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COMMUNITY GARDEN CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE
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Written statement, short description of the project in English, no more than 250 words

From mid-September 2022 to March 2023, the "WanQingWeiZhu (Caring for Those Who Once Cared for Us)" community garden construction group initiated the "Zero-Waste Garden Construction" practical activity. Initially, we conducted eight on-site surveys and multiple in-depth interviews with specific individuals. Through garden workshops, we gathered design concepts from the residents, resulting in three preliminary plans. After conducting another comprehensive survey, we incorporated the residents' feedback to merge the three plans into the final design, named "Hello! Old Friends!" Hello! wardrobes, windows, bricks, and bottles—these items are cherished old friends, who have found a new home in our garden. Hello, Mr. Wang and Miss Li! It's been a while—how are your flowers faring? We aim to create a vibrant space that provides new homes for old items and fosters community interaction. We invested significant time and effort in collecting waste materials. With the exception of a small quantity of bricks used in the garden, all construction materials were sourced locally. 64 residents participated in offline activities, while the online article garnered over 6000 visits. This project has ignited a resurgence in community garden construction, contributing to the creation of a charming and engaging living environment.

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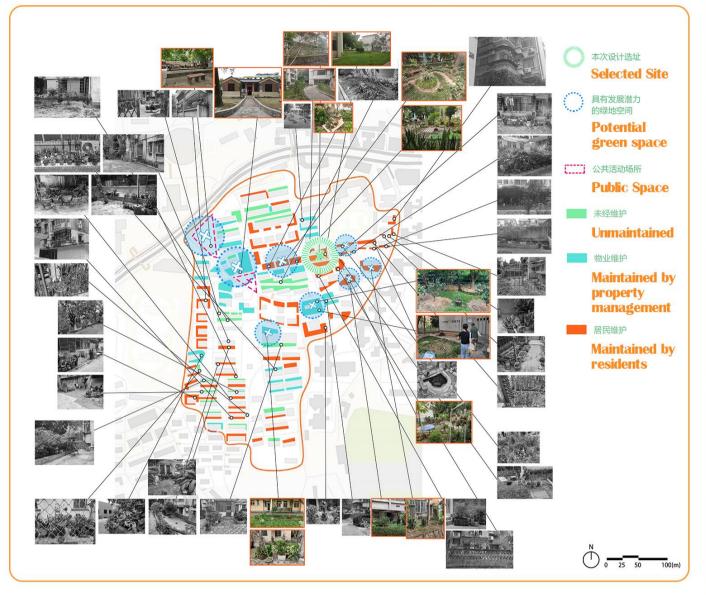
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SCHOOL PRIZE

