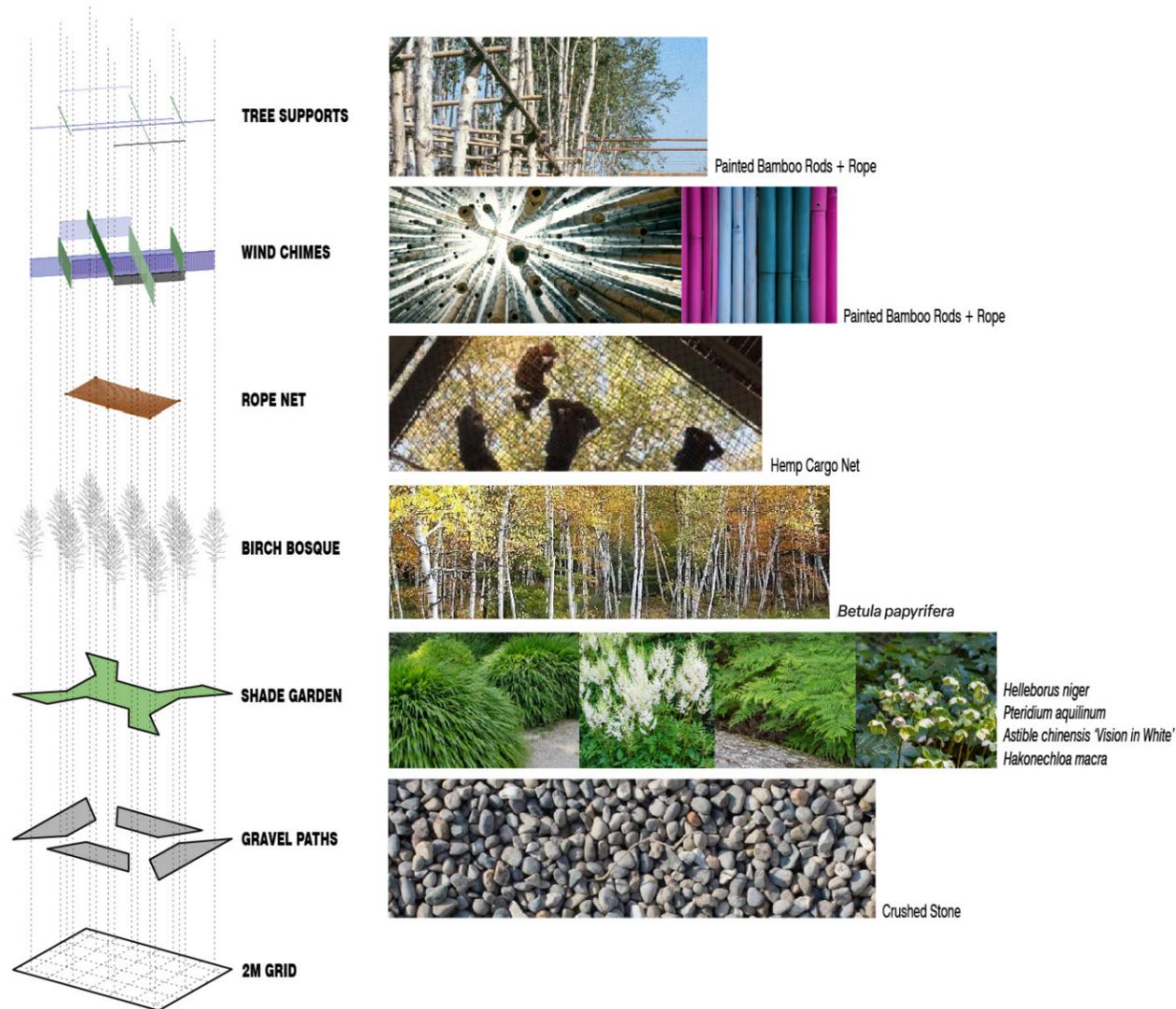


# Soft Touch Garden

*Soft Touch Garden* creates a new sensitive relationship between body, canopy and ground plane. Situated in a bosque of Paper Birch and shade tolerant perennials covering the ground plane, it is a woodland garden that is both dream-like and clearly constructed along an orthogonal grid. The center of the project is lifted up off the ground using a hemp fiber cargo net, allowing the central occupiable space to float and have a fundamentally “soft touch”.

Users experience a new relationship to the garden – they are able to float between the canopy and understory without trampling or compacting the soil. This cargo net is held up off the ground plane by the trees whose trunks act as flexible columns. As a result the movement of users on the cargo net makes the trees sway back and forth – creating a new relationship between the body and the bosque. The canopy of the birch bosque is stabilized by a diagonal grid of bamboo rods, from these rods hang rows of vertical, painted bamboo rods. These rows of rods creates a series of sonic curtains which are activated as users interact with the cargo net and as wind moves through the site.



