

LOS ANGELES INFRASTRUCTURE

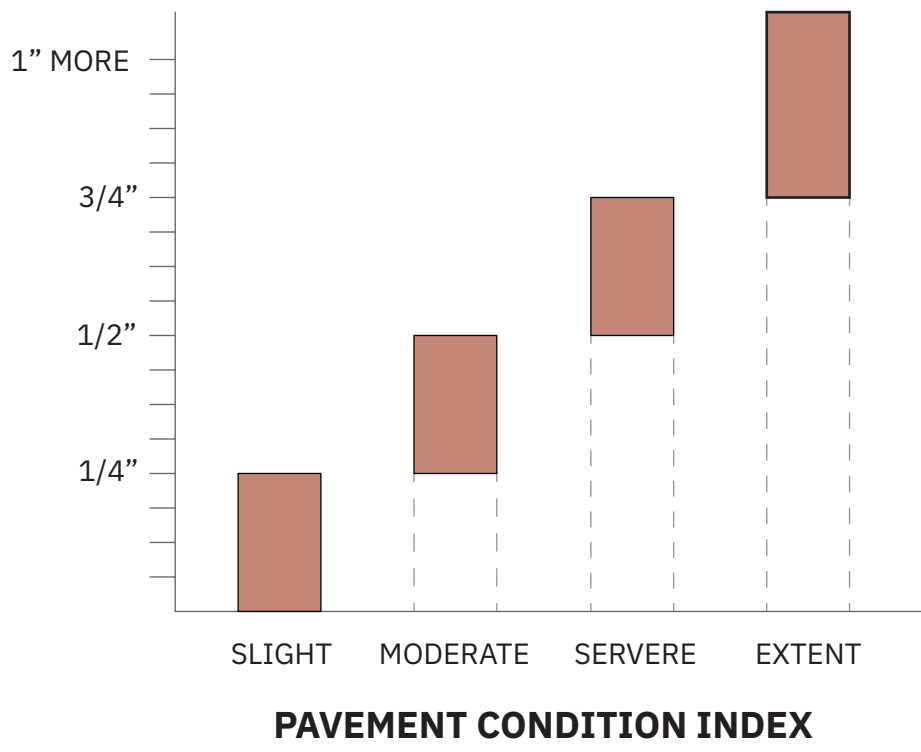
ROAD & SIDEWALKS

“FOR EVERY CUBIC METER OF CONCRETE USED, WE GENERATE 100 TO 300 KG OF EMBODIED CO2.”

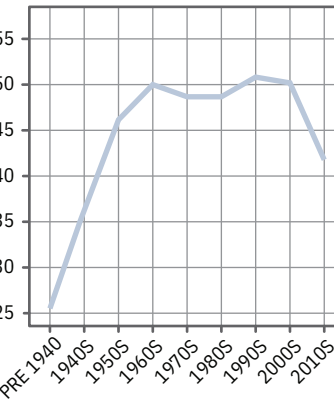
The rapid growth of urban centers leaves little room, and time, to adequately receive the population influx. Buildings are demolished and rebuilt, while informal communities burgeon with new dwellers. The construction debris generated in the wake of redevelopment projects is

exponentially increasing, in some cases annually resulting in millions of tons. This rate of dangerous development begs to be relinquished. Our building and construction system have failed us.

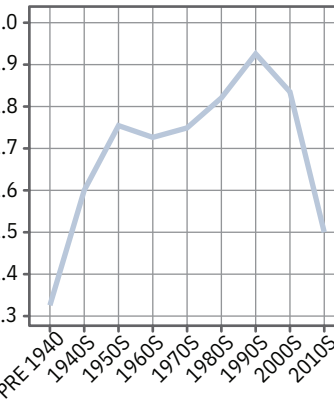
1. Clifford, Brandon. The Cannibal’s Cookbook, 2017.



