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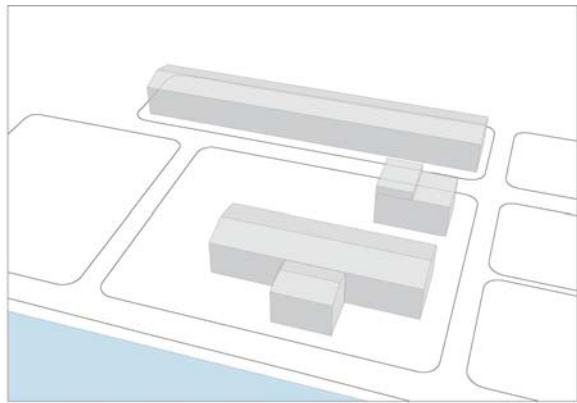
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# flexible moduling in an environmental framework

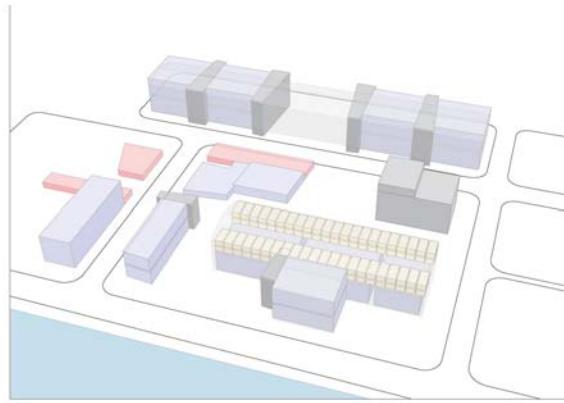
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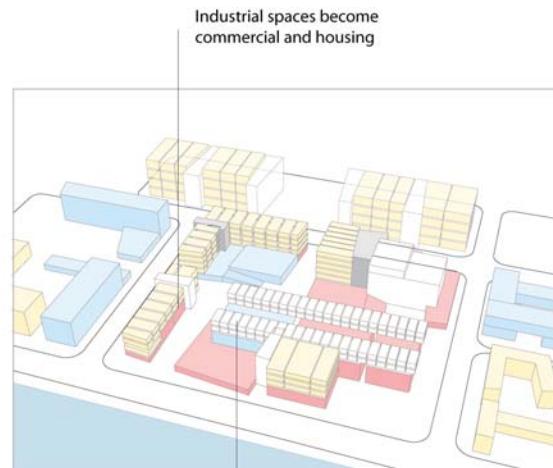
## reprogramming of existing structures



Large existing buildings with adaptable interior space are reserved to first house soil remediation and related industries



As soil remediation moves out of the major spaces, other industrial uses as well as migrant housing will move in provisionally as the rest of the site is developed into industrial and light commercial enterprises



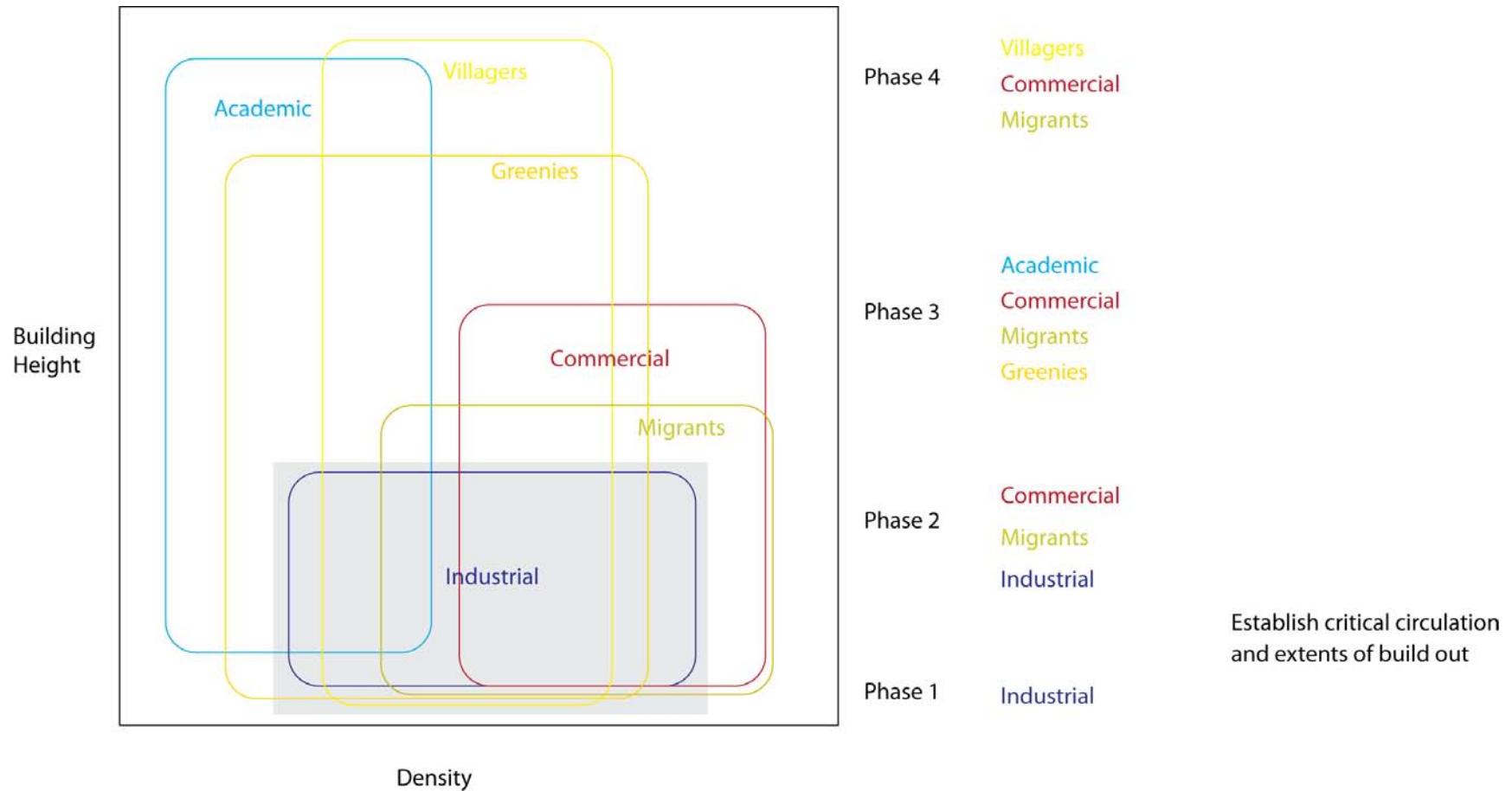
Industrial spaces become commercial and housing

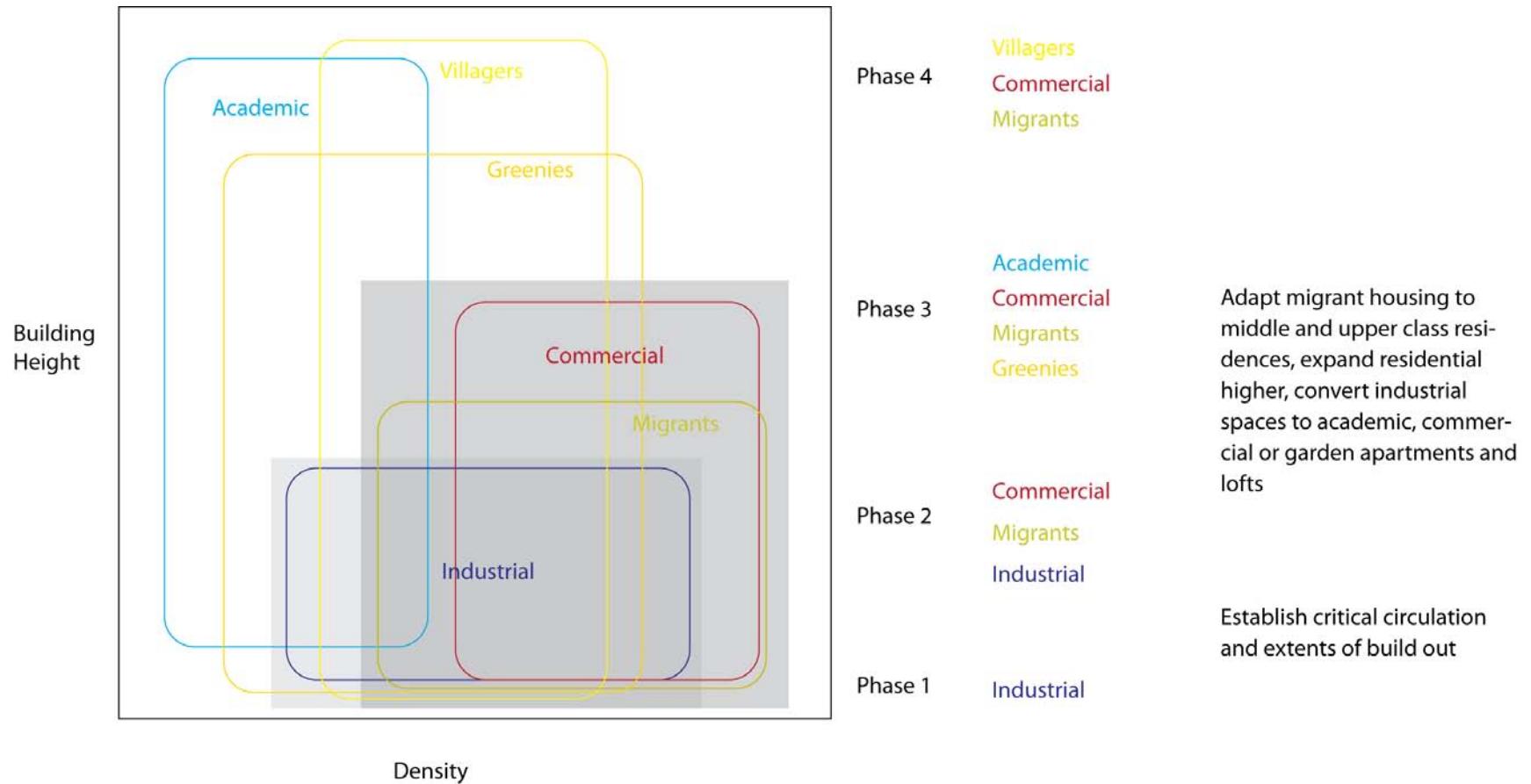
As the remediation activities move elsewhere on the Shougang site, the remaining industrial volume can be broken up into smaller commercial and residential spaces while larger spaces will become civic and entertainment venues.

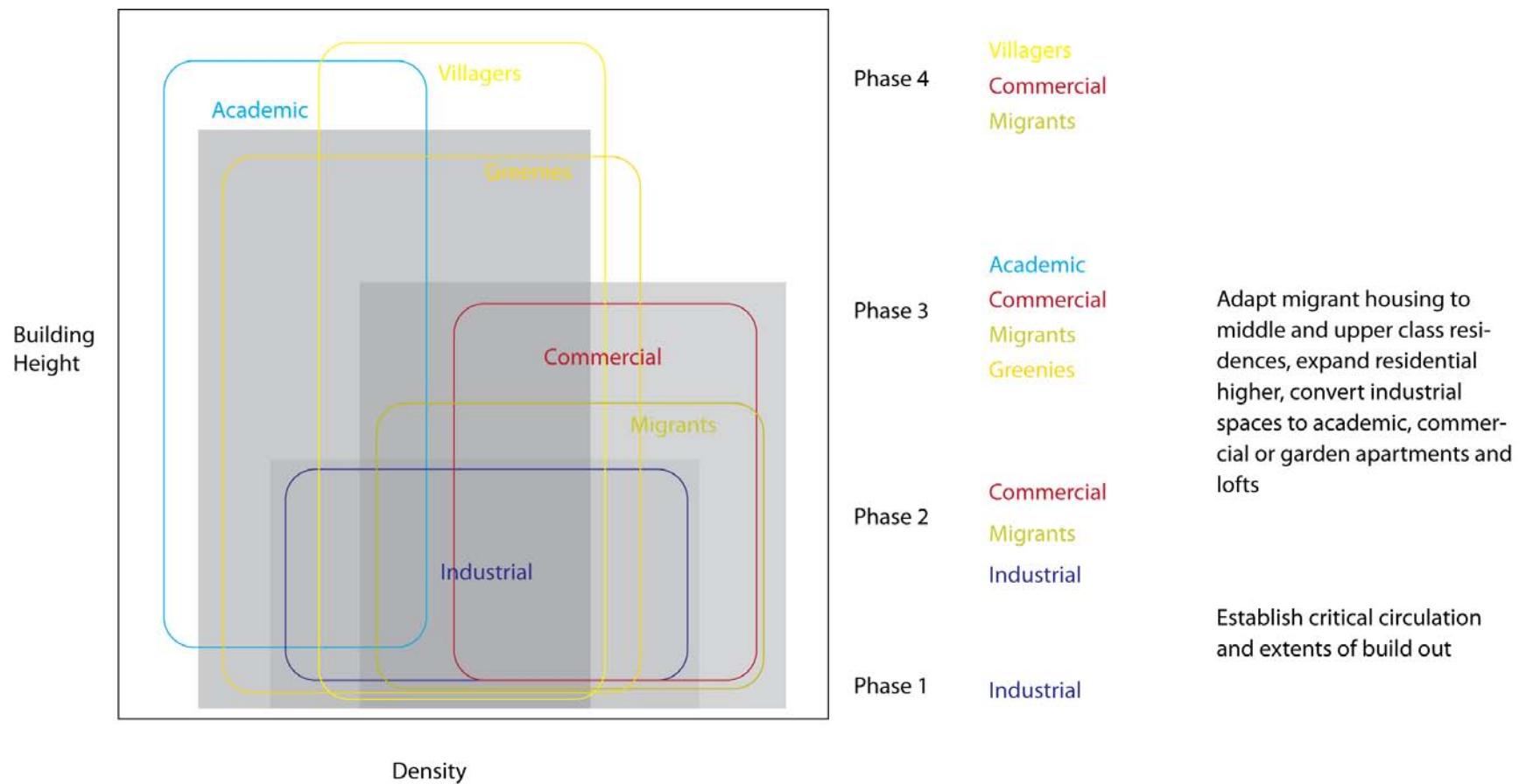
As migrants move to other parts of the site, their housing becomes middle class apartments

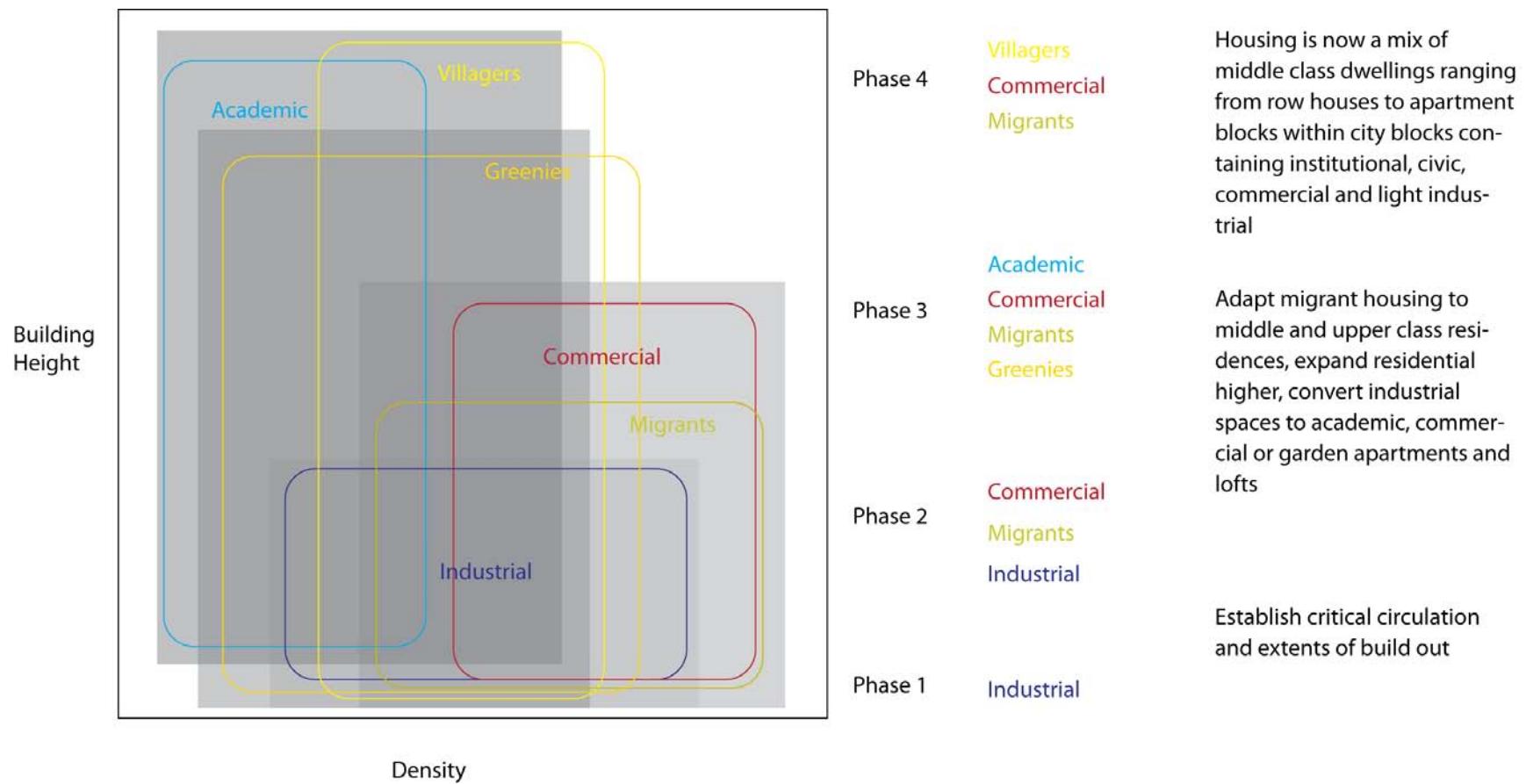
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# prototypical development north of the little hot lake



