

Pioneering urbanism and life-centered design

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An aerial photograph of a dense urban landscape, likely Tokyo, showing a mix of high-rise skyscrapers and lower-rise residential buildings. A major road or railway line runs vertically through the center of the image. The sky is hazy, suggesting air pollution. Overlaid on the image is a quote in white text.

“Cities are where the climate battle
largely will be
won or lost”

- UN Secretary-General
António Guterres, Oct 2019

An aerial photograph of a city completely inundated with floodwater. A multi-lane highway bridge spans across the water, with several cars visible on it. The surrounding residential and commercial buildings are partially submerged, with only their roofs and upper floors visible above the water level. The sky is overcast, and the overall scene conveys a sense of urban vulnerability and the impact of climate change.

What is the role of
urban design in an
uncertain world?

It is in urbanism
that we imagine
what we as a society
can become

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An illustration of an iceberg floating in the ocean. The top part of the iceberg, which is visible above the water, is white and jagged. The bottom part, which is submerged, is a large, dark blue mass with many facets, representing the hidden part of the iceberg. The water is depicted with vertical blue stripes of varying shades, suggesting depth and light filtering through. The sky is a light blue gradient.

Designing with the invisible

Lilac Tree



Oak Tree



Our philosophy

An iceberg diagram where the visible tip is light blue and labeled 'In plain sight', and the submerged part is white and unlabeled. The background is a dark grey gradient.

In plain sight

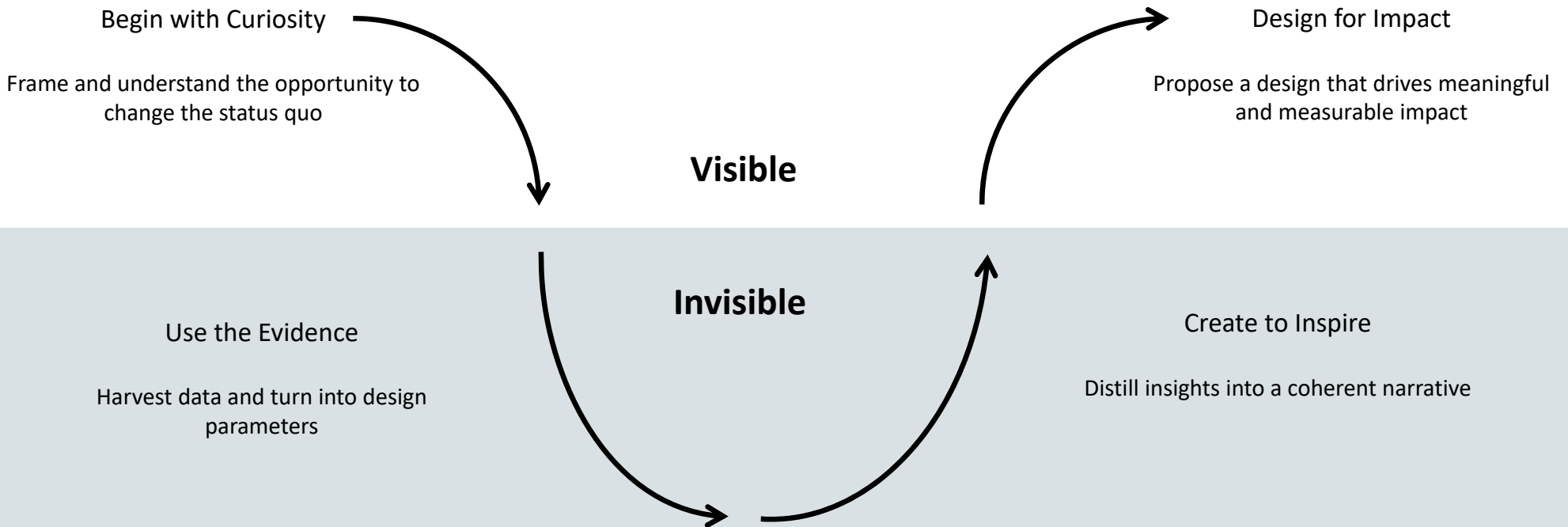
Our philosophy

In plain sight

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invisible

Ecosystems Heritage
Mobility Identity Climate
Socio-economics
Lifestyle
Pollution
Energy Water
Health

