



# ***X-Change: EaDo Crossroads***

2017 Rice Design Alliance Design Charrette  
Organized by rdAGENTS

Saturday, January 28, 2017  
Rice University

Sponsored in part by  
the East Downtown Management District



Image: Texas General Land Office

1944



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1953



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1978



1989



2002



2005



Image: Houston, City of, Area Council

2010





2013



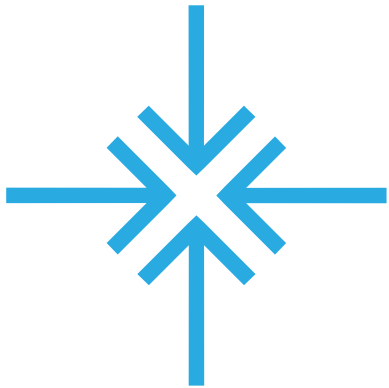
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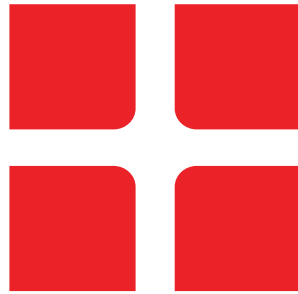
**By being east of downtown Houston's development EaDo was, in a way, preserved.**

**This concept aims to consume activity by promoting action.**

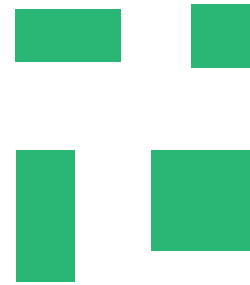
**This is achieved by planting seeds and growing off of the existing static development.**



**CONNECT**



**REPURPOSE**

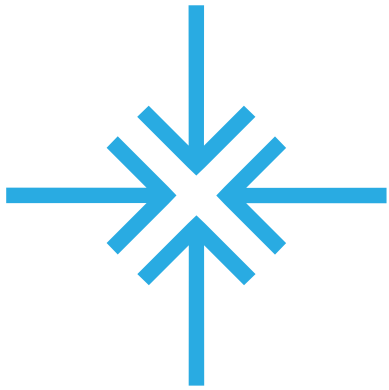


**ELEVATE**



**ACTIVATE**

SEEDS



**CONNECT**

Not *from*, but **TO** EaDo.

