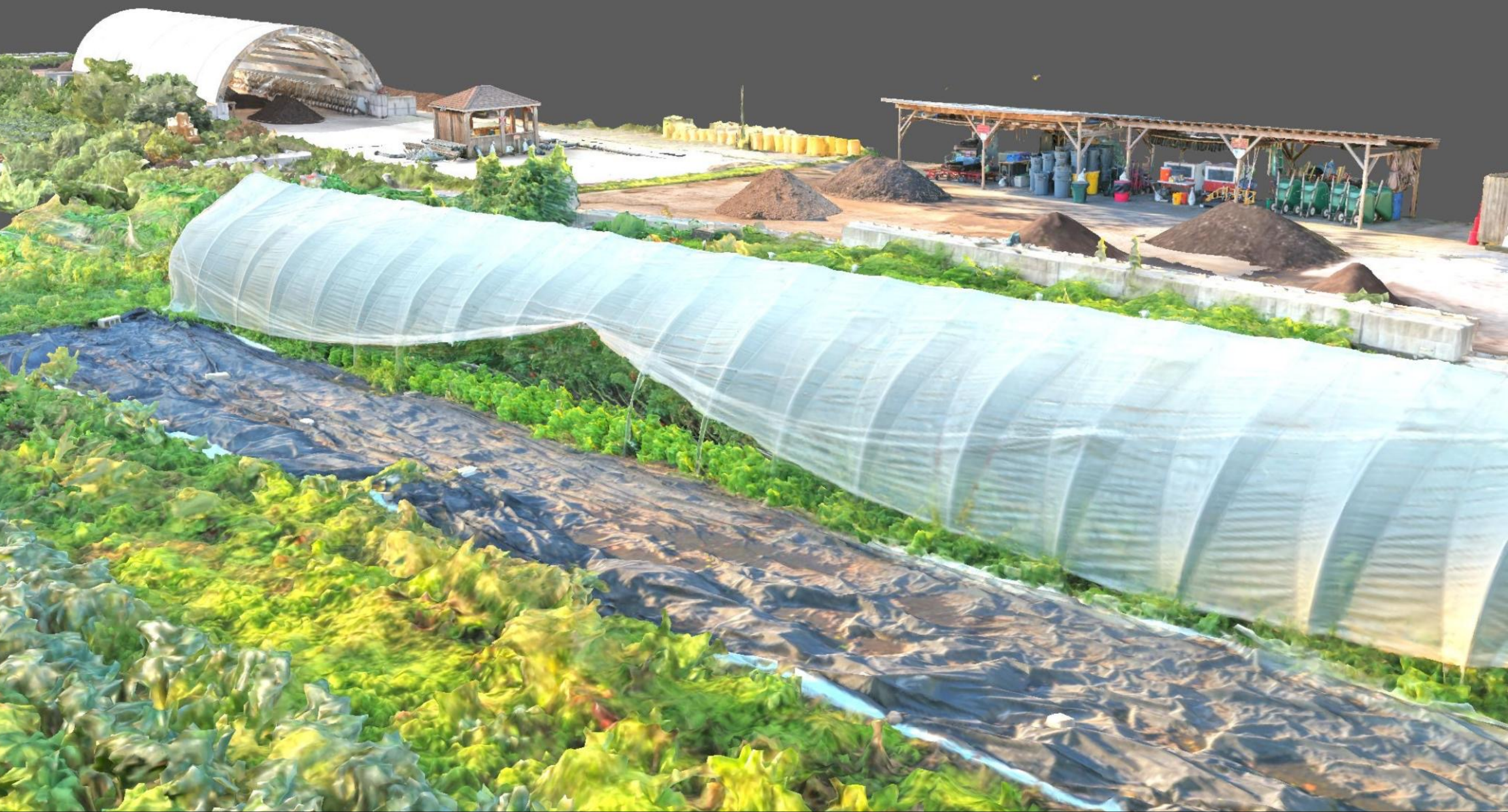
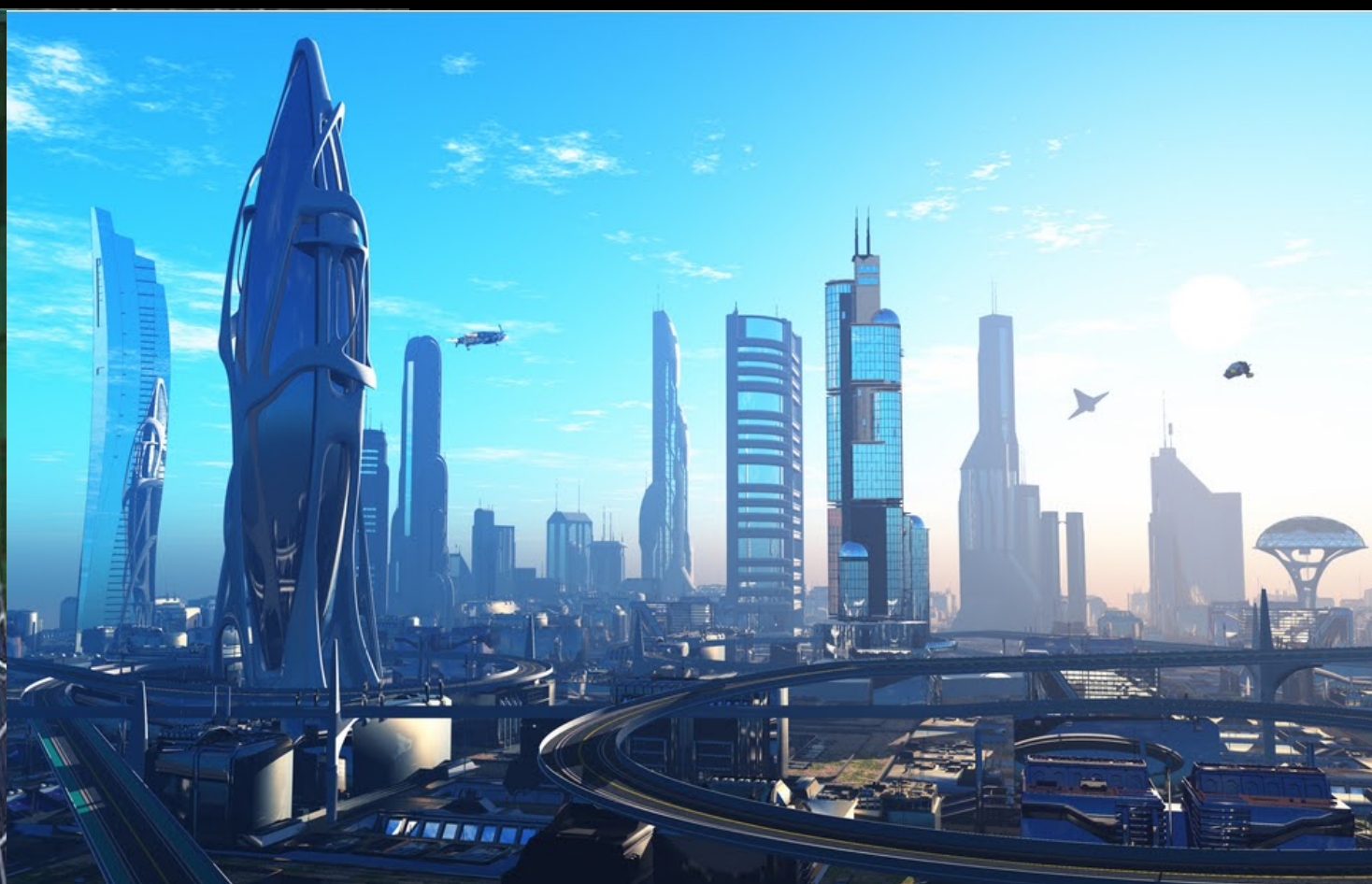
