Given the lack of pavement on the Chimalhuacan streets, the opportunity to adapt and turn that space into a front-backyard for the houses already built comes in play. This way, Tlatelolco (Chimalhuacan neighborhood) inhabitants may use them as an orchard, with the option to transform their yard into a possible construction site. They would already have their yard—a gigantic, public yard, which also allows them to have a new economic source in their neighborhood, improving their lifestyle.

Almost half of Chimalhuacan’s soil has public space potential, but only 4% is used as public domain. Taking advantage of this situation we see the opportunity to transform this “no man’s land” into a new form of public space that will increase the economy as well as the human interaction in the area, therefore improving Tlatelolco’s way of life. Since only a few streets in Tlatelolco are paved, it was necessary to find out which unpaved streets had the potential and the adequate factors to be transformed, therefore we analyze the trajectories of the inhabitants to know what streets could be closed to vehicles without breaking the urban balance.

By changing the original typologies and removing some of the house fences, we bring together the streets with the yards and gardens creating a new, improved public zone that will be used as an URBAN ORCHARD. Given the kind of soil in Chimalhuacan, we design a selection and a calendar of different plants and trees to sow according to the natural factors in the area. If this calendar is applied correctly, Tlatelolco’s landscape will change with each season; therefore, every three months, the inhabitants of Tlatelolco will sow different vegetables and trees. Also, the display of the trees works as a filter for the dust and trash brought to Tlatelolco by the wind gust from the Texcoco lake.