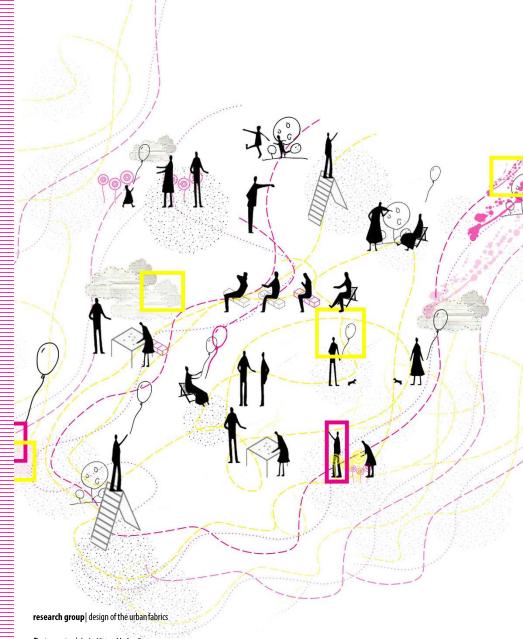
Playgrounds of commons

Spatial interventions for collective appropriation towards liveability and diversity in

Rotterdam South. The case of Oud Charlois and Waalhaven area

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Architecture of appropriation and appropriation tactics



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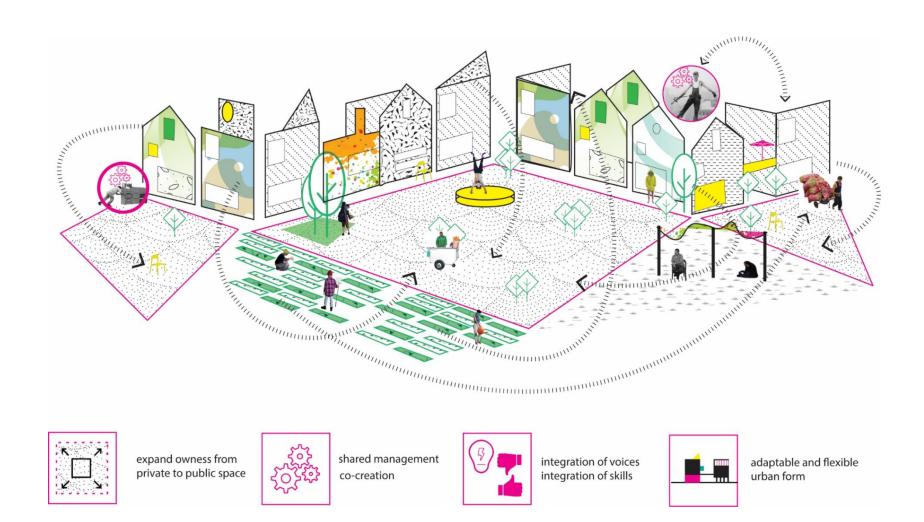
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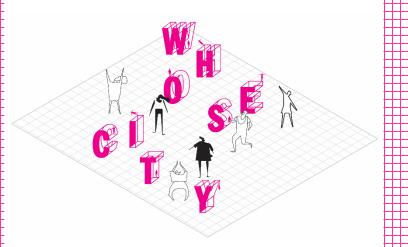
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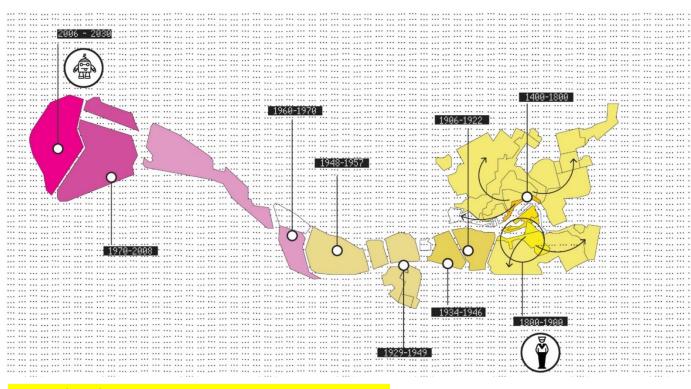
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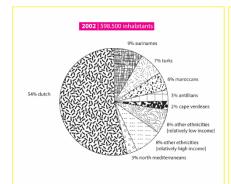
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Whose city is Rotterdam?





port related





175 nationalities



multi- cultural



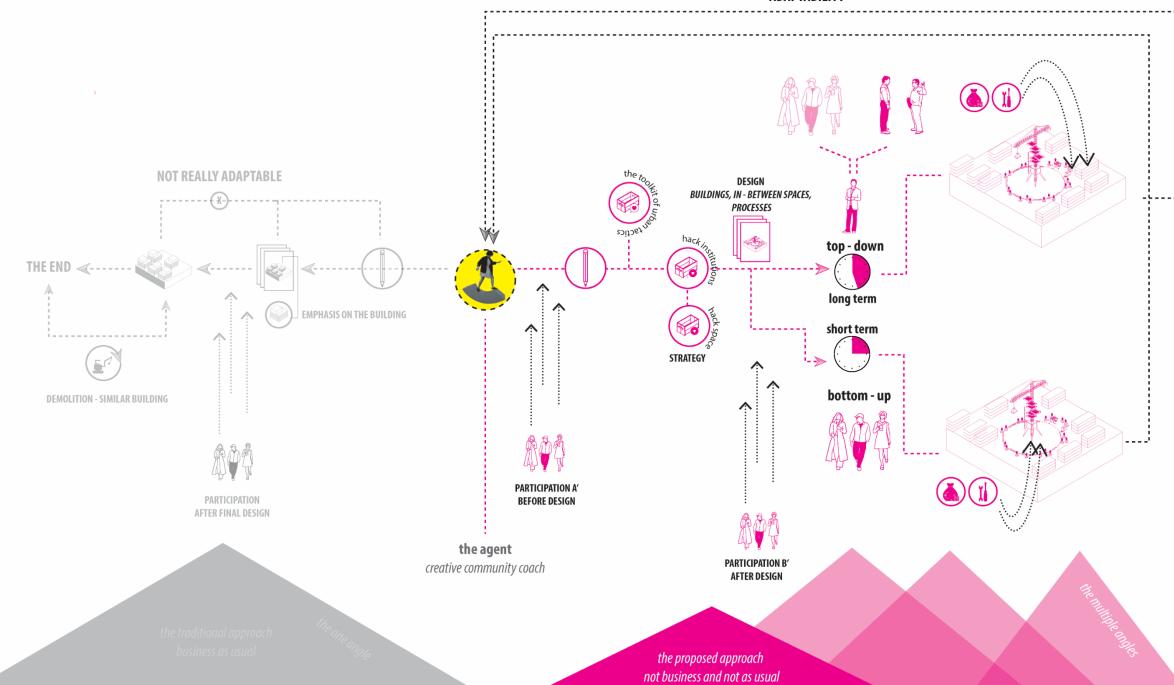
More than 33% - problematic neighbourhoods

Gentrification forces – urban renewal processes





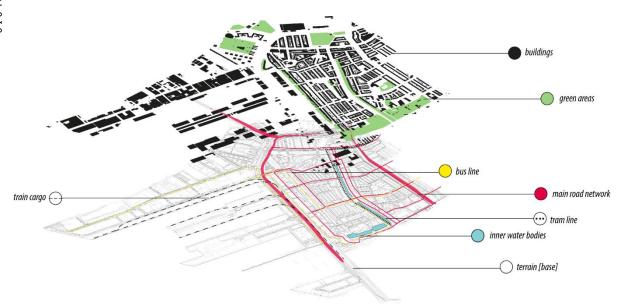
ADAPTABILITY





OUD CHARLOIS ONE OF THE PROBLEMATIC AREAS

"A MONOTONOUS AREA FOR THE HIGH AND MIDDLE INCOMES"





Oud Charlois is a neighborhood that experiencing transition, we are starting to feel that gentrification is moving us out of our neighborhood



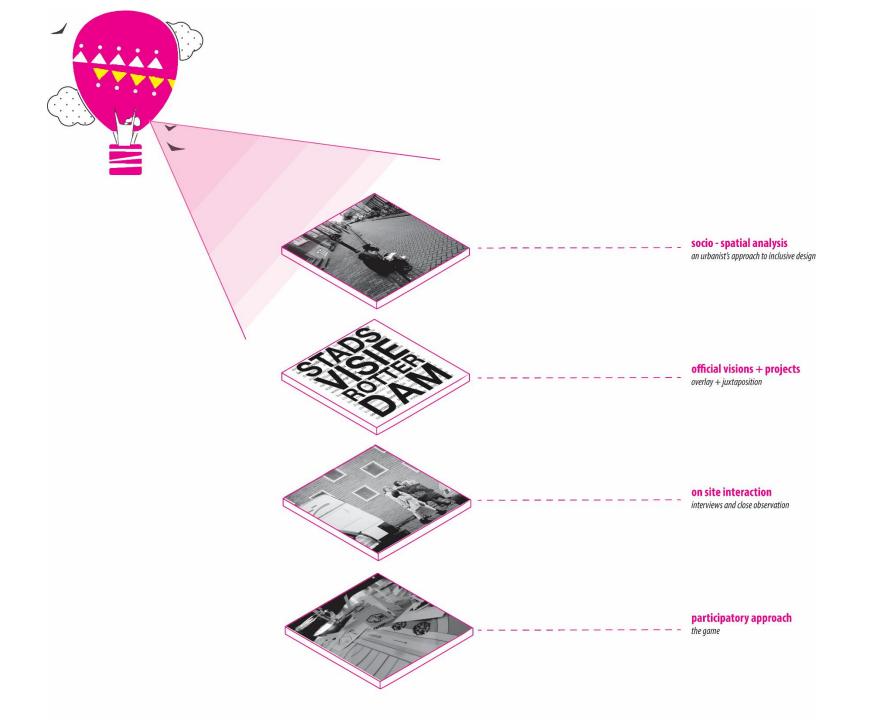
The municipality does not have a Clear vision for this part of the city

Architect + owner of Charlois aan het water (QU, 2017)



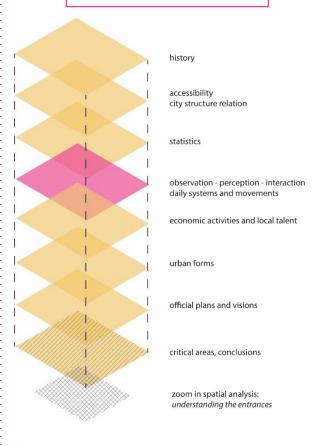
Research question

Within the current urban renewal plans and trends, what are the **spatial interventions and strategies** needed and feasible so as to encourage **collective appropriation** towards liveability and diversity in **deprived neighborhoods** in Rotterdam?





LAYERS OF ANALYSIS



UNDERSTANDING OUD CHARLOIS

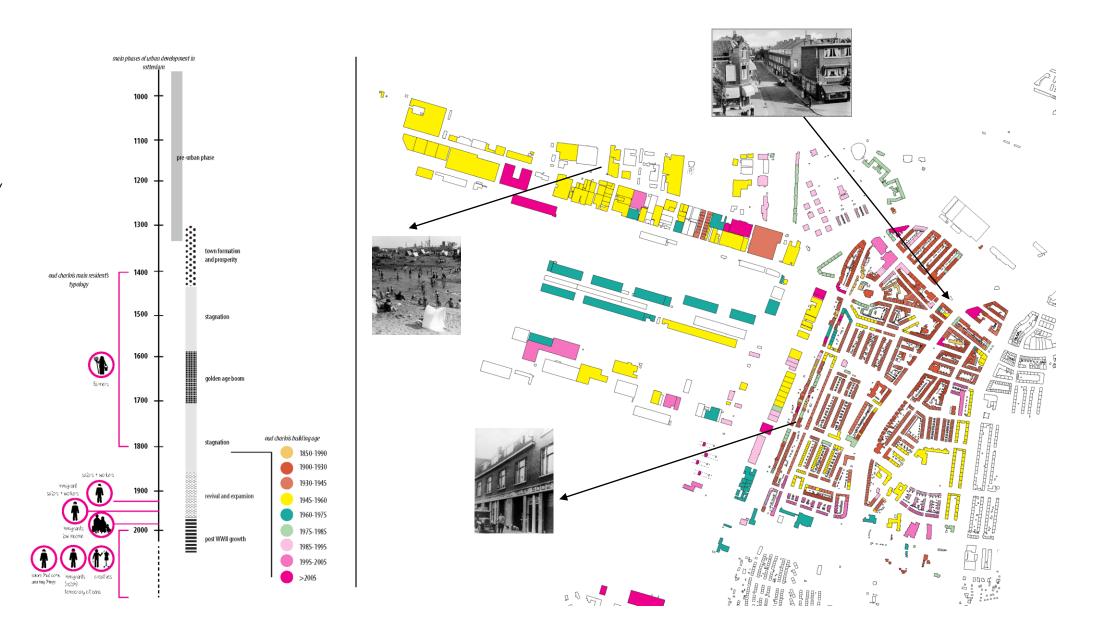
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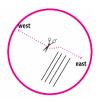
-200 artists

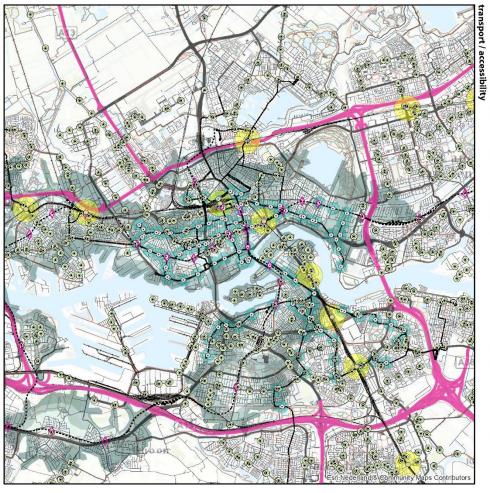
-high presence of migrants (Polish, Bulgarian)

