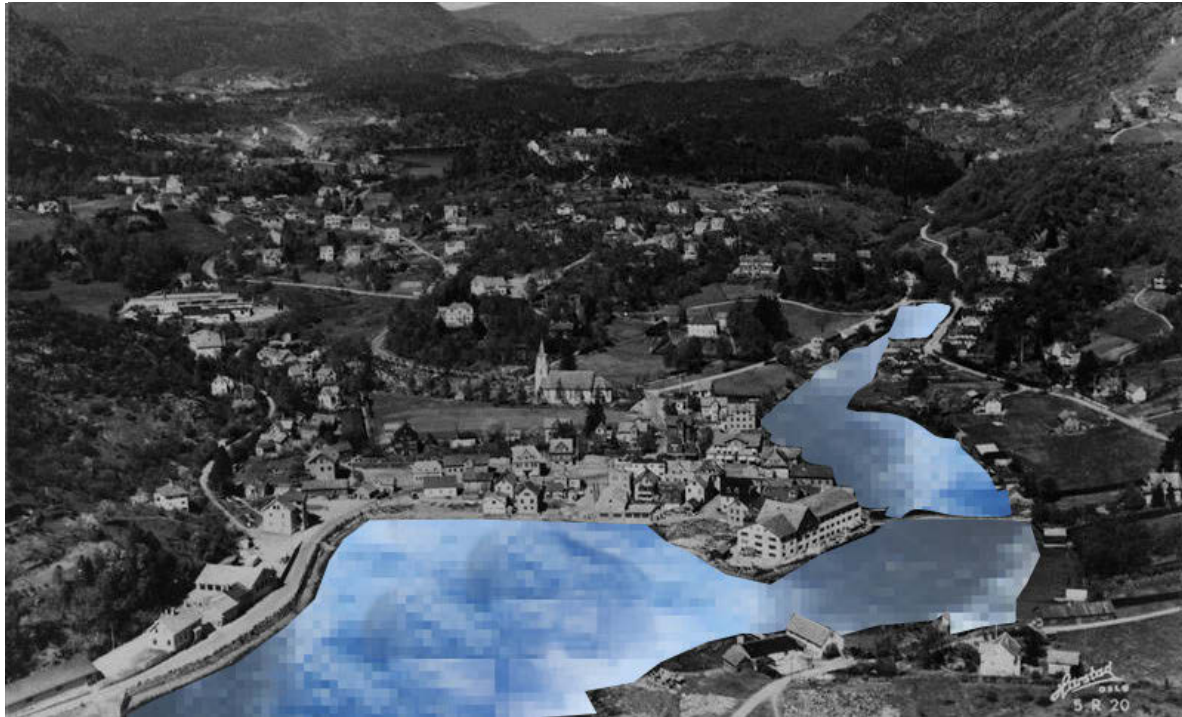
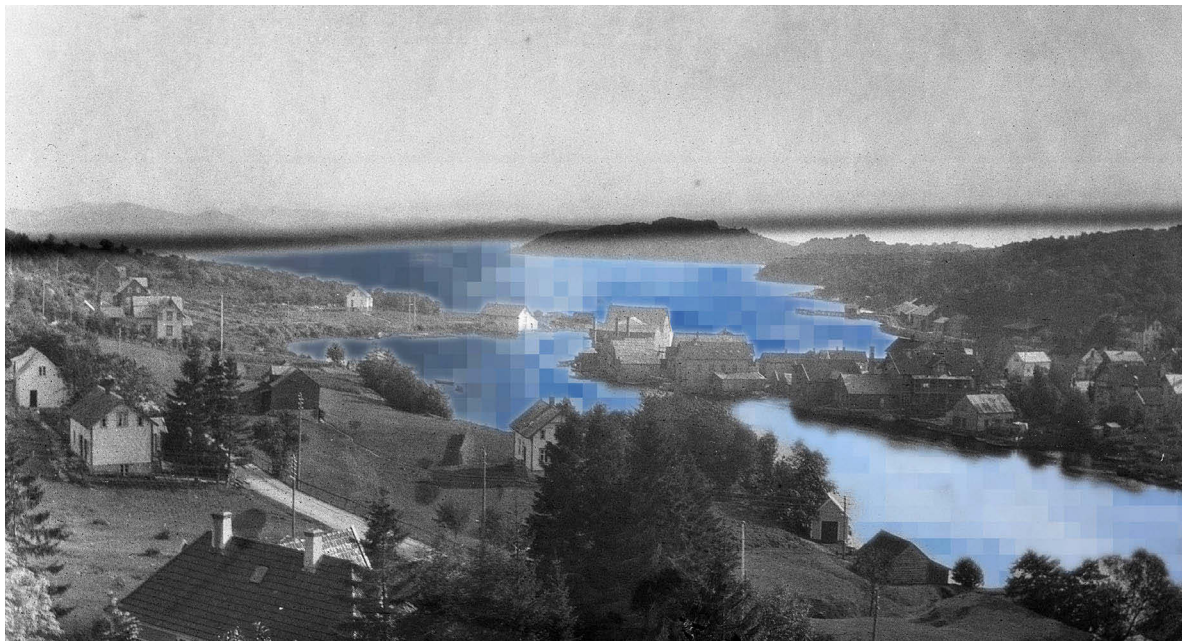


SHARING IDENTITIES: THE SILL OF OS





Osoyro, 1950



Osoyro, 1916

The Sill, a space of transition

Sill (Engl.), Syll (Norw.), Schwelle (Ger.), Seuil (Fr.), Solum (Lat.)

