

TECHNICAL DOSSIER

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Written statement, short description of the project in English, no more than 250 words

At a time of population growth and increase density in Israel, an entire region remains inaccessible, plagued by ongoing division, disruption, and marginalization. The landscape of the Israeli Negev has been transformed and is now dominated by military facilities and firing zones. One-third of Israel and 80% of the Negev region are under national security regulations, highlighting the extent of this closed-off area. The firing zones serve as catalysts for isolating the desert, imposing boundaries of intimidation and exclusion through maps, signs, and access arrangements. However, the Israeli identity is intrinsically tied to the desert's open air, freedom, and rich flora and fauna. This project advocates for the democratization of spaces, expanding civilian freedom within firing zones, and creating secure havens within national security areas. My proposal aims to enhance pathways and spaces, restore and repurpose abandoned firing zones based on military typologies, and establish a shared language that reflects the desert landscape. In particular, I focus on Nitzana, a civilian enclave located within a firing zone, which lies between creeks and settlements and is filled with abandoned military "earth structures." These remnants are transformed into "ecology labs," serving as educational hubs that integrate diverse landscapes within a military zone. These labs encompass nature conservation, desert agriculture, pathways, and platforms for creative interventions. Safe routes depart from Nitzana, seamlessly integrating into the wider regional network. By embracing this transformative approach, the Negev awakens from its silence, fostering freedom and action.

