

## Kigali, Rwanda

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## Site Location

Rwanda, Central Africa

**Total Area:** 26,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** ± 11 million

**Capital:** Kigali

Equator

Rwanda

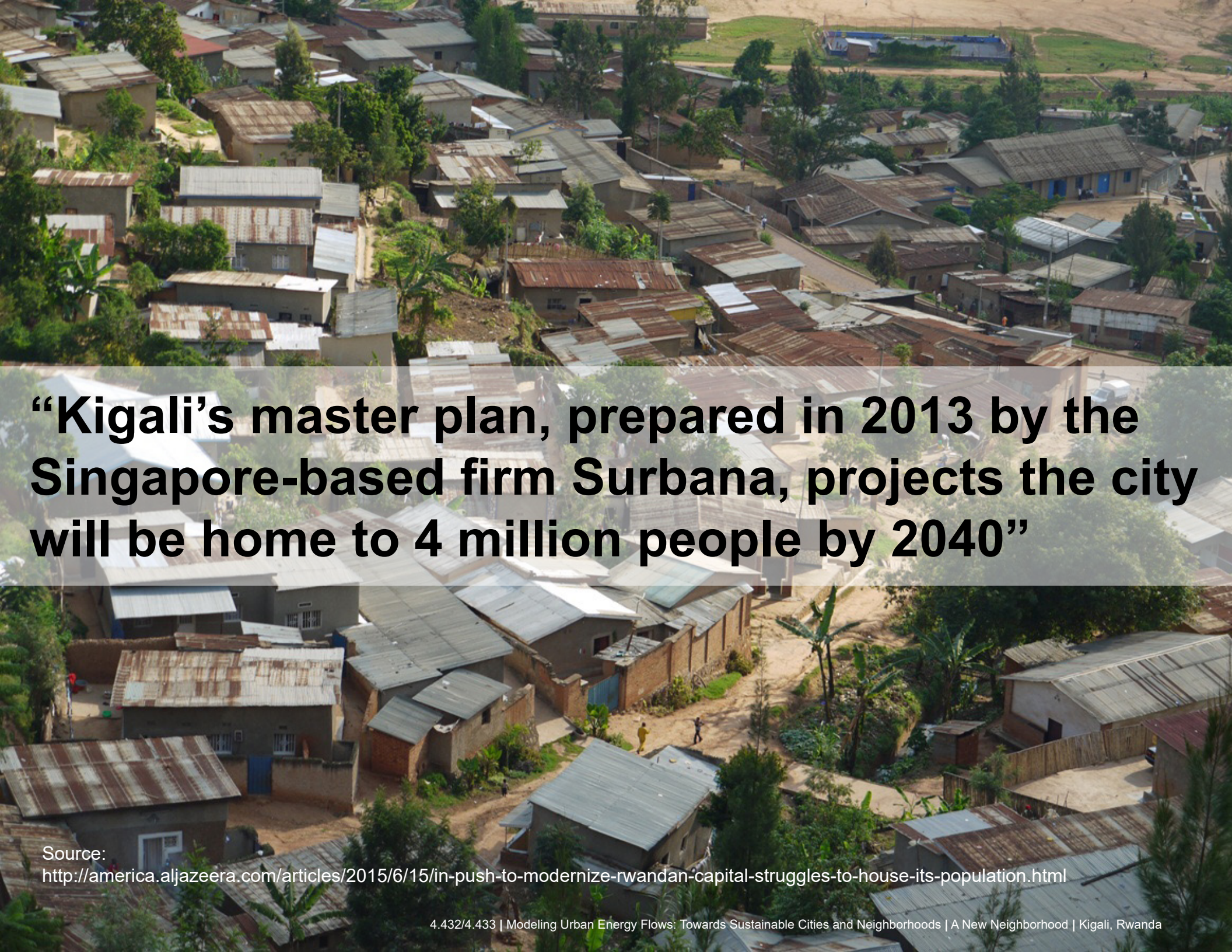




**“The Rwanda population is projected to increase from 10.5 million to 17 million in 2030”**

Source:  
<http://www.statistics.gov.rw/publication/rphc4-population-projections>






**“Kigali’s master plan, prepared in 2013 by the Singapore-based firm Surbana, projects the city will be home to 4 million people by 2040”**

Source:  
<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/6/15/in-push-to-modernize-rwandan-capital-struggles-to-house-its-population.html>





**“According to a 2012 City of Kigali study, the projected population increase and inadequacy of much of the city’s current housing stock mean Kigali will require 344,000 new housing units by 2022.”**

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## Growth of Urban Area & Population in Kigali

Increased demand in housing and commercial



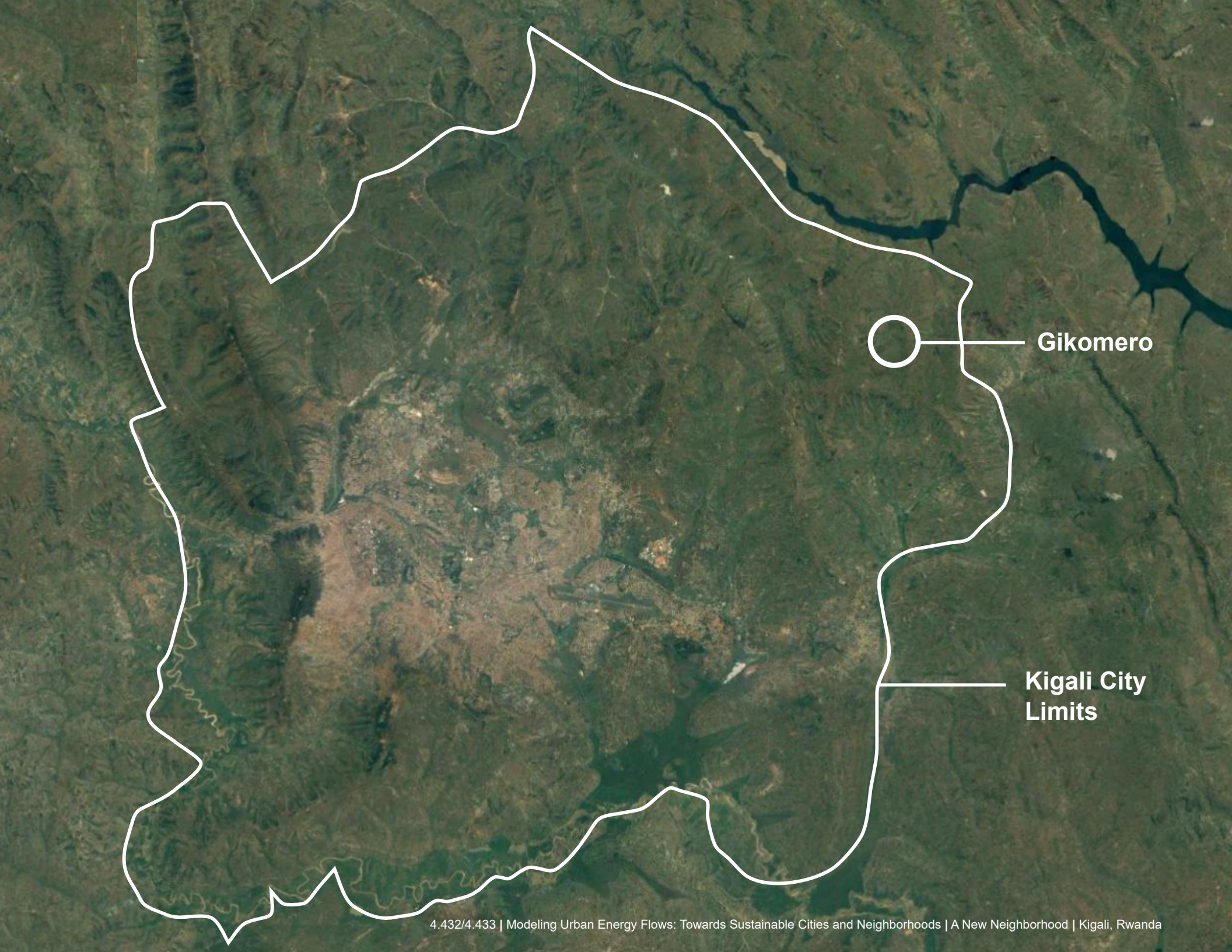
Population: **±200,000** (1990)



Population: **±1,100,000** (2017)