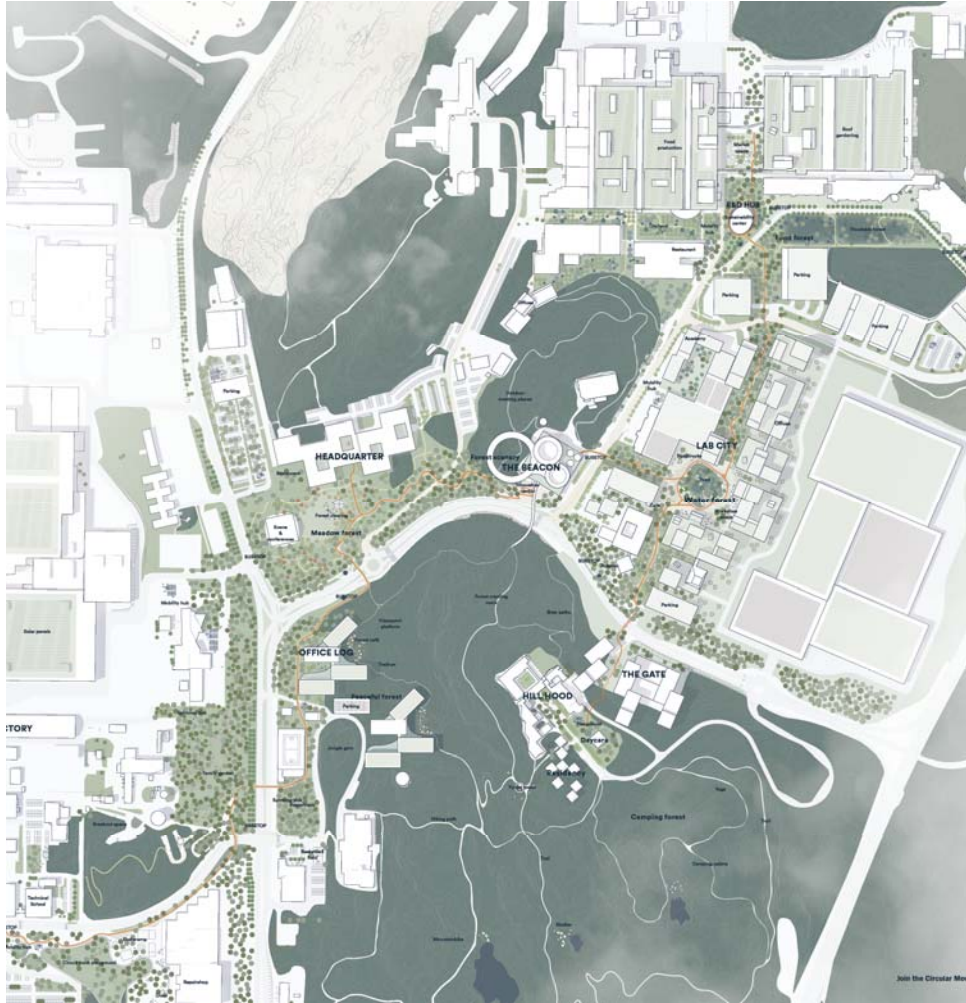
Our philosophy



Designing with the invisible

We translate systems into life-
centric urban design
to create a desirable life for all

