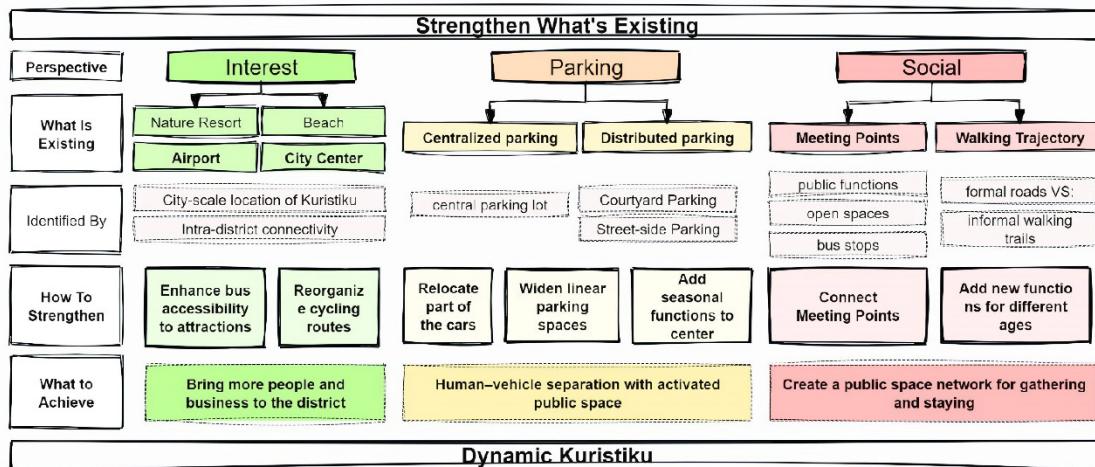


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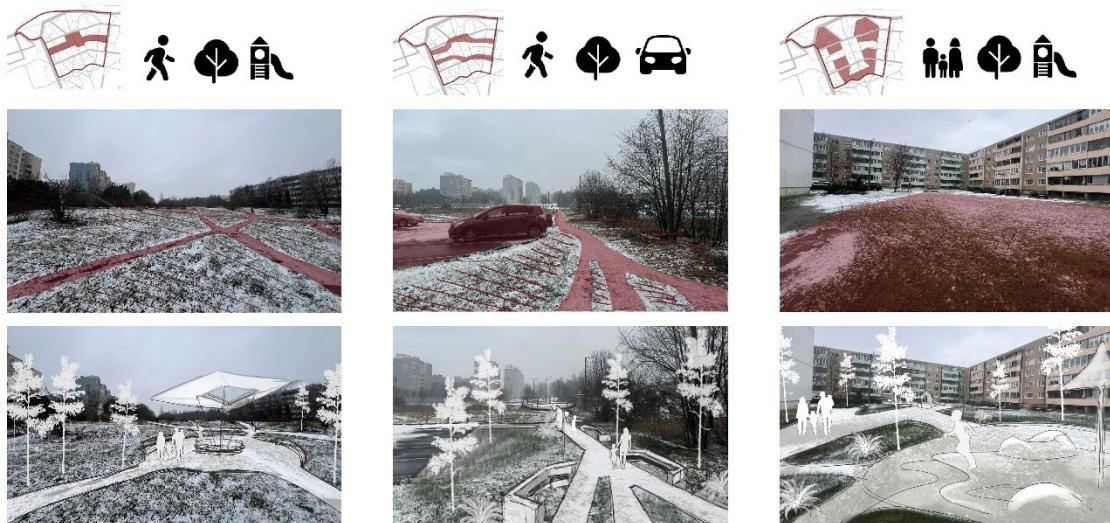
Kuristiku is a neighborhood with many social assets, such as playgrounds, schools, and markets, which form the foundation for community activities. The central green area is underused and offers potential for new year-round activities. Informal pedestrian paths can be activated with small kiosks, creating new meeting points. Parking lots in courtyards can host small-scale social activities, connecting residents to the neighborhood. Overall, small installations and interventions can energize the area and enhance its attractiveness and social life.



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Group 2: Seasonal Comfort

Our group explored seasonal comfort in Kuristiku, identifying infrastructure issues affecting residents. Many paths were informal and slippery in winter, and wind tunnels created discomfort in the central area. Seasonal analysis maps helped develop interventions to improve conditions. Planned actions include paving footpaths, adding structures to redirect wind, and planting a green wall at the neighborhood's edge. These measures aim to enhance comfort and usability throughout the year.

