WASTED SPACE
REIMAGINING AND REPURPOSING SPACES

Underutilized spaces have become more prominent in densely populated cities for many reasons. Plot zoning code has distanced typologies, creating adverse effects to layouts and connections. Site usage and non-local ownership have affected how physical connection influences design. Because of these reasons, a quilt of spaces separate from the public has been created. Due to the increase of populations in urban areas, all potential underutilized spaces need to be reconsidered to add value to a city's residents. One key necessity in urban areas is also green space. As research shows, living in proximity and having access to green space has positive effects on physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing. With those facts in mind, a site in Atlanta, Georgia was chosen due to its sharp increase in population, decrease in land availability, a need for a transformation of spaces for its marginalized communities, and demand for usable green space, incorporated into public space.