

# DEBRISIA

self sustainability

net zero waste

resident-run

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# VACANT LOTS

Vacant spaces are the non-utilized or underutilized lands due to their parcel shape, size, or geographic location. These vacant lands are often associated with illegal dumping of construction and general waste due to avoidance of refuse collection fee payments, leading to social, environmental, and financial risks. With the rise in illegal dumping over the years, we aim to address this problem at the avoidance, minimization, and recovery level of waste management.

## VACANT LOT CLASSIFICATION

ONE OR MORE TO BE CLASSIFIED AS VACANT PARCEL

ZERO DOLLAR BUILDING VALUE IN LOCAL TAX ASSESOR'S RECORDS

TAX PARCEL WITHOUT A STRUCTURE ON IT

CITY OWNED AND CONSIDERED VACANT AND DEVELOPABLE

## TYPES OF VACANT LAND

AS PER RAY NORTHAM, URBAN ECONOMIST

REMNANT PARCELS

PARCELS WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

CORPORATE RESERVE PARCELS

PARCELS HELD FROM SPECULATION

INSTITUTIONAL RESERVE PARCELS

DERELECT LAND

LIKELY TO BE **PERMANENTLY** VACANT

INTENDED **TEMPORARY** MAY CONTINUE NONUSE FOR DECADES

## EVOICATIONS

NEGATIVE

ABANDONMENT

DECAY

EMPTINESS

DANGER

## CONDITIONS IN U.S. CITIES

CITIES WITH 50,000+ POPULATION LATE 1997- EARLY 1998  
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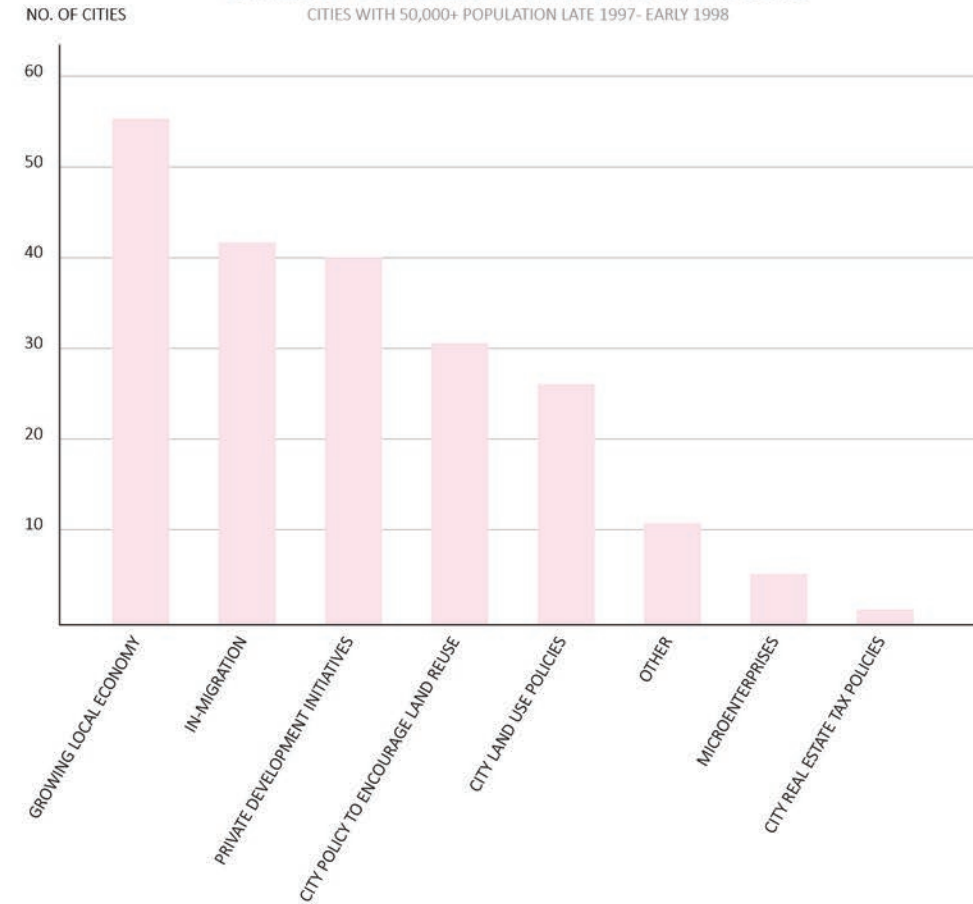
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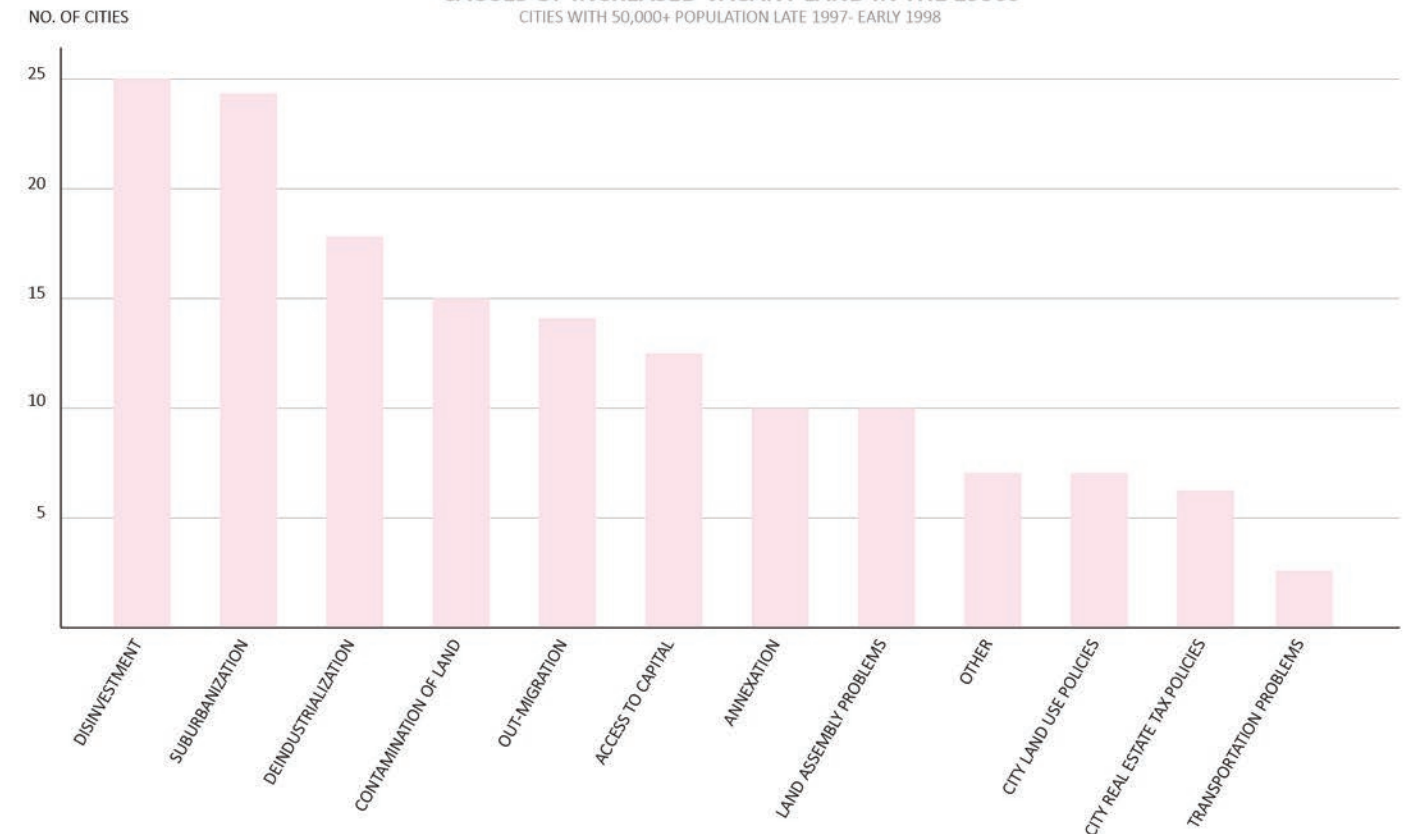
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CITIES WITH 50,000+ POPULATION LATE 1997- EARLY 1998



## CAUSES OF INCREASED VACANT LAND IN THE 1990s

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# ILLEGAL DUMPING

	WHAT ?	FACTORS WHY?	WHO ?
TERMS	<p>“OPEN DUMPING” - DUMPED IN OPEN AREAS</p> <p>“FLY DUMPING” - FROM VEHICLES ALONG THE ROADSIDES</p> <p>“MIDNIGHT DUMPING” - LATE AT NIGHT</p>		
GENERAL GARBAGE DUMP	<p>CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE SUCH AS DRYWALL, ROOFING SINGLES, LUMBER, BRICKS, CONCRETE AND SIDING</p> <p>ABANDONED AUTOMOBILES, AUTO PARTS AND SCRAP TIRES</p> <p>APPLIANCES OR “WHITE GOODS”</p> <p>FURNITURE</p> <p>YARD WASTE</p> <p>HOUSEHOLD TRASH</p> <p>MEDICAL WASTE</p>	<p>COMMUNITIES AREAS WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES OR SERVICES AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS</p> <p>LOWER-INCOME AREAS</p> <p>DANGEROUS AND HIGH CRIME RATE AREAS WITH LOW PRIORITY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT</p> <p>AREAS WITH A HIGH POPULATION OF RENTERS WHO HAVE LESS STAKE IN THE COMMUNITY</p>	<p>CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION, REMODELING, ROOFING OR LANDSCAPING CONTRACTORS</p> <p>WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES OR GENERAL HAULING CONTRACTORS</p> <p>OPERATORS OF TRANSFER STATIONS OR JUNKYARDS</p> <p>AUTOMOBILE REPAIR OR TIRE SHOPS</p> <p>SCRAP COLLECTORS</p> <p>LOCAL RESIDENTS AND “DO-IT-YOURSELFERS”</p>
TIME	<p>AT NIGHT</p> <p>EARLY MORNING HOURS DURING WARMER MONTH</p>		
COMMON POTENTIAL SITES	<p>ABANDONED INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS</p> <p>VACANT LOTS ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY</p> <p>INFREQUENTLY USED ALLEYS OR ROADWAYS</p> <p>NEAR JUNKYARD AND TEMPORARY DUMP AREAS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES</p>	<p>UNSECURED PROPERTIES (UNDEVELOPED LOTS, ABANDONED STRUCTURES, UNUSED INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND REMOTE SPACES)</p> <p>VACANT PROPERTIES WITH REDUCED POTENTIAL FOR DUMPERS TO BE SIGHTED</p> <p>SPACES THAT ARE SPARSELY POPULATED AND DARK</p> <p>BORDERS OF CITIES WITH LACK OF POLICE PRESENCE</p> <p>NATURAL DISASTERS</p> <p>RURAL ROADS AND RAILWAYS</p>	<p><b>HOW IS THIS A PROBLEM ?</b></p> <p>PHYSICAL (PROTRUDING NAILS OR SHARP EDGES)</p> <p>CHEMICAL HAZARDS (HARMFU FLUIDS OR DUST)</p> <p>ATTRACTS RODENTS, INSECTD AND OTHER VERMIN</p> <p>ATTRIBUTED TO DISEASE-CARRYING MOSQUITOES</p>
		<p>ALTERNATIVE WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS</p> <p>CONTRACT WITH A WASTE HAULER AND STANDARDIZED BILLING</p> <p>SOLID WASTE CODES AND ORDINANCE</p> <p>ORDERS THAT PROHIBITING OPEN DUMPING OR BURNING OF WASTE</p> <p>DEPEND OF LOCAL CODES</p>	<p>HEALTH RISKS</p> <p>OTHER AFFECTS</p> <p>FIRE- SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION AND ARSON</p> <p>FLOODING (IMPACT PROPER DRAINAGE OF RUNOFF)</p> <p>FOREST FIRE AND SEVERE EROSION</p> <p>CONTAMINATE WELLS AND SURFACE WATER</p> <p>PROPERTY VALUES DECREASES</p> <p>COST OF PUBLIC CLEANUPS INCREASES (TAX)</p>
		<p>DEMOGRAPHICS</p> <p>AREAS PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS</p>	
		<p>LACK OF ...</p>	

