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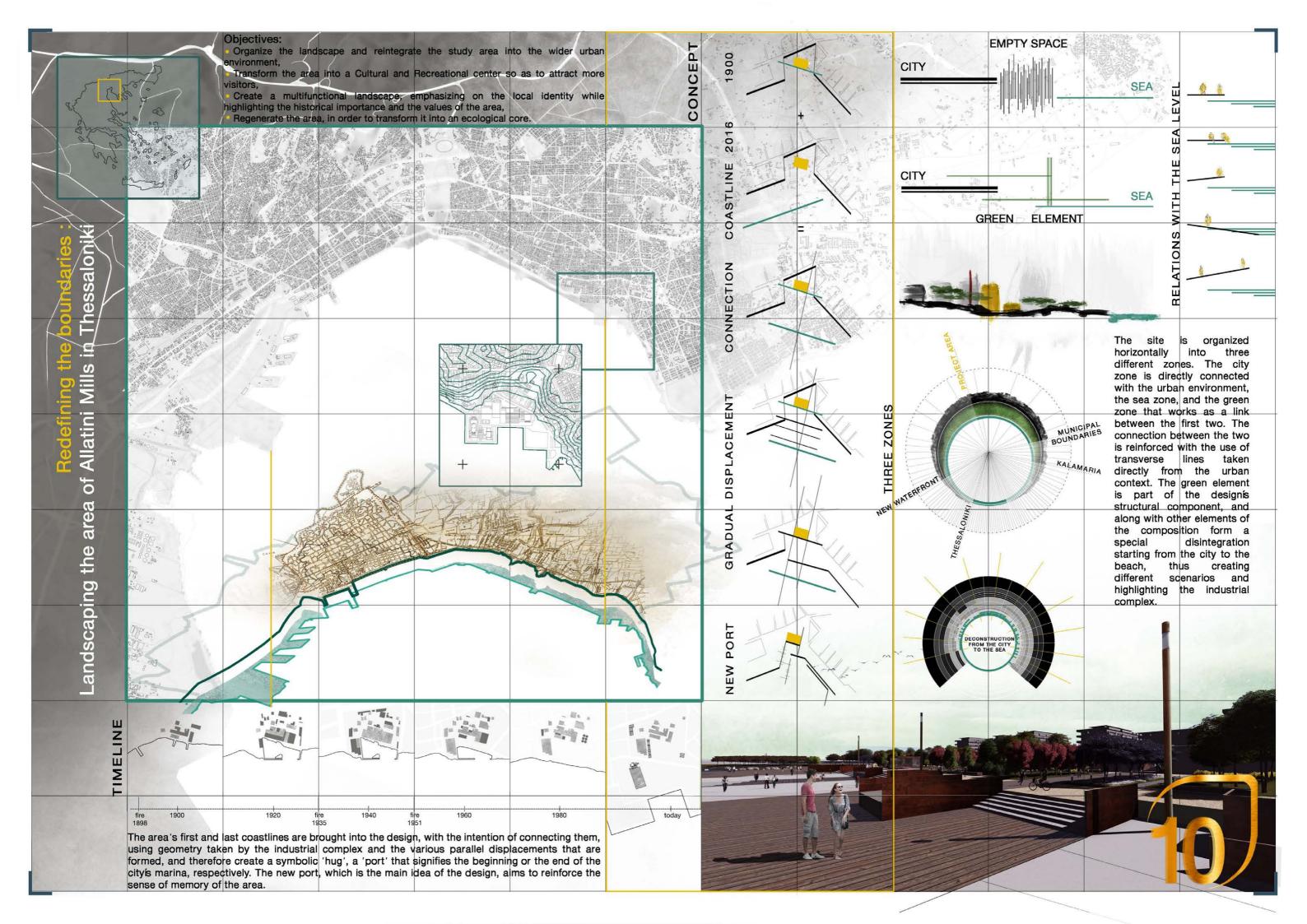
Written statement, short description of the project in English, no more than 250 words

