

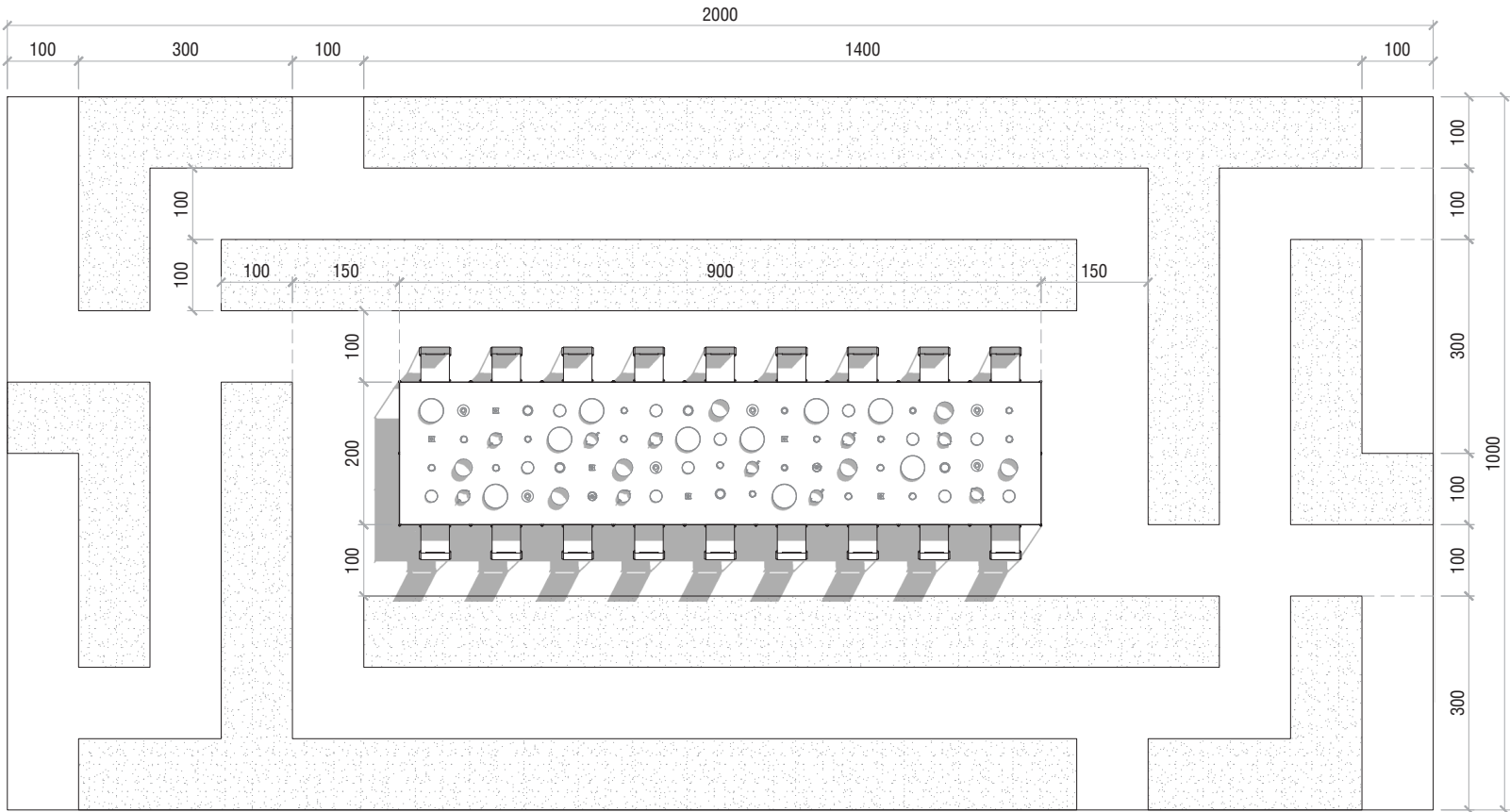
The Table - or Still Life of Edible Plants



Gone are the days of lawns: the lawn of the 21st century is a biodiverse green carpet, a site of unmanaged wild forage. In these grasslands lies one of the new possibilities of ecology: unheard of reserves of food. Right in our backyards, on roadsides and in all of the “third landscapes” (Gilles Clément, 2005), plants grow with ignored food and nutritional potential. Called PANC (or UFPs, Unconventional Food Plants) by brazilian biologist Valdely Kinupp, they emerge as a possibility for diversifying people’s diets. PANC are plants, or parts of plants, that can be used as food, but are little known or underused by the majority of the population, especially in urban centers.

