



aba shawl\_sketch project  
presentation in Asmara





\_unplanned city  
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# analysis



planned city



former unplanned city



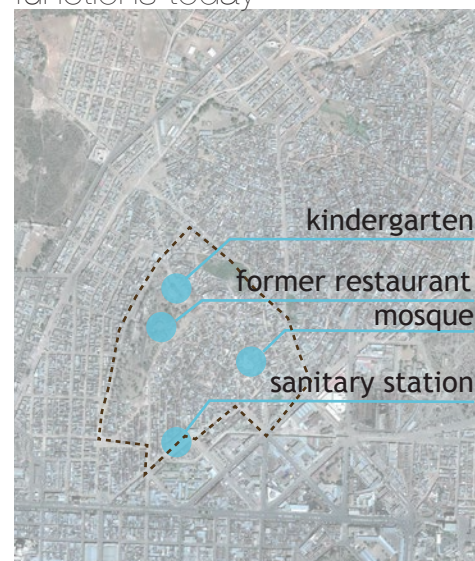


# analysis

the hill

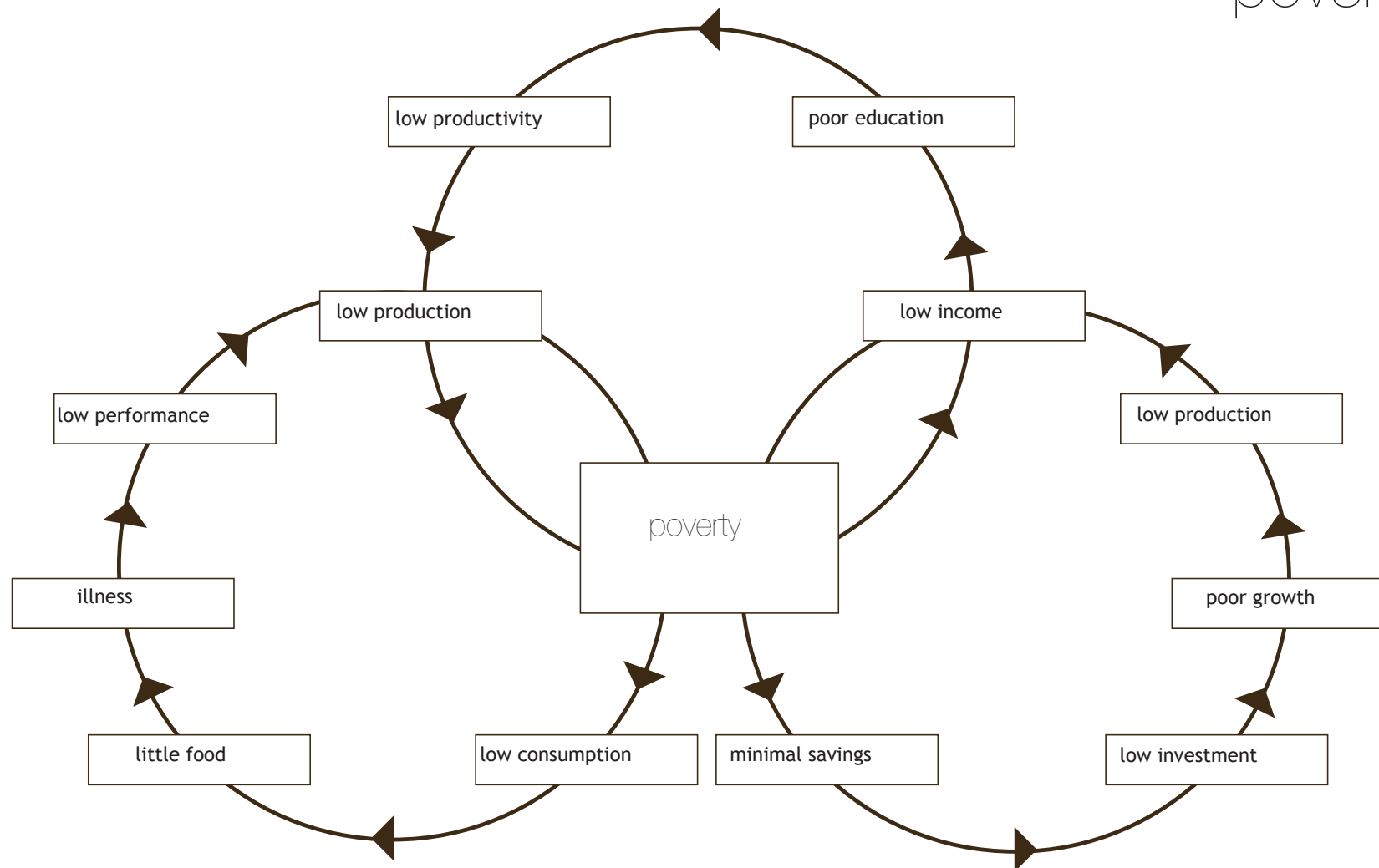


functions today





# poverty circle



As we have understood it, this area is quite poor. The poverty often goes in a circle, and it is therefore difficult to get out. For example when you have a low income, you don't get a proper education, which again means that you don't get that much paid. So if a whole area is in this circle, it needs a boost to get out of it.

We think that architecture can be one of the methods to prevent the circle keep going. If the area gets a proper upgrade, it will get extended effects beyond the upgrade itself. The areas status will improve and become more popular, which again means that the will for further improvements will be stronger.





