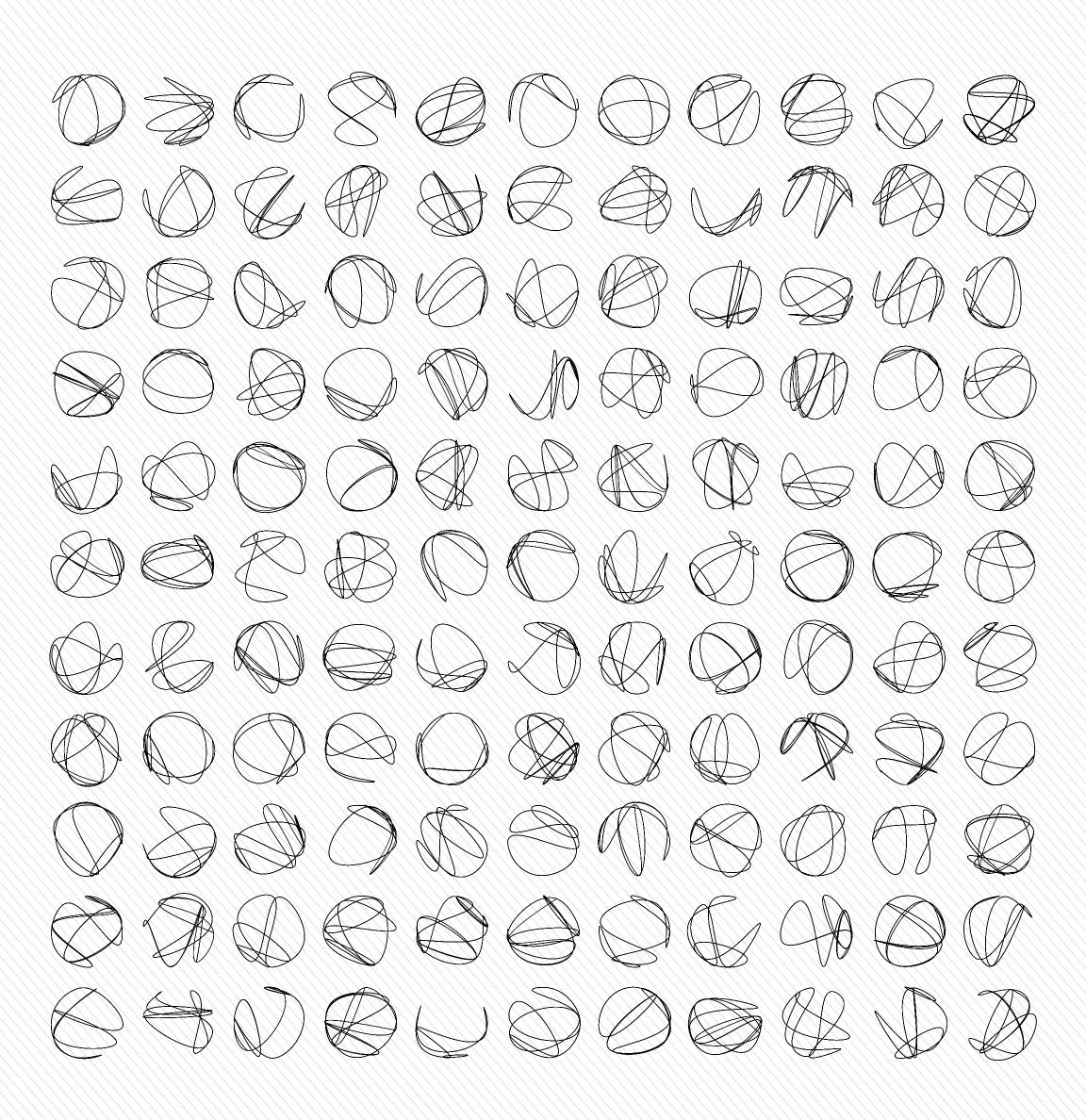
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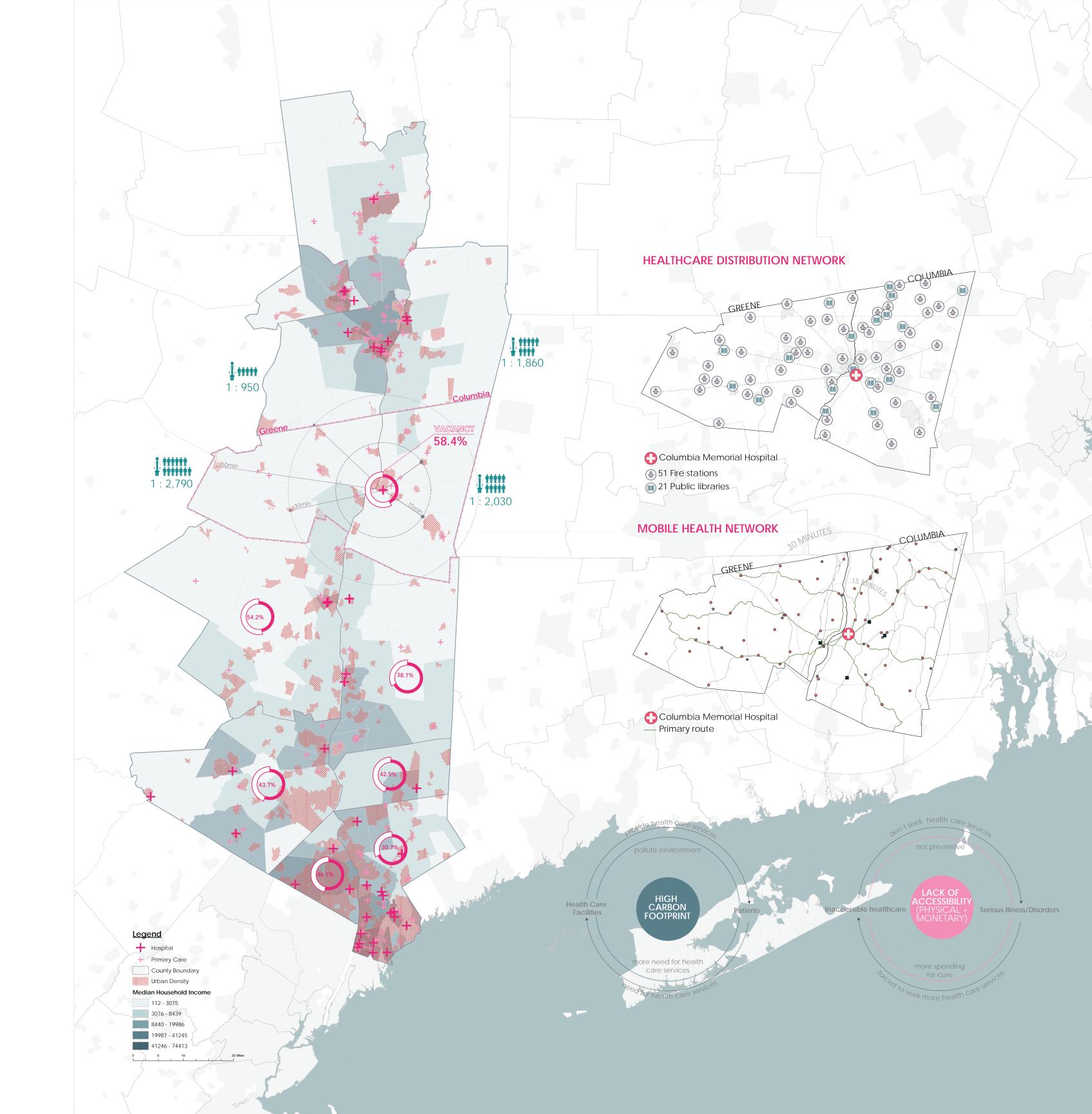
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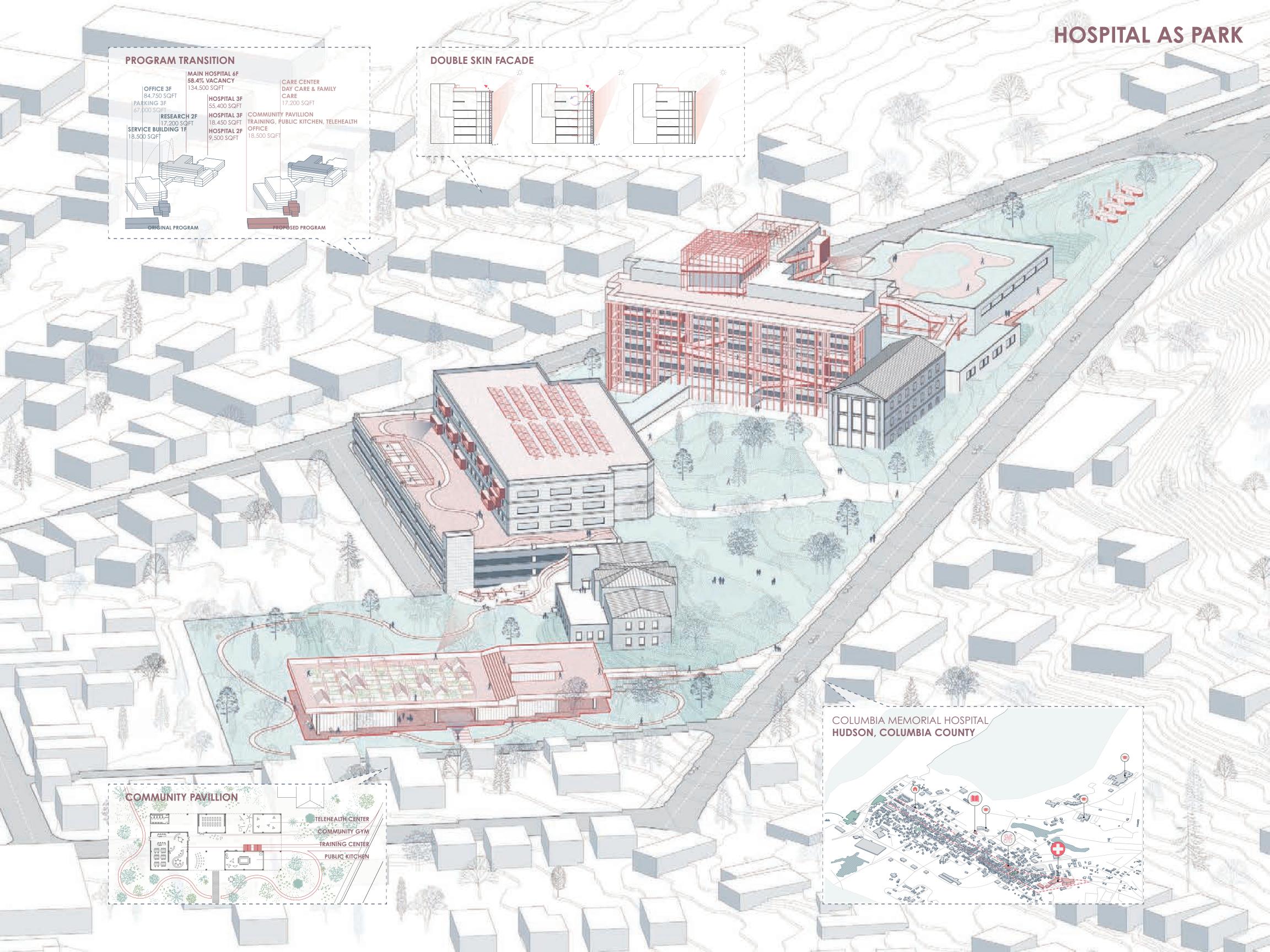
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