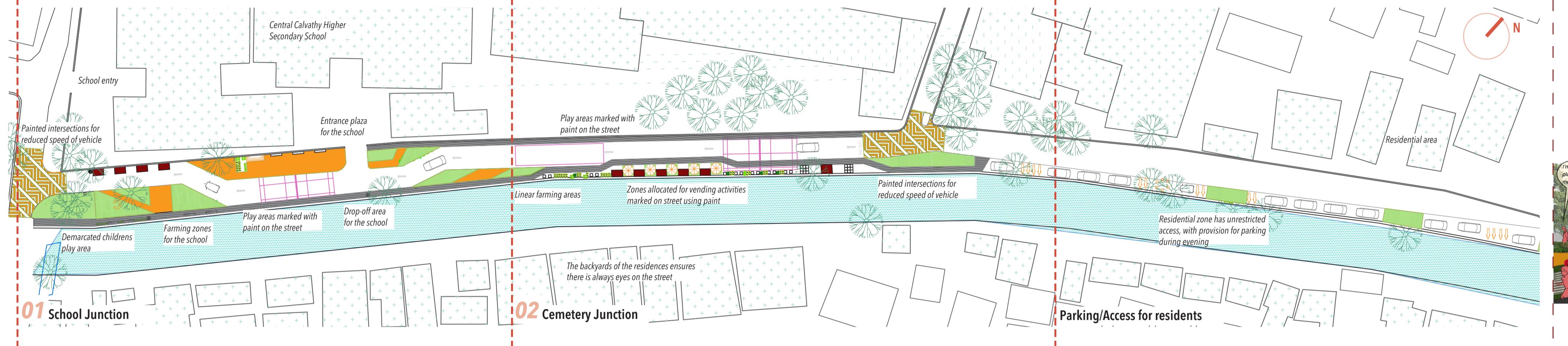


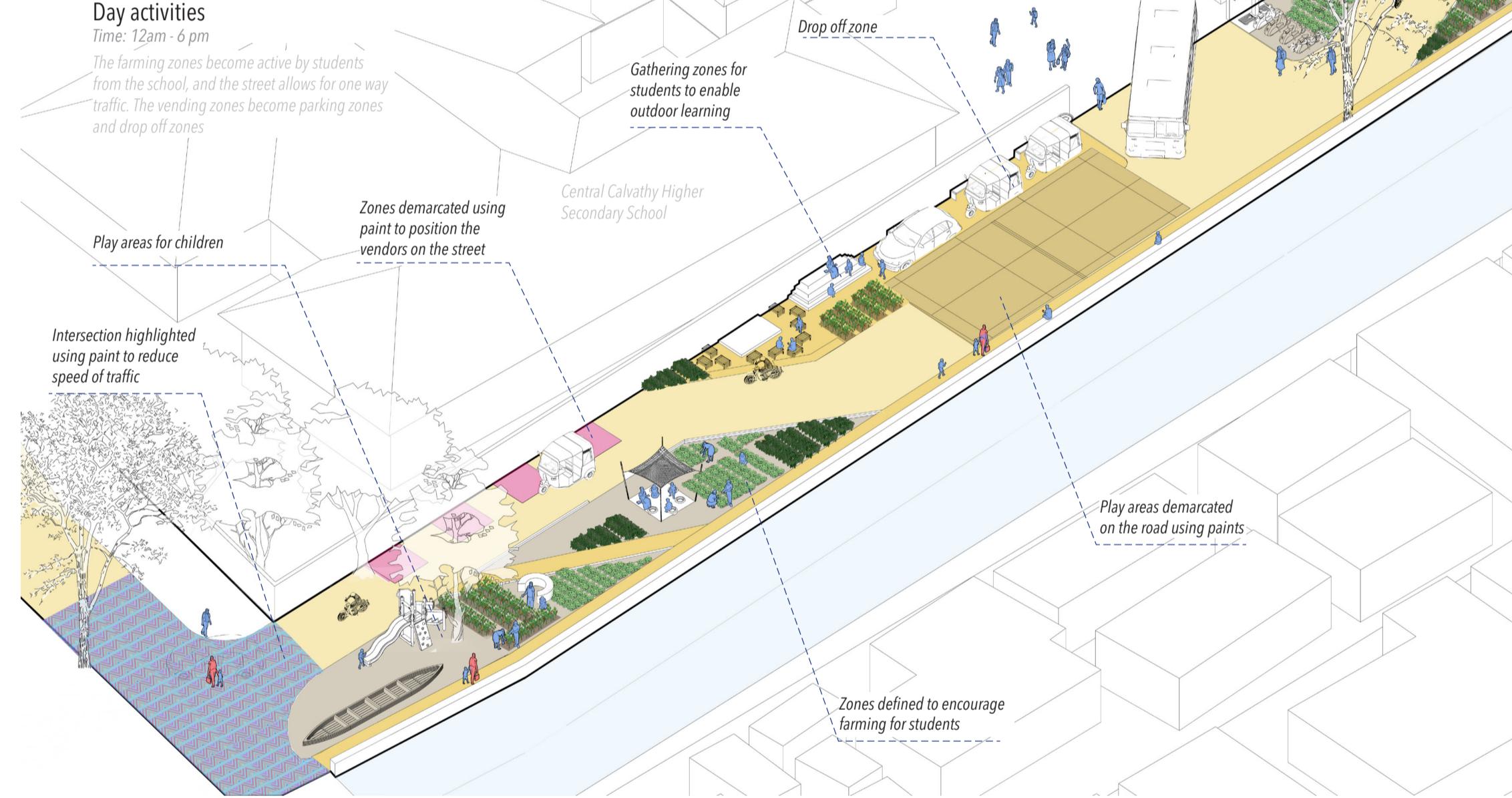
STREET A

Street A starts from a major node in the locality comprising of the school, community hall, anganwady ends in a Cul de sac, graduating through a nearly dead street. It is a vantage point towards the canal and the rear façade (also backyards) of households on the opposite edge. Though paved, the pedestrian pathways are discontinued. The active use prompted by the public institutions magnifies the necessity for a well pedestrianized access. The street is characterised by a long dead wall that acts as a backdrop for the activities coming in the street. Apart from peak school hours, the traffic is meagre in the street. Thus, the street is a potential market space.

