## PhD Portfolio of Drawings SIBERIAN IMAGINARIES

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Portfolio contents follows the methodological structure of the research. The PhD methodology consists of three stages: Investigator, Narrator, and Maker. During the Investigator stage, the researcher has studied archives and facilitated walking observations, reflective drawings to evaluate the local affordances of the research context. Both physical and non-physical affordances analysis and walking investigations helped to define speculative sites for the Siberian Imaginaries projects. The Narrator and Maker stages are defined in the final two projects of the imaginaries. The portfolio also includes speculative projects that did not go ahead.

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<sup>\*</sup> PAPER PROJECTS - speculative projects for learning-by-making that did not proceed to the making stage

#### **CASE STUDIES MAP** EMPIRICAL DATA ANALYSIS TAKEN INTO THE SIBERIAN IMAGINARIES 180 E 140 W 140 E **SNOWABLLING INTERVIEWS** Interviews were held with practicioners from Northern Canada, Greenland, Scandinavia, **COLLABORATIVE LEARNING-BY-MAKING** the UK, and various parts of Russia. **PROJECTS** PARTICIPATORY DESIGN PROJECTS NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN Case Study 2 **Bottom-up Project of Dog's City** in Yakutsk, 2021 ALASKA YAKUTSK **MA** project "Growing Structures" REPUBLIC OF SAKHA YELLOWKNIFE in Yakutsk, 2019 (YAKUTIA) CANADA LENSK Popova Aina ARCTIC OCEAÑ Case Study 1 **Top-down Project of Oyuur Park** in Lensk, 2019-2021 SVALBARD LONGYEARBYEN GREENLAND Case Study 3 **Amphitheatre in Caledonian Park** in London, 2021 RUSSIA ICELAND FINLAND KAZAN HELSINKI YAROSLAVL NORWAY MOSCOW LONDON Key High Arctic regions Sakha Republic boundaries ow Arctic regions Case Study sites: Yakutsk, Lensk, London Sub Arctic regions Snowballing interviews sites **COVID strict restrictions - the UK COVID strict restrictions - Siberia** PhD timeline PhD - Year 2 (2020-2021) **MA Research** PhD - Year 1 (2019-2020) 02/08/20 PhD - Year 3 (2021-2022) 20/10/19 The PhD case studies have been affected by the COVID pandemic - travel and social gathering restrictions. However, these restrictions allowed to test other methods of online participatory design workshops and online snow-Final Writing up 22/06/20-17/07/20 26/06/20-02/09/20 End Siberian **Participatory** Yakutian 13-19/07/2019 submission balling interviews. Furthermore, the politico-economical situation of Russia 2 Start Oyuur **Imaginaries** 4 Caledonian Park Oyuur 3 Dog's City **Placemaking studies** context studies **MA Growing Structures** Park walking & is affecting the imported resources in Yakutia and adds to its remotness survey learning-by-making Online/remote mapping (transportation and travel restrictions). **Snowballing Interviews** In-person

#### **STAGE 1 - NON-PHYSICAL AFFORDANCES**

HISTORY OF INDIGENOUS CULTURE

**INDEPENDENT YEARS RUSSIAN INVASION SOVIET PERIOD** MODERN PERIOD

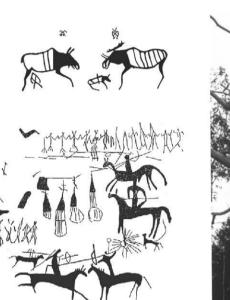






Fig.1 Parietal art from Lena Pillars, illustrating elks, hunters on horses, warriors, kettle.

Fig.2 An al-luk-mas carved tree that represents Sakha worldview: upper and middle worlds, pictures people and animals. Similar imagery can be seen on shaman's costumes of Yukaghir, Evenk, and Even people indigenous minorities of the Sakha Republic). (Fitzhugh, 1988, p.297; Serov, 1988, p.247).

Fig.3 A photograph of a Sakha shaman. Shamanism and spiritualism is the traditional belief of Siberian indigenous



Fig. 16 Yakutian intelligence. Members of the Siberian Regional Duma from Yakutsk, 1917.

Fig.19 The building of the Council of Ministers

Fig.21 Painting of Romanov P., "A warrior with

Fig.22 A painting illustrating Yakutian religious

beliefs: upper and middle world: Stepanov

Timofey Andreevich, 1979/1979. Olonkho

Worlds with the World Tree. From a

series "Yakut Heroic Epos Olonkho"

of the Yakut Autonomous Soviet Socialist

Republic on Lenin Square

Fig.20 Parade in Yakutsk

his bride", 1930s.

Fig.17 Pioneers with their teacher

Fig. 18 Young yakut men reading newspaper, Soviet time, March, 1931











1632 1922 1992









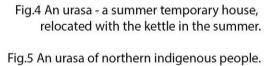


Fig.6 A Sakha woman in traditional clothes

during the summer festival Ysyakh, pouring fermented dairy drink Kumys.

Fig.7 A balagan - a Sakha traditional winter house.

Fig.8 A mogul urasa - summer house of wealthy Sakha. Mogul is much larger in size, less often relocated. A photograph of an interior (reproduced).

Fig.9 A mogul urasa exterior with a serge next to it. The Sakha serge has many meanings: functional for horses, ritual or traditional for the household. A serge presense means that a place has an owner.

Fig. 10 A Sakha bride and her friends next to a balagan.



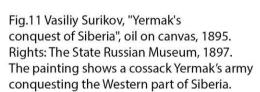












traditional architecture: houses, a post, a covered market, and a church. Fig.14 An orthodox church priest with

Fig. 12 & 13 Streets of Yakutsk - Russian

the local children.

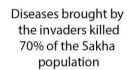
Fig.15 An urbanised Sakha family wearing traditional Sakha clothes.





Fur taxing of the

indigenous peoples. Gold mining

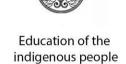




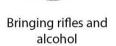
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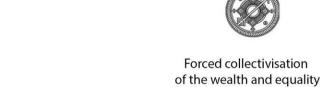
and Russian

architecture

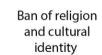














Rapid urbanisation and development of mining industries













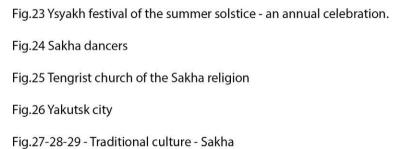


Fig. 30 - The northern nomads community



Sakha culture



Further urbanisation



Teaching locals

in agriculture

Russians brought

Western medicine

Forced conversion to Russian Orthodox Church and naming the Sakha with Russian



1890 2020







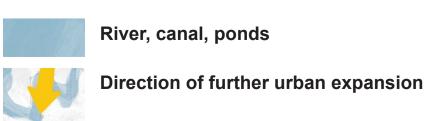
Yakutsk city started from a Lenskiy Fort built by the Russian invaders. The settlement was stretched along the riverbank of Lena - the main transport link. The first Russian settlers started fur taxing the indigenous people and build the town to support their businesses. Over the centuries, Yakutsk was growing towards North, West and South - outwards from the river (the main threshold of the city).

Rapid expansion of Yakutsk in 1960-s pushed the urban fabric across some natural thresholds - ponds, streams, and the woods. Discovery of gold, diamonds, and other natural resources brought mining industries and new people to the region. Yakutsk expanded to the West until it met the second biggest threshold of Chochur Muraan hill. Since then, Yakutsk continued expanding only vertically. During the USSR period were built: the City Canal, centralised heating system and stations, typical housing apartments.

#### Key





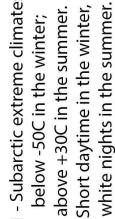


After the collapse of the USSR the rapid expansion of Yakutsk continued: densification of urban fabric and further growth to north and south. At the 2020 there were built a new additional heating station, major residential districts. Additionally, the renovation of public spaces was resumed by the local authorities. According to the city master plan, Yakutsk has new reserve territories along the riverbank of Lena - it is reserved for the future residential developments. In the late 2000-s the train line reached a village across the river from Yakutsk. There is a plan of building a vehicle bridge that would lead to another round of expansion (the east riverbank of Lena is a road connection to the rest of Russia. Half a year the connection is closed due to the climate).

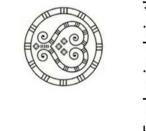
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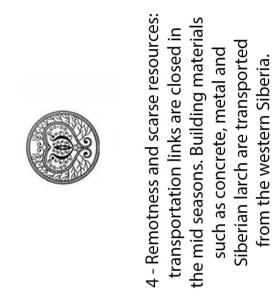




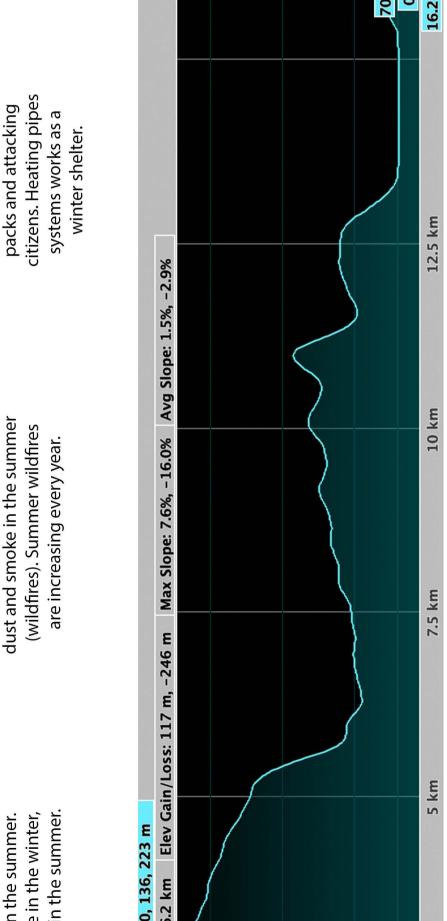








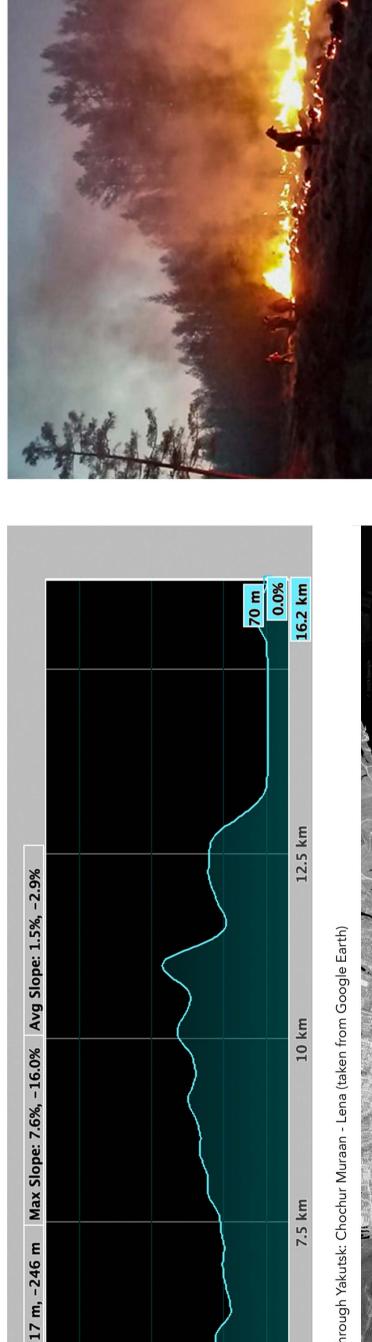
5 - Topography and building regulations: large-scale buildings are raised above the ground due to permafrost landscape. Relatively flat landscape of the valley where Yakutsk is situated, prone to floodings. Lack of green in the city.



223 m 200 m

150 m

100 m 70 m

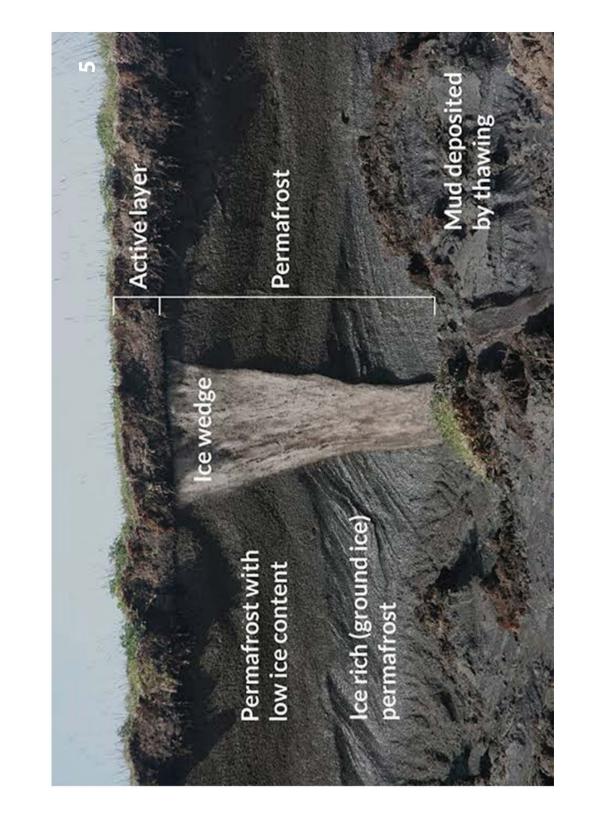


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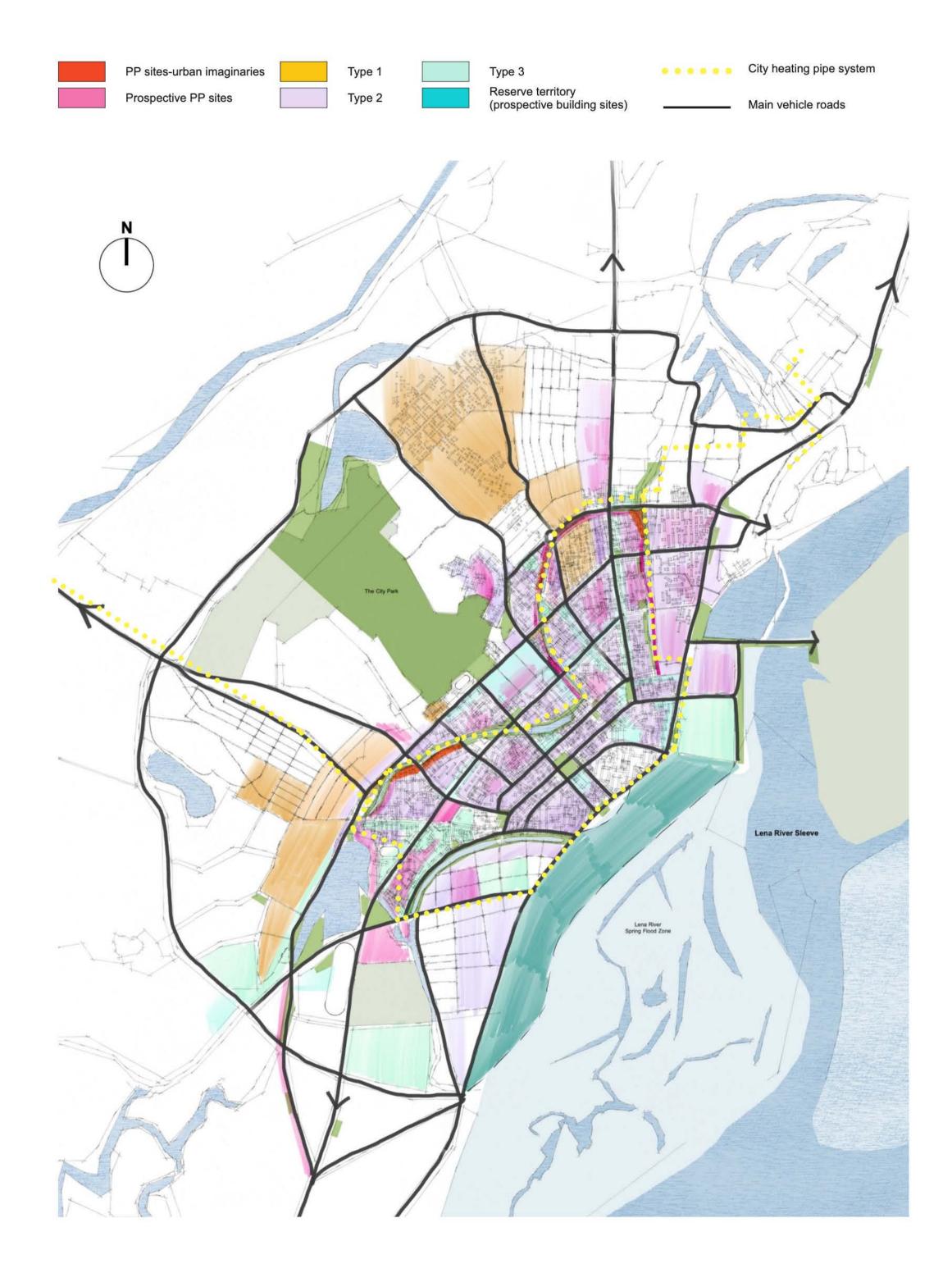