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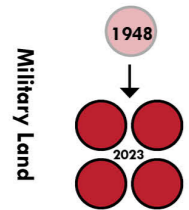
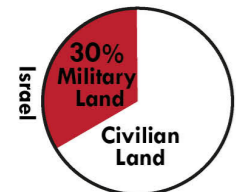
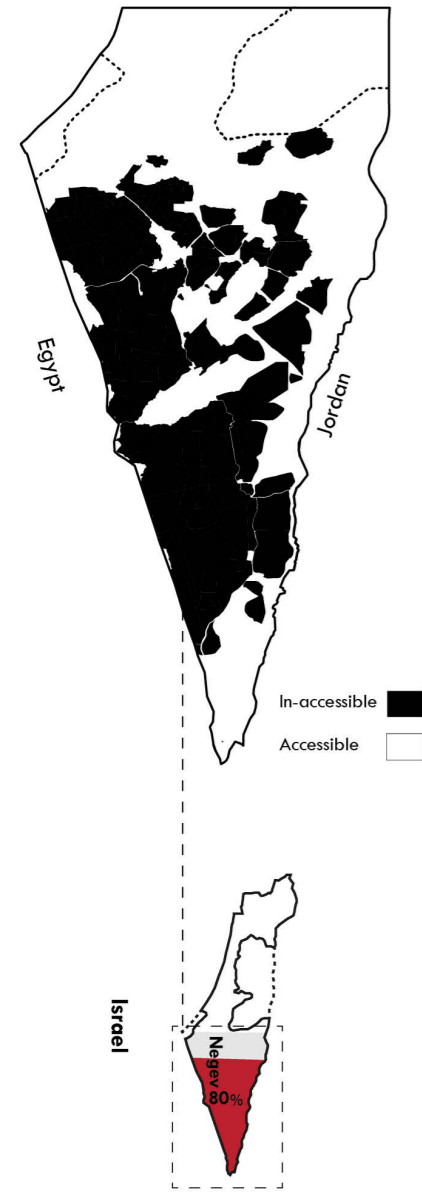
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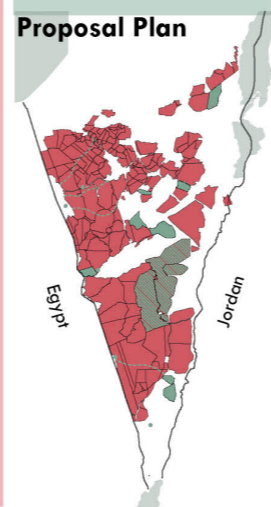
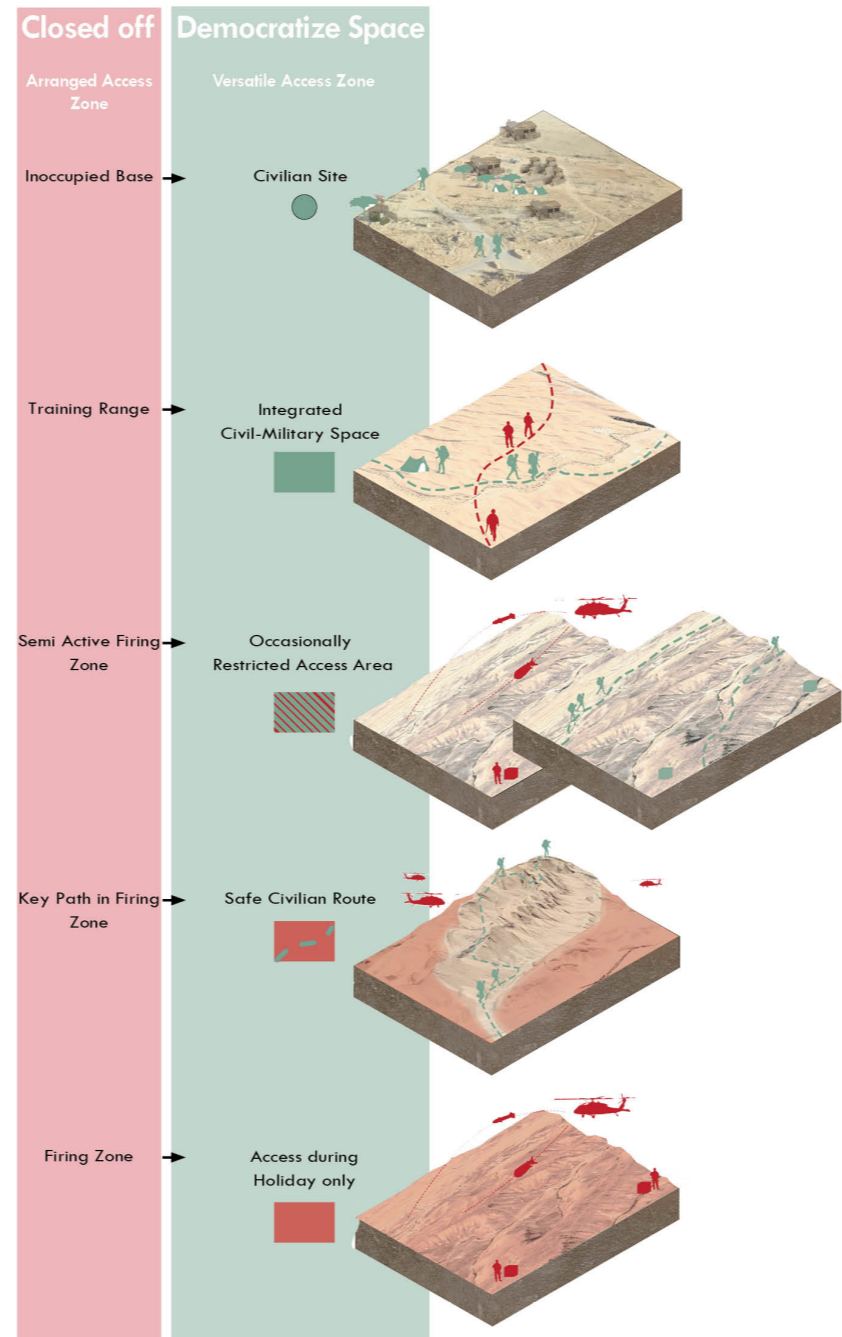
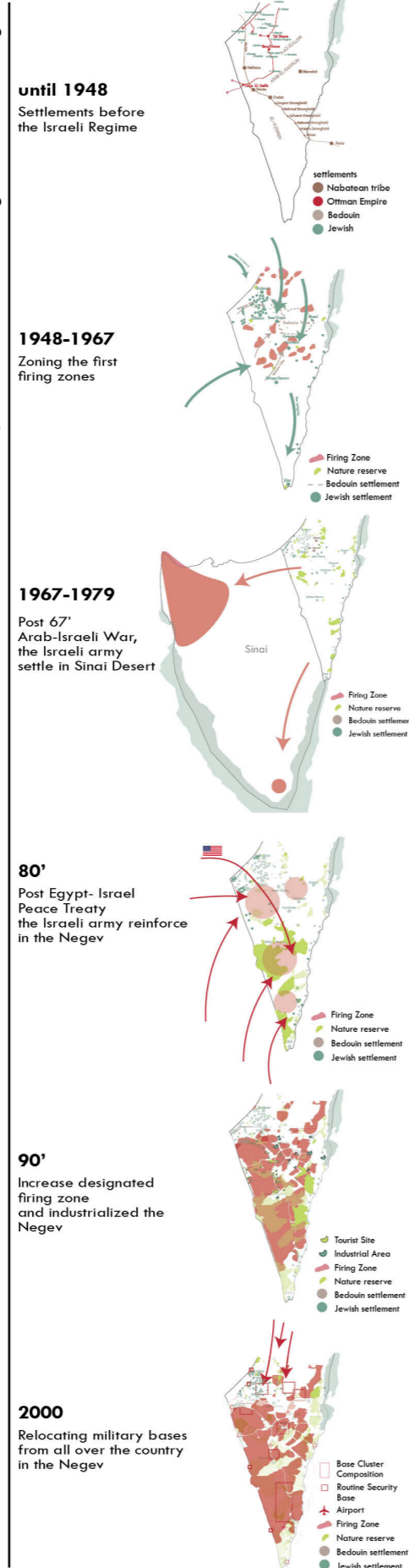
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Transforming Israel's Firing Zones for Renewed Perspectives

