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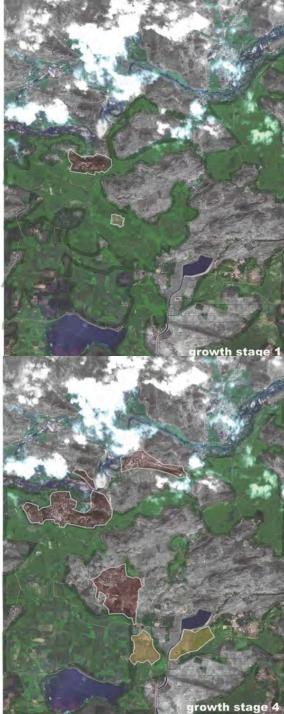


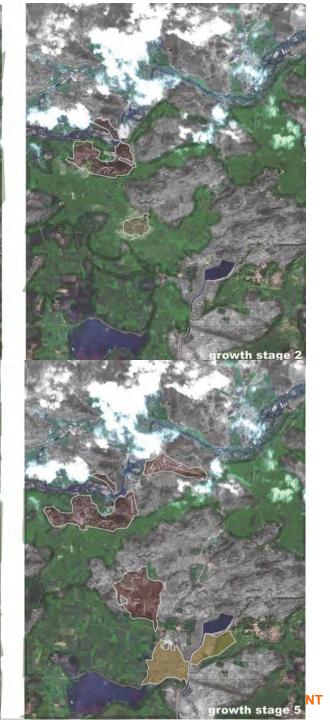


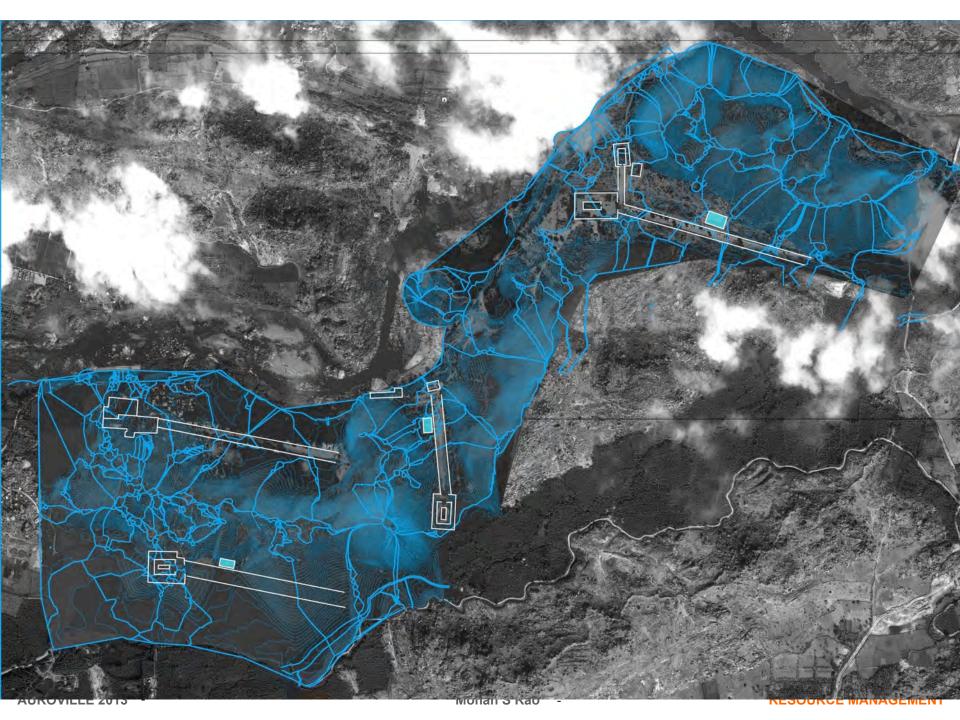


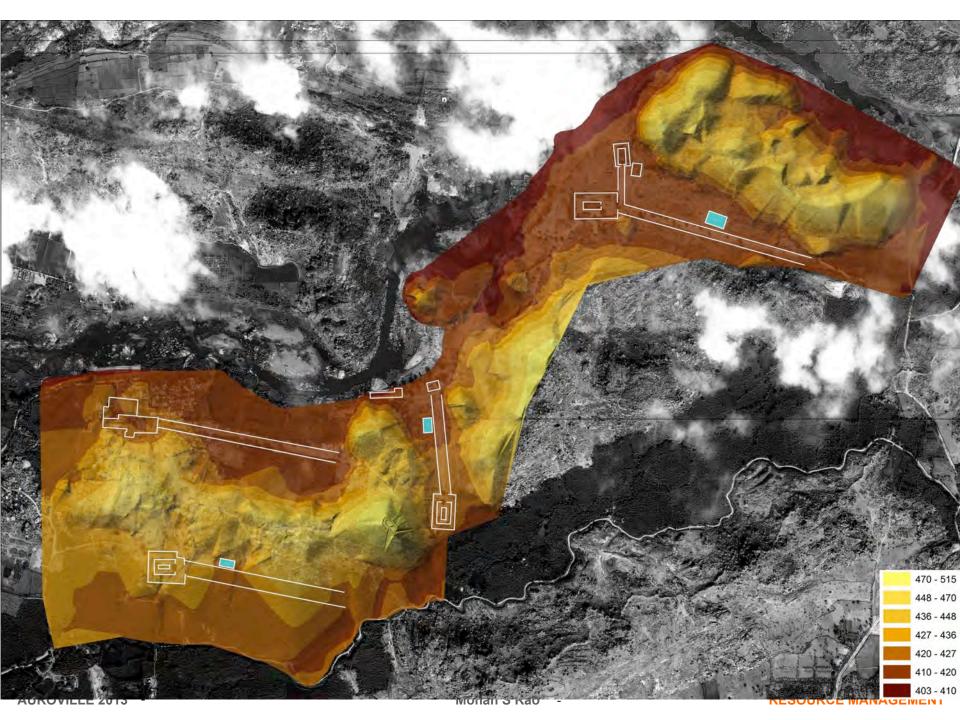


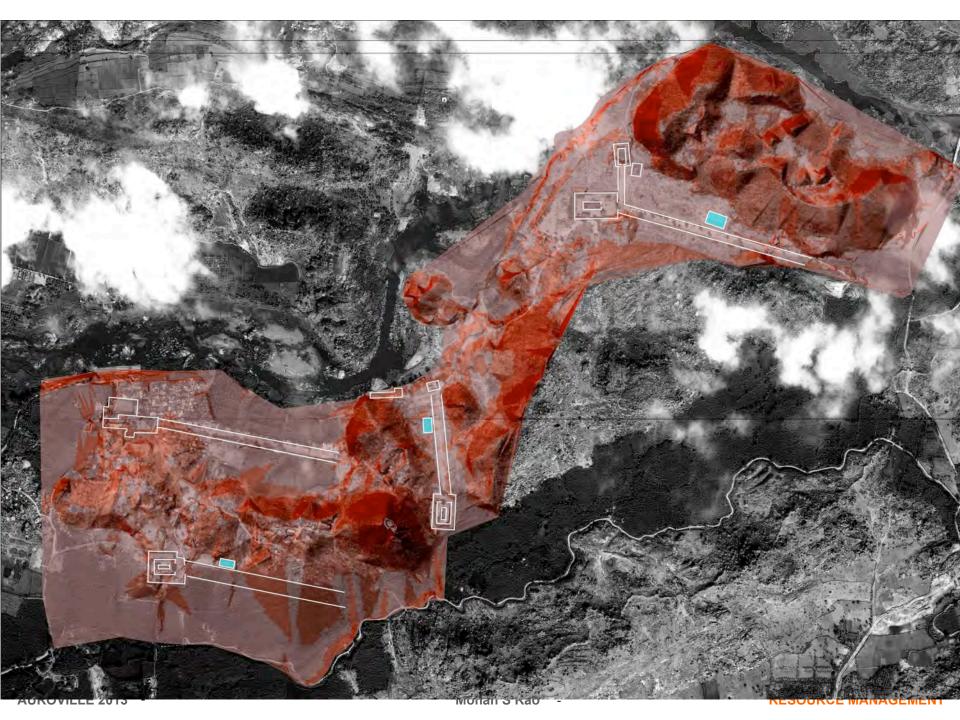


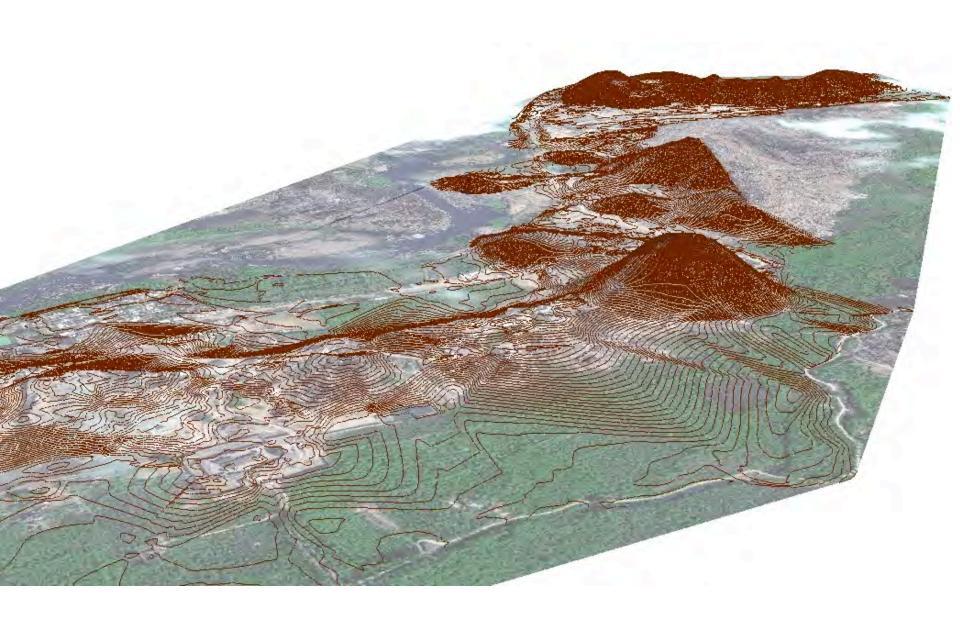


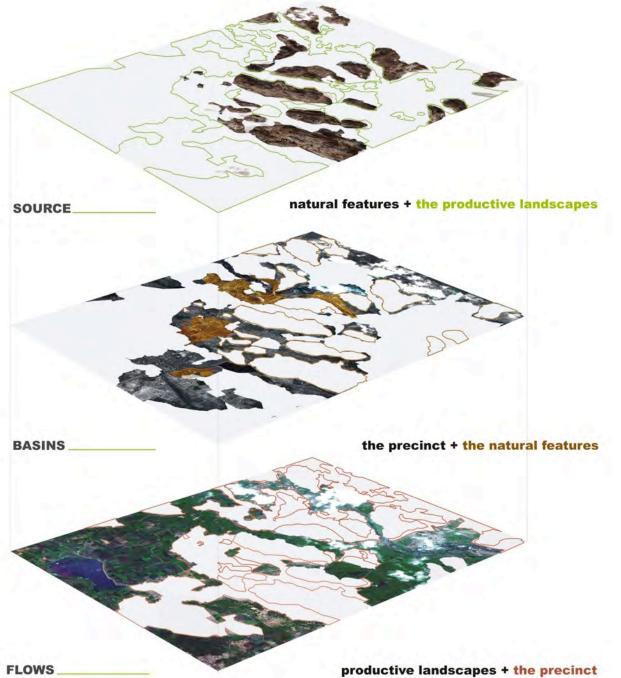








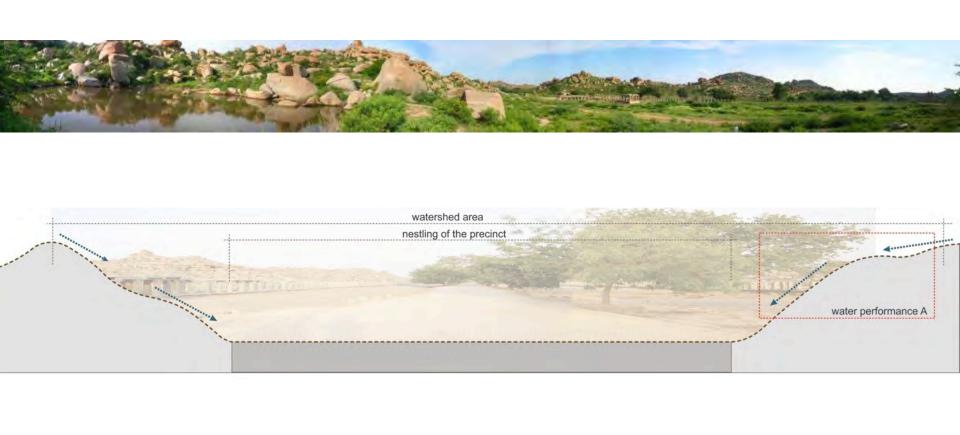


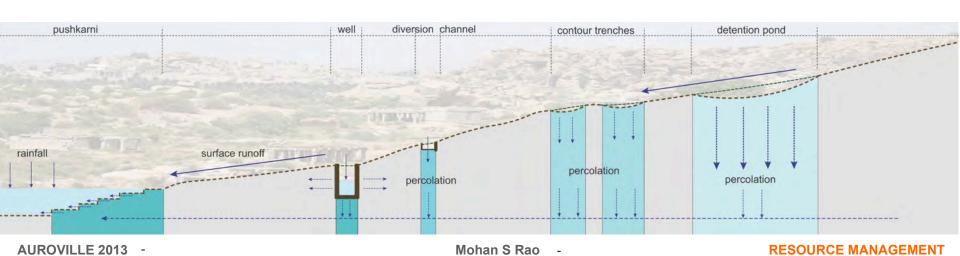






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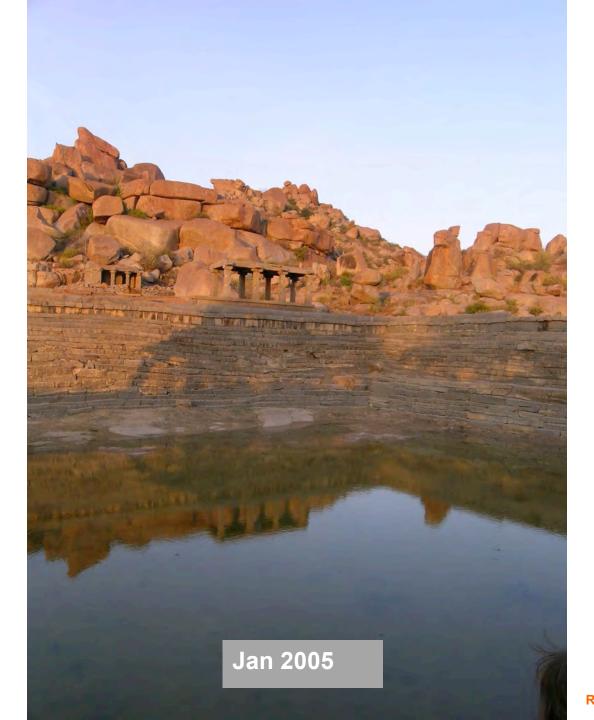




















COMPUTATION OF ANNUAL WATER REQUIREMENT (IN LITRES)