In geology, sill refers to a horizontal layer of igneous rock between older rock beds.

Sill may also refer to the rise in depth near the mouth of a fjord caused by the terminal moraine of the previous glacier.

A geographic sill is the space between two significant reliefs.

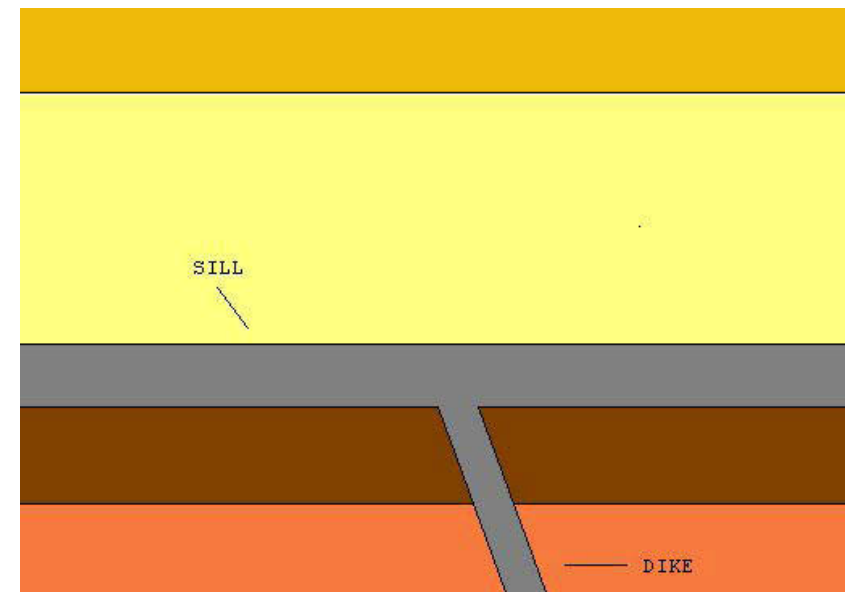
In architecture, sill is the threshold of a door.

In all definitions the concept of sill defines a space of transition, a space of relationship between different situations.

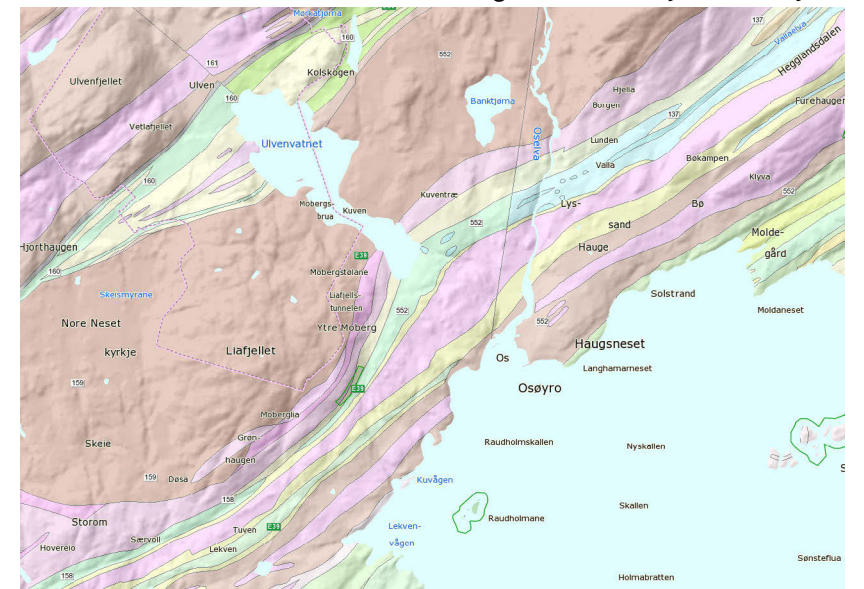
In the project this concept takes the form of a generous shared space, creating dialog between the different entities of the townscape.

