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TO ENCOURAGE SOCIAL COHESION AND TOGETHERNESS

The living environment facilitates exchanges, sharing and mutual aid among neighbors, family members and generations
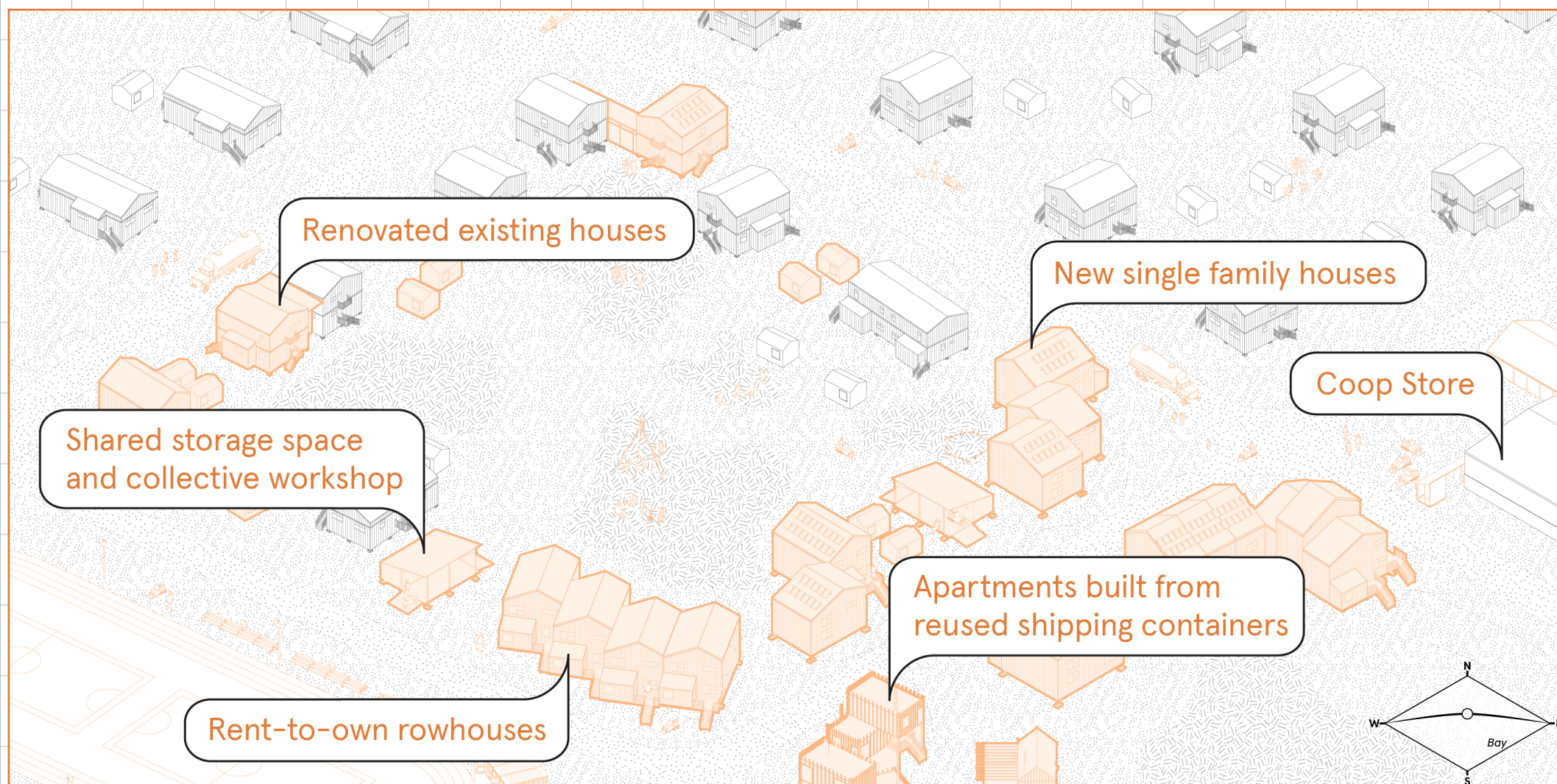
COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

MEANS OF ACTION

8.1 Organize small residential clusters to foster relationships and preserve tranquility for a like-minded group

8.2 Develop or consolidate residential areas offering a variety of house types and tenure, to fit with different life choices

