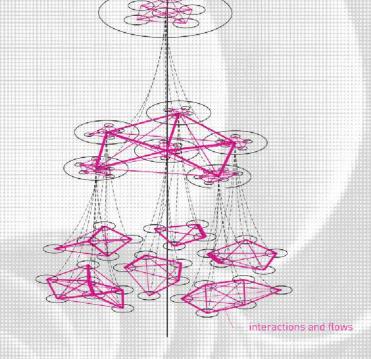
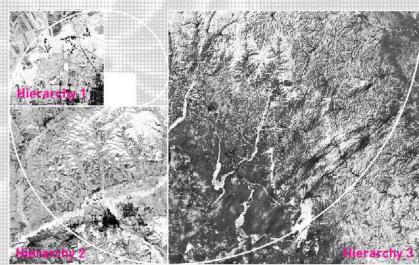
PORTFOLIO

ZHANG MENGHAN

CREATING SELF-ORGANIZTING LANDSCAPE





RECURRENT LANDSCAPE PATTERNS IN DIFFERENT SCALES

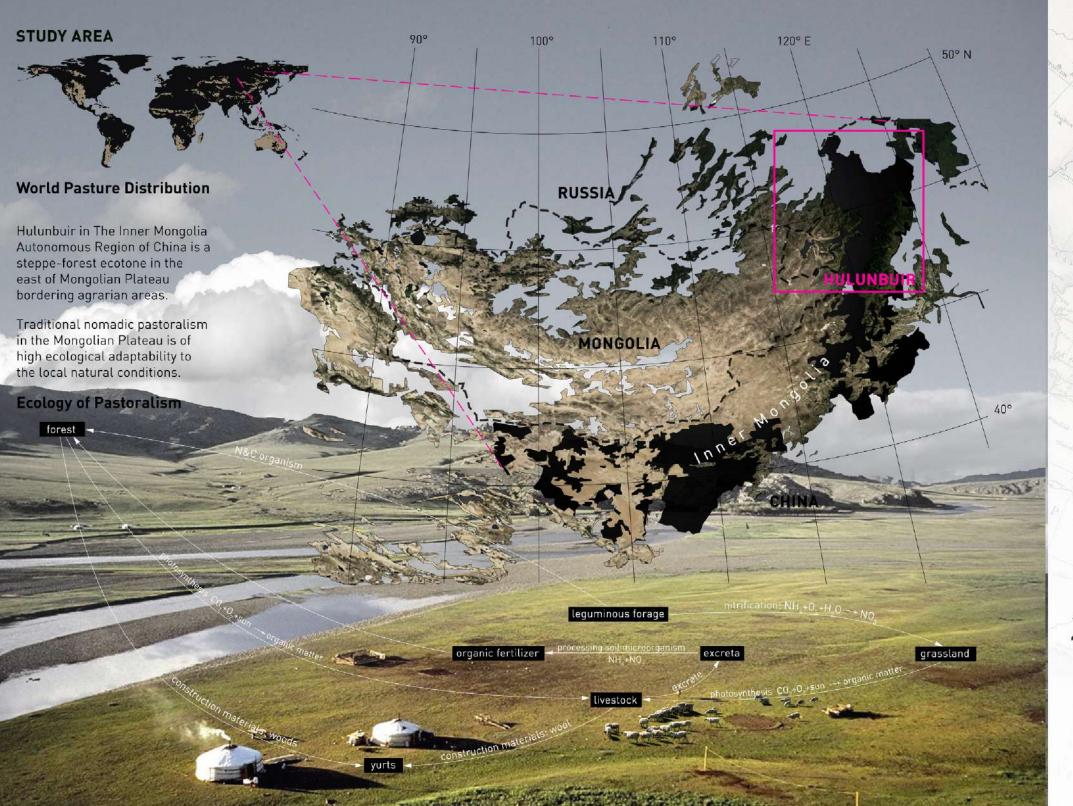
LANDSCAPE IN EVOLUTION

CREATING A RESILIENT NOMADIC LANDSCAPE FROM BOTTOM UP IN HULUNBUIR

AWARD: HONOR AWARD OF 2017 ASLA STUDENT AWARDS, ANALYSIS AND PLANNING CATEGORY

> LOCATION: Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia, China SIZE: 260.000km² COLLABORATOR: Liu Jingyi, Wang Mingrui, Li Nating, Shang Erji, Zhou Juelin

Based on analysis of complex factors influencing the evolutionary process of Hulunbuir, the landscape is considered and created as an agent-based self-organizing system from bottom up, which is resilient and adaptable to the environment and ever-changing in time. Rather than landscape configurations, rotational Units are proposed as the main strategy rearranging the different forms of land uses to occupy particular patches in a recursive sequence to solve conflicting human activities. Specific approaches are further explored and proposed for grassland restoration, grass-forest intercropping, mine tailings restoration, water supply improvement, groundwater replenishing and wind energy utilization in some envisioned future scenarios.



EBB OF FLOW OF THE NOMADIC PASTORALISM IN INNER MONGOLIA



Before 13th century

Several centrally organized yurts surrounded by a drapery formed a unit called replaced Gulieyan. Gulievan for nomadic and military activities.

Mongolian yurt appeared.

800 BC

Nomadic pastoralism became the dominant form of land-use.

13-17th century

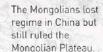
An decentralized form of organization called Ayıl gradually

1271-1279

Kublai Khan unified China and founded Yuan Dynastity.



Genghis Khan united all Mongolian tribes and established the Mongol Empire. The nomadic pastoralism was in its



The Manchu took control of China and the Mongol Plateau. The Qing government established states and counties in the Mongolian Plateau to strengthen the central power. Nomadism were limited within each

2000-present

CHINESE & INDEPENDENT

NEW MAP

FROM THE LATEST AUTHORITIES Bo JOHN CARY, Engineer

1902

Under the financial pressure of the Boxer Indemnity, the Qing government enacted a reclanation policy. Large areas of grasslands turned into farmland.

1740s

Immigration of agrarian populations was permitted by the government.

Due to a great famine. a large number of peasants rushed in, cultivating grasslands for survival.

1624-1644

1983-2000

With the Household Contract Responsibility System promoted since 1983, grasslands turned into individual herding households, resulting in reduced livestock mobility and fragmented landscape.

1949-1983

The PRC government took control of Inner Mongolia. The cultivated area in Inner Mongolia increased dramatically from about 4 to 5.3 million ha. Simultaneously, large-scale resource extraction has started since the 1950s.



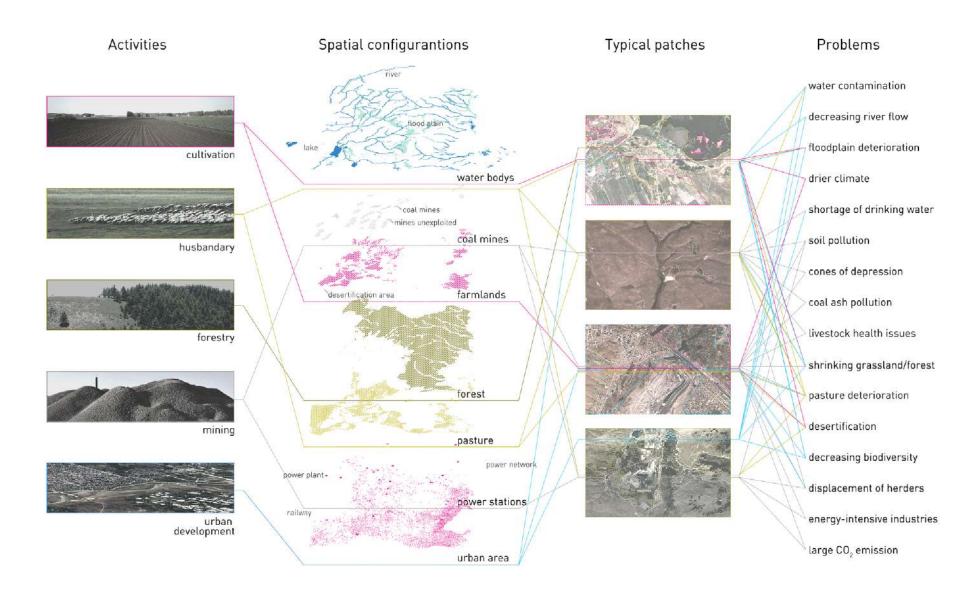
Formative period | Prosperous period

Agrarian culture invasion

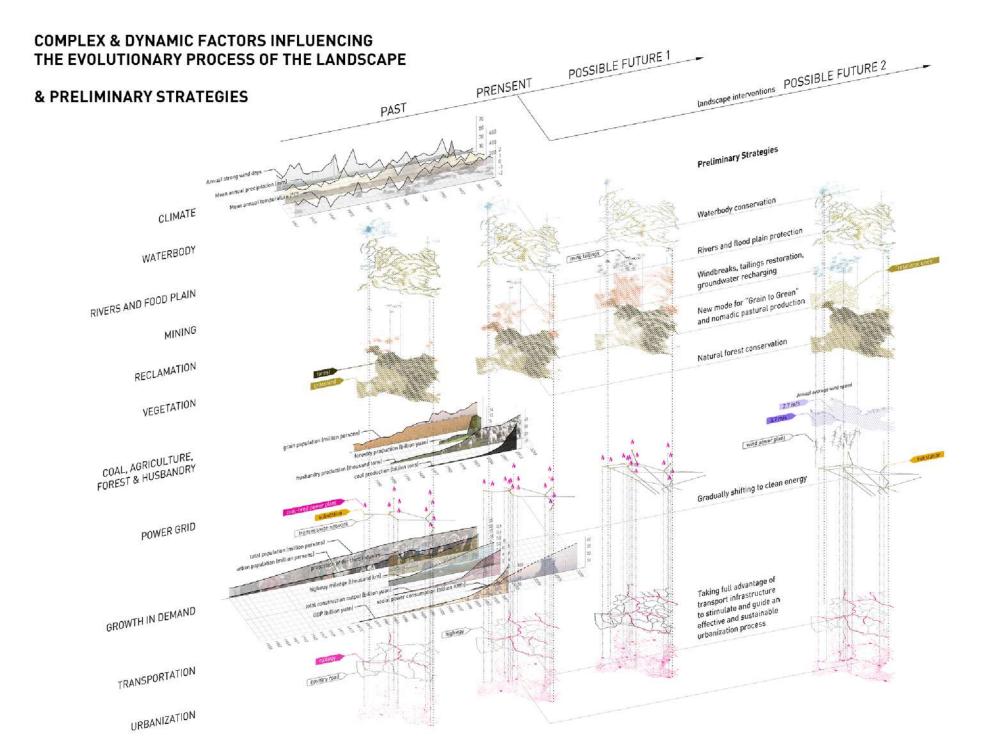


Nomadic pastoralism was once prosperous, but the land use competition between pastoralists and agrarian populations had never ceased in history. Today, the traditional nomadic lifestyle is coming to an end with the process of industrialization and urbanization.

