

# Dongtan Eco-City, Shanghai



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**“ Our biggest challenge in the new century  
is to take an idea that seems abstract**

**sustainable development**

**and turn it into a daily reality for all this  
worlds people”**

**Kofi Annan**

# Sustainable Development

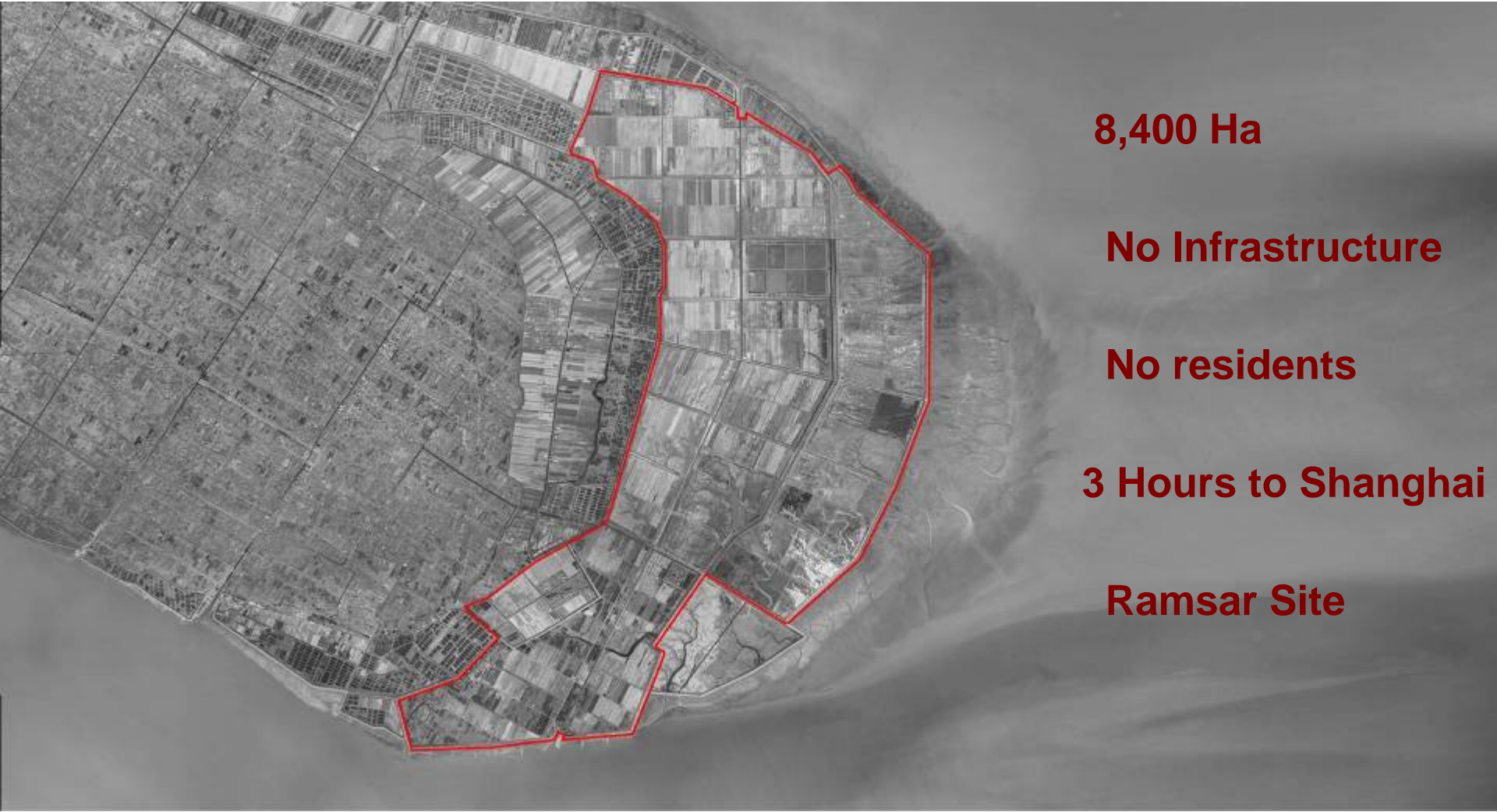
When done well, the approach can lead to:



# Why Dongtan ?



# What Dongtan ?



**8,400 Ha**

**No Infrastructure**

**No residents**

**3 Hours to Shanghai**

**Ramsar Site**

# How Dongtan ?



# vision and leadership

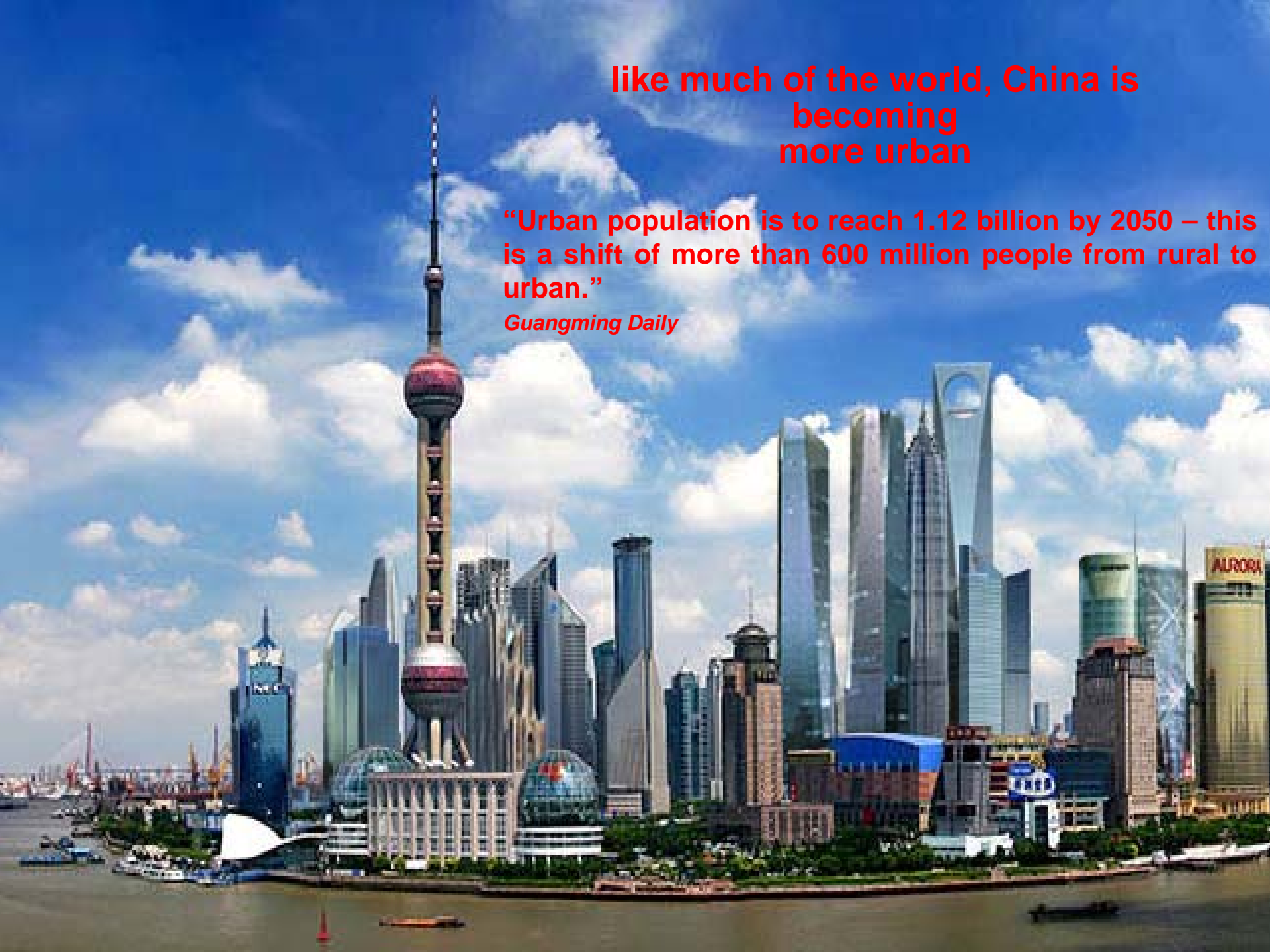
**“China’s current development is ecologically unsustainable, and the damage will not be reversible once higher GDP has been achieved”**

*Minister of State Environmental Protection Agency*

**like much of the world, China is  
becoming  
more urban**

**“Urban population is to reach 1.12 billion by 2050 – this  
is a shift of more than 600 million people from rural to  
urban.”**