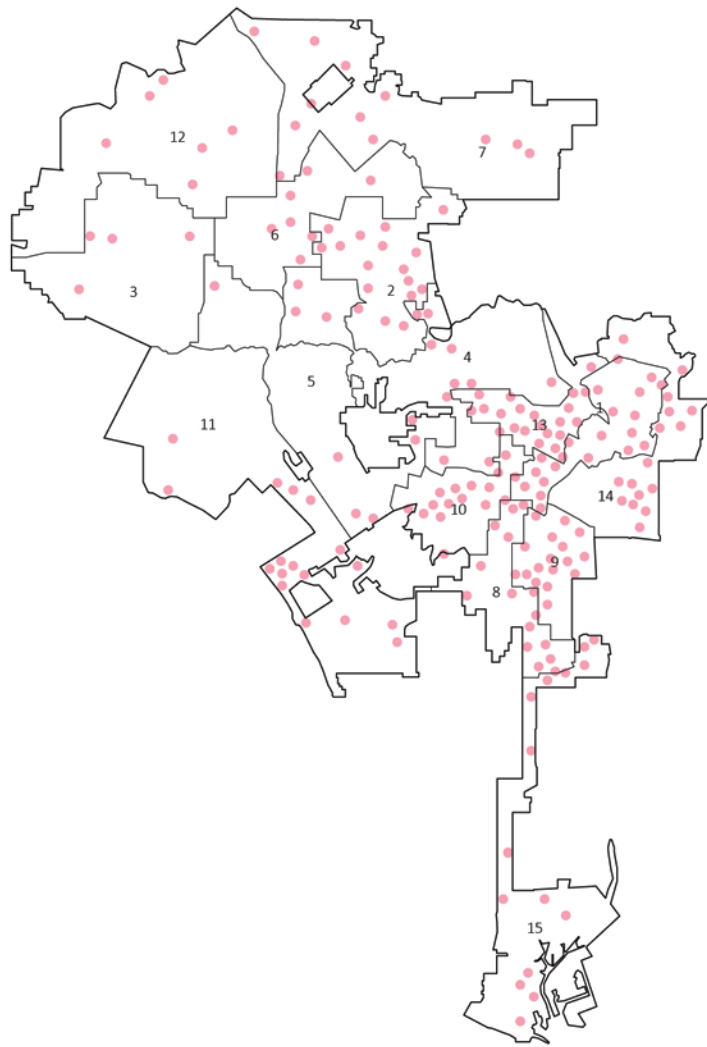


# COMMON TYPES OF WASTE IN ILLEGAL DUMPING

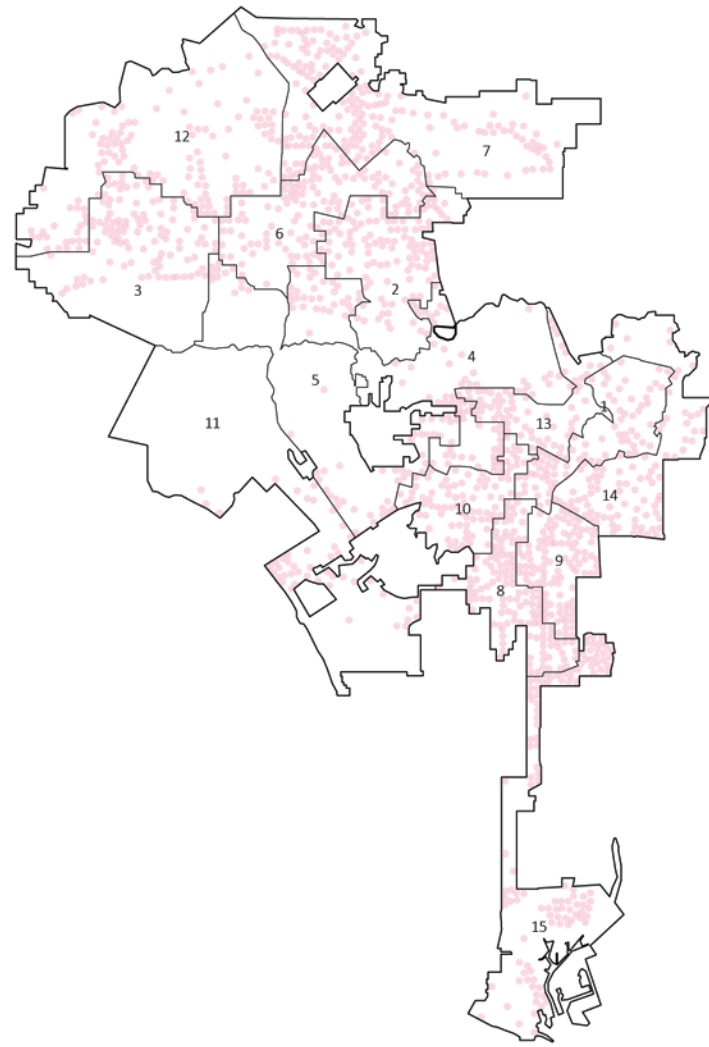


# ILLEGAL DUMPING SITE ANALYSIS

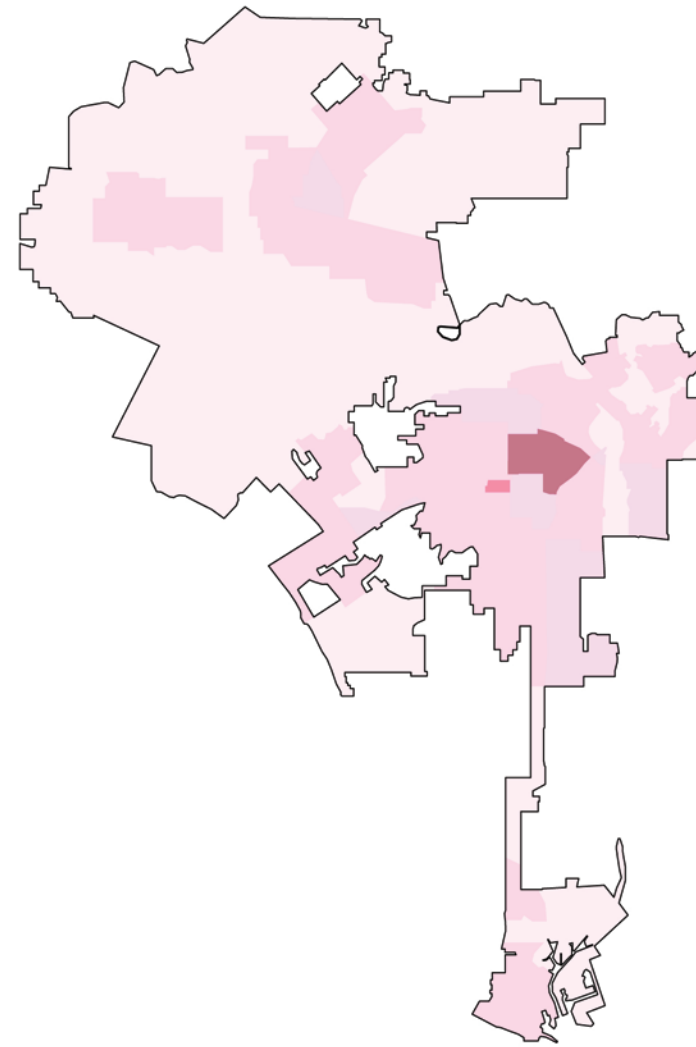
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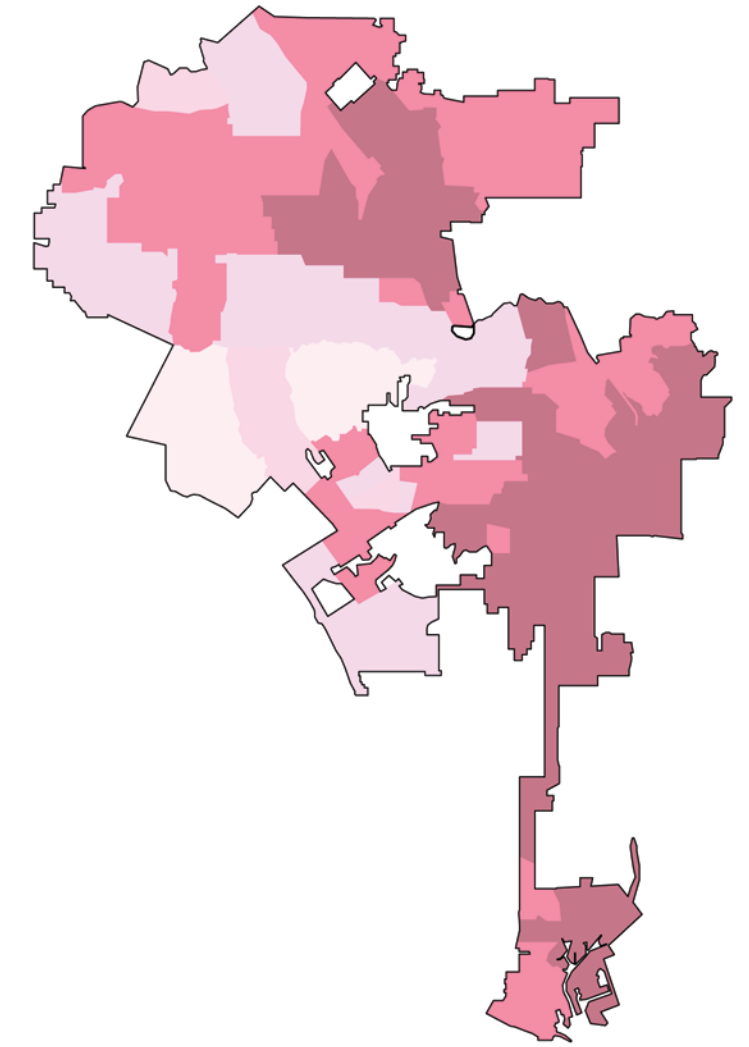
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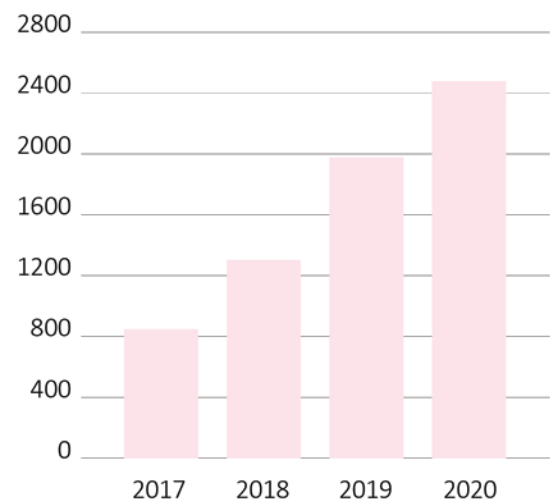
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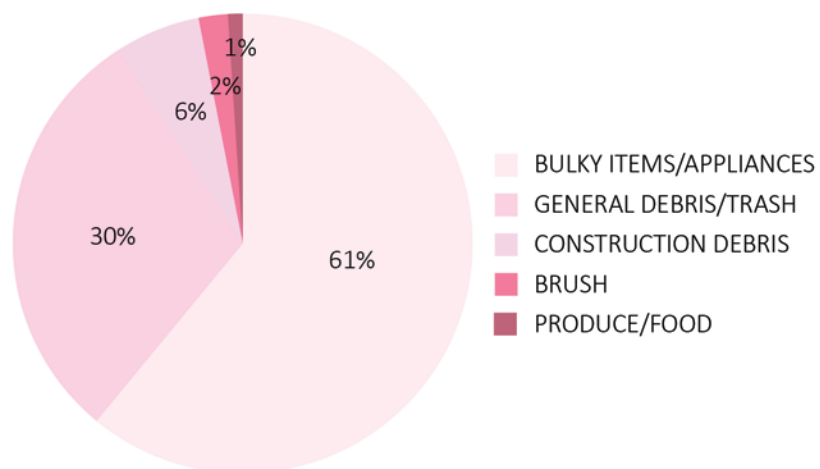
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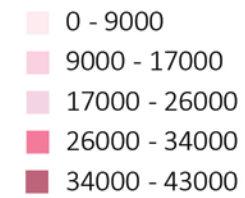
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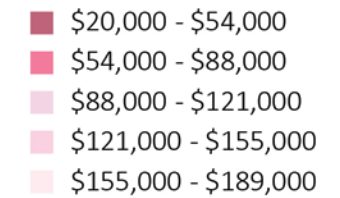
POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE OF LAND



POPULATION IN 2020 : 3,898,747

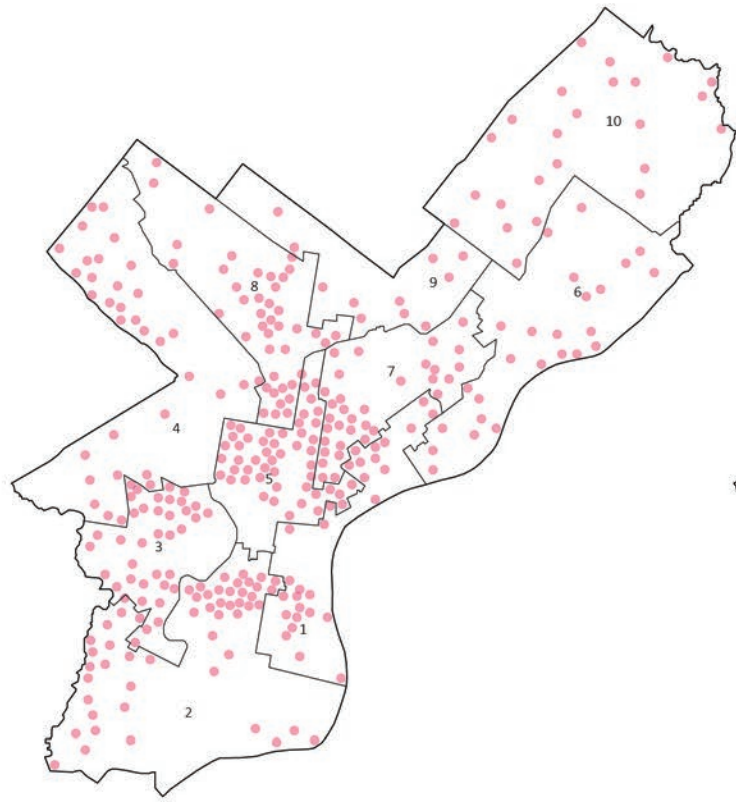
CITY AREA : 503 SQ. MILES

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY NEIGHBORHOOD

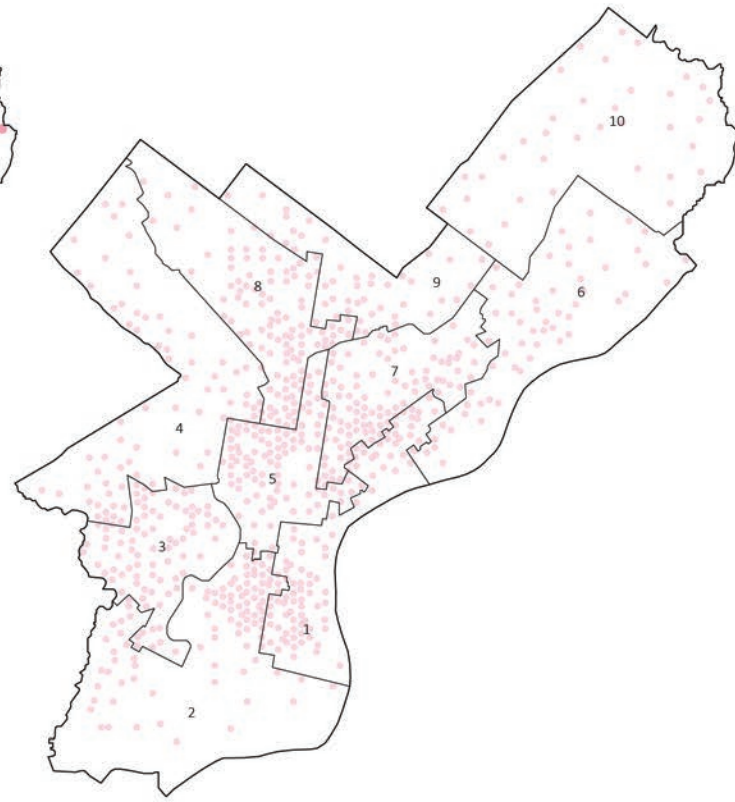


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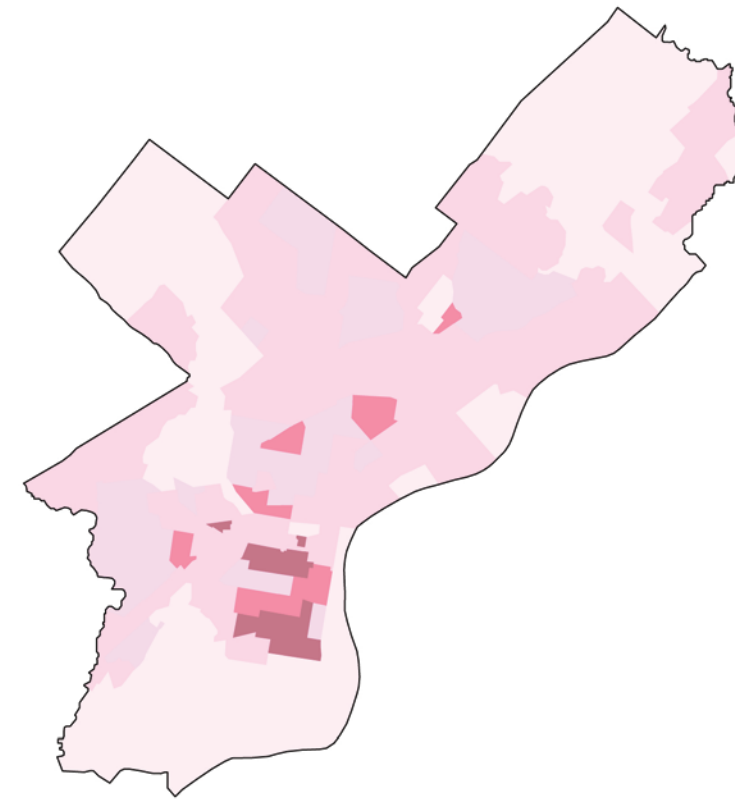
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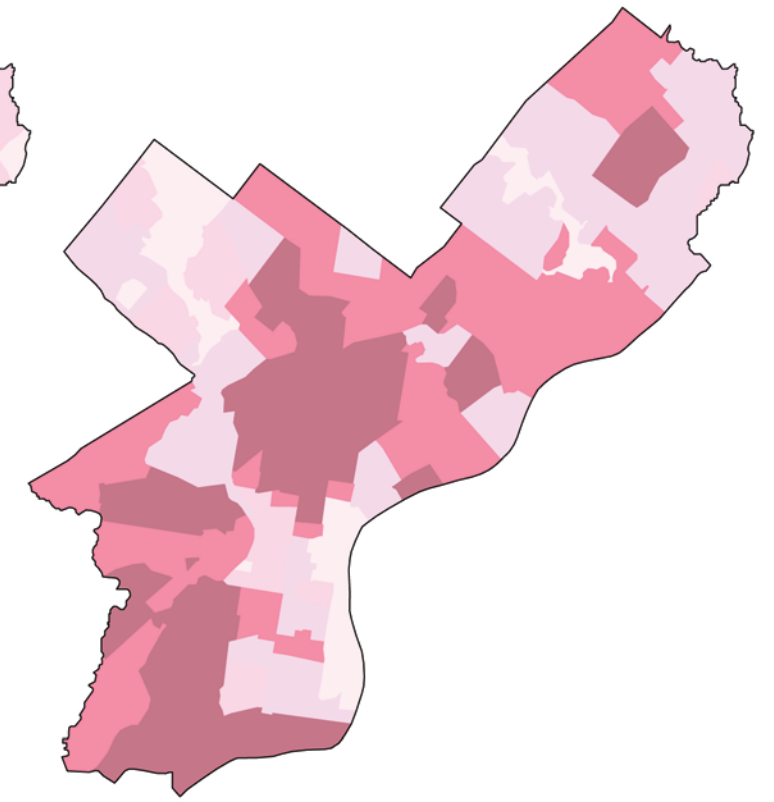
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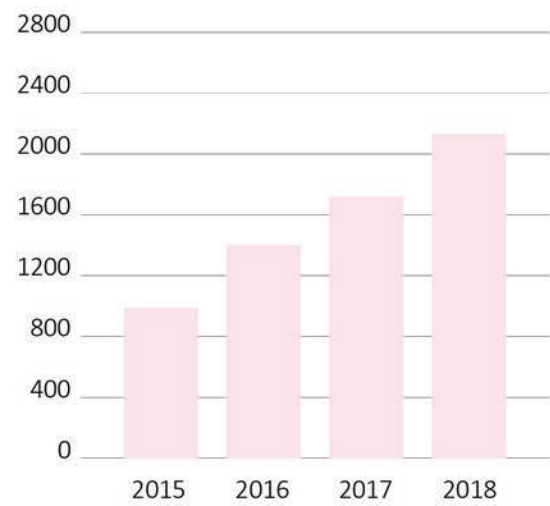
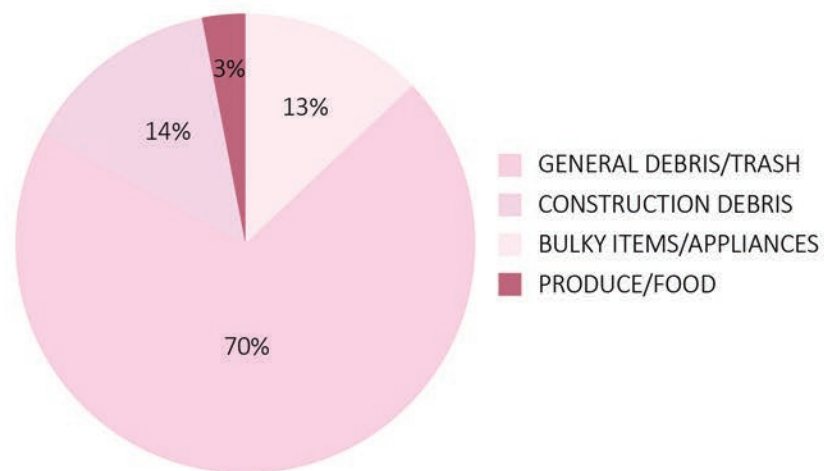
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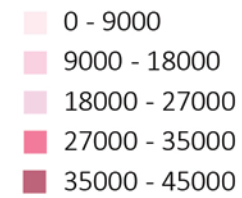
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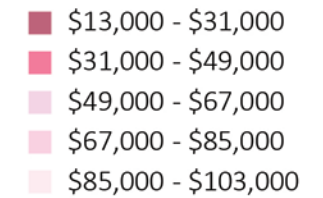
POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE OF LAND