CONTRADICTORY LAND USES

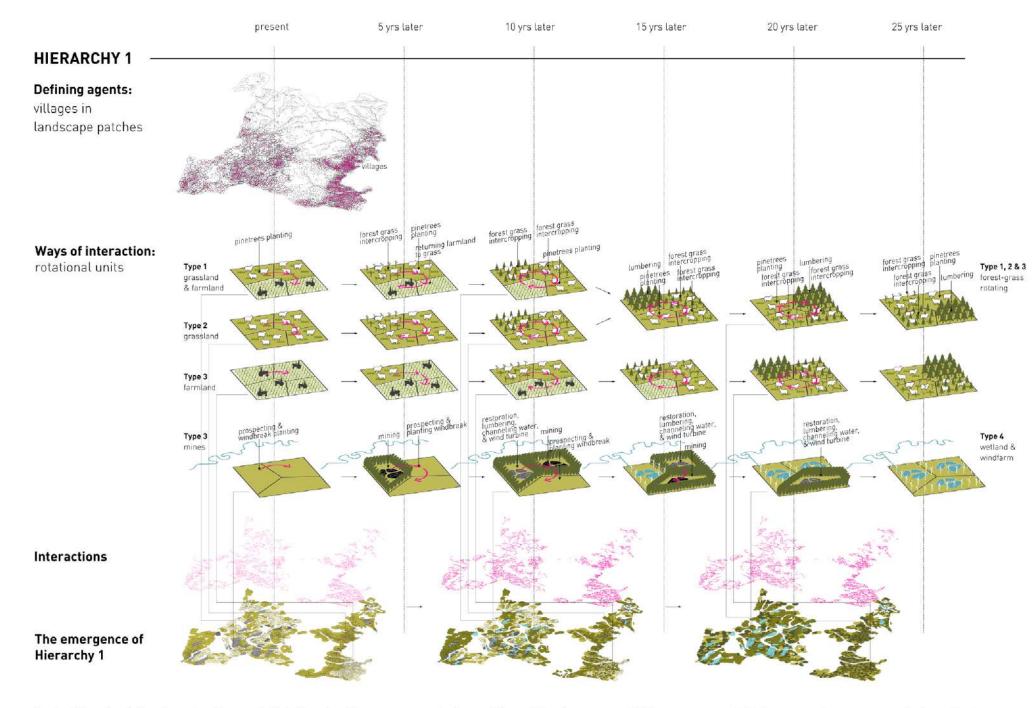


Various forms of land uses coexist in the landscape, developing in an unsustainable way, competing for land, water and other resources and mutually restricted. The inorganized way of land uses has led to landscape fragmentation and many other problems.



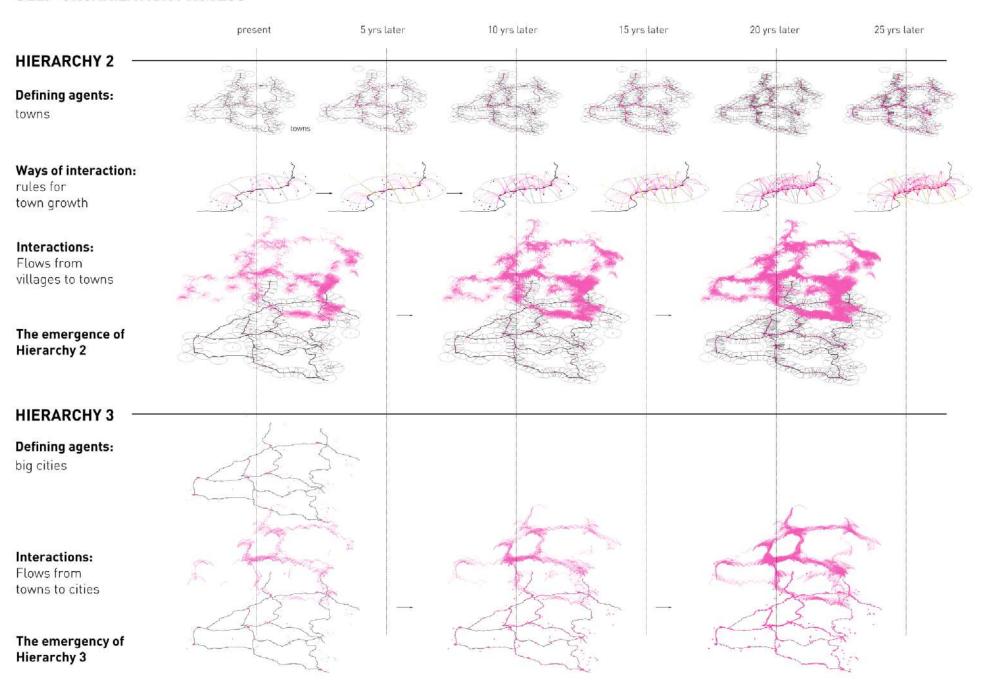
Rather than the static and defensive view of a picturesque Hulunbuir landscape, strategies are proposed focusing on an operating and ever-changing urbanization process in flux, and simultaneously taking the conservation of the natural and cultural landscape into consideration.

SELF-ORGANIZATION PROCESS

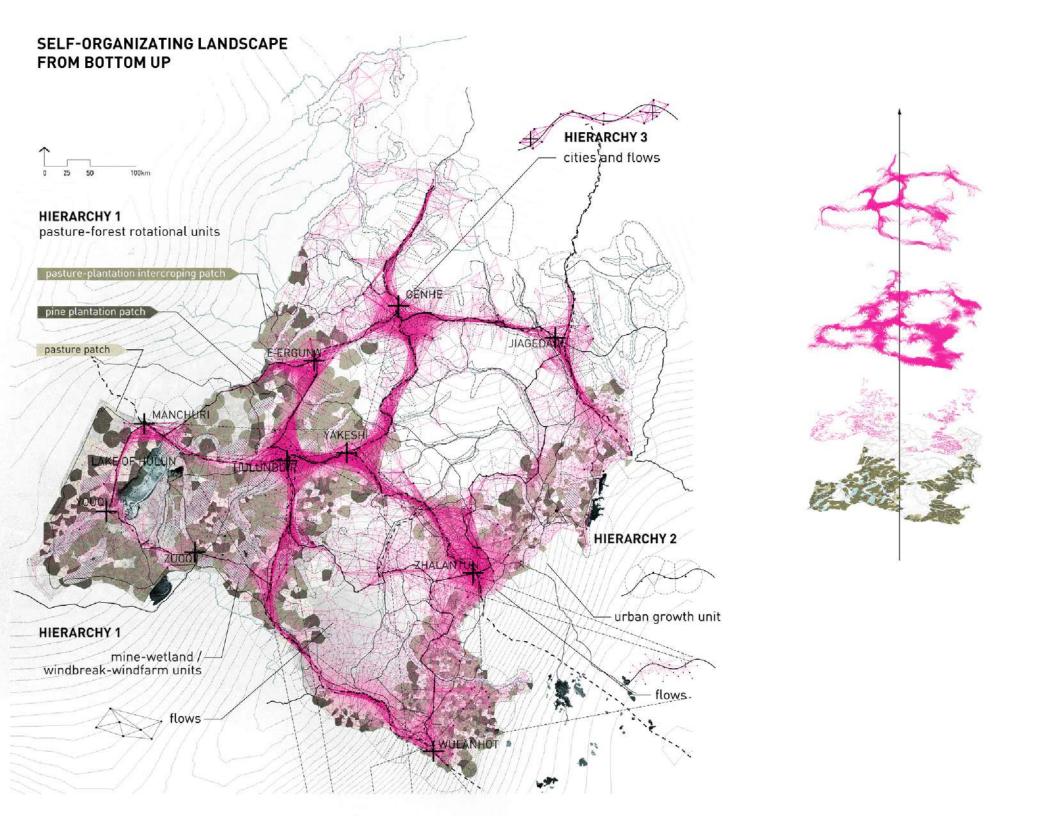


Each village is defined as a basic agent. Rotational units are proposed where different land uses or activities occupy a patch in a recursive sequence designed to turn the once conflicting activities to mutually premise and contributive.

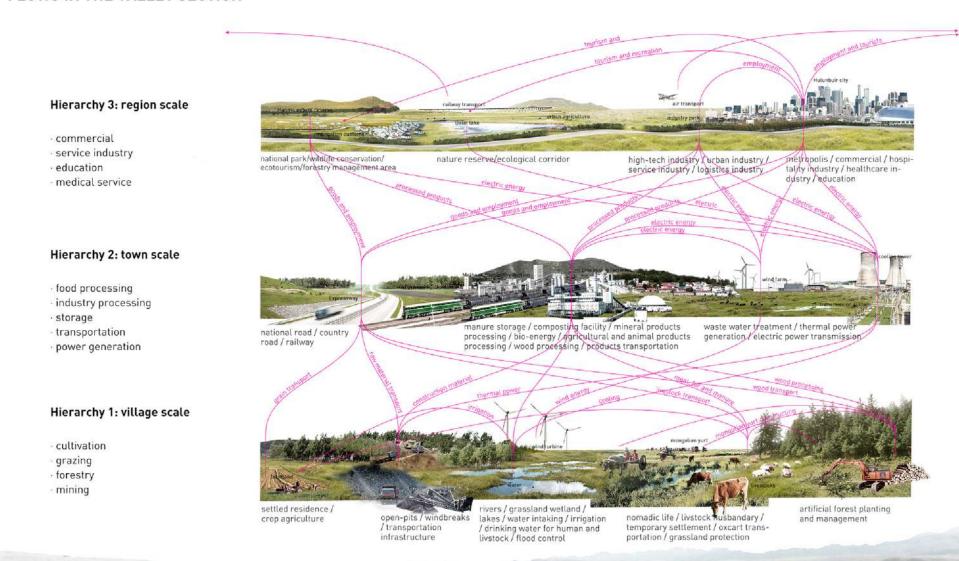
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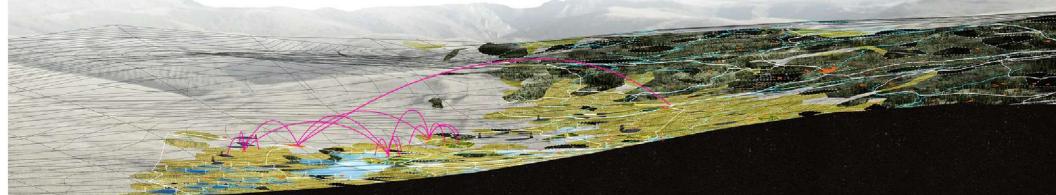


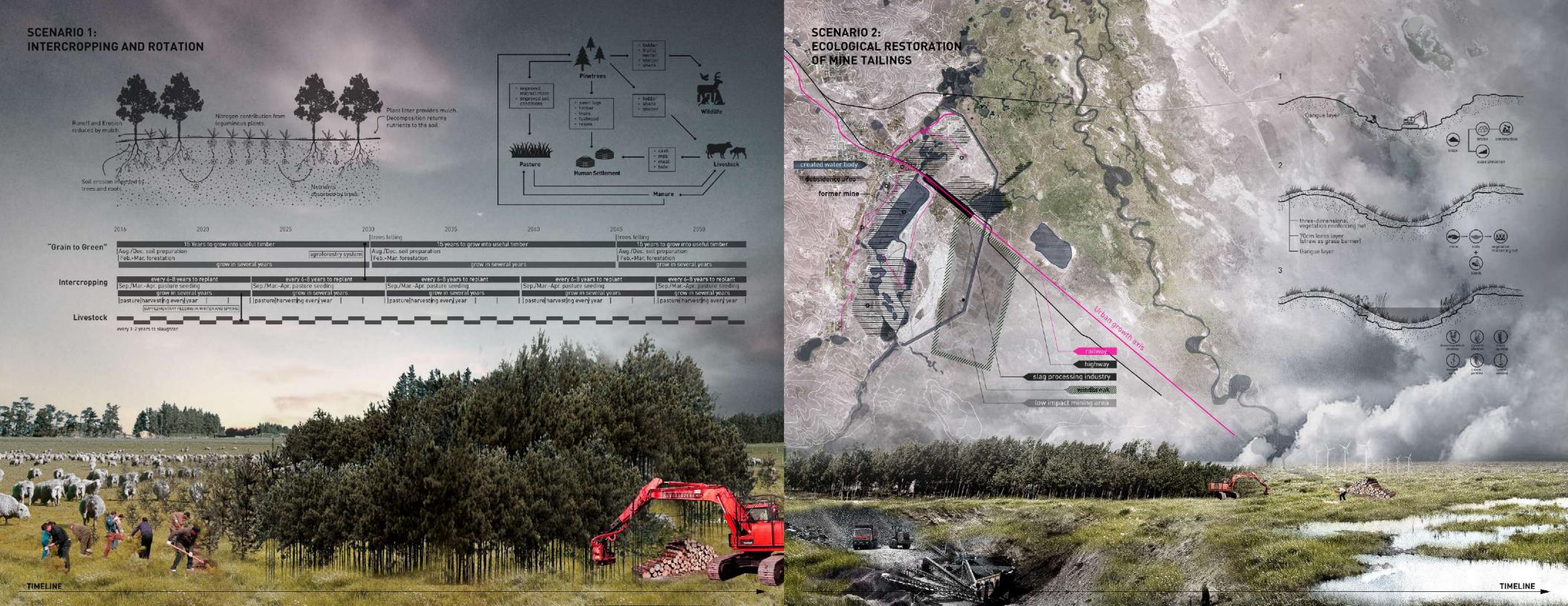
Based on hierarchy 1, towns are defined as agents of hierarchy 2, where products and energy from hierarchy 1 are gathered, processed and transported, growing along transport infrastructure. After that, hierarchy 3 would emerge as networks of the big cities in the region.



