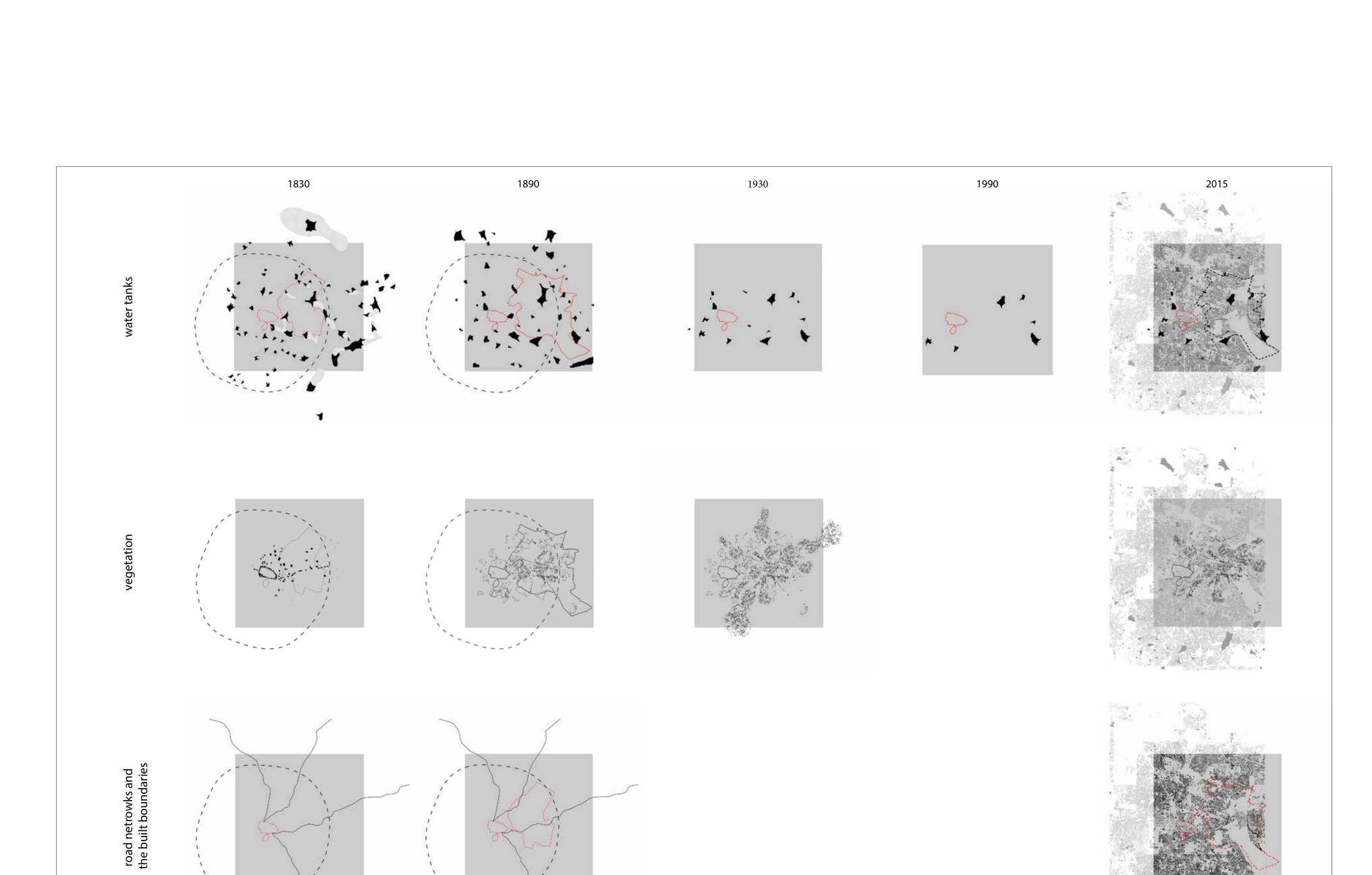


NORTH
Perennial rivers that are sourced by glaciers or rainfall

SOUTH
Seasonal rivers dependent on monsoon rain.

Historically, settlements and civilizations sprouted along water. These cities grew into cities that flourished as port cities along sea coasts or agricultural cities along fertile plains and deltas of river basins.

In the lower Deccan Plateau, a traingle of peninsular South India, the terrain was the initiator of settlement that was structured by a system of man-made tanks that exploited the territory's drainage pattern.



"The terrain in place today was drawn out by British surveyors beginning in the 18th century in a land they saw as terra incognita, and described by them through maps, gazetteers and administrative and educational practices in terms of town and country, land and water, public and private, building and open space.

...an era disposed towards drawing clear and distinct boundaries." - Mathur and Da Cunha: In Depth, Inscribing the Indian Landscape