*Guangming Daily*





November 2005



Yancheng

Nanjing

Nantong

Qidong

Dongtan

Shanghai

Hangzhou

August 2007

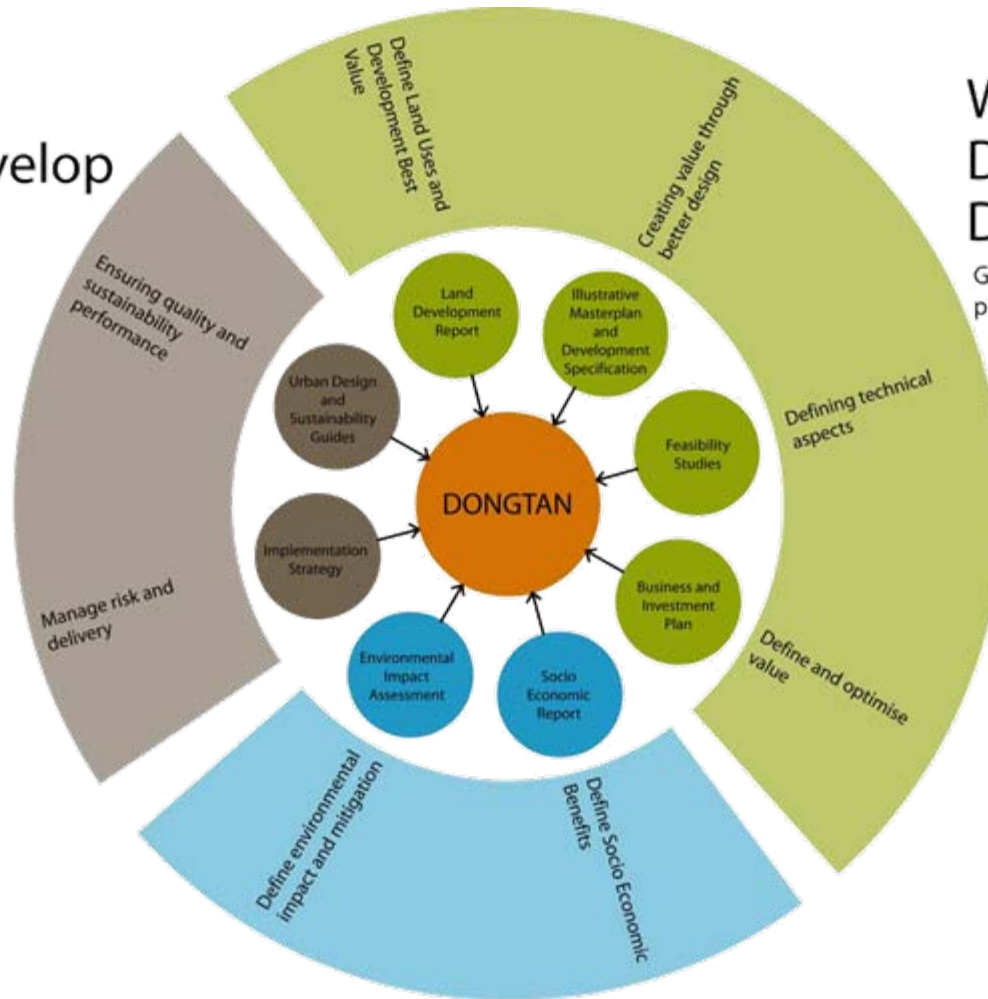


# Linear City



## How to Develop Dongtan?

Attracting investors and managing risk



## What to Develop in Dongtan?

Getting a clear picture of Dongtan

## Why to Develop Dongtan?

Strengthening the case for development to the Local Government, and defining the economic impact of Dongtan.

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*“... ‘Total Architecture’ implies that all relevant design decisions have been considered together and have been integrated into a whole by a well organized team empowered to fix priorities”*

*Ove Arup*



# integrated urbanism

**Human and Environmental Health**

**Economic Vitality and Individual Prosperity**

**Energy**

**Housing**

**Spatial Planning**

**Nutrition and Urban Rural Linkages**

**Mobility and Access**

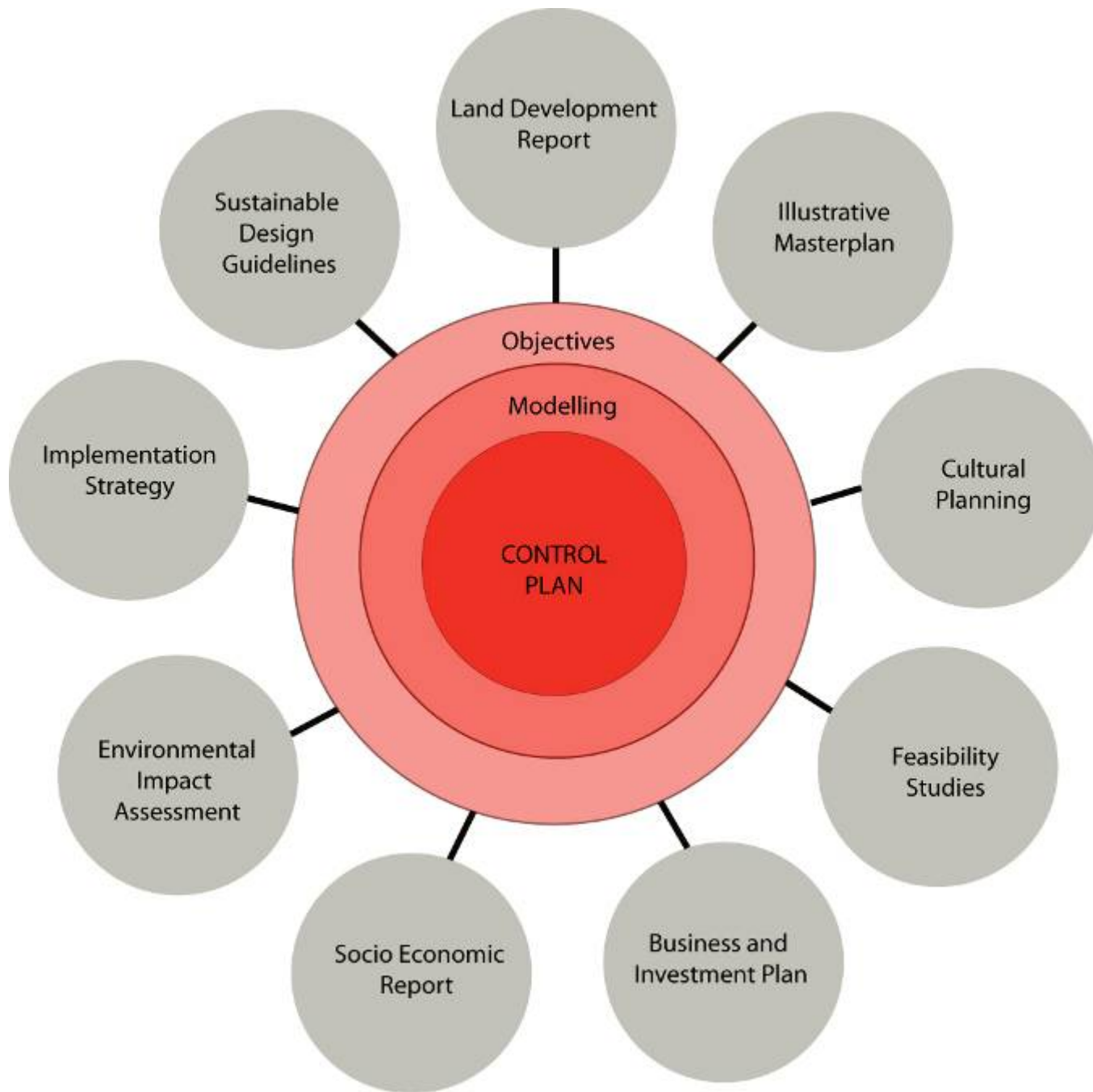
**Education and Culture**

**Governance and Civic Engagement**

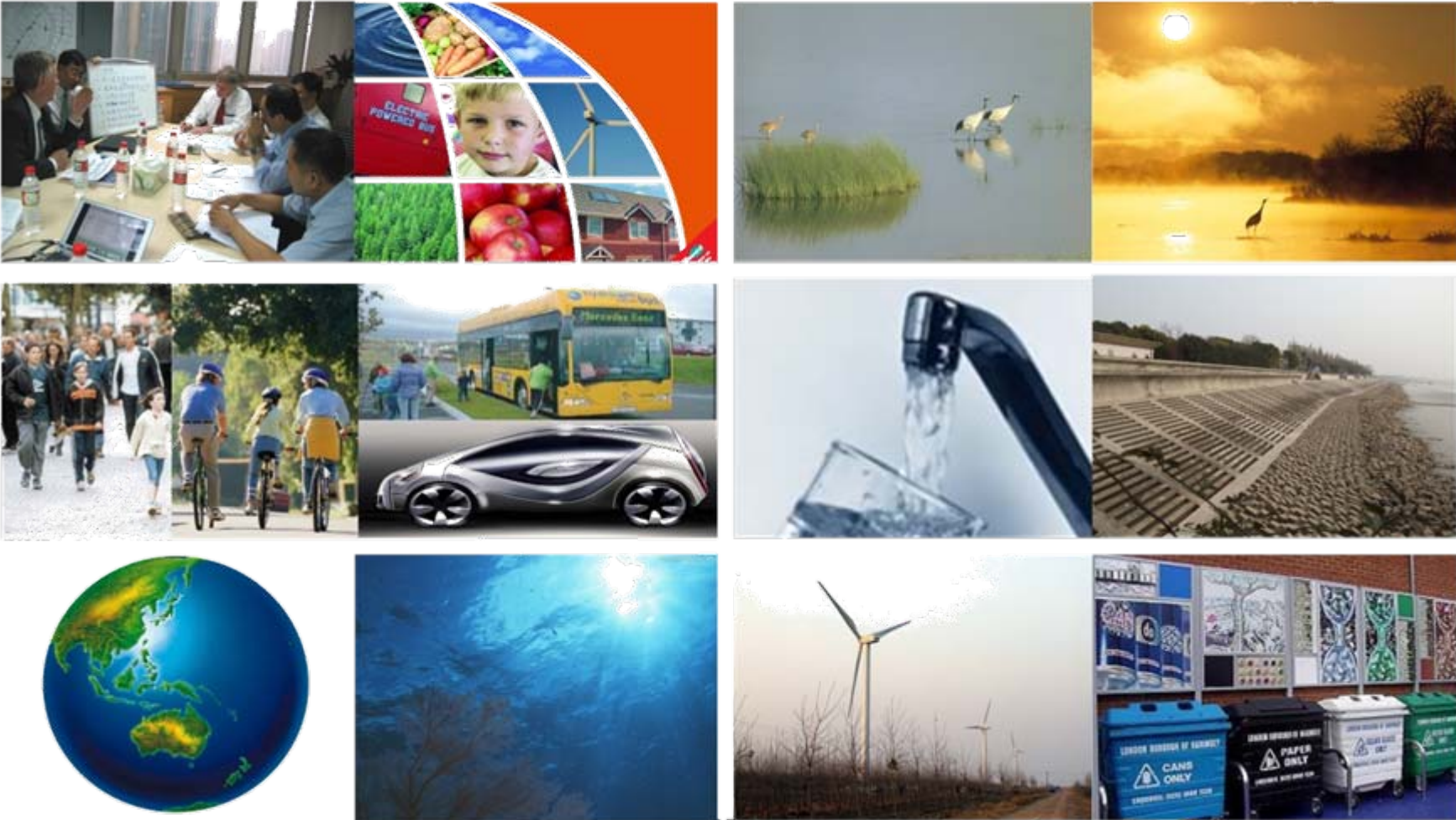
**Water**

**Materials and Waste**

**Ecological Footprint**



# The Sustainable Approach



# Sustainability Principles

## The key principles of the sustainability framework are:

- To preserve the wetland habitat
- To create an integrated, vibrant and evolving community
- To improve quality of life and create desirable lifestyles
- To create an accessible city
- To ingrain contemporary Chinese culture into the city fabric
- Managing the use of resources in an integrated manner
- Working towards carbon neutrality
- Utilizing governance to achieve long term economic, social and environmental sustainability





## Using the framework

This framework has been developed by Arup to set out a vision for the Eco-City and a set of objectives to guide decision making. The framework should be used to:

1. Undertake sustainability appraisals of designs, projects, plans and strategies.
2. Monitor progress towards a more sustainable city.
3. Provide the context for policy development and decision making.