FLOWS IN THE VALLEY SECTION











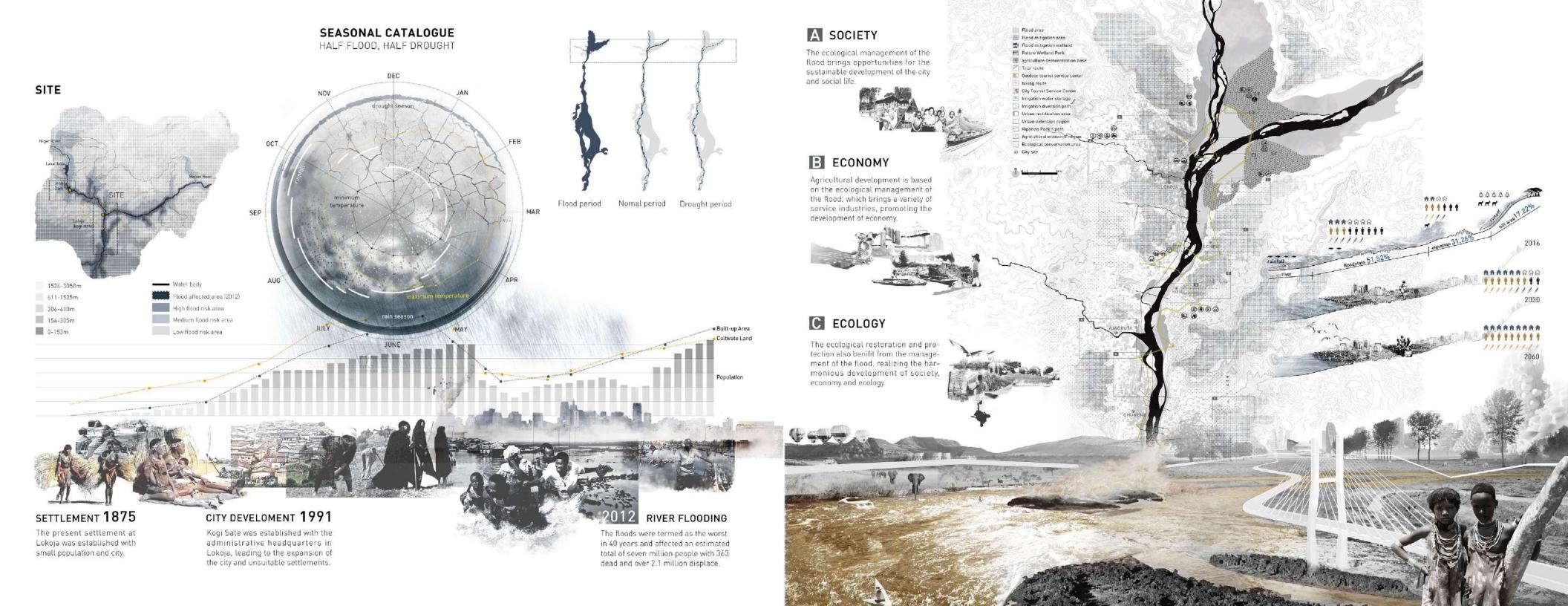
GRACE OF FLOOD

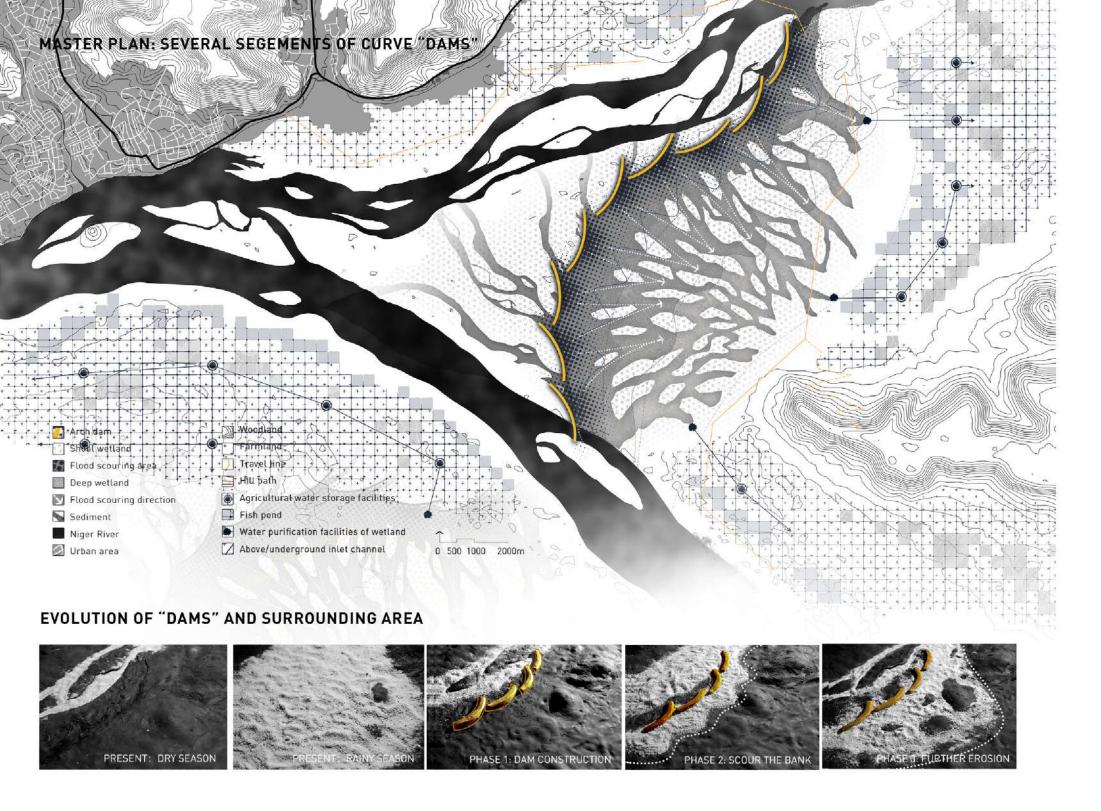
BUILDING A ROBUST LIVING RIVERFRONT VIA NATURE-BASED INTERVENTIONS

AWARD: 2ND PRIZE OF 2016 IFLA STUDENT COMPETITION JURY FOR THE BARCELONA INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL'S PRIZE

LOCATION: Niger river and Benue river, Lokojia SIZE: 3,750km² COLLABORATOR: He Wei, Tan Li, Jin Lanlan

Faced with widely distributed floods during heavy-rain seasons that have tremendously aggravated poverty in Lokojia, instead of traditional engineering flood wall resulting in a waste of urban space and resources, our project seeks to find a solution at the confluence based an the idea resilience, and improve the development of the cities built downstream along the river. The curve dams make flood play a role of transporting sands to create a larger area to store water considering time effect. Except for protecting cities from flooding, it can ensure the water supply for irrigation and improving the eco-environment for further introduced tourism.

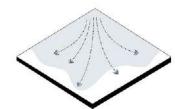




CONCEPT GENERATION RESEARCH ON EVOLUTION OF FLOW

Present:

Flood goes everywhere.



Phase 1:

Soil is shallowly excavated to build the dam protected by the gabion filled with stones.



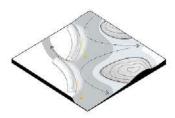
Phase 2:

Water and sediment are separated. Excessive water and sand run out through a gap between each two arch dams.



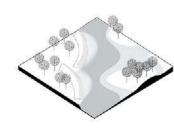
Phase 3:

The area near the dam is constantly sunken and expanded. The other side of the dam forms into the wetland.



Phase 4:

A relatively stable shape of the concave area and the wetland are formed with water storage capacity enhanced.



Present:

The area is entirely affected by the flood.



Phase 1:

The dam is composed of several segments.



Phase 2:

Initially, a small shoal against the dam is formed by floodwater rushing past.



Phase 3:

The purpose-built dam guides the flood to form a concave area.



Phase 4:

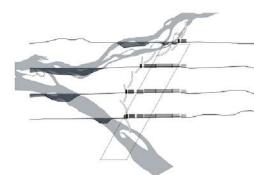
It works to release flood water, store water for irrigation and increase biodiversity.



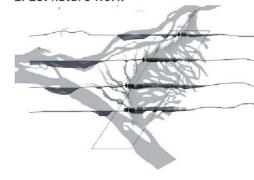
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BIGGER STORAGE VOLUME

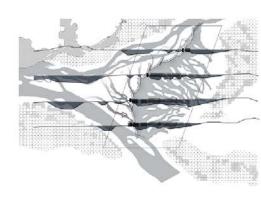
1. Minimal intervention



2. Let nature work

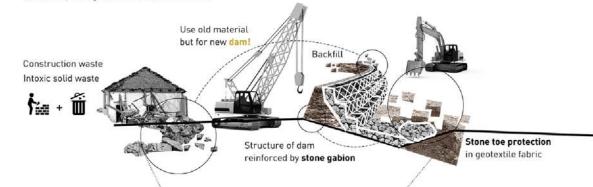


3. Sustainable development

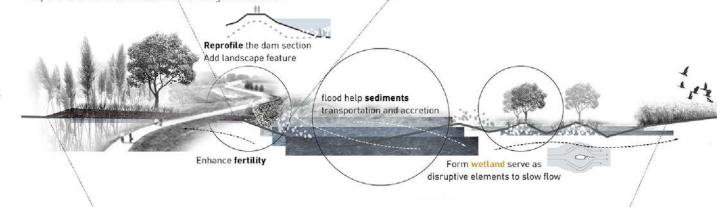


FEASIBLE METHOD OF CREATING "DAM"

The design takes low labor and low resource consumption into account by recycling construction waste to build the dam with the structure of the main body and gabion filled with stones.



With the help of purpose-built structure, a larger area will be created by nature to store water during a period of time. The flood enhances the fertility of the soil and contributes to forming the wetlands.

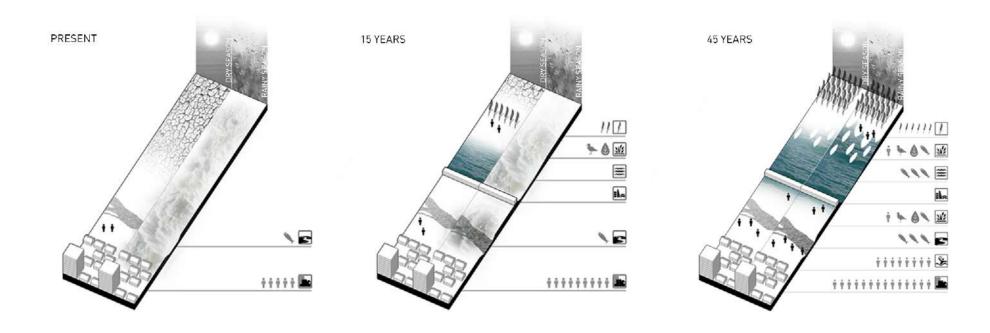


The formed area and wetland have a function of absorbing water, which reduces the threat of flooding to the city. Without crisis of the flood, cities coexist in harmony with river, agricultural irrigation is guaranteed, leading to sustainable development of the area.



SEASON ANALYSIS

DIFFERENT SCENARIOS IN FLOODING AND GROUGHT PERIOD CONSIDERING TIME EFFECT



BETTER LANDSCAPE, BETTER LIFE

A RESILIENT, LOW-COST, UTILITARIAN SOLUTION BENEFITING THE WHOLE SOCIETY







With the gradually increasing capability of water storage inside the dam, the introduced flood discharge and irrigation systems would provide the farmer with an ample and continuous supply of water, enrich the species of crops and animals. The espansion of lake to store water, the stability of water volumn and the improvement of water qualityumake it better to use for agriculture and aquaculture.

