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An aerial photograph of a city area, likely New York City, showing a mix of green spaces, water bodies, and urban infrastructure. The image is used as a background for the left side of the page.

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The goal of the Urban Climate Lab is to explore integrated, urban design and planning strategies for creating sustainable and resilient communities that can adapt and thrive in the changing global conditions, meet carbon-reduction goals, and sustain urban populations in more compact settings by providing amenities that people need and want. Students explore how these compact communities can mitigate climate change by reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions through spatial efficiencies, pedestrian access to public transportation and preservation of open space and habitat. The focus this semester is cooling hot cities while leveraging cascading benefits. This design studio engages NYC districts as a research platform and introduces the ideas, representations, and techniques of contemporary urban design and discourse through the lens of a resilient built environment. These districts are home to a diverse population of residents and workers. Students will test the hypothesis that re-configuring urban form according to climate-resilient principles will strengthen community adaptability to climate change, reduce energy consumption in the built environment and enhance the quality of the public realm. Students will develop user-friendly regional qualitative design guidelines backed by cost-benefit performance indicators at the urban design scale. Building massing, urban ventilation, solar impacts, green infrastructure and anthropogenic factors will shape the outcomes. Outcomes in Energy, Transportation, Waste, Water, Green Infrastructure / Natural Systems and other urban infrastructure systems will be evaluated by students for their technical, social and ecological consequences, including flood mitigation.

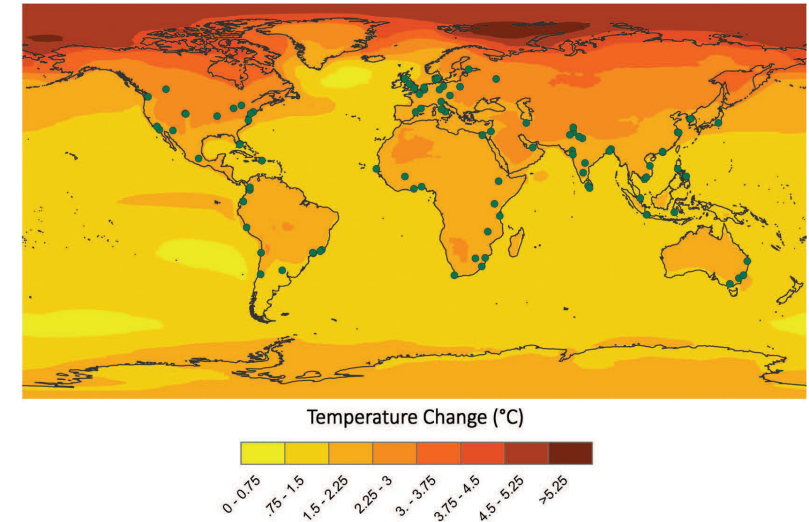
GLOBAL CHALLENGE

As is now widely recognized, cities can be the main implementers of climate resiliency, adaptation, and mitigation. The Urban Climate Lab explores win-win solutions for configuring climate-resilient compact urban form.

The major finding which we can expect for Climate observation and projections:

- Urbanization tends to be associated with elevated surface and air temperature, a condition referred to as the **urban heat island**. Urban centers and cities are often several degrees warmer than surrounding areas due to presence of heat absorbing materials, reduced evaporative cooling caused by lack of vegetation, and production of waste heat.
- Some climate extremes will be exacerbated under changing climate conditions. Extreme events in many cities include heat waves, droughts, heavy downpours, and coastal flooding, are projected to increase in frequency and intensity.

Climate Observations and projections



Projected temperature change in the 2050s impacting major cities.

NYC VISIONS

GROWTH

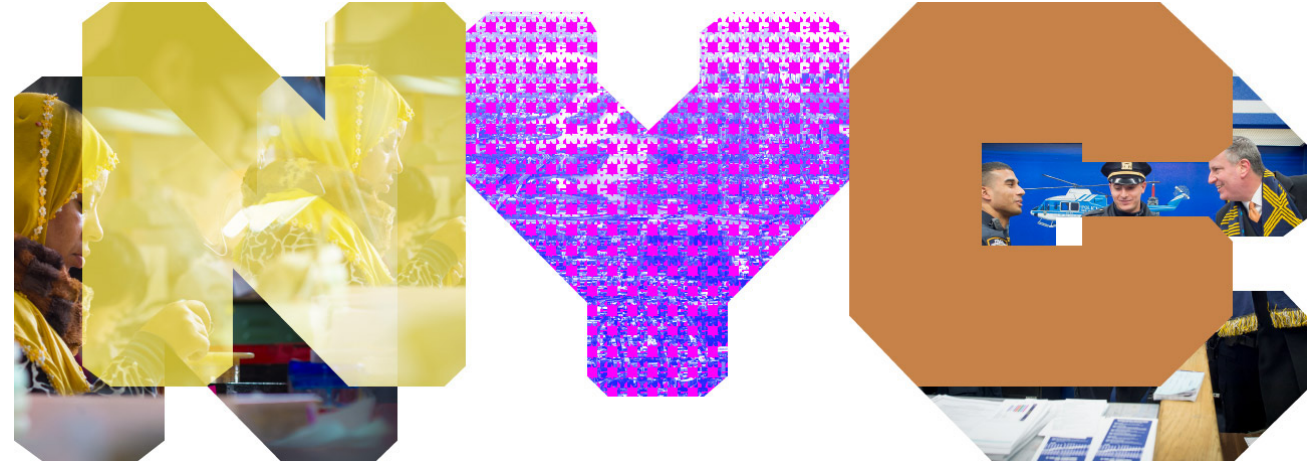
EQUITY

SUSTAINABILITY

RESILIENCY

Source: ONE NYC

ONE NYC
Equitable Sustainable Resilient



Source: ONE NYC



A Growing City

"New York's growing and aging population will strain the city's infrastructure and put new demands on City services, especially on housing."

Source: ONE NYC



A More Equitable City

"Income inequality has surpassed the national average and 45% of New Yorkers are in or near poverty."

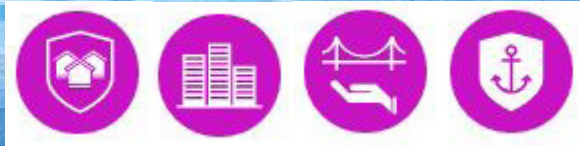
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A More Sustainable City



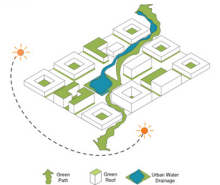
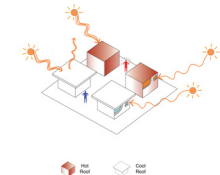
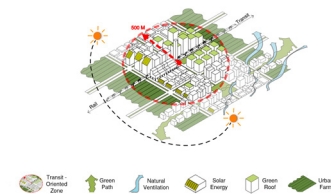
Source: ONE NYC

A More Resilient City



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THE EXPANDING AGENCY OF URBAN DESIGN



URBAN CLIMATE FACTORS

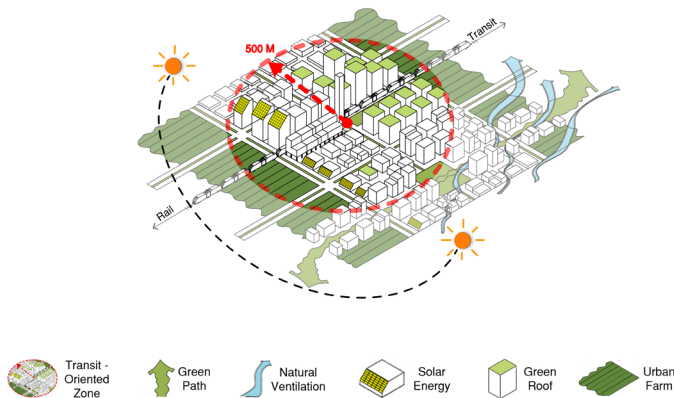
Efficiency of Urban Systems

Form & Layout

Heat Resistant Construction Materials

Vegetative Cover

EFFICIENCY OF URBAN SYSTEMS



Factors

Energy Waste Heat
Transport
Buildings
Industry

Tools

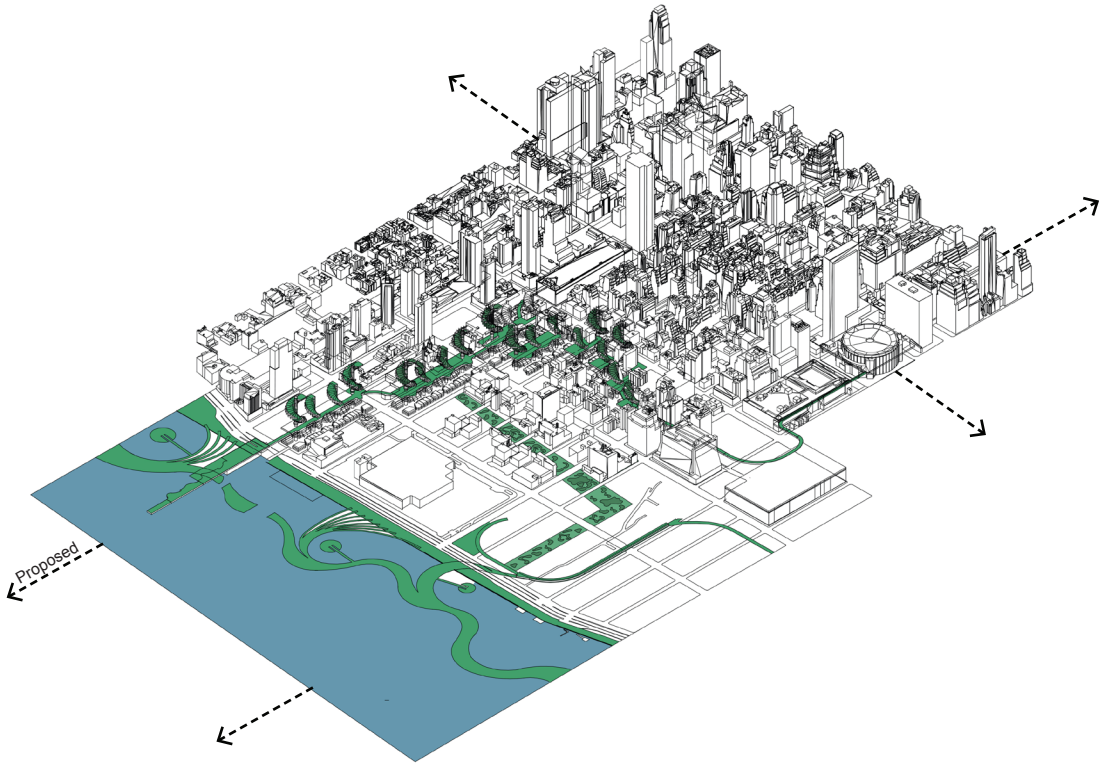
On-Site Energy / Indoor Comfort
On-Site Energy / Radiant Heat Map

Units

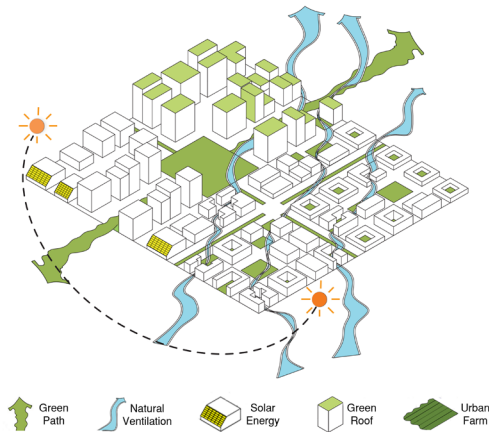
KWH
VMT
UTCI/PET
Temperature

*KWH= Kilo Watt Hour
*VMT= Vehicle Miles Traveled
*UTCI = Universal Thermal Climate Index
*PET = Physiologically Equivalent Temperature

EFFICIENCY OF URBAN SYSTEMS



FORM AND LAYOUT



Factors

Ventilation
Solar Impacts

Tools

Massing Diagrams
Wind / Sun Impacts
Sky View Factors
Outdoor Comfort

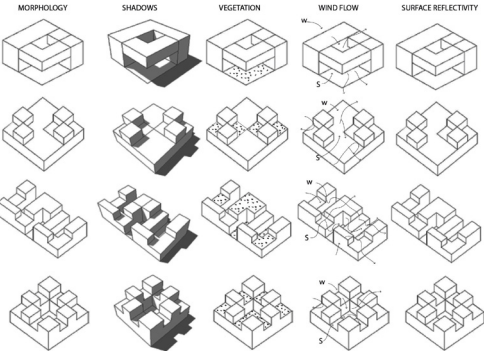
Units

FAR / Building Height
Solar Radiation /
Wind Speed
UTCI/ PET*

* FAR= Floor Area Ratio
*UTCI = Universal Thermal Climate Index
*PET = Physiologically Equivalent Temperature

FORM AND LAYOUT

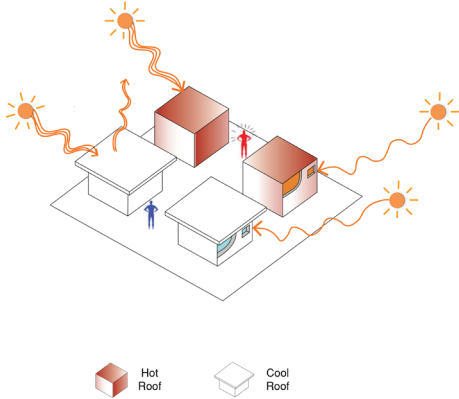
DOUBLE BLOCK				
V-SHAPE				
V-LIFTED BLOCK				
LIFTED PERIMETER				
CORE WITH V-SHAPE				
STRIP WITH MIXED HEIGHT				
CORE BUILDING WITH MIXED HT.				
HT. WITH COURTYARD				
45 DEGREE OVER PODIUM				



THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BLOCK MORPHOLOGIES

HEAT RESISTANCE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

3. Heat - Resistant Construction Material



Factors

Surface Reflectivity
Thermal Mass

Tools

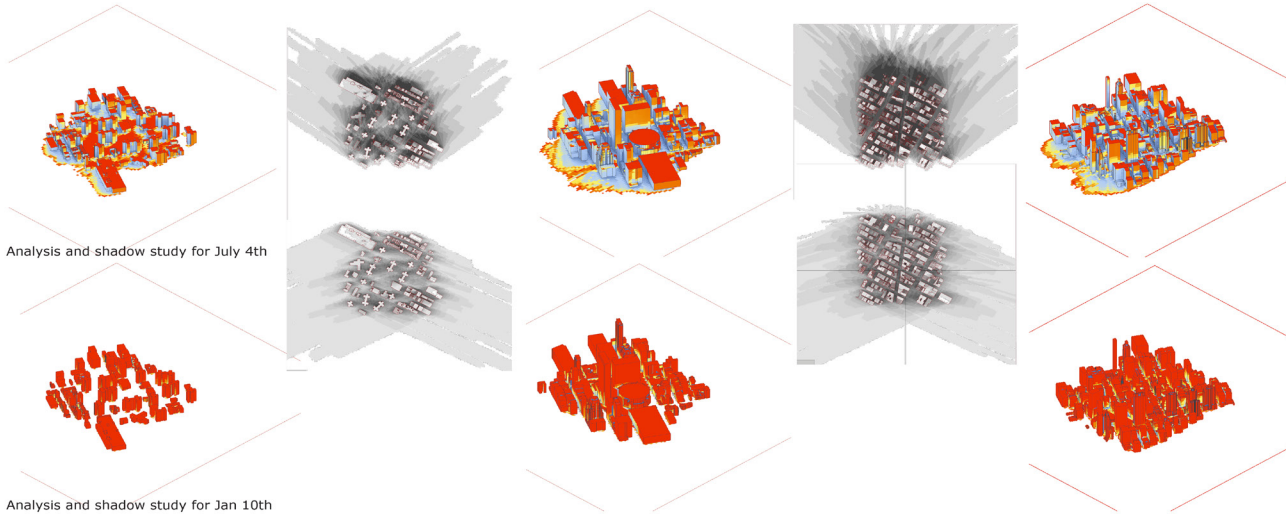
Radiation Analysis
Building Envelope /
Energy Analysis

Units

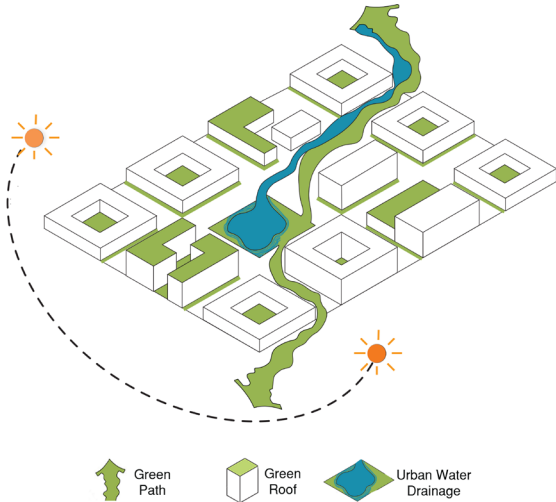
KWH/m²
R Value

* KWH = Kilo Watt Hour
R = Radiation

HEAT RESISTANCE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS



VEGETATIVE COVER



Factors

Tools

Units

Vegetation / Green-Blue Infrastructure

Surveys /
Satellite Images
GIS Mapping

% Coverage /
Vegetation Type
Evapo-Transpiration

**GIS = Geographic Information System*

VEGETATIVE COVER



COMMUNITY SPACES

Landscapes for recreation, social life and small scale food cultivation.

ECOLOGICAL LANDSPACES

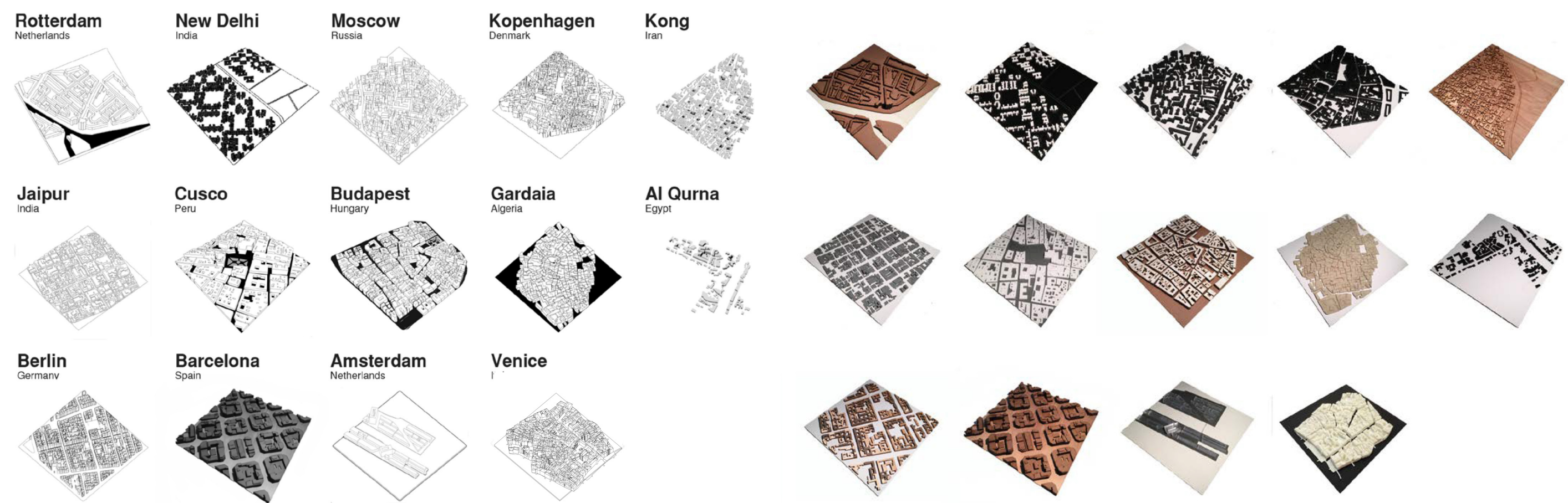
Meadows and Forests that provide habitat for other environmental benefits.

