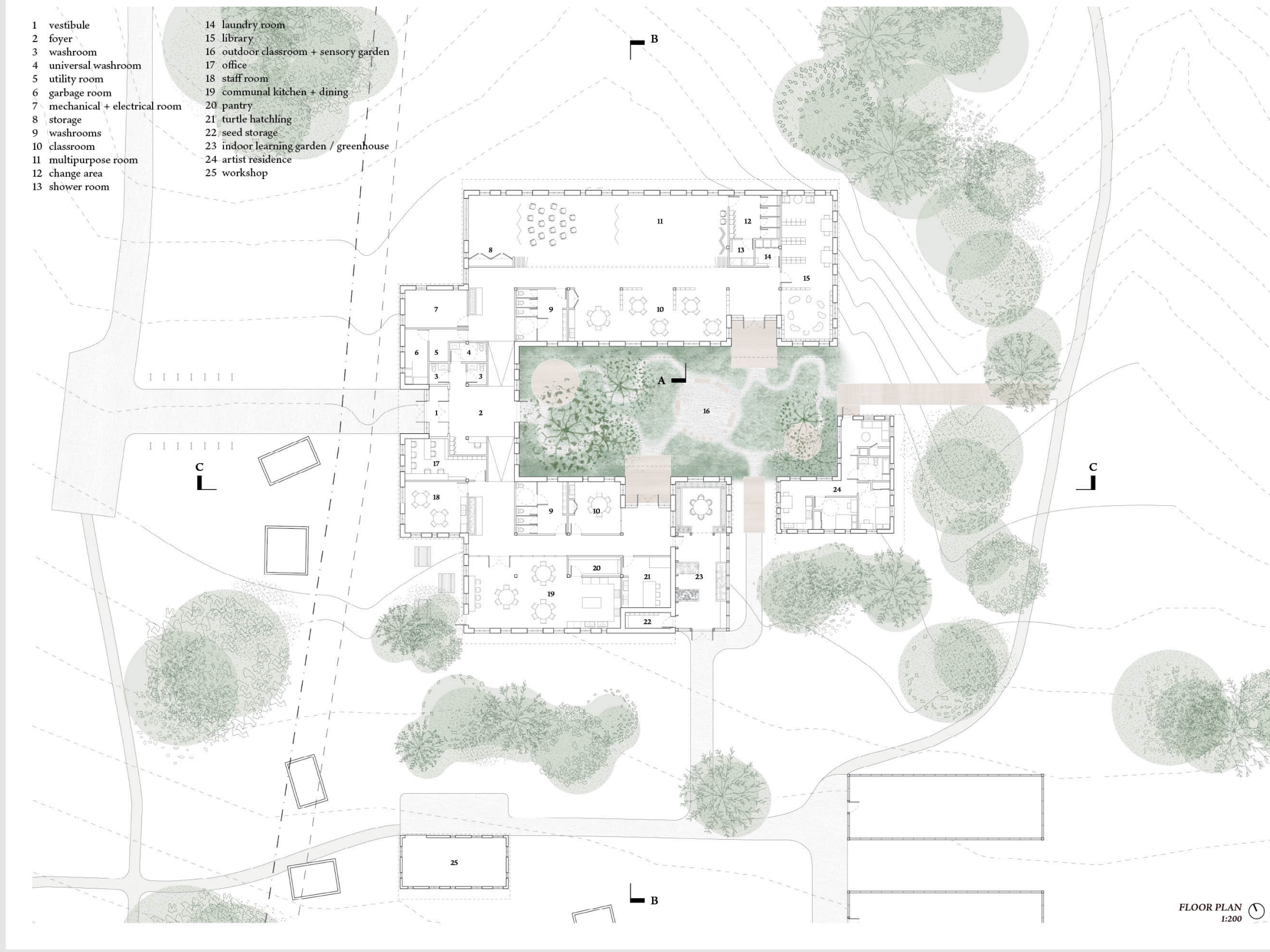
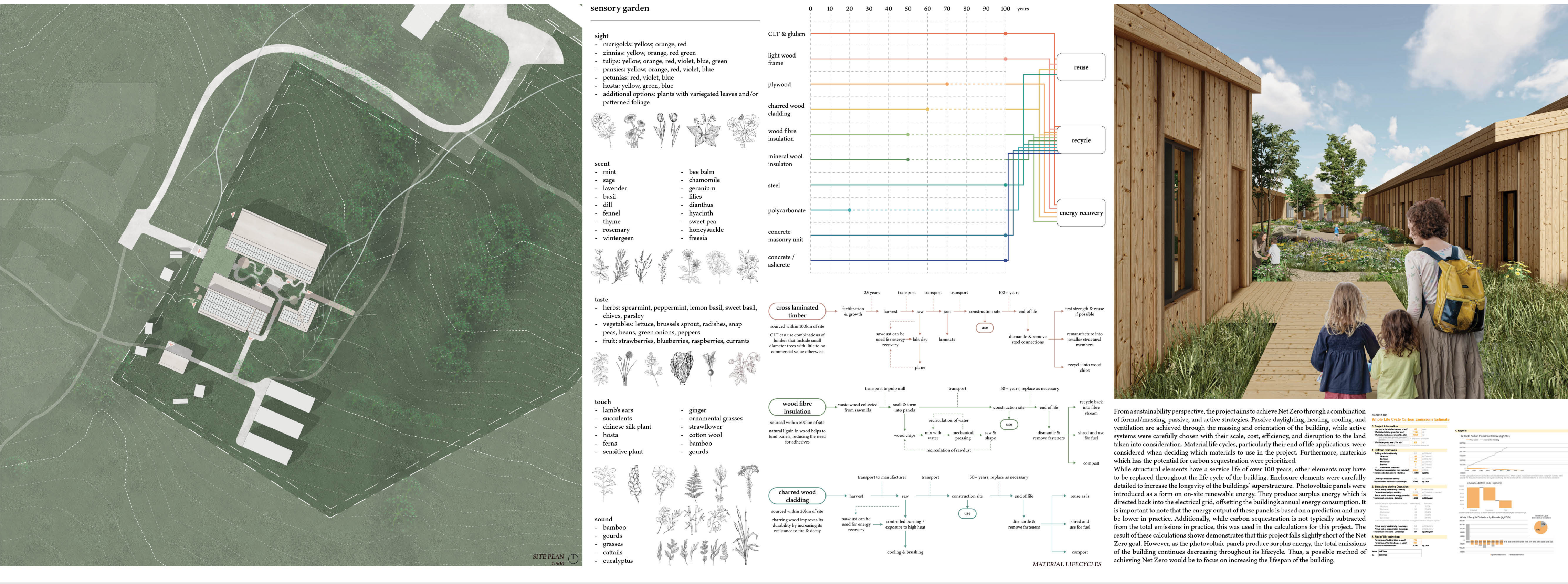




CONFLUENCE

Blair Environmental School

This environmental school invites its occupants to challenge conventional ways of learning and being through interaction, comparable to an ecosystem, the rare community is made up of a collage of people and knowledge in a thoroughly interconnected way. *confluence* aims to highlight the intricate interdependencies and relationships present in our society and the natural world, and questions what happens at the meeting points of such components. The design takes on the typology of a courtyard building, and utilizes the courtyard as the driver for a variety of passive design strategies. Not only a formal or technical decision, the courtyard enables people and nature to be placed at the centre, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship through an exploration of interactions and intersections of various scales and forms. Emphasis is placed on the occupants, the site, and their intrinsic interconnectedness. The ambition is that occupants of the space will take this notion with them, as a concept that will remain in their minds for long after their time at the *Blair Environmental School*.