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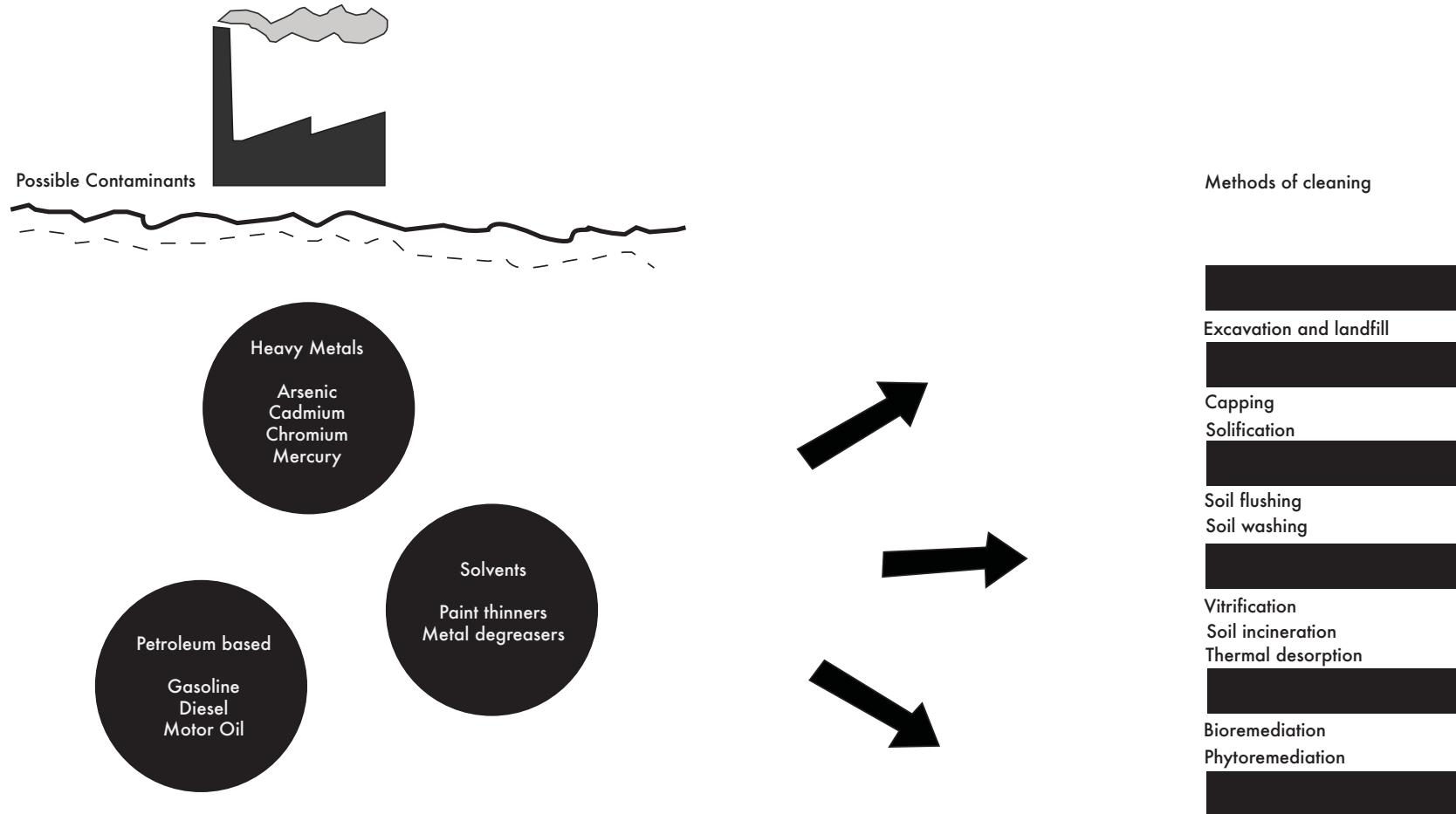
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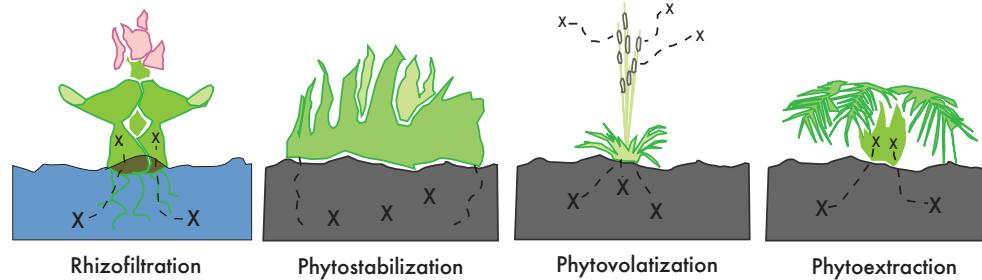
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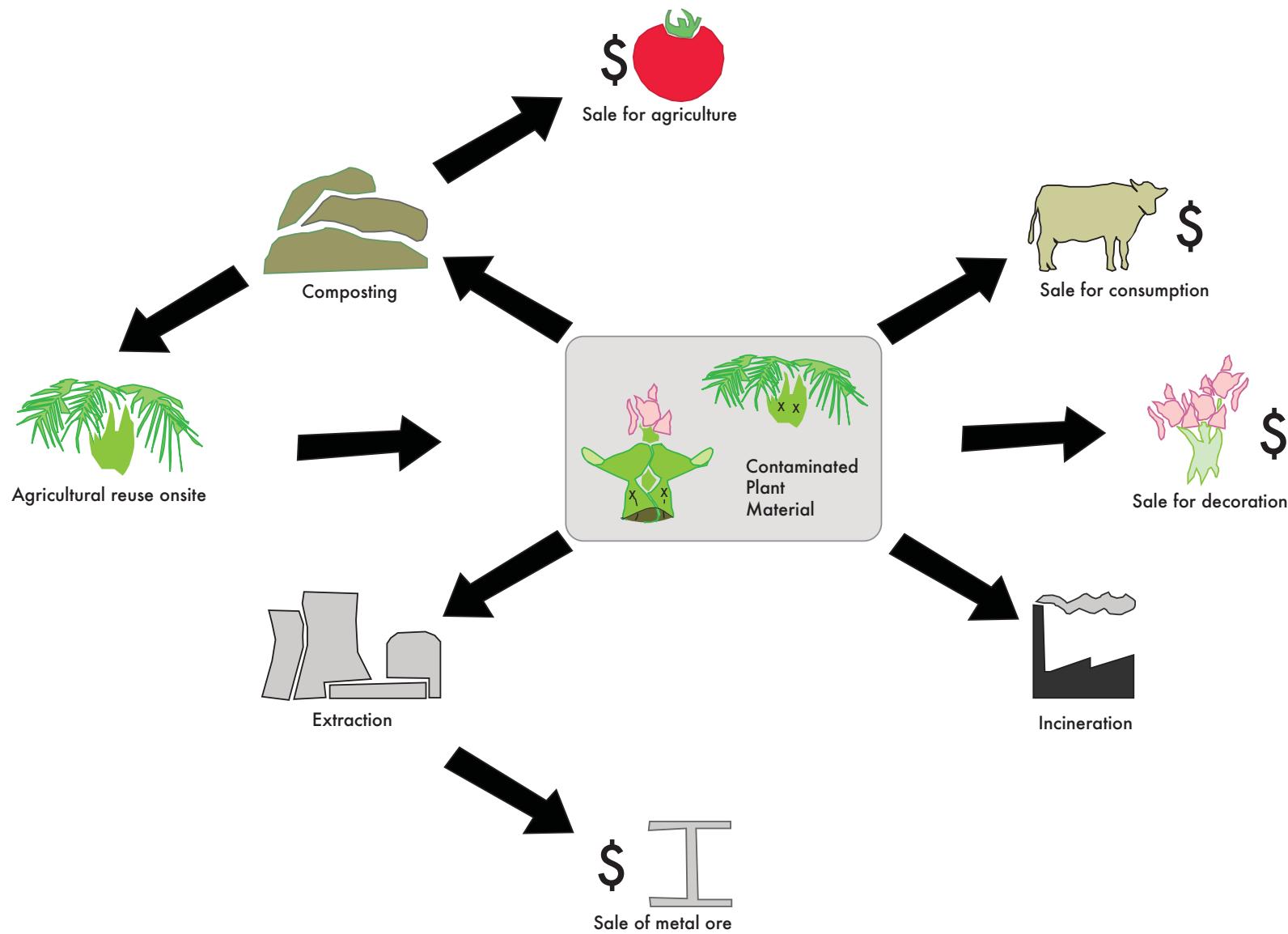


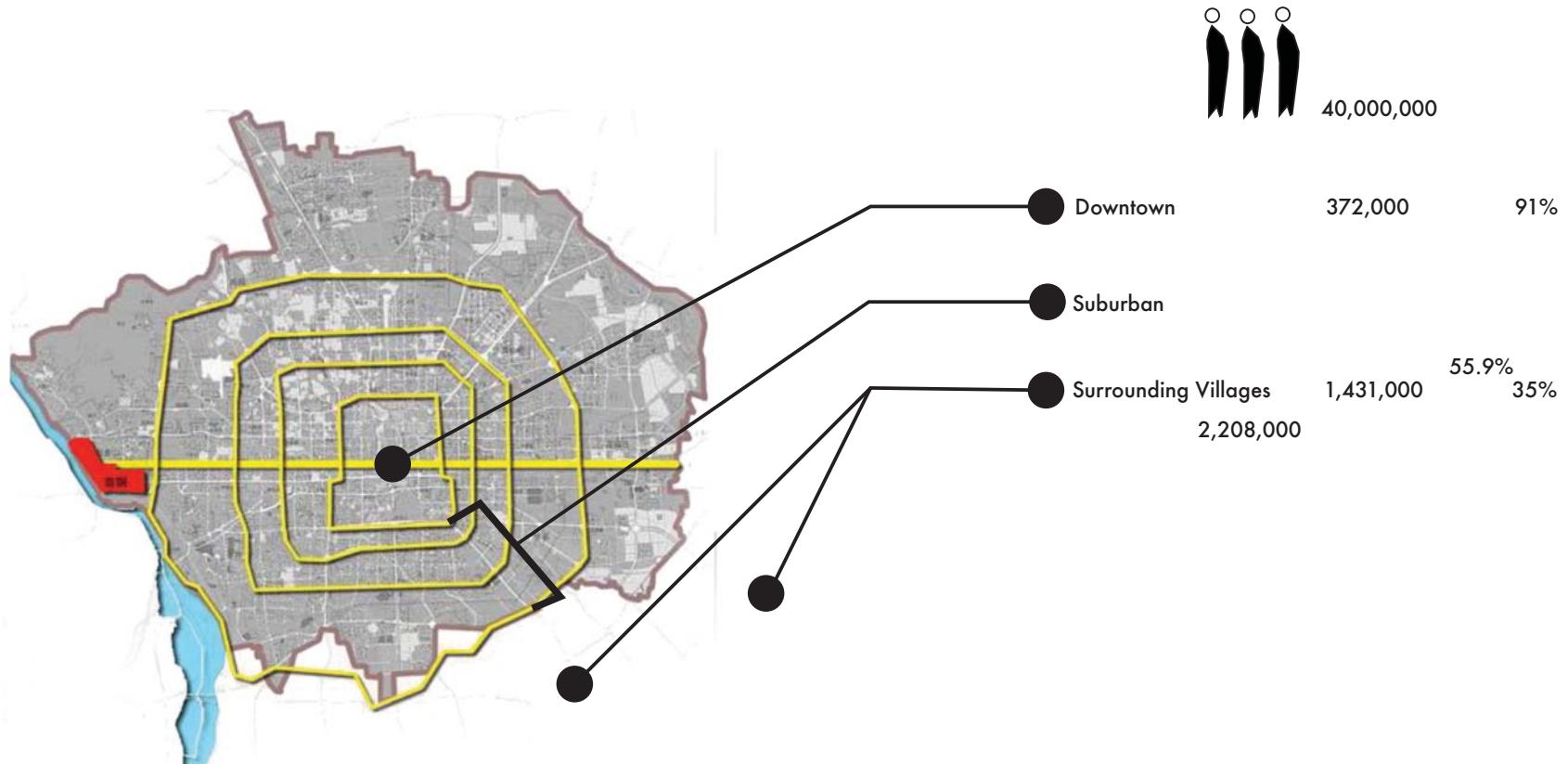


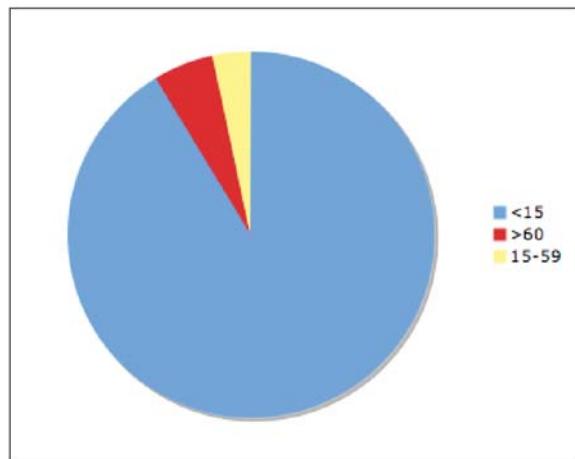
	Rhizofiltration	Phytostabilization	Phyvolatilization	Phytoextraction
Mechanics	Hydroponically raised plants placed in contaminated water concentrate the metals in their roots and shoots	Contaminant migration via wind, rain, and groundwater prevented through planting	Plants absorb elemental metals from the soil and biologically convert them to gaseous metals and release them into the atmosphere	Roots absorb contaminants and store them in above ground shoots
Pros	Cost effective for large volumes; applicability to many metals; less need for chemicals; reduced volume of secondary waste; possibility of recycling; appealing to regulators and public	Less expensive; less invasive; easy to implement; aesthetic value; allows for the postponement of action	Minimal site disturbance; less erosion; no need to dispose of contaminated plants; require little maintenance	Cost effective for large areas; reduce in contaminant mass; metals may be extracted from plant material; metal enriched plants may be sold
Cons	Small, slow growing root systems; the need to specialized facilities and expertise	Not appropriate for highly contaminated sites; does not remove pollution; requires soil additives	Less control over path of contaminants; may contaminate air	Slow process; cannot reach deep contamination; must dispose of plants
Affected Contaminants	Chromium, lead, zinc, petroleum hydrocarbons, chlorinated solvents, benzene, ethylbenzene, xylenes	Lead, zinc, copper, selenium, trichloroethylene, mercury, arsenic	Arsenic, Mercury, Selenium	Variety of solvents, Zinc, nickel, cadmium, lead, titanium, chromium
Plants	Water hyacinth, duckweed, pennywort	Grasses	Cattails, tobacco	Sunflower, indian mustard, Chinese brake fern
Alternative	Rhizodegradation			Phytodegradation

