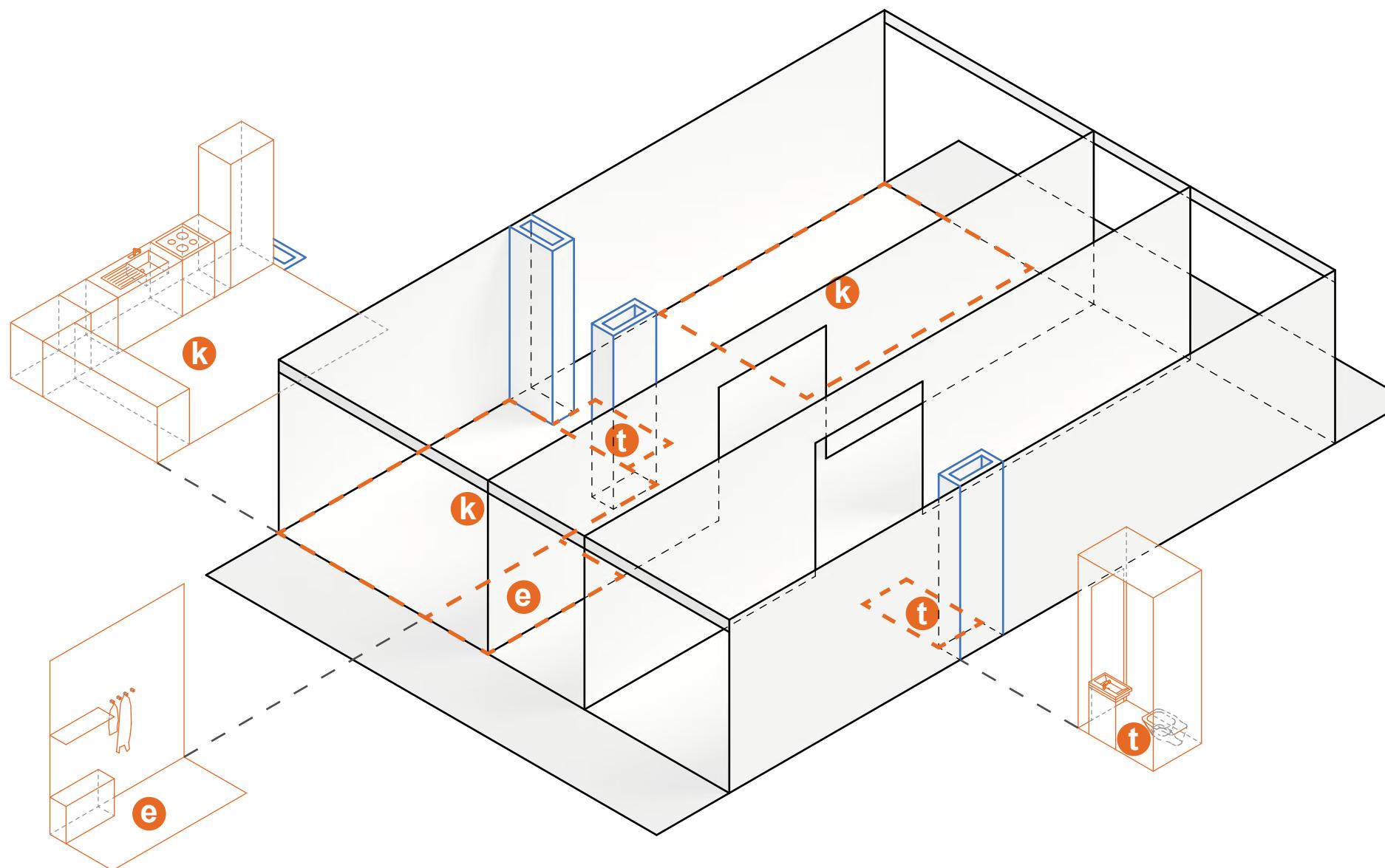


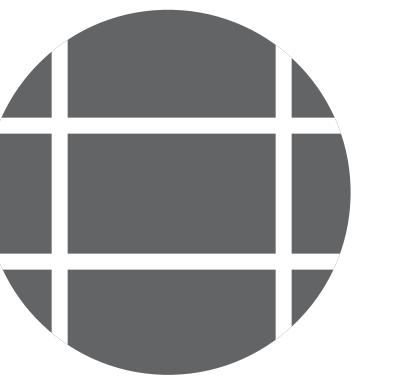


2.1 Case studies

Steps in design process of
“klusflat” - DIY apartment
typology:

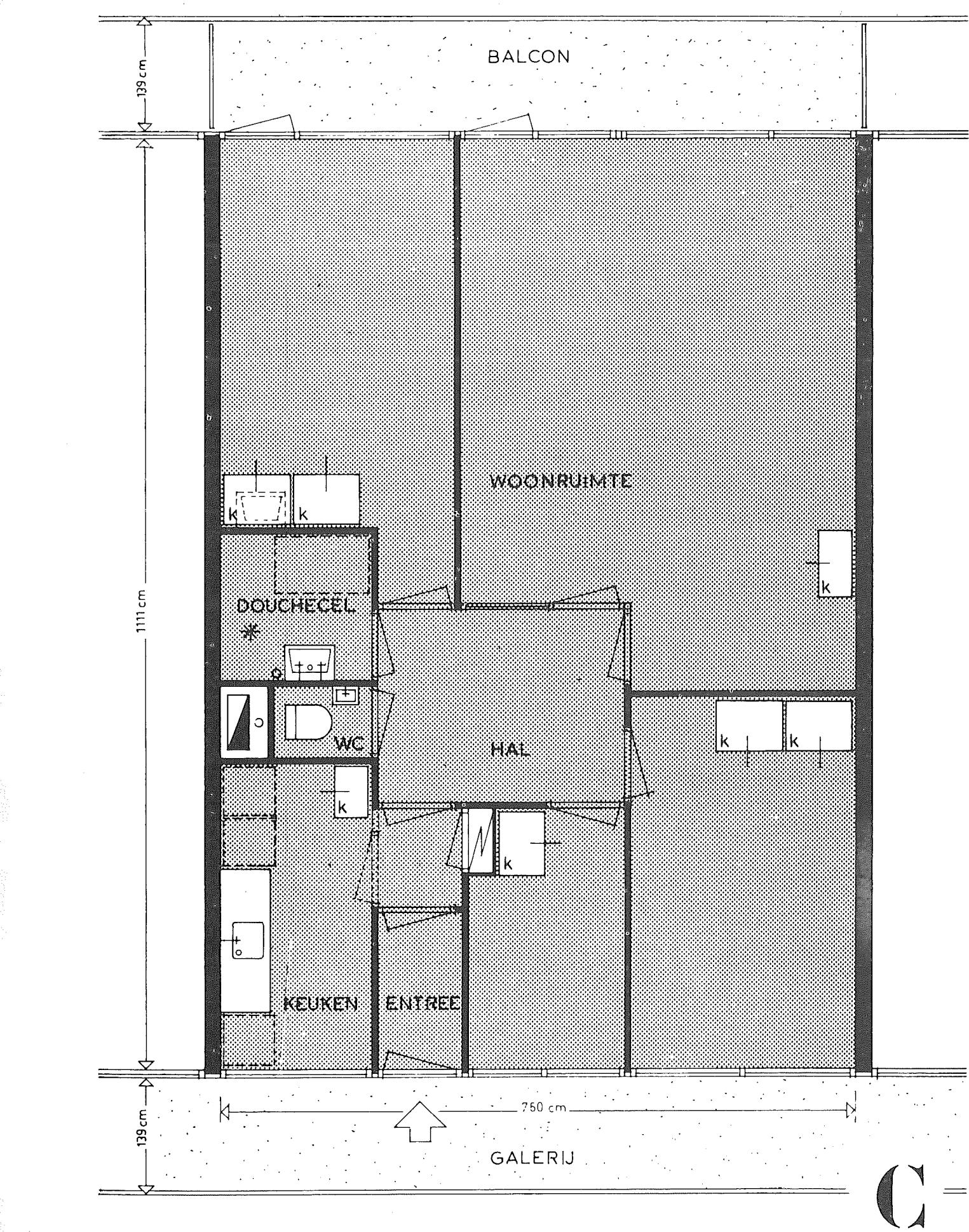
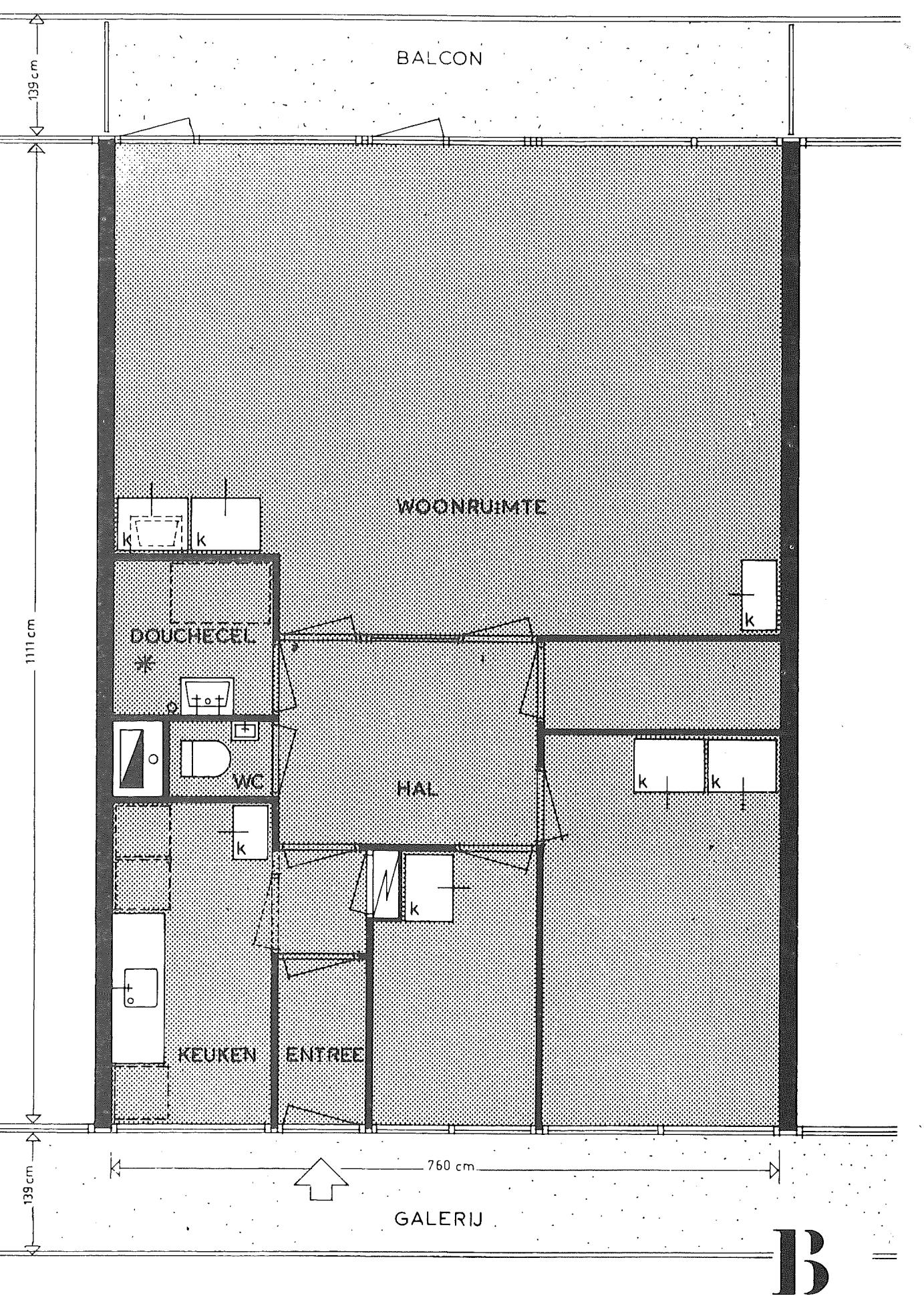
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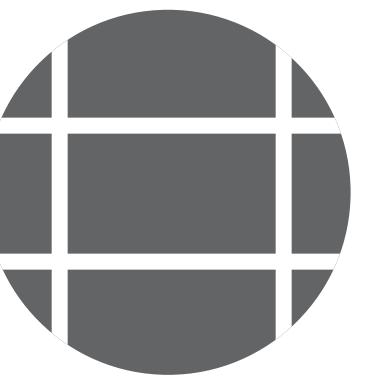




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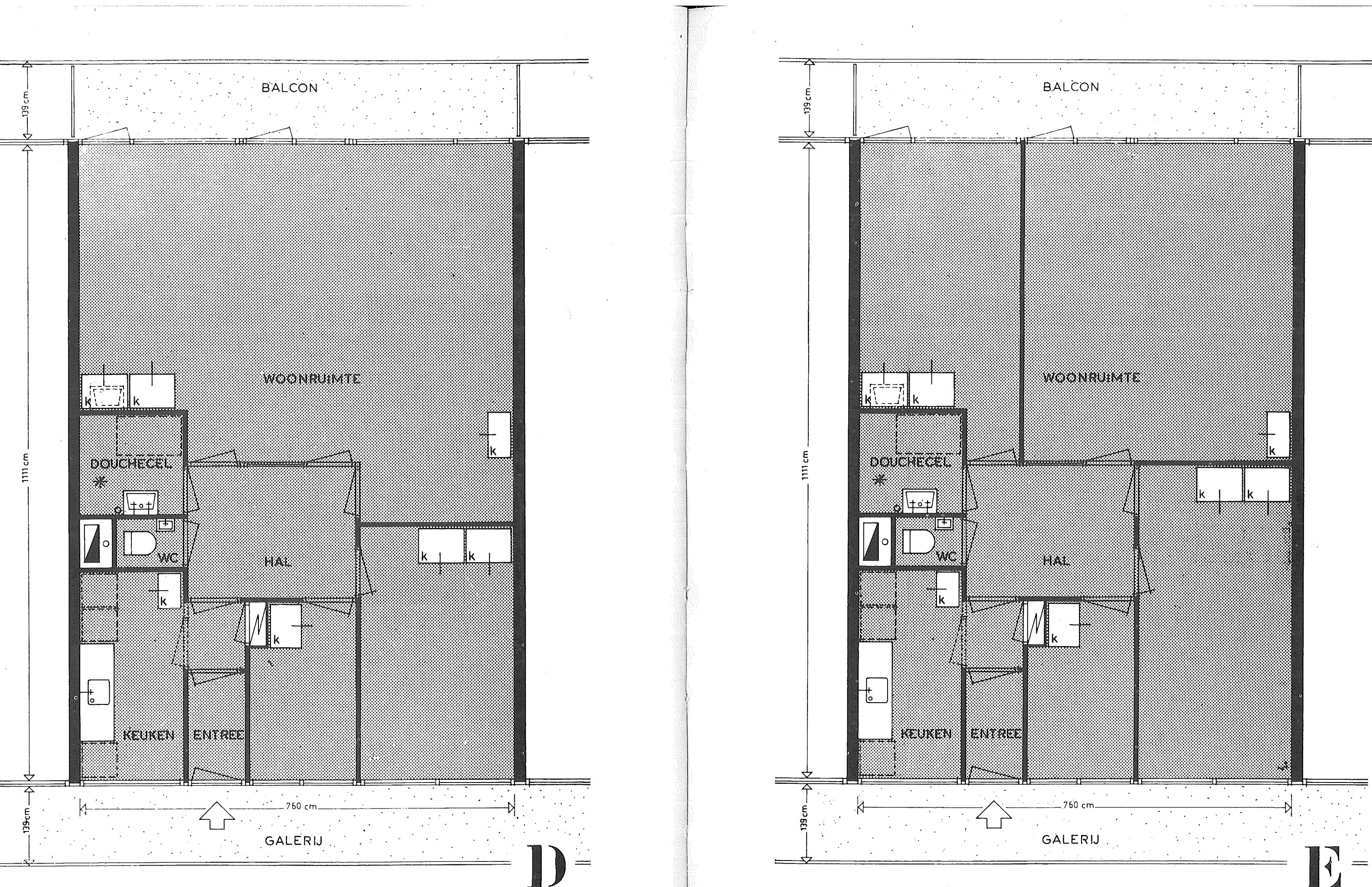
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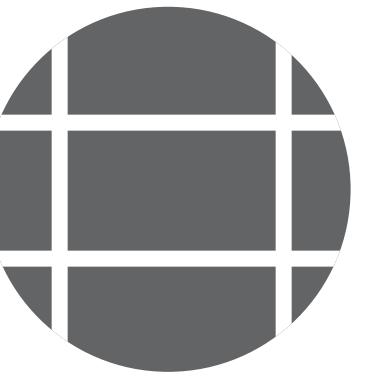




