



THE EVOLUTION OF THE ARTIFICIAL WILDBIRD TIDAL MUDFLAT IN FUKUOKA, JAPAN

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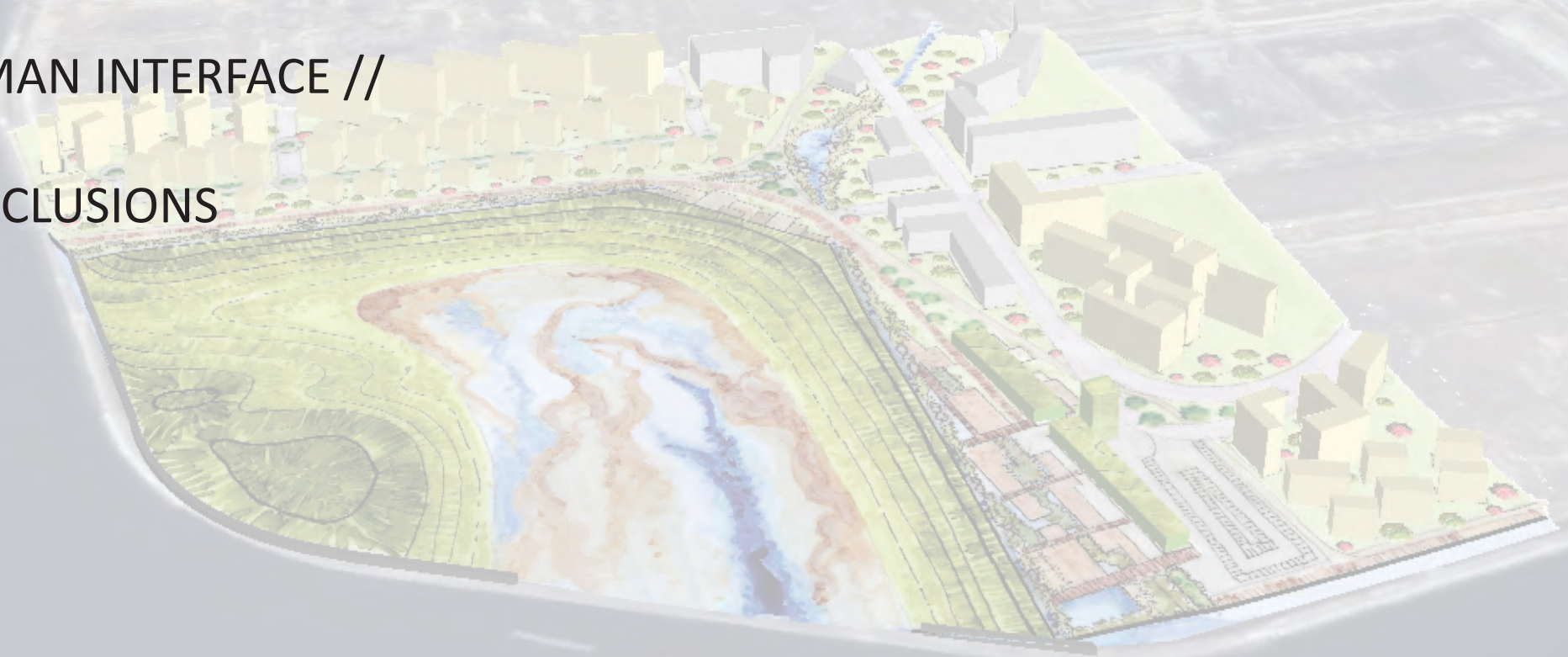
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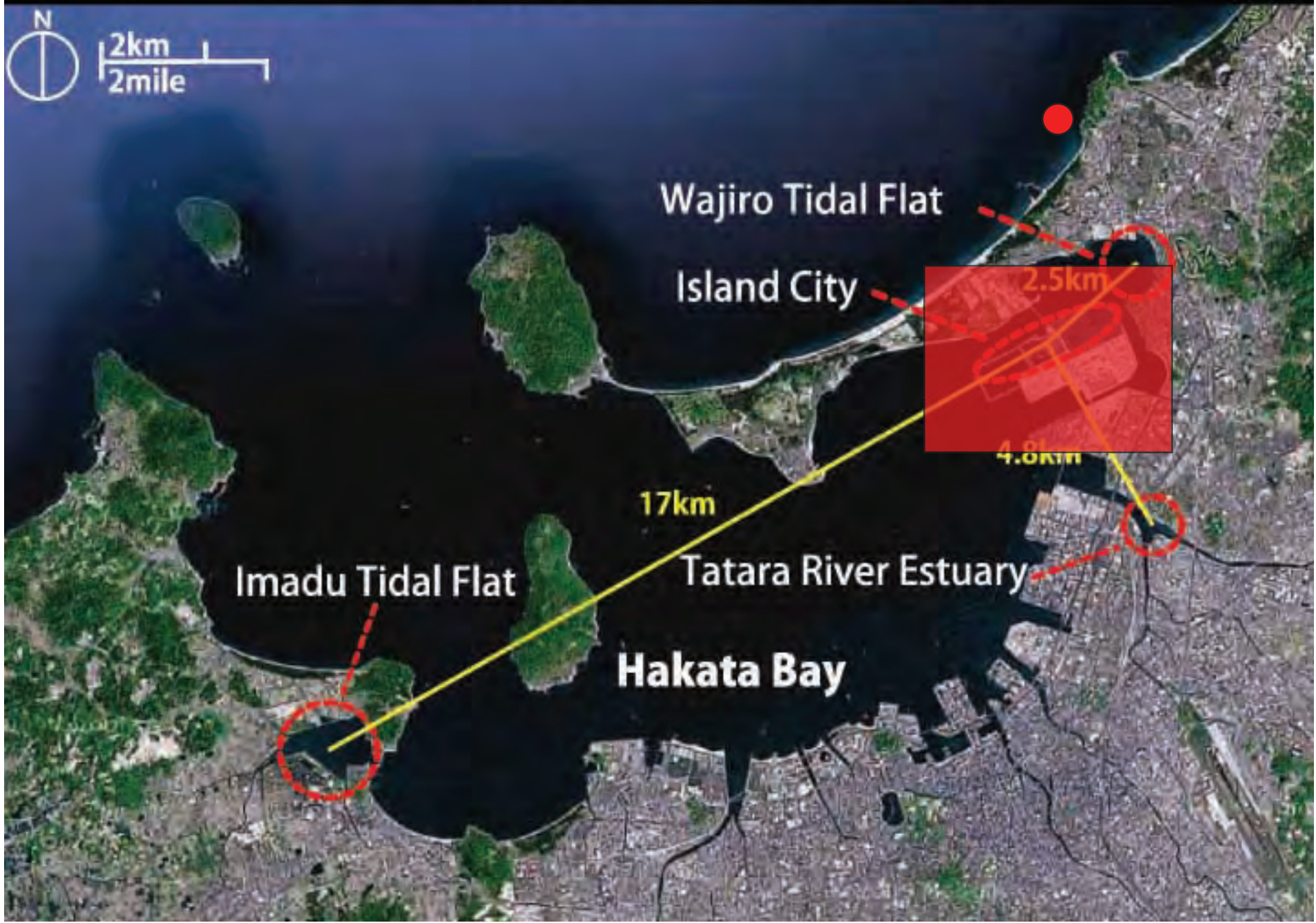
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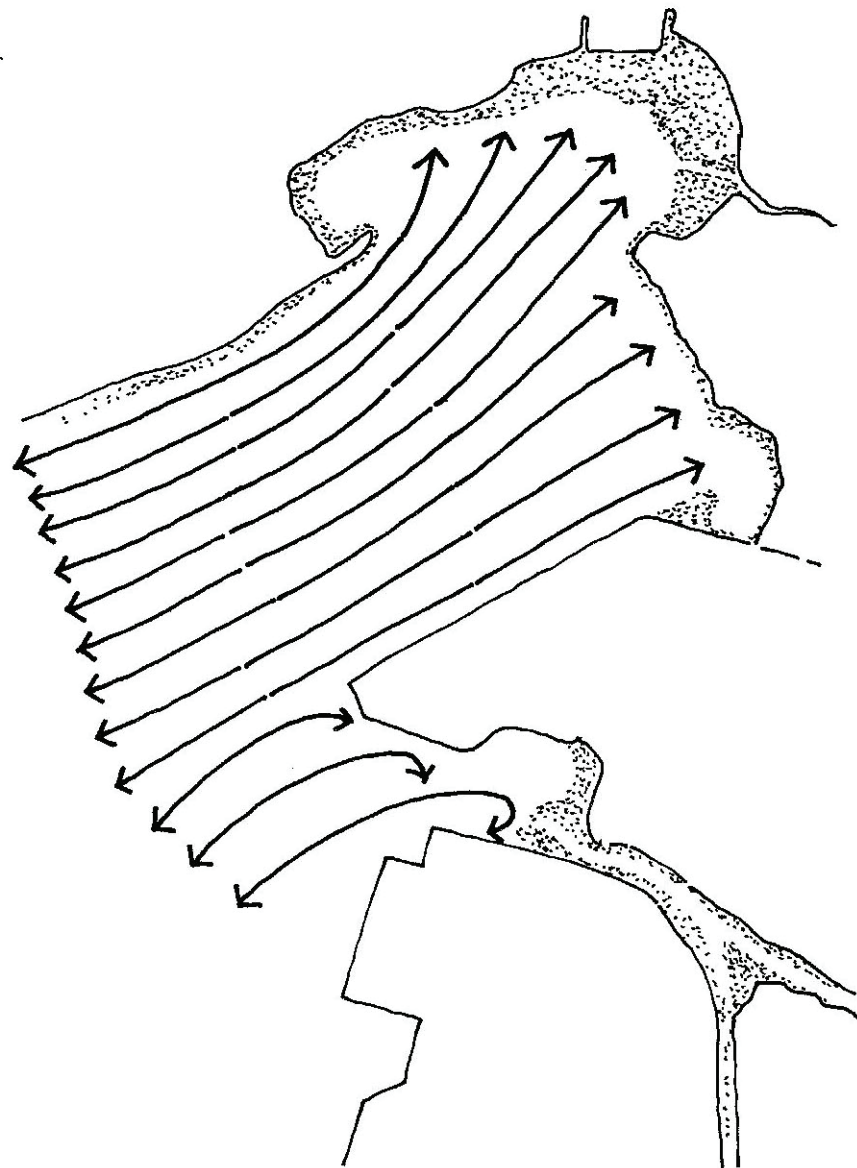
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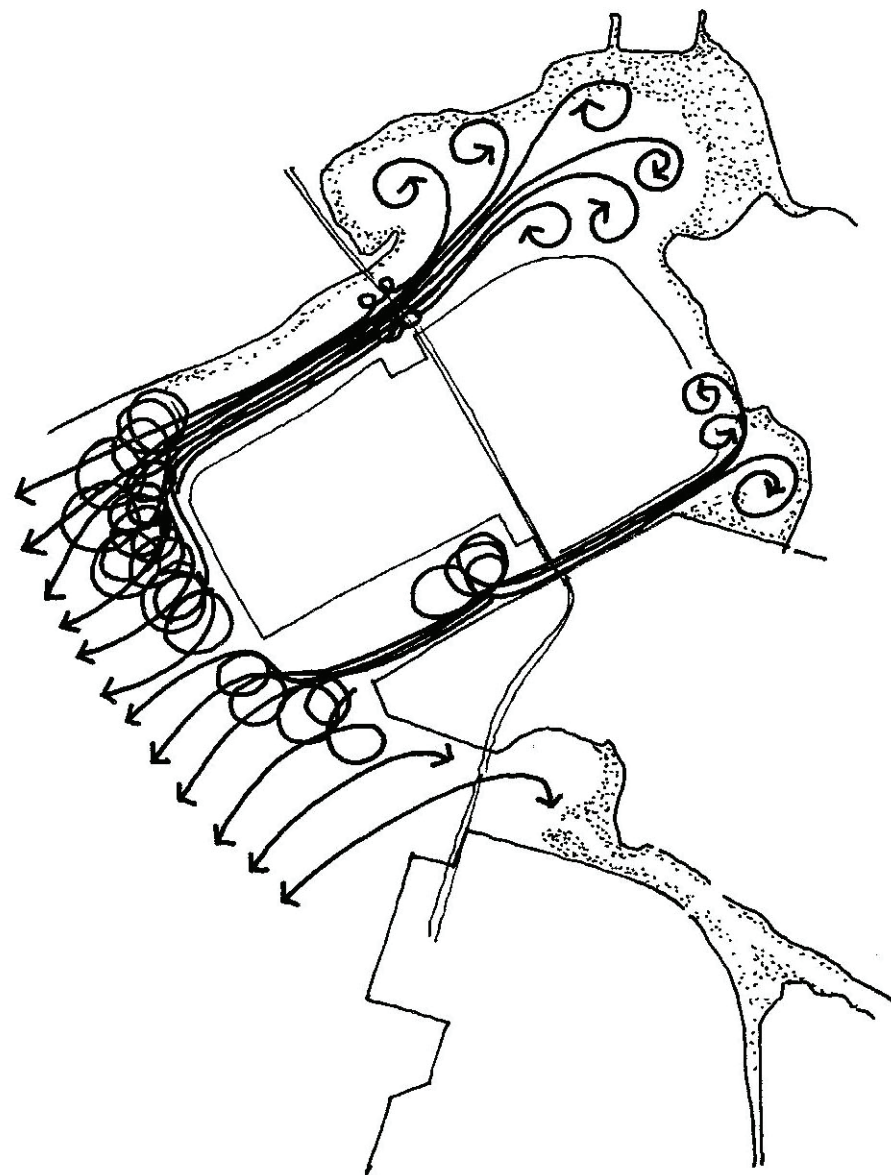
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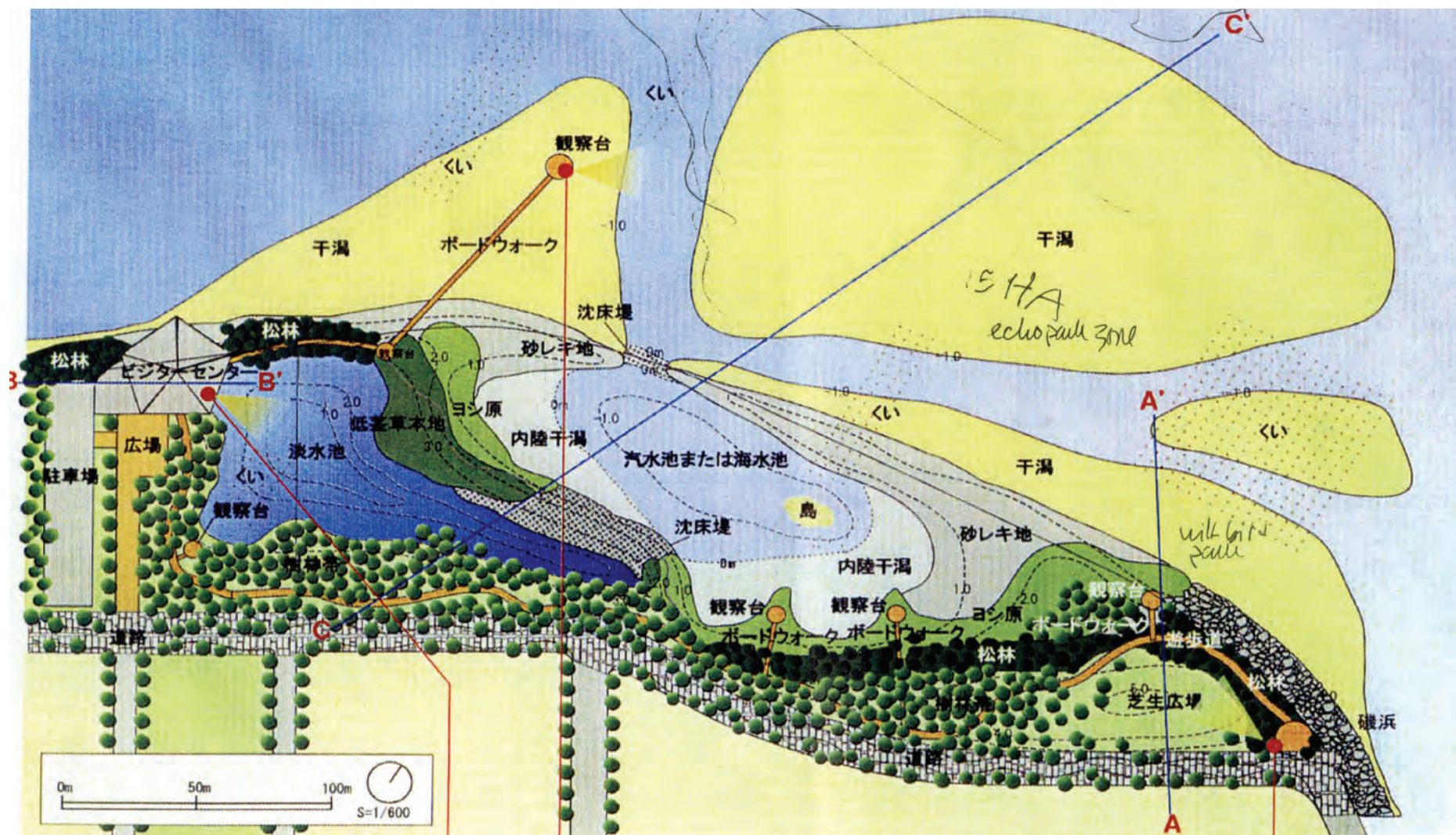
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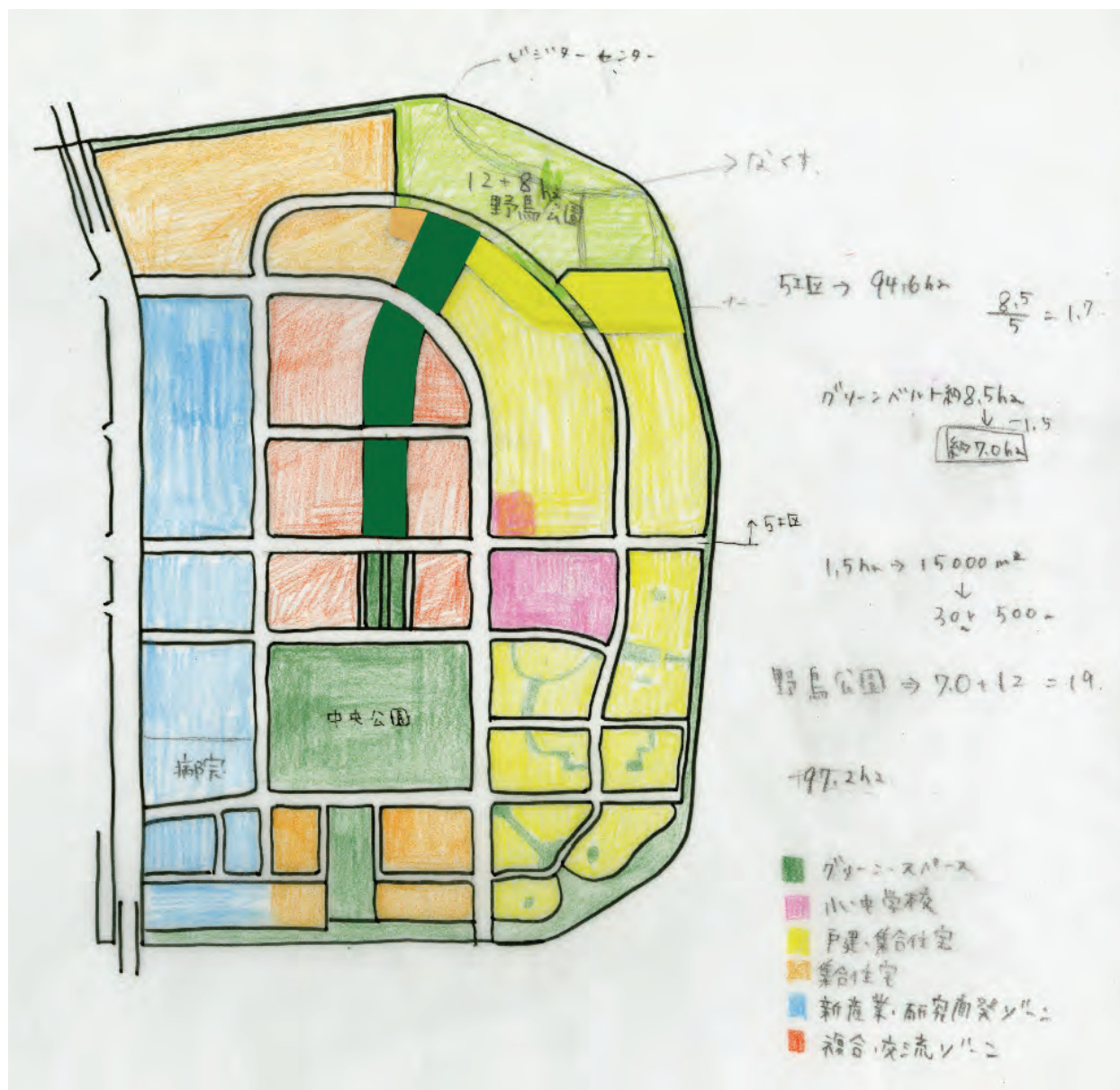