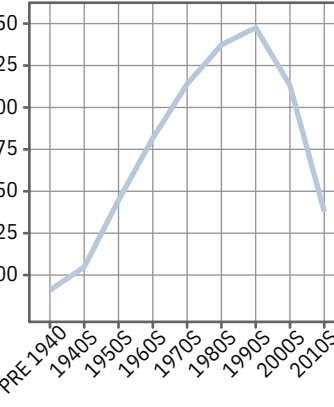
AVERAGE STREET LENGTH



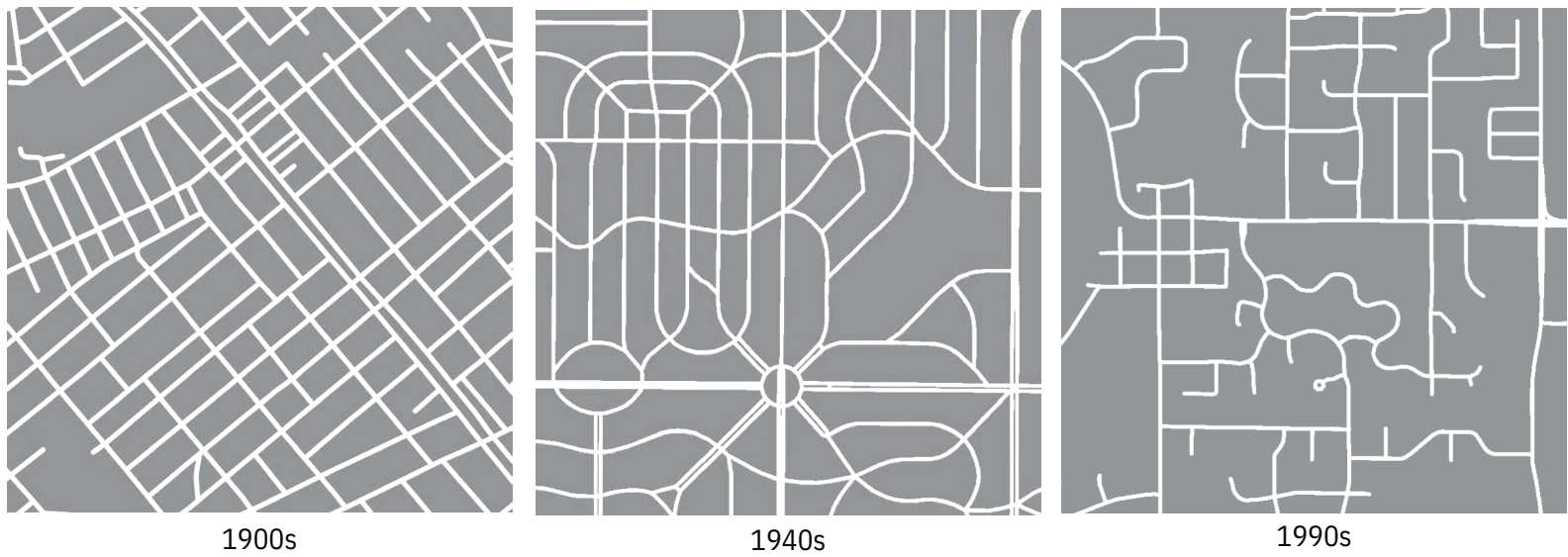
VEHICLES PER HOUSEHOLD



DEAD-END PROPORTION



STREET GRID CHANGES OVER TIME



Early 20th-century urban planning favored dense, interconnected, walkable grids. However, post-World War II, there was a shift towards car-centric suburban development with more circuitous layouts. This trend culminated in the 1990s with the dominance of disconnected, dendritic, car-dependent sprawl. Indicators of street network design (griddedness, connectedness, density, and straightness) consistently declined from their pre-war peak through the 1990s, regardless of the estimation method used. Notably, these negative trends have reversed in the past two decades.

Pre-1940 urban areas exhibit significantly higher griddedness (84% more) and lower proportions of dead-ends (163% less) compared to 1990s urban areas. Street networks in the earlier period were also finer-grained, with double the intersection density and 20% shorter street segments. However, since 2000, griddedness and similar indicators have rebounded to levels comparable to the mid-20th century.

2. “Off the Grid...and Back Again?”, Geoff Boeing, <https://geoffboeing.com/2020/11/off-grid-back-again/>

1781 The establishment of the original settlement laid the groundwork for the street grid and urban development of Los Angeles. The initial layout, centered around the Plaza, dictated the orientation of some of the earliest streets.



1849 Following the U.S. acquisition of California, Ord’s survey provided a formal plan for the city’s streets, extending and confirming existing routes. This was crucial for the city’s first real estate boom.



1886 The extension of Los Angeles Street eliminated the alley and today the site adjoins the Hollywood Freeway.



1891 The very first concrete street in Los Angeles history was paved in 1891. The first paved streets are Main, Spring, and Fort (now Broadway).



1922 The increasing popularity of automobiles necessitated better road infrastructure. This era saw the initial paving and improvement of key streets to accommodate motorized vehicles.



1930 Development of Iconic Boulevards like Wilshire and Sunset: These grand boulevards became central arteries of the city, shaping commercial and residential development and embodying the image of Los Angeles.



1950 The extensive development of the freeway system dramatically altered the landscape and usage of surface streets, for better and worse, impacting traffic patterns and neighborhood connectivity.



1970 In the early 1970s, however, 5,000 local activists successfully prevented the cement paving of most of that stretch. The paved road begins again east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard at Santa Maria Road. Shortly thereafter, the thoroughfare splits into Mulholland Drive and Mulholland Highway. Mulholland Drive terminates at U.S. Highway 101 (the Ventura Freeway), where it becomes Valley Circle Boulevard.



1984 The city’s hosting of the Olympics led to significant infrastructure improvements, including enhancements to streets and transportation networks to accommodate the influx of visitors and events. Tenth Street was notably renamed Olympic Boulevard in honor of the games.



2000 In recent decades, there has been an increasing focus on pedestrian and cyclist safety, street beautification projects, and adapting streets for new modes of transportation, reflecting a changing urban planning philosophy.



WHERE DOES CONCRETE GO?

The city of Los Angeles gives a list of construction and demolition debris approved recycling facilities. It goes to the recycling facilities. There are three locations near project site.

