

# Landscape Regeneration of Lurin Valley

Merging Heritage with Ecological Infrastructure











## Abstract

The Valley of Lurin, in Lima - Peru, is characterized by its dominant agricultural activity which comes from prehispanic times. Besides being an arid territory, the prehispanic civilizations generated an efficient water irrigation system transforming the landscape into a green one suitable for agriculture. The question this research has explored is "how cities can bring back ancient local knowledge and technologies in order to solve contemporary urban problems?".

To answer this question, the first step was to make an analysis of the prehispanic cosmovision of landscape following with a territorial and urban assessment. Secondly, identify key elements of the territory in order to categorize dynamics, cycles and problematics. The analysis shows neglect of the river and natural elements along with a disconnection with the territorial components that made its habitability possible. There is also a detachment of the cultural heritage and the agricultural identity generating fragmented landscapes and communities. According to this, the proposal recognizes the river and the prehispanic irrigation canals, in use nowadays, as the key elements for the regeneration of the territory. The strategy consists in put in value these elements with an Ecological Infrastructure that integrates ecosystem services along the river, an Agricultural Park and an Open Spaces Network based in the irrigation canals present. With this the proposal aims to generate awareness of the cultural heritage that the agriculture represents in the territory along with its direct connection with the components of it.

The project strategy invites to explore sustainable urban developments that intend to involve the stakeholders with their territory, culture and heritage. Leaving behind current unsustainable models giving space to new ones that value the traces of the past in order to build a sustainable future.

Keywords: Heritage, urban agriculture, irrigation, sustainable landscape, river

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## **01. Introduction to Context**

## The Notions of Landscape

### What is Landscape?

Landscape means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors (European Landscape Convention, 2000). Combining both their physical origins and the cultural overlay of human presence, often created over millennia, landscapes reflect a living synthesis of people and place that is vital to local and national identity. Therefore this particular landscape located in the coastal desert of the Peruvian Pacific coast is the consequence of thousands millions of years of natural phenomena and the perpetual inhabitation of the territory for at least 10,000 years.

### The Collision

Lurin Valley has been inhabited by important prehispanic civilizations including the Inca Empire until the beginning of the Spanish Colonial Period in the XVI century. The Andean civilizations shaped drastically the landscape mainly by transforming their natural environment into an highly efficient agricultural landscape.

This particular territory in the new world was home to a civilization and a way of thinking that evolved undisturbed for thousands of years. If the landscape is defined by the perception of the mind of the subject which reads the landscape, this will be heavily influenced by the cultural mindset of his culture. After colonization, the Western mindset arrived and by this a new way of understanding the landscape was imposed by the new rulers.

The Western notion of landscape which evolved from Europe and its a consequence of its particular geography varies from the Andean notion which developed locally for thousands of years. The subject, the human being, is separated from the object, the nature and acquires protagonism. This anthropocentrism was justified by religion that saw the man as the image of God and nature as his subordinate. With the expansion of the European culture to America and the rest of the world this idea of division remained. In addition to that, the concept of "modern progress" saw the natural environment as a source to get the resources for the human well-being (Crousse 2019:145)

The andean vision of the world is immanent in which everything is a living organism and there is no separation between human being and nature; the human being is a life form of nature as it is the soil, the mountains, the stars, the gods and even the artifacts and human actions (Crousse 2019:30). Their relationship of prioritizing efficiency and not exploiting more resources than needed shared contemporary sustainability principles.

The main difference is in the way in which the subject relates to the landscape; the Western model suggests a subject-object relationship between the observer and landscape and the Andean model suggests that there is no distinction between these by all being part of the same. This huge gap in the understanding of the landscape was responsible mainly for the way in which the humans intervene in the landscape and in new classifications of landscapes.

## The Region

The landscape in Peru is one of the most unique and diverse in the world. Most of its diversity derives from the physical processes that has sculpted this territory for millions of years. The Andes are the result of tectonic plate processes, caused by the subduction of oceanic crust beneath the South American Plate. This process is generated one of the most impressive mountain ranges in the earth. The Andean range extends for almost 7,000 km from north to south of the continent and has an average height of 4,000m. The magnitude of this mountains is responsible creating a wide range of climates and ecosystems along its extent and altitude.

Peru in the Central Andes contains many of this diversity. Its territory can be divided in three geographical regions: Coast, Mountains and Jungle. The landscape in study is part of the coastal region and is characterized by its arid climate. The high altitude of the Andean Range prevents the precipitation of the Trade Winds of the Equator to reach the pacific coast. Therefore, the west flank of the Andes suffers from very low precipitation in contrast with the very humid Amazon Rainforest in the east flank. This conditions develop a coastal desert that stretches along the totality of the Peruvian coast. The only source of humidity and water is the evaporation from oceanic breeze and the rivers that originate in the snowy peaks. Human presence had to learn to inhabit this hostile territory by settling in valleys in proximity to this rivers and by taking advantage of the subterranean waters.





## **Metropolitan Lima and the Problematic**

The Metropolitan City of Lima is conformed by the watersheds of the rivers Chillón, Rimac and Lurín that start in the peaks of the Central Andes. The city's area is composed by the coastal littoral, the valleys, the desert plain and the andean foothills up to 850 m.a.s.l.

It has a population of 9' 320, 000 inhabitants (INEI, 2018). A number that represents almost 1/3 of the national population in a territory that is barely 0.22% of Peru's total area. This becomes evident in the horizontal urban sprawl that is continuously growing in the three valleys and that in the process had already urbanized completely the Rimac Valley and a major portion of Chillón Valley without major concern of the water cycle or the environment. In that scenario the agriculture activity that was predominant in the valleys since prehispanic times had been seriously affected.

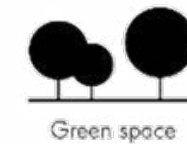
Nevertheless, the city presents an extraordinary heritage and knowledge from civilizations that could transform the arid desert with low water resources into a productive area through techniques and territorial management based on understanding their landscape.

## Lurin Valley as an Opportunity

Lurin Valley nowadays is the one with more concentrated agricultural areas (MML, 2014). Besides the constant threat of urban expansion it had maintained the agricultural scenario still on going. It is also the greeneast area near the metropoli which lacks of public space. How ever, the agricultural activity along the valley is decaying. With an inneficient water management and a lack of primary production development it became more difficult for the farmers to maintain their land. In addition to that, there is no diversity of economic income for the population as well as a bad road connection across the valley which also makes difficult to enhance the touristic sector.

The valley also represents an important archeological location with the Pachacamac Sanctuary, temple of the former Coastal God of the prehispanic civilizations. The presence of this deity in the site gave place to the most important cermonial urban development in the prehispanic Peruvian Central Coast (Canziani xxx, 48) and nowadays gives the valley an invaluable heritage layer directly connected with the agricultural activity that was the main tool of landscape transformation.

Therefore, an intervention in the Lurin Valley represents an opportunity to give the city public green space, enhance the agricultural activity and protect the heritage value from a new vision of sustainable development.



## The Sense of Place

The Architect and Urbanist José Canziani mentions that, in the “Plan de Manejo” (Management Plan) to designate the Pachacamac Sanctuary as a UNESCO World heritage, it was considered that the extraordinary history of the place and its relevance today can not be conceived without its special integration with the territory and the landscape. This is because the sanctuary structures were organized and built in harmony with the elements that compose the landscape.

*“...from its origins, the structures were placed in an strategic location, from where it can be established a visual dominance of an armonic group of landscape components allowing to see in this way the coastal litoral, the river and the agricultural valley of Lurín as also the desert plain and the foothills...” (Canziani xxx:48)*

It is also mentioned other components as the islas, the wetlands, the riparian forest and the lomas ecosystem.



## **02. Methodological Approach**

## Research

A recollection of information regarding the Prehispanic Landscape, their territorial occupation and the strategies used to transformed their territory is made. In addition to this, a reseach in contemporary landscape strategies and water management tools was also studied.

## Analysis

The Analysis is based in understanding the heritage as an structurant element of the landscape composition and its value towards the design. Therefore it is divided in understanding:

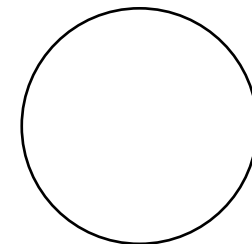
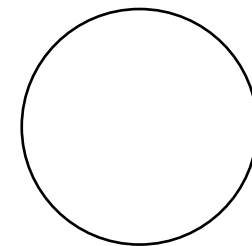
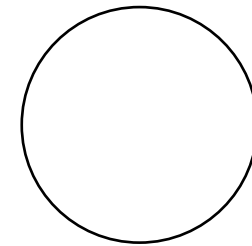
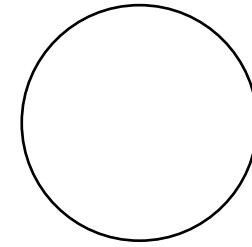
1. The Landscape System: The spatial, historical and so cial analysis.
2. The tangible and Intangible Values: The inherent values in the valley, the spatial characters, the attitudes towards change, the identification of what is protected and the relationship with the stakeholders.

## Proposition

Divided in three stages; macro-scale, medium-scale and micro-scale to show the different scopes of the design steps.

## Conclusion

What was learned and suggestions for future researchs.





### **03. Reading the Landscape System**

## 03.1 The Lurin River Basin

### 03.1.1 Spatial Analysis

#### Location

The Lurin River Basin is located in the south part of Metropolitan Lima occupying the political area of two provinces, Lima and Huarochiri. Geographically it is located on the western flank of the Western Andes. The basin has a drainage area of 1658.19 Km<sup>2</sup> with a perimeter of 257.53 Km and an average slope of 4.76% (ANA 2004, 27).

#### Geomorphology and Hydrogeology

The basin contains 6 geomorphologic units identified by their altitude: The Valley, Hills, Andean Foothills, High Andes, Plateau and Snowpeaks.

In addition to that, 6 types of hydrogeologic units are present in the whole basin. A Porous Aquifer present in the Valley, a Fractured Aquifer present in the Desert Plain, Intrusive Aquitard in the Hills and Andean Foothills, Volcanic Cracked Aquifer and Sedimentary Volcanic Aquitard and Volcanic Aquitard in the Plateau and parts of the Snowpeaks.

According to the Autoridad Nacional del Agua, ANA, (National Water Authority) the basin morphology favors a good water retention (ANA 2004,40).

