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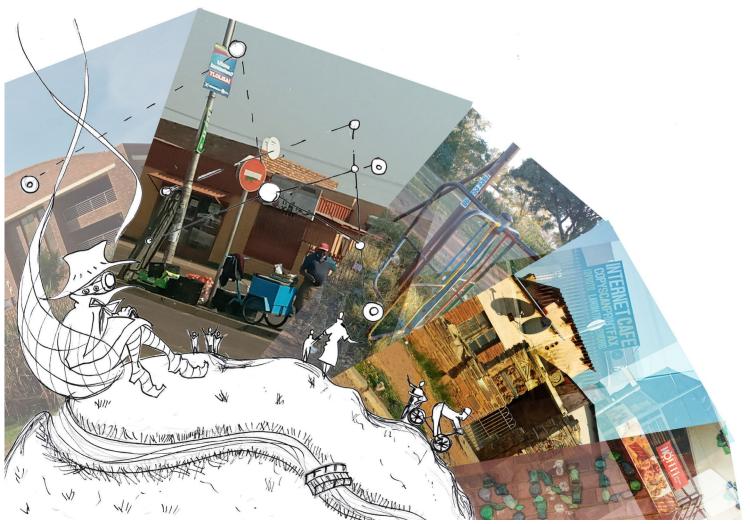






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## **DEDICATION**

To God, my Lord and Saviour who never fails me and whose joy is my strength.

To my family whom I love dearly, thank you for the never-ending support, love, joyful moments, encouragement and understanding. You all never cease to amaze and inspire me.



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#### **ABSTRACT**

In South African townships, the realities of the scarcity of public spaces or poorly maintained and derelict recreational sites, are a continuous phenomenon. Additionally, the scars left from the apartheid spatial planning resulted in a perpetuated fragmentation in the urban fabric engendering further issues of public facilities' accessibility. This research-led dissertation, aims to rethink the function of public spaces in townships by acknowledging their multi-layered facets and their transcendence beyond mere services. Through a mixed-method of enquiry and a pragmatic approach, the study takes on a contextual discovery of the narratives and networks emerging from the sites; linking to the importance of socio-cultural sustainability in design. The results are then used to generate a 'dispositif'-architecture as a set of architectural explorations, using the polyvalence of the notions of the in-between and twin-phenomena to articulate recreational spaces at different scales (urban to human) in a holistic manner. The scope of the research is to explore ways to reveal the agency of recreational spaces in townships and their contribution towards urban cohesion. The study turns towards the regeneration of neglected existing cultural and recreational sites to transform them into places with meaning for people rather than afterthoughts of development schemes, so that they not only fit within their context but also showcase the diversity and values of the community using them.

**Key words**: Mamelodi East, Township, Recreation, Public Space, Urban Cohesion, Socio-cultural Sustainability, "Dispositif", Mixed-method approach, Networks.



#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**PROGRAMME:** Outreach Precinct (hybrid recreational precinct)

SITE: Tsomo street, Mamelodi-YMCA and Rethabile Sports Grounds, Mamelodi East, Region

6, Pretoria, South Africa

**LATITUDE:** : 25,7095 S

**LONGITUDE:** 28,3716 E

RESEARCH FIELDS: Smart Cities and Neighbourhoods; Inhabitation of Place; Regenerative

and Resilient cities

**CLIENT:** City of Tshwane (Department of Sports and Recreation)

THEORETICAL PREMISE: Networks, the "dispositif" and the twin-phenomena

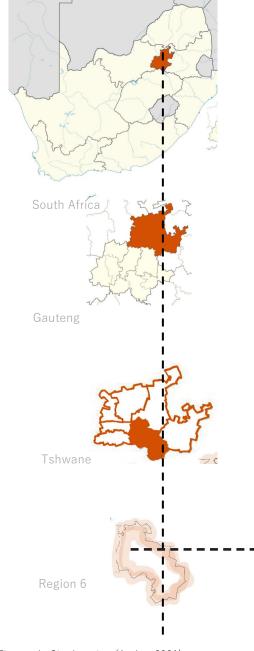
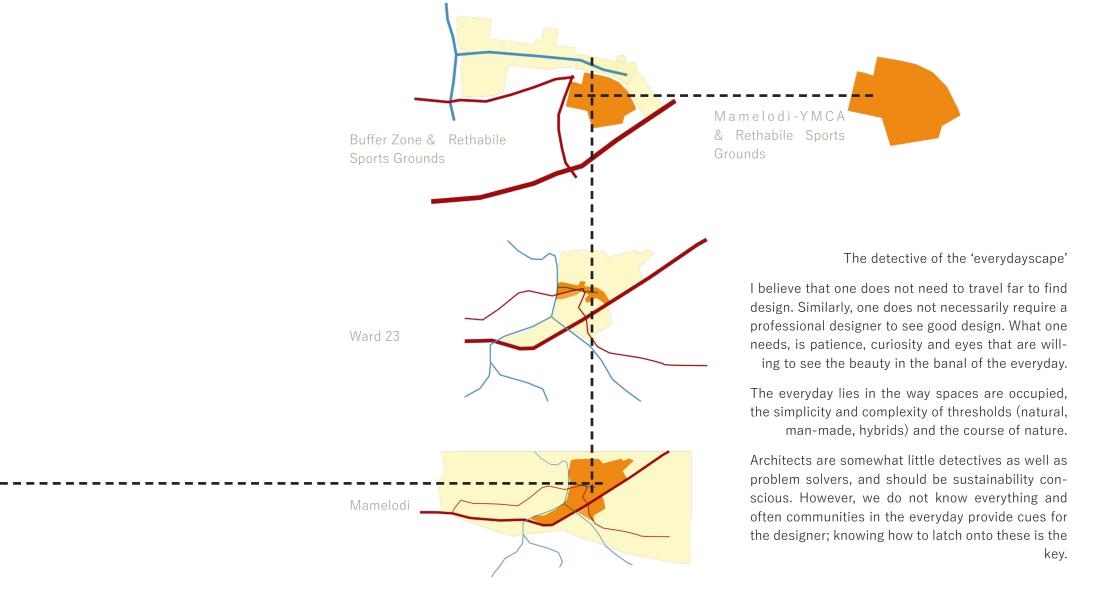


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#### **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Activity and land use:** the way activities are laid out and exercised through space. This may include the aspect of appropriation and the modification of land use.

**Agency:** actions, behaviours or interventions by people or things producing particular effects.

**Affordance:** capacity or characteristics of an object or element that indicate its use to a user.

**Anchorage:** spaces "enhanced through their location and the connection they establish". This is an important notion for the dissertation's investigation as it also presents the idea of networks in a tangible manner; the relationships with contexts and other interventions and how to "anchor" networks in space to create places.

Continuity, mobility, accessibility and connectivity: set of principals addressing the ease of access to an intervention, accessibility to resources or services, the links the intervention establishes with the greater landscape and circulation (meandering, exploration).

**Comfort, safety and security:** distinct terms but also closely knit; they mainly involve the feeling of reassurance and protection within spaces.

**Dispositif**: a device capable of facilitating an action or a process and connecting elements.

**Diversity:** coexistence at different levels. A variety of elements coexisting in a space: from demographics to

processes (ecological processes such as flora, fauna or water), human interactions, biophilia or the articulation of space to "afford" people to interpret their environment and get a sense of belonging.

**Epistemic diversity**: the notion of acknowledging the value of various sources of knowledge beyond "traditional academic" knowledge.

**Flâneur:** a city dweller who experiences and interprets the everyday while walking, lingering and appropriating the urban environment.

**Floodplain:** mostly flat terrain in close proximity of a water course.

**Identity:** "Representation of space linked to the relation between users or users and the space".

**In-between:** notion encompassing thresholds and the language emerging at the meeting point of two spaces

**Informal settlements:** sporadic and unplanned settlements often created on the peripheries or in-between spaces of the city, usually unauthorized housing.

**Infrastructure:** the basic physical and systemic services and structures important for a living environment (roads, waste or water management etc).

**Leisure:** using free time for one's enjoyment.

Multifunctionality: multiplicity of functions within a

space; one can think of it as mixed use.

**NPO:** Non-Profit Organisation

**Park:** open public space, often a green landscape intended for social and recreational purposes.

**Place-making/placemaking:** the multi-layered process of creating a good environment for people to enjoy in their daily lives.

**Play:** activity engaged in for enjoyment and recreation, can also be relevant to work

**Public spaces:** areas accessible to the public including streets, recreational facilities and open spaces (in this dissertation the term may be used interchangeably with recreational spaces).

**Open public spaces:** spaces with ecological and socio-economic functions, predominantly free of built forms and encompassing parks, streets, plazas and squares.

**Recreation:** a voluntary act, encompassing but not limited to leisure and play, usually executed during one's free time. Its Latin roots: "to refresh" or to "restore" (McLean & Hurd 2015: 40).

**RDP Housing:** Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) housing scheme.

**Social dynamics:** the way interventions foster networking through providing platforms or occasions for people to gather or collaborate.



**Spatial Agency:** a design position challenging space production, knowledge and skill hierarchy by advocating bottom-up approaches and the collaboration between "experts" and other people.

**Sustainability:** the systemic and equitable management of resources (ecological, economic and socio-cultural) to avoid their complete depletion in the future.

**Townships:** Segregated suburbs created during apartheid, formerly for black occupation.

**Twin-Phenomena:** concept delving into the idea that opposite elements can mutually exist in the same space or form part of the same structure while forming a symbiotic relationship. Often linked to the notion of relativity.

**Urban cohesion:** urban identity and the physical form of the city along its planning processes, socio-economic and socio-cultural factors as it aims to challenge existing inequalities (Pinto & Remesar 2012)

**Urban sprawl:** the rapid, uncontrolled growth and spread of built elements (often housing) over large areas with no urban planning strategy.



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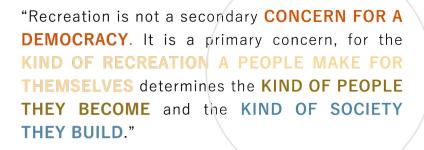
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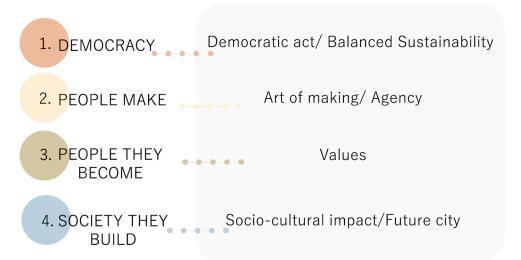


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## INTRODUCTION: POSITION AND SITUATION

#### //Nuanced Recreation

The term 'recreation' is a vast and complex notion that varies dependent upon individuals and cultures (Cordes 2013: 7; Metin et al. 2017: 556). While 'play' and 'leisure' are rather conceptual in nature, 'recreation' seems to be more tangible as it is attached to activities that people can easily picture (McLean & Hurd 2015: 46). As such, recreation transcends the idea of leisure and steps into the realm of self-improvement by using the concept of 'free-time' going beyond relaxation and even moving towards goals achievements (McLean & Hurd 2015:40; Metin et al. 2017: 549). Recreation can, thus, be considered "socially institutional" (McLean & Hurd 2015: 44) when it is provided by entities with less conspicuous ties to recreation, such as: hospitals, correctional facilities or even markets (Cordes 2013: 8; Watson 2009: 1589).

#### //Background and Significance

The researchers noted in the preceding section all previously aimed to define and emphasise the idiosyncrasies of recreation. However, several other studies have also delved into the spatiality of recreational spaces by relating to their benefits and the characteristics that lead to their success or their demise (Pinto & Remesar 2015, Project for Public Space c2020). Although, both realms of enquiry investigate the same topic, less emphasis has been and areas wherein which placed on the ways these two portions meet. In addition, the complex plethora of identified recreation has been met with a lower focus on possible approaches available to contextually achieve these polyvalent spaces. Addressing these current research gaps is of relevance to the South African urban fabric, and particularly for townships, where public spaces are not regarded as main priorities (). Although some researchers have already proposed ways to approach the design of such spaces by tapping into spatial agency and/or social network analysis to name a few (Casakin & Valera 2020; Dascalu 2013; Schneider & Till 2012). These perspectives deserve further exploration as a contribution to the creation of contextual public spaces that are representative both of Overstreet's quote that introduced this chapter (Figure 1. 1) and the extracted interpretations thereof, as presented in this current work.

Of note is that there tends to be a certain polysemy, unpredictability and even playfulness that emerges from the idea of 'making' recreational spaces, This is particularly evident when considering all the possibilities of activities and city dwellers' individual endeavours that take place within South African townships. The current project, therefore, acknowledges these realities throughout the structure of this document as well as its relevance to the methodology depicted later in Figure 2.10. Indeed, this project takes on a narrative and empirical approach to its research as opposed to adopting a stricter methodology. As a result, this paper begins by building a case for recreation in relation to the South African context. This presentation is then followed by the theoretical implications that internalise the four extracted principles from Figure 1.1. The project then culminates into a research-led design methodology, with findings forming the basis for the proposed design development.





# 1- THE CASE FOR RECREATION

## 1.1 DEMOCRATIC RECREATION: A CASE OF SUSTAINABLE BALANCE

As a democratic act, recreation suggests choice and the rights to something or to do something, which are all fundamental to urban dwellers.

Recreational spaces belong to the overarching category of public space and according to Human Habitat (2015: 4, 127), these encompass the following: streets, open public spaces and public facilities. Studies show that these spaces bring several benefits to people's well-being, and create areas to pause, socialise and linger (UN-Habitat 2015: 62, United Nations c2021). They are also the sites for the daily "flâneurs" (Leff 2019: 1).

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals-2030 Agenda include "Goal 11" (c.2021) (Figure 1.2); promoting the good planning of public spaces around the world to allow people to access their right to healthy, safe, resilient and sustainable environments.

According to Sang-Chuel Choe (2007: 135), as cities thrive for sustainability, a balance between economic, environmental and socio-cultural principles should be achieved. However, often when aiming for the attainment of sustainability, the heavier focus on environmental and economic factors leaves the socio-cultural sphere -involving people and their networks- lagging

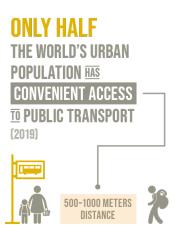


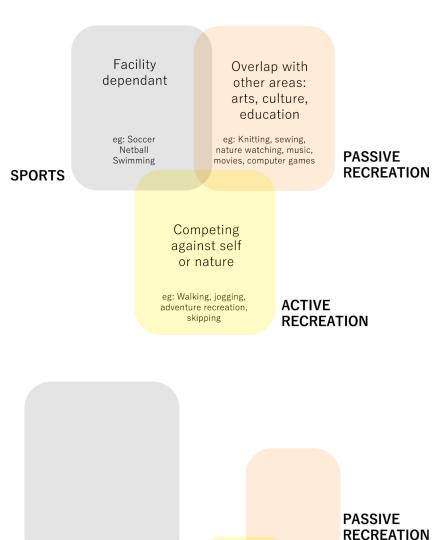






Figure 1.2: Infographics of goal 11, the environment and public spaces (United Nations c2021)





behind (Choe 2007: 135; Memmott & Keys 2015: 276).

This situation is also present in the built environment where the tendency to produce highly effective 'green infrastructures' sometime results in well-functioning ecological singular 'objects' with little connections to their surroundings; the architecture in isolation is sustainable, but as part of a bigger whole is less effective (Mostafavi 2010: 1,7). Similarly, Serge Salat et al. (2011: 18) and David Leatherbarrow (2002: 14) argue that the whole and the parts should have a level of synergy; emphasizing the inadequacy of highly monofunctional and disconnected parts in relation to the greater city.

In South Africa, the government recognises recreation as a benefit to the nation, however, while the White Papers on Sports and Recreation (2012: 15-16) follows suit (Figure 1.3), its heavy focus on sports as recreation also undermines the potential of active, passive and even hybrid recreation; risking monofunctional space perpetuation.

Figure 1.3: White Paper 'on Sport and Recreation defining each recreation types. Above, the priorities of the "active nation" objective focusing on sports and its monofunctional approach (Author 2021).

**SPORTS** 

ACTIVE RECREATION



## 1.2 RECREATION AND THE CITY: A CASE OF VALUES, PRIORITIES AND SERVICE PROVISION

In the city of Tshwane, in South Africa, public space planning remains an issue yet to be solved.

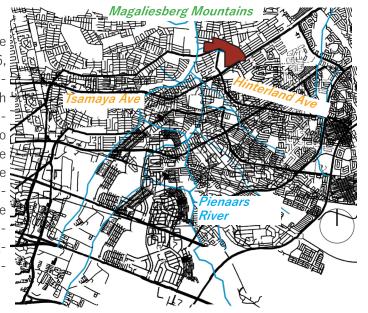
Due to apartheid's legacy, the current urban condition of Tshwane remains fragmented with a disparity between the wealthy suburbs and the townships (City of Tshwane 2005a: 18, 26). The scars of the regime's spatial planning are still present as seen by the segregating grain and lack of cohesion between spaces in the townships (Figure 1.4).

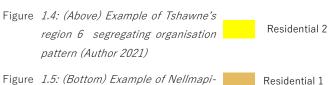
As a post-apartheid remedial phase, rapid RDP housing was provided with priorities for service provision focused on housing (Figure 1.5), which left public spaces to be neglected in the planning and maintenance process (McConnachie & Shackleton 2010: 244). Research has shown that the percentage of public open space in RDP schemes were even significantly lower than the ones in older townships (Denoon-Stevens & Ramaila 2018: 434; McConnachie & Shackleton 2010: 247). Hence, while the RDP scheme helped people in need of permanent homes, this monofunctional development fails to reach a good balance of spatiality for urban living.

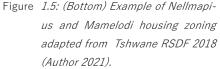
Furthermore, public space is also lost as the city experiences population growth- the provision of housing cannot keep up with the demand for urban dwellings, culminating in urban sprawl and the proliferation of informal settlements on the peripheries and in-between spaces of the city (City of Tshwane 2005a: 7;

Moreleta Park Integration Project 2020)

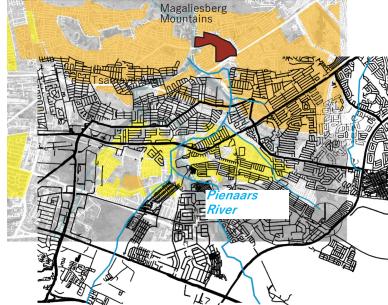
Existing public facilities in townships also run the risk of becoming 'lost space'. Karina Landman (2016, 2018: 41) and Lebogang Lancelot Nawa (2018) emphasize the issue of neglect and maintenance. A high focus on specific monofunctional spaces is problematic, but spaces lacking any definition or connection to communities (Figure 1.6- "undetermined" zones) are equally inadequate (Barac 2013: 50). When these are not used to their full potential or left vacant, the likelihood of crime and other dangerous activities to take place arises (Landman 2018: 43). Moreover, some areas become subject to dumping and pollution (Figures 1.7 and 1.8) (City of Tshwane 2005a: 56; Landman 2018: 120).













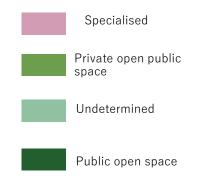
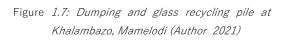
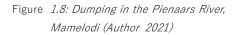
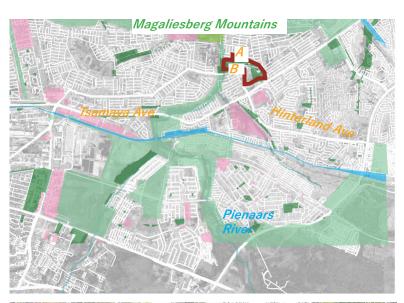


Figure 1.6: Unspecified, public open space zoning in Mamelodi adapted from Tshwane RSDF 2018 (Author 2021)











## 1.3 RECREATION TO THE PEOPLE: A CASE OF AGENCY, PERCEPTION AND TYPOLOGY

In this section, the plurality of the physical embodiment of recreation in relation to people will be discussed. Jan Gehl (2010: 134) proposes that there are two types of activities in public spaces: moving and stationary. These are closely linked to context, cultural values and economic levels. In developed countries, stationary activities are an indicator of good quality spaces searching to invite people to linger (Gehl 2010: 135). Meanwhile, in developing countries, many activities are deemed a necessity -for income generation or survival- therefore, stationary activities such as street trade occur regardless of the quality of the city space (Gehl 2010: 134). This "negotiation between place and practice" (Barac 2013: 48), transcends into African cities dwellers' recreation choices.

Through different research studies on South African townships, it was found that home-based activities, attending stoke fares, church, shebeen or washing cars were considered recreational (Figure 1.9) (Magi 1999: 298; Wilson & Hattingh 1992: 478-482). These examples highlight the grev area between work. leisure, play and even spirituality. Furthermore, the type of recreation preferred were often influenced by distance, availability, cost of recreation or the lack of awareness of other activities (Figure 10) (Magi 1999: 298-299).

The popularity of home-based activities, proves that despite the lack of service provisions in townships and

informal settlements, people become resourceful by providing and maintaining services themselves from their own homes (Figure 1. 9) (Charman *et al.* 2020: 105-107, Urban Citizen Studio 2019). These are basic instances of "people as infrastructures" (AbdouMaliq Simone 2004 in Exploratory Notes on African Urbanism 2009: 8) and an exploration of social economies which African Urbanist deem an important contextual phenomenon for urban design (Pieterse 2009: 8).

The house is also synonymous with refuge, comfort and safety (Hertzberger 1991: 48-49; Landman 2016: 82). Studies in South Africa have shown that people's perceptions of public spaces are conflicted. Many voiced that they did not feel safe especially in public parks (Denoon-Stevens & Ramaila 2018: 433; Landman 2018: 5). Similarly, the fear of 'undesirables' occupying public space has long been debated, and areas are avoided due to them being drug hubs or homeless people having appropriated them (Tosi 2007: 226; Touludi 2016).

While drug usage is considered a morally wrong recreational practice in many cultures, the presence of the homeless is a different social matter (McLean and Hurd 2015: 43; Tosi 2007: 229). The latter do not turn to public spaces out of free time but rather out of necessity; raising the debate around people's rights to public space and how these should be designed for different space usage through amenities provision in the space created. (Groff & McCord 2011: 3; Tosi 2007: 228; Touludi 2016). Hence placemaking has to take into consideration ingrained social disparities, including gender, ages, cultural and ethnic backgrounds which influence the overall typology, functionality and accessibility of public recreational spaces (Breed 2012: 23; Nawa 2018: 260; Kowaleski 2014: 173, 178).







Figure 1.9: Collage sequence of Home-based activities observed in Mamelodi Ward 23.

Extension of services through wall breach, generational lending of spots near houses, paving appropriation, moving and stationary activities (Author 2021)















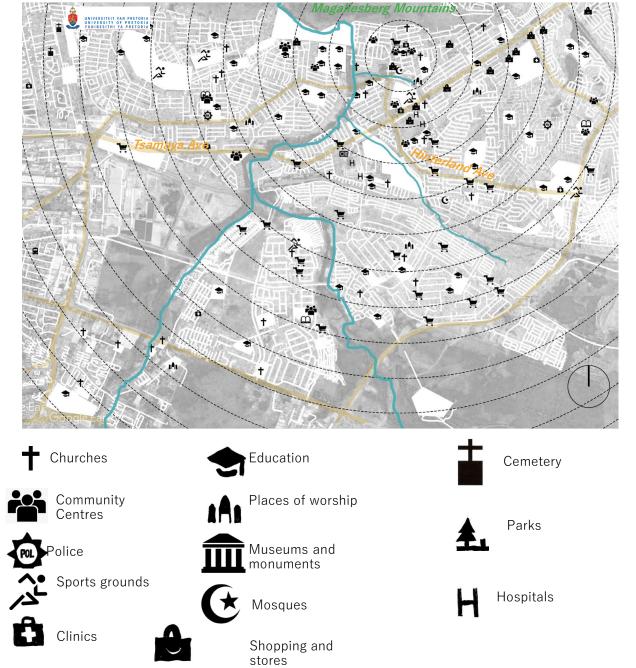


Figure 1.10: Mamelodi and Nellmapius amenities and typologies at distances of 500m radius (Author 2021)



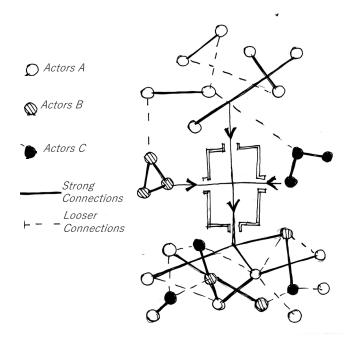
## 1.4 THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK: towards an architecture that facilitates recreation

The parameters that recreation encompasses but are not limited to: cities and population well-being, societal needs, safety and diversity. These are closely knitted with cultural norms and economic activities. Recreational spaces are used by a myriad of different demographics and are the sites for "spontaneous and unexpected social interactions" (Casakin & Valera 2020: 9). Sections 1.1-1.3 presented various literature around the ways recreation is provided in the complex setting of South Africa- by whom, the different foci and consequences. All these interconnected intricacies between procedures, people and sites, point to the notion that public spaces are made out of networks (Pinto & Remesar 2015:7; Casakin & Valera 2020: 11).

#### //Architecture as 'Dispositif':

When networks are involved in space making, the notion of the "dispositif" comes into play (figure 1.11).

Adapted from Michel Foucault's writings, the concept of the "dispositif" or apparatus/device is used in space production to shift power-scaling (Daly & Smith 2011: 23). It blurs the lines between what produces and what is being produced. The aim is not to create a utopia through architecture but rather to augment or supplement existing situations or actions; it becomes an enabler, a system of relation, not simply an object (Dascalu 2013: 207; Daly & Smith 2011: 27). Similarly, the concept of "dispositif"-architecture is closely related to the affordance theory which discusses design



(Author 2021)

interventions' "affordance" where design either allows or denies freedom of use and interpretation of objects or spaces (figure 1.12-1.13)(Withagen & Calijouw 2017: 5-6). Therefore, a good level of understanding of physical sites, associated networks and "flow" avoids for subsequent designs to restrain the positive flux of people's activities or values (Barac 2013: 47; Swilling 2013: 66).

With these statements, it is possible to visualise the following networks of relations: people to people (social interaction), place to place (physical relations) and people to place (activities or events). The designer then has to build a strategy to manoeuvre these networks of informants resulting in interventions (Dascalu 2013: 209-216).



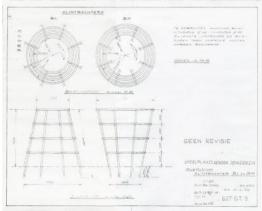


Figure 1.11: The function of the "Dispositif" in relation to networks Figure 1.12: The affordance of Aldo van eyck's playgrounds (Withagen & Calijouw 2017). The number of ways to interpret





Figure 1.13: (Collage) Affordance of everyday elements in Mamelodi (Author 2021)

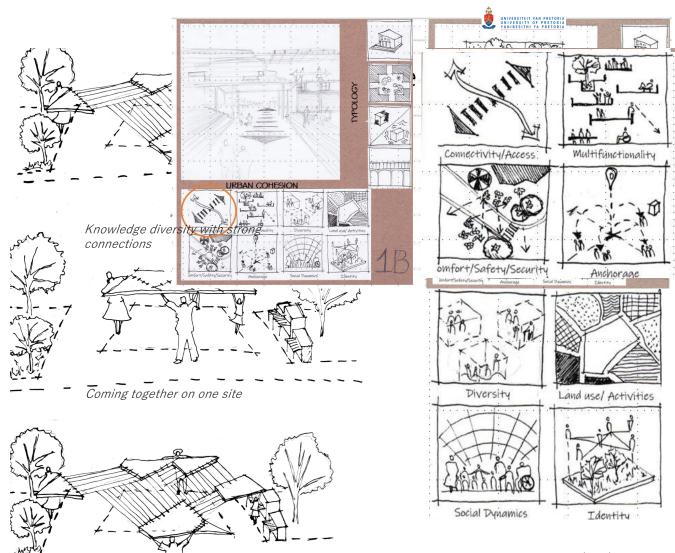


Figure 1.15: Pinto & Remesar (2012) urban cohesion best practice (Author 2021)

#### Figure 1.14: Spatial Agency, beyond the site, collaborations, epistemic diversity (Author 2021).

Re-spreading the Knowledge

#### //Spatial Agency and African Urbanism

The three previous sections constantly presented the South African situation in regards to public spaces conforming to and challenging international literature, thus evoking the need for contextual responses which can be found in the theories of spatial agency and the paradigm of African Urbanism.

Spatial agency is a placemaking mindset about the plethora of ways to design rather than a strict universal design guideline (Awan et al. 2011: 26-27). It also questions authorship and highlights different bottom-up approach to design. Actions such as "expanding the brief" (Awan et al. 2011: 69-70) or "initiating" (Awan et al. 2011: 72) among others, present experimentations that challenge the limits of site boundaries and relying on epistemic diversity for when to act and define spaces in the city (figure 1.14).

By extension, public spaces cannot fully exist in isolation. They exist beyond their boundaries as streets and boulevards extending into squares or parks and active social networks; potentially "weaving" the city together, especially when integrated with best practice principles (figure 1. 15, to be elaborated in the next portion of the dissertation) (Pinto & Remesar 2012: 10-11, 2015: 9). This cohesion demarch can incorporate large-scales communities focused on public works programmes which encompass the provision of economic, ecological and socio-cultural services while maintaining and repairing infrastructures (Pieterse 2011b: 4). The "beyond" of a site (Awan et al. 2011: 70) and its synergy with the interventions thus becomes a design concern instead of an obsolete.



# 2- THE SEARCH FOR RECREATION

#### 2.1 THE "MAMELODI-SCAPE"

The established case for recreation sets the premises for the general basis of public spaces' situations and perspectives. Onwards, to support the importance of contextual enquiry, the paper further delves into the township of Mamelodi as a site for investigation.

