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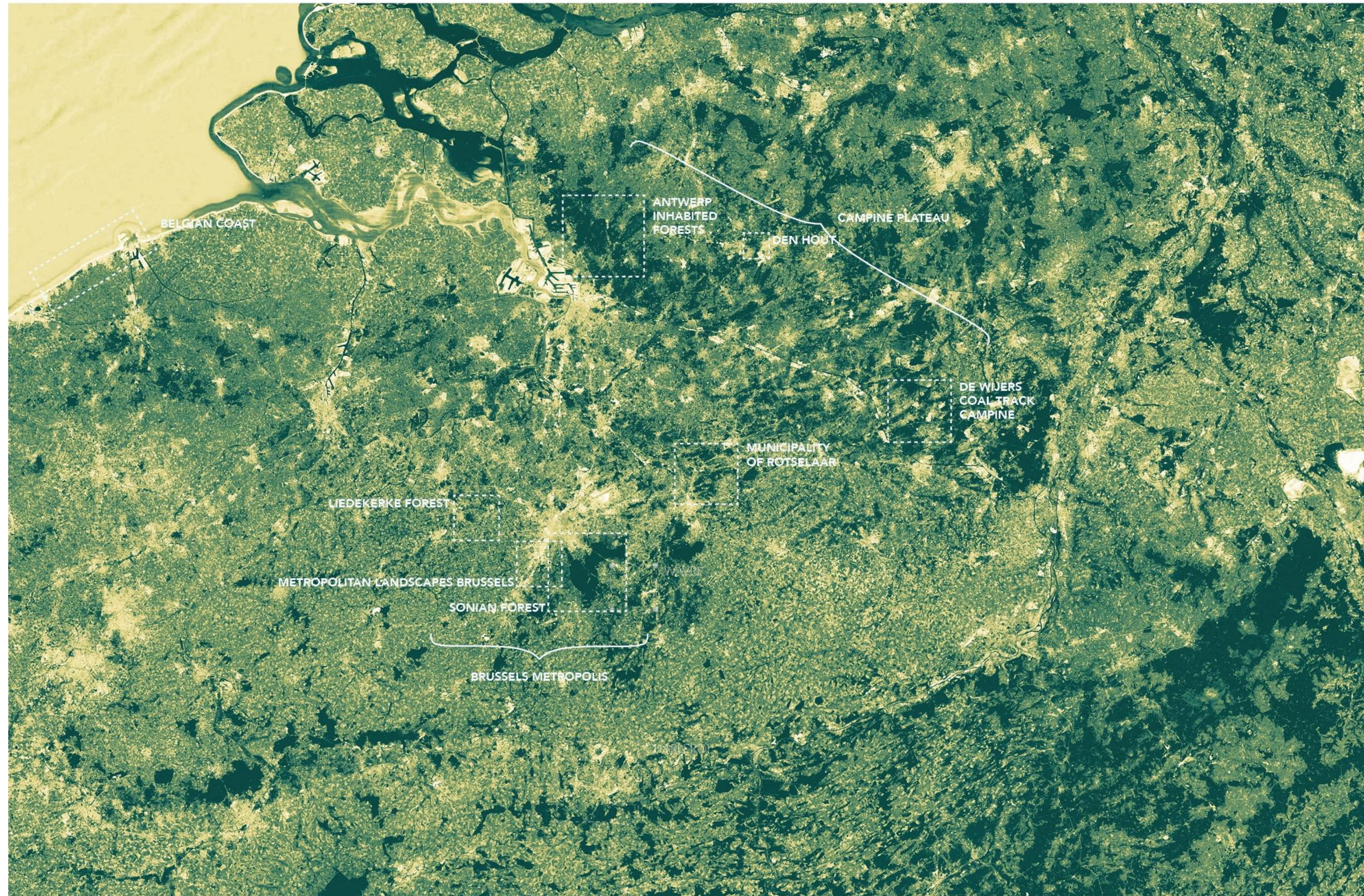
Forest Urbanism in the Campine region, Belgium

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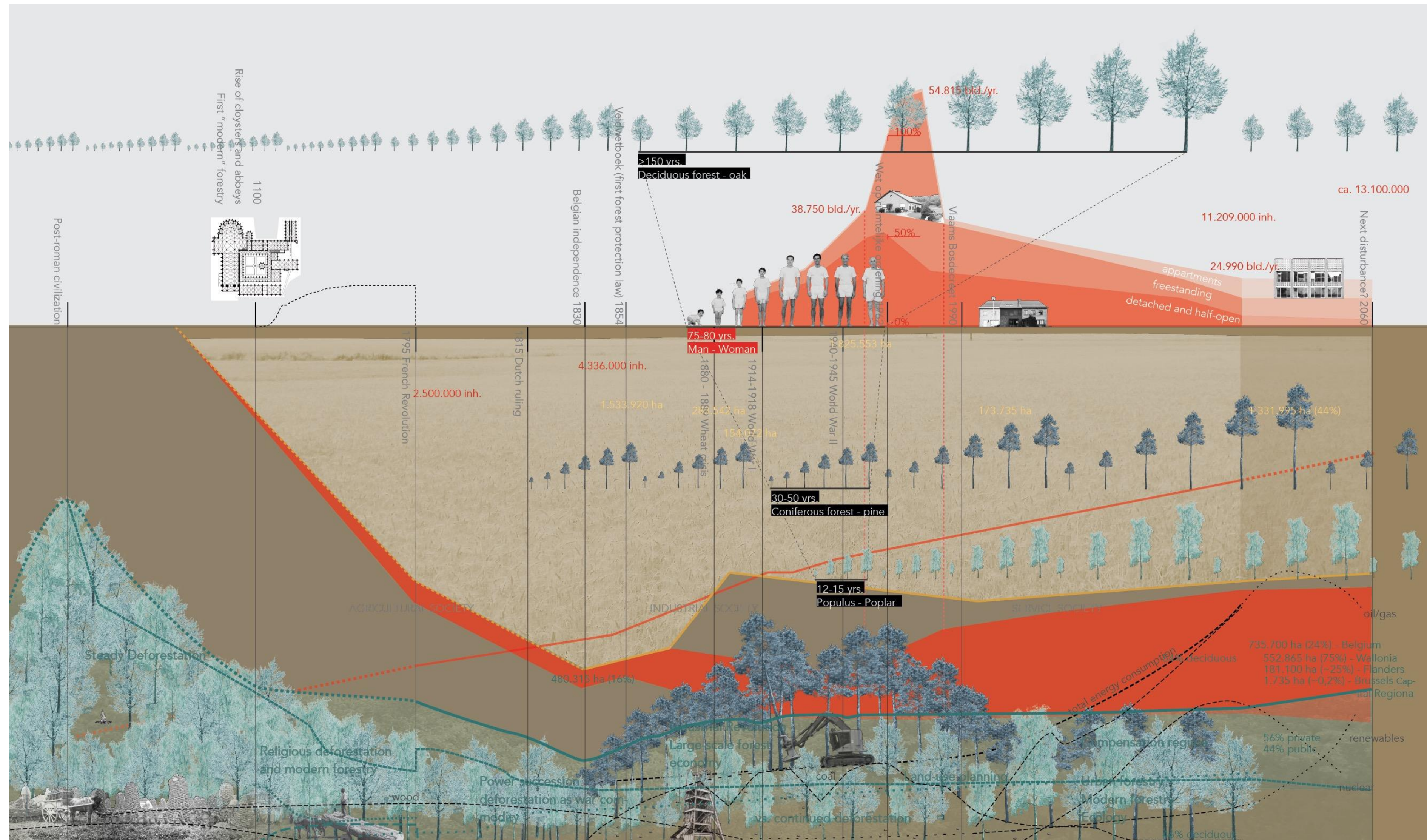
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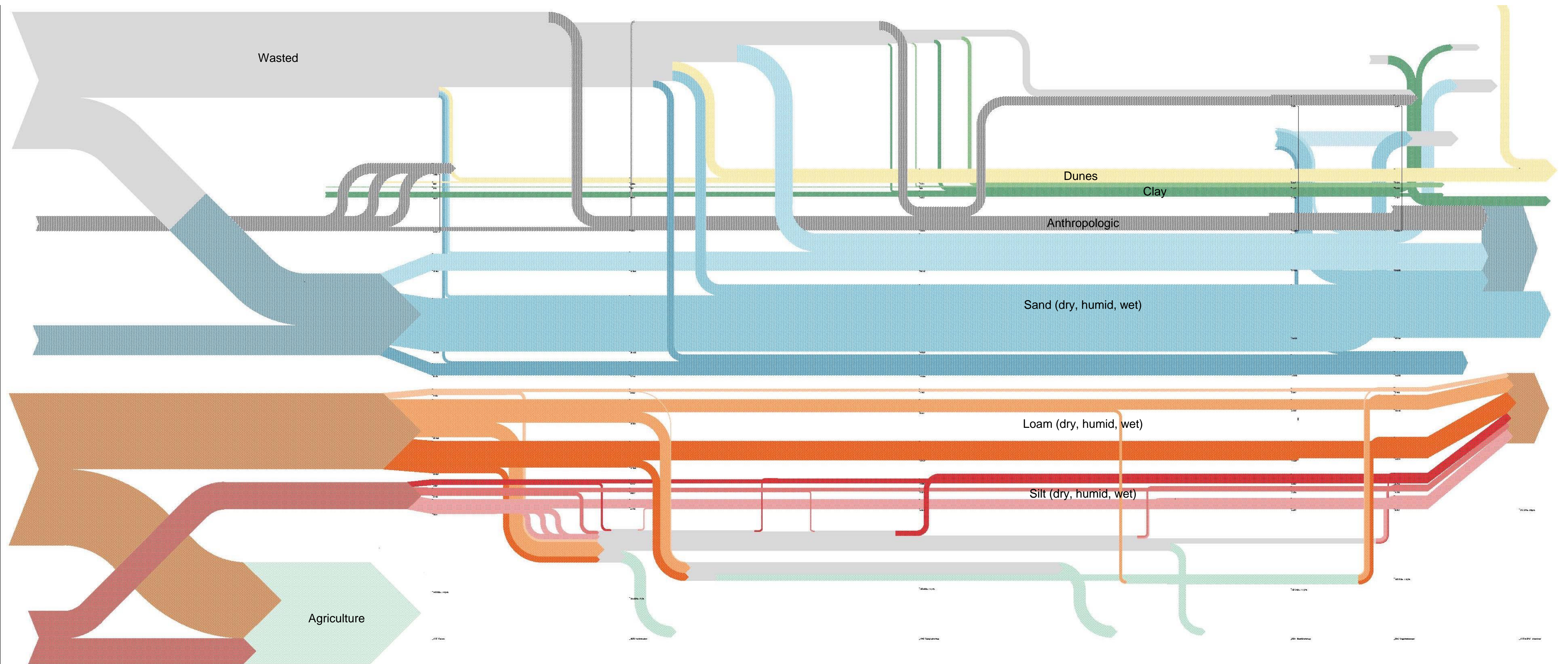
Forest urbanism in Flanders, Belgium / 7 cases



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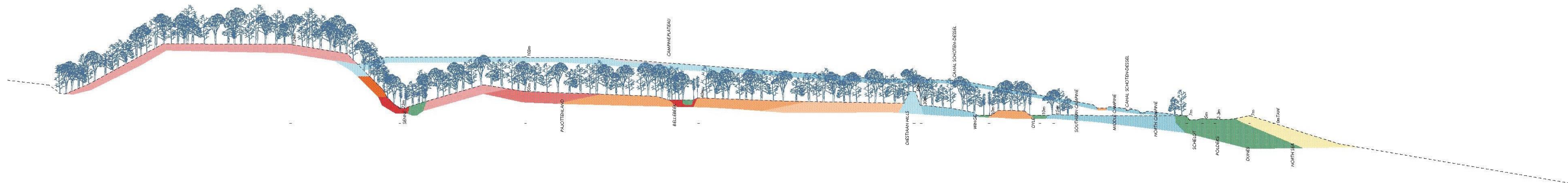
Agriculture – urban – forest “battle”



