

CLEAN FUTURE OF CHIATURA CITY



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A B S T R A C T

The main idea of the thesis is to create a clean and healthy environment in industrial town Chiatura which holds an outstanding place among the cities of Georgia with its importance, which, above all is determined by the Manganese industry. However, the town has other resources which today are very important in the course of searching the ways for its sustainable development. Chiatura is rightly considered to be one of the first industrial cities in Georgia. The rapid development of exploration, extraction and processing of the Manganese resulted in the formation of Chiatura as a town. The major quality of the town is the industrial infrastructure related to manganese industry giving a distinctive and unique character in terms of cultural heritage. In the town and its surroundings, there are a lot of unused, as well as operating historical mines, shafts, cargocableways, ore enrichment plants, narrow gauge railway and their engineering infrastructure. The main problem for Chiatura, as well as for the other industrial cities of Georgia, is the extremely polluted environment as a result of the failure to comply with standards of ore extraction and processing. Limited financial and human resources of self-government and state institutions are still the main challenge for Chiatura. Lack of professional resources is mainly associated with high levels of emigration and unemployment. A number of cultural heritage sites of Chiatura, unfortunately, is vacant, abandoned or is physically in a bad condition. This tendency is mostly caused by the massive emigration of a population from the town, degradation of urban functions and by economic hardships. Resolving the issue related to the provision of pure drinking water, purification of rivers, prevention of air and soil pollution, rehabilitation of recreational infrastructure, etc., is one of the preconditions for sustainable development and creating healthy living conditions.

GEORGIA

## CHARACTERISTICS

Georgia, country of Transcaucasia located at the eastern end of the Black Sea, on the southern flanks of the main crest of the Greater Caucasus Mountains. On the north and northeast the country is bounded by Russia, by Azerbaijan on the east and southeast, by Armenia and Turkey on the south, and by the Black Sea on the west. Georgia includes three ethnic enclaves:

Abkhazia, in the northwest (principal city Sokhumi); Ajaria, in the southwest (principal city Batumi); and South Ossetia, in the north (principal city Tskhinvali). The capital of Georgia is Tbilisi. The roots of the Georgian people extend deep in history; During the medieval period, a powerful Georgian kingdom existed, reaching its height between the 10th and 13th centuries. After a long period of Turkish and Persian domination, Georgia was annexed by the Russian Empire in the 19th century.

## LAND

With the notable exception of the fertile plain of the Kolkhida Lowland—ancient Colchis, where the legendary Argonauts sought the Golden Fleece—the Georgian terrain is largely mountainous, and more than a third is covered by forest or brushwood. There is a remarkable variety of landscape, ranging from the subtropical Black Sea shores to the ice and snow of the crest line of the Caucasus. Such contrasts are made more noteworthy by the country's relatively small area. A variety of soils are found in Georgia, ranging from grey-brown and saline semidesert types to richer red earth and podzols. Artificial improvements add to the diversity.

## RESOURCES

The interior of Georgia has coal deposits (notably at Tkvarcheli and Tkibuli), petroleum (at Kazeti), and a variety of other resources ranging from peat to marble. The manganese deposits of Chiatura rival those of India, Brazil, and Ghana in quantity and quality. Its waterpower resources are also considerable. The deepest and most powerful rivers for hydroelectric purposes are the Rioni and its tributaries, the Enguri, Kodori, and Bzyp. Such western rivers account for three-fourths of the total capacity, with the eastern Kura, Aragvi, Alazani, and Khrami accounting for the rest. Oil deposits have been located near Batumi and Poti under the Black Sea.

## CLIMATE

The Caucasian barrier protects Georgia from cold air intrusions from the north, while the country is open to the constant influence of warm, moist air from the Black Sea. Western Georgia has a humid subtropical, maritime climate, while eastern Georgia has a range of climate varying from moderately humid to a dry subtropical type. Western Georgia has heavy rainfall throughout the year, totalling 40 to 100 inches (1,000 to 2,500 mm) and reaching a maximum in autumn and winter. Southern Kolkhida receives the most rain, and humidity decreases to the north and east. Winter in this region is mild and warm; the mean January temperature never falls below (0°C), and relatively warm, sunny winter weather persists in the coastal regions, where temperatures average about (5°C). Summer temperatures average about (22°C). In Eastern Georgia, precipitation decreases with distance from the sea, reaching 16 to 28 inches in the plains and foothills but increasing to double this amount in the mountains. The southeastern regions are the driest areas, and winter is the driest season; the rainfall maximum occurs at the end of spring. The highest lowland temperatures occur in July (25°C), while average January temperatures over most of the region ranges from (0 to 3°C).

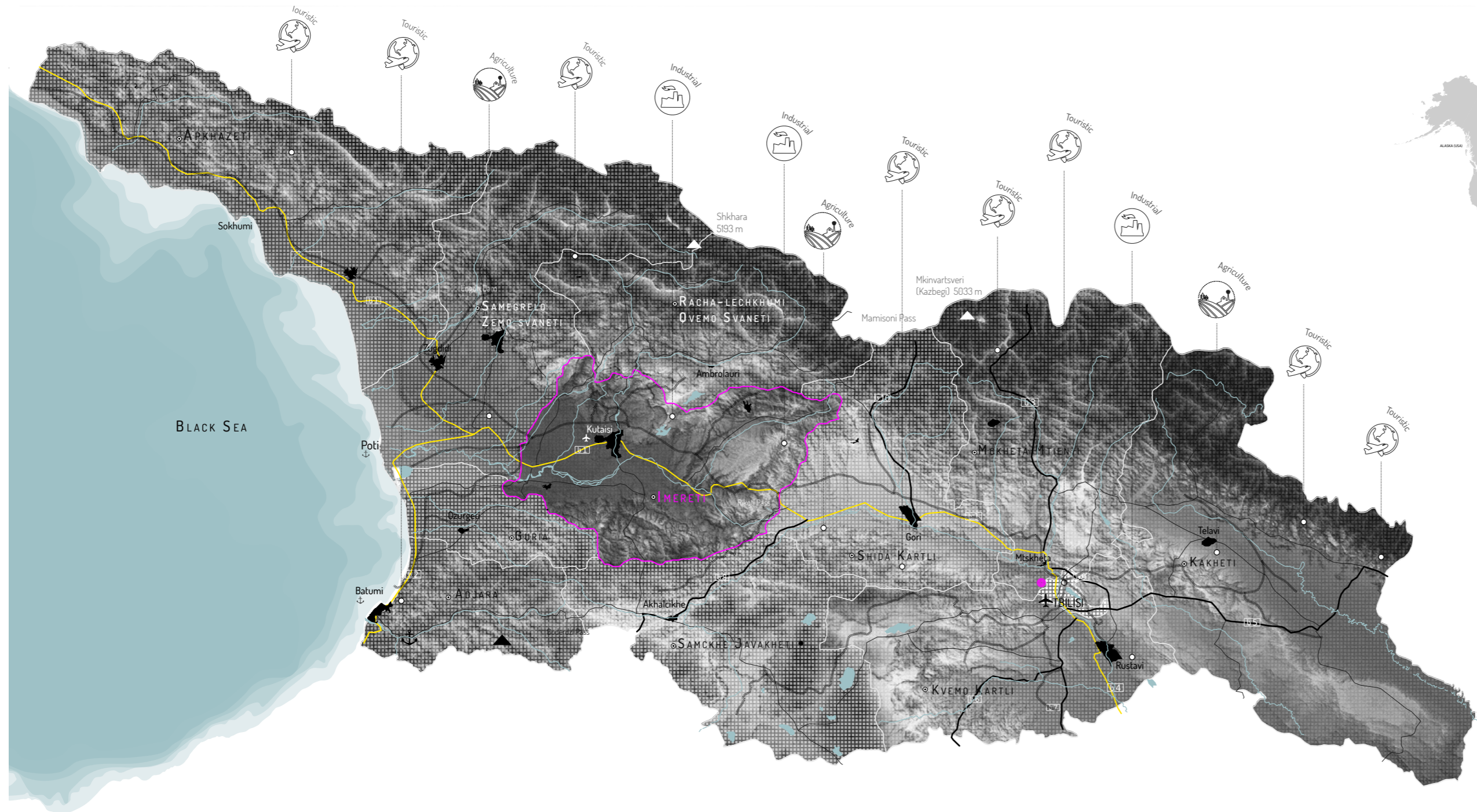


## SETTLEMENT PATTERN

More than half the population now lives in cities. Further, a considerable portion of the population that is defined as rural is in fact engaged in the urban economy of nearby cities. There also was a significant shift in the distribution of the population to urban centres in recent years, as the rural population has decreased by about one-fourth since the beginning of the 21st century. Enterprises for primary processing of agricultural products have been constructed in the villages, while ore-processing plants and light industry also are increasing in number. As a result, many of the slow-paced traditional villages have developed into distinctly modern communities. The number of rural inhabitants remains as high as it is because of the wide distribution of labour-intensive branches of the economy such as the tea and subtropical crop plantations.

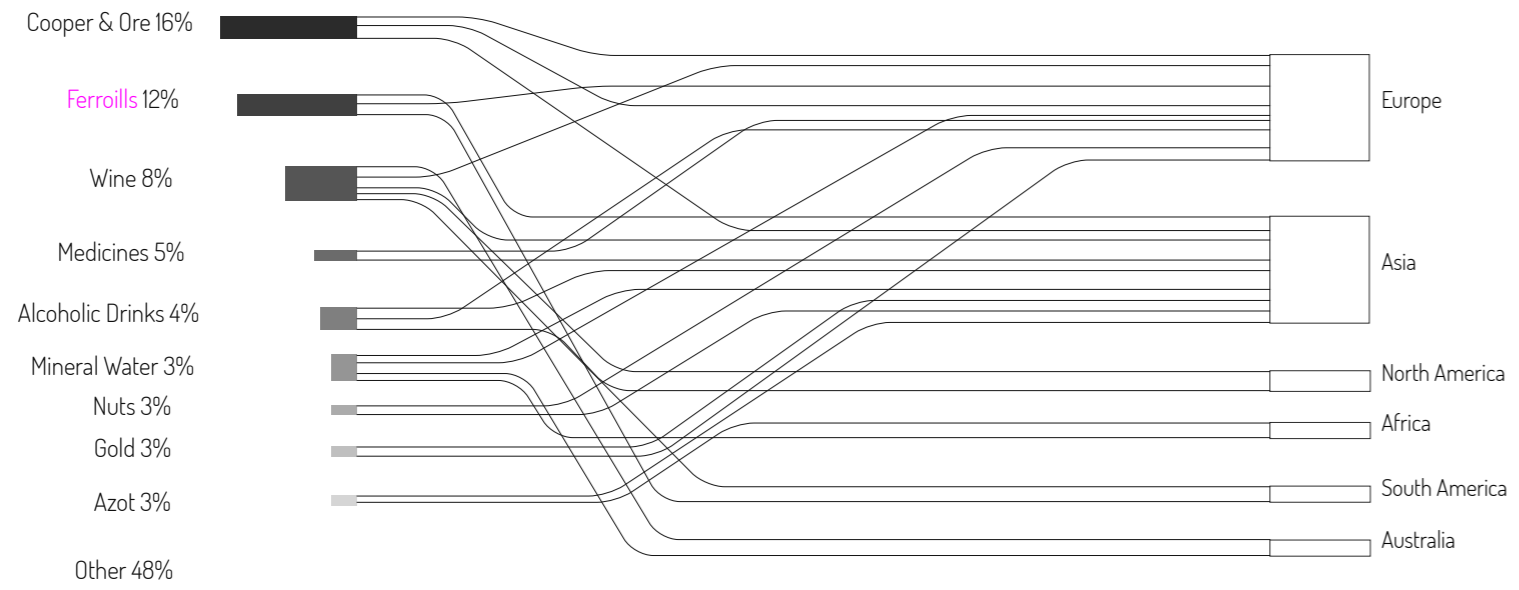
## Economy

The Georgian economy includes diversified and mechanized agriculture alongside a well-developed industrial base. In recent years tourism has been developed. Georgia is the importer of foodstuffs, energy carriers, cars, machinery and transportation equipment. Georgia exports mineral waters, wines, tea, citrus fruits, pipes, alloys of ferrous and nonferrous metals, and textile products. Besides, it is engaged in re-export of crude oil. The volume of import in 2000y. totalled 898 million dollars, export – 372 mln. dollars. The largest import partners are the EU countries, Russia, Turkey, and the USA; export – Russia, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Armenia. Major industries are food (including tea, tinned goods, wines; tung oil, fragrant essences, mineral waters etc.), light industry, mechanical engineering, chemical and petrochemical industry, oil refining, extraction of manganese ores, coal, ores of non-ferrous metals, barite, etc.



- Highway
- Secondary Road
- Railway
- Seaport
- Airport
- Peak
- Dam
- Pass
- River
- Lake/Reservoir
- Road Code
- Municipalities
- Capital City
- Imereti Region

# Export Rate (2017)



# IMERETI REGION

## REGION CHARACTERISTICS

Imereti region is located in the west side of Georgia. From a historical perspective, Imereti is one of the important regions of Georgia. The main city of Imereti - Kutaisi, who is the second largest in the country of Georgia, also played an important role in the country since ancient times. Information about the old West Georgia or Colchis and Kutaisi be found in many (Greek, Arabic, Armenian) historical sources and chronicles. The region of Imereti is situated along the middle and upper end of the Rioni river the second river in Georgia, along its length (327 km). The main city of the region is Kutaisi. Where is located the second important Airport after Tbilisi and Georgian Parliament. Imereti is divided into two parts: Upper and Lower Imereti. The districts of the Upper Imereti are Kharagauli, Terjola, Tkibuli, Sachkhere Chiatura, Zestaphoni. The Lower include Kutaisi, Tskhaltubo, Khoni, Samtredia, Vani, Baghdadi.

## MINERAL RESOURCES AND INDUSTRY

This region is distinguished by its natural resources. There are located two cities with mines Chiatura - where are Manganese ores and Tkibuli where is the extraction of the coal. Zestafoni and the smaller neighbouring town of Shorapani are industrial centres of the country. The Zestafoni ferro-alloy plant processes raw manganese ore shipped by rail down the Kvirila valley from Chiatura, supplying 6% of world demand. The largest ferroalloy plant in the country, in 1998 it produced 35,000 tonnes of silicomanganese and 11,000 tonnes of medium-carbon manganese alloy. This was well below its previous peak production of 110,000 tonnes of manganese-based alloys. Main industrial sectors: metallurgy; food industry; electric power production; mining industry; machine-building; and light industry. The region is distinguished with its variety of mineral deposits. Currently, there are more than 100 deposits of minerals and raw resources that are known of in the region. Half of the extracted minerals are exported to foreign markets.

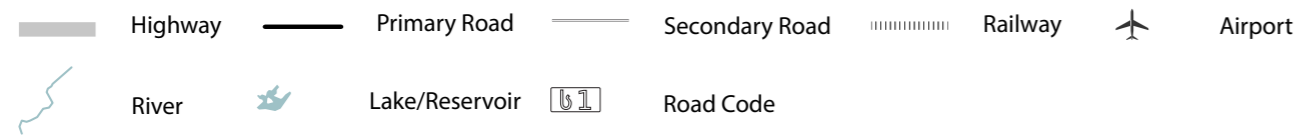
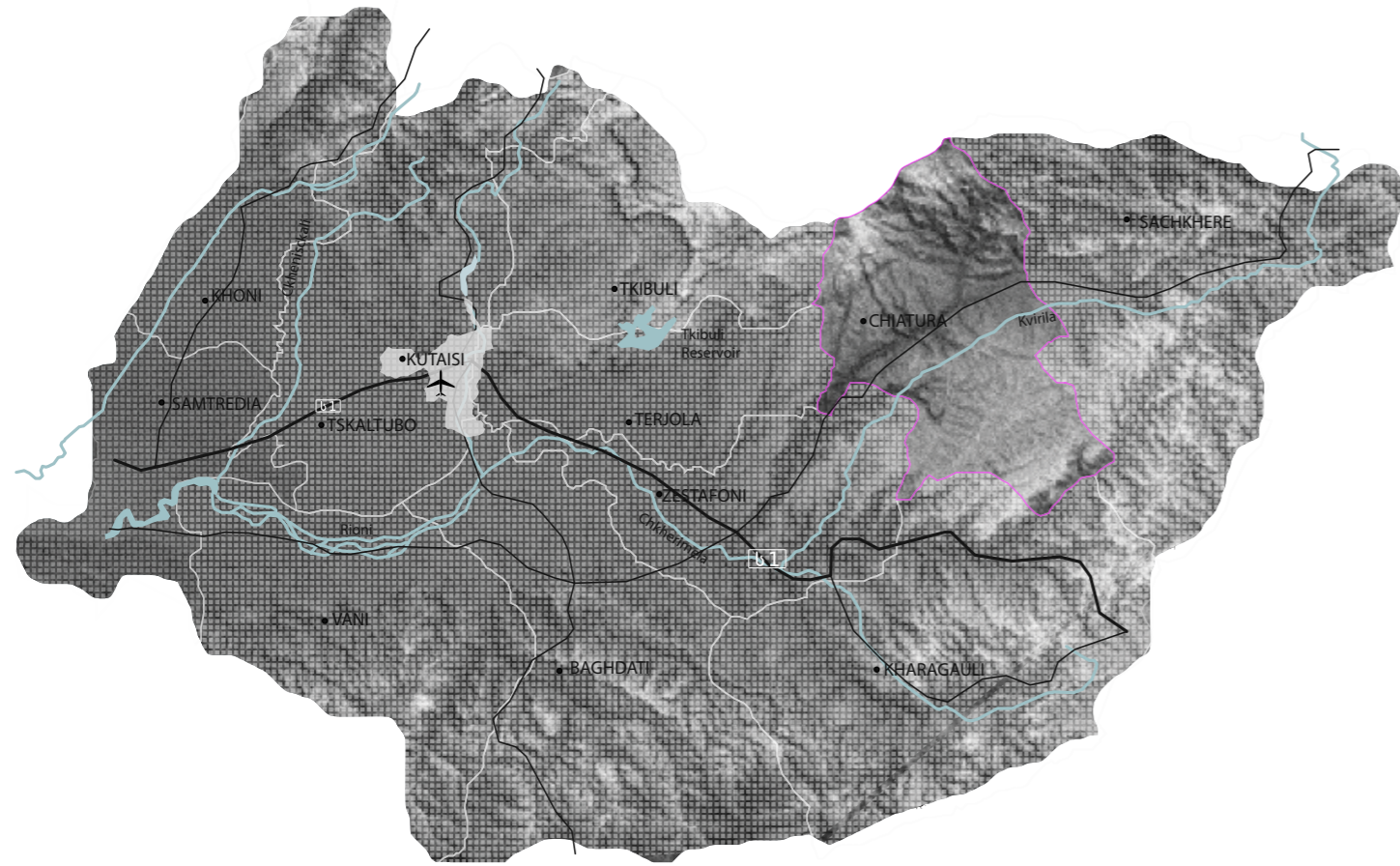
## RESORT FACILITIES AND TOURISM RESOURCES

The geographical location of Imereti, its landscape, historical-cultural and natural monuments, agriculture, rich national traditions, especially Imeretian hospitality, represent good preconditions for the development of tourism in the region. The region is home to more than 250 historical monuments, which may create a clear imagination for the guests about the rich and unique Georgian culture and history. There are a lot of sights in Imereti, cultural - architectural monuments; many of them are included in the list of World Heritage - UNESCO. From the Antique Epoch until the beginning of the XX century their location in wonderful landscapes greatly impressed visitors from all over the world. 1.360.000 tourists visited Imereti in 2016, 41% foreign tourists among them.