# **Rwanda Housing Authority Integrated Development Project**

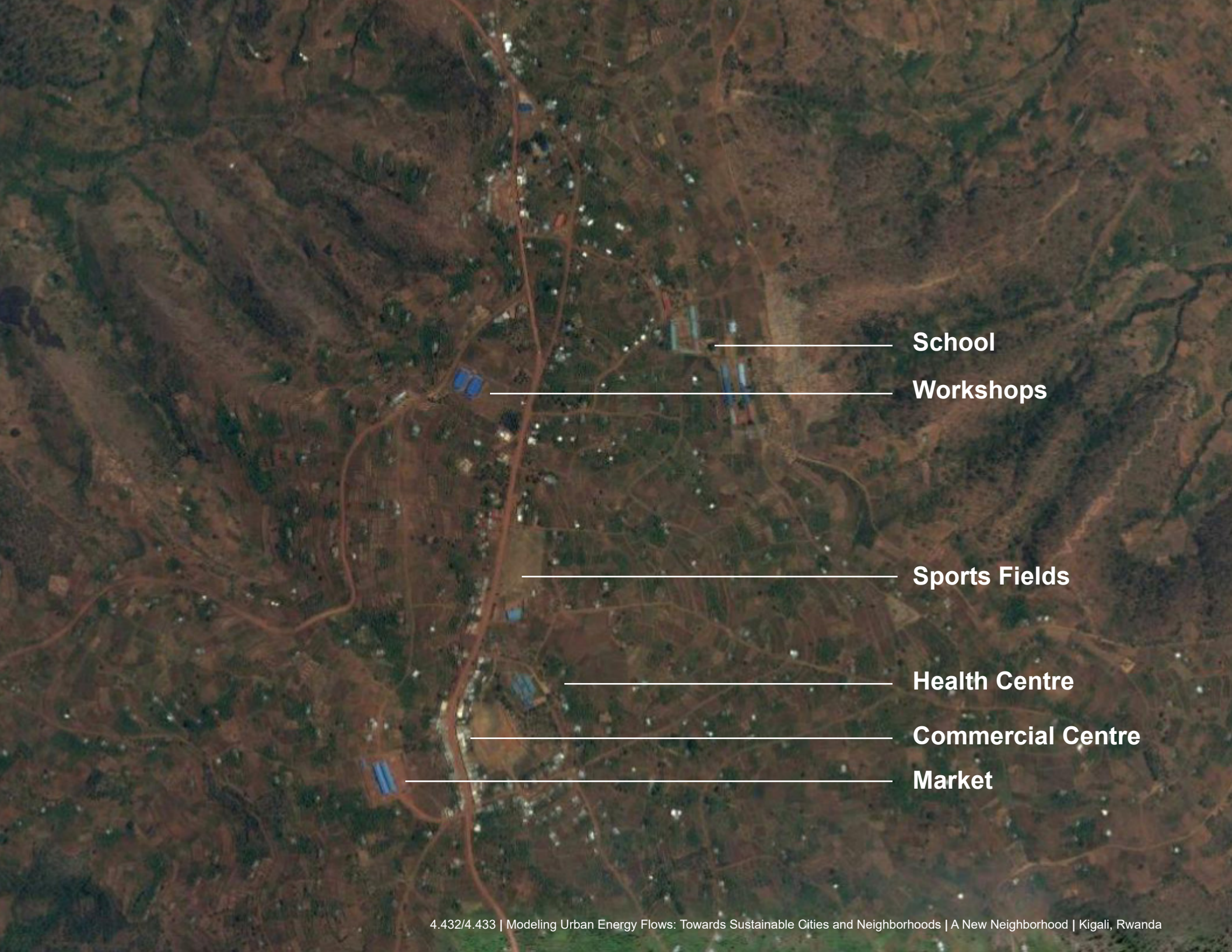




**Gikomero**

**Kigali City  
Limits**





**School**

**Workshops**

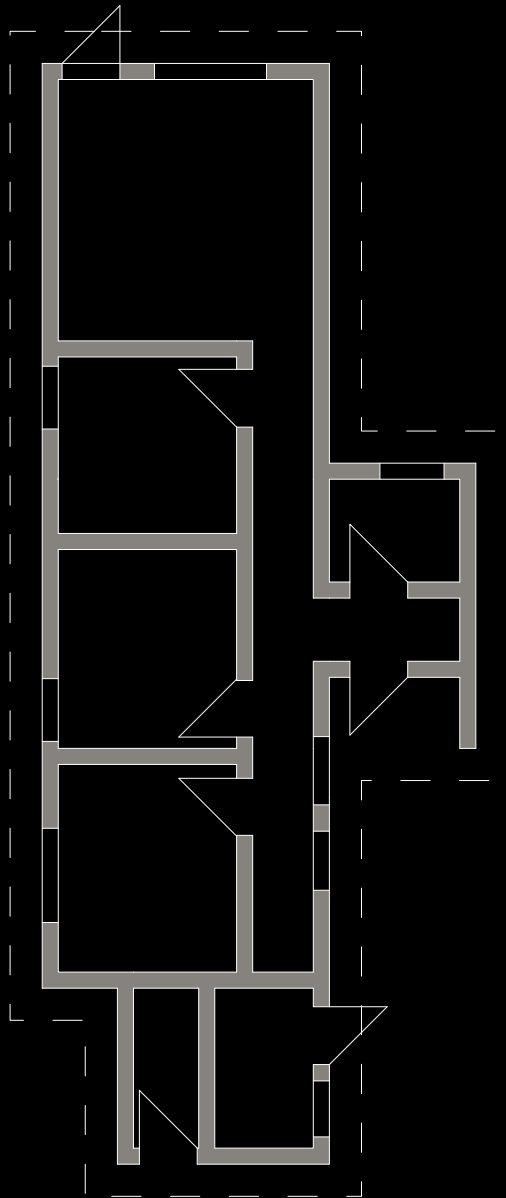
**Sports Fields**

**Health Centre**

**Commercial Centre**

**Market**





## RHA Unit Plan

3.5 Bedrooms  
Outdoor Kitchen/WC

85 m2 total floor area

Cyclopean Stone  
Foundation

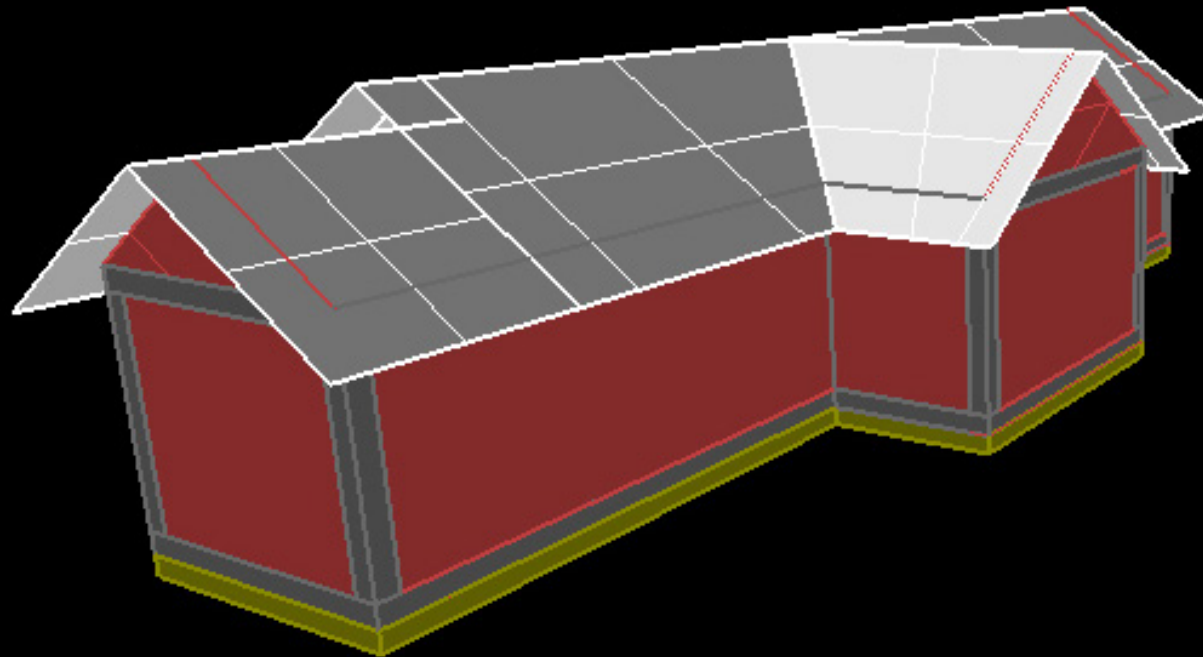
Fired Clay Brick

Reinforced Concrete

Sawn Pine/Eucalyptus  
Roof Frame

Corrugated Tin Roof







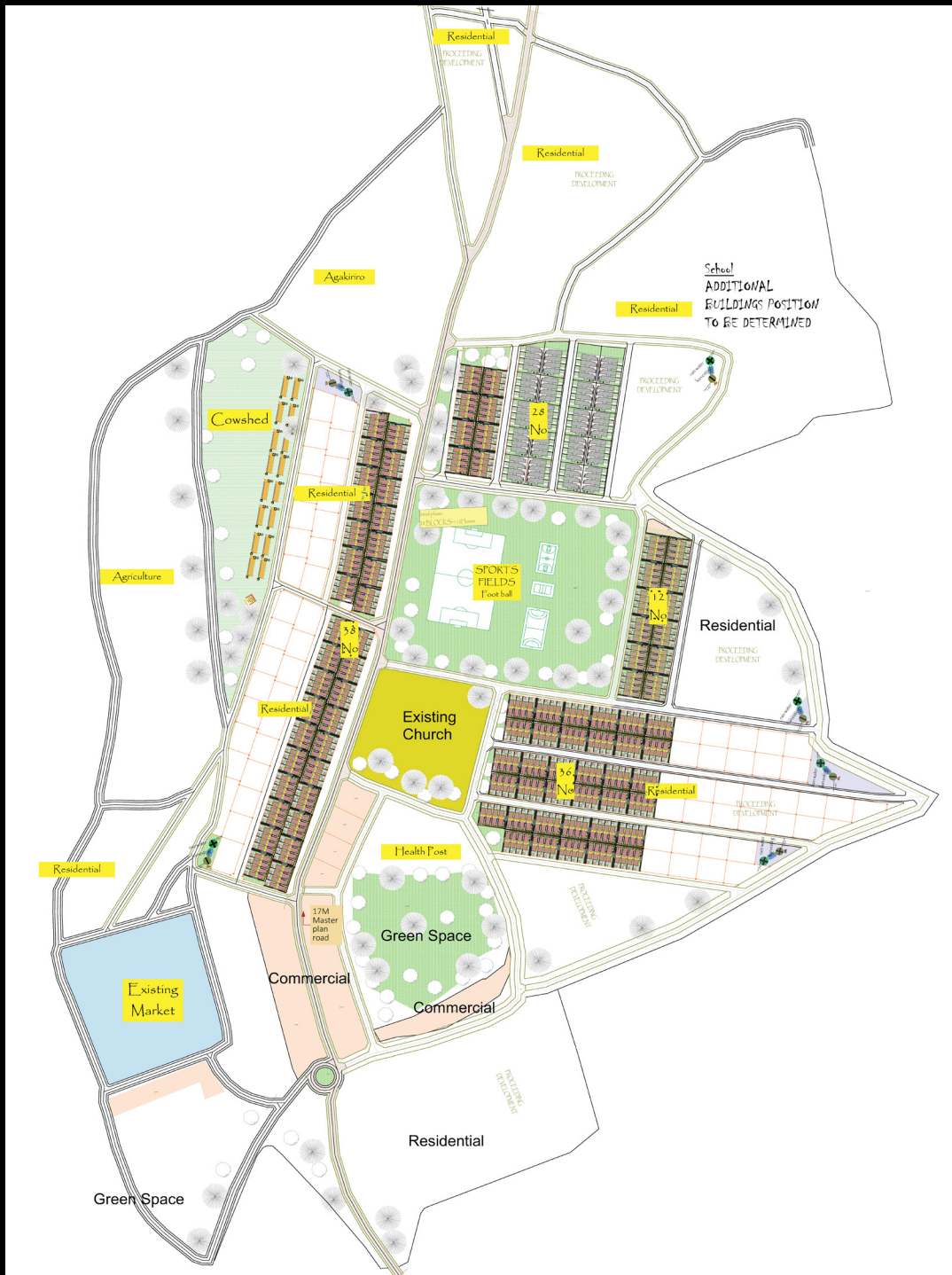
# Gikomero Master Plan

Phase one:

- 156 units
- 190 new residents

Added amenities:

- Technology Hub
- Additional Sports Fields
- New School
- Cowsheds



# Gikomero Master Plan

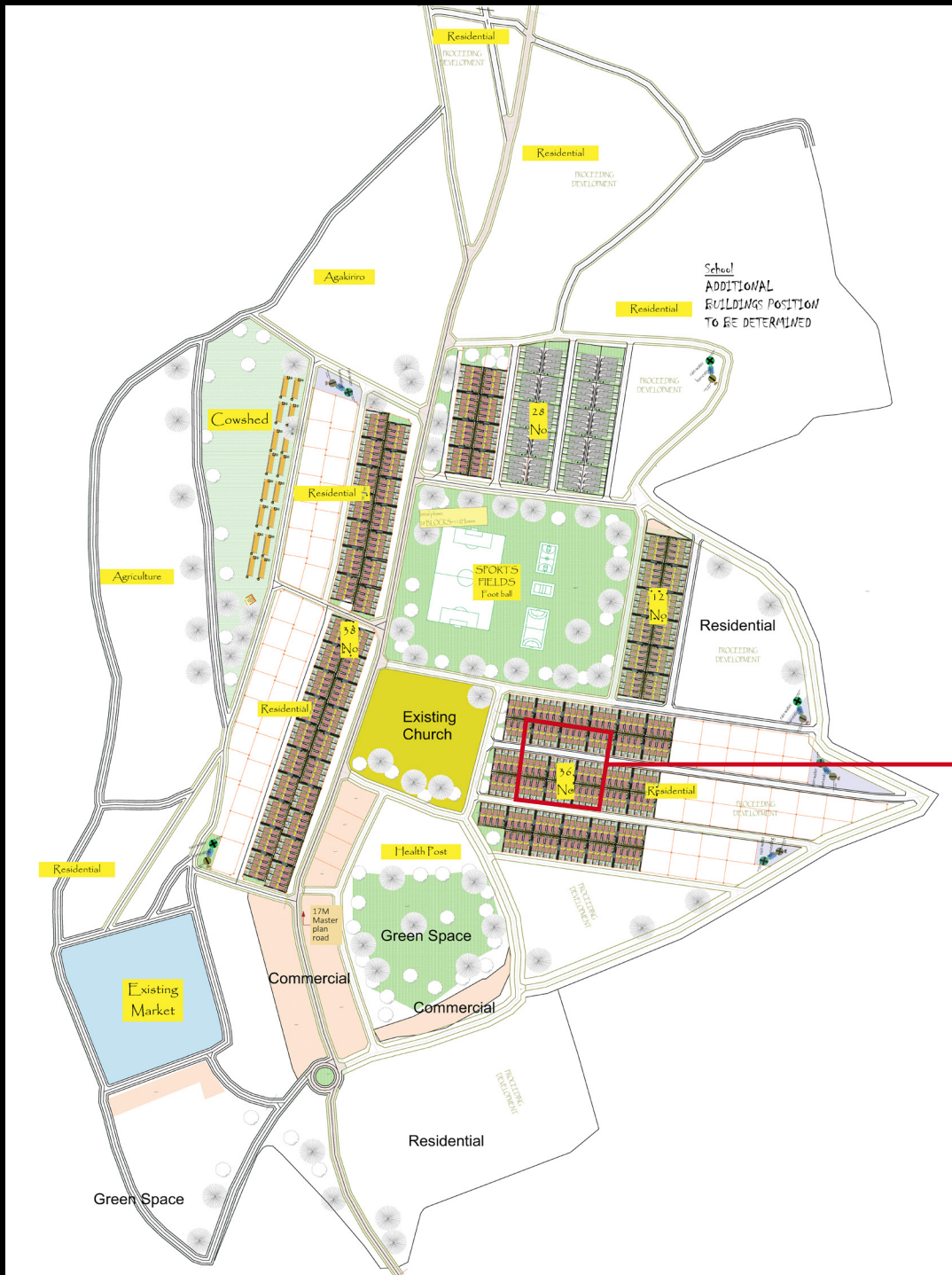
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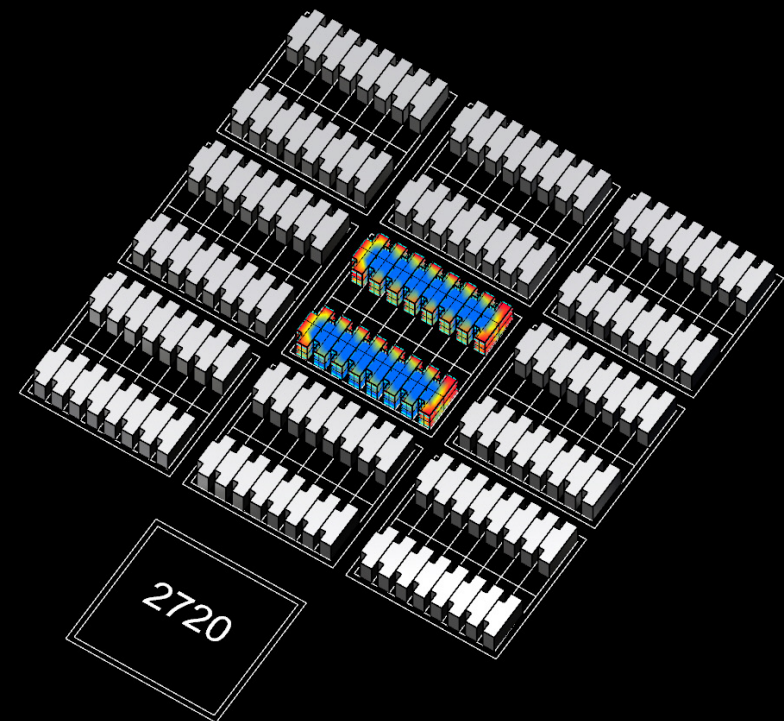
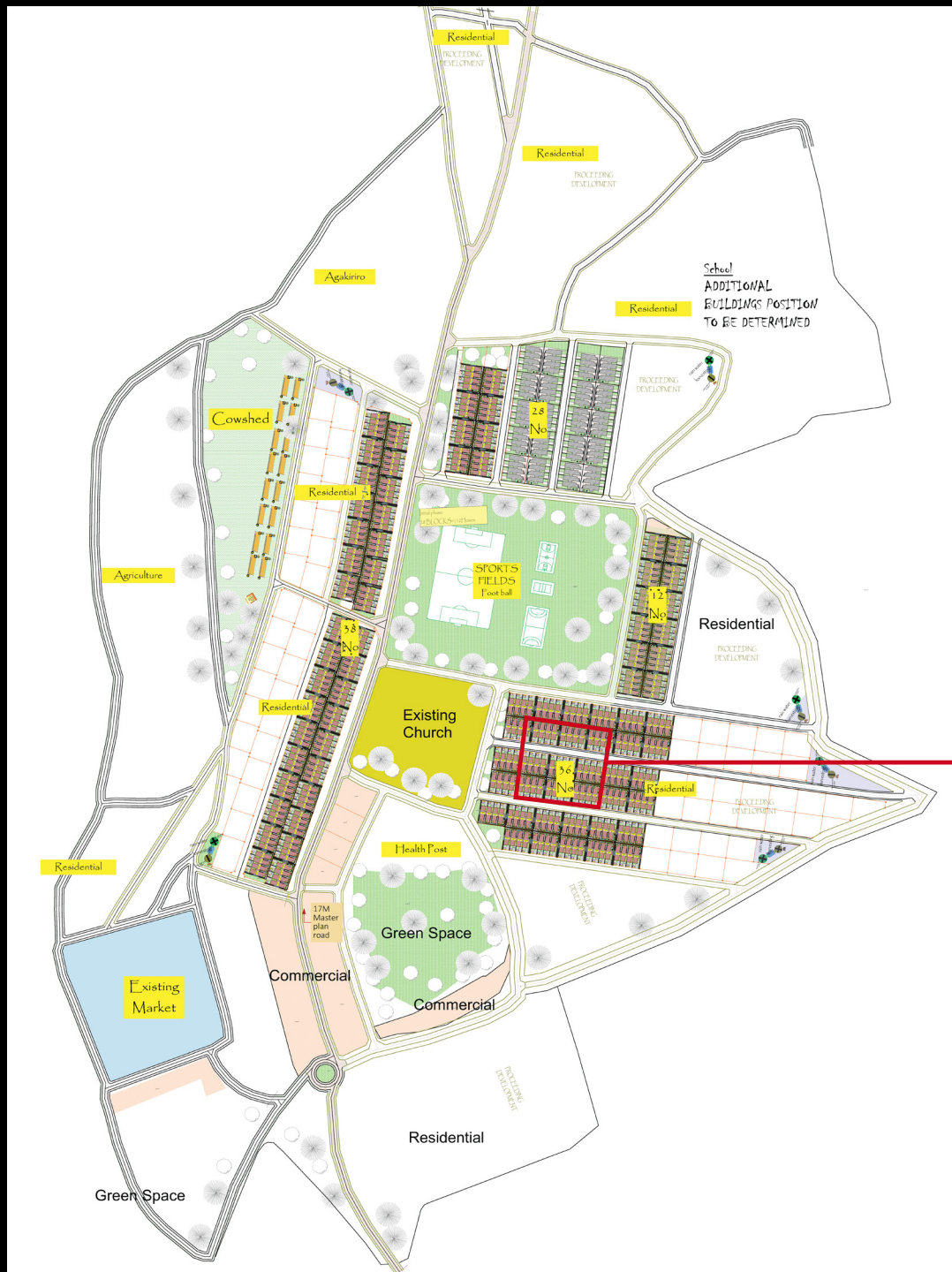
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Block of 39 units  
selected for analysis