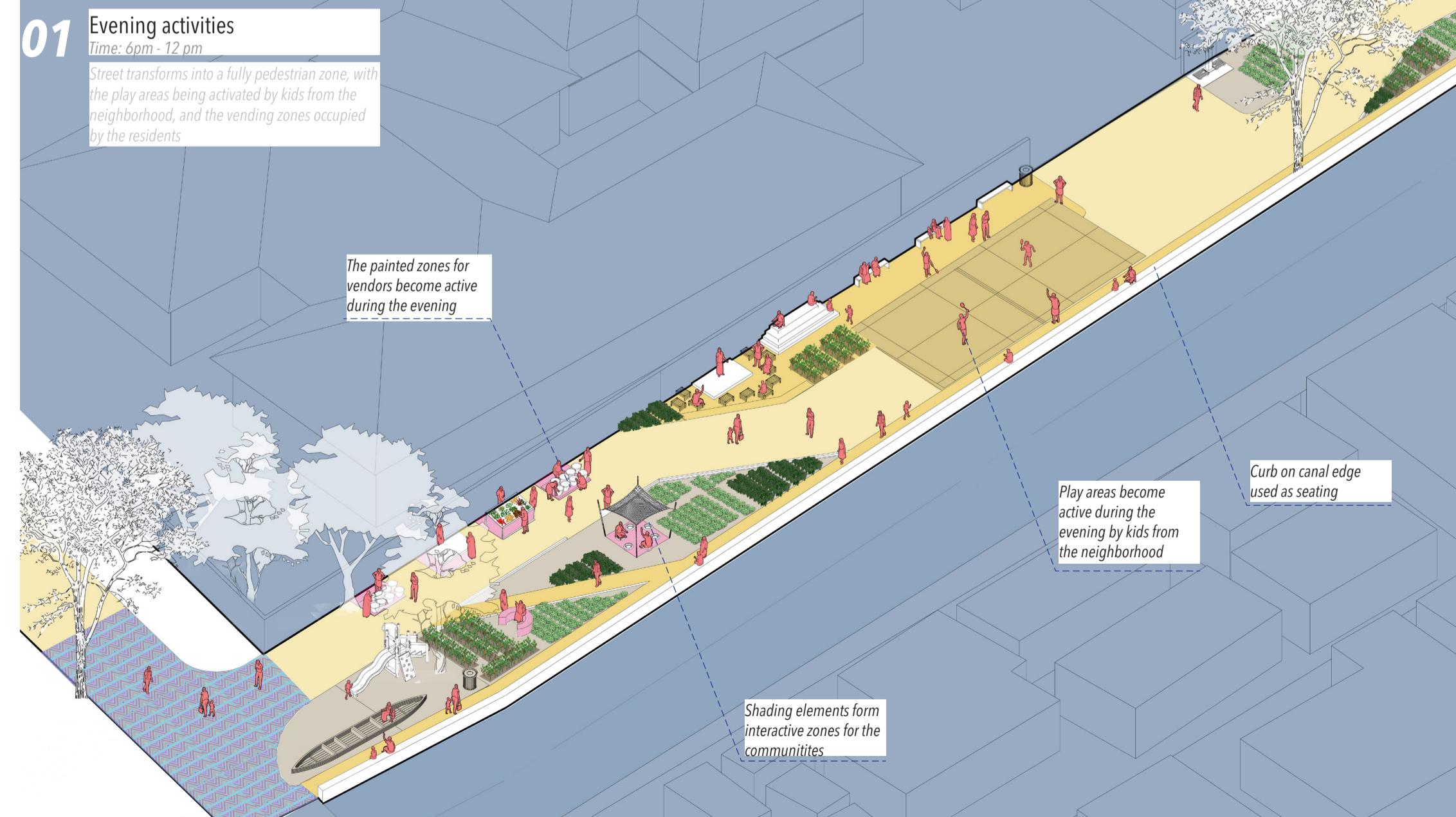
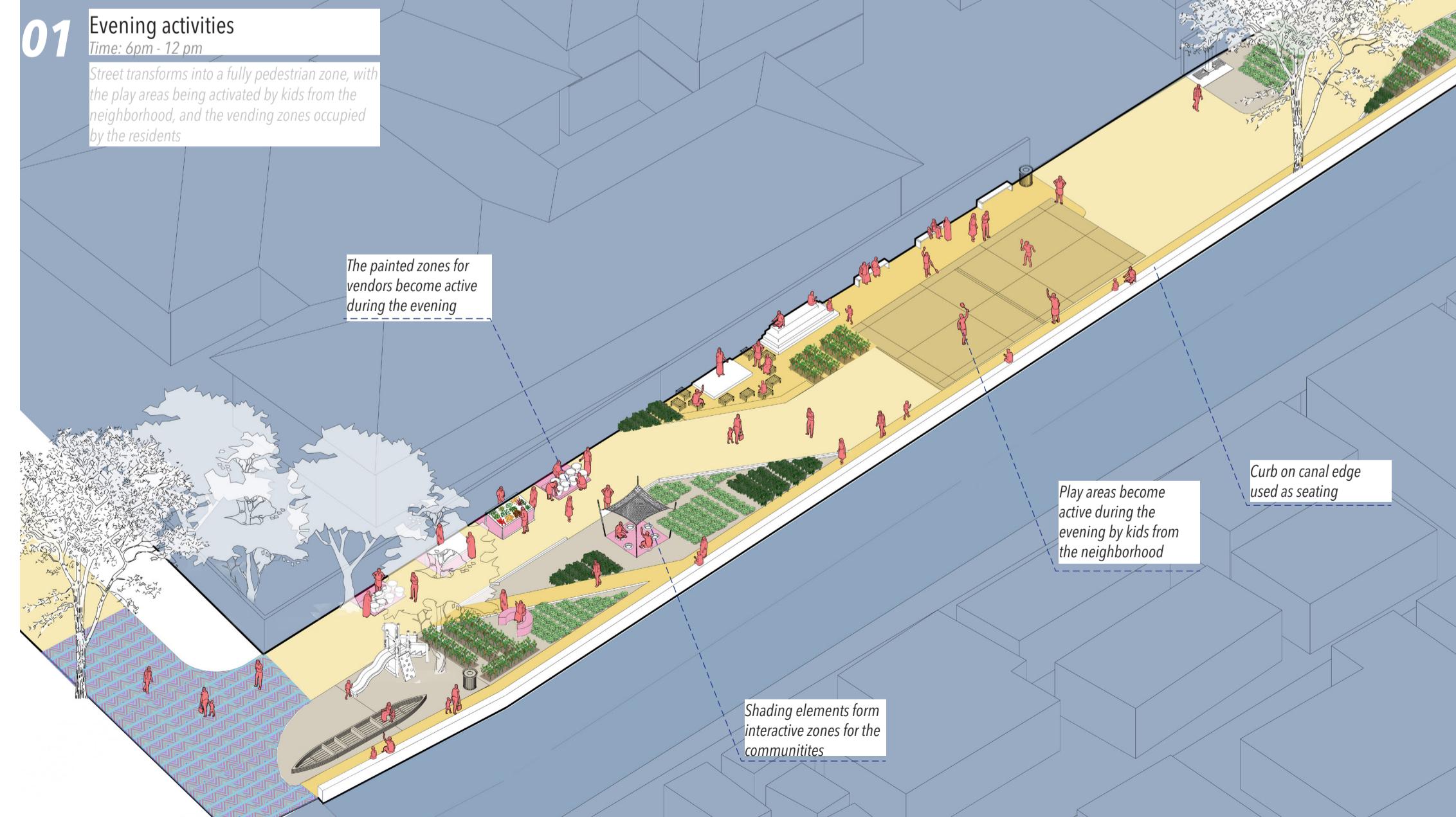
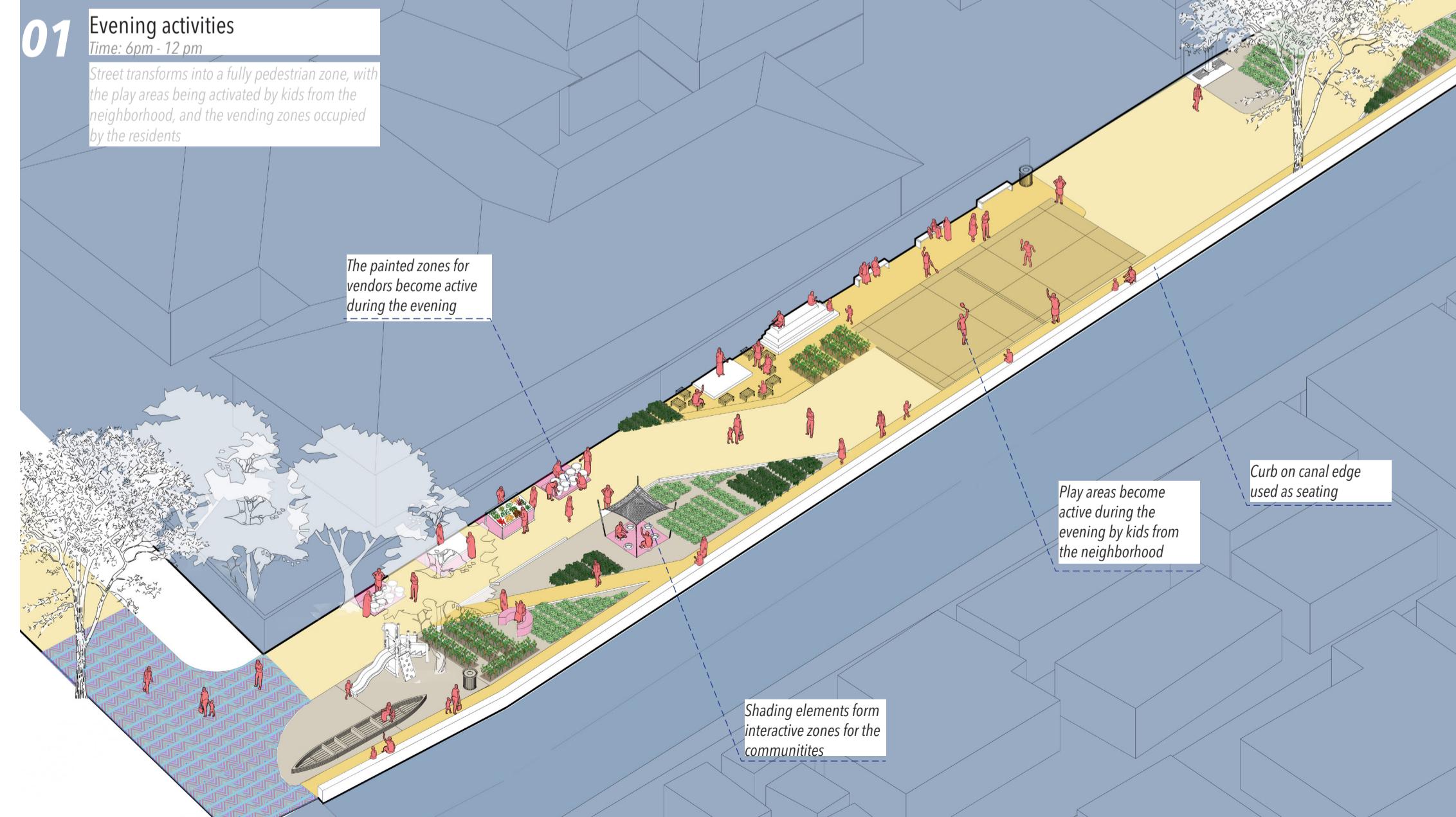
Being the node comprising school, community hall etc. the proposed street is a pedestrian priority street with bicycle pathway shared with pedestrian pathways. The street shall also restrict vehicular access to one way during school hours and restrict vehicular entry post school hours to transform it into an activity centre. Being an adaptive street, the proposed street acts as a safe commutable street during school hours, while in the evening the street character transforms into an active neighbourhood area by reducing permeability of vehicles, providing flexible market spaces, street furniture enabling interactive spaces and play area for the residents. The lack of activities for the students is identified, thereby providing opportunity for group farming and sufficient play area for recreation. On understanding that majority of the population undertakes day jobs, the attempt is to provide inclusive recreational spaces in the evening hours. The streets are already safe for women and children. Beyond safety, the initiative is to bring people to the front yards and facilitate a platform to indulge in activities irrespective of gender or age.