Botanical Garden in Medellín

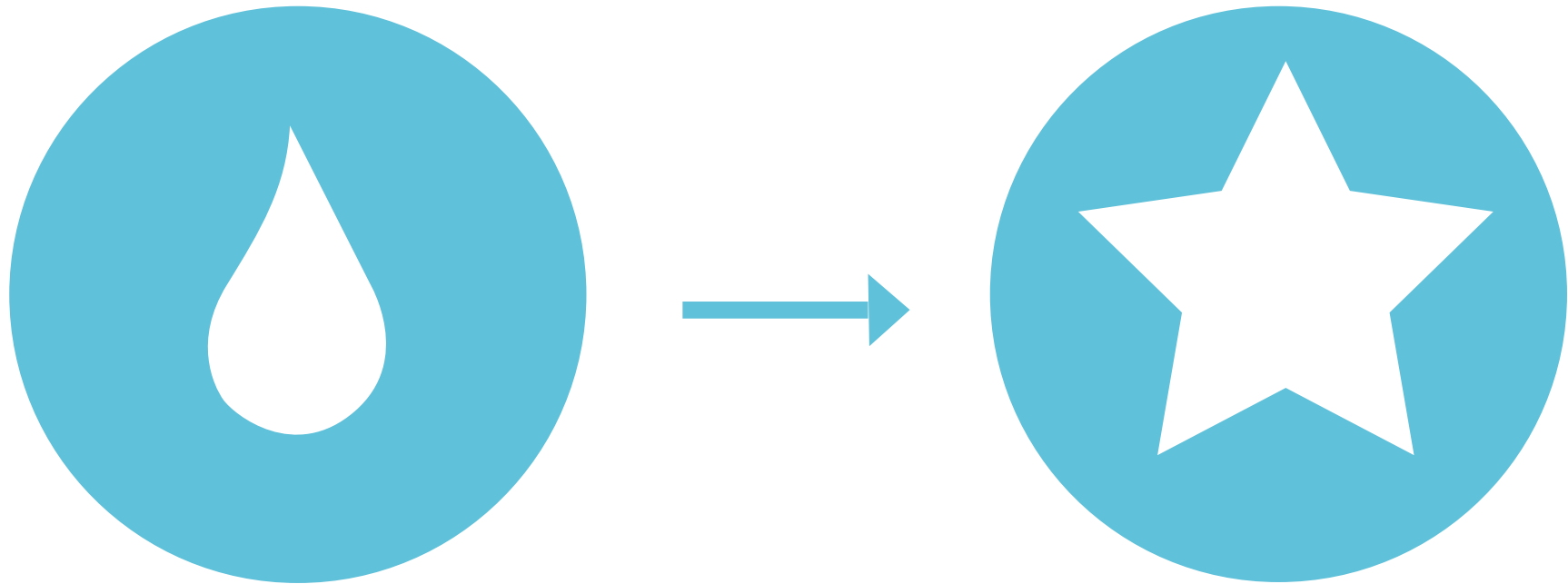


Spanish library in Medellín, C. Mazzanti



Gym Studio in Caracas, Think Tank





As we said, our area in Asmara have no proper water system today. By upgrading this and adding suitable functions, we think the area's status can change. We are going to start by presenting the technical aspect of this, followed by how we suggest this can be performed with an architectural view.



# main issues



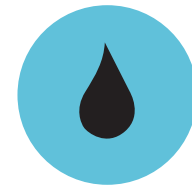
clean water in

\_access to a water source



greywater out

\_contains food waste, soap left overs and  
such  
\_possible to recycle

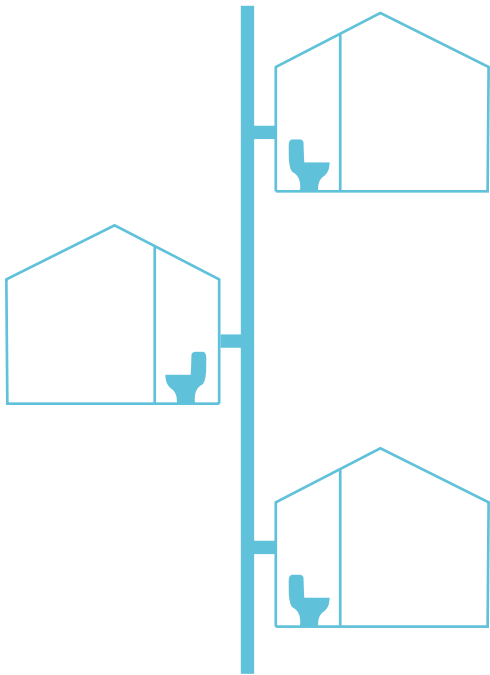


blackwater

\_water from toilet  
\_no recycling

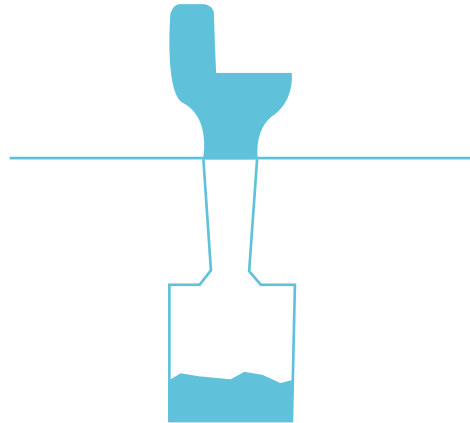


# black water



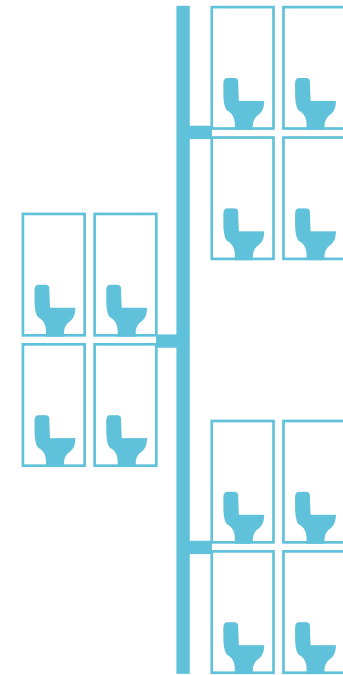
private water closet (on grid)

- \_blackwater mixed with greywater
- \_no realistic way to recycle the water
- \_expensive
- \_big interventions



dry compost toilet (off-grid)