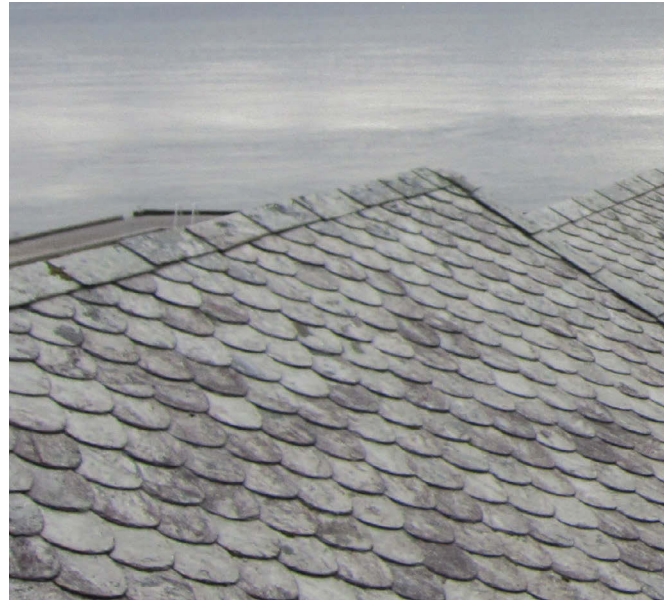


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Geological survey of Osoyro





Focusing on Osoyro's true identity

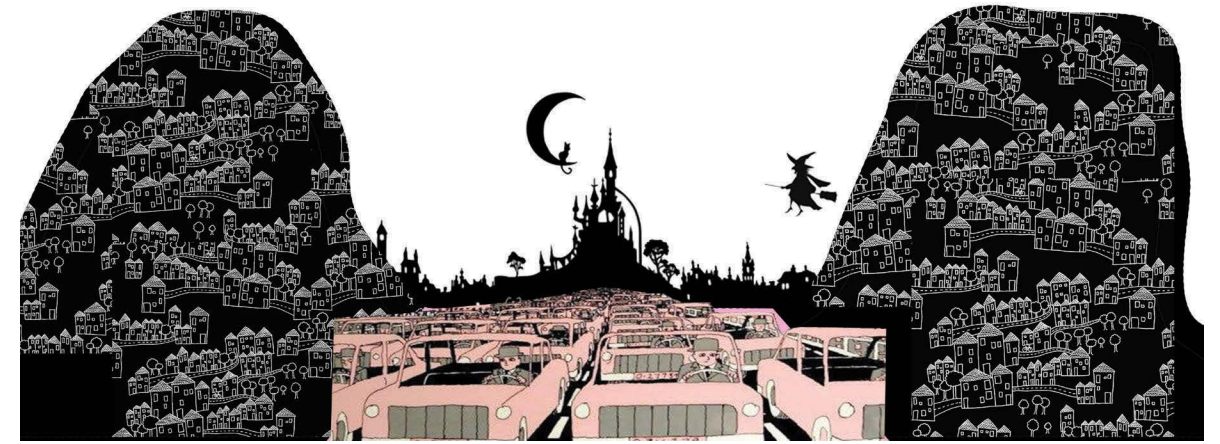
The place has grown into an urban village. The center is dedicated to cars and the citizens from the OS Municipality meet at the shopping mall. People from and around Bergen are attracted by Osoyro's convenient facilities, lower prices and for short city escapes.

But Osoyro has more. Positioned in gorgeous nature, it is a fishing paradise, a haven for boats and a sports heaven. It is a gem not easily noticed and is now under threat of losing its identity due to the sprawl of single family houses.

Recognizing this treat of urban sprawl, Osoyro has chosen to densify. This emerged conflicting points of views among its residents - some favoring the small scale of private gardens, while others believe large scale developments are in need.