## Lurin River

The Lurin River has its origins in the snowy peaks of the Surococha Mountain at 5,300 m.a.s.l. starting first with the name of Chalilla River. Then it changes its name to Lurin when the waters of Taquia River combine with it. From there the river continues its course until the Pacific Ocean. In this process 10 sub-basins can be identified according to their physiographic and hydrologic characteristics (ANA 2004, 29). The Lurin Lower Basin from 0 m.a.s.l to approximately 200 m.a.s.l., near the Pacific Ocean, it's where the study site is located.

On the Final Report ANA elaborated in 2004 for the basin it was stated that it can be divided in two hydrologic sectors: Dry Basin and Humid Basin. The Lower Basin is located in the Dry Basin which means the rain precipitations in this zone are practically nil (ANA 2004, 41).

## Water Cycle

The Lurin River gets its water from the andean parts in the rainy seasons from January to March and lower down in April. From June to August precipitations are low. The Lower Basin is highly influenced by the andean rainy season the high humidity levels present in the winter fog.

## Climatic Zones

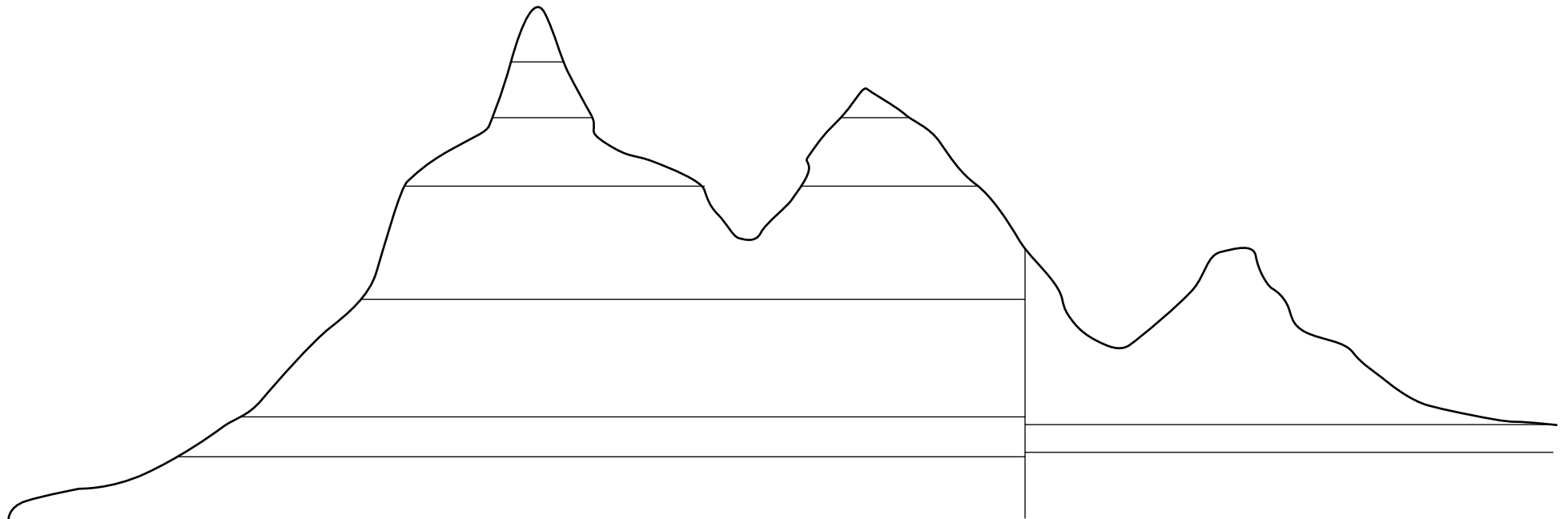
The climate is directly linked to the altitudes along the basin. According to that parameter 6 Life Zones (IDMA 2001). According to that division, the Lower Basin presents a desertic climate conditions with low presence of rain.

Lifes Zone	Altitude (m.a.s.l.)	Annual Average Temperature (C°)
Subtropical Desert	0-800	18.60
Subtropical Desert Scrub	800-2200	18.00
Low Montane Thorny Steppe	2200-3200	14.40
Montane Steppe	3200-3800	10.00
Very humid Sub-Alpine Paramo	3800-4800	5.00
Alpine Rainy Tundra	4800-5000	2.00

## Natural Regions (Ecological Floors)

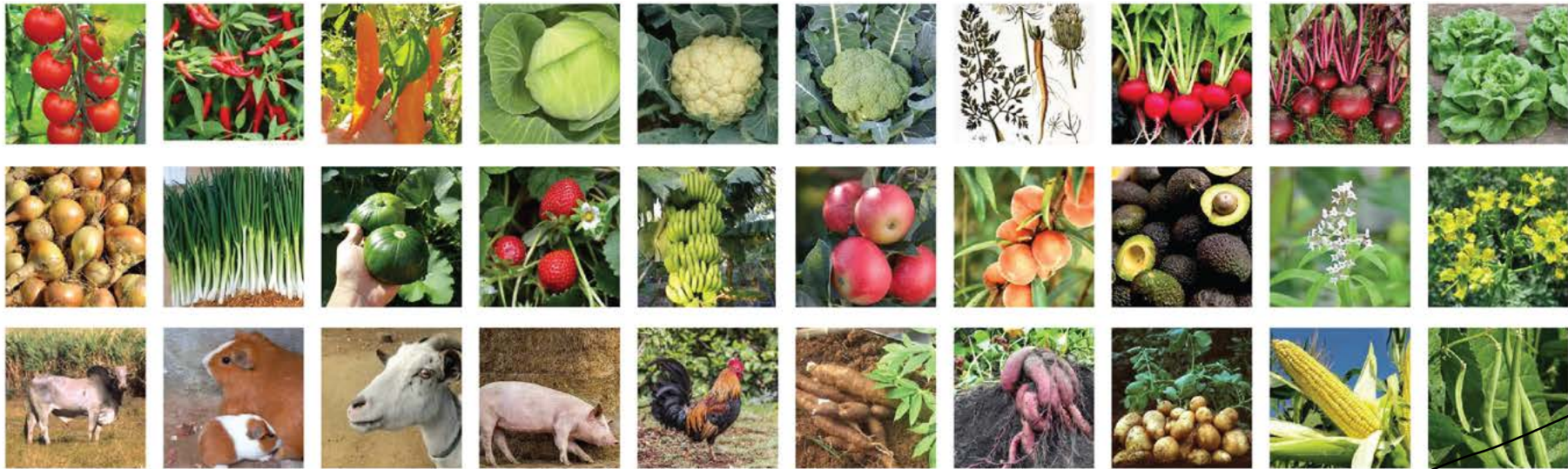
The peruvian geographer Pulgar Vidal divided the country in his tesis "The 8 Regions of Peru" taking in account the Altitudinal Floors, the Flora and Fauna. With this we passed from an horizontal way of understanding the peruvian geography (Coast, Mountain and Junlgle) to a vertical one. In addition to that, Pulgar Vidal stated that to analyze the territory is necessary to consider all the natural elements combined with the historical process and adaptation the human being had realized in the territory (Pulgar Vidal 1987:12)

In the Lurin River Basin we can find 5 of the Natural Regions stated: Chala (0-500 m.a.s.l.), Yunga (500-2300 m.a.s.l.), Quechua (2300-3500 m.a.s.l.), Suni (3500-4000 m.a.s.l.) and Puna (4000-4800 m.a.s.l.).



## Biodiversity

The vertical division of the basin makes easier to understand the the diversity of vegetations and animals as well as ecosystems that co-exist along the river line. Acording to Pulgar Vidal, the prehispanic man and some of the current farmers had a clear image of their landscape and how to take advantage of their resources and generate a network for exchange.







### 03.1.3 The Andean Landscape Characteristics

The architect Jean Pierre Crousse in his book "The Peruvian Landscape" states the andean vision of the world is immanent in which everything is a living organism and there is no separation between human being and nature; the human being is a life form of nature as it is the soil, the mountains, the stars, the gods and even the artifacts and human actions (Crousse 2019:30). In this context he explains that there are some singularities that define the prehispanic landscape:

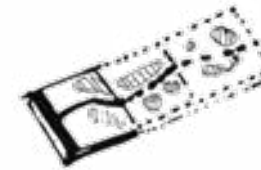
#### 1. Systemic Order:

The pre-hispanic inhabitants organized their territory by establishing relationships of duality and parity between the three communities that conformed their world, Nature, Gods and Humans. These three communities inhabited the Pacha which means, in modern terms, landscape. This relationship privileged diversity, in which human actions were included, through the mutual upbringing of these communities. The relationship was called Chachra which means "to upbringing" and it was the essential key for co-existence and the transformation of the territory and the cultural development. In other words, Chacra, means in our context, Cultural Landscape (Crousse 2019:49).



#### 2. Metavisibility:

The understanding of the landscape was not limited by what the eye could see but to the knowledge of the Natural Regions and the Ecological Network. With this, a strategic use of resources was developed based on the productive complementarity. In other words, the civilizations understood that their Chacra was part of a bigger one.



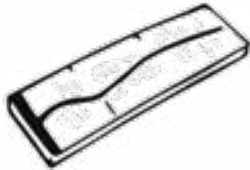
#### 3. Continuity:

In contrast with how we understand time nowadays, for the Andean civilizations time was a cycle. Not a linear process but a constant living where the nature, gods and human actions transformed the reality. This way to see time made possible to understand natural cycles and combined with productive ones as seen in the agricultural processes.



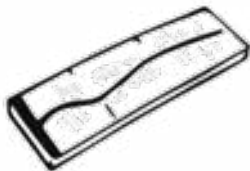
#### 4. Aesthetic Will:

The aesthetic value was centered in the relationship between the three communities and their mutual development, not in the look. In this way, maintaining an equilibrium was the main purpose. The agriculture helped to transform the nature generating a productive landscape. The function had an aesthetic value and this function was in a sacred land therefore the mutual upbringing must have an equilibrium for the benefit of all.



#### 5. Predication:

The understanding of the relationship between human being and the landscape is not understood as subject and object but more as subject and predicate. The landscape had a purpose and an identity resulting from the human actions.



The architect Willey Ludueña writes that the way of living and transforming the landscape in the prehispanic world must be explained in a mythopoetical vision of the reality (Ludueña 2008: 60). And he explains that the relationships between the human being and the nature was not a relationship of violence but of concordance and mimicry.

*“The cosmivision these civilizations had of the world transformed the elements of landscape like the trees, the mountains, the rivers into mythical entities loaded with sacred meaning. The aesthetic of the landscape was about the concordance or the ontological mimicry with the landscape”* (2008: 60).

The domestication and cult of the soil and water became main mythical and aesthetic components in the imaginary of these civilizations. The landscape was composed by the natural elements and the human actions that happened on it. The aesthetic and the utility functions were combined and form a unique understanding of the territory (Ludueña 2008: 60).