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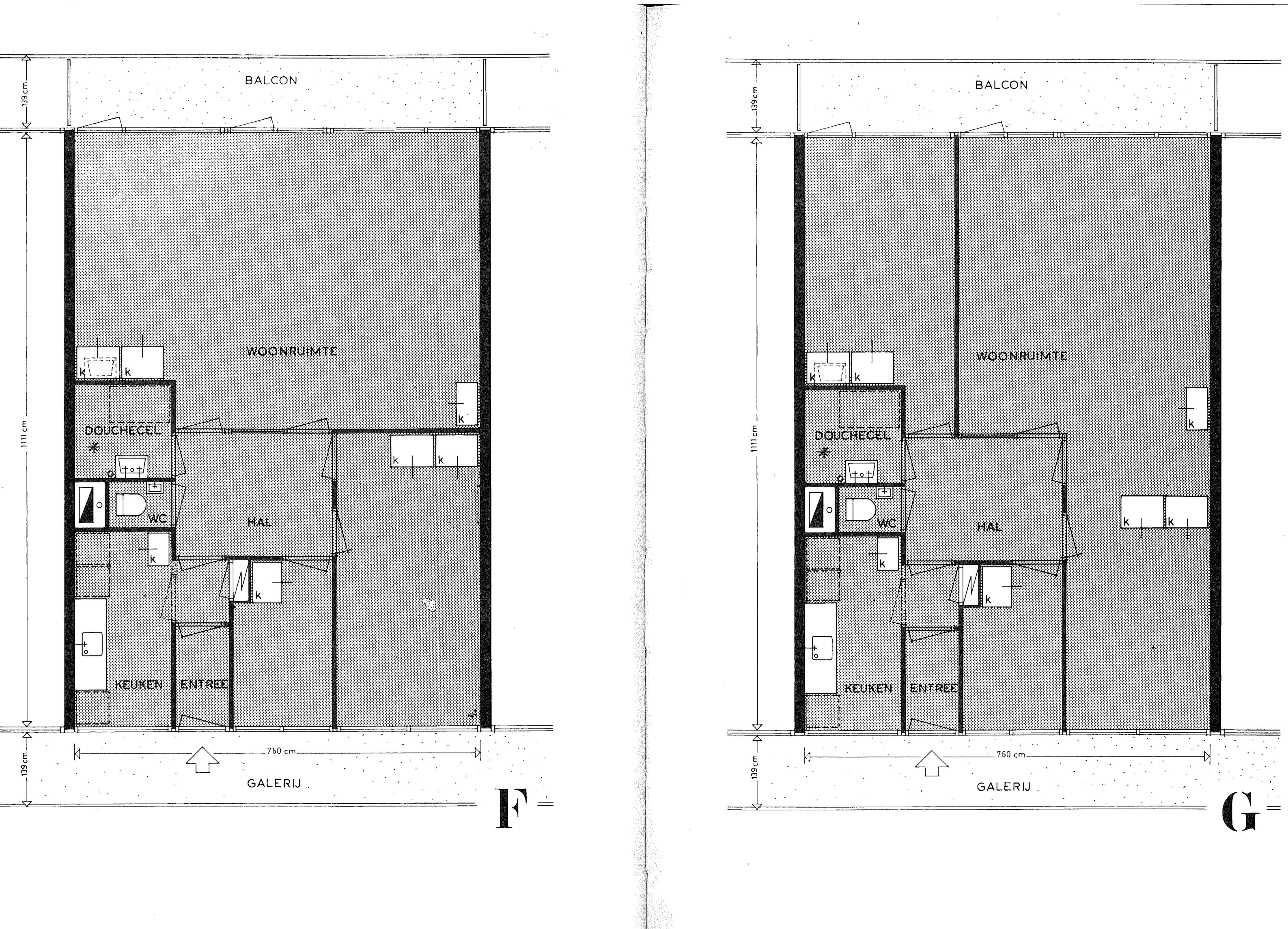
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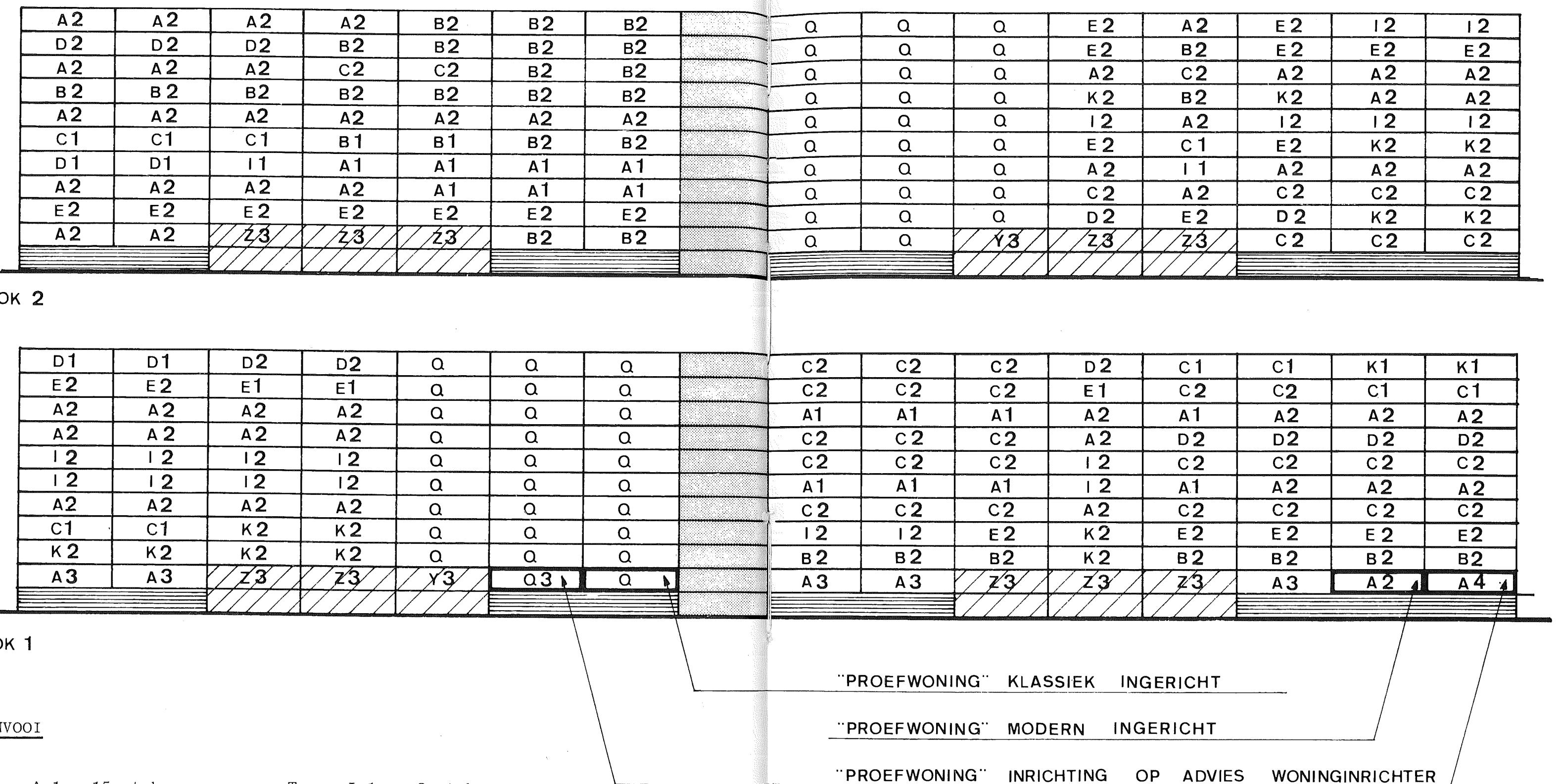




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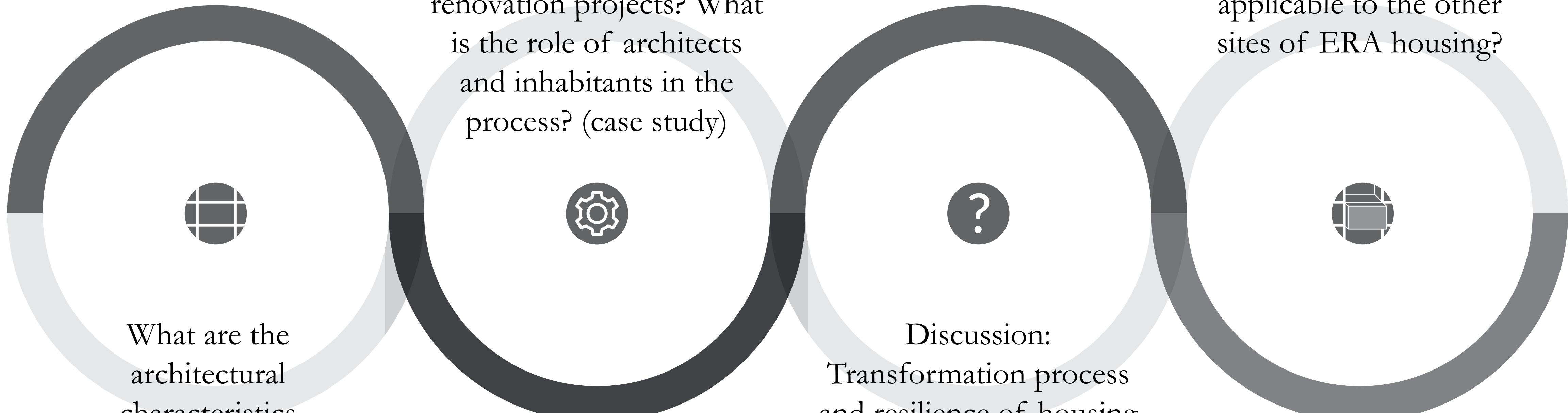
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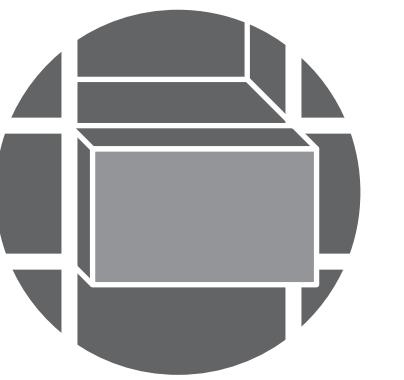


Type A 1 - 15 stuks
Type A 2 - 55 stuks
Type B 1 - 2 stuks
Type B 2 - 29 stuks
Type C 1 - 10 stuks
Type C 2 - 35 stuks
Type D 1 - 4 stuks
Type D 2 - 12 stuks
Type E 1 - 3 stuks
Type E 2 - 23 stuks

Type I 1 - 2 stuks
Type I 2 - 18 stuks
Type K 1 - 2 stuks
Type K 2 - 14 stuks
Type Q - 57 stuks
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Research subquestions and research process

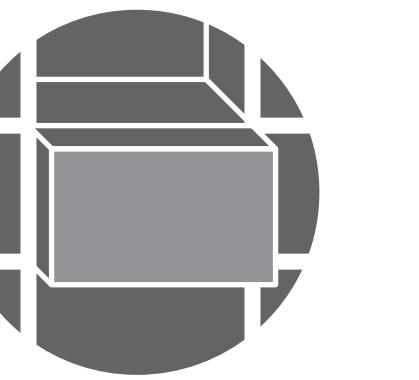




4. Reflection

Is methodology of radical transformation applicable to the other sites of ERAhousing?

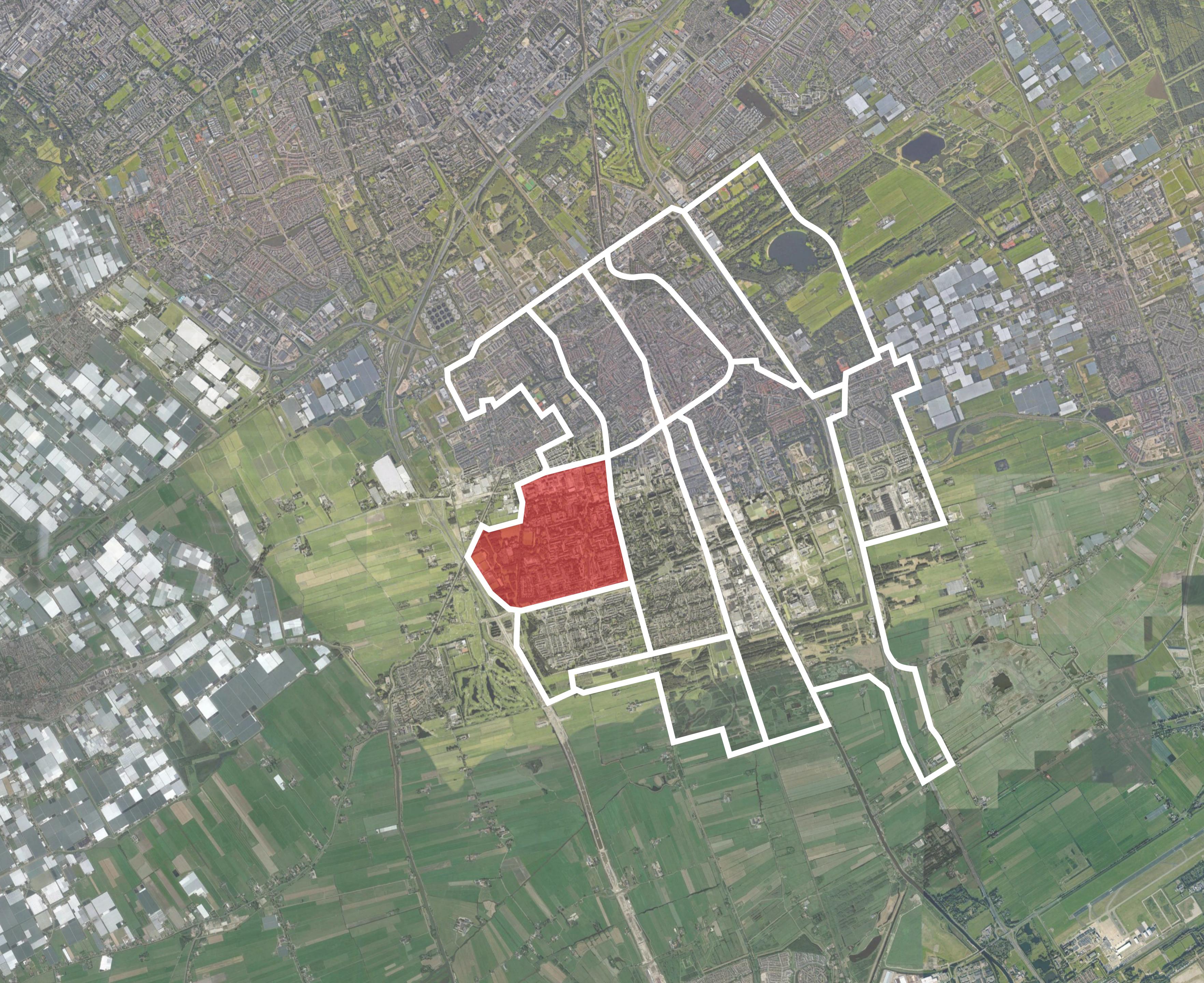




Other ERA housing projects:
Buitenhof post-war
development in Delft.

“textbook example of
sweeping modernist urban
planning, which development
was stopped around 1970s.”

Reinout Rutte, H. o. A. a. U. P. (2016). History of Delft. 17th IPHS Conference, Delft 2016.





Other ERA housing projects:
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Location: secluded, bordered
by hospital complex and not-
accessible polder







DANNY ZOEKT PROBLEMEN

Vanavond 21.50





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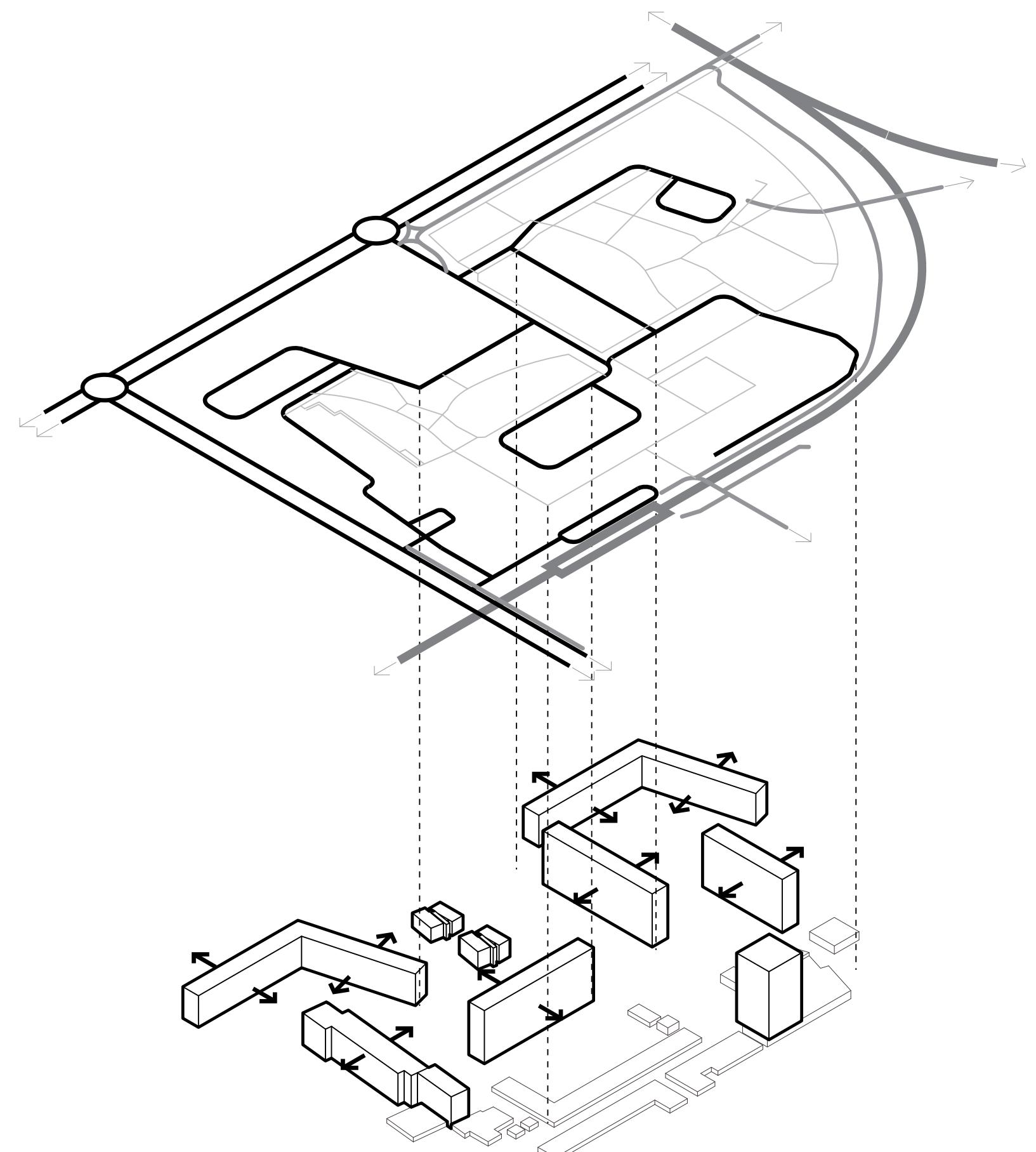
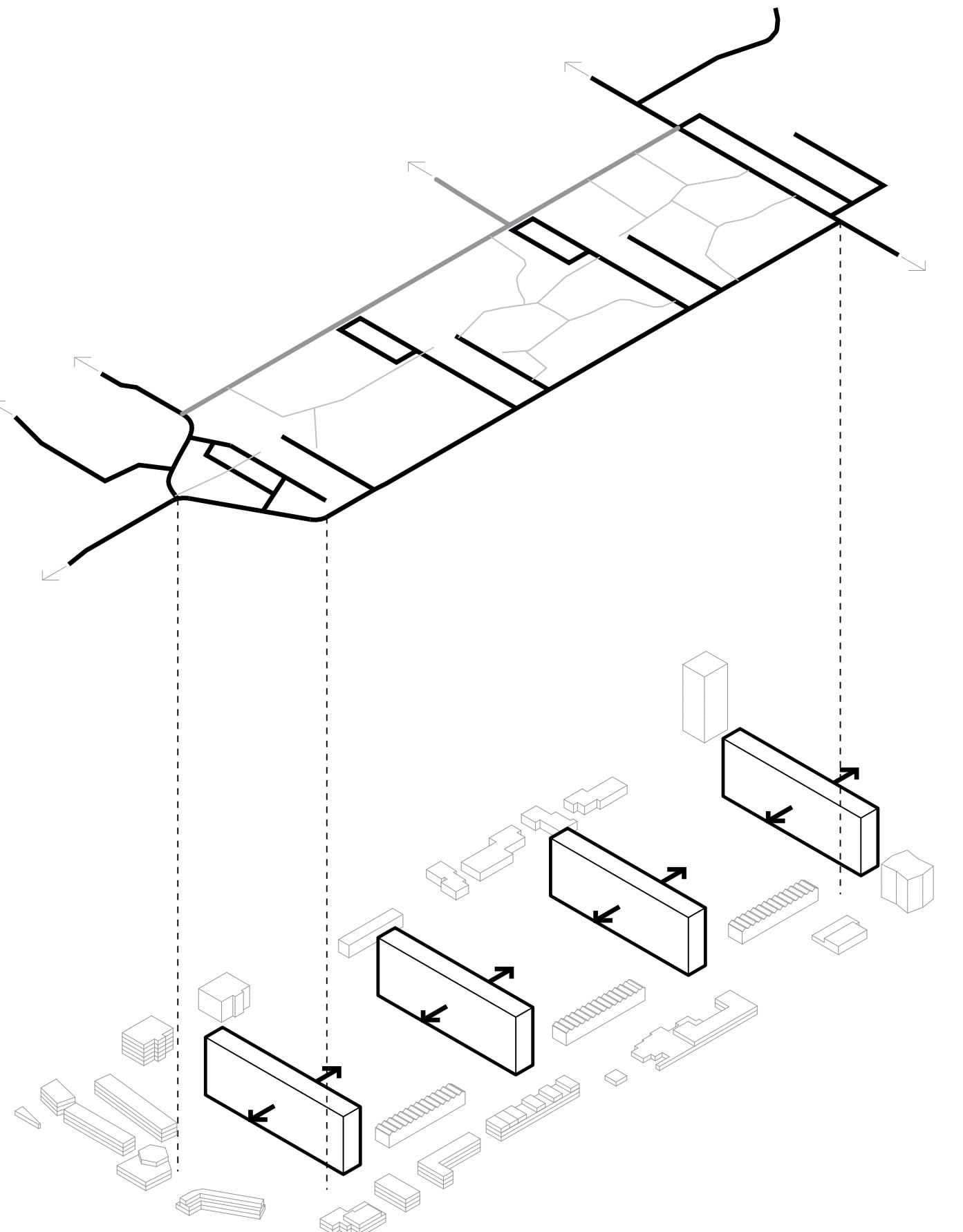
Basic facilities in the area.