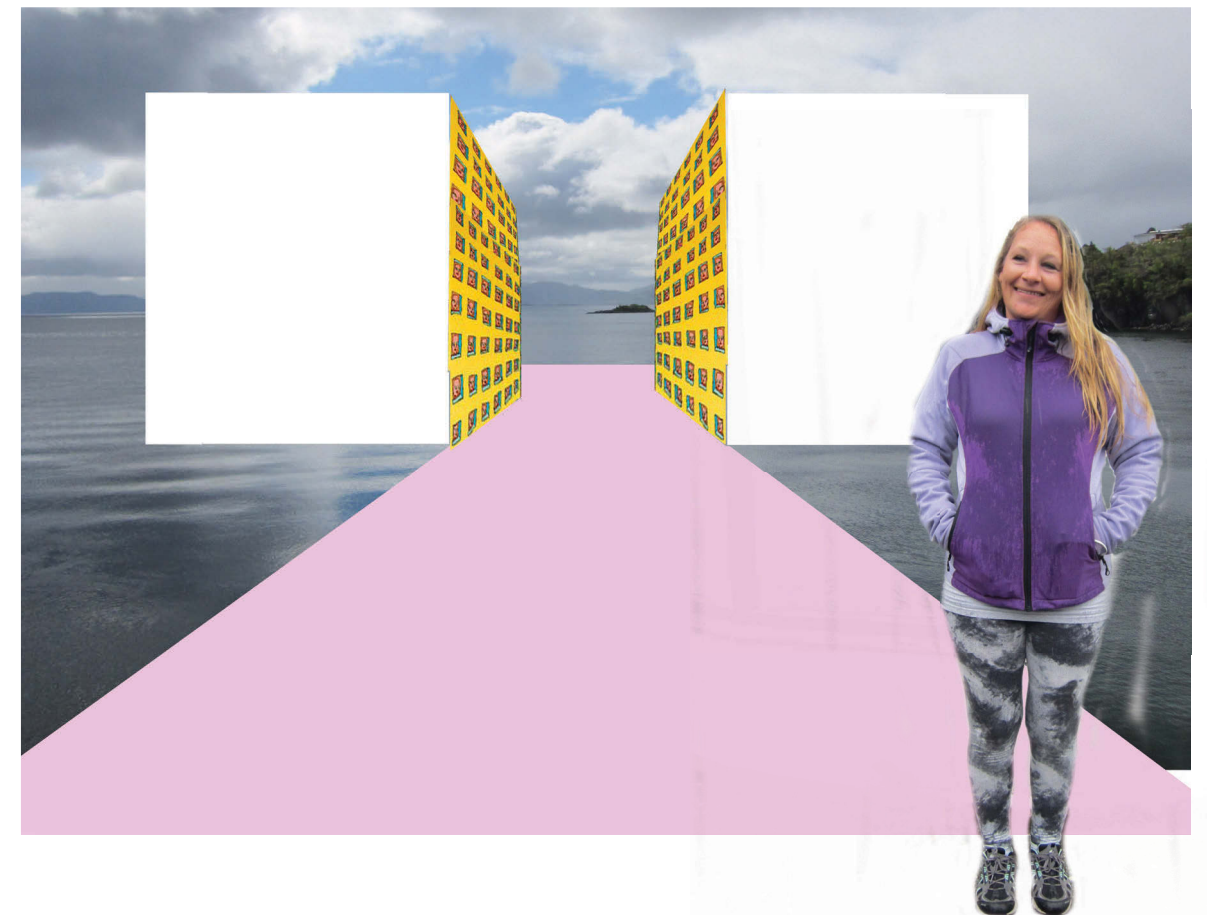
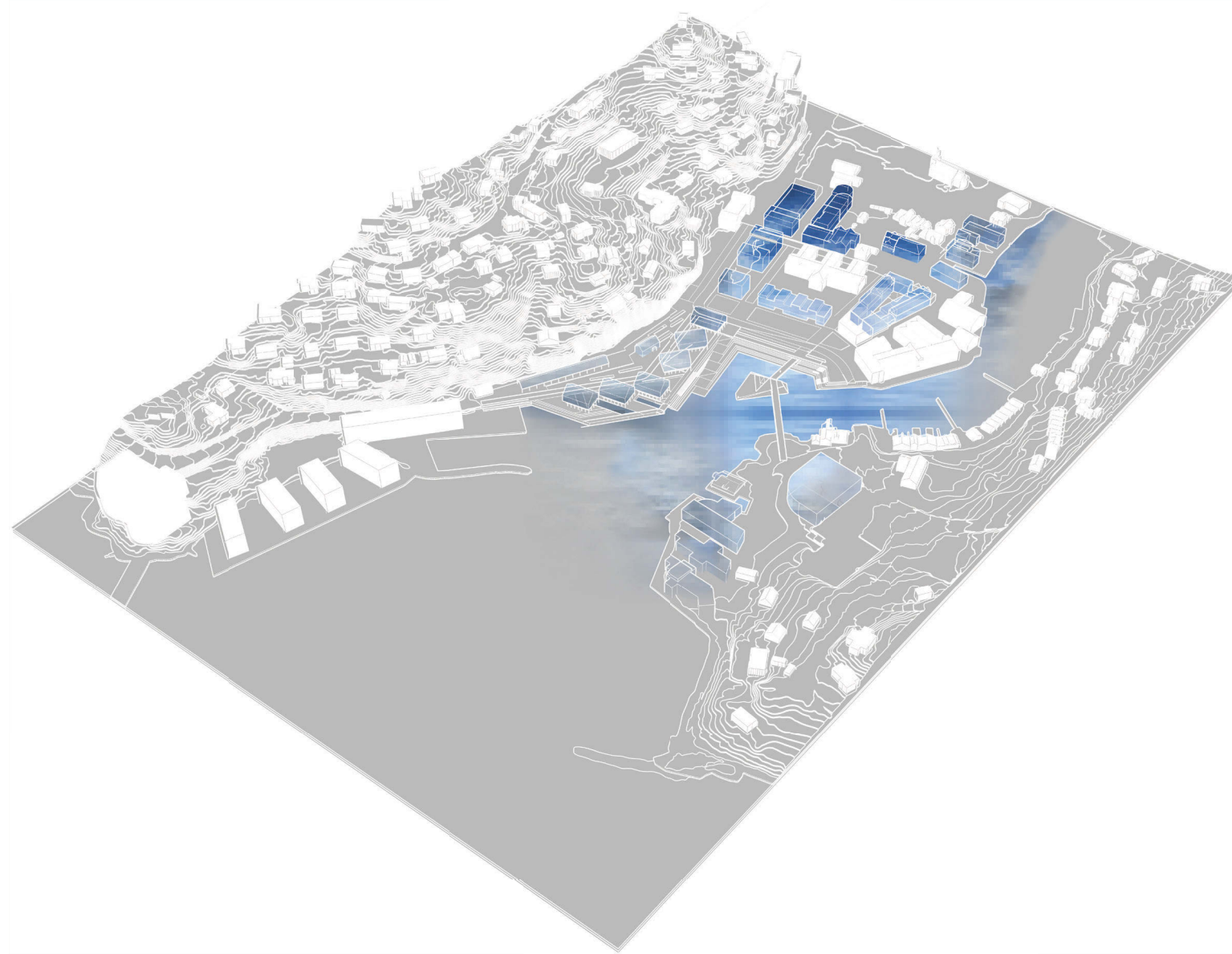
But what is in agreement is that the community has a lot to gain by cultivating its main characteristics: awesome views, which are even more enjoyable when shared, with locals or visitors.