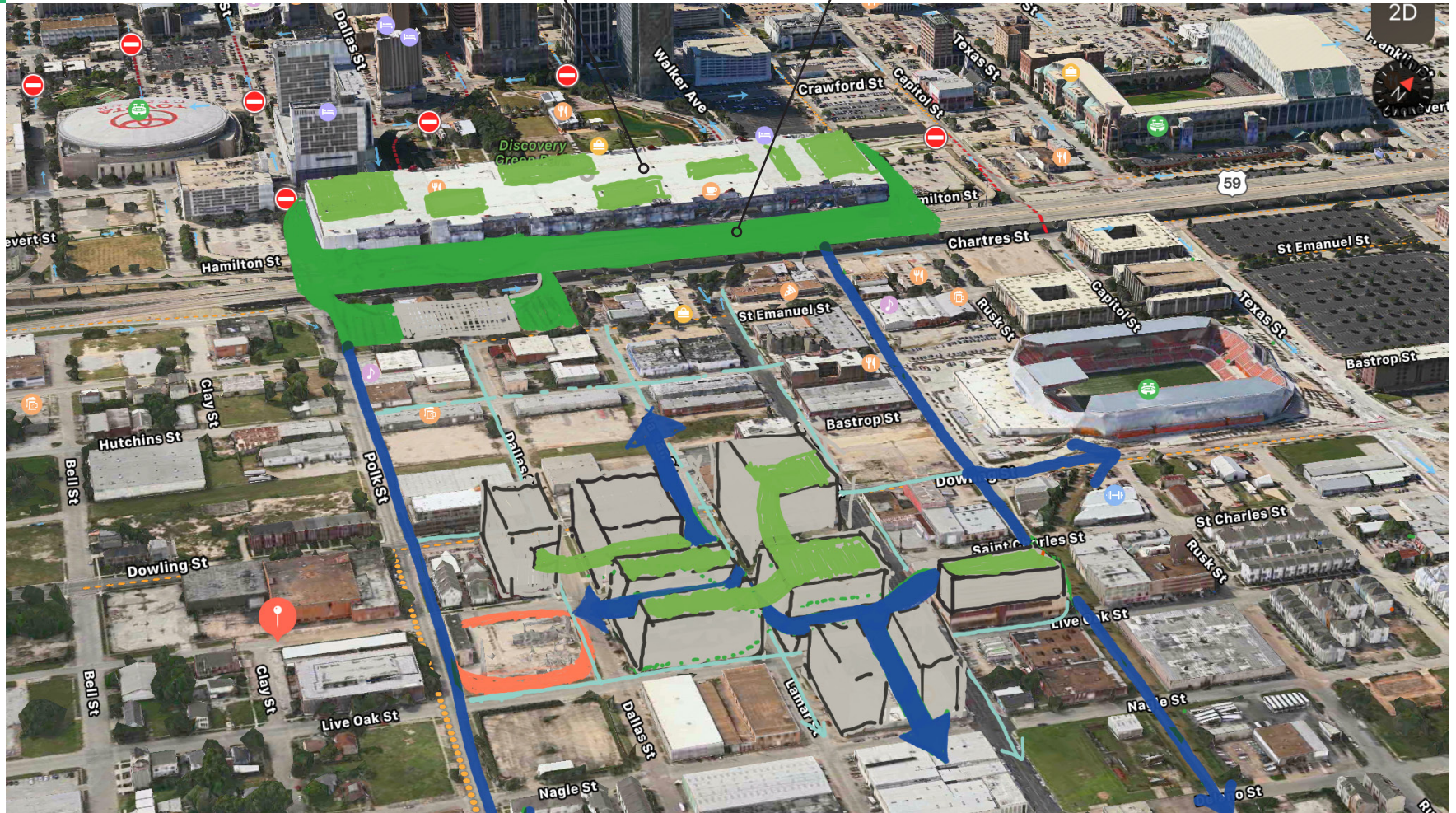
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**BRAVE / ARCHITECTURE**