#### **STAGE 1 - PHYSICAL AFFORDANCES**

**CURRENT URBAN REALM - YAKUTSK - BUILDING TYPOLOGY** 



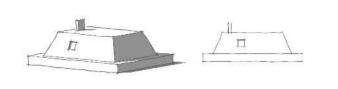






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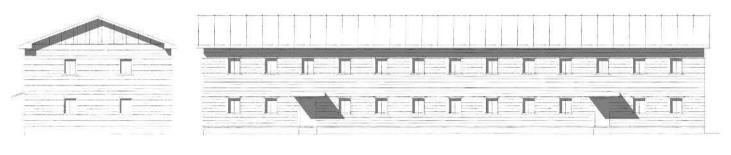
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- 2 KALVITSA ST ABOVE THE ROAD;



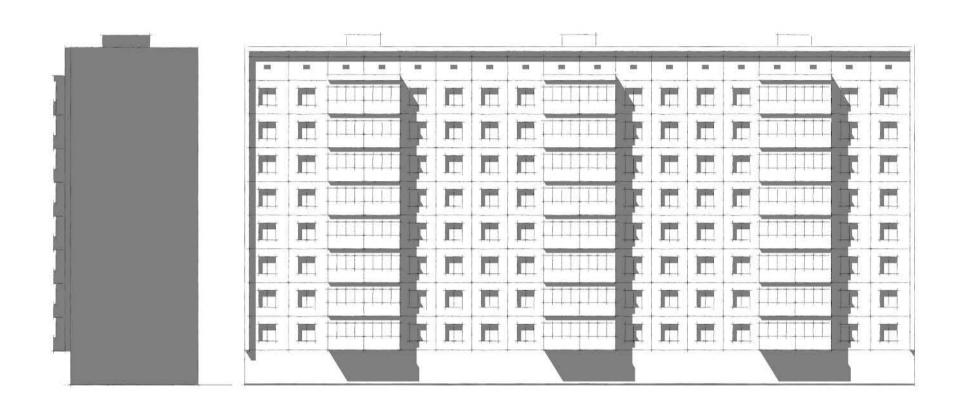
#### SAKHA TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE

STILL USED AS
CELEBRATION SPACE OR
KETTLE HOUSE IN THE
VILLAGES

REFLECTIVE DRAWING - BUILT
ENVIRONMENT OF YAKUTSK, TYPOLOGY
OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. THIS
EXERCISE IS CONSTRUCTED TO DEFINE
POSSIBLE SITES FOR PARTICIPATORY
PLACEMAKING.



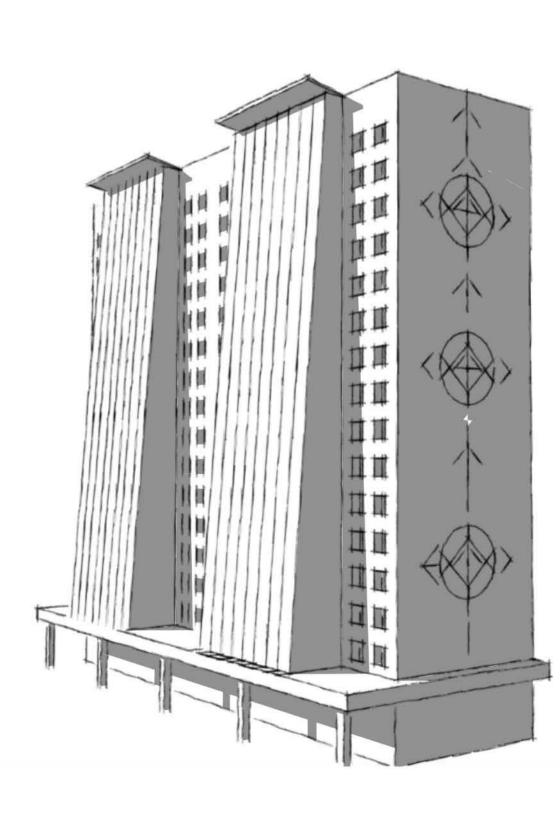
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THESE APARTMENTS ARE AWAITING FOR
RELOCATION - SIMILAR TO COUNCIL
HOUSING IN THE UK. NOT SUITABLE FOR
PP INITIATIVES AS THE
NEIGHBOURHOODS ARE TOO POOR

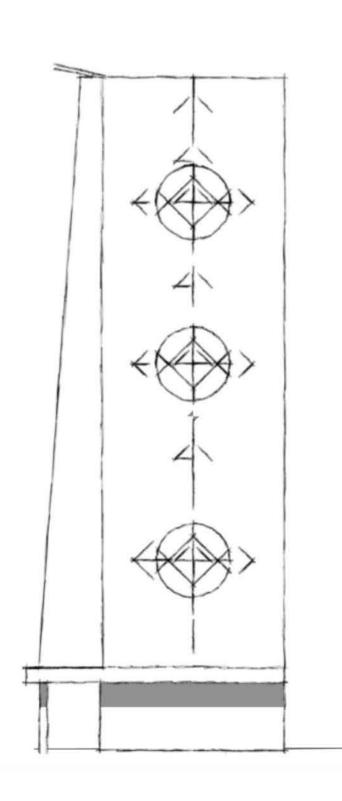


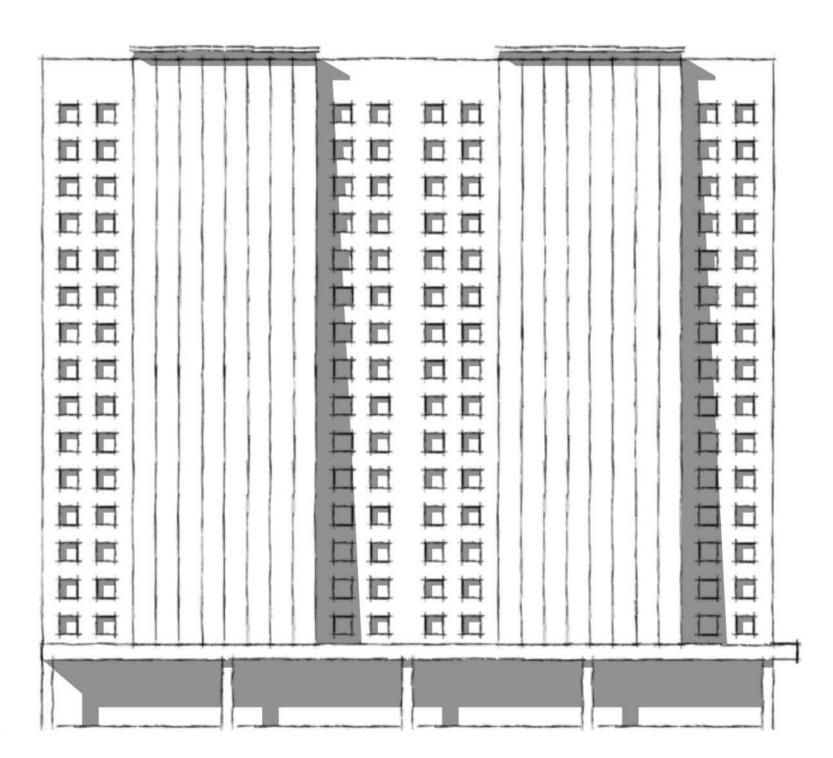
TYPE Z- 19505 -SOVIET CONCRETE PANEL APARTMENTS IN GOOD CONDITION. NEW VERSIONS OF
THIS TYPOLOGY IS BEING BUILT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SUITABLE FOR
PP INITIATIVES



NEW SCHEMES THAT COMBINE
RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND BUSINESSES ON
THE GROUND FLOOR SUITABLE FOR PP
INITIATIVES



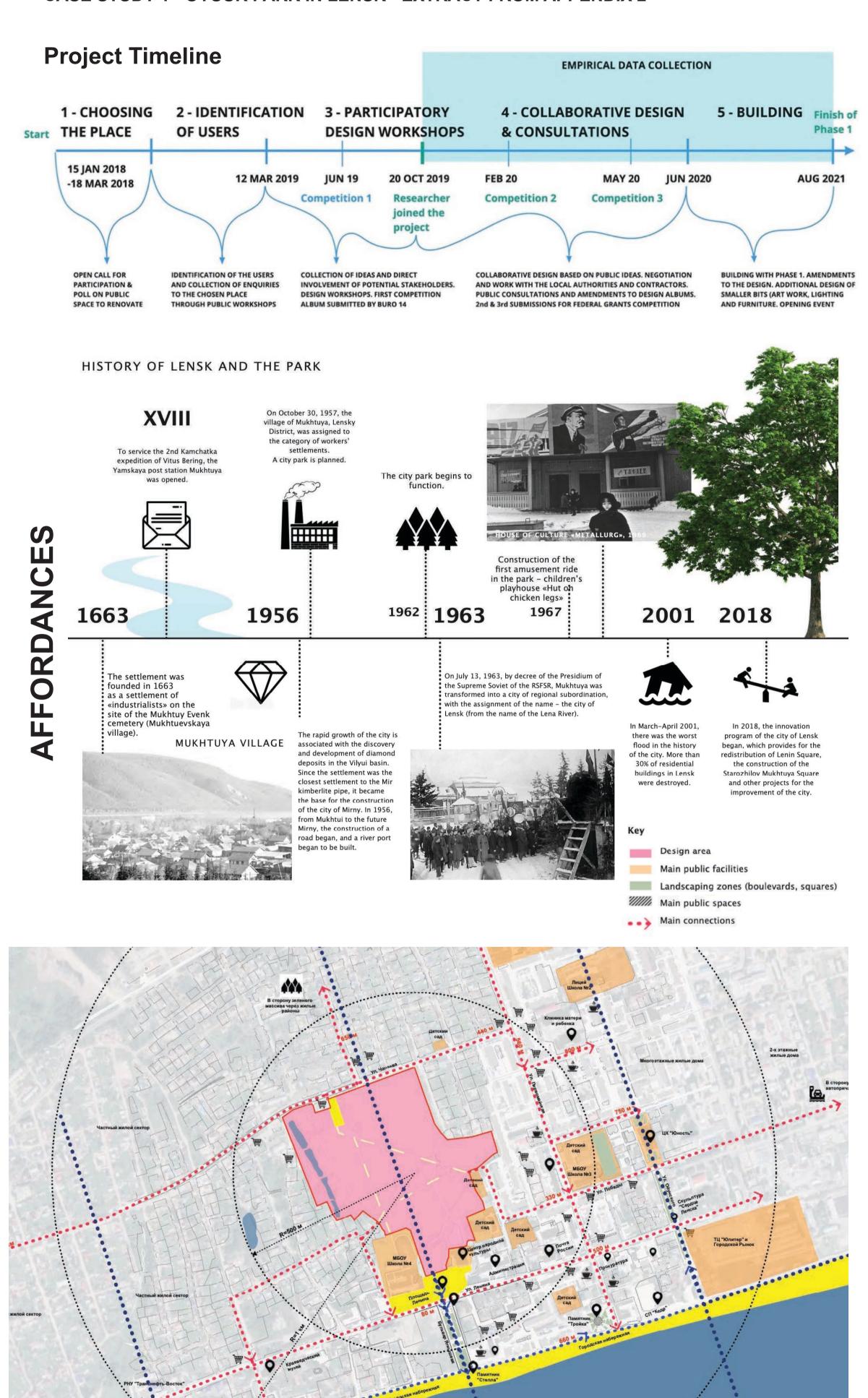






#### **STAGE 2 - PARTICIPATORY DESIGN**

CASE STUDY 1 - OYUUR PARK IN LENSK - EXTRACT FROM APPENDIX 2



#### COMMUNITY GROUPS OF LENSK

In the city of Lensk, there is a large number of diverse urban communities that all come together amicably at citywide events. Their meeting place is Lenin Square and the city projected park «Oyuur».

Many sports clubs, such as football clubs «Fakel», «Sparta LPU», «Champion», track and field teams «Lenskoye LMPUG» and «KFKiS».









There is a local tradition - an exhibition of craftsmen and artists of the city in the park on holidays. Local artists and bands of the Yakut stage, the experimental musical group «Etazhi» and others.





National communities: «Algys», «Mukhtui old-timers», the Bashkir community and many others.

Communities and teams of the city of Lensk love to organize friendly competitions and contests, entertainment programs for all ages. For example: a large-scale coloring contest «Slaymania».



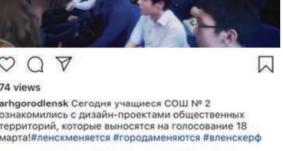
#### COLLABORATIVE DESIGN PROCESS

The project of the city park «Oyuur» and its implementation is an initiative of its residents for the first time. It was the residents who, during the work on the project, chose the design site, wishes and requirements for its appearance, took an active part in its conceptualization and design.

