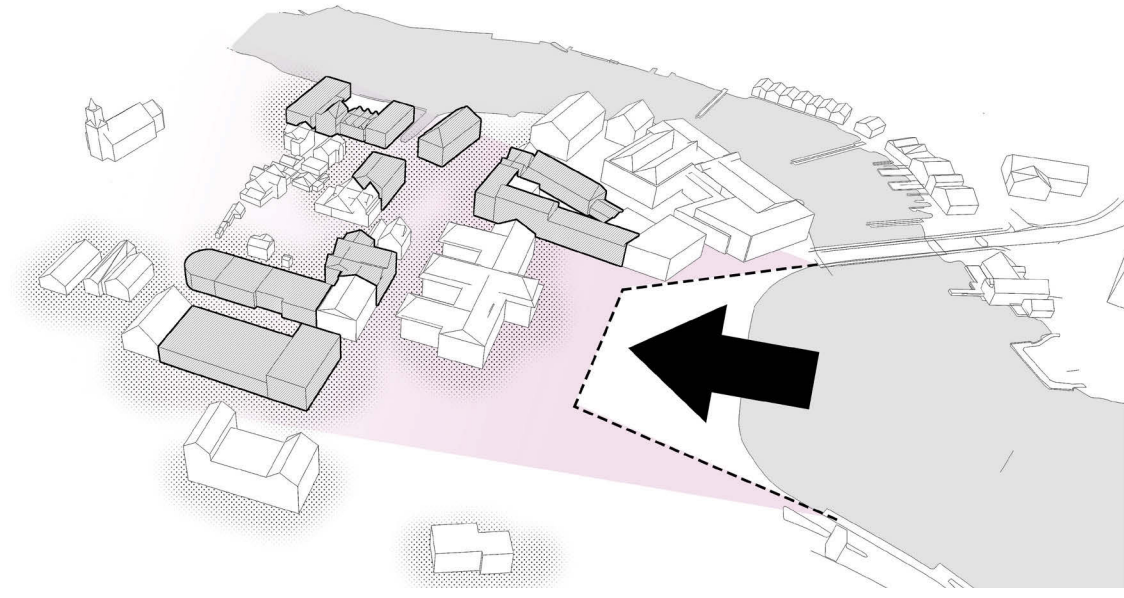


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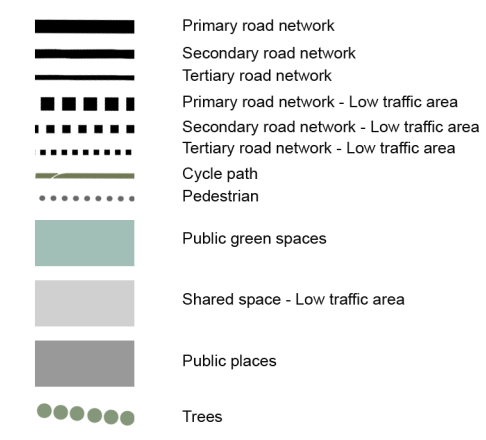
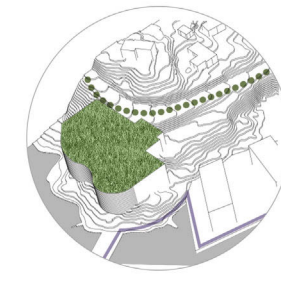


Focusing on Osøyro's true identity

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 Osøyro's convenient facilities, lower prices and for short city escapes. But Osøyro 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, Osøyro 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.



