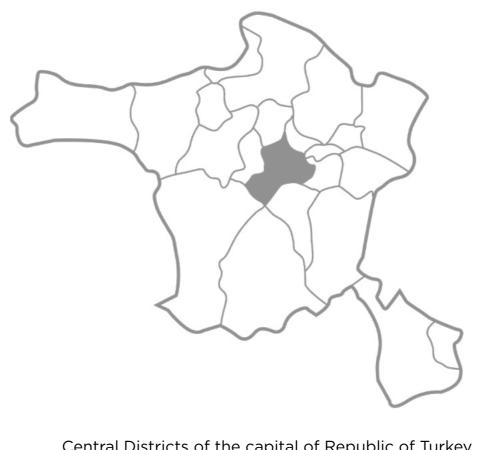
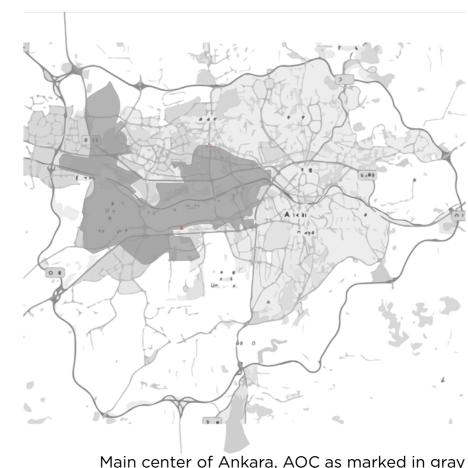
# Geographical Location of Turkey | Ankara | The site









Central Districts of the capital of Republic of Turkey,

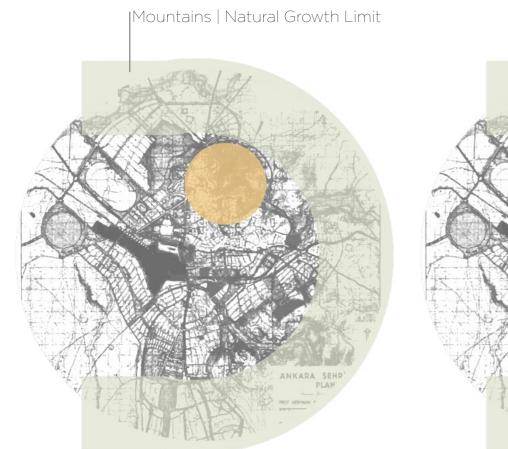
Main center of Ankara, AOÇ as marked in gray

## **Urban Growth of Ankara**



Ankara's location

# Expansion to West Corridor | Shifting of Centers in Ankara

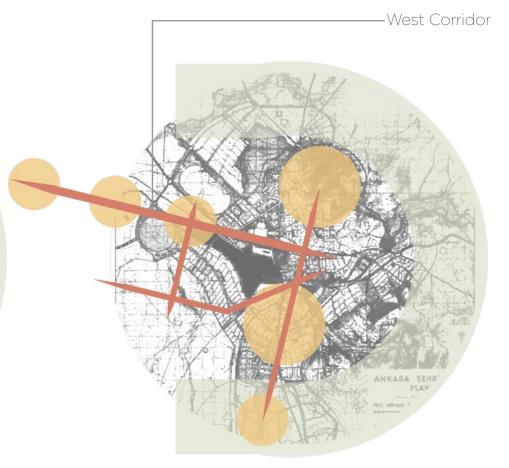


Before 1925



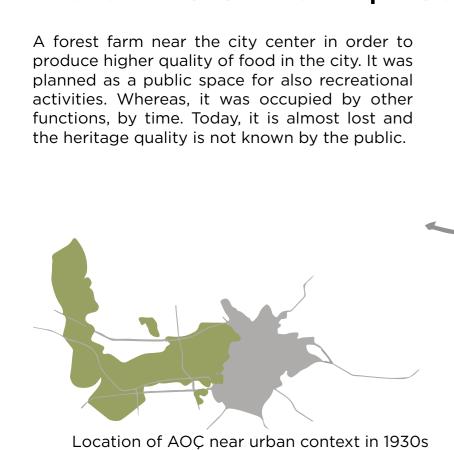


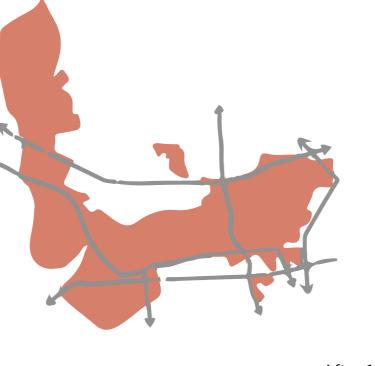




# Atatürk Forest Farm | Modern Capital's Green Production & Recreation Area | Its Evolution in Time

1925











2000s

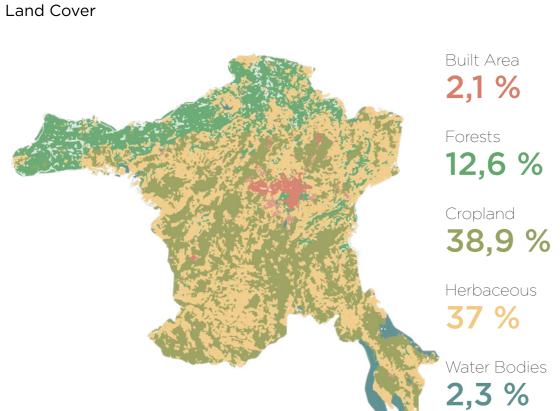
**Present Situation** 

After 1925

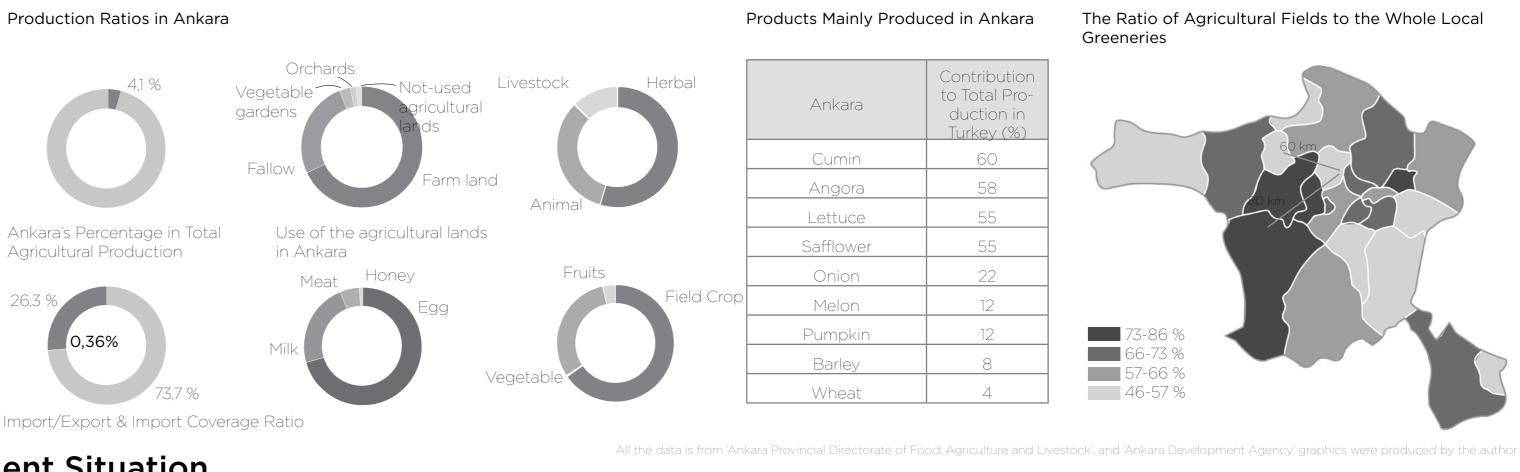
1938

1975

# Agriculture in Ankara

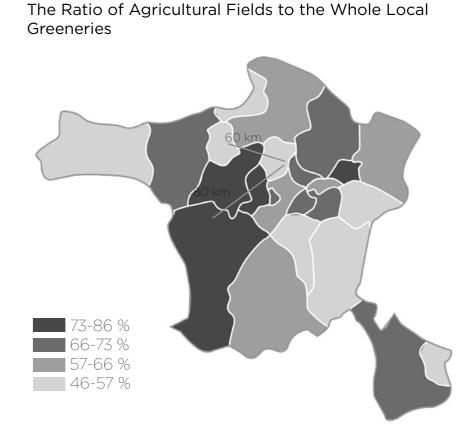




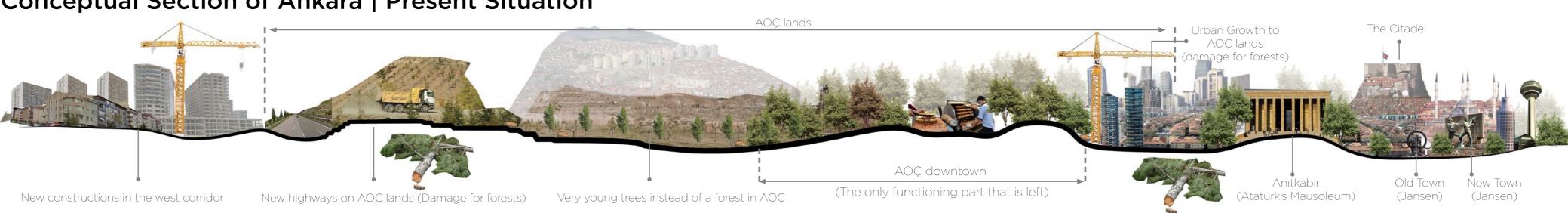


# Products Mainly Produced in Ankara

Ankara	Contribution to Total Pro- duction in Turkey (%)
Cumin	60
Angora	58
Lettuce	55
Safflower	55
Onion	22
Melon	12
Pumpkin	12
Barley	8
Wheat	4

