

A grayscale map of New York City showing the outlines of five designated EcoDistricts in red. The districts are: South Bronx Waterfront (top left), Sunnyside-Film City (top right), Flatbush Ave-Gateway to Dumbo (bottom left), Brooklyn-Manufactured Spaces (bottom right), and a fifth district in the center. The map includes street grids and water bodies.

South Bronx Waterfront- Stepping up

Sunnyside -Film City

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The contemporary metropolis after relentless urbanization: NYC EcoDistricts

Flatbush Ave-Gateway to Dumbo

Brooklyn- Manu-Facture-d-Spaces

Abstract

Our contemporary cities exist in perpetual urgency: metropolitan territories demonstrate tremendous diversity and complexity in growth and decline. By 2050, 70 percent or so of the world will live in cities. What does it mean for us to live together? And what will it mean for us to live together, several generations from now in the future? To elaborate this paradox is to understand the question of organization, or how we live together and mix. It is through this lens and the interdisciplinary filter of urban design that we must today more than ever question/probe/critique/rebuild/re-invent our built and natural systems.

Introduction

This studio engages New York City as a laboratory and introduces the ideas, representations, and techniques of contemporary urban design and discourse through the lens of a resilient built environment. By analyzing and questioning the morphology/organizations/processes inherited from the past, we will propose a new vision for the city. We will innovate new patterns of human concentration as opposed to perpetuating the last 80 years of relentless expansion. Working in a post-industrial city requires the critical investigation and re-definition of the many layers of existing and past urban fabric and urban infrastructure to shape the city to the needs of its future inhabitants.

Our focus will be on a new resilient vision for New York City—in the form of re-thinking how we live (and work) together at the scale of an EcoDistrict, driven by new strategies that weave transit, housing, natural systems and the public realm. New York City, the most populous and the most urban of America's cities will serve as a laboratory for these investigations.

Methodology

In urban design, site is not a given; students must identify and investigate the complex, layered contexts, operating at multiple scales, within which urban places are embedded. Similarly, the construction of program is within the urban designer's purview; opportunities exist to extend and expand the field for human action and interaction. Working in multiple scales as well as multiple time frames will be an integral part of this investigation to design an intervention that follows a speculative hypothesis for the future of the City.

The techniques of investigating a site; its physical and non-physical context; its geographic, historical, or socioeconomic aspects; its boundaries and networks; and its areas of influence and impact create knowledge about the site. In this studio, we treat drawings, diagrams and models not as final representations of a proposal, but as material evidence for a process of "thinking through making". Students will be introduced to a variety of different techniques throughout the semester and we encourage students to test, refine, and sharpen skills of representation as a means of thinking and communicating complex ideas.

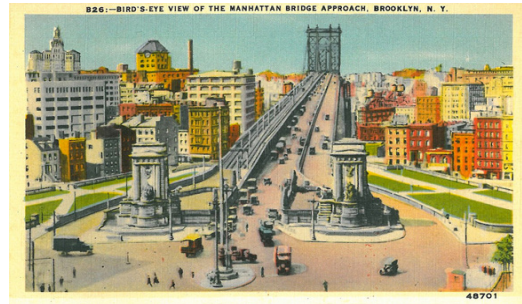
In developing an urban design project, the process by which we imagine a project being implemented is an essential part of design itself. Who are the stakeholders that would advocate for or pay for the project? Who are the users that would benefit? What is the timeframe in which it is envisioned? Speculative answers to these questions inform the decision-making process for the physical manifestation of the urban design project.

Students will be asked to translate investigation of site and program, and the making of knowledge about an urban site into a series of conceptual hypotheses for the site that operate on several scales and in several temporal dimensions. In the context of this studio, students will be asked to speculate with innovative models for how New Yorkers in the 21st century will live and work, and mechanisms to develop such models. Students will then be asked to apply a hypotheses to their specific site and develop design proposals that confront how we live together into physical space.

A detailed map of Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, New York. The avenue is highlighted in a thick blue line, running diagonally from the top left towards the bottom right. The map shows a dense grid of streets, green spaces, and water bodies.

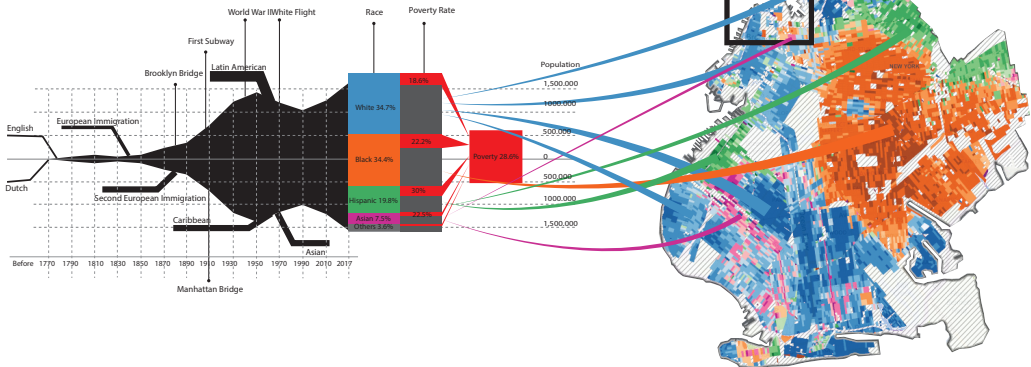
Flatbush Avenue- Gateway to DOBRO

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New York Institute of Technology
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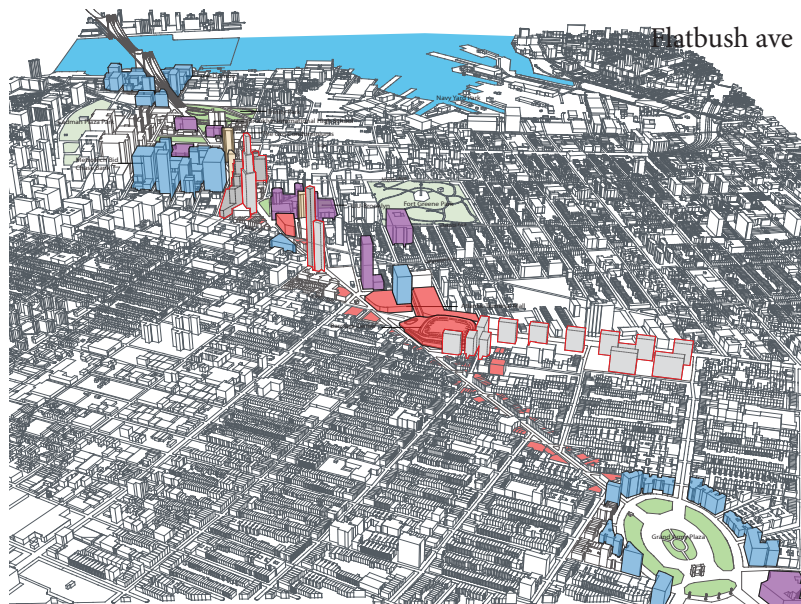
Brooklyn