BLUE + GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Landscapes that captures stormwater and clean air.

LEARNING FROM PRECEDENTS

world wide solutions for Sustainability and Resiliency

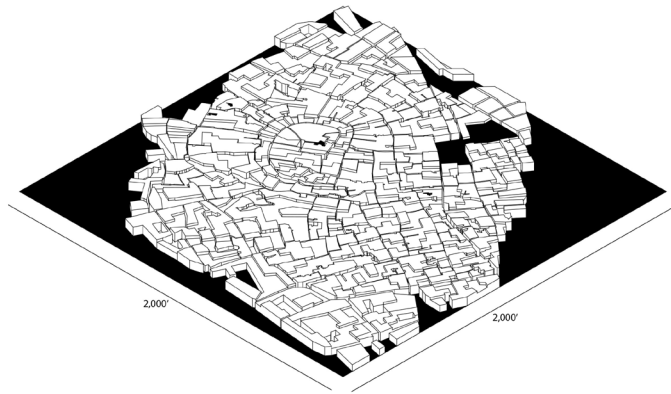


Khardaia

Algeria



VIEW OF THE CITY



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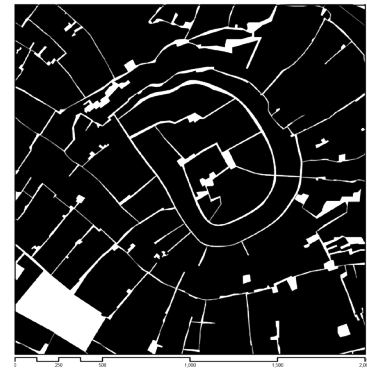
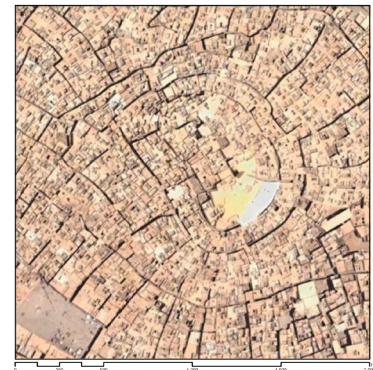


FIGURE GROUND



AERIAL VIEW



VIEW OF THE CITY



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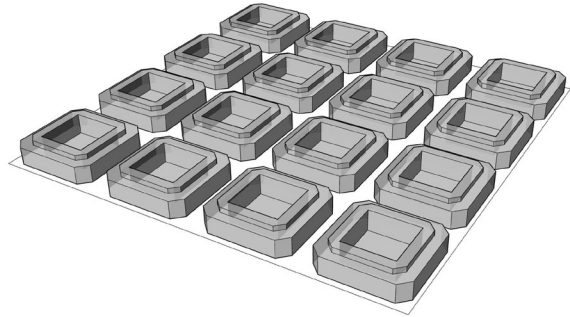
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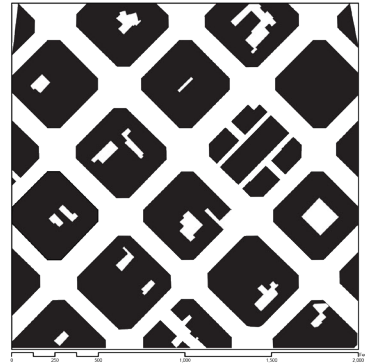


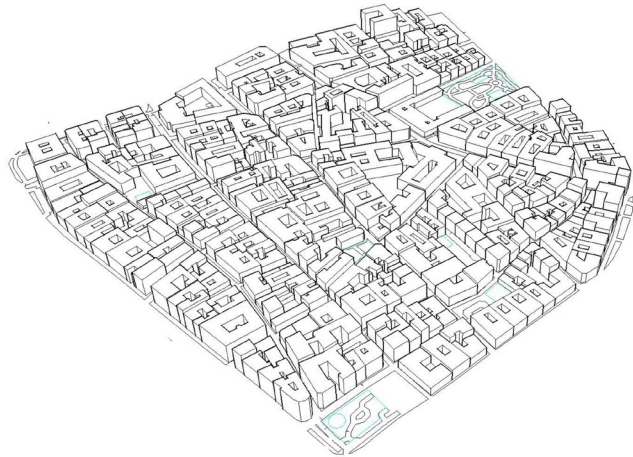
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VIEW OF THE CITY



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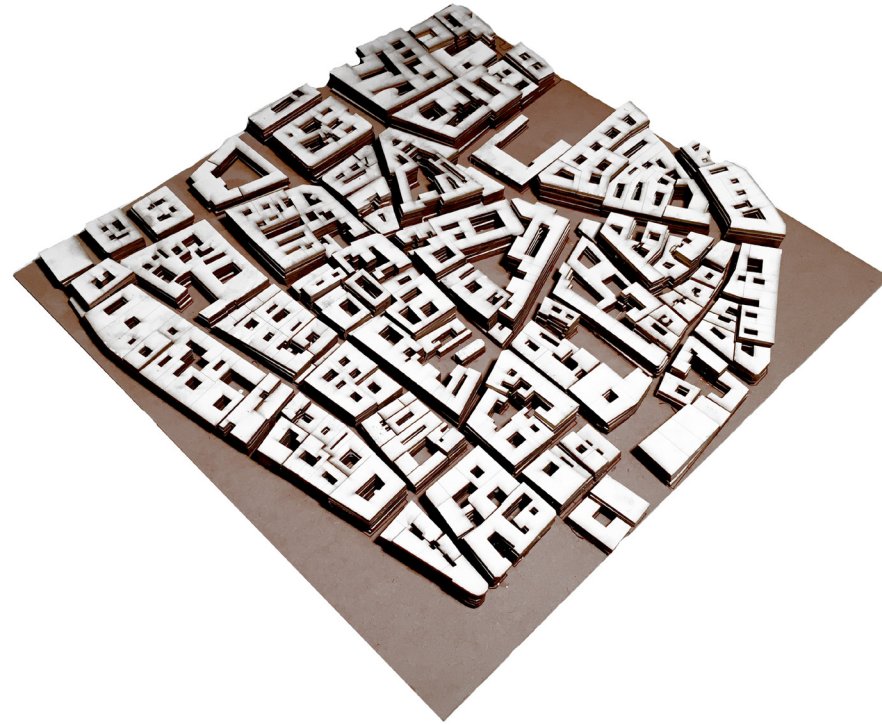


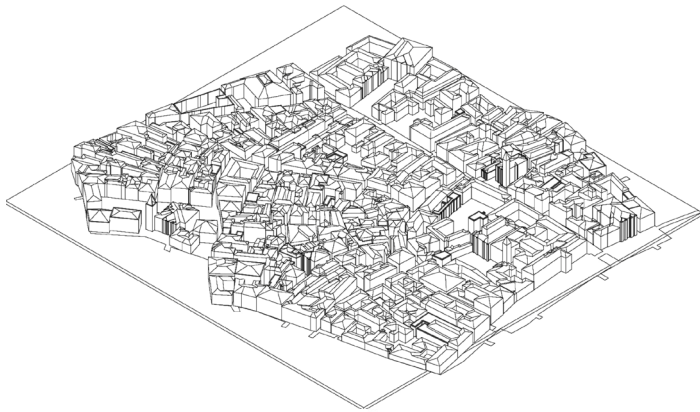
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VIEW OF THE CITY



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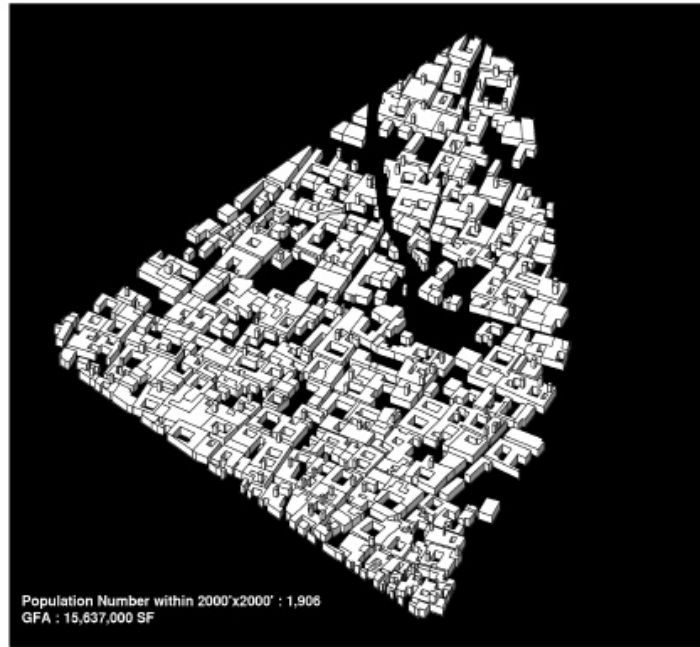
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VIEW OF THE CITY



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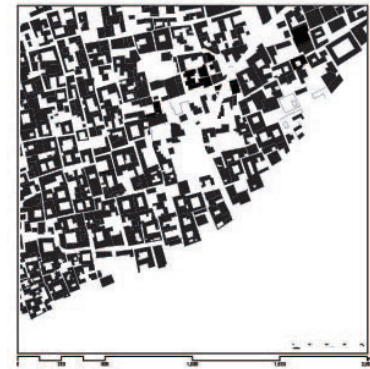


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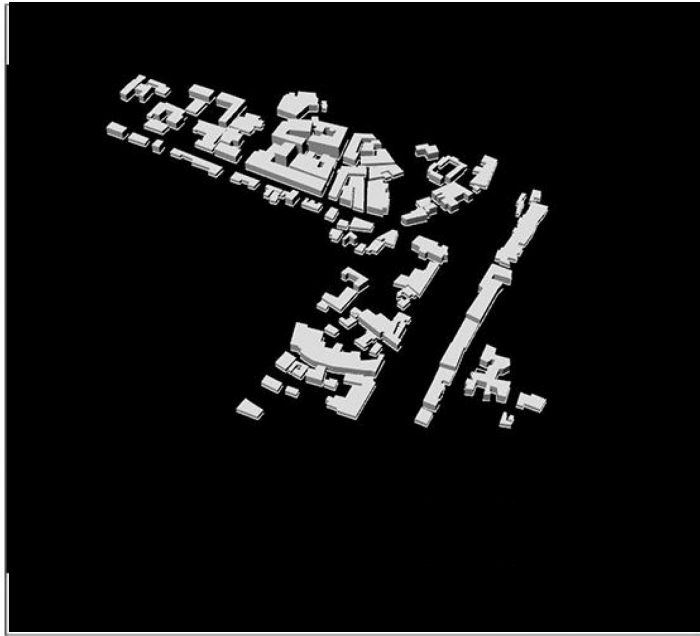


AERIAL VIEW

Al-Gourna Egypt



VIEW OF THE CITY



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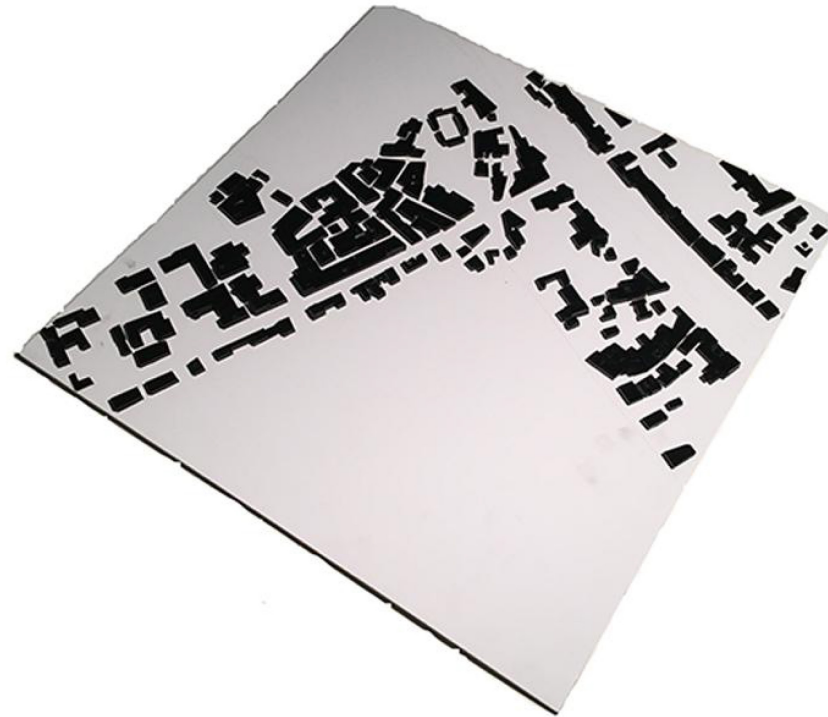


FIGURE GROUND



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Moscow

Russia



VIEW OF THE CITY



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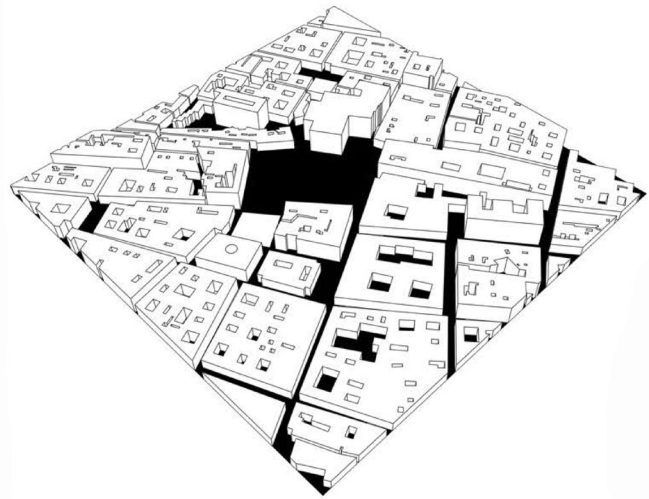
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VIEW OF THE CITY



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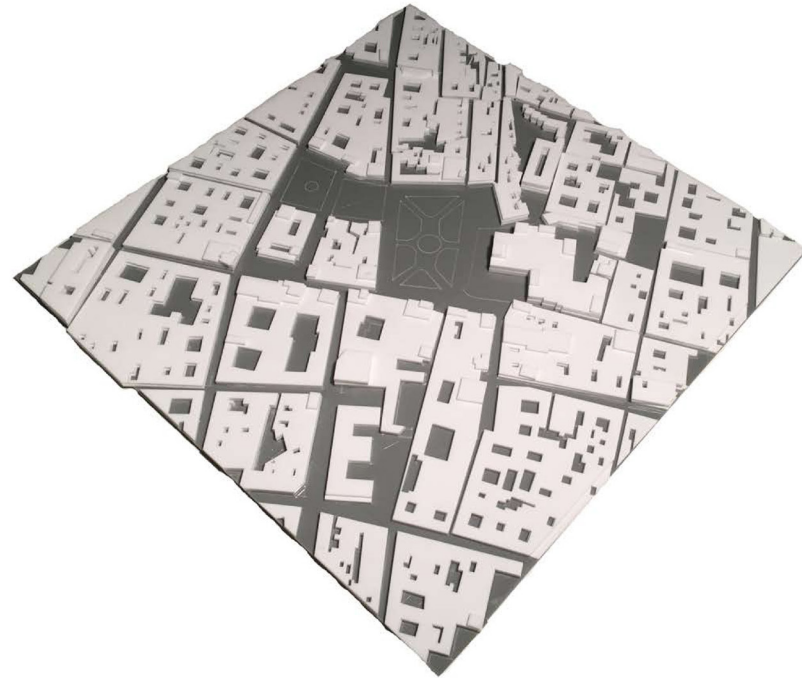


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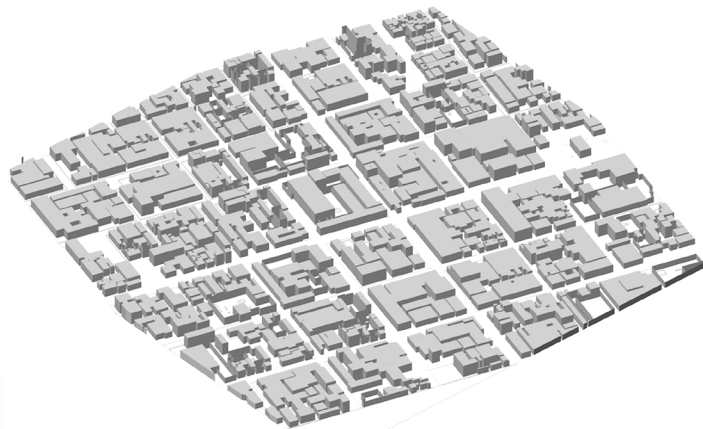


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Jaipur India



VIEW OF THE CITY



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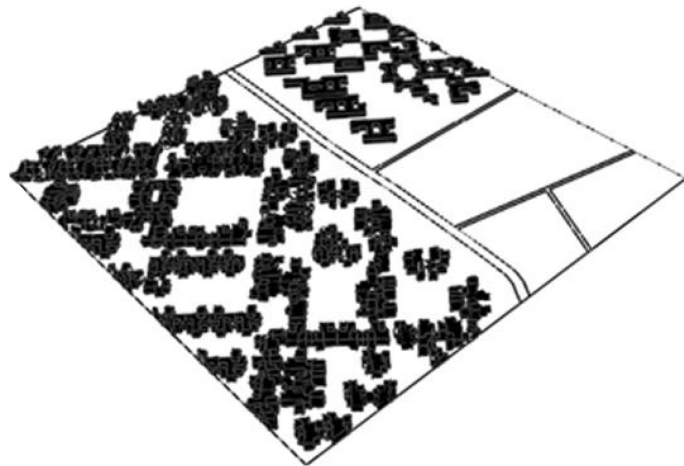


