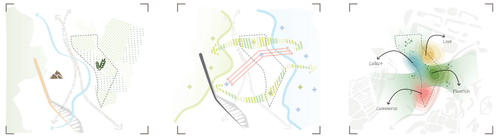
"WHERE WATER ONCE RAN, LIFE NOW GROWS..."

RE-IMAGINING CAMPOLIDE BY REGENERATING ITS LANDSCAPE THAT CONNECTS LISBON'S PAST AND FUTURE THROUGHOUT ECOLOGICALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY AT THE EDGE OF MEMORY AND THE CITY

CONCEPT APPROACH



1 - Reveal

Expose the layers of time: past agricultural uses, the buried Alcântara stream, and the new tunnel.

Frame views of the Aqual Icons Aqueduct and bring water back into public consciousness through new landscapes and water-based design.

Reveal memory. Reveal flow. Reveal peace

2 - Stitch

Reconnect what was severed.

Weave together paths across infrastructure, green terraces, public spaces that link housing, history, and city.

Create continuity between old courtyards, agricultural patterns, and new community functions.

Stitch city. Stitch people. Stitch land. Stitch History.

3 - Grow

Transform the land into a living ground for productivity, resilience, and community.

Cultivating landscape where housing and agriculture coexist. — A self-sustaining system rooted in the site's rural legacy.

This is not just a place to live, but a place to grow — Food, relationships, and identity.

METHODOLOGY

SUSTAINABILITY PILLARS

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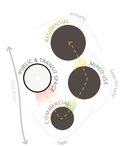
USES & FUNCTIONS



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RAINWATER HARVESTING

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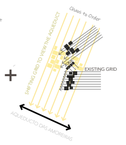
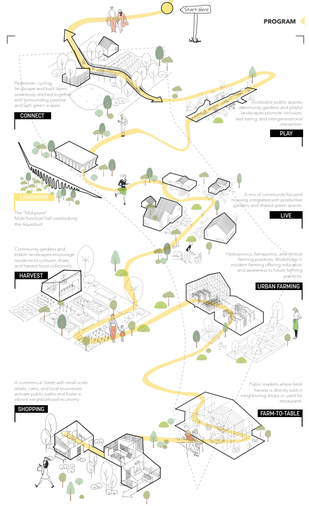
MORPHOLOGY



PROGRAM



"CAMPOLIDE: A PATCHWORK OF LANDSCAPES"

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The **activity zone** serves as the vibrant heart of the site, acting as a dynamic interface between the city and nature. Designed as a supportive and ecological filter, it hosts a mix of cultural and leisure functions. It acts as a buffer between the urban fabric and the park, offering a welcoming and attractive environment.

The **urban park** is the connecting and green element of the project. It articulates the various functions which surround it, creating an integrated urban park fully integrating ecosystem services, biodiversity, and landscape value. It becomes an active part of the urban network, linking Monsanto Park to Avenida da Liberdade, reinforcing Lisbon's green system

Distributed along the site's pedestrian network, the **squares** function as nodes of social gathering and urban intensity. These public spaces are designed to host markets, festivals, and cultural events. They foster a shared identity and support the local economy, turning the park into a vibrant, lively destination.

The **wetland area** is the most ecologically sensitive and resilient part of the project, designed for sustainable rainwater management. Shaped by the natural topography and linked to the ancient course of the Alcântara River, this ecological system regenerates the soil, supports native vegetation, and filters stormwater. It's a living landscape that balances memory and function, where nature becomes infrastructure.

VEGETATION TYPOLOGIES

Given the site's gentle slope descending from the upper to the lower areas, the **planting strategy** follows the natural topography, using vegetation to reinforce the existing landscape and ecosystem. The guiding principle is the use of native and ecologically adapted species.

Three typological vegetation layers are proposed: In the upper part of the park, xerophytic species tolerate of tall sun, poor soils, and prolonged drought will be used. Their low maintenance requirements The central zone will feature productive gardens, where fruit trees, aromatic plants, and traditional crops linked to its agricultural past. In the lower, more recessed area, a riparian gallery of hygrophilous species—trees, shrubs, and herbaceous layers will be introduced, capable of tolerating periodic flooding. This area will act as a buffer zone, enhancing ecological resilience and biodiversity.

1:330 SECTION

"REGENERATING LANDSCAPE CONNECTIONS.."

