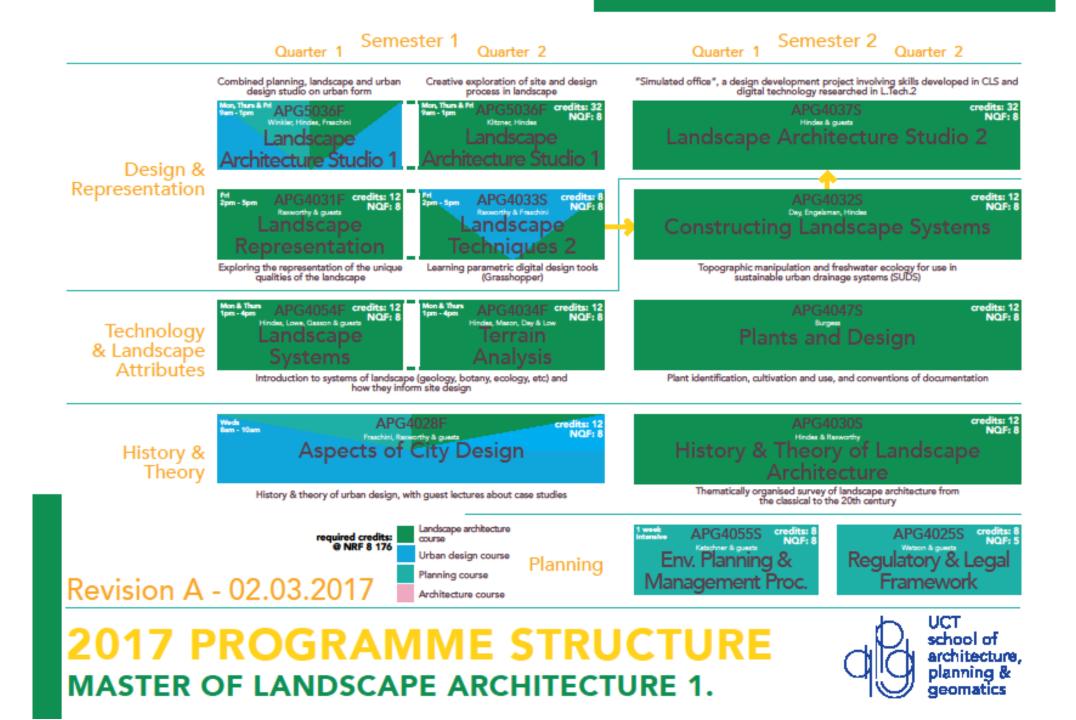
Master of Landscape Architecture

## Water in constructing ecologies

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**Courses**:

Landscape Systems – APG4054F Terrain Analysis – APG4034F

## **Constructing Landscape Systems** – APG4032S

Team:

Landscape Architect, Freshwater Ecologist, Botanical Ecologist, Civil Engineer, Geologist, Soil Scientist

**Broad objectives:** 

- Analyse: Understand the landscape through landscape and urban ecology
- Design: Intervene in the landscape from an ecosystem perspective





Schools of thought (ecology and the city)

Landscape ecology (landscape suitability)

Landscape sustainability (triple bottom line)

Urban ecology (cities as CAS, hybrid patches)

**Ecological Urbanism** (design – speculative, imaginary agenda) ('...extension of ecological metaphors within urban design discourse' [Gandy 2009].)

**Urban metabolism** (input – output, material flow analysis, life cycle assessment)

Urban political ecology (biophysical is entangled in the social and political, value articulation)



Landscape Systems – APG4054F Terrain Analysis – APG4034F

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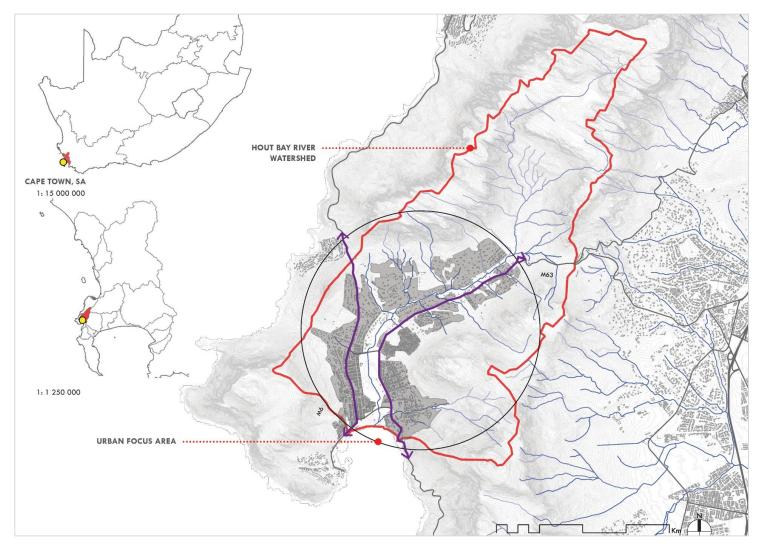
### Frame a conceptual approach to ecosystem analysis

**Evaluating ecosystem (landscape) performance** 

Understand how to frame effective ecosystem intervention (to be strategic)