## Environment

1. Physically and legally protect the Eco-City's internationally significant wetlands from any man-made intervention such as physical encroachment, poaching of wildlife and pollution to land, water and air. Impose the strongest possible penalties on organisations and individuals in breach of these measures.
2. Protect and enhance the biodiversity and quality of the wider Eco-City and its urban areas, including the ecological communities and habitat, canals and waterways.
3. Avoid any physical degradation of the island through the Eco-City's activities and monitor the impact of others on the rate of deposition and erosion of the eastern wetlands.
4. Enable sustainable lifestyles that minimise negative environmental impacts on resource use, waste and pollution through the provision of well connected, public transport links, cycling and walking routes and the availability of healthy food produced in a sustainable manner by local farmers and fishermen.
5. Create cleaner, safer, and greener neighbourhoods with ecologically sound, open spaces and landscape that encourage social interaction and healthy lifestyles. Build with people as the priority, not cars and encourage sustainable alternatives for the transport of freight, goods and food. Design for the likely effects of climate change for now and for the future, incorporating sustainable drainage and flood management techniques.

## Natural Resources

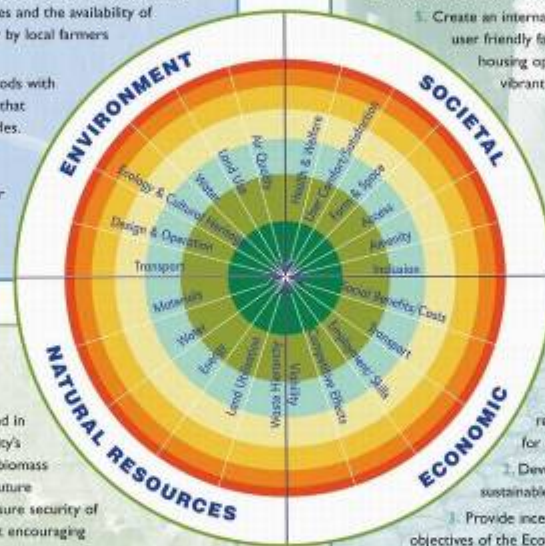
1. Design for energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy at macro and micro scale and in all lifestyle energy uses to minimise the Eco-City's contribution to climate change. Produce local biomass for energy production. Maintain flexibility for future changes in energy supply and consumption. Ensure security of energy supply at a cost that is affordable whilst encouraging efficiency of use.
2. Design for the reduction, re-use and recycling of natural and man-made materials and develop policies that encourage resource management, sustainable production and consumption and the extraction of maximum benefit from residual wastes at the Eco-City, through energy production and use in agriculture.
3. Design for water efficiency in all domestic, commercial, industrial, leisure and agricultural applications and develop infrastructure and policies that allow for the application of potable water to only those applications that require it. Identify and protect reliable sources of fresh water for now and for the future and ensure security of water supply at a cost that is affordable whilst encouraging efficiency of use.

## Societal

1. Create inclusive, cohesive and tolerant communities that recognise traditional and modern Chinese and other cultural values.
2. Ensure all citizens can engage with and are represented by governance systems that are accountable and that work towards the continued realisation of the fullest concepts of the Eco-City.
3. Develop a city that enables healthy and safe lifestyles through the provision of key services and facilities accessible to all and which promote health, provide suitable healthcare when required, avoid car dependence and reduce opportunities for crime.
4. Provide jobs and cultural, leisure, community, sporting and educational facilities for all, regardless of age or ethnicity, and make everyone aware of these opportunities through world class information and communication technology.
5. Create an internationally, regionally and locally accessible city with user friendly facilities and a sustainable mix of development and housing opportunities blended with green spaces to create vibrant communities and a real sense of place.

## Economic

1. Aim for consistent economic progress, which recognises China's old and new economies and allows for the sustainability objectives of the Eco-City to be met.
2. Develop an equitable balance and mix of uses to support sustainable investment and prosperity.
3. Provide incentives for businesses that meet the sustainability objectives of the Eco-City and, conversely, ensure that environmental and social costs are met by organisations that are responsible for them.
4. Provide jobs diverse enough for all and maintain a culture of innovation and business creation, together with relevant life-long training and educational opportunities. Ensure economic benefits are realised within the local community.
5. Design and maintain suitable and flexible infrastructure, homes, buildings, transport links and information and communications technology to sustain the economic objectives of the Eco-City. Ensure the city is suitably protected from flooding and extreme events.



## Overall objective

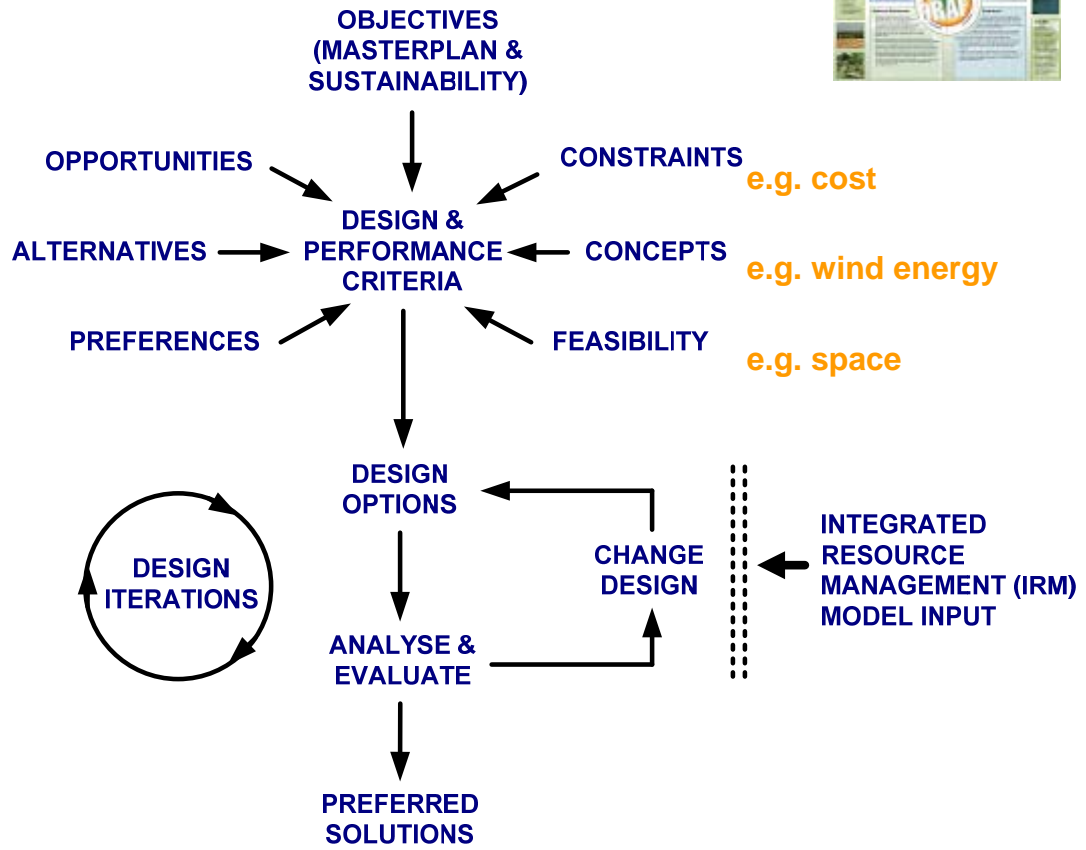
The Eco-City aims to achieve environmental, social and economic development simultaneously; the improvement of one will not be to the detriment of another. Where trade offs between competing objectives are unavoidable, these will be transparent and minimised.



## SPeAR®

The Sustainable Project Appraisal Routine (SPeAR®) developed by Arup, will be used as a sustainability monitoring and reporting tool for the Eco-City. It will be used at key stages of the design to assess the Eco-City masterplan against the sustainability objectives. It will also be used as a management information tool in the development and decision making process. It is based on a four-quadrant model that structures the issues of sustainability into a robust framework.