Comparison: Buitenhof and Ommoord

Conclusion: Blocks in Delft
as pure execution of ERA
system, without research-
based urban planning visible
in Ommoord, Rotterdam.

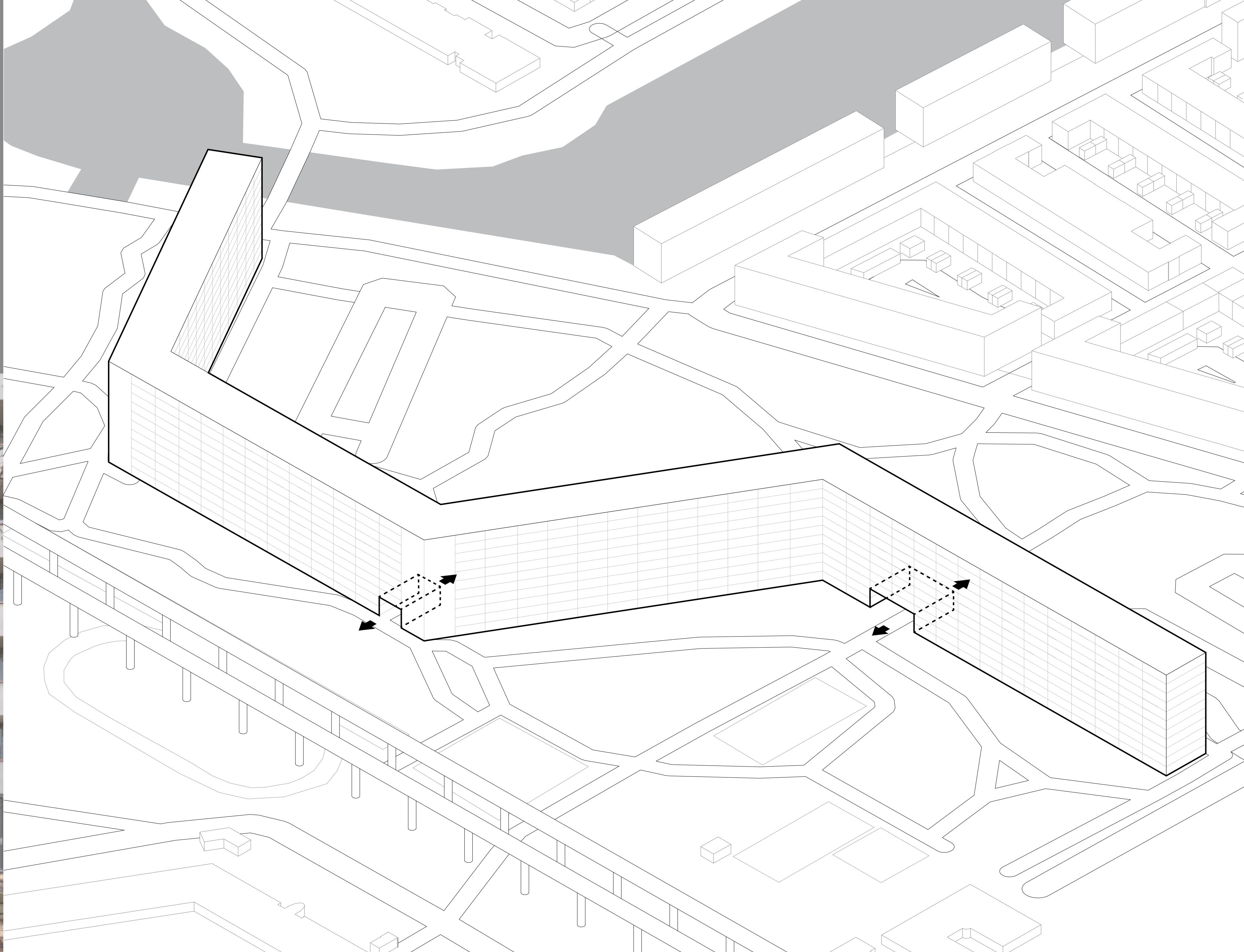




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Kleiburg: NL Architects and XVW Architectuur, Amsterdam

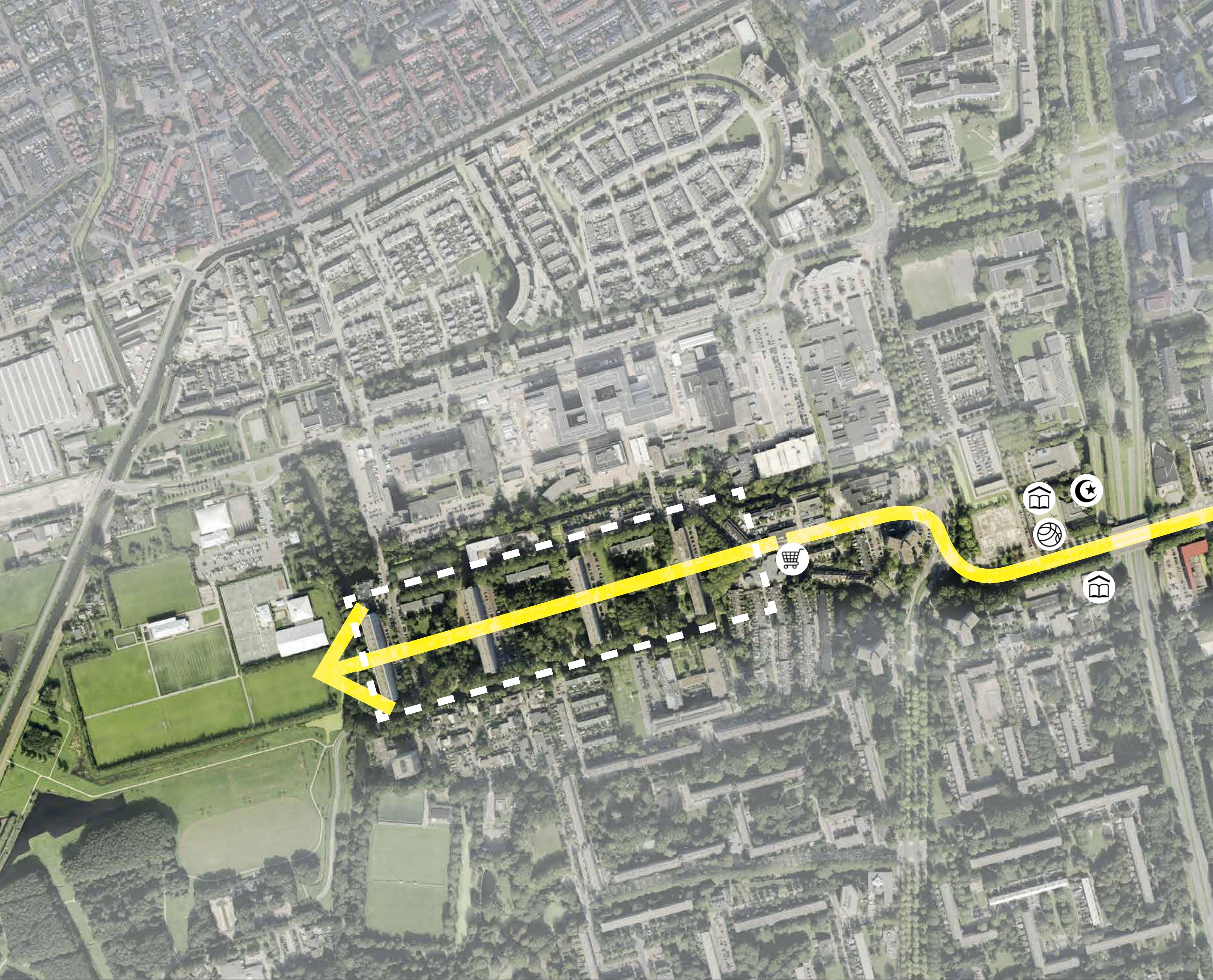
Strategy: “Revamp the whole”

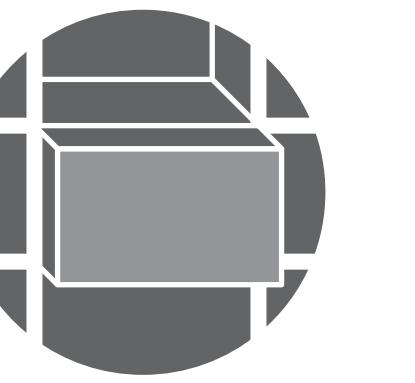




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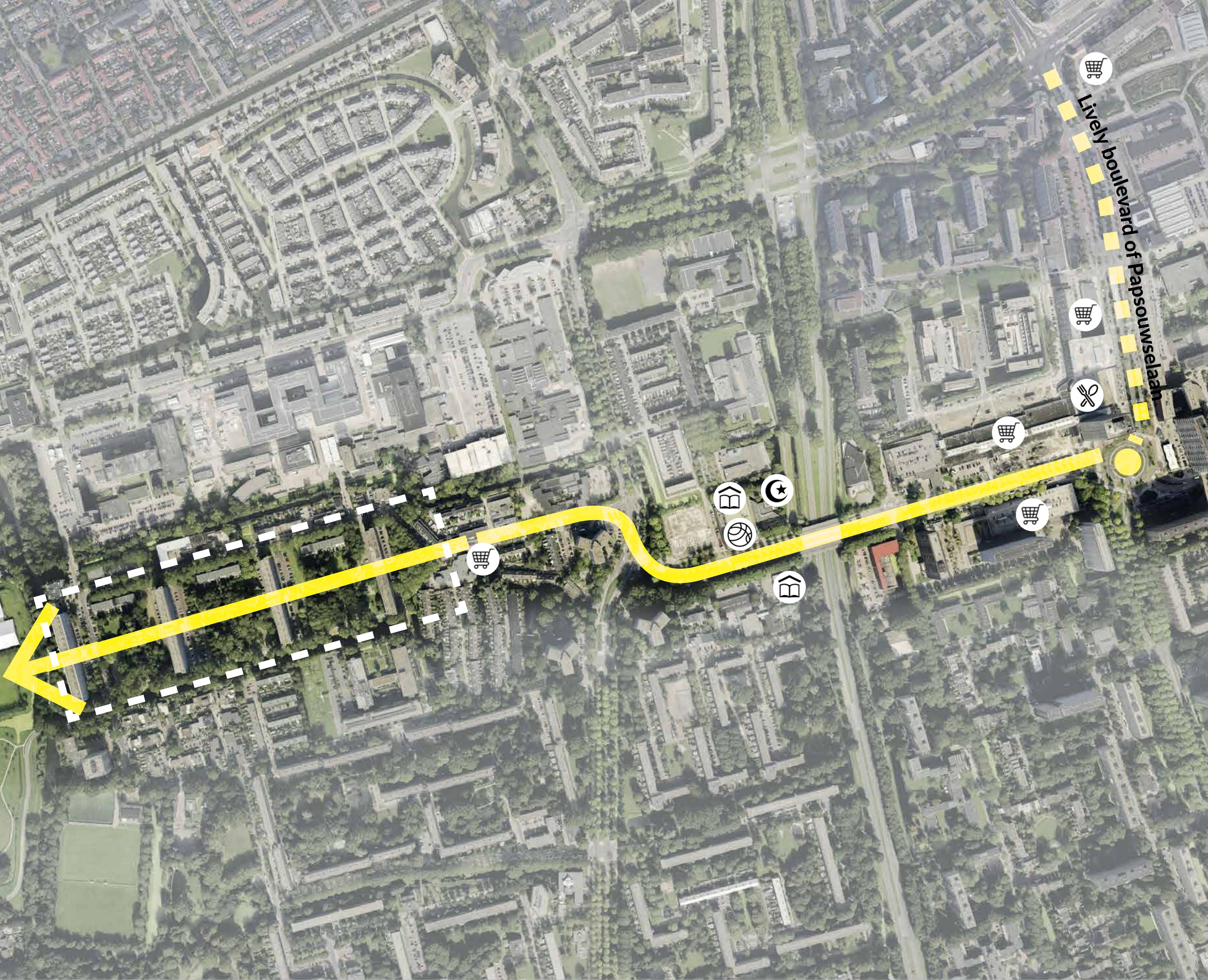
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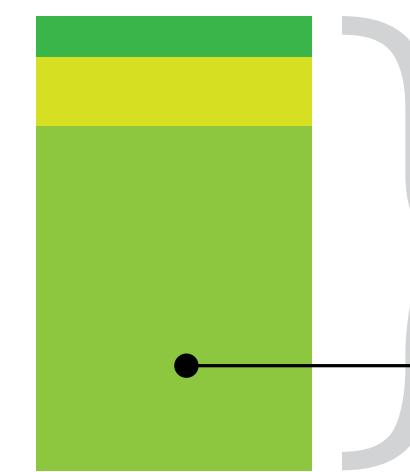
Necessity of re-connection in
larger scale, to the centre of
the district.





Other ERA housing projects:
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development in Delft.

Existing program:
monofunctional district of
housing blocks.



SPACE BETWEEN BLOCKS

33 550 m²

neglected, empty lawn



PARKING LOTS

14 923 m², approx. 565 parking spaces

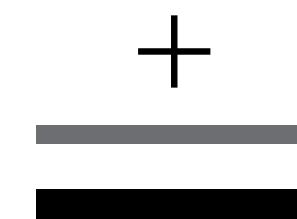


4 HOUSING BLOCKS - ERA-SYSTEM

99 360 m²

630 dwelling units, 65 856 m²

local businesses within dwellings: Funeral Home, Driving school, Vietnamese restaurant, Sport Store, Gardening Assiciation, Gardening shop, Hairdresser.