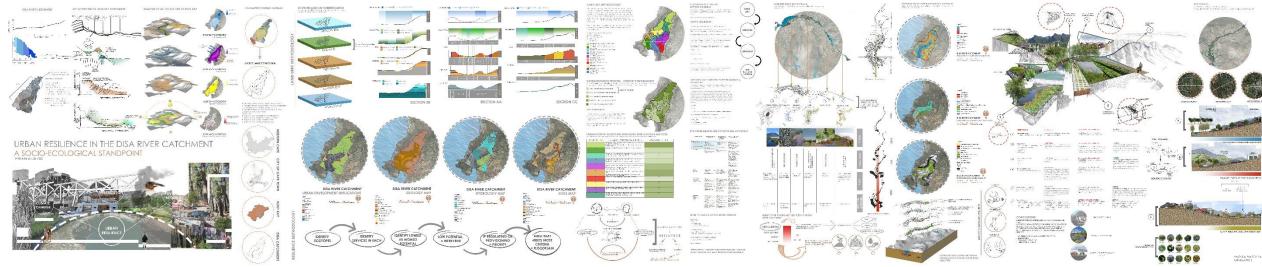
## **Project aim:**

### **Ecosystem study**

**Ecosystem evaluation** 

**Conceptualise an intervention** 

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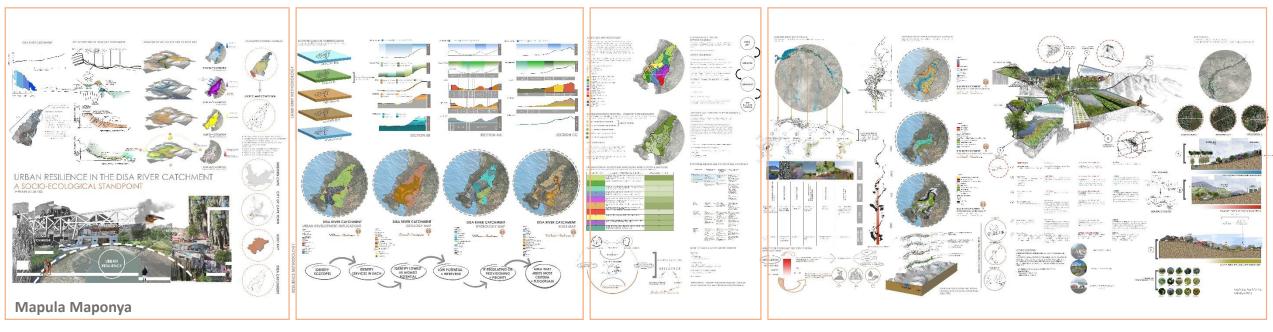
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### General context study Ecotope identification Ecosystem evaluation

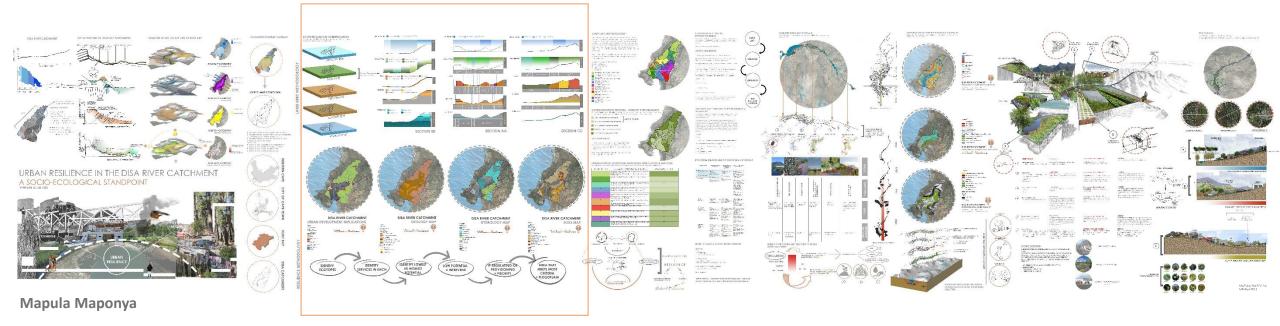
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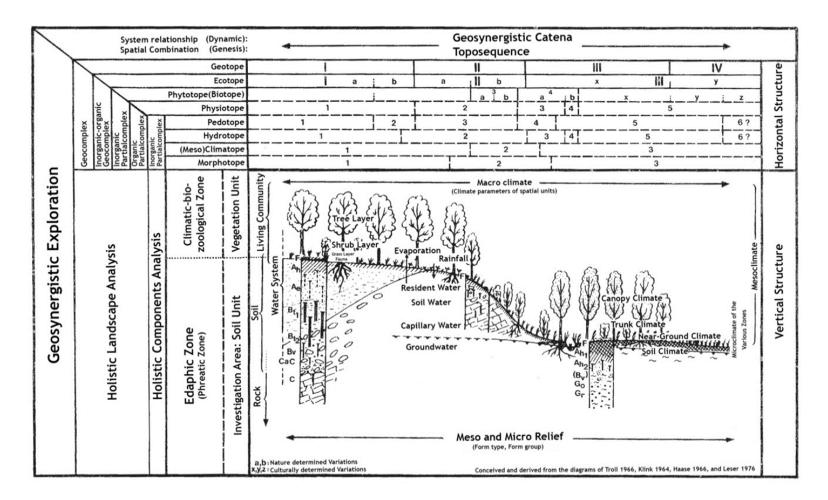