Mamelodi is full of history and culture (Figure 2.1-2.5). Its name meaning 'Mother of melodies', it is nestled at the foot of the Magaliesberg mountain ridge (Breed 2012: 8, Van der Waal 2000: 1). The timeline (Figure 2.5) recalls many historical events contributing to the current character of Mamelodi. Many of these moments have ties to recreation; from the establishment of infrastructures to the allocation of open spaces and sports facilities.

Moreover, it is through walking the site that one begins to latch onto the smaller grain- human scale moments of recreation (Figures 2.1-2.2 and 2.4). Each scenario presents a type of 'dispositif' which spontaneously begins to reduce Mamelodi 's physical scale (on a map) to a rather human-sized one. These nuances require further investigation due to their potential to influence the making of future public spaces.

In the case of Mamelodi East, NPOs (Non-Profit Organisations) and CBOs (Community-Based Organisa-

tions) were identified as major actors and influencers in the community (Urban Studio 2020). Their various endeavours paired with their anchorage into the neighbourhood set them as relevant informants for the projects. Therefore, the study will focus on Mamelodi East's Ward 23 (Figures 2.6-2.9), sitting at the intersection between Mamelodi West (i.e., the older portion of the township) and Mamelodi East (i.e., the later portion) chosen for its NPO activity, its spatial location and diverse population (Breed 2012, Urban Studio 2020, Wazimaps 2011).





Figure 2.1-2.2: People agencies in the Public realm (Author 2021). Tent used for events between houses and small garden along Tsako Thabo School' fence.

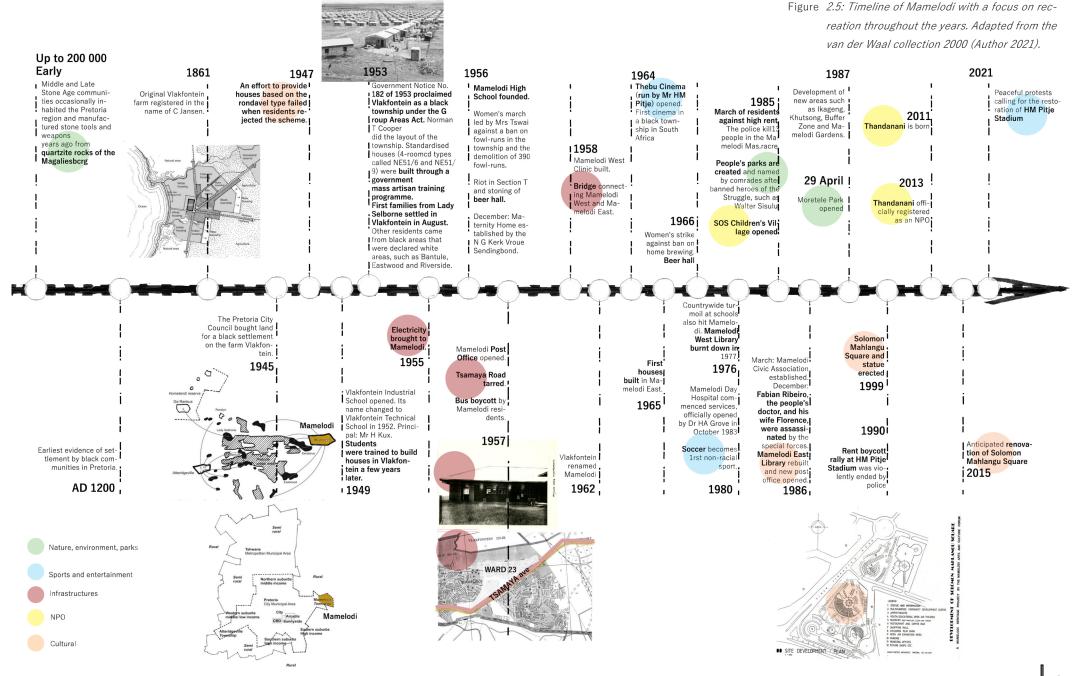


Figure 2.3: Poster of cultural and community events in Mamelodi (Author 2021). Mamelodi is well known for its recreational endeavours such as its annual jazz festival, dances and its famous soccer team Mamelodi Sundown's (Breed 2012: 28). It is also home to heritage sites such as Solomon Mahlangu Square and the rondavels and hosted several important freedom struggle role-players.

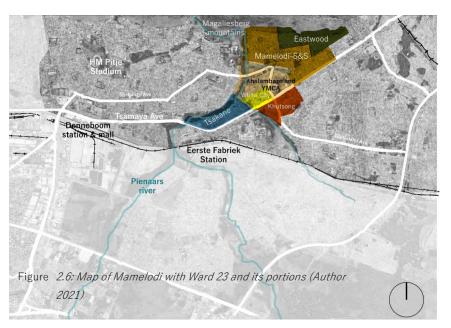


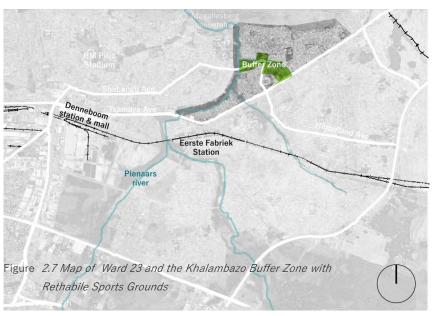
Figure 2.4: Housing, decorated fences and streetscape (Author 2021)













Thandanani Drop Inn Centre
Tshedza Projects

SOS Children's Village
Tsamaya Ave
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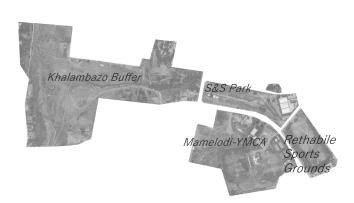


Figure 2.8: Map showing the NPOs' locations in Ward 23 a (Author 2021)

Figure 2.9: Buffer Zone portions (Author 2021). The totality of the above will be referred to as the Buffer Zone.



## 2.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT AND RE-SEARCH QUESTION

The paper has established the importance of recreational spaces in cities as areas that should be sustainably balanced, economically and physically accessible, contextually integrated and diverse; where people benefit from infrastructure provision and opportunities while themselves contribute to city living.

However, the disparate provision of public space with a heavy focus on monofunctional parts of the city and less holistic forms of sustainability, create a 'domino effect' where recreational spaces are less efficient, valueless, lost or negatively perceived.

One can begin to look at people's small acts of agency as a network (the use of space as a necessity leading to the spontaneous creation of recreation opportunities) as a starting point towards a subsequent investigation aiming at answering the following question:

"How can recreational spaces in the township of Mamelodi East be designed as devices to contribute towards a socio-culturally sustainable and cohesive urban environment?"

### 2.3 AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The aims of the study would be to find a way to design sustainably-balanced and multifaceted recreational spaces in Mamelodi East, which would allow people to exercise a sense of agency in placemaking while strengthening their sense of values and belonging in public space. Furthermore, it would necessitate these hybrids spaces to contribute towards an ease of movement and access across the township, thus improving interfaces with the existing recreational spaces. Lastly, the dissertation should produce a well-documented and expandable methodology capable to contribute to the space-planning discourse and aid future recreational spaces development approaches in Tshwane's townships.

Therefore, the objectives of the research are as followed:

- assess the nature, use and values attributed to current and aspiring recreational sites in Ward 23
- explore the meaning and situation of "people as infrastructure" in Ward 23

- discover and interpret the possible networks related to recreation in Ward 23 and test social network analysis as a tool for public space design (in terms of its efficiency in identifying community relationships and needs, programmes towards hybridity and the synthesis of adequate recreation and informants) (inspired by Casakin & Valera 2020: 12)
- undertake a typology study for a spatial understanding of public spaces' best practice characteristics and idiosyncrasies (locally and internationally)
- propose a design development to answer the research question.



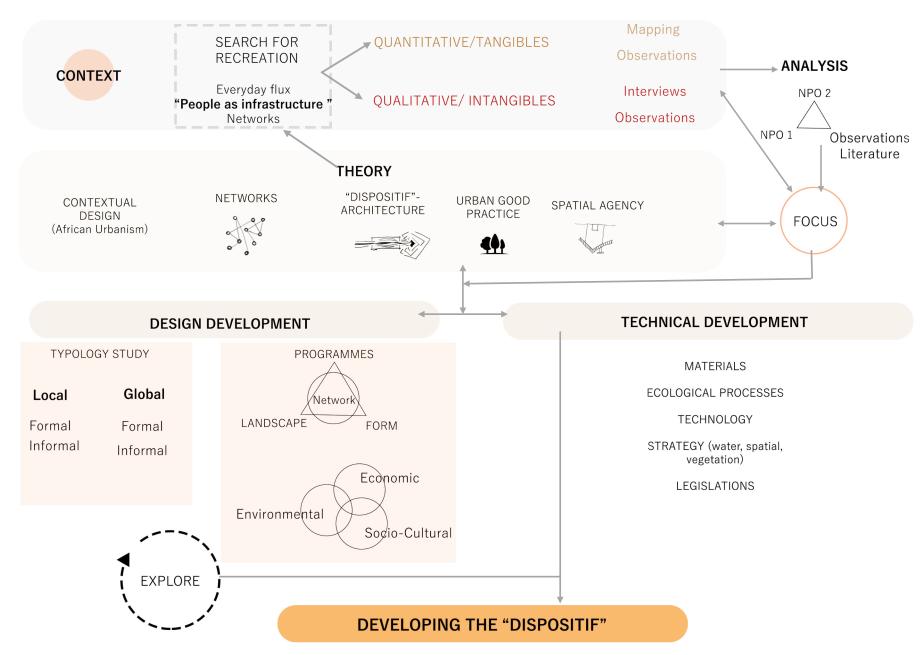


Figure 2.10: Design by research methodology employed (Author 2021)



#### 2.4 METHODOLOGY

The research adopts a pragmatic view of the uncovered situation, an acceptance of multiple interpretation towards a layered understanding of a place, leading to a case study of Ward 23 as a research design (Figures 2.10-2.13) (Wang & Groat 2013: 442). A mixed-method of enquiry was used (figure 2. 10) encompassing: qualitative data and quantitative data collection, a typology study and data analysis.

The process for the extraction of data and analysis involves the classification of the results into emerging themes and the categories proposed for urban cohesive public spaces, the triangulation of data between the different sources of information and finally the tabulation of the results followed by a subsequent social networks diagram generated through the program GEPHI (figure 2.12).

### 2.5 DELIMITATION AND LIMITA-TIONS

The field research is delimited to the boundaries of Mamelodi-S&S, Mamelodi-YMCA, Khalambazo (Figure 2.6-2.9) and the two NPOs, Thandanani Drop Inn Centre and SOS Children Village (figure 2.8) as 'microsites'. As a research-led dissertation, the work was divided between field visits, desktop studies and design development (Figure 2.11). It is further noted that due to the availability of many NPOs in Mamelodi, only two were able to participate. Additionally, the focus of the interviews was placed on the quality rather than the quantity of the information as part of the qualitative side of the study.

#### LEGEND



Tshedza Project (Thandanani affiliate)



SOS Children's Village (NPO)



Thandanani Drop Inn Centre (NPO)



Viva Foundation (NPO)



Information Triangulation

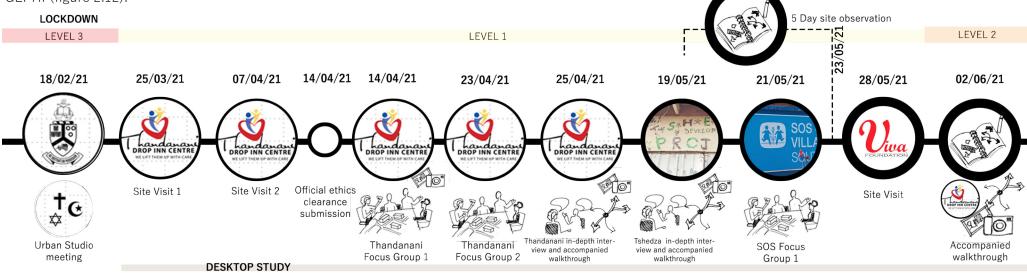
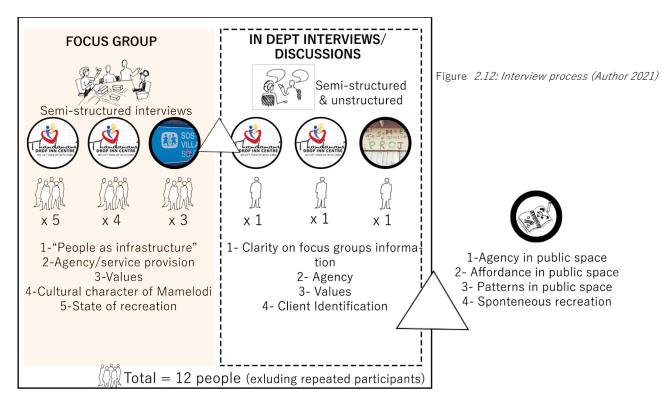


Figure 2.11: Research timeline (Author 2021)





#### QUALITATIVE/INTANGIBLES

Systemic and descriptive observation of Ward 23 focus area public space.

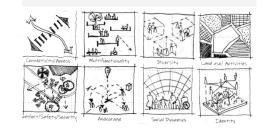
### QUANTITATIVE/TANGIBLES

Mapping of routes, behaviour patterns, landscape, cultural artefacts and entertainment.

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Figure 2.13: Instruments and data analysis (Author 2021)

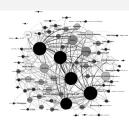
#### TYPOLOGY STUDY

Global and Local examples analised through Pinto and Remesar (2012) public space principles for urban cohesion.



#### **ANALYSIS**

1-Analysis of qualitative date through framework method (Smith and Firth 2011, Srivastava and Thomson 2009), see Appendix 2- Social networks analysis (Caskin and Valera 2020)





### 2.6 ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

As this dissertation's data collection relies heavily on the observation and mapping of everyday practices of recreation it is essential the due process is followed in terms of ethical considerations. Therefore, the researcher takes on the precaution to adhere to the University of Pretoria's research rules and regulation, plagiarism and data accuracy protocol as per the codes of the Faculty Committee for Research Ethics and Integrity of the EBIT faculty (Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and IT c2021). Additionally, the current pandemic measures were internalised as part of the scheduling for fieldwork (Figure 2.11) (South African Government c.2021).

The researcher acknowledges that any work produced will form part of the intellectual property of the University of Pretoria; nonetheless in the case that the information gathered highly benefits the community, arrangements will be made to deal with privacy in order to make the work more accessible.

The use of interviews solicitating particular ethical procedures, the researcher has aimed at fulfilling all the necessary criteria and documentation (see appendices A-D) involving:

- Application for ethical clearance through blanket ethics
- No involvement of minors nor vulnerable groups
- Informed procedure and consent, including

the use of recording, note-taking and disclosure about the storage of information.



# 3- FOUND RECREATION

# 3.1 INITIAL INSIGHT INTO FINDINGS: the value of recreation

Through the site visits undertaken at the two NPOs, it was possible to draw a primary understanding of the state of recreation in the area.

### //Perspectives and Values

Firstly, it is important to note that both Thandanani (along with its affiliate Tshedza Project) and SOS provide services related to social matters (Figures 3.1-3.3). However, it is in their multifunctional character that one can start to experience the notion of "people as infrastructure" (AbdouMaliq Simone 2004 in *Exploratory Notes on African Urbanism* 2009: 8).

It was found that due to the number of schools in the vicinity and the percentage of young adults, a great focus was placed on providing programs for children, teenagers and the youth (Figure 3.1-3.5). Additionally, the concept and value of family was also prevalent, either as an aspiration for future programmes (Thandanani) or as a current conceptual organisation system (SOS) (SOS focus group 1 2021; Thandanani focus group 1 2021). One can also note a high regard for the value of unity despite some recognised tensions among ethnic groups (especially in schools) (Niebuhr 2021; SOS Children's village Mamelodi focus group 1 2021; Thandanani focus group 2 2021).

Each organisation provided a variety of recreation (Figures 3.2-3.3). In both instances, the inclusion of recreation was not only considered as a mean for leisure and play but was found to be rooted in the NPOs' values and perspectives of recreation. Indeed, this service provision was highly tied to the improvement of societal endeavours such as: education, self-improvement, self-discovery, self-value, relationship building, and a way to help the community in solidarity. Programmes to aid the homeless and substance abusers were also knitted into sports and skills development amongst others (Mr J, verbal communication 2021; Mrs K Verbal communication 2021; SOS focus group 1 2021; Thandanani focus group 1, 2 2021).

### //Skill Developments through Recreation

Skills development seemed to form a crucial component of the NPOs services and values (for all demographics) along with their acceptance for change and constant interest in trying to introduce new activities and programmes such as: multiple awareness campaigns and interests in the outdoors and environmental endeavours (Figures 3.1-3.3). One can sense the commonalities in recreation and a sense of agency of NPOs despite them often facing the limitations of funds and physical space (site boundaries and economic opportunities) (Mr J , verbal communication 2021; Mrs K, verbal communication 2021; SOS focus group 1 2021; Thandanani focus group 1, 2 2021).

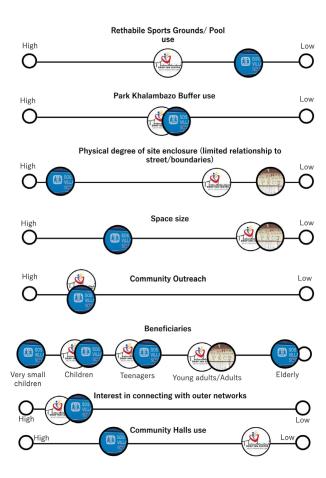


Figure 3.1: NPO comparisons (Author 2021)





Newspapers (From Thandanai's archive 2021)



Aerial photograph (Google Earth 2021)



Figure 3.2:Thandanani Drop Inn Centre, matrix collage of activities and site and assets



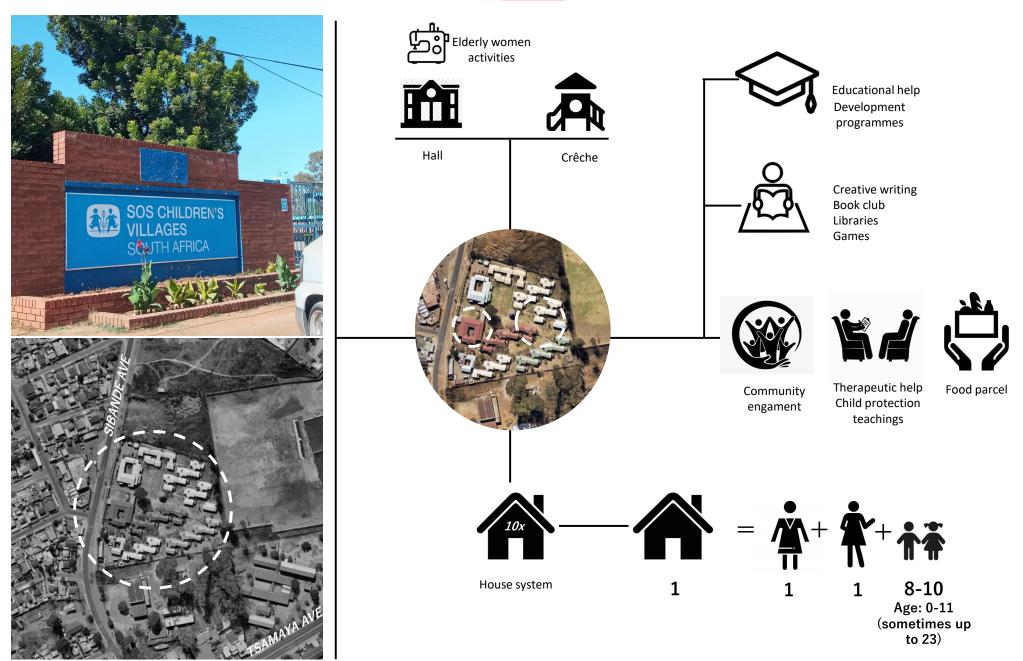


Figure 2.3: Thandanani Drop Inn Centre, matrix collage of activities and site and assets





Figure 3.4: Zoning map around the site, information from Tshwane GIS (Author 2021)



### //Perspectives on the Provision of Formal Recreation

The dereliction, lack of appeal and maintenance status of cultural and public spaces in Mamelodi has been confirmed by all parties (Mr J, verbal communication 2021; SOS focus group 1 2021; Thandanani focus group 2 2021). As responses, Thandanani's adapted basketball court and SOS's small libraries and hall become substitute facilities to further away well-main-

tained sites. Nonetheless, while Thandanani attempts to still make use of the surroundings to an extent, SOS resorts to 'insourcing' (i.e., within their own premises) or 'outsourcing' recreational facilities at a greater scale (Mamelodi West's and the University of Pretoria's sports grounds) (SOS Children's village Mamelodi focus group 1 2021; Thandanani Focus group 1 2021).

### 3.2 DISCUSSION

The above findings confirm the idea that public spaces "are never finished products" (Casakin & Valera 2020: 11) regardless of scale. They can be re-appropriated, changed, and reinterpreted or form a network of actors, activities and sites. Elements and resources that do not appear to correlate may in reality share inconspicuous connections such as groups of people from different parts of the neighbourhood finding themselves together due to similar objectives at various points in the environment.

The much-needed diversity of recreational infrastructure in the township is found in its smaller grain with "invisible" agents (NPOs) in need of opportunities to fully act as catalysts for infrastructure provision (Pieterse 2011a: 313; Urban Studio 2020: 44). As suggested by Salat et al. (2011) this fine grain phenomenon should be scalable. Scaling this found multifunctionality would tackle people's agency limited by space (size), distance and specified structures (figure 3.1 -3.5).

The variety of programmes presented by the organisations are in fact contextual responses to immediate social needs. The emphasis on sports was always paired with other forms of programmes and objectives (outdoor excursions, post-rehab programmes, cultural activities such as music and dance) making sports more polyvalent in nature, thus, adding diverse layers to the monofunctional focus of the White Papers. These varied expressed interests provide clues for better holistic, hybrid and ecological direction and responses in the design phase (Figure 3.6).

From here onwards one can decipher that the term 'people as infrastructure' seems to be assimilated to the manner in which community members impact and iterate their environments through their connections and actions while aiming for the betterment of each other's lives. As a result, this phenomenon can be suitably restated as 'social fabric or networks as infrastructure'.

Tatjana Schneider and Jeremy Till (2012:41) argue that creating something that was not needed is a waste of resources and advocate for the careful observation of the present situation to redefine the problems in other ways. Following on this statement it was only natural to view the Buffer Zone spine as a chosen block for further investigation to draw links between the finer grain of NPOs, daily users of the sites and the greater scale of the neighbourhood. The potential of the zone's character unpacked in the following section should later influence the design development.



"A child must play, rest, work hard but be careful of the word "play". How do they play? " (Ms K, verbal communication 2021)

"Yes, they vandalise [Solomon Mahlangu]. But now there is no security in place. [···] a tourist attraction site, people coming in would be educated about the history of Mamelodi." (Ms K, verbal communication 2021)

"So, we also invite the government to come and see what we are doing here every day. They will be shocked. They will be shocked." (Mr A, verbal communication 2021)

"Family support is very very important." (Mr A, verbal communication 2021)

"You know someone who knows someone, you take him with the hand, "there's a job for you there", at least you give him a direction in life." (Mr S, verbal communication 2021)

"An idle mind is the devil's playground." (Mr S, verbal communication 2021)

"So, most of the time there are children who play soccer most of the time. Whether it is in the morning or in the afternoon. Even after 5 o'clock, they still want to play soccer there. " (Mr L verbal communication 2021)



Figure 3.5: Voices from the volunteers (Thandanani focus group 1,2 2021)



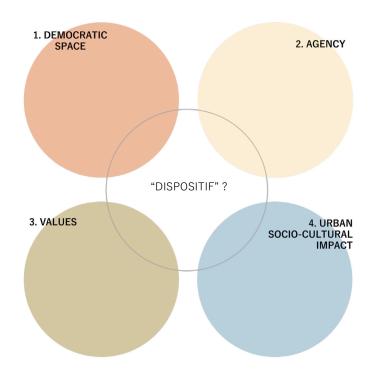
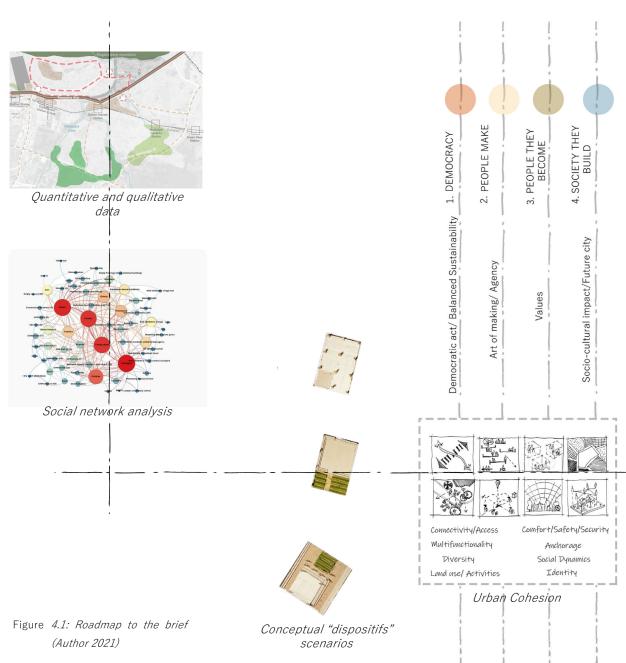


Figure 3.6: Finding the dispositif (Author 2021)





### FROM NETWORKS TO BRIEF

In line with what has been presented in the prior sections, recreation can be understood as a flexible and layered concept as well as an important component for urban living. However, in townships such as Mamelodi, the loss of public spaces resulting from the apartheid era's spatial planning, issues of housing, and/or lack of maintenance has led to issues in achieving proper urban cohesion.

As a mitigation strategy, residents of such townships have often resorted to making use of smaller sites in a bid to exercise various agencies and relations. However, these attempts can and have been met with some limitations, with connections not being fully realised. It is in these situations that the notion of 'dispositif' architecture, introduced in this paper, is investigated as a device to anchor networks into space as an initial conceptual design enquiry.

Firstly, this paper delves into the understanding of 'flow' as established relations (i.e., as networks) in terms of recreation, which can then be used to formulate and comprehend clients, programmes, sites, and, ultimately, the physical form of the intervention.

Deliverables such as the social network analysis procedure, along with a thorough typology study, form part of this section, and act as tools towards internalising common public spaces benchmarks. This approach, in turn, provides a deeper dive into 'social fabric as infrastructure', leading to a design approach that incorporates networks while simultaneously considering related physical representations, narratives, and options. The uncovered relationships of people-to-people, places-to-places, and people-to-places are also examined. Figure 4.1 presents a road map for the investigations detailed in this portion of the paper – from analyses to conceptual prototyping.

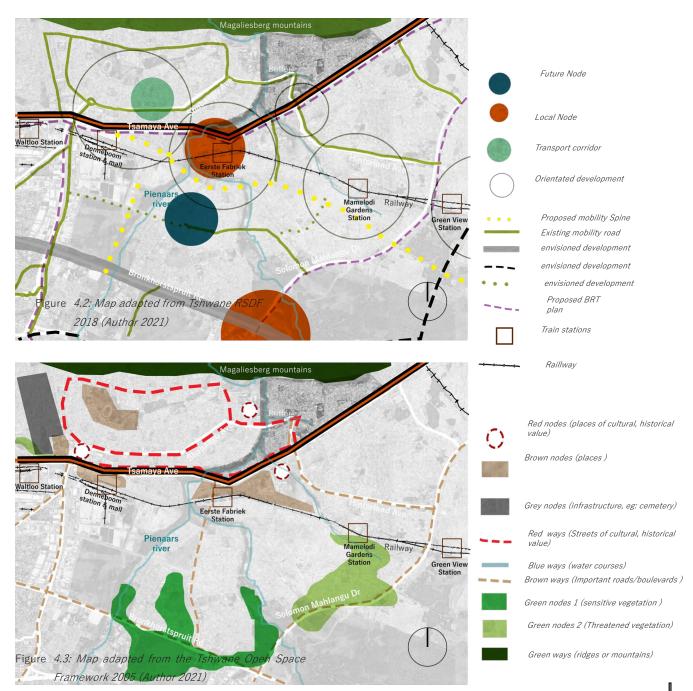


# 4- PUBLIC SPACE PLURALITY OF MA-MELODI

## 4. 1 SITE ANALYSIS AND INFOR-**MANTS**

As iterated previously, the chosen site encompasses the Buffer Zone and Rethabile Sports Grounds (i.e., that form a spine of public open spaces, a mundane but spontaneous area with the exception of a static and barren portion of the YMCA). The overall site investigation, thus, presents multiple opportunities from the site's position, environmental characteristics, and daily relevance (i.e., cultural, historical, and economic); thereby recognising the 'extraordinary' in the 'everyday' through a recreational lens.

The mapping (Figures 4.2 to 4.8) here involves the flux of people and vehicles, places of pause, and importance of significant routes present throughout the site. This is inclusive of the City of Tshwane' RSDF 2018 and the green, red, brown, grey, and blue routes and nodes from the City of Tshwane's Open Public Space Framework (OPSF) (Figure 4.3 – legend) (City of Tshwane 2005b: 23, 70). The landscape itself is also a major recreational agent and permanent actor; therefore, it has been recorded with all its forms and behaviours, both dependent and independent of people (Figure 4.8) (SANBI c.2021). Sites in close proximity to one another have further provided clues about relations, activities, and safety (or lack thereof) (Figures 4.7-4.8, 4.10).