## MIGRATION

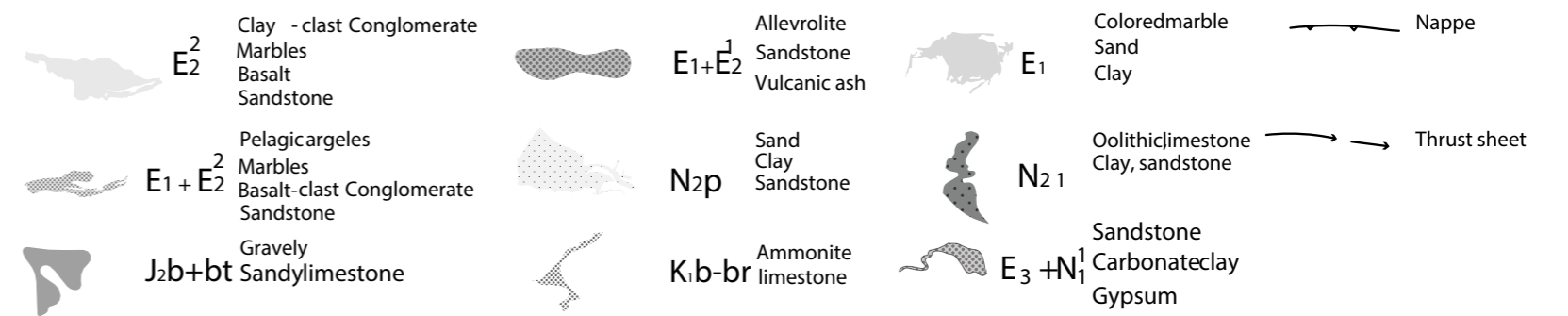
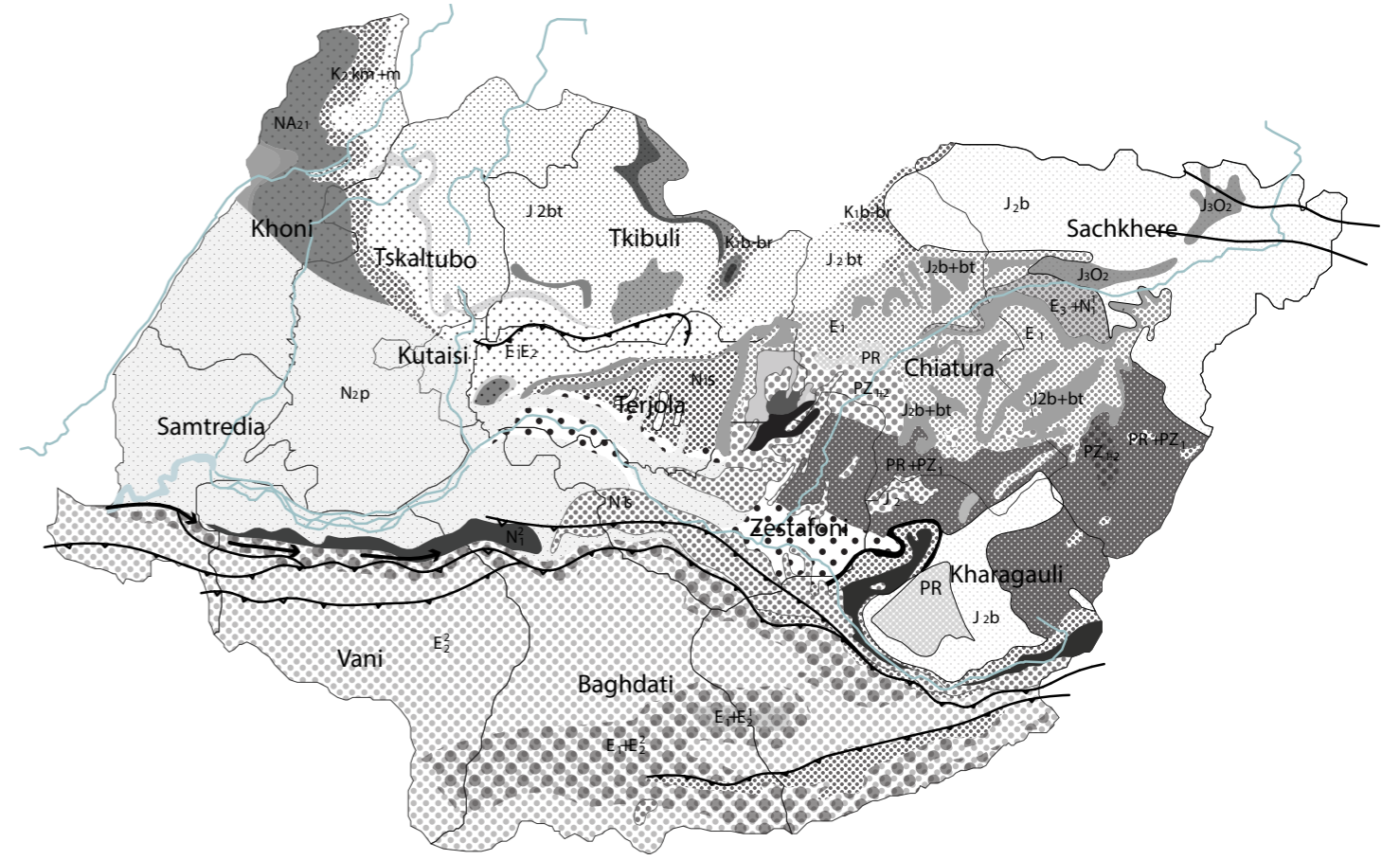
Many large and small-sized cities lost almost a third of their population. Imereti, after Racha - Lechkhumi, Kvemo Svaneti is the second region in the migration process, flows increased by 19%. There are various complex factors ranging from economic and societal to political and personal. This tendency has only partially changed since 2005 when industrial activities started reviving. Economic reforms implemented in the country during the past decades, along with increased political stability and security, But the migration process continues and it is difficult to single out the sole factor contributing to emigration and/or immigration from/to Georgia. Rather, have fostered an increase in immigration flows. However, this has not reduced emigration levels. The 2014 census shows that 75% of emigrants are in the 20-54 age category. The outflow of working and reproductive age population adversely affects the economic and demographic situation in the country.

Imereti Map



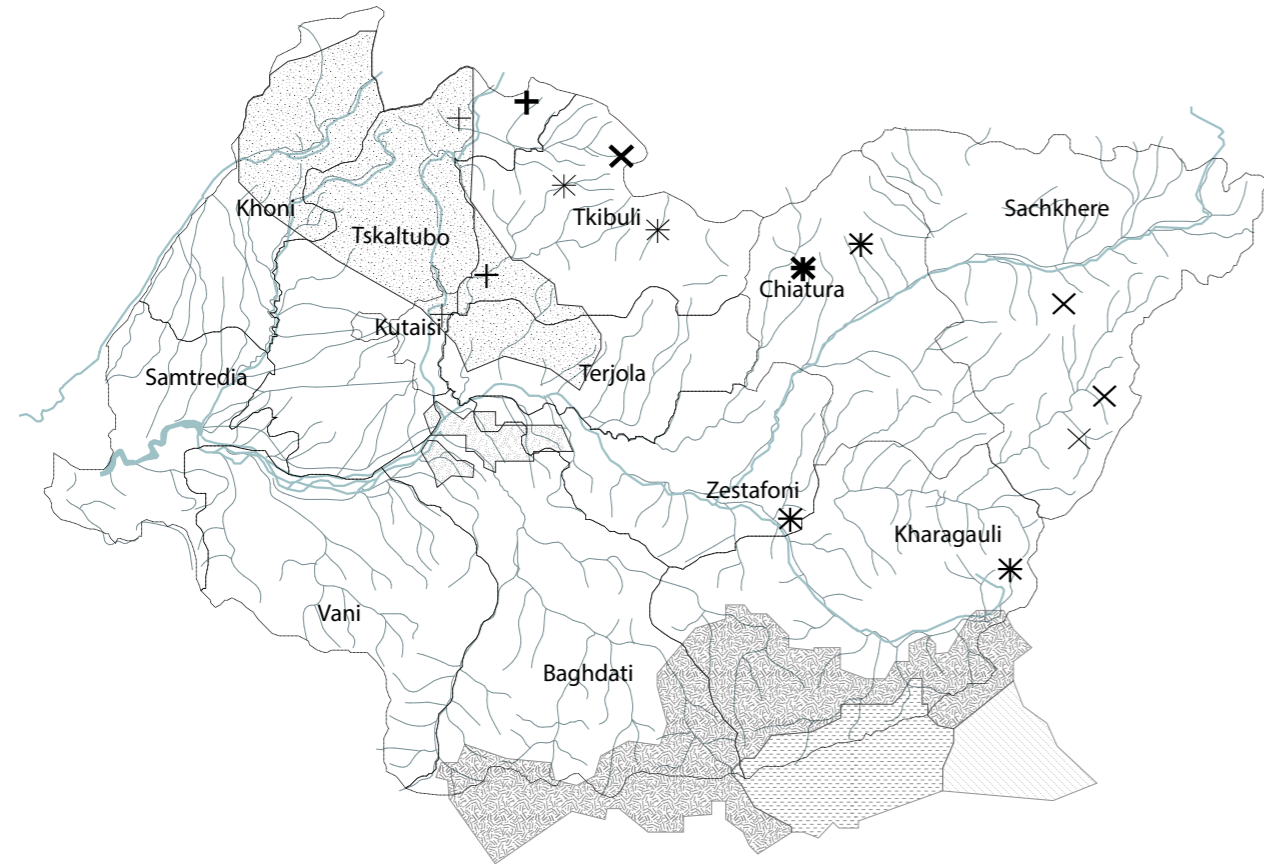
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Geological Map



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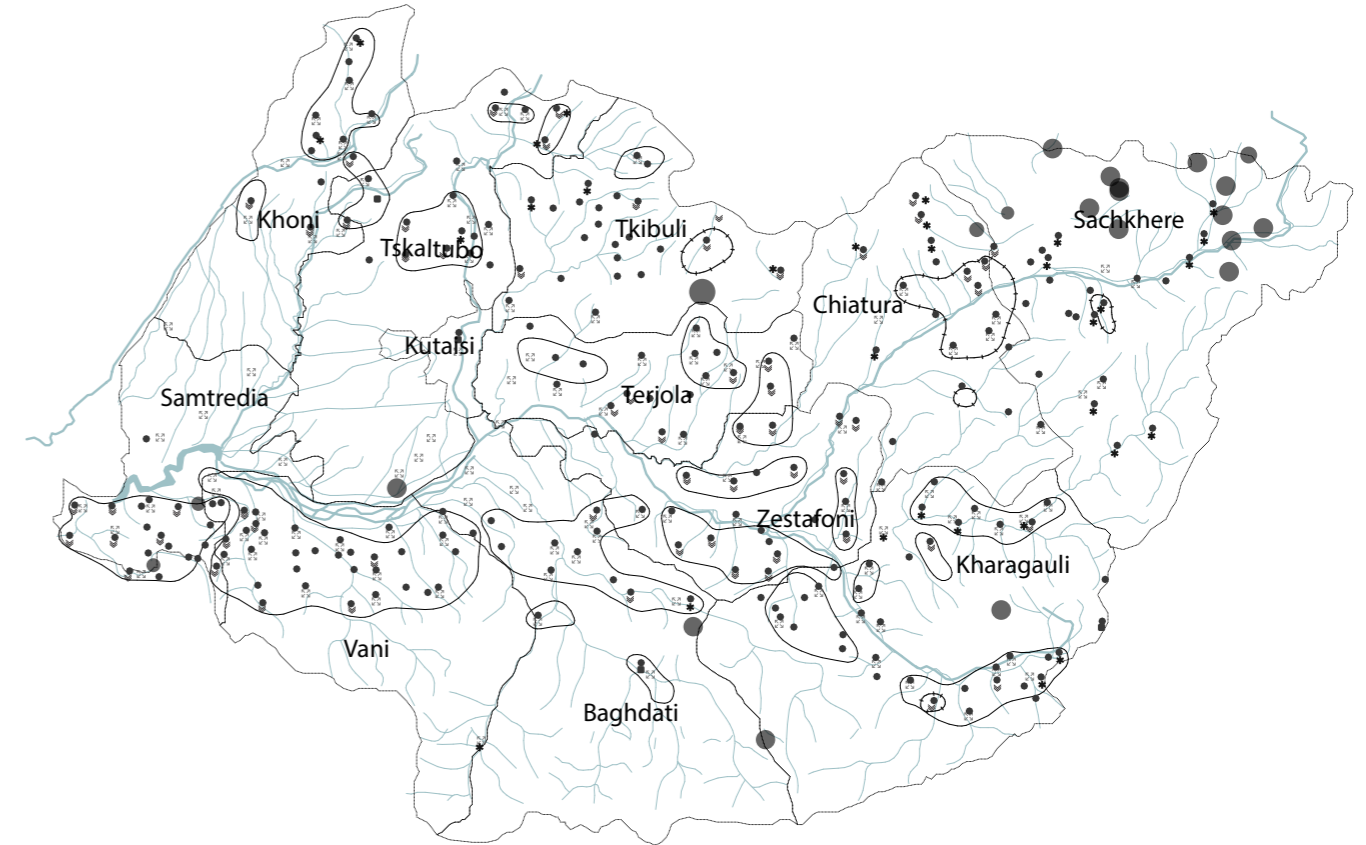
Mineral Resources Map



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|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ✱ Manganese  | ✚ Kaolinite | ✕ Coal            | ☁ Wildlife Refuge |
| ✱ Marble     | ✚ Limestone | ✕ Sand            | ■ State Reserve   |
| ✱ Loose Clay | ✚ Baryte    | ✕ Diabase         | ■ National Park   |
| ✱ Jet        | ✚ Gypsum    | 🏞 Nature Monument |                   |

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Natural Hazards Map



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|--------------|-------------|--|---------------------|
| ● Earthquake | ● Landslide | ▨ Flooded River Banks                  | ○ Technogenic areas |
| ✱ Downpour   | ⋈ Landfill  | ⬭ Dangerous Zones of Natural Disasters | 🌊 Waterstreams      |

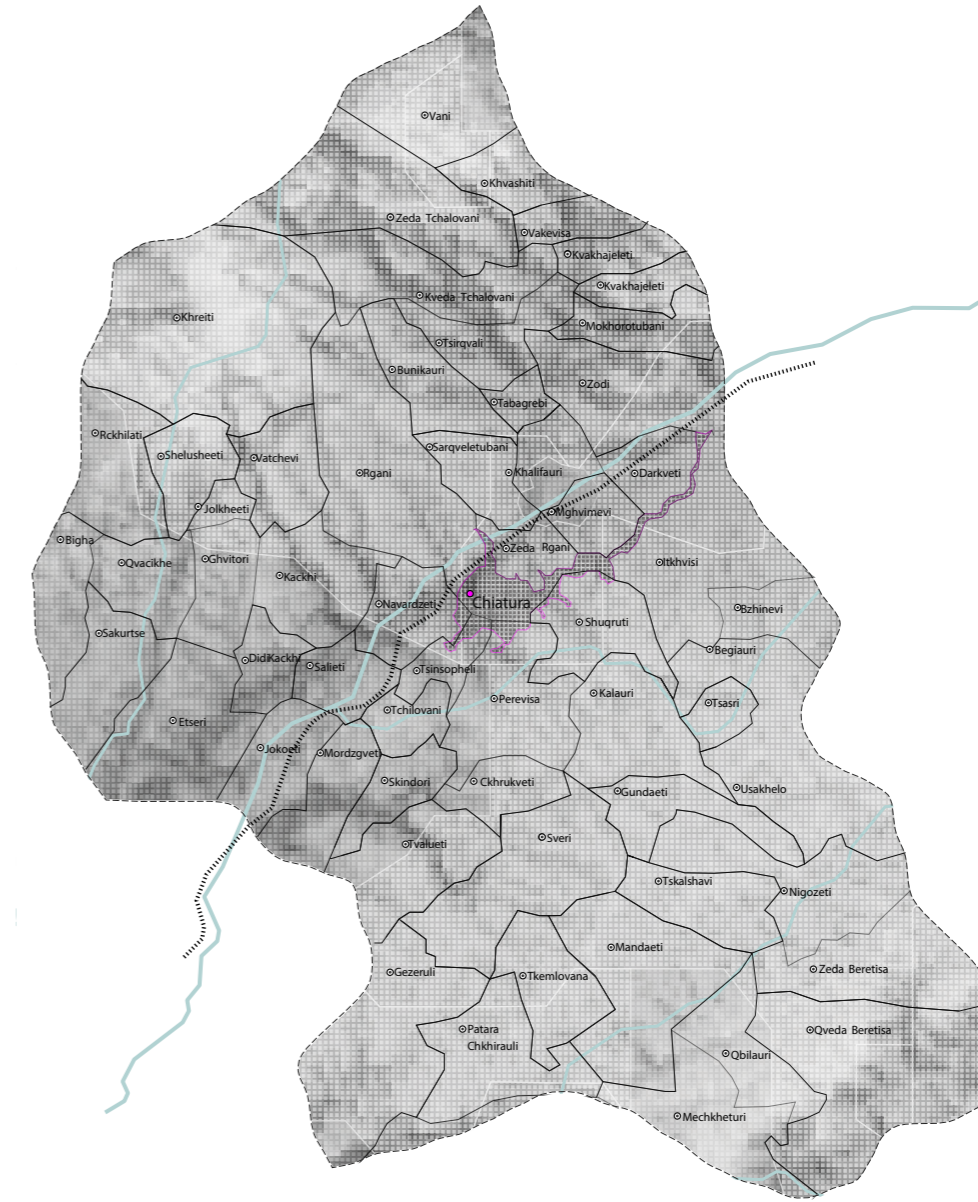
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Water Map



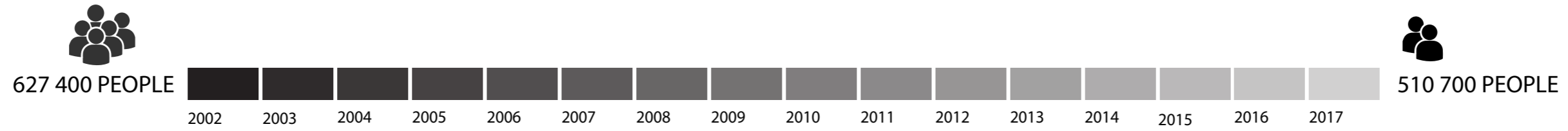
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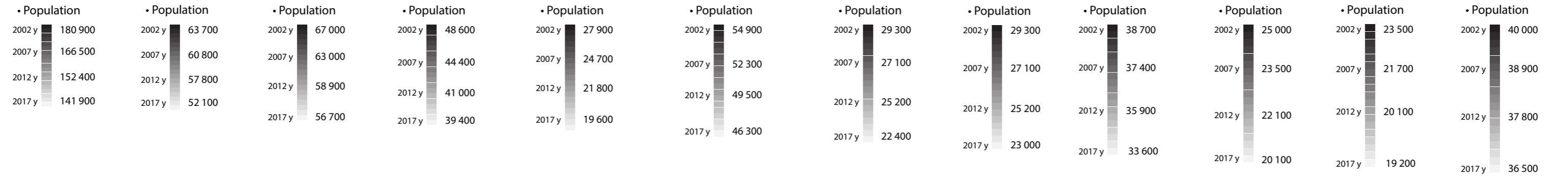
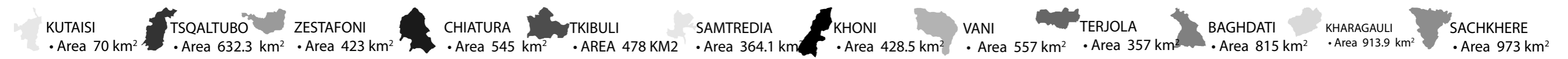


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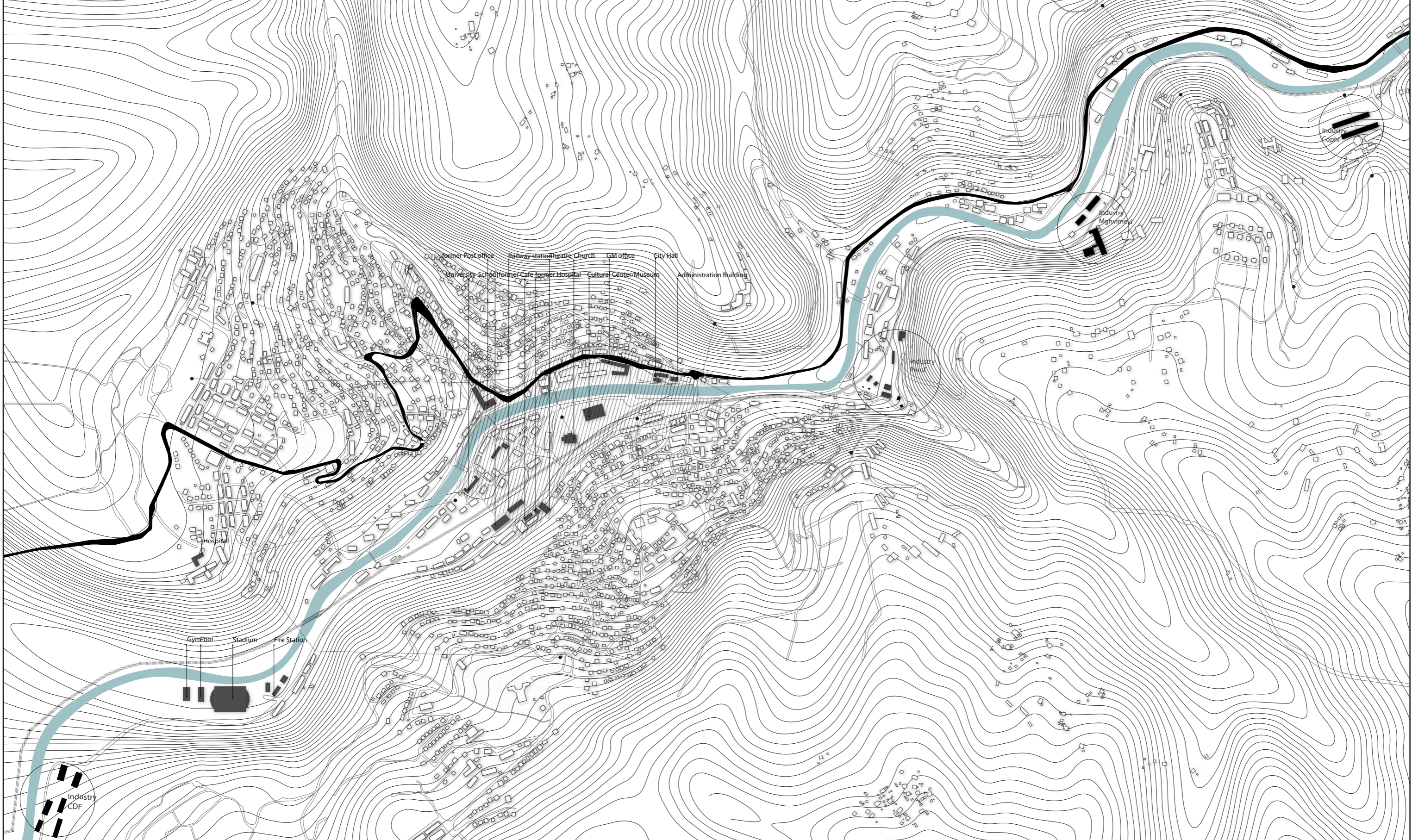


