

# Eco-Balance

## A Resource Balancing Approach To Community Planning

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## DESIGN

Flexible Open Building Systems  
Incorporating Life Cycle Design

Internationally recognized green architecture  
Greenhouse gas-balanced design  
Prototype building systems  
Healthy building design and specifications



Blueprint  
Demonstration Farm  
Laredo, TX



Advanced Green  
Builder Demonstration  
Austin, TX



2007 Solar Decathlon  
Texas A&M University



GroJoint™  
CMPS Farmstand  
Austin, TX

## MASTER PLANNING

Ecologically-Balanced Land Use  
Master Planning

Nature centers & camps  
Community-supported architecture  
Educational facilities  
Integrated landscape/infrastructure systems



School for Field Studies  
Baja Del Sur, Mexico



CMPS 30th Year  
Master Plan  
Austin, TX



Verano Development  
San Antonio, TX



Community Supported  
Architecture  
Mississippi

## POLICY & EDUCATION

Sustainable Guidelines, Training  
& Policy Initiatives

Intern program  
Green building programs and guidelines  
Life cycle planning procedures  
Professional development training seminars  
Environmentally preferred materials and methods  
Green health care initiatives



Green Guide for  
Health Care



Green Building Guidelines;  
Mueller Green Resources Guide  
Austin, TX



Professional Training,  
Conference Seminars,  
and Workshops  
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Guidebooks, Manuals,  
Publications

## TOOLS

Environmental/Economic Impact  
Baselining and Benchmarking  
Life Cycle Evaluation

BaselineGreen™  
GreenBalance™  
Materials library and assessment  
LEED® and sustainability consulting



Block 21  
Austin, TX



LEED® Consulting  
Image: The Children's Medical Center of  
Central Texas, courtesy of Paragon Companies



Materials and Building  
Systems Library



EcoBalance™ Game

# Global Scale







# Building Scale

**Life Cycle Design**

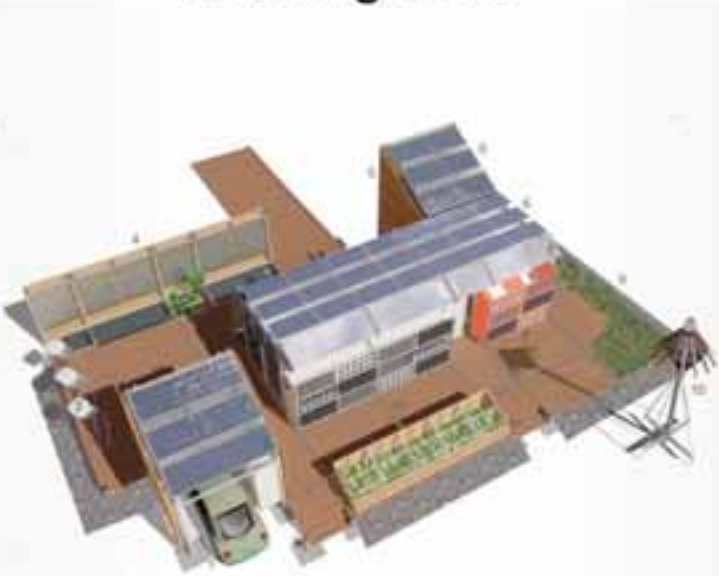
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**CroColumn**

**CroWall**

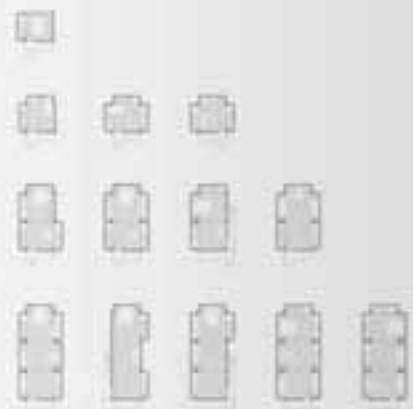
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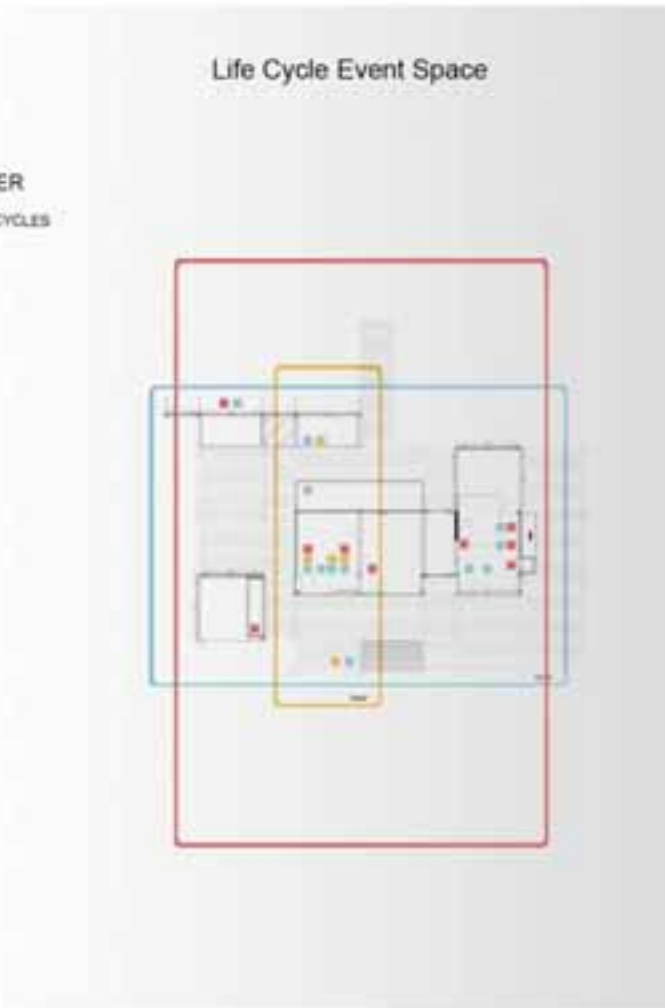
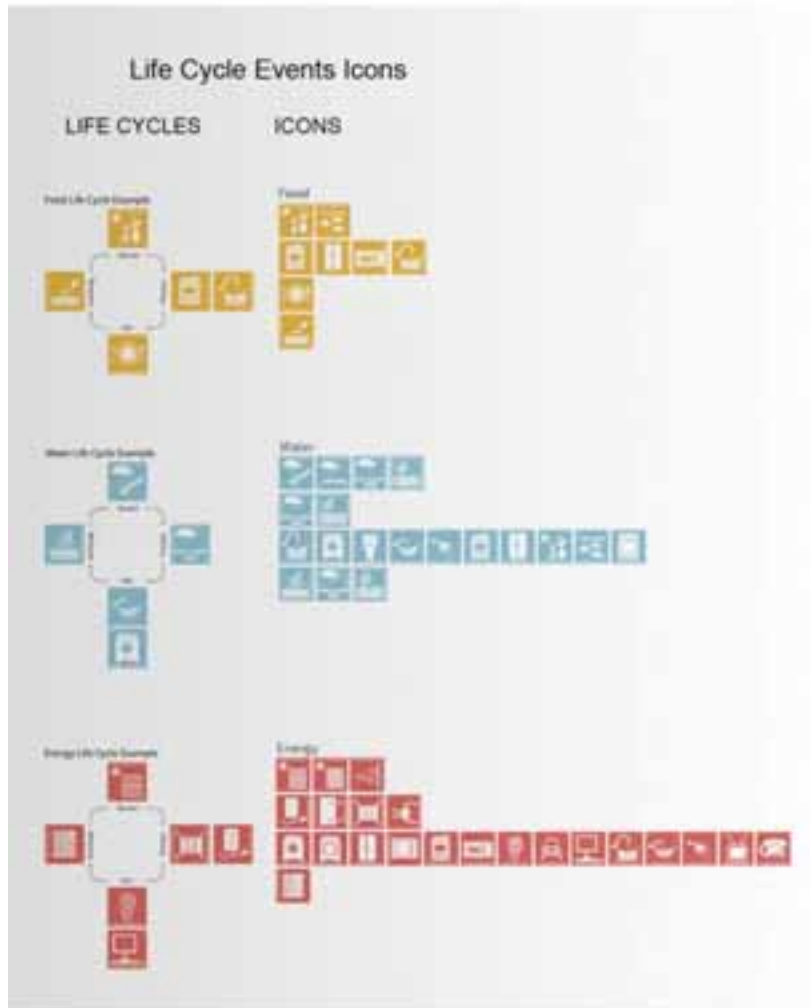
- 1 Solar Carport
- 2 Building Integrated Wind
- 3 Reflecting Pond
- 4 Solar Thermal Fence
- 5 Studio
- 6 High Efficiency BIPV
- 7 Light Reflecting BIPV
- 8 Light-Thru BIPV
- 9 Grassland Biome Simulation
- 10 Bat Tower
- 11 Food Garden

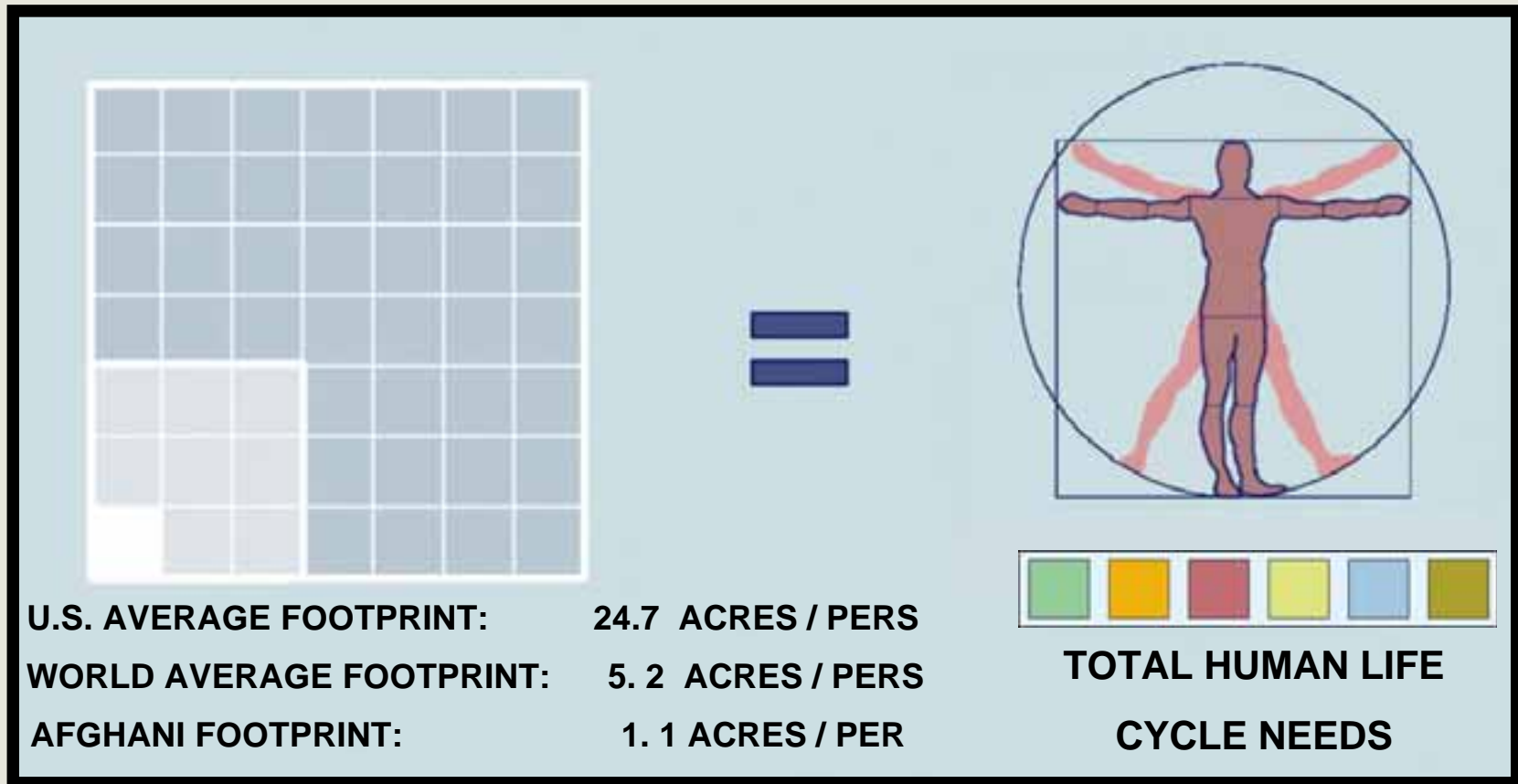
## Growth Plans



# Human Scale Greening of the Brain

Biophilic Neocortex





Life cycle footprint : **energy** (includes fossil fuels expressed in land area necessary to sequester the corresponding  $\text{CO}_2$ ), built area (includes degraded land), **vegetable/fruit** production land area, **grain** area, **pasture** (dairy, meat, wool production), **prime forest**.

## LIFE CYCLE FOOTPRINT



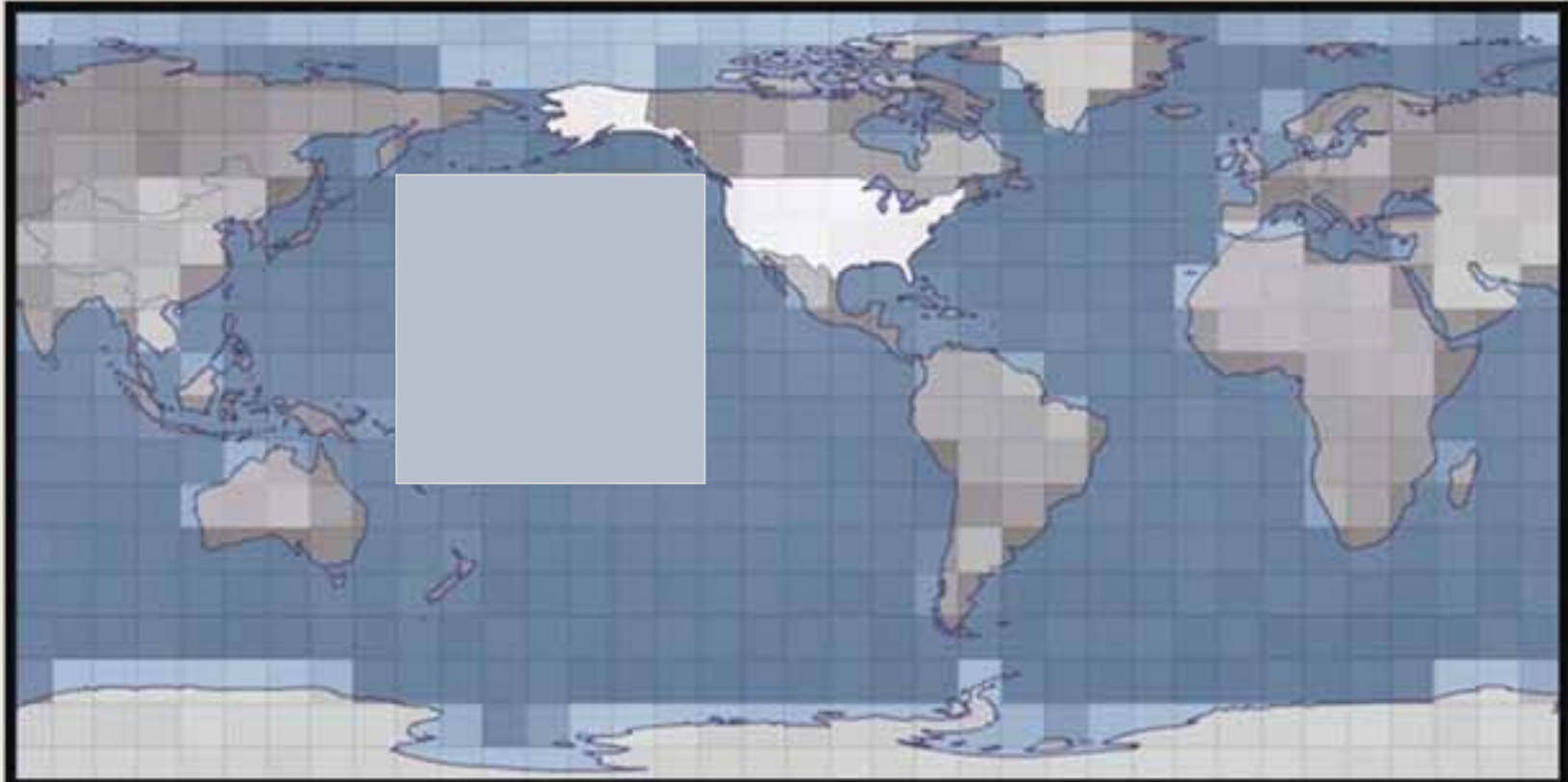


PLATE CARRE EQUAL PROJECTION : 3 190 042 ACRES PER GRID CELL.

## USA CARBON IMBALANCE

### U.S. FOOTPRINT NEEDS

INTERNAL CAPACITY

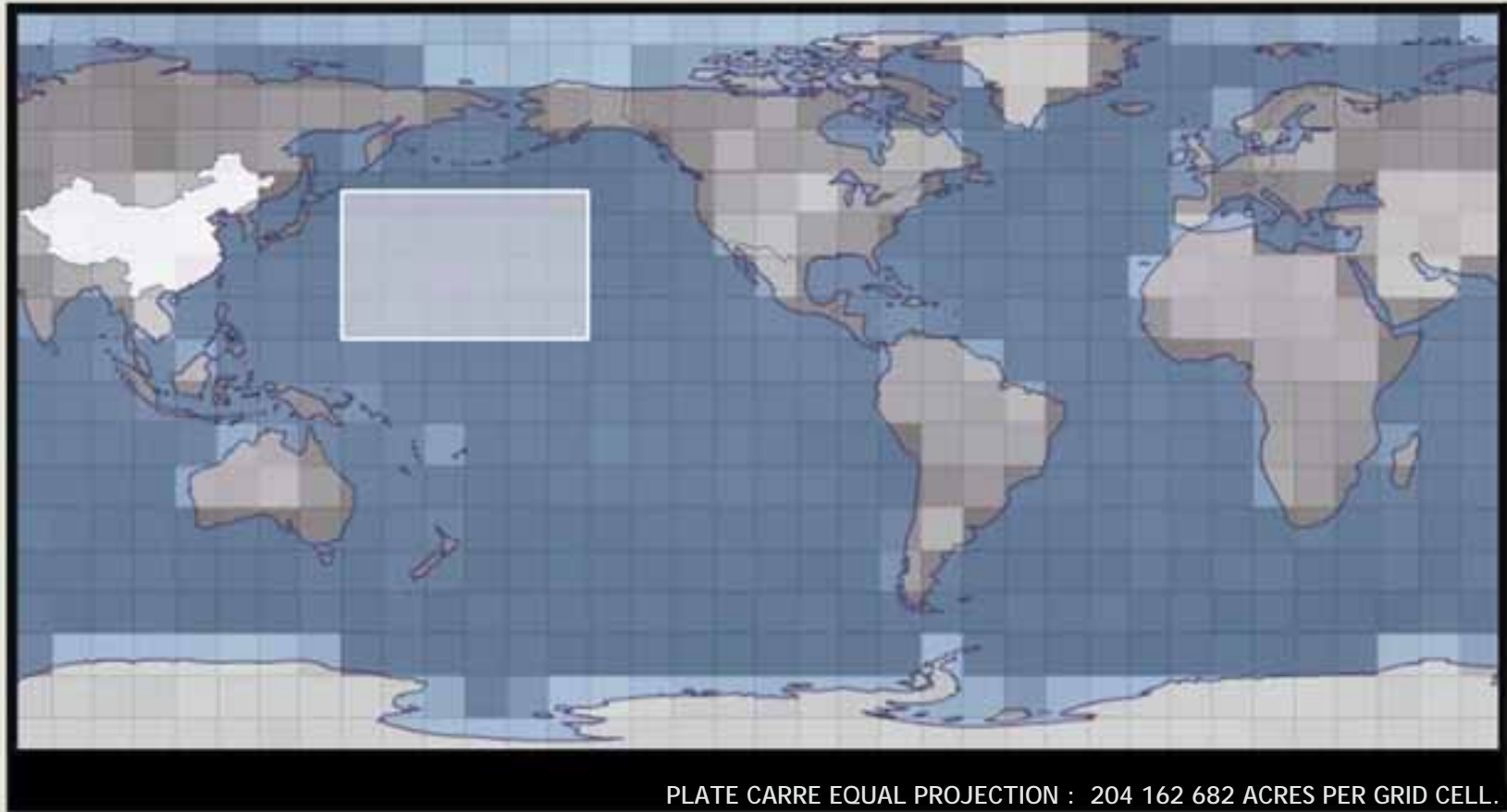
17.8 cells

DEFICIT

48 cells

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## CHINA'S FOOTPRINT NEEDS

BIO- CAPACITY

8.9 cells

DEFICIT

12 cells

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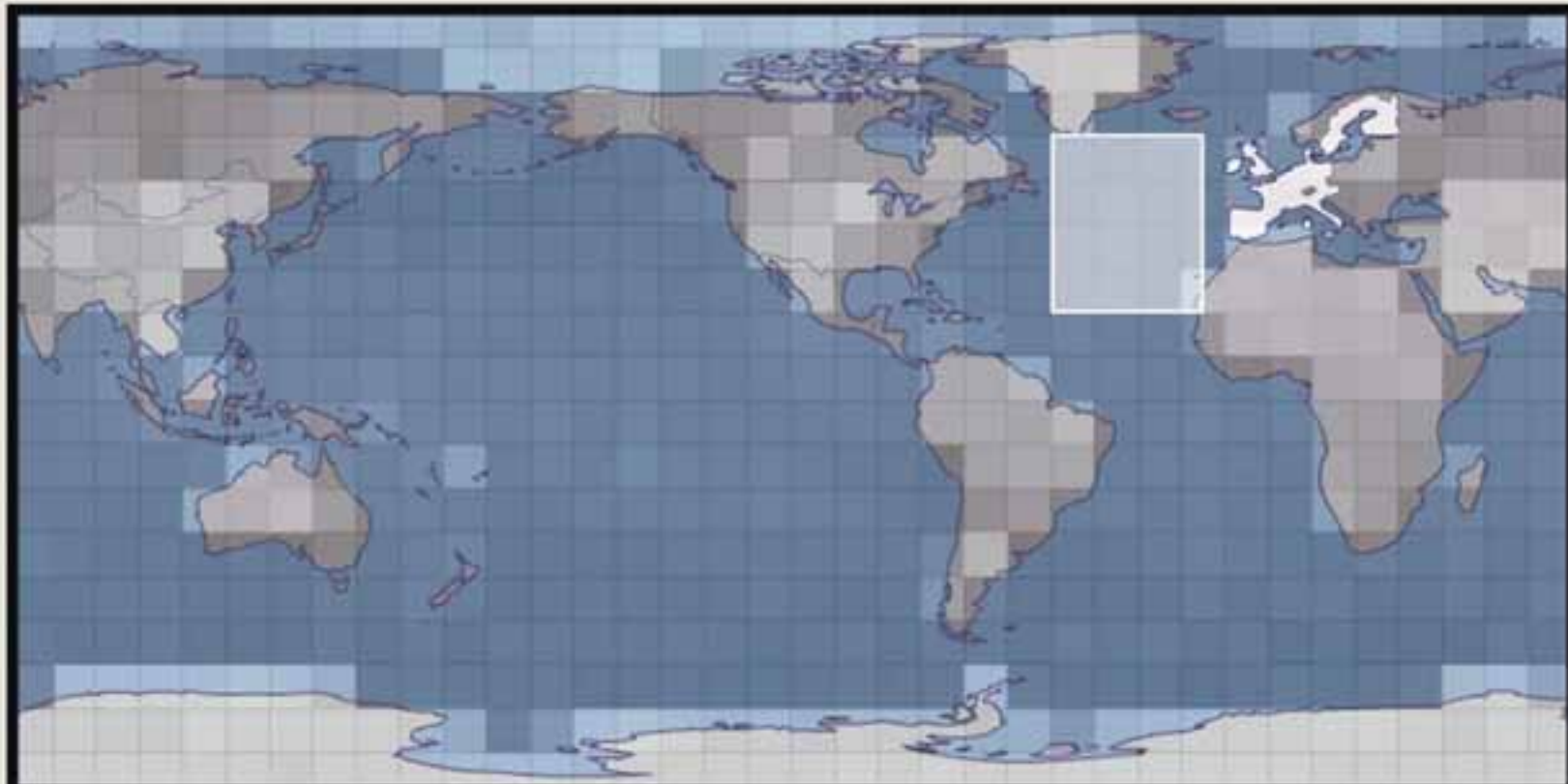


PLATE CARRE EQUAL PROJECTION : 204 162 682 ACRES PER GRID CELL.

## EUROPE'S FOOTPRINT NEEDS

BIO- CAPACITY

10.5 cells

DEFICIT

10.5 cells

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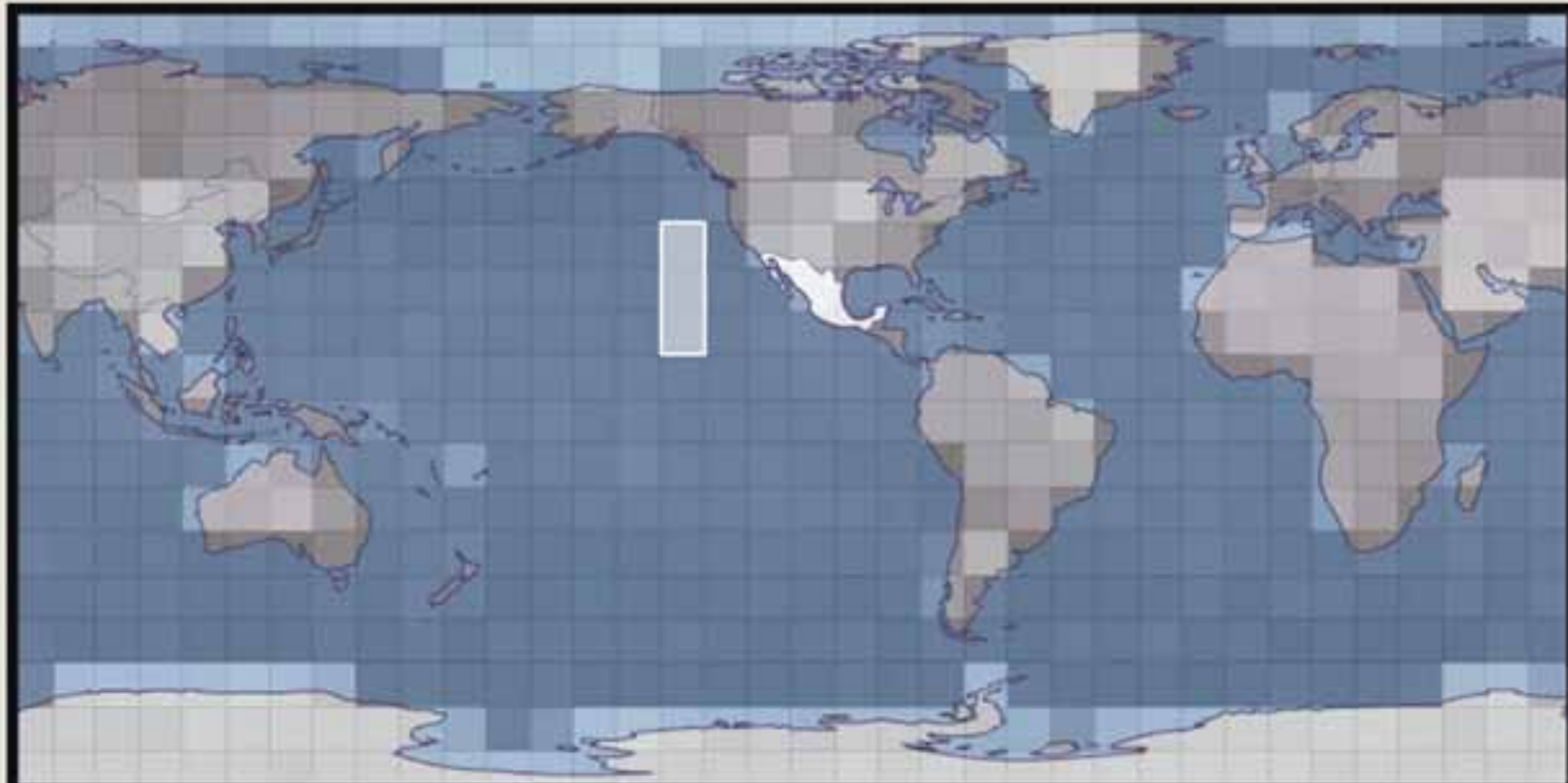


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## MEXICO'S FOOTPRINT NEEDS

BIO - CAPACITY

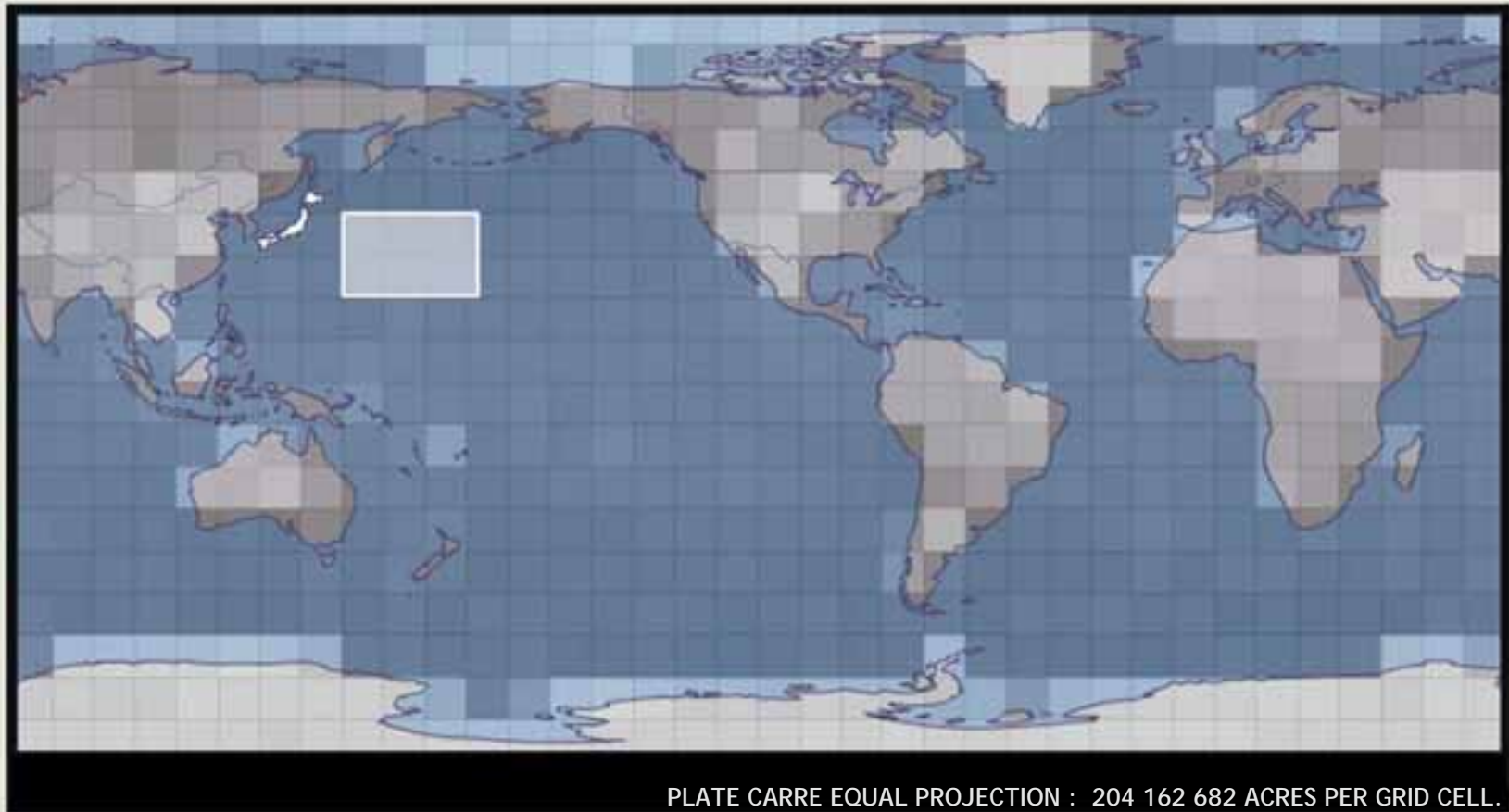
1.3 cells

DEFICIT

1.4 cells

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## JAPAN'S FOOTPRINT NEEDS

BIO - CAPACITY

1 cells

DEFICIT

5.3 cells

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Plate carre equal projection : 3 190 130 acres per grid cell.

