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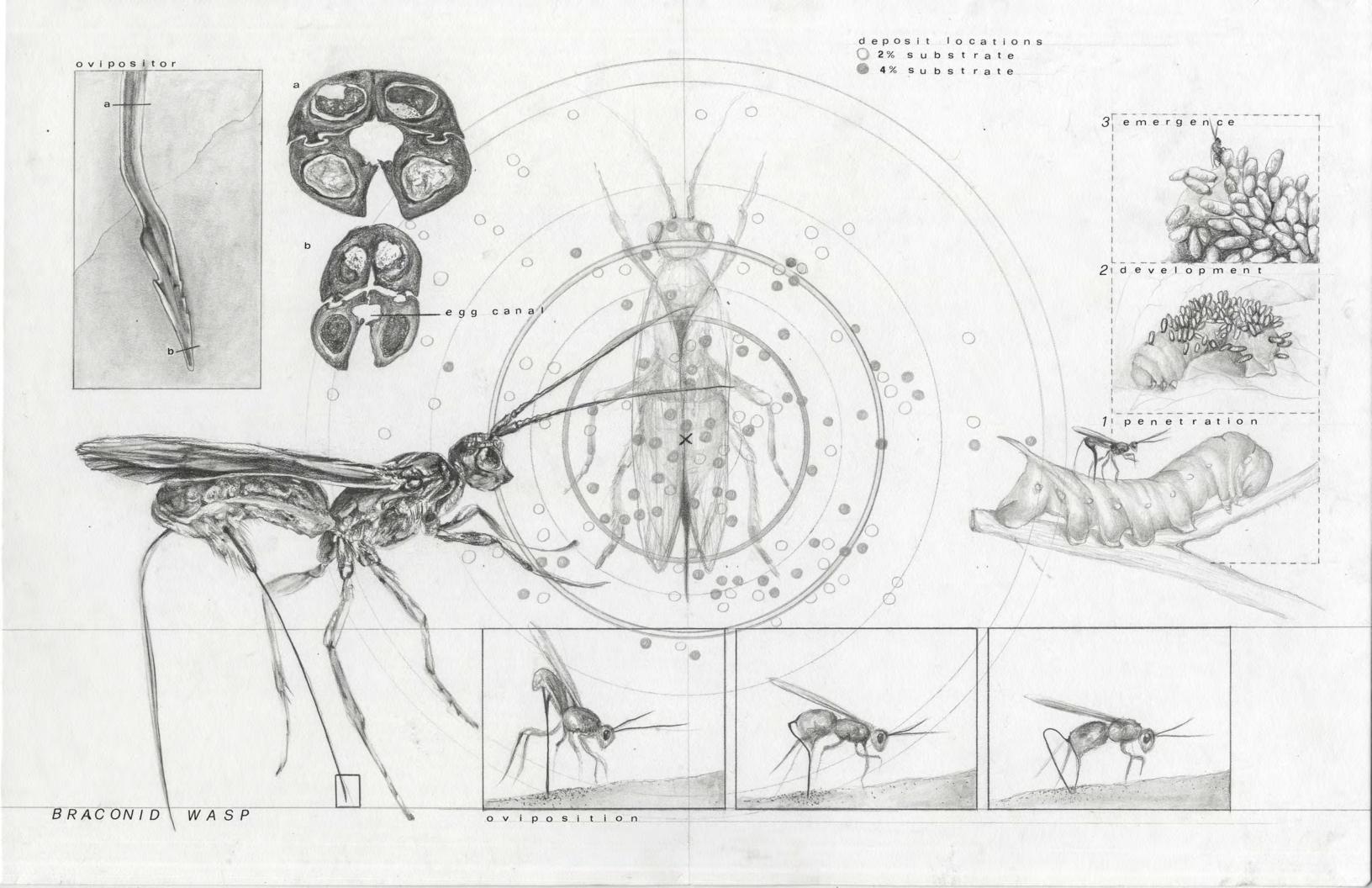