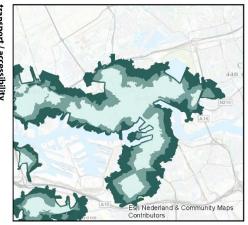
-high presence low skilled - unemployed

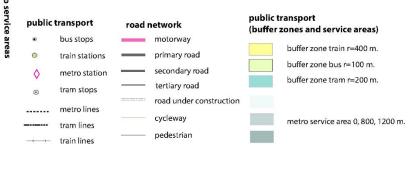


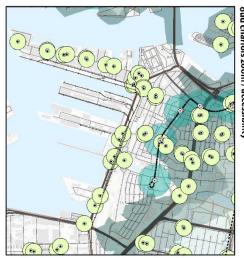


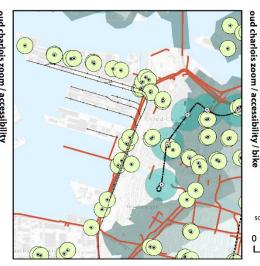


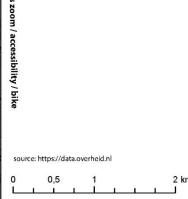




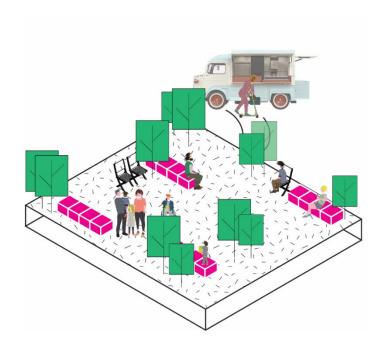




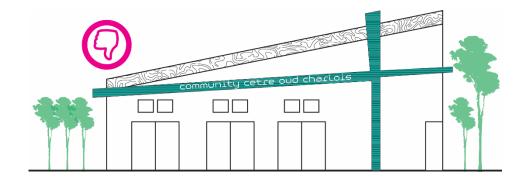








No central meeting point

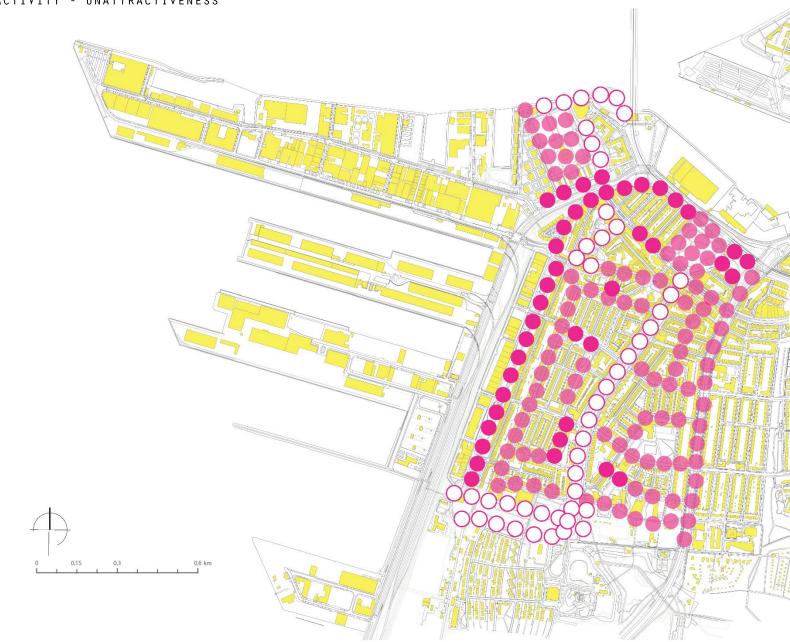


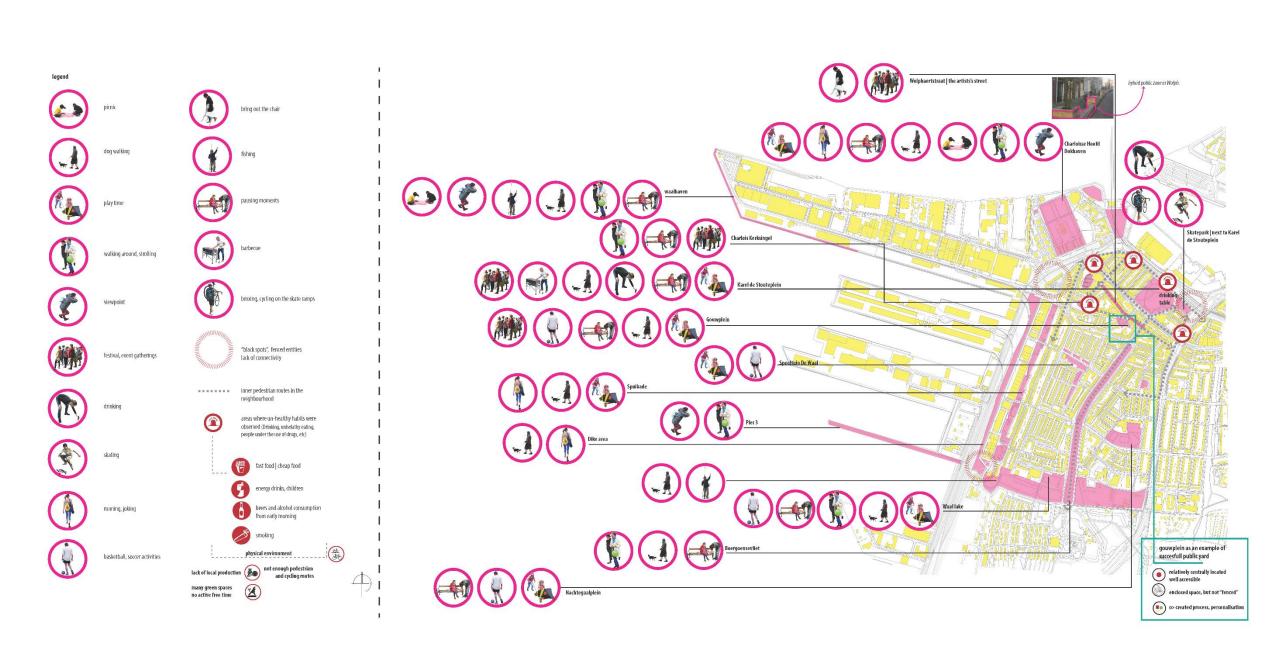
Community centres (not really)

high quality

upper average quality poor quality, lower average

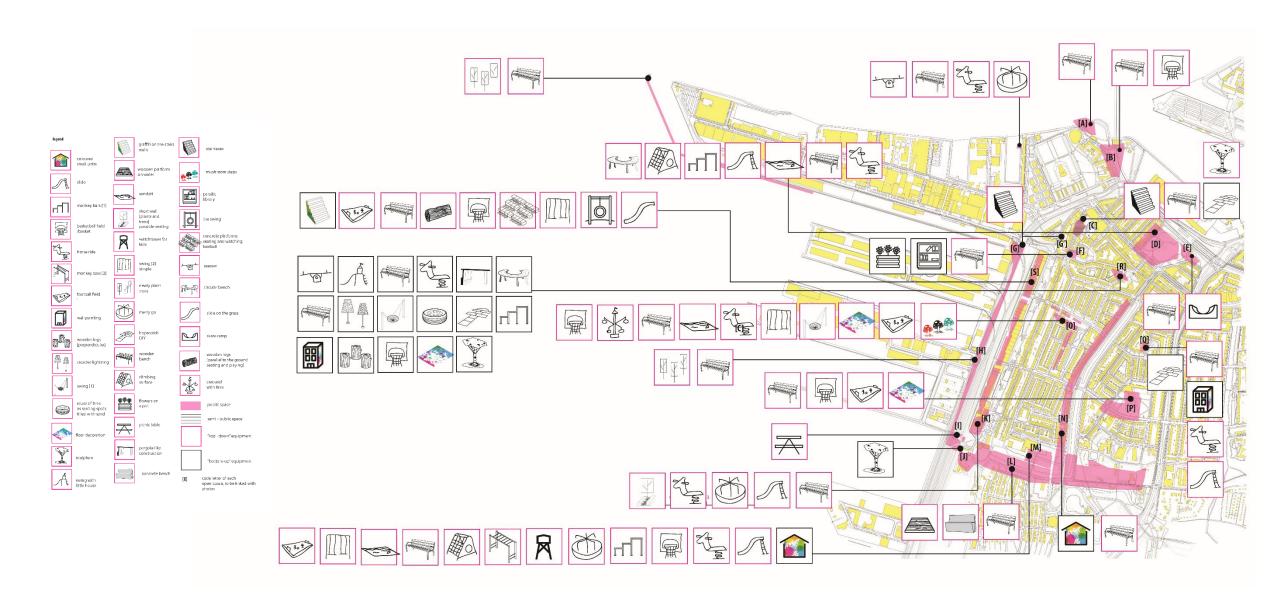
CONCLUSION NO. 5 A LOT OF GREEN SPACES, Vs. Not calling for ACTIVITY - UNATTRACTIVENESS

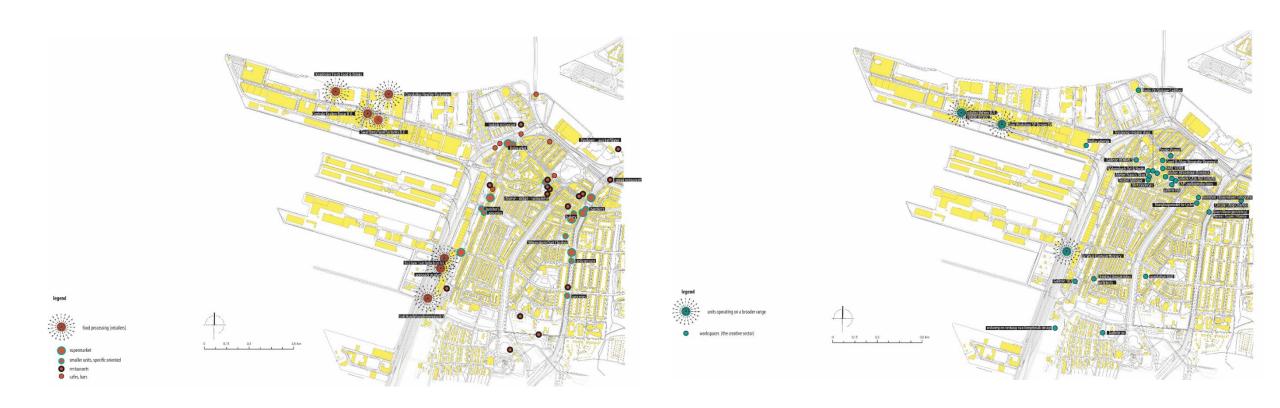




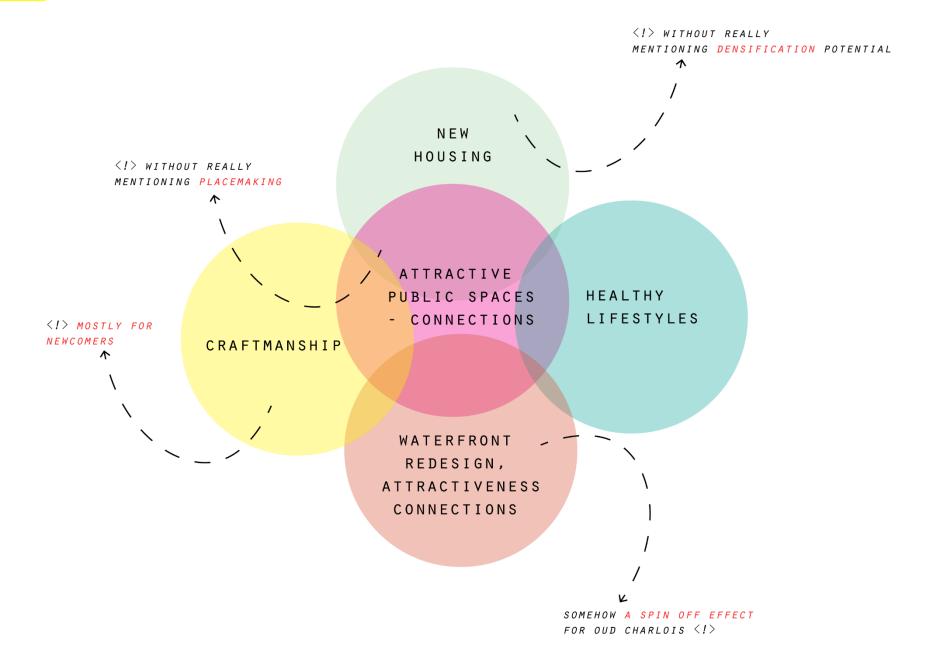


LIKE THE DRINKING TABLE // KAREL DE STOUTEPLEIN





CREATIVE SECTOR FOOD SECTOR





official plans do not mention anything about placemaking, whereas according to the interviews this is something that the neighbourhood would need (e.g. feeling of unsafety or anonymity in huge green parks)









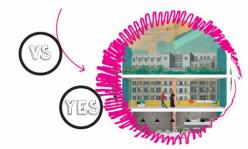


ARTS





based on the interviews, the analysis and the theoretical framework it seems that te municipality does not hav a clear vision for living and working, based on the local talent or potential. It is either demolishing or combining as if following a suburbanisation scenario.