AERIAL VIEW

New Delhi India



VIEW OF THE CITY



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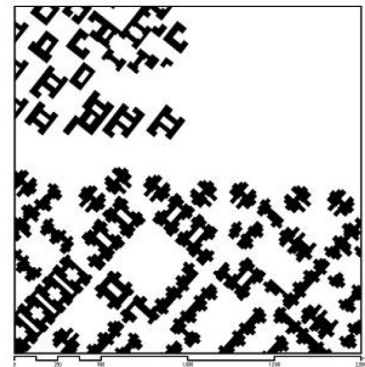
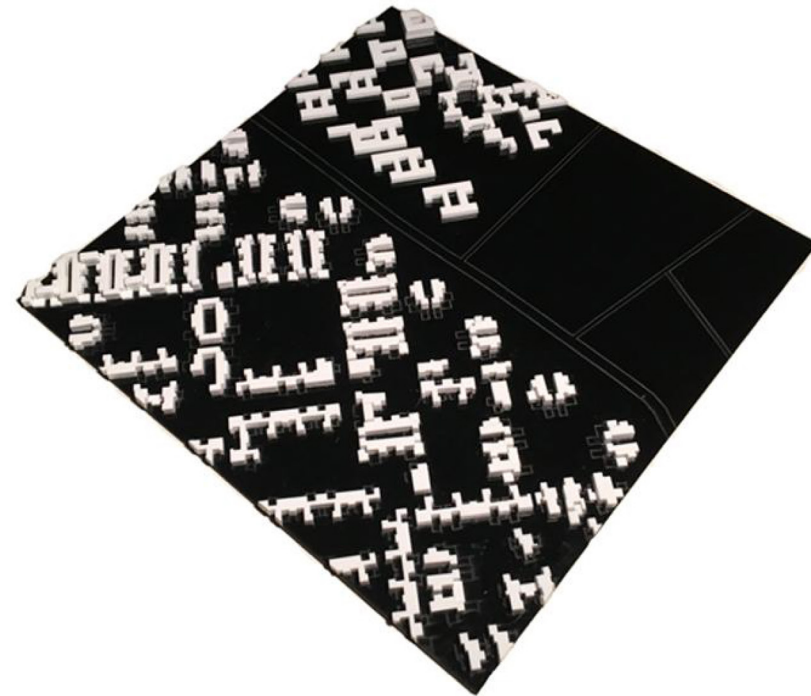


FIGURE GROUND



AERIAL VIEW

DESIGN PROCESS

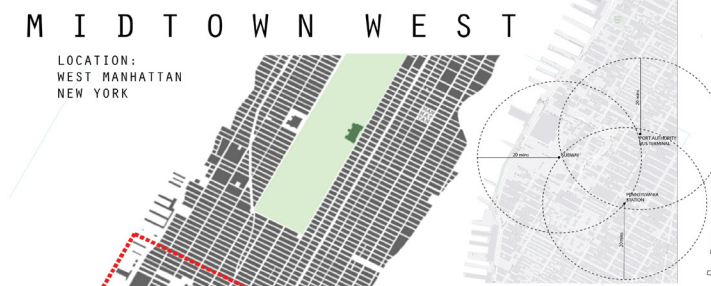
Climate Analysis Mapping
Public Space Evaluation
Planning and Design Intervention
Post-Intervention Evaluation

LOCATION



M I D T O W N W E S T

LOCATION:
WEST MANHATTAN
NEW YORK



WALK RADIUS



LAND FILL



FEMA



FIGURE GROUND

Building Heights

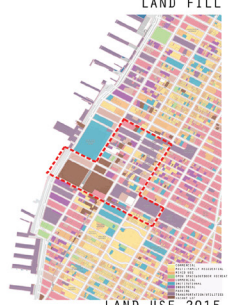
F.A.R

Land Use

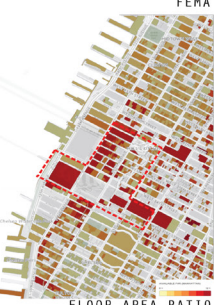
Culture Map



LAND USE 2005



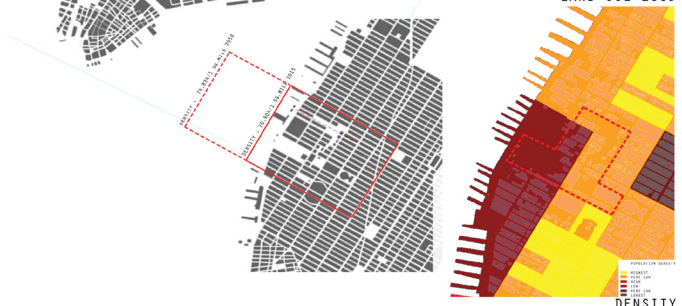
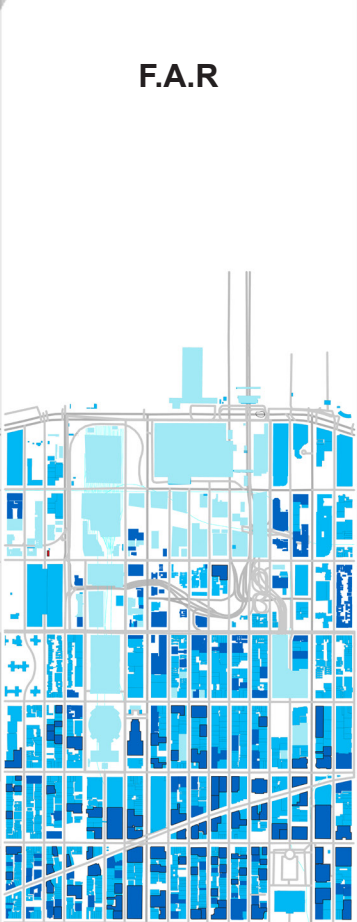
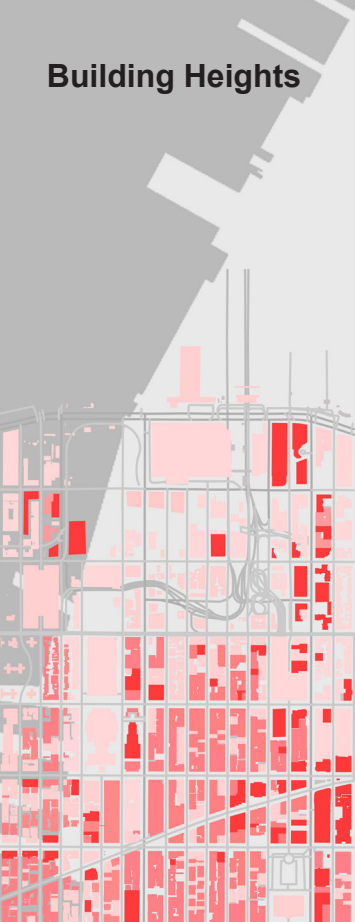
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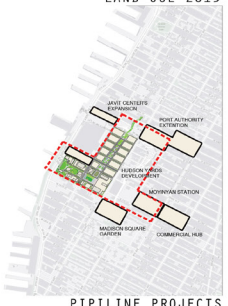
FLOOR AREA RATIO



SUBWAY LINES



DENSITY



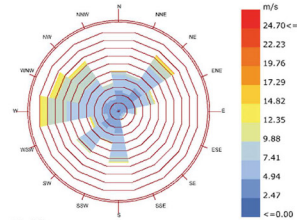
PIPELINE PROJECTS



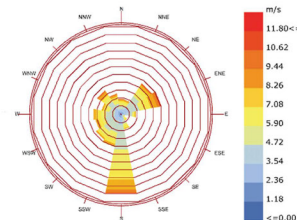
TRAFFIC



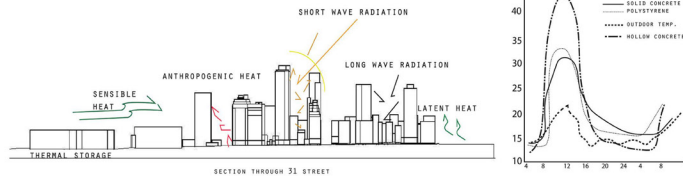
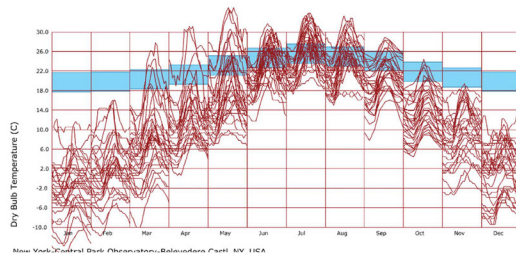
VEGETATION



Wind-Rose
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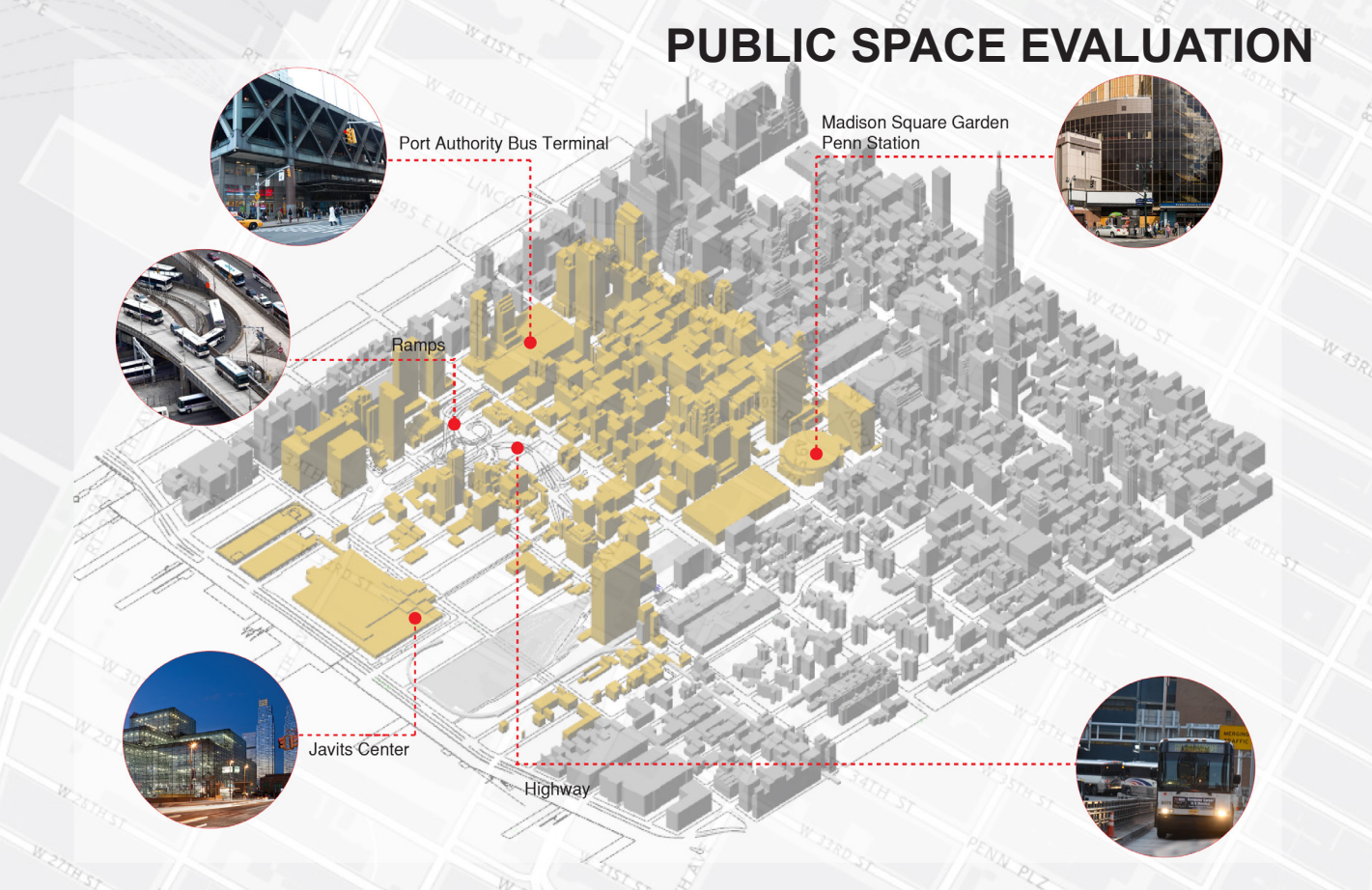
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THERMAL STORAGE - HEAT FROM UNDERGROUND SYSTEMS,
GROUND.
ANTHROPOGENIC HEAT - TRANSPORTATION, ROADS.
LATENT HEAT- WATER BODIES.
SENSIBLE HEAT - VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL AIR FLOW,
SUMMER WINDS

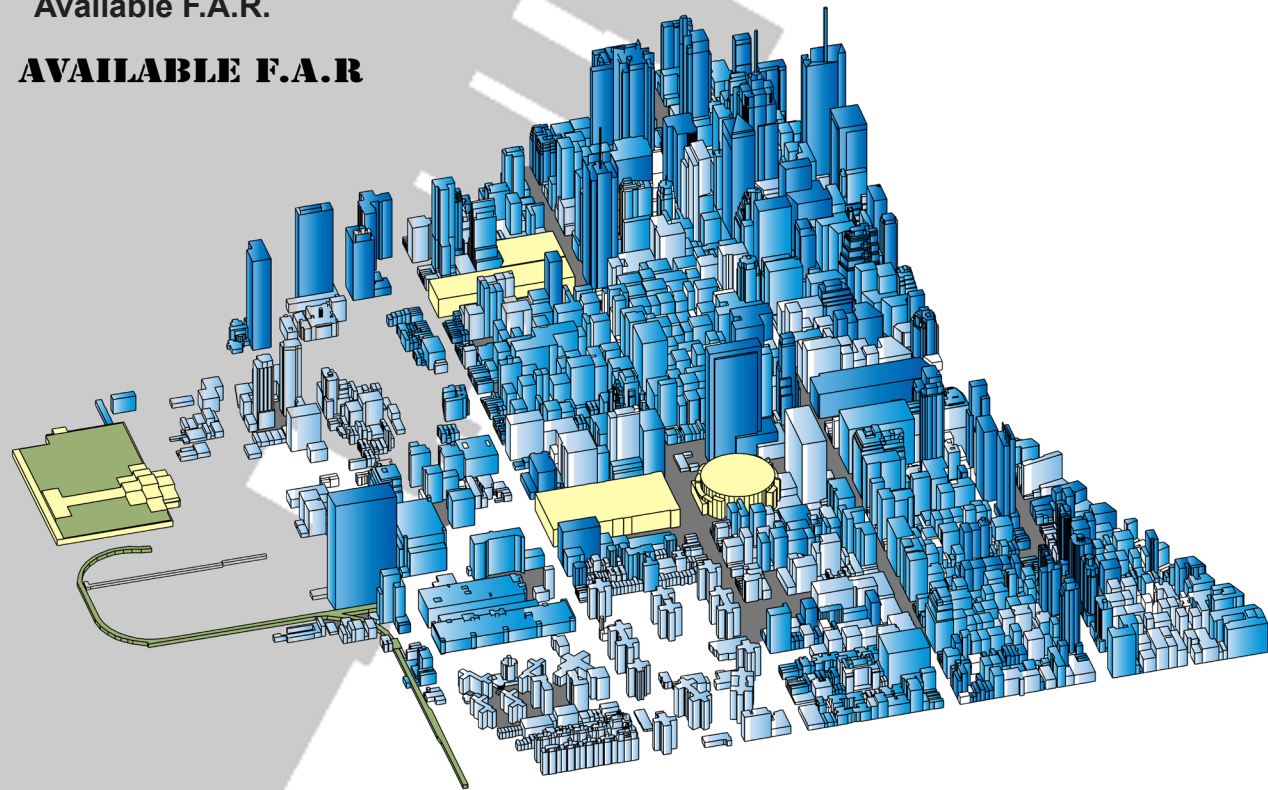
PLANNING AND DESIGN INTERVENTION

PUBLIC SPACE EVALUATION



Available F.A.R.

AVAILABLE F.A.R



Eco-District Protocol

Imperatives

Equity Climate Resilience

Priority Areas

Health & Wellness

Mobility & Connectivity

Livability

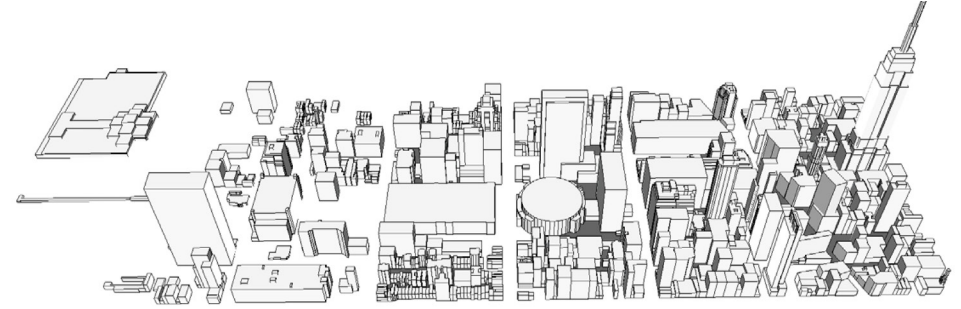
Prosperity

Ecosystem Stewardship

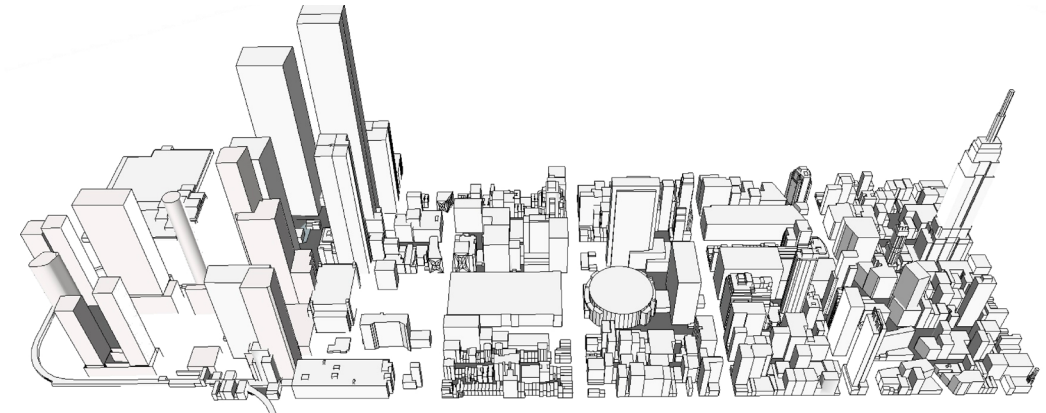
Climate protection+Resource Efficiency

Eco-District Projects

Shaped by Climate Responsive Design

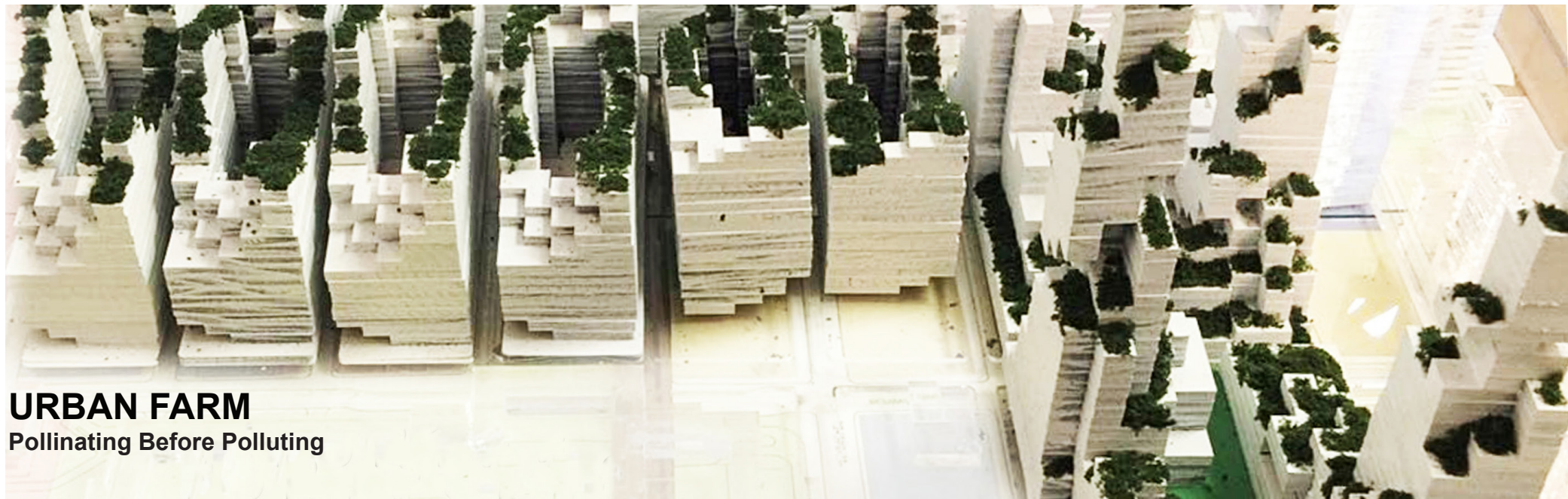


Existing Built Up of Midtown West Manhattan



Expected Built Out of Midtown West Manhattan (Pipeline)