- \_no interventions
- \_easy
- \_cheap
- \_quick
- \_sustainable



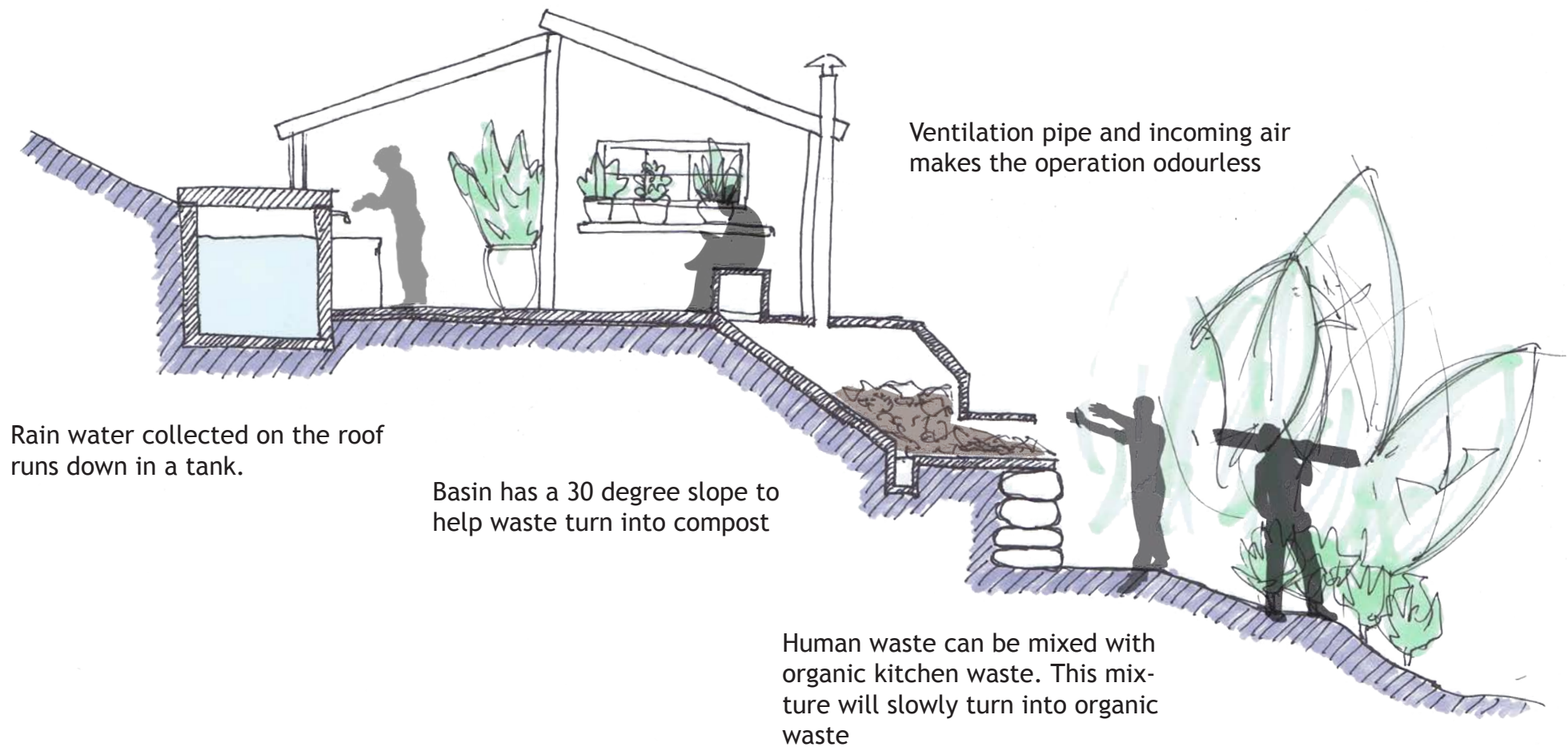
toilet clusters (on or off-grid)

- \_within a certain range of everybody
- \_unconvenient
- \_some interventions



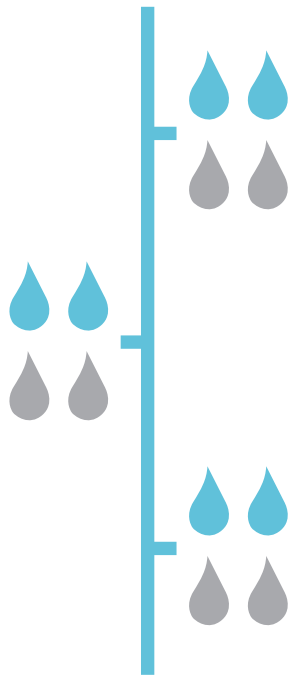
# black water

Ventilation possibilities



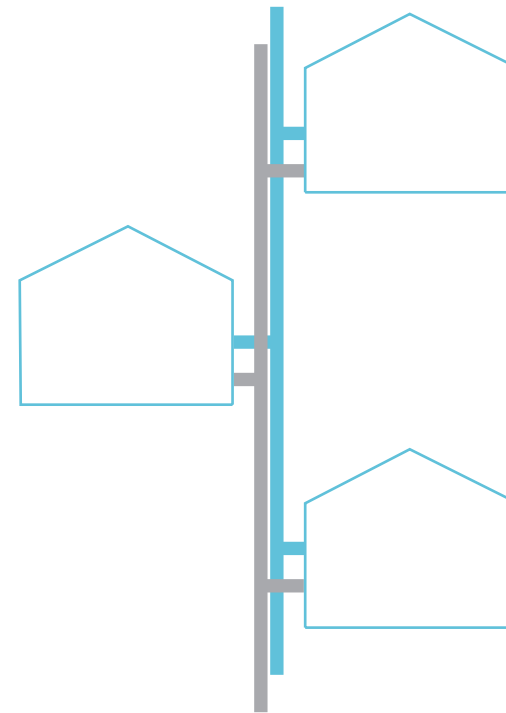


# water and greywater



water stations with greywater handling

\_add many water stations with greywater handling, so that it won't be so far to walk. This would mean that pipelines need to be added in some streets, but not all. Of course the issue of what happens to the greywater is difficult, as it is very inconvenient to have to go back to the station with it, in order for it to be recycled.