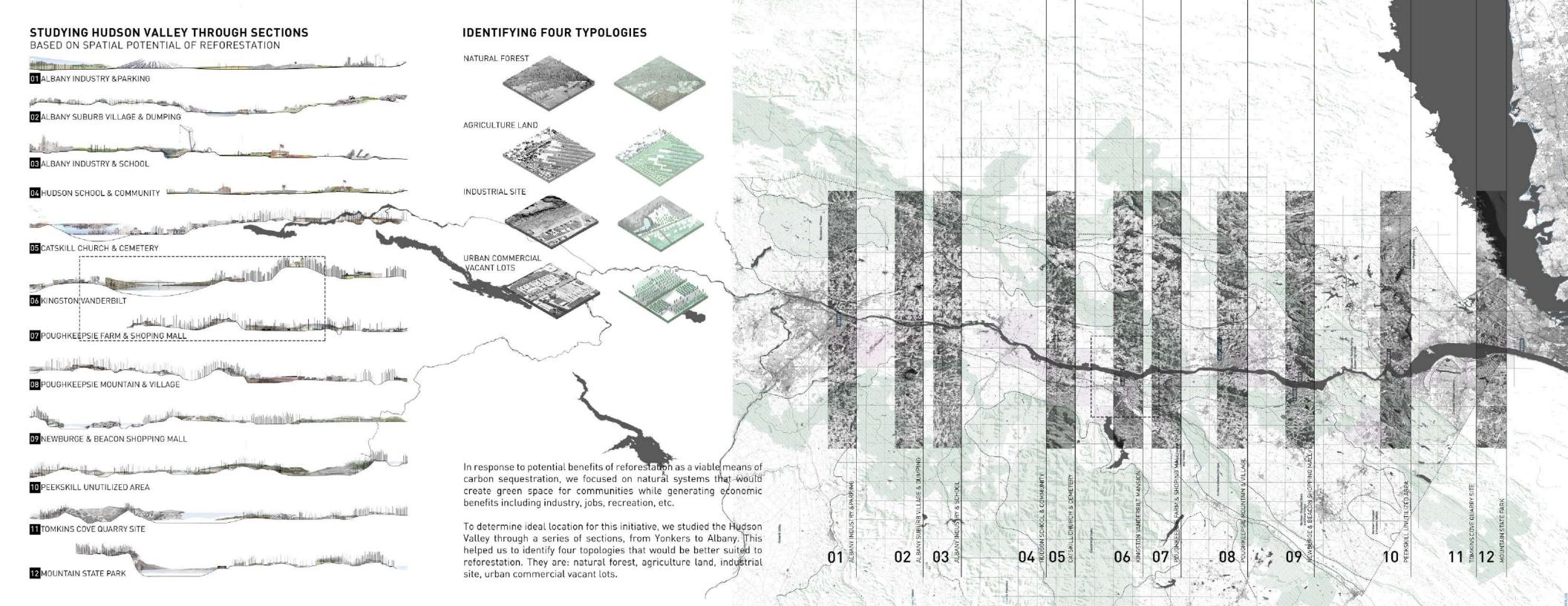


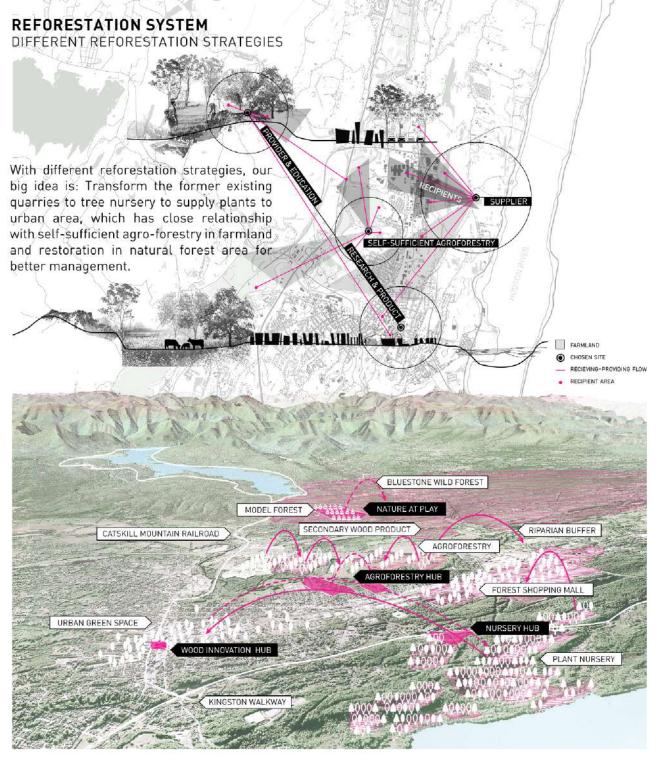
SHAPING WETLAND

The improved environement will increase the quality of landscape resources in the region. Diverse ecological environment and native tourism introduced into the area along the river will undeniably flourish, linked to different cities and even larger area.

CREATING DAM

In order to protect cities from floading, our plan is proposed to improve the construction and development of the cities built downstream along the river by solving the problems at the confluence. The curve dam, which is built from construction waste, composed of several segments designed to separate the water and sediment. The flood plays an imdispensable role of transporting sands to create a larger area to store water considering time effect.





POST MINING

We proposed existing run-down quarry as tree nursery, with bunch of greenhouse, visitor center, amphitheater, wetland park. In this particular post industrial site we also created "room size" observation spot for experience the scar of

URBAN LOTS

Most of shopping mall in urban area has oversized parking lot, so we will take over all the space that doesn't need to be parking lot and driveway to plant trees with stormwater management and public creation in long term.

FARMLAND

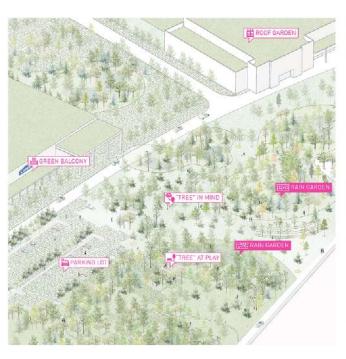
In this existing community-based farm, to let farmer get more economic benefit, we proposed a forest garden, with black walnut, poplar for fast milled timber, woody crop for harvesting fruit and nuts, also with better space for seasonal events and education programs.

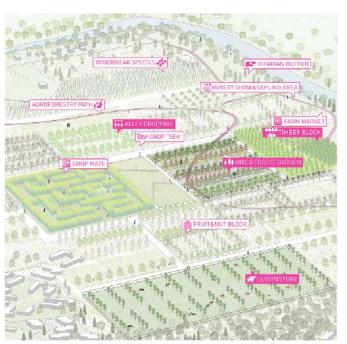
FOREST FRAGMENT

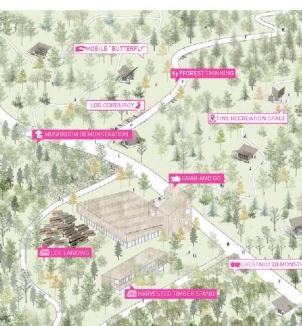
In Bluestone wild forest, we bring American chestnut back, seasonal events like mushroom pick. High-tech sawmill for tree harvesting selection that supply material to wood intervention center and a butterfly shaped mobile camp for nature exploring in tree spacing are proposed after thinning trees.





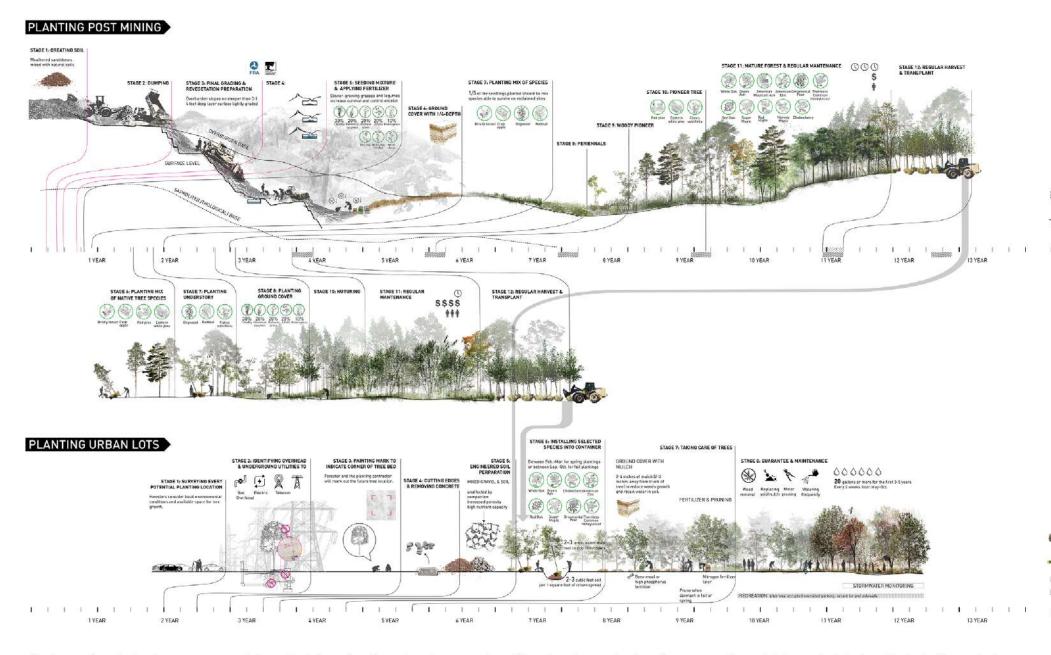






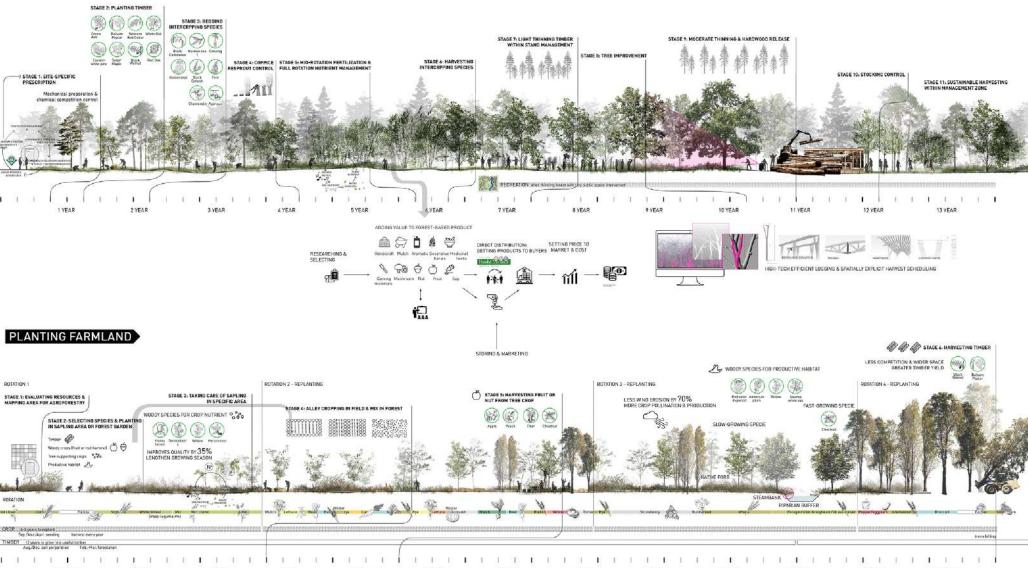
LONG-TERM & COMPICATED REFORESTATION PROCESS

FOR POST MINING, URBAN LOTS, FOREST FRAGMENT, FARMLAND



Fast-growing strategies are proposed in post mining sites for urban tree supply, while natural-growing for site preparation, which need a lot of works including soil stabilization and erosion control. With easily transplant and fast-growing tree species that are tolerant to urban environment, reforestation without conflicting with existing infrastructure will create green infrastracture with long-term stormwater management and recreation space.