POPULATION IN 2018 : 1,585,010

CITY AREA : 142 SQ. MILES

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY NEIGHBORHOOD





# ILLEGAL DUMPING SITE ANALYSIS

REFUSE COLLECTION FEES PER MONTH

SINGLE-FAMILY UNIT  
TWO-FAMILY UNIT  
THREE-FAMILY UNIT  
FOUR-OR-MORE FAMILY UNIT

LOS ANGELES

\$36.32  
\$36.32  
\$24.33  
\$24.33

PHILADELPHIA

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\$41.67  
\$41.67  
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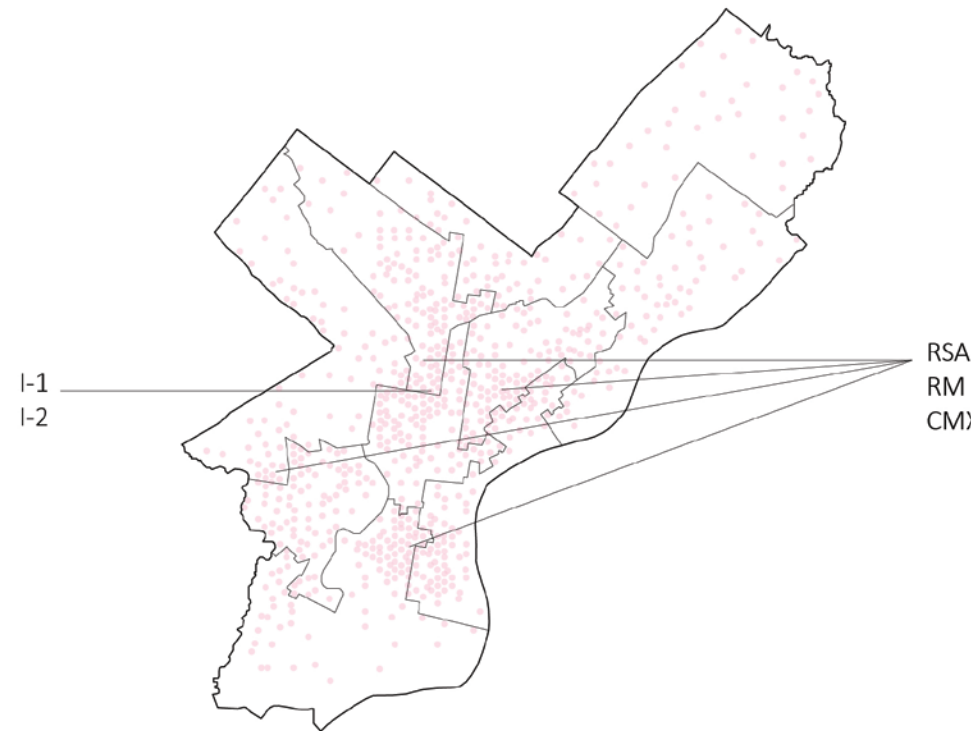
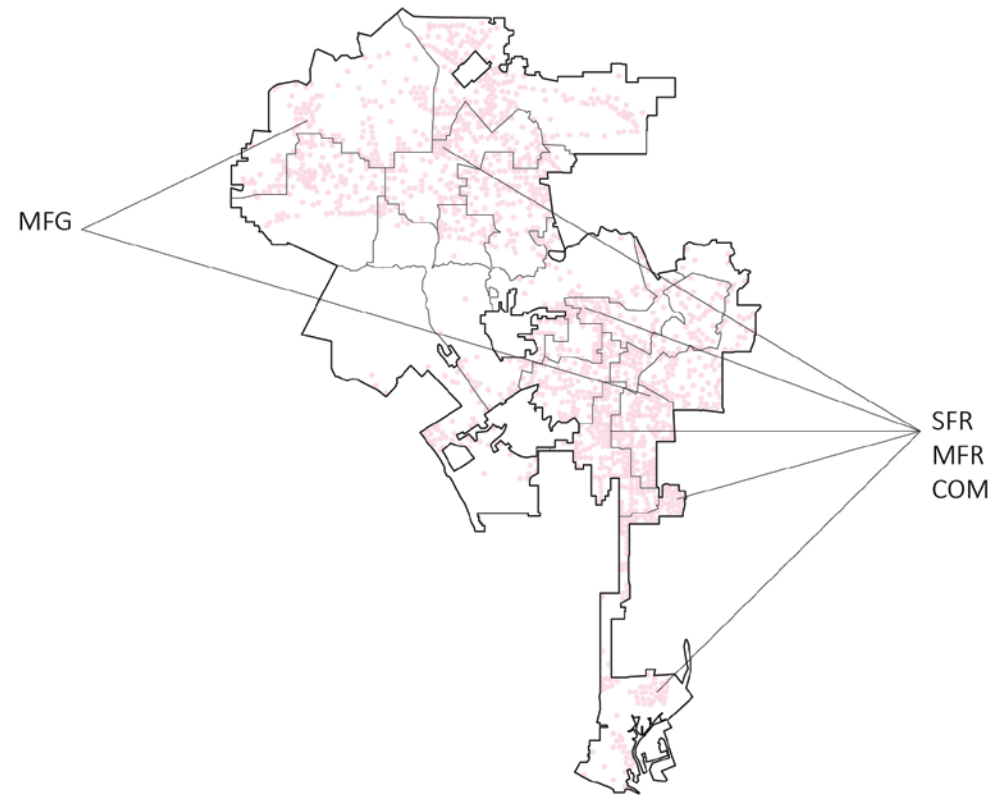
NEW YORK CITY

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CHICAGO

\$9.50  
\$19  
\$28.50  
\$38

ZONING DISTRICTS



SFR: SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
MFR: MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
COM: COMMERCIAL  
MFG: MANUFACTURING  
  
RSA: RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED  
RM: RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY  
CMX: COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE  
I-1: LIGHT INDUSTRIAL  
I-2: MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL

REASONS FOR HIGH ILLEGAL DUMPING

HIGH POPULATION DENSITY

2ND MOST POPULOUS US CITY IN 2020

LACK OF L.A. SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT WORKERS AND PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS OF ILLEGALDUMPERS.

BUSINESSES HIRE PICKUP TRUCKS TO DUMP THEIR WASTES ON PUBLIC STREETS, ALLEYS, AND VACANT LOTS.

BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS AVOID PAYING REFUSE COLLECTION FEES TO LEGALLY DISPOSE OF THEIR WASTE.

6TH MOST POPULOUS US CITY IN 2020

RAISED FINES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING, BUT THE SHORTAGE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS MADE THE LAW RARELY ENFORCED.

'BIG BELLY' TRASH CANS INSTALLED IN 2017 WORSEN THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE.

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# PROPOSAL



## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

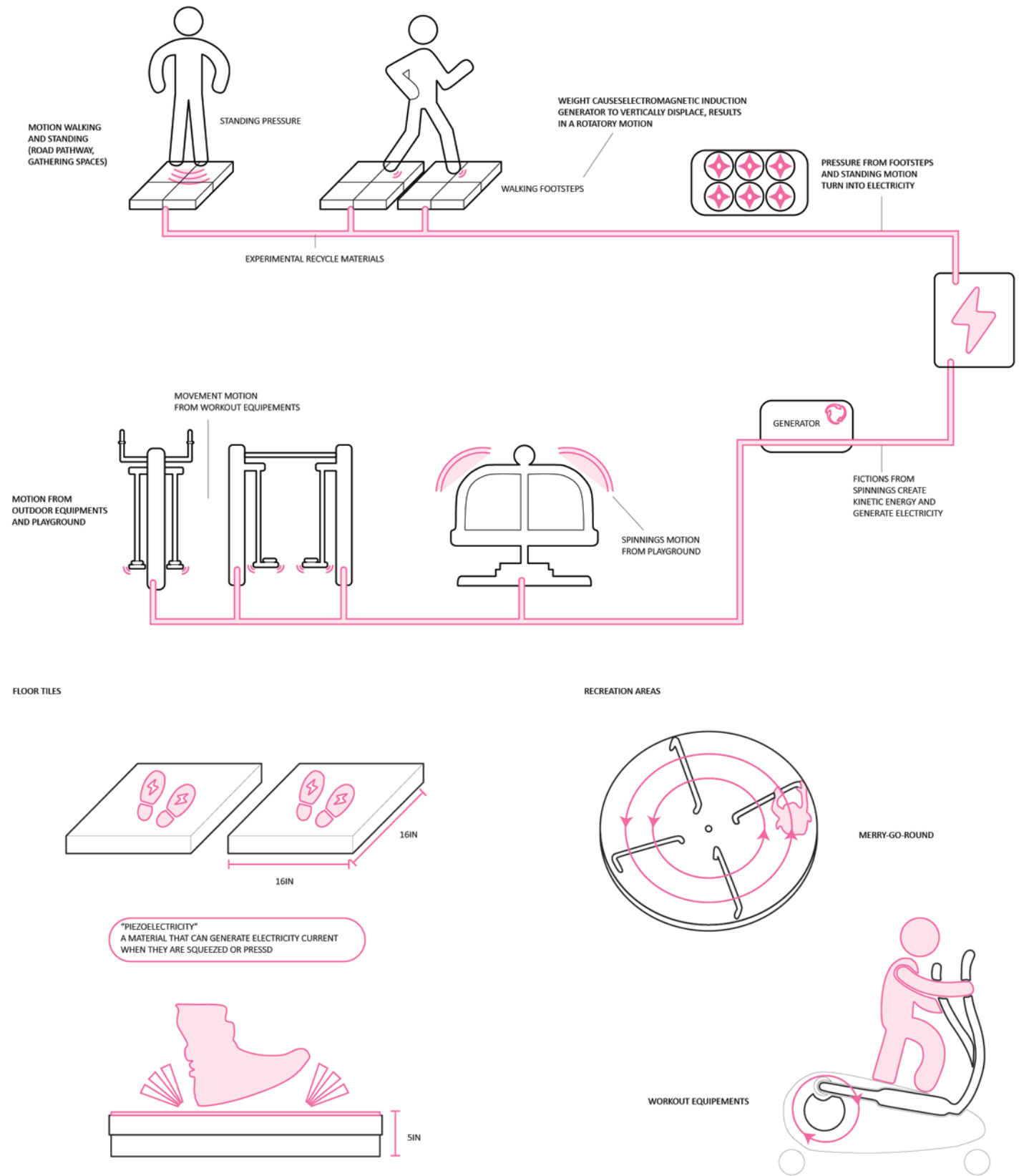
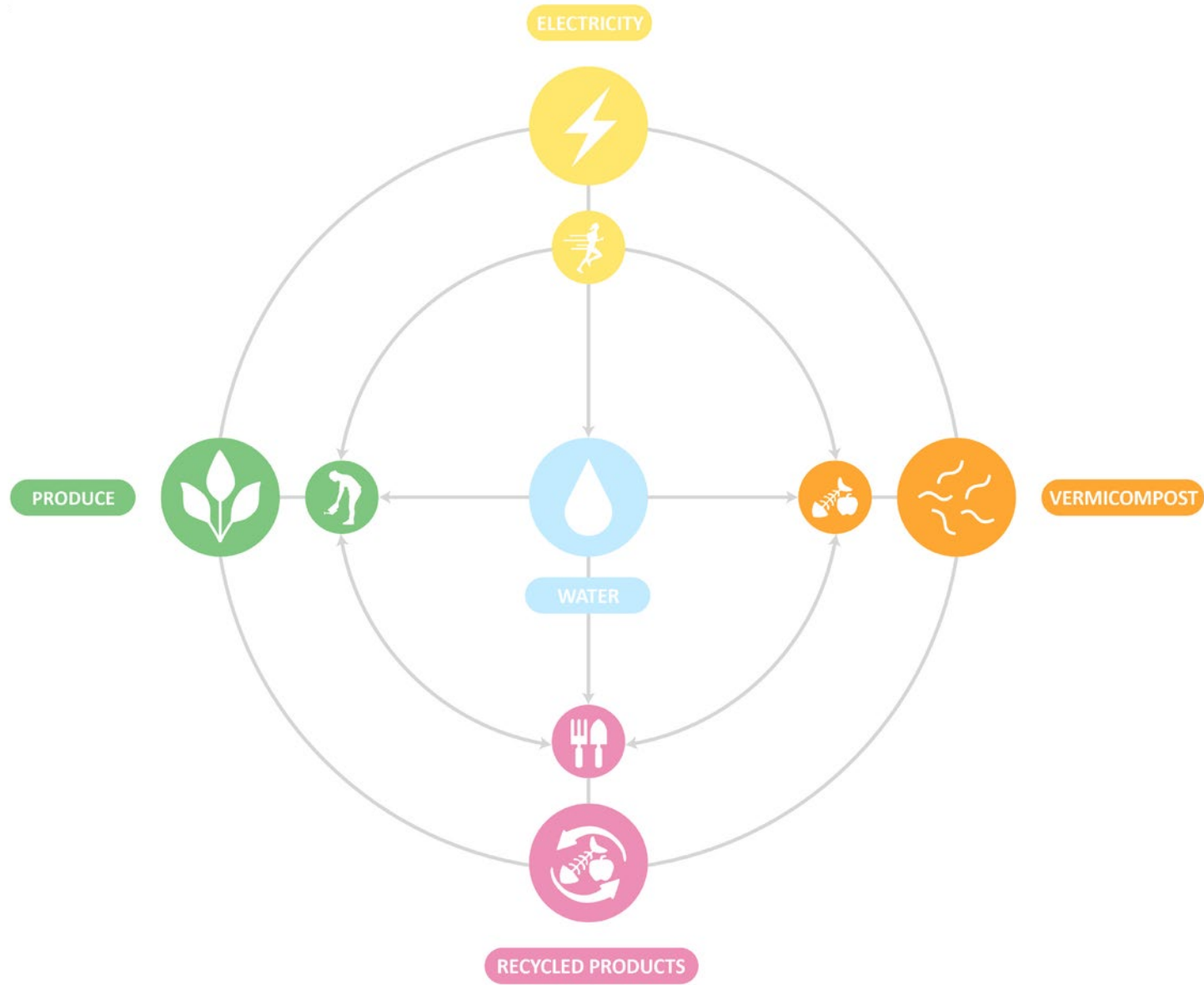


# THESIS STATEMENT

Vacant spaces are the non-utilized or underutilized lands due to their parcel shape, size, or geographic location. American cities are underdeveloping vacant lots, and as a result, many of these lots are being used for illegal dumping, harming communities in social, environmental, and financial ways. Debrisia aims to help each community reclaim their vacant lots by equipping them with curated infrastructure for intervention that will allow the people to activate the space themselves. Instead of waiting for institutions to do something, the people are taking action into their own hands.

The project aims to explore the potential of enhancing vacant lots to the benefit of the community and achieve net zero waste by introducing a self-sustaining system. Debrisia acts as a prototype that addresses local needs and adapts to different scales of community. There are five networks supporting each other: energy, water, agriculture, livestock and recycling workshops. The locals will generate electricity collected by motion, manage the livestock, produce fertilizer for vegetation, and create products from their food waste. Emphasis is placed on participation from the residents, and such, the residents will get to receive back what they help produce at the facility.

Through the implementation of Debrisia, and through the lens of illegal dumping, people will become aware of the power they have. Instead of unconsciously throwing things away, they can participate in an initiative that repurposes waste, and draws awareness to sustainability. Instead of contributing to a problem by illegal dumping, they can be part of a collective that is a solution for creating a better space to live.