# Sustainable Appraisal / Management Process



- Task 1: Sustainability Appraisal Framework
- Task 2: Development of design options
- Task 3: Populate IRM model and evaluate design options
- Task 4: Reporting on output of IRM model

# Town of three villages

clusters and centres



# Town of three villages

walking and cycling





# Compact city

low rise & high density – 3 to 6 storeys / 1.2 average plot ratio  
75 dwelling per hectares / 80,000 people



# Compact city

52d/h



73d/h



120d/h



100d/h



# Compact city

planned development by 2020

<b>634 Ha</b>	<b>Land Developed</b>
<b>57%</b>	<b>Development Area</b>
<b>43%</b>	<b>Open Space, Water and Major Roads</b>
<b>27,000</b>	<b>Dwellings</b>
<b>5.1 M sqm</b>	<b>Gross floor area</b>
<b>55%</b>	<b>Residential as proportion of GFA</b>
<b>24%</b>	<b>Commercial, retail and light industrial</b>
<b>16%</b>	<b>Culture, tourism, leisure and hotel</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>Education and Social Infrastructure</b>

# 1 Environmental Protection

**Improving air quality**

**Reducing noise levels**

**Enhance the ecology**

**Introduce biodiversity in the landscape**

**Reduced light pollution**



# 2 Socio – Economic Benefits

**Job retention : people living and working on site**

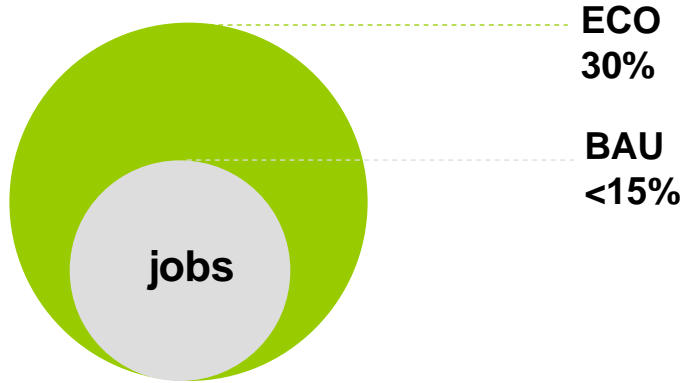
**Accessible green space**

**Sense of place / community**

**Support more residents, deliver more jobs, and attract more visitors**

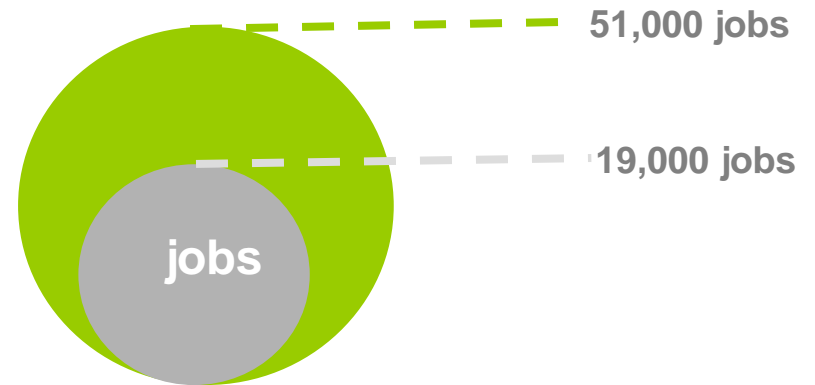
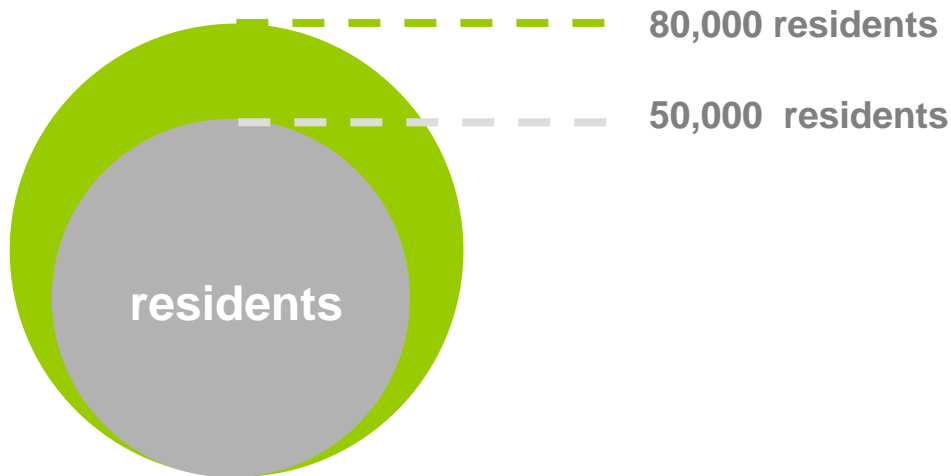


**Job retention:**



# 2 Social and Economic Benefit

It supports more residents,  
delivers more jobs,  
and will attract more visitors



# 3 Low Ecological Footprint

World Average

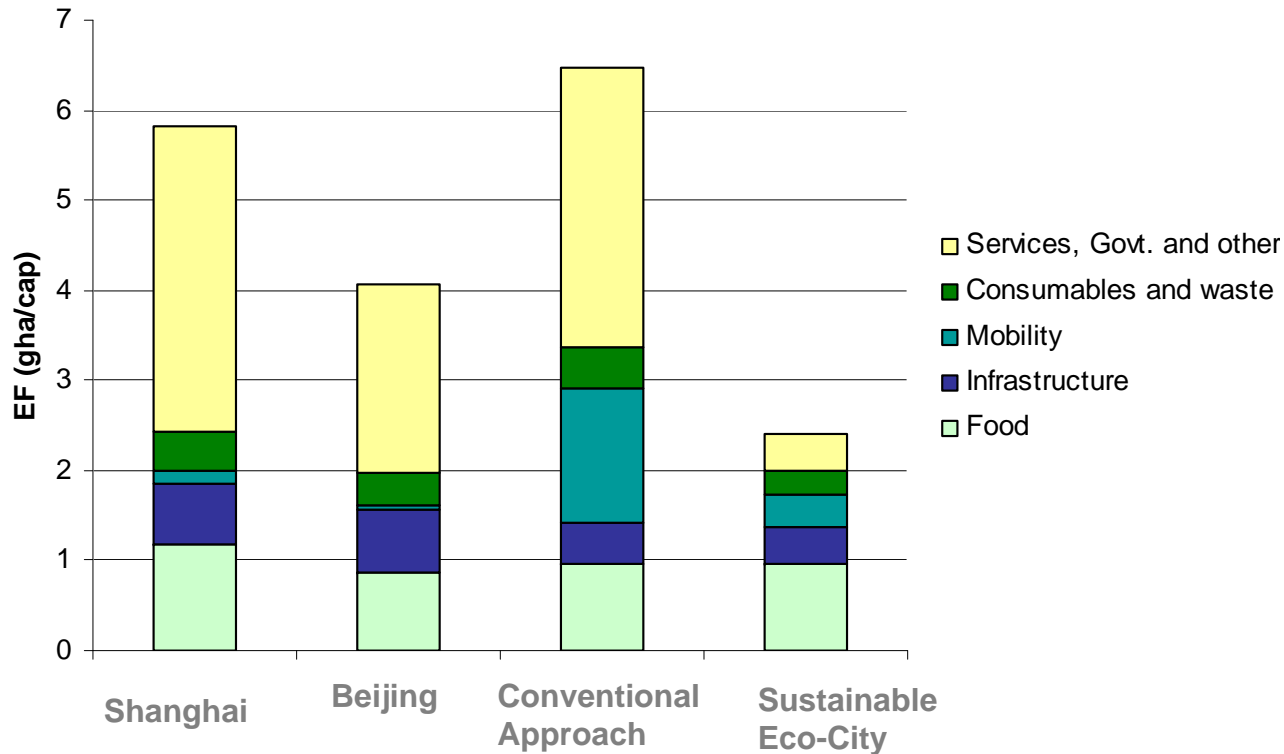
Footprint **2.1 gh/person**

Eco-City

Footprint **2.3 gh/person**

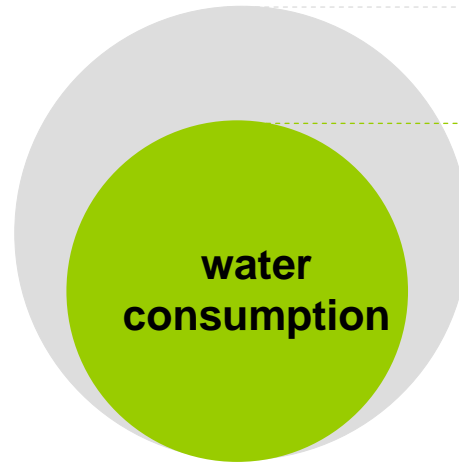
Conventional Approach City

Footprint **5.8 gh/person**



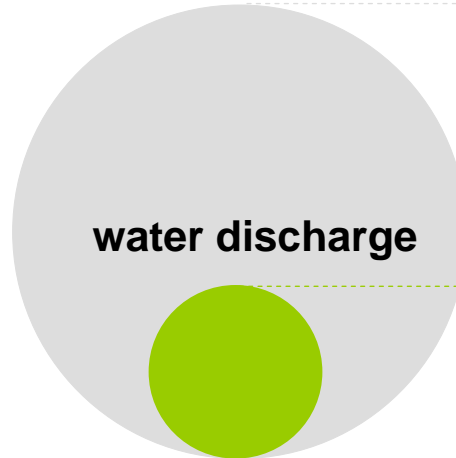
# 4 Water and Flood Management

- Increase water efficiency
- Grey water recycling
- Dual pipe system
- Reduce mains sewage output
- Incorporating flood management