He also states that

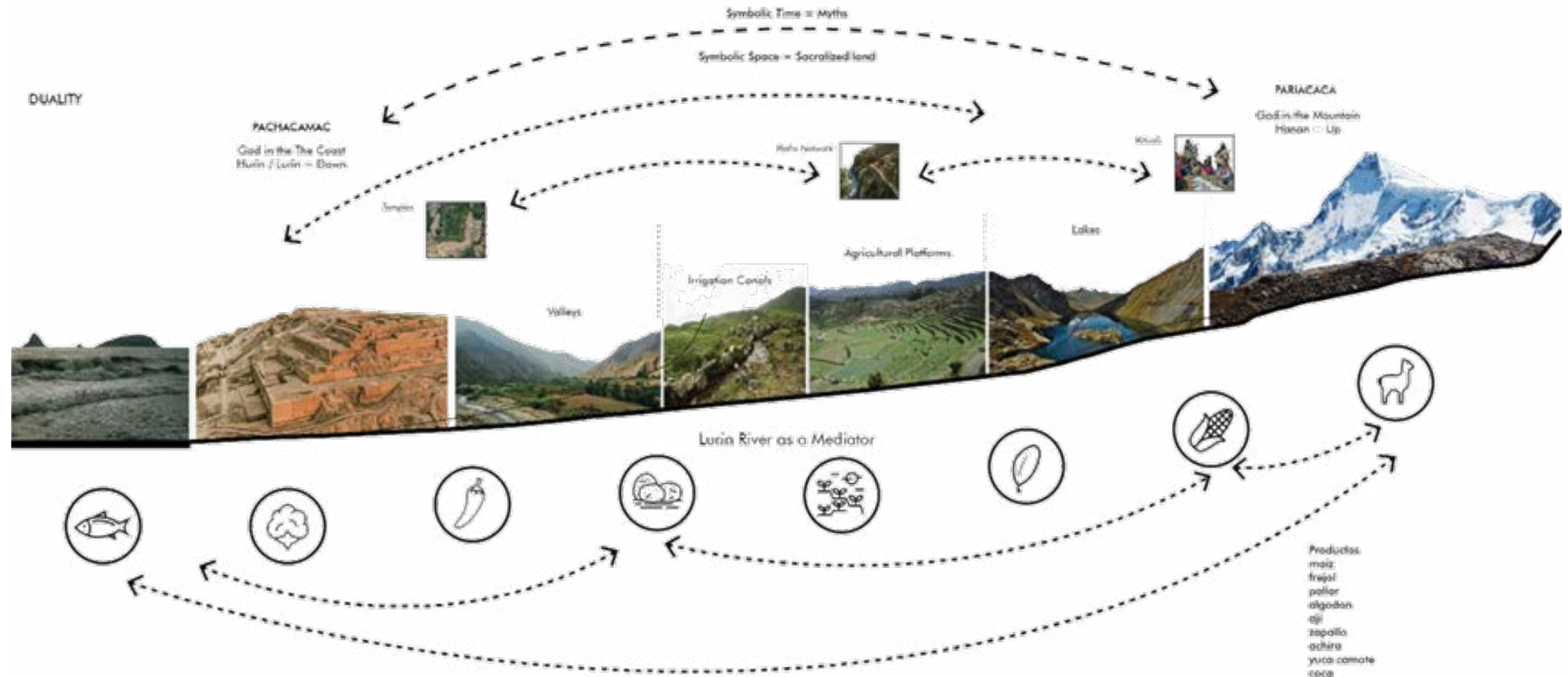
*“The cult to the water was essential in the andean cosmivision. The water is source of life and fertility. In the collective imaginary the water flows through the underground from the ocean to the snowpeaks. To then distribute through the rainbow and return again to the source matrix transformed into lagoons and rivers”* (2008: 64).

## Verticality

In the Lurin River Basin we can find the characteristics Crousse describes and also the values Ludueña mentions.

The Systemic order was established by the duality generated between the two main deities, Pariacaca and Pachacamac. One in the upper zone called hanan and the other in the lower part, hurin, which is where Lurin takes its name. This duality organization can be seen in the juxtaposition of symbolic time and space represented in the territory as myths and a sacralized lands.

The combinations of these elements explained the origin of lakes, valleys, temples, irrigation canals and also gave sense to the roads, rituals, the agriculture activity and the exchange of products between communities along the basin. The river, as a sacred element, played the role of mediator between all these interactions.

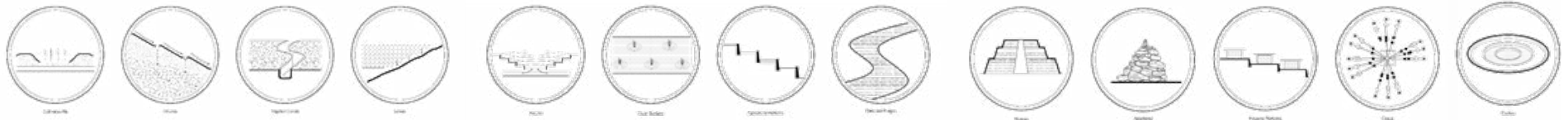


## Prehispanic Landscape Transformation tools

The “mutual upbringing” of the three communities that conformed the andean world, nature, gods and humans, is the key for the tools that are used in order to recreate the nature.

*“This elements, identified by all the peruvian researches studied, constitute elements for the recreation of nature, but they acquire a holistic sense only as they continue to be raised by the communities that use them” (Crousse 2019:63)*

The agriculture as a main activity in the landscape transformation had to adapt to the lack of ideal agricultural land. That in addition to the different Natural Regions made possible different strategies and tools in order to made possible the habitability in the territory. Some of them can be identified along the Lurin River Basin.



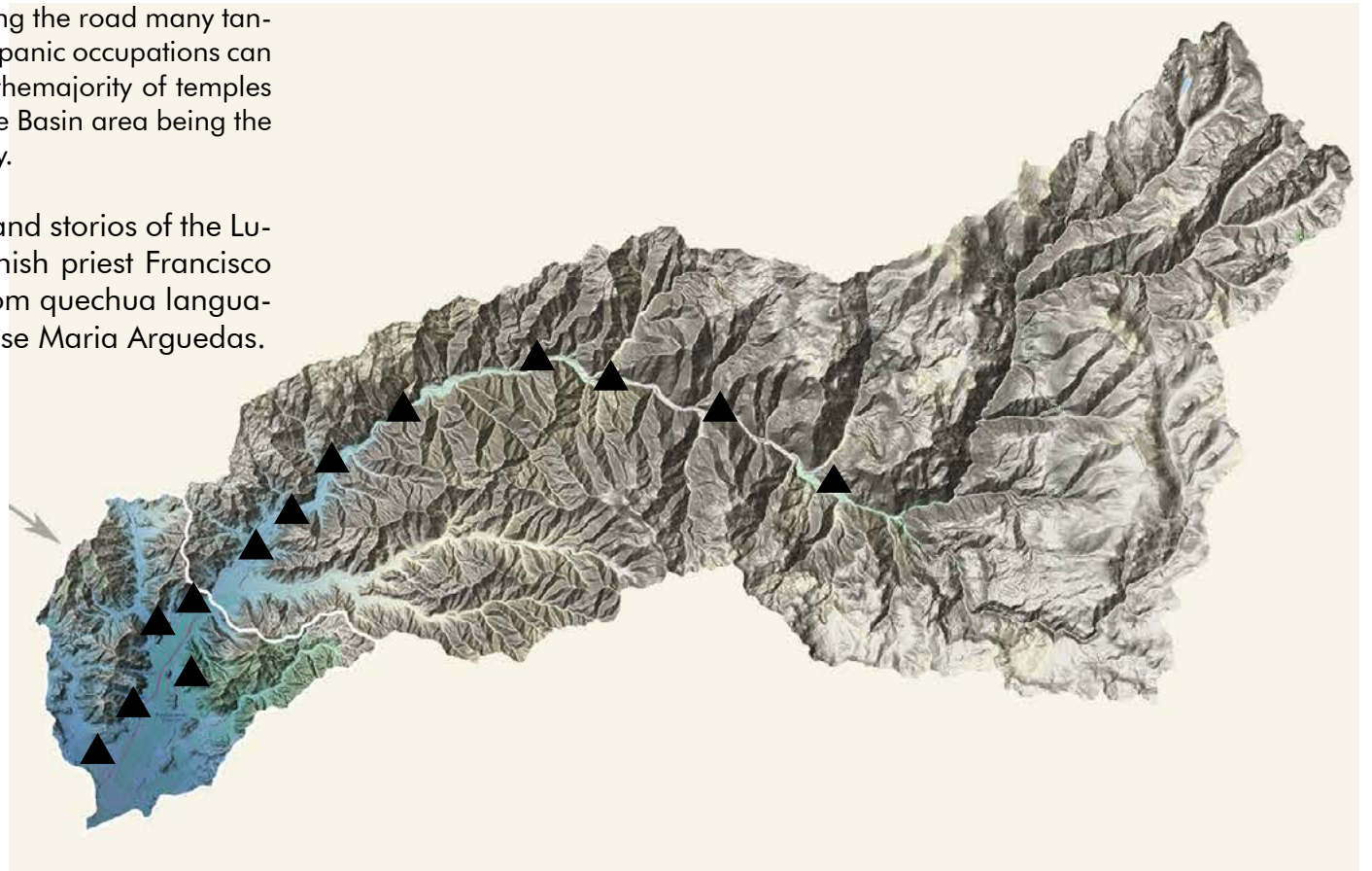


## Qhapaq Ñam and the Archeological Sites

The Lurin River Basin had an important meaning for the prehispanic inhabitants. In the Lower Basin was located the Pachacamac Ceremonial Urban Center for the deity of the same name and in the upper basin the Pariacaca mountain, place of rest for the deity of the same name. They organized the basin in a sense of duality that was expressed in myths and physical interventions in the territory.

The connection was physically expressed in the form of a road along the basin called Qhapaq Ñam. Along the road many tangible and intangible evidence of the prehispanic occupations can be found. It is important to mention that the majority of temples and public structures are found in the Lower Basin area being the most important the Pachacamac Sanctuary.

(...)..fortunately some interesting myths and stories of the Lurin River Basin were saved by the spanish priest Francisco de Avila in 1538 and the translated from quechua language to spanish by the peruvian writer Jose Maria Arguedas.