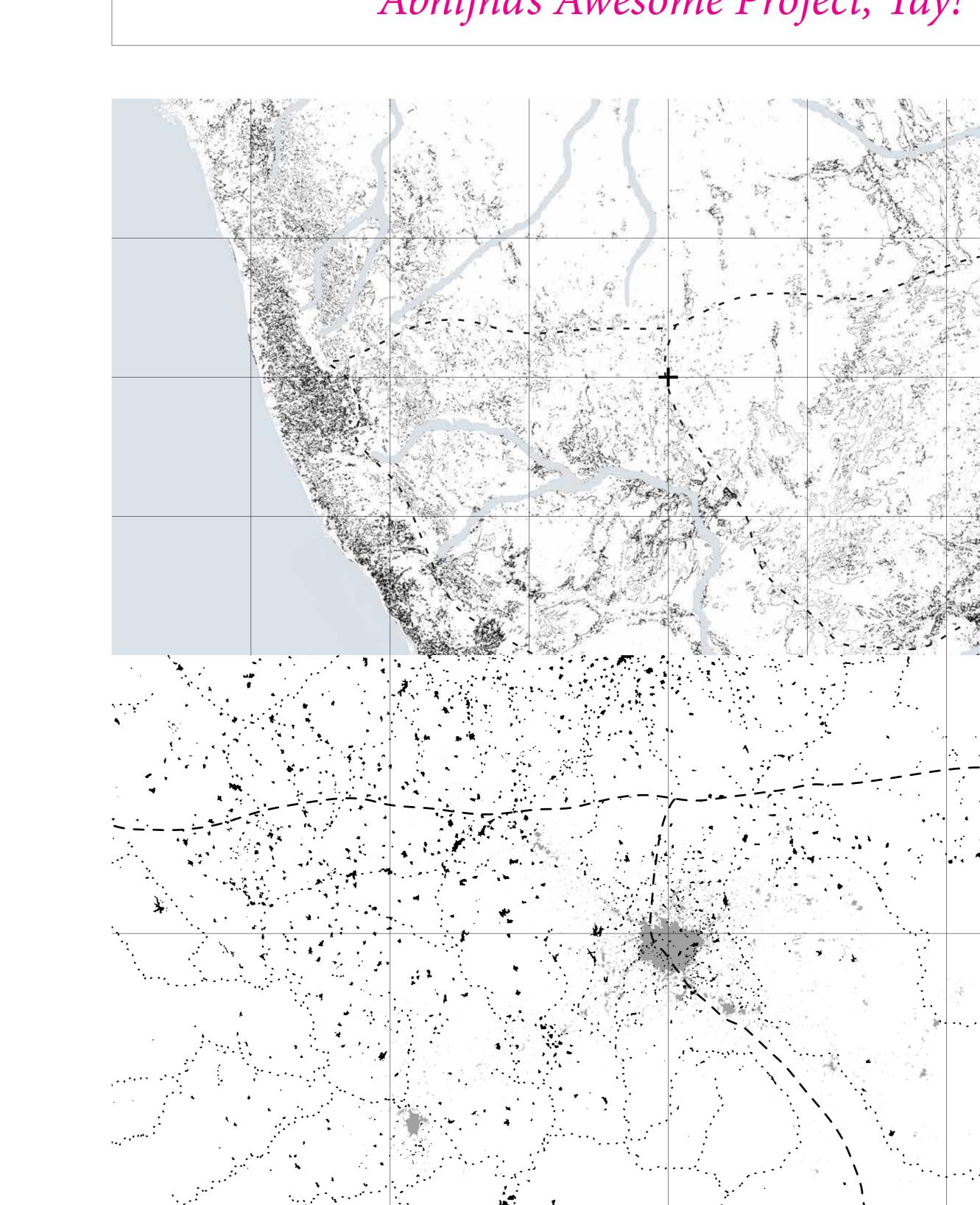


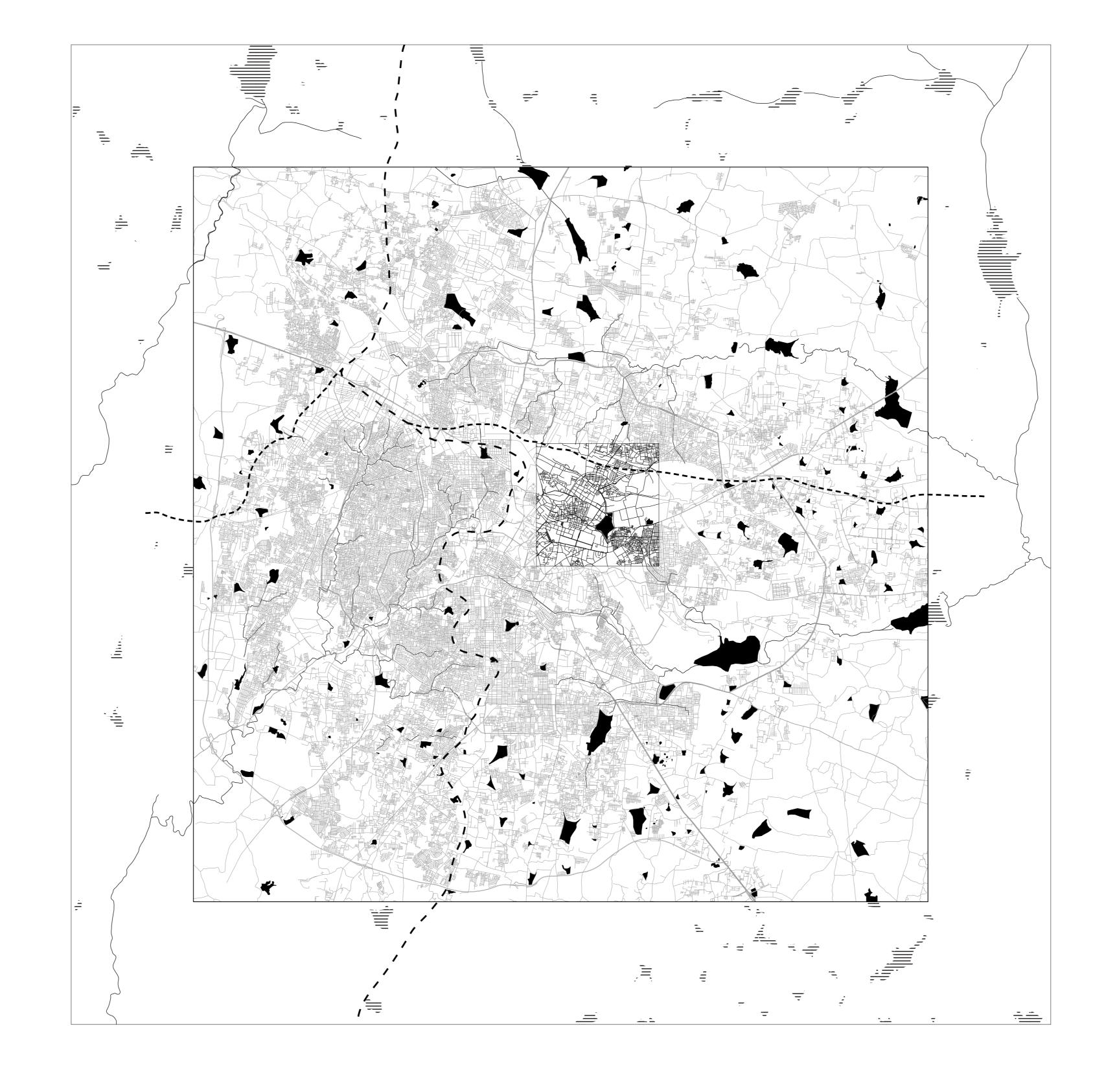


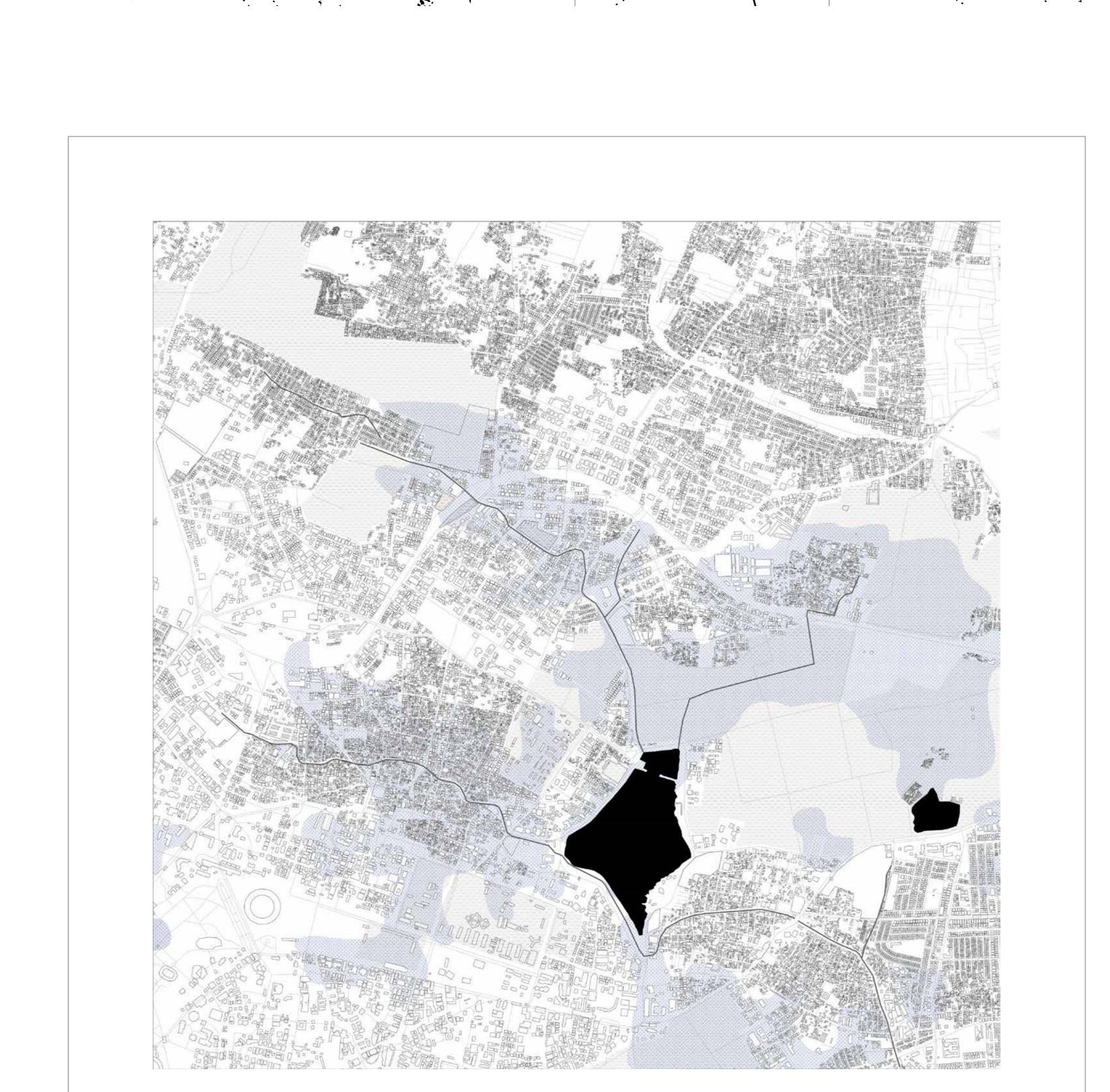
What is a tank Local terminology Kere=lowland, gathering of water

"It is a movement from wetness to dryness that, with some imagination, can still be registered today in the Ganapathi festival, where the deity made from clay harvested from the kere moves through markets, temples and homes till it is finally immersed in the kere after the rains."