The progress of work can be divided into the main categories: choosing a place and interested parties, identifying tasks based on the requests of interested parties, designing workshops with various groups of the population, analyzing the project design progress, identifying specific local businesses and communities that will undertake the further development of the park. The project has already started thanks to the joint efforts of the city.



arhgorodlensk Сегодня учащиеся СОШ № 2 ознакомились с дизайн-проектами общественных территорий, которые выносятся на голосование 18 марта!#ленскменяется #городаменяются #вленскерф





#### 86 views arhgorodlensk Выбирать тебе! Голосование по городской среде уже скоро. На экранах г.Ленска в начале мероприятий можно увидеть красочный... тоге 2 March 2018 - See Translation

- familiarization with the progress work, attraction of citizens



15.01.2018-25.11.2018

Residents of Lensk were invited to participate through messages in the media, on social networks, at the stands of the administration, information banners were installed throughout the city, announcements in all public buildings

Step 2 - take part in a survey, fill out a questionnaire at survey points or on the website gorodlensk.ru;

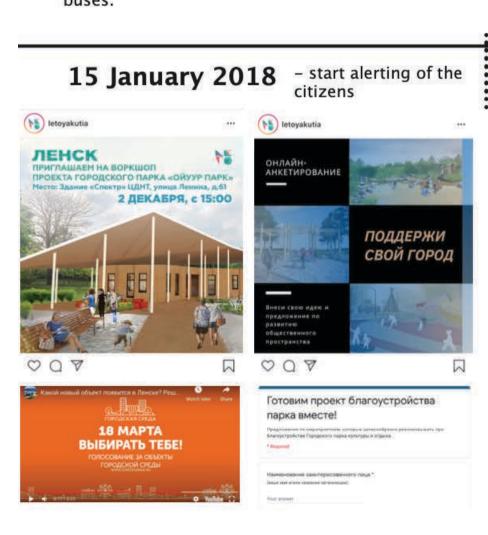
Step 3 - after February 13, consideration of projects of the selected

Step 4 - vote on March 18, 2018 for the most needed object.

**Step 1** - decide which public area should be renovated;

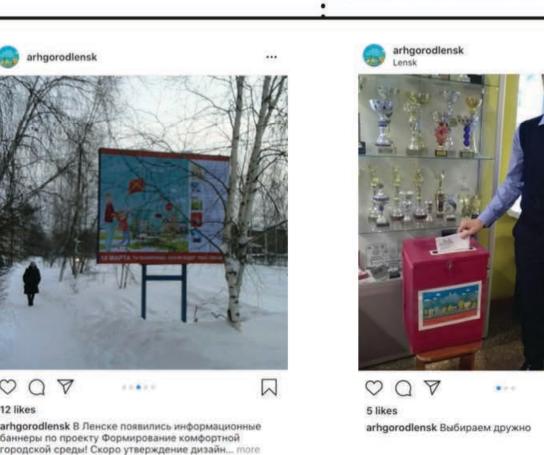
February-March 2018 

18 March 2018





15 February 2018 See Translation





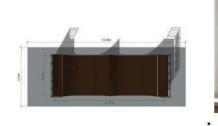




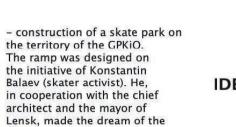
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THEIR INQUIRIES

During the meetings and surveys, the stakeholders of the project were identified and workshops were held with them. In order to identify their requests and draw up terms of reference for the project.



meeting with the mayor and administration of Lensk workshops were held for all age groups and various communities of Lensk.

11 December 2018

18 December 2018



**COLLECTION OF IDEAS AND** 

**DRAFTING AIMS** 

12 January 2019

Already at the stage of discussing the planned work on the improvement of the park, local

entrepreneurs expressed wishes for the

and guests, negotiations are underway to

conclude agreements with organizations and

individuals on the joint organization of work.

organization of various commercial outlets on

an equipped and attractive territory for citizens



- an inclusive master class at the Lena

rehabilitation center for minors



park and its improvement. For example, there will be a competition among local residents for the design of an art object «Rowan», children and teenagers will be able to take part in painting and graffiti

(for example, a skate park). In the spring of 2020, residents of Lensk have already held subbotniks in the city park and participated in a new

START OF IMPLEMENTATION

survey, helps with a new submission of the project to the

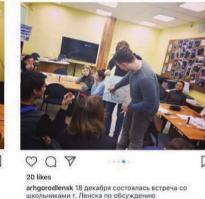
Construction of the multifunctional center and the main entrances to the park has begun.





skaters of Lensk come true.

15 May 2018



радовать жителей и гостей нашего города 😿 🌞



December 2018 See Translation

meeting-joint design with schoolchildren of Lensk: joint conceptualization in







STUDY OF THE COLLECTIVE IMAGE OF THE PARK

Summer cafe of the local business of Lapin



12 March 2019



PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF THE DESIGN PROJECT For two years, the administration has already been working

together with investors, such as Transneft-Vostok (a new multifunctional sports ground has been equipped), with the most active citizens, communities (skateboarders proposed a skate ground project and the administration supported this project and began active implementation, regular meetings of the public commission are held, which organizes and controls all the preparatory work and the implementation of

27 November 2019

The design project of the park was agreed and finalized based on the opinions and comments of the townspeople



28 November 2019 -workshop in CD «Spektr»







COLLABORATIVE DESIGN PROCESS PAINTING WORKSHOPS







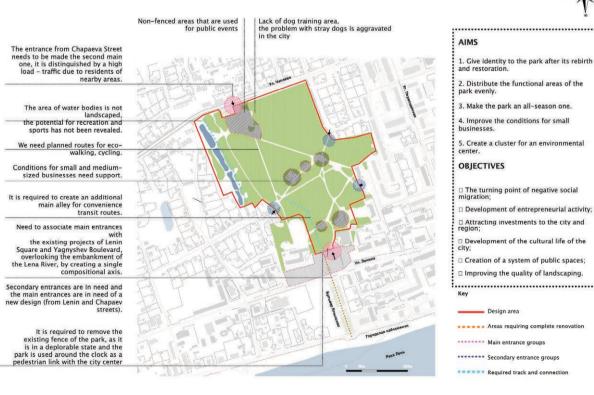




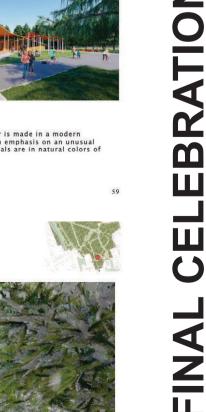
Anna Nartova, KIO MO City of Lensk, proposed to make art objects in the vegetation zone, and also proposed to make a site for the national culture

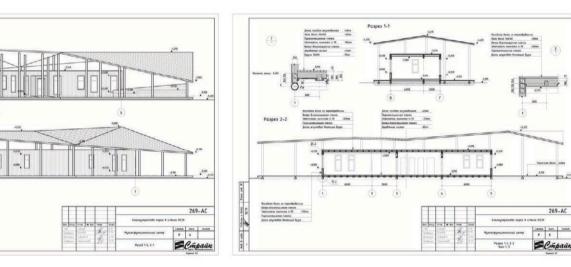


ASPIRATIONS OF THE LENSK CITIZENS - SUMMARY







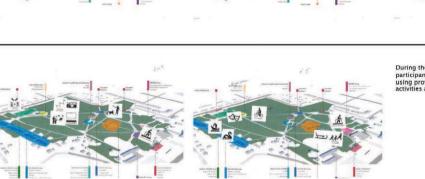


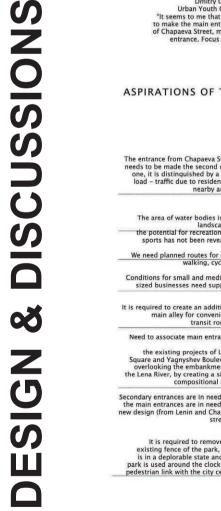
#### COLLABORATIVE DESIGN PROCESS MAPPING EXERCISES

COLLABORATIVE DESIGN PROCESS

MAPPING EXERCISES



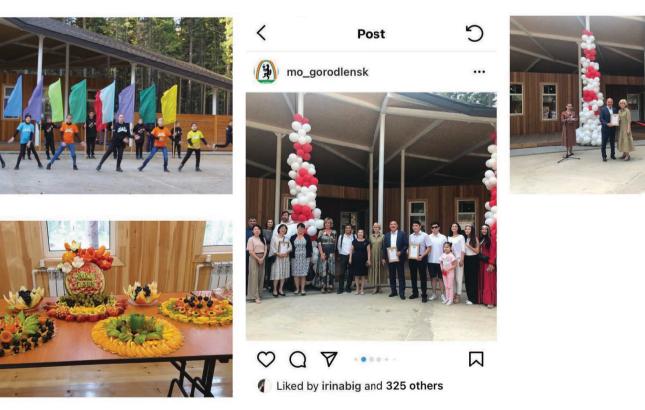


















#### **STAGE 2 - PARTICIPATORY DESIGN**

**CASE STUDY 2 - DOG CITY IN YAKUTSK - EXTRACT FROM APPENDIX 3** 

#### **Project Timeline**

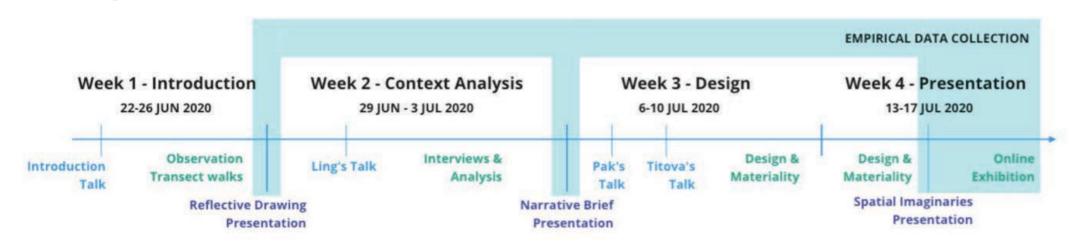
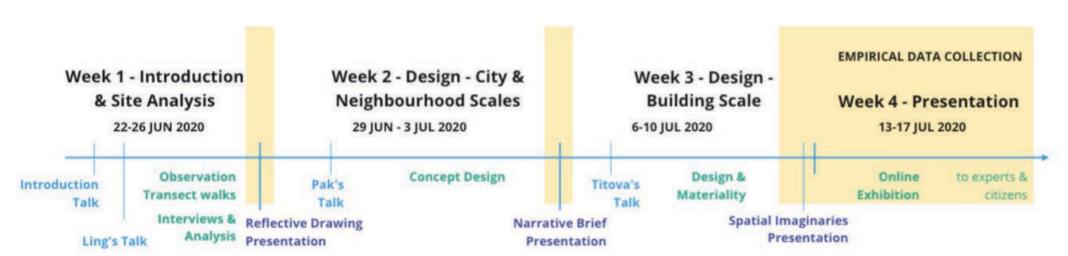
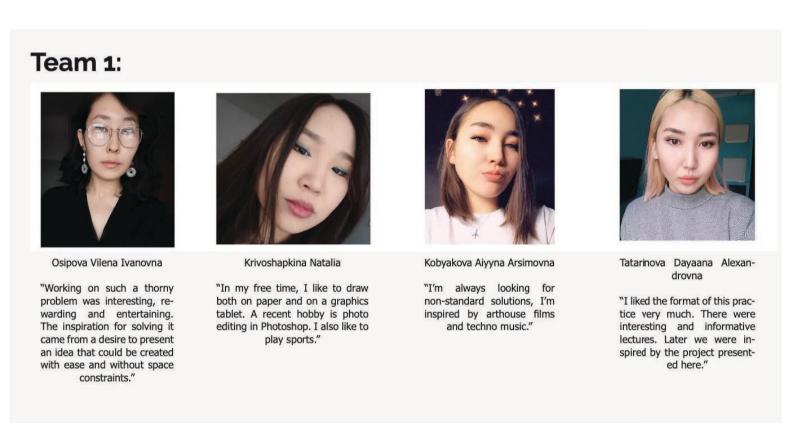


FIG.2 - EXPECTED WORKSHOP STRUCTURE DIAGRAM









**ARTICIPANTS** 

"The practice was very interesting and exciting. The problem of stray dogs is very relevant in our time, and all the work performed in our group deserves to be its solution. Thanks to our organizers and experts, we gained valuable experience working in self-isolation and the workshop."



Tikhonova Alena "I love to change and push myself to new beginnings. For my work I am inspired by spaces and people. My fuel is coffee and my playlist."



Nikiforov Nyurgun 21 years old, student-architect "In my free time I like to ride a bike and listen to mu-



Ignatenko Katerina "I was glad to take part in this practice! In everyday life I am engaged in volunteering and I always try to help animals, I was also engaged in the field of dog breeding, that is, I am familiar with the problem of stray veiners in the city of Yakutsk firsthand. I am glad that my experience and understanding of the problem came to a different help level.

Team 3:



Vinokurova Maya

"Hello everyone! My name is Maya Vinokurova, a student of the Engineering and Technical Institute of the BA-A-16 group, I see a creative approach in everything, I like to paint with watercolors, I am always open to new knowl-



"The practice was very interesting for me. We divided into groups and came to the best

solution."



Popova Aina "I'm Aina Popova, a 5th year student-architect of the NEFU Institute of Engineering and Technology. I love creativity and a creative approach to everything. In my free time I prefer to read fantasy and

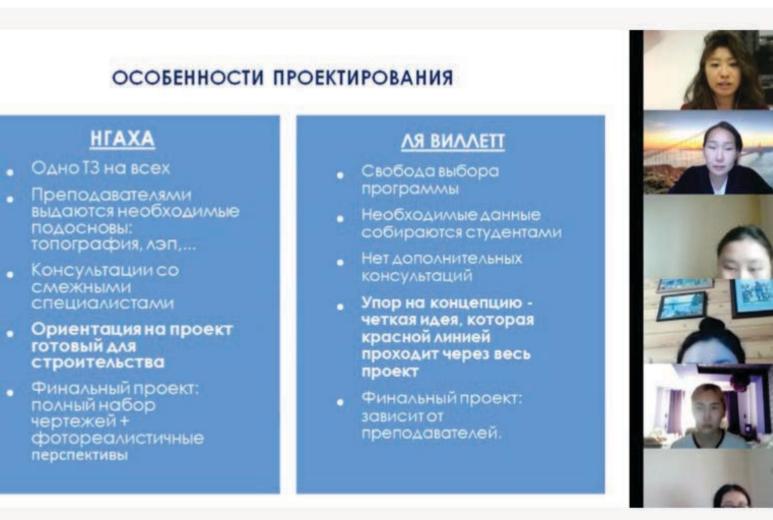


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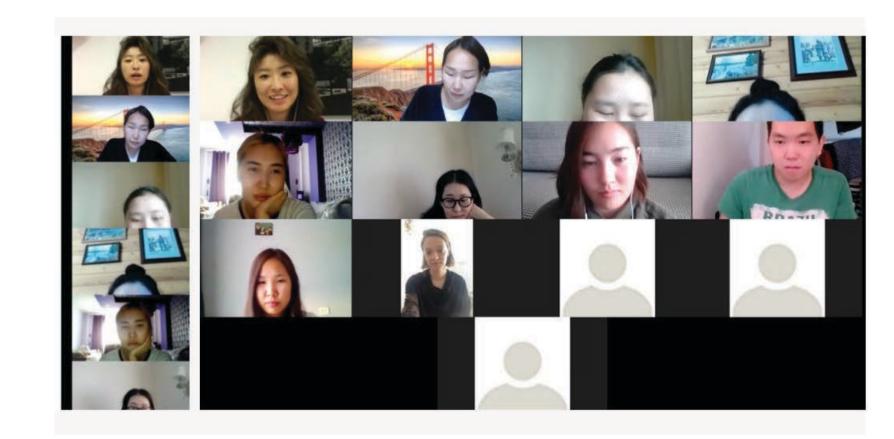


