

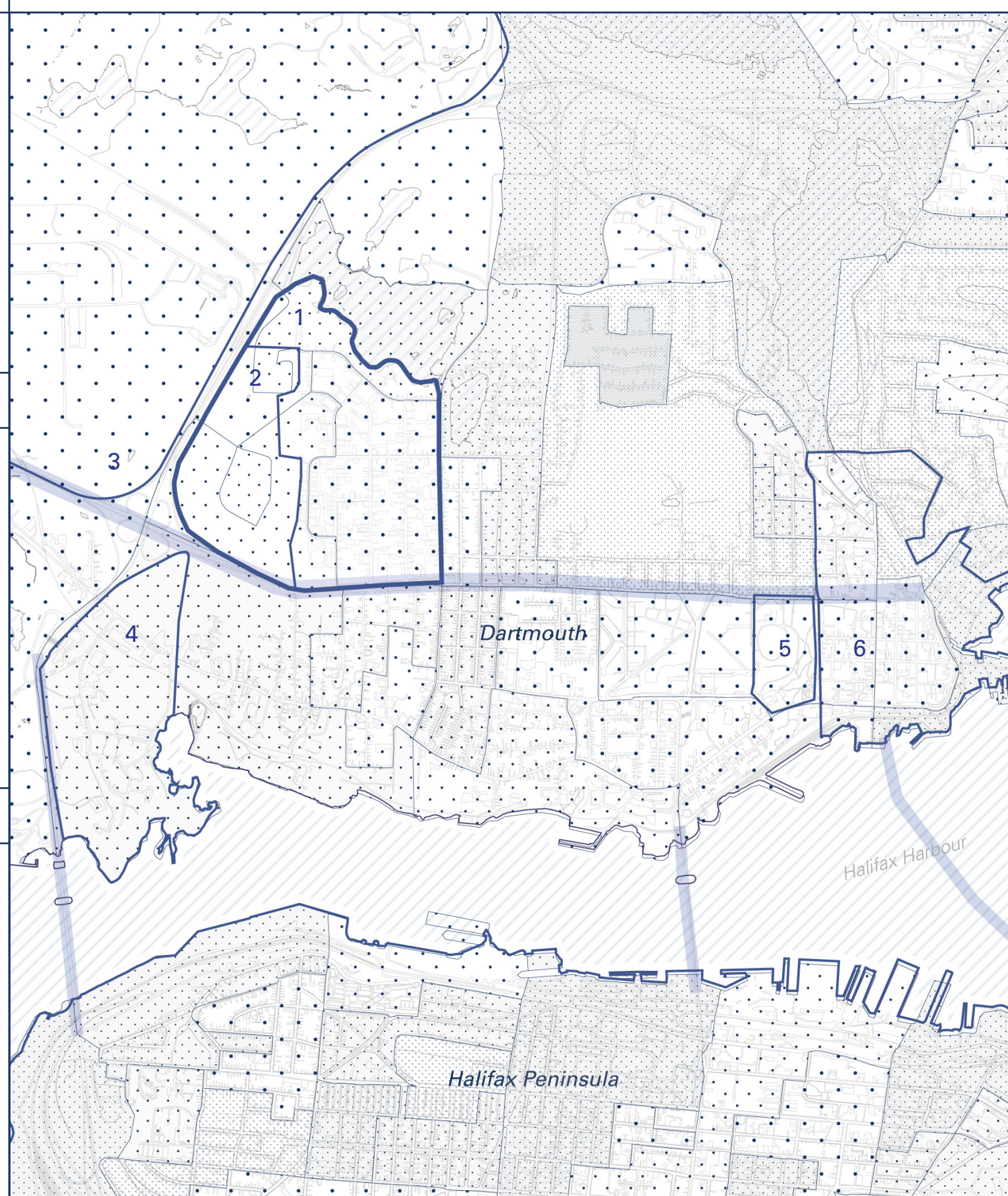
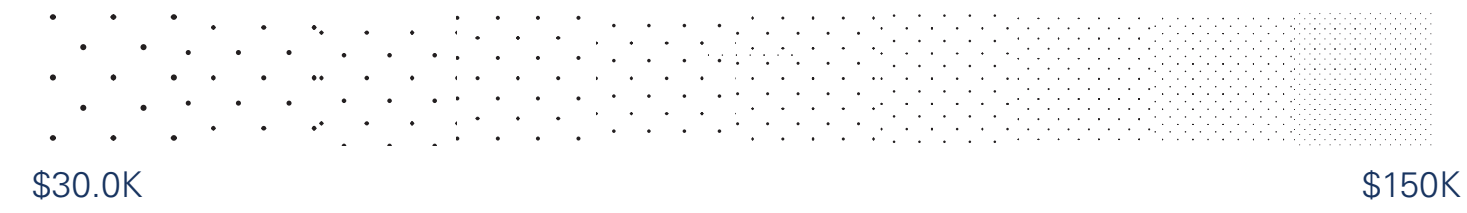
Understanding the Surplus Properties