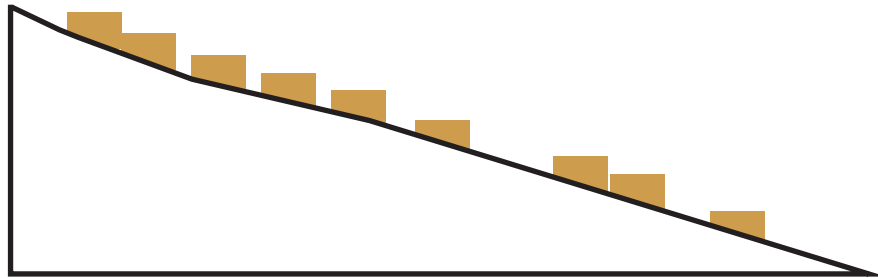


clean water and wastewater in every unit

\_add water and wastewater handling in every unit. It may not be possible to do this in every unit, but a certain coverage is possible.



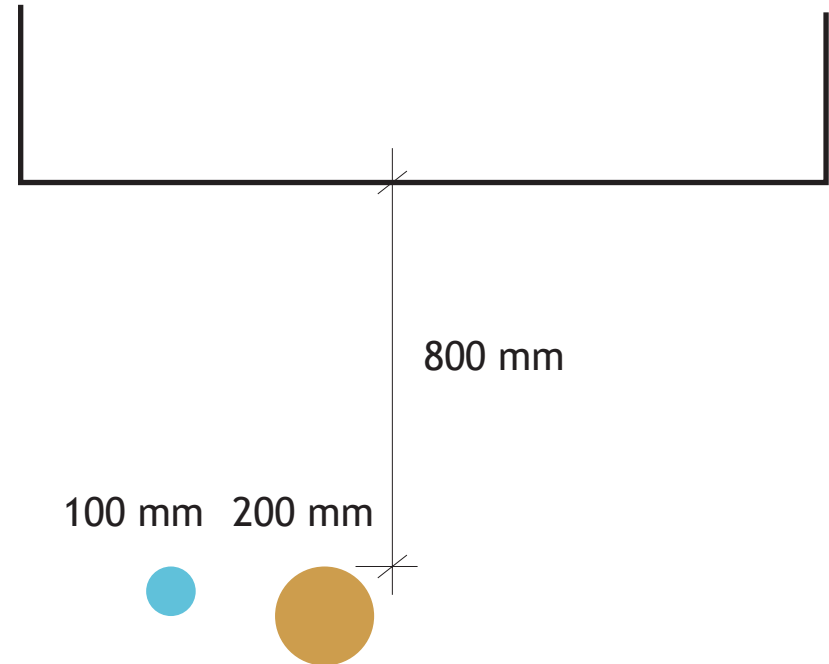
# water and greywater



>1 %

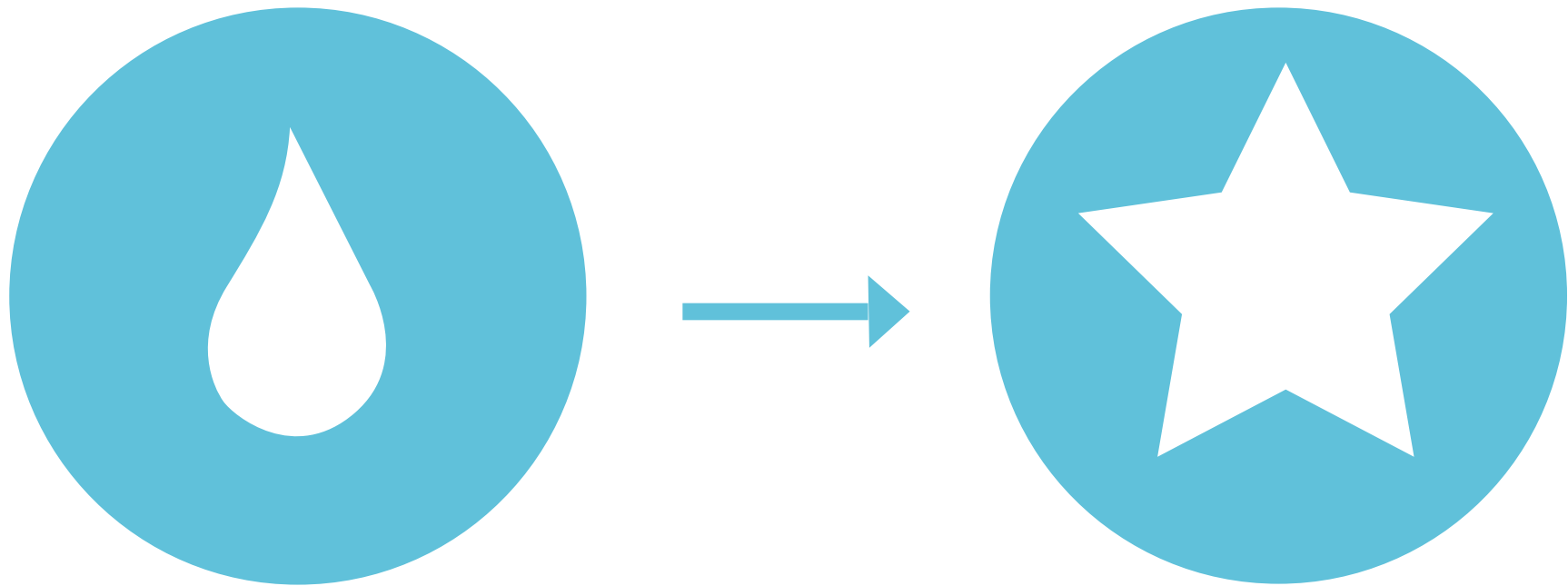
sloping terrain

\_in order to add water pipes one depend on a minimum 1 % slope, at all times. Therefore we need to find the streets that have this, and the ones that don't, will not be suitable for adding pipelines.



pipelines in street section

\_the pipes handling water supply and waste water have to be placed 800 mm under ground to avoid damage from loads in the street. This is a dimension calculated for streets with vehicles. Pipes handling the water supply should be made of PE and pipes for wastewater should be made of PVC. Pipes handling water supply to private houses should have a diameter of 30 mm.