A URBAN SETTLEMENT

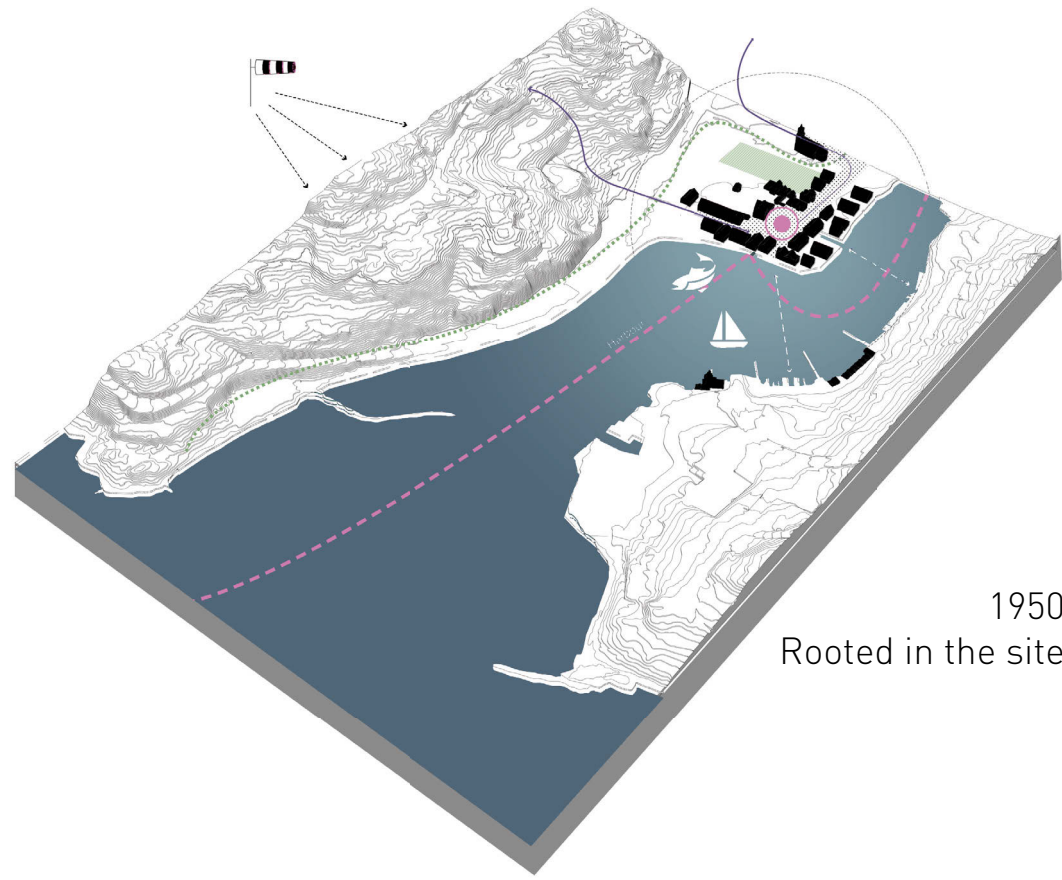


Rooftop view of the Oseana cultural center

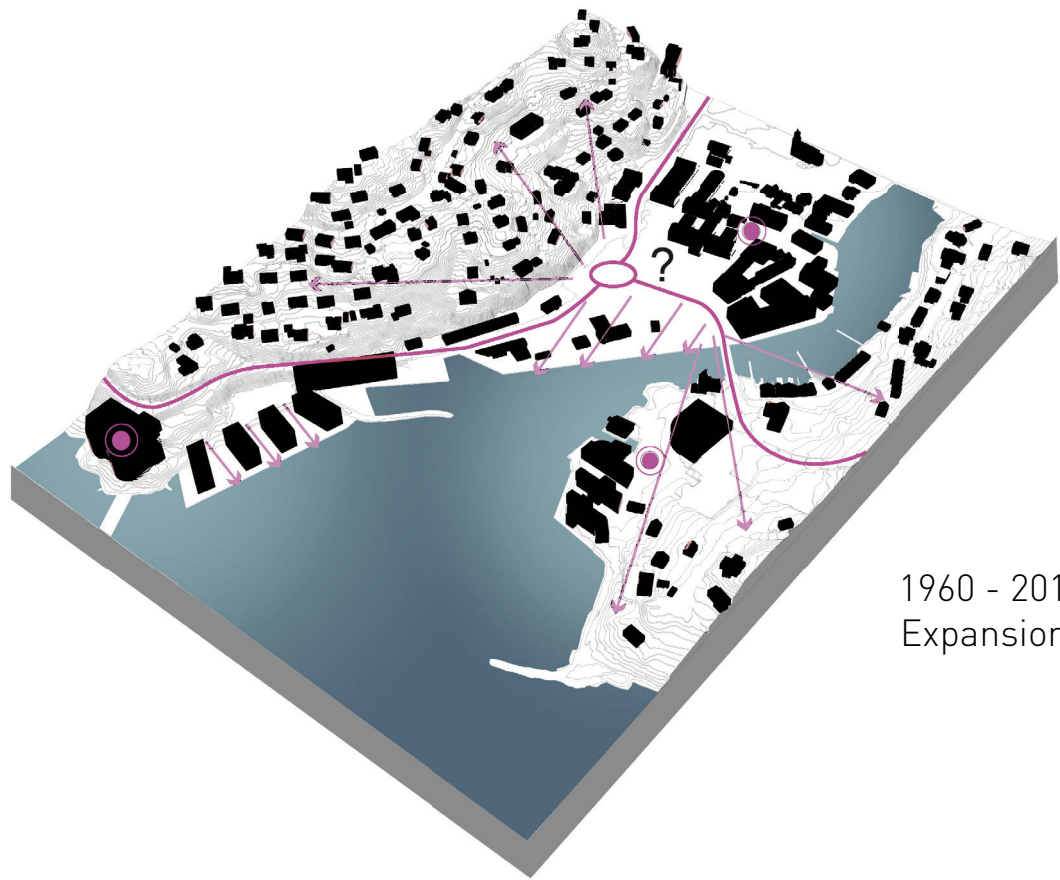
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Towncenter Reanimation