Municipal, Provincial, and Federal governments own an immense number of surplus properties that are sitting idle - often in the form of vacant buildings and empty parcels. We demand that these be made available for the public good and the development of affordable housing.

Territory

Mapping studies of Dartmouth North, the larger study area, show the study region has the lowest household incomes in HRM. Dartmouth North was recognized as a vulnerable and inequities in housing and other determinants of wellbeing.

Median Income Household Total

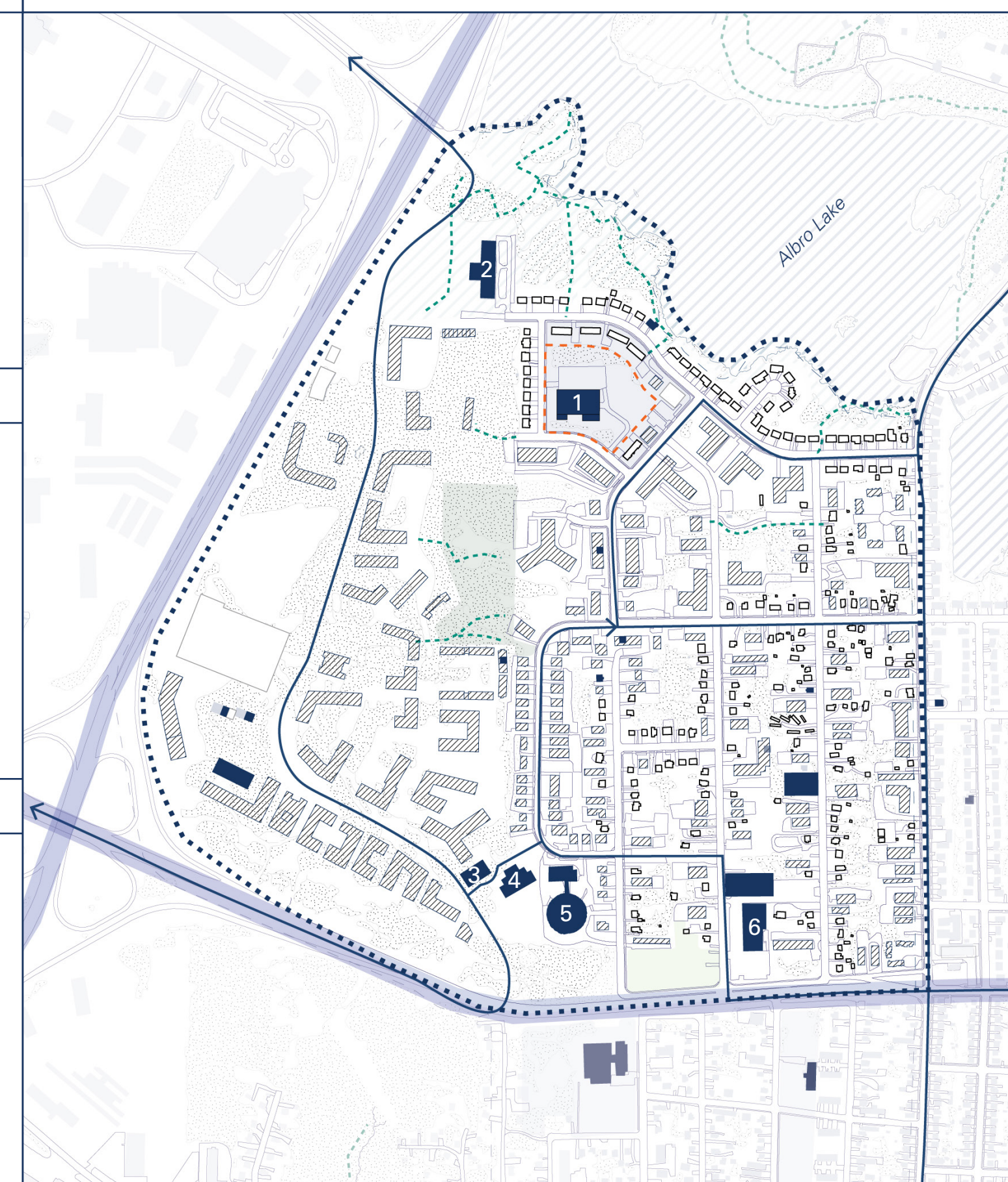


- 1 Study Region: Pinecrest
- 2 Study Region: Highfield Park
- 3 Industrial Park
- 4 Shannon Park
- 5 Dartmouth, Commons
- 6 Dartmouth, Downtown
- 7 Halifax Peninsula