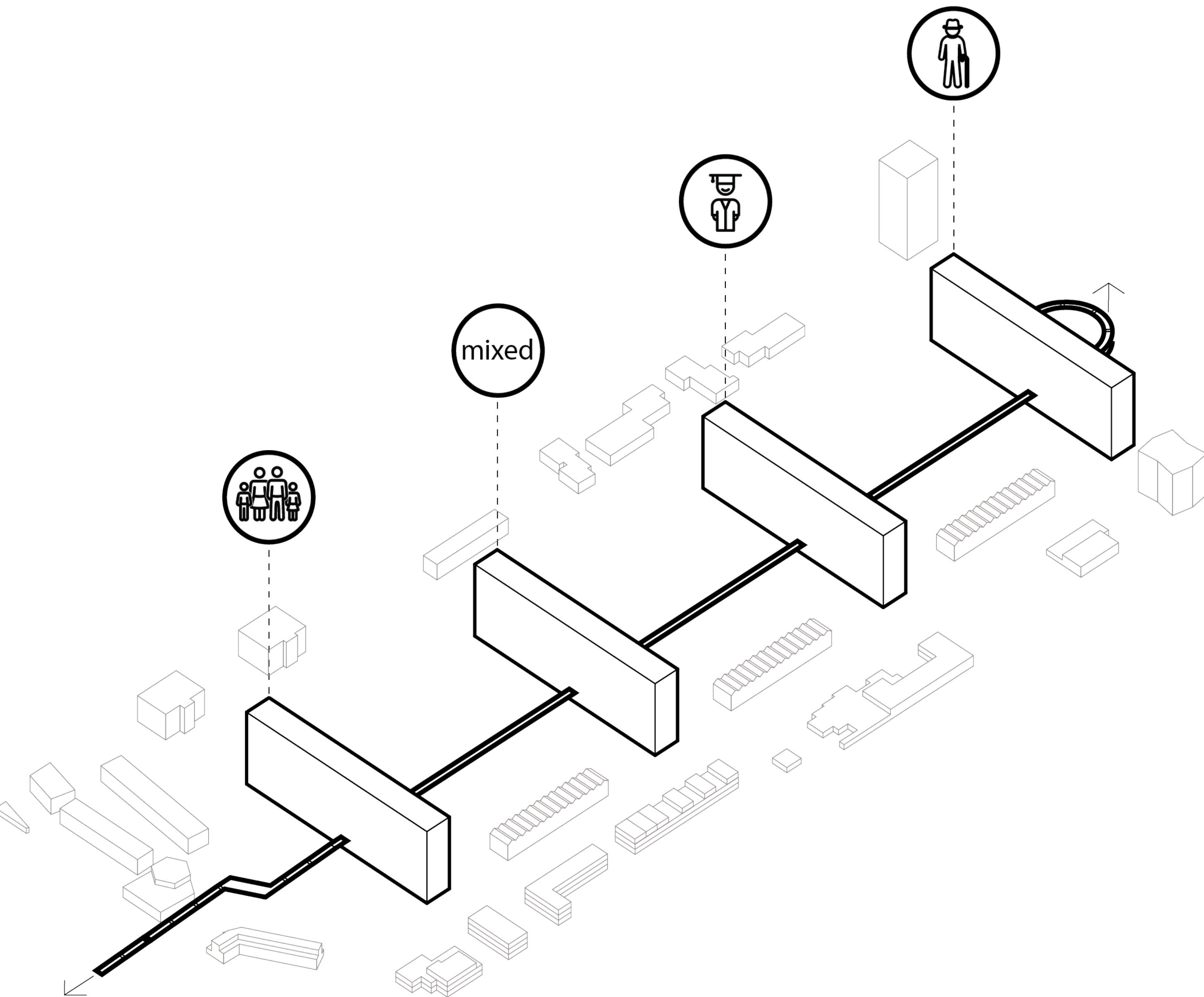


Physiotherapy facility ~1325 m²

Elementary school. ~2500 m²



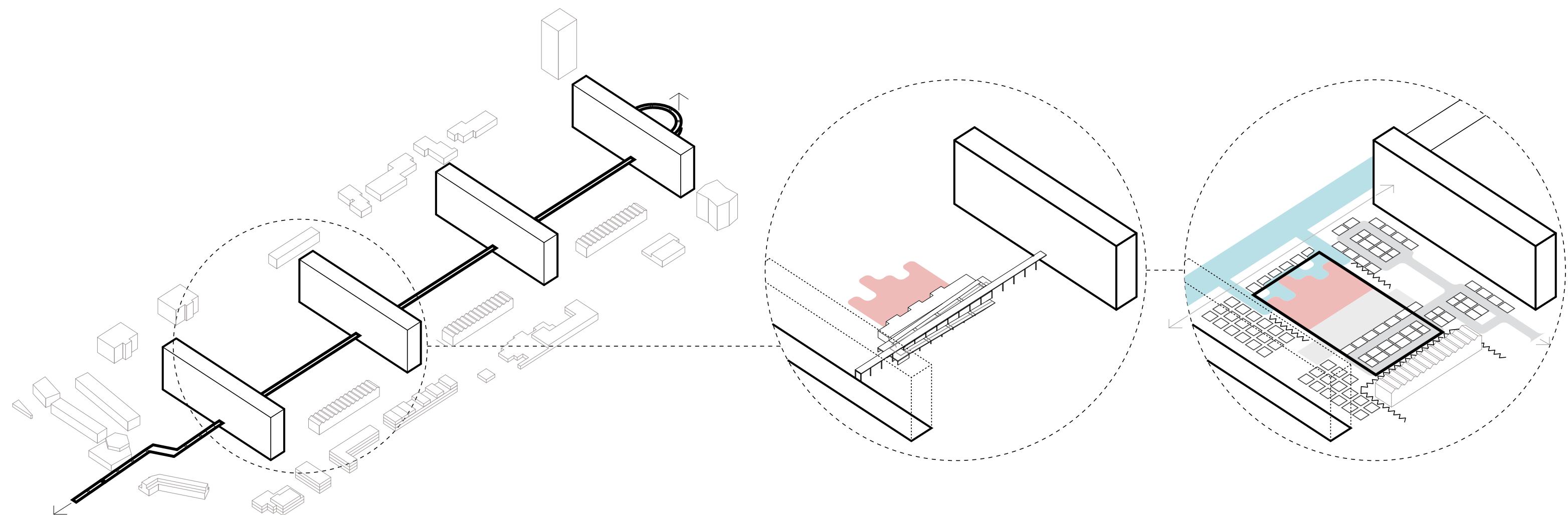
Social diversity, however
separated in 4 blocks



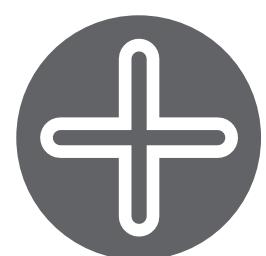
Transformation design in 3 aspects:

Multi-level strategy of re-connecting ERA flats to the district and opening towards the polder

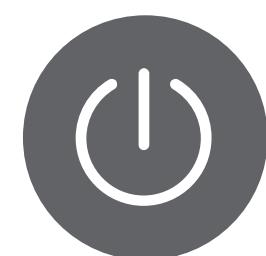
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2. Re-programming



3. Activation

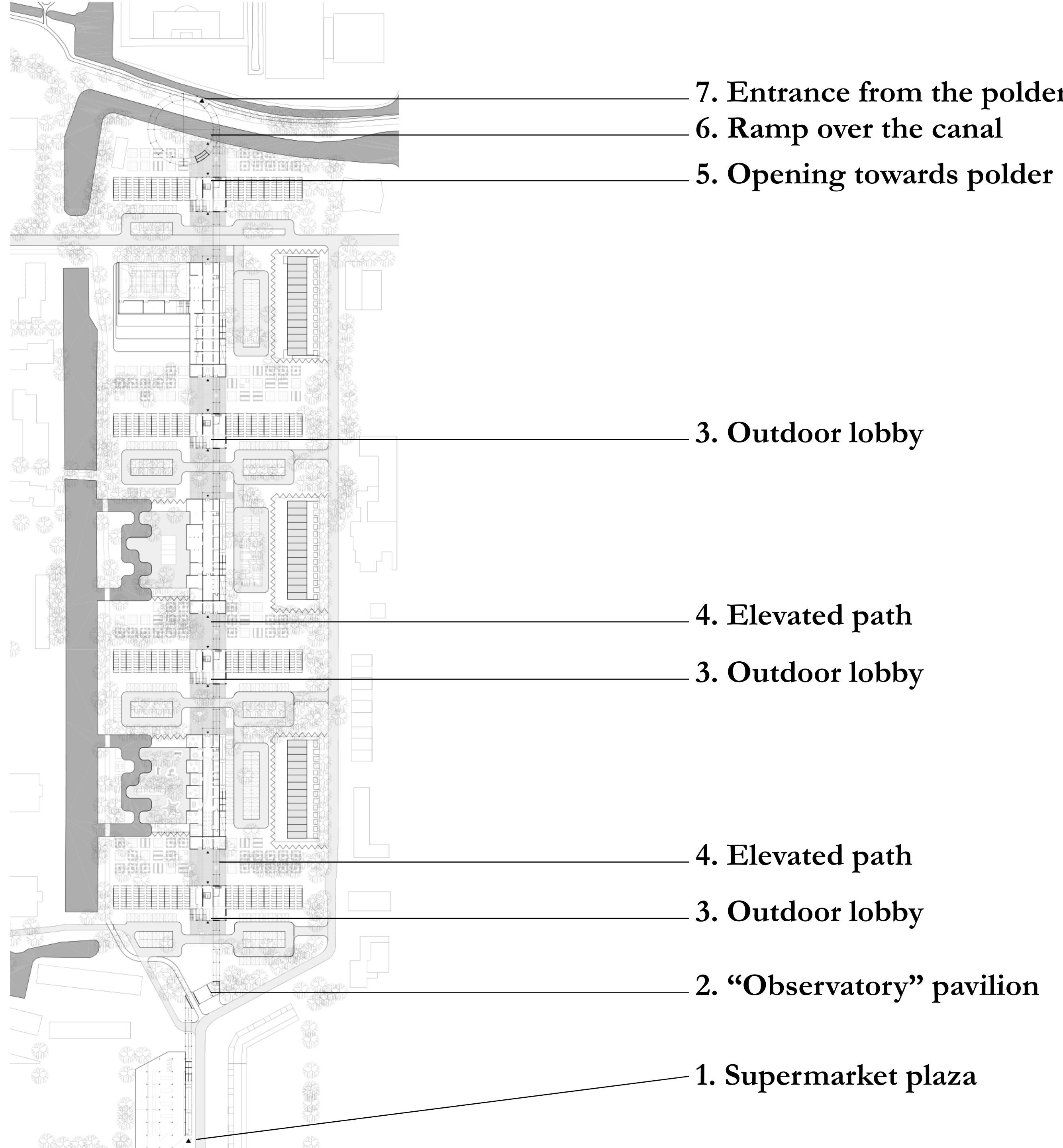




Steps of Transformation Design

1. CONNECTION

Narration inspired by
“Townscapes” by G. Cullen











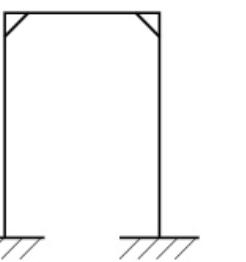






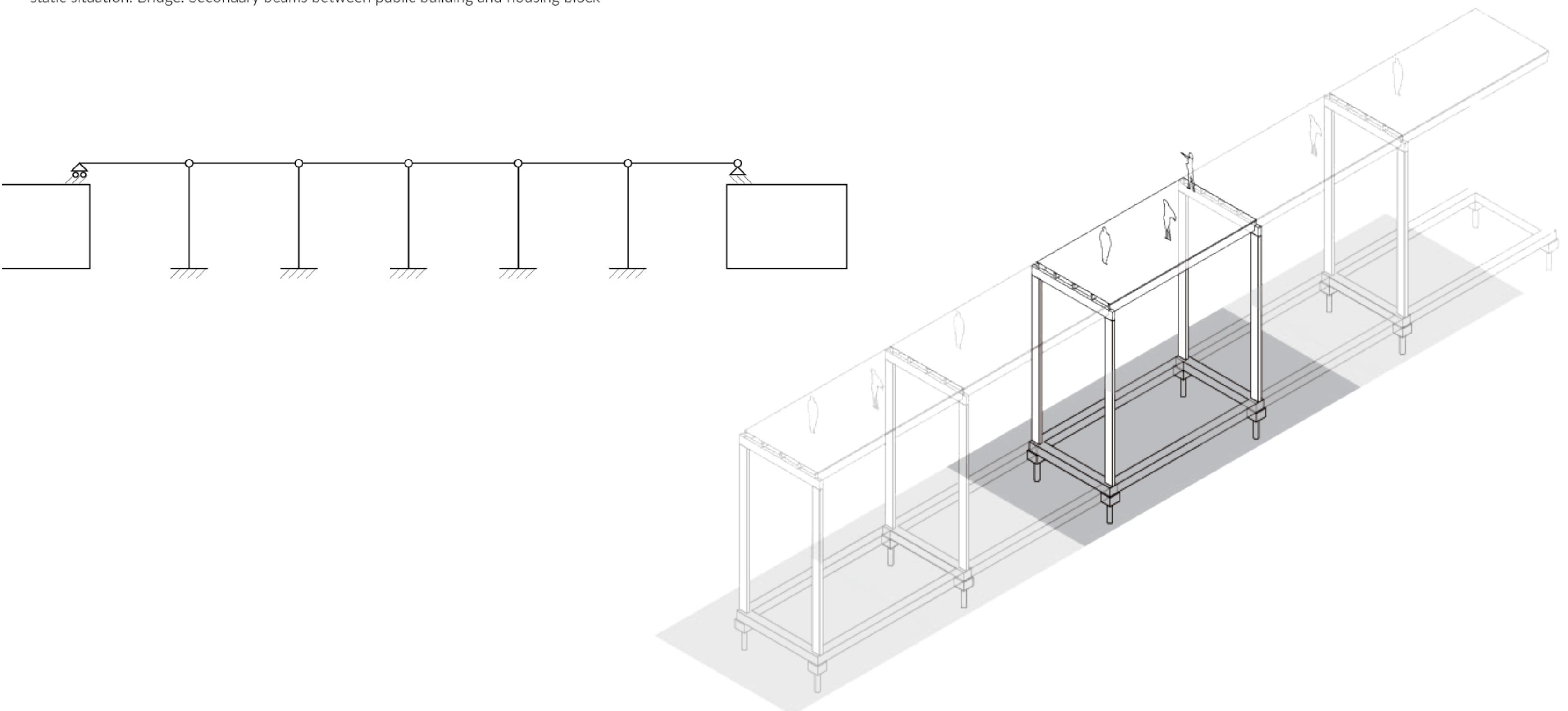
static situation: Bridge "portal": glulam frame and foundation

Steps of Transformation Design - Connection.



**“Elevated street” composed of
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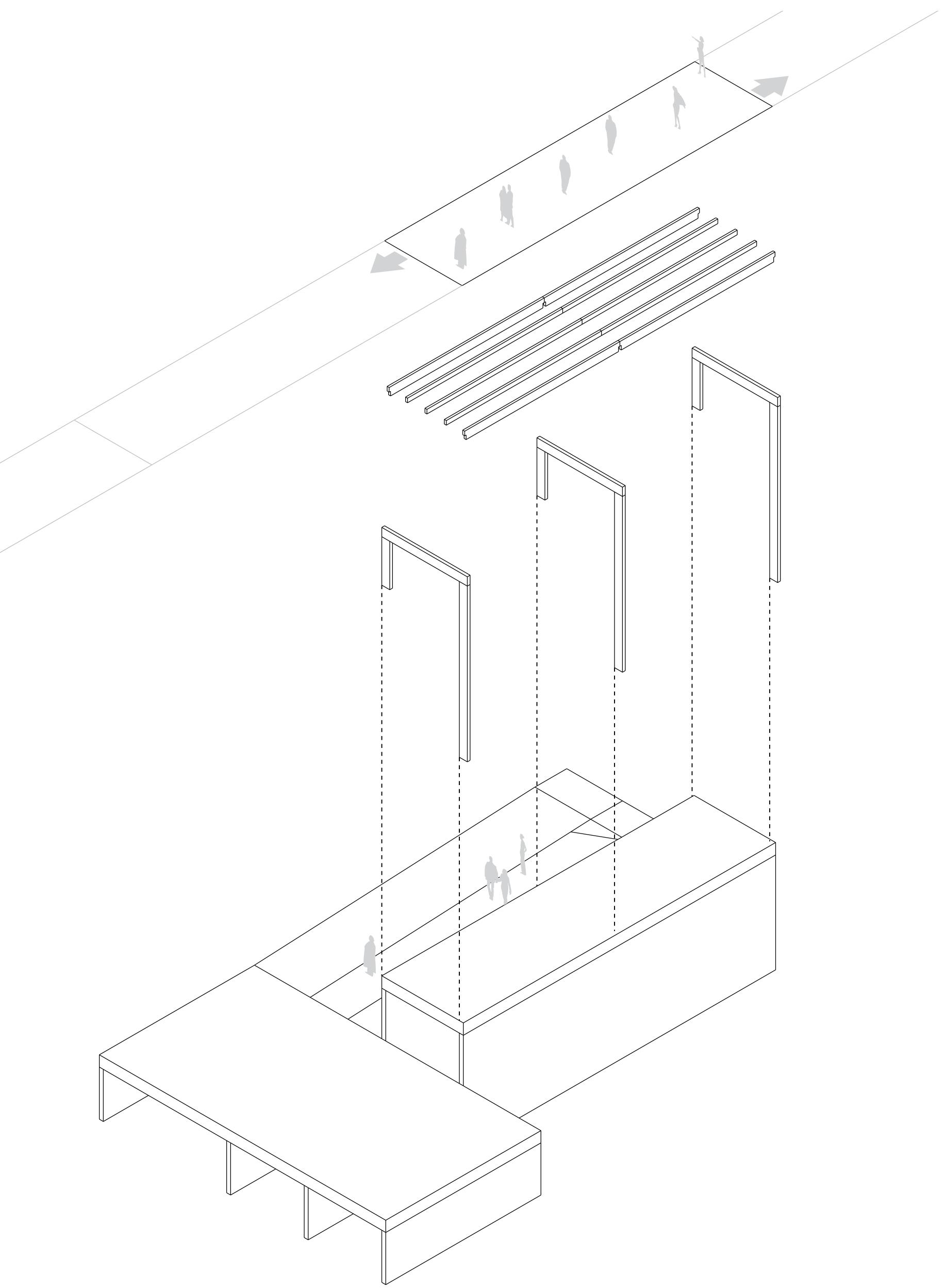
static situation: Bridge. Secondary beams between public building and housing block