The Table celebrates the world of PANC. Ours is a labyrinthine garden of food-producing weeds, which have been specified on the basis of the consumption possibilities of wild plants available in Québec. These plants are to be celebrated by a large table, or a second garden which will house a composition of plates, bottles, glasses and bowls. A table of still lives made up of vegetables that we ignore. Let’s explore this unnoticed ecology. Let’s have lunch with these plants!

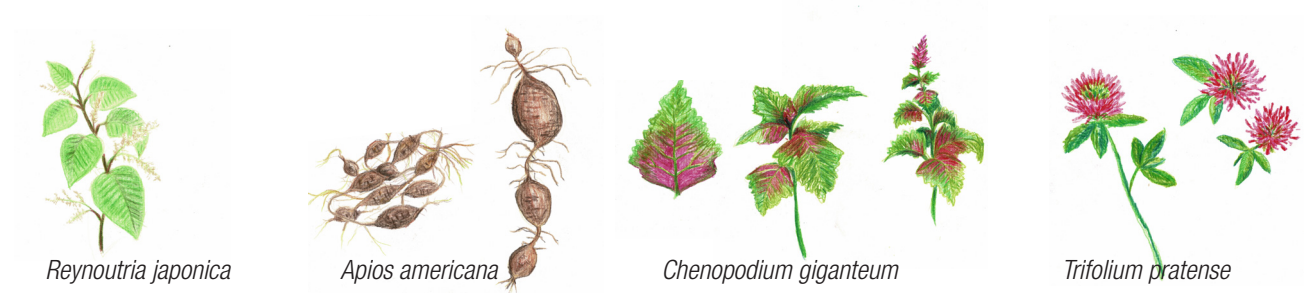
- Suggested PANC / UFPs**
- 1. **Garlic Mustard** *Alliaria petiolata*
 - 2. **Wild Garlic** *Allium ursinum*
 - 3. **Wild Amaranth / Pigweed** *Amaranthus hybridus*
 - 4. **Groundnut** *Apios americana*
 - 5. **Wild Ginger** *Asarum canadense*
 - 6. **Lamb’s Quarters** *Chenopodium giganteum*
 - 7. **Chicory** *Cichorium intybus*
 - 8. **Jerusalem Artichoke** *Helianthus tuberosus*
 - 9. **Ox-eye Daisy** *Leucanthemum vulgare*
 - 10. **High Mallow** *Malva sylvestris*
 - 11. **Wild Bergamot / Bee Balm** *Monarda fistulosa*
 - 12. **Common Evening-Primrose** *Oenothera biennis*
 - 13. **Plantain** *Plantago major*
 - 14. **Purslane** *Portulaca oleracea*
 - 15. **Japanese Knotweed** *Reynoutria japonica*
 - 16. **Chickweed** *Stellaria mediaW*
 - 17. **Dandelion** *Taraxacum officinale*
 - 18. **Red Clover** *Trifolium pratense*
 - 19. **Lowbush blueberry** *Vaccinium angustifolium*