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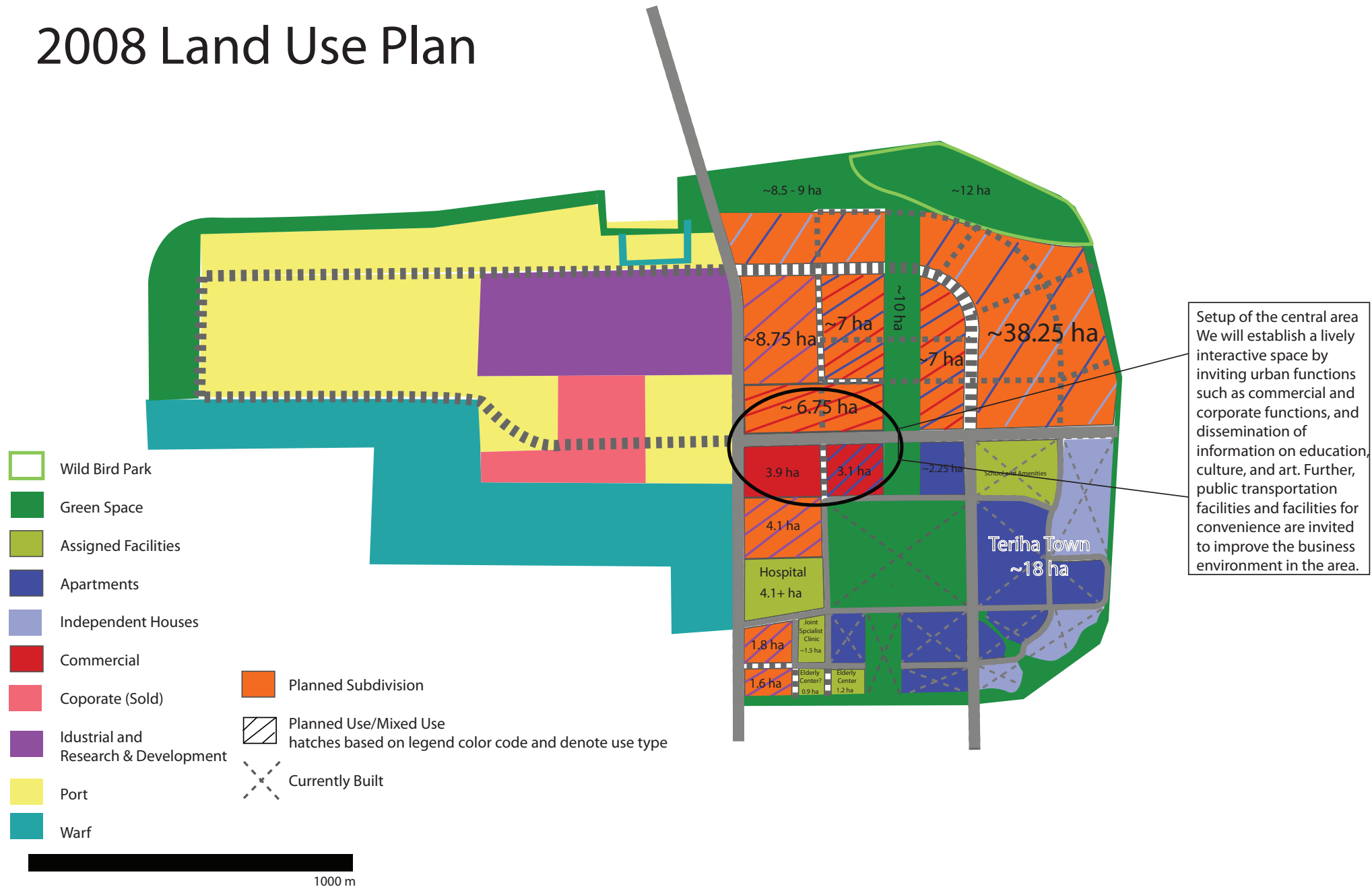


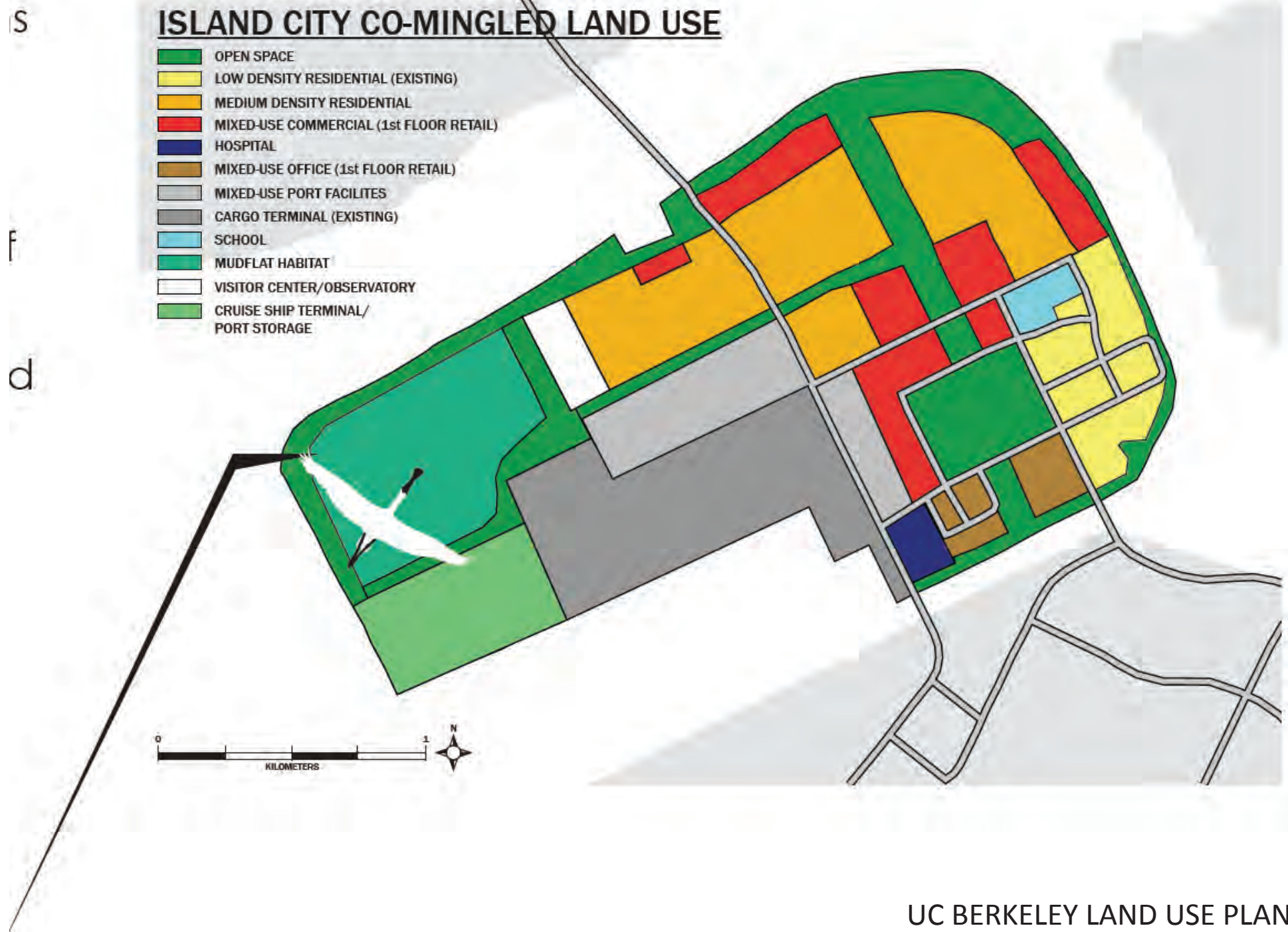
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ORIGINAL WETLAND PLAN

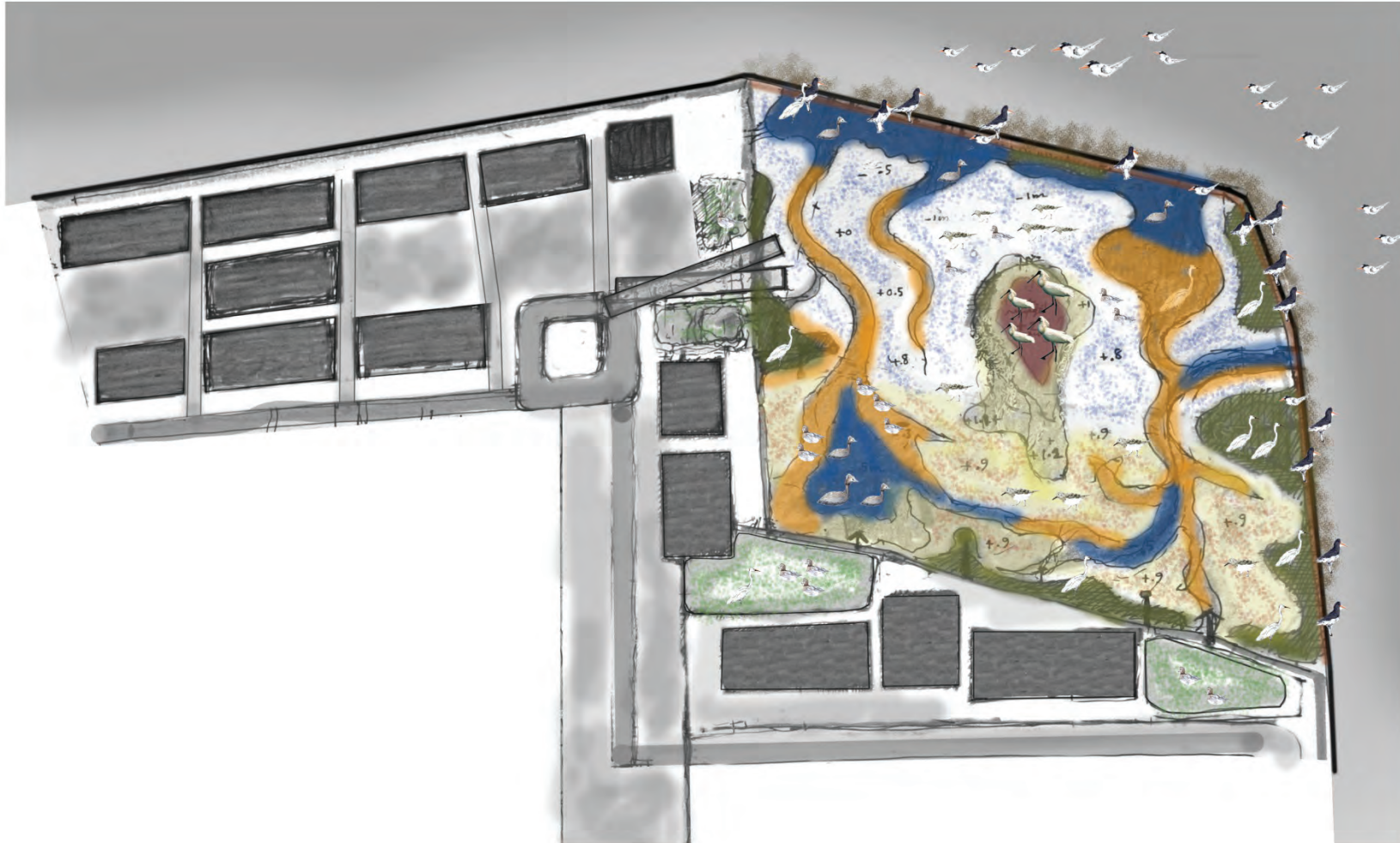


2008 Land Use Plan





16 Hectare Wild Bird Park



DESIGN GOALS

Provide natural habitat for migrating bird species with minimal maintenance required

Create vibrant center for environmental education, outdoor recreation and commercial activity