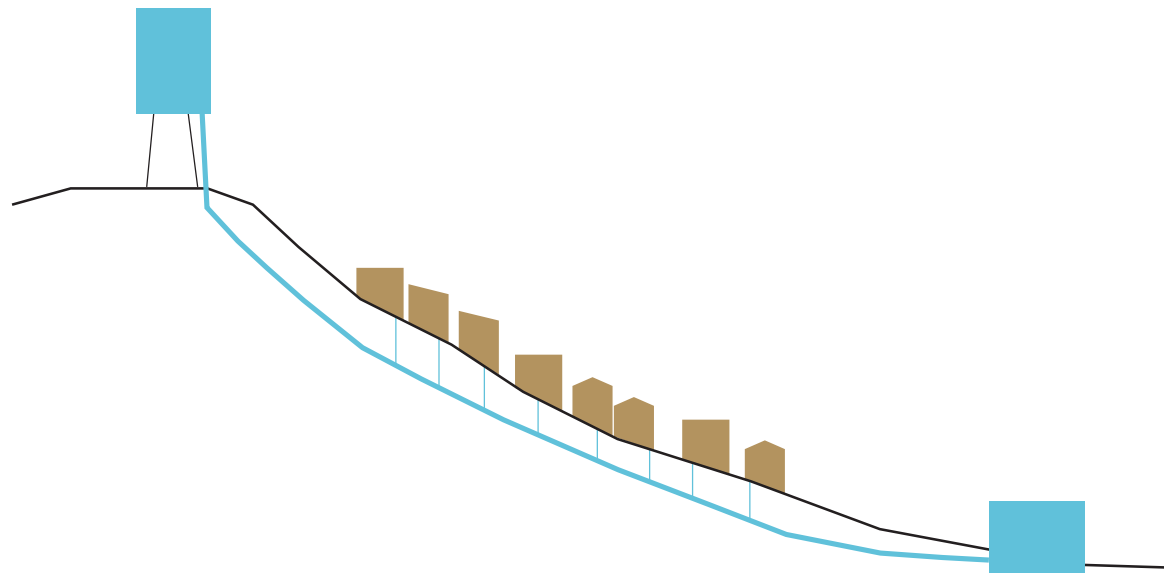


So, what we knew we needed in order to fulfill these technical requirements, was water supply at the top, a receiver at the bottom, and pipes in between. But we wanted to look at how the status can be improved as well. What types of buildings and functions can be added to this new water line? What is needed in the area?

This were issues we started working with.



water system



site





the hill: water tower

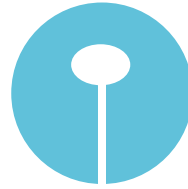


# the hill: water tower



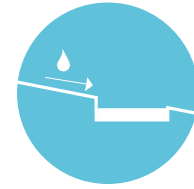
water collector

- \_Can be combined with a visitors centre, educational functions, water towers, parks, public places++
- \_Educational
- \_Social arena
- \_Permanent



watertower

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- \_Educational
- \_Social arena
- \_Permanent



infiltration plant

- \_Can be combined with water towers, water collectors and parks/agriculture
- \_Stores water underground (no loss of water)
- \_Improves water quality
- \_Permanent



Solys water collector by Fabrice Gordon



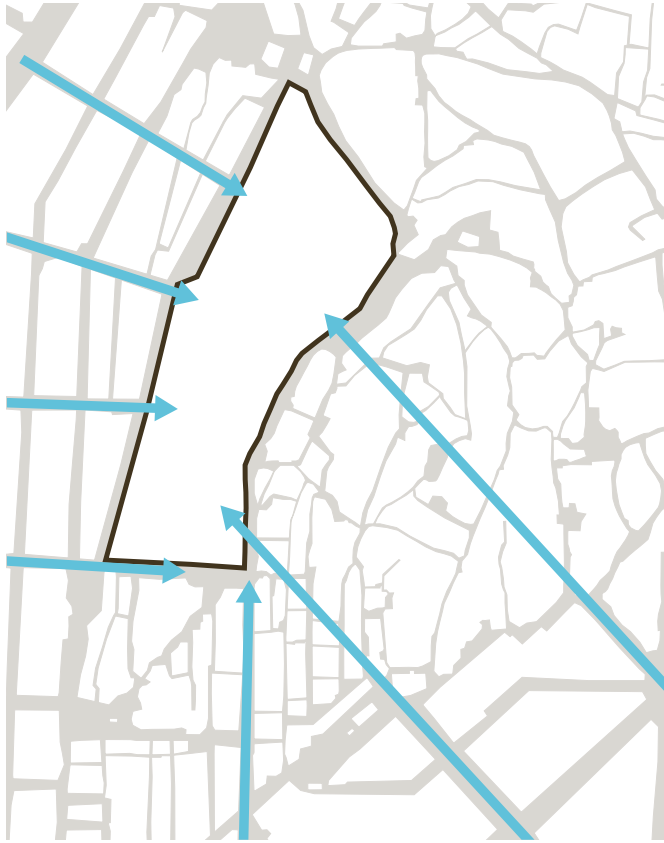
Hyllie water tower



Hoppergarten Berlin, by H. Sieker



## the hill: water tower



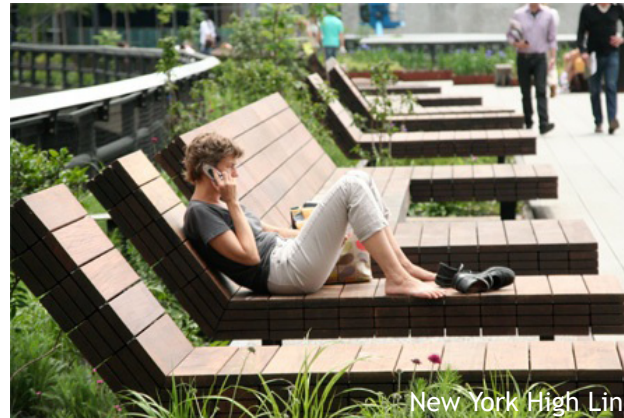
view

\_there are many bigger streets leading to the top of the hill, which gives it a natural focus from the street

\_a water tower or a different type of high building would emphasize this



## the hill: water tower



### three main parts

\_the north part of the top already has a kindergarten. It would be natural to look at how more educational buildings could be located around this area.