A. Water requirement for elephants can be capped at 250 litre (drinking) + 300 litre (Miscellaneous):

550 I./day/elephant. Hence, 550x365 days x 100 nos.: 2,00,75,000 litres/year.

B. Domestic water requirement for Mahout settlements:

100 elephants x 2 dependants x 100 lpcd x 365 days: 73,00,000 litres/year

C. Annual requirement for staff (30 nos.) at 60 L/day and visitors (500nos./day) at 50 L/day:

(60x365x30) + (50x365x500): 91,25,000 + 6,57,000: 97,82,000 litres/year

D. Annual water requirement for Irrigation:

Site area x 1mm/sq.m. x (365-30 rainy days) x 1000: 11,76,68,750 litres/year

Hence, Water Closure needs to be achieved for (A + B + C + D): 15,48,25,750 litres/year. This requirement can be derived from water retained on site and from external water sources/ agencies.

ESTIMATED WATER RECHARGE AND RETENTION AT SITE

Site Area: 3,51,250 sqm.

Annual Rainfall: 600 mm./ year.

Recharge possible after deduction of losses to evapo-transpiration and percolation: 100-70: 0.3

Therefore, recharge within site is [{Site Area + Area of higher elevation around site} x Annual rainfall x Recharge percentage]

(3,51,250 + 91,450) x 0.6 x 0.3:79,686 cu.m.: 7,96,86,000 litres/year.

But only 25% will be perennially retained: 0.4 x 7,96,86,000: 3,18,74,400 litres/year

Water that can be sourced from across the site (through a sluice network): Annual rainfall x Area of site x Recharge percentage x Retention percentage:

0.6 m./year x 33,800 sq.m. x 0.1 x 0.4 x 1000: 8,11,200 litres/year.

Total sum of water available: 3,18,74,400+8,11,200: 3,36,85,600 litres/year.

Therefore, the deficit is: 15,48,25,750-3,26,85,600: 12,21,40,150 litres/year.

Note

Recharge percentage will see a rise in its figure every consecutive monsoon, after treatment of site. This should reduce the expected shortage of water.