proposals like GroLiWO from IABR have a vision for working and living environments, that can attract mixed residents and stimulate local potential.

legend



the importance of connections retrofitting the entrances



transformation and connection of the port



rethink of that part! residents and visions agree on the challenge of this part



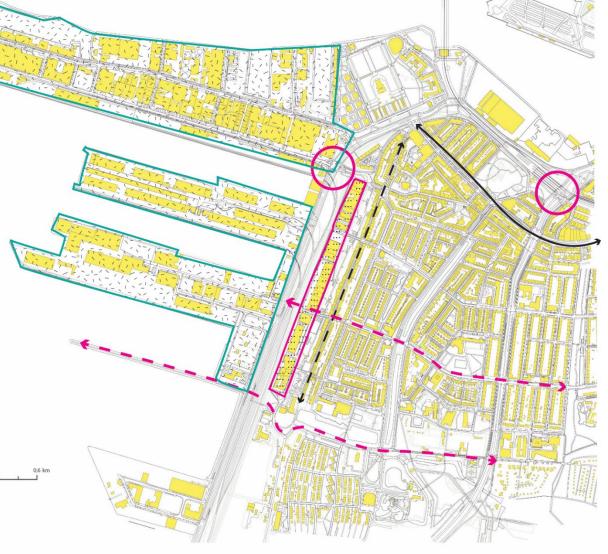
slow mobility and connections



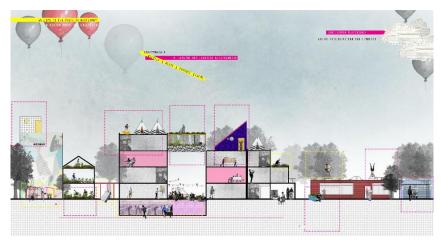
dealing with Zuidhoek (residents think it is important, visions, do not mention it



revitalisation of the street (residensta and official visions agree on the urgency of addressing this part)



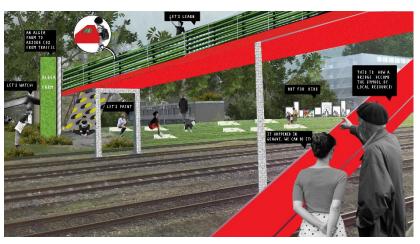
LET'S TALK
VISIONS



SCENARIO _1
HAPPY TOGETHER! THE IDEAL COMMONING NEIGHBOURHOOD



SCENARIO _3
QUINOASALADEBUURT! THE GENTRIFIED NEIGHBOURHOOD

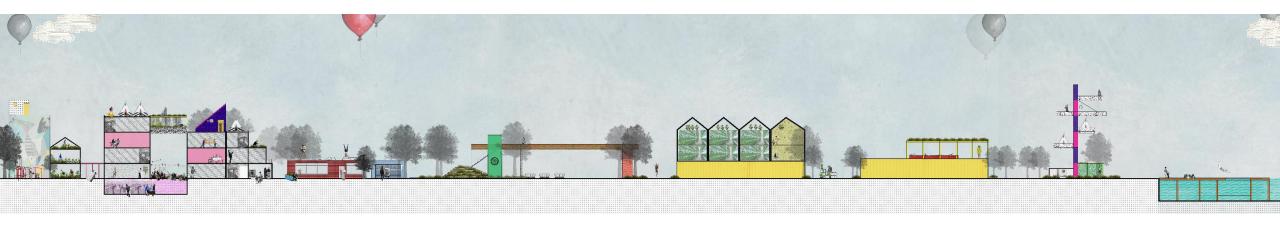


SCENARIO _2
NEIGHBOURHOOD RE-LOCALIZED (STATE COUPLING)



SCENARIO _4
TAKING CONTROL! TAKING SPACE! THE DIY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Playground of commons Social ecologies in Oud Charlois



a healthy neighbourhood

a neighbourhood with slow mobility networks

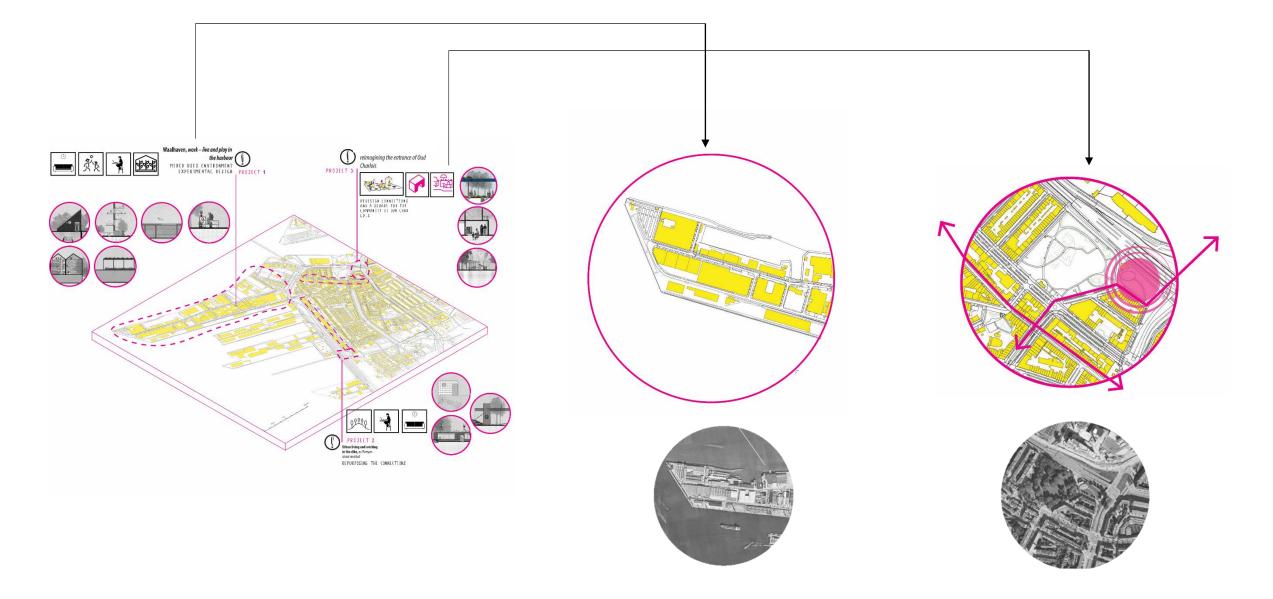
a productive neighbourhood

a self-sufficient neighbourhood

an open and inclusive neighbourhood

a well – connected neighbourhood

a circular neighbourhood



Two areas with

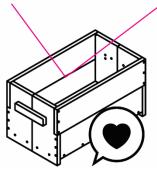
Different challenges





PLAY TIME!







THE TOOLKIT OF URBAN
TACTICS FOR APPROPRIATION



I think there are places during night that you don't want to go. The whole neighborhood at night feels unsafe. I think new buildings and activities will improve the image of this area. It would be nicer, if buildings looked nicer. Also, a playground could be nice.



the sociologist

I am a soldogist. I am working on the issue of Rotterdam Zuid. I live on the main caul. On the rich riske We have a small colities with the neighbors and we trust each other. We are doing things together for the neighborshood. We also have each other levy. This part litters part does to Zuidhoed is an are in decay, You can see that people do not take care of their gardens or houses. I wish nor day we can form a group and clean these gardens on a streets. Also, look at the houses, the condition is bad and in some of them even 10 people live together. There are many immigrants, mostly poish or Edugations that are seeking for a job. Municipality should give them the tools to fix these houses. The problems, though, are cannot only be resolved with building and demoishing.

They are also (government) building new houses, lofts that would raise the rents. But, who is going to live in those houses? Is that thing that we need? People need affordable housing. Maybe, those new lofts are for a big developer that would put them in air bnb.

In general, the neighbourhood is changing. Even here, there used to be a school, they deemolished it and build these huge building for business. A grocery shop that used to be on the come forced to close down, as well. Students from the school were buying their sacks from the cut once the school was gone, they were found difficulties keeping the slop open and running. Those actions change the neighbourhood, the community and the economy.



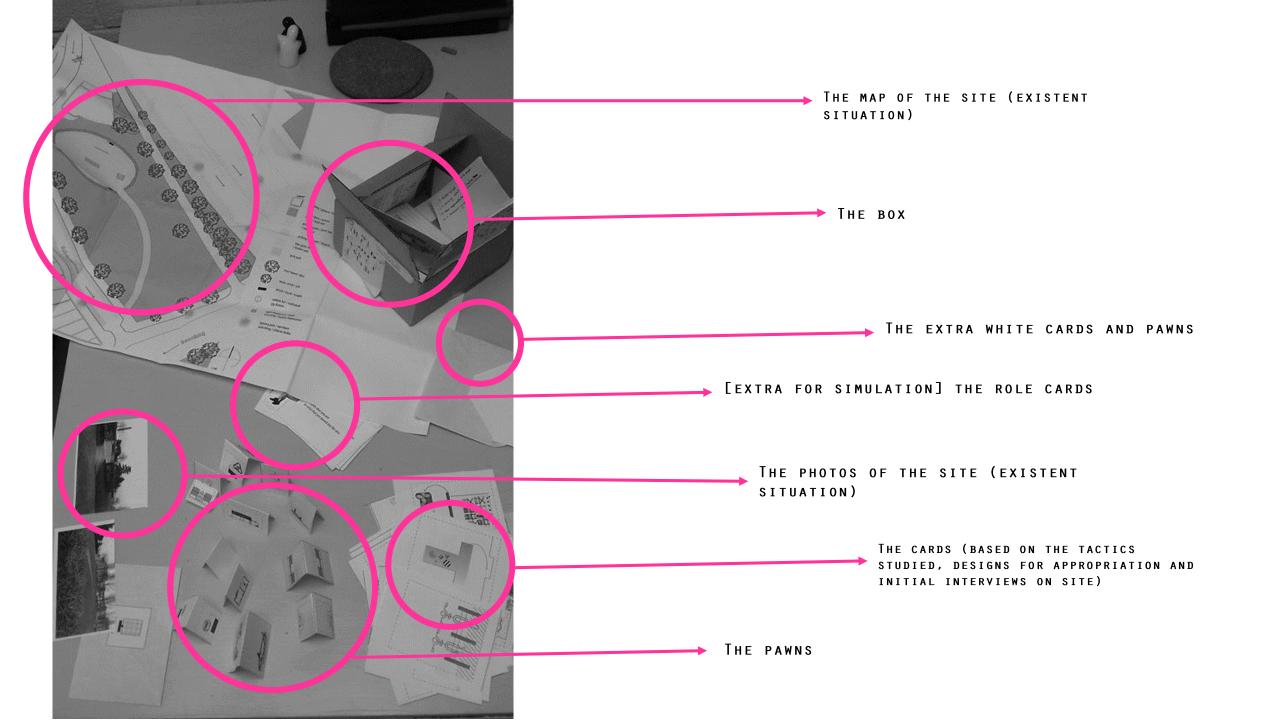
THE LAYERS OF SITE
ANALYSIS

THE INTERVIEWS



THE GAME

communicate raise awareness sense of place no winners



1-1 GAMING SESSIONS // LOCAL ARTISTS

Ghislain, France Founder of PEACH







Maziar Founder of RIB Rotterdam art scene







ONONO
Social and art space
5 artists, several countries

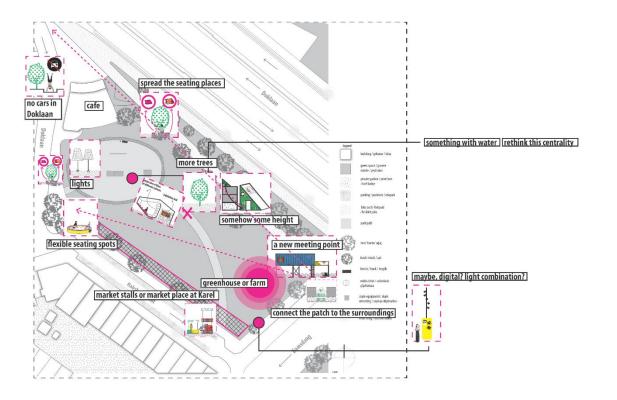
Joshua, US Founder of Wolfart projectspace

Vitibuck architects

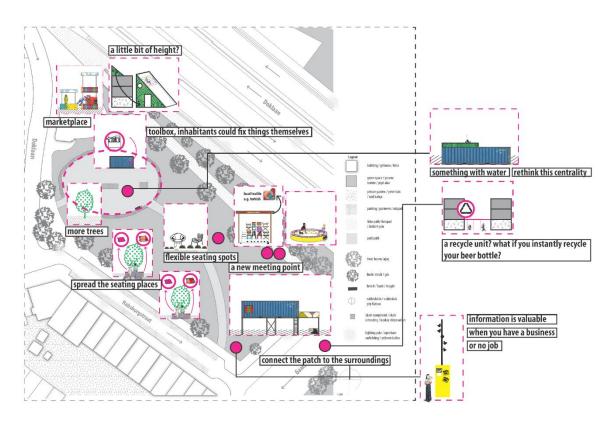
SIMULATIONS GAMING SESSIONS // 8 PLAYERS / 2 DUTCH / 1 DESIGNER



