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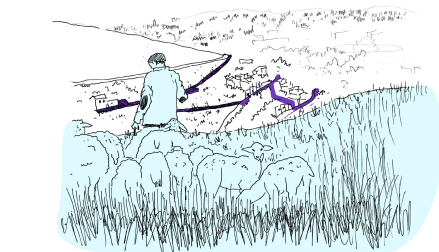
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Peri-urban Havens

The ever-present risk of fire is reimagined as an opportunity to enhance biodiversity along the boundary between neighborhood and nature. Selective removal of the highly flammable oleaster, replaced with drought-resistant native flora, helps mitigate fire danger. Existing managed pastures are expanded, with designated spaces for flock management, as new paths woven through the neighborhood create civic spaces that not only strengthen internal connectivity but also improve continuity with surrounding natural areas.



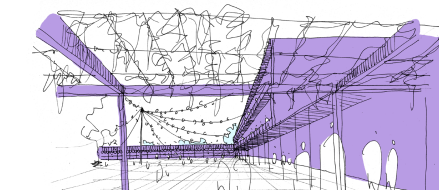
A crossroads between Nature and City

Between the Collserola Hills and Horta's neighborhoods, two axes reshape connectivity, reducing asphalt and linking communities. The first, a "natural axis," starts at the Passeig de les Agües in Collserola, following the torrent de Cal Notari and the GR-6, which now enters the city reclaiming a former highway exit as a green corridor, prioritizing pedestrians and natural flow.

The second, an "urban axis," intersects the first, linking the neighbours from Sant Gervasi to Torre Baró across the Ronda de Dalt, and looping back through the Passeig de les Agües. It improves access to public transport and services, replacing unsafe, time-consuming routes that led to car use and pressure on natural spaces.

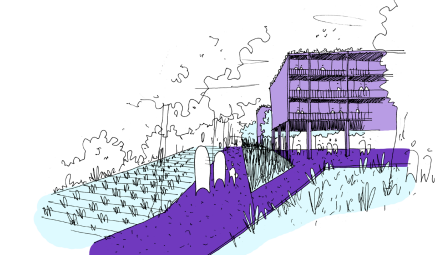
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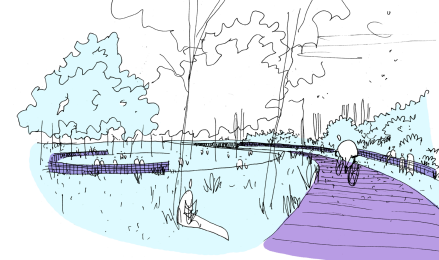