3 locations near project site:

- 3720 Noakes St., Los Angeles, CA 9002 (3 miles away from the project site)
- 2221 E Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021 (3 miles away from the project site)
- 6510 Stanford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90001 (7 miles away from the project site)

The concrete chunks will put through the crushing machine then filtered again for enhanced purity. The recycled concrete is used in numerous applications including:

- Gravel for new construction projects
- Dry aggregate for making new concrete
- Riprap revetments for controlling streambank erosion
- As an attractive substitute for landscaping mulch or stone
- As crushed concrete to create retaining walls and privacy screening walls

4. “Facility List,” Public Works, https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/CD/cd_attachments/Recycling_Facilities.pdf



- VACANT LOT
- RECYCLING CENTER APPROVED BY LA COUNTY
- MAJOR STREETS
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY
- IRWINDALE, CA

3. “Early Los Angeles City Views,” Water and Power Associates, [https://waterandpower.org/museum/Early_City_Views%20\(1900%20-%201925\)_8_of_8.html](https://waterandpower.org/museum/Early_City_Views%20(1900%20-%201925)_8_of_8.html)

STREET & WEIGHT

OVERALL It is difficult to provide exact quantity of concrete used for streets in Los Angeles County, but according to Bureau of Street Services, the City of Los Angeles has approximately **6,500 miles of streets**, with 5,840 miles paved with asphalt concrete and 493 miles with Portland cement concrete.

Bureau of Street Services performs nearly all resurfacing and reconstruction of residential and major streets and alleys averaging up to **200 miles of resurfacing per year.** (5)

5. "Custodian Citys Street System," Los Angeles Streets LA, <https://streetsla.lacity.org/bureau-street-services-custodian-citys-street-system#:~:text=It%20performs%20nearly%20all%20resurfacing,subways%2C%20tunnels%20and%20public%20walkways.>

BOULEVARD	FOR STREET:	FOR SIDEWALK:
	5280 ft. x 100 ft. = 528,000 sq. ft. 528000 sq. ft. x 0.5 ft. = 264,000 cu. ft.	5280 ft. x 18 ft. = 95,040 sq. ft. 95,040 sq. ft. x 0.92 ft. = 87,436.8 cu. ft.
	9777.8 cu. yd. using for street	3,238.4 cu. yd. using for one side walk 6,476.8 cu. yd. for both side walks

TOTAL: **16,254.6 cu. yd.** needed

AVENUE	FOR STREET:	FOR SIDEWALK:
	5280 ft. x 70 ft. = 369,600 sq. ft. 369,600 sq. ft. x 0.5 ft. = 184,800 cu. ft.	5280 ft. x 15 ft. = 79,200 sq. ft. 79,200 sq. ft. x 0.92 ft. = 72,864 cu. ft.
	6,844 cu. yd. using for street	2,698.7 cu. yd. using for one side walk 5,397.4 cu. yd. for both side walks

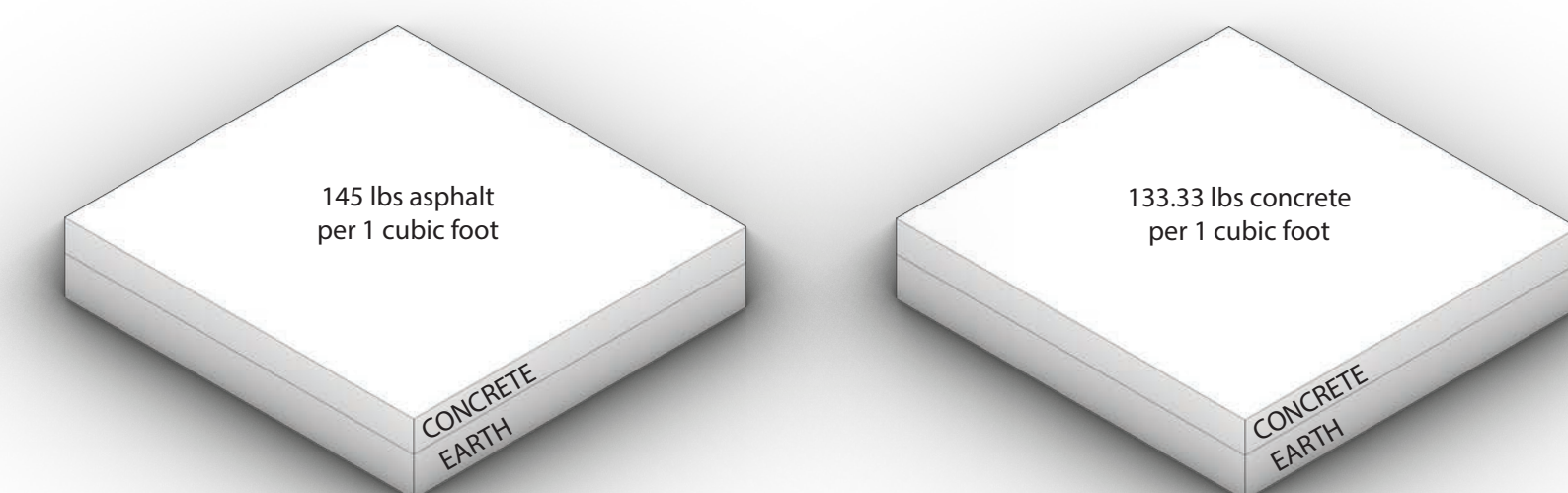
TOTAL: **12,241.4 cu. yd.** needed

COLLECTOR STREET	FOR STREET:	FOR SIDEWALK:
	5280 ft. x 40 ft. = 211,200 sq. ft. 211,200 sq. ft. x 0.5 ft. = 105,600 cu. ft.	5280 ft. x 13 ft. = 68,640 sq. ft. 68,640 sq. ft. x 0.92 ft. = 63,148.8 cu. ft.
	3,911 cu. yd. using for street	2,338.8 cu. yd. using for one side walk 4,677.6 cu. yd. for both side walks