# LONDON ENGLAND'S FOOTPRINT NEEDS

Biocapacity	0.1 cells
Deficit	11.6 cells

## LONDON'S ECOLOGICAL DEFICIT FOOTPRINT



Plate carre equal projection : 40 acres per grid cell.

## UNIVERSITY CAMPUS FOOTPRINT NEEDS

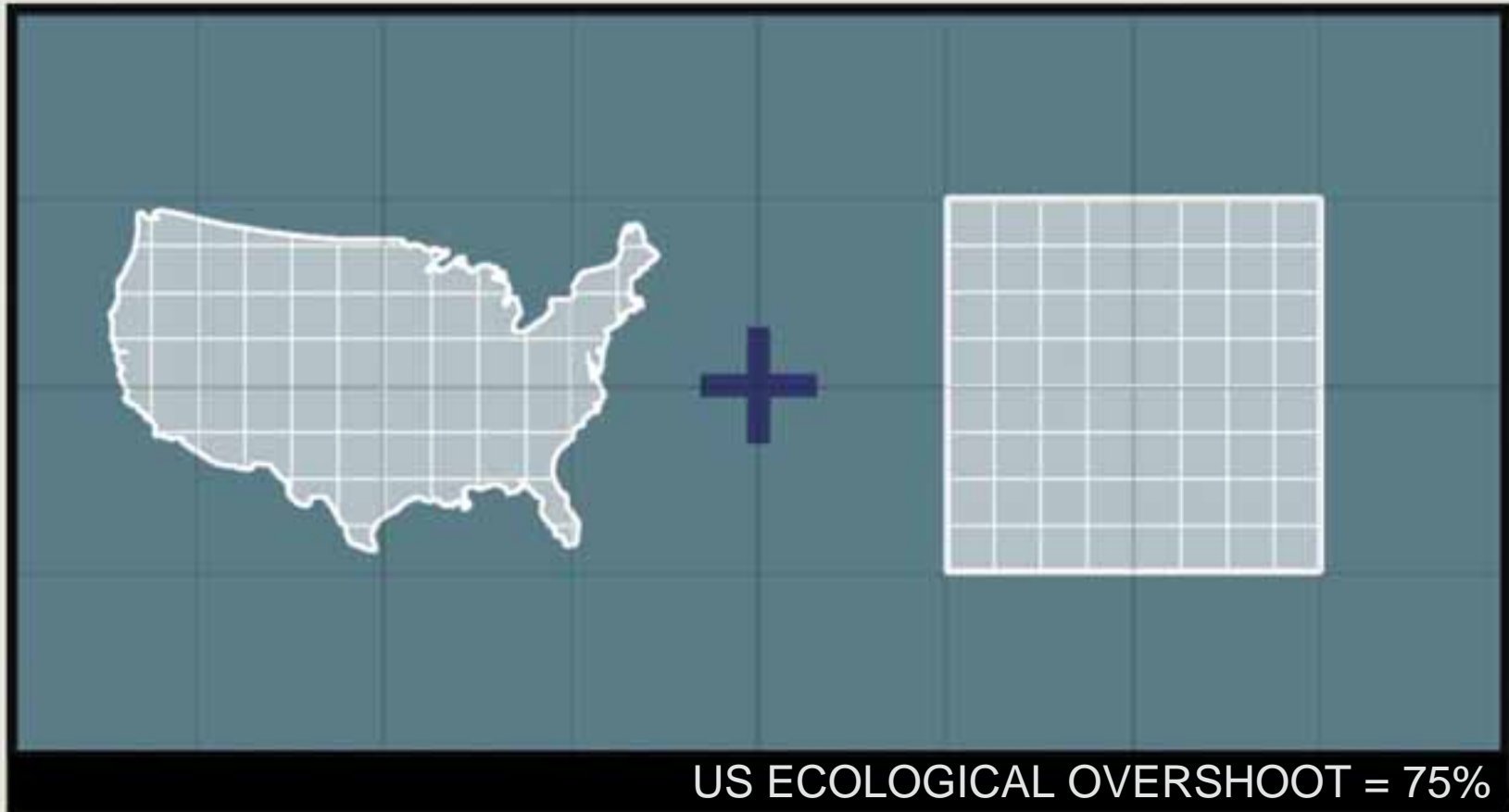
Biocapacity

0.25 cells

Deficit

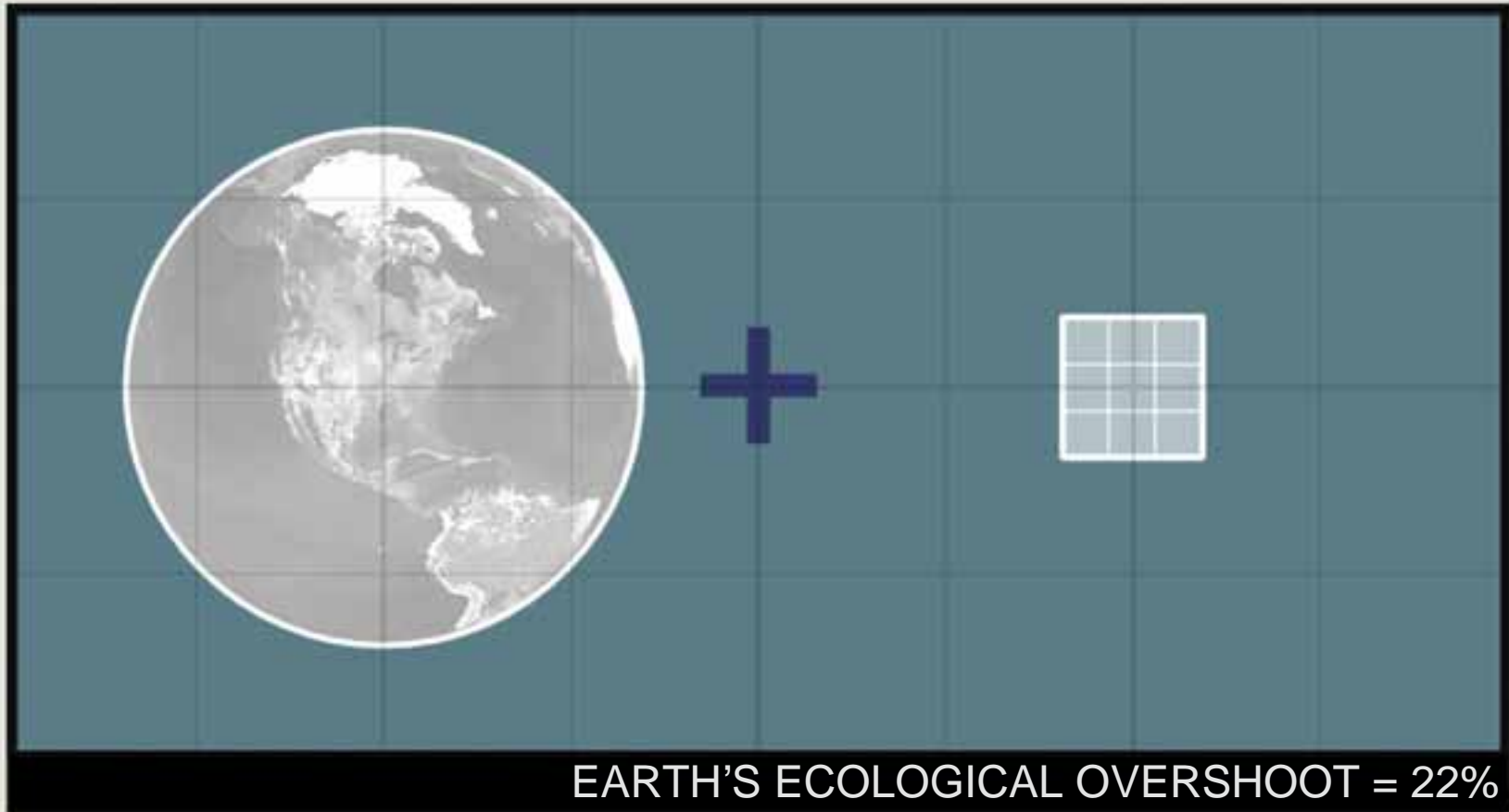
9 cells

## CAMPUS' ECOLOGICAL DEFICIT FOOTPRINT



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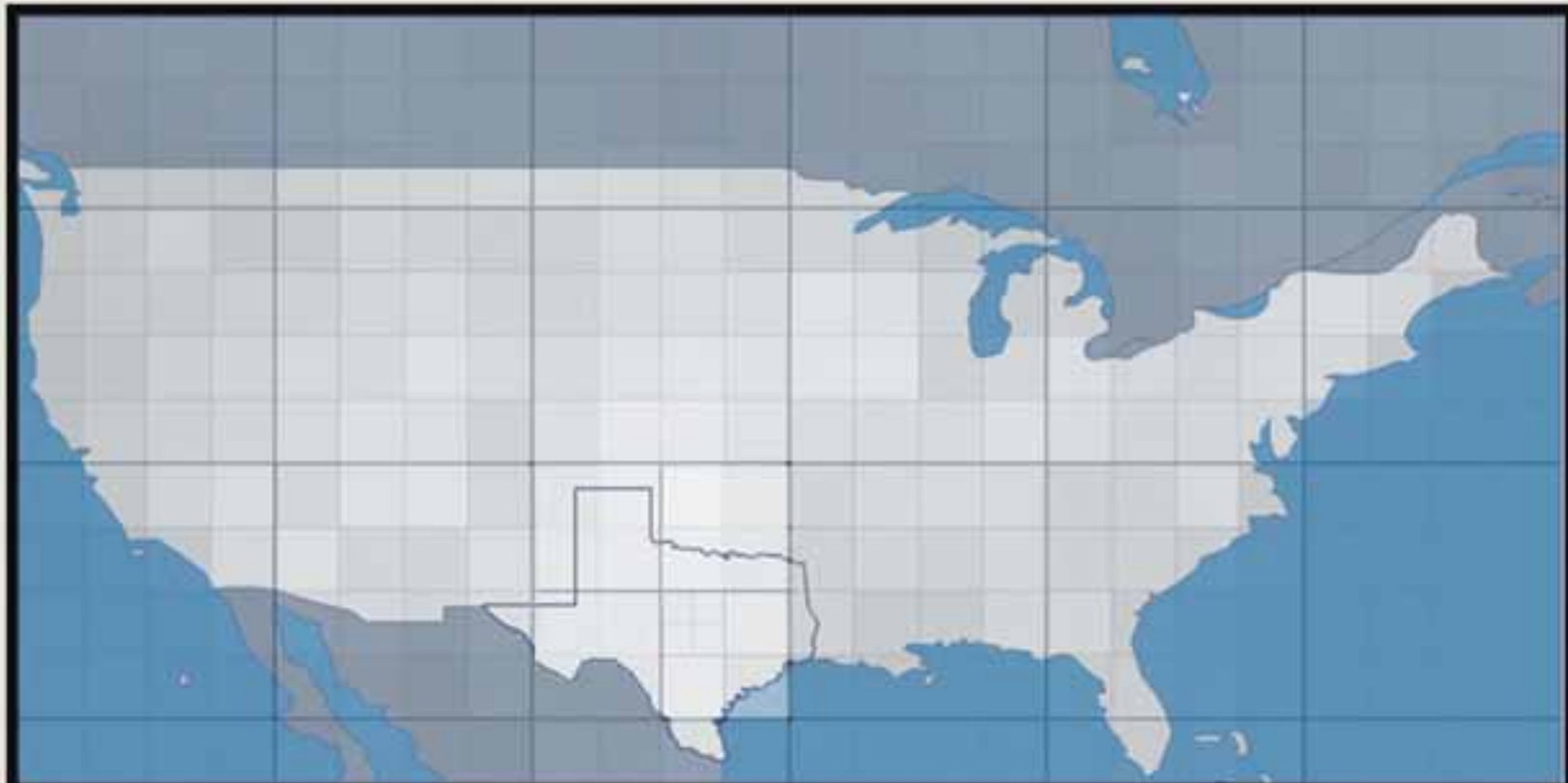


PLATE CARRE EQUAL PROJ : 3 190 042 ACRES PER GRID CELL.

## USA INFORMATION HIERARCHY

### AIR (CO<sup>2</sup>)

-imbalanced ( 21 times  
area of U.S. s. WWF,  
CENSUS, NASA)

### ENERGY


-Non- renewable makes up 95% of the total  
energy supply


### WATER

- Ground recharge, 0.17  
- Surface, 0.18  
(588% over balanced)

### MATERIALS

-Recycled materials only make up 6% of  
total

 Spatial

 Numeric

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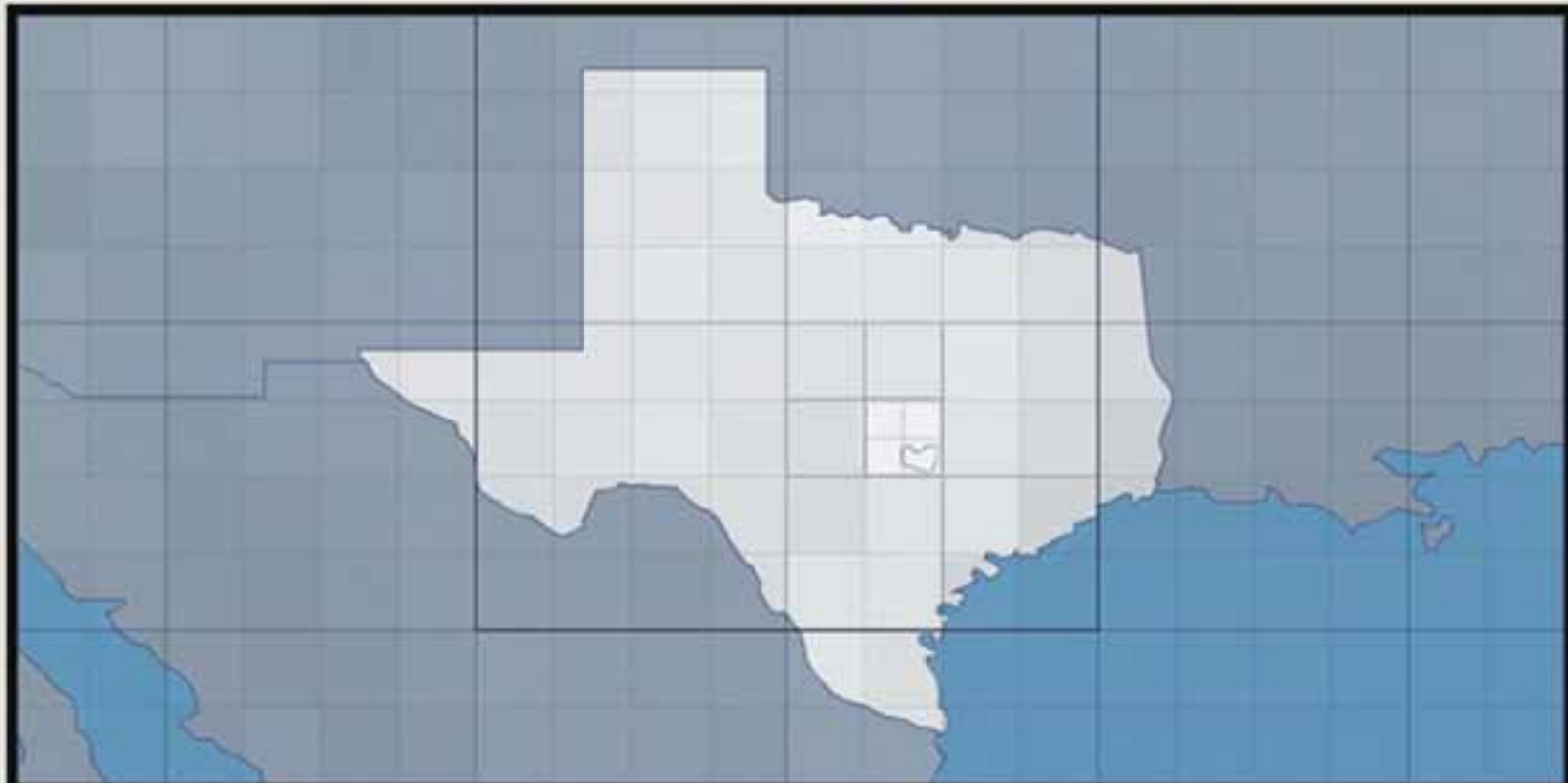



PLATE CARRE EQUAL PROJ : 3 190 042 ACRES PER GRID CELL. **TEXAS INFORMATION HIERARCHY**


**AIR (CO<sup>2</sup>)** - 8.8 times area of Texas needed

**ENERGY** - only .7% renewable (potential within state according to governors energy office could supply 25 times the present population of Texas)

**WATER** - Ground recharge, 1.67  
- Surface, 0.62  
(160% imbalanced)

**MATERIALS** - N/A

 Spatial

 Numeric

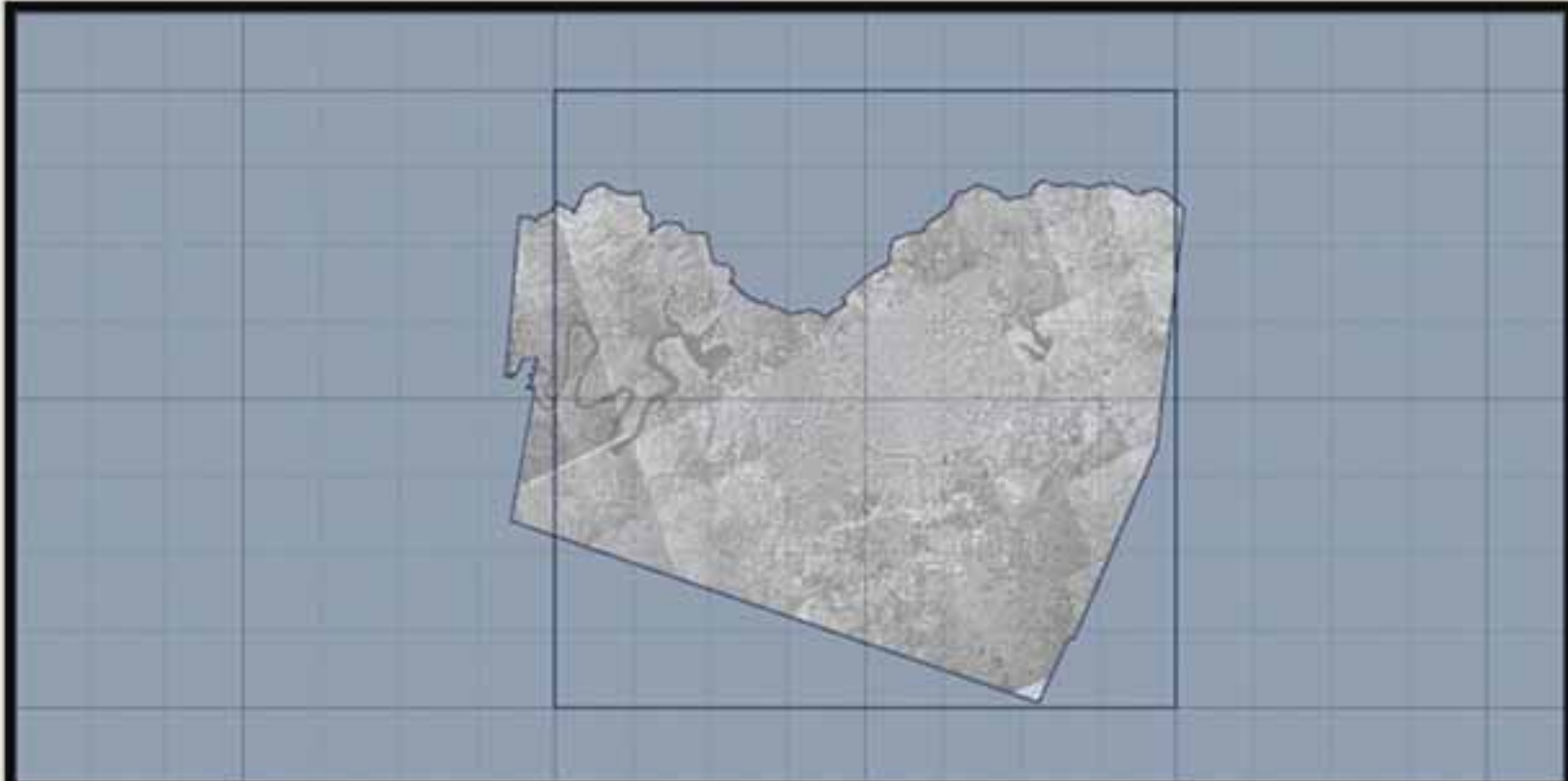


PLATE CARRE EQUAL PROJECTION : 49 844 ACRES PER GRID CELL.

**AUSTIN IMBALANCE**

**AIR (CO<sup>2</sup>)** - 62% tree cover loss\*

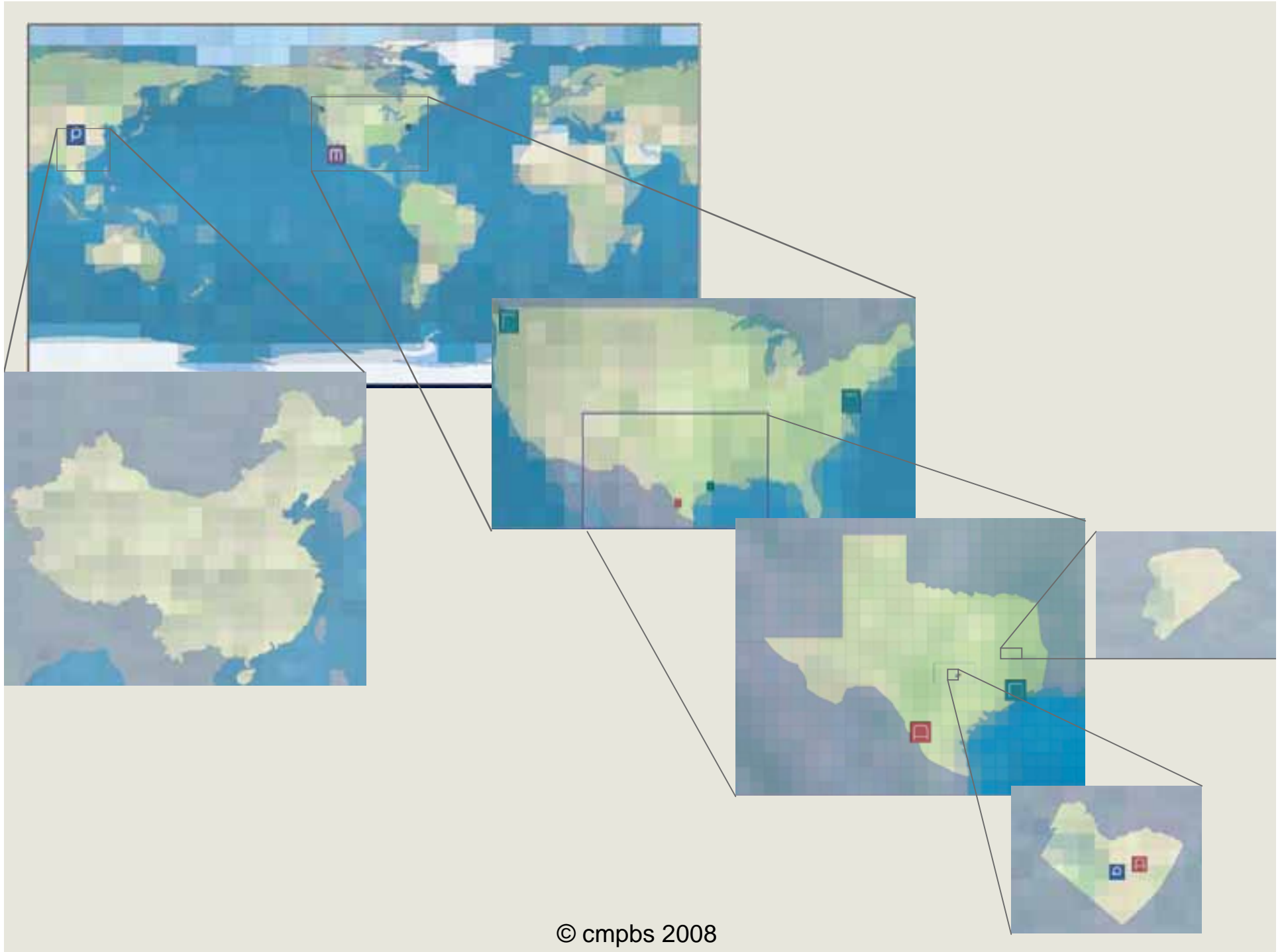
**ENERGY** - Renewable 4% of total

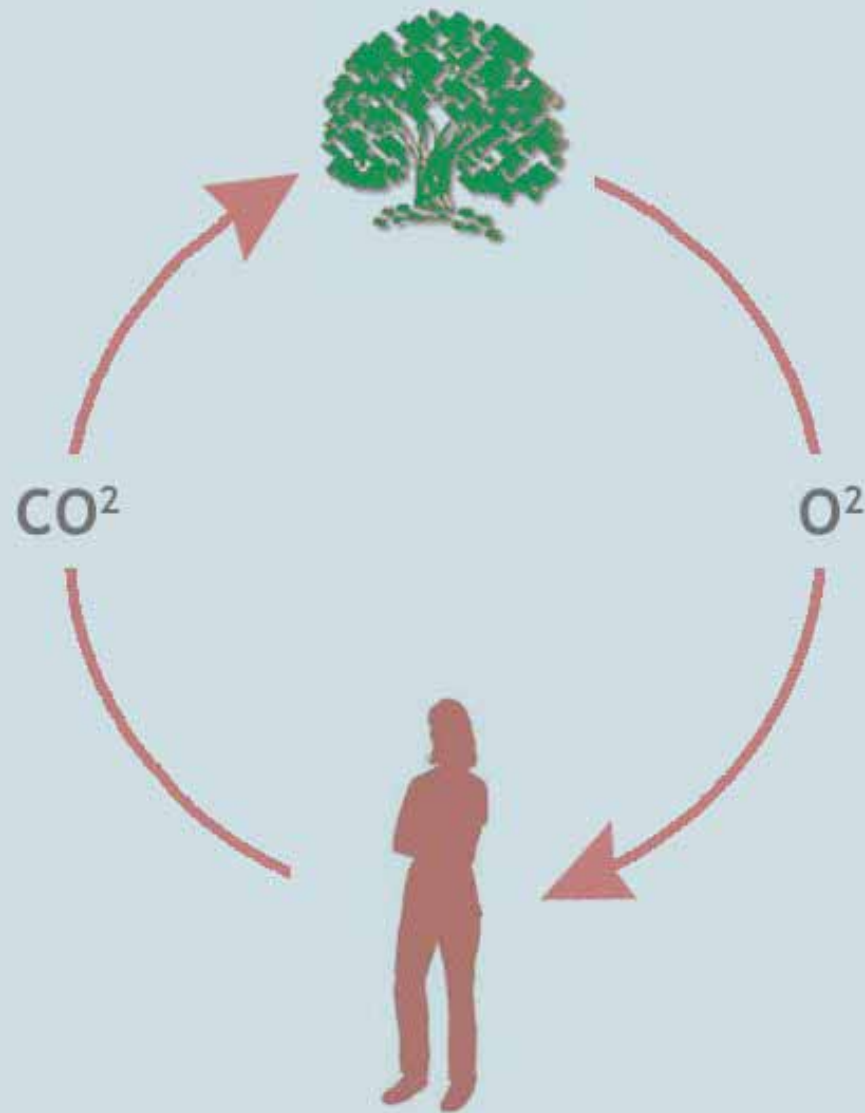
**WATER** - 56% worse in water use

**MATERIALS** - Solid waste recycled, 14% reduction\*


**FOOD** - 57% of local farming reduced\*

■ All Numeric      \* All over over ten years



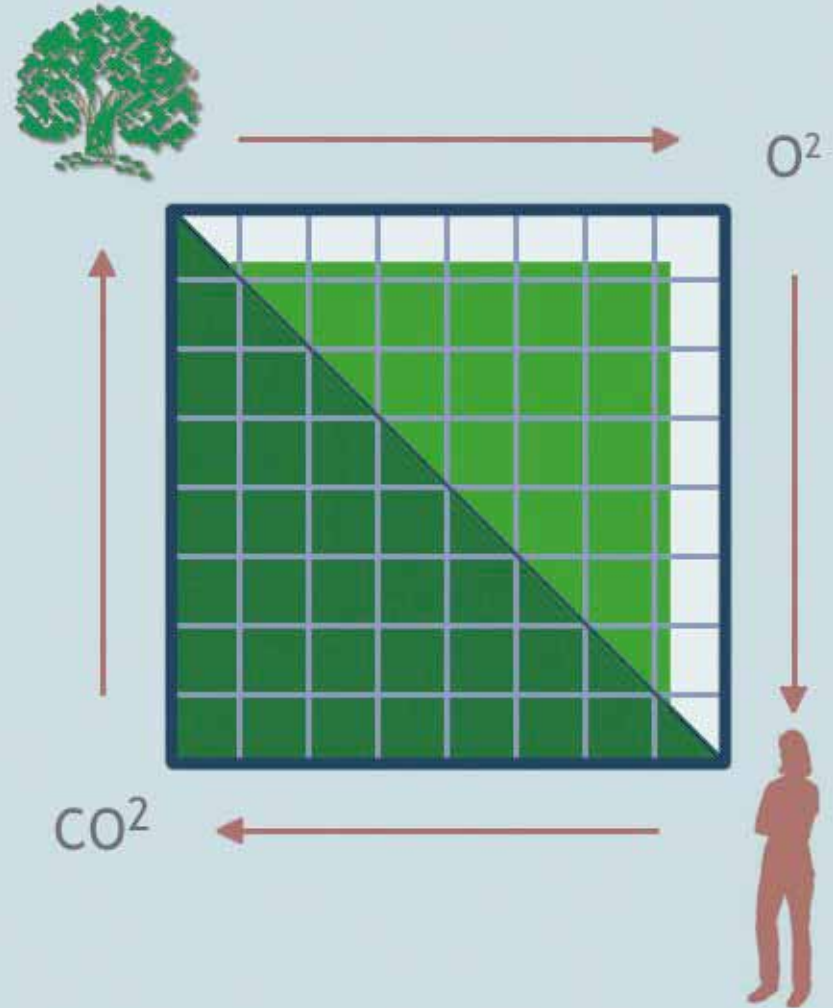


**A SIMPLE AIR LIFE CYCLE FOR BREATHING  
BETWEEN HUMANS AND PLANTS**

 = 240 SQ.FT.