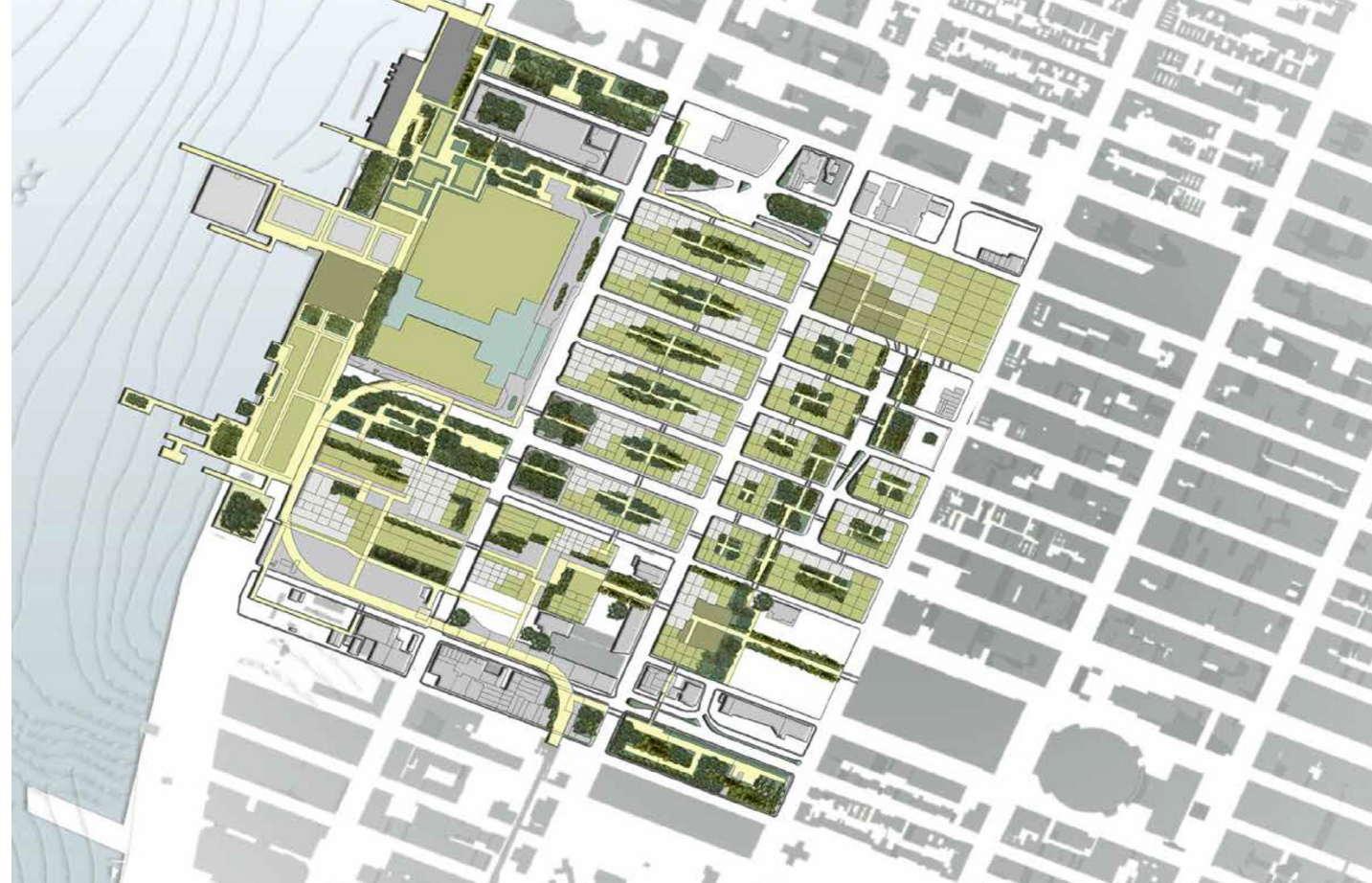
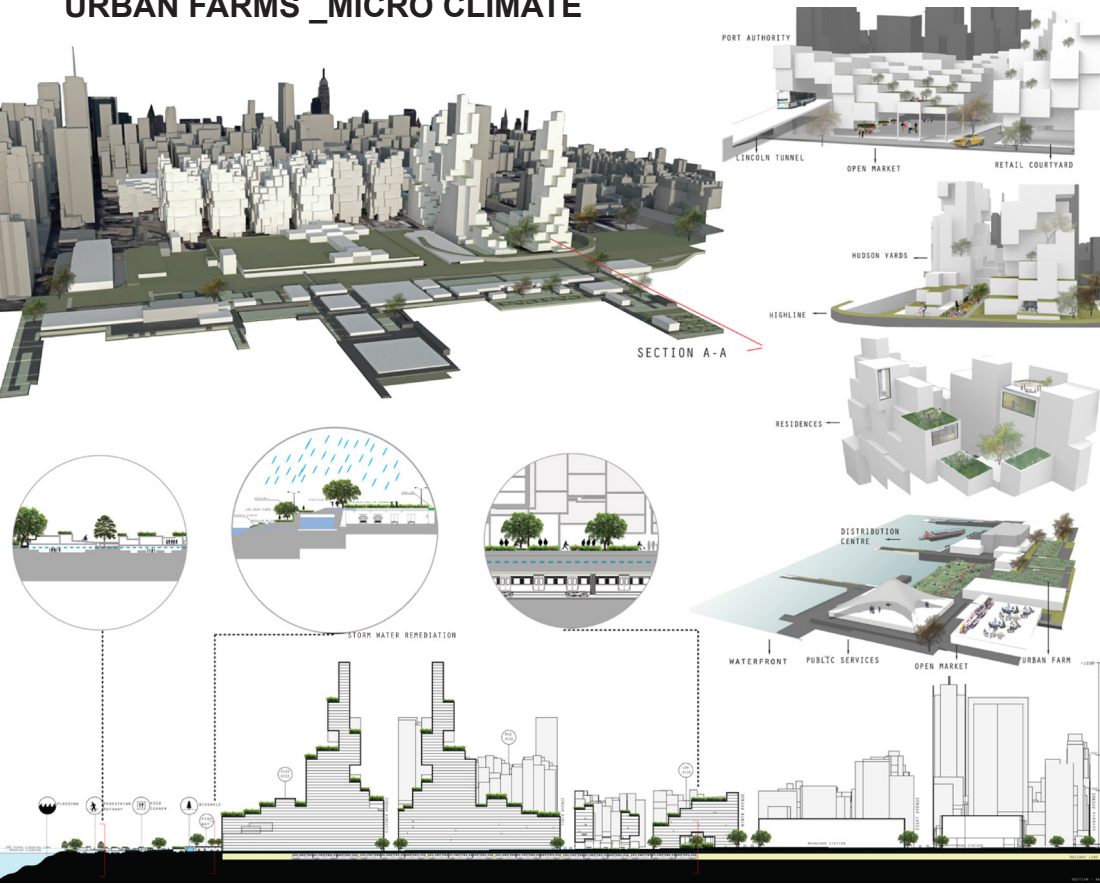
URBAN AGRICULTURE



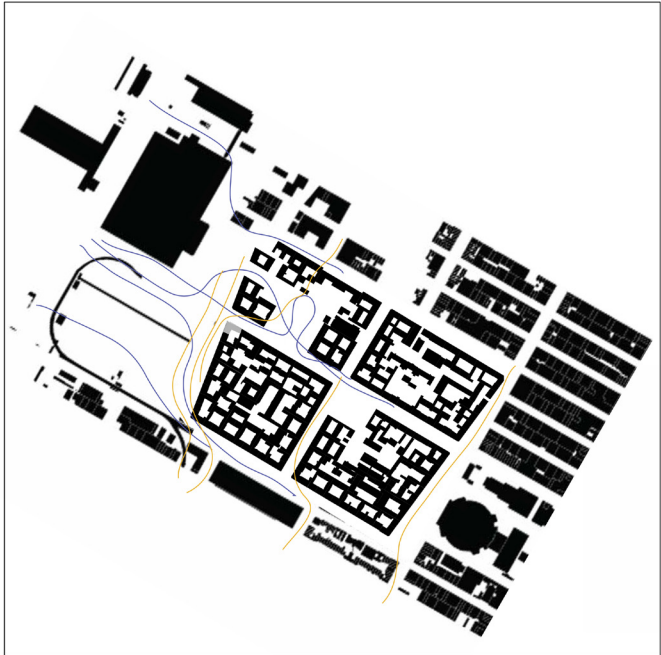
URBAN FARM

Pollinating Before Polluting

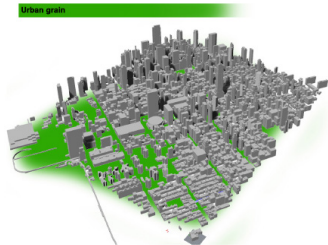
URBAN FARMS _MICRO CLIMATE



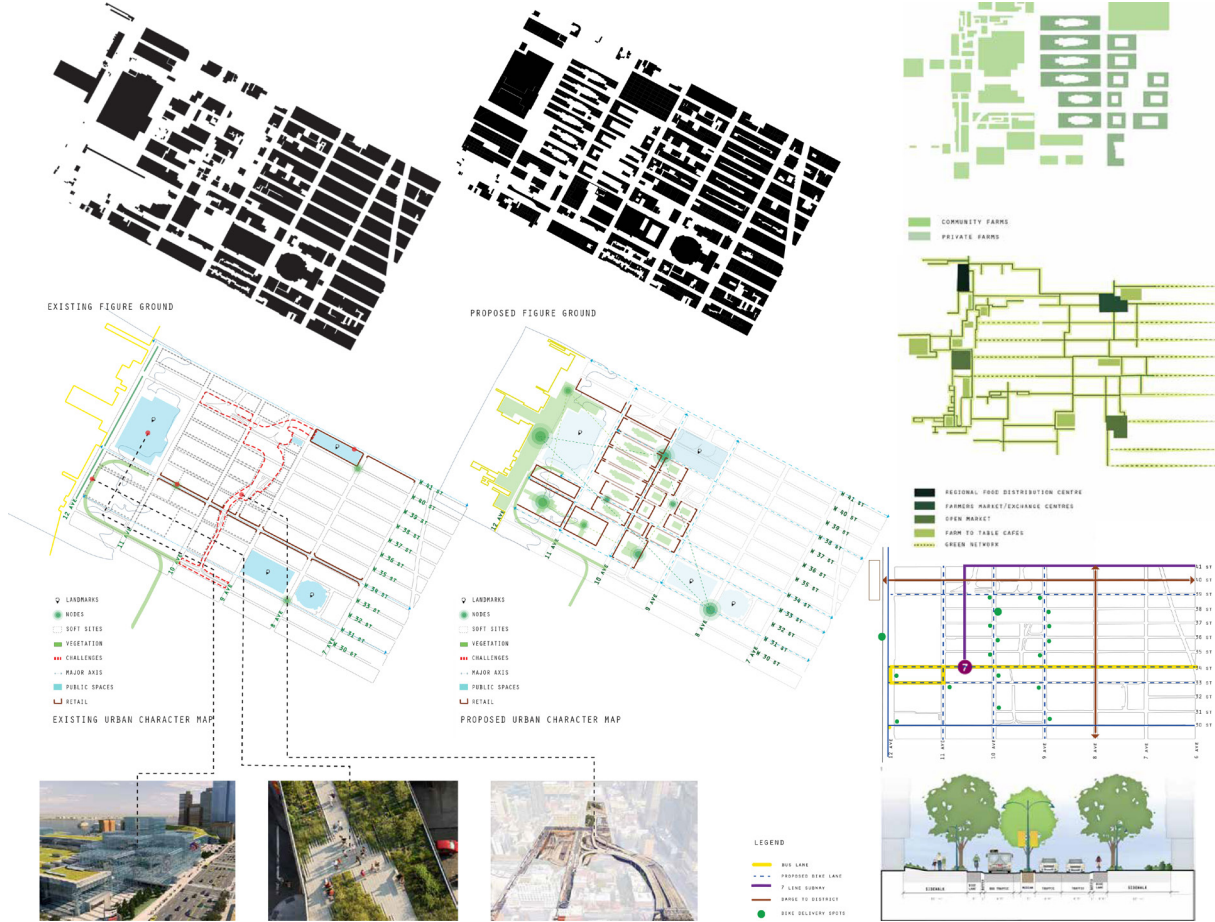
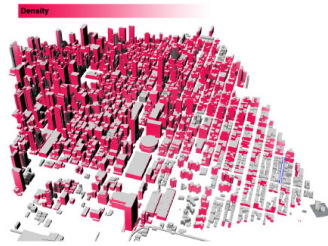
Overlapping Berlin to Manhattan



Urban Grain

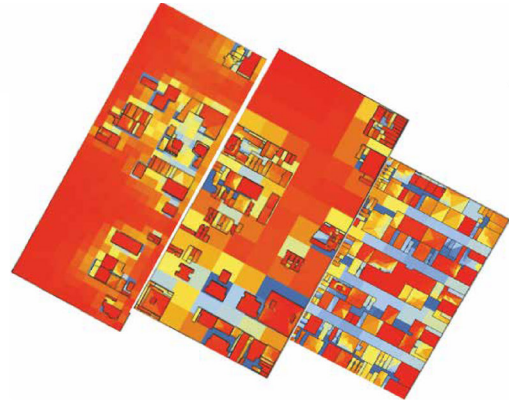
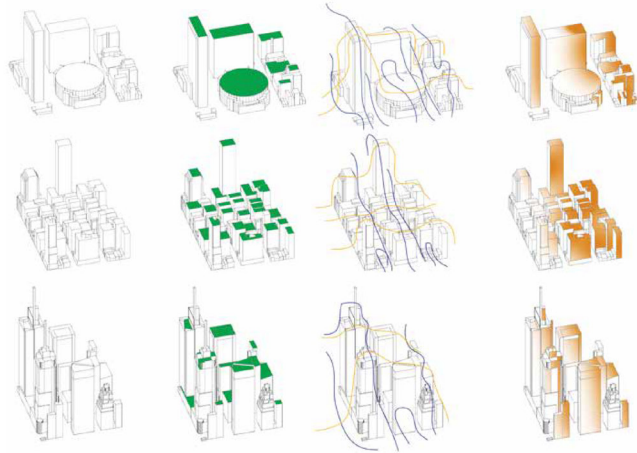


Density



BLOCK ANALYSIS

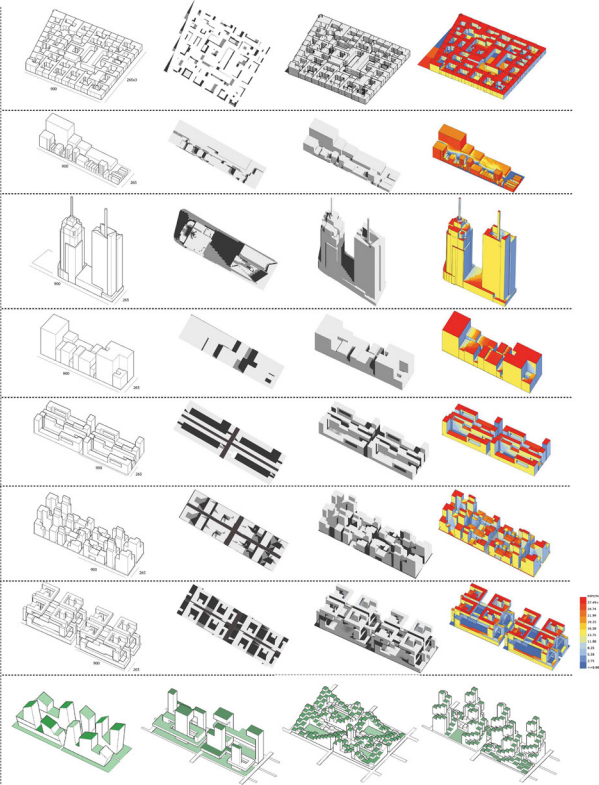
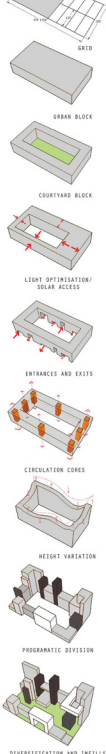
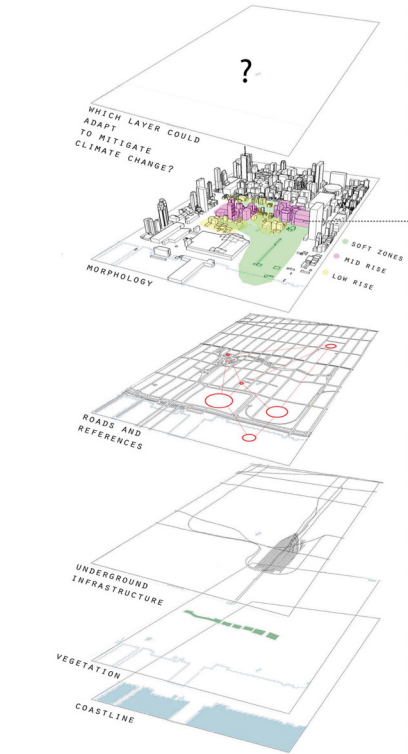
NEW YORK
BLOCK STUDY