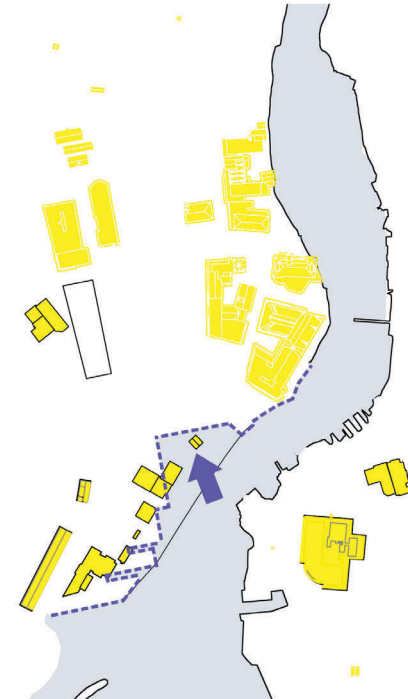
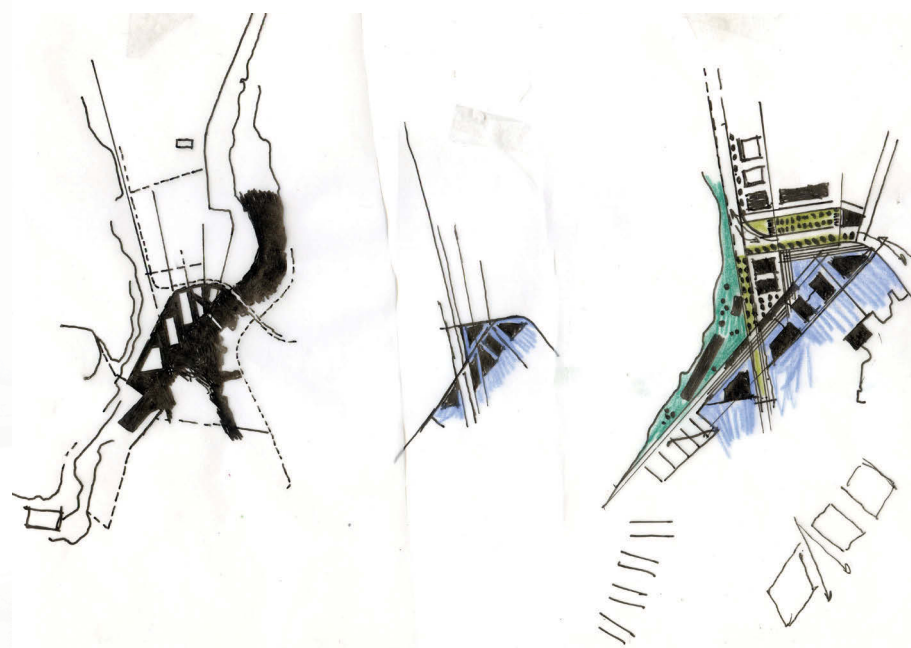
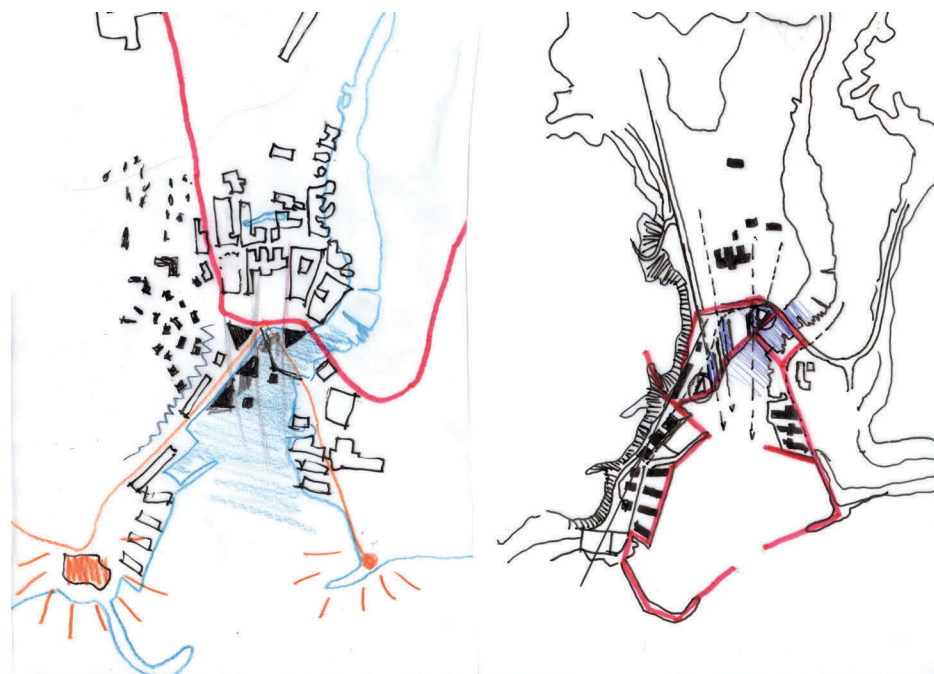