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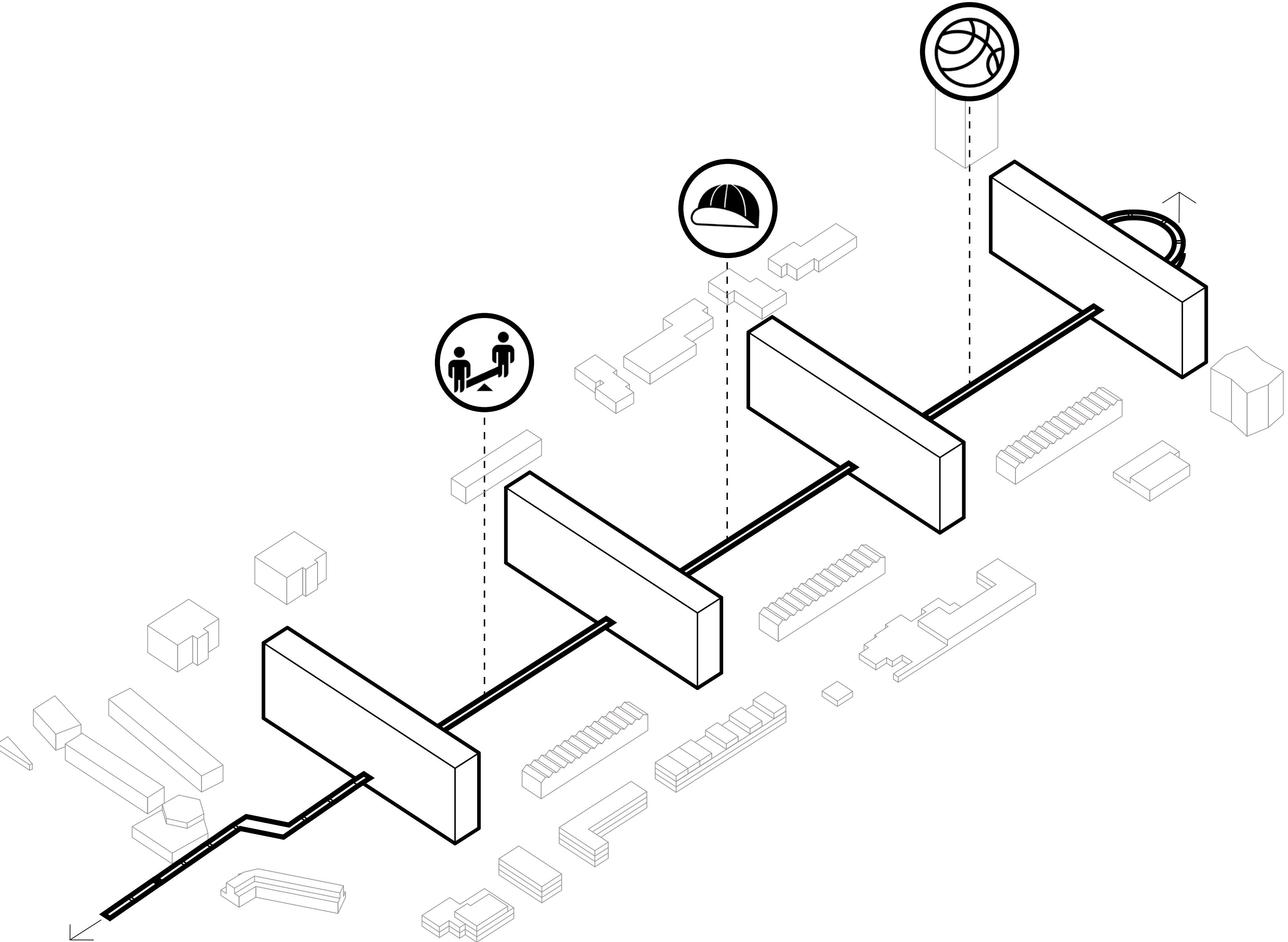
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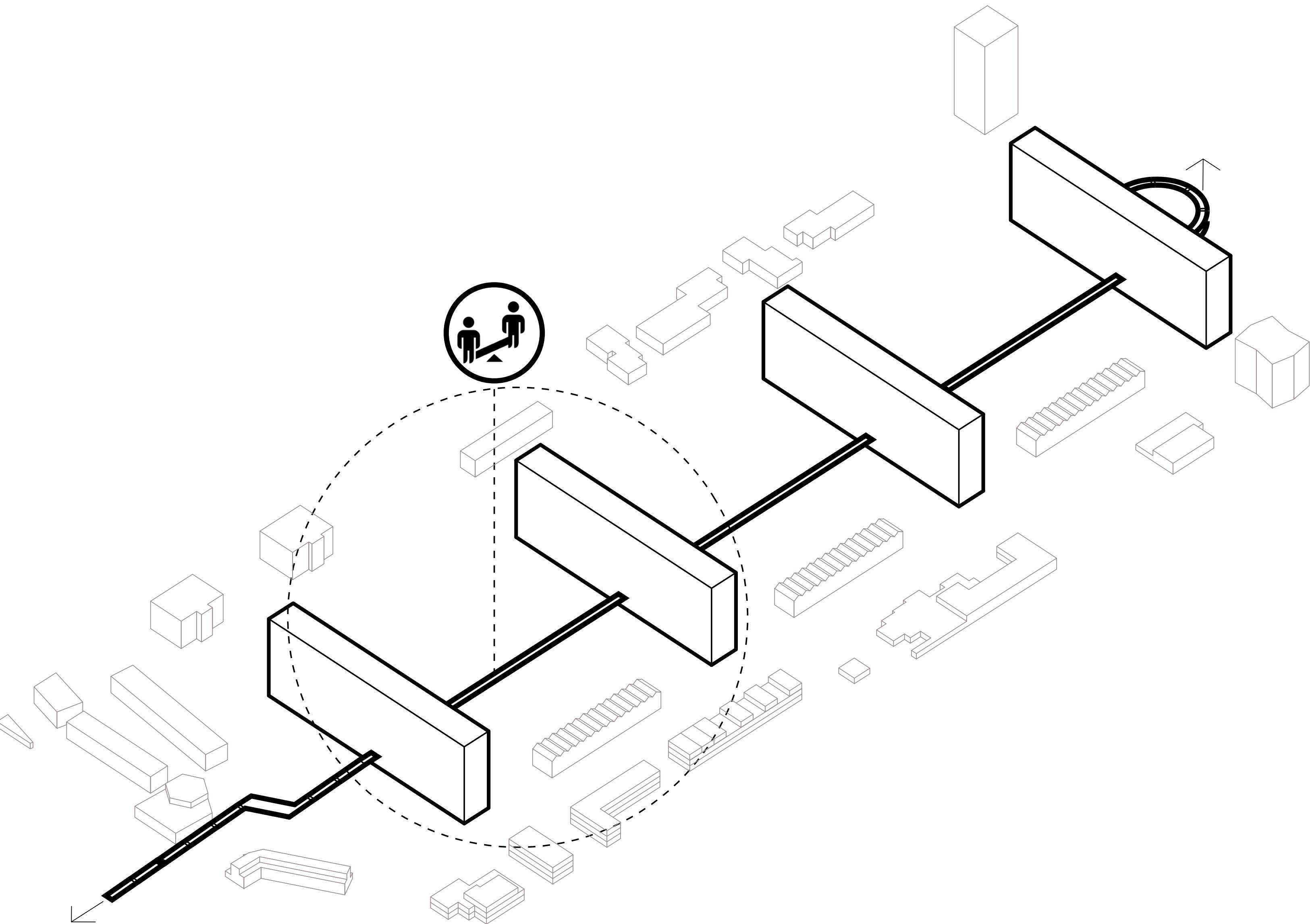
Introduction of 3 public
buildings into the path:
bringing public attention

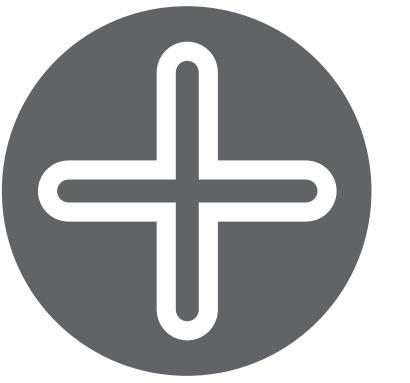




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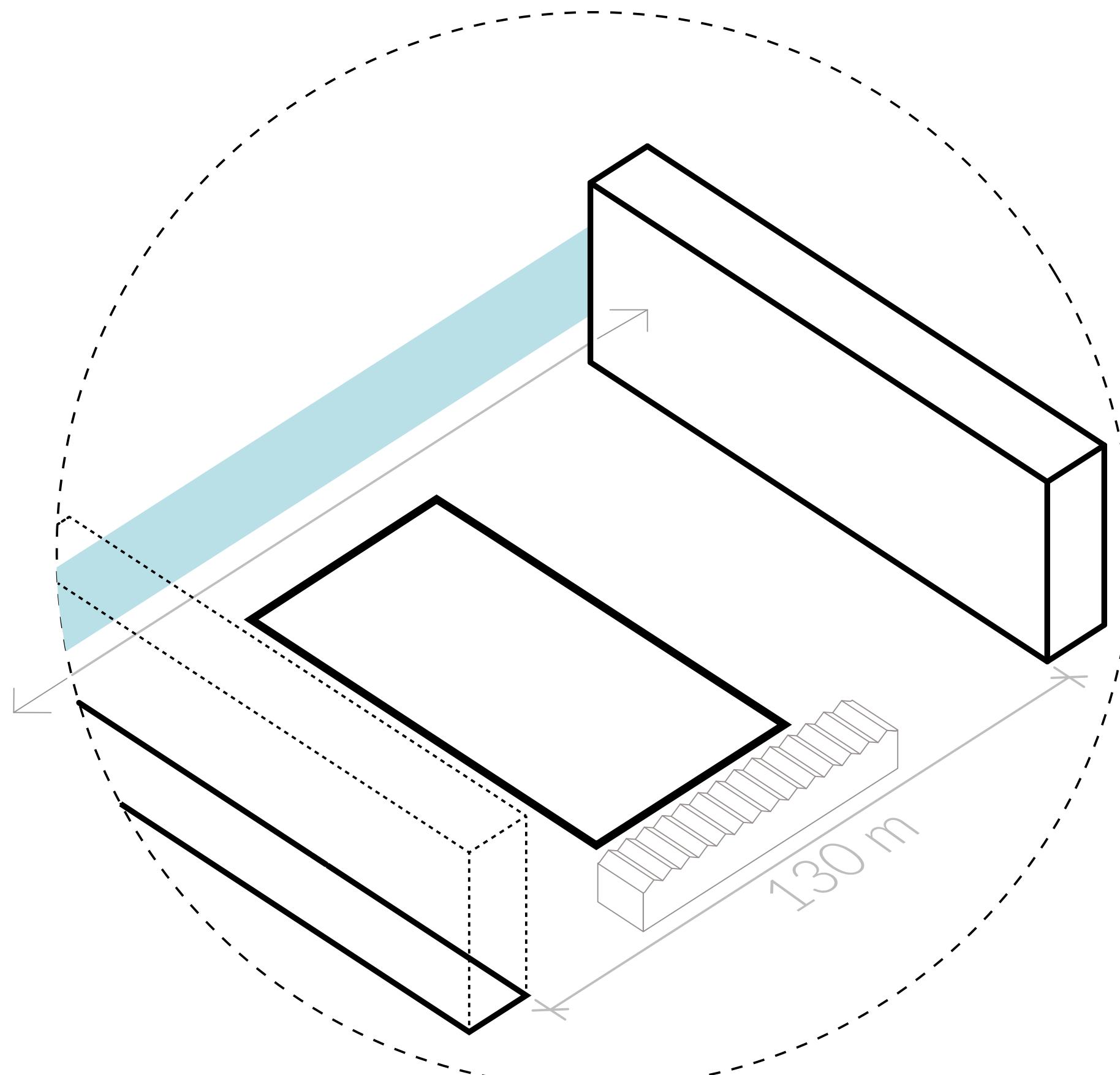
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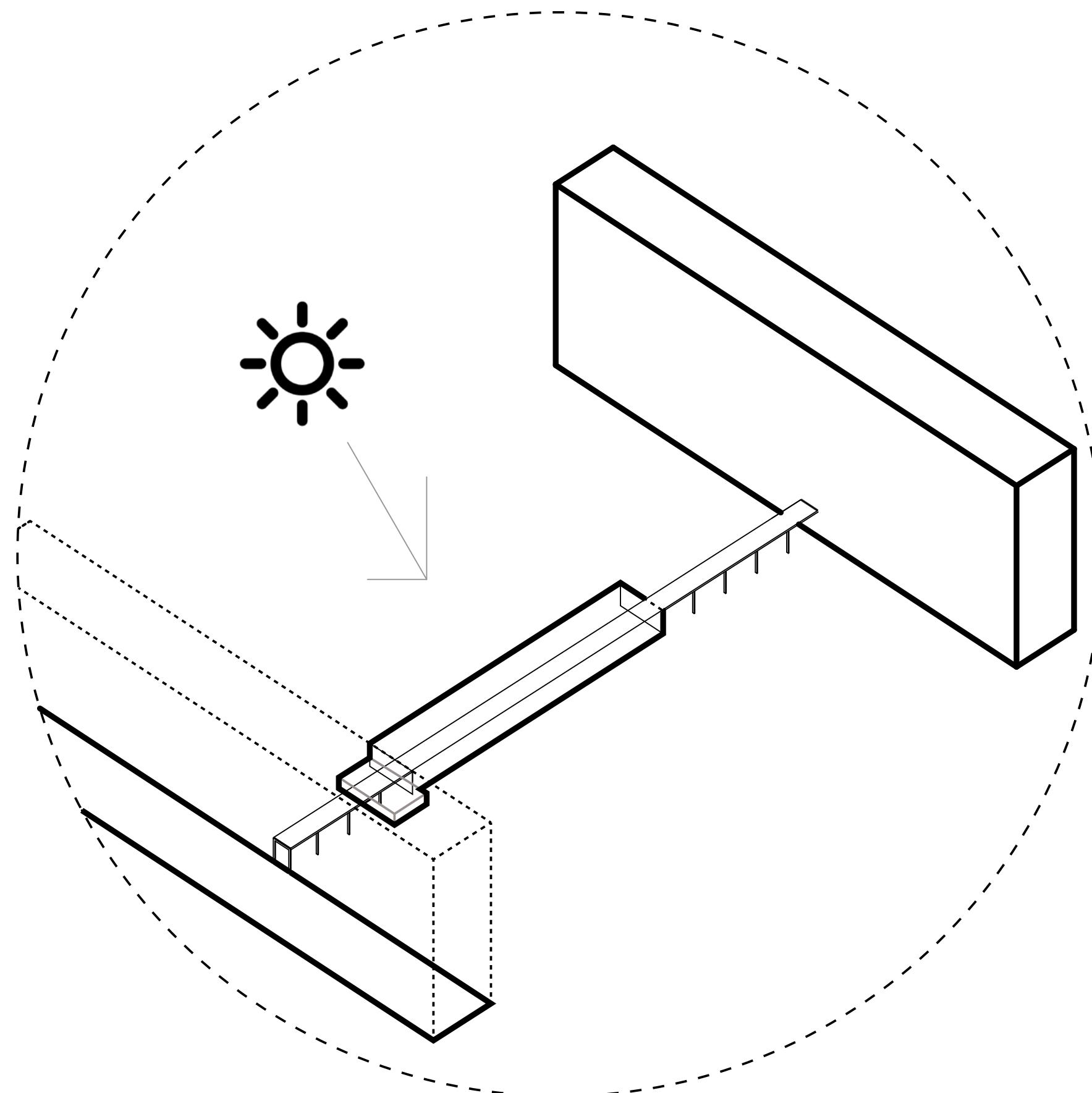


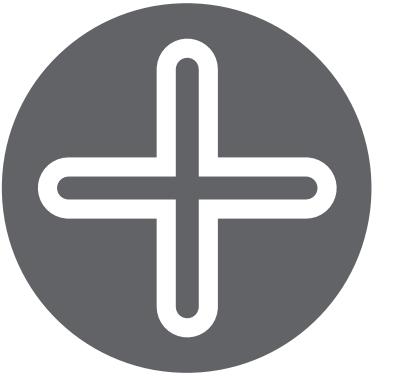
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Building as structural support
for the elevated path face sun
from the southern site.

Entrance on the western side
- towards ERA's gallery

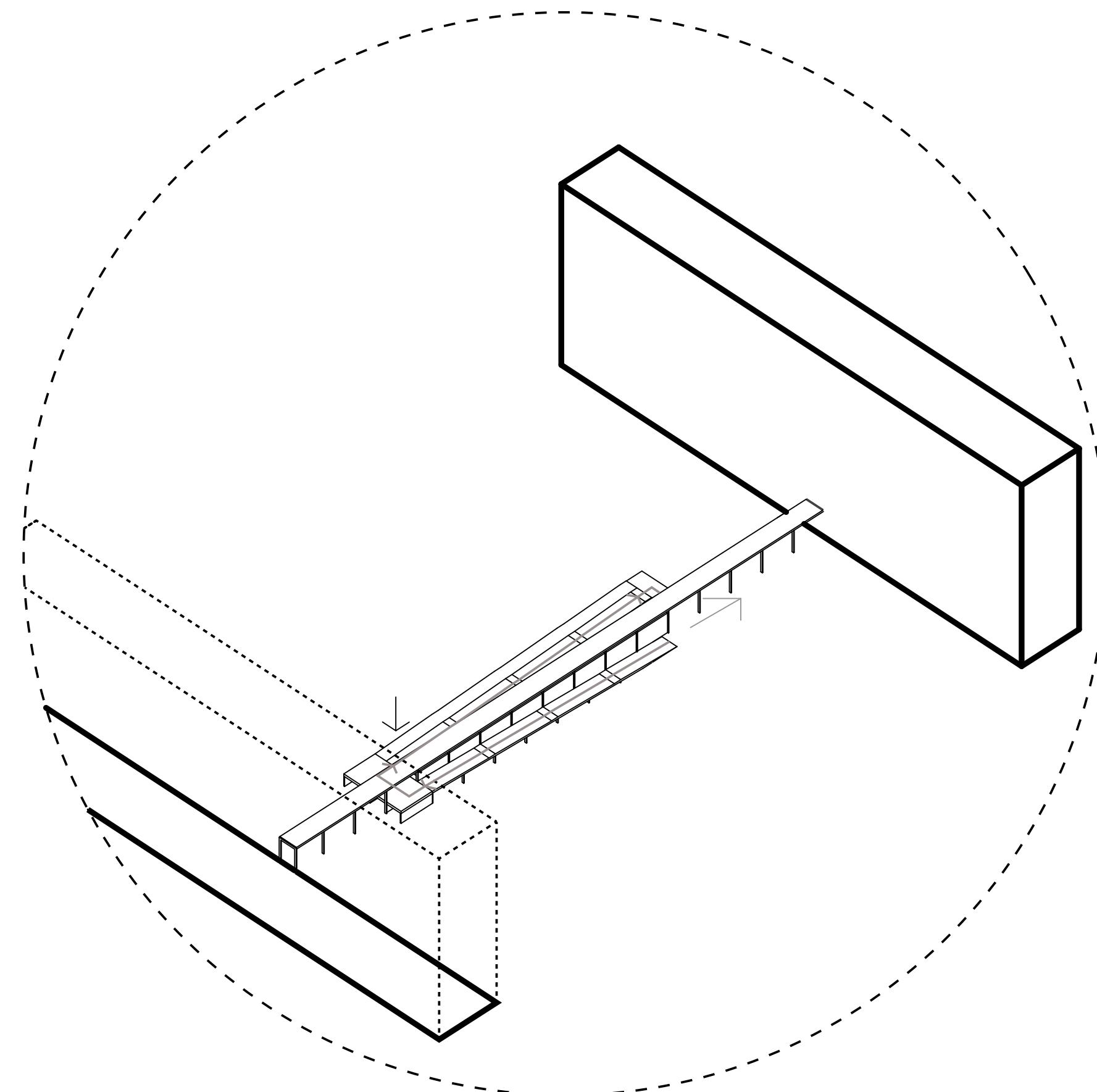
Independent “gardening
shed” on the eastern side -
towards ERA’s balconies.





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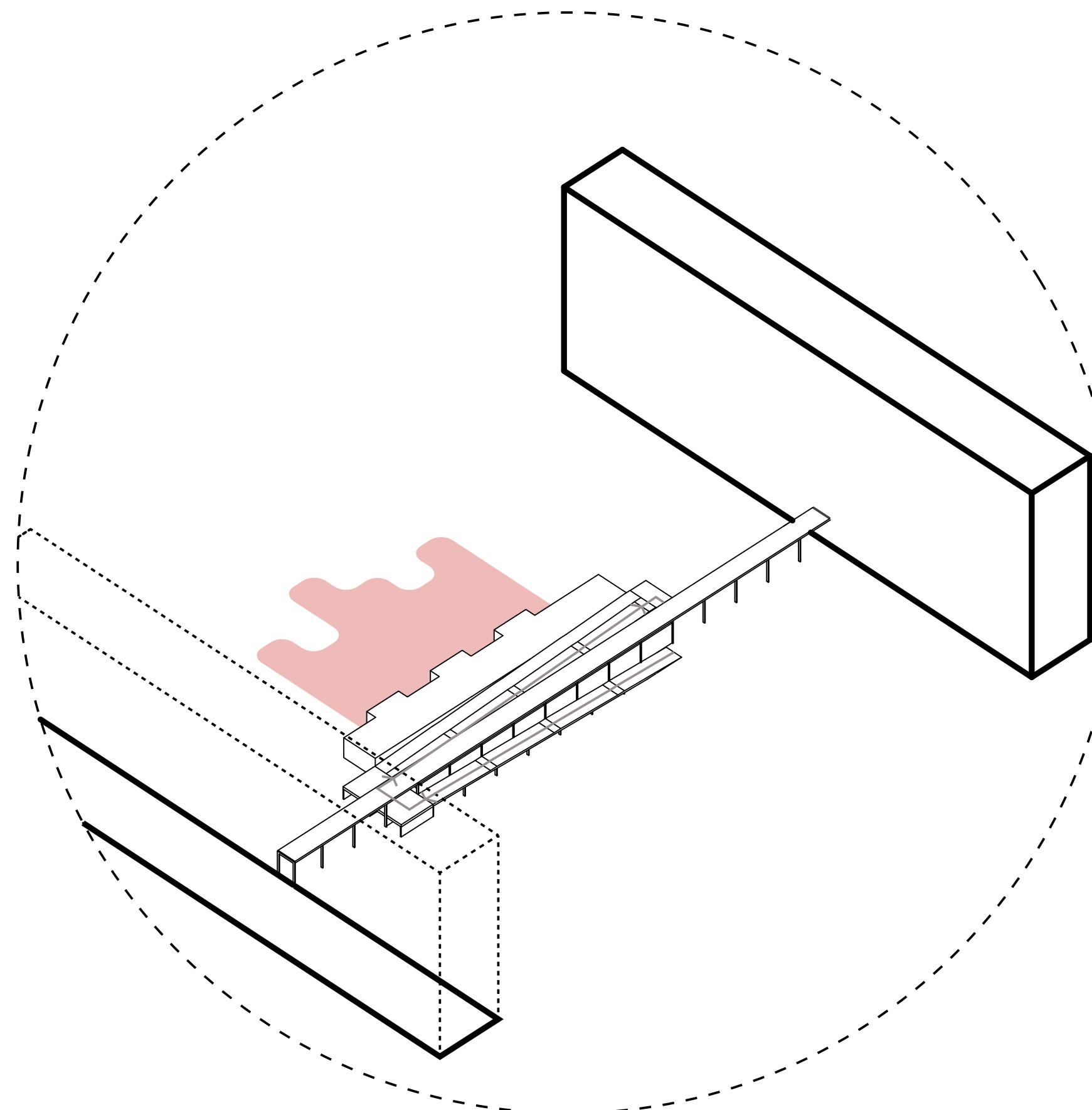
Building as a ramp providing access to the path and creating gradient of privacy between public path and communal space on the gallery side of ERA flats.