Brooklyn Census

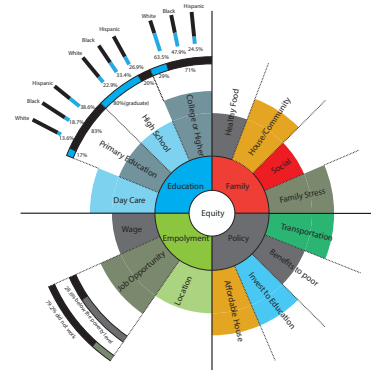


History of DOBRO



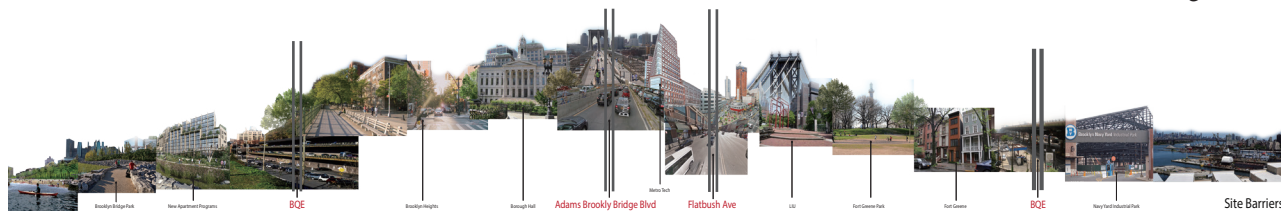


Equity Elements Analysis



- School
- Office
- Commercial
- Residential
- Future development

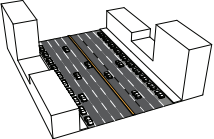
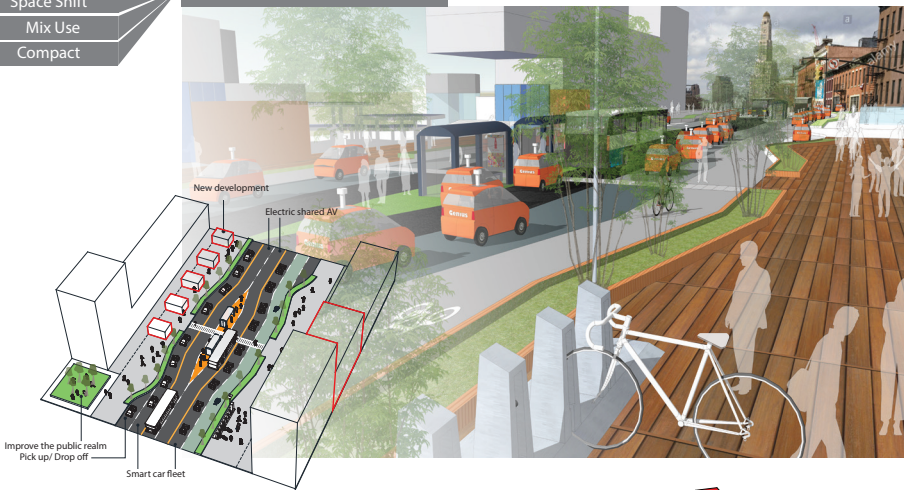
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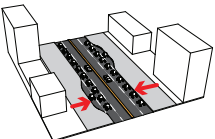
- Walk/ Cycle
- O Emission
- Public Transport
- Space Shift
- Mix Use
- Compact

Transit-Oriented Transportation

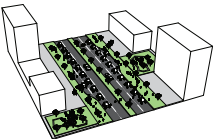
Streetscape



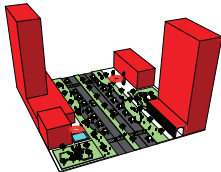
Current : express way



Reduce the traffic

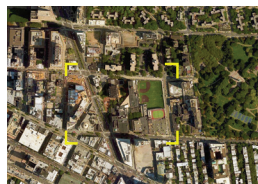


Improve the public realm



Social stage

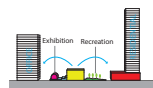
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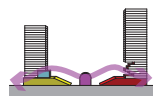
Gateway Portal



College District



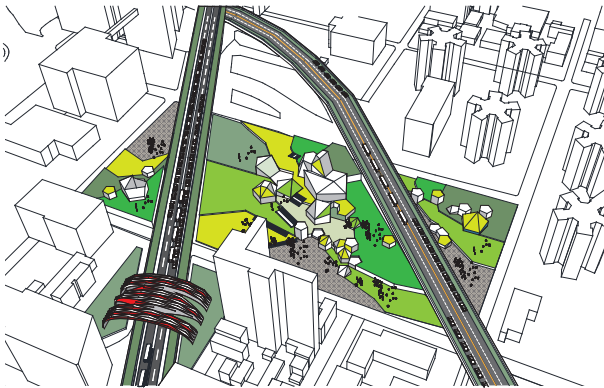
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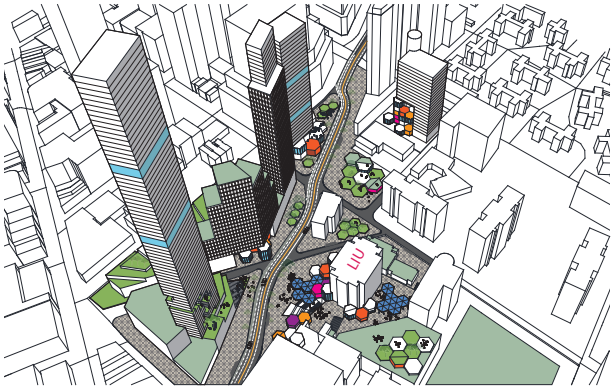
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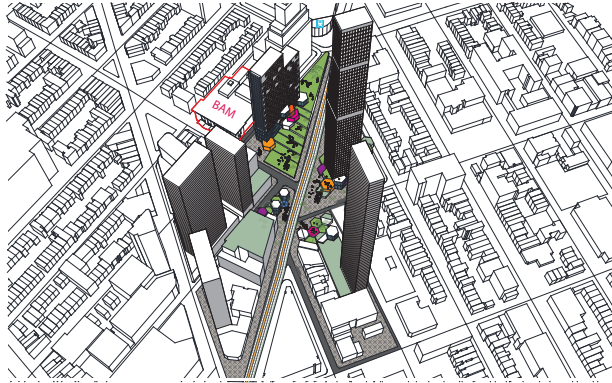
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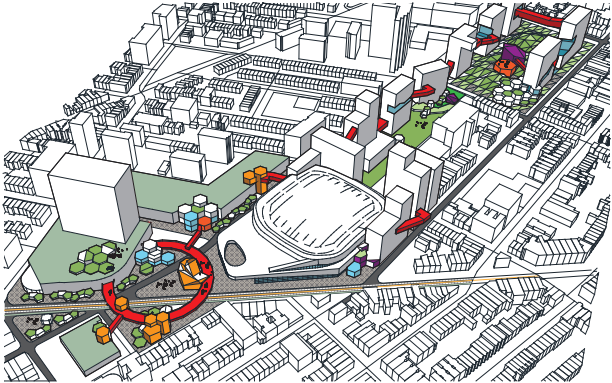
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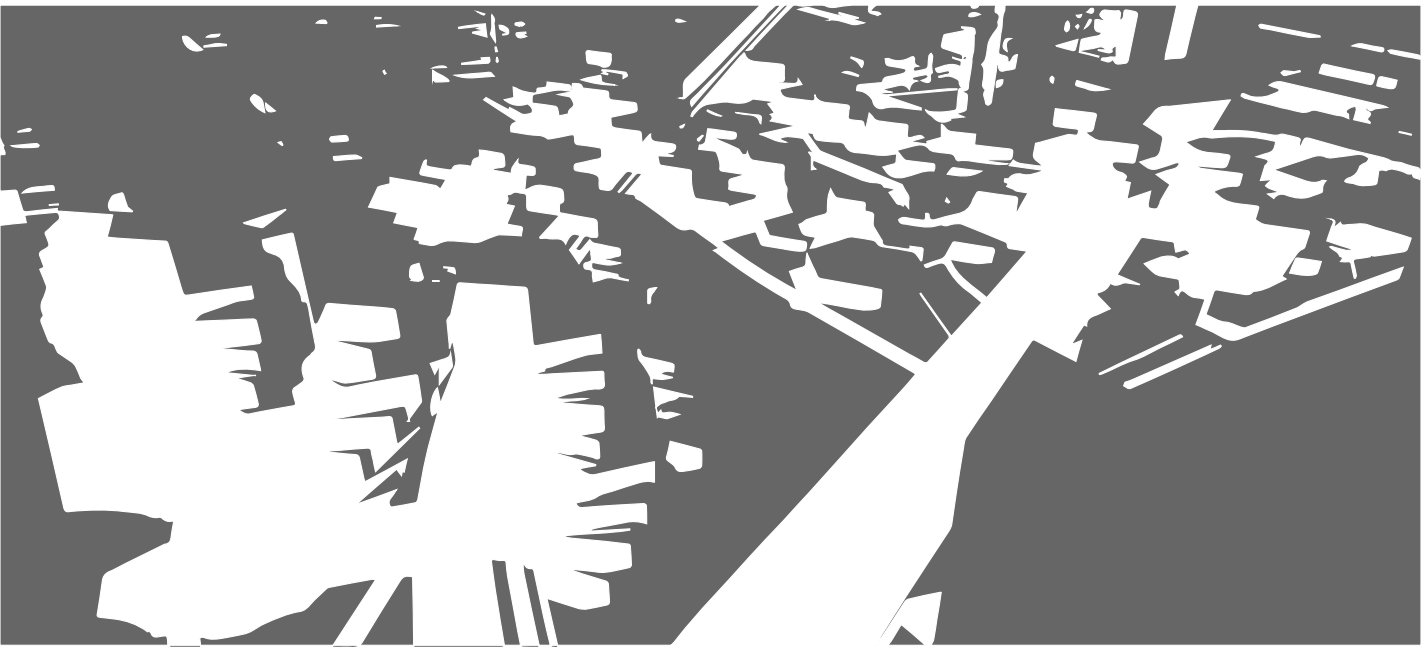
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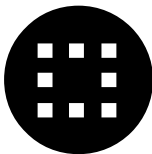
Manu-Facture-d-Spaces