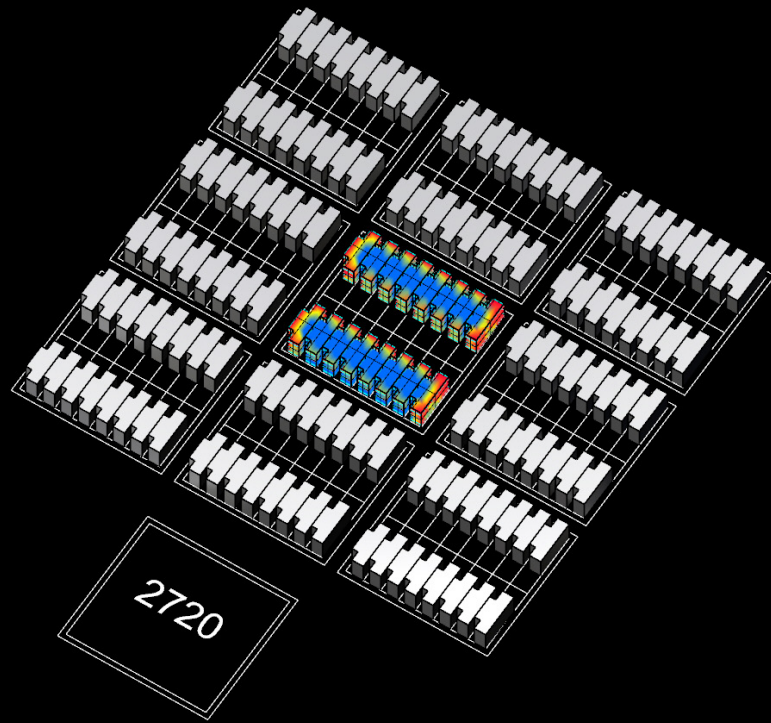




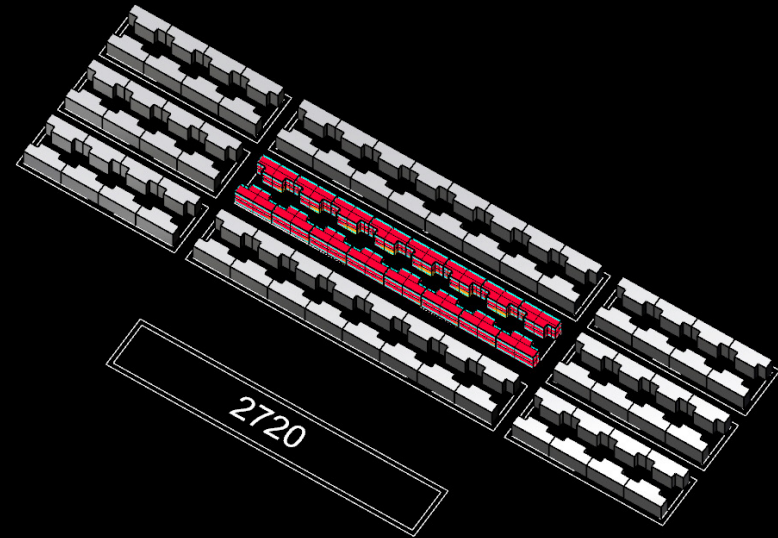




# Comparison: Daylighting



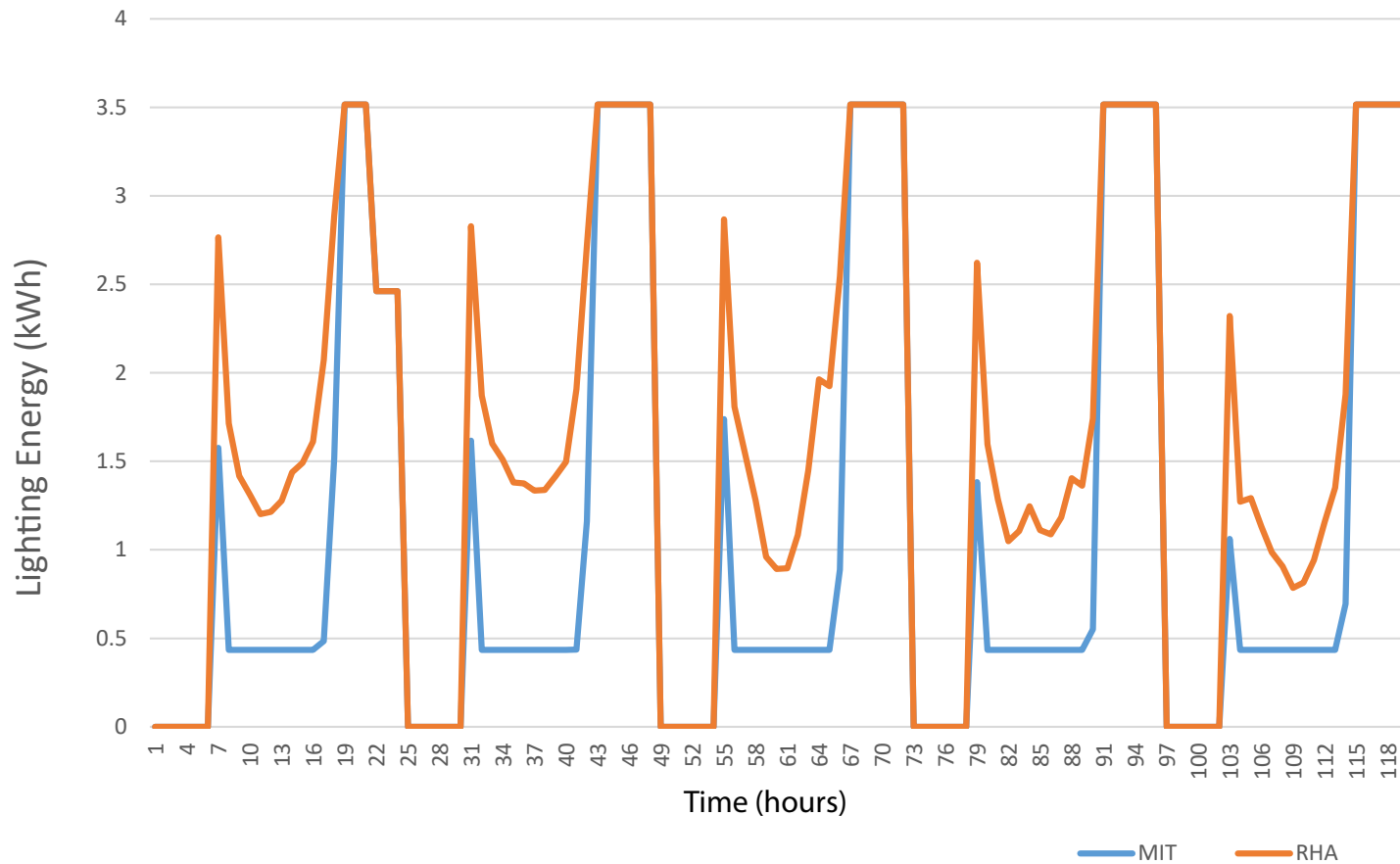
RHA protoblock



MIT protoblock

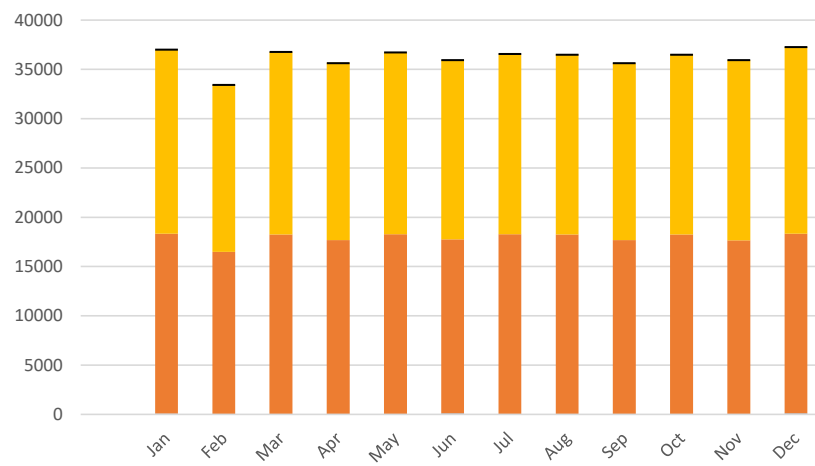


Lighting Usage across five days in January

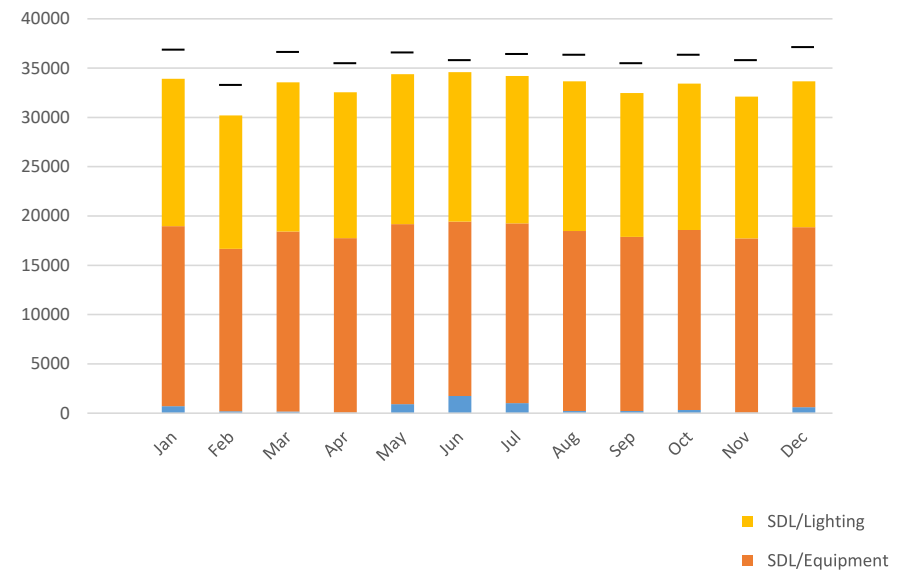




Ruwanda Housing Authority



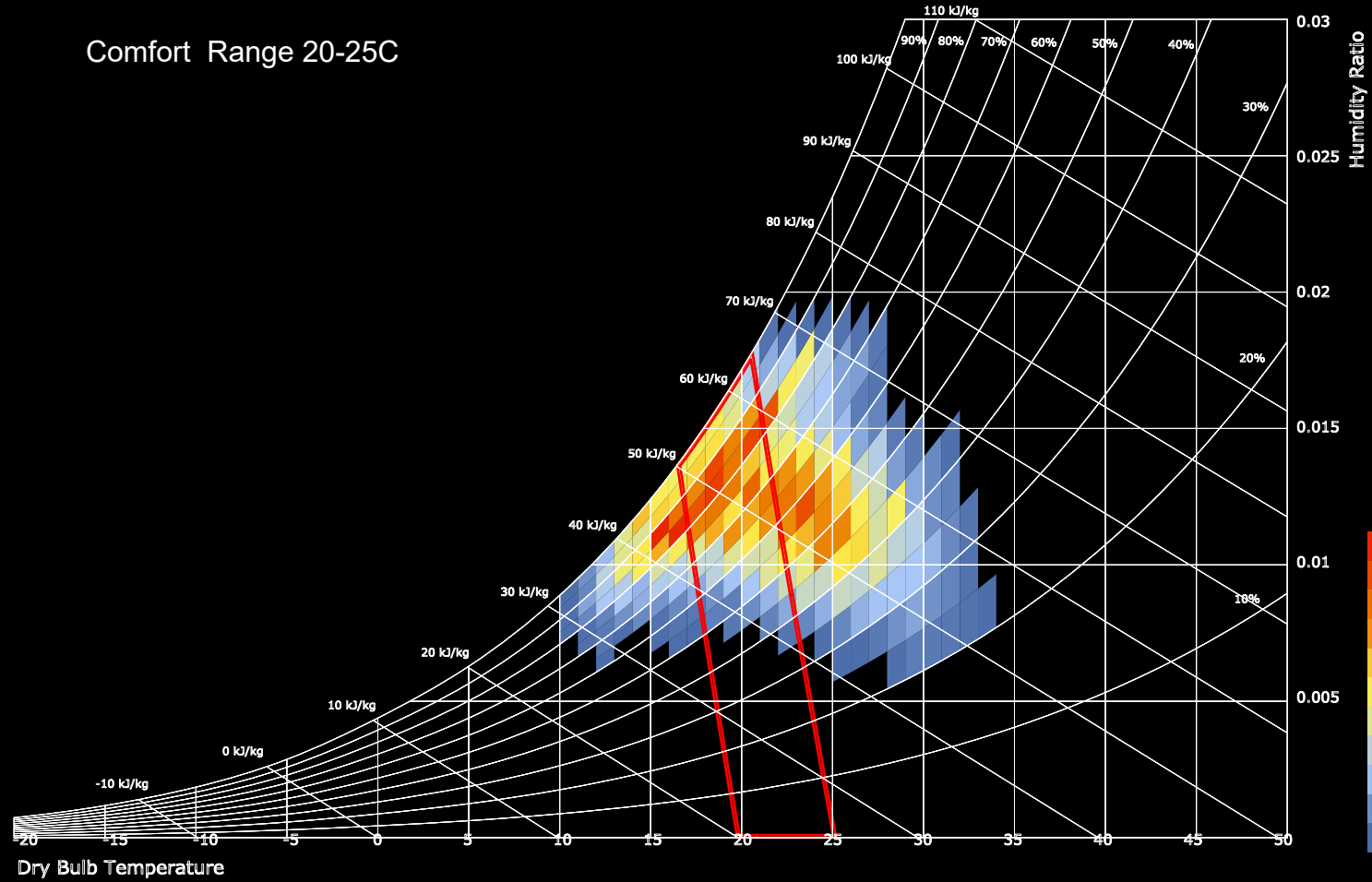
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19% daylight saving