Towncenter Reanimation

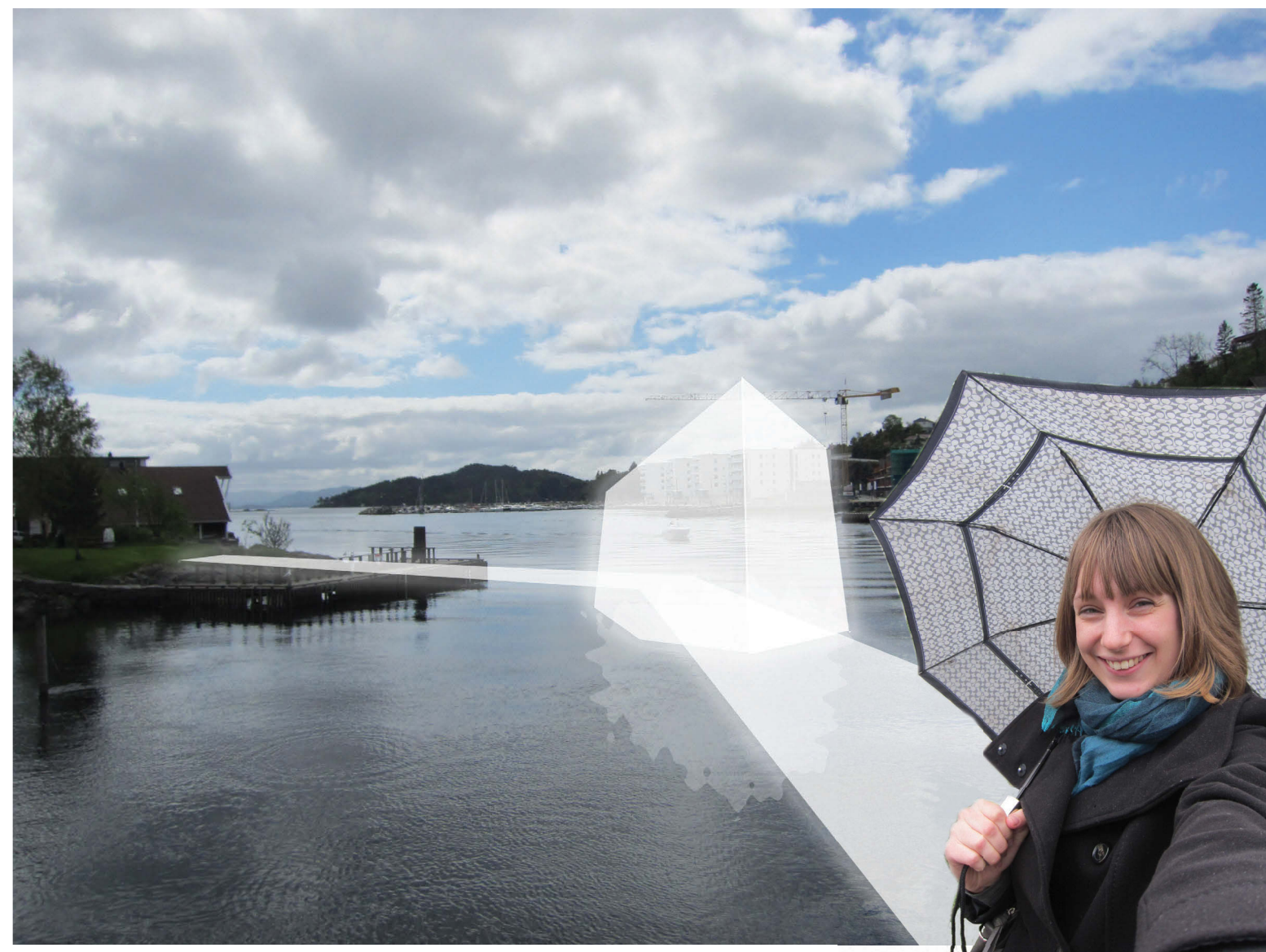
Rediscovering the shoreline and the view will make underdeveloped buildings and shops of the center more attractive and therefore more likely to be updated.





