

SENSING SUSTENANCE

SENTIR, SOIGNER

Gardens are tended through quiet, invisible rhythms of care, maintained through the steady cycles of sunlight, water, and soil that give plants life. SENSING SUSTENANCE gives form to these subtle exchanges, reorienting familiar architectural elements like roof, gutter, and step to tune our senses to the overlooked needs of plants.

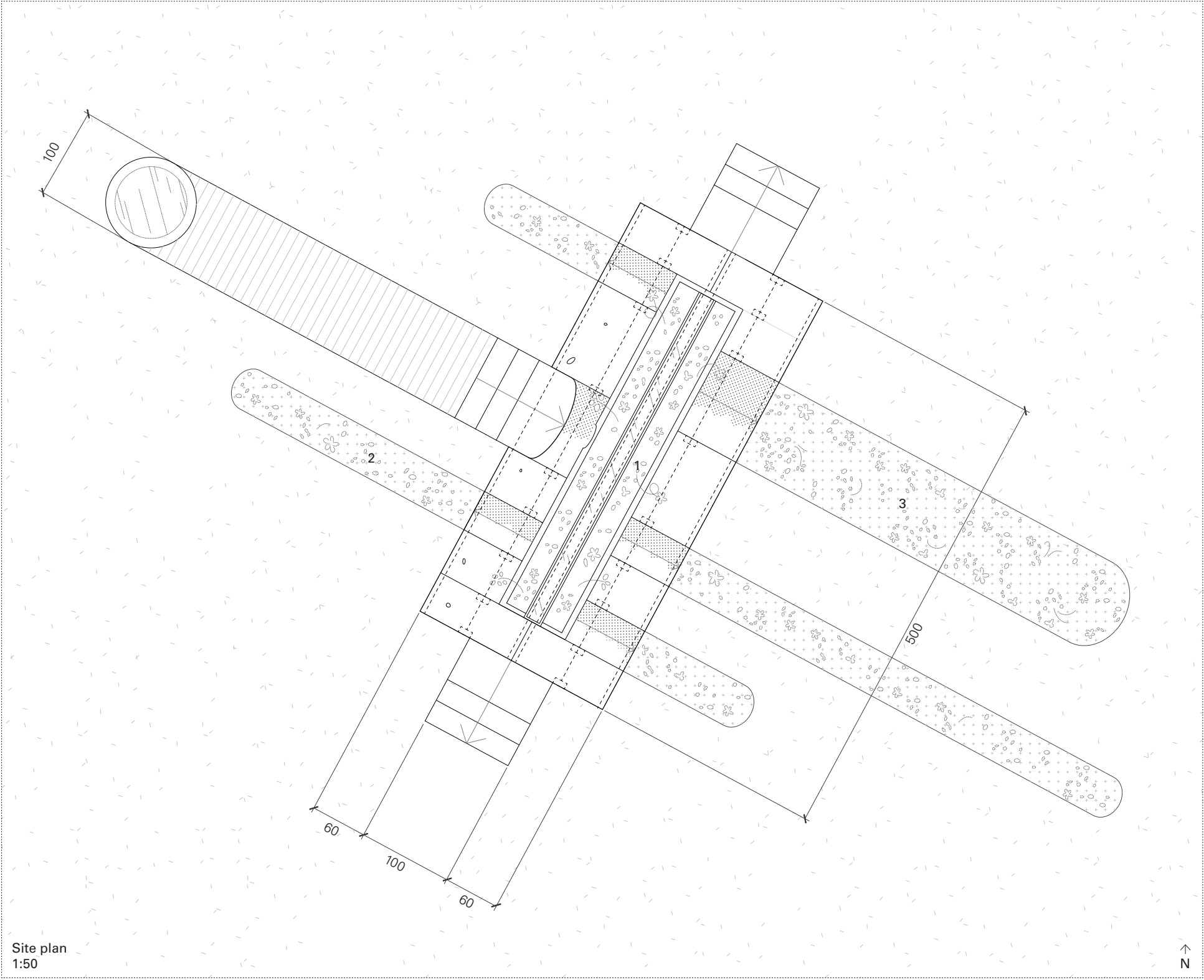
A section of soil is lifted into a gable above, inviting us to enter the space beneath it. Here, we experience the garden from a new perspective: a roof made of gutters amplifies the sound of the act of watering overhead; apertures shape beams of light and redirect our eyes as spotlights falling on the plants; the ground line, brought up closer to our nose and face, puts the smell of soil bursting with plant stems at the forefront of our experience.