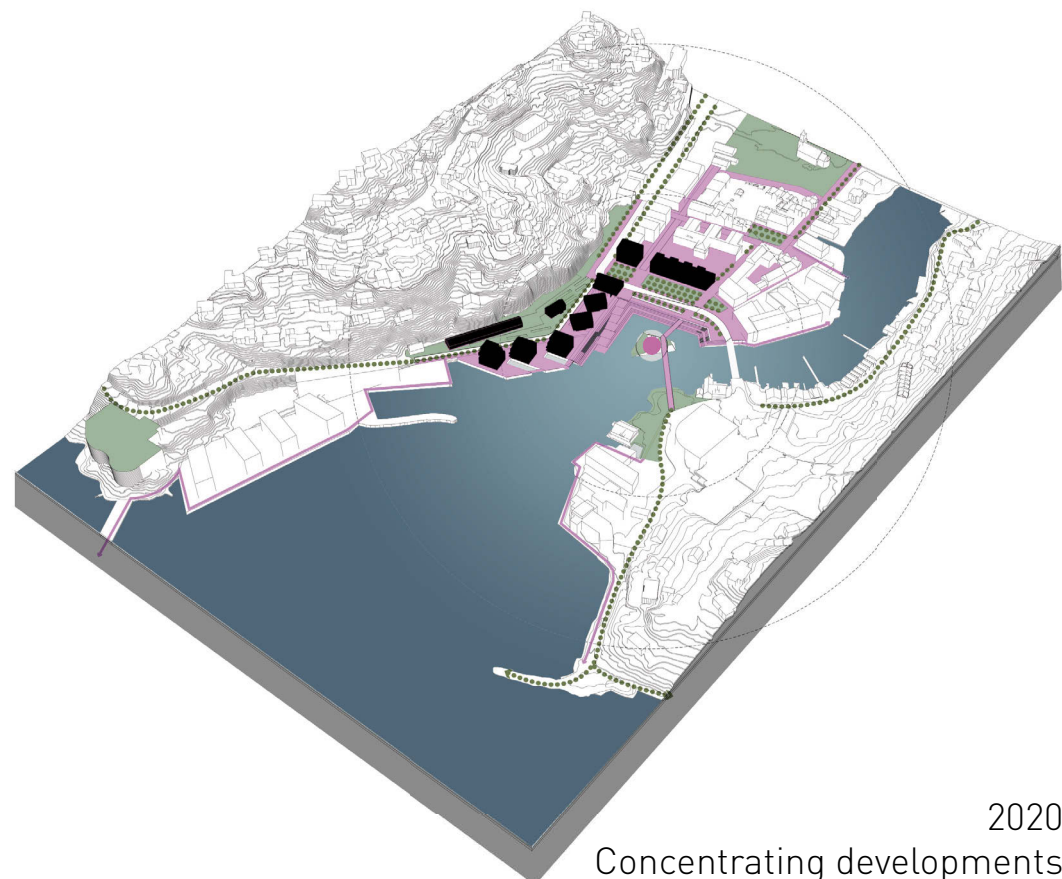
Rediscovering the shoreline and the view will make underdeveloped buildings and shops of the center more attractive and therefore more likely to be updated.



