

We carry landscapes within us.

Some are written into the body, like the pull of gravity of a childhood hill; others live in memory, like the scent of a season or a place once known.

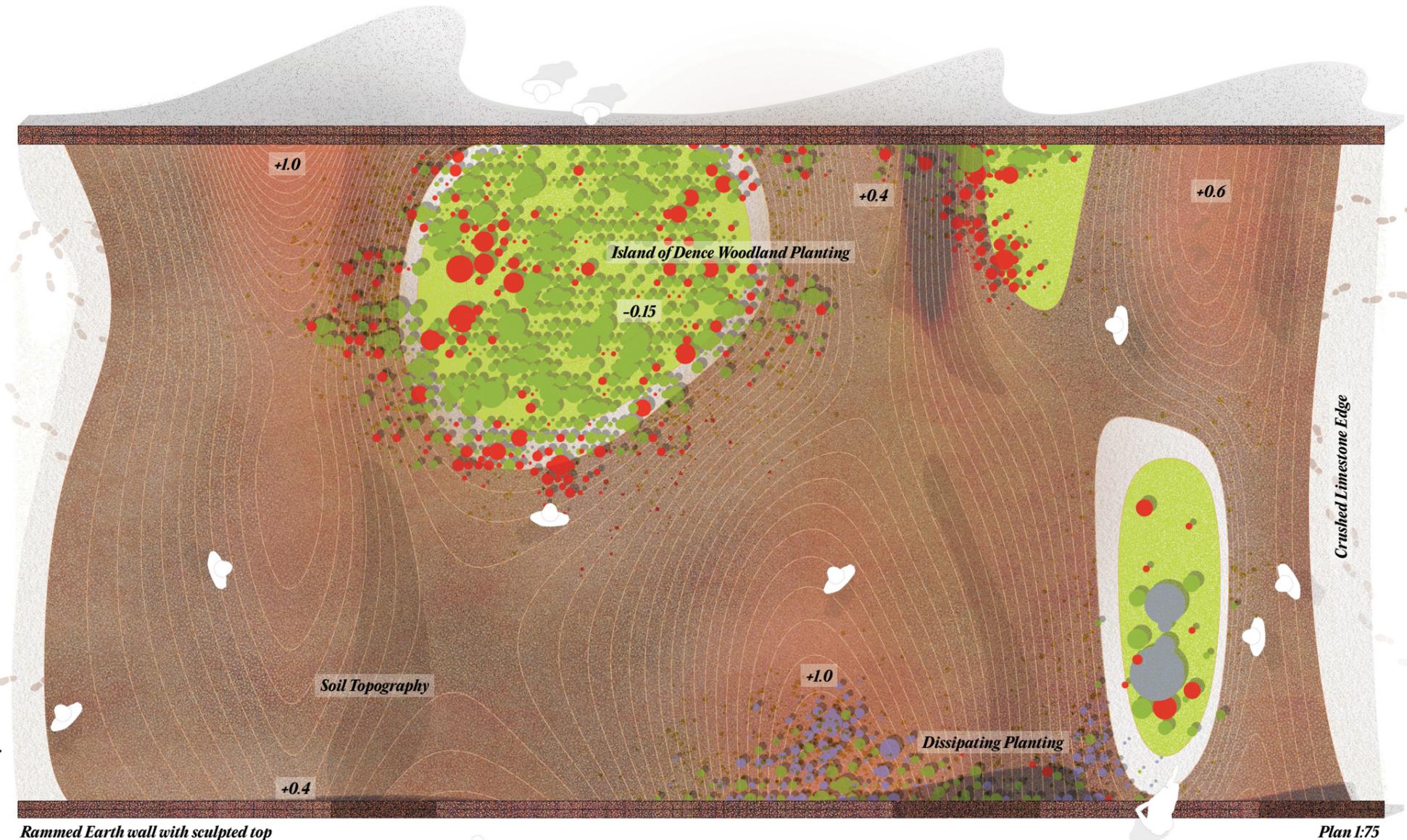
Living Maps explores the nature, aesthetics and form of memory and movement through a continuous terrain. The garden becomes both a physical and emotional topography where recollection takes shape in soil, atmosphere and plant.

Two parallel walls define the site. Their sculpted tops gently trace the horizon amplitudes. Between them, the terrain shifts subtly, forming a flowing topography that invites balance, movement, and sensory awareness.

There is no defined path. Visitors are invited to walk freely. Over time, their presence will alter the surface.

The soil is shifting, carrying the trace of passage and exploration. The landscape becomes a living archive of interaction, continually remapped by wind, light, and those inhabiting it.

Porous perennials and ferns emerge as points and islands of scent, color, and light, inviting exploration and personal reflection. With the wind, self-seeding plants begin to spread; with passage, they disappear.



“The soil is shifting, carrying the trace of passage and exploration. The landscape becomes a living archive of interaction, continually remapped by wind, light, and those inhabiting it.”

Elements of the ‘Living Maps’ garden

1. Two rammed earth walls with sculpted top, made of mix of local soil and sand, recycled materials, and natural pigment.
2. Topography, up to 1m, out of local soil with a touch of natural pigment.
3. Slightly concave planting surface with border out of recycled or locally quarried crushed limestone.
4. Punctual lush planting of native species (Northern American fog forest inspired).

Plant Species

Onoclea sensibilis, Matteucia struthiopteris, Dryopteris marginalis, Dicranum scoparium,

Luzula sylvatica, Maianthemum racemosum, Podophyllum peltatum

Actaea racemosa, Arisaema triphyllum, Tiarella cordifolia, Canada germander

Mertensia paniculata, Anemonella thalictroides, Zizia aurea

LIVING MAPS