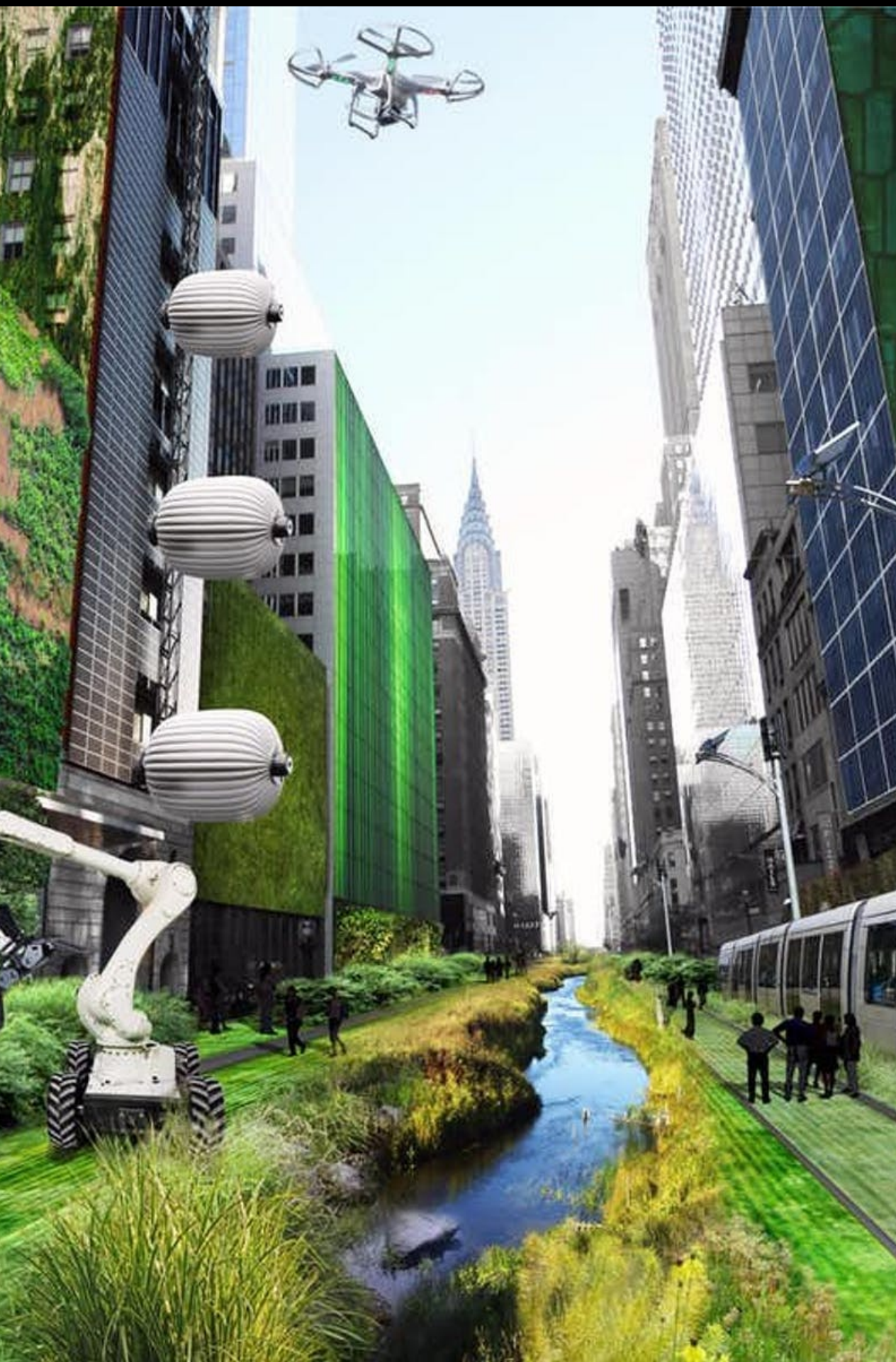


