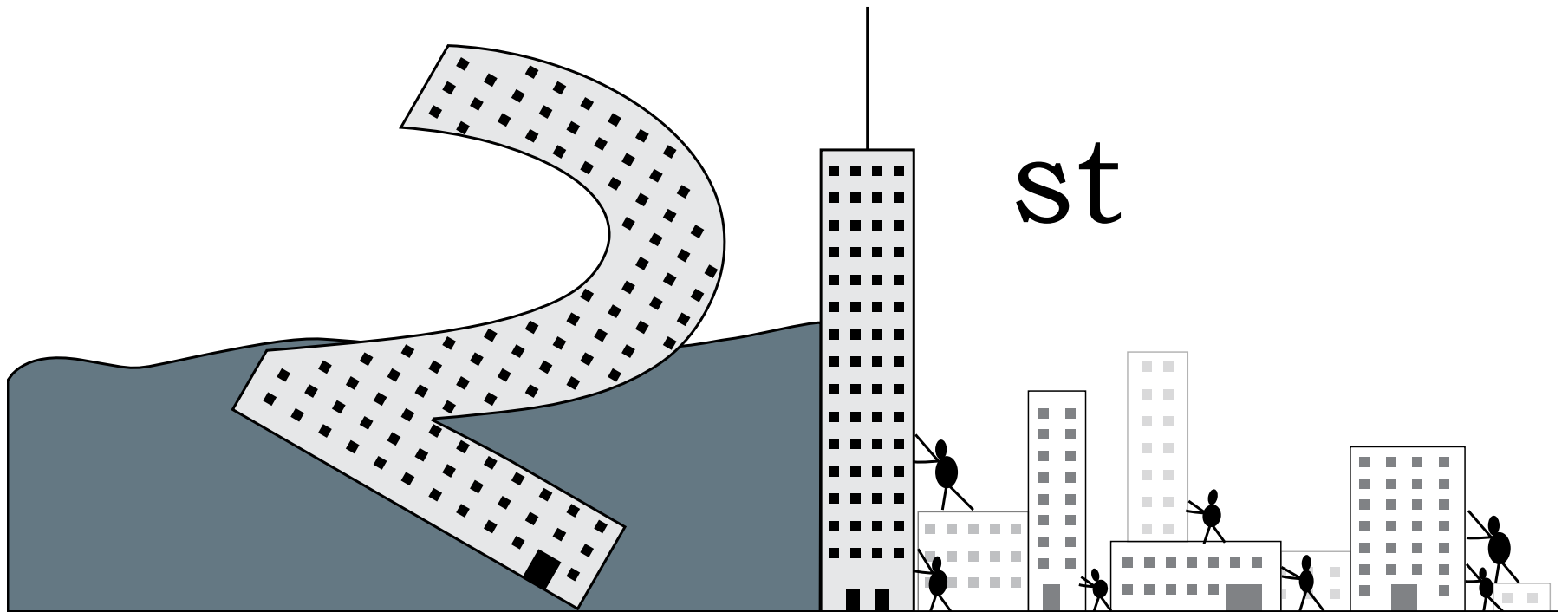


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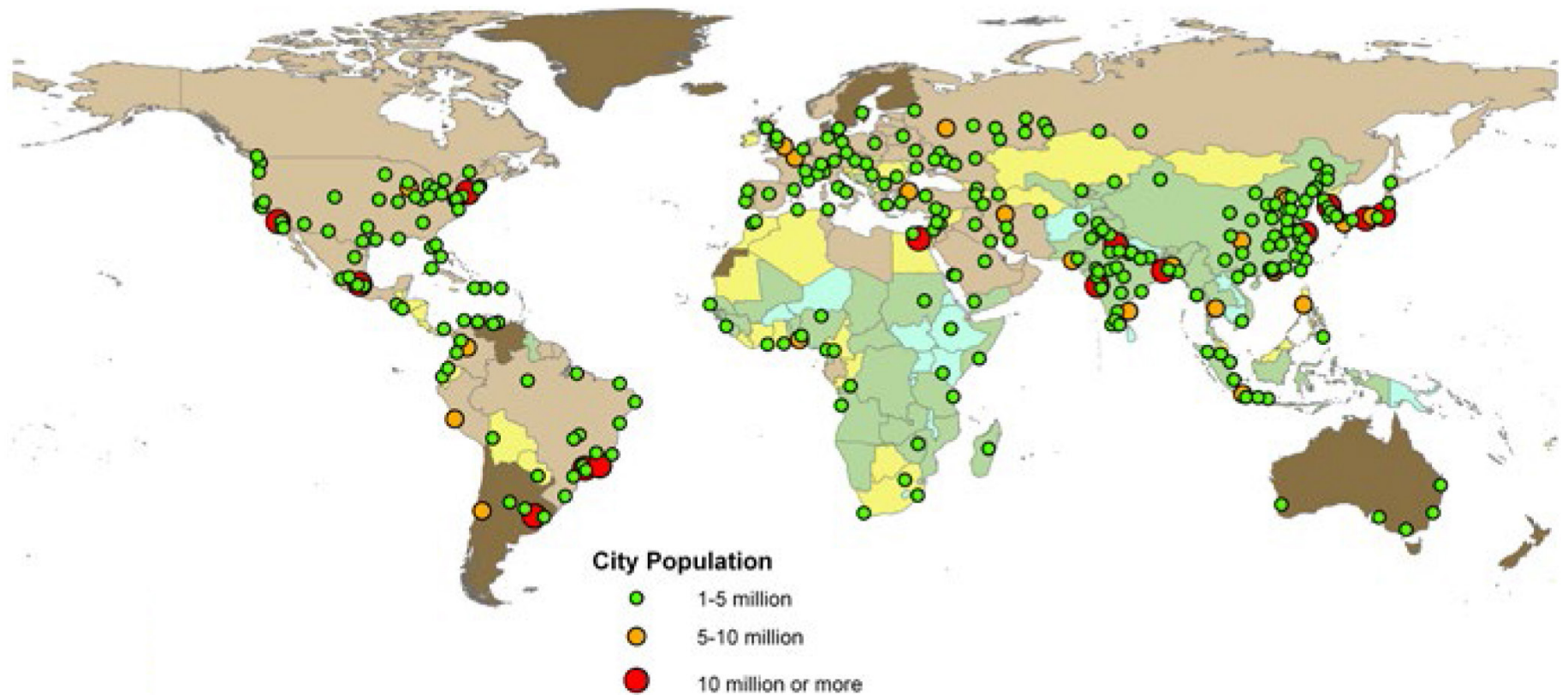
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**Figure 1.1: Global patterns of urbanization, 1995**

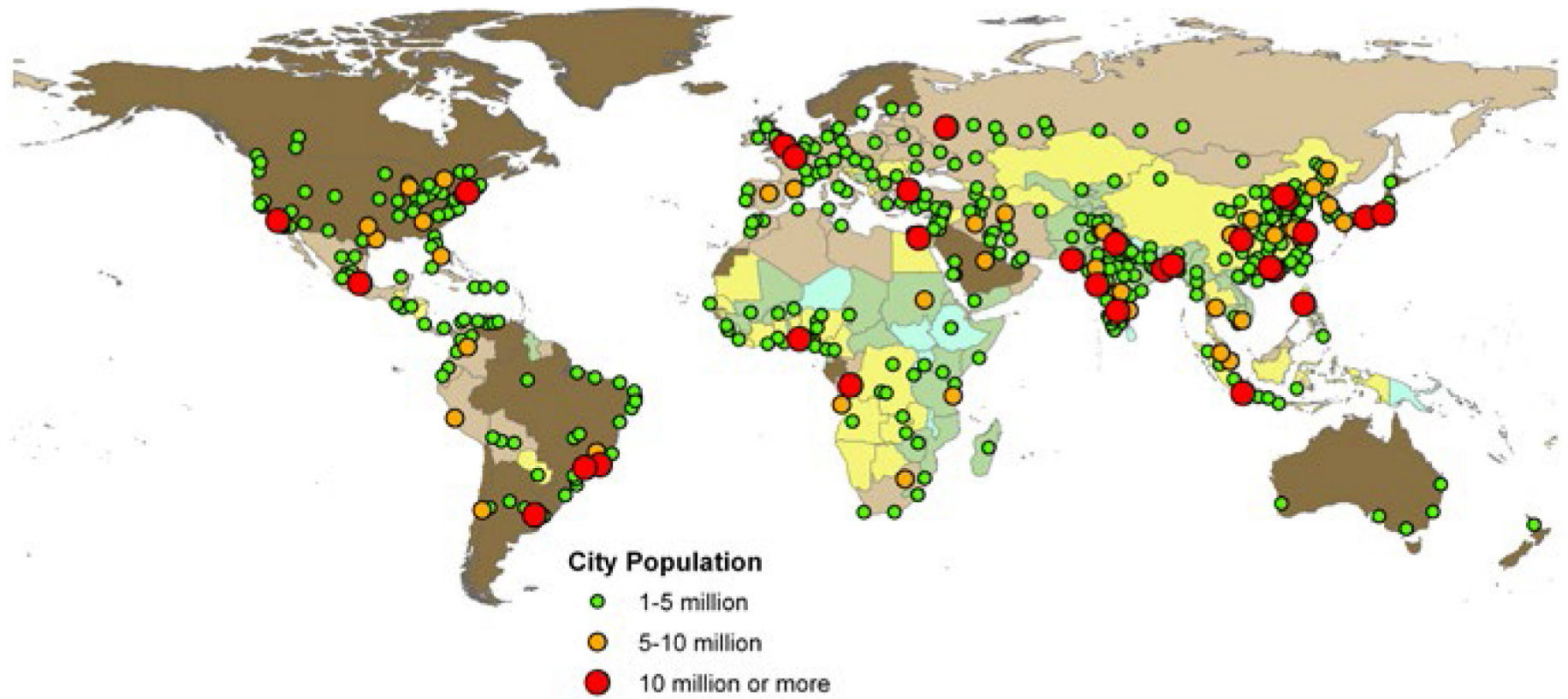
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*Global Patterns of Urbanization*  
United Nations Human Settlements Programme

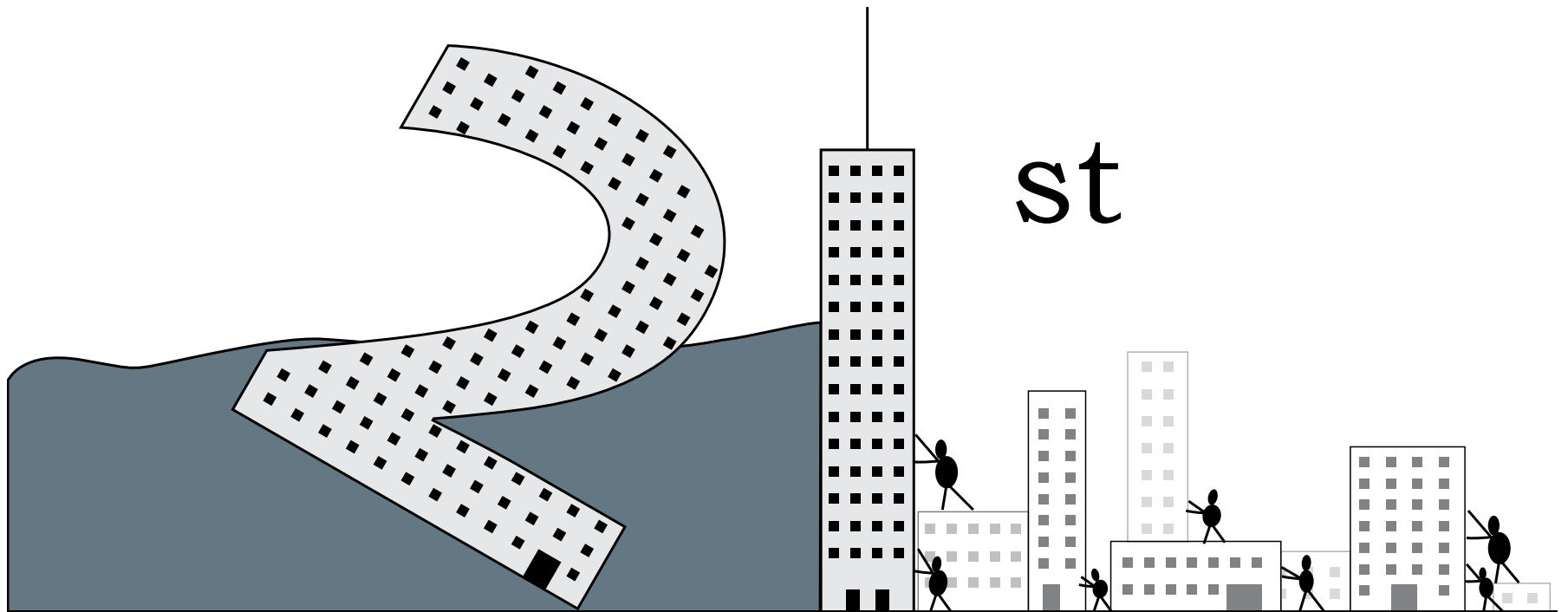
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# Structure

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Problem field





Current top 3 cities with most exposed assets are all North-American

Numbers to grow exponentially until 2070

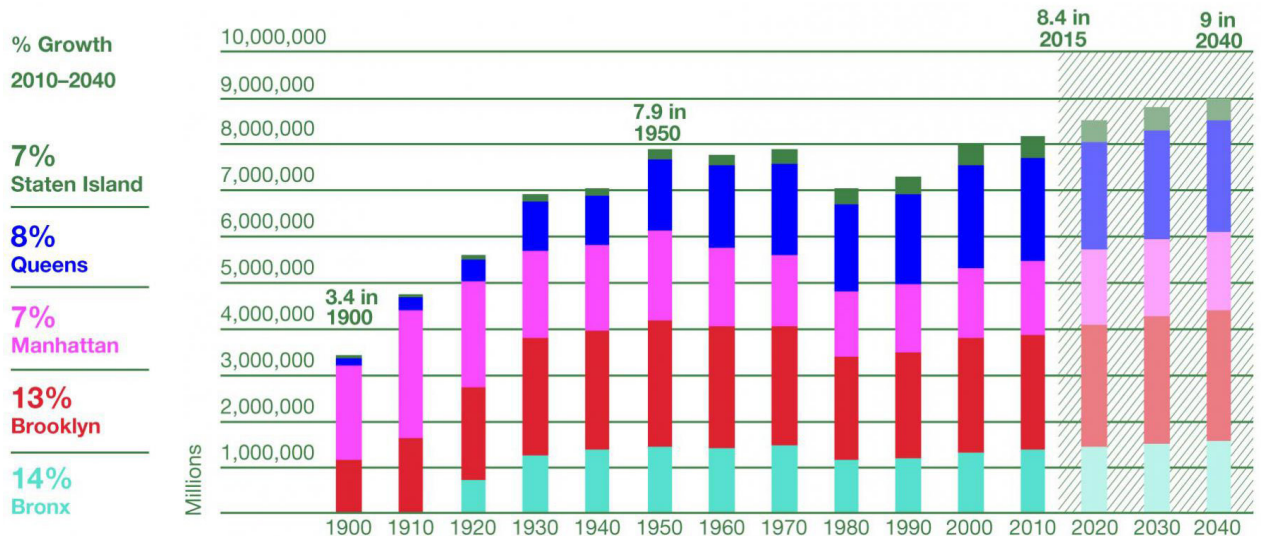
NYC is one of the most densely populated coastal areas

Population projected to increase, Brooklyn and the Bronx to contribute most

Additional pressure on the terrain

| Rank | Country     | Urban Agglomeration | Exposed Assets Current (\$Billion) | Exposed Assets 2070 (\$Billion) |
|------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1    | USA         | Miami               | 416.29                             | 3,513.04                        |
| 2    | USA         | New York-Newark     | 320.20                             | 2,147.35                        |
| 3    | USA         | New Orleans         | 233.69                             | 1,013.45                        |
| 4    | JAPAN       | Osaka-Kobe          | 215.62                             | 968.96                          |
| 5    | JAPAN       | Tokyo               | 174.29                             | 1,207.07                        |
| 6    | NETHERLANDS | Amsterdam           | 128.33                             | 843.70                          |
| 7    | NETHERLANDS | Rotterdam           | 114.89                             | 825.68                          |
| 8    | JAPAN       | Nagoya              | 109.22                             | 623.42                          |
| 9    | USA         | Virginia Beach      | 84.64                              | 581.69                          |
| 10   | CHINA       | Guangzhou           | 84.17                              | 3,357.72                        |
| 11   | CHINA       | Shanghai            | 72.86                              | 1,771.17                        |
| 12   | INDIA       | Mumbai              | 46.20                              | 1,598.05                        |
| 13   | THAILAND    | Bangkok             | 38.72                              | 1,117.54                        |
| 14   | CHINA,      | Hong Kong           | 35.94                              | 1,163.89                        |
| 15   | INDIA       | Kolkata (Calcutta)  | 31.99                              | 1,961.44                        |
| 16   | CHINA       | Tianjin             | 29.62                              | 1,231.48                        |
| 17   | EGYPT       | Alexandria          | 28.46                              | 563.28                          |
| 18   | VIETNAM     | Ho Chi Minh City    | 26.86                              | 652.82                          |
| 19   | CHINA       | Ningbo              | 9.26                               | 1,073.93                        |
| 20   | CHINA       | Qingdao             | 2.72                               | 601.59                          |

Top 20 cities in terms of assets exposed to coastal flooding. (Hanson et al., 2011)

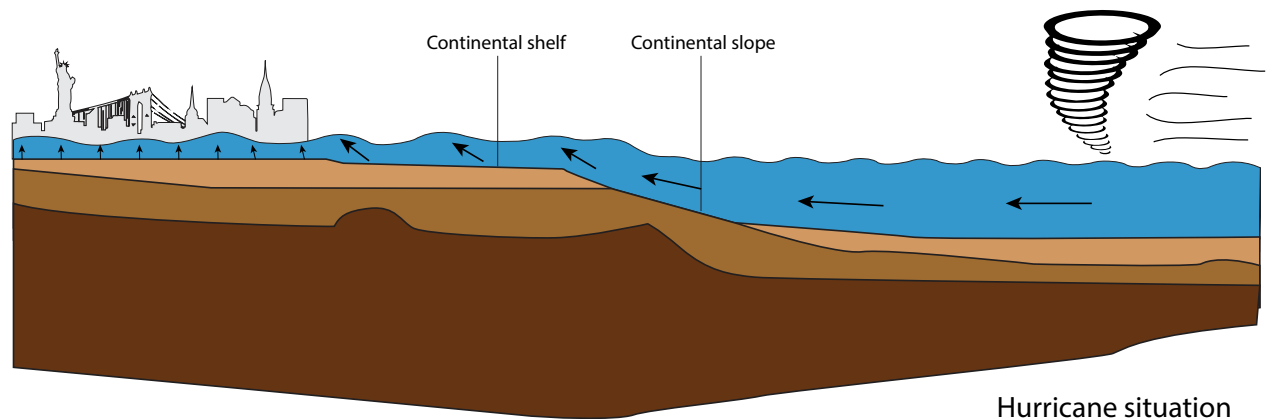
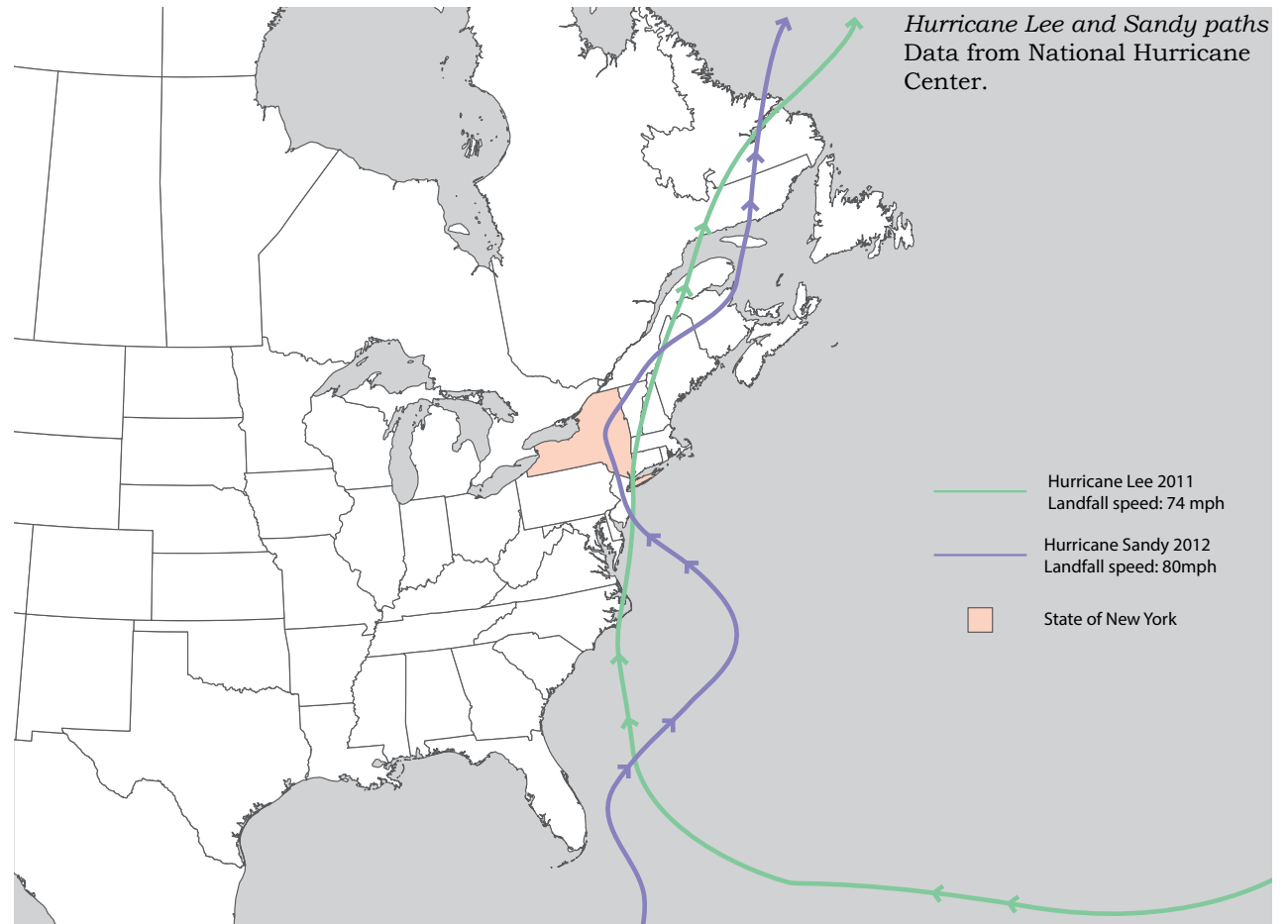


NYC population. NYC Gov, 2017

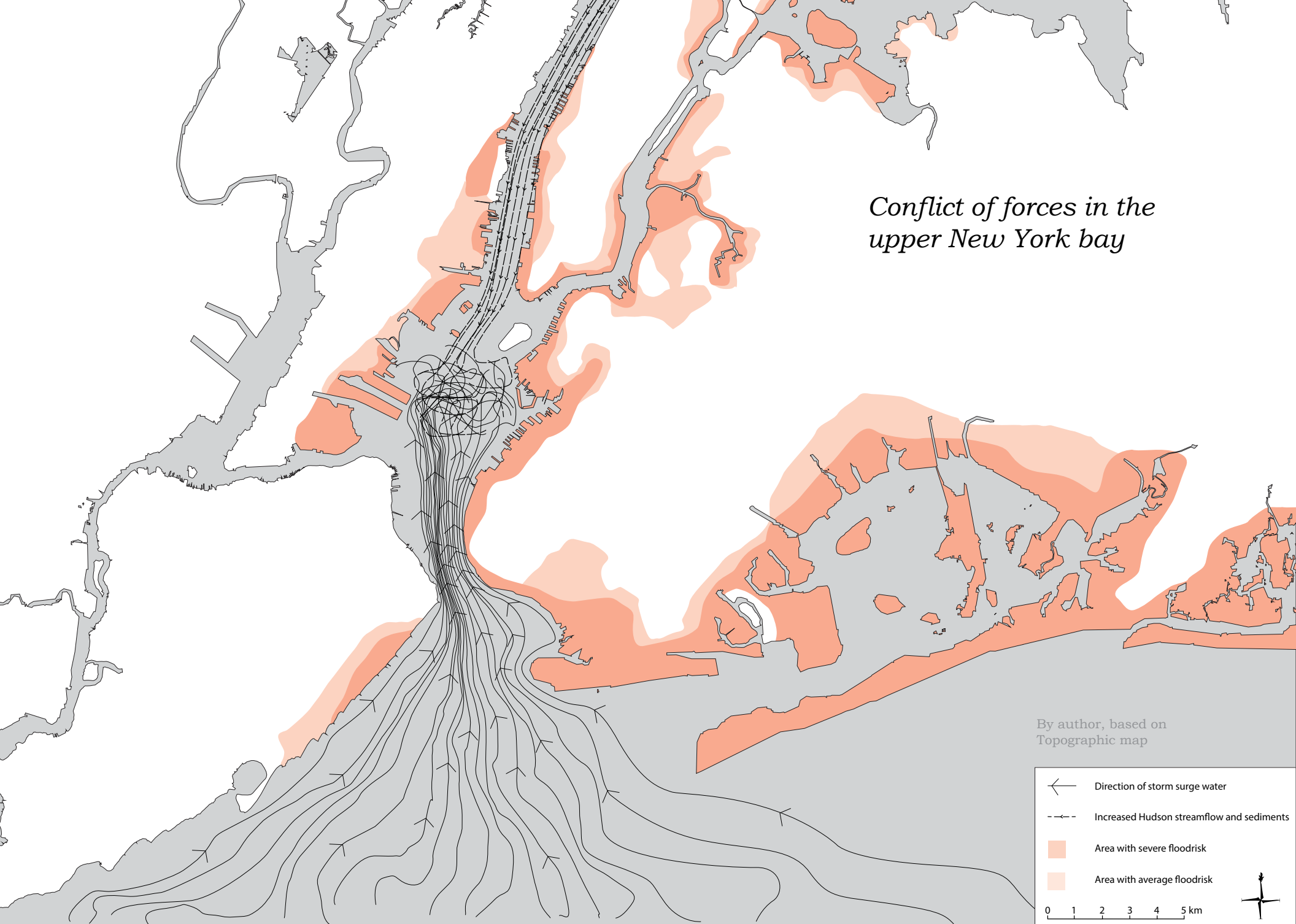
East coast of the US deals with Hurricanes, Tropical storms and Nor'easters