SENSING SUSTENANCE transforms maintenance into a sensory and spatial experience. By making the labor of plant growth tangible and delightful, it becomes a lens for noticing acts of care everywhere we go.

Les jardins sont entretenus par des rythmes invisibles de soin, soutenus par les cycles constants de soleil, d’eau et de terre qui donnent vie aux plantes. SENTIR, SOIGNER donne forme à ces échanges subtils, réorientant des éléments architecturaux habituels—toit, gouttière, marche—pour accorder nos sens aux besoins souvent inaperçus des plantes.

Un volume de terre est élevé en une toiture en pente au-dessus, nous invitant à s’aventurer dans l’espace en dessous. Ici, nous percevons le jardin sous un nouveau regard: un toit composé de gouttières amplifie le son de l’arrosage au-dessus de nos têtes; des percements sculptent des rayons de soleil et dirigent notre regard comme des projecteurs sur les plantes; le niveau du sol, rapproché de notre nez et de notre visage, met en avant l’odeur de la terre abondante de tiges.

SENTIR, SOIGNER transforme la maintenance en une expérience sensorielle et spatiale. En rendant tangible et agréable le travail d’entretien pour les plantes, l’installation devient un cadre de perception pour remarquer partout autour de nous les gestes de soin.



1 Top of installation
Native, mid- to late-summer blooming plants,
full sun and well-watered

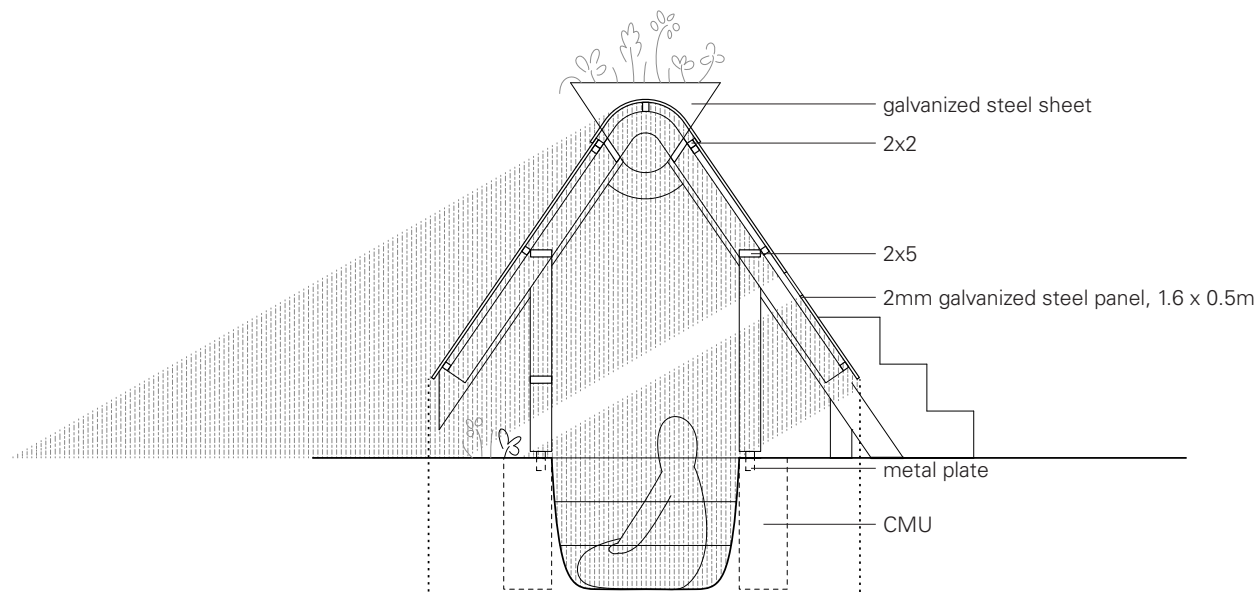
Cardinal flower *Lobelia cardinalis*
White turtlehead *Chelone glabra*
Common boneset *Eupatorium perfoliatum*
Palm sedge *Carex muskingumensis*