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Remaking the City

Visions of the “Future”











How do we engage
youth in visualizing the
future of our cities?

Outline

- Local Ground: Participatory mapping for civic advocacy
- Civic DIY: Civic Design Internship with Youth
- Remaking the City: Urban Planning and User-Centered Design
- Future Work and Directions

Local Ground

- Local Ground is a web-based tool that allows youth to collect, visualize and share various forms of spatial data
- Students learn data and technology skills while participating in civic advocacy
- Open source and free



Maritime Center



Nystrom Village Housing



Nystrom
Elementary



Martin Luther King Jr. Park

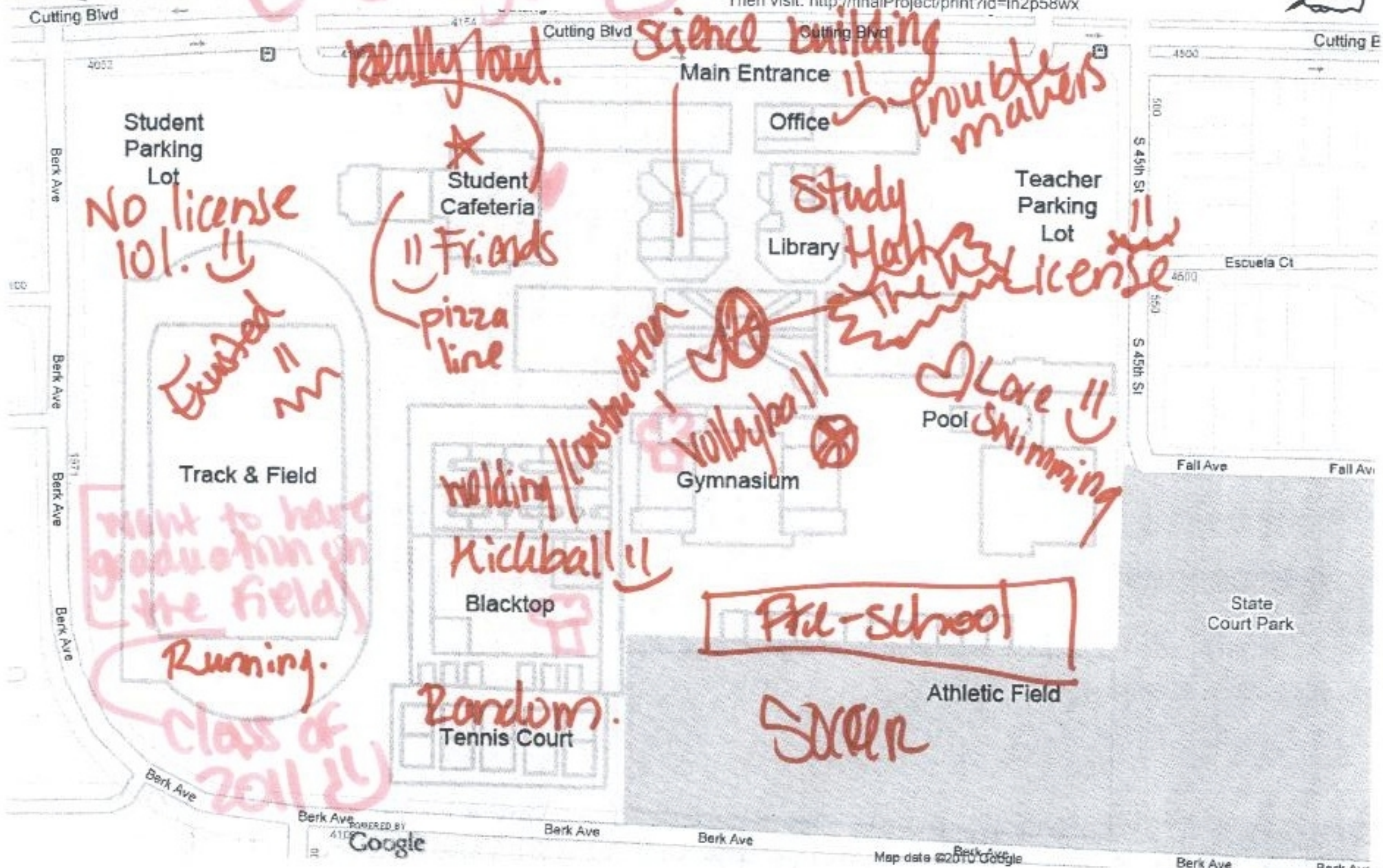


NURVE (Nystrom Urban ReVitalization Effort)





Help the Y-Plan understand your point of view by drawing on this map.
Then visit: <http://finalProject/print?id=ln2p58wx>



1. Mark your favorite place at Kennedy. Why do you like it?
2. Mark a place that isn't being used well. How you might improve it?
3. Mark a place that you've never noticed before today. Why do you think you haven't noticed it before?









Scripts and Counterscripts

- Young people's engagement with data challenged normative accounts of civic data
- From discovery/action, to truth/advocacy
- Putting the politics back in data

CivicDIY

- Civic Design Internship for Youth
- 6-week summer internship for middle schoolers from Roosevelt Island
- Building on a prior project we did on local oral histories

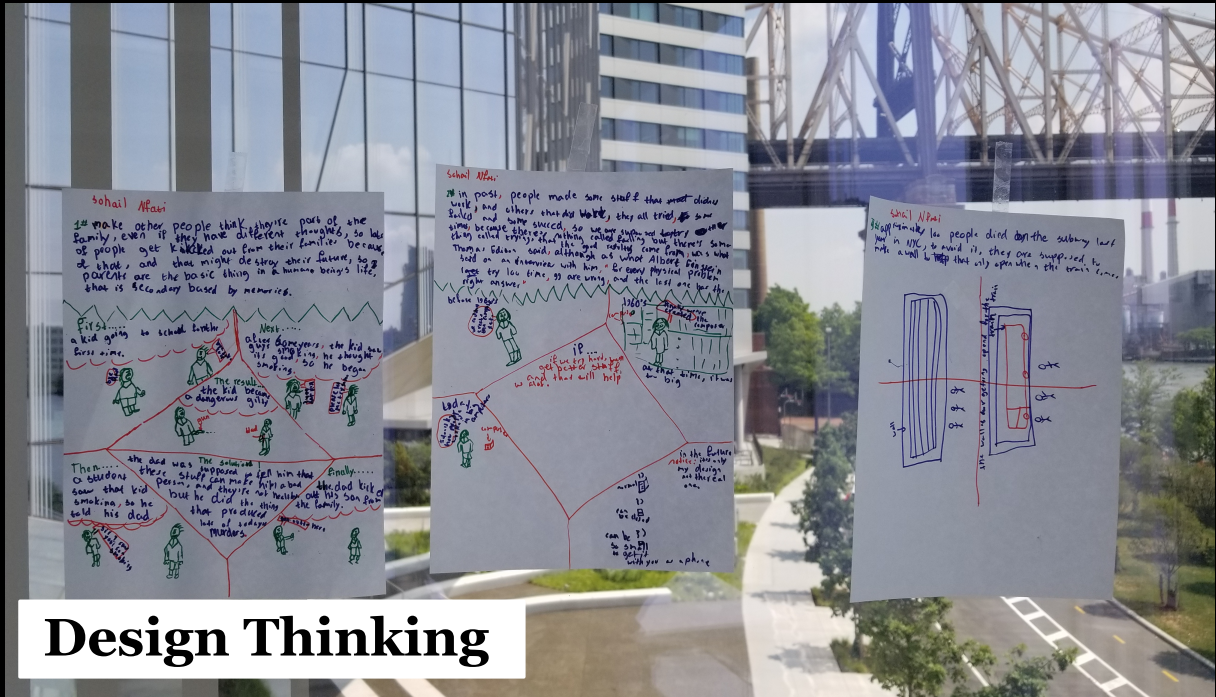
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Design Thinking