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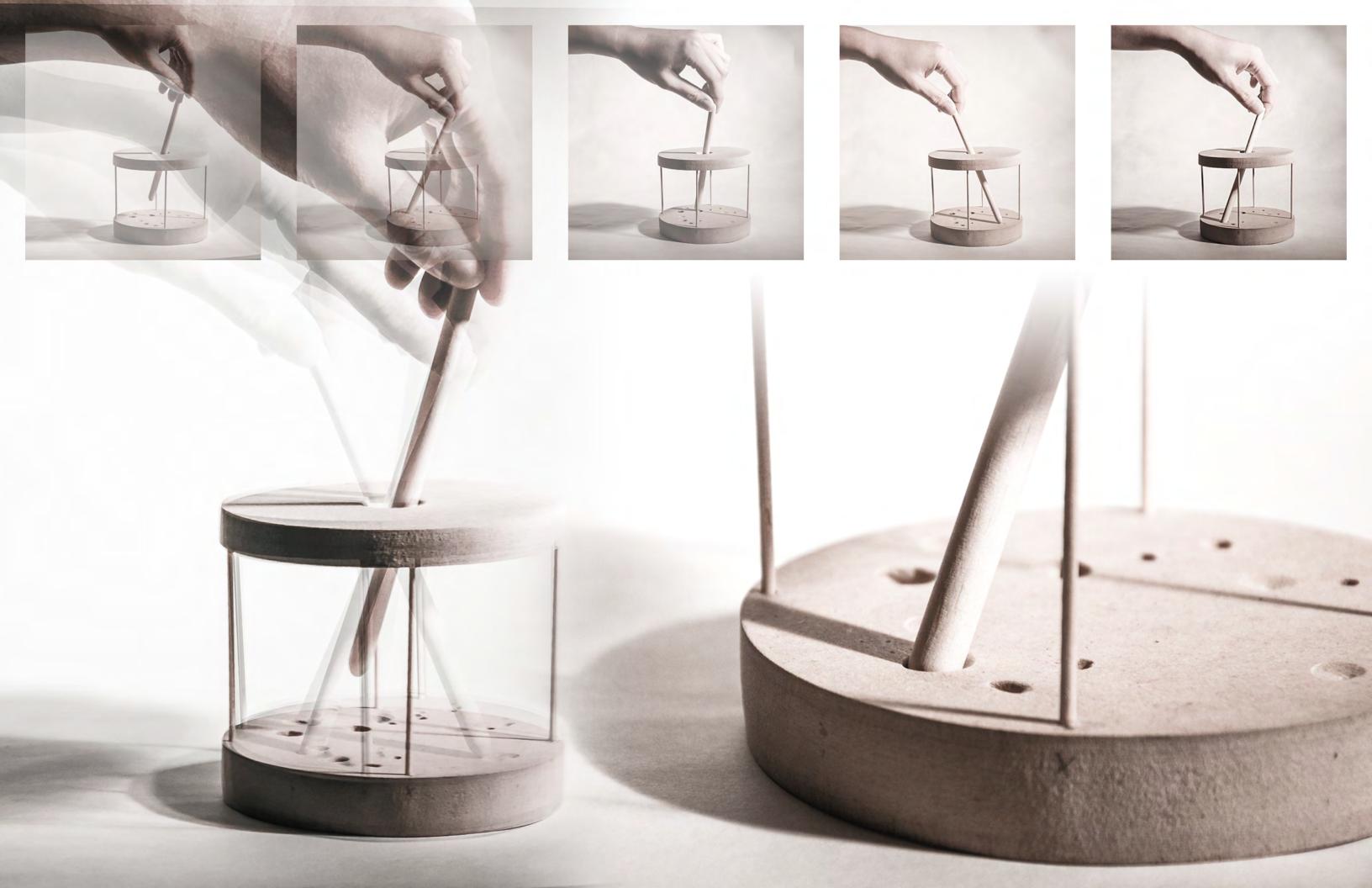