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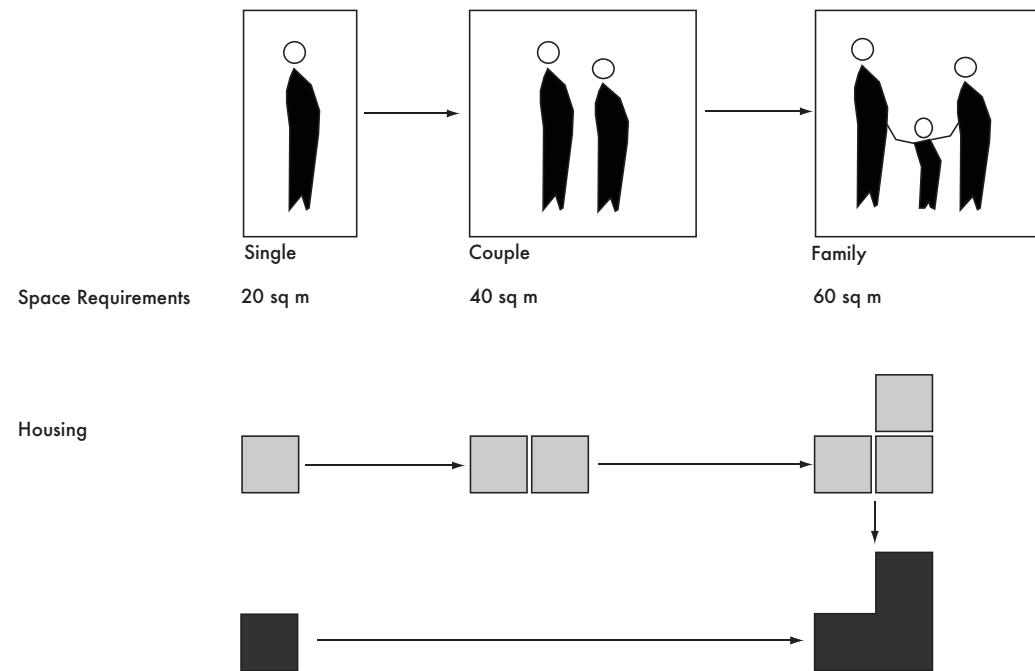
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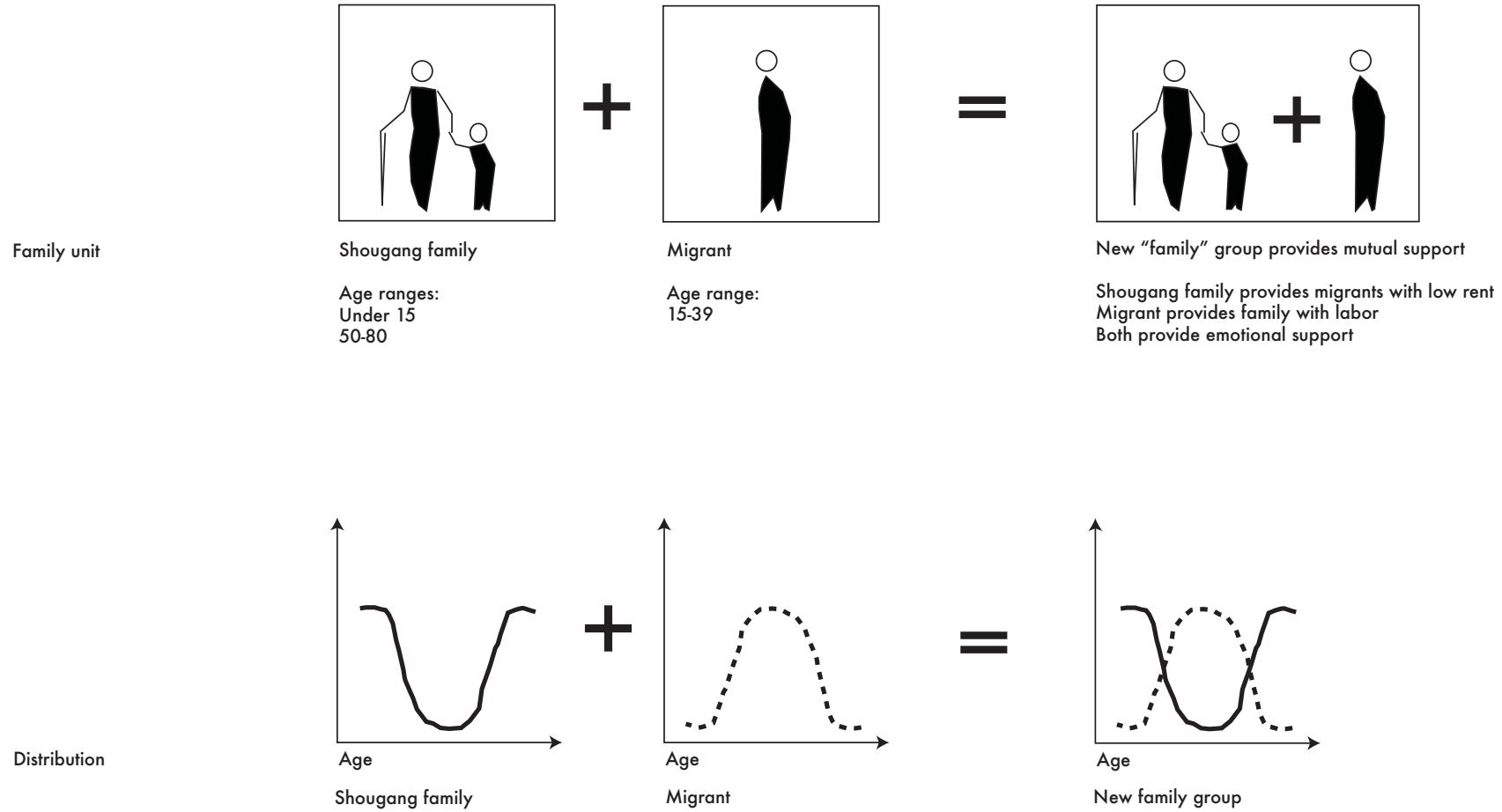






**Implications:**  
Facility needs change as individuals form families





remediation via sunflowers



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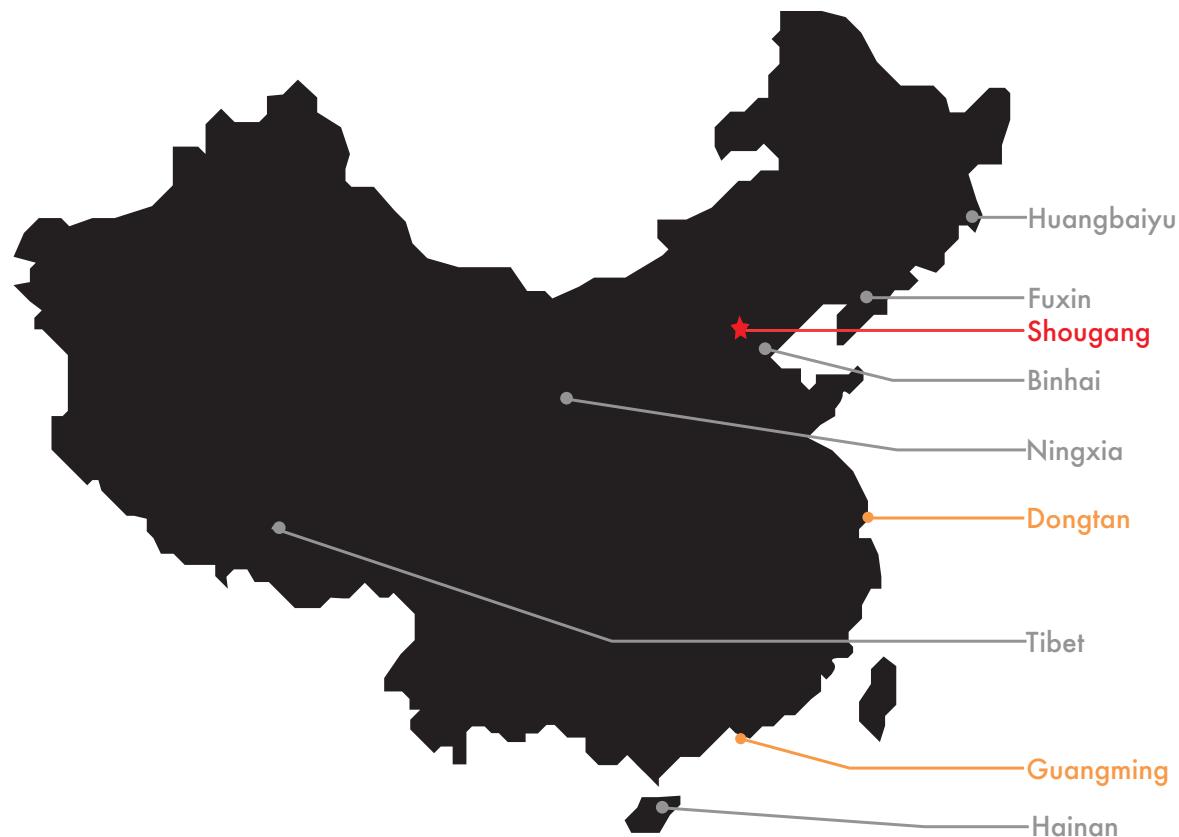
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reuse of existing infrastructure as remediation site



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In 2005 the Chinese government proposed building 5 ecocites.

## Dongtan

Self sustaining community near Shanghai  
500,000 people by 2030  
Criticized as an elite community focused towards ecological commuters

## Guangming

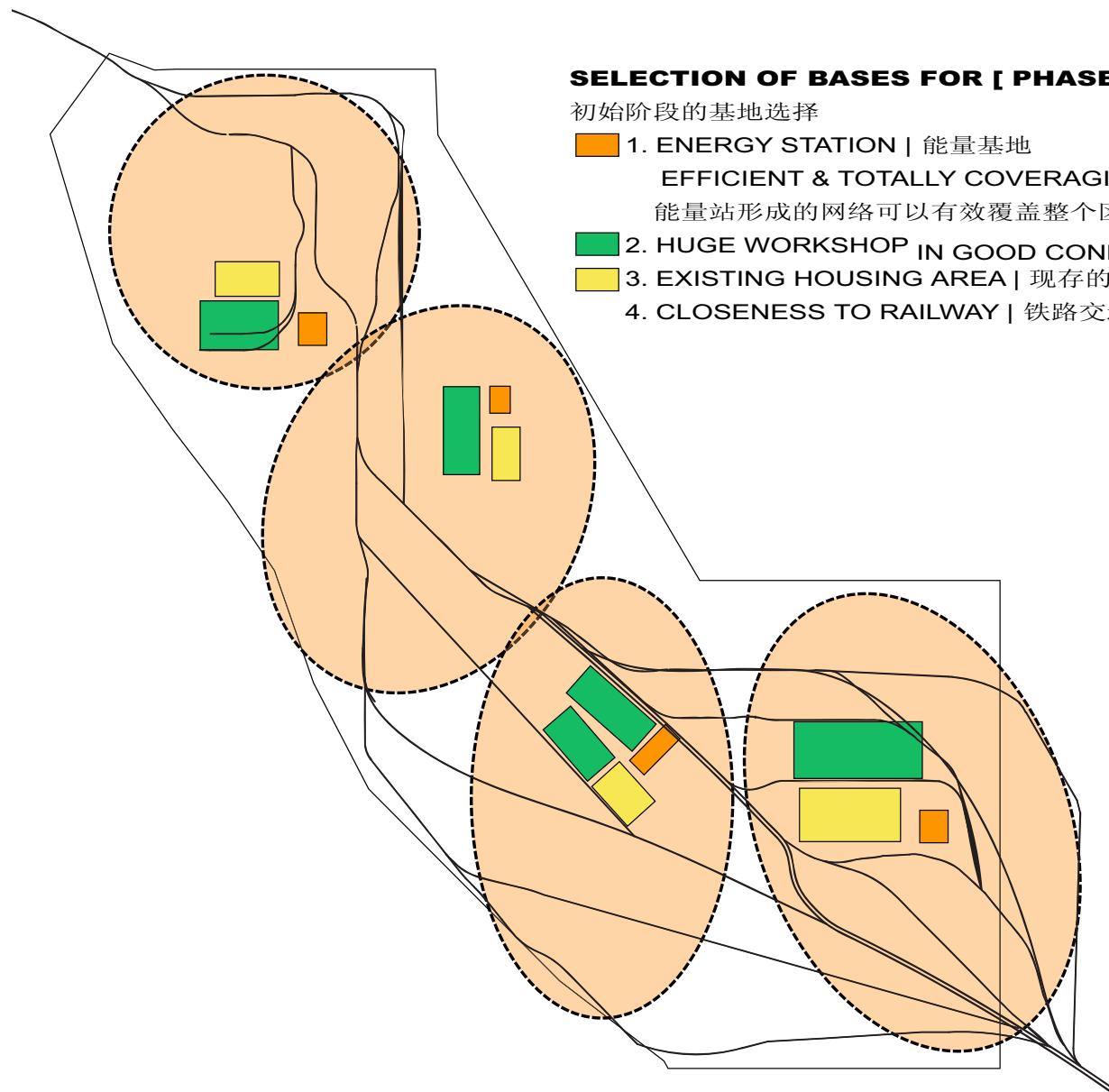
Self sustaining community near Shenzhen  
7.92 sq km area  
Farmland incorporated in landscape and buildings

- Communities with wind or solar initiatives
- Chinese government sponsored ecocites
- ★ Proposed socially conscious ecocity

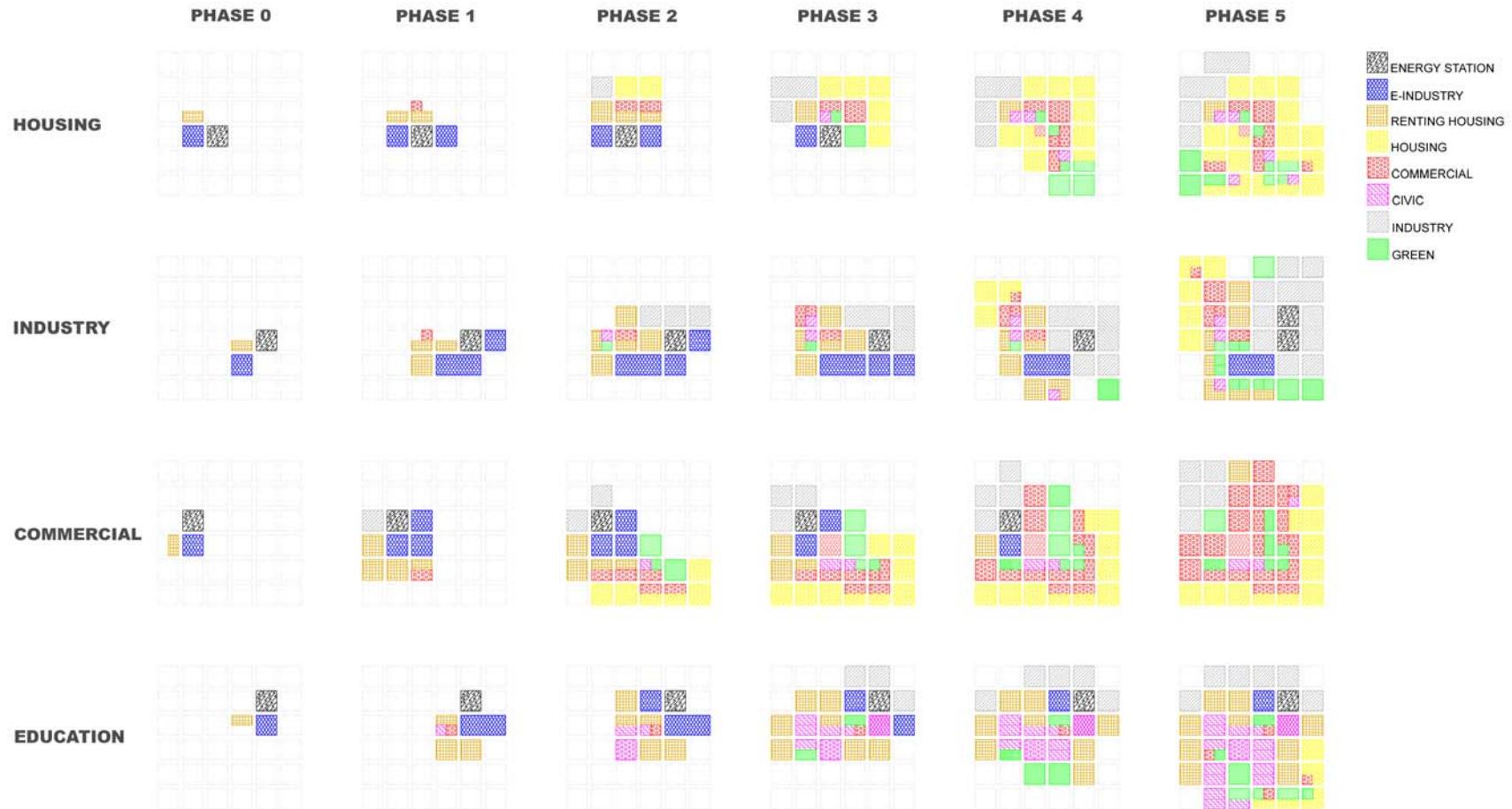
**everyone can remediate their share**  
environmentally conscious living on any scale  
one soil, one dream