Hurricanes making landfall in NYC push water into the bay

Geology of the Atlantic ocean contributes to rise in waterlevel



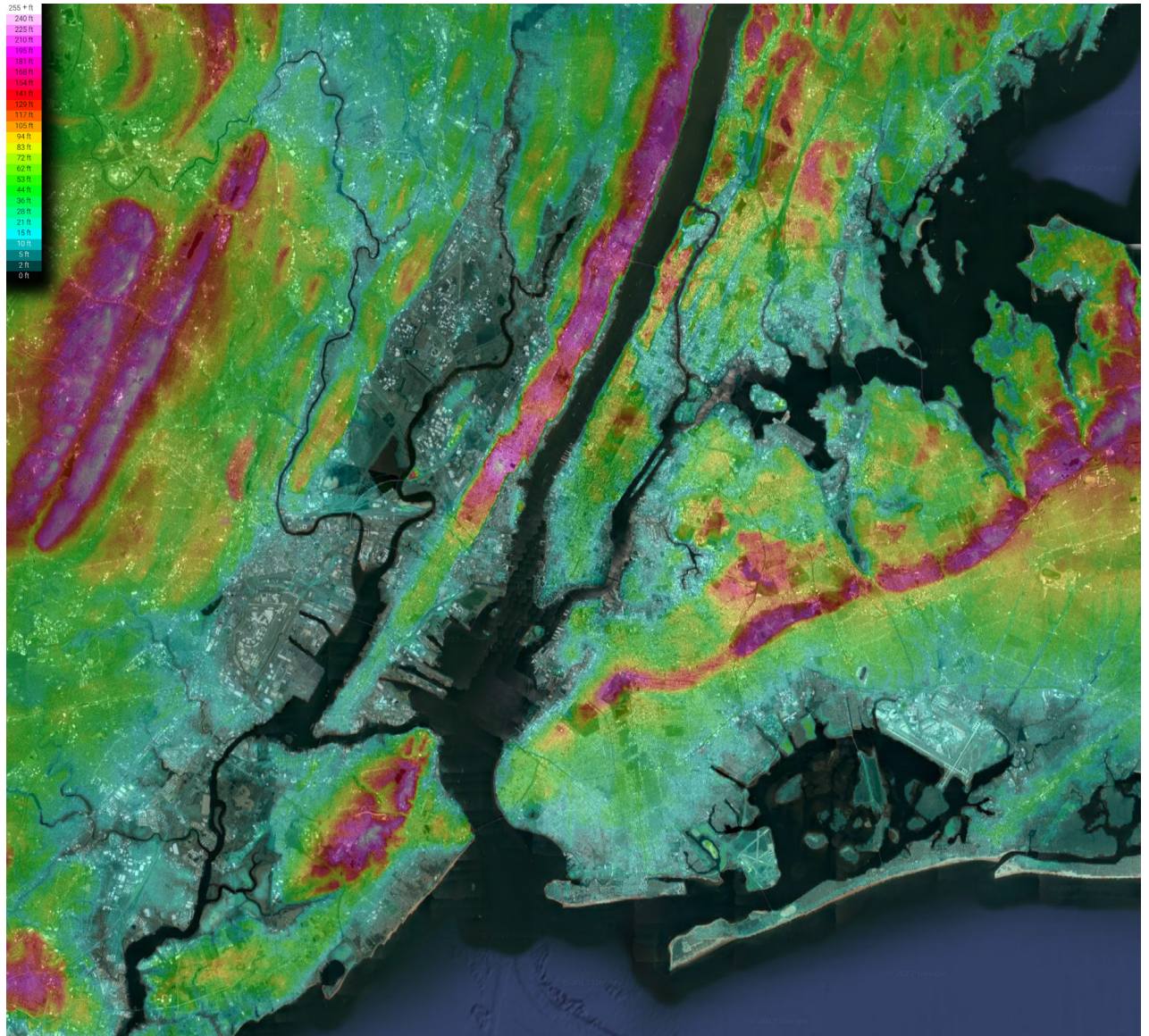




Low-lying land directly  
exposed to the Atlantic ocean

Especially around the Upper bay,  
the lowest lying areas are found

Red Hook is one of the most  
vulnerable neighbourhoods on  
the Upper bay



*NYC elevations map*  
data from Topographic map



Red Hook was founded by the Dutch in 1636 as 'Roode Hoek'

Peninsula is almost completely landfilled

Around 1840 one of the largest harbours in the world

Area fell in decline after port activity decreased



Red Hook location. (By author)



# Methodology

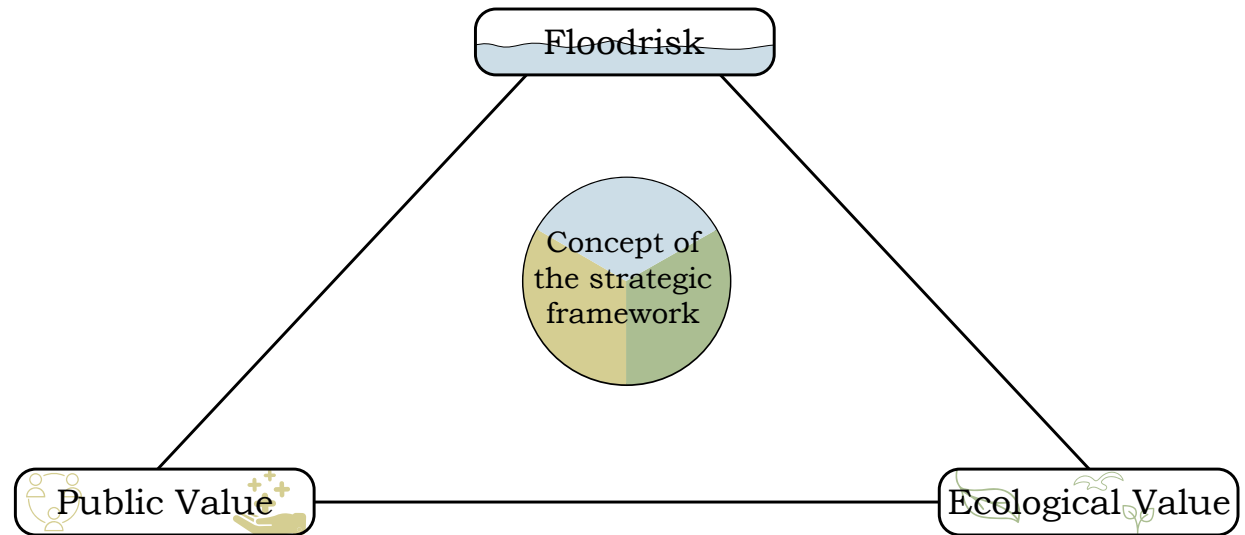


# Strategy

To combat the two surges of the 21st century, a strategic framework is developed

This approach is applicable on other urbanized coastal areas as well, and was tested on Red Hook as pilot site

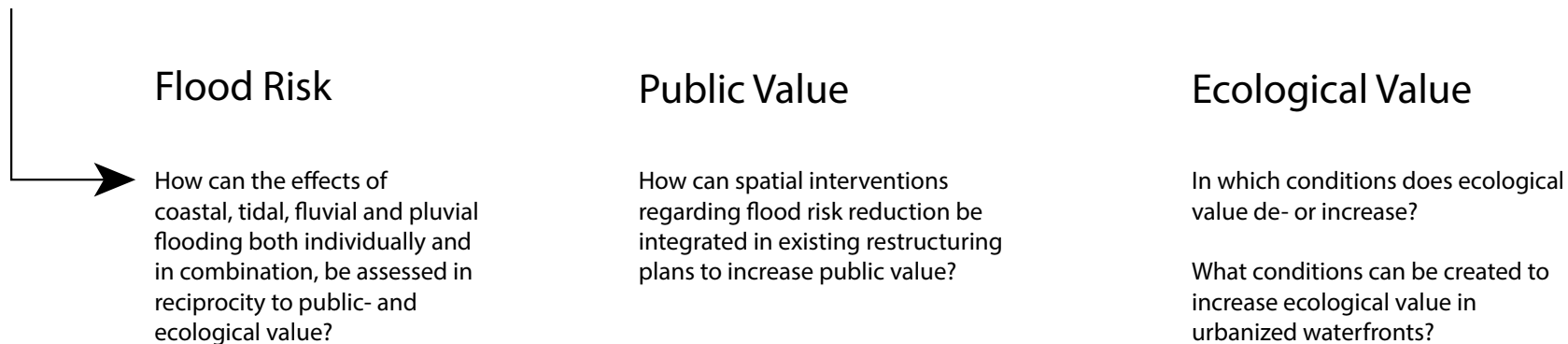
3 components:  
Flood risk  
Public Value  
Ecological Value



*Concept of the strategic framework. (By author)*

## Research questions

How can **flood risk**, **public**- and **ecological value** be addressed coherently through urban regeneration, in which socio-economic pressure and flood risk are both successfully reduced?



*Main research question and three components with sub-questions. (By author)*



Analyses existing conditions





## Land use

Land use is industry dominated

No access to waterfront

Limited public space



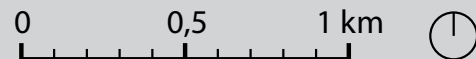
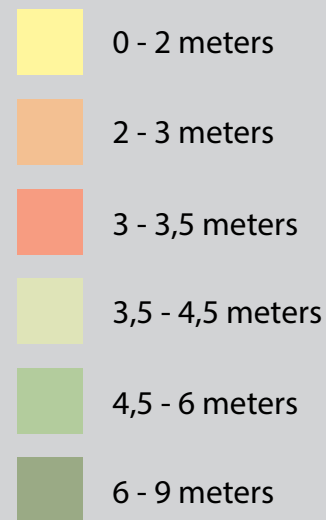
Data from: NYC Department of City Planning (2014).  
*Red Hook Transportation Study*



## Natural elevation

Natural elevation of the area,  
many flood prone areas

Dutch dunes are our coastal  
defence, and are around 10  
meters high.



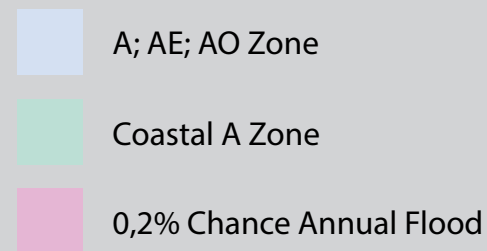
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## Flood zones

A; AE; AO Zone have a 1% annual flooding chance

Coastal A Zone, 1% annual flooding chance and high wave energy

Higher areas host a 0,2% annual flooding chance

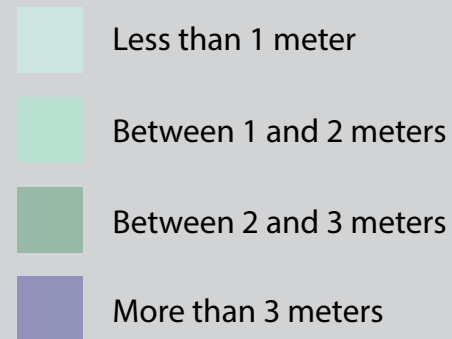


Data from: NYC Department of City Planning, NYC Mayor's Office. (2014). *Existing conditions and brownfields analysis Red Hook, Brooklyn.*

## Sandy surge extent

Sandy aftermath shows why Red Hook is evacuation zone A

Inundation as high as 3 meters at specific places



Data from: NYC Department of City Planning, NYC Mayor's Office. (2014). *Existing conditions and brownfields analysis Red Hook, Brooklyn.*





*Hurricane Sandy*, by Daniel Krieger

## Density

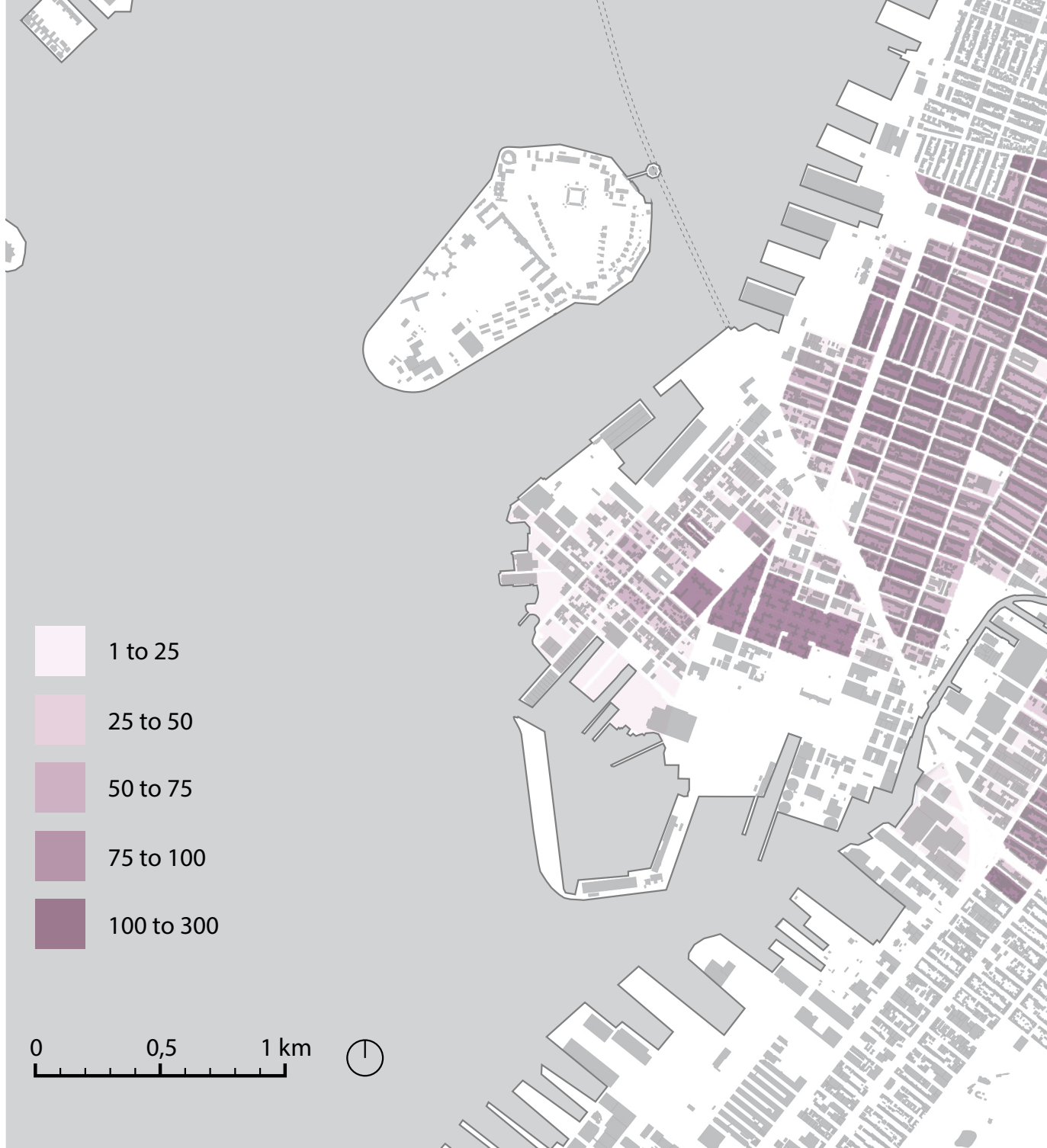
Density shows less people in Red Hook because of industrial character

Most people live in the Red Hook Houses

Social housing project to facilitate harbour workers



Data from: NYC Department of City Planning (2014).  
*Red Hook Transportation Study*







*Red Hook Houses*

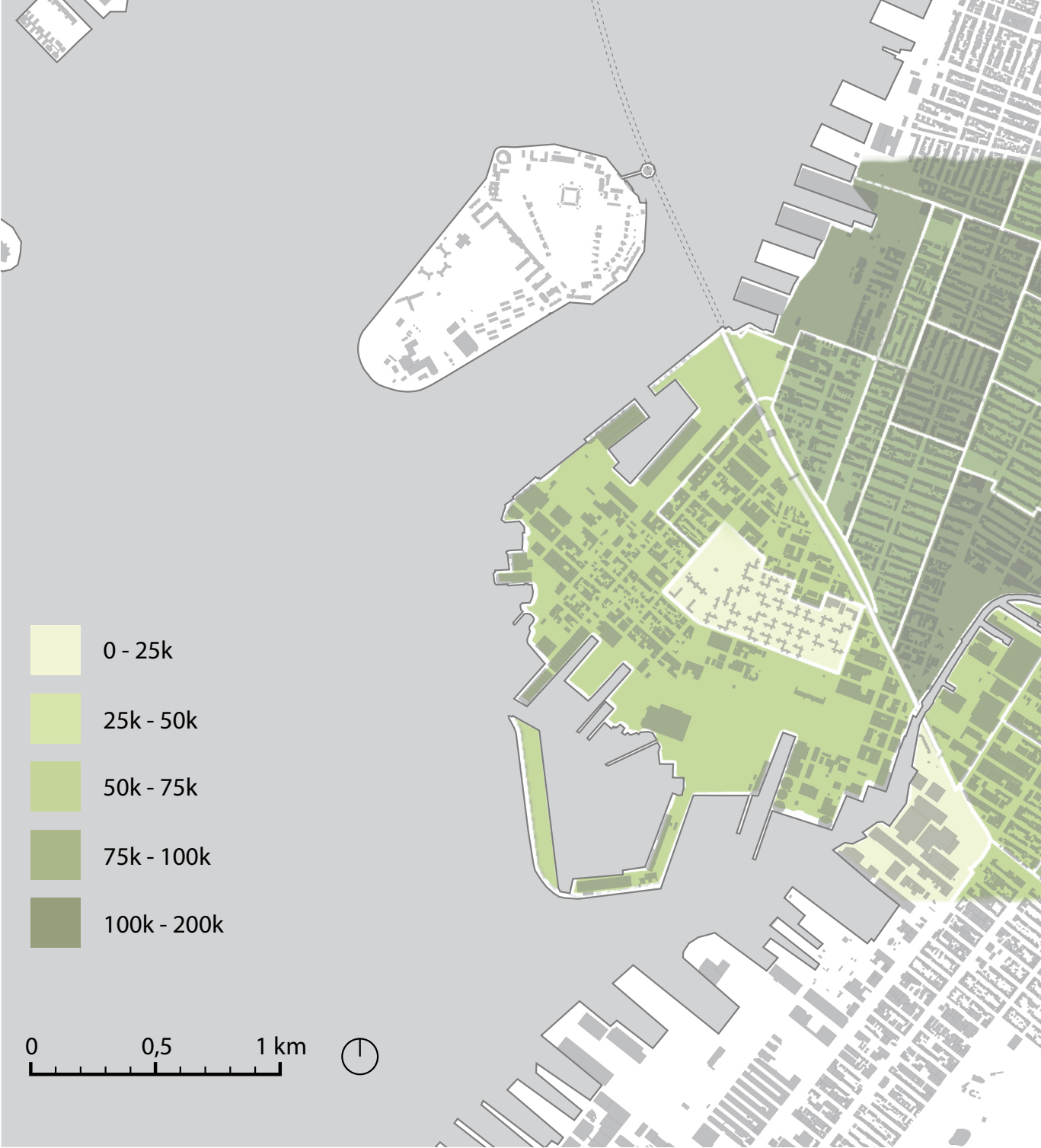
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(2014). *Red Hook Transportation Study*. p.12



# Annual income

Big difference in income

RHH residents make less than 25k average



Data from: NYC Department of City Planning (2014).  
*Red Hook Transportation Study*

## Historic ecosystems

Red Hook used to be mostly water

Like most of NYC, natural ecosystems are replaced by hard man-made infrastructure

Tidal marshland provided natural habitat for diverse ecosystems.



Data from: NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan (2014). *Red Hook - NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan*



## ‘The big oyster’

New Yorkers ate a million oysters a day in the 19th century

Pearl street paved with crushed oyster shells

Industrial pollution and over-consumption completely exhausted oyster numbers

Reduce wave and surge energy

Cleaning water, capturing CO2

“Two centuries ago, reefs composed of 3 trillion oysters were a “natural seawall” that served as a first line of defense for Manhattan against storms fiercer than 2012’s Hurricane Sandy,”

Paul Greenberg

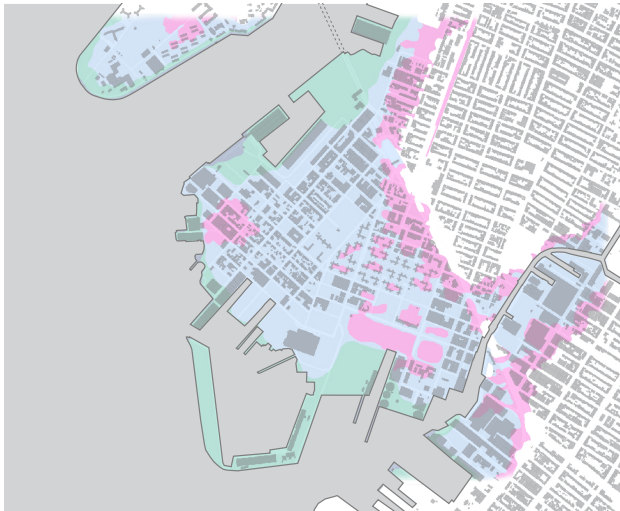


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Floodrisk

Public Value

Ecological Value



# Dynamics of the New York Bay





## Natural ecosystems

Wildlife habitats and natural waterfront

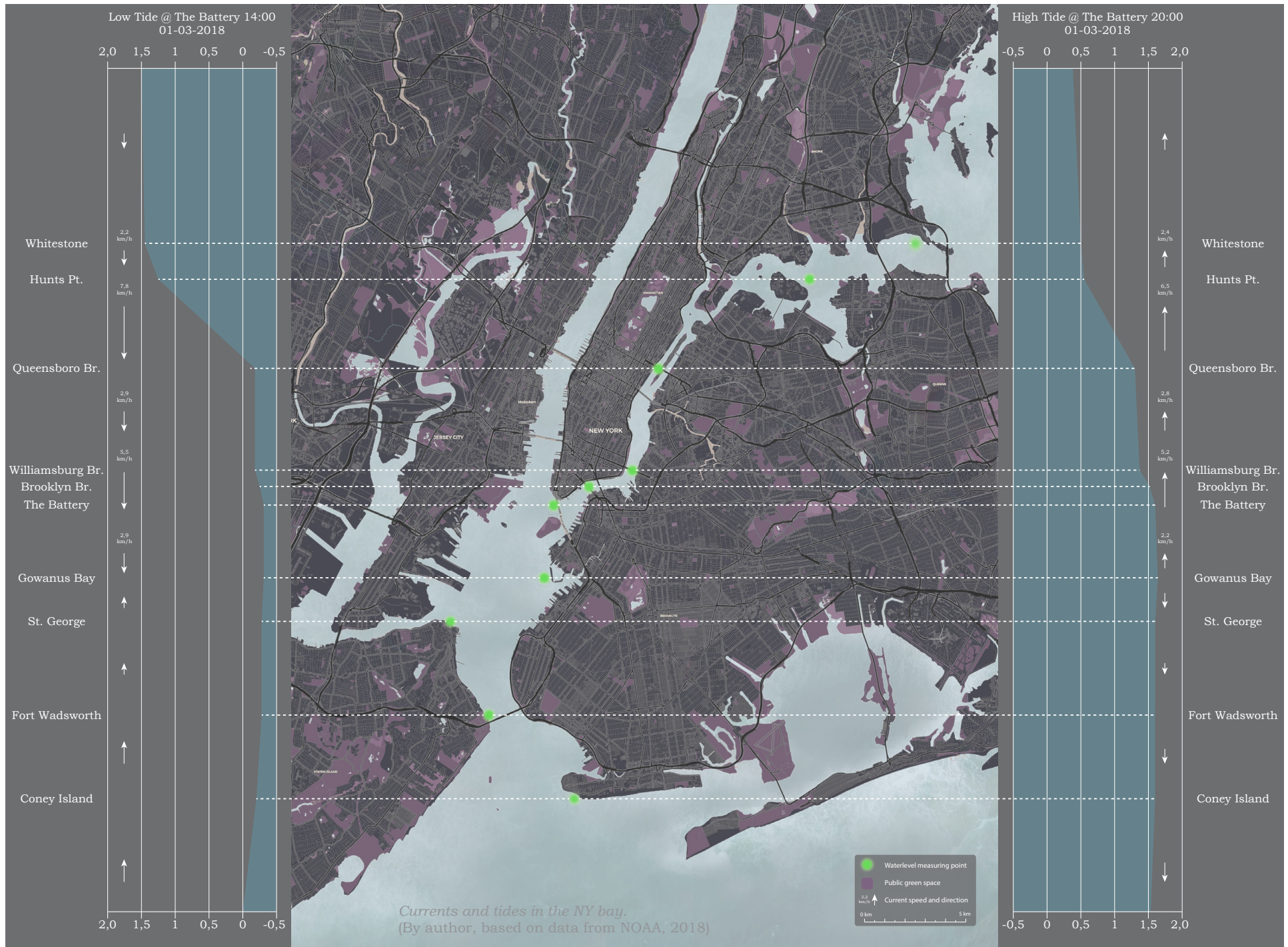
Red Hook stepping stone



Graphics by author, based on NYC  
DOCP vision 2020









## Flow directions and salinity

Influences of tides

Gowanus bay area has a high salinity



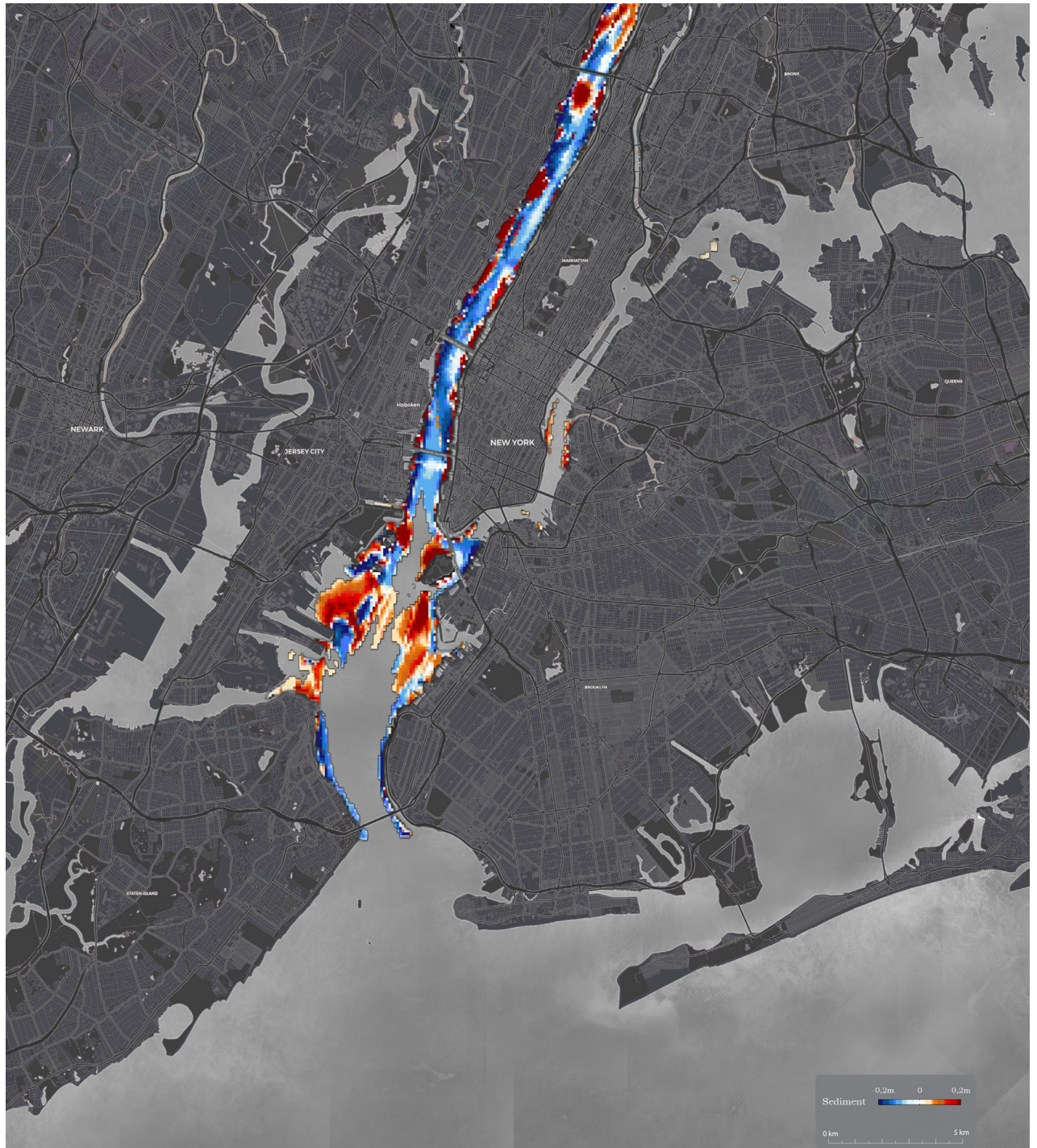
*Flow directions and salinity.* (By author, based on MIT CAU + ZUS + De Urbanisten, 2014)