The number of population decreased by 19 % in 15 years











TOTAL AREA TOTAL POPULATION

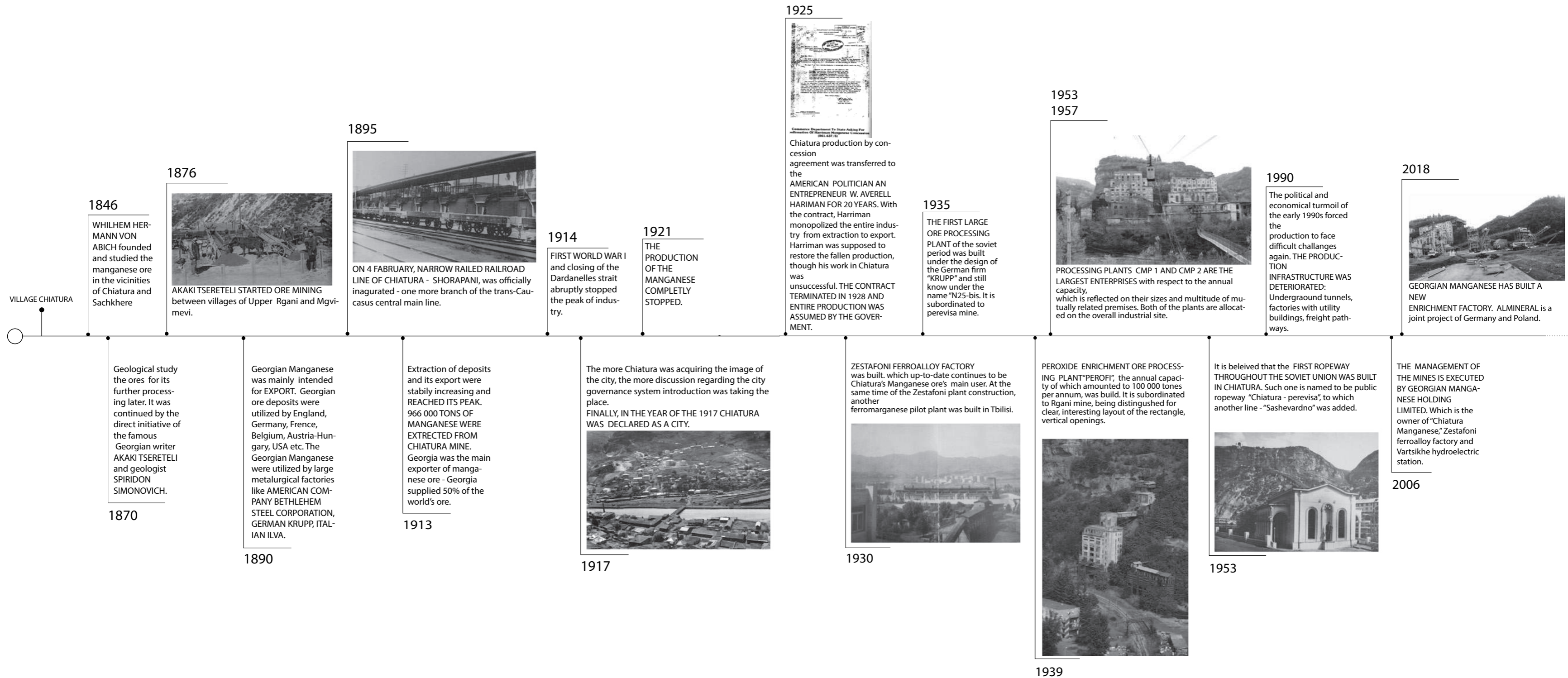
# CHIATURA MASTERPLAN



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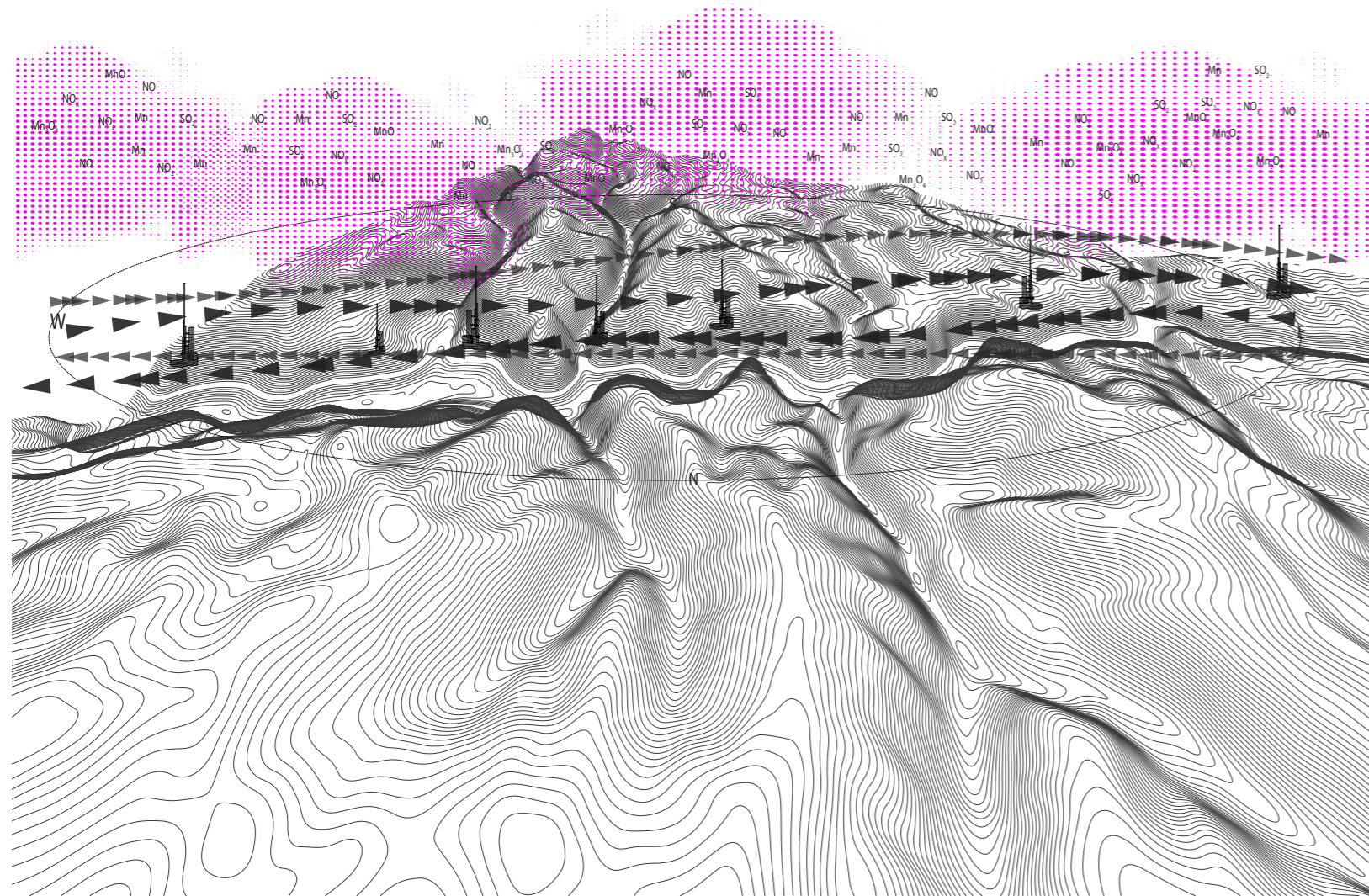
-  Primary Road
-  Secondary Road
-  Railway
-  River
-  Roadway
-  Parks
-  Enrichment Industry
-  Old City Area

CHIATURA STORY LINE

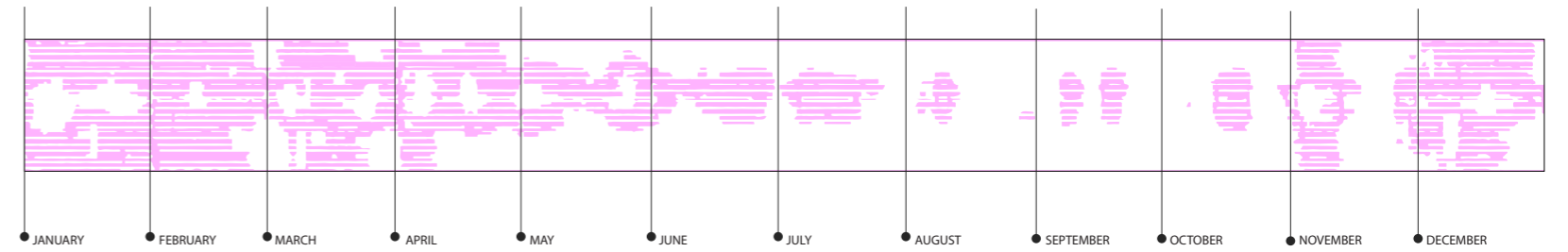


ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

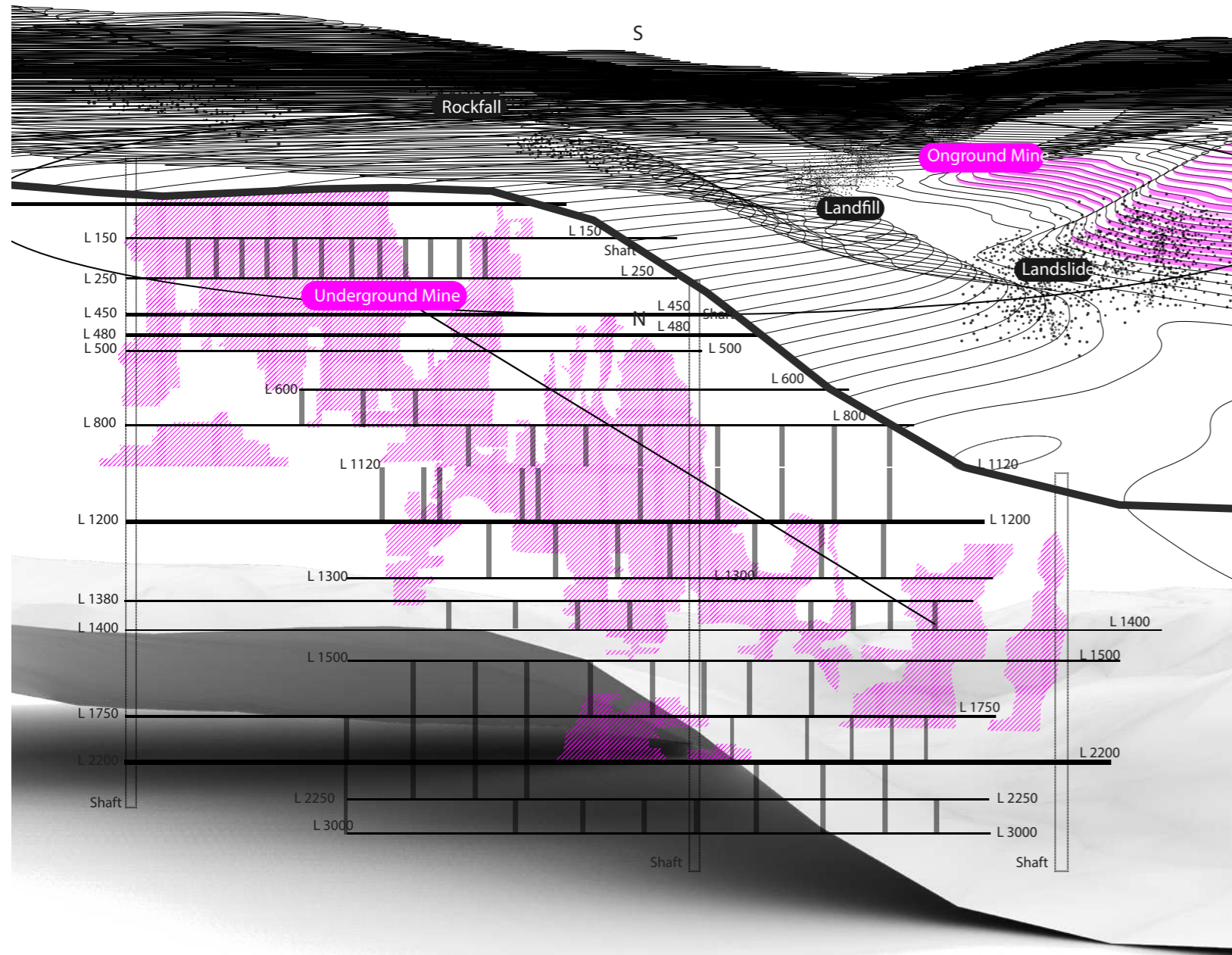
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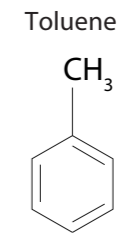
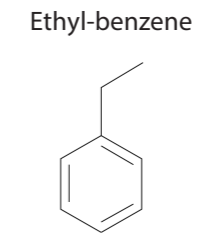
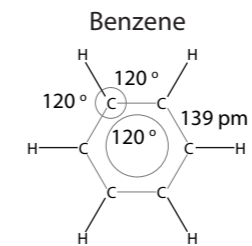
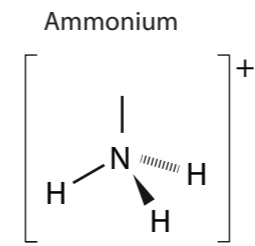
# Annual Wind Intensity Distribution



# Soil Study

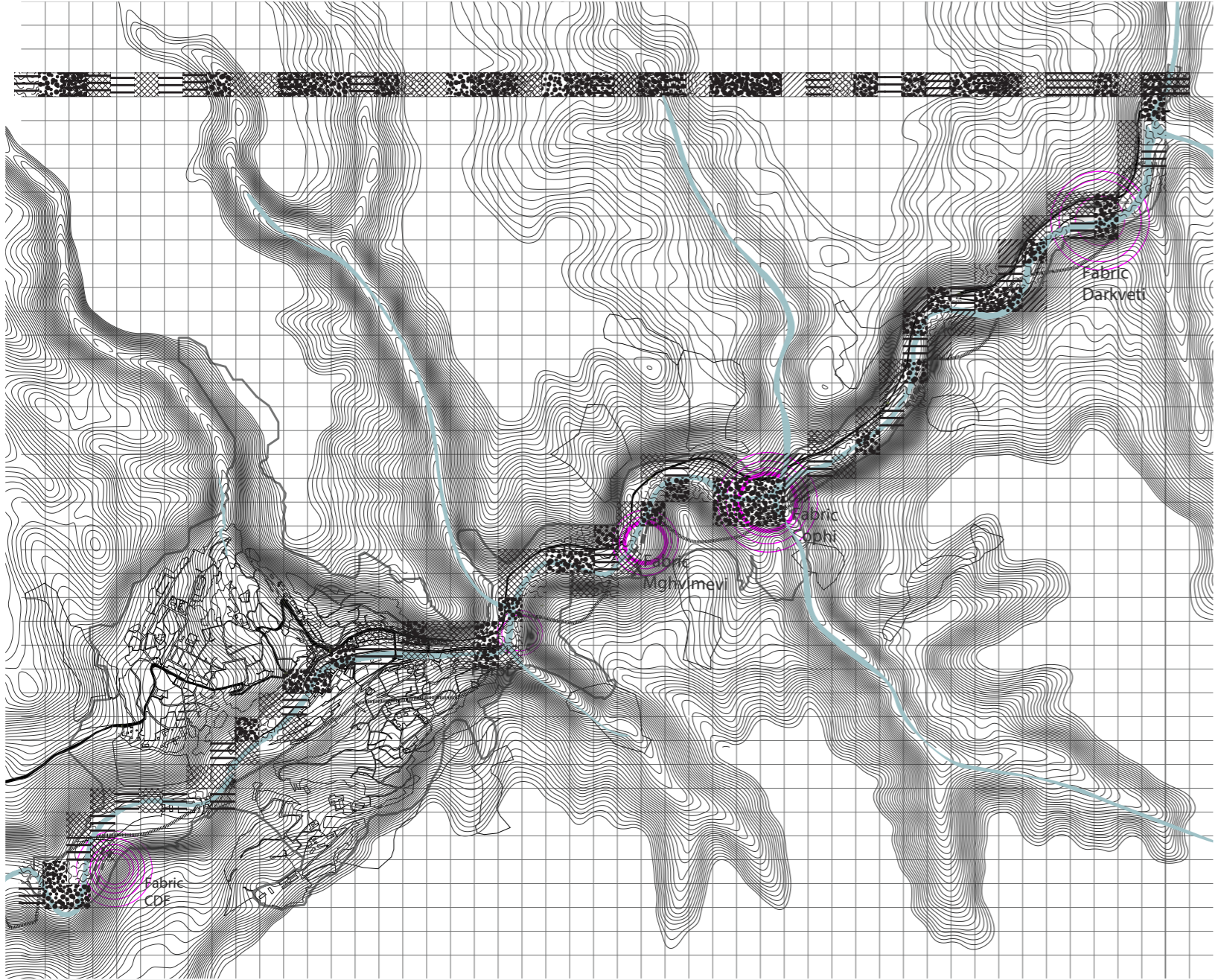


# Chemical Elements In The Soil

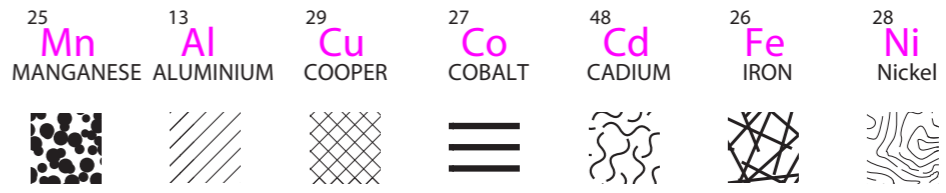




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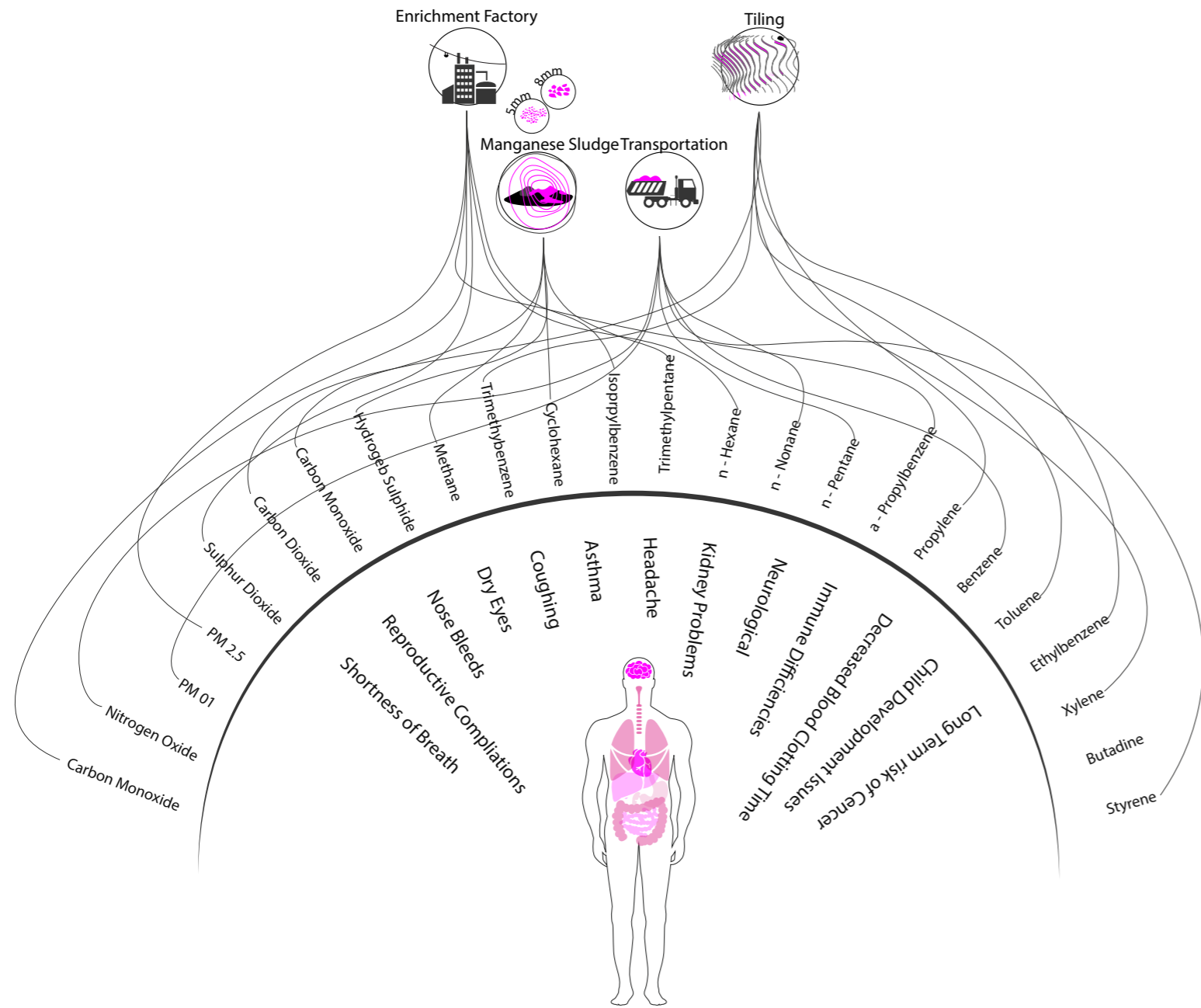


