

LA BAZANA (ES)

PLAN ACEQUIA

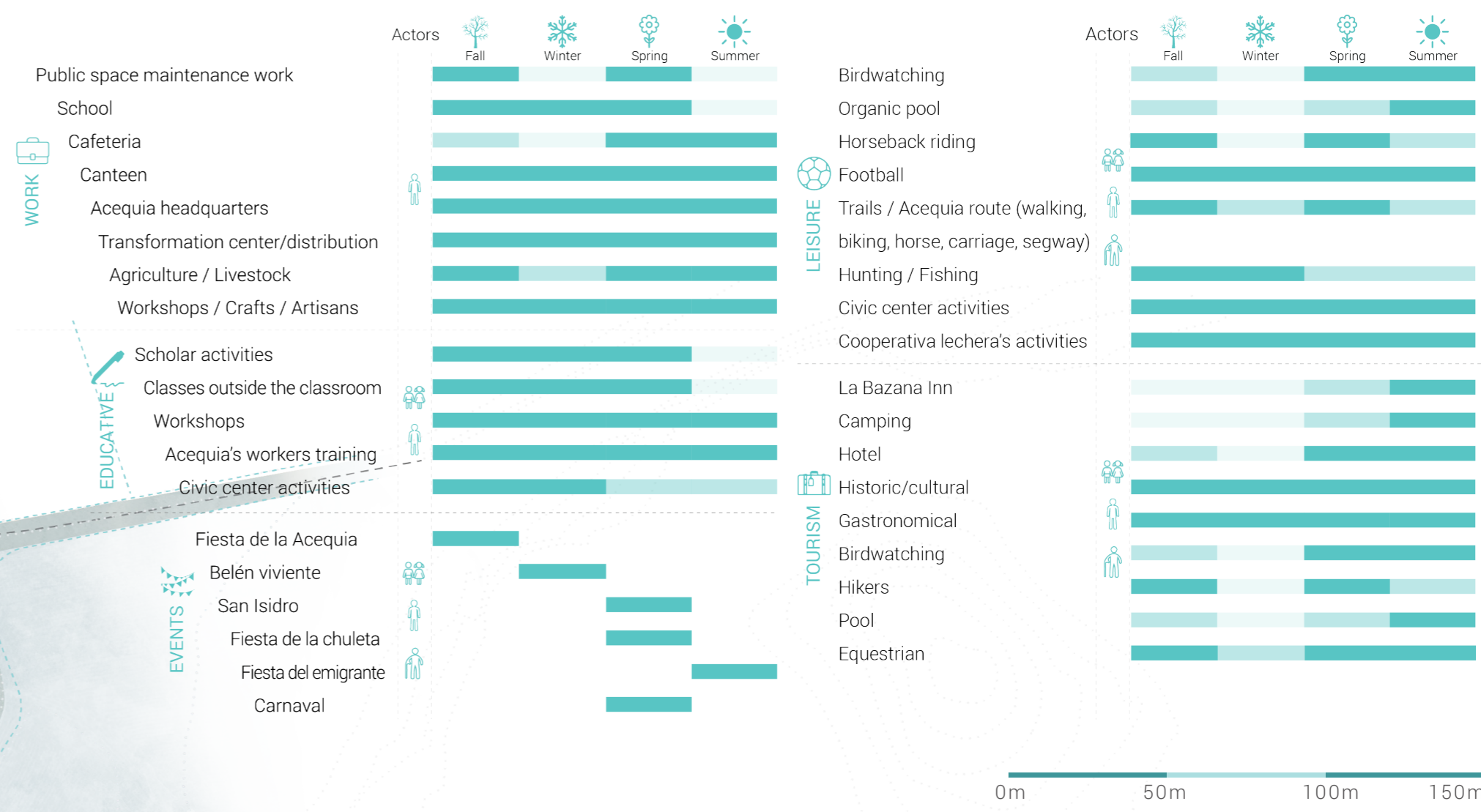
This proposal is based in the **restoration of the ecological and urban systems** as the foundation for a productive network - the riparian corridor is replanted and, developing from this structure, several ecological corridors connect this freshness area to the urban meanders, allowing the breezes to flow into town. As a complement to this new ecological structure, agricultural plots are limited by hedgerows. The coppice planned by Enrique Garcia Doncel was reestablished as the new **La Bazana Park**, with production, protection and recreational functions, making a transition between the ager and the urbe, with paths that bring people close to both realities. The park offers several programs for the community - a horse stable and riding area, a public organic pool, a camping area and big lawn areas. Together with the park, the **Acequia Center** (in the old Hermandad Sindical building) will be the engine to the new productive La Bazana and make it, once again, "a place to live". In order to host the new visitors, we propose the conversion of an old industrial building 500m north of La Bazana and close to an acequia into a Inn, allowing a bigger immersion in the cultural landscape.

The intimate courtyards originally designed by De La Sota are kept as the heart of the town. Its historic features are kept and rehabilitated, through a set of urban norms, part of the implementation plan of Plan Acequia in La Bazana. The cars will no longer uses this plazas, giving this **multifunctional space back to the pedestrian**. The **water features** are preserved and multiplied with different configurations along town, bringing the water as a structural and symbolic value from the agricultural reality to the urban fabric. Water's circulation, collection and infiltration were determinant factors in the urban project.

A **new services plaza** is created, acting as a dynamic hub for the town, integrating in a noble, comfortable, multifunctional and pedestrian centered way the existing services - the church, the town council, the school - and the new civic center. The civic center, offering multigenerational programs and diversified community services, is located in the former school-chapel location, **giving this strategic and symbolic place back to the community**. The **casino** is the connection between the park and the town, and its surrounding areas were redesigned in order to integrate it better, without changing its multifunctional character.



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