Forest evolution in Flanders, per soil type



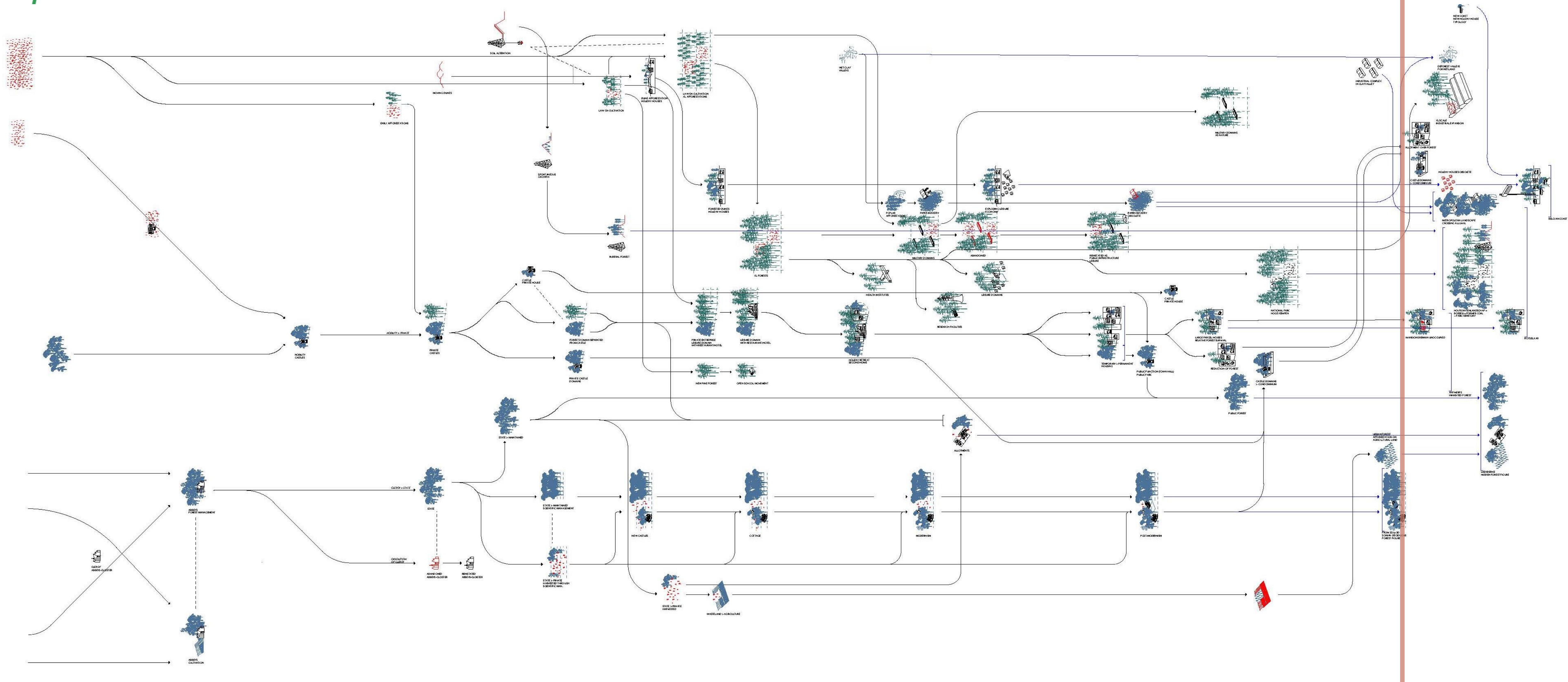
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Section over Flanders, soil



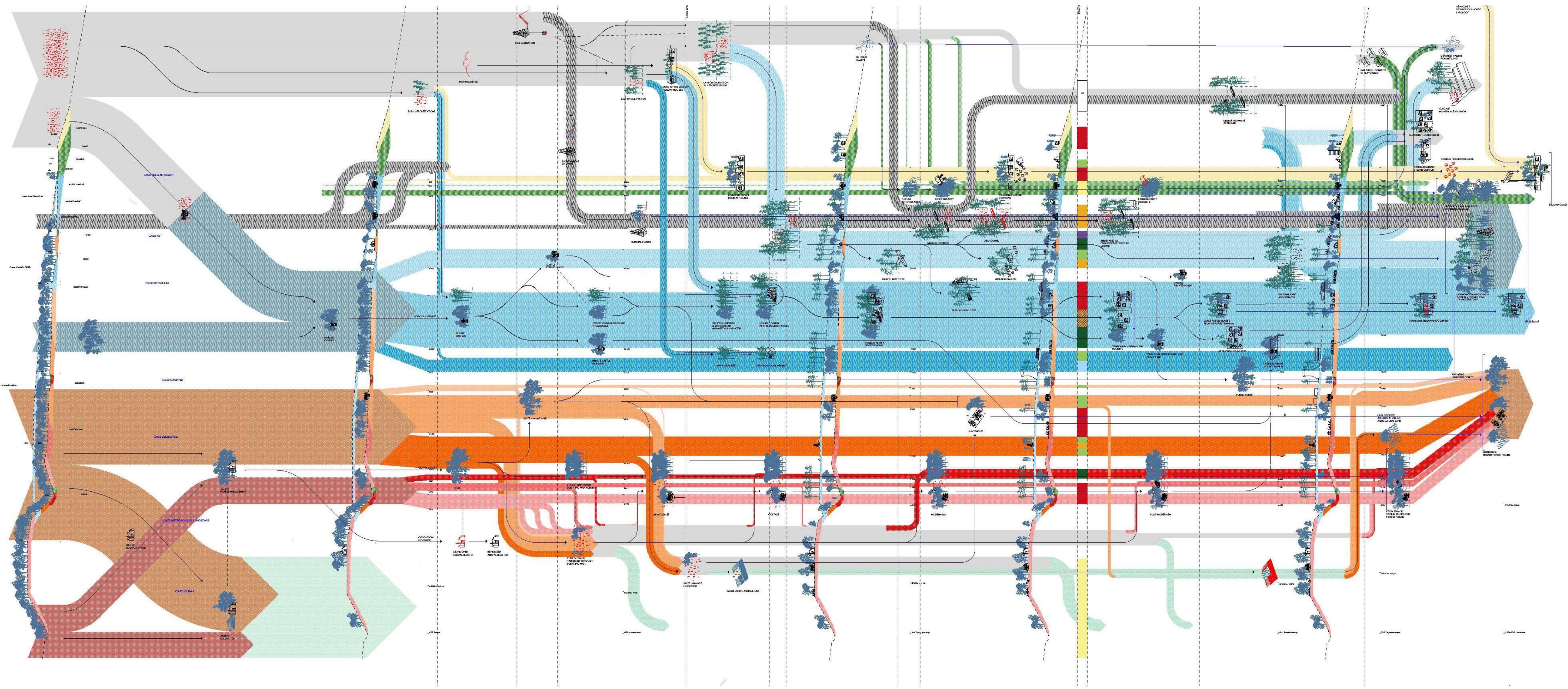
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Urban presence in relation to forest, through cases