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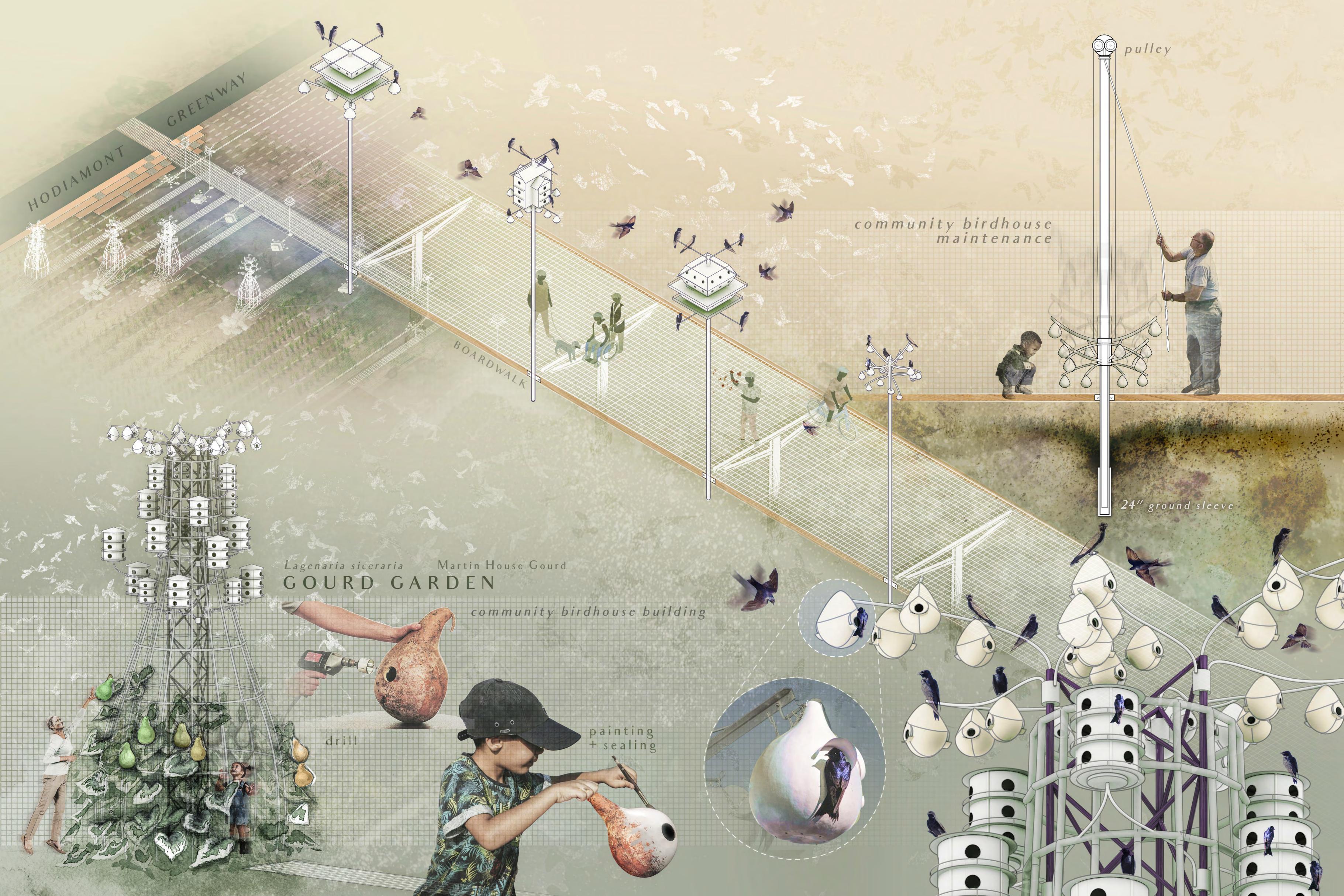


