



1.2 VOYDS AND GREEN BOULEVARDS

Unseen, neglected, avoided, we propose to conquer those vacant lots and temporarily turn them into planted environments for the time being. Enhancing the pedestrian connection between Plaza de Almodovar and its more proximate neighbors is a first step in fostering a new mobility in Madrid, turning away from the car towards more modern urban transport and movement.

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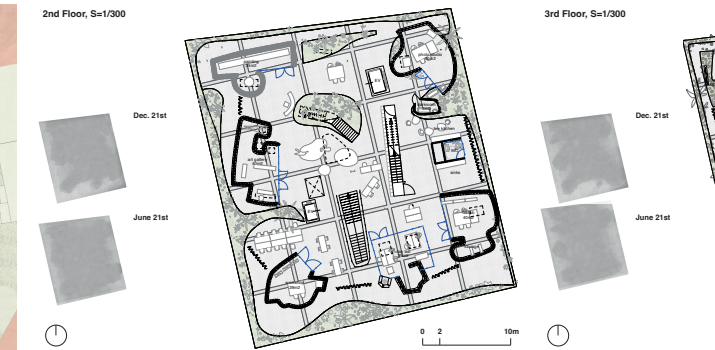
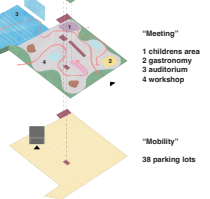
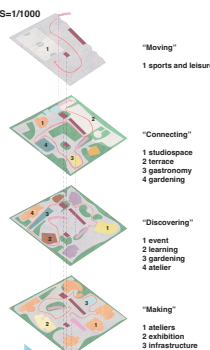
1. OPENING THE COURTYARDS

Formerly hidden and neglected, paved and sealed, places of circulation and facilities, yet shadowed and quiet, planted courtyards will become important stepping stones in the network of Carabanchel.



1. LINKING TWO SITES

We clarify the diffuse urban situation of two separated buildings and reduce the proposed amount of building volumes to a single one by creating a Plan for Adaptation de previous by connecting the floors.



1.3 CENTRE FOR THE NEW CULTURAL DISTRICT OF CARABANCHEL

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effects of the "heat islands" and extending Plaza de Almodovar to the north to cover the former Calle de la Zaida. We strengthen its diverse vegetation component, its environmental quality and its urban landscape. Meadows, gardens, and greenlands, accumulating within the dense urban fabric bring an unexpected new element to Carabanchel.

We imagine the cultural institute of Carabanchel as a continuation of Plaza de Almodovar: a public space happening on a stack of large open balconies, interconnected by a variety of staircases, elevators and galleries. They are the home to the functions of the institute related to culture and art, as well as to public services, sports facilities, and educational spaces.

We discover a public space that inherits nature, society, mobility, and culture, acting as a new node and as a catalyst for future adjustments to the urban structure in the wider area of Carabanchel.

Neighbors are welcome to participate in gardening courses, or to get involved in the maintenance of the garden, experiencing the different seasons of the year, and using the space for meetings and discussions from the city.

A flexible space aimed over to host multiple classes, open to its design to accommodate the scope of learning, and to be used for meetings with the open square and to allow to dialogue with the space provided on its own floor.

A space for meditation, to rediscover the inner link between body and mind. Courtyards and green spaces will be held in the interior space, maximizing the advantages of the central space.

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