Community

Although there are local organizations that are working to bring people together, the community is quite isolated from everything. It is completely cut off from road networks and has no access to healthy food within a 25-minute walk. Lack of public transit and other community assets exacerbates the living issues.

- Single Family Housing
- Community Assets
- ⋯ Pedestrian Trail
- ▨ Multi-Unit Housing
- Public Transit

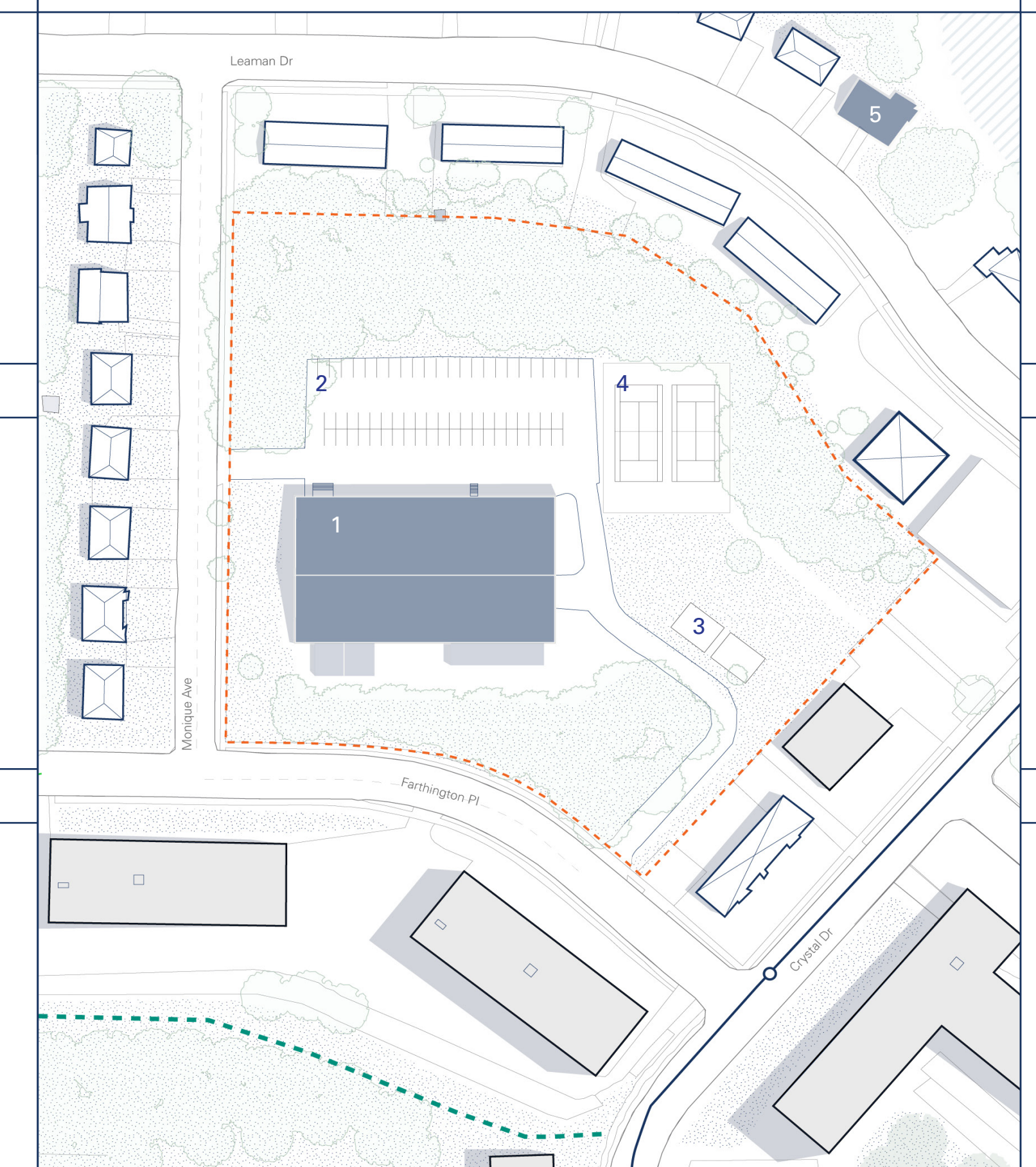


- 1 Gray Arena
- 2 Elementary School
- 3 Bus Terminal
- 4 Library
- 5 High School
- 6 Pharmacy and Services