TOTAL: **8,588.6 cu. yd.** needed

LOCAL STREET	FOR STREET:	FOR SIDEWALK:
	5280 ft. x 36 ft. = 190,080 sq. ft. 190,080 sq. ft. x 0.5 ft. = 95,040 cu. ft.	5280 ft. x 12 ft. = 63,360 sq. ft. 63,360 sq. ft. x 0.92 ft. = 58,291.2 cu. ft.
	3,520 cu. yd. using for street	2,158.9 cu. yd. using for one side walk 4,317.8 cu. yd. for both side walks

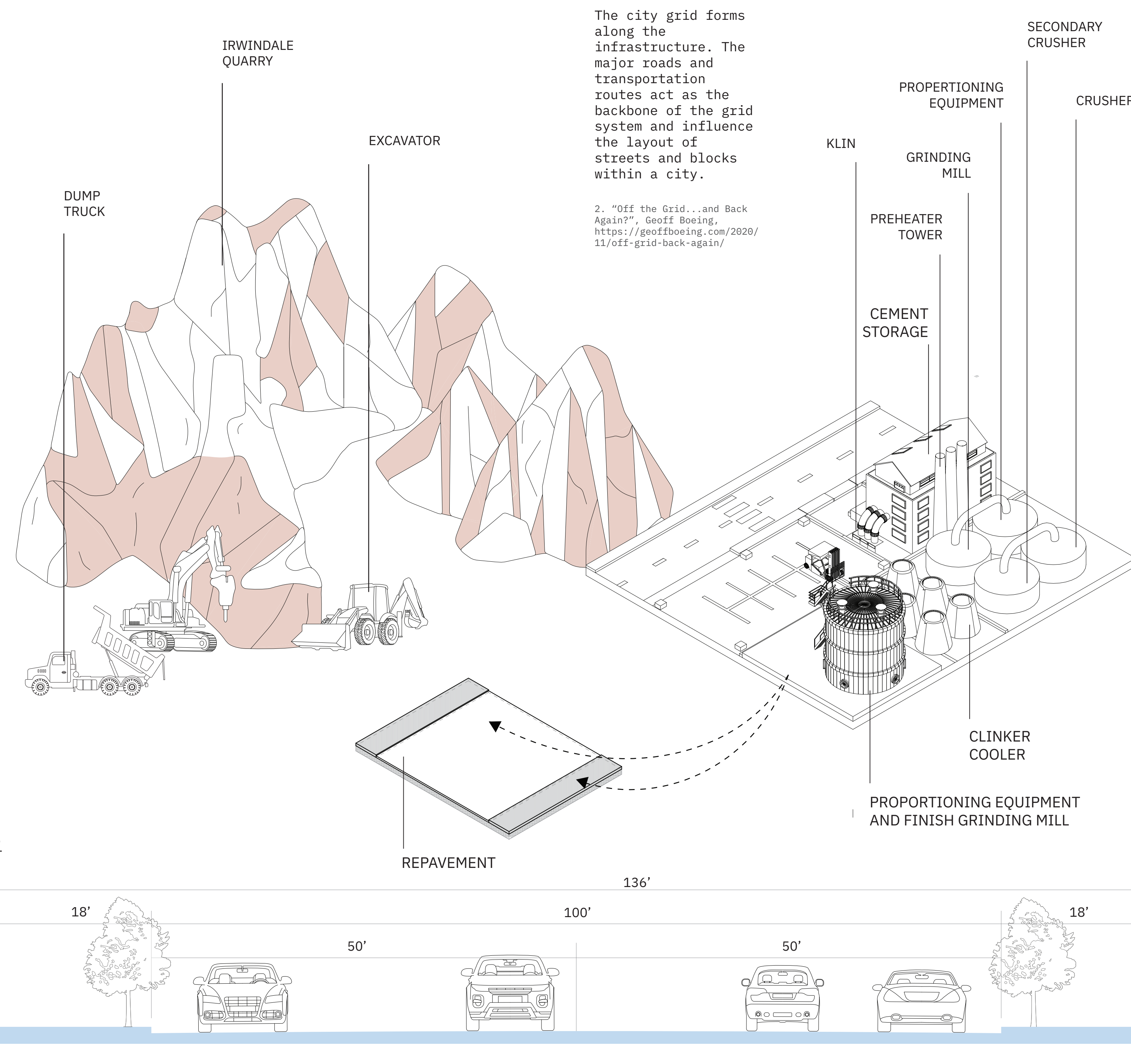
TOTAL: **7,837.8 cu. yd.** needed



● STREETS THAT NEEDS TO BE REPAVED



● DEAD END LOCATIONS



THE LIVING GRID MODULAR COMMUNITY HUB

**SITE A
BOYLE HEIGHTS**

**PROPOSED DEPAVEMENT OF
UNDERUTILIZED CUL-DE-SAC
TO OFFER COMMUNITY SPACE
SUCH AS PARKS, VEGETATION AREAS,
RETAIL SHOPS AND COMMUNITY CENTER.**