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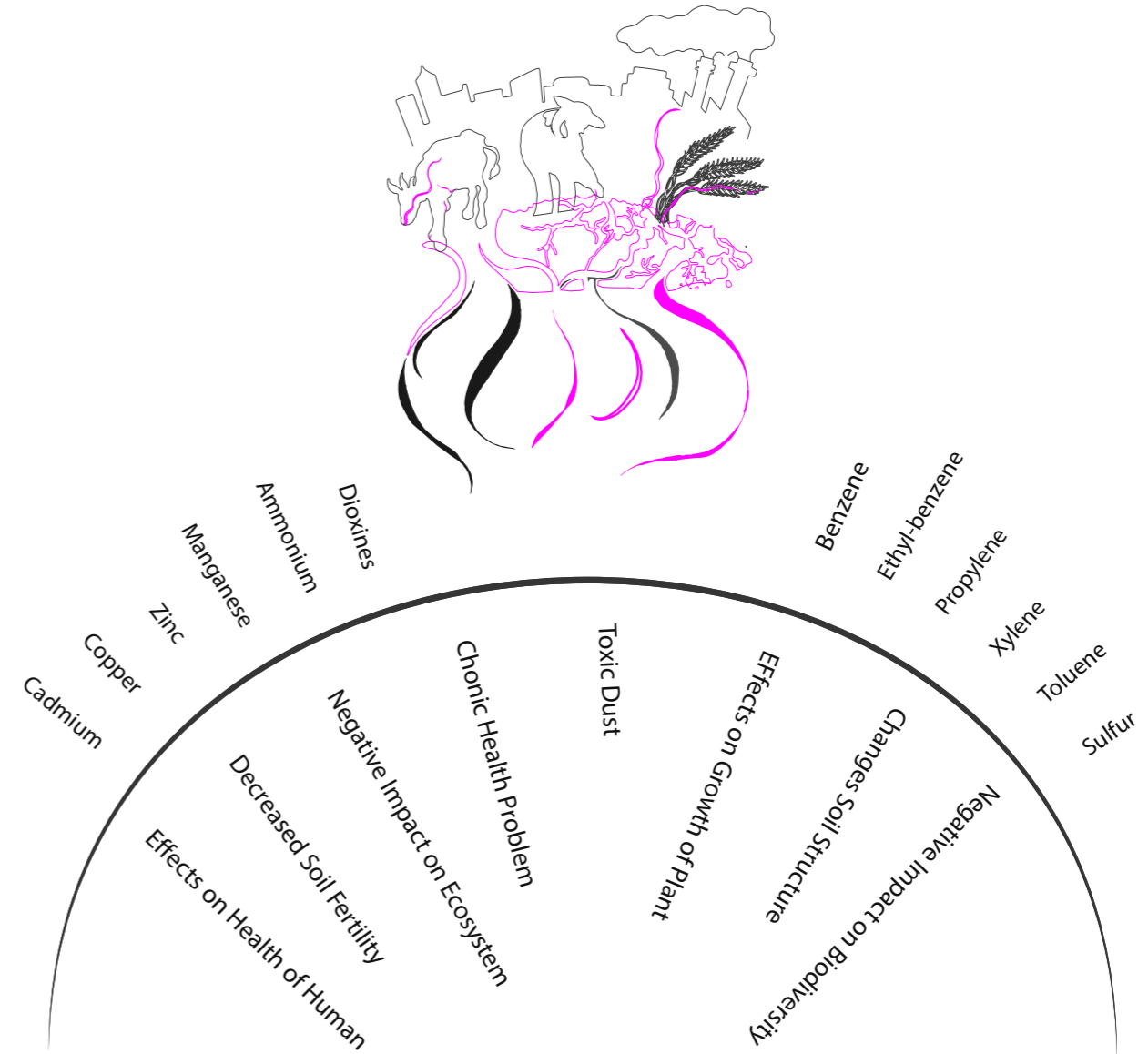


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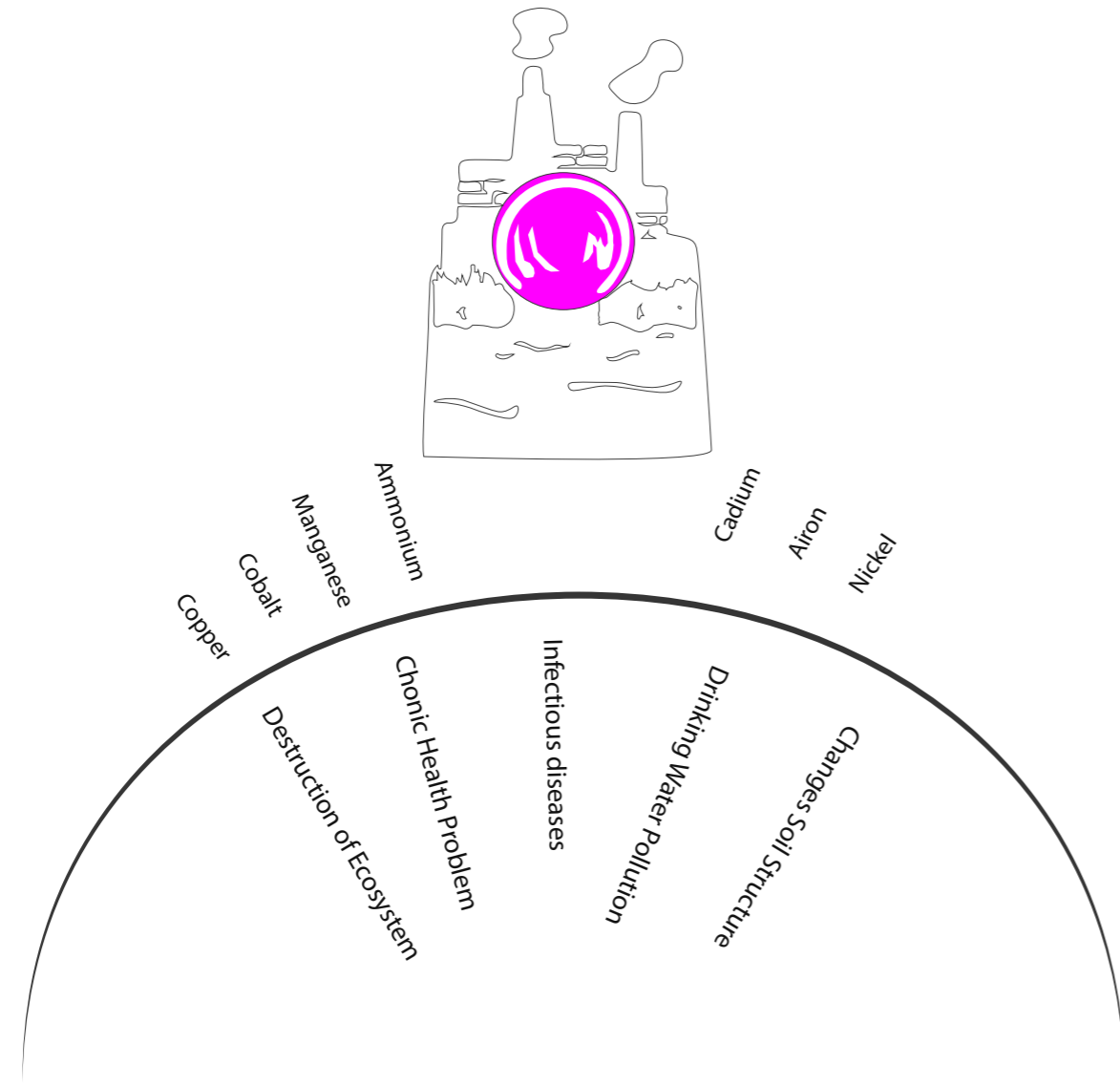
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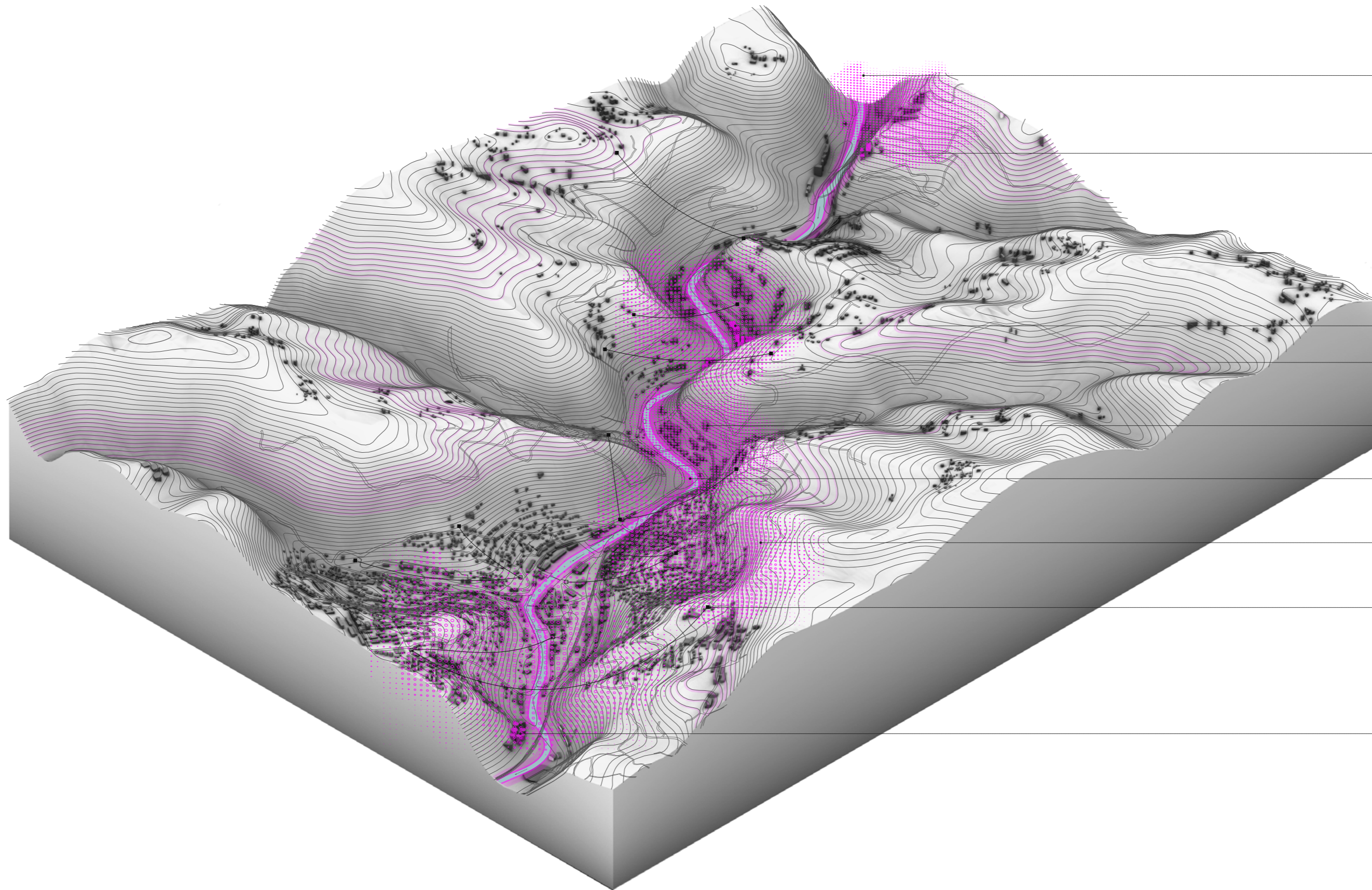
## Soil Pollution And Effects



Water Pollution And Effects



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Polluted Air

Enrichment Industry MGHVIMEVI

Enrichment Industry DARKVETI

Enrichment Industry COPHI

Former Enrichment Industry PEROF

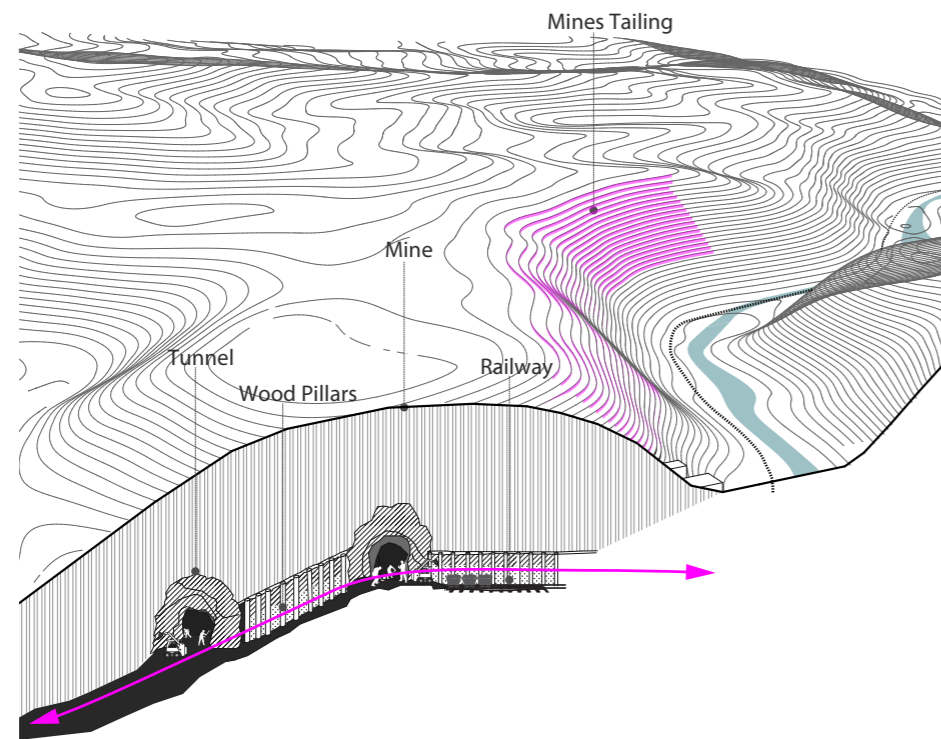
Polluted River KVIRILA

Mine Tailings

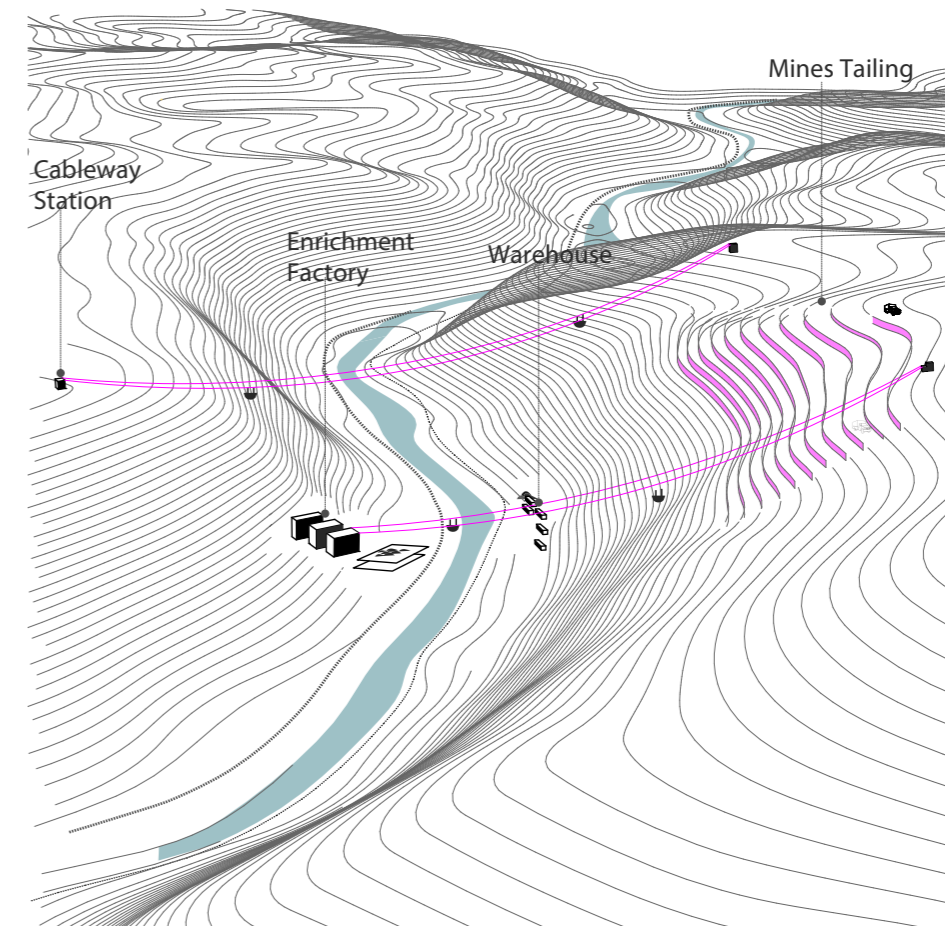
Cable Car Station

Enrichment Industry CDF

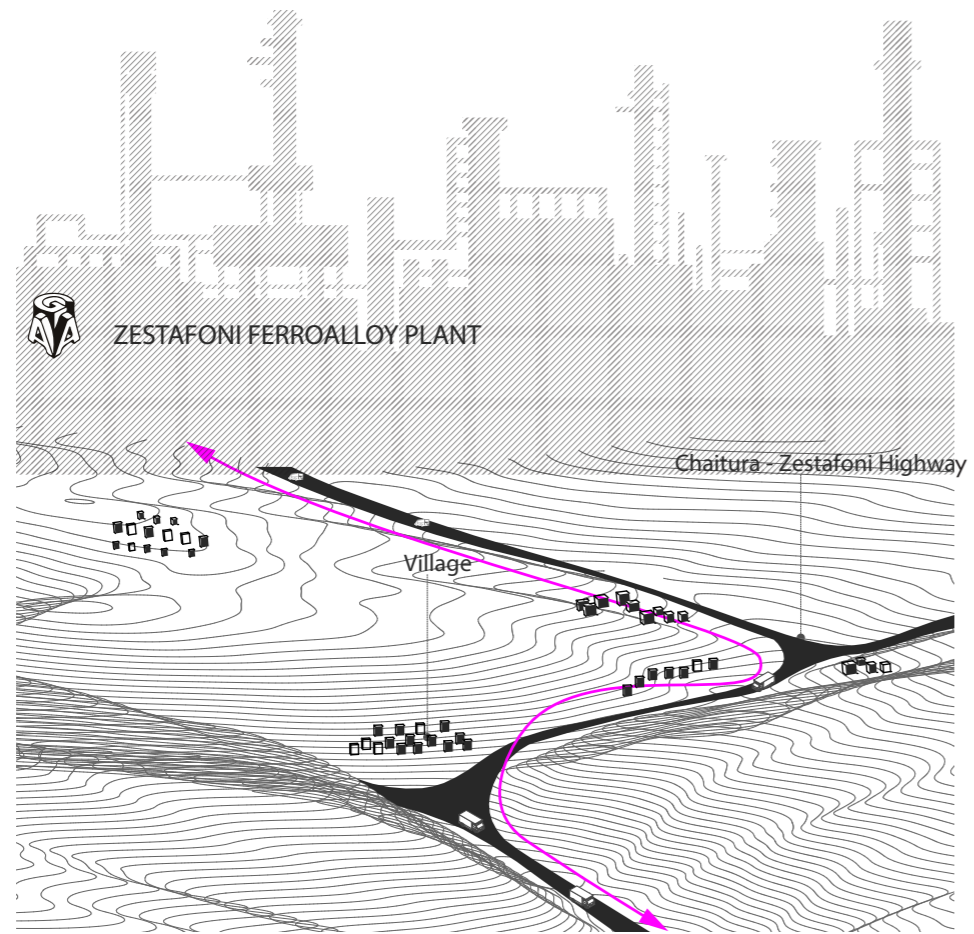
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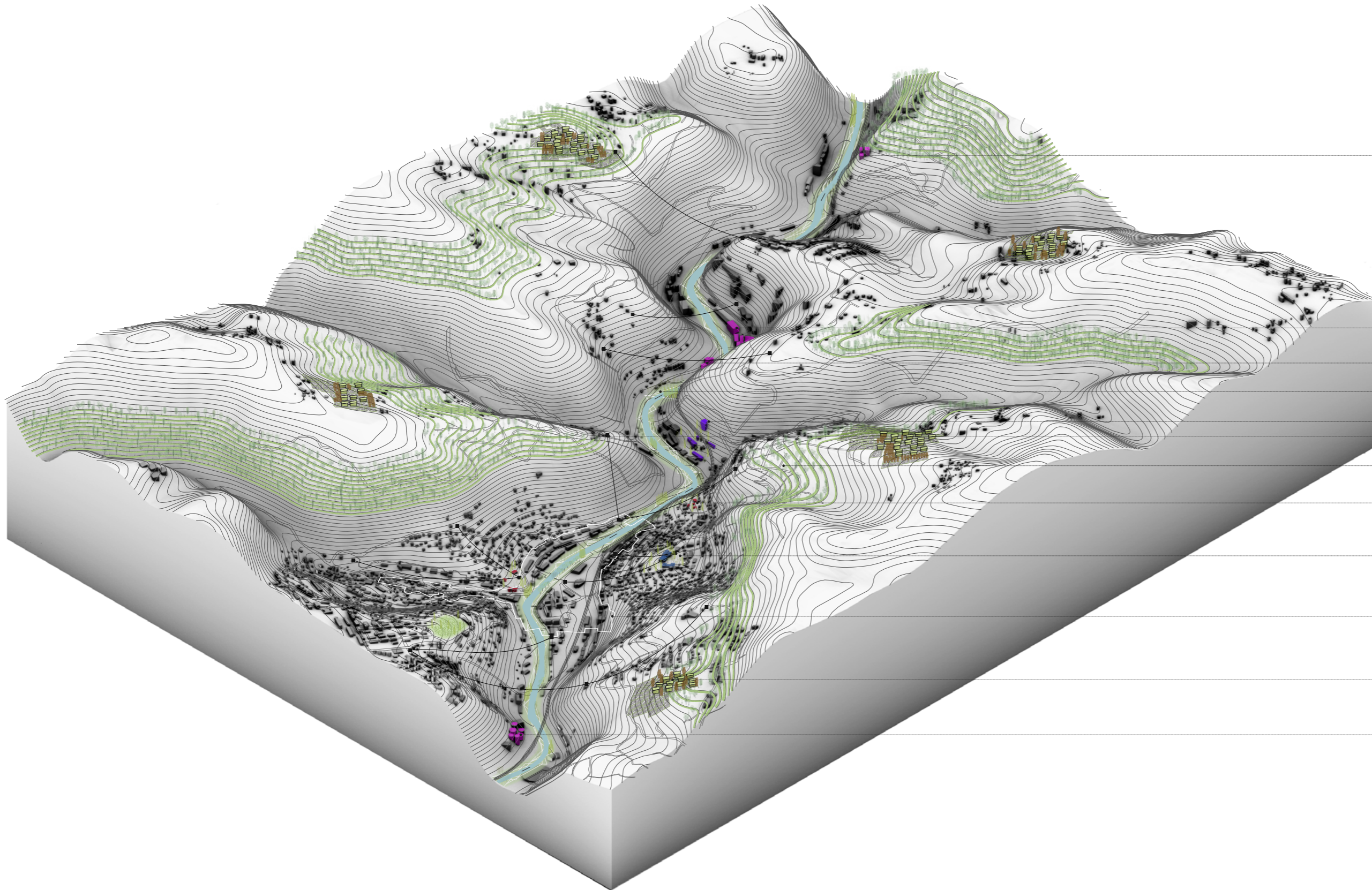
# Enrichment



Transportation



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Enrichment Industry MGHVIMEVI