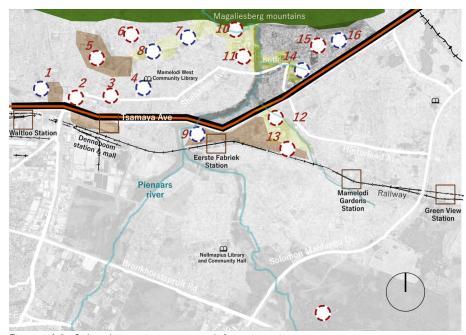


Figure 4.4: Cultural mapping generated from interviews and photographs of sites (Author 2021).

Places of entertainment, sports or movement Places of significance, cultural character or local landmarks Brown nodes Green corridor Magaliesberg

Pienaars River and tributary (blue way)

1: Denlyn Shopping Centre and sports fields 2: Solomon Mahlangu Square 3: Dr Fabian Riebero's house 4: T-section, Jake Budha, "Skener Boom" 5: HM Ptje Stadium 6: Mothong Heritage Precinct 7: Polar Park 8:Cricket Oval 9: Eerste Fabriek 10: Moretele Park 11: Rondavels 12: Nelson Mandela Park 13: That's It Art gallery 14: Rethabile Sports Grounds 15: "Kanada House" 16: Monaco

> Rethabile Sports Grounds' assets

- -Swimming Pool
- Netball courts.
- -Soccer fields,
- -Tennis courts,
- Caretaker's old building
- Buildings in pool area





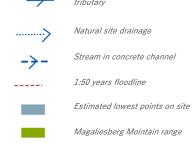


Figure 4.5: Site hydrology, information from SANBI c2021 and Open street maps c2021 (Author 2021)





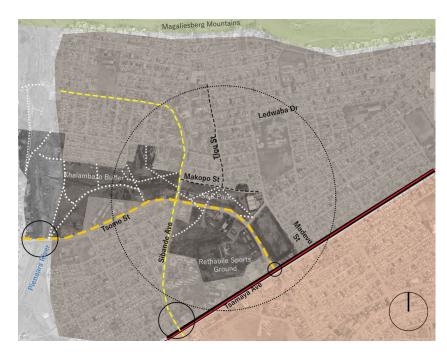
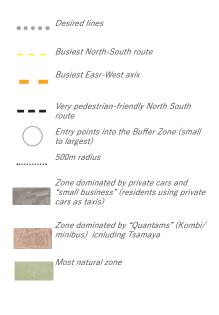


Figure 4.6: Map of movement and transport around the site (Author 2021)

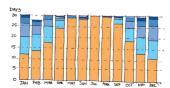


Figure 4.7: Map of activities, unsafe zones and boundaries around the site (Author 2021)









### //Themes and Cohesion

Figure 4.9 indicates the relationship between the interview results (i.e., themes) and their possible urban cohesion factors. It is possible to observe sites of significance in these cases, as well as ideas and objectives for recreation programmes. Similarly, the cultural map (Figure 4.12) is indicative of local landmarks, transport corridors, and recreational sites (used or neglected) that have been deemed part of Mamelodi's cultural experience (SOS Children's Village Mamelodi Focus Group 1 2021; Thandanani Focus Group 2 2021).

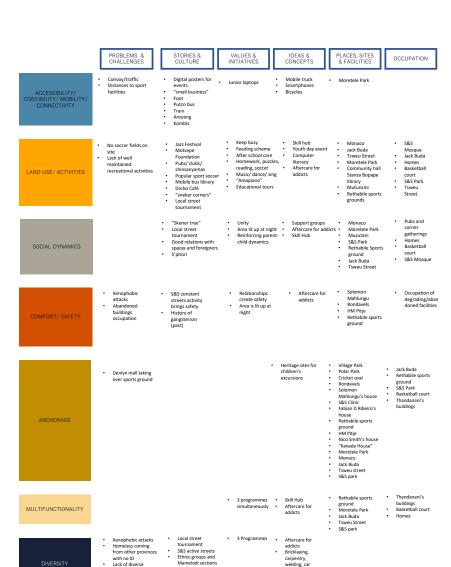
It should be noted that most of these sites are found adjacent to Tsamaya Avenue or the Hinterland Avenue-Mamelodi West loop corridor via Tsomo Street – both instances include historically significant routes and nodes (van der Waal 2000). When paired with the information provided by the municipality's frameworks, these places of significance have been translated into Figure 4.12, and all ultimately form part of a greater ecological network of open spaces, historical routes, and major axes of circulation, despite the distances between each and/or their individual characteristics. It is also worth noting that most of the sites only specific to Figure 4.12 originate from the daily experiences of people living and/or working in the neighbourhood, along with their own aspirations.

Figure 4.8: Zoomed-in site analysis and opportunities (Author 2021)

### // Public Realm

Actors and activities observed on five consecutive days at differing times along Tsomo Street – as a sequence of spaces appropriated to various degrees – are depicted in Figure 4.10. This documentation serves as a partial triangulation for the interviews and mapping, as well as a primary source of qualitative information aimed at better understanding the patterns of recreation unique to the Buffer Zone. Furthermore, the map presented in Figure 4.13 has been bisected and annotated to more easily identify different activities' locations.

Through this graphical representation, it is possible to conclude that various patterns of occupation are visible, with some repeated along the site, while others remain exclusive to certain portions. Although some activities and users tended to change throughout the days and hours, others were found to remain constant (i.e., permanently present). This phenomenon highlights the importance of the landscape as an actor in and of itself, as well as the ways in which its language resonates with users for different uses and interpretations. All this reveals a spectrum of 'affordance' (i.e., elements such as paving for a car wash, water for tent washing, trees for shade, or grass for grazing). The in-between nature of recreation has also been confirmed through the comparison table (Figure 4.13), which reveals a balanced number of binary activities. Of further note is that the movement of actors - such as the stream flowing, or children playing across multiple zones – forms an interesting, intangible connection in the area across both space and time.



wash, computer, electrical services, sewing

Heritage sites for children's

excursions

De-stigmatisation
 Keep busy

Use what we have

Thandanani's library

Solomon Mahlungu square Moretele Park S&S park Fabian D Riblero's house HM Pitje "Kaneda House"

Jack BudaTsweu StreetHomes

Thandanani's buildings

Figure 4.9: Tabulated interview (information according to emergent themes and urban cohesion principles (Author 2021)

Mobile truck

library
Dinho café
Jazz festival

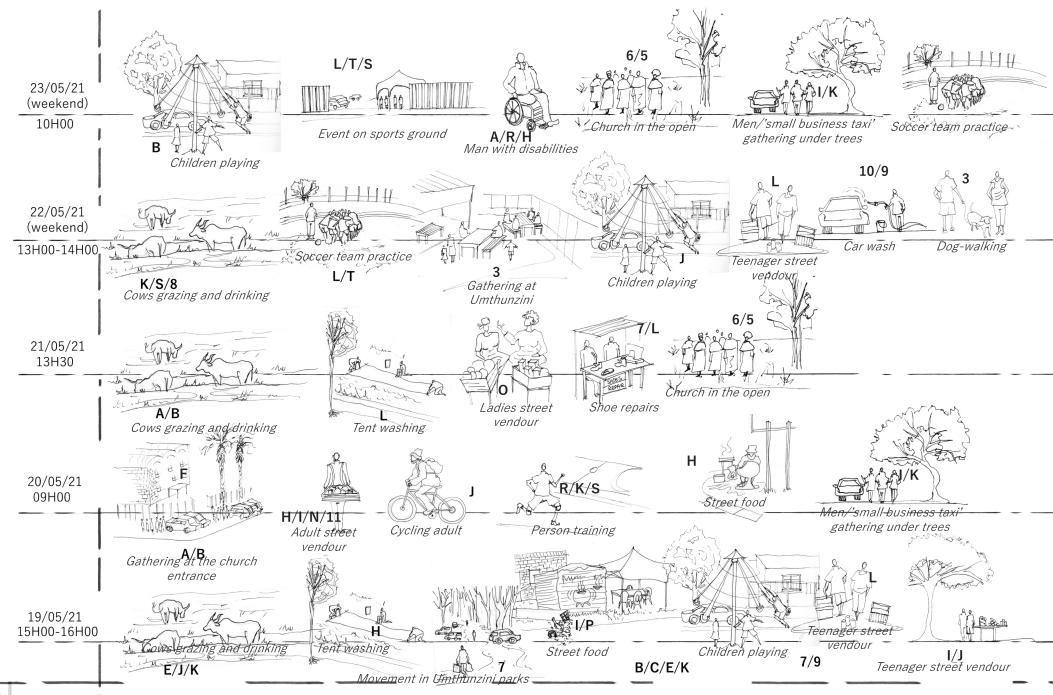
Girls (homeless/substance abusers)

Sequence trend

for facility degradation









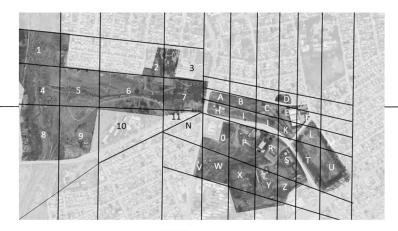
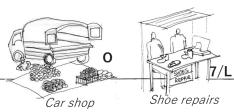


Figure 4.10: Activity mapping of the Buffer Zone (Author 2021)



	Activity	Moving	Stationary	Group (G)/ Individual (I)	Recreational/- cultural (R)		
	Car wash		×	G/I	E/R		
	Jogging	×		G/I	R		
	Mechanics		×	G/I	E/R		
	Waiting after school			G			
	Dog walking	- X-		— G—	R		
	Sheeps and cattle grazing	×	×	G/I	R		
	Sitting in grass		×	G	R		
	Street vendours (adults) Street vendours (teenag- ers)		×	G	E/R		
	Shoe repairs		×	G	E/R		
	Team soccer	×		G	R		
	Children playing	×		G	R		
	Church outdoors	×	×	G	R		
	Street food		×	G/I	E/R		
	Tent washing	×		G	E		
	Men gathering		×	G	E/R		
	Church gathering		×	G	R		
	Mobile street vendours	×		1	Е		
	Soccer field event with tents		×	G	R		
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# 4.2 NETWORK ANALYSIS AND DESIGN IMPLICATIONS

Intrinsic to their research on public space, Hernan Casakin and Sergi Valera (2020) investigated the use of social network analysis to aid the design of cohesive public spaces. The relevance of this tool lies in the way that the final graphic can aid the designer to quickly identify the people with the most influence, those in need of attention, the most common resources, the networks shared, underused resources or networks, emerging resources, and the cross-generational use of common spaces or places (Casakin & Valera 2020). It is then possible to speculate reasons for the results gained and use the information gleaned as informants that are complimentary to site analyses. Based on these understandings, from this point on, identified entities, groups of people, and environmental components are referred to as 'actors' in this work.

The graphic in Figure 4.11 presents the generated product using this approach, and encompasses all the actors gathered through the full data collection process. This figure also includes the relevant actors and connections established beyond the boundaries of NPOs or Ward 23 (such as the municipality or the University of Pretoria). Factoring 'outer' networks into the analysis is not only better representative of reality, but it is also a point worth considering in terms of stakeholders and design due to the way in which space is used and perceived (i.e., differing from and between visitors and daily users of and within the area). The perception from the 'outside' as well as the space provided for these networks is also, then, important to the overall cohesion of the milieu. Indeed,

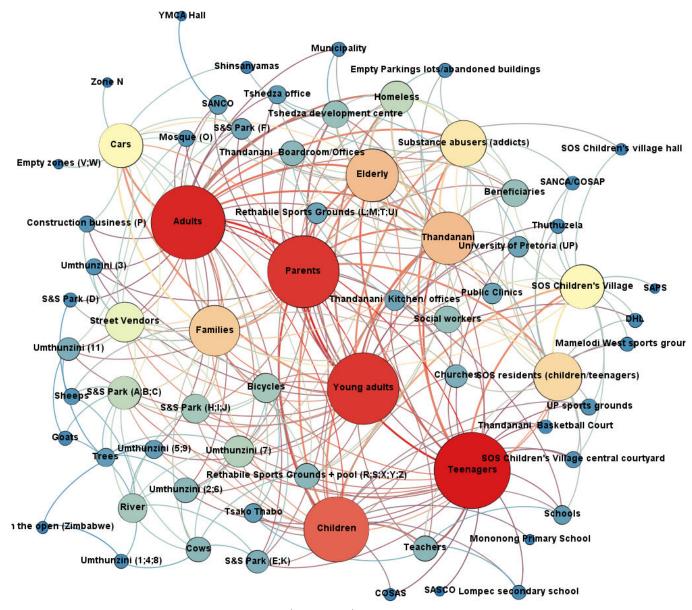
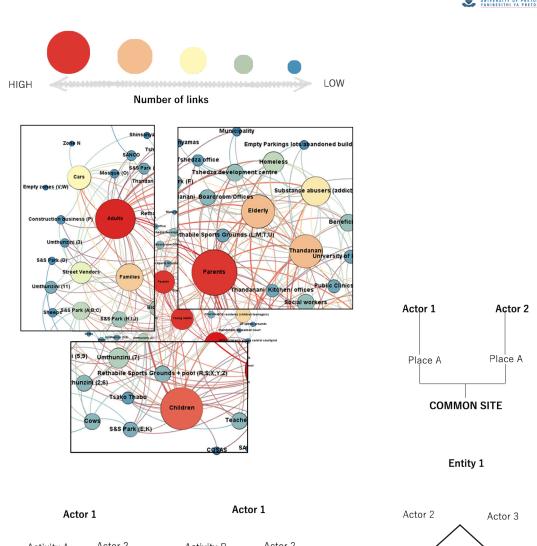


Figure 4.11: Social network analysis of gathered data (Author 2021)





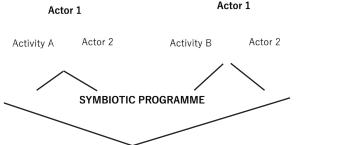
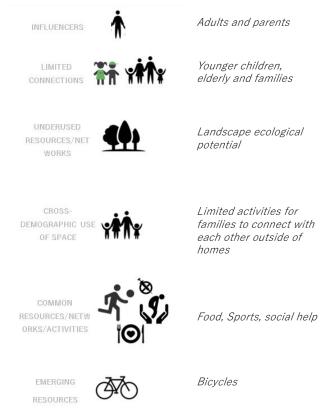


Figure 4.12: Extracting data from diagram (Author 2021)

the character of the intervention as a place can, furthermore, repulse or attract people by igniting their curiosity or attachment.

Although not fully representative of Ward 23's totality, the graph has been deemed useful enough to surface important relationships. Similarly, Figures 4.12 provides additional insight into the possible ways in which to read and extract information from the graph for the purpose of interpretations as well as for the upcoming design process. The figure, in particular, presents the set of actors and resources that project some of the most dominant connections and potential; concluding with the significance of such information.



COMMON CONNECTIONS

POSSIBLE STAKEHOLDERS



# 5- FACES OF RECRE-ATION: A TYPOLOGY STUDY

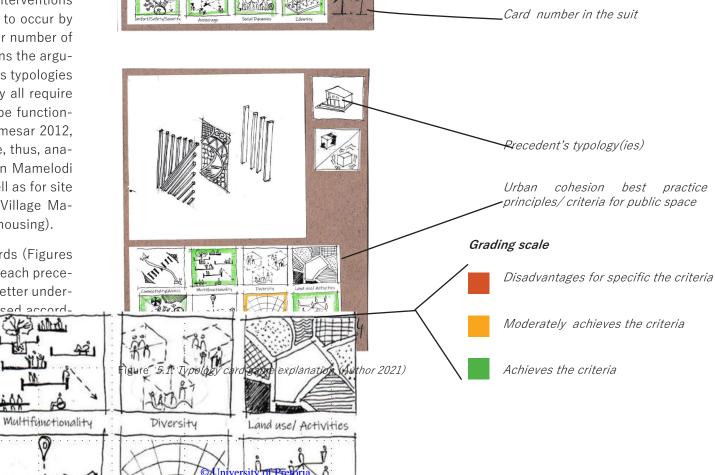
Due to the multifaced aspect of recreation, a typological study has been designed in this paper as a comparative 'game' to unearth the maximum information from a group of precedents. A range of artefacts have been chosen, depicting various ways in which recreation manifests architecturally – from programmatically conspicuous examples to more subtle interventions where certain gestures afford recreation to occur by the articulation of certain parts. The sheer number of precedents presented in this study sustains the argument that public spaces come in numerous typologies and complexities but that, ultimately, they all require certain criteria to be fulfilled in order to be functional and contextually relevant (Pinto & Remesar 2012, 2015). Both local and global examples are, thus, analysed, in this work, including the places in Mamelodi observed for this study's interviews as well as for site visit purposes (e.g., the SOS Children's Village Mamelodi, Thandanani, and Mamelodi RDP housing).

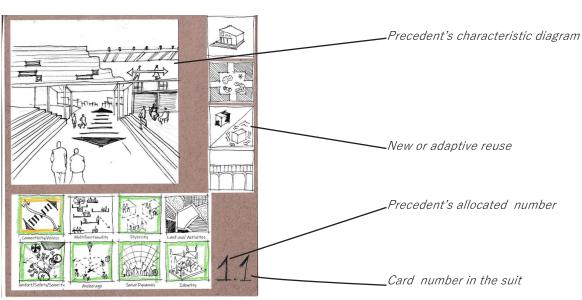
The game takes the form of a deck of cards (Figures 5.1 and 5.2 – see Appendices E-K), where each precedent is fragmented into its parts so as to better under-

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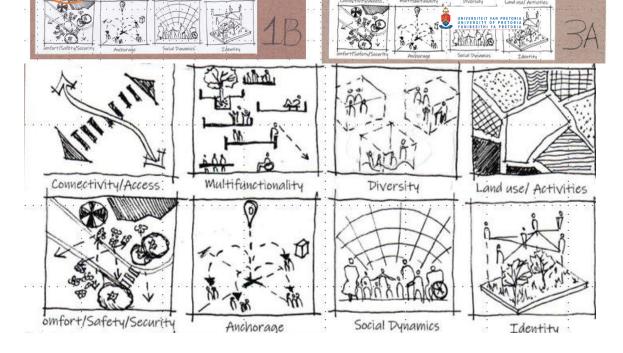


Figure 5.2: Urban cohesion characteristics diagrams (Author 2021)

(Pinto & Remesar 2012: 10-11, 2015:7) (Figure 5.2). Upon completion of the deck, the analysis was tabulated (Appendices E-F), with additional commentary included relating to the types of agencies, networks, 'dispositifs', and affordance exercised by the precedents. It should be noted that Figures 5.3 through 5.20 only present a curated version of the game by extrapolating the most prevalent information.

# 5.1 ACCESSIBILITY, SAFETY & **SECURITY**

### //Recreation in Movement and Connections

Open public spaces, such as Superkilen (Figure 5.3) and the High Line (Figure 5.4), are likely the most straightforward in terms of continuous, accessible spaces, as they are ultimately urban passages that become places (e.g., urban rooms and event spaces). As such, these spaces function as a type of open-air recreation, with a certain agency, diverse entry points, and a distinctive character (Architecture for Humanities c.2012). The UVA el Paraiso (Figure 5.5) project, the Education Centre (Figure 5.6), the Friends Centre (Figure 5.7), SESC Pompeia (Figure 5.8), and the Writers Theatre (Figure 5.9), for example, all blur the lines between street interface and entrances, where the street ultimately becomes the real entrance to the 'place' (Architecture for Humanities c.2012: , ). Therefore, pedestrians passing by are instantly able to become part of the space without any need to formally enter into it. Some houses in Mamelodi (Figures 1.7 and 5.10) adopt this same principle as a means to connect with street life for business purposes, for leisure in the form of an extension of services (e.g., food, shops, and a car wash), the 'greening' of the pavement



(e.g., playfully contributing to the street similarly to parklets), or the appropriation of the space between rows of houses as playgrounds.

### //Comfort and Safety Characteristics

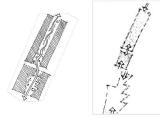
Both the Maggie's Centres (Figure 5.11) and the Friends Centre pavilion (Figure 5.7) articulate space that exhibits close attention to comfort by using light and transparency as mediums to welcome users, along with inner partitions (i.e., spaces within spaces) to increase levels of privacy (Architecture for Humanities c.2012: , ). The VPUU Active boxes (Figure 5.12), SOS Centre in Lavezzorio (Figure 5.13), and Connect Community's projects (Figure 5.14) all similarly embrace 24-hour occupation, eyes on the street, and scale (e.g., watch towers) to foster safety (Architecture for Humanities c.2012). These cases are further linked through a continuity of the street, moments, transportation routes, and mobility spines; thereby supporting the previously noted outcomes (Architecture for Humanities c.2012).

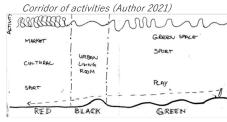
### //Blending security

In comparison to the aforementioned cases, the Nike Football Training Centre (Figure 5.15), due to its function and context, retains its enclosures for security purposes (). However, the design and materials of these enclosures become art, and displays of local artists' workmanship are presented in a manner where those barriers no longer feel hostile but rather become "invisible security" (). Similarly, UVA el Paraiso (Figure 5.5) adopts a very light meshed front fence and recreational promenade that are directly accessible from the street ().

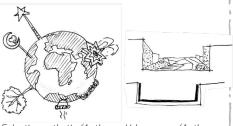
Figure 5.3: SUPERKILEN, Copenhagen,
Topotek 1 + BIG Architects + Superflex, 2012 (Baan 2012)







Three parks, different terrain, different themes (Author 2021)



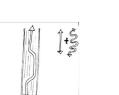
Eclectic aesthetic (Author Urban room (Author 2021) 2021)

Figure 5.4: HIGH LINE, New York, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, JamesCorner Field Operations ,1999-2011 (Baan 2009)







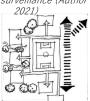


Promenade, ecological corridor, urban room and bridge (Author 2021)



Street as entrance and promenade (Author 2021)





Promenade around the core of the intervention (Author 2021)



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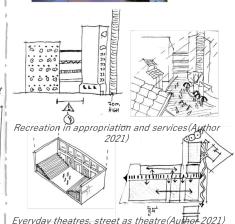
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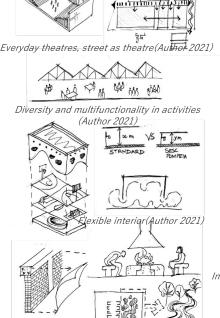












By comparison, Thandanani (Figures 5.16) exhibits an interesting situation between its two main buildings, where the space (i.e., street) unofficially becomes part of Thandanani itself. This phenomenon has been created through the paving having been transformed through a volunteer's greening scheme, children's playing and gathering/waiting to enter, and music played within the premises that reaches out to the streets and, thereby, activating the space. This somewhat unintentional turn of events portrays a simple but effective way of extending human presence, comfort, and safety into the street.

5.2 MULTIFUNCTIONALITY, DIVERSI-

Often, multifunctionality is addressed in a vertical

manner due to space constraints or for sustainable reasons (see Gymnasio Vertical or SESC Pompeia -Figures 5.8 and 5.17). However, it is also possible to

mitigate both horizontal and vertical use of space (see UVA el Paraiso, the Education Centre, VPUU, and Al-

exandra Interpretation Centre - Figures 5.5-5.6, 5.12,

and 5.18). In certain situations – especially in respect to open spaces - a linear approach to multifunction-

ality can be appropriate, where negative sustainable

impacts are minimal. Interventions in such cases (see

Superkilen – Figure 5.3) often cover a lot of ground;

thereby creating a promenade of multiuse and recre-

ation (). In the case of the RDP housing (Figure 5.10), and SOS Centre in Mamelodi (Figure 5.19), horizontal

developments are preferable due to their affordability





as entrance (Author 2021)

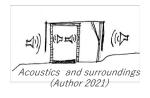
Free plan and options (Author 2021)

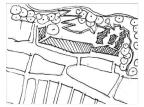
Materiality, rainwater harvesting, ecology and

environmental response (Author 2021)

'Dispositifs' of the façade (Author 2021)

Diverse materials including nature (Author 2021)





Anchored in landscape (Author 2021)



Multifunctionality and the street as a first step (Author 2021)



Anchored in site (Author 2021)



Inspiration through the existing (Author 2021)

and easier construction.

TY & ACTIVITY

//Multifunctionality through Scale



### //Characteristics for Multifunctionality

The Friends Centre accommodates intimacy and spatial multifunctionality through a free plan using modules and partitions that serve to accommodate spatial modification and a variety of activities (Figure 5.7) (). Free plans are also employed for adaptive reuse purposes at SESC Pompeia for similar reasons (Figure 5.8). In comparison, the Connect Community's hall is composed of convertible classrooms permuting into a cafeteria, gymnasium, and auditorium, respectively, in addition to the hall's capacity to accommodate further programmes in the future (Figure 5.14). Thandanani's (Figure 5.16) most multifunctional space is its basketball court (previously noted), which has been adapted to host simultaneous recreational activities, since basketball is not yet a popular activity in the area.

### //Social and Ecological Diversity

The Friends Centre (figure 5.7), UVA El Paraiso (figure Of note is that UVA el Paraiso (Figure 5.5), the Friends Centre (Figure 5.7), the Educational Centre (Figure 5.6), and Maggie's Centres (Figure 5.11) all incorporate ecological principles and/or nature as a core aspect of their designs. Furthermore, the Connect Community achieves diversity through its community's spatial arrangement and sharing of physical resources in the neighbourhood, such as schools offering their gardens as parks (Figure 5.14). In the same light, although the Writers Theatre only offers one main programme, it presents this programme in more than five different experiential performance spaces (i.e., both informal and formal), along with a relation to the outdoors, which encourages another type of performance (Figure 5.9). These variations aid to engage audiences

States, Studio Gang, 2016 (Studio Gang 2016)

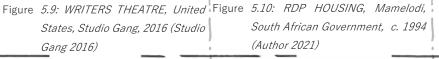
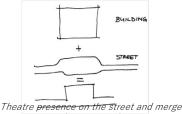


Figure 5.11:MAGGIE'S CENTRES, Multiple architects, Europe and China, c1996 (Maggies S.a.)

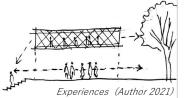








Diverse stages and experiences (Author 2021)







Car wash in front (Author 2021)



Private garden and public 'greening' (Author



Additions to house (Author 2021)







Privacy through partitions and for atmosphere (Author



Constant access to nature (Author 2021)



The importance of light (Author 2021)

Figure 5.12: VPUU ACTIVE BOXES . Western Cape, VPUU, 2006-14 (VPUU 2017)

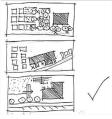
Figure 5.13: SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES LAVEZZARIO COMMUNITY CEN-TRE, Illinois, Studio Gang Architects, 2008 (Studio Gang 2008)



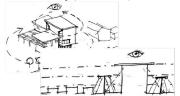




Danger zones and paths with activities (Author 2021)



Visibility (Author 2021)

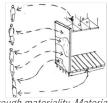


All-a-round passive surveillance (Author 2021)

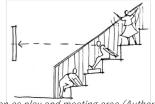




'Opened' corner, visibility and relations (Author 2021)



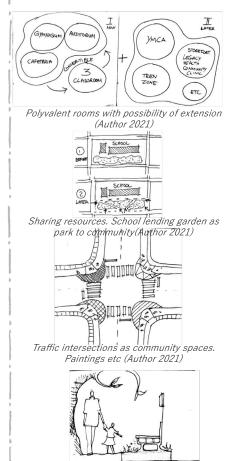
Unity through materiality. Materials donated by several people becomes the identity of the place (Author 2021)



Circulation as play and meeting area (Author 2021)







Parklets as mean of creating small places and/or moments in big spaces like streets (Author 2021)

and performers in different atmospheres and levels of intimacy.

The Educational Centre (Figure 5.6), in turn, plays with acoustics, where sound becomes an intangible material mediating inside and outside, water and nature. The diversity of activities undertaken through the senses further increases people's awareness of the place's parts and whole. Similarly, the notion of 'genius loci' and performance are also present in SESC Pompeia's outdoor and indoor spaces (Figure 5.18), where the articulation of 'moments' attracts cross-generational users, with some areas even becoming unexpected theatres.

### //Transcending activities

SESC Pompeia's design (Figure 5.18) immortalises the cultural and recreational appropriation of an historic space (i.e., in the form of a drum factory). The current set of activities are a blend between the community's recreational endeavours that have been projected onto an abandoned industrial space, with new activities added to complement these endeavours (i.e., mainly sports and water services). This change of land use and activities over time is similar to both the RDP housing depicted in Figure 5.10 and Thandanani in Figure 5.16, where services such as food. information, and leisure programmes have gradually been incorporated. The focus on the possibility of space use rather than the buildings' forms further allows for such flexibility. Similarly, Superkilen's three squares (Figure 5.3) open up such opportunities by suggesting many activities without dictating specific behaviours, while their colour coding and articulation provide a type of 'umbrella' that groups similar actions ().

### 5.3 ANCHORAGE, SOCIAL DYNAMICS & IDFNTITY

### //Recreation as Various Anchors

The Friends Centre's pavilion (Figure 5.7) offers a gateway for visitors into the Angkor Hospital for Children without necessarily having to enter the healthcare facility; thereby acting as an information middleman (Architecture for Humanities c.2012). The pavilion's placement and modularity also relate to the healthcare facility and is further enhanced by its integration into the site's corner as a landmark. In addition, the pavilion's materiality alludes to the culture of Cambodia in celebration of the greater context (Architecture for Humanities c.2012).