## Sedimentation processes

Erosion and deposition of sediments in Hudson river

Large amounts are being deposited in front of Red Hook



*Sedimentation erosion and deposition.* (By author, data from Ralston, Geyer, Warner, Wall, 2015)



## Bathymetry

Underwater island base is already established

Dredging of waterways is an ongoing project

Building the island will save money compared to using offshore dumping sites



*Bathymetry of the New York Bay.*  
(By author, data from NOAA Bathymetry, 2018)



The plansite





## Fieldwork

Edgar Westerhof, Flood risk & Resiliency Arcadis US

Ray Hall, Operations manager  
Van Brunt street warehouses



Edgar Westerhof Image from  
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# The plansite

3 focus areas

Nearshore, Waterfront and Inland area



*Three focus areas of the layered approach. (By author)*



## 1. Historic warehouses



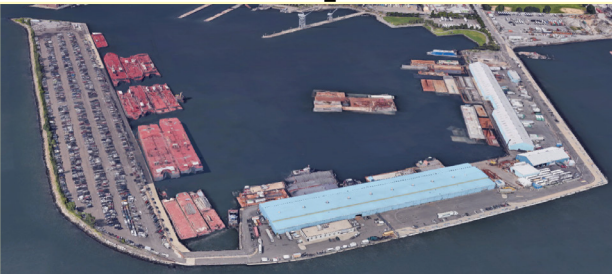
## 2. Brownfield area



## 3. IKEA terrain



## 4. NYPD auto impound



Images by Google maps, map by author



- Historic warehouses
- Brownfield area
- IKEA terrain
- NYPD auto impound

# Jan Gehls quality criteria

12 criteria in 3 categories:  
Protection, Comfort and  
Enjoyment

1 = no  
2 = in between  
3 = yes

## TWELVE URBAN QUALITY CRITERIA

LOCATION:

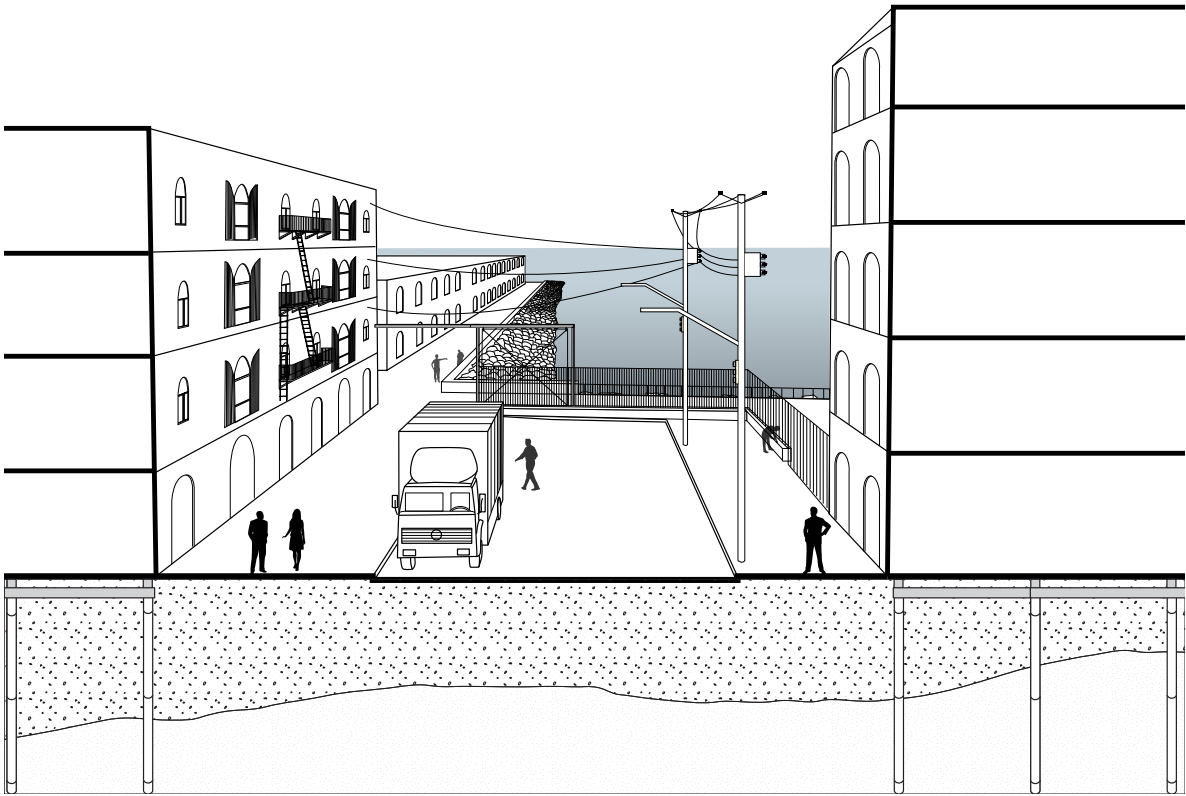
3 = YES  
2 = IN BETWEEN  
1 = NO

|            |   |  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|
| Protection | <b>Protection against traffic and accidents.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do groups across age and ability experience traffic safety in the public space? Can one safely bike and walk without fear of being hit by a driver?</li> </ul>  | <b>Protection against harm by others.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the public space perceived to be safe both day and night? Are there people and activities at all hours of the day because the area has, for example, both residents and offices? Does the lighting provide safety at night as well as a good atmosphere?</li> </ul>  | <b>Protection against unpleasant sensory experience.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there noises, dust, smells, or other pollution? Does the public space function well when it's windy? Is there shelter from strong sun, rain, or minor flooding?</li> </ul>   |
|            | <b>Options for mobility.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this space accessible? Are there physical elements that might limit or enhance personal mobility in the forms of walking, using of a wheelchair, or pushing a stroller? Is it evident how to move through the space without having to take an illogical detour?</li> </ul> | <b>Options to stand and linger.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the place have features you can stay and lean on, like a façade that invites one to spend time next to it, a bus stop, a bench, a tree, or a small ledge or niche?</li> </ul>  | <b>Options for sitting.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there good primary seating options such as benches or chairs? Or is there only secondary seating such as a stair, seat wall, or the edge of a fountain? Are there adequate non-commercial seating options so that sitting does not require spending money?</li> </ul> |
|            | <b>Options for seeing.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are seating options placed so there are interesting things to look at?</li> </ul>   | <b>Options for talking and listening/hearing.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it possible to have a conversation here? Is it evident that you have the option to sit together and have a conversation?</li> </ul>  | <b>Options for play, exercise, and activities.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there options to be active at multiple times of the day and year?</li> </ul>   |
|            | <b>Scale.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the public space and the building that surrounds it at a human scale? If people are at the edges of the space, can we still relate to them as people or are they lost in their surroundings?</li> </ul>   | <b>Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are local climatic aspects such as wind and sun taken into account? Are there varied conditions for spending time in public spaces at different times of year? With this in mind, where are the seating options placed? Are they located entirely in the shadows or the sun? And how are they oriented/ placed in relation to wind? Are they protected?</li> </ul> | <b>Experience of aesthetic qualities and positive sensory experiences.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the public space beautiful? Is it evident that there is good design both in terms of how things are shaped, as well as their durability?</li> </ul>   |
| Enjoyment  |   |  |  |

Twelve urban quality criteria. (Jan Gehl, 2011)



Typology 1: Historic warehouses



**TWELVE URBAN QUALITY CRITERIA**  
LOCATION: Historic warehouses, waterfront

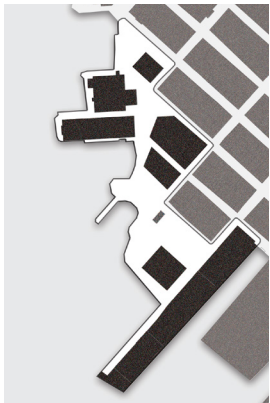
Total score: 30

|            |   |   |   |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Protection | Protection against traffic and accidents. | Protection against harm by others.                      | Protection against unpleasant sensory experience.                   |
|            | 3   | 2   | 1   |
| Comfort    | Options for mobility.                     | Options to stand and linger.                            | Options for sitting.  |
|            | 3   | 2   | 3   |
| Enjoyment  | Options for seeing.                       | Options for talking and listening/ hearing.             | Options for play, exercise, and activities.                         |
|            | 3   | 3   | 2   |
| Enjoyment  | Scale.                                    | Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate. | Experience of aesthetic qualities and positive sensory experiences. |
|            | 3   | 2   | 3   |

**TWELVE URBAN QUALITY CRITERIA**  
LOCATION: Historic warehouses, streets

Total score: 19

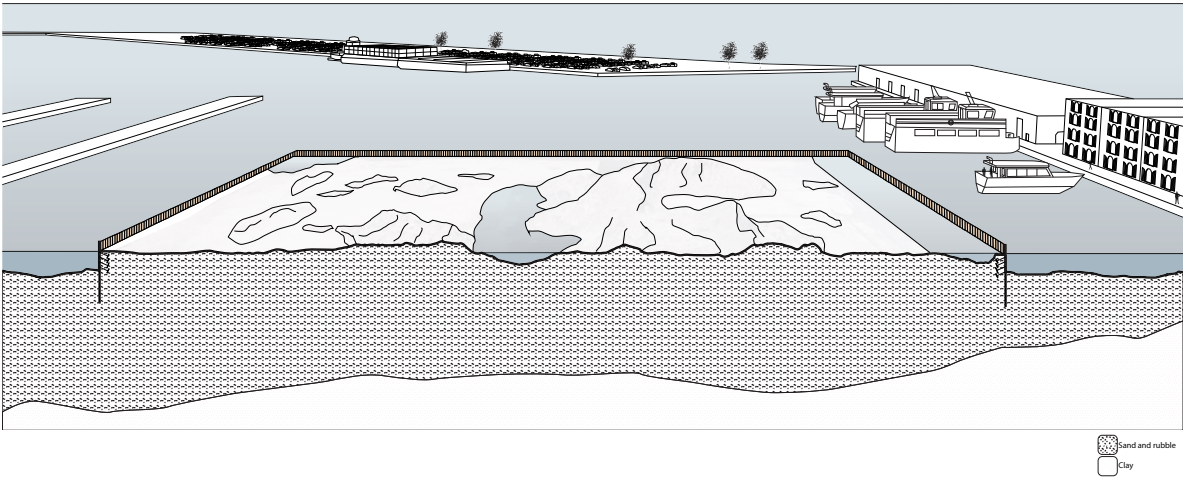
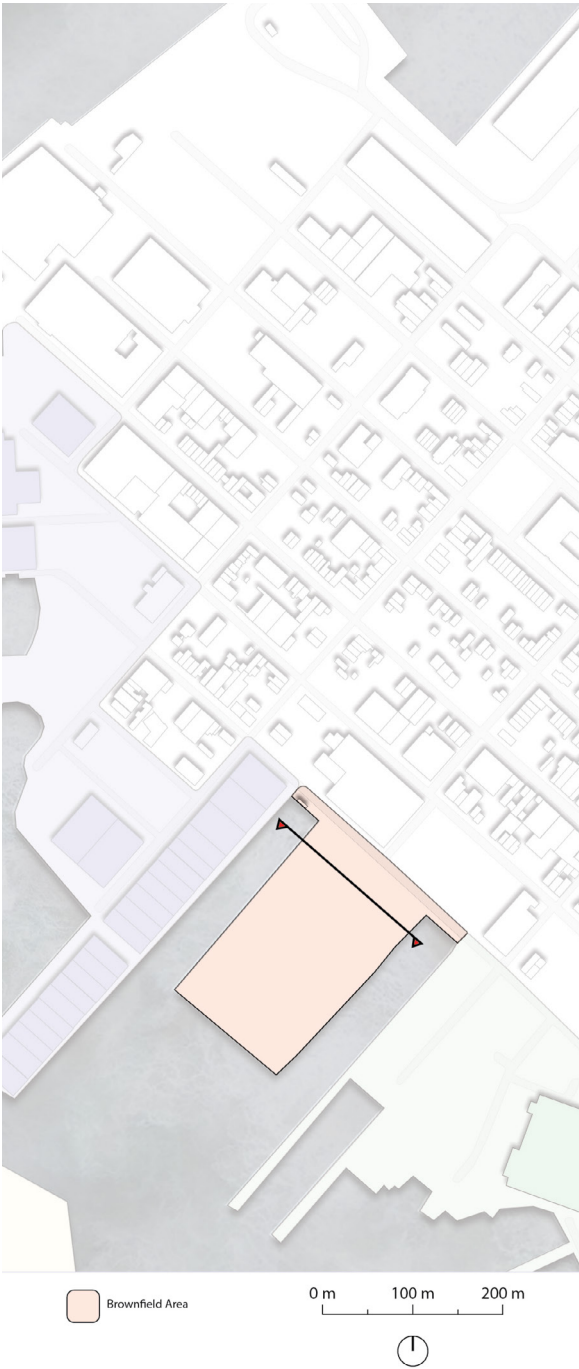
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|------------|---|---|---|
| Protection | Protection against traffic and accidents. | Protection against harm by others.                      | Protection against unpleasant sensory experience.                   |
|            | 1   | 2   | 2   |
| Comfort    | Options for mobility.                     | Options to stand and linger.                            | Options for sitting.  |
|            | 3   | 1   | 1   |
| Enjoyment  | Options for seeing.                       | Options for talking and listening/ hearing.             | Options for play, exercise, and activities.                         |
|            | 2   | 1   | 2   |
| Enjoyment  | Scale.                                    | Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate. | Experience of aesthetic qualities and positive sensory experiences. |
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# Typology 2: Brownfield area

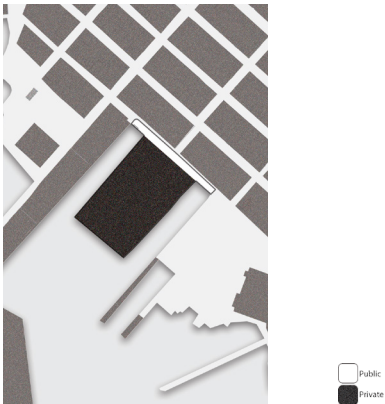


TWELVE URBAN QUALITY CRITERIA

LOCATION: Brownfield Area

Total score: 13

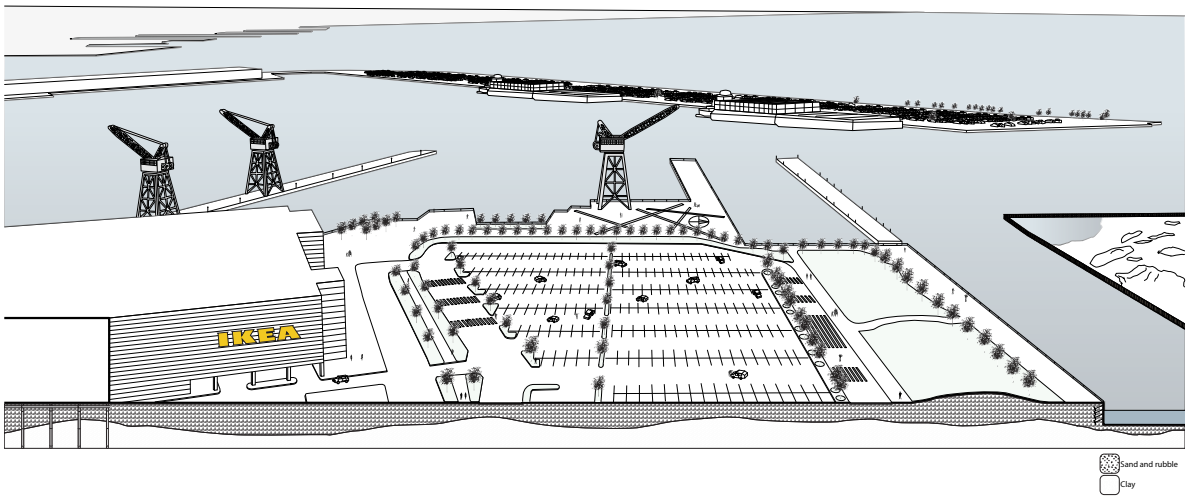
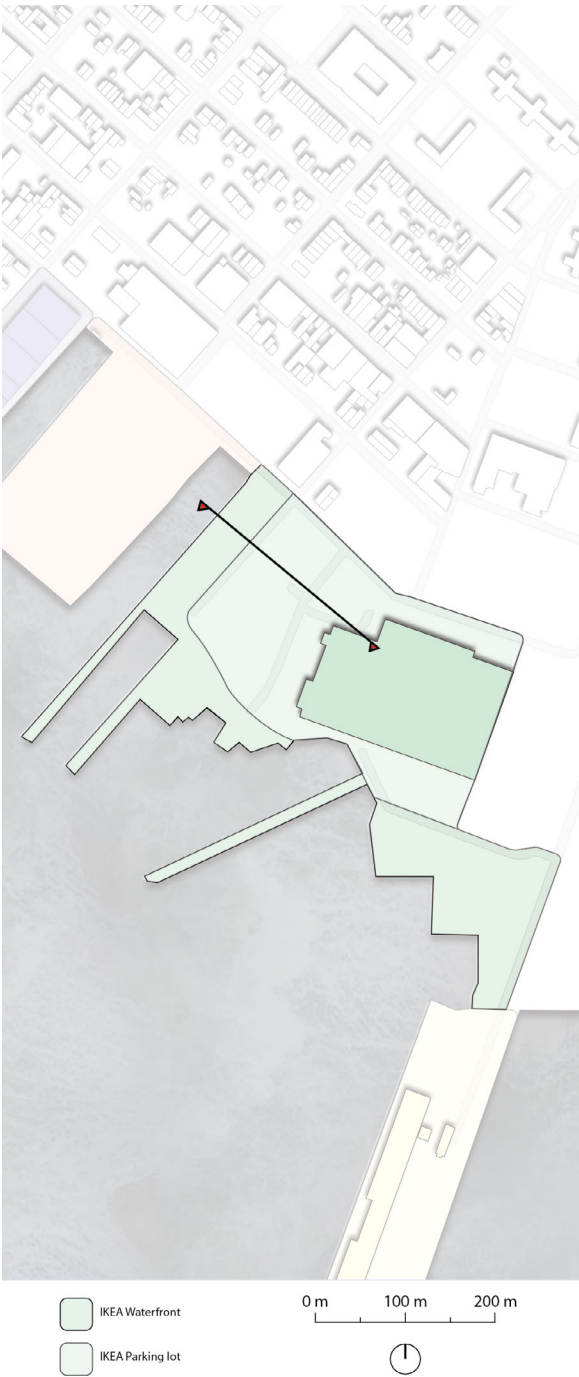
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| Protection | Protection against traffic and accidents. | Protection against harm by others.                      | Protection against unpleasant sensory experience.                   |
|            | 1   | 1   | 1   |
|            | Options for mobility.                     | Options to stand and linger.                            | Options for sitting.  |
| Comfort    | 1   | 1   | 1   |
|            | Options for seeing.                       | Options for talking and listening/ hearing.             | Options for play, exercise, and activities.                         |
| Enjoyment  | 2   | 1   | 1   |
|            | Scale.                                    | Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate. | Experience of aesthetic qualities and positive sensory experiences. |
|            | 1   | 1   | 1   |



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# Typology 3: IKEA terrain



TWELVE URBAN QUALITY CRITERIA  
LOCATION: IKEA waterfront

|           | Protection                               |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|
|           | Protection against traffic and accidents | Protection against harm by others                      | Protection against unpleasant sensory experience                   |
| Comfort   | 3  | 2  | 2  |
|           | Options for mobility                     | Options to stand and linger                            | Options for sitting  |
|           | Options for seeing                       | Options for talking and listening and hearing          | Options for play, exercise, and activities                         |
| Enjoyment | 3  | 3  | 2  |
|           | Scale                                    | Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate | Experience of aesthetic qualities and positive sensory experiences |
| Enjoyment | 2  | 2  | 2  |
|           |  |  |  |

Total score: 29

TWELVE URBAN QUALITY CRITERIA  
LOCATION: IKEA parking lot

|           | Protection                               |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|
|           | Protection against traffic and accidents | Protection against harm by others                      | Protection against unpleasant sensory experience                   |
| Comfort   | 2  | 2  | 2  |
|           | Options for mobility                     | Options to stand and linger                            | Options for sitting  |
|           | Options for seeing                       | Options for talking and listening and hearing          | Options for play, exercise, and activities                         |
| Enjoyment | 1  | 1  | 1  |
|           | Scale                                    | Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate | Experience of aesthetic qualities and positive sensory experiences |
| Enjoyment | 1  | 2  | 1  |
|           |  |  |  |

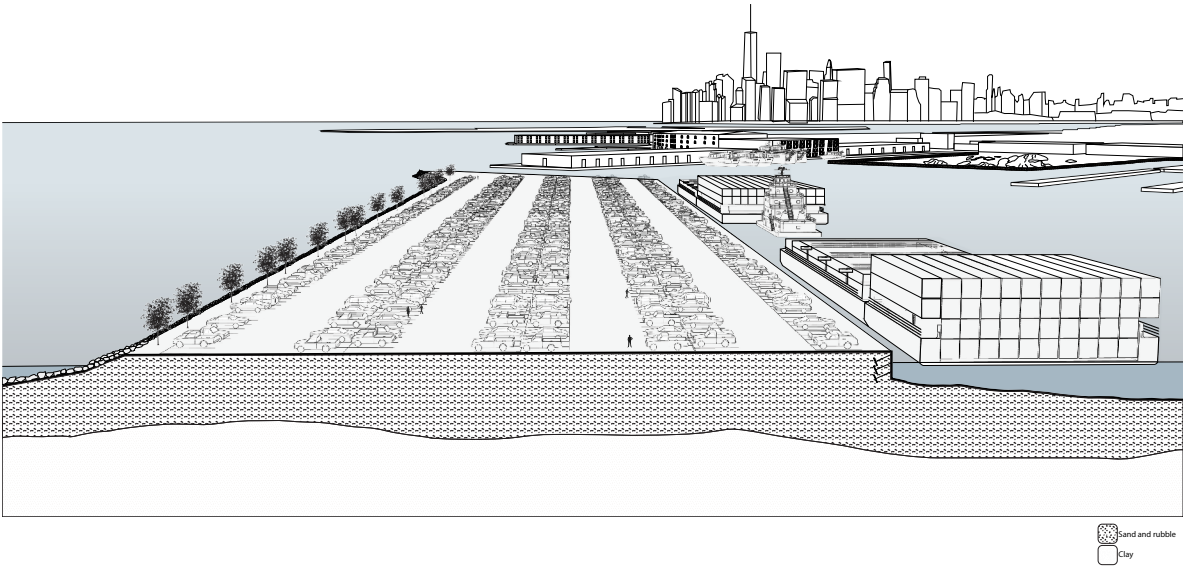
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# Typology 4: NYPD Auto Impound