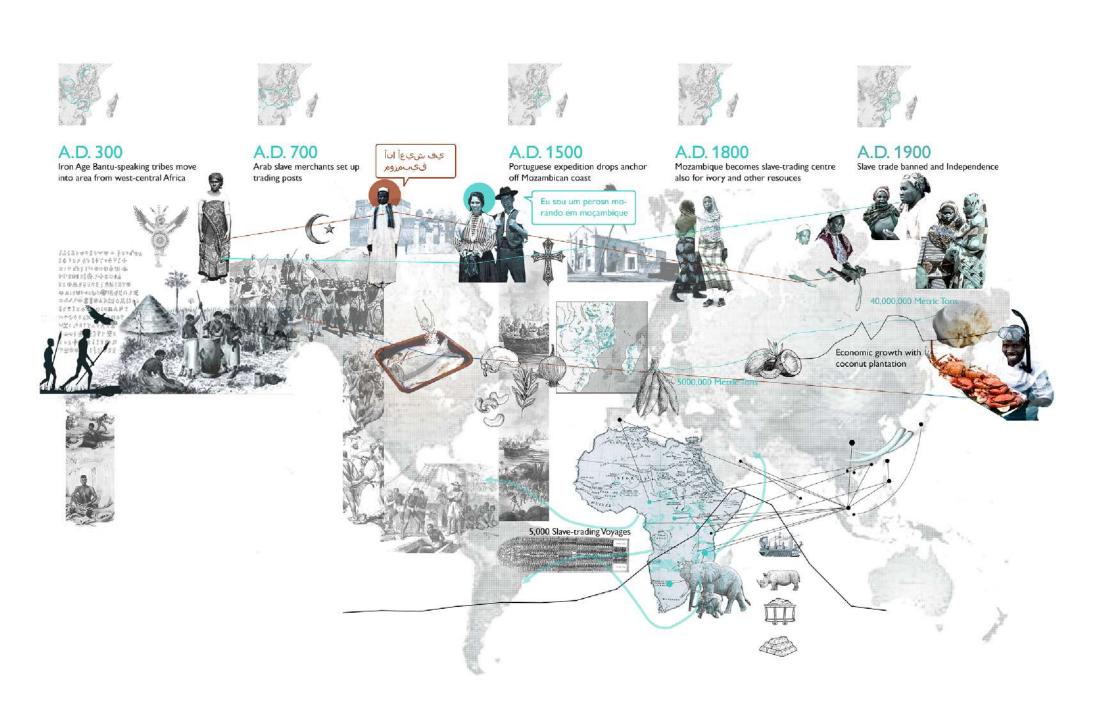
PLANTING FOREST FRAGMENT

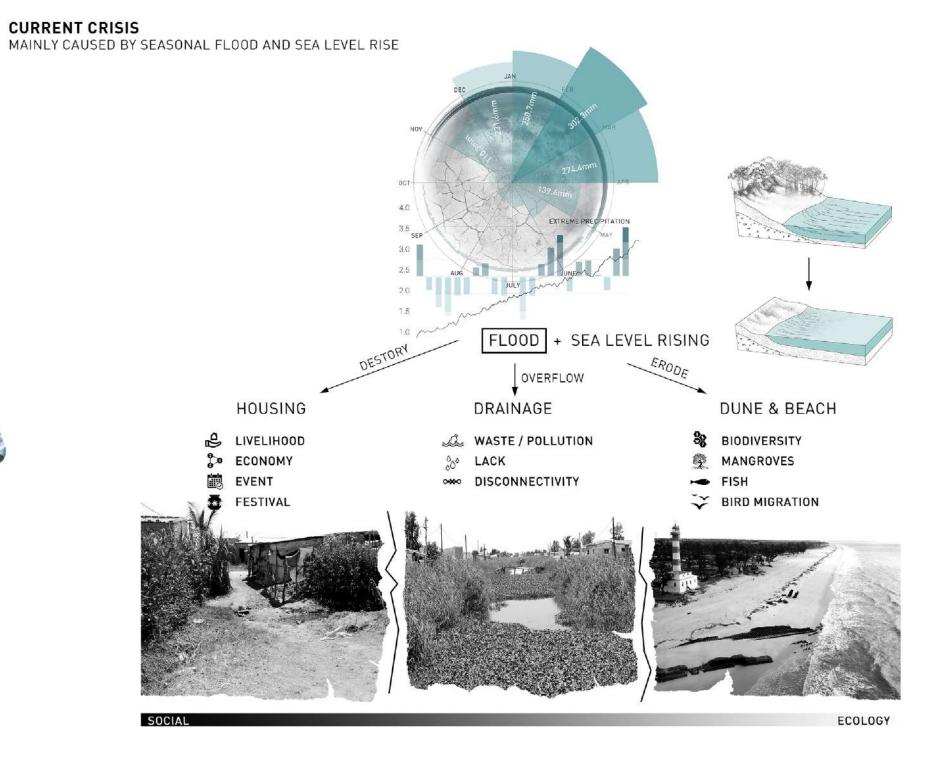


Introducing different thinning process, high-tech timber selection, planting multispecies are proposed to make forest better managed and increase economic benefit. Agroforestry is applied with crop rotation, nutrient improvement, wind break species, and species that can create productive wildlife habitat and strengthen the water buffer.

TIMELINE OF MOZAMBIQUE

A LONG HISTORY STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY COLONIZATION



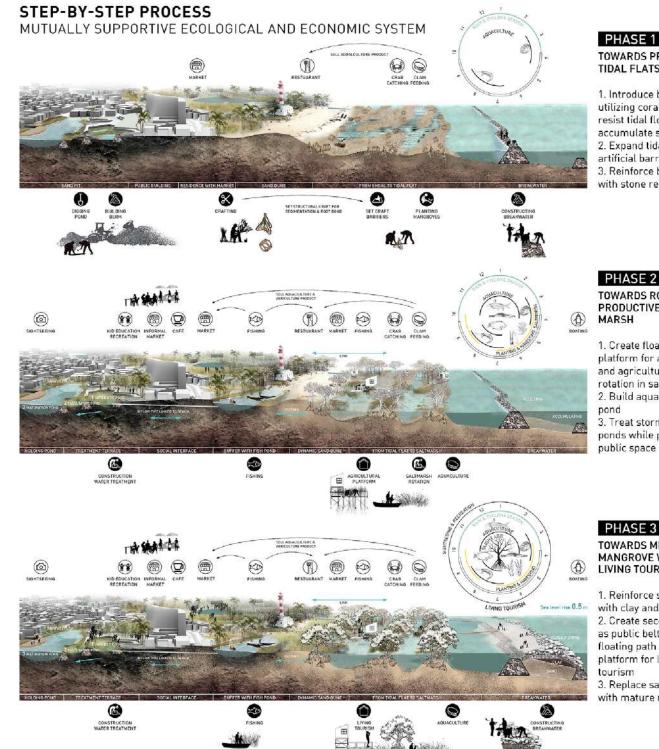


REGENERATIVE VISION 2100

CREATING LIVING SHORELINE-MIXED MANGROVES-SECOND BEACH INTERFACE



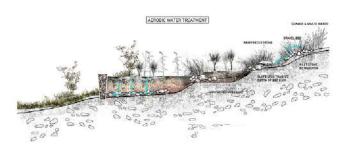
With introduced breakwater, expanded tidal flat, reinforced beachfront and treated storm water, conserved salt marshes become an accessible nature-based absorbing zone. With more sediment and mature mangroves that replace salt marshes, regenerative vision in 2100 is like a living shoreline-mixed mangroves-second beach interface, with in-between aquaculture ponds, floating path and platform linked together as coastal living tourism, to not only ecologically restore the coastline, but also revive it and introduce a new way of life that meet local demand.



PHASE 1 2030

TOWARDS PRODUCTIVE TIDAL FLATS

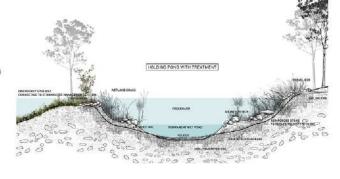
- 1. Introduce breakwater utilizing coral reefs to resist tidal flood and accumulate sediment 2. Expand tidal flats with artificial barriers
- 3. Reinforce beachfront with stone reefs



PHASE 2 2030

TOWARDS ROTATIONAL PRODUCTIVE SALT MARSH

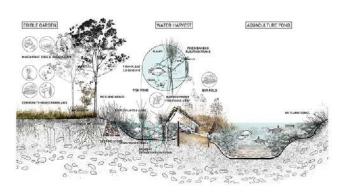
- 1. Create floating wooden platform for aquaculture and agriculture, arrange rotation in salt marsh 2. Build aquaculture
- 3. Treat stormwater with ponds while providing



PHASE 3 2100

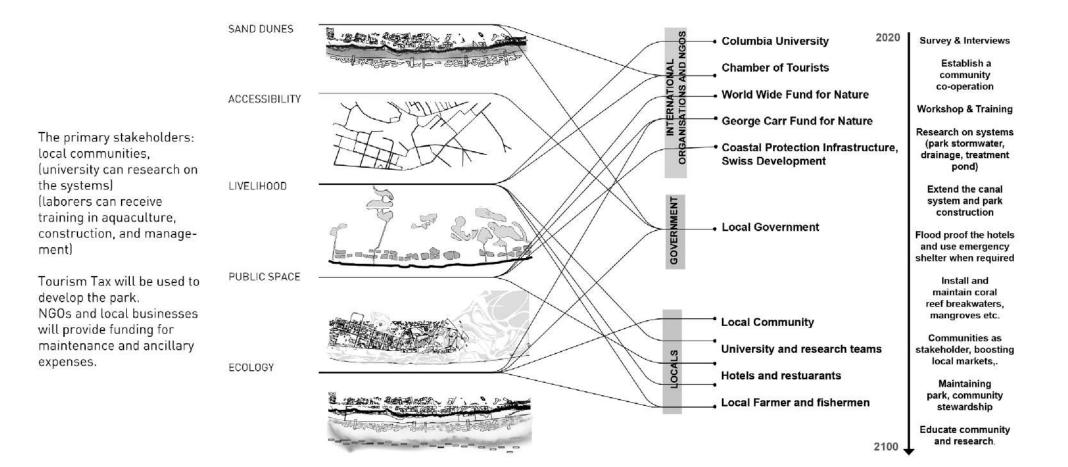
TOWARDS MIXED MANGROVE WITH LIVING TOURISM

- 1. Reinforce sediment with clay and stones
- 2. Create second beach as public belt linked with floating path and wooden platform for living
- 3. Replace saltmarsh with mature mangroves



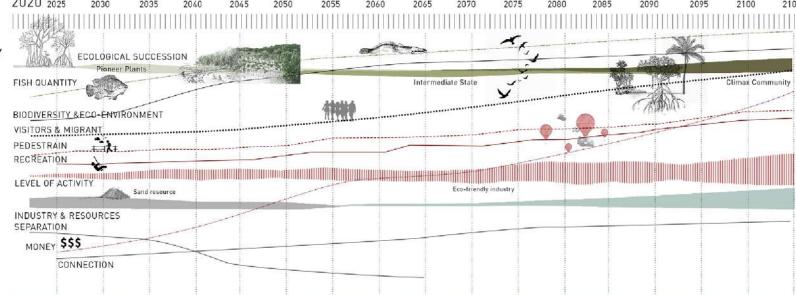
FRIENDS OF LIVING COASTLINE

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT, THE LOCALS, AND SELECT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