\_the water tower should be placed at the highest point, with an information center close to it. This could also be linked to the school buildings

\_the south part could be transformed into a park, with possibilities for the school kids to play and for the inhabitants to have access to a green area.





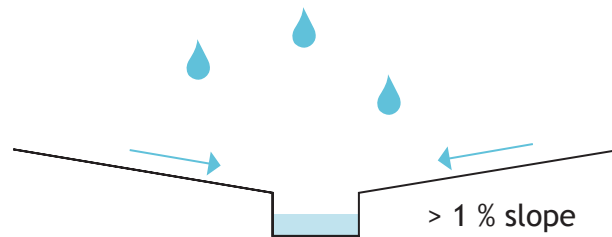
# the hill: water tower



typical street section

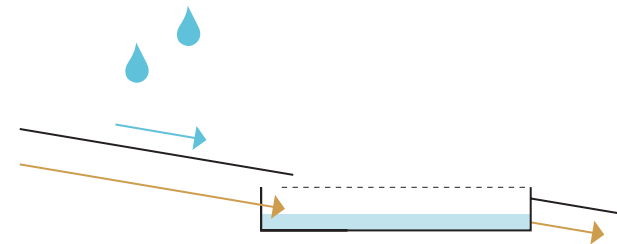


# typical street section



## functions

\_to handle the rainwater, the street section should be changed. By having two slopes leading down to a ditch in the middle, the water will be led into this ditch and not flood the street. The slope has to be more than 1 %, but not bigger than it is comfortable to walk in the street.



## water reservoir

\_a reservoir for collecting the rainwater should be made. This reservoir could also handle the greywater from the households. It is necessary to protect the reservoir with some kind of cover to prevent it from collecting dust and insects. It is necessary to install a spillway for flooding. The collected water can be led into the wastewater treatment plant to make it usable for irrigation and industrial purposes.



sanitary station



# sanitary station



## sanitary pods

- \_Element system
- \_Easy to put up and to take down
- \_A quick and easy way to improve the lives of people living in the area
- \_Temporary



## sanitary stations

- \_Can be combined with household stations and other similar functions
- \_Can be transformed to other functions if the needs change
- \_Improve the lives of people living in the area
- \_Permanent



# sanitary station



household station

- \_Can be combined with sanitary stations, water towers, water collectors++
- \_Social arena
- \_Permanent or temporary