## 03.2 The Lurin Valley

### 03.2.1 The Lurin River and the Natural Elements

#### Geology

The geology of the Lower Basin, is characterized by the presence of groups, formations and members, which constitute a package sedimentary and volcanic that was intruded by the batholith of the coast. [ANA,2019]. In general, three lithological units are identified that emerge and are classified according to their origin and composition in:

#### a. Superficial deposits

Alluvial deposits: made up of accumulations of materials carried by surface runoff, deposited far from their place of origin. Along with intrusive rocks, this deposit constitute the majority of surface in the basin. Consists mostly in in conglomerate and gravels. They're characterized by the predominance of urban an agricultural use. Wind Deposits: deposits generated by the action of the wind that redistribute sands fines and silts. Fine sands are used as construction material and where numerous settlements have been installed by humans.

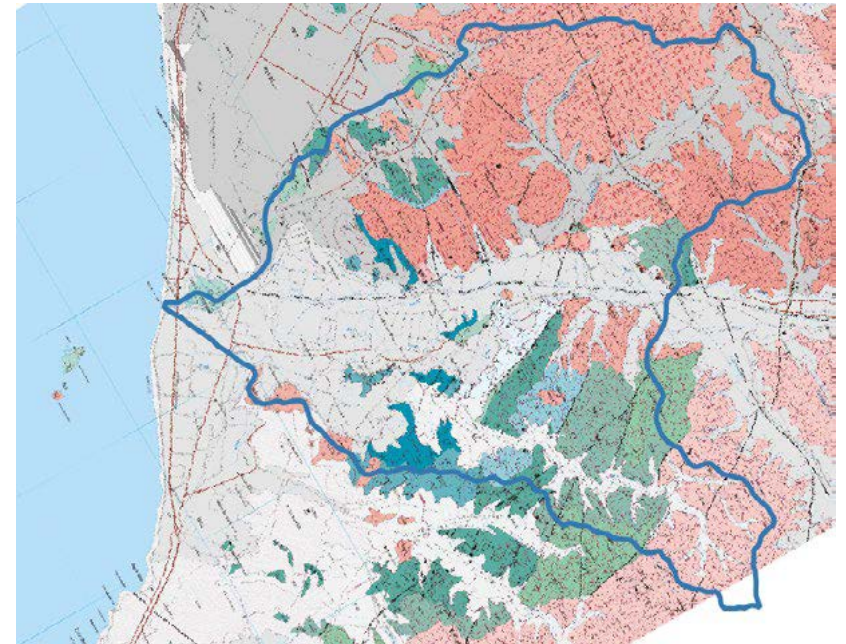
#### b. Intrusive rocks

Occupy a large proportion of the basin and consists mostly in the superunit Santa Rosa, the Tiabaya superunit (tonalita, greenstone); and to a lesser extent by the superunity Atocongo (monzogranite) and the Patap superunit (gabrodiorite).

#### c. Sedimentary rocks

Consists mostly in sedimentary rocks from lower cretaceous. It is composed of thin layers of dark gray siltstones that form bundles and are interspersed with light to dark gray limestones, marls, altering reddish limolitas, and also with the presence of ferruginous materials that oxidize.

This rocks are exploited as a material for construction in the form of limestone, clay and raw material for cement production.



## Geomorphology

The study area contains various types of landforms scattered along the territory. They can be classified in: a) mountains b) hills or knolls c) mantles d) dunes e) floodplains f) foothills g) anthropic h) riverbed i) marine terrace. The most important in terms of area covered are mountains, hills or knolls, foothills and floodplains.

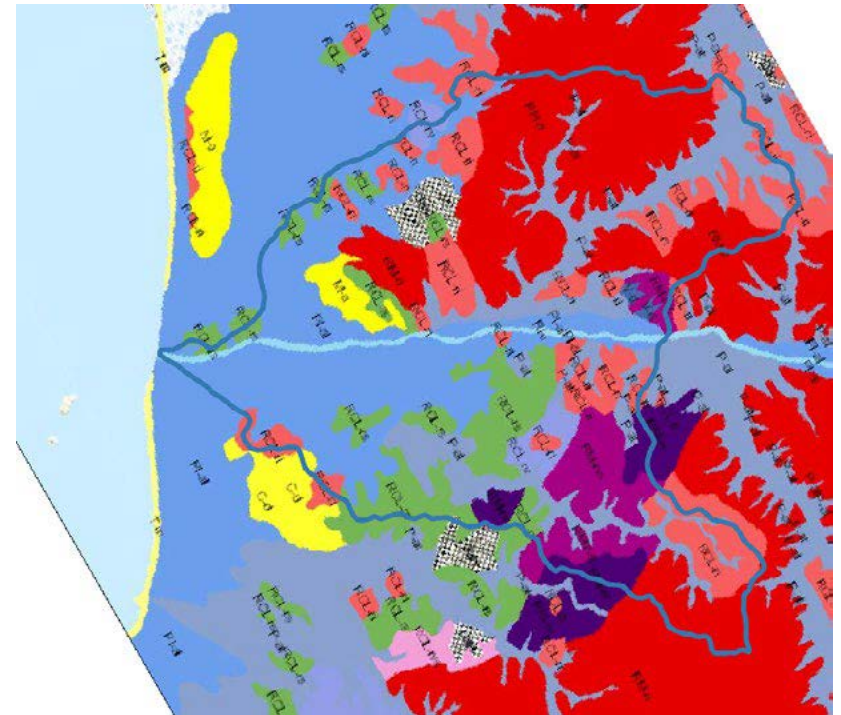
Floodplains were created by the action of the river and provide the surface in which most of the human activity takes place. Agriculture and settlements are the most common activities in this landform. Because of the longitudinal distribution of this landform across the territory, floodplains are the most effective way of connecting the territory. After floodplains, foothills host many of the human activity but lack agricultural development due to the scarcity of water.

The mountains and hills are mostly made up of the outcrop of intrusive, sedimentary and volcanic rocks and is the most predominant landform type in the area. In general, they are inhabited but carry activities related to mining and eco-tourism. Sand mantles, dune fields and the marine terrace occur in proximity to the coast and together with the hills and mountains have the most important scenice potential.

## Hydrogeology

## Climate

## Soils





### 03.2.3 Historical Analysis

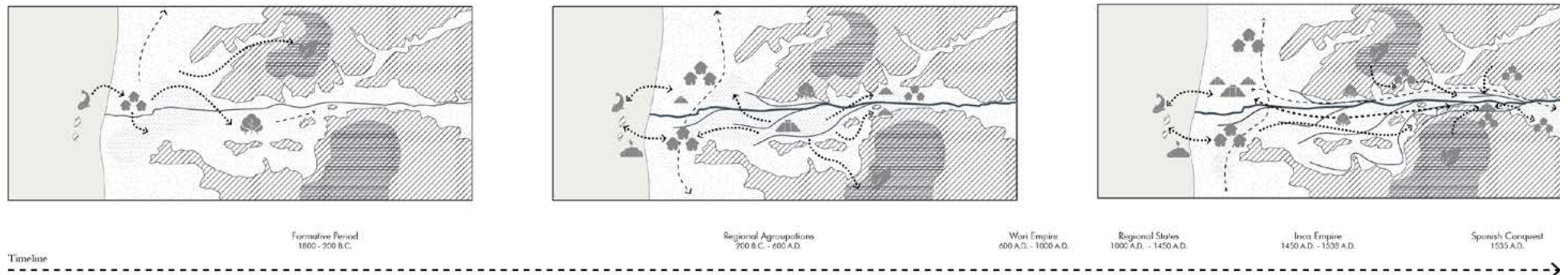
The architect and urbanist José Canziani explains that in the conception of the andean world the territory is assumed as a extension of the human body, a second skin. According to this, he explains we can assumed that the implementation of urban centers was as a part of an integral development of the territory and not as a disruption between the city and the territory (Canziani XXXX: 32).

In this way, the city, the road network, the irrigation canals for agriculture fields and other human built elements conformed a cultural landscape. The role of the urban centers as well as the monumental architecture was focus on enhancing the rural territory making possible the sustainable development of human settlements.

“A kind cultural landscape as a result of the construction of a fertile habitat in the coast valleys not only made possible the economic excedents that supported civilization processes but also generated a cultural identity.” (Canziani XXXX: 32)

### The Role of the Irrigation Canals

In order to transform a desert plane in a fertile land the inhabitants generated a network of irrigation canals in a progressive way directly connected to the valley occupation. By achieving this they passed from collectors that extract resources from the sea and lomas to settlements with public architecture and an increasing agriculture activity fo finalize in ceremonial urban centers with extense agriculture (Canziani 2009: 47-50).



Diachronic Maps - Prehispanic Occupation

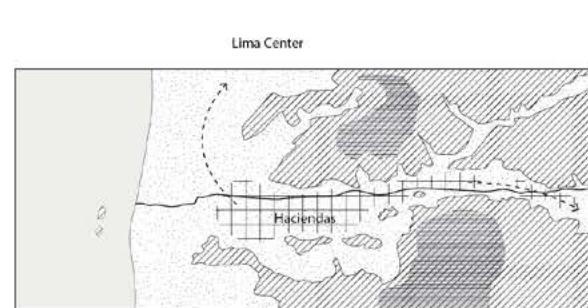
## The Current Occupation

Since the Spanish arrival in 1535 the valley had followed different parameters in its occupation. With the excuse of the evangelization, the Spaniards tried to eradicate the existent cults and customs at the time. The loss of the landscape memory starts from there.

In the Lurin Valley we can find some of that evidence in the book "La Revisita de Sisicaya, 1588" (The Revisit of Sisicaya, 1588). Here are collected interviews to the local population at that time grouped in small settlements with some of the remaining prehispanic social structures (Feltham 2009:57). Nevertheless the author explains that:

*"It is interesting to see that, 55 years after the arrival of the Spaniards, the residents of the valley had erased the Incas from their memory, since they did not mention them either in the revisit or in the appraise."* (2009:101)

The author also mentions that churches were built where prehispanic ceremonial centers had important congregation and the reduction of the native population.

