

Making the ‘invisible’ visible

a re-activation strategic project starting with the invisible groups and the spatial formation of the area, using a neighborhood as the activator unit

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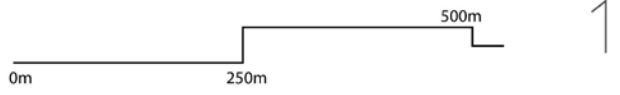


The task of making visible the feared and the undesirable is strongly connected with the public and private division of space. That leads us to understand the need of a reconsideration of the closed system of the public space and its transformation into an open system. We need a new type of space to tackle the phenomena – a semi-public space or a collective or common space. This new type of space could embody characteristics of both private and public space and could function under a different set of rules that would make it more flexible to the needs of different groups so as to eliminate frictions. These phenomena and trends are referring to the reality of the city of Athens and especially in the area of Metaxourgeio.

Area of intervention, Metaxourgeio



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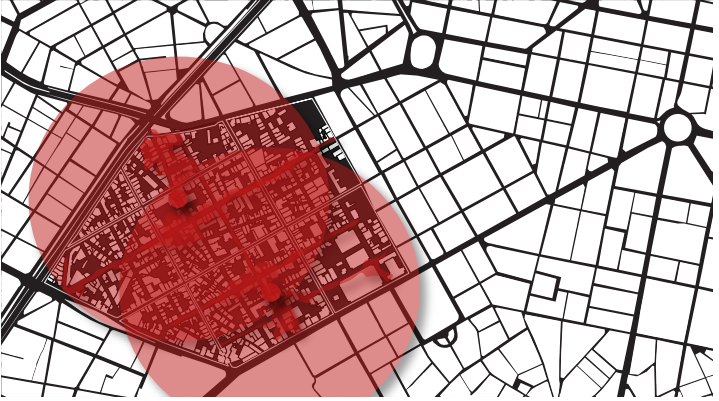
Influence radius of public services



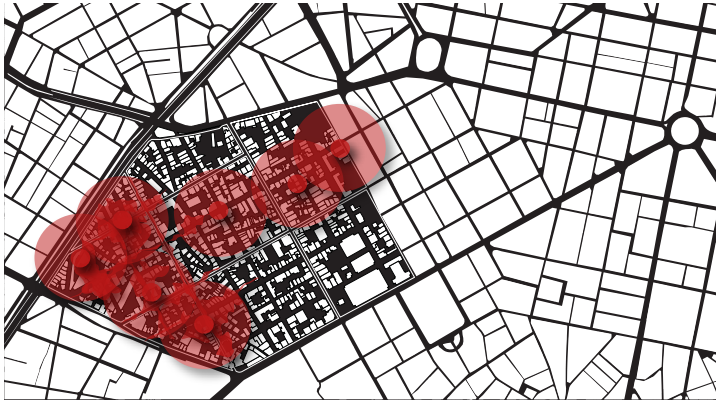
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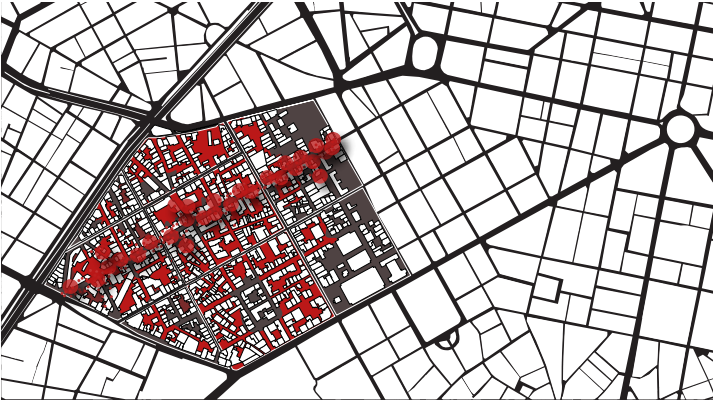
Influence radius of school