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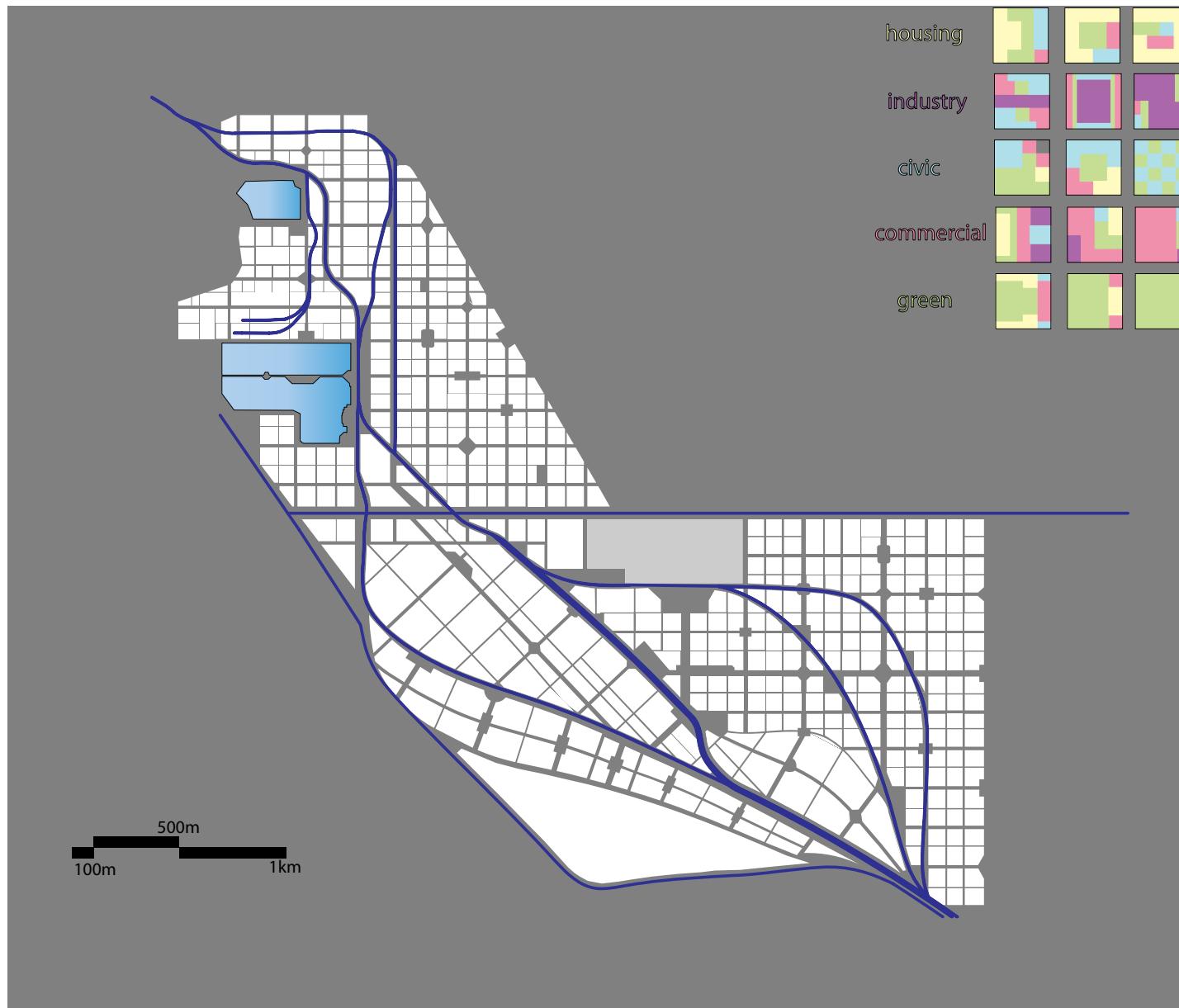
# four reactive functions



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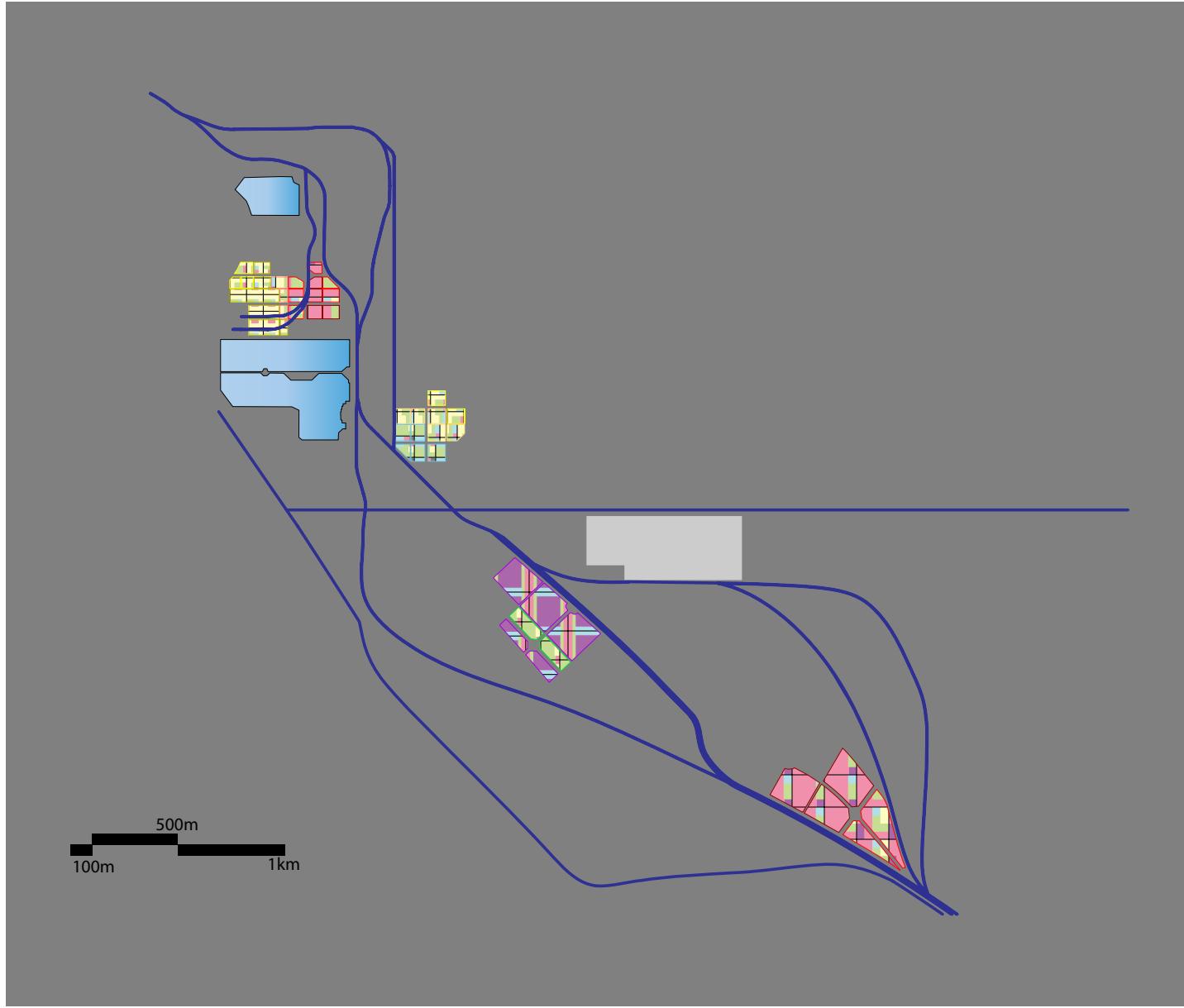
# phase 0 - network of roads and transportation



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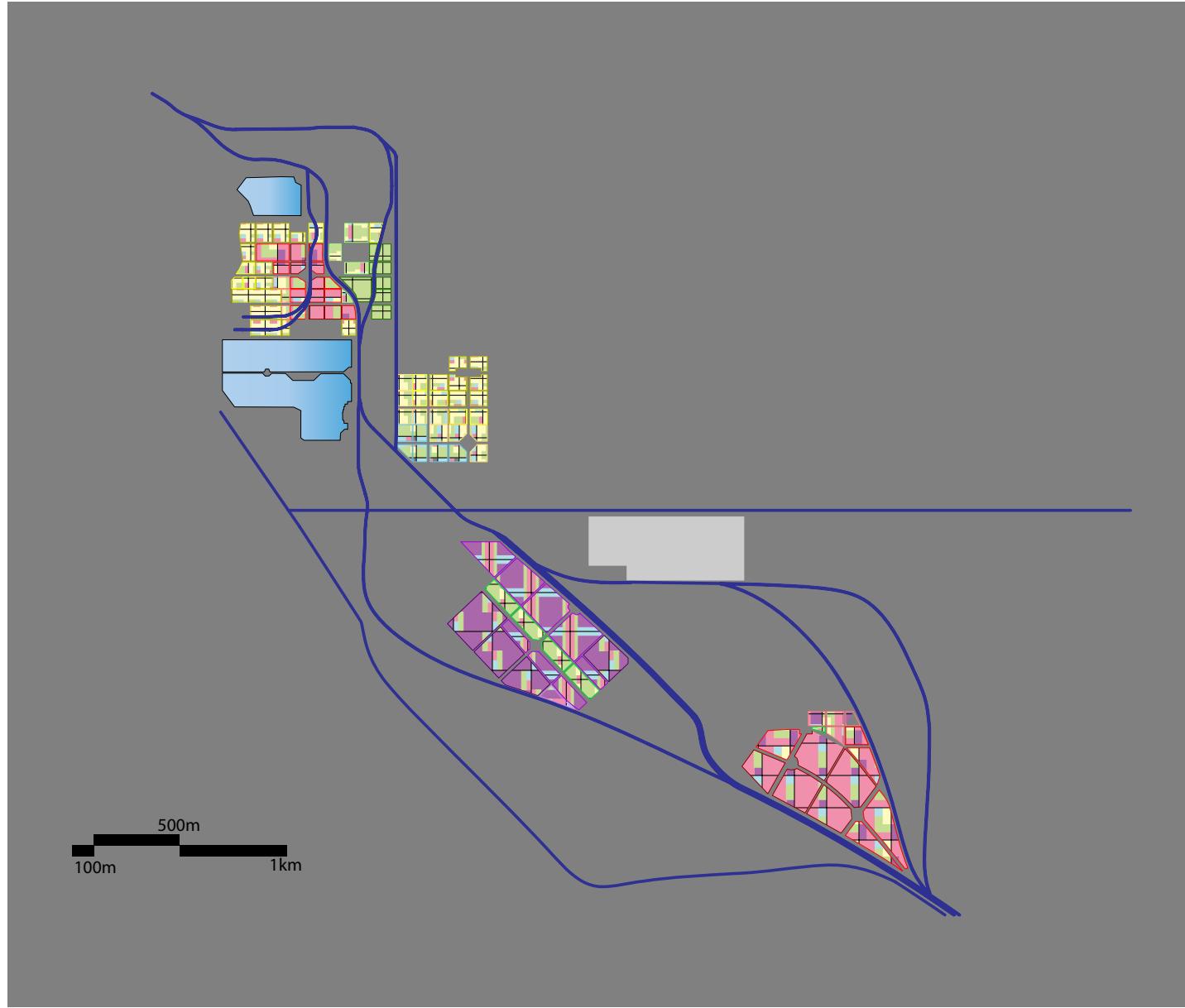
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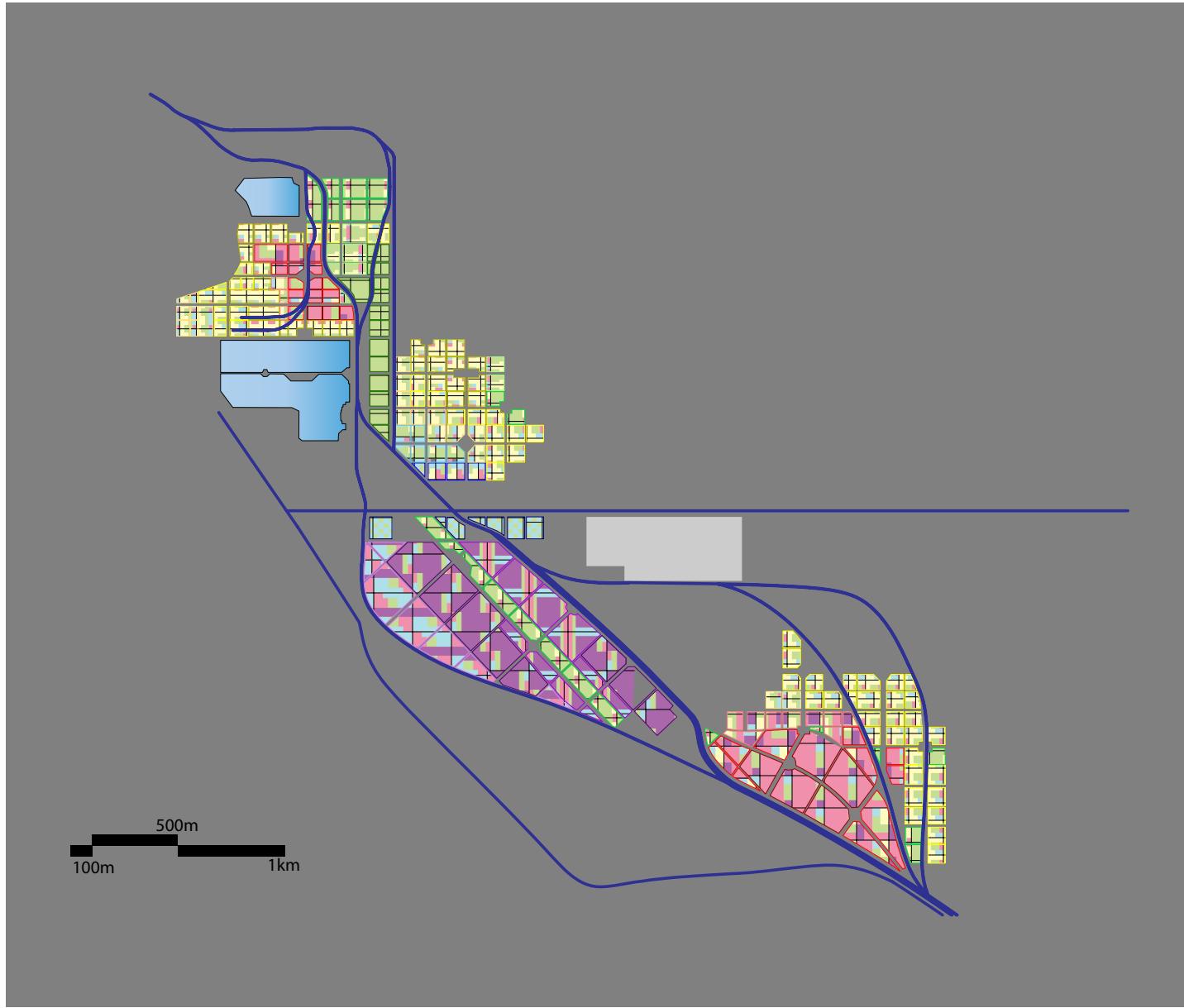
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phase 2