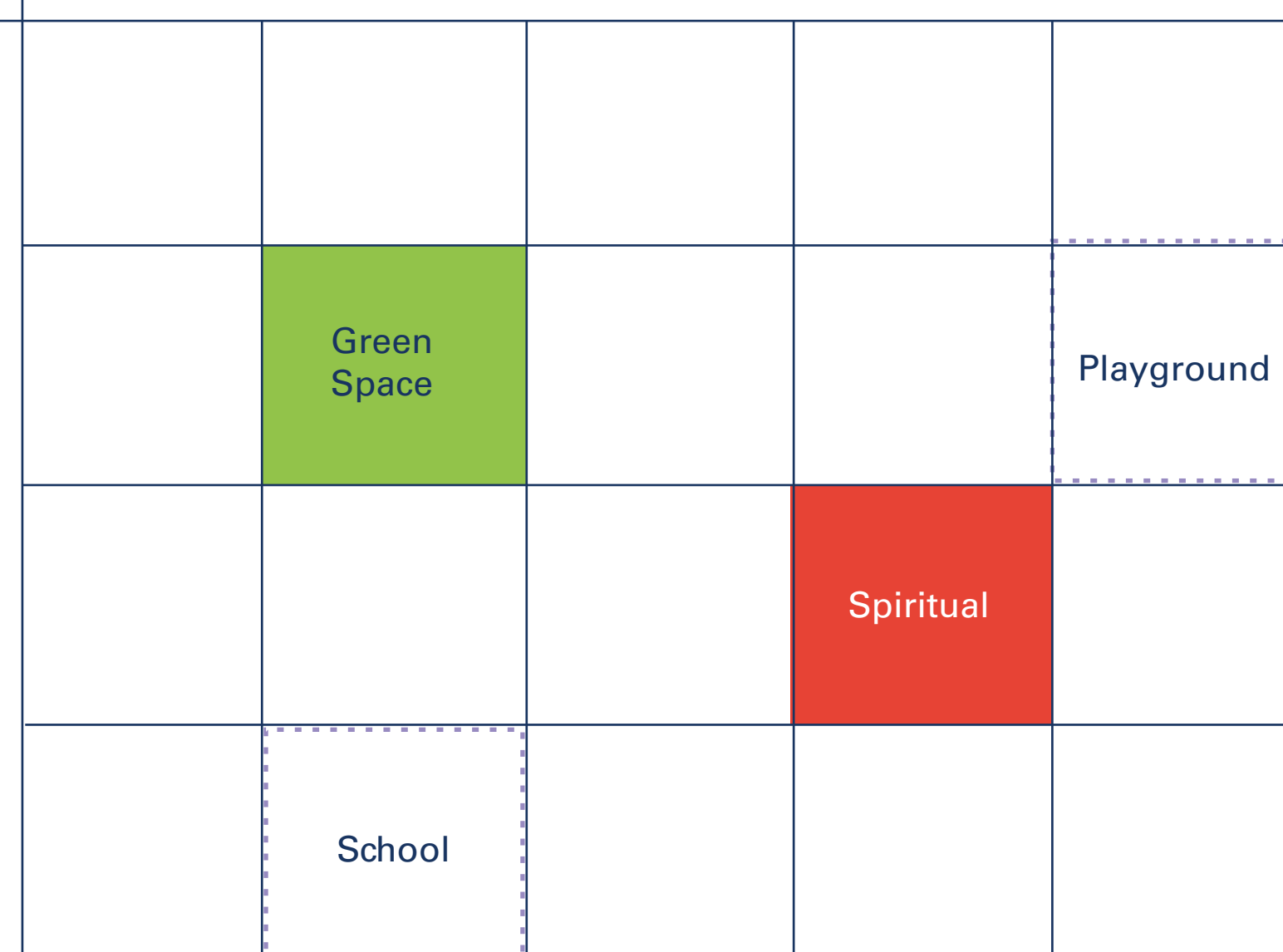
Site

We studied the architecture forms and housing typologies of the surrounding context, and worked with the existing arena that has been deemed surplus by the city. The Gray Arena is not a one-off but represents an opportunity to be replicated at other public sites across the province.