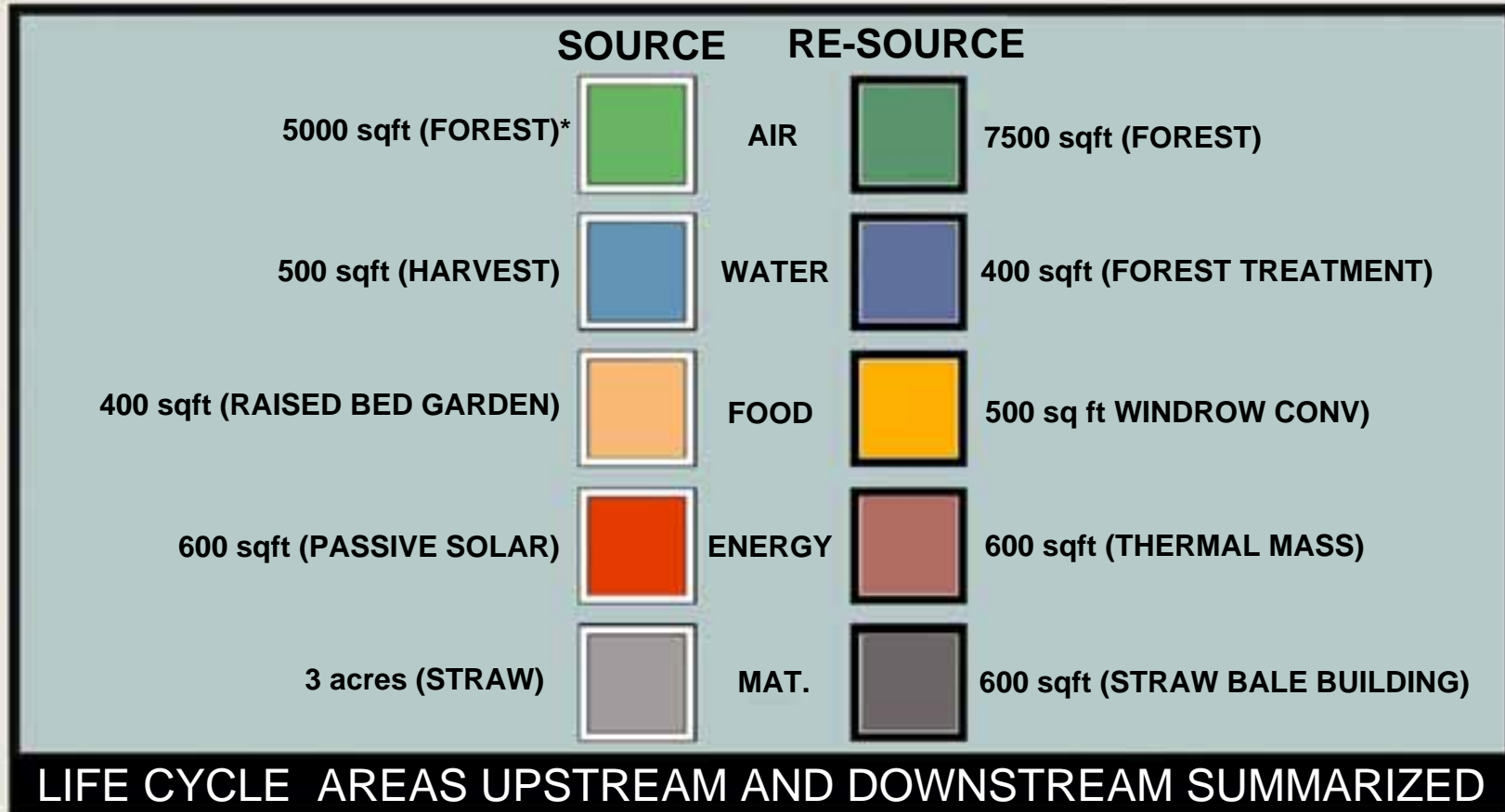
**O<sub>2</sub> PRODUCTION :**  
**REQUIRES 5000**  
**SQ.FT OF FOREST**  
**PER PERSON**

**CO<sub>2</sub> ABSORPTION :**  
**REQUIRES 7660**  
**SQ.FT OF FOREST**  
**PER PERSON**



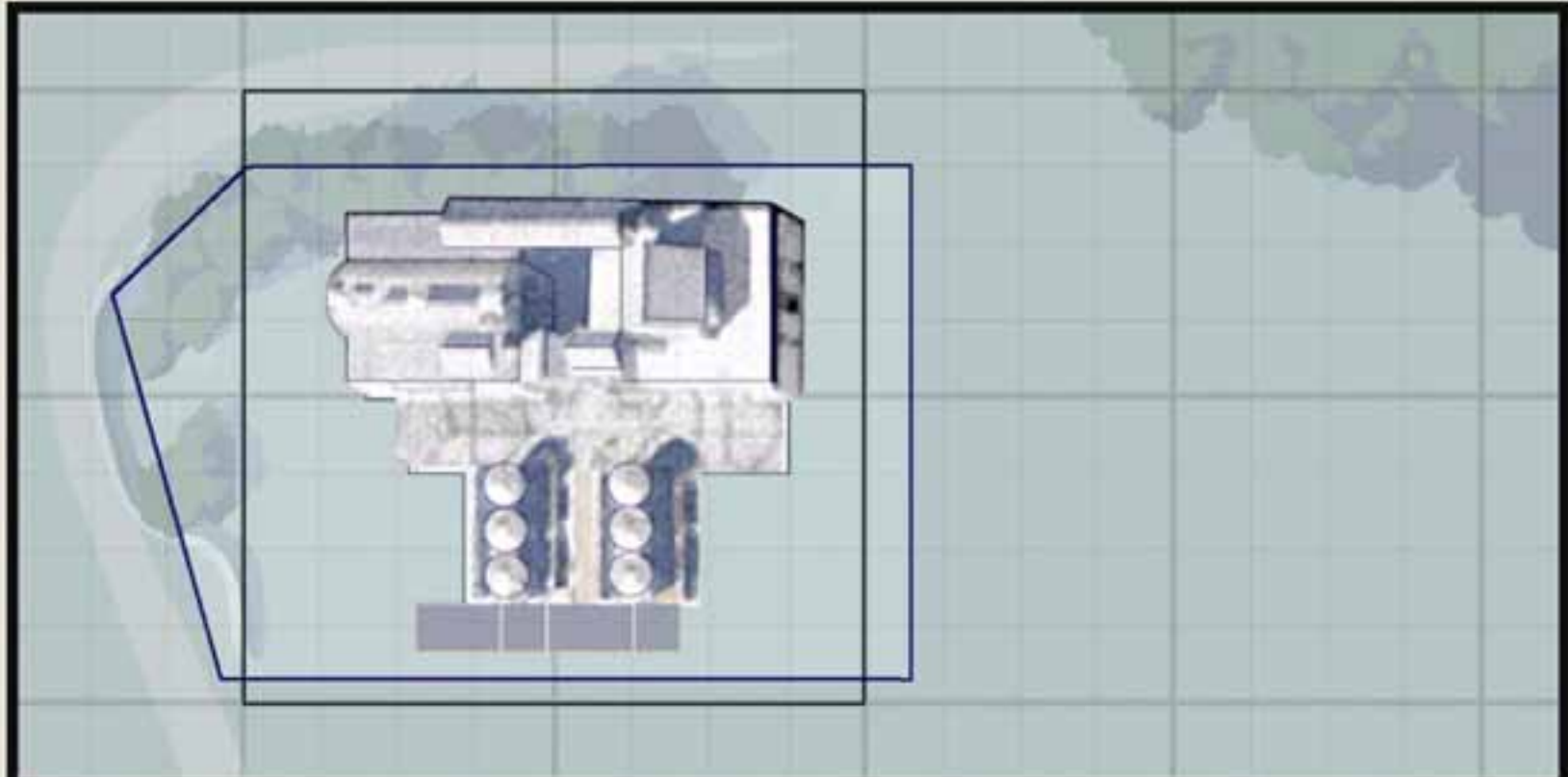


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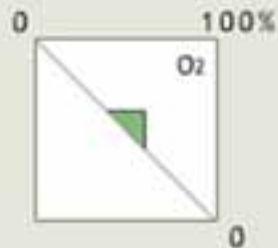
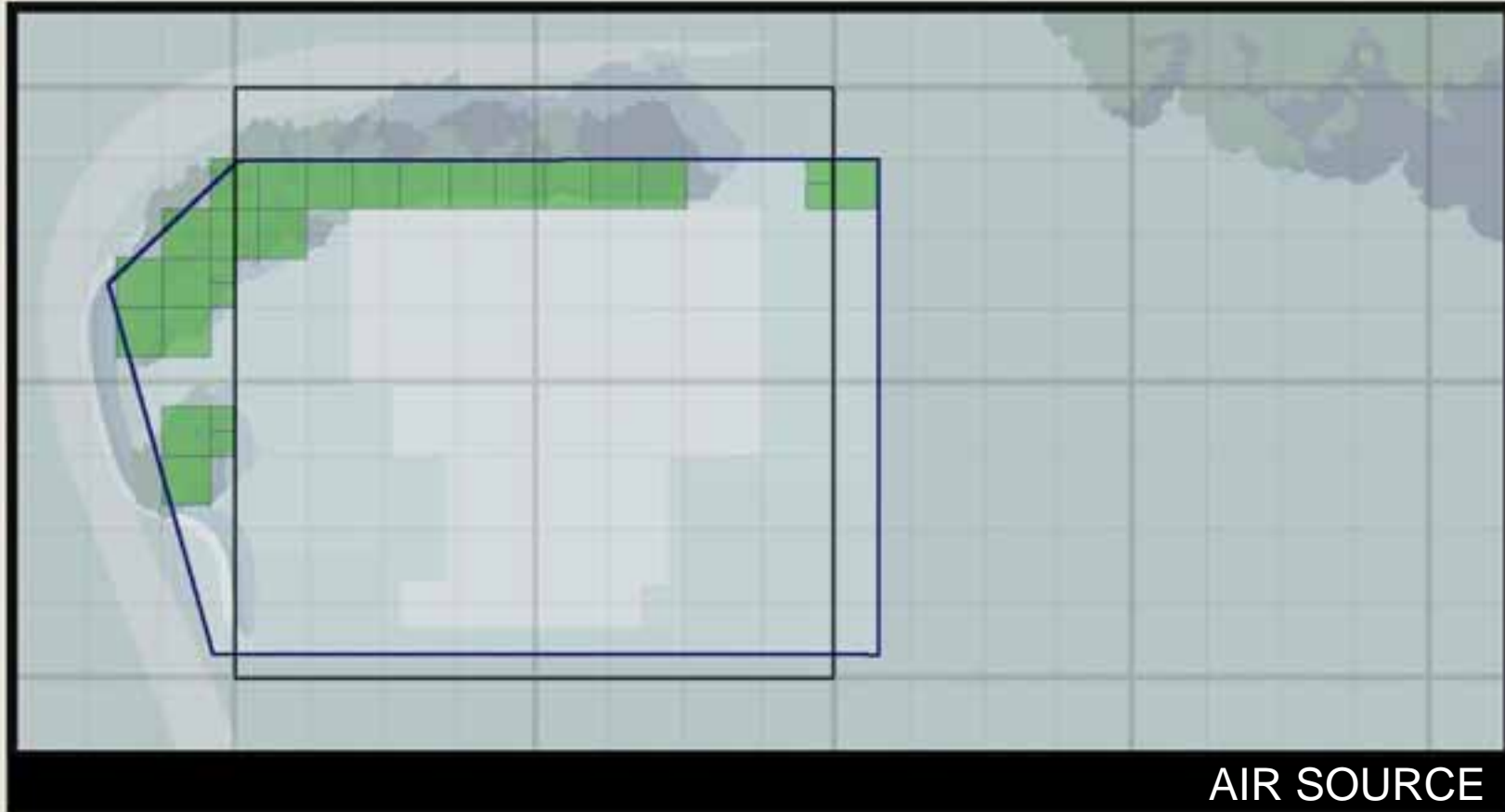
• AREA NEEDED PER PERSON  
SOURCES UPON REQUEST

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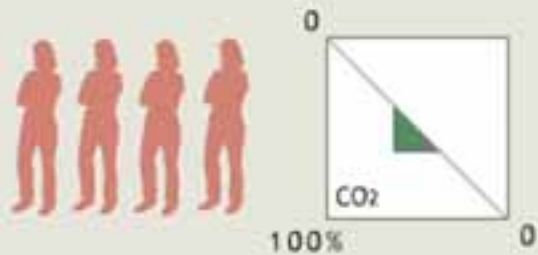
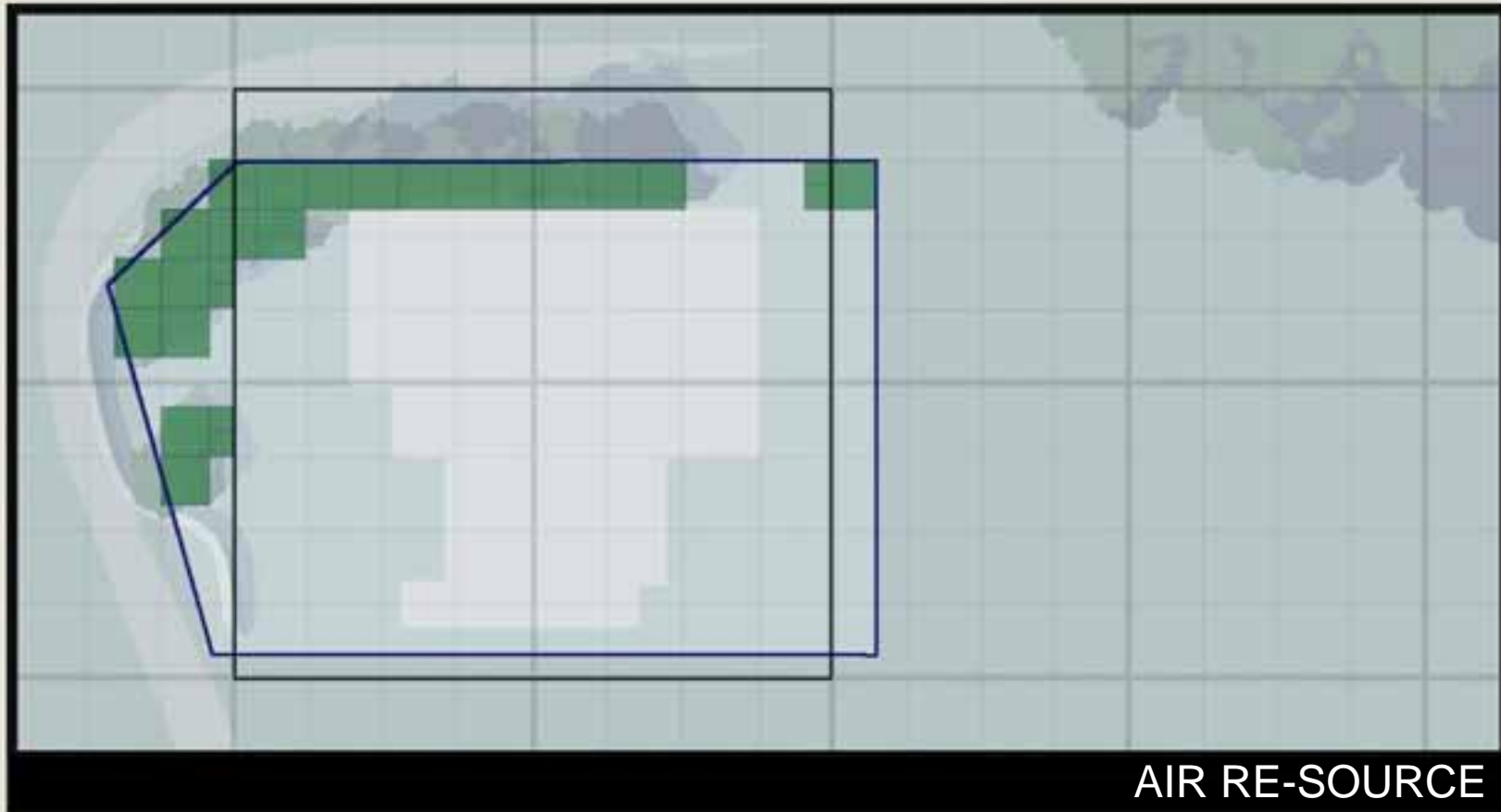
HOME SCALE SITE - QUAD GRID PLANNING UNITS

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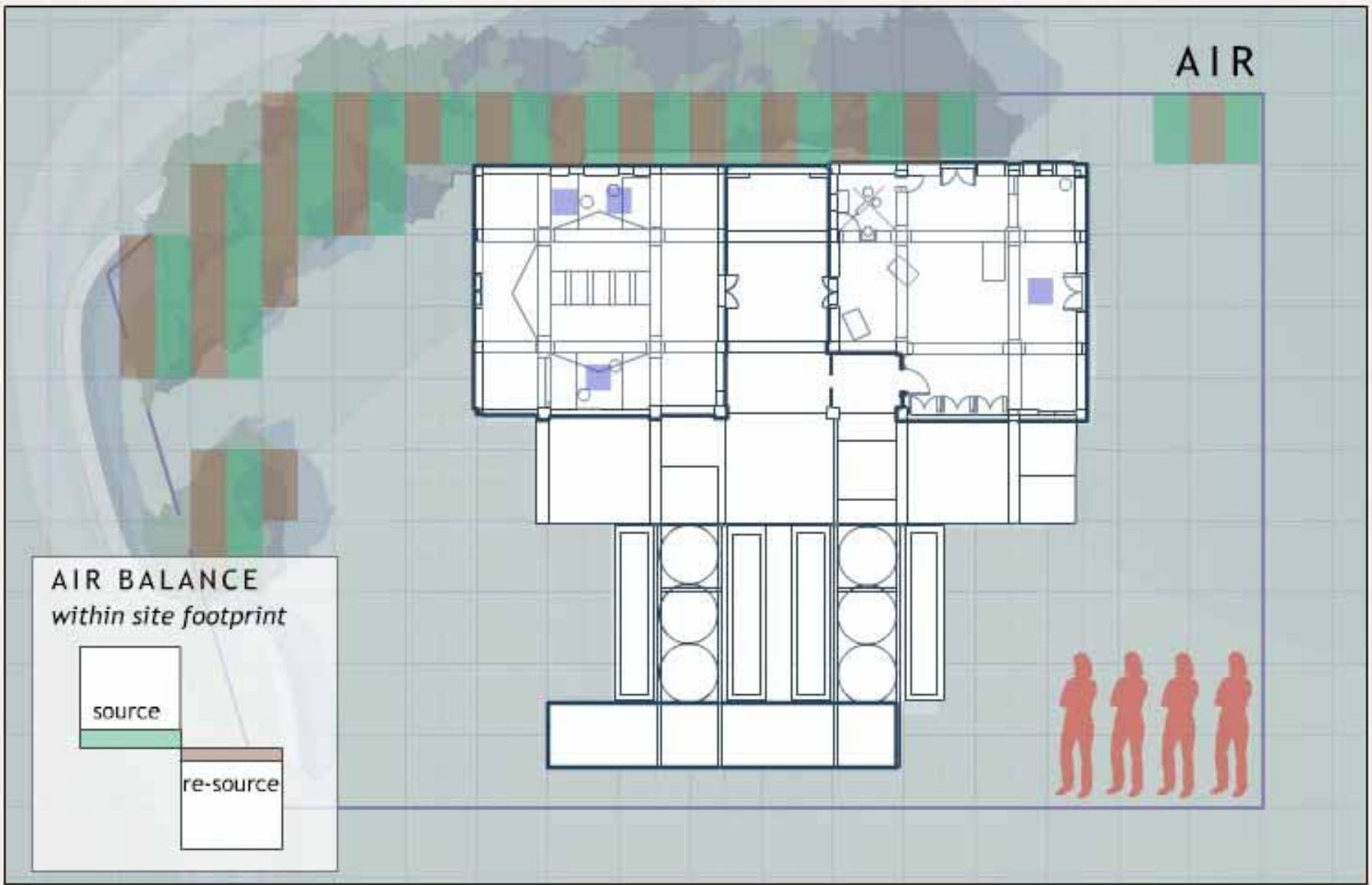
AIR (source) - 0.5% balanced

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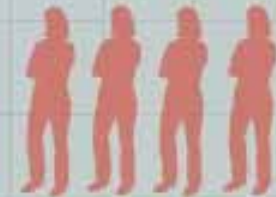
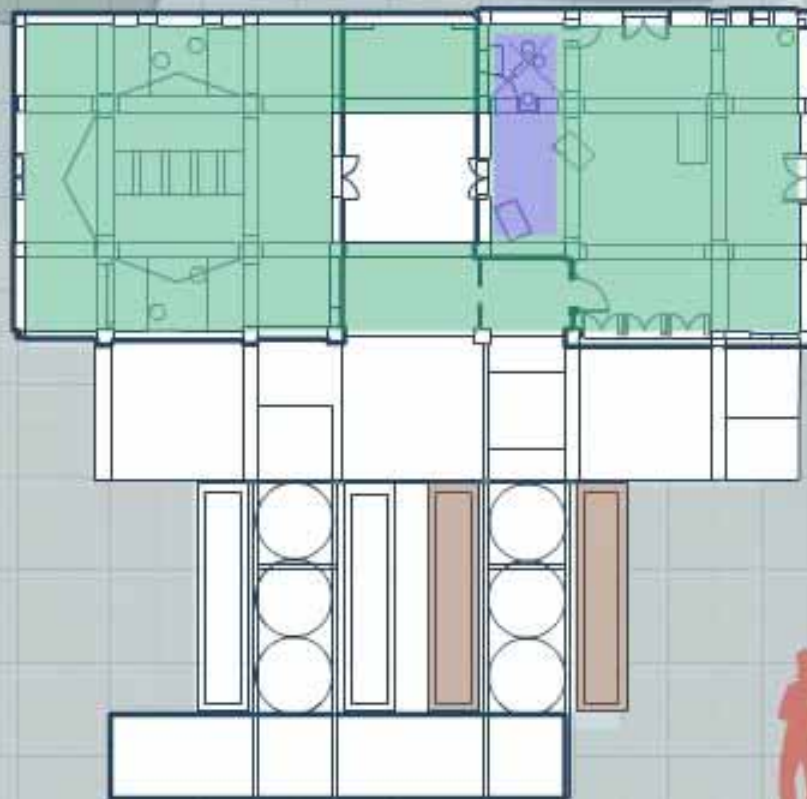
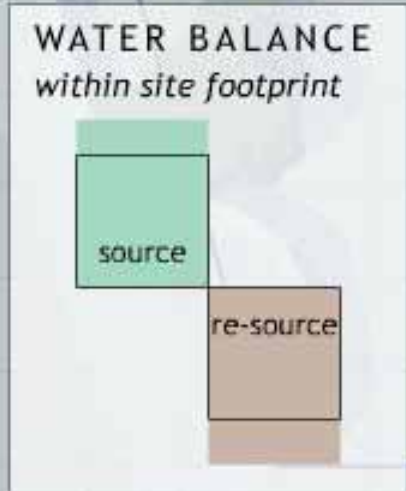
AIR (Re-source) -0.5 % balanced




ADVANCED GREEN BUILDER DEMONSTRATION



■ source O<sub>2</sub>    ■ use people    ■ re-source CO<sub>2</sub>

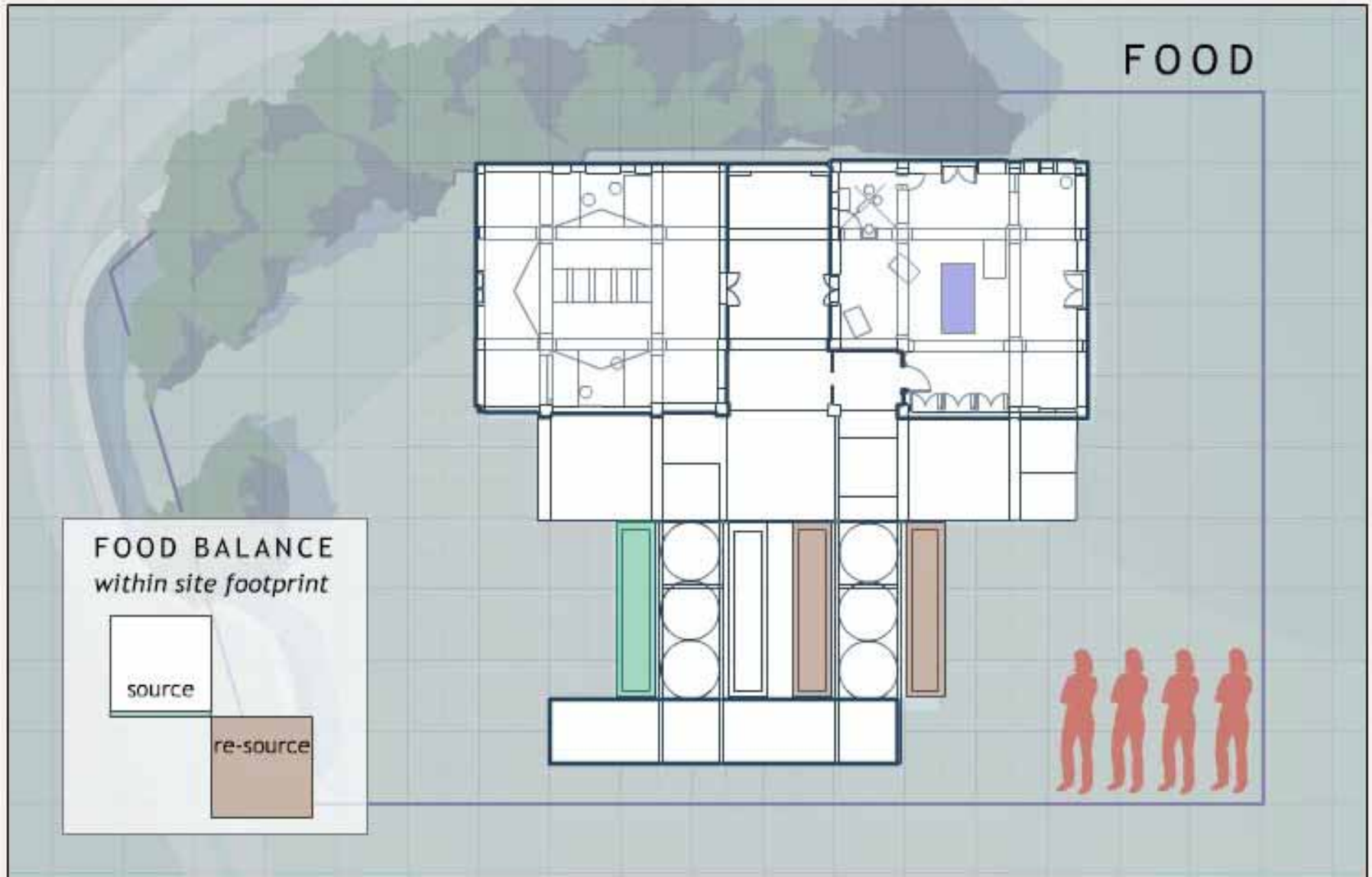
# WATER / WASTEWATER



-  source roof
-  use bath/kitchen
-  re-source wetland



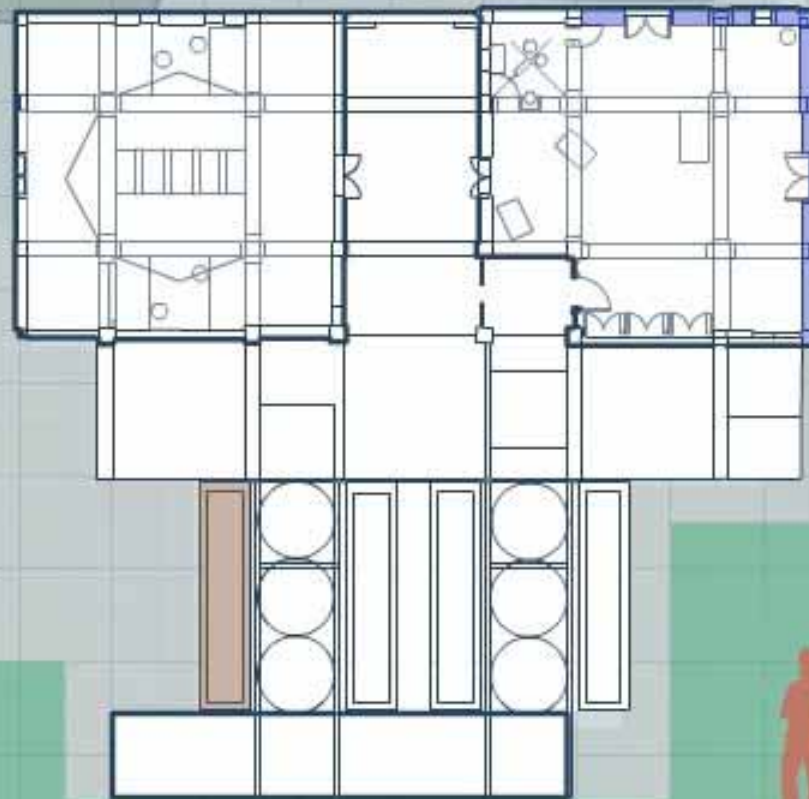
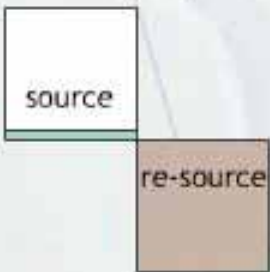
ADVANCED GREEN BUILDER DEMONSTRATION