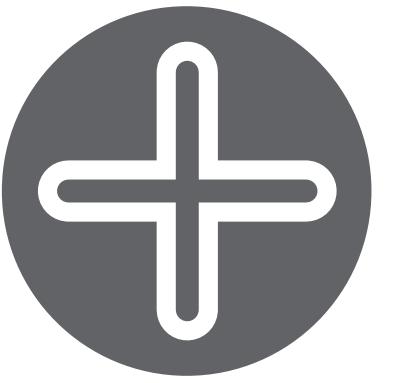




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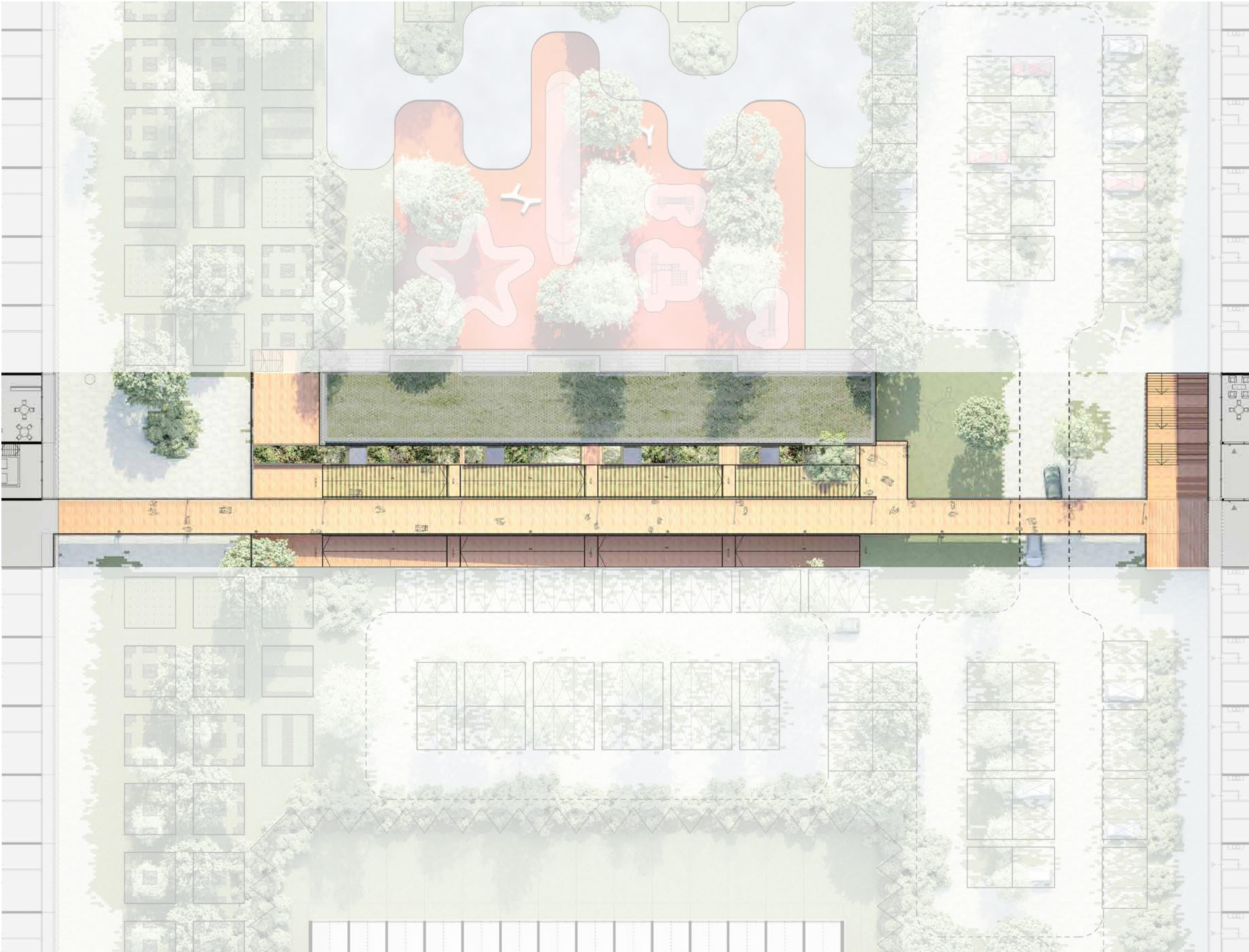
Functional rooms (playrooms for kindergarten) on the south side - open to the restricted playground.





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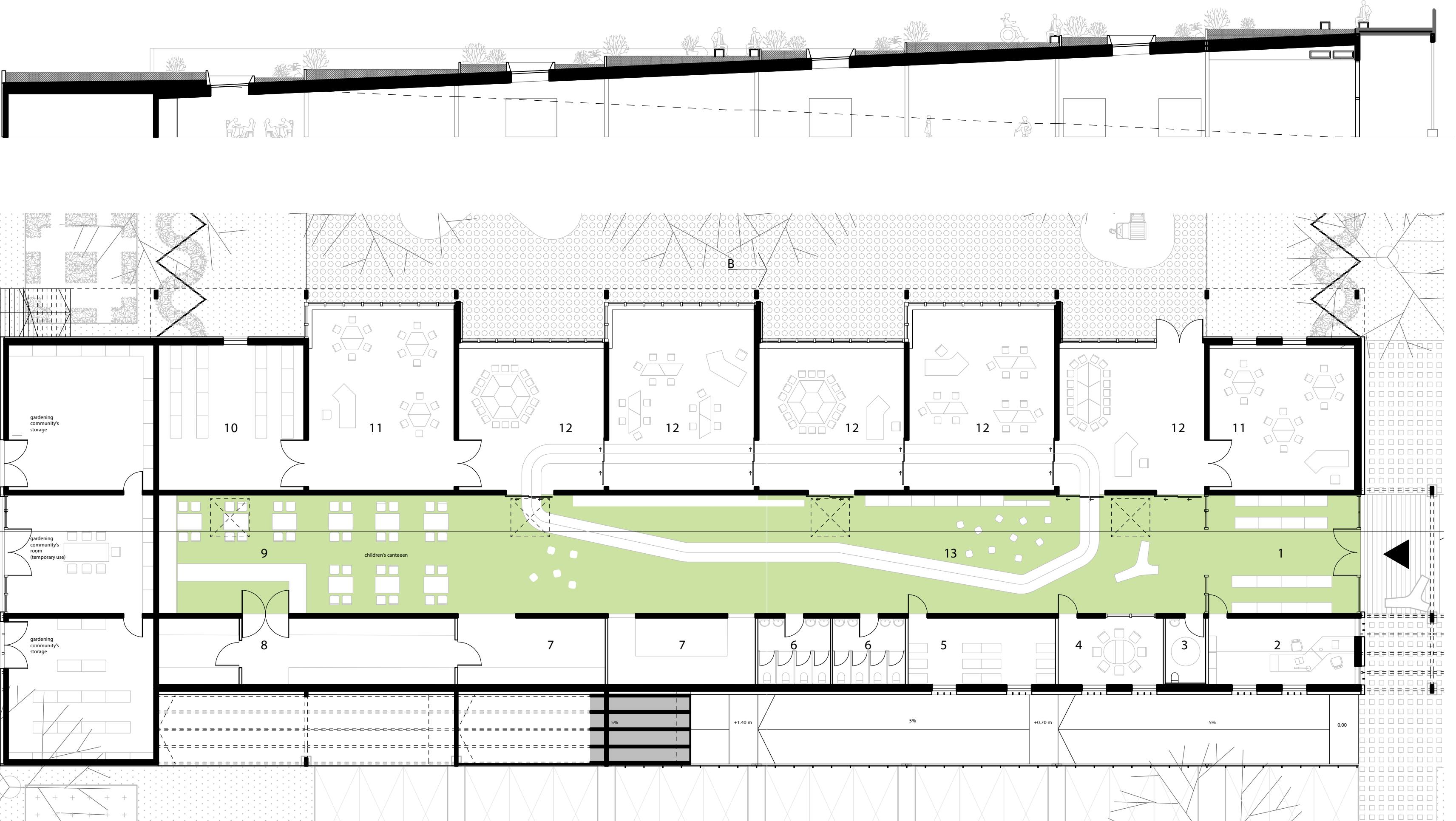
Entrance to the kindergarten
- creation of small “urban
plaza” in front of the
entrance to the block.
Slow-traffic drop-off for cars.





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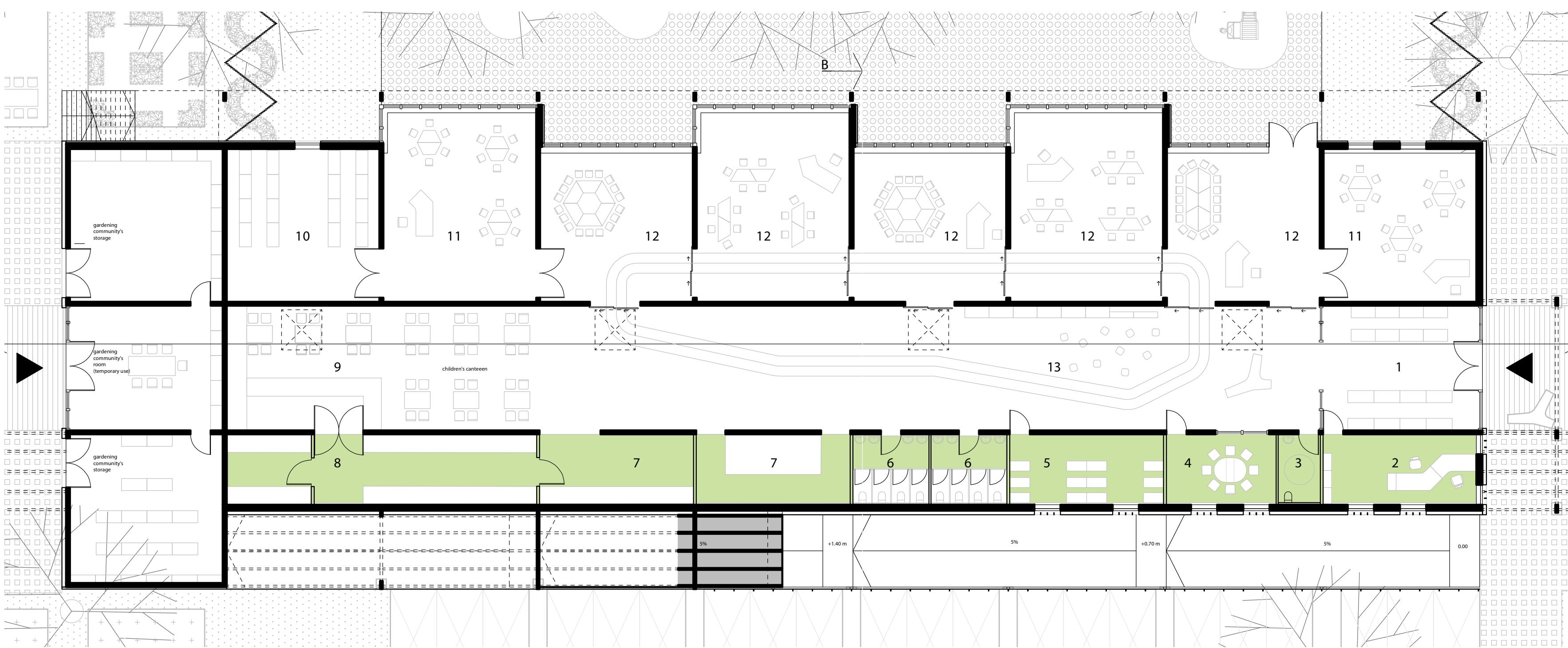
Continuous open space below
the sloping roof functions as
a foyer, open playroom and
canteen





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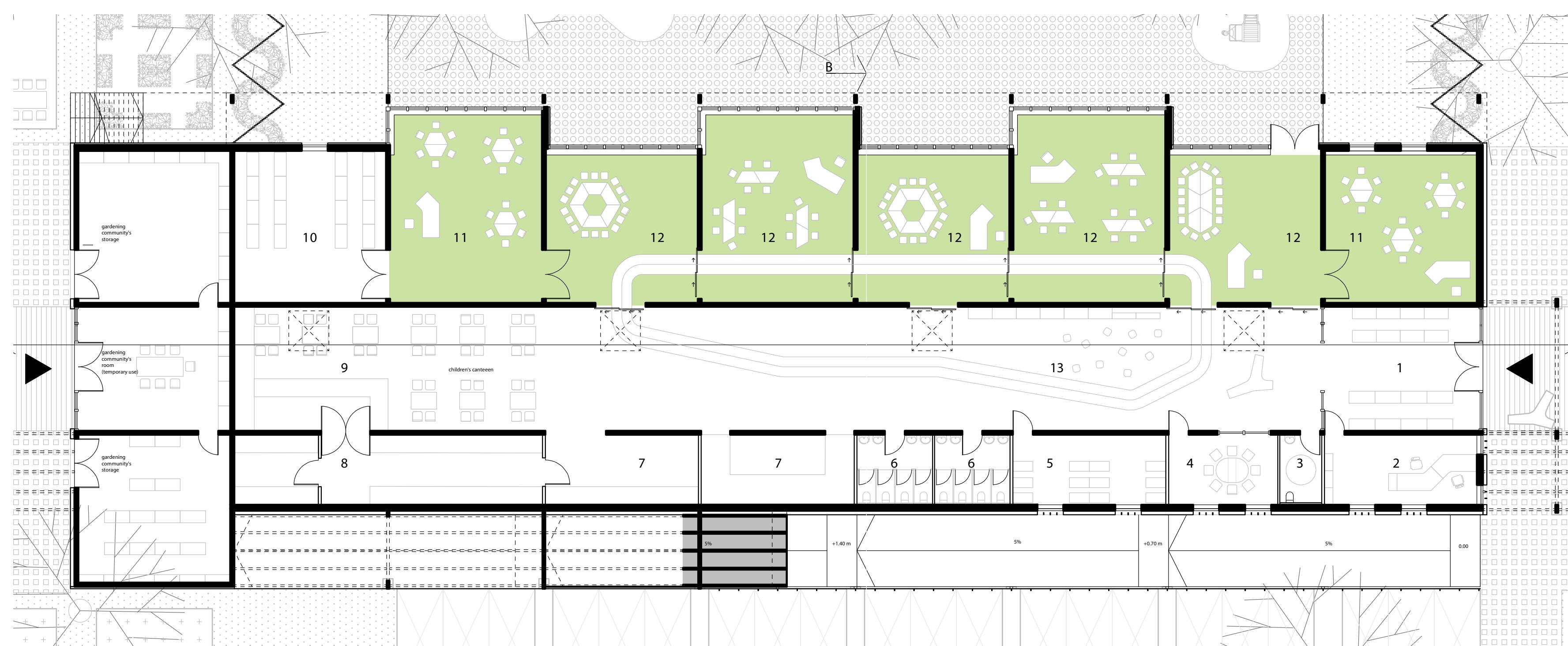
Service functions located
under the elevated path





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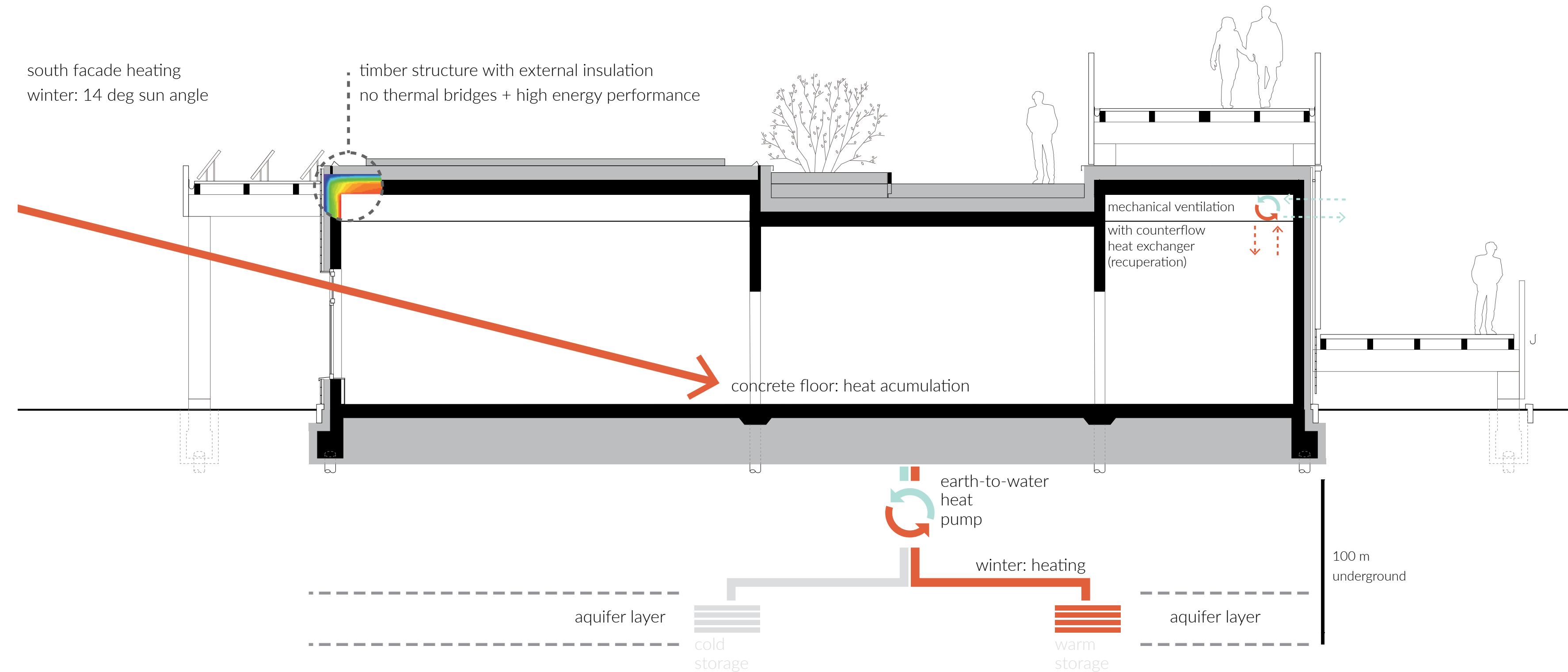
Playrooms connected
accordingly to concept of
“one open playspace” where
following the route around
the building, activities change.





