

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (MLA)

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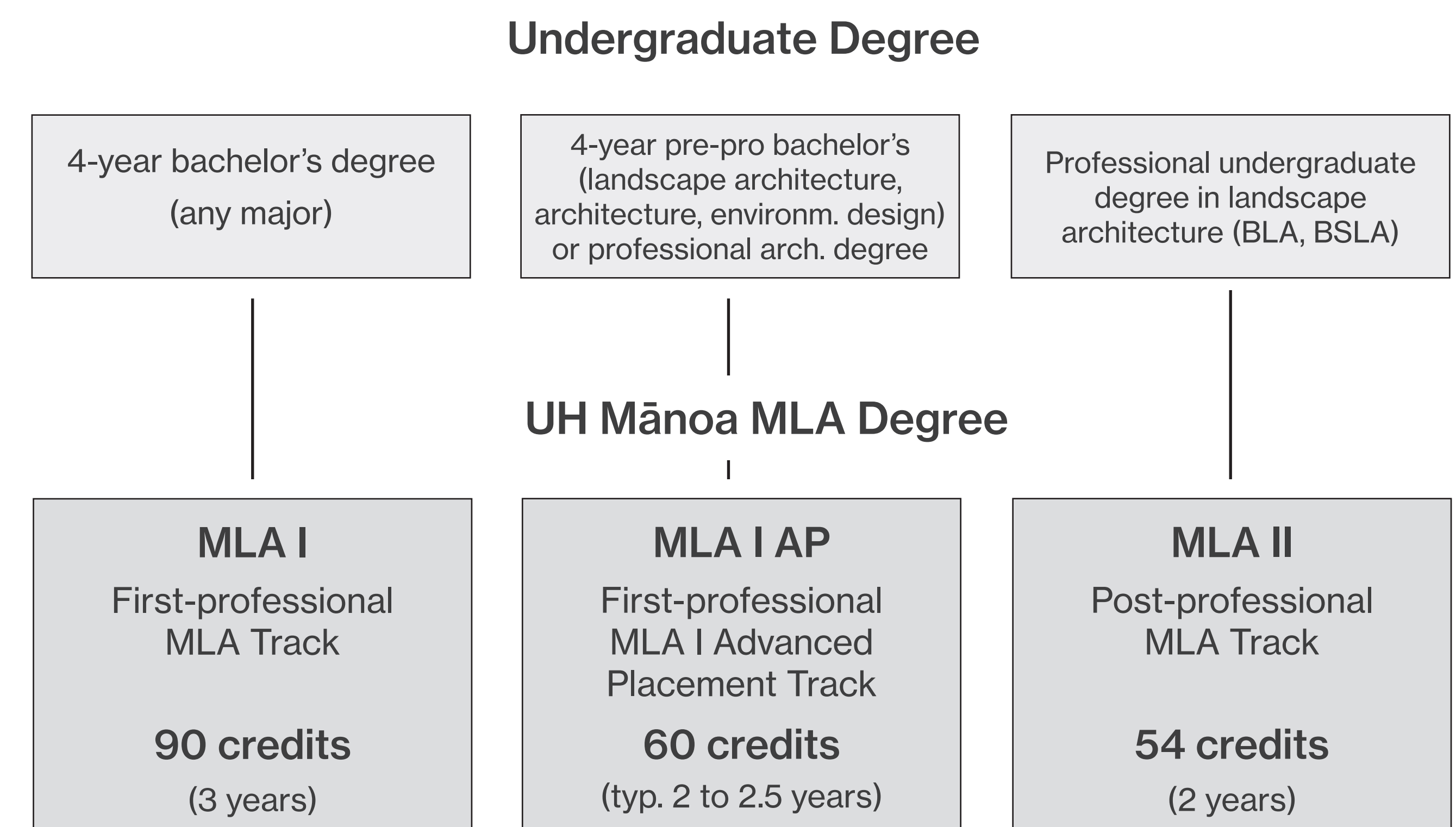
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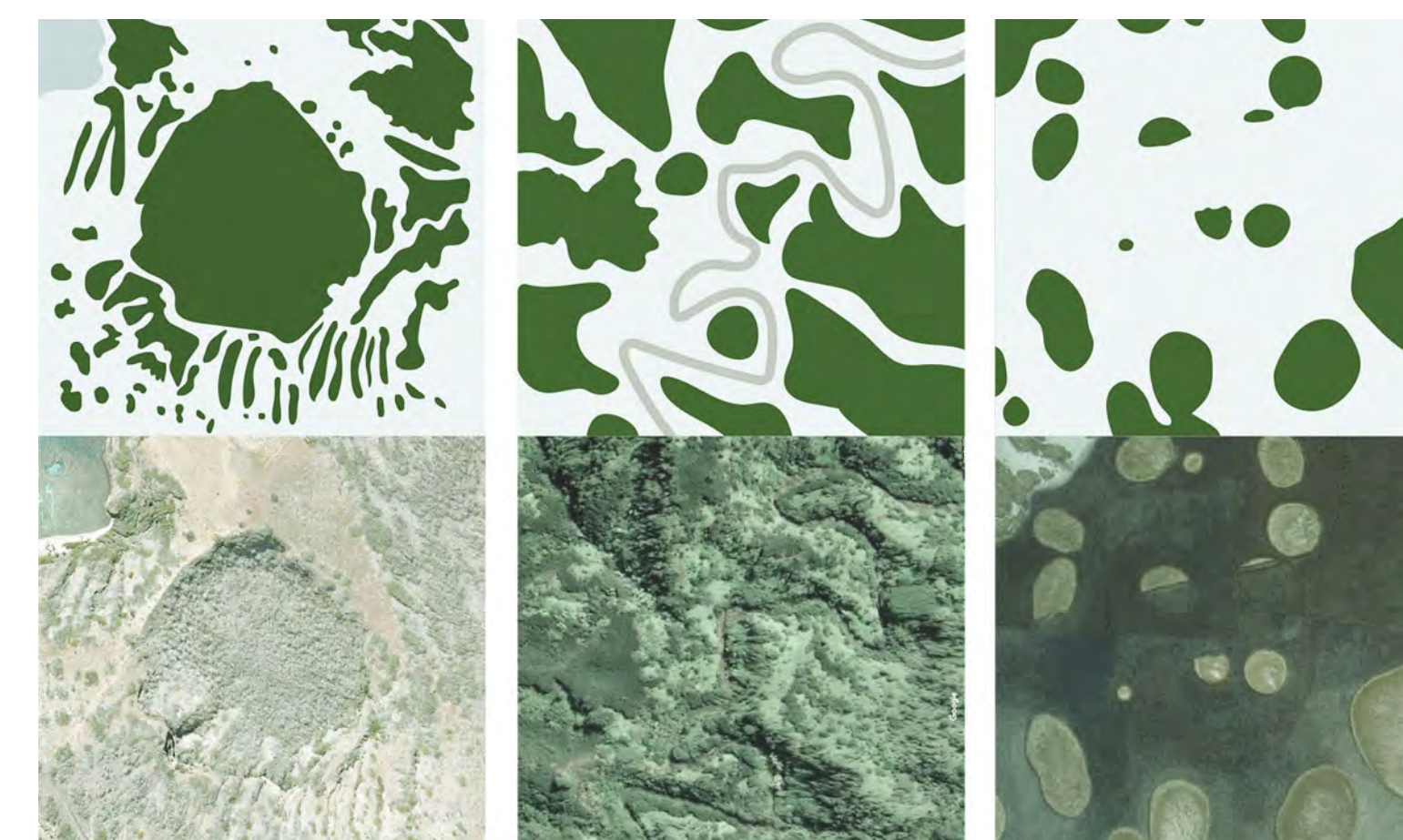
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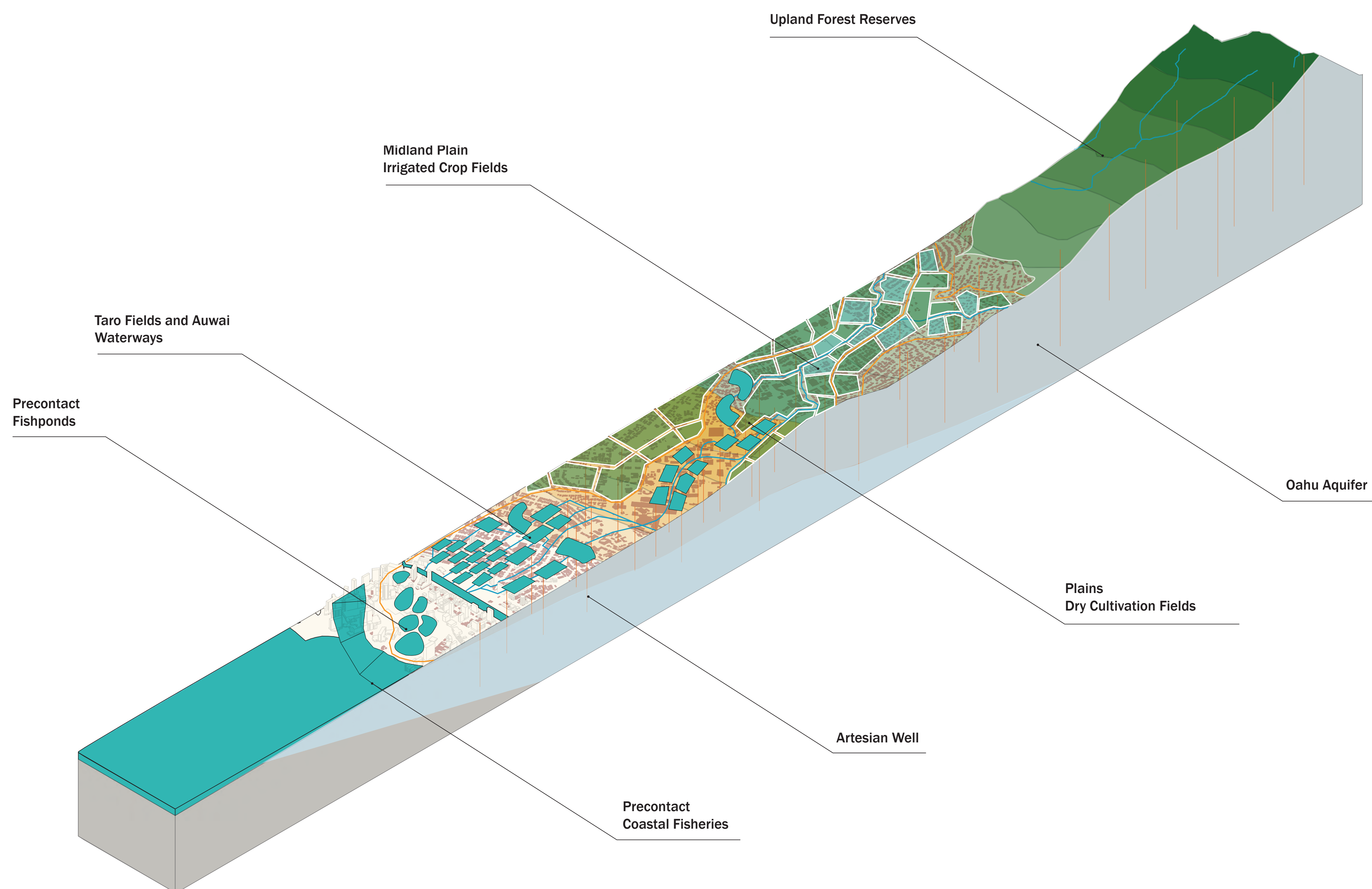
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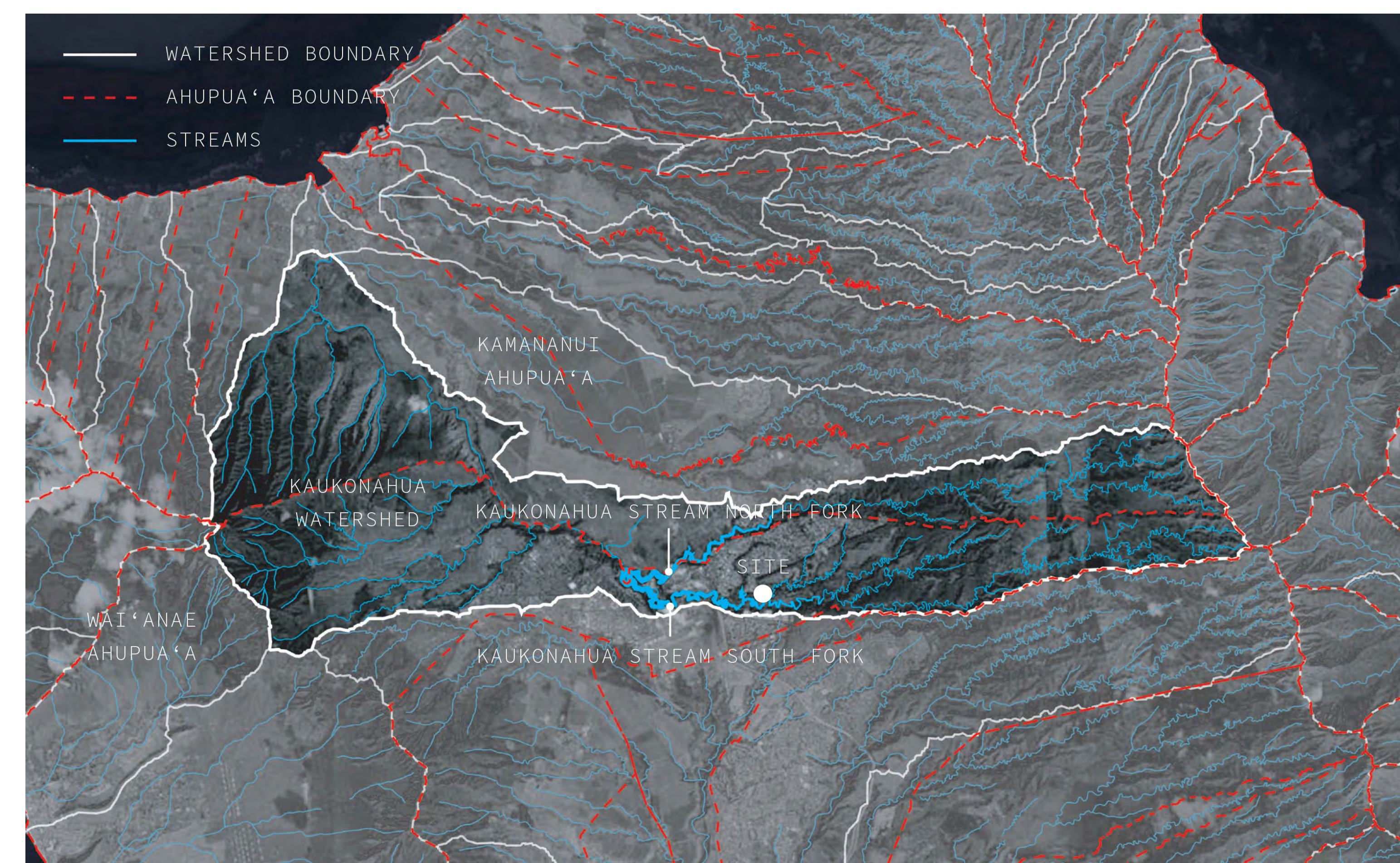
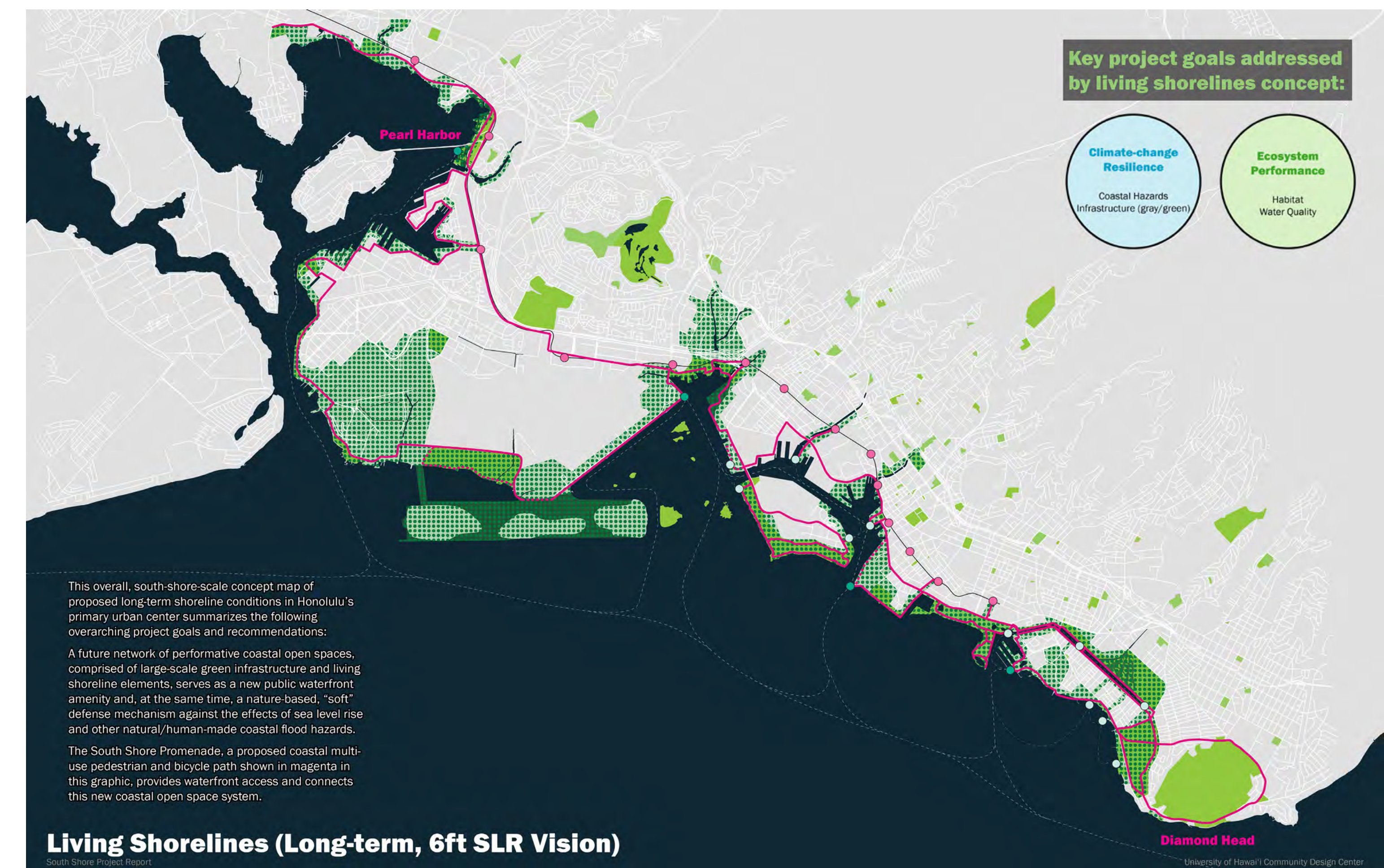
WHAT IS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE?