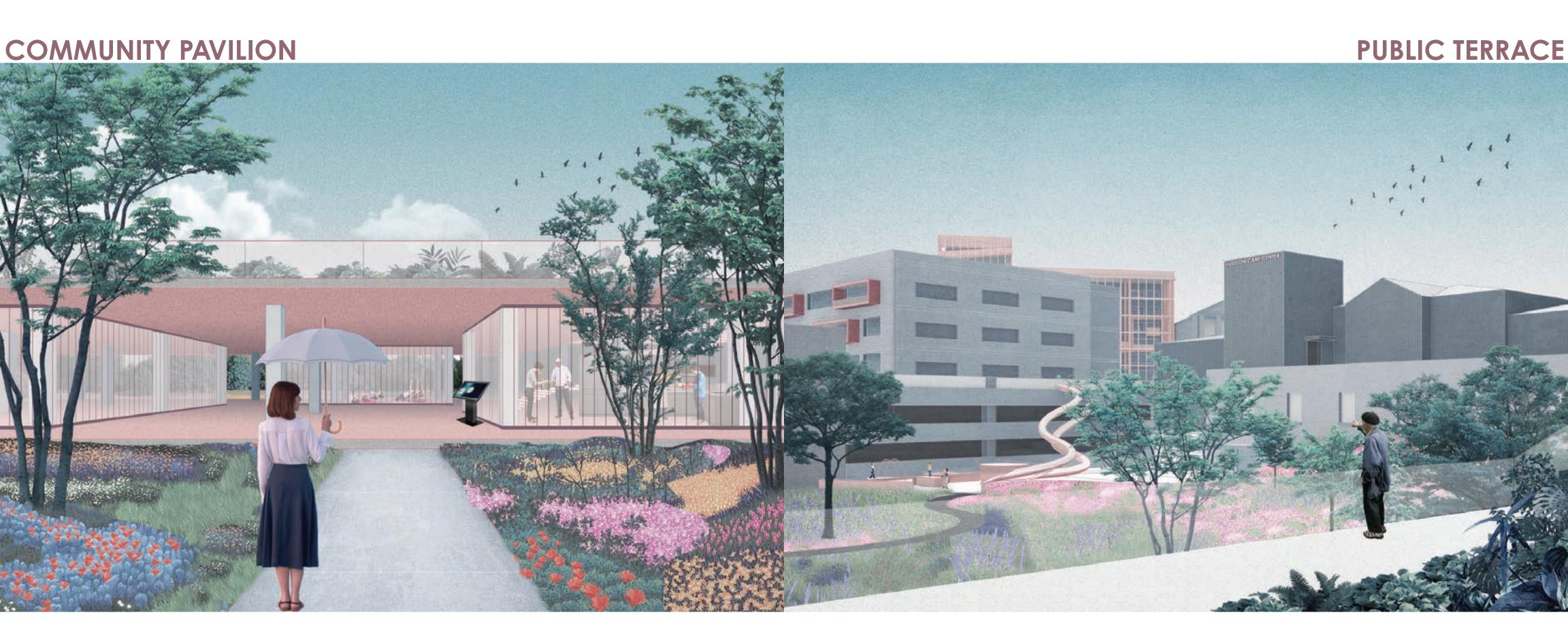
USA produces an estimated 6,456.7 million tons of CO2 every year. Healthcare industry accounts for 10% of the total greenhouse gases generated and has experienced a 30% increase in the rate of gas emissions from 2006.