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Brooklyn



IDEATION



PATTERN-MAKING



MATERIALS



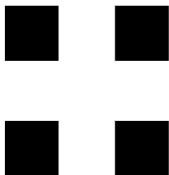
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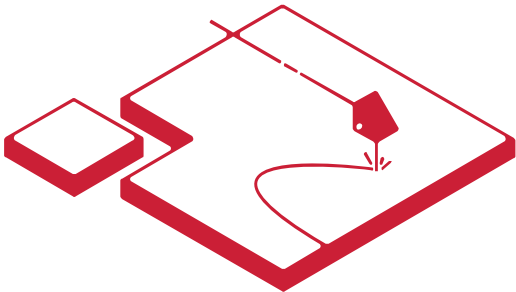
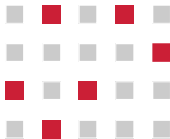
TOOLING



PRODUCTION



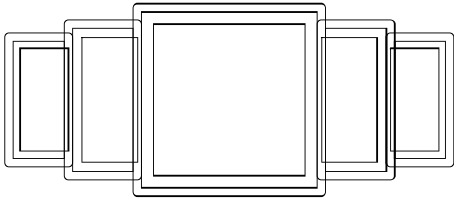
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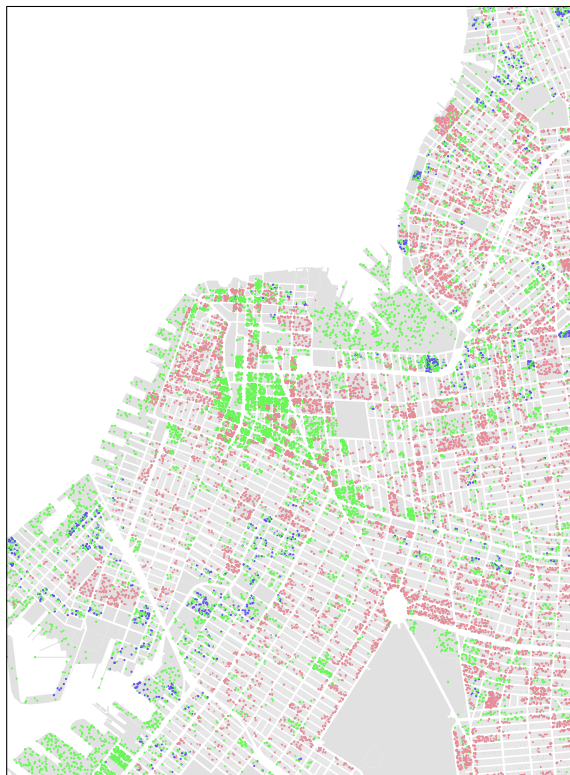
EXISTING



VISION



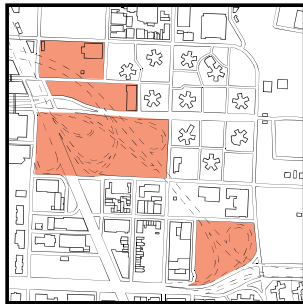
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1 Dot = 15,000

- ResArea
- ComArea
- FactryArea

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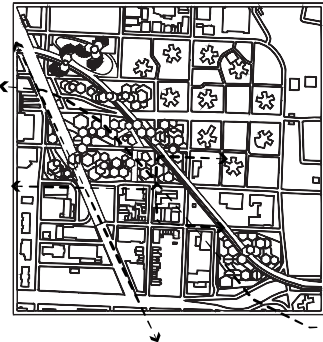
PUBLIC FLOW



ACCESS FROM BQE



MAJOR
VEHICULAR FLOW

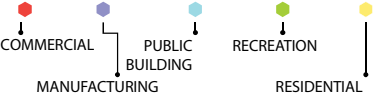
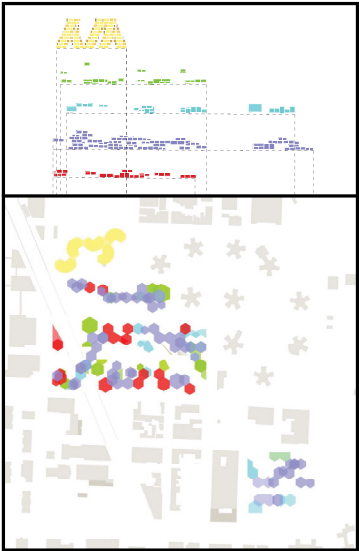


RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN NYCHA
HOUSING AND SITE

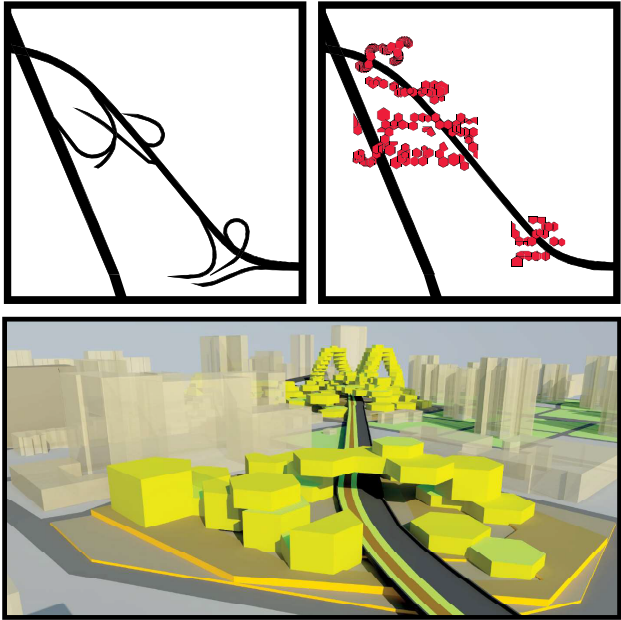




SITE PLAN



Brooklyn

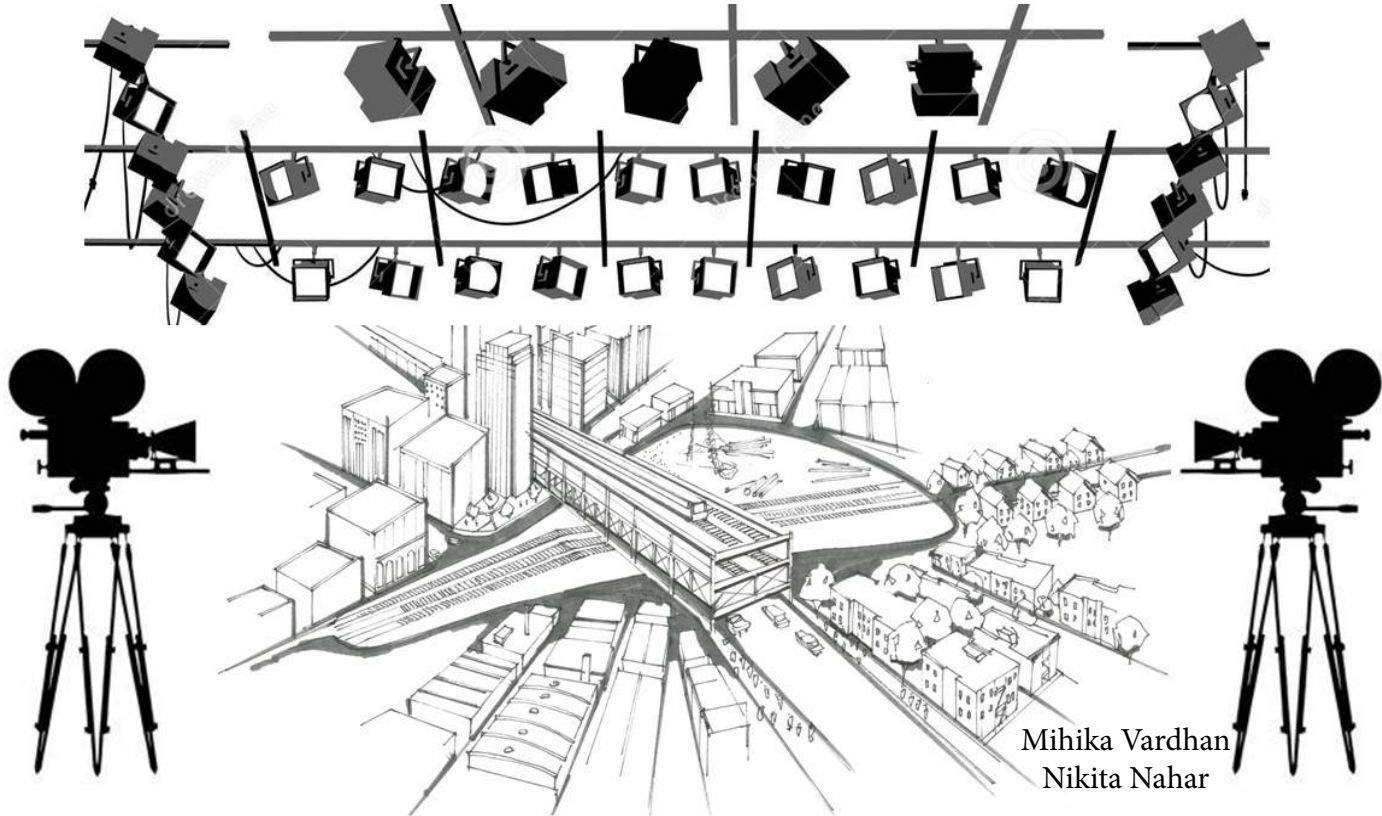


SECTION A - A'

SECTION B - B'



SUNNYSIDE FILM CITY



Mihika Vardhan
Nikita Nahar

Queens



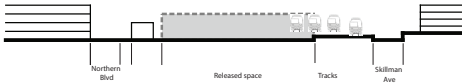
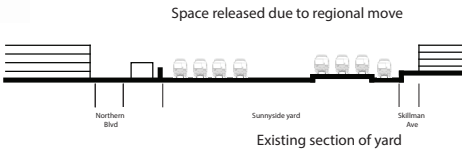
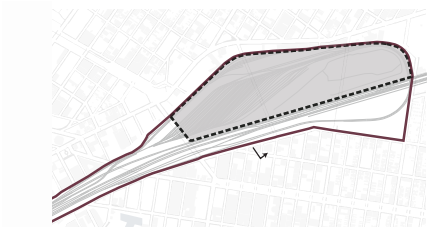
— NJ Transit — Amtrak
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REGIONAL TRAIN CONNECTIONS



Regional move will connect rail agencies and no need to store trains in yards.

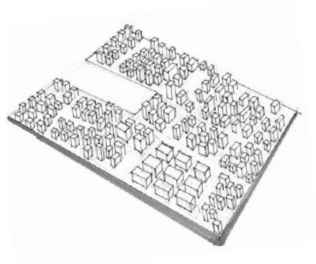
REGIONAL MOVE - for connection



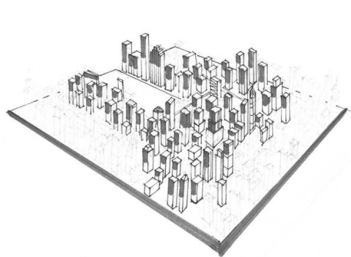
Space released section - after regional move



EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD

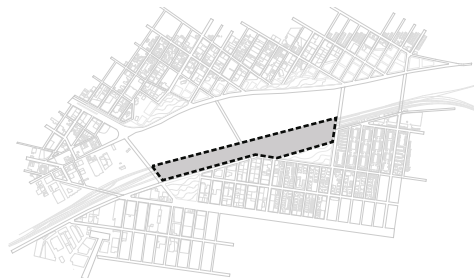


Low density of Neighborhood



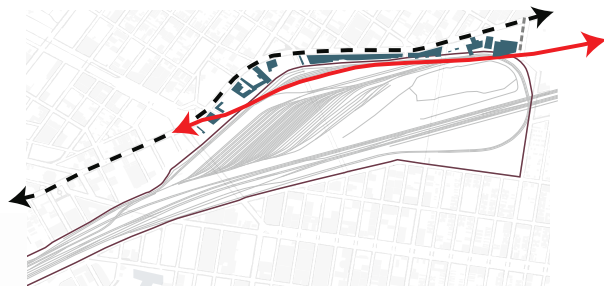
Increased density of Neighborhood
rather than decking on yard

SPACE ISSUE IN NEW YORK



Deck over rail tracks

DECKING ON TRACKS



--- Existing Northern Blvd — Proposed Northern Blvd ■ Affecting Private Building

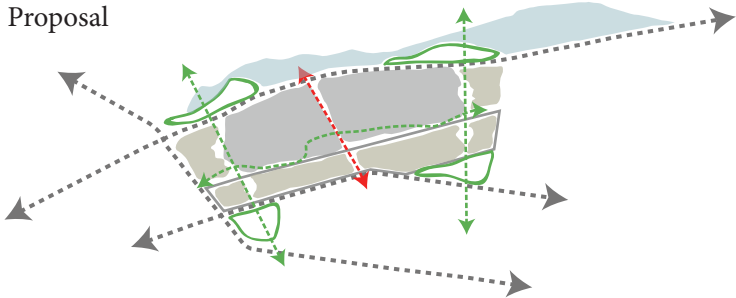


■ Available space for development — Proposed Northern Blvd

RE-ORIENTING NORTHERN BLVD

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Proposal



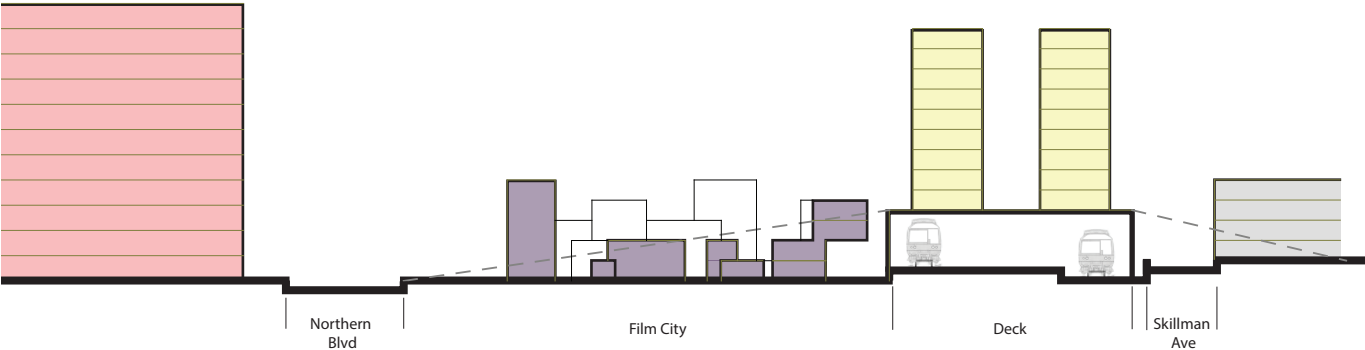
Public + Private zone Private zone Public zone Green zone Green connector Road connector



Entertainment Area Mixed Use Commercial Residential open space

SPACE DIVISION

PROPOSED ZONING



SCHEMATIC SECTION

Residential complex

Deck

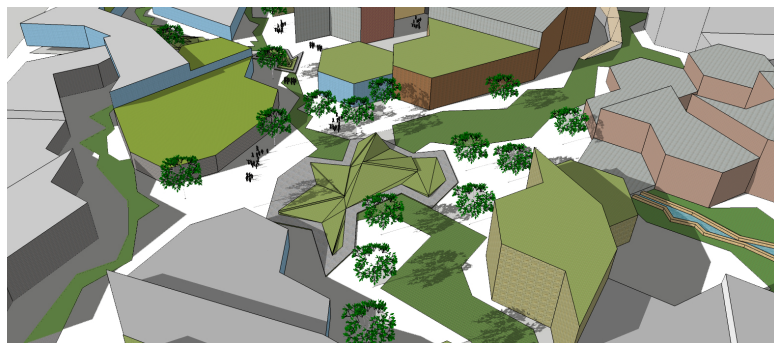
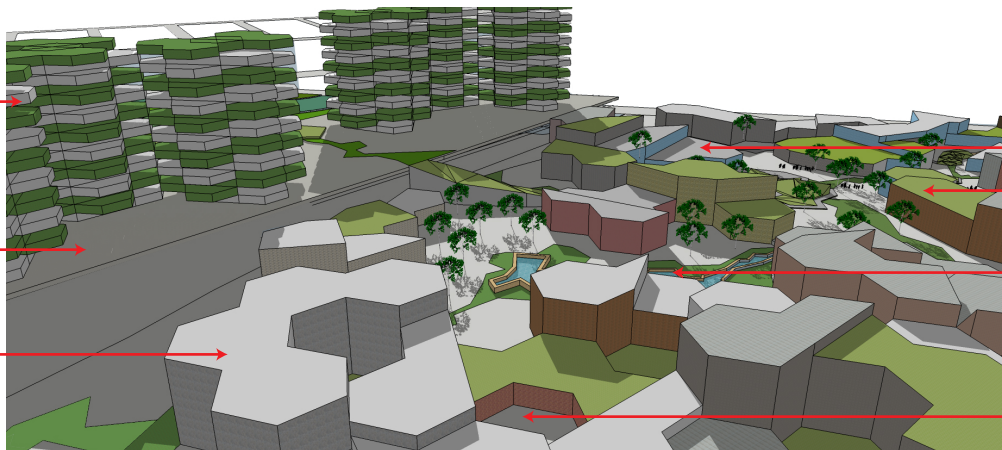
Supporting office spaces
for film studio