Landscape architecture involves the planning, design, management, and nurturing of the built and natural environments. With their unique skill set, landscape architects work to improve human and environmental health in all communities.

Regional/ watershed scale



Jonathan Quach (DArch Candidate),
ARCH 695 Applied Theories of Landscape Architecture,
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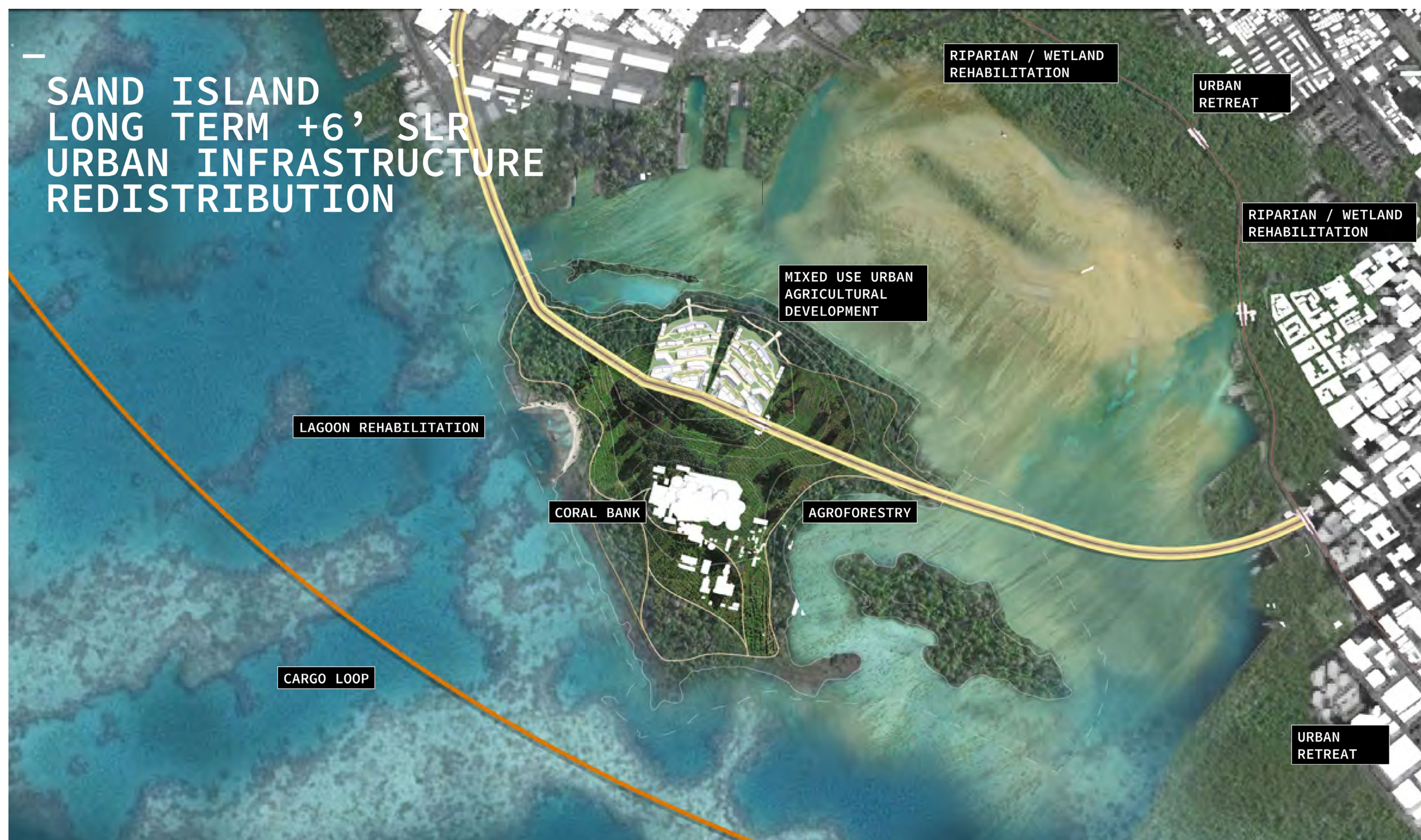


Lake Wilson: Wahiawa Freshwater State Recreation Area Study, Judith Stilgenbauer (PI) et al., UH CDC 2019

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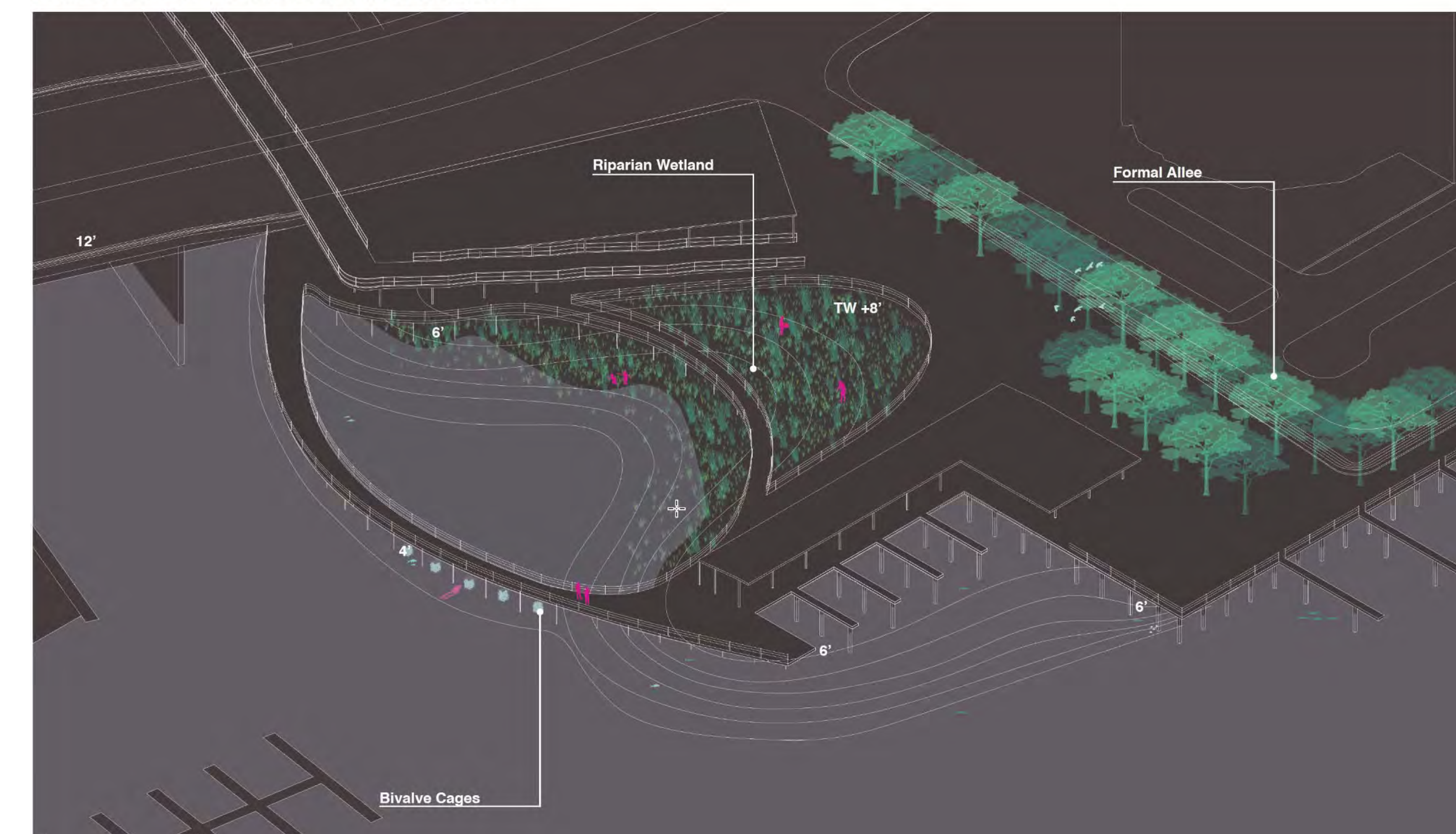
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Urban design/ neighborhood scale