TWELVE URBAN QUALITY CRITERIA  
 LOCATION: NYPD Auto Impound

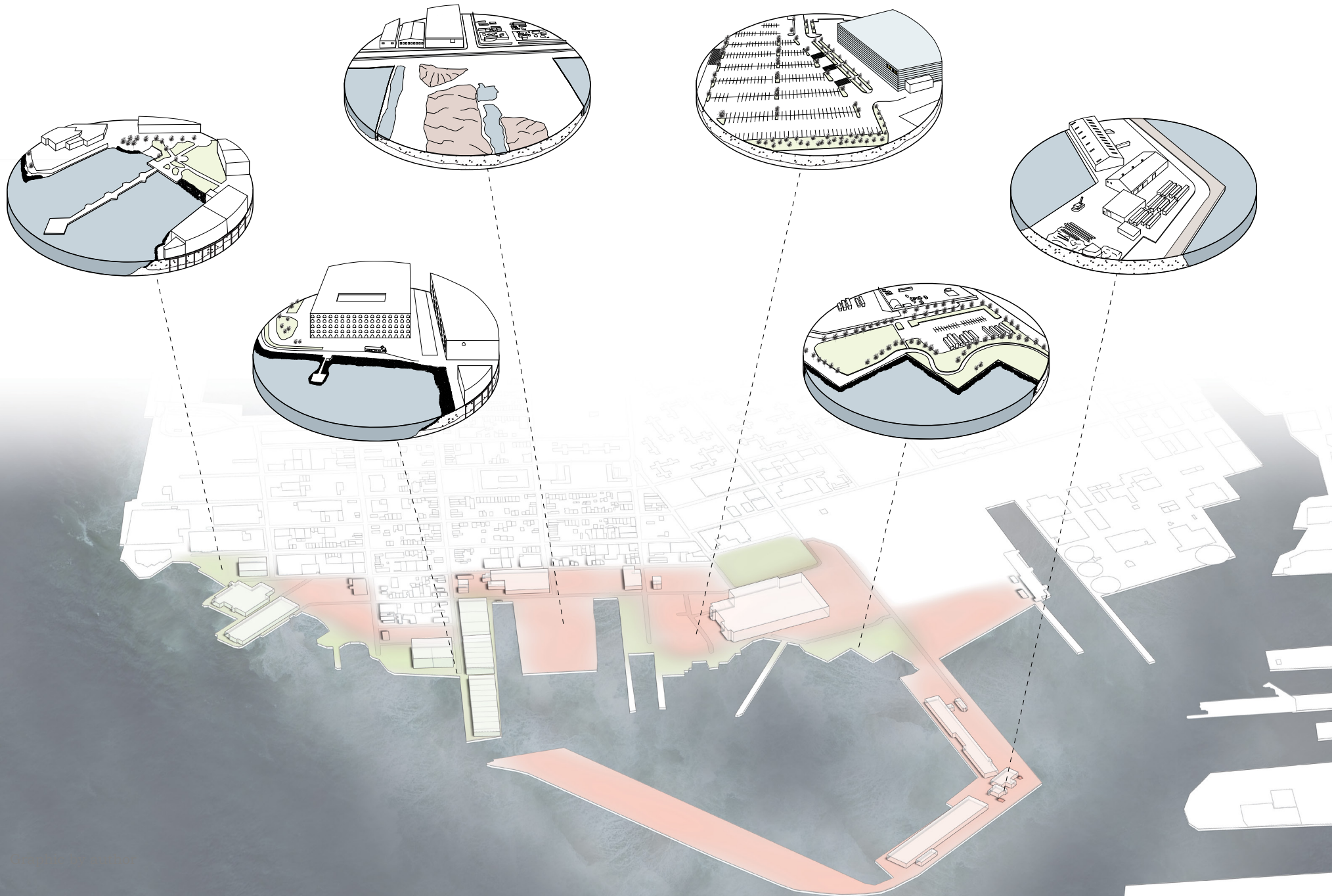
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|            |   |   |   |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Protection | Protection against traffic and accidents. | Protection against harm by others.                      | Protection against unpleasant sensory experience.                   |
|            | 1   | 3   | 1   |
| Comfort    | Options for mobility.                     | Options to stand and linger.                            | Options for sitting.  |
|            | 3   | 1   | 1   |
|            | Options for seeing.                       | Options for talking and listening/ hearing.             | Options for play, exercise, and activities.                         |
|            | 2   | 1   | 1   |
| Enjoyment  | Scale.                                    | Opportunities to enjoy the positive aspects of climate. | Experience of aesthetic qualities and positive sensory experiences. |
|            | 1   | 1   | 1   |



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## 1. Residential plot



## 2. Industrial plot



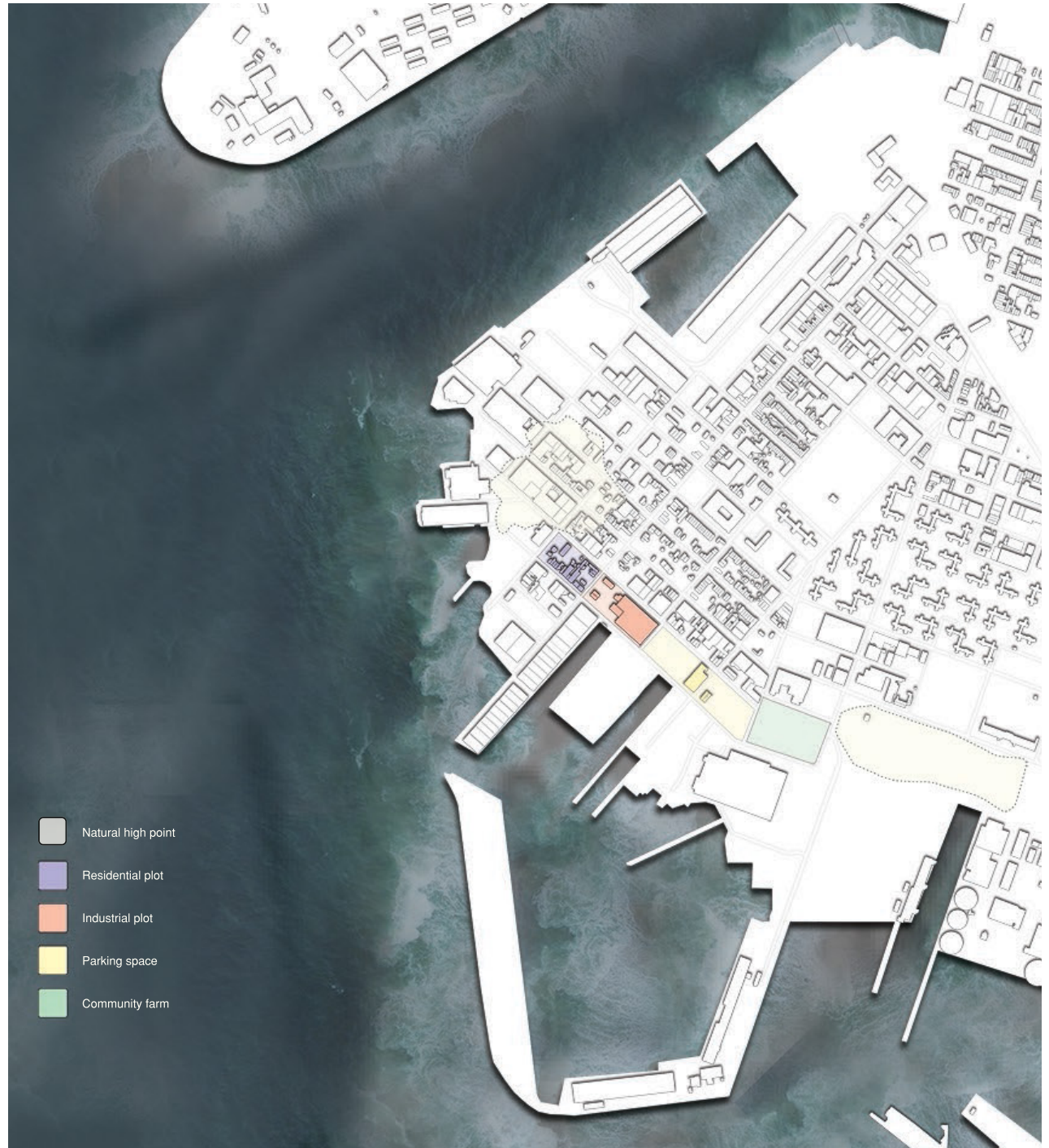
## 3. Parking space



## 4. Community farm



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The design





## Managed Retreat

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Extreme flood risk reduction

## Public Development

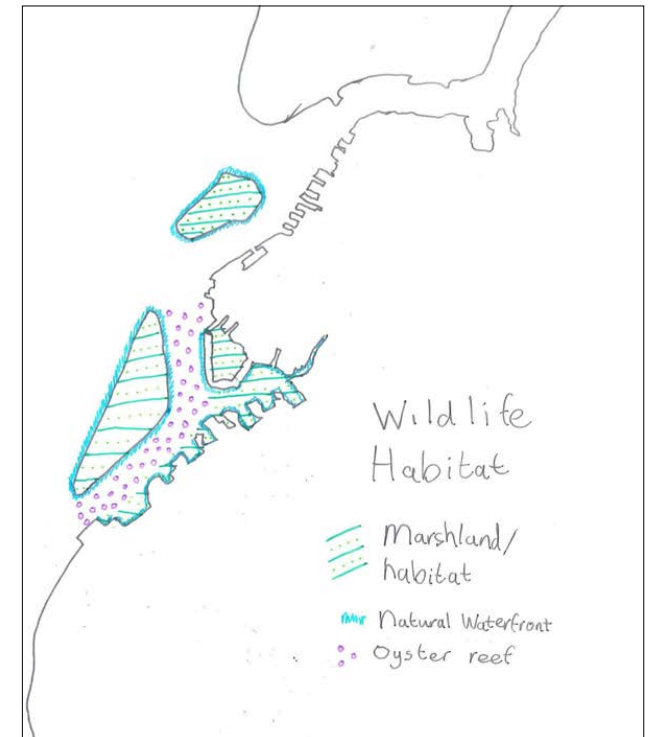
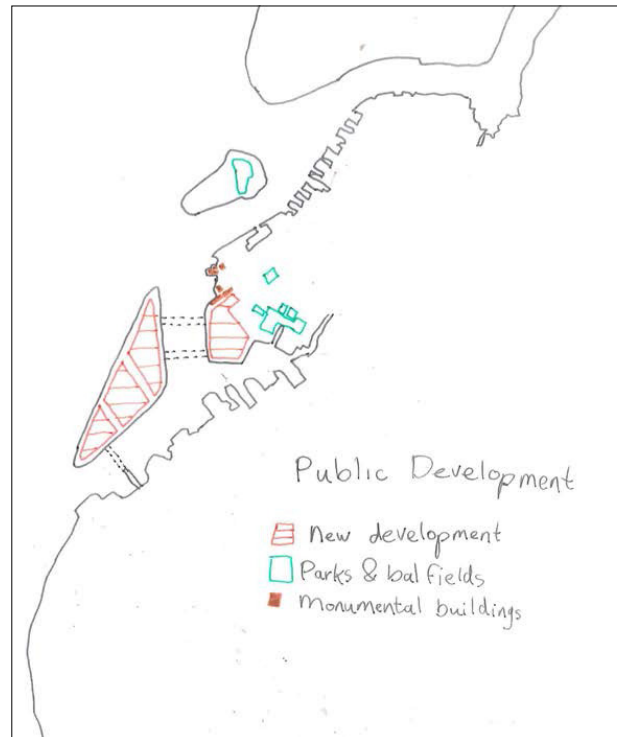
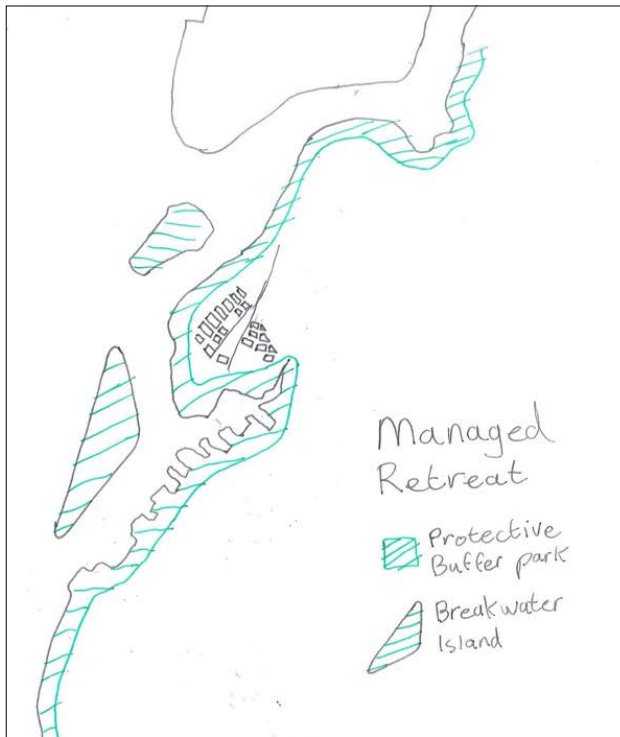
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Extreme public value

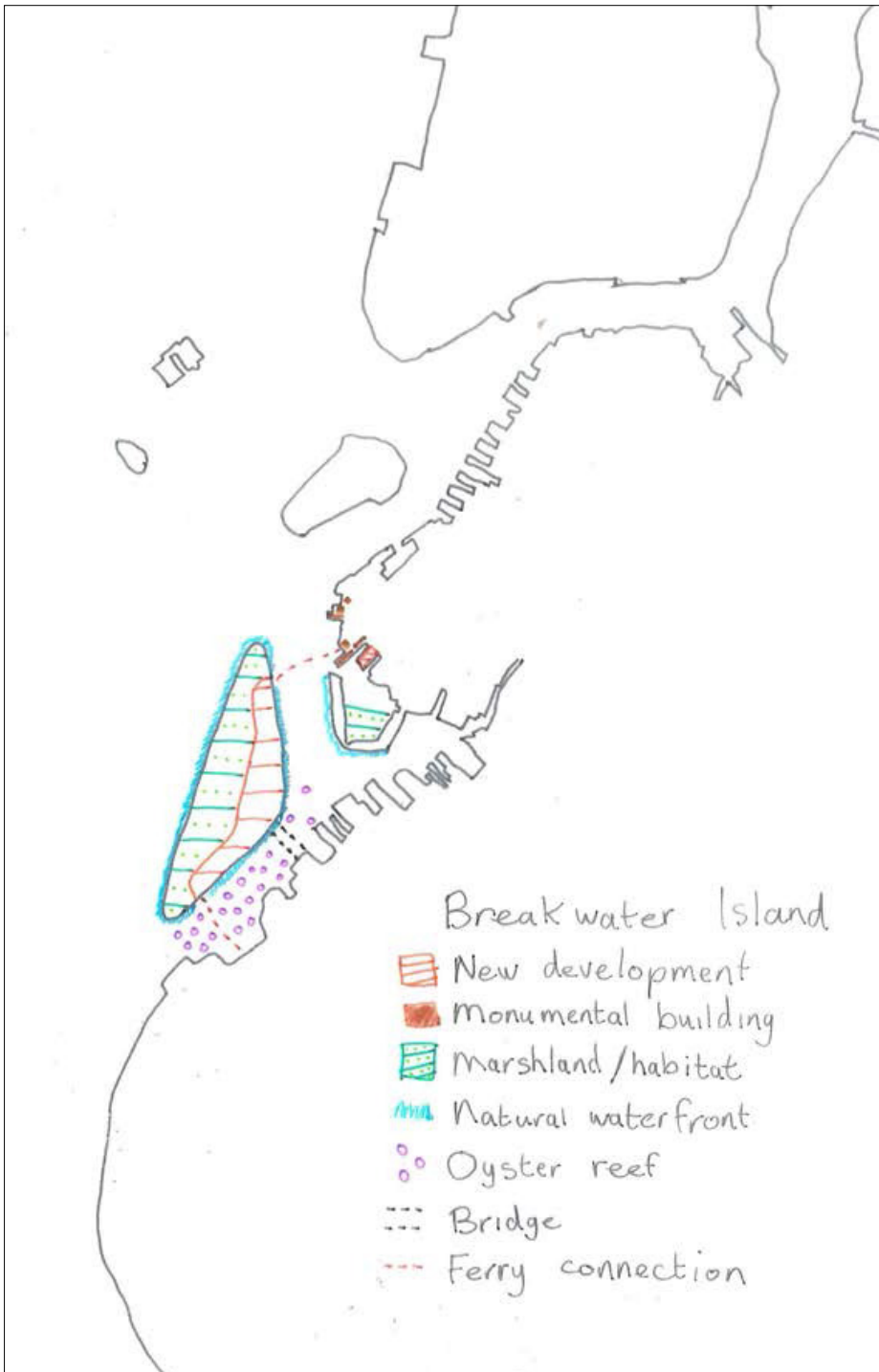
## Wildlife Habitat

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Extreme ecological value









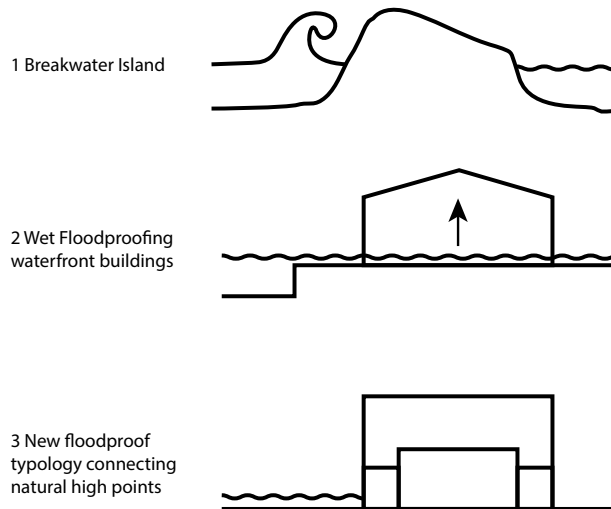
## Areas of development

Nearshore, Waterfront and Inland area all have own characteristic opportunities and limitations

Slowing down wave energy in Nearshore area

Wet floodproofing Waterfront area

Floodproof typology Inland area



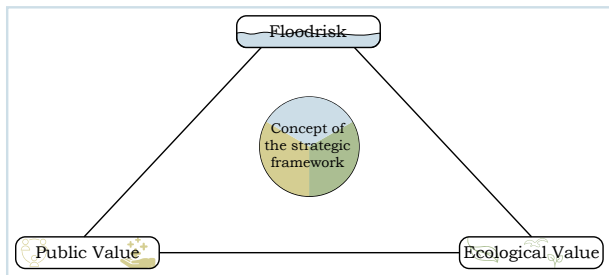
Planmap and three layers of flood protection. (By author)



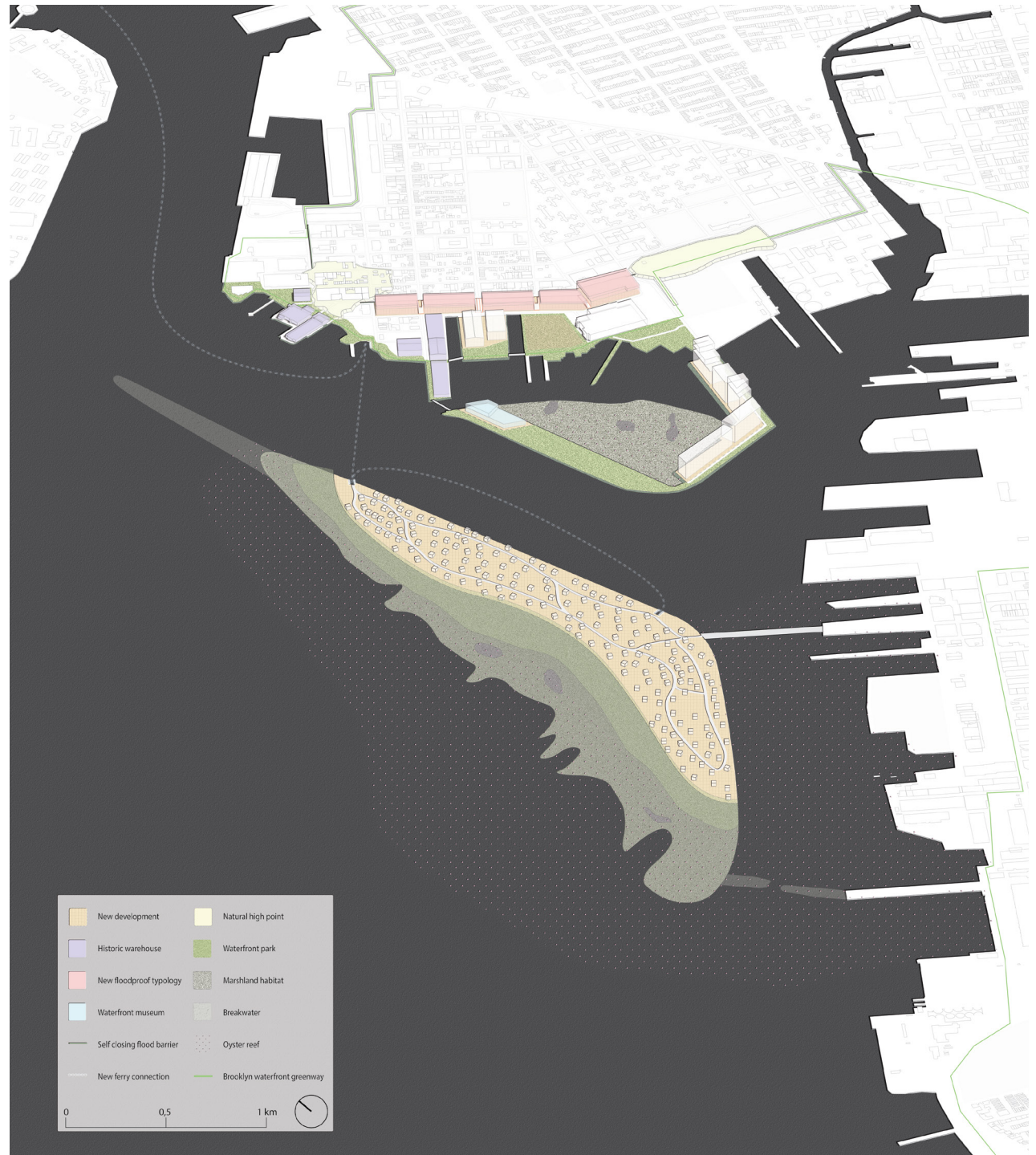


### 3 components, 3 focus areas

Components of strategic approach; Flood risk, Public- and Ecological value are addressed across the 3 areas



Framework, focus areas and planmap isometric. (By author)







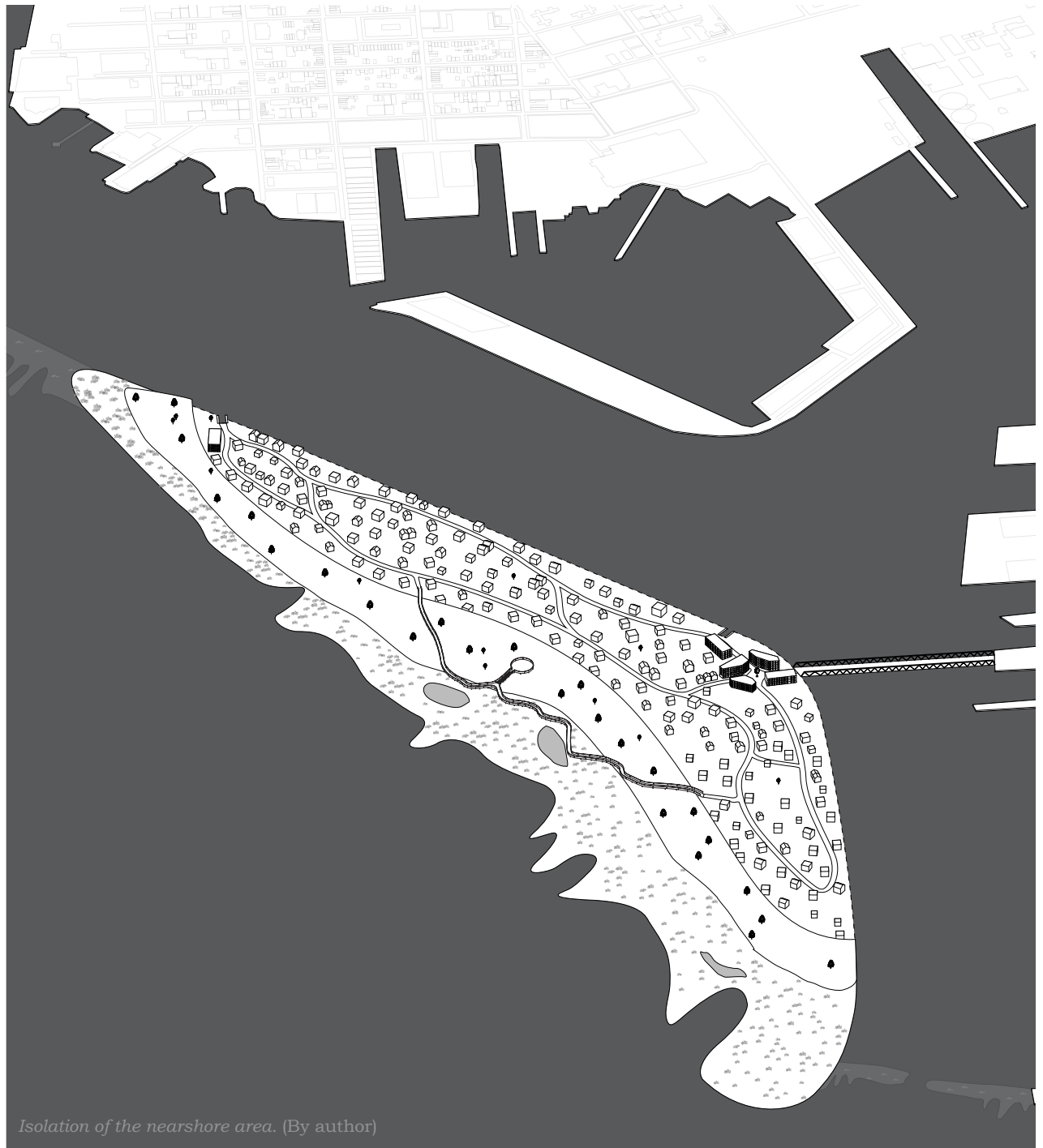
Isometric overview of the design. (By author)



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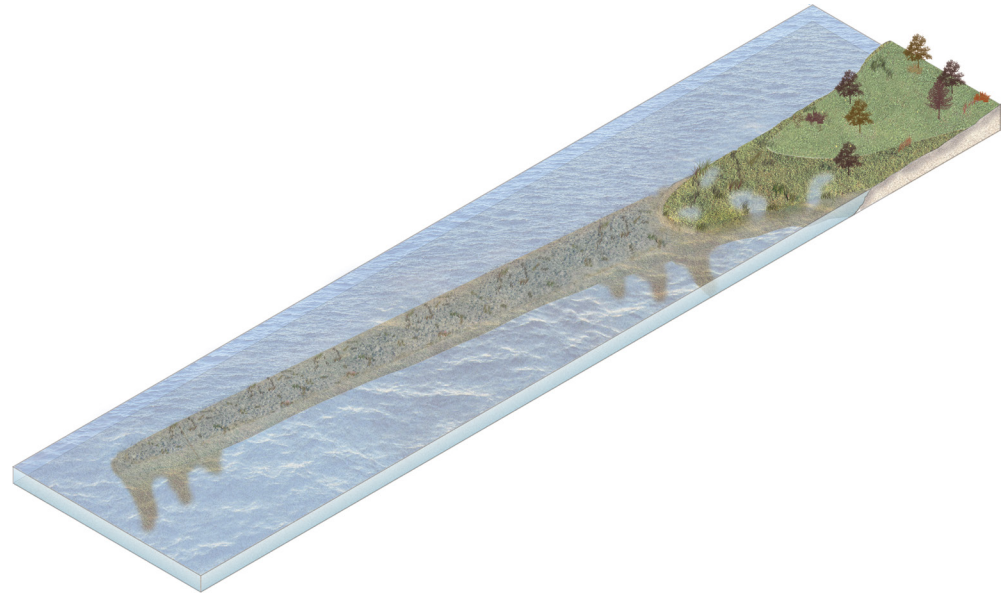
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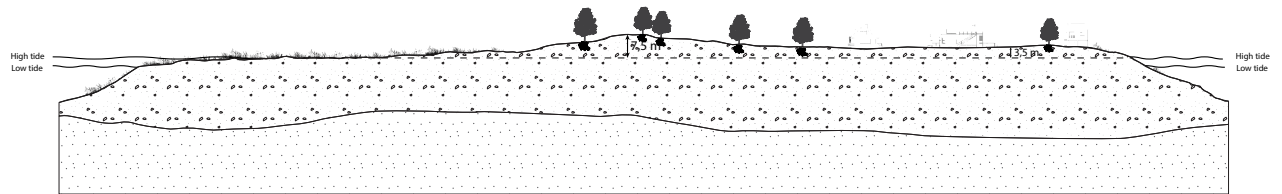




