

## **Assignment 02: Design Precedent Studies**

**DUE: Wednesday, 13 January**

Good design is often informed and inspired by precedent studies of previously designed projects. For this assignment, you will work in pairs (preferably with another discipline), and you will select a **precedent site** to research and present to the rest of the group. A list of potential places is on the back (or propose one of your own). Some of these sites you may be able to visit; for others your research will be primarily through websites, articles, books and interviews.

You will prepare documentation of the precedent study using a standard InDesign template that we will give you. The template will include space for:

- Narrative descriptions of the site, the planning approach, design features, and implementation.
- Photos, diagrams, quotes, sketches, etc.
  
- Your evaluation of the success of the space, or critique by others. Consider how the site works for a variety of users, different times of the day and night.
  
- Designers and clients for the project
  
- The list of resources that you used. Be sure to credit images and sources of quotes.

**You will present your study to the class on Wednesday, 13 January, showing the document pages digitally.**

**Hard copy and digital version loaded onto the U-drive due at the end of class.**

## Potential Precedent Project List

### STREETS

**Green / Blue Streets:** 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Portland; SEA Streets, 110<sup>th</sup> Cascade, Pinehurst etc. of Seattle's natural drainage program; Addington Streetscape and Disraeli Reserve, Christchurch, NZ; Freiburg Streets, Germany

**Shared Streets:** Elliot Street, Auckland, NZ; New Road, Brighton UK; Straedet, Copenhagen; Bourke Street Melbourne; Swanston Street, Melbourne

**Lanes:** Melbourne Lanes; Christchurch Lanes; Vulcan Lane Auckland

**Pedestrian Malls:** Christchurch NZ, Mall; Cuba Street Wellington NZ; Stroget, Copenhagen; The Downtown Mall, Charlottesville (L. Halprin); Fulton Mall, Fresno, CA, Gerritt Eckbo

**Great Street Renovations:** Holmbladsgade, Copenhagen; Lambdon Quay, Wellington; Via Guibbinari, Rome; Kungssportsavenyn, Goteberg, Sweden; Queen Street, Brisbane; Queen Street Auckland

**Art Streets:** Melbourne

**Open Space Connections:** Portland Lovejoy Fountain to Ira Keller Fountain (Halprin); Piazza Navona to Trevi Fountain pedestrian connection, Rome; Falconplein, Antwerp, Belgium; Las Ramblas, Barcelona

### TRANSIT HUBS AND TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Fredricksberg Station, Copenhagen

Thornton Place, Northgate, Seattle

Fruitvale Transit Village, Oakland CA

Portland Brewery Blocks

Orenco Station, Oregon

The Bridges, Calgary

The Rocket, Portland, OR

Portland, OR Pearl District

The Crossings, Gresham, OR

Overlake Village, Redmond

Place de l'Homme de Fer, Strasbourg

Camden High Street (Camden Town), London

Websites: Reconnecting America; MRSC

### ADAPTIVE REUSE

Ecotrust Building, Portland

Mountaineers Club, Seattle

Wing Luke Asian American Museum, Seattle

White Stag Renovation, Portland

Brewery Blocks, Portland

Meatpacking District, Copenhagen

Procelaenshaven, Frederiksberg, Copenhagen

Westergasfabriek Culture Park, Amsterdam

### NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Western Harbour, Malmo

Prags Boulevard, Copenhagen

Norrebro, Copenhagen

Vesterbro, Sønder Blvd, Copenhagen

### CITY SQUARES, PARKS, COMMUNITY SPACE

Matrikel #8, Skatepark Copenhagen

MFO Park, Zurich

Tanner Springs Park & Jamieson Square Portland

Union Square Park, NYC

Sankt Hans Torv, Copenhagen

Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland

Campo dei Fiori, Rome

New Ballard Park, Library & Community Center, Seattle

Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester UK

Bradner Gardens Park, Seattle

Gathering Spaces by Pomegranate Center

**Feel free to substitute other cases that you're interested in. Other project areas that might be inspiring are welcome, e.g. water treatment, green roofs and walls, etc.**

Some resources to get you started—also see the studio Resource / Library Reserve List:

Gehl and Gemzøe, *New City Spaces*, Danish Architectural Press 2003

Dreiseitl and Grau, Eds. *New Waterscapes and Waterscapes*, Birkhauser

Gaventa, Sarah, *New Public Spaces*. Mitchell Beazley 2006.

Jacobs, Allan B. *Great Streets*. MIT Press 1993, 1995.

Multiple Victories, Pomegranate Center 2007