In the Hudson Valley, geography of the region drives people's health seeking behavior, residents travel upto 1.5 hours one way for their basic health needs. At the same time, many hospitals in the Hudson Valley have 50% percent vacant bed space, that can be more efficiently repurposed.

The project challenges the perspective of the current healthcare system from being a measure of cure to an extension of health and wellbeing of the community. Therefore, we reimagine dispersion of wellness through an additive typology that empowers the role of social infrastructure to spread a wellness network in rural areas that substantially lower the environmental impacts of and the healthcare sector, and create an equitable and sustainable model.

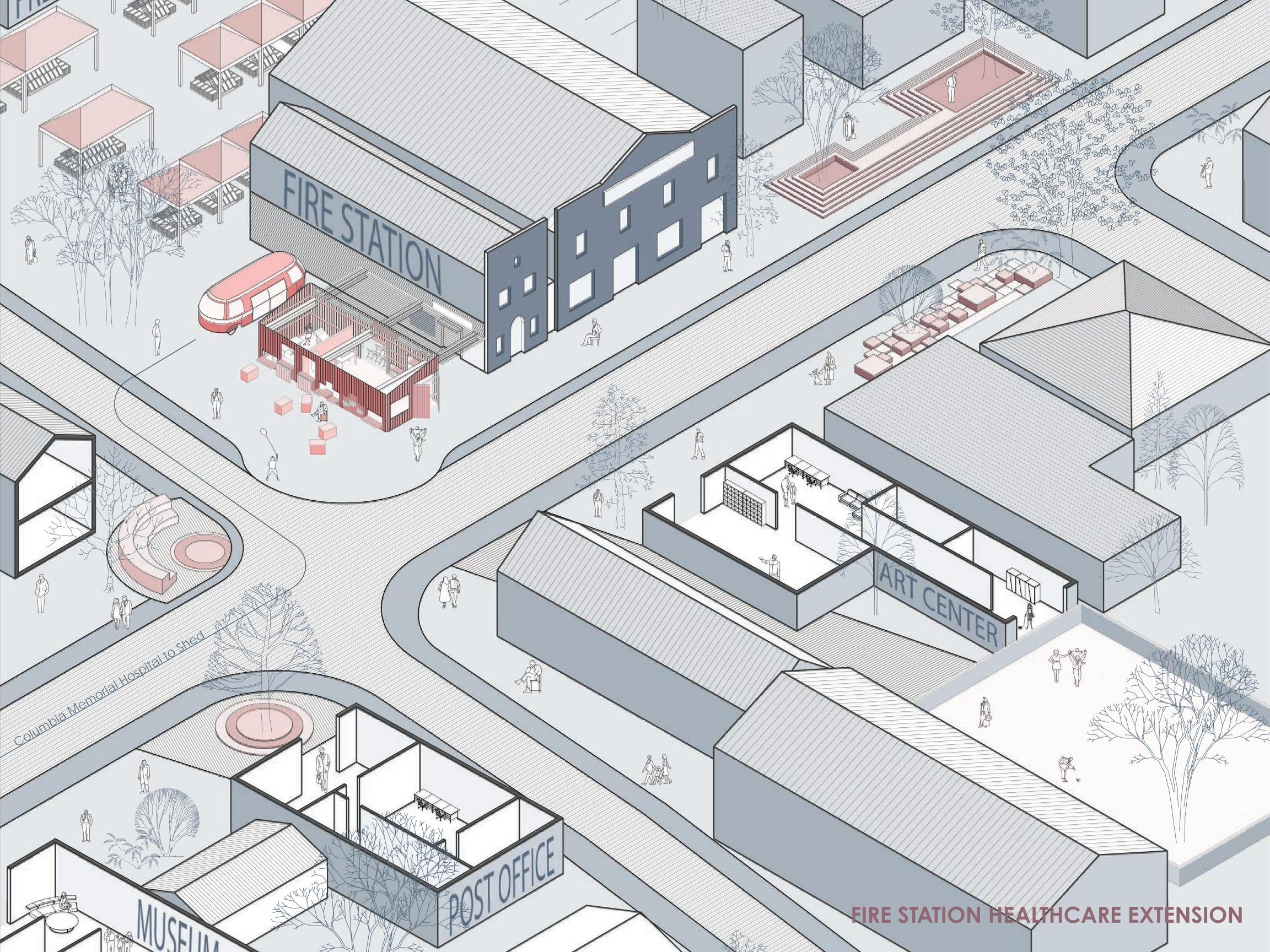




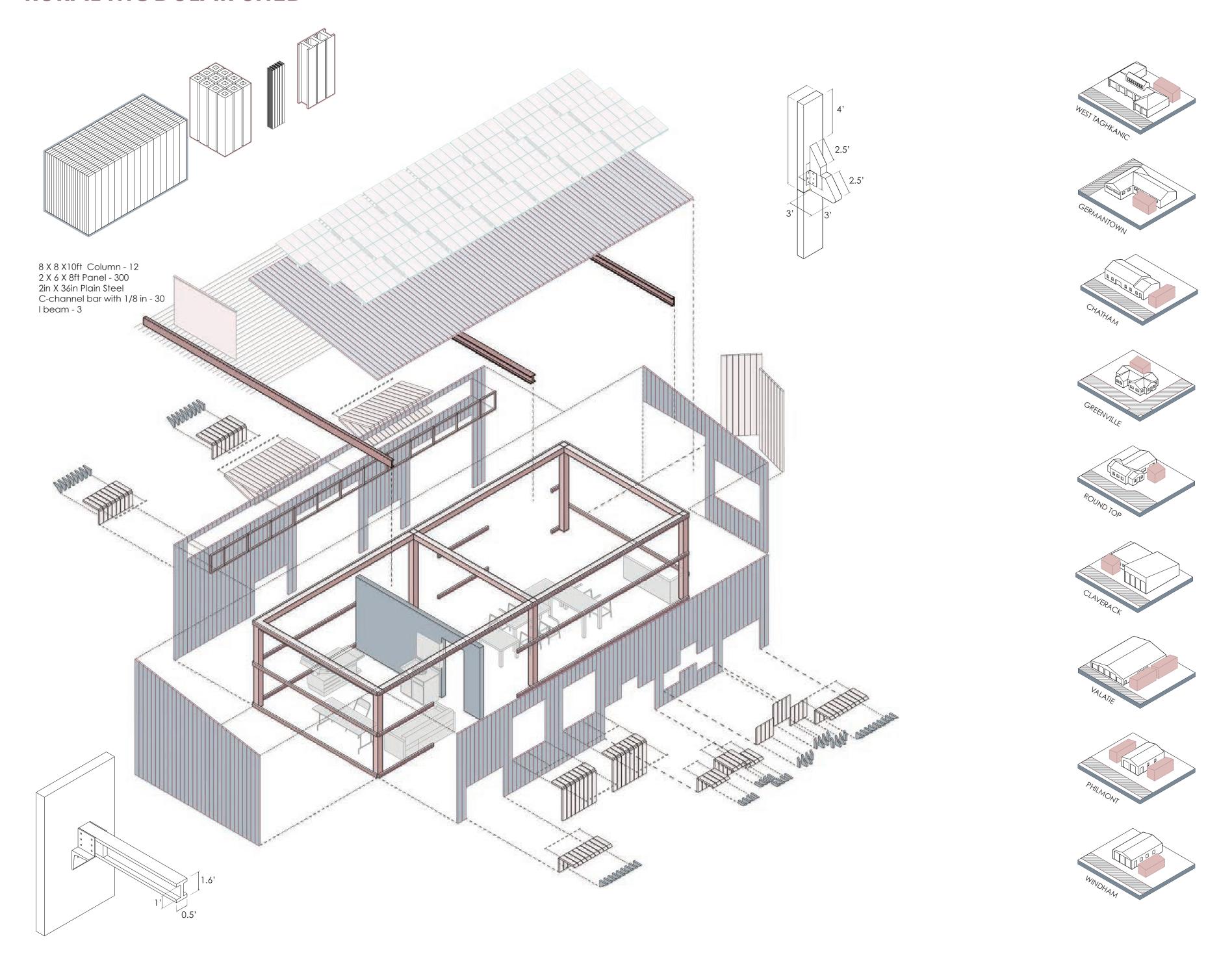


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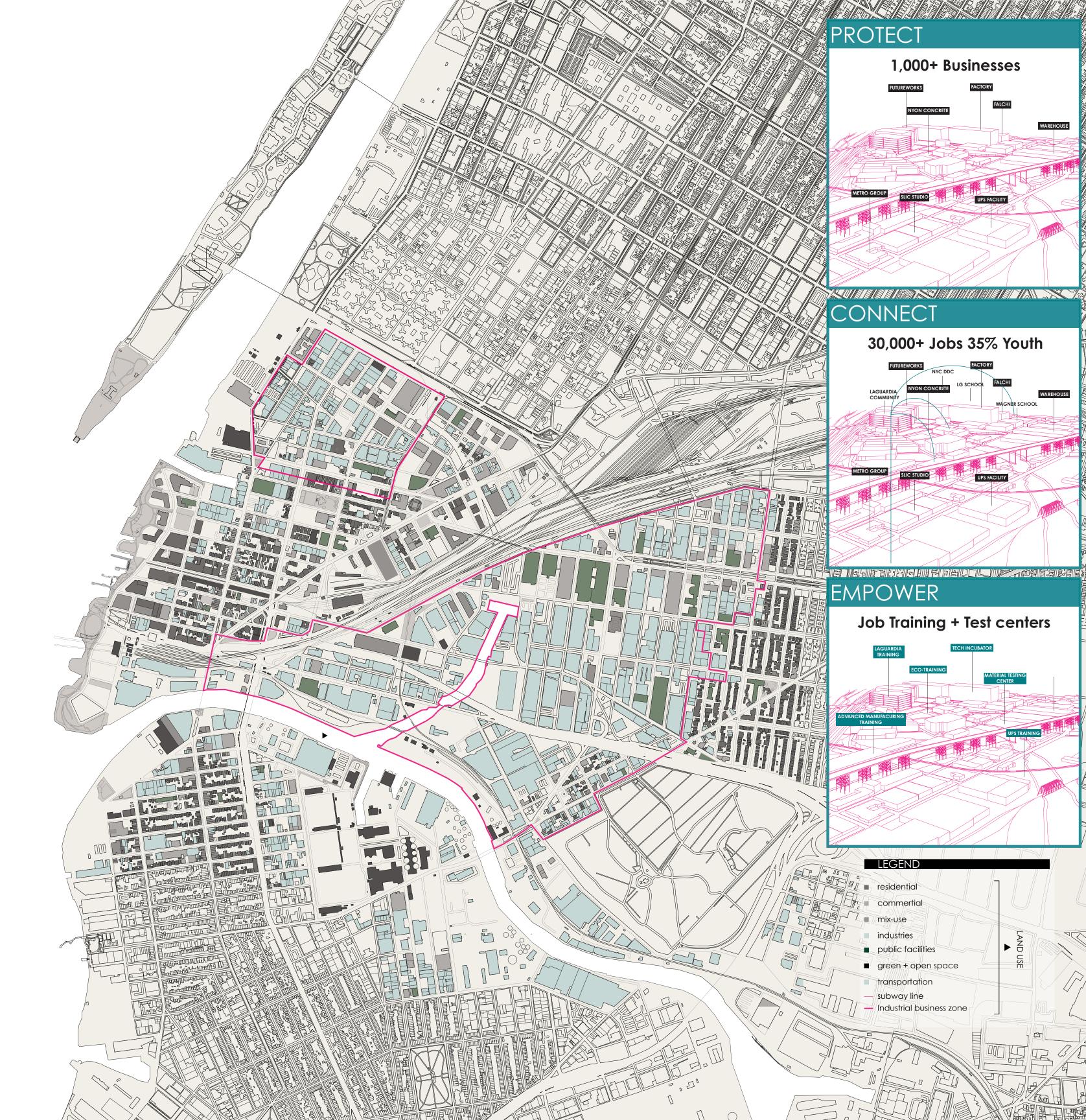