source garden    use dining    re-source bathroom

# MATERIALS - STRAW

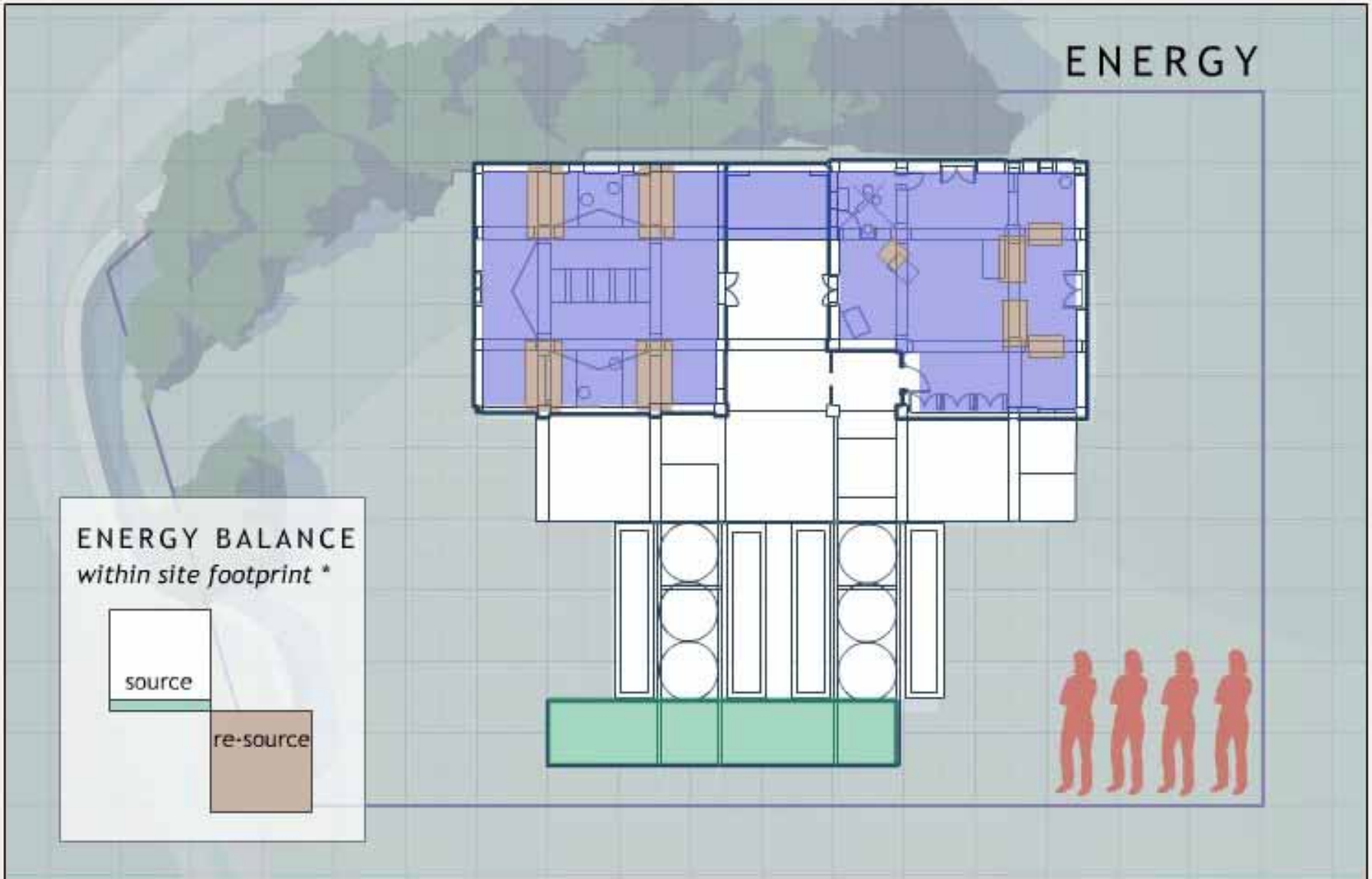
MATERIALS  
BALANCE  
*within site footprint*



-  source straw
-  use bale walls
-  re-source garden waste

ADVANCED GREEN BUILDER DEMONSTRATION

ENERGY



\* source includes charge for electric vehicle transportation

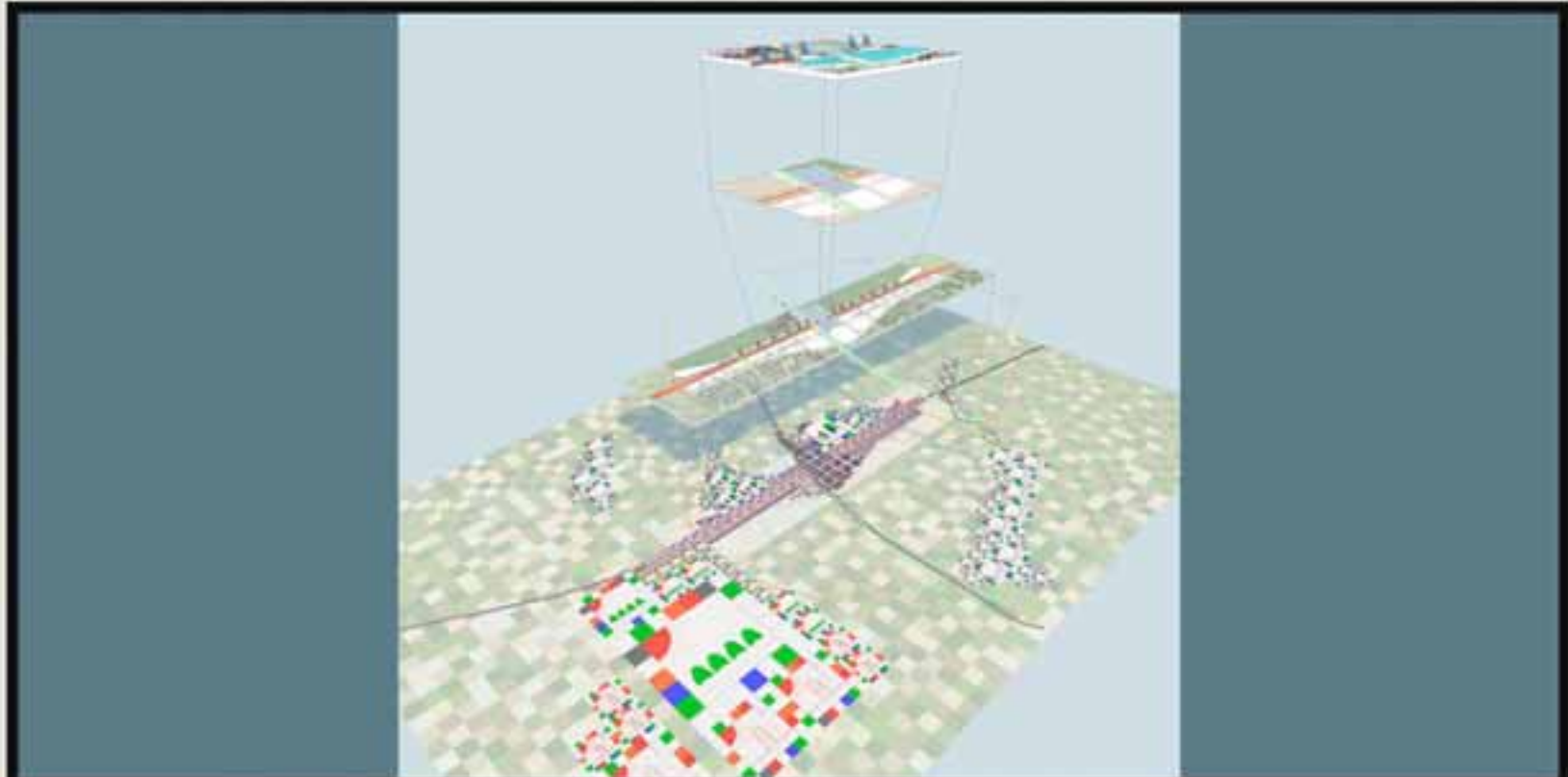
- source  
pv panels
- use  
space
- re-source  
conserving appliance

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MATRIX ICON AS PLANNING TOOL

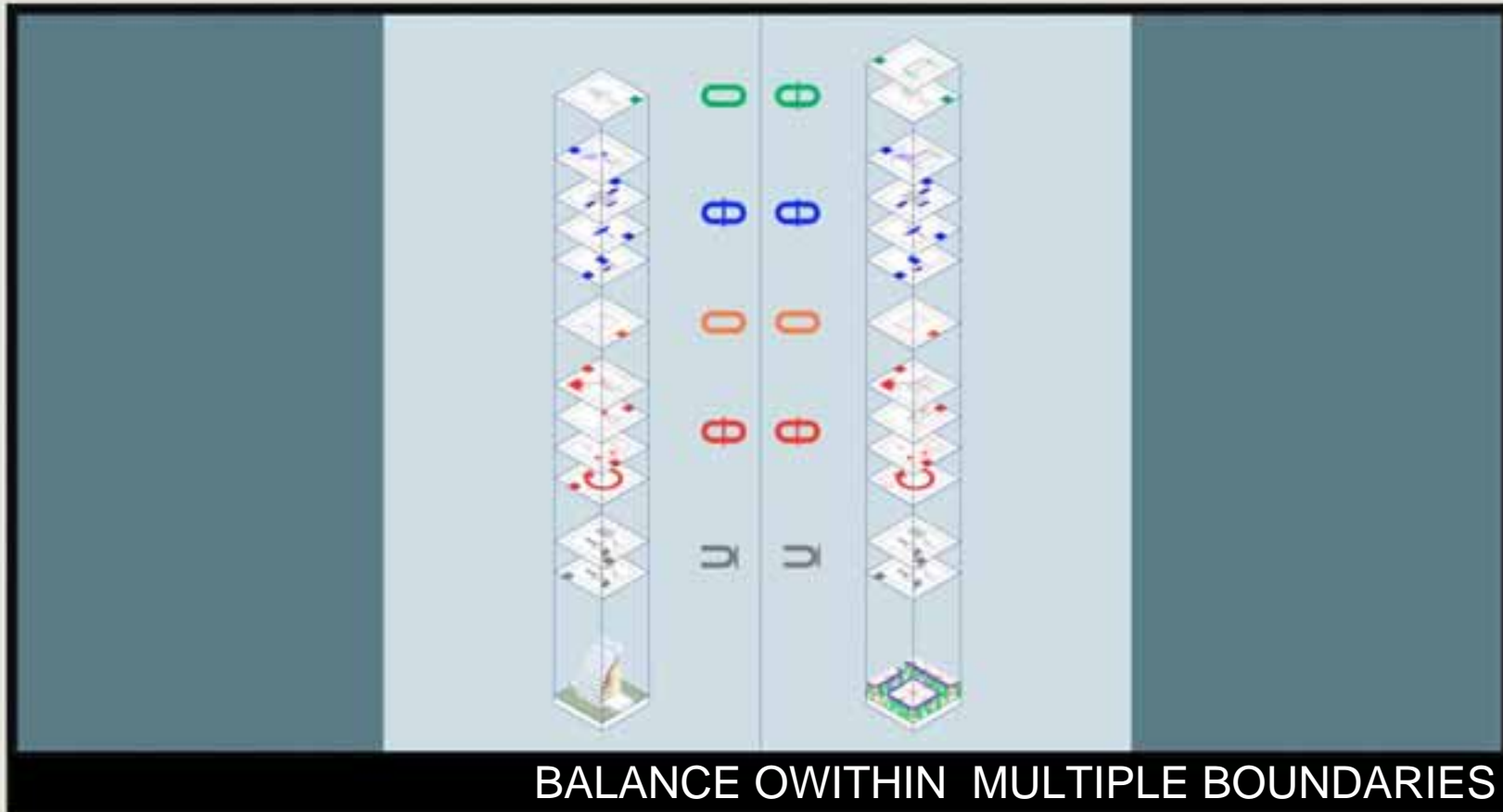
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DESIGN PROCESS



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$$\sum_{\text{Total}} = \sum_{\text{Build}} + \sum_{\text{Local}} + \sum_{\text{Urban}} + \sum_{\text{Regional}} + \sum_{\text{Country}} = [\text{Green} + \text{Blue} + \text{Orange} + \text{Red} + \text{Grey}] + \sum_{\text{Local}} + \sum_{\text{Urban}} + \sum_{\text{Regional}} + \sum_{\text{Country}} = 0$$

$$\sum_{\text{Total}} = [\sum_{\text{Urban}} + \text{Green} + \text{Red} + \text{Grey}] + [\sum_{\text{Local}} + \text{Blue}] + [\sum_{\text{Regional}} + \text{Orange}] = 0$$



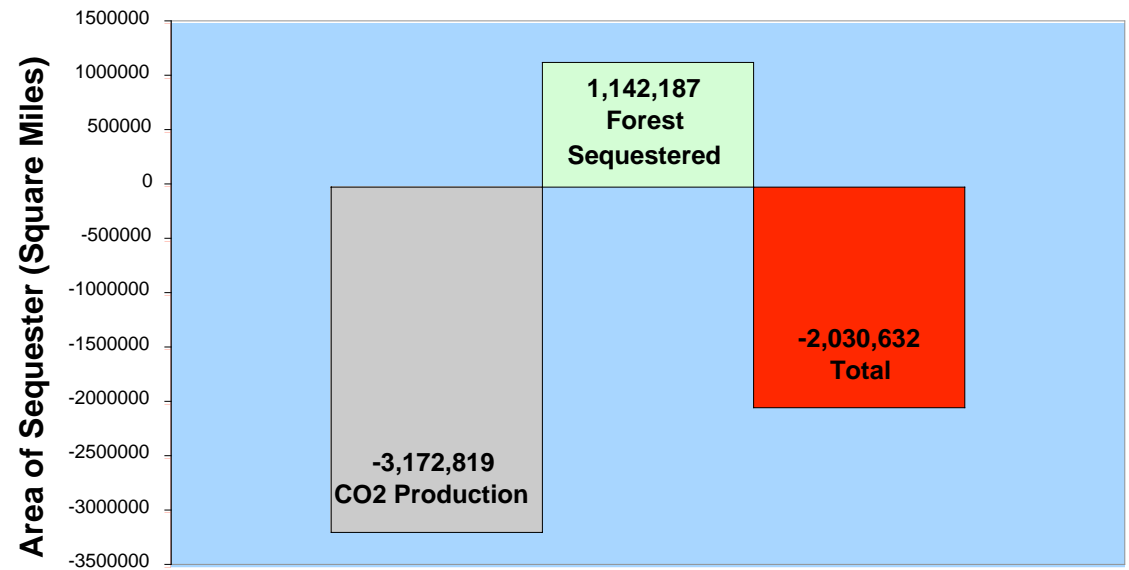
### Vegetation



### Human Activity



### U.S. CO2 BALANCE



LAND COVER :NATURE TO HUMAN = 2.7 FOLD CO2 IMBALANCE

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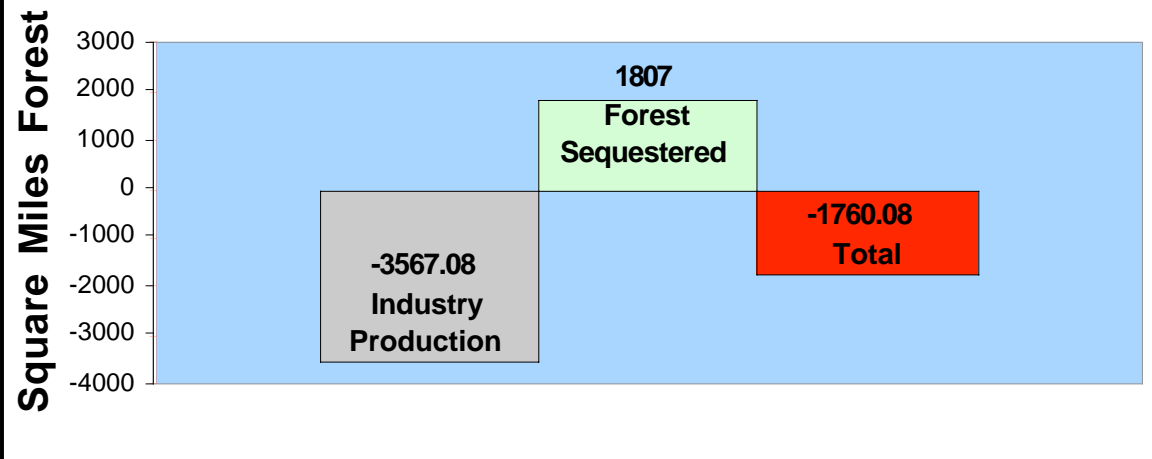
Forest Sequestered



Industry Production

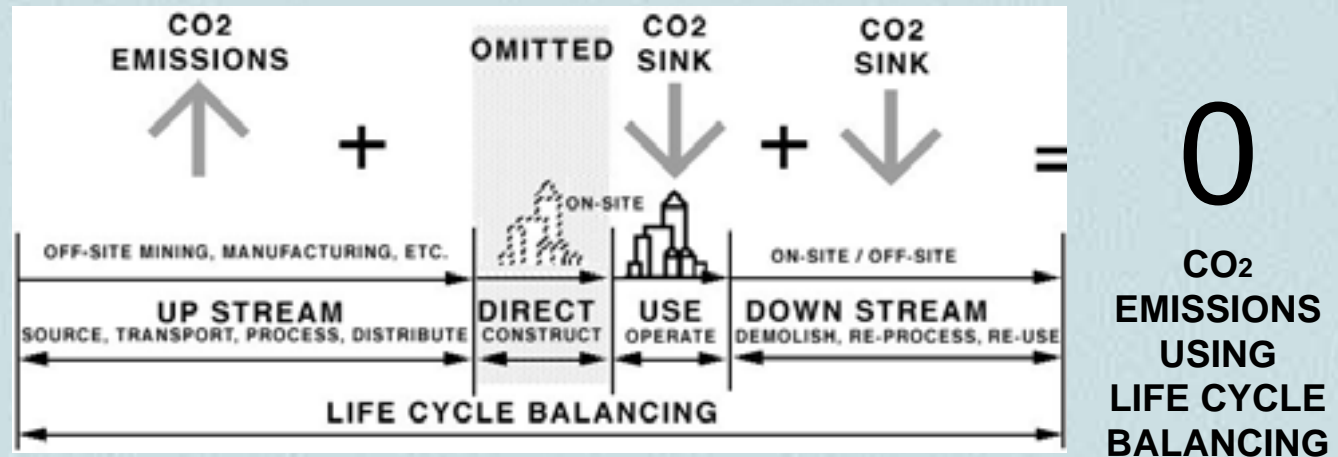
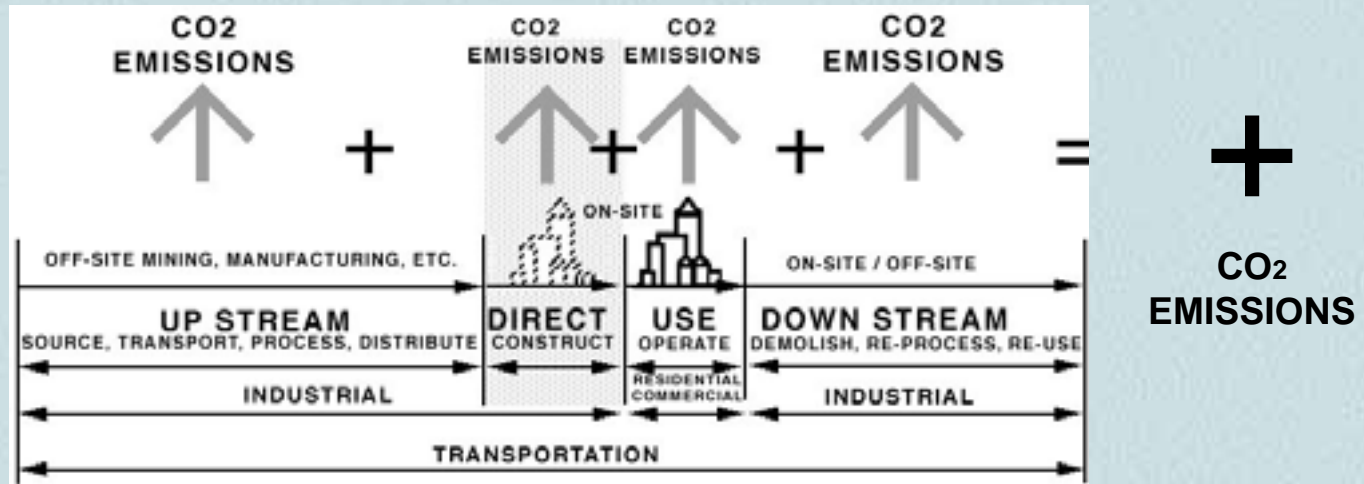


### KING COUNTY CO2 BALANCE (MANUFACTURING ONLY)



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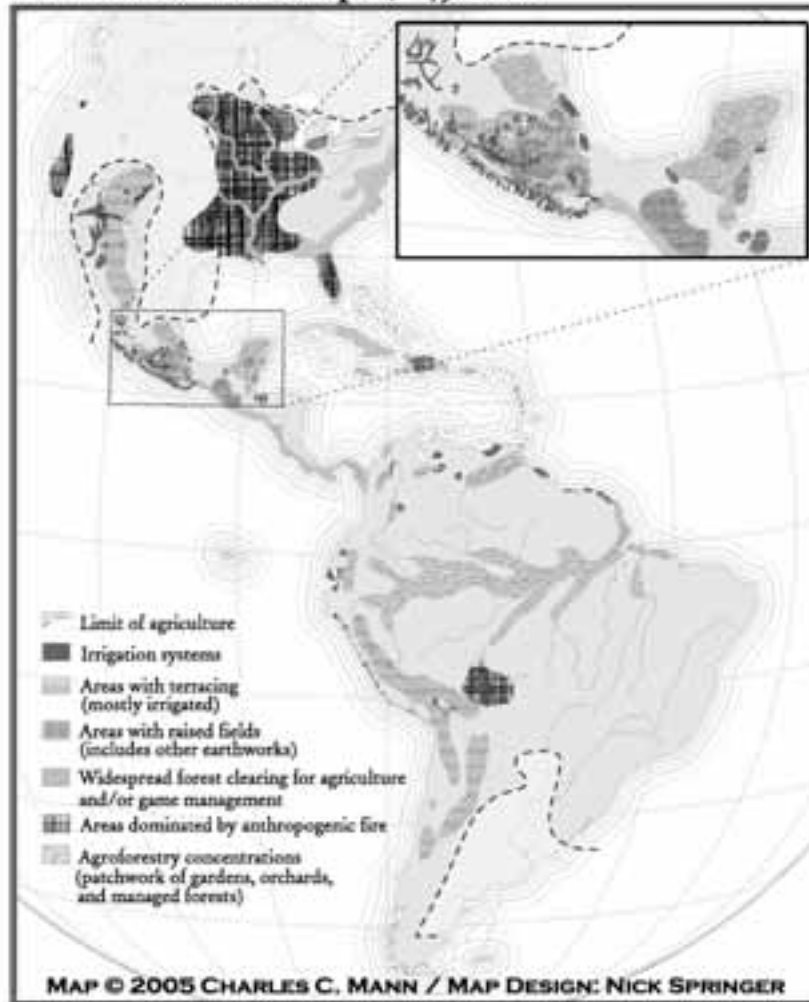
# LIFE CYCLE BALANCING - AIR EXAMPLE



CO2 emissions occur at every stage of a building's life cycle.  
 CO2 balancing may be attained by using long-lasting CO2 sink materials and products.



### Humanized Landscapes, 1491 A.D.



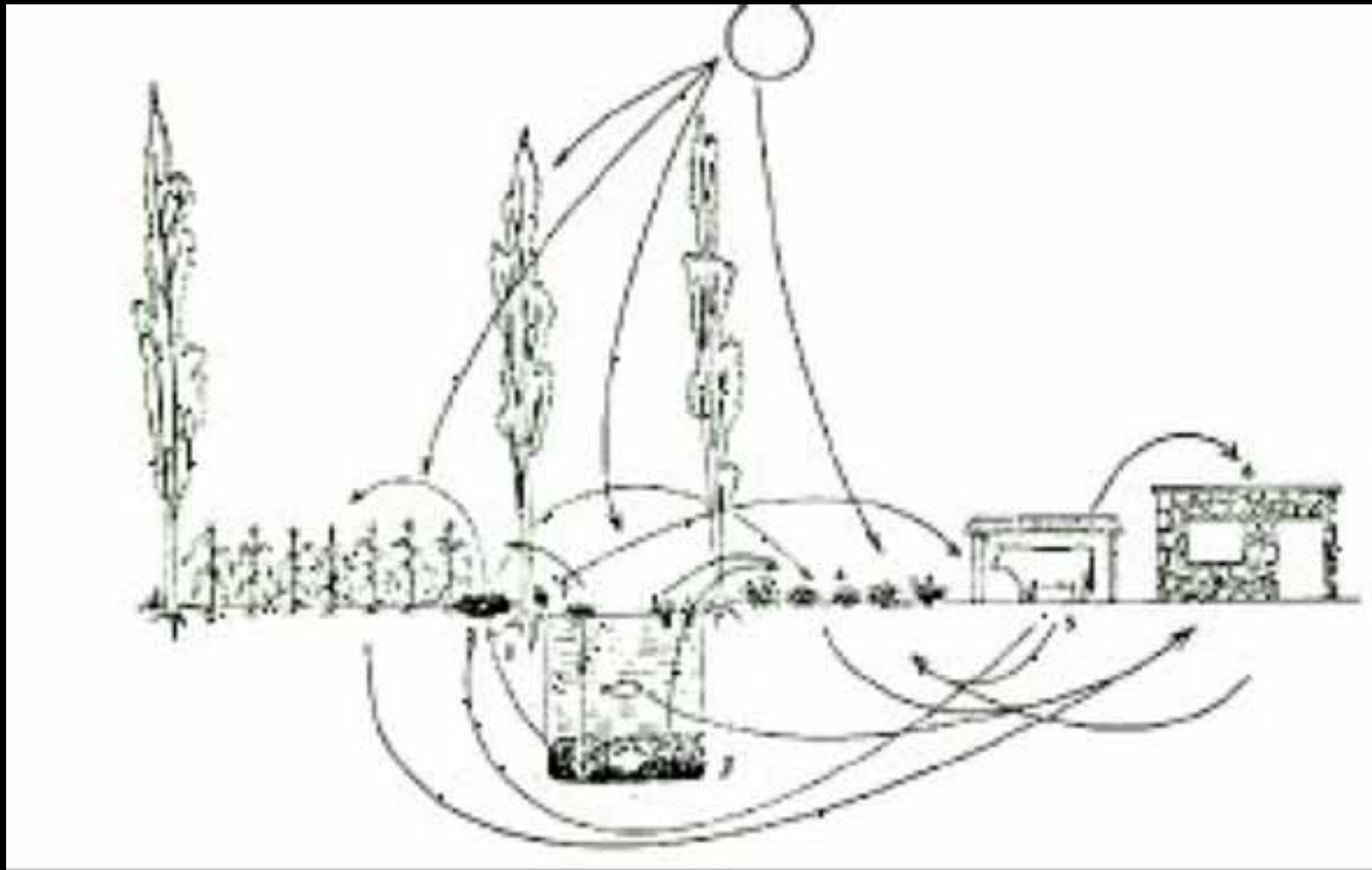
Despite its complexity, this map of Indian effects on the environment is incomplete. The most important omission is fire. I have highlighted some areas where indigenous fire effectively controlled the landscape, but Indian burning played an important ecological role throughout the hemisphere. Similarly, scattered clearing, burning and earth movement for drainage occurred in all agricultural areas—this map indicates only those areas in which these factors were especially concentrated.