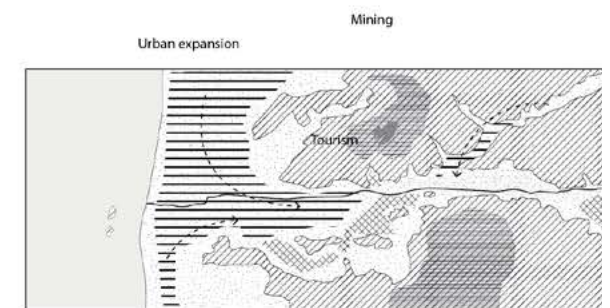
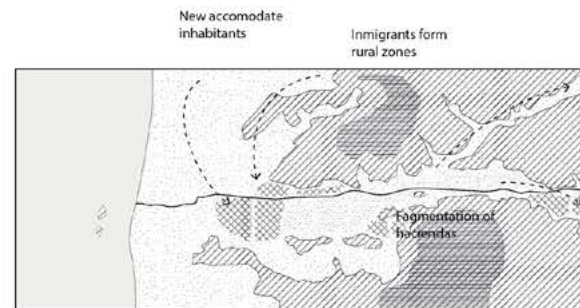


Diachronic Maps - From Spanish Colony to Current Occupation

The author also mentions that churches were built where prehispanic ceremonial centers had important congregation along with the uses of other ritual structures. Another important event is the reduction of the native population.

The Lurin Valley was transformed into ranch for noble Spaniards mixed with the native farmers that were the workers of those ranches. The same figure and stayed even after the Republic times until the "Agrarian Reform" in 1969. With this, the owners of the agricultural lands passed to the people who worked on it. Many of the owners at that time decided to sell their land or even the new owners, the farmers, decided to divide the ranch and sell it. With this, a new user entered to the valley. People of medium and medium high social class who bought the lands for country houses or small agricultural activity (Mamani 2018:47).

Nowadays the valley represents a dispute between the remaining agricultural activities and the residential and industrial urbanization.



The Lurin Valley, like the rest of the Peruvian landscape, is the result of the superposition of two cosmologies. From one side the prehispanic present somehow in the oral traditions and agricultural techniques and the occidental brought by the Spaniards and the modern context present in the way nowadays the population interacts between the nature and the human actions (Crousse 2019:54).

In addition to that the architect Willey Ludueña explains that Peru does not have with a written story referring to Landscape and this absence becomes more evident in the constant omissions related to the Inca or Aztec landscape (Ludueña 2008: 59).

Therefore the problematic we faced is the absence of the landscape memory inherited from prehispanic civilizations and an unsustainable understanding of a modern city.

*“It seems that the colonial syndrome of the city of Spaniards as opposed to the indigenous territory was projected to a modern city ... and that in doing so it devastates all signs of appreciation of the rural territory and the memory of the indigenous past and even the most recent one.” (Canziani xxx:34)*

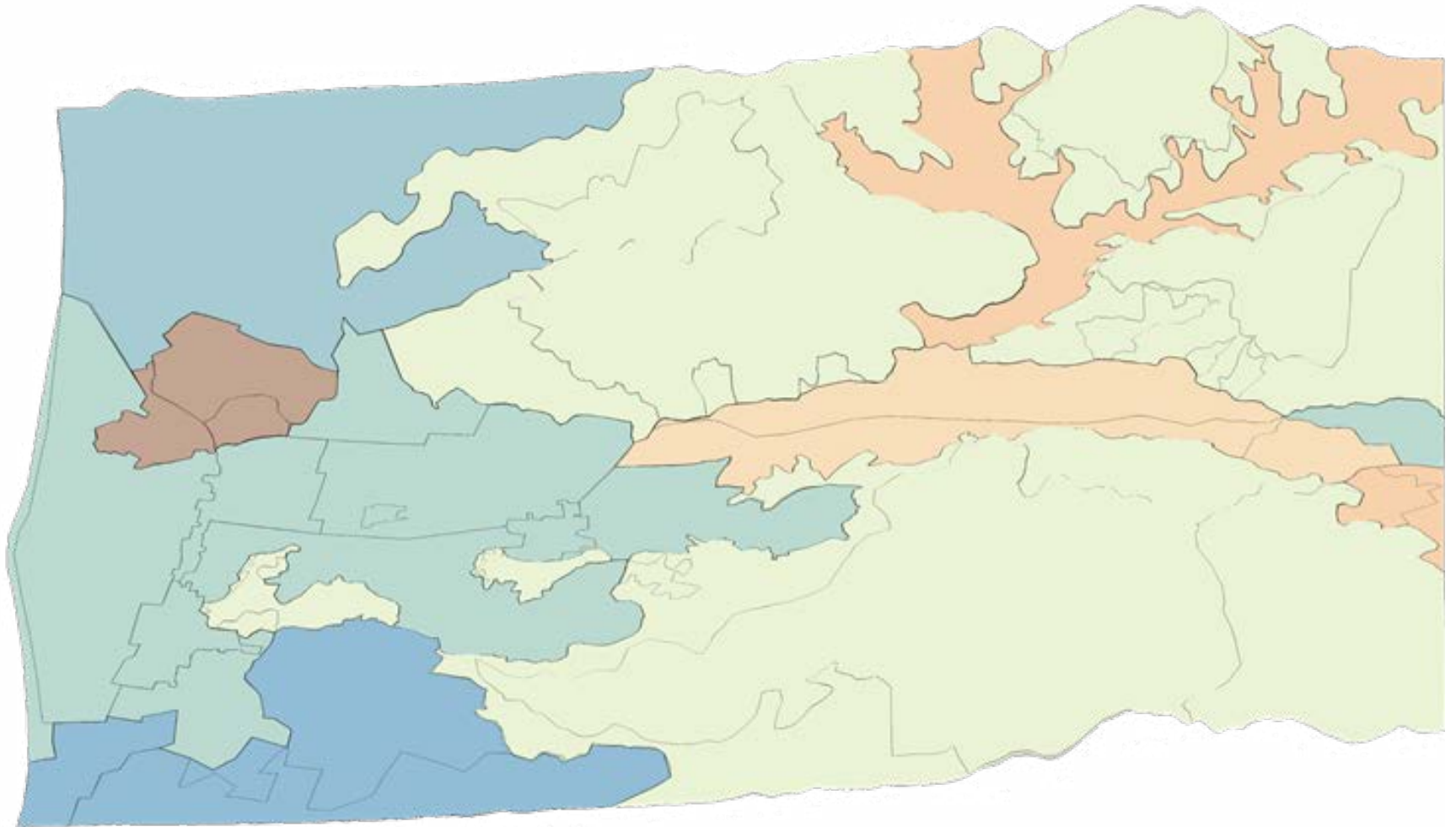


Synchronic Map - Superposition of two cosmologies

Landuse






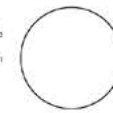

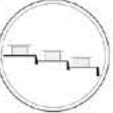

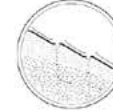
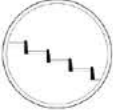








### 03.3 The Landscape Character Assesment





## **04. Recognizing the Value**

# 04.1 The Tangible Integrity and the Intangible Value

<p><b>Huacas / Archeological Sites</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Prehispanic temples, palaces and public architecture that occupied the valley in different archeological periods with significant features as design, materials and construction techniques in relatively good conditions and protection.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Historic connection with the millennial legacy of the Inca and pre-Inca civilizations.</p>	<p><b>Lomas Ecosystem</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> The seasonal ecosystem present in the top of the foothills still maintains the link between human activities and natural scenarios with new efforts to preserve the biodiversity.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Scenic value that contributes to the sense of place for the valley.</p>	<p><b>Irrigation Canals</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Functional prehispanic irrigation canals and others from later periods still in use with an increasing carelessness from the rising non-agricultural population in the valley.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Constitutes an important element for the fertilization and occupation of the valley still in use nowadays.</p>	<p><b>Petroglifos</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Presence of designs and illustrations on rocks in the foothills.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Constitutes a prehispanic representation of their landscape.</p>	<p><b>Qhapaq Nam / Inca Road System</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Permanence of Incan Road that connected the Lurin Basin in prehispanic times with current efforts to control the deterioration.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Represents a connection with the different archeological sites and cultural landscapes along the basin.</p>	<p><b>Housing Platforms</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Presence of prehispanic settlements with identifiable functions and design patterns of different time periods with a significant proportion preserved but with direct connection with local population.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Historic connection with the culture and identity of the valley.</p>
<p><b>Apachetas</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Permanence of ritual tradition expressed in the shape of rock pile accumulations in the hills is decreasing in number.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> The notion of the ritual evolved but still means a link between the spiritual world and a sacred natural space like the hills.</p>	<p><b>Amunas</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Presence prehispanic hydraulic system still in use nowadays with a deteriorated state in the lower basin.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Knowledge of prehispanic irrigation techniques that can still be apply for the benefit of agriculture activity.</p>	<p><b>Agricultural Platforms</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Permanence of prehispanic landscape transformation with current efforts for protection and deterioration control.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Knowledge of agricultural techniques use in the prehispanic occupation.</p>	<p><b>tangible integrity/permanences</b> form and design; materials and substance; use and function (this is mainly intangible but influence the tangible elements); location and setting</p> <p><b>intangible values</b> traditions, techniques and management systems, language, and other forms of intangible heritage; spirit and feeling; use and function</p>		<p><b>Biodiversity - Deer</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> No current presence of deers in the valley.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Presence of deers in the interviews and collective memory of the population of the valley right after the spanish conquest.</p>
<p><b>Lurin River</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Lurin River preserves its functional importance for agriculture and stability of the valley. Nevertheless presents contamination problems.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> High intangible value in the knowledge of water management and territorial organization from prehispanic civilizations.</p>				<p><b>Urpwachaq Lagoon</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Important location for migratory birds with current efforts to improve biodiversity.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Presence in the mythology of the valley.</p>	
<p><b>Biodiversity - Fox</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> No current presence of coastal faunae in the valley.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Presence of the fox in the myths of the valley and a representation of the lower basin fauna.</p>				<p><b>Pachacamac deity</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> The deity is currently use to explain the importance of the Pachacamac archeological site.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> High intangible value in the national imaginary. The notion of this deity had transformed in the most popular christian celebration nationally, El Señor de los Milagros procession.</p>	
<p><b>The Myths</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> No current presence of coastal faunae in the valley.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Presence of the fox in the myths of the valley and a representation of the lower basin fauna.</p>				<p><b>The Islands</b></p>  <p><b>Tangible Integrity</b> Presence of efforts to maintain the biodiversity of the islands.</p> <p><b>Intangible Value</b> Present in the myths and stories that conform the spirit and feeling of the place.</p>	

Tangible Integrity / Intangible Value

## 04.2 Spatial Character and Attitude to Change

### Urban Desert

#### Spatial Character

Urbanized areas related with housing and industry in contrast growth. Limited public areas.

#### Attitude

Housing, working, high dense transportation.

#### Activities

Housing

working

high dense transportation

Tourism

pedagogical activities

reflection

raise awareness activities

occasional restaurants

festivity places

community integration places

agro-tourism

countryside activities

Eco-tourism

Walking

bicycle rides

contemplation space

beach related activities

commerce

agriculture support activities

horticulture

### Archeological Desert

#### Spatial Character

Desert plane with important archeological heritage sharing space already consolidated urban invasion that started in 1970's.