### **Ecotope identification**





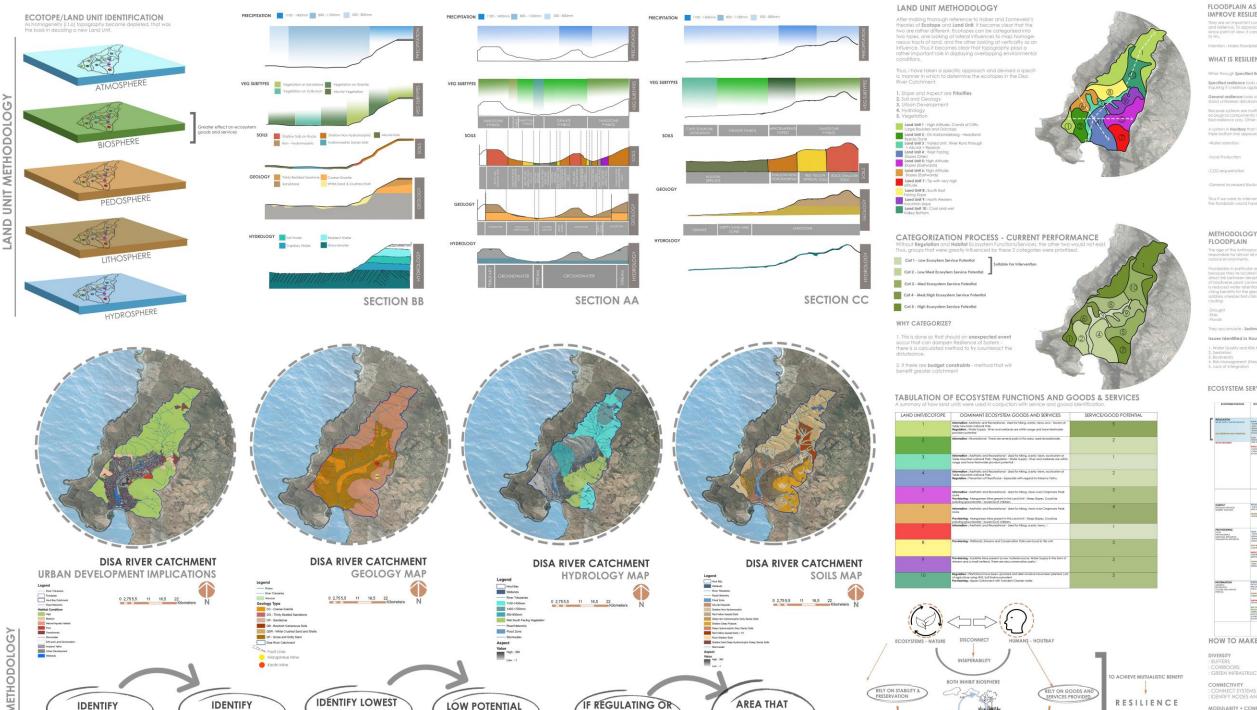




Detailed abiotic and biotic content of the ecotope catena / toposequence (Leser 1997)

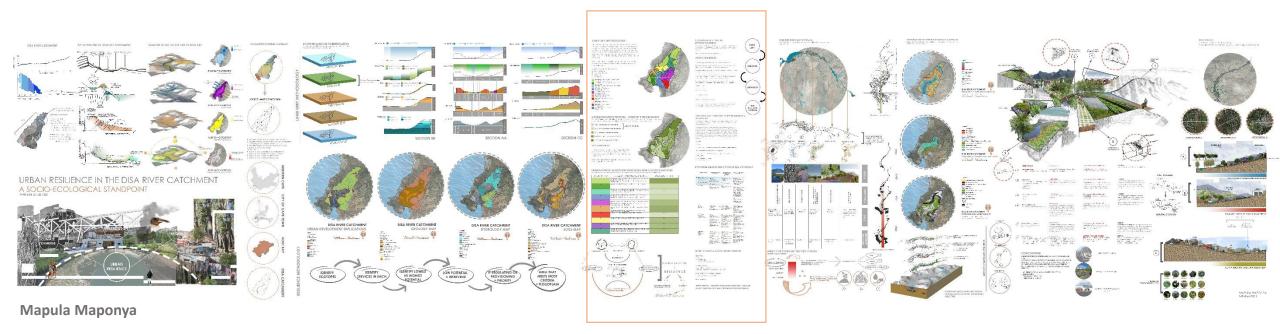






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### **Ecosystem evaluation**







**Ecosystem evaluation (landscape performance):** 

## Landscape suitability analysis for settlement / development McHargian – Landscape Suitability Method (Ndubisi: 2002)

## Landscape sustainability & Ecosystem services

Classifying and Valuing **Ecosystem Services for Urban** Planning (Gómez-Baggethun & Barton: 2013)

A Typology for the Classification, Description and Valuation of Ecosystem Functions, Goods and Services (de Groot: 2002)

The social production of ecosystem services: A framework for studying environmental justice and ecological complexity in urbanized landscapes (Ernstson: 2013)



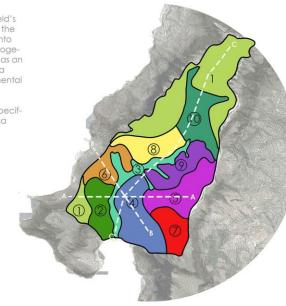


#### LAND UNIT METHODOLOGY

After making thorough reference to Haber and Zonneveld's theories of **Ecotope** and **Land Unit**, it became clear that the two are rather different. Ecotopes can be categorized into two types, one looking at lateral influences to map homogeneous tracts of land, and the other looking at verticality as an influence. Thus it becomes clear that topography plays a rather important role in displaying overlapping environmental conditions.

Thus, I have taken a specific approach and devised a specific manner in which to determine the ecotopes in the Disa River Catchment.

- Slope and Aspect are Priorities
  Soil and Geology
  Urban Development
  Hydrology
  Vegetation
- Land Unit 1 : High Altitude, Consits of Cliffs, Large Boulders and Outcrops Land Unit 2 : On Karbonkleberg - Headland ypass Dune Land Unit 3 : Varied Unit : River Runs Through = Alluvial + Riparian Land Unit 4 : West Facing Slopes (Drier) Land Unit 5: High Altitude Slopes (Eastwards) Land Unit 6: High Altitude Slopes (Eastwards) Land Unit 7 : Tip with very high altitude Land Unit 8 : South East Facing Slope Land Unit 9 : North Western nountain slope Land Unit 10 : Cool and wet Valley Bottom



#### FLOODPLAIN AS A TOOL TO IMPROVE RESILIENCE

They are an important component of global environmental security and resilience. To approach the Disa River catchment from a resilience point of view, it can be done in one of two ways according to Wu.

Intention : Make Floodplain Adaptable.

#### WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

#### Either through Specified Resilience or General Resilience.

**Specified resilience** looks at isolating an element in a system and inquiring it's resilince agaisnt a particular disturbance.

General resilience looks at the overall resilience of a system to withstand unforseen disturbances.

Because systems are multifaceted (Include social, economic and ecological components) it doesn't make sense to delve into specified resilience only. Other surrounding issues are ignored.

A system in **Houtbay** that I think is multifacedted in terms of the triple bottom line approach is the **floodplain**. It has the capacity for

-Water retention

-Food Production

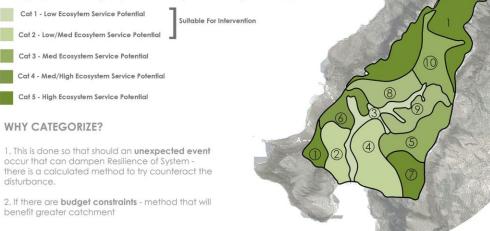
-CO2 sequestration

-General Increased Biodiversity

Thus if we were to intervene to prepare the system for disturbance, the floodplain would have greater potential to improve it.

#### CATEGORIZATION PROCESS - CURRENT PERFORMANCE

Without **Regulation** and **Habitat** Ecosystem Functions/Services, the other two would not exist. Thus, groups that were greatly influenced by these 2 categories were prioritized.



#### METHODOLOGY : METHODS TO BETTER MAN/ FLOODPLAIN

The age of the Anthropocene which is currently where soliciety is, is responsible for almost all modifications of the biosphere and other natural environments.