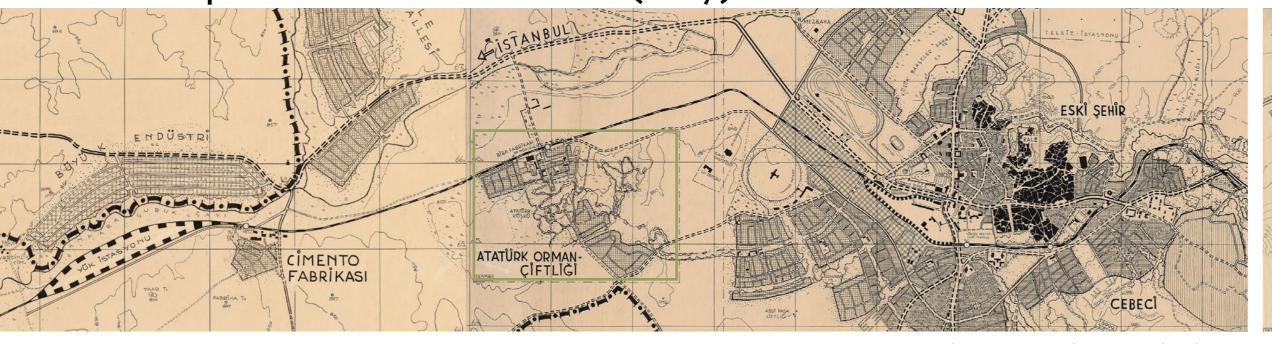


# Conceptual Section of Ankara | Present Situation

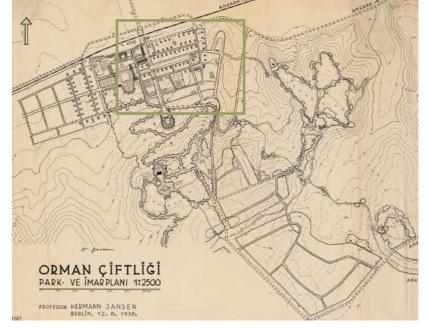


Lost values: Street life | Pedestrian-friendly areas | Agriculture | Balance between production and consumption | Green recreation area

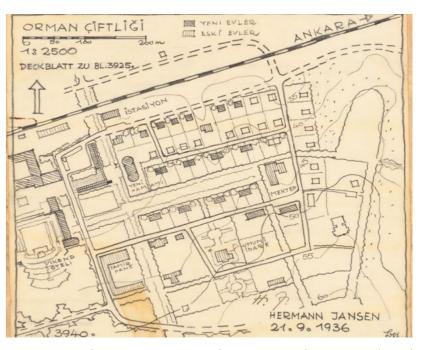
# Historical Maps of Atatürk Forest Farm (AOÇ)



Atatürk Forest Farm's location within the city



Atatürk Forest Farm's downtown design



Atatürk Forest Farm's downtown design in detail

## Aims of the Foundation of AOÇ

After the foundation of Republic of Turkey in 1923 and announcement of Ankara as the new capital, main focus was on the agriculture, since it was perceived as the base for the economy. For this purpose, Atatürk believed that a farm near the capital was necessary to create a model new city. Following are the main motivations behind the foundation of AOÇ.



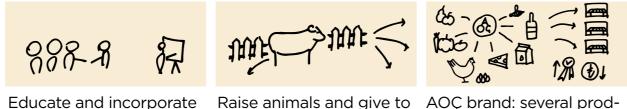
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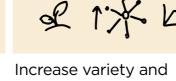






citizens about agriculture the farmer's for breeding ucts, high quality, eco-





quantity of products



students in the field

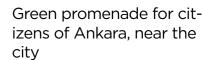
Internship for agricultural Use farmer's seeds more

efficiently

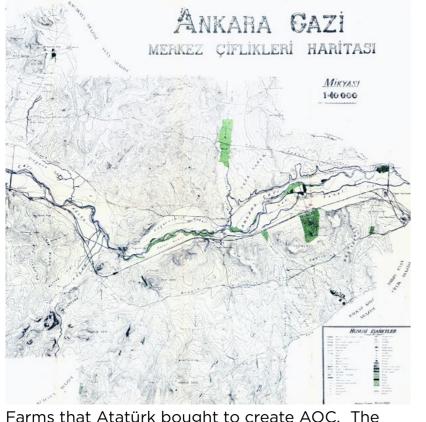


Grow saplings to be

planted in Ankara by cit-

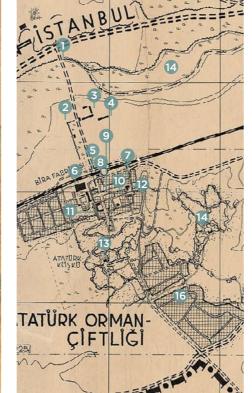


Foundation of AOÇ and Production



Farms that Atatürk bought to create AOÇ. The lands were swamps before. They reformed them to encourage people about the possibility of agriculture in any place.

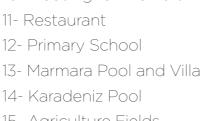




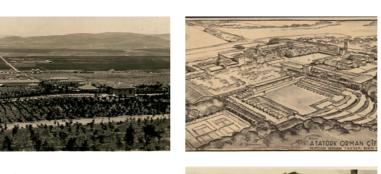
Map for Downtown, Ernst Egli Map for Downtown, Jansen 16- Forests







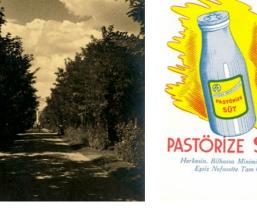












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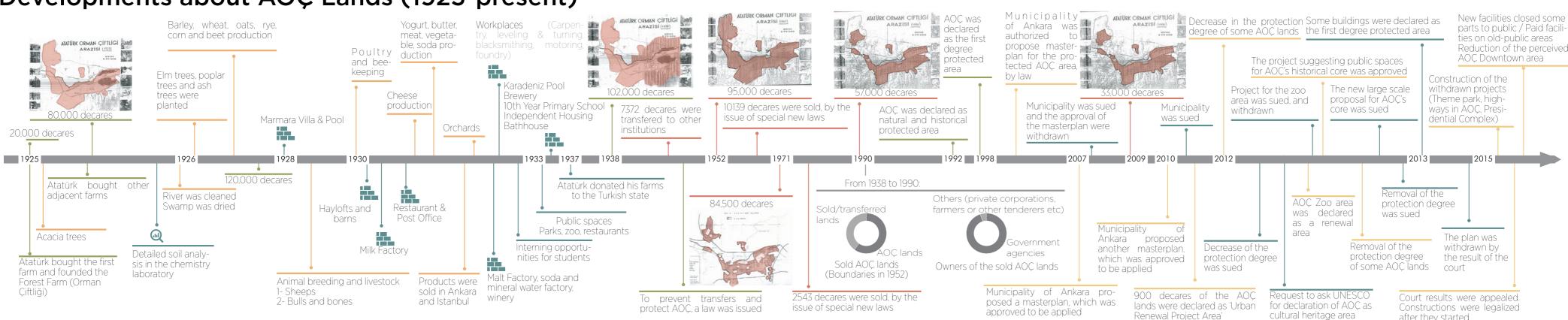


