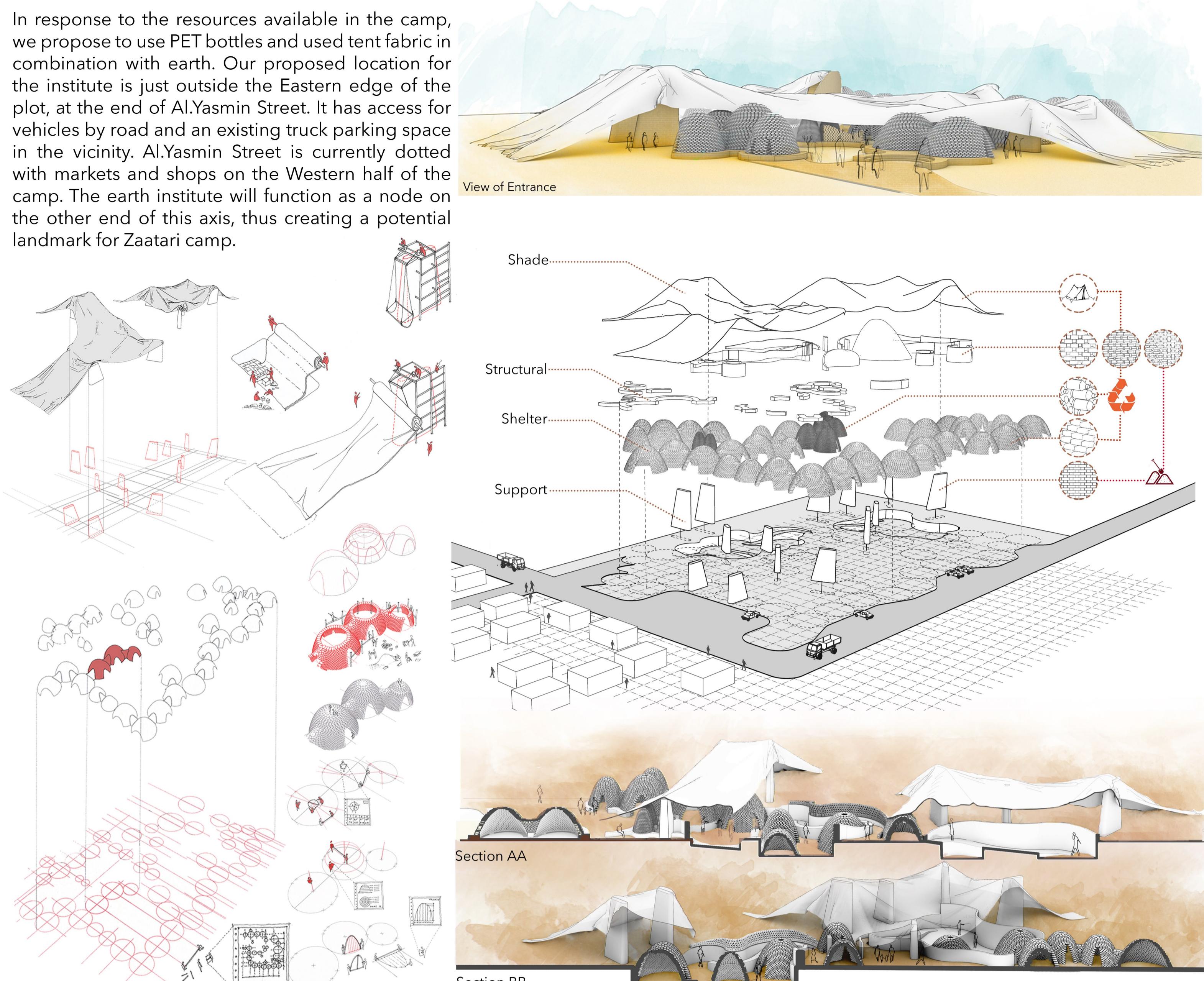


In response to the resources available in the camp, we propose to use PET bottles and used tent fabric in combination with earth. Our proposed location for the institute is just outside the Eastern edge of the plot, at the end of Al.Yasmin Street. It has access for vehicles by road and an existing truck parking space in the vicinity. Al.Yasmin Street is currently dotted with markets and shops on the Western half of the camp. The earth institute will function as a node on the other end of this axis, thus creating a potential landmark for Za'atari camp.



We propose to design an institute for learning about and prototyping in earth construction. Our idea is a response to the current problem of inadequate infrastructure and housing which has failed to keep up with the increasingly permanent nature of the lives of Za'atari's residents. We imagine a place for activities such as prototyping and testing of earth blocks and techniques in earth construction, conducting classes and workshops to teach theoretical and practical aspects of earth related building and places for cooking, dining and socialising.

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