THE COMMUNITY HUB WILL
VIBRANT, ADAPTABLE PARKS, OFFERING
ACCESSIBLE GREEN SPACES, AND
FOSTERING COMMUNITY INTERACTION.

DEPAVED CUL-DE-SAC IN CU. YD.
1.4 CU. YD.

PROPOSED
RETAIL SHOPS

NEW PERMEABLE PAVERS
AND LANDSCAPE

EXISTING PARK
TO BE REMAIN

PROPOSED
VEGETATION AREA

PROPOSED
COMMUNITY
CENTER

PROPOSED
COMMUNITY
PARK

FILTERING
SYSTEM

FILTERING
SYSTEM

RECYCLING CENTER 2
MAKE PERMEABLE PAVERS
FOR ALL DEPAVED DEADENDS.

RECYCLING CENTER 1
MAKE CONCRETE AGGREGATE OUT OF
DISPOSED OR DEMOLISHED CONCRETE.
EXPORT IT TO THE LOCAL STREET
REPAVEMENT

10 YEARS:

THE NEW COMMUNITY AREA IS
FORMED. THE COMMUNITY HUB
CONNECTS WITH THE NEAR BY
PARK AS ONE COMMUNITY HUB.

25 YEARS:

THE HUB BECOME A DEEPLY
INGRAINED PART OF THE
SOCIAL FABRIC OF THE
DEAD-END NEIGHBORHOODS
IT SERVES. MULTI-FAMILY
APARTMENT PROJECTS ARE
DEVELOPED, AND MORE
STREET TO BE DEPAVED
AND CLOSED.

