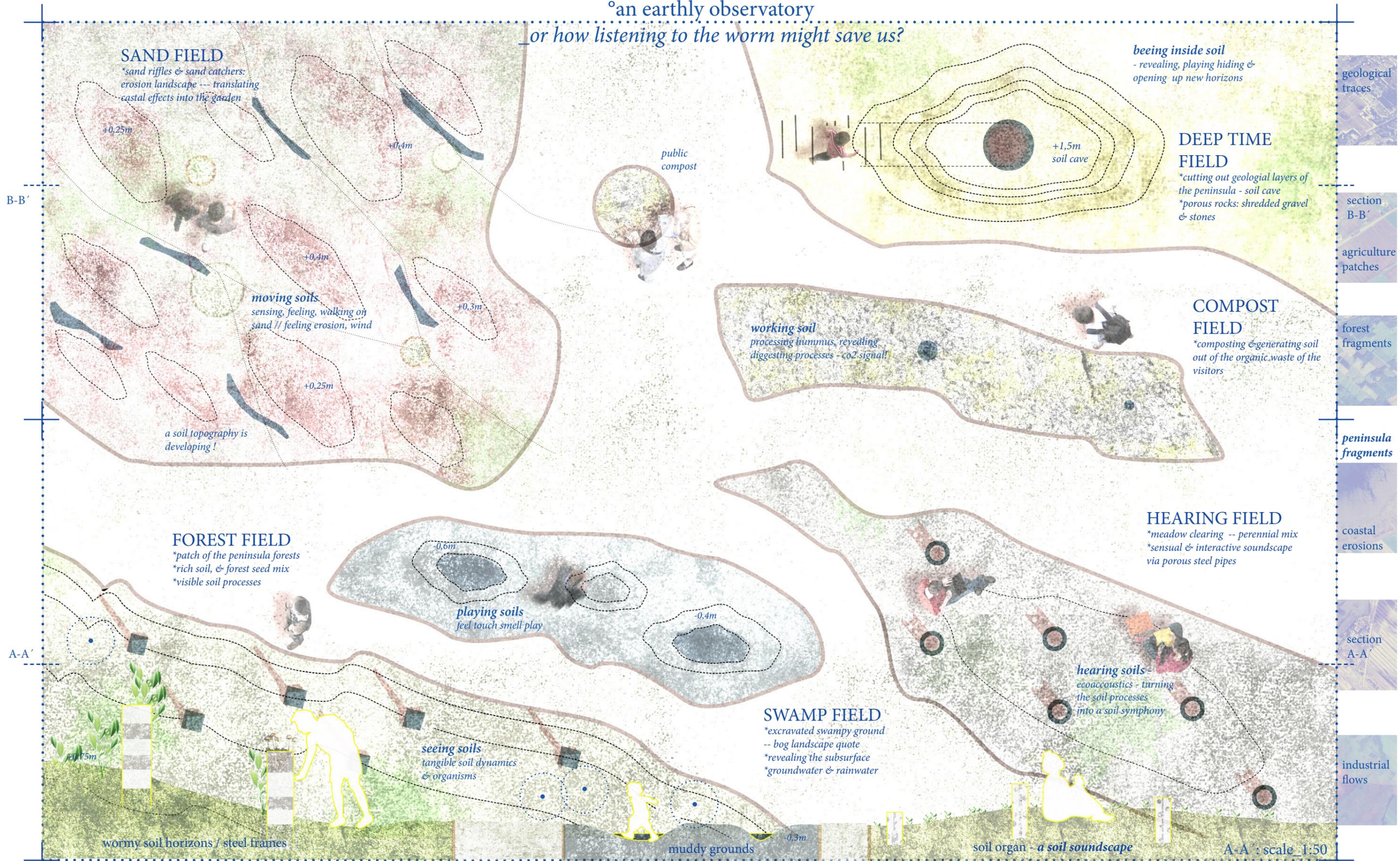
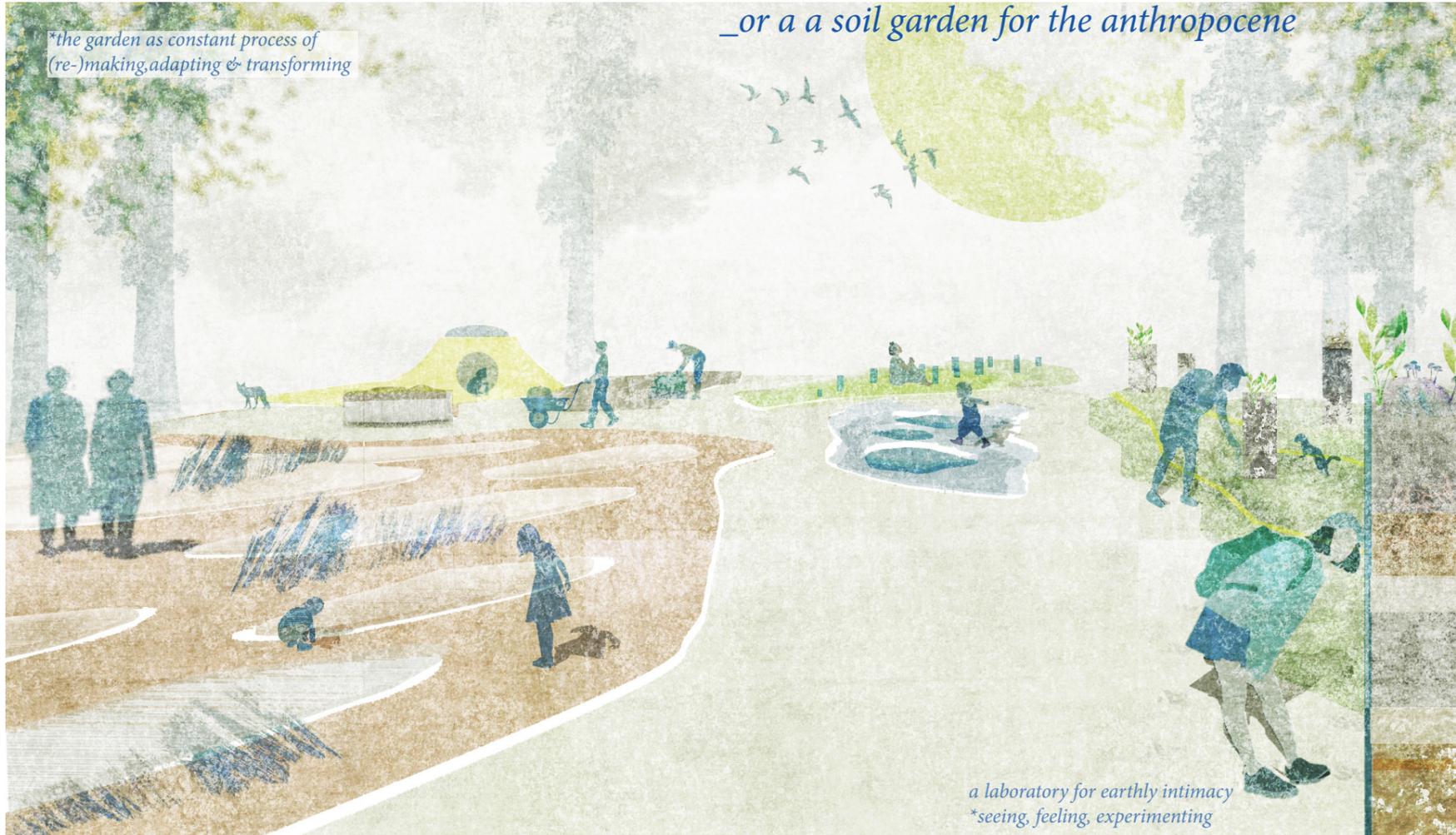


