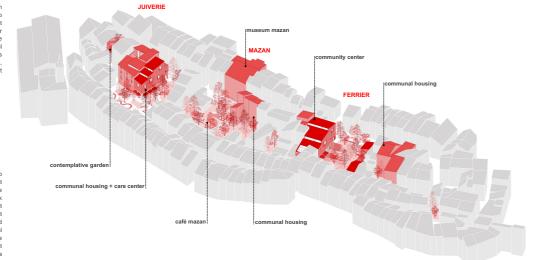
town center have a narrow and dense to be unravelling, constantly exposed to layout, are vertically structured and allow the threat of collapse. Leaning against layout, are vertically structured and allow daylight to enter the rooms from only one side. In this proposal, this structure is not devalued but rather transformed. The houses are functionally combined to form a vibrant organism. In this way, the old town becomes a solidary residential structure that enables a diverse and communal way of living.

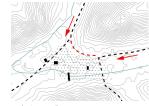


The physical condition of buildings supporting each other becomes the conceptual foundation of the project. Rather than tabula rasa planning, we propose to strengthen it — with visible architectural interventions that act as social and physical supports. These elements are not hidden; they remain legible and represent solidarily and shared responsibility by offering communal infrastructure with new characteristic identities.





HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT: FROM A DENSE COMMUNITY TO A SPRAWLING VILLIGE



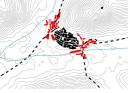
First Roman settlement in the flood plains of the two converging rivers. Along those two valley few structures of this time are still conceivable.



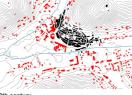
from ancient times to the middle ages





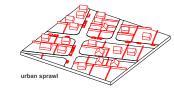


town gates, but still in close proximity.



The space inside the town walls was not enough and new buildings developed outside right at the started to sprawl, the old town center started to lose importance. A lot of buildings staying empty while new houses are still being built on the

TWO LIVING PRINCIPLES: THE ISOLATED ONE-FAMILY HOME VS. THE DENSE TOWNHOUSE



Single family homes with a garden seemed to be the preferred choice for most, after it became affordable to community moved apart. Newly own a car and distances lost divided, by fences and hedges, relevance, individualism, consumers of Spaces for connection no longer had relevance. Individualism, consumensm Spaces for connection no longer had and privacy turned into integral values, room in the rapidly growing pushed by lobbies in the west. neighborhoods.

Sustainability became an afterthought.

Care dependency isolated certain Today these properties are members of society not able to drive. unaffordable for most. Continuing The very young and old were most growth like this will have devastating impacted on working accept had to

impacted as working people had to effects for the environment. A need for change is arising.



their daily journeys by foot. Closeness

was an advantage and community was The city of Riez can only be an integral part of daily life. A virtue lost in the 20th century, gaining importance again today. "Affordable community of solidarity" is modern with the city of Riez can only be considered to deeply rooted population that is strengthened by community.

With this force the crumbling but the city of Riez can only be community.

All the while the historic part of the city got abandoned and slowly fell apart as time went on. Dense structures built in a time when distance was indeed relevant, as most had to undertake was an advantage and community was The city of Riez can only be

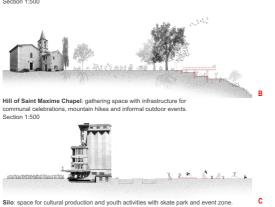
language, but fittingly applies to the beautiful buildings will be preserved









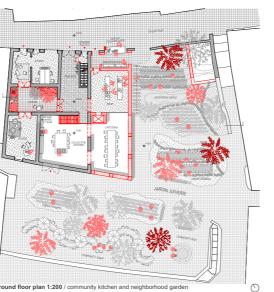


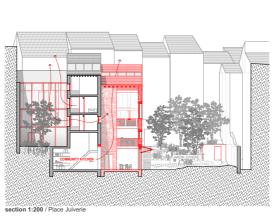
PLACE JUIVERIE





first floor plan 1:200 / multi-generational housing and care center

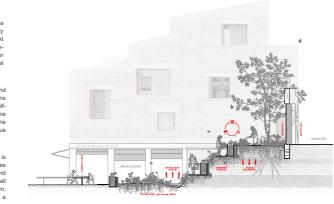




COMMUNAL HOUSE AND CARE CENTER



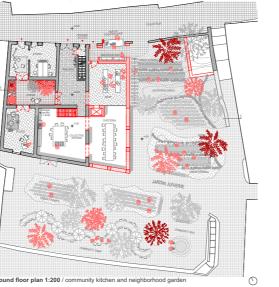
only enhanced with additional planting of trees and shrubs. Space for accessability and connection is gently constructed with small elements that follow the natural topography.fom

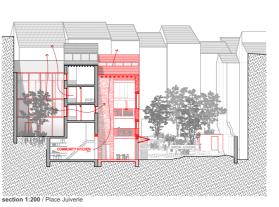


STRATEGIES FOR ACTIVATING AND ENHANCING EXISTING BUILDINGS

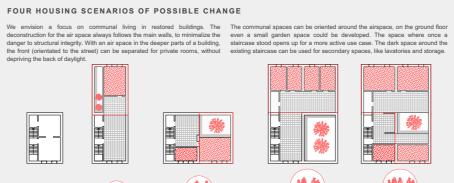


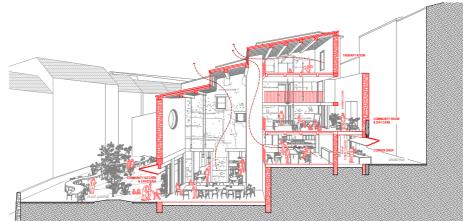






ISSUES OF EXISTING HOUSING TYPOLOGIES the floors poor air inefficient circulation space distribution





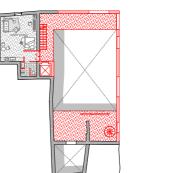
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COMMUNITY CENTER

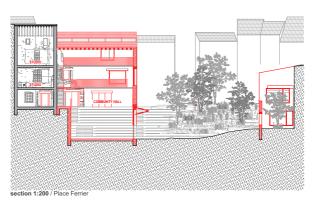
workshold in the structure houses a large, flexible hollowed-out structure houses a large, flexible assembly hall and provides space for meetings, performances, lectures, and celebrations.

Situated at the eastern edge of the existing building line on Place Ferrier, the community center marks a spatial and programmatic culimisation. Following the natural topography, it appears as an abstract continuation of the built fabric — a sculpted shell that echoes the village's architectural language. This















mineral deposits from various local sources of rubble. A significant amount of deconstructe

require the removal of non-load-bearing structures, which can also be reused. Site inspections have already revealed such materia available on abandonded plots. This is the accumulated material history of Riez and will be reintroduced into the new structural elements.





clusters with private refuge and shared

However, a lively neighborhood also usage such as artist residencies, social