## RURAL MODULAR SHED







## **CONNECTING I.B.Z**

Industrial Resilience in Long Island City, New York

Collaborator(s): Tian Hao

East Long Island City, originally developed as a manufacturing center, is home to over a thousand business that provide 26,000+ jobs. However, many educational institutions have become part of LIC, attracting thousands of young adults to the area. East LIC Industrial business zone faces threat of displacement with growing commercial and residential needs. Despite its diverse demographic, Long Island city fails to meet the basic needs of green space, safe pedestrian access, and lack of connectivity within the education and business community.

The project proposes a transitional job platform to innovate, connect and empower youth and existing businesses in Long Island City. The testing centers knits together different programs that are accessible to the entire community such as shared working spaces, a business center, advanced manufacting training, and more.







Social Empowerment in Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel

Collaborator(s): Antonia Abell, Candelaria Mas Pohmajevic, Niharika Shekhawat

Neve Sha'anan has a unique character of transition, emphasized by the location of the Central Bus Station. It is home to migrant workers and asylum seekers from African countries, who reside in a liminal state. Their "in-betweenness" is deemed as negative by the city that is unable to meet their needs. Both people and water are contained between bureaucratic boundaries of legality and channeling. They are siloed behind the facades of Neve Sha'anan and the walls of the Ayalon Highway.

Therefore, our project aims to empower residents of Neve Sha'anan, through a new Community Action Lab, and bringing to light its marginalized community and ecological assets.



## Neve Sha'anan Action Lab



A series of community-driven projects are carried out in Neve Sha'anan through funding provided by the municipality (through Mesila) and grassroot organizations such as the ONYA Collective. Neve Sha'anan could be empowered by the people and for the people. The Action Lab leverages social capital as an incentive to promote civic participation, striving to bring positive change in migrants' quality of life.