Matthew Higa (MLA Candidate) and Josephine Briones (DArch candidate), Spring 2020 ARCH 743 Urban Design Studio

PROPOSED ECOLOGY PARCEL B



Hana Fulghum (MLA Candidate) and Camilla Bassola (MLA Candidate), ARCH 761 Ecology, Community, and Design, Fall 2020

PROPOSED VEGETATION PARCEL A



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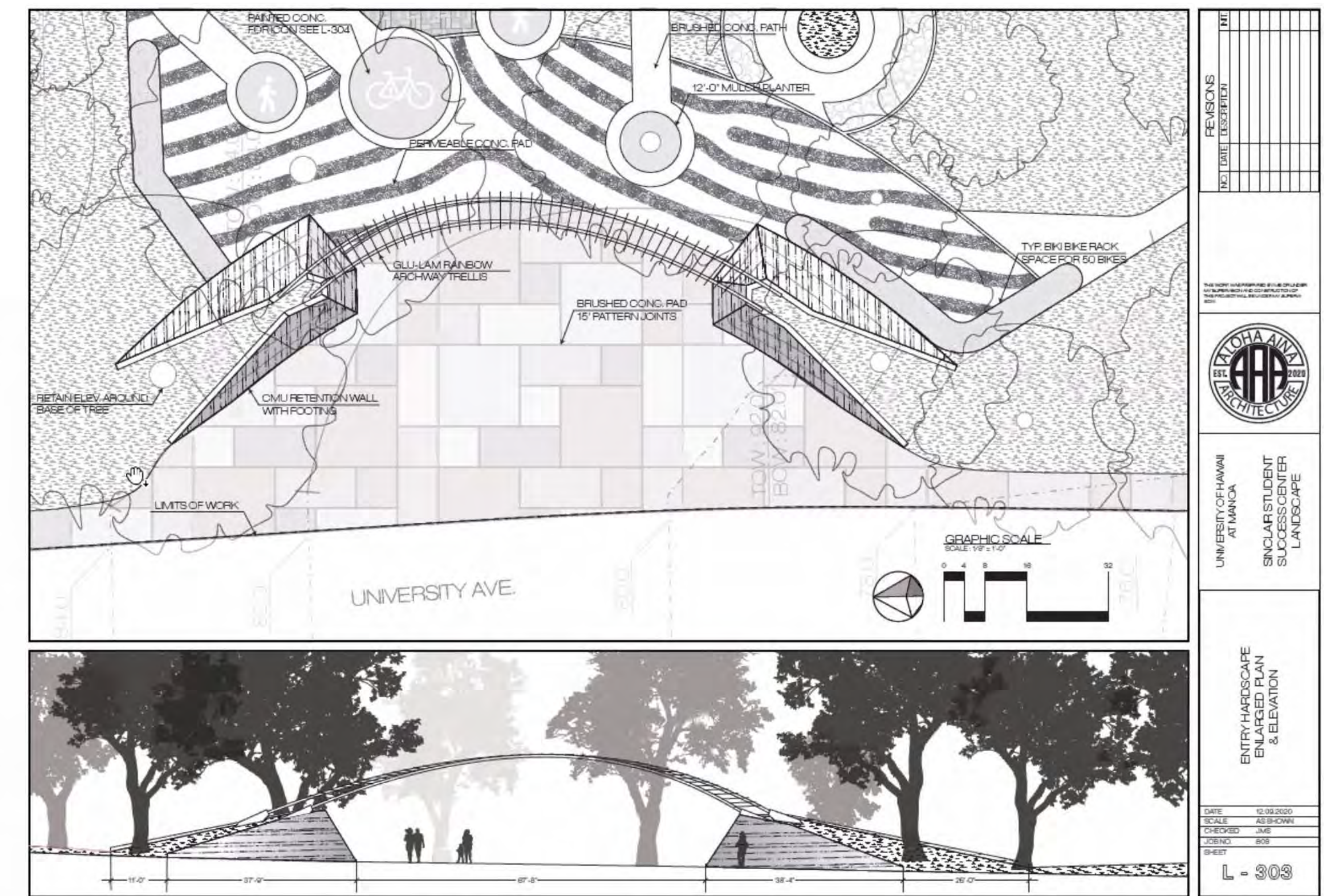
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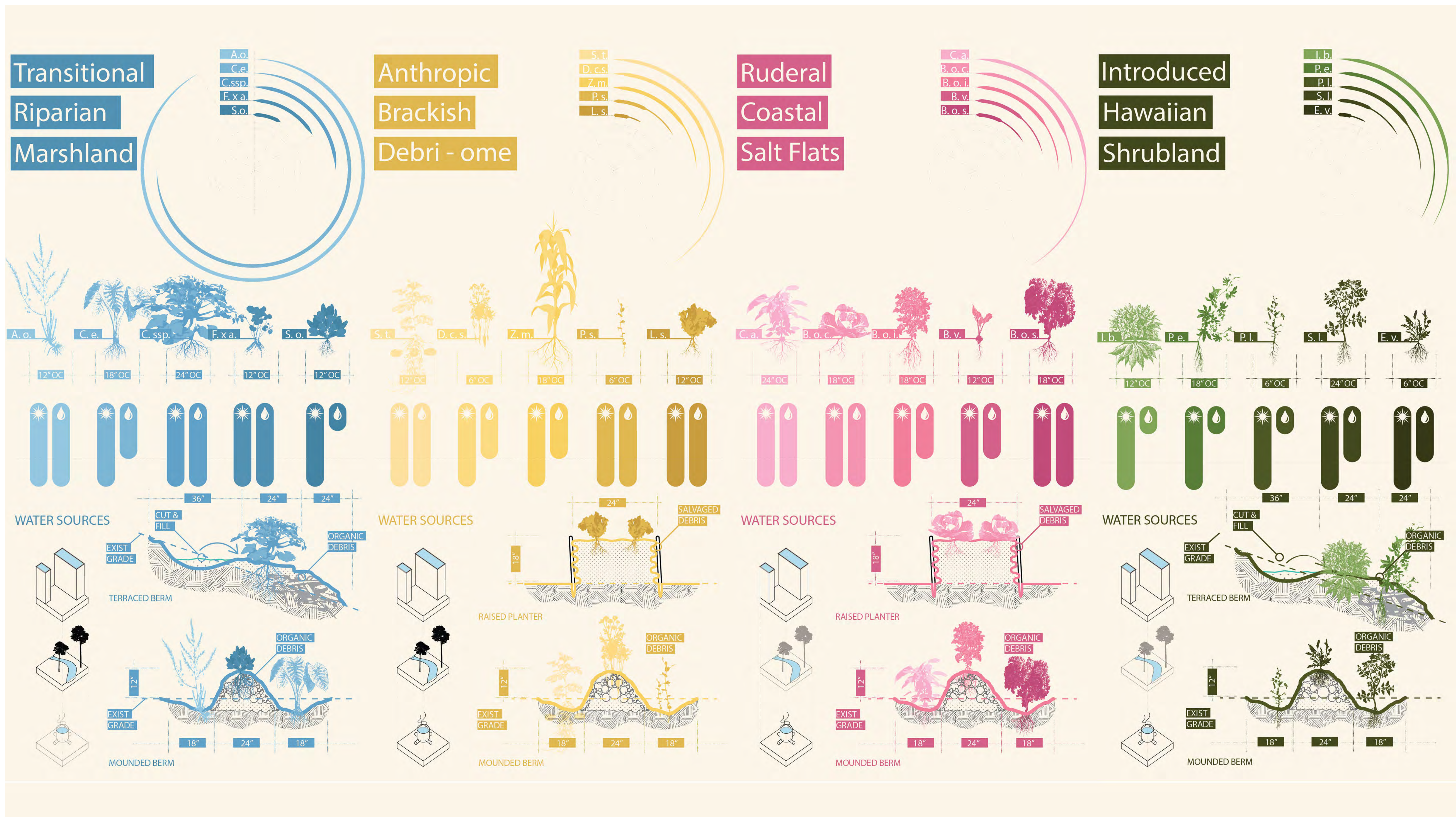
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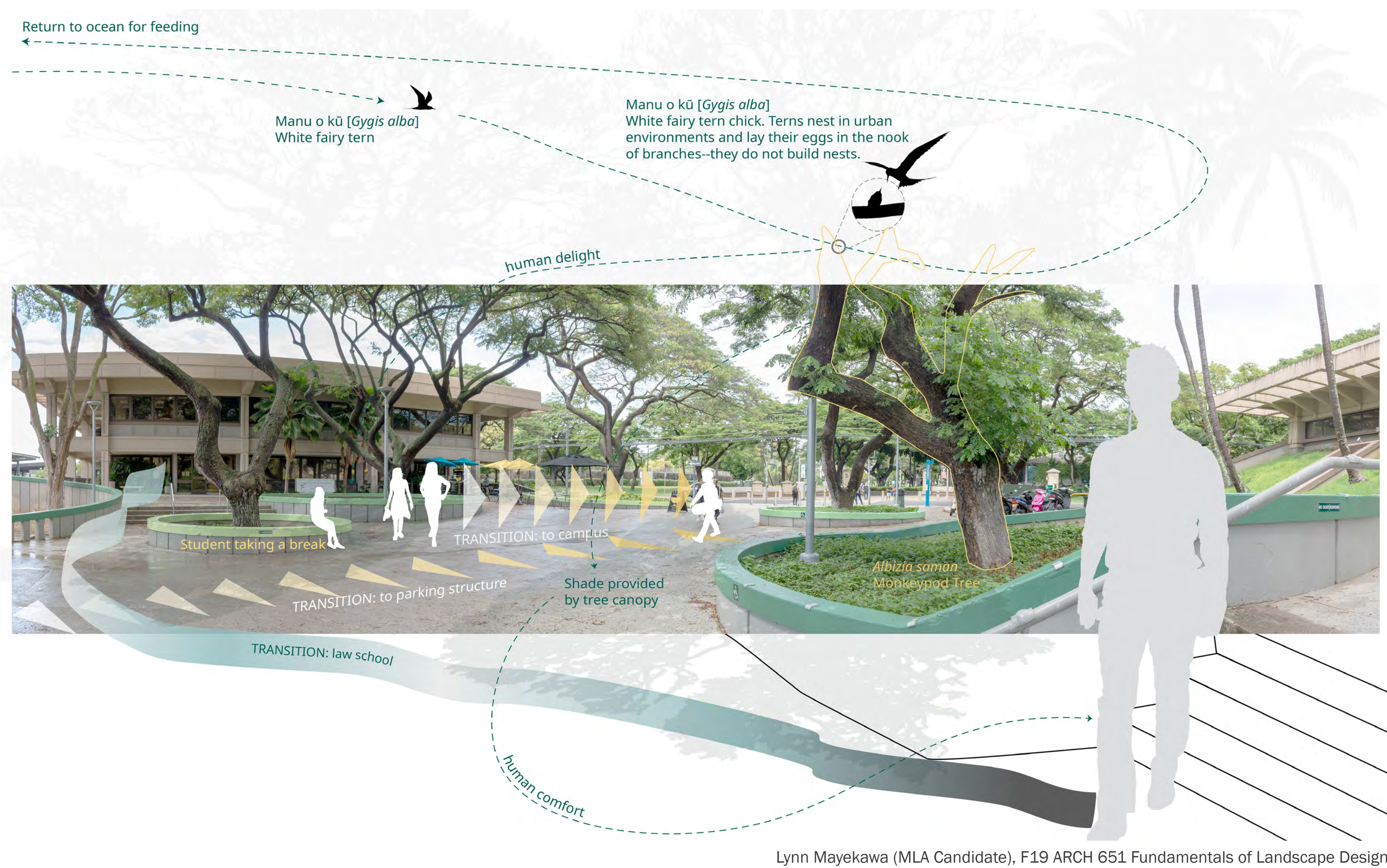
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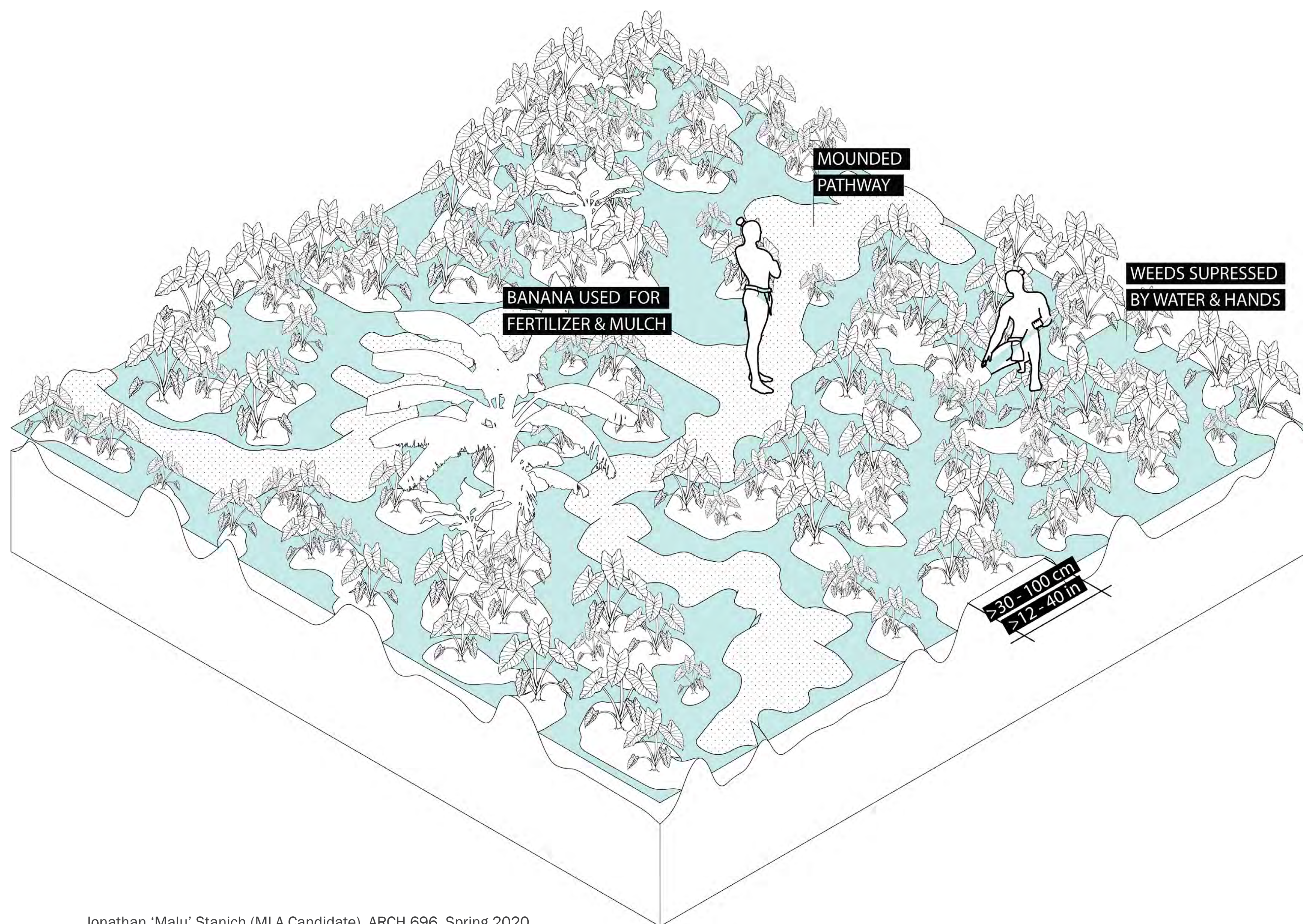
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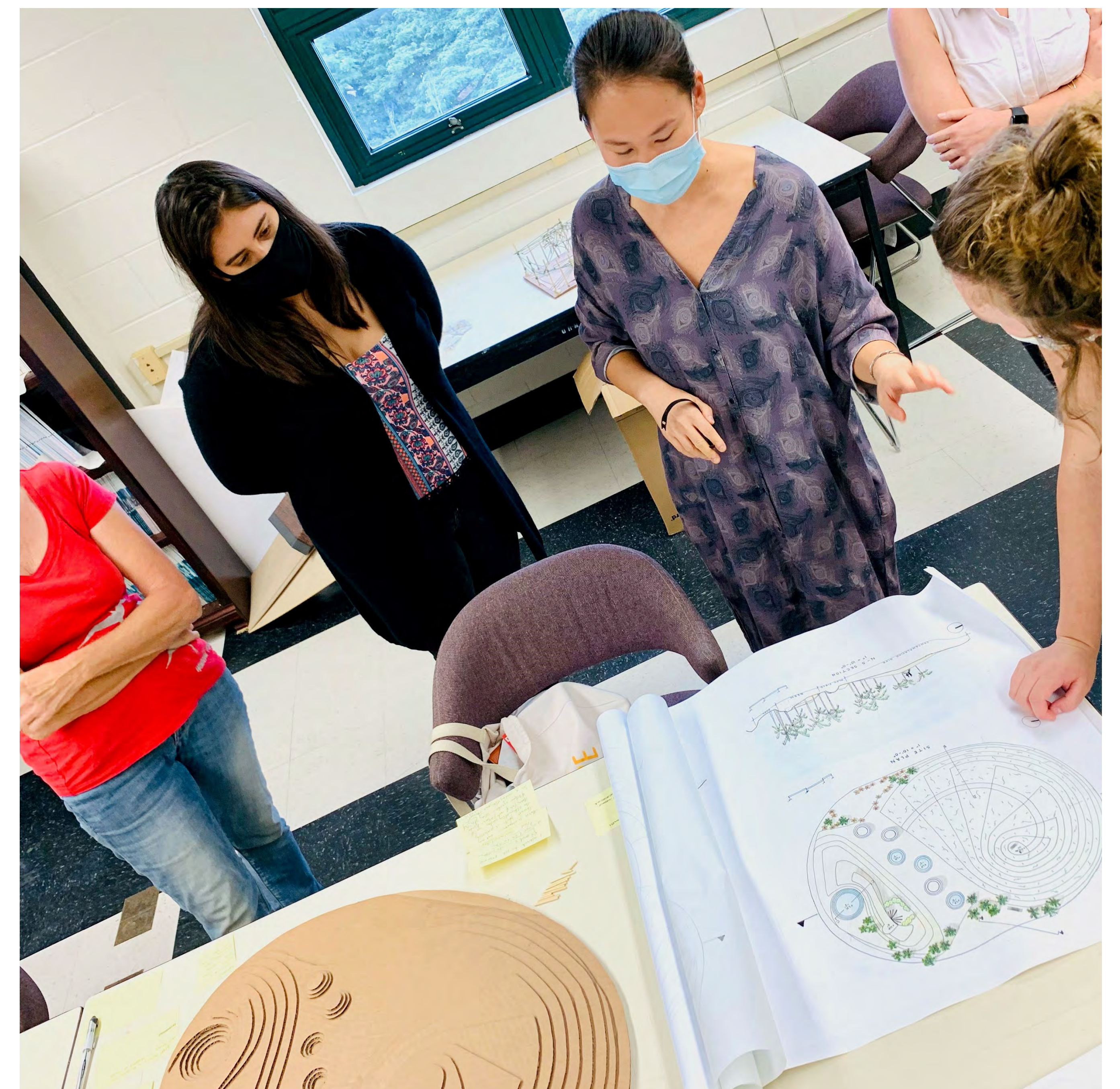
South Shore Promenade and Coastal Open Space Network Study, Judith Stilgenbauer (PI) et al., rendering: Ariel Dungca, UHCDC 2020