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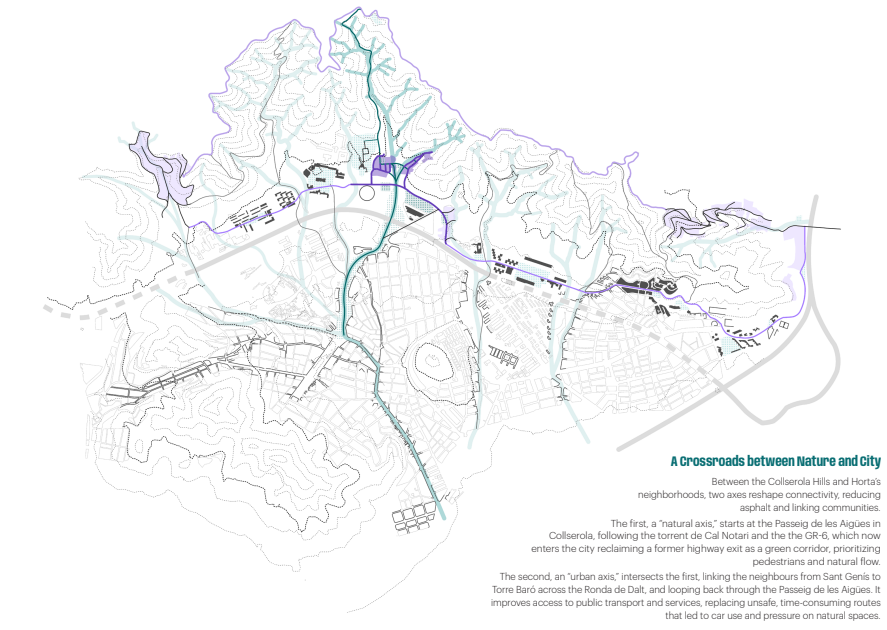
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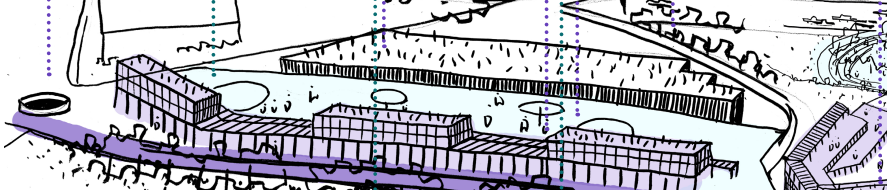
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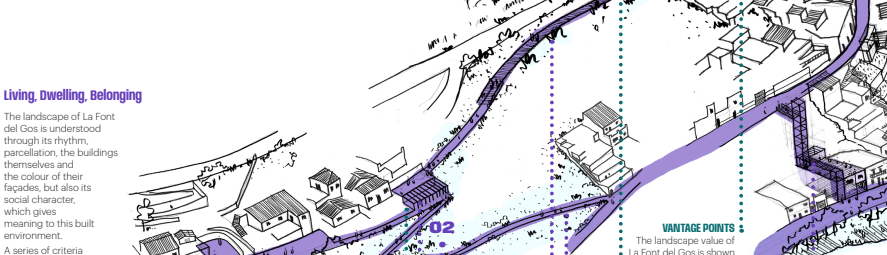
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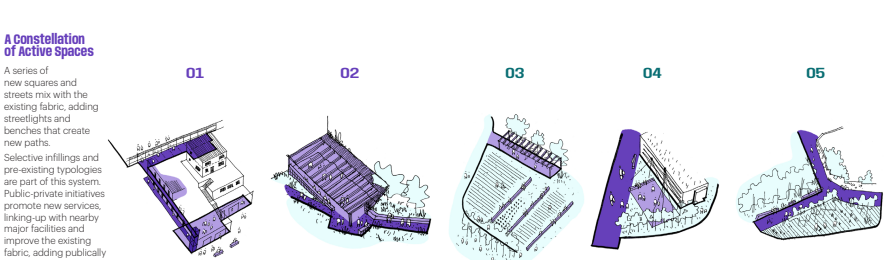
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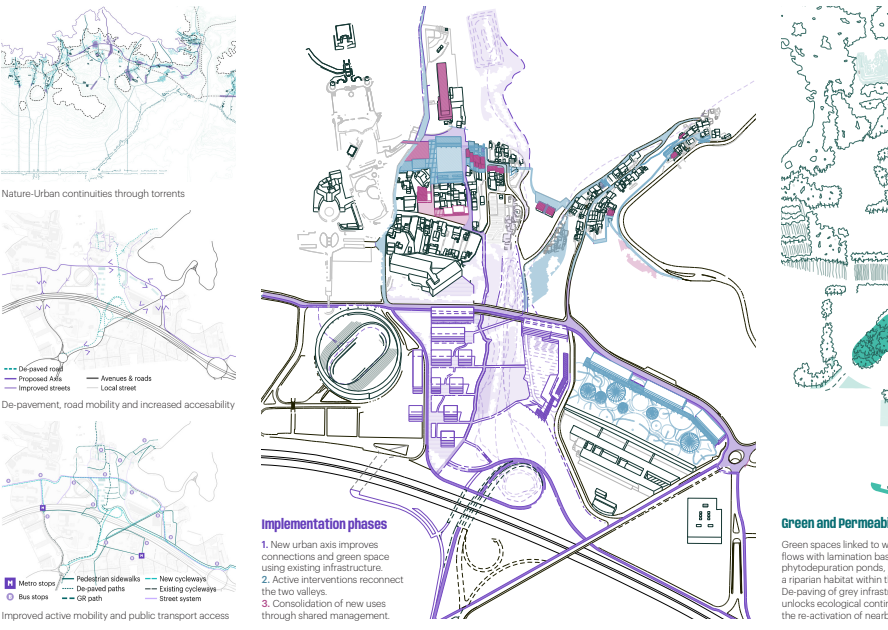
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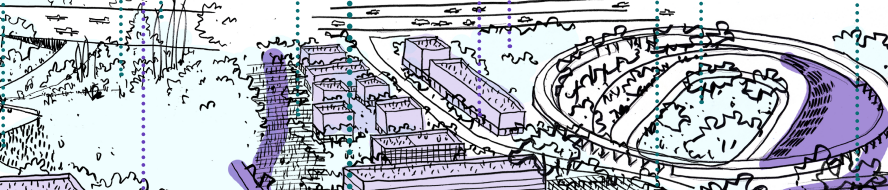
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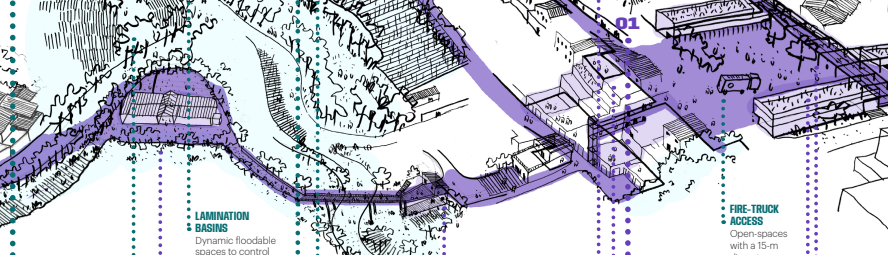
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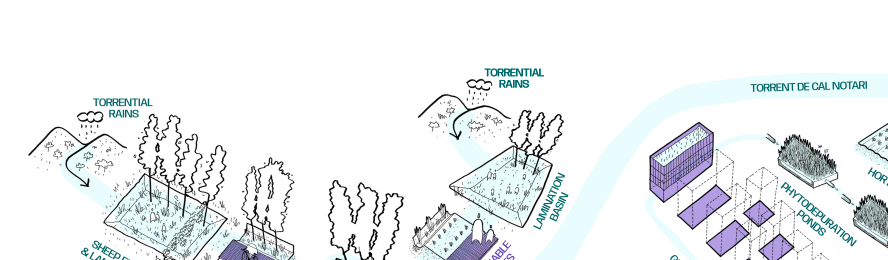
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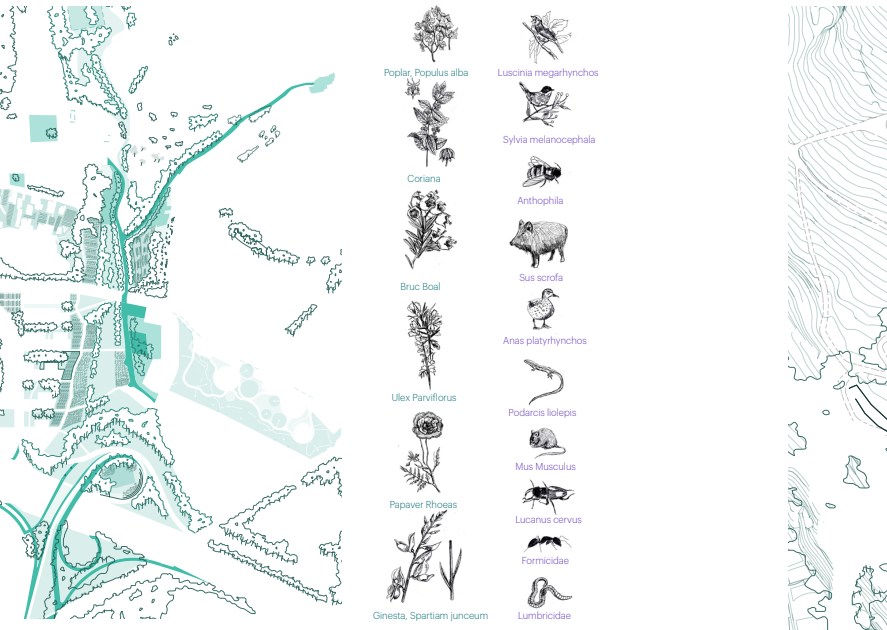