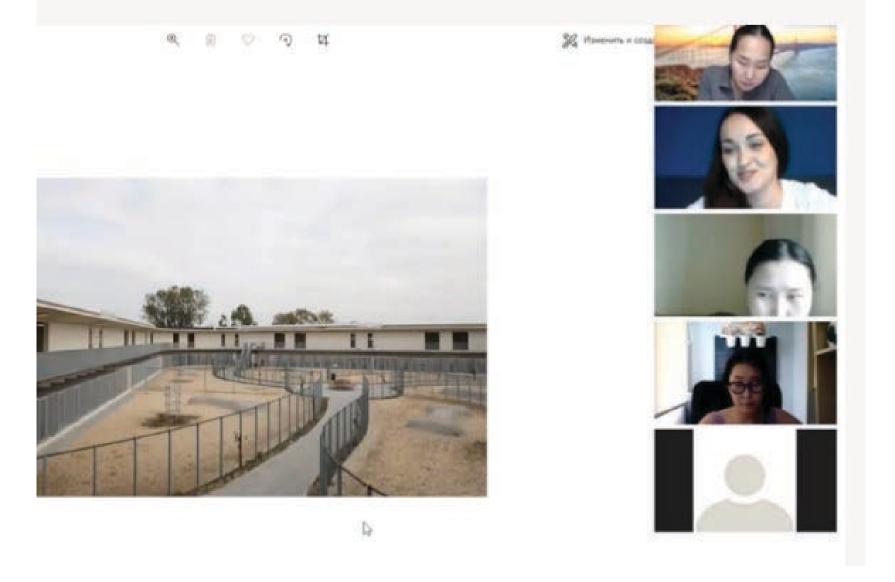
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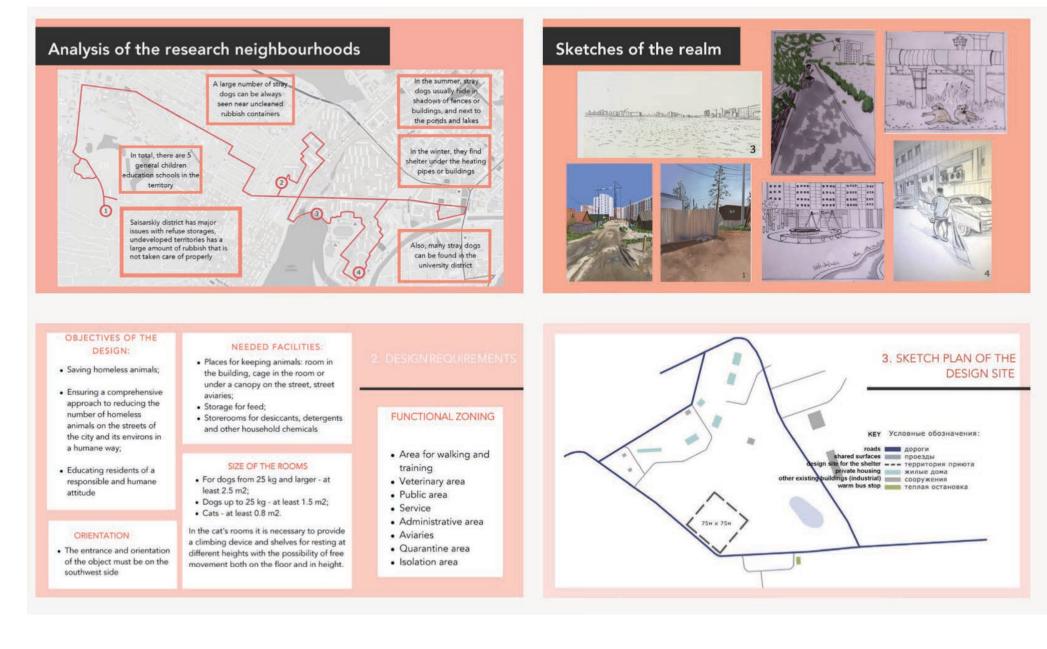
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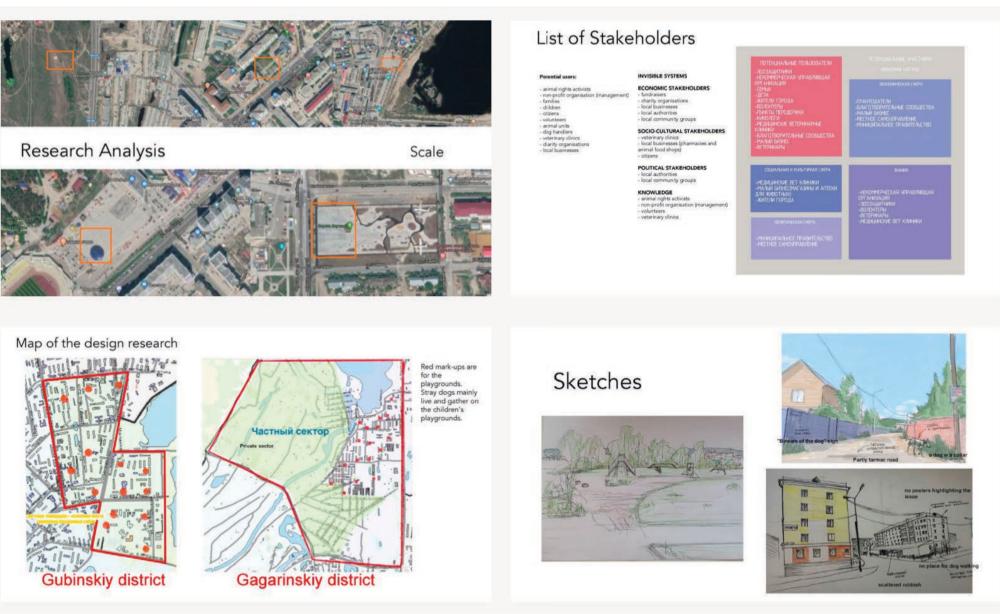
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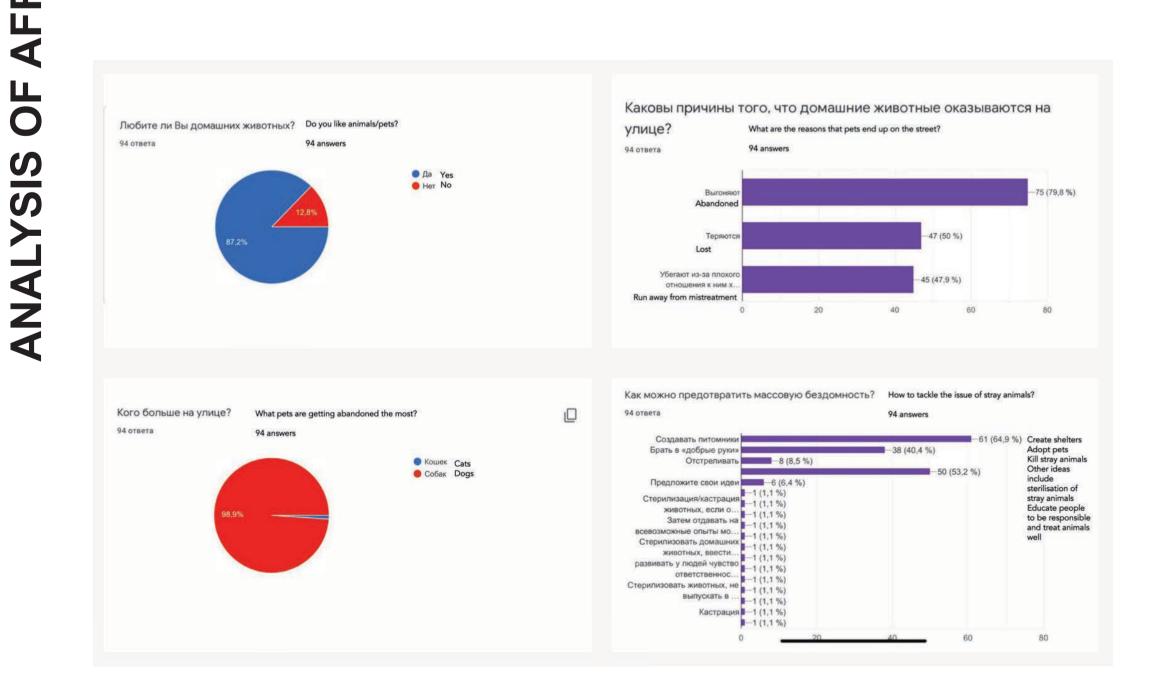
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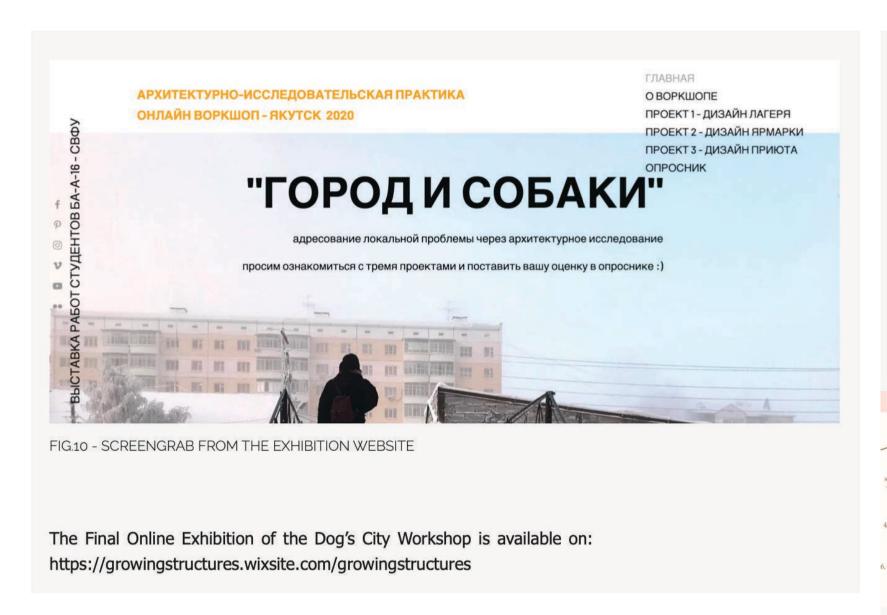








