

SALT LIVING LAB PROBLEM MAP



WATER INSECURITY

PROBLEMS

- Poor condition of the infrastructure
- Uncertainty in the face of drought
- Lack of a water saving culture

EFFECTS

- Uncertainty in crops
- Disenchantment among gardeners and abandonment of city gardens

SOLUTIONS

- Improve water infrastructure
- Explore alternatives for water collection or provide training in low-water-demand cultivation techniques (e.g., mulching)
- Collaborative water management with logistical support and dissemination by the City Council

INSECURITY (THEFTS)

PROBLEMS

- Lack of surveillance and support from the police

EFFECTS

- Discomfort among gardeners at Salt
- Public fear of going for walks in the city gardens

SOLUTIONS

- Improve safety
- Enhance surveillance and maintenance of access points
- Create safe and open communal spaces
- Promote campaigns to revalue the gardens, such as « FROM FACES TO CITY GARDENS »

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

PROBLEMS

- Absent owners
- Lack of waste management system
- The Council cannot enforce the rules it establishes regarding the maintenance of gardens
- Lack of community spirit

EFFECTS

- Decline in horticultural, social, and landscape value
- Increase in wild animals
- Increase in shanty-style constructions

SOLUTIONS

- Cleaning and maintenance have been improved
- Commitment from the City Council to enhance the cleaning and maintenance of community gardens
- Engage citizens
- Create a collection and information point to facilitate waste management
- Provide gardeners with a waste card to use at the recycling center

LACK OF COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT AND FACILITIES FOR THE CITY GARDENS

PROBLEMS

- Little culture of participation and shared responsibility among users
- Lack of facilitation and of a reference space
- Lack of a community spirit

EFFECTS

- Loss of the social value of the city gardens
- Individualised management, increase in fencing
- Increase in shanty style-constructions

SOLUTIONS

- Promote community management
- Organise workshops, events, and community meetings. Define spaces
- Encourage training in sustainable agroecological practices
- Establish common rules and visual guidelines to improve the appearance and appeal of the gardens
- Transform the naturalist center into a multifunctional space

DISCONNECTION BETWEEN CITY GARDENS, SCHOOLS, AND CITY CULTURE

PROBLEMS

- Lack of vision within educational content
- Lack of knowledge or time on the part of teaching staff

EFFECTS

- Lack of knowledge of the history and value of the city gardens
- Disaffection amongst young people towards the city gardens
- Lack of knowledge about food-growing methods

SOLUTIONS

- Strengthen the connection between urban gardens, schools, and the city
- Involve educational communities in school garden projects and environmental awareness activities
- Strengthen the relationship between the city and city gardens
- Foster sustainability and agroecology culture through education

LACK OF GENERATIONAL REPLACEMENT

PROBLEMS

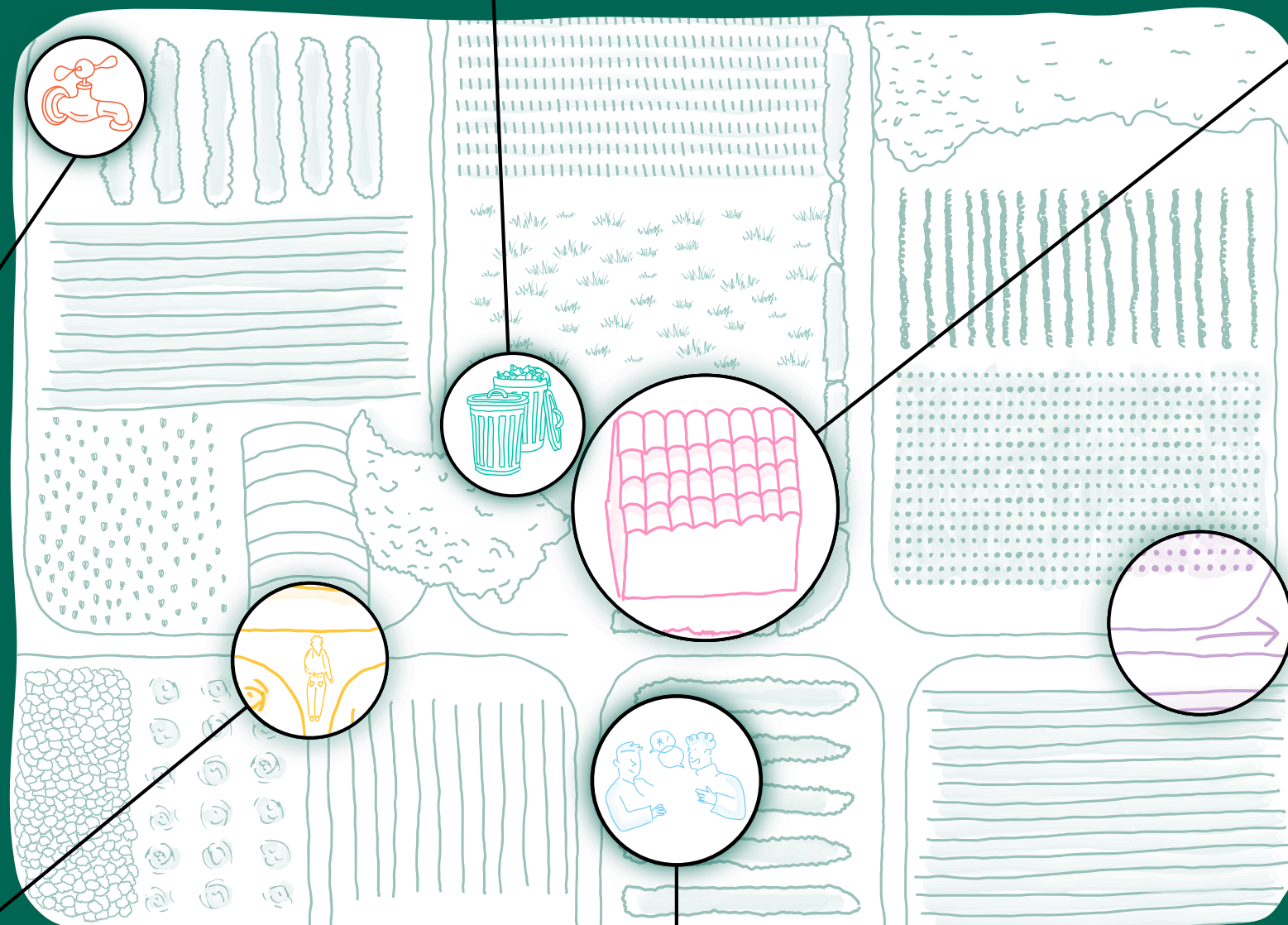
- Little interest amongst young people in horticultural
- Lack of training resources
- Limited prospects for employment in the field of agriculture
- Loss of prestige of agricultural work

EFFECTS

- Abandoned plots
- Lack of local production and underuse of the territory's potential

SOLUTIONS

- Support generational succession
- Create a pilot training and practice program
- Promote a network of new local farmers with technical support and mentoring
- Transformation of a former abandoned factory into a multifunctional space dedicated to the protection and revitalization of the territory



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