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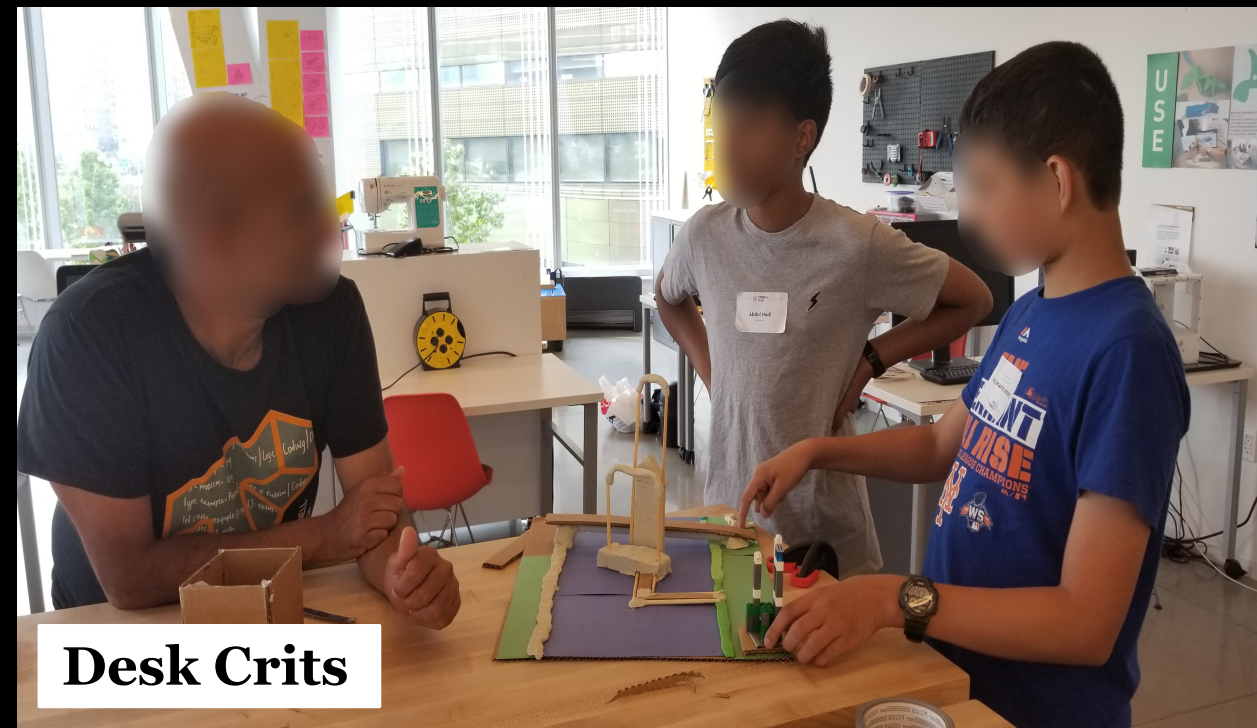
Seminars & Design Guilds



Group Synthesis



Prototyping



Desk Crits

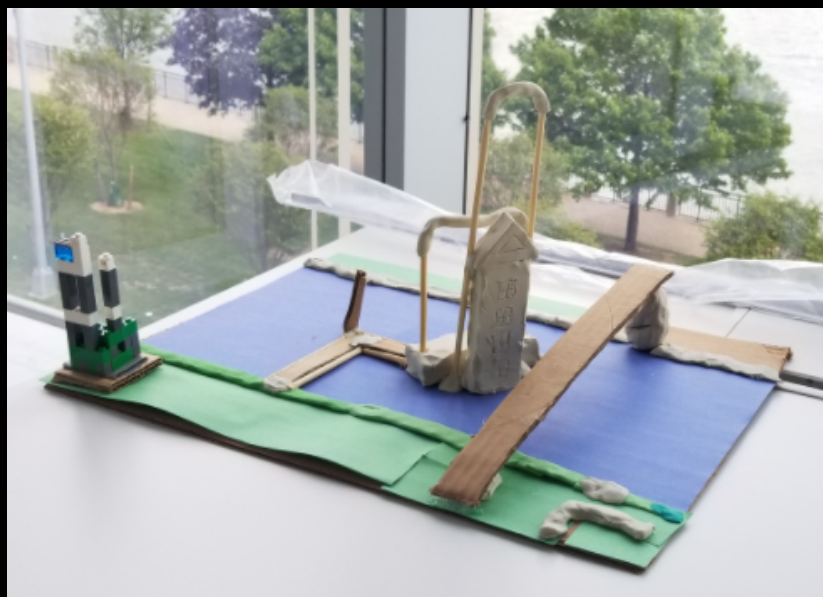


Pinups



Youth Proposals

- VR Zoo
- Spa Kingdom
- BMX Park and Mall
- Underwater Train
- Cultural Center
- Floating Shopping Mall
- Destroying the Pinnacle!