Of similar note is that the Alexandra Interpretation Centre (Figure 5.18) reflects the culture and character of the township of Alexandra as part of its design and materiality. SESC Pompeia's anchorage (Figure 5.8) also lies in its site's historical context (i.e., the adaptive reuse of a drum factory into a cultural centre, which was inspired by the community's appropriation of the vacant space) and its meaning for and within the community (). Similarly, the LEA Mobile Library (Figure 5.20) is an example of establishing a new space in an existing space as a temporary anchor. Such a space cannot, however, successfully exist on its own, although its mobility can influence the area in which it is placed by changing the surrounding's atmosphere throughout the day ().



paceAfrica, 2010 (Living Space 2013)



Figure 5.17: GIMNASIO VERTICAL (Vertical gyms), Venezuela, Urban-Think Tank c2001





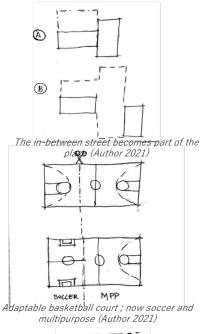
Materiality and identity of places (Author 2021)

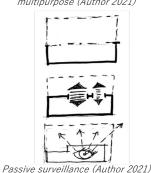


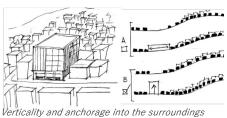
Diversity in one envelope (Author 2021)



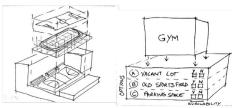








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Multifunctional and diverse space. Recycling of vacant lot (Author 2021)



Contextual materiality (Author 2021)

Figure 5.18: ALEXANDRA INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, Johannesburg, Peter Rich Architects, 2010 (Peter Rich Architects 2010)

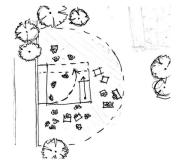
Figure 5.19: SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, Mamelodi, 1985 (Author 2021)



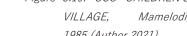








A space within a space (Author 2021)





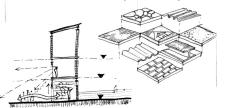




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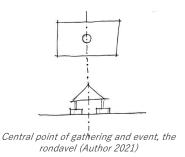
Passive surveillance (Author 2021)



Diversity, multifunctionality and contextual response through materiality and community involvment (Author 2021)







# //Articulating Parts for Social Interaction

Based on the previously presented information, in terms of social dynamics, paths and nodes are often used as mediums . For example, both SESC Pompeia (Figure 5.8) and Superkilen (Figure 5.3) employ the crossing of paths and space diversity, while the Writers Theatre focusses on intimacy through proximity for social experiences (Figure 5.9). The SOS Centre's (Lavezzorio) main atrium similarly becomes a 'dispositif' for social encounters through the main circulation space, which acts as an indoor playscape as well as a landmark (Figure 5.13) ().

With regard to the SOS Centre in Mamelodi (Figure 5.19), the rondavel in the courtyard acts as an 'axis mundus' for social interaction. This is a very simple space with a complex connection with and to outside networks during social events and gatherings (see the SOS Children's Village Mamelodi Focus Group 1 2021). In comparison, Thandanani's basketball court (Figure 5.16) forms the equivalent of the SOS Centre's (Mamelodi) rondavel, while the Maggie's Centres (Figure 5.11) articulate kitchens as their core (i.e., where various interactions occur). The Friends Centre's patio 'skirt' (Figure 5.7), in turn, also invites sitting and, thus, offers an activation of the façade.

### //Cohesive space identity through making

Identity is often the realm where multiple agencies operate; thus, in several of the precedents, such as the Alexandra Interpretation Centre (Figure 5.18). Superkilen (Figure 5.3) (although a very eclectic approach), SOS Centre in Lavezzorio (Figure 5.13), Nike Football Training Centre (Figure 5.15), and RDP houses (Figure 5.10), some materials are given, as-



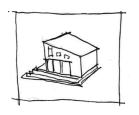
sembled, or made by the future users of the space or close affiliates. In this way, it is possible to create a sense of attachment and connection with the space and people as an additional layer to the inherent social dynamics. The artefacts also become displays of the communities' skills and identity and, through this process, the people are connected to each other – either by working together or by gaining awareness of other's contributions and presence.

### //Cultural identity

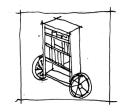
Cultural identity is intrinsic to the Friends Centre (Figure 5.7) – as seen in its local construction methods – while other precedents, such as SESC Pompeia (Figure 5.8), UVA el Paraiso (Figure 5.5), Gymnasio Vertical (Figure 5.17), the Education Centre (Figure 5.6), and Maggie's Centres (Figure 5.11) all build identity through the use of simple cues or principles such as forms, atmosphere, or materials that are familiar to their users.

### 5.4 FINDINGS

Each recorded precedent can be categorised in at least one of the following typologies, namely 1) centres (i.e., sports, care, leisure, interpretive, drop-in, community, or village); 2) plazas: 3) parks; 3) infrastructures; 4) houses; 5) mobile libraries; 6) precincts or neighbourhoods; 7) bridges 8) theatres; 9) schools; and 10) pavilions. Each category offers different possibilities. The duality of the presented spectrum of typologies against the realities found in Mamelodi further suggest that perhaps the most appropriate response would not be to choose one specific typology and modify it to suit the situation but rather to look at a combination of different typologies. Additionally, it can be confirmed that in different circumstances, the street reoccurs as a 'dispositif'; thereby expressing the polyvalence and efficacy of streets as urban cohesion agents (Figure 5.21).



Centre

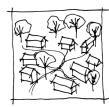


Mobile library





Centre



Precinct



Neighbourhood



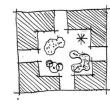
Homes



Bridge



School

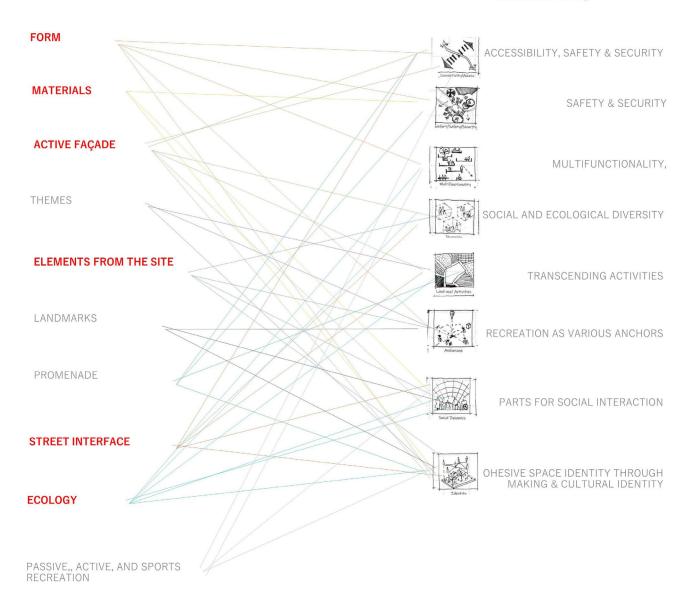


Plaza



### **RECURING ASPECTS**

### **URBAN COHESION THEMES** (broken down from Pinto & Remesar 2012)



NB: Red writing highlights portions taken into consideration for both design and technology. Black is mainly design



# 6- CONCEPTUAL IN-VESTIGATION

# 6.1 PLACE WHERE THE NET-WORKS CONVERGE: THE MEET-ING POINT OF CITY AND HOUSE

The precedent studies presented in the previous section suggest ways to ground networks into physical solutions while still considering urban cohesion. However, it is still possible to notice that a portion of the information to move from networks to form remains slightly broad. As such, in order to move forward in this current project, it was necessary to, despite the preceding information, find a common thread between all the pieces analysed.

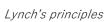
In order to achieve this end, it was important to deal with networks involving many 'moments' across both larger and smaller sites. It was also important that, for a cohesive intervention to be realised, these networks be relative to a cohesive city. When these reflections are paired with the plurality of recreational public spaces, it then becomes possible to refer to the following:

"A city is a city because it is also a large house. A house is a house because it is also a small city." 1

#### And

"I am concerned with twin phenomena, with unity and diversity; part and whole; small and large; many and

1 Aldo van Eyck (1962), as presented in Georges Teyssot (2011: 62): Aldo van Eyck and the Rise of an Ethnographic Paradigm in the 1960s.



Shortcomings and

Complimentary

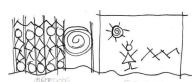
considerations

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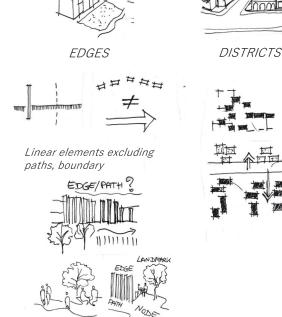


PATHS

Circulations, channels of movement, streets walkways, transit lines, canals, railroads



More than circulation, moments, occasion



Use duality

**Ambiguity** 

few; simplicity and complexity; change and constancy; movement and rest; open and closed; inside and outside — with why they too are ignobly halved and the halves hollowed out, and why they are withheld from opening the windows of the mind."<sup>2</sup>

In both these statements, van Eyck acknowledges that the city and its artefacts are made out of relations that can be perceived in various ways. Built form can, thus, be treated and explored like a city, while a city, in turn, can be explored as if it were an extension of one's own home (Figure 6.1). It is a particular kind of design that recognises the importance of interfaces and connectivity, which places itself somewhere between architecture and urban design (Hertzerberger 1991: 57, 61). One may even include interior and landscape design. These ideas about how space is experienced and made opens up possibilities of what a built form could be (e.g., a building as a series of urban rooms and a square as a series of free plans) as well as how one might imagine their points of con-

<sup>2</sup> Aldo van Eyck (1962), as presented in Harm Lammers (2012: 47): Potentially Unravelling and Reconnecting Aldo van Eyck in Search of an Approach for Tomorrow.



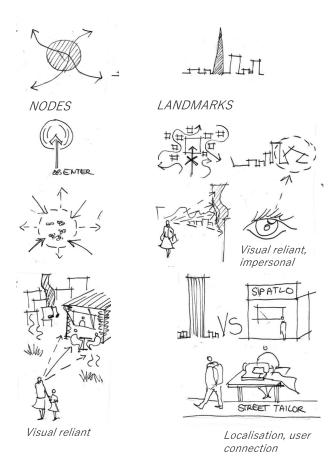




Figure 6.2: Corner shoe tailor {Author 2021}

vergence (e.g., as recreation).

Building on the argument that public spaces can act as connectors in the city, it was deemed appropriate in this paper to pursue the idea that architecture as a 'dispositif' can be articulated as a small and accessible city. This understanding then allows for the grounding of networks, multifunctionality, hybridity, and a diversity of processes within the current project's broader frame. Thus, identifying the right set(s) of parts as well as how they all come together as a complex and legible integrated whole is crucial.

As a departure point to understand the physical legibility of a city, then, it is possible to turn to Lynch's research on how people read the city through the principles of paths, edges, districts, nodes, and landmarks (Figure 6.2) (Dalton & Bafna 2003; Damayanti & Kossak 2016). Although these elements form a good basis for a general urban navigation, they are still limited by 1) their heavy reliance on visual characteristics or very distinct form, 2) the ambiguity of interpretation of the principles, 3) the lack of inclusion of people, and 4) consideration for contextual idiosyncrasies (Figure 6.2) (Dalton & Bafna 2003: 59.14-59.18; Dalton *et al.* 

2019: 4). Therefore, Lynch's findings, which can essentially be understood as 'wayfinding principles', can be complimented by the additional layers of social wayfinding, twin phenomena, the in-between, and the inclusion of a diversity of users (Dalton *et al.* 2019; Farhady & Nam 2009; Farr *et al.* 2012; Gommel 1995; Hertzberger 1991: 54 ).

Since nothing exists in isolation, the presence of people (i.e., social trails) as well as their past activities (i.e., traces) influence the perception of space, safety, navigation, and even landmarks (Figure 6.3) (Dalton



et al. 2019: 9; Gommel 1995: 391). Additionally, wayfinding devices can form part of people's everyday lives (e.g., daily shopping, children drawing on pavements, art, tourism displays, etc.) without initially being designed as semiotic elements (Figure 6.3) (Dalton et al. 2019: 11; Farr et al. 2012: 718-719). This reality is supportive of the twin phenomena, which assert that ambiguities, oppositions, and constraints of elements can elevate design. Furthermore, the in-between considers the many relationships between interfaces and streets, and deems these to be 'thresholds' where the human is made visible (Hertzerberger 1991; Lammers 2012; Teyssot 2 011). The principles of the street and city are, thus, yet again prevalent and can be permuted while also considering orientation, visual fields, and even sensory experiences (Figure 6.4) (Gommel 1995; Lammers 2012: 47).

Contextually, in Mamelodi, a particular shop on the corner can be a local landmark, an edge, and/or a wayfinding device (Figure 6.5). In a series of essays in Rogue Urbanism, Emergent African Cities (2013), several authors have set reminders of what makes the African city 'whole'. Of note is that they address African historical and urban realities such as scale, the phenomenon of streets and culture, township economies, public art, and site-specific performance (Barac et al. 2013). On the topic of ecology and urban systems integration, authors in the various aforementioned essays have also enticed city makers to "be ambitious" (Makeka 2013: 445) for an equitable world, and to find what 'inspires' in a city in order for it to retain its attributed identity as a platform for continuous networking (Barac *et al.* 2013).

# 6.2 URBAN FRAMEWORK & BLOCK VISION: VISIONS FOR MAMELODI AND WARD 23

By internalising the previously presented ideas of a 'small city', the aim of this paper is to, firstly, create a vision for the area, which involves establishing a system capable of reconnecting existing recreational places in need of enhancement, publicity, maintenance, growth or, simply, regeneration. This attempt occurs as both formal and spontaneous recreational insertions that form 'activators' in or near these spaces. The acupuncture strategy then, secondly, aims to celebrate the richness as well as the actors forming part of the 'social fabric as infrastructure' as well as the public open spaces networks.

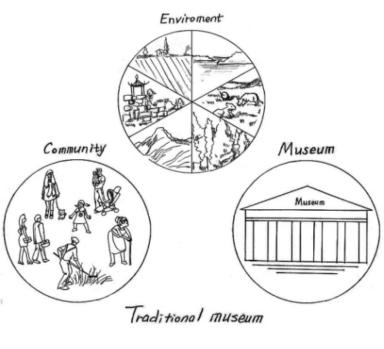
Based on prior research, it was found that by exploring the notion of an ecomuseum (Figure 6.6) as a conceptual urban scheme, there lies the possibility to tie this current project together with both present and future recreational spaces as a continuously evolving framework. An ecomuseum can best be defined as "a dynamic way in which communities preserve, interpret, and manage their heritage for sustainable development" (Simeoni &De Crescenzo 2018: 1), which emphasises a "'sense of place'" (Borreli &Davis 2012: 31) through the idea of a "'museum as place'" instead of a "'museum as building(s)" (Doğan and Timothy 2020: 137). Hence, this approach opens dialogues for and between a multitude of processes occurring in a community into places that could preserve their essence (i.e., their social and cultural heritage, as presented in this study of Mamelodi). Similarly, with respect to this dissertation's argument on public space,

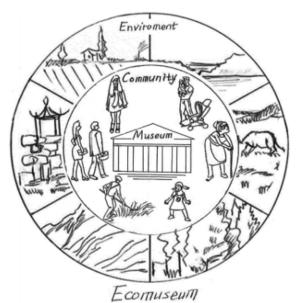
ecomuseums can form part of networks across a larger area that is never truly 'finite' (Borreli &Davis 2012: 33).

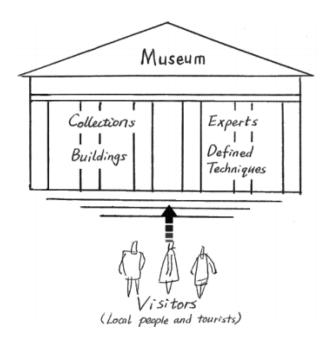
The framework proposal for this ecomuseum (Figures 6.7 and 6.8), therefore, incorporates two visions, namely "'Elke[Bitso]'" (i.e., exploring the urban interior and talent library) (Niebuhr 2021) and the 'small city for recreation'. This collaboration with an interior architecture researcher imagines a cultural spine in Mamelodi that focusses on the diversity of recreation as well as the showcasing of children's and adolescents' talents while promoting safety. Each place's created or regenerated aims are focussed on involving different levels of people-participation; thereby providing a platform for the community's advertisement while also engaging with the environment, different cultures, and the broader Tshwane community.

A system of anchors and satellites forms the basis of the framework, in conjunction with relevant heritage and movement corridors. The created gradual spine further allows people to travel safely while also experiencing various stimuli representing the nature of Mamelodi. Figure 6.9 presents the final chosen site for the dissertation's intervention.









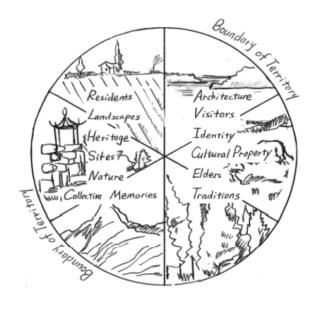


Figure 6.3: Ecomuseum explanation and characteristic diagrams (Chang c2015)



### **ECOMUSEUM VISION**

"SMALL CITY": **Outreach Precinct**  ELKE[BITSO]: the urban interior talent library

PASSIVE RECREATION **ACTIVE RECREATION SPORTS** 

CREATIVE WRITING

LANDSCAPE AND **ENVIRONMENTAL** CELEBRATION

**PERFORMANCE** ART MUSIC

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT AND INFORMATION/HELP

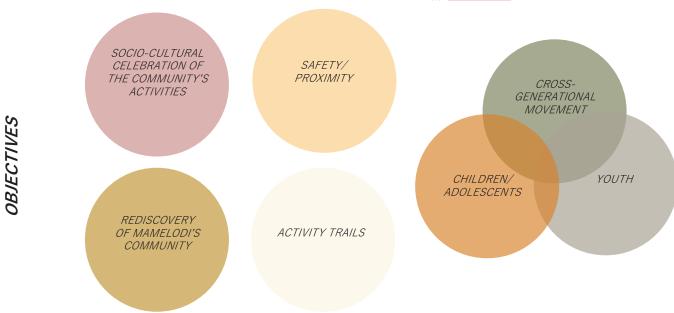
*TEACH* **EXPRESS** 

SITES EXPLORATION AND LINKAGES

SAFETY TRAILS FOR CHILDREN AND *ADOLESCENTS* 

Figure 6.4: Mamelodi Vision Combining "Small City and "Urban interior (Elke[Bitso]) (Author 2021; Niebuhr 2021)





### **STRATEGY**



#### **ANCHORS**

Locations: Sites with current everyday activities (educational facilities, sports grounds)

Impact: Extended safety, cohesion, collaboration, recalling satellites, place for gathering



#### TRAILS

Locations: Between anchors and satellites

Impact: Extended safety, anchor and satellite connector, cycling routes, cultural journey





#### PRIMARY SATELLITES

Locations: Smaller hubs near places of significance, neglected recreational sites or local landmarks (attractions)

Impact: Extended safety (in proximity of trustworthy members of the community), advertising place of significance and anchors



### SECONDARY SATELLITES

Locations: Smaller hubs between primary satellites

Impact: Extended safety (in proximity of trustworthy members of the community), moments stitching the trails

### **INFORMANTS**





Safety and danger zones



Cultural mapping



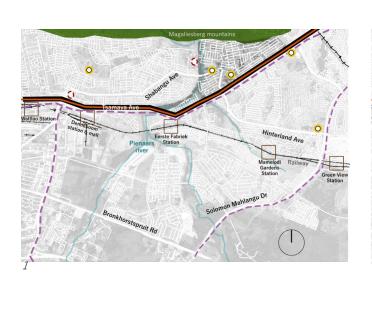


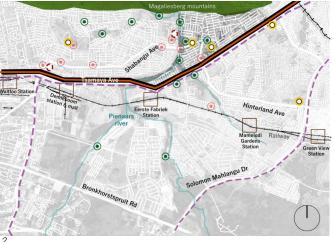
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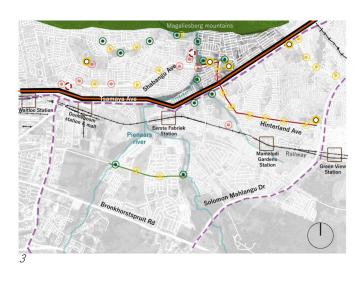
Figure 6.5: Urban vision objectives, strategy and informants {Author 2021}

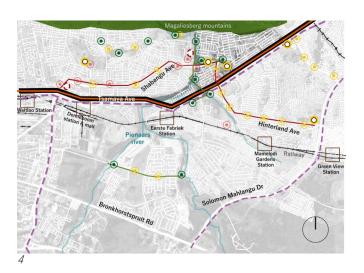
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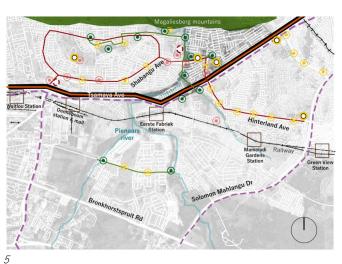












Primary satellite (existing place of significance) **Anchors** (Everyday places such as schools, sports ground etc) Primary satellite (existing place of ecological significance) Secondary satellite Cultural places of significance Zones influenced by interventions Pienaars River Tertiary trail Soon BRT Secondary trail Train Primary trail stations Raillway Green-way trail

\_\_\_ Tsamaya Avenue

Figure 6.6: Evolution of the urban framework {Author 2021}



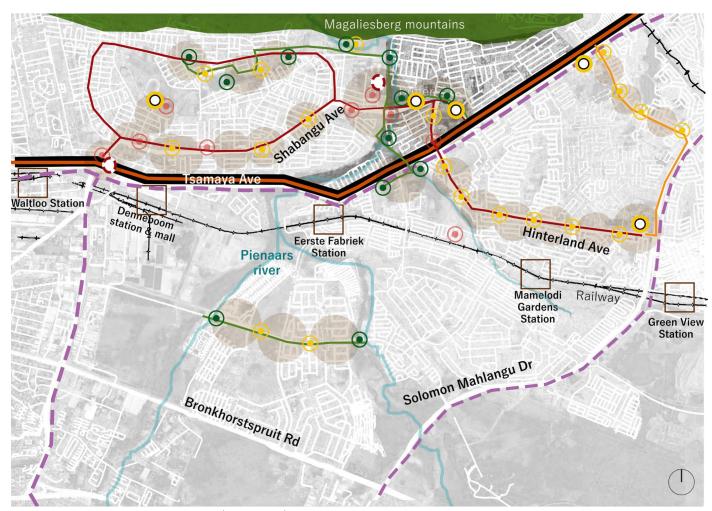


Figure 6.7: Development of urban vision (Author 2021)



### **BLOCK VISION**



Figure 6.8: Development of urban vision (Author 2021)



Figure 6.9: Development of block vision (Author 2021)

#### **LEGEND**





### 6.3 PROGRAMMES AND CLIENTS: implications of a public space project

### //Programmes

As a result of the dissertation's investigations, this project proposes a hybrid mix of recreational activities that encompass a balance between sports and both passive and active recreation while also considering what would most benefit the identified actors and their aspirations. The aim is, thus, to create an 'outreach precinct' that consists of a larger anchor that is complimentary to the satellites and other anchors present in the cultural spine. These programmes are represented in Figures 6.10-11.

### **DESCRIPTIONS ACTORS**

Stories, Knitting, chess

**Employment** opportunities

Most connected

Limited movement

Creativity

Asset

Needing support and change of atmosphere

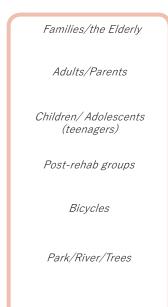


Figure 6.10: Unfolding the interconnected programmes in relation to 'actors' and needs (Author 2021)

### **PROGRAMMES**

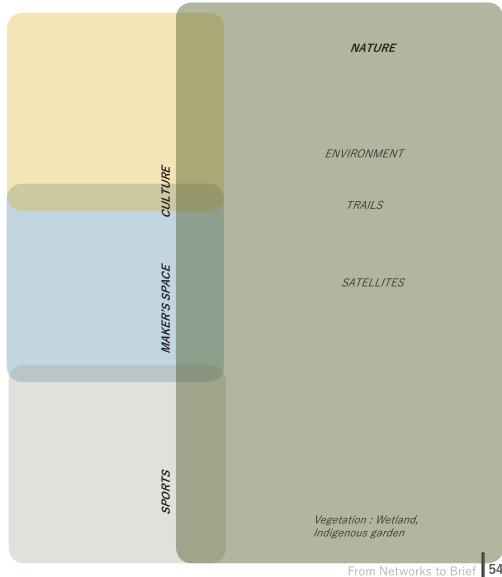
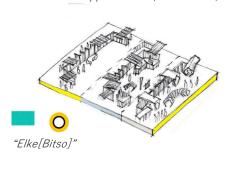
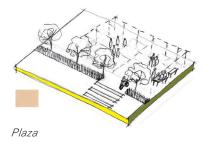
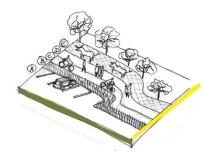


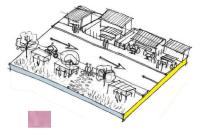


Figure 6.11: Development of programmes in relation to vision and site opportunities (Author 2021)



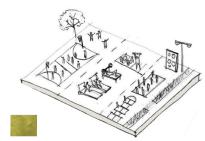






Paths and Parking

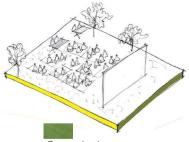
Home-based activities & parallel pop-up shops/market in the park



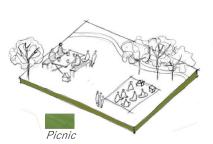
Sports facilities, small gym, outdoors, fields, courts

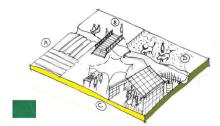


Integration of existing Infrastructures

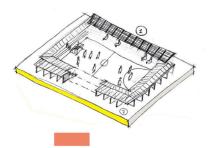


Open air cinema

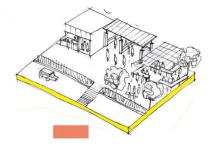




Grazing, Community garden, Promenade, Food and plant market



Solar powered bleachers and Small shops

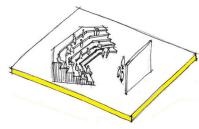


Shops, Small market stalls, Market plaza



Naturalised banks, Flood control, Revitalised plant palette and Infrastructure





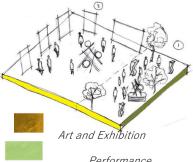
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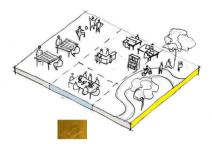
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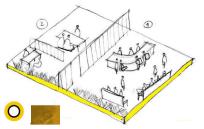
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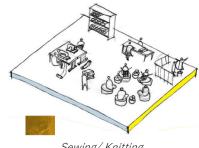
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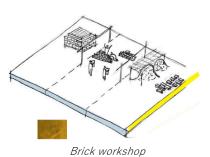
Afterschool, study / help centre



Info desk, Consultation (orientation), NPO managment, office

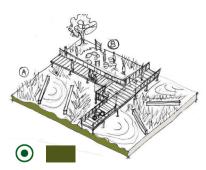


Sewing/Knitting workshop



Temporary dorm for post rehab

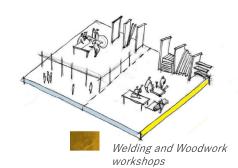
programme or sport events Soccer, Netball, multipurpose courts, tennis, Small Gym



Wetland and Indigenous garden



Glass workshop



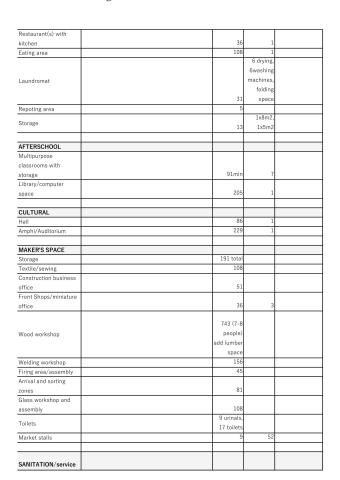


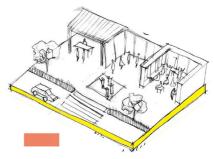


Small parklets/playgrounds, Showcase gardens

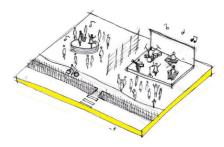
Space	Spatial quality and Requirements	Size (m2)	Amount	Reference
HELP DESK/SOCIAL				
SUPPORT				
Reception		27-42	1	
Consultation				
rooms/office		12	4	
Gallery/lobby		151	1	
Shops		-21	6	
GYM				
Reception/gallery		27-36	1	
Canteen		135	1	
kitchen/area for food				
distribution		216	1	
Charres (hallan			6 showers,	
Showers/toilets			6 toilets, 5	
			urinals	
Refuse area		5	1	
Pool area		1517	1	
DORMS (temporary)				
Shared				
showers/changing				
rooms with gym		36	2	
Rooms		9	21	
Outdoor garden		324	1	
Common area (relax)		72	1	
Repurposed caretaker				
building, additional				
dorm area		170	1	
ENVIRONMENTAL				
BUILDING				
Exhibition/experiment/I				
ab		112	1	
Seed library				
Landscape caretaker				
quarters		21	1	
Gardening Storage		13	1	
			5;10;18;28;	
GREENHOUSE		8x8	37 (plots)	
			5x12, 4x12	
Plant area			and 3.5x7,	
			4x25 (beds	
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Figure 12: Early speculative accomodation schedule (Author 2021)

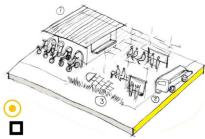




Street info, Cultural "Treasure box", Cultural history games



Performance and Street culture



Bicycle Pavilion (repair, rent, park), Bus/"small business" stop, Info/play box

Semi-burried greywater collection point	4	3	
BICYCLE PAVILION			
Repairs, shops	104	1	

**ACCOMMODATION** 



### //Clients and Stakeholders

Several components advocate for layered, multifunctional, diverse, and hybrid recreational spaces that present symbiotic relationships and benefits. Due to the possible scale of the intervention when aiming to achieve these criteria, along with the values that members of the community voiced, a range of clients and stakeholders have been identified (Figure 6.13). The right stakeholders in a public space project are... crucial, as incorporating a good range of stakeholders can reduce the risk of a top-down structure and can make the endeavour far more inclusive and efficient, particularly when attending to specific needs in the community (Hamdi 2010, Mr J., verbal communication, August 2021). This kind of approach is especially necessary when relating to the pertinent issue of management present in townships (Hamdi 2010, Mr J., verbal communication, August 2021).