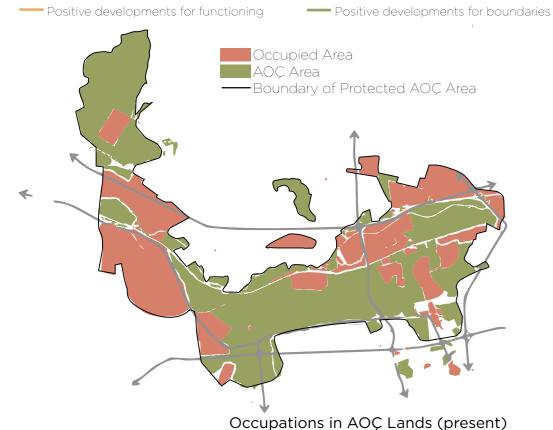


Conceptual Section in AOÇ Downtown | Atmosphere in the First Years



# Developments about AOÇ Lands (1925-present)

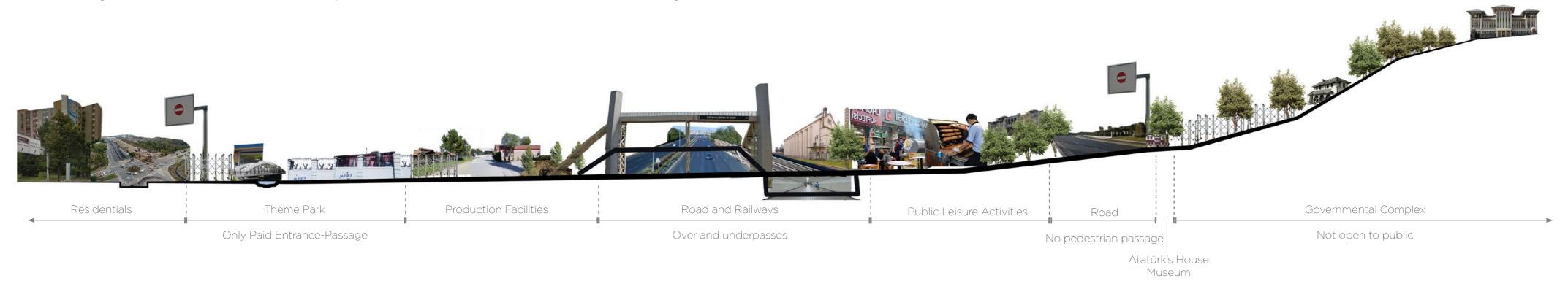


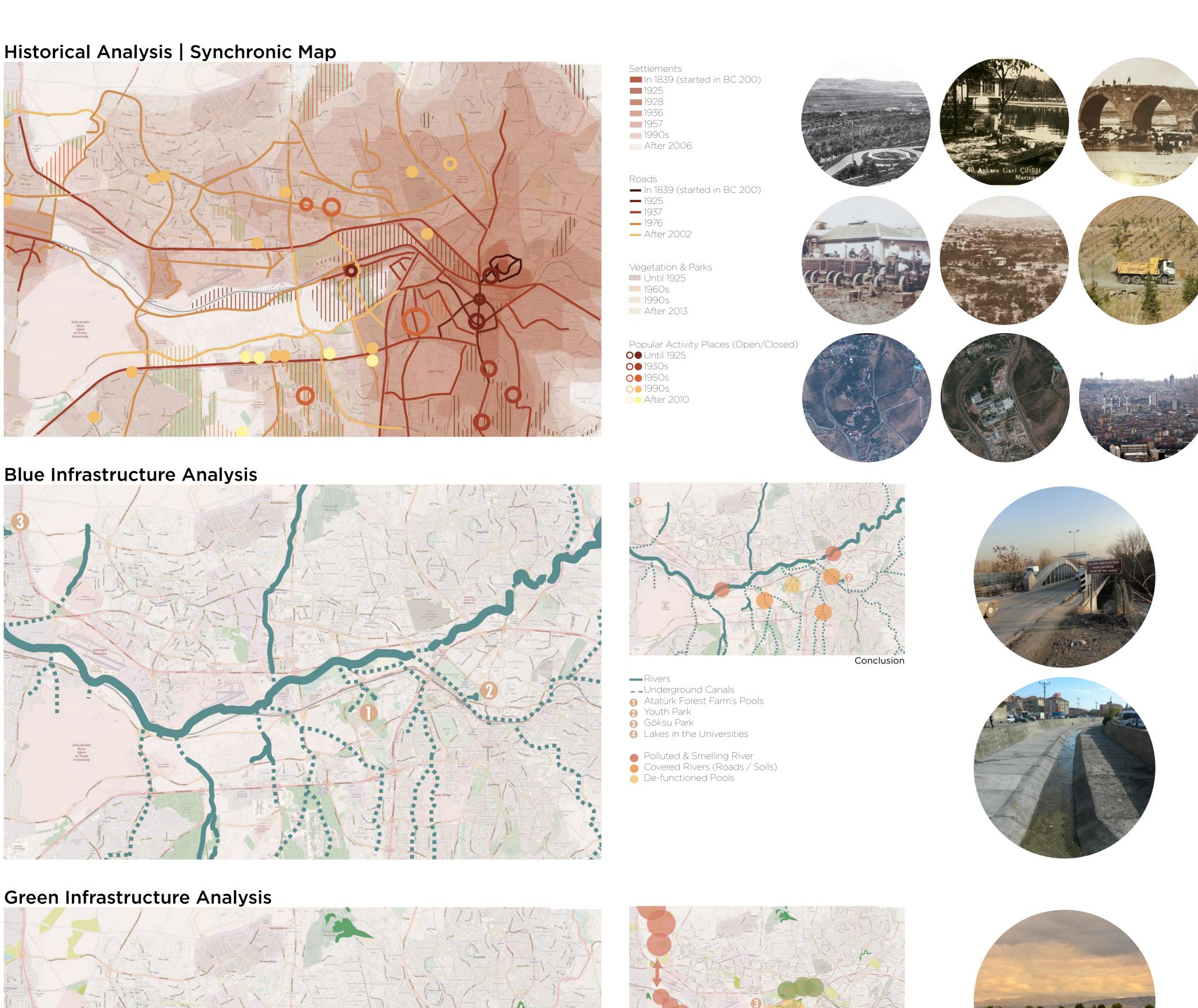


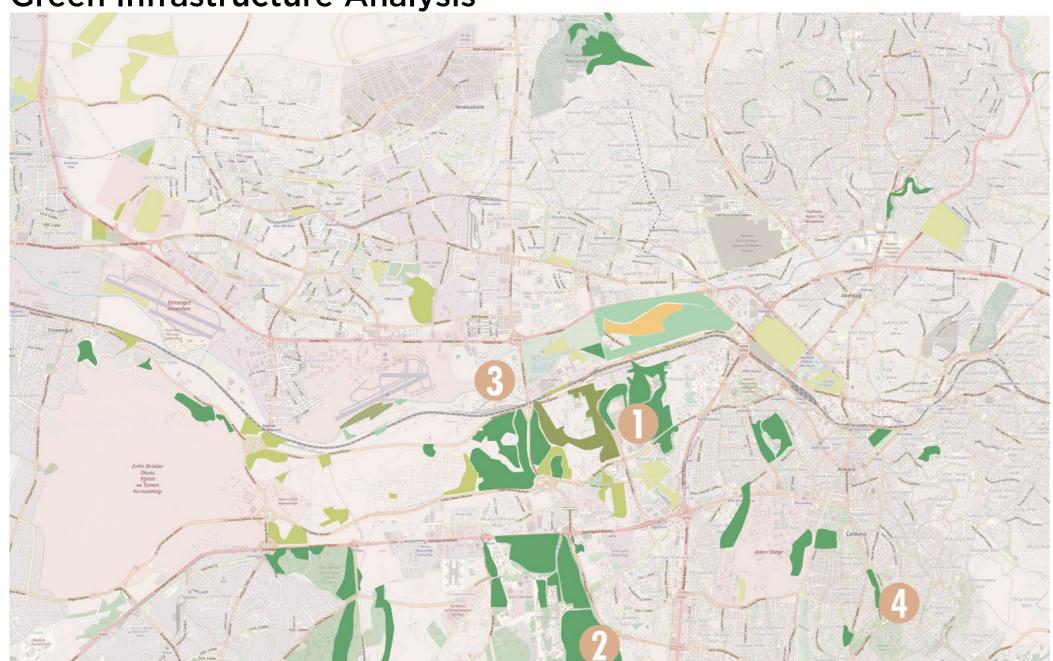




# Conceptual Section in AOÇ Downtown | Present Atmosphere





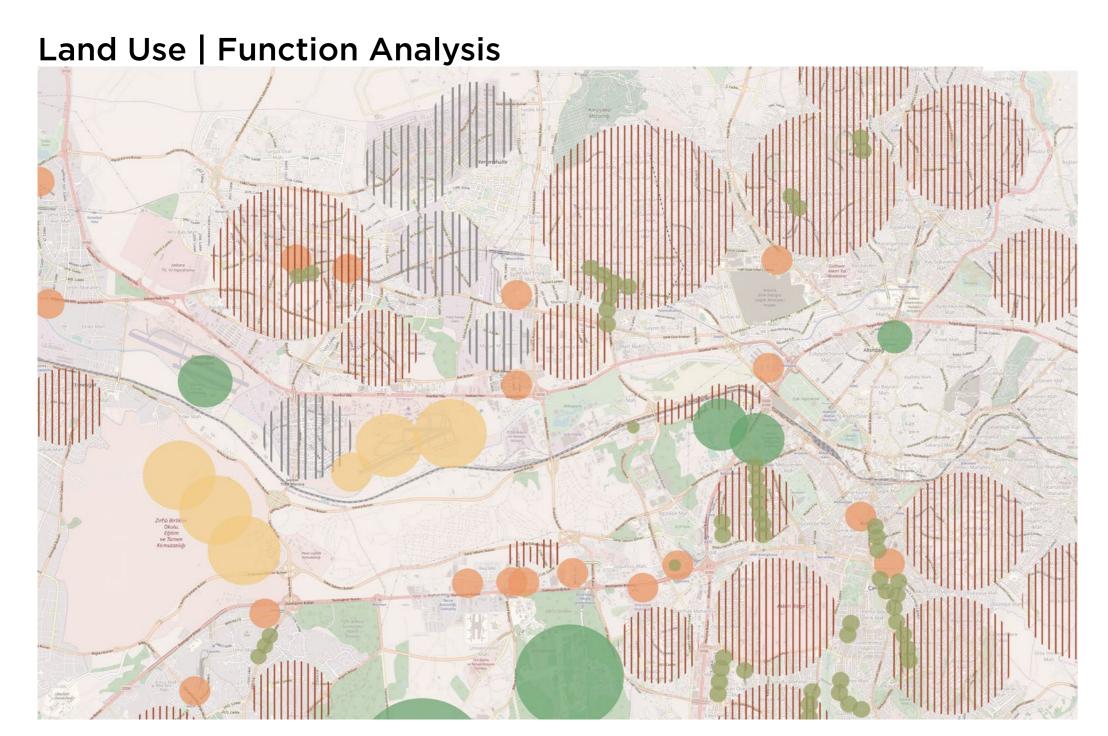






Orchards, Vineyards
Greenery with Trees
Cultivated Area
Afforestation Area
Park - Greenery
AOÇ Forests
METU Forests
Ankapark - Theme Park
Seğmenler Park Disconnection Between the Greens
Underutilized Lands
Fragmented Greens
To-be Enhanced Greens
Well-working Greens (METU organization)







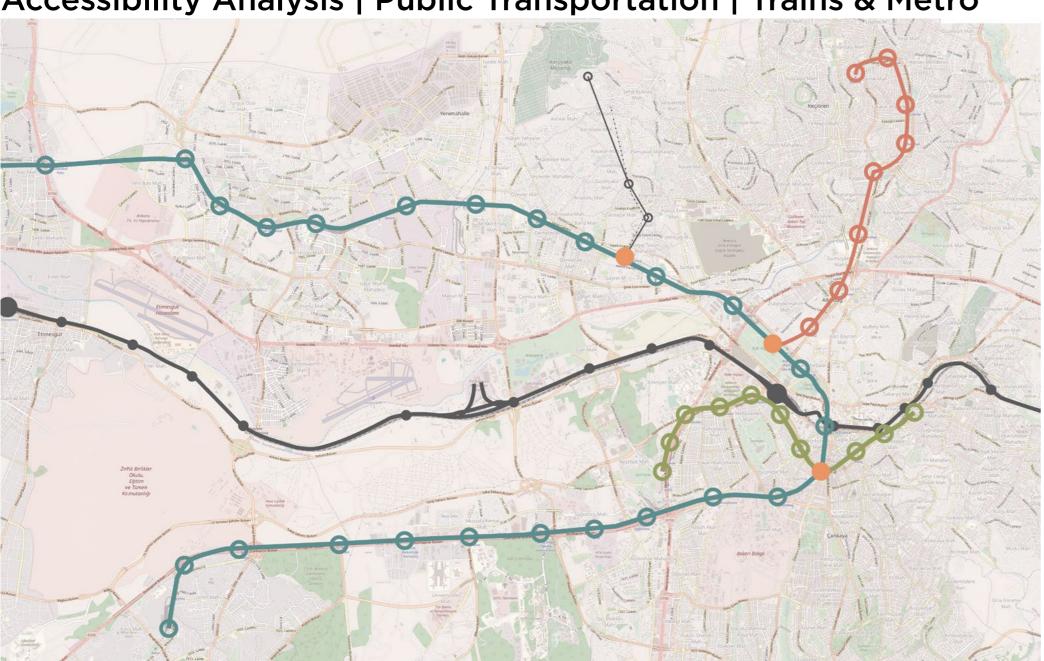
Common Public Streets Universities Residential Districts Shopping Malls Military Zones Industrial Zones

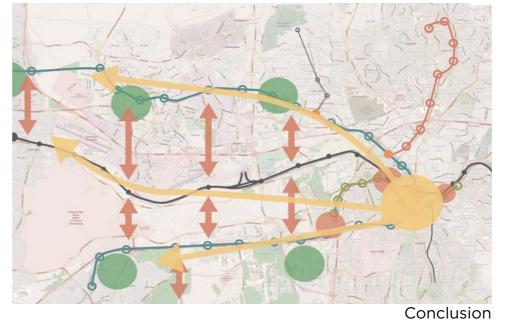
Useless 'voids' within the city Most popular & accessible public spaces