PRE-RESEARCH OF THE COMMUNITY

Flow of practice & Team member

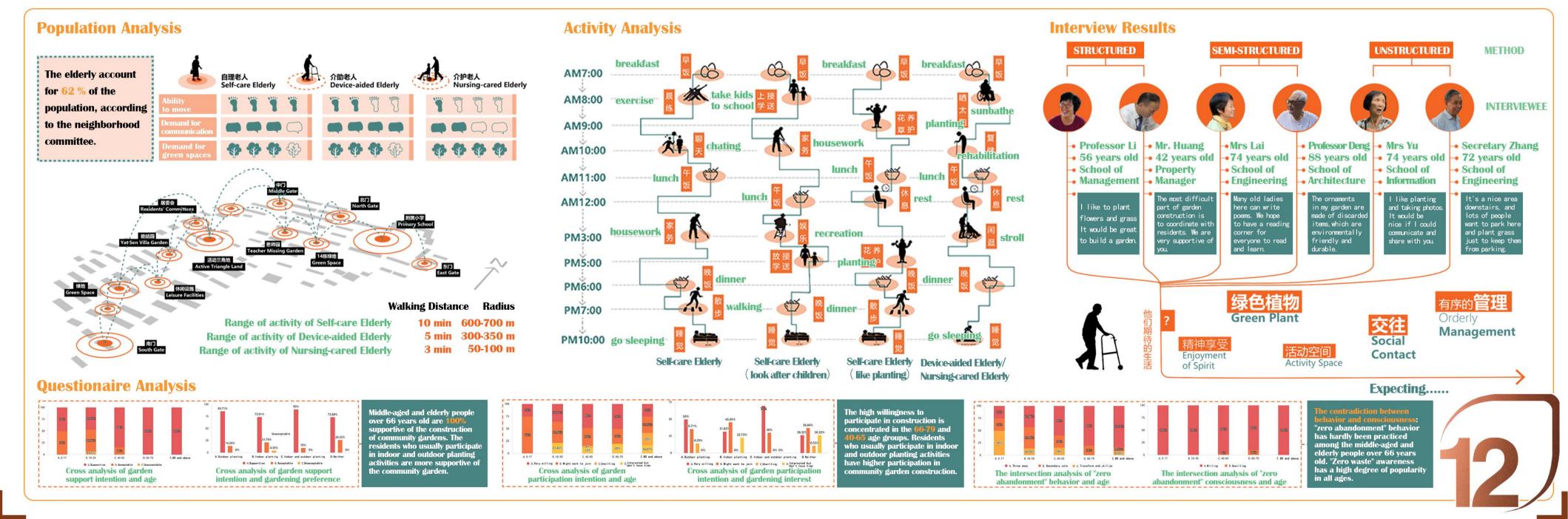
Spaces could be developed into gardens



Analysis of the selected site



On-Site Survey: An aging and highly educated community



GARDEN WORKSHOP AND SCHEME DESIGN

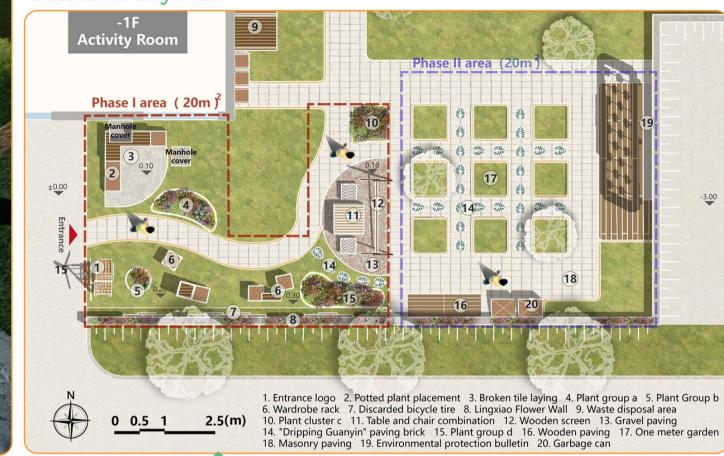
Aerial view



Partial rendering



General layout



Garden workshop

Material preparation





Workshop process











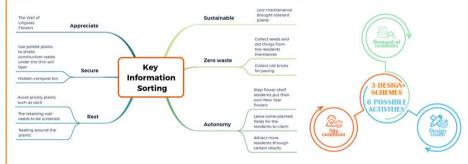




→ Preliminary conception

Idea integration

We integrate residents' garden design ideas through the guidance of different themes and formed 3 concepts.



Concept 2: Reuse of branches

We will repurpose the abandoned branches in the community and decorate the garden



Activity 2

Reuse of wasted lampshade

Decorate the garden; Strengthen personal connection; Create a cultural atmosphere.







We will plant the seeds cultivated by the residents in the garden and relay the green energy to pass on continuously.

Concept 1: Step by step
Through the construction of four phases, the ornamental, safety and autonomy of the garden will be improved.