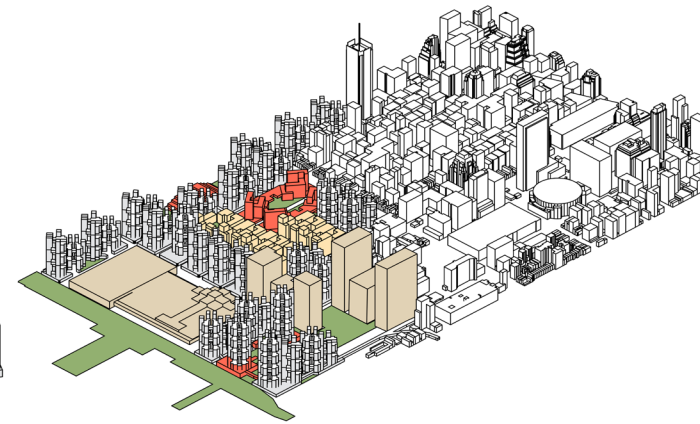
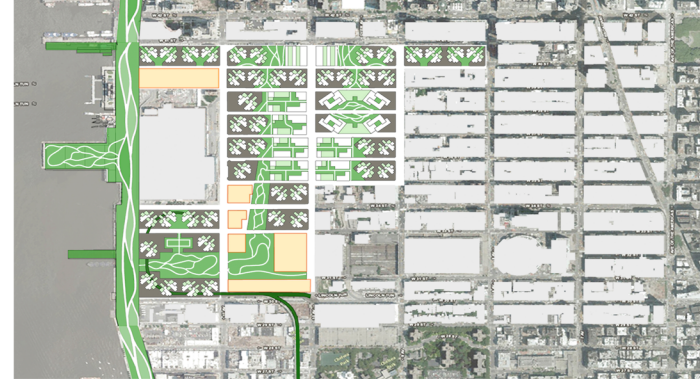
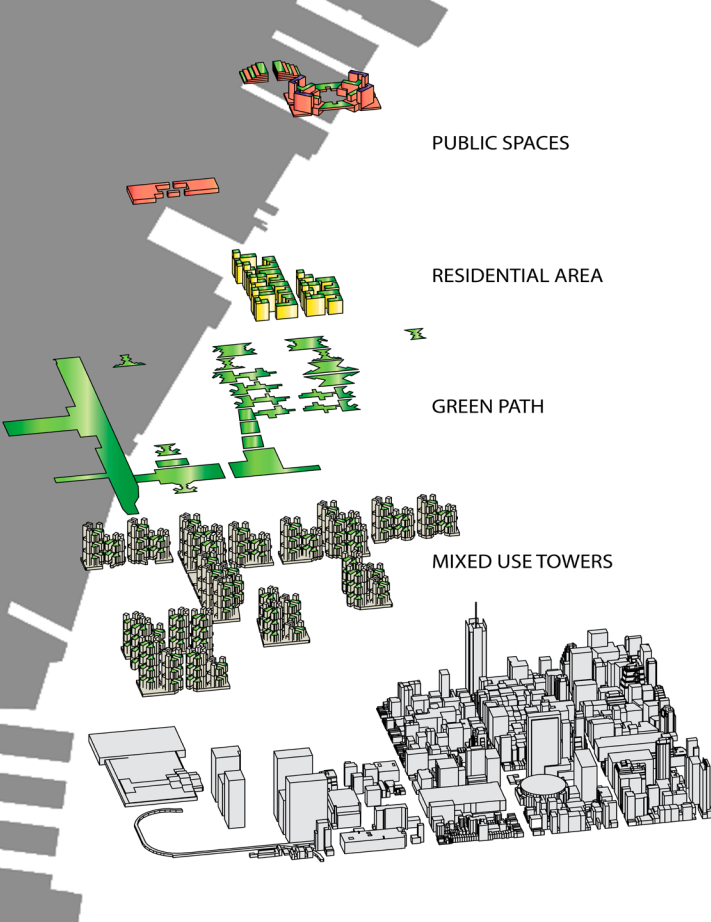


SOLAR RADIATION MAP OF DISTRICT
(TOP VIEW)

DISTRICT ANALYSIS

04 MID TOWN WEST ANALYSIS



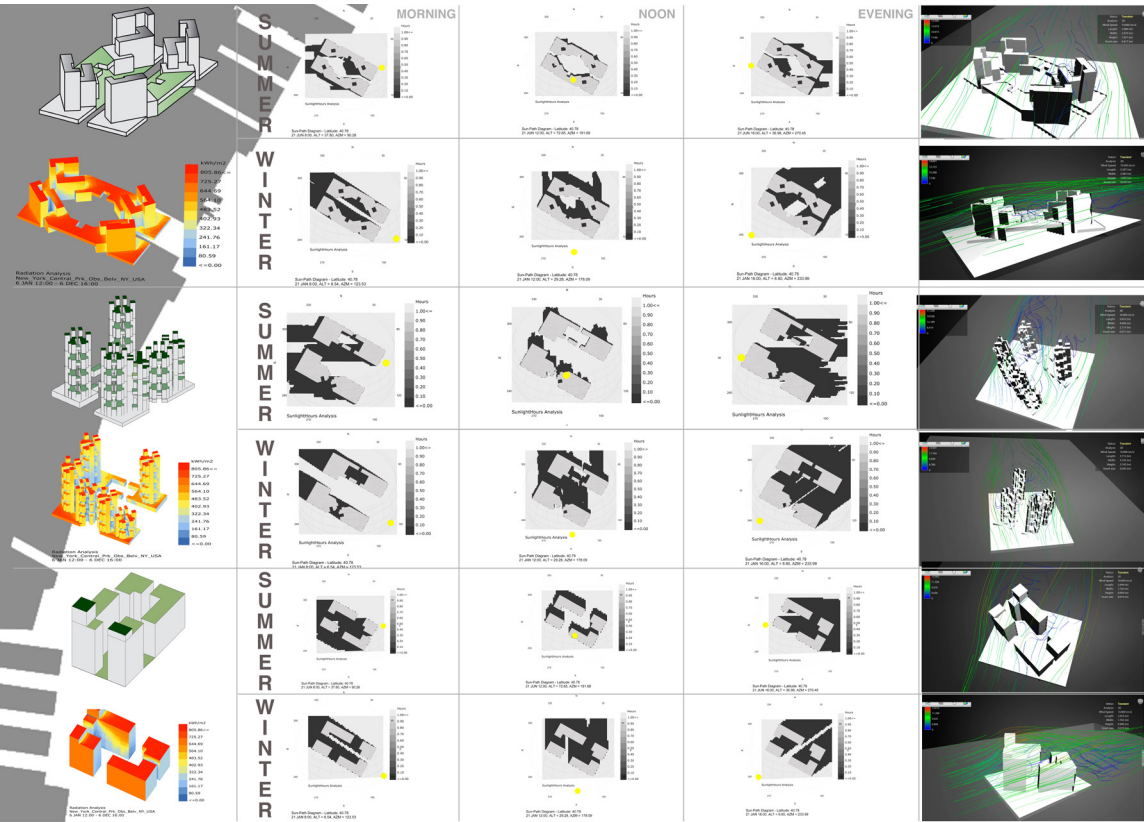


EXISTING FIGURE GROUND

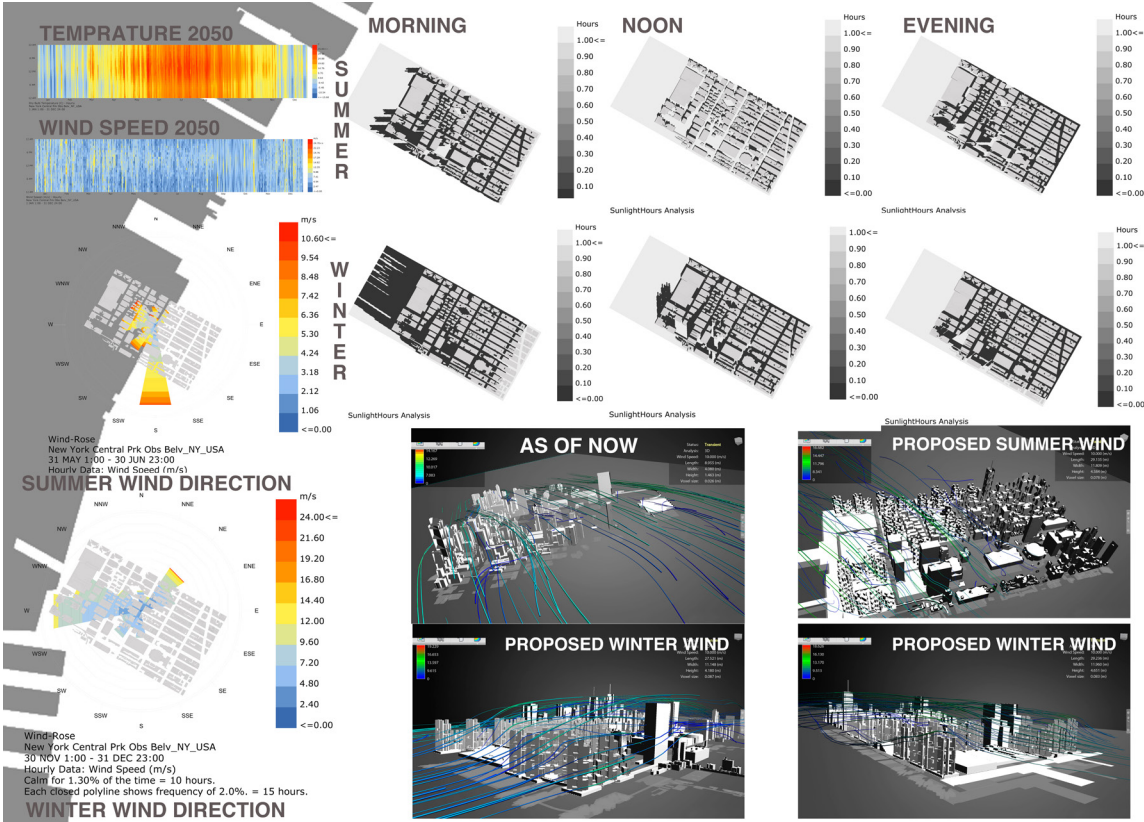


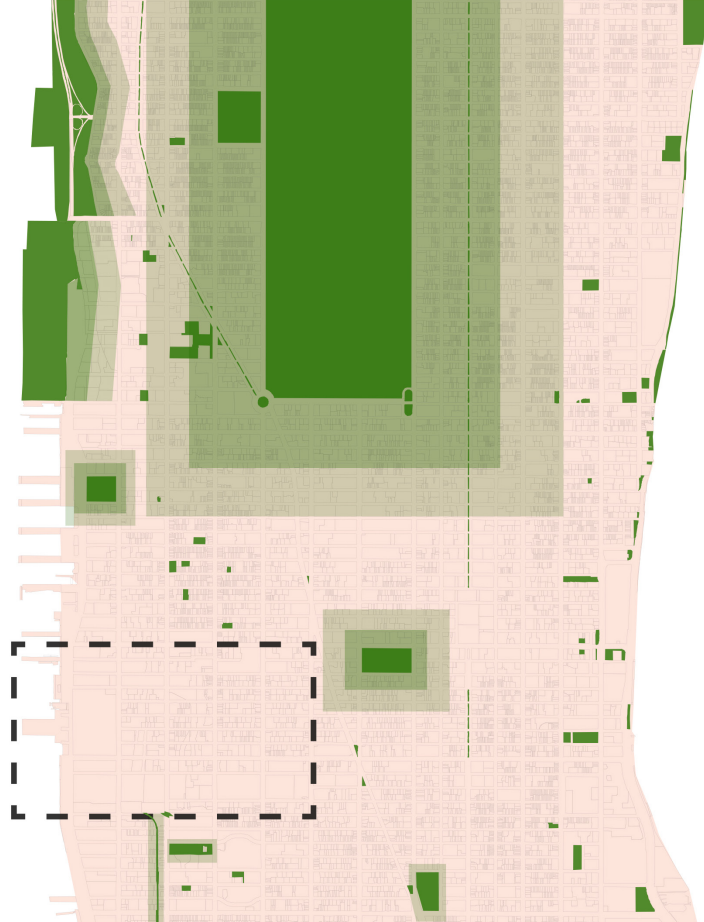
PROPOSED FIGURE GROUND

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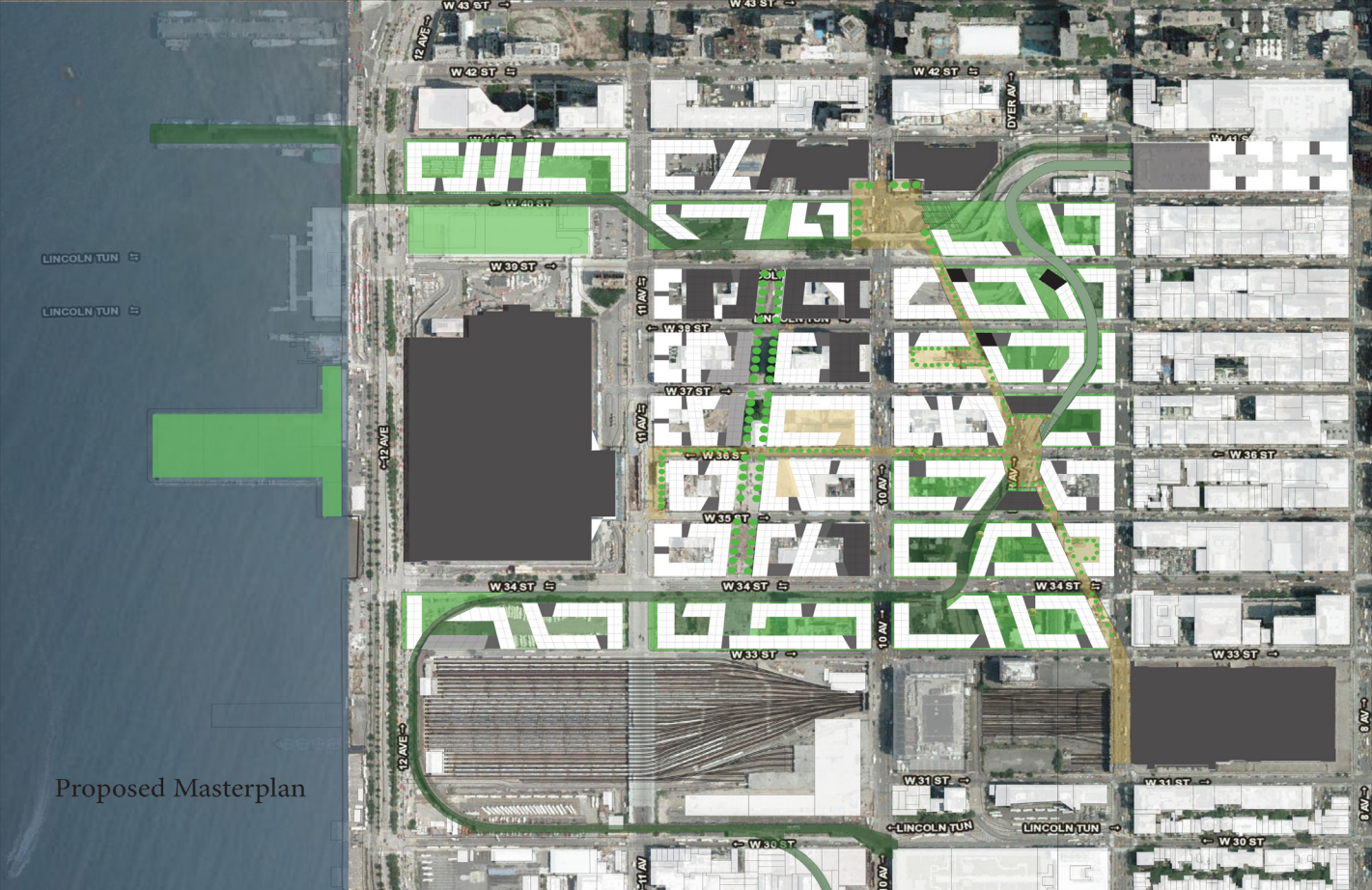


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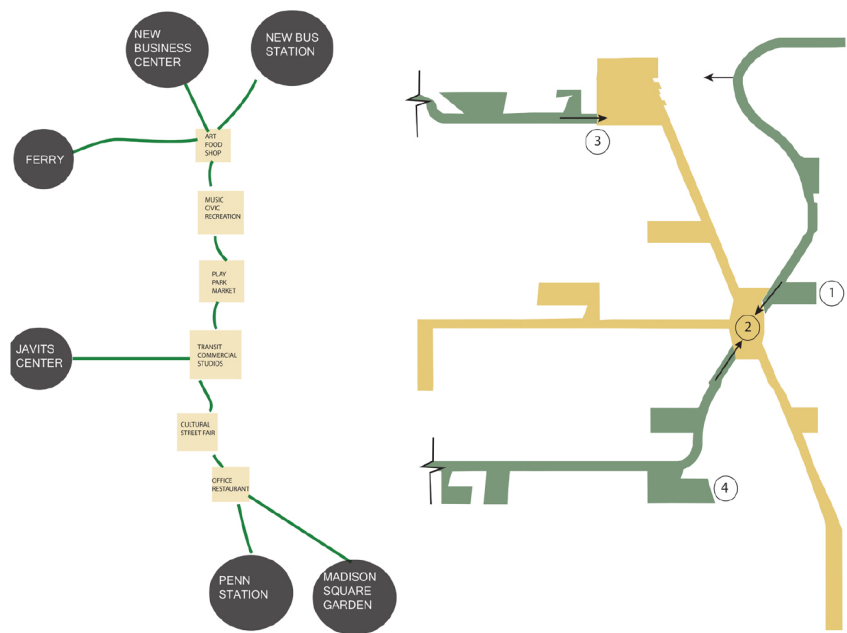