8.3 Include shared spaces between public and private areas for social activities within residential clusters

Renovated existing houses

New single family houses

Coop Store

Shared storage space and collective workshop

Apartments built from reused shipping containers

Rent-to-own rowhouses

VILLAGE CENTER

Residential areas in the village center already provide a shared space within the block. The use, meaning and safety of this space is enhanced by relocating the storage units closer to the streets and by implementing larger, secured, easily accessible storage sheds.
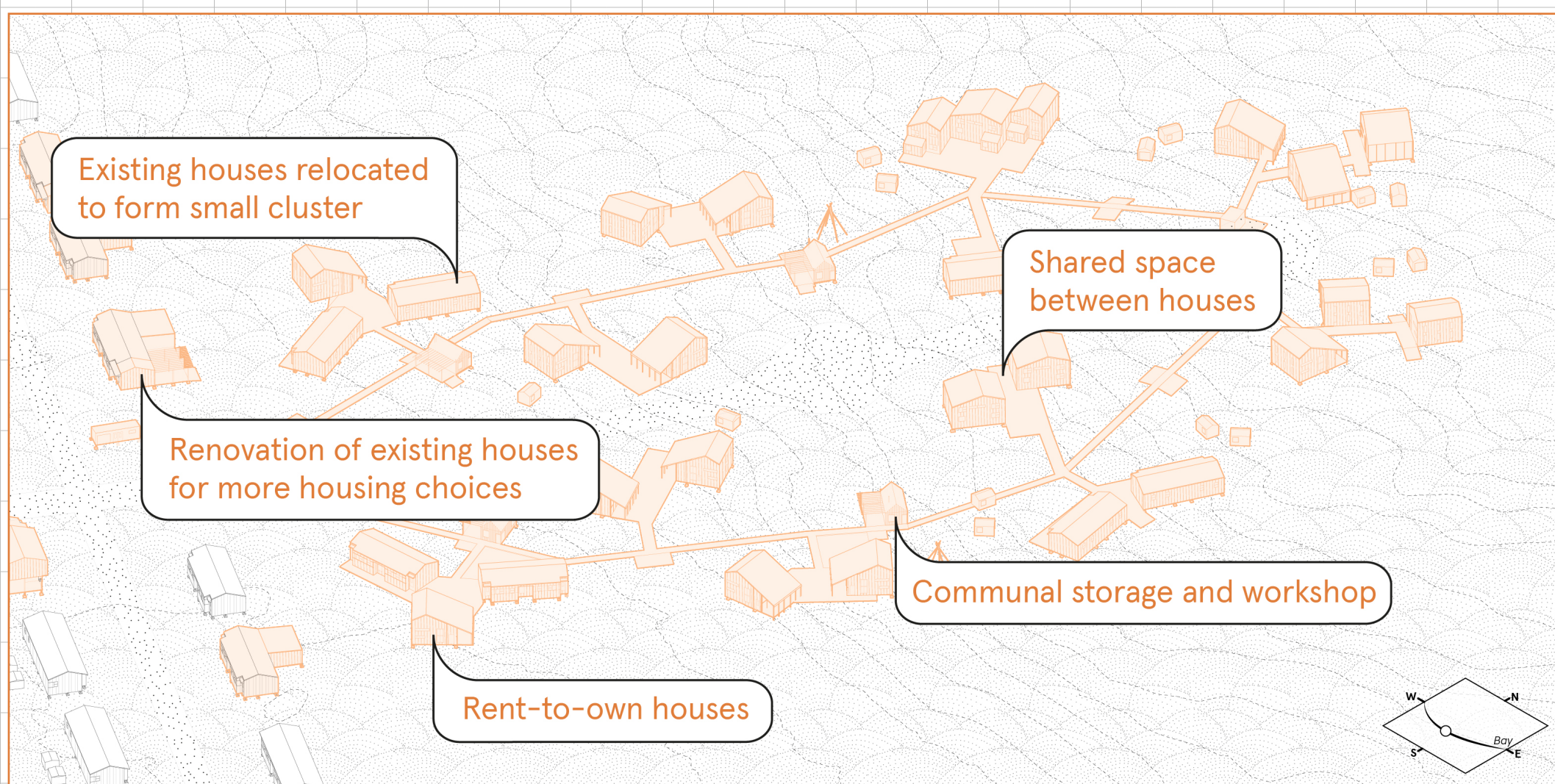
House types are also more diversified and adapted to different or evolving lifestyles. Their implementation around the block encourages more private and calm areas, enjoyed and monitored by the residents.

Existing houses relocated to form small cluster

Shared space between houses

Renovation of existing houses for more housing choices

Communal storage and workshop

Rent-to-own houses

RESIDENTIAL AREA

Existing houses are relocated to form small clusters on the hill, offering more tranquility, more space to store equipment and build sheds, and better views of the landscape. Houses are grouped around an in-between space shared with another family, promoting mutual aid. Communal storage sheds and workshops are added.

Renovating older houses and building new ones provide more choice and diversity for families. For example, rent-to-own units are located next to social housing.

Sheds for family storage or workspace

Privately-owned houses

Shared storage

Housing coop

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Cluster-organized neighbourhoods ensure tranquility and offer multiple opportunities for social interaction, especially in its centre. This shared space is preserved by limiting the number of private sheds (rather located behind) and including communal, larger storage facilities easily monitored by the neighbors.

While houses in a cluster are close to each other, they don't have to be of the same type or of the same tenure. For example, social housing units are mixed with privately-owned houses and units forming a small cooperative. They house small or extended families, elders, people living alone, one-parent households or young couples without children. In all cases, the feeling of togheterness is reinforced and kept strong by this spatial arrangement.