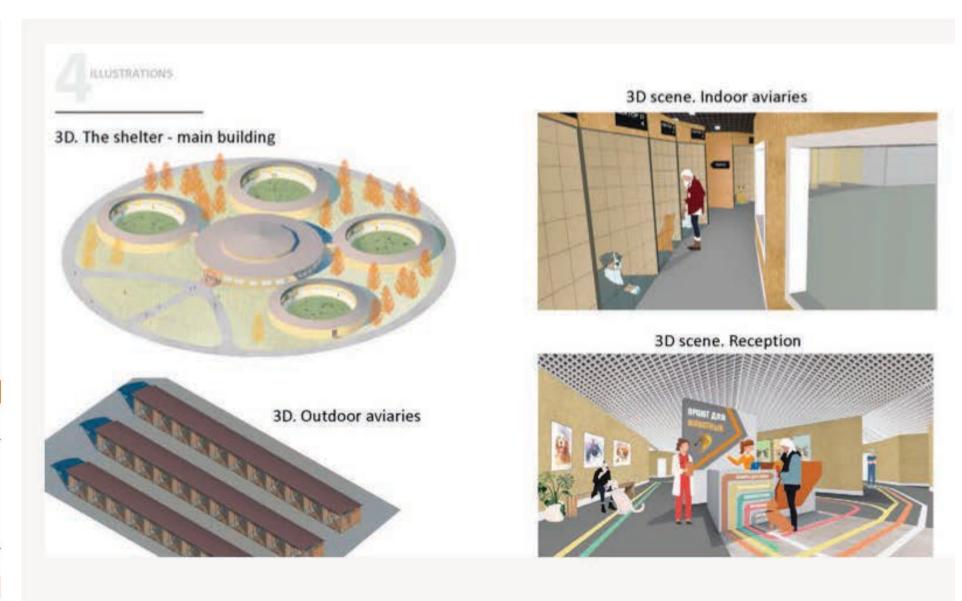
#### **Exhibition Website**



Team 2

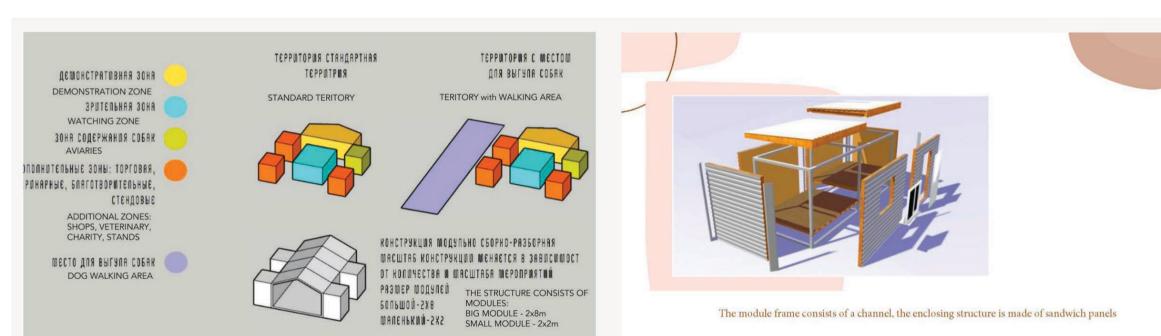


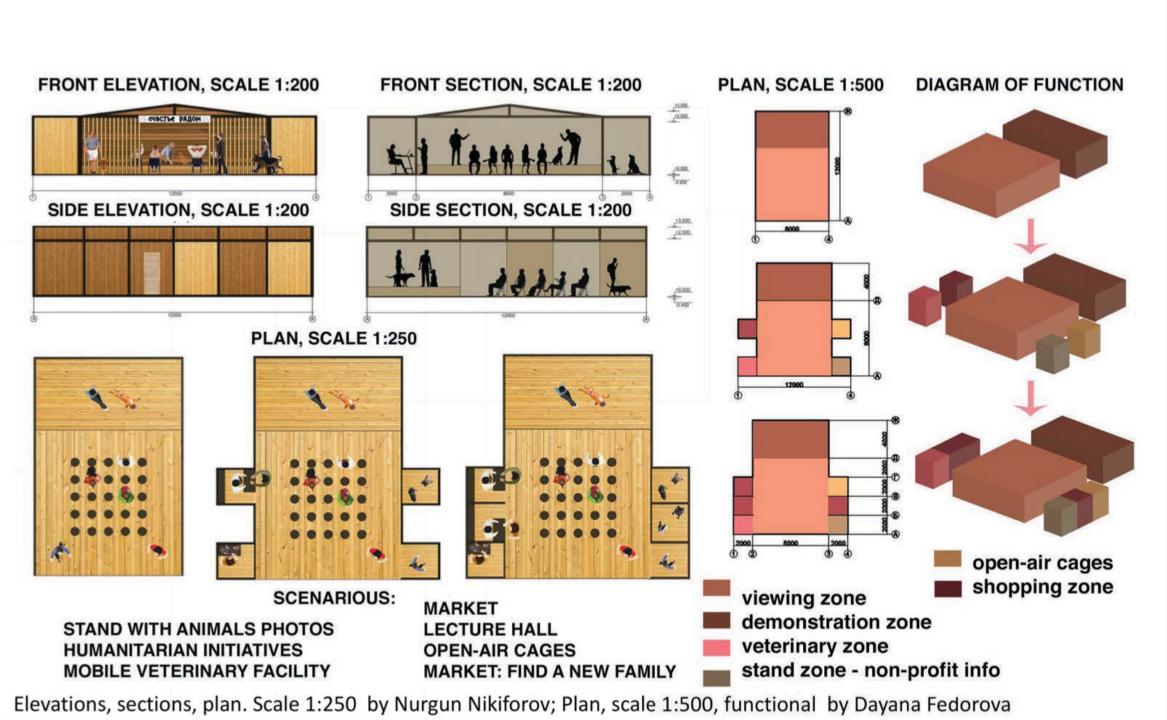
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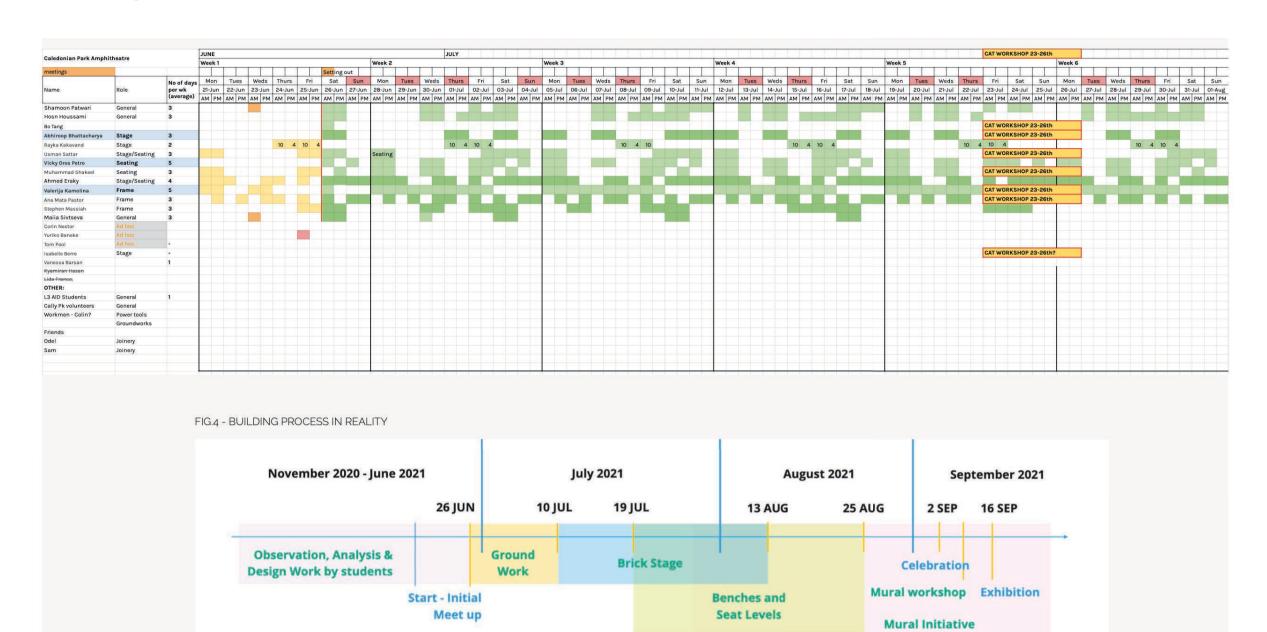






We propose the idea of creating a personal application for the shelter, with the working name "CatDog." Most importantly, it can be used not only by shelter workers, and their clients, but also by all residents of the city. There is a function to advertise a missing or found pet, indicating geolocation and adding a photo. You can also immediately book a place in the hotel. Pick up a pet from the questionnaire, recording your criteria, sign up for paid services. We think of creating such an application, will facilitate and solve many problems. In the future, you can reach the international level by adding a category

#### **Project Timeline**

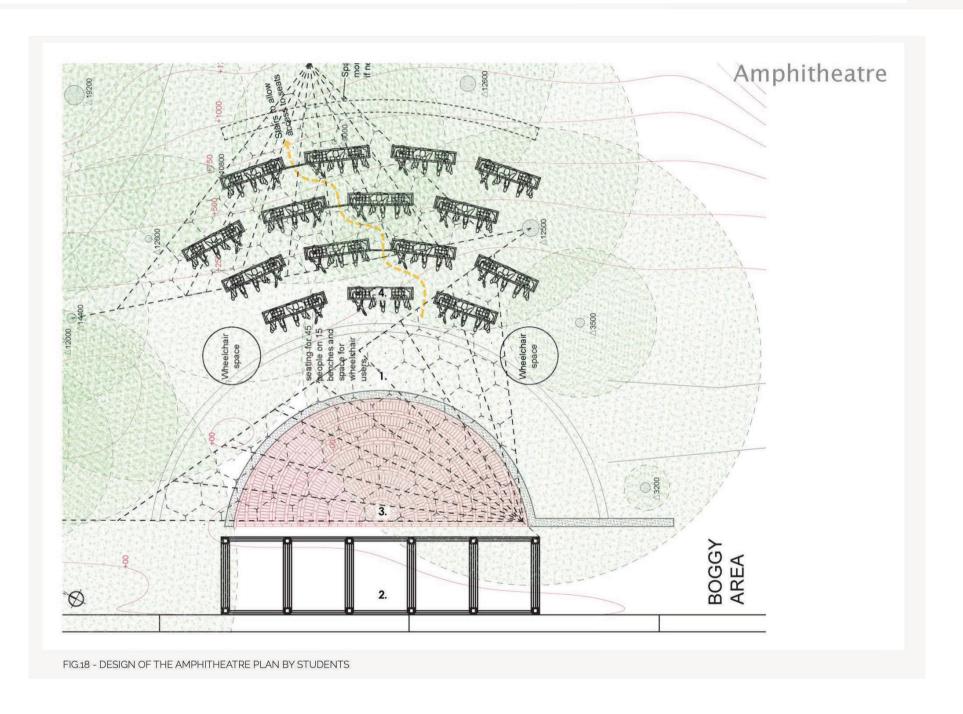


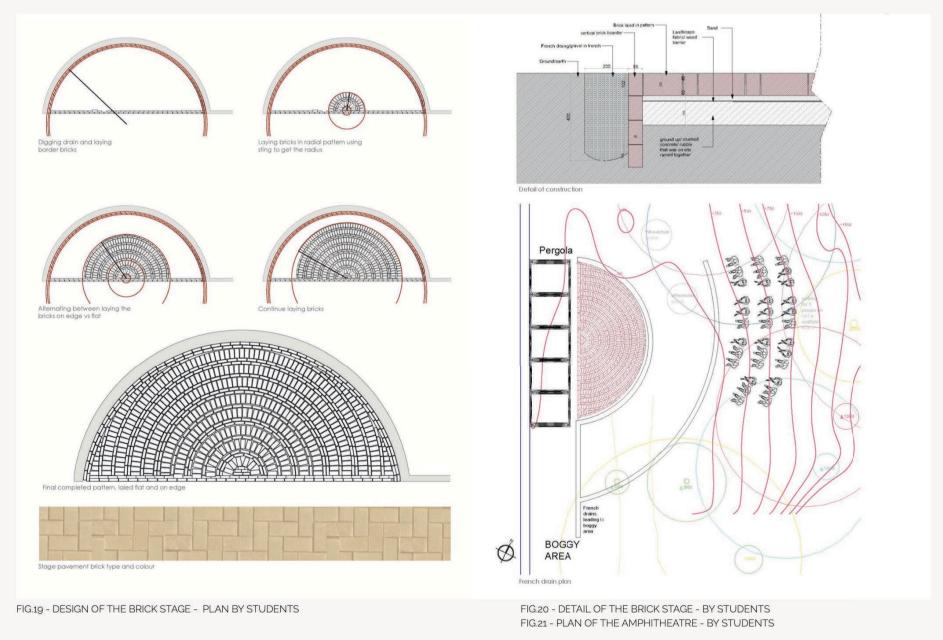
Regent's Park Caledonian Park Thames River

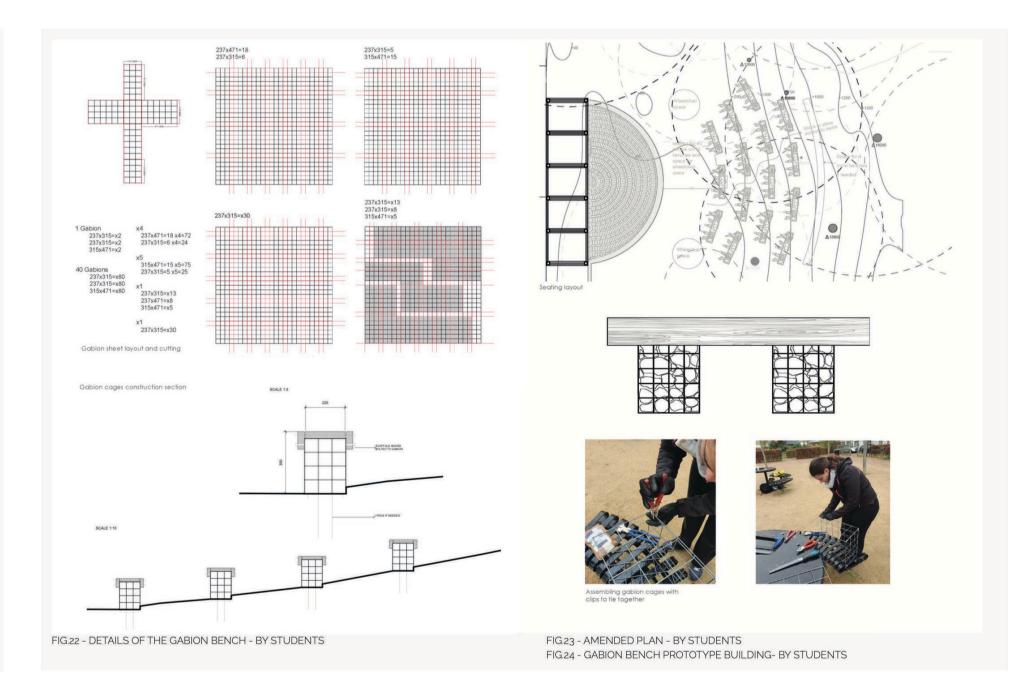
FIG.2 - LOCATION MAP - CITY SCALE - LONDON, CALEDONIAN PARK (MADE BY THE RESEARCHER)

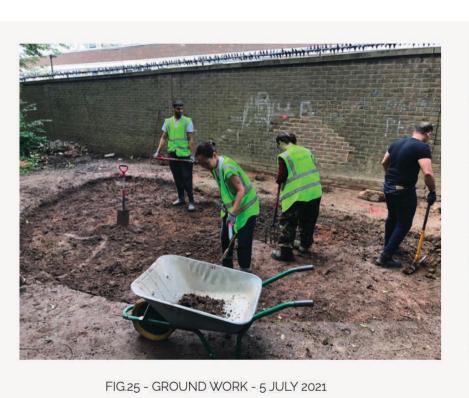


DESIGN









Ground levelling stage was the most challenging part of the project as the site had a difficult topography. The plan was to dig up and clean the ground for the brick stage and even the slope for the seatings.



FIG.26 - GROUND WORK - 5 JULY 2021

The team struggled to get the right ground level for the brick stage considering the uneven ground and the need of the stage sloping. A few different options of levelling were tried.



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FIG.27 - GROUND WORK - 7 JULY 2021

Ground levelling was performed using strings and scaffolds. However, the strings method was considered less effective in the end. In attempts to clean the ground from tree roots the ground had to be dig up and filled again.

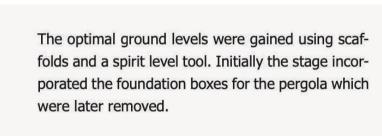




FIG.28 - STUDENTS OBSERVING THE SITE - 9 JULY 2021



FIG.29-30 - FURTHER WORK ON LEVELLING - 10 JULY 2021

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as planned by the students in their design proposal.

The outline of the stage was made using a string.







FIG.42 - TEAM WRAPPING UP THE STAGE FOR THE NIGHT





Participants had to wheelbarrow materials such as brick, aggregate, sand, cement and bricks; and sand and soil for levelling from another part of the park.

The brick stage started from the outer band of the stage

Mortar for the bricklaying was made on the site: sand and cement to 4:1 ratio. Water was delivered to the site with the hose pipes from the other part of the park.

Bricklaying was levelled by scaffolds. The team would take shifts in bricklaying and wheelbarrowing materials, swapping responsibilities from time to time.

The work was slowed down by the hot weather and absence of sun protection on the site. Otherwise the bricklaying was a joyfull process.

As the bricklaying was a long process the progress had to be wrapped up every night to prevent the flooding of the stage.

Although the right part of the stage that was completed first was not perfectly even, it was not noticeable to the eye.

The left part of the stage was perfectly layered as the participants gained experience in the end of the

FIG44 - UNWRAPPING THE STAGE IN THE MORNING















FIG.35 - STORED AGGREGATE



FIG.56 - TEAM BUILDING BENCHES





FIG.57 - TEAM BUILDING BENCHES MAJOR DAY WITH UNDERGRADS HELP



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FIG.68 - PICS OF UNDERGRADS VOLUNTEERS - 15 AUGUST 2021

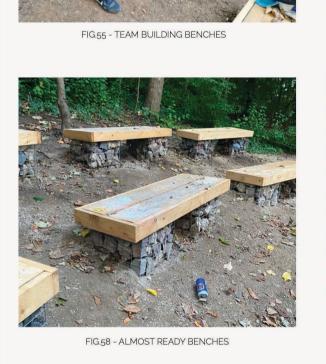






FIG.77 - MEETING WITH THE YOUTH GROUP - MURAL

PAINTING SESSION

FIG.65 - CALLY PARK POSTER - BY STUDENTS FIG.78 - MEETING WITH THE YOUTH GROUP - MURAL PAINTING SESSION



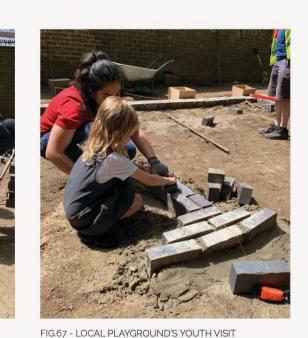
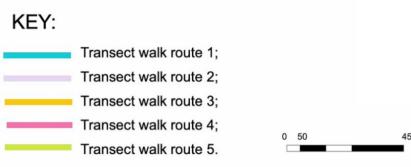