Enrichment Industry COPHI

Enrichment Industry DARKVETI

Park along the River Kvirila

Research laboratory  
Cable Car Station

Land reclamation

Agro market

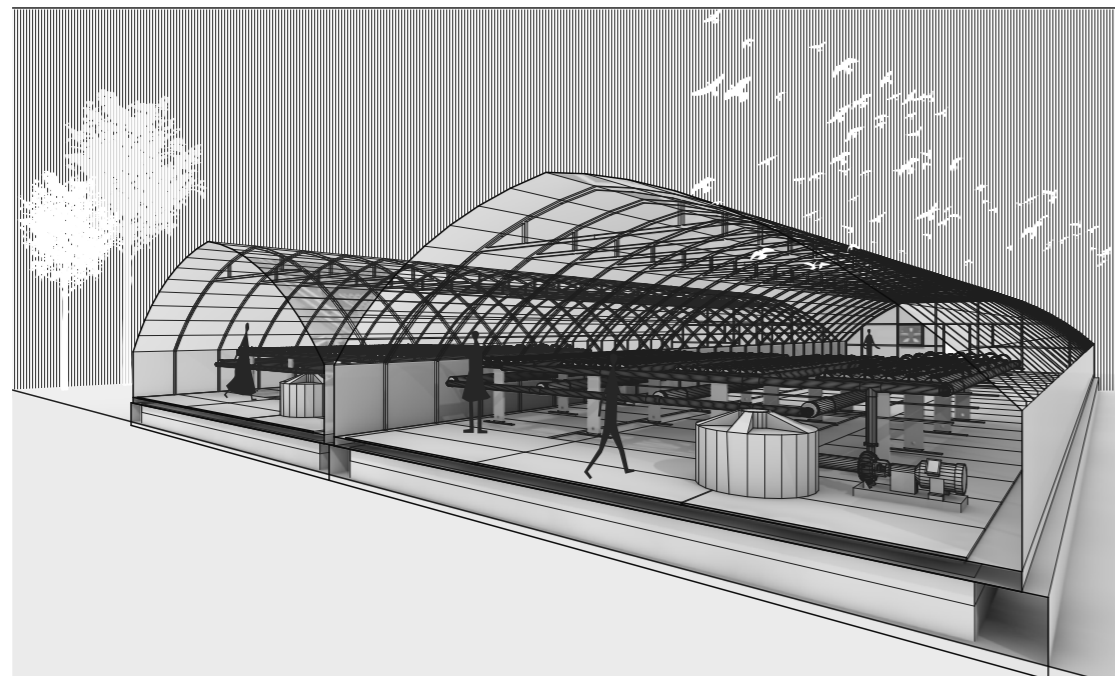
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Old city

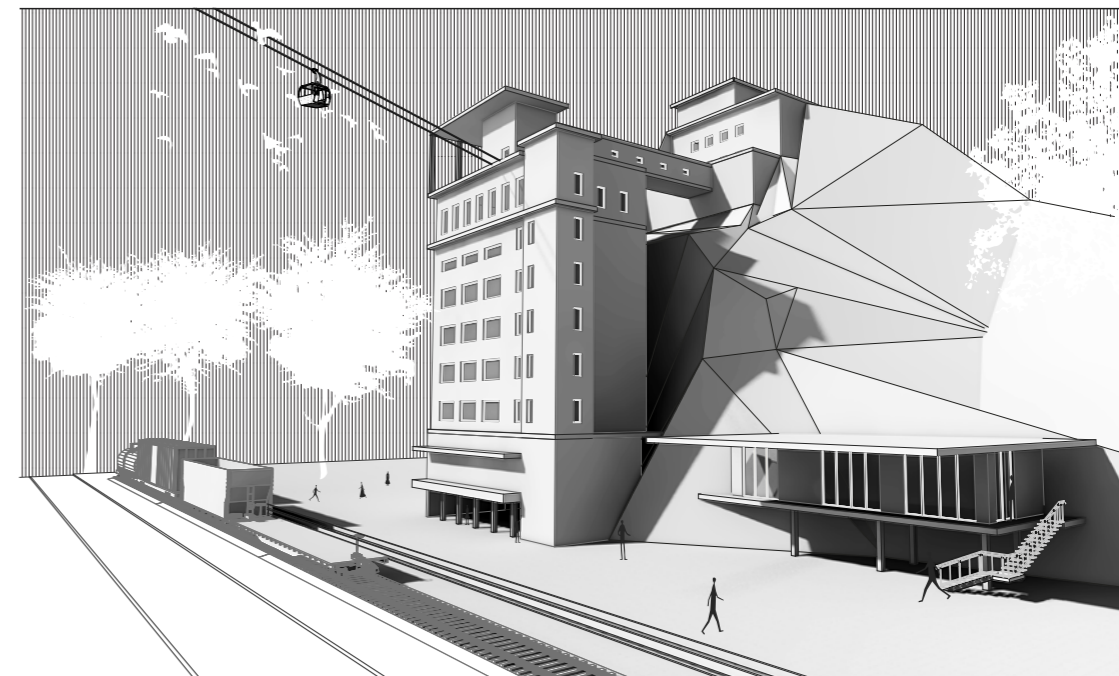
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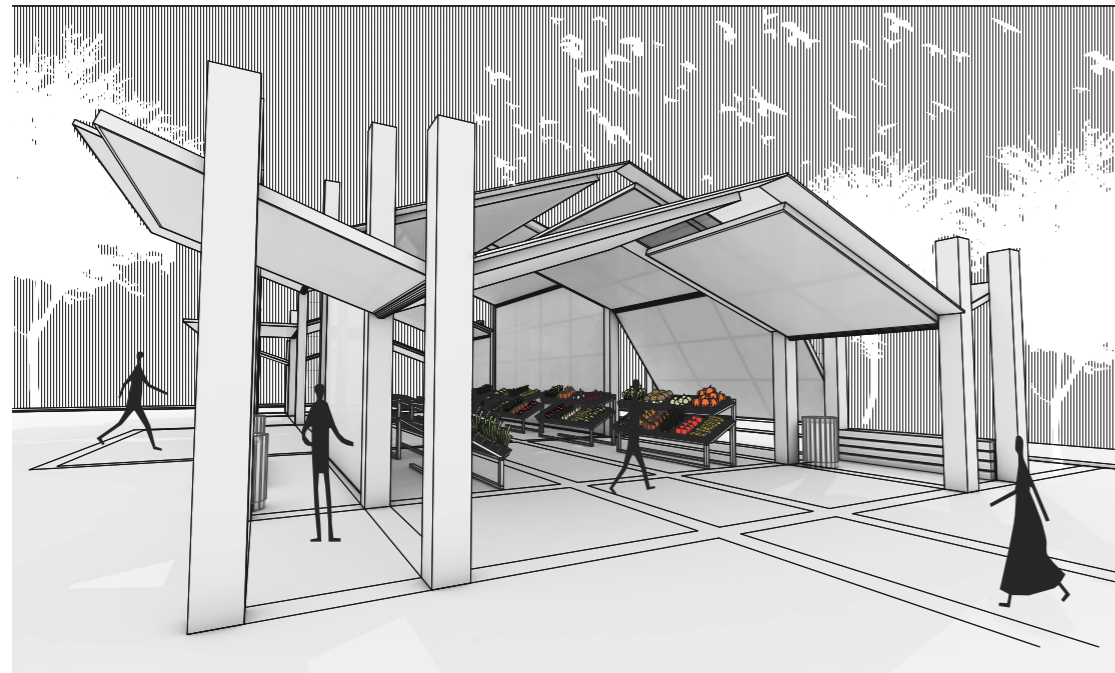


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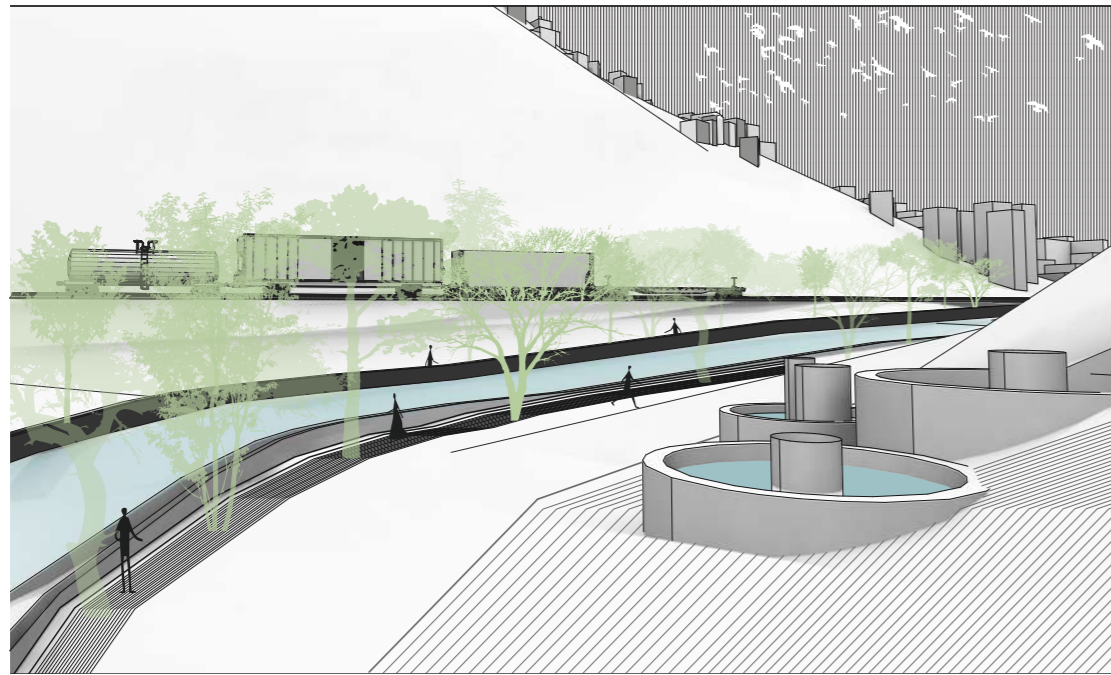
AGRO MARKET



ROPEWAY TRANSPORTATION



PARK ALONG THE RIVER WITH WATER FILTRATION

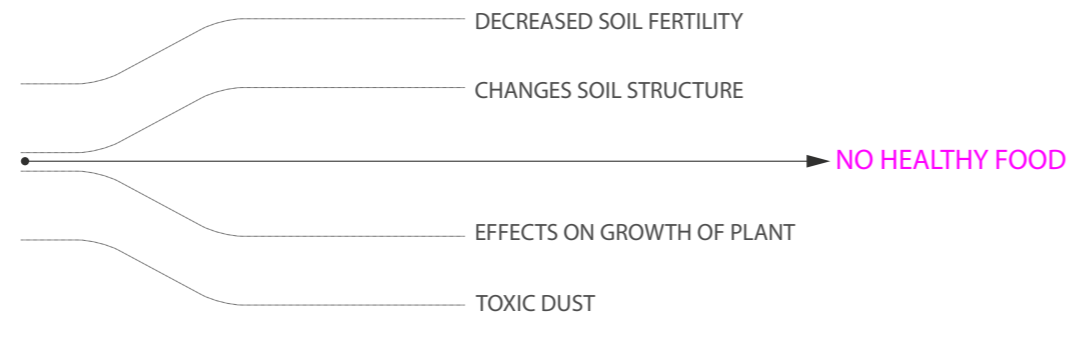


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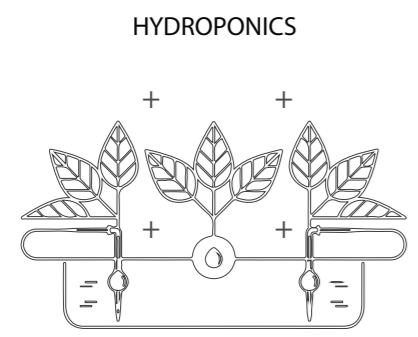
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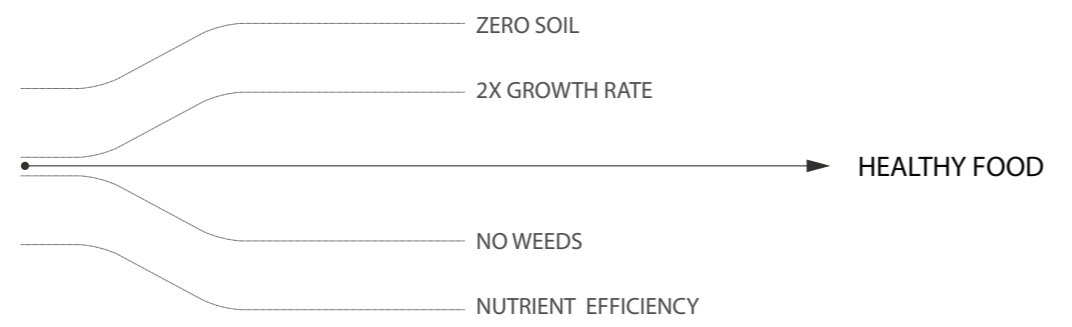
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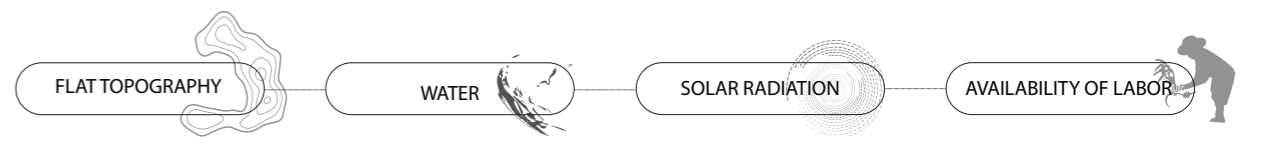
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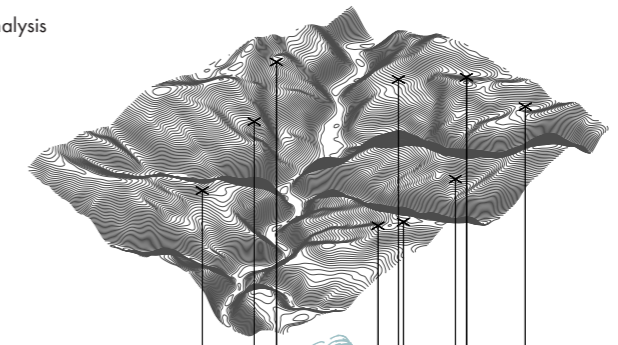
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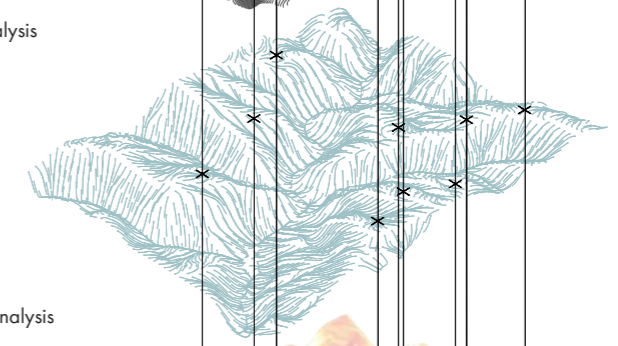
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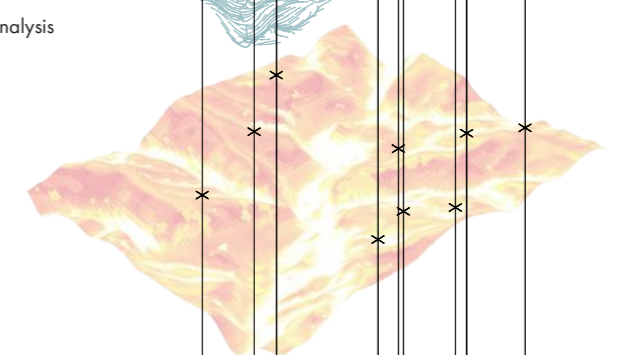
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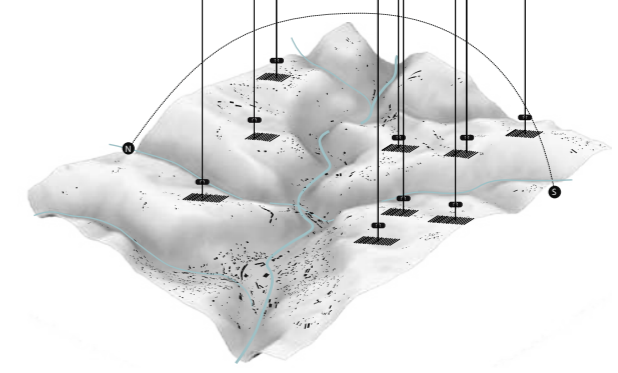
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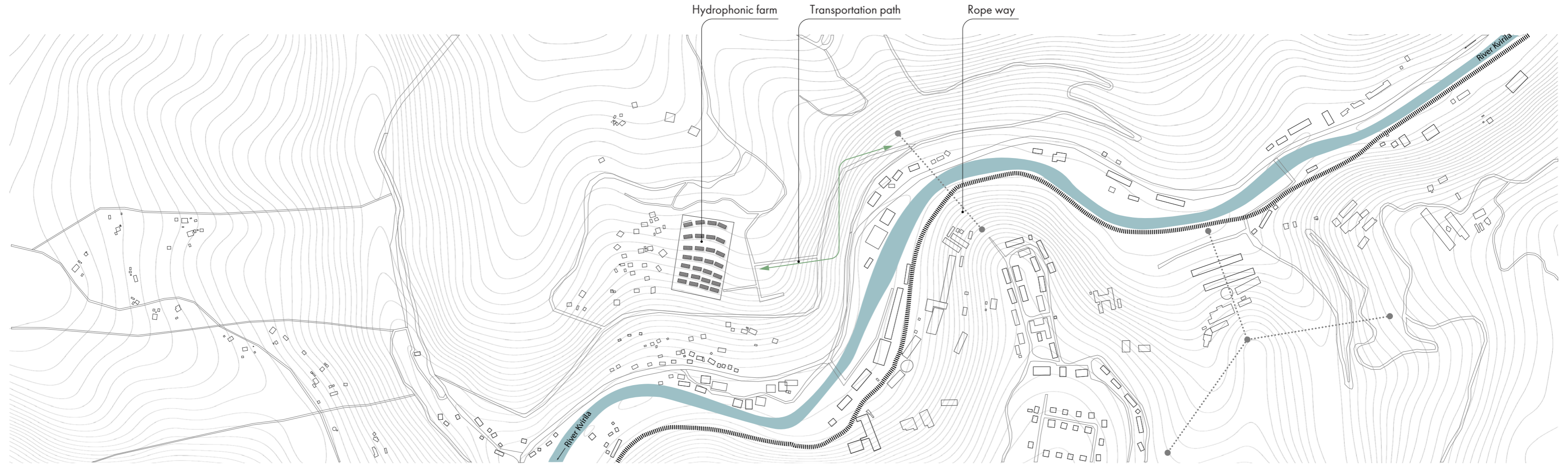
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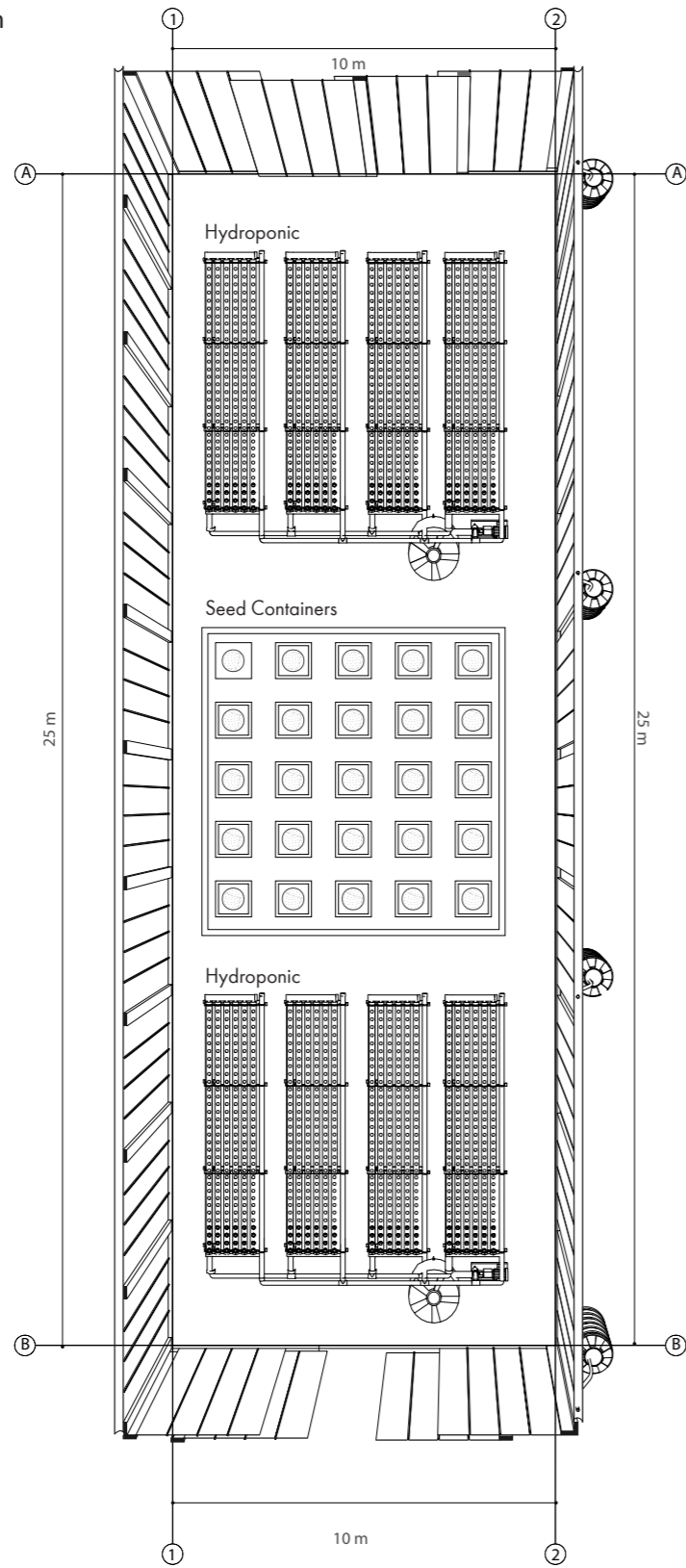
Green Houses



