

The National Grounds of KWAJI:YÄ KNÖGÉ

Unified Vision of Stone, Water, and Living Abundance

Arrival & Orientation

From a distance, the grounds rise as a **living city-temple**, shaped in an **8-point star formation** across 600 acres of sacred land. The first impression is permanence: **stone and adobe structures** that seem grown from the earth itself, interwoven with **flowing fountains, green food forests, and shimmering water gardens**.

Every pathway, plaza, and courtyard is alive with edible plants and running water. The grounds are both sanctuary and sustainer — a place where **ancestors and future generations meet in stone, soil, and song**.

Ceremonial Heart

At the center lies the **Grand Ceremonial Plaza**, paved with earth-toned stone mosaics in tribal patterns.

- **Tribal Council Hall (north):** A monumental adobe-stone hall with carved lintels and clay-tiled roof, open to the plaza through archways.
- **Sacred Fire Circle (south):** Fire within a stone hearth, encircled by a **fountain-fed water basin**, symbolizing balance of fire and water.
- **Calendar Stone Circle (east):** Standing stones aligned to the 13-month lunar cycle, with shallow water basins reflecting the moonlight.
- **Ancestral Memorial Grove (west):** Trees and carved stones where **fountains trickle over names of ancestors**, making memory flow like water.

At the center of the plaza stands a **grand fountain**, its waters sparkling in sunlight — a living symbol of abundance and renewal.

Residential Villages

Radiating like petals from the plaza are three villages, all built with **stone foundations, adobe walls, and earth blocks** in warm ochres and reds, crowned with clay or earthen roofs.

- **Northern Village (large households):** Spacious homes surrounding shared courtyards, each with a **fountain-fed garden** planted with fruit trees, cassava, yam, and medicinal shrubs.
- **Eastern Village (medium households):** Mid-sized adobe homes gathered around **communal squares** with central fountains. Children play beside **food forests** of bananas, mango, and cacao.

- **Southern Village (apartments for elders, singles, and fellows):** Compact stone-adobe lodges arranged around **courtyards shaded by citrus trees**, where **small fountains** cool the air and herbs grow along the walls.

Learning & Fellowship

The **Tribal Academy** is a set of adobe-stone pavilions with arched entrances and central courtyards. Each courtyard holds a **fountain surrounded by medicinal and sacred plants**. Here, the Roots Foundation Fellowship hosts teachings in land stewardship, cultural reconnection, and eco-design.

Next door, the **Workshop Quarter** — stone and adobe craft halls — hum with activity: bamboo and reed weaving, herbal drying, textile making, and fabrication.

Sovereign Enterprises

The **Economic Quarter** blends utility with beauty:

- **Textile House:** Stone walls etched with motifs, dyeing basins fed by water channels.
- **Water Purification Plant:** Designed as cascading **stone fountains**, merging function with sacredness.
- **Digital Sovereignty Lodge:** A fortress-like adobe complex carved with tribal glyphs, housing the servers and archives of the nation.
- **Marketplace:** An open colonnaded stone hall, where trade flows around a **central fountain**; stalls overflow with food forest harvests, crafts, and herbal medicines.

Healing & Wellness

The **Healing Center** rests beside a natural spring, built of adobe and stone, with terraced fountains feeding pools where herbs grow. The **Retreat Spa** offers sweat lodges, warm baths, and shaded sanctuaries for renewal, its pools cascading gently with flowing water.

Food Sovereignty Systems

Permaculture Food Forests

Surrounding and threading through every village, courtyard, and path are **layered food forests**:

- Tall canopies of breadfruit, coconut, mango, and avocado.
- Mid-levels of cacao, citrus, guava, and pomegranate.
- Shrubs of berry, pigeon pea, and cassava.

- Ground layers of herbs, ginger, turmeric, and sweet potato.
- Vines climbing trellises, and pollinator plants drawing bees, butterflies, and birds.

Stone-lined swales carry rainwater into the soil, feeding roots and restoring the land.

Floating Food Production Systems

On ponds and water basins, **floating gardens** drift like emerald rafts.

- Woven reed platforms hold vegetable beds of greens, beans, and rice.
- Below, **fish swim freely**, creating aquaponic balance.
- Canoe channels weave between floating plots, so harvesters glide across water to gather food.
- Lotus and lilies bloom among the food, making sustenance also ceremonial.

Together, the food forest and floating systems make the national grounds a **living ark of abundance**.

Natural & Sacred Features

- **Forest Sanctuary:** Preserved northern ridge with trails and sacred stone fountain-gate marking entry.
- **Totems & Sculptures:** Serpent-dragon and eagle fountains carved from stone, water flowing from their mouths as guardians.
- **Wildlife Corridors:** Protected zones where nature thrives alongside tribal life.

Defense & Guardianship

The perimeter carries the **8-point star fort design**, expressed as **stone terraces and planted embankments** rather than militarized walls. Watch lodges of adobe and stone stand at the points, each with a fountain at its threshold, symbolizing life-giving protection.

Connectivity

Paths paved with stone meander through food forests and plazas. Each intersection is marked with a **fountain or water basin**.

Movement is **on foot, by bicycle, on horseback, or canoe** through the waterways and floating gardens — never dominated by machines.

Atmosphere

The National Grounds radiate the sense of a **stone-built sanctuary of water and food**, both ancient and futuristic. Fountains sing, forests feed, floating gardens shimmer, and adobe-stone halls stand rooted like mountains.

From above, it appears as a **star-shaped mandala of stone, green forests, and blue water**. From within, it feels like entering a place where **time dissolves, and life, law, and spirit flow as one**.