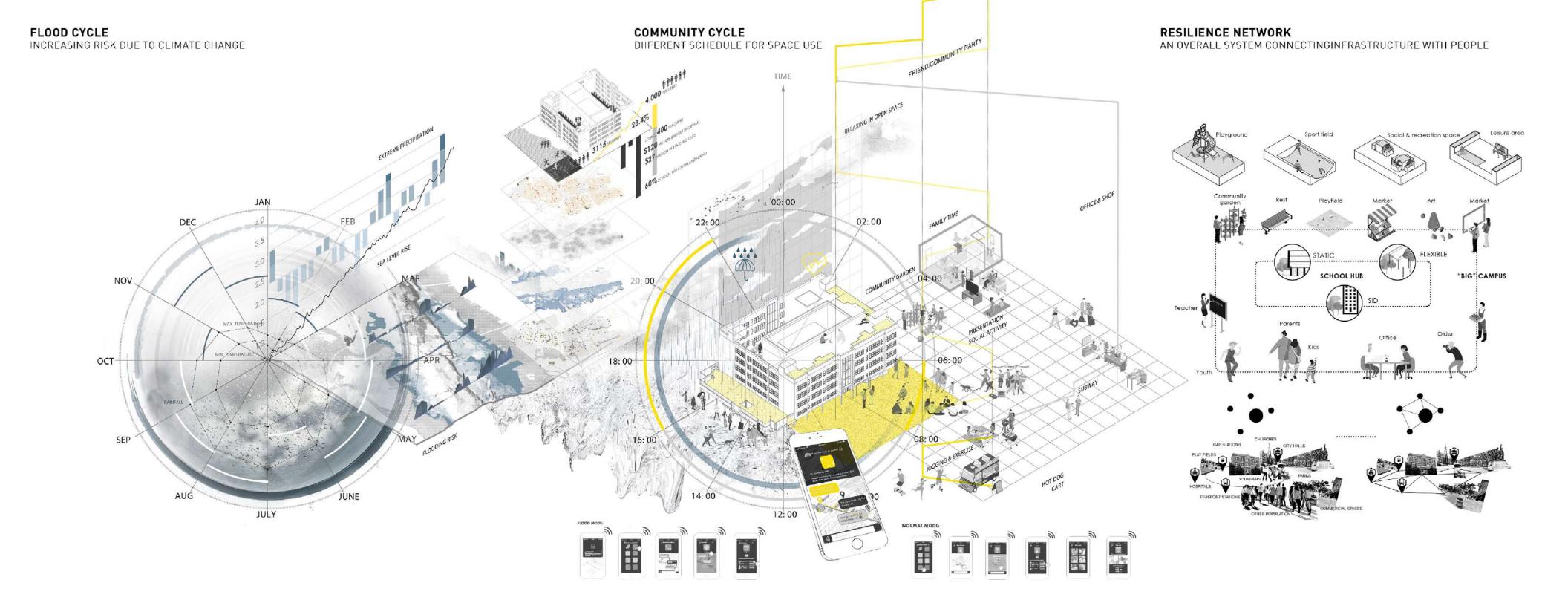
FUTURE OF LIVING COASTLINE

BUILDING A ROBUST ECONOMY USING NATURE-BASED INTERVENTIONS

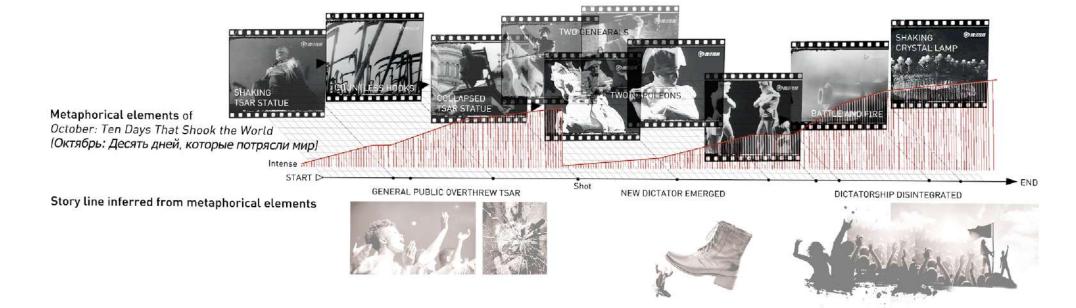


A bright future of the living coastline will be expected through a series of detailed arrangements, aiming at conserving Africa's history and culture, protecting nature and increasing biodiversity, ensuring educational sustainability and nurturing living cultures and communities, thus the future National Park system will be shaped.







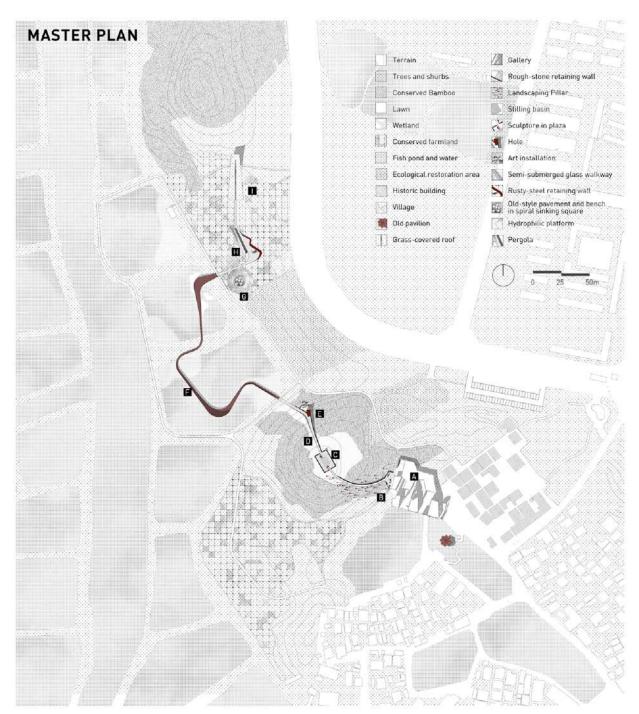


SENSATION ROUTE

AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE A STORY-NARRATING GARDEN INSPIRED BY MONTAGE

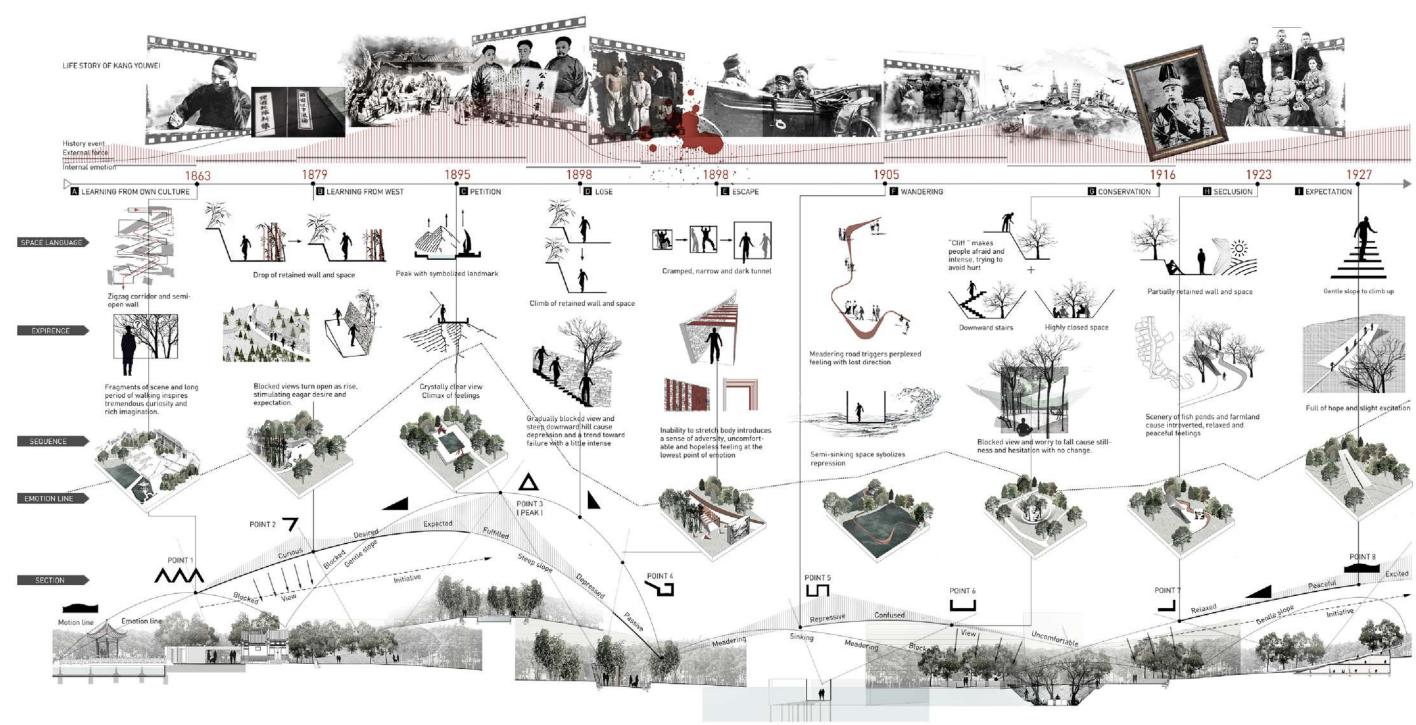
LOCATION: Foshan, Guangzhou, China SIZE: 0.057km² INDIVIDUAL WORK

This project wants to recall a thinking through our experience in garden, which focuses on the human beings' psychological reflection towards what we see. Since gardens are made of three-dimensional shots, inspired by film-making theory, designers, can narrate a new story by utilizing changes of space to "manuplate" visitors thinking, like meaningful montages combined in a certain way. So with eight important life points extracted from the eminent celebrity in China, Kang Youwei, a new garden has been created, for the lasting memory of site and further development of tourism.

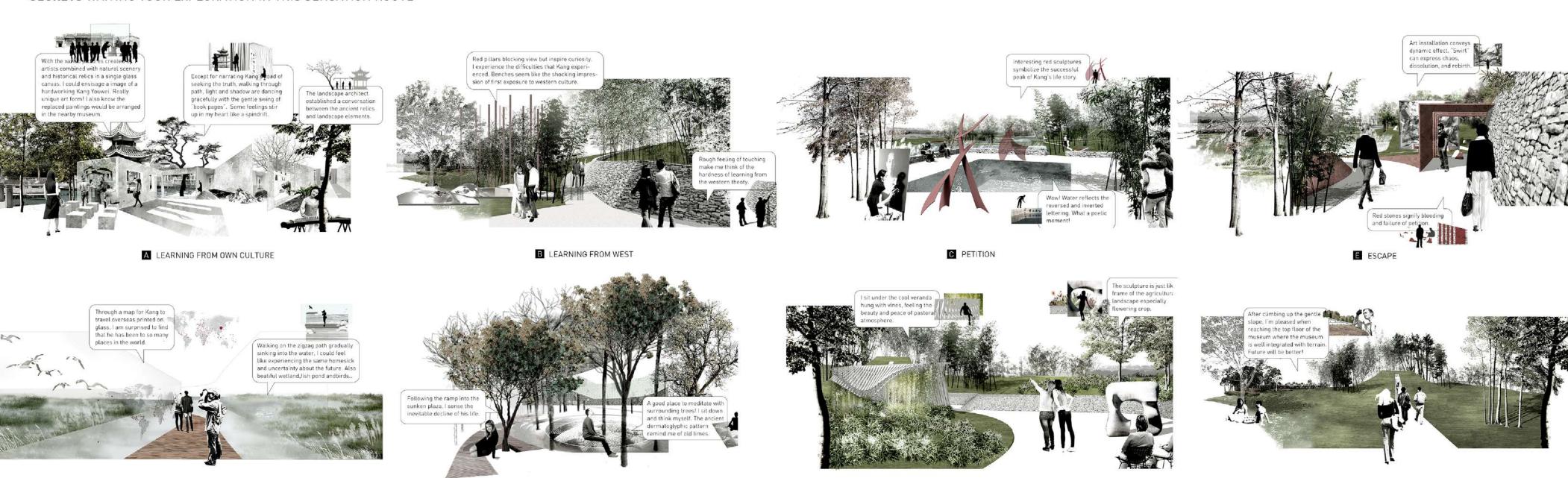


To narrate a life story of Kang Youwei, reveal the old memory and turn to a special tourism resource, I create eight points accordingly based on the terrain and status of the site: Learning from own culture, Learning from west, petition, lose, escape, wandering, conservation, seclution and expectation.