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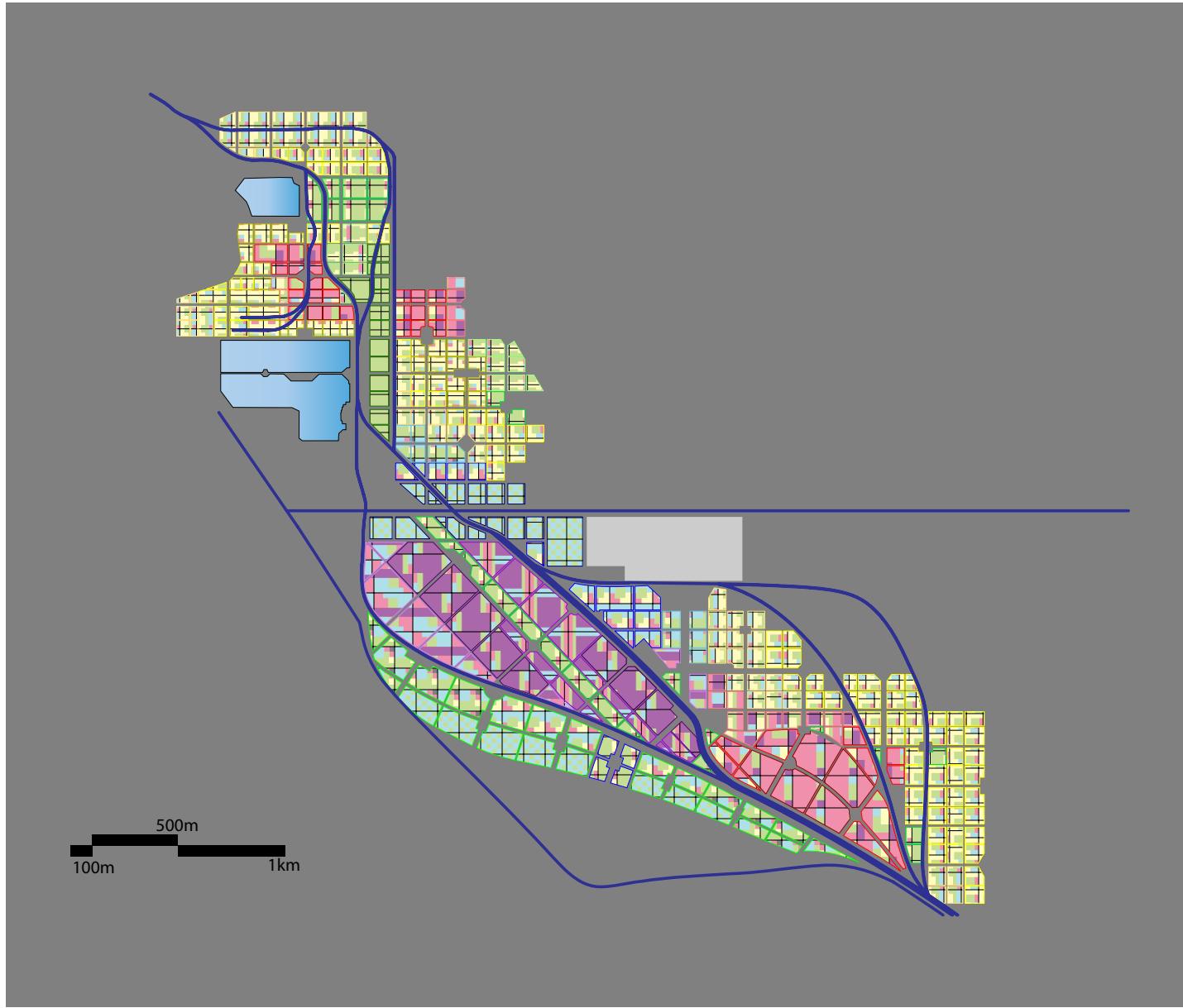
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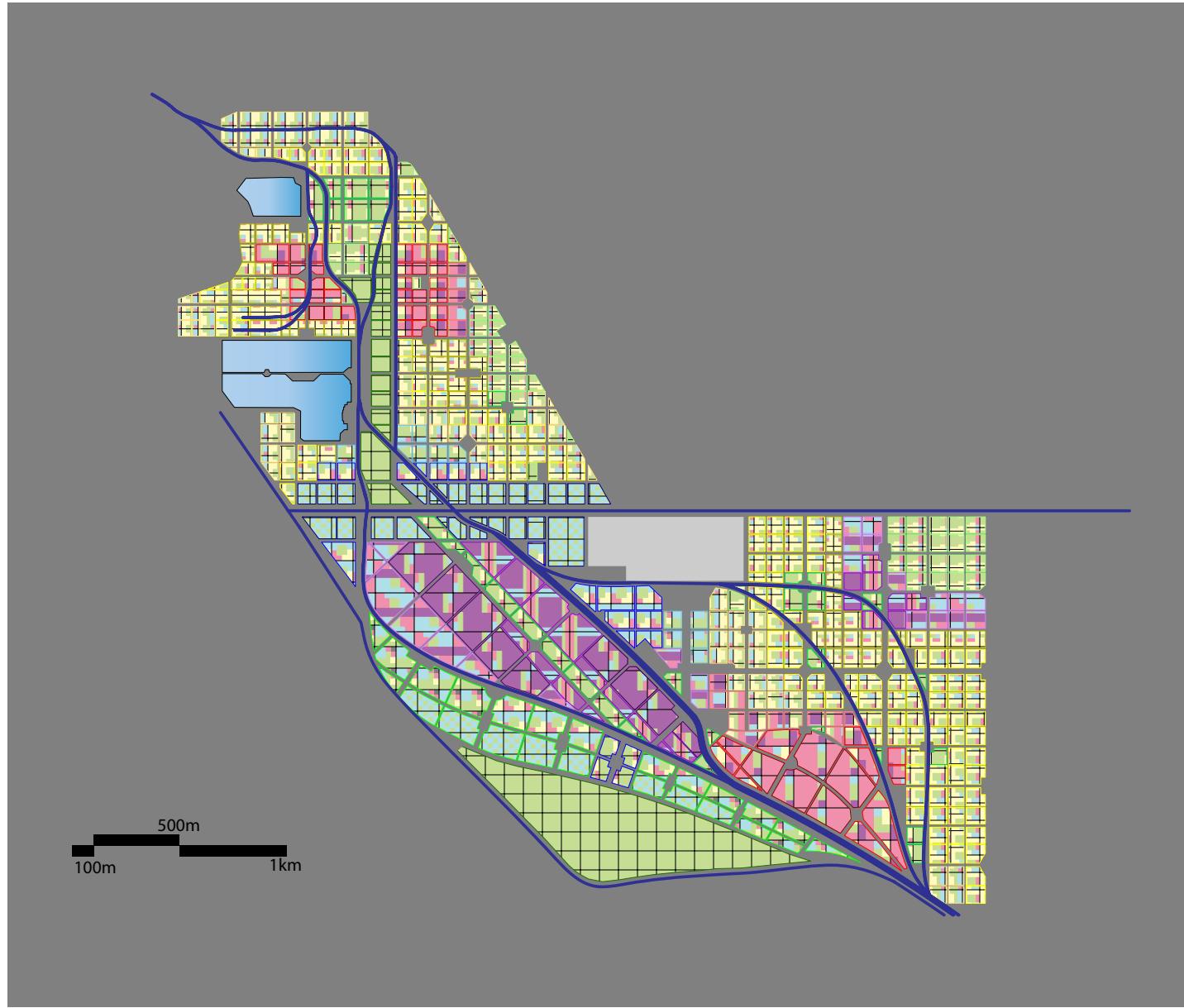
phase 4



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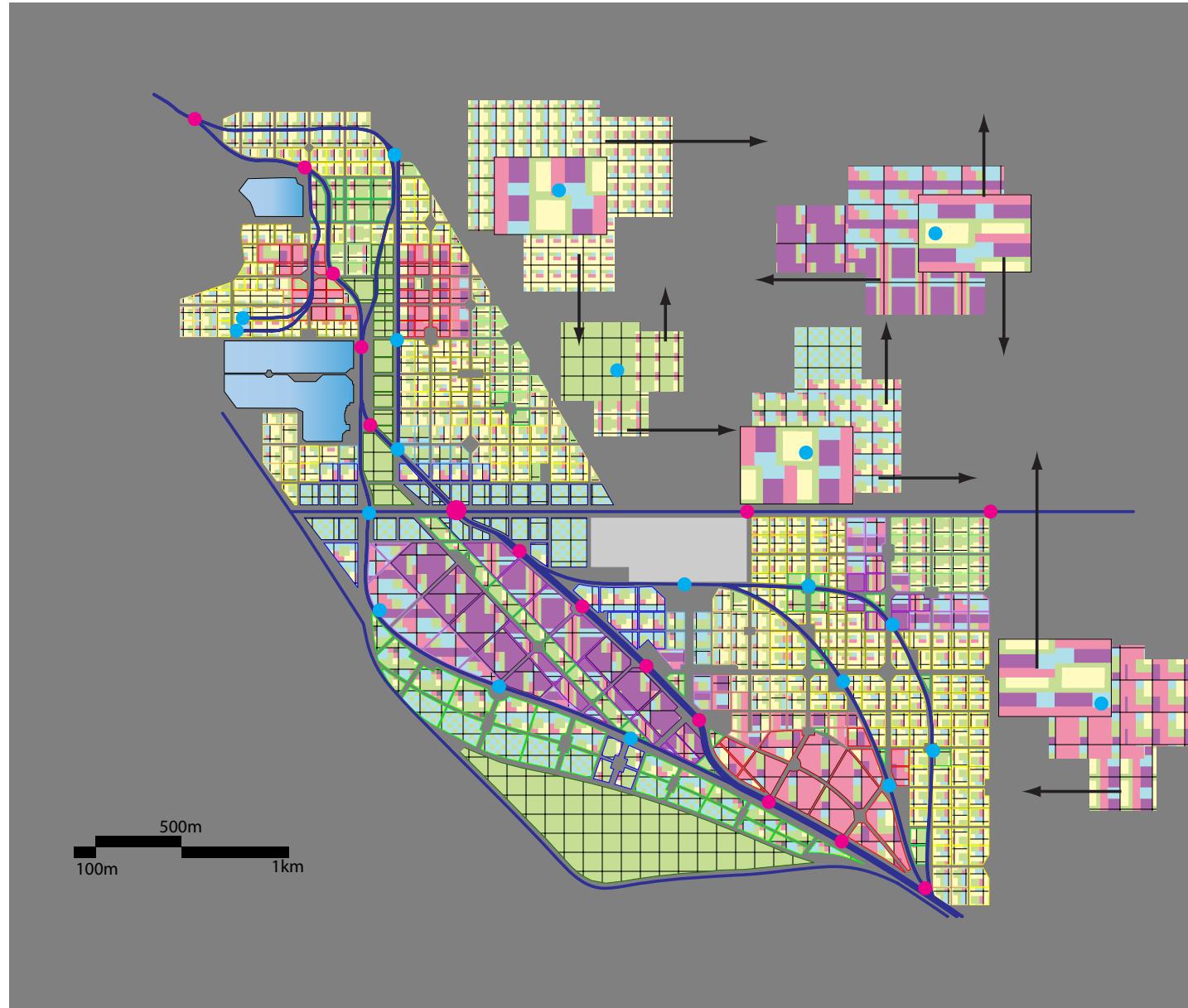
phase 5



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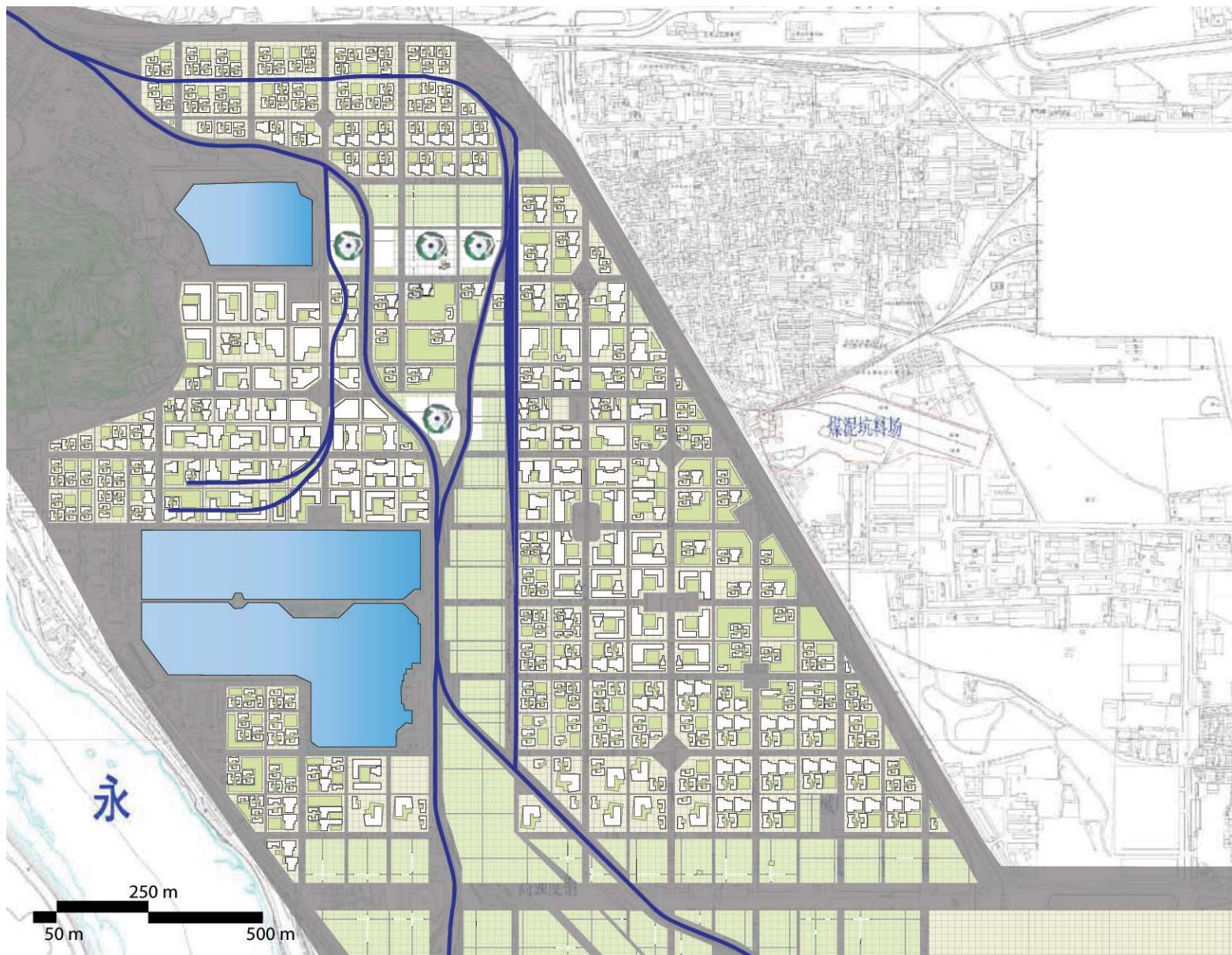
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land use of 20 km squared