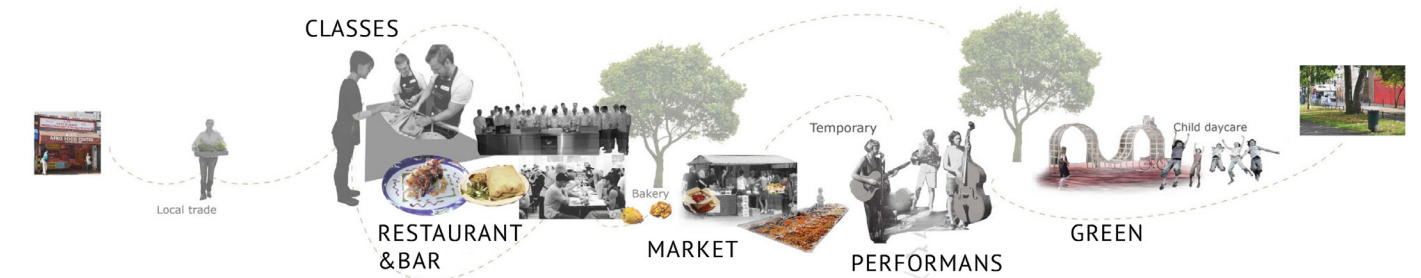
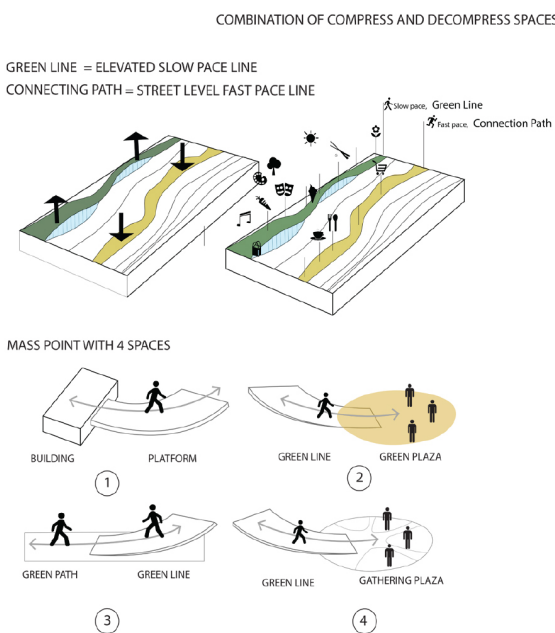
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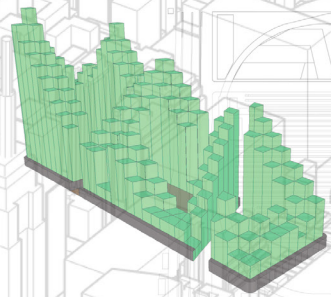
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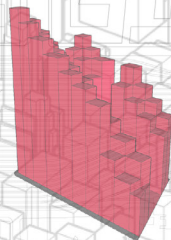
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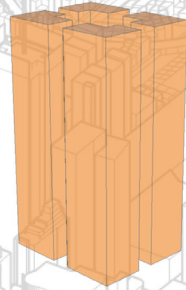
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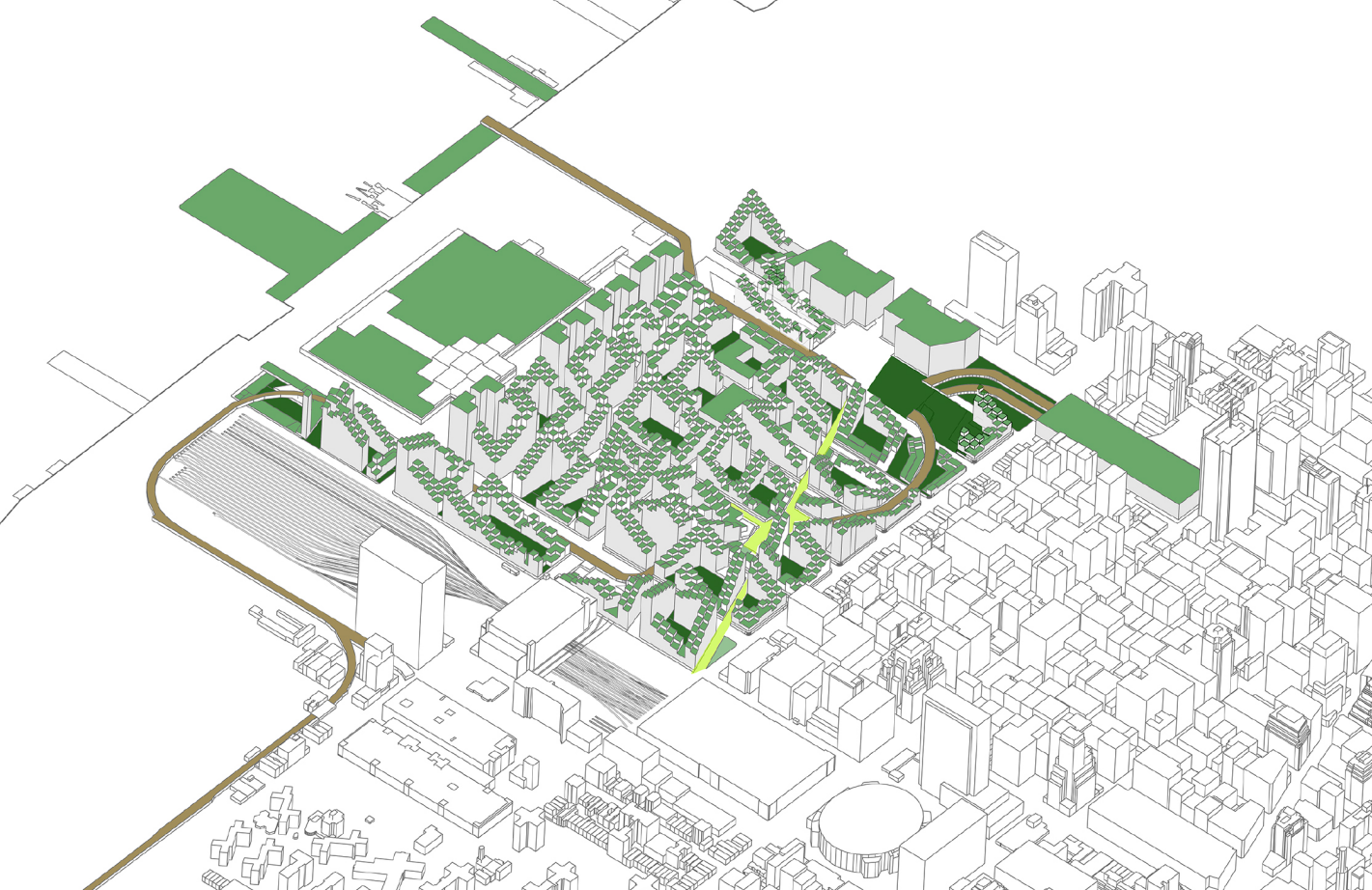
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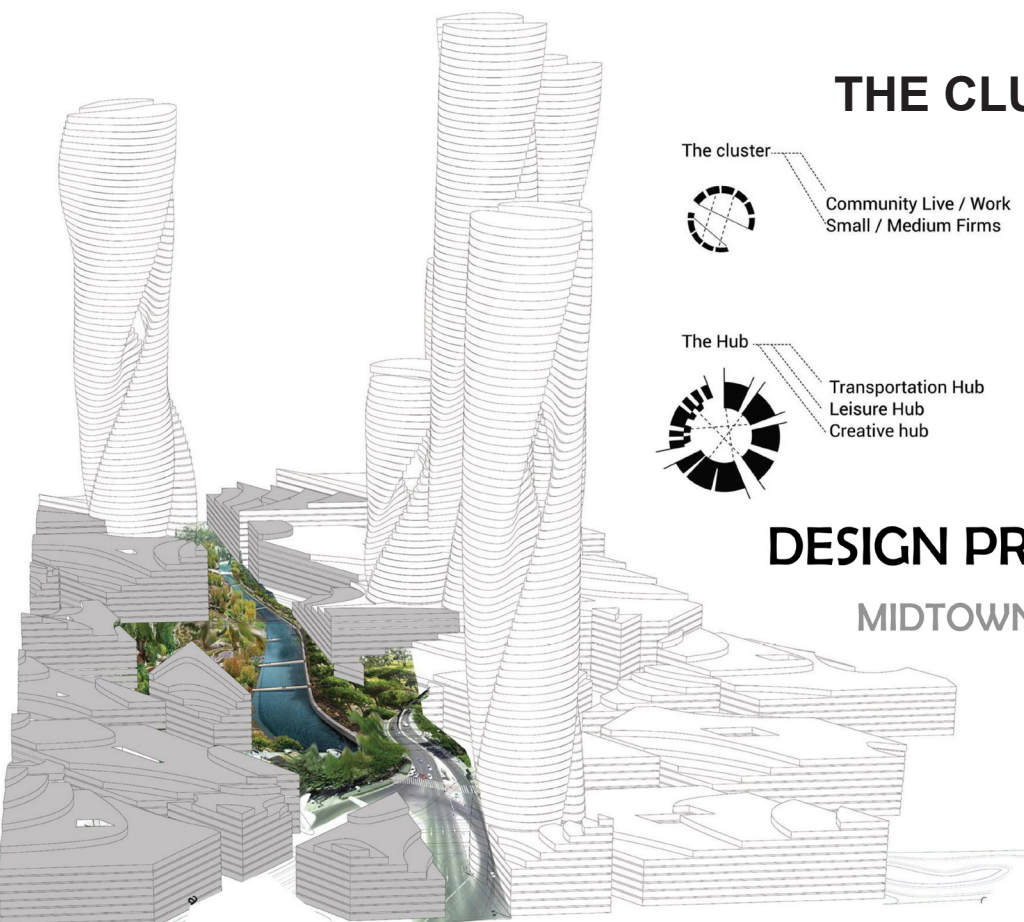


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D. Towers





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The cluster



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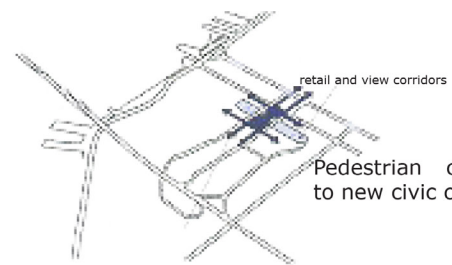


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DESIGN PROPOSAL

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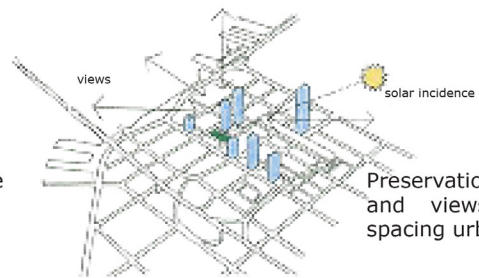




retail and view corridors
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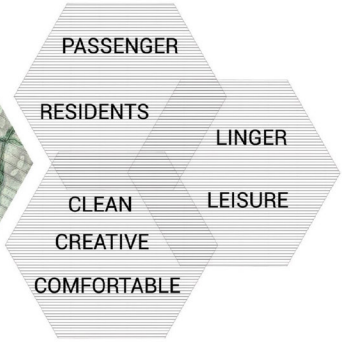


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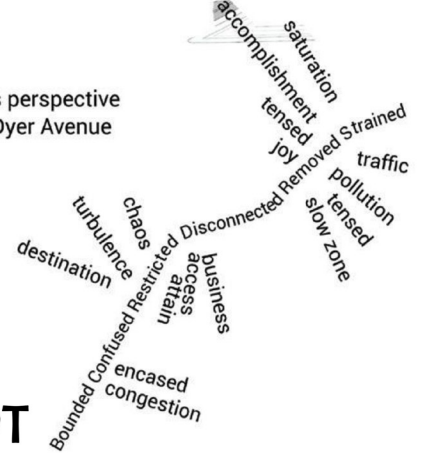


Preservation of sunlight and views by wide spacing urban form





A drivers perspective around Dyer Avenue



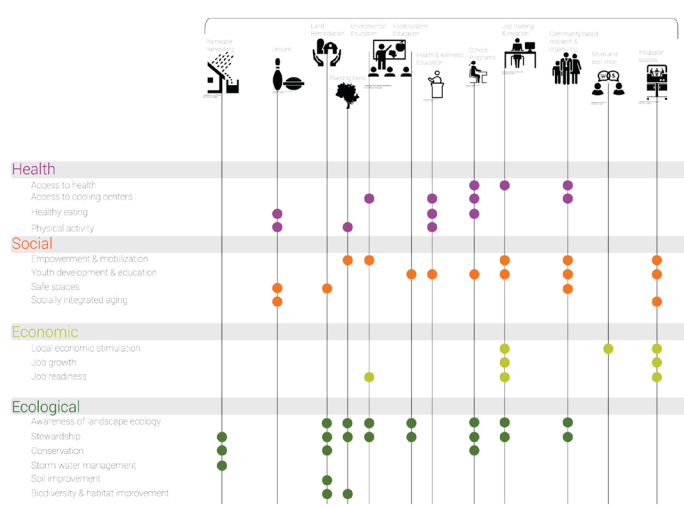
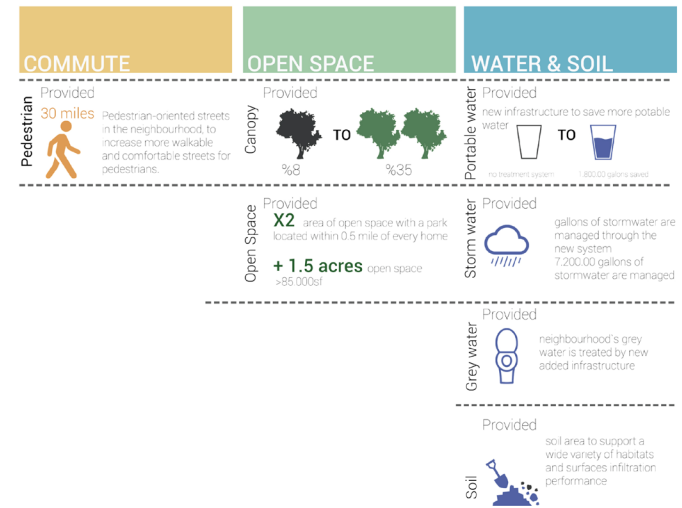
CONCEPT

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A pedestrians perspective in Hudson yards

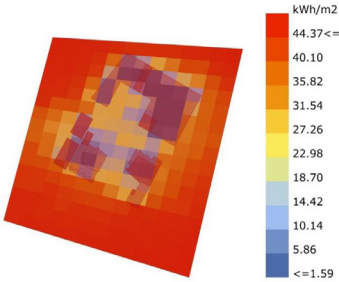


Objectives	Action Plans and Strategies	Operation and Spatial Scale	Climatic Impact Scale
Bioclimate + urban heat island + urban air ventilation + air quality situation	Albedo	Cooling of building material and pavement	Material and surface-level intervention
		Cooling of roof and facade	
		Water retention paving	
	Vegetation	Planting greeneries	Material and surface-level intervention
		Parks and open spaces	Landscape/land use planning-level intervention
		Green corridors	Landscape/land use planning-level intervention
	Shading	Building geometric design	Building design-level intervention
		Shelter design	Building design-level intervention
		Street orientation	Urban planning/zoning-level intervention
		Building height/Street width ratio	Building design-level intervention
		Trees along both sides of streets	Landscape/land use planning-level intervention
	Ventilation	Air path	Urban planning/zoning-level intervention
		Building ground coverage and building bulks	Urban planning/zoning-level intervention
		Building height/Street width ratio	Building design level intervention
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		Layout of building dispositions	Urban planning/zoning-level intervention
		Open spaces and greenery areas	Landscape/land use planning-level intervention

