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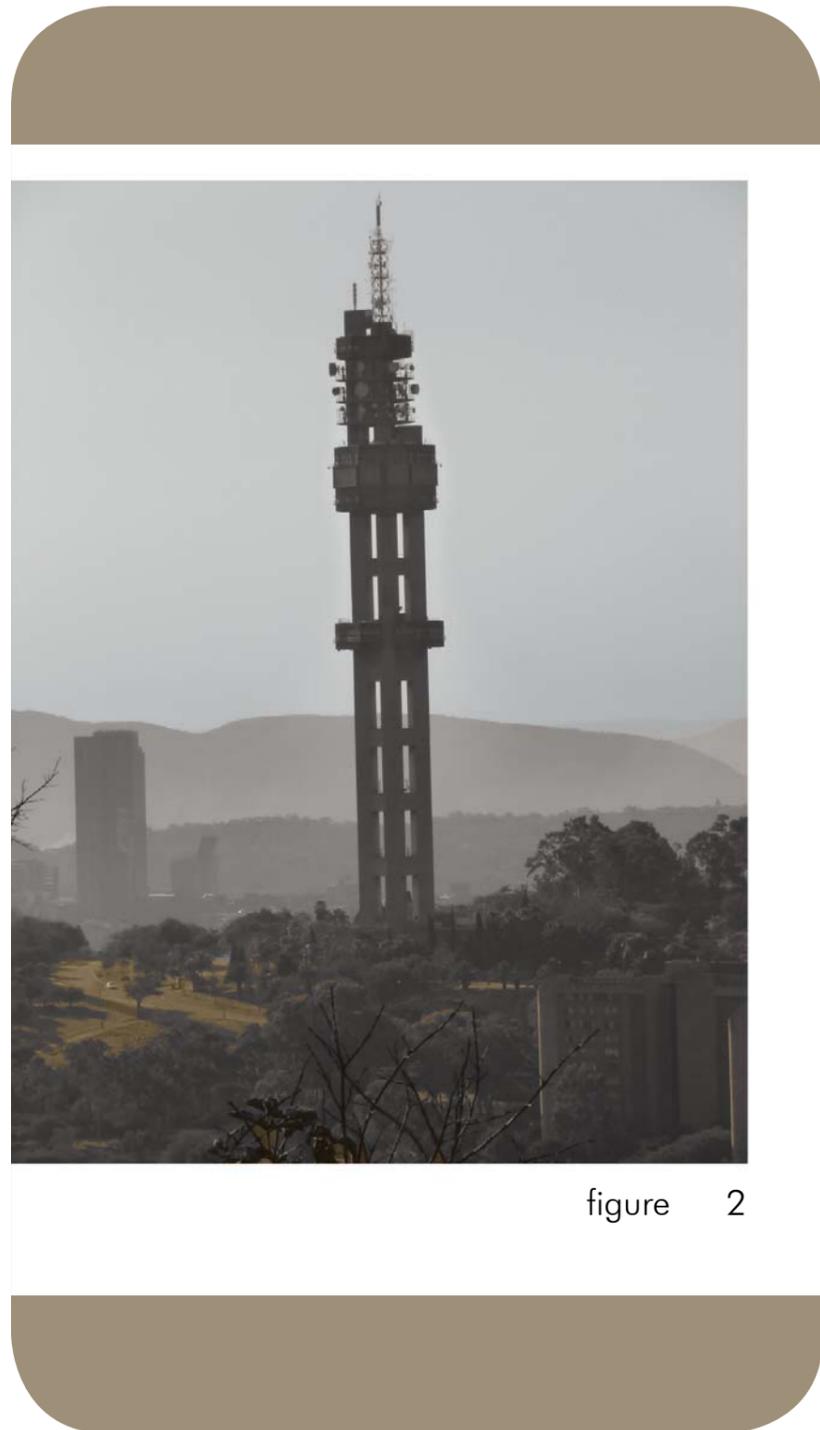
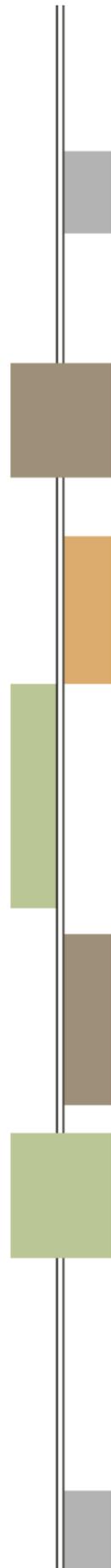