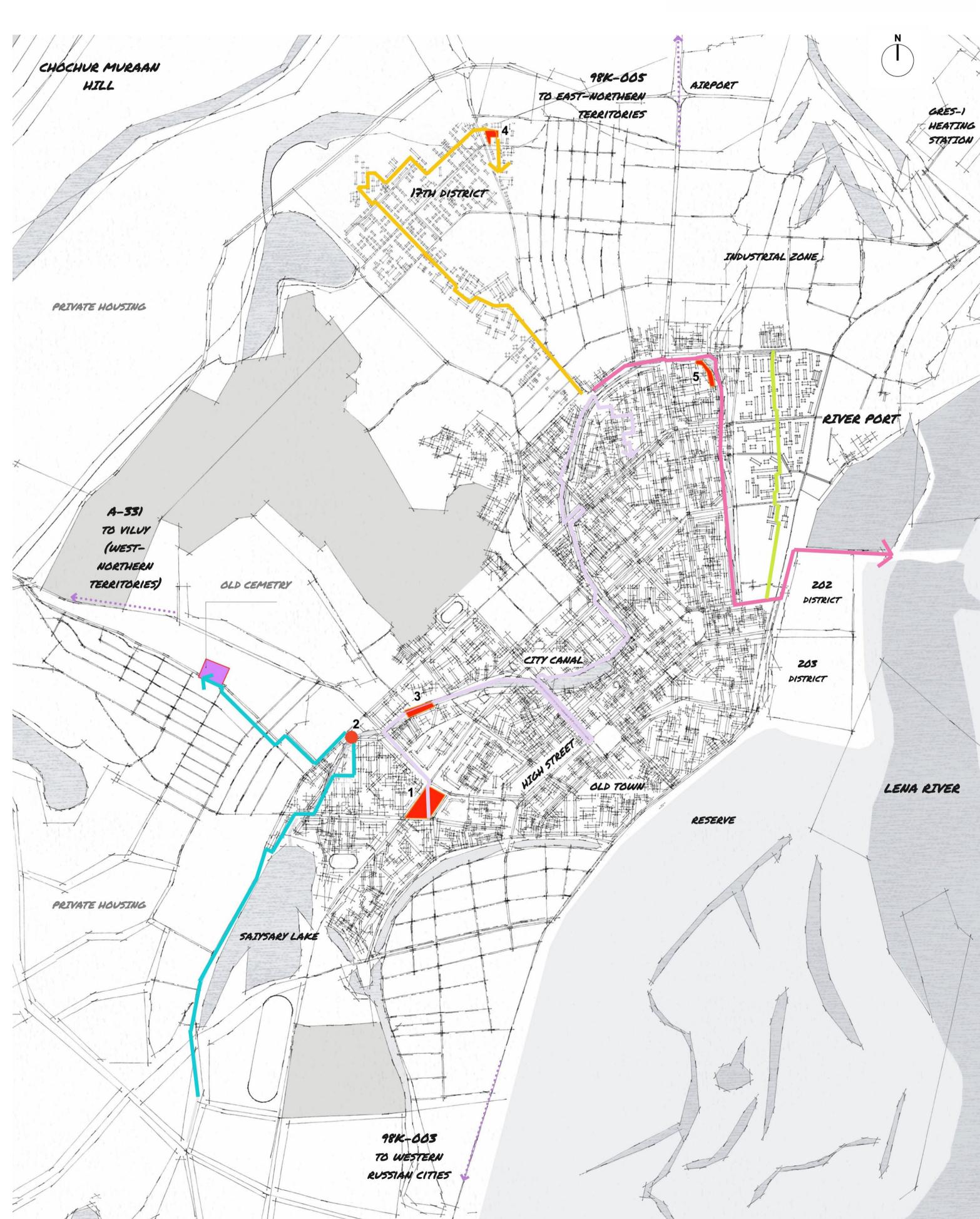
FIG.67 - LOCAL PLAYGROUND'S YOUTH VISIT

During the process of bulding members of the local community were joining for one day work. There were the playground group, the youth group, volunteers from the Friends Group, friends of the students, and locals from the neighbourhood.

#### SIBERIAN IMAGINARIES - SPECULATIVE SITES

**WALKING OBSERVATIONS - YAKUTSK** 











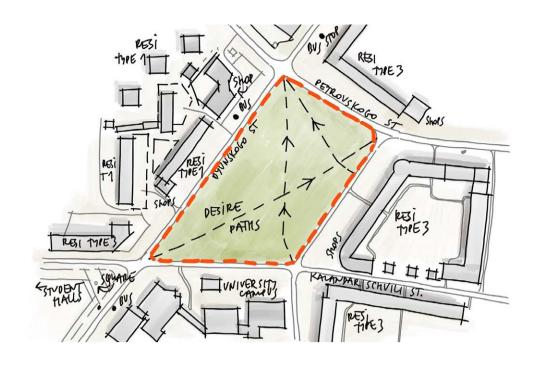
Speculative site 2 "Bridge"

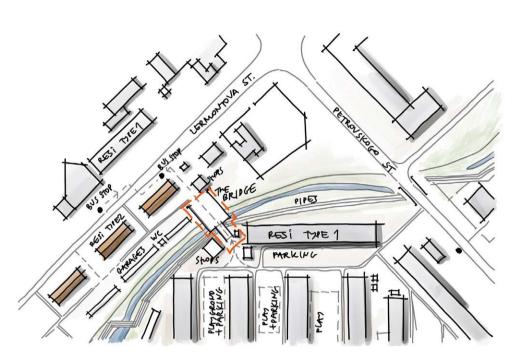


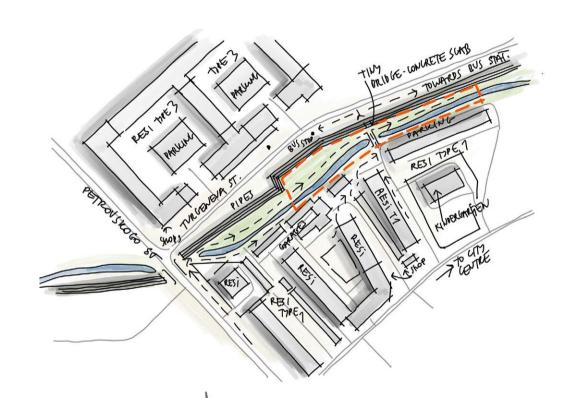
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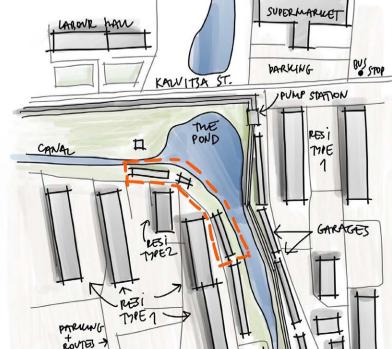
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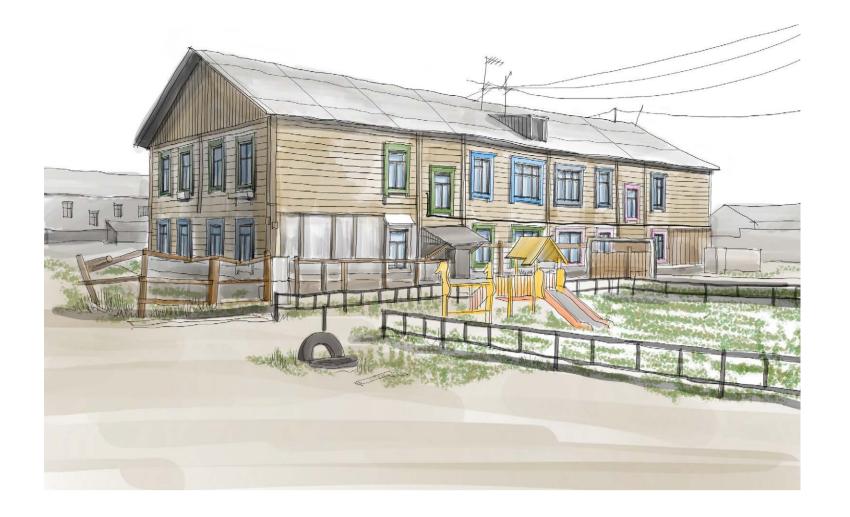






#### SIBERIAN IMAGINARIES - SPECULATIVE SITES PAPER PROJECTS

Urban realm sketch - typical residential block in 17th district



The speculative site 4 - 17th District was stopped first.Initially, the territory was thought to be a suitable site for a bottom-up project as it is the least developed residential area in the city of Yakutsk. However, the walking observations and drawing analysis have shown the major restrictions. The site is due to be demolished by the local authorities in the near future because of its dangerously poor conditions. Renovation of the wooden apartments would cost nearly the same as a new build due to their current state. The residents of the 17th districts would not be happy for the bottom-up projects as they are currently fighting for the bigger changes. Nowadays, the majority of the residents had moved out elsewhere to wait for the replacement developments.

Site photos 17th district





















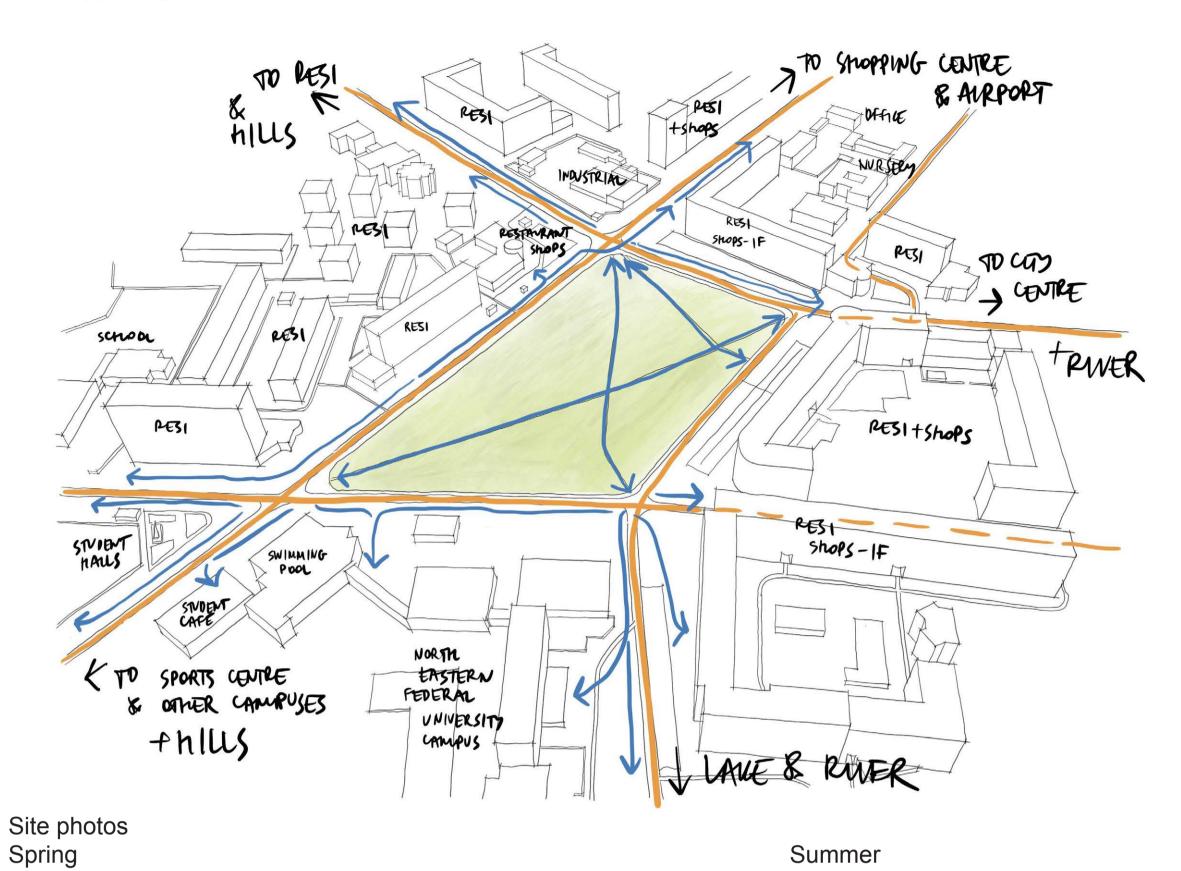






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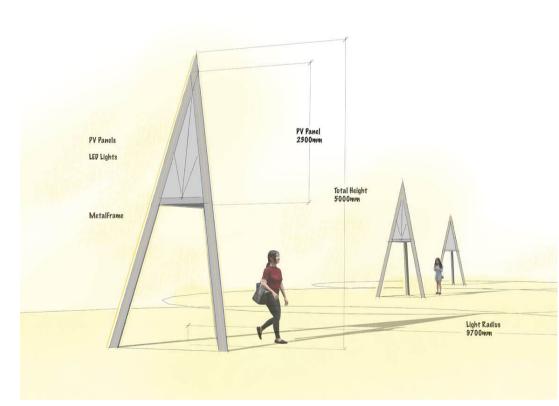


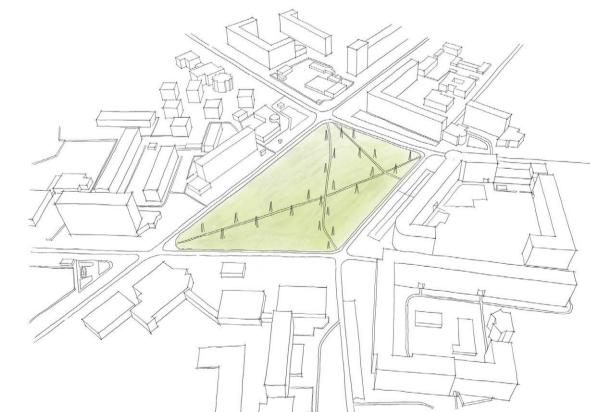






Proposal 1 - "Northern Lights"





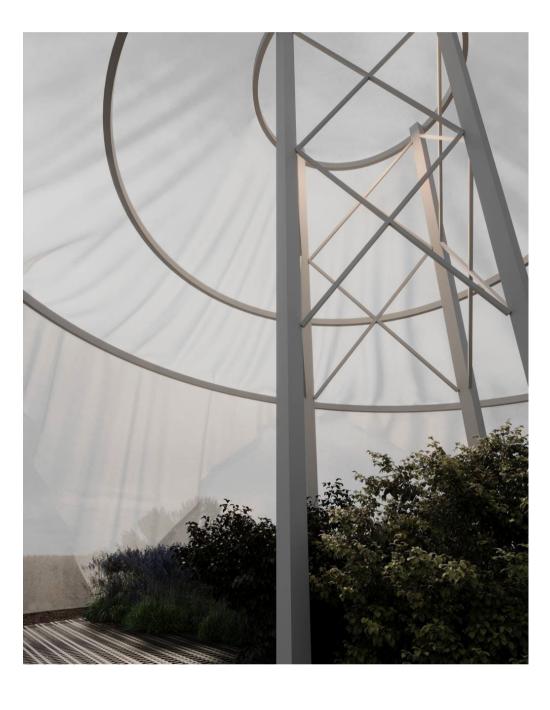
The speculative site 1 - First got the permission from the local authorities for building a temporary structure but later on the project was asked to be realised in the territory of the botanical garden in outskirts of Yakutsk. Later on, the project was put on hold due to the pandemic restrictions.