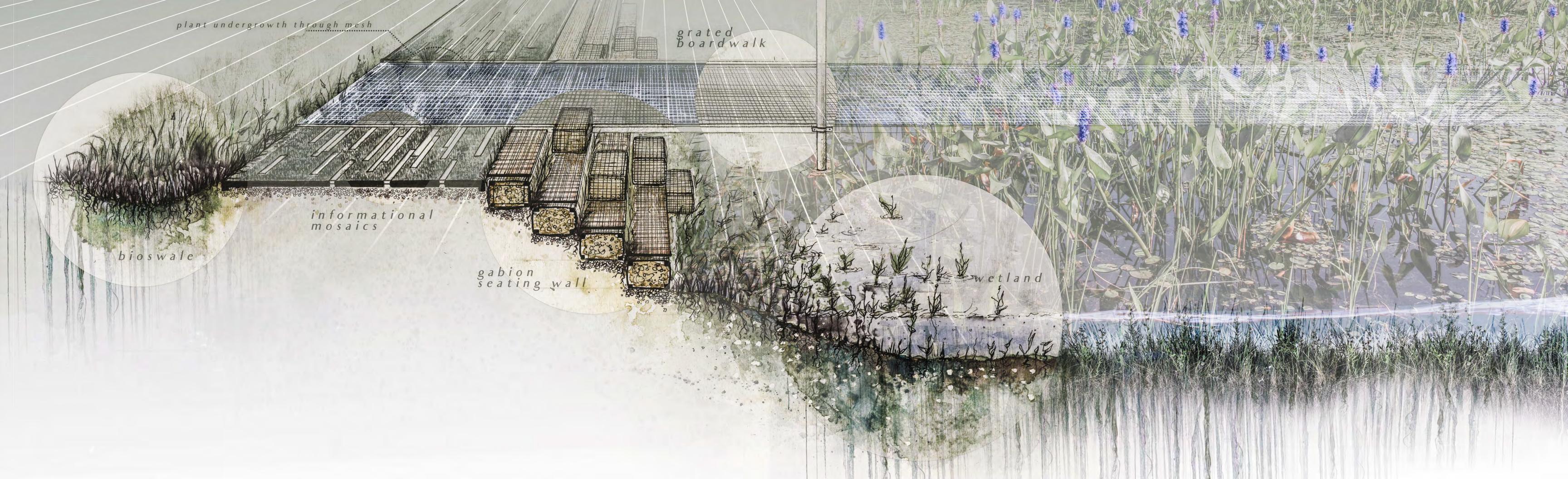




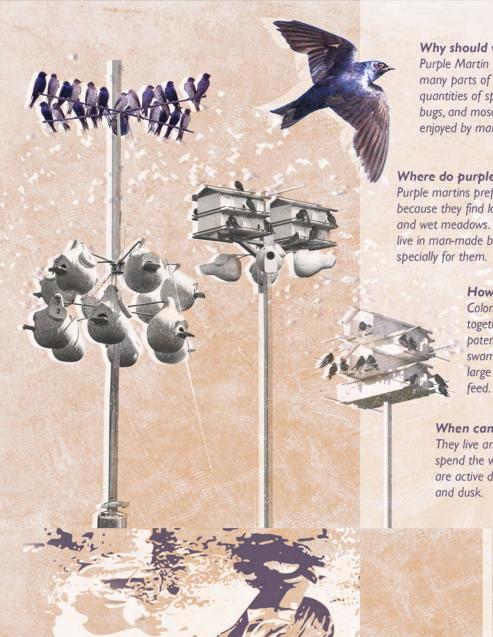












Why should we care about the purple martin?

Purple Martin populations are undergoing long-term declines in many parts of North America. Purple martins consume large quantities of species that are pests to humans including flies, stink bugs, and mosquitoes. They are beautiful, iridescent birds that are enjoyed by many bird watchers.

Where do purple martins live?

Purple martins prefer to live in open spaces close to water, because they find lots of insects to eat near wetlands, swamps, and wet meadows. Purple martins are very used to humans and live in man-made birdhouses, called "martin houses," designed

How do purple martins behave?

Colonies are social and explore their surroundings together. This involves visiting other colonies, scoping out potential food sources, and visiting nearby streams and swamps. Purple martins search for food together in large flocks and call over the rest of the colony to come

When can I find purple martins?

They live and breed in North and Central America and spend the winter in South America. Purple martins are are active during the day and are most active at dawn