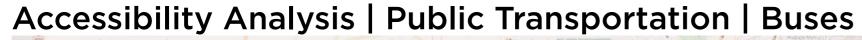


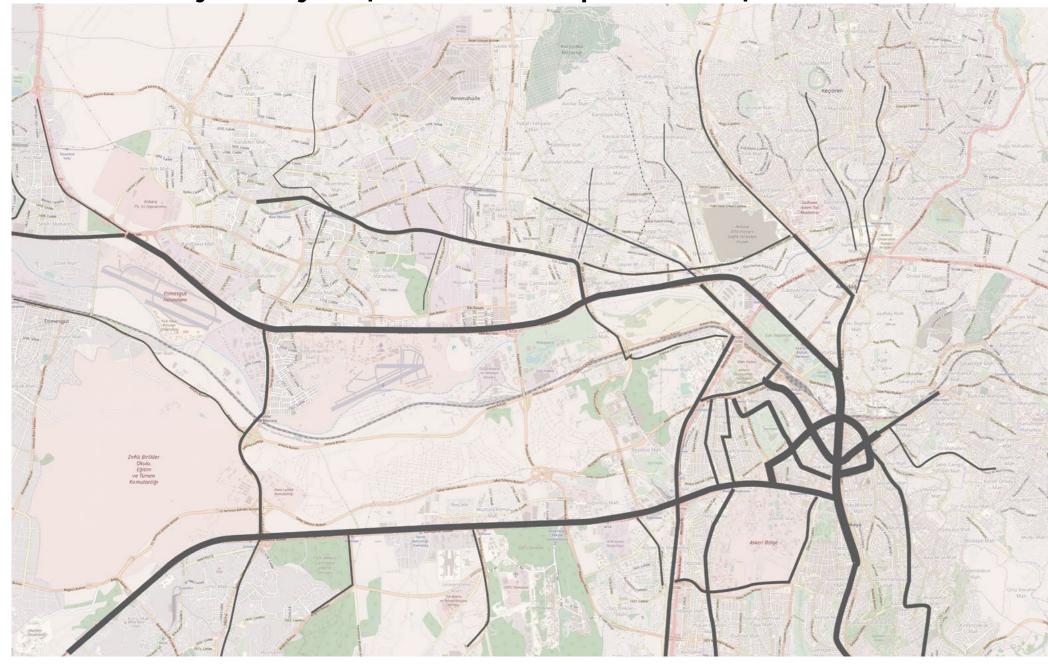


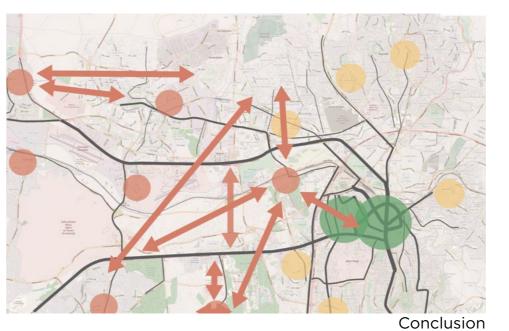
- → Railway & Local Train Stations
- → M1 Metro Line
- → M3 Metro Line → Ankaray Metro Line
- → Funicular Transfer Stations
- High Speed Train Stations
- The only connection to access everywhere Existing connection between north and south sides and AOÇ
- Missing connection nodes
- Missing connections Districts connected to the city center by metro









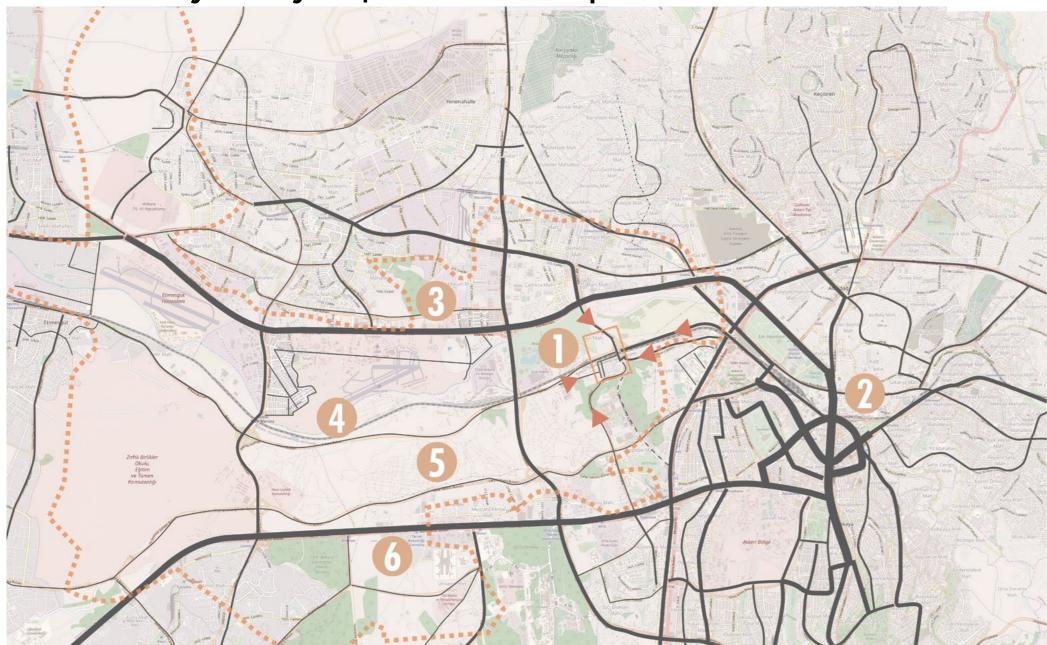


- **∓** Bus Infrastructure (Thickness Represents Density)
- Well-working Bus Infrastructure
- Unproblematic Bus Infrastructure Weak Bus Infrastructure
- Missing Bus Connections
  (Between residentials from residentials to AOC)











- --- Roads | Thickness Represents Traffic Density
- -----AOÇ Boundaries Access to the Site
- O AOÇ Downtown
- Oity Center Kızılay Istanbul Road
- 4 Ankara Boulevard Sakıp Sabancı Boulevard 6 Eskisehir Road
- Car park
- Side street parking
- Not necessary roads on the AOÇ lands Districts that are connected easily to the AOÇ site by private transportation





Accessibility Analysis | Pedestrian Comfort | Quality of the Streets



Highway bridge for U-turn in Sıhhiye









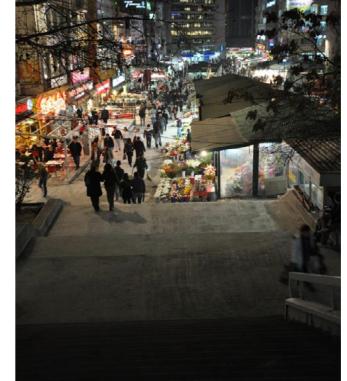


Eskisehir Road, south part of the city

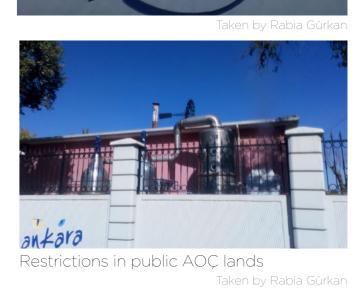
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An overpass in Kızılay



Sidewalk in Eskisehir Road, behind is AOÇ

A street in Kavaklıdere

Overpass in Kızılay A kiosk in Kızılay

## **Stakeholders Analysis | Actors**

Stakeholder	Type of Actor	Resources	Needs & Expectation	Current Actions	Expected Actions
AOÇ Administration	Bureaucratic actor	Legal	Improve the productivity and social/economic/ production quality of AOÇ	Keeps AOÇ brand alive (food, drinks, seeds, saplings)	Workshops to increase awareness   internship opportunity for students   more job opportunities   give seeds & breeding animals & saplings to peasants   have a larger share in markets for AOÇ brands   Tell people the quality and production of these brands
Municipality of Ankara	Political actor	Political	Maintain & increase the cultural heritage of AOÇ	Bought the lands to cultivate the areas	Organizations in AOÇ to reactivate the area
Governing Party of Turkey	Political actor	Political	Show their power and position	Changes the laws to legalize the segmentation of AOÇ   Aggressive about opposite ideas   Perceives the AOÇ as a battle field	Be supportive about the heritage of 'all' citizens with different ideas   Gets in touch with public
Cultural and Natural Heritage Preservation Board	Bureaucratic actor	Legal	Protect the AOÇ Land	Sets the protection degrees for AOÇ	Be against the changes in the laws & protection degrees of heritage sites   stop loss of them for economic & political interests   defend the protection of the areas
Chamber of Architects	Special interest	Legal	Maintain & increase the cultural heritage of AOÇ	Stops the law-changes   renting of the AOÇ lands   announces people the importance of the area	Organize seminars in the universities & schools & public places to increase the awareness of AOÇ   Encourages people to attend activities here
University Professors	Special interest	Organization	Maintain & increase the cultural heritage of AOÇ	Supports Chamber of Architects about their defense of AOÇ	Organize seminars in the universities & schools to increase the awareness of AOÇ   Encourages people to attend activities here & protect the area's cultural heritage
Institute of Goethe	Special interest	Organization	Maintain & increase the cultural heritage of AOÇ & Ankara	Organizes exhibitions for Jansen & Egli	Organize more often events to tell about the heritage of AOÇ and announce them to more people   Interact with other universities
Architects	Experts	Organization		Supports Chamber of Architects about their defense of AOÇ	Organize events to convey people the importance of AOÇ
Economists	Expert	Organization			Supports the production in AOÇ (both agricultural and factory products)
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Bureaucratic actor	Legal	Increase the amount & quality of agricultural activities		Encourage production in AOÇ area, educate people about the production
University Students (1)	General Interest	Organization	Maintain & increase the cultural heritage of AOÇ	Protests against renting of AOÇ lands   tries spending time in few greens	Be less aggressive and negotiant & Encourage people to use AOÇ lands & brands   Tell about the value of AOÇ
University Students (2)	General Interest	Organization	Have public space to spend time   Learn more about the heritage of AOÇ	Eats night food in AOÇ	Spend more time in AOÇ   study in workstations   use open spaces rather than shopping malls
AOÇ Workers (factories, restaurants)	Special Interest		Increase the attraction and awareness of people	Be nice with visitors   Tells them about the area	Gives tours to the lands and production facilities & involve visitors
Citizens (1) (spent time in AOÇ when younger)	General Interest		Maintain & increase the cultural heritage of AOÇ	Be upset about the fragmentation of AOÇ   Tells their memories to their friends	Attend events to share their memories with people   Spend more time in AOÇ   Tell other people about heritage of AOÇ
Citizens (2) (moved to Ankara later - no emotional connection to AOÇ)	General Interest		Learn more about the heritage of AOÇ	Eats night food in AOÇ	Attend the activities in AOÇ   Learn about the importance of AOÇ   Feel more belonged to AOÇ   Use hobby gardens
Tourists	General Interest			Thinks Ankara is not worth visiting & There are no activities to enjoy	Visits more often Ankara for touristic purposes   Tells others about the beautiful Forest Farm concept in Ankara
Peasants	Economic Interest		Improve quality of their products		Get lectures & attend to workshops in AOÇ   Get seeds & saplings & breeding animals for their farms
Unemployed People	Economic Interest		Get employed		Works in AOÇ as a farmer, tour guide, factory worker, cook, harvester, organizer, site observer, teacher

# Social Analysis | Ideologies

### Reactions

1938-1990 - no rejection for the selling of the lands

1992 - protected site, stopped selling After 2006 - worse disintegration | few people reacted

### Opinions of the Actors

"Annuity is the most important consideration." Former Municipality of Ankara

Special laws were issued to legalize the actions on the heritage sites such as the construction of residentials, renting the lands etc.