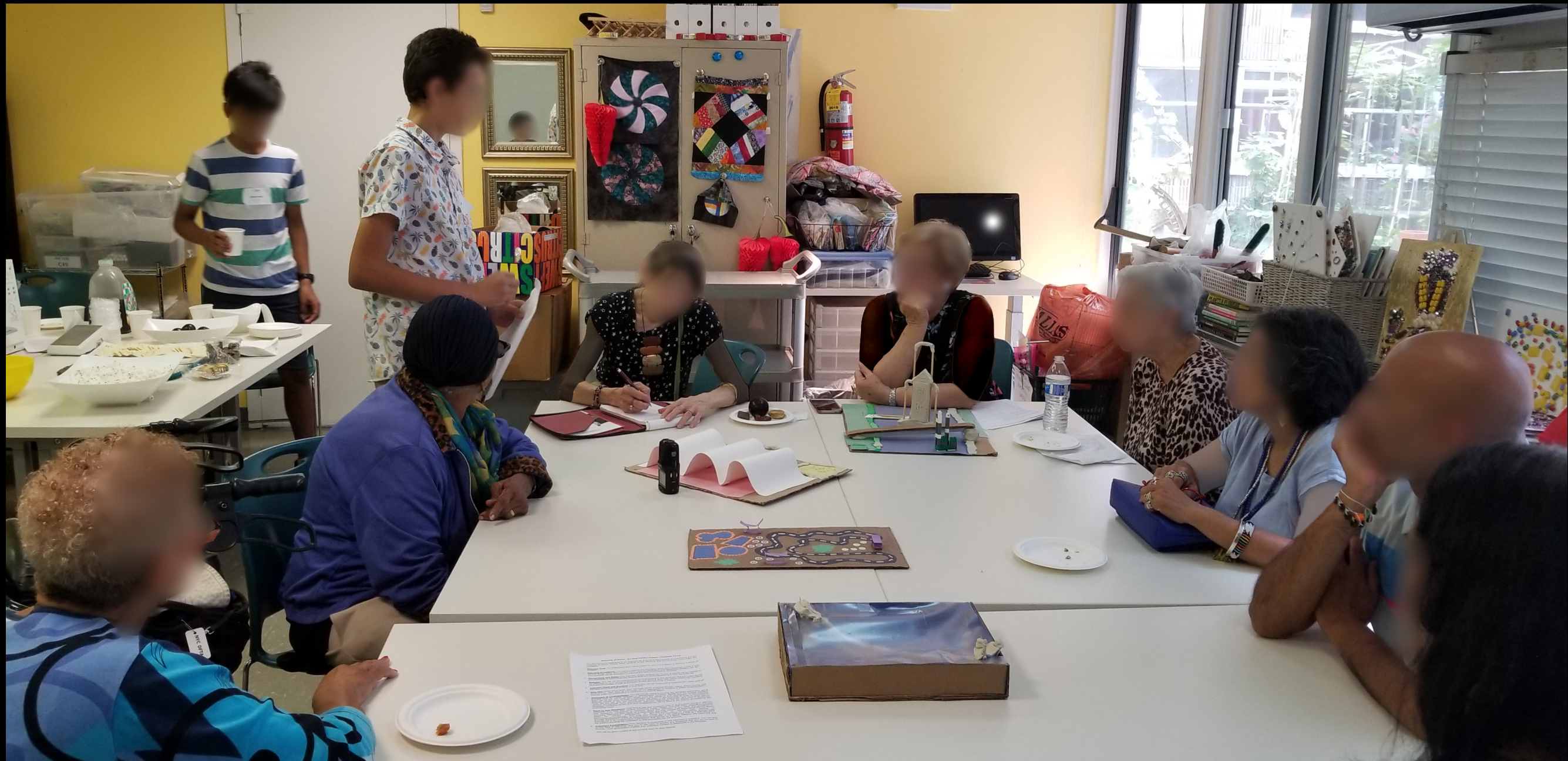
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Friction at the Senior Center

- *“Excuse me!! What's your problem with the Pinnacle?...Cornell Tech has lots of land... Don't fool with my lunatic asylum!”*
- The VR zoo received a favorable response, and was adapted on the fly
- Youth were nonplussed by their reaction