# Thermal Comfort

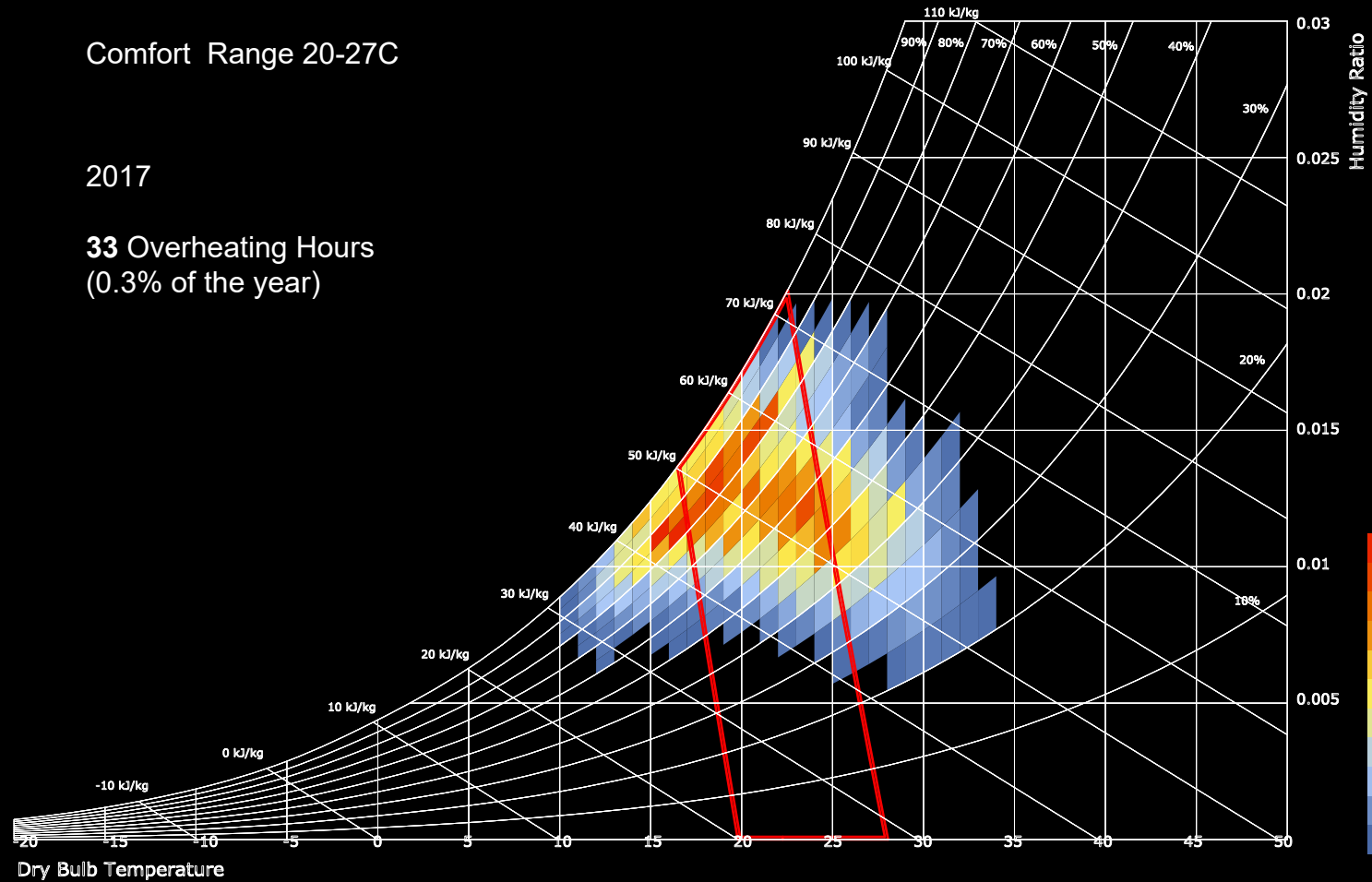


# Thermal Comfort

Comfort Range 20-27°C

2017

**33** Overheating Hours  
(0.3% of the year)

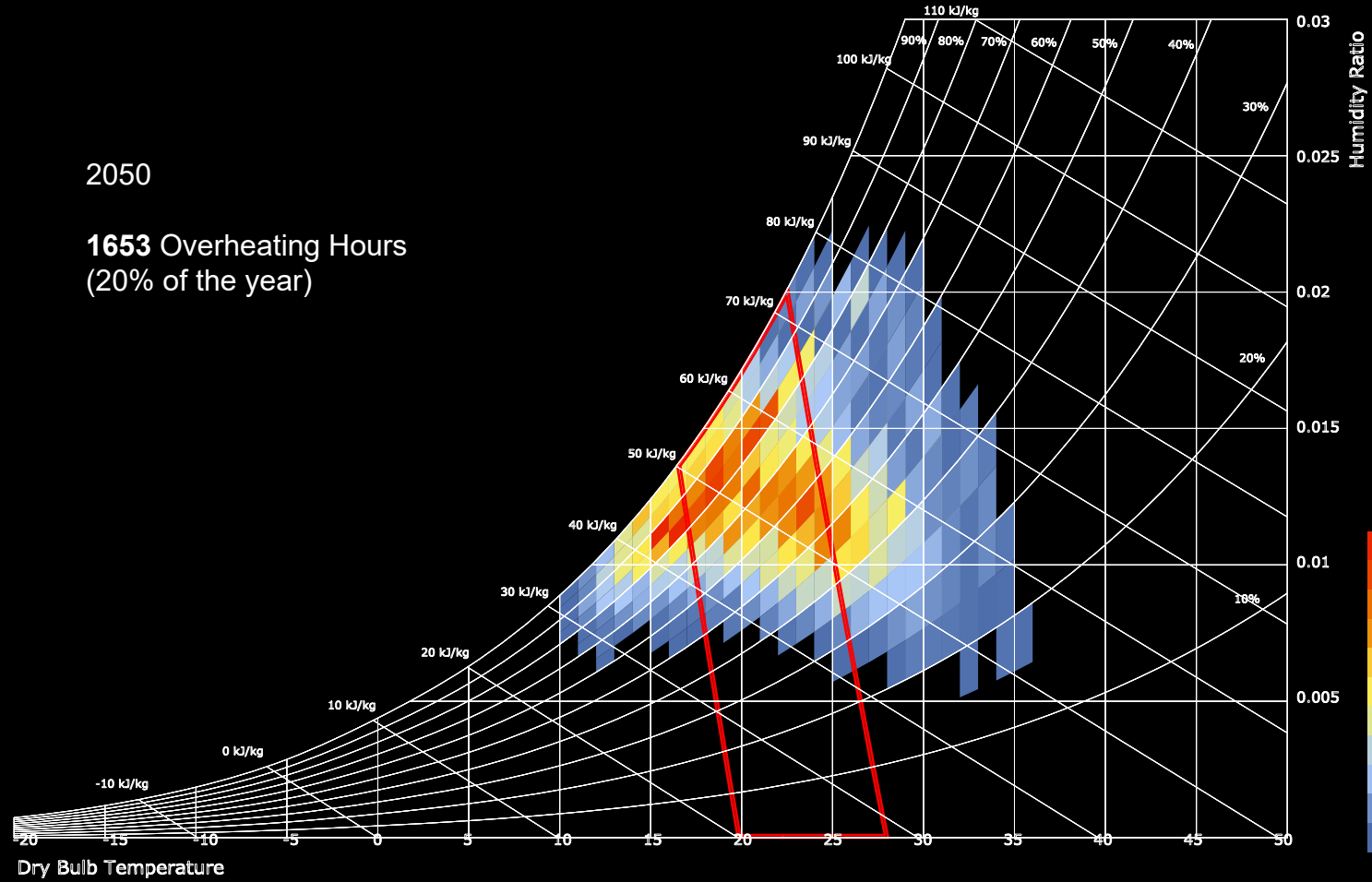




# Thermal Comfort

2050

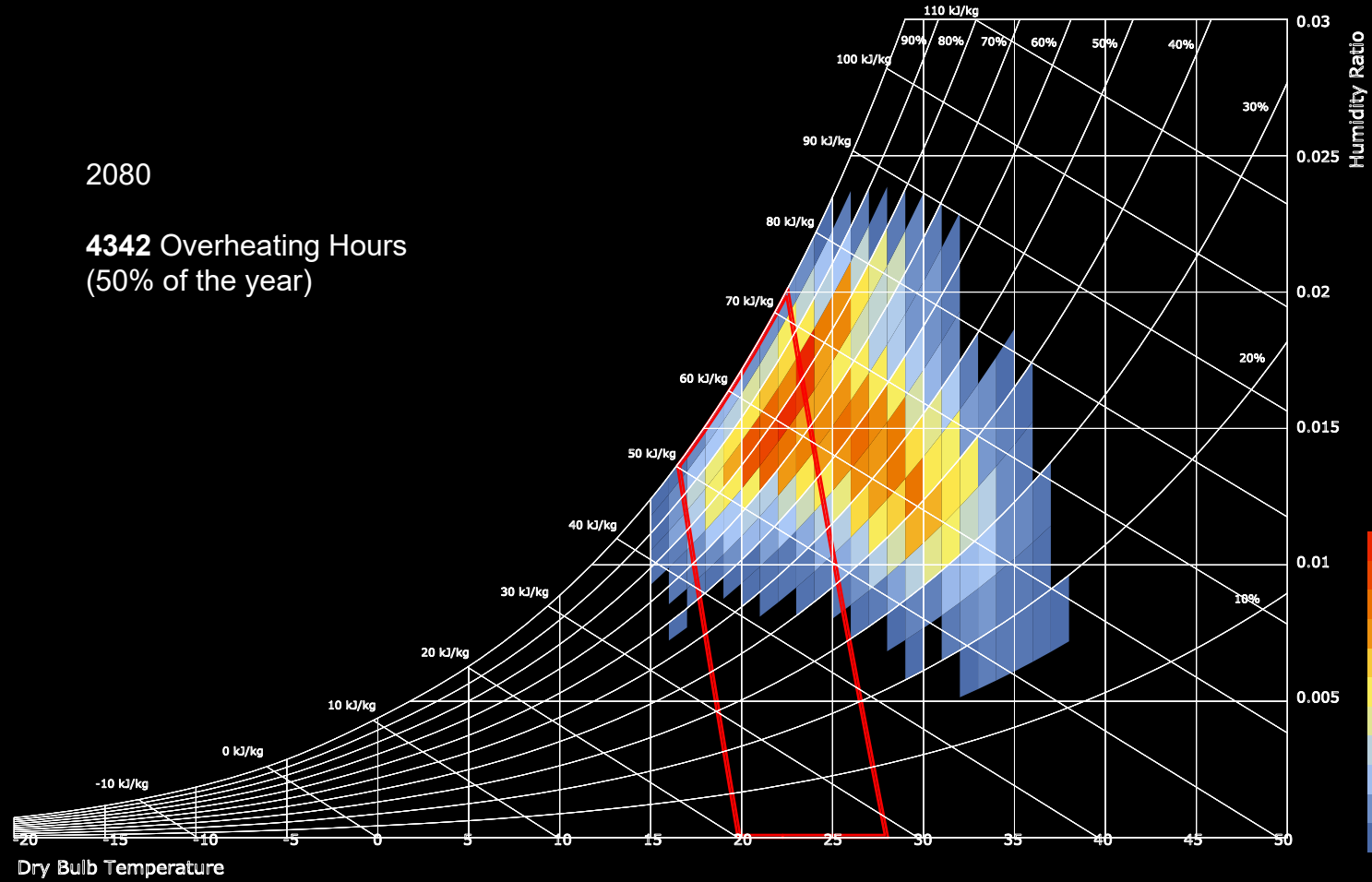
**1653** Overheating Hours  
(20% of the year)



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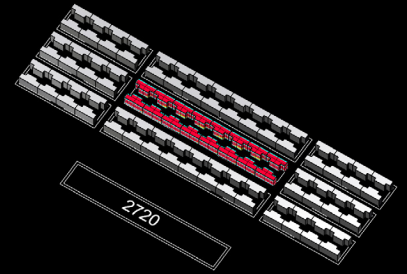
2080

**4342** Overheating Hours  
(50% of the year)





# Cooling in 2080



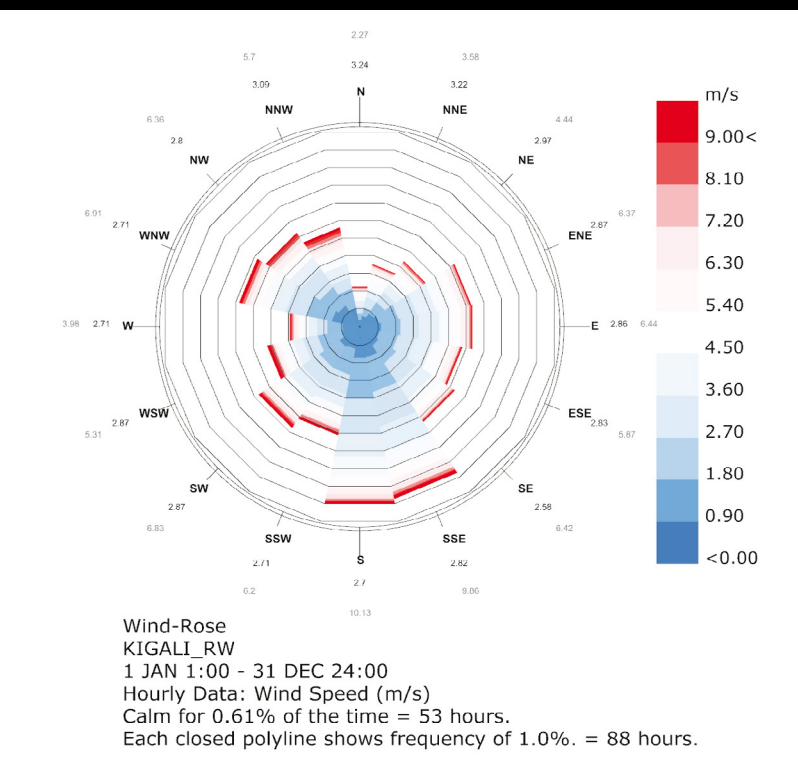
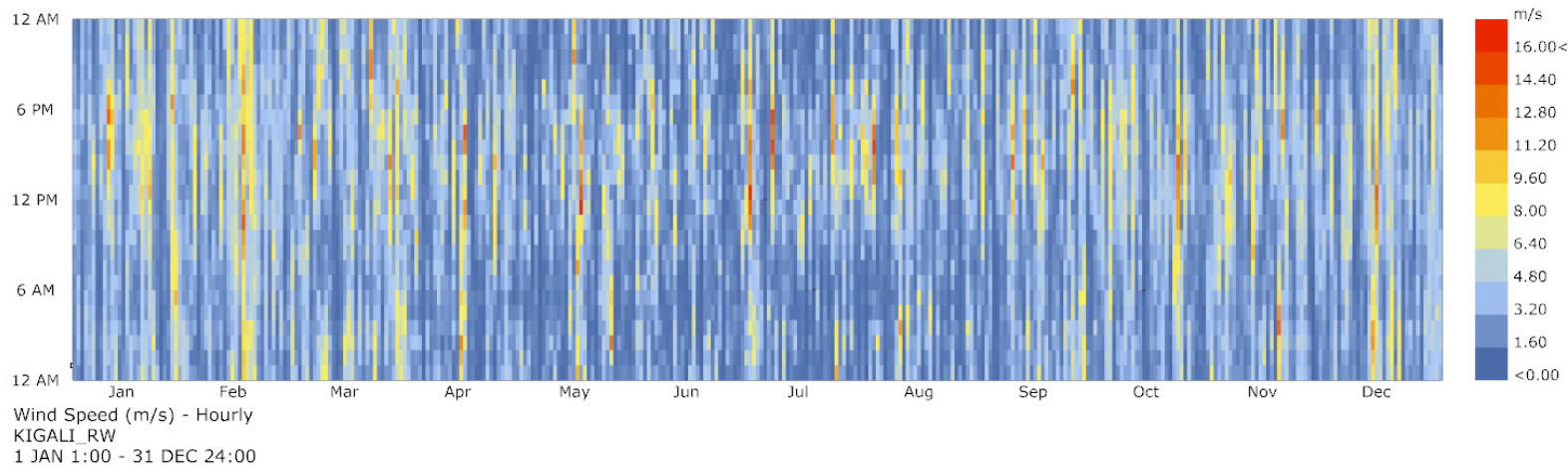
27 •C \_\_\_\_\_ 210,233 kwh

29 •C \_\_\_\_\_ 117,773 kwh

31 •C \_\_\_\_\_ 56,962 kwh

33 •C \_\_\_\_\_ 28,958 kwh

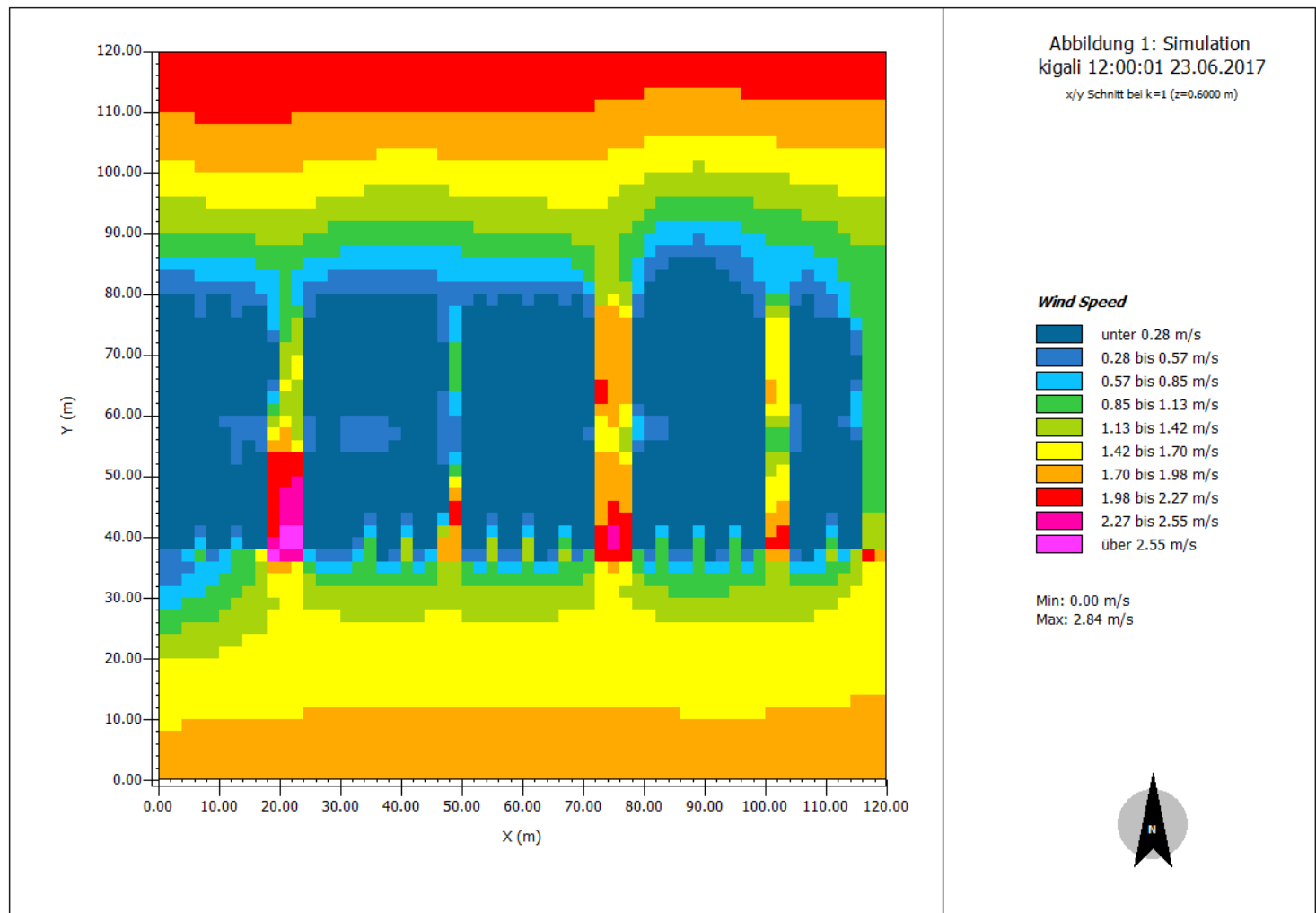
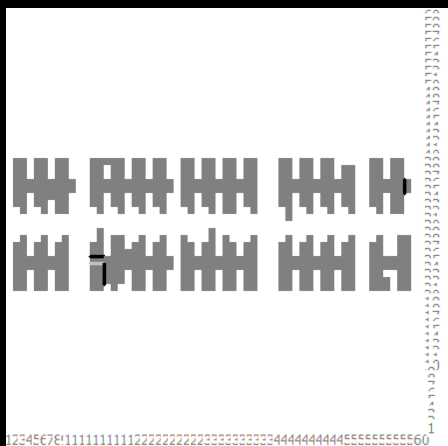
35 •C \_\_\_\_\_ 26,328 kwh



