

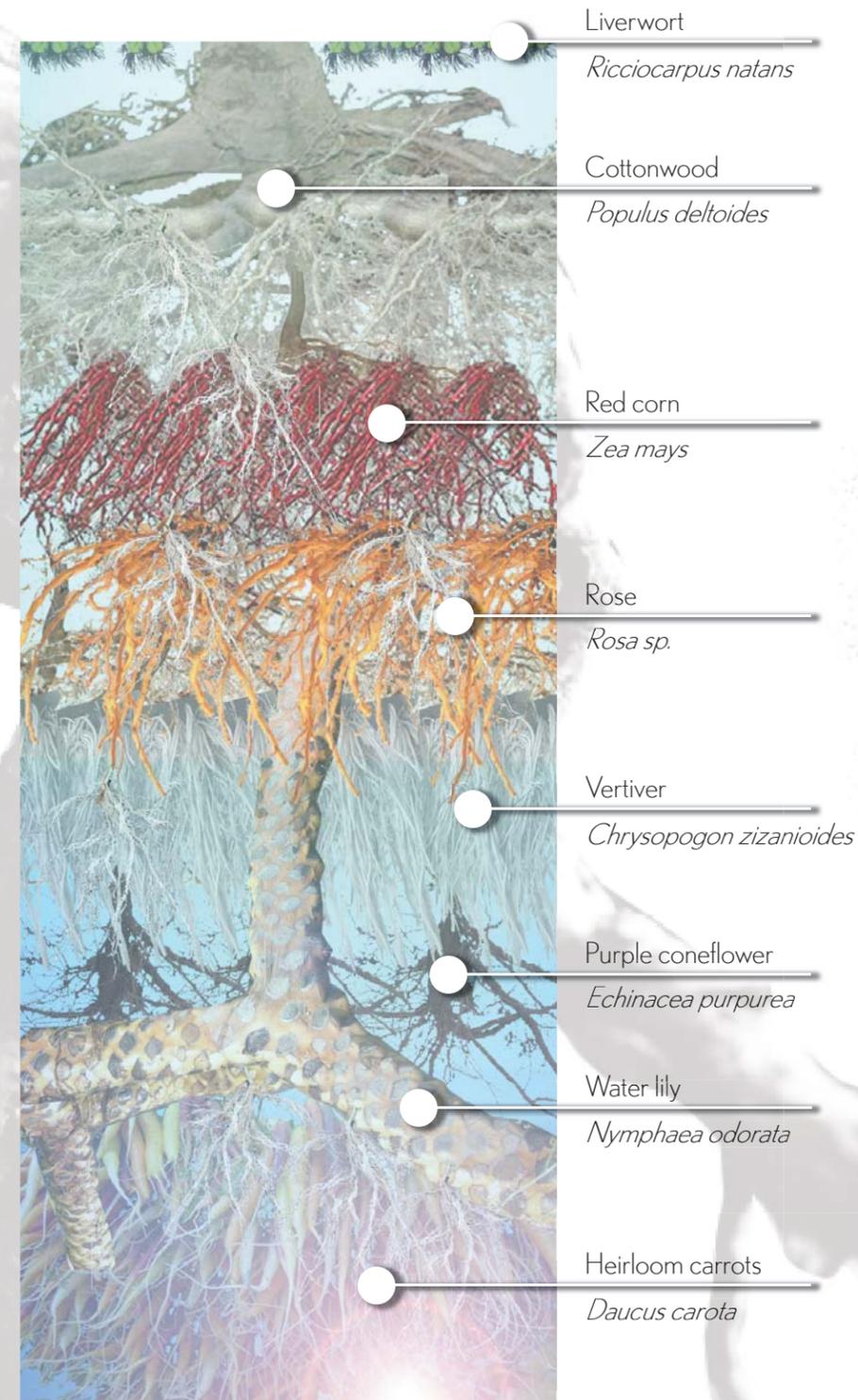
# rooTecture

## Concept & Experience

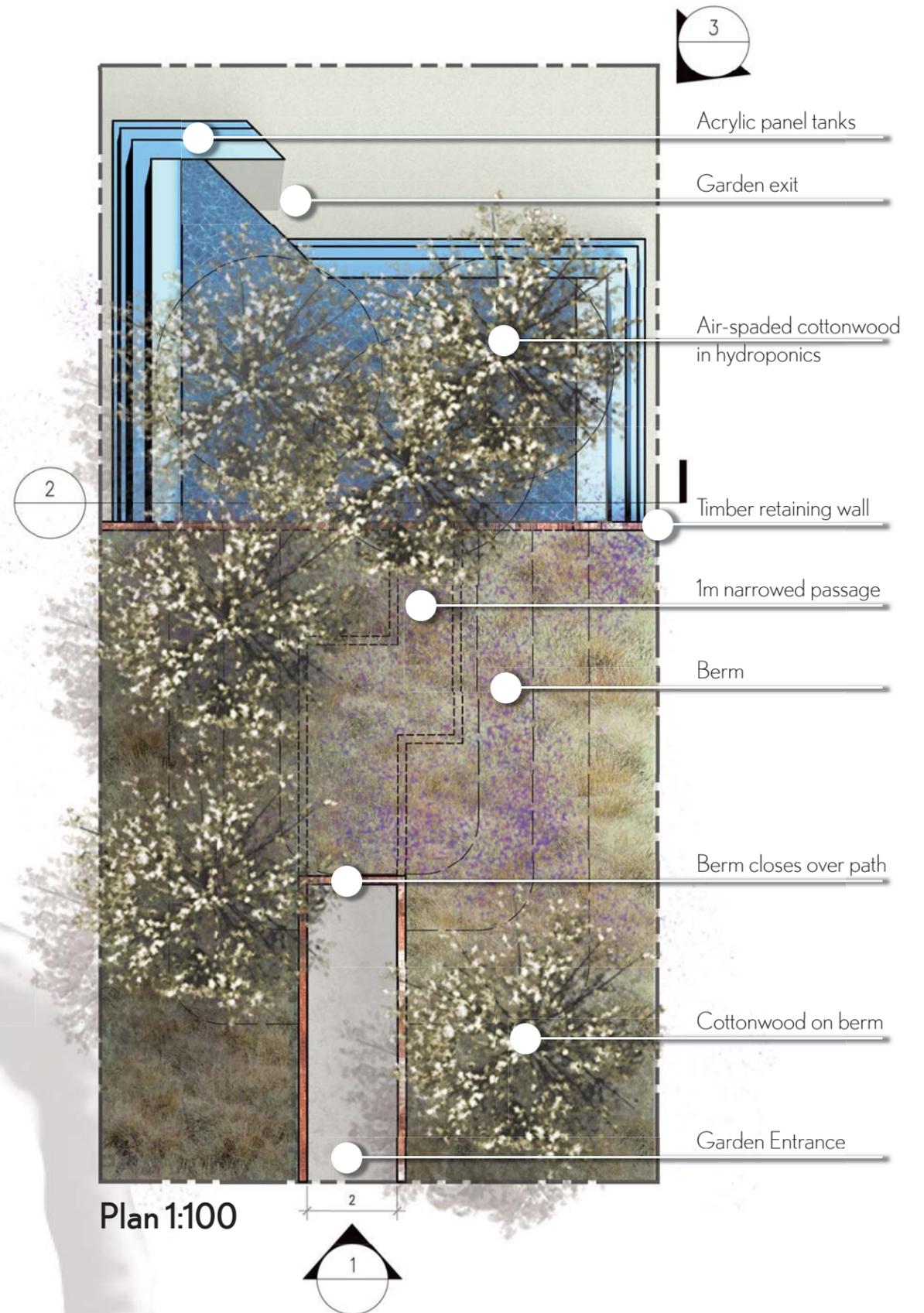
rooTecture exposes the beauty and delicacy of the other half of the garden. From the complex architecture of hardwood trees to the exotic and imposing forms of lily pad tubers, rooTecture showcases the color, texture, and structure of the rhizosphere.

Visitors will enter the garden by passing through a small hill. The passage jogs, obscuring the destination, and narrows, heightening the sense of enclosure. The passage opens up into a small room surrounded by hydroponic plantings. The unique perspective wraps the visitors, where children can identify unusual vegetable roots, and parents can marvel at looking up into the roots of cottonwood trees. The importance of the rhizosphere for the garden is typically to support the health of the plantings - rooTecture focuses the aesthetic attention to the roots, and opens a dialog about the importance of what lies below the surface of the landscape.

A meditation on the diversity and complexity of the rhizosphere.



Plant Palette



Plan 1:100



1 Elevation: Recycled timbers frame a passage into the hill



2 Section: Acrylic panels set in an aluminum frame support the hydroponic system



3 Perspective