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Rooted in the site



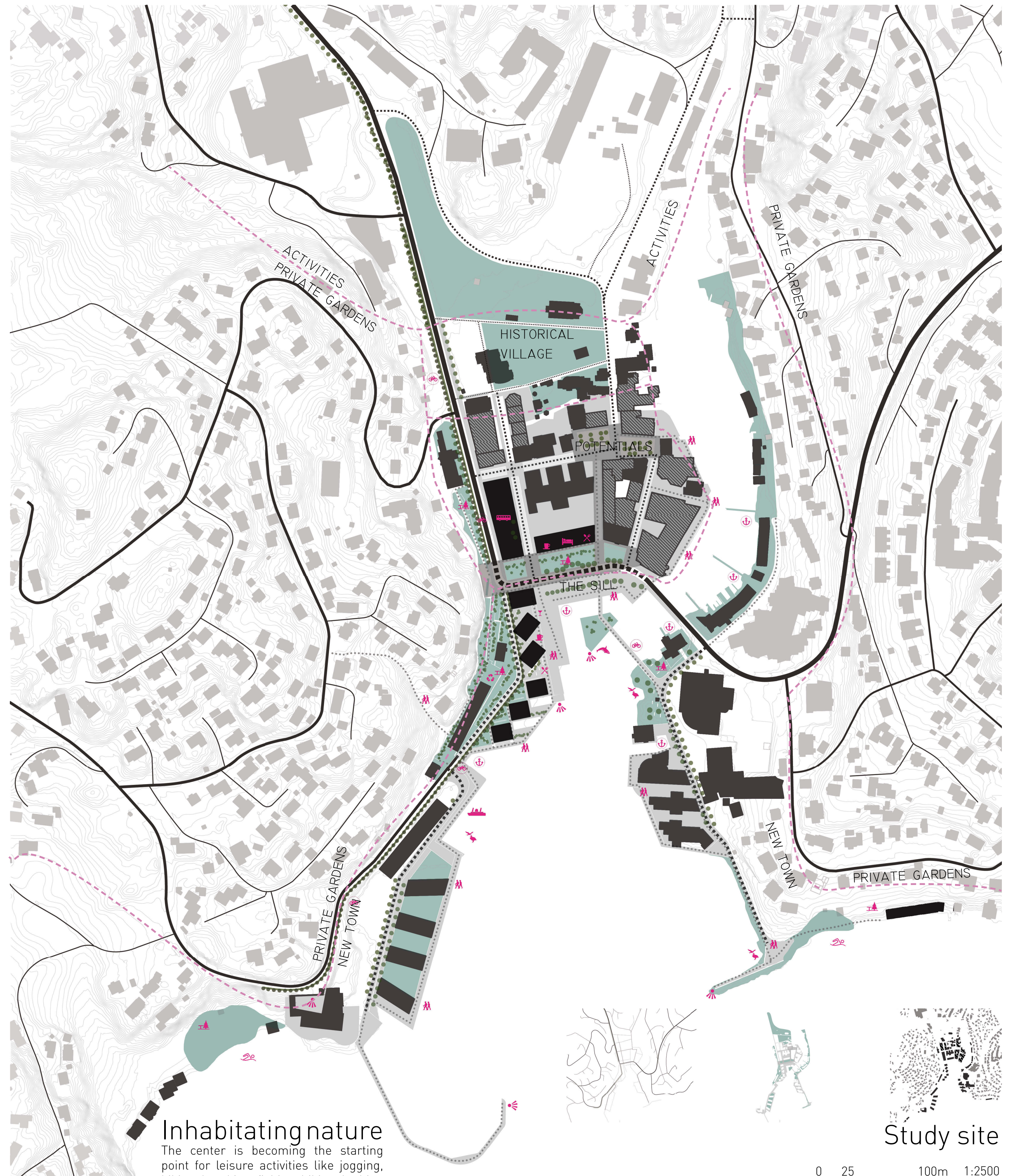
1960 - 2015
Expansions



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Concentrating developments

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.