Steps of Transformation Design - Densification

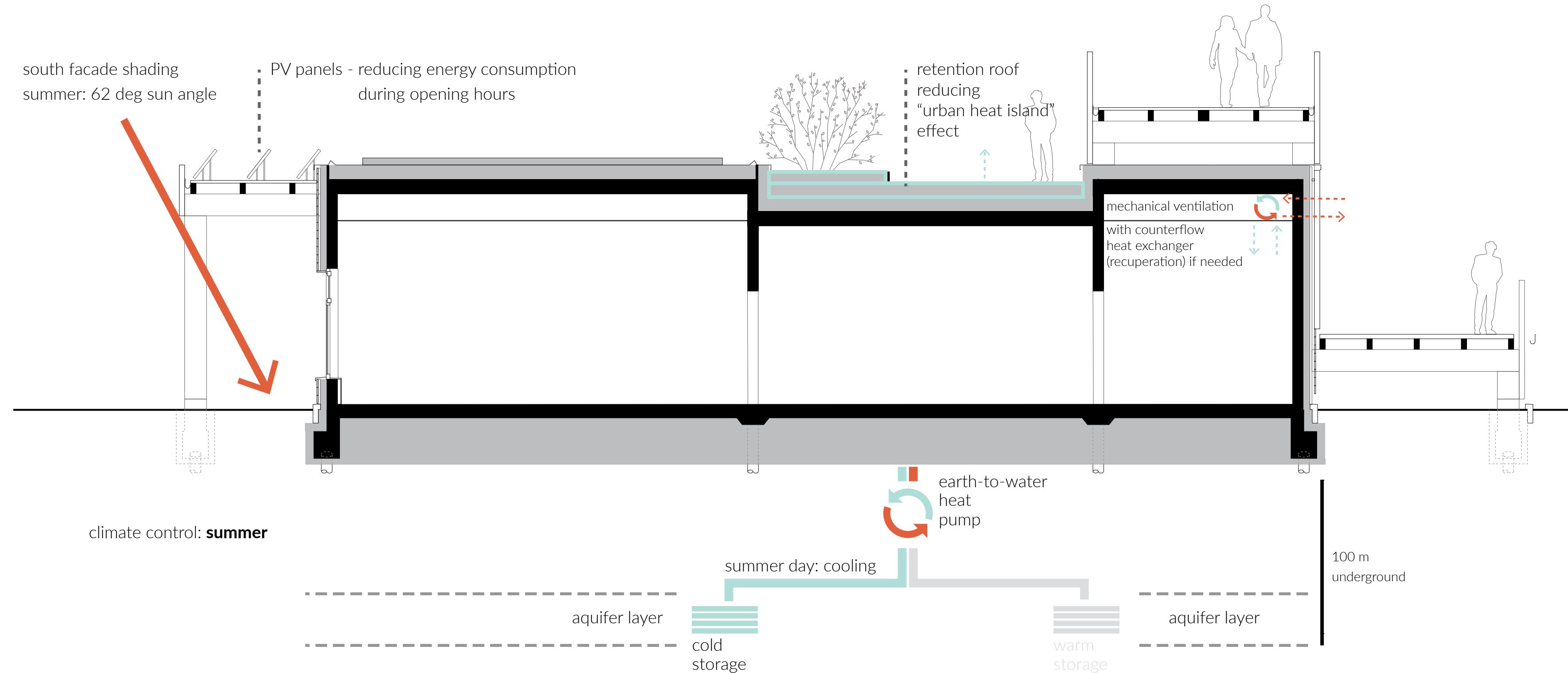
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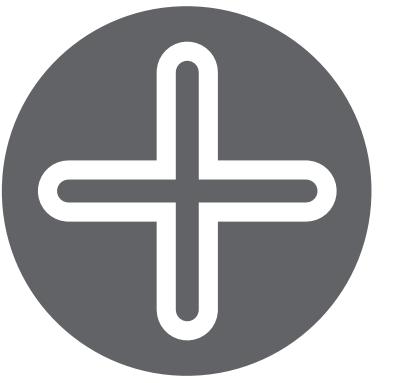




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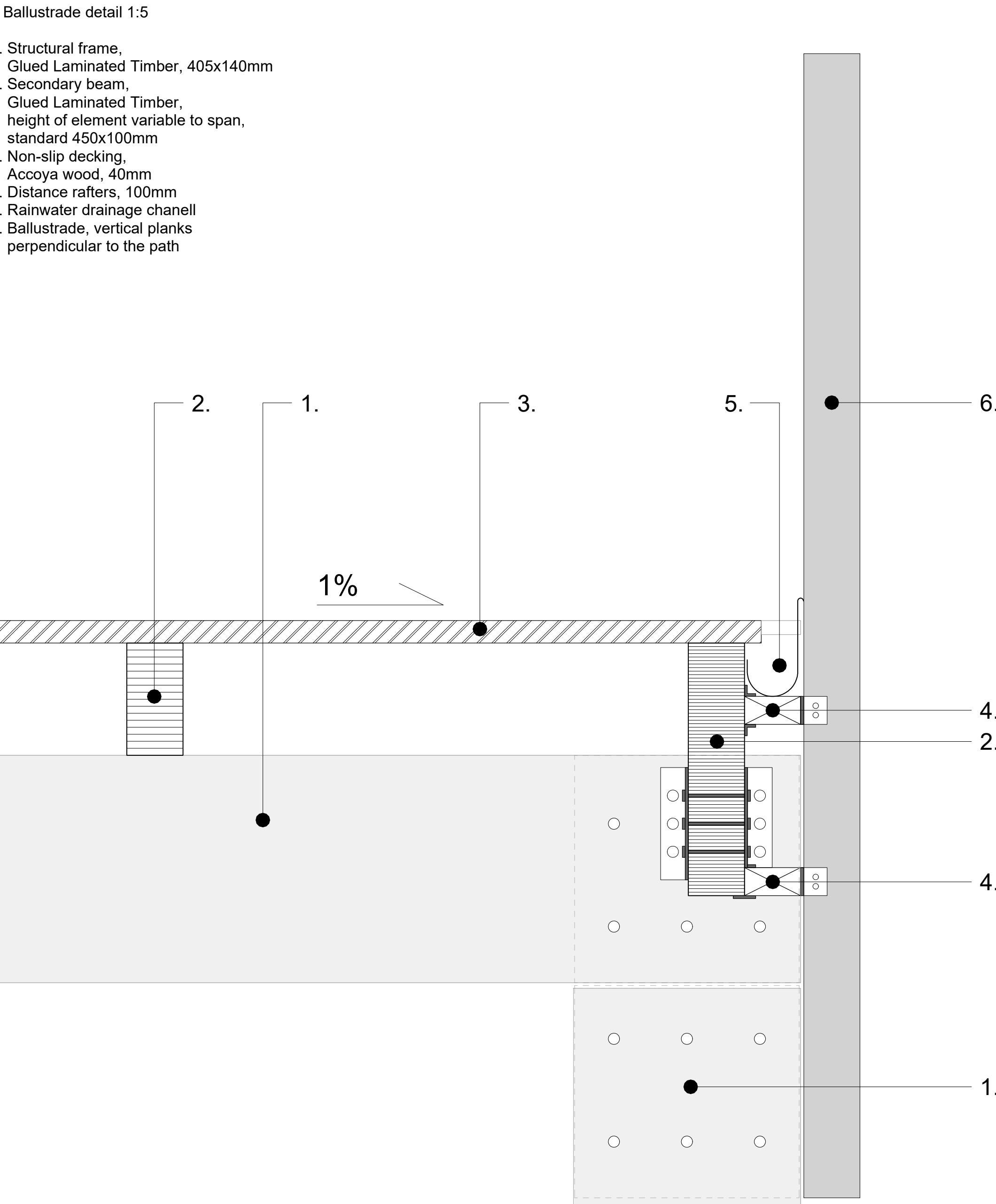
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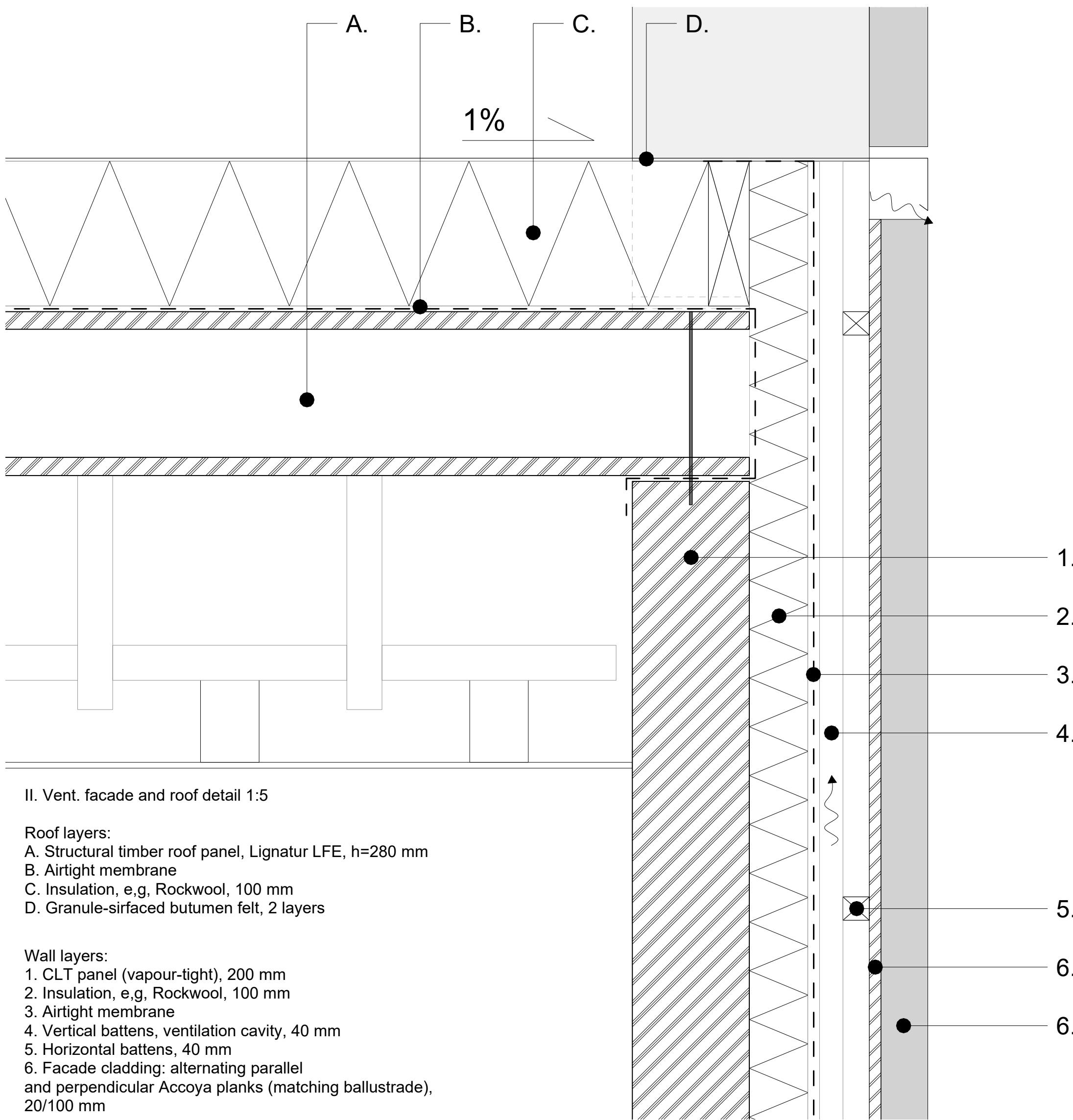
“elevated path” detail





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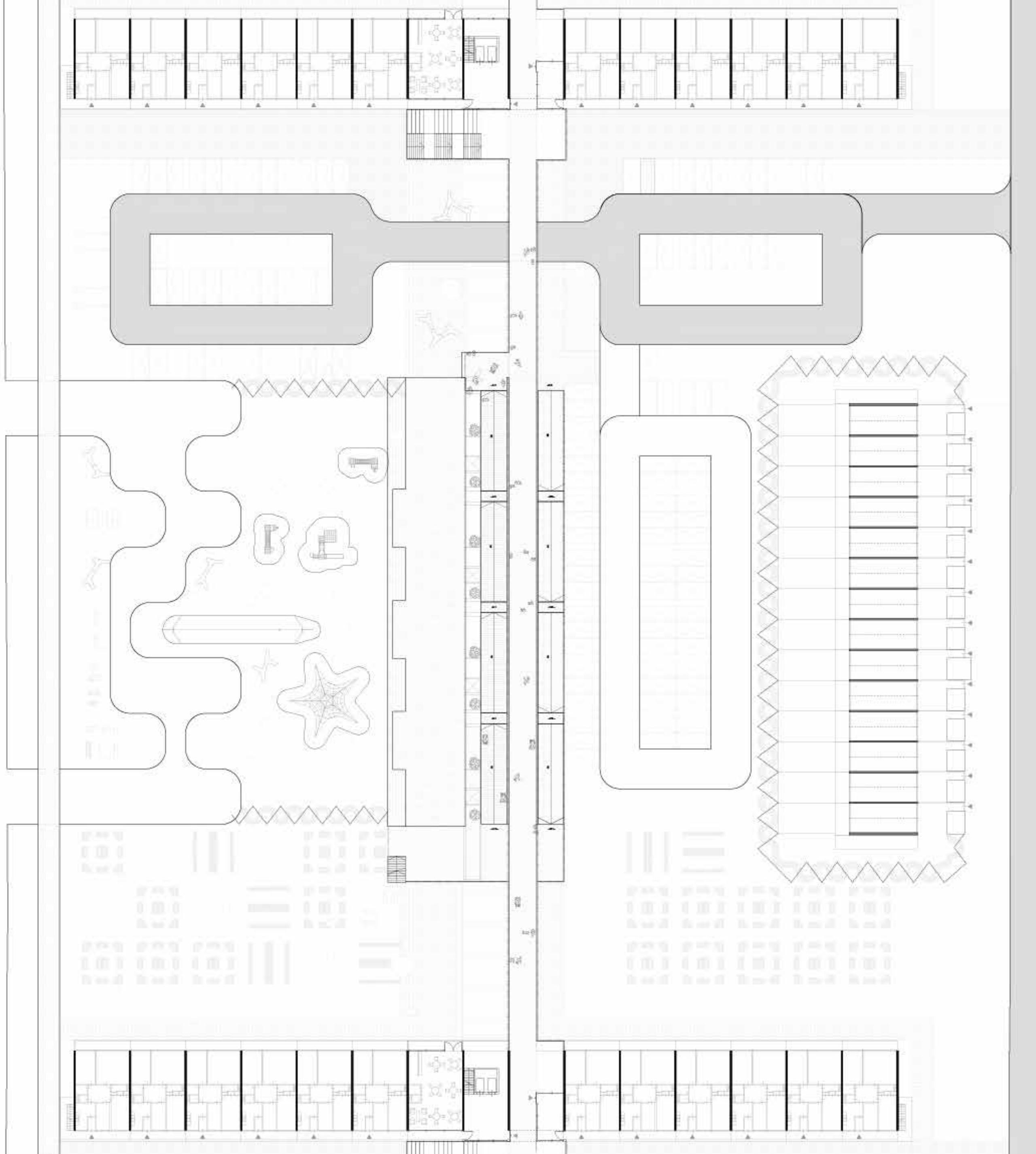
ventilated facade, CLT wall
and timber panel slab in
detail