Open film studio

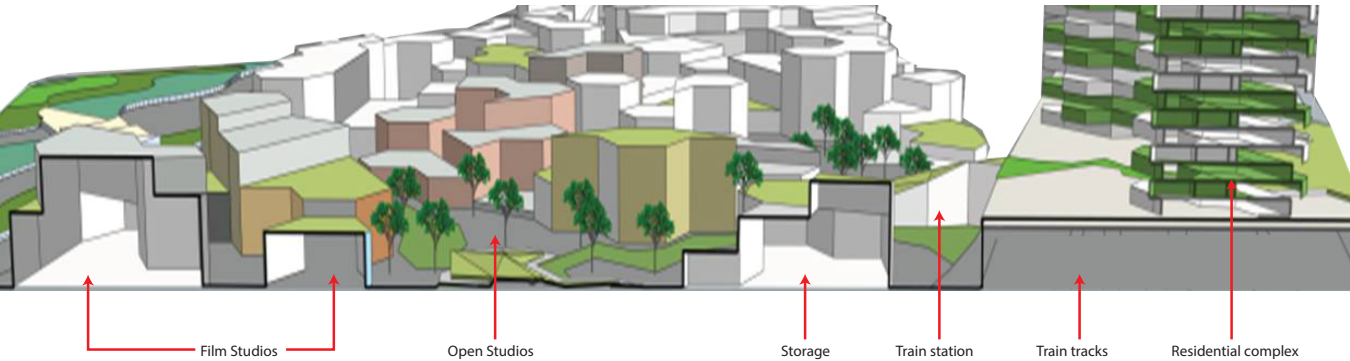
Film studio

Green & Blue pathway

Open space
between offices

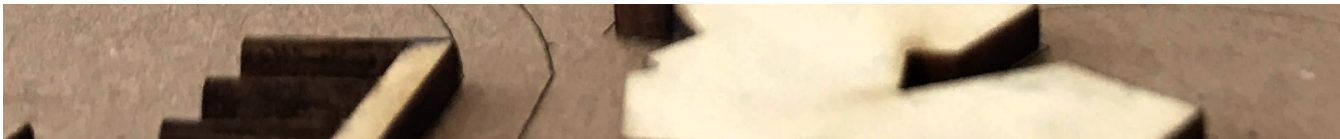
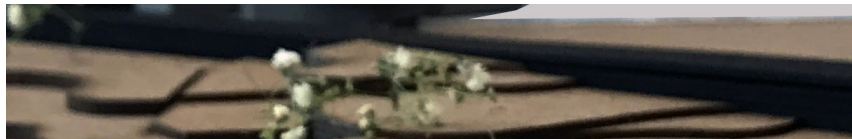


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"STEPPING UP"- SOUTH BRONX RIVERFRONT

Nimesha Padman
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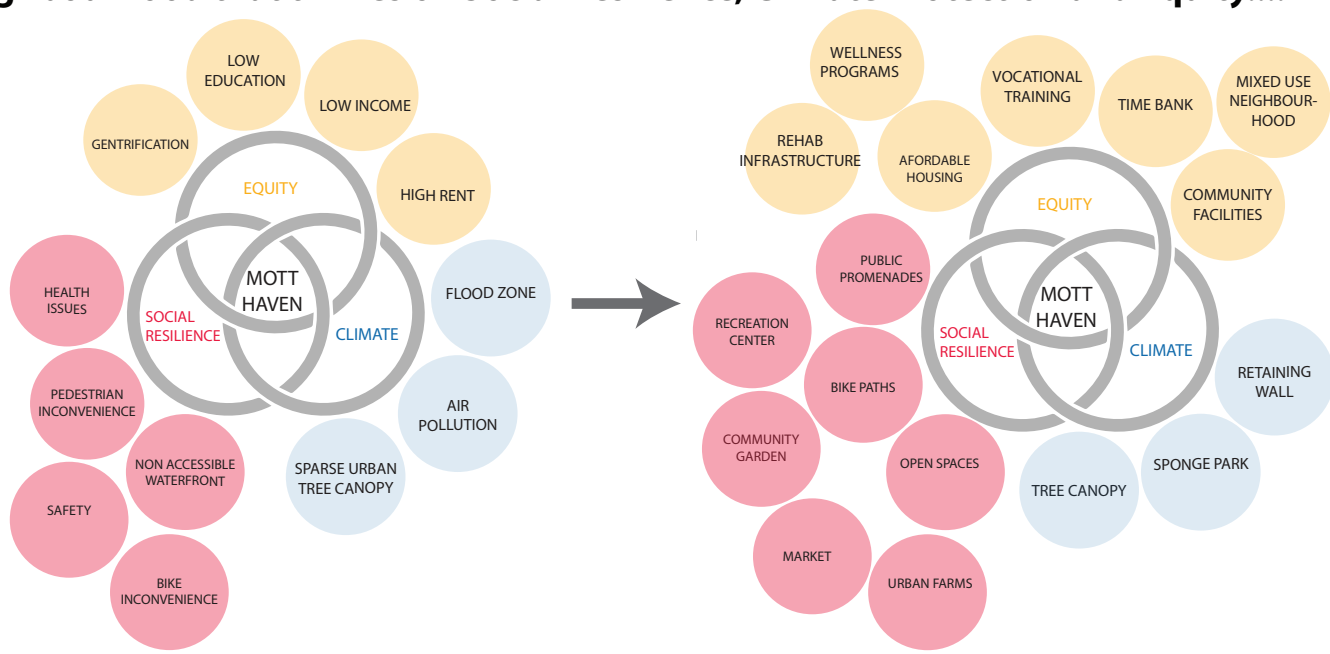
Mott Haven _ “Stepping UP”

EQUITY

SOCIAL RESILIENCE

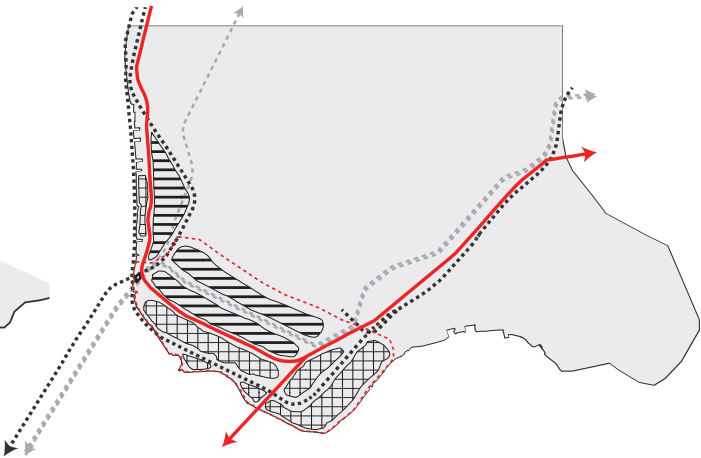
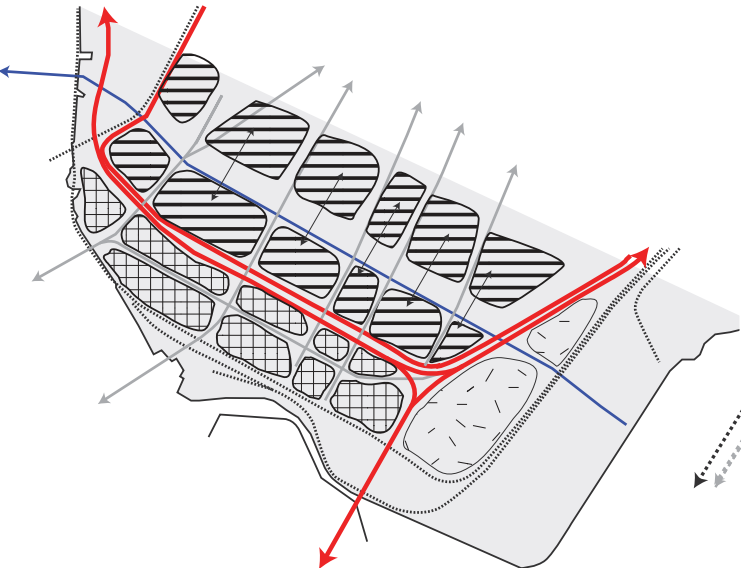
CLIMATE PROTECTION

The Mott Haven “landbridge” is STEPPED UP based on the Eco District Protocol for a Neighbourhood that thrives on Social Resilience, Climate Protection and Equity....