BAU  
150 lt. water/ person / day

ECO  
80 lt. water/ person / day

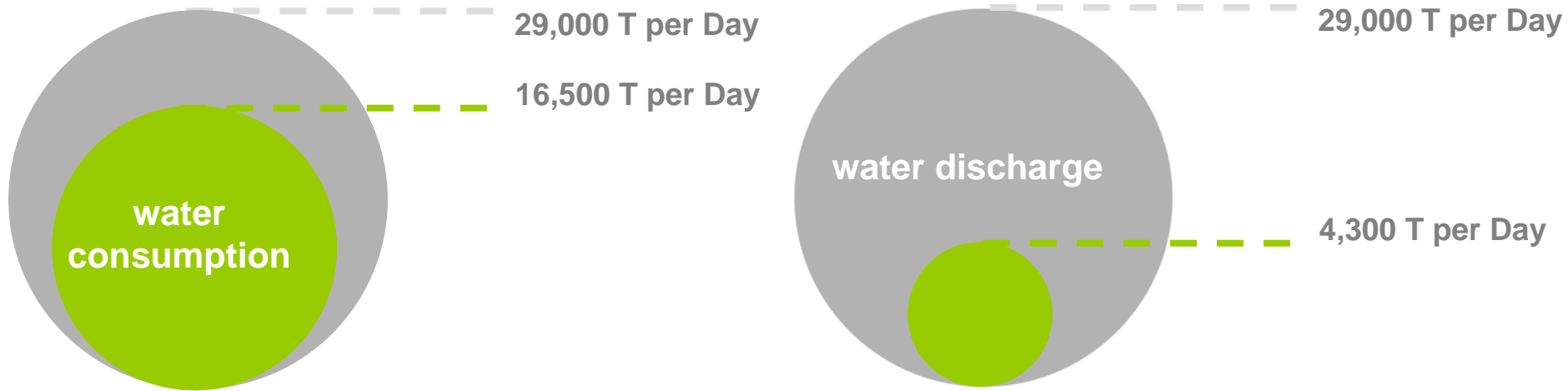


BAU  
29,000 T per Day

ECO  
4,300 T per Day

# 4 Water and Flood Management

water consumption down by 43%  
water discharge down by 88%



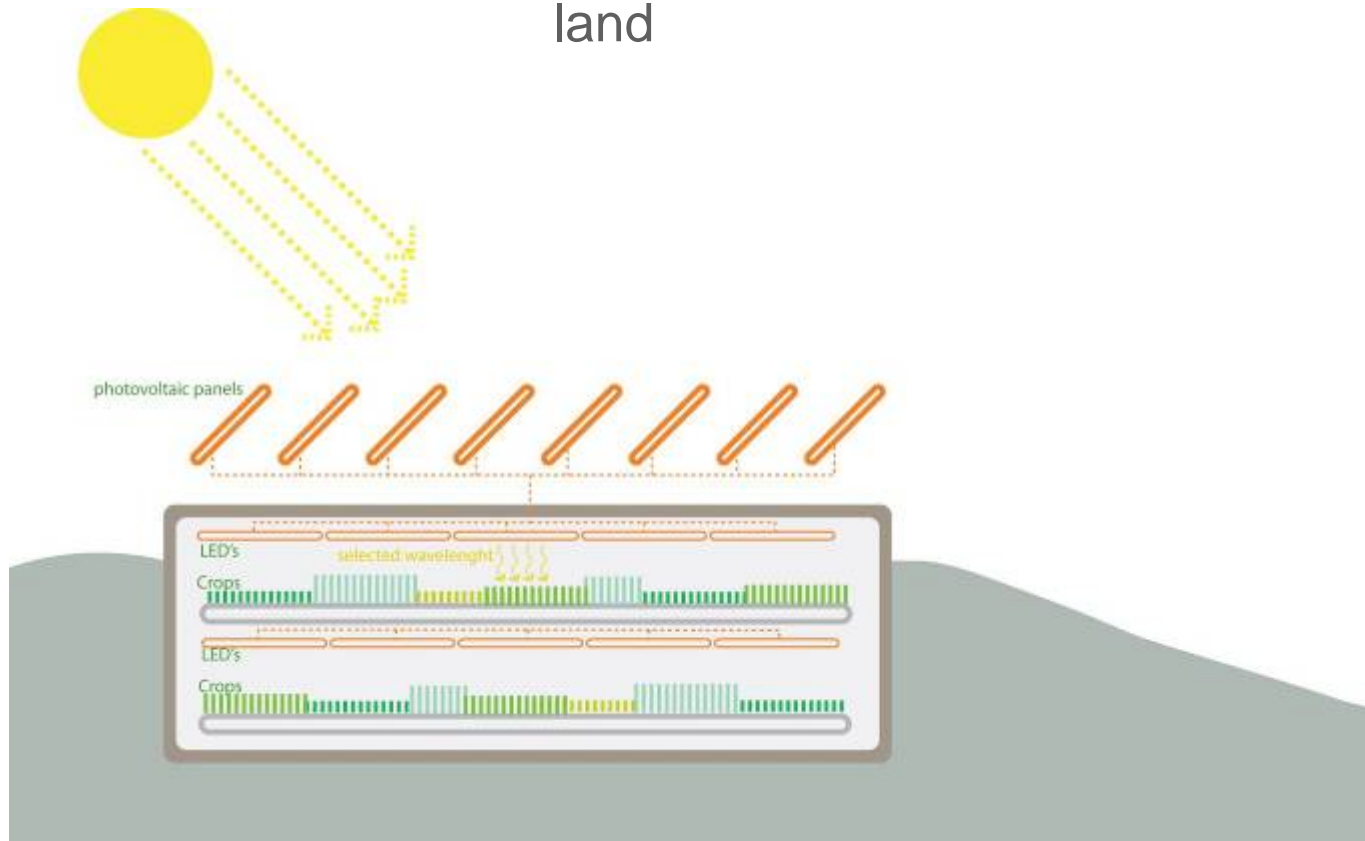
# 4 Flooding Strategy



# 5 Agricultural Production

Research into no loss of productive land,

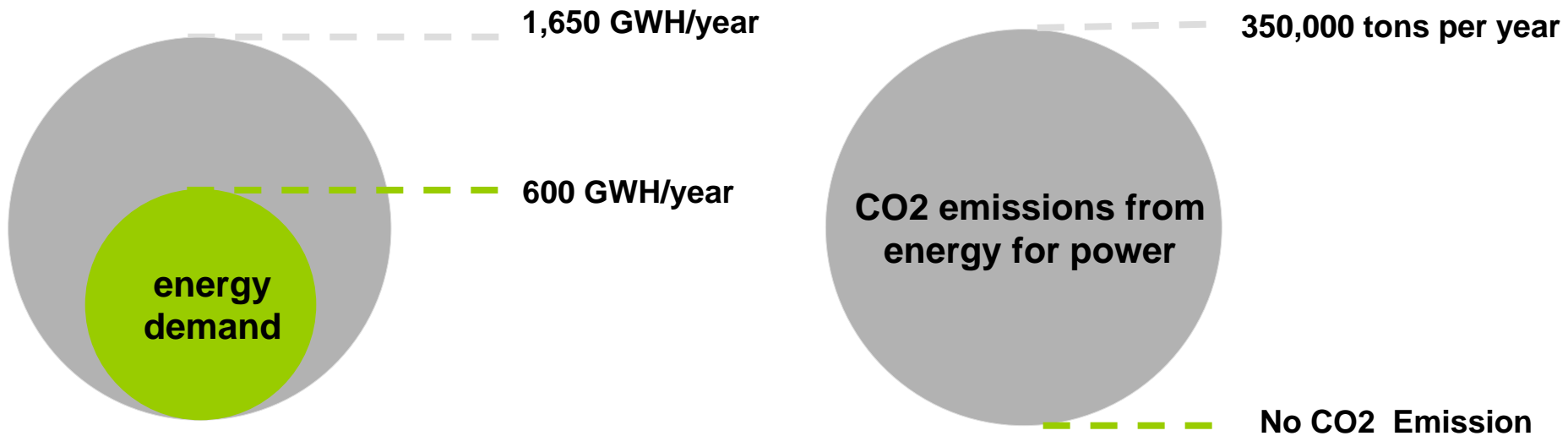
Match Agricultural production to loss of farm land



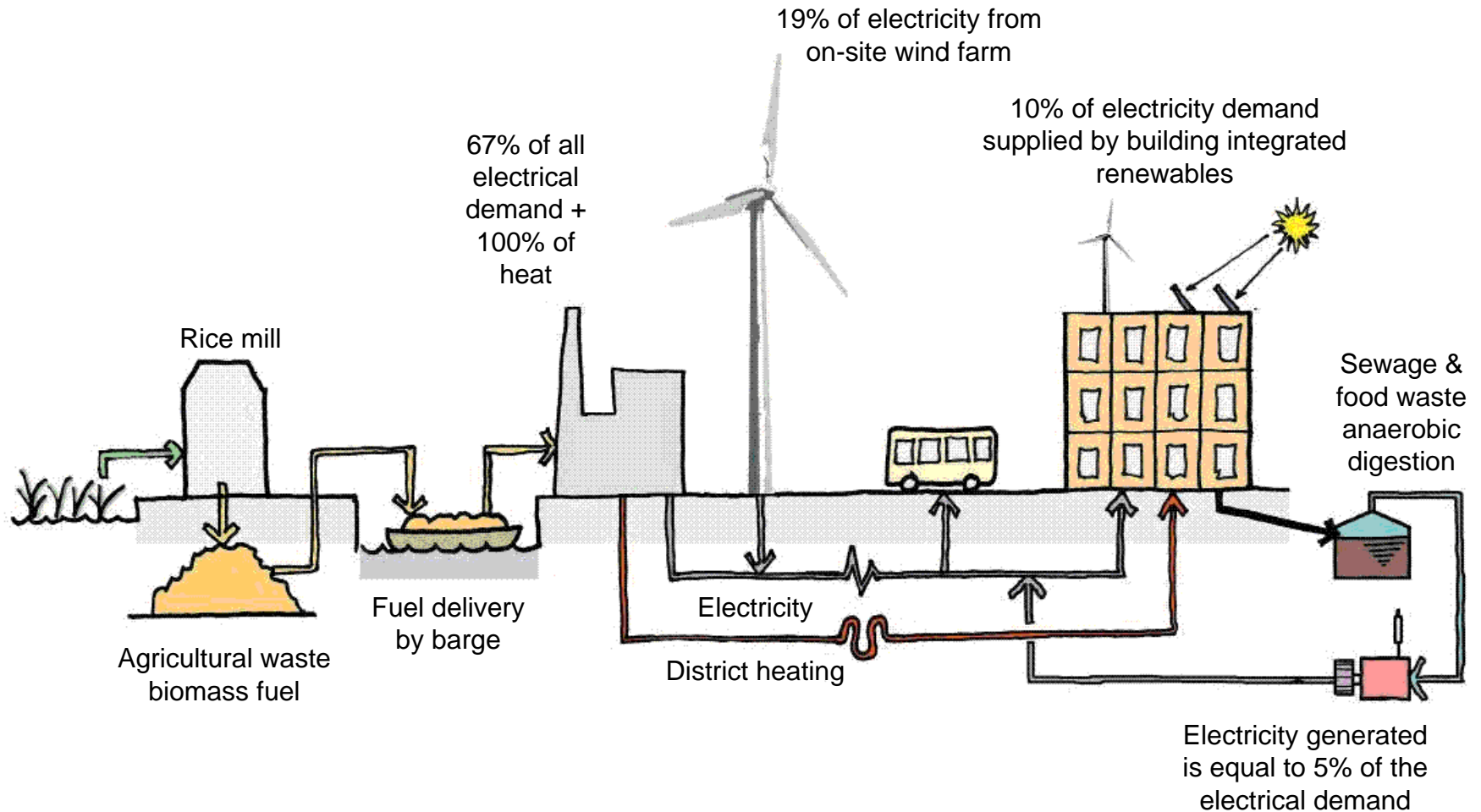
# 6

## Energy Production, Use and Emission Reduction

64% reduction in energy demand with no emissions from energy for power/heat, saves 350,000 tonnes of CO2 per year