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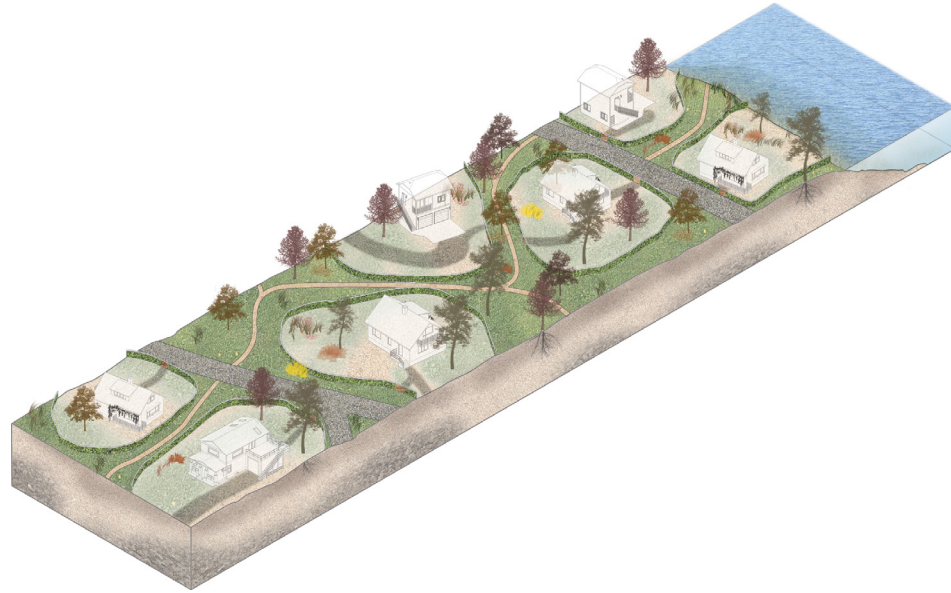
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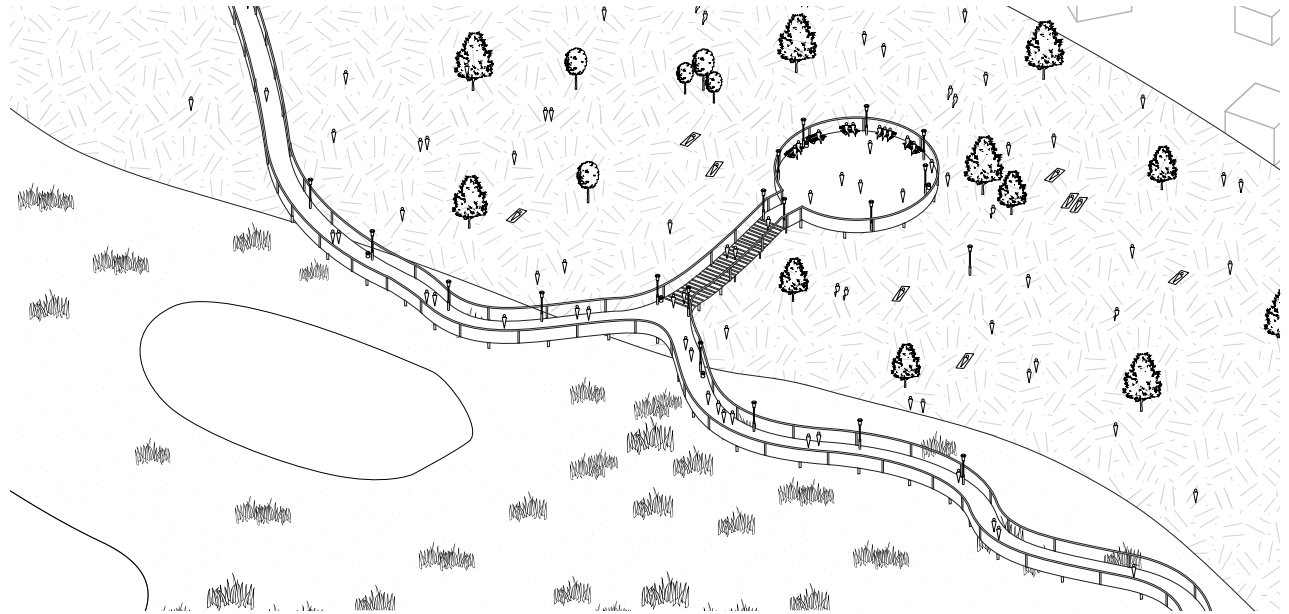
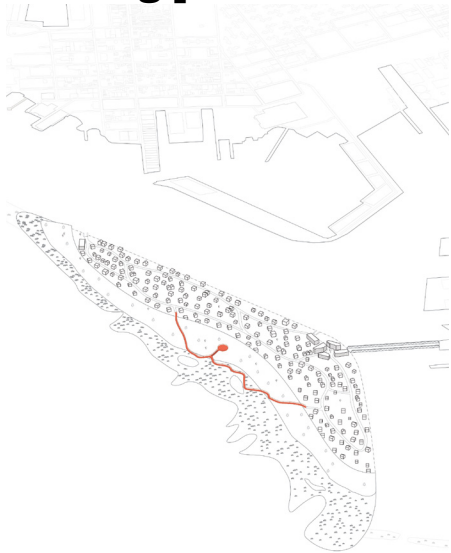
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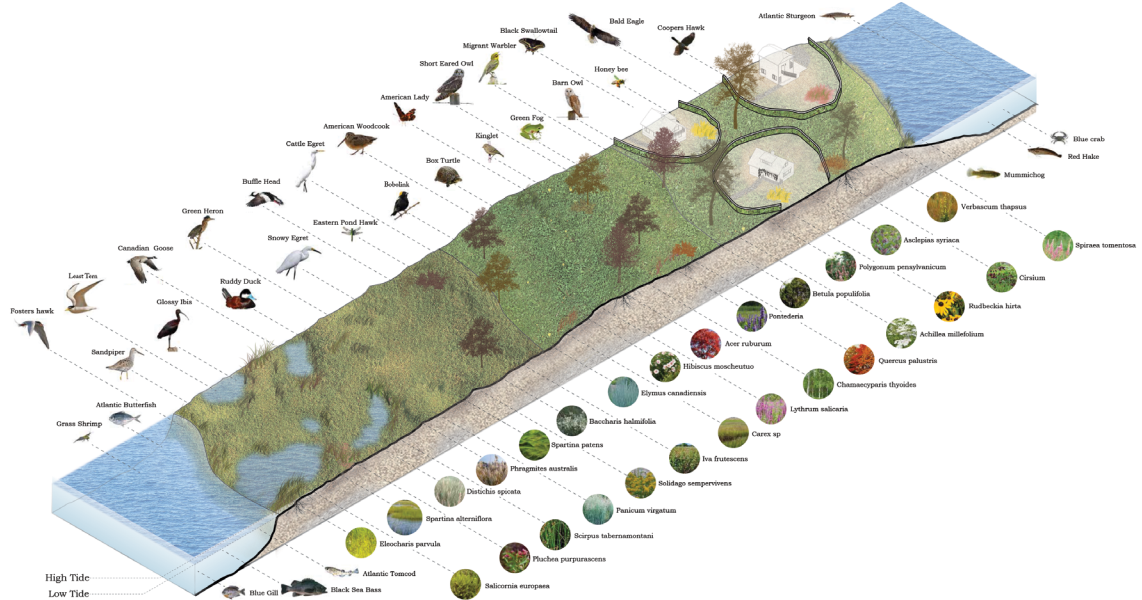


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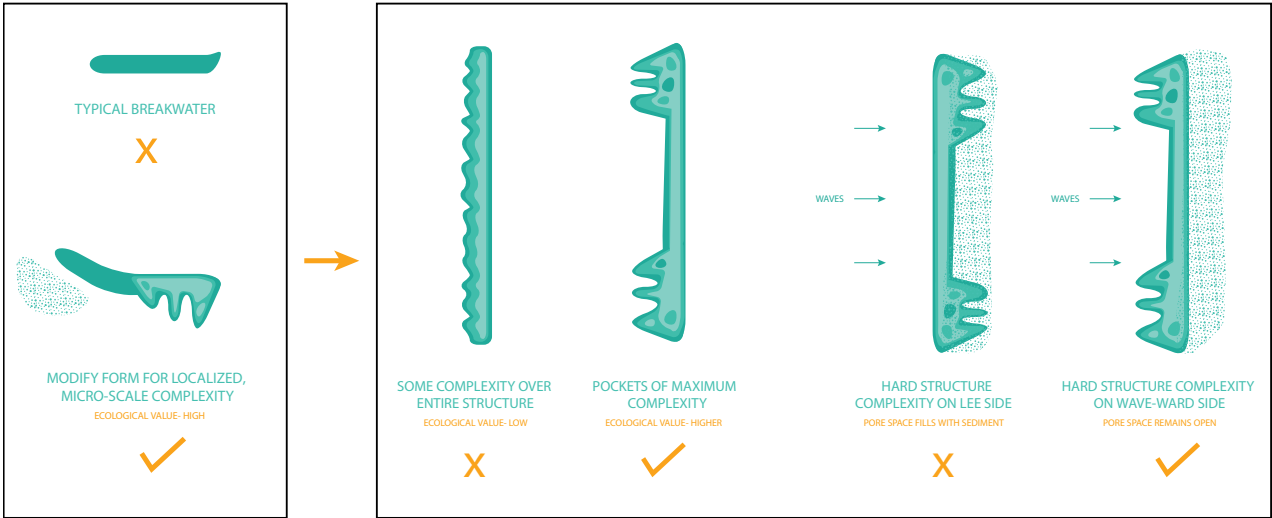


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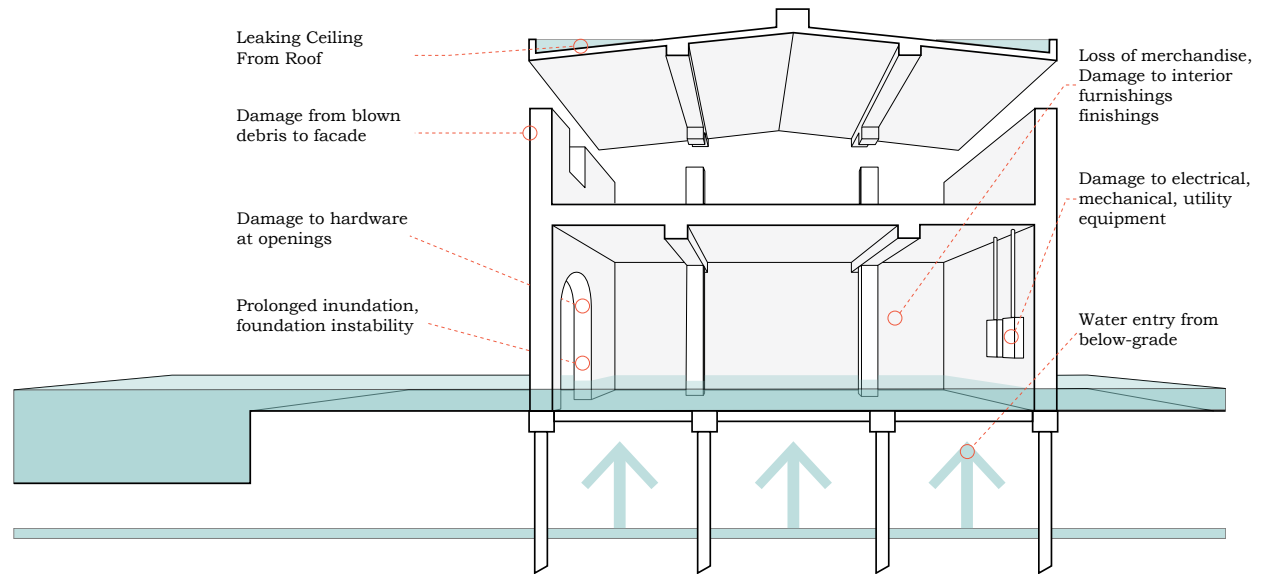
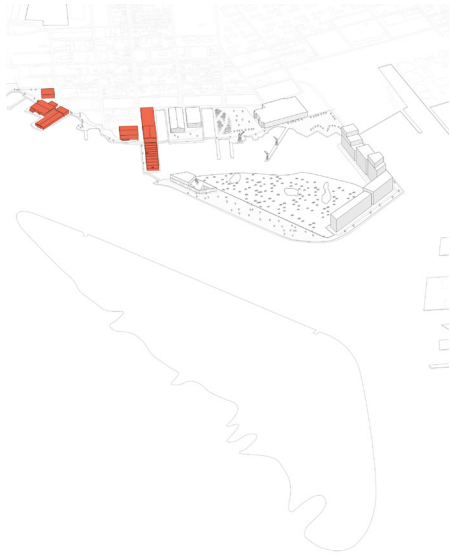
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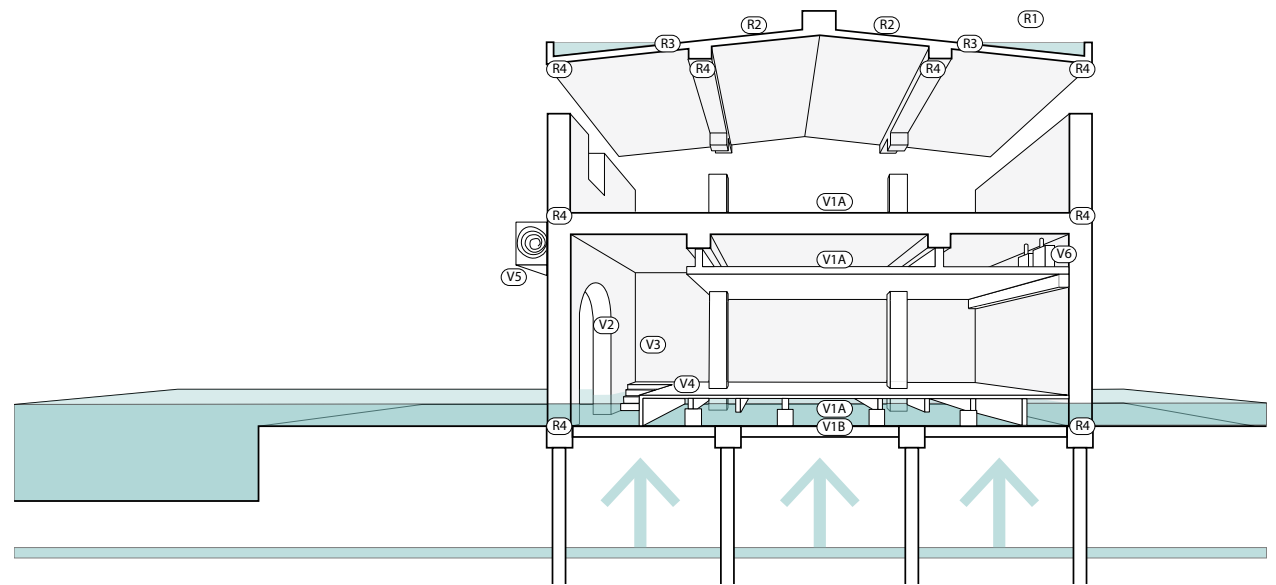
*Isolation of the waterfront area. (By author)*

## Floodproofing warehouses



R1: Anchor roof-mounted gear  
 R2: Seal roof deck  
 R3: Retrofit w/ ring shank nails  
 R4: Hurricane straps (Simpson ties)

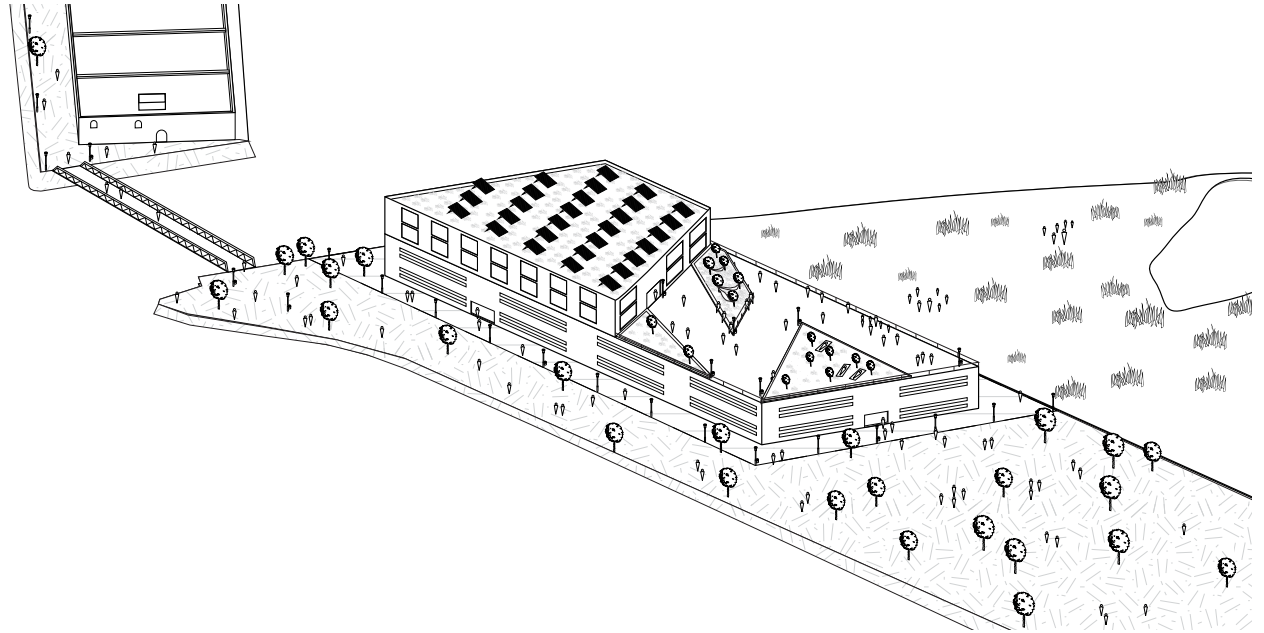
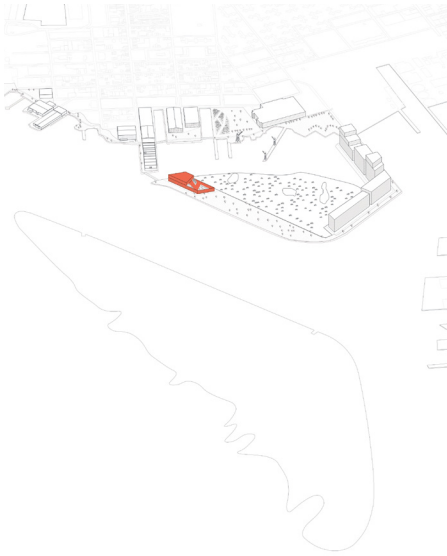
V1A: Mezzanine/attic/2nd floor  
 V1B: Pulley & Backflow valve  
 V2: Caulking and sealants  
 V3: Water resistant int. finishes  
 V4: Elevate 1st floor  
 V5: Roll down door  
 V6: Raise electrical outlet/boxes



*Weaknesses and interventions warehouses. (Based on HR&A Advisors, Cooper, Robertson & Partners, 2014)*



## Waterfront museum

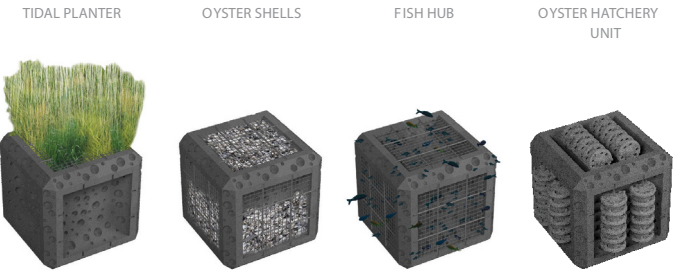
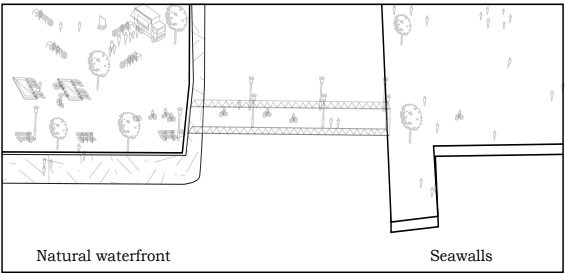


## Waterfront parks



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Ecological waterfronts



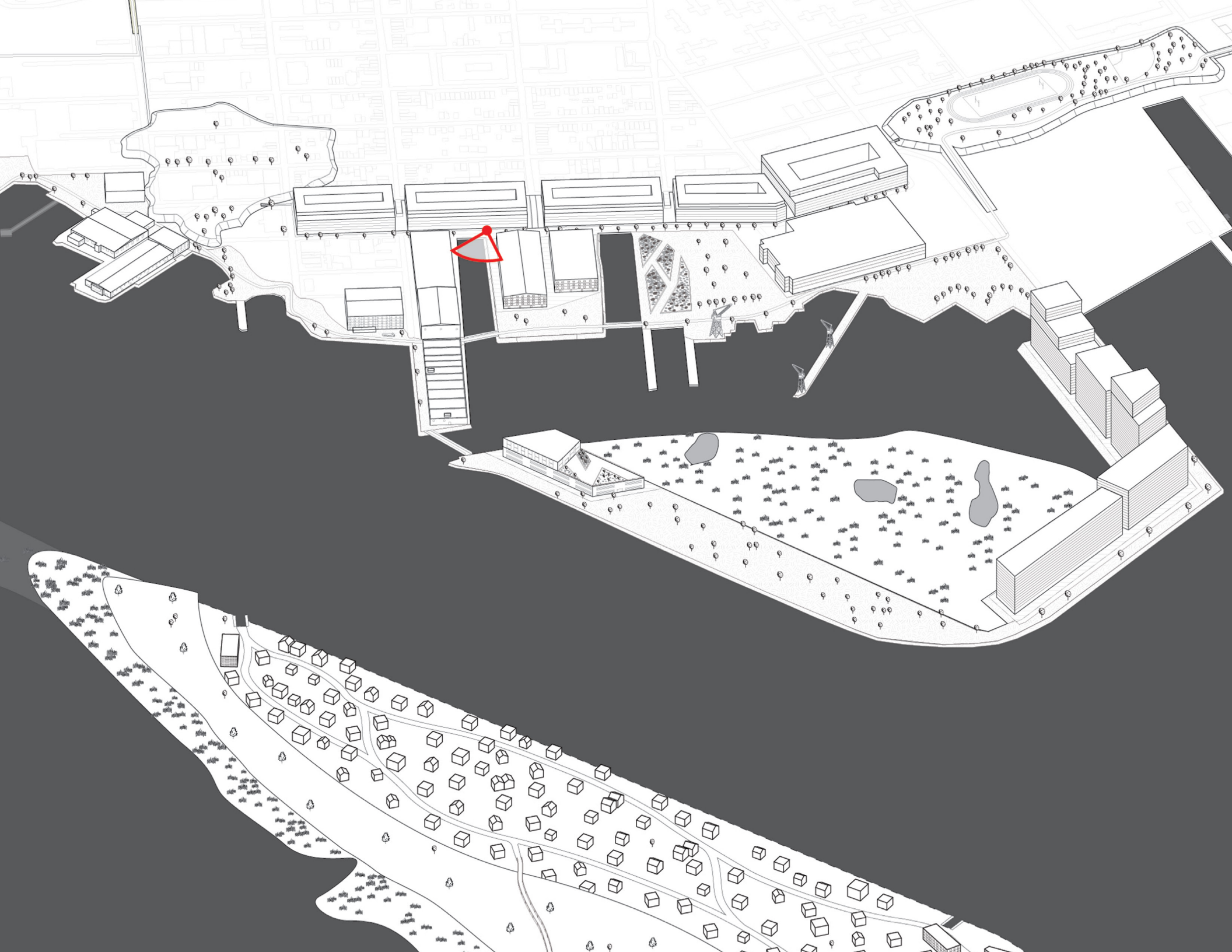
Econcrete units. (Scape / Landscape Architecture PLLC, 2014)

Alternative options for creating biodiversity in seawall environments

|                   | Impression | Key benefits   | Succesful examples             | References                             |
|-------------------|------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Seawall stairs    |            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reintroduce microhabitats through tidepools</li><li>- Increase intertidal habitat</li><li>- Reintroduce shallow water habitat to benefit fish, vegetation, etc.</li></ul>      | Vancouver Convention Center    | Slogan, 2011<br>EBA, 2011              |
| Seawall texturing |            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reintroduce microhabitats through tidepools</li><li>- Create diverse surface orientations (horizontal, diagonal, vertical).</li></ul>  | Seattle Seawall                | Goff, 2008<br>Goff, 2010               |
| Habitat benches   |            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increase intertidal habitat</li><li>- Reintroduce shallow water habitat to benefit fish, vegetation, etc</li><li>- Protect seawall structural integrity from erosion</li></ul> | Olympic Sculpture Park Seattle | Toft et al., 2012<br>Toft et al., 2013 |

Ecological waterfront options. (Dyson & Yocom, 2014)