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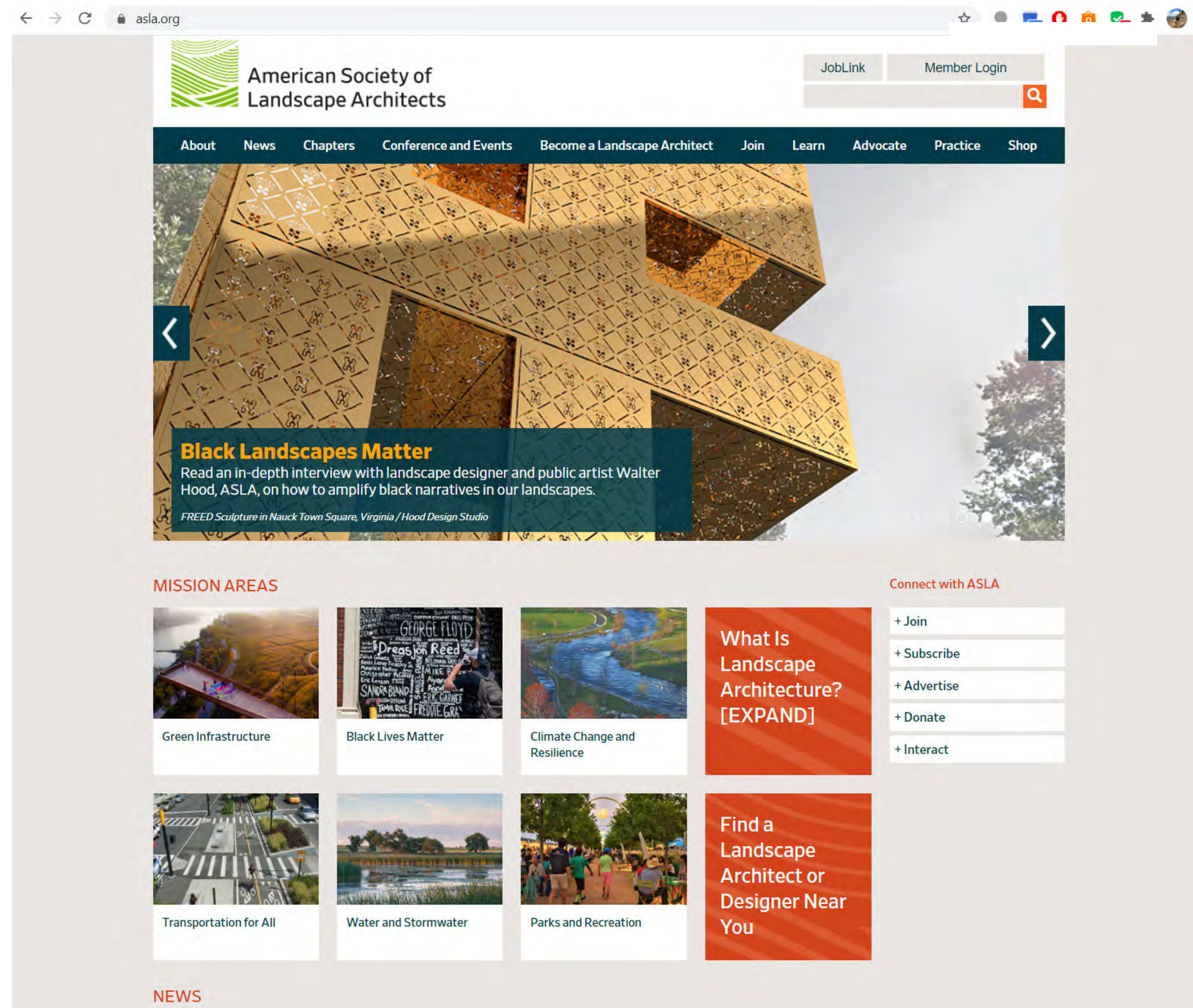
Jonathan 'Malu' Stanich (MLA Candidate), ARCH 696, Spring 2020