GRB's elevated landscape, expansion to the roof

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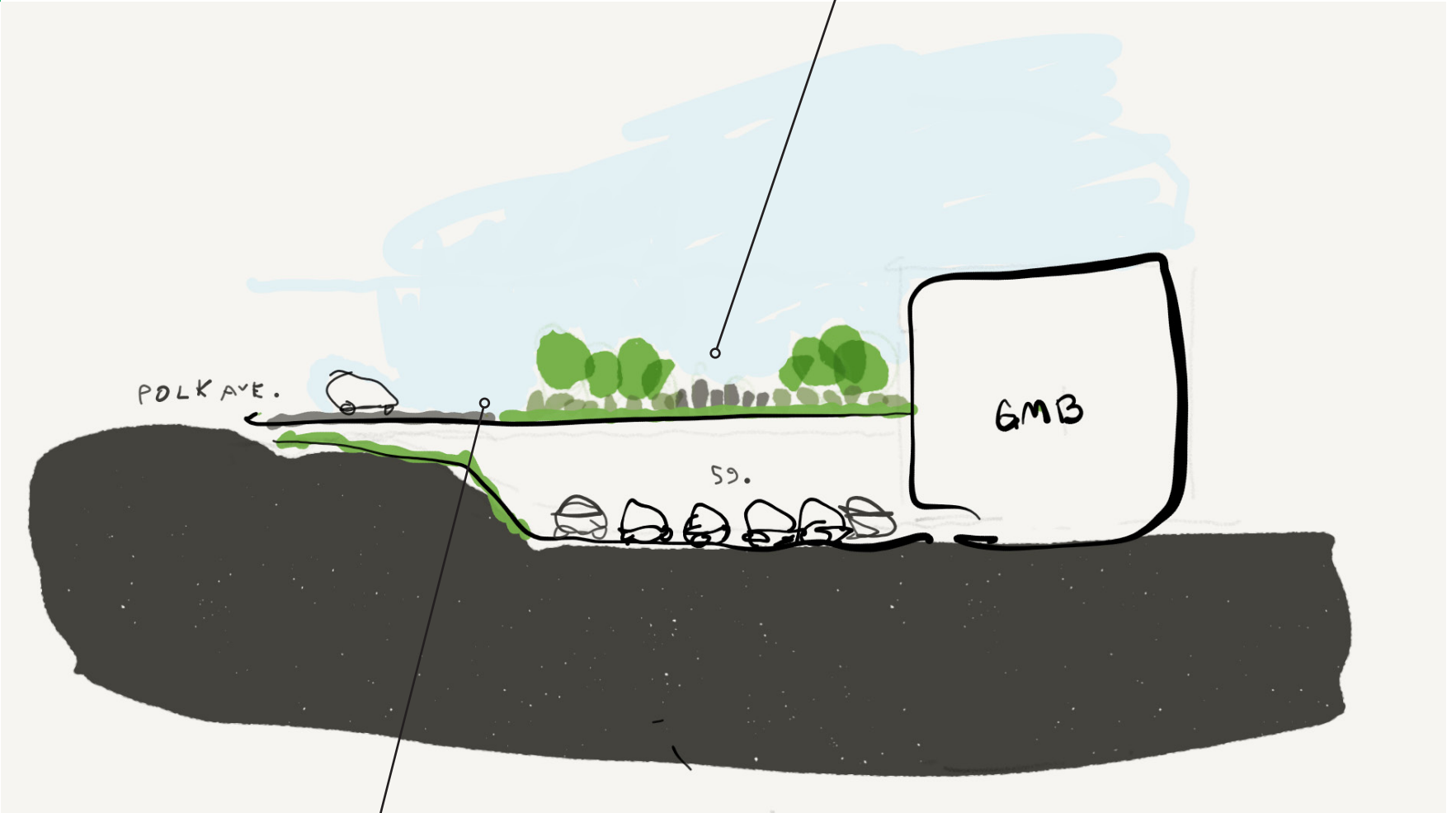