Chambers sued the actions, former municipality continued building

## "Traffic is a problem" Former Municipality of Ankara

High-speed, wider roads were built.

Not walkable city, underdeveloped public transportation. -> More cars, more traffic jam, no solution

## "Making Ankara's name is important" Former Municipality of Ankara

Paid entertainment park, Ankapark (2019). It was supposedly the 'biggest entertainment park of Europe'. Gigantic toys destroyed the silhouette of the city. The area is less walkable than before, besides, the park is not functioning.

# "Power and fanciness are very important, as well as untouchableness." Governing Party

Residential for the president on the hill, initial place of AOÇ. Change of the house of the president for the first time in the history of the Turkish Republic. Damage of the trees, replacement with imported expensive decorative plants. Isolated hill, police control, fences around.

# "Illegal palace" Society

**Strengths** 

Environmental

\* Fertile soil quality

\* Location of AOÇ within Ankara

\* River passing from the whole area

Although the execution decision by the court, it was built.

"It is a dissent action to build the palace to the place where Atatürk pointed for foundation of AOÇ" Society

Suing Organization	Number of Cases	
Chamber of Architects Ankara Branch	54	
Chamber of Agricultural Engineers	22	
Chamber of Landscape Architects	22	
Chamber of City Planners	21	
Chamber of Environmental Engineers	21	
Ankara Bar Association	2	

"Eyes that do not have a vision to green are deprived of the pleasure of colors. Afforest here so beautiful that even a blind person can realize that he is among the greens." Atatürk

### **Protests**

one.

Gezi Park Protests: People defended the park in Istanbul and prevented the construction of the shopping mall.

AOÇ Protests: Very few people attend. Only chambers, some professors, some students. Not successful protests. AOÇ lost its lands, trees, functions, production and so on.

# Reasons of the low number of defenders for the rights of the AOÇ

-Lack of awareness of the boundaries, real function and ideas behind AOÇ

-Lack of transfer of the values to the next generation

"I cried when they cut the trees in AOÇ." Mom "It's another not-interesting project of the municipality" Son

People should learn better the function and aims of AOÇ and they should feel belonged to the area.

"The palace is much better than AOÇ facilities. It's great that it was build!" Supporters of the governing party

Wrong perception: AOÇ is not a symbol of any political idea. It aims to provide a better economy to the city, while having a sustainable food chain and give citizens open green areas, and provide Ankara a beauti-

The missing understanding is that AOÇ is not against any idea or is not rivals with anyone. It is a heritage site that belongs to everyone. Instead of starting battles against it or damaging it, its value and function and ideas should be taught to everyone in order to protect it from any possible damage all together. The awareness should be increased for every-

"Increase in the agricultural production and education on agriculture are important." Present Municipality of Ankara

Better things happen today for Ankara.

# "Agriculture is the basis of the economy." Atatürk



axes, 2014

not open to public, 2015

factories, 2014

AOÇ factories, 2015

listorical axes, entrance of the AOÇ

Closed historical axes, entrance of the

Old agriculture fields and zoo, historical



Theme park, paid-entrance, historic axis is Sögütözü Road, 2017





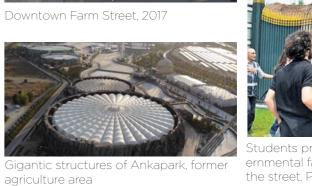












ernmental facility by having a picnic on the street. Police tries to stop them

Below photos are taken from Chamber



# Weaknesses

\* Weak connection between north & south sides of the city

\* Edge quality of AOÇ: it is perceived as an abandoned void in the middle of Ankara, it is not encouraged to walk around or enter inside

\* Public transportation: lack of transfer points between metro & train system, weak bus network for non-central districts)

Environmental \* Very few vegetated areas: plantation of forests and agriculture is needed

# **Opportunities**

\* Citizens prefer to use more often a green open space close to their residential districts, rather than the picnic parks on the periphery of Ankara

\* Nearby universities and conscious youth population

\* Citizens of Ankara tend to buy organic products when it's possible (by the milkmen, the street bazaars and the close villages)

Spatial

\* Nearby residential areas: if a better connection would be provided, people would visit here more often

# **Threats**

Ankara is not perceived as an aesthetic capital, although it was planned as a beautiful city \* People do not feel belonged to AOC: identity and heritage is not transferred between the generations

\* Political perception of AOÇ: it is not a value to be against for, it is not only for a part of the community. It is a cultural heritage that belongs to all citizens

\* Rented / sold parts & ongoing sales for AOÇ lands \* Lack of encourage for local production & consumption of them

\* AOÇ is perceived like an interrupting void in the middle of the city

Environmental

\* People tend to use private cars due to the weakness of the public transportation & traffic jam: more traffic jam

\* Air, water and soil pollution



# **Strategy Diagrams**



Re-treatment of the river

Cleaning the river Riparian buffer to keep it clean and protected Use underground canals to irrigate the lands



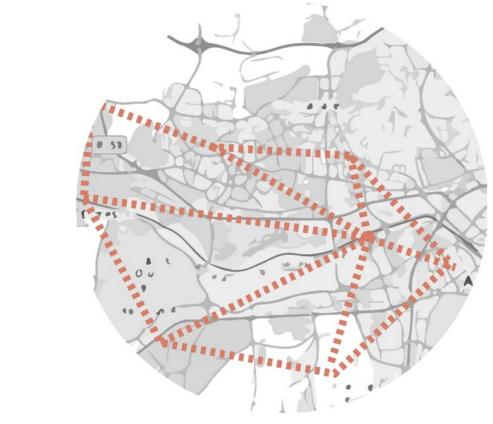
Connect the greeneries and use them effectively

Green belt Noise and air pollution barrier



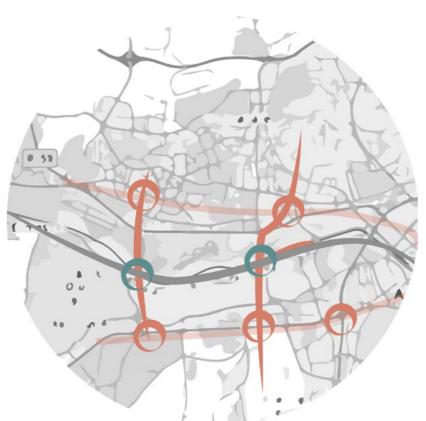
Evaluate the empty lands Raise the awareness Teach the importance and the boundaries of the heritage area

New public space in AOÇ downtown connects to the public spaces in the city center Working station and meeting space for university students Connect residential districts to AOC by related functions Paths in the forests and agriculture lands



Improve the accessibility of AOÇ

New bus network to connect residentials and universities to AOÇ



Improve the accessibility of AOÇ

Connecting the two branches of the U-shape metro route

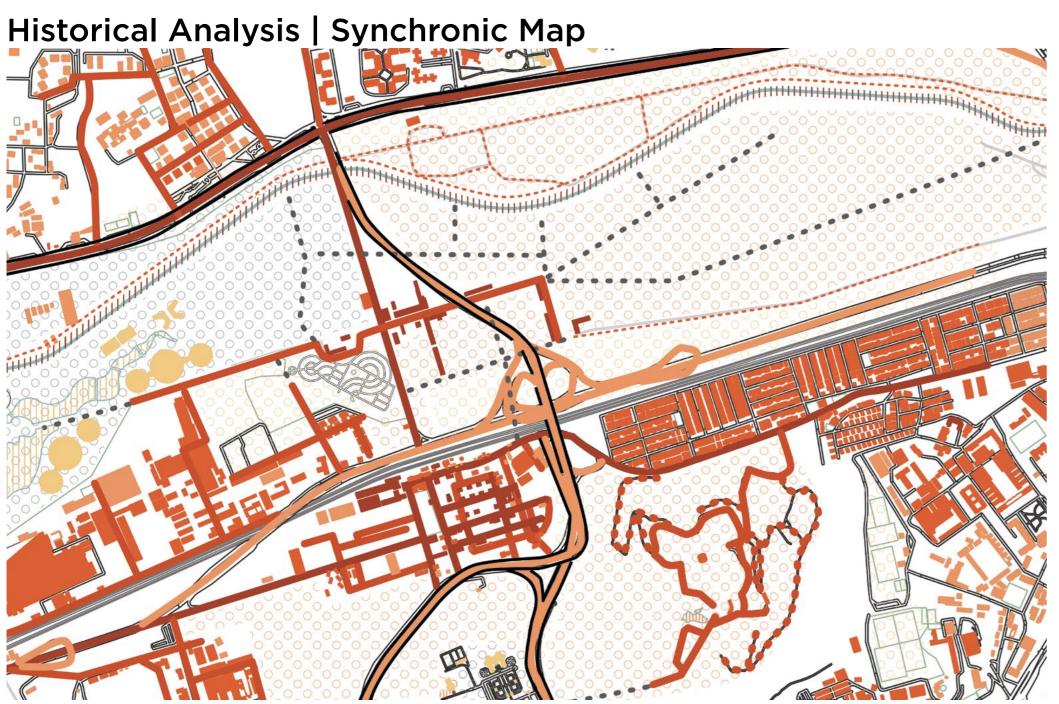
Connect metro to the train in two new stations Bike sharing in the transfer stations