2 West edge of installation
Native, partial morning shade, rain garden

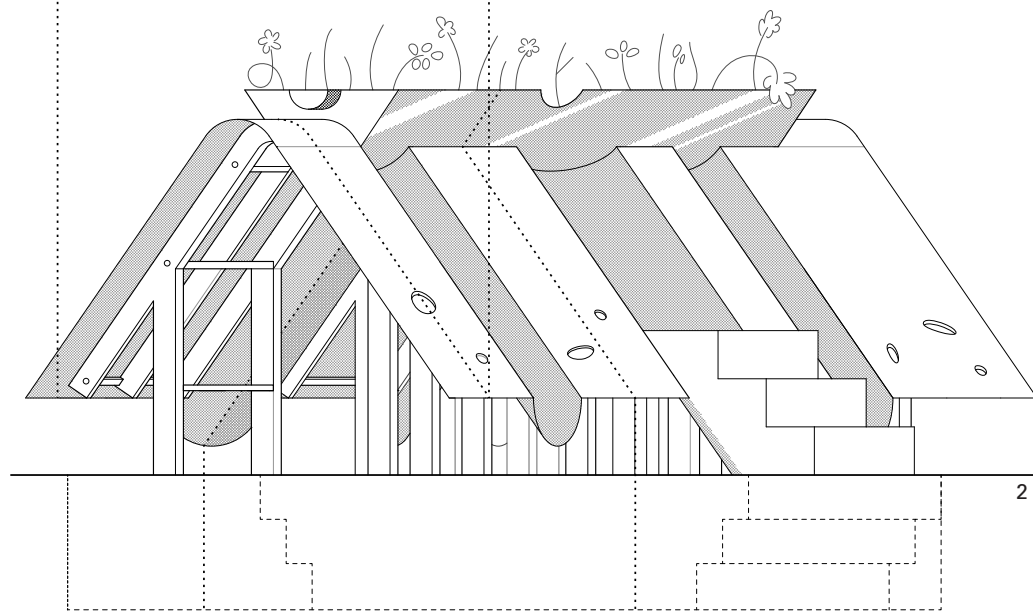
Tussock Sedge *Carex stricta*
Fox Sedge *Carex vulpinoidea*
Woolgrass *Scirpus cyperinus*
Marsh Marigold *Caltha palustris*

3 East edge of installation
Native, partial afternoon shade, rain garden

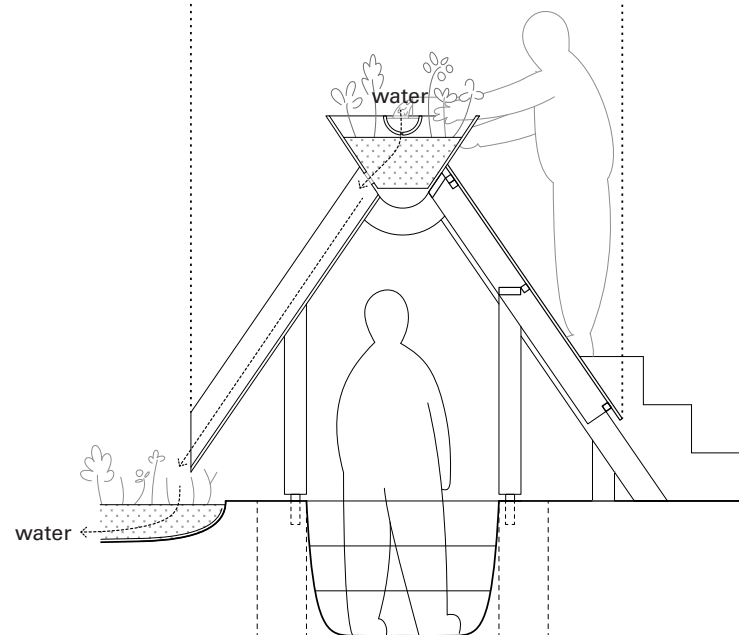
Golden Ragwort *Packera aurea*
Bottlebrush Sedge *Carex comosa*
Tussock Sedge *Carex strictanous*