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**CONNECT** beyond EaDo



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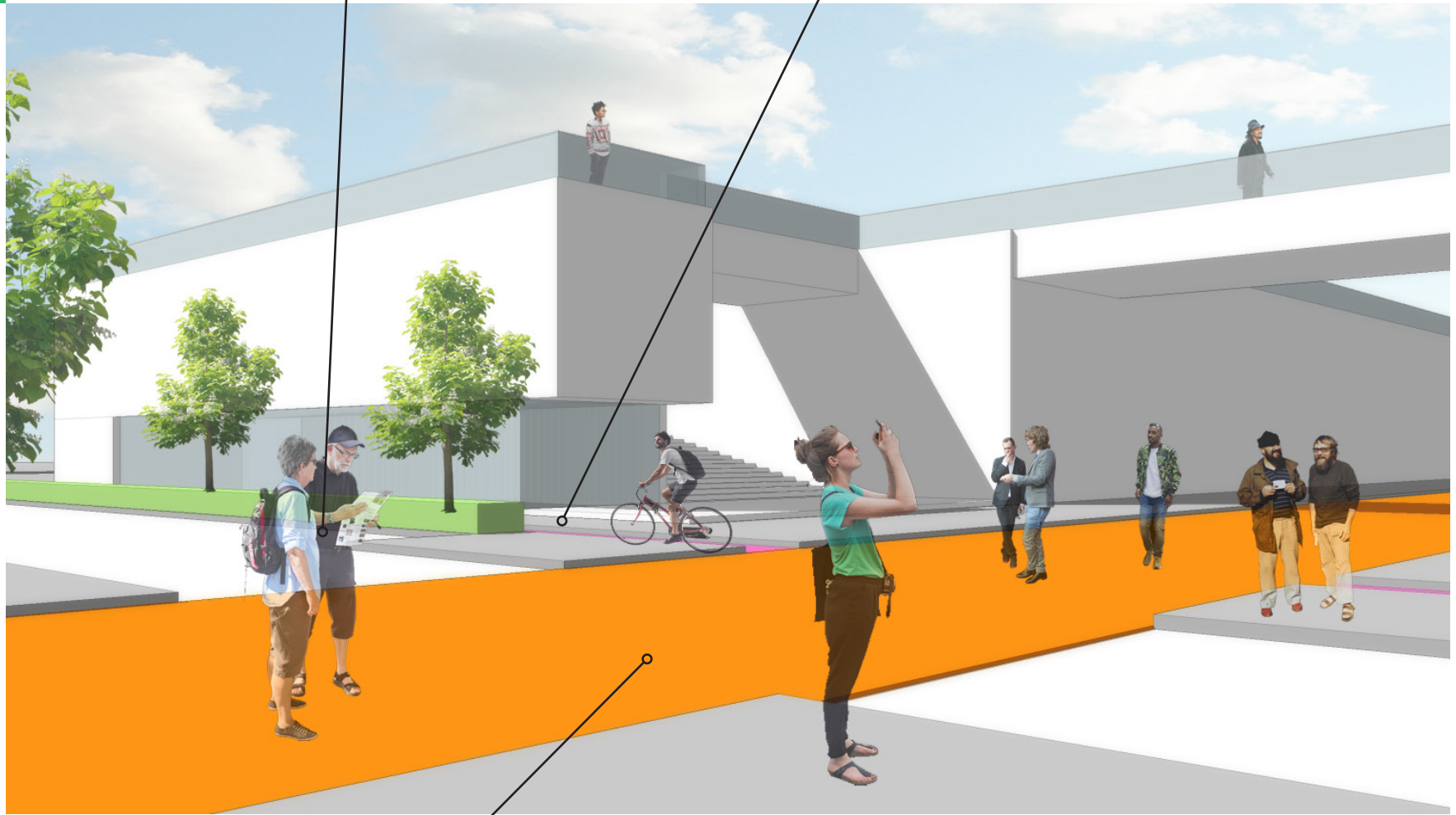
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Street parking: thins streets and reduces speeds throughout EaDo

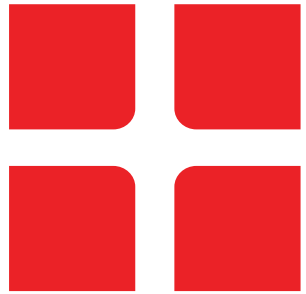
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Reprogrammed pedestrian connection to repurposed interventions throughout EaDo