Turn Island City into an international birdwatching destination

Establish Island City as beacon of ecological innovation





Tidal Marsh Dynamics

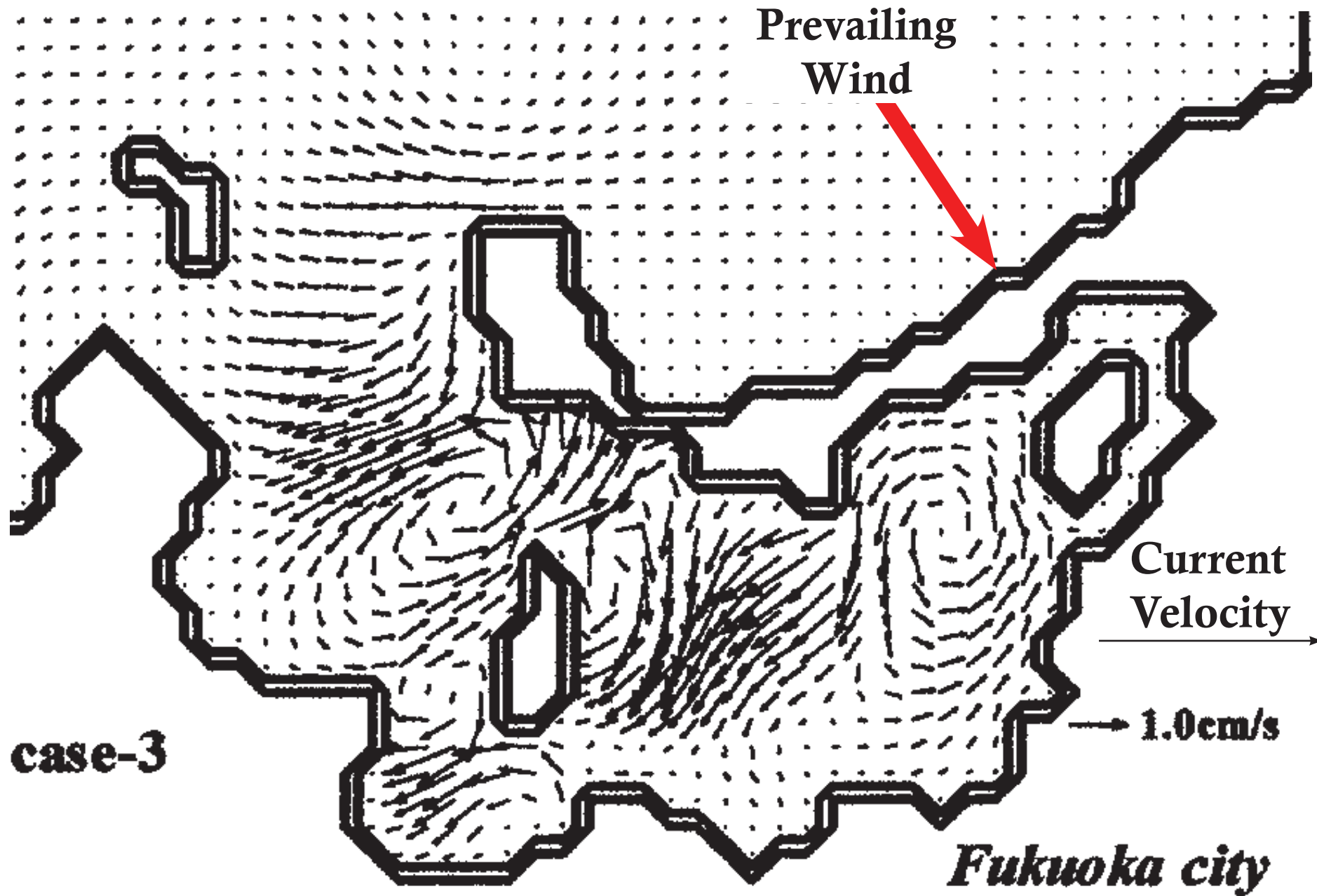


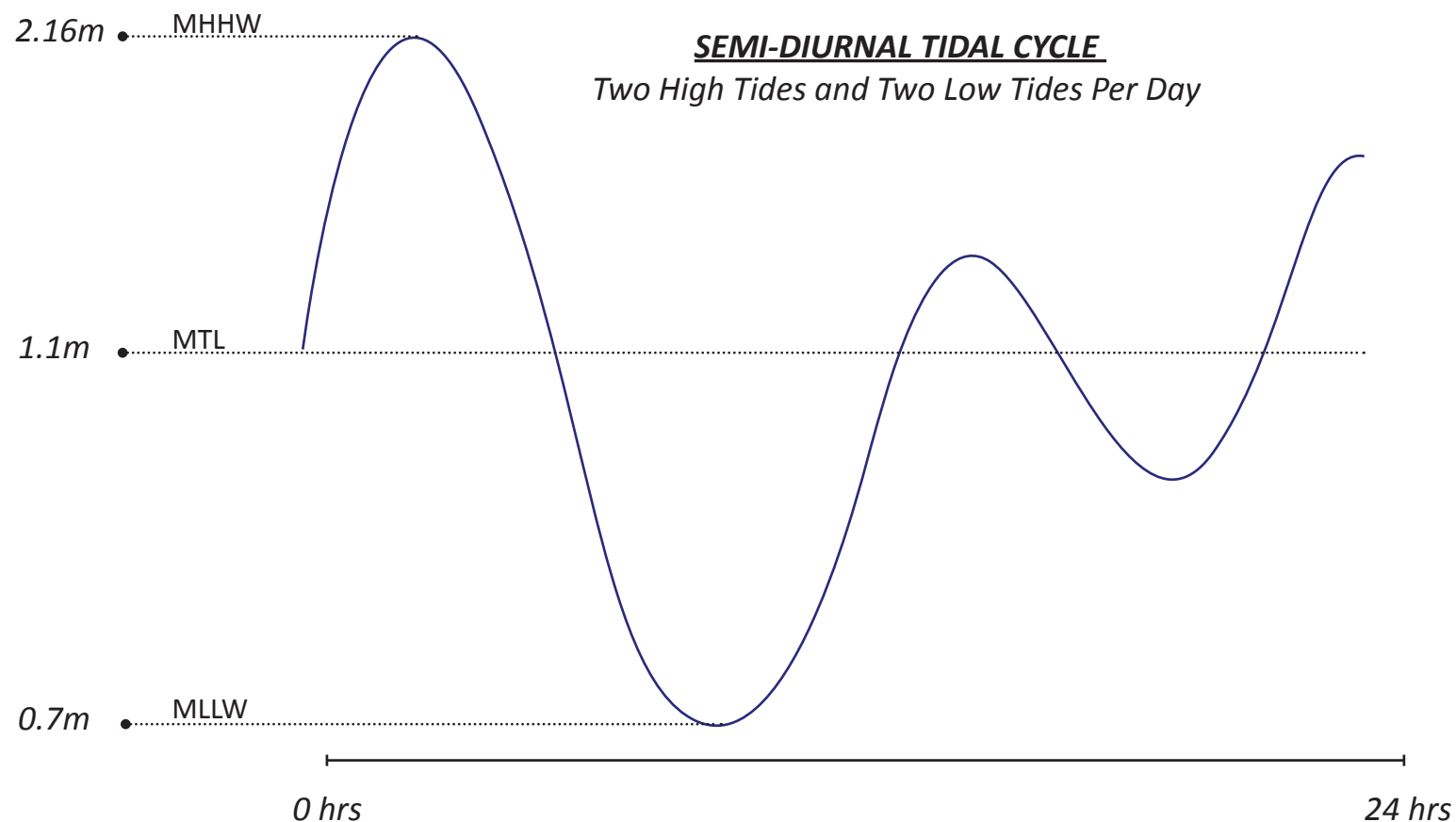
Human Engagement

WILD BIRD PARK

Habitat



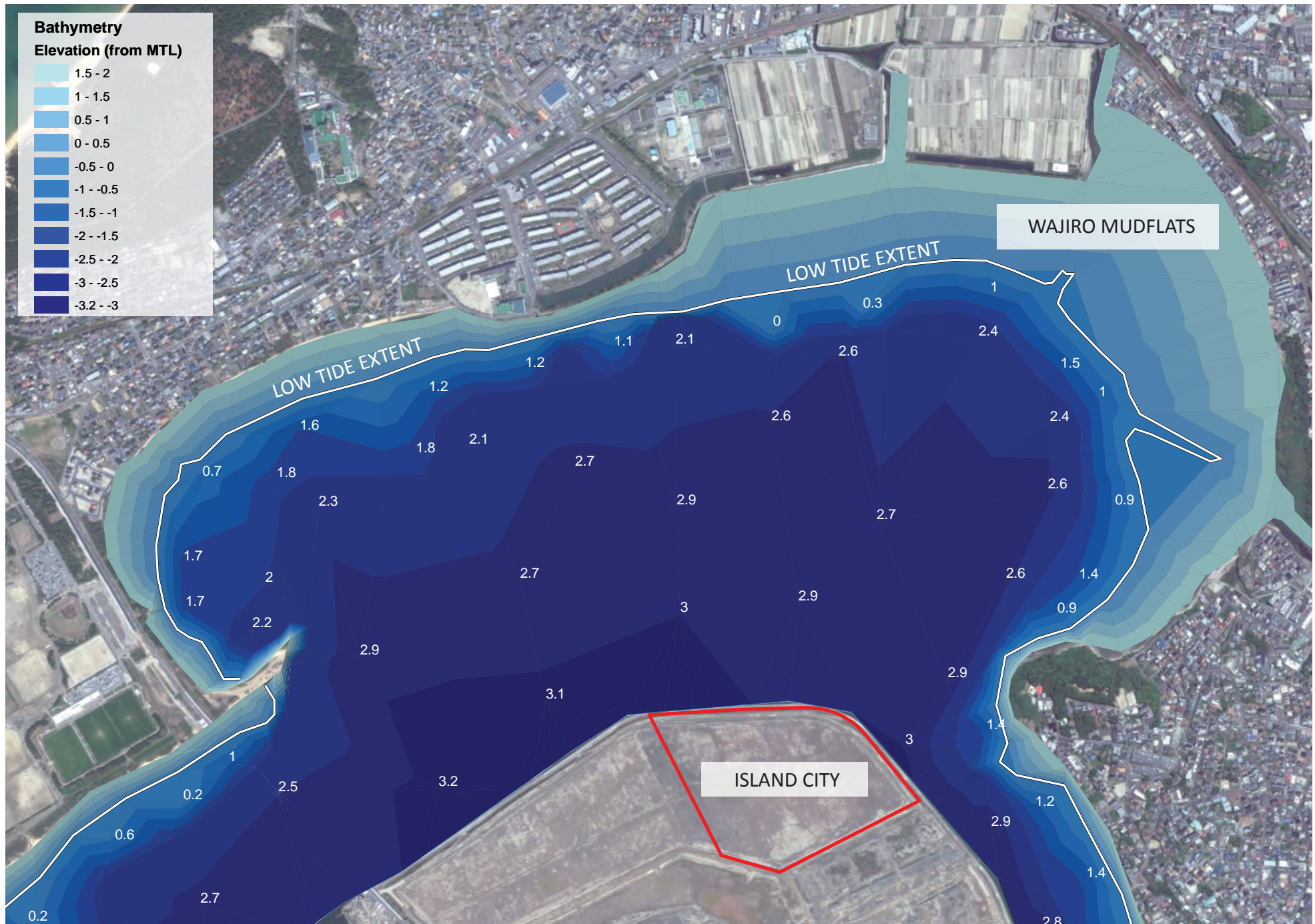




MHHW = Mean Higher High Water, or Average Highest Tide Elevation

MTL = Mean Tide Level

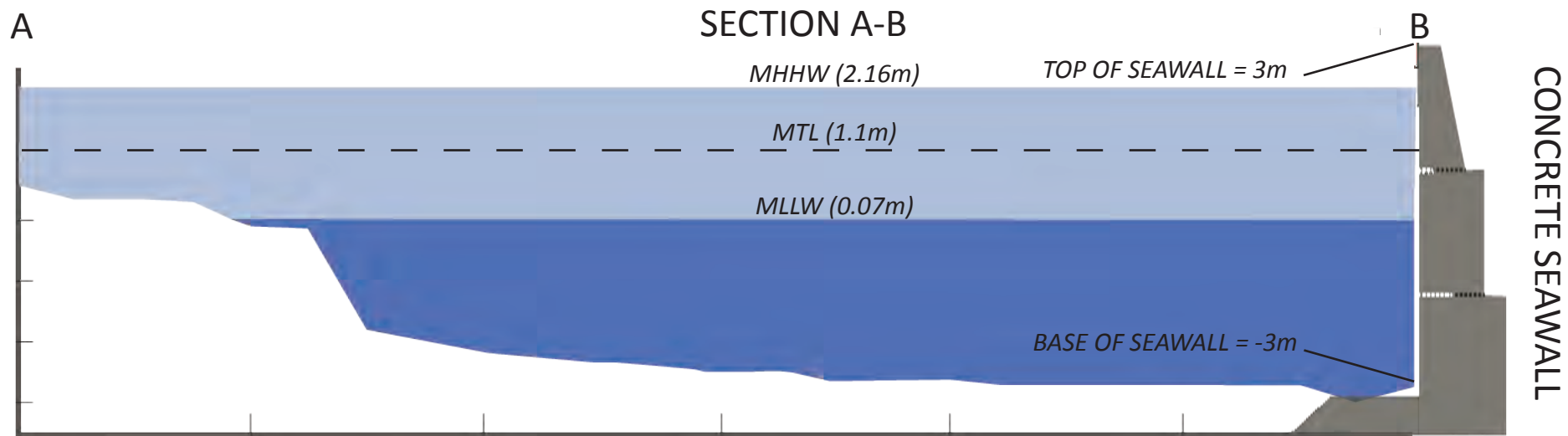
MLLW = Mean Lower Low Water, or Average Lowest Tide Elevation



DEPTH SOUNDINGS = METERS BELOW LOW TIDE

SOURCE: BATHYMETRY ADOPTED FROM NGA Chart 97421, Fukuoka Wan, 1996





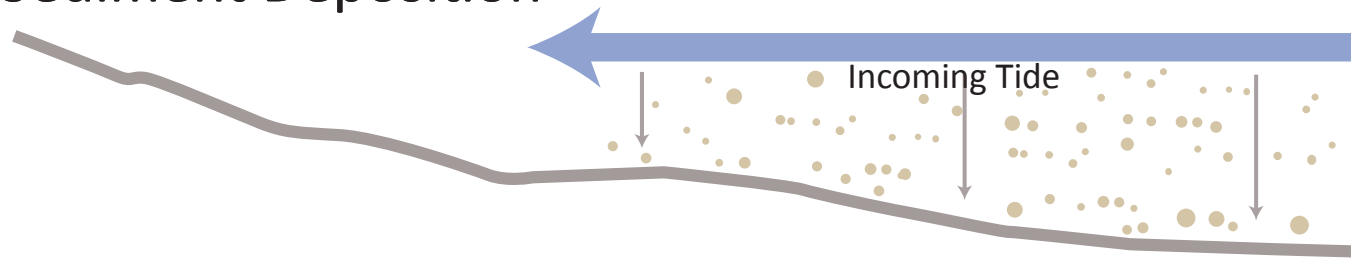
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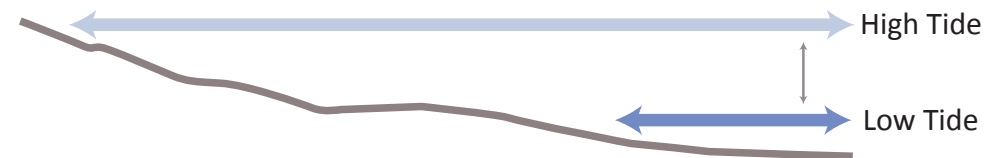




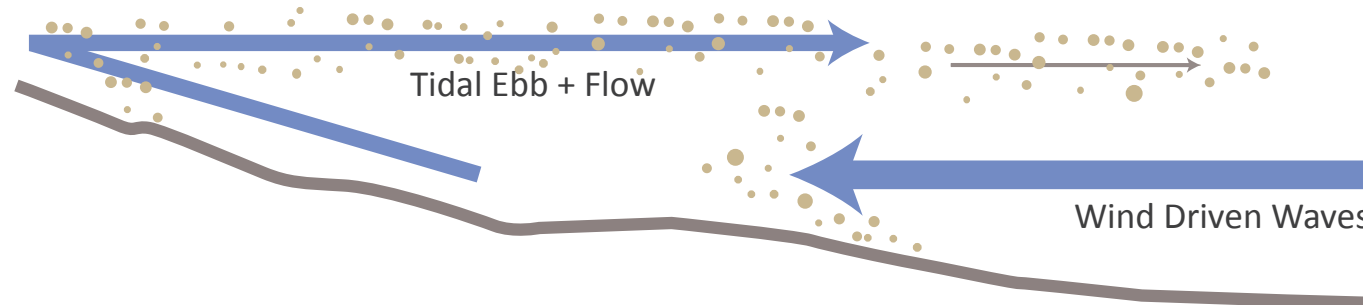
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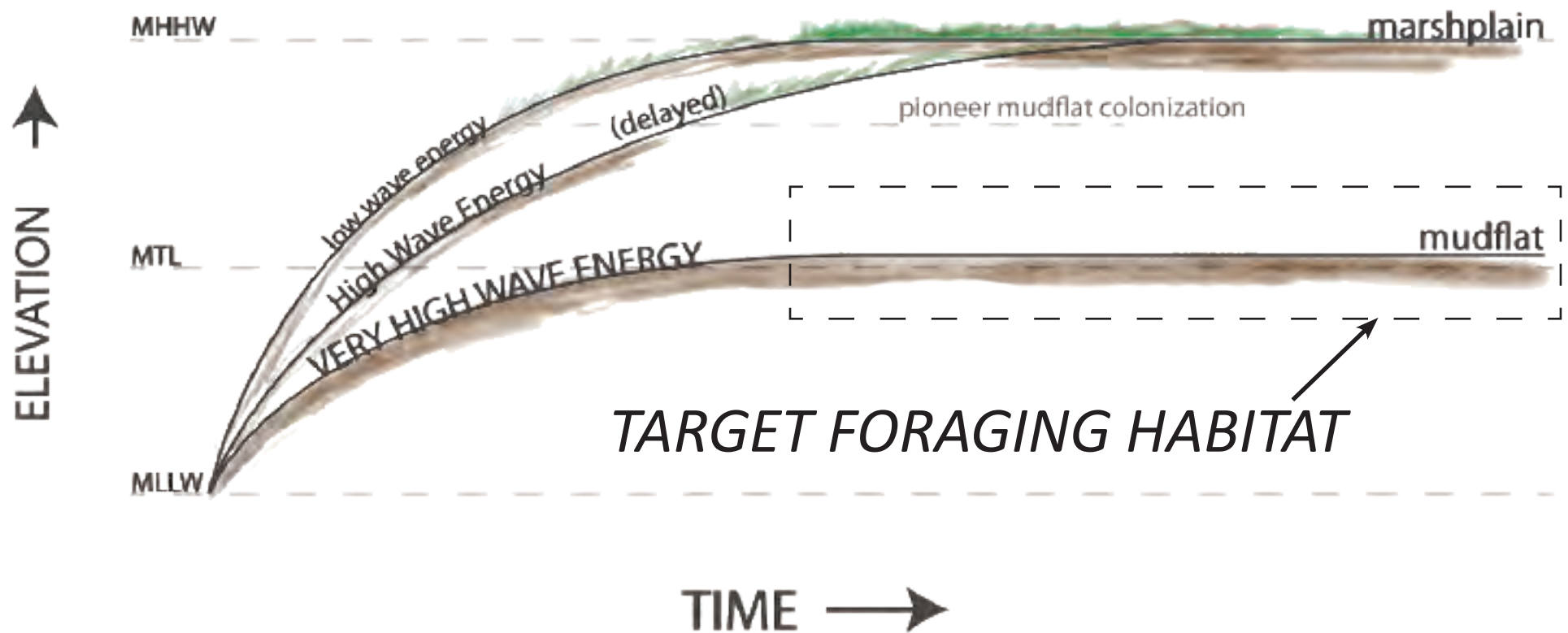
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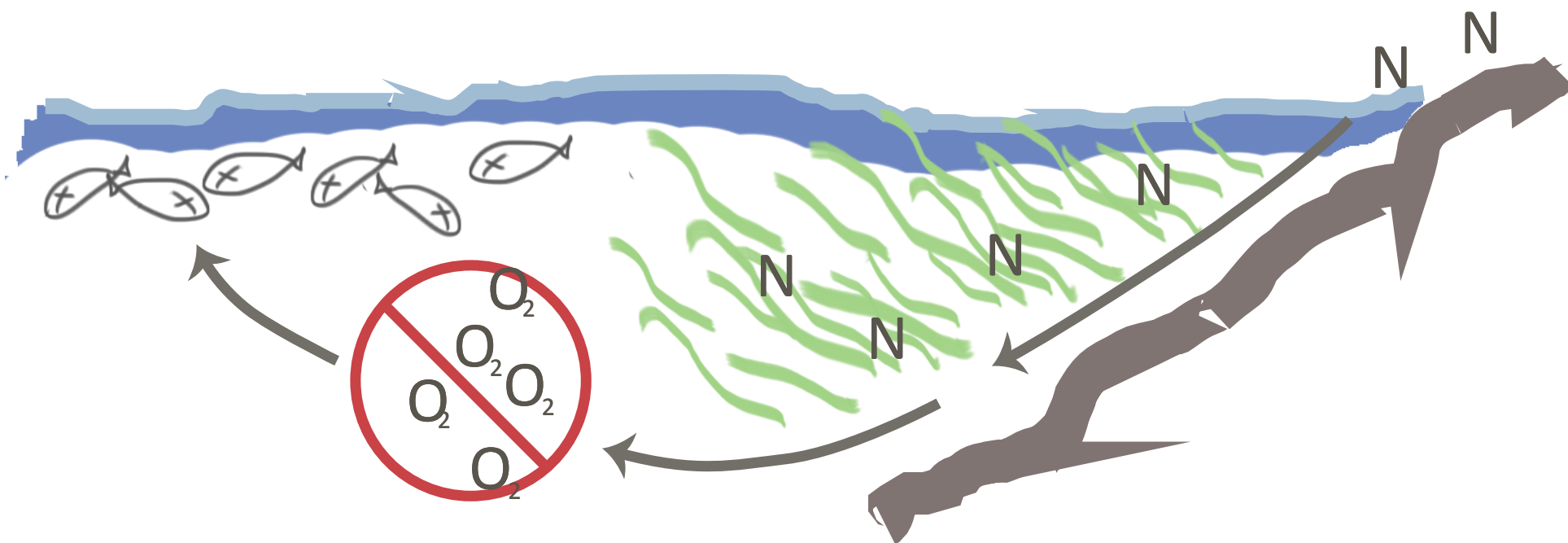
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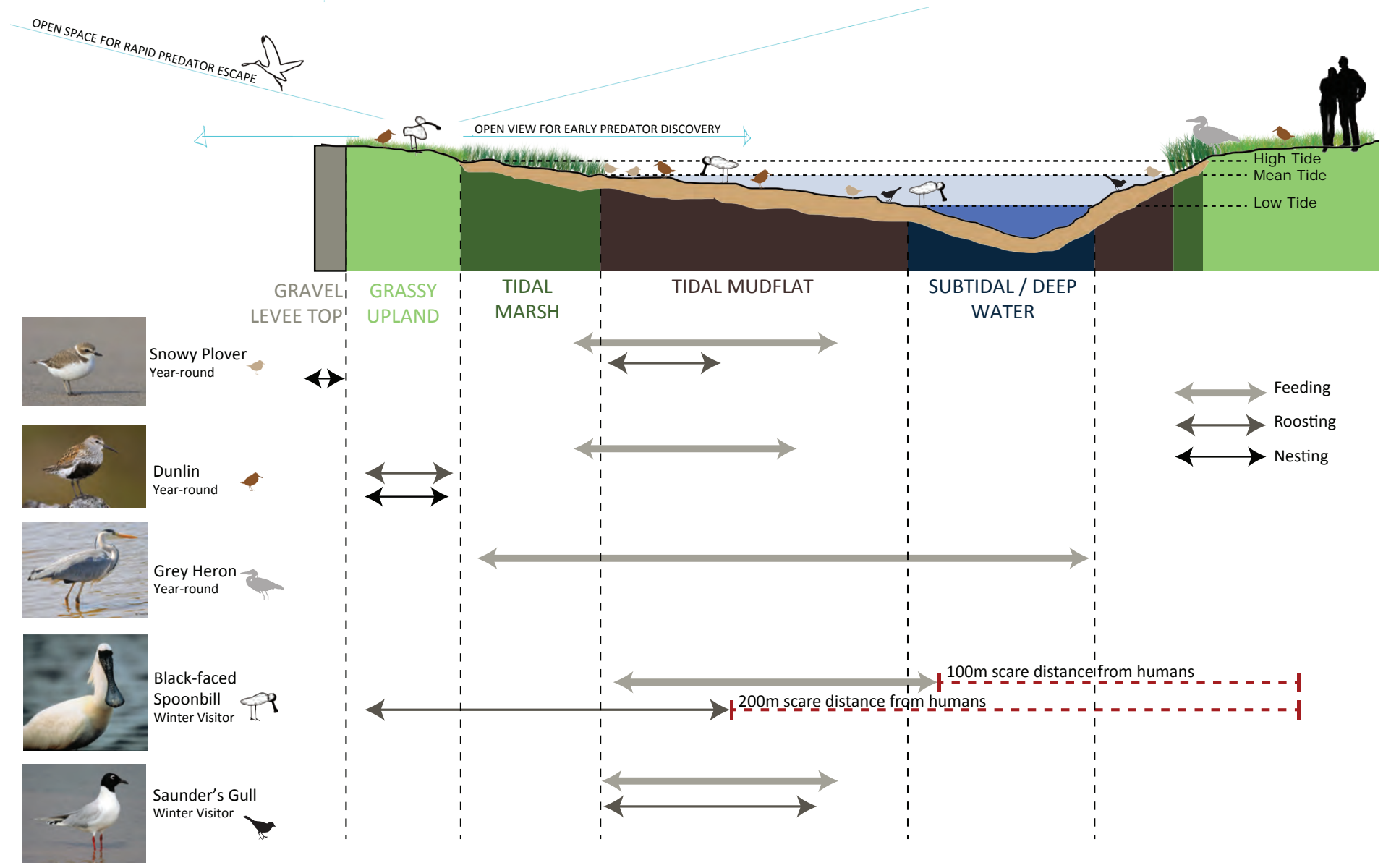
Take Home : Increasing tidal prism increases sediment deposition, naturally preventing wetland erosion. Tidal prism can be increased by widening/ enlarging a single opening.



Take Home: The more wave energy a tidal wetland is exposed to, the more tidal mudflat will be sustained.



Take Home : Design for Wild Bird Park attempts to minimize Red Tide by maximizing tidal exchange.



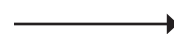
Mudflats in Hakata Bay also provide habitat for the **Common Shelduck, Eurasian Curlew, Great Knot, Common Greenshank, Red-necked Stint, Common Ringed Plover, Little Stint** and may others. The Wild Bird Park will also attract these species and birdwatching tourists who come to see them.



Choose
Design
Options



Evaluate
Physical
Structure
Stability



Evaluate
Available
Habitat

Our design suitability process.....

DESIGN PROCESS



TIDE GATE?