Painted Bamboo Rods + Rope



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Hemp Cargo Net



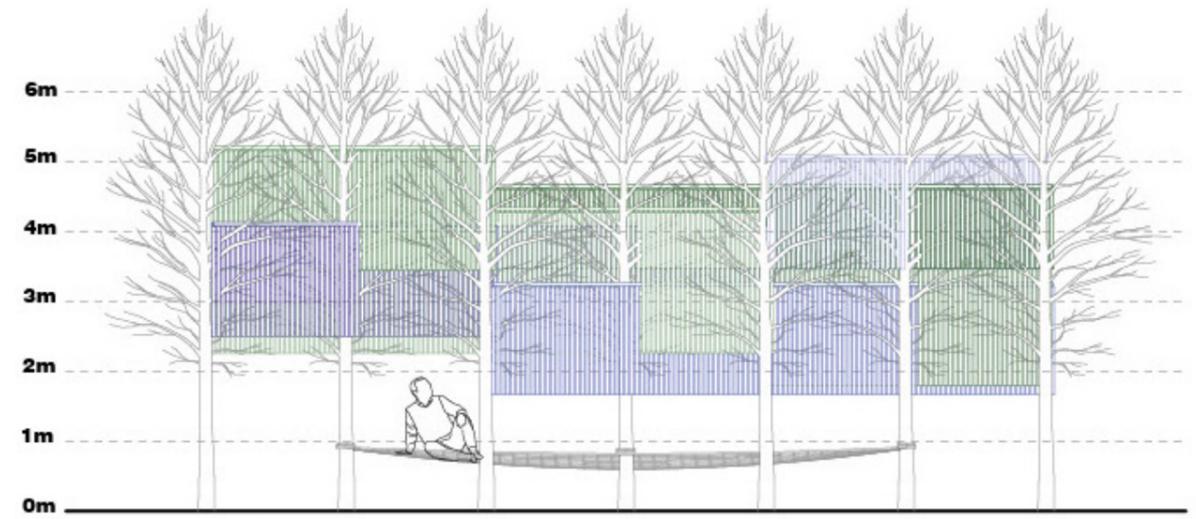
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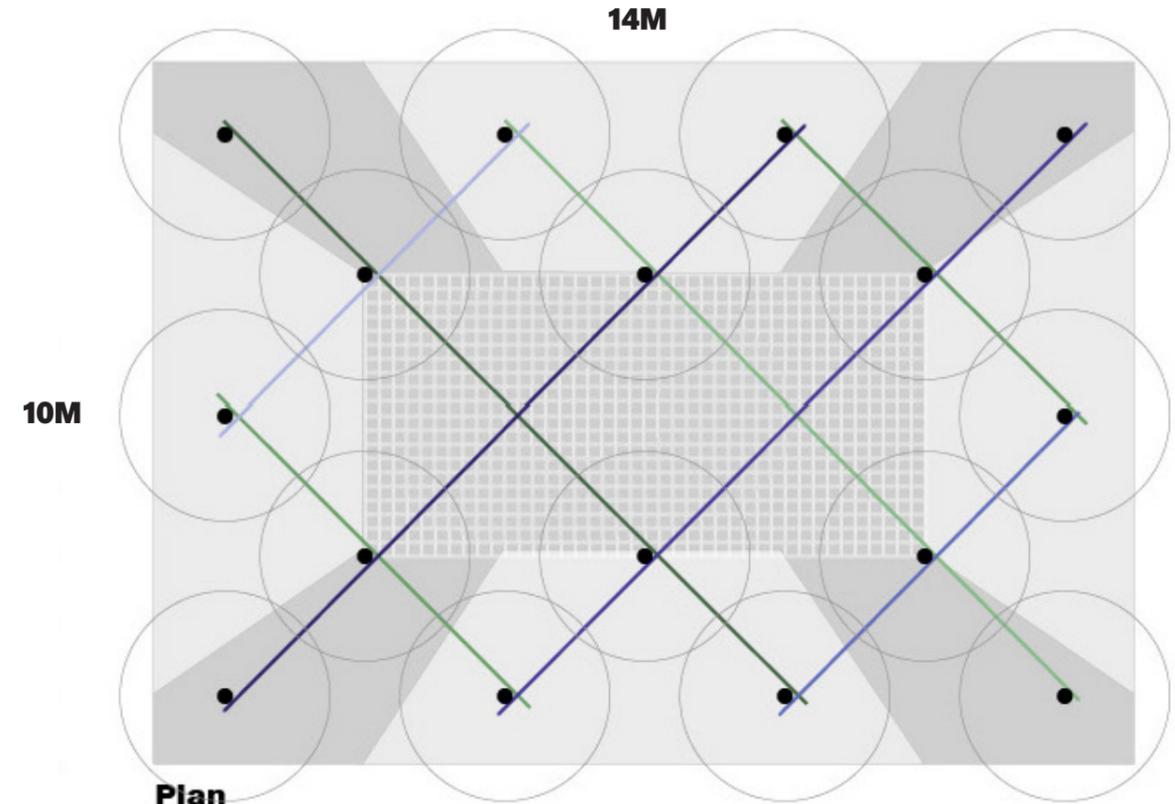
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*Hakonechloa macra*