Floodrisk

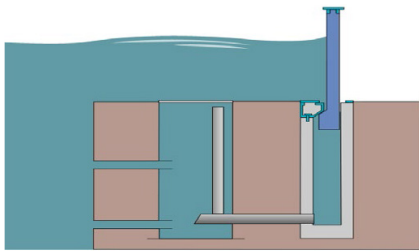
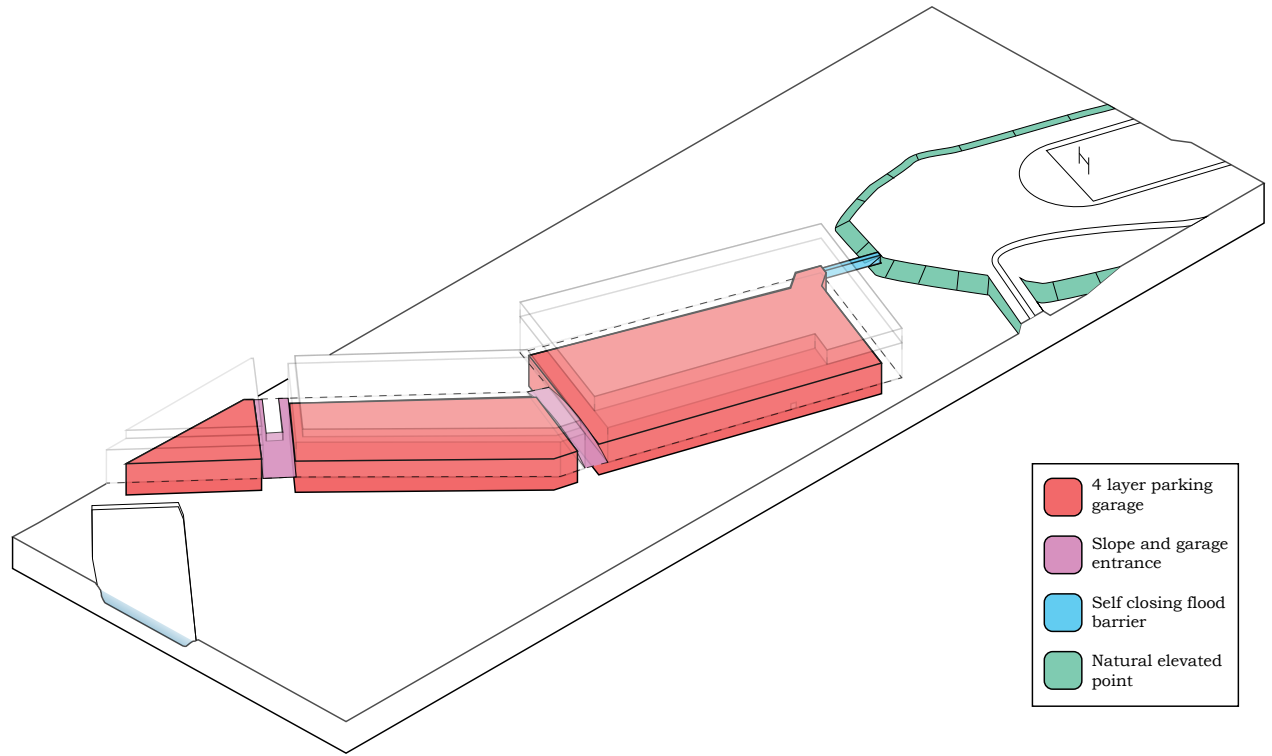
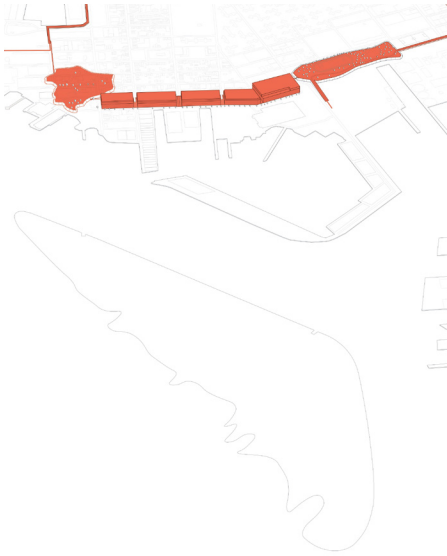
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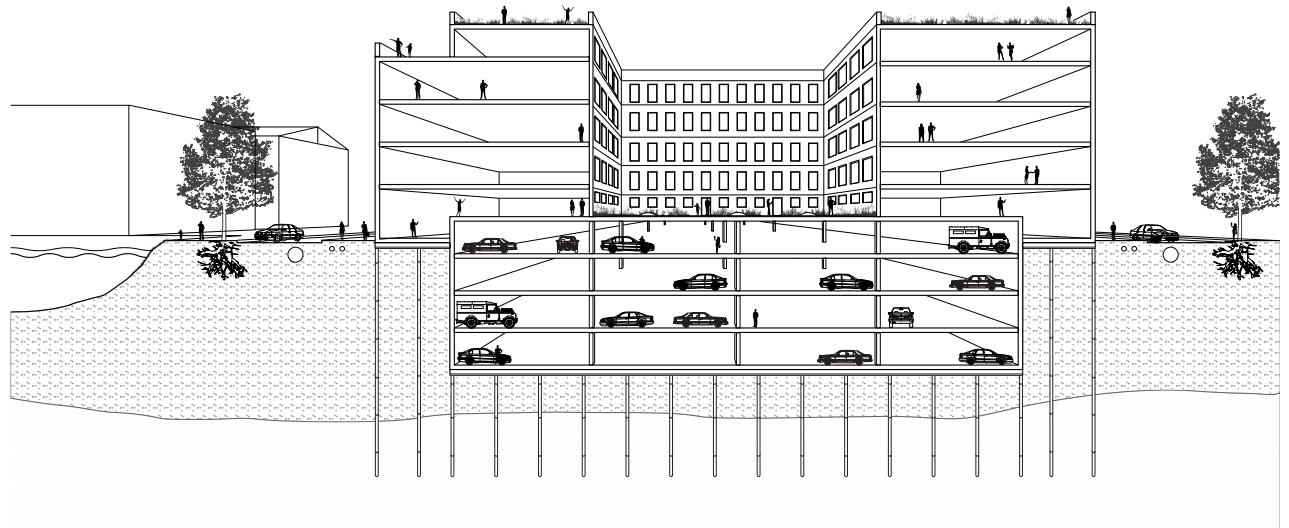




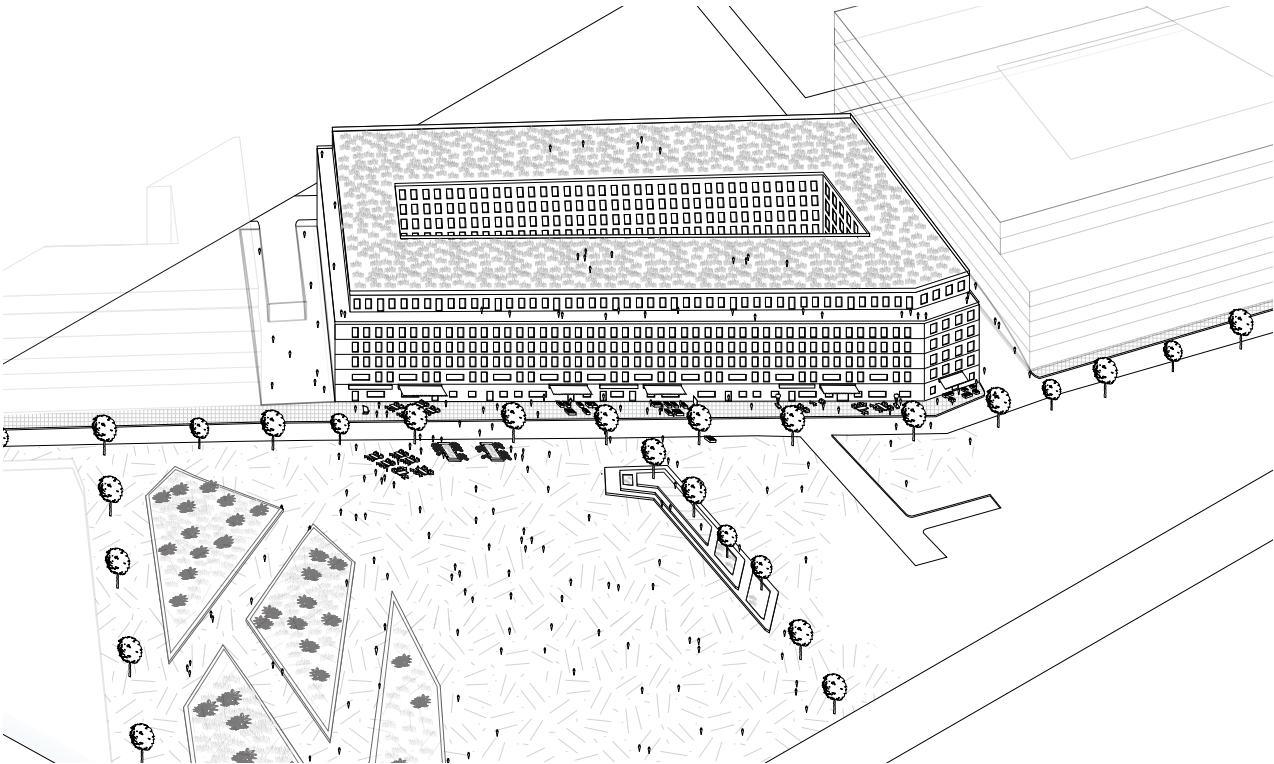
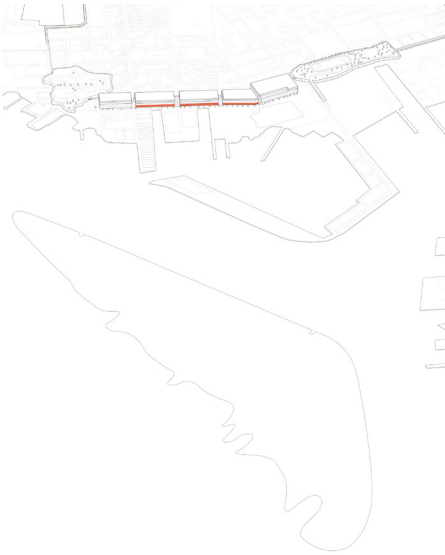
## Floodproof typology



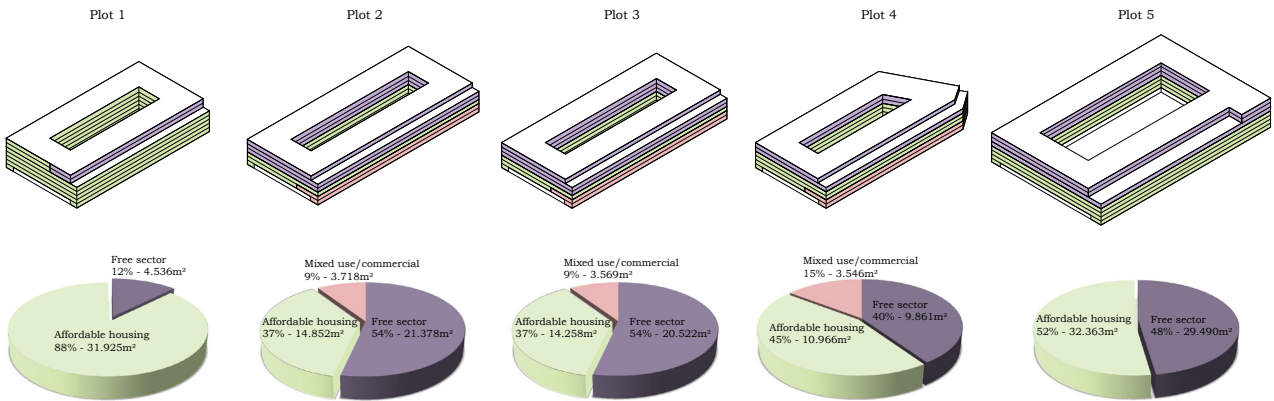
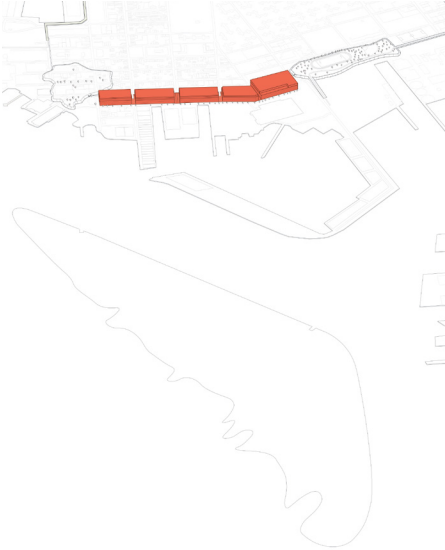
Working of SCFB. (Aggeres, 2013)



# Shops and public facilities



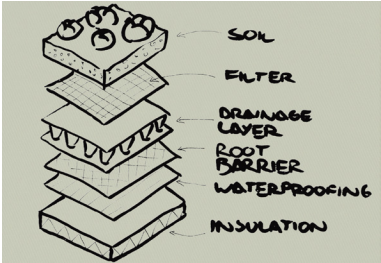
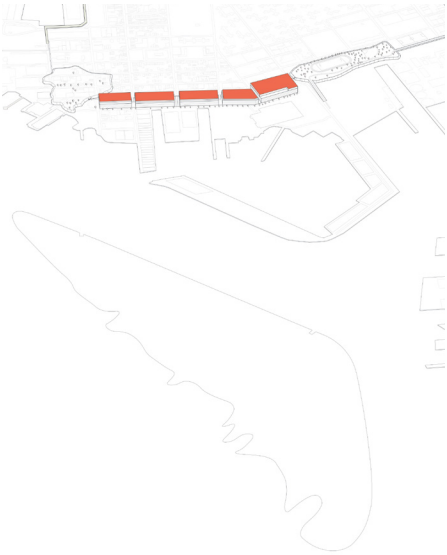
# Affordable housing













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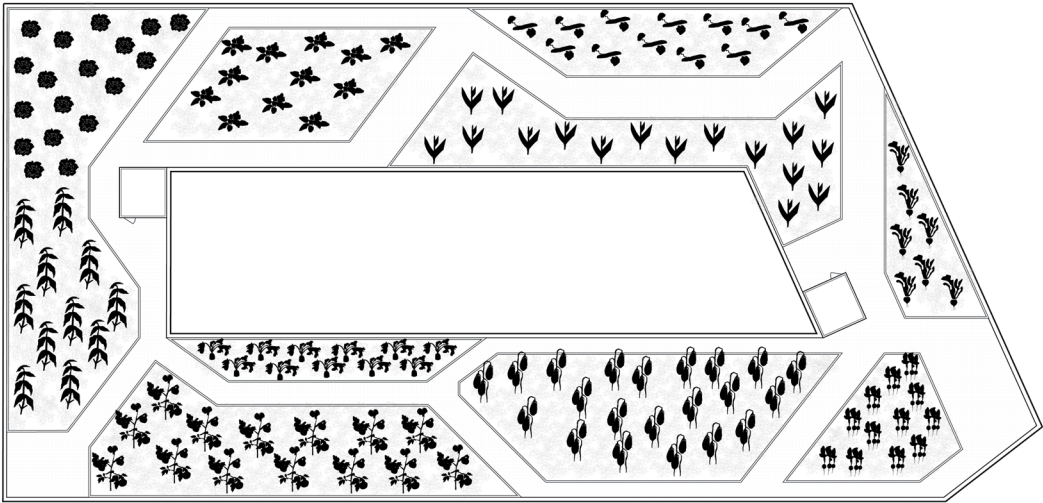


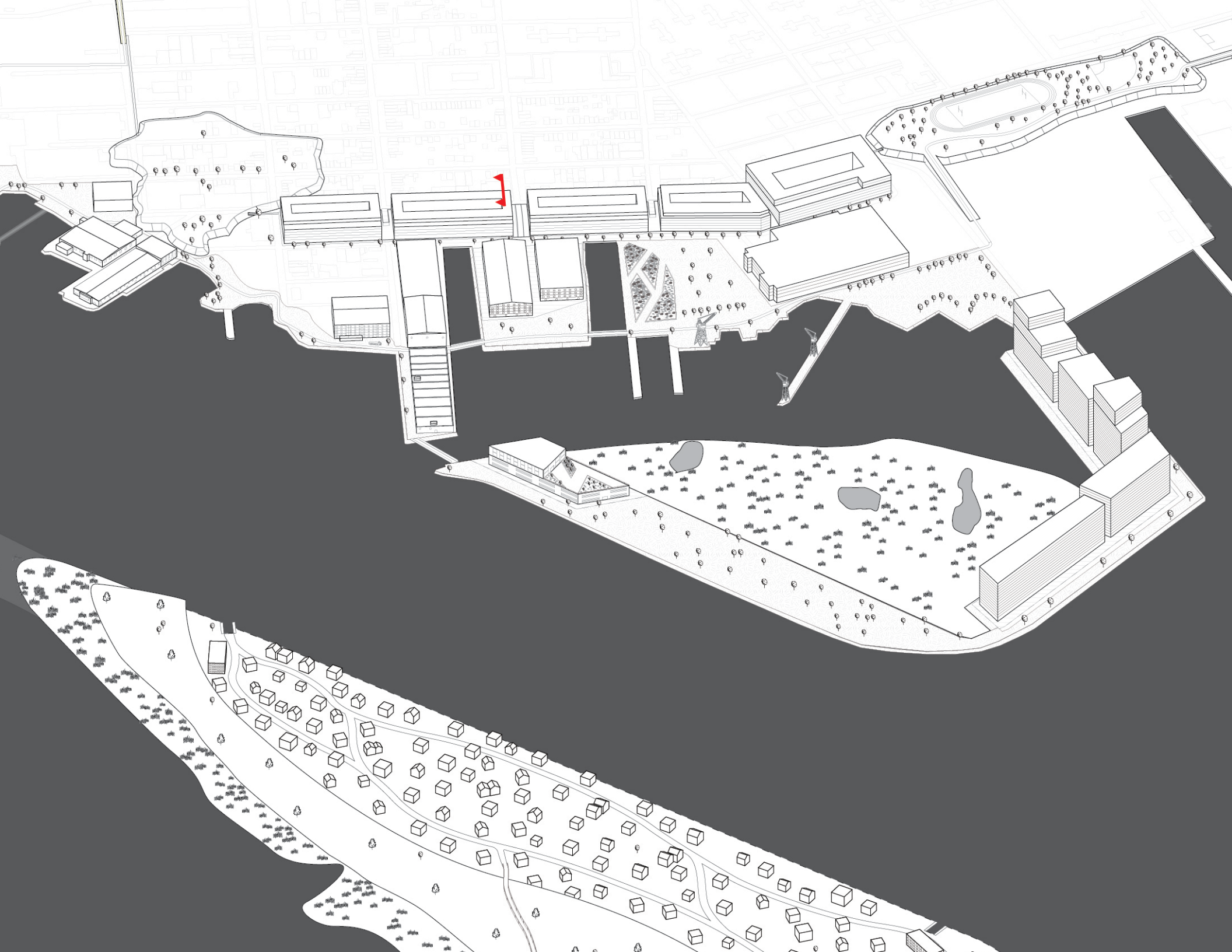
# Rooftop farms



Rooftop farming layers.  
(Le & Vischer, 2014)

| Vegetable   | Root depth       |
|---|------------------|
|   | Lettuce 15-30 cm |
|  | Beans 20-30 cm   |
|  | Spinach 15-30 cm |
|  | Tomatos 5-20 cm  |
|  | Corn 10-20 cm    |
|  | Radish 5-15 cm   |
|  | Cucumber 3-13 cm |
|  | Eggplant 3-8 cm  |
|  | Carrot 15-30 cm  |
|  | Onion 20-30 cm   |





