
It's a strange dichotomy that we appreciate the way of life in the organic, surprising and full of life old town spaces but yet choose to live in otherwise set up. We seem to long for **the symbiotic connection with nature (ecological cycle) and the extend of social interaction**. Economic decisions has percolated into the way we live, which has also made us unaware of the ecological cycles and the way we connect with nature.

During different visits in various grades of settlement in the city, we noticed a stark difference in the experience of the urban fabric. The developed parts of the city seems to have engulfed in deadly silence, devoid of cultural expression in the streets. This lack of cultural expression in predominantly the west part of the city is **a symptom of this imbalance in social, ecological and economical resource distribution**.

SITE VISITS

LIC housing

Gulbai Tekra (hollywood slum)

Manek Chowk (old town)



At these three places, we identified positive and negative aspect of the place. Manek chawk was found to be as flexible landuse area which is social and economic spine for that portion of the city. But yet, its very congested, noisy polluted and lack of green spaces. Similarly Hollywood basti at Gulbai tekra is highly adaptive inherited with sense of community and hospitality. But it lack hygienic environment and suffers from lack of privacy, social services and infrastructure. LIC housing has very nice privacy, social services, green spaces and infrastructure yet sense of community seems to be lost completely. It seemed segregated, lack of cultural expressions and economic vibrancy.

These observations led us to come up with concept of **thinking banana** (for which hindi literal “banana” means “to make”). To make the process more communicative, we represented the process in analogy of cooking.

Social Loop

- Didactic explanation for Kids
- Process explanations
- Hands-on participations
- Monitoring

Ecological Loop

- Organic waste
- Inorganic waste
- Rain Water catchment
- Processing organic
- Processing inorganic
- Water treatment
- Reused/recycled product
- Manure
- Treated Water
- Fruit trees
- Decorative trees
- Crop
- Organic product
- Inorganic product

Economical Loop

- Hawking opportunities
- Garbage art
- Flee Market

What are the ingredients?

Social

Economical

Ecological





"What are the Ingredients"

Resources - Water, Organic waste, plastics (Polythene bags, per bottles, objects), Glass, Cloth, paper

Social inequity - economic, break the conflict of zoning, social expression

Marginalized age/user group - Children, Women, Old age



" What is the Receipie"

Within set boundaries, we attempt to make interventions that open social boundaries against segregation and incorporate ecological cycles for creating a symbiotic ground.



"We need to prepare a dish"

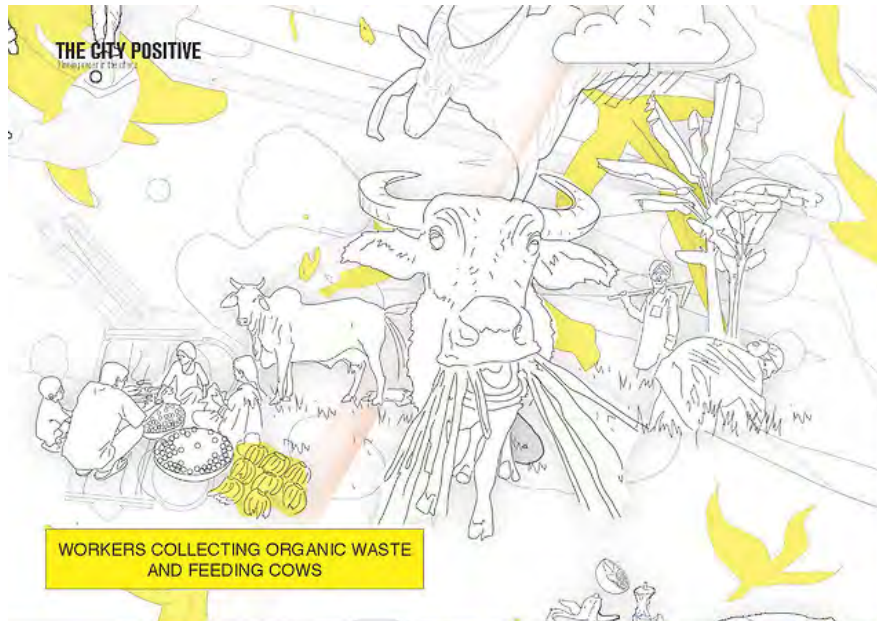
In a complex context like India, it's needed to start understanding the way of life.

We tried to bridge this lack of knowledge by readings, analysis and input from experts that helped to synthesis information in time frame of workshop. During these sessions and visits, we learn about the cycles and **how small decisions bring big changes.**

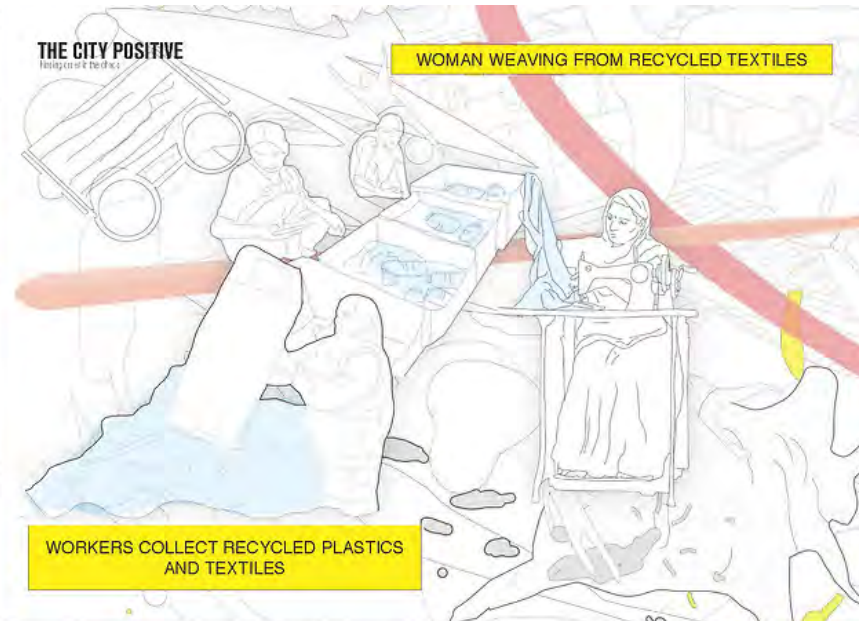


The hunger/quest is to position ourselves between two extremes of ecological and social imbalance. Our attitude towards the resources and social connections prominently indicates existence of this imbalance in present situation.





WORKERS COLLECTING ORGANIC WASTE
AND FEEDING COWS



WORKERS COLLECT RECYCLED PLASTICS
AND TEXTILES



DRY-TOILET TIME:
WASTE USED FOR PLANTING
BANANA TREES



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS TEACHING SKILLS

THE CITY POSITIVE: Finding order in the chaos

Our propose is to integrate the life line processes of an ideal symbiotic society. Here, these processes are classified into three categories: social, ecological and economic activities. In this way all of these activities work in close relation to each other and maintain a delicate balance between these systems. They complement and complete the cycle of life processes necessary

for the sustenance of a healthy ecological society. This diagram demonstrate in a continuous way the different activities that we proposed to our site attending the neighborhood. These complementary activities were divided in 3 major loops, organized into a continuous 24-hour clock.