Inhabiting nature

The center is becoming the starting point for leisure activities like jogging, biking, kayaking, fishing, hiking, bathing or simply view contemplation.

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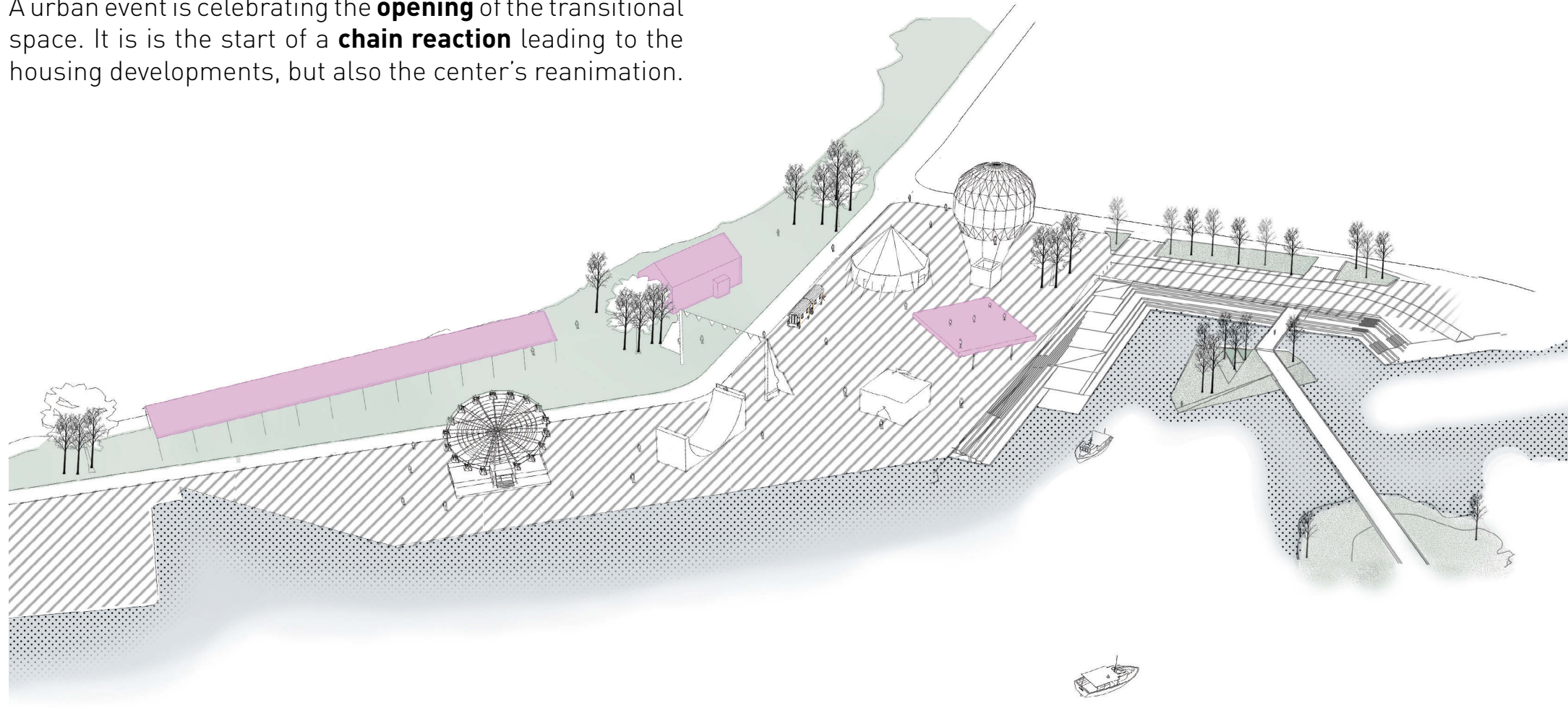
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Initial activation

A urban event is celebrating the **opening** of the transitional space. It is the start of a **chain reaction** leading to the housing developments, but also the center's reanimation.