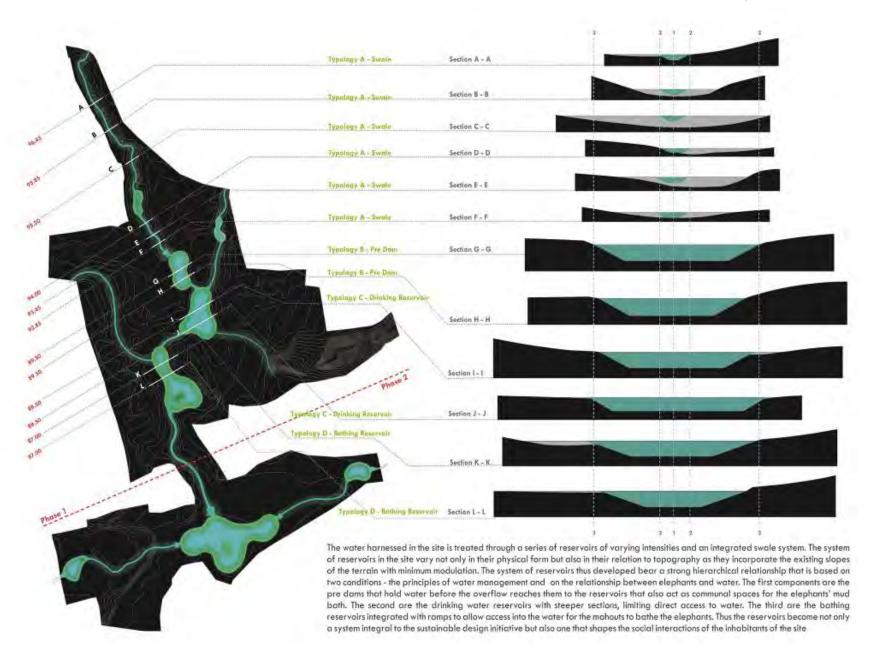
POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO OVERCOME WATER DEFICIT

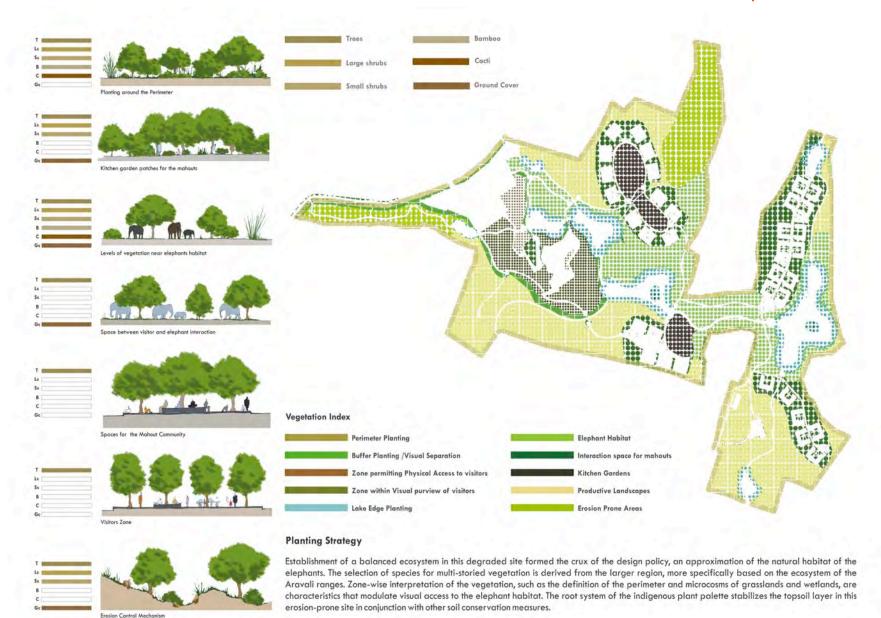
Water for irrigation, which forms a considerable chunk of requirement, will definitely be high in the first few years of development. Hence, it is preferable to phase out the development. The second phase for future expansion can receive minimal treatment for the first few years, till the recharge and retention percentage of water within the site improves.



The estimated annual water requirement of this habitation including drinking, irrigation and bathing (for the elephants) is around 150 million litres. Scanty rainfall averaging less than 600mm per year renders water closure on site an unrealistic proposition. To reduce external dependency, design initiatives encourage the retention of the surface water and its recharge. A series of large, interlinked reservoirs at the central low-lying region of the site are to be fed by a network of vegetated swales, punctuated by retention basins and larger ponds.

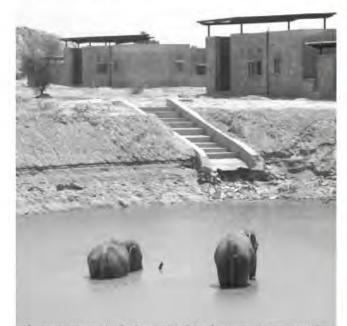
Understanding that the total amount of rainfall incident on the site surface would not be sufficient to meet the water demands, it then became important to harness and redirect water from areas external to the site boundary through a system of swales. The external water sources identified were the surface run off from the barren hill, the natural depressions along the site edges and certain key valleys flowing along the boundary.