Proposal 2 - Green Space - Metal structure





Proposal 3 - Green Space - Metal structure







Proposal 4 - Green Space - Timber structure

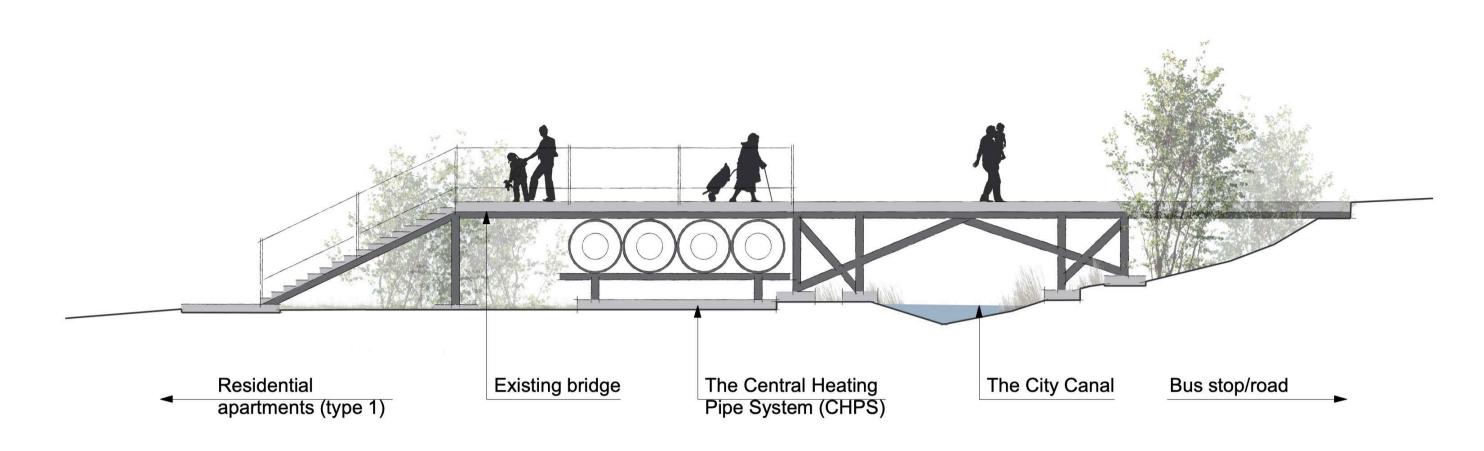






#### SIBERIAN IMAGINARIES - SPECULATIVE SITES

**CHOSEN SITES FOR SIBERIAN IMAGINARIES** 



#### **EXTRA SITE** THE BRIDGE

The bridge site was used for the open call for participation during the exhibition.





#### **SIBERIAN IMAGINARY 1** THE CANAL

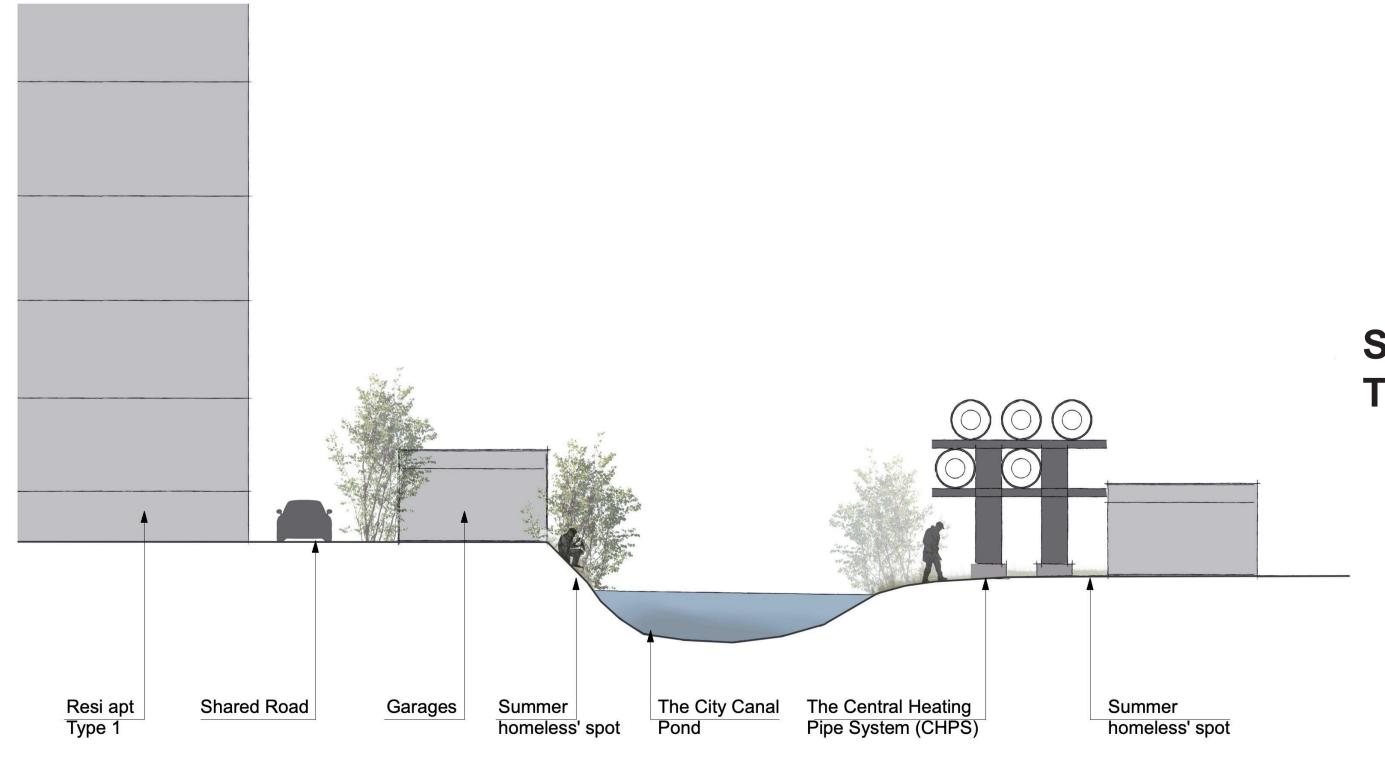


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#### **SIBERIAN IMAGINARY 2** THE POND



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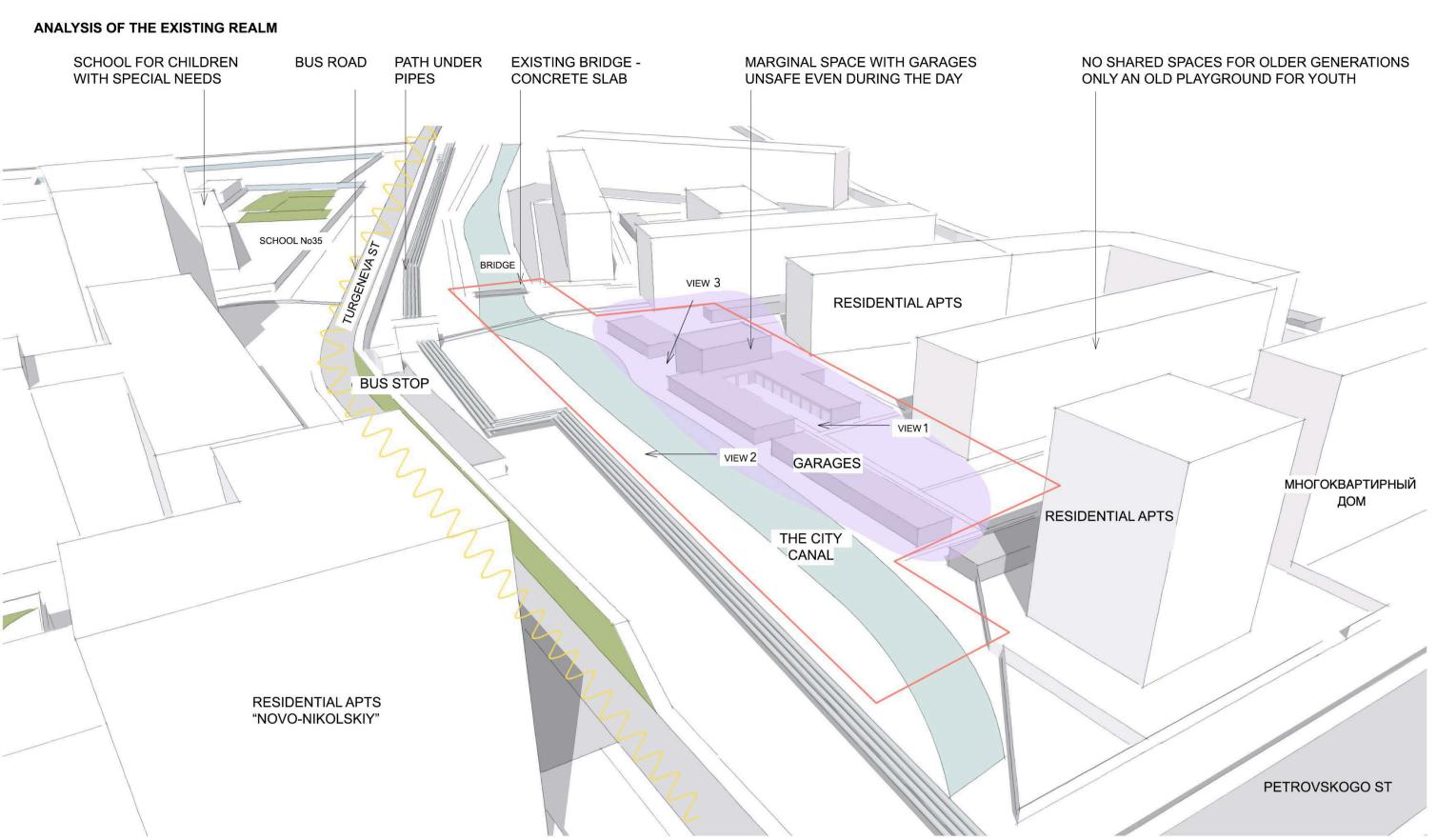
#### **SIBERIAN IMAGINARY 1** THE CITY CANAL

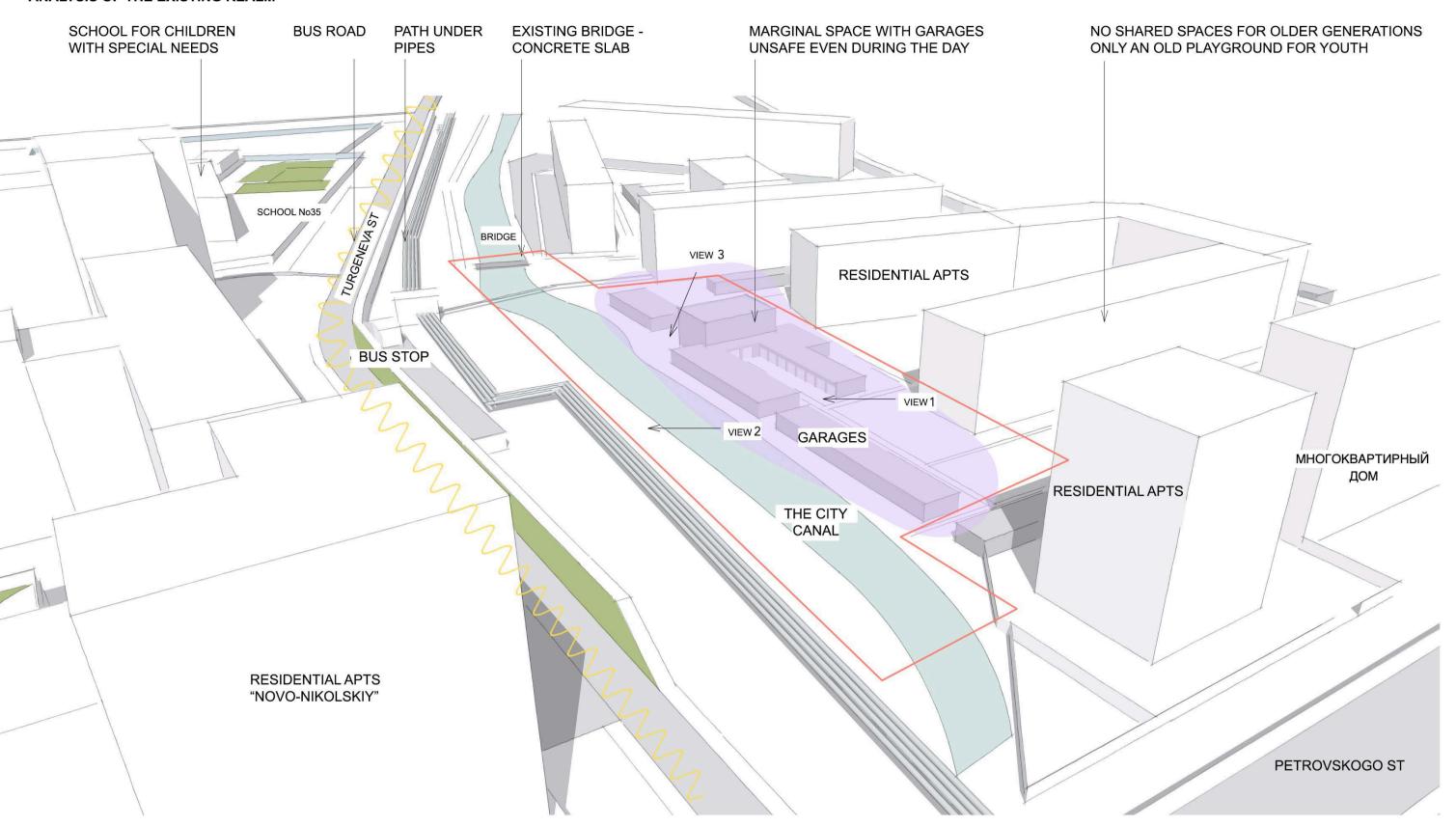
### ONLINE DRAWING WORKSHOP LILIA TARASOVA, 10y.o. пекарня отдиха

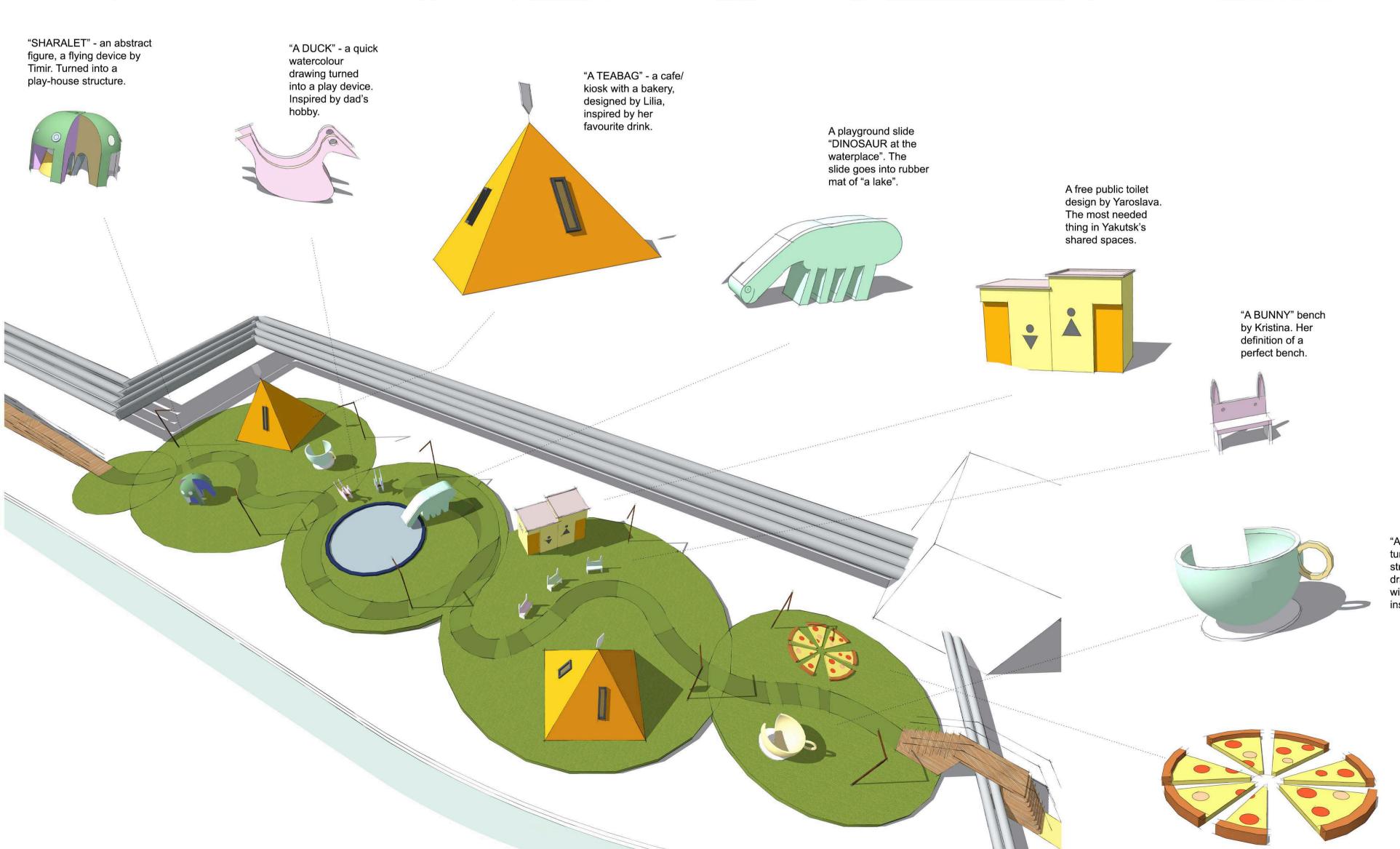


















The marginal territory of the city canal next to the residential neighbourhood of Turgeneva street is an empty space that is used by dogwalkers. The territory is relatively clean but unsafe.