Of further importance is that the complete management of a project may not be in the realm of expertise of architects; however, by suggesting collaborations and relations between clients and stakeholders, it is possible to take inspiration from the influence and dedication of NPOs and other stakeholders (Mr J., verbal communication, August 2021). Such collaboration, in turn, allows for a created steering committee to transcend into an independent NPO that holds a full understanding of the scheme and which is capable of managing the future intervention(s) (Mr J., verbal communication, August 2021).

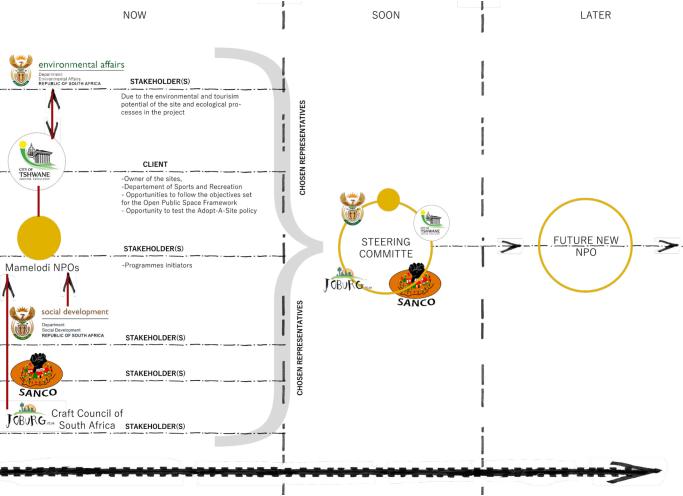


Figure 6.13: Stakeholders and client timeline (Author 2021)



### 6.4 CONCEPTUAL EXPLORATION: **ITERATION 1**

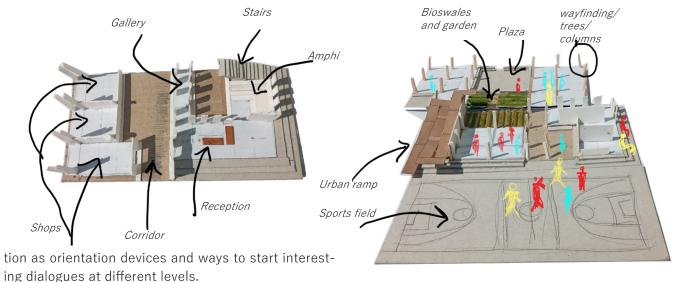
This project engages with the concept of the 'connector dispositif', which is explored in the design of an outreach precinct. The architecture within this project could be said to become an invitation of sorts, as it meshes elements together while simultaneously attempting to capture the hospitality emanating from the community's actors.

### //Blending Ecologies, Diversity of space and Platforms for Networking

The concept presented in this paper begins by abstractly interrogating spaces in relation to one another through the combination of parts (i.e., green zones, squares/plazas, passages, ramps, indoors, and outdoors) as a way to connect processes and people. This interplay of responses between built form, volumes, and green and blue infrastructures is an attempt to integrate ecology with architecture in a bid to celebrate the environment as an actor while also permuting the possibility of public space devices. Indoor and outdoor passages are also investigated as places for gatherings, activities, and connectors for built forms (Figures 6.14-6.20).

Screens, pavements, window displays, walls, and vertical elements (e.g., columns or trees) further delimit areas, and their distinctive characters can be seen as either static or dynamic elements with which the community members can create or interact through time. This process can, furthermore, involve the networks of schools, craftsmen, and others with transferable skills. Built form can, thus, serve as 'built boards' that func-





and creating platforms of spaces

(Author 2021)

and 4 combined



### //Acknowledging and Immortalising Social Trails and Traces

The previously noted site analysis portrayed movement (i.e., patterns as a key factor to the site). While this prior exploration handled diversity, it lacked a sense of direction and context. The diversity of the proposed programmes can, thus, potentially benefit from the distinctive aspects of the site's portions by becoming agents that weave together different, disjointed parts (e.g., the sports facilities and the park) (Figures 6.20-6.25).

The current desire lines (i.e., social trails) are, therefore, recognised as natural clues that indicate both points of departure and destinations, along with the tangible and intangible parallels between the stream (i.e., a blue way), Tsomo Street (i.e., a red way in the vision), and Tsamaya Avenue (i.e., a brown and red way). These unique corridors already loosely stitch the site together.

By recalling the agency of the street as well as the interfaces, the site is bisected via two main axes that immortalise the social trails by creating a fourth parallel way (i.e., an inner pedestrian path) that links the park, YMCA, pool, Rethabile Sports Grounds, and soccer field. These two new axes form the backbone for the arrangement programmes that will eventually sprout from them in an attempt to attract cross-generational endeavours and a merge of 'actors'. Miniature versions of these axes can further bisect the main ones so as to create smaller ways. These ways, in turn, can be either landscape- or pedestrian-related. Some programmes can also become 'pillars' that influence the character of the spines while others are not limited to specific areas. Therefore, circulation is

a key device to narrate the site. In order to incorporate ecological diversity, a connection between the stream and the YMCA is also suggested as an ecosystem that poetically rekindles the vestigial flood plain to its water course in the form of a constructed wetland.



Figure 6.17: Placing all anchors and satellites (Author 2021)

Figure 6.18: Adding the Trails and ways and desire lines





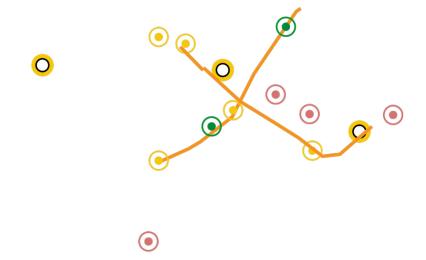


Figure 6.20: Extracting the axes (Author 2021)



Figure 6.21: Replacing spots with platforms, combining all (Author 2021)



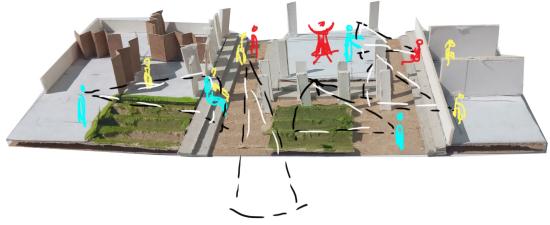


Figure 6.22: Sights lines exploration platform 4 (Author 2021)

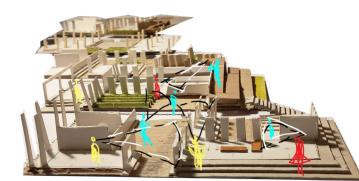


Figure 6.23: Sights lines exploration platform 5 (Author 2021)

### //Views and Sight Lines

A medium to incite comfort, as revealed through the precedents study, is the celebration of views to trigger people's curiosity and reasons to dwell in a place long enough to establish relations with other people as well as the environment (Figures 5.3-5.20). The currently proposed intervention is, thus, located between two natural landscapes (i.e., the Magaliesberg mountains ridge in the distance, and the series of plain 'parks' with their envisioned regenerated gardens and floodplain vegetation). These features make for good vistas and natural landmarks, while the created paths act as streets Figure 6.25: Sights lines exploration workshop above (Author 2021) Firentep for Adfeis lota sisience volume tid lamores la Fing Anter 16.0221-16.25

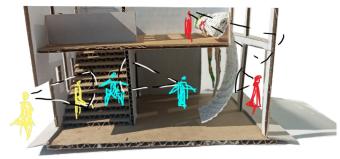
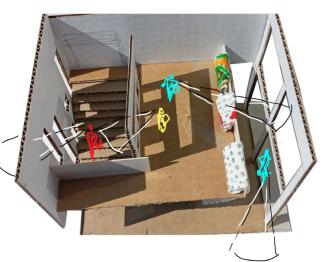


Figure 6.24: Sights lines exploration workshop (Author 2021)



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### //Massing, Form, and Critique

The initial massing of the intervention begun as a series of volumes encompassing complimentary programmes for resource efficiency as well as a means to anticipate the types of interactions that could emerge in-between buildings (Figures 6.26-6.27). Most administrative and other spaces dependent on deliveries (e.g., shops, materials, and storage) are set closer to Tsomo Street, while more cultural and 'behind-thescenes' activities take a step back. The latter activities encompass workshops and classrooms to which the public can have visual access as part of an educational and/or touristic exchange.

The design then slowly evolved to become a precinct (Figure 6.28-6.31). While this layering of building functions sets up a narrative of complex and deep thresholds and interfaces, the sheer number of structures, paths, and courtyards can impact the legibility, security, and passive design potential of the scheme. In response to this, the design maintains a sense of playfulness within the combination. The next sets of iterations have, thus, been conducted to refine the hierarchy of the spatial networks while further defining the recreation character in the grain of the streets and thresholds by interrogating their parts relative to their whole.

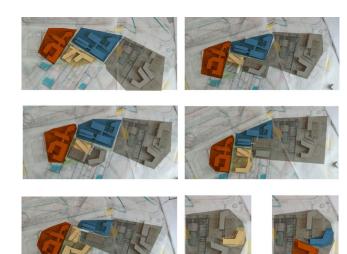
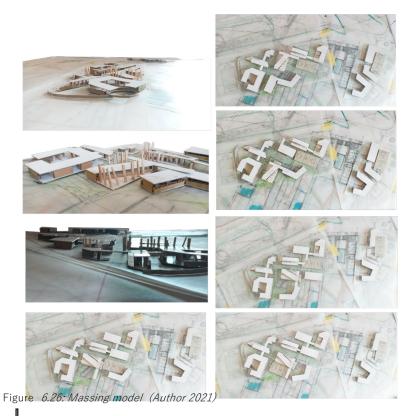


Figure 6.27: Massing model programme combinations (Author 2021)



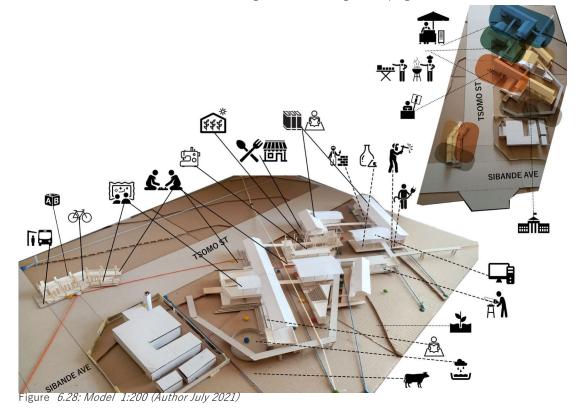






















Figure 6.29: Site view model 1:200 (Author July 2021)

Figure 6.30: Water mitigation exploration and vegetation regeneration(Author 2021)

Figure 6.31: Scenarios (Author 2021)

### **DESIGN BRIEF**

DOUBLE FUNCTION "DISPOSITIFS"

INTEGRATED SCHEME

**ACTIVATED THRESHOLD** 

USE OF PROMENADE

PASSIVE DESIGN **CONSIDERATION** 

*PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE* 

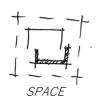
CONNECTION TO THE **OUTDOORS** 

FLEXIBLE INTERIORS

SKILL DISPLAY THROUGH ENVELOPE

CROSS-GENERATIONAL USE











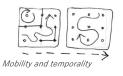
Continuity of one element into the other Overlap of two elements



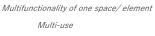
Delicacy in transparency, colour, materials



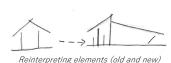
Overlapping human activities



(light, water, shadow, wind, greenery)













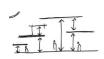


Semi-public/ private



Fusing patterns/space

Gap in third space



Interior-exterior

Physical ambivalence

Figure 7.1: The dimensions of the in-between (including the Twin phenomena) as observed on the works of Aldo van Eyck and Kisho Kurokawa (Author 2021)

## SHAPING THE "DIS-POSITIF(S)"

"So start with this: make a welcome of each door. and a countenance of each window. Make of each a place, a bunch of places of each house and each citv"

(Aldo van Eyck's 1960 in Potentially...Unravelling and reconnecting Aldo van Eyck in search of an approach for tomorrow 2012: 58)

The dissertation has currently positioned one way to initiate design through the process of anchoring networks into a place by means of architecture as 'dispositif'. The previous set of sections offered an insight of possibilities on recreation, its agency, the networks it can link and a diversity of devices to articulate such a space. The smaller grain of the outreach precinct thrives on the consensus that the intervention should constantly connect and reveal places, activities and processes which either ignite curiosity or invite people to celebrate the different endeavours of the community around the site and the greater ecomuseum spine.

With the number of actors retained, activities and series of 'microsites', the focus lies on finding the right synergy and balance to connect and unleash the maximum potential of the precinct from a conceptual premise to a technical one.

Thus, various factors have to be taken into consideration to fully achieve a meshed network that transcends into built form and responds to the need, sustainable responsibility and requirements



for the retained 'actors'. The previously identified role of the landscape as a connector also leads to a high regard for proper ecological responses which can be explored into tectonics, services (stormwater management and sewage) and site management; therefore, integrating the polyvalence of infrastructure into the narrative of recreation. Instead of being perceived as separate provisions, they can form part of the articulation of recreational devices, fundamentally contributing to the whole. In this case, the whole as the neighbourhood with environmental and educational agency.

The upcoming sections are a refining process to give better clarity and order to the recreational environment's multi-layered character and create a space which constantly balances poetry, play and the scientific by attempting to further mesh the parts and whole of the precinct.

The technology investigation is followed with a series of spatial devices. While the twin-phenomena and the in-between "frame(s) of mind" (Lammers 2012:50, 88) can be ambiguous in nature, the advantage lies in their focus away from specific architecture renditions and allows for the principles to be shaped through contextual and cultural cues; indeed, even some of the precedents exhibited certain application of these notions (Figure 7. 1). These design perspectives can mitigate the move from a general city scale into architectural elements and structure, which is relevant to the subsequent realisation of spatial and technological intent.

## 7- FROM THE PARTS

### 7.1 STREET AS A LANGUAGE AND WAYFINDING: ADDRESSING ACCES-SIBILITY, SAFETY AND SECURITY

One can stress that the street is a device closely related to matters of democracy and values and involves the socio-cultural aspects necessary for the future city (Hertzberger 1991: 48-54). The prior investigation's internal streets were not fully developed; hence, this section begins with the street elaboration as a departure point to properly configure paths as animated theatres for the everyday. In townships, the fact that children play in the streets can be interpreted as a sign of infrastructure deficit or streets as extensions of homes as previously iterated. Thus, these events can be re-imagined in the intervention as an opportunity. Although the street can be semiotic with equality, certain unsafe components such as cars and other dangerous situations set it back.

The terms 'outreach precinct' suggests a level of freedom (i.e., reaching out to people). Thus, the precinct loosely follows the idea of a park with pavilions; each slightly different from the other. The first approach is to reduce the number of paths, articulate the proximity of built forms while forming habitable thresholds (i.e., transitional spaces and niches); mentally reducing distances between parts, and creating visibility and framing from the street (Figure 7.2). In tandem, the pavilions' footprints were minimised to lower the risk of negative environmental impact, and avoid the







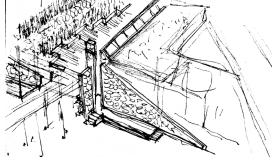
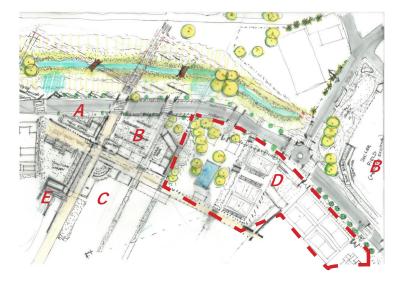


Figure 7.2: Condensing the whole (Author 2021)

Figure 7.3: Paying attention to the natural landscape and its regeneration (Author 2021)

Figure 7.4: Landscape and architectural elements for wayfinding - gabion towers 'arrows' (Author 2021)



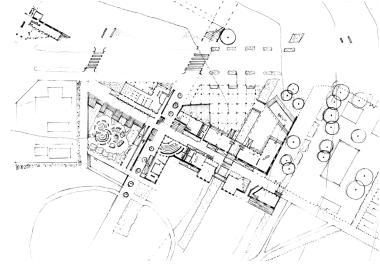


Figure 7.5: Condensing the whole (Author 2021)

Figure 7.6: Paying attention to the natural landscape and its regeneration (Author 2021)

obstruction of the natural drainage lines of the site (Figure 7.3).

When mimicking the neighbourhood's streets, adapted by the residents, the built forms begin to appear less as big buildings housing every function but more like sequences of events (Figure 7.3-7.6). A layering strategy functioning as an interface between indoors and outdoors, plays with levels of transparency and porosity while promoting security tightness as one progresses through the layers of the buildings. These layers follow the principles of 'invisible security' (Figure 7.6). Each building is responsible for its own security with the exception of the gym area (Block D figure 7.5) having the option to form a smaller precinct at night. There's also an attempt to place 24 hours surveillance in the form of caretakers and small shops at key points throughout the rest of the precinct.

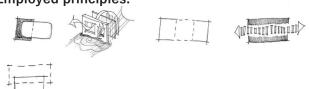
To add clarity to the overall movements and tie the precinct together, the main administrative/hot desking programmes (receptions areas, bicycle and sports pavilions) act as internal nodes while plazas act as outdoor nodes. These points are linked through materials in the landscape such as continuous and rhythmic lines of gabion walls attached to the specific buildings hosting these activities (Figures 7.4-7.8). These walls are found along the major axes (as wayfinding anchors, acoustic devices and vegetation hosts) while bioswales and other environmental process run perpendicularly and in parallel (Figure 7.3-7.6). When paired with pergolas, they also serve to delimit zones and entrance on the axes. Some specific moments such as the double-facing amphitheatre and shops appear at key decision-making nodes to animate the area, provide social wayfinding queues and open up



corners (Figure 7.6-7.8). These areas also function as points for universal access and central circulation; along with bicycle routes, they stitch nodes and trails together.

The pavilions' orientation makes the interventions act as compasses or directing devices but also is an environmental response for passive design (inclusive of thermal comfort and lighting) (Figure 7.8-7.9).

### **Employed principles:**



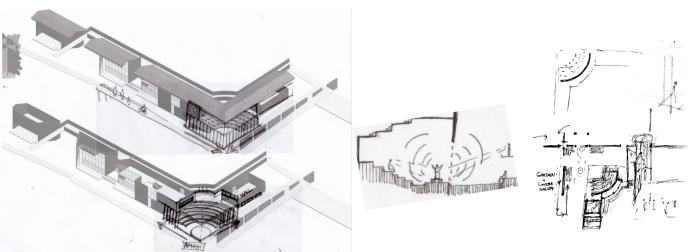


Figure 7.7: Testing the amphitheatre as part of the street corner (Author 2021). (Top) closed for private Figure 7.8: Gabions as direcperformances and (bottom) open for public performances and (right) sound experience

tional device and space creation (Author 2021).

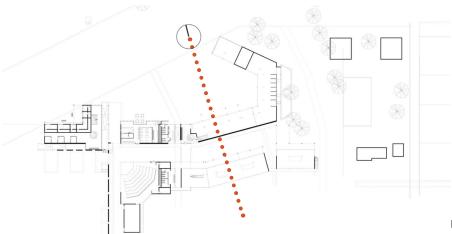


Figure 7.9: Reformed plans with building facing north (Author 2021)



### 7.2 MICROSITES: ADDRESSING DI-VERSITY, MULTIFUNCTIONALITY, LAND-USE AND ACTIVITIES

While the paths lead people to specific destinations, they can also aim to satisfy curious users by the creation of 'microsites'. The upcoming explorations embrace variety and the multiple facets of space use while considering their 'affordance'. Each pavilion established in the precinct carries an identity through its programmes, placement and relation to neighbouring buildings, eventually affecting the character of their immediate surroundings (Figure 7.10). The device employed here is the deep and polyvalent thresholds at the doorsteps of the buildings. The success of 'microites' depends on the right grouping of 'dispositifs' or activities at certain points of the journey to form interesting dynamics or advertise the inner functions of the buildings (Figure 7.10-7.11). The stoep's occupation can also occur independently of the indoor schedules, thus, becoming a space that the building generously lends to the street.

In sum, these thresholds also act as the first few layers that visitors occupy and pass through as an introduction to the pavilions. Therefore, the building blocks get 'peeled-off' as layers to host them (Figure 7.10). Instead of being inert, façades and in-betweens become educational devices, showrooms or informal performance stages (Figure 7.10-7.12). Any actor can occupy these spaces for any of the prior-mentioned activities. Often, showrooms act as displays to invite people in however, one could consider extending them to the outer skin and into the public realm creating miniature exhibitions or furthermore interactive



Figure 7.10: Pavilion maquettes depicting occupation of 'microsites' thresholds - movement, niches and sustainable services incorporated into the design (i.e., raiwater harvestiong, planters etc). Design devices include: stairs, corridors, stoeps, roofs, change of levels









display spaces (Figure 7.11). Storage facilities that do not have any prerequisite (such as specific light or temperature) could be considered a type of showroom and consequently be integrated on edges as displays. To accommodate such idiosyncrasies, the street can slightly meander and even be continued on the next floor while the boundary walls of buildings step in and out and create gaps allowing the streets to penetrate spaces (Figure 7.10). The pavilions were also organised to have two 'faces' in order to 'breath in and out' when the twin phenomena in buildings reciprocate human nature (Figure 7.12). This allows for both frontal and back 'streets' to be activated.

The multifunctional use of space is continued indoors where the interior spaces function as free plans (when non-detrimental to safety and security) and acoustically-sound partitions can bisect zones or be removed or doors opened to create 'internal streets' connecting interior spaces as promenades (Figures 7.6 and 7.10).

As an actor, vegetation is included as part of the ecosystem of a public open space and for its educational value. Due to the distance between sites in Mamelodi such as the Magaliesberg mountain range. the Mothong African Heritage Village and the current neighbourhood, creating and incorporating local vegetation as a part of a miniature botanical garden as well as thresholds to facilitate small excursions closer to the residents (Figure 7.2-7.6, previous section). Plant diversity (types, systems, vertical and horizontal spreads) allows for distinctive atmospheres as an addition to wayfinding and the appropriate vegetation can assist in noise reduction, cooling effect (i.e., evapotranspiration), thus, reducing heat urban island effect, thermal, dust and air quality control (Falkenberg 2011:24). These solutions can also improve indoor environments (paired with wind direction).

Therefore, vegetation is yet another 'dispositif' also capable of defining 'microsites' and can be further used to re-establish a connection with the Pienaars river's tributary in the form of an off-stream diverted wetland addressing the floodplain's bare ground of the YMCA (see site analysis section). The future wetland adds another layer to the scheme while possibly working in conjunction with the water management of the site.

### **Employed principles:**



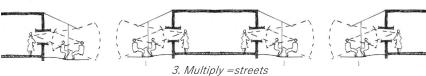


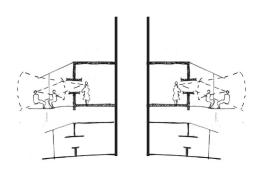
Figure 7.11: Shop-front threshold, local stones and storage as display (Author 2021)



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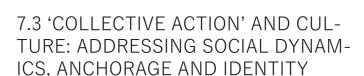






4. Inner passages, stack ventilation opportunities

Figure 7.12: The threshold that "breaths"



The last set of factors explored are social dynamics, anchorage and identity. Just as the gleaned precedents, public places require people to form a certain level of attachment with these places. The aim of the intervention is to explore a way to foster the relationships between people (users, visitors and local entrepreneurs) and place.

One important medium to establish these relations other than the street and 'microsites' is through materials. The socio-economic chain provided (Figure 7.14) combines some of the most common materials found in Ward 23 while considering current and future skills sets and programmes (Mr J, verbal communication 2021: Mrs K verbal communication 2021: SOS focus group 1 2021; Thandanani focus group 1, 2 2021). The chart follows a timeline starting from when materials are collected, transformed and used for the construction and/or as products for income generation. Certain 'actors' (entities, schools, the elderly, families) are able to collect materials such as glass bottles and plastic bags, while others are entrepreneurs (i.e., the collection and/or making of materials such as glass bottles or bricks form part of their daily income-generating endeavours. The project can support local recyclers and brick producers by purchasing their products. During the post-construction phase, the relationship between client and supplier is left between local entrepreneurs and the workshops (maker's space).



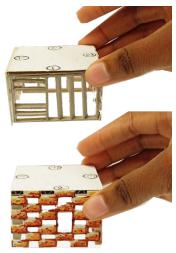










Figure 7.13: Material experimental cube, testing transparency, colour and shading as devices (Author 2021)













and heights (Author 2021)



The project, thus, incorporates clay bricks as both a socio-economic sustainable act and a reminiscence to the clayey soil present on site. Considering craftsmanship, the malleability of pottery clay and the ceramic and glass knowledge present in the community, there lie an opportunity to produce sensory artefacts for the construction of the precinct and convey the participation of the community (Figure 7.14-23). These pieces can shape recreational moments and also contribute to the environmental strategy of the building or the wayfinding system (Figures 7.20-7.23). A short experiment was conducted (Figures 7.15-7.19) to internalise the construction potential of glass bottles (i.e.s insulation , strenghts and more).

By engaging with both traditional building materials and recycled ones, the aim is to create a network between actors by the strengthening or connecting existing ones. Thus, the design is driven by a 'collective action'; making use of accessible and mundane materials with the objective to ignite familiarity and promote the craft that will be made as part of the programmes (Figures 7.14-7.23). Traditional materials, concrete and bricks, are curated for their reliable structural and thermal performances. Timber, although more susceptible to fire and weathering is used as a contrasting element, as an attractive medium, a means to reconnect indoors and outdoors spaces while contributing to the versatility of 'microsites.'















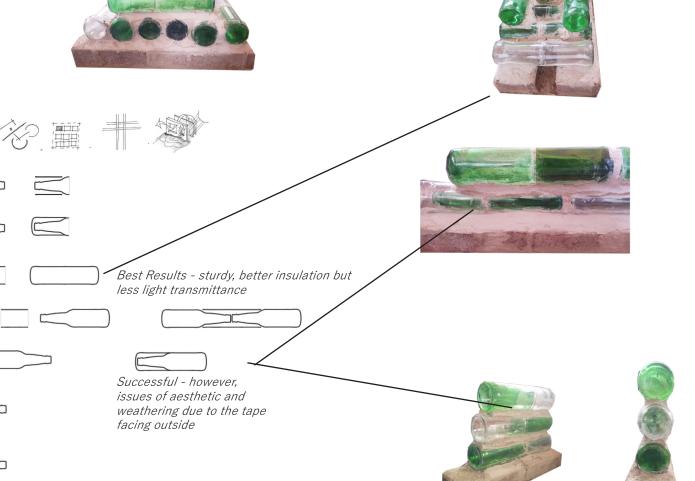
Figure 7.16: Bottle modules in relation to other traditional construction materials (Author 2021)



Its relatively lower price and theft value, multitudes of assemblies and renewability factor (supporting the right supliers) make it a good material to be used to articulate the 'dispositifs' at the thresholds.

The material palette is further expanded with the inclusion of natural elements such as light, vegetation and water. Colour and transparency are also factors considered to add character, visibility and further the differentiation of spaces (Figure 7.13).

Employed principles/dimensions:



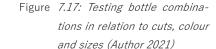


Figure 7.18: Building experiment, miniature bottle walls, mortar, brick and DIY glass bricks (Author 2021)

Options to test



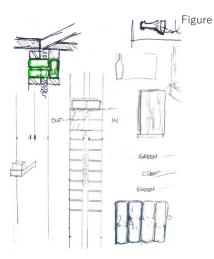
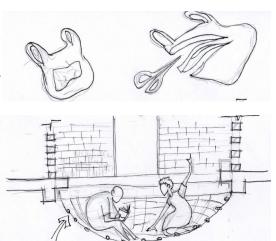
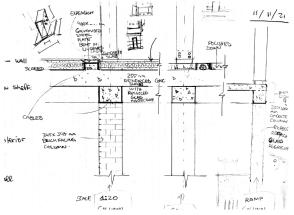
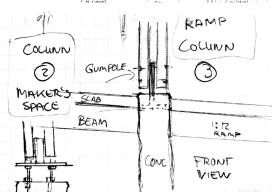


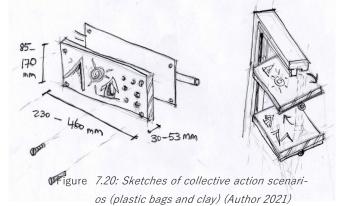
Figure 7.19: Sketches exploring glass in construction: 1) glass brick, 2) light device, 3) glass aggregate (Author 2021). Research found that the use of green glass in concrete can and reduce the risk of alkali-silica reaction when glass is used in concrete (Afshinni 2019). Using glass aggregate may reduce the need for a big quantity of portland cement, thus a more sustainable option to explore.









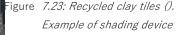












Shaping the "Dispositif(s)"



# 8- TO THE WHOLE: SYNTHESIS

Following the empirical investigation of the parts, this section aims at exploring the whole as an ensemble of technology, structure and services resulting into sets of 'dispositifs'. The technological role of the intervention is to bring together the diversity of the parts as a legible whole capable of expressing the notion of 'social fabric as infrastructure'.