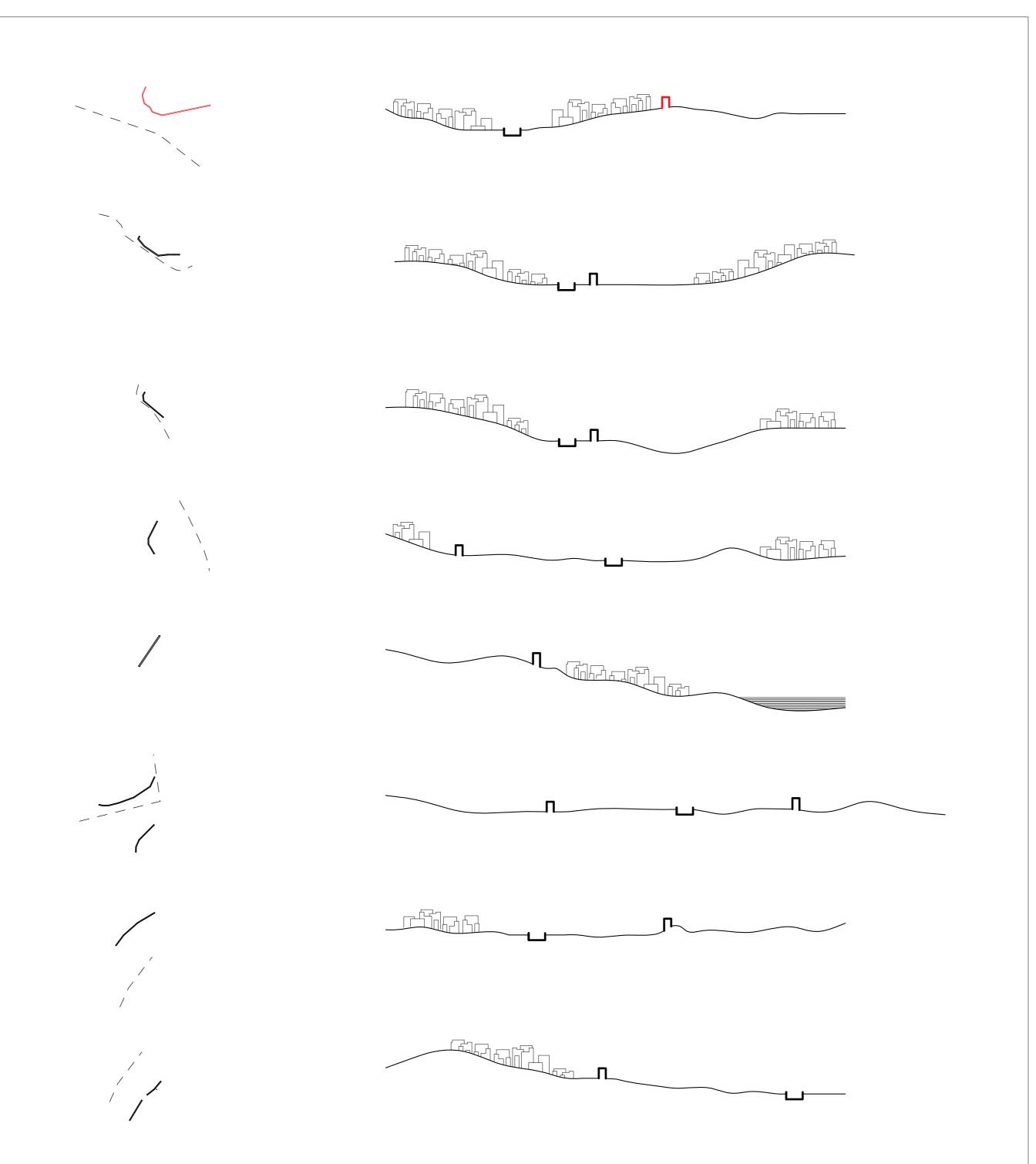




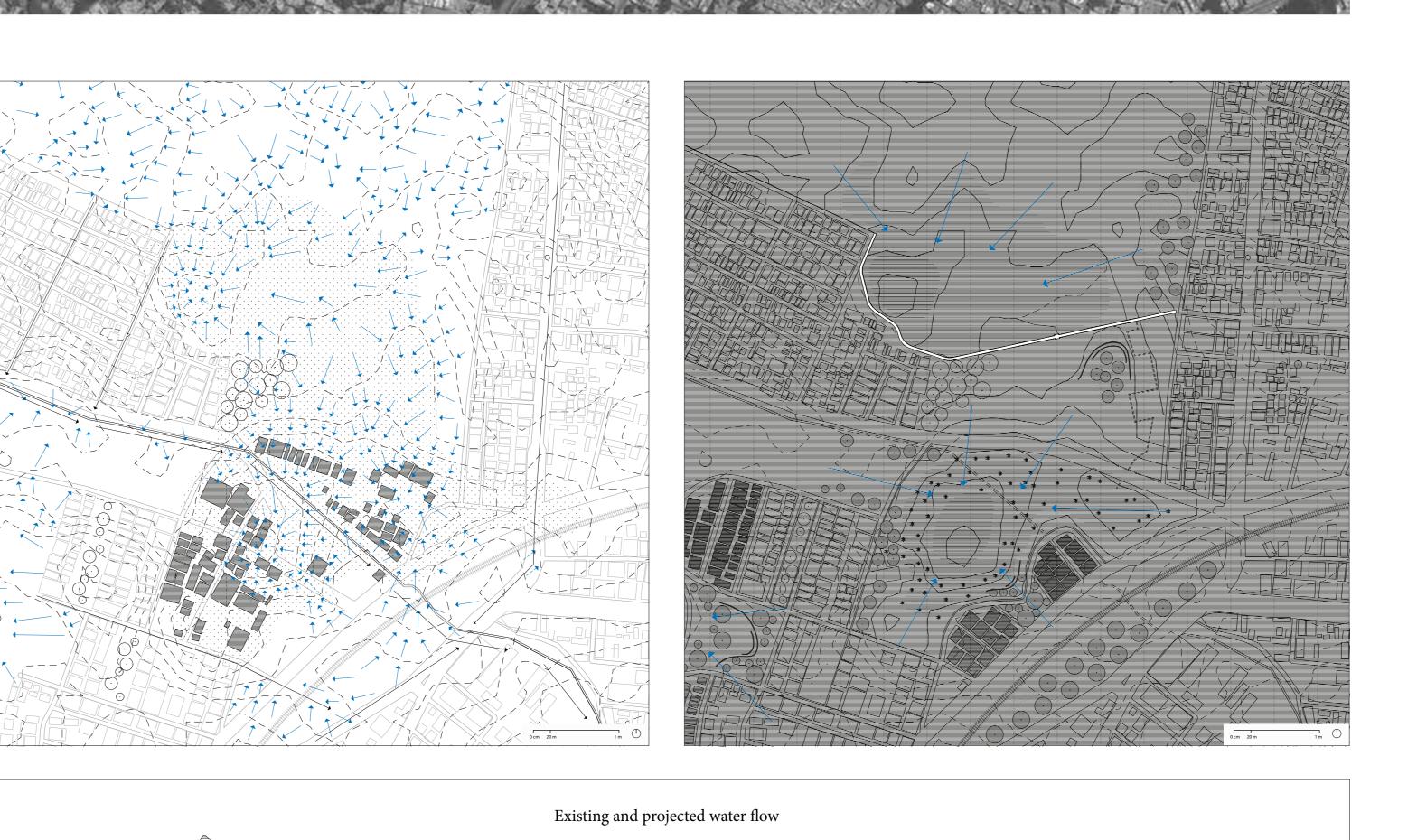




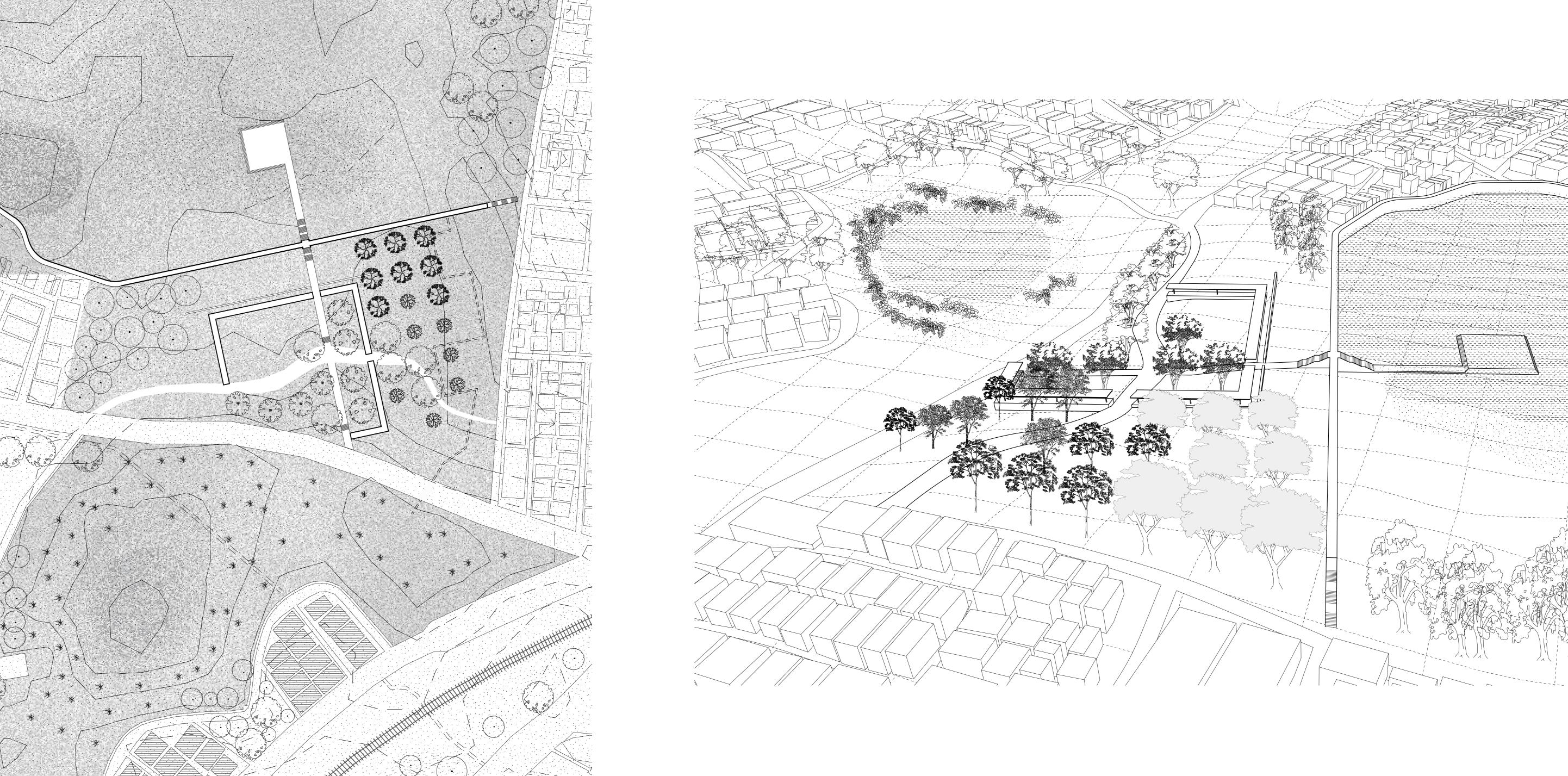


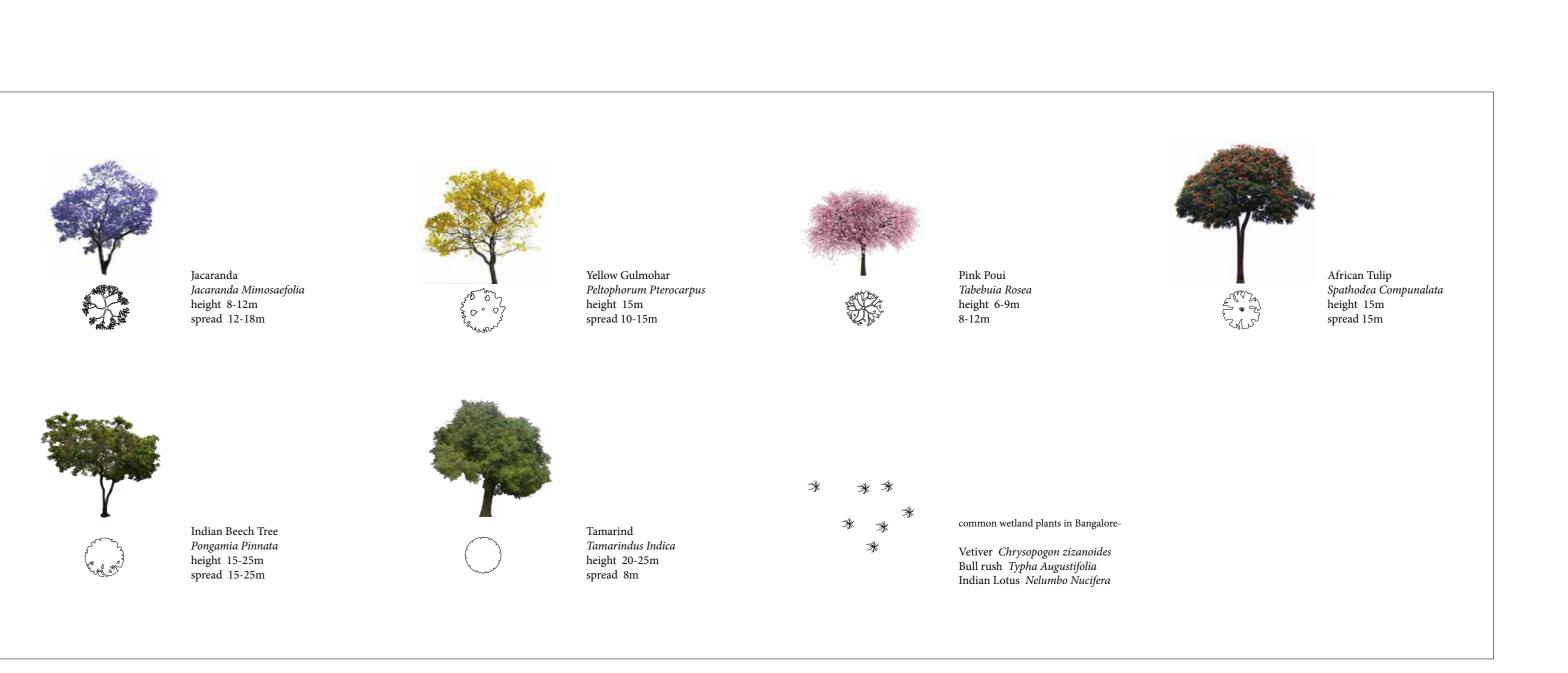


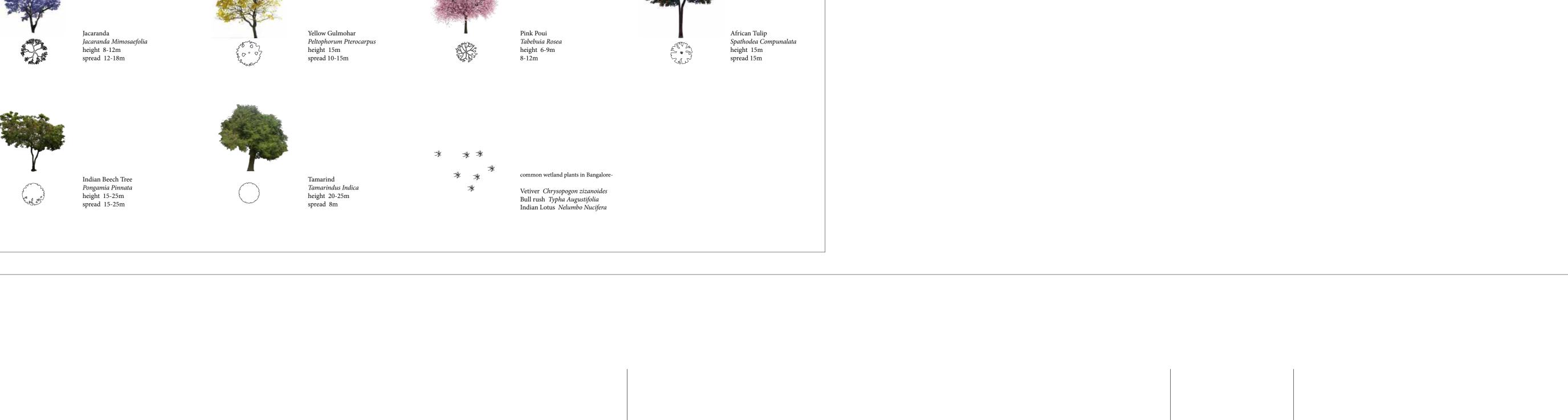


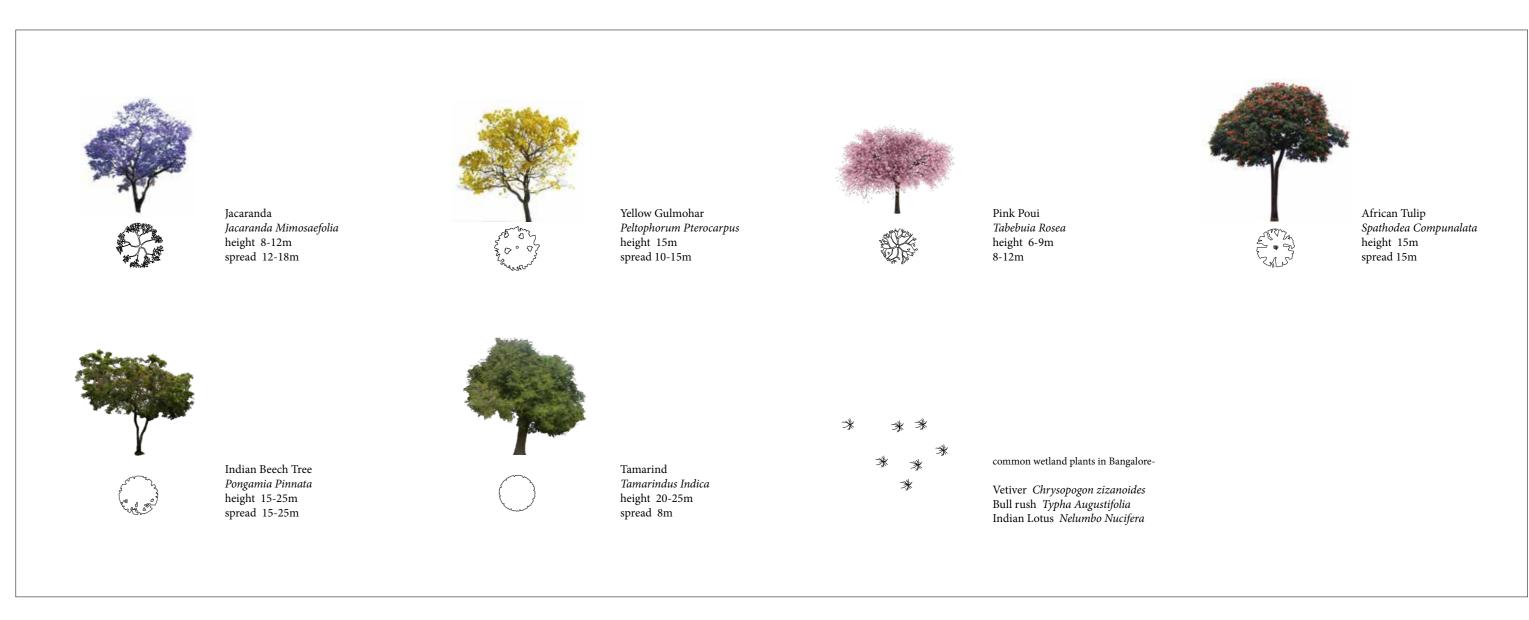








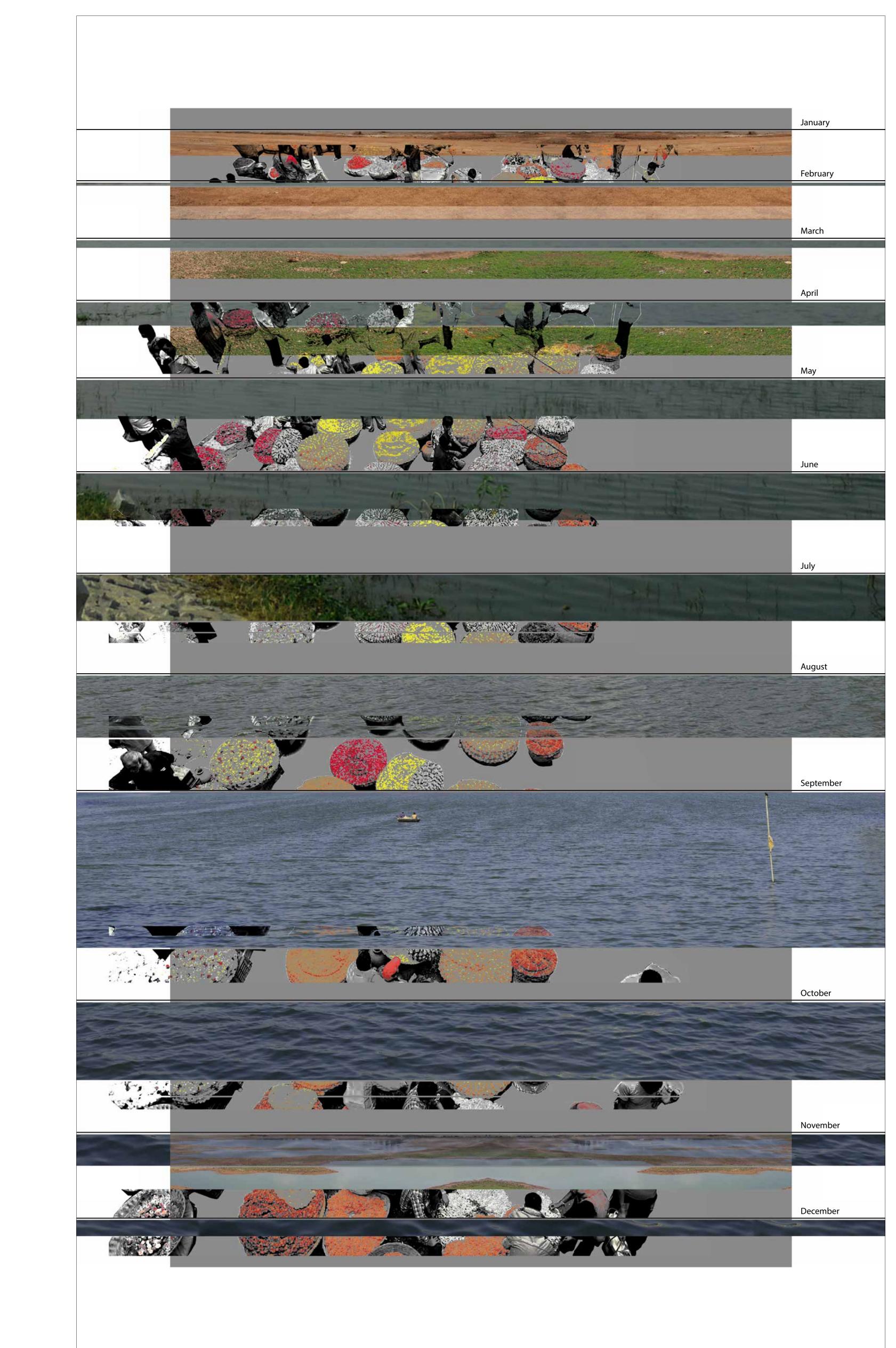


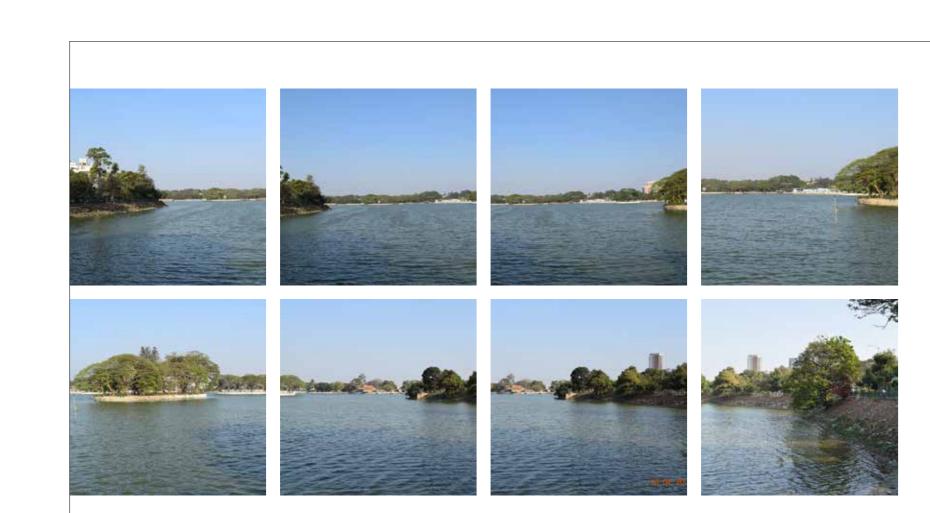




Inscribing the Bangalore maidan