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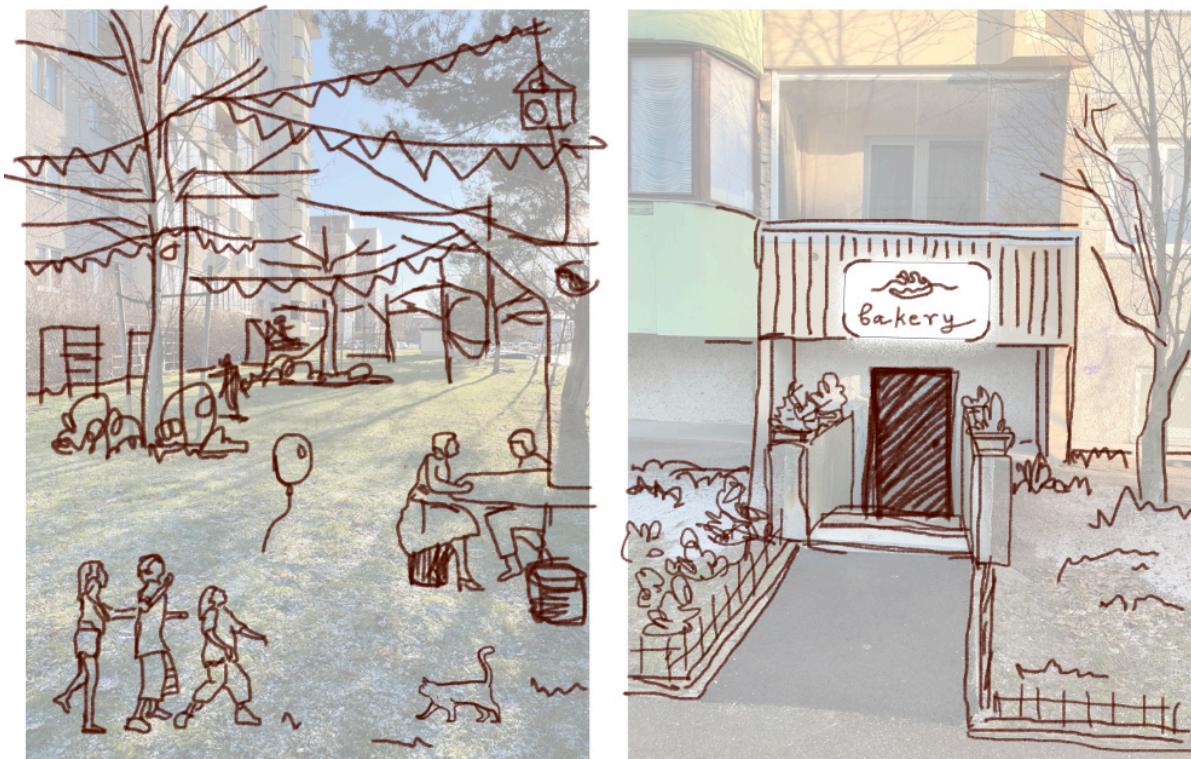
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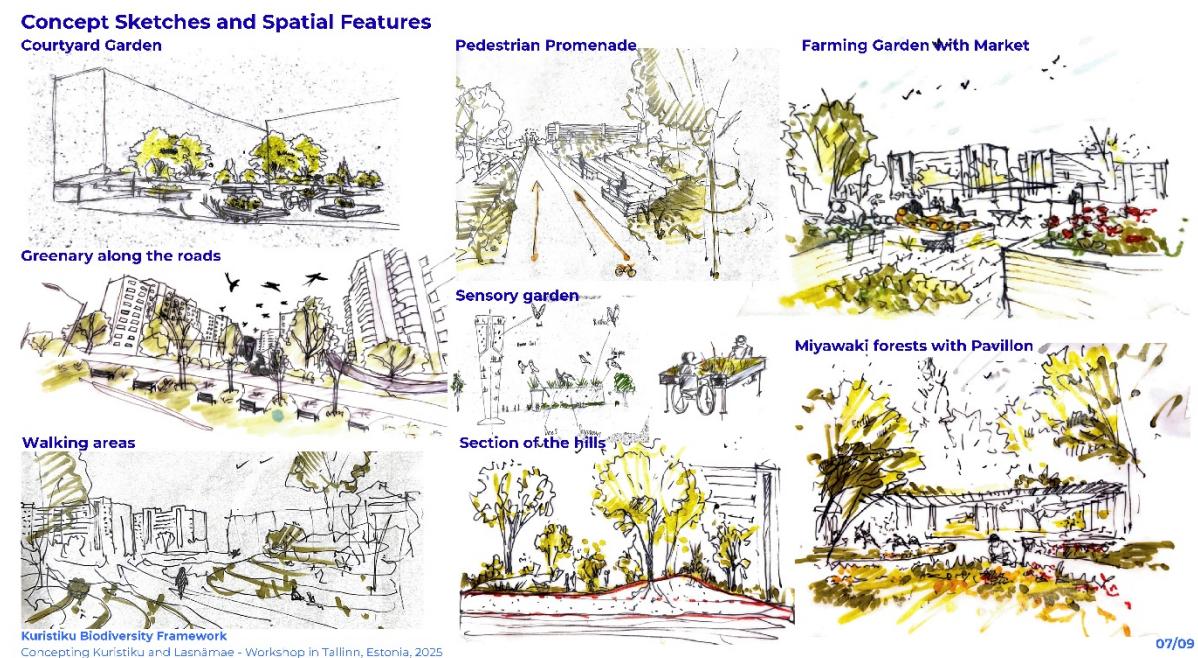
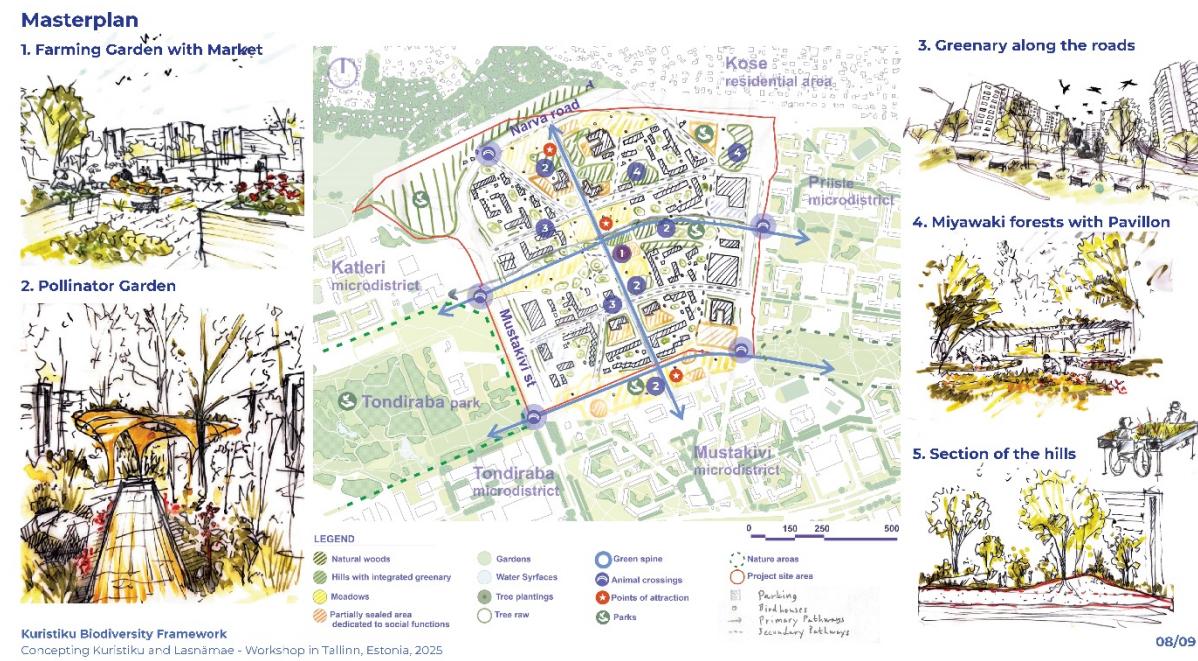
Group 3: Ground Floor Usage

Pedestrian and public transport routes converge at Kuristiku's center, where a low-quality parking lot and food court dominate. Many basement shops are unattractive or vacant but have potential. The goal is to activate and improve ground floors, making them more open and visible. New resident-oriented amenities will be introduced based on high- and low-frequency zones. This will increase social interaction and improve the overall quality of public space.



Group 4: Biodiverse Kuristiku

Kuristiku is a Soviet-era housing microdistrict with diverse green spaces. These areas face challenges like fragmentation and shallow soil. The proposal aims to connect green spaces into a continuous promenade functioning as a wildlife corridor, cycling path, and social space. Central parking would be removed to expand green connectivity. This plan also contributes to the citywide pollinator highway.



Group 5: Infills and 15-minute City

Kuristiku already meets many 15-minute city criteria, but some green areas remain underused and social spaces are lacking. The proposal introduces S, M, and L infills to activate public areas: S for small-scale interventions like kiosks or pavilions, M for medium functions like offices or bars, and L for a large cultural center. Surface parking would be moved to decentralized garages, freeing space for greenery and play areas. A new bike line would connect Kuristiku to Lasnamäe and potentially the city center, enhancing mobility. Together, these measures aim to complete Kuristiku's transformation into a fully functioning 15-minute city.

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