**PATHWAY TILES DIMENSION**  
 - AREA OF THE SQUARE TILE = 16" X 16"  
 - DEPTH OF THE TILE = 5"  
**AVERAGE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY GENERATE**  
 - GENERATE 3 WATTS PER FOOTSTEP  
 - GENERATE 7 WATTS WHILE WALKING

**WORKOUT EQUIPMENT**  
 - ENERGY HAND BIKE/ ENERGY CROSS TRAINER  
 - ENERGY GENERATED AVERAGE = 40 WATTS PER 10 SPINS  
 - POWER GENERATED MAX = 100 WATTS (MAX 30V)  
**PLAYGROUND**  
 - MERRY-GO-ROUND  
 - GENERATE 4 WATTS TO 16 WATTS PER SPIN

# SELF-SUSTAINING SYSTEMS

# VERMICOMPOST+PRODUCE

# RECYCLED WORKSHOP

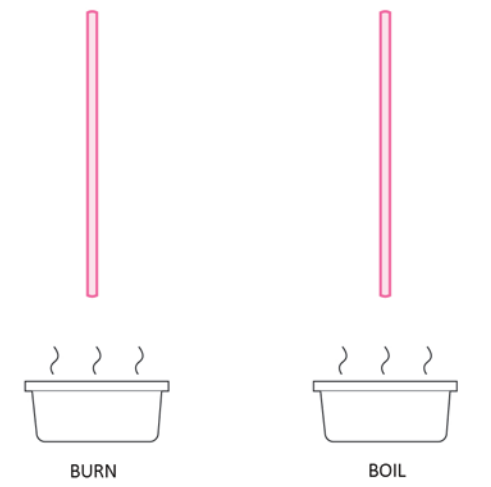
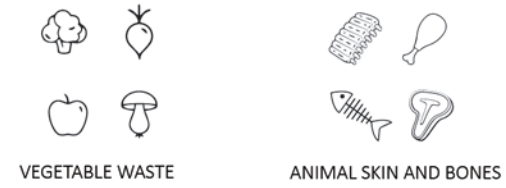
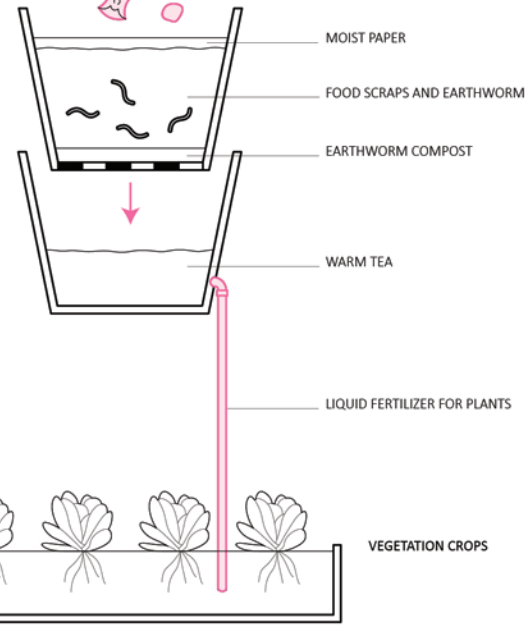
FOOD SCRAPS AND WASTE  
(EXCLUDES ANIMAL-BY-PRODUCTS)

CHICKEN COOPS

CHICKEN MANURE



VERMICOMPOSTING PROCESS



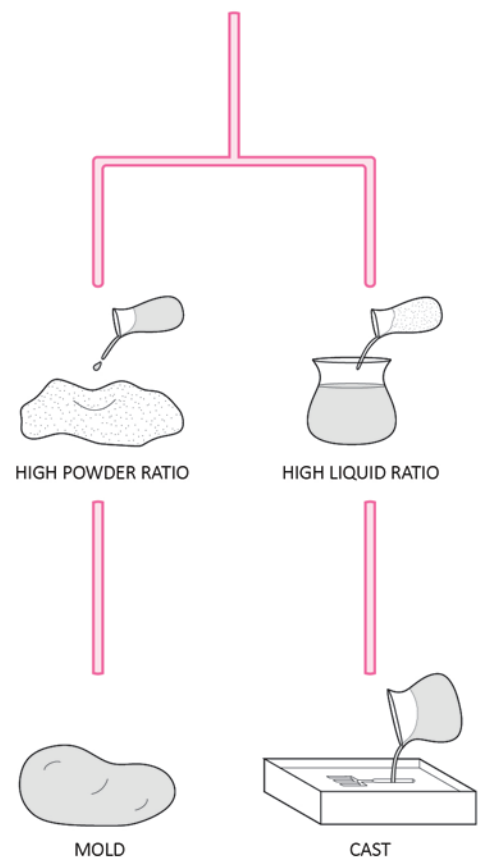
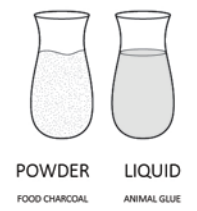
CHARCOAL "ANIMAL GLUE"

MIX + MOLD/CAST



UTILIZING FOOD WASTE

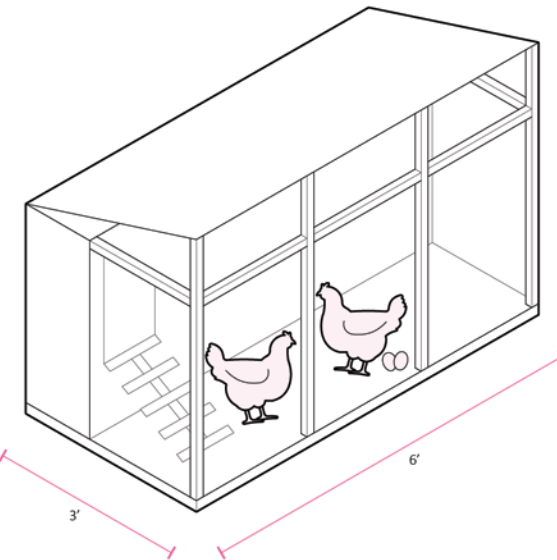
MIXING METHODS



MOLD CAST



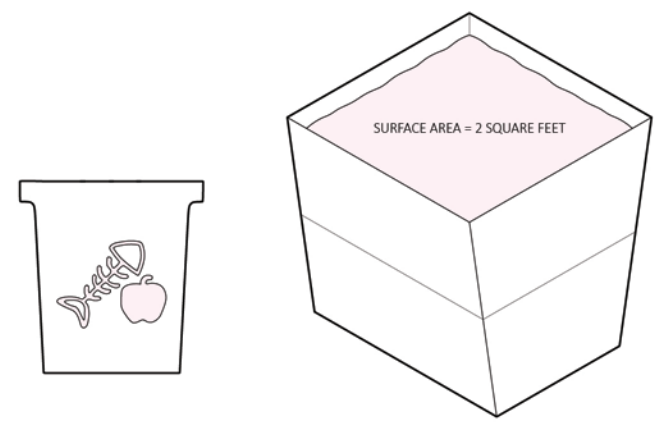
CHICKEN COOP



CHICKEN BREED = LEGHORN  
- LAY AVERAGE OF 4+ EGGS PER WEEK  
- AVERAGE HEIGHT = 16"  
  
CHICKEN COOP DIMENSIONS:  
- AREA NEEDED FOR ONE CHICKEN = 8 SQUARE FEET  
- DIMENSION CALCULATION = L x W

EXAMPLE:  
6' x 3' = 18 SQUARE FEET  
18 / 8 SQUARE FEET = 2 CHICKENS

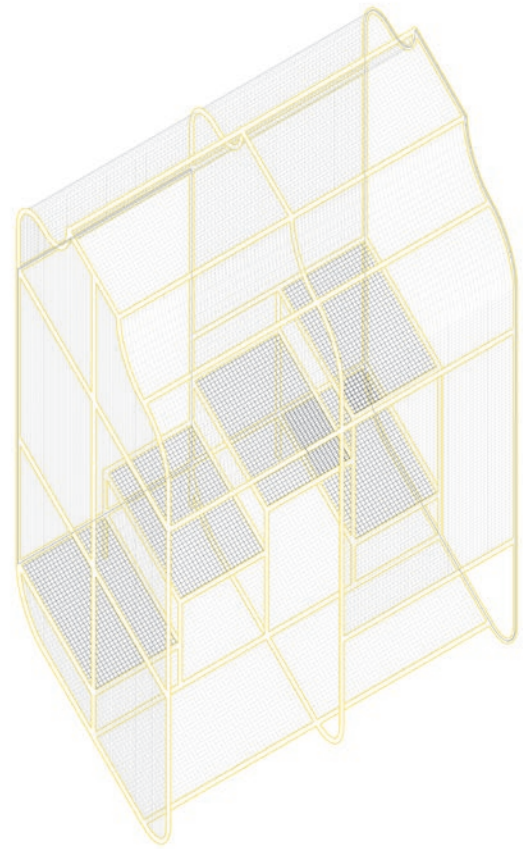
VERMICOMPOSTING



FOOD WASTE  
- DAILY AVERAGE FOOD WASTE CREATED PER PERSON = 1 LB  
- EARTHWORM CAN CONSUME 50% OF THEIR WEIGHT DAILY  
  
COMPOST DIMENSIONS:  
- SURFACE AREA OF COMPOST PER 1 LB OF EARTHWORM = 1 SQUARE FEET  
- DIMENSION CALCULATION = 1 LB OF FOOD WASTE = 2 LBS OF EARTHWORM = 2 SQUARE FEET SURFACE AREA



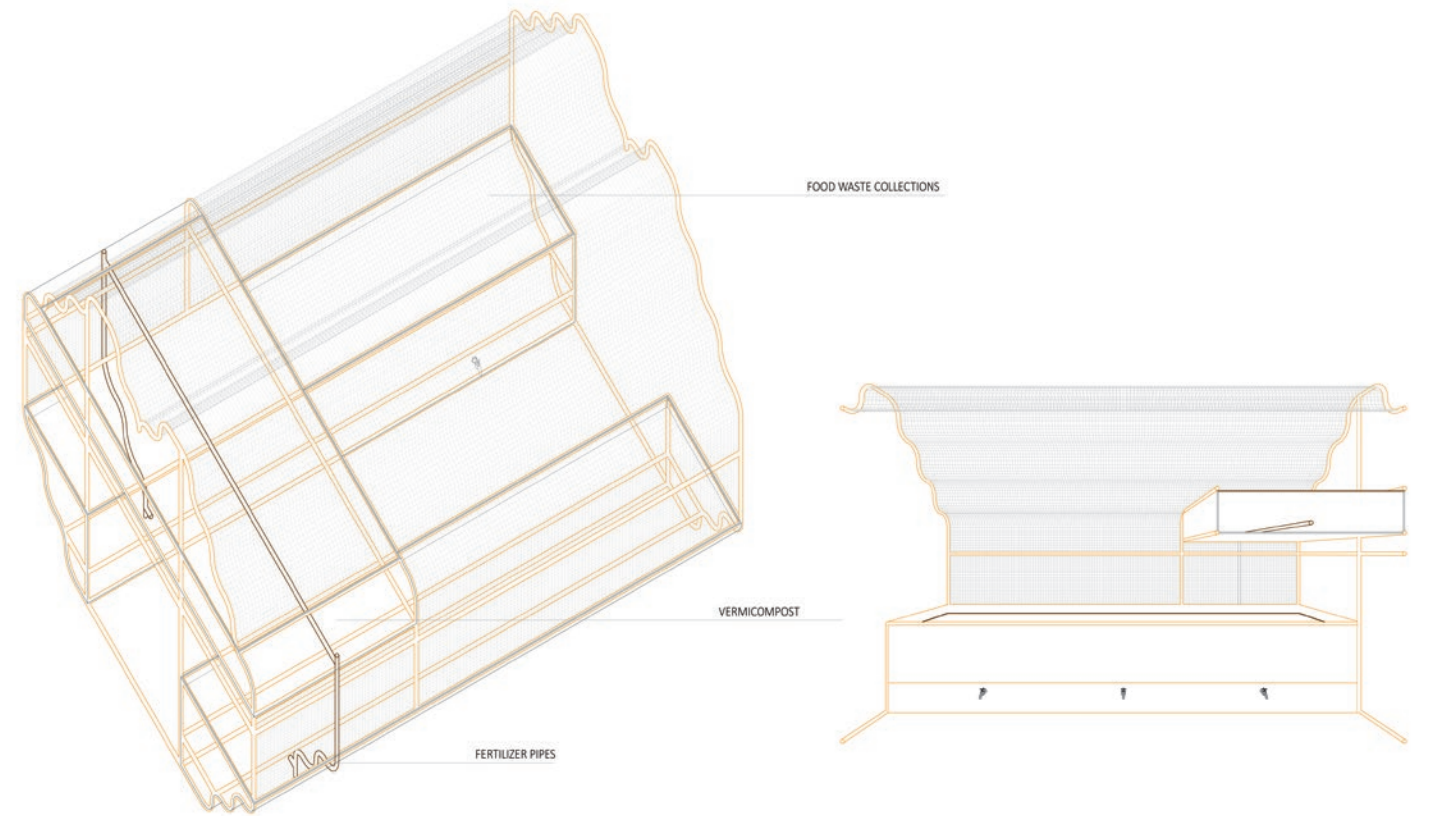
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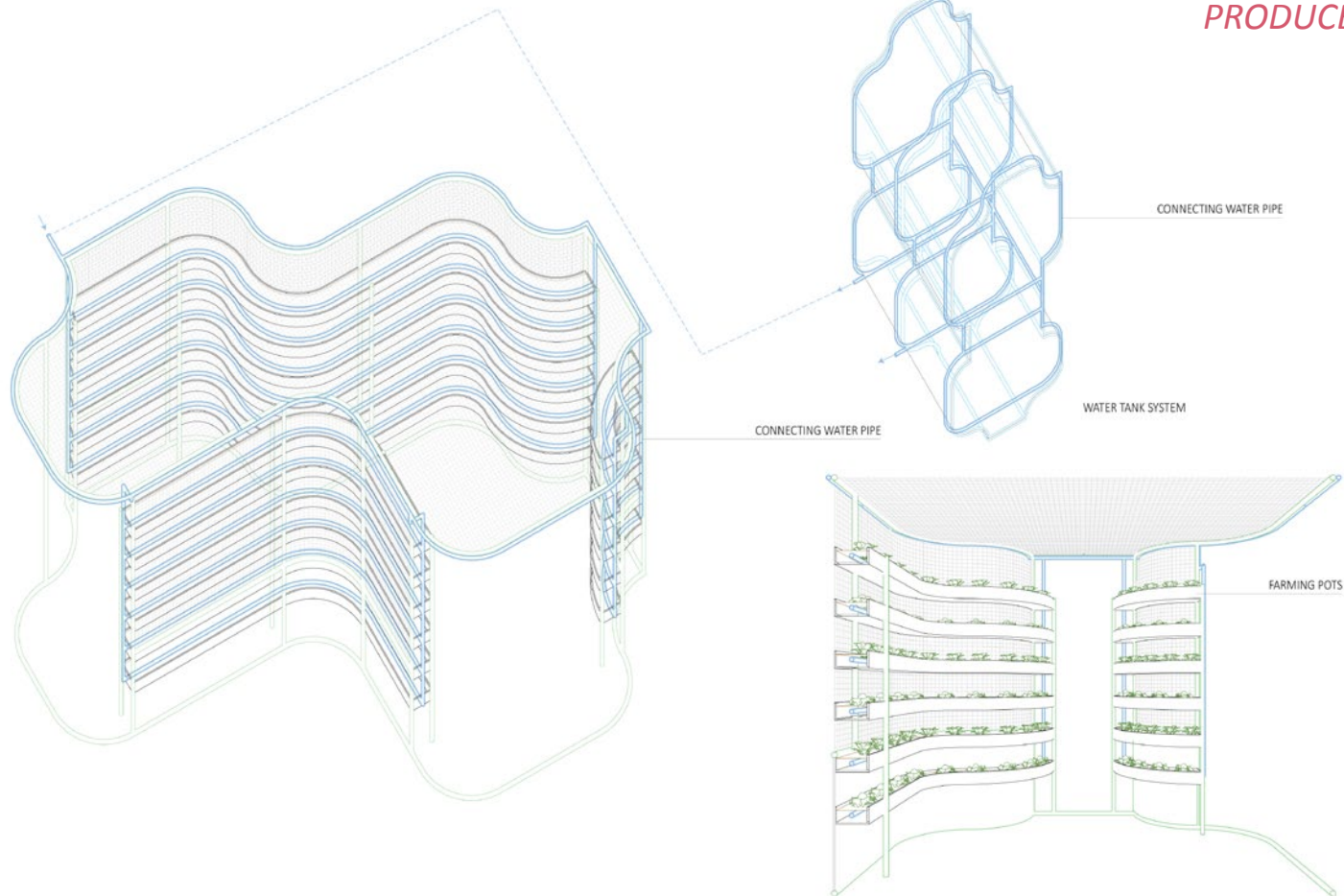
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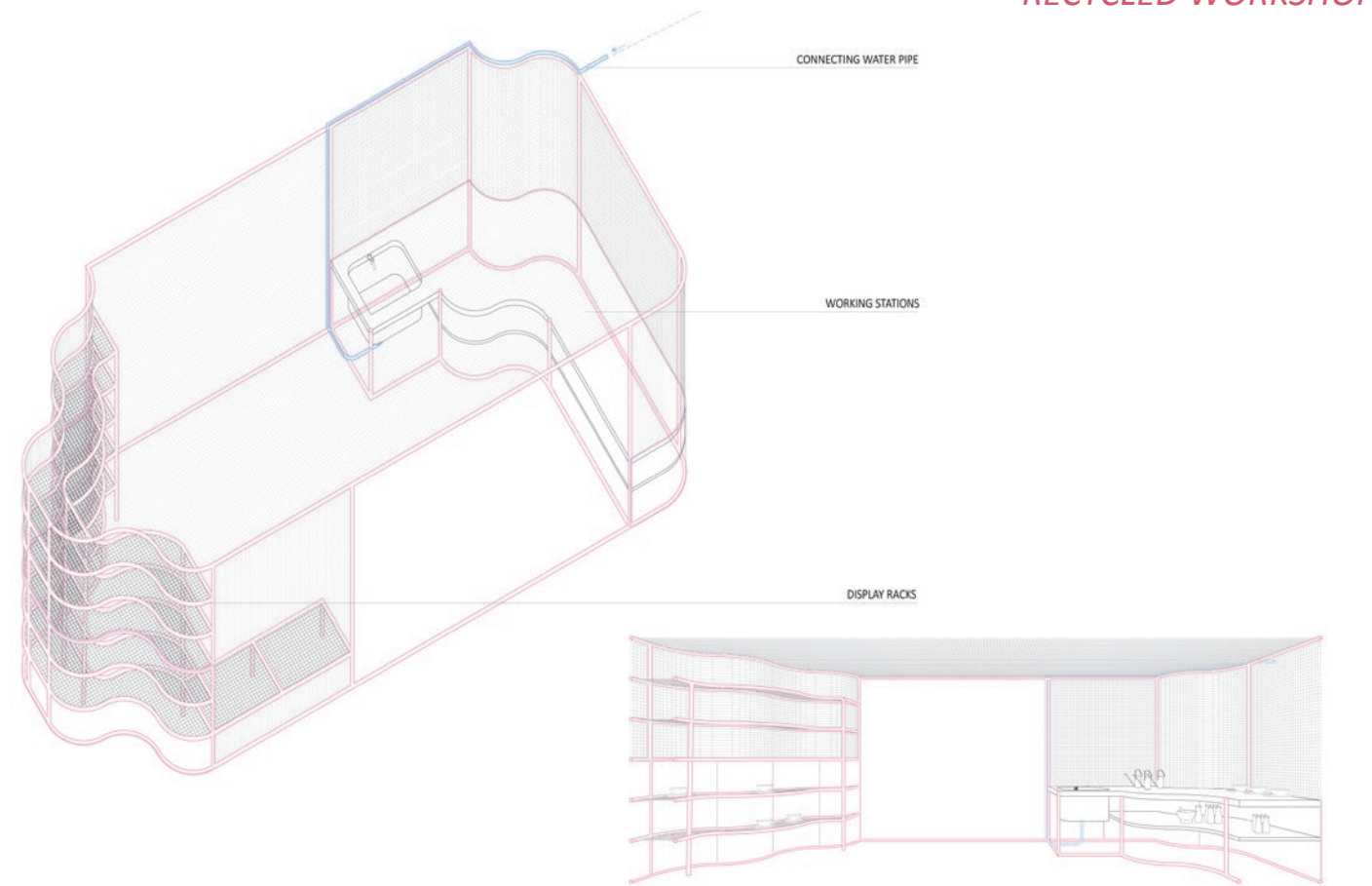
VERMICOMPOST