OPEN SYSTEM

DESIGN PROCESS



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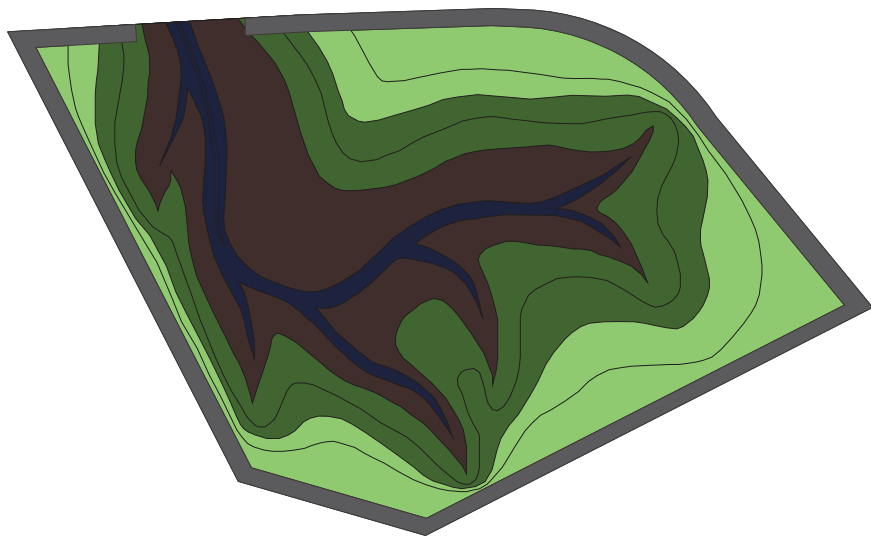


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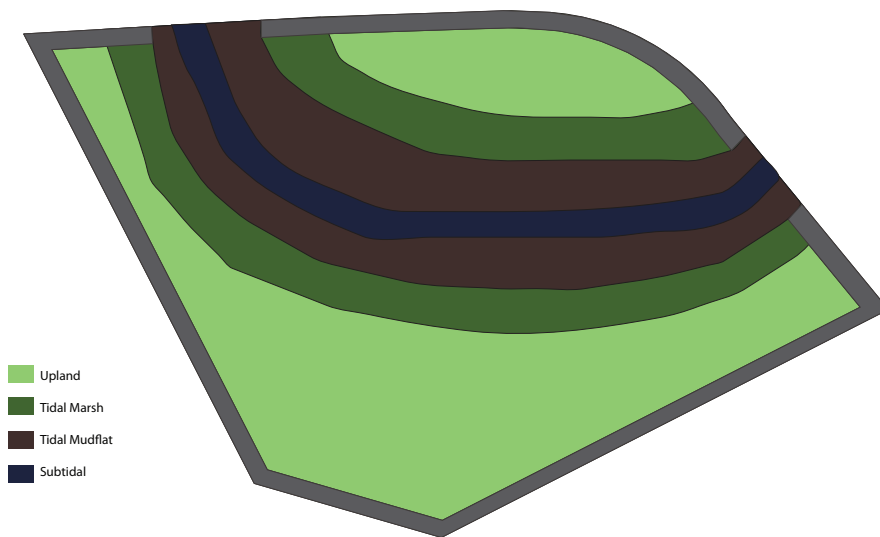
TO ALLOW NATURAL PROCESSES TO FORM HABITAT AND
MINIMIZE MAINTENANCE NEEDS

DESIGN PROCESS

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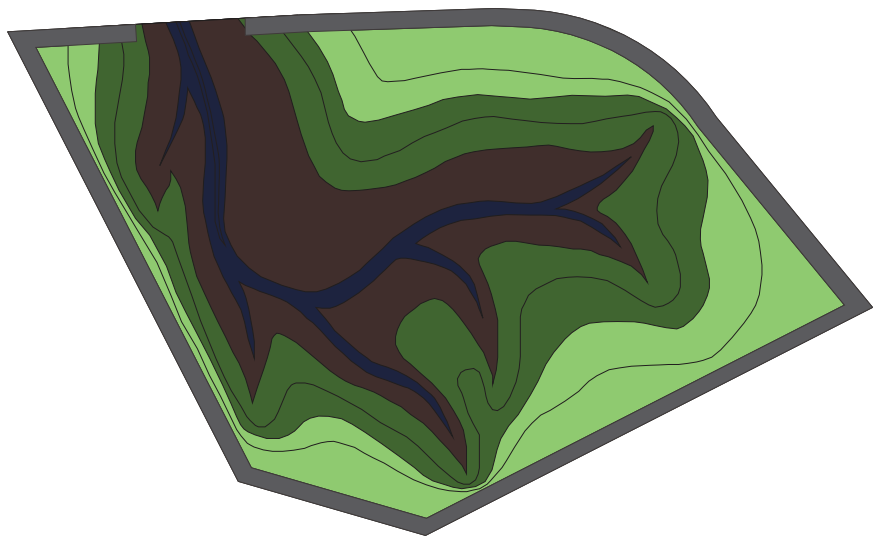


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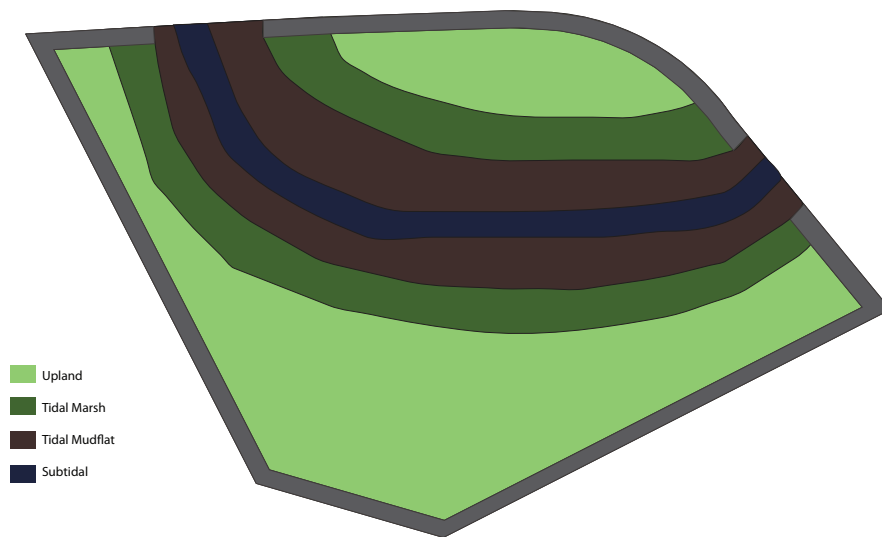


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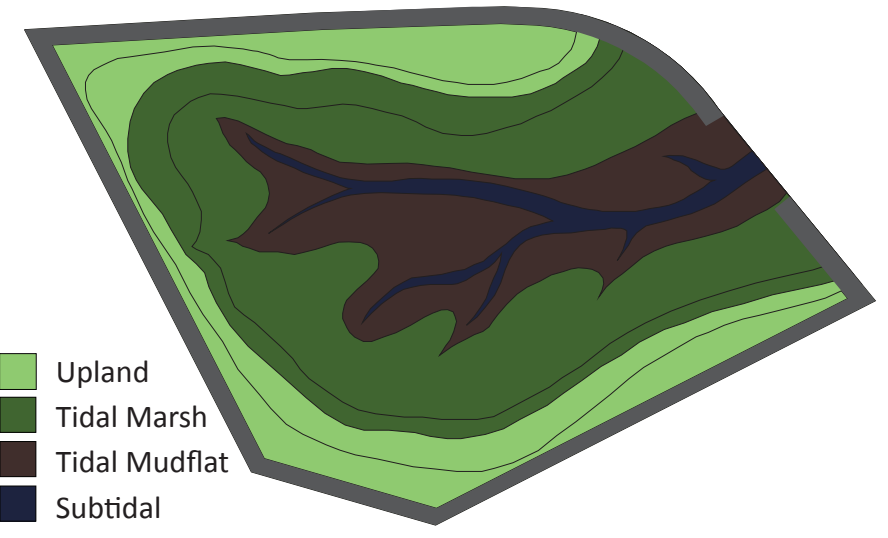
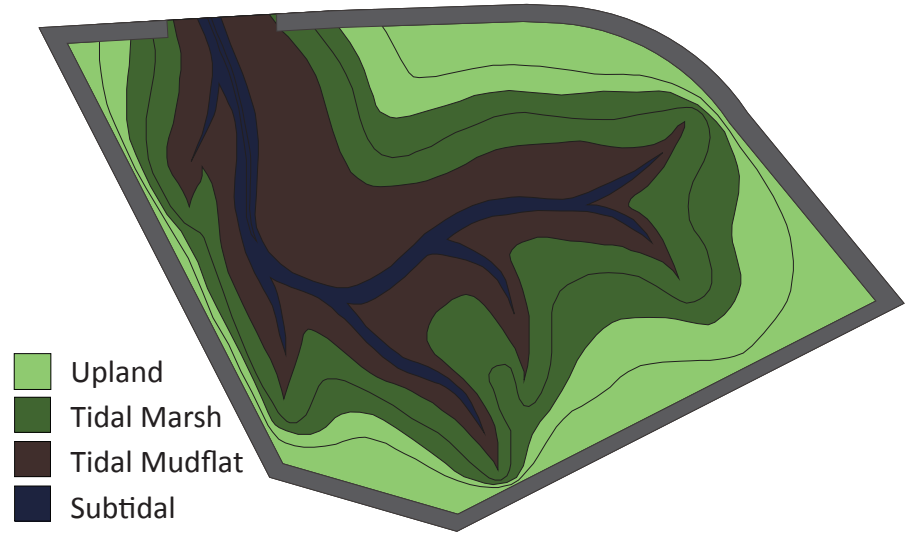
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Upland
Tidal Marsh
Tidal Mudflat
Subtidal

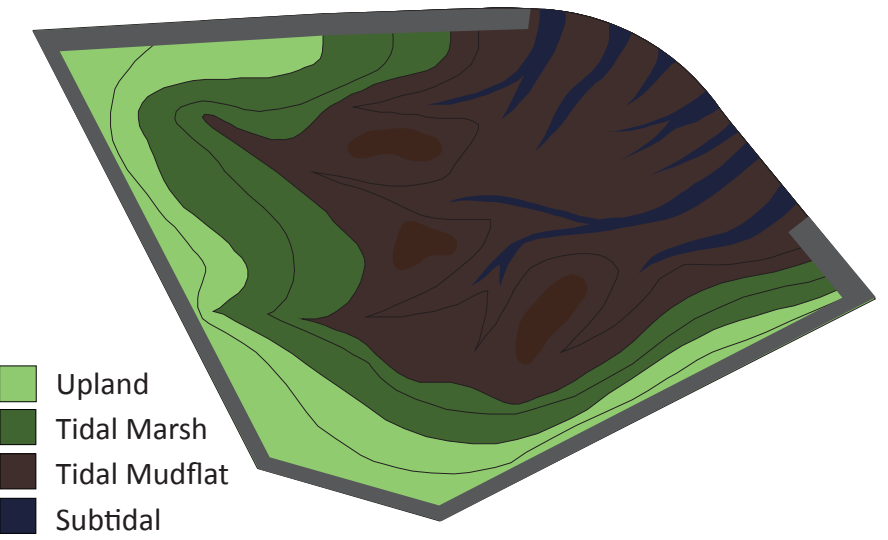
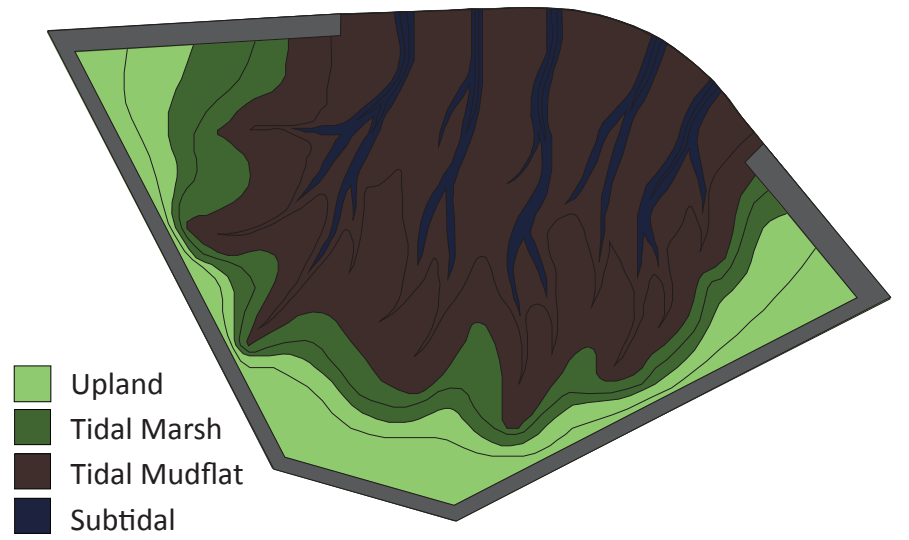
1 OPENING TO MAXIMIZE TIDAL PRISM AND NATURAL PROCESSES

WETLAND DESIGN: Initial Alternatives



Closed Alternatives

Ecological Zones

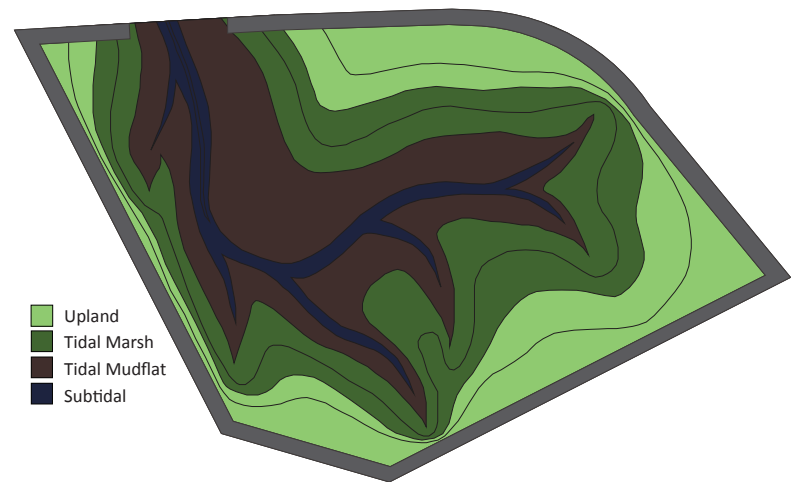


Open Alternatives

Ecological Zones



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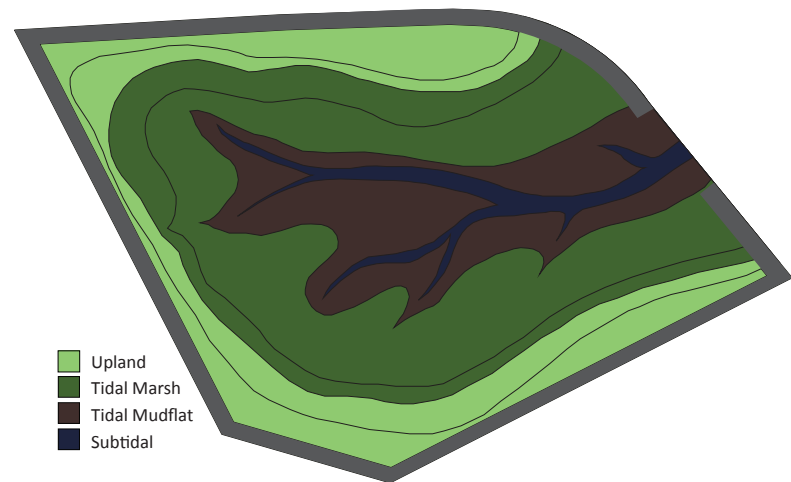


Benefits

Better sediment retention

Concerns

Smaller mudflat area
Reduced tidal mixing



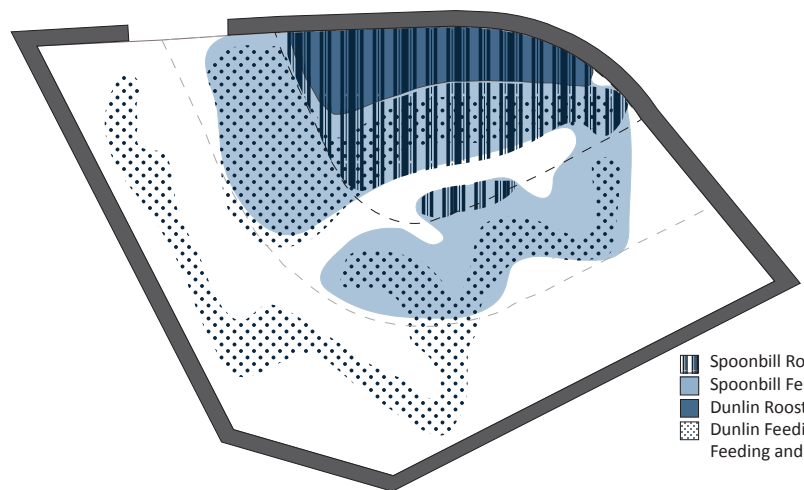
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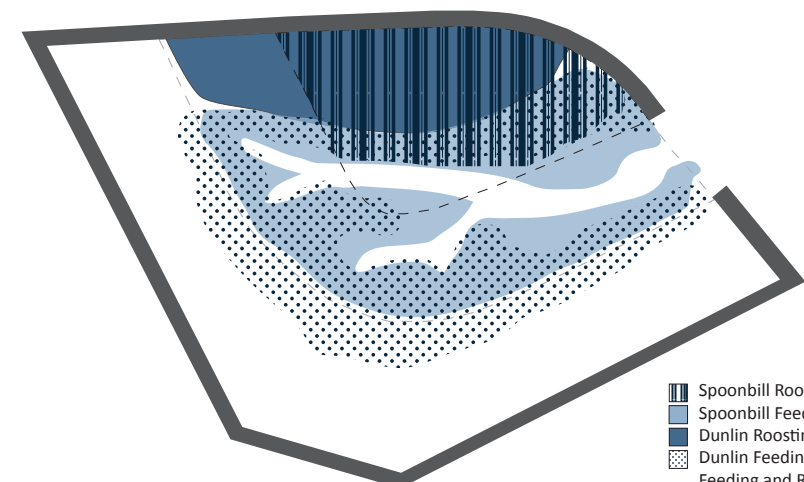