Noli Negev



Timeline | The formation of firing zones in the Negev



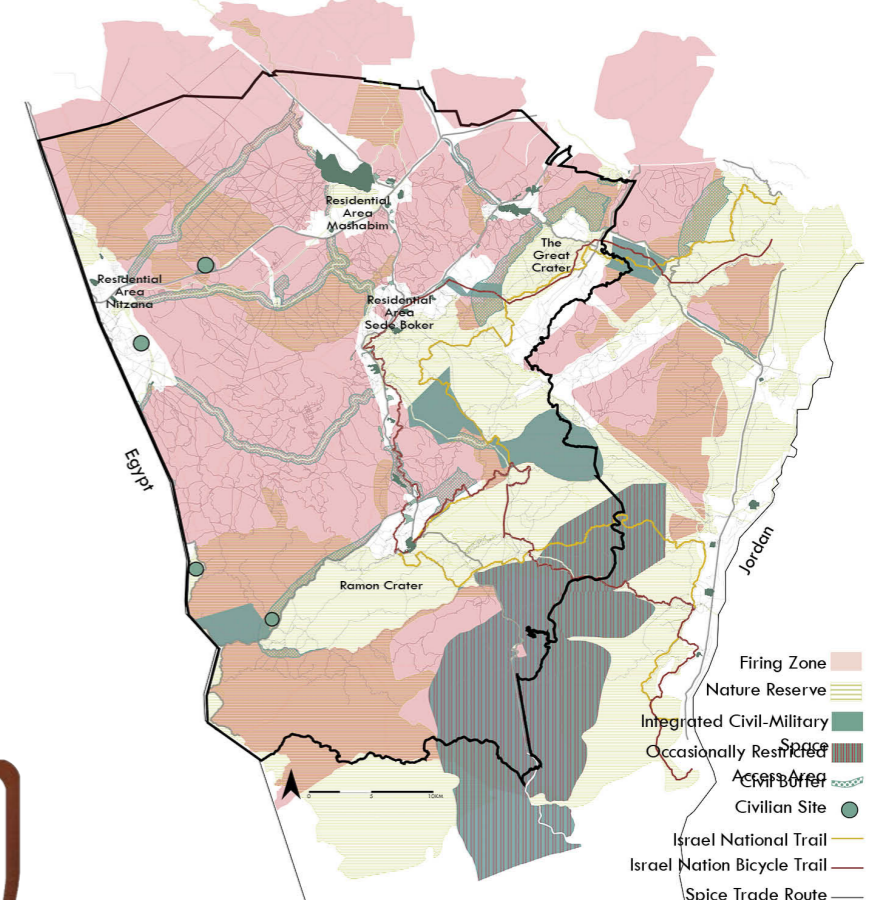
- Route Signal
- 3 Language Signs
- Guided App