1 - 1 GAMING SESSIONS // RESULTS

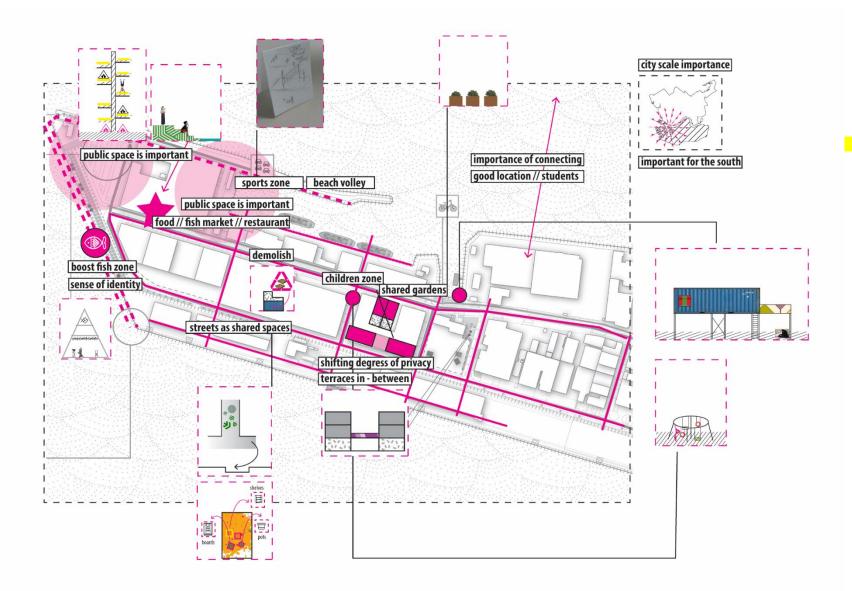


SIMULATION GAMING SESSIONS // RESULTS



Conclusions

- Connection of Skatepark to Karel attractive entrances
- **Productivity** of green spaces, leisure
- Safety
- **Interaction**, craftsmanship, reuse



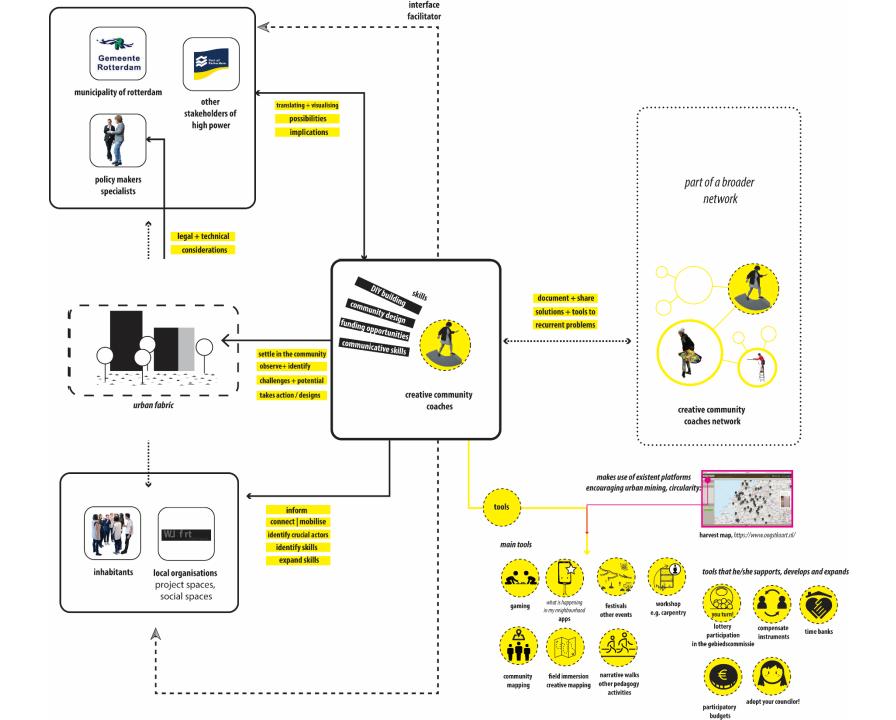
Conclusions

- Waalhaven importance of affordability, accessibility, central space and leisure (sports zone)
- Shared green spaces in housing projects

THROUGHOUT ALL THIS PROCESS I IMAGINE (BECAME) A NEW AGENT

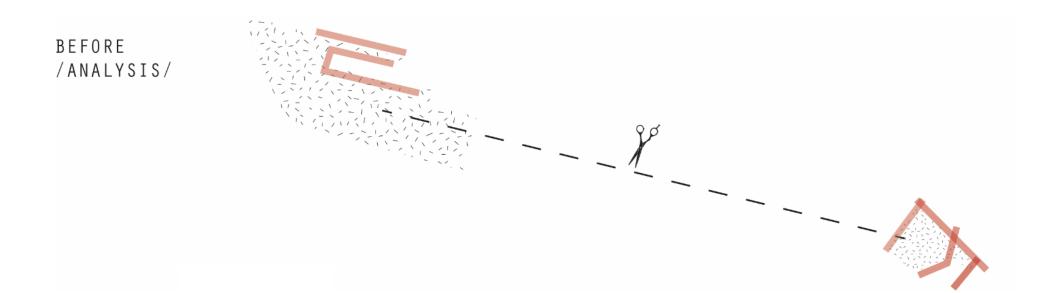
WELCOME ALL THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY COACH



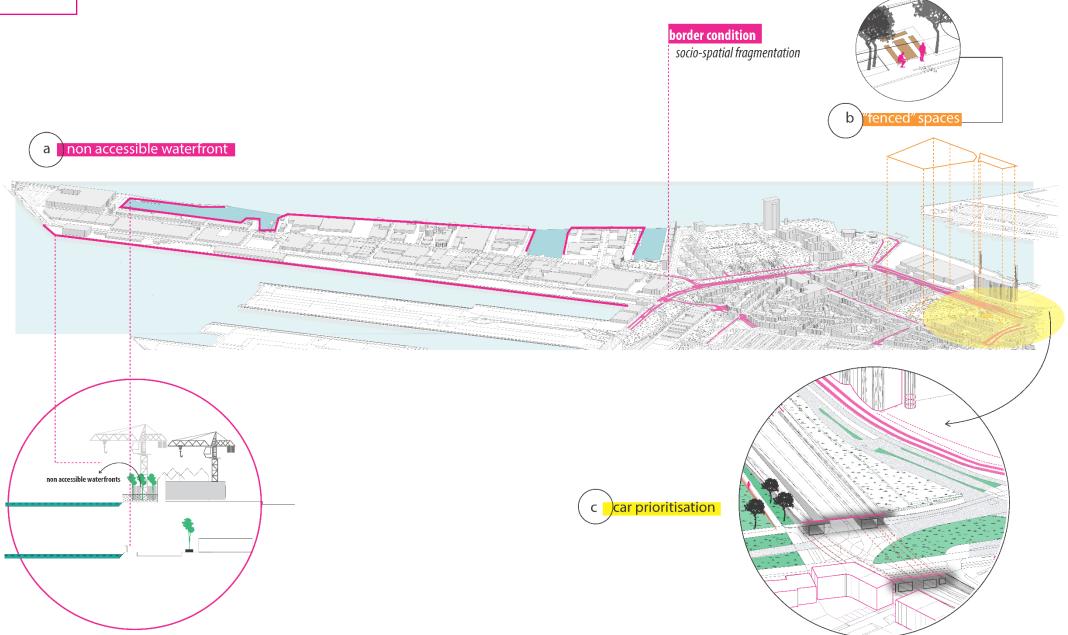


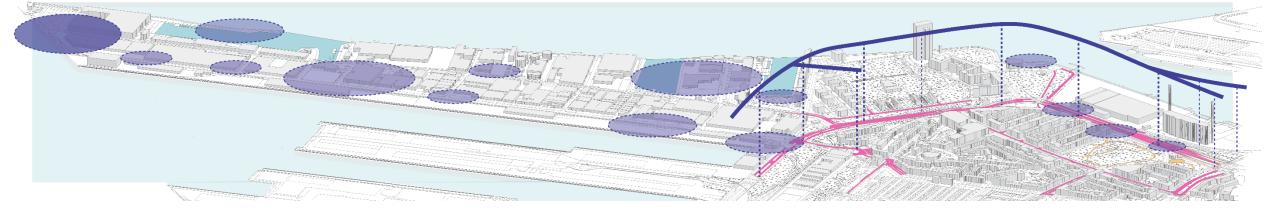


SETTLING IN OUD CHARLOIS I STARTED TO WONDER



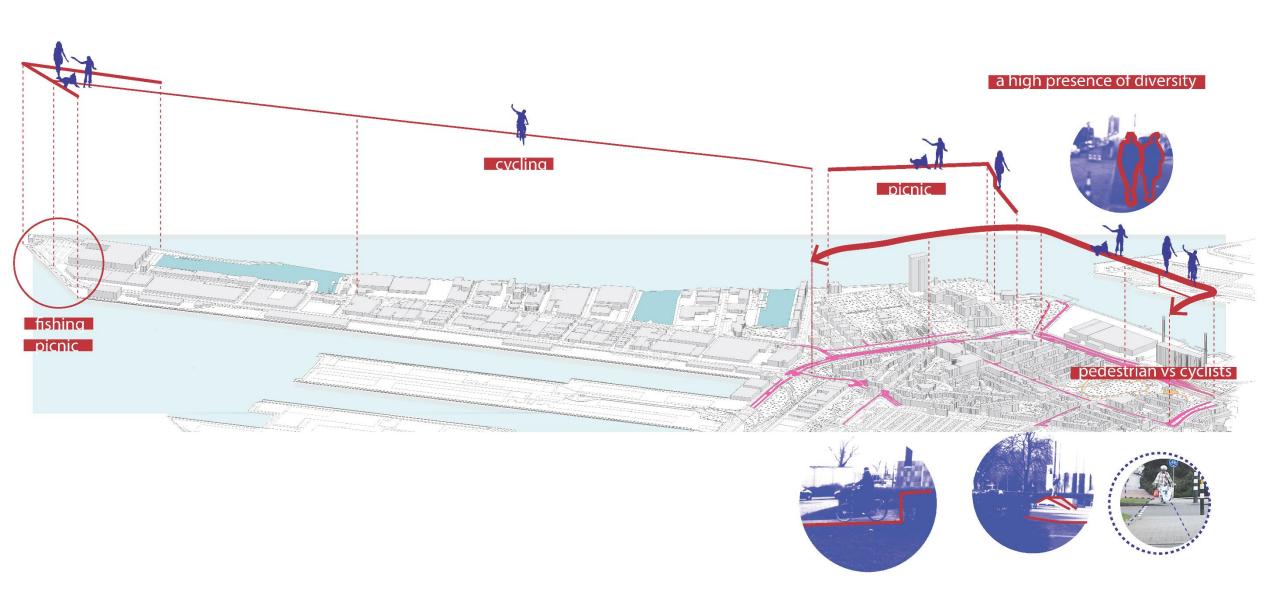
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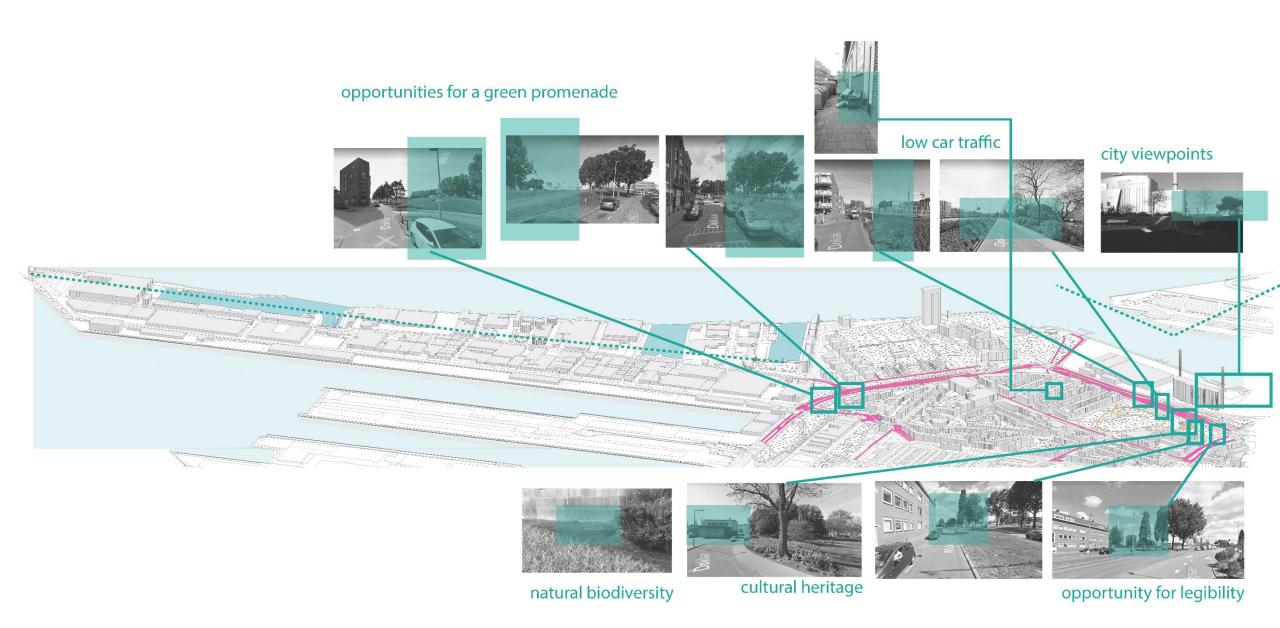