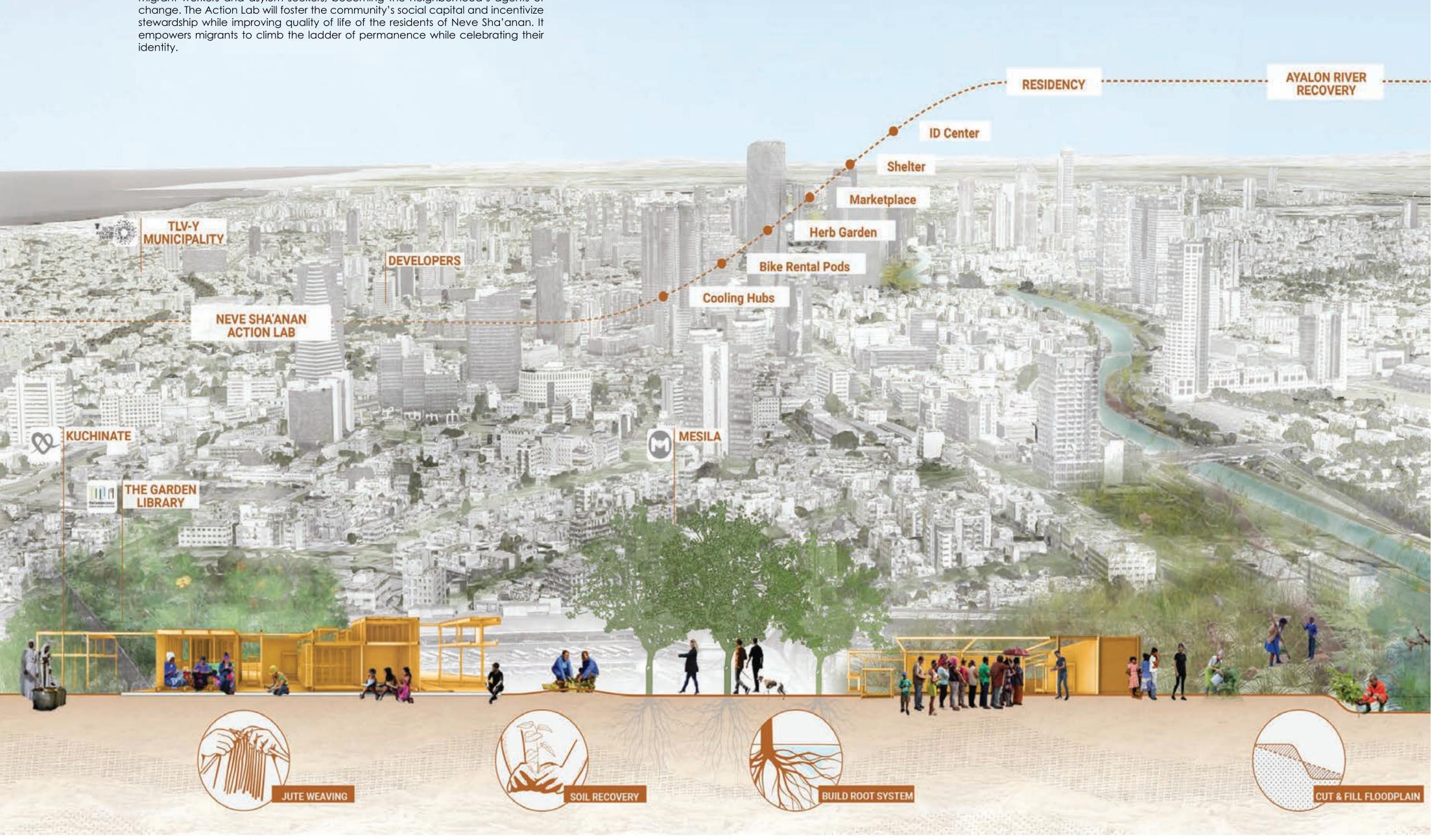


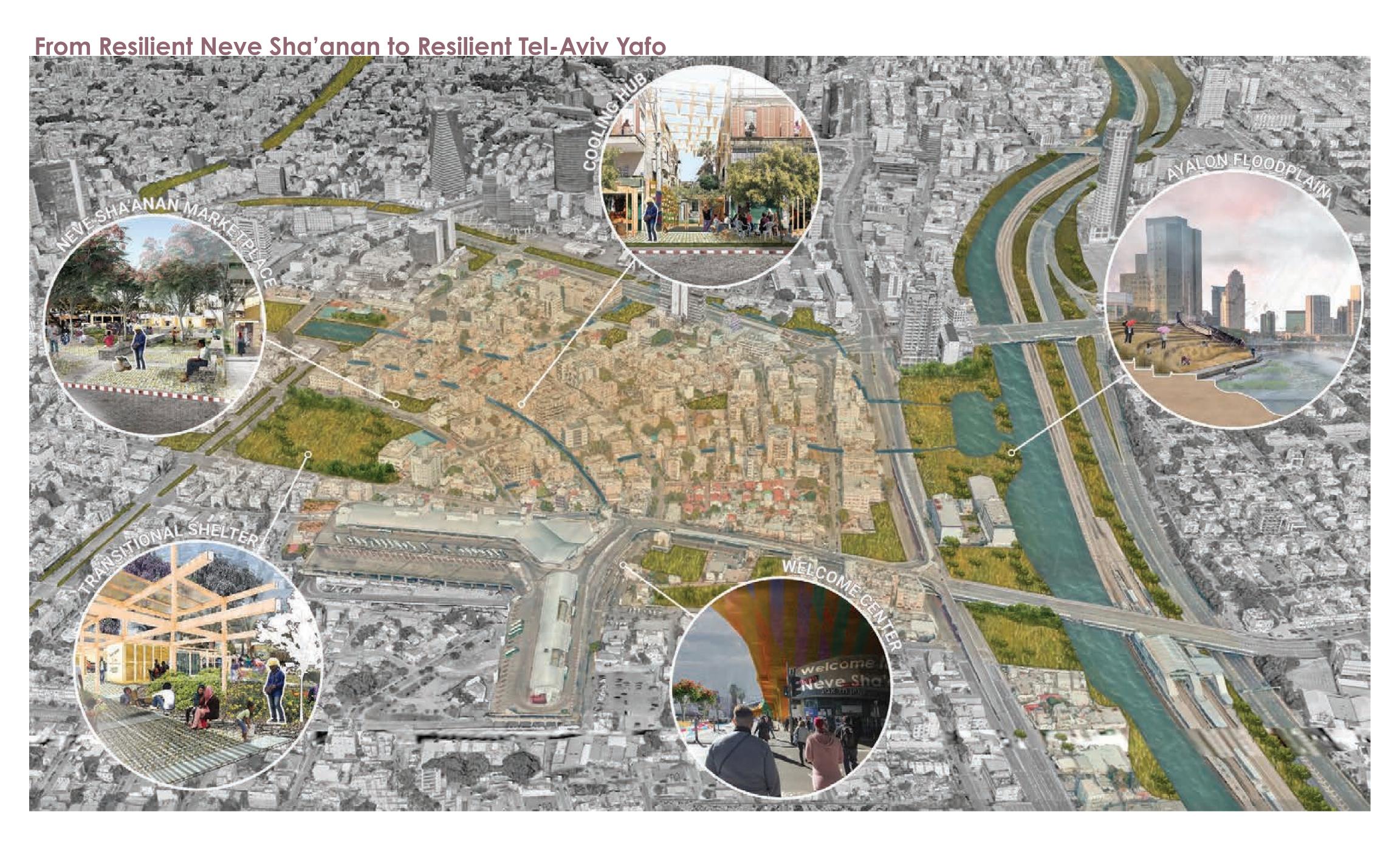




## **Empowering south Tel Aviv-Yafo** through collaborative design

The public-private partnership will enable Neve Sha'anan Action Lab to train migrant workers and asylum seekers, becoming the neighborhood's agents of change. The Action Lab will foster the community's social capital and incentivize stewardship while improving quality of life of the residents of Neve Sha'anan. It





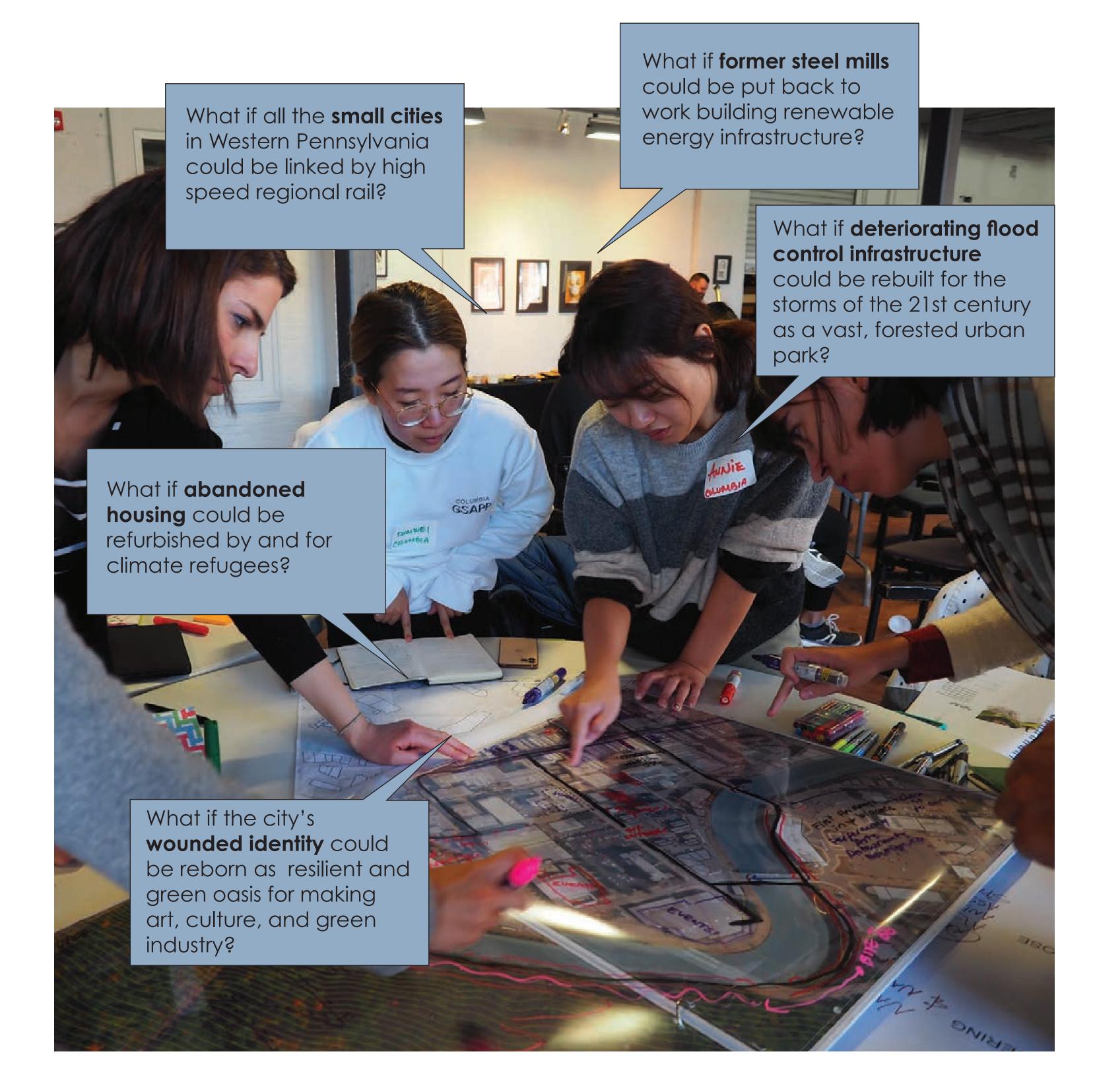
The interventions of the Action Lab extend to the city, reaching the Ayalon floodplain and connecting the new pedestrian streets with Rothschild Boulevard.