“Before Columbus...the Western Hemisphere held ninety to 112 million people. Another way of saying this is that in 1491 more people lived in the Americas than in Europe.” Charles Mann, *The Atlantic Monthly*





By 1519, the Mexica capital, Tenochtitlan, was the largest city in the world with a population of around 350,000 (although some estimates range as high as 500,000). By comparison, the population of London in 1519 was 80,000 people

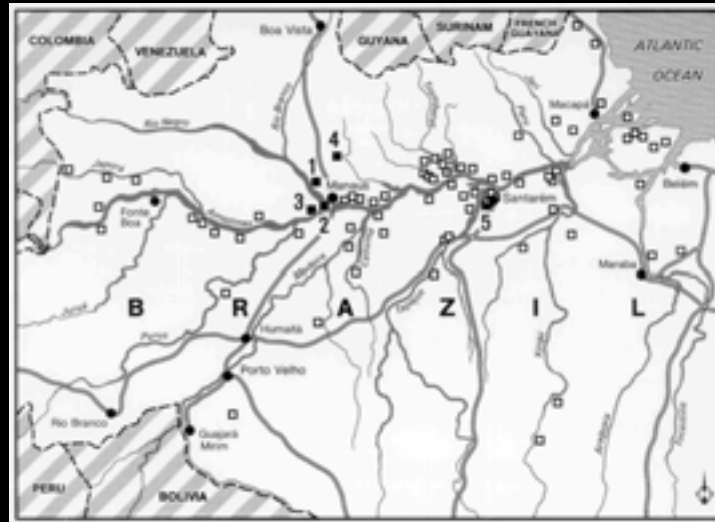


Continuous cycling of energy and materials in the Chinampa systems of Tenochtitlan



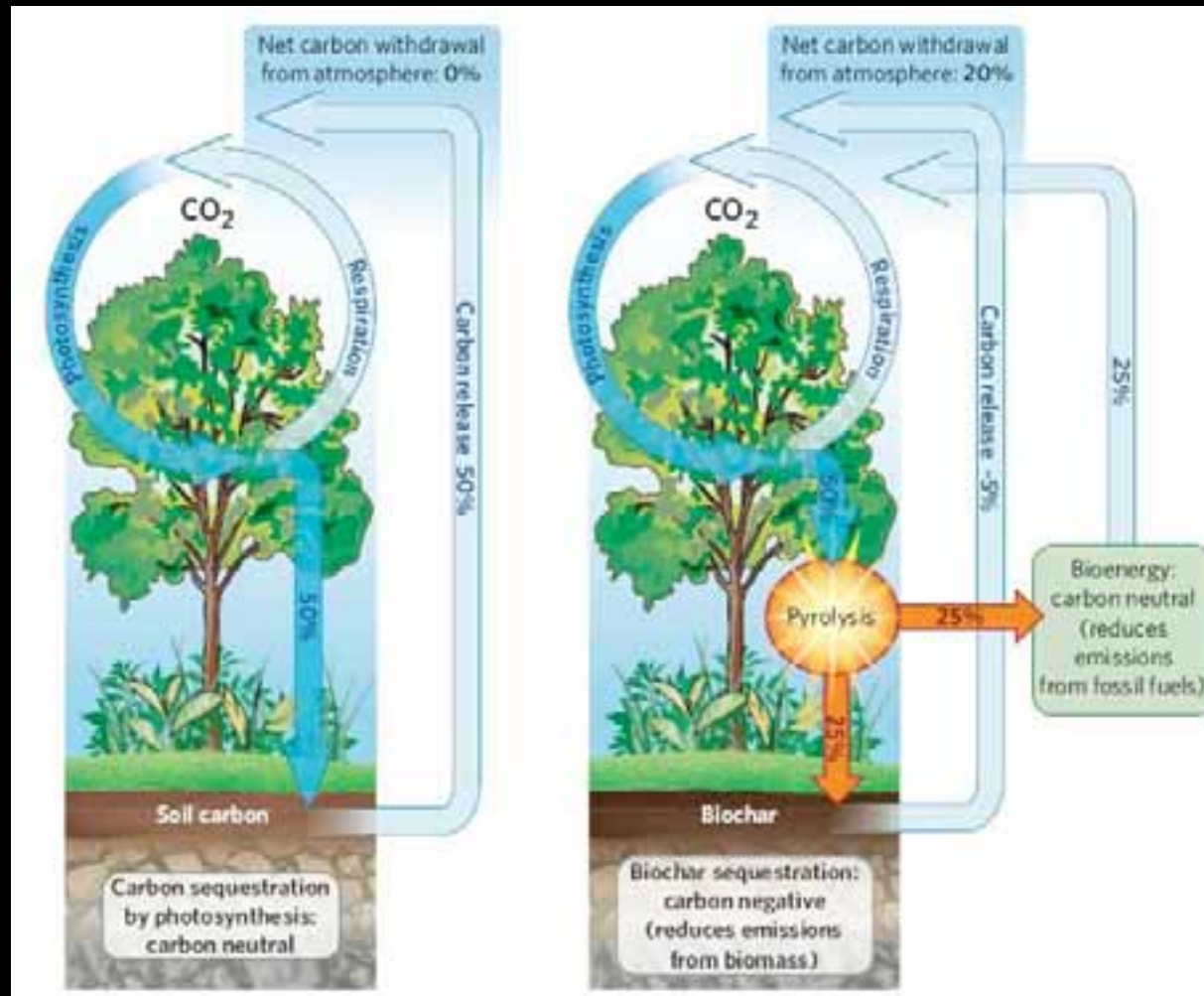


*Terra preta*, covers at least 10 percent of Amazonia, an area the size of France.



El Dorado - a large society as advanced as the Egyptians or the Incas created a soil that was several fold more nutrient rich than the the rainforest and could hold carbon 2- 3 times better than 10 times the carbon sequestering power of nutrient rich soil

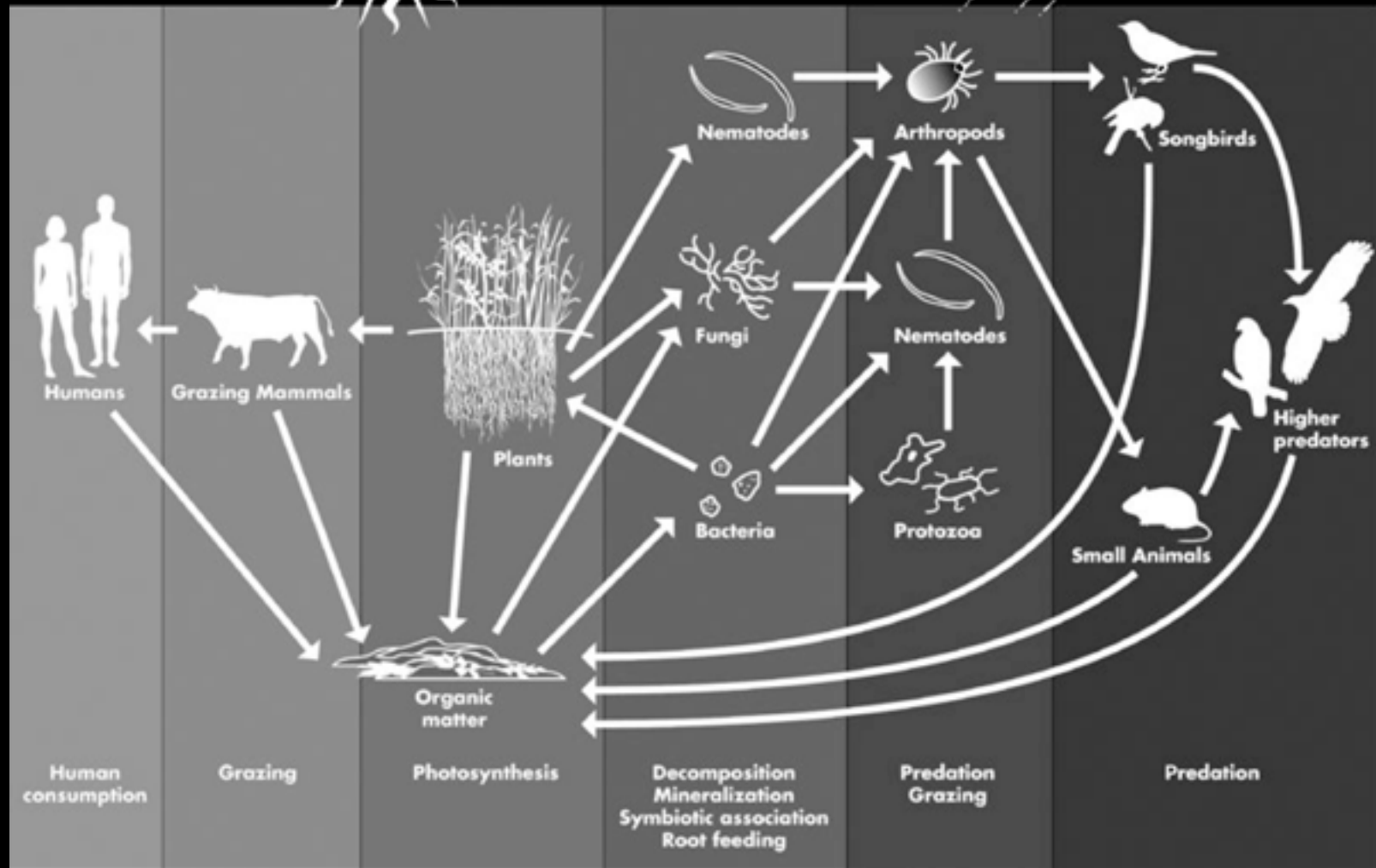
# Carbon Sequestration



Compared to afforestation (left), when biochar (right) is used as a soil amendment, it has a net 20% gain in carbon sequestration



Sunlight  **Rangeland Soil Food Web**  Rain



Eco-Balance Analysis for City South  
San Antonio, TX

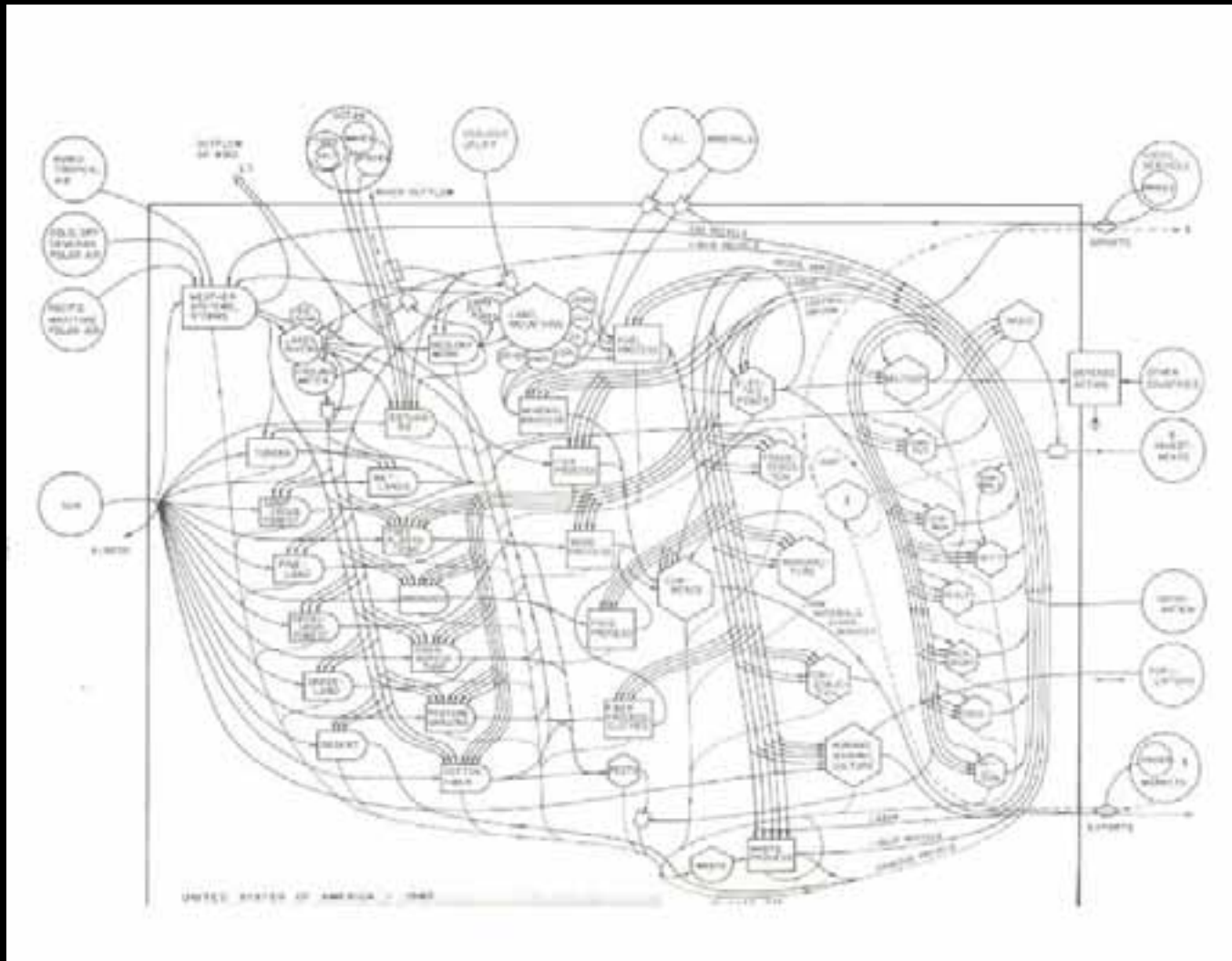






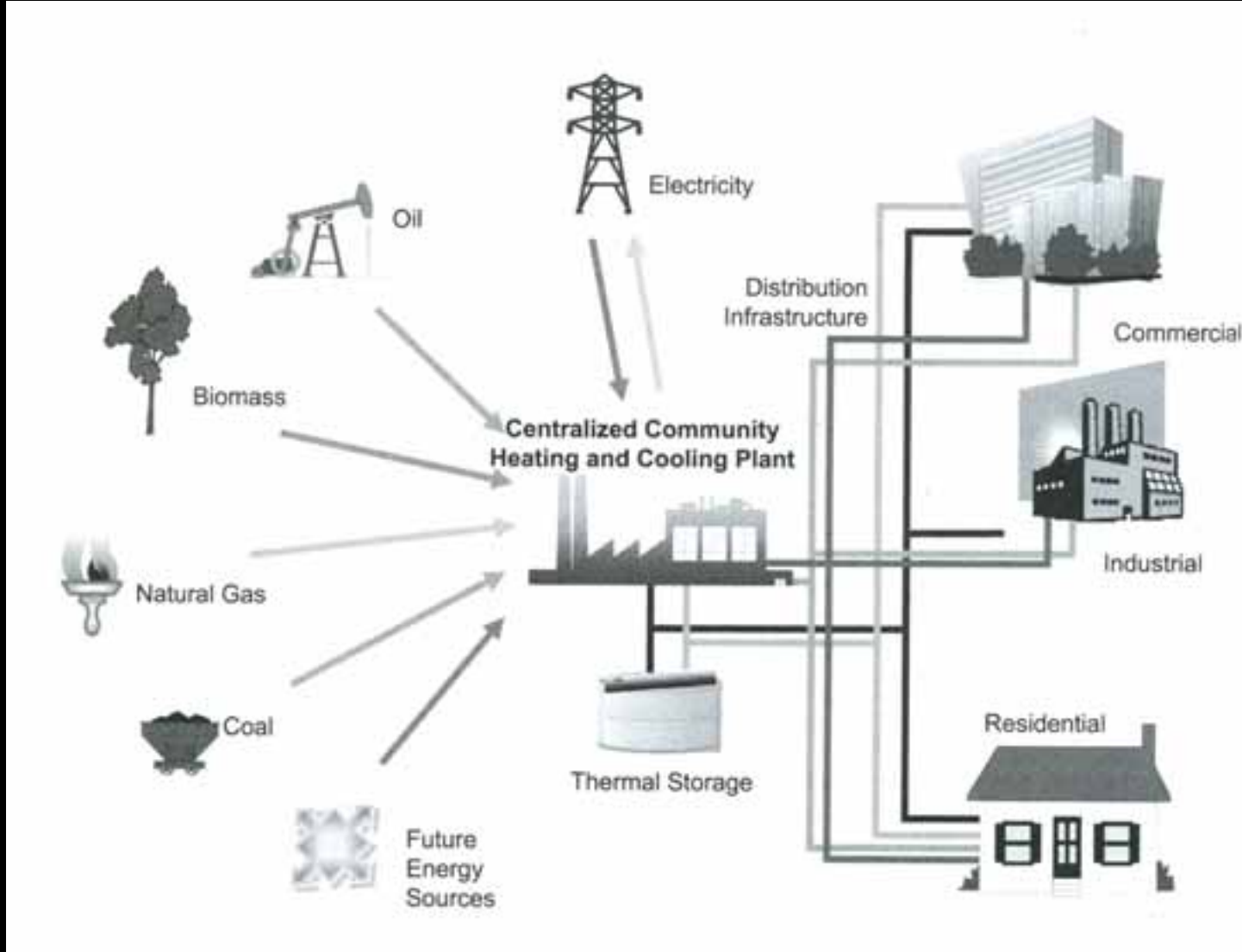




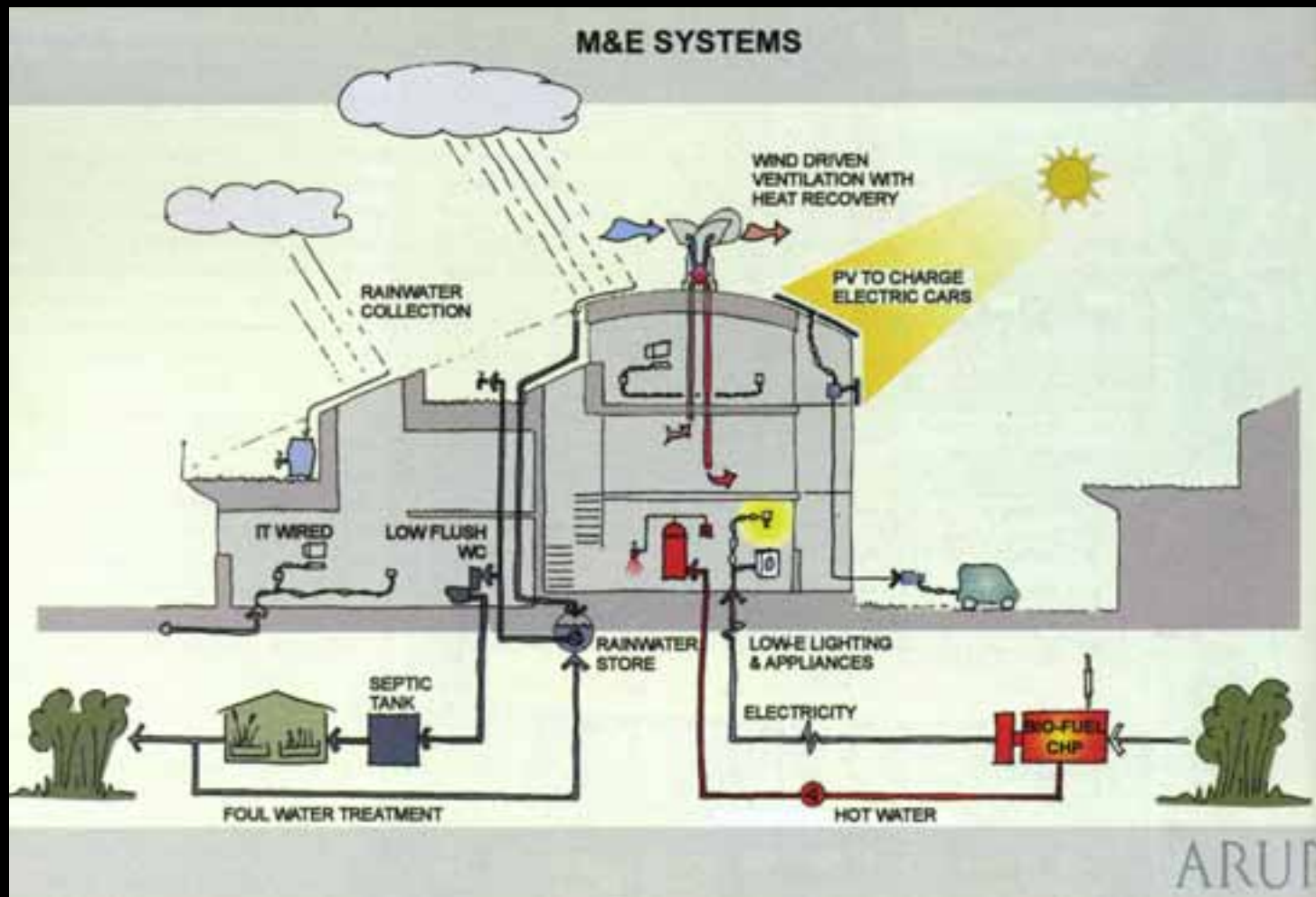


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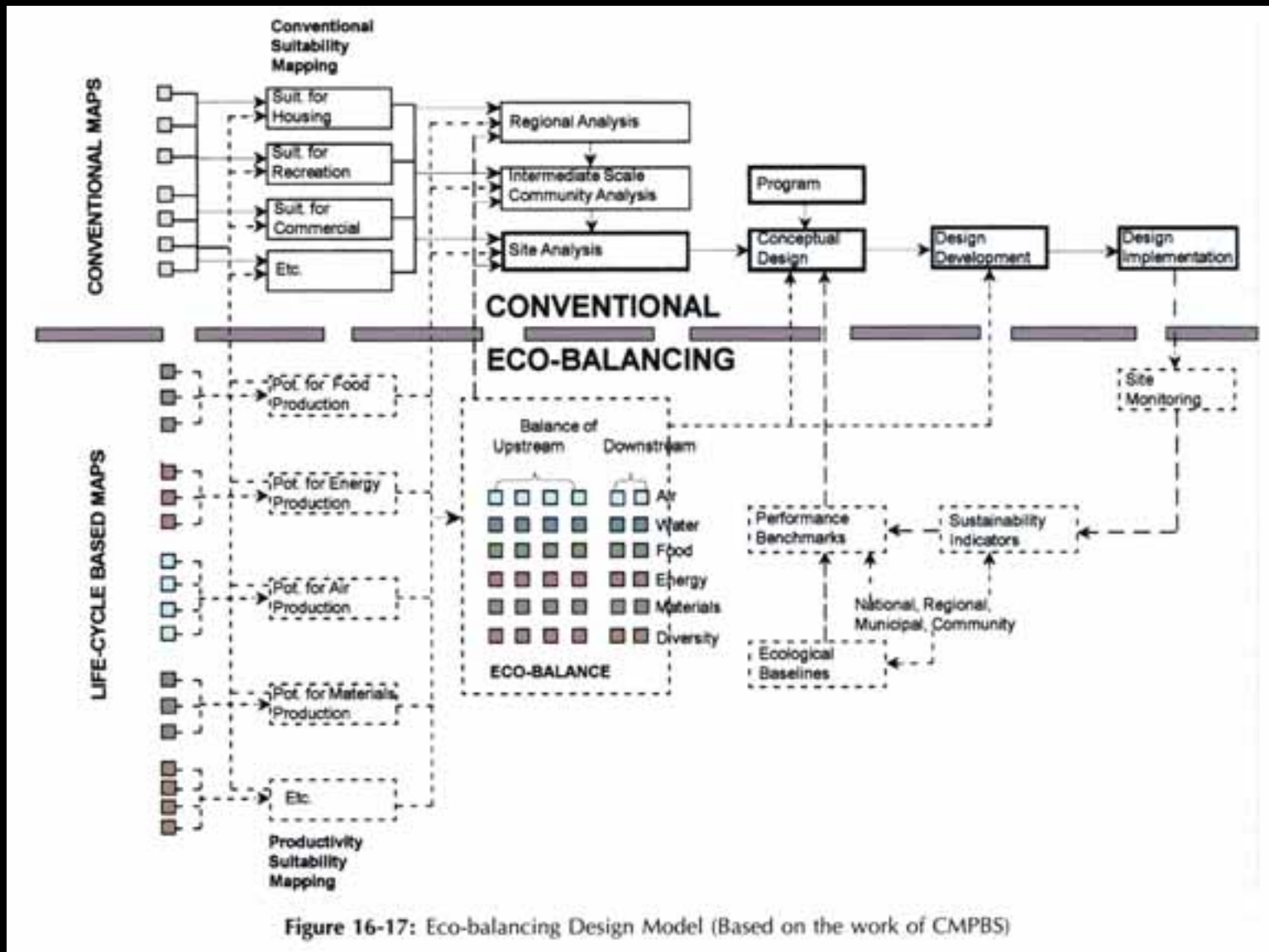


Figure 16-17: Eco-balancing Design Model (Based on the work of CMPBS)

The ecology of regenerative systems or those living systems that sustain over time are based on cyclical patterns of resource use. When these cycles ( air, water, food, energy, materials) symbiotically function with each other into a complex web of life, productivity is heightened to the extent that both nature and humans benefit beyond the capacity of either functioning unto itself



# Eco-Balance Planning

Eco-balance is a design methodology based on balancing resource use at various scales from home to community. It incorporates the life cycle structure by balancing between the sourcing and the re-sourcing of given life support needs in an ecological context. We are finding the result of multiple life cycle integration provides a potential level of productivity beyond simple balance itself.

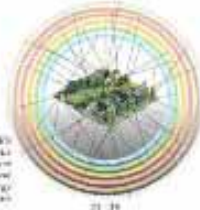
ECO BALANCE AS INTER-OPERABLE FRAMEWORK		
LIFE CYCLES	SOURCE	RE-SOURCE
Biologist	Flora	Fauna
Economist	Credit	Debit
Engineer	Heat Gain	Heat Loss
Hydrologist	Collect	Absorption
	Harvest	Treat
IC Analyst	Upstream	Downstream
Ecologist	Producer	Consumer
Human	Opportunities	Constraints

Balance occurs in many allied disciplines whether we apply it to economics or physics or how we simplify the complex webs in ecosystems. The initial step in creation of life as we know it is the conversion of sunlight into flora that in turn supports the fauna that converts and re-sources the nutrients back to the plants. This Process of balance is shared by many of professionals that support the planning and design of the built environment

Why don't we?



### Life Cycle Balance Integrated Approach



### Smart Code Best Management Practices

**BOHANNAN WATER CODE FOR TD**

Code	Section	Best Management Practice
10.1	10.1.1	Stormwater management
10.1	10.1.2	Stormwater management
10.1	10.1.3	Stormwater management
10.1	10.1.4	Stormwater management
10.1	10.1.5	Stormwater management
10.1	10.1.6	Stormwater management
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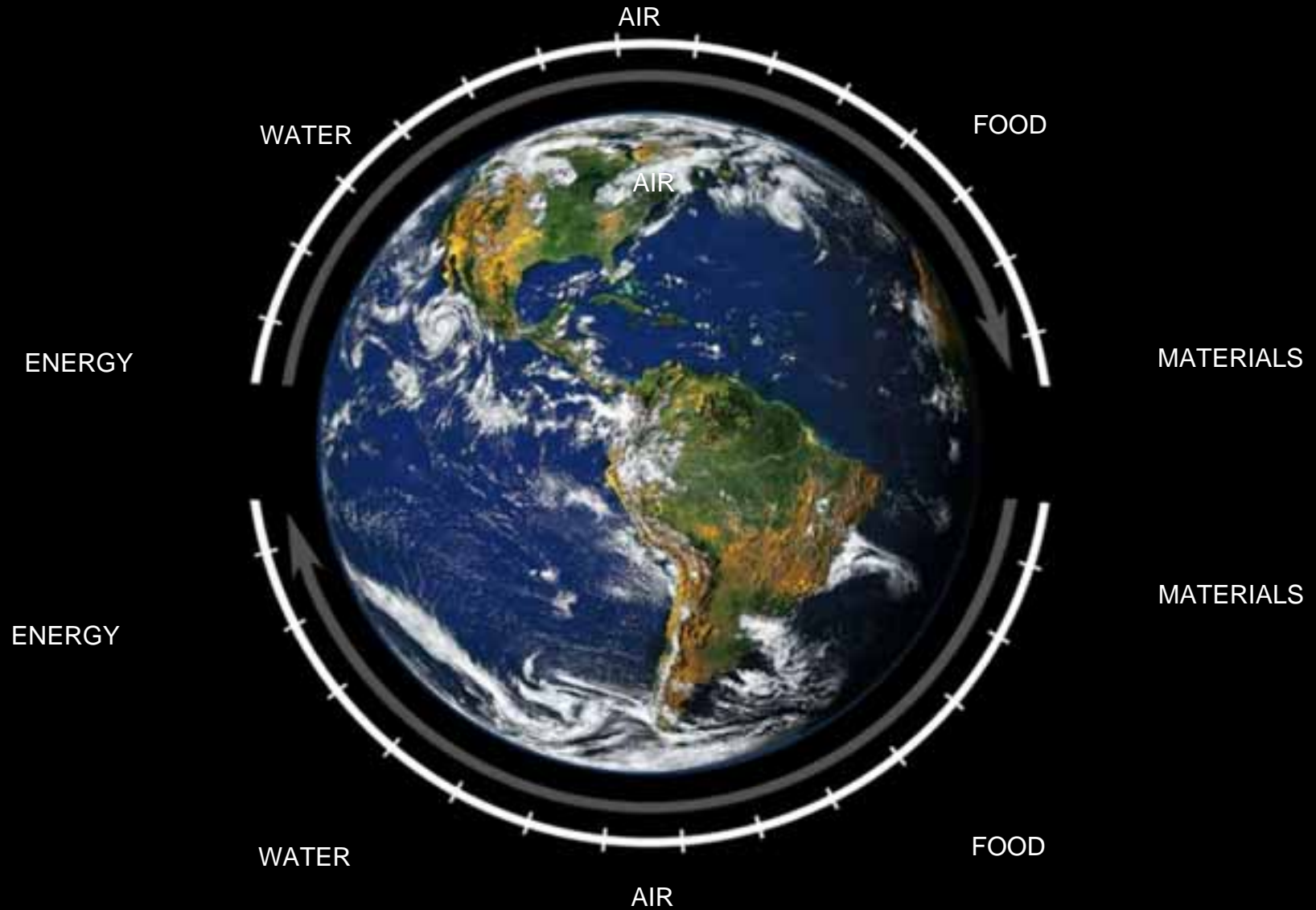
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### Verano Master Plan Transect Map