FROM LIFE STORY TO SPACE



SECRETS WAITING YOUR EXPLORATION IN THIS SENSATION ROUTE

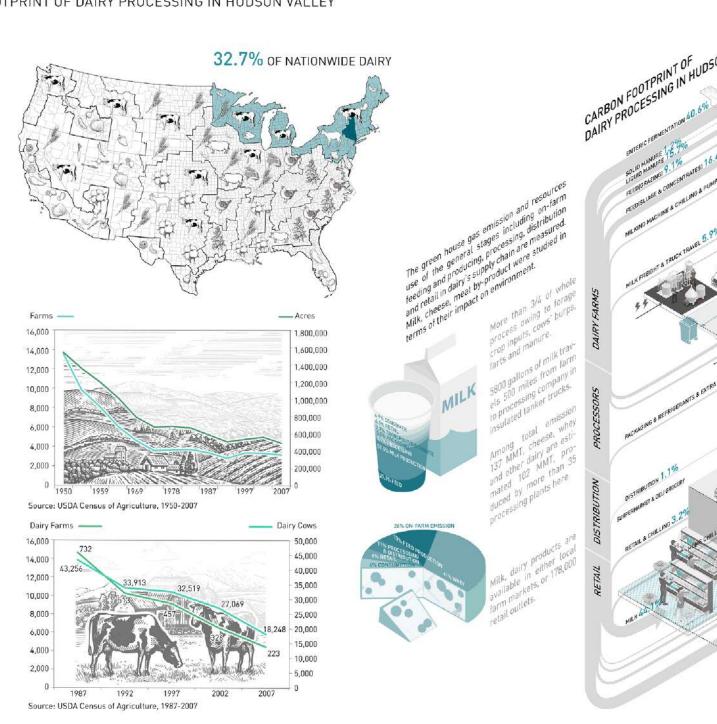


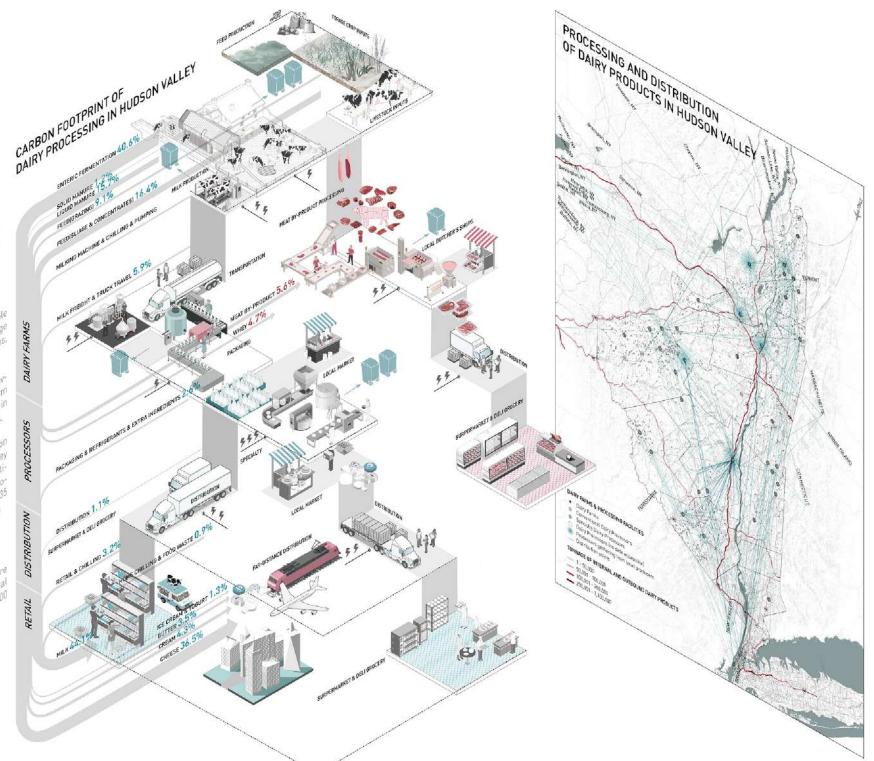
■ WANDERING EXPECTATION

GOT SOME DAIRY OR NOT?

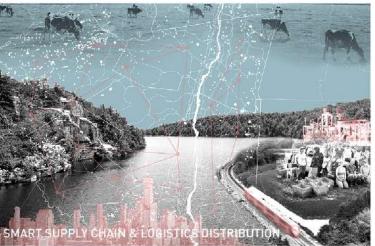
RESEARCH ON CARBON FOOTPRINT OF DAIRY PROCESSING IN HUDSON VALLEY

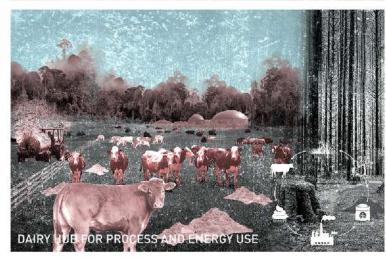
Understanding the importance and fragility of dairy in Hudson valley, Northeastern U.S., We measured the green house gas emission and resources use in dairy's supply chain including on-farm feeding and producing, processing, distribution and retail related to the entire dairy industry. It's time to consider if we should keep dairy in our one of the most popular food list.







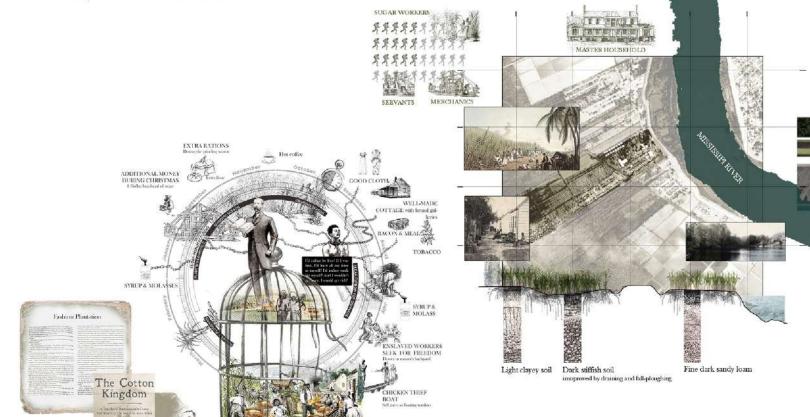




A "ROMANTICIZED" LANDSCAPE

UNCOVERING TRUTH OF ENSLAVED HISTORY, FASHION PLANTATION





The sugar plantations exhibit a distinctive visual landscape feature. Long ditches divide fields, laying perpendicularly to the Mississippi River. Olmsted introduces Fashion Plantation as a romanticizing version of the slave plantation, making light of condition of forced, enslaved life.



1743 Along the flat German Coast, the first attempt at levee building

St. Charles Parish, St. James Parish, and St. John the Baptist Parish

made up an historical

1795 ~ 1860 Growth of Louisiana Sugar Industry

1865 After Civil War, former slaves suffered most to make a living. They returned to the plantations and work for a wage or a share of crop or given land.



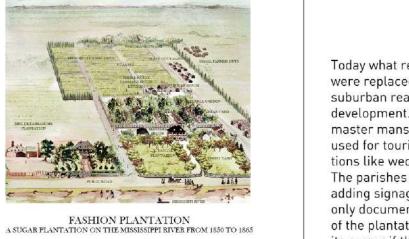
AGRICULTURE

Some went to Texas but some stays.

> 1900 The industry occupied farm. Dil was discovered and petroleum industry came in, which was money source for people who remain.

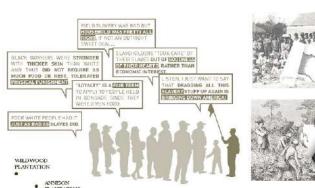
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Today what remained were replaced with suburban real estate development. The master mansions are used for tourist attractions like weddings. The parishes were adding signages that only document name of the plantation and its owner if the plantation no longer exists.

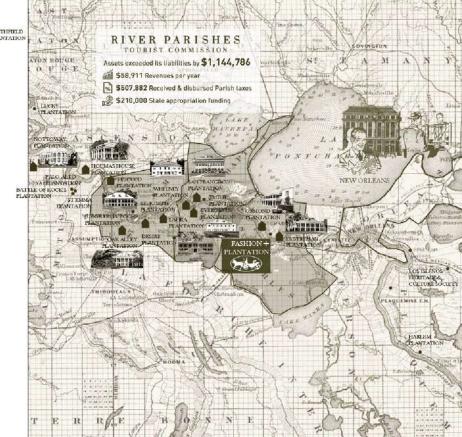
Memories of enslaved orkers once living on ese lands is missing. remembrance were homogeneous and fantasizing about the landscape. Real estate shouldn't be developed at the expense of covering up history, but instead, finding a juxtaposition between the past and current that makes memory of place last.





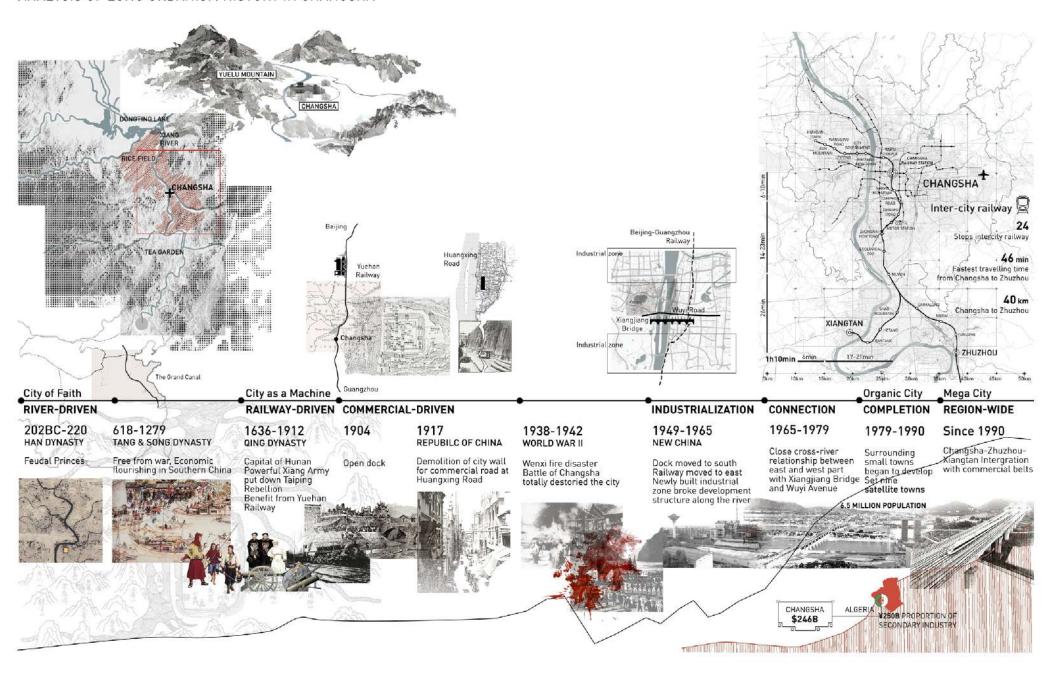






CITY IN RECOMBINAT EVOLUTION

ANALYSIS OF LONG URBANISM HISTORY IN CHANGSHA



ARCHI-CITTA City of Faith





CINE-CITTA City as a Machine



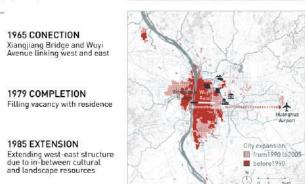
Powerful Xiang Army support Yuehan Railway, open dock 1917 REPUBLIC OF CHINA Demotition of city wall for commercial road 1938 WORLD WAR II Wenxi fire disaster Battle of Changsha 1949 NEW CHINA Newly built industrial area by manufacturing factories epanding to north and south

1904 QING DYNASTY

1979 COMPLETION

1985 EXTENSION

from 1965 to 1979. m from 1949 to 1965 before 1949 + Industrial site



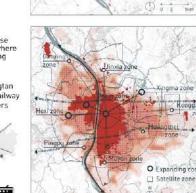
TELE-CITTA Organic City 1965 CONECTION Xiangjiang Bridge and Wuyi Avenue linking west and east