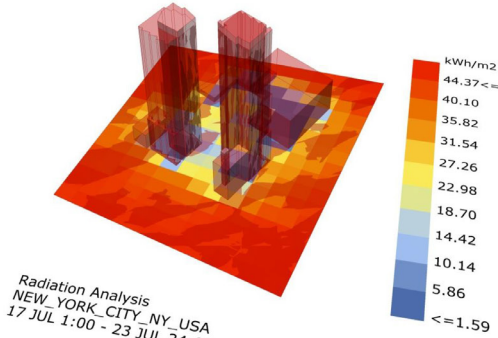


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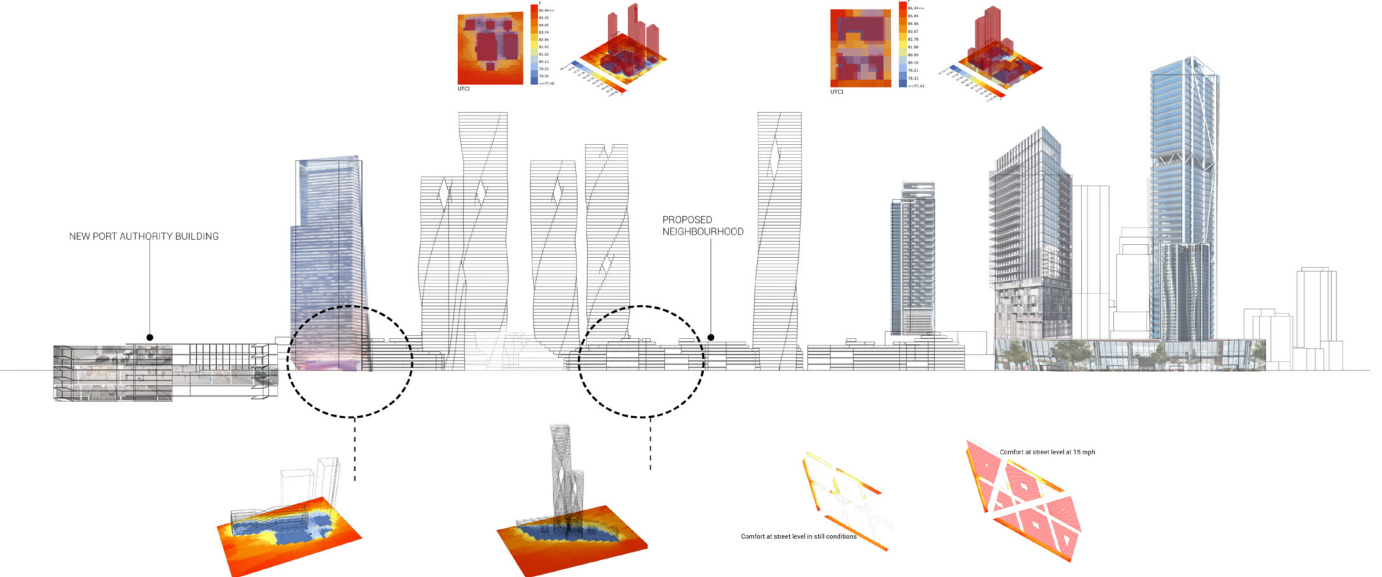
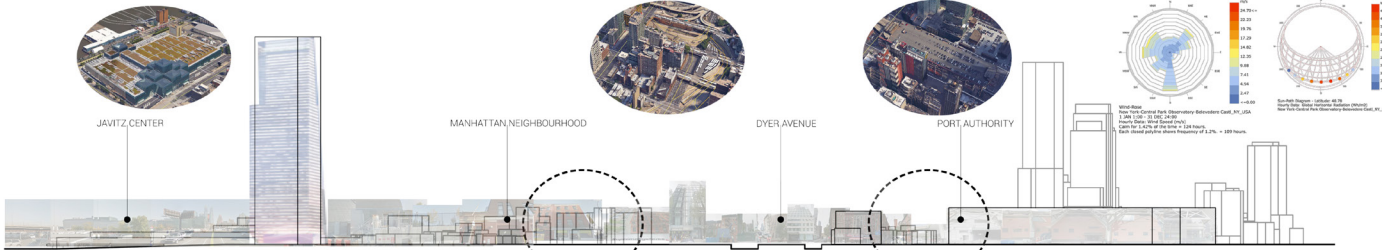
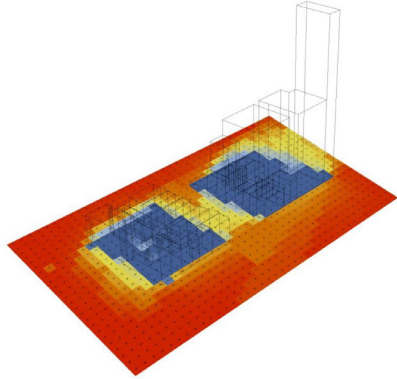
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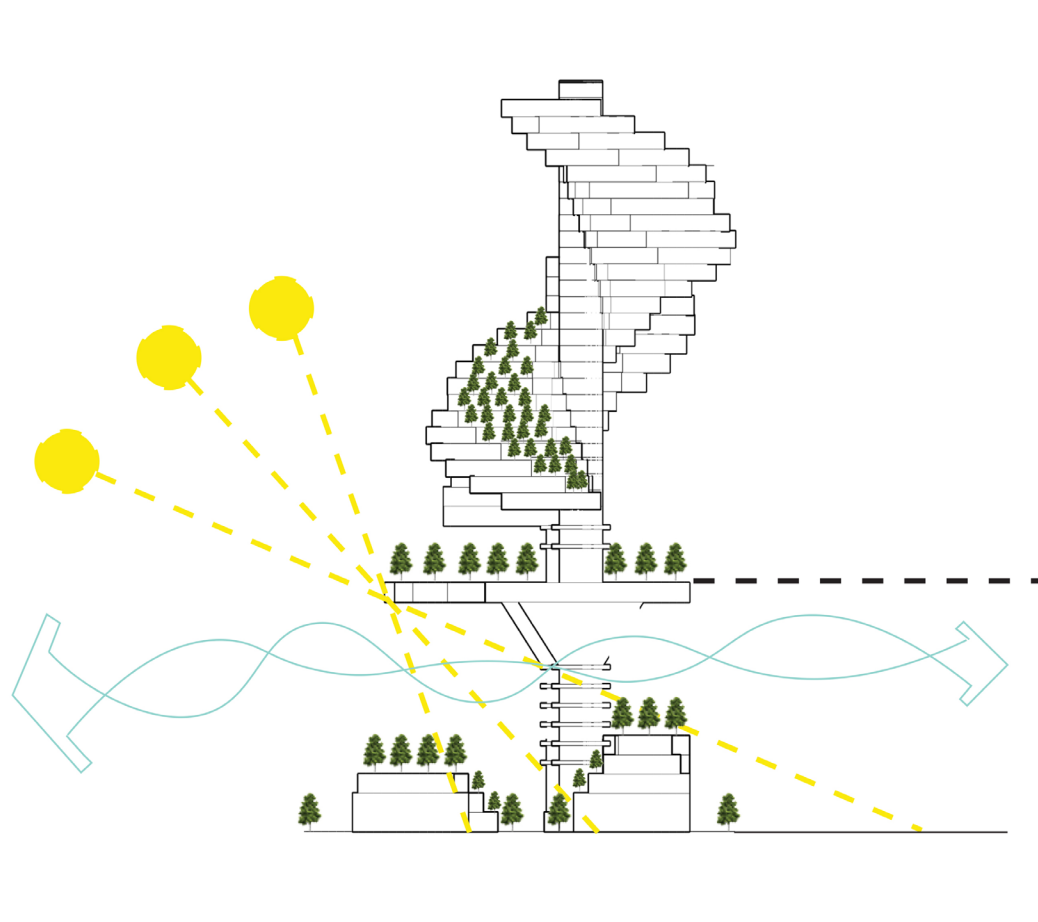


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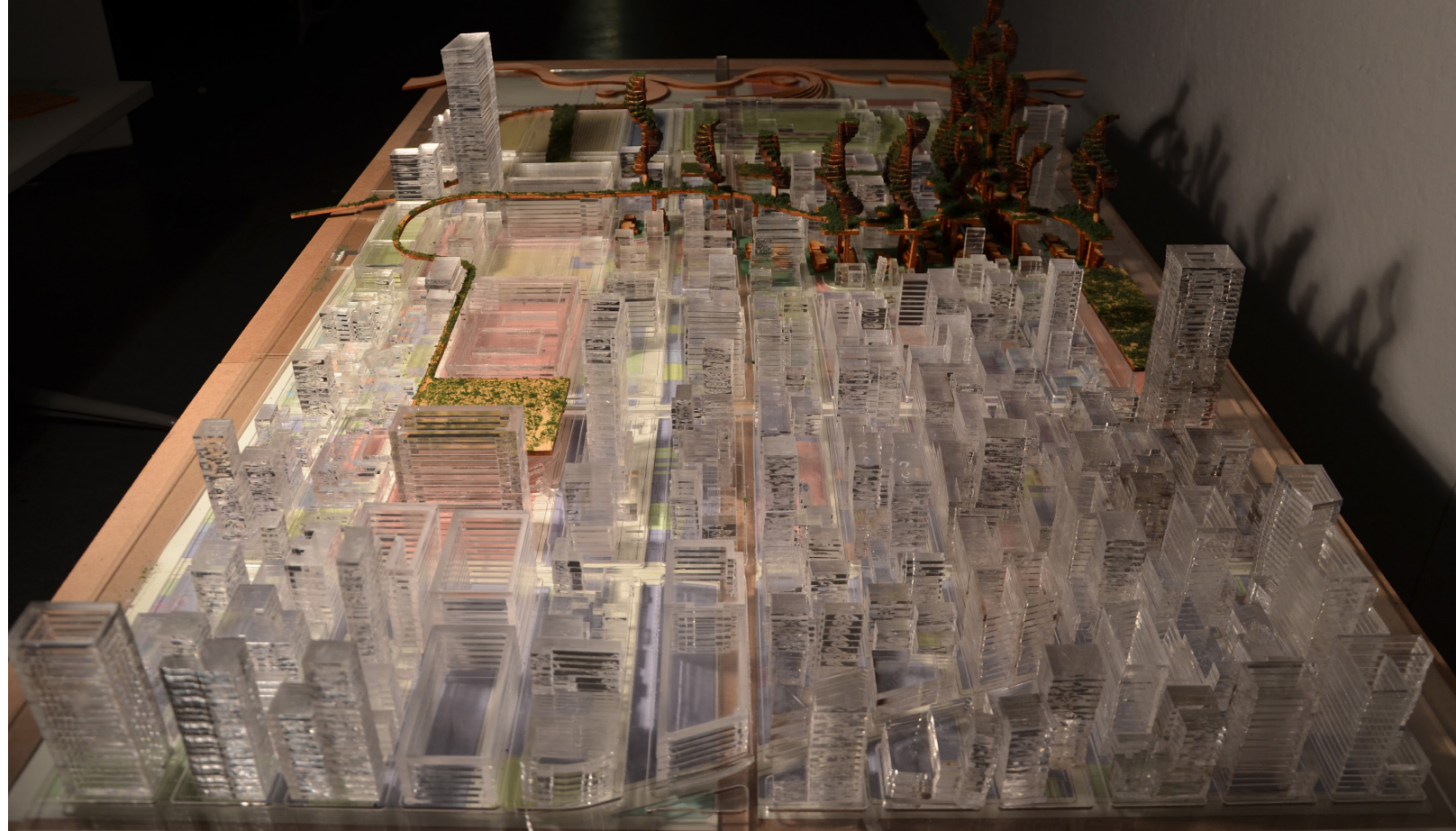
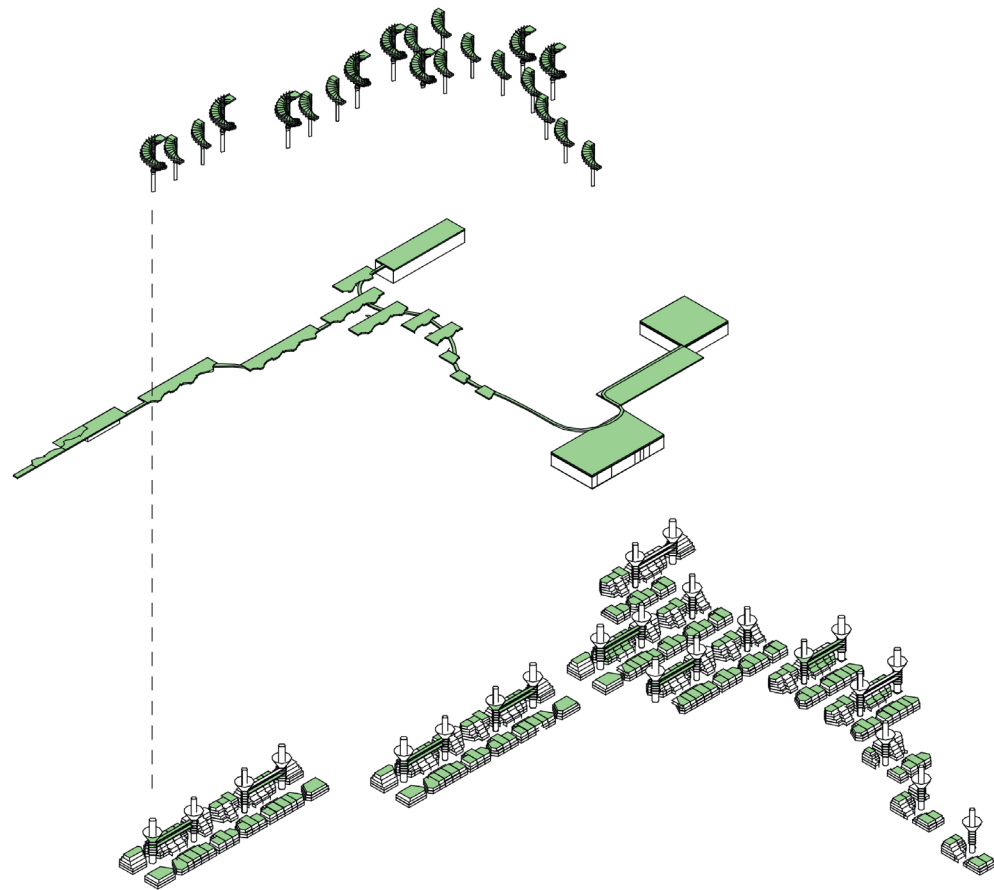


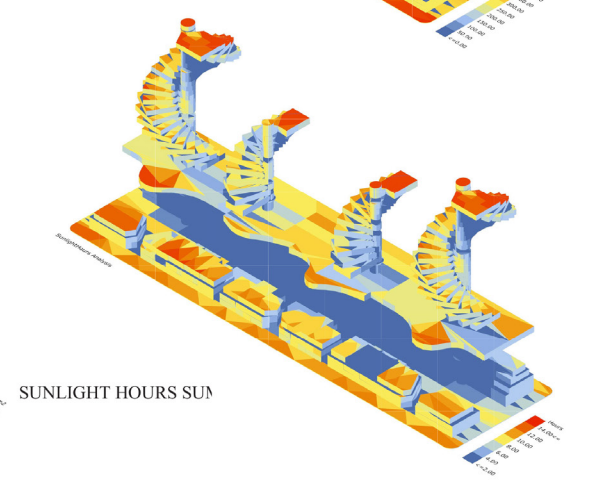
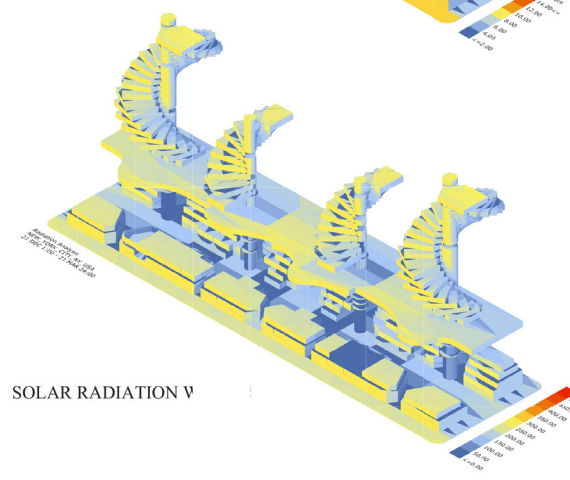
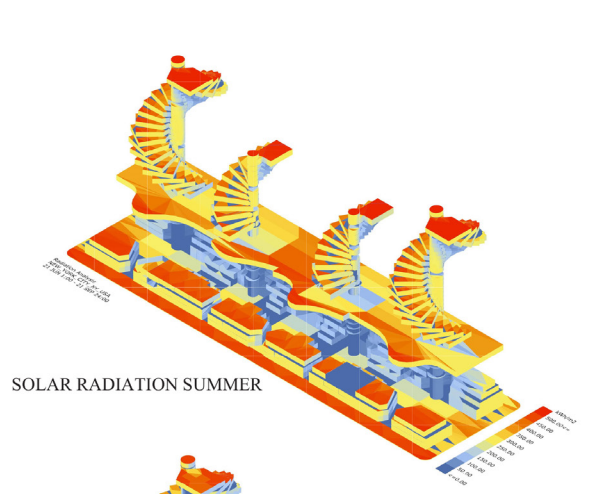
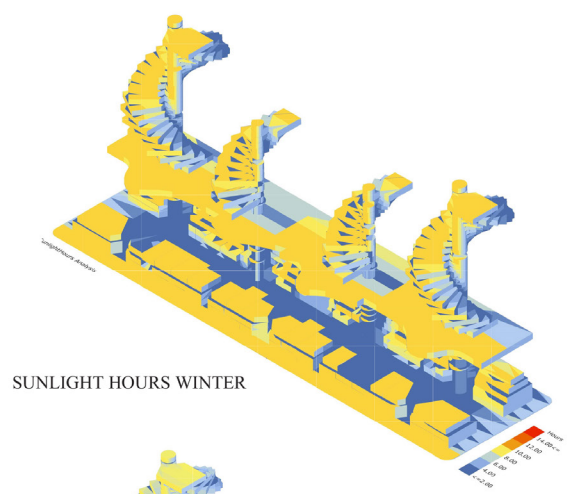
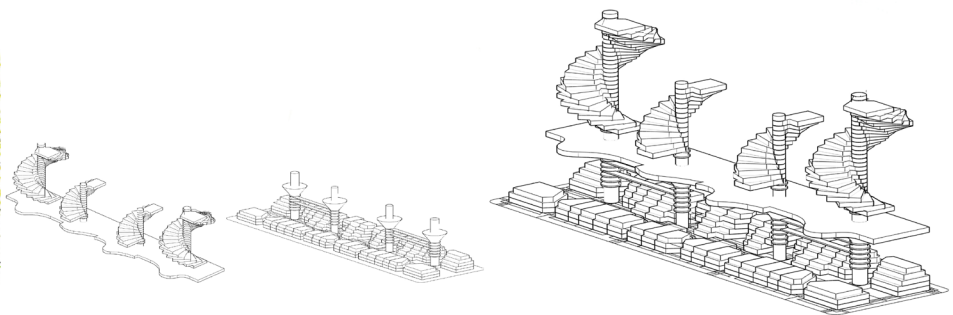
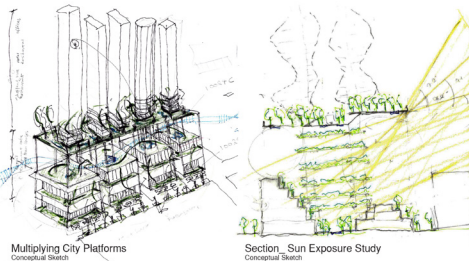
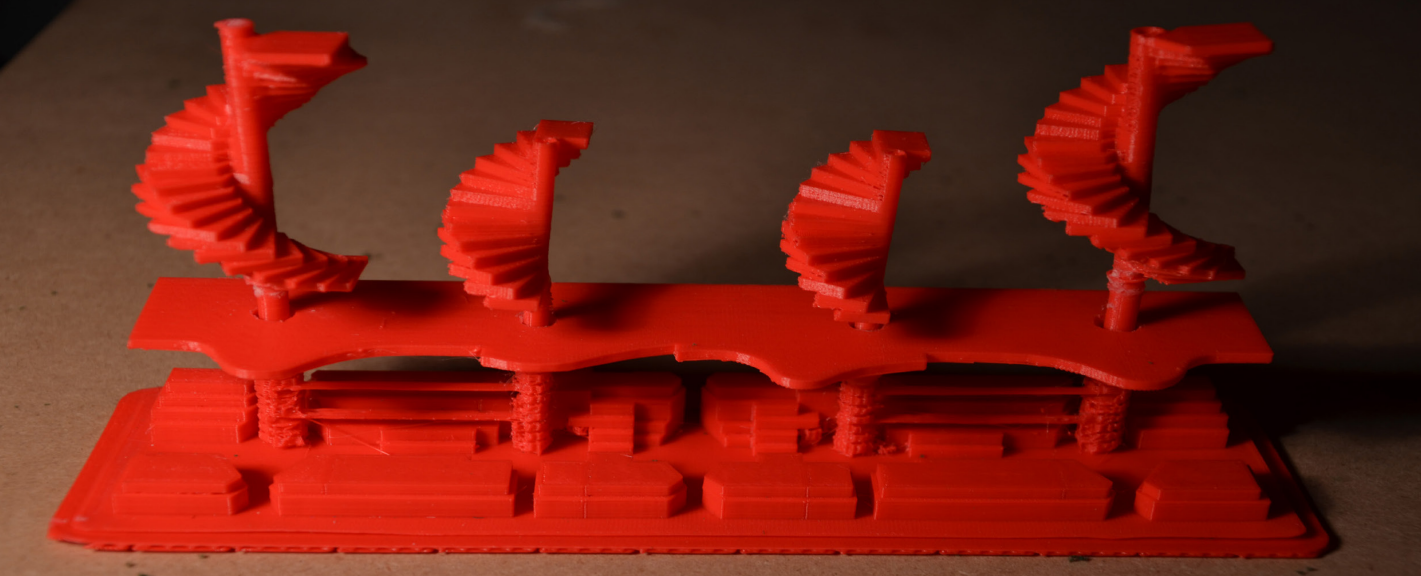