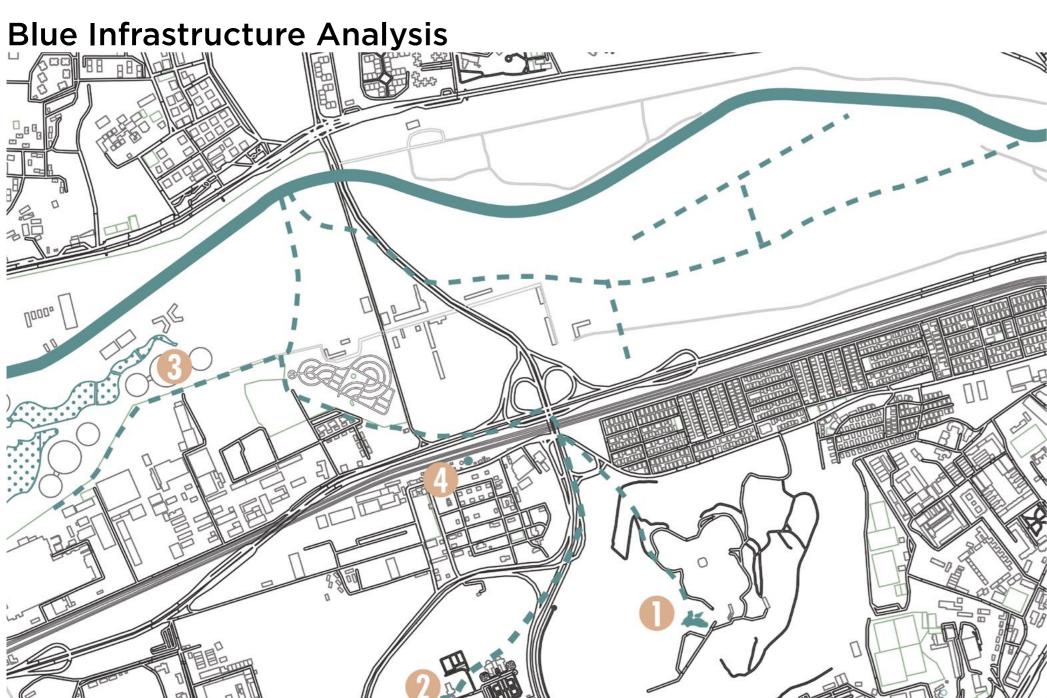


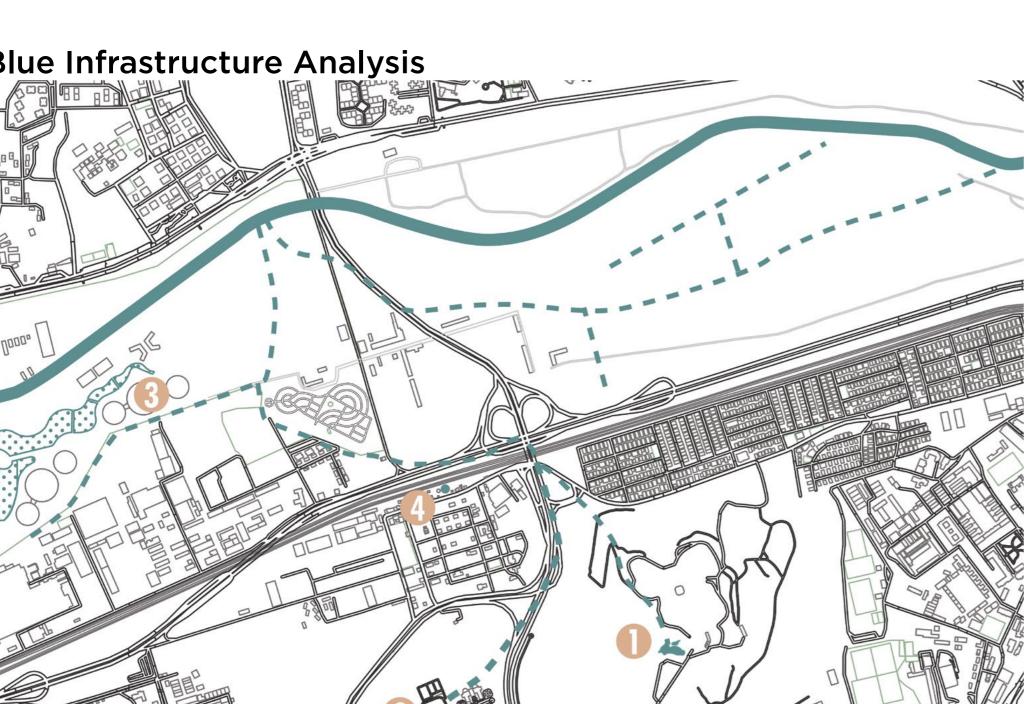
Introduce sustainable and convenient transportation method

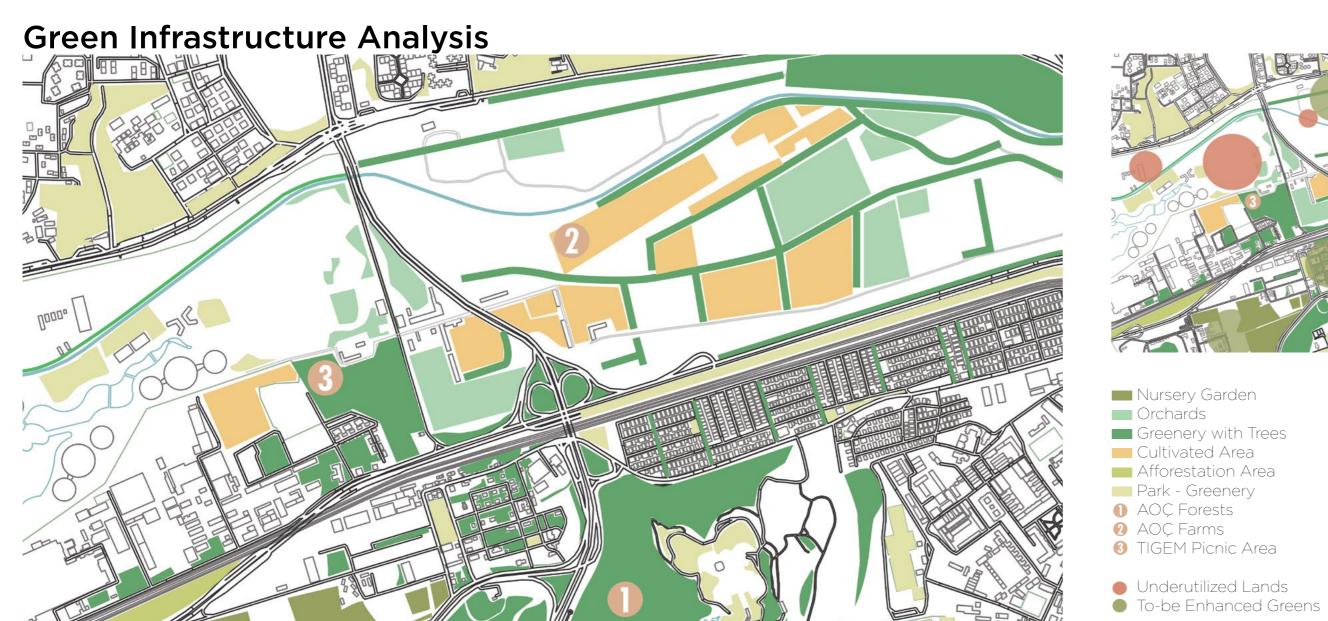
Bike paths along the roads Bike sharing system Improve AOÇ lands with walkable pedestrian paths Edge treatment to AOC lands

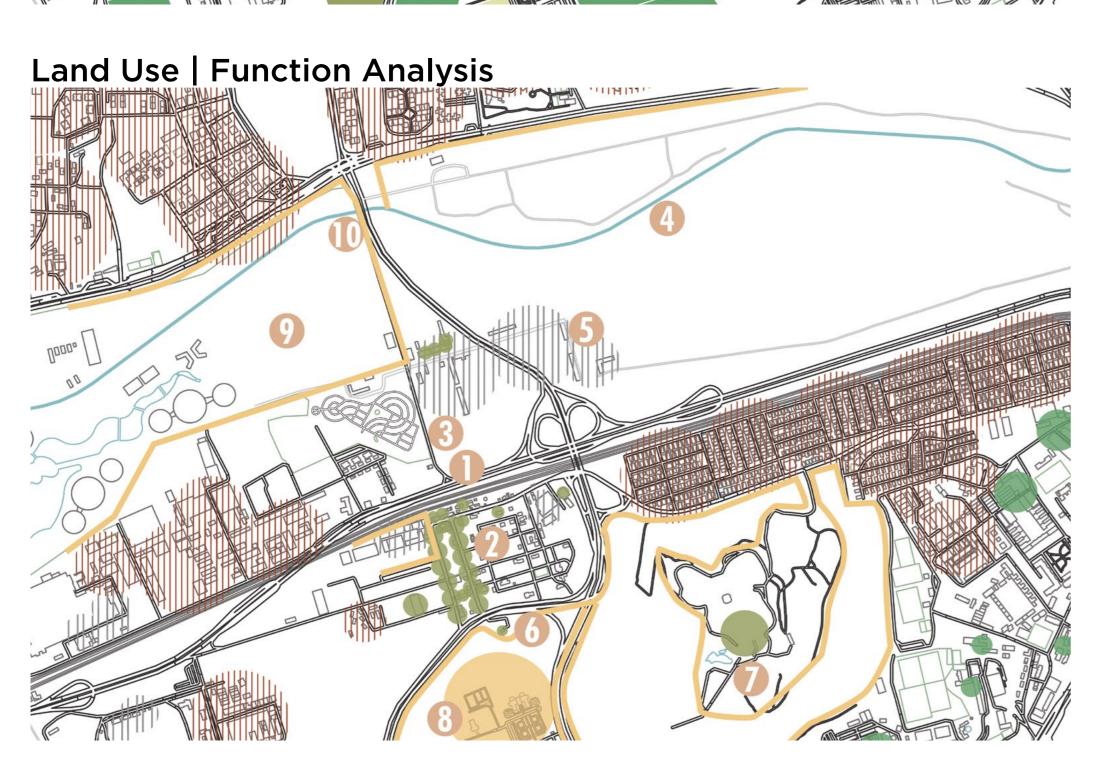
Masterplan NATURE SPORTS AREA SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURE AND PRACTICE FIELDS NATURAL LIFE PARK (OLD ZOO) **AOÇ PRODUCTION** AOÇ PRODUCTIVE FORESTS **YOUTH PARK** AOÇ PRODUCTIVE FORESTS FORAGE PLANT BREEDING AND EDUCATION CENTER NURSERY GARDEN METU FORESTS