This diploma thesis attempts to design the landscape of the abandoned industrial flour Allatini complex, in Thessaloniki. The old flour mill is located in the southeastern part of the city, at the municipal boundaries and in a short distance from the sea. The study area is adjacent to urban locations, such as the New Waterfront of Thessaloniki, the Concert Hall, the Poseidon swimming complex and the sailing club. The industrial residues are the reference point of the design, which aims at the integration of the two most important elements that surround them: the city and the sea. The site is organized longitudinally into three different zones. The city zone is directly connected with the urban environment, the sea zone, and the green zone that works as a vegetated link between the first two. The interconnection between the zones is reinforced by the use of transverse lines taken directly from the urban context. The green element is part of the design's structural component forming a special disintegration system from the city to the beach and creating different scenarios. The new materiality of the proposal complements the idea of the gradual parallel to the waterfront zones. The city zone is covered mostly by harder materials like concrete, while softer more natural ones, such as rammed earth and wood, are used in the green and sea zone, respectively. Regarding the vegetation system, large evergreen trees are placed at the edge of the urban frame as a direct continuation of the large apartment buildings. Smaller evergreen trees are placed in the green and sea zone in order to highlight this disintegration. All of this vegetated system of various trees, shrubs flowers and natural materials create an ecological core which aims to improve the microclimate of the area and to create a multifunctional urban space-park.

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While approaching the study area from the north side, where the New Water- front is located, one can find the main pathway of the park which is directly related to the three new sites that are created. The Concert Hall, on the west side, is associated with the rest of the proposal by creating various exterior terraces. On the east side, a large slope connects the main pathway with the 'Industrial Heritage Square" (1st site), located at the end of the city's main arteries. Piers and sitting areas are placed on the green slope and smaller paths cross the main pathway end and up at the sea level on an inclined surface that is either immersed in the water or forms small pools. The main path of the park leads to the central square in front of the old industrial complex, which is transformed into an "Art Centre" (2nd site).

The cityscape on the east side is associated with higher vegetation that either leads to a metal square or to the central square and the exterior terraces near the sea level. The Poseidon Swimming Complex is repositioned within the city zone, and on its sides various sports fields are placed while the "Gardens" (3rd site) are located in the green zone. At the edge of the city zone, there is a square and a pathway that indicate the potential connection with the area of Kalamaria on the south. The water at sea level creates different scenarios and along with the green zone lead to the new Sailing Club and a tower that marks the area and is paralleled to the "lighthouse" of the port.

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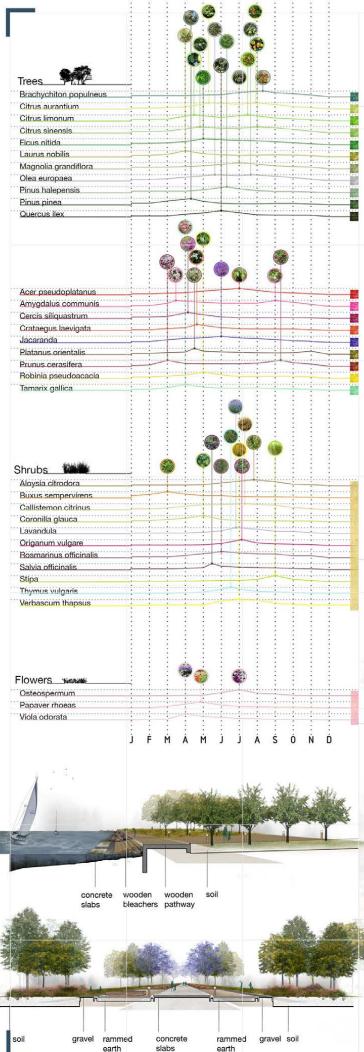
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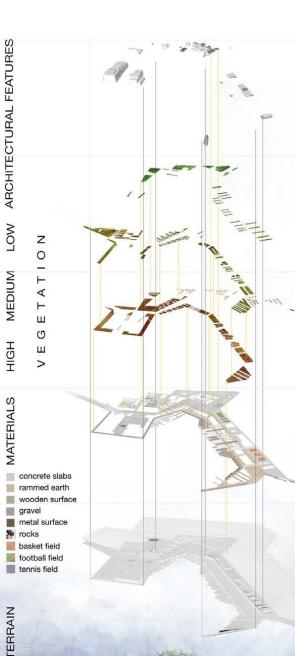


Regarding the vegetation system, large evergreen trees are placed at the edge of the urban frame as a direct continuation of the large apartment buildings. Deciduous trees are planted on the sides of the passageways so as to signify the movements and changes throughout the year.

Smaller evergreen trees work as boundaries of the sitting areas and a small citrus grove is formed right before the location of the Tower. All of the above along with various shrubs flowers and natural materials create an ecological core which aims to improve the microclimate of the area



The new materials of the proposal compliment the idea of the different zones. The city zone is covered mostly with harder materials like concrete, while softer more natural materials, such as rammed earth and wood, are used in the green and sea zone, respectively.



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