PRODUCE



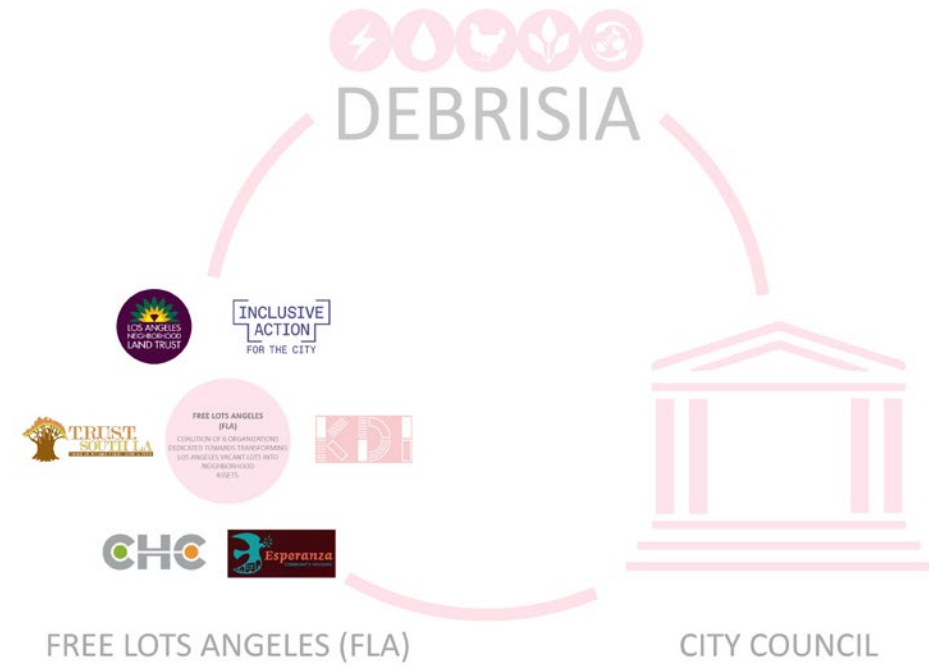
RECYCLED WORKSHOP





# IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

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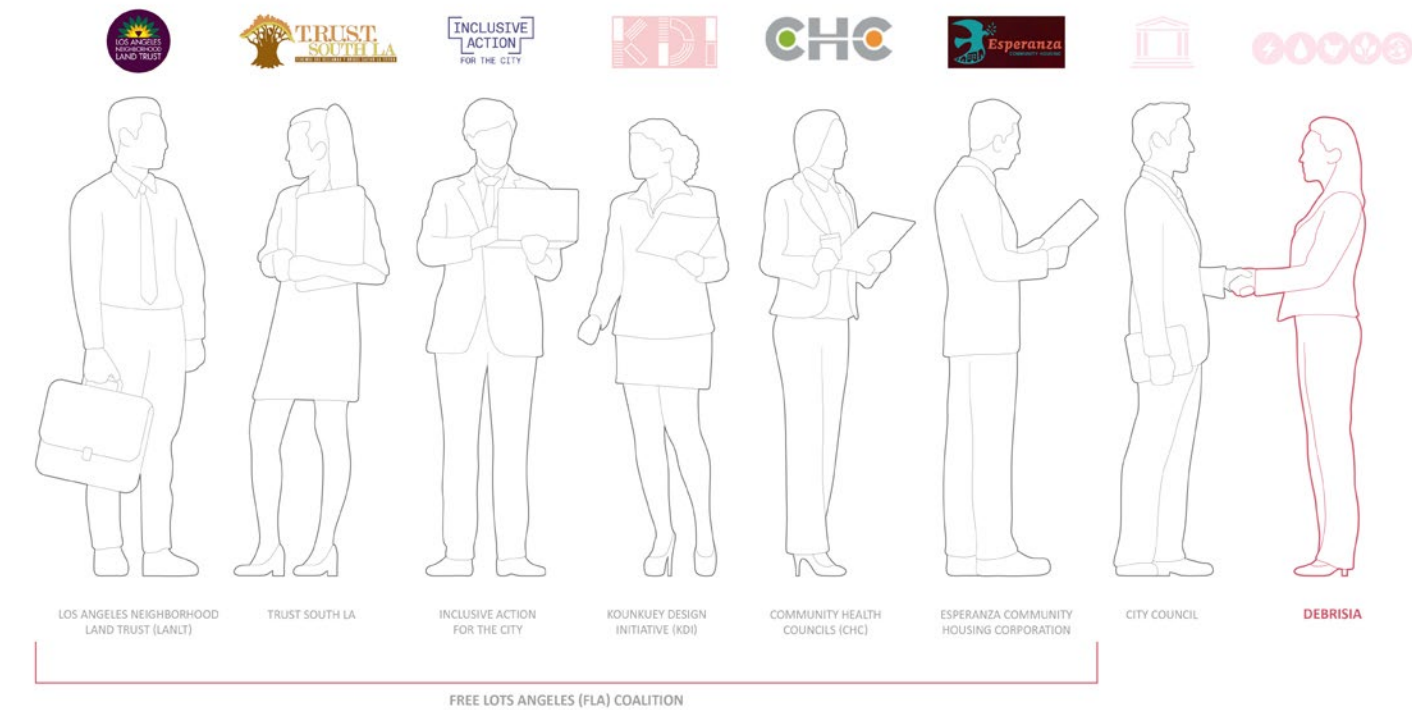
## BUILD



## MAINTAIN

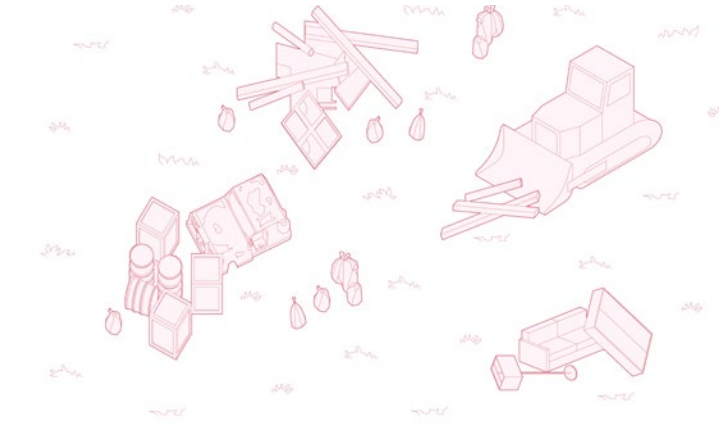


DEBRISIA, FREE LOTS ANGELES (FLA), AND CITY COUNCIL MEET TO IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL LOTS FOR ACTIVATION

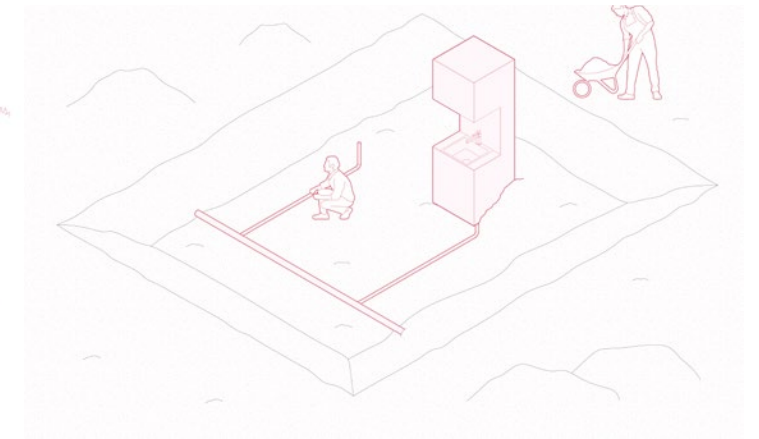


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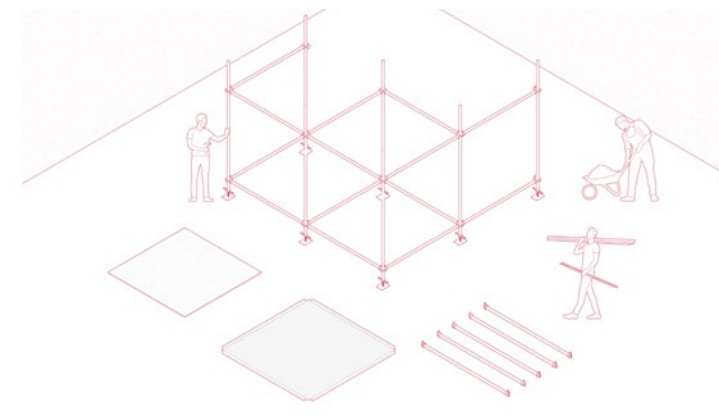
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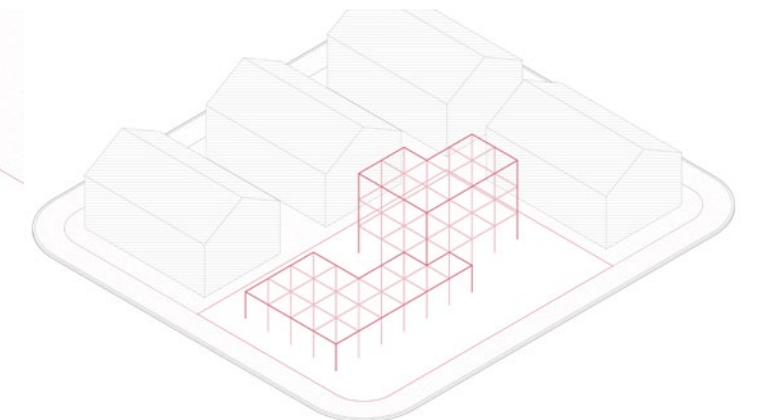
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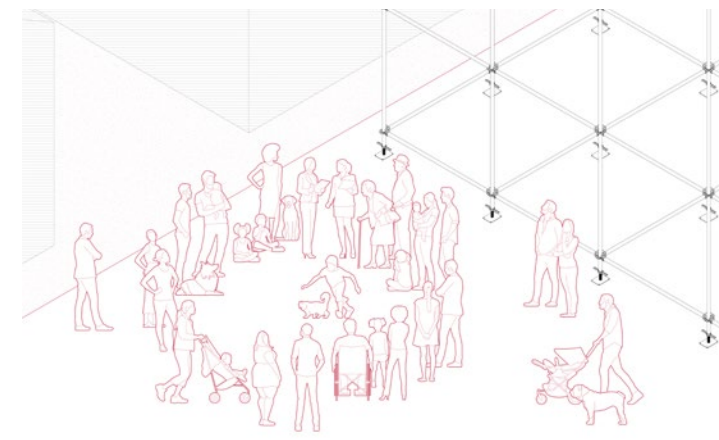
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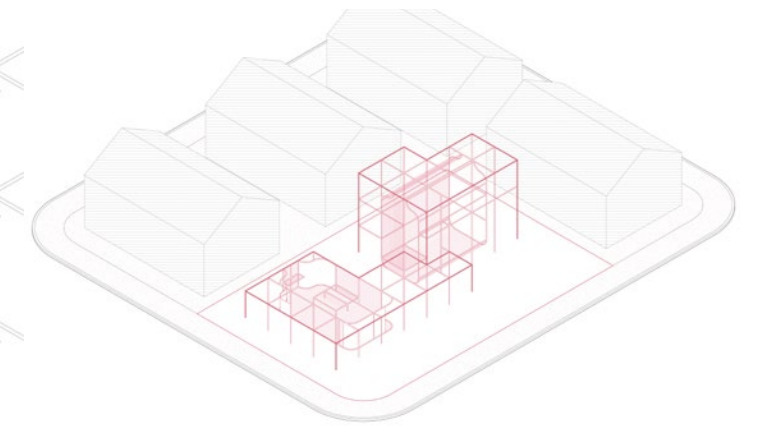
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6. INITIAL SCAFFOLDING FRAMEWORK



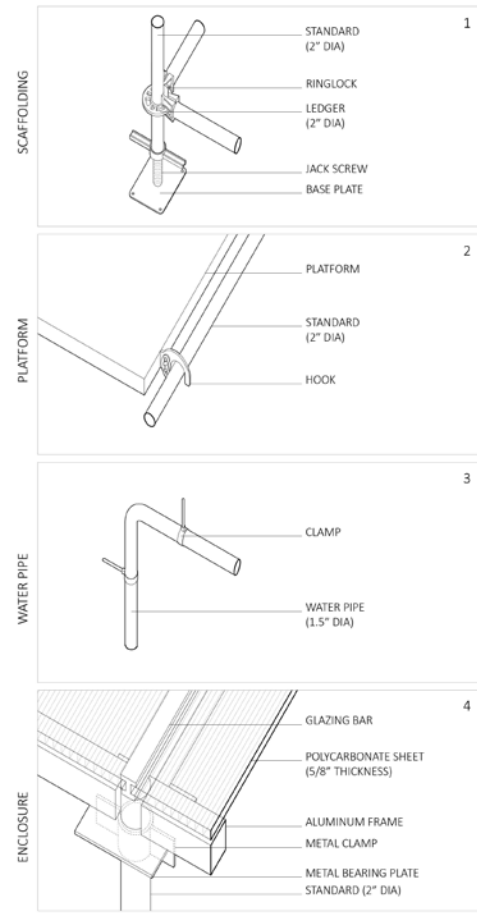
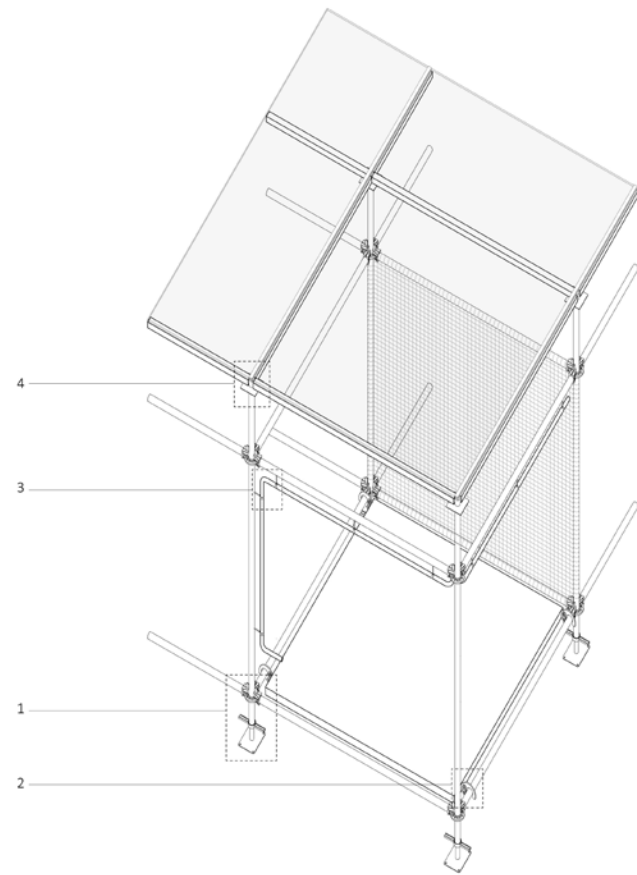
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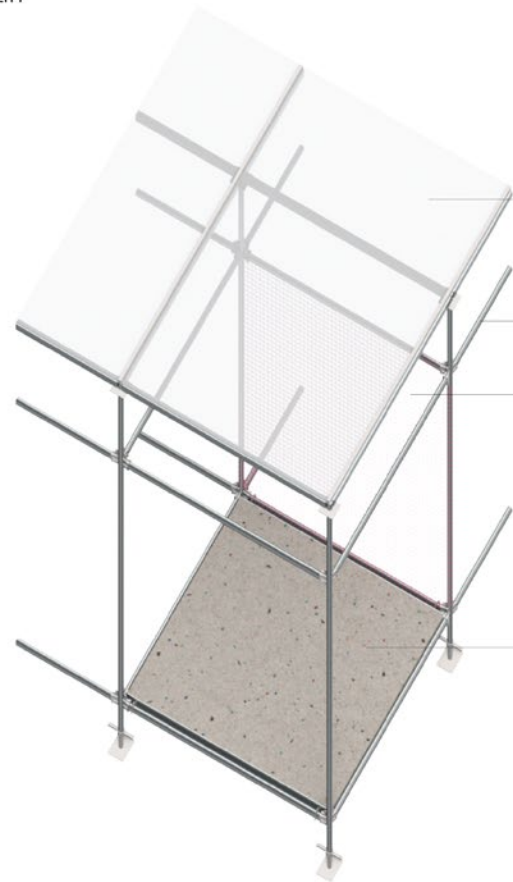
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# STRUCTURES AND MATERIALITY

## FRAMEWORK STRUCTURE



## MATERIALITY

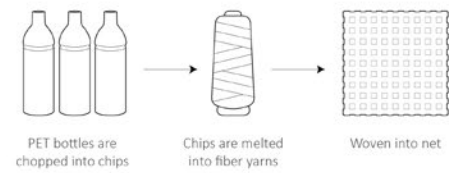


POLYCARBONATE SHEET

STEEL SCAFFOLDING STRUCTURES

### RPET NET

The net is made from recycled polyester that each foot is made from 3 plastic bottles.