MLA candidates in ARCH 651 peer-reviewing topography models, Fall 2020

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ASLA Website



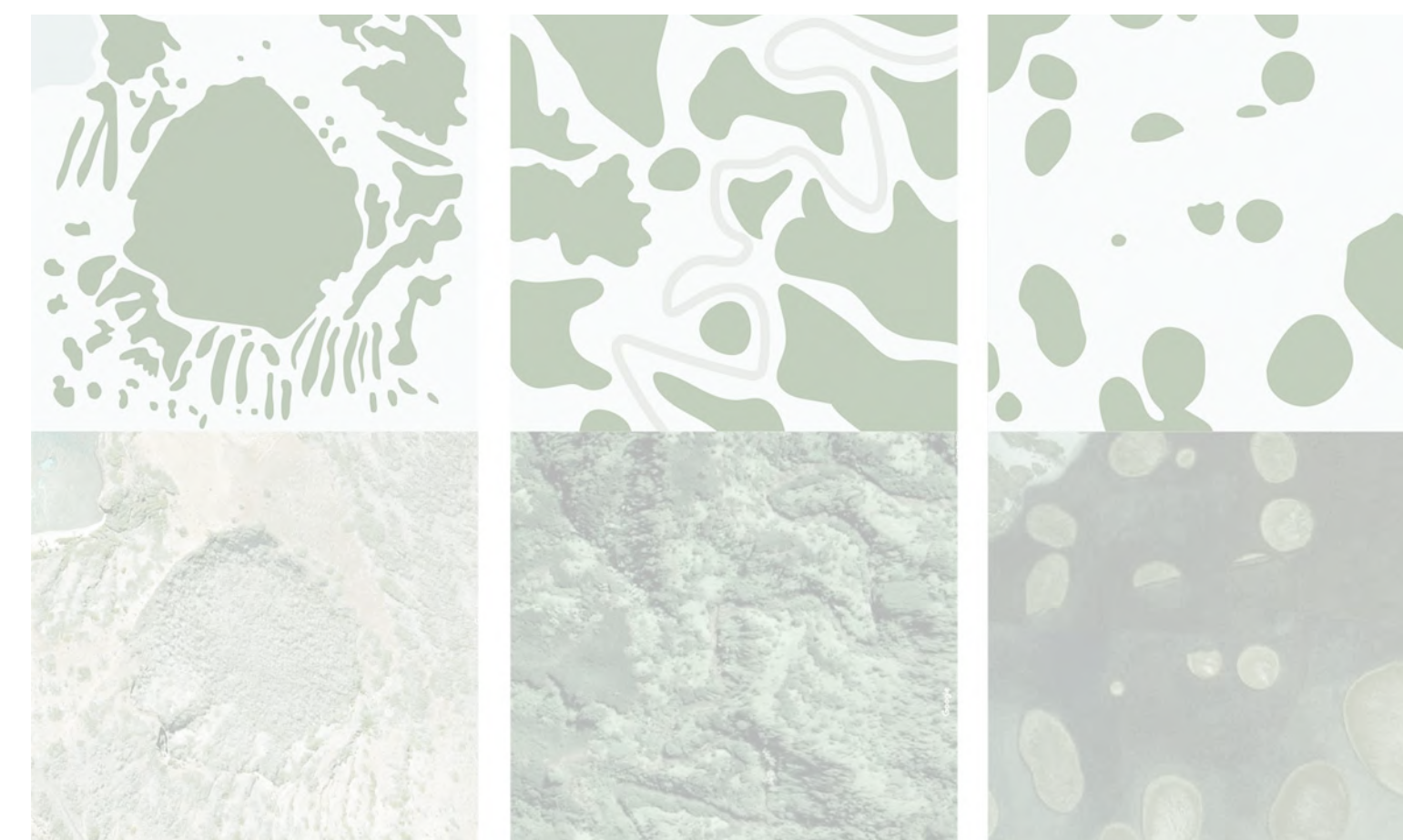
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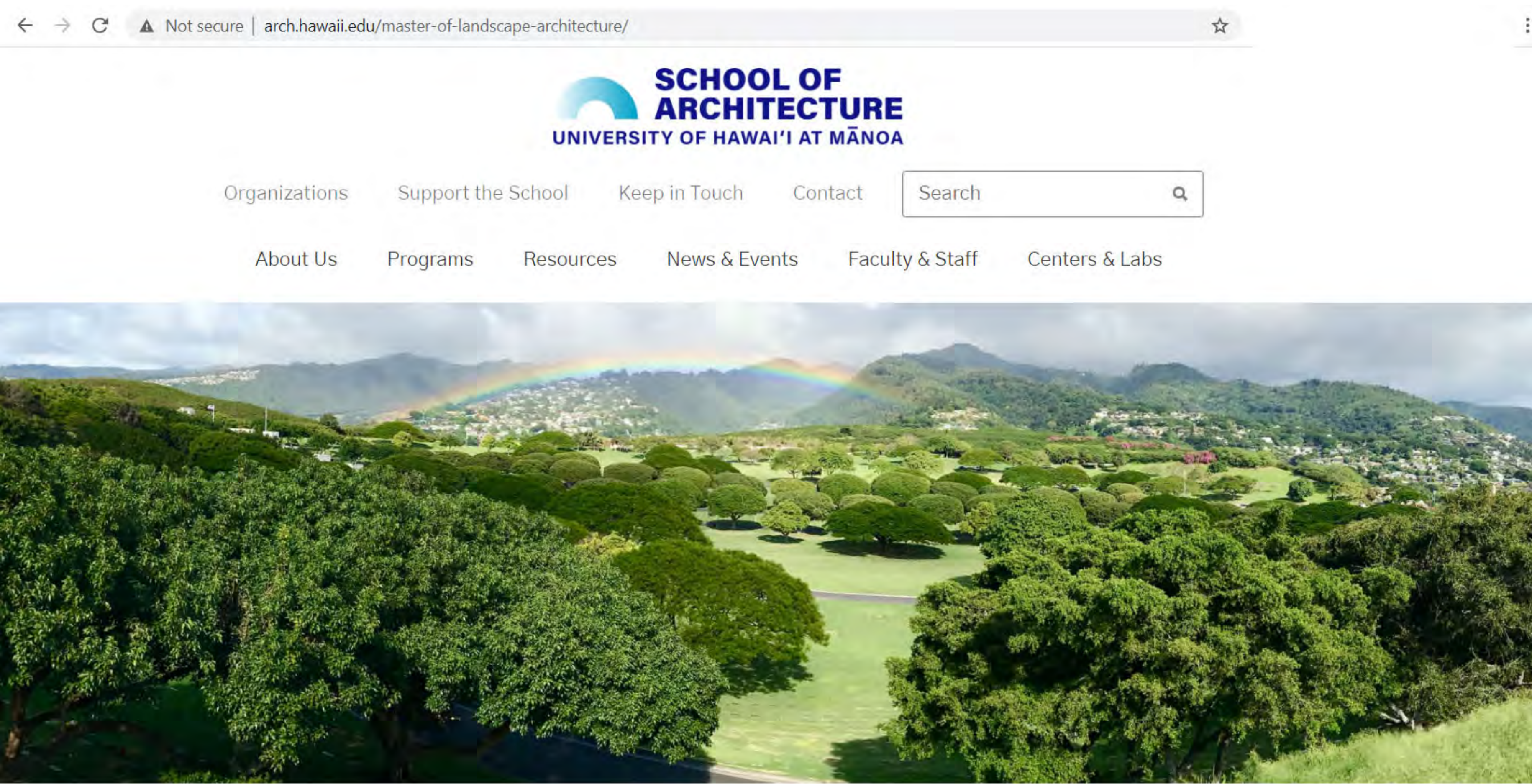