#### Attitude

Tourism, pedagogical activities, housing, reflection, raise awareness activities.

### Urbanized Agricultural Land

#### Spatial Character

Urbanizations in the valley that with low density surrounded by the agricultural field and direct or indirect contact with the Lurin River.

#### Attitude

Housing, recreational restaurants, festivity places, community meeting centers, agro-tourism, countryside activities.

### Coastal Urbanized Agricultural Land

#### Spatial Character

Industrial plots and urbanizations in the coastal part of the valley with still low density surrounded by industrial plots. Limited public areas.

#### Attitude

Eco-tourism, bicycle rides, contemplation space, beach related activities.

### Agricultural Land

#### Spatial Character

Extense historical agricultural lands worked since prehispanic times with heritage elements still in use like irrigation canals.

#### Attitude

Agro-tourism, walking, bicycle rides, contemplation space, pedagogical space, raise awareness activities.

### Agricultural Land - Transition Zone

#### Spatial Character

Agricultural lands with high class countryhouses. Land use passes from a productive activity to a residential one. Limited public areas.

#### Attitude

Housing, commerce, integration, raise awareness.

### Hills and Lomas

#### Spatial Character

Seasonal ecosystem with native flora and presence of archeological elements as well as agricultural communities at the bottom.

#### Attitude

Eco-tourism, hiking, bicycle rides, contemplation space.

### Foothills - Rural Communities

#### Spatial Character

Rural communities dedicated to the agriculture located between the lomas and the agricultural land.

#### Attitude

Eco-tourism, agro-tourism, reflection, raise awareness activities, agriculture support activities, horticulture, pedagogical spaces.

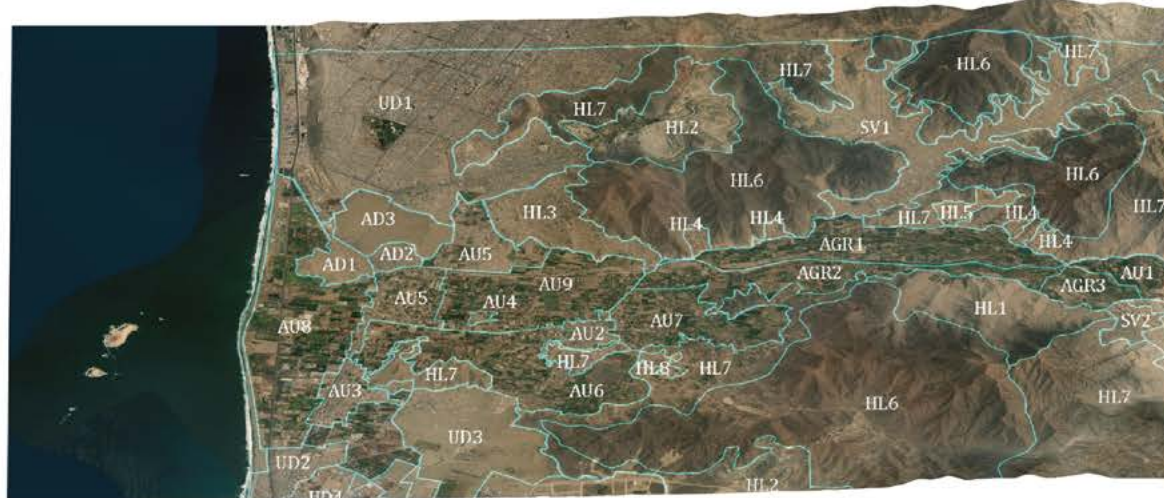
### Stream Valley

#### Spatial Character

Urbanized zones between the foothills with limited green and public spaces.

#### Attitude

Housing, commerce, connection, working spaces.



Spatial Character / Attitude to Change

## 04.3 Stakeholders and Protection

### Burocratic Actors

Regional Government (Municipality of Lima)  
 National Water Authority (ANA)  
 Ministry of Culture  
 Ministry of Energy and Mining  
 Ministry of Economy and Tourism  
 Ministry of Construction and Sanitation  
 Water users associations (Juntas de Agua)  
 Ministry of Agriculture



### Political Actors

Local Governments  
 Non-agricultural users



### Special Actors

Agricultural users  
 Rural communities  
 Chamber of Tourism  
 Entrepreneurs  
 Land Owners  
 Tourists  
 Population of the Valley



### Expert Actors

Schools  
 Universities  
 Professional associations



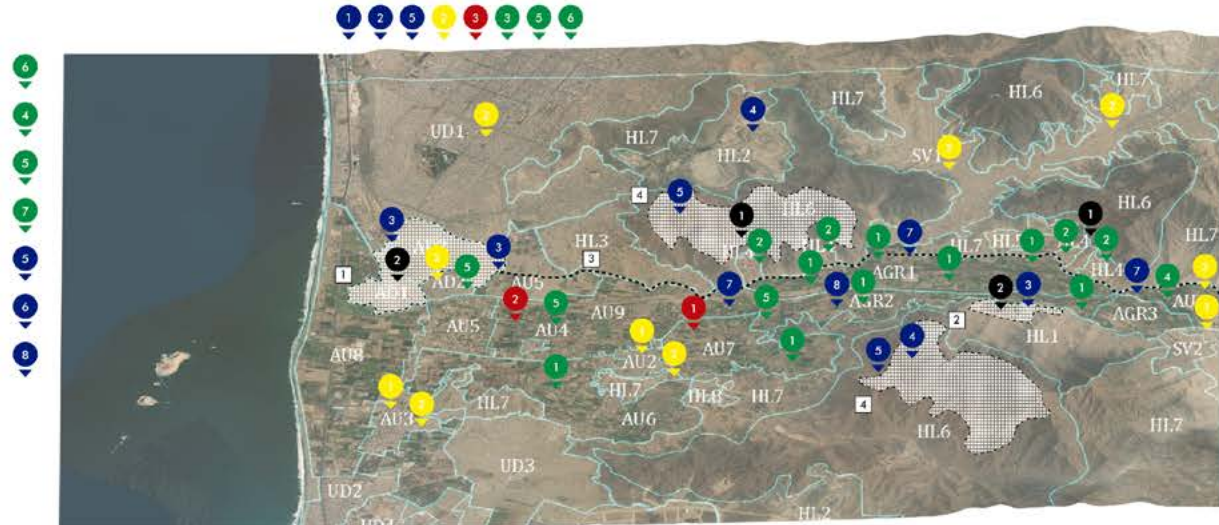
### General Actors

NGO's  
 UNESCO



### Protection Plans

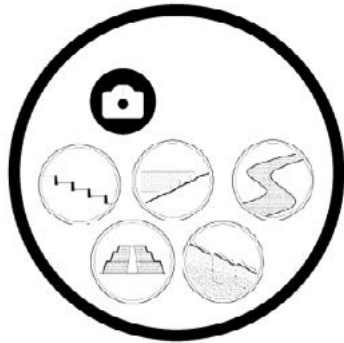
Pachacamac Cultural Landscape Project  
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 Qhapaq Nam Project  
 Lomas Protection Legal Frame  
 Archeological Sites Protection Legal Frame



Stakeholders / Protection

## 04.4 Design Principles

### Diversity



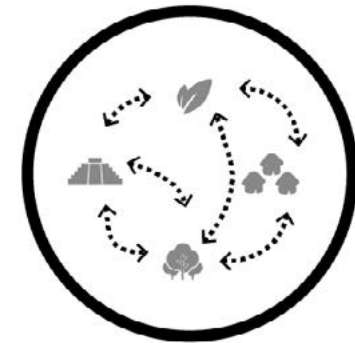
There must be a balanced system that integrates nature, human actions and the collective imaginary in order to transform the landscape in a sustainable way.

### Continuity



The landscape must be preserved allowing it to be productive and to allow human interactions with the nature and its resources enhance the biodiversity.

### Connectivity



An intervention in the territory can be an opportunity to connect the landscape not only in the sense of space but also in time. Allowing people to connect with their heritage and exchange human experiences.

## 06. Proposition

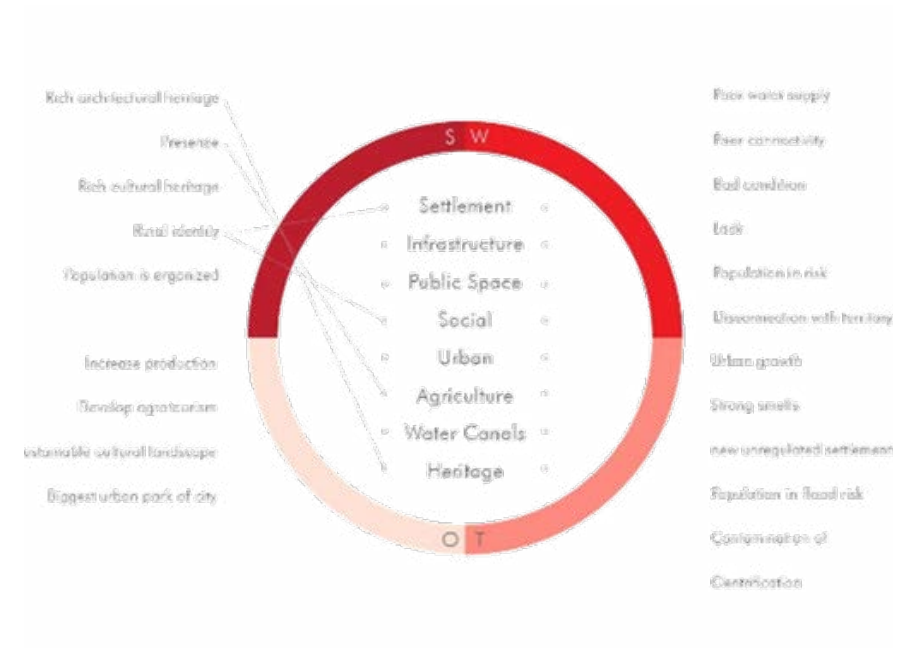


## 06.1 SWOT Analysis

### Natural Elements



### Anthropic Elements



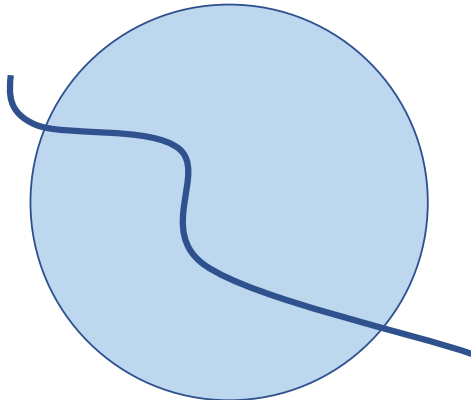
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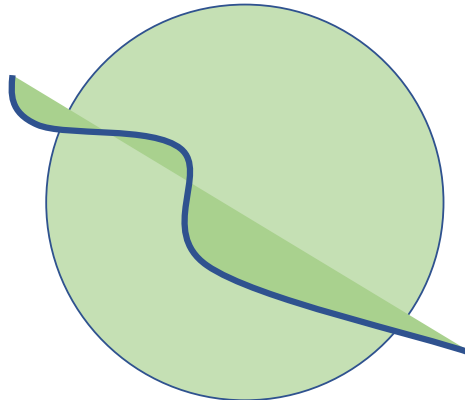
## 06.2 Design Strategies