01 School Junction

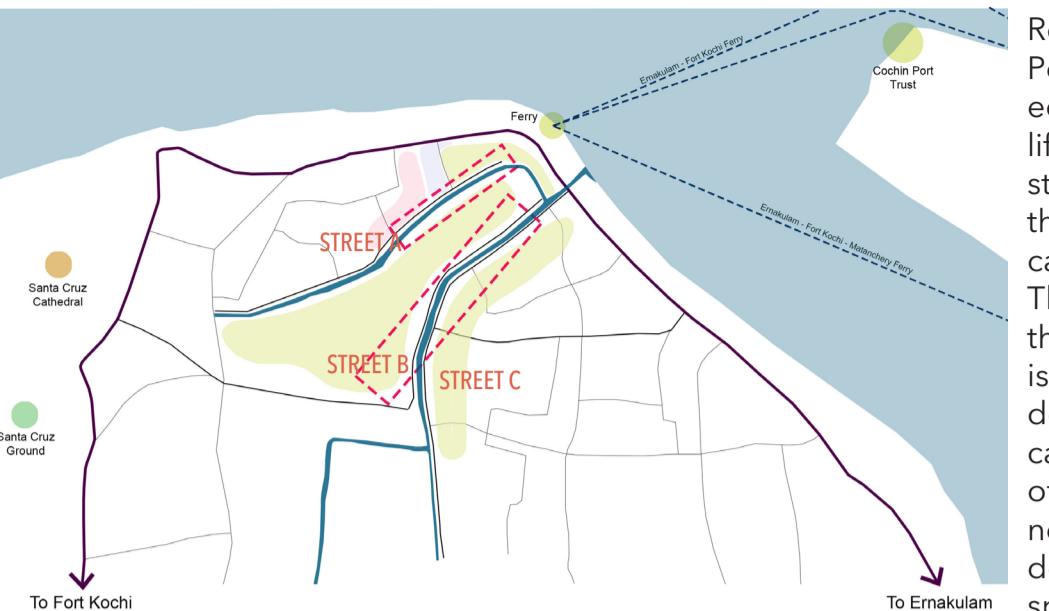


01 Evening activities



STREETS FOR PEOPLE

A Glimpse of the Project

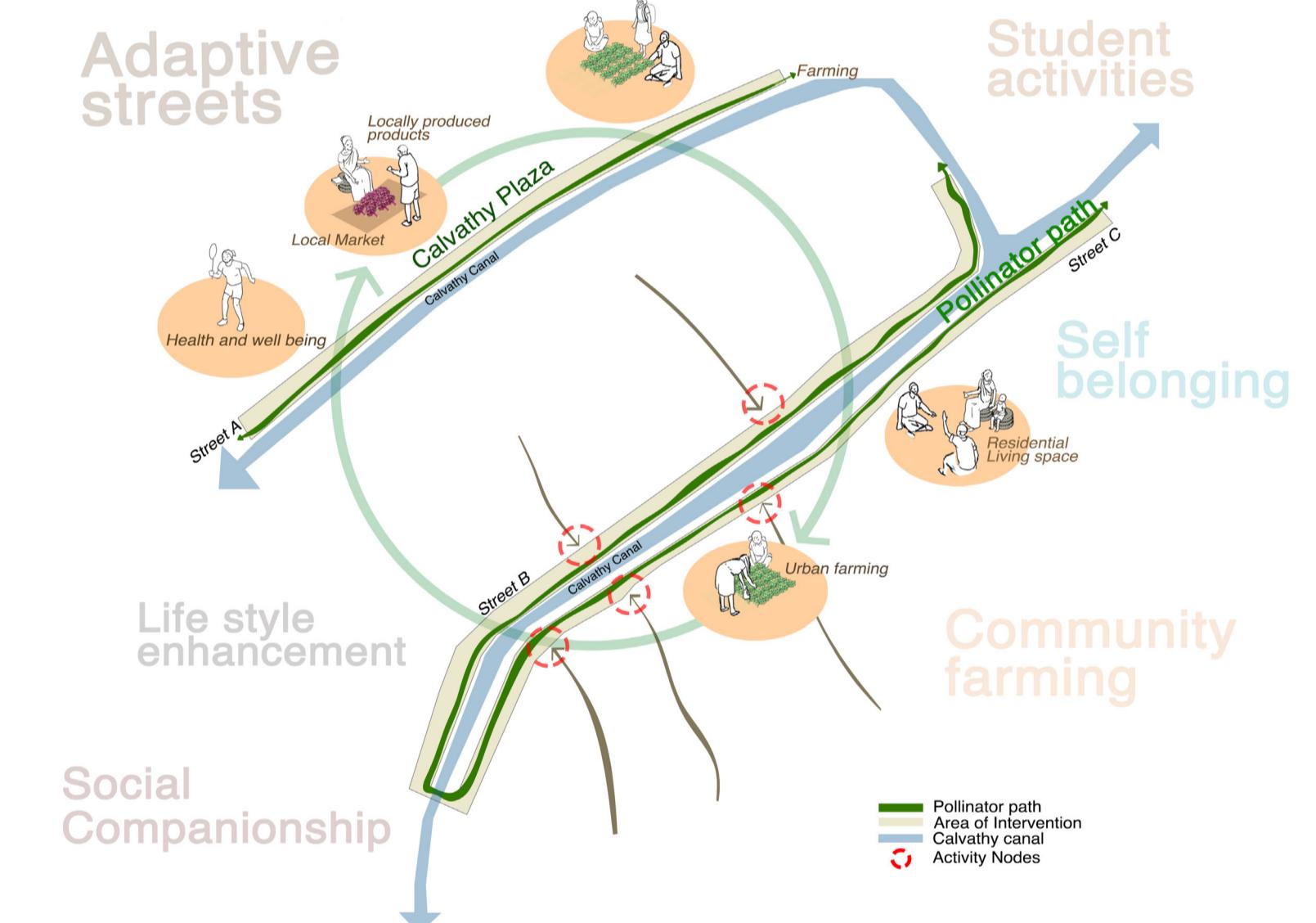


Reimagining the inert streets as "Streets for People", the project intends to arrive at fast economic practical solutions to awaken the life and activate the public realm in a crucial street in Kochi city, promoting self-reliance through community farming and activities that cater to individual and societal well-being. The site C chosen for the project, streets along the Eruveli and calvathy canals, Mattancherry, is predominantly defined by low-rise high density low income residential area long the canal edges. The existing substandard quality of street life in the neighbourhood is in dire need of a revamping to catalyse the presently dead/abused streets into an inclusive public space.