"The word maidan belongs less with the nomadic sensibility of the Persian heritage of the word and more with an ambitious European project: the portrayal of the Indian subcontinent as a spatially articulate terrain. ... What surveyors take for granted is the bounded nature of 'things' in order to facilitate their presentation in maps. ...It is a cultivated literacy and is difficult to shake off the surveyor's delineations; indeed the surveyor's imagination that is so embedded in the field and vocabulary of design. ...Gandhi's assemblies on the Sabarmati, out of convenience perhaps, but also to evade authorities who discouraged him from using public spaces in the city, suggest that the maidan is not there to be described as much as there when initiated." "This translation of the maidan as a name with a propensity for durations and extensions belongs in a landscape where names do not signify objects in a land exhausted by categories of use and spatial demarcations as much as a multiplicity of terrains and possible initiations." - Mathur and Da Cunha: In Depth, Inscribing the Indian Landscape





"Often translated from its Kannada roots as tank, kere resists the isolation that has allowed tanks to be made into scenic lakes. It refers instead to a terrain initiated in the construction of a bund – an earthen embankment – and extended by run-offs.

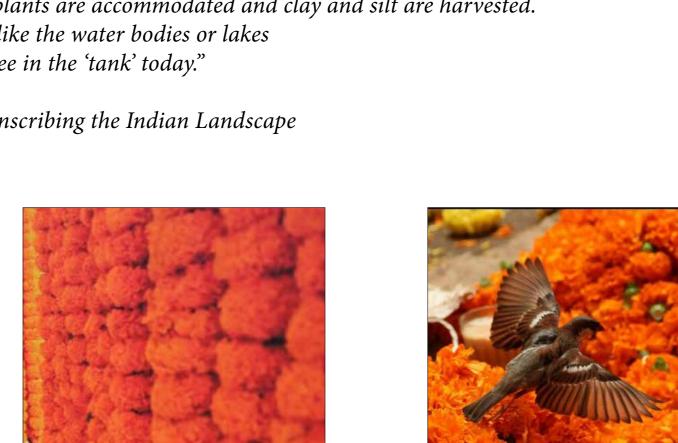
When waters recede in the kere following the end of the rains, plants are accommodated and clay and silt are harvested.

the kere does not appear anything like the water bodies or lakes

that people often expect to see in the 'tank' today."

"Just beneath the surface initiated by Lambton, however, is a Bangalore that would continue to anchor terrains that resist the surveyor's surface."

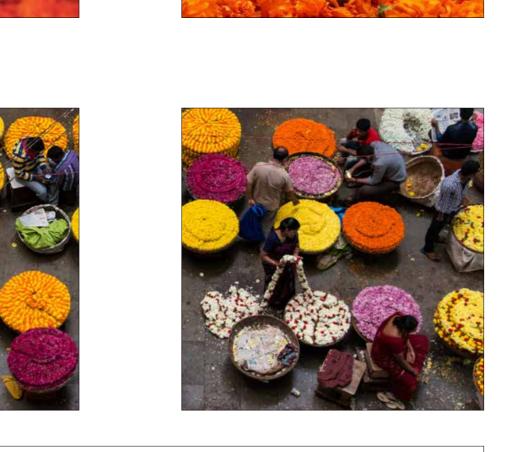
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