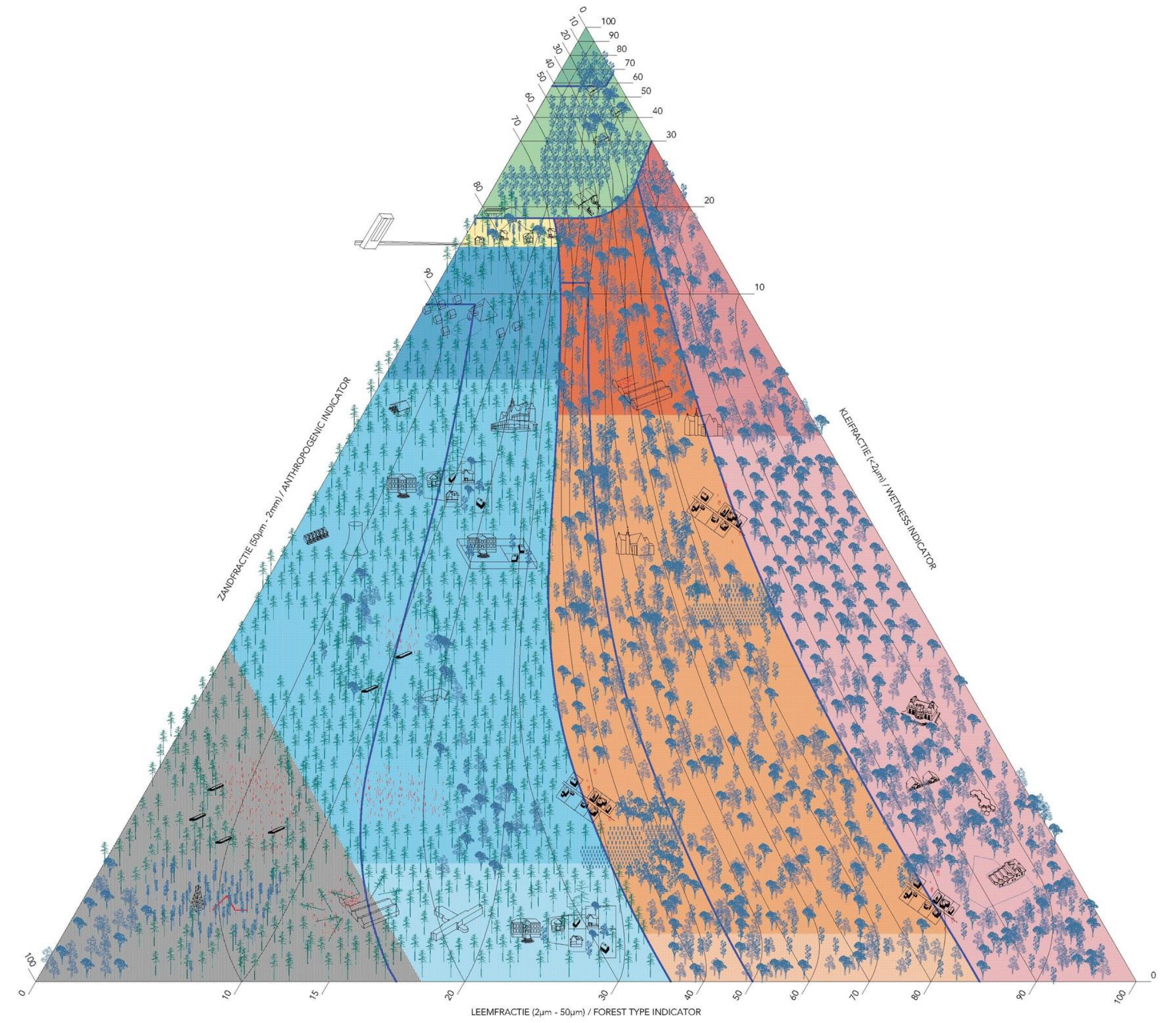
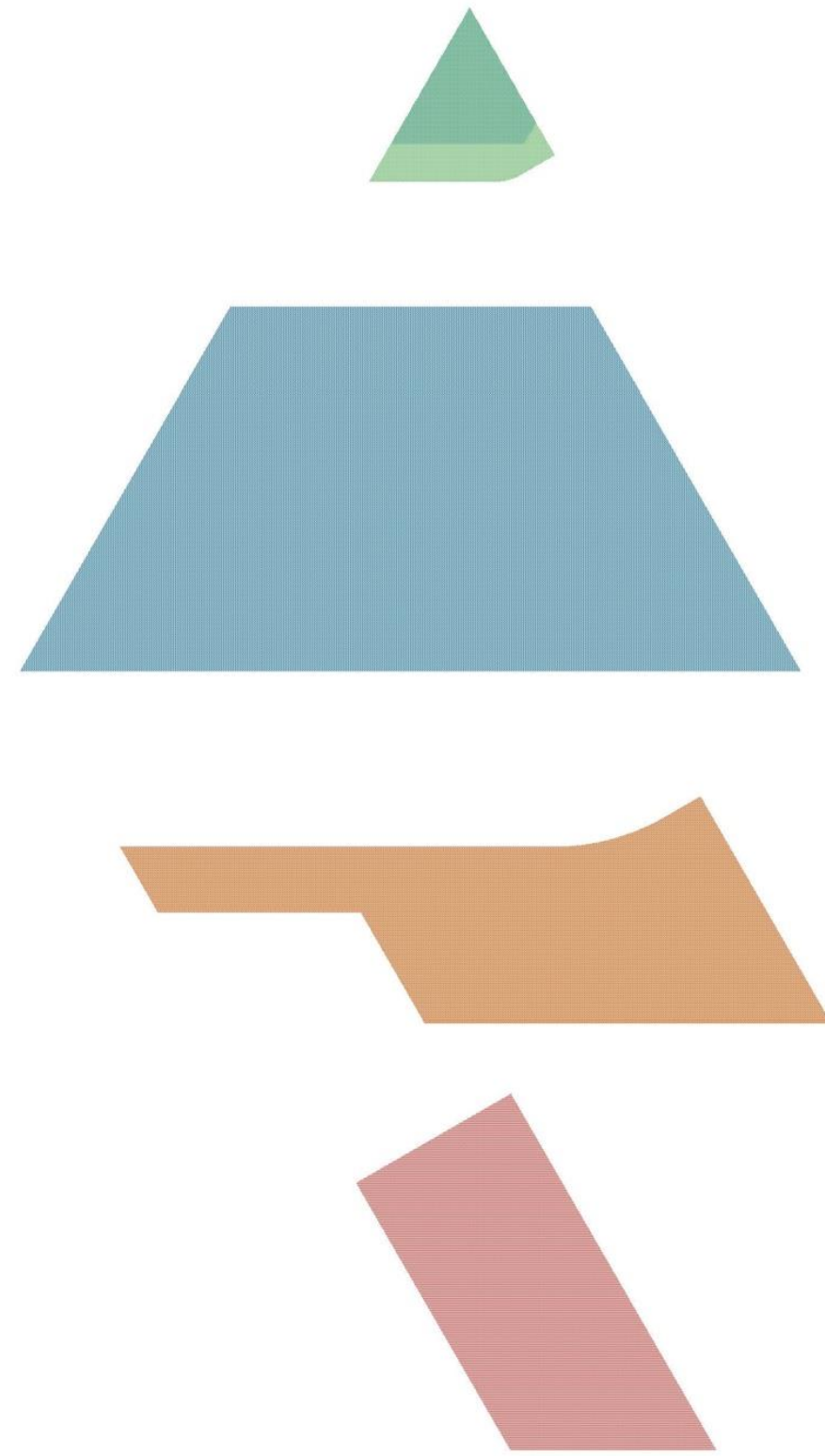
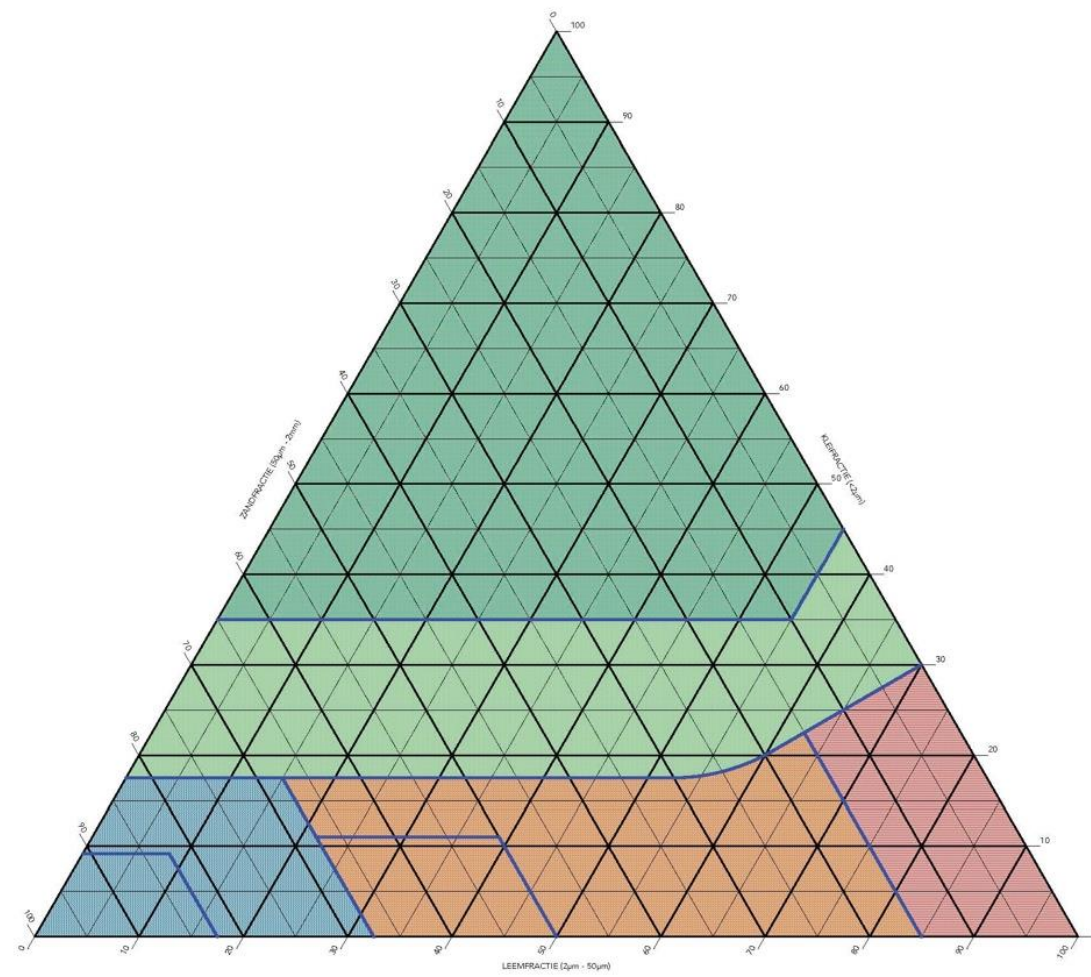
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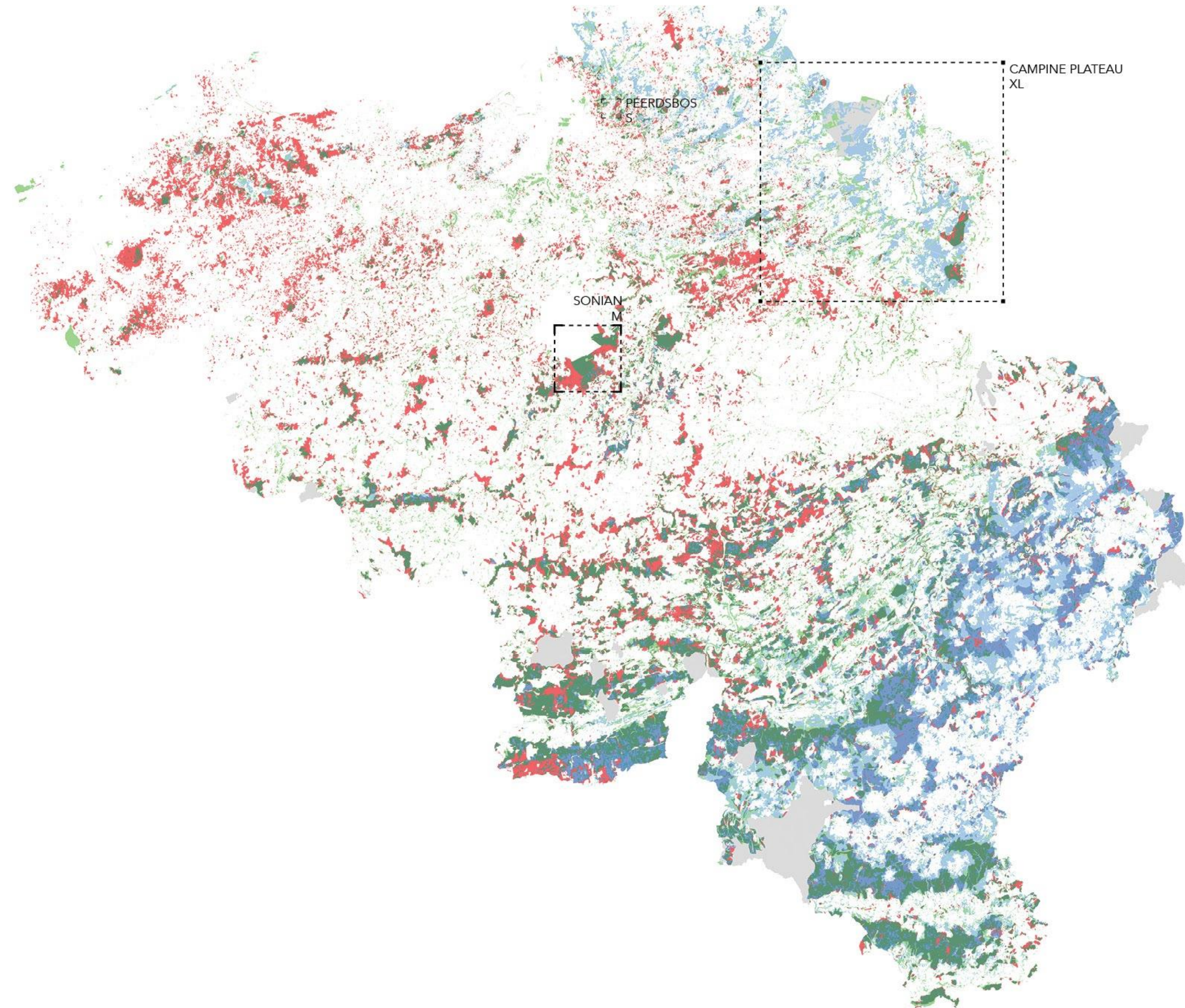


Superposition of soil evolution, forest-urban figures and section



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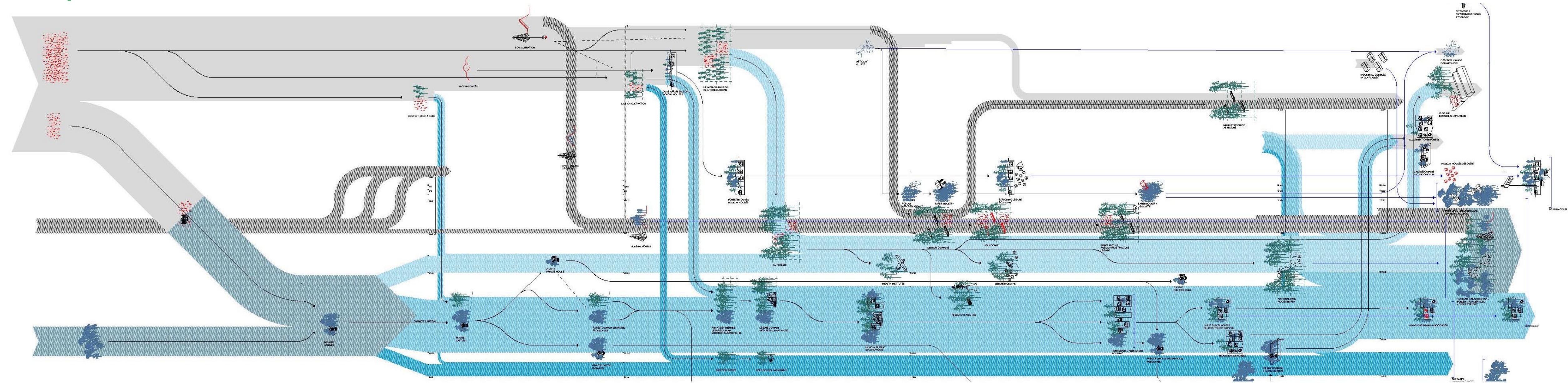