Historical, geographical and urban dynamics

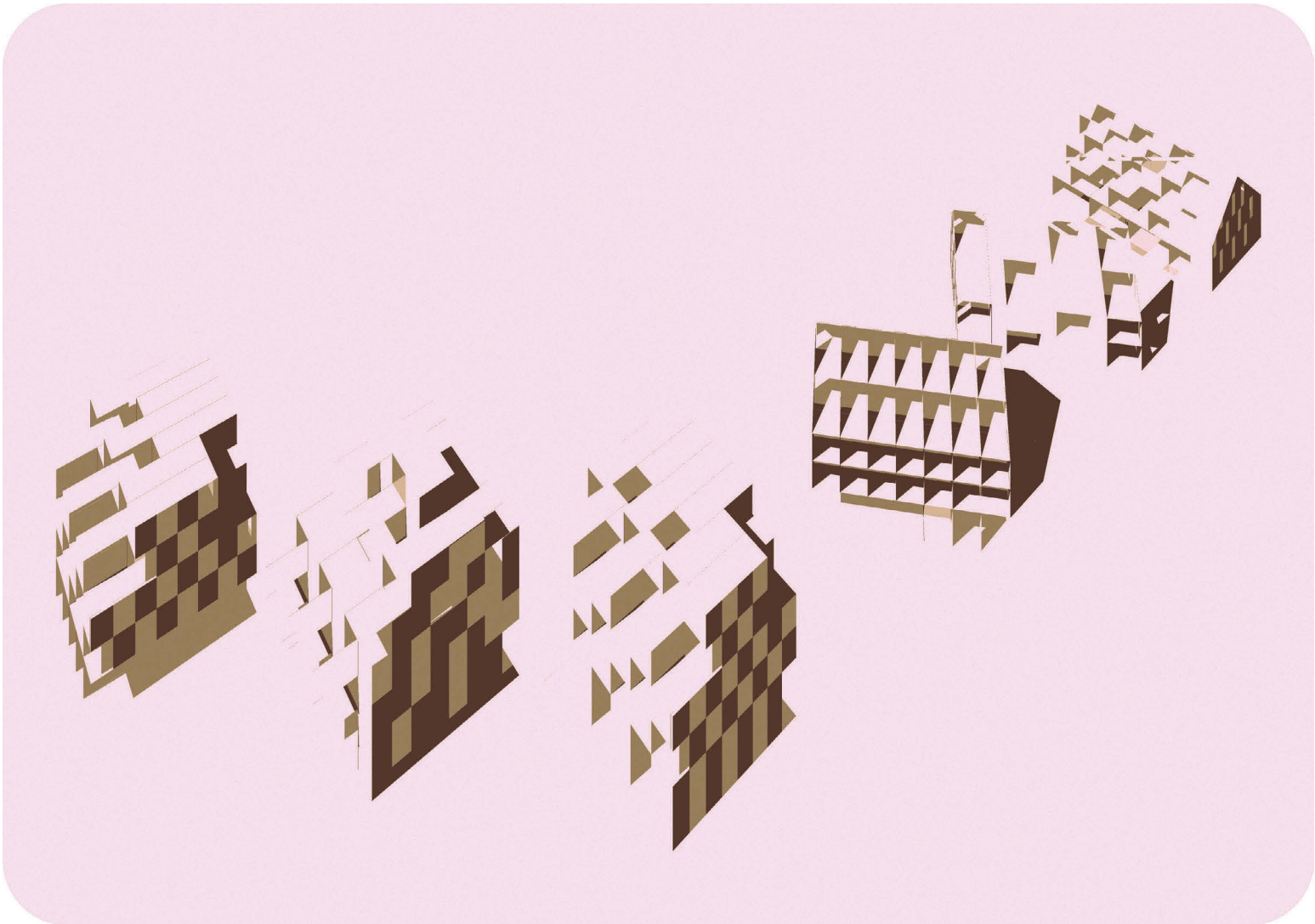
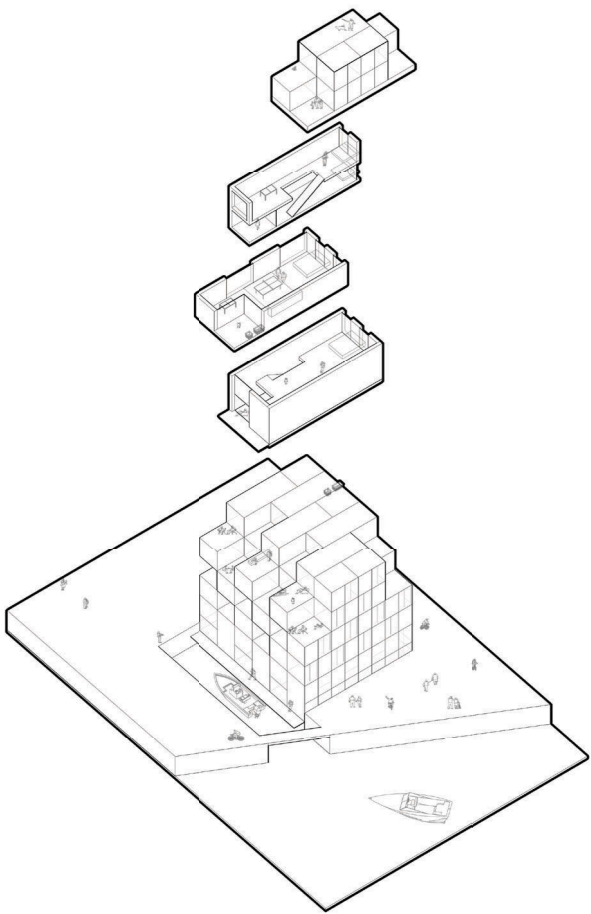
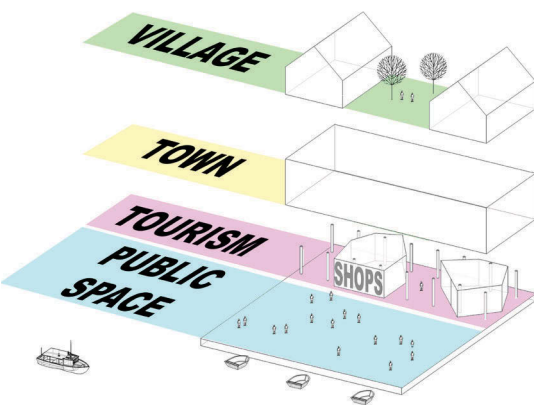
Getting closer to the original shoreline of Osøyro's foundation is giving back its sill character to the town's historical center. The past 50 years exocentric urban sprawl has been creating a strong dependance to cars and a privatisation of the landscape. The focal readjustment on the town's main space of exchanges is encouraging the redevelopment of the fading out center.