**25% winds are higher than 2m/s**

**Most winds come from the south**

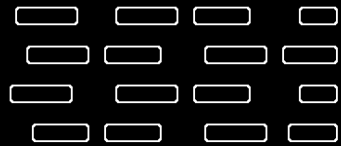




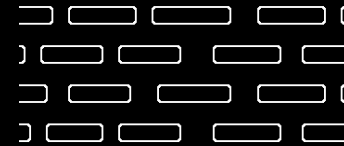
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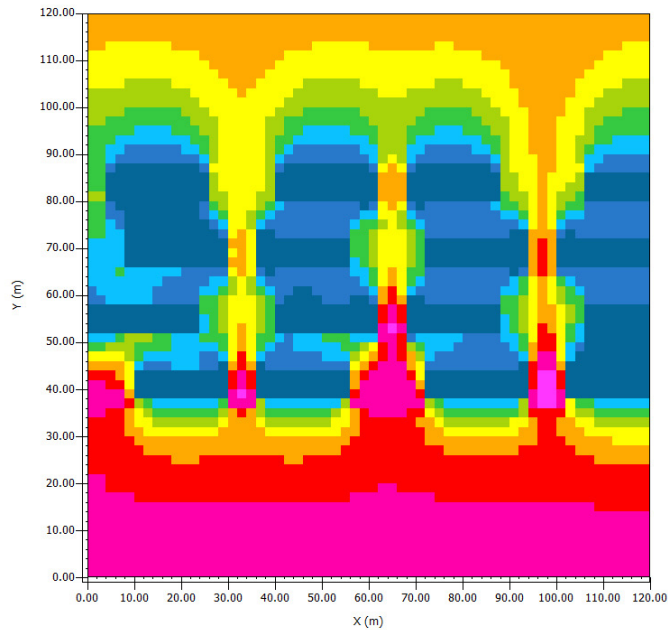
# Wind Ventilation Potential



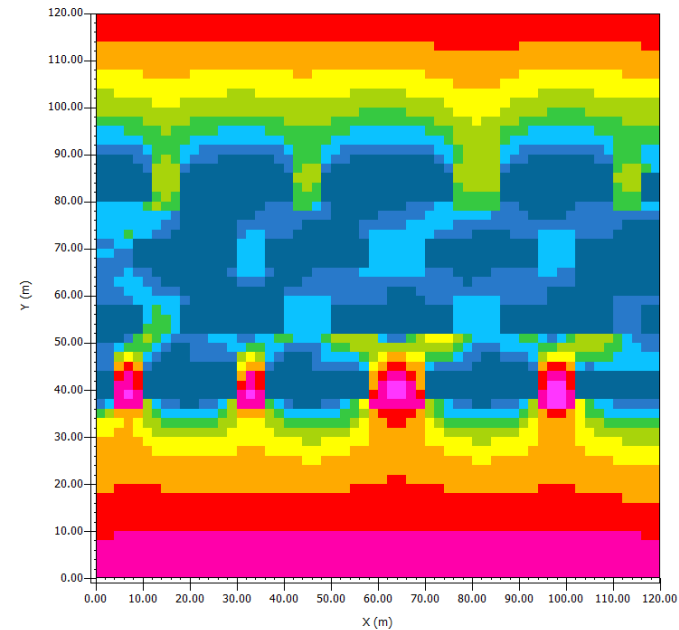
Space between



Brick Bond

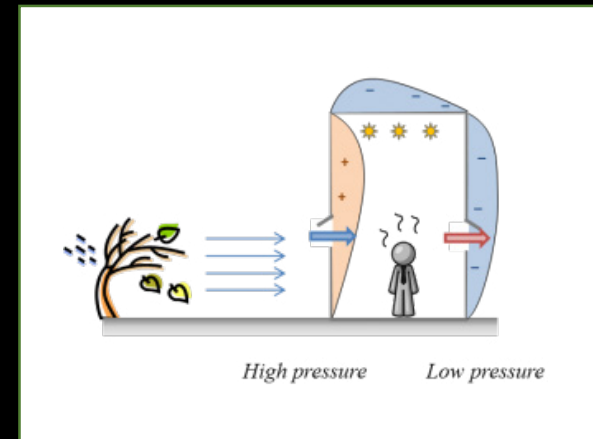
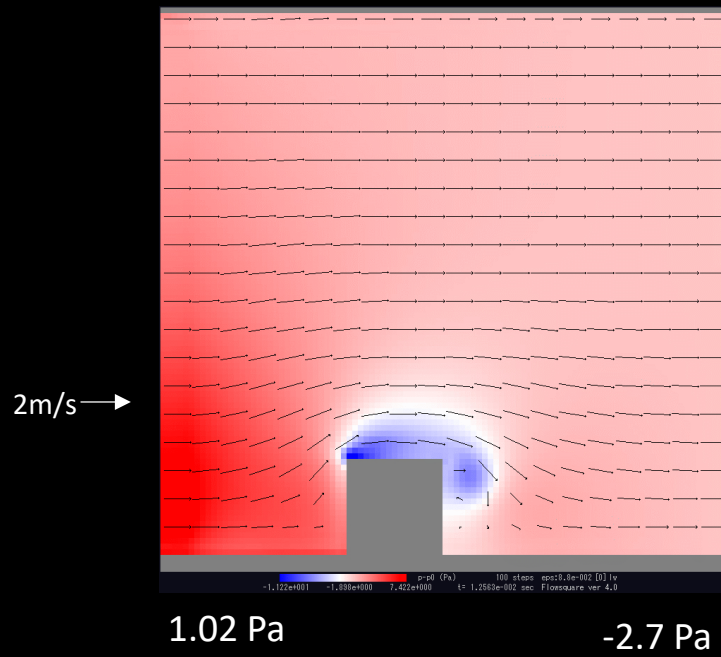


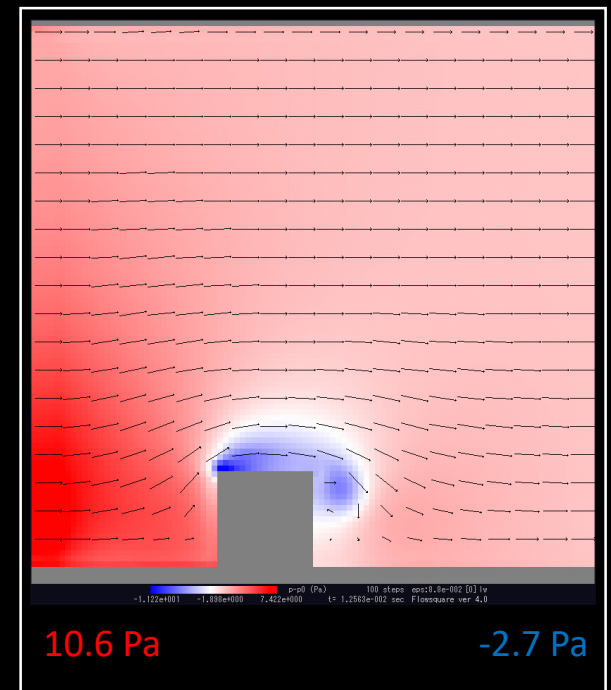
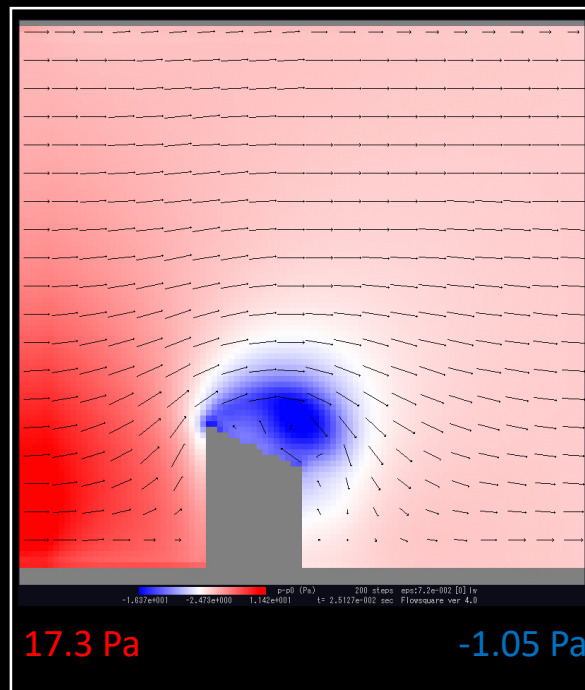
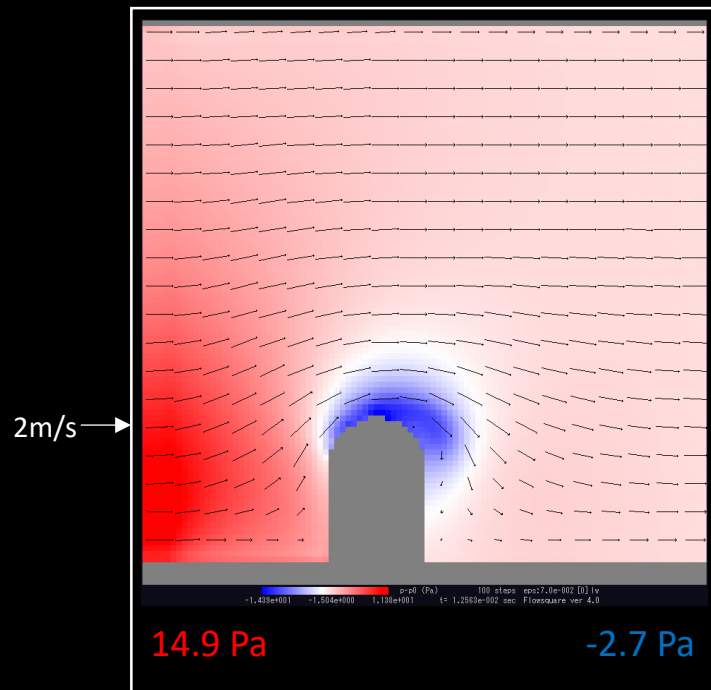
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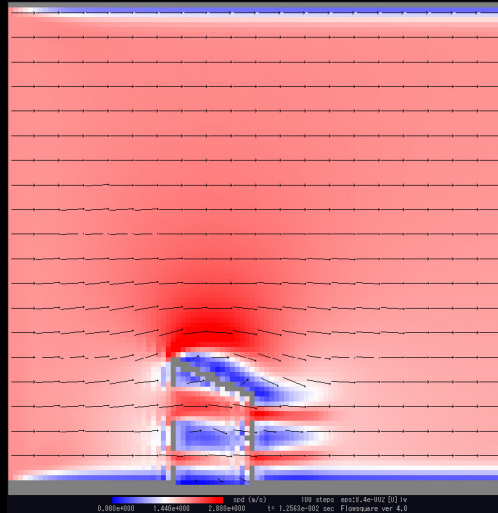