Forest change Belgium from 1775-2010, soil



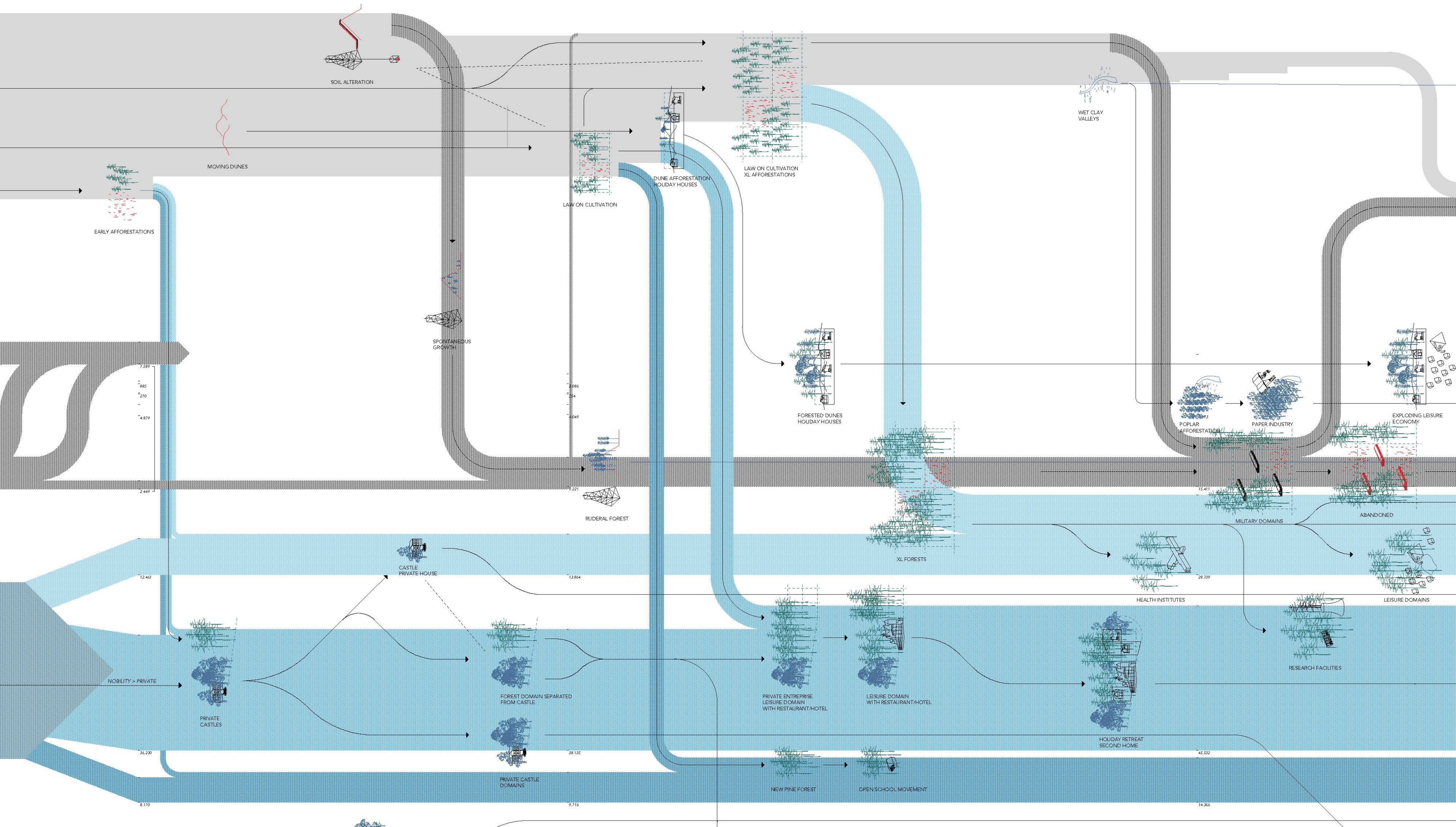
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Forest-urban evolution on sandy-anthropogenic soil

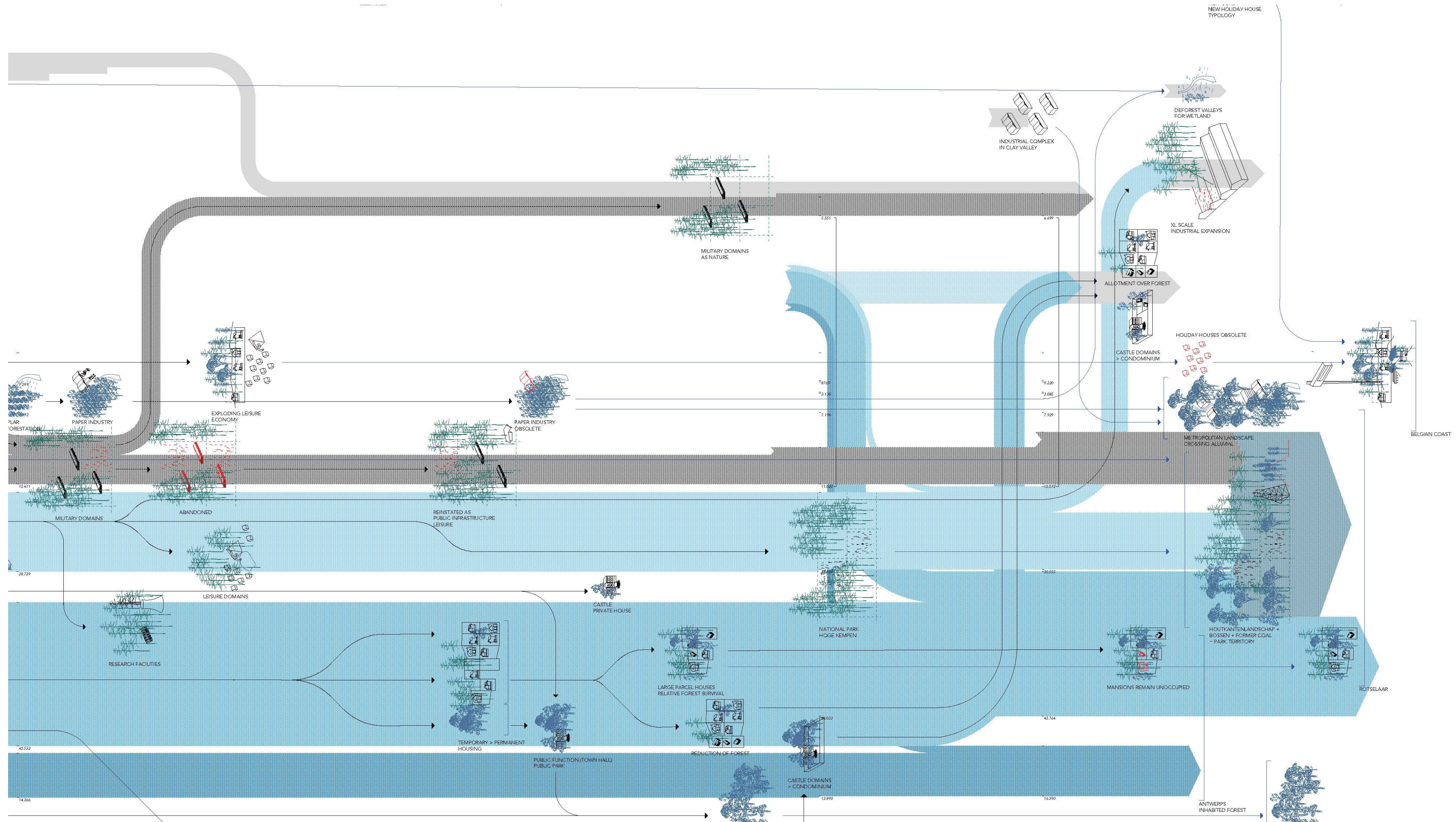


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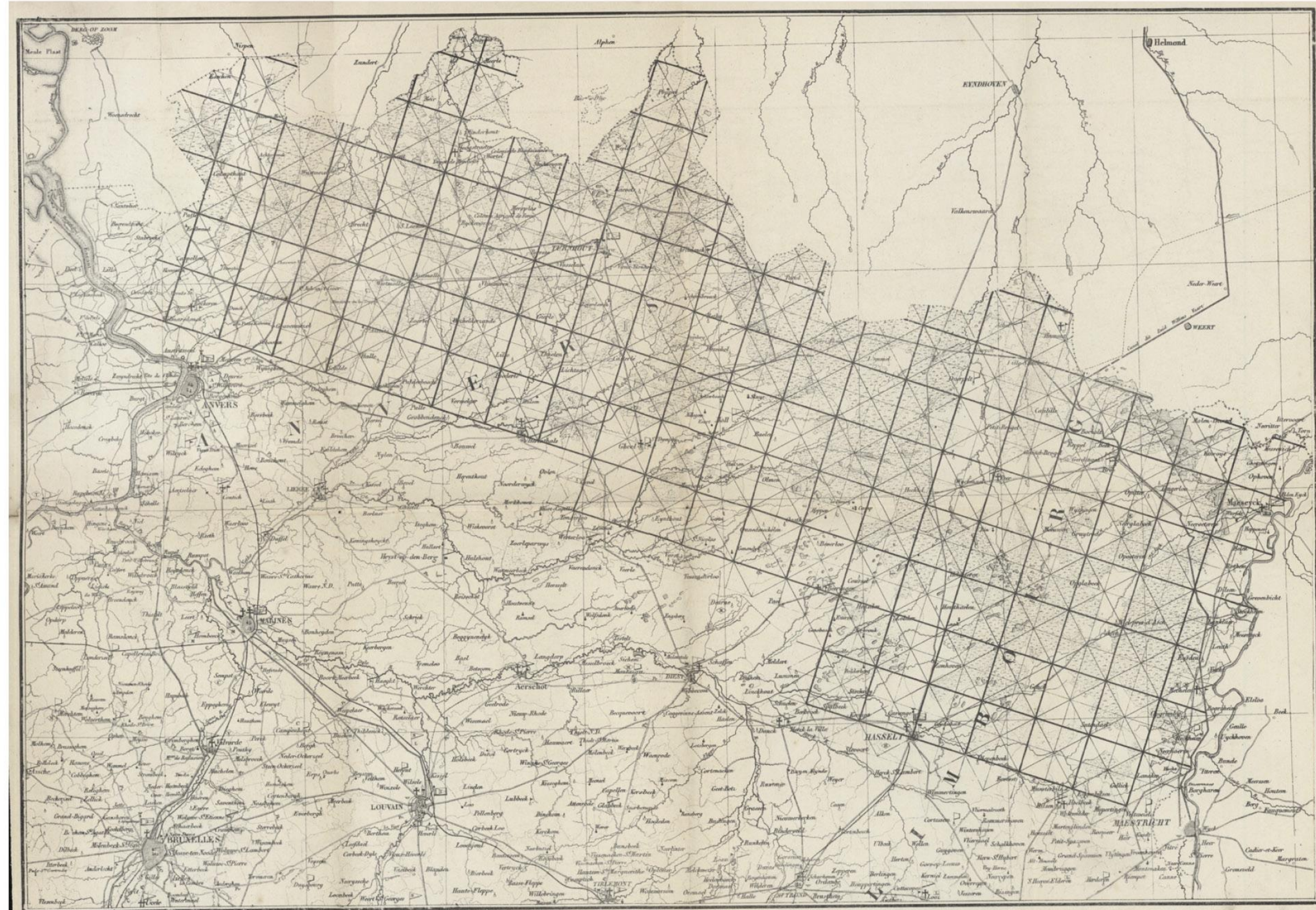


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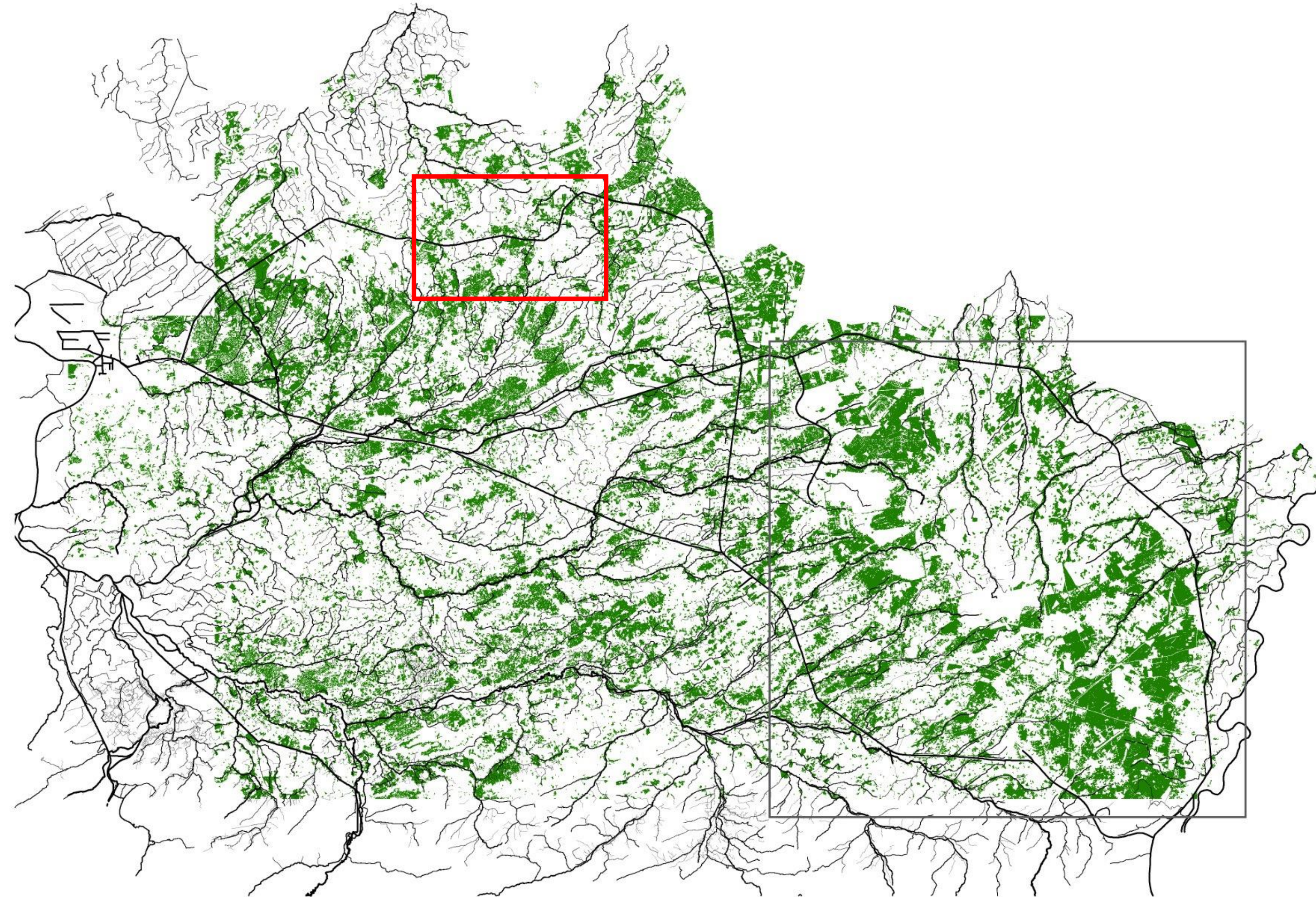
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22nd of March 1847 – Law on uncultivated lands and 1848 Schendel project: 330.000ha of uncultivated land