Current Status | Regional Council Ramat HaNegev

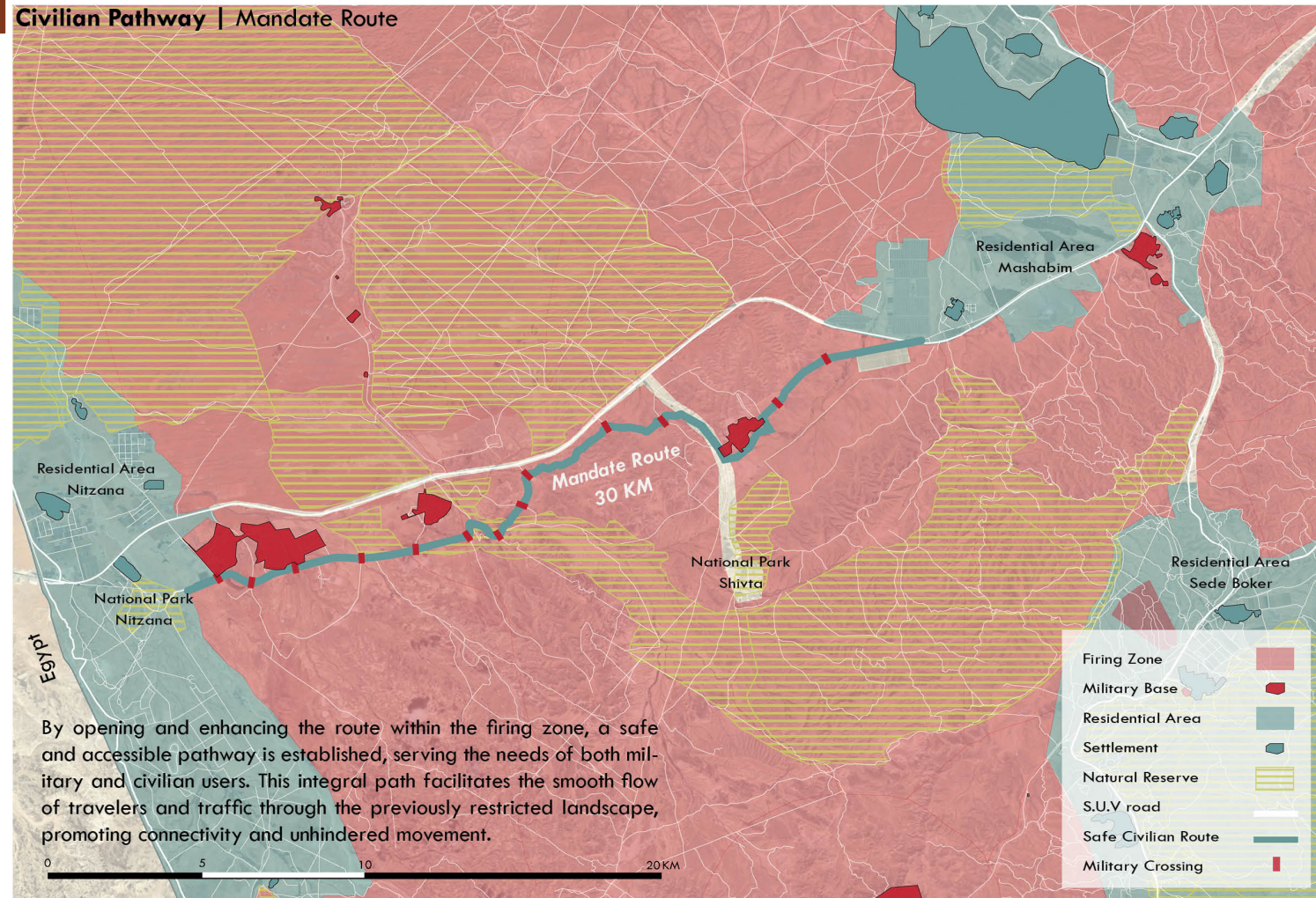


Proposal Plan | Regional Council Ramat HaNegev

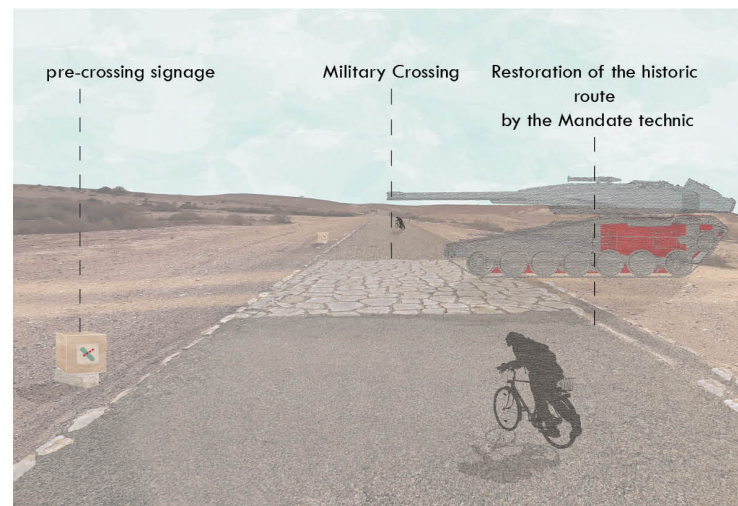
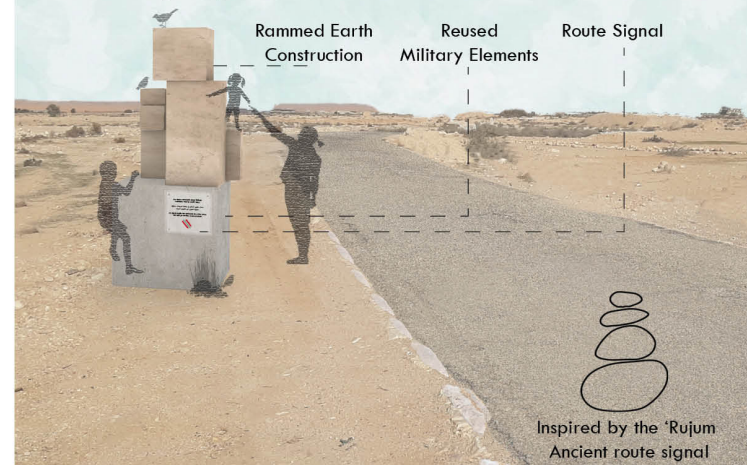