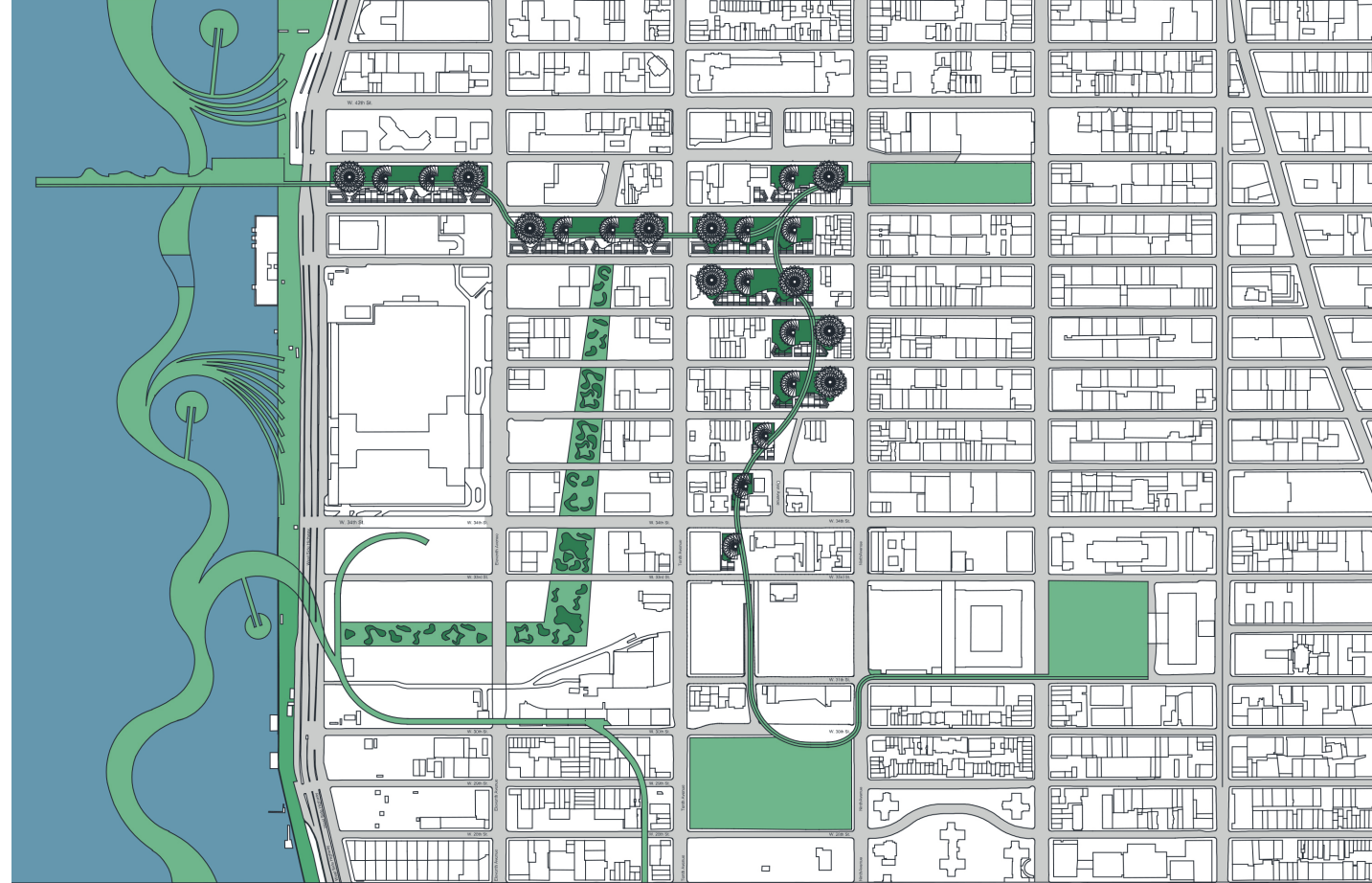
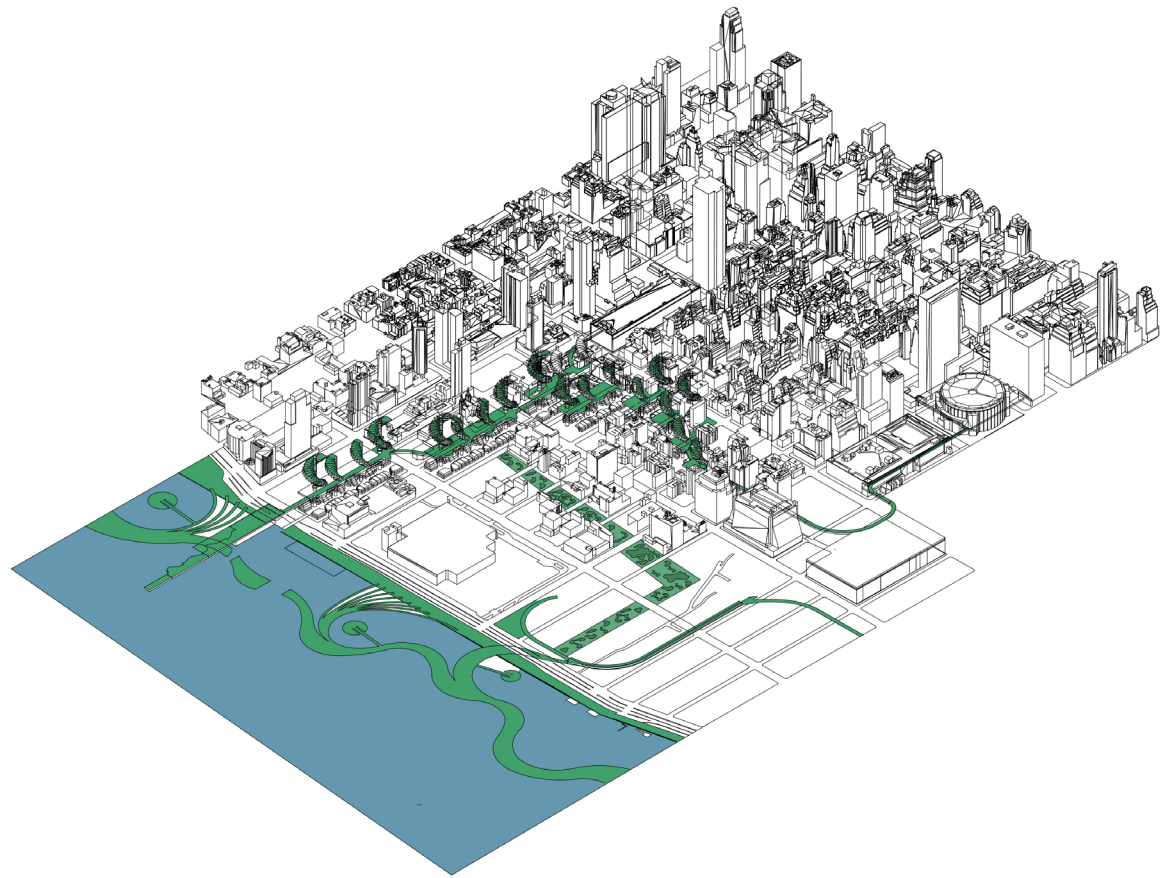
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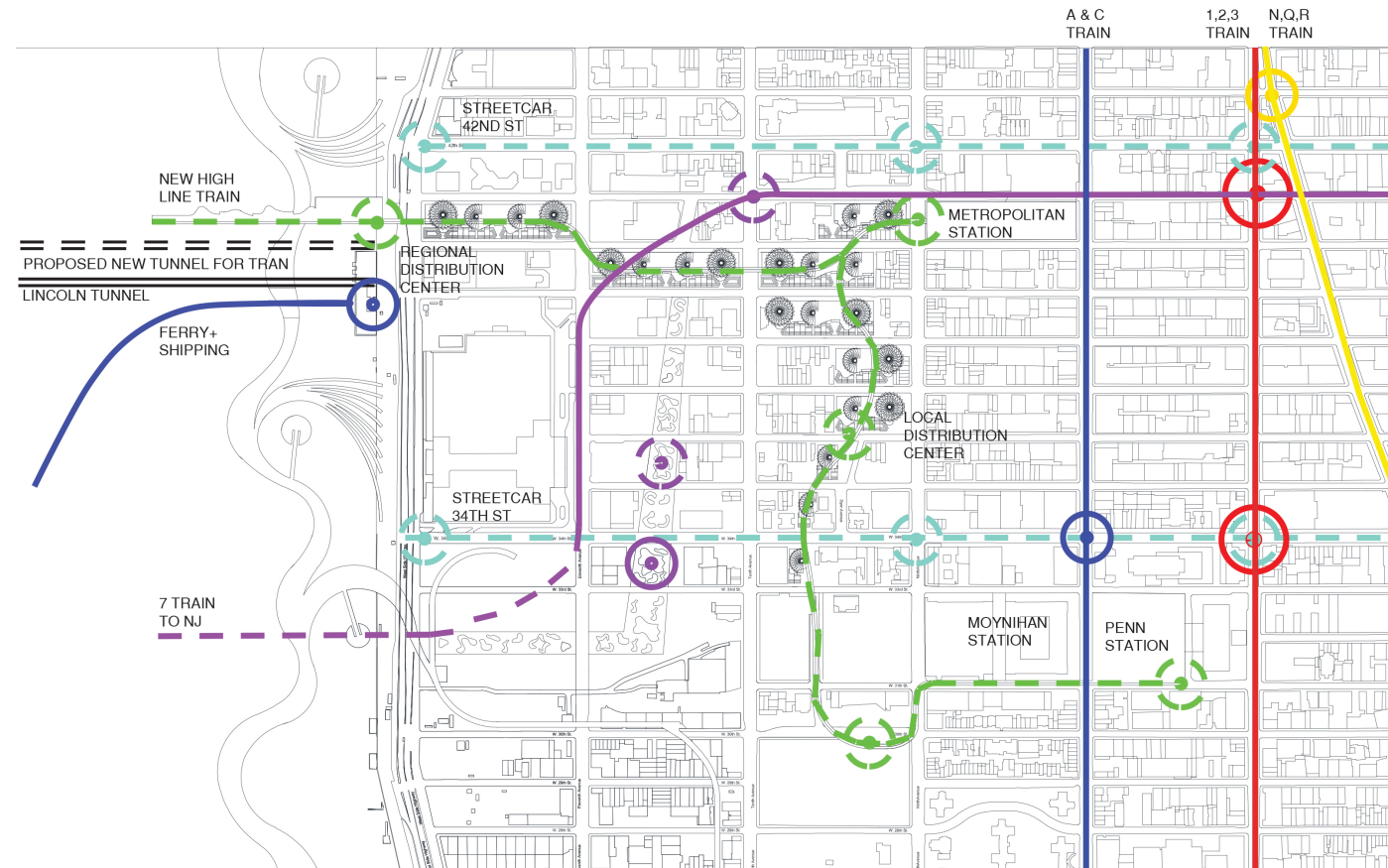






A detailed map of New York City illustrating proposed transit projects. The map highlights several key areas and routes:

- Manhattan:** Shows the Hudson River, Harlem, Upper Manhattan, and Midtown. Key locations include Times Square, Times Square-42nd St, and the 42nd St Cross-Town Corridor.
- Brooklyn:** Shows the East River, Williamsburg, and the proposed Brooklyn-Queens Streetcar line.
- Queens:** Shows the proposed Queens Streetcar line and the 42nd St Cross-Town Corridor.
- Transit Lines:**
 - Red Dashed Line:** Represents the 42nd St Cross-Town Corridor, running from Times Square in Manhattan through Queens and into the Bronx.
 - Black Solid Line:** Represents the proposed Brooklyn-Queens Streetcar line, running from the Manhattan Bridge through Queens and into the Bronx.
 - Blue Dashed Line:** Represents the proposed Queens Streetcar line, running from the Queensboro Bridge through Queens and into the Bronx.
- Stations and Landmarks:**
 - Times Square-42nd St:** A major transit hub in Manhattan.
 - 42nd St Cross-Town Corridor:** A proposed transit line connecting Times Square to the Queensboro Bridge.
 - Brooklyn-Queens Streetcar (Proposed):** A proposed streetcar line connecting the Manhattan Bridge to the Queensboro Bridge.
 - Queens Streetcar (Proposed):** A proposed streetcar line connecting the Queensboro Bridge to the Bronx.
 - Bricktown Line:** A proposed transit line connecting the Bronx to the Manhattan Bridge.



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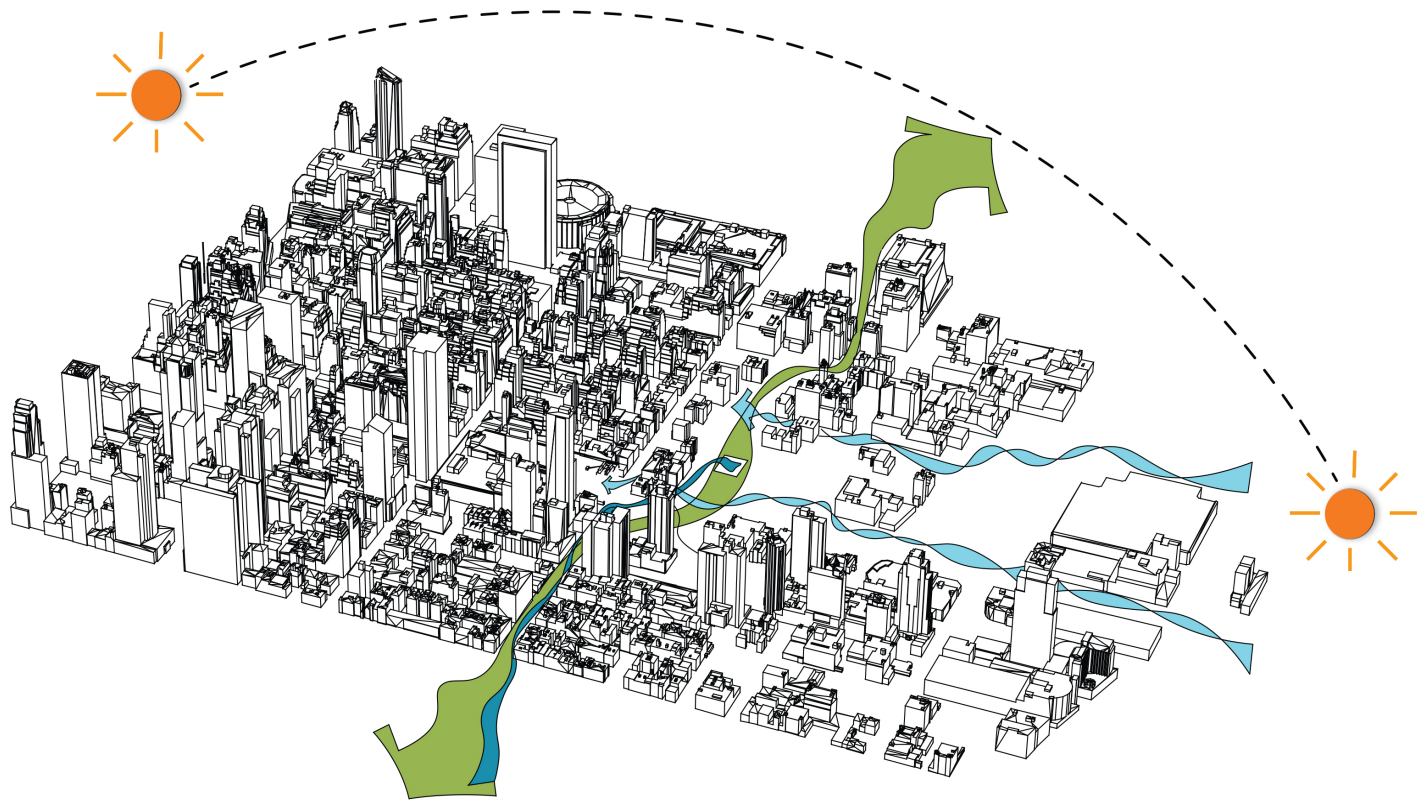
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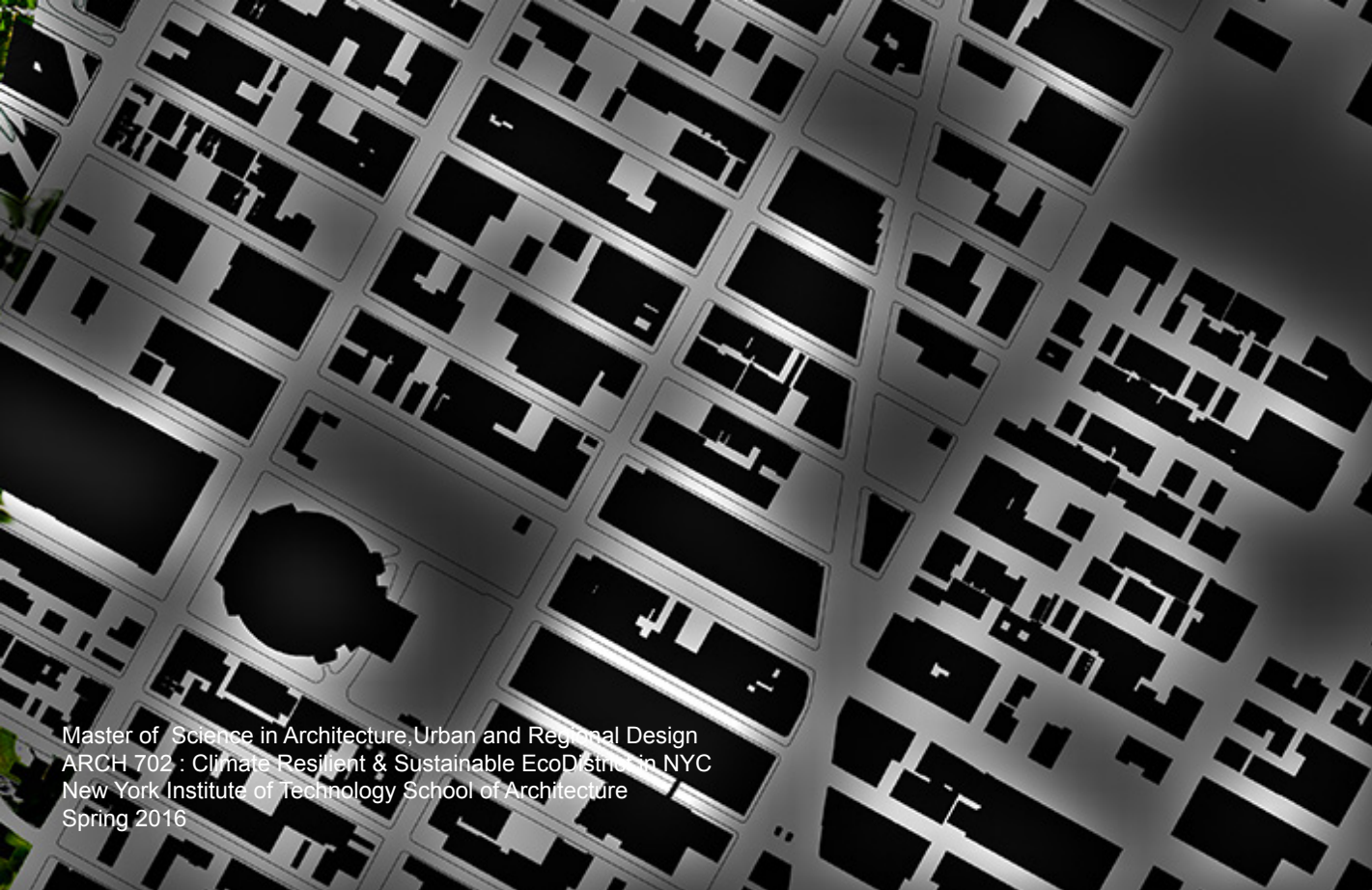
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