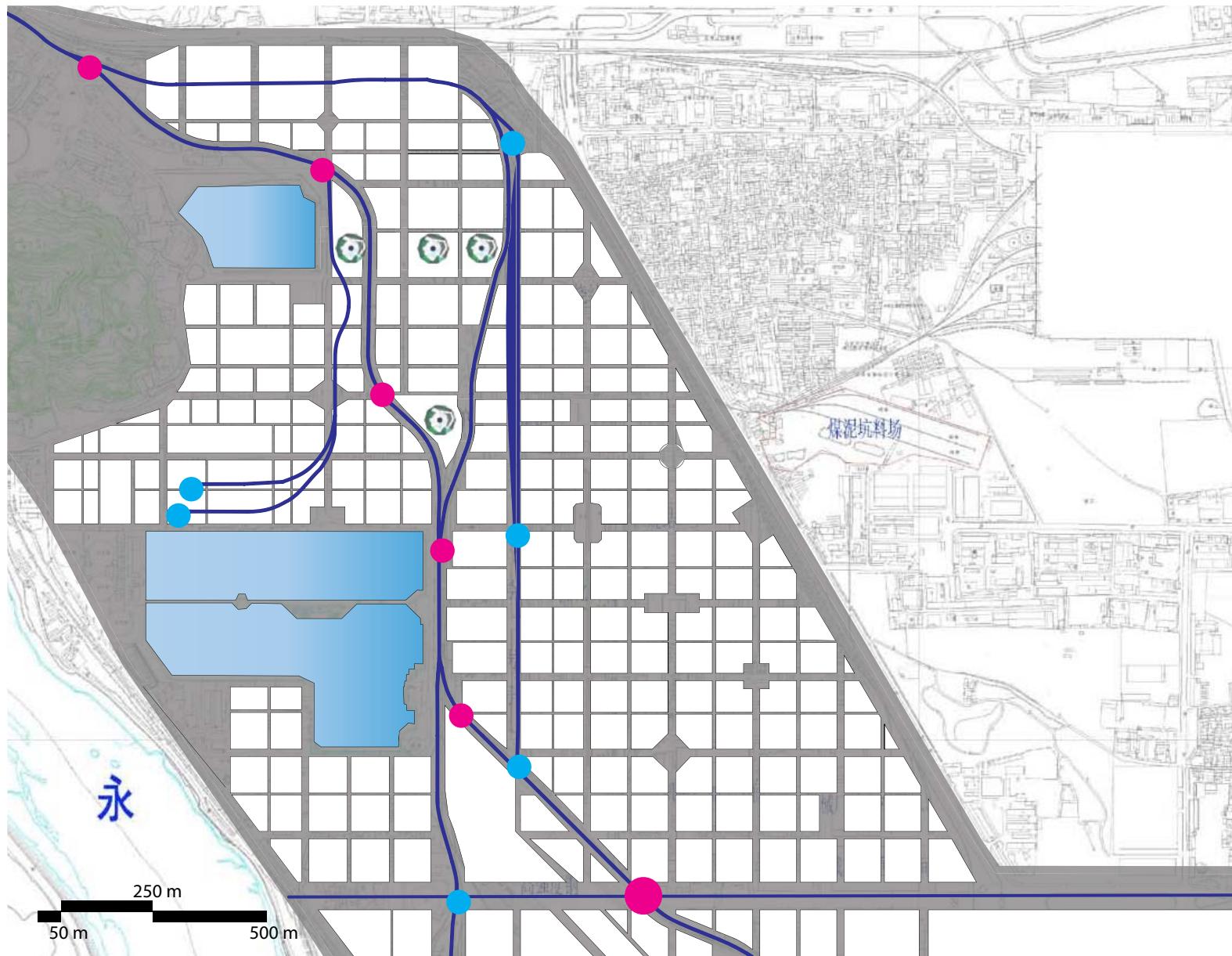
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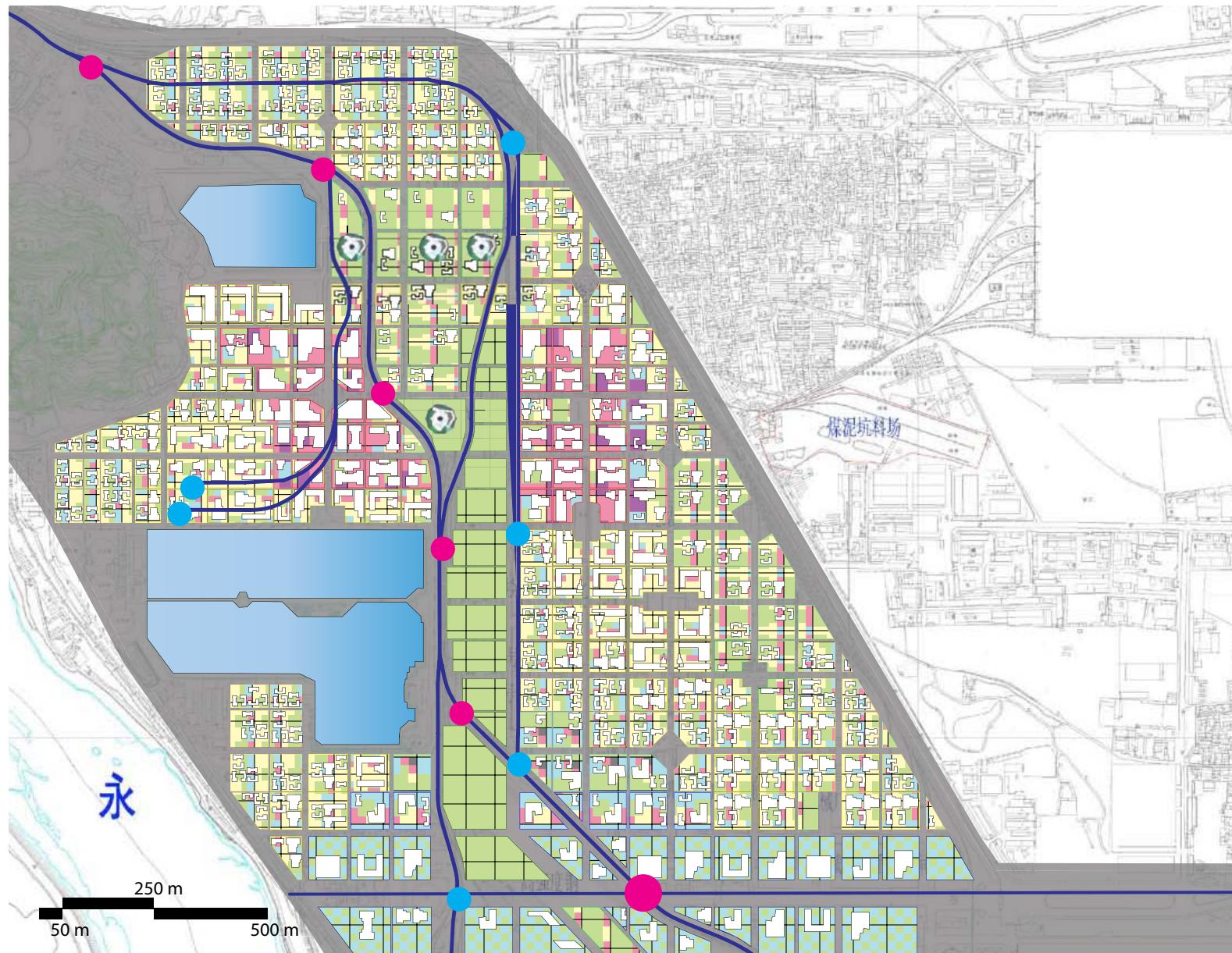
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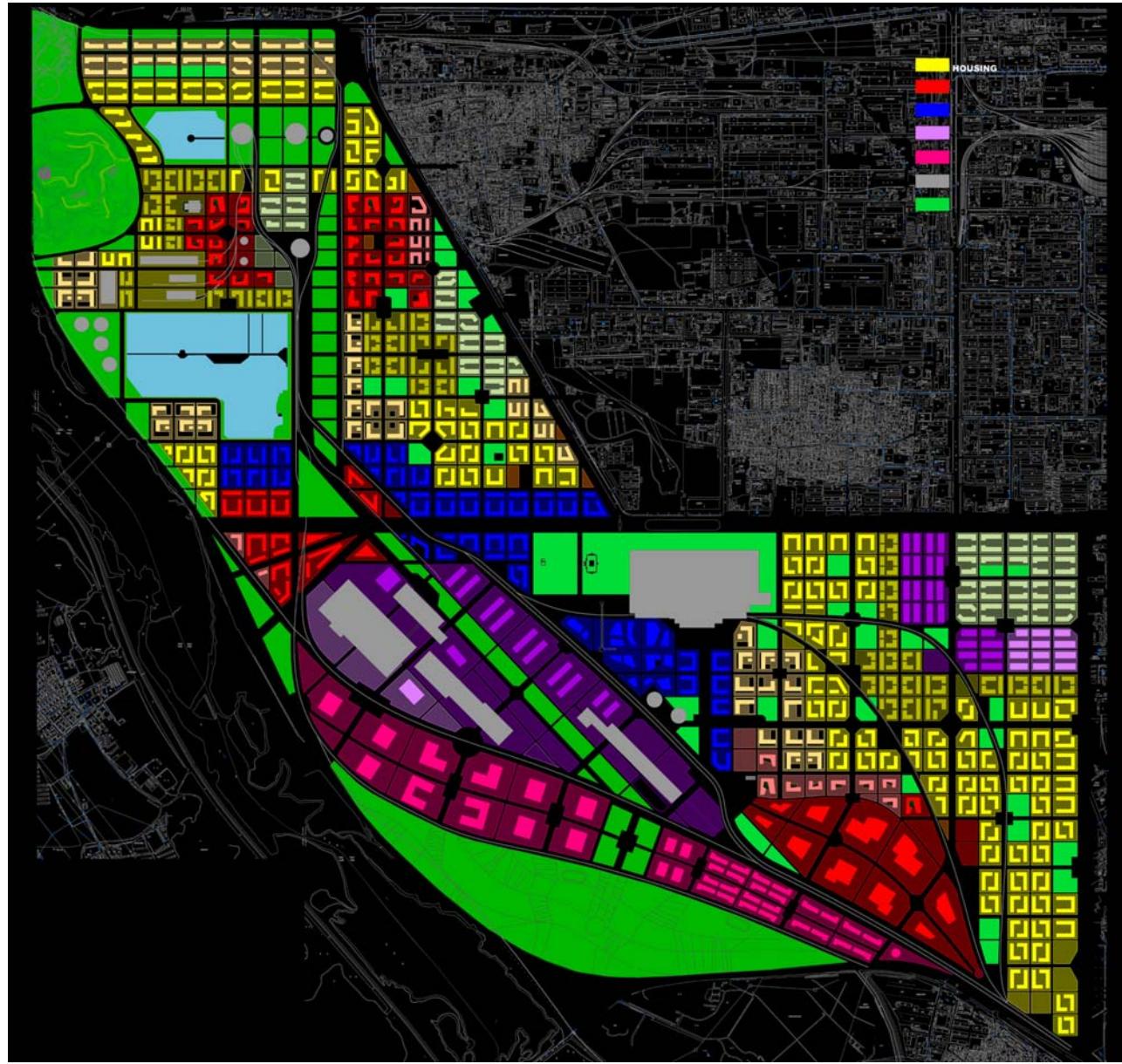
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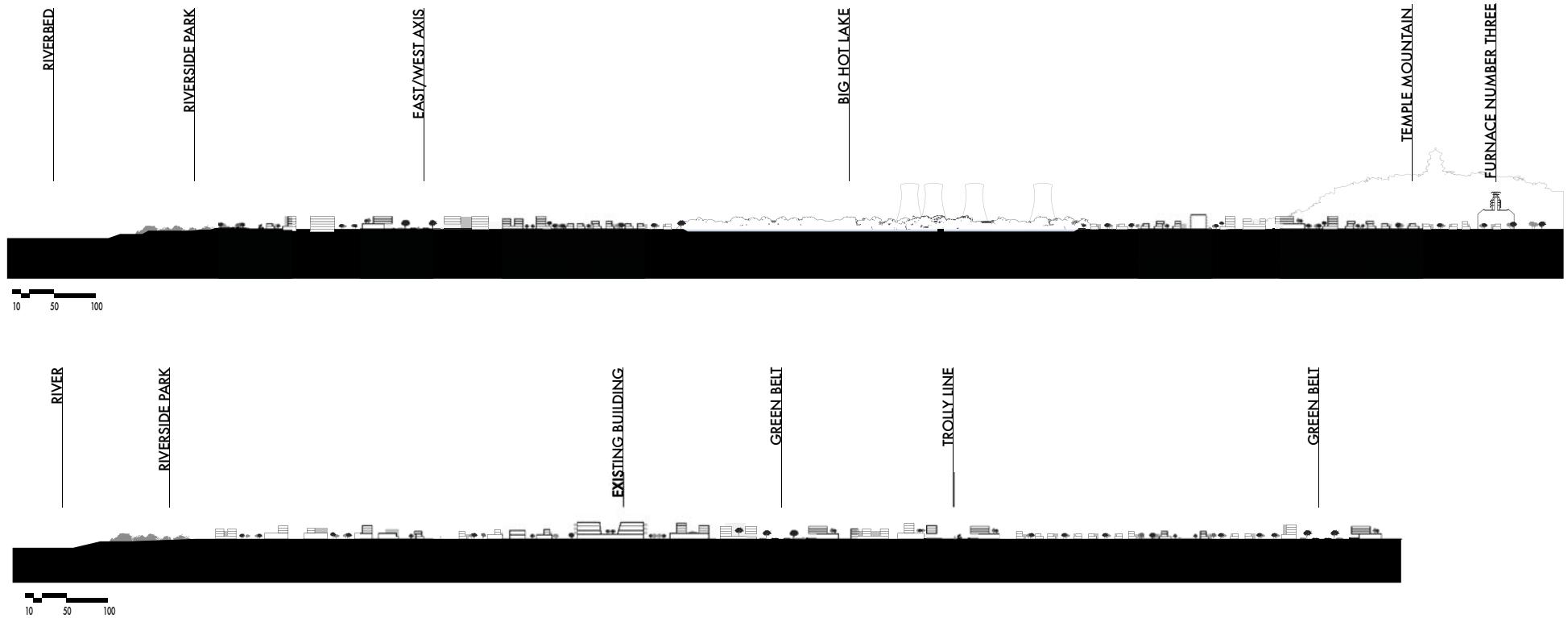
overall plan



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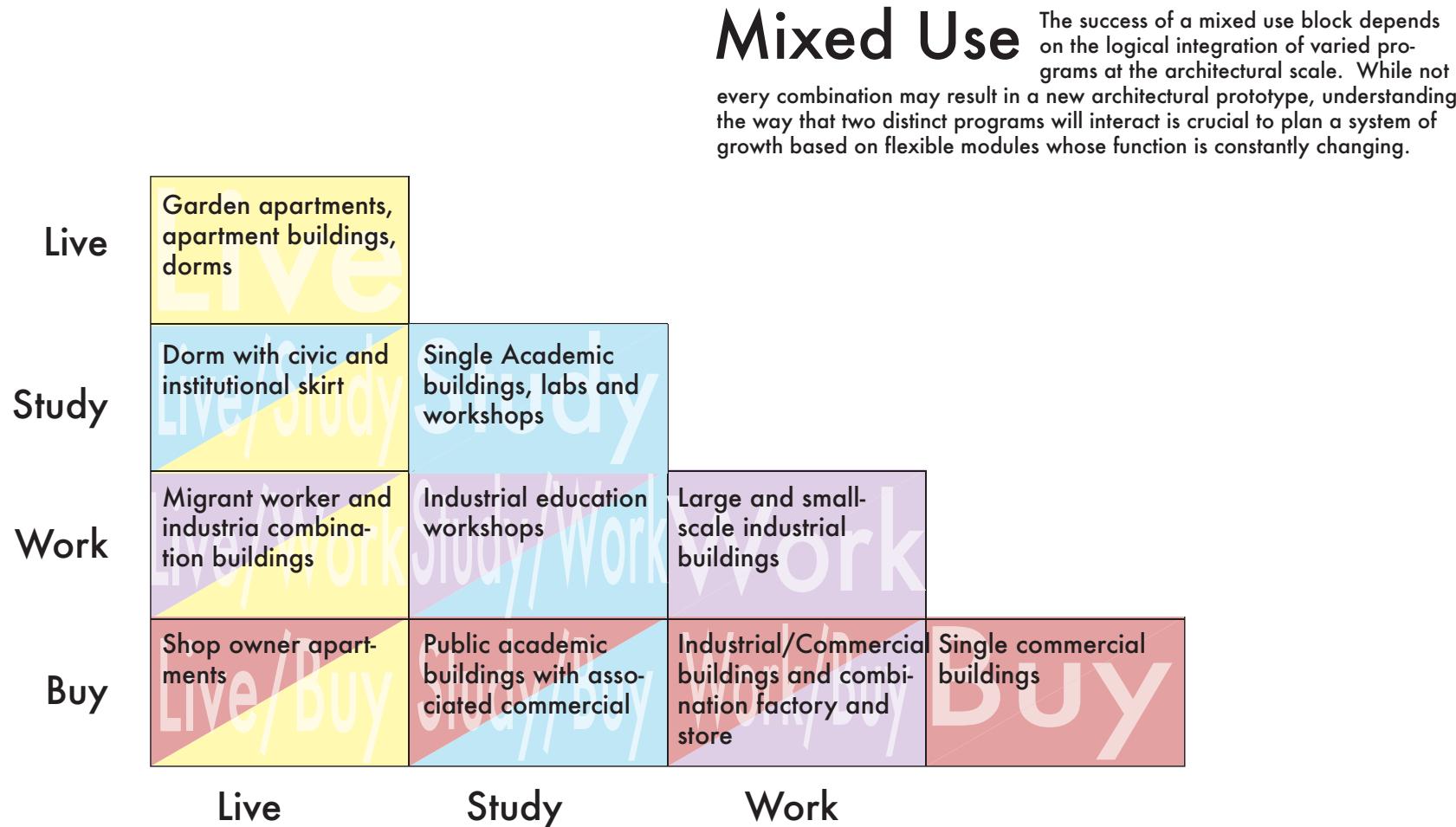
# prototypical site sections