Influence radius of common services

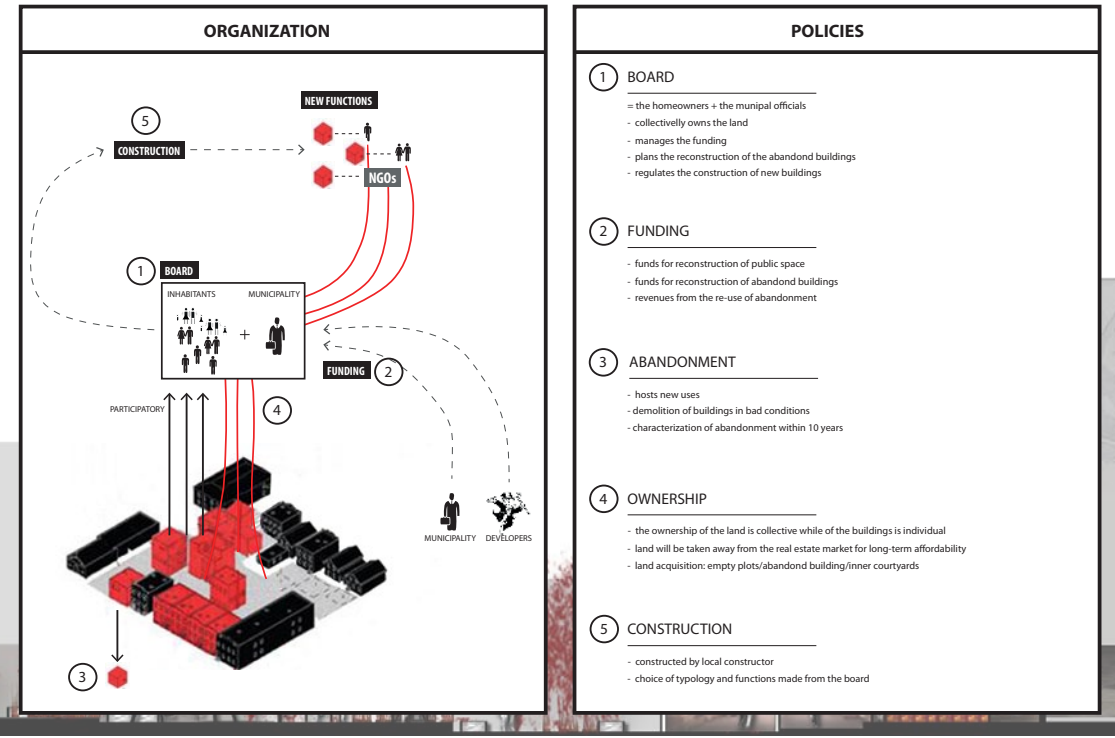


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