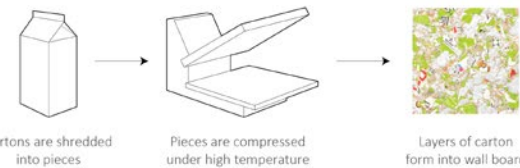
PET bottles are chopped into chips

Chips are melted into fiber yarns

Woven into net

### RECYCLED BEVERAGE CARTONS

ReWall® NakedBoard is made of recycled cartons which is durable and moisture resistant.

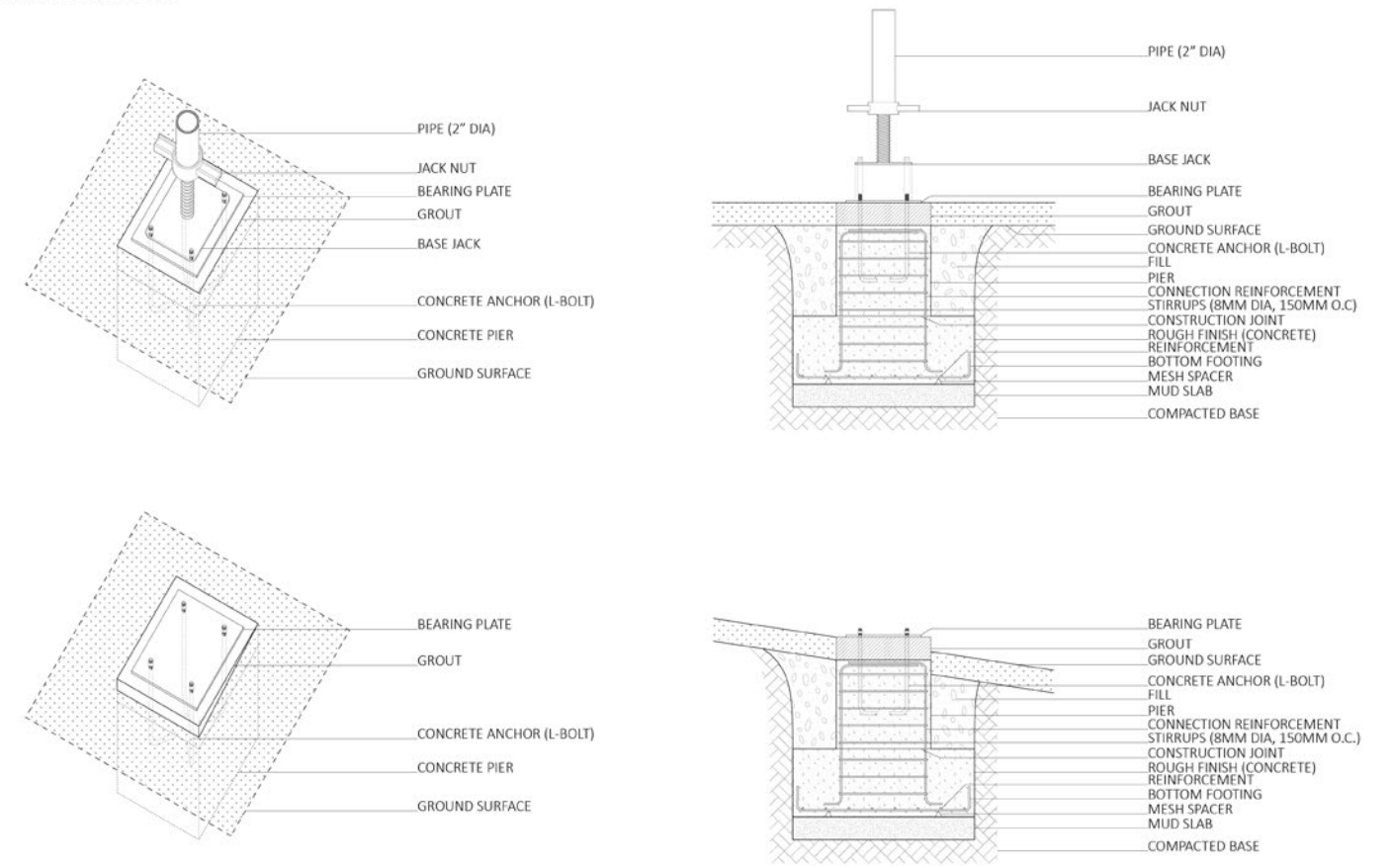


Cartons are shredded into pieces

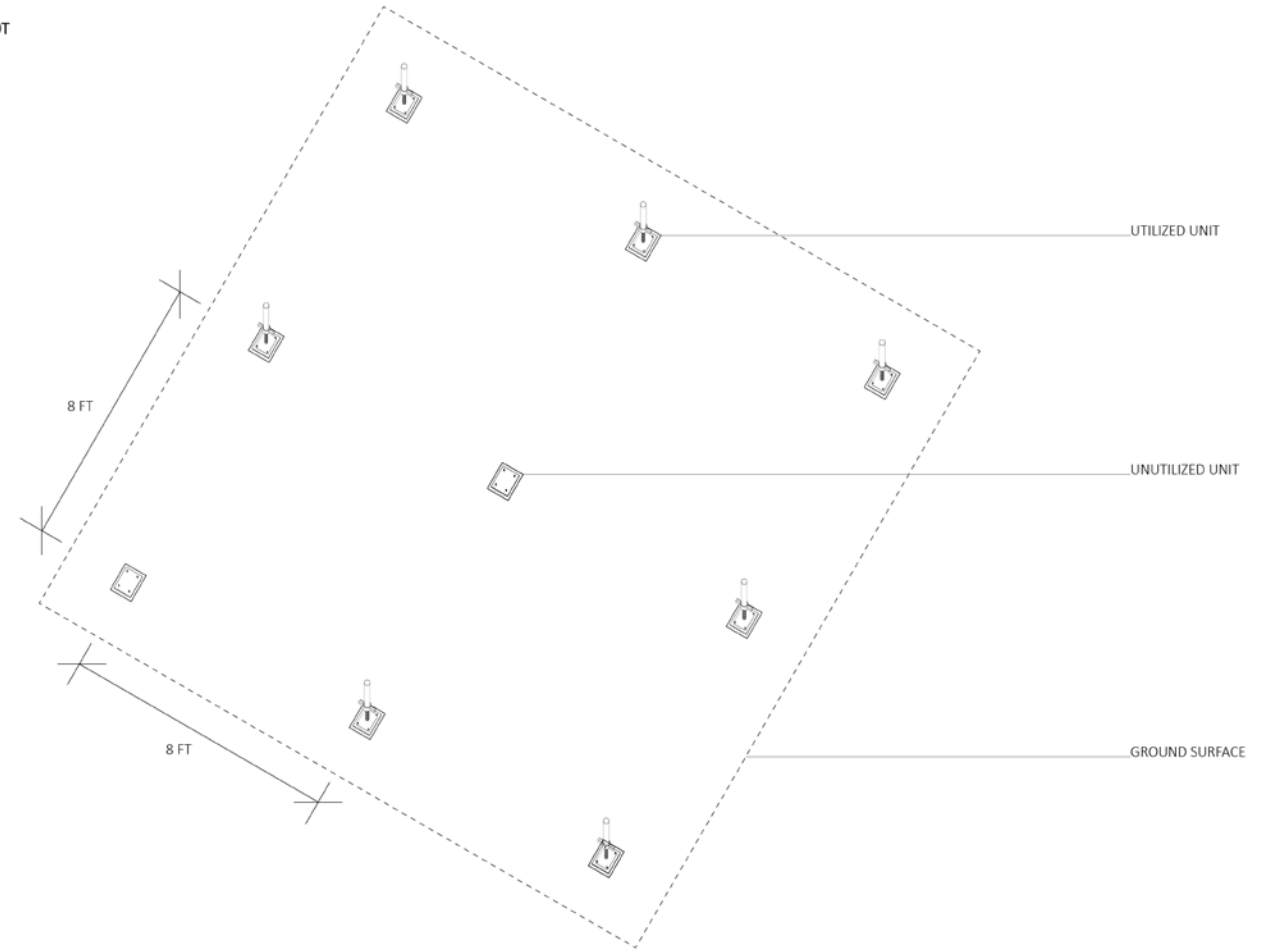
Pieces are compressed under high temperature

Layers of carton form into wall board

## STRUCTURE FOUNDATION



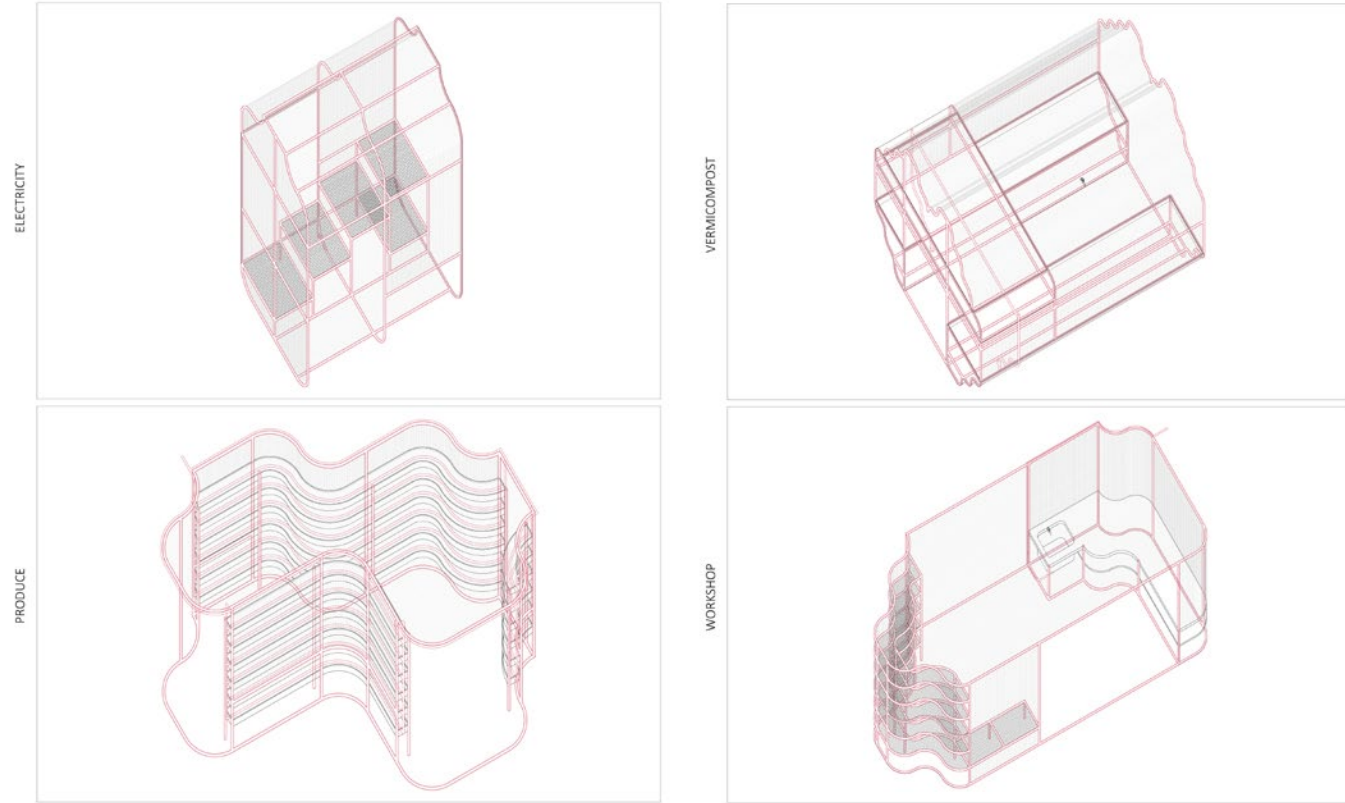
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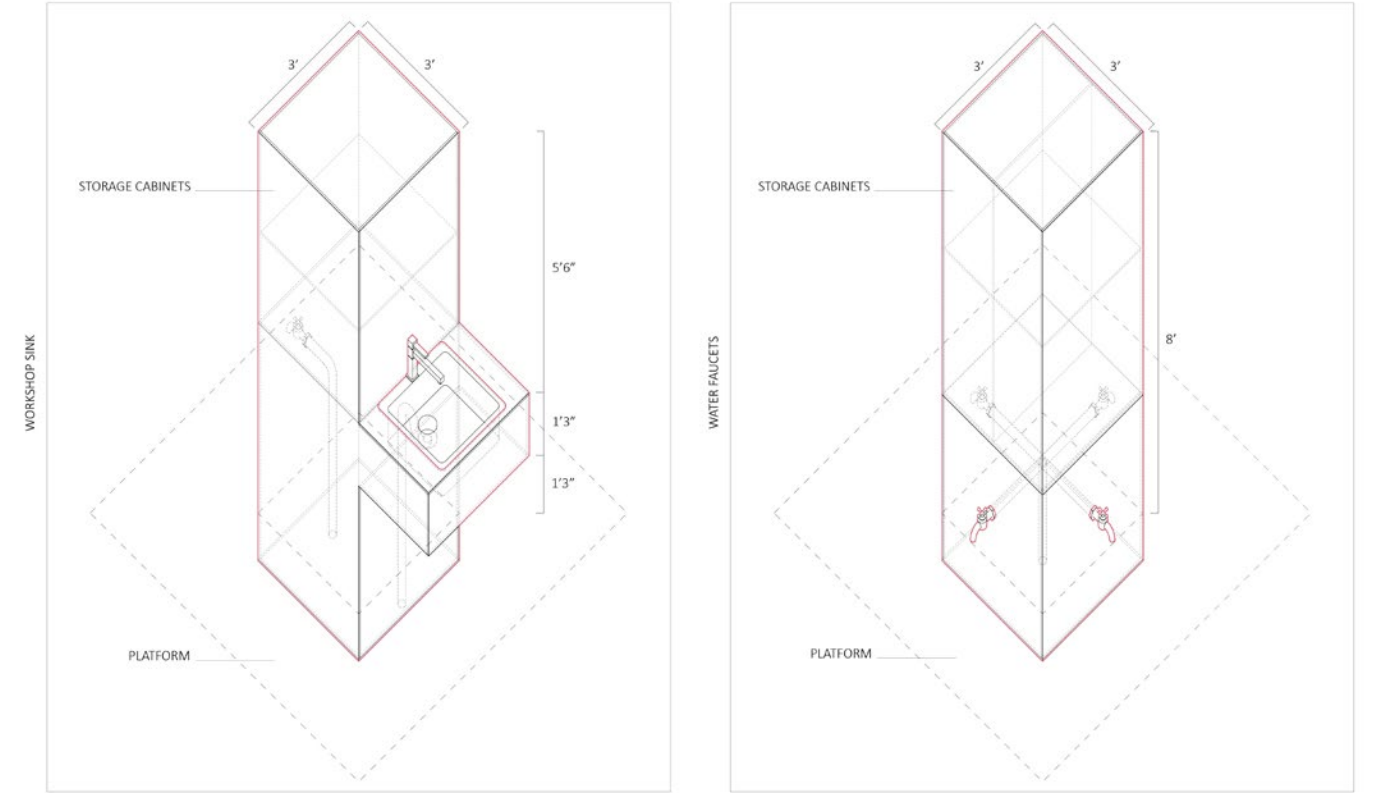