The park/habitat is planned as an 'adaptable system' that is expected to evolve and grow in time by incorporating the existing ecology and then creating its own micro ecology. Time becomes an important factor in understanding the nature of the habitat as it allows processes - natural and social - to exchange and produce new relations, thereby enhancing the experience of the site.

The images illustrates the possible evolution of the nature and the spatial conditions of the reservoir with respect to ecological conditions over time and the associative relations that would emerge through it.



The approach to such a landscape articulation focuses on the conversion of a terrain that contradicts the 'traditional' vocabulary of its location but mediates and expresses itself to the larger ecosystem setting. Such a project in particular, probably stages a more impure and unstable organization of landscapes as it attempts to intermediate between disparate and at most times un-comprehendable forces working within the territory.

The space produced is more the nestling of user demands against ecology and environment and moving further towards cultural and functional tendencies and adjacencies. Though the need and the functioning of the landscapes has an embedded quality and quantity, its appropriation remains more open ended due to the constant oscillations between the user and the consumer of the space.







Water as a Resource – Management



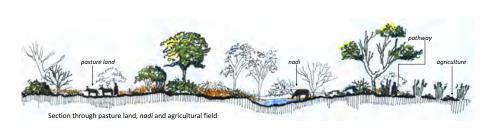






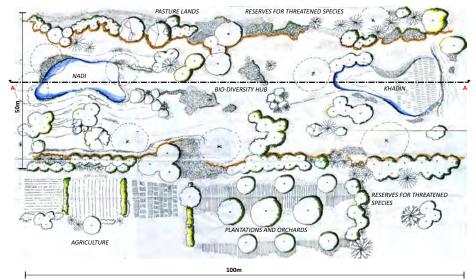


PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES INCORPORATING TRADITIONAL WATER HARVESTING FEATURES WITH PRODUCTIVE AND NATURAL LANDSCAPES





Section AA through nadi, bio-diversity hub and khadin



Water harvesting in and around bio-diversity hub (plan)

Jodhpur currently comes under the critical zone for depleting ground water levels. The site specifically has hydro-geological conditions such that ground water is available at 24-27m below in unconfined conditions only. Hence the need to create surface water retention ponds using the traditional system of water harvesting. These can be combined with agricultural practices like *khadins*, *nadis*, *johads* at a smaller scale or lined features like *tankas* where rate of evaporation is also controlled.

Each of these according to land use can be included with the bio-diversity hub, wildlife corridor, agriculture and horticulture fields, plantations and demonstrative landscapes. Topography conditions for each as below:

Nadi - Pond used for storing water from a natural catchment area during monsoons. Natural surface depression which could have stone walls on either sides to enhance retention period. Nadi a seasonal water source with water availability ranging from 2 months to 6 months depending on catchment characteristics, run-off and surroundings. Sandy plains (site) can have deeper nadis with larger catchment area. Problems due to : heavy sedimentation, evaporation especially in dry seasons and seepage losses. For these, timely de-silting required, secondly if shady trees are provided near a nadi, the micro-climate can be enhanced to reduce evaporation losses, lesser surface area. Average water holding capacity of a nadi is 20000ltr (20m³)

Khadin- harvest of rainwater on farmland and subsequent use of this water-saturated land for agriculture. This practice can provide an opportunity to tae up *rabi* crops without the use of groundwater irrigation. Millets can easily be grown in *khadins* which can also help restore the field fertility.

It consists of an earthen embankment built across the intended slope so that maximum rainwater runoff from the field can be conserved. Length of embankment rages from 100-300m (can be reduced as a part of demonstrative practice- a smaller catchment can be catered to)

- · Shallow gravelly surface required
- Gently sloping plain with soils good for crop production
- Bund size depends on rainfall, catchment and soil type
- Provision of spillway to drain excess water
- Minimum 1:15 ration of khadin area to catchment required
- Good grass and plantations be maintained in catchment areas

Johads – Earthen check dams that capture and conserve rainwater, improve percolation and ground water recharge. Can be spread across the site

Paar – identification of a micro - catchment area agar within the site to create a paar. Here , kuis / beris/wells are dug with smaller mouths to contain evaporation losses. The number of kuis will depend on the type of catchment area, depth being around 6-8m. These could be more of artificial recharge wells that help tap run-off from surrounding areas. Water from these areas can be re-routed to use.

Kuis/ beris- dug next to tanks/ in *agor*/ to collect the seepage; usually 10-12m deep with *kuccha* structures, covered with wood planks.