This approach allows for the representation of a holistic design for recreation, as well as a representation of the multitude of processes taking place in streetscapes which are often inconspicuous (all the infrastructures that they handle). The technological resolve incorporates twin-phenomena and the in-between conditions by internalising the principles employed in sections 7.1-7.3 of the dissertation; meshing them vertically and horizontally, in three dimensions.

### 8.1 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

The structural integrity of buildings is often broken into primary, secondary and tertiary structures. For this intervention, the structure has been organised and will be explained in terms of planes (layers): primary structure (first plane), secondary structure (second plane), tertiary structure (third plane) and finally the addition of a fourth plane. The "planes" shape the building; each fulfilling a role ranging between structural and infill.

### //General Ordering Intentions

One can simply explain the structural ordering as the weaving of planes through the continuation of materials from one space to another celebrating vertical and horizontal transitions especially around thresholds. The structure aims to make use of traditional materials especially bricks as the loadbearing and infill elements while the fourth plane's materials are curated to standout contrasting and complimenting the bricks. The common plan arrangement comprises of 6x9 meters bays divides in their 9 m depth into 3:6 respectively. The aim is to maximise the use of off-the-shelf materials and the ease of transportation.

Externally, stones, leftovers or damaged bricks act as the main physical wayfinding elements, working in tandem with the vegetation, (heaviness of stones and planting as anchorage with minimal to no negative environmental impacts)

### //First plane (Space Dimension)

The first plane is composed of reinforced raft foundations to sustain the weak clay soils of the site. These are then complimented with brick columns with reinforced concrete infills forming the basis of the load-bearing components on the ground floor. This plane is synonymous with ground, anchorage and projection. When this plane occasionally meets with the fourth plane, it acquires the additional dimension of time (Figure 8.1).

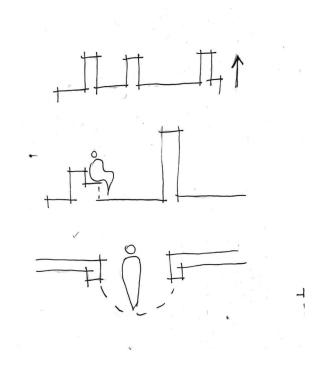


Figure 8.1: First plane (Author 2021)





### //Second Plane (Space Dimension)

The second plane consists of the brick infill (insulated cavity walls) of the buildings, traditional and thermally efficient. Similar to the first plane, this plane interacts with the fourth plane and acquires the time dimension. However, in this case, the relationship is much more dynamic and interactive for the users as it is an easier plane to modify and best implement their identities (Figure 8.2).

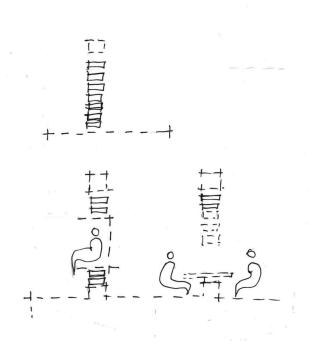


Figure 8.2: Second plane (Author 2021)

## //Third Plane (Space and Environment Dimensions)

The third plane encompasses the roofs, varying from mono-pitched, double-pitched and extensive green roofs. Their relationship lies with naturals processes: light, ventilation, water management including stormwater attenuation and water harvesting. When this plane interacts with any other planes, it adds or enhances the space and environment dimension in the relationships (Figure 8.3).

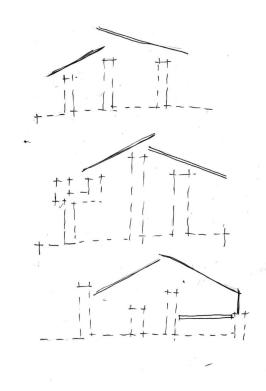
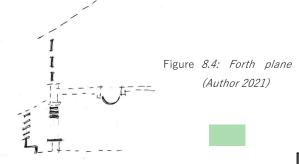


Figure 8.3: Third plane (Author 2021)

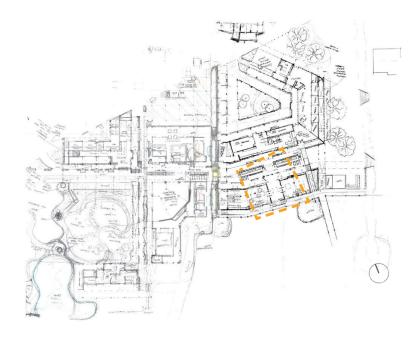


## //Fourth Plane (Human and Environment Dimensions)

This plane is meant to contrast and compliment the other planes and is characterised as a dynamic infill. This merging of planes best exemplify the twin-phenomena: opposite yet shaping the same part of the whole: the wall, the ground or the roof. By encompassing the in-between's notions of environment dimension and especially the human dimension, the fourth plane adds vitality and colour to the other planes ' dimensions. This fourth plane is the most versatile as it is made from crafted materials (glass bottles, timber and plastic bags) and vegetation. Their detailing remains fairly simple for ease of construction, use and interchangeability. However, it is in their assembly and pairing where one can perceive the identity of thresholds and microsites. The elements forming the fourth plane serve as displays, afterimages or traces of actors' skills or occupation. Although this plane is not loadbearing, it contributes to the sustainable aspect and legibility of the precinct through its overall socio-cultural and economic contribution as well as its involvement in environmental mitigation: solar shading, air quality and light transmittance. The "dispositifs" for this include light wells, light shelves, louvres, screens, planters and vents most of which double up as other useful components (Figure 8.4).







Model section zone

Figure 8.5: Sketch plan Ground Floor at 1:200 (Author 2021)

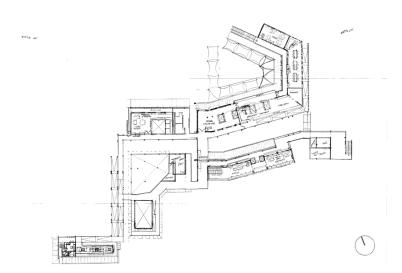


Figure 8.6: Sketch plan First Floor at 1:200 (Author 2021)

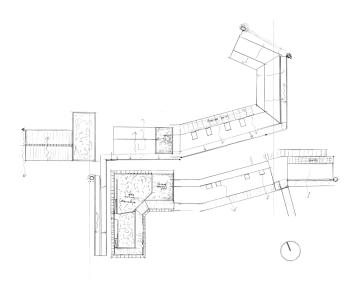


Figure 8.7: Sketch plan Roof level at 1:200 (Author 2021)



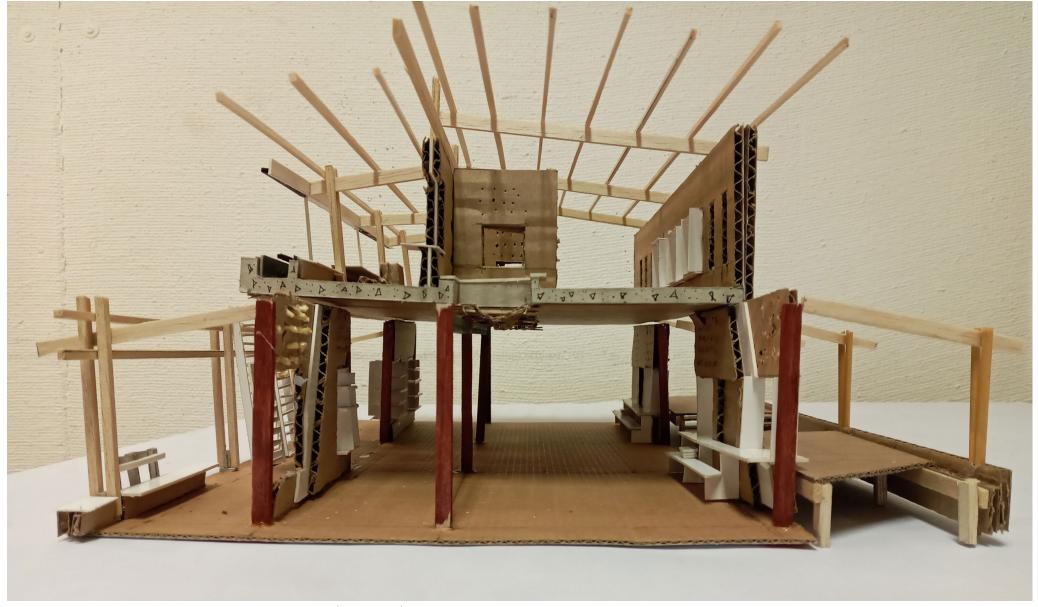


Figure 8.8: 1:50 section model through afterschool centre (Author 2021). Brick columns, timber, glass bricks



















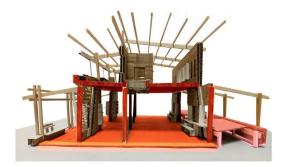




Figure 8.9: Technology concept, the meeting of every planes, ventilation and daylighting - see p. 77-78 for colour-coding (Author 2021)







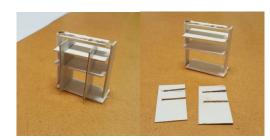


Figure 8.10: Collage exploring the parts of the model: detached façade, outdoor rooms, shelf-windows, light-wells, bottle in walls, hammocks, boardwalks as architecture (Author 2021)

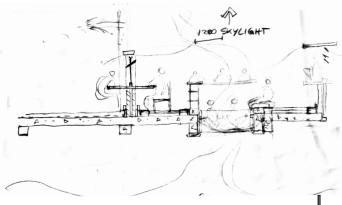












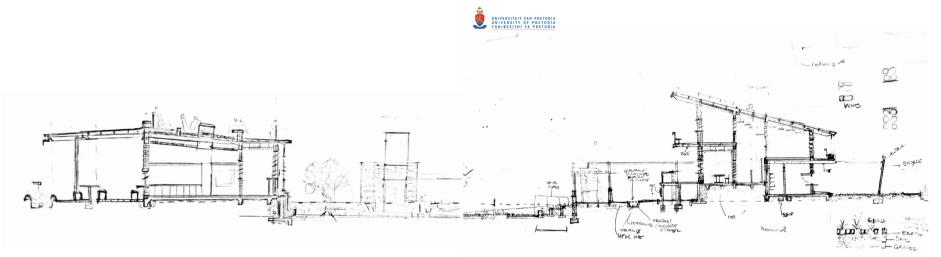


Figure 8.11: 1:100 Sketch section through admin block, garden and seed bank (Author 2021)

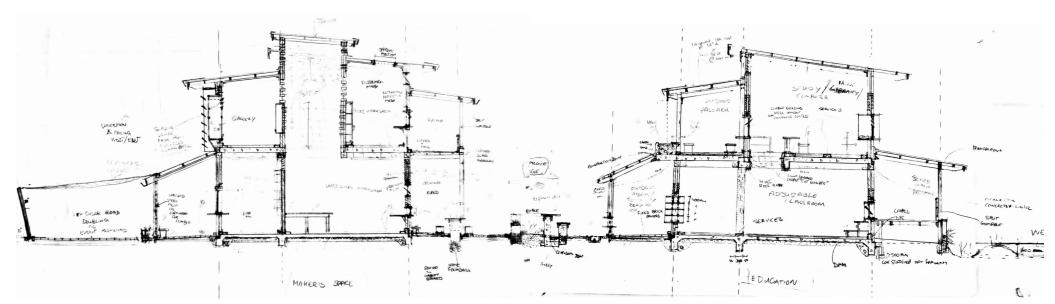


Figure 8.12: 1:50 sketch section through Maker's space and afterschool centre (Author 2021)



# 8.2 FULL ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

The environmental objective of the precinct is to set a precedent for the integration of a balanced ecological and rehabilitation scheme into a recreational space. Once again, the twin-phenomena and the in-between theories are applied by constantly considering the environmental potential or role of the architecture's parts.

The primary strategy consists of the management of the site itself and its resources such as existing constructions, soil and vegetation by making use of best practice strategies (see previous ections). It is firstly about acknowledging the responsibilities that any intervention has towards its site, by either preserving or bettering the existing ecosystem; turning injured site into a healthier one (Calkins 2012). Additionally, attention should be placed on the positive and negative impacts that the development could have beyond the site's boundaries (Calkins 2012).

The secondary strategy is concerned with passive design; in particular daylighting, ventilation and thermal comfort provided by the built form allowing for reduced energy consumption (Figures 8.8-8.12). These are primarily explored for the maker's space, the consultation pavilion and the educational pavilion. Daylighting scenarios are tested for the maker's space keeping up with the lighting demands for such spaces (Figure 8.13) (Muller 2013: 372-377). Acoustics and air quality will not be addressed in this paper, nonetheless, it is understood that a good envelope and ventilation design will consequently play a role towards their application (Brophy 2011). In continua-

tion with the conceptual approach of twin-phenomena and sustainable practice, lighting and passive ventilation are considered in conjunction to one another shaping openings and wells (figure 8.18). Because each building differs, the technological approach was adjusted accordingly while keeping passive design principles.

Finally, the third environmental contribution is the water management incorporating several systems and services which will be detailed in the next section.

## TESTING DAYLIGHTING IN THE MAKER'S SPACE

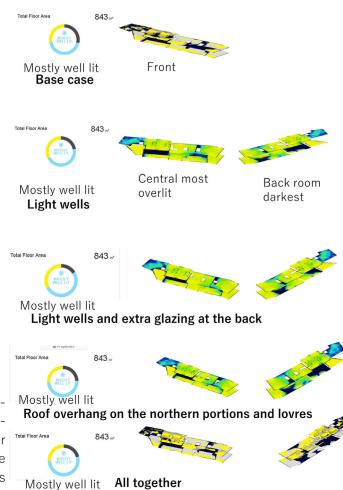


Figure 8.13: Sefaira daylight speculations (Author 2021)



## 8.3 SERVICES (THIRD ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY)

The main objective for the precinct's services is to present a way for these to also shape the space, raise awareness amongst the users and to be able to perform in a manner that caters for the future city while adding value to the open public space (figure 8.19). Figure 8.20 is a reminder to the hydrology of the site along with its climatic data. As the intervention sits in a former floodplain, the scheme proposes a change to the concrete channelled tributary in the park as the first step to achieve the rehabilitation of the natural hydrology and vegetation systems of the sites. Secondly, the scheme aims to explore opportunities for water harvesting and onsite treatment stormwater and greywater. Figure 8. presents the full water strategy for the precinct while figures 8.22 to 8.23 diagram their spatial implications.

### //SuDs and wetland ecology (figures 8.23- 8.25)

The objective of the series of systems is to alleviate the load on the municipal sewerage system, stormwater channels and prevent the penetration of unhealthy stormwater into the Pienaar's River downhills. SuDs systems (bioswales and raingardens) and the constructed wetland designed on the southern area of the precinct are primary actors in the water management strategy. It was found that the area has the right soil condition and slope to establish such a system, thus artificially restoring the ecology between the stream and flood plain.

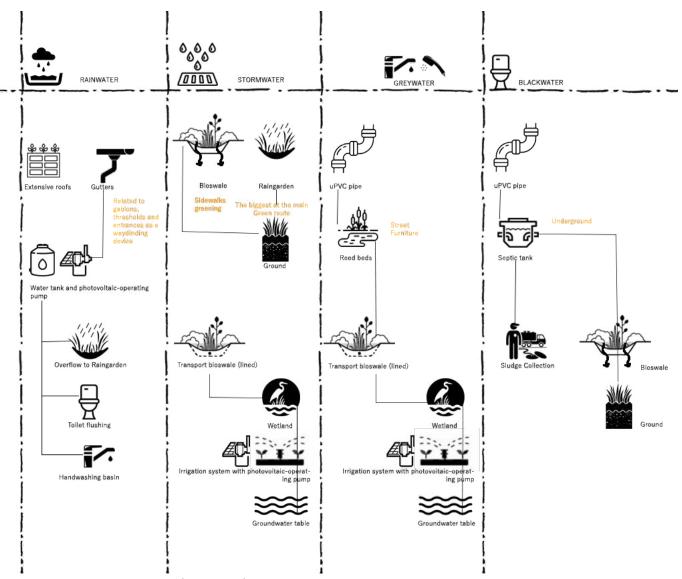
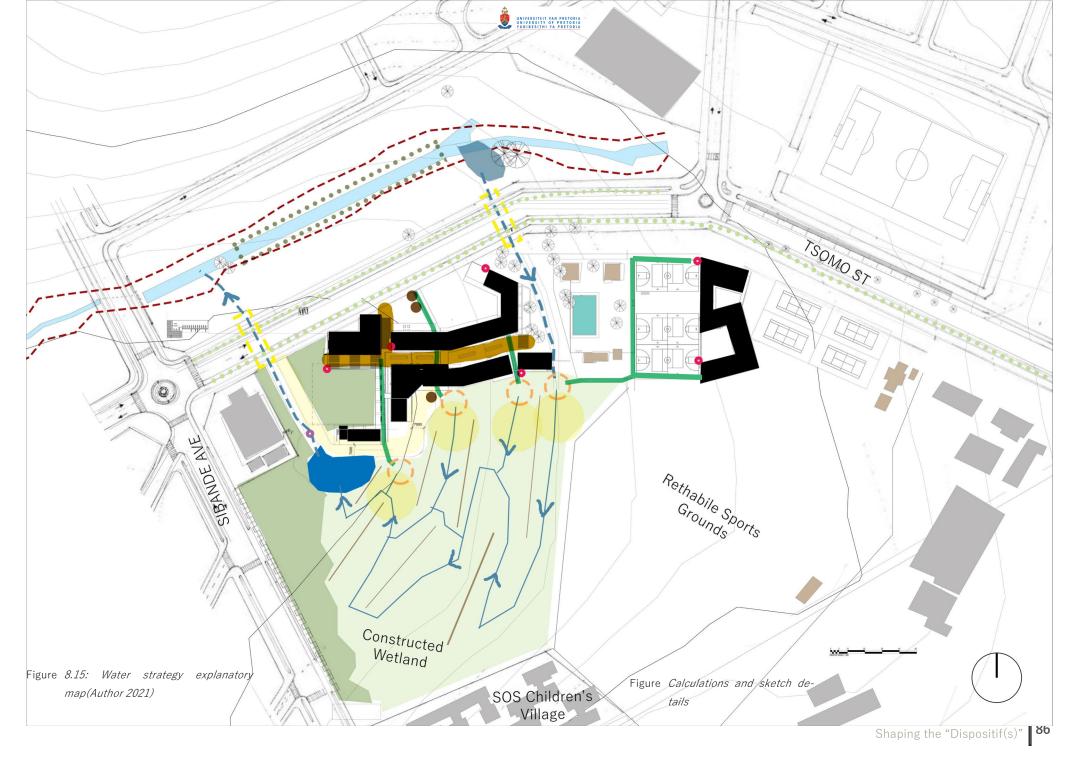


Figure 8.14: Water strategy diagram (Author 2021)





### **LEGEND**







Reused

existing

buildings for

intervention

1/3 stream flow.

vegetated zone.

Naturalised riparian

control (gabions and vegetation)

stream with flood



1:50 years Flood line



Box culverts zone under street



Diversion dam constructed with gabions and weirs (designed for a 2/3 stream flow towards transport bioswale)



Wetland Inlet



Septic tanks zones for blackwater and washing machines



Stream transport bioswale





zones



Macrophyte zones





Indigenous garden



overflow to stream transport bioswale Includes man hole with ball valve and Pump towards

tank

for irrigation with



Rainwater harvesting tank with outflow to bioswales/ gravel trenches



Gravel trenches and Event bioswales



Lined

bioswales



Service access road, permeable stone paver



Storage dam

### LAWS & REGULATIONS

EIA

WULA water use license National Water Act under section 21 (c) and 21 (i) Feasibility of the stream modification

Steam deviation ratio 2/3 towards wetland (Personal communication 2021)

WATER DEMANDS AND STORAGE SUMMARY (see appendix J)



### //Rainwater Harvesting

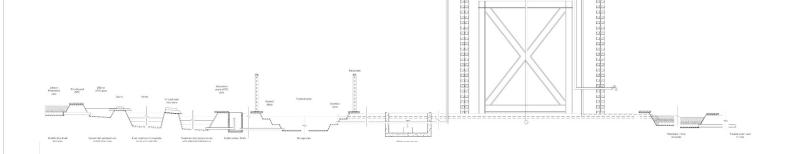
Another integrated service is rainwater harvesting. Water collected from the roofs are either stored for use inside the buildings in case of shortages or directed to bioswales where tanks cannot be installed. Stormwater and greywater are both treated through bioswales and the wetland. The water is then stored in a featured dam and pumped in a tank for irrigation purposes. The controlled outflow is guided back to the stream. In general, because irrigation forms one of the highest waters demands and the site is wide, most water collected will be used for it to alleviate the need for municipal water.

Appendix J indicates the harvesting potential, water demands and finally the storage requirements for collector roof. All bioswales and channels are considered as outflow zones.

### //Greenstar Rating 1

The main sustainable categories that the project aims to achieve are: water, materials, land use/ecology, innovation and transport. The management, indoor environment quality (IEQ) and emission categories were only filled when criteria were addressed by the scheme such as: site precautions, ecology education, daylighting and thermal comfort.

The results indicate that the scheme has the potential to already achieve a 3-star rating only with the above categories. Land use and ecology reached a very high score. One can conclude that if all categories were to be considered, the project could perhaps achieve a higher rating.



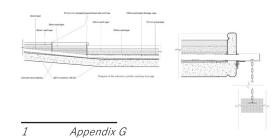


Figure 8.16: Water strategy wetland and suspended wetland flow diagram (Author 2021)

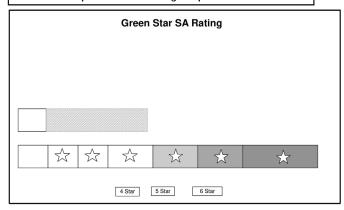
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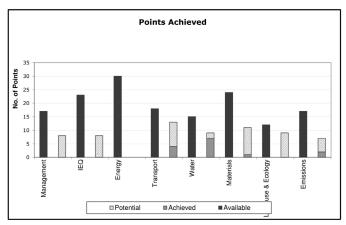
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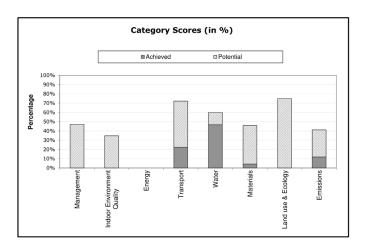


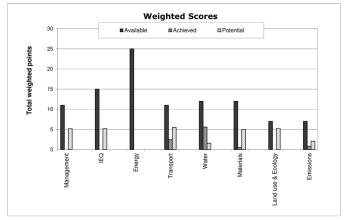


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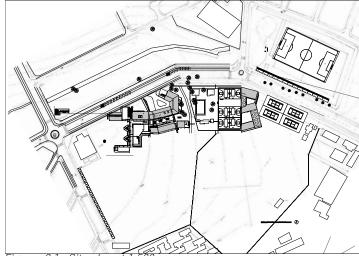
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Figure 8.17: Green Star summary report (Author 2021)



## 9- DESIGN RESOLVE



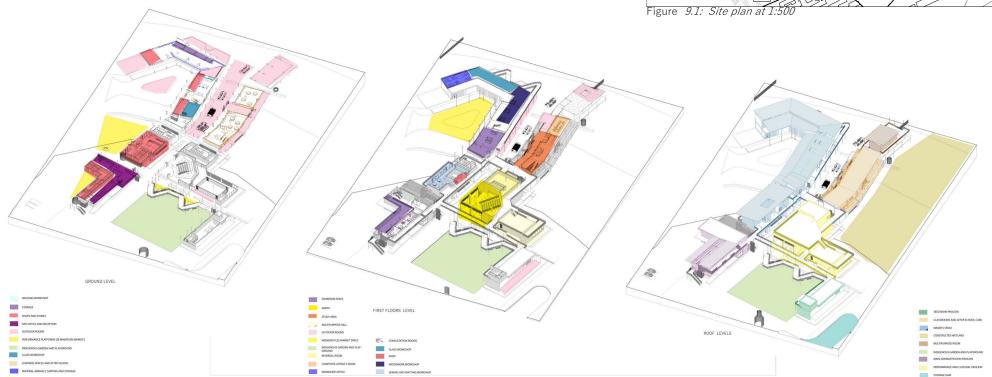


Figure 9.2: Programme layout 3D (Author 2021)



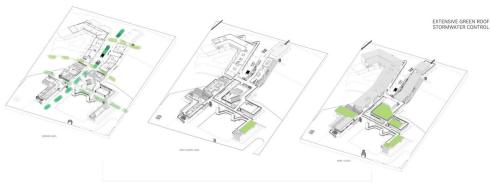
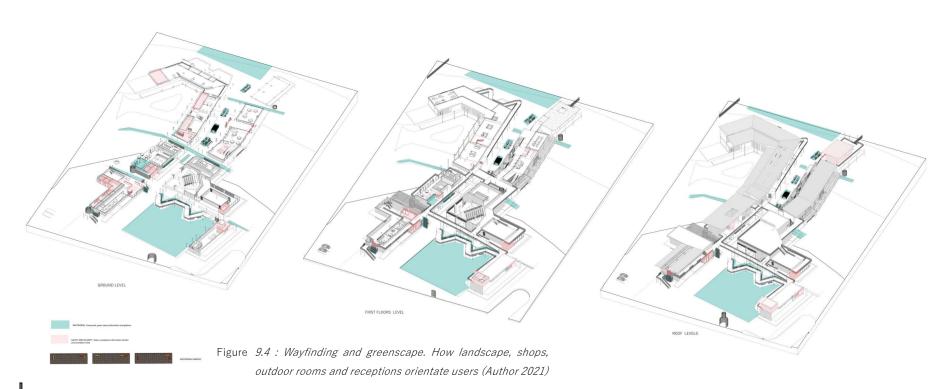


Figure 9.3: Greenscaping (Author 2021)





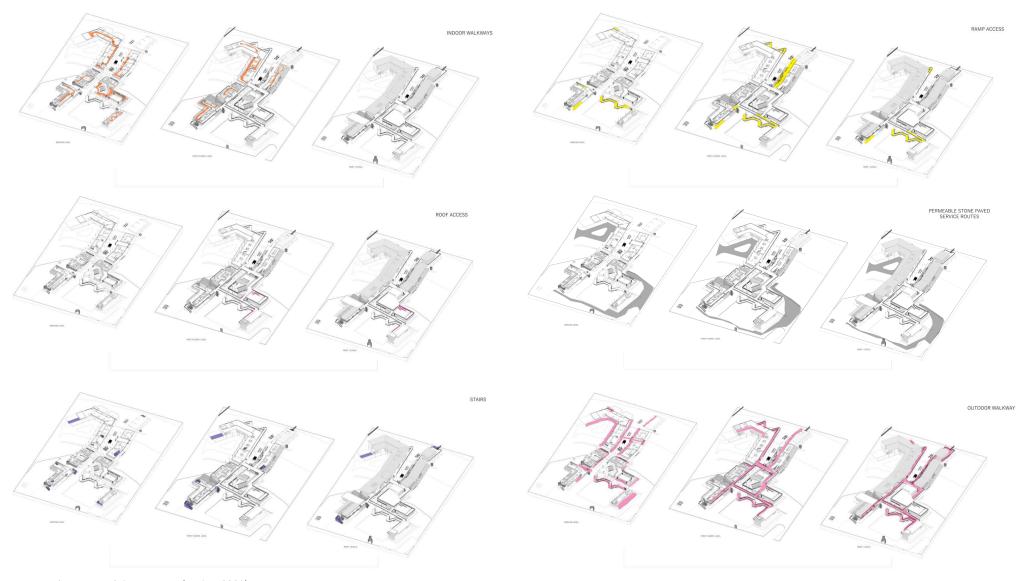
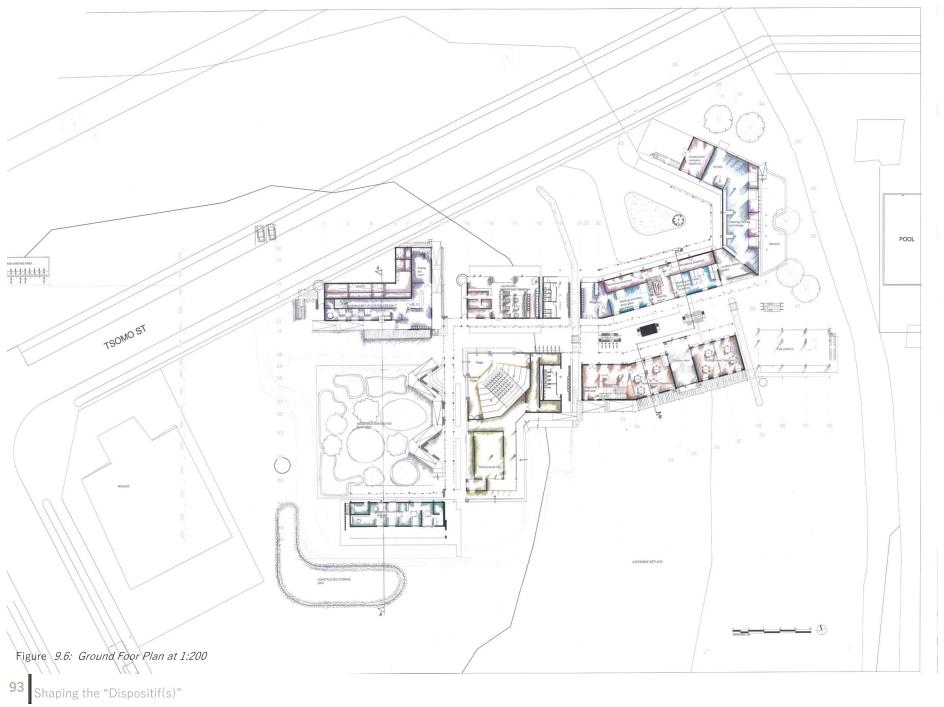
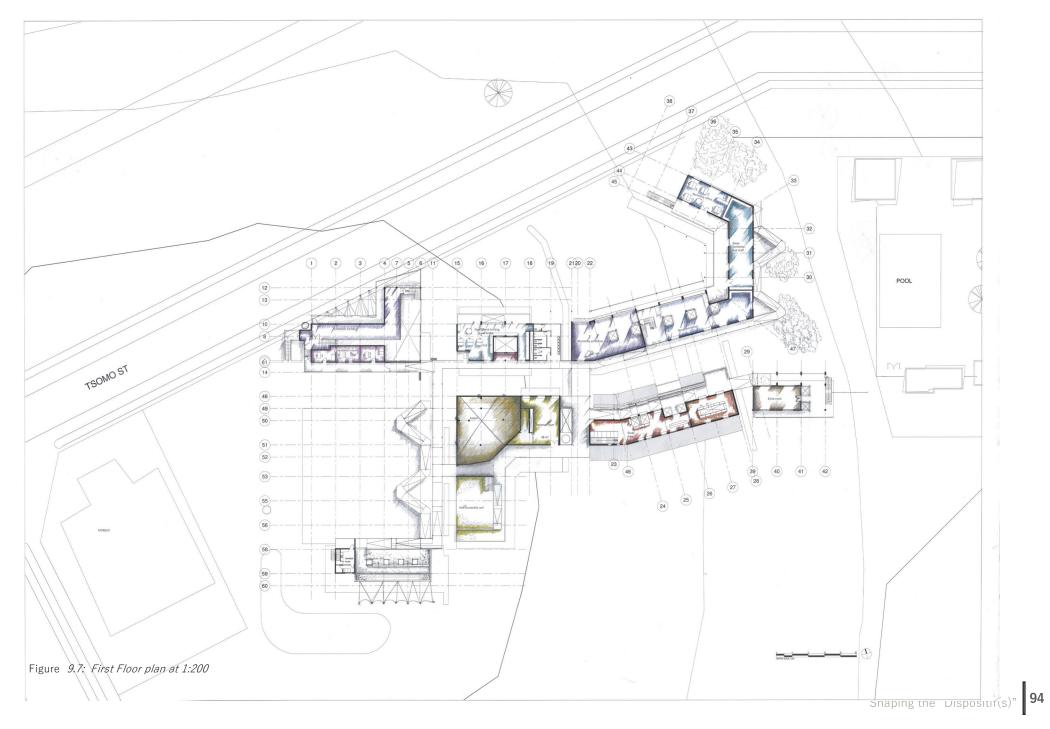