50 YEARS:

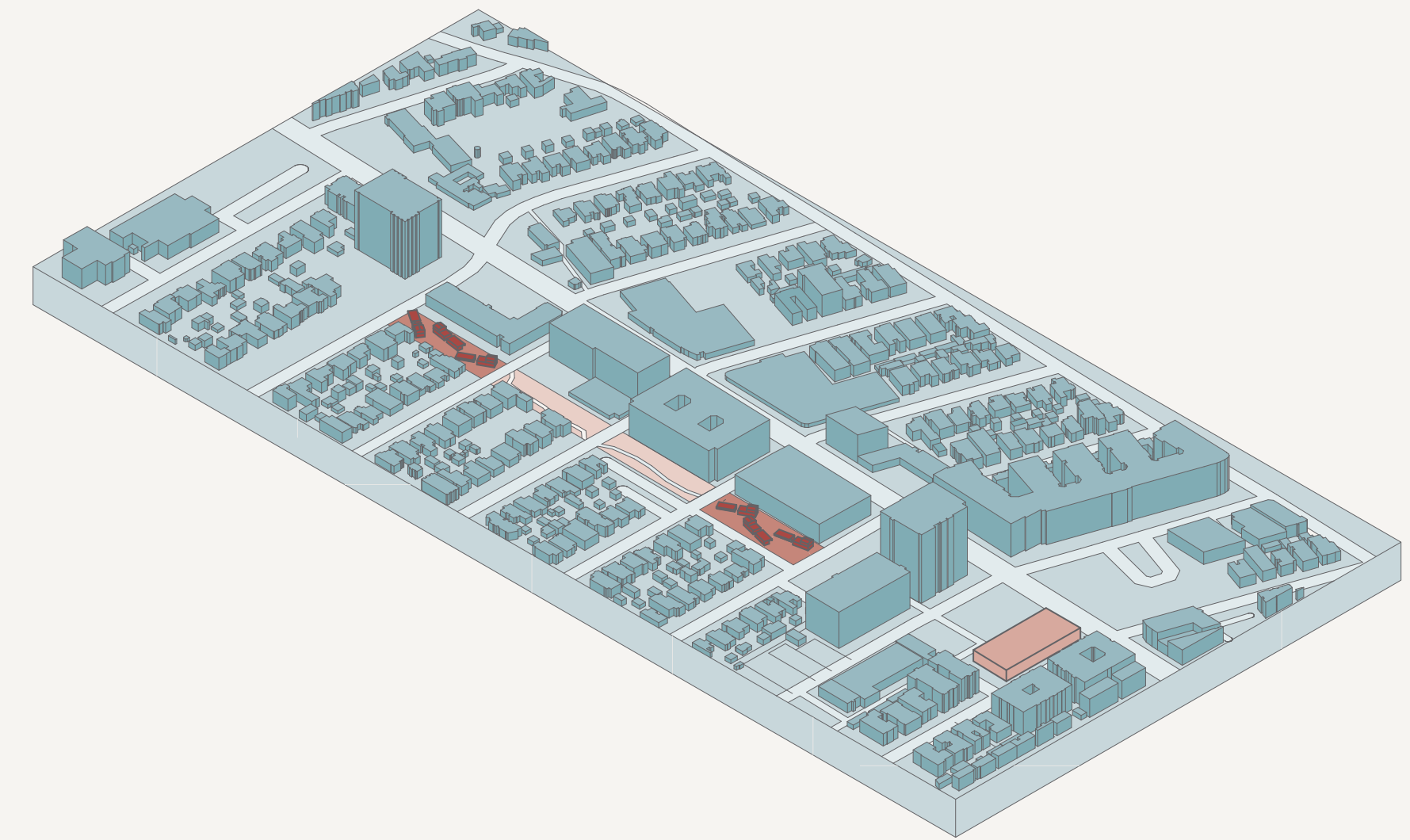
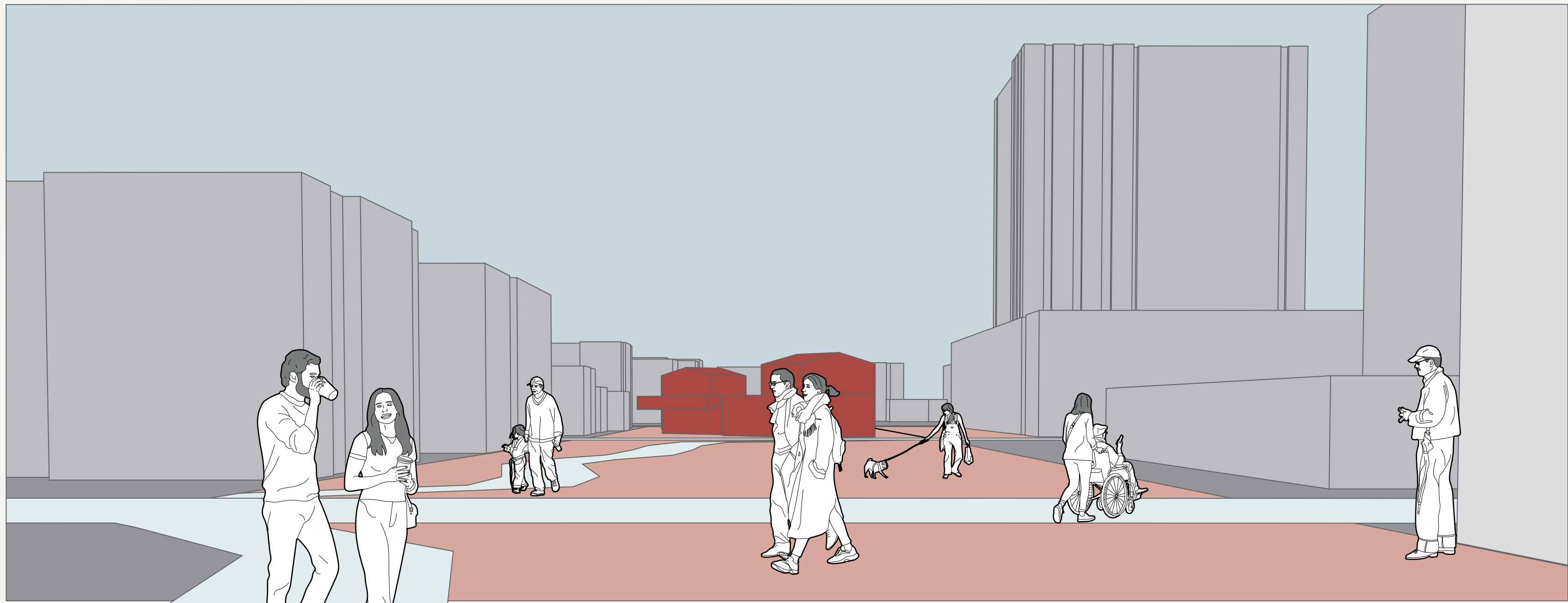
MORE MULTI-FAMILY
APARTMENT PROJECTS ARE
DEVELOPED. THE COMMUNITY
HUB IS NOW CONNTECT ALL
INTERSECTIONS NEAR THE
EXISTING PARK.

DESIGN PROPOSAL

THE PROPOSED PROJECT ENVISONSS
A DUAL TRANSFORMATION: THE
REVITALIZATION OF AN
UNDERUTILIZED STREET INTO A
DYNAMIC COMMUNITY HUB AND THE
SUSTAINABLE REHABILITATION OF
MAJOR ROADWAYS THROUGH THE
RESOURCEFUL REUSE OF DEPAVED
MATERIALS. THIS INTERCONNECTED
APPROACH BEGINS WITH THE
CAREFUL DISMANTLING OF THE
SELECTED STREET, YIELDING
VALUABLE ASPHALT AND CONCRETE.