Floodplains in particular are exposed to high anthropogenic stress because they're located in Landscape depressions. They provide a direct link between terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna = mosaic of biodiverse plant communities. Human intervention has significantly reduced water retention in ecosystems. The floodplain has overarching benefits for the greater ecosystems of Cape Town. And can address unexpected crisis which are currently being experienced including:

-Drought -Fires -Floods

They accumulate : Sediments, Nutrients, Microbial Contaminations.

#### Issues Identified in Hout Bay Floodplain

Water Quality and Risk Management (Flooding and Drought)
 Sanitation
 Biodiversity
 A.Risk Management (Fires)
 Lack of intergration

#### ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND GOODS OF DISA

Cat 4 - Med/High Ecosystem Service Potential

Cat 5 - High Ecosystem Service Potential

#### WHY CATEGORIZE?

1. This is done so that should an **unexpected event** occur that can dampen Resilience of System - there is a calculated method to try counteract the disturbance.

2. If there are **budget constraints** - method that will benefit greater catchment



#### **TABULATION OF ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONS AND GOODS & SERVICES**

A summary of how land units were used in conjuction with service and goood identification.

LAND UNIT/ECOTOPE	DOMINANT ECOSYSTEM GOODS AND SERVICES	SERVICE/GOOD POTENTIAL				
1	Information: Aesthetic and Recreational - Used for hiking, scenic views, eco - tourism at Table Mountain national Park. Regulation: Water Supply - River and wetlands are within range and have freshwater provision potential	5				
2	Information : Recreational - There are several parks in this area, used recreationally.	2				
3	Information : Aesthetic and Recreational - Used for hiking, scenic views, ecotourism at Table Mountain national ParkRegulation : Water Supply - River and wetlands are within range and have freshwater provision potential	1				
4	Information : Aesthetic and Recreational - Used for hiking, scenic views, ecotourism at Table Mountain national Park. Regulation : Prevention of Fires/Floods - Especially with regards to Imizamo Yethu.	2				
5	Information : Aesthetic and Recreational - Used for hiking, views over Chapmans Peak route <b>Provisioning</b> : Manganese Mine present in this Land Unit - Steep Slopes. Could be polluting groundwater - Iowers IQ of children.	3				
6	Information : Aesthetic and Recreational - Used for hiking, views over Chapmans Peak route Provisioning : Manganese Mine present in this Land Unit - Steep Slopes. Could be polluting groundwater - lowers IQ of children.	4				
7	Information : Aesthetic and Recreational - Used for hiking, scenic views,,□	1				
8	Provisioning : Wetlands, Streams and Conservation Parks are found in this unit.	3				
9	Provisioning : Kaolinite Mine present as raw material source. Water Supply in the form of streams and a small wetland. There are also conservation parks:	3				
10	Regulation : Plantations have been uprooted and alien invasive have been planted. Lots of agriculture using NH3. Soil Erosion prevalent Provisioning : Upper Catchment with Turbulent Cleaner water.	3				

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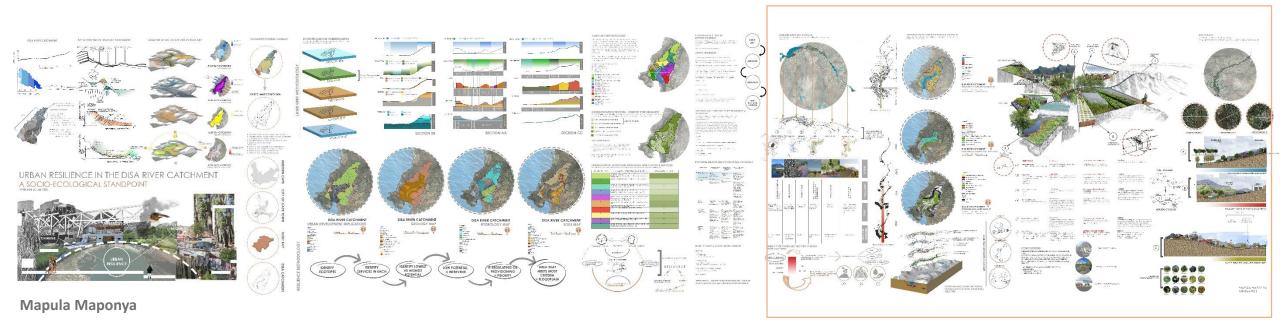
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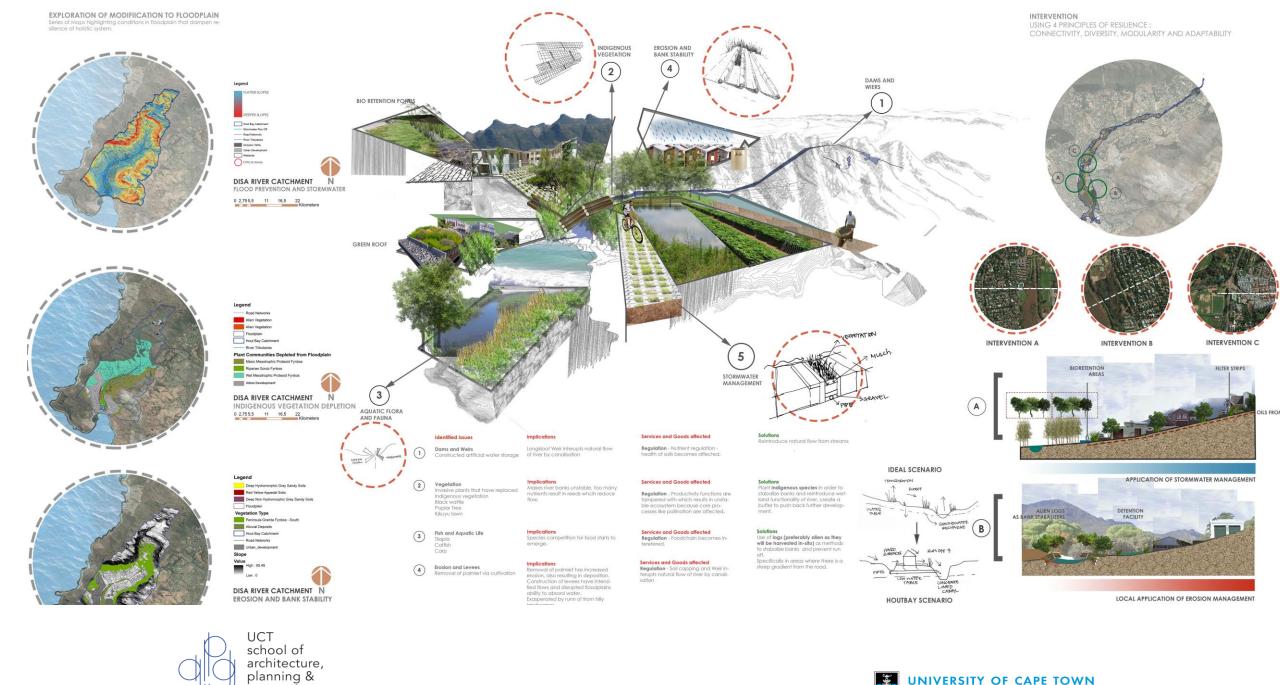
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### **Conceptualise intervention**