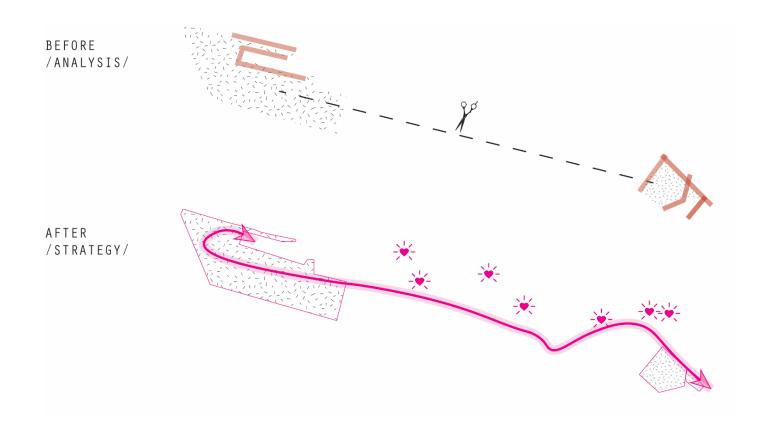


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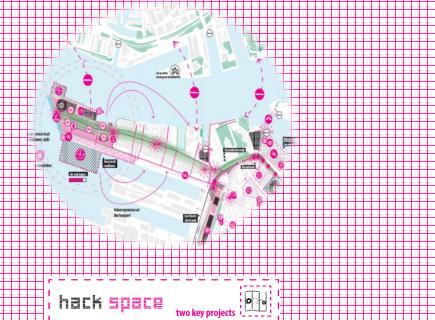
inner dike







...COULD BECOME THE BACKBONE OF A STRATEGY EMBODYING APPROPRIATION



large to extra large wasteland

hack institutions

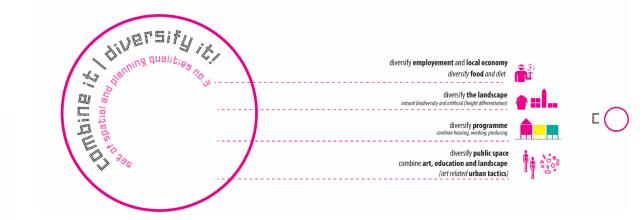
7 proposed changes in the planning processes

THE PRODUCTIVE ROUTE STRATEGY

leisure _ food _ crafts

STRATEGY PRINCIPLES



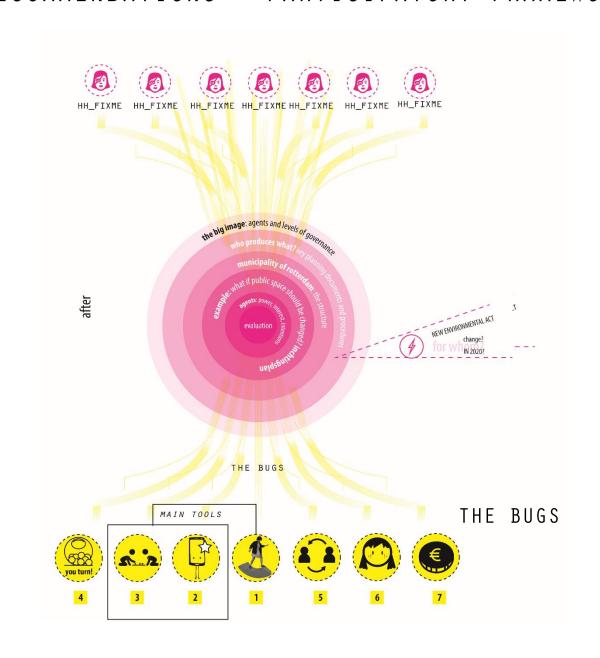


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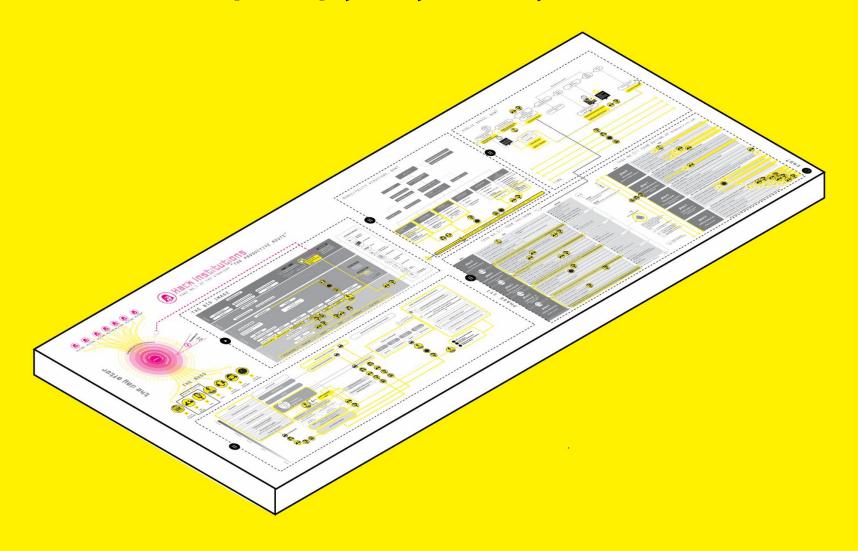


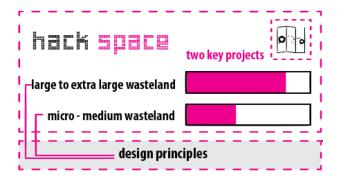
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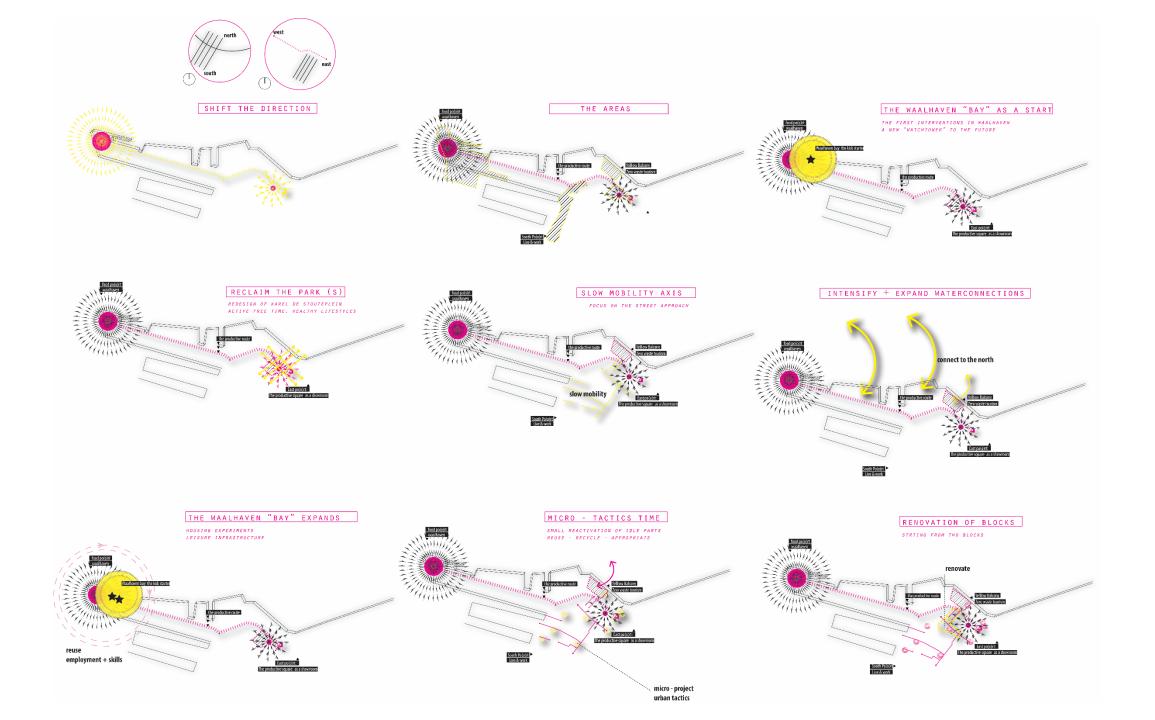
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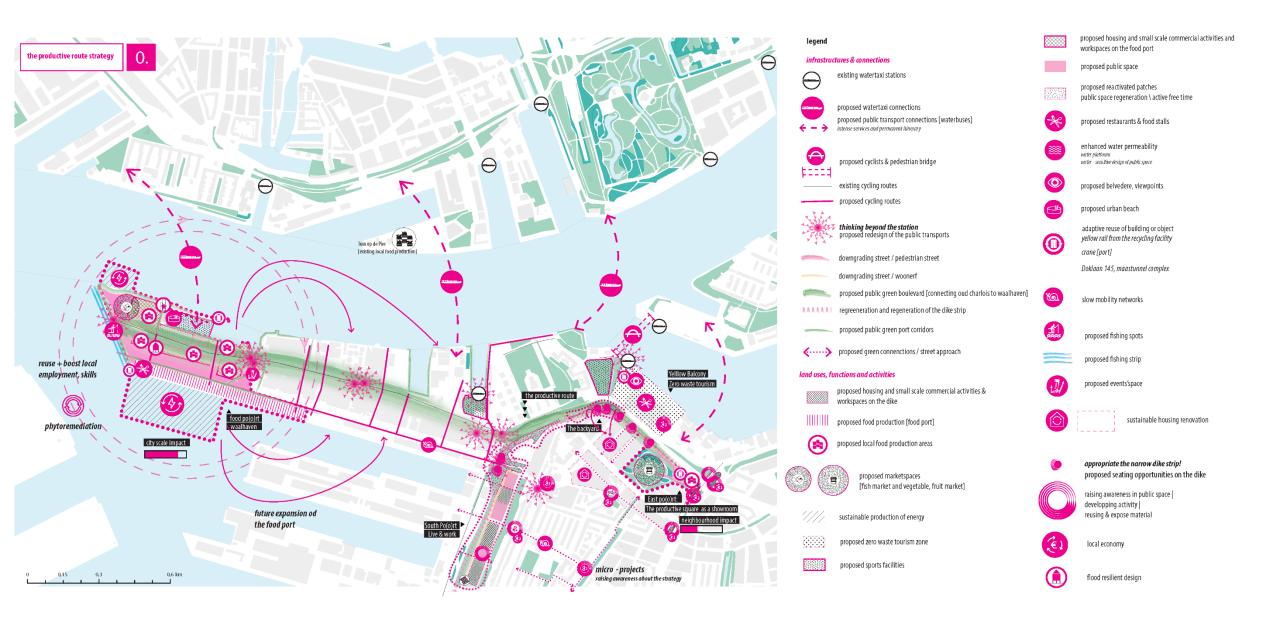


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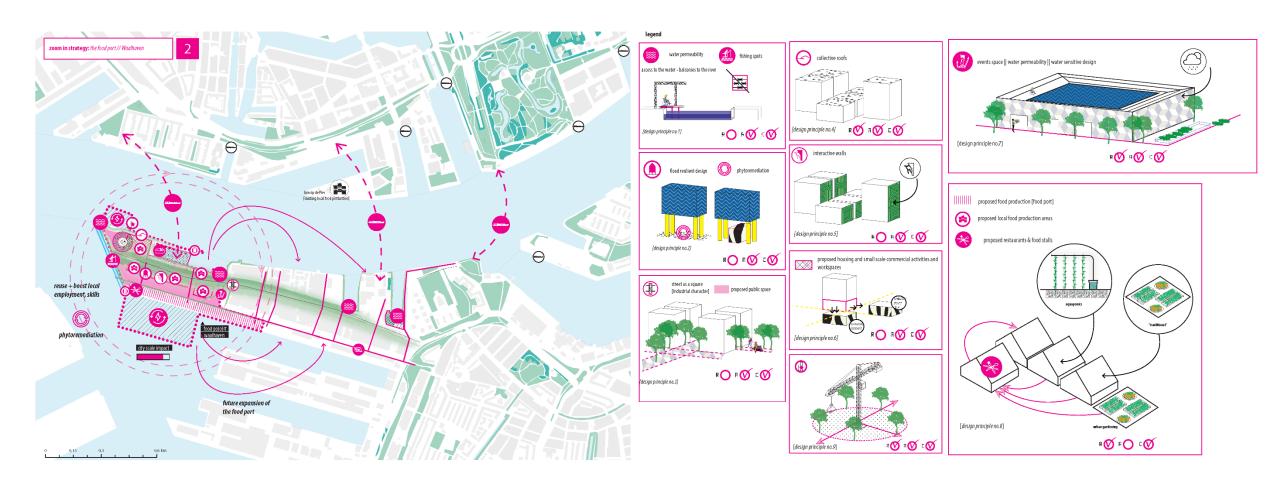








-ONE EXAMPLE OF THE ZOOM MAP-



4 PROJECTS



THE LOGICS OF THE PROJECT



ZOOM IN DETAILS (ONLY A BIT)



SPREAD THE WORD ("BRANDING")

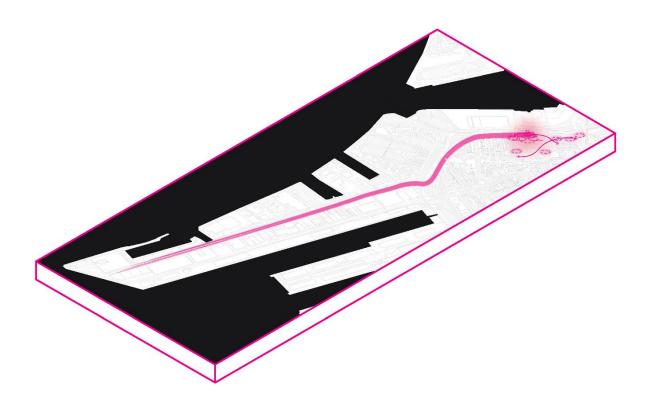








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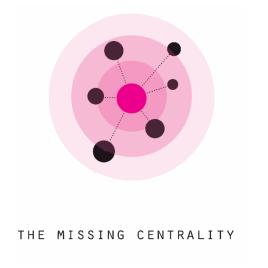


PROJECT A

RECLAIMING THE PARK (S)

THE PRODUCTIVE SHOWROOM IN SKATEPARK AND KAREL DE STOUTEPLEIN



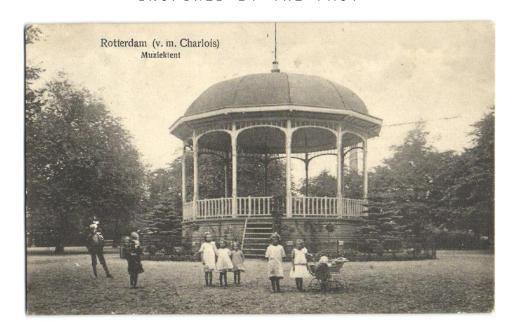








INSPIRED BY THE PAST



AND THE PRESENT

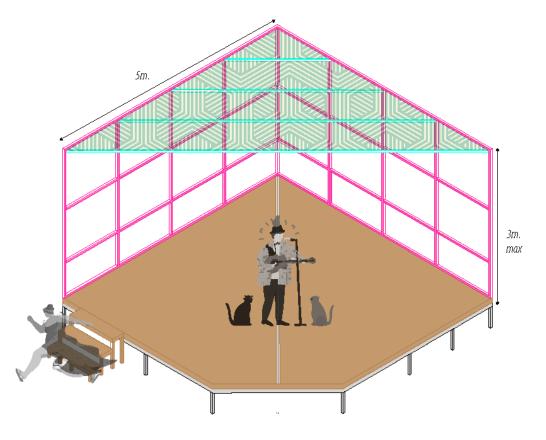


MUSIEKTENT AT KAREL DE STOUT. PRESENT APPROPRIATION PRACTICES
AT KAREL DE STOUT.