This initiative establishes cross-country routes, international interest trail and improves traffic flow, enhancing employability paths for residents

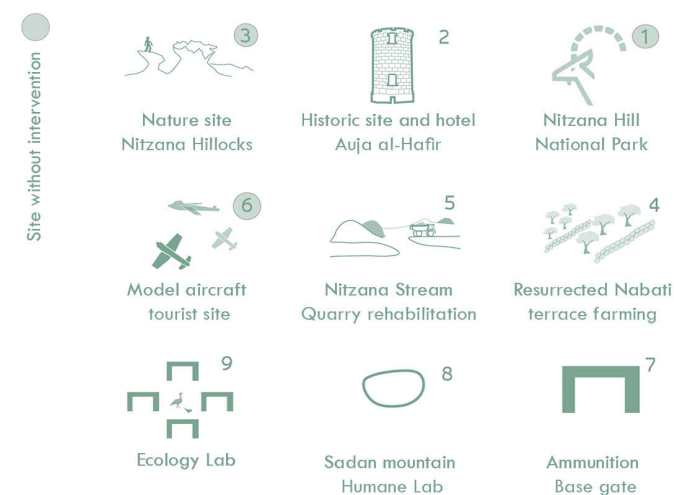
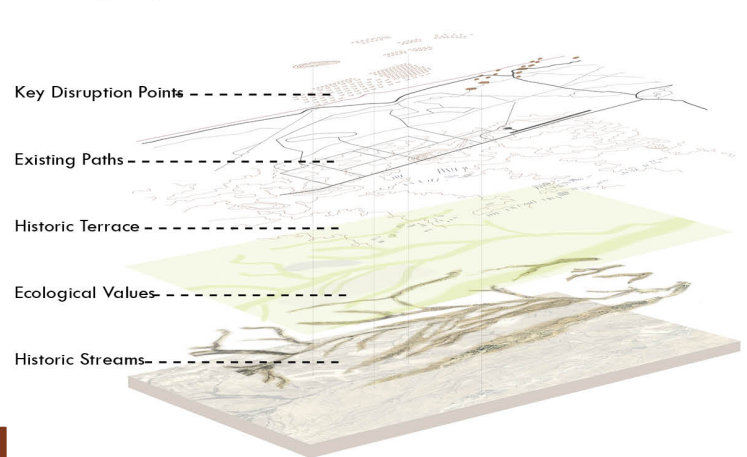
Civilian Pathway | Mandate Route