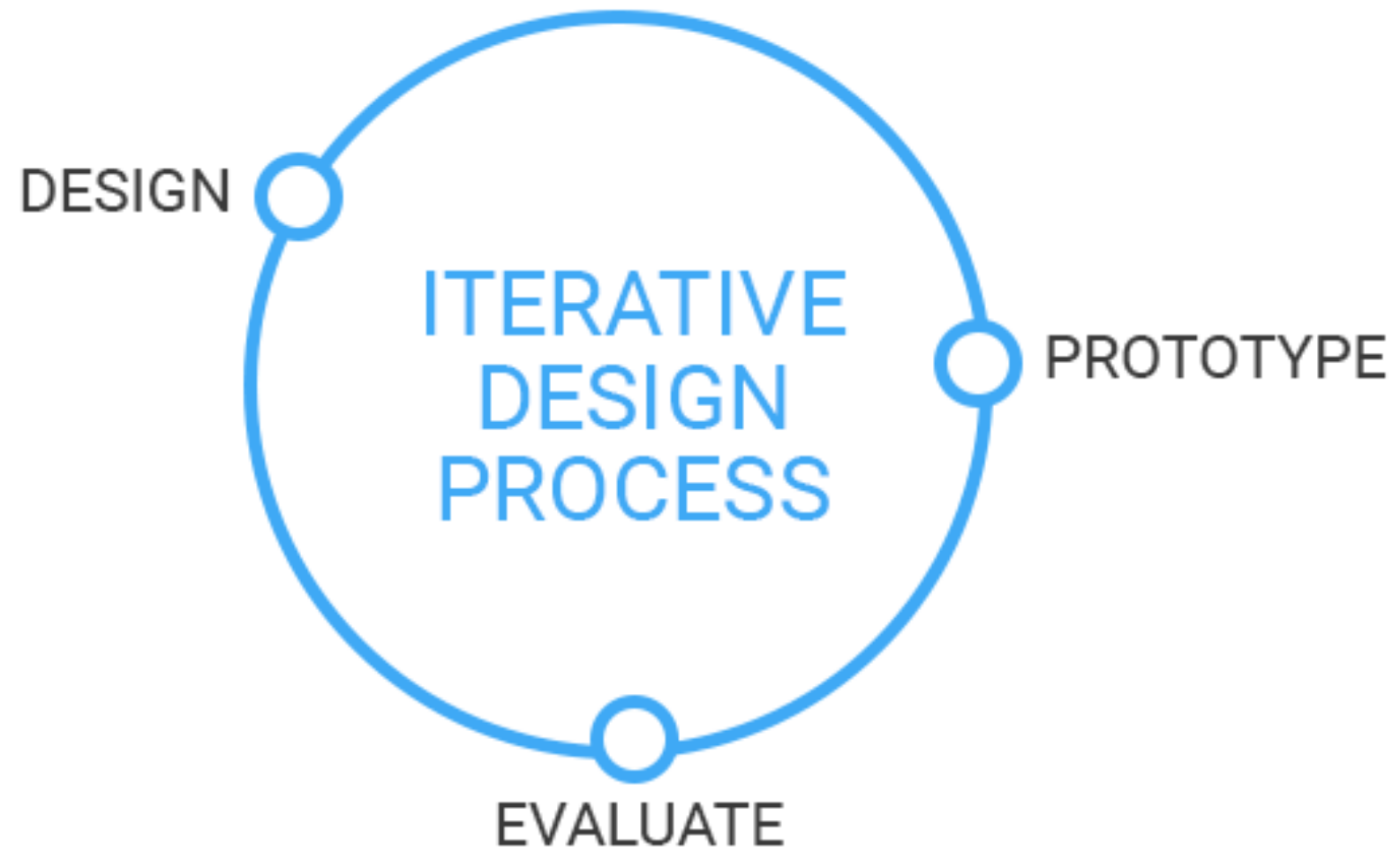
Unmaking as Agonism

- Young people's engagement with design challenged normative ideas of "making"
- "Unmaking" can also be a powerful tool in design and advocacy
- Conflict (agonism) can sometimes be useful for surfacing new ideas and perspectives

Current Work

Remaking the City

- Graduate workshop at Cornell tech
- Integrating Planning and UI/UX to create a more inclusive urban design process
- Using photogrammetry to engage the local context in the classroom
- Physical making, photogrammetry and VR



Photovoice

- Participatory research technique inspired by the work of Paulo Freire
- Conceived in fields like public health to engage people in community reflection
- Taking images from every day life, and engaging in conscious, collective reflection on underlying causes and effects



This is a picture of the elementary school where parents had lined up in their cars to pick up their children. It made me wonder why the parents were driving there - it really caused a lot of traffic and the island is so small that I was surprised they didn't just walk.

Photogrammetry

- 3D reconstruction technique that uses many images of an object or scene
- Increasingly tractable due to GPU accel, machine learning and depth-sensing (LIDAR)
- Active and enthusiastic hobbyist community