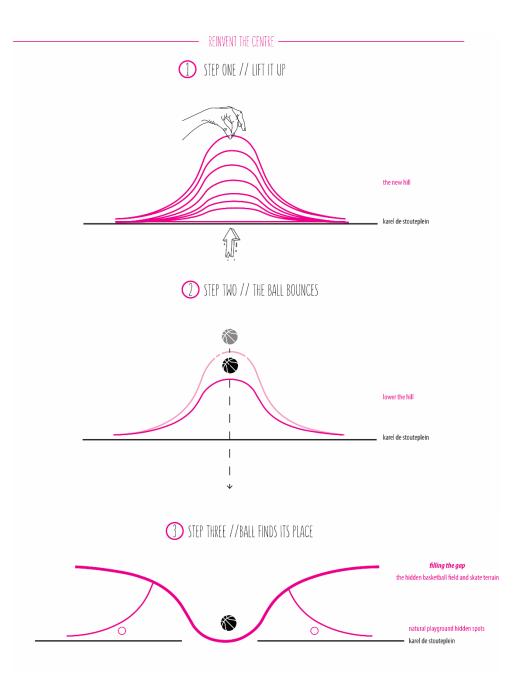
BASED ON THE STRATEGY PRINCIPLES FOR:

DIVERSIFICATION OF THE

LANDSCAPE

>SPORTS

> HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

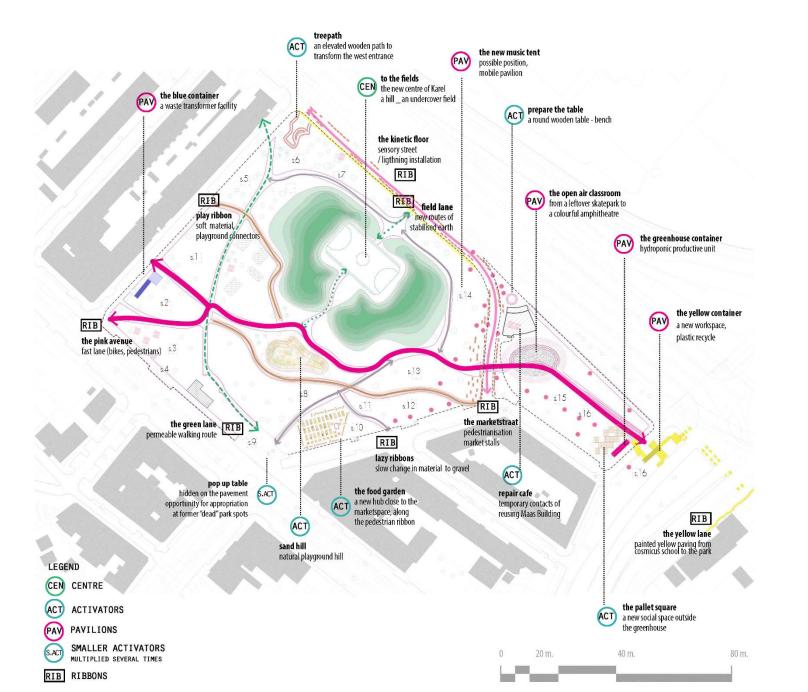






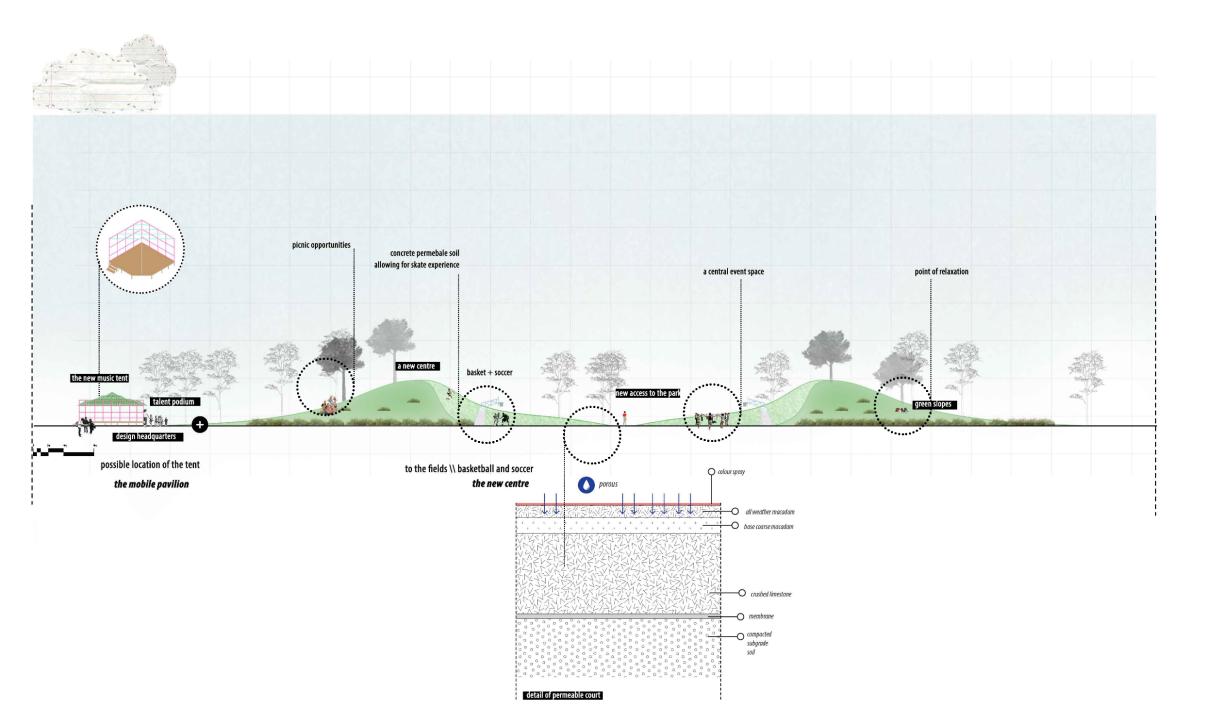






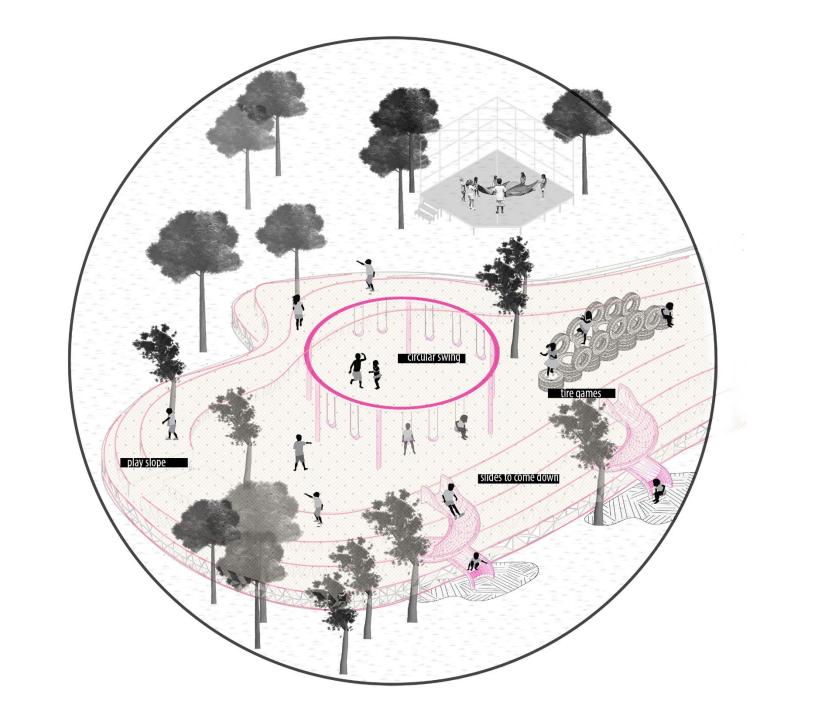


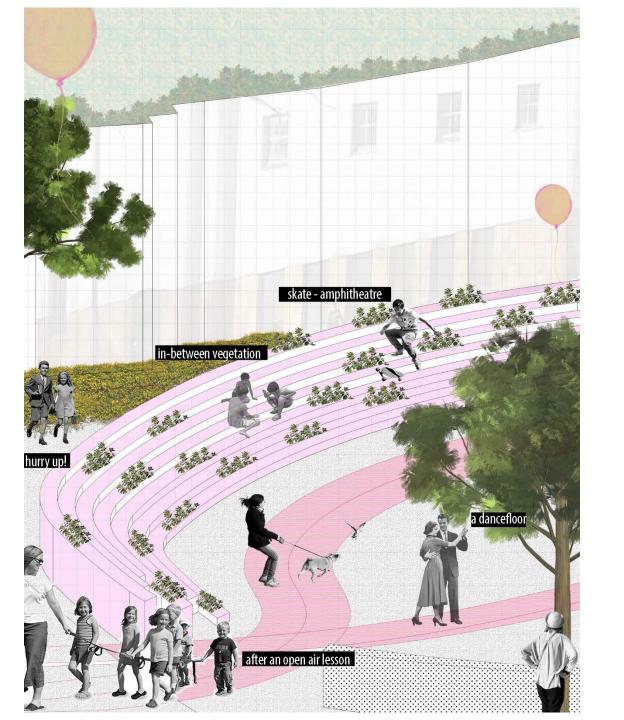
























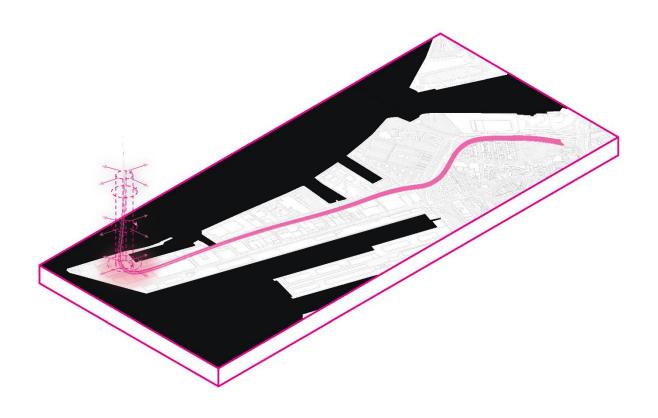










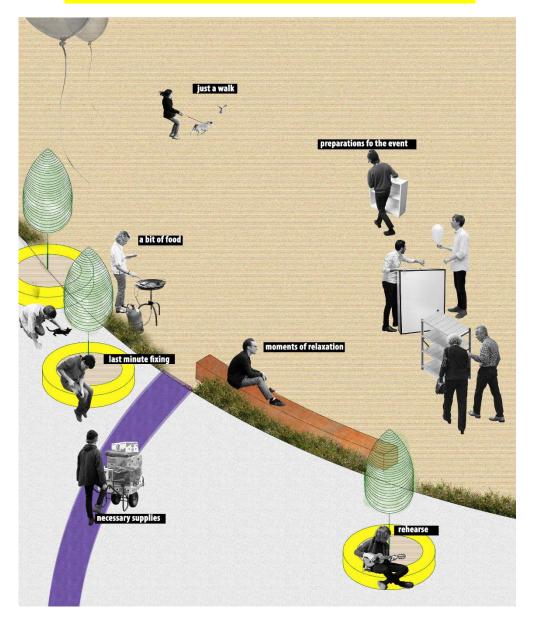


PROJECT B

THE CRANESQUARE

A NEW TYPE OF "SQUARE"

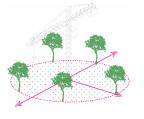
MERGING INDUSTRIAL PAST WITH APPROPRIATION

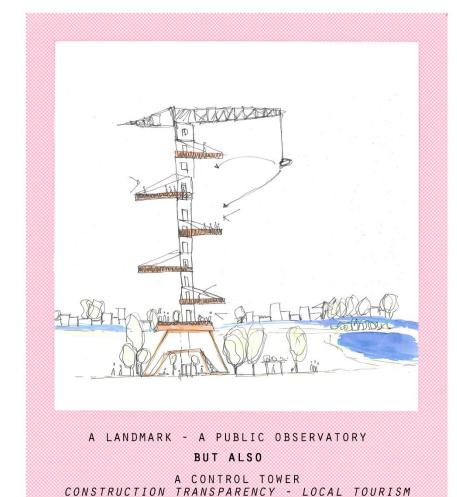


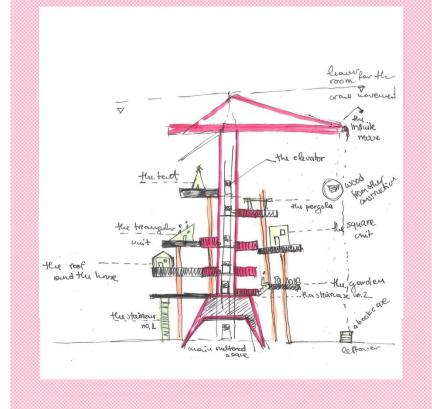




!AT THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE - PLACE A CRANE







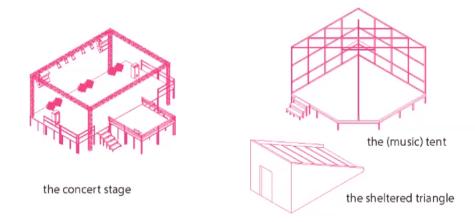
AN OPEN, TRANFORMABLE STRUCTURE

A PLAYGROUND





WHAT IF THE CRANE BECOMES A CONCERT VENUE?