Benefits

Large spoonbill roosting

Concerns

Limited feeding



Benefits

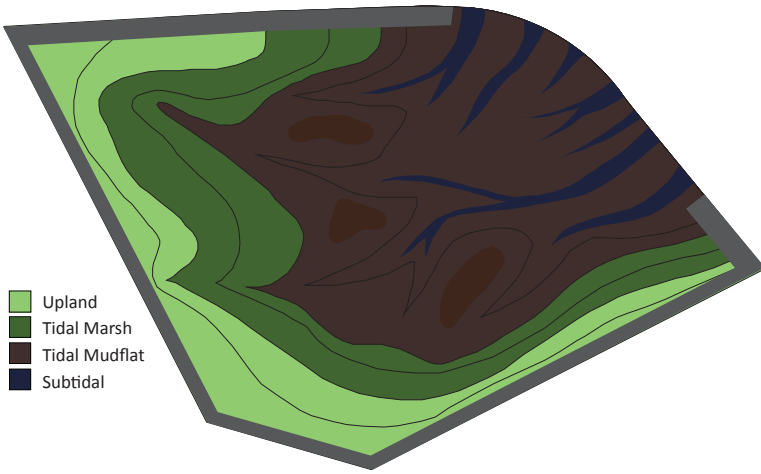
Variety of bird habitats

Concerns

Limited feeding

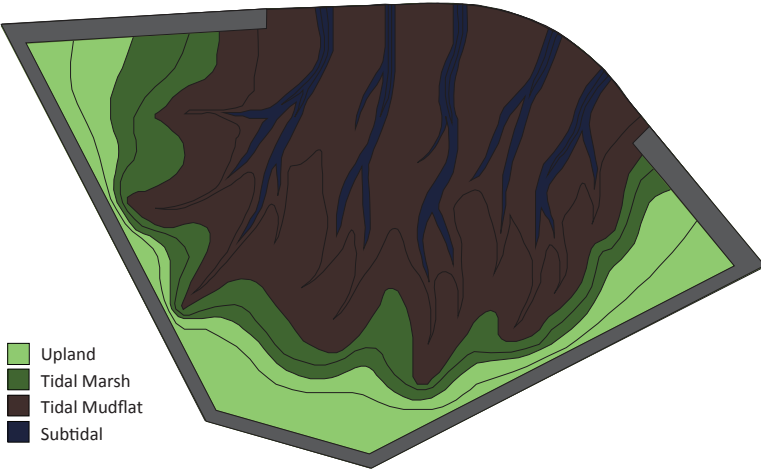


Ecological Zones



Benefits
Large mudflat area
Tidal Mixing

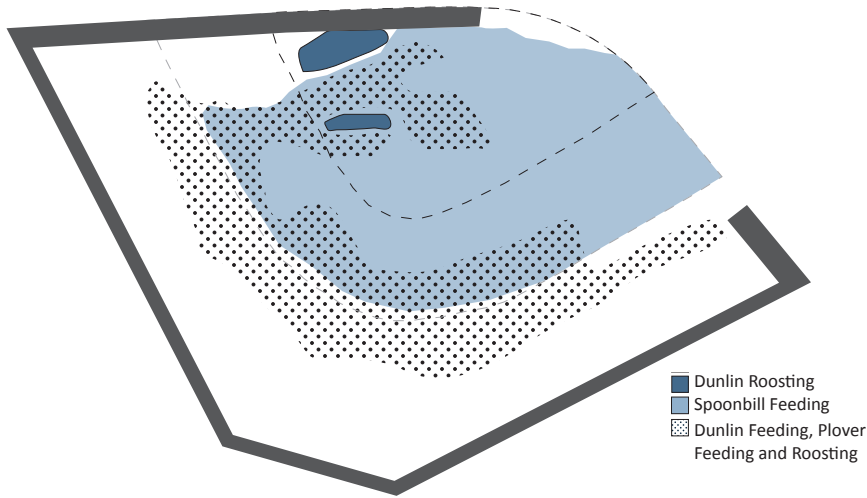
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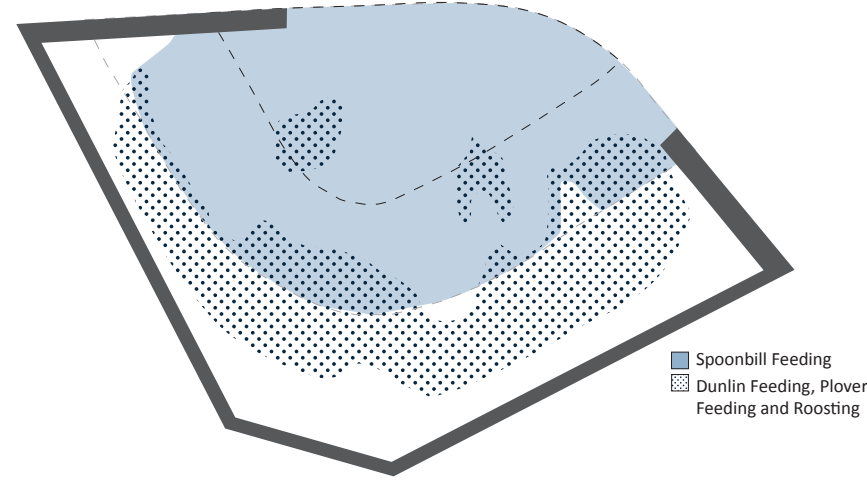
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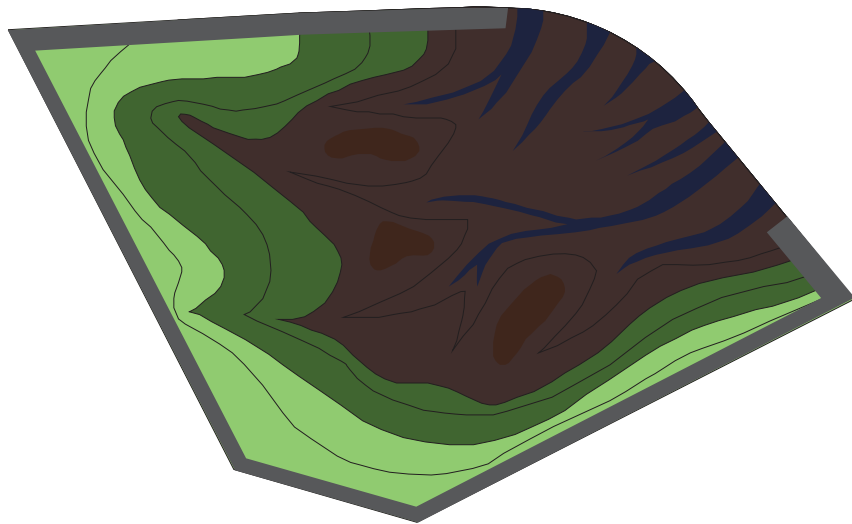
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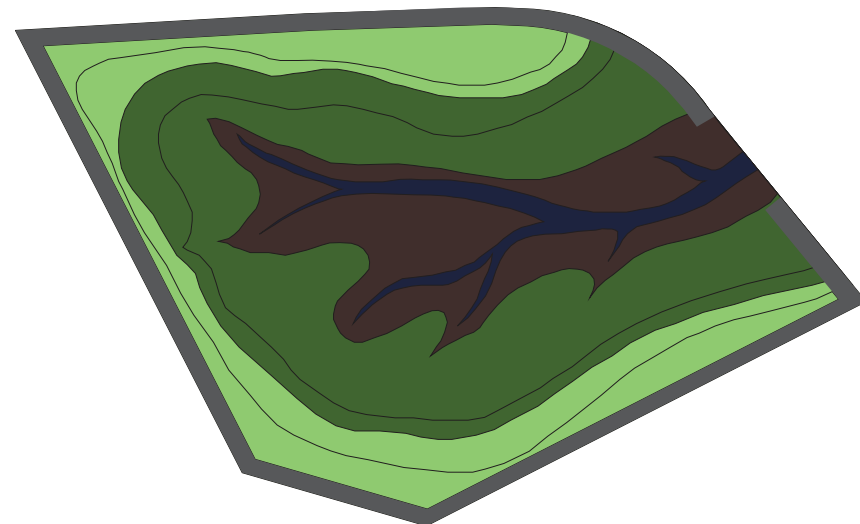
Benefits
Large spoonbill feeding

Concerns
No roosting



Open Conditions

- Larger mudflat area
- More tidal water mixing
- Upland area near people
- Larger potential sediment loss

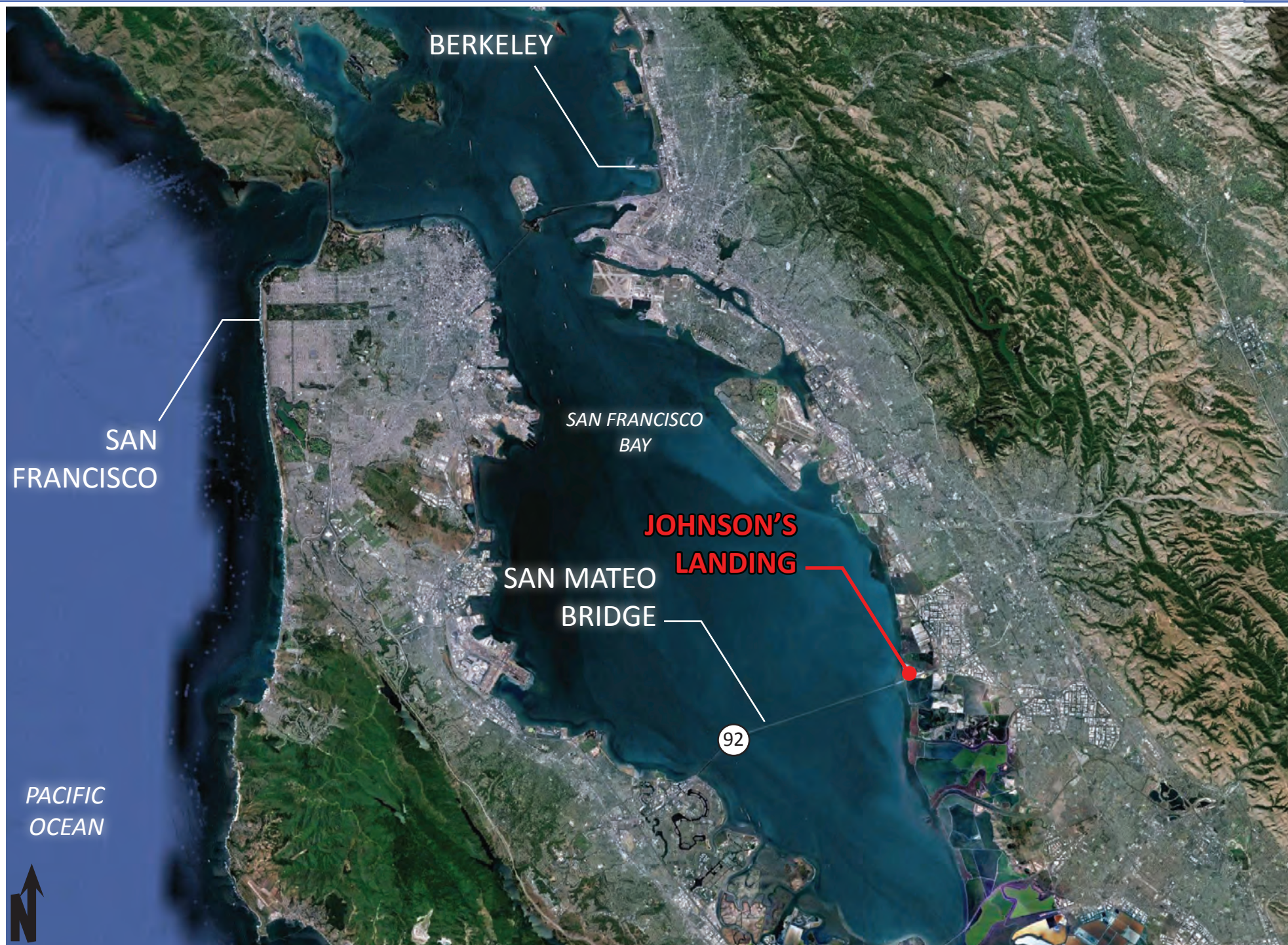


Closed Conditions

- Smaller mudflat area
- Less tidal water mixing
- Upland area away from people
- Smaller potential sediment loss

Optimal Conditions

- Large mudflat area
- Small potential sediment loss
- Lots of tidal water mixing
- Upland area away from people





ANALOG PROJECT: Johnson's Landing - Hayward, CA

- LEVEE'S BREACHED IN 1980
- ONE OF FIRST LEVEE BREACH RESTORATION PROJECTS IN SF BAY
- LARGER OPENINGS THAN CONTEMPORARY SALT MARSH
- PROJECTS FOCUSED ON VEGETATED TIDAL MARSH AS OPPOSED TO TIDAL MUDFLAT
- NO SIGNIFICANT FRESHWATER INPUT (SOME STORM DRAIN INPUT)
- SIMILAR "PERCHED" BREACH
- SIMILAR TIDAL RANGE TO HAKATA BAY

NORTH BREACH

250 m

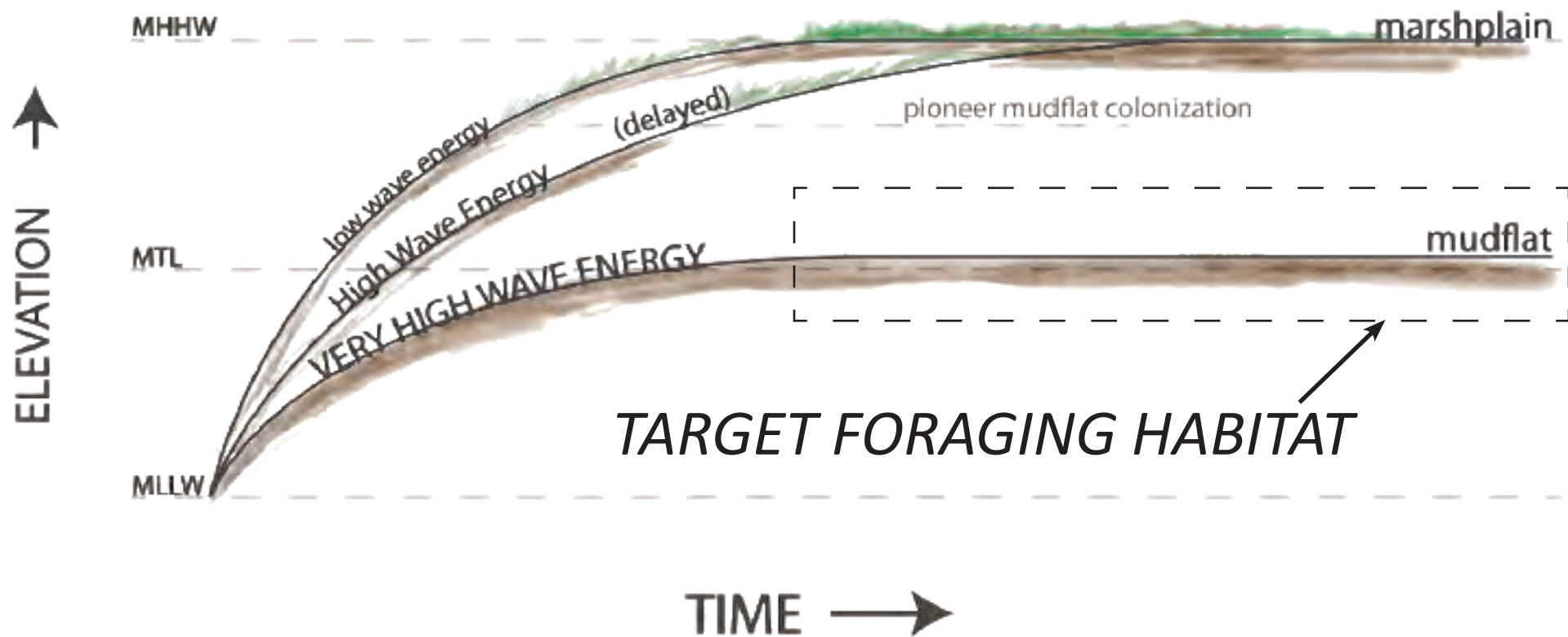
SOUTH BREACH

100 m

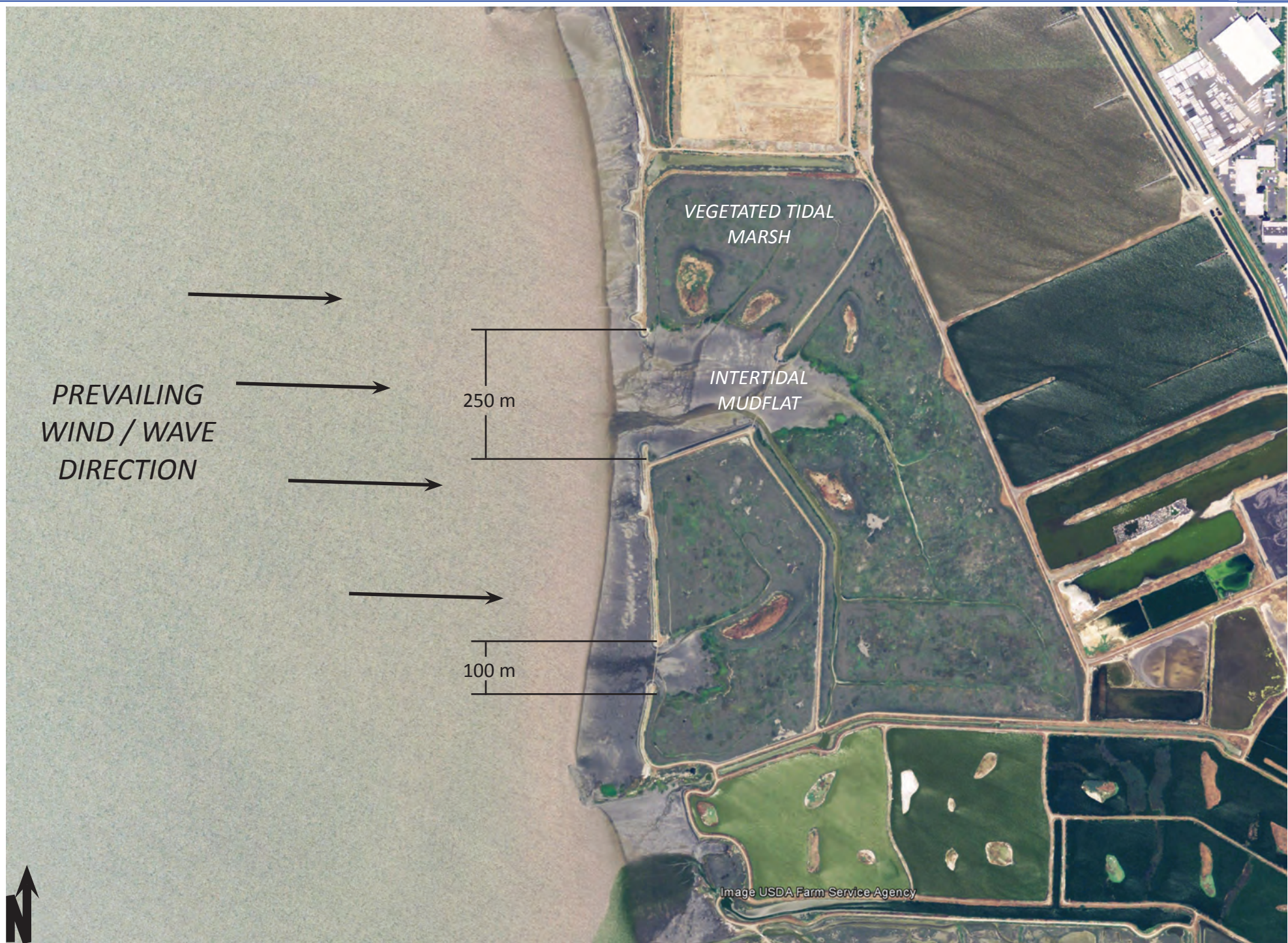
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FOR SCALE
COMPARISON

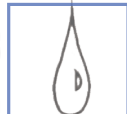
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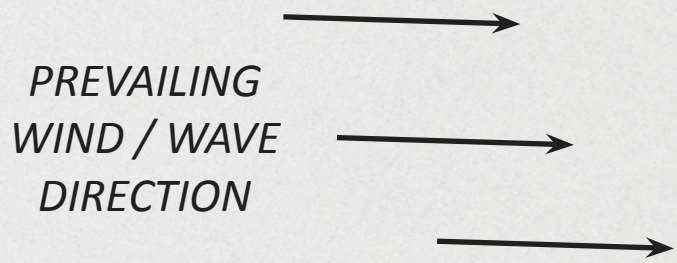


Take Home: The more wave energy a tidal wetland is exposed to, the more tidal mudflat will be sustained.





ORO LOMA MARSH
SMALL BREACH EXAMPLE
(JUST NORTH OF JOHNSON'S LANDING)

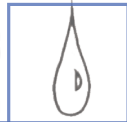


20 m

**SMALL BREACH MINIMIZES
WAVE ENERGY, LIMITS
MUDFLAT HABITAT**



Image USDA Farm Service Agency



10 HECTARES
OF MUDFLAT ARE
SUSTAINED AT THE NORTH
BREACH SITE

NORTH BREACH

250 m





2 HECTARES
OF MUDFLAT ARE
SUSTAINED AT THE SOUTH
BREACH.

THE SMALLER BREACH
RESULTED IN FAR LESS
SUSTAINED MUDFLAT

SOUTH BREACH

100 m



23 HECTARES
(2 HECTARES MUDFLAT)

WIND FETCH COMPARISON



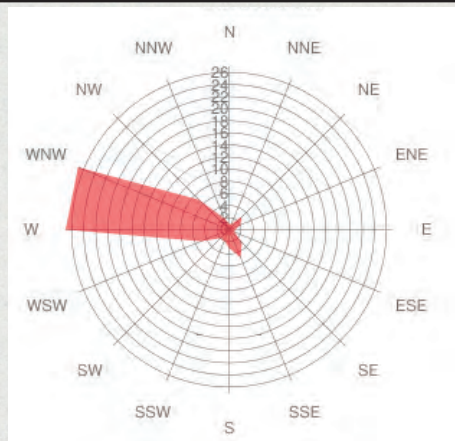
JOHNSON'S LANDING



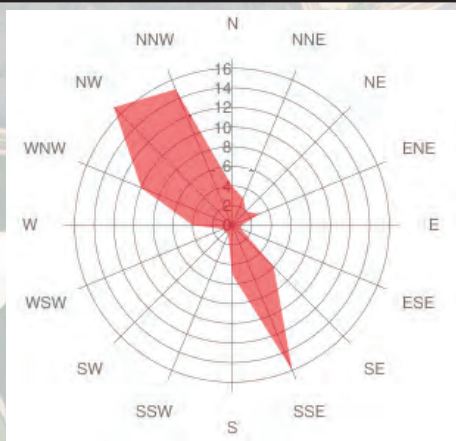
ISLAND CITY



WIND DIRECTION



WIND DIRECTION



7 knots AVG. WIND SPEED 8 knots

Wind Fetch = Distance of water over which wind travels

LARGER FETCH = LARGE WAVES

TAKE HOME: There will be less wave energy at Island City than Johnson's Landing. A large breach will be required to maintain significant mudflat.



Through analysis of data, site conditions, expert opinion, and comparison with Johnson's landing, we concluded that a single breach of 200 meters oriented towards prevailing wind and wave direction would be the best design approach.

Doing so maximizes tidal prism and ensures sufficient exposure to wave energy to provide target foraging habitat while protecting against tidal scour.