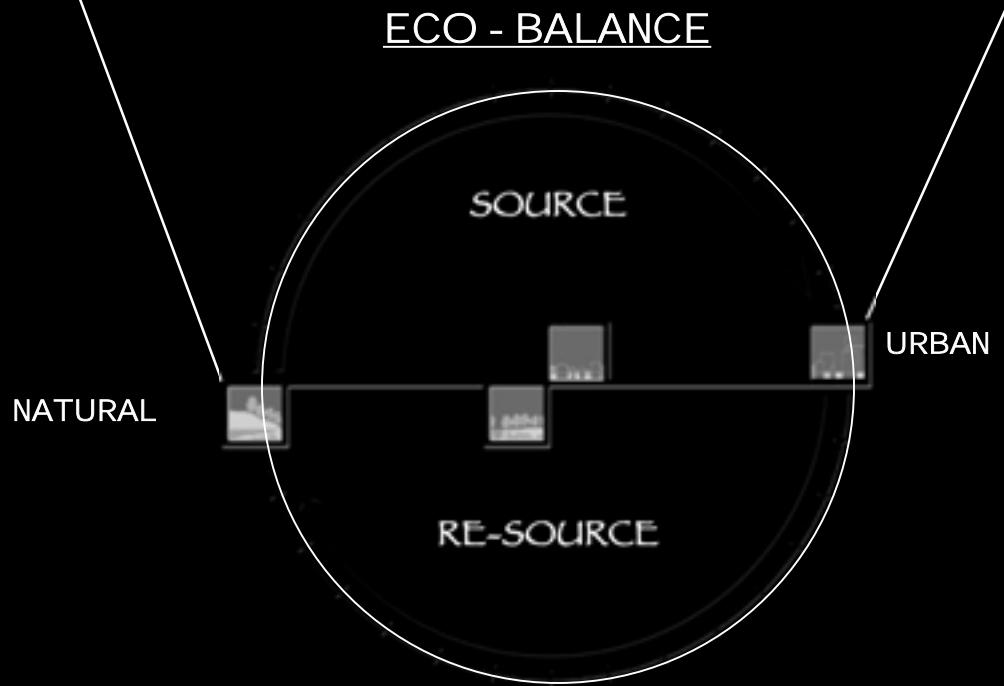
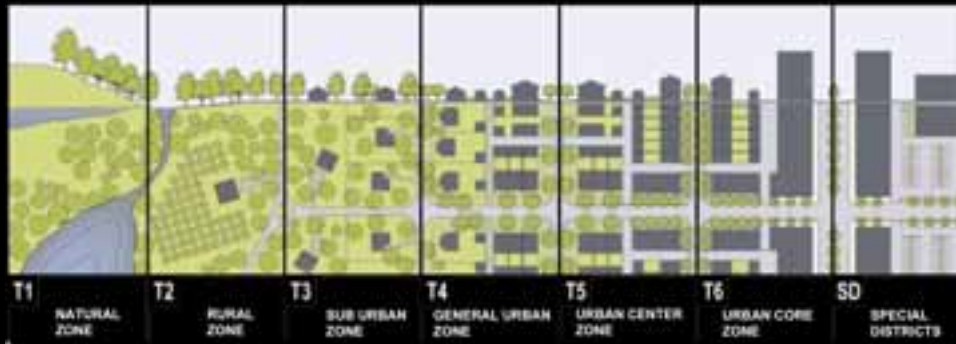


# EARTH BALANCE



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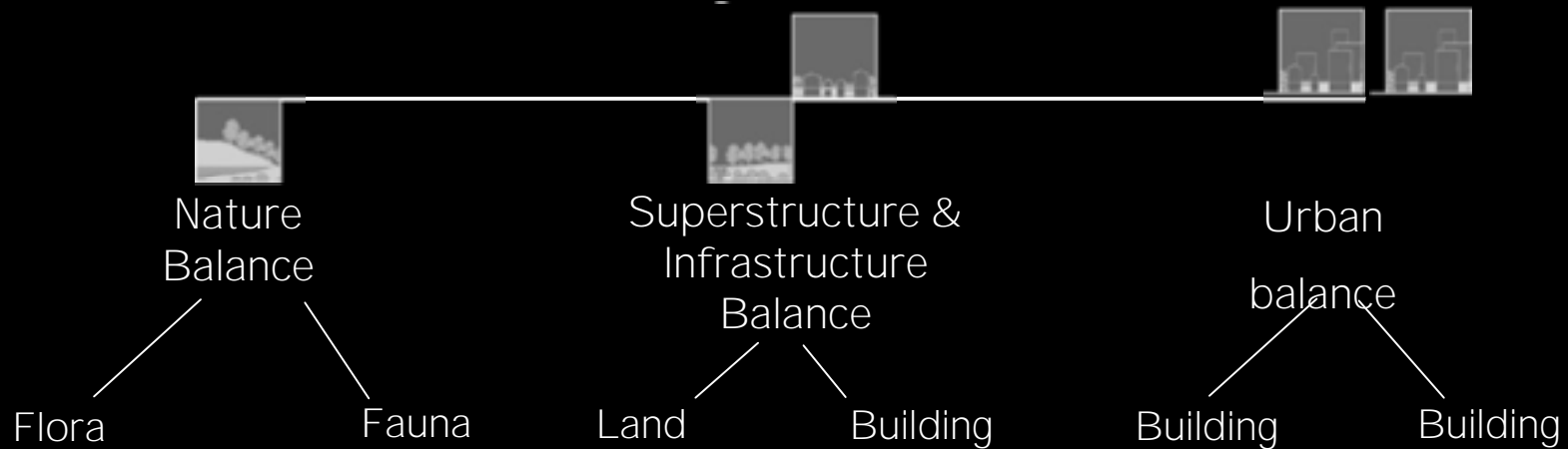




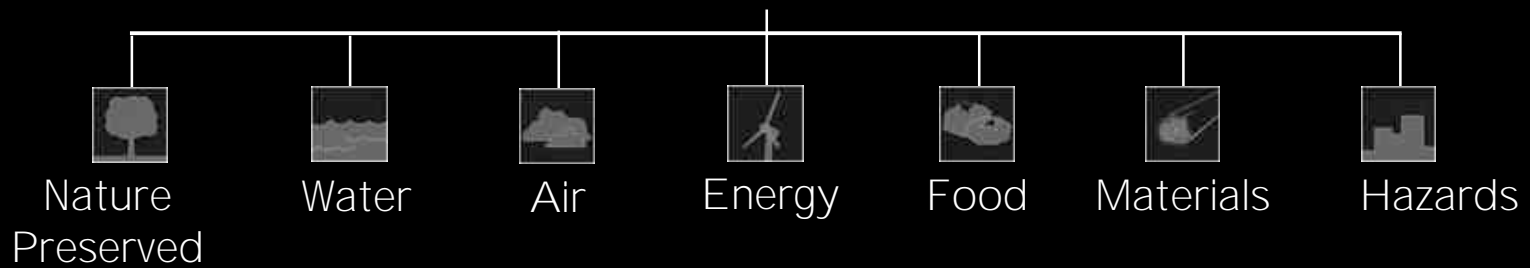


# ECO-BALANCE USING PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

## Management Areas



## Mapping Process



## Base Maps

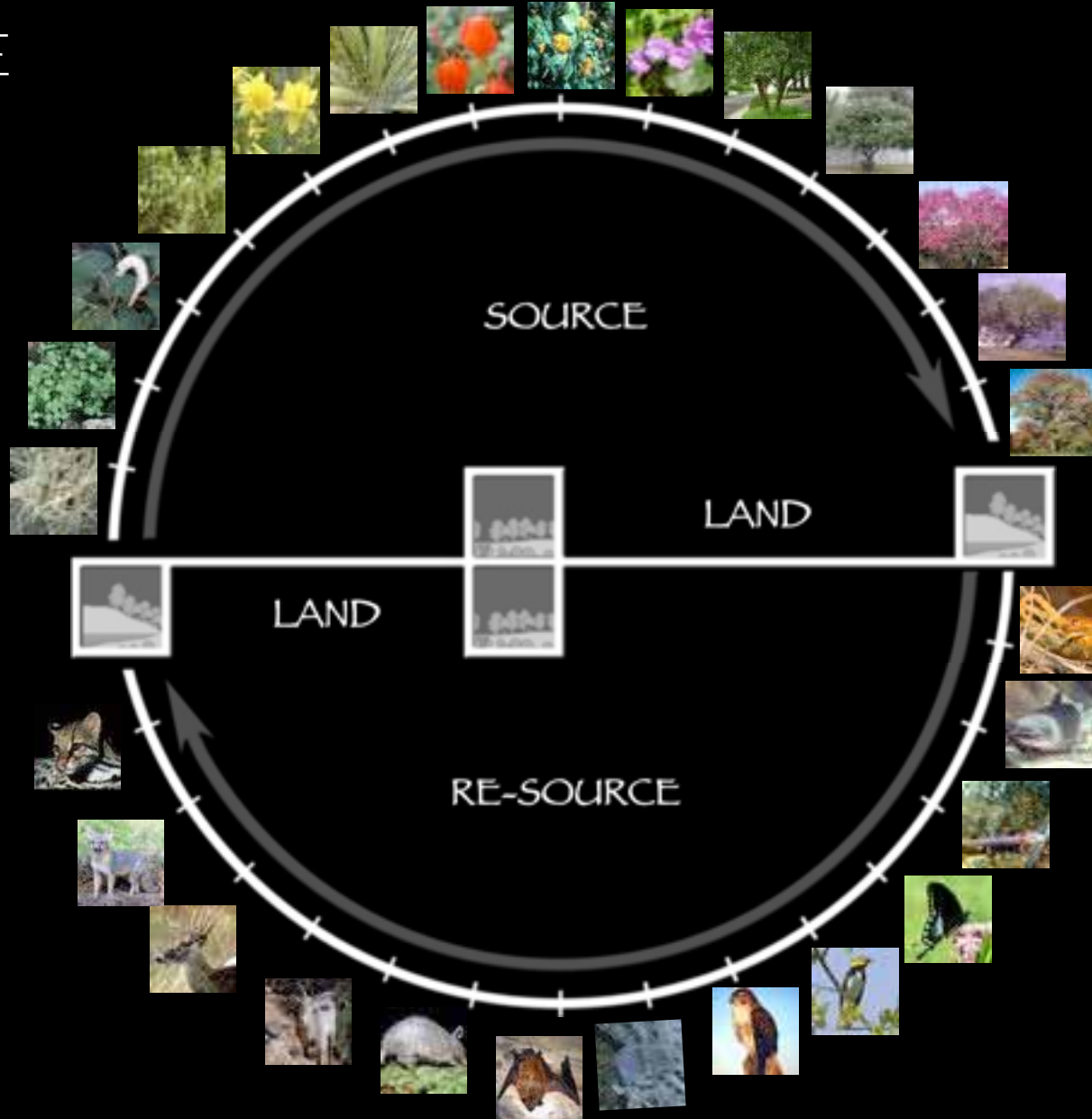


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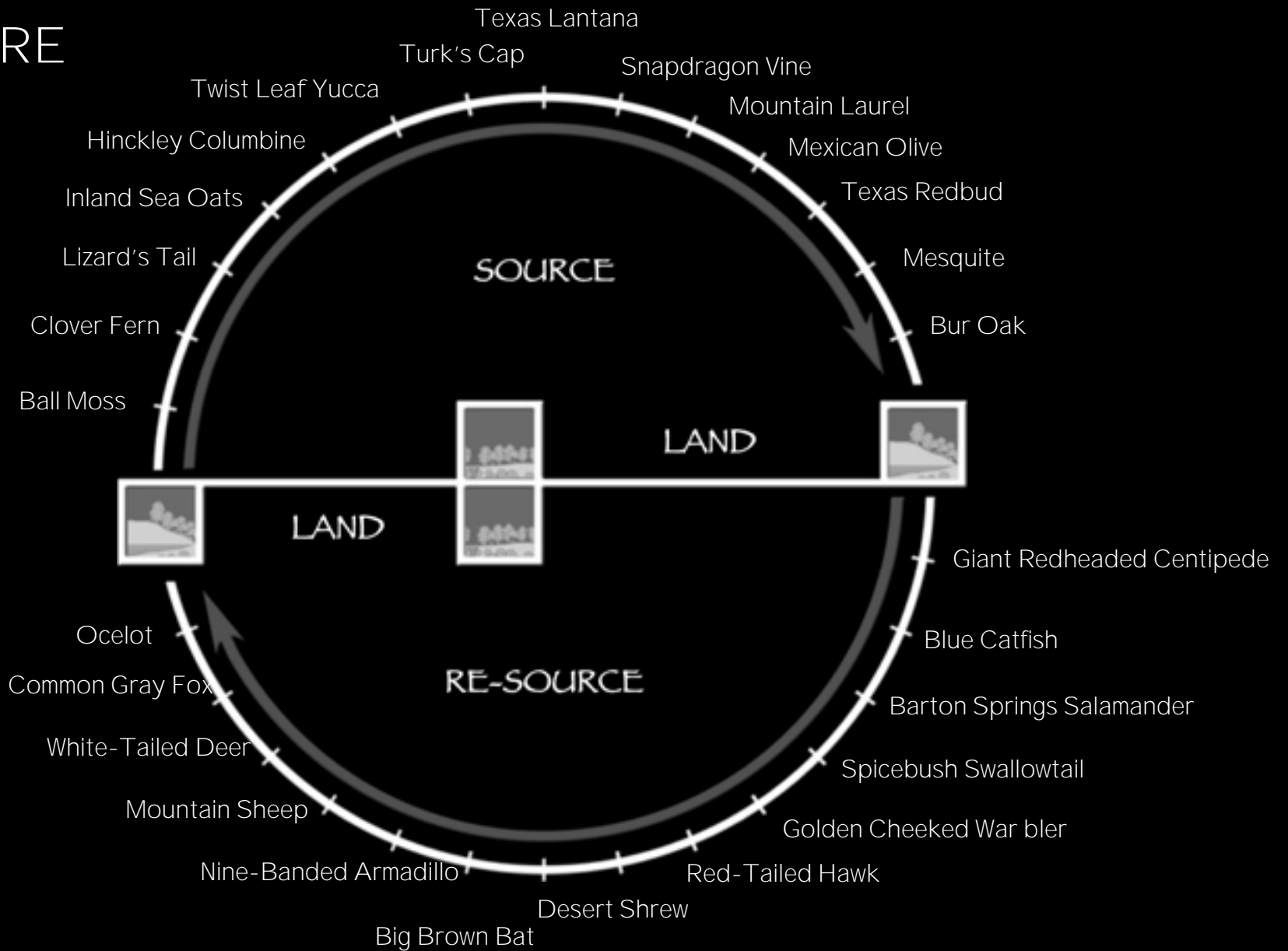


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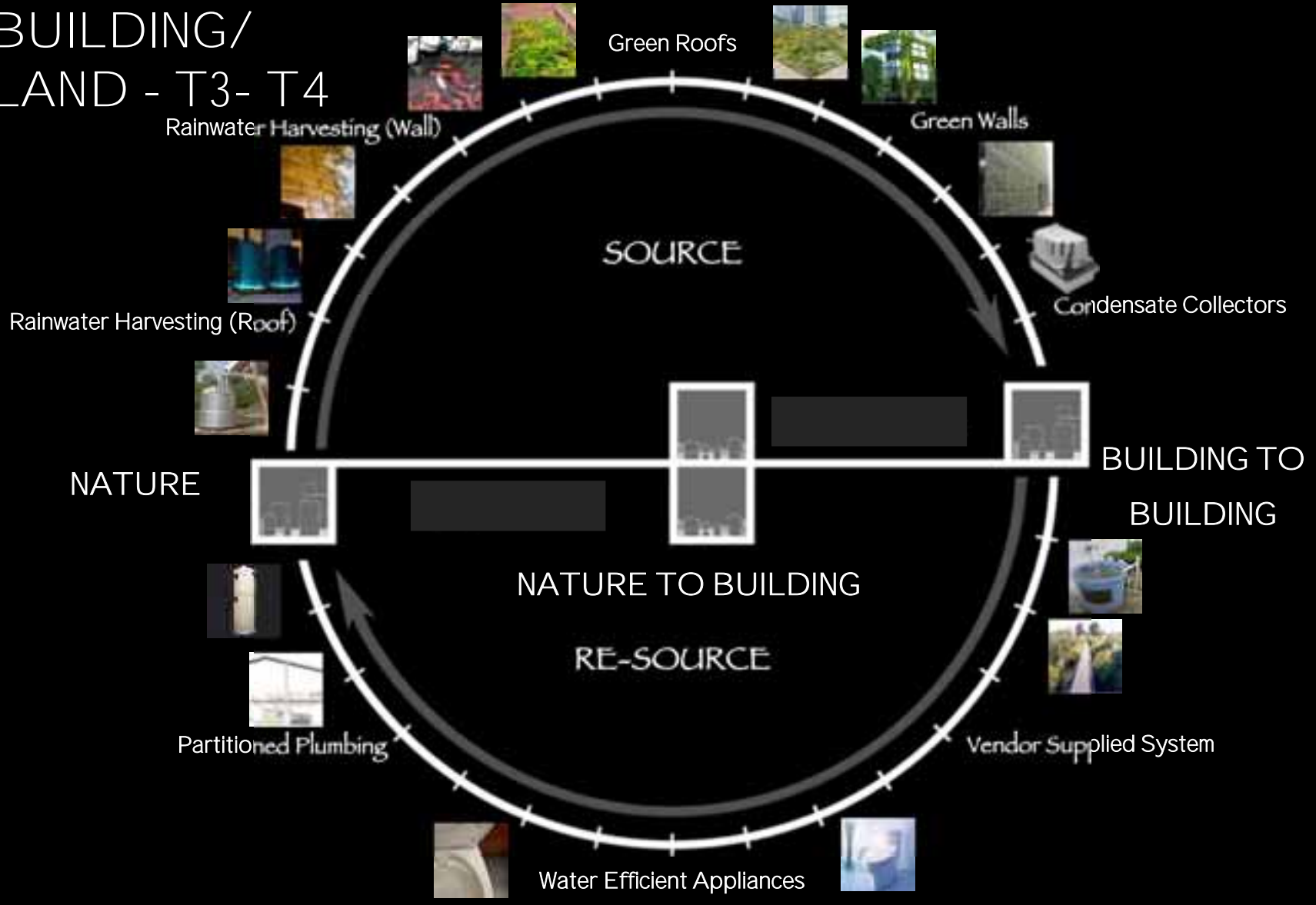
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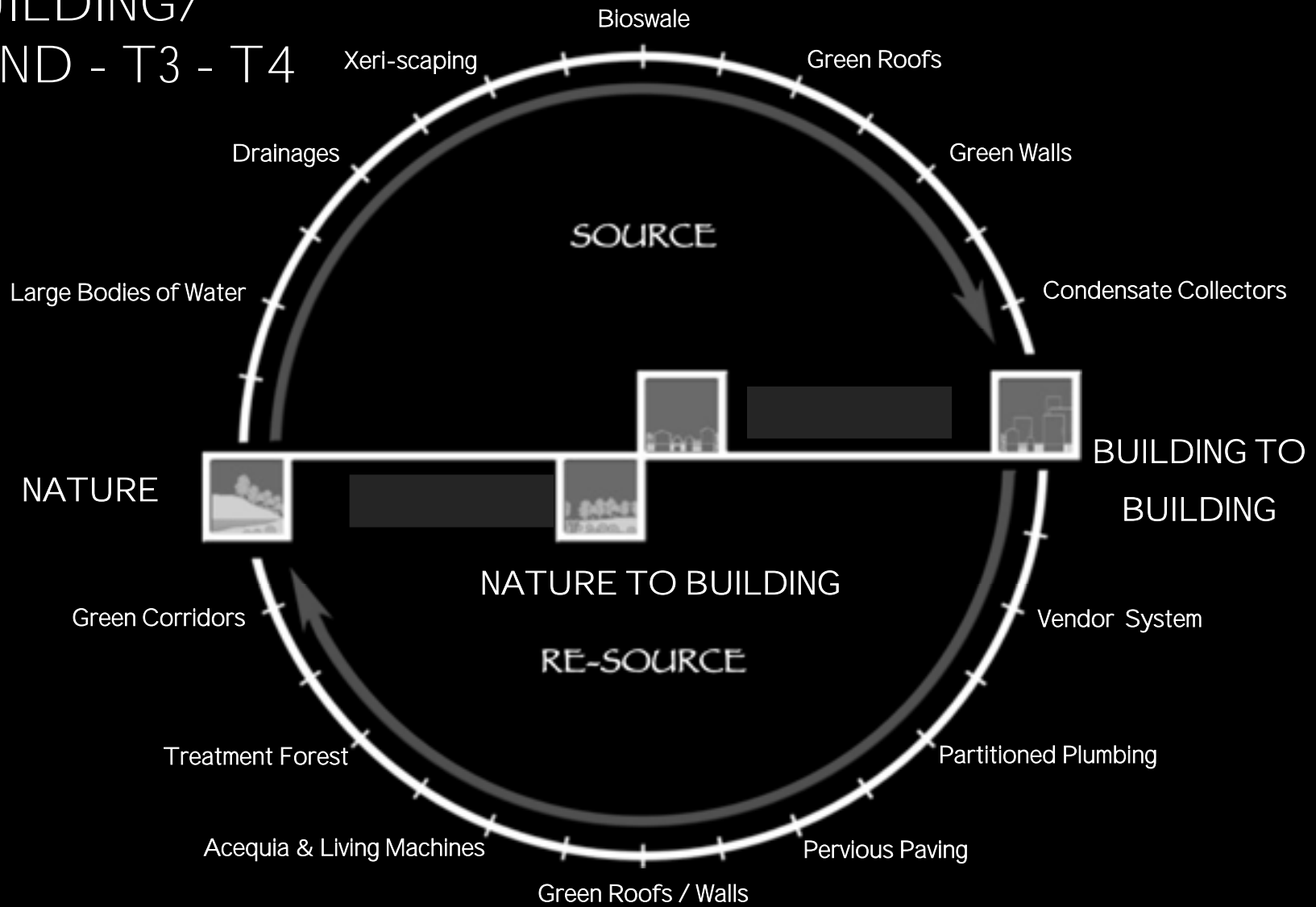


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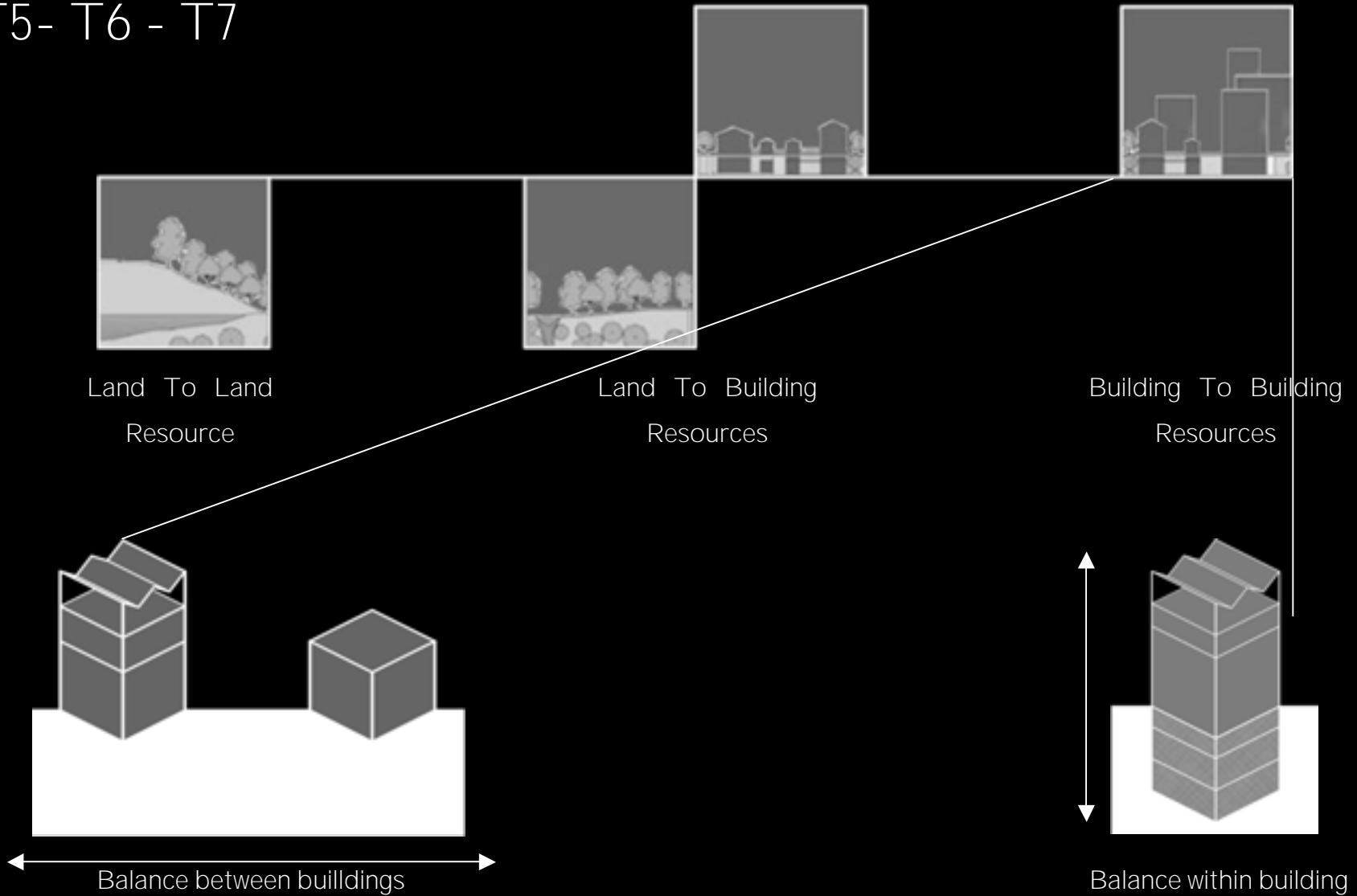


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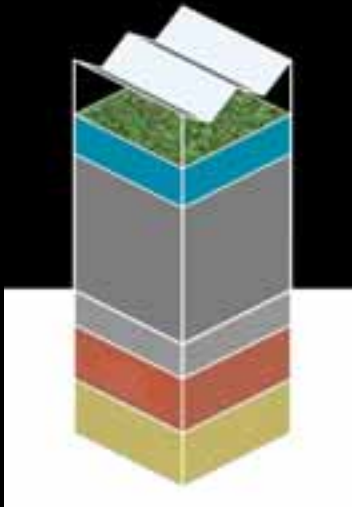


# BUILDINGS T5- T6 - T7

## Balance Type Summary

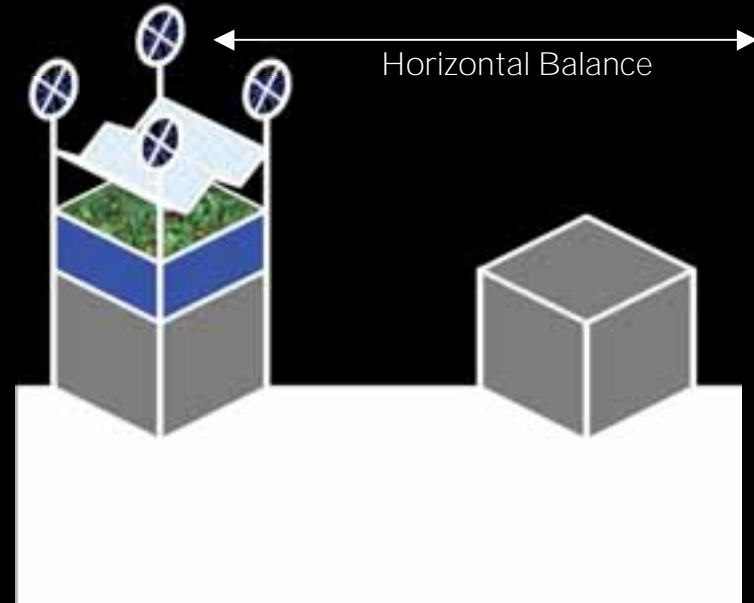


Vertical Balance



- BIPV -
- Shade
- Energy
- Green Roofs-
- Food Landscape
- WW Treatment
- Water Treatment
- Water Catchments
- Space Use
- Foundation-
- Structure
- Balance
- Energy Heat pump
- Energy Geothermal

Horizontal Balance



- |                      |                |            |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|
| Food (+)             |                | Food (-)   |
| Garden Roof          |                |            |
| Energy (+)           |                | Energy (-) |
| BIPV & Wind Sys      |                |            |
| Water (+)            |                | Water (-)  |
| Rainwater Collection |                |            |
| Building             | _____ To _____ | Building   |
| Building             | _____ To _____ | Land       |
| Land                 | _____ To _____ | Land       |



Eco-Balance Analysis  
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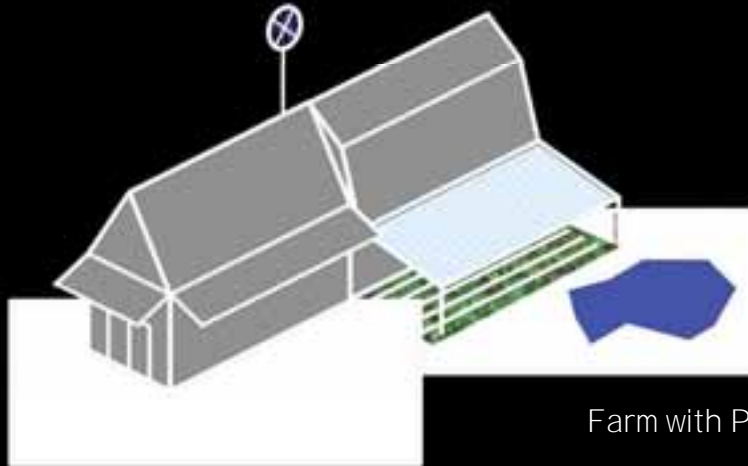
Drive-Through Bank

Energy (++)  
Water (++)



Laundromat

Energy (--)  
Water (--)



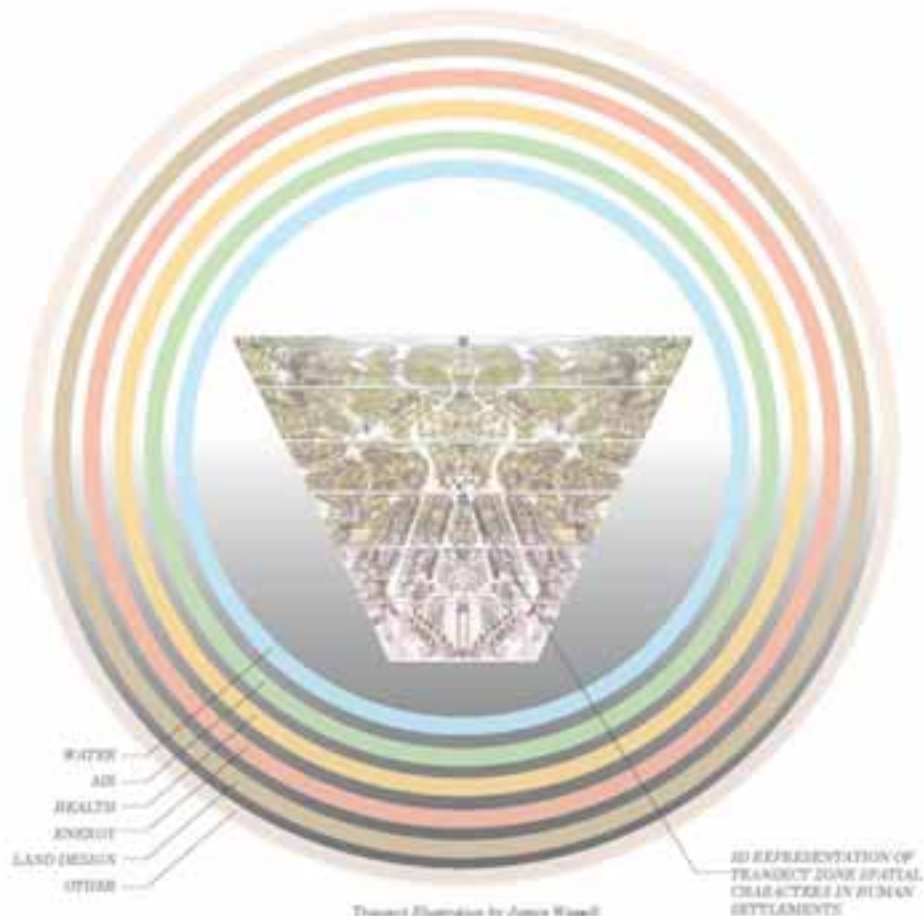
Restaurant

Food (--)  
Energy (--)  
Water (--)