**CONNECT**





**REPURPOSE**

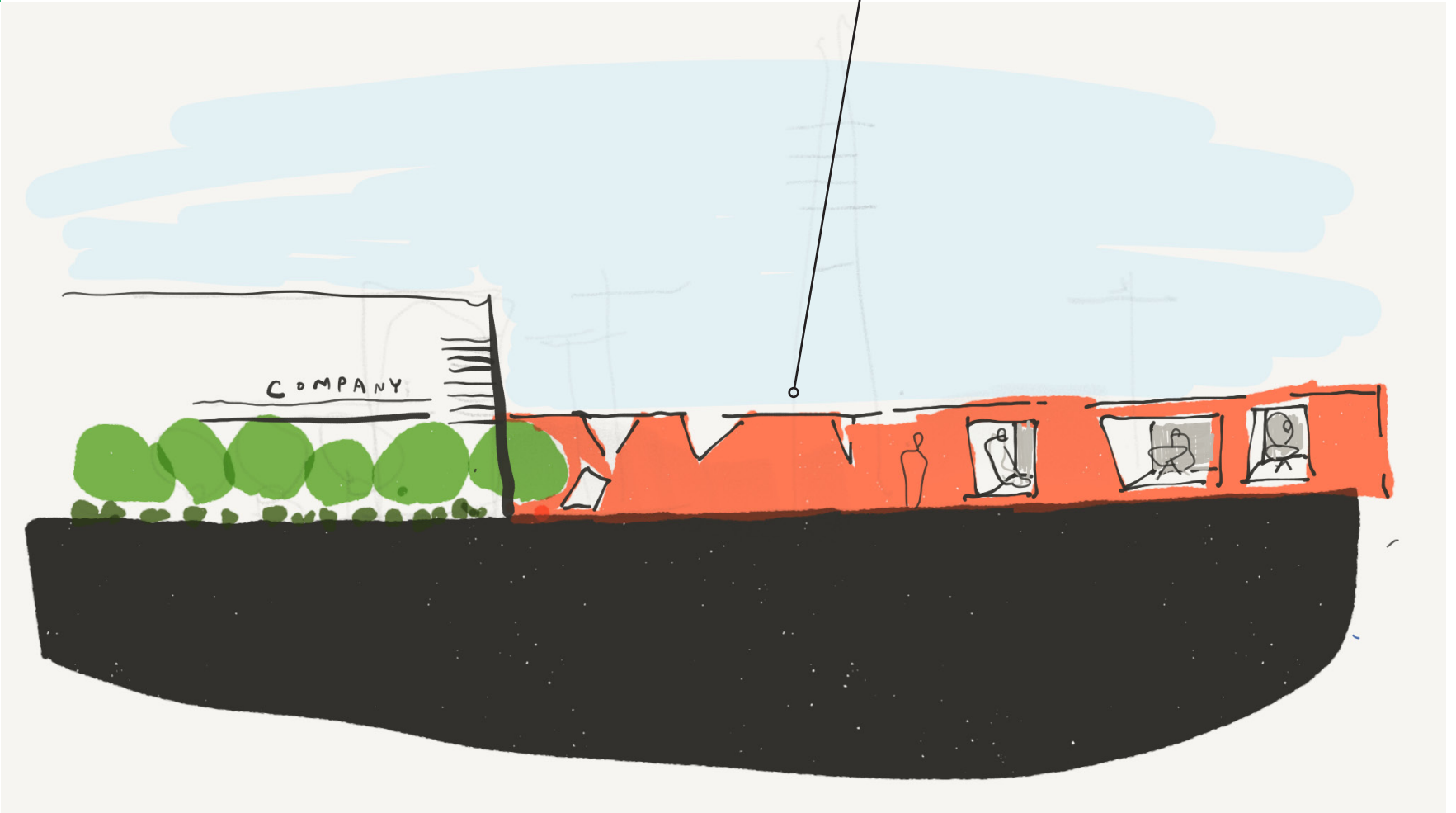
Patterning from existing.

SEED

**BRAVE / ARCHITECTURE**



Activate the infrastructure; create destination wall at sidewalk and existing power station



REPURPOSE



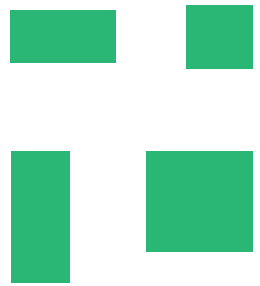
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**REPURPOSE**