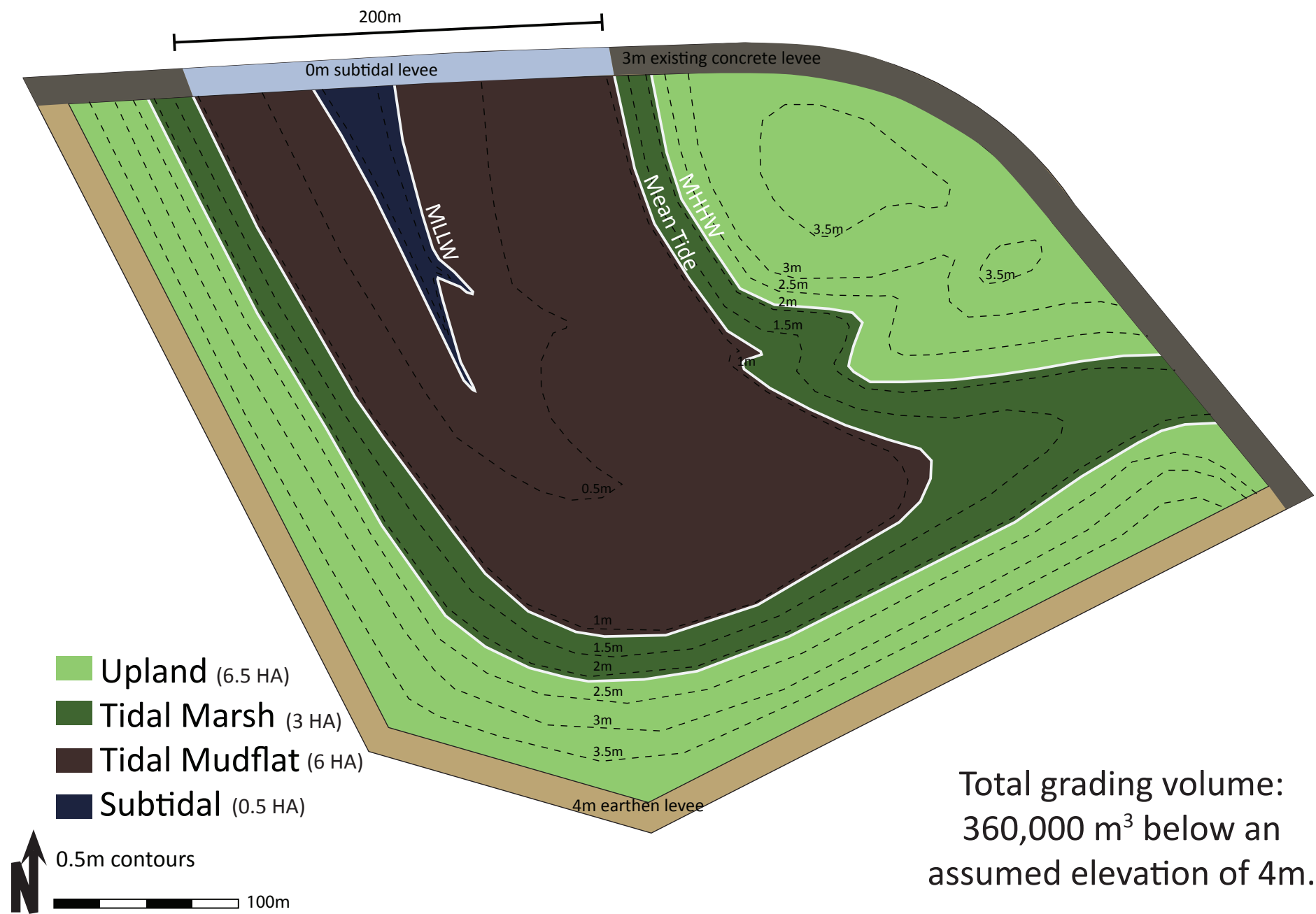
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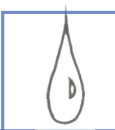


WETLAND GRADING PLAN



Total grading volume:
360,000 m³ below an
assumed elevation of 4m.

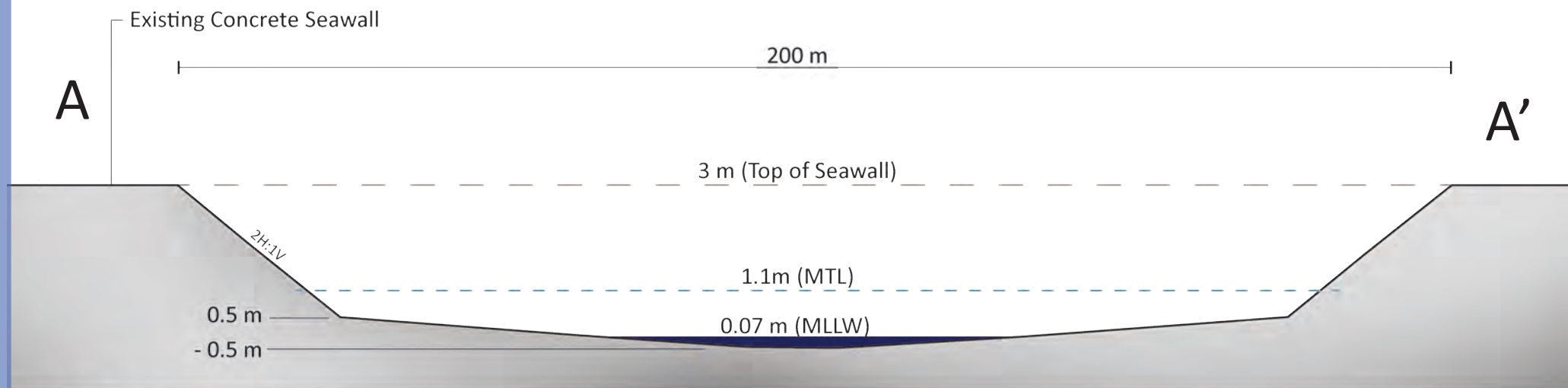
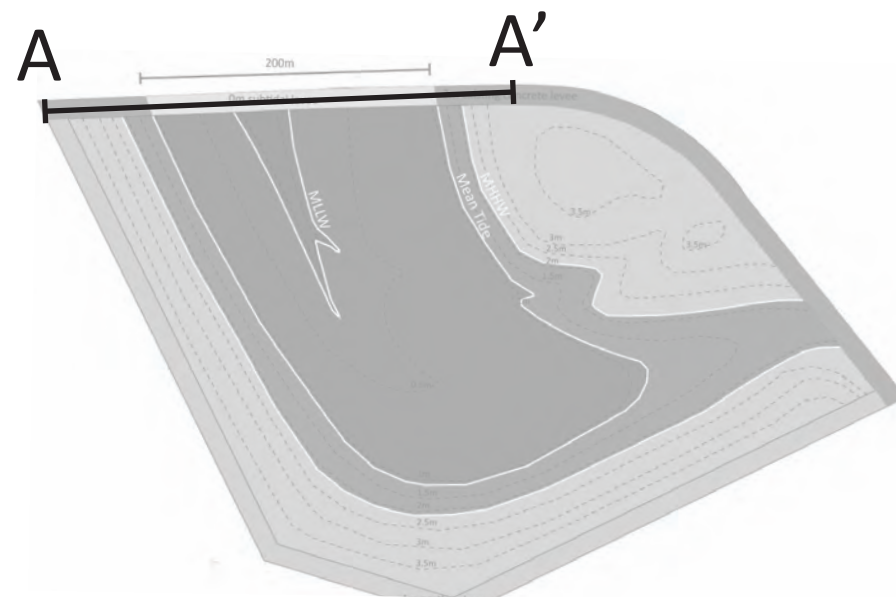
LEVEE BREACH DETAILS



200M BREACH ORIENTED TOWARDS PREVAILING WINDS

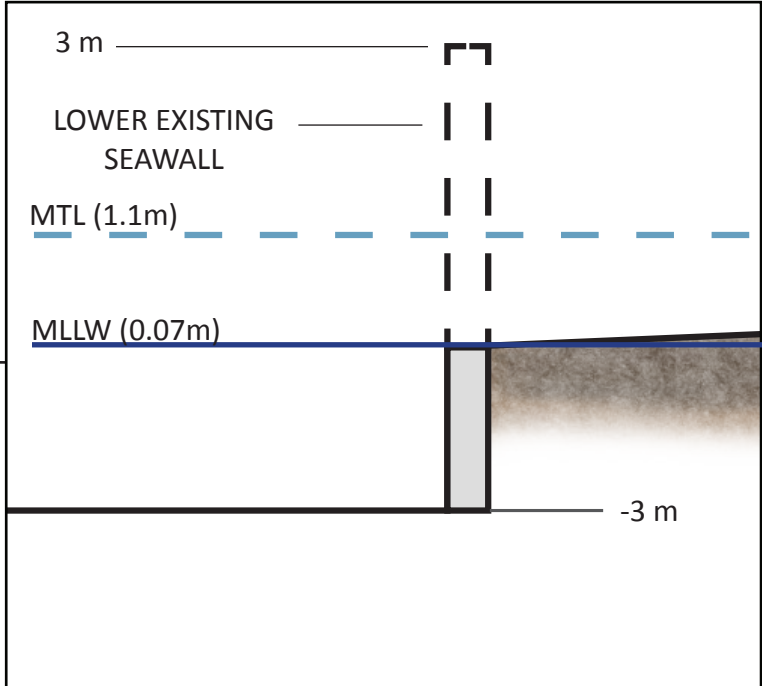
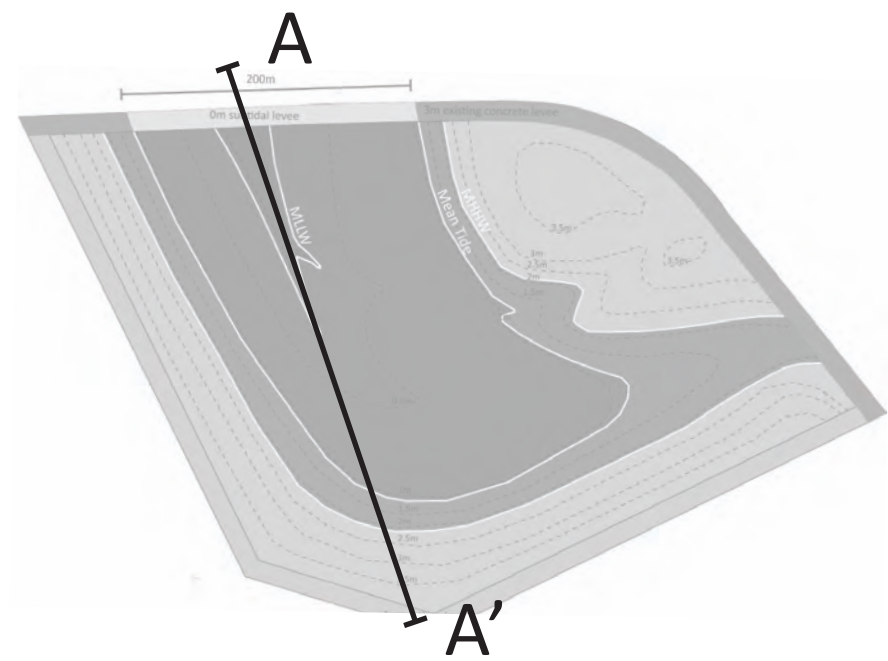
LARGE OPENING TO ALLOW WAVE ENERGY TO SUSTAIN MUDFLAT FORAGING HABITAT

SINGLE BREACH MAXIMIZES TIDAL PRISM



NOT TO SCALE

LEVEE BREACH DETAILS



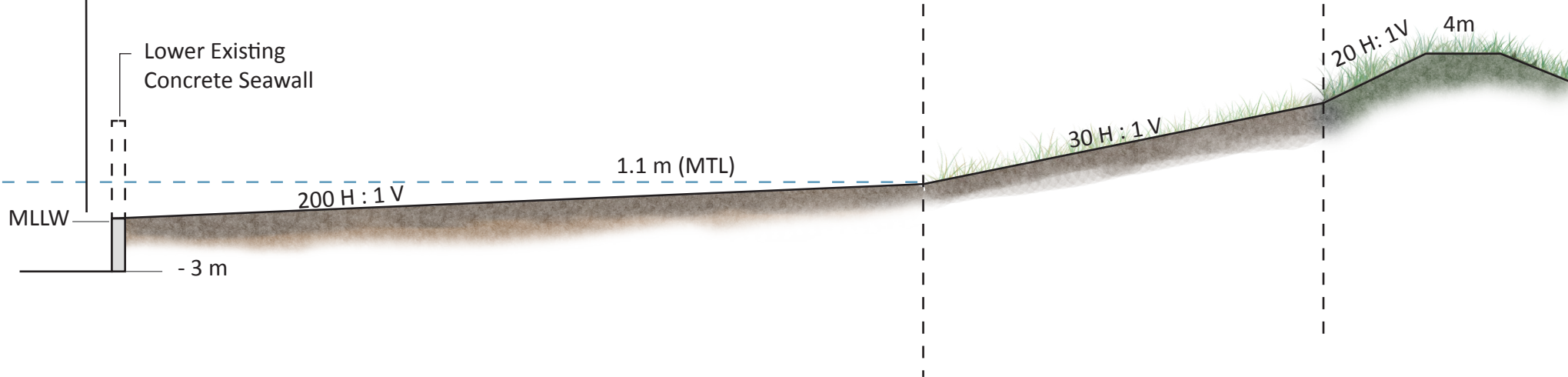
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INTERTIDAL MUDFLAT

VEGETATED MARSH

UPLAND

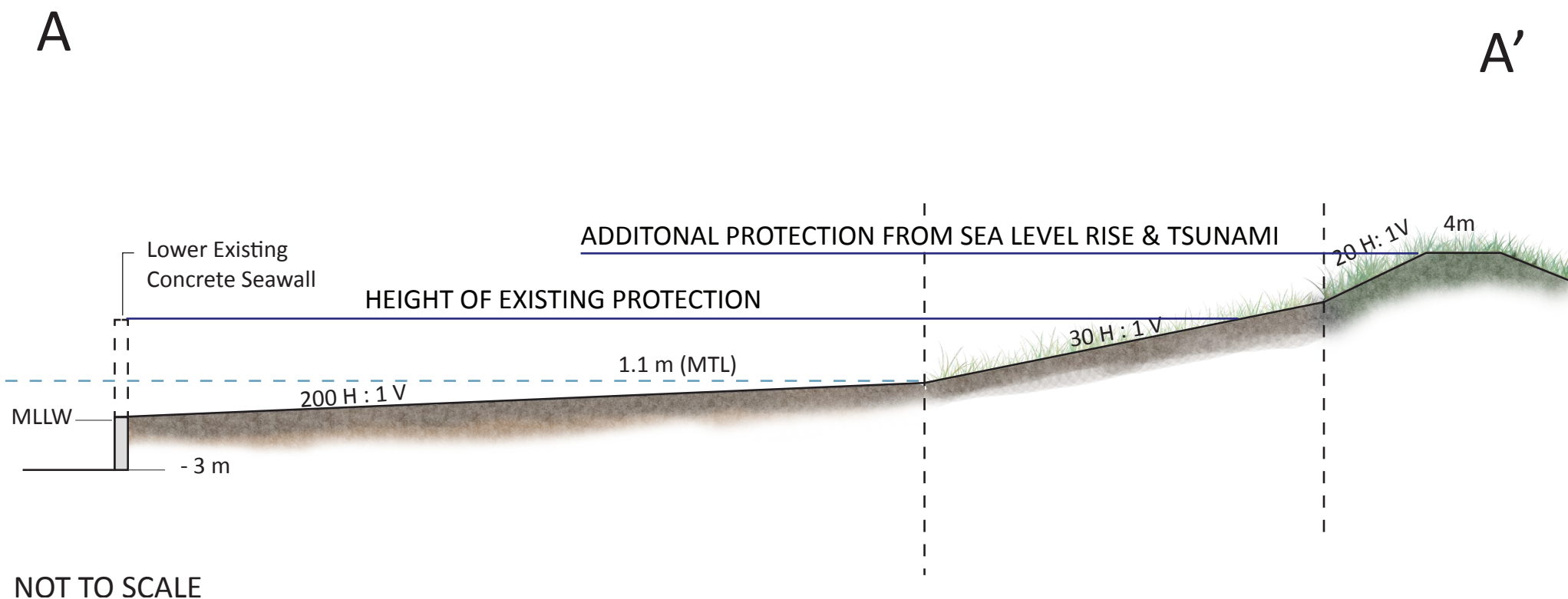
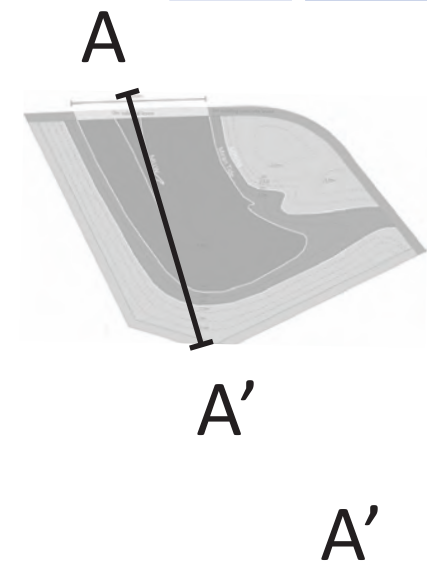


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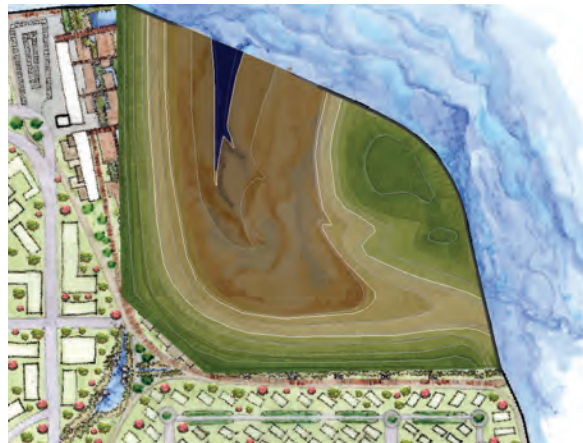
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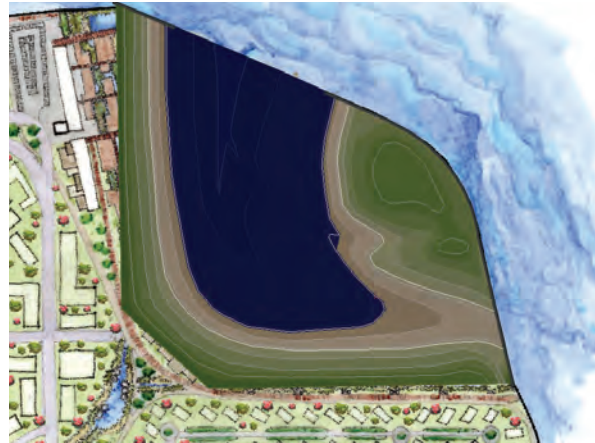
WETLAND HABITAT PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTION FROM WAVE ENERGY AND TSUNAMI, AND PLANS FOR SEA LEVEL RISE



WETLAND PLAN: Tide Levels and Bird Use



Mean Lower Low Water



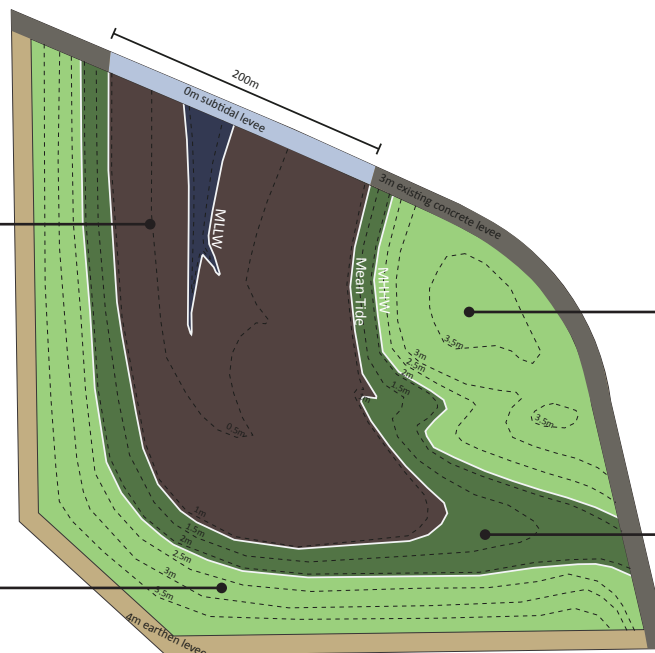
Mean Tide Level



Mean Higher High Water

Mudflat provides **6 hectares** feeding habitat. Dunlins, Plovers, and Gulls feed above tide line. Spoonbills and Herons feed in shallow water.