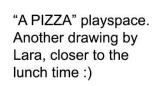
The desire path from the apartments to the bus stop goes under the centralised heating pipes system and cannot be used by less mobile residents.

Construction of shared spaces would liven up the site and make it safer. This imaginary project speculates on how it could have looked. Economic structures from SIP panels can be built in phases. These structures could accommodate community spaces for hobbies and crafts that are much needed in the area.

The workshop with the students of the Children's Studio of Architecture and Design in Yakutsk was initiated on 09/12/2021. During the workshop, the participants have drawn their design ideas based on a free imagination.

The older ones drew public place elements, whilst the younger ones drew just their favourite things they enjoy outside of their homes.
Drawings of the youth were turned into a Playground design.

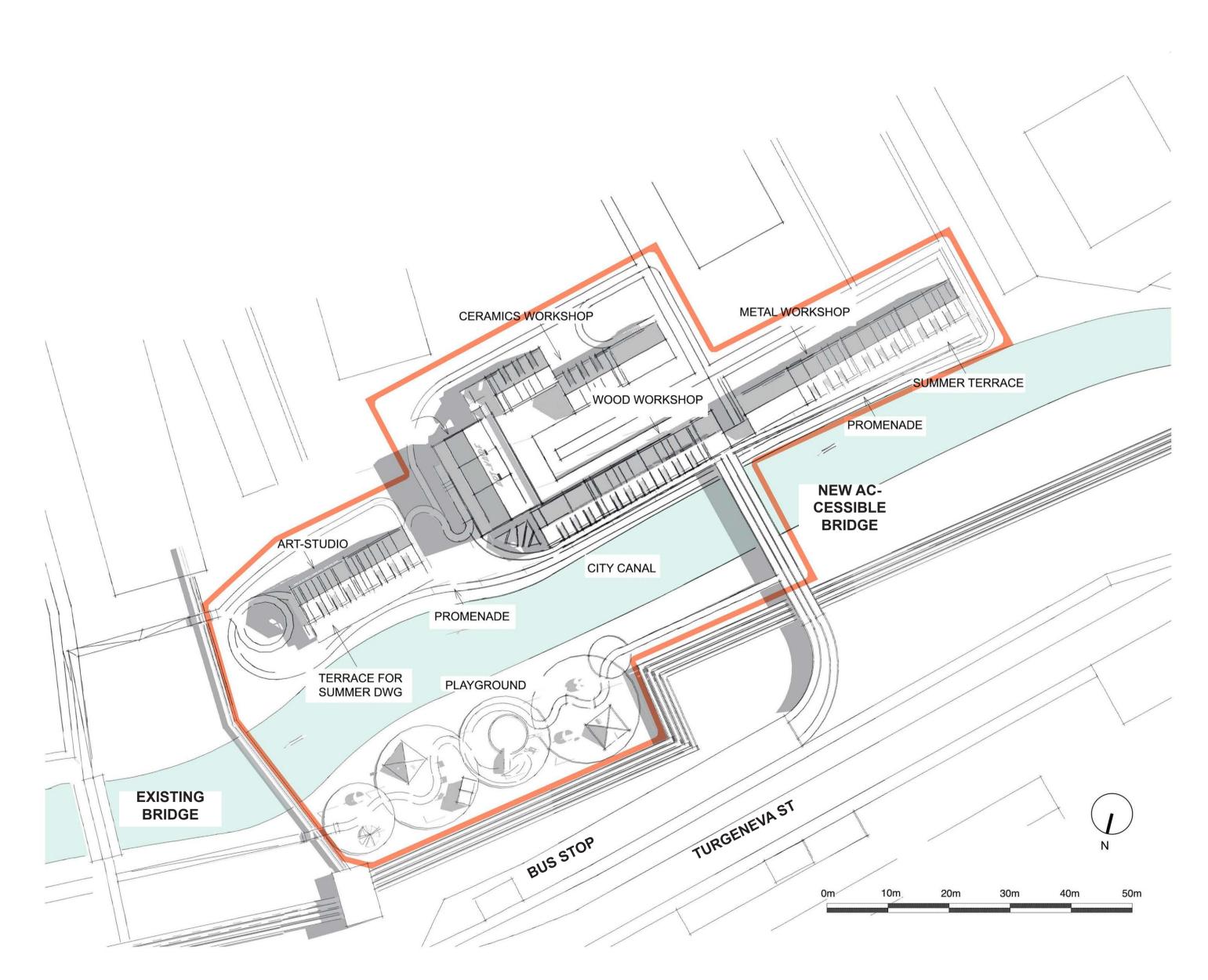
"A TEACUP" by Lara turned into a play structure. Lara was drawing together with Lilia and was inspired by her.

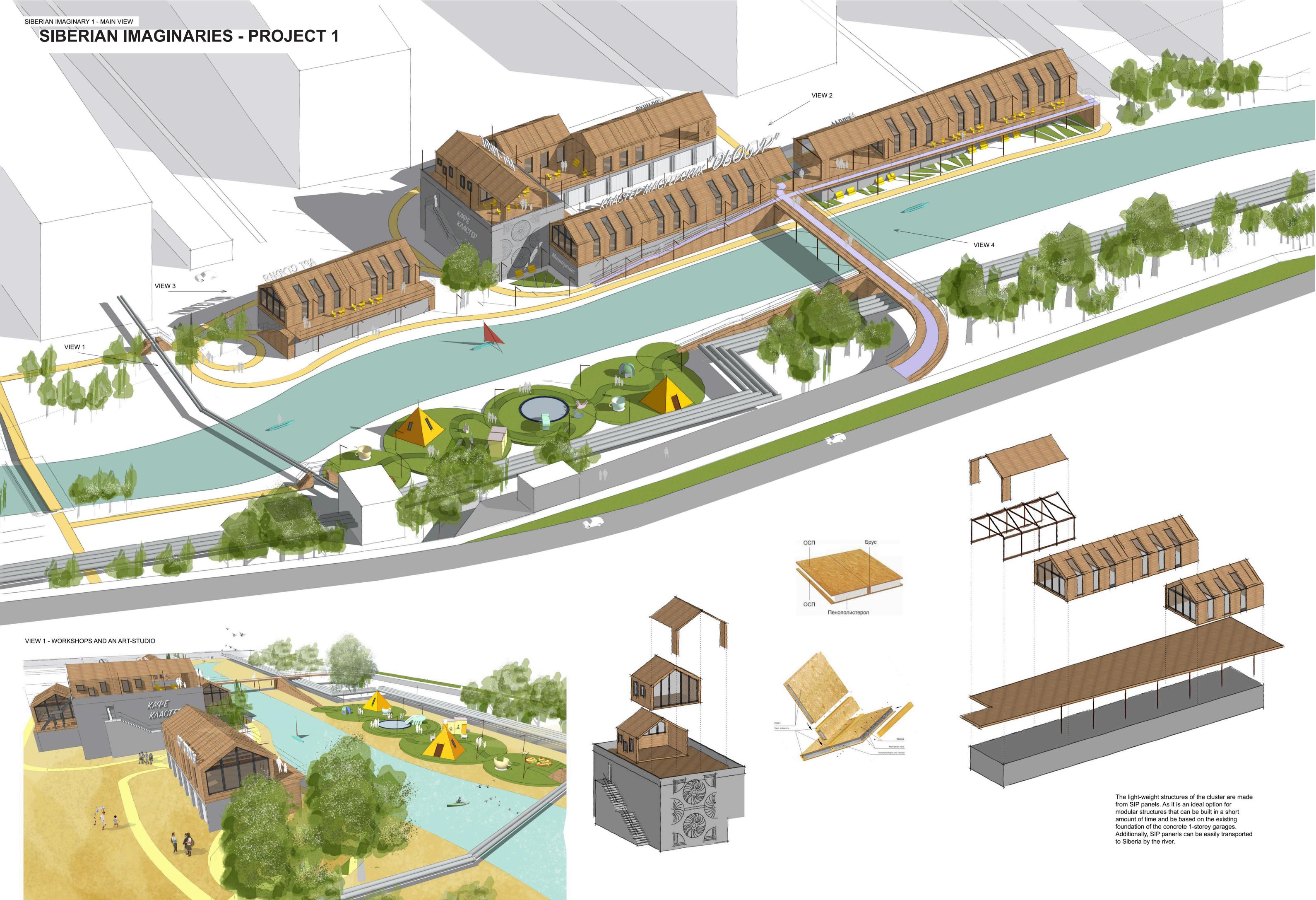


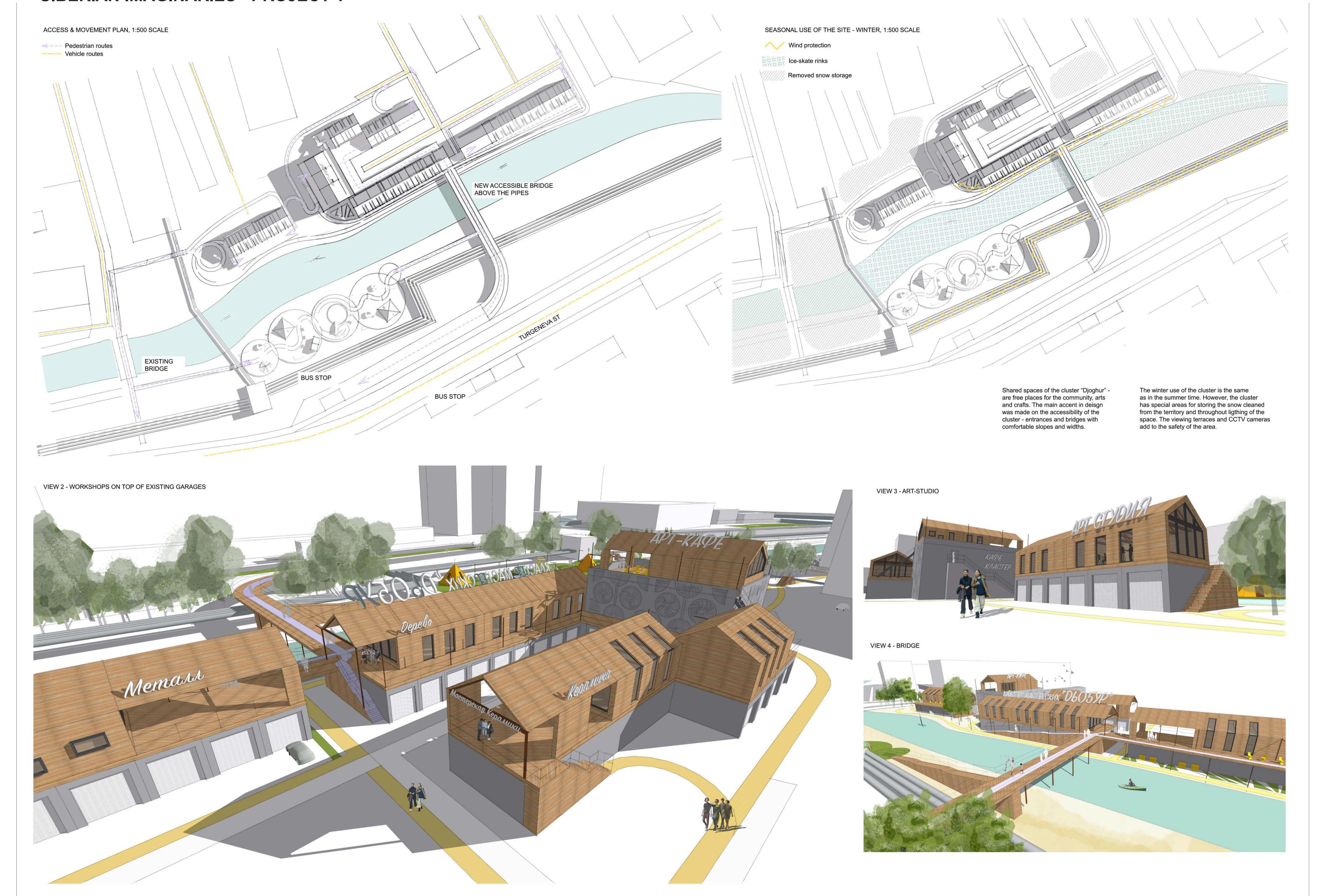
#### **Existing Plan**

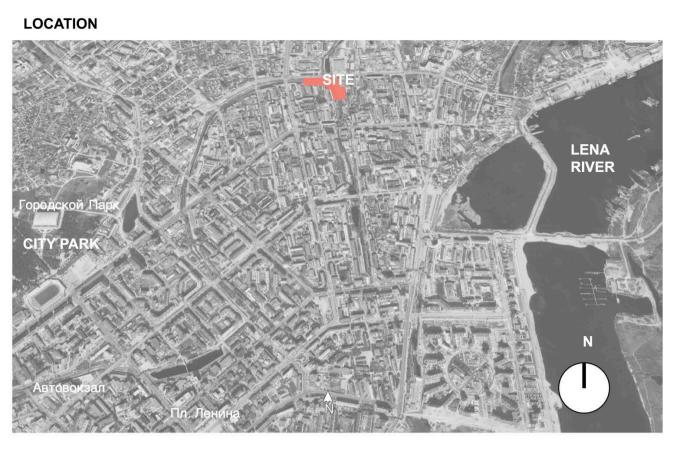


#### **Proposed Plan**











The site is located on Kalvitsa street, opposite to the shopping centre Aigul. It is a territory of the city canal's artificial pond between two residential neighbourhoods. The territory is occupied by single metal garages and serves as a space for vagrants and homeless people.

The high beach of the pond has a picteresque view with a landscape design potential. The local courtyards have no community spaces for the adults, the sports facilities are far away from this area. The existing playgrounds are in poor condition.