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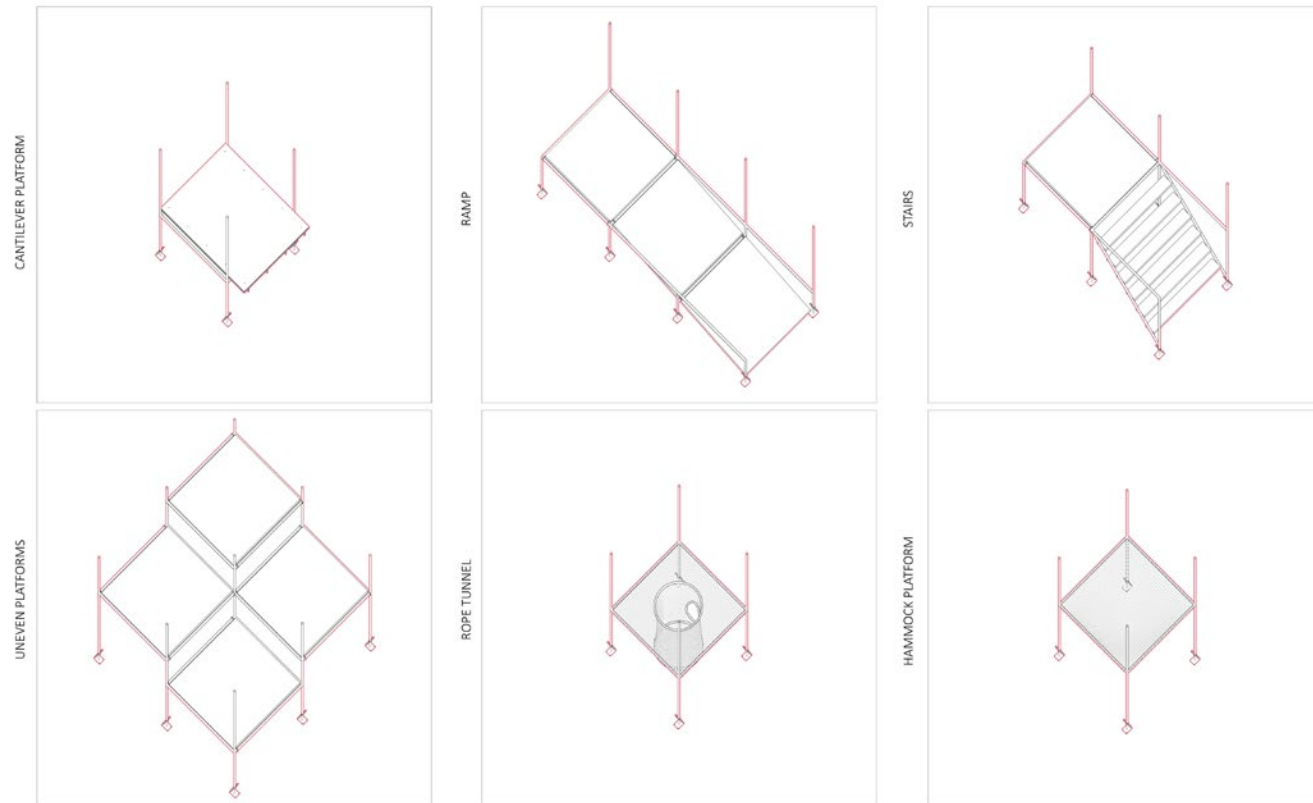
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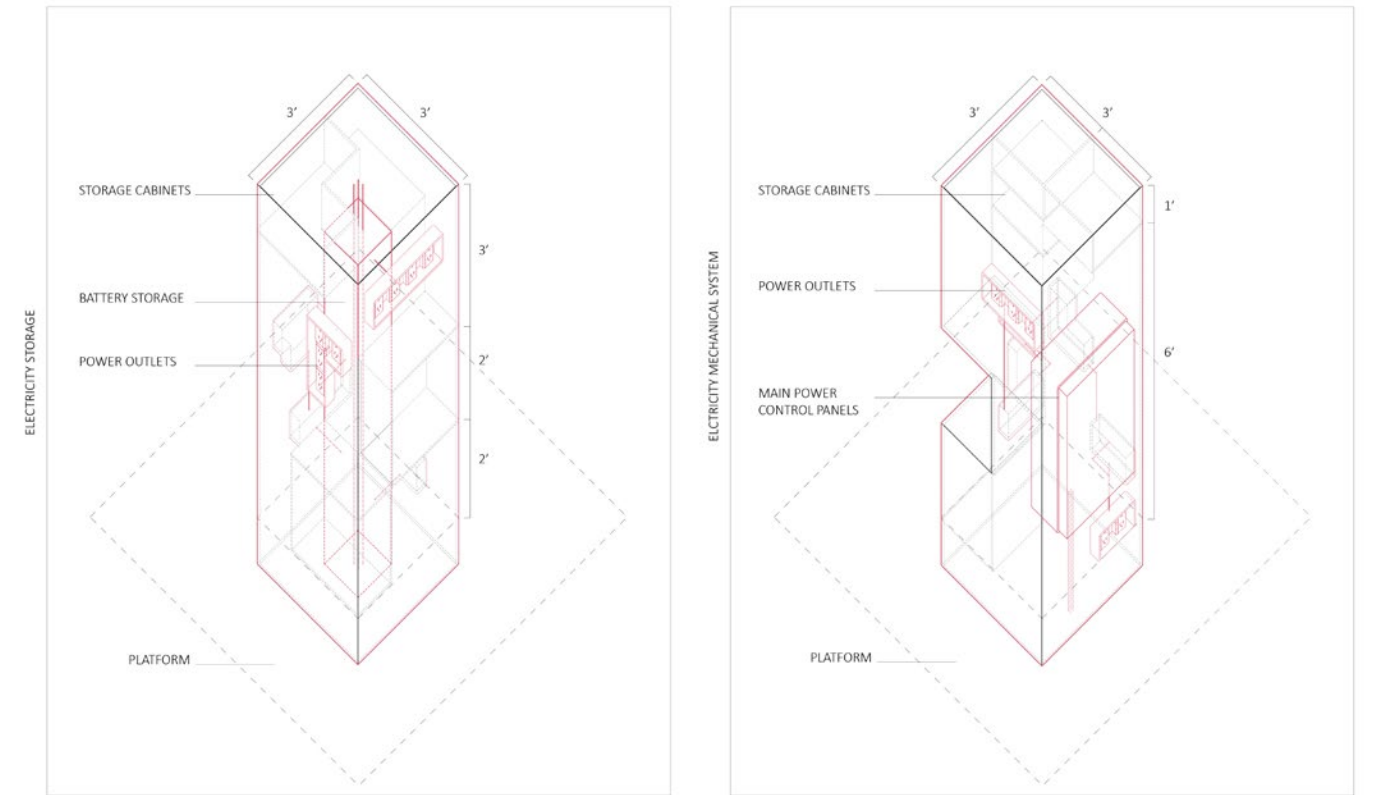
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## GROUND CONDITIONS

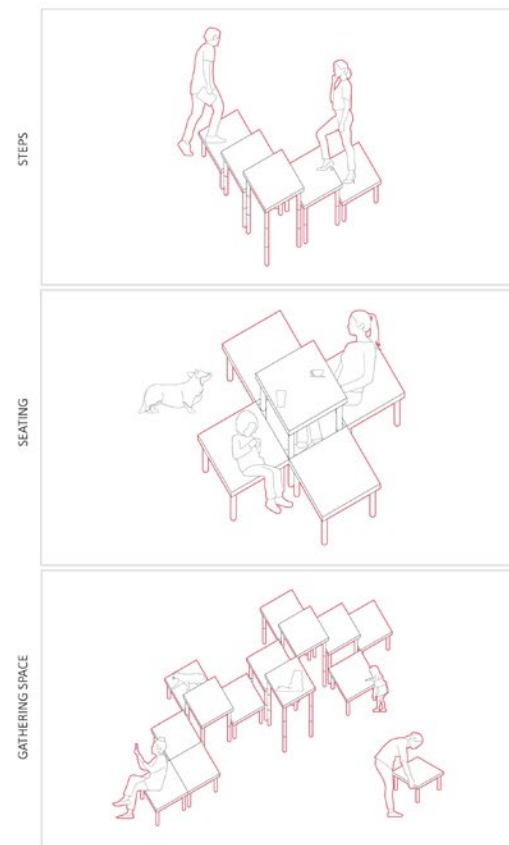
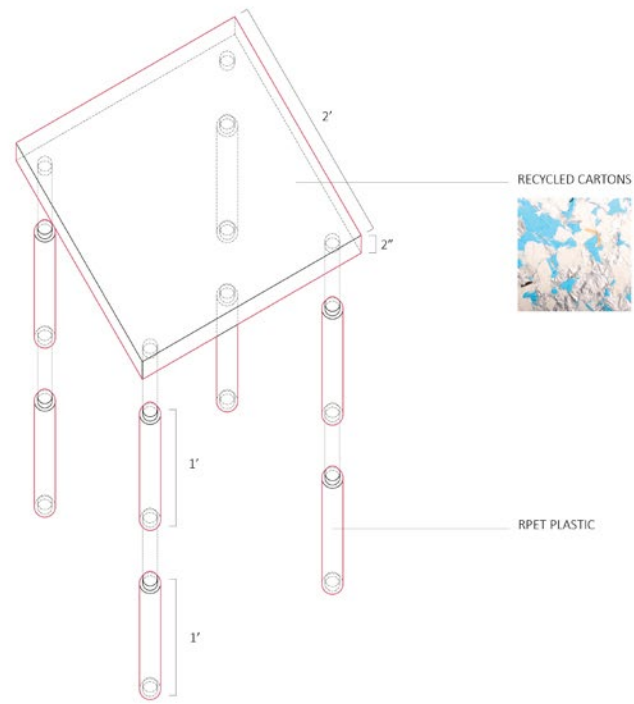


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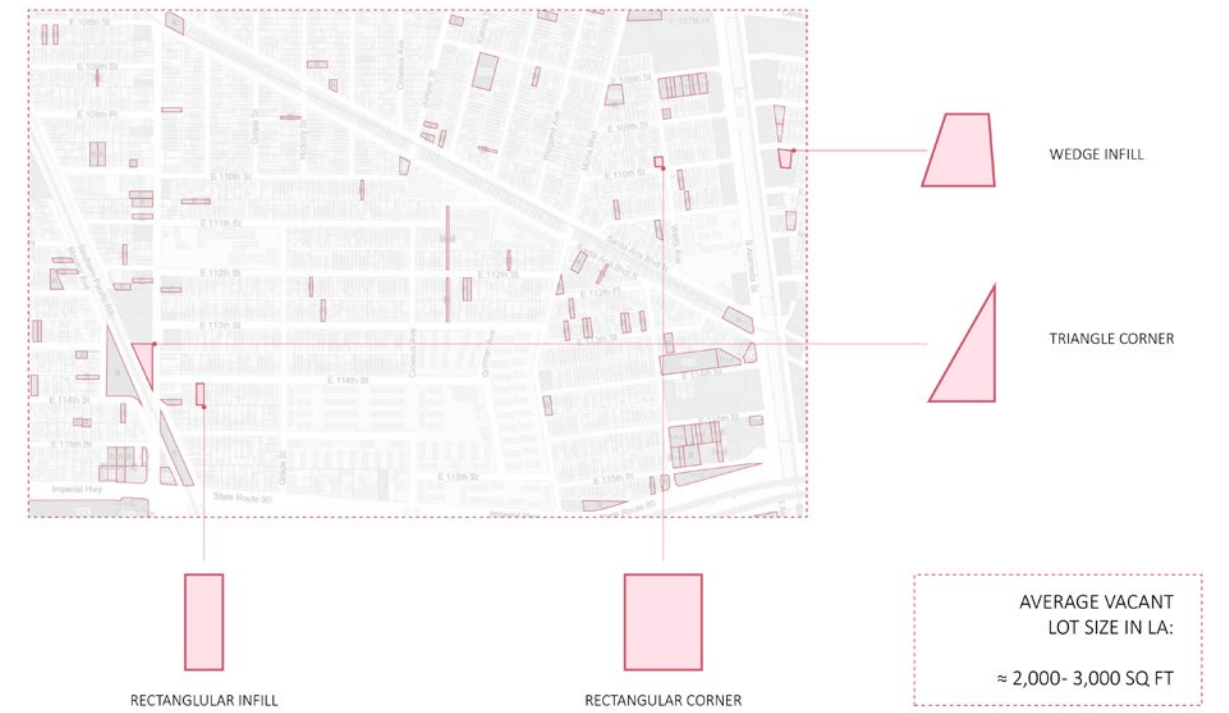


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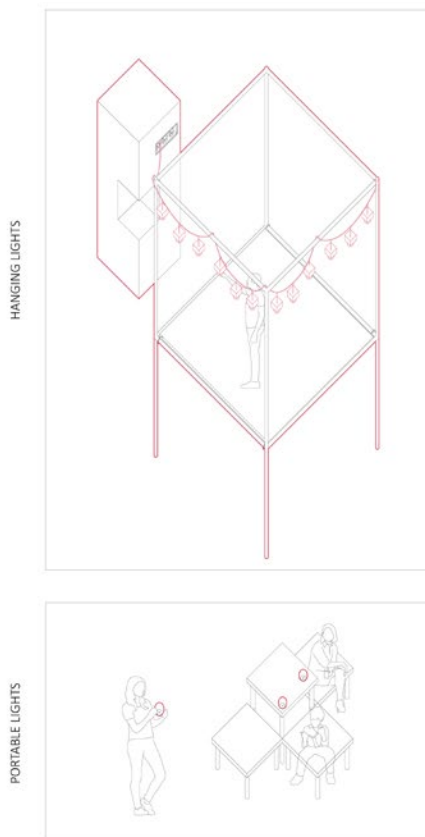
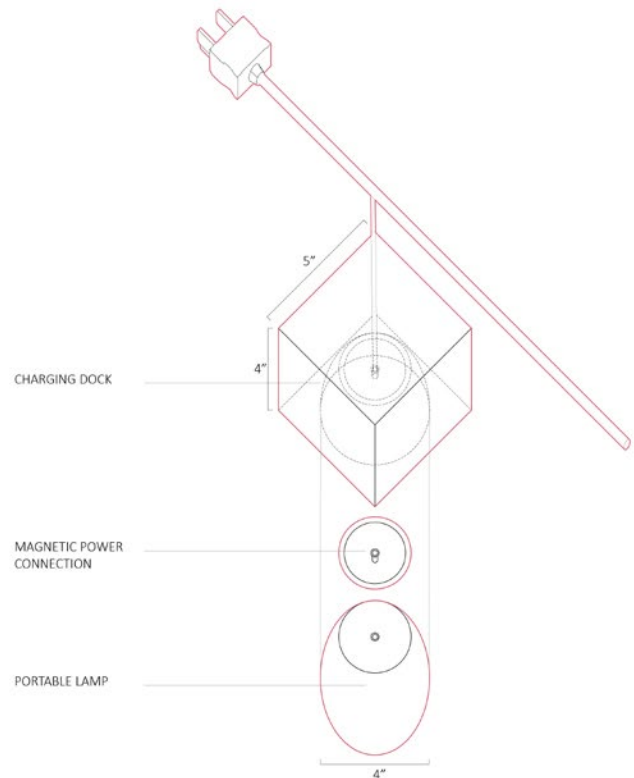
## MULTIPURPOSE PLATFORMS