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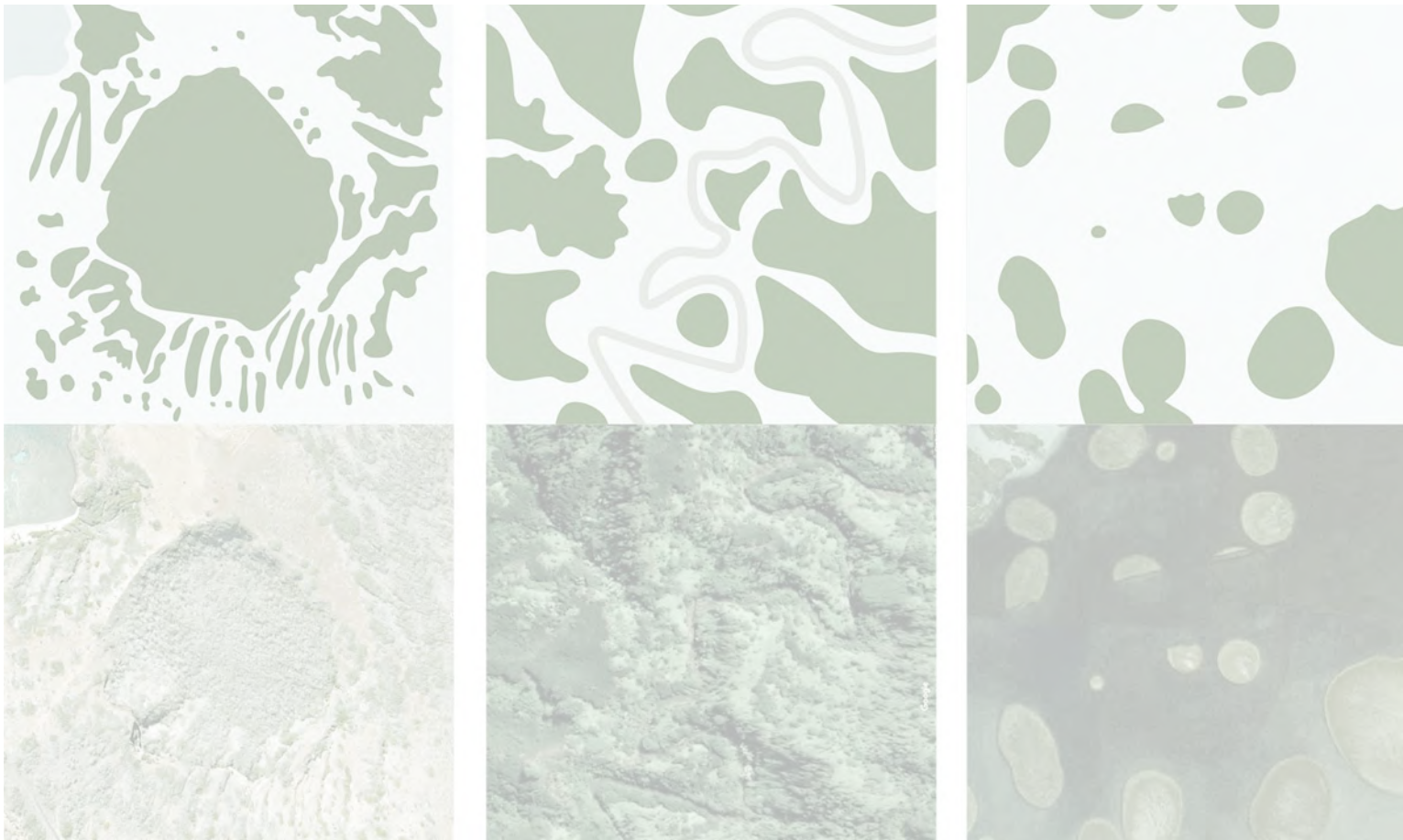
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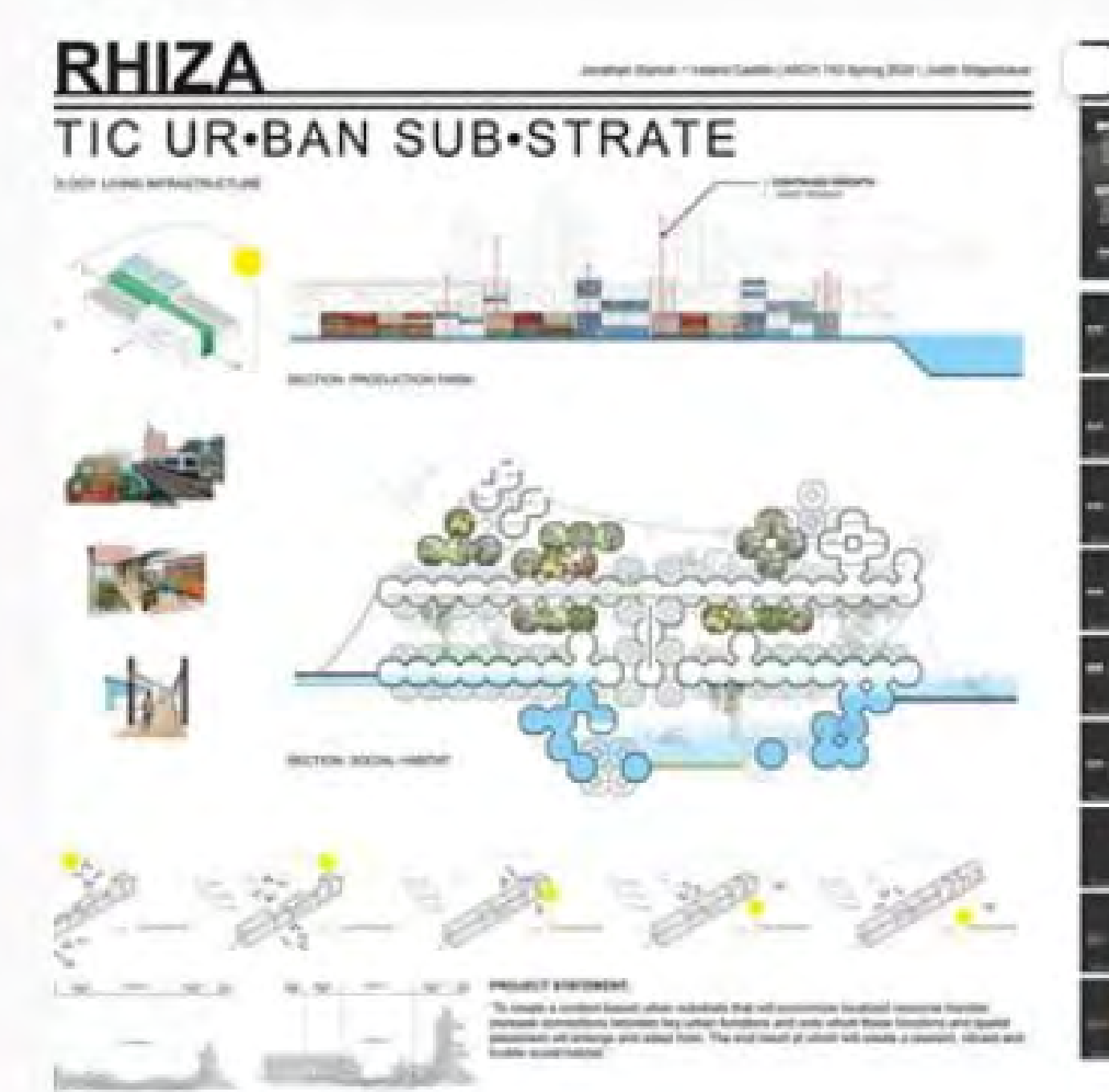
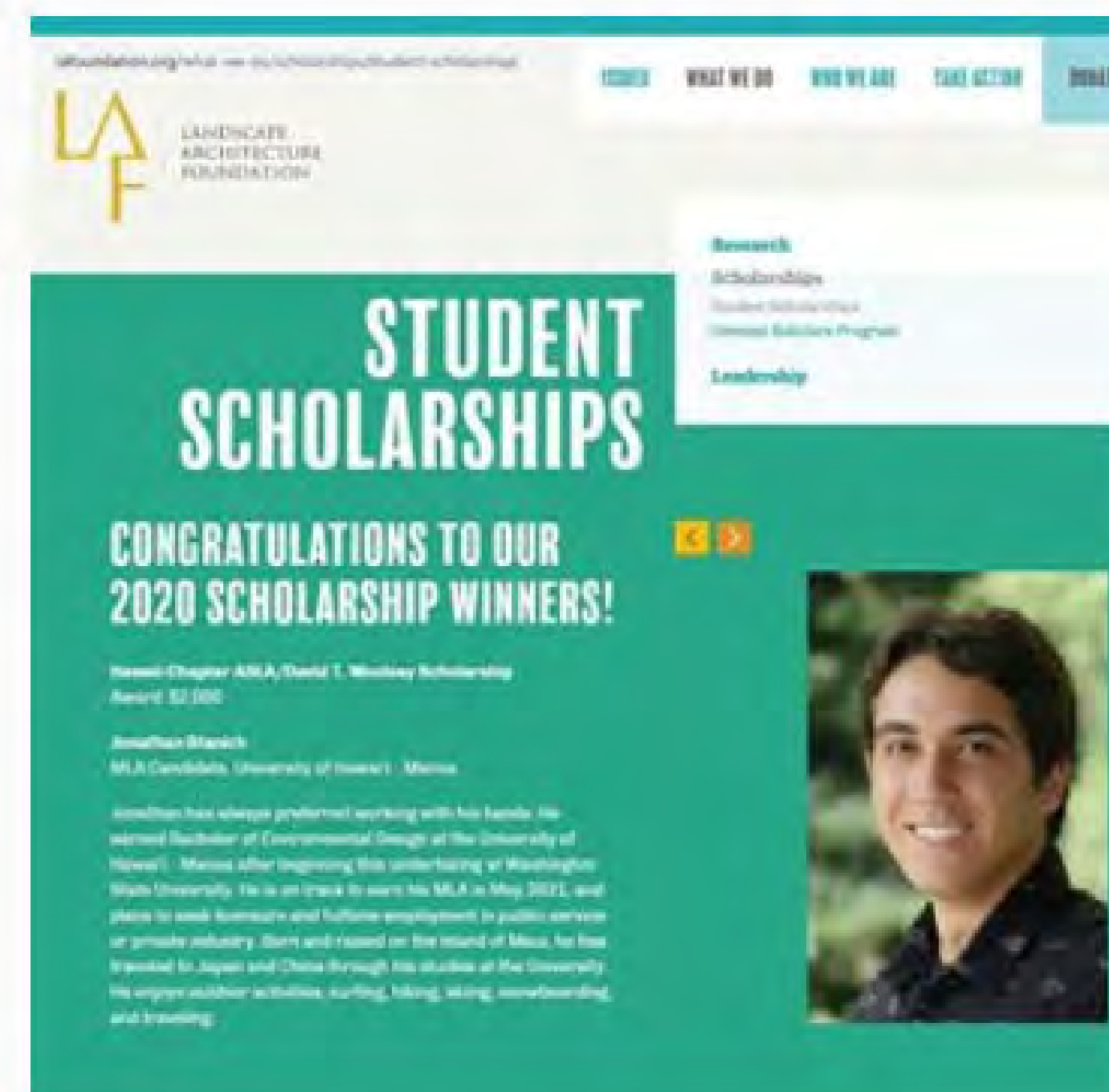
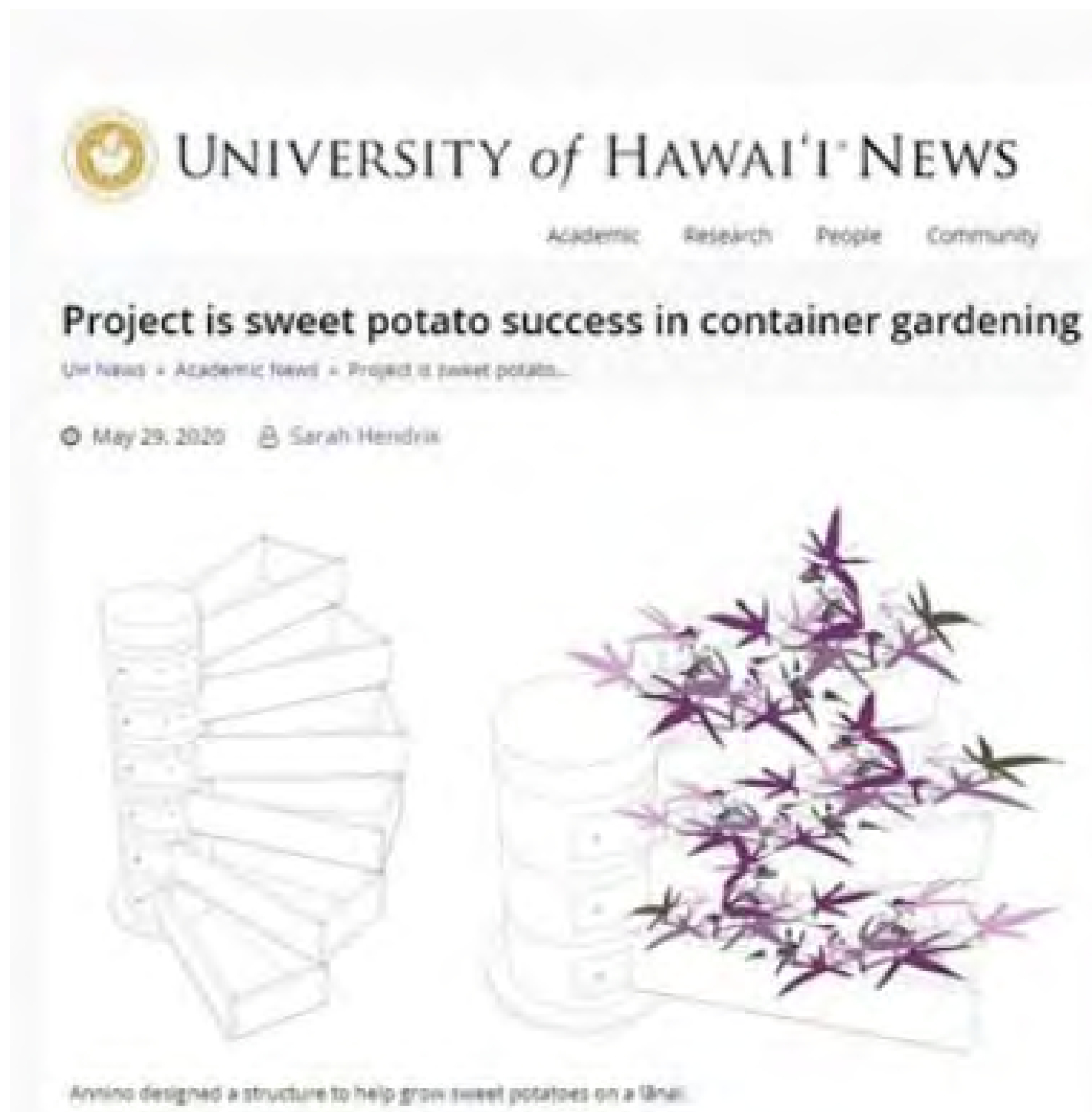


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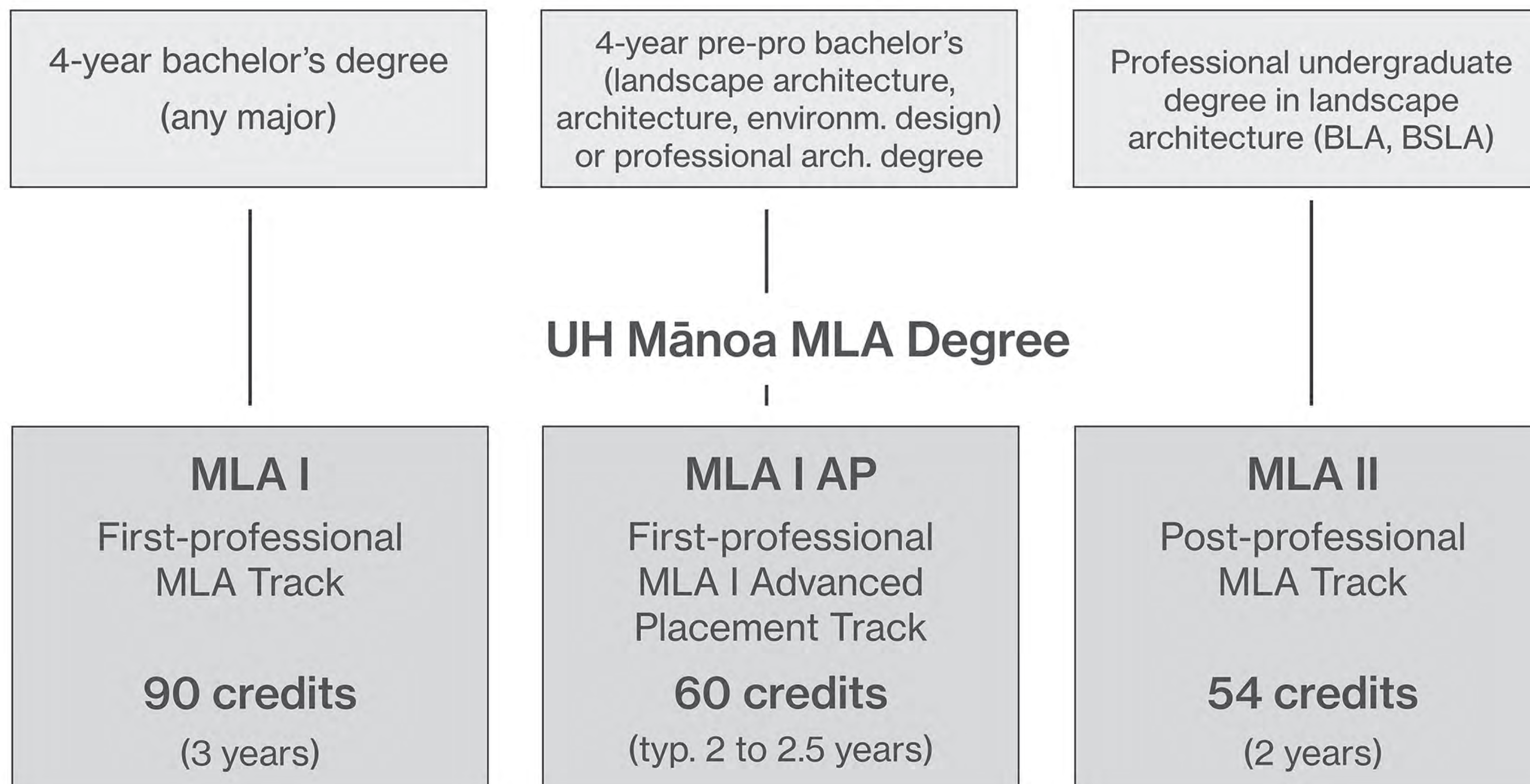
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Undergraduate Degree