°an earthly observatory  
or how listening to the worm might save us?



The *soil garden as earthly observatory* explores different modes of adaption towards a new way of living and being with soil. How can we learn to ground ourselves again in an unstable and broken world? The garden thus searches for renewed earthly intimacies with soil in its different states and processes. As space to earthly anchor, the observatory showcases the potential of landscapes to adapt to changes and translates those processes into tangible experiences and atmospheric spaces. The Gaspé Peninsula with its geological and formal richness serves as inspiration for the design. Like a carpet, the different *soil fields* unfold as diorama of soil landscapes, representing the peninsula landscapes and its challenges by unfolding a specific topography. It serves as framework for an adaptive transformation of the fields by specific soil-seed mixes and the user interactions. The six fields, sand, forest, sound, swamp, deep time and compost, serve as laboratory for seeing, feeling, hearing, and working with soil. Specifically developed instruments represent those new soil entanglements, which will invite the users to interact with the different soil landscapes and processes.

°an earthly observatory  
\_or a a soil garden for the anthropocene

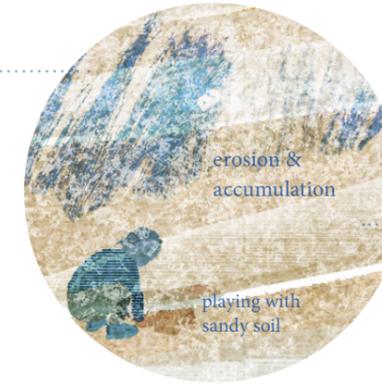


SOIL INTERACTIONS

**moving soil**  
erosion processes are transformed into an tangible and evolving experience



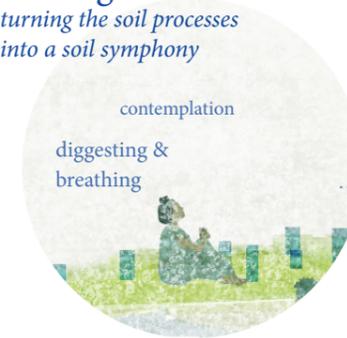
**playing soil**  
muddy play & touching