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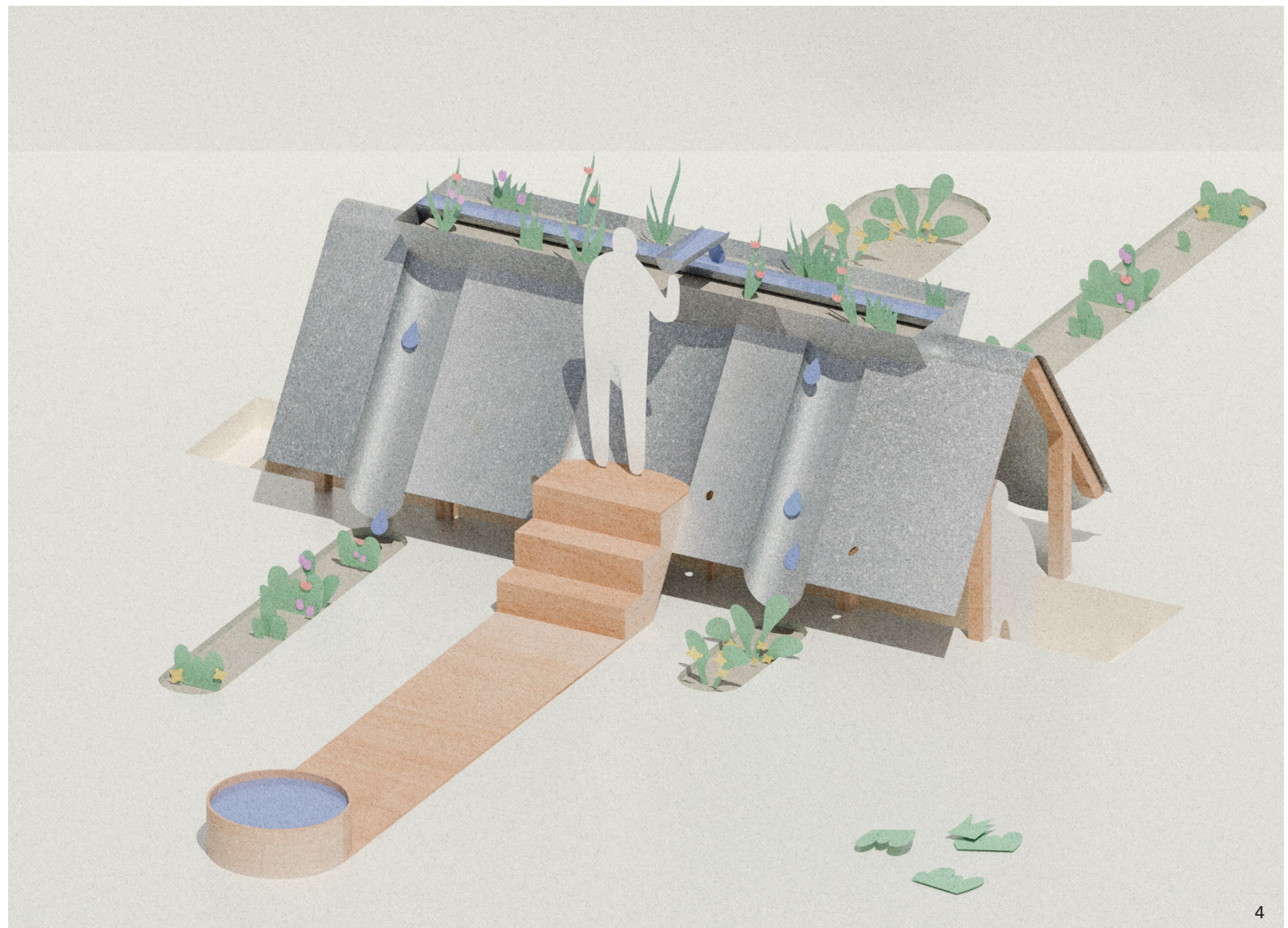