Diversity



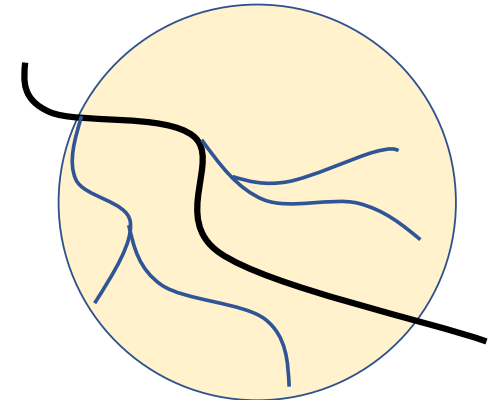
Provide Ecological Infrastructure

Continuity



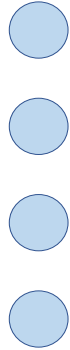
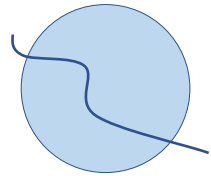
Secure the Agricultural Scenario

Connectivity



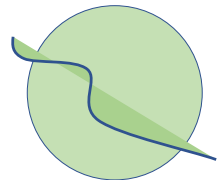
Requalify the Irrigation Canals Network

### 06.2.1 Provide an Ecological Infrastructure



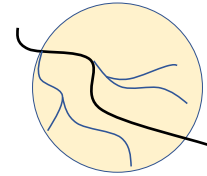
Functions

### 06.2.2 Provide an Ecological Infrastructure



Functions

### 06.2.3 Requalify the Irrigation Canals

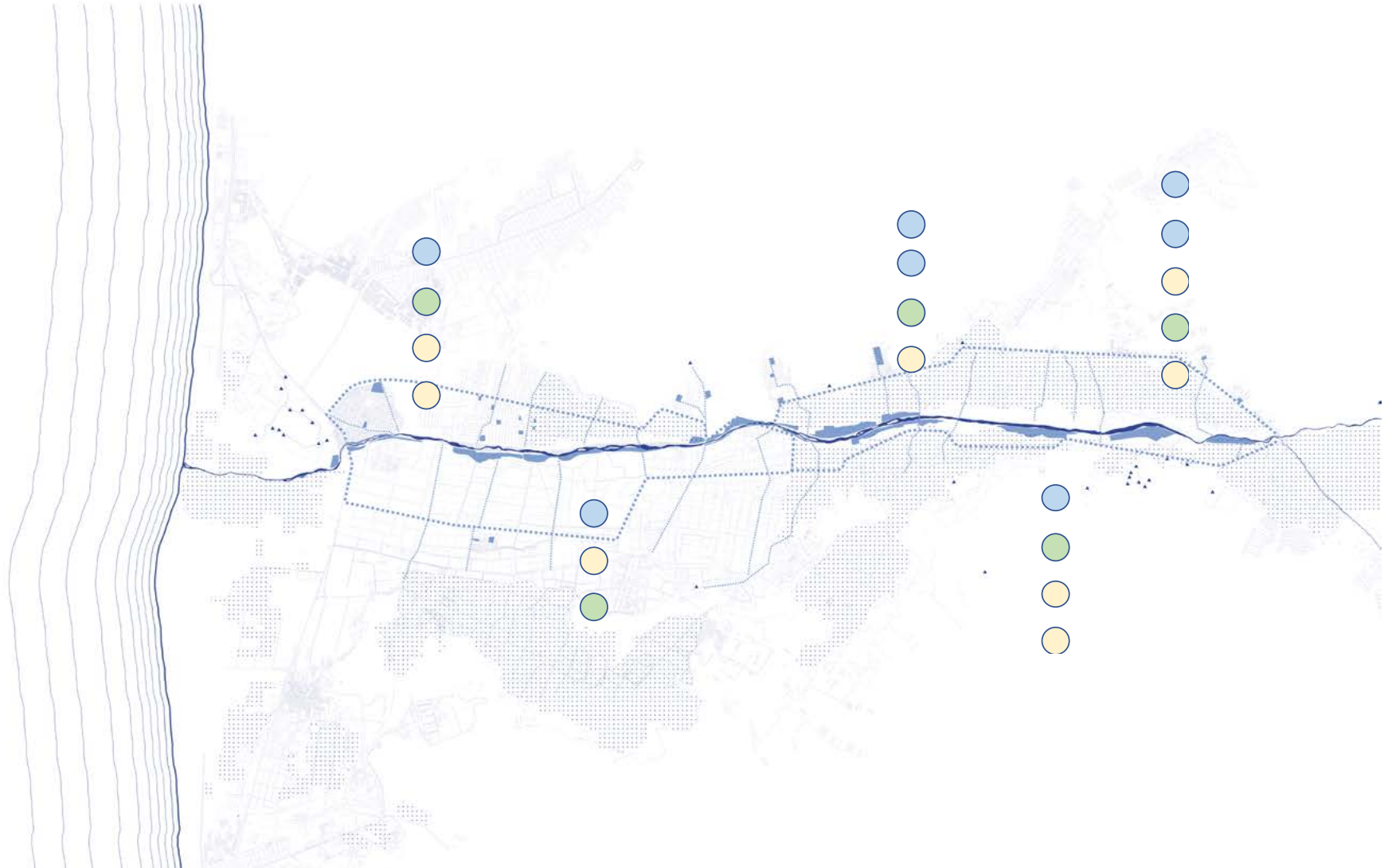


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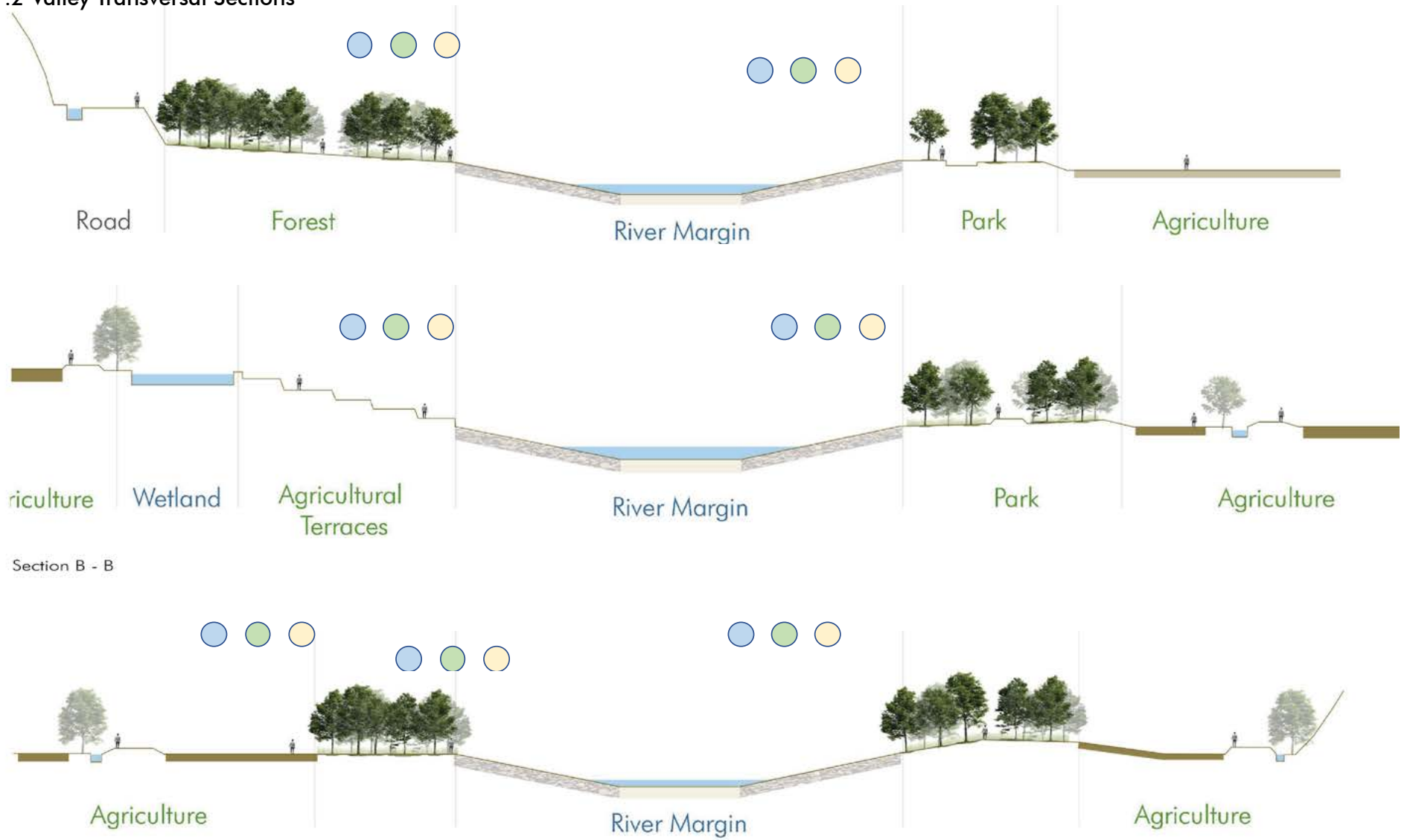
## 07. Design