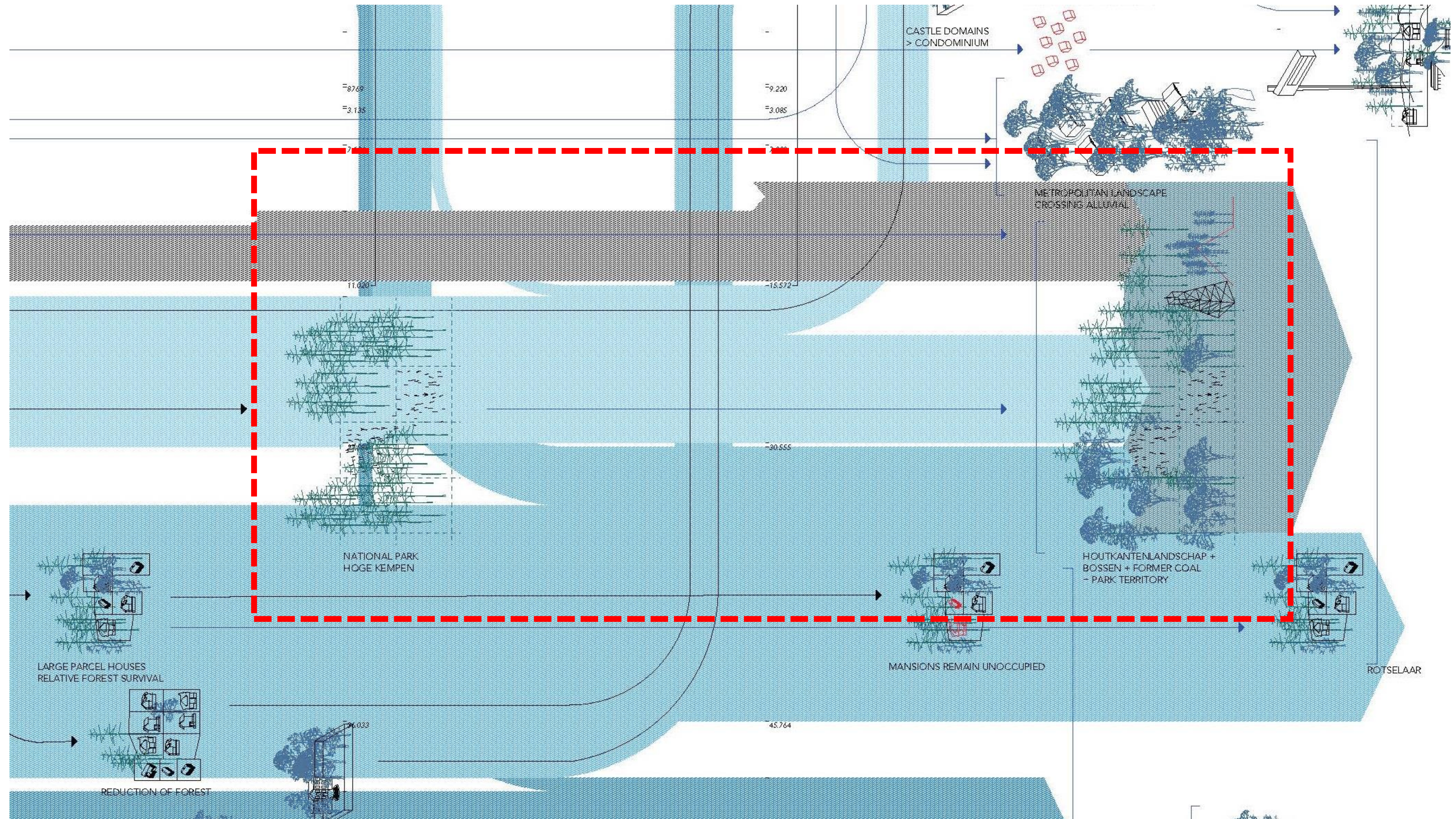
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Today: campine region forest presence



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Combining sandy soils, anthropological soil to build new, intermediate forest structure that support urban development



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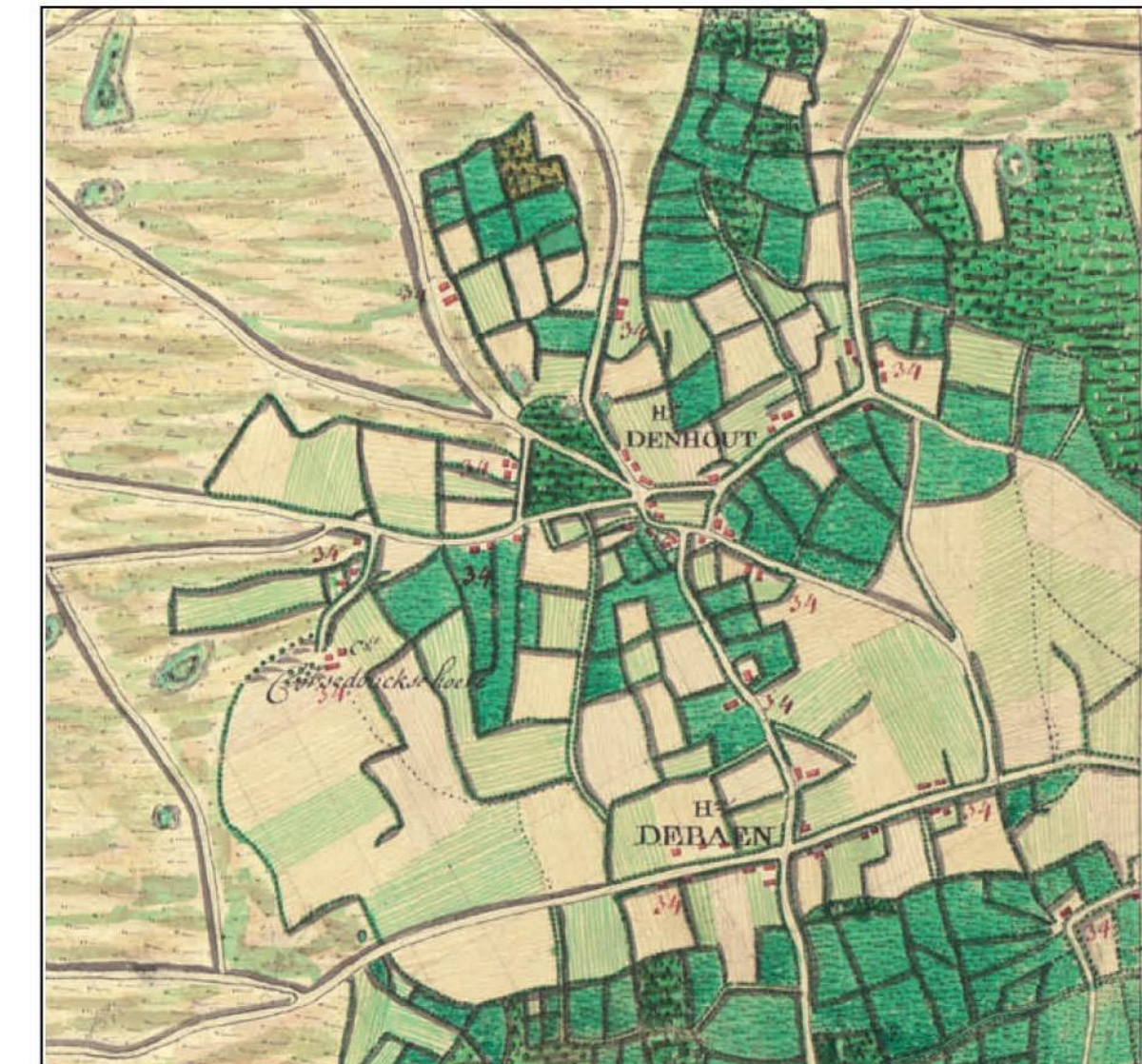
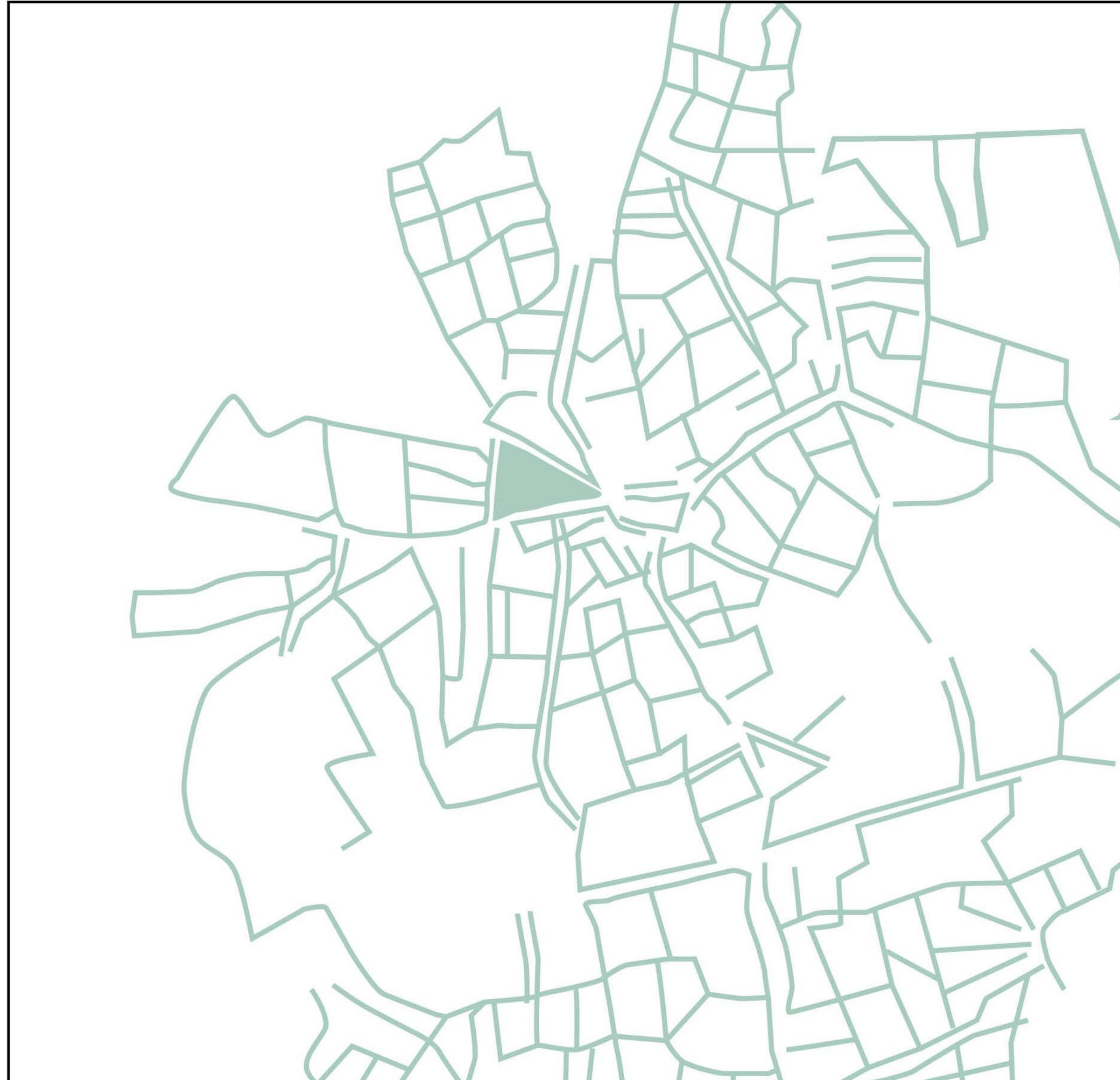
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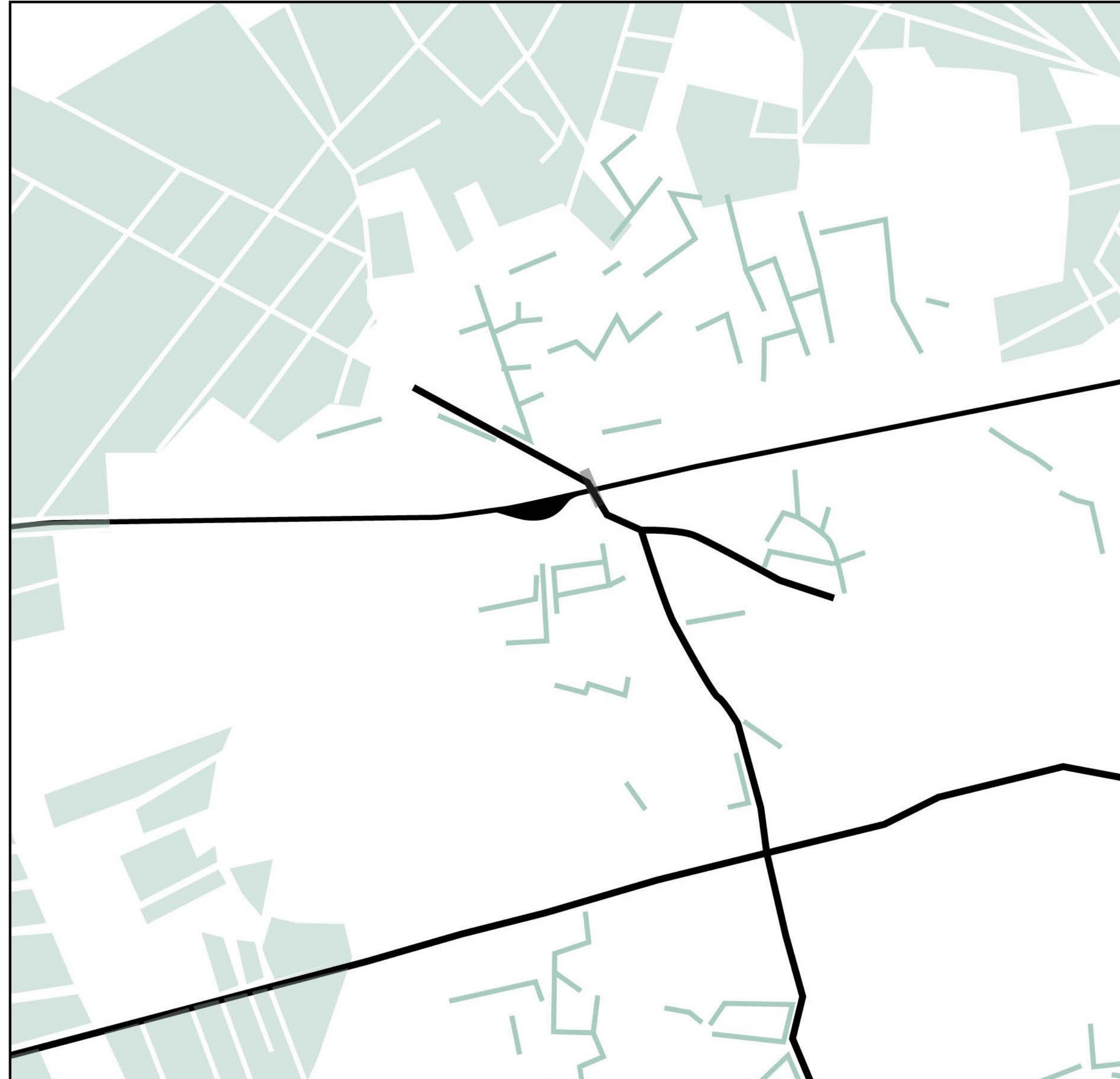