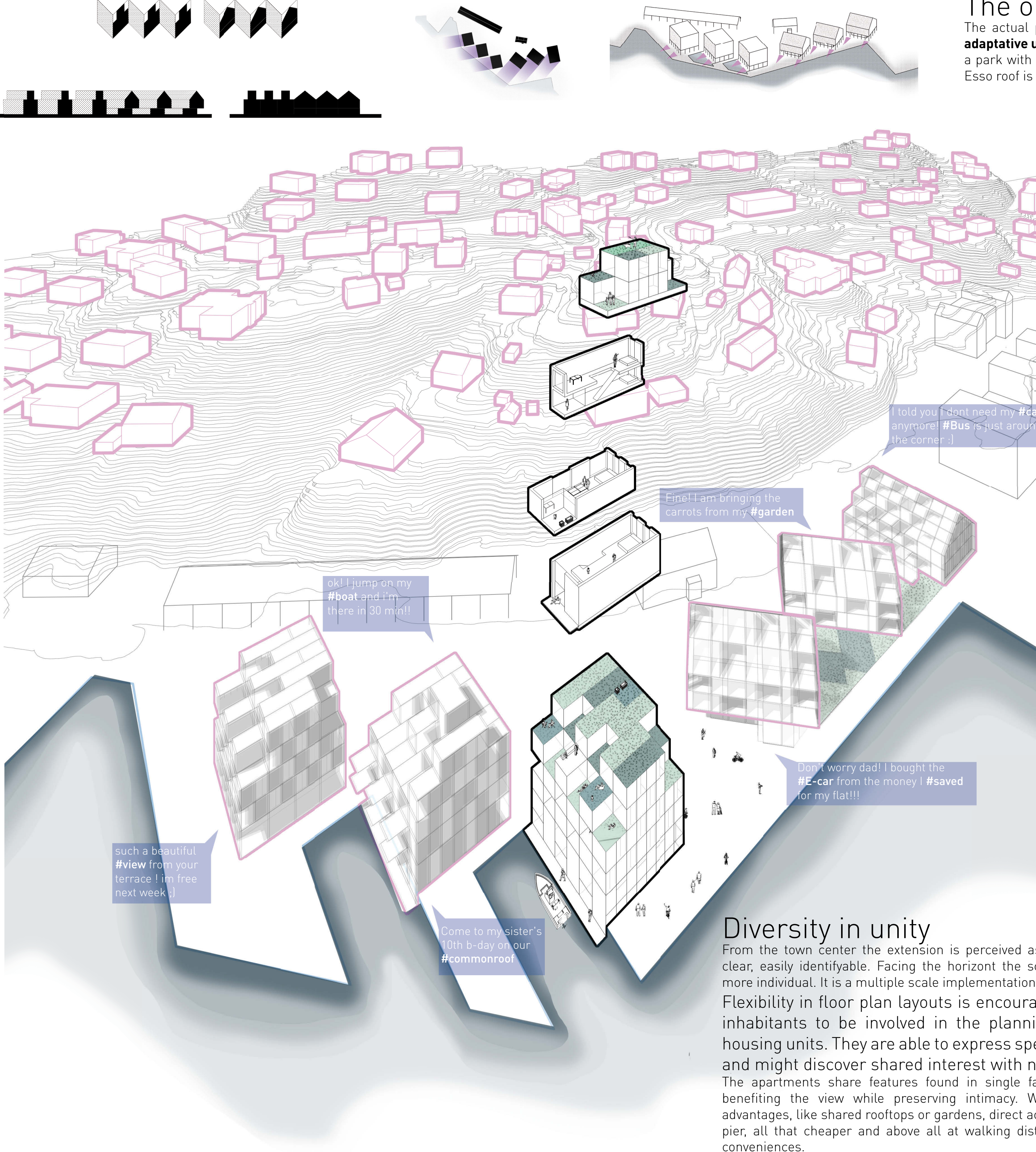


A RURAL TOWN



The old station : a space to share

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



Diversity in unity

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

Flexibility in floor plan layouts is encouraging future inhabitants to be involved in the planning of their housing units. They are able to express specific needs and might discover shared interest with neighbors. 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.