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#### Implications

Longkloof Weir interupts natural flow of river by canalisation artificial water storage

#### Implications

Makes river banks unstable, too many ts that have replaced nutrients result in reeds which reduce flow.

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Implications Species competition for food starts to emerge.

ability to absord water.

landscapes

Implications

Exasperated by runn of from hilly

Urbanized surfaces mean that after

rain events water is speedily drained

towards the river not giving way to

groundwater replenishment and in-

#### Implications

evees Removal of palmiet has increased almiet via cultivation erosion, also resulting in deposition. Construction of levees have intensified flows and disrupted floodplains

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#### Implications

ted streams as a result of Depletion of water quality puts the up from anthropogenic ecological systems of Hout Bay at risk as faming and sewer - and human health at risk. Recreational activities are also limited by its reduced quality.

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#### Services and Goods affected

Regulation - Nutrient regulation health of soils becomes affected.

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**Regulation** - Productivity functions are tampered with which results in unstable ecosystem because core processes like pollination are affected.

#### Services and Goods affected

Regulation - Foodchain becomes interefered.

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Regulation - Soil capping and Weir interupts natural flow of river by canalisation

#### Solutions

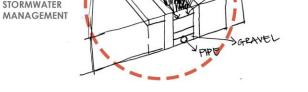
Rainwater harvesting can be applied to the rural context of Imizamo yethu as a form of economic upliftment and environmental conciousness. Green roofs can be planted on the affluent homes in Hout bay as a means of infiltration and detention.

#### Solutions

Good river flow from source to mouth and encouragement of species diversity. To encourage better flow, coir matts will be introduced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION





#### Solutions Reintroduce natural flow from streams

Plant indigenous species in order to

stabalize banks and reintroduce wet-

land functionality of river, create a

buffer to push back further develop-

Use of logs (preferably alien as they

will be harvested in-situ) as methods

to stabalize banks and prevent run

Specifically in areas where there is a

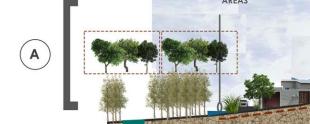
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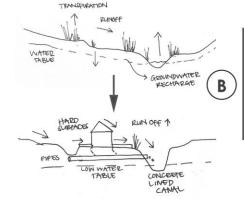
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Solutions

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#### **IDEAL SCENARIO**



HOUTBAY SCENARIO

#### APPLICATION OF STORMWATER MANA



#### LOCAL APPLICATION OF EROSION MANA

FLOODPLAIN



#### LOCAL APPLICATION OF EROSION MANA



COMMUNITY GARDENING

## **Constructing Landscape Systems** – APG4032S

### **Objectives:**

Frame a conceptual approaches to ecosystem analysis Evaluating ecosystem (landscape) performance Understand how to frame effective ecosystem intervention

**Constructing landscape ecologies Emphasis on:** 

- Topography
- Hydrology
- Biodiversity





Some departure points...

**Design? Mediating between qualitative and quantitative worlds** 

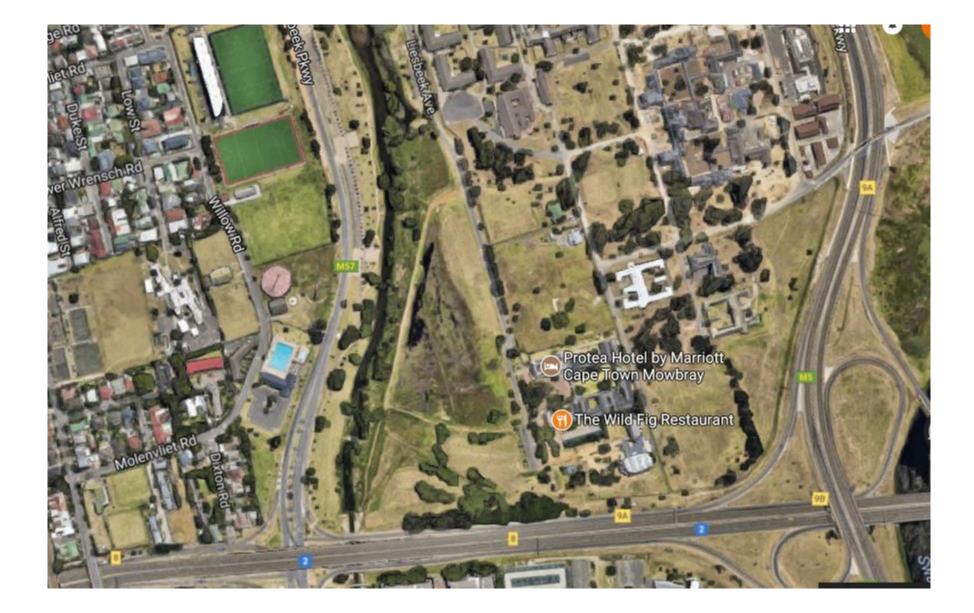
Water is a fundamental driver for landscape productivity and sustainability

How can we use water as the primary structuring element for the urban landscape?

How does water structure settlement, how is it a fundamental organising component?