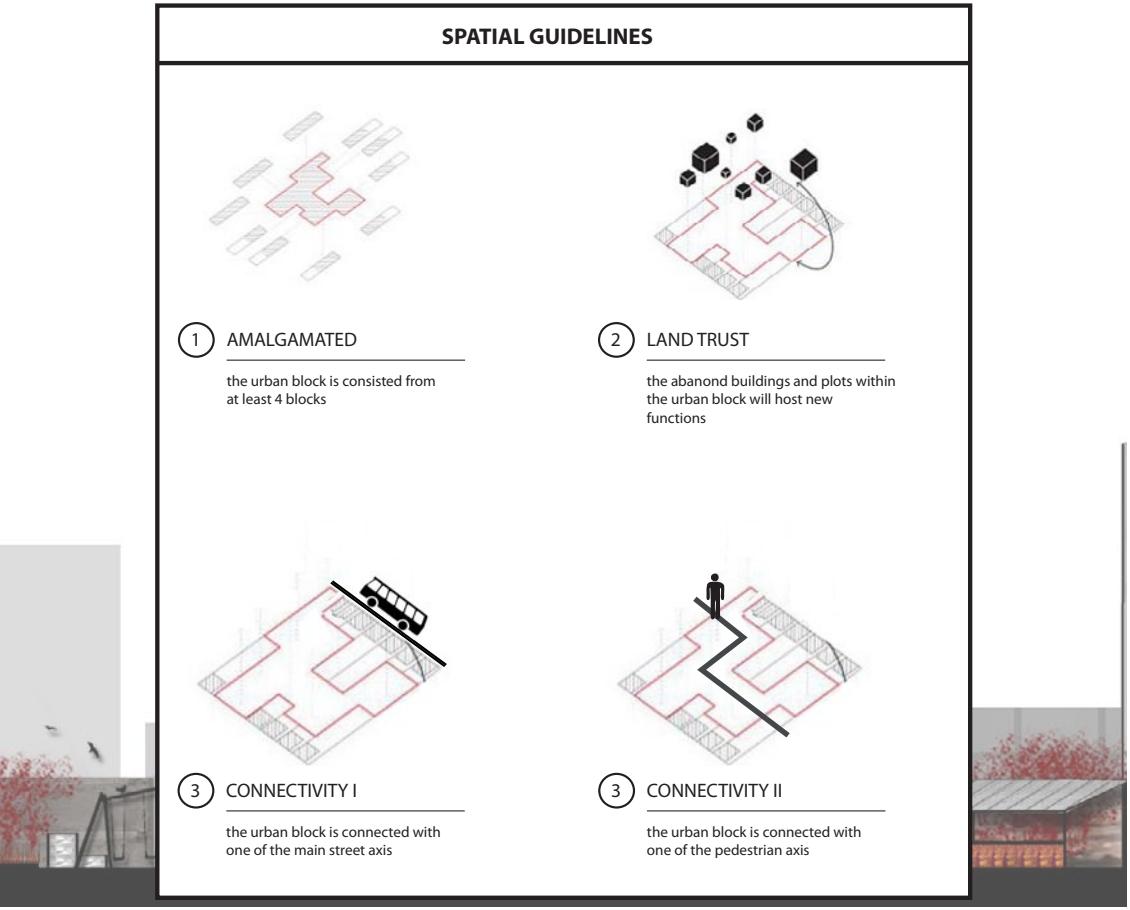
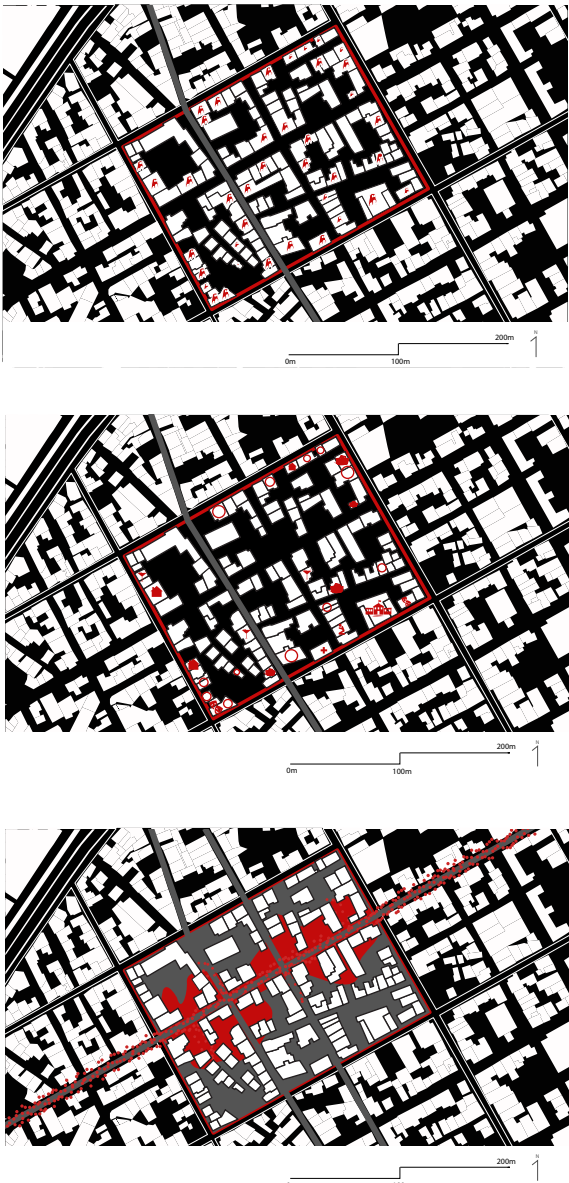