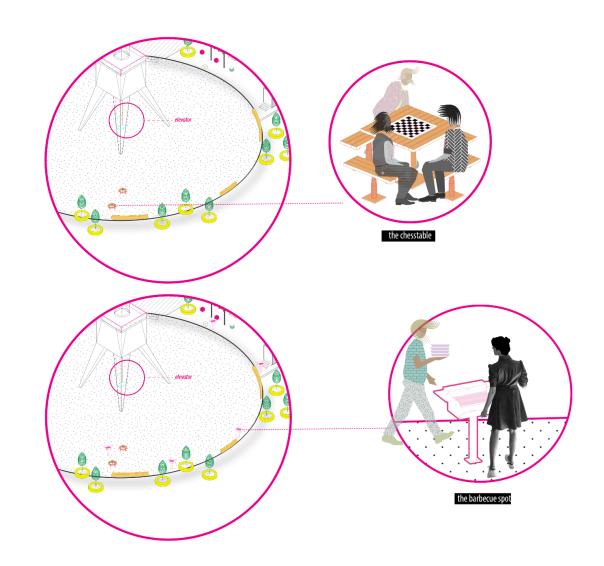


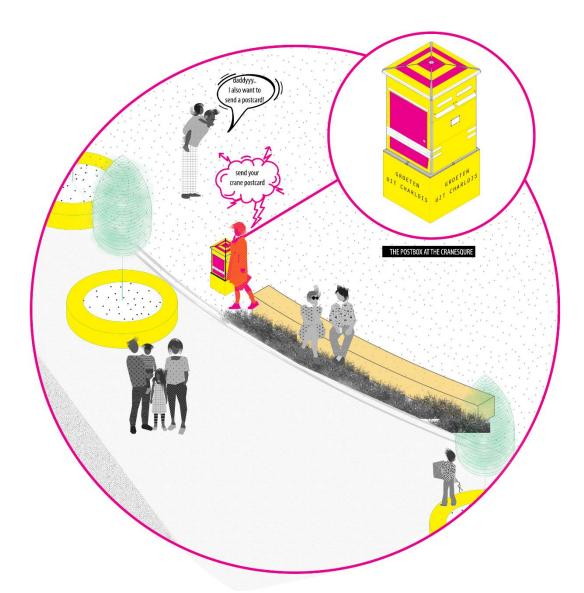
SCENARIO// CONCERT MANIA

a mobile stage

NOT ONLY MOBILE ELEMENTS

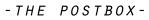
FIXED URBAN EQUIPMENT - DOMESTICITY AND INTERACTION



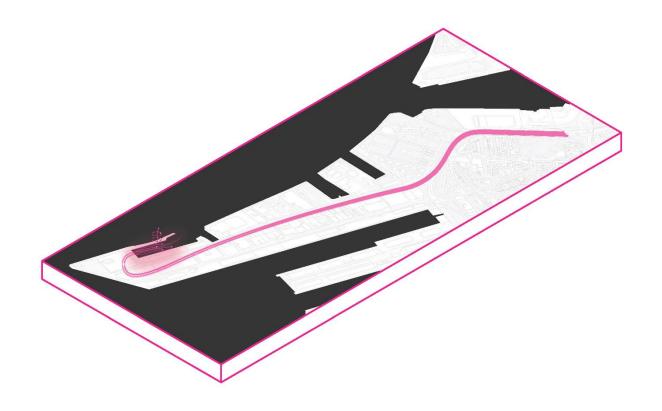






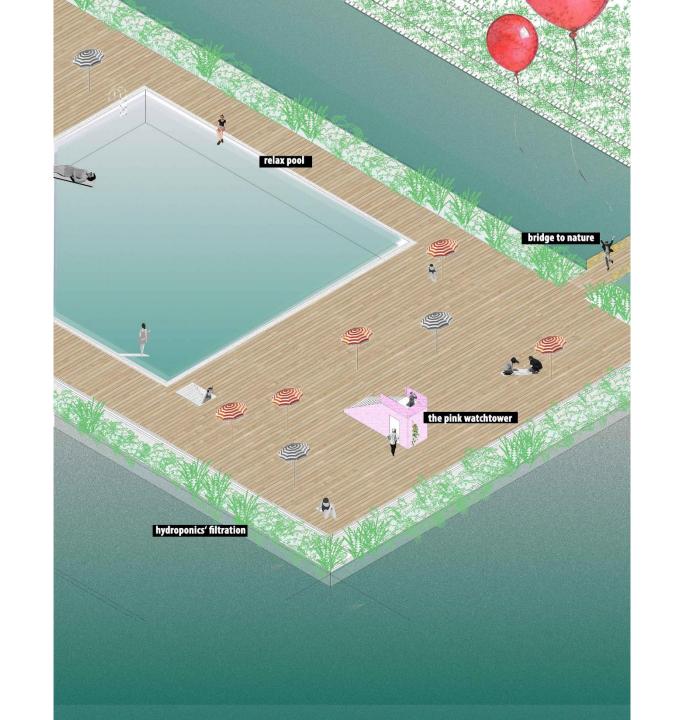






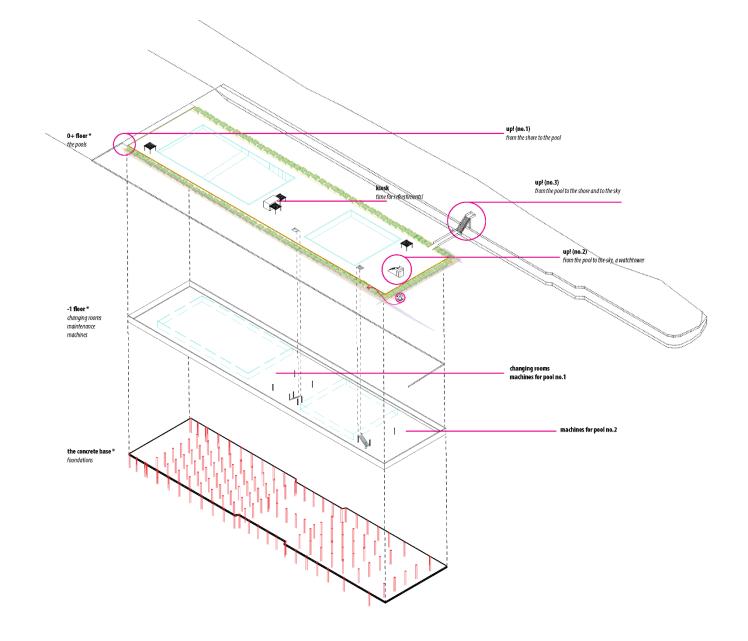
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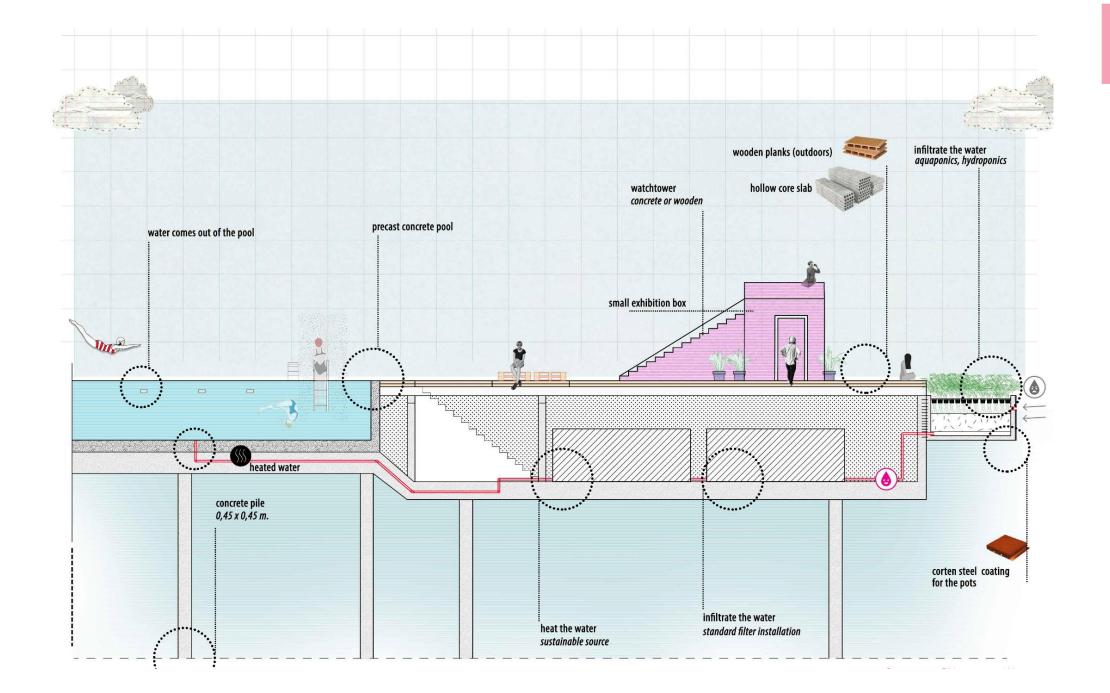
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Environmental mechanism