## **Conceptual ways in...**

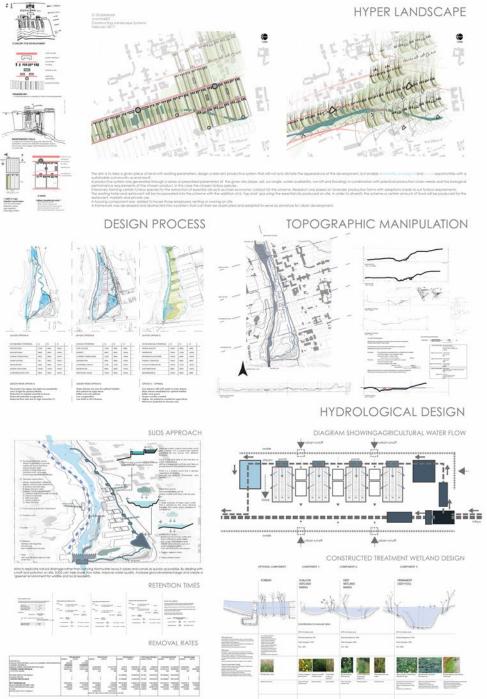
The armature for a productive landscape

The wetland model

Strategy for managing the flow



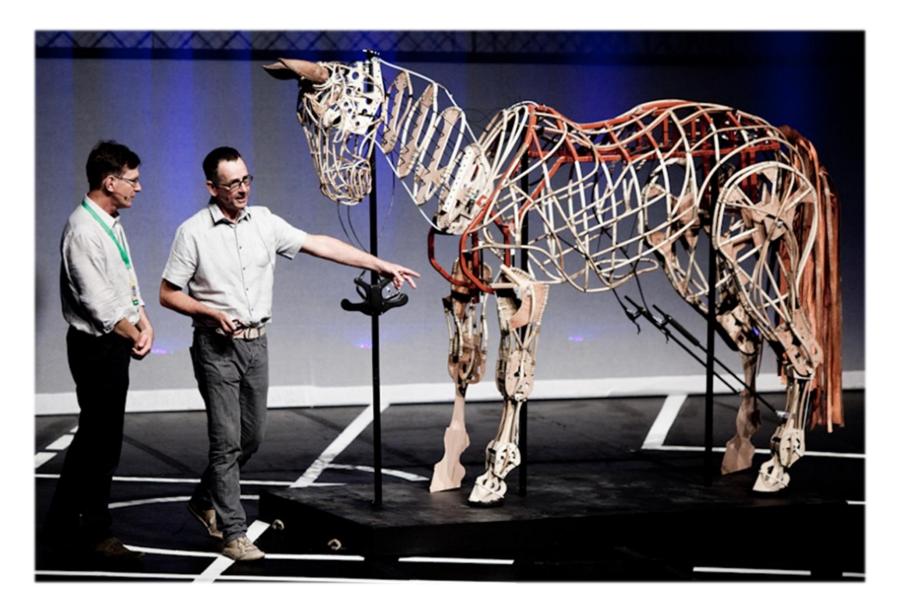






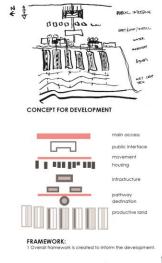
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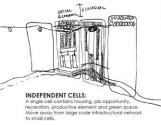


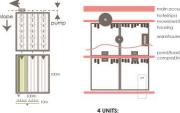












Pattern creation process:

Main industrial component Secondary industrial component

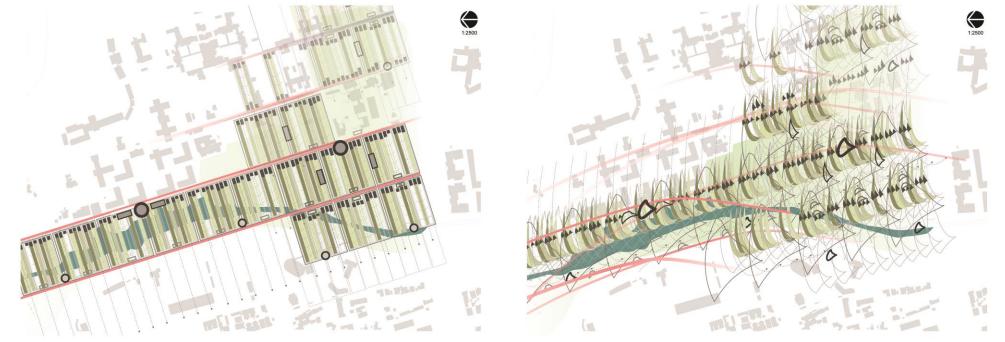
econdary social component

Main social componen



drainage system

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The aim is to take a given piece of land with existing parameters, design a relevant productive system that will not only dictate the appearance of the development, but enable economic, ecological and social opportunities with a sustainable community as end result.

A productive system was generated through a series of prescribed parameters of the given site (slope, soil, sun angle, water availability, run-off and flooding) in combination with practical production chain needs and the biological performance requirements of the chosen product, in this case the chosen fynbos species.

Intensively farming certain fynbos species for the extraction of essential oils acts as main economic catalyst for the scheme. Research was based on lavender production farms with adaptions made to suit fynbos requirements. The existing hotel and restaurant will be incorporated into the scheme with the addition of a 'top end' spa using the essential oils produced on site. In order to diversify the scheme a certain amount of food will be produced for the restaurant, markets and private use.

A housing component was added to house those employed, renting or owning on site.

A framework was developed and abstracted into a pattern that can then be duplicated and adapted to serve as armature for urban development.



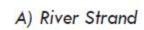


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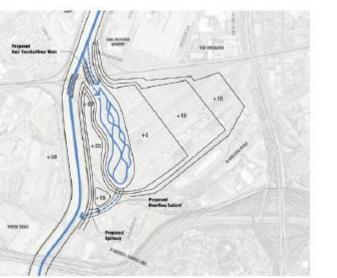
Three River Concepts

Note: Concepts A + C were based upon the 2010 Piggyback Yard Conceptual Master Plan.