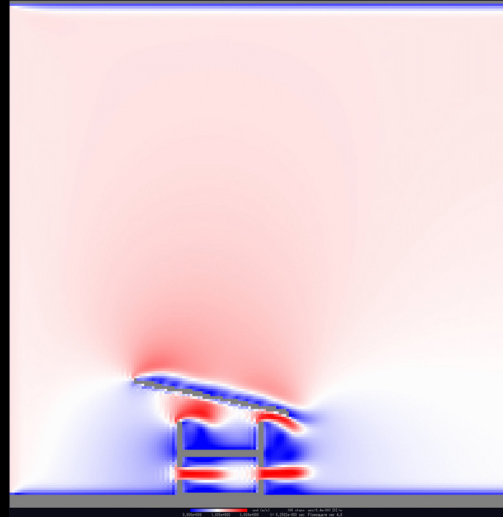


Max wind speed

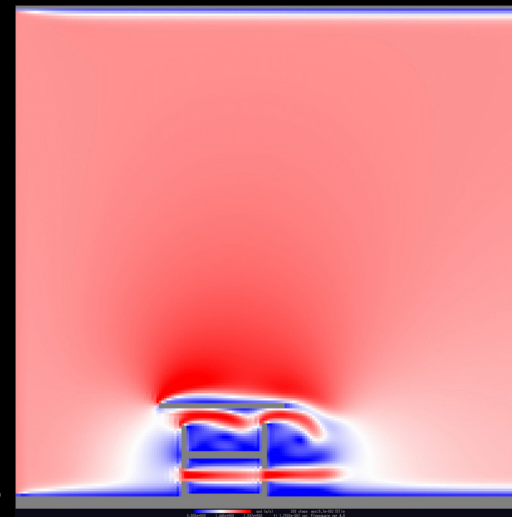
2.86 m/s



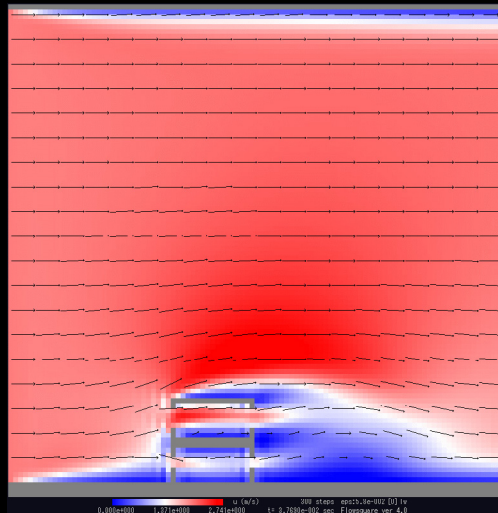
3.21m/s



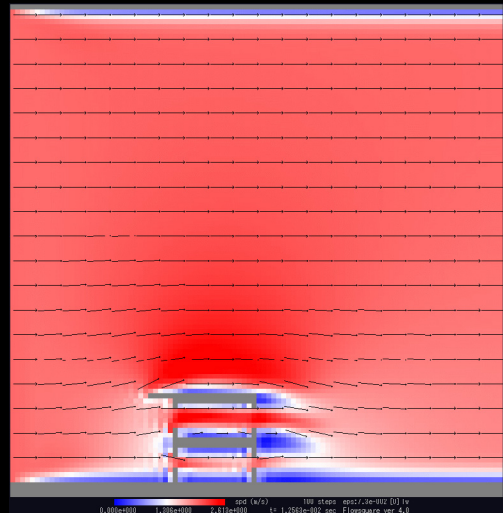
2.99m/s



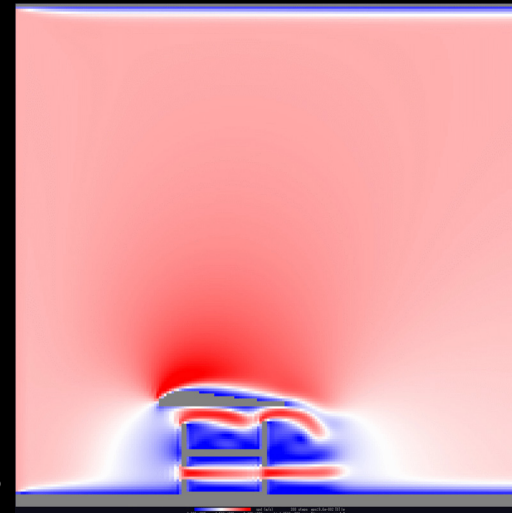
2.76 m/s

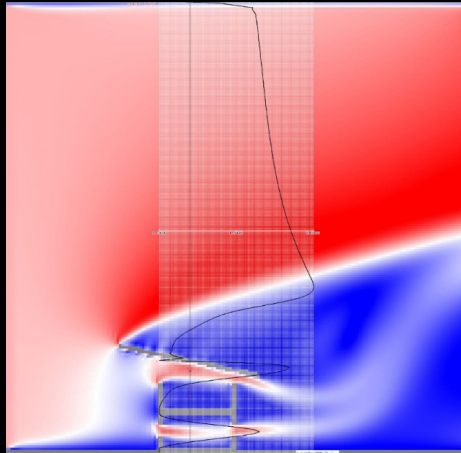


2.95m/s

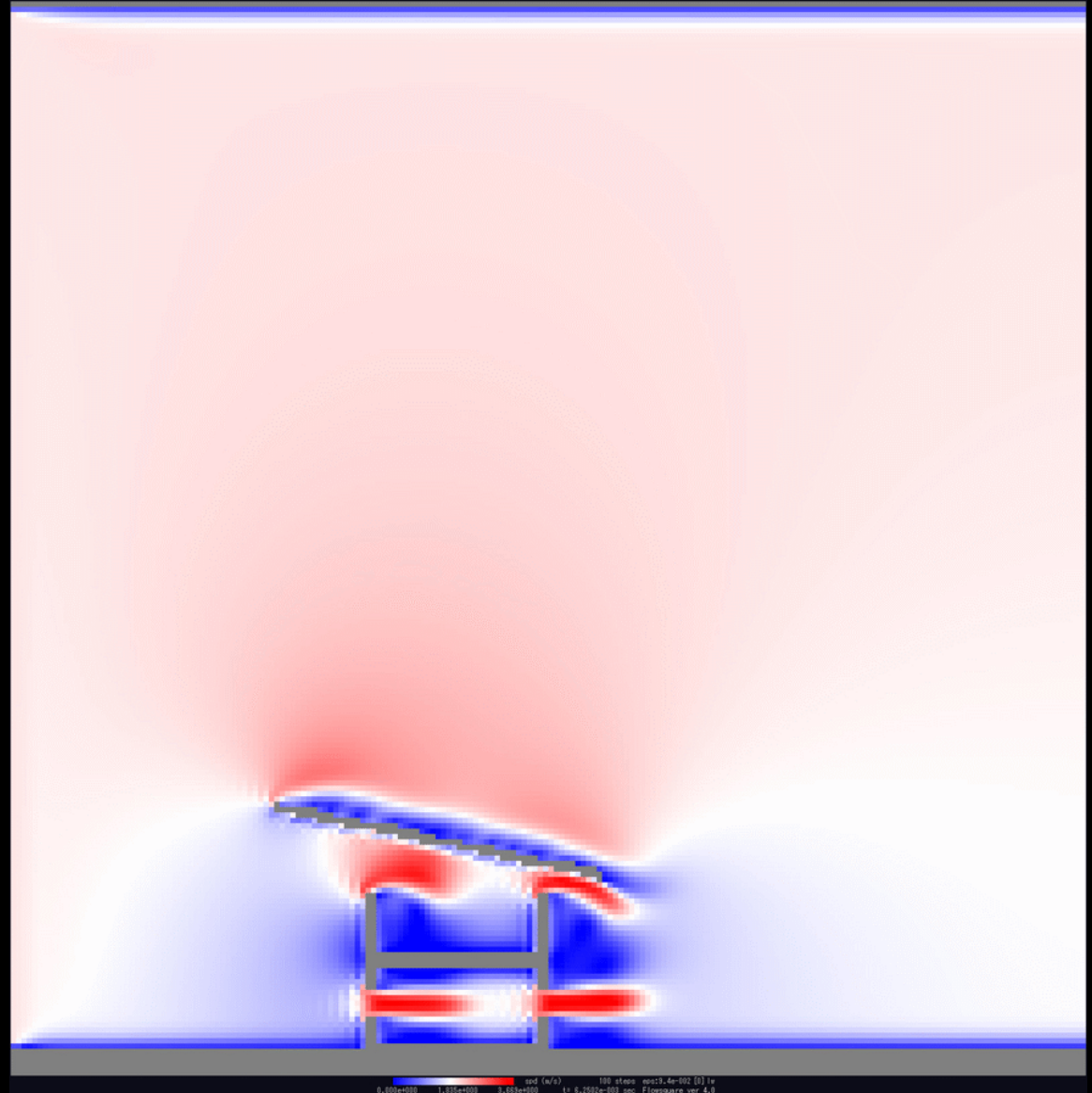


3.28m/s

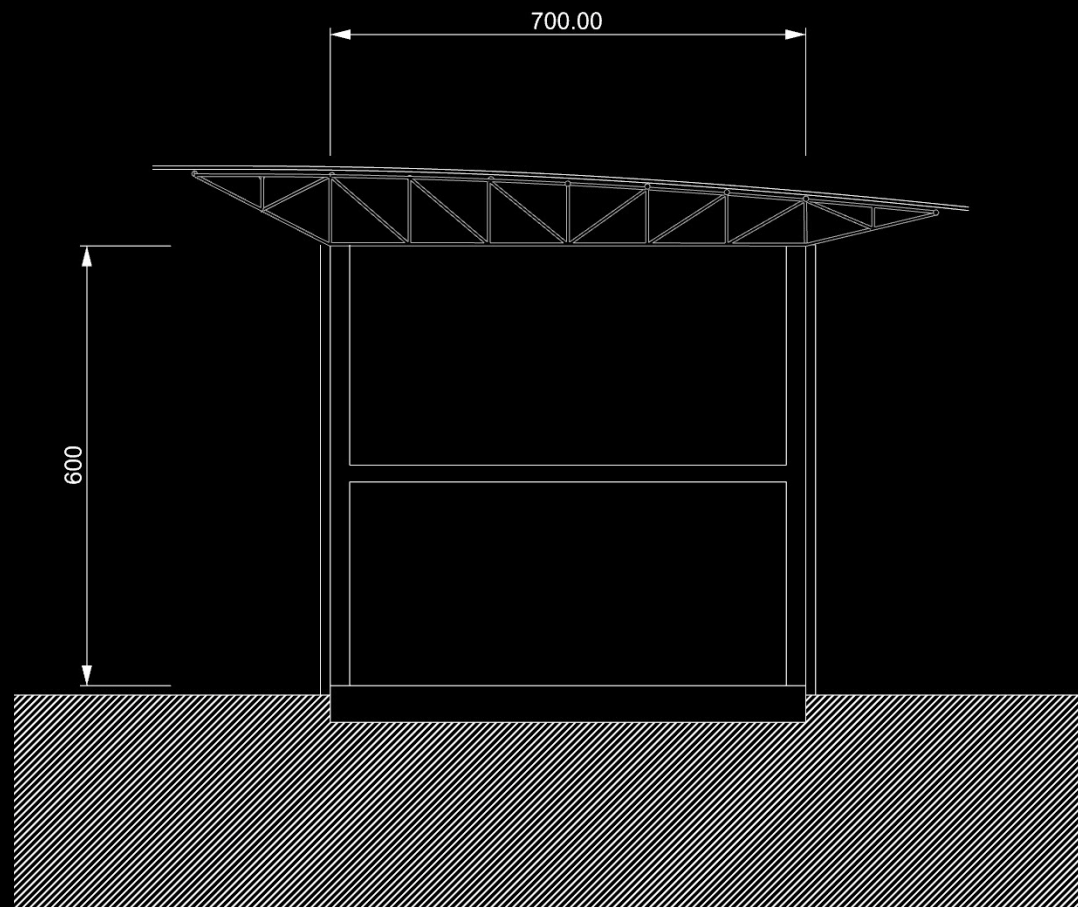




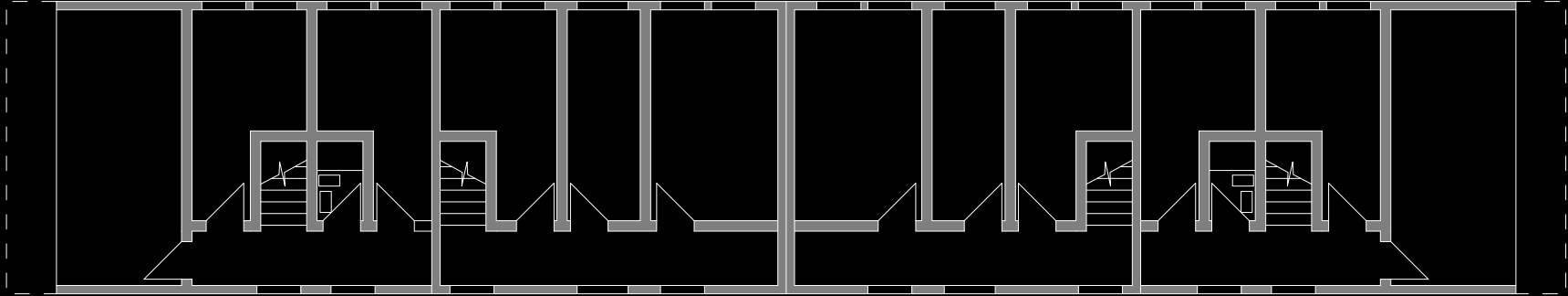
Peak flow  
inside=  
2.5 m/s



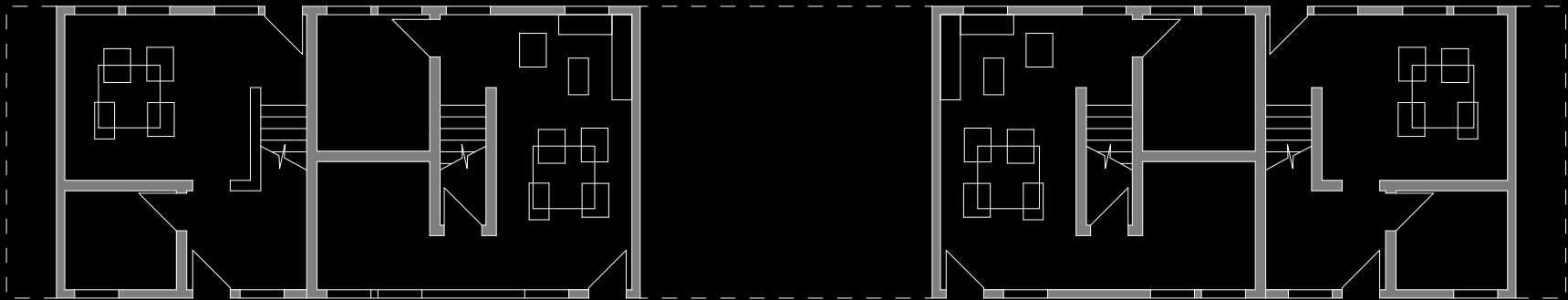




# 4433 Unit Plan



**First Floor**



**Ground Floor**





# Embodied Energy

**“Although operating energy accounts for a much higher portion of CO<sub>2</sub> and greenhouse gas emissions during the building lifecycle [2,15,17] (75%–90% operational compared to 10%–25% embodied carbon [14]), due to the negligible operational energy in Ugandan low-income housing, the embodied energy of building materials is key to evaluating the environmental impacts of the low-income housing sector.”**

Hashemi, Cruickshank, and Cheshmehzangi, “Environmental Impacts and Embodied Energy of Construction Methods and Materials in Low-Income Tropical Housing.”

**“According to Cabeza et al. [1], almost all available studies in the area of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and embodied energy have been carried out in developed countries, and there are no case studies in African countries. Ramesh et al. [2] also mention that most available studies on LCA are from “cold countries” where space heating is the major concern. There is therefore a clear gap in the literature regarding the environmental impacts and embodied energy of construction methods and materials in African countries.”**



# Electric Generation (15 yr Analysis)



Municipal Electric Grid



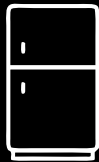
On-site Diesel Generation



Localized PV Generation

# Loads (not considering cooling)

## Equipment



**1.1 kwh/family**

## Lighting



**0.2 kwh/family**

**Total = 1.3kwh/family or .325kwh/person**

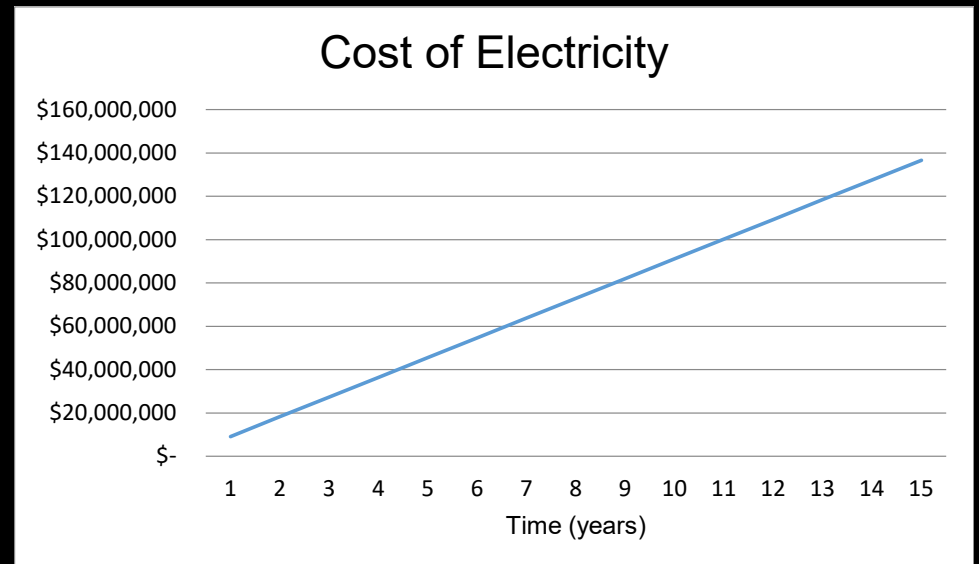
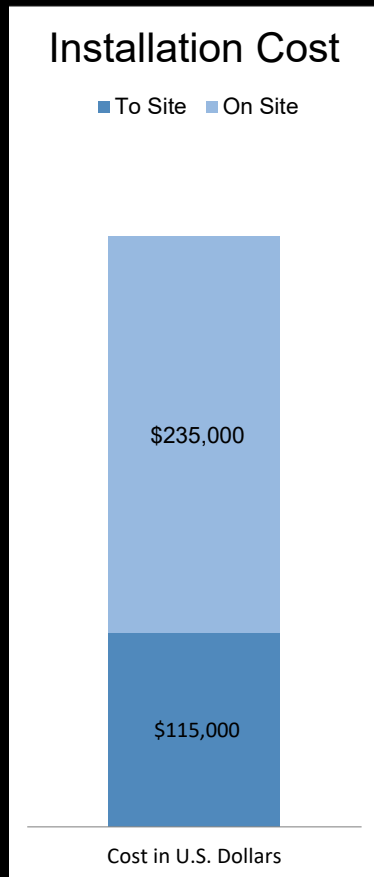
# Electric Grid (10,000 people)

Factors:

Distance to transport power to site - 8km

Distance to transport power on site - 12km

cost of electricity - \$0.32 / kwh





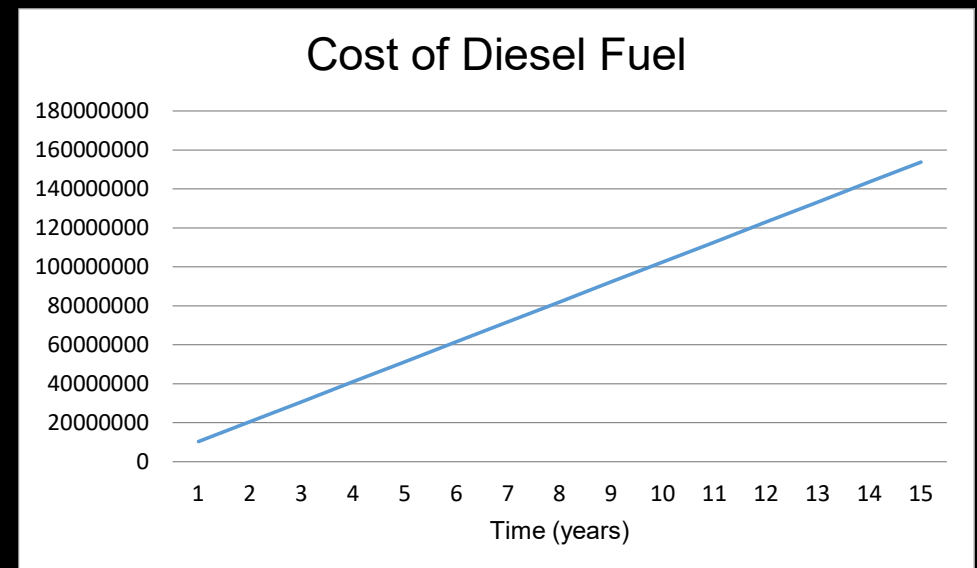
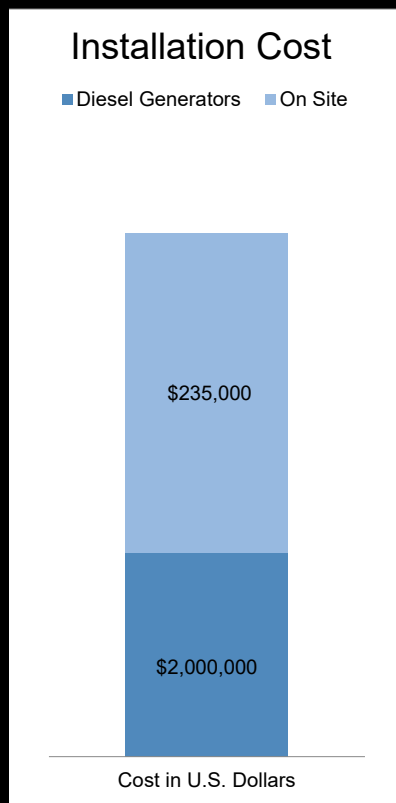
# Diesel Generation (10,000 people)

Factors:

Diesel Generator Cost - \$2,000,000 (for 200)

Distance to transport power on site - 12km

cost of fuel - \$0.36 / kwh



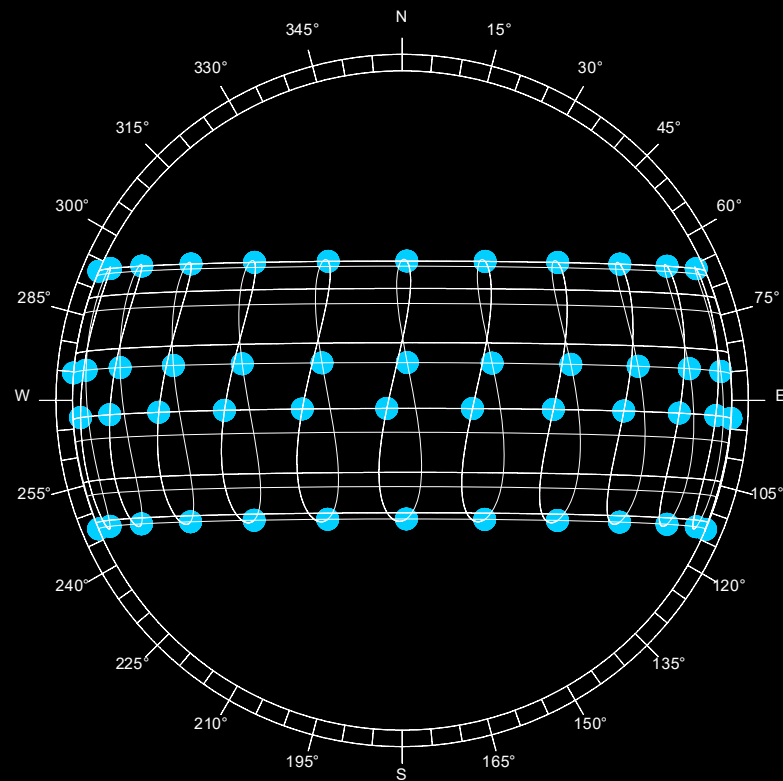
# Solar PV Generation (4 people)

Factors:

Potential Solar Radiation Generation

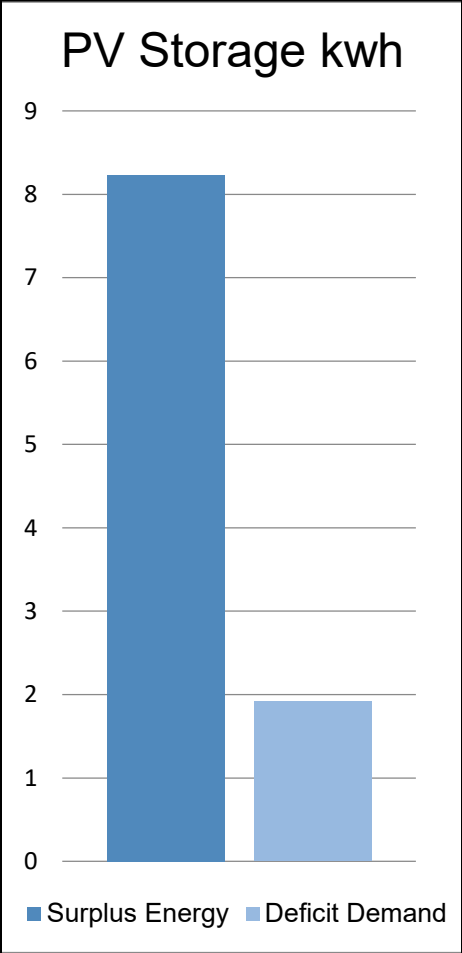
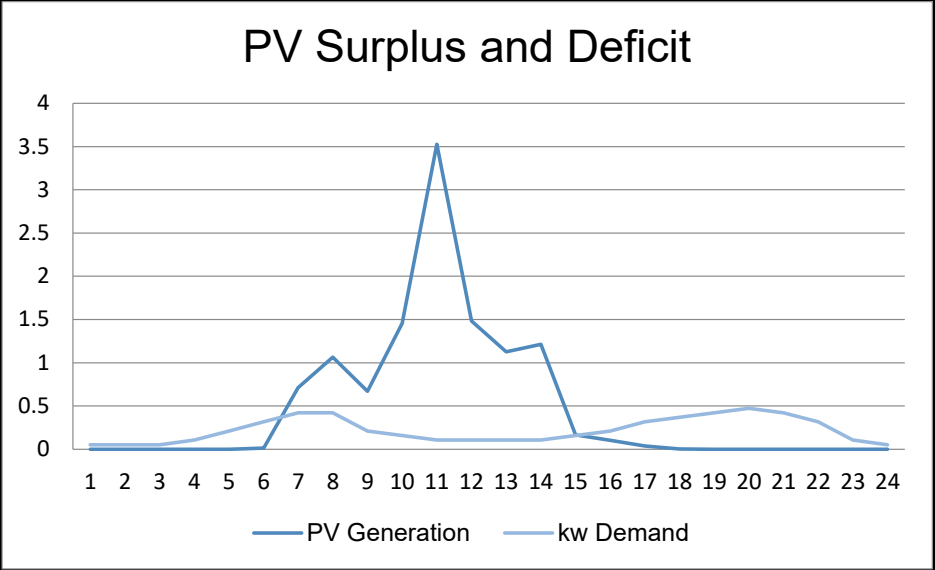
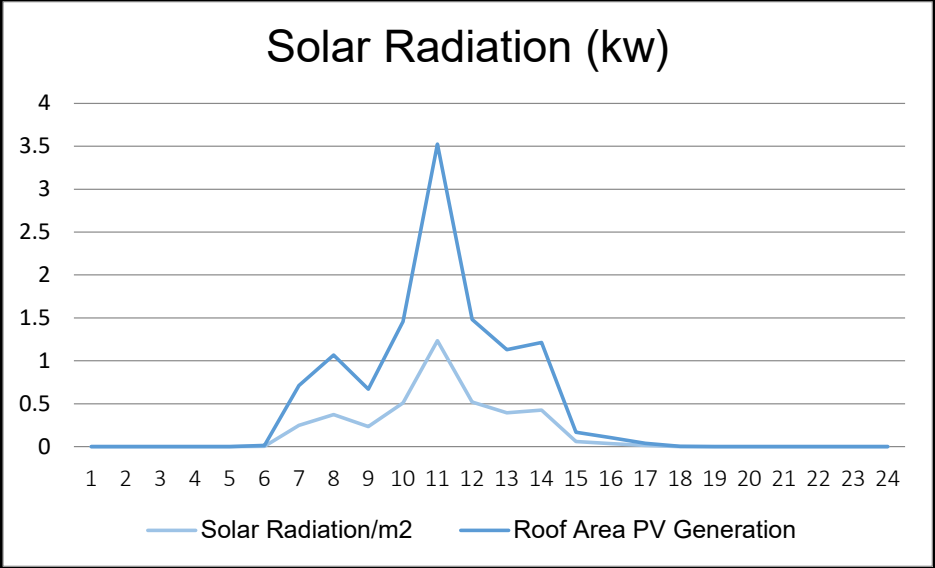
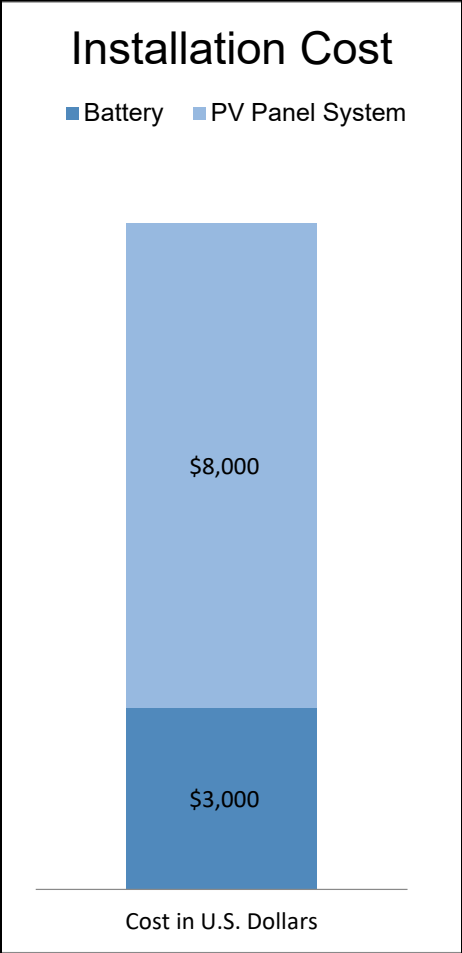
Amount of PV Area Coverage - 10% roof area

cost of PV system and Battery



Rwanda Sunpath

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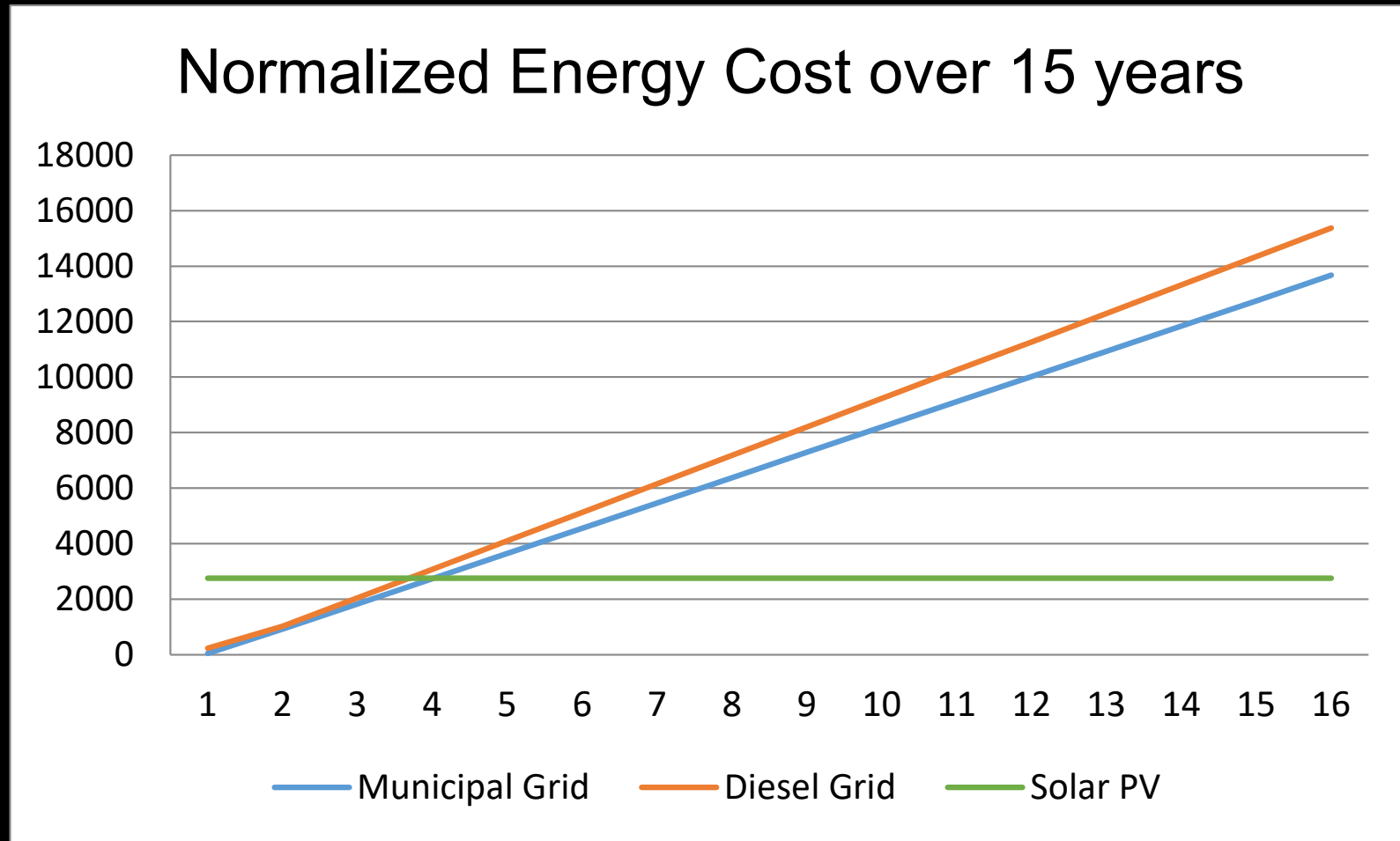


# Energy Generation Normalized for 1 Person

Installation/person: Electric Grid (\$35)

Diesel Grid (\$223)

PV System (\$2,750)