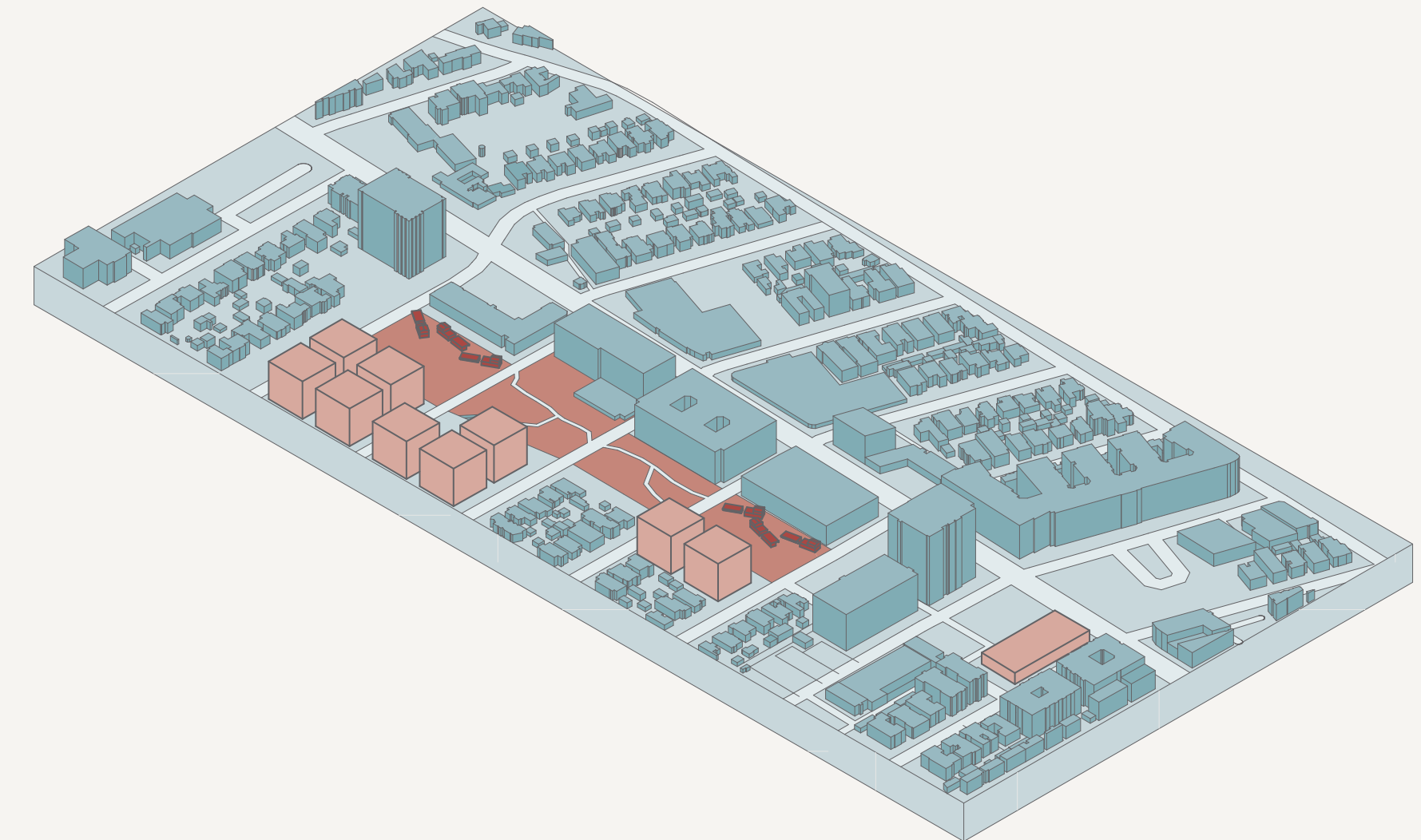
SIMULTANEOUSLY, PLANS FOR THE
COMMUNITY HUB WILL TAKE SHAPE,
INCORPORATING FEATURES THAT
ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT AND GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE. THE
SUBSEQUENT PROCESSING AND
APPLICATION OF THE RECLAIMED
MATERIALS TO THE MAIN STREETS
WILL THEN COMPLETE THE CYCLE,
DEMONSTRATING A HOLISTIC AND
ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS
APPROACH TO URBAN
DEVELOPMENT.