Concept 3: Green delivery plan



Activity 1





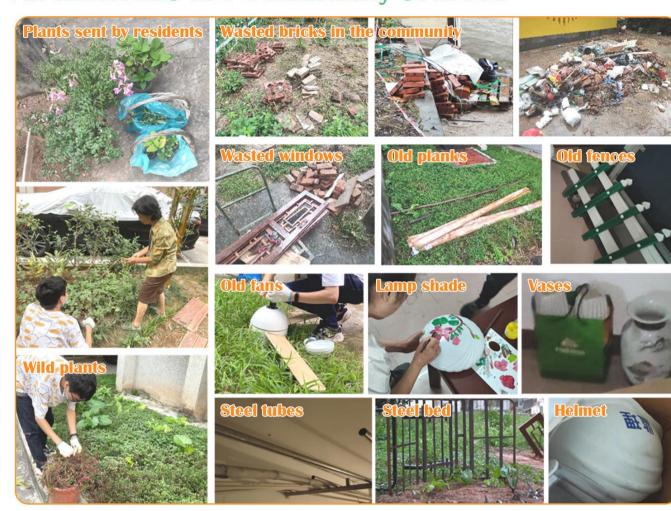




NSTRUCT THE GARDEN WITH COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

Finished Construction Plan

All materials are Community-sourced











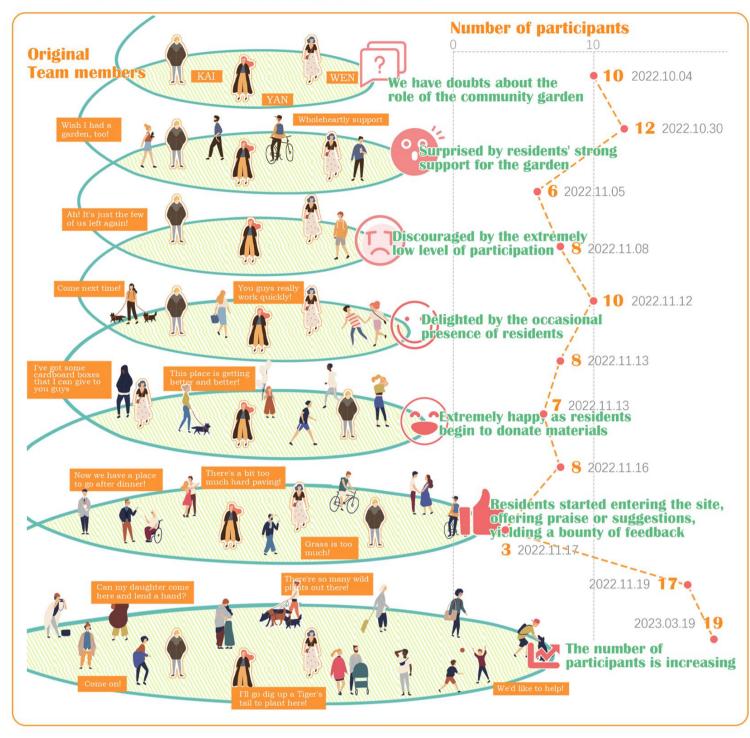








The garden's construction has changed the attitudes of residents and of us students



Modify and refine based on isightful feedback from residents





After the construction

Adjust the activity platform

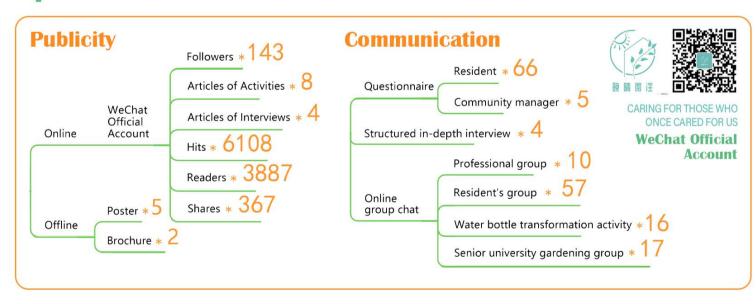
Based on the windows we collected







Operations for online and offline activities



The garden has been self-managed by residents

