

Powder Puff

To enter Powder Puff is to enter into a vegetated cloud. The garden alters the material of vegetation transforming it into swirling liquid and gases. To wade through the ring cloud of baby's breath is to experience botanical particulate. Baby's Breath, lambs ear, fennel and other aromatics all encircle a soft interior crater planted with grasses and fragrant flowering ground covers. Rolling down the slopes of the crater one finds in the center the most exciting feature of all; a giant soft, flexible, supple water puff covered with living matter, a water droplet covered in plants. The structure and thinness of the membrane holding the water allows the water to be felt by visitors and causes the ground to ripple, wave and bounce when crossed. Laying on it, you feel, through the 'ground' people walking around you, their every step gently heaving your body upwards. The garden feels as though it's from another planet.

Powder Puff alters the materiality of the ground which we walk across and take for granted. Softer but more resilient than a marsh, and considerably drier to the touch the center water puff looks solid from a distance, but as you get closer or step onto it you realize that you've stepped onto something that you've never felt before. Your understanding of the ground, your gait, your comfort is challenged. Its softness and seeing a mat of plants ripple and wave creates excitement and delight, the garden quickly turns into a playful and exciting experience. A garden for tickling the senses.

Plant suggestions:
The garden is divided into three portions, the outer ring cloud, the inner slope and the water puff.er garden.

Outer ring cloud:



Gypsophila Baby's Breath



Stachys byzantina Lambs Ear



Foeniculum vulgare Fennel



Mentha Mints



Calluna Heathers

Inner Slope:



Sod and wildflowers

Water Puff:



Sod



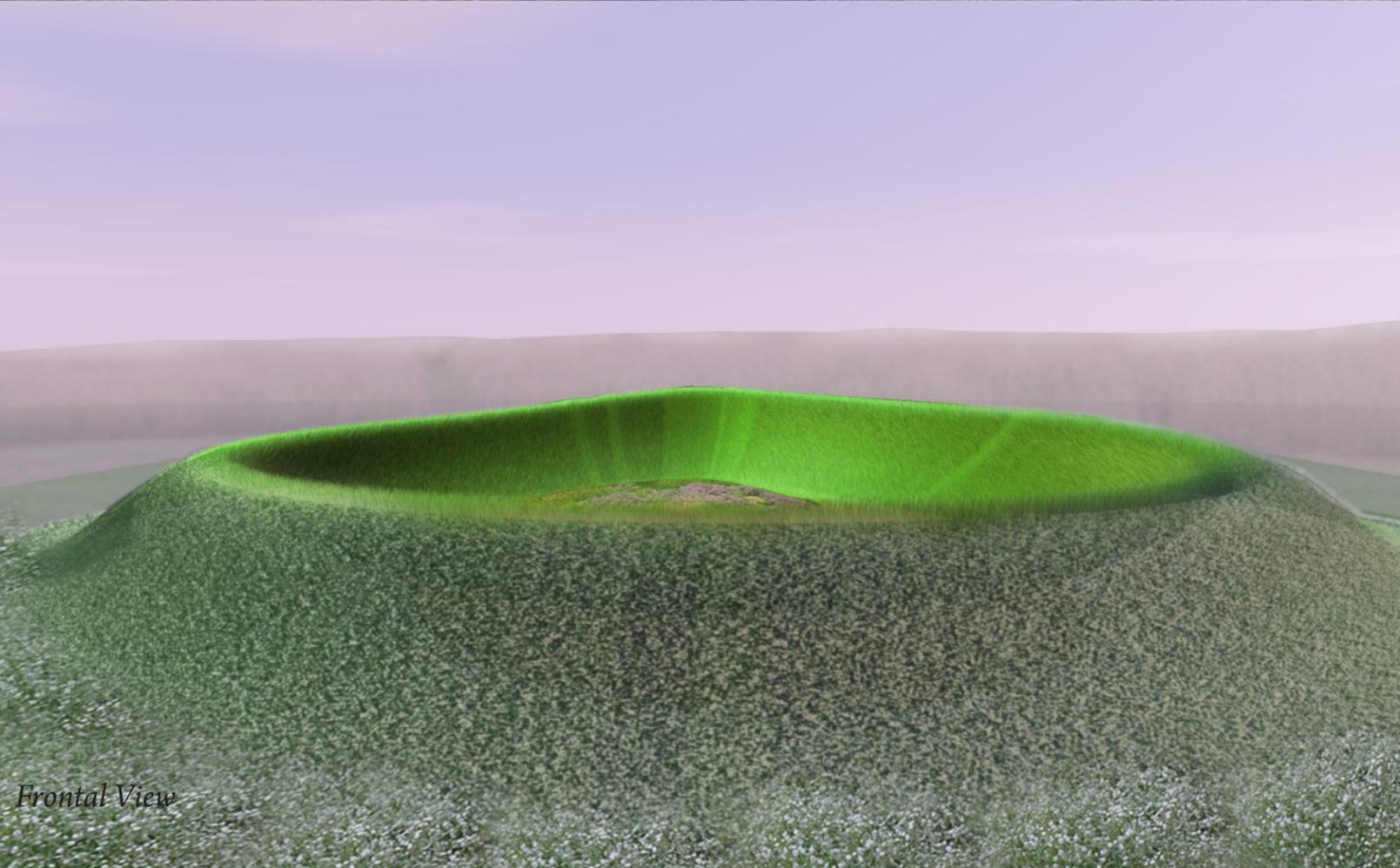
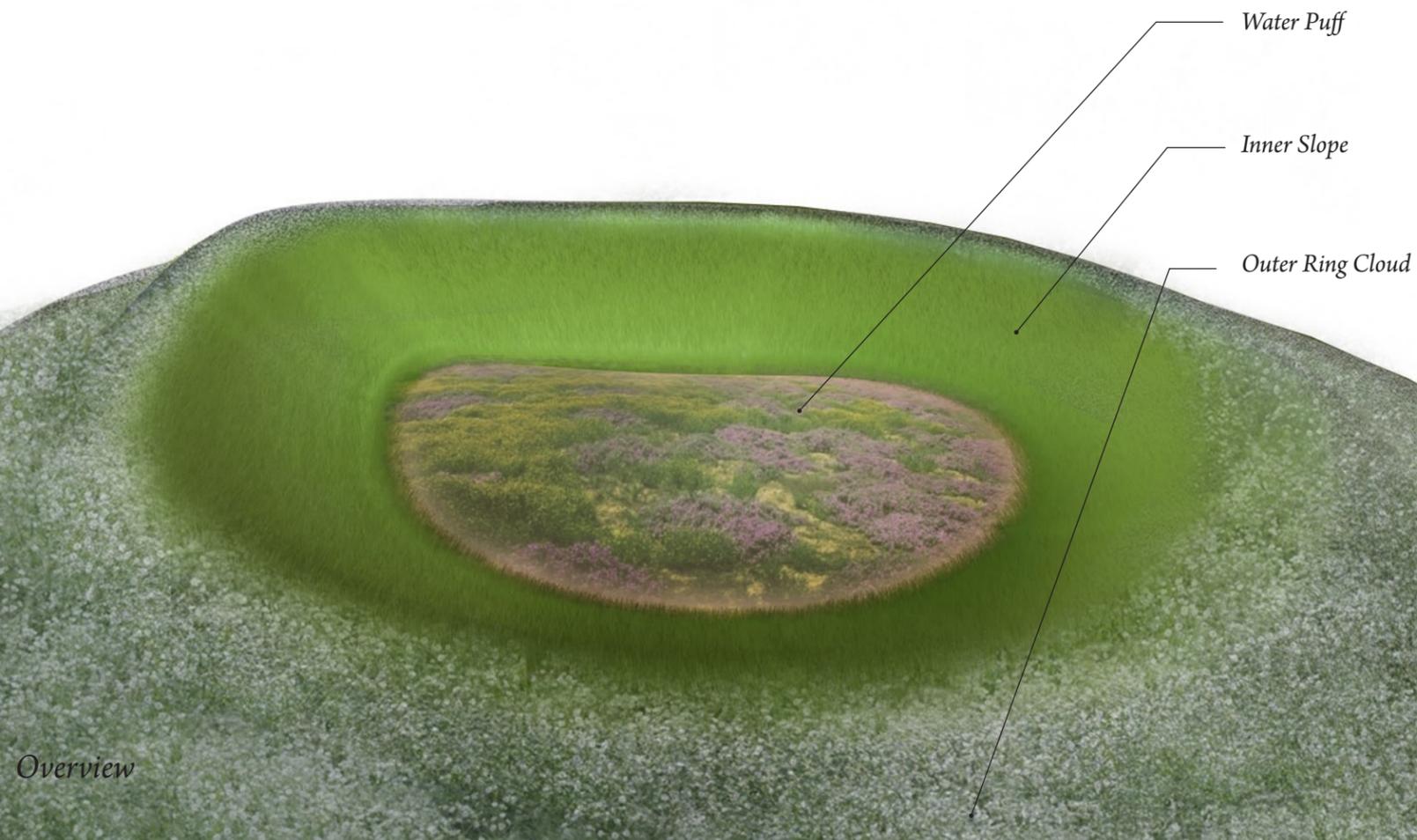
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Mentha Mints



GARDEN PLAN



Water Puff Diagram

The water puff merges technology and organic life into a strange and primitive amoebic element. Its primary material component, water, is incased in a thin plastic membrane further layered with netting, coir, soil, geotextiles and flora. We have worked with inflatable membranes and organic material in the past and have built a team with strong expertise in merging the systems to help create Powder Puff.