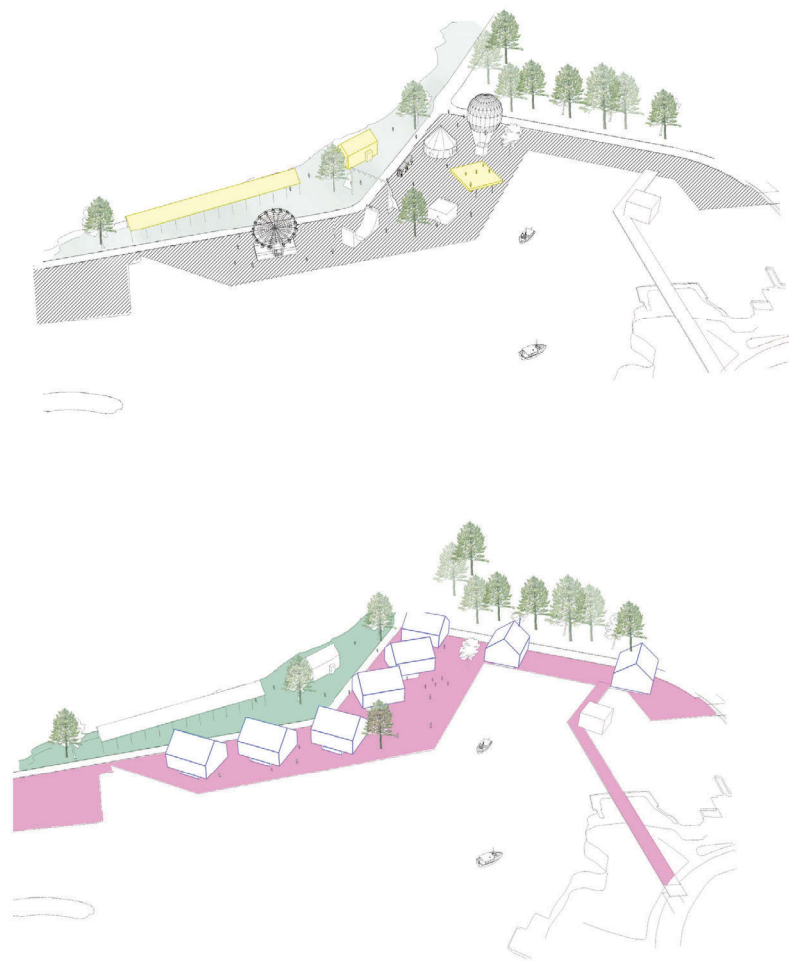
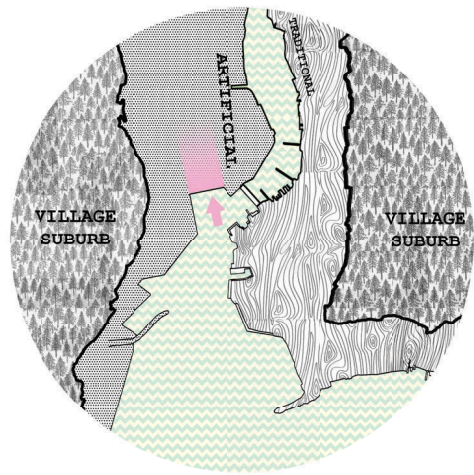


Multiple scale implementation

From the town center the extension is perceived as uniform and clear, easily identifiable. Facing the horizon the scale is getting more individual.

The apartments share features found in single family housing, benefiting the view while preserving intimacy. With additional advantages, like shared rooftops or gardens, direct access to a boat pier, all that cheaper and above all at walking distance from all conveniences.





Developing existing potentials :

rooftop view of the Oseana cultural center



The old Station : a space to Share

The actual parking facilities around the historical station is becoming a public space with adaptative uses : collaborative gardening, events for kids, fish and vegetable market, when idle a park with a roof. The station building might pursue its actual use as workshop space for kids. The Esso roof might temporarily be covered with mirrors as a urban happening.