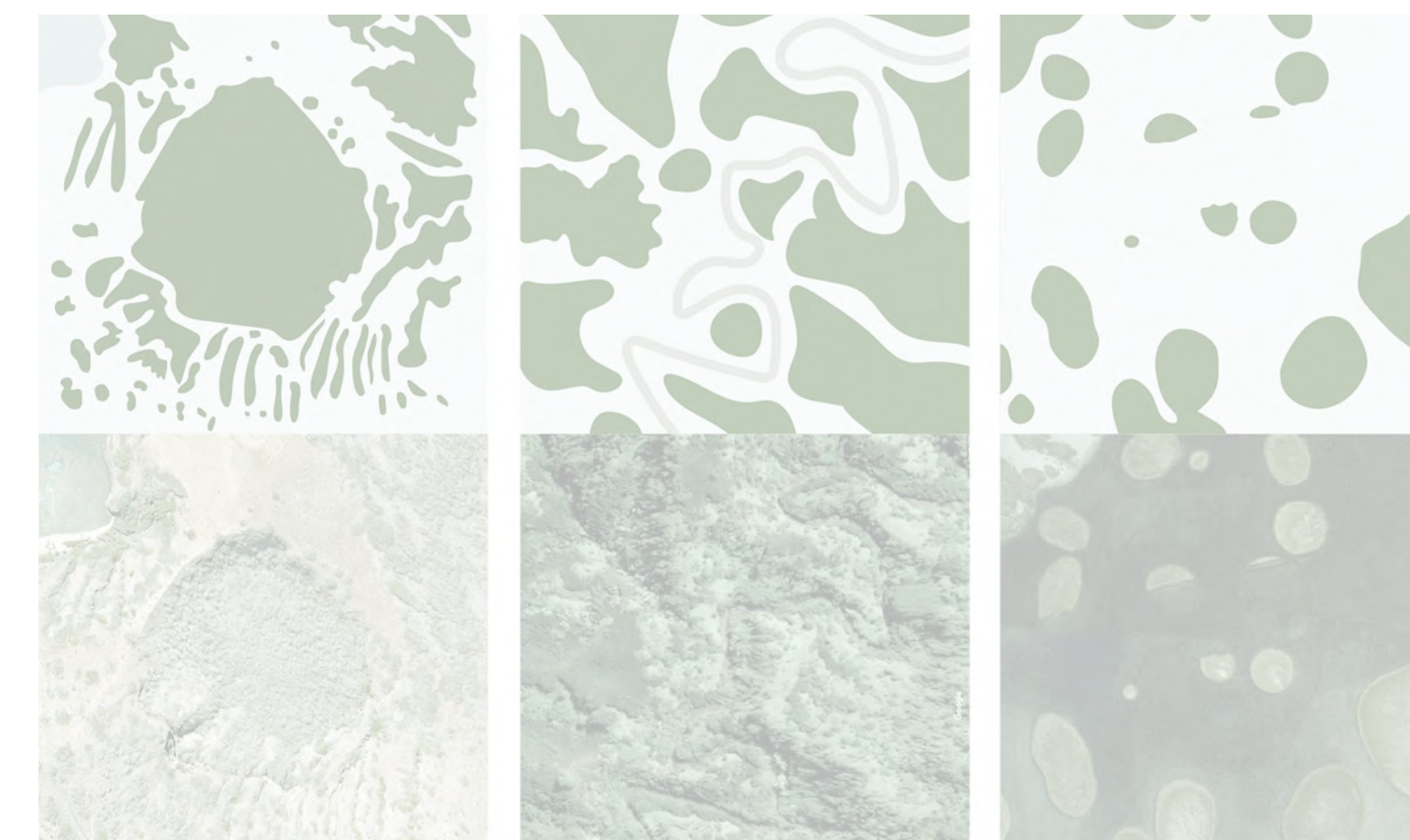
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MLA Program Admissions

The MLA application process is comprised of two basic steps: (1) a general UHM Graduate Division application and (2) submission of MLA-specific supplemental application materials.

General admissions procedures for the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program follow Graduate Division policy (<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/prospective-students>). Applicants for admission to the MLA must hold, or expect to hold prior to matriculation, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university, or an equivalent degree from a recognized non-U.S. institution of higher education.

To be eligible, a first-professional MLA I track applicant must hold a four-year bachelor's degree with a major in any field of study. A first-professional MLA I AP track applicant must hold a professional degree in architecture (BArch, MArch, DArch) or a four-year pre-professional bachelor's degree in landscape architecture, architecture, or environmental design. Additionally, a strong design portfolio is required for an MLA I AP applicant to be granted advanced standing of up to two semesters. A post-professional MLA II track applicant must hold an accredited professional degree in landscape architecture (BLA, BSLA).

All applicants to the MLA program need to demonstrate a GPA of 3.0 or



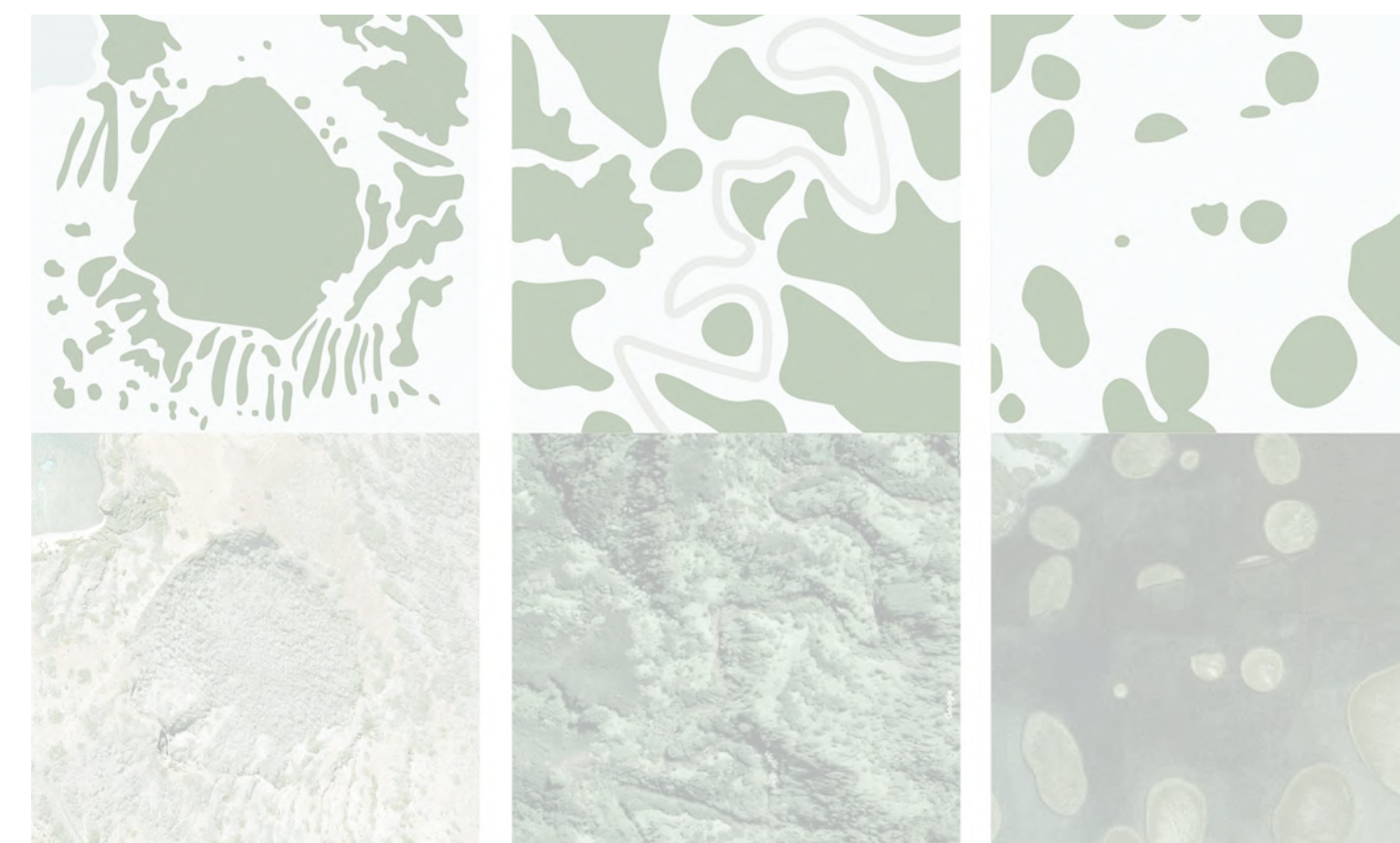
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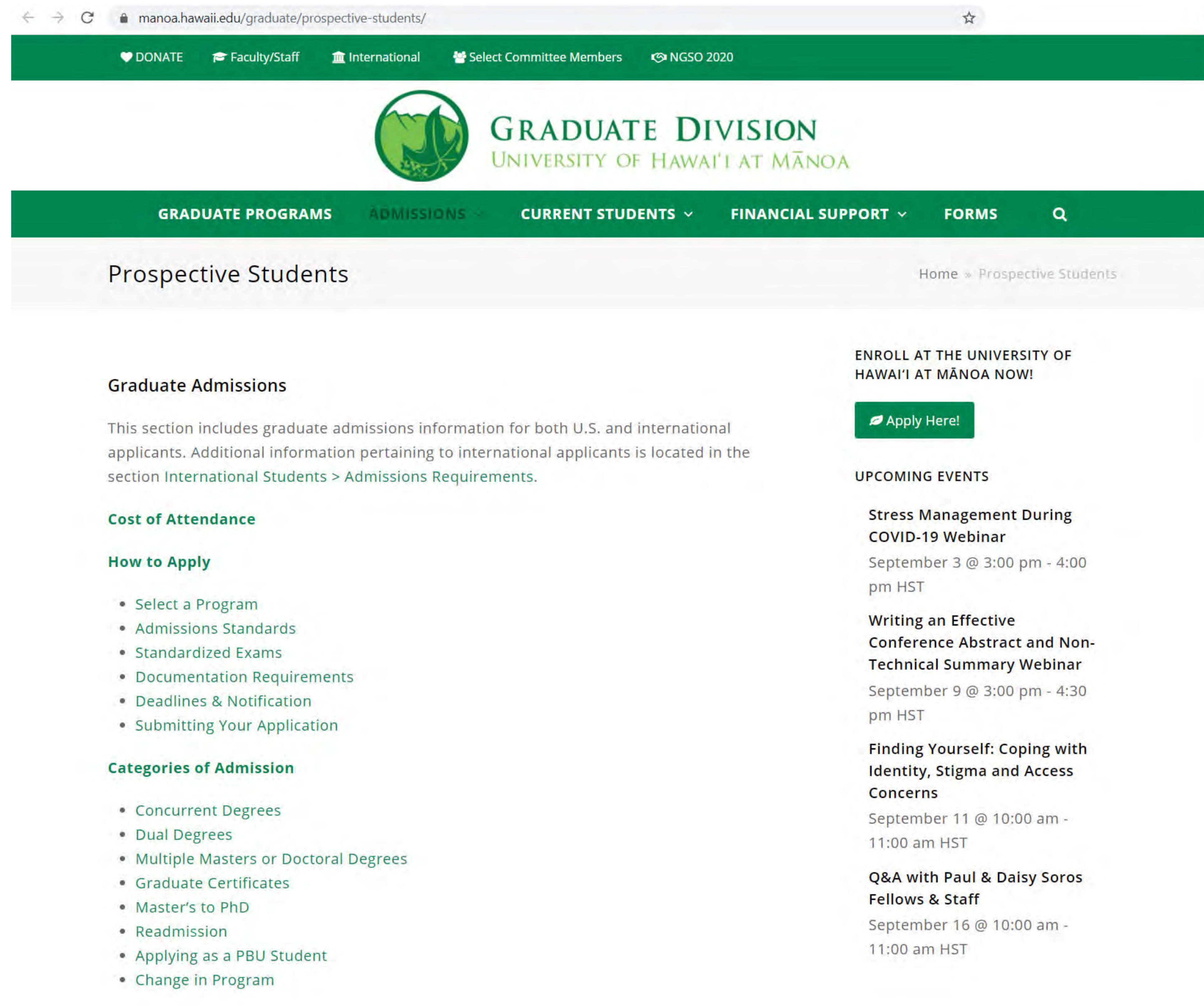