Bodega

3D Model



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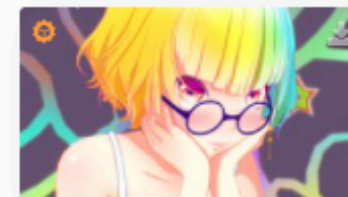
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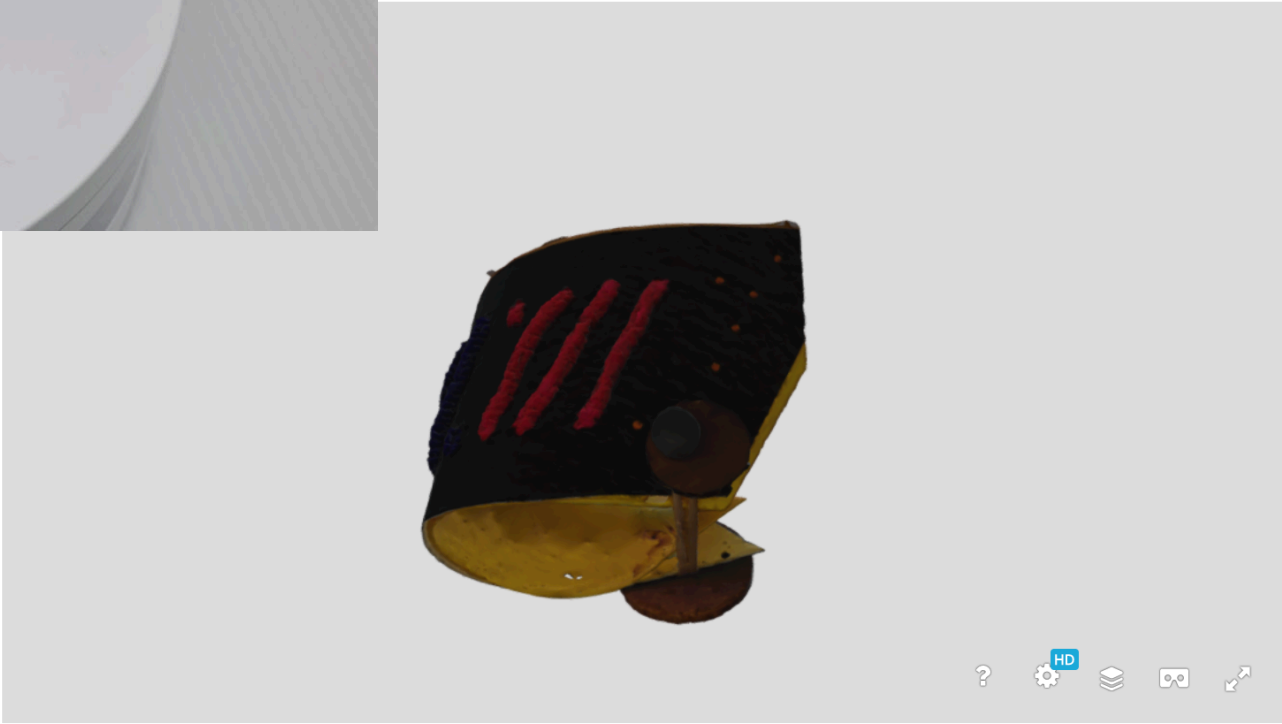
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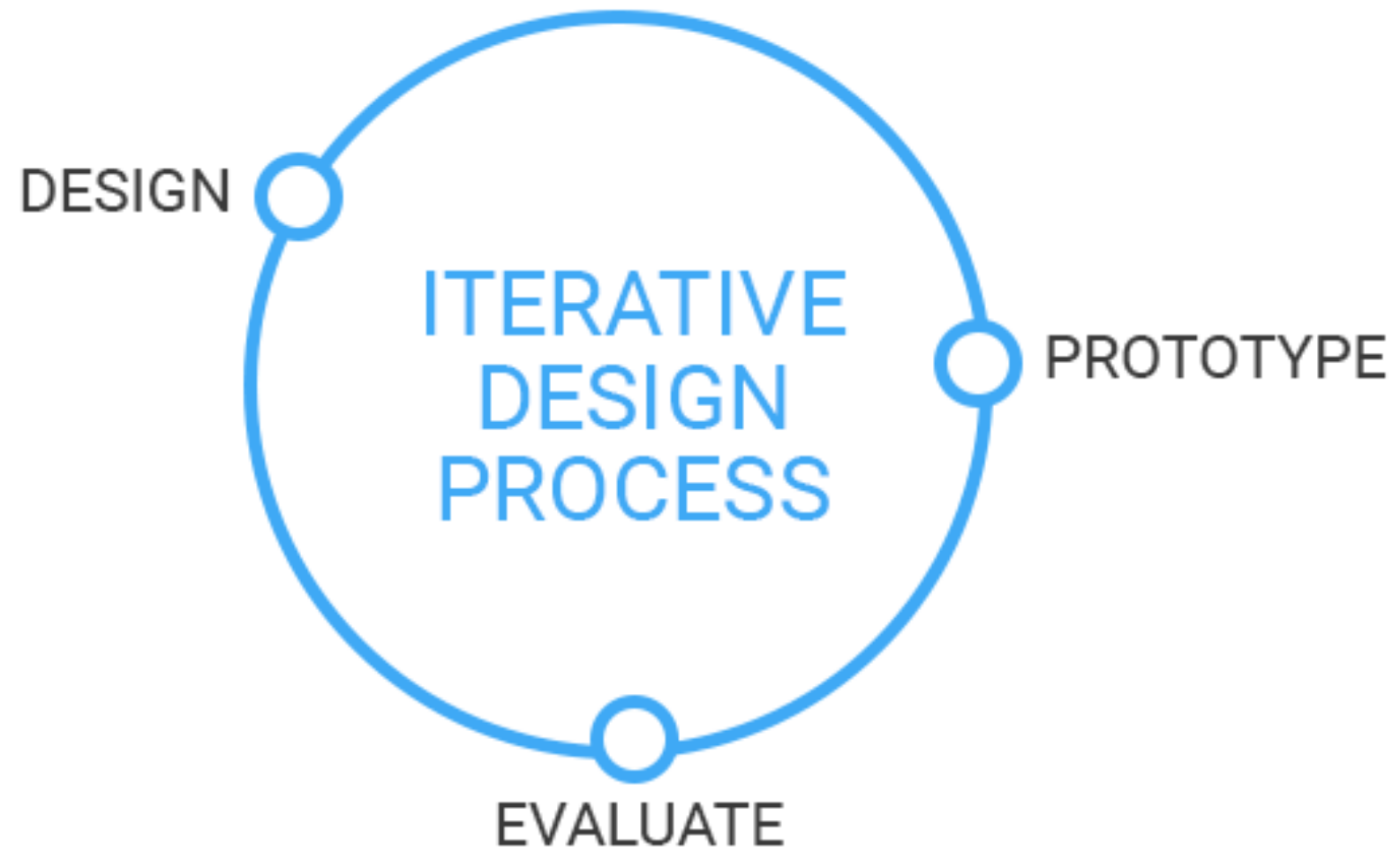
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“The Platform”

- Oculus Quest application
- Supports sharing 2D/3D content in VR, with real-time audio chat
- Navigate using a map-based virtual interface