Shared Language For all Stakeholders



Planing Layers



Master Plan | Abandoned Ammunition Base area



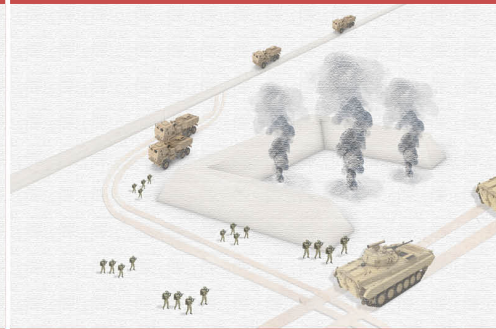
Land Cycle



Until 70's
Natural state desert



The 80's
Fire shelters constructed from local land



The 80's
Military training range



Until 2023
Rewilding process begin in unoccupied land

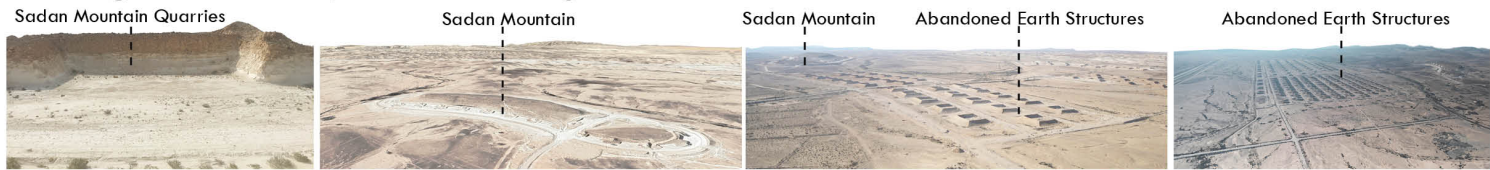


Proposal Plan
Revive historic streams



Proposal Plan
Earth Structure eroded by seasonal floods

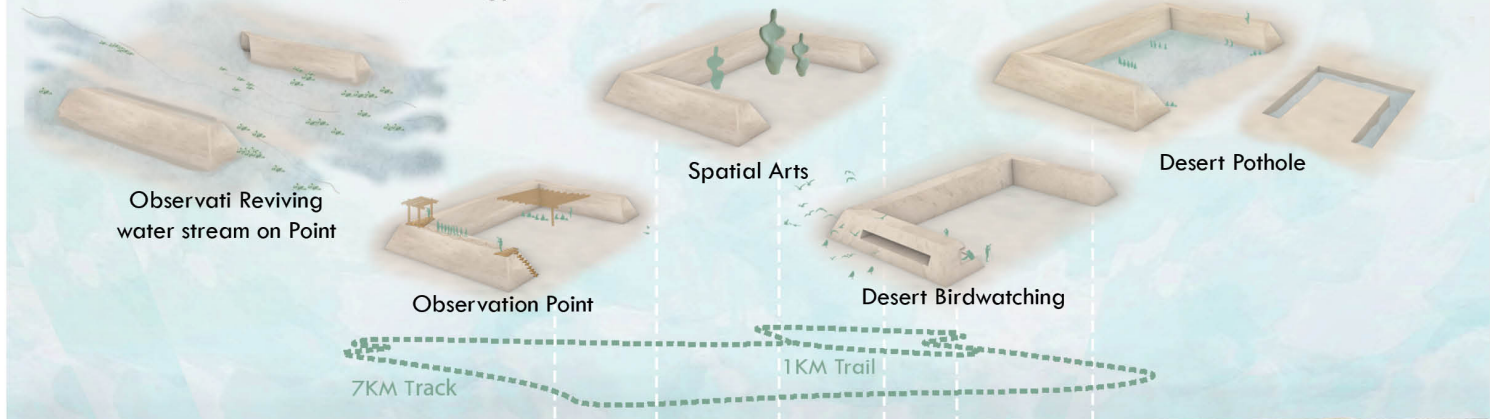
Unveiling Blocked Vistas | Current State Images