## TYPICAL VACANT LOT SHAPES FOR LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD



## MULTIPURPOSE LIGHTING



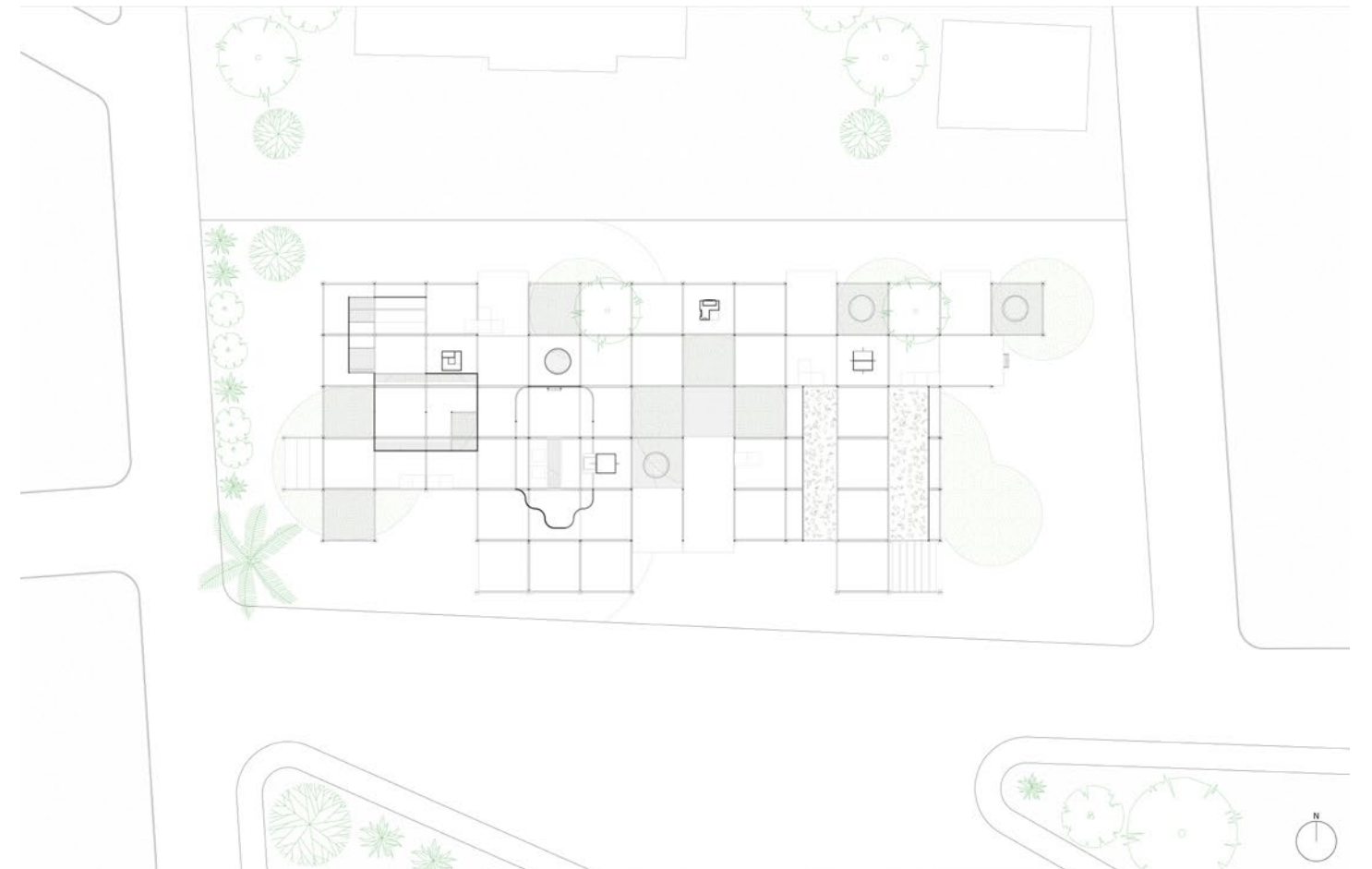
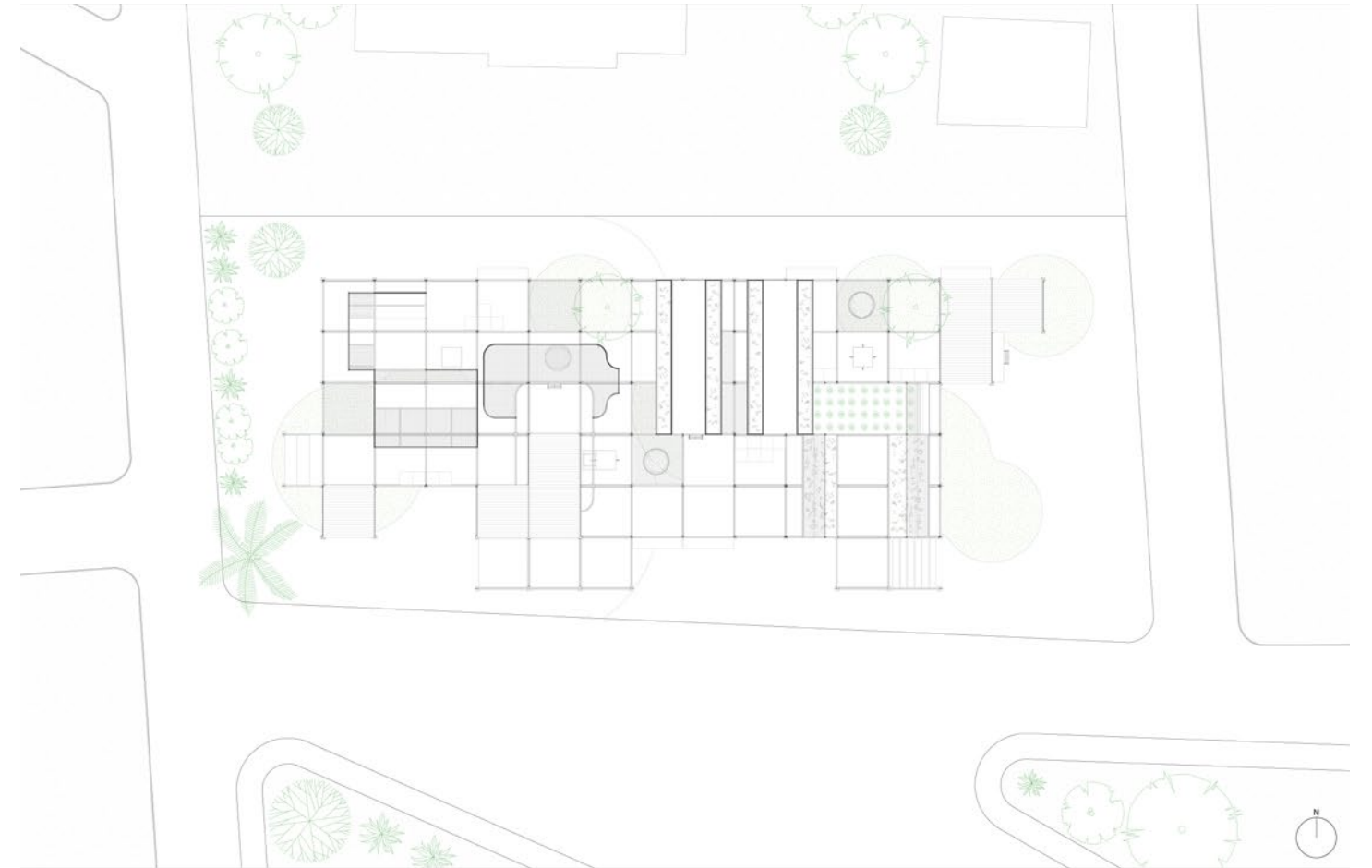


# SITE SPECIFIC DESIGN

POSSIBLE SITE IN LOS ANGELES

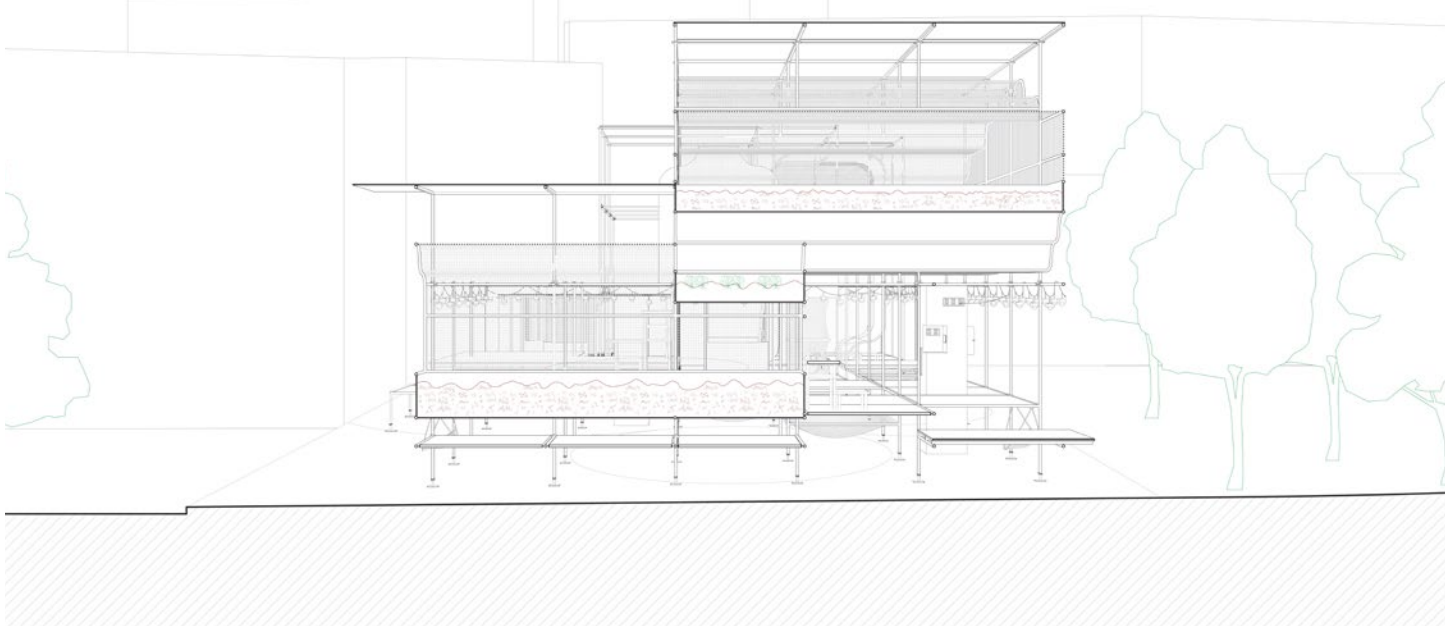
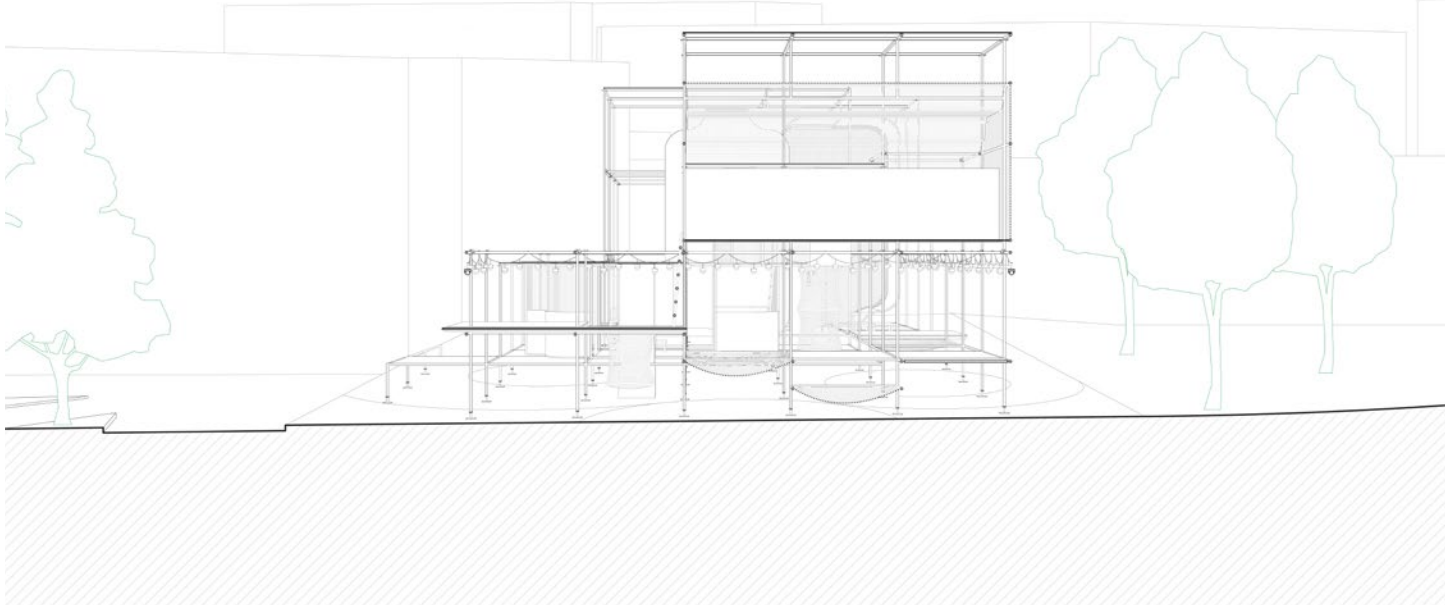
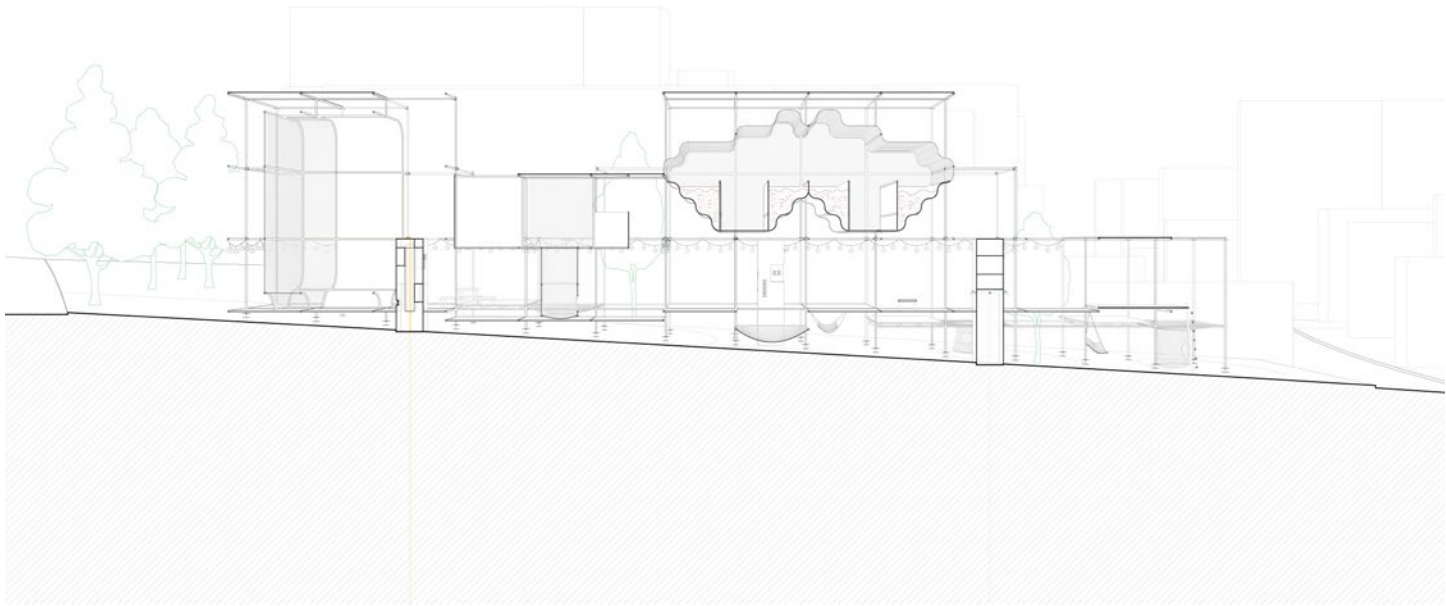


BELMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES



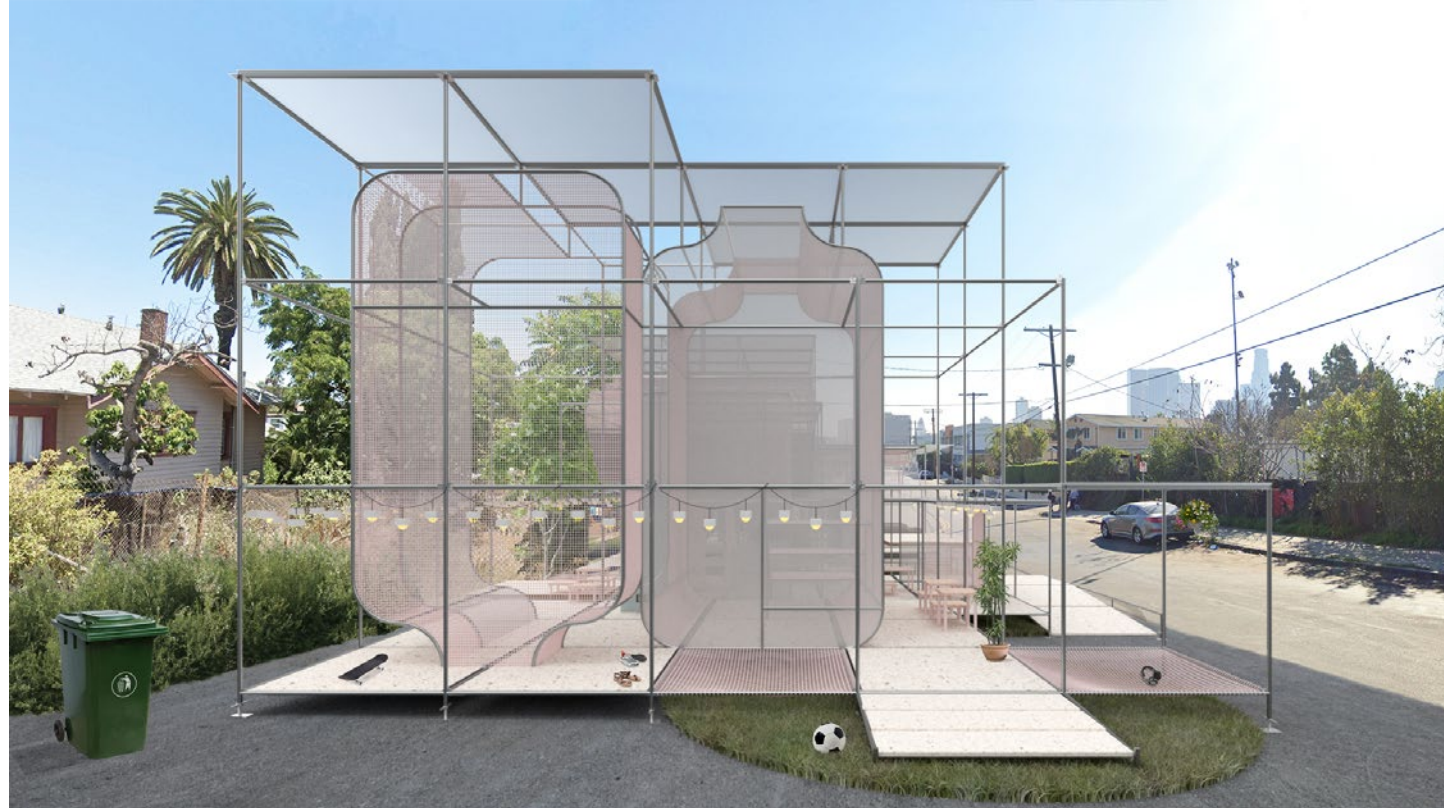


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