- BUILDINGS
- BUILDINGS THAT IMPACTED BY THE
COMMUNITY HUB
- POSSIBLE STREET CLOSURE
- CUL-DE-SAC



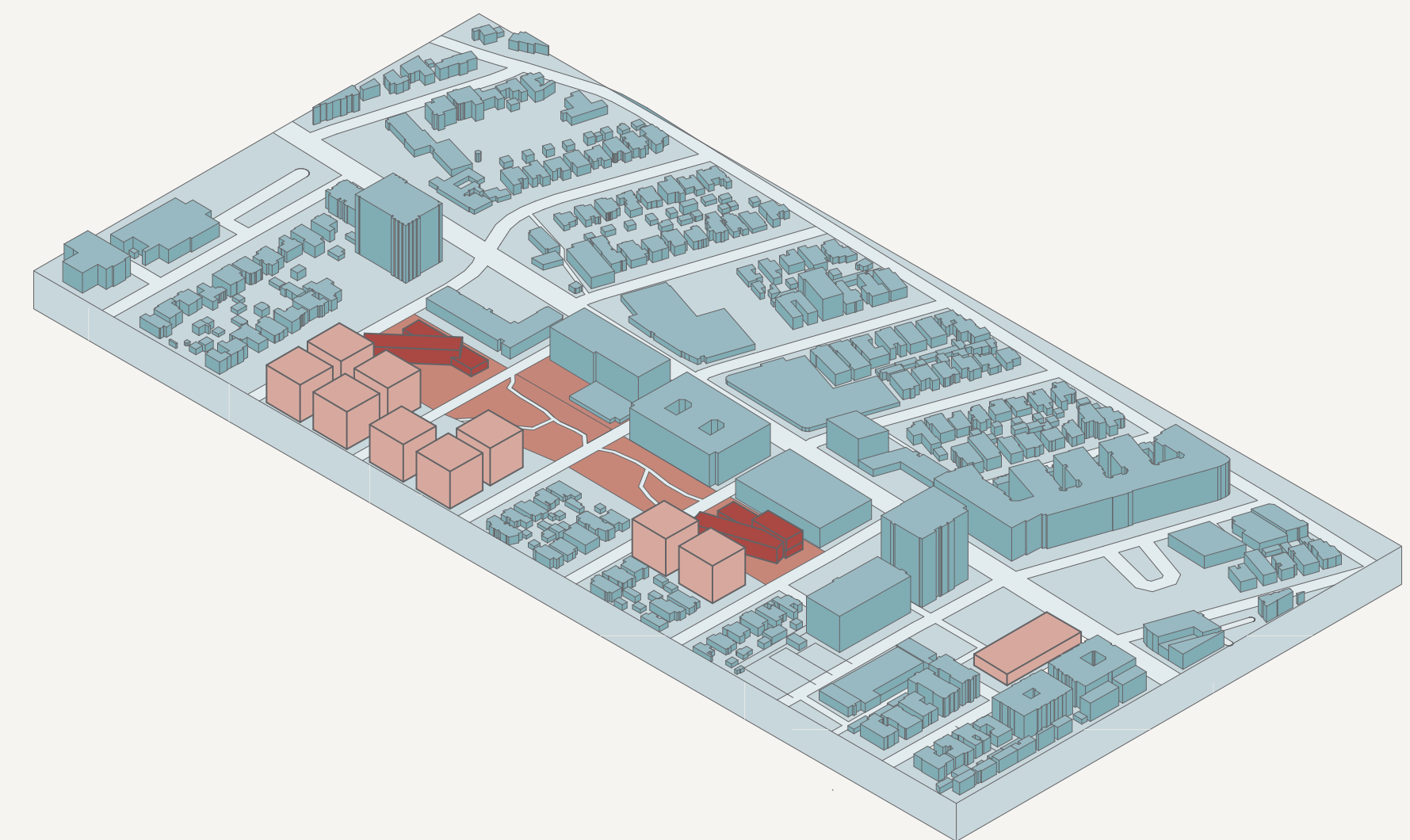
10 YEARS:

THE NEW COMMUNITY AREA IS FORMED. THE COMMUNITY HUB CONNECTS WITH THE NEAR BY PARK AS ONE COMMUNITY HUB.



25 YEARS:

THE HUB IS A CENTRAL NODE, DRAWING PEOPLE FROM BOTH RESIDENTIAL AREAS SEEKING LOCAL AMENITIES AND THE COMMERCIAL AREAS FOR LUNCH BREAKS OR AFTER WORK ACTIVITIES. THE METRO STATION IS MAKING THE HUB A CONVENIENT MEETING POINT AND DESTINATION. AS A GROWTH OF THE DEPAVEMENT OF THE STREET, NEW RECYCLING CENTER WILL LOCATE NEAR THE SITE.



50 YEARS:

AS MORE MULTI FAMILY APARTMENT DEVELOPED, THE COMMUNITY HUB GETS BIGGER. THE HUB SERVE MULTIPLE GENERATIONS, FOSTERING LONG-TERM SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND THE DEPAVED CONCRETE AGGREGATES WILL REUSE FOR REPAVEMENT OF THE MAJOR STREETS.

**SITE B
MIRACLE MILE
WILSHIRE BLVD.**

PROPOSED DEPAVEMENT OF UNDERUTILIZED ALLEY TO OFFER COMMUNITY SPACE SUCH AS PARKS, VEGETATION AREAS, RETAIL SHOPS AND COMMUNITY CENTER.

THE COMMUNITY HUB WILL VIBRANT, ADAPTABLE PARKS, OFFERING ACCESSIBLE GREEN SPACES, AND FOSTERING COMMUNITY INTERACTION. AS THE COMMUNITY HUB LOCATED IN BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL, IT WILL CREATE MORE INTERCONNECTED FEELING BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT USES.

PROPOSED
RETAIL SHOPS

EXISTING PARK
TO BE REMAIN

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TO BE REMAIN

NEW PERMEABLE PAVERS
AND LANDSCAPE

NEW METRO STATION
WILSHIRE/ LA BREA

**POTENTIAL COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
BUILDING AND SAFETY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF BUILDING
AND SAFETY

BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES

METRO

LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING
DEPARTMENT