Roads | Paths **---** 1925-1937 **---** 1937-1976

**---** 1976-2013 --- After 2013

.... Extinct Roads \_\_ Re-constructed/Extended Roads

Vegetation & Parks 1925-1937 \*\*\* After 1937

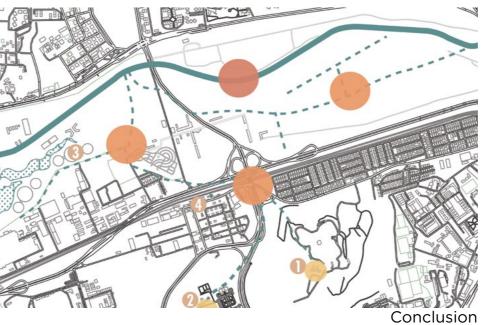
Extinct vegetation











--- Underground canals

Pools

Artificial water bodyKaradeniz PoolMarmara PoolAnkapark's Pool Water tank

Polluted & Smelling RiverCovered Rivers (Roads / Soils) De-functioned Pools

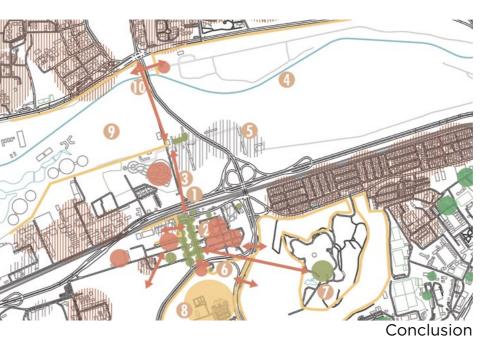


Conclusion

Nursery Garden Orchards Greenery with Trees
Cultivated Area

Afforestation Area Park - Greenery AOÇ Forests 2 AOÇ Farms 3 TIGEM Picnic Area





Public Streets & Cafes & Commercials

Education Facilities Residential Districts Government's Facility | Factories

Train Station O Downtown Streets&Historical Buildings 8 Historical Axes

Barriers

4 AOÇ Farms' 6 AOÇ Factories & Museum

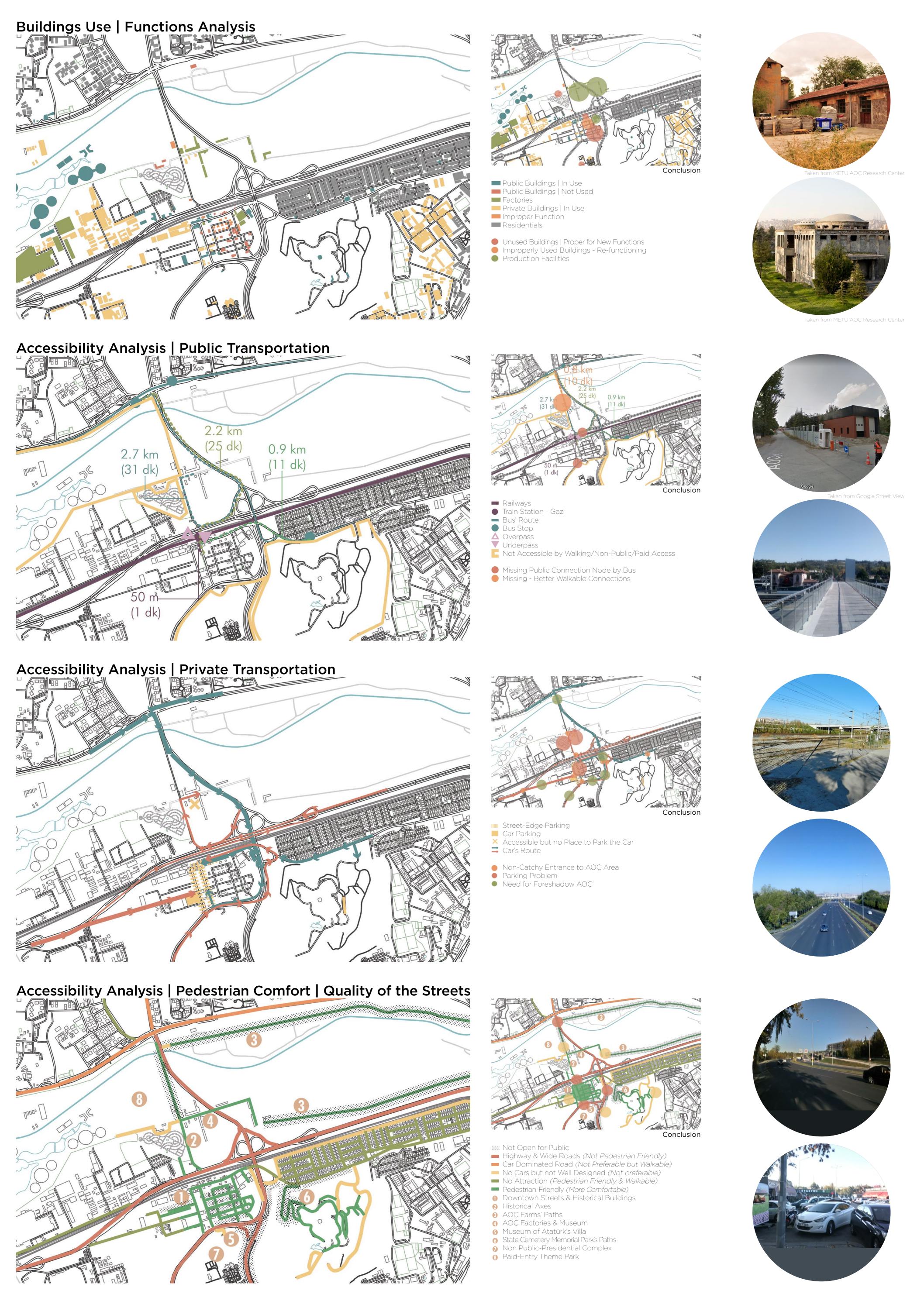
6 Atatürk's Villa Museum State Cemetery Park & Karadeniz Pool

8 Presidential Complex Ankapark | Theme Park Mistorical Bridge

→ Disconnection Unused Parts







## **Strengths**

### **Agriculture**

Social \* Existing brand AOÇ (recognition while selling the products)

\* Functioning factories for processing raw products

## Recreation

### Social

- \* Restaurants and night food culture \* Some people love to use the area
- \* Green areas for public use

# Weaknesses

### Agriculture

# \* Existing food chain, products are imported | Reliance to

the agriculture of other cities or further districts

### Environmental

\* Use of motor vehicles while importing products, CO<sup>2</sup> emission

## Recreation

\* Facilities except for restaurants are not known by people

Spatial

- \* Not easily accessible by public transportation \* Misuse of the buildings (irrelevant corporations are using
- historic AOÇ buildings)
- \* Unused buildings (like primary school)

### Environmental

\* People use mostly only cars to reach the area - excessive CO2 emission

# **Opportunities**

### Agriculture

\* 3000 students in Faculty of Agriculture in Ankara - possible to bring related students here and help their education, mature better qualified people in the area of agriculture

Environmental

\* Fertile agricultural lands

## Recreation

### Social

\* The ideology of the place

Spatial

\* Museums & green spaces

## **Threats**

## **Agriculture**

\* Production in the city is not encouraged

Spatial \* Constructions on the agricultural lands

## Recreation

\* Non-public occupying facilities affect the perception of the AOÇ in people's mind negatively

### Spatial

\* The highways surrounding the area

\* Non-public complexes next to the downtown - limited access to the area

# **Strategy Diagrams**



Re-function Marmara & Karadeniz Pools Re-treatment of the river

Cleaning the river Riparian buffer to keep it clean and protected Use underground canals to irrigate the lands



Use the greeneries effectively Increase the productivity and yield of the lands

Noise and air pollution barrier Silvopasture - introduce breeding animals to the fields Forest farming - introduce companion vegetation to the forests to have short-term non-timber products



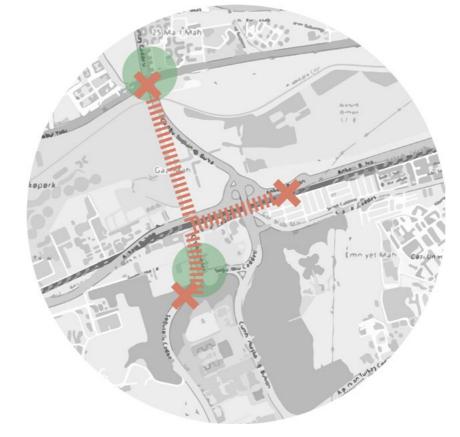
Evaluate the empty lands | add more functions Raise the awareness Add activities to make people spend time in AOÇ and develop a connection to the heritage values

> Hobby garden Botanic garden Healing garden Paths in the forests and agriculture fields



Make the area pedestrian-friendly Remove the restrictions in the area

Slow the traffic around the downtown New public squares (overpass square on the historic axes, connection square near historic bridge) Paths in the forests and agriculture lands



Introduce sustainable and convenient transportation method

Bike paths along the roads Bike sharing system Improve the street sections



Improve the accessibility of AOC downtown

New bus stops and direct connection to downtown from different districts of the city Bike sharing in the bus stops Remove the restrictions make the area completely public

# Phases and Participating Actors of the Project

Bike paths & Bike sharing

Actor: Municipality of Ankara

Enhance the <u>bus network</u>

for AOÇ area, introduce

Actor: Municipality of Ankara

Target Audience: Citizens,

<u>'park & ride'</u>

Target Audience: University



Stop the offer and renting of AOC lands. force renters to provide fund to AOC and contribute the agriculture in AOC (discourage renting) Actor: Municipality of Ankara, Chamber

> Hobby gardens to encourage agriculture & increase the sense of belonging to AOÇ

Leisure events in AOC lands

- Concerts

- Free workshops (handicrafts, painting, lace-works, career fairs, playing time for kids etc)

Actor: AOÇ administration

Target Audience: Citizens (1&2)

Actor: AOC administration & Municipality of Ankara Target Audience: Citizens (1&2), University students (1&2)

Afforestation Events in AOC Forest lands Actor: AOÇ Administration, Universities,

Target Audience: University students

wholesale market hall, bread kiosks (with tax advantage) Actor: Municipality of Ankara, AOÇ

2021

Target Audience: Citizens (1&2)

Workshops & Lectures in the universities & AOC Buildings - Reform of the inefficient soil - Agricultural methods

- New technologies

- Increase of the yield

- Sustainable methods Actor: AOÇ administration, Institute of Target Audience: Peasants, AOÇ Workers,

As demand increases, re-arrange the agreements with supermarkets to have more variety of AOC brand products Actor: AOÇ Administration, Super-Target Audience: Citizens (1&2) Increase the <u>market share</u> of AOÇ brand in

Internship opportunity for agriculture students Actor: AOÇ Administration, Target Audience: Agriculture

Increase the number of workers in the fields of AOÇ farms, increase the production

Actor: AOÇ Administration, Target Audience: Unemployed

> Increase the <u>variety of products</u> Actor: AOC Administration

Re-design the parks, streets and car parking in the downtown area Actor: Municipality of Ankara, Archi-

2022

Target Audience: Citizens, students, New <u>Metro</u> lines

> Actor: Municipality of Ankara Target Audience: Citizens,

2025 2023 Limit the car traffic for Open to public the area roads in AOÇ lands until Marmara pool Actor: Municipality of

Clean the <u>river</u> & increase the yield

Actor: Municipality of Ankara

Actor: Municipality of Target Audience: Cit-Target Audience: Citi-

December 2019

Remove the barriers around the State Cemetery Memorial Park and Ankapark (theme park will be non-paid entertainment area) Actor: Municipality of Ankara, Target Audience: Citizens