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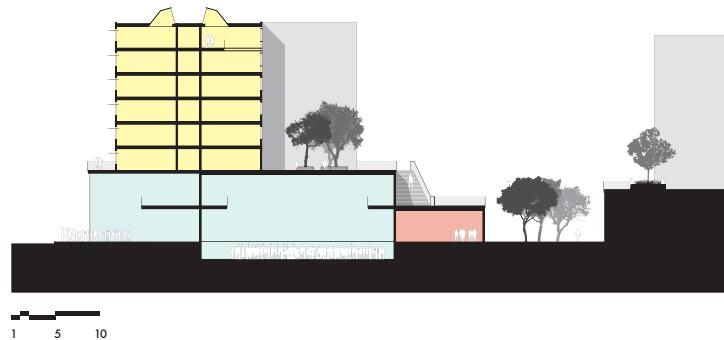
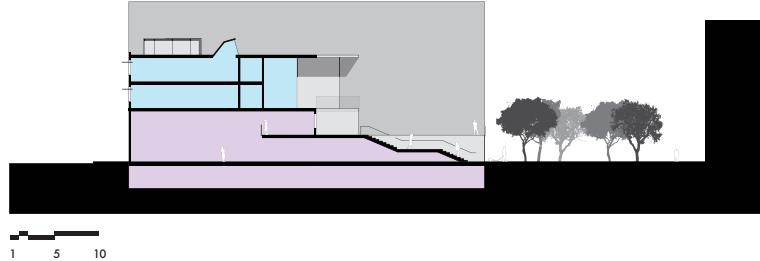
# mixed use building typology chart



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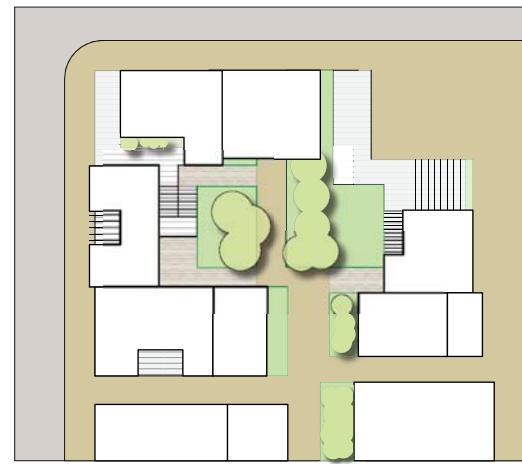
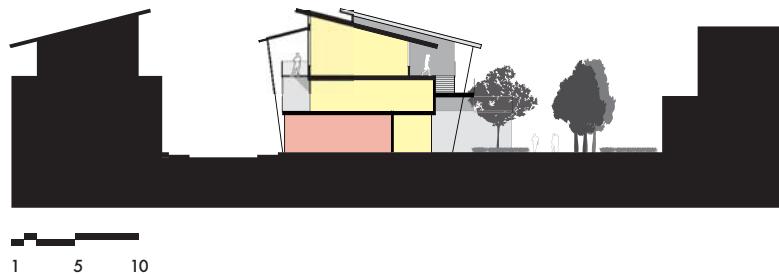
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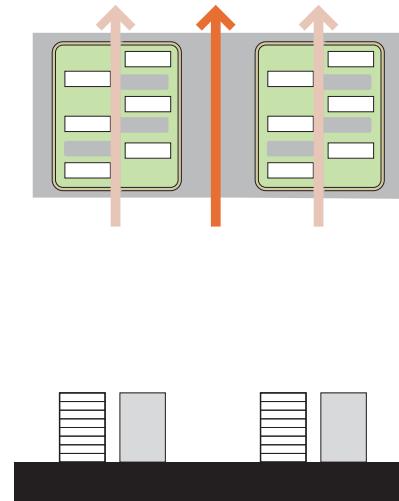
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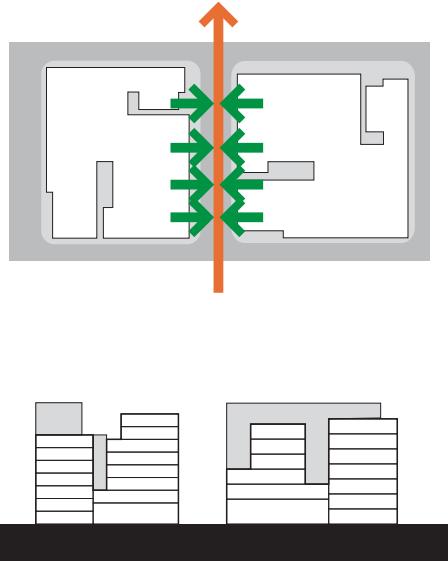
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# diagram of mixed use building typologies



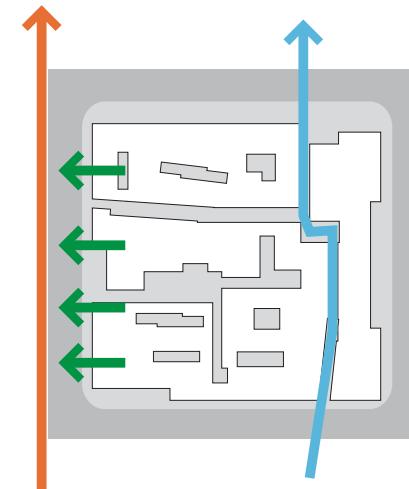
## Beijing

Currently in Beijing, and around the Shougang site, the city has developed according to the tower in the park pattern, where there is little hierarchy in terms of road width or treatment between circulation within and between developments. Generally and programmatic uses are not mixed and the space between the towers are reserved for parking and limited recreation.



## New York

The hierarchy between roads and alleys is extreme in New York City. There is little public access through or into the block, rather major and minor circulation are organized by the surrounding streets. Commercial fronts the surrounding streets exclusively or develops upward within the building. Programs are striated and stacked through the building, but not mixed.

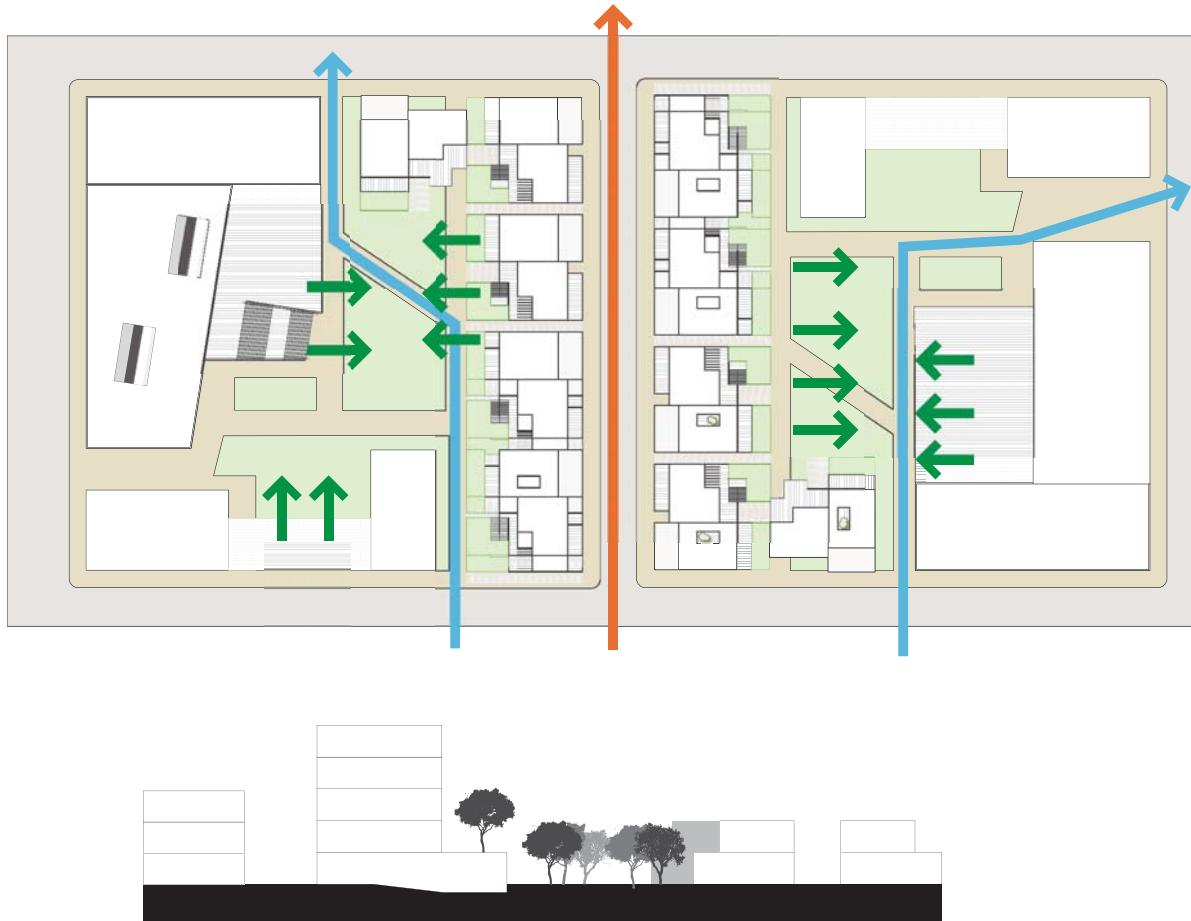


## Hutongs

In the hutongs there is a clear hierarchy between public and semi-public circulation. Commercial fronts the surrounding streets, which are busier and more direct. Individual houses are accessed from serpentine lanes that create spaces for semi-private functions.



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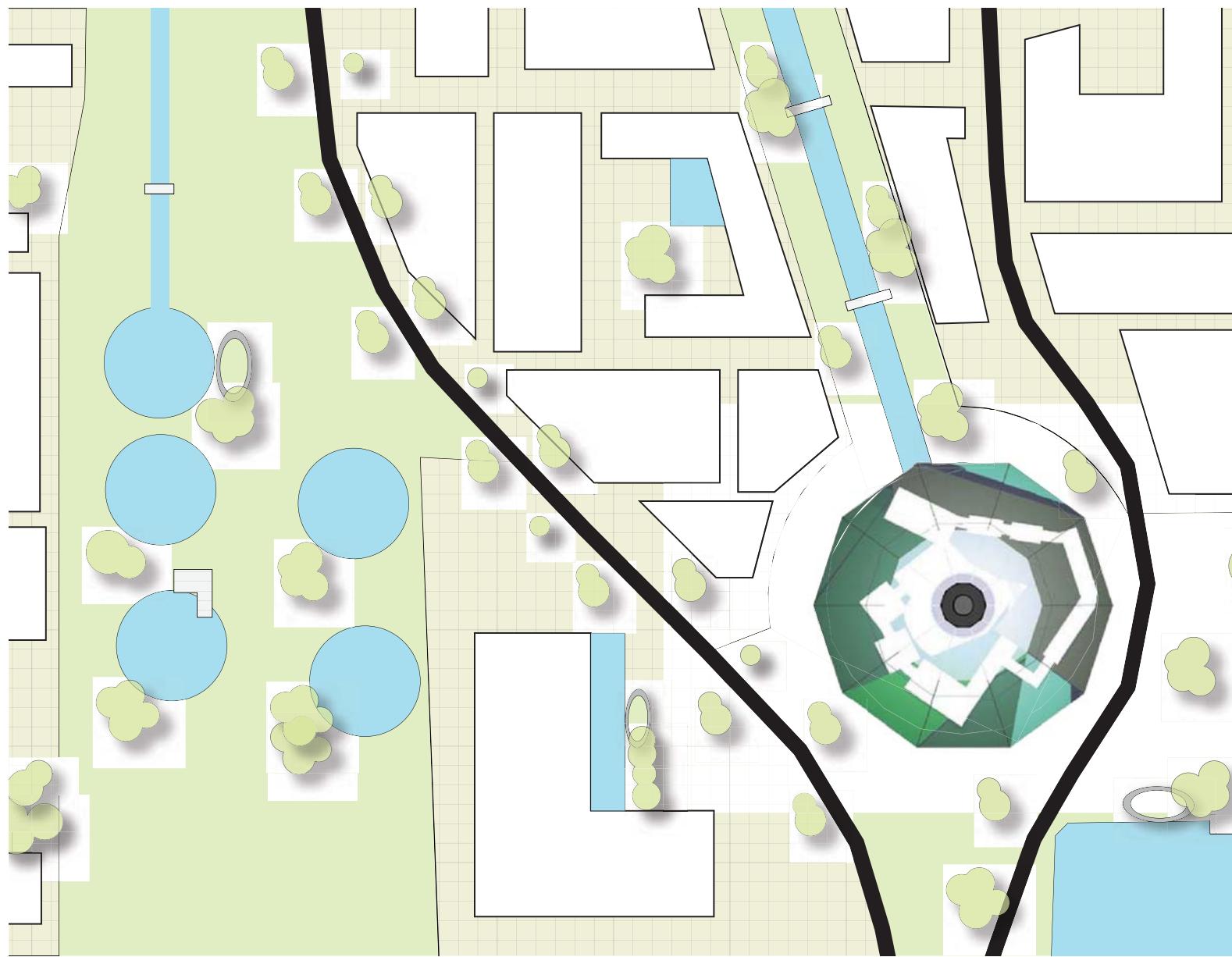


**Shougang** The intention of this project was to develop a new typology of block that combines elements from contemporary urban models as well as more traditional, human-scaled precedents. In order to create flexible modules that could adapt to any combination of mixed uses within the block, the main circulation is directed through the center of the block, serving as access, greenspace and buffer between the program elements. The surrounding streets are linear and direct to facilitate bicycle and small vehicle traffic, but are narrower and more closely resemble alleys. An architecture that steps down towards the center of the block and crenellates provides more surface area for commercial frontage as well as the opportunity for semi-private spaces in front of residences.