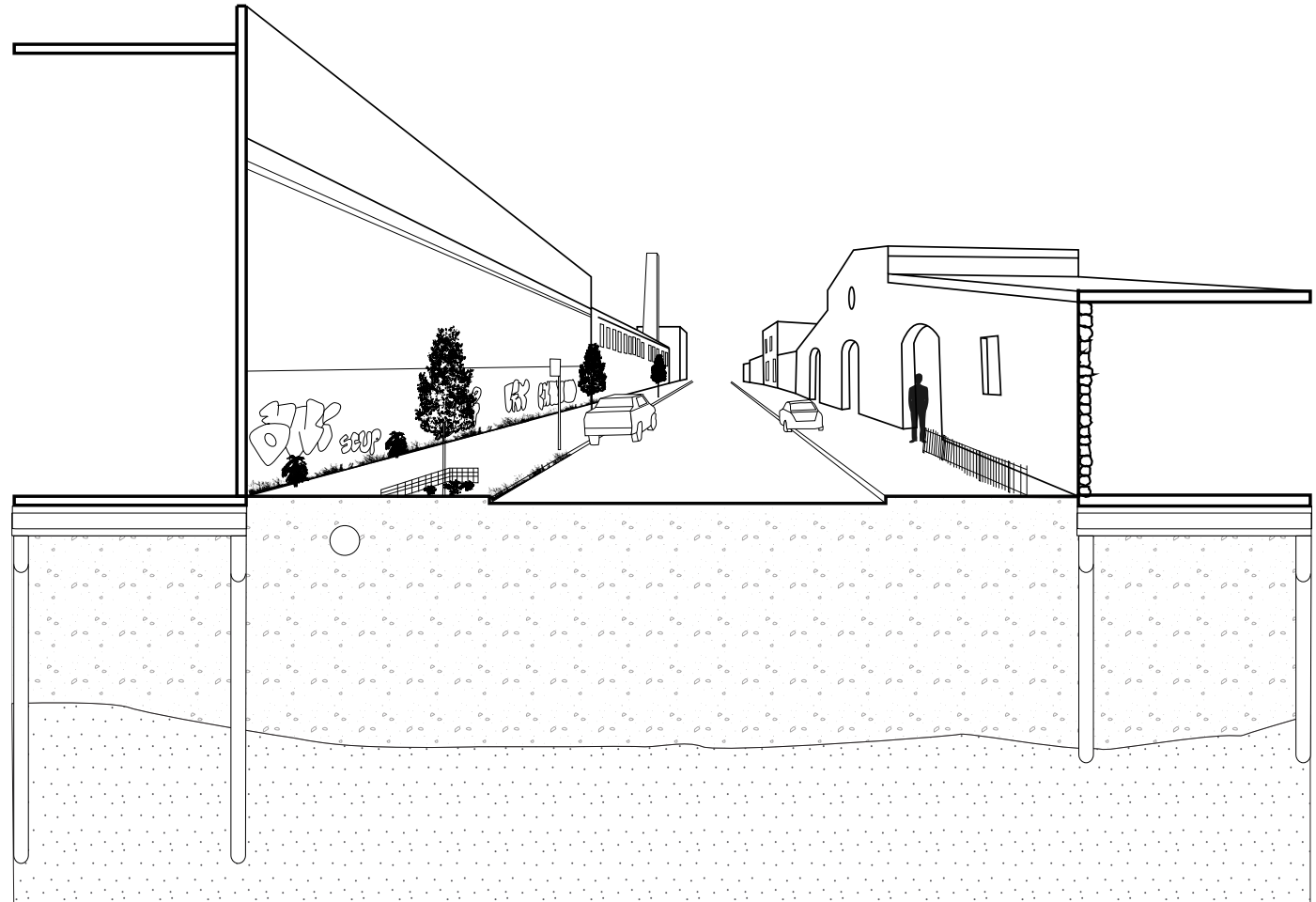


## Van Dyke street current situation

Very limited interaction  
between building and street

Blind facade

Graffiti and wildgrowing plants

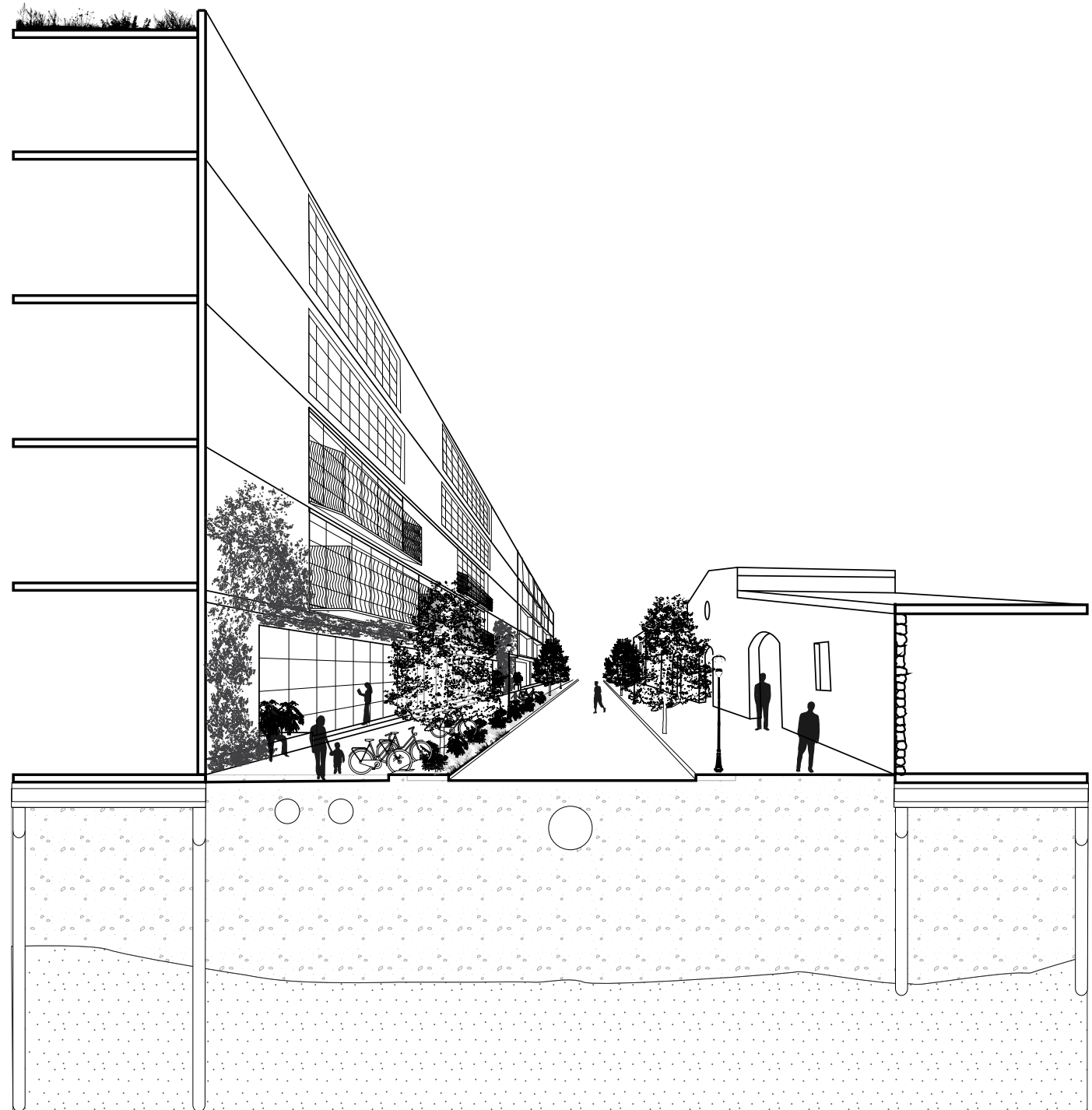


## Van Dyke street new situation

Interaction because of public  
functions and setback on  
ground floor

Connecting with Brooklyn  
architecture

Harbour identity with steel  
elements





## References

Brooklyn townhouses

Little C, Rotterdam



*Little Coolhaven, Rotterdam. (CULD)*

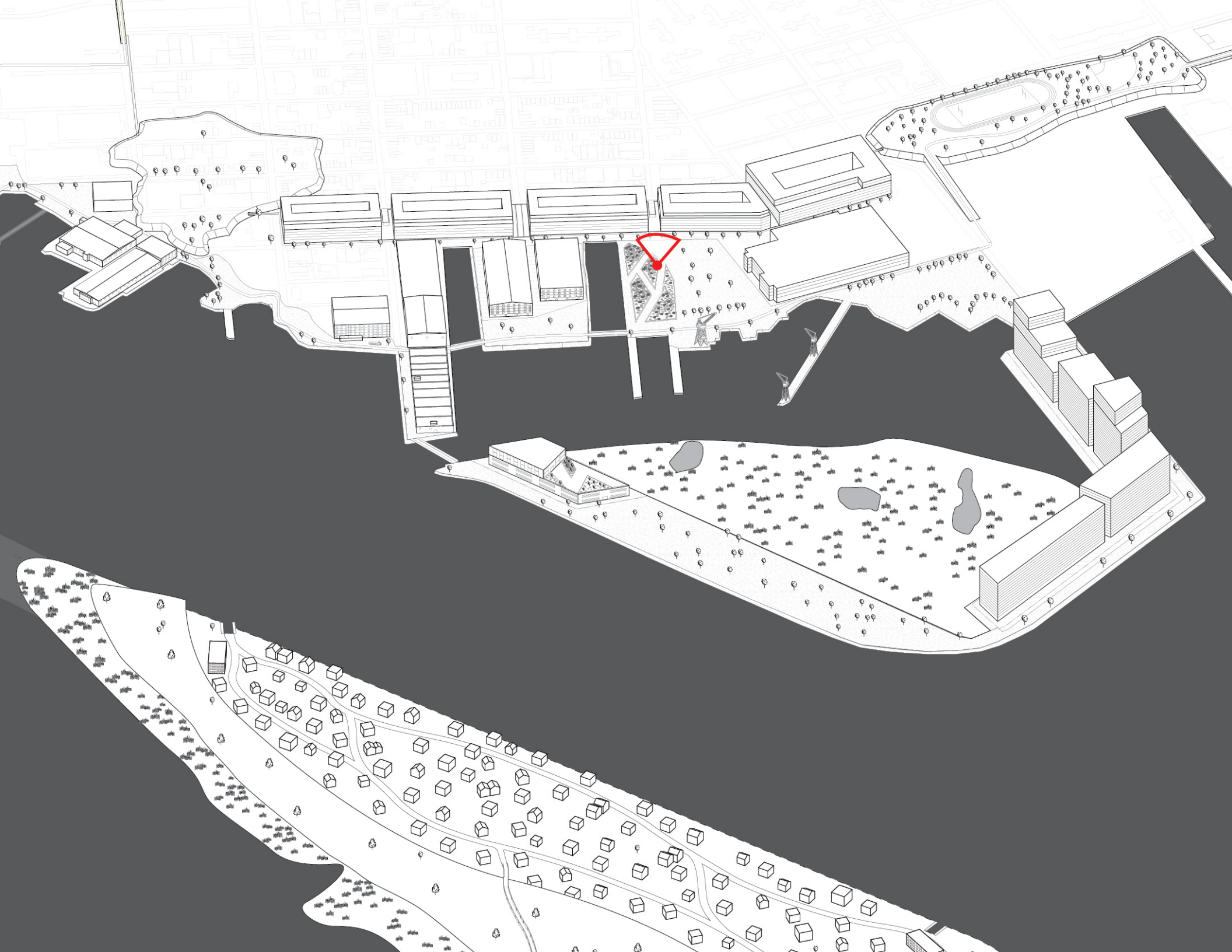


*Brooklyn houses with stairs. (By Stefan Jeremiah)*



*Little Coolhaven, ground floor and balconies. (CULD)*















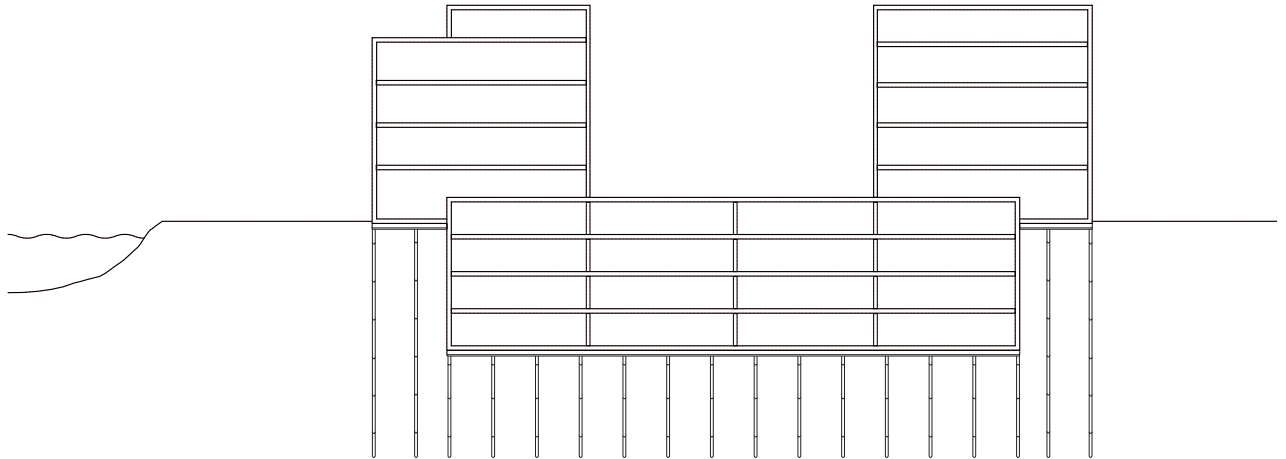
## Building development options

Floodproof typology contributes to reducing both floodrisk and socio-economic pressure

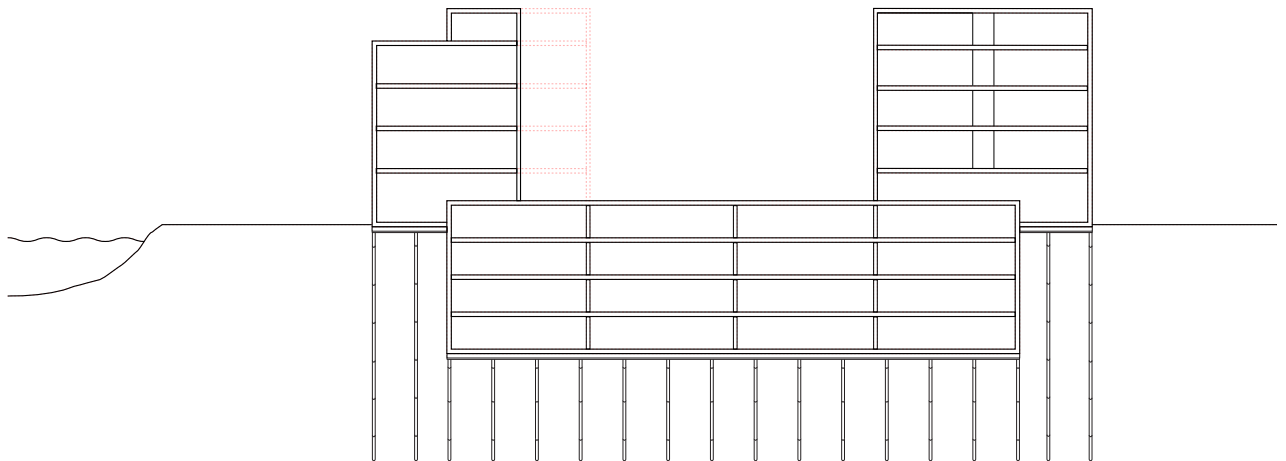
The buildings host affordable housing

Variations on original concept provide flexibility for developer

Setback in facade and extra apartments with corridor connection



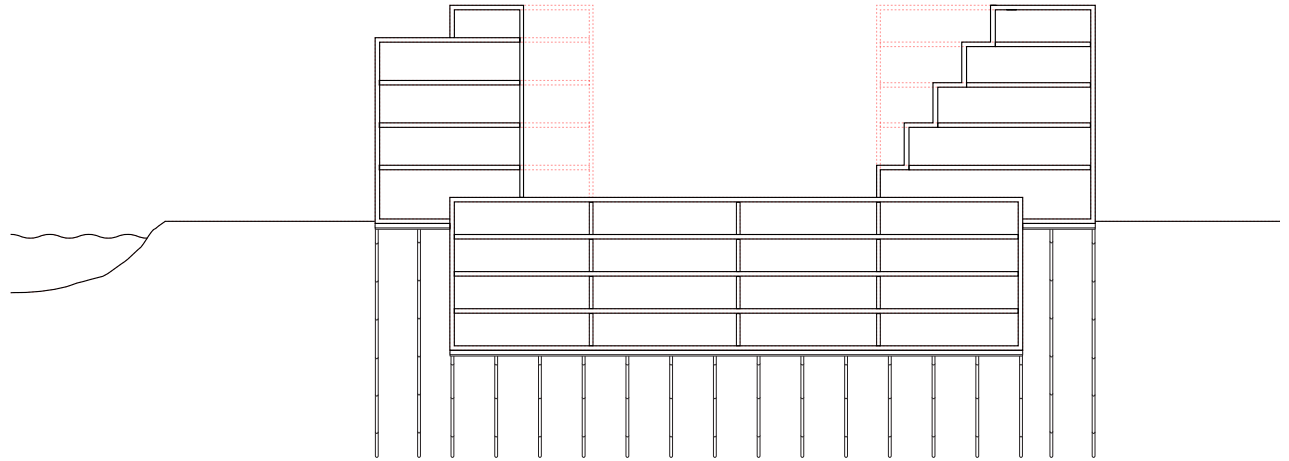
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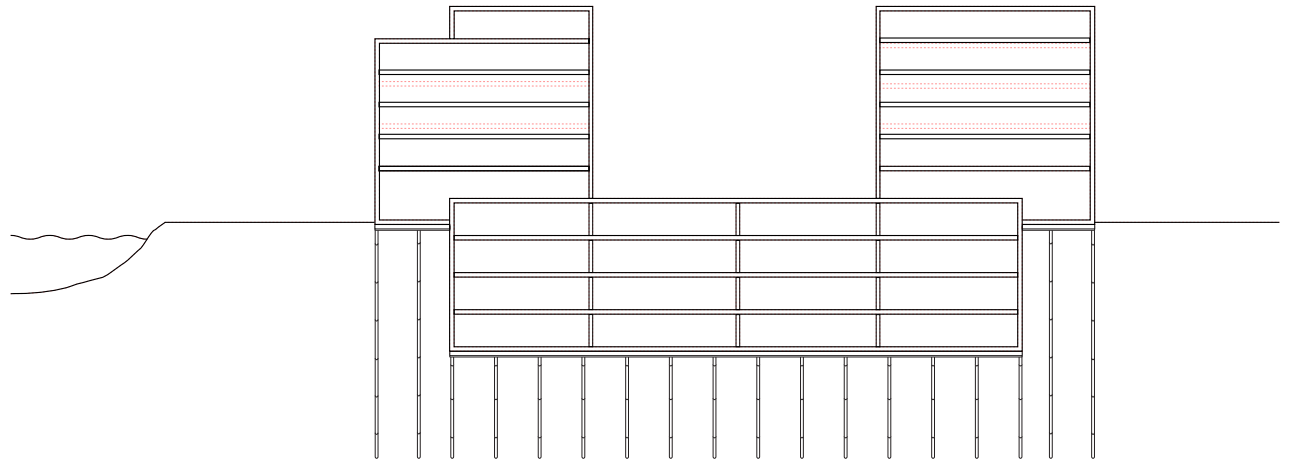
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Setback and steps in facade

Extra floors by lowering the floor height

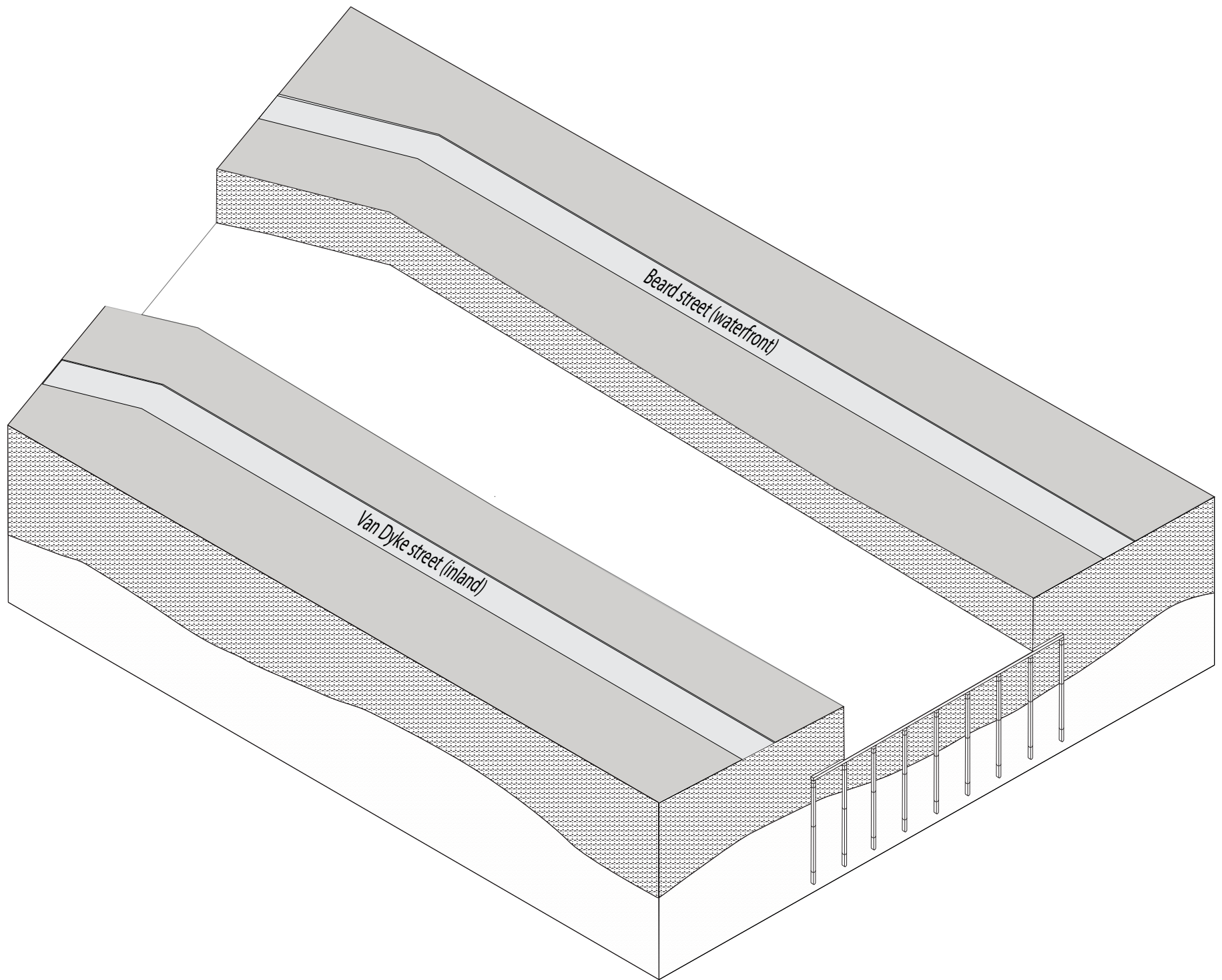


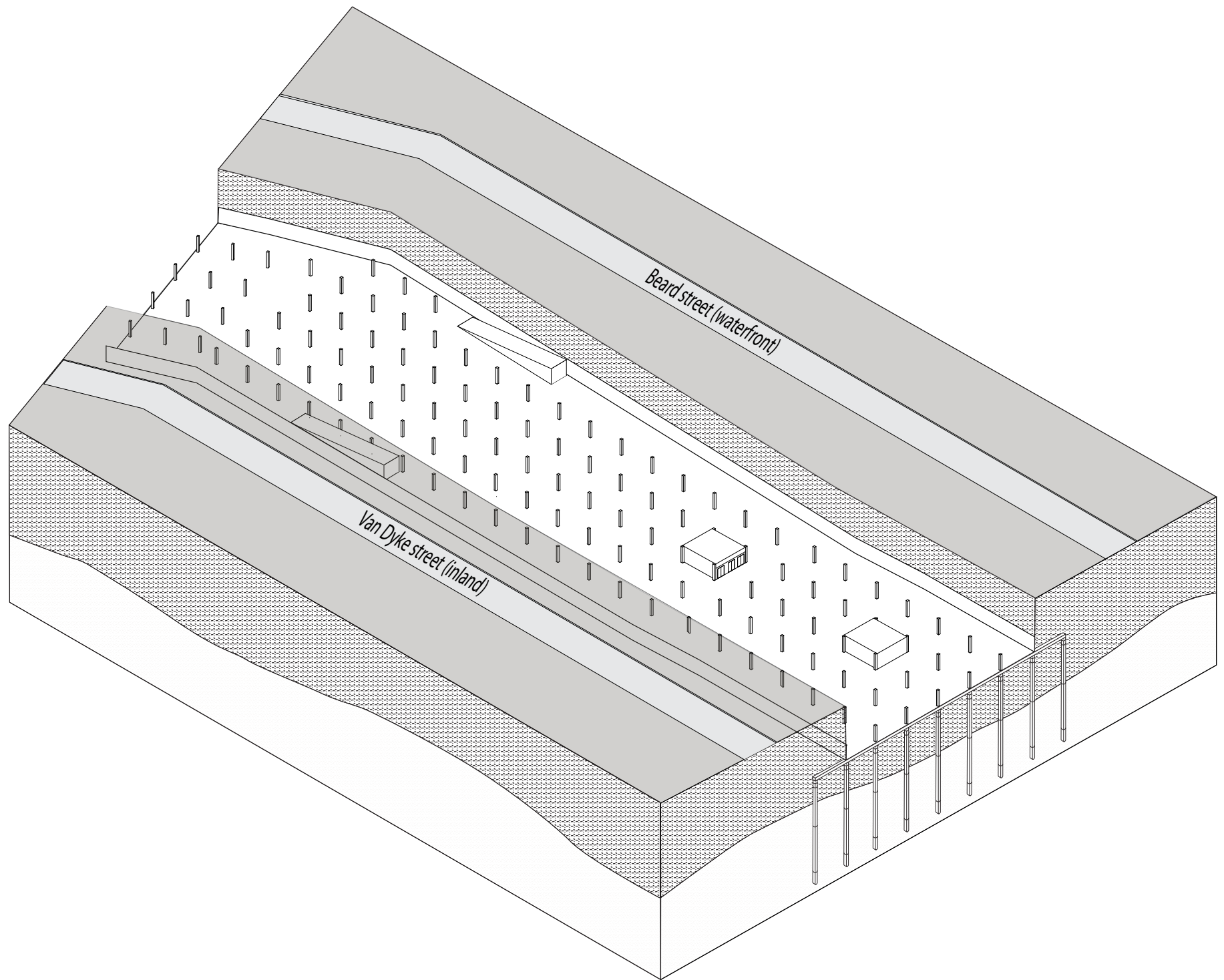
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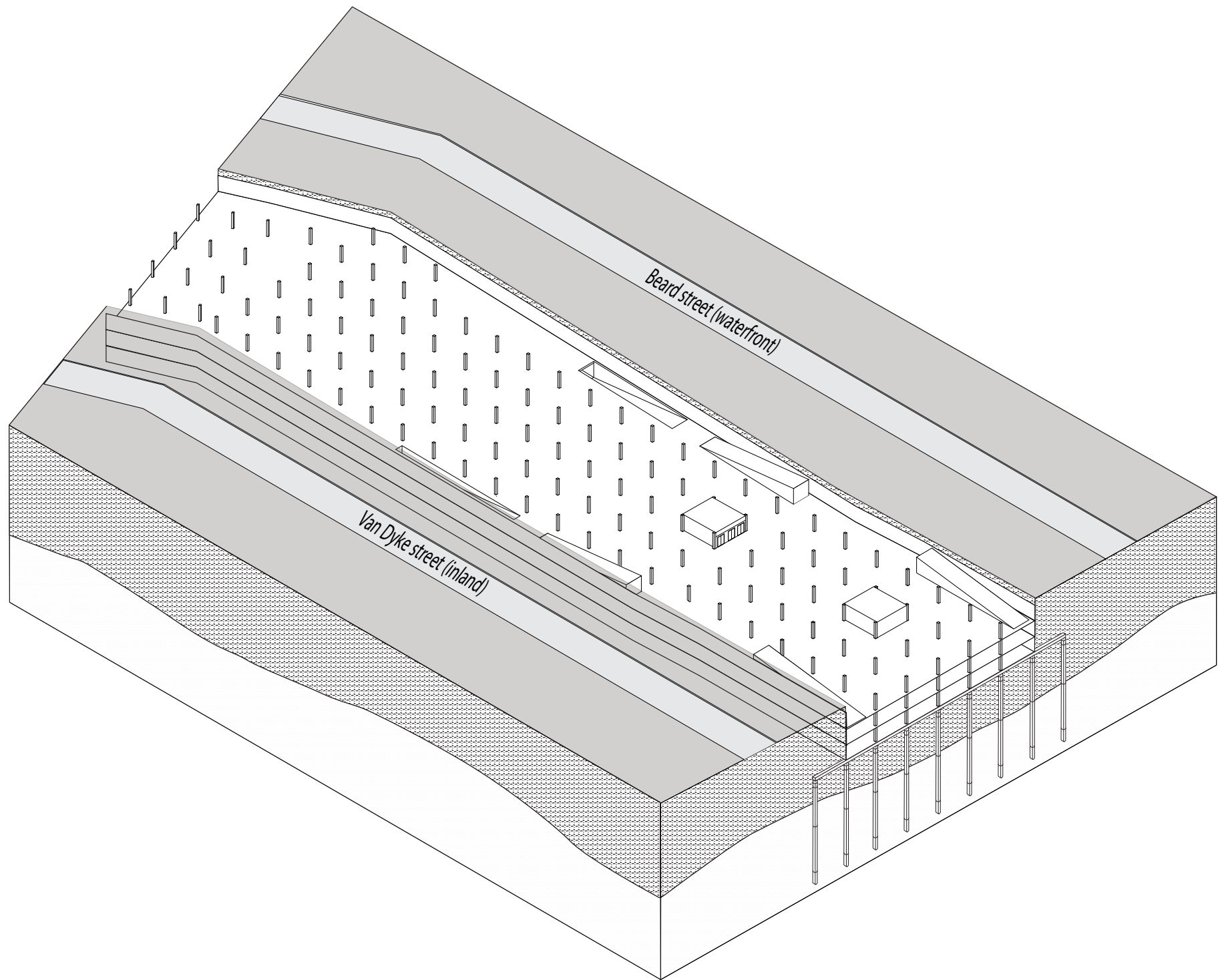
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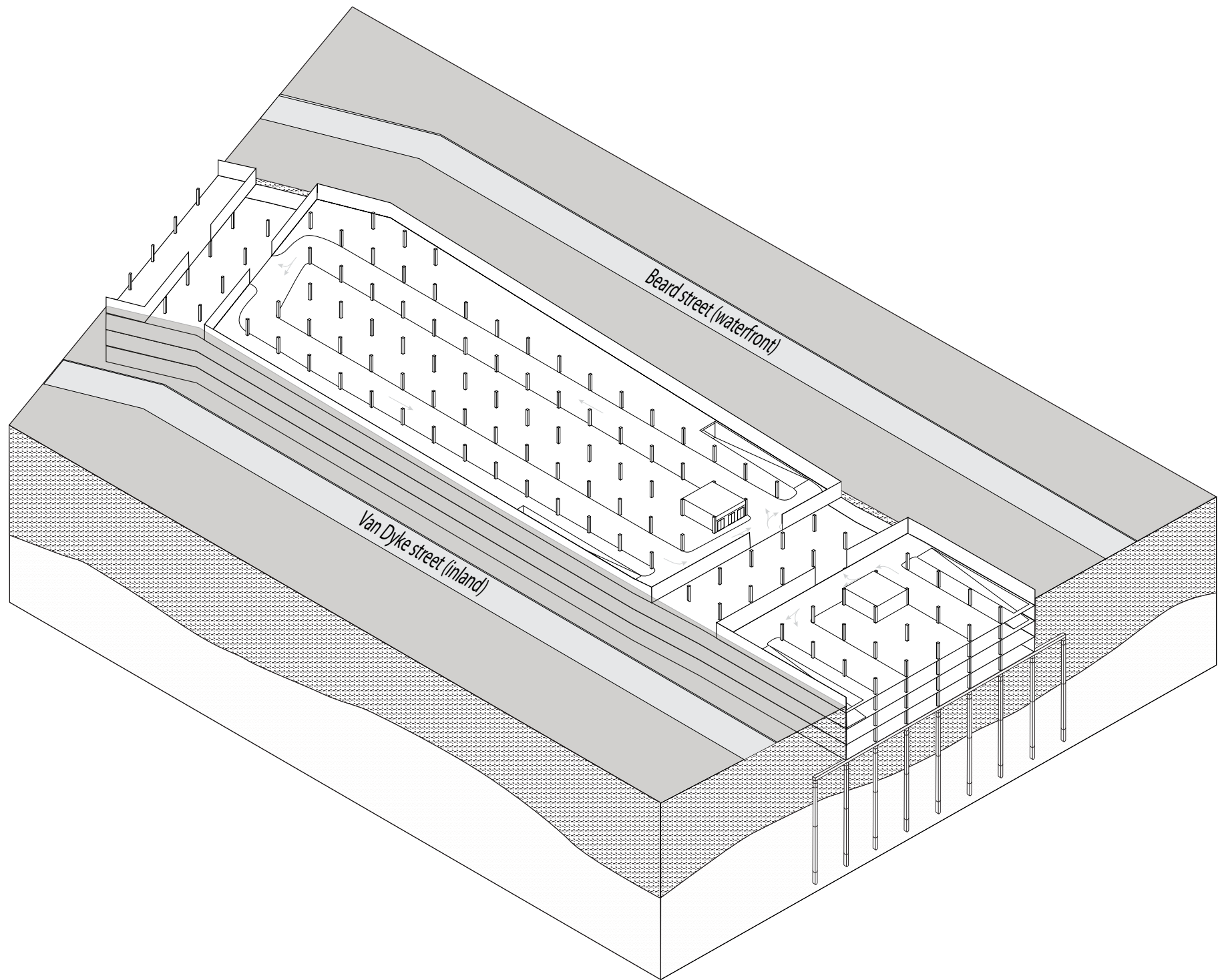