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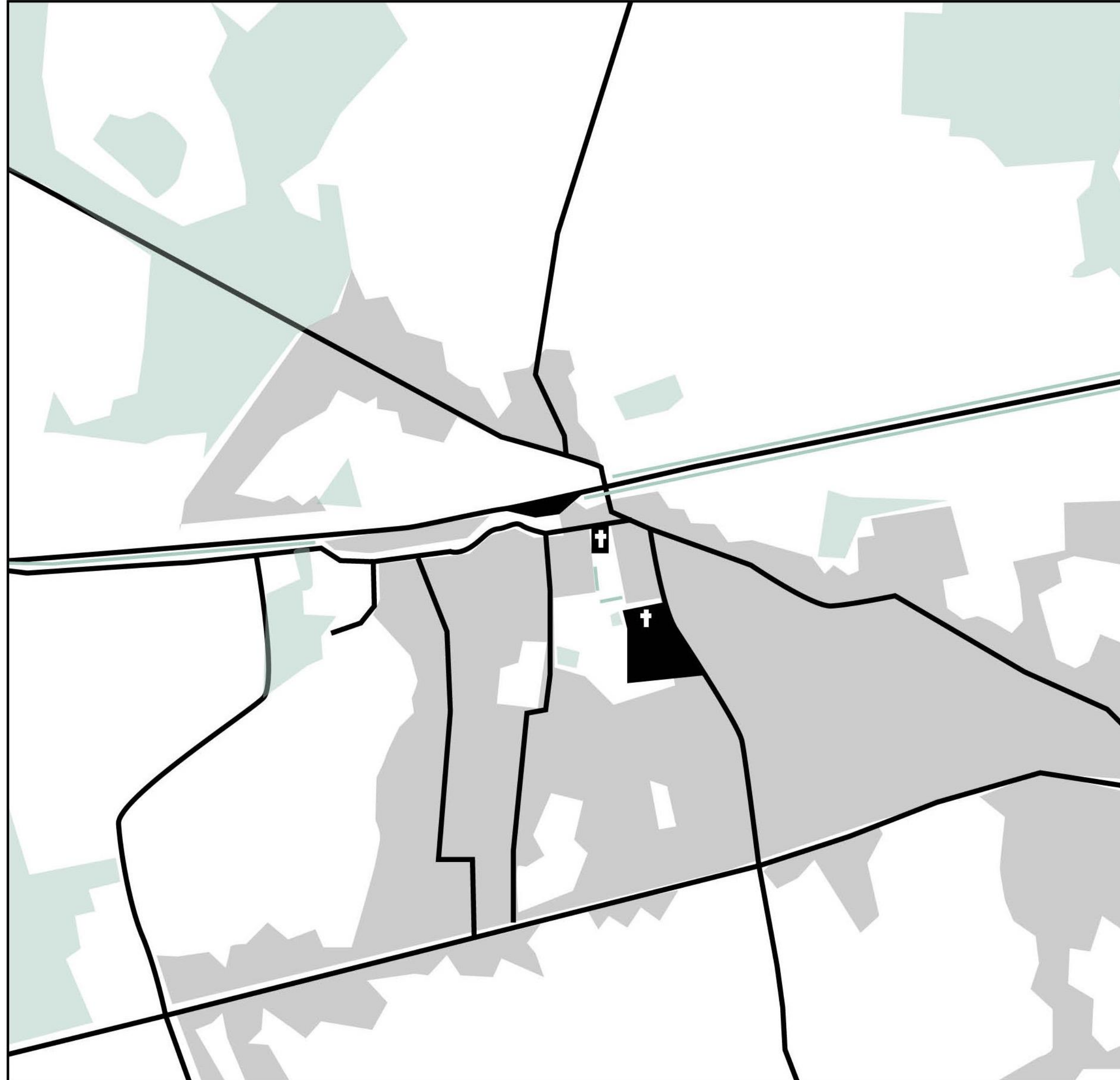


