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urban design

landscape architecture
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streets
sidewalks
parks
plazas
stormwater
habitat
soils
paving
plants
art
50% buildings
30% streets/sidewalks
20% open space

50% urban landscapes*

*UN-Habitat Global Urban Observations Unit “Streets as Public Space and Drivers for Urban Prosperity,” 2013
LESSONS LEARNED
STEP 1:
FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR SIDEWALK
cultural value
economic value
ecological value
STEP 2:
FORGET ABOUT THE BUILDINGS
Sidewalks
Streets
Parks
Plazas
Riverfronts
Rooftops
STEP 3: CONNECT THE DOTS
STEP 4: PUT PUBLIC SPACES TO WORK
design for vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, uber
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design for people and animals
design for people and animals
design for people and water

1. neighborhood run-off
2. collection + sedimentation
3. wetlands (surface + subsurface)
4. aeration
5. filter strip
6. polishing
7. retention + detention
8. riffle stream + bivalve bed
9. remediation field irrigation
10. cleaned sand + gravel for island seeding
11. local runoff
12. solar pump (to supply water in dry weather)
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STEP 5:
STIR IN FUN!
1. FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR SIDEWALKS
   (understand the value of public spaces)

2. FORGET ABOUT THE BUILDINGS
   (design public spaces first, then plug in the buildings)

3. CONNECT THE DOTS
   (create a clear network of public spaces)

4. PUT YOUR PUBLIC SPACES TO WORK
   (make multi-functional public spaces)

5. STIR IN THE FUN!
   (add people and programming)