Figure 9.5: Parts of the precinct (Author 2021)











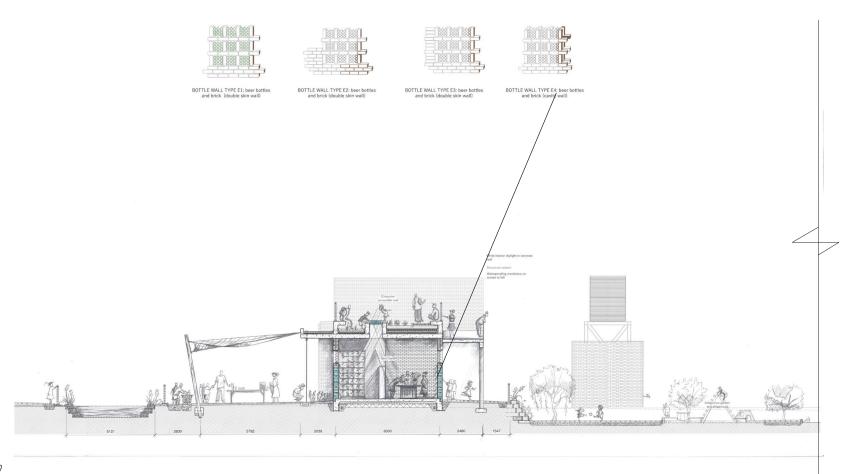
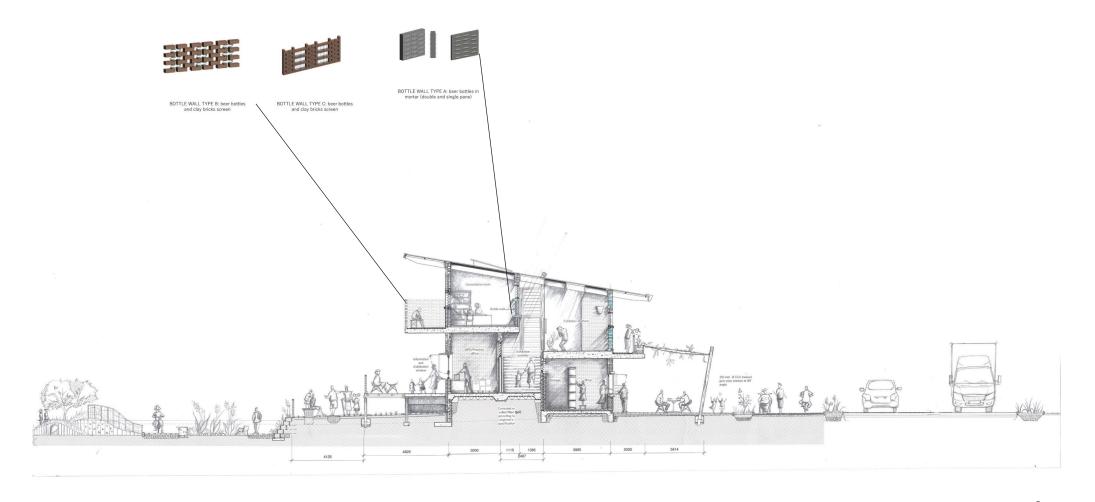


Figure 9.8: Section AA at 1:50







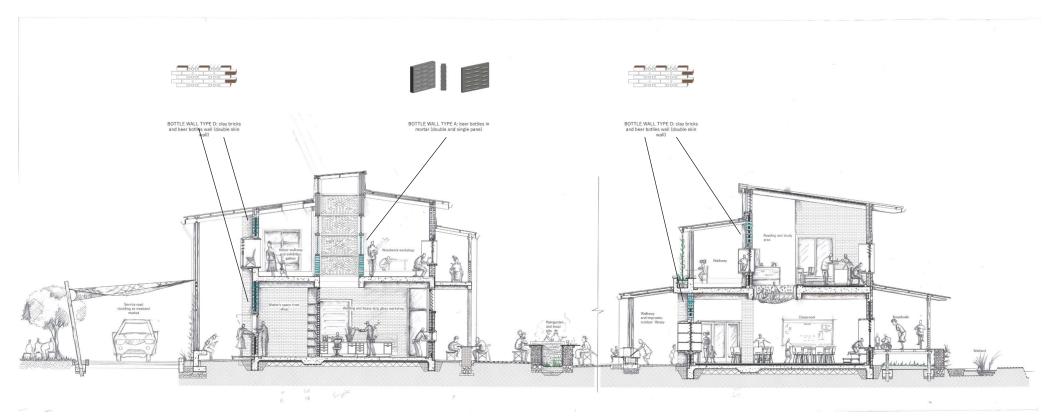


Figure 9.9: Section BB at 1:50

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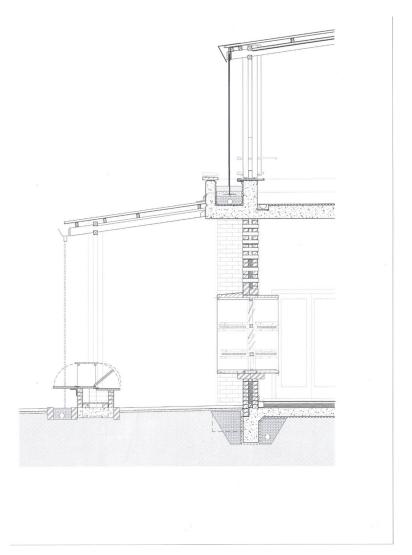


Figure 9.10: Section 1: 20 of afterschool centre

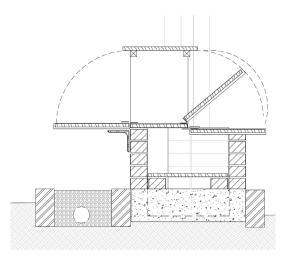
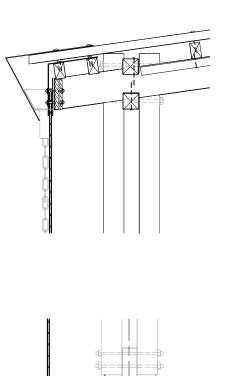


Figure 9.11: Detail library seat at 1: 10





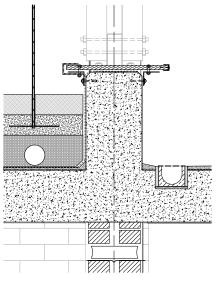


Figure 9.13: Detail eave and planter seat at 1:5



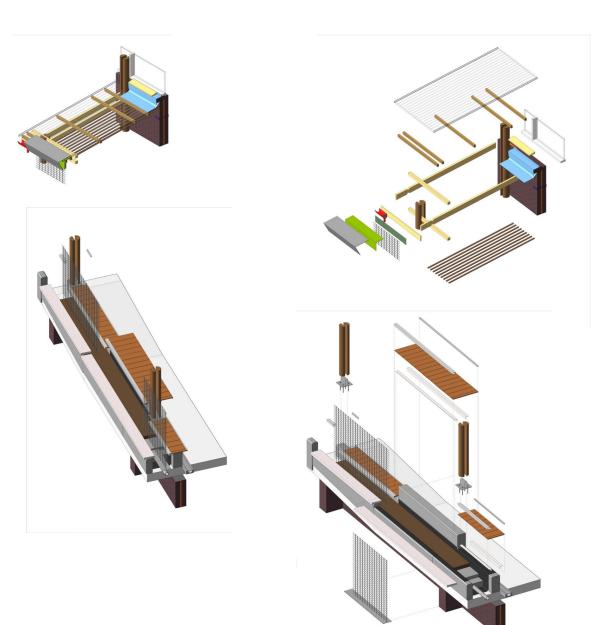


Figure 9.14: 3D details of afterschool walkway elements







Figure 9.15: Section model 1:20, the urban room









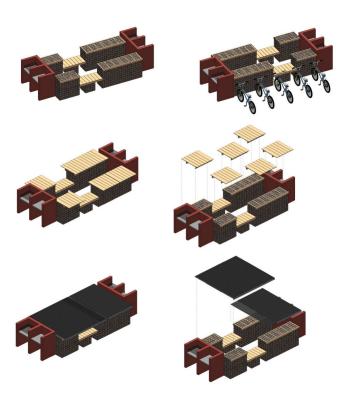






Figure 9.16: Section model 1:20, the outdoor library





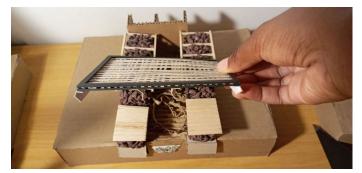










Figure 9.17: Section model 1:20, the raingarden/braai





Figure 9.18: Section model 1:20, Maker's space stoep



Figure 9.19: Diaporama concept, technology planes, ventilation and daylighting



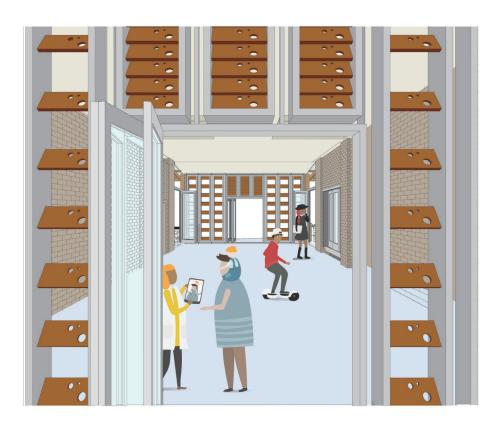




Figure 9.20: Inside the Afterschool centre (Author 2021)

Figure 9.21: Afterschool centre outdoor room (Author 2021)





Figure 9.22: Maker's space's east façade - ramp and sandpit playground with view into storage (Author 2021)

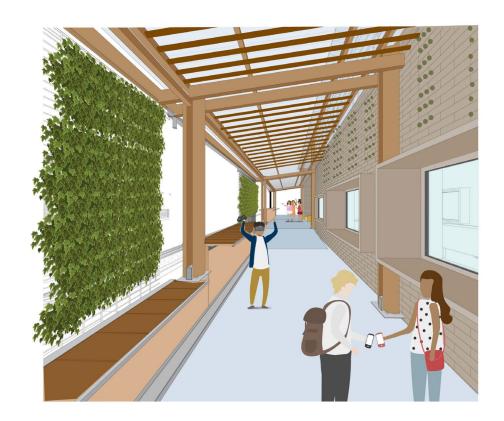
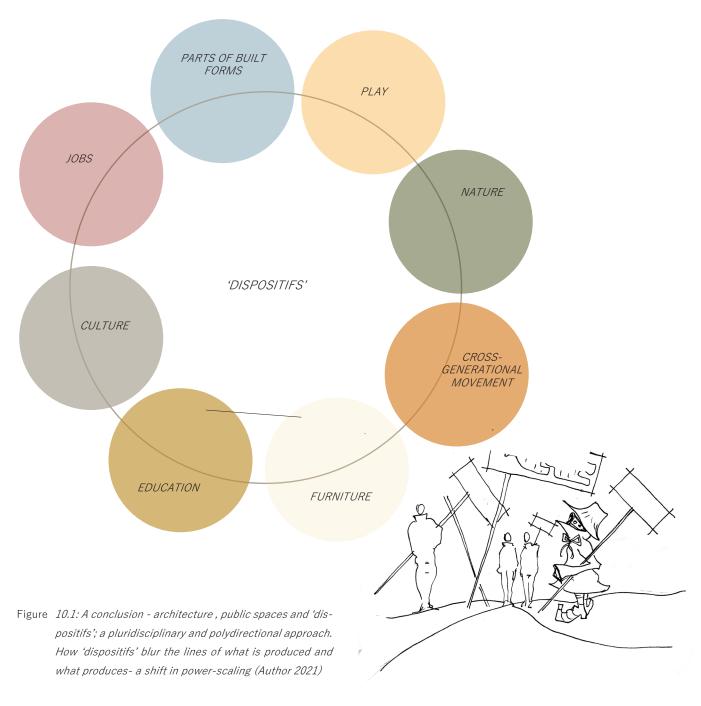


Figure 9.23: Afterschool centrefirst floor passage







## CONCLUDING THE JOURNEY

Formulating a technology language for the intervention served as an extension and physical embodiment for the narrative of recreation. The technology attempted to reflect the notions of the twin-phenomena and the in-between by using the four dimensions (i.e., space, environment, time and human) into the structure and the environmental systems by contrasting, continuing and meshing components. Each of the latter often facilitates more than two purposes - whether it be wayfinding, skill displays, activities, services or environmental processes.

As an 'outreach precinct' founded on various gleaned networks, technology and services serve their pragmatic functions while simultaneously -through the relations established with other systems and elements- create places for people to occupy, interpret and explore, thus, also acknowledging their contribution to the precinct and beyond.

Ultimately none of the technology used is completely novel and is mostly incorporated in best practice principles. Nonetheless, the merit is found in the translation and configuration of these techniques in a manner that is subservient to the showcasing of the community's current and future endeavours and the contextual response to open public spaces in townships.

As a concluding step to this research paper, the initial design question has to be answered:

"How can recreational spaces in the township of Mamelodi East be designed as devices to contribute towards a socio-culturally sustainable and cohesive urban environment?"



# 10- RECREATION AND THE ARCHITECTURAL DISCOURSE

Indeed, the issues at hand in the township were the following: 1) a lack of balance between economic; 2) cultural and environmental livelihood; 3) an issue of recreational spaces' provision and maintenance and finally 4) the sheer number of interpretation and values attached to typologies; the latter often secluded.

Therefore, to be able to present reach an answer one should foremost reflect upon the design journey which began with **THE PROCESS OF DIS-COVERING THE QUOTIDIAN.** 

The design enquiry began with a pragmatic world view, based on the understanding that the topic of recreational spaces, due to their very nature, would benefit from this approach. The researcher's intent was to pursue the research as a 'detective'. The research demarche meant trusting a process to look for answers by searching attentively and observing the context to identify the socio-cultural sphere of Ma-

melodi East and decide upon a sustainable strategy and a way forward to achieve cohesion.

In the field of architecture and throughout the years, one can observe many returns to the everyday as a source. This common place is revisited as a rhetorical contrast to high-tech endeavours, for contextual integrity, economic reasons or practical responses as well as gestures to reconnect cities with people (Haddad & Rifkind 2016: 190-205).

In the case of this dissertation, the search into the quotidian was undertaken to capture 'flow'; the various linked interactions or activities that may be conspicuous or not. Unearthing 'flow' portrays another outlook for architecture's character and opportunities. In the latent South African segregated setting, this was captured where people made use of the spatial agency principle of "initiating" (Awan et al.: 72). Although initially not purposefully intended as architectural gestures, the hospitality and the

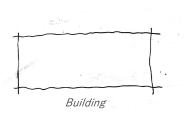
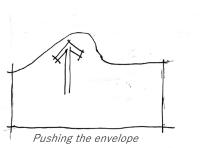


Figure 10.2: Building sharing its façade with the public and the city (Author 2021)





clever multiuse of existing spaces already presented socio-cultural resolve and certain levels of cohesion. This was internalised as an extension of the community's culture and values. In response, the researcher aimed to design a recreational place as a 'dispositf' to enhance the uncovered 'flows' as "a network which is sometimes expressed into a built space" (Dascalu 2013: 207). The 'flows' were many, varied from different points of origins, overlapping and constantly influenced one-another (Figure 10.1).

## The eclectic nature of these 'flows' is where AR-CHITECTURE IS AT A CROSSROAD.

The unexpected connections gleaned required a flexible arsenal of knowledge to be able to make sense of the milieu and create space out of networks. From the methodology to design and technology, one could understand that the immersion into the realms of sociology, urban landscape and even interior design, allowed to rediscover the 'humane' at different scales and from various positions while approaching sustain-

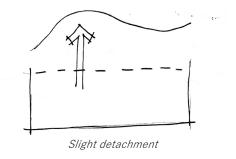
ability as a systemic whole.

The above process is reminiscent of Mostafavi's (2010) points on Ecological Urbanism. This paradigm sitting within the greater scheme of sustainability, promulgates the notion that architecture should not be isolated. When practice becomes interdisciplinary and even transdisciplinary, challenges regarding sustainability are better perceived as a holistic picture.

Elements from each disciplines gets reinterpreted, combined in technology and design and can lead to projects that do not stop at the end of construction nor at the primary occupation of buildings. The ingrained systems and strategies serve the future city. When built form becomes a prototype for future endeavours in recreational spaces such as art, shelter or environmental mitigation, it also presents what the community has to offer in including maintenance and healthier public spaces. Moreover, emergent collaborations potentially ignite further innovation inspired by rudimentary technology (Mostafavi & Doherty 2016). This

is reminiscent of recreation as an act of agency and making. In this dissertation plastic bags, glass bottles and clay were used and/or recycled as 'artisanal' materials. Although viewed as small gestures, one can refer back to many more examples where these types of actions (waste reuse) influenced a different manufacturing approach for these banal products. New ones can be designed with attributes suited for a life in the construction industry after their primary use (i.e., the Heneken WOBO bottle) (Hebel et al. 2014: 127-145). More than ever, and in alignment with the United Nations (c.2021) goals for healthy environments, architectural practices can look at the banal as a source for innovation and continue conversations with other industries to further the polyvalence of everyday products life for construction and landscape purposes.

When Rowe (Rowe 1987: 53) presents two realms of architecture enquiry, the architecture object (self-referential) and the one finding legitimisation within



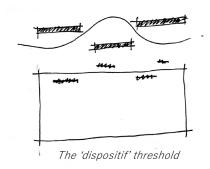


Figure 10.2: (suite)Building sharing its façade with the public and the city (Author 2021)



and outside of architecture, this paper leans into the latter where architecture is not simply self-referential or single-authored (Figure 10.1 and 10.4). It becomes a tool for education, for holistic technology ideation or much more.

## This is where the dissertation interrogates and concludes the situation between PUBLIC SPACE, THE ARCHITECT AND AUTHORSHIP.

Public spaces are in dire need of epistemic diversity in their making. City dwellers and designers in general have a duty towards the public interface, which do not simply end on designated public space lots.

Every structure designed is encompassed into the city's giant sequence of space and should be treated as such, while acknowledging safety and security and leaving a margin for appropriation. The paper explored an iterative rhetoric between parts, their different nature and their contribution to the whole beyond the space. However, there is a moment when one should

recognise when to design, when to suggest and when to stop. At times, over-designing the 'dispositif' also seemed too reductive; narrowing interpretations (Figure 10.3 and explorations in section 7). The researcher realised that an overly-designed façade loses its affordance and can confuse users by either highly reducing the space to one function or by giving too many queues; in both instances, the playfulness of recreation is hindered. This situation reflects the weakness of the twin-phenomena; being too ambiguous can also results in the extreme opposites with little synergy (Lammers 2012).

It is important to note that buildings' thresholds appeared as appropriate devices between 'city' and 'house' with an array of opportunities (Figures 10.2 and 10.3). They could entice the eye of the child, the democracy of public spaces and exhibit overlooked moments. They can be interpreted as the generous space that many buildings could offer to the public regardless of buildings typologies and programmes

Designer

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Production/
Implementation

Community

Designer

Use/Inhabitation

Community

Figure 10.4: Diagram summary, the spectrum while designing for recreational spaces (Author 2021)

with the right security in place (Figure 10.2). These explorations exemplified an attempt to "expand[ing] the brief" (Awan *et al.*: 69-70) allowing constructions to always give back to the public realm.

The initial position of the 'detective' can also be expanded. It is not simply a question of searching and revealing but a matter of choosing the appropriate design strategy and complementary knowledge to be able to decide where to stitch, facilitate, regenerate or build a new and even recognise when built form is not always the answer.

In conclusion, the 'non-finite' nature of recreational spaces in relation to cohesion transcends the physical, and involves many role-players. In the process, they create places, form new networks and ways of working which can serve other projects with similar challenges at a faster pace. Designing for sustainability, especially while involving a myriad of knowledge sources and methods can be a slow process, and not immediately profitable, nonetheless the benefits seem to far outweigh these concerns.

This topic is wide and full of possibilities, nonetheless, a dissertation such as this is constrained to a time-frame and a built form deliverable. However, the research contributions of this paper does not solely lie in the structural achievement, instead it resurfaces the significance and sustainability potential of the return to the everyday, disciplinary combinations and the generous space that architecture can provide towards the creation of recreational spaces in South African townships.

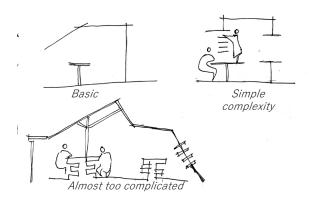


Figure 10.3: From simple to over-designed threshold (Author 2021)



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## **APPENDICES**

APPENDIX A: Faculty approved ethics clearance approval statement





#### Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

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9 June 2021

Reference number: EBIT/79/2021

Ms A van Aswegen Department: Architecture University of Pretoria Pretoria 0083

Dear Ms A van Aswegen

#### **FACULTY COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY**

Your recent application to the EBIT Research Ethics Committee refers.

Conditional approval is granted.

This means that the research project entitled "Masters Professional Mini-Dissertation in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Architecture (Group / Blanket)" is approved under the strict conditions indicated below. If these conditions are not met, approval is withdrawn automatically.

#### Conditions for approval

This application is approved based on the summaries provided.

Applications from each student (including application forms and all necessary supporting documents such as questionnaire/interview questions, permission letters, informed consent form, etc) will need to be checked internally by the course coordinator/ supervisor. A checklist will need to be signed off after the checking.

All of the above will need to be archived in the department and at the end of the course a flash disc / CD clearly marked with the course code and the protocol number of this application will be required to be provided to EBIT REC administrator.

No data to be collected without first obtaining permission letters. The permission letter from the organisation(s) must be signed by an authorized person and the name of the organisation(s) cannot be disclosed without consent. Where students want to collect demographic the necessary motivation is in place.

This approval does not imply that the researcher, student or lecturer is relieved of any accountability in terms of the Code of Ethics for Scholarly Activities of the University of Pretoria, or the Policy and Procedures for Responsible Research of the University of Pretoria. These documents are available on the website of the EBIT Ethics Committee.

If action is taken beyond the approved application, approval is withdrawn automatically.

According to the regulations, any relevant problem arising from the study or research methodology as well as any amendments or changes, must be brought to the attention of the EBIT Research Ethics Office.

The Committee must be notified on completion of the project.

The Committee wishes you every success with the research project.

Prof K.-Y. Chan

Chair: Faculty Committee for Research Ethics and Integrity

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#### APPENDIX B: Questionnaire (interviews)

## Semi-structured interviews' question examples [Form for research interviews]

#### Title of Research Project:

The agency of recreation: The study of community-led initiatives in Mamelodi East to uncover a typology for recreational spaces with the potential to act as a device contributing to a culturally sustainable and cohesive urban environment

#### Researcher's details

Denambaye Martine Demba/ Student Number: 16070713 /, Department of Architecture, EBIT, University of Pretoria.

Disclaimer: For the purpose of this form, the name of the NPO Thandanani has been used however the name will change according to the entity being interviewed. Similarly, the sets of questions are to be adapted to the conversations and sites of interview appropriately. Therefore, the order and number of questions will vary accordingly. This form only provides an insight on the types of questions that may be used.

#### Question examples for small focus group

#### A. INTRODUCTION

- o Could you describe Mamelodi in a few words?
- o What is culture and how would you describe Mamelodi's culture?
- o What is very unique to Thandanani [or insert name of CBO/NPO] (as a place, values)?
- o What is the organogram of Thandanani (no names should be mentioned)?

#### B. POPULATION

- In your opinion, which of the following seem to be the dominant demographic in Mamelodi (ages 0-10/10-15/15-19/19-30/35-50/50+)?
- o In which age bracket do the children using the center fall in?
- o Which of these age groups appear to be less involved in specific recreation?
- Do elderly people also take part in some sort of recreation (at Thandanani or in the neighbourhood)?

#### C. THANDANANI'S [or insert name of CBO/NPO] RECREATION PROGRAM

- o Which recreation-like activities does Thandanani hosts?
- Where do they occur? If possible, could you explain how the spaces are adapted when you use them? What is already available there?
- Which of these activities are the most open to the public (anyone from anywhere can take part in it) and which are specifically open to the people who are "regulars" of Thandanani?
- When they are not at Thandanani where do children gather?
- What does a typical sport and recreation Friday look like at Thandanani? Which places or spaces are used? Any interesting stories?
- $\circ \quad \text{Which activities are the most successful amongst the children?}$

- o Are they receptive to new activities you introduce?
- In terms of sports and recreation Fridays, could you rank the places/activities in terms of accessibility (financially, physically)?
- What made it possible for Thandanani to be able to maneuver during the pandemic? Which activities were able to go on and how did the community respond?
- Which recreation activities are the most accessible to children when they are not at Thandanani?
- Are there any games that the children take part in that they initiated themselves?
- In which situations do the different generations in the community gather? How are those interactions made possible and where do they occur?
- Please tell me more about the story of the mobile toy library that you launched
- O What can a library be?
- o How would you see the future of "mobile" recreation?
- O How important is technology in recreation today? Could you think of examples?
- Are there other recreation elements/events that you are aware of that are also mobile/ not fixed? If so how/where do they take place?
- Could you tell me about Sport and recreation success stories (Thandanani or in the neighbourhood)?

#### D. NETWORKS

- Approximately how many people visit the center per day?
- Generally, where are the visitors from (not the addresses, could be general areas, nationalities)?
- How are the centers' users welcomed (spatially, upon arrivals, sequences of spaces they move through)? How do they find out about the center?
- How are you able to break barriers with the diverse groups of people (from different backgrounds) that visit the center?
- Are you aware of other NGOs/NPOs/CBOs in Mamelodi East? Have you partnered with any
  of them? If so for which events or activities?
- For the sports and recreation aspect of Thandanani, have you collaborated with other entities (NPO,CBO,NGO,Universities, schools)?

#### E. MAMELODI'S RECREATION

- O Which formal recreation facilities in Mamelodi (East) would you say are successful?
- Are they easily accessible (financially or physically)?
- O Which are the biggest nodes of transport in Mamelodi East?
- O Which are the closest places to Thandanani to catch public transport?
- o Which would you say are less successful?
- The city of tshwane has allocated a few areas in Mamelodi as open public space and open space but they are not parks and remain vacant. What are your feelings about them?
- o Are the parks in the area used by the community?
- Do you know of any other similar situations where communal or recreational spaces are left vacant? What has taken over these spaces?
- Is vandalism common in recreational spaces? Which recreational spaces in Mamelodi East (or Mamelodi as a whole) are the most well maintained?
- Please tell me more about the story of the dumpsite that you turned into a community garden.



#### F. OCCUPATION AND CROSS-PROGRAMMING

- Please tell me more about the story of the occupation phases of Thandanani? What had to be changed from the original buildings and setup?
- What were the sequences of activities that got implemented, starting from when Thandanani first began?
- How are Thandanani's buildings organized (in terms of programs)?
- o Thandanani holds several functions, do all the programs run at the same time?
- How is privacy/safety and security ensured in Thandanani (cross-over of activities and groups of people substance abuse, homeless, feeding scheme, children)?
- Where do you feel are the most social spaces inside Thandanani's property or around Thandanani? What makes them so?
- Which activities/programs in the buildings do you think should be more visible to the public?
   Which ones should be more accessible to the public?