- Single Family Housing
 - Single Family
 - ▨ Semi-Detached Single Family
- Multi-Unit Housing
 - ▨ Low Density Apartment
 - ▨ Mid Density Apartment

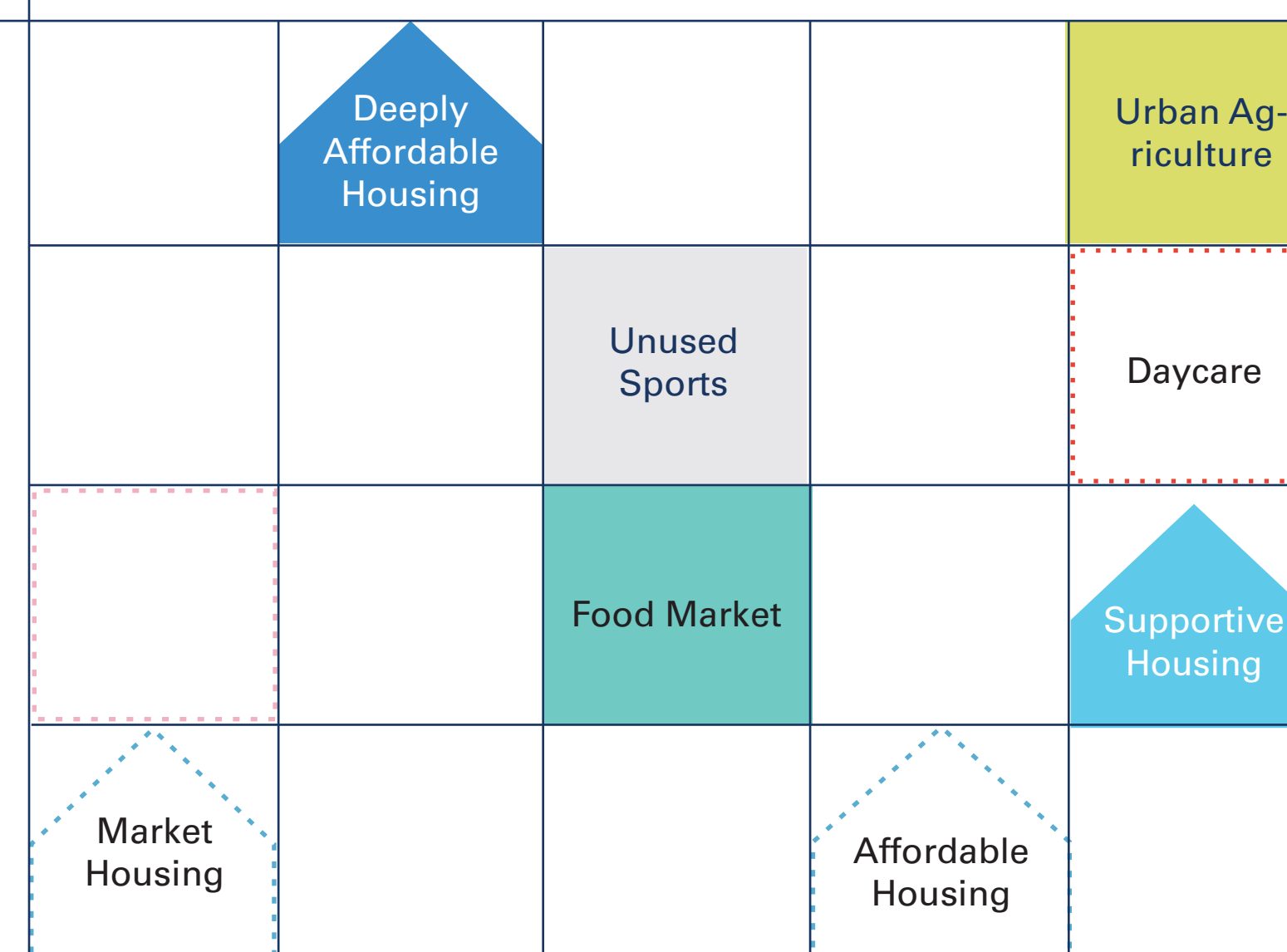


- 1 Gray Arena
 - 2 Parking
 - 3 Playground
 - 4 Tennis Courts
 - 5 Islamic Association
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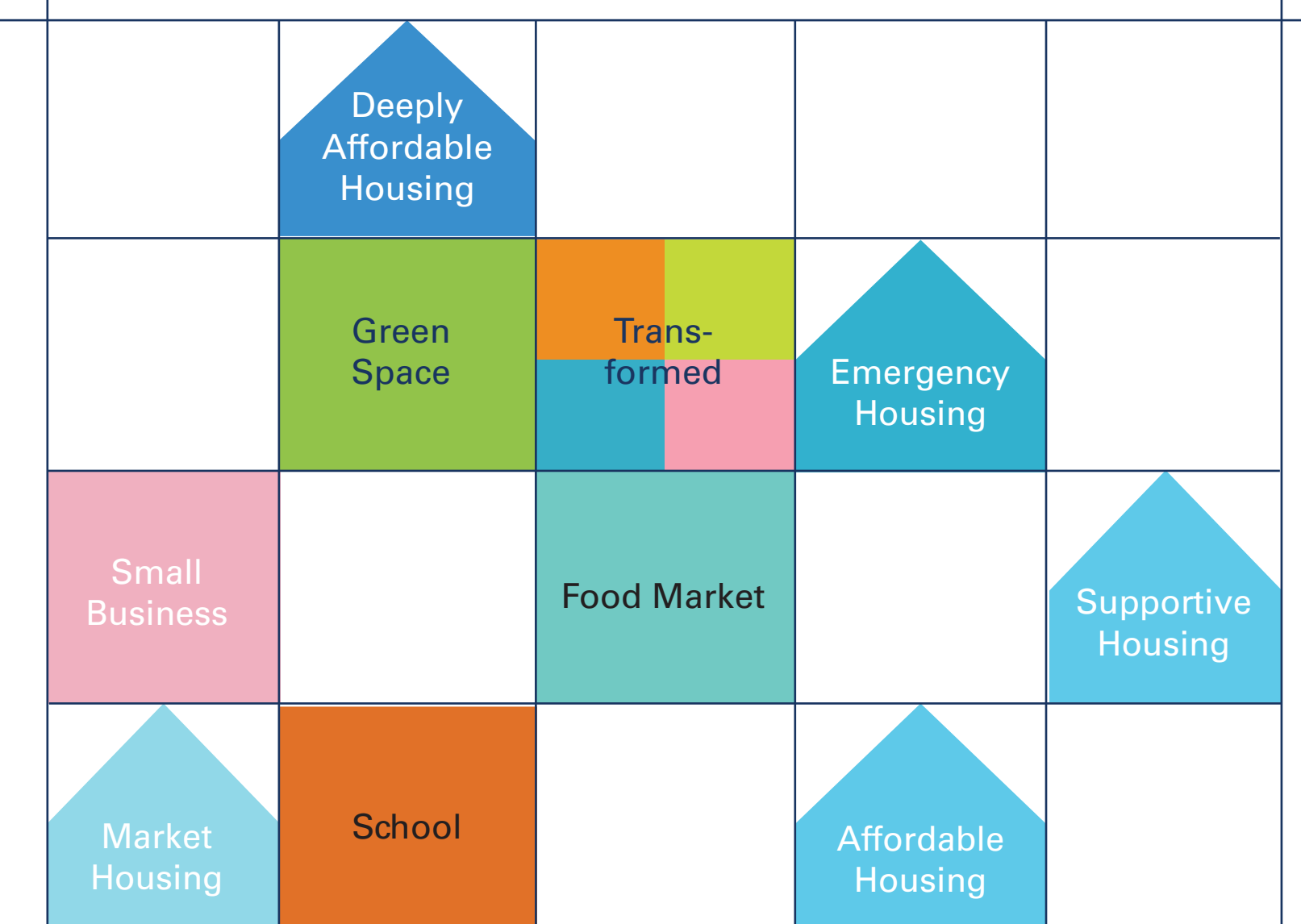
Understanding City Context

Studying the surrounding city context and rhythms, the project reveals and evaluate the community assets that are already in place, not well used, and missing the neighbourhood.



Infilling Missing Assets

The proposed architecture consists of a mosaic of different community programs that are necessary for everyday life - daycare, recreation, access to health food, medical services, and green space. These will serve not only this development but the surrounding population.



Redefining Public Architecture

Our project aims to redefine "public architecture" through understanding the city context, and discover the existing and missing assets in the neighborhood. The architecture becomes a public good - providing housing and other programs for a healthy community.

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