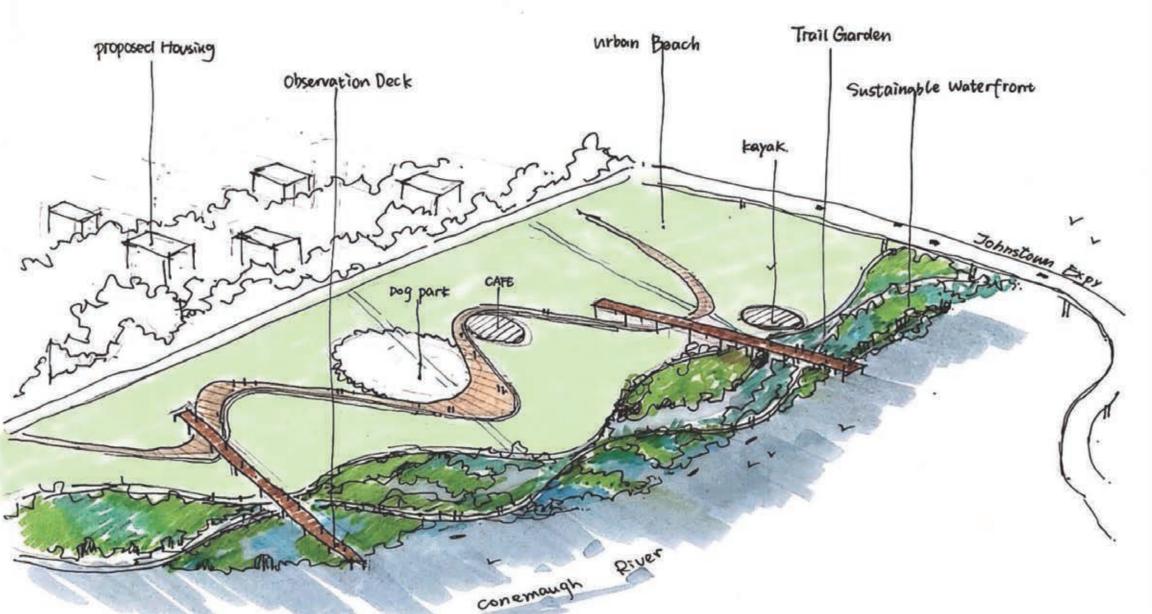
Through a strong workforce the migrants and asylum seekers will unbuild the Ayalon Highway and recover the river edge. The space will be transformed into an expanded floodplain during the winter, while serving as a public water-sensitive infrastructure for Tel Aviv-Yafo during the warm months.

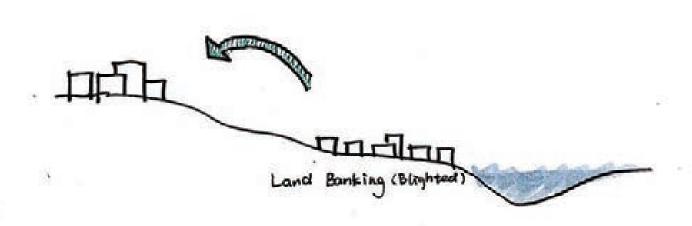


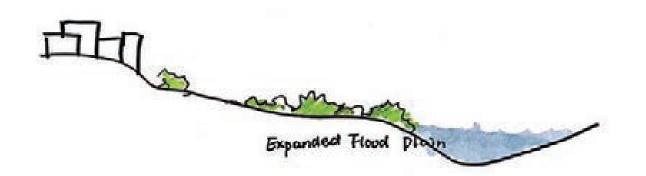
Can Johnstown's rivers become resilient infrastructure and support economic revitalization? How can re-imagining the Conemaugh and Stoneycreek Rivers help catalyze reinvestment in infrastructure, revivify civic life, and create economic opportunity for Johnstown in the 21st century?

Johnstown Vision 2025 is working with Columbia University students and faculty from the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation and the Center for Resilient Cities and Landscapes to facilitate a workshop with the Johnstown Interagency Taskforce, a coalitio n of 30 federal, state, and local government agencies and community representatives that has met twice annually since 2017 to coordinate resources and investment in the City. Previous workshop topics have included Grant Funding Opportunities, Economic Diversification, and Public Risk Management. The objective of this workshop is toidentify and illustrate the city's current resilience priorities, policies, and projects; and to discuss opportunities for coordination of efforts toward resilient infrastructure and landscapes.







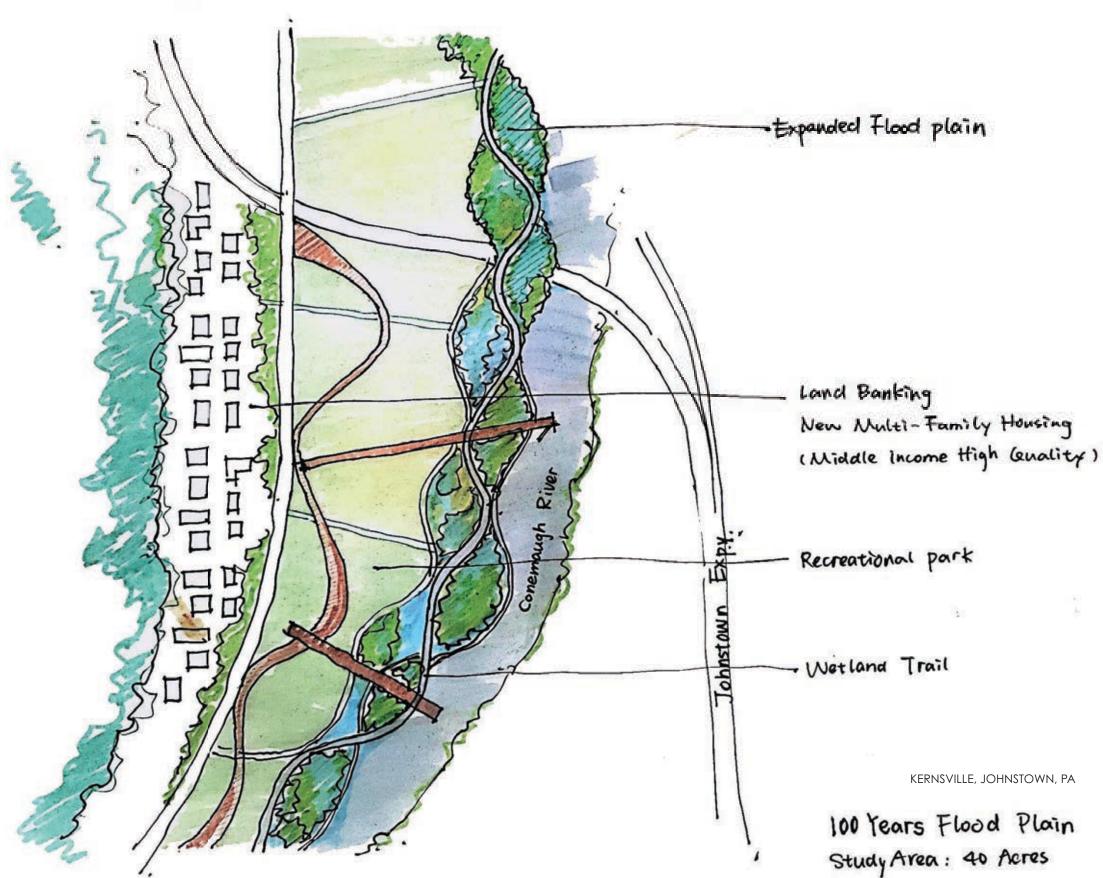


LAND BANKING STRATEGY

Johnstown's water problems don't start or end at the river. A consent decree is mandating that every household make improvements to ensure that stormwater does not overwhelm the waste-water treatment plant. With increased precipitation, Johnstown will need even more storage for water. More grey solutions--tanks and pipes--will be costly to build and maintain, prone to failure, and not provide the added benefits provided by the green alternative: a forest.

If blighted properties beyond repair along the rivers could be assembled into a landbank, the riverlands could expand into a vast, forested park that could help to absorb stormwater in regular storms, act as holding reservoirs in flood stage, and provide an enormous public benefit in good weather. The park could also be designed to help to remediate the remaining acid mine discharge sites.

The Johnstown River Park would help to realize a vision that was articulated again and again during the workshop: Johnstown as a green oasis, a mountain town surrounded by lush, green hillsides and crystalline watercourses, a centerpiece in a regional network of hiking trails that meet in Johnstown and extend to Pittsburgh, New York and Washington D.C.