# 6 Energy Production



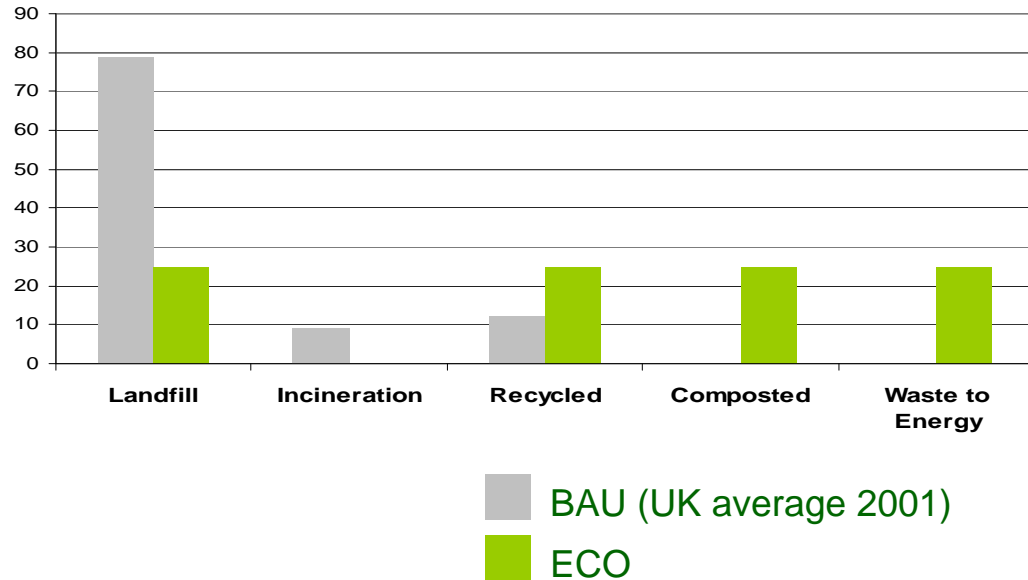
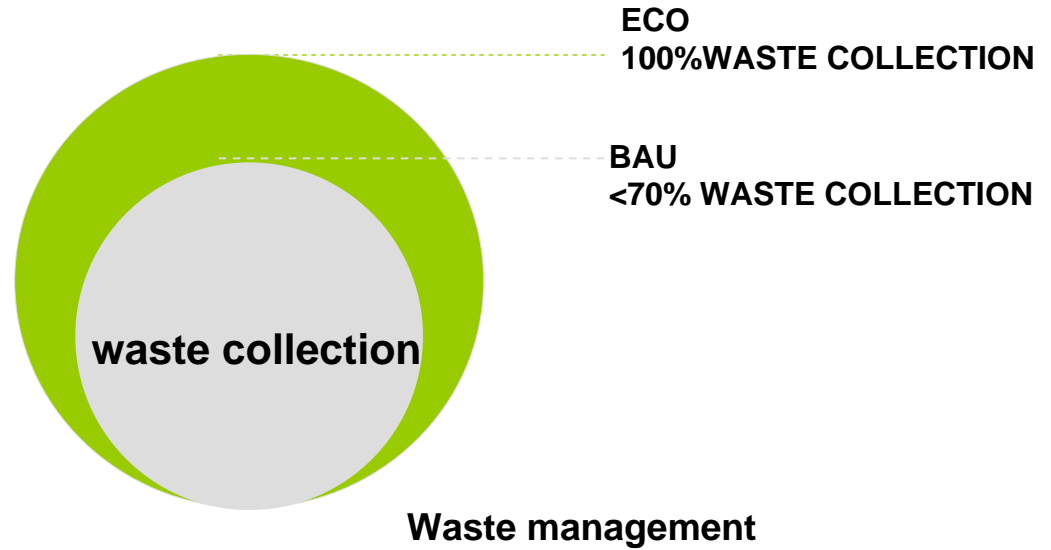
# 7 Waste and Materials