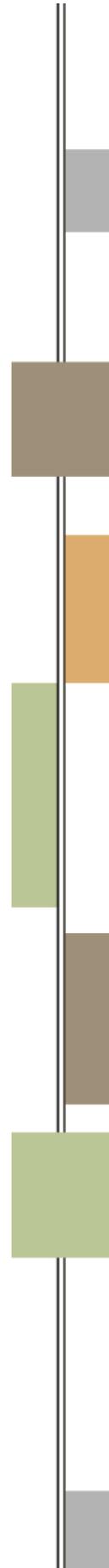
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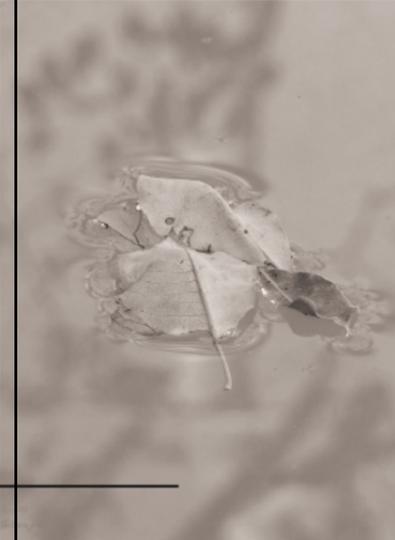
“We did not inherit this land from our ancestors, but are rather borrowing it from our children.” (VAN LILL, D. 2005:69)

Man and nature...captured within a relational existence. Theoretically this document disputes the man-nature-relationship with the emphasis on architectural participation, in an attempt to redefine their interdependency.

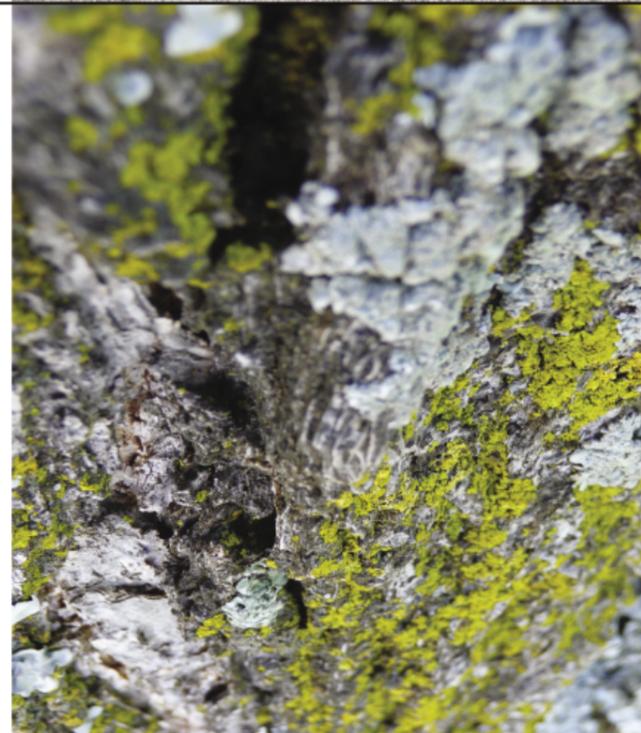
Architecture creates a new landscape - despites its inherent character. (NESBIT 1996:461)

And if the true problem is acknowledged - that of our social arrangements, then we'll be able to see our alienation from nature as a failure, for nature shouldn't be shaped around our needs but we should rather strive towards a harmonious co-existence. (KATZ & KIRBY 1991:263)

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Humans receive the recognition that they are “of nature” yet they also poses a “second nature” due to their capability of objective reason. (NESBIT 1996:461)

By analysing man’s way of living over a lifetime, a better understanding can be drawn to what the ideal relationship should be. In turn this will be used in the present context and measured against current situations. The function of the urban framework will also be defined and the site characteristics identified within this understanding.

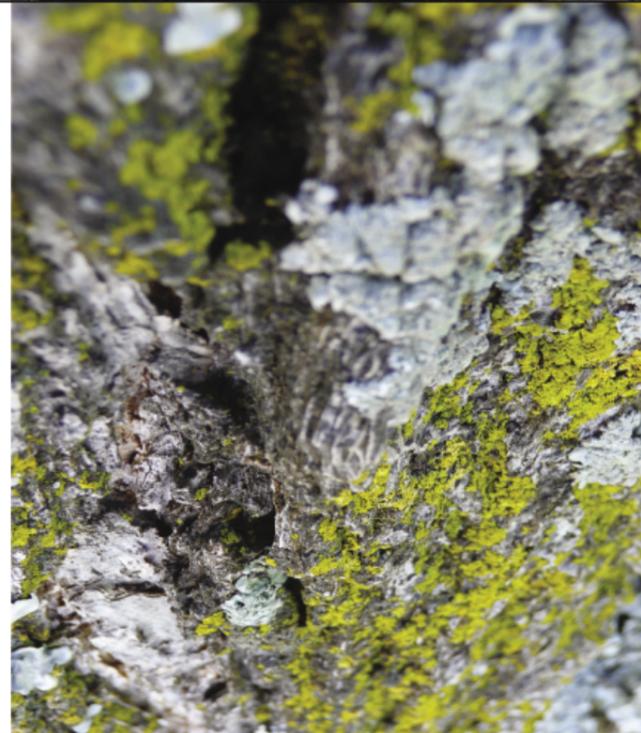
"Our troubled planet can no longer afford the luxury of pursuits confined to the ivory towers." (WATSON 1984:121)

Based on this, an attempt will be made to redefine this relationship between man and nature within an existing context. Identifying a model relationship and practically applying it to the given context. At best it will attempt to give a better solution for some of the current issues related to this topic.

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“Human life is not intended to oppose nature and endeavour to control it, but rather to draw nature into an intimate association in order to find union with it.” (NESBIT 1996:460)