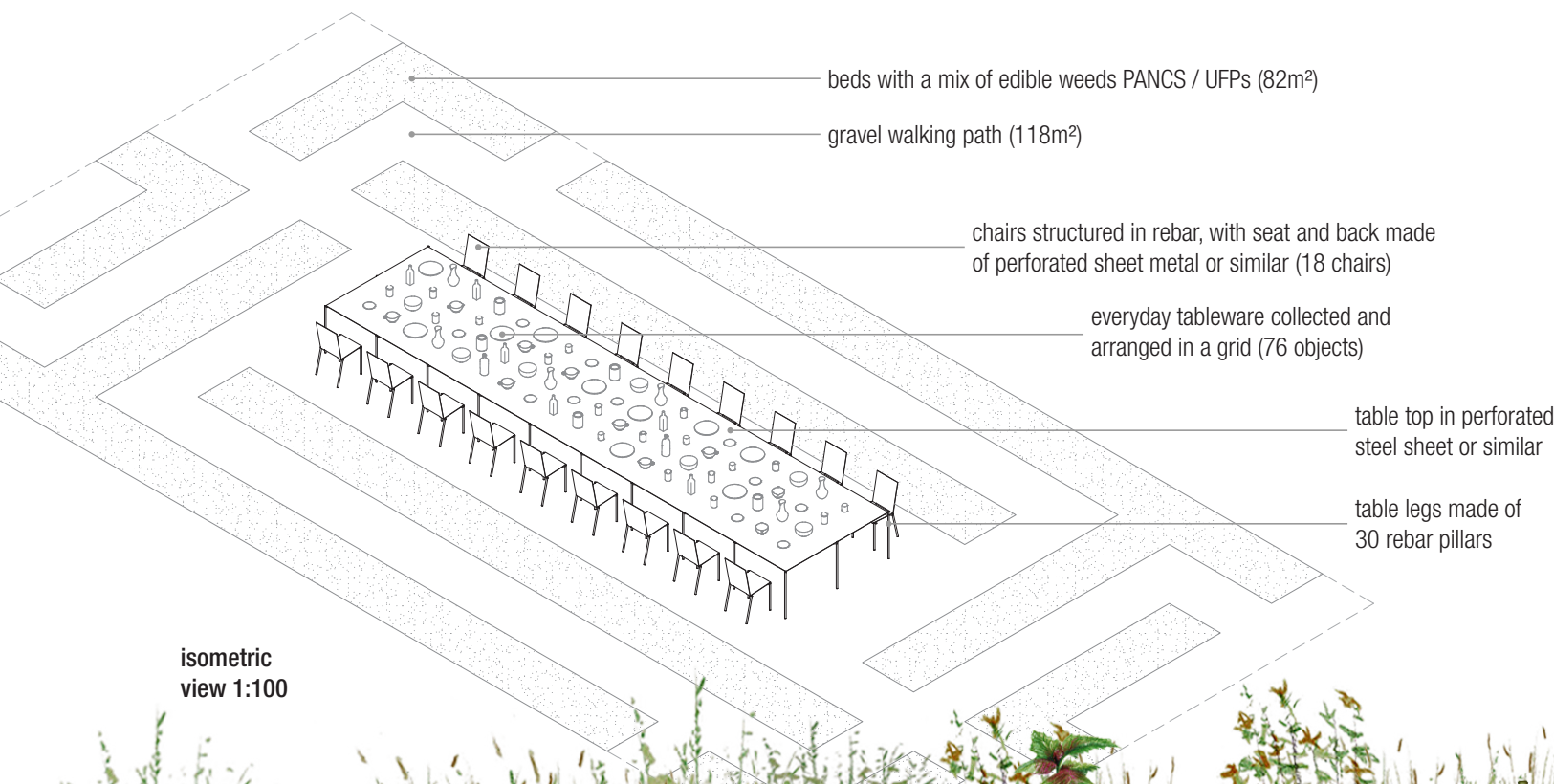
layout plan 1:100 □ gravel walking path □ beds with a mix of edible weeds (PANC / UFPs)



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The edible parts of the plants will be distributed on dishes over the table according to the harvest time of each species and the garden's maintenance constraints. The garden may accommodate food-related events during the Festival.



The table, which gives the garden its name, takes on its role in the project as both an object and a concept. As an object, it represents the center of domesticity, the catalyst for social gatherings and the physical support for various daily activities: eating, socializing, working and studying. Made from typical construction materials - sheet metal and steel rebar - and in an exaggerated size by domestic standards, the table as a concept exalts its tectonic dimension, like a small infrastructure. As much as a building - the legs like pillars and the top like a roof - the table here goes beyond its sense of furniture placed in space to be the space itself, the center (and apex) of the labyrinth of edible plant beds.