Crushed Stone

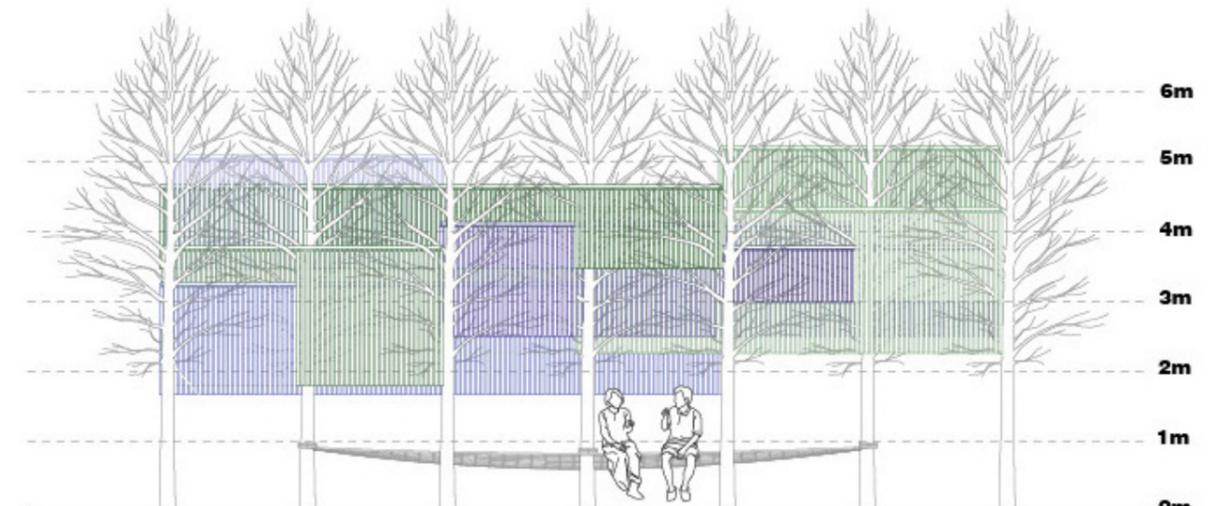


Elevation A

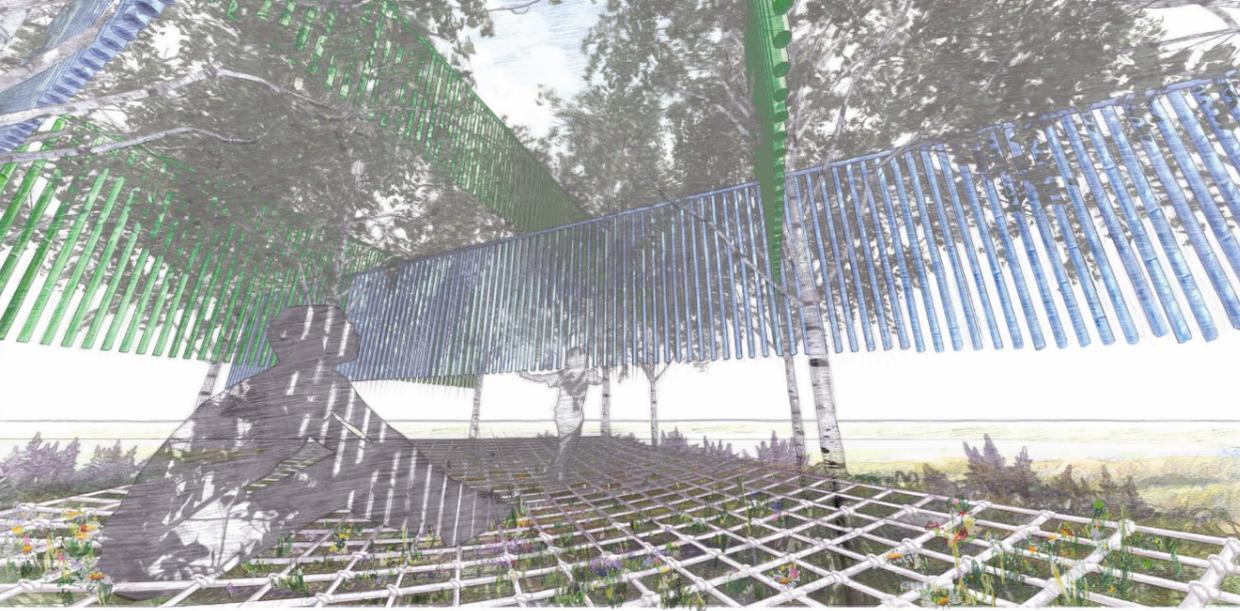


Plan

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Elevation B



**TREAD LIGHTLY,  
LISTEN CAREFULLY**