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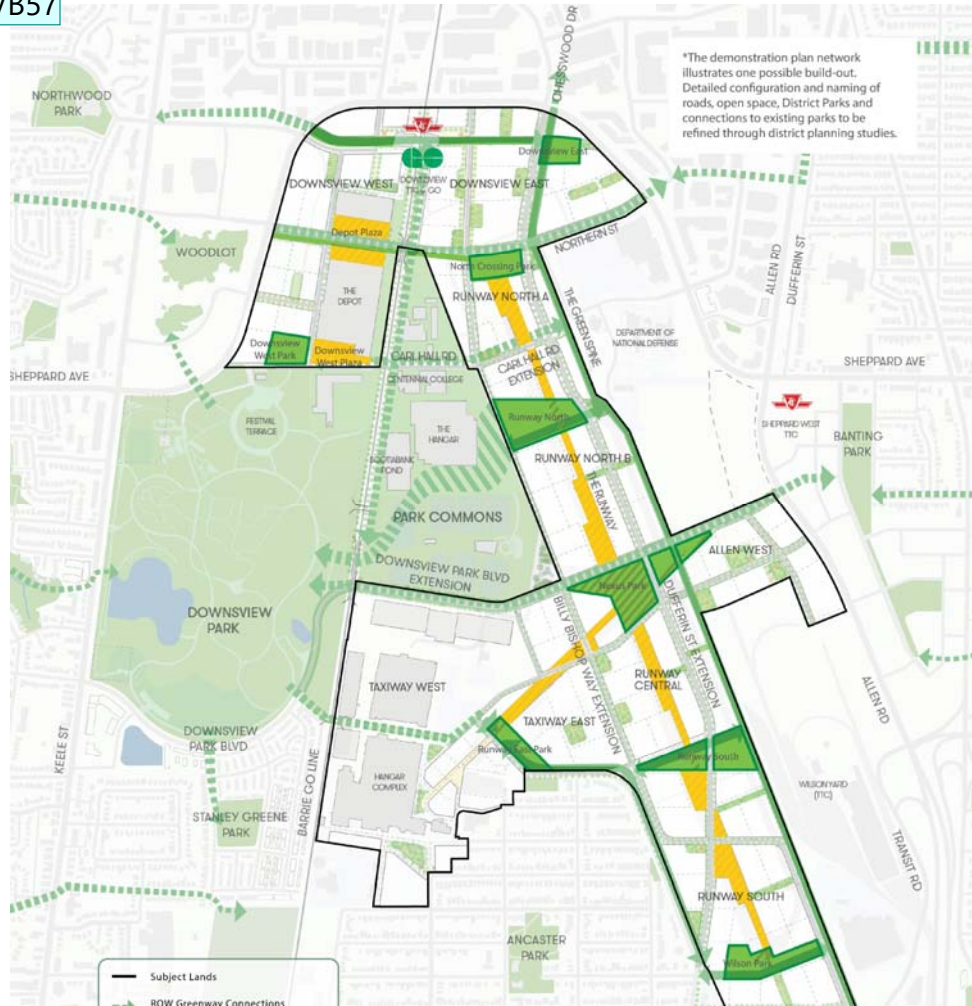
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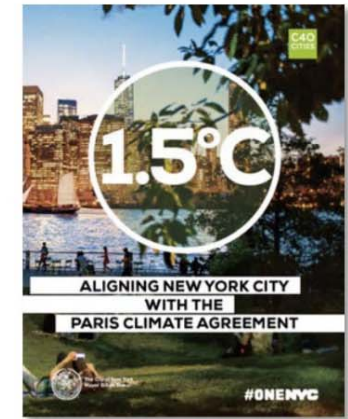
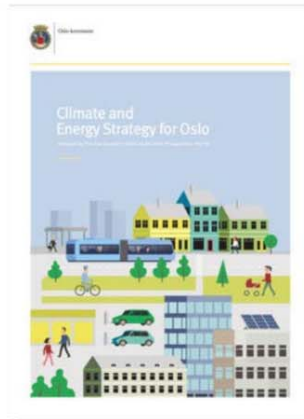
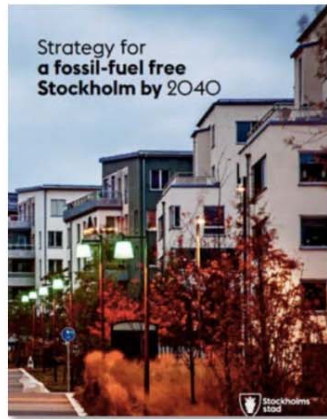
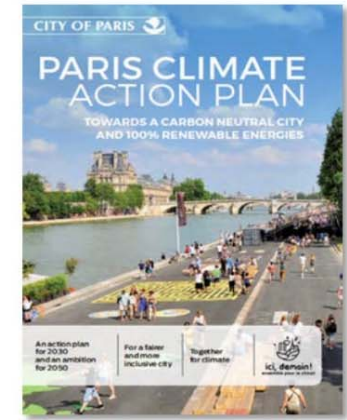
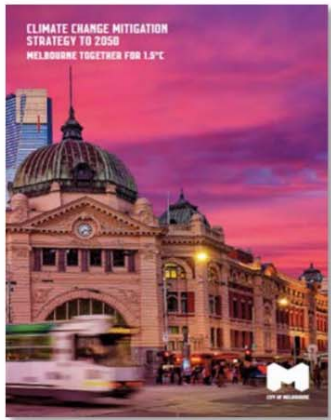


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VB57 According to our portfolio drive, the visualization on the right is confidential, but perhaps you have a more recent update.
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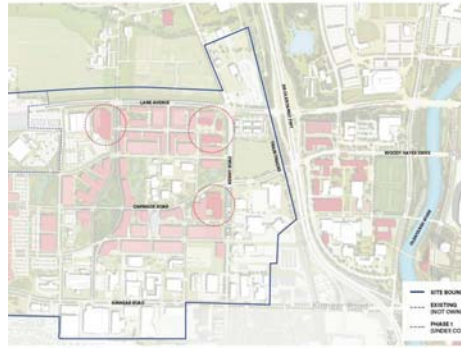
More than 250 cities globally has a climate plan