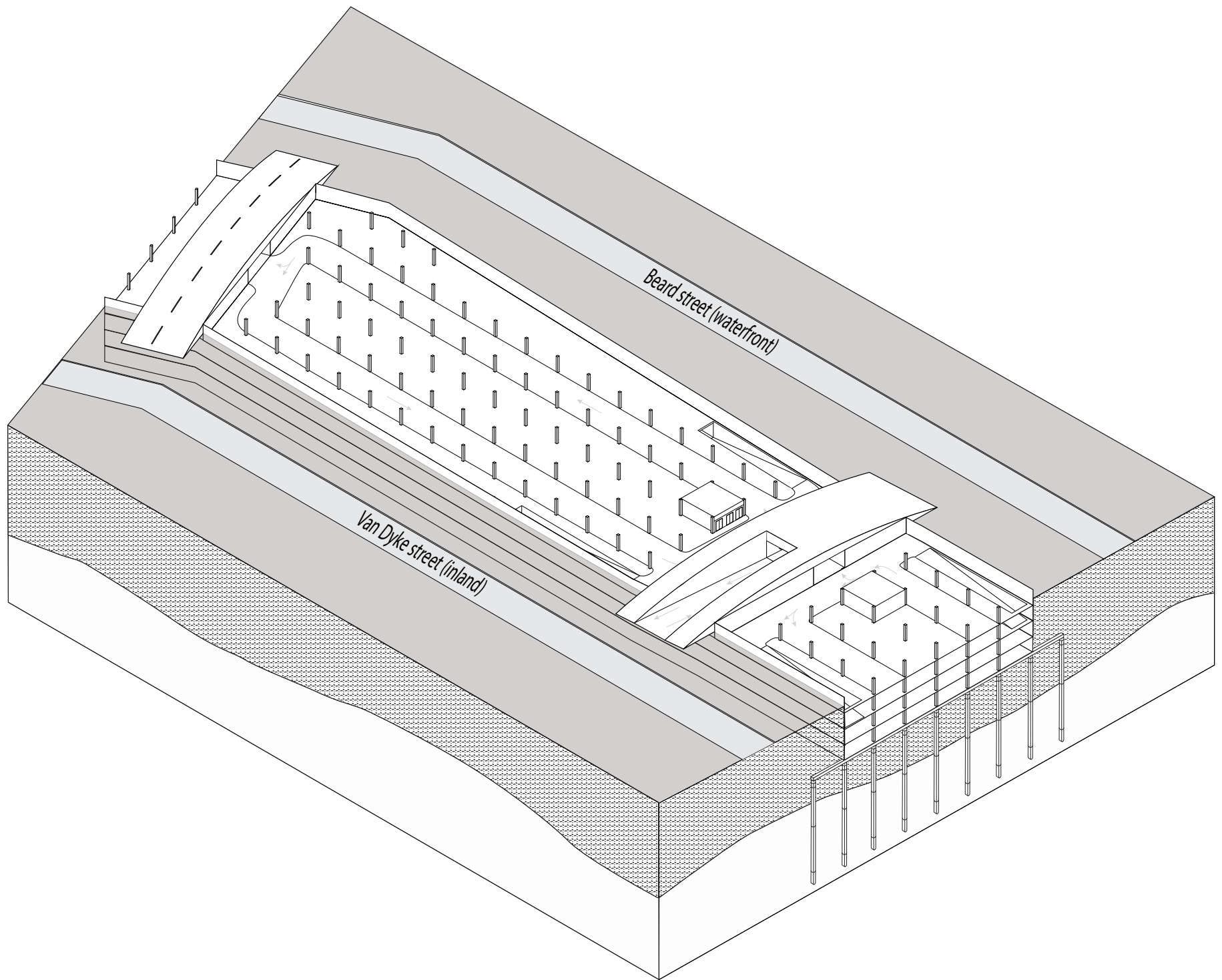


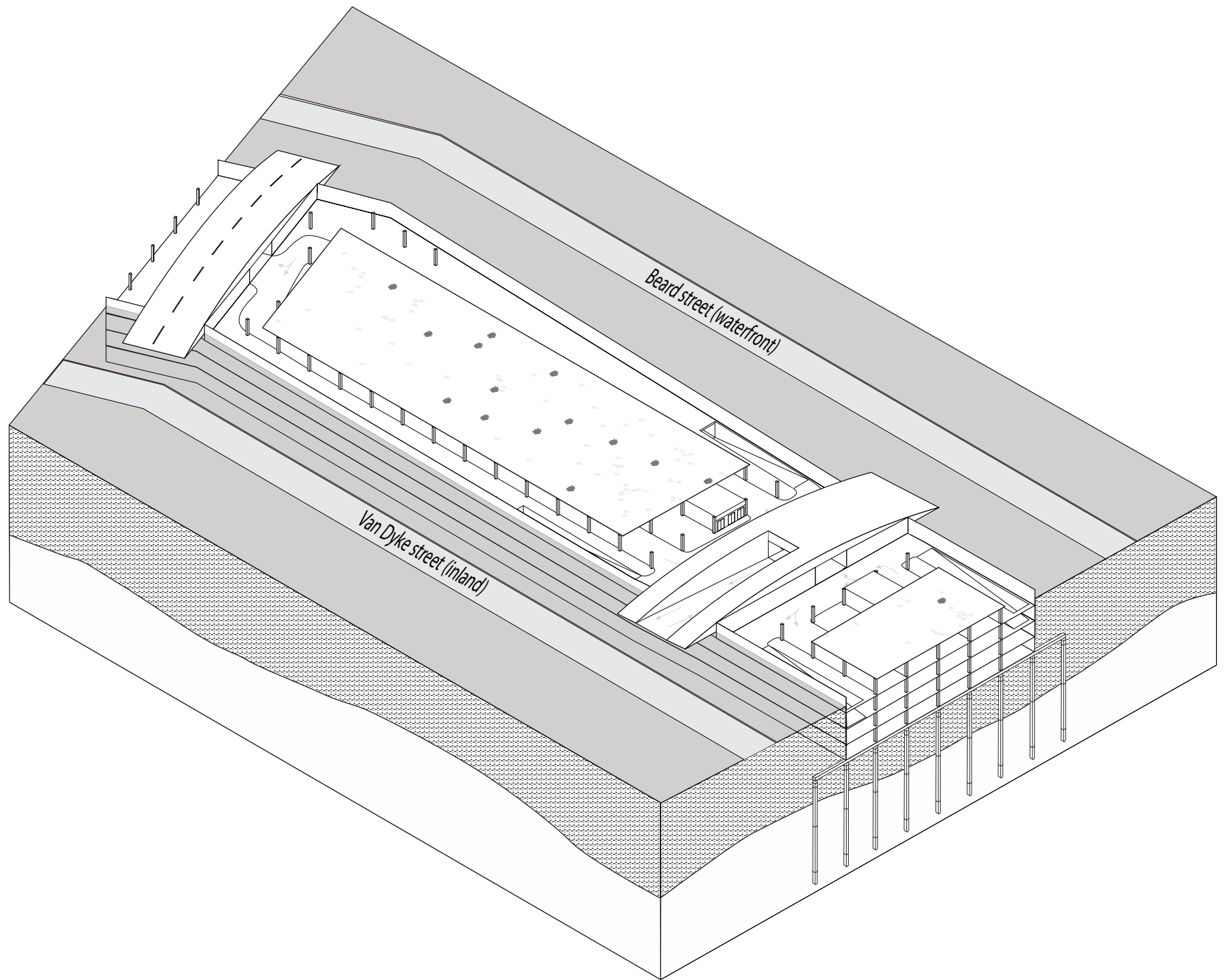




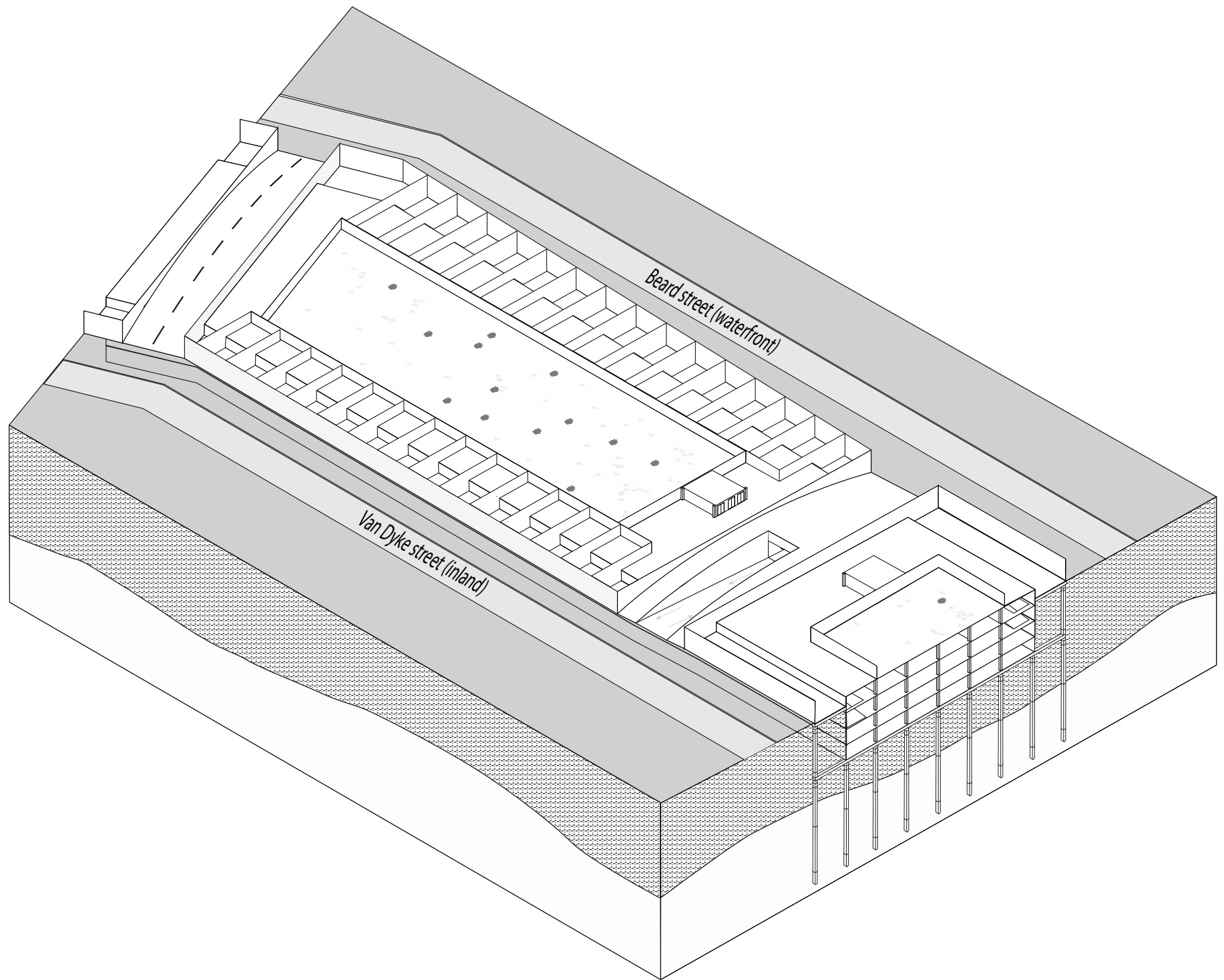


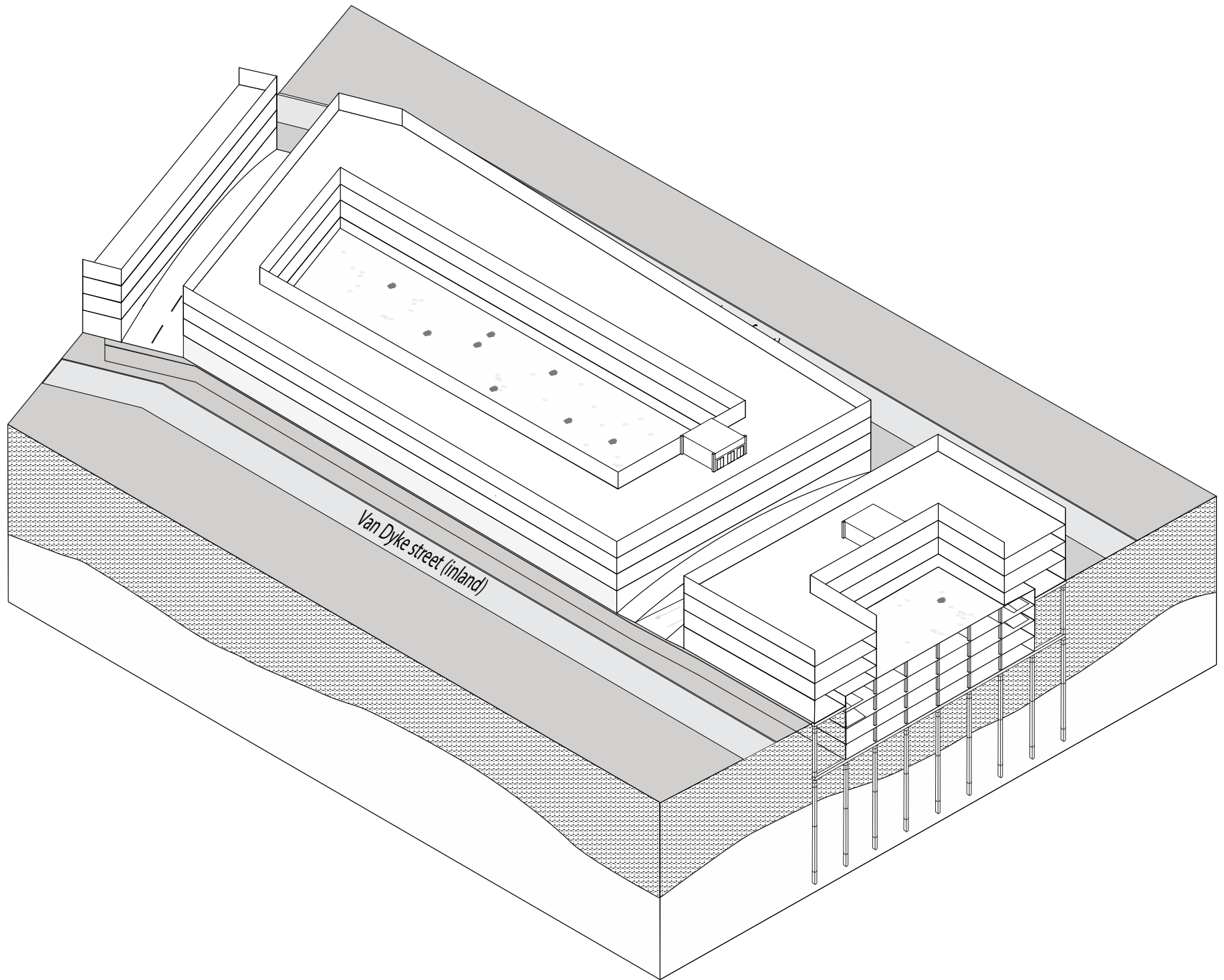




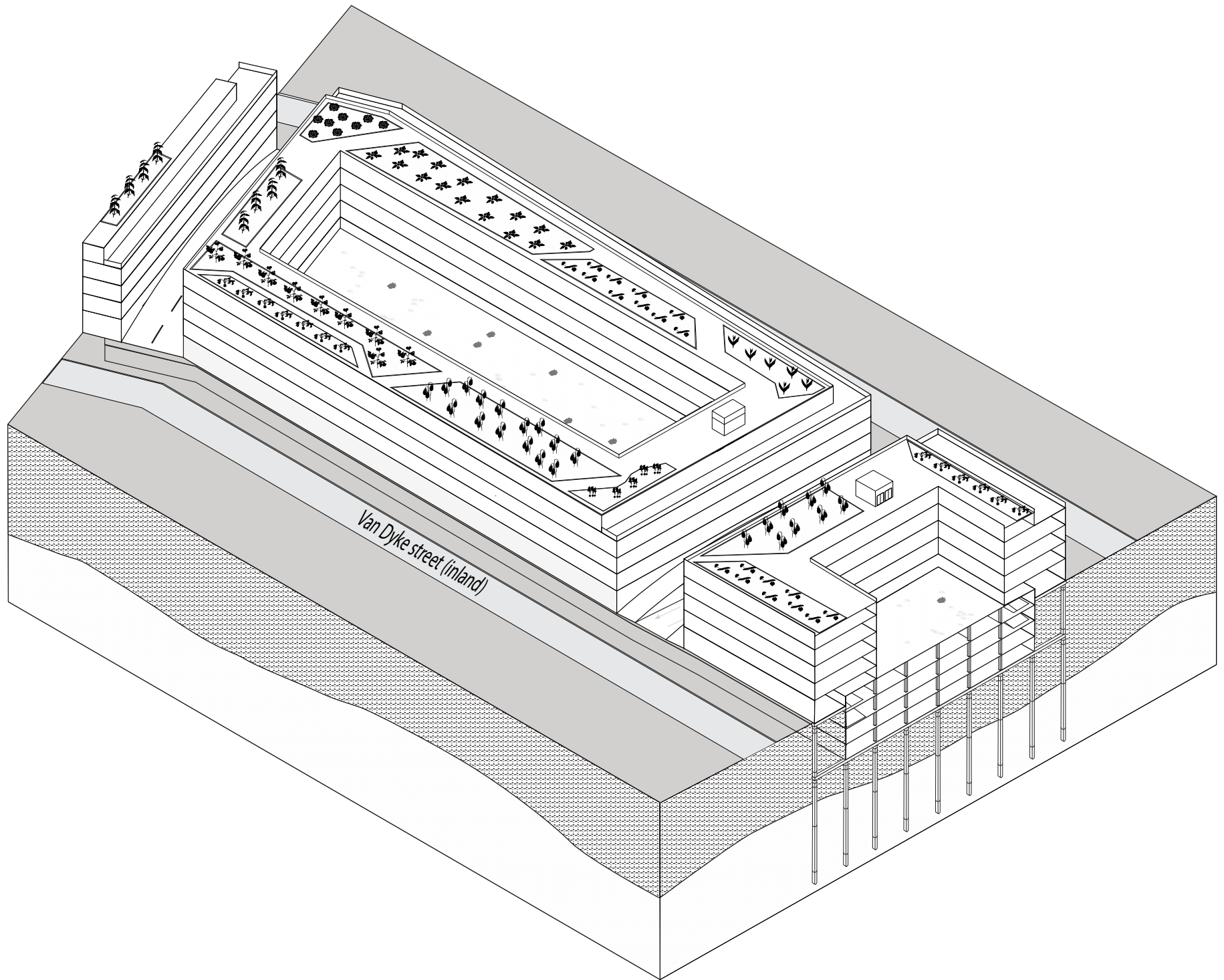


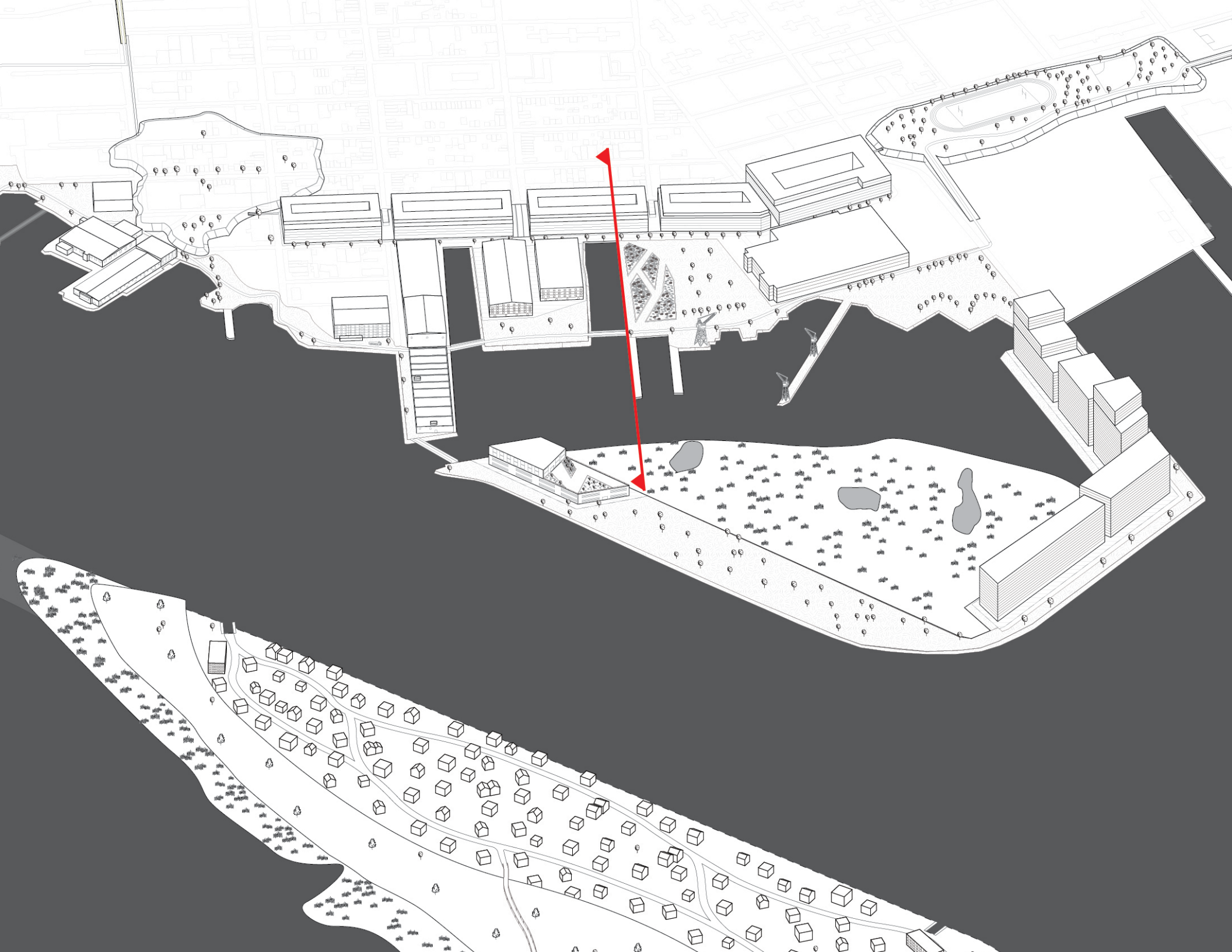






























# Conclusion & Reflection

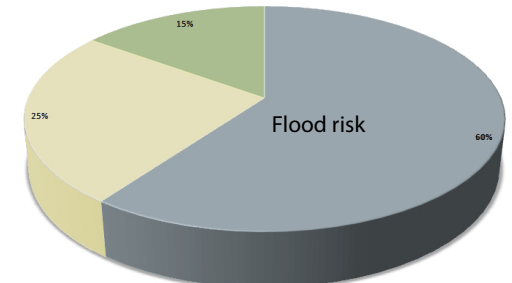
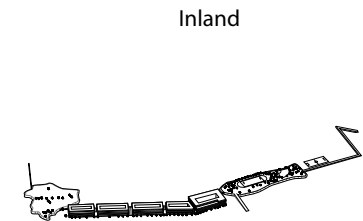
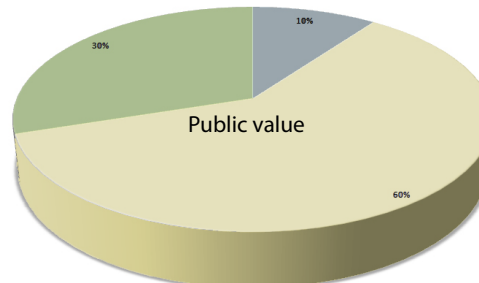
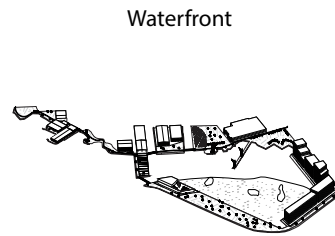
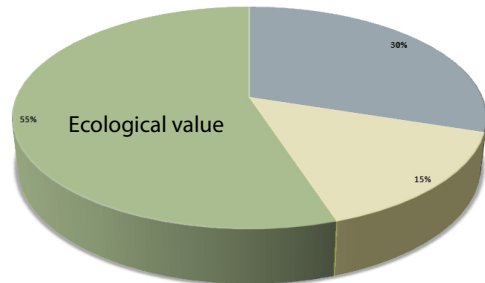
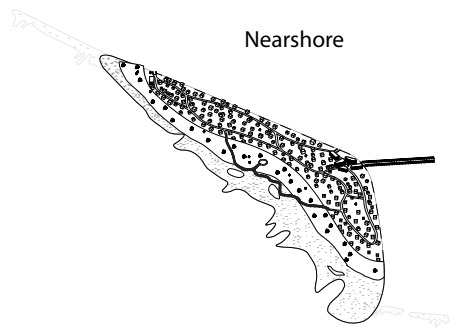




## Evaluation per area

Each area excels in contributing to one of the three components of the strategic approach

Comparative study recommended for further research



*Evaluation of contribution to Flood risk, Public value and Ecological value per area. (By author)*



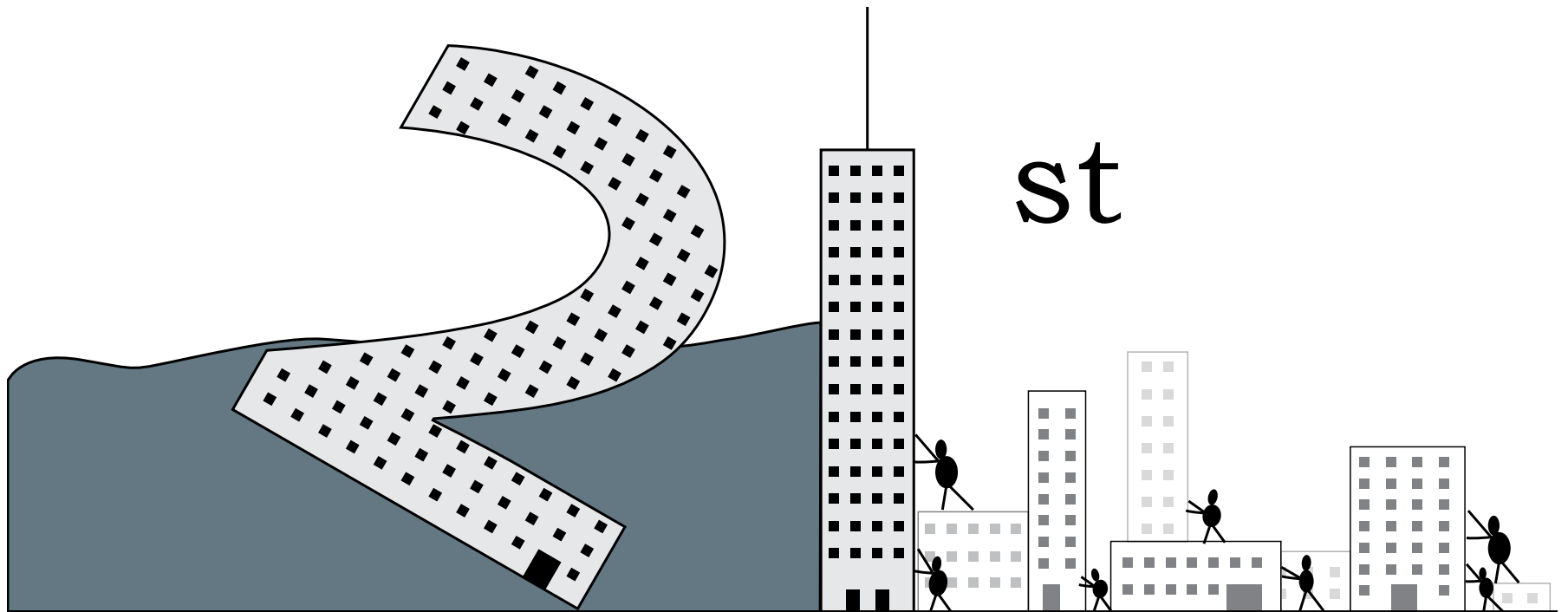
## Reflection

Flood risk, Public value and Ecological value have provided strong guidance for this thesis

Flood risk and socio-economic pressure have not been developed to the same degree.

Further research should dive deeper in the social needs and benefits for the Red Hook society

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