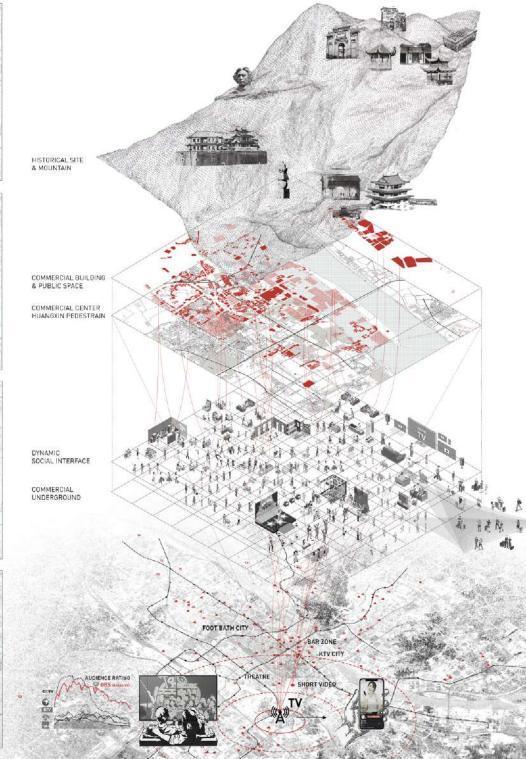


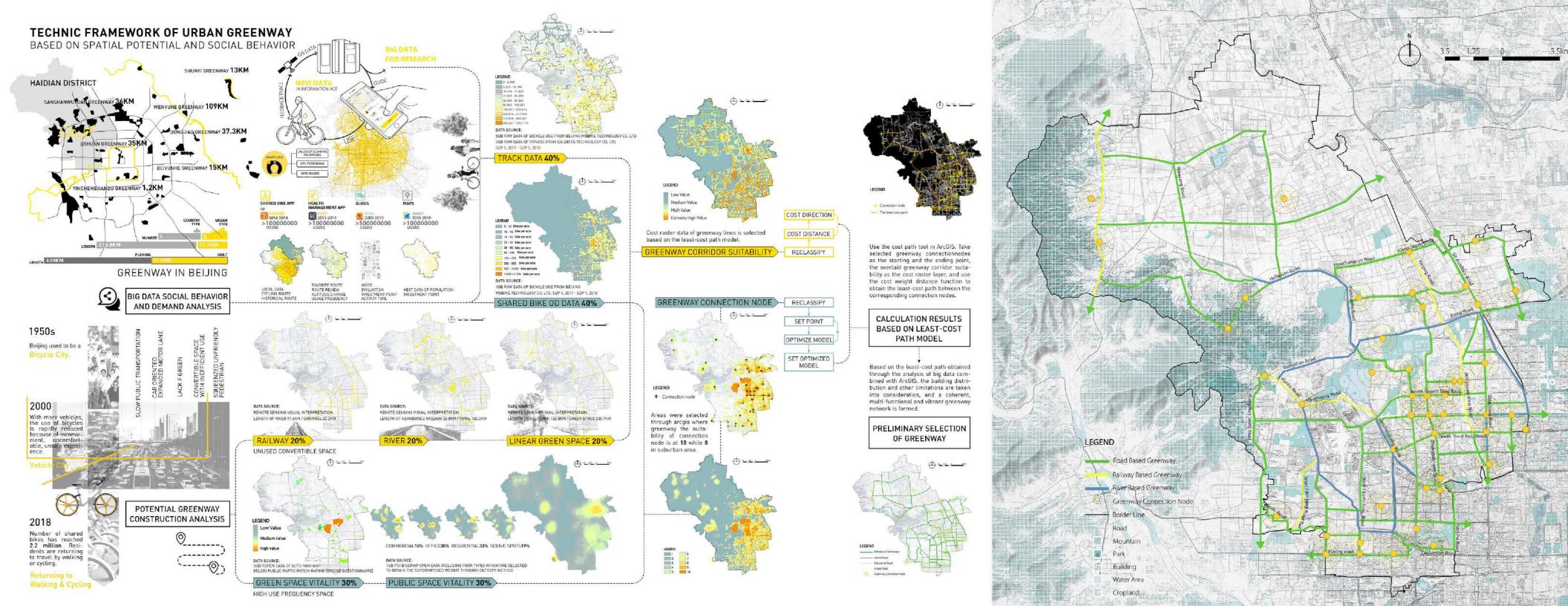
META-CITTA

Mega City

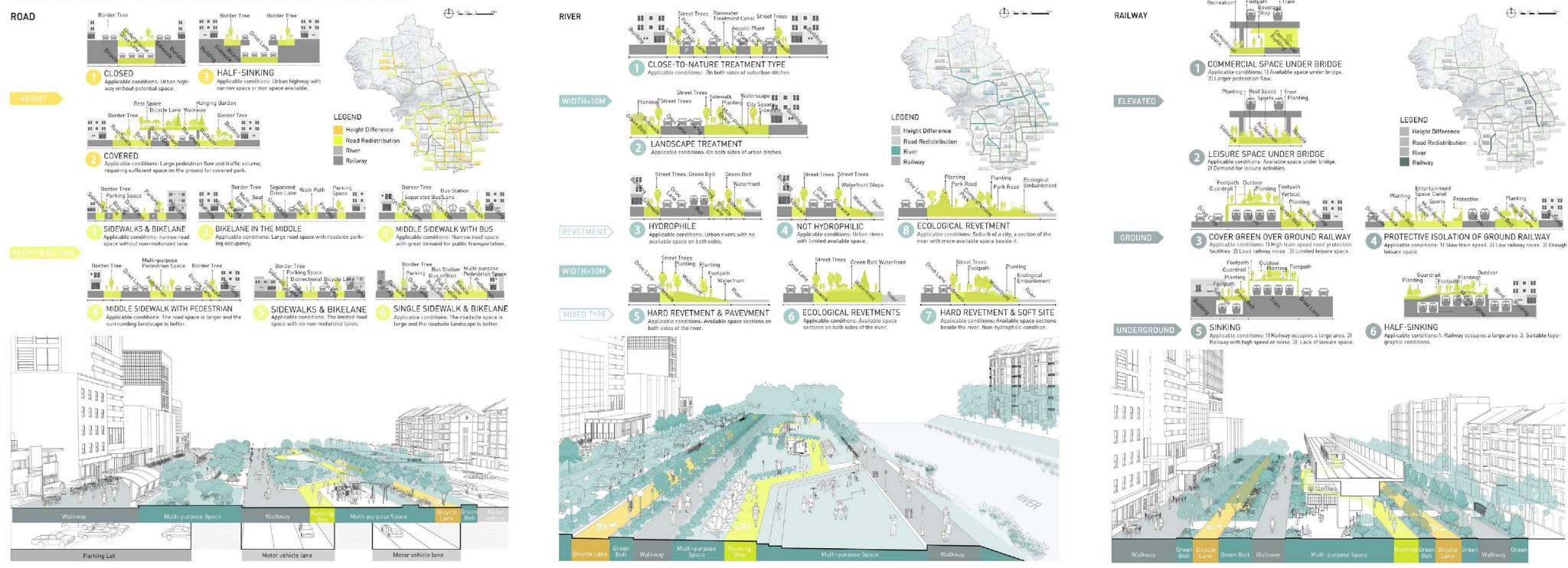
1990 ORGANIZING Rapid expansion with dense population and building where satellite towns are like ring 2005 REGION-WIDE Changsha-Zhuzhou-Xiangtan intergration by intercity railway Link with other city clusters





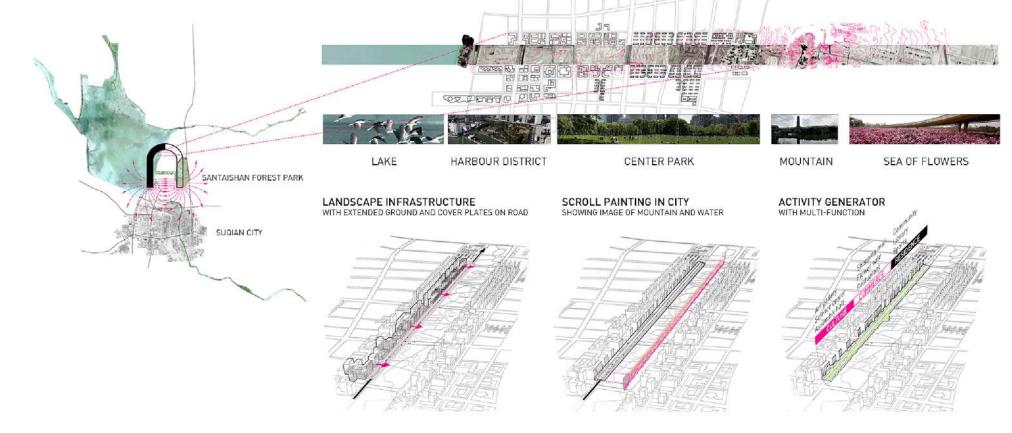


CONSTRUCTION AND OPTIMIZATION MODELS OF URBAN GREENWAY



THE PICTURESQUE CITY

A NEW LINEAR LANDMARK INTEGRATING CULTURE, COMMERCE AND RESIDENCE



Based on the existing landscape of the site, the design intends to create a multi-functional complex deprived of the traditional image of the Chinese landscape painting. The lower floors of the buildings extend to form cover plates on the street, integrating the form and functions including culture, commerce and residence, which will become a new landmark of the city.







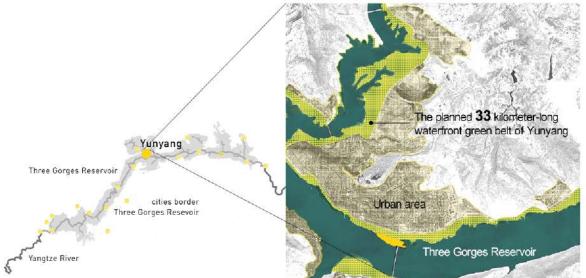






SITE LOCATION

YUNYANG, A CITY ON THE BANK OF THE THREE GORGES RESERVOIR





STRATEGY

FOR THE RESILIENT USE OF HYDRO-FLUCTUATION BELT



REVETMENT WORK AND HYDRO-FLUCTUATION AREA



SITTINGTERRACES AND BEACH



REVETMENT WORK AND SEASONAL FLOODED SWIMMING POOL



PLATFORM, SERVICE BUILDING, SWIMMING POOL



RABANDONED PENINSULA AND ISLAND



NATURAL-STYLED PARK, BRIDGE AND WATER PARK





The height difference between promenade and hydro-fluctuation became urban space with Yangtze River Bridge as background.



The topography of the Water Park is gently undulating, with a viewing platform set up on the existing mound for scenery of the garden.



Sitting terraces and wooden platform define the edge of the beach and provide comfortable spaces. The beach offers children paradise.



During high waterlevel period, natural-styled park and beach are separated. A path connecting them expose when waterlevel drops.

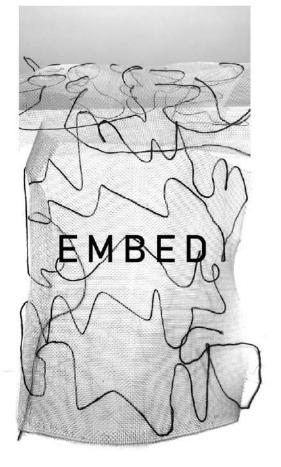


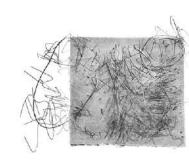


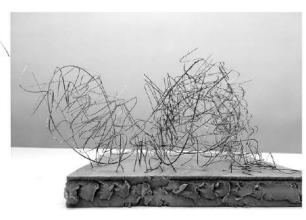
The newly designed swimming pool and the aquatic playground replaced the flooded old one, provide the city with a vibrant water park.



The platform is connected to the peninsula with a curve bridge, an excellent place to enjoy the unique landscape of the Yangtze River.

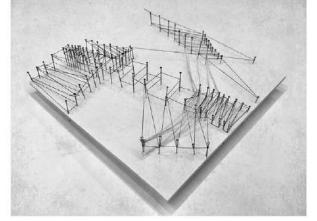






A line is a dot out for a walk.
—Paul Klee

A line is the path made by a moving point. There's an endless variety in what we think of as a line, also the line itself. Lines can be literal or implied. When I was drawing a series of lines and translating them into models. I felt my mind filled in the line between them. There is an internal structure or rightme even in the line's which seem random and disordered.





HARD, BUT SOFT

STRAIGHT, BUT WINDING

ONE LAYER, ALSO MULTILAYER