Open to public the govern-

mental complex completely

Actor: Municipality of Ankara,

Target Audience: Citizens

Re-function the useless AOÇ buildings

Actor: AOC Administration, Ministry of Agriculture

Target Audience: Unemployed people, peasants

increase the yield

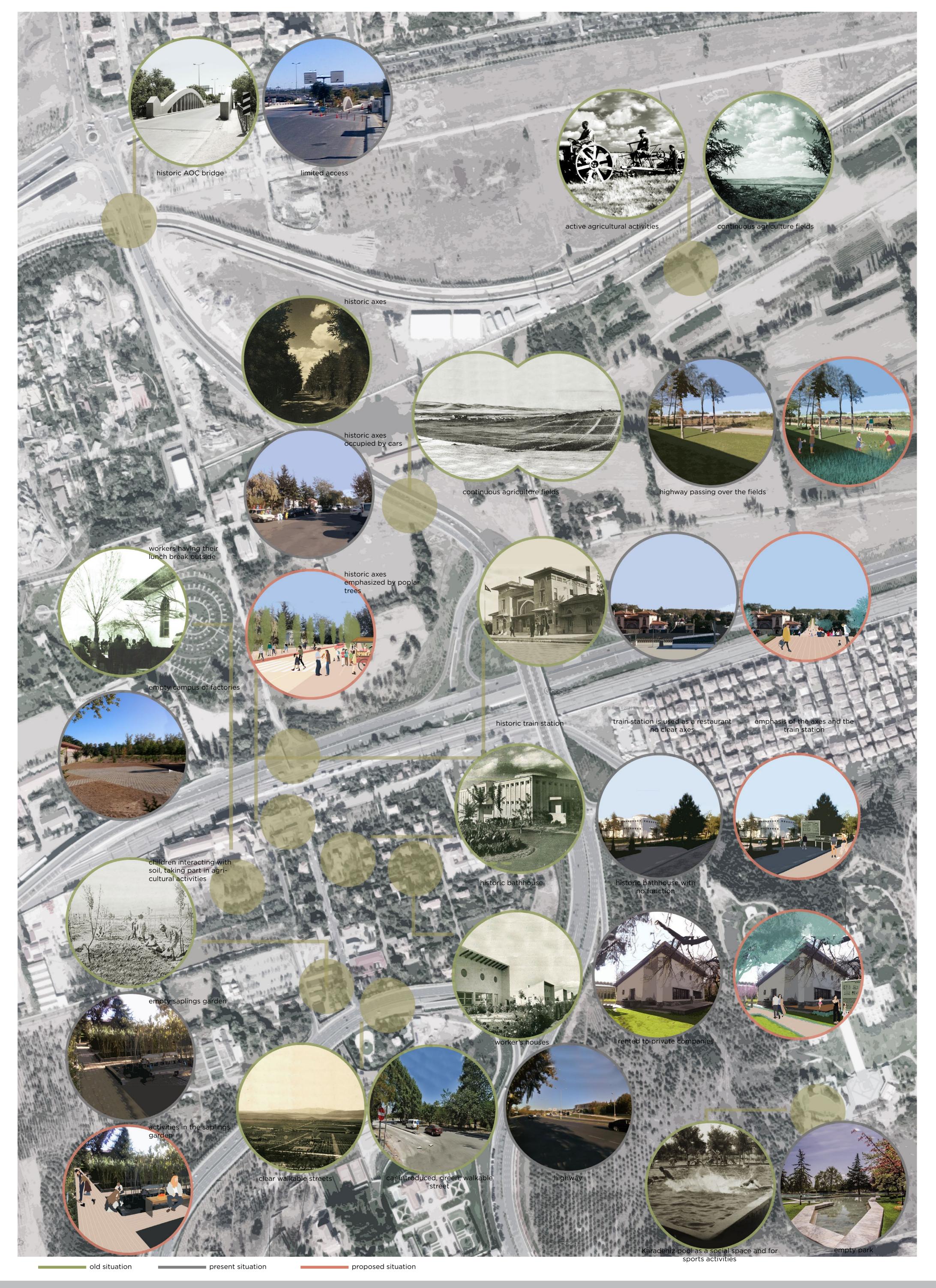
Introduce more <u>breeding animals</u> to AOÇ

farms, introduce new species to forests to

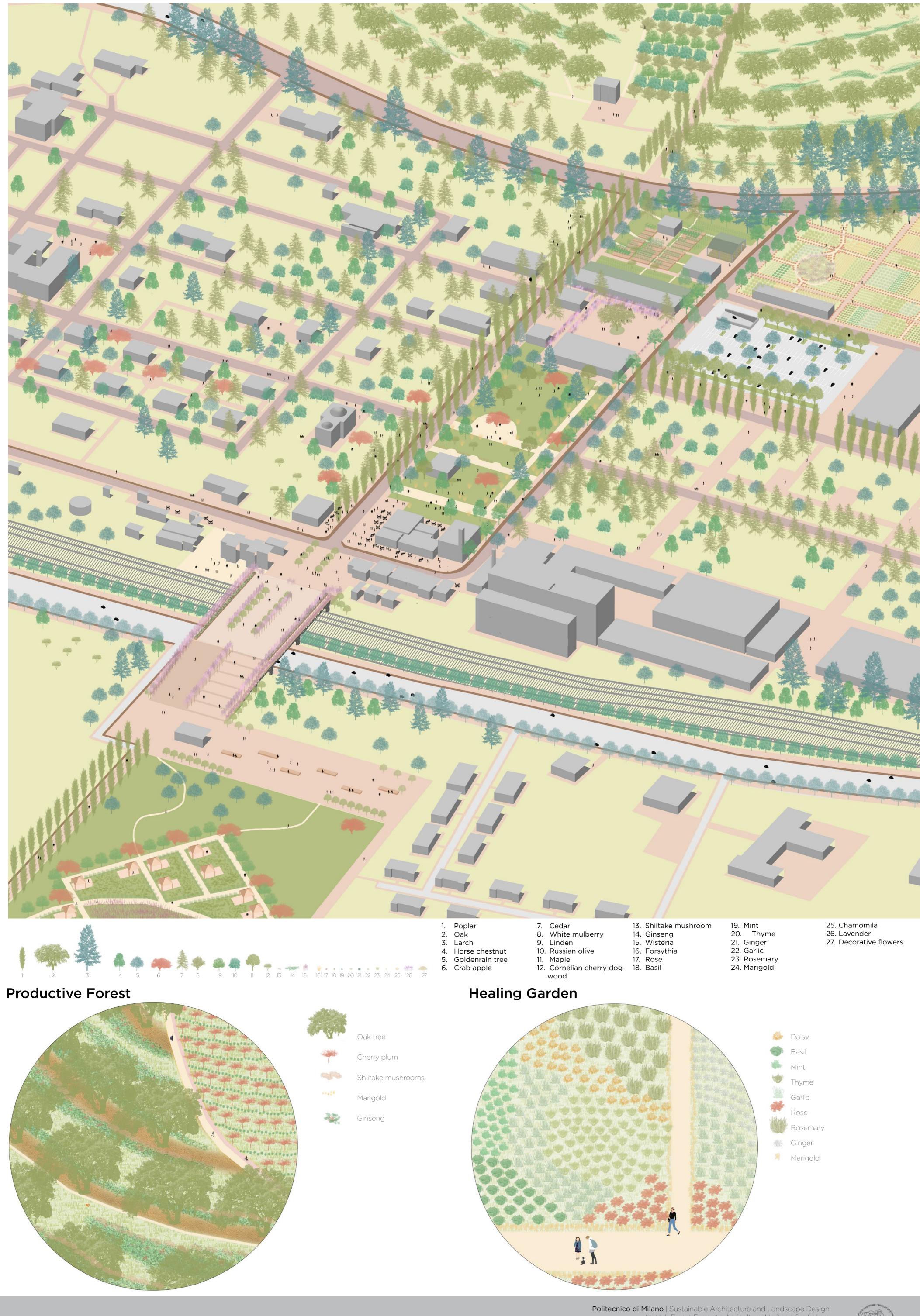
Actor: AOÇ Administration, Ministry of Agri-

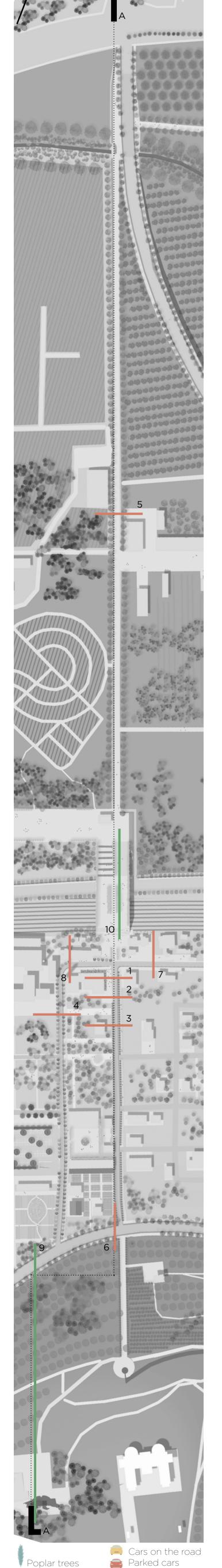


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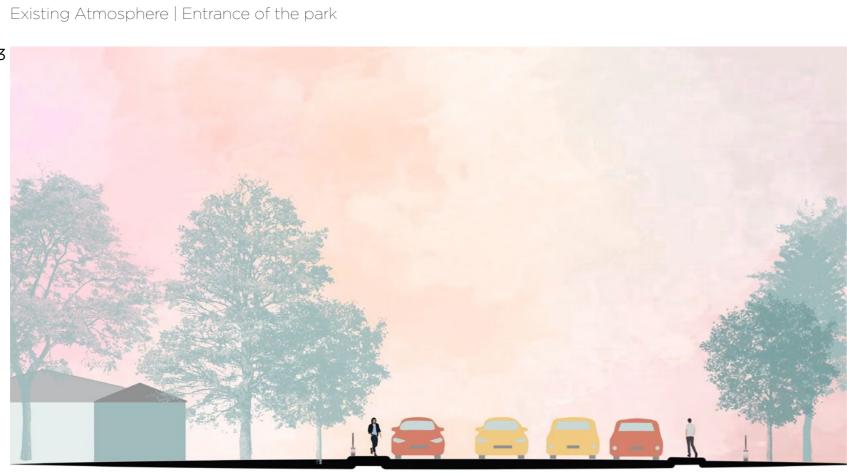


Proposed Atmosphere | Restaurants





Proposed Atmosphere | Entrance of the park







Existing Atmosphere | Entrance of the park



Existing Atmosphere | Between the mosque and old Proposed Atmosphere | Between the mosque and





old brewey



brewey





Better connection with the forest | no limits

Existing Atmosphere | Road between the downtown Proposed Atmosphere | Road between the downand presidential palace's hill





Proposed Atmosphere | Between the mosque and

restaurants



Better connection between the agriculture lands and the downtown | overpass square



Existing Atmosphere | Between the mosque and

restaurants