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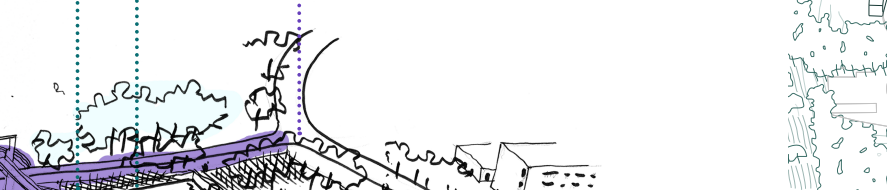
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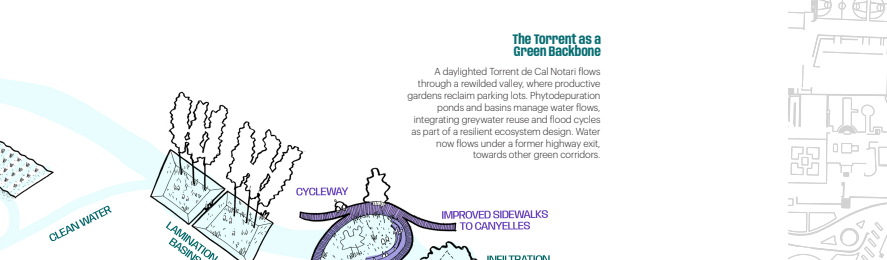
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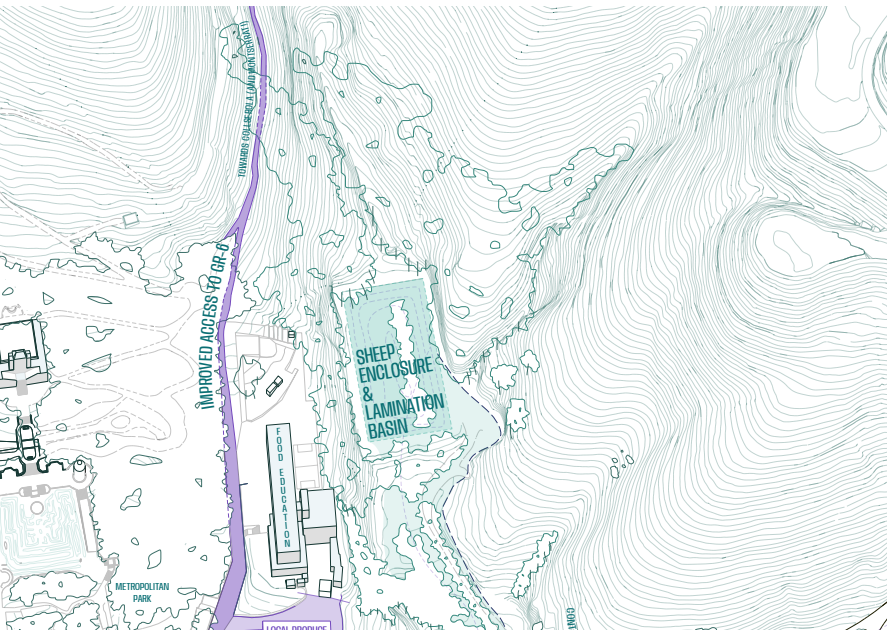
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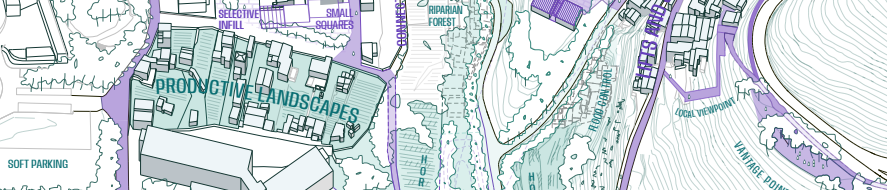
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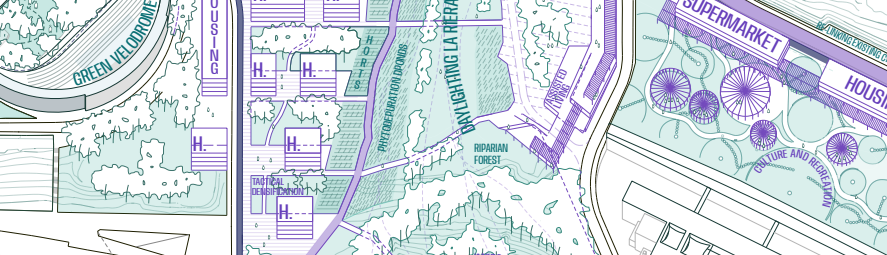
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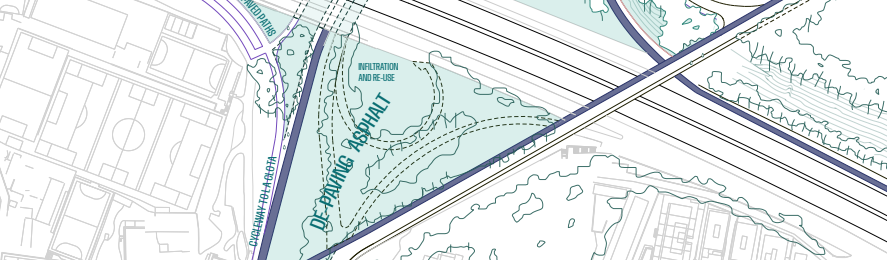
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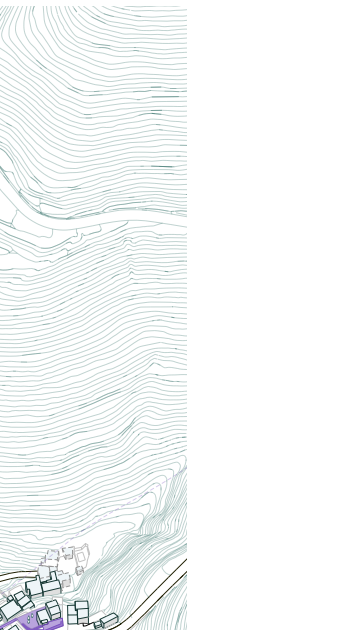
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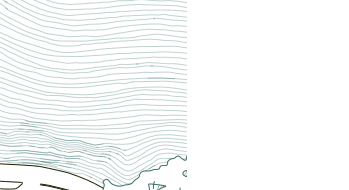
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