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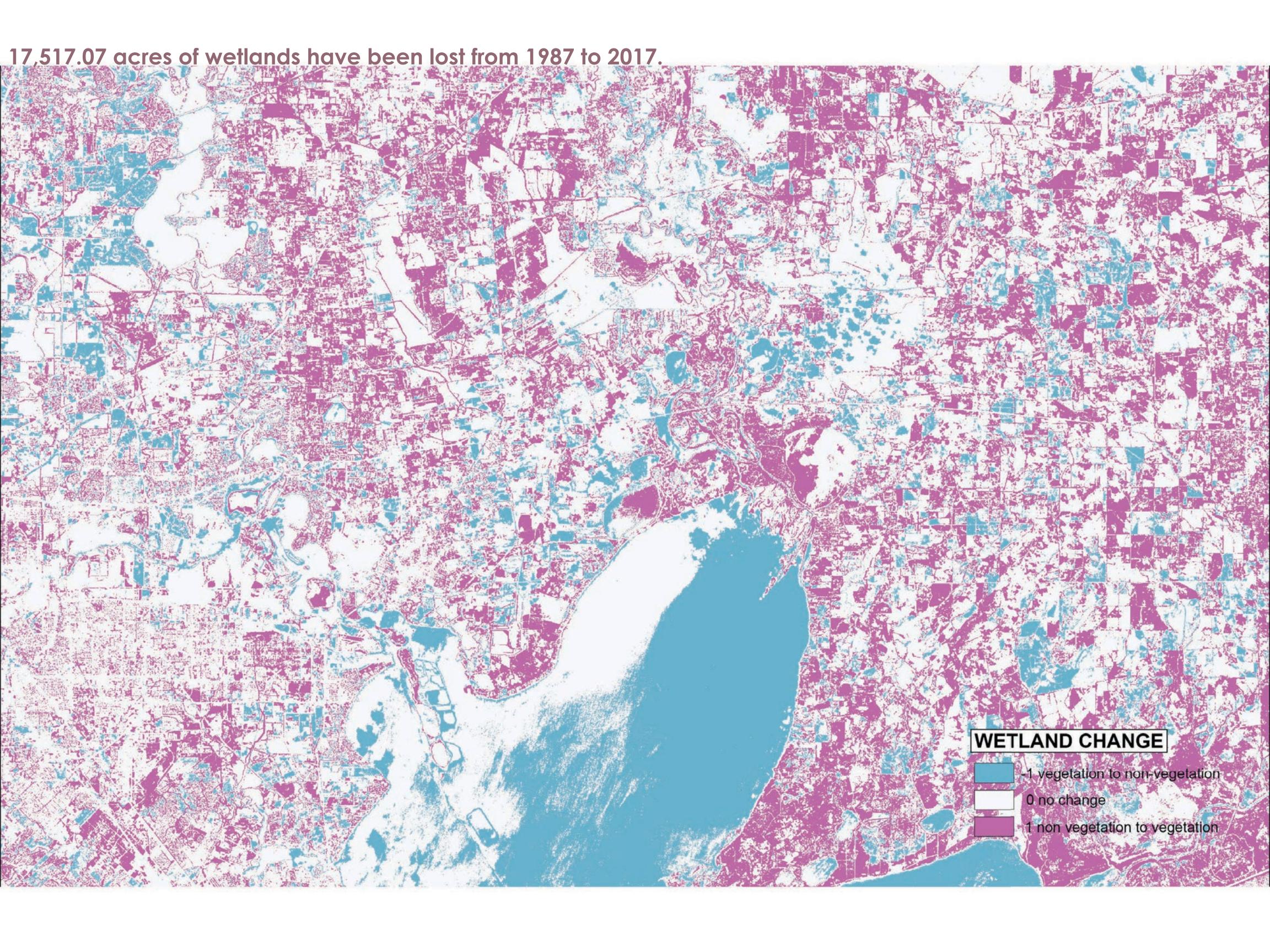
Four major hurricanes – Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria – have ravaged the US in 2017. Since hurricane forecasting has vastly improved in the past century, many lives have been saved. However, despite the accurate forecasting, the damages incurred during the last year's season have been among the most costly in recorded history. Advances in forecasting have not stopped us from continuing to build in the floodplain.

This project starts with the hypothesis that in the case of Houston, TX, the loss of wetlands as a result of lax regulations and rampant development has been a major cause of flooding that ultimately resulted in catastrophic property damage. There is a scientific consensus that wetlands can absorb large amounts of flood water. While it is fair to say that the vanished wetlands of Houston wouldn't have prevented flooding, experts agree that they would have made it a lot less painful. Using false color satellite imagery, we will visualize and measure the loss of wetlands in Houston, TX, between 1987 and 2017.











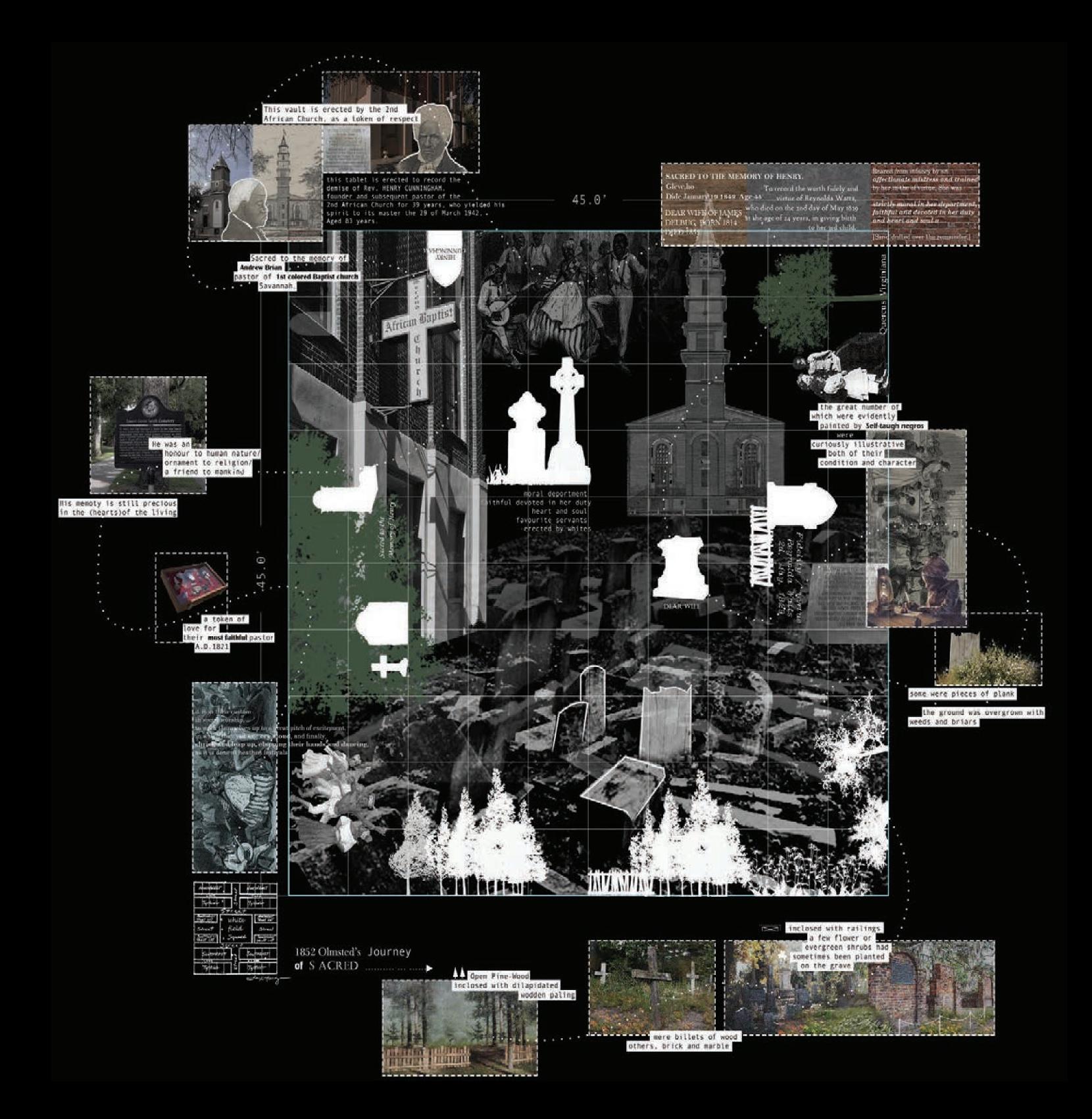
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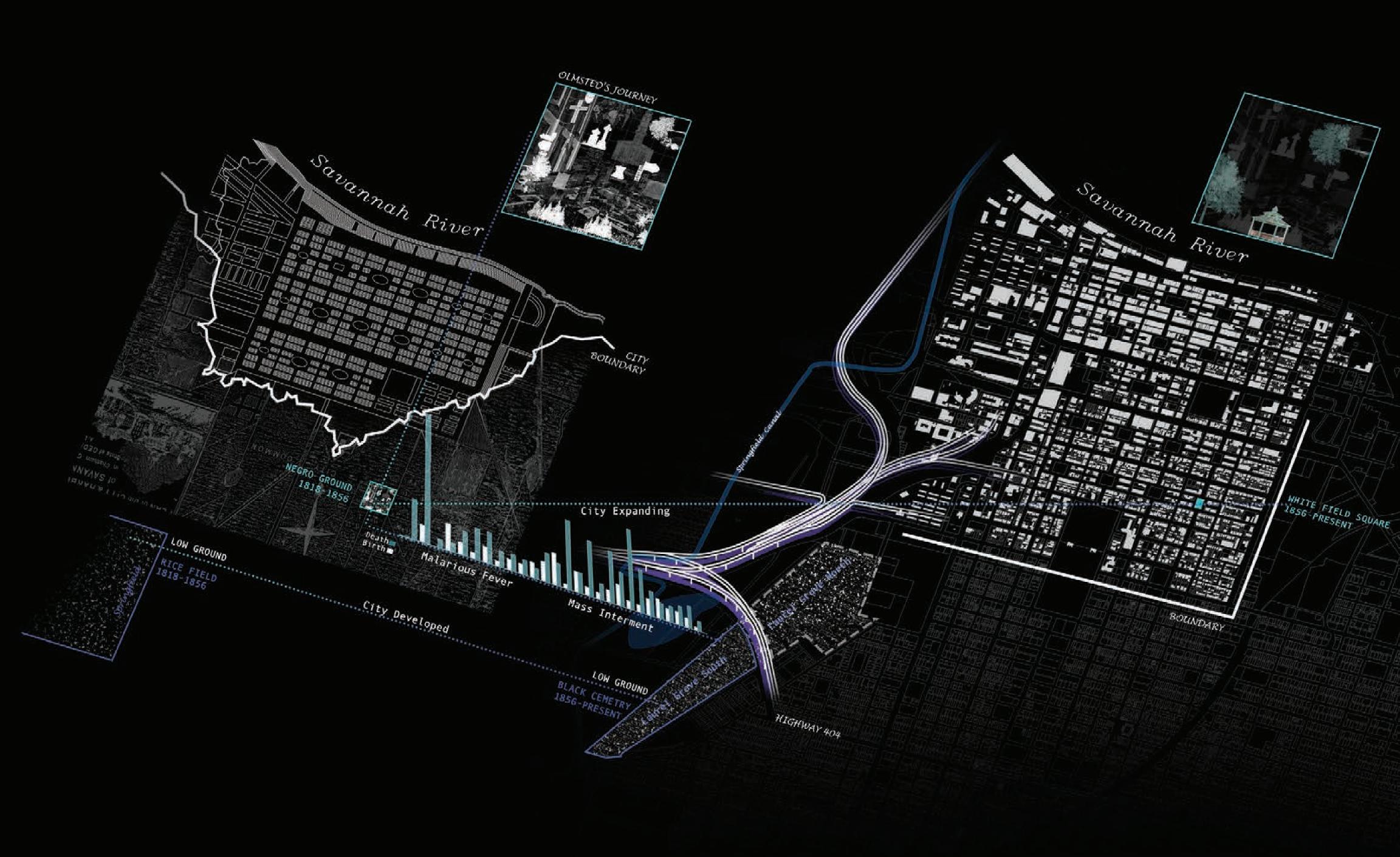
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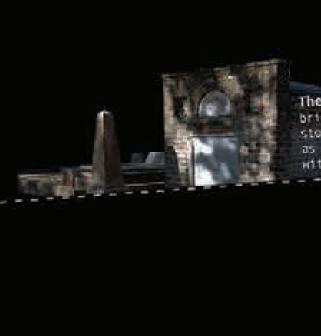
During his journey through the Southern slave states, Olmsted visited Savannah's first African burial ground. He records materiality and inscriptions on tombstones that are the only remaining public documentation of the lives of Savannah's most important black citizens of the time. However, in 1853, the tombstones Olmsted documented were removed, in order to install Whitefield Square in an area of the city that was seeing intense development pressure from the growing city. Today, there are no physical remnants of its black history, amidst a wealthy, white neighborhood with gardens, live oaks (Quercus virginiana), and a gazebo at its center. In 1853, the city expansion led to the pushing away of the burial ground further south, a low marsh land rice plantation to a new location called the Laurel Grove Cemetery. The African burial ground has since faced unswerving neglect located farthest from the city as well as at the lowest land among the rice plantations.