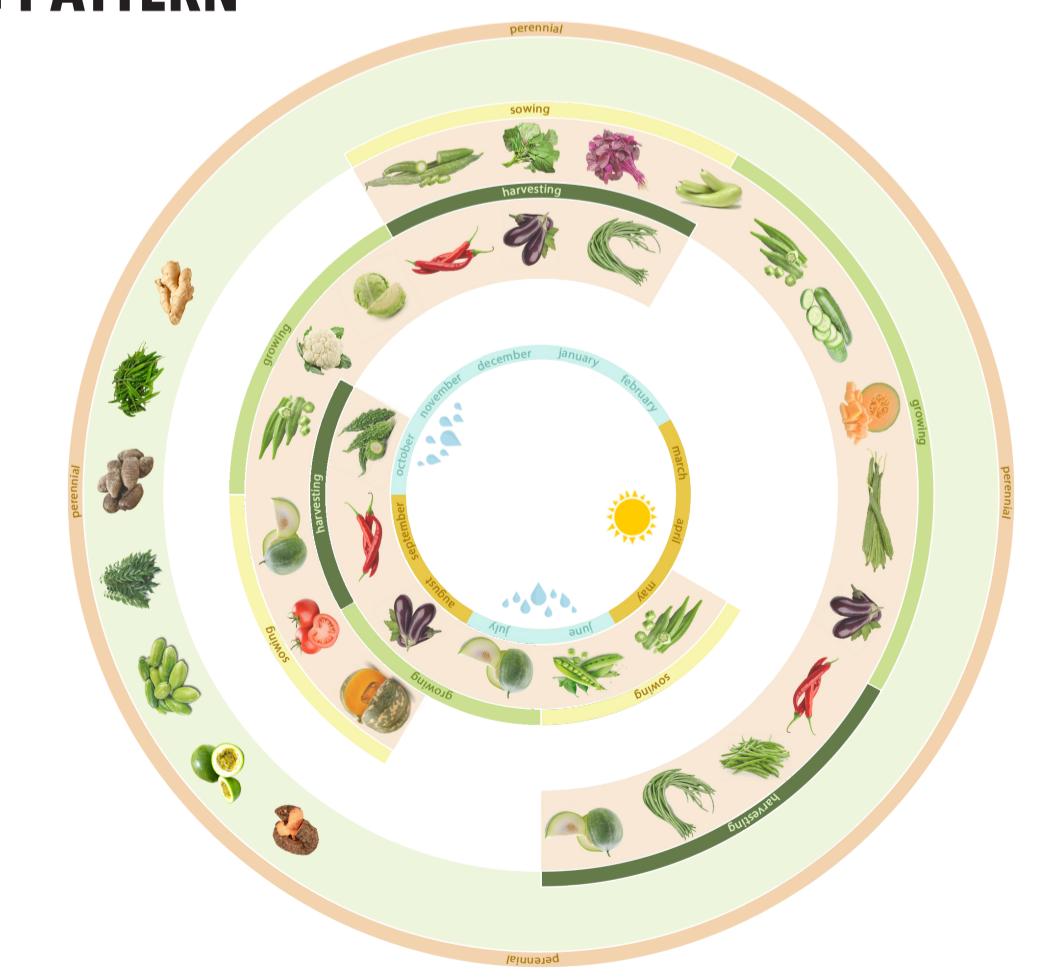


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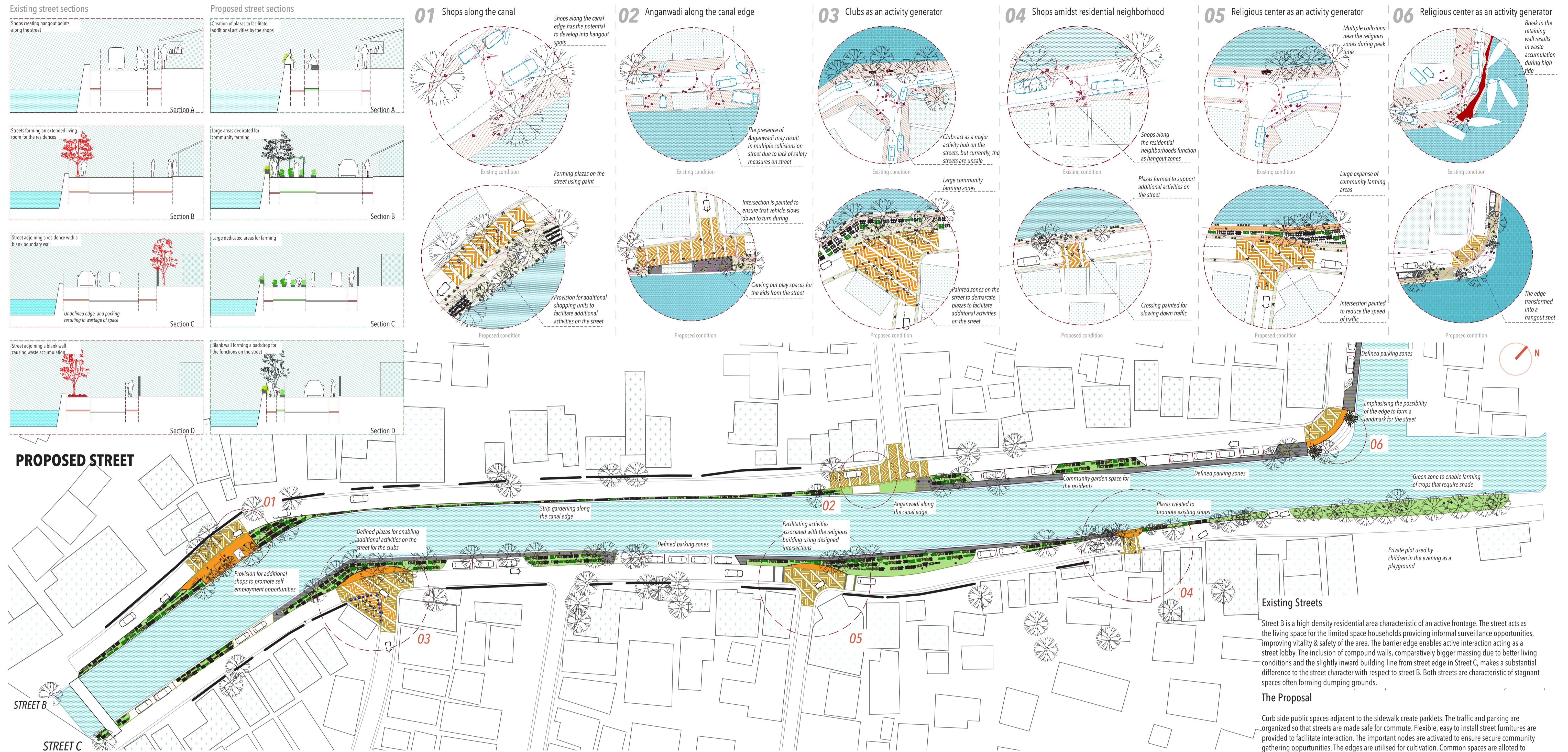
To cultivate a new relationship between the street and the residents creating a healthy self-reliant community using farming as a catalyst.



CROPPING PATTERN



The farming is introduced by means of mixed cropping and intercropping. In mixed cropping, two independent crops are mixed together and grown in an area, and in intercropping multiple cropping techniques where two or more crops are grown in proximity. Mixed cropping and intercropping are essentially two separate farming techniques with specific goals which are brought together here for better productivity.



The Proposal
Curb side public spaces adjacent to the sidewalk create parklets. The traffic and parking are organized so that streets are made safe for commute. Flexible, easy to install street furnitures are provided to facilitate interaction. The important nodes are activated to ensure secure community gathering opportunities. The edges are utilized for cultivation. Common spaces are allotted to people to grow their own produce.

ADAPTING STREET CHARACTERS