**ELEVATE**

# Landscape - Skyscape

SEED

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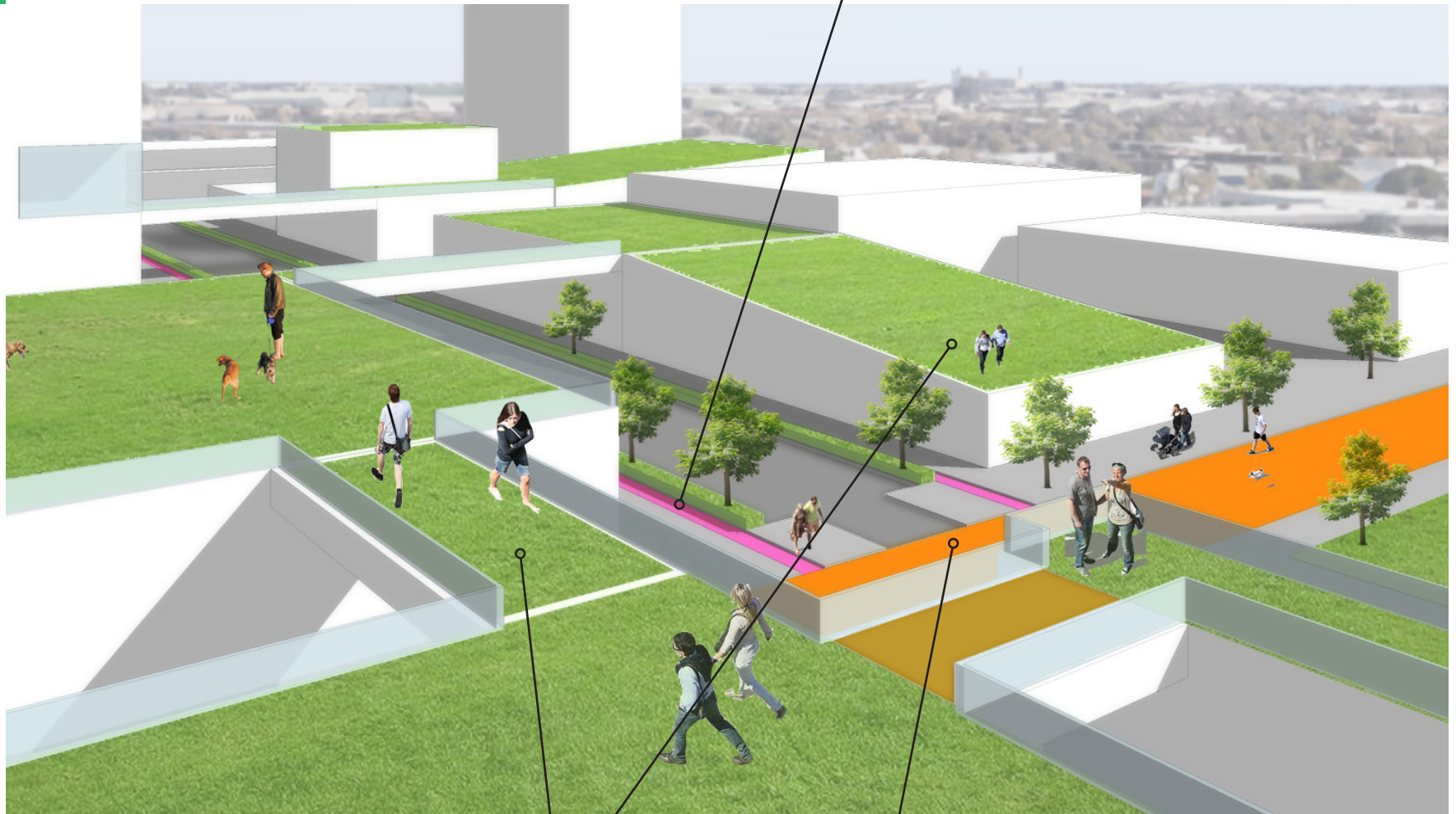
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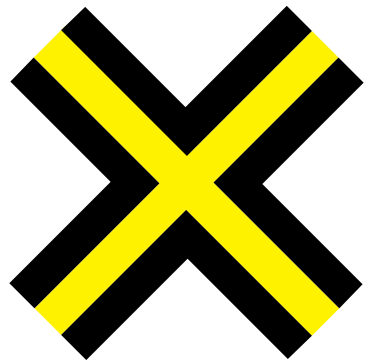