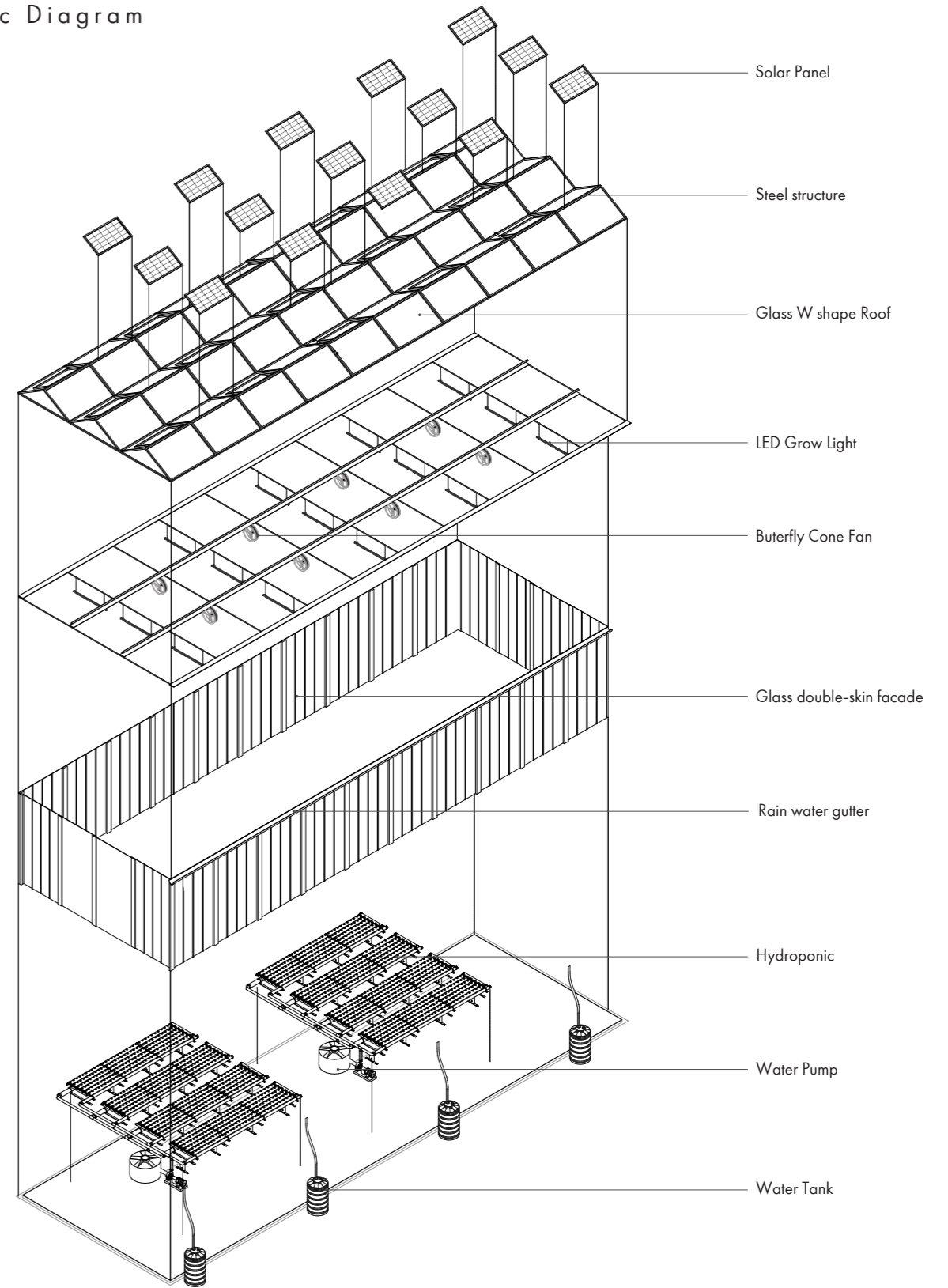
# Context Masterplan



Plan



Exploded Axonometric Diagram



Masterplan



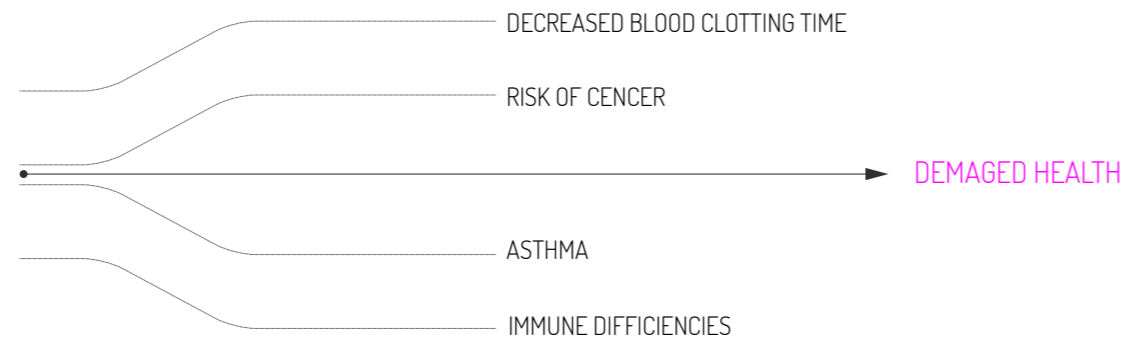
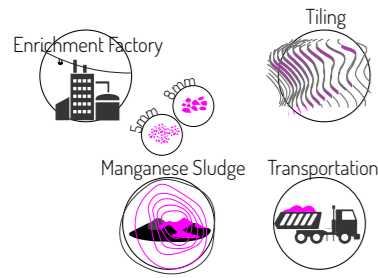


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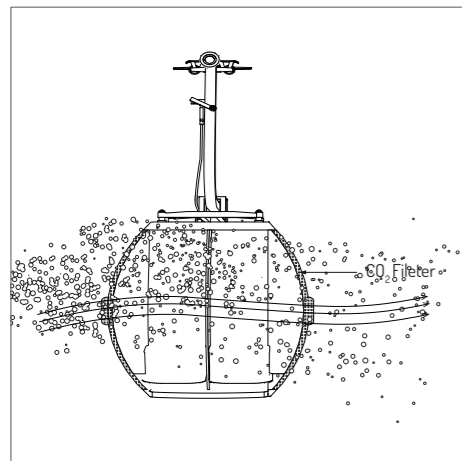


PROBLEM

AIR POLLUTION AND EFFECTS

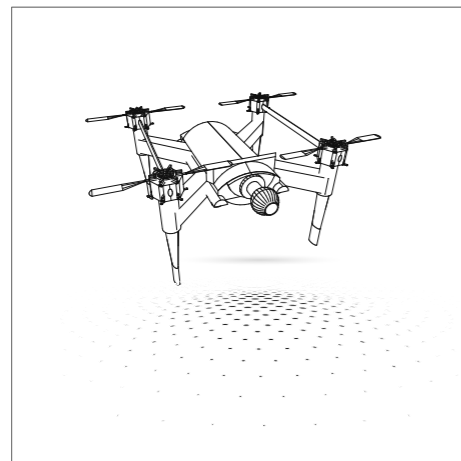


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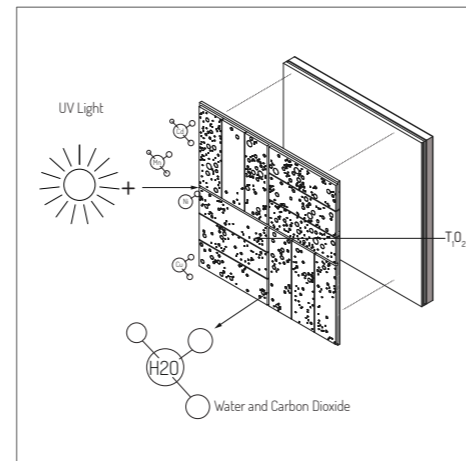
SMOG FREE CABLE CAR

The innovative cable car inhales polluted air, cleans it by carbon dioxide filters, and spread clean air to the environment.



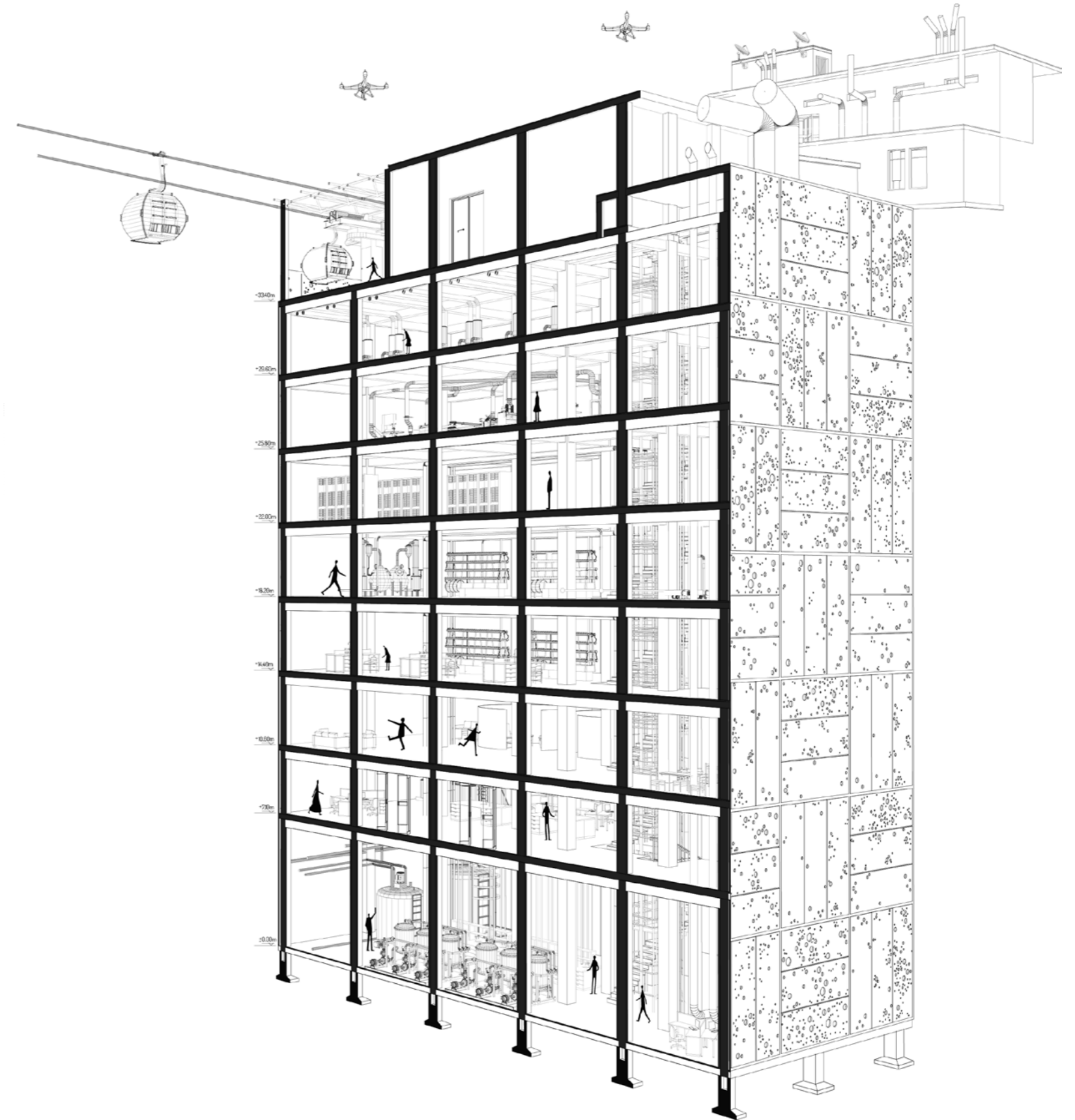
MONITORING AIR POLLUTION DRONES

The drones, used in a study at the Industrial, Energy and Environmental Systems Laboratory of the Technical University of Crete, were able to capture air pollutant emissions and to create a 3D visualization tool of a determined area.



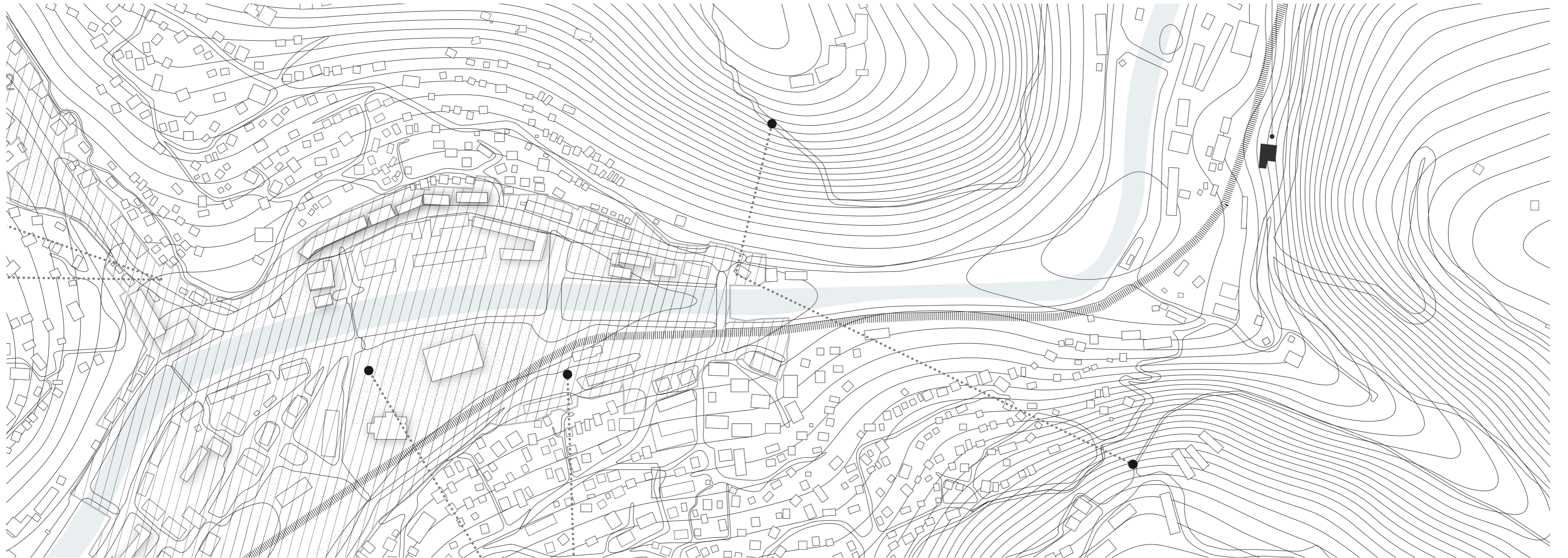
TITANIUM DIOXIDE COATING T1O2

T1O2, is that titanium dioxide is a heterogeneous photocatalyst that uses sunlight to absorb and render oxides of nitrogen (NO and NO2) harmless by converting them to nitrate ions (NO3), which then can be washed away by rain or soaked into the concrete to form stable compounds.