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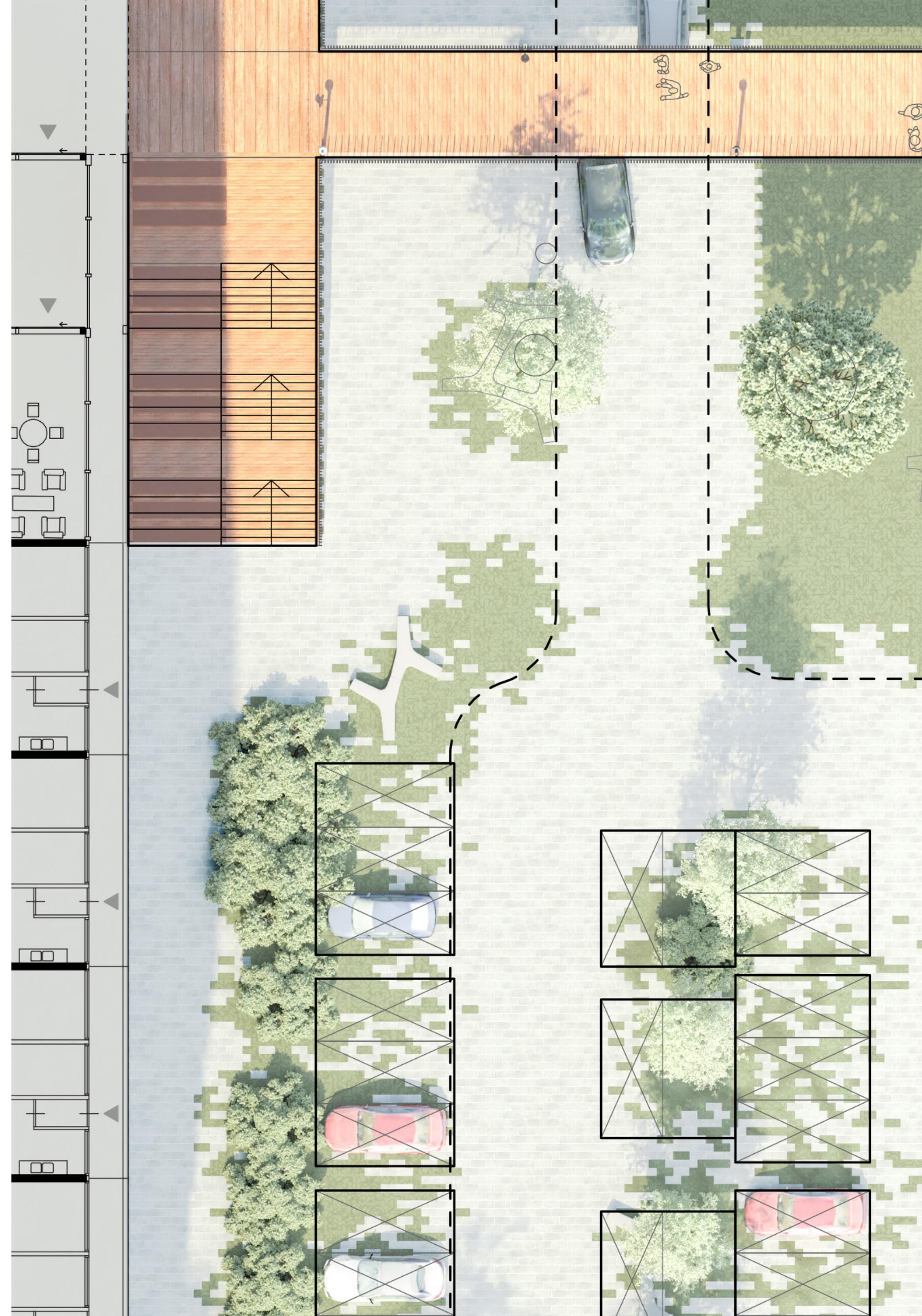
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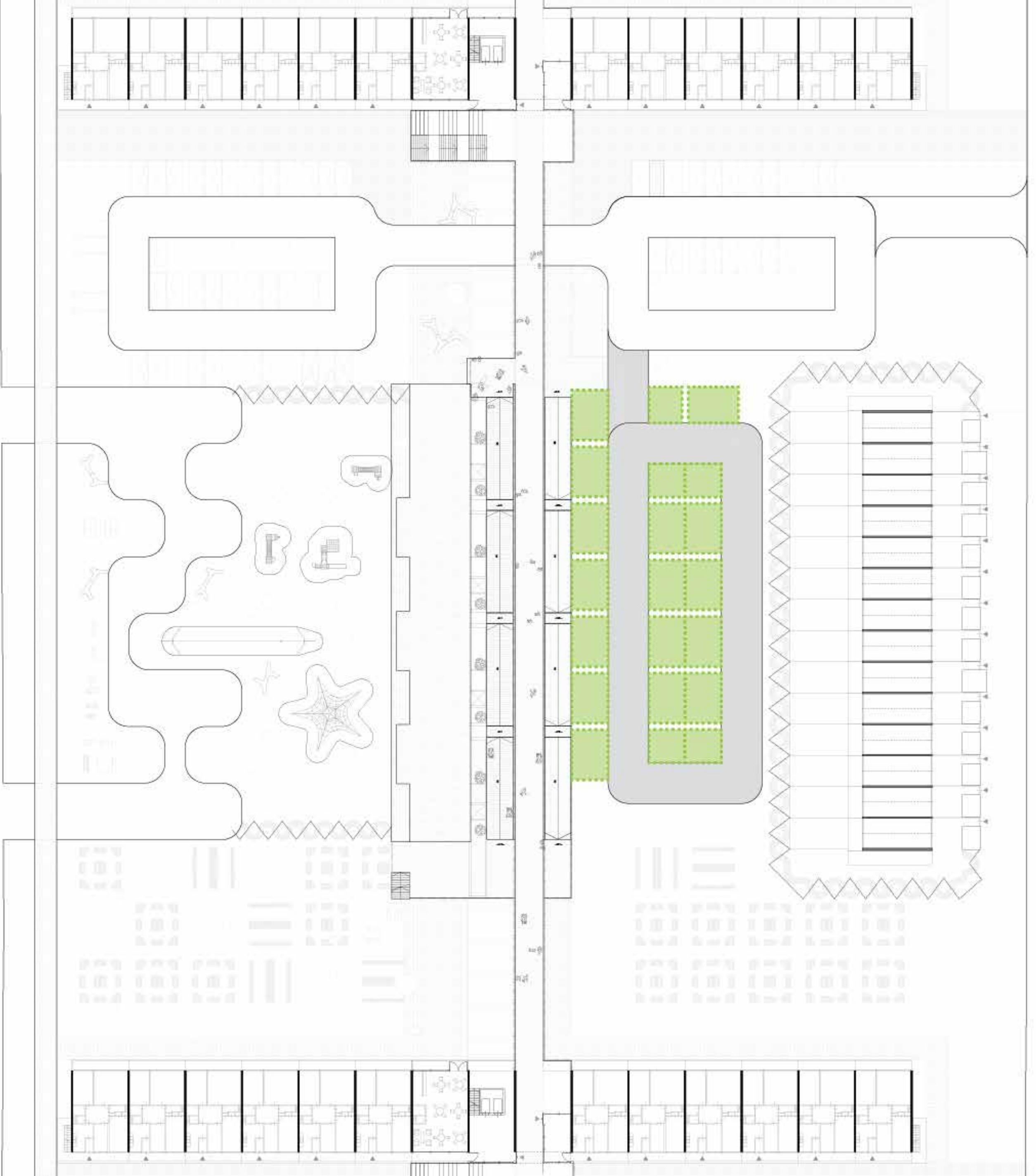




Steps of Transformation Design - Activation

Creation of necessary functional “patches”.

Extension of paved road - more parking places or urban modules, accordingly to preferences of block’s community

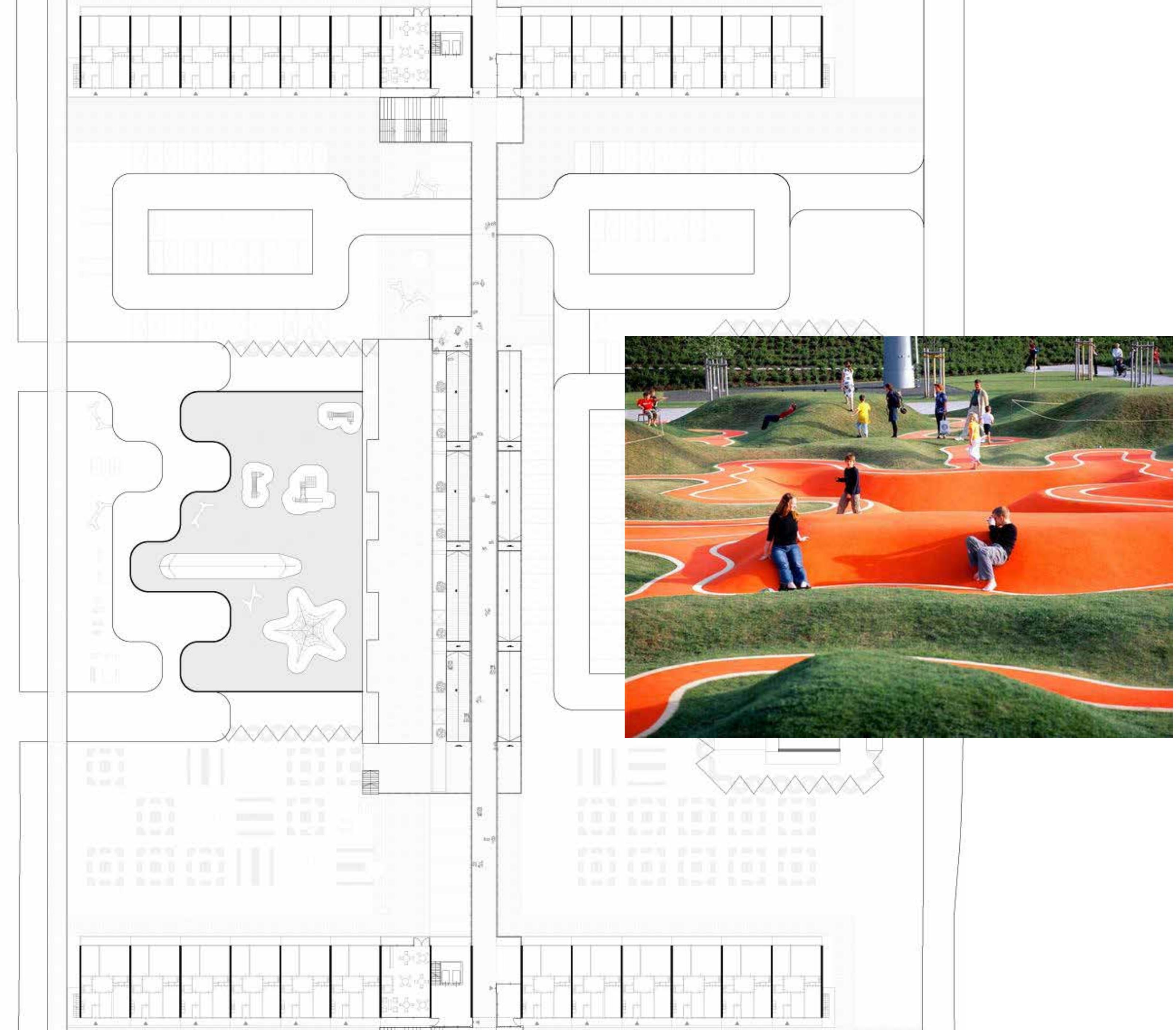




Steps of Transformation Design - Activation

**Creation of necessary
functional “patches”.**

**Extension of kindergarten
- playground**

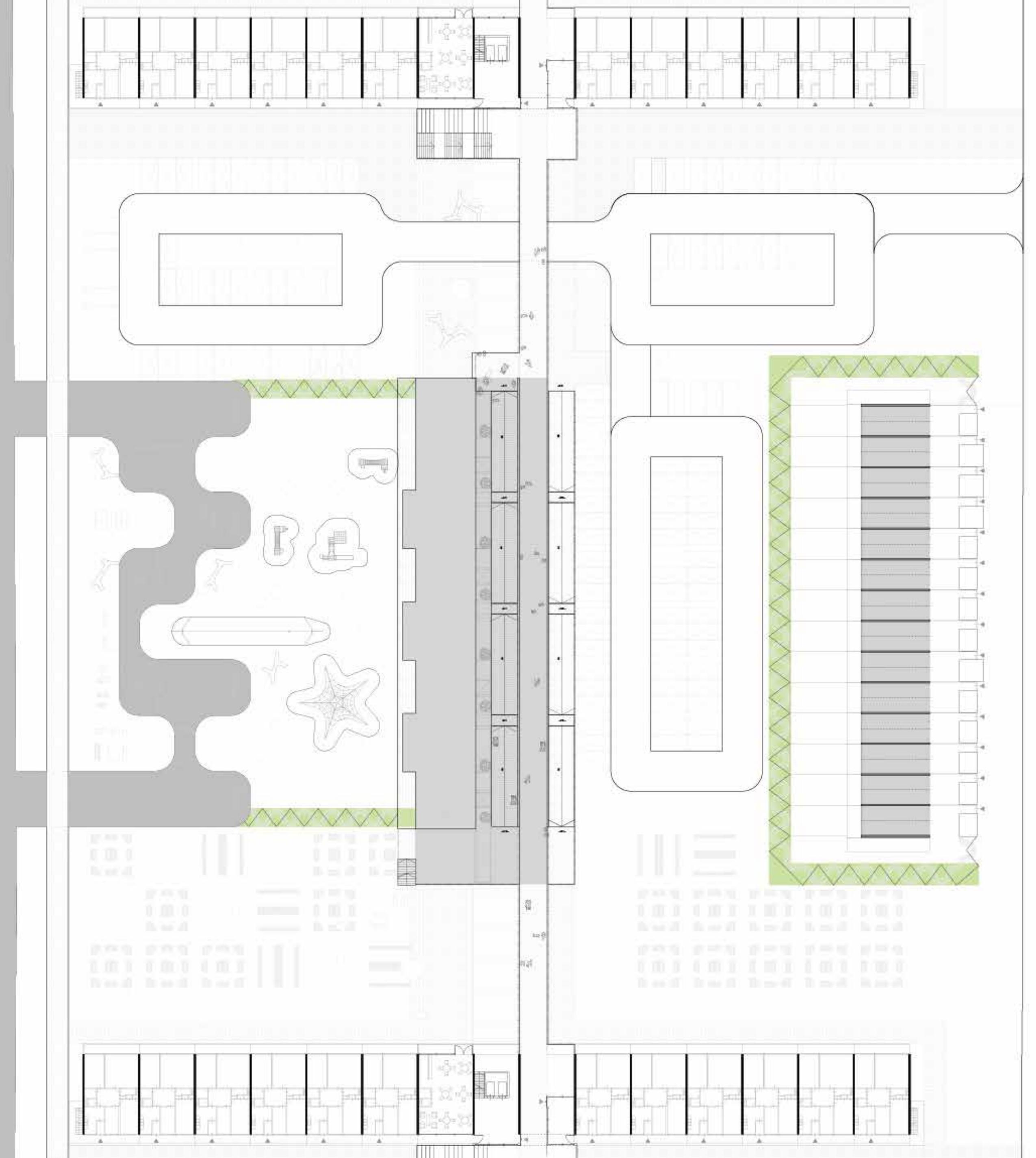




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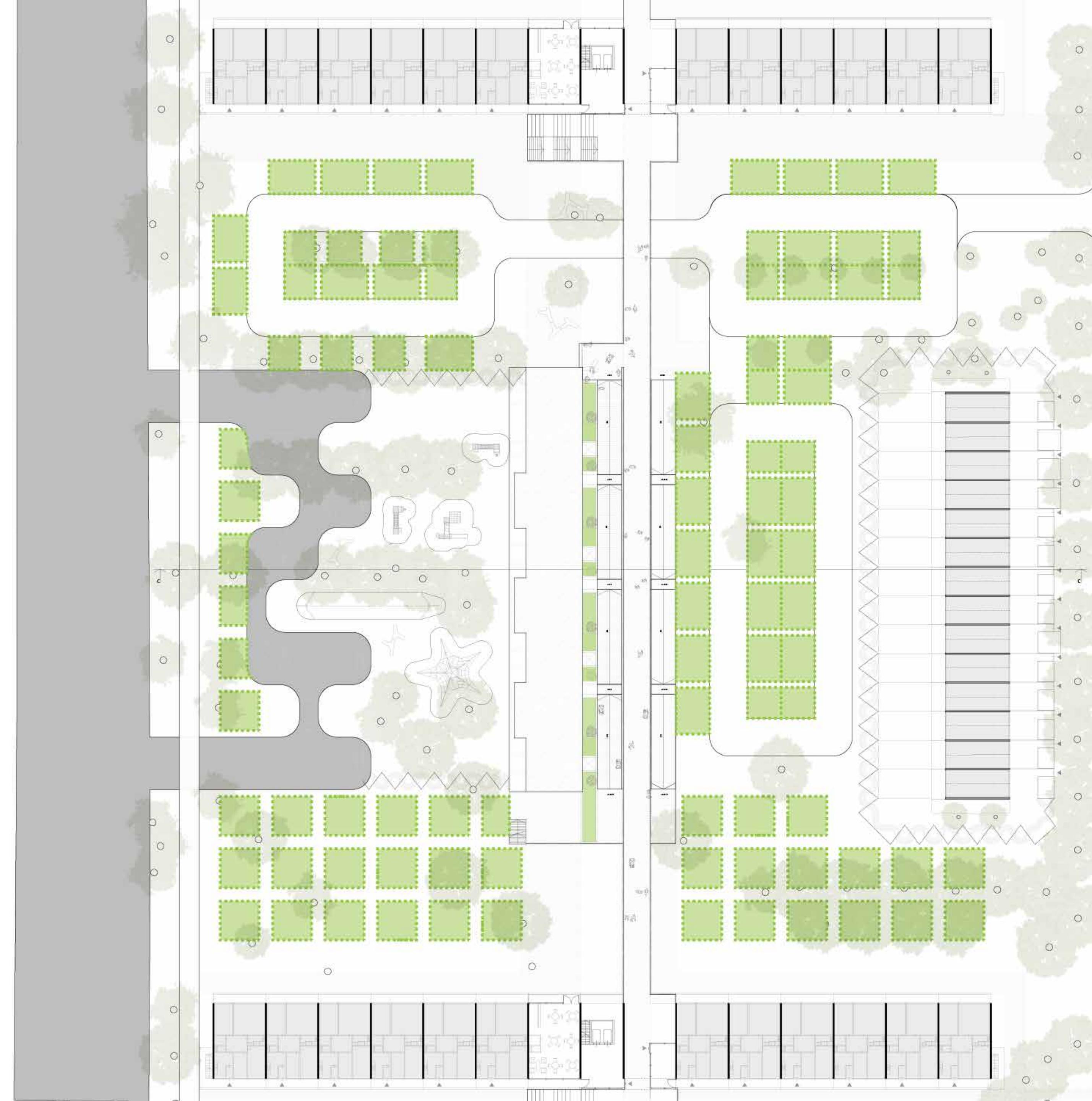
Creation of borders
- privacy for rowhouses and security for playground





Steps of Transformation Design - Activation

**Modules - framework
for incremental change
accordingly to the needs**



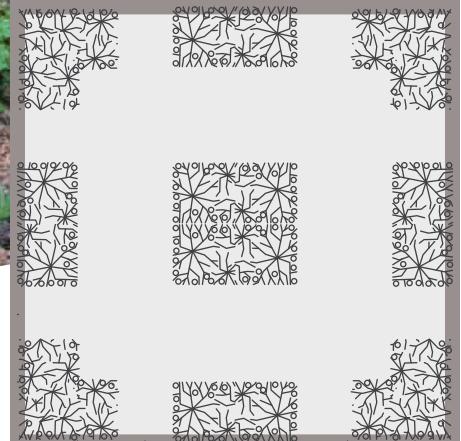


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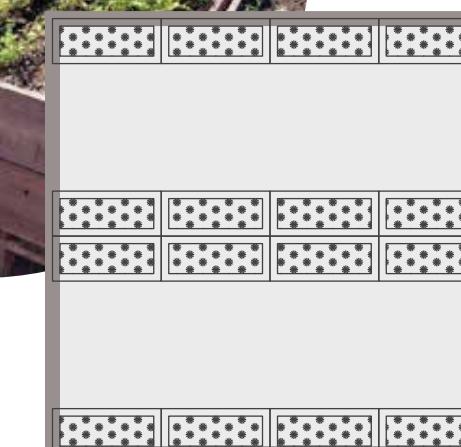
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community space**



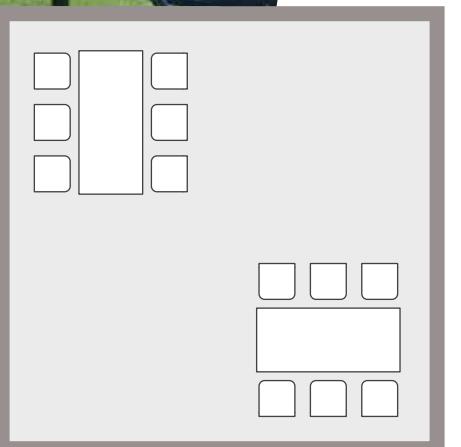
garden:
urban farming



garden:
forest farming



garden:
planter boxes



garden:
picnic tables





Steps of Transformation Design - Activation

**Modules - shifting
responsibility of the shared
community space**

 urban sports: outdoor gym	 urban sports: gym for elderly	 urban sports: table tennis
 urban sports: table tennis	 urban sports: petanque	 outdoor room: “lounge”