Farm with Pond and Water Harvesting

Food (++)  
Energy (++)  
Water (++)

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN OPTION POINT SYSTEM					
Category	Credit Identifier	Description	Credit	Score	
WATER	Nonwater Management (Water)	Reduce outdoor water use (except landscape) 1" of rainfall from a percentage of the project's development budget	1.0	0.0	
		30% of development budget	1.0	0.5	
		40% of development budget	1.5	1.0	
		50% of development budget	2.0	1.5	
		60% of development budget	2.5	2.0	
		70% of development budget	3.0	2.5	
	Nonwater Management (Energy)	Reduce 50% of the estimated electricity in the annual energy loading of both suspended loads from a percentage of the project's development budget	1.0	0.0	
		30% of development budget	1.0	0.5	
		40% of development budget	1.5	1.0	
		50% of development budget	2.0	1.5	
		60% of development budget	2.5	2.0	
		70% of development budget	3.0	2.5	
Nonwater Management (Materials)	Track pounds of post-construction waste to pre-development value	1.0	0.0		
	2 tons	1.0	0.5		
	1.5 tons and 100 cubic yards of materials	1.0	0.5		
	Provide on-site waste storage for recycling for 50% of primary and secondary materials	1.0	0.5		
AIR	Urban and Wetland Conservation	Conserve 100% of all open spaces (as defined by local government) with a buffer from the edge of the footprint of all new IUR by at least 50' or 100' for coastal flooding zones areas	1.0	0.0	
		Percentage of total area left undeveloped per Development Pattern (Forest 20%, Urban 10%, Riparian 10%, Open 10%, Low-density areas permitted from development by use of Development)	1.0	0.5	
	Urban Forest Protection	Any retained must be 20% greater than the area requiring the maintenance and must exceed 5% of the total natural area to which it is contiguous	1.0	0.0	
		Provide continuation of the following on 20% of retained riparian site habitat: stork, opening maintenance with native herbaceous plants 100% of at least 20' or riparian stream system	1.0	0.5	
	Reduced Automobile Dependence	Locating miles of Drop & Load, Mail the Post, and/or miles to customer miles of projects/developments including alternate riding routes	0.5	0.0	
		100'	1.0	0.5	
		150'	1.5	1.0	
		200'	2.0	1.5	
	New Garage	Provide on-site parking for 20% above mandatory and below an overall project average as defined by 20% for flexible and adjacent and 50% for regional centers	1.0	1.0	
		Provide on-site bicycle racks to be used only for those public transit	1.0	1.0	
WALK/BIKE	Walkability	Locate project on a site (part or all) that is designated as a continuous Transect Planning Program or AVIART, SPD or other 3rd governmental Site Assessment or on a site designed as a described by a local, state, or federal agency, the walking method	4.0	0.0	
		10 Acres	1.0	0.5	
		5-10 Acres	1.5	1.0	
		11-15 Acres	2.0	1.5	
Access to Active Spaces	20-25 Acres	2.5	2.0		
	26-35 Acres	3.0	2.5		
Access to Transportation Alternatives	20% of all sites must be within 1/2 mile of general playable, soccer, baseball, basketball, and/or sports fields	1.0	0.0		
	50% of all buildings are within 1/4 mile of public use trail or bicycle trail or at least 2 miles in length in a public transit along	1.0	0.0		
WALK/BIKE	Green Building	Reduce Development Pattern (Low- and Medium-Density Buildings in accordance with LEED) and/or LEED Platinum, LEED Gold, or LEED Silver	0.5	0.0	
		20% of total buildings in LEED Platinum category	1.0	0.5	
		40% of total buildings in LEED Platinum category	2.0	1.0	
LAND USE/FORM	Public Open Space	10-20% of total buildings in LEED Platinum category	1.0	0.5	
		20-30% of total buildings in LEED Platinum category	1.5	1.0	
	Public Open Space	Provision of local public open space (as defined by local government) and/or recreational opportunities	1.0	0.0	
		Develop Open Space	No development on pre-developed or public open space	1.0	0.0
		Open Network	Open and directly visible to project or its immediate vicinity (including adjacent and contiguous development)	1.0	1.0
		Provision of Open Space	Minimum of two blocks in length of a network of park, open space, and/or trails, with a minimum of 100' wide and 100' deep, including along a street, within parkway	1.0	1.0
Community Growth	Provide at least 5% per development cost	1.0	1.0		
	Access to 2 acres of community growth	1.0	1.0		
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Community Growth	Provide at least one acre of open space per 100,000 sq ft of development	1.0	0.0		
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COMM	Provision of Open Space	Provide at least one acre of open space per 100,000 sq ft of development	1.0	0.0	
		Provide at least one acre of open space per 100,000 sq ft of development	1.0	0.0	
Total Points Available: 43.0			<b>TOTAL</b>		



**INTEGRATION OF LIFE CYCLE CONCERNS AND TRANSECT PLANNING**

The word sustain in the most basic sense means continued availability. Nature makes things continuously available through air, water, food, energy, and material cycles. The source end of these cycles balance with the re-sourcing end, and the more productive these cycles the more humans can afford to do to fund certain needs. To accomplish this means going beyond checklists and designing so that best management practices (BMPs) contribute with other BMPs to create these cycles within nature by using human management expertise.

**PER CAPITA LAND USE FOOTPRINT**

NEED	DESCRIPTION	AREA	
		ON-SITE	OFF-SITE
AIR QUALITY	OXYGEN PRODUCTION CARBON EMISSION SEQUESTERING	300-500	88,000
WATER SUPPLY	DOMESTIC USES CISTERN FOOD PRODUCTION (Vegetarian Diet)	400-500 30- 40	33,000
FOOD SUPPLY	HOME GARDEN (Max. Maintainable By 1 Person In Spare Time) ADDITIONAL AREA FOR COMPLETE DIET (Vegetarian)	300-400	4,000
ENERGY SUPPLY	PHOTOVOLTAICS-DOMESTIC ELECTRIC PHOTOVOLTAICS-ELECTRIC VEHICLE BIOMASS FUEL-PASSENGER VEHICLE BIOMASS FUEL-SPACE HEATING	250-300 100-150	44,000 44,000
LIVING SPACE	BATHING, COOKING, EATING, SLEEPING OUTDOOR RECREATION PARKING SPACE-ELECTRIC VEHICLE	200-250 300-400 100-150	400 200
SIMPLE SUM		1,980-2,690 0.05 AC	213,600 4.85 AC
SUM WITH INTEGRATED FUNCTIONS		1,030-1,380 0.03 AC	136,000 3.1 AC

**CONCLUSION :** Rounded to the nearest unit of the infinite grid, the per capita footprint for a dwelling unit and lot in Austin, Texas is :

1,375	sqf	ON-SITE (44,000 sqf/32)
132,000	sqf	OFF-SITE (44,000 x 3)

**PER CAPITA LAND USE FOOTPRINT**



## Energy Balance - Best Management Practices In Transect Zone T3



8. Low energy landscape



11. Solar street/park lights

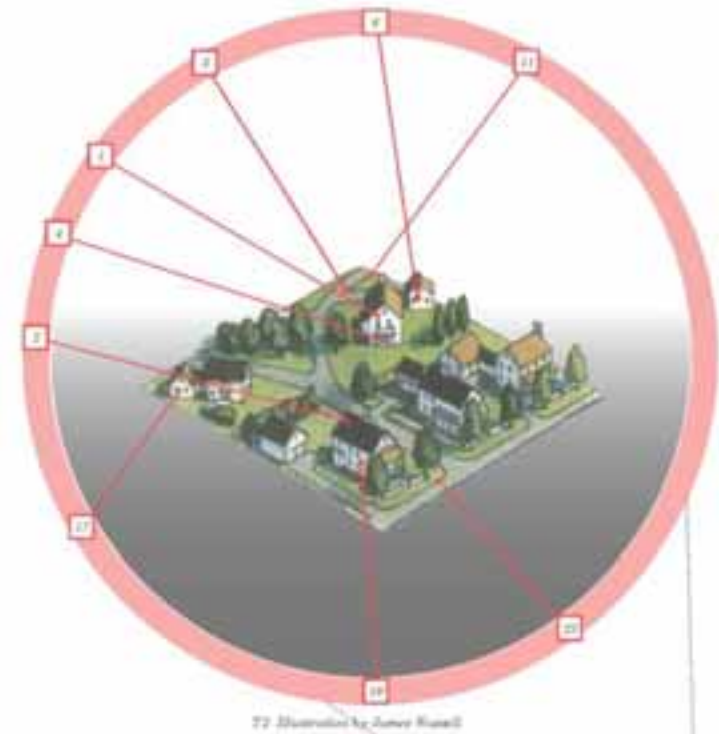


20. Smart cars



22. Bike lanes

ECO-BALANCE ENERGY CHART FOR T3			
Code	S/R	SB	Best Management Practices
1	☉	S, M	light colored exterior pavements
2	☉	S, M	ventilated roof/ventilated attic
3	☉	S	deep set/overhang eaving windows
4	☉	R, S, M	shaded porches/balconies
5	☉	M	shaded streets and alleys
6	☉	—	low embodied energy building
7	☉	M	low energy water system
8	☉	M	low energy landscape
9	☉	M	low maintenance materials
10	☉	S, M	reusable material structures
11	☉	S, M	solar street/park lights
12	☉	P	solar electric PV provision
13	☉	P	solar hot water provision
14	☉	P	daylighting provision
15	☉	S	energy conserving lights
16	☉	S	energy conserving appliances
17	☉	S	energy conserving fenestration
18	☉	—	solar oriented fenestration
19	☉	S	high R value insulation
20	☉	S, M	smart cars
21	☉	—	inter-modal cycle bus train center
22	☉	M	bike lanes
23	☉	M	walkable community



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ENERGY



### Table Legend

- ☉ Source
- ☉ No-Source

Sustainable Businesses  
at low & transit zones

- P - Produce
- S - Sell
- M - Maintain

Energy Balance at Various: From the standpoint of the conservation end of the energy cycle the community fits the necessary LEED or other San Antonio code requirements. From the standpoint of actual Life Cycle balancing, energy follows a similar format at other life support cycles: 1) balance according to direct need (solar photovoltaics used for basic electrical use); and 2) balancing of the full energy balance cycle. At the building scale the second can be satisfied by the PV's plus passive solar architecture including shade, solar and breeze orientation, daylighting combined with all necessary re-occurring functions (window/wall insulation/ energy efficient appliances, etc). At a community scale, an example of the second involves the former plus production of enough biomass at landfill from the waste generated on site through sewage treatment (scoop plants, reeds, etc) in a managed harvesting/composting process used to satisfy remaining energy needs.

## Energy Balance - Best Management Practices In Transect Zone T6



23. Low open roof top wind systems



23. Vertical and horizontal green space

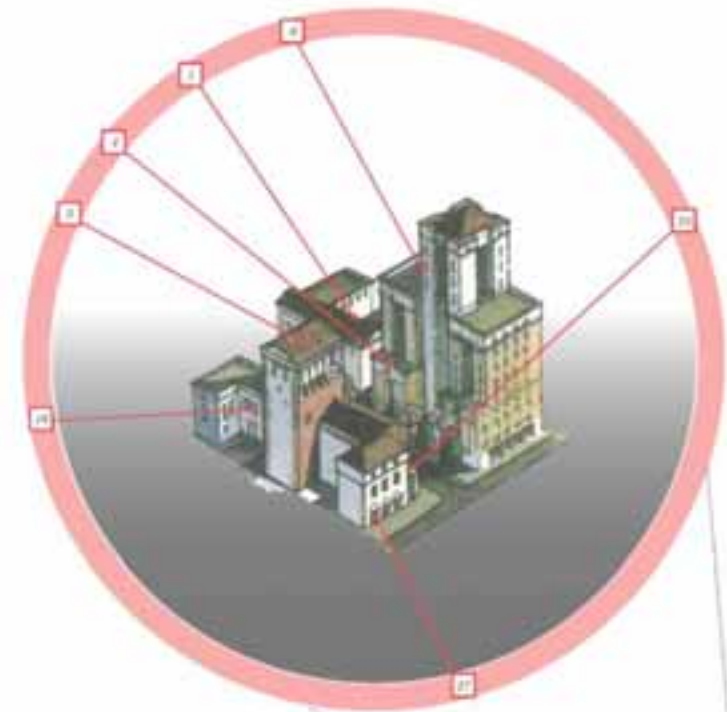


25. v2g and p2v plug in parking



28. Large vertical plant-based airium humidifiers

ECO-BALANCE ENERGY CHART FOR T6			
Code	S/R	SB	Best Management Practices
1	☉	—	light colored exterior pavements
2	☉	M	operating facades
3	☉	M	PV shading facades
4	☉	—	shaded balconies
5	☉	—	shaded streets and alleys
6	☉	—	low embodied energy building
7	☉	—	low energy maintenance landscape
8	☉	—	low maintenance materials
9	☉	P, S, M	PV shades interior
10	☉	S, M	PV plants
11	☉	S, M	ice battery district cooling
12	☉	S, M	open/feasible/reusable large building systems
13	☉	P, S, M	pump storage water towers/roof tanks
14	☉	—	energy conserving lights
15	☉	—	energy conserving appliances - elevators
16	☉	—	energy conserving ventilation
17	☉	M	building to building utility sharing
18	☉	S, M	flex apdc day lighting
19	☉	S, M	Low open roof top wind systems
20	☉	—	inter modal cycle bus train center
21	☉	—	bike lanes
22	☉	S, M	wind system elevator integration
23	☉	P, S, M	vertical and horizontal green space
24	☉	M	heat pump geothermal foundations
25	☉	M	v2g and p2v plug in parking garages
26	☉	P, S, M	flex rail pedestrian bridges
27	☉	—	building to building waste heat reuse
28	☉	M	fish plant/leach integrated restaurants
29	☉	S, M	large vertical plant based airium humidifiers



T6 (Illustration by James Winesell)

ENERGY



### Table Legend

- ☉ Green
- ☉ No-Green

Sustainable Businesses  
at low & transit zones

- P - Produce
- S - Sell
- M - Maintain

Energy Balance of Varano: From the standpoint of the conservation and of the energy cycle the community fits the necessary LEED or other San Antonio code requirements. From the standpoint of actual Life Cycle balancing, energy follows a similar format at other life support cycles: 1) balance according to direct need (solar photovoltaics sized for basic electrical use), and 2) balancing at the full energy balance cycle. At the building scale the second can be satisfied by the PV's plus passive solar architecture including shade, solar and breeze orientation, daylighting combined with all necessary re-circulating functions (window/wall insulation) energy efficient appliances, etc). At a community scale, an example of the second involves the farm plus production of enough biomass of fuelwood from the waste generated on site through sewage treatment (woody plants, reeds, etc) in a managed harvesting/combustion process sized to satisfy remaining energy needs.

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## Water Balance - Best Management Practices In Transect Zone T3



4. Bioswales



2. Depressive surface parking driveway

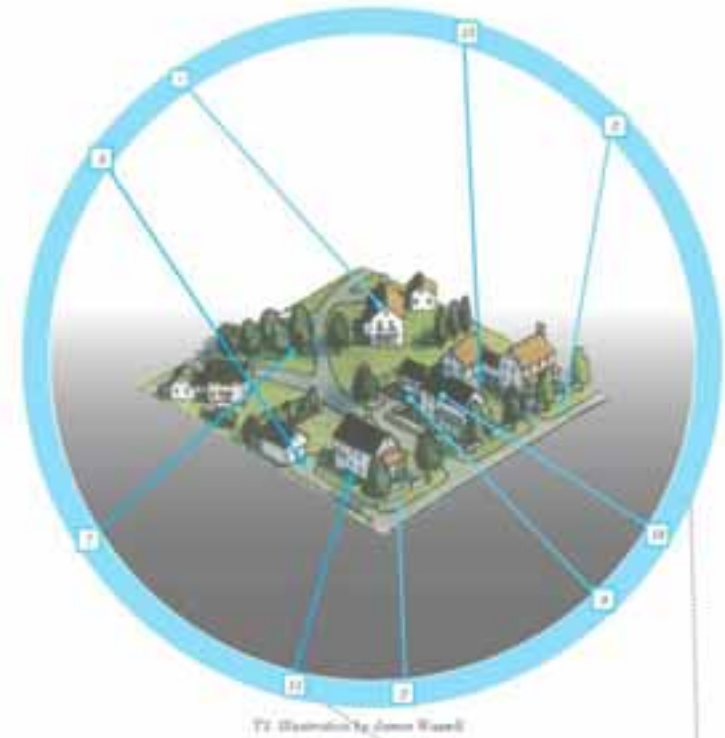


7. Tree treatment of runoff



8. Pond Treatment pond

ECO-BALANCE WATER CHART FOR T3			
Code	S/R	SB	Best Management Practices
1	☉	P, S, M	roof top-rain AC condensate capture and storage
2	☉	P, M	create infiltration trenches
3	☉	P, M	water absorption ponds
4	☉	P, M	end of pipe bioswales
5	☉	P, M	impermeous surface parking driveway
6	☉	P, S, M	green machine fertilizer insect control
7	☉	P, S, M	tree irrigation/treatment of runoff
8	☉	P, S, M	shallow well reuse
9	☉	P, M	reed treatment pond for landscape reuse
10	☉	P, S	water conservation fixtures
11	☉	P, S, M	decorative flower microbial treatment bed
12	☉	P, S, M	fish pond collector/vector treatment system
13	☉	S, M	NOx treating pavement
14	☉	P, S	aviary vector control



T3 (Illustration by James Wazell)

WATER



### Table Legend

- ☉ Sustainable Businesses
- ☉ at level 4 Transit zones

Sustainable Businesses  
at level 4 Transit zones

- P - Produce
- S - Soil
- M - Maintain

Water balance at Venere through most transects fits into two primary types: 1) meeting precipitation condition of a 1" rainfall, and 2) meeting extreme 100 year flash flood conditions. The first condition operates under the assumption that full balance can occur on site and the second that some can occur on site but measures will be needed to absorb significant flood waters using surface lakes and ponds on and off site to absorb these extremes. Condition one, as with other life cycle balancing, occurs according to partial balance -- matching need with collection or matching need with collector and treating that water quantity on site to a level equivalent or superior to the incoming water quality.

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## Water Balance - Best Management Practices In Transect Zone T6



3. Landscape roof



4. Disconnected driveway

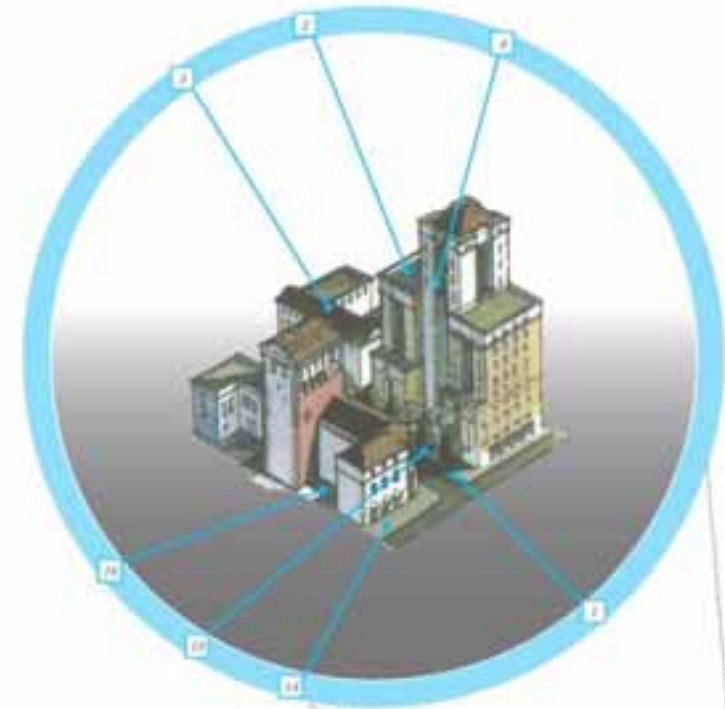


7. Micro-detention in parking lots



16. Food treatment pond

ECO-BALANCE WATER CHART FOR T6			
Code	S/R	SB	Best Management Practices
1	☉	P, S, M	site grading, high performing landscape, grade retention
2	☉	P, S, M	create berms and swales
3	☉	P, S, M	use dry-runoff construction capture and storage
4	☉	M	select downspouts from roof systems for treatment
5	☉	P, S, M	provide pollution control prior to entering storm drain
6	☉	P, M	replace seal expansion to existing pipes
7	☉	P, M	use on-site sites and treatments in parking lots
8	☉	M	improved stormwater management based on site conditions/buffers
9	☉	P, M	improve surface berms with curbing
10	☉	P, M	landscape sites within parking areas before grade
11	☉	P, M	grade retention
12	☉	—	retention to filter/sedimentation
13	☉	M	use vegetation/cover of forest
14	☉	P, M	install stone swales/curbs
15	☉	P, M	swales with vegetation
16	☉	P, M	use treatment pond for landscape areas
17	☉	M	water conservation fixtures
18	☉	P, M	subsurface best management
19	☉	M	hard soil needs treatment (landscape)
20	☉	M	detention basins attached to street (landscape at all levels)
21	☉	M	oil spill collection for treatment system (oil slick & landscape)
22	☉	P, M	NOx trading program (oil slick)
23	☉	M	empty vehicle control



T6 Illustration by James Wessell

WATER



### Table Legend

- ☉ Sustain
- ☉ No-Sustain

Sustainable Businesses  
at West & Transit zones

- P - Produce
- S - Sell
- M - Maintain

Water balance at Varadero through most transects fits into two primary types: 1) meeting precipitation condition of a 1" rainfall, and 2) meeting extreme 100 year flash flood conditions. The first condition operates under the assumption that full balance can occur on site and the second that same can occur on site but measures will be needed to absorb significant flood waters using surface lakes and ponds on and off site to absorb these extremes. Condition one, as with other life cycle balancing, occurs according to partial balance - matching need with collection or matching need with collection and treating that water quality on site to a level equivalent or superior to the incoming water quality.

WATER BALANCE AND MORE BY THE ECO-BALANCE



# Health Balance - Best Management Practices In Transect Zone T3



6. Microbial based waste water treatment



10. Business Zoning



23. Community garden



22. Household composting

ECO-BALANCE HEALTH CHART FOR T3			
Code	S/R	SB	Best Management Practices
1	☉		vegetable isolation of open spaces, yards
2	☉		Noe absorption controls
3	☉	M	soil infiltration capabilities include TCD & CD
4	☉		retained CO2 contained spots
5	☉	M	retention of garden to soil CO2 & CO2 (walk, cycle, bicycle)
6	☉	M	retained based waste water treatment level reduced
7	☉	M	soil based waste water treatment (soil-based)
8	☉	S, M	TV in outdoor parkettes
9	☉	S, M	TV available in outdoor parkettes
10	☉	P, S, M	soil water harvesting
11	☉		avoid all PVC's
12	☉		public walkway components
13	☉		avoid pesticides herbicides
14	☉	P, M	temporary storage bins, trash, recycling, incinerator, hazardous
15	☉		greenway walkways
16	☉		public walkway walkways
17	☉		expanding walkway network
18	☉	M	low public walk, ultimately
19	☉		accessible network
20	☉		vegetable herb gardens
21	☉	P, M	biogas methane
22	☉	M	water landscape
23	☉		community garden
24	☉		legible outdoor accessibility
25	☉		legible - trees
26	☉		recycling
27	☉	M	recovered water use
28	☉		life cycle cost/benefit ratio
29	☉		water recycling public areas
30	☉		vertical advertising regional look
31	☉		vertical outdoor regional patterns
32	☉	S	household composting/vermiculite
33	☉	P, S, M	soil testing
34	☉	P, M	soil testing
35	☉	M	soil testing

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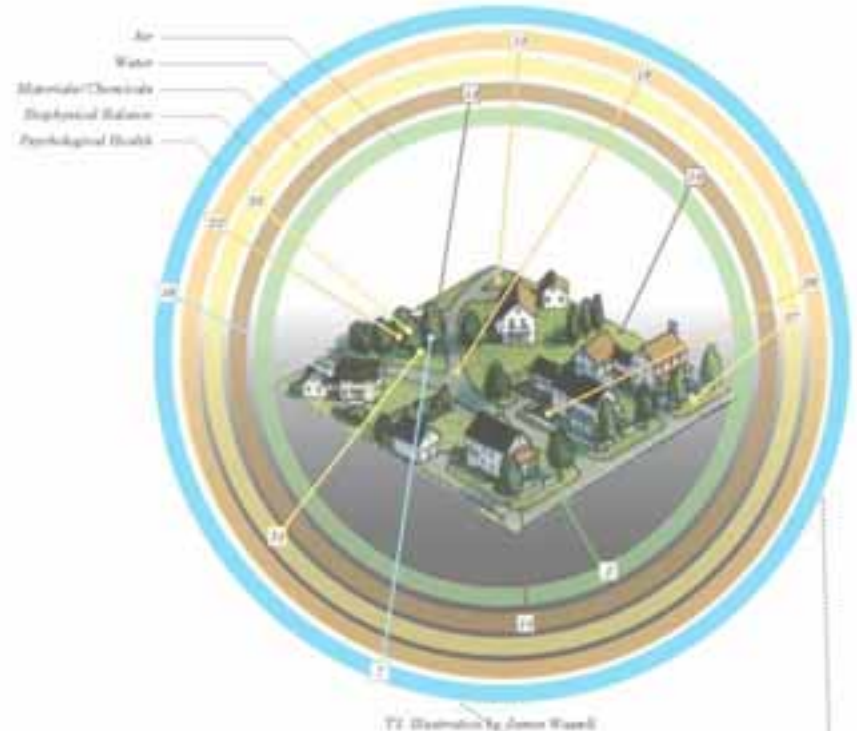
Sustainable

Sustainable Businesses  
at level & transit zones

P - Produce

S - Soil

M - Maintain



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HEALTH

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HEALTH BALANCE AND THE ECO-BALANCE



# Health Balance - Best Management Practices In Transect Zone T6



38 Magnolia plantations



39 Vertical greening green walls

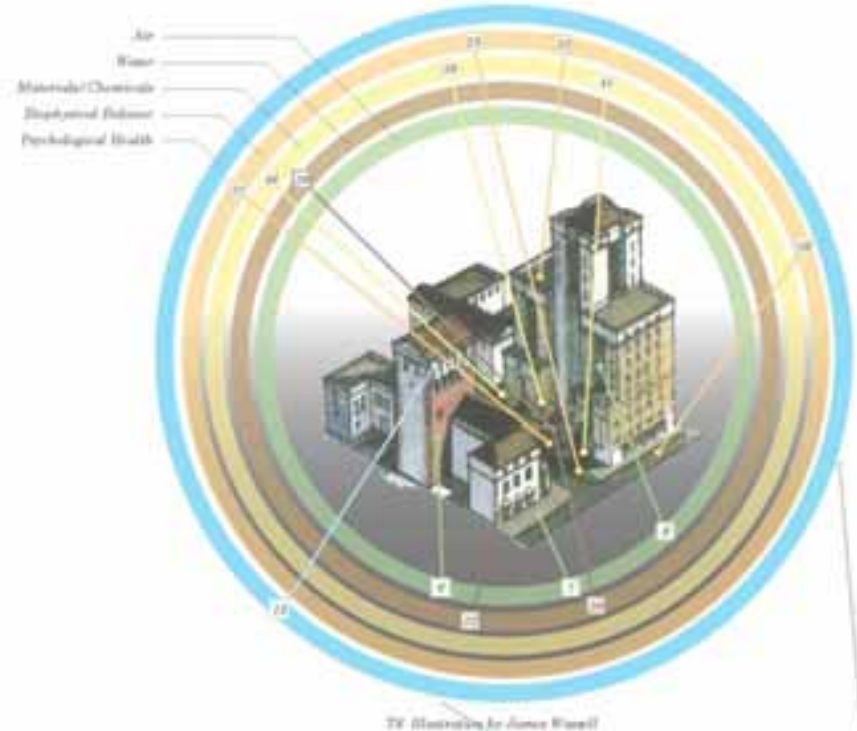


40 Microbial based wastewater treatment



41 Outdoor meeting/public areas

ECO-BALANCE HEALTH CHART FOR T6			
Code	S/R	SB	Best Management Practices
1	M		avoidance of use of gas
2	M	M	check building maintenance schedule CO2 & CO
3	M		avoidance of PF
4	M		eliminate materials with PF & CO
5	M	P, S, M	energy flow assessment of CO2, H2O & CO2 inputs
6	M		low building setbacks
7	M	P	low storm & wastewater
8	M	P, S	water of growing green walls
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- Source
- Re-Source
- Sustainable Businesses at new & targeted zones**
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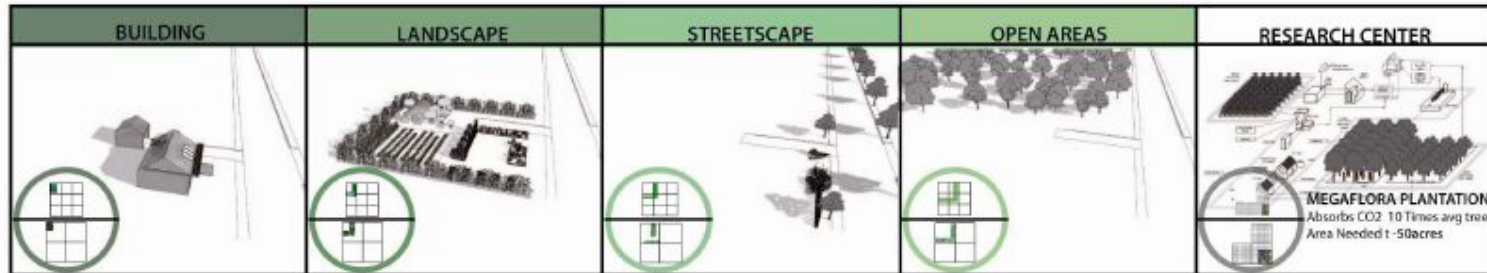
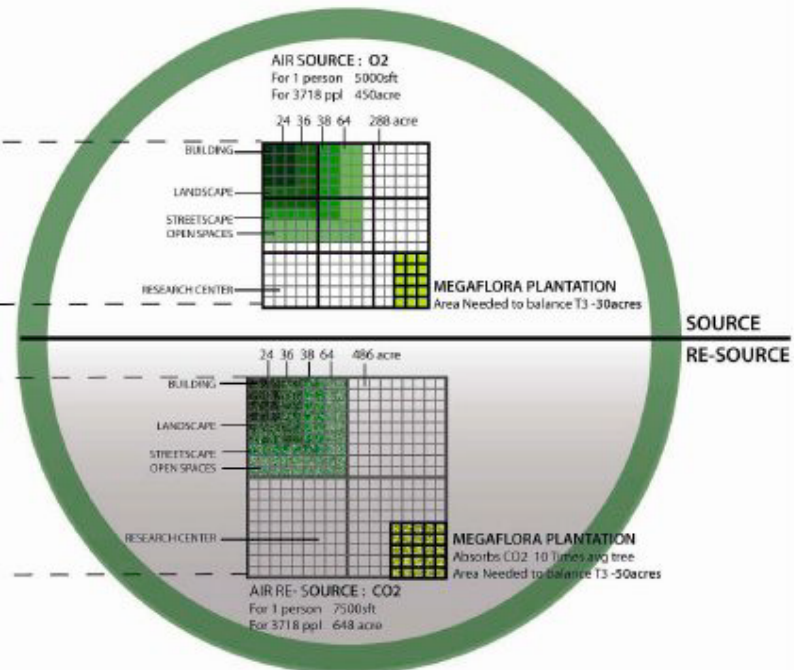
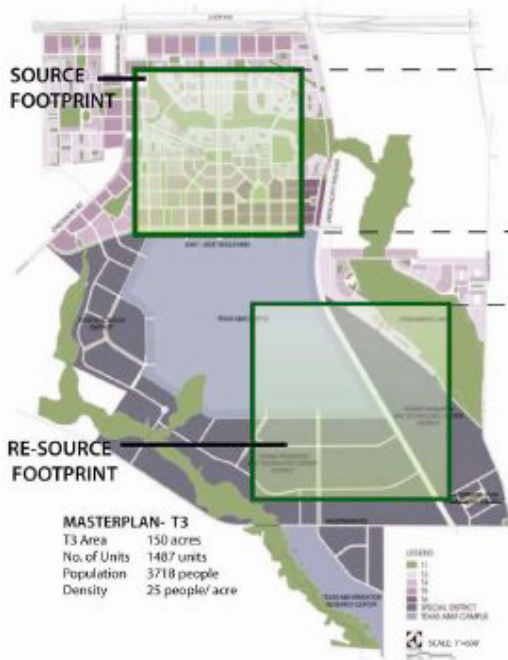