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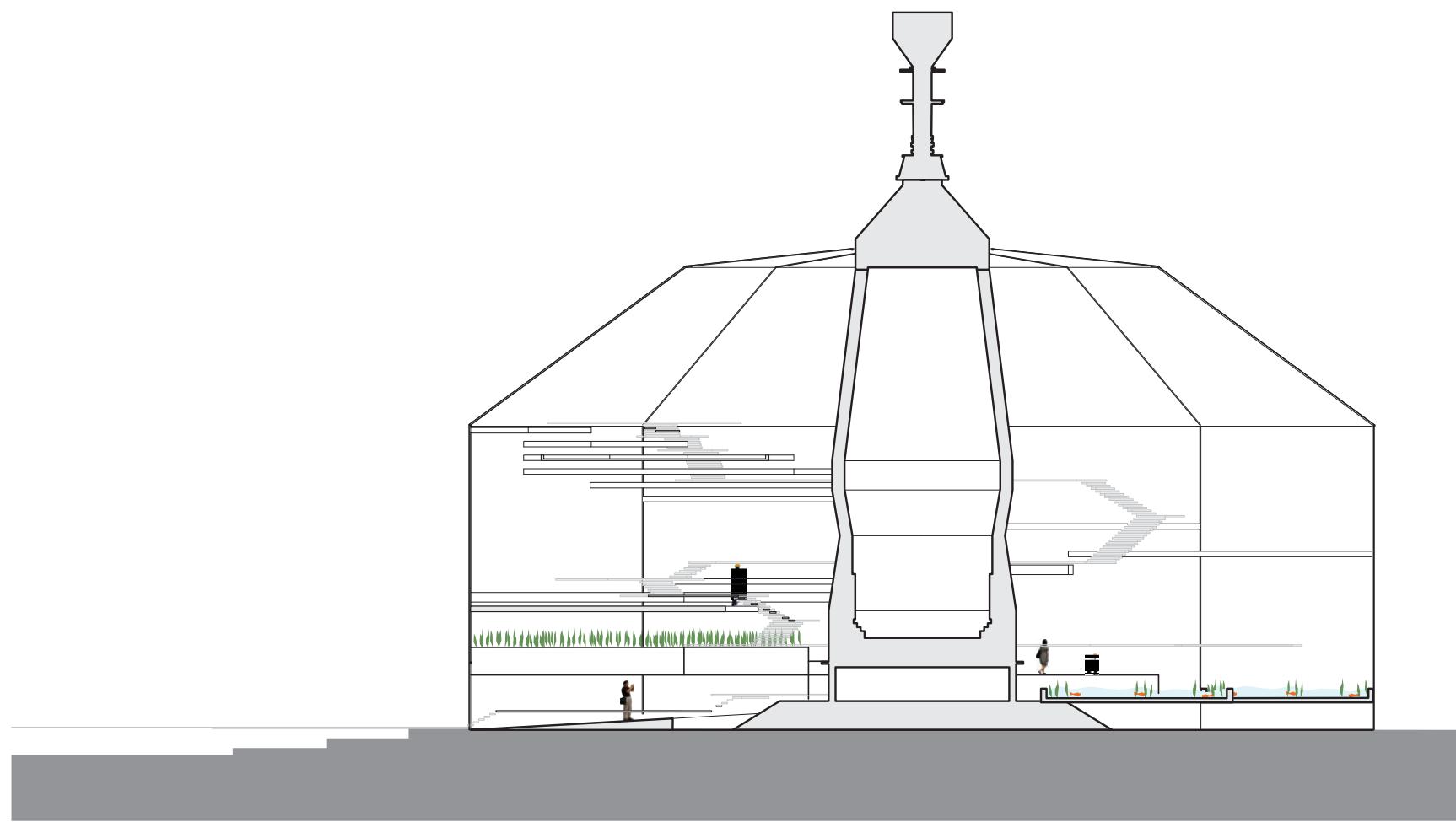
# furnace # 4 as a living machine - plan



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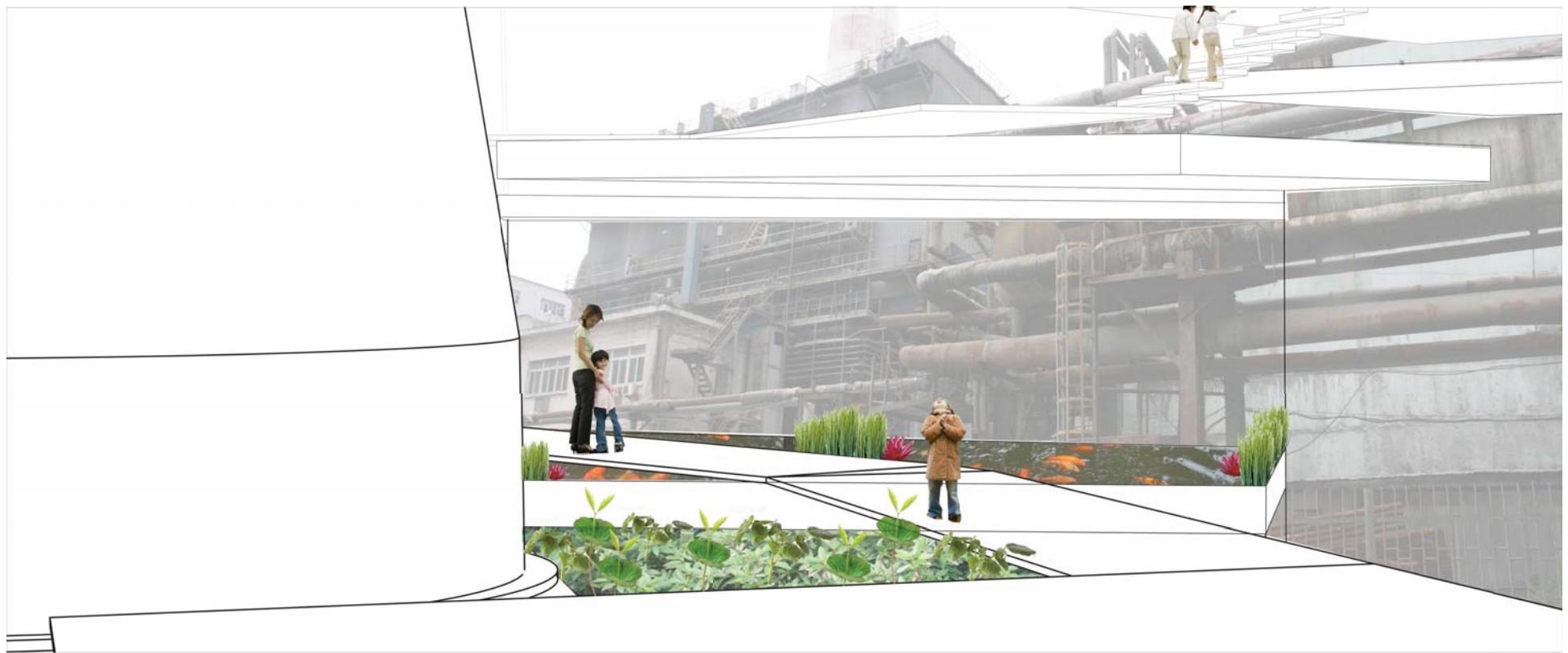
furnace # 4 as a living machine - section



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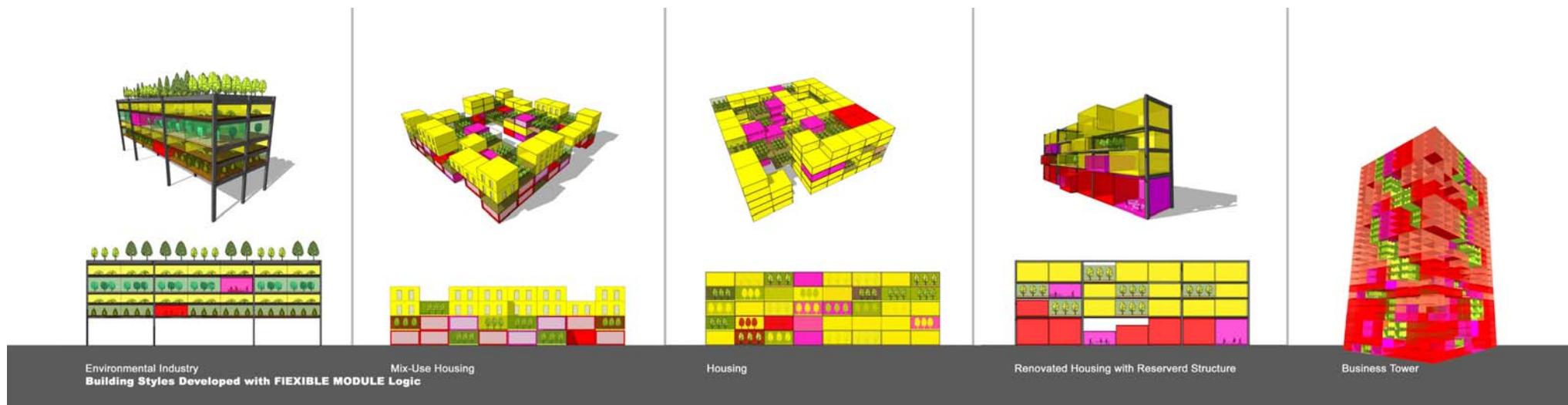
# furnace # 4 as a living machine - view



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# flexible module building styles



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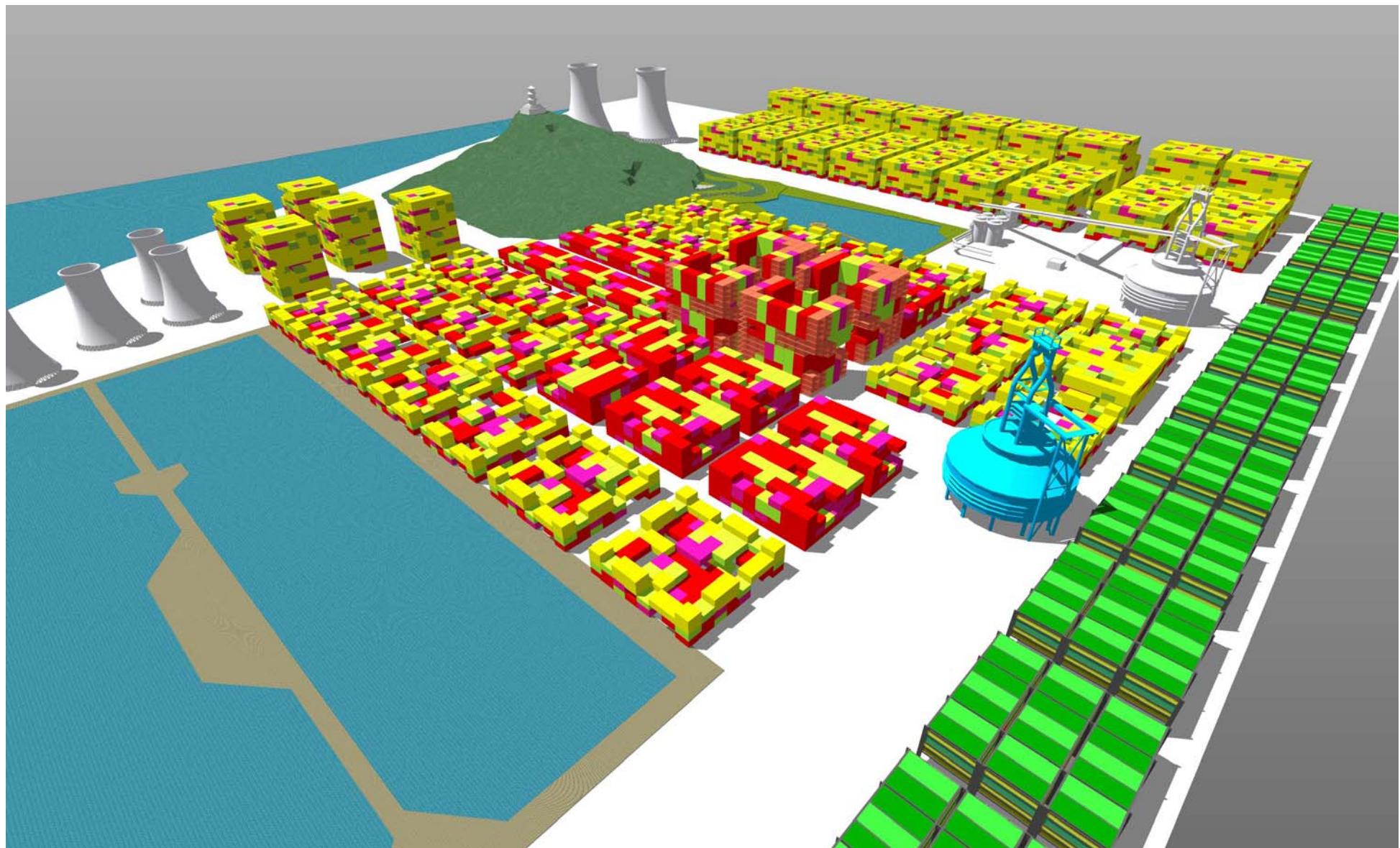
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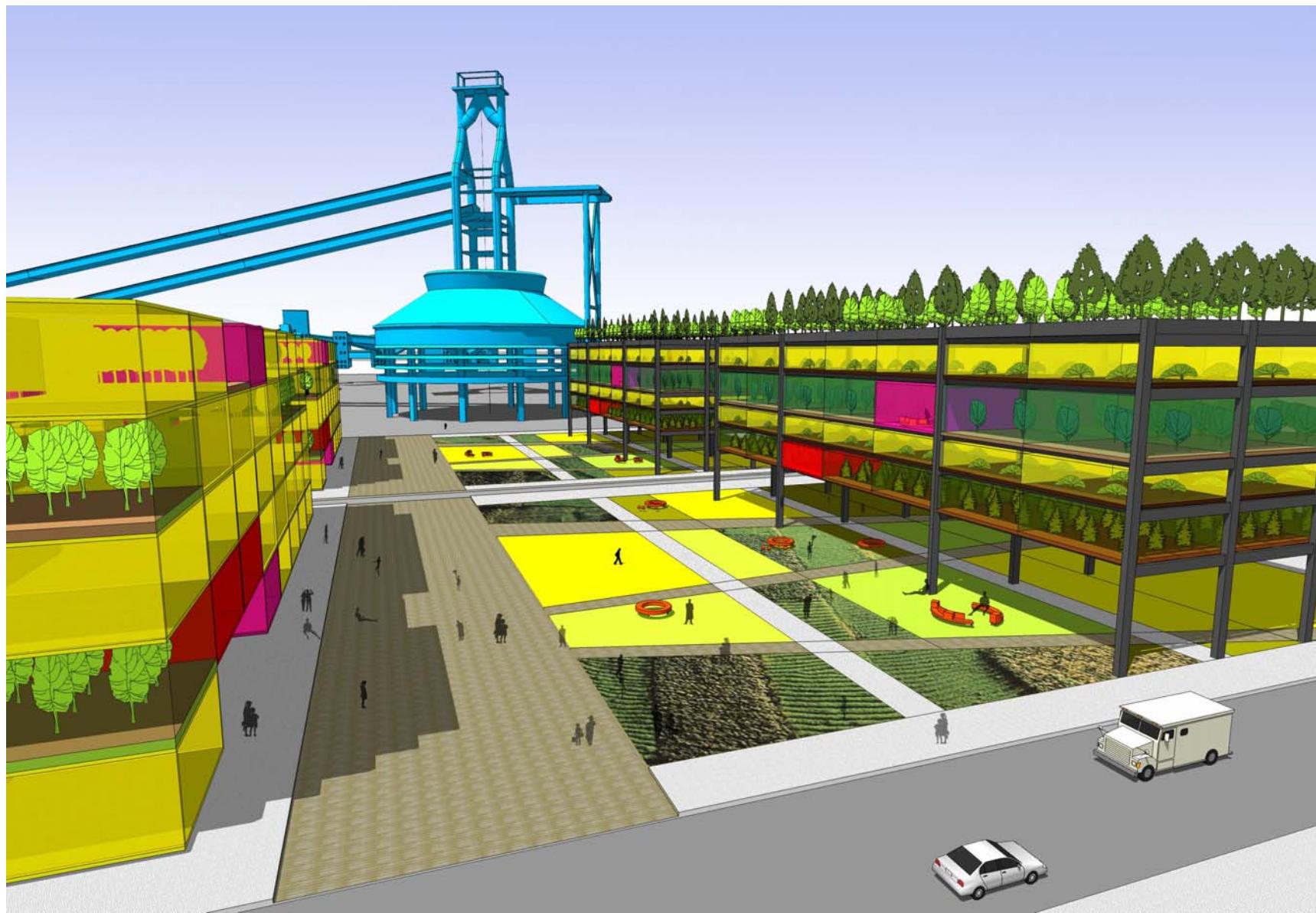
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