Henning Larsen ongoing large scale projects



Lim Chu Kang, Food production, Singapore



Ohio State University, innovation district,
Tishman Speyer, US



Pembroke harbour front, Ireland



Fælledby, Denmark



Aarhus rewater, DK



Verona main station, TOD, Italy

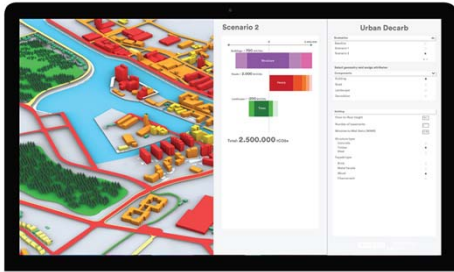


Downsview, Toronto, Canada



Gdansk Imperial Shipyard, Poland

Applied research for larger scale



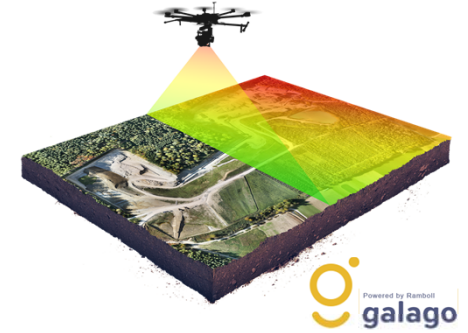
Urban Decarb



GeoPlant



Green Scenario



Galago

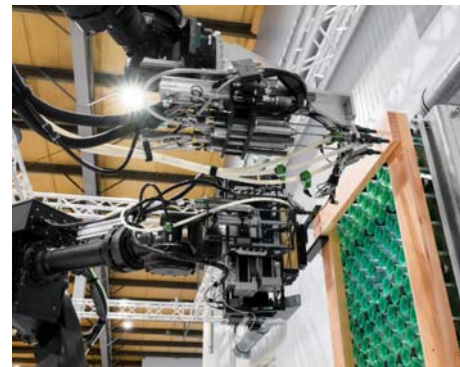
1 to 1 prototyping (client & industry-driven innovation)



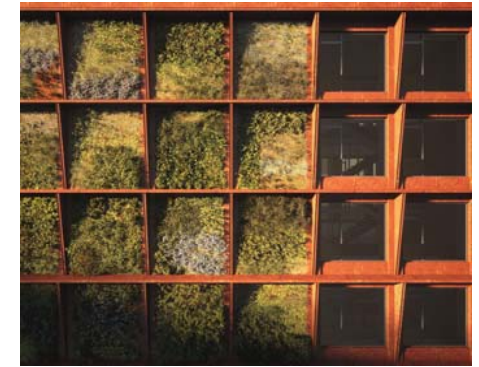
3Dprint, RowHouses



Straw school building, Felballe Friskole



Robotic Manufacturing, EarthShot



Nordø, Byggros

Open source

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The construction industry has an outsized impact on the environment but it also has enormous potential to be at the forefront of change.

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Kasper Kyndesen og 243 til

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On Monday, we sailed along Copenhagen's canals to Nordø, marking the perfect ending to the first day of [UIA World Congress of Architects CPH 2023](#).

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Urban DecarbTM

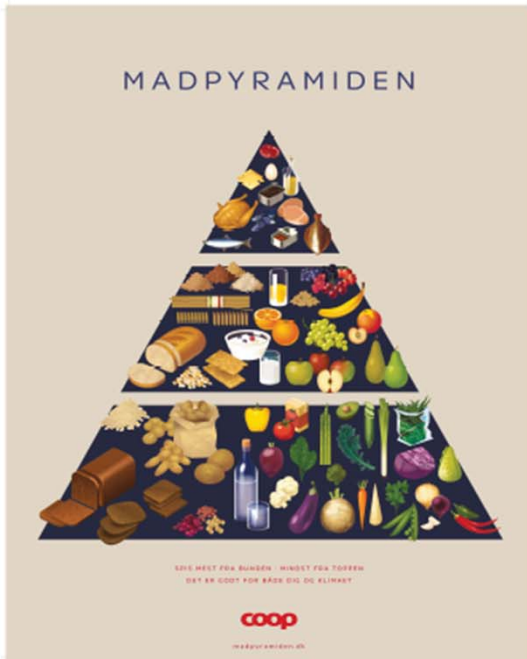


Every Dane accounts for 13 ton of CO₂e per year



In 2022 we configured
2000 tons of CO₂e/designer