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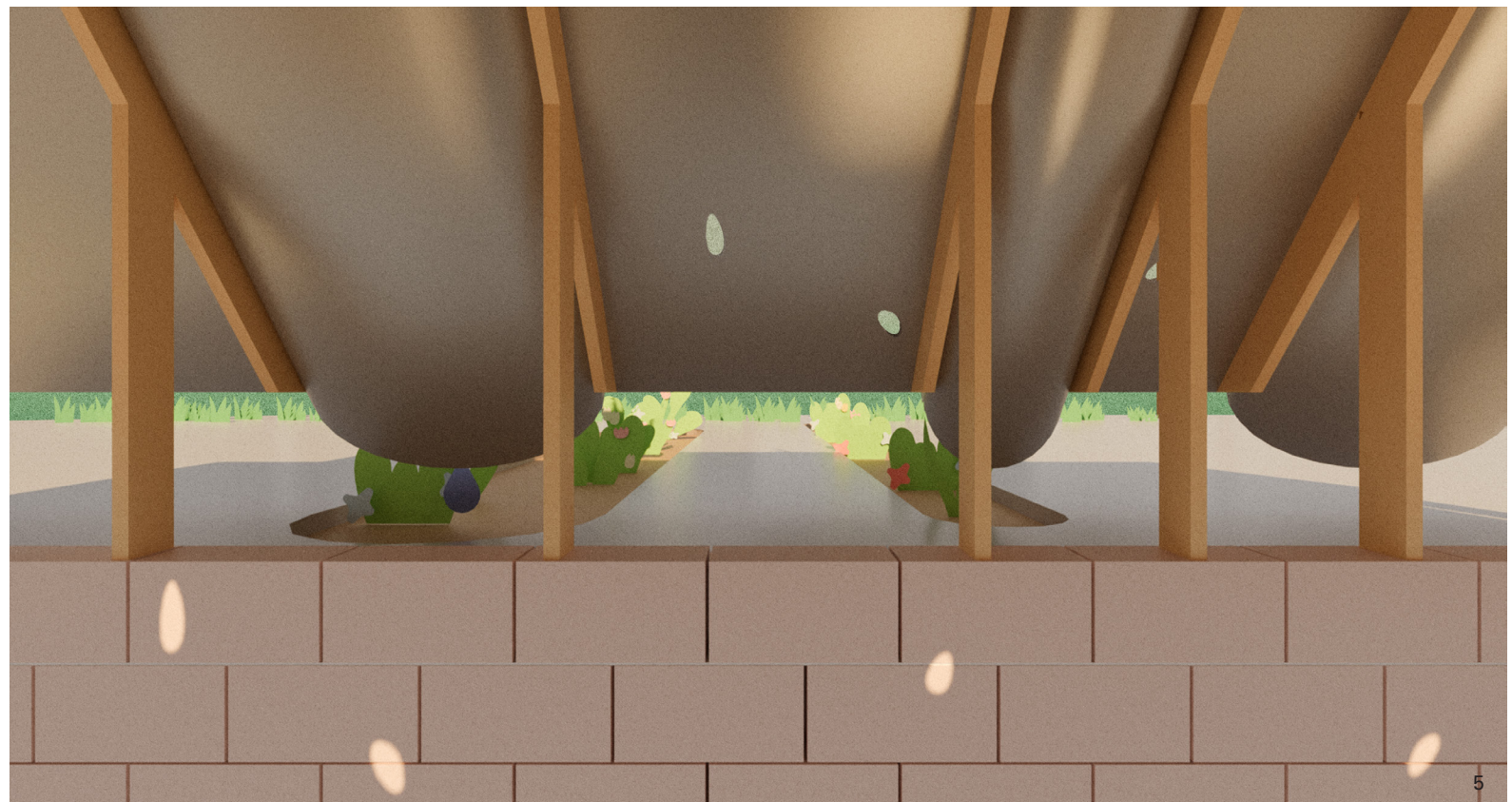


- 1 Cross-section: dirt and shadow
- 2 Front oblique
- 3 Cross-section: water and soil
- 4 Exterior view
- 5 Interior view

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