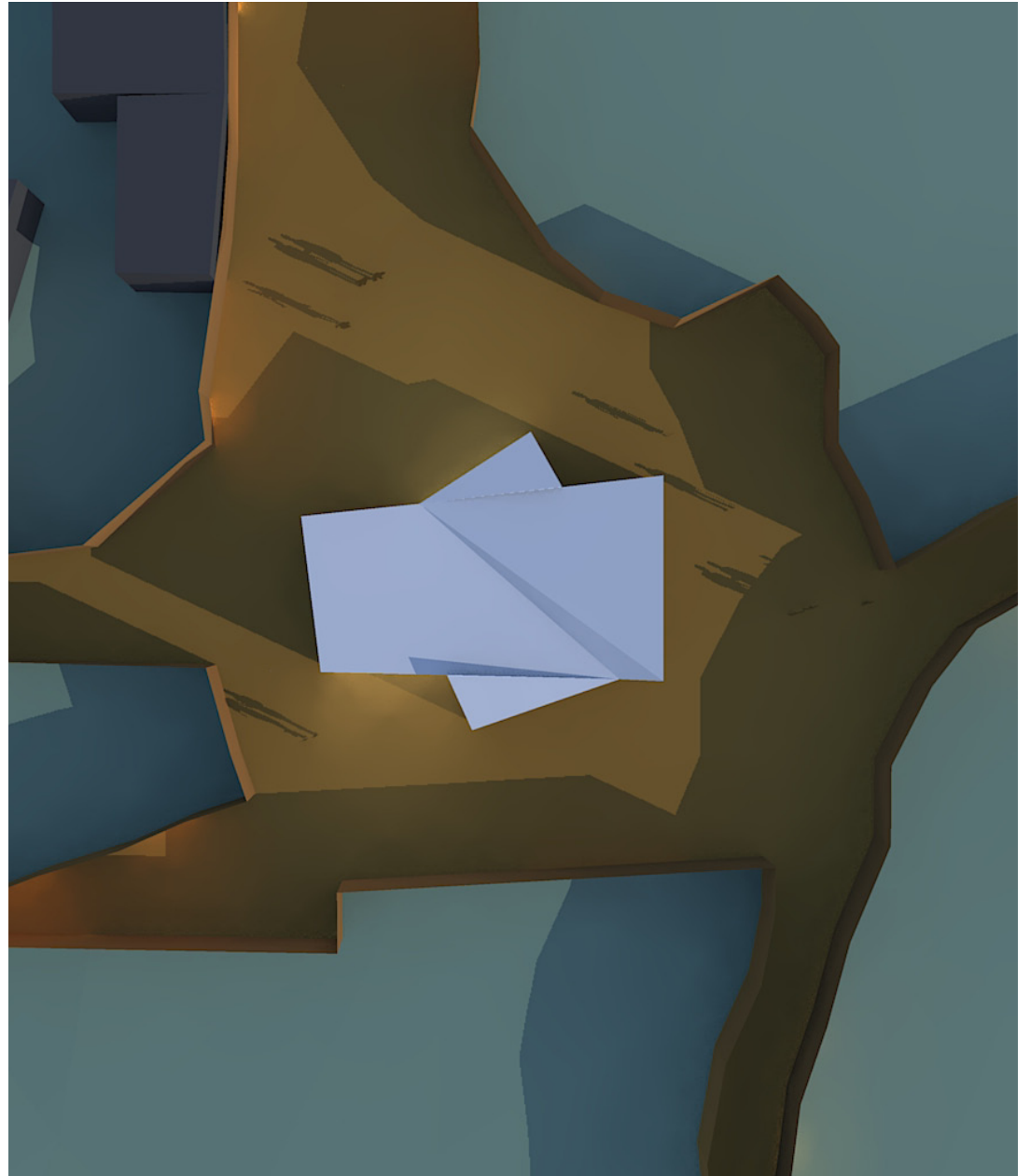
water tap

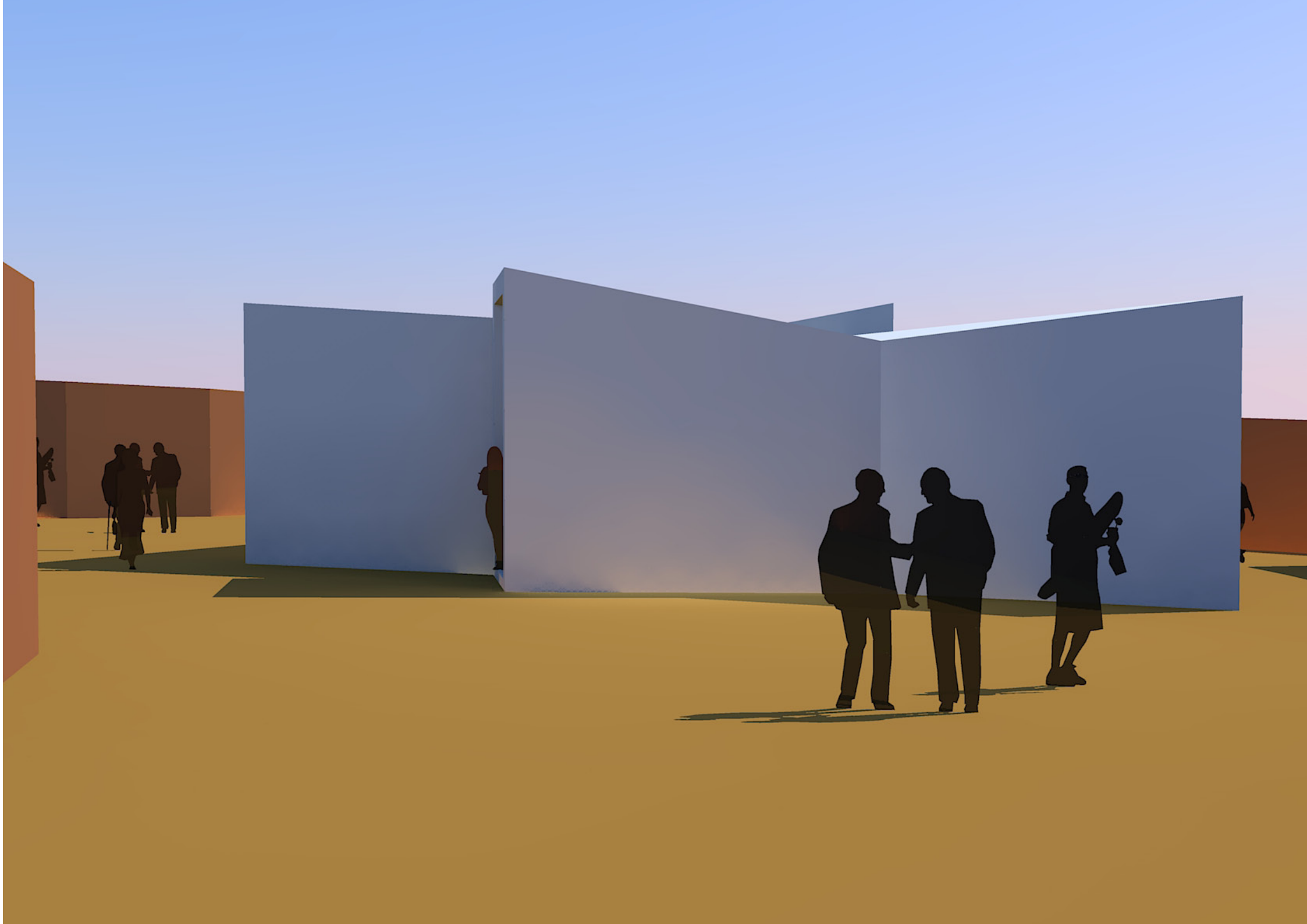
- \_Easy access to water
- \_Social arena
- \_Improve the lives of people living in the area
- \_Permanent