Public and common space network and open market

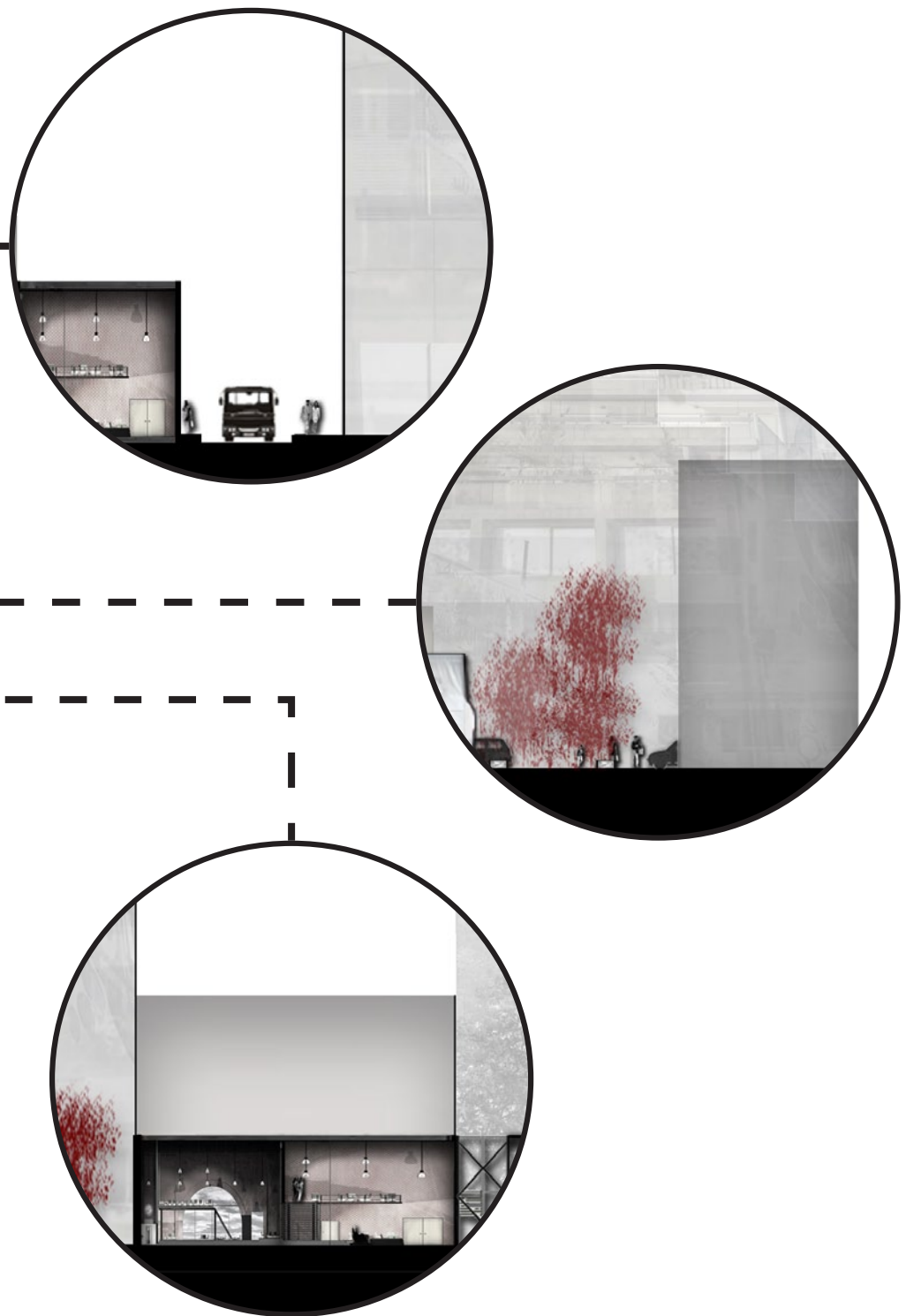
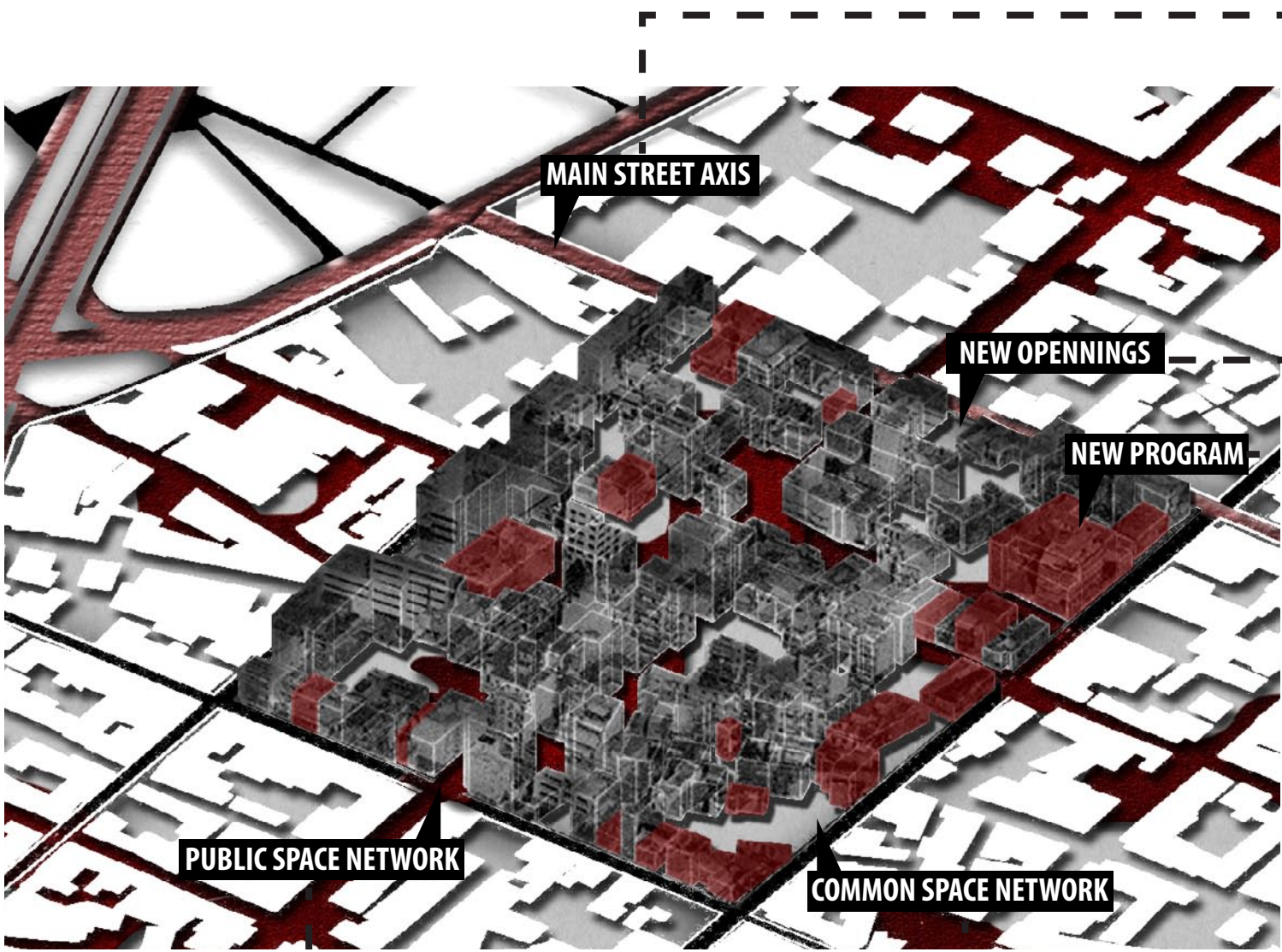
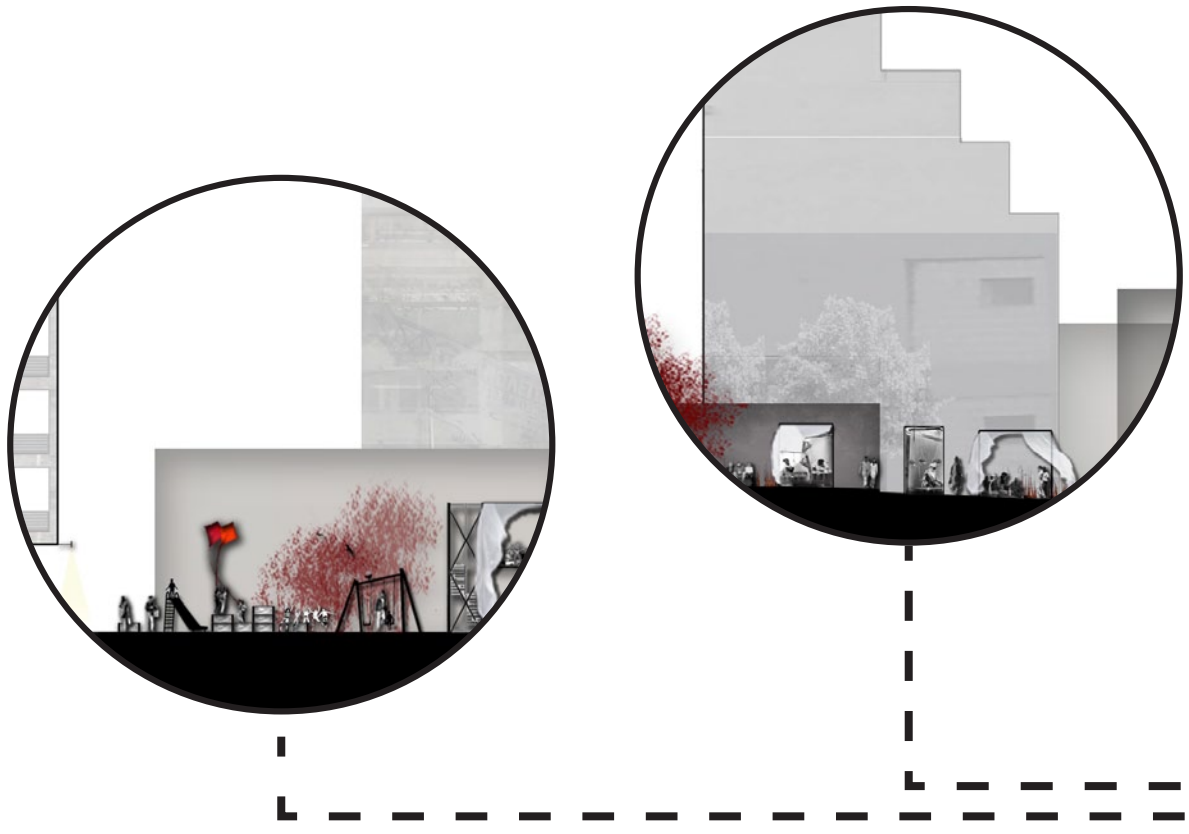
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One important aspect of the proposal is that it should work on a base of collective process in order to make possible the involvement of the inhabitants. In the following diagrams, it is explained the process that is followed in order to turn this local strategic plan into an instrumental plan that different groups can use as a collective process. Moreover, in order to for the design process of the proposal to start there is the need to establish a set of recommendations. This set of spatial guidelines, is a combination of policies on the ownership and the abandonment and a set of guidelines on how to formulate the urban block.



In the following drawing, we see the points in which the accupunctural interventions have been realized. It is the example on how the new urban megablock can be the activator of the area, that will enable the inhabitants into co-habitation by expanding the public space into the block and creating common spaces for interaction. The urban block works in a extrovert level, like the traditional block of the area, with multiple entries, a core-market that passes through the middle of it bringing the public life into its core and perforated urban facades that are open to the city life. The urban block as a whole ‘plays’ with the different levels of public, private and common and makes this variety a central key-point of intervantion and an important element in order for the megablock to function in an extrovert level.



Section 01



Section 02