Bio-diversity hub deals with development and management of indigenous species of plants to regenerate natural landscape of the region. Best left undisturbed by heavy human interference, trails through this hub can be used for study purposes. ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION OF NON-ARABLE

Starting with pioneering species of vegetation that occupy a piece of uninhabited land first, the

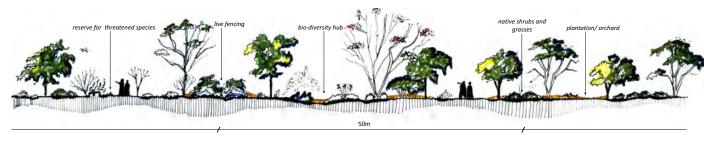
regeneration process would continue with other native plant species of the region. As a buffer/transition from habitated spaces for such areas, vegetation reserves for threatened species or

medically important species, energy plantations or

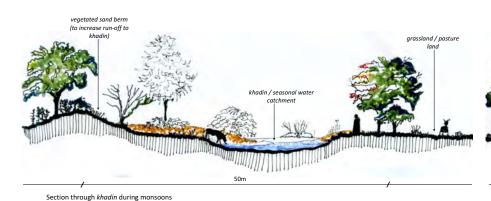
orchards, agriculture or horticulture, or

grasslands/pasturelands can be proposed.

rabi crop in khadin during winter



Section through vegetation reserves, bio-diversity hub and plantations/orchards



Section through khadin during winters

vegetated sand berm (to increase run-off to

khadin)

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR AND BIO-DIVERSITY HUB

Trees

Prosopis cineraria -khejri Tecomella undulata - rohida Salvadora oleoides - Meetha jaal Acacia senegal Kumath Maytenus emarginata Kankera Balanites roxburghii Hingoto Salvadora persica peelu Cordia gharaf Goondi Moringa concanensis Sargooro Acasia leucophloea – safed kikar Anogeissus rotundifolia Tamarix articulata- farash Azadirachta indica Neem Zizyphus rotundifolia Ber

Shrubs

Capparis decidua Ker Leptadenia pyrotechnica Khimp Balanites aegyptiaca Hingota Acacia jacquemontii Bhu-bavali Zizyphus nummularia Bordi Acasia nilotica Babool Grewia tenax Gangeti Echinops echinatus Untkantara Flueggia leucopyrus Ghatbor Sarcostemma acidum kheer kheemp (outcrop) Euphorbia caducifolia Thhor Commiphora wightii Gugul Calligonum polygonoides - phog Suaeda fruticosa –potassium content good Euphorbia nerifolia

Calotropis procera Aak

Herbs

Tephrosia purpuria Buena Solanum surattense Bhuringni (Chhoti Kateli) Crotolaria burhia Sinia Fagonia arabica Dhamasa Indigofera cordifolia Bekria Aerva javanica Bui Cassia angustifolia Sonamukhi Corchorus depressus Cham ghas

Climbers and creepers

Cocculus pendulus Pilan Citrullus colocynthis Tumba vel Clerodendrum phlomidis Arni

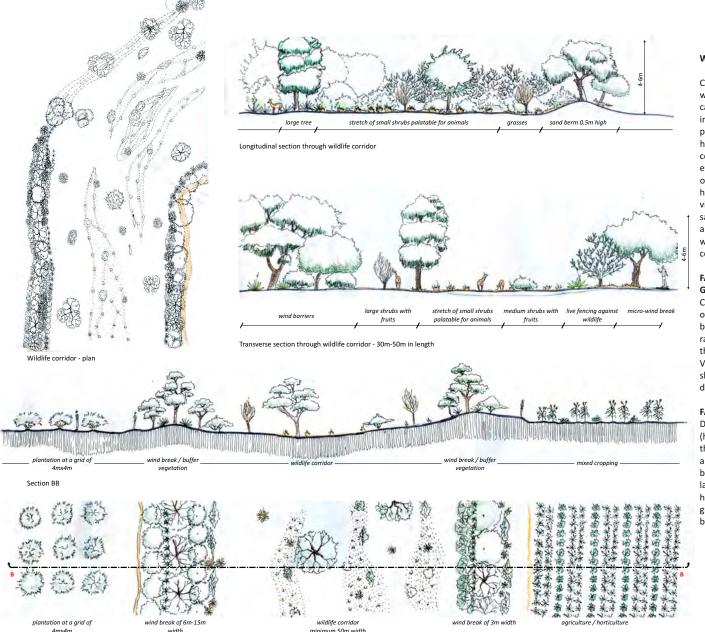
LANDS

Grasses

Cenchrus biflorus Bhurat Desmostachya bipinnata Dab Cenchrus ciliaris Dhaman Lasiurus sindicus Sewan Panicum antidotale Gramma Aristida adscensionis Lapla

grassland / pasture

ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPES WILDLIFE CORRIDORS



WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

Corridor is a linkage between habitat patches of wildlife. For an intervention of a huge scale like this campus design in an almost virgin landscape requires incorporation of wildlife corridors through the site to prevent an abrupt end to animal movements that have been going on since a long time. A continuous corridor may be required for large mammalian or even smaller reptilian species. For birds and certain other animals, stepping stones, discontinuous habitat patches might suffice. The site is inhabited or visited by species like blackbucks, *chinkaras*, gerbils, sand rats and reptiles. These corridors can be studies and visited by trails running parallel to the corridor without disturbing the fauna inside. Two kinds of corridor have been provided for:

FAUNAL MOVEMENT FOR FORAGING ON THE GROUND

Continuous stretch of land 30 to 50 m wide runs from one end of the site to the other creating a conduit for black-bucks, *chinkaras* and habitats for gerbils, sand rats etc. The development of landscape is based on the scrub forest found in Jodhpur and nearby areas. Various species of plants required for feeding and shelter have been recognized and incorporated in the design of a wildlife corridor.

FAUNAL MOVEMENT WITH STEPPING STONES

Distance for movement between stepping stones (habitat patch or foraging ground) is determined by the ability to see each successive stepping stone by animal species. A maximum of 30-50 m space has been provided between agricultural fields, pasture lands, plantations of fruit bearing trees, bio-diversity hubs etc. The space has been incorporated as open grounds, scrub vegetation etc. for clear visibility between two patches.

Incorporating wildlife corridors with productive landscapes (plan)

Watersheds - water flow directions

Protected watersheds

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

In a broader sense, green infrastructure consists of the inherent natural green resources as well as the built infrastructure comprising of storm water drains, waste water utilization set ups etc. which can be merged with the surrounding landscapes.

NATURAL

Ecological corridors:

wildlife corridors

bio-diversity hub

Special vegetation reserves:

For threatened species

For medically important species

Buffer plantations:

Shelterbelts and wind breaks

Woodlands 'orans'

Orchards

Energy plantation

Horticulture

Agriculture

BUILT

Storm water collection:

Surface run-off (paved surfaces)

Roof top run-off

Reed beds

Water harvesting structures

Waste water and sludge treatment and reutilization (DEWAT)

Settling tanks

Underground chambers

Gravel filter (constructed wetlands)

Polishing pond (constructed wetlands)

Vermicomposting pits

Biogas chambers

Circulation:

Pedestrian

Cycle

Vehicular

Other Services

LEGEND

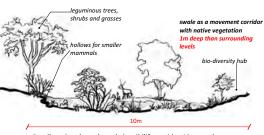
Green infrastructure

Built infrastructure

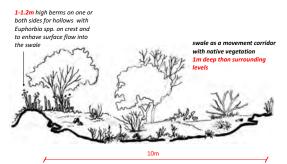


Buffer area around protected watersheds

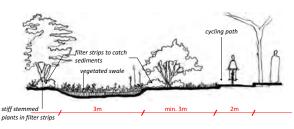
Sections through swale in wildlife corridors for a stretch of 50m buffer 10-100m corridor buffer 10-100m aariculture vegetation filter strips to catch swale (corridor) Section through swale in buffer zone between wildlife corridors and habitated spaces for a stretch of 50m transition between plantation / orchard ecological corridors and upto 0.60m deep



Detail section through swale in wildlife corridor-10m swath



Detail section through swale in wildlife corridor 10m swath



Detail section of swale in buffer zone between wildlife corridors and habitated spaces

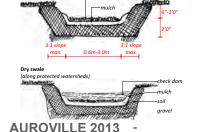
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS

Green infrastructure comprising of the natural elements will have ecological corridors and demarcated native vegetation areas.

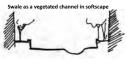
An ecological corridor will be either a movement corridor for the smaller and bigger mammals with islands of vegetation along, or part of the biodiversity hub.

A typical ecological (wildlife) corridor of 50m stretch consists of

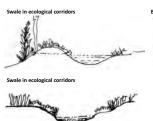
- 10m wide swale as a movement corridor
- a berm (1-2m high) on either or both sides of the swale, rather than just a depression, to exaggerate the slope and enhance the surface run-off into the swale; also for burrows / hollows of smaller mammals;
- vegetation specific to tolerance towards water as also drought conditions (native species) and provide food and fodder for mammals and avifauna;
- leguminous (nitrogen fixing ability) vegetation along the swale and waterbodies
- immediate buffer spaces between the swales and the surrounding areas of min. 10m



Wet swale (along built interface)



Swale as a water channel in hardscape



plaza / open space/ building extended space