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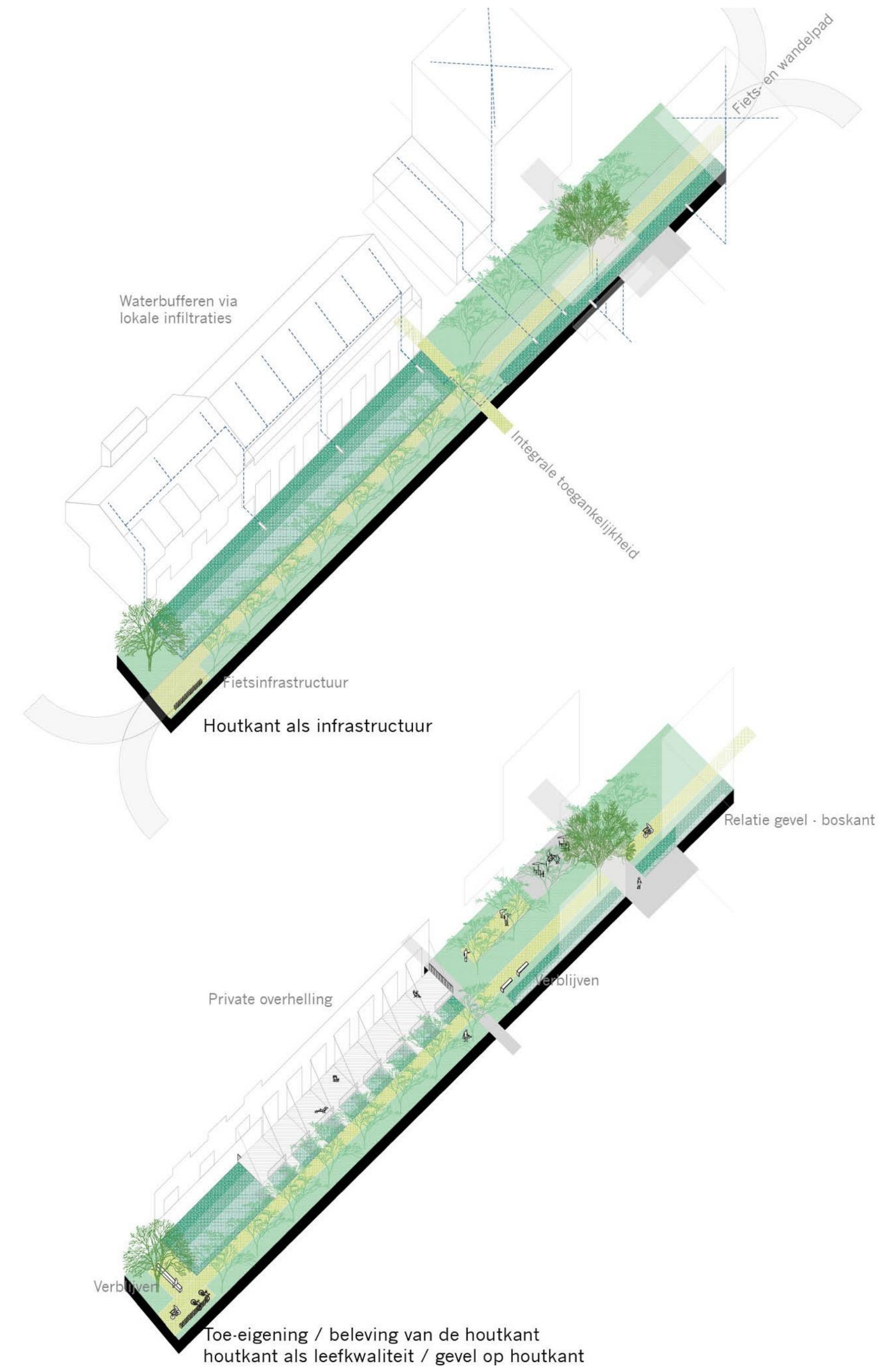
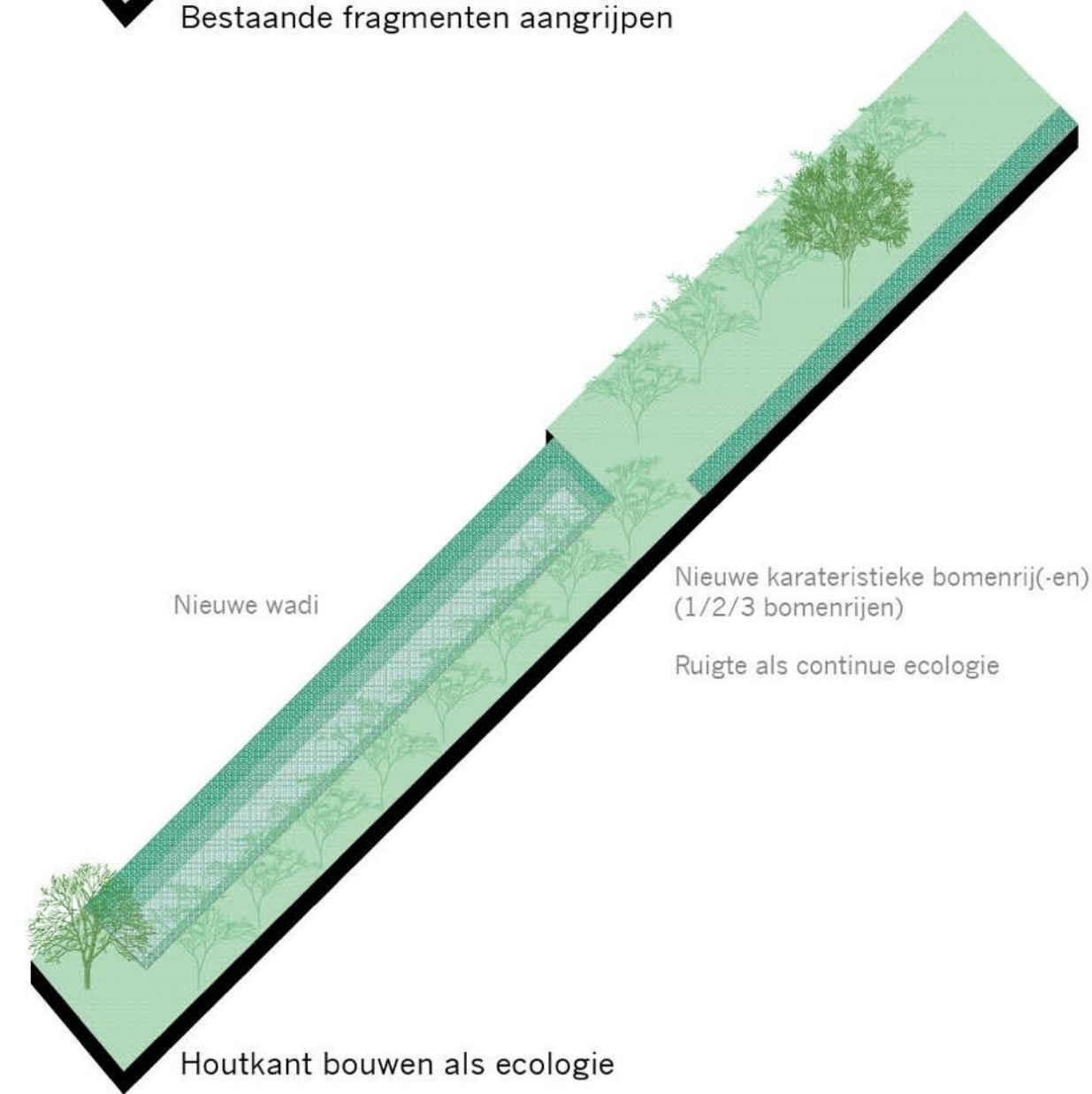
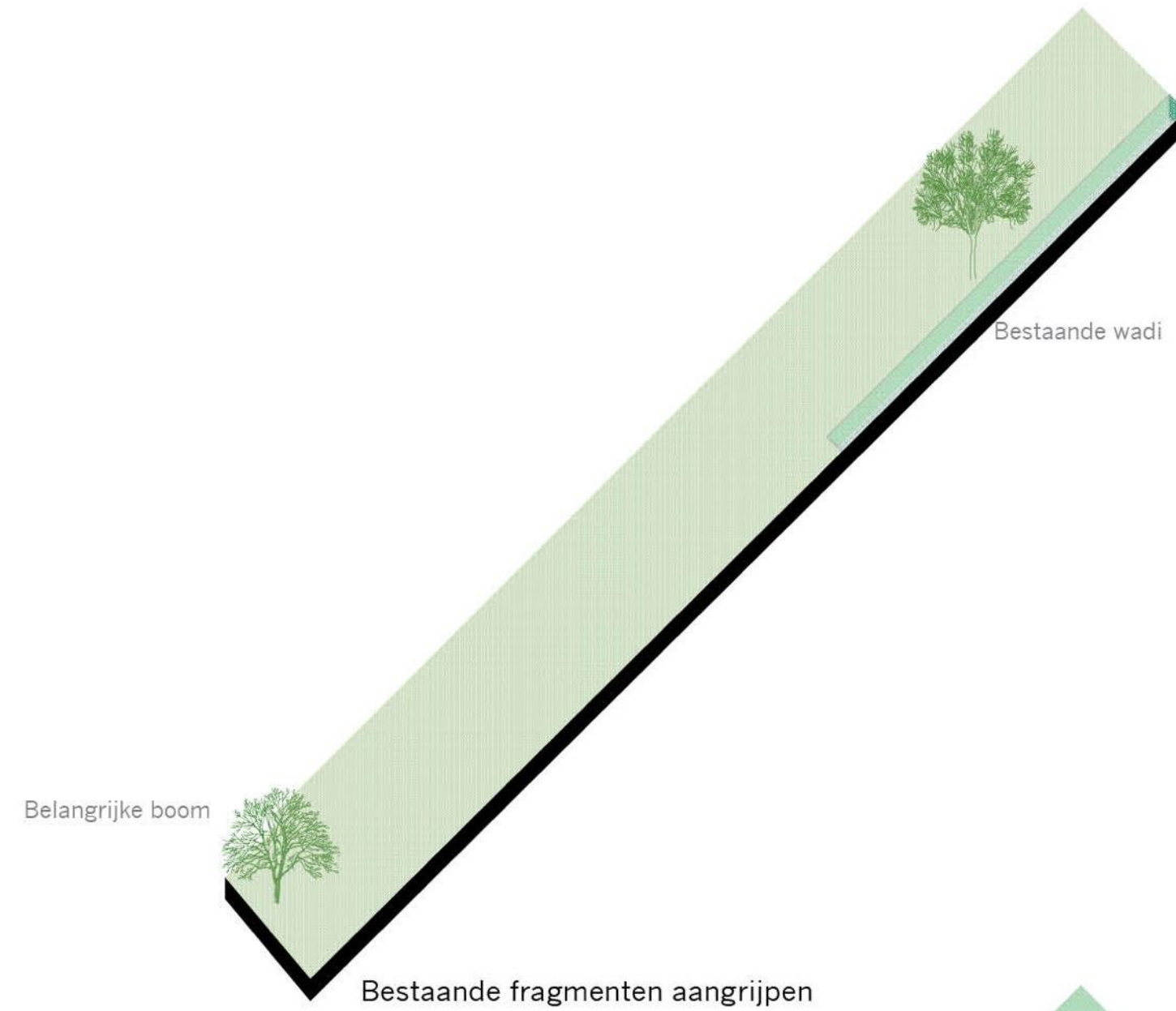