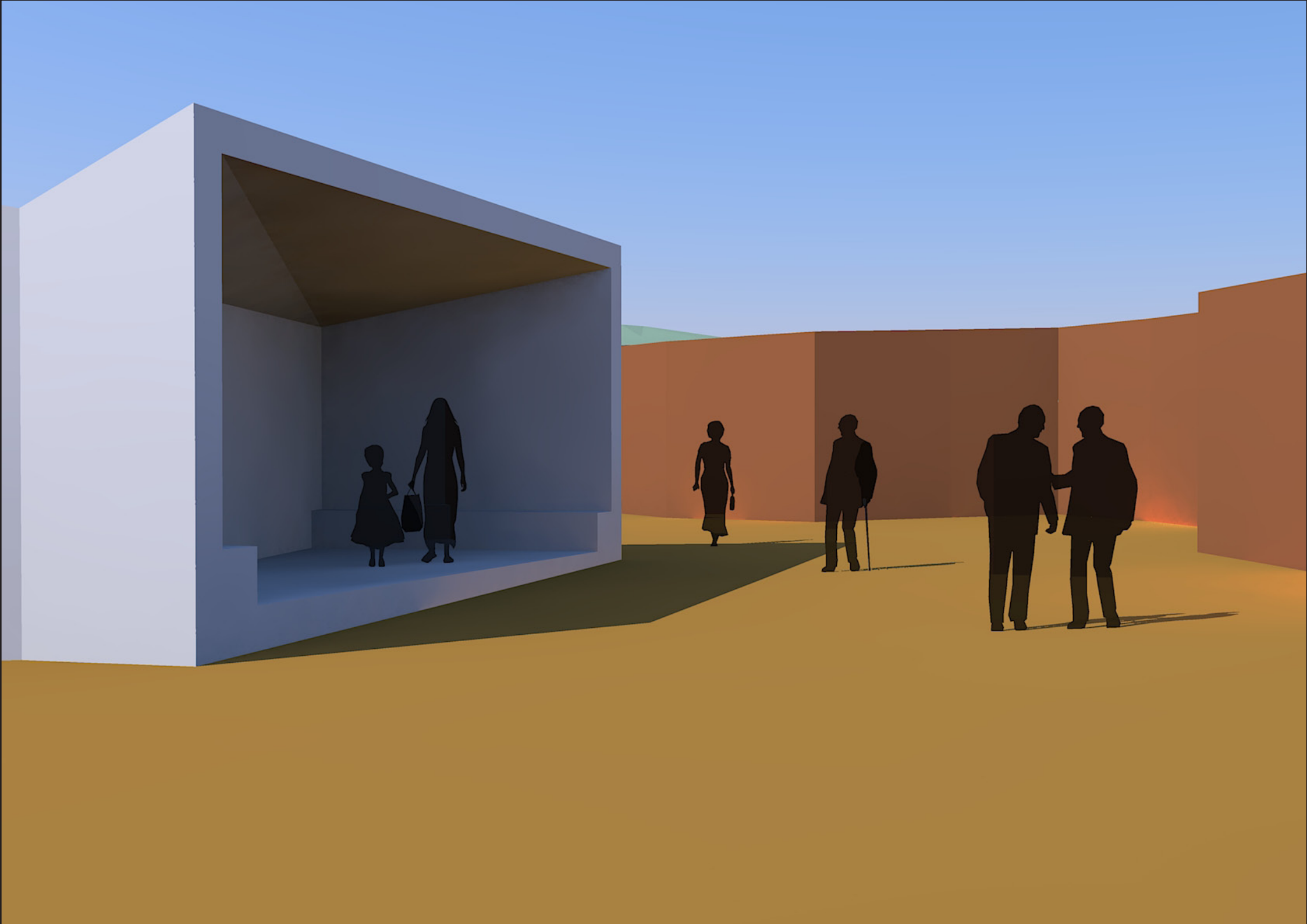




# sanitary station









wastewater treatment plant



# wastewater treatment plant

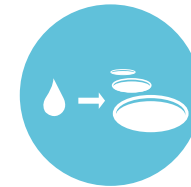


greenhouse/park/agriculture

- \_Ecological urbanism / sustainable perspective
- \_Technical solutions for handling surface water
- \_Simple methods for growing vegetables on private properties
- \_Long term



vegetable growing



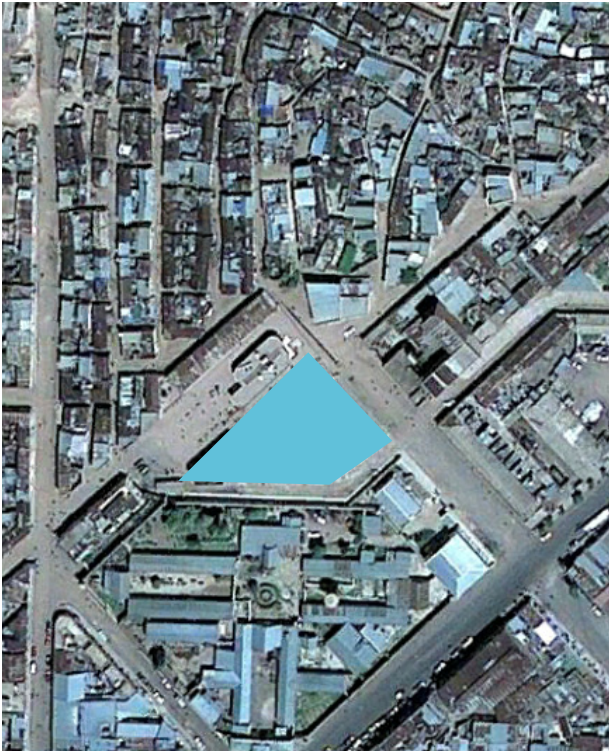
wastewater treatment plant

- \_Can be combined with a greenhouse, parks, public places++
- \_Educational
- \_Social arena
- \_Permanent



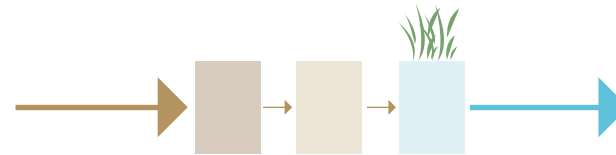
Kingsport water filtration plant

# wastewater treatment plant



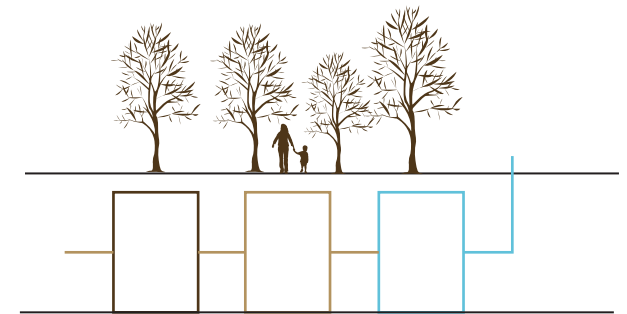
## possible site

- \_the wastewater treatment plant has to be situated on a site that all new new pipes can reach and still have a slope of at least 1 %
- \_the plant has to be at least 200 - 300 sqm, depending on the load
- \_ is close to the unplanned city and the plant and green house can become a part of a public space
- \_ existing houses at the site will have to be demolished



## reuse

- \_by separating black water and grey water in different systems, it becomes possible to cleanse the grey water and reuse it
- \_in areas where water resources are scarce, this recycled water can be very valuable
- \_by adding a function like a green house to the plant, it can become a public function



## park on top of water tanks

- \_principle for the water treatment plant can be to have the plant underground, and the park on top
- \_the park can use the recycled water



# wastewater treatment plant