## 07.1 Macro-Scale

### 07.1.1 Masterplan



### 07.1.2 Valley Transversal Sections

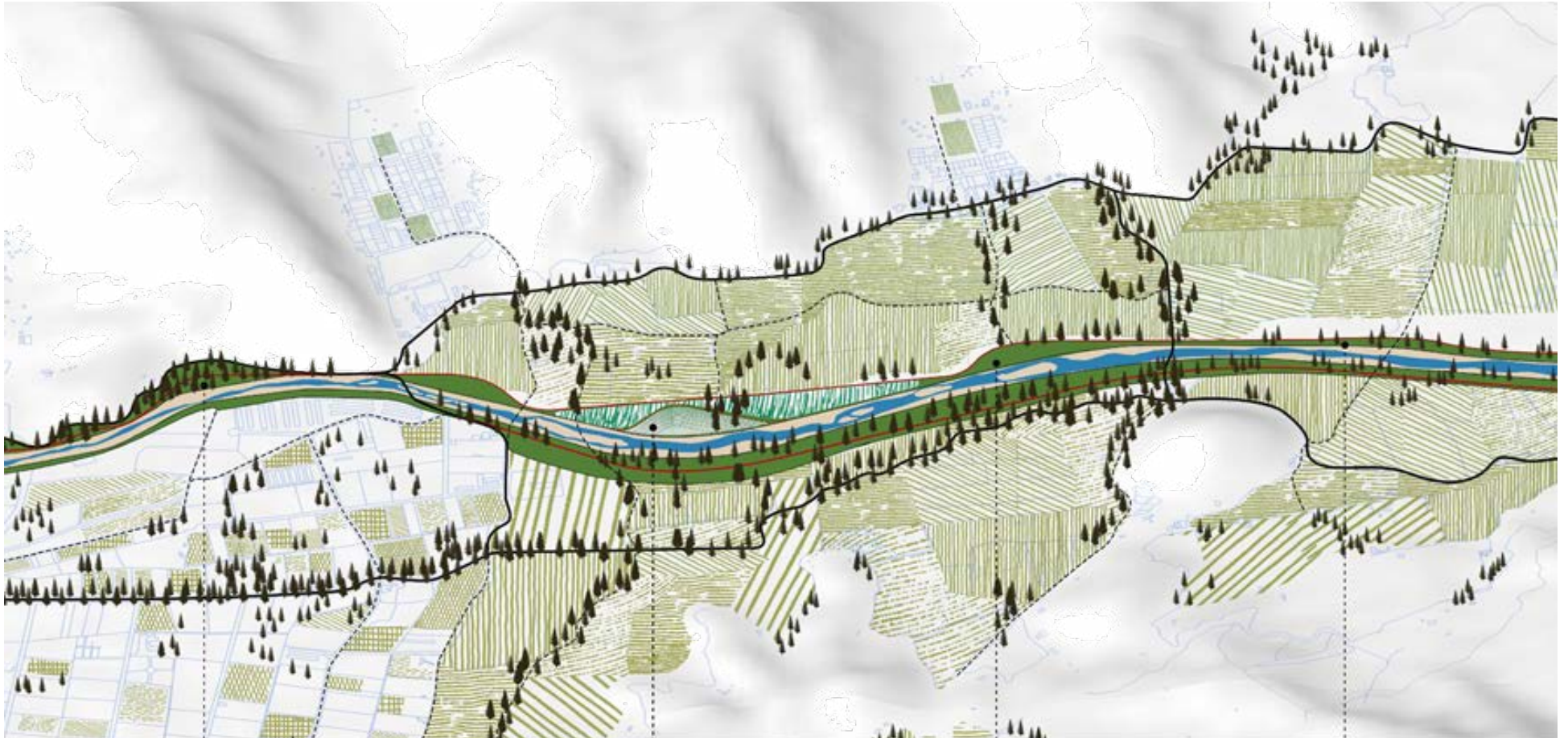


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## 07.2 Medium-Scale

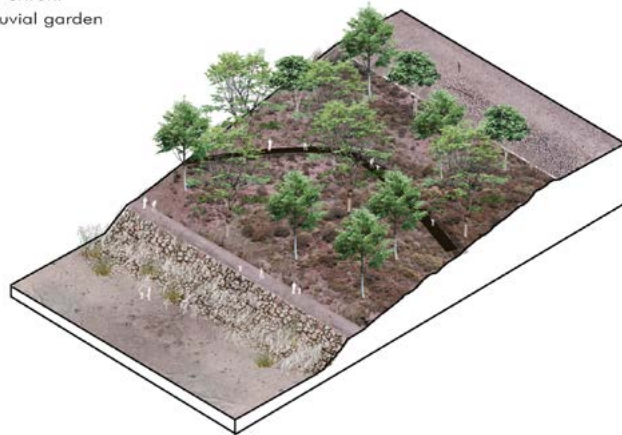
### 07.2.1 Visualizing the Strategies





## 07.2.2 Design Tools On-Site

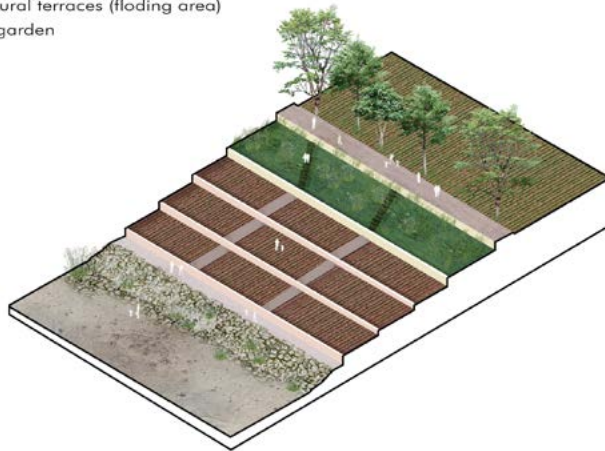
**Forest**  
Erosion control - Reforestation  
Riverfront  
Fluvial garden



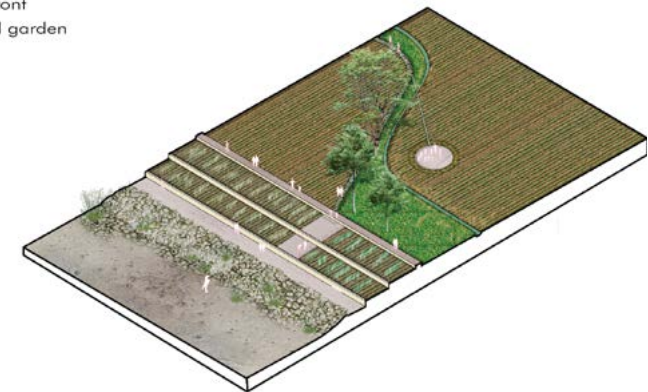
**Water storage**  
Agricultural Park  
Water reservoir  
Riverfront  
Fluvial garden

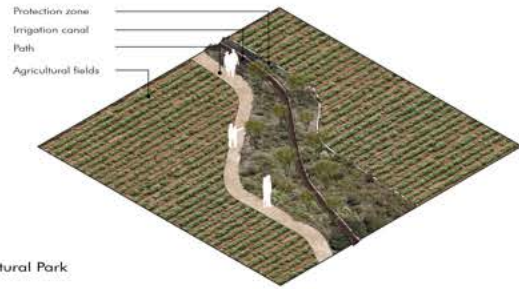


**Water treatment**  
Artificial wetlands  
Agricultural terraces (floodng area)  
Fluvial garden

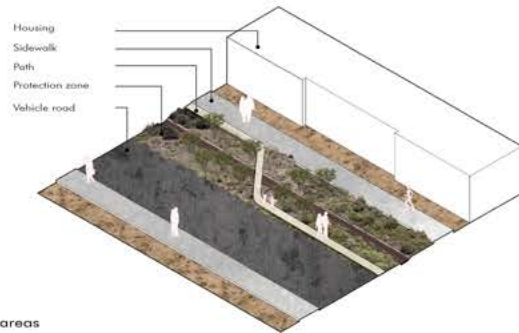


**New conections**  
Restored irrigation canals  
Agricultural Park (Education spaces)  
Agricultural terraces (floodng area)  
Riverfront  
Fluvial garden

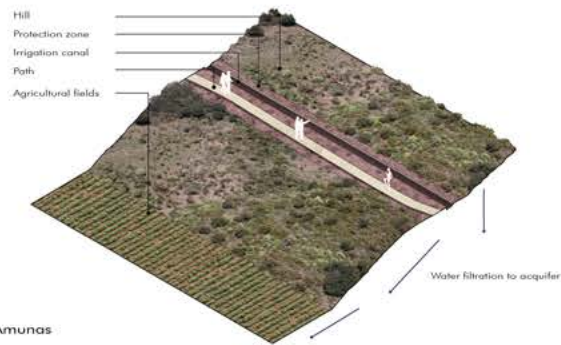




In Agricultural Park

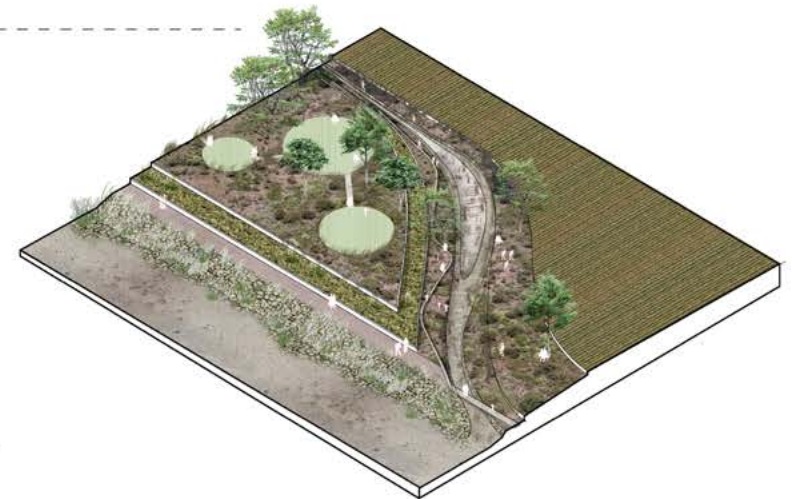


In Urban areas



In hills - Amunas

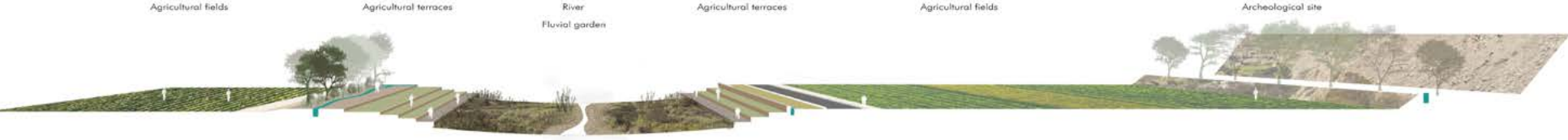
Types of Irrigation canals



Bocatoma Park  
Water intake for irrigation canals



### 07.2.3 Sections



Agricultural Park Section



Forest Section



Urban part Section

## 07.4 Vision