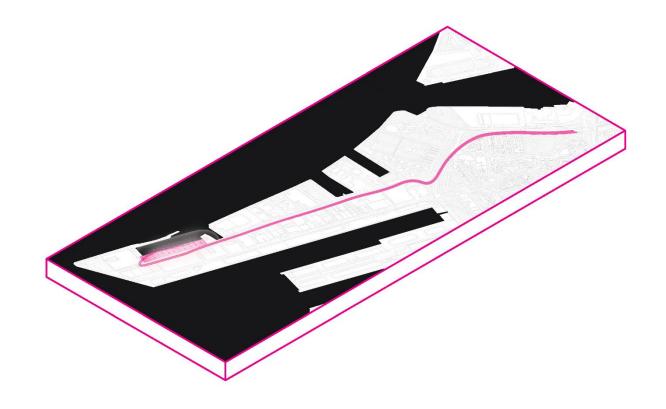








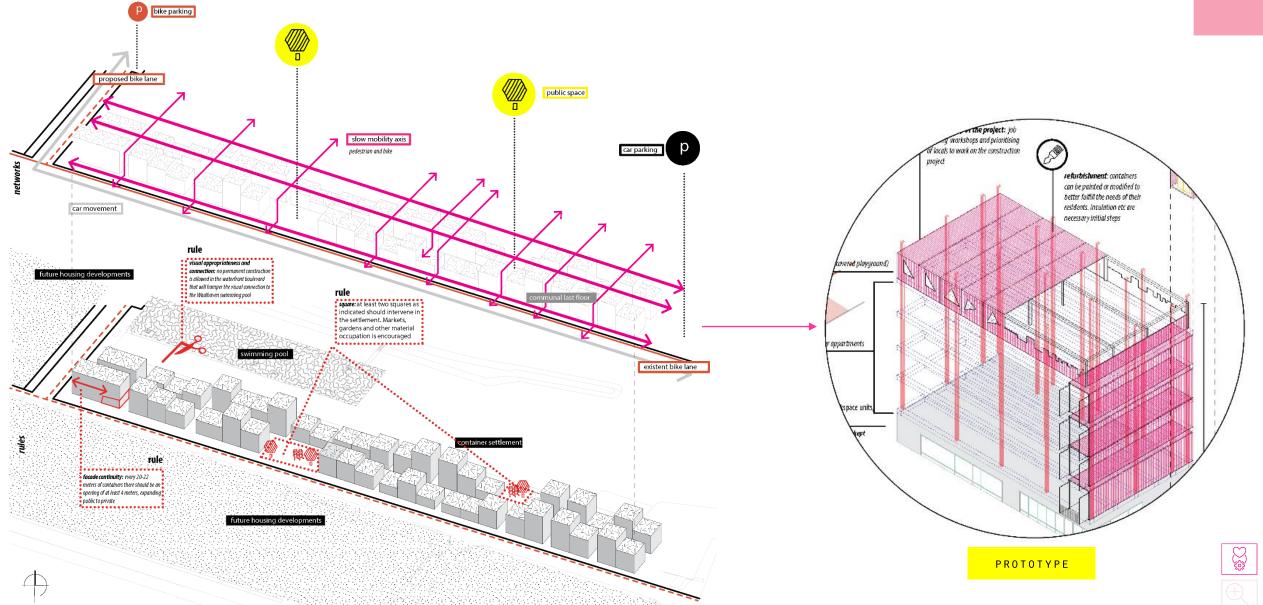




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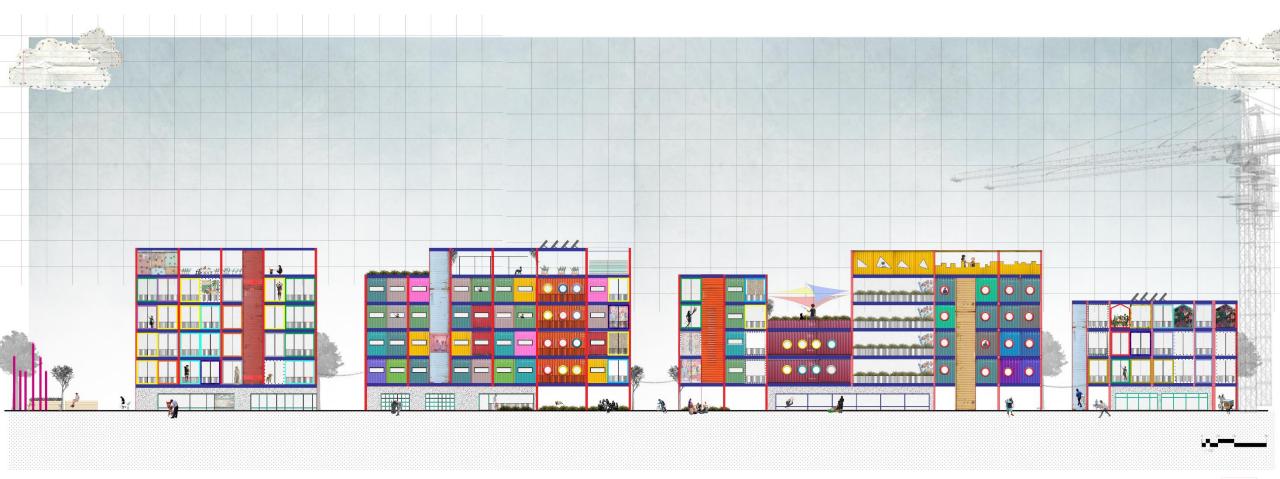
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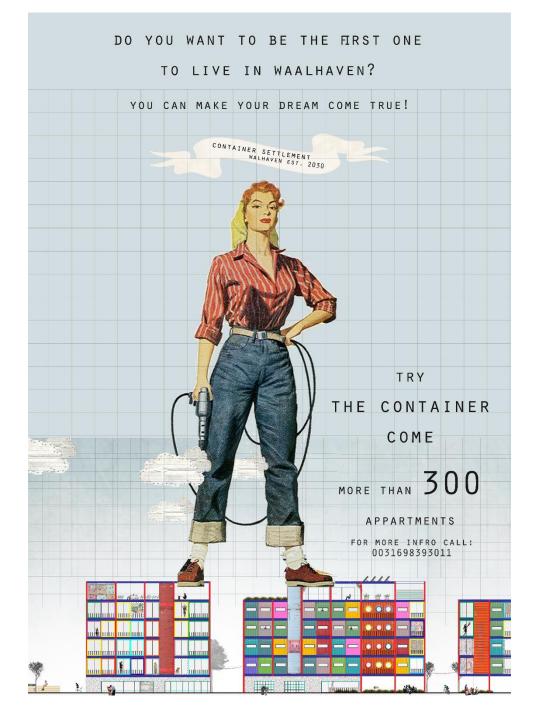


SPATIAL CONFIGURATION BASED ON THE COMBINATION OF SEPARATE ENTITIES

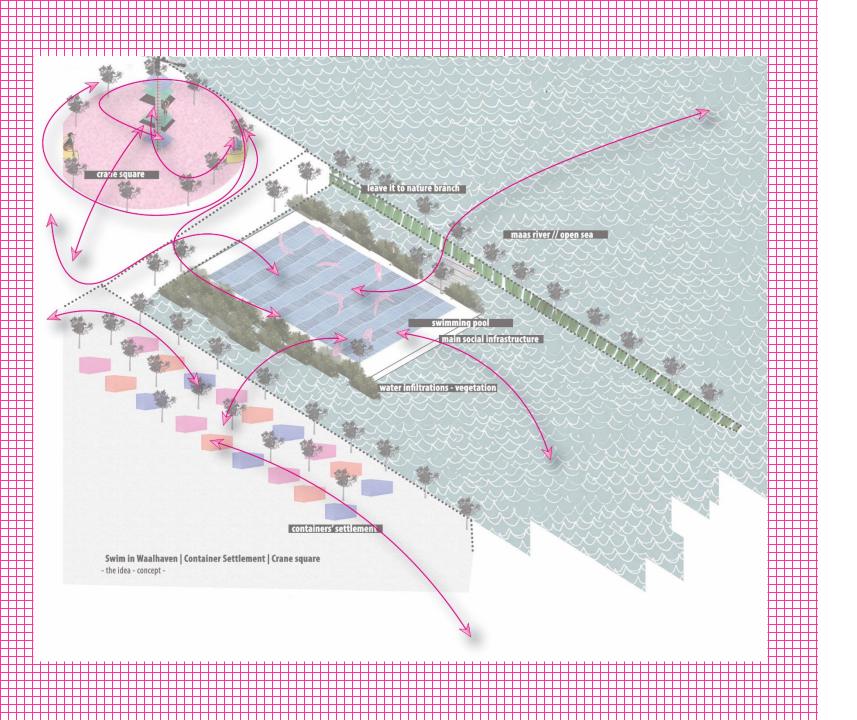














CONCLUSIONS

Playgrounds of commons concern:







A mix of bottom up and top down solutions for the redevelopment of Oud Charlois and Waalhaven

A new integrative sight to urban renewal through design and planning "disruptions" to the spatial software

Using Oud Charlois and Waalhaven as a starting point to trigger greater discussion and change

From small design solutions to big agendas

But, why this project could generate greater changes?

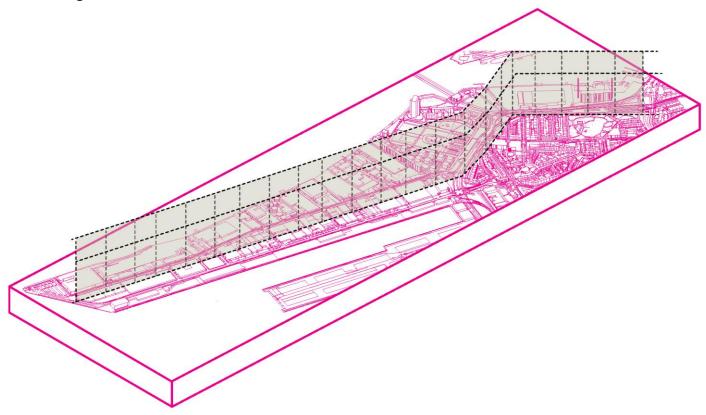
1. Site perception (transformation areas – urban renewal processes)

Waalhaven as a transformation area and Oud Charlois as a "deprived" neighbourhood

Boundaries to borders* > border as a potential

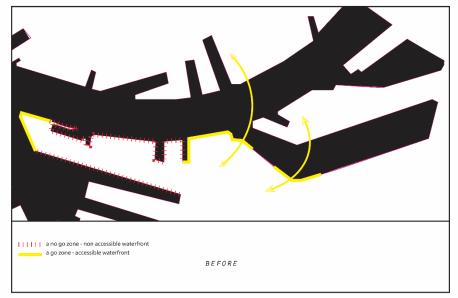
Through a flexible design, not a masterplan (heterotopias)

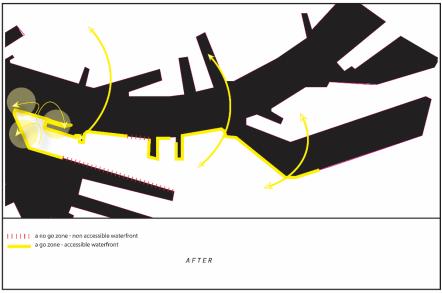
*Relevance at city scale, e.g. Feyenoord City and adjacent neighbourhoods



^{*}Sennett - Open city

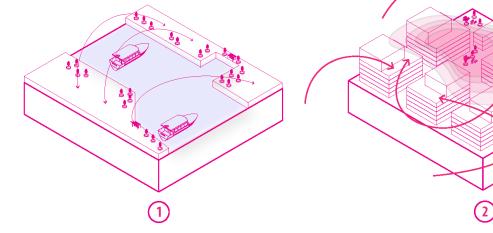
^{**} Shane (2003) – Recombinant Urbanism

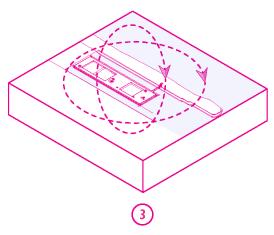




Site perception result → water accessibility (neighbourhood and city scale)

2. Accessibility





accessibility city scale

increased connectivity Waalhaven - North Rotterdam sea transport

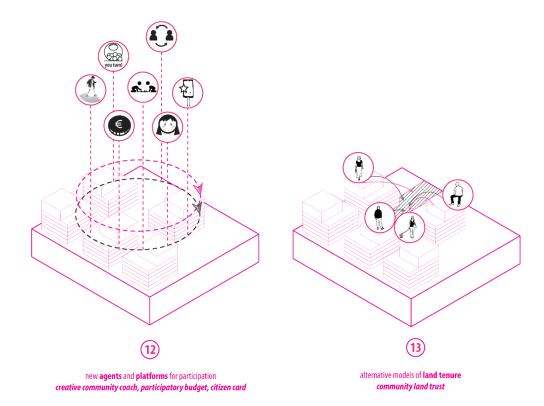
alternative daily systems

less dependence on Rotterdam North

ecological infrastructures Maas river accessible water fronts

3. Process (agency and participation)

agents + platforms city scale neighbourhood scale digital space

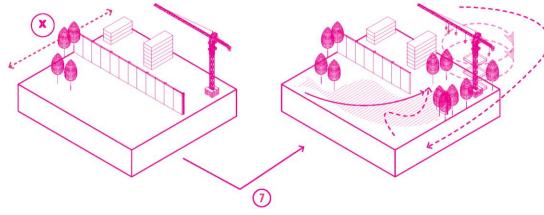


4. Urban renewal process and the agency of design

From closed fences to transparent playgrounds

Urban renewal as a processes that raises awareness

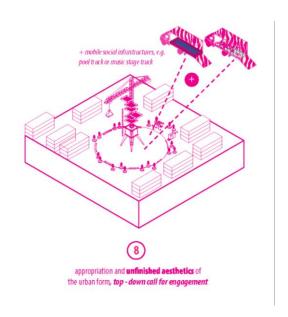
urban renewal city scale neighbourhood scale wastelands



from construction fences to playground treating transformation as a potential for commoning

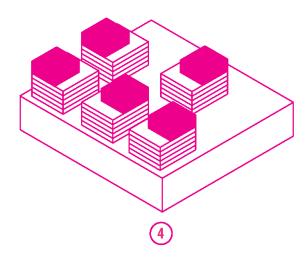
Call for engagement through urban form – The invention of new types of urban spaces

Participation as something more than social programmes, identity

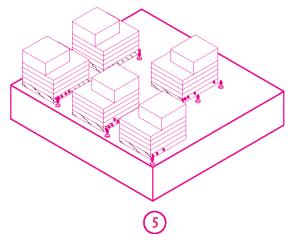


5. Living and working

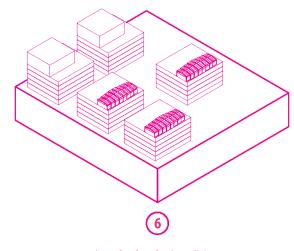
living and working city scale neighbourhood scale



densification, extension on top of buildings or facades **encourage new activities**, **avoid displacement**

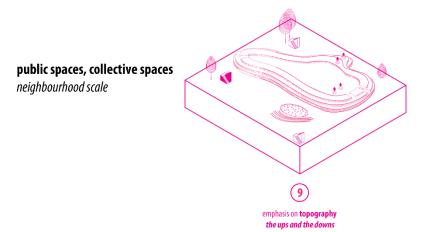


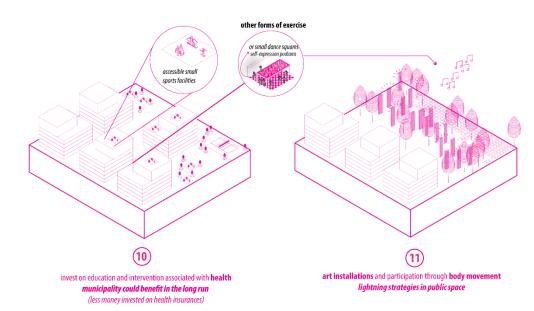
workspaces on the ground floor visible workspace, lightbox

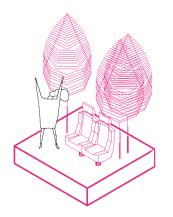


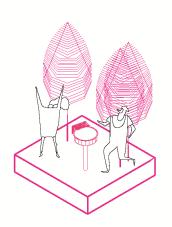
combining **local production + living** *the greenhouse addition*

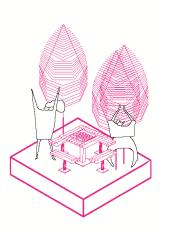
6. Collective spaces











incorporation of local elements and diverse traditions in design of the urban equipment