Disconnected Neighbourhood

Bronx



Major Deegan Highway
(Barrier)

Subway line
(Connection)

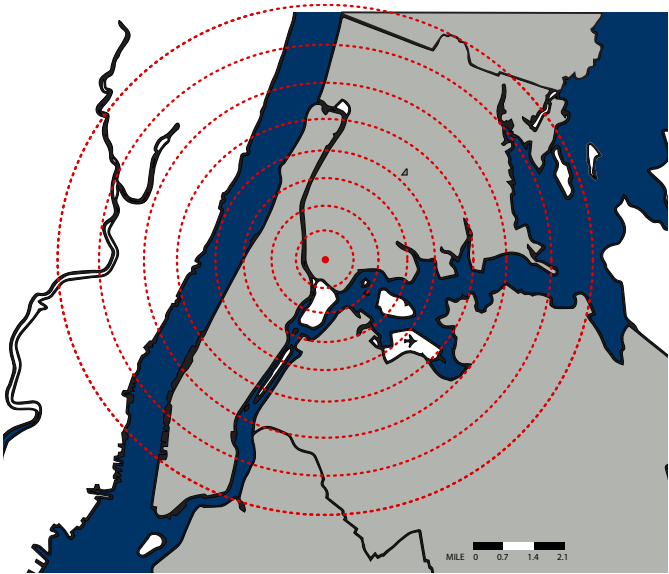
Rail lines

Streets

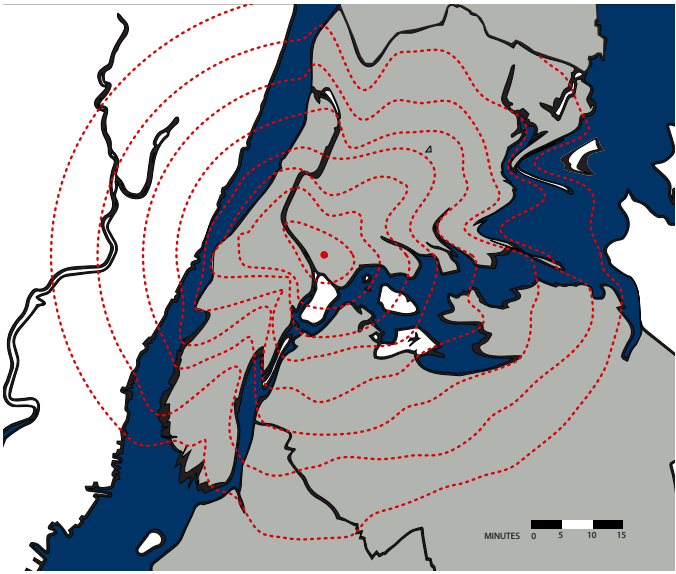
Island formed due to
major transport lines

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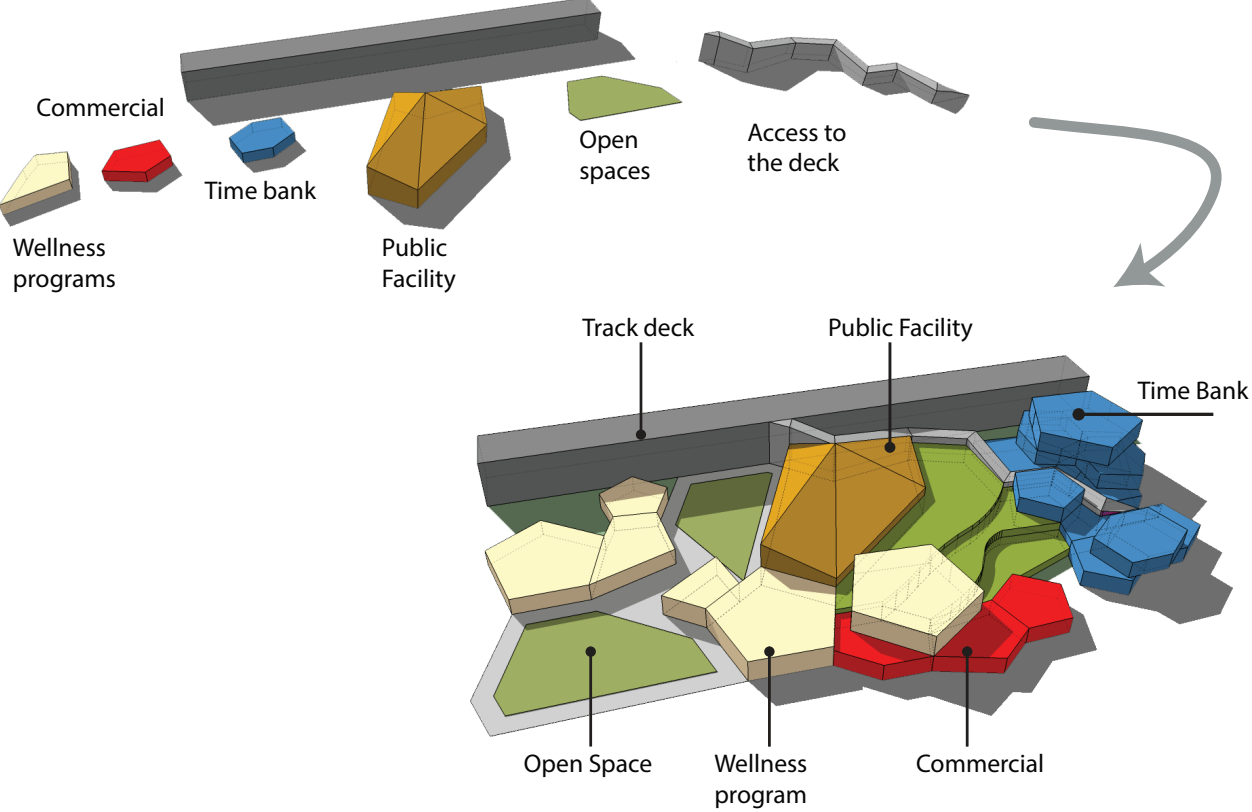
TRAVEL DISTANCE