Diagrams, Source: PYFST



(Piggyback Yard Feasibility Study: 2013)



B) Island Overflow

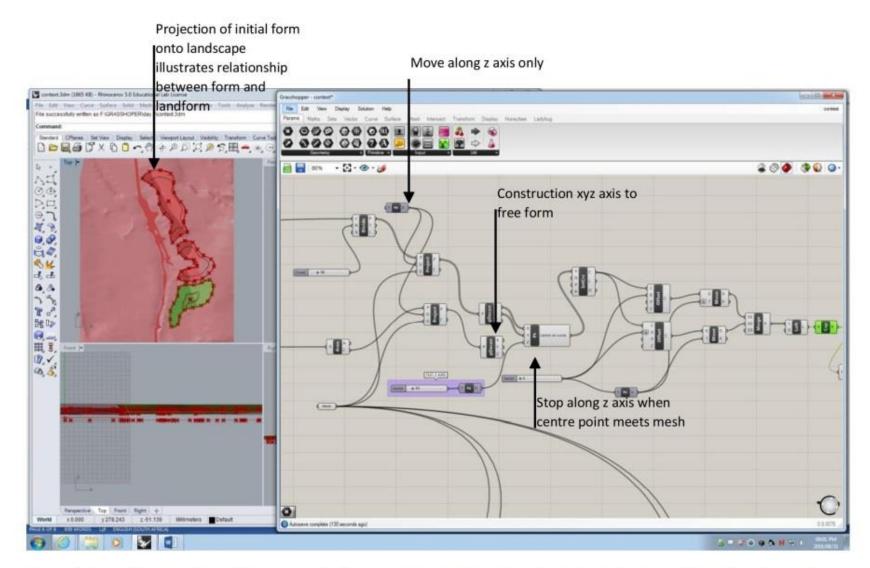
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C) Broadened River





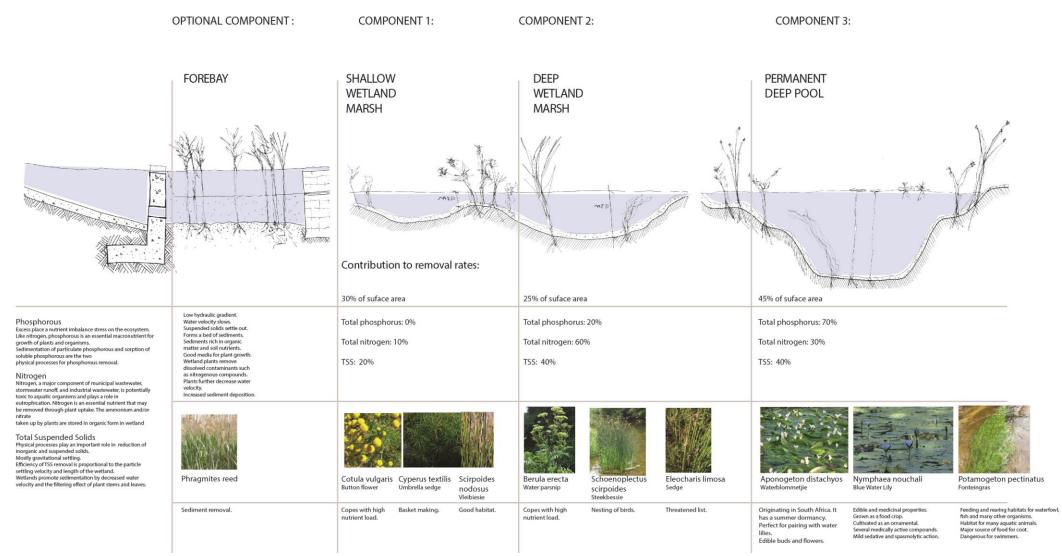


*Figure 6 shows the equation which projects the form onto the landform in order to illustrate the relationship between the two.* 





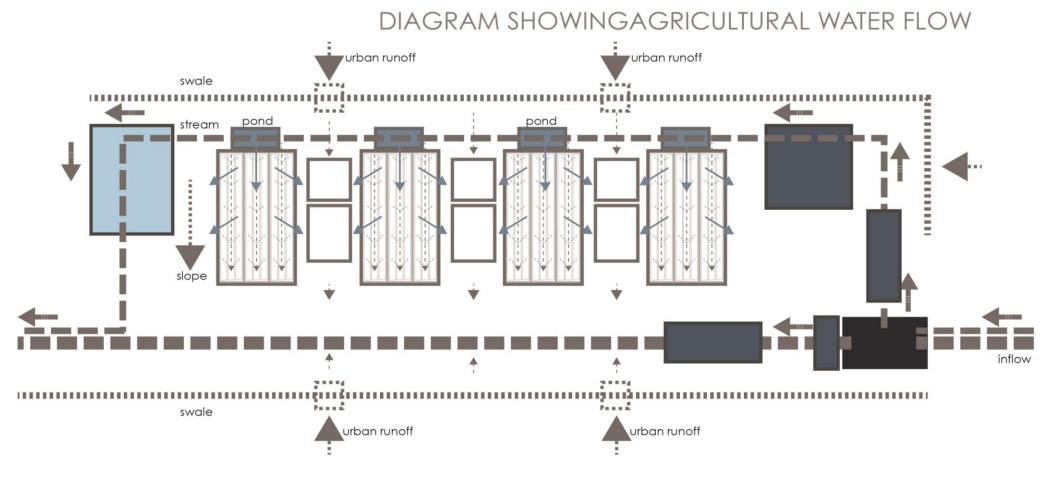
### CONSTRUCTED TREATMENT WETLAND DESIGN



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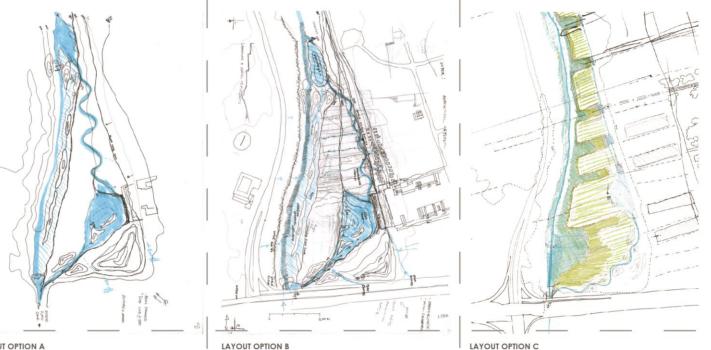
# HYDROLOGICAL DESIGN



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# **DESIGN PROCESS**



LAYOUT OPTION A

LESSON FROM OPTION A

Lack of light for photosynthesis.

Reduced potential oxygenation.