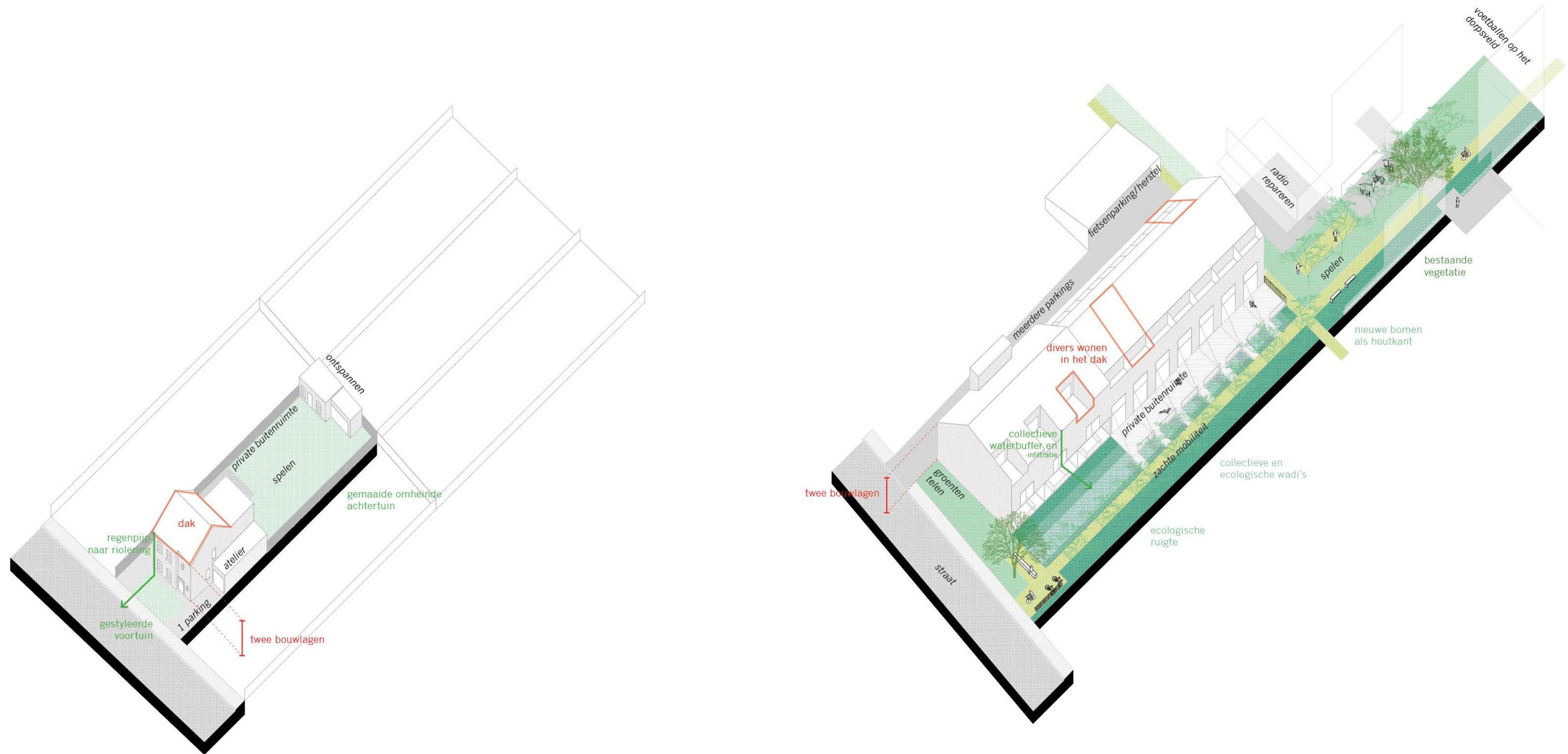
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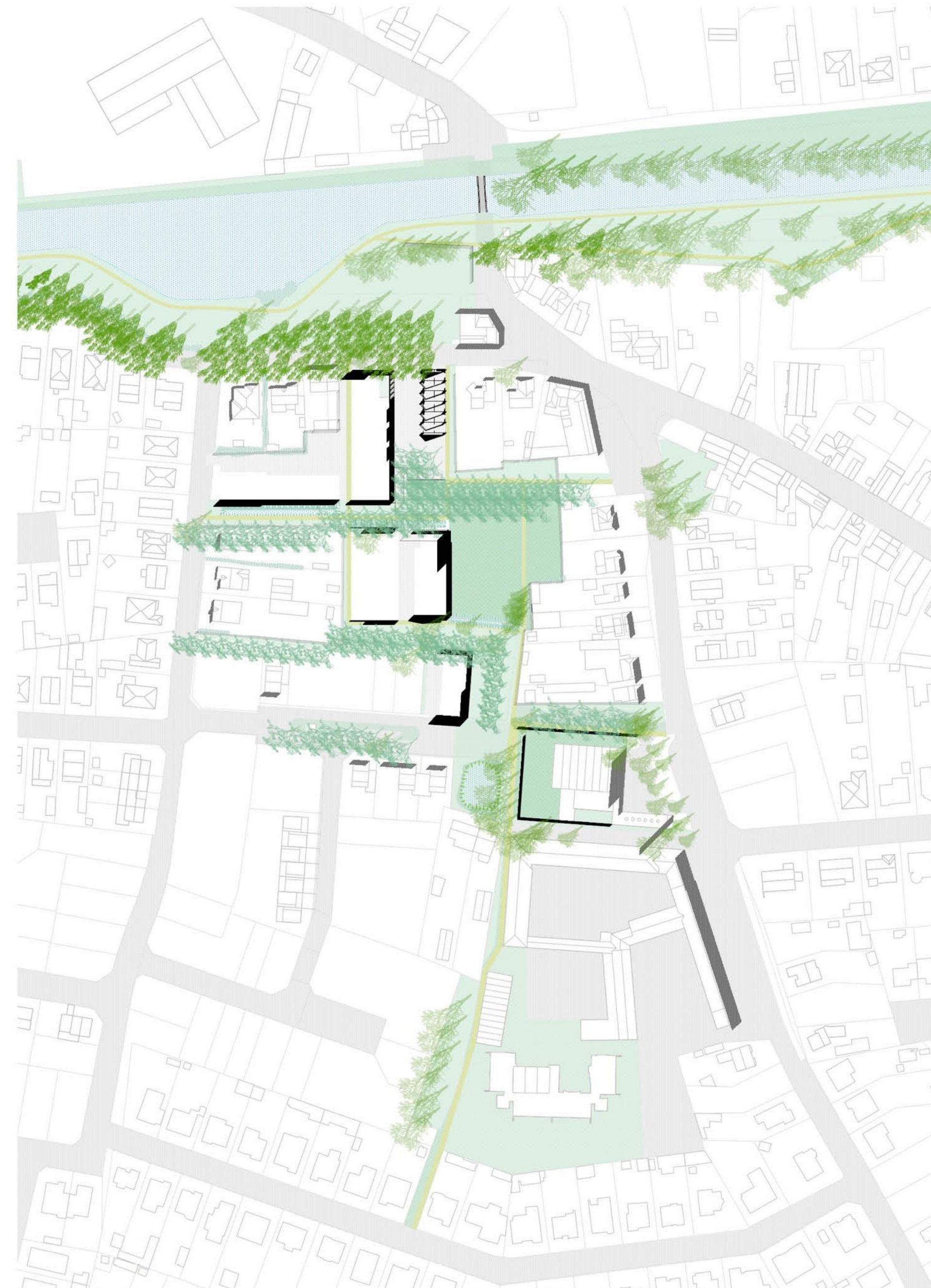
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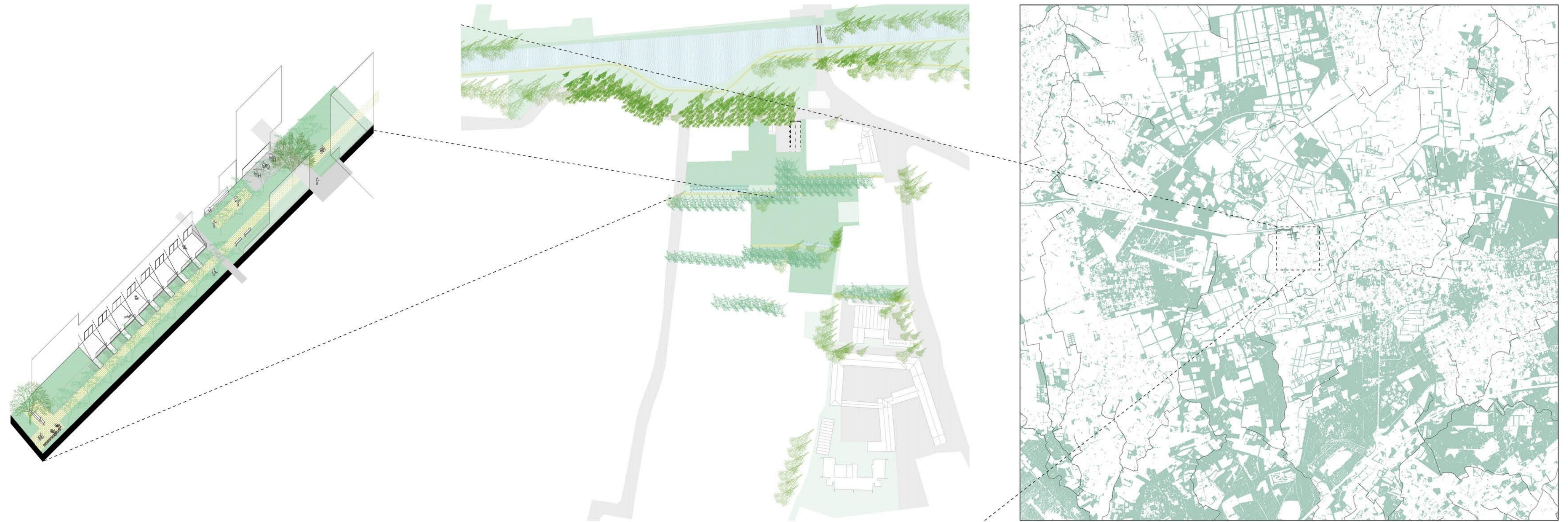
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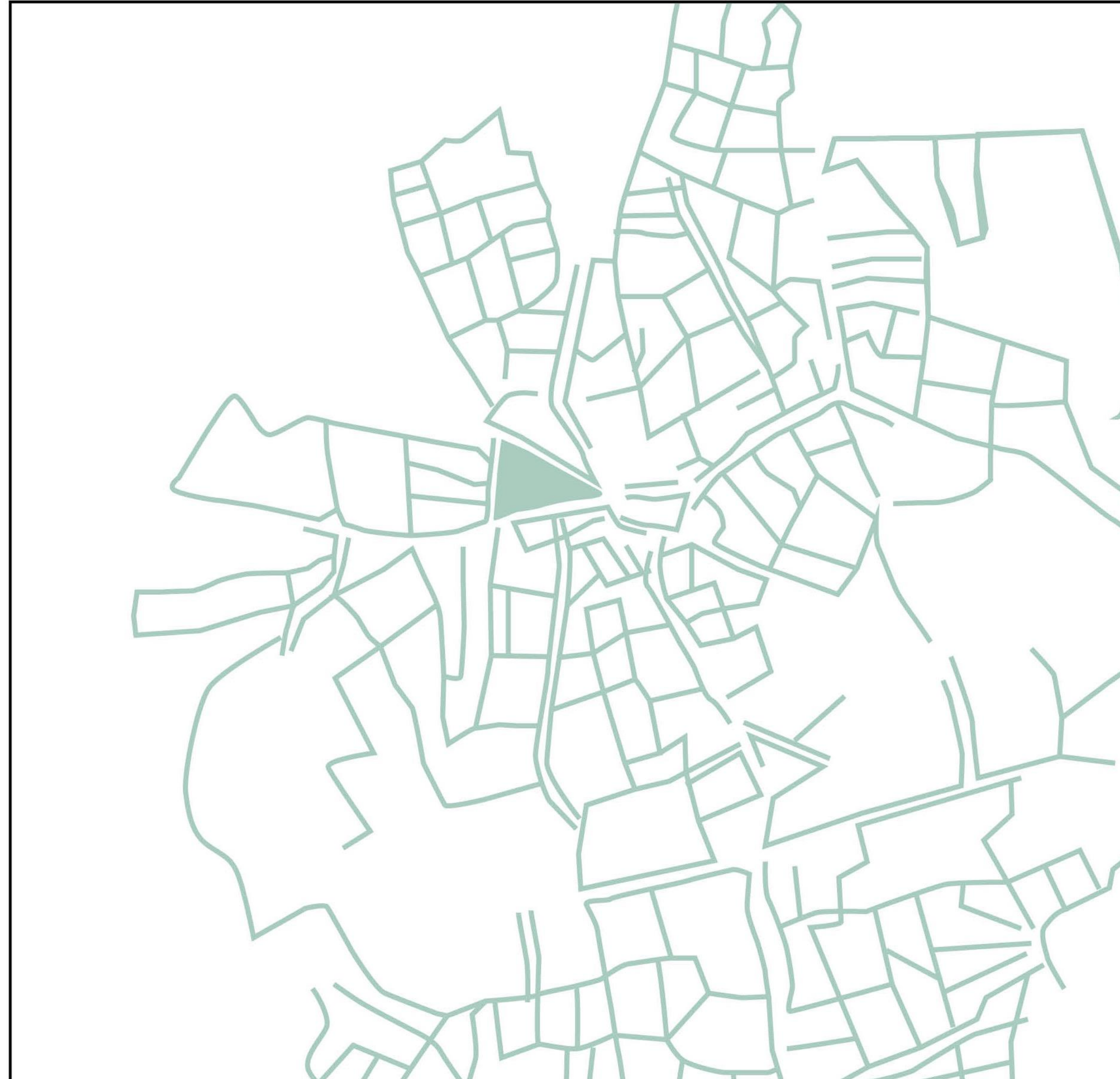
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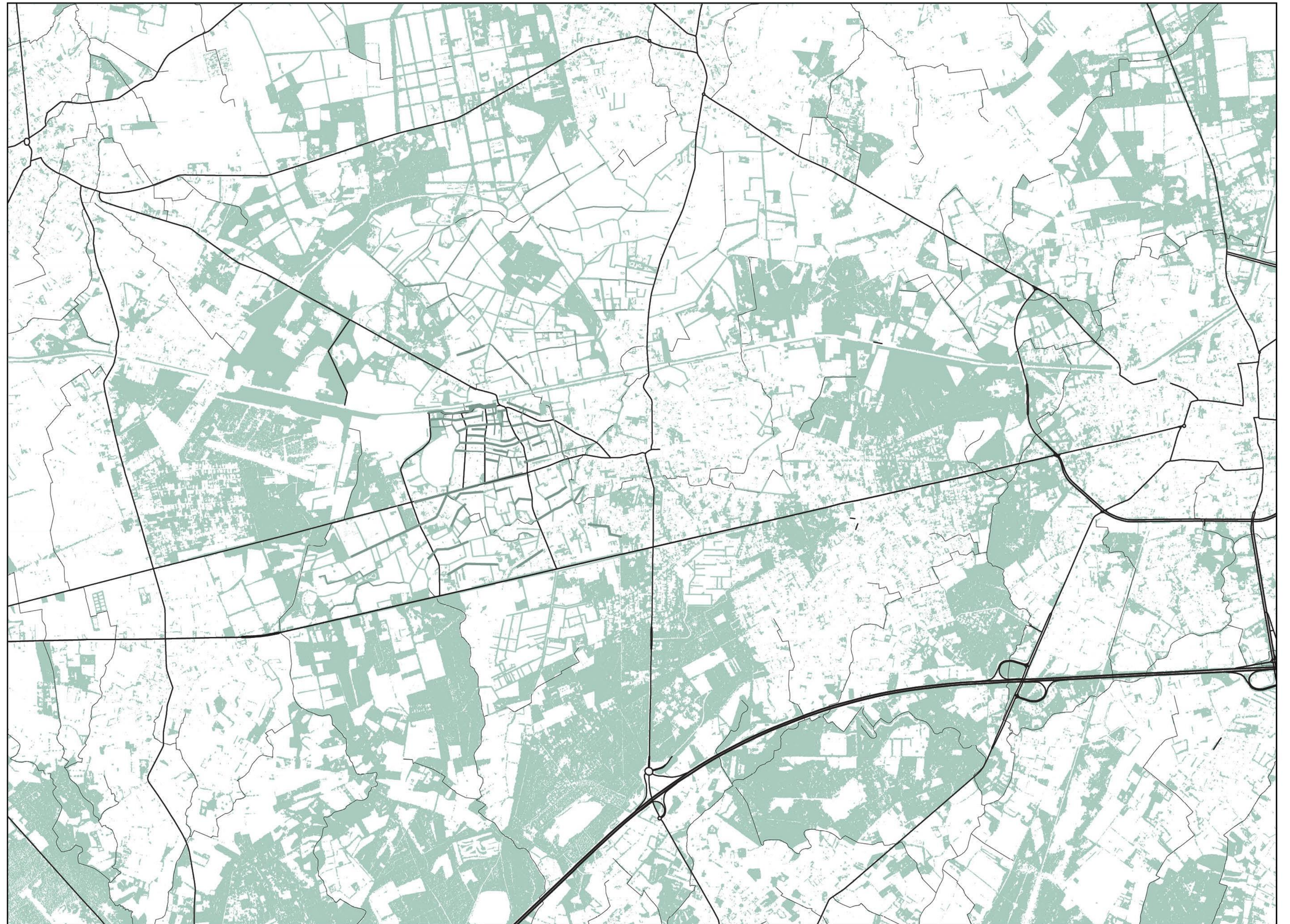
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Conclusion

Forest Urbanism =

- **Cyclic sequence of forest and urban** enriches both, their intrinsic qualities of coexistence enforces each other → new urban project to create forest and interplay
- In the cyclic reinvention, a variety of urban figures appeared coherent with forest realm, showing the **multiplicity of forest urbanism** → project – linear forests as multi-functional space
- **The forest is driver of “image” of vision.** Forest has driven the conversion of one of the largest regions in Belgium, although originally not directly, it was the forest finally that was able to establish the image for the region: a forested realm, distinct from any other in Belgium → identity, the notion of the forest that can take a central role in the place-making process.