#### G. SAFETY AND SECURITY

- o At what time does Thandanani close?
- Are there any recreation-like activities that happen at night in the neighbourhood/ township?
- Which activities/places (not necessarily recreational) in the neighbourhood/ township remain open at night or close late?
- o Is the area surrounding Thandanani lit up at night? Which other areas are lit at night?
- o How is safety and security ensured in the community?

#### Question examples for individual participants

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- Do you live in Mamelodi (yes or no)?
- o How long have you lived in Mamelodi?
- o How long have you worked here?
- o Describe Thandanani in 3 words.
- O What does the journey coming to Thandanani feel like?

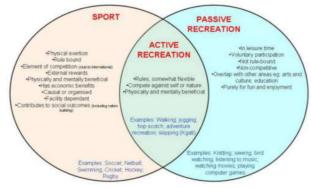
#### 2. MAMELODI'S RECREATION

- Are there any interesting cultural events in Mamelodi that you take part in? Which spaces are used for these events?
- o How has recreation evolved in Mamelodi?

#### 3. SAFETY AND SECURITY

 Where do you feel the most comfortable/safe/unsafe around Thandanani? In the neighbourhood? Which physical element in these places/spaces make you feel that way?

#### 4. "SITES" OF RECREATION



- South African Government. 2020. Sport and Recreation White Paper. [Online]: https://www.gov.za/documents/sport-and-recreation-white-paper [Accessed 08 March 2020].
- This is the chart taken from the 2012 official White Papers on Sports and Recreation, do you
  agree with how recreation has been classified? Which other activities do you think are
  missing?
- o What do you do in your spare/free time?
- What do you not consider recreation?
- O What should recreation achieve for you?
- o Do you take part in it on weekends mainly or throughout the week?
- o How often per week/per month do you take part in this (these) activity?
- O Do you take part in group recreation? Which one (s)?
- How far from your home is this (these) activity you take part in, at home, in front of your home, in your block, in another neighbourhood (NB: In case of homes, no addresses to be mentioned)?

#### 5. ACCESSIBILITY

- If getting to that place requires travelling, how is your journey there like? Any interesting/important spots/stops? Anything you enjoy doing on the way there?
- Which modes of transport do you use: car, train, bus, foot, bicycle, other?
- O Which one do you use the most/longest time?

#### 6. RECREATION IMPRESSIONS

- O Would you be able to perform this (these) activity(ies) elsewhere?
- How does the space you use for these activities feels like? Which characteristics of the place present make you feel that way?
- Have you visited [inserting name of a recreational facility mentioned during the focus group] facility? As a recreational facility, how did the space make you feel upon arrival/ while in the perimeters? Which physical elements/ characteristics of the space made you feel so?
- o How often do you visit the place?

## APPENDIX C: Informed consent form example

## Informed consent form [Form for research participant's permission]

#### 1. Project information

1.1 Title of Research Project:

Masters Professional Dissertation: The agency of recreation: The study of community-led initiatives in Mamelodi East to uncover a typology for recreational spaces with the potential to act as a device contributing to a culturally sustainable and cohesive urban environment

- 1.2 Research Field: Future Studio
- 1.3 Researcher's details:

Denambaye Martine Demba/ Student Number: 16070713 /, Department of Architecture, EBIT, University of Pretoria.

#### 1.4 Research Study Description:

In the Department of Architecture, the students of the Professional Master's Program annually engage in research activities related to specific areas in Gauteng (or area outside this region that has been well motivated). The students investigate specific architectural issues related to their chosen contexts, to enable them to respond to these conditions through a design proposal. These design projects, while resulting in real life recommendations, are neither implemented nor built.

This study forms part of a MArch (Prof) dissertation as part of the Department of Architecture at the University of Pretoria. The research considers the notion of recreation within the township of Mamelodi East and aims to understand the meaning and types of recreation preferences amongst the community to derive subsequent spatial outcomes. Additionally, the study's objectives will be to uncover the community's cultural activities along with the social and physical nature of spaces or places appropriated by the community. The data/information will be collected through semi-structured interviews and unstructured interviews appropriately. No minors or vulnerable groups of people shall take part in the interviews.

The conversation will be recorded. All information gathered shall be kept safely in a device protected by a secure password only accessible by the researcher. Some of the results may be published and although participants will remain anonymous some of their words might be quoted in the publications.



#### 2. Informed consent

2.1 I,	hereby voluntarily grant my permission for
participation in t	he project as explained to me by the researcher.
2.2 The nature,	objective, possible safety and health implications have been explained t
me and I unders	tand them.
2.3 I understand	d my right to choose whether to participate in the project and that the
nformation furn	ished will be handled confidentially. I am aware that the results of the
nvestigation ma	y be used for the purposes of publication.
2.4 Upon signat	ure of this form, the participant will be provided with a copy.
will remain and	onymous my comments may be used without giving any specific
eographic or pe	ersonal references (name, address, ID, occupation, age, income etc.) th
nay accidentally	imply my identity
I give pe	ermission for the interview to be recorded: Y / N
I give pe	ermission for notes to be taken: Y / N
Signed:	Date:
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## APPENDIX D: Informed Consent form example for entity

## Informed consent form COMPANY/ENTITY APPROVAL

MProf Research project [The agency of recreation: The study of community-led initiatives in Mamelodi East to uncover a typology for recreational spaces with the potential to act as a device contributing to a culturally sustainable and cohesive urban environment]

Department of Architecture

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The agency of recreation: The study of community-led initiatives in Mamelodi East to uncover a typology for recreational spaces with the potential to act as a device contributing to a culturally sustainable and cohesive urban environment

#### 1.2. Researcher's details:

Full Name: Denambaye Martine Demba Student Number: 16070713 Email: u16070713@tuks.co.za

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The conversation will be recorded. Some of the results may be published and although participants will remain anonymous some of their words might be quoted in the publications.

2.	I, performing the role of and representative for
	hereby voluntarily grant permission for employees of
	to participate in the project as explained to me by



#### Denambaye Martine Demba.

- The nature, objective, possible safety and health implications have been explained to me and I understand them.
- I understand that employees of the company I represent have the right to choose whether to participate in the project and that the information furnished will be handled confidentially. I am aware that the results of the investigation may be used for academic purposes and / or publication.
- I understand that the respondents representing the above stated company will remain anonymous their comments may be used without giving any geographic or personal references (name, address, ID, occupation, age, income etc.) that may accidentally imply our identity.
- **6.** Upon signature of this form, you will be provided with a copy.
- I, as representative of the above stated company, agrees that no specific data will be shared with the company. The company will have access to the final report.
- This Informed consent form accompanies a letter from the above-mentioned company confirming permission to be granted. This letter is signed and states the company

name (include the letterhead), date and role and identity of the person giving permission.

Signed:	Date:
Witness:	Date:
Researcher:	Date:







## APPENDIX F: Typology study rating tables (Author 2021)

PRECEDENT	TYPOLOGY	URBAN COHESION RESPONSE	AGENCY/ AFFORDANCE/ DISPOSITIF /NETWORK
ALEXANDRA INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, Johannesburg, Peter Rich Architects, 2010	New     Interpretive     Centre	1.1       1.3       1.1       1.6       1.5       1.6       1.6       1.1         1.1       1.3       1.2       1.1       1.3       1.2       1.3       1.2       1.4       1.3       1.5       1.5       1.5       1.5       1.6       1.6       1.6       1.6	<ul> <li>Agency: people telling their stories and participation into design, job opportunities</li> <li>Affordance of interpreting the plazas/squares</li> <li>'Dispositifs': materials</li> <li>Networks: community, visitors, stories</li> </ul>
VPUU ACTIVE BOXES, Western Cape, VPUU, 2006-14	New on vacant lot in dangerous zones Series of Multipurpose community centres	2.1     2.3     2.4     2.2     2.1     2.2     2.3     2.5       2.6     2.3     2.5     2.4     2.7     2.8     2.2       2.3     2.5     2.4     2.7     2.8       2.7     2.8     2.7     2.8	<ul> <li>Agency: acupuncture recreation for safety</li> <li>Affordance: open options for recreation</li> <li>'Dispositifs': 24 Hour activities through articulation outdoors with routes protruding from active boxes</li> <li>Networks: identity of a network of active boxes rejuvenating place on a spine thus knitting communities otherwise dispersed</li> </ul>
NIKE FOOTBALL TRAINING CENTRE SOWETO, Johannesburg, RUFProject & Luyanda Mpahlwa Design Space Africa, 2010	New addition to existing soccer facility     Sports/ training centre	3.2     3.3     3.6     3.8     3.2     3.9     3.1     3.4     3.8     3.9       2.1     3.8     3.1     3.6     3.1     3.2     3.3     3.8     3.9       2.5     3.8     3.8     3.2     3.3     3.8     3.2       3.5     3.8     3.7     3.9     3.3     3.3       3.6     3.4     3.6     3.4       3.8     3.7     3.8       3.8     3.7       3.8     3.7       3.8	Agency: a training centre recognizing its users, giving an identity to sports facility in a culturally distinct Soweto, use of local artists for security design     Affordance: More presence from the street     'Dispositifs': "Invisible security", materiality     Networks: local and international sports clubs and state of the art facility



PRECEDENT	TYPOLOGY	URBAN COHESION RESPONSE AGENCY/ AFFORDANCE/ DISPOSITIF //NETWORK	
SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, Mamelodi 1985	New     Village Centre	4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.3 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3	
THANDANANI DROP INN CENTRE, Mamelodi, 1970 (buildings)  2011 (current function)	Adaptive reuse of TB clinic and Feeding scheme building     Drop-in Centre and after school care facility	5.2 5.3 5.4 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2 5.2	
RDP HOUSING  Mamelodi, South African Government, c, 1994	New     Subsidised     Housing	6.3 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 6.5 6.6 6.7 6.7 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.7 6.8 6.8 6.7 6.8 6.8 6.9 6.7 6.8 6.8 6.9 6.9 6.9 6.9 6.9 6.9 6.9 6.9 6.9 6.9	



PRECEDENT	TYPOLOGY	URBAN COHESION RESPONSE	AGENCY/ AFFORDANCE/ DISPOSITIF /NETWORK
WRITERS THEATRE, United States, Studio Gang, 2016	New with reuse of old library materials and park     Theatre Centre	7.3       7.3       7.3       7.1       7.1       7.2       7.8       7.1         7.1       7.5       7.6       7.1       7.6       7.1       7.5       7.5       7.6       7.3       7.5       7.6       7.8       7.8       7.8       7.8       7.9       7	<ul> <li>Agency: Transformation of old Woman         Library Club Park, Transfer of the spirit of         the Writers theatre group</li> <li>Affordance: An intervention which embodies         the experience of Writers theatre group and         link it to the environment</li> <li>'Dispositifs': Spatial organisation, street and         outdoor interface</li> <li>Networks: Network of performers and their         audience, theatre and outdoors, theatre and         neighbourhood</li> </ul>
FRIENDS CENTRE AT ANGKOR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Cambodia Cook + Fox Architects, 2008	<ul> <li>New addition to existing care facility</li> <li>Outreach Pavilion</li> </ul>	8.2     8.1     8.3     8.7     8.2     8.8     8.6     8.3       8.1     8.5     8.8     8.8     8.3     8.1     8.3     8.4       8.3     8.6     8.7     8.6     8.5     8.6       8.7     8.6     8.7     8.6       8.7     8.8     8.6     8.7	<ul> <li>Agency: a gateway into the clinic without being in the clinic, mediator space, incorporation of culture and people's participation in the making of the pavilion</li> <li>Affordance: Free plan allowing for interpretation of space, diversity, multifunctionality</li> <li>'Dispositifs': Free plan, Materiality, transparency, pond/water catchment, roof, partitions</li> <li>Networks: Public and information, Public and Clinic, public and cultural knowledge</li> </ul>
OVA EL PARAISO, Colombia, Empreso de Desa rollo Orbano de Medeffin, 2015	New and adaptive reuse of a soccer field Sport and Lelsure centre	9.2       9.5       9.5       9.1       9.3       9.1       9.5       9.1       9.5       9.1       9.5       9.1       9.5       9.1       9.1       9.1       9.1       9.1       9.1       9.1       9.2       9.2       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.4       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.3       9.4       9.4       9.4       9.3       9	<ul> <li>Agency: Appropriation of underused soccer field, democratic provision of recreation</li> <li>Affordance: Site affording form and atmosphere of intervention, diversity of platforms for activities, good circulation tied to activities</li> <li>'Dispositifs': Sports fields and outdoor gym/playground as introductions, sloped site, street interface, nature (streams and vegetation)</li> <li>Networks: Community, nature and recreation</li> </ul>



PRECEDENT	TYPOLOGY	URBAN COHESION RESPONSE AG	GENCY/ AFFORDANCE/ DISPOSITIF /NETWORK
EDUCATIONAL CENTER MONTECARLO GULLERMO GAVARIA CORREA, Solembia EDU - Empresa de Desarrollo Urbano de Medellin ,2012	New centre on old factory footprint     Educational centre	10.5 10.8 10.5 10.5 10.2 10.2 • Afford 10.1 10.8 10.7 10.3 10.4 10.4 • Disposition 10.2 10.9 10.8 10.4 10.8 10.5 • Network	ncy: Democratic provision of recreation ordance: Multipurpose ground floor positifs': Gallery and promenade, roof, addroofing works: Community and nature/ music, vities/ sports/ kindergarten
GIMNASIO VERTICAL (Vertical gyms), Veylezuela, Urban-Think Tank c. 2001	Kit of Parts on existing vacant lot     Gymnasium centre	11.5 11.2 11.3 11.1 11.3 11.7 11.4 11.1 appropriate 11.2 11.4 11.1 11.5 11.2 11.4 11.1 11.5 11.2 11.4 11.4 11.1 11.5 11.2 11.4 11.4 11.6 11.8 appropriate 11.4 11.5 11.2 11.4 11.5 11.5 11.2 11.6 11.8 11.8 11.8 11.8 11.8 11.8 11.8	positifs': promenade, kit of parts, atrium works: Community and recreation, social
SESC POMREIA, São Paulo Cina Bo Bardi, 1986	Adaptive reuse     Sport and     Leisure centre	12.1 12.9 12.4 12.2 12.1 12.1 12.2 12.3 12.6 organ adapt 12.9 12.1 12.6 12.3 12.1 12.3 12.2 12.1 12.2 12.1 12.2 12.1 12.2 12.6 12.3 12.4 12.2 12.6 12.3 12.4 12.5 bridge 12.4 12.9 12.10 12.11 12.5 12.6 12.7 Netwood general networks 12.11 12.11 12.11 12.1 12.1 12.1 12.1	ncy: community used as inspiration for nisation and atmosphere of the place, tive reuse of cultural artefacts related by the control of the place, and are sports to avoid competition, less as viewing decks positifs': Passages, three towers, es, concrete openings, materiality works: Community and recreation, cross rational network, Old factory worker and space with some genus loci from the old



PRECEDENT	TYPOLOGY	URBAN COHESION RESPONSE	AGENCY/ AFFORDANCE/ DISPOSITIF /NETWORK
		13.2 13.1 13.1 13.1 13.1 13.1 13.2 13.2	Agency: Architect's interpretation of briefs for contextual responses, Architecture for
MAGGIE'S CENTRES Heletiple architects, Europe and China, c1996	New     Series of drop-in	13.6 13.6 13.2 13.2 13.2 13.3 13.4 13.5 13.6 13.6 13.6	well-being  Affordance: Brief set around a kitchen surrounded by outdoor connections setting, various interpretation of what these spaces can be  'Dispositifs': Kitchen, gardens, windows and openings  Networks: Cancer suffering patients and care facility and activities
COMMUNITY CONNECT Touston, Guilton, Sharptow, Prirpose Built-Con munities.	• New and adaptive reuse • Neighbourhood	14.1     14.3     14.1     14.2     14.4     14.1     14.1     14.1     14.1     14.2       14.2     14.4     14.2     14.3     14.4     14.2     14.5     14.3     14.1       14.5     14.3     14.4     14.5     14.5     14.4     14.2       14.5     14.5     14.5     14.4     14.2       14.5     14.5     14.5     14.4     14.2       14.5     14.5     14.5     14.4     14.5	<ul> <li>Agency: Synergy in a neighbourhood, Community-driven project</li> <li>Affordance: Shared spaces, use of the neighbourhoods streets, roads and infrastructures for small spatial moments</li> <li>'Dispositifs': Institutions' spaces, infrastructures, streets</li> <li>Networks: Community and its members, community and visitors</li> </ul>
SOS CHILDREM'S WILL AGES EAVEZZARIO COMMUNITY CENTRE, Illinois Studio Gang Architects, 2008	New     Community Centre	15.2       15.2       15.2       15.2       15.5       15.1       15.1       15.1       15.1       15.3         15.1       15.4       15.4       15.4       15.3       15.5       15.4         15.3       15.4       15.2       15.6       15.5       15.6         15.4       15.6       15.6       15.6       15.6	Agency: A community centre for people's comfort, social life and safety     Affordance: Articulation of atrium and circulation to accommodate activities     'Dispositifs': Materiality, openings, circulation     Networks: Children and recreation, families and communities



PRECEDENT	TYPOLOGY	URBAN COHESION RESPONSE	AGENCY/ AFFORDANCE/ DISPOSITIF /NETWORK
SUPERKILEN, Copenhagen, Tapotek 1 + BiG Architects + Superflex, 2012	• Street/plaza adaptive reuse • Park/Plaza	16.1       16.3       16.6       16.6       16.1       16.2       16.3       16.7         16.3       16.4       16.5       16.3       16.6       16.5       16.6       16.5         16.5       16.5       16.5       16.5       16.9       16.9       16.5         16.8       16.8       16.9       16.9       16.8       16.8         16.9       16.9       16.9       16.9       16.9	<ul> <li>Agency: Public space for a diverse community, ethnic and nationality representation in public space, public participation for representation opinion</li> <li>Affordance: linearity of space for promenade and thematic, integration into urban fabric and the everyday, gallery-like aspect</li> <li>'Dispositifs': International artefacts, materiality, thematic, colour, promenade, inbetween</li> <li>Networks: Diverse community and public space, and diverse community discovering itself, people and recreation</li> </ul>
HIGH LINE, New York Ettler Scottato + Renfro, JamesCorner Field Operations ,1999-2011	Infrastructure adaptive reuse     Infrastructure     Park	17.1     17.6     17.1     17.7     17.2     17.3     17.2     17.3     17.2     17.2     17.3     17.2     17.4     17.4     17.4     17.5     17.5     17.7     17.5     17.7	<ul> <li>Agency: Adaptive reuse of infrastructure and different ways</li> <li>Affordance: Industrial and urban presence for genus loci, growth of wild plants as indicator for future vegetation in the design, linearity and promenade, proximity to buildings, height, linkages and destinations</li> <li>'Dispositifs': the infrastructure/bridge, rails</li> <li>Networks: People and park/recreation, people and destinations</li> </ul>
tra MOBILE L'IBNARY, Foro Lindbergh (Parque Mexico), Project for Public Spaces + Lugares Públicos, 2015	Park space appropriation (Park) Library	18.1     18.2     18.1     18.2     18.2     18.1     18.2     18.2     18.2     18.2     18.2       18.1     18.1     18.2     18.1     18.1	Agency: Democratic provision of libraries     Affordance: Mobility to experience various places, space offered by the park     'Dispositifs': LEA itself, movable furniture     Networks: People and education/recreation/leisure, people and the outdoors, communities

#### APPENDIX G: Full Green Star report

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Green Star SA - Public & Education Building v1 **Credit Summary** 

Comments: Enter description of project aspects etc.

U								
Category	Title	Credit No.	Points Available	Points Achieved	Points to be Confirmed	Percent of Available Points Achieved	Weighting	Weighted Score
Manage	ment							
	Green Star SA Accredited Professional	Man - 1	2	0	0			
	Commissioning Clauses	Man - 2	2	0	0			
	Building Tuning	Man - 3	2	0	0			
	Independent Commissioning Agent	Man - 4	1	0	0			
	Building Users' Guide	Man - 5	1	0	1			
	Environmental Management	Man - 6	2	0	2			
	Waste Management	Man - 7	3	0	2			
	Building Management Systems	Man - 10	1	0	0			
	Learning Resources	Man - 13	1	0	1			
	Life Cycle Costing	Man - 14	1	0	1			
	Maintainability	Man - 15	1	0	1			
		TOTAL	17	0	8	0%	11%	0,0
ndoor E	Environment Quality							
	Ventilation	IEQ - 1	2	0	2			
	Carbon Dioxide Monitoring and Control	IEQ - 3	1	0	0			
	Daylight	IEQ - 4	3	0	0			
	Daylight Glare Control	IEQ - 5	1	0	1			
	Electric Lighting Levels	IEQ - 7	1	0	0			
	External Views	IEQ - 8	2	0	2			
	Thermal Comfort	IEQ - 9	2	0	0			
	Hazardous Materials	IEQ - 11	1	0	0			
	Internal Noise Levels	IEQ - 12	3	0	0			
	Volatile Organic Compounds	IEQ - 13	3	0	1			
	Formaldehyde Minimisation	IEQ - 14	1	0	0			
	Mould Prevention	IEQ - 15	1	0	1			
	Dedicated Exhaust Riser	IEQ - 16	1	0	0			
	Stairs	IEQ - 23	1	0	1			
		TOTAL	23	0	8	0%	15%	0,0
Energy								
	Conditional Requirement	Ene - 0		Not Achieved				
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Ene - 1	20		0			
	Energy Sub-metering	Ene - 2	3	0	o l			
	Lighting Zoning	Ene - 4	2	0	0			
	Maximum Electrical Demand Reduction	Ene - 5	3	0	0			
	Unoccupied spaces	Ene - 11	2	0	0			
		TOTAL	30	0	0	0%	25%	0,0
ranspo	ort							
	Provision of Car Parking	Tra - 1	2	0	0			
	Fuel-Efficient Transport	Tra - 2	2	0	2			
	Cyclist Facilities	Tra - 3	Requires a 'na'	0	5			
	Commuting Mass Transport	Tra - 4	5	4	0			
	Local Connectivity	Tra - 5	2	0	1			
	Vehicle Operating Emissions	Tra - 7	2	0	1			
		TOTAL	18	4	9	22%	11%	2,4
Vater								
	Potable Water	Wat - 1	12	7	0			
		Wat - 2	3	0	2			
	Water Sub-Metering							
		TOTAL	15	7	2	47%	12%	5,6
Material	İs					47%	12%	5,6
Material	s Recycling Waste Storage	Mat - 1	3	1	2	47%	12%	5,6
Material	is Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse	Mat - 1 Mat - 2	3 5	1 0	2 1	47%	12%	5,6
Material	s Recycling Waste Storage	Mat - 1	3 5 2	1	2 1 2	47%	12%	5,6
Material	is Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse	Mat - 1 Mat - 2	3 5	1 0	2 1	47%	12%	5,6
Material	is  Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse Reused and Recycled Materials	Mat - 1 Mat - 2 Mat - 3	3 5 2	1 0 0	2 1 2	47%	12%	5,6
Material	Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse Reused and Recycled Materials Concrete	Mat - 1 Mat - 2 Mat - 3 Mat - 5	3 5 2 3	1 0 0	2 1 2 2	47%	12%	5,6
Material	Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse Reused and Recycled Materials Concrete Steel	Mat - 1 Mat - 2 Mat - 3 Mat - 5 Mat - 6	3 5 2 3 3	1 0 0 0	2 1 2 2 0	47%	12%	5,6
Material	S Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse Building Reuse Reused and Recycled Materials Concrete Steel Timber	Mat - 1 Mat - 2 Mat - 3 Mat - 5 Mat - 6 Mat - 8	3 5 2 3 3	1 0 0 0 0	2 1 2 2 0	47%	12%	5,6
Material	Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse Reused and Recycled Materials Concrete Steel Timber Design for Disassembly	Mat - 1 Mat - 2 Mat - 3 Mat - 5 Mat - 6 Mat - 6 Mat - 8	3 5 2 3 3 2	1 0 0 0 0	2 1 2 2 0 1	47%	12%	5,6
Material	Is Recycling Waste Storage Building Reuse Reused and Recycled Materials Concrete Steel Timber Design for Disassembly Demarker(ialsation Demarker(i	Mat - 1 Mat - 2 Mat - 3 Mat - 5 Mat - 6 Mat - 6 Mat - 9 Mat - 10	3 5 2 3 3 2 1	1 0 0 0 0 0	2 1 2 2 2 0 1 0	47%	12%	5,6



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Category	Title	Credit No.	Points Available	Points Achieved	Points to be Confirmed	Percent of Available Points Achieved	Weighting	Weighted Score
Land Use	e & Ecology							
	Conditional Requirement	Eco - 0		Not Achieved				
	Topsoil	Eco - 1	1	0	1			
	Reuse of Land	Eco - 2	2	0	1			
	Reclaimed Contaminated Land	Eco - 3	2	0	0			
	Change of Ecological Value	Eco - 4	4	0	3			
	Urban Heat Island	Eco - 5	2	0	3			
	Community Facilities	Eco - 8	1	0	1			
		TOTAL	12	0	9	0%	7%	0,0
mission	ns							
	Watercourse Pollution	Emi - 5	3	0	3			
	Discharge to Sewer	Emi - 6	5	2	1			
	Light Pollution	Emi - 7	1	0	1			
	Legionella	Emi - 8	1	0	0			
	Boiler and Generator Emissions	Emi - 9	1	0	0			
	Atmospheric Deterioration Avoidance	Emi - 11	6	0	1			
		TOTAL	17	2	5	12%	7%	8,0

Sub-total weighted points achieved: 9

				ou	o-total weig	inted points acineved.	,	
Innovation						1		
Innovative St	trategies & Technologies	Inn - 1	5	0	2	1		
Exceeding G	ireen Star SA Benchmarks	Inn - 2	5	0	1			
Environment	al Design Initiatives	Inn - 3	5	0	1			_
		TOTAL	5	0	4	(Innovation is not weighted)	0	1

Total weighted points achieved:

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Weighted Score	Rating		
45-59	Four Star		
60-74	Five Star		
75+	Six Star		

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## APPENDIX I: Ecology table (Author 2021)

Bio-region type	Savana		Information Source SANBI c.2021
	Marikana		SANBI c.2021
Vegetation type	thornveld		3ANDI C.2021
	Area pre	Area post	Information
Element	intervention	intervention (m²)	Source
	(m²)		
Impervious/concrete			
area	5644.59		
Total			
Impervious/concrete			
area		6904,59	
Permeable Paving	_	1041	
Bare ground	34056	0	
Construction company	453	0	
Pool buildings total	290		
Caretaker building	196,2		
Total buildings on site	939,2		
Total buildings kept	486,2		
New Buildings		4326	
Total kept		4812,2	
Natural Wetland	_	_	
Rehabilitation/Creation			
of Wetland/Riparian	0	19980	
Natural Grazing	21178		
Existing Natural			
Waterway/Riparian			
Zone*	21178	21178	
Indigenous Garden	0	1295	
Indigenous Roof			
Garden	0		
Regenerated Endemic			
Habitat (< 10 years		21178 (Riparian	
old)*	0	zone)	
Consultation pavilion			
garden roof	-	282	
Workshop pavilion			
garden roof	-	-	
Educational Pavilion			
garden roof	-	457,2	
Garden Pavilion garden		475.0	
roof	-	175,8	
Sports Pavilion garden		400	
roofs	-	469 146	
Total gravel roof Total roof garden	-	1384	
rotal root garden	-	1584	



 Total flat roofs
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 1530

 Pool zone-pool
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 2845



### APPENDIX J: Rainwater calculations (Author 2021)

Name	Area (m²)	Water consumption	Water wasted (L)	Mamelodi Av. Annual rainfall (mm)	Harvesting Capacity (L)	Amount of users	Flow rates (L/flush or L/min)	Information Source
Consultation pavilion roof	162	:		708	114696			https://en.climate- data.org/africa/sou th- africa/gauteng/ma melodi-27164/
Workshop pavilion roof	690	)		708	488520			
Educational Pavilion roof	253			708	179124			
Garden Pavilion roof	108	1		708	76464			
Sports Pavilion roofs	888			708	628704			
Bicycle Pavilion roof	94,5	i		708	66906			
Sibande stalls roof	520	)		708	368160			
Tsomo stalls roof	780			708	552240			
Total IBR Total flat roof	3495,5			708	2474814			
Stormwater runnoff	2542	!		708	1799736			
Indidenous garden Shower (4-10				708				
minute ) Car wash		7 15-70 L/wash					7	
our wasii		15 / 0 L/ Wasii						



4,5 Hand wash basin https://www.sawat Urinals er.com.au/\_\_data/a ssets/pdf\_file/0006 /6693/Factsheet\_S 2,2 mallBusiness.pdf https://www.sawat Toilet flushing 11L/flush 4,5- er.com.au/\_\_data/a 3,3(water ssets/pdf\_file/0008 efficient /6686/Factsheet\_A menities.pdf dual) https://www.pub.g Washing machine 72 L/load ov.sg/wels/Docum ents/Water%20Effic iency%20Requirem ents%20for%20Pro 12L/kg ducts.pdf

Pool

328



1429,1667 Pool pump

Wetland

Water storage tank

Building's dominant occupation type

Information Source

SANS 10400 A

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Occupancy 2016: 44-45

SANS 10400A 2016:

**Design Population** 

E3 institutional

(residential) 2/bedroom G1 offices  $1/15 \text{ m}^2$ A1-A5 (excl A3)  $1/m^2$ A3 (instruction)  $1/5m^2$ H2 Dorm  $1/5m^2$ 

A1 Entertainment,

public assembly  $1/m^2$ 

A2 theatre and

 $1/m^2$ sports A5 outdoor sports  $1/m^2$ 

D3-D1 high to low

 $1/15m^2$ risk industrial 1/50m<sup>2</sup> J3-J1 storage



Provision for sanitation fixtures

SANS 10400 P 2010: 29-33



APPENDIX K: Extracted activity mapping on Hinterland and the Buffer Zone (Niebuhr 2021)

