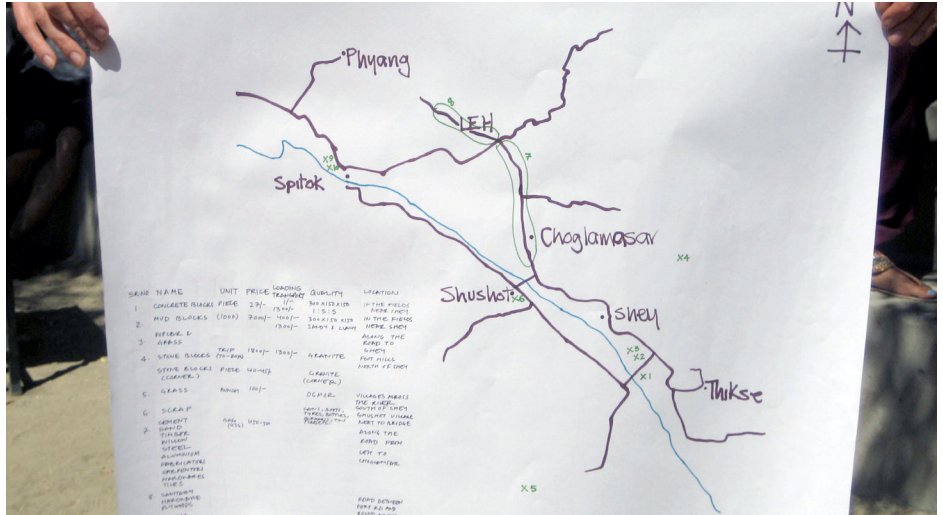


Harvest Mapping

Mapping tool to capture available local resources.

Goal: To identify the location of available resources.

Audience: Local manufacturers, organisations with waste streams, skilled workman, local construction materials stores.



What you need:

- Map of the local area
- Information gathered about resources
- Camera
- Notebook

Community

A 'Harvest Map' (a term coined by Superuse Studio) is an ethical enterprise method of achieving sustainable construction. By mapping and researching the area surrounding a proposed building site or development, a harvest map can identify potential material resources, skills and knowledge that can be used to inform how a building project is designed and constructed. It has the potential to be a catalyst upon which future building projects or social enterprises emerge. This is a key tool for identifying and utilising local resources to achieve strategic sustainable construction in any context.

Instructions:

Step 1: Locate area of interest and devise research boundaries

Step 2: Carry out research via: internet, telephone enquiries, documentation walks (latter stage)

Step 3: Hold meeting to collate information

Step 4: Visit suppliers and skilled craftspeople to establish materials and local skills and knowledge (essential information for materials: material type, size, monthly quantity, source, location, availability, price)

Step 5: Collate information into a detailed resource database with identification map

Notes for facilitators:
This tool is essential for a building project, but is difficult to do in an urban context which has never been visited by facilitators/ designers before. If a building project is being planned then harvest mapping needs to be included into the programme of design development.