TRAVEL TIME

Form and Function

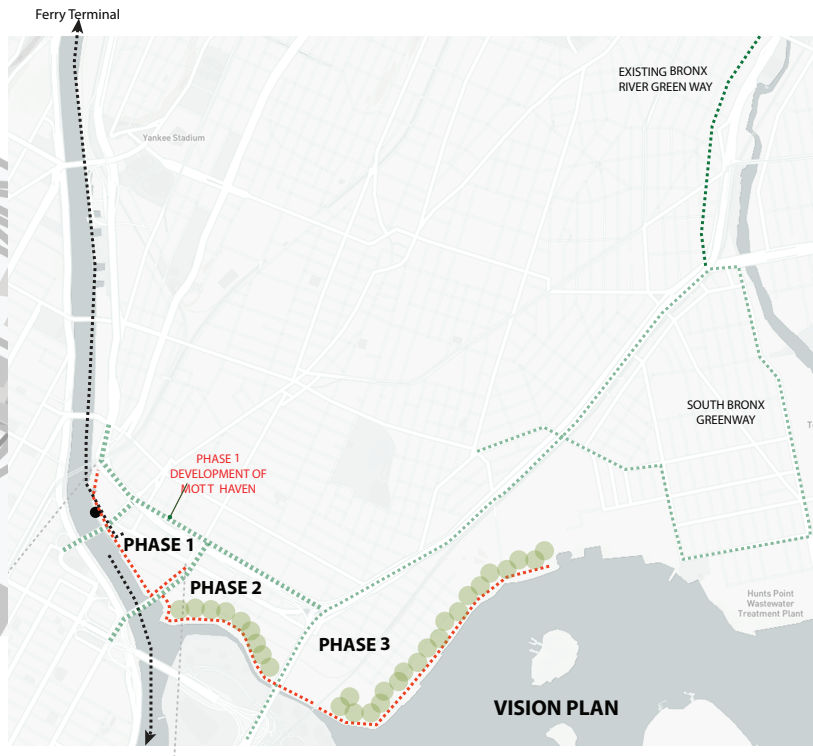
Calibration of Spaces



Bronx



PHASE 1

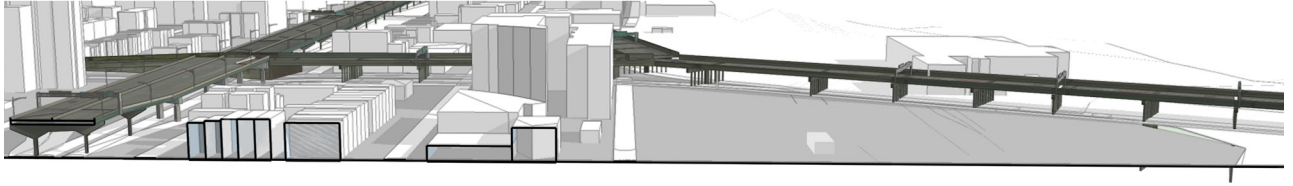


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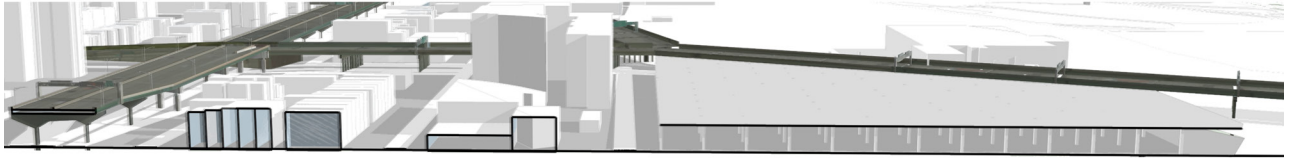


AERIAL VIEW AND TYPICAL ACTIVITY SECTIONS

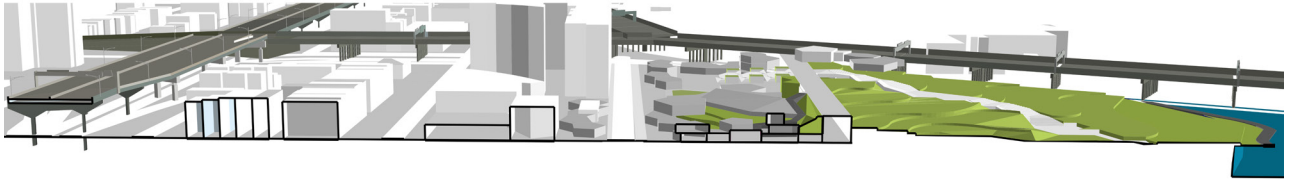
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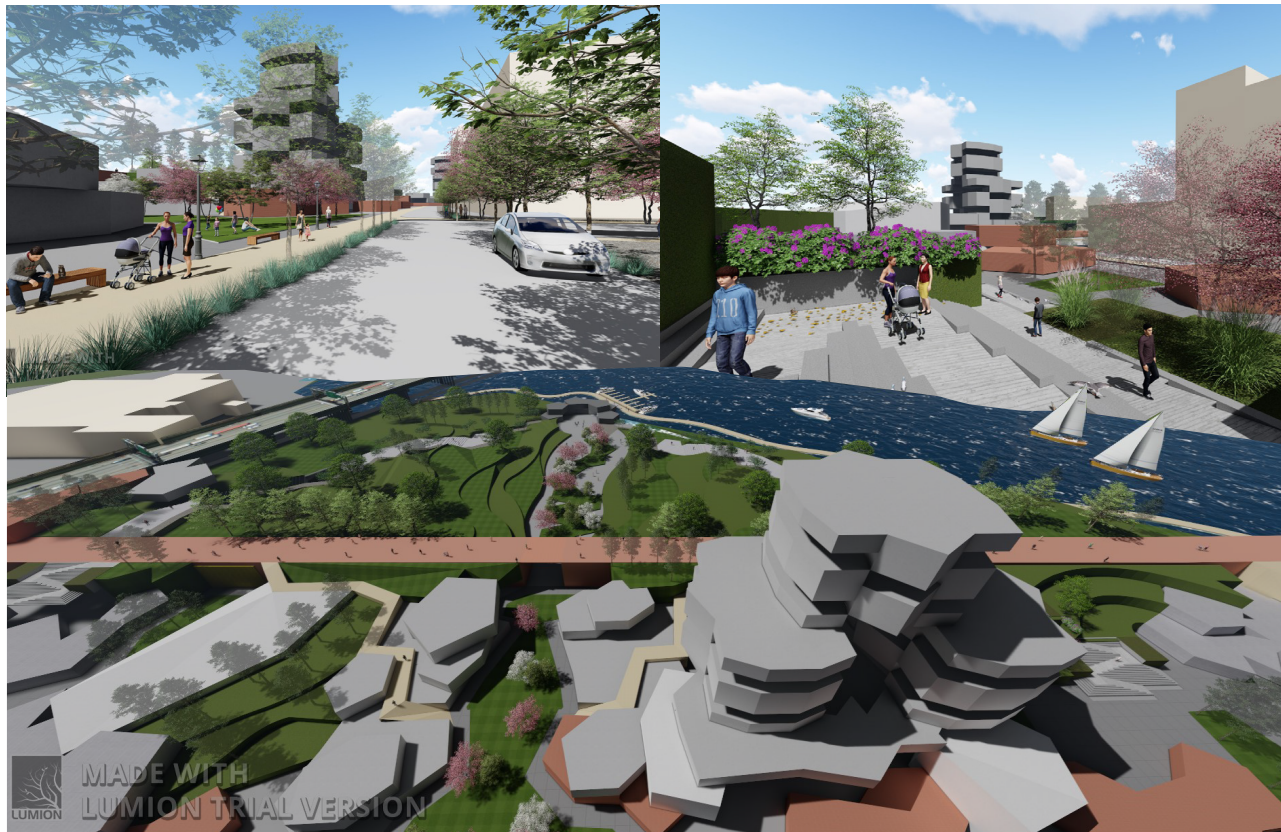
EXISTING SECTION



100 % DECK SITUATION



STEPPED UP DECK



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This **design jury** drew from faculty and active professionals leading global practices based in the New York City Metroplotian areas.

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Ashwini Karanth – NYC DDC, Columbia University
Nadya Nilina – Urban Design Fellow, NYC Dept of City Planning
David Grider – David Grider Architect
Evelyn Thomas – rePLACE Urban Studio
Farcia Soares - Grimshaw
Mike Aziz - Perkins & Will
Eugene Kwak - NYIT
J. Michael Schwarting - NYIT