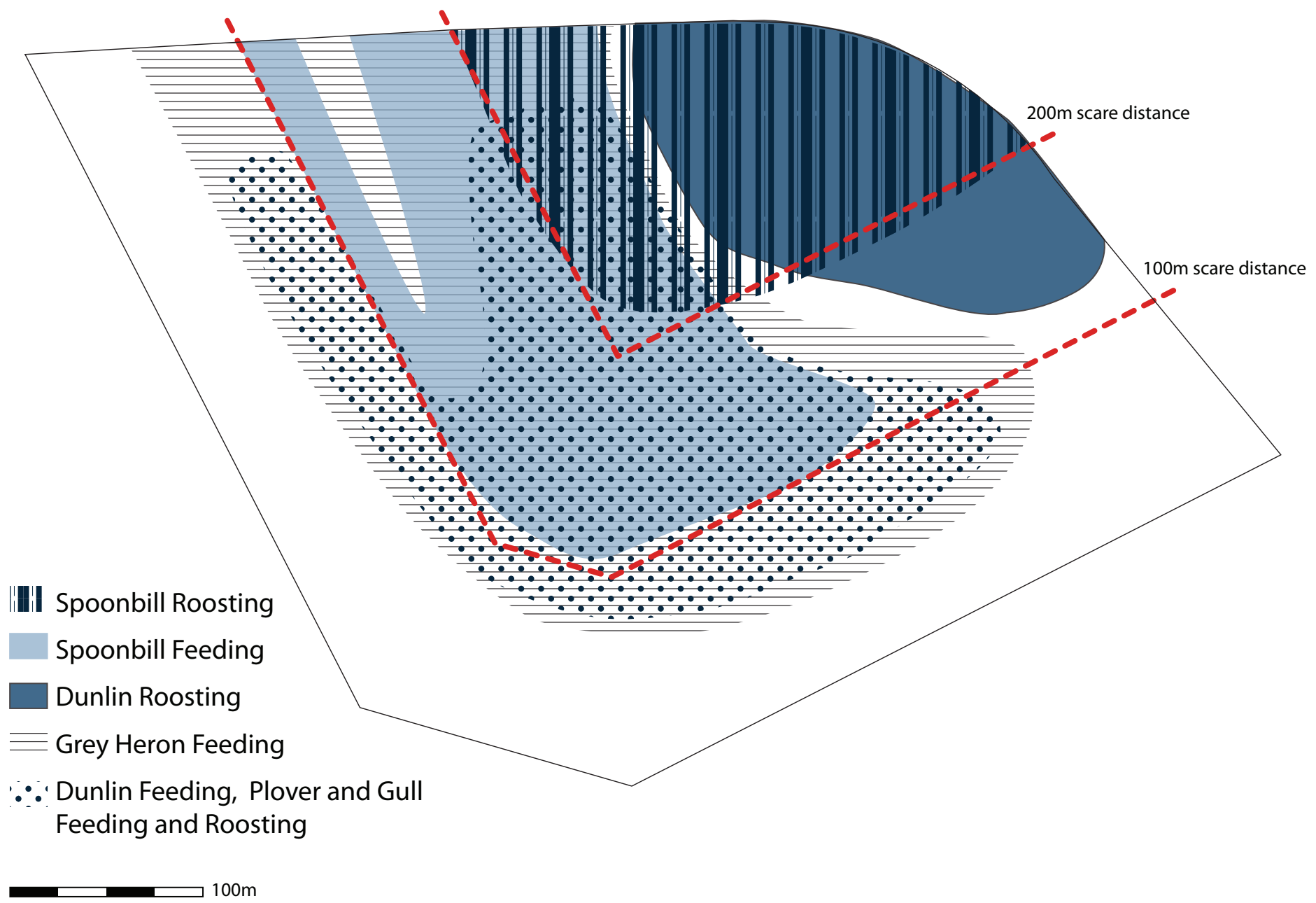
Gradual slope up to human areas creates a natural tidal flat edge, allows for mudflat to climb with sea level rise.

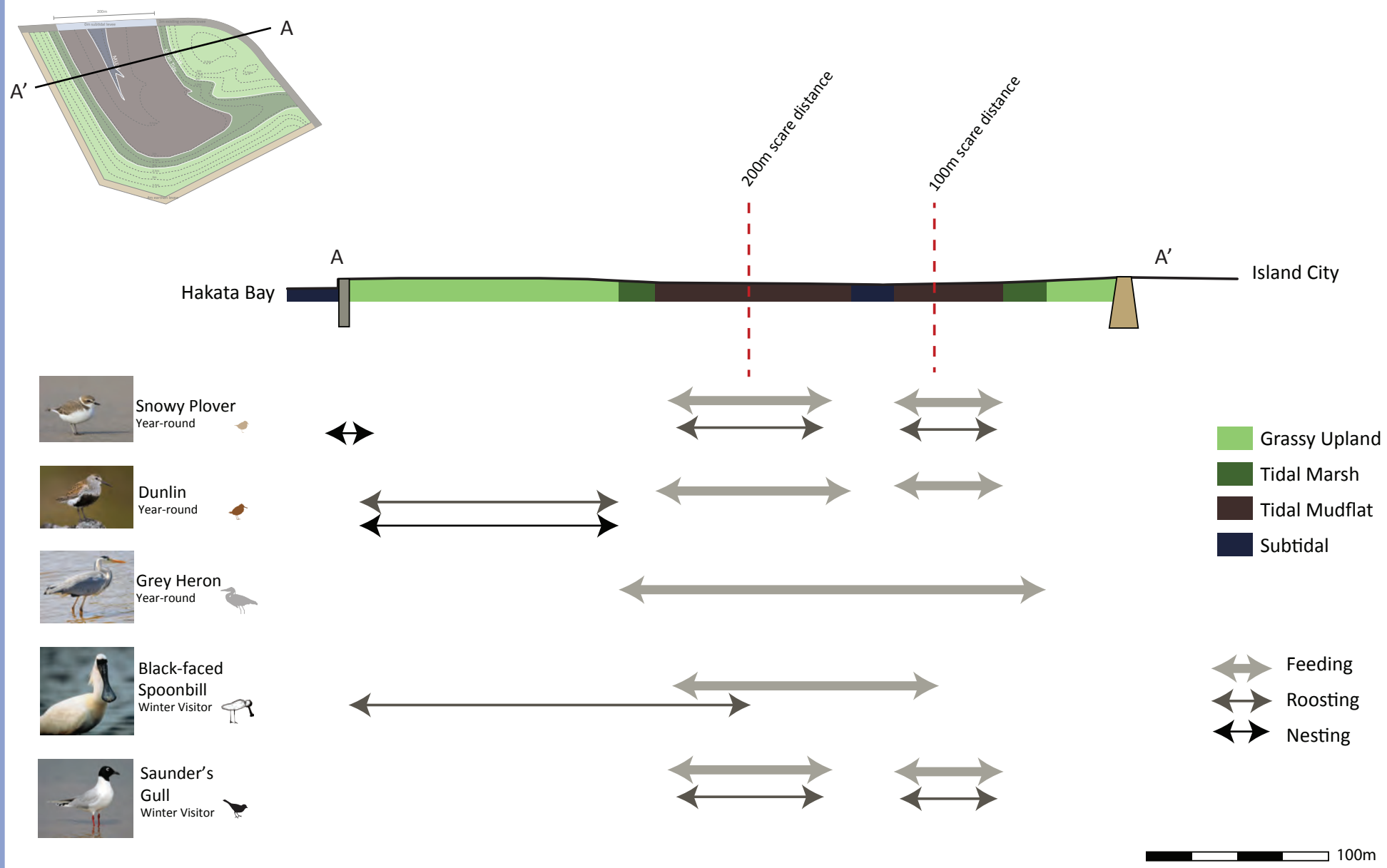


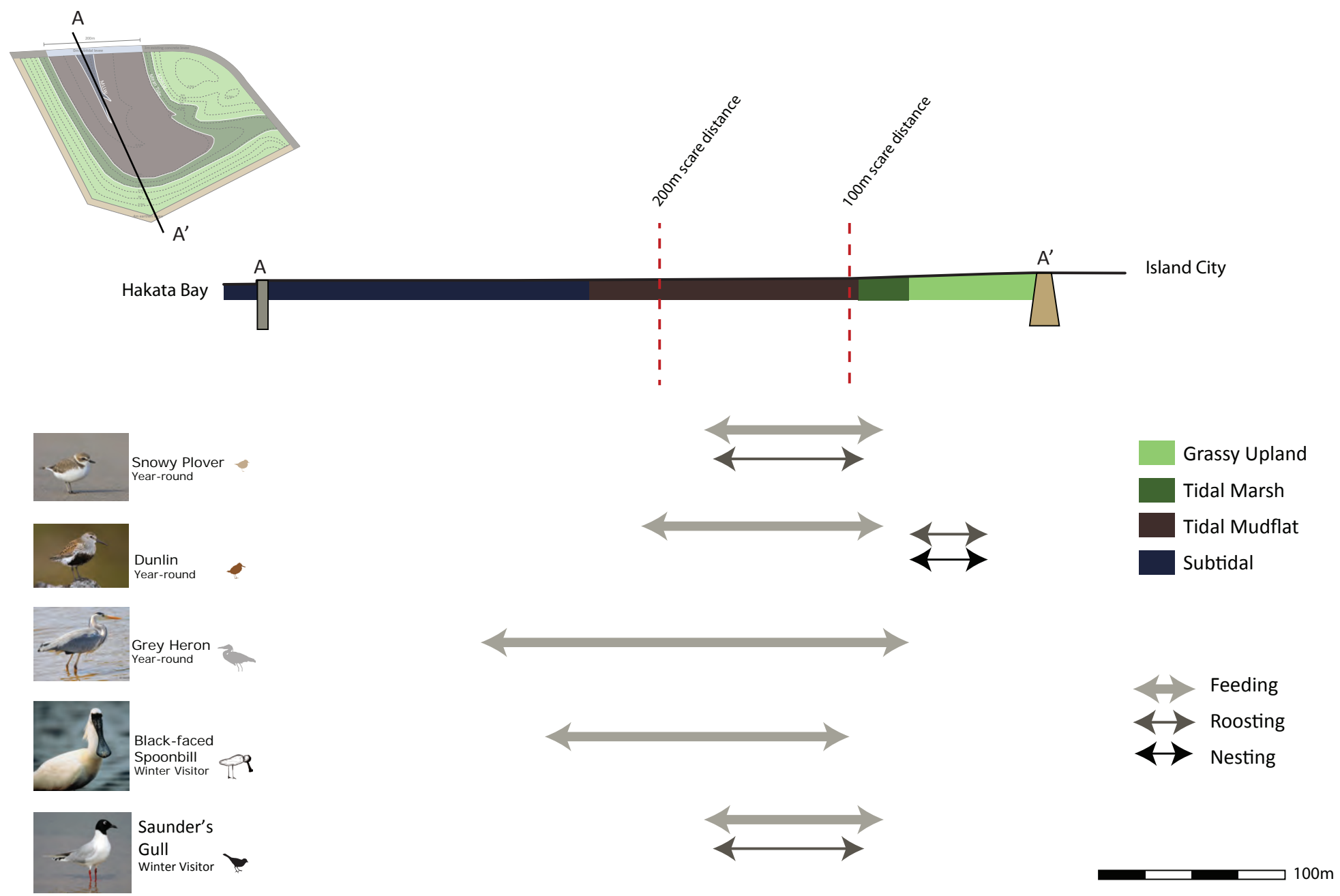
Grassy high ground provides refuge for birds during high tides. Dunlins will nest in this area. Plovers will nest on gravel maintenance road on top of levee.

Tidal marsh extending to levee wall helps deter human access onto bird refuge area.

WETLAND PLAN - Bird Geometries









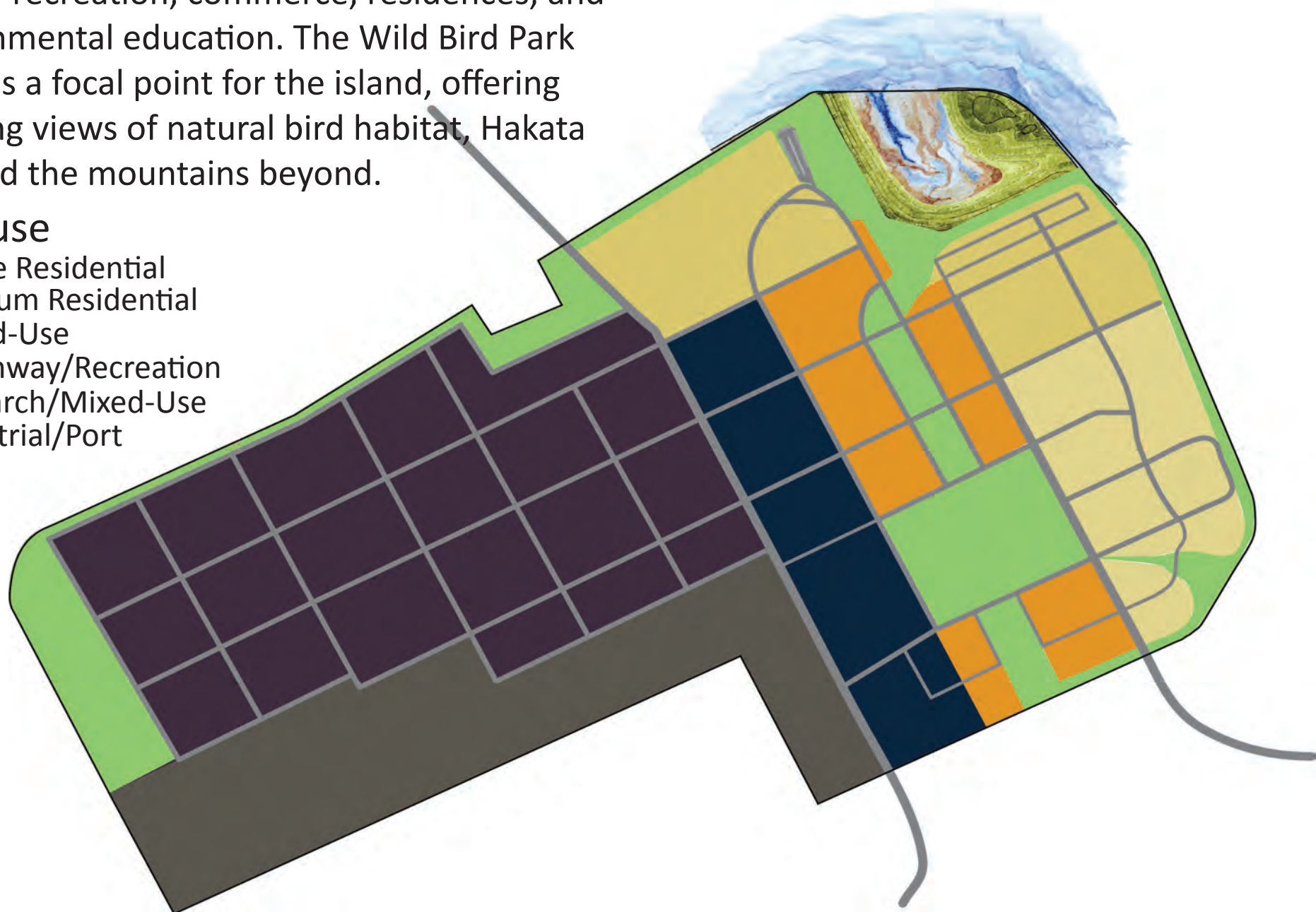
- Primary objectives of design are to incorporate natural processes in an artificial location
- Design is intended to be self-sustaining, but additional maintenance due to the new nature of this type of wetland design.
- Vegetation maintenance may be required if unwanted vegetation types or species (e.g. trees, invasives) establish in the high tide retreat area.



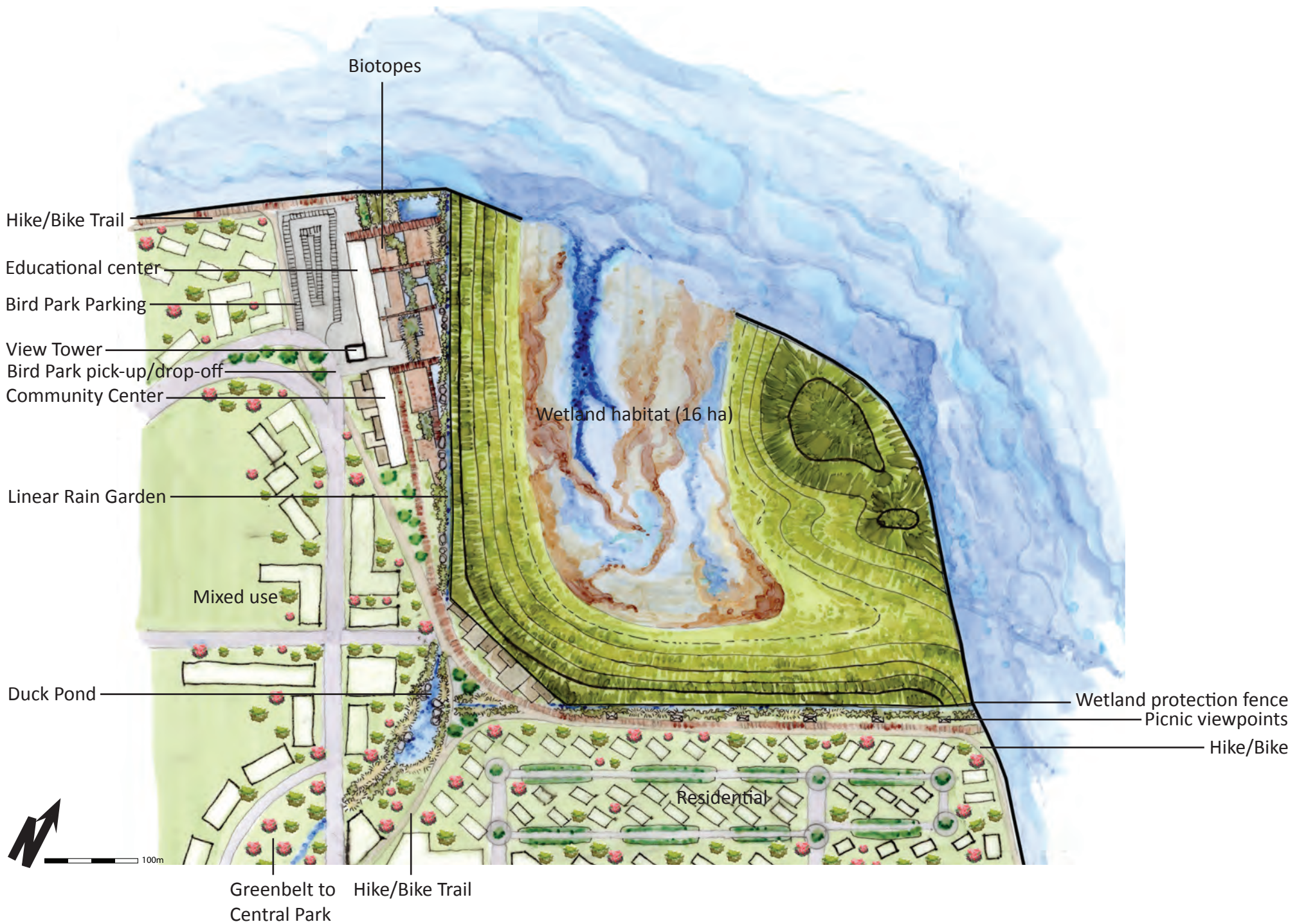
Island City's Wild Bird Park anchors a vibrant zone of recreation, commerce, residences, and environmental education. The Wild Bird Park Tower is a focal point for the island, offering stunning views of natural bird habitat, Hakata Bay, and the mountains beyond.