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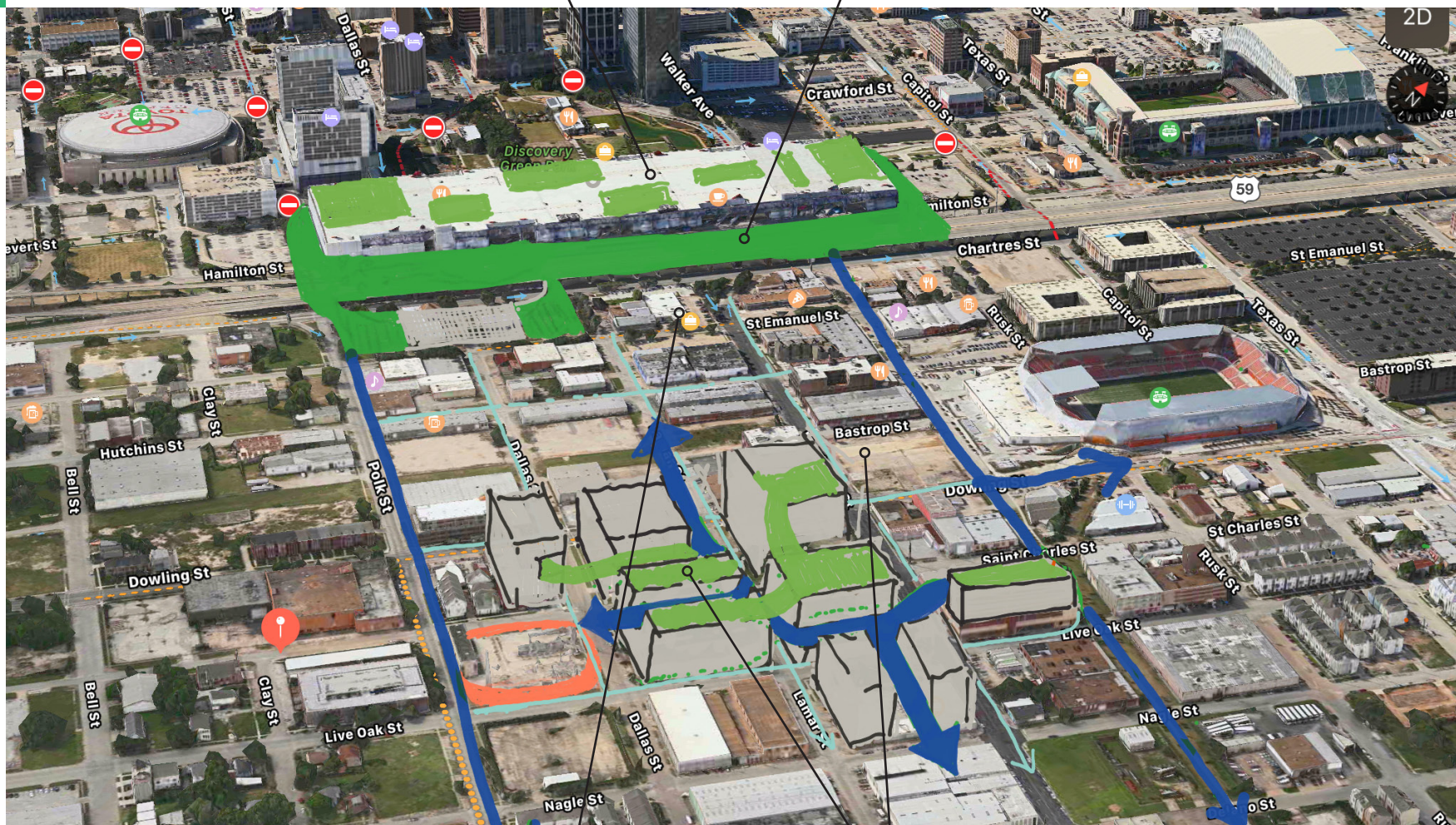
Seeds grow and bare fruit.

SEED



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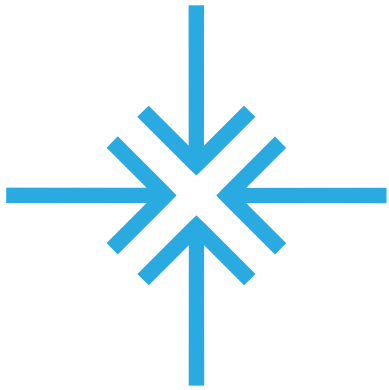


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THANK YOU