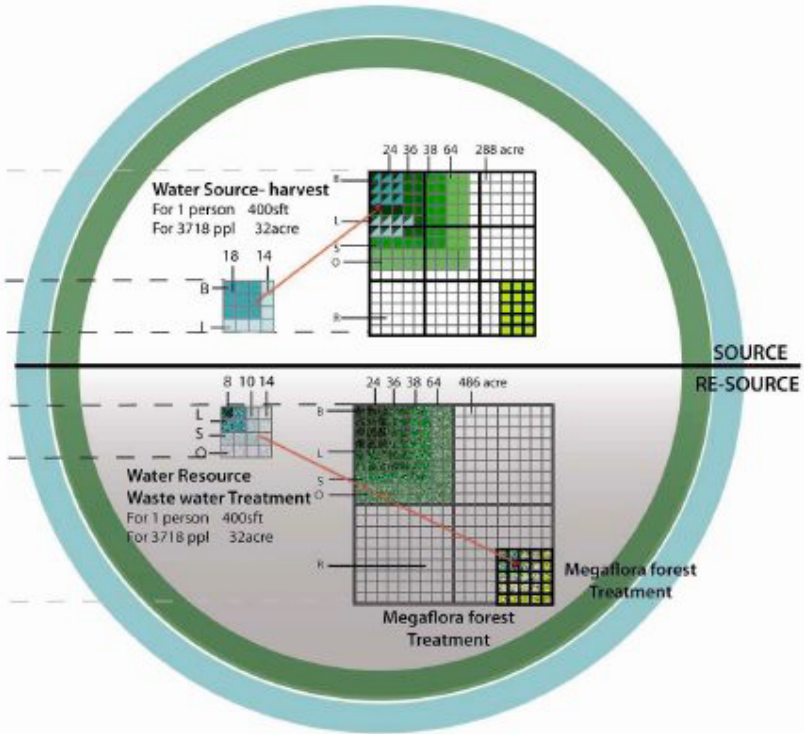
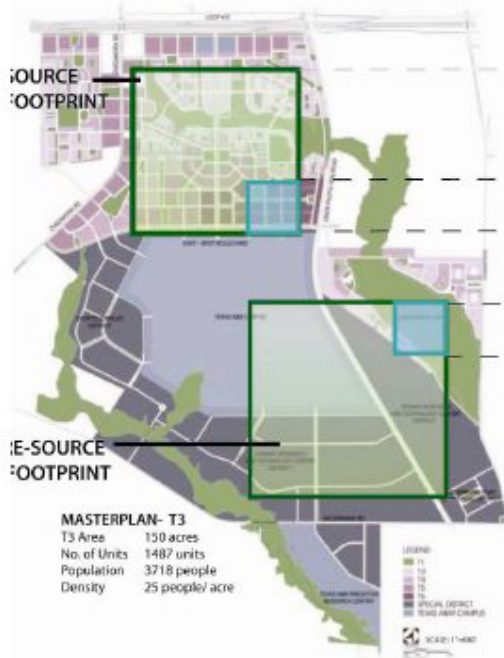
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# AIR+WATER

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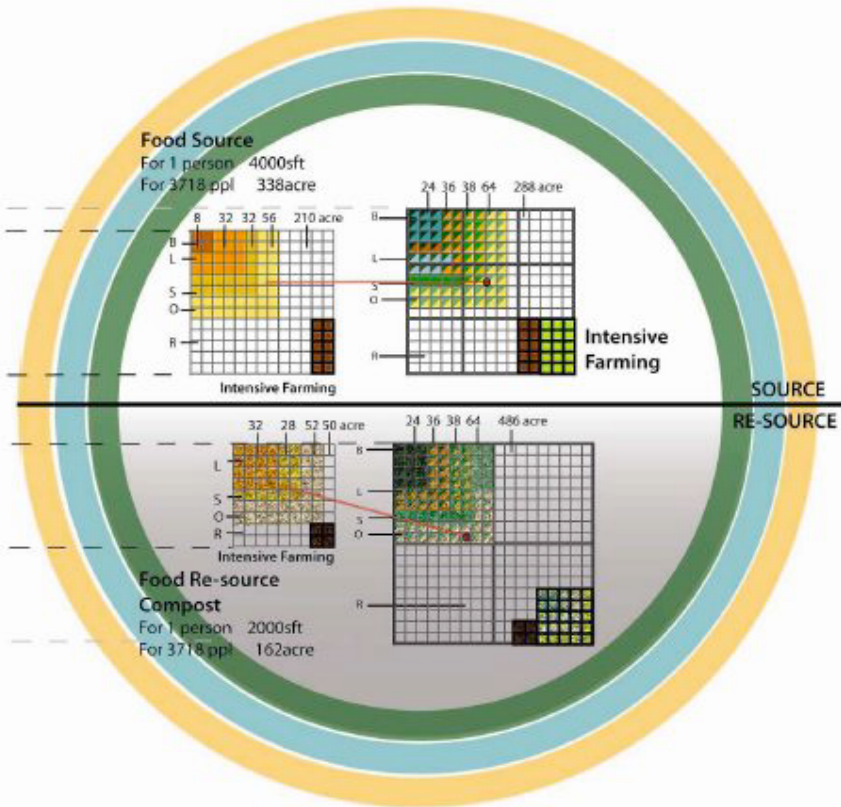
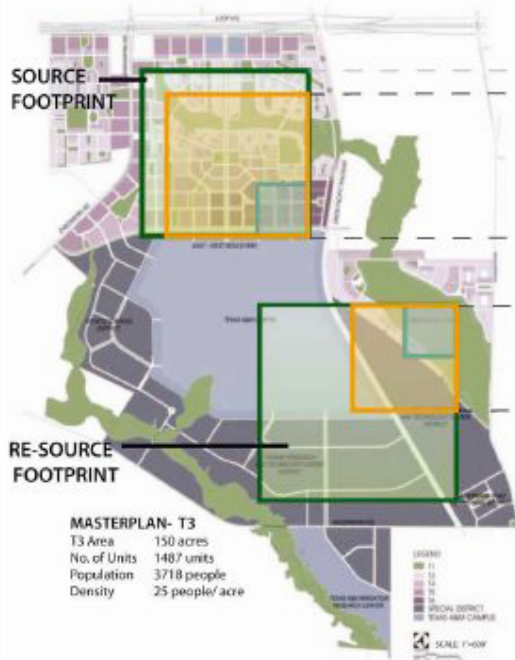


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# AIR+WATER+FOOD

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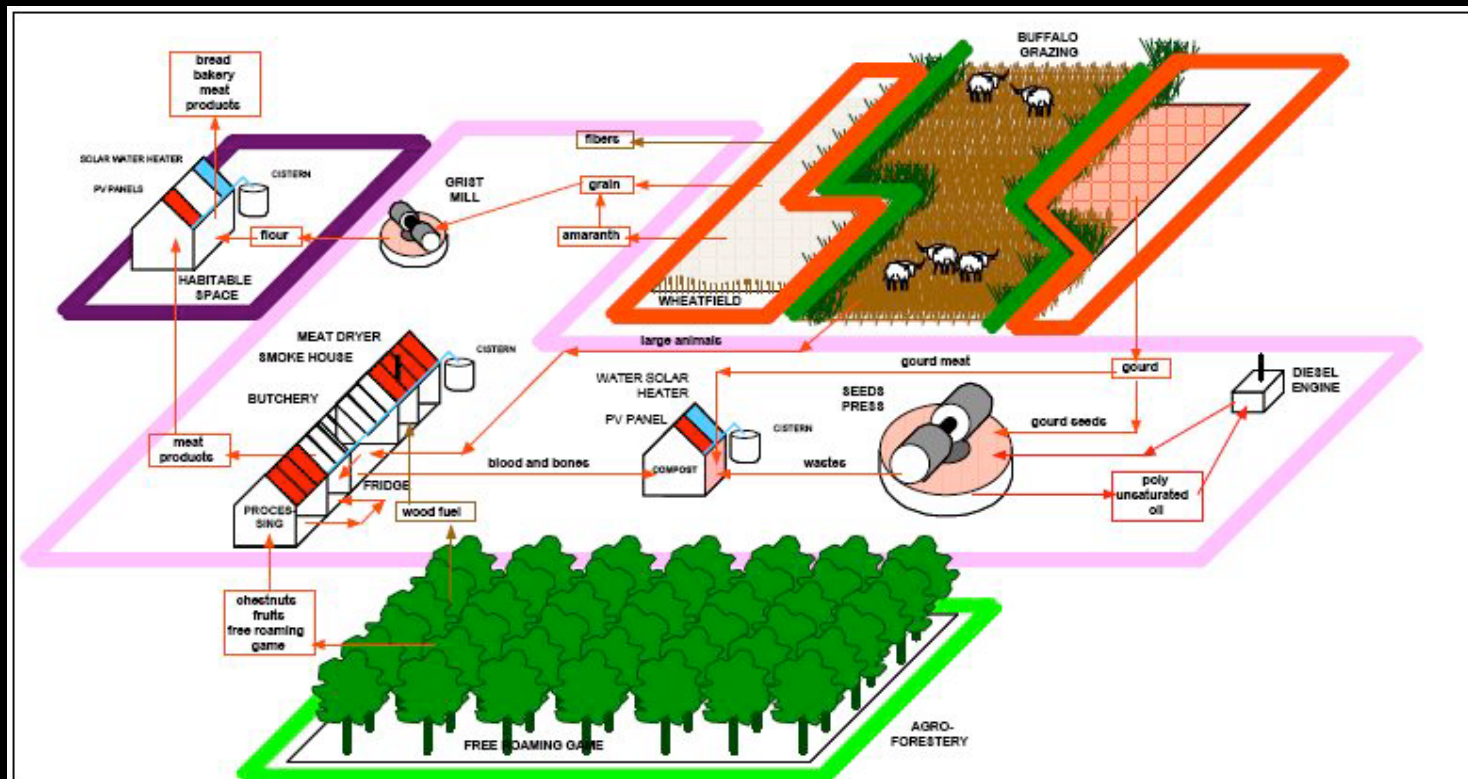


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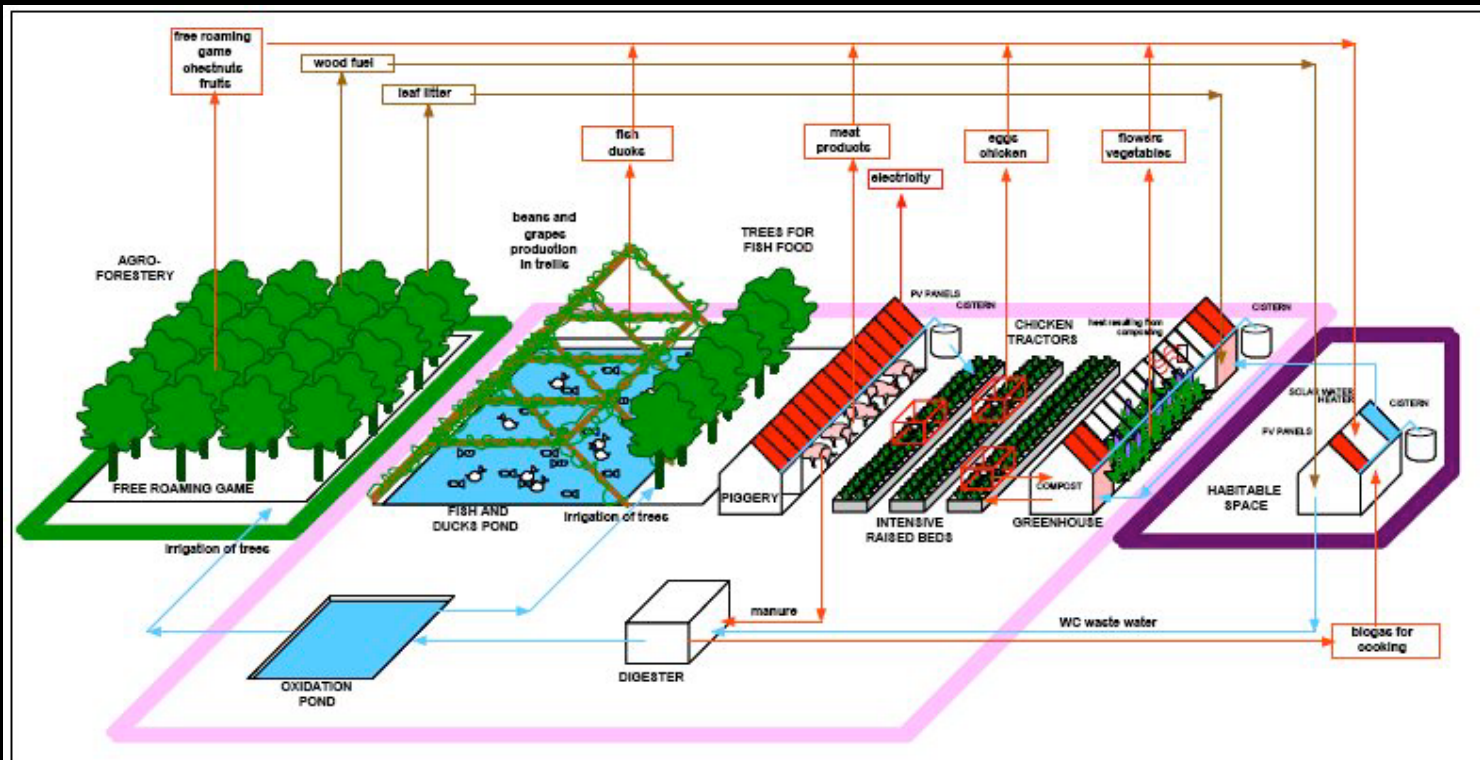




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ENERGY/FOOD INTEGRATED FARM

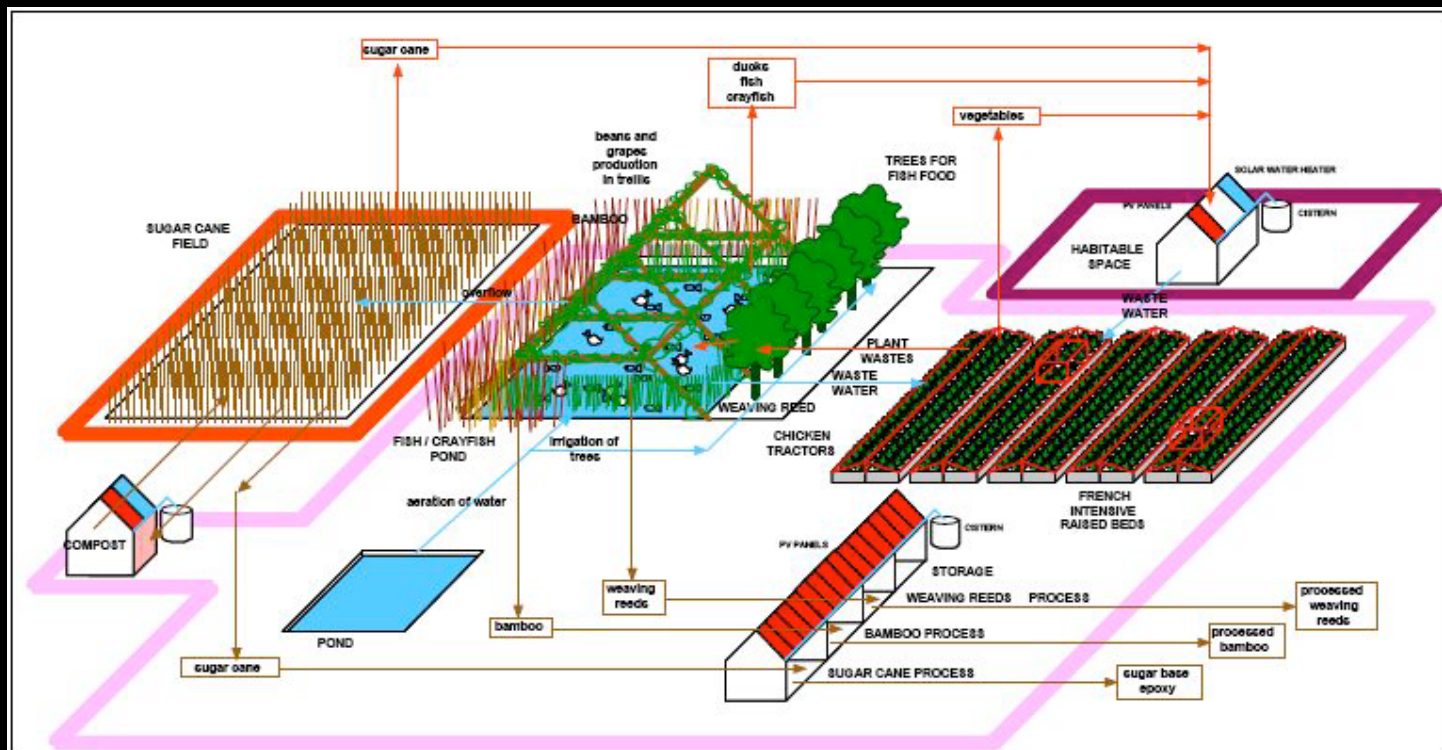
## RESEARCH AREA



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FOOD/WATER INTEGRATED FARM

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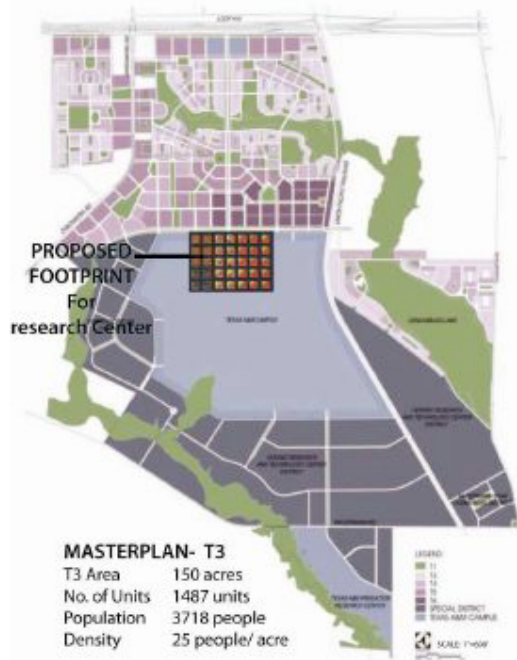
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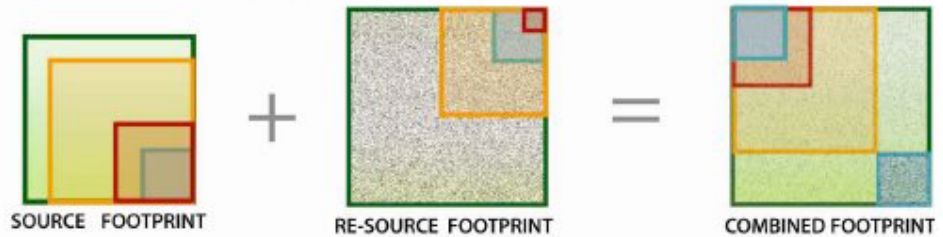


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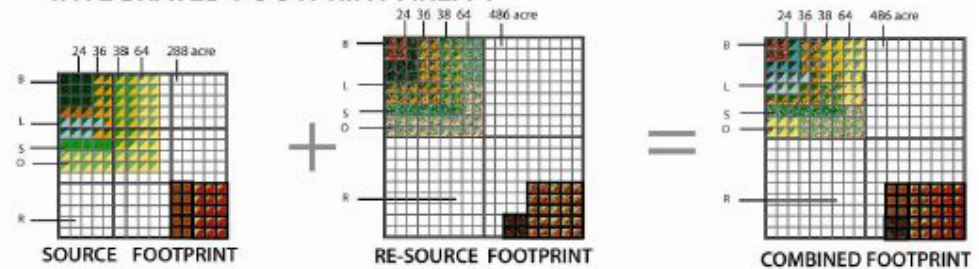
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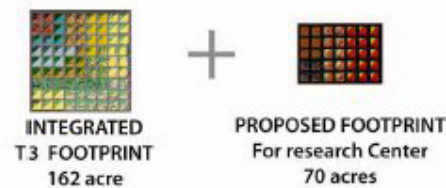


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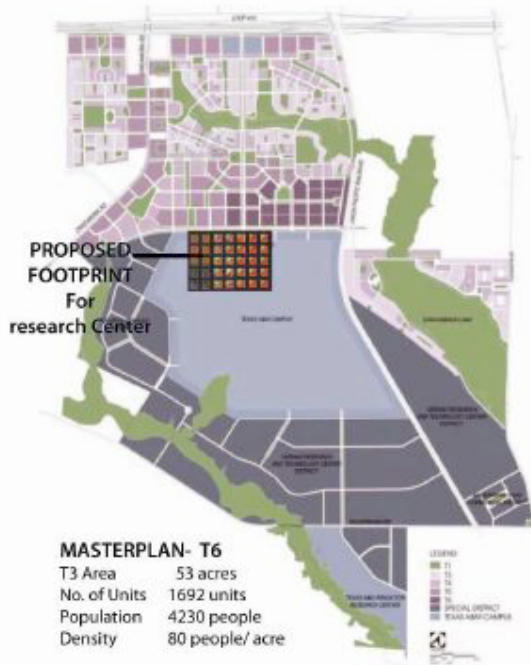
**RESEARCH CENTER USAGE**  
 Megaflora plantation 50acres  
 -O2 supply/Carbon sink  
 -Waste water treatment  
 -BiomassFuel / Biochar  
 Intensive Farming 20acres

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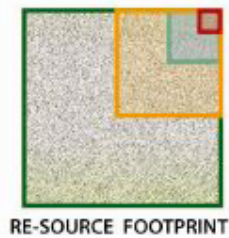
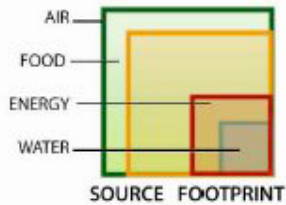


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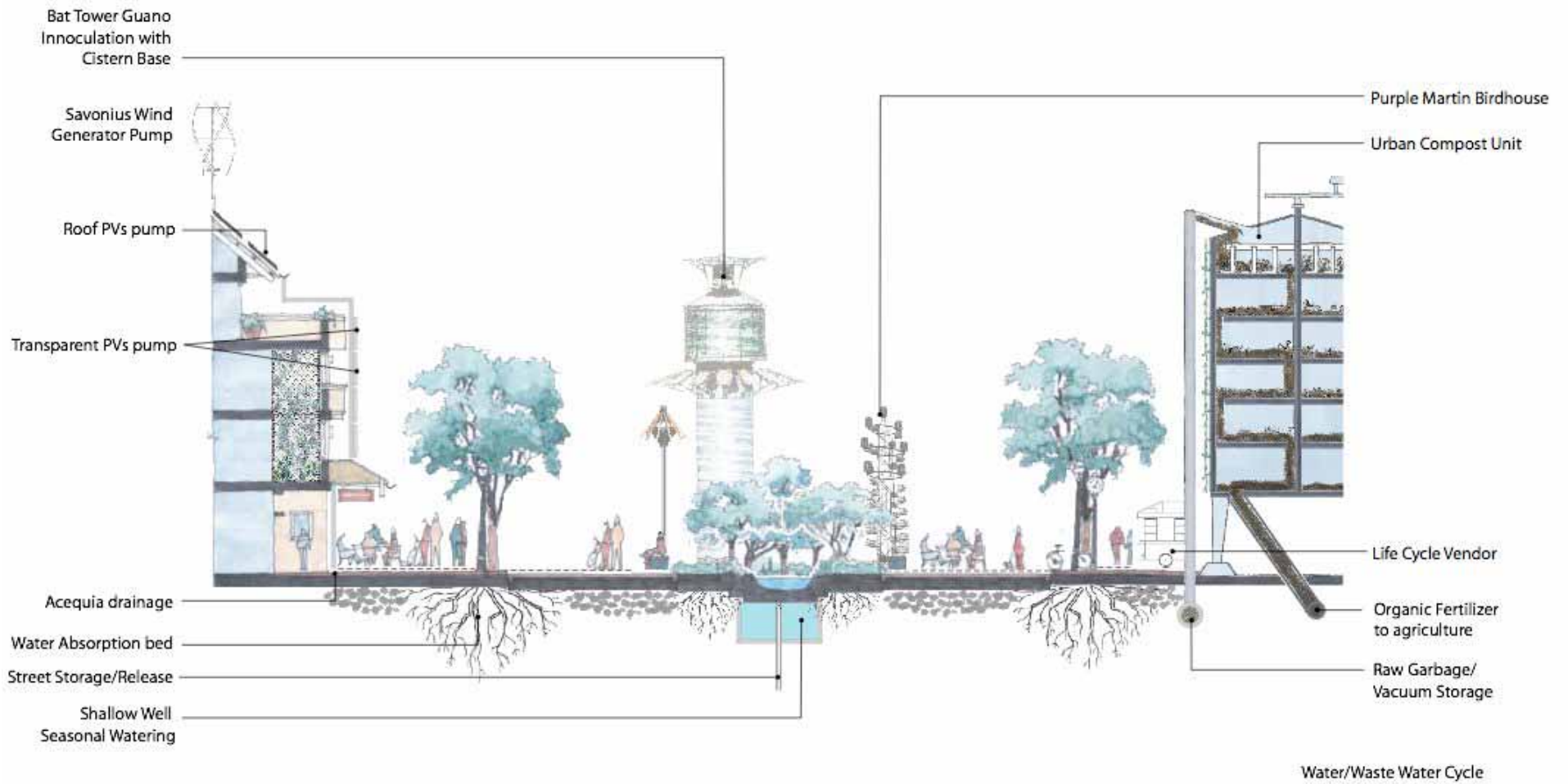


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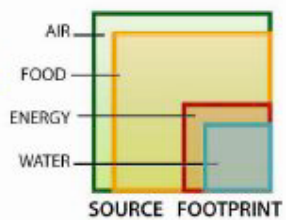
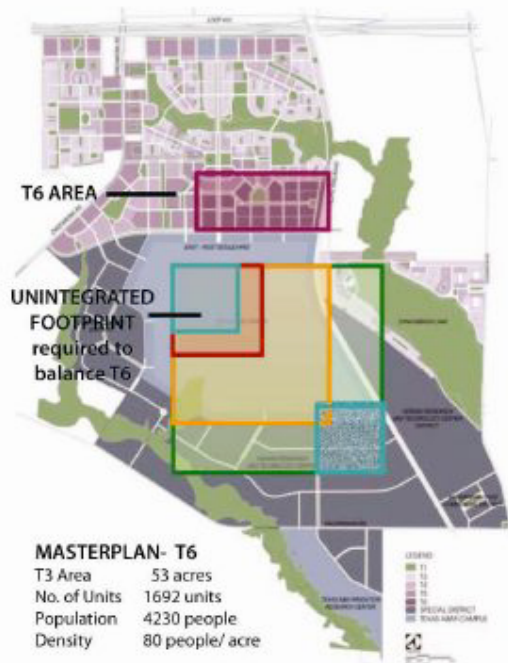




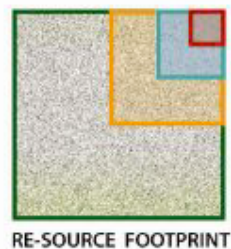


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COMBINED FOOTPRINT AREA FOR T-6



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**MAIN PLAZA AND CENTRAL PARK AT TOWN CENTER**







**RAIL TRANSIT STATION**





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PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE