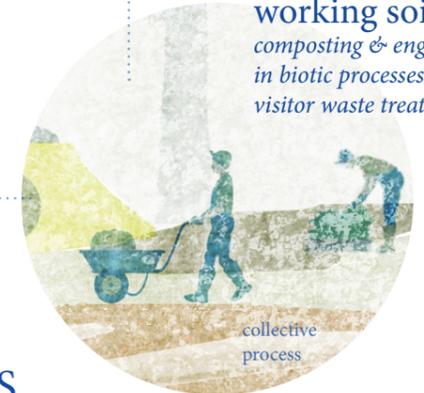
**living soil**  
soil life & visible processes and structural growth



**hearing soil**  
turning the soil processes into a soil symphony



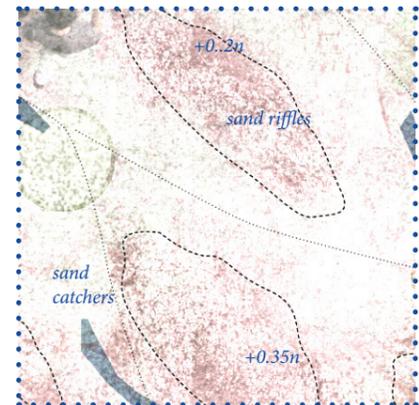
**working soil**  
composting & engaging in biotic processes -- visitor waste treatment



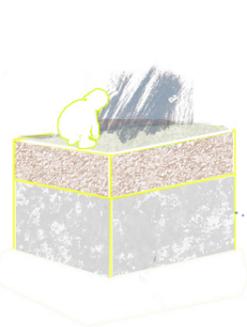
SOIL ENTANGLEMENTS

**SAND CATCHERS**

mixture of sandy dune structures & rocks  
- reed mats guide erosion processes  
intital seed mix added to soil mixture:  
*Leymus ar., Thymus se., Crambe mar., etc.*



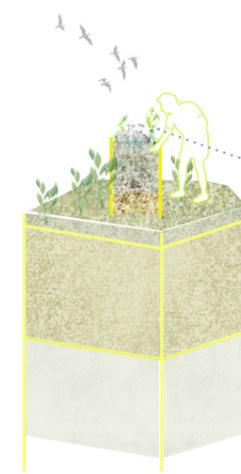
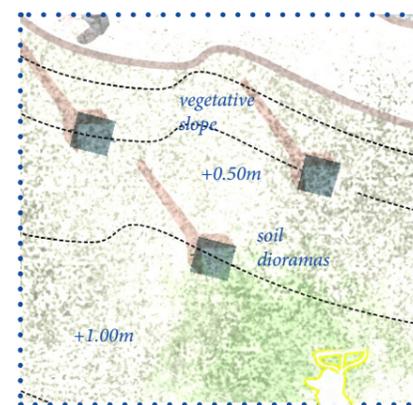
**base topography** & sand catchers are installed-reed structures



**erosion & sedimentation:** processes are triggered by use and wind

**SOIL HORIZONS**

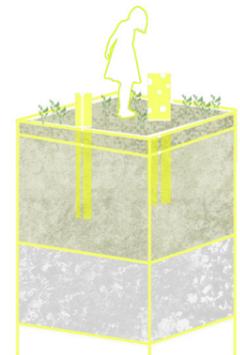
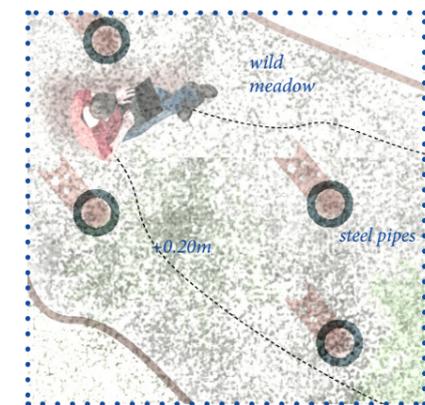
\*forest cut outs: staging soil horizons by Glas-Steel Frame-Combination  
\*Seed Mixture for typical forest soils  
\*intital planting of cuttings *Betula all. & Pinus str.*



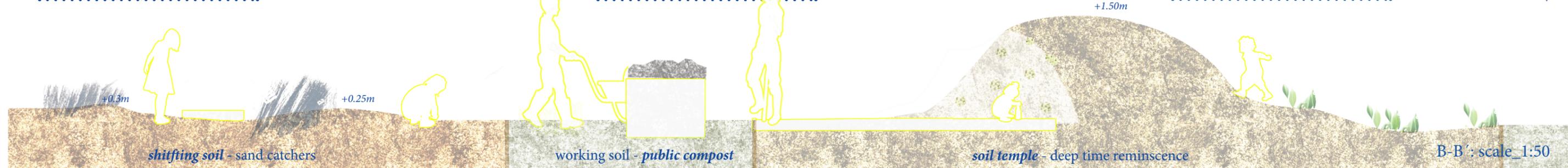
**soil processes**  
diggesting & decomposing of soil ingredients; growth : funghi, worms

**SOIL ORGANS**

\*revealing soil processes over time & translating them into a sensual soundscape by porous steel pipes, which reach 0.5m deep into the soil  
\*dry sandy soil + wild perennial seed mix



**sound processes** during the seasons & times of the day



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