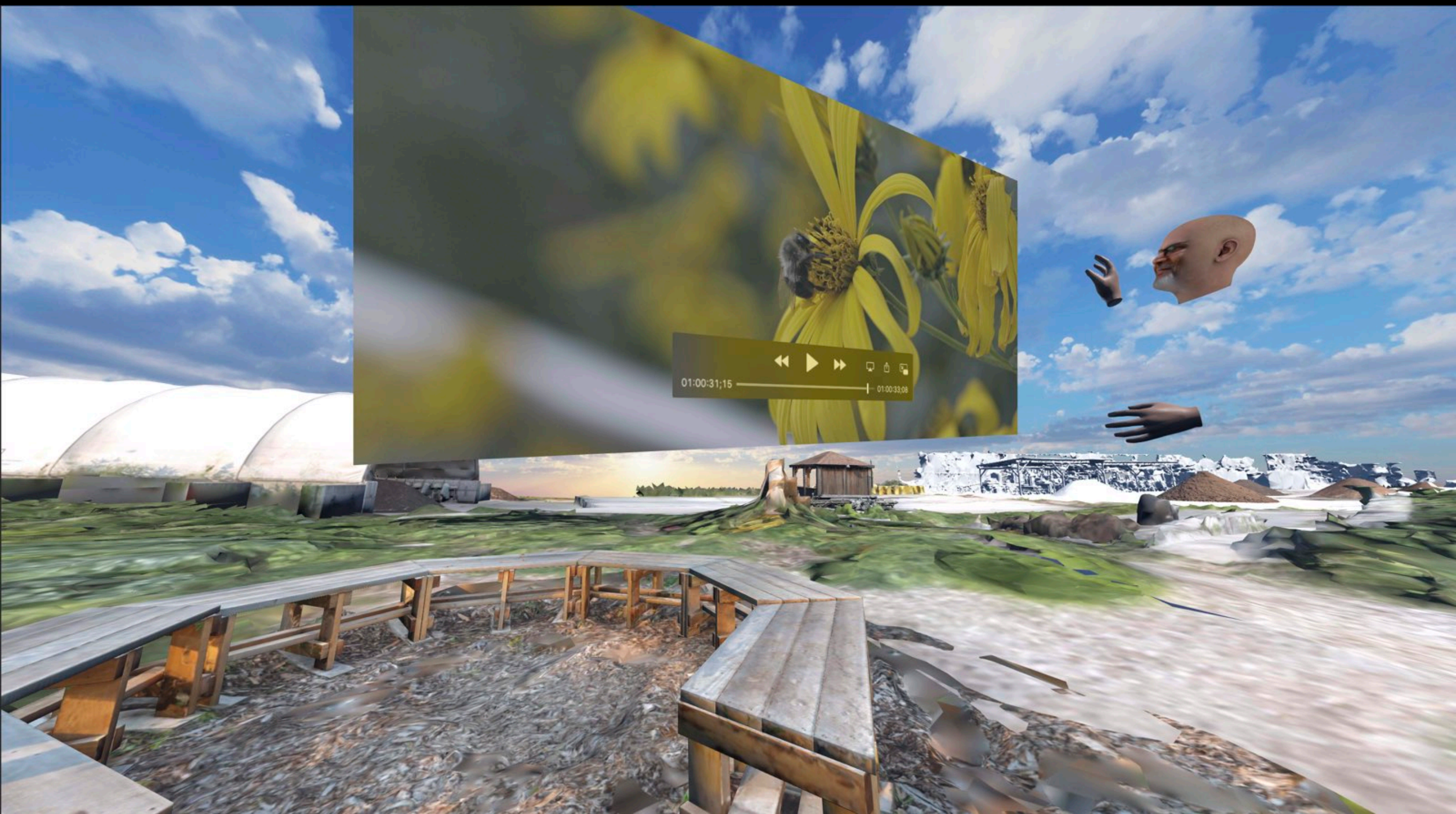
Urban Farming in NYC

- Investigating use of VR to support p2p learning w/ Cornell Coop Extension
- Documenting farms in the South Bronx and Red Hook, Brooklyn
- Using VR and photogrammetry to engage youth



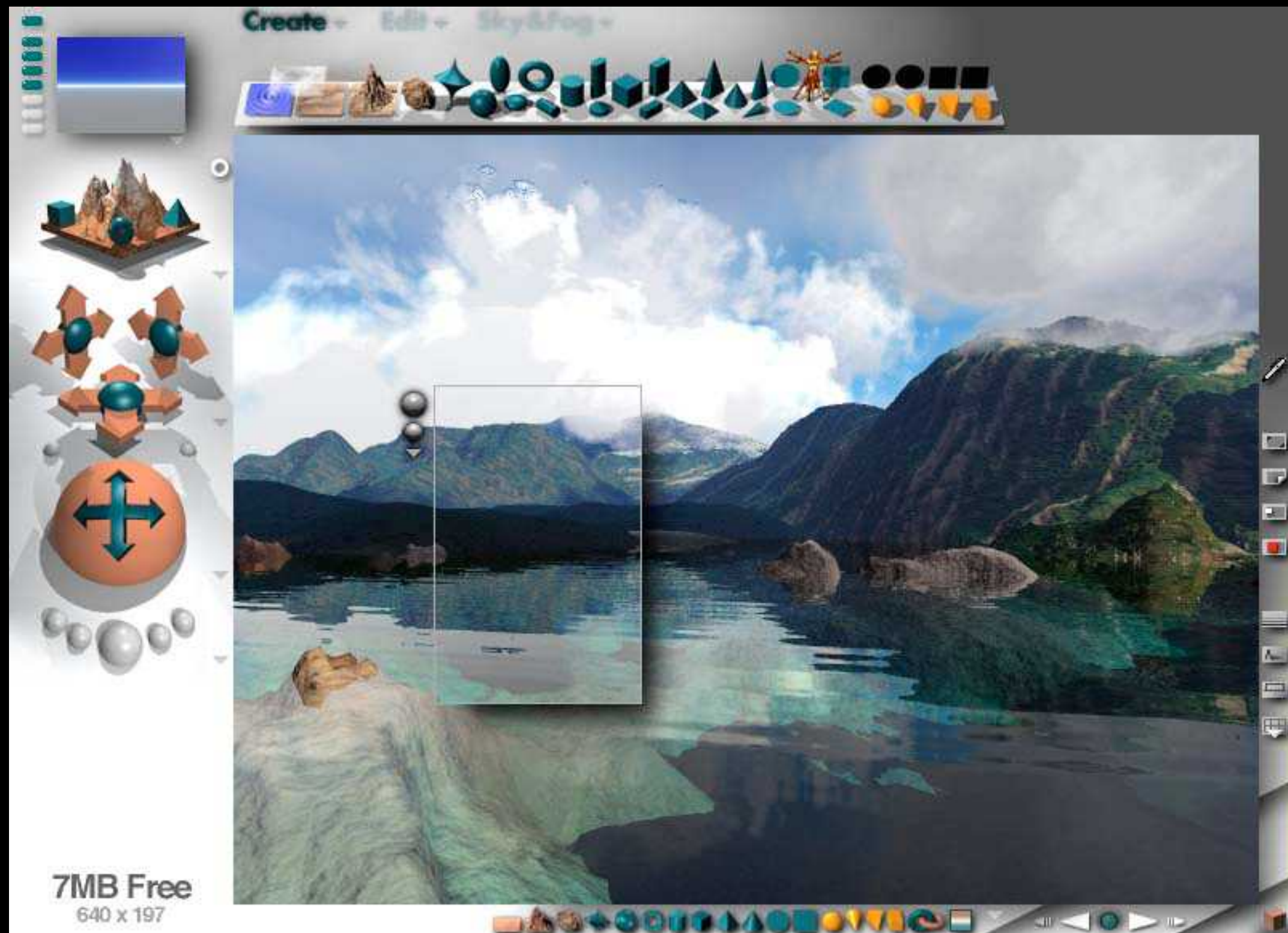






Future Work

- Physical Prototyping for/in VR
- VR for agricultural extension, urban planning
- Photogrammetry and VR in K-12 education
- World-building in VR



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