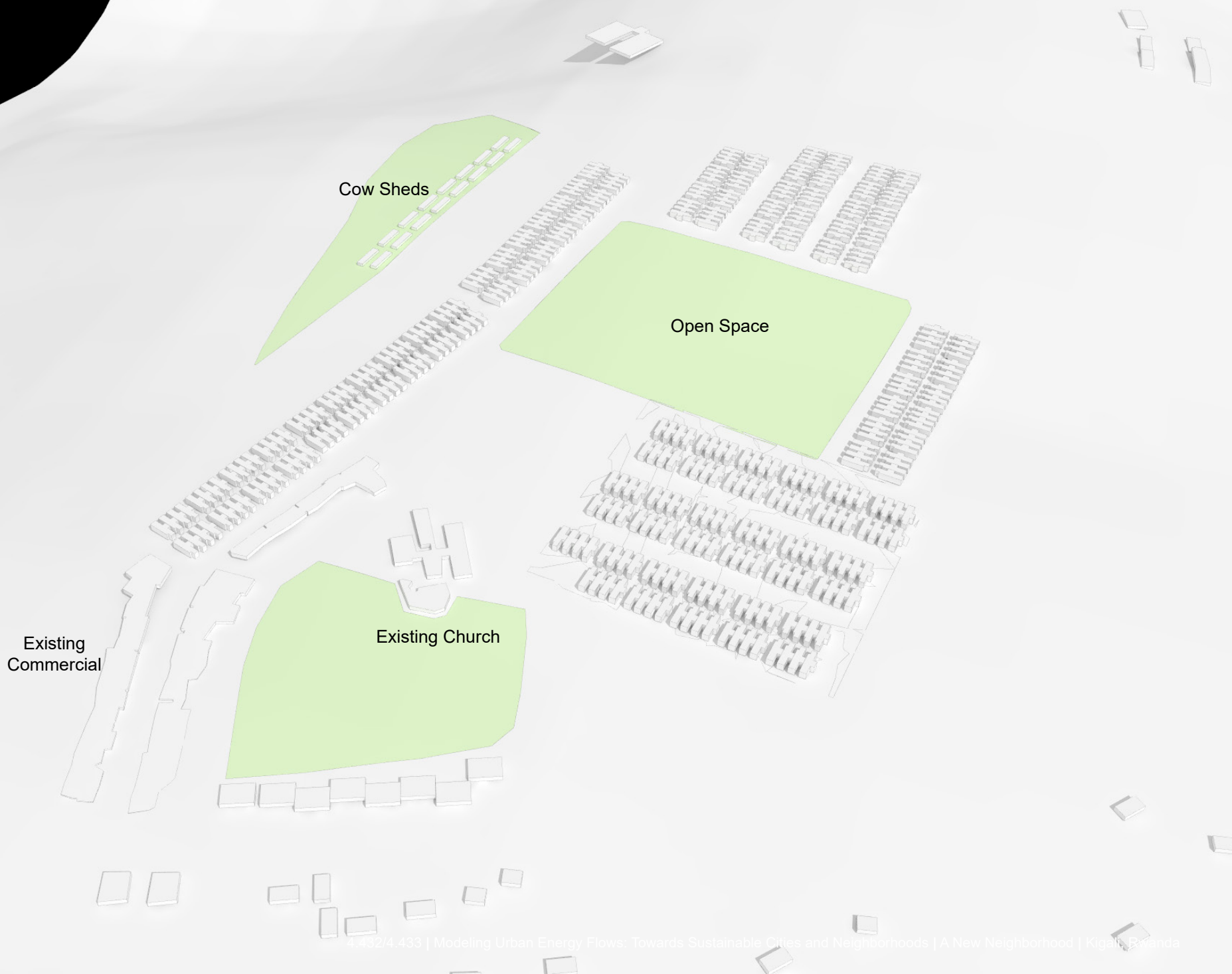
\*not accounting for inflation or changes in price or technology

# Lifestyle

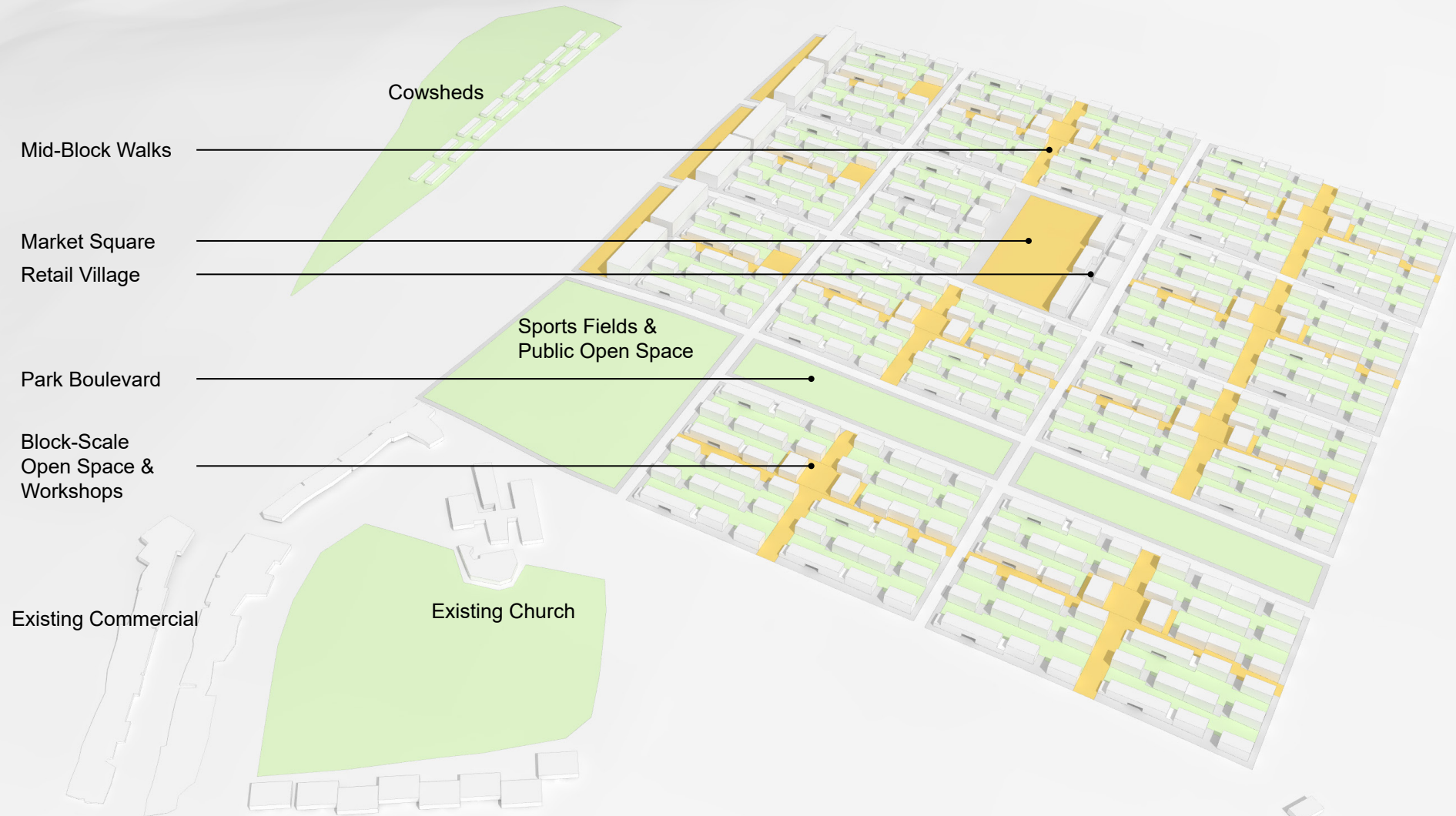




# Gikomero Current Master Plan



# Gikomero 4433 Master Plan









Community Building

Block-Scale  
Open Space &  
Workshops

Mid-Block Walk

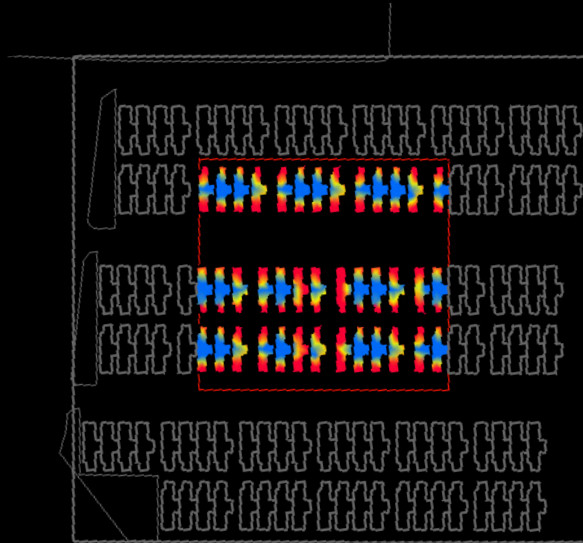
Farming

Expansion Space  
(Upper)

Expansion Space  
(Lower)

# Comparison: Daylighting

RHA



**42% sDA**

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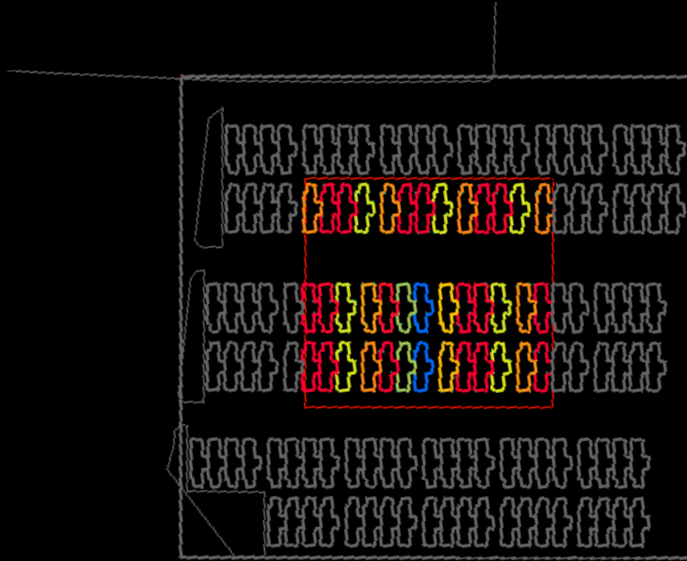


**94% sDA**

East West orientation and  
narrow floor plates increase  
day lighting potential

# Comparison: Density

RHA



**35m<sup>2</sup>/per person**

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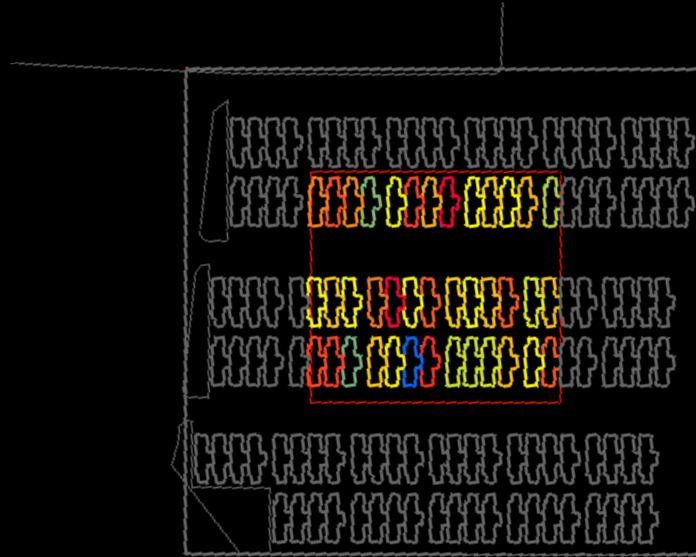
**38m<sup>2</sup>/per person**

2 story blocks  
increase density



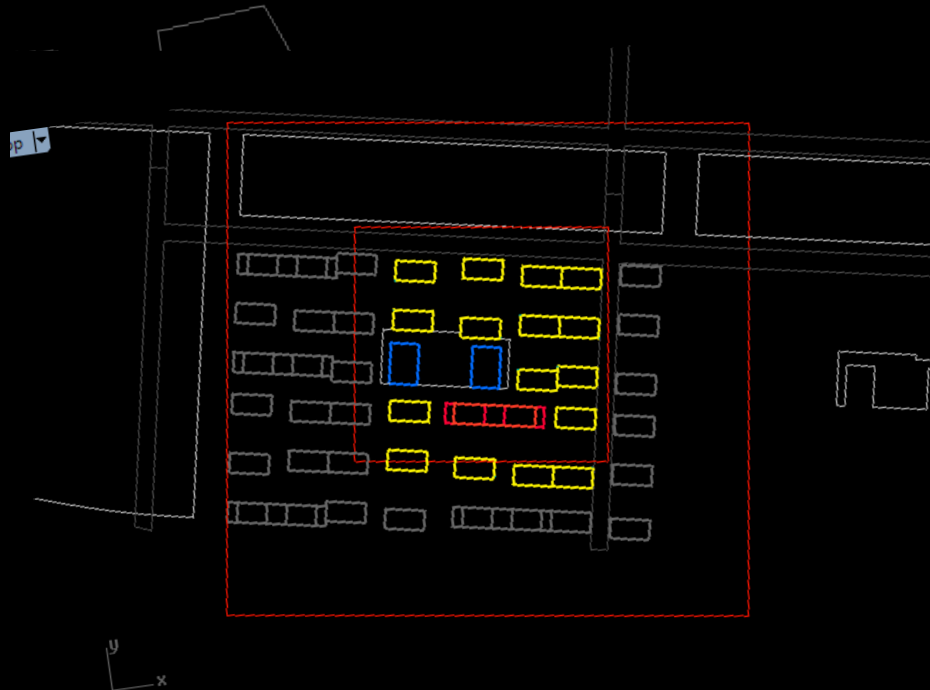
# Comparison: Embodied Carbon

RHA



**33.7m**  $\text{KgCO}_{2\text{eq}}/\text{m}^2$

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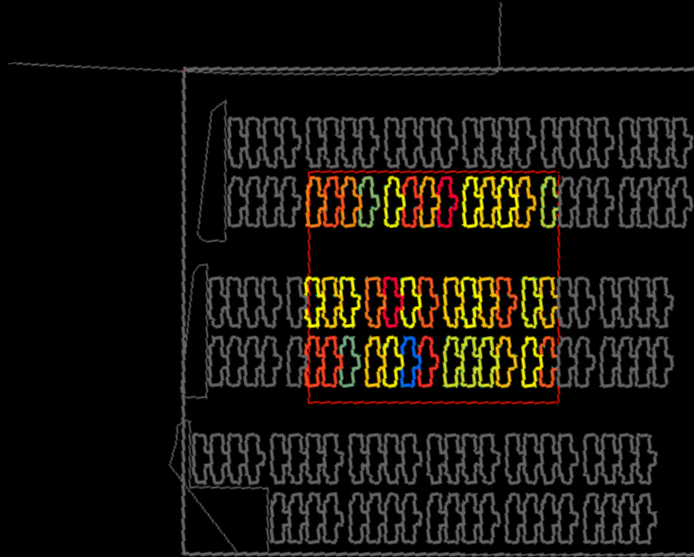


**29m**  $\text{KgCO}_{2\text{eq}}/\text{m}^2$

Shared walls and multi story construction reduces material per  $\text{m}^2$  of building

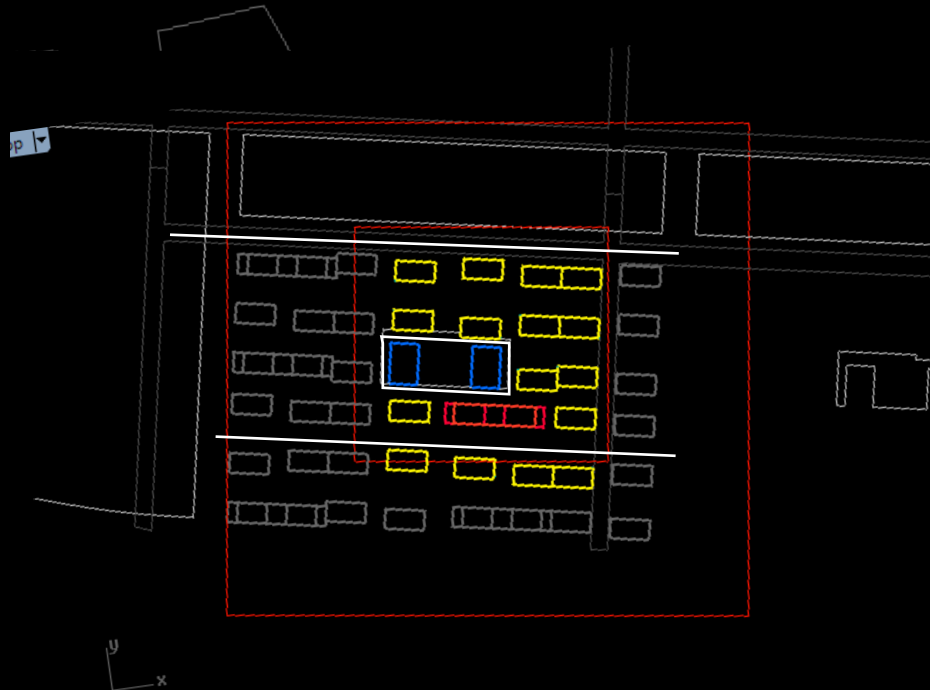
# Comparison: Walkability

RHA



**10** avg. walkability score

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**63** avg. walkability score

Shops, parks and pathways  
within the block increase  
reduces distance to amenities