Land use

- Dense Residential
- Medium Residential
- Mixed-Use
- Greenway/Recreation
- Research/Mixed-Use
- Industrial/Port
- Port

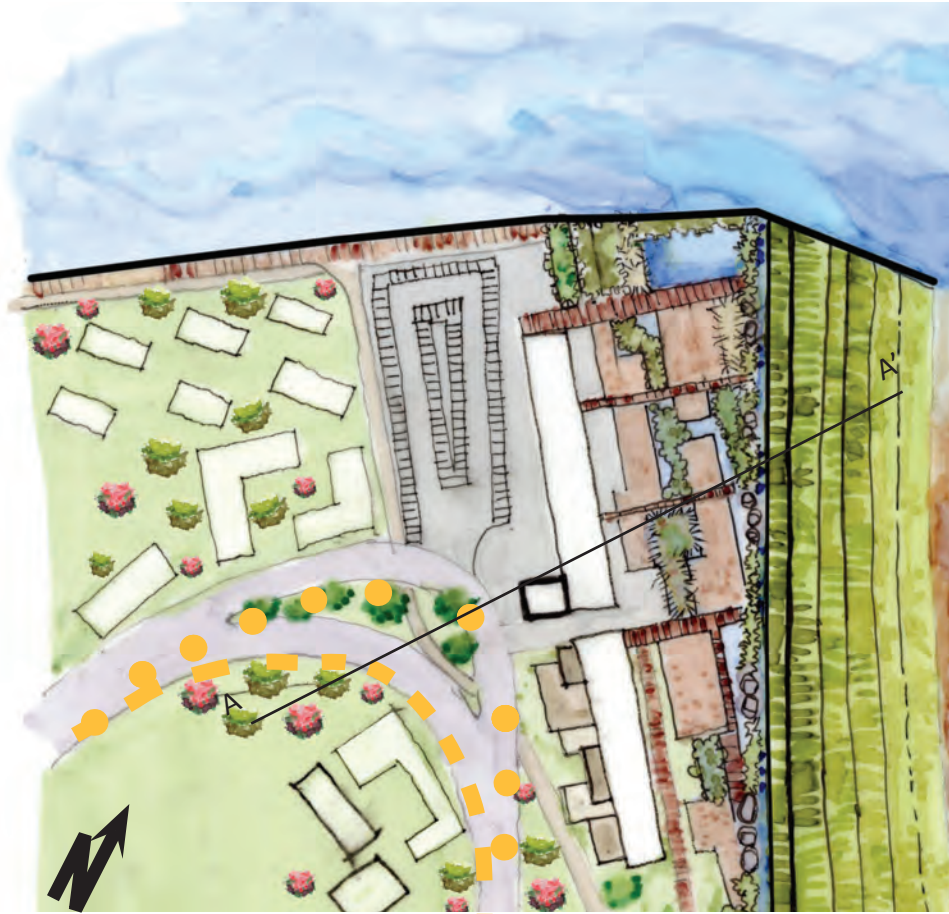


MASTER PLAN



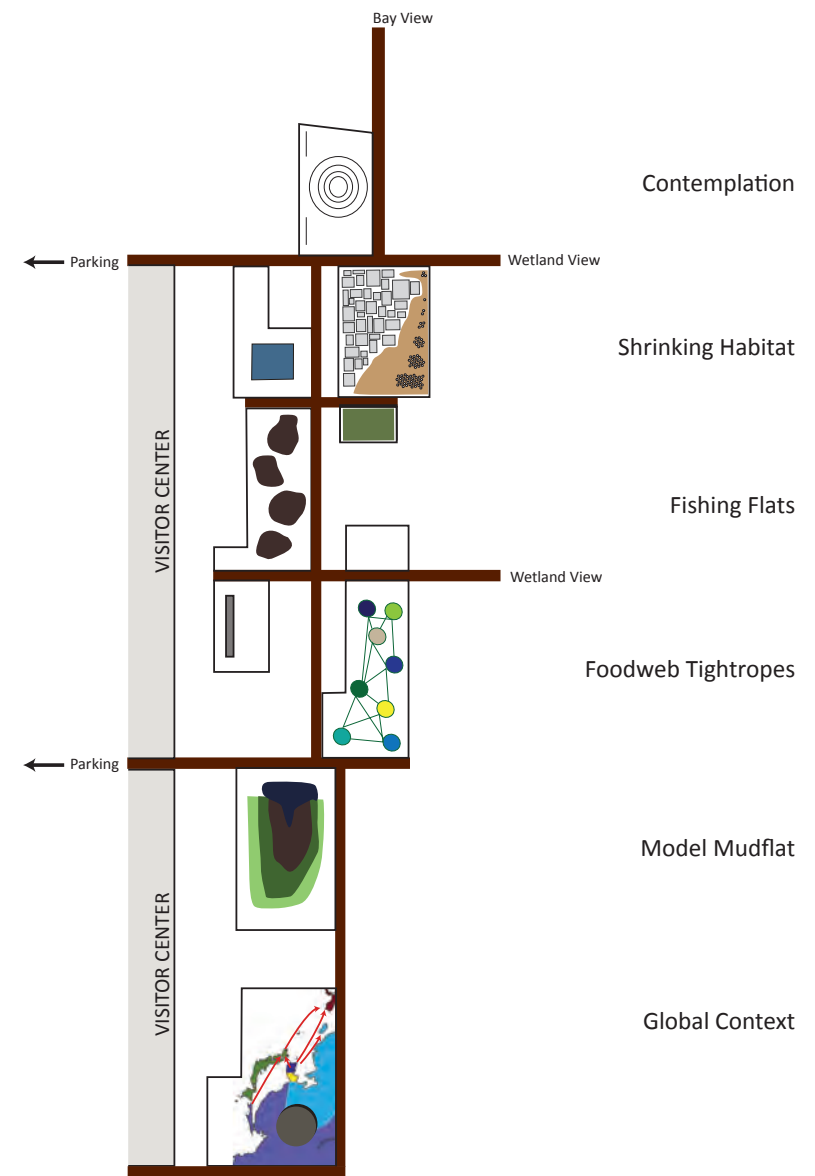
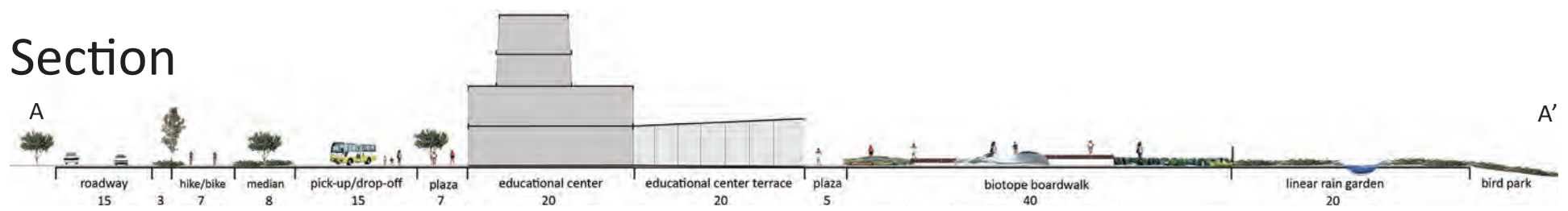


Plan



Traffic
Pick-up/Drop-off

Section





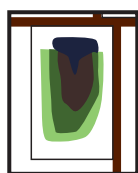
Interactive, entertaining educational experience.

Designed to complement more formal exhibits in the visitor center.



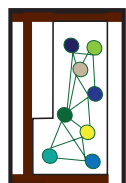
Biotope 1: **HAKATA BAY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT**

- Map on ground shows migratory bird routes.



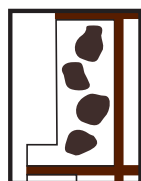
Biotope 2: **MODEL TIDAL MUDFLAT AND WETLAND**

- Scale model of a tidal mudflat and wetland, artificial tide action demonstrates high tides every 10 minutes.



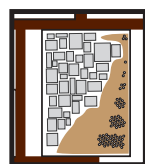
Biotope 3: **HAKATA BAY FOOD WEB TIGHTROPES**

- Walk the tightropes and understand how every species in the bay is interconnected



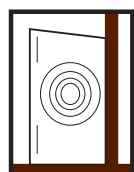
Biotope 4: **EAT LIKE A SPOONBILL**

- Visitors provided with Spoonbill “beaks” that fit over hands, fish for fake shrimp in a series of mudflats.



Biotope 5: **SHRINKING MUDFLATS**

- As visitors walk through, a city will gradually encroach on mudflat walking area until there is nothing left.
- Light-up map shows current and historic mudflats.

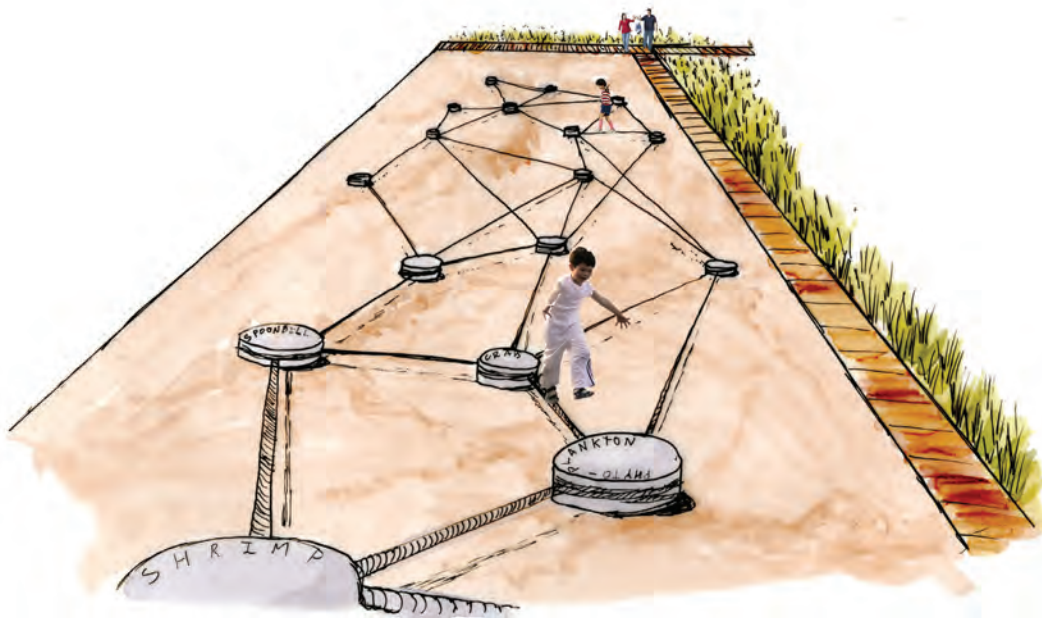


Biotope 6: **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

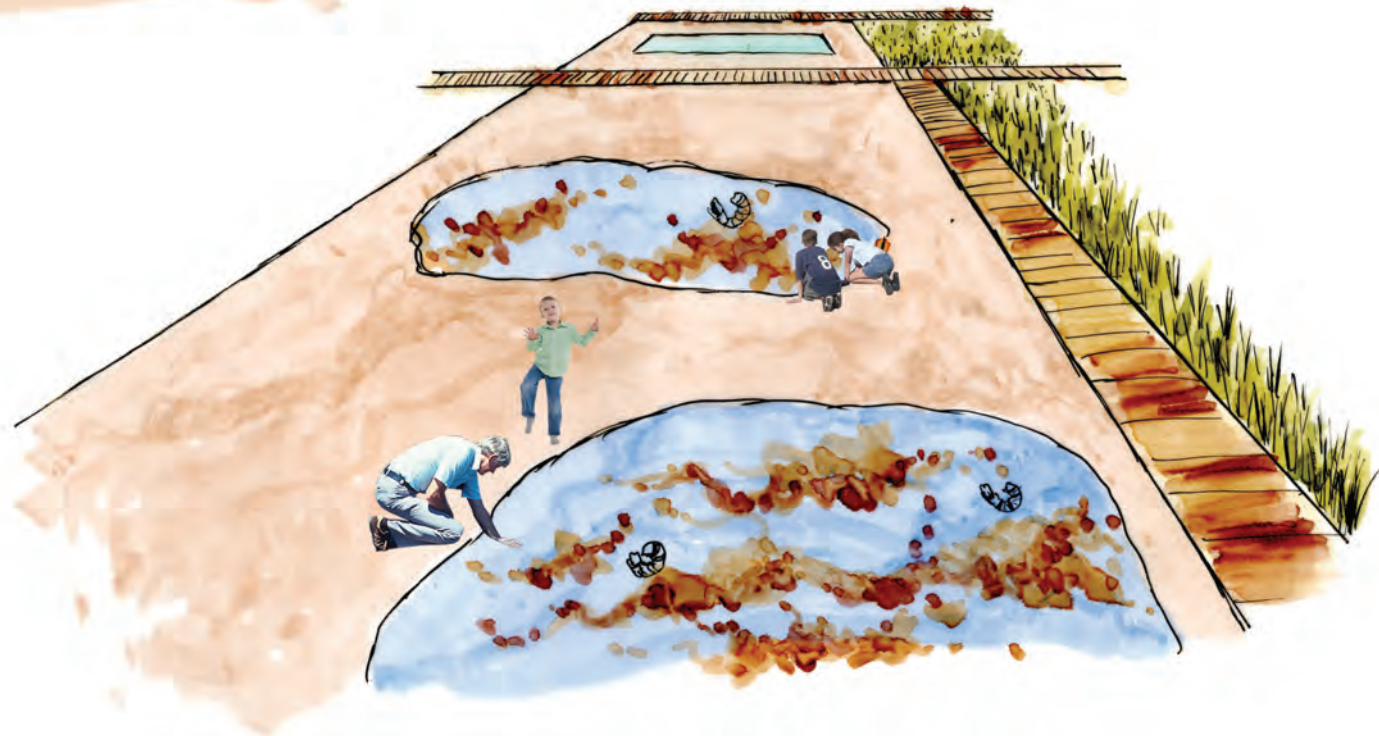
- Contemplative area with signage suggesting what citizens can do to help wild birds.

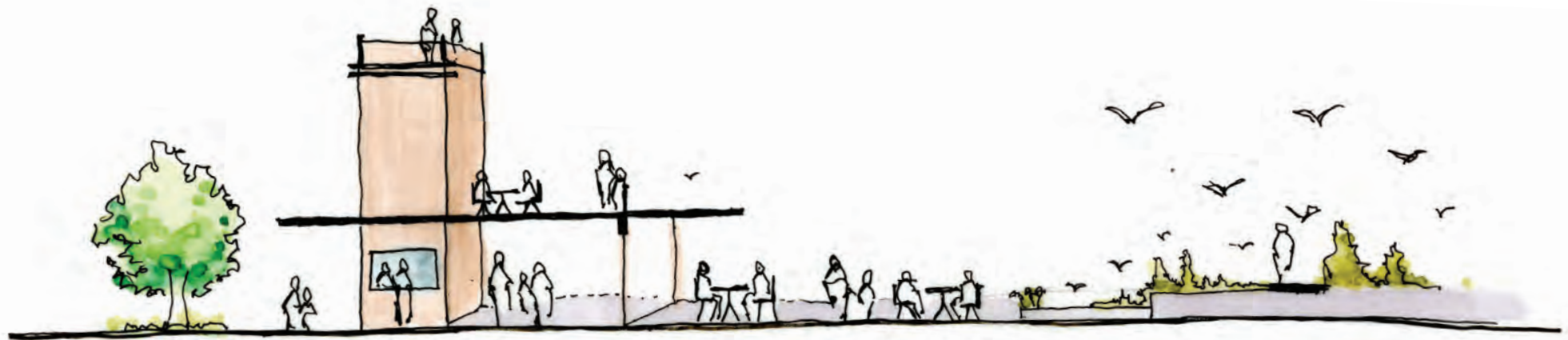
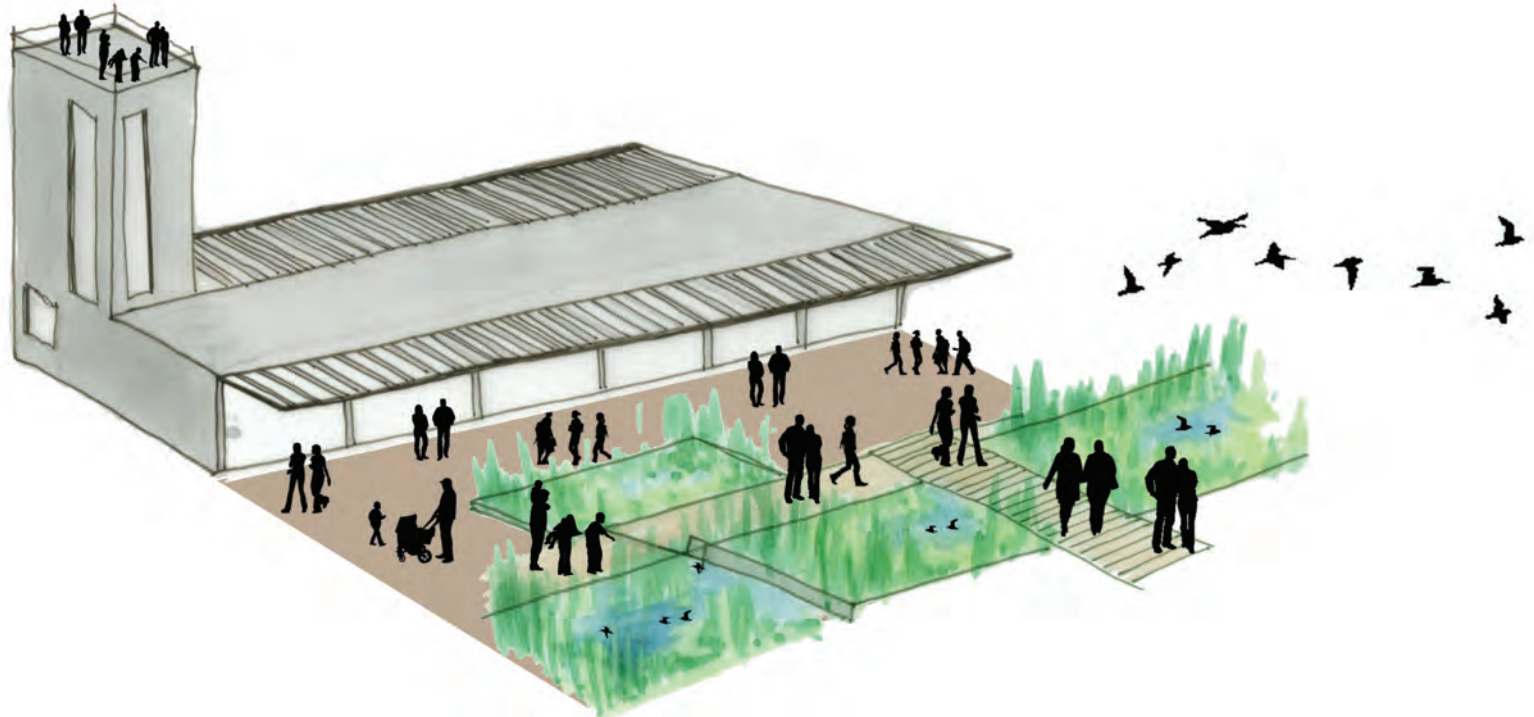


Foodweb Tightropes



Feeding Flats





View Tower

Cafe Seating

Biotope Area



Wetland designed to maximize natural processes for minimal human intervention.

Tidal Marsh Dynamics



A range of tidal mudflat, tidal marsh, and upland areas provide habitat for a variety of wild bird species.

Habitat



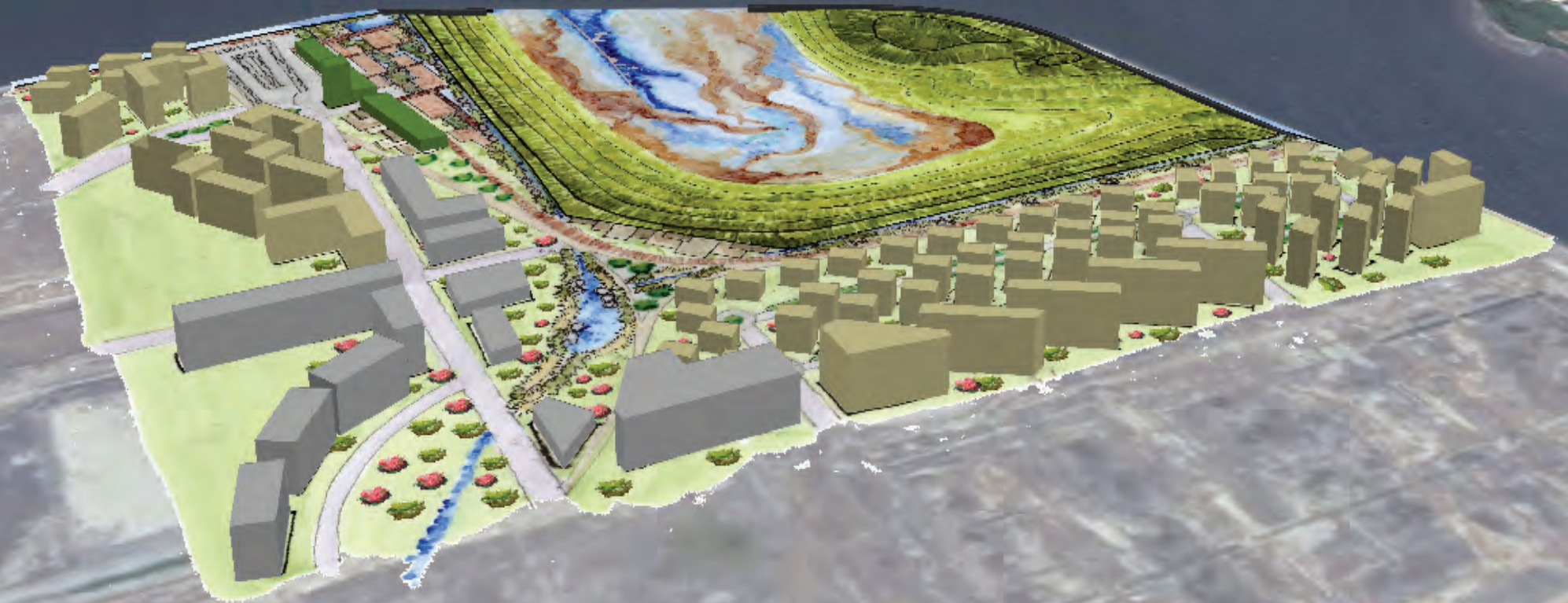
Human interface elements are designed to maximize environmental education opportunities, as well as passive and active recreation activities.

Human Engagement

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