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Graduate Admissions

This section includes graduate admissions information for both U.S. and international applicants. Additional information pertaining to international applicants is located in the section [International Students > Admissions Requirements](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Stress Management During COVID-19 Webinar
September 3 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm HST

Writing an Effective Conference Abstract and Non-Technical Summary Webinar
September 9 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm HST

Finding Yourself: Coping with Identity, Stigma and Access Concerns
September 11 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am HST

Q&A with Paul & Daisy Soros Fellows & Staff
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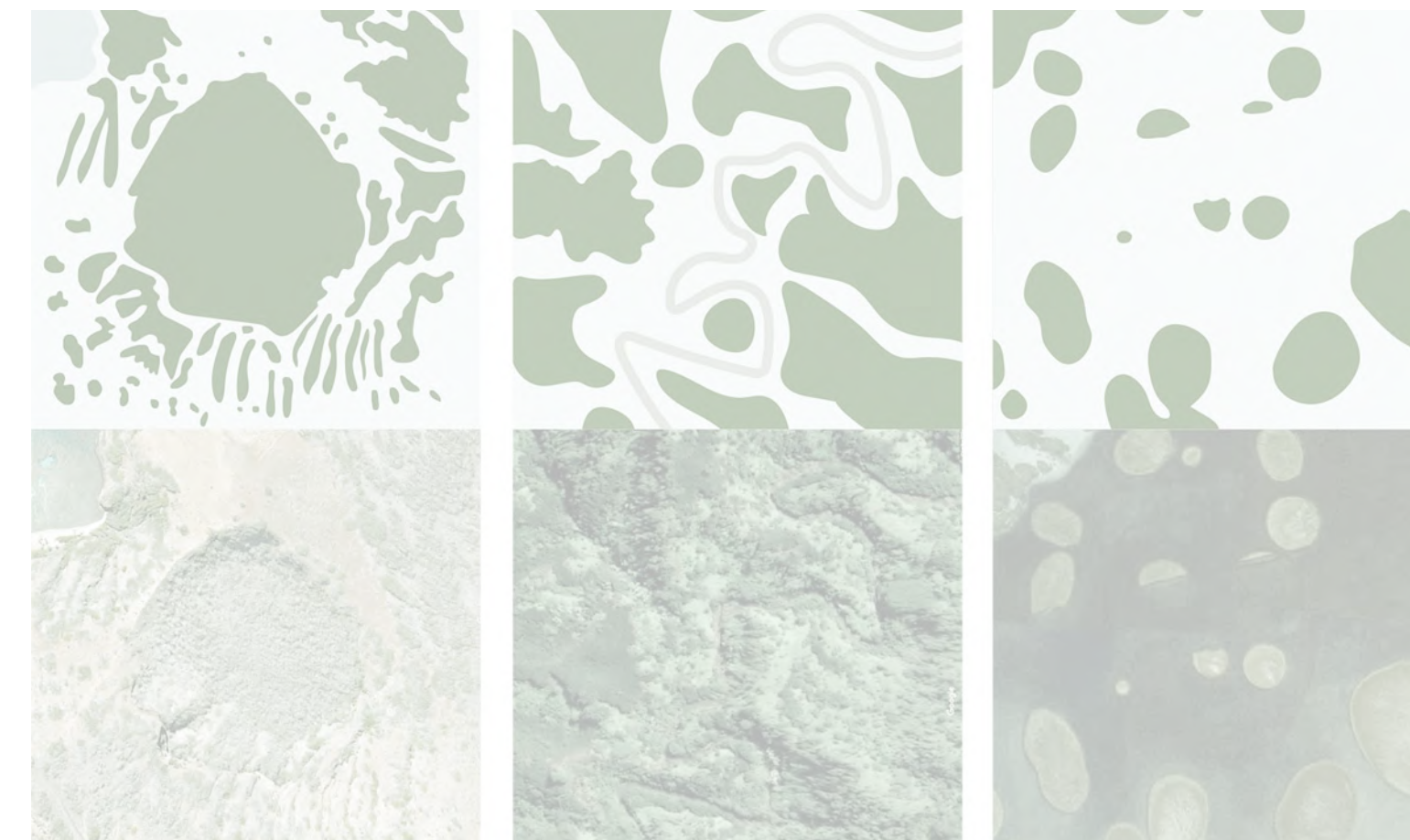
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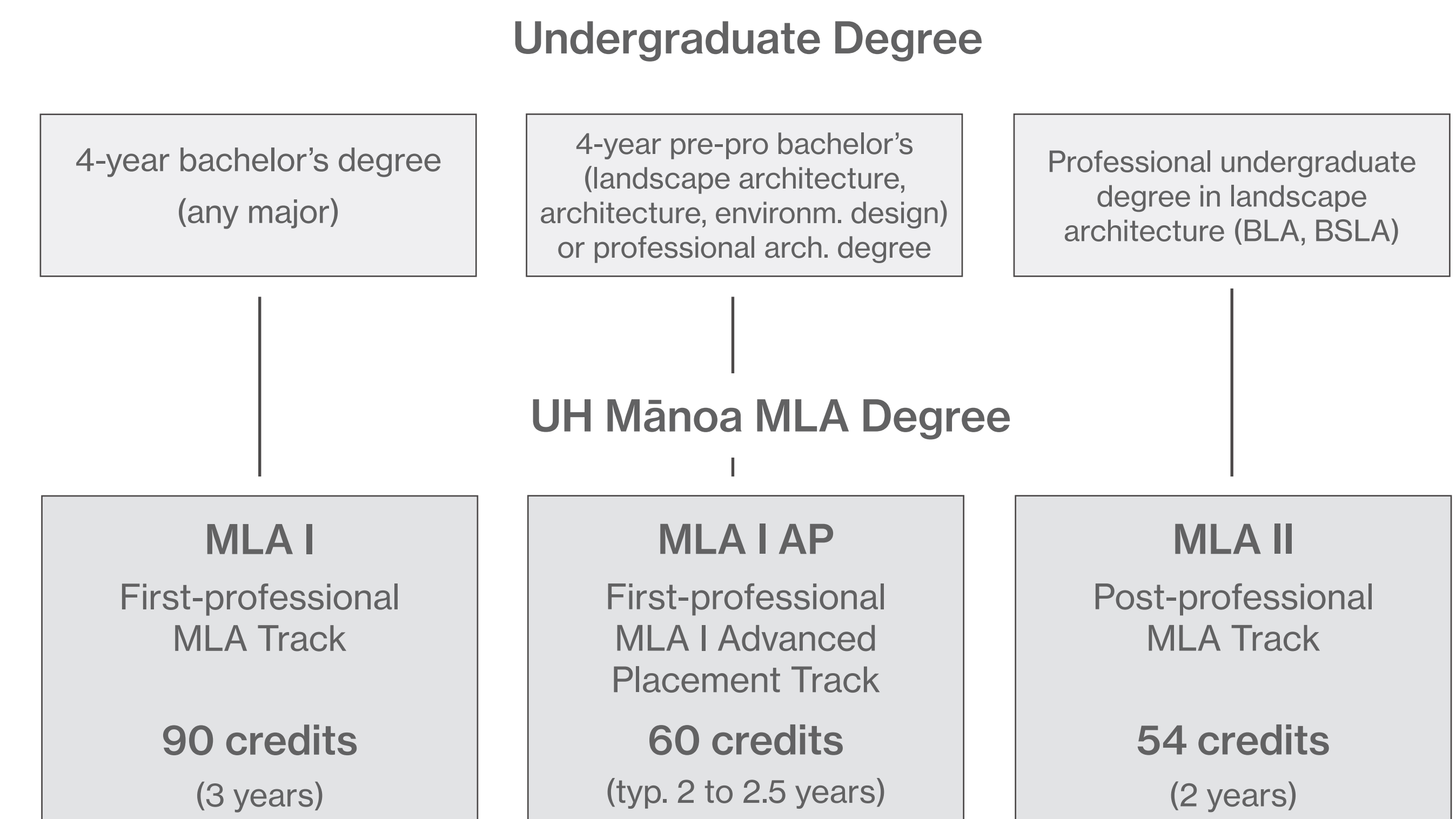
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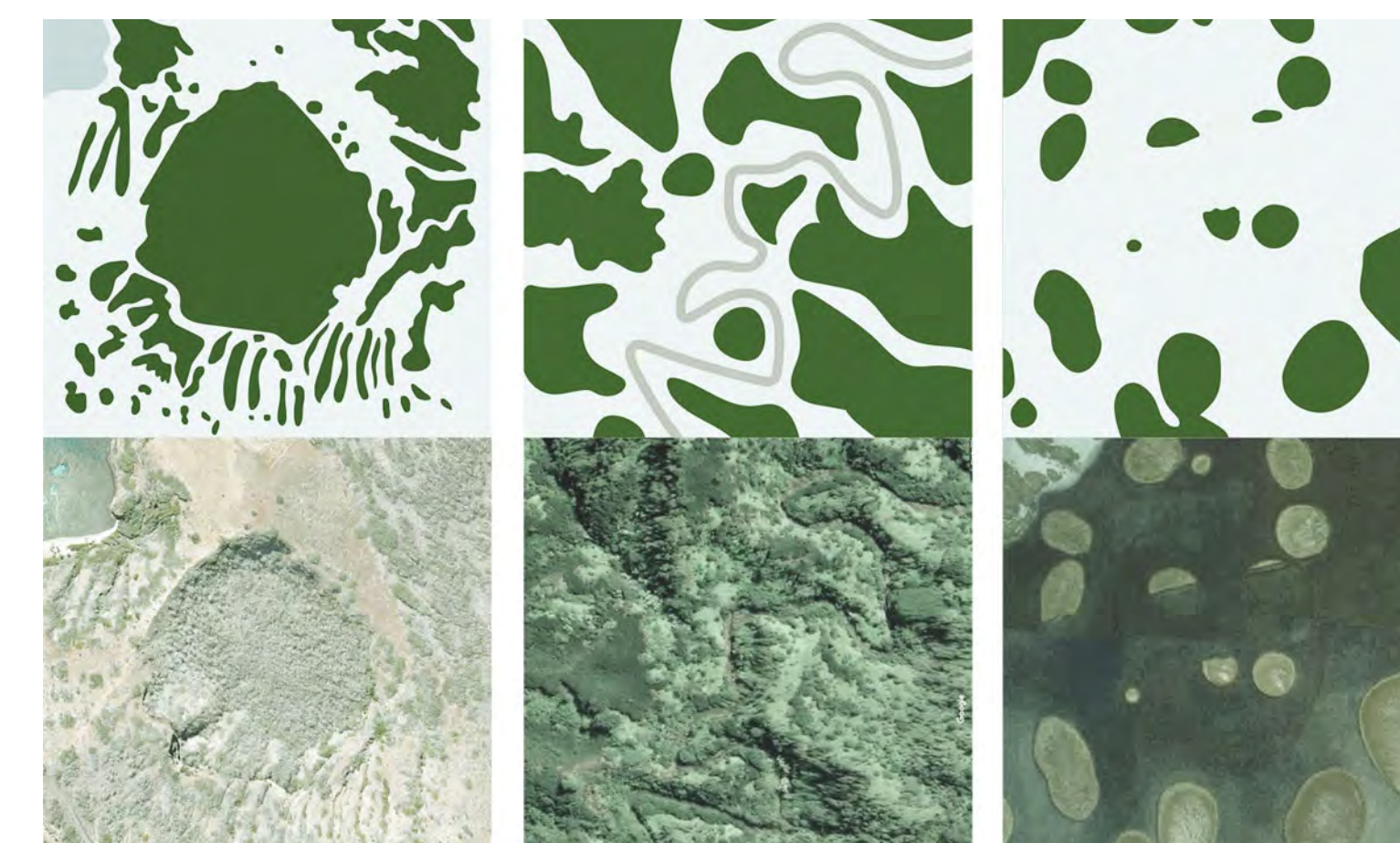
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