Reduction to habitat essential to fauna.

A	В	В
LOW	MED	HIGH
MED	MED	HIGH
MED	MED	HIGH
NO	MED	HIGH
MED	MED	HIGH
HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
MED	MED	HIGH
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The pond is too deep, less light can penetrate.

Reduced flow rate due to high extraction %.

LAYOUT OPTION B

SOCIAL POTENTIAL	A	В	В
SAFE ACCESS	LOW	MED	MED
IDENTITY	MED	MED	HIGH
CONNECT SURROUNDS	LOW	MED	HIGH
DESTINATION	MED	MED	HIGH
GATHERING SPACE	LOW	LOW	HIGH
RECREATION	MED	MED	HIGH
PERCIEVED VALUE	HIGH	MED	HIGH

ECOLOGICAL POTENTIAL	A	B	В
VATER QUALITY	HIGH	MED	MED
DETENTION	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEM	HIGH	MED	HIGH
HABITAT CREATION	HIGH	MED	MED
FLOOD ATTENUATION	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
SUD PRINCIPLES	MED	MED	HIGH
MAINTENANCE	HIGH	MED	MED
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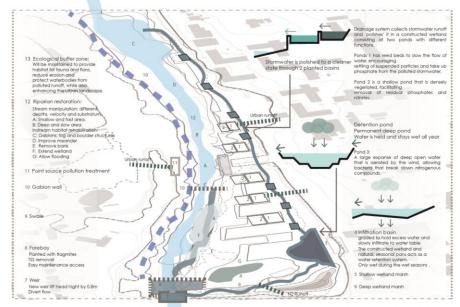
#### LESSON FROM OPTION B

Three streams too slow for optimal habitat. Not optimal for agriculture. Buffer zone not optimal. Low oxygenation. Low biota in all 3 streams.

#### **OPTION C - OPTIMAL**

Two streams with 65% water in main stream. Main stream rehabilitad for optimal habitat. Buffer zone good. Green corridor created. Higher, dry platforms created for agriculture. Maximum potential for diverse uses.

#### SUDS APPROACH



Aims to replicate natural drainage rather than carrying stormwater away in pipes and canals as quickly as possible. By dealing with runoff and pollution on site, SUDS can help lower flow rates, improve water quality, increase groundwaterecharge and create a 'greener'environment for wildlife and local residents.

#### RETENTION TIMES

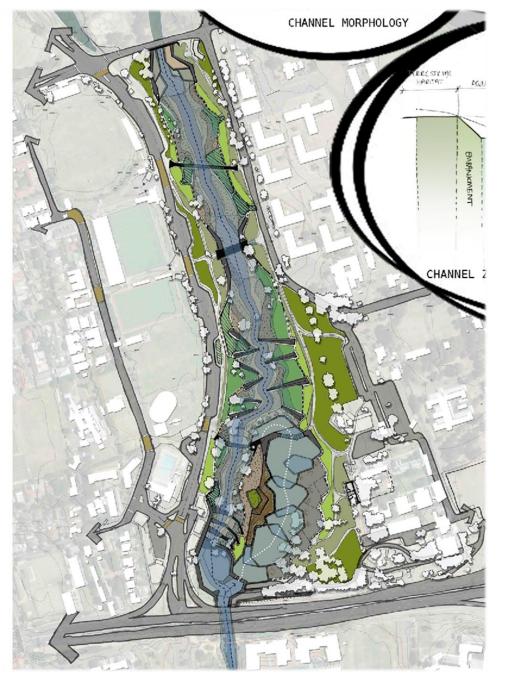


#### REMOVAL RATES

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multiply by AREA (ha)		1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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NETT LOADING (Hz) (A-B)	340256.58	111	653416.3636	585293.8255		2033780	492525.4833	1143629 702	1591345	11031780.42	42112431.67	164590108.3	11422874.72	10533024
divide by SEASONAL DISCHARGE / 1000	18396	00	13140000	1839600		13140000	1839600	13140000	1839600	13140000	1839600	13140000	1839600	1314000
NEW CONCENTRATION LEVELS (mg/l)	0.1849622	154	0.049727273	0.318163636	0.15	54777778	0.267735096	0.087034224	0.86505	0.839557109	22,89216768	12.52588343	6.209433962	8.01
N change	0.000	0%	0.00007	0.0000%		0.0000%	-0.0056%	-0.0017%	-0.0062%	-0.0006%	-0.0019%	-0.0003N	0.0000%	0.0000
NH3 level at ph7.5 20 or 15 degrees C				0.003817964	0.00	01315611								
				above 0.1 mg/l is to	sic, so these cos	ncentration	ns are safe							





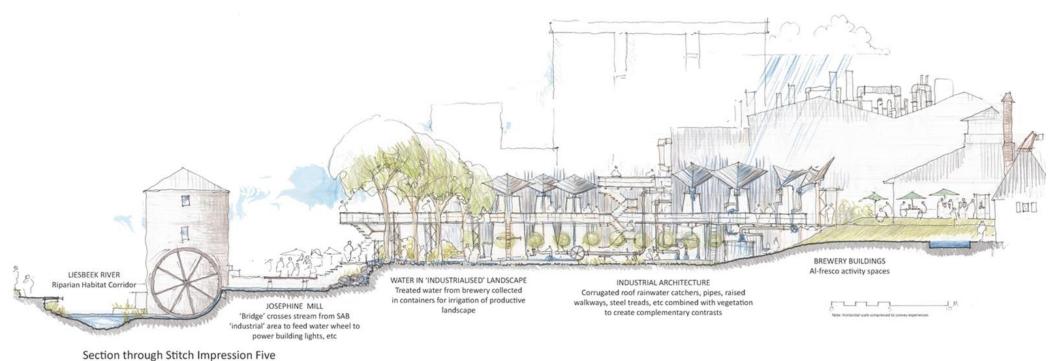


## Explore the experiential opportunities of water infrastructure



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'Until recently the missing link between the reclamation era and authentically green cities has been social motivation (...**landscapes need to arouse the desire in the public to participate**, **to cultivate and to advocate**).' (Amidon, 2008)





## Learning...

### Address water as a conceptual / strategic departure point

### Address the social and economic opportunities in water infrastructure

### Use water infrastructure as a place-making tool

### Seek ways to mediate between disciplinary domains regarding water





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