Circulation System and Spatial Connections

A central spine connects key areas of the park, linking plazas, kiosks, and shaded resting spots. Secondary and tertiary paths branch out, ensuring smooth circulation and easy access to all parts of the site, including the wetland.

Existing and Proposed Building Typologies

The site includes preserved residential buildings of varied typologies, along with proposed mixed-use blocks, public spaces, and productive gardens. Future development will respect the existing urban grain and height.

Productive Gardens and Topographic Integration

Small productive gardens follow the landscape, supported by terraces and gentle slopes. These spaces encourage hands-on cultivation, education, and connection with nature. These spaces also offer opportunities for community involvement and local food cultivation.

Water Flow Integration and Ecological Retention

Water from nearby areas is captured and directed into a network of small retention basins, which temporarily store it for use in irrigating the productive gardens.

In the lower part of the site, near the railway, a large infiltration zone is proposed to support biodiversity and enhance soil permeability.

Vegetation and Ecological Continuity

The park's distribution across the project area supports a significant increase in vegetation, ranging from humid, densely planted zones to drier mid-slope areas.

This gradient creates ecological continuity with the surrounding landscape, enhancing biodiversity.

Building typologies

A variety of **building typologies** from residential and mixed-use spaces to public facilities, each designed to host social functions, helps create a cohesive and dynamic urban environment.

This diversity encourages a mix of activities and social interactions throughout the day, fostering vibrant public life and ensuring the long-term use and vitality of the spaces. The thoughtful integration of different functions within the built fabric ensures that the area remains active, adaptable, and responsive to the evolving needs of its users.

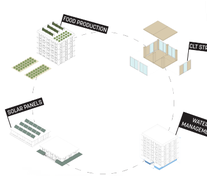
Local Productive Garden Cycle

A closed-loop system integrating cultivation, community use, and composting offers a resilient model for sustainable living.

By relying on local resources and minimizing external inputs, it promotes environmental sustainability and reduces dependence on industrial food systems. This approach empowers communities to achieve a degree of food self-sufficiency while fostering ecological awareness and collective responsibility.

The potential to generate modest profits through the sale of surplus produce creates opportunities to reinvest in tools, seeds, and maintenance—making the system economically viable and socially inclusive over time.

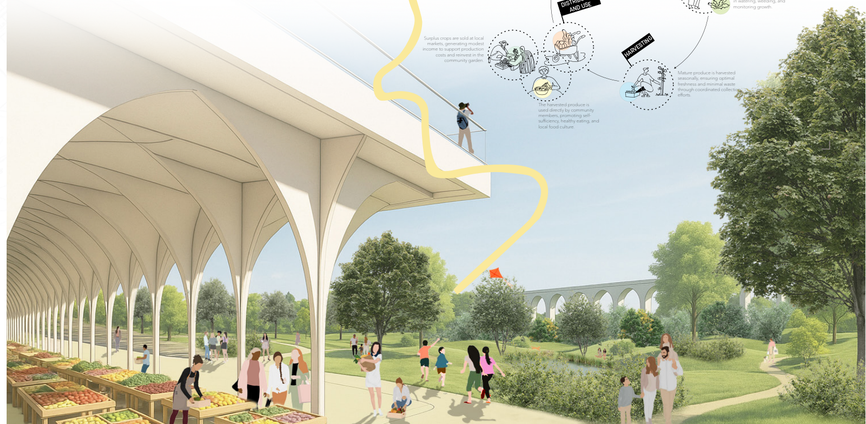
Sustainable Strategies for the Buildings



At the proposed buildings around be on **CLT (cross-laminated timber) structure** and integrate agriculture and food production. This type of construction reduce embodied carbon through timber while promoting local food growth, enhancing food security and community well-being.

Efficient **water management** systems capture and treat greywater for irrigation and non-potable reuse, supporting both crop cultivation and reduced water demand.

Rooftop or facade **solar panels** supply renewable energy, lowering the building's environmental impact. Together, these strategies create a resilient, low-impact ecosystem that balances human needs with environmental responsibility.



Organic waste is transformed into compost, which is then reintegrated into the garden soil, closing the nutrient cycle naturally.

Seeds or seedlings are planted and regularly tended to by community members involved in watering, weeding, and monitoring growth.

Surplus crops are sold at local markets or through direct income to support production costs and reinvest in the community garden.

Mature produce is harvested collectively, ensuring equitable access for all participants. Harvesting is timed through coordinated schedules or shifts.

Each harvested product is used directly by community members, promoting self-sufficiency, healthy eating, and local food culture.