The project, Sacred Grounds maps the transformation of the burial grounds through spatial data analysis and reveals its history of racial segregation that exists until today. Whitefield Square, the site of the African burial ground Olmsted documents, remains one of the wealthiest white neighborhoods in Savannah today. Conversely, Laurel Grove Cemetery continues to be a lower income Black neighborhood segregated socially and physically by Highway 204.





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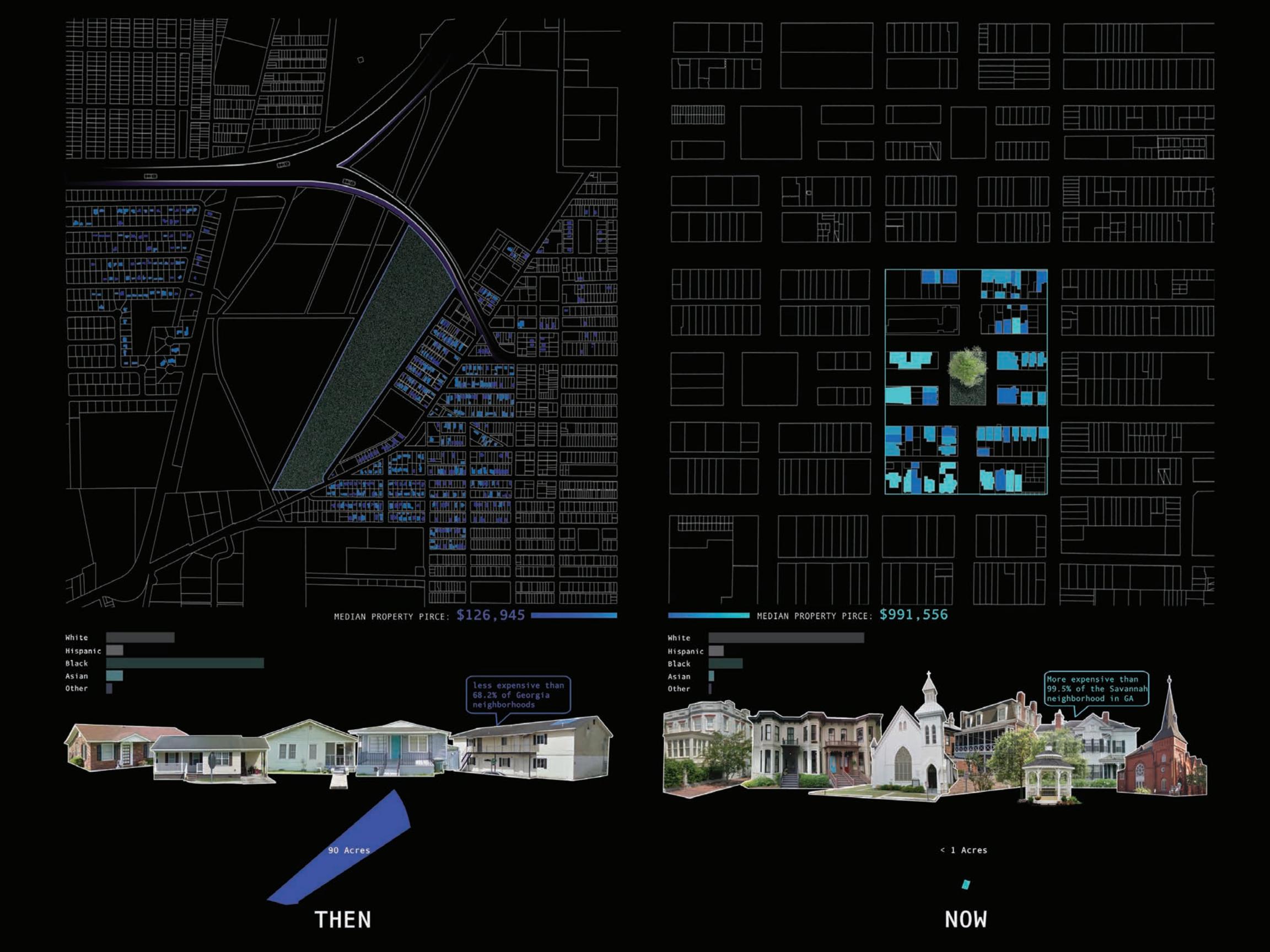
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PLANTATION SLAVES EN MASSE FROM OLD BURIAL GROUND

SMALL STONE TABLET

LAUREL GROVE SOUTH 1853-PRESENT



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