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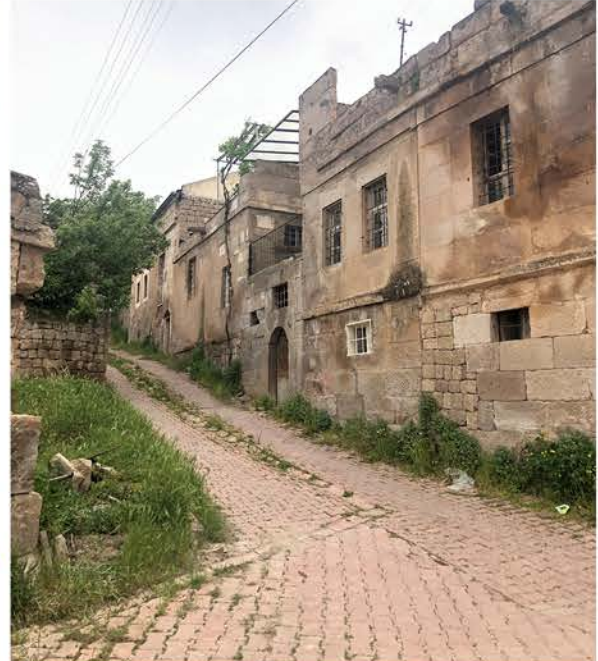
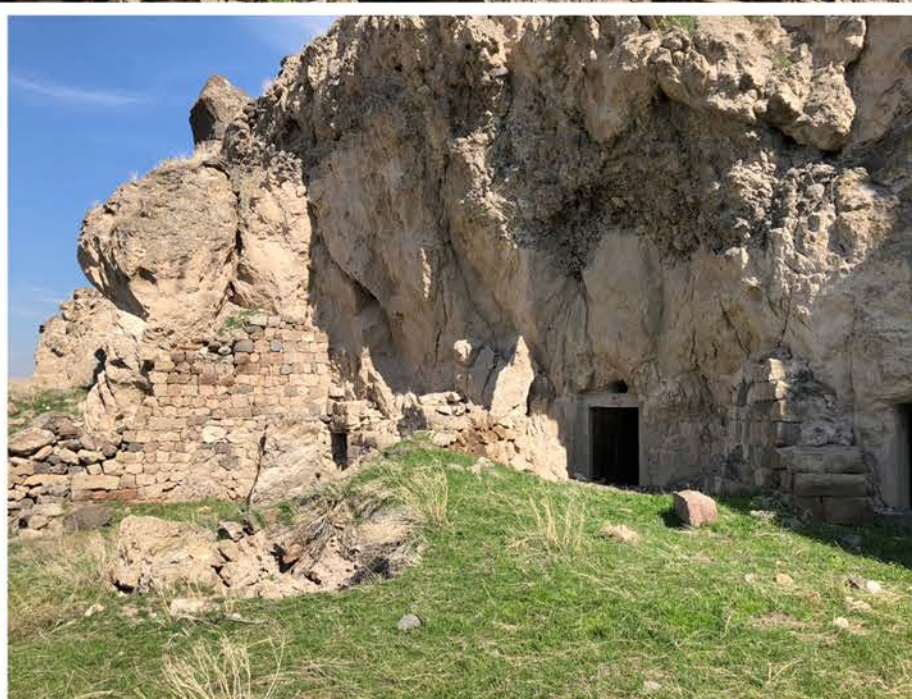
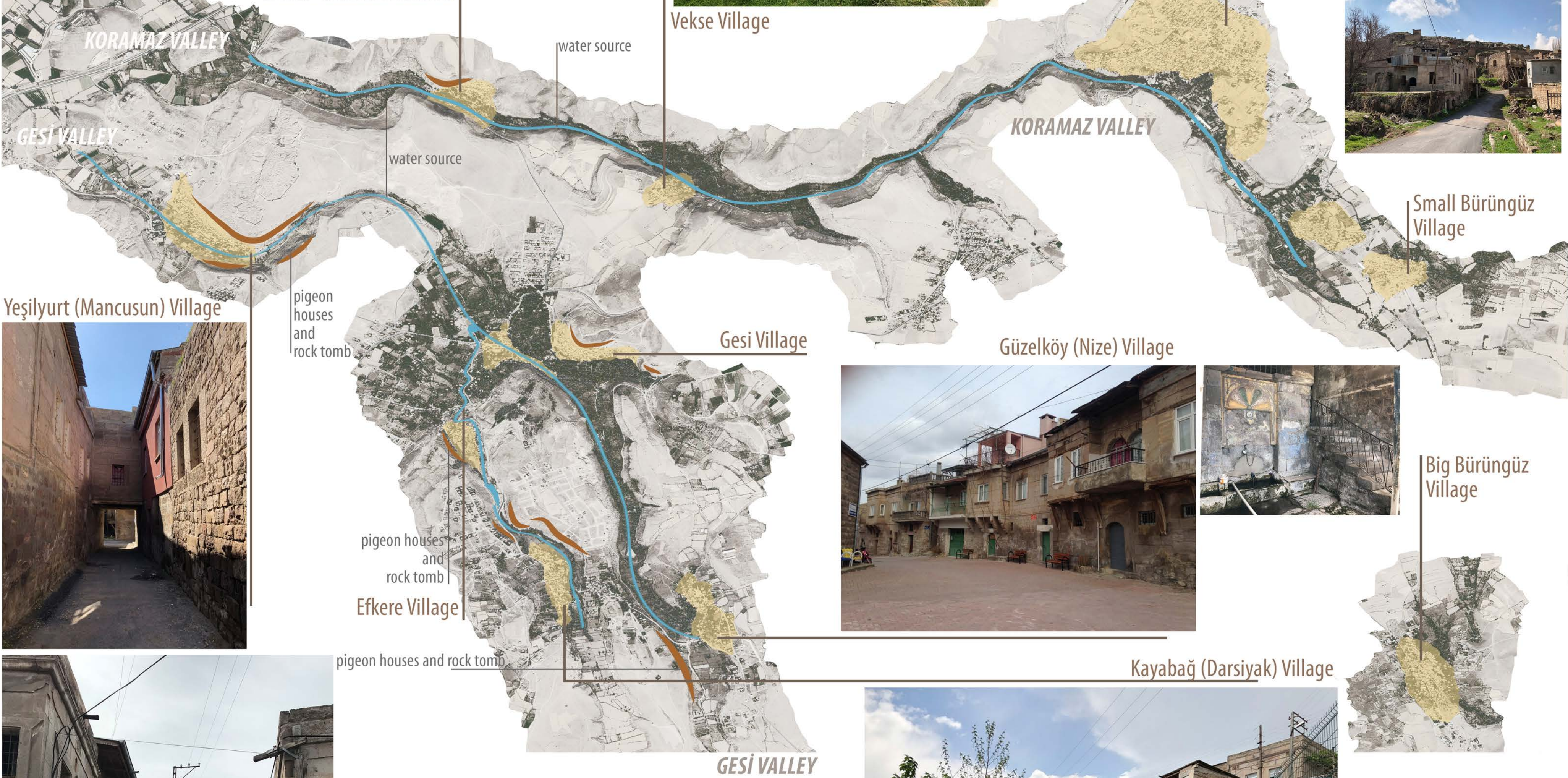
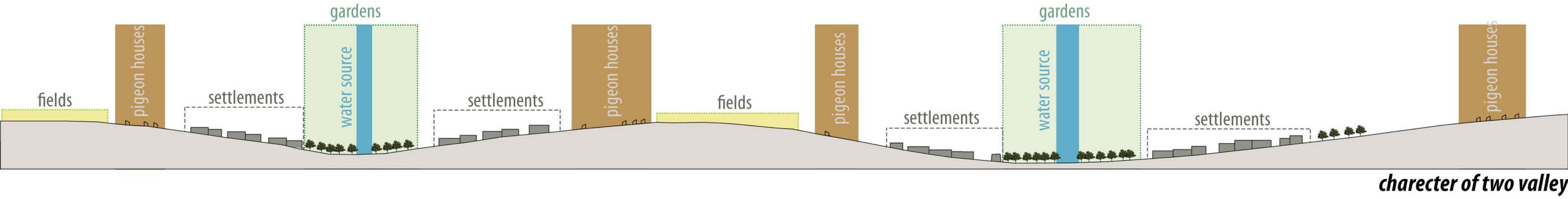


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Conserving Periphery Rural Landscapes of Kayseri as Heritage



The rural areas on the perimeter of Kayseri present a rich heritage and cultural environment threatened by recent urban development. This research focuses on the valley settlements on the northeast of the city. Some of these date from as early as the Medieval period and their population was multi-ethnic and multi-religious until the middle of the 20th century. After the Armenian and Greek population had gone because of political happenings, being partially or seasonally occupied, and the activities which have created and sustained them for many centuries are about to disappear. This study aims to raise awareness about rural cultural landscapes of Kayseri as heritage through document these activities through the mapping of the topography, the tangible remains and landscape as well as the memories of the former and present habitats in order to understand and support the recreation of the former life and culture.