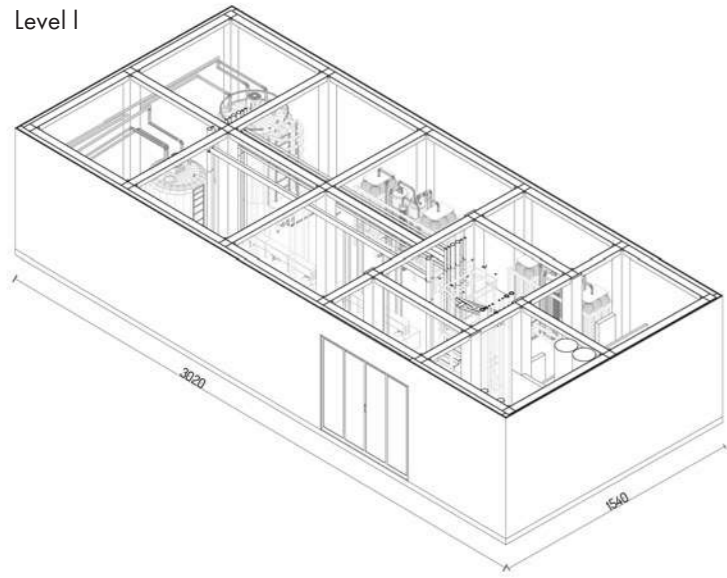


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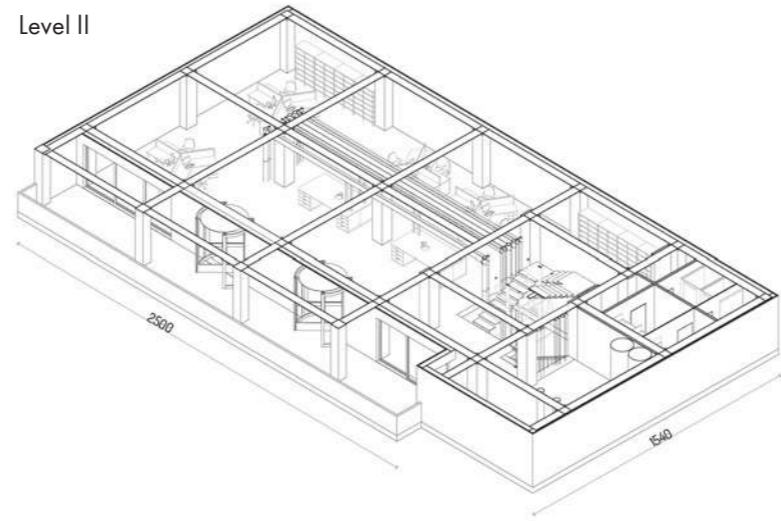
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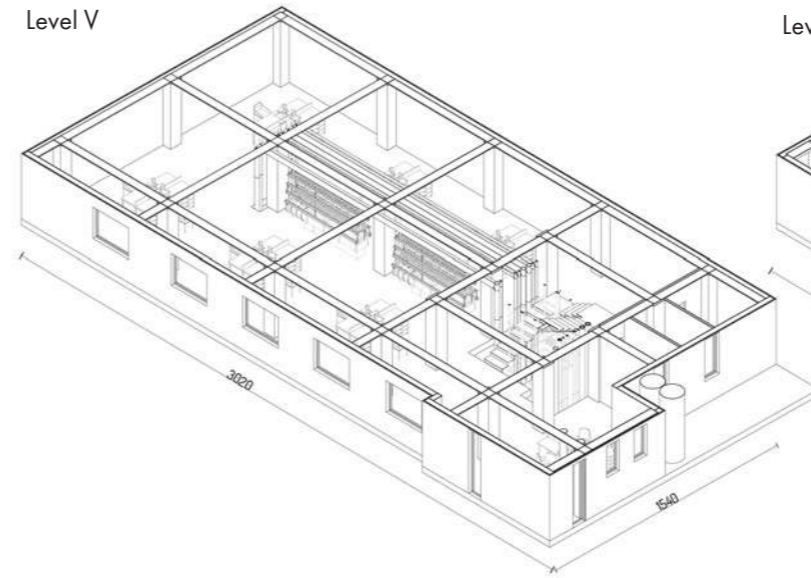
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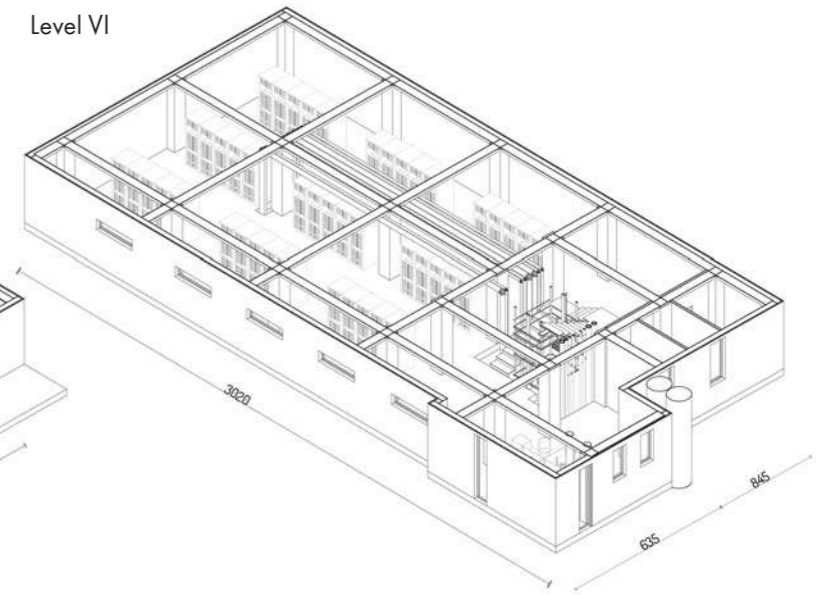
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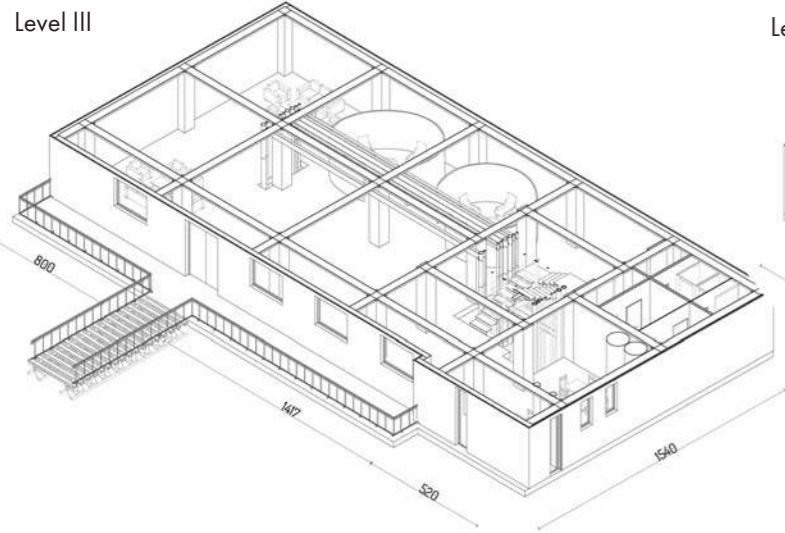
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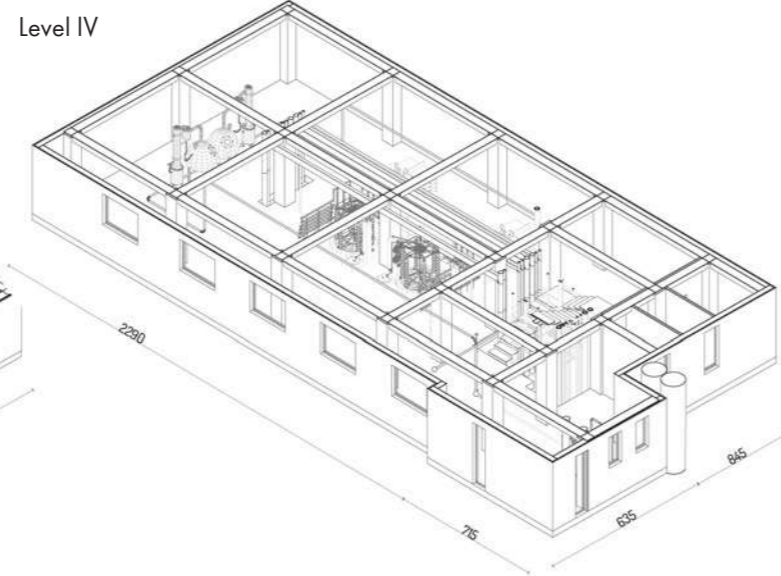
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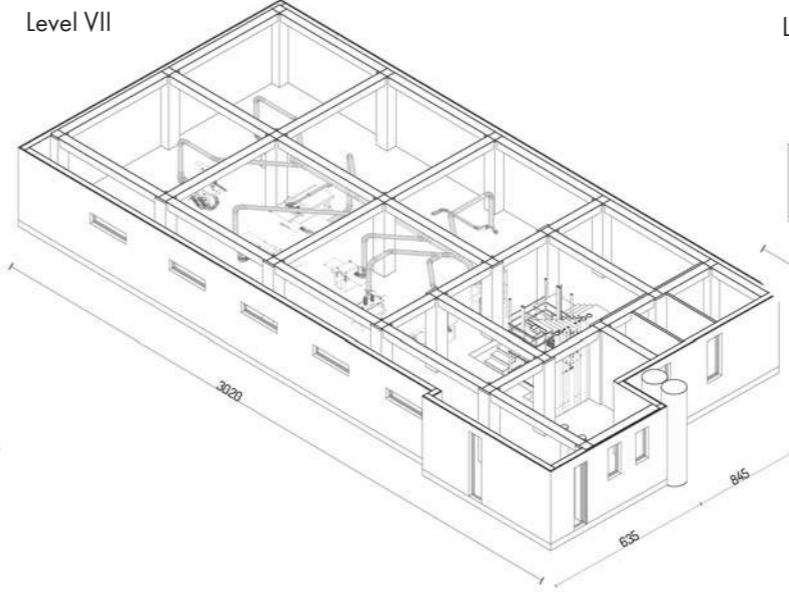
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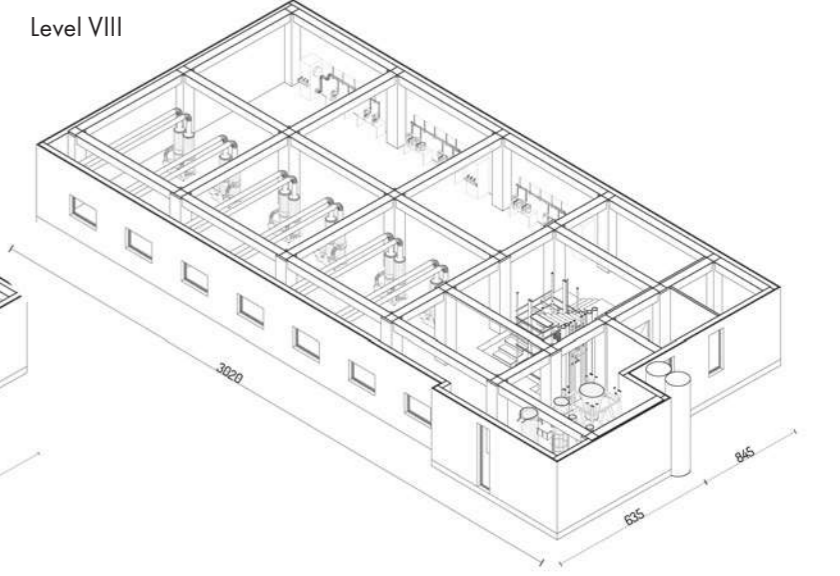
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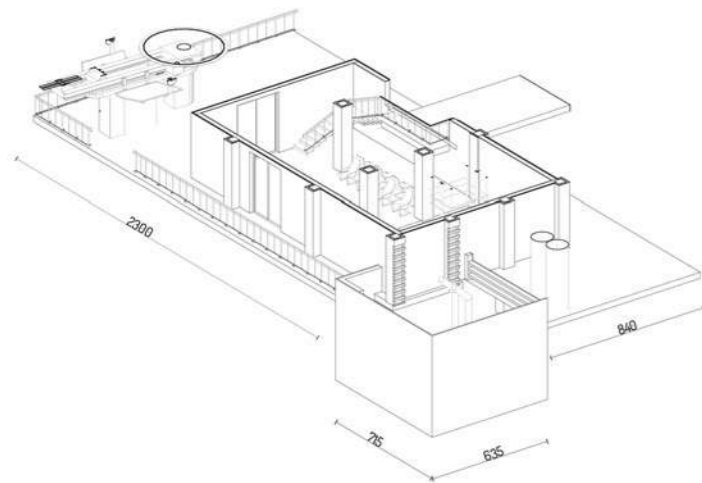
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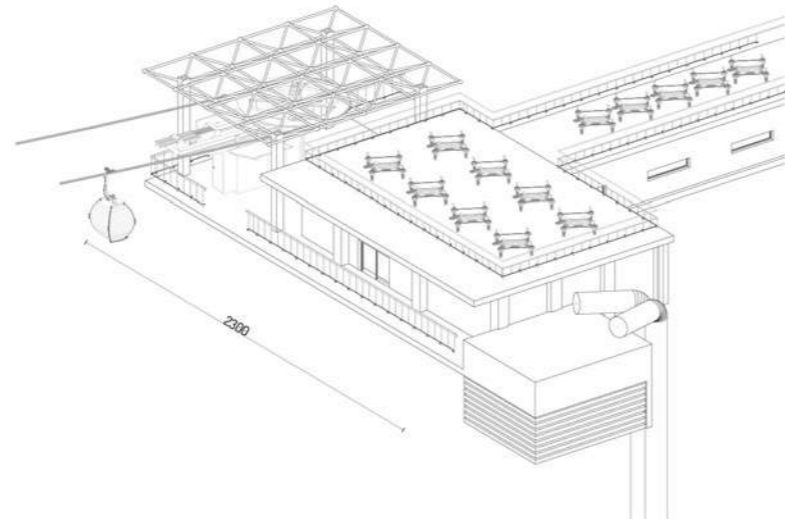
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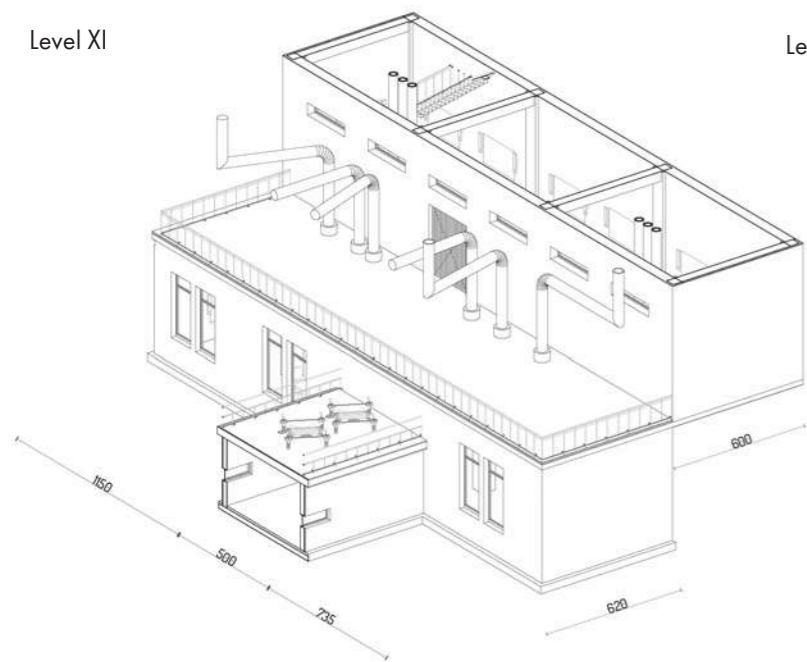
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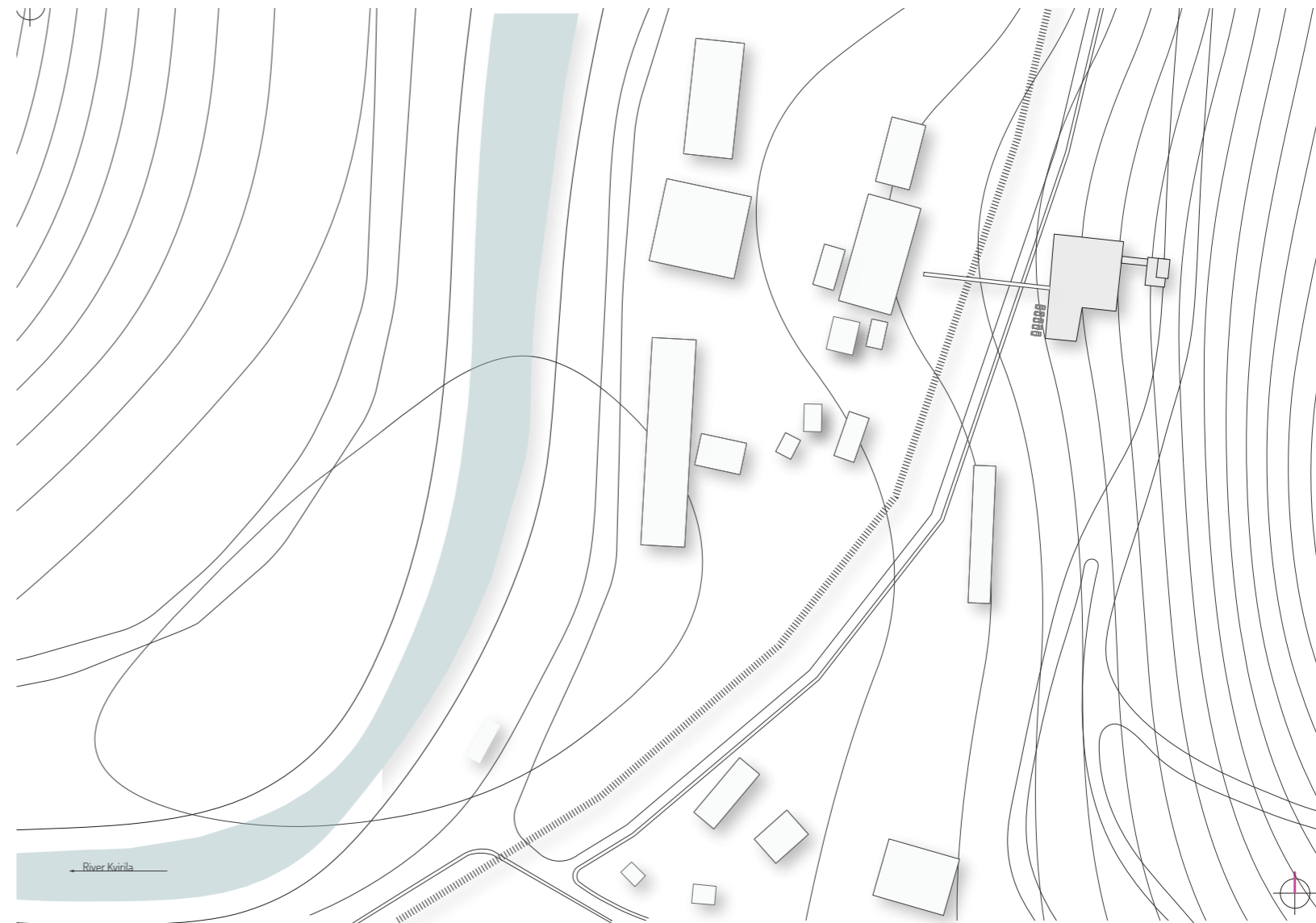
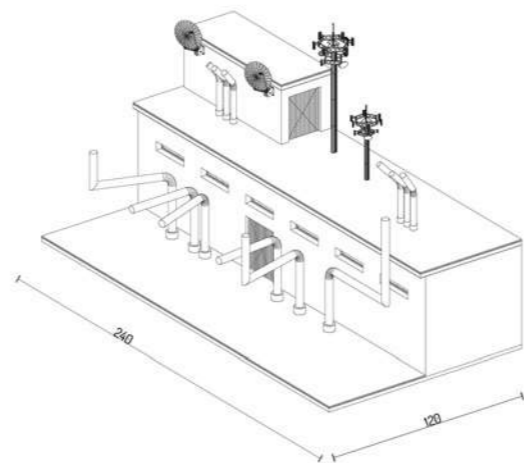
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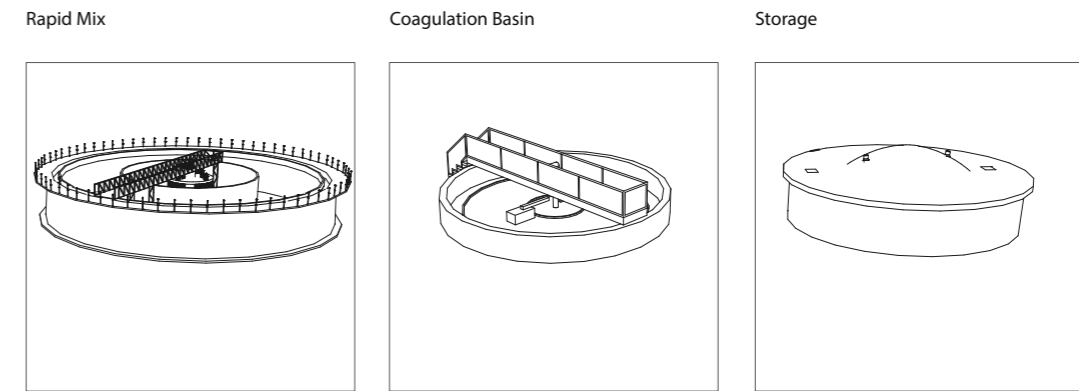
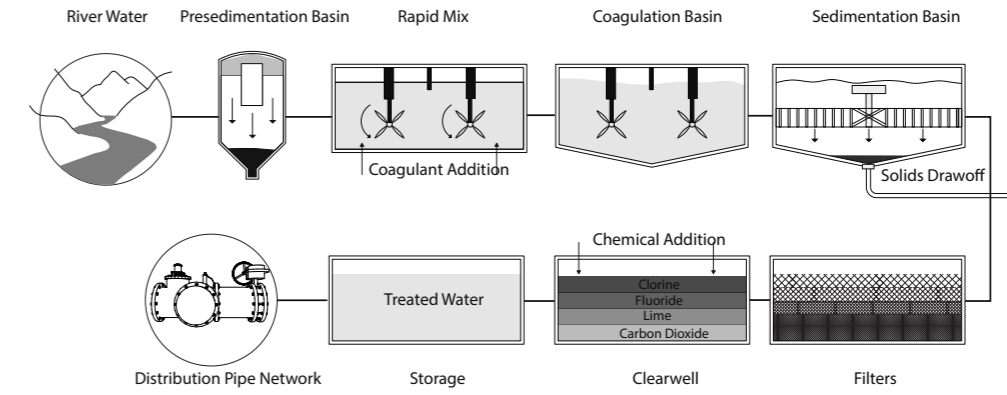
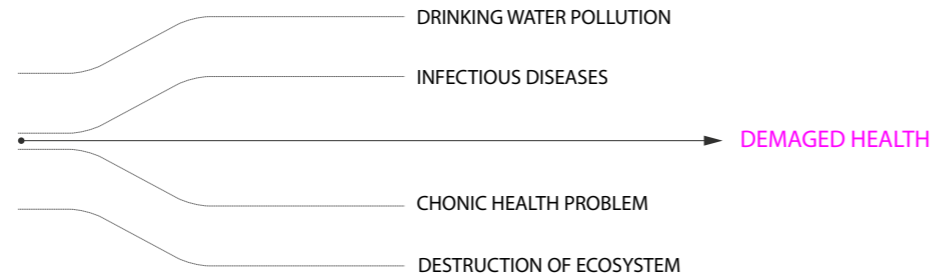
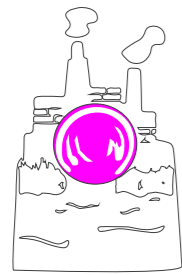
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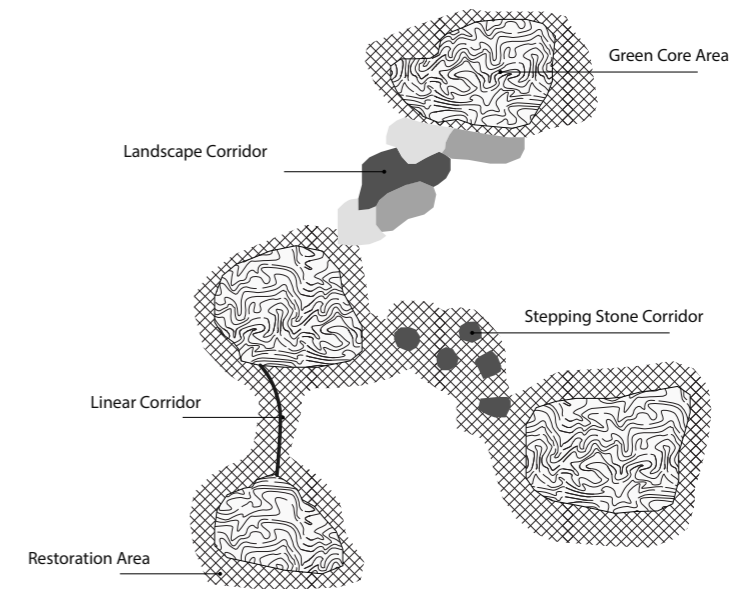