Earth Structure Section | Erosion and Birdwatching



Abandoned Ammunition Base | Ecology Lab

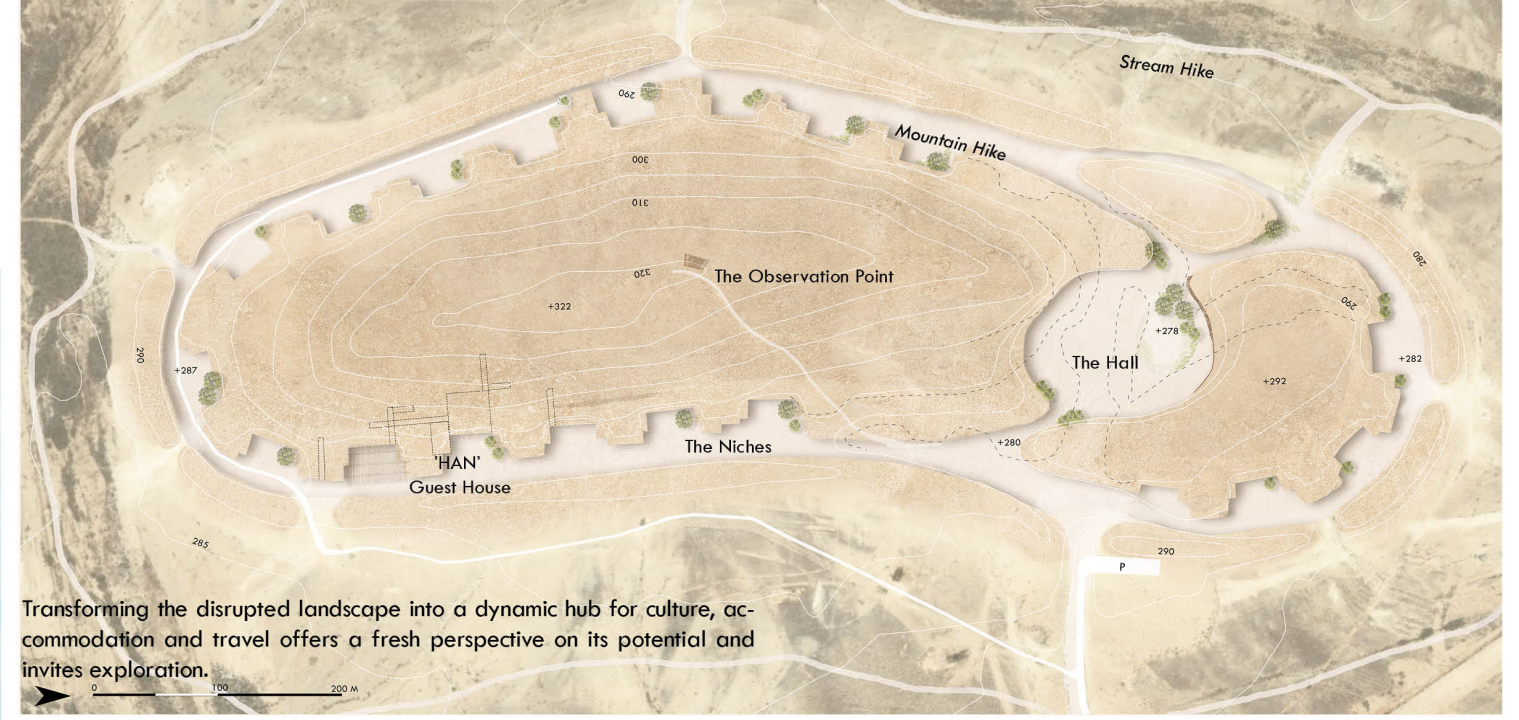


Reviving demolished water streams with minimum construction to restore the vitality of the desert and fostering a post-military ecological landscape. The Ecology Lab serves as an educational platform for discovering the potential of post-military sites.

Sadan Mountain Section | Humane Lab



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Transforming the disrupted landscape into a dynamic hub for culture, accommodation and travel offers a fresh perspective on its potential and invites exploration.

Between Humanity to Ecology | The Lab