Minimise waste

Increase reuse, recycle, and composting

Enable waste to energy strategies

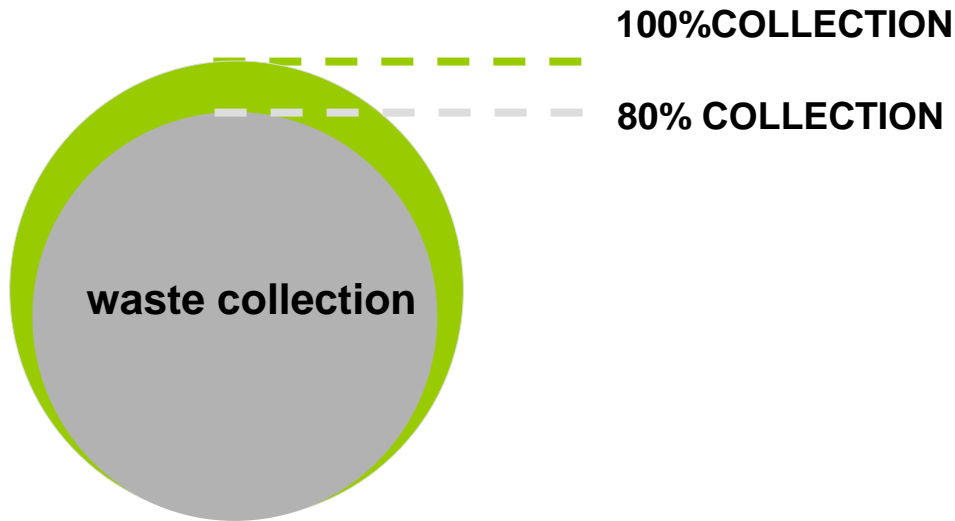
Develop waste management systems



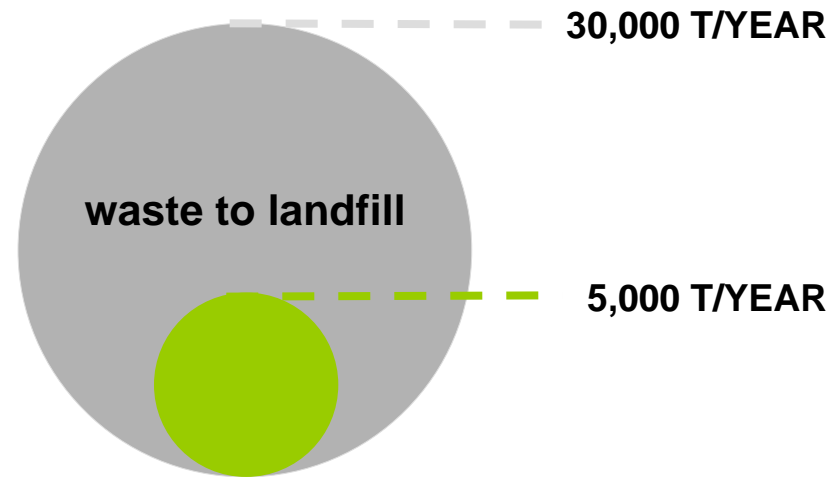
# 7 Waste Management

effective **waste collection**  
waste to landfill **down by 83%**

## RESOURCE & WASTE MANAGEMENT



## RECOVERY OF RESOURCES



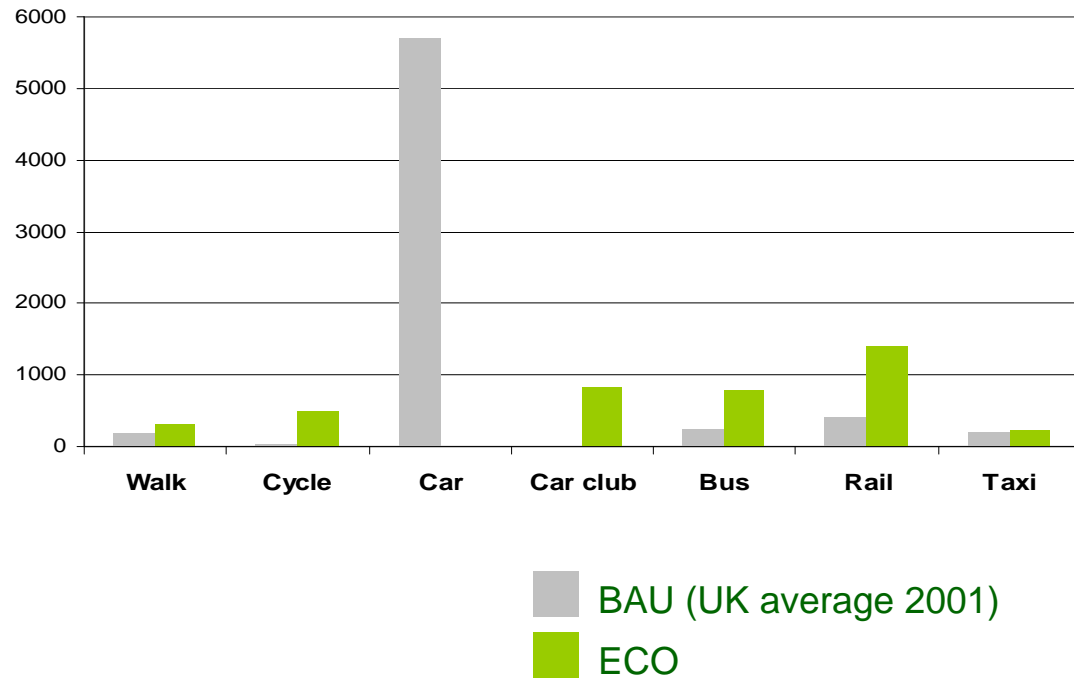
# 8 Accessibility and Transport

**Modal shift to more environmentally friendly modes of transport**

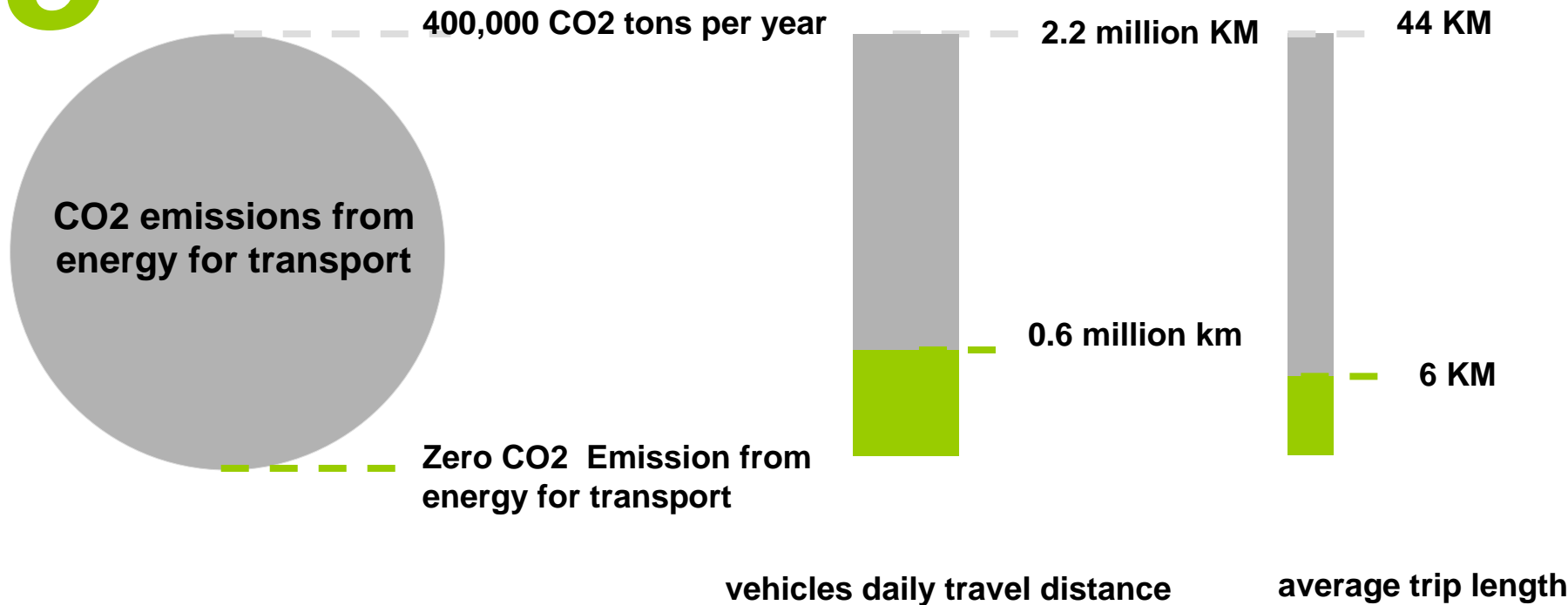
**Encourage cycling and walking**

**Car parking management**

**Travel Pattern (miles / person / year)**



# 8 Accessibility and Transport



**Improved accessibility reduces travel distances by 1.8M km.**

**With zero emission transportation this reduces CO2 emissions by 400,000 tonnes per year**

# 9 Construction Impact

## **Sustainable ECO-CITY**

- **Twice the volume of materials**
- **Balance of cut and fill**
- **Consolidation center for management of deliverables**
- **Bunds to manage water and pollution**
- **Off –site manufacture and pre-assembly to reduce waste**
- **Local sourcing where possible**
- **Sustainable housing for workers**

## **Conventional Approach City**

- **Lower material volume**
- **Low control of spillages**
- **Higher waste column**
- **Sourcing from all over China**
- **Unsustainable housing for workers**
- **Higher impact on Eco-system**

# SUSTAINABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES

The guidelines provide the performance specification for the design of the Eco-City for future developers and their design teams in terms of macro scale or site wide requirements and district level requirements



# *DONGTAN 2010*

## DELIVERING A SUSTAINABLE PHASE 1

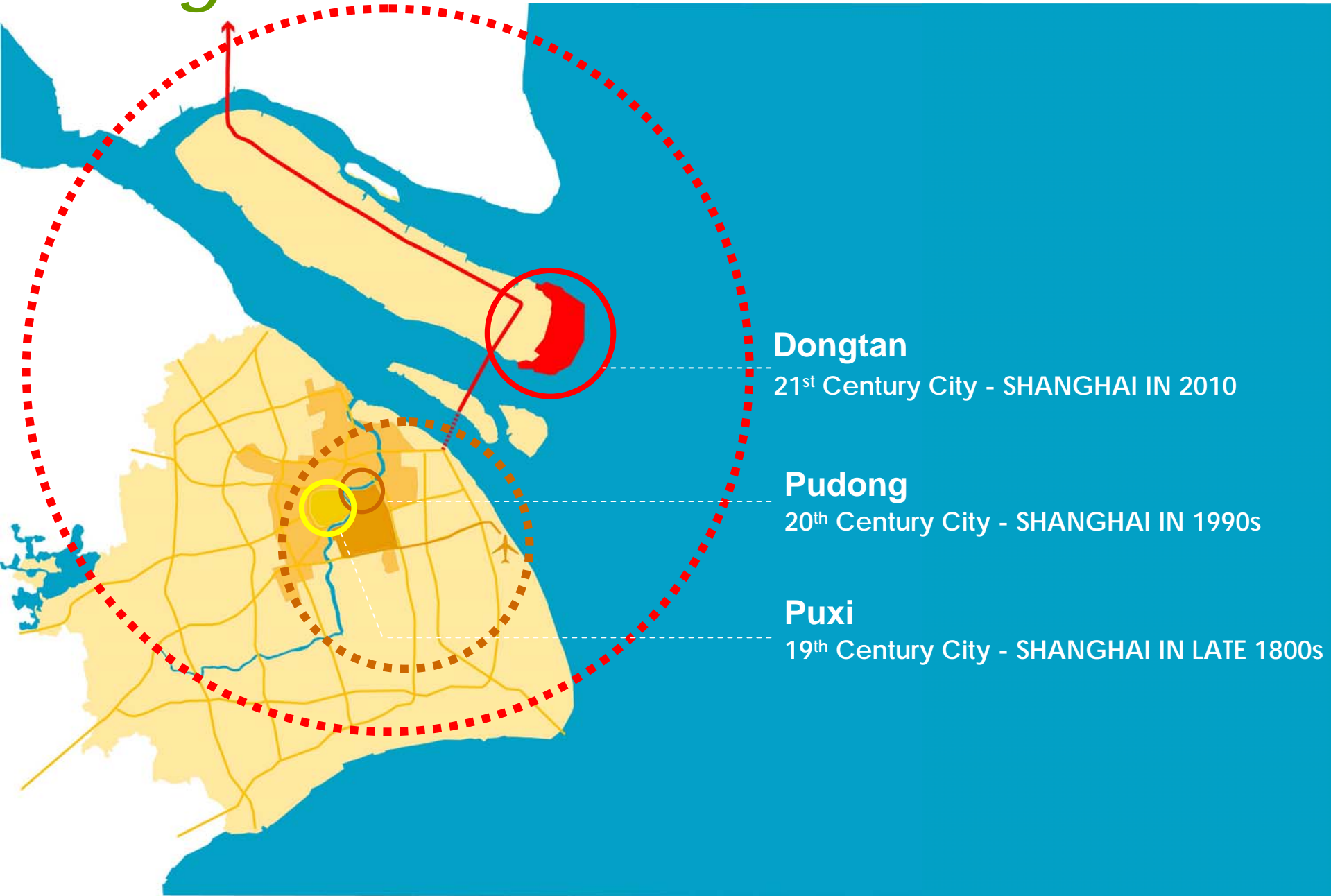


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# *Dongtan in 2010*

THE PLACE TO BE...