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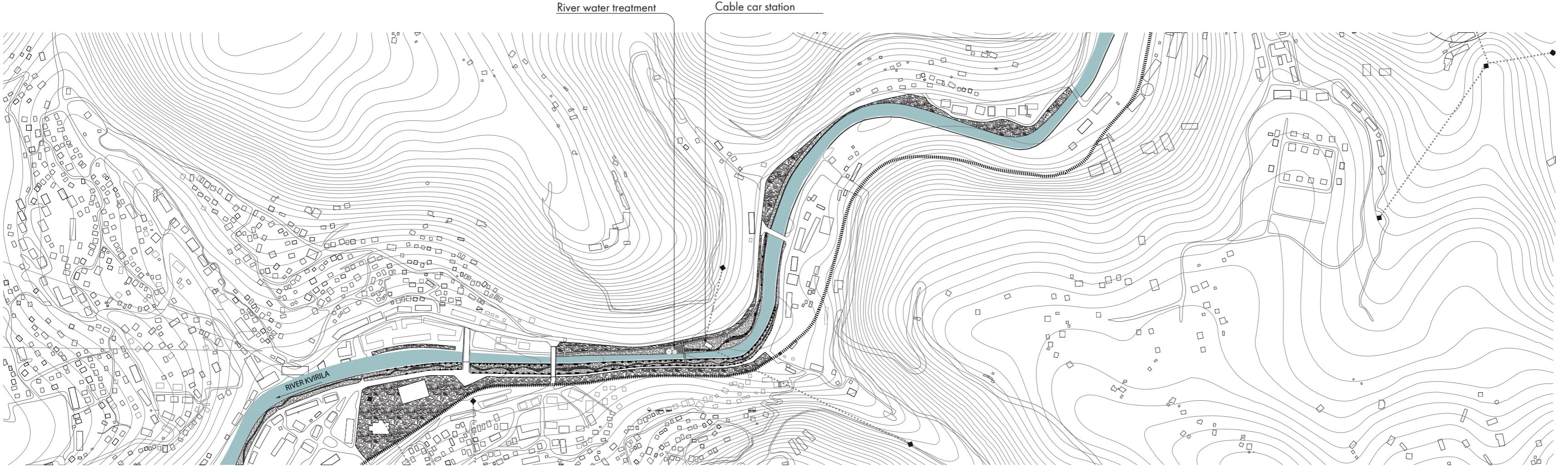
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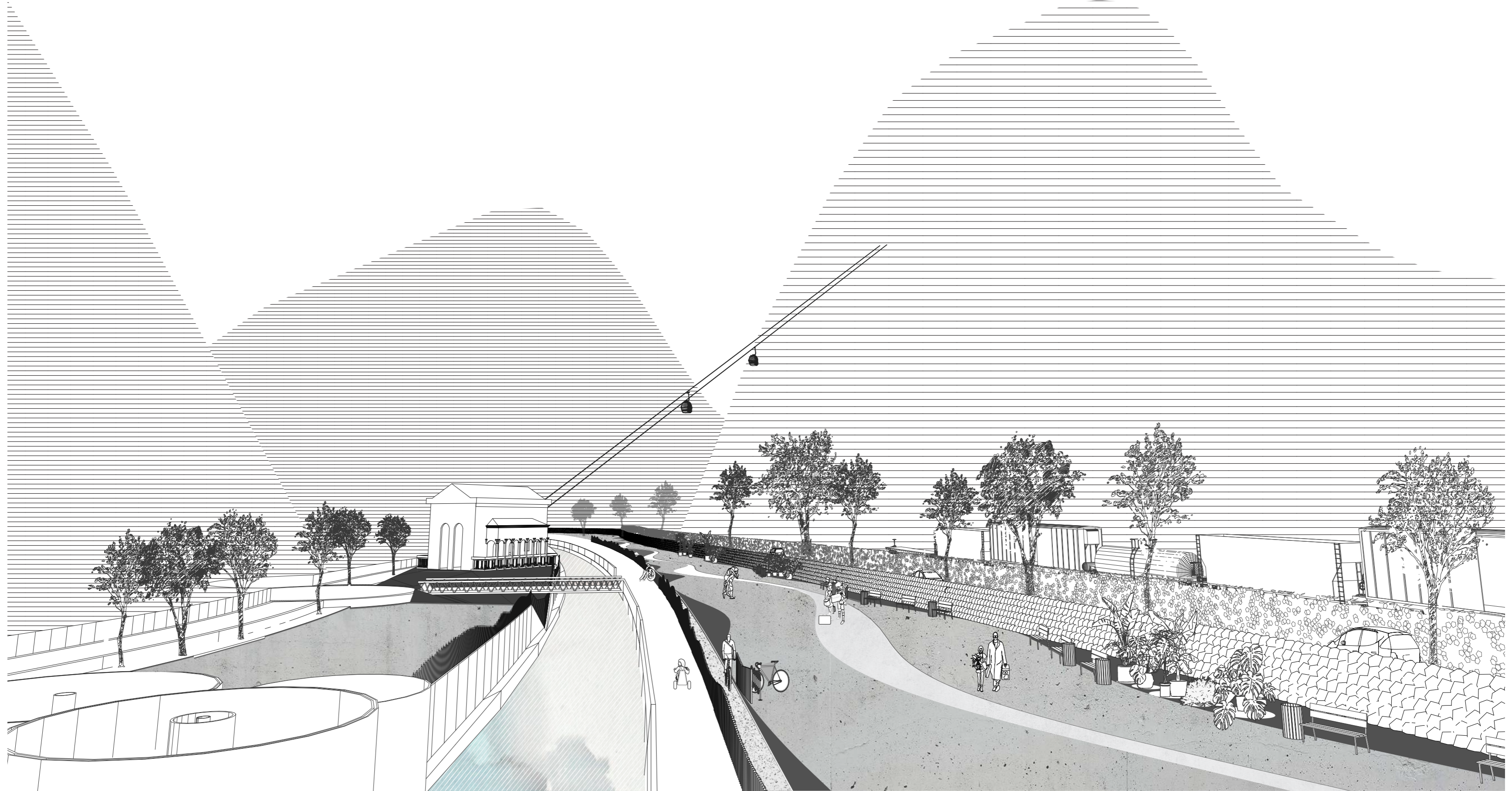
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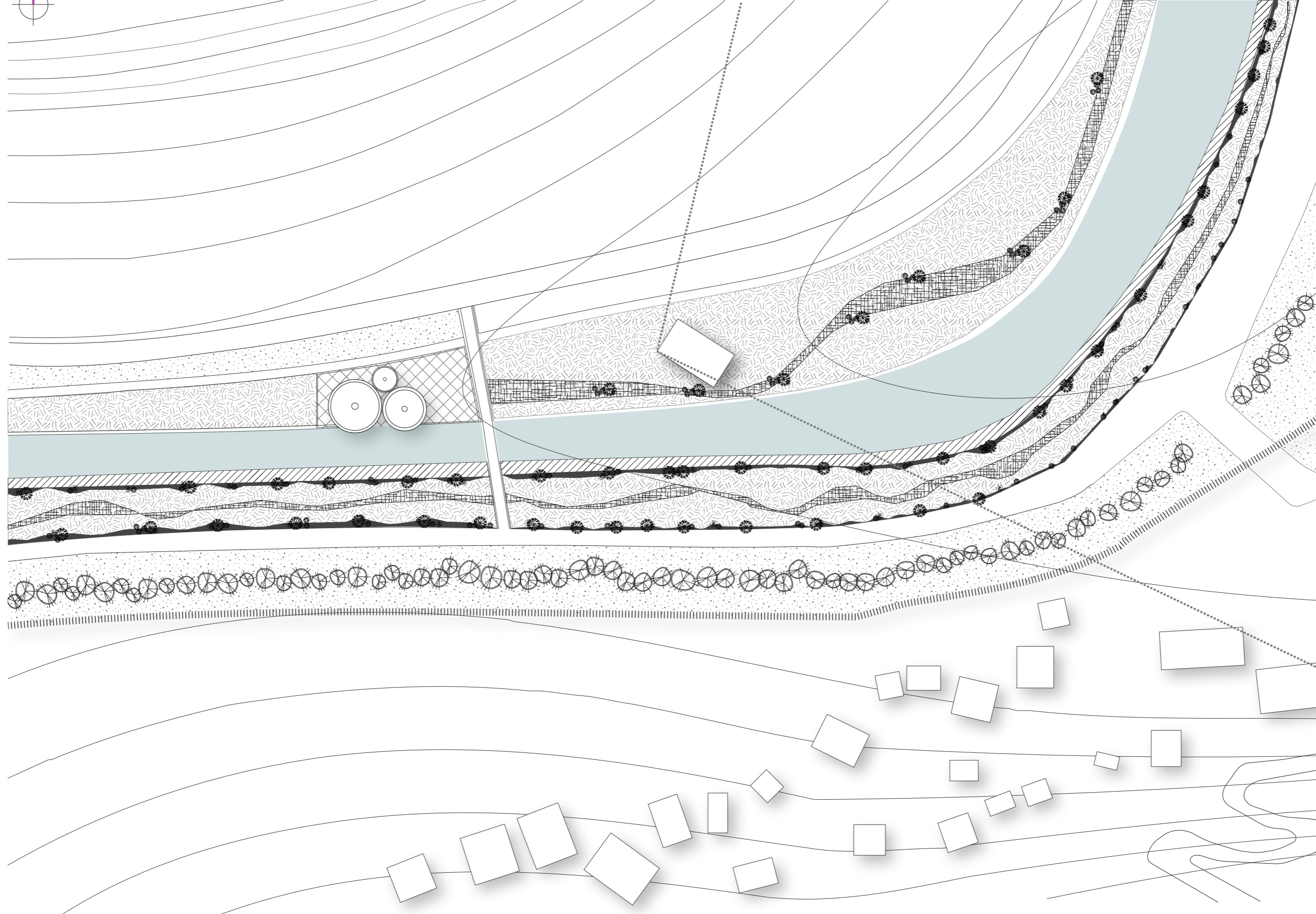
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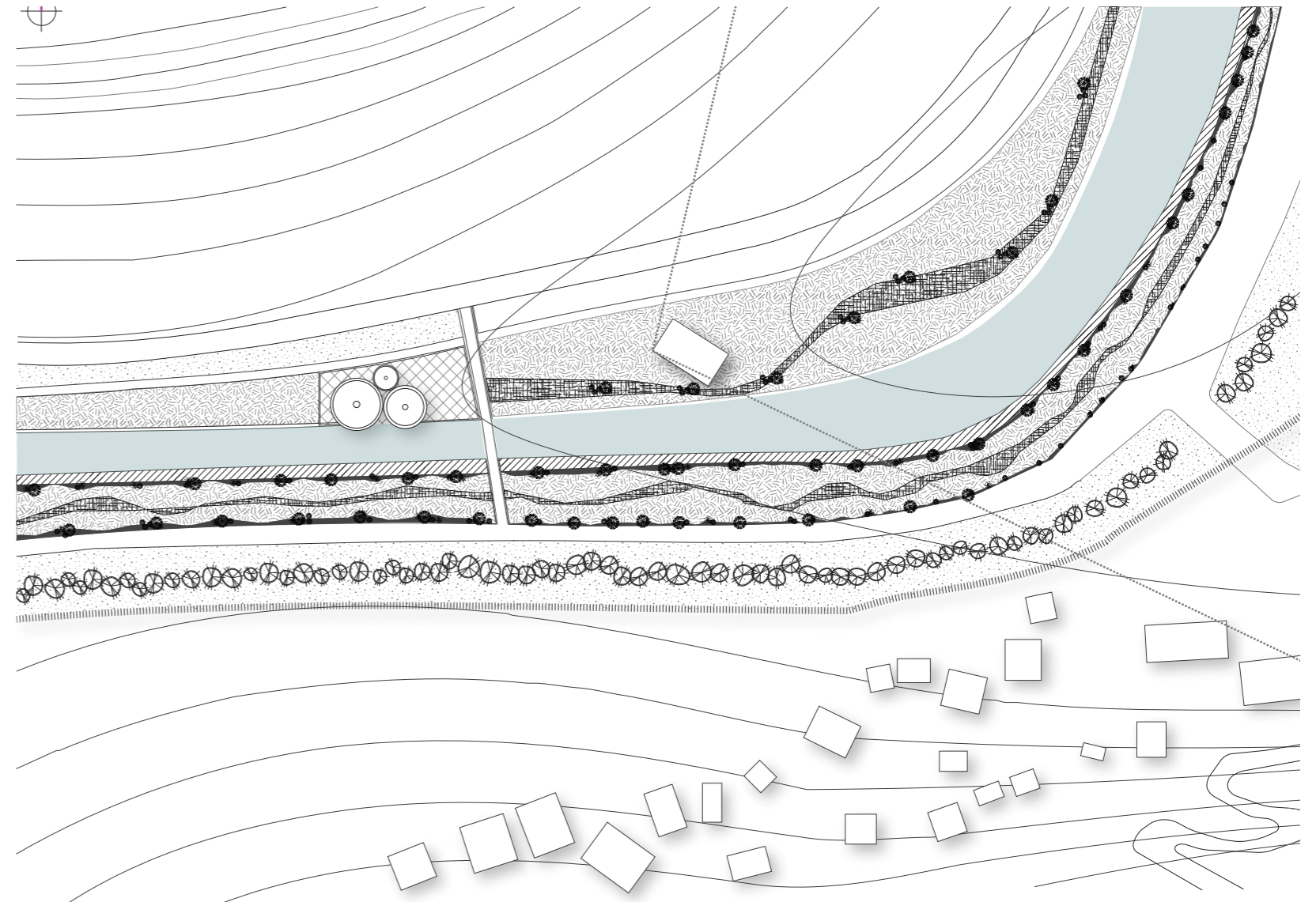
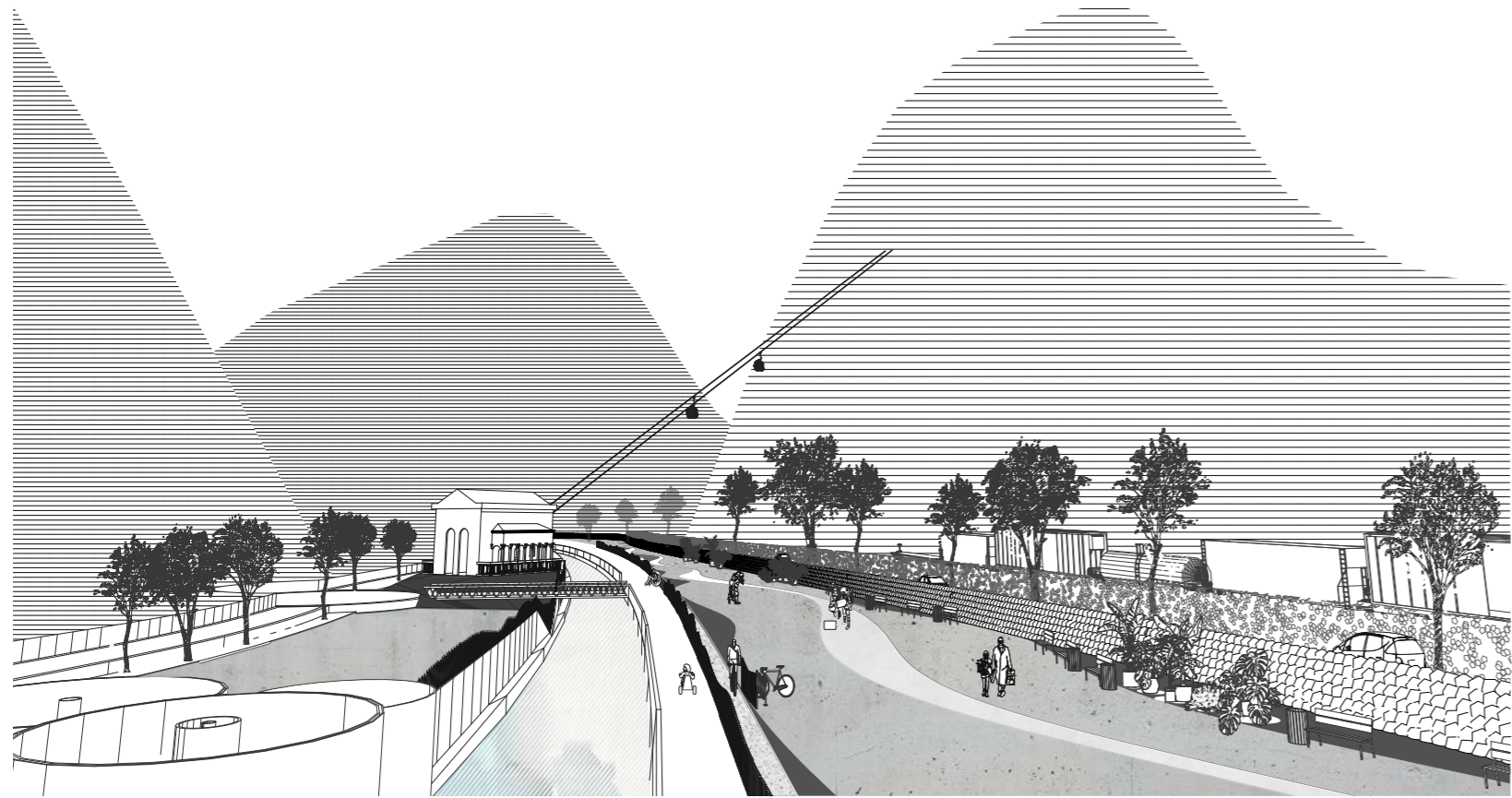


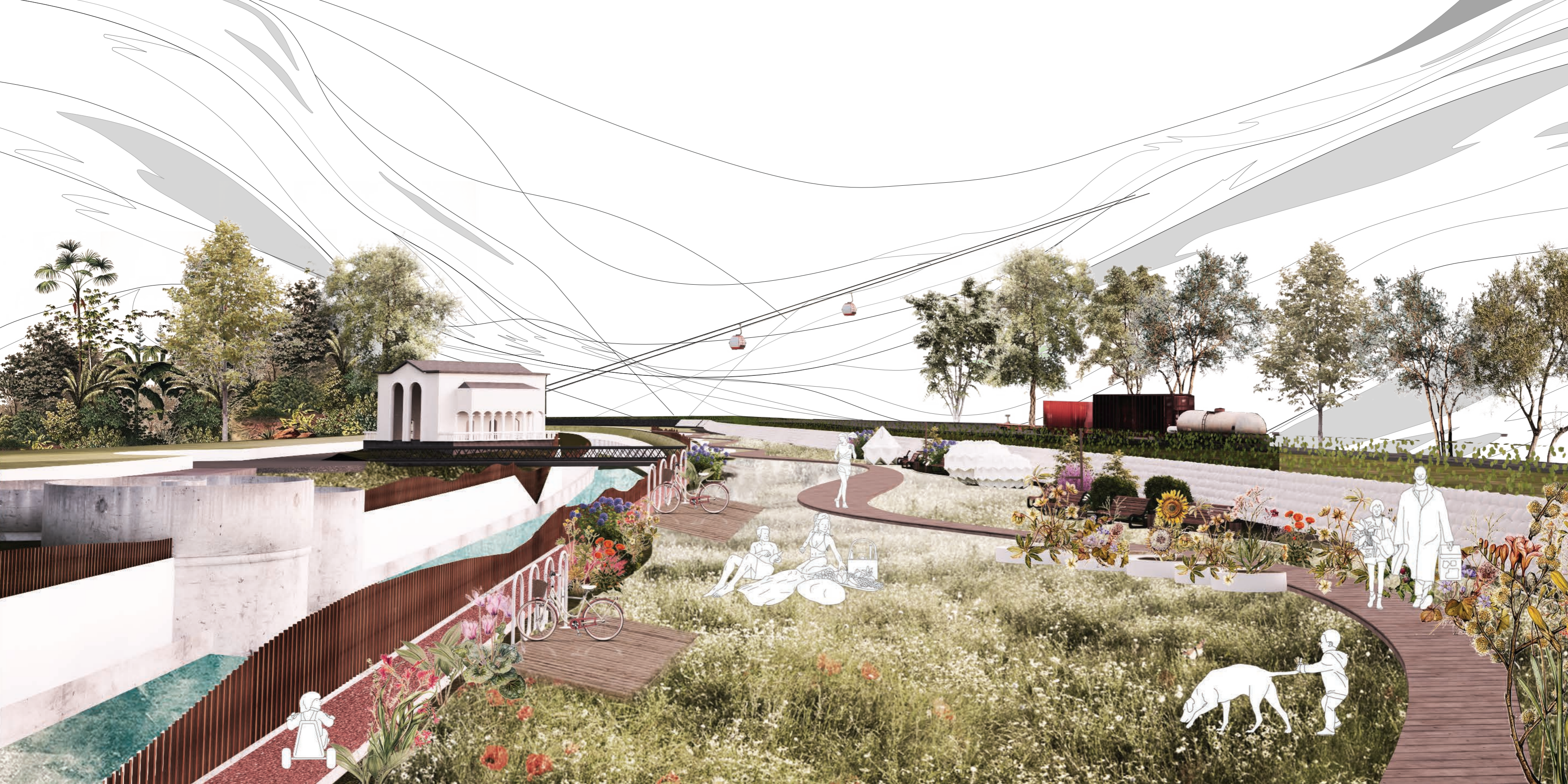




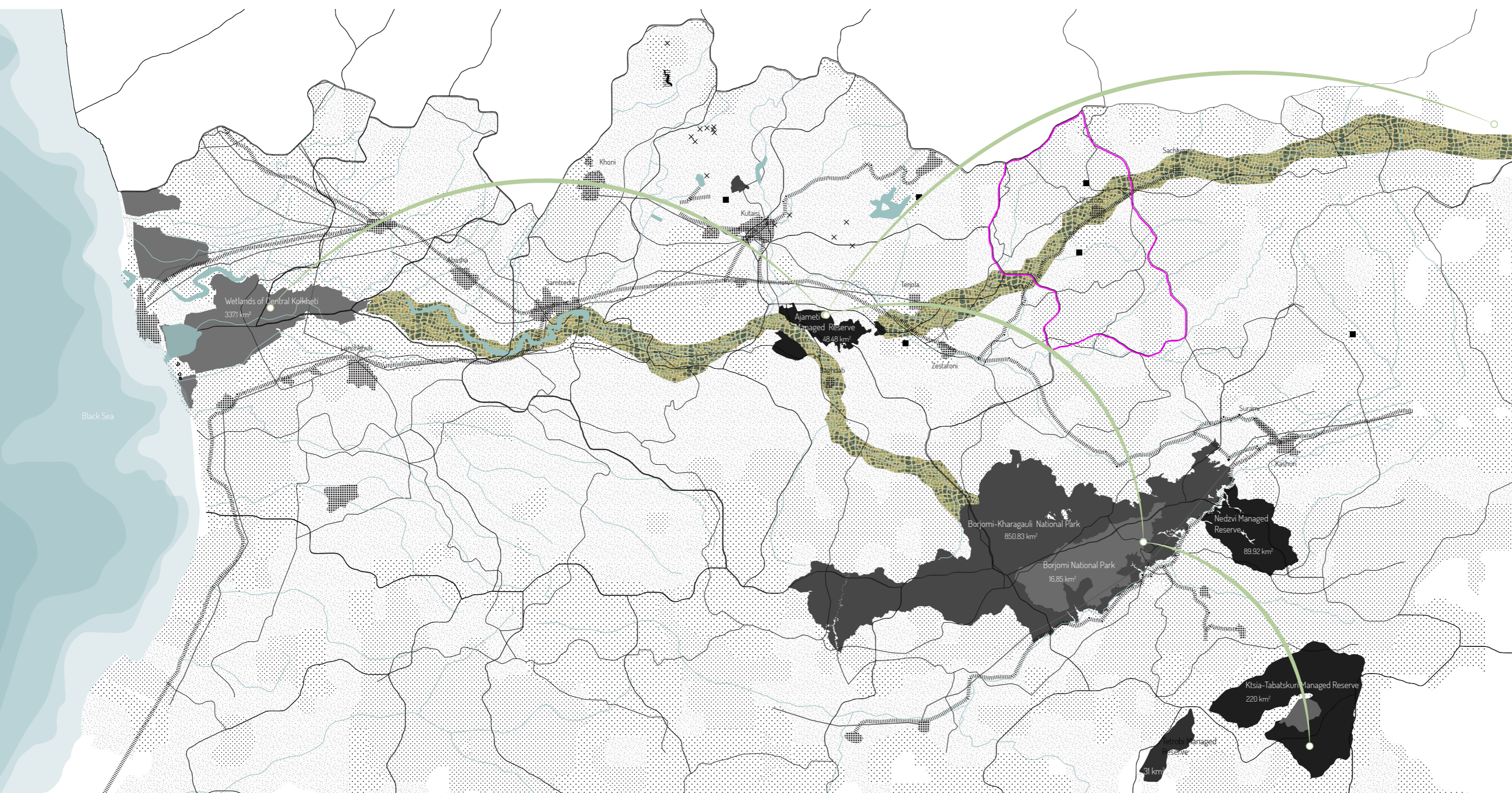
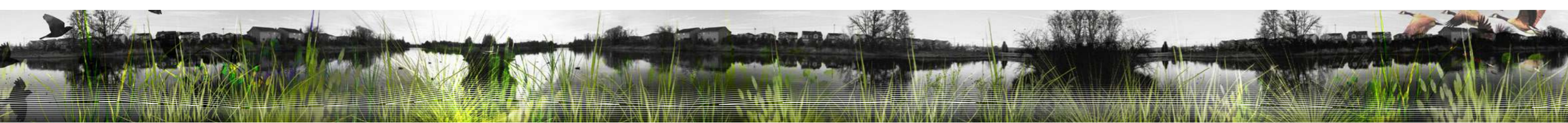
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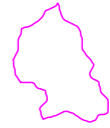










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