## **Dongtan**

21<sup>st</sup> Century City - SHANGHAI IN 2010

## **Pudong**

20<sup>th</sup> Century City - SHANGHAI IN 1990s

## **Puxi**

19<sup>th</sup> Century City - SHANGHAI IN LATE 1800s

# *the dongtan experience*

THE PHASE 1 IN 2010



**demonstration of sustainable technologies,**



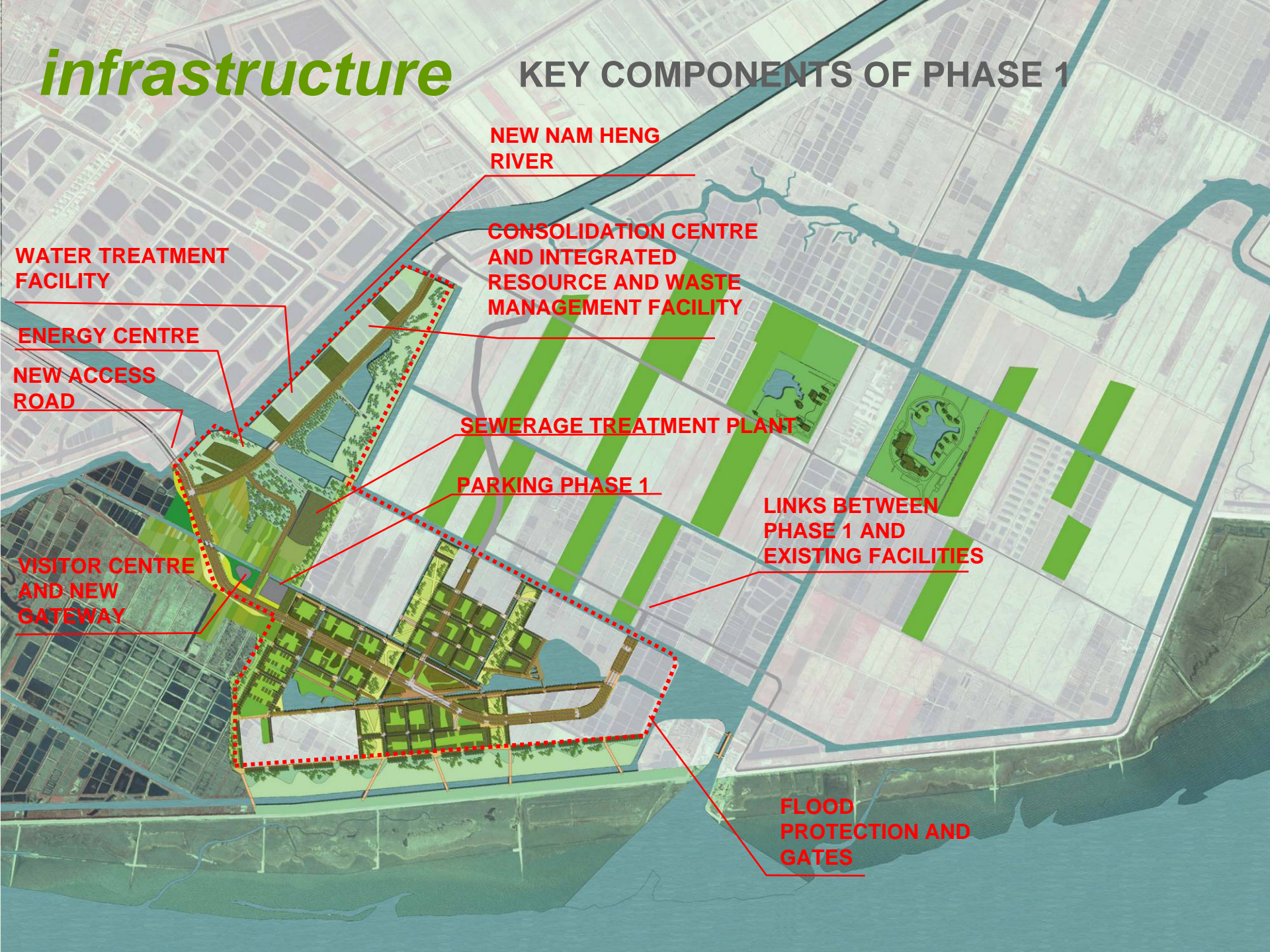
***a place to live and learn***



***...and nature***

# *infrastructure*

## KEY COMPONENTS OF PHASE 1



NEW NAM HENG RIVER

CONSOLIDATION CENTRE AND INTEGRATED RESOURCE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT

PARKING PHASE 1

LINKS BETWEEN PHASE 1 AND EXISTING FACILITIES

FLOOD PROTECTION AND GATES

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

ENERGY CENTRE

NEW ACCESS ROAD

VISITOR CENTRE AND NEW GATEWAY

*open space* GATEWAY GARDENS



*open space* URBAN PARKS AND PROMENADES



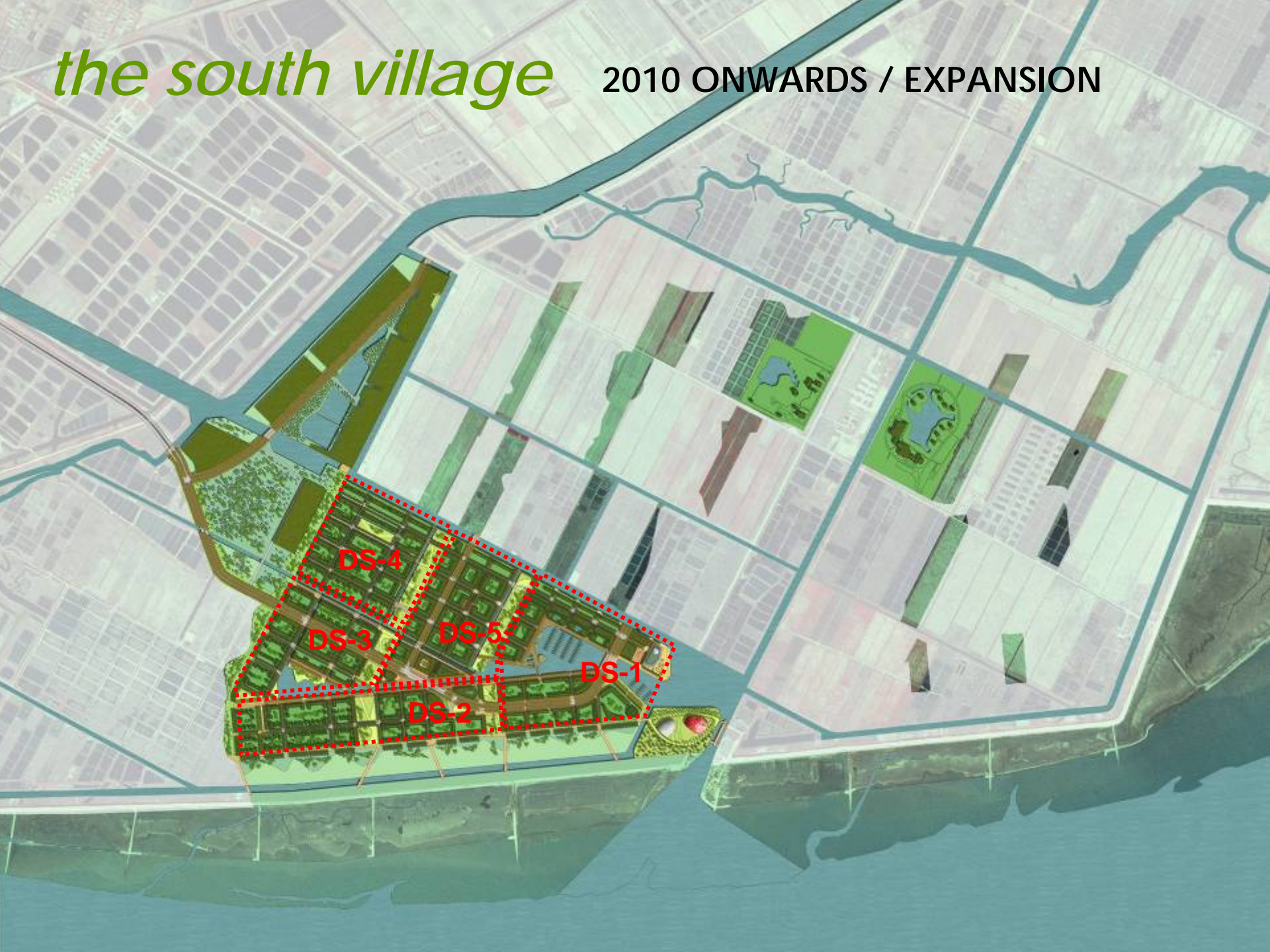
*open space*

NON URBAN PARKS & ECO FARMING



*the south village*

2010 ONWARDS / EXPANSION



# Dongtan Eco City – The Sustainable Approach

“Dongtan Eco-City will change the way city environments relate to the natural world by creating a sustainable, resource efficient, culturally rich environment, where quality of life will be unique compared to anywhere in the Yangtze River Delta.”



**Extract from the report on the work of  
the Government  
Wen Jiabao  
Premier of the State Council  
March 5 2007**



**“We will take strong measures to save energy, lower energy consumption, protect the environment and use land intensively”**

——必须坚持全面协调可持续发展……坚持生产发展、生活富裕、生态良好的文明发展道路，建设资源节约型、环境友好型社会，实现速度和结构质量效益相统一、经济发展与人口资源环境相协调，使人民在良好生态环境中生产生活，实现经济社会永续发展。——胡锦涛总书记在十七大上的报告 2007年10月15日

- We must make **sustainability** part of everyday life

-We must develop industry and living conditions in a balanced way

-We must develop a society which is saving its resources and is environmental friendly

-We must create a balance between quantitative and qualitative industrial development

-We must balanced economic growth with the sustainability of population, resources and environment

President Hujintao, 17th Party Congress  
15th October 2007

——建设生态文明，基本形成节约能源资源和保护生态环境的产业结构、增长方式、消费模式。循环经济形成较大规模，可再生能源比重显著上升。主要污染物排放得到有效控制，生态环境质量明显改善。生态文明观念在全社会牢固树立。——胡锦涛总书记在十七大上的报告 2007年10月15日

- Towards an **ecological civilisation**
- We must develop a new focus on service industry and research and design
- We must create a more resource efficient society
- We must develop a circular economy and enhance the use of renewable energy
- We must control the emissions effectively and improve the ecological environment
- We must make the society ecologically aware

President Hujintao, 17th Party Congress  
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# Words used in China today

*Industrial Age gives way to Ecological Age*

*Harmonious Society*

*Energy use Reduction*

*Pollution Control*

*Renewable Energy*

*Resource Efficiency*

*Zero Emission Transport*

*Market Economy*

*Safe Guarding GDP against Detrimental Environmental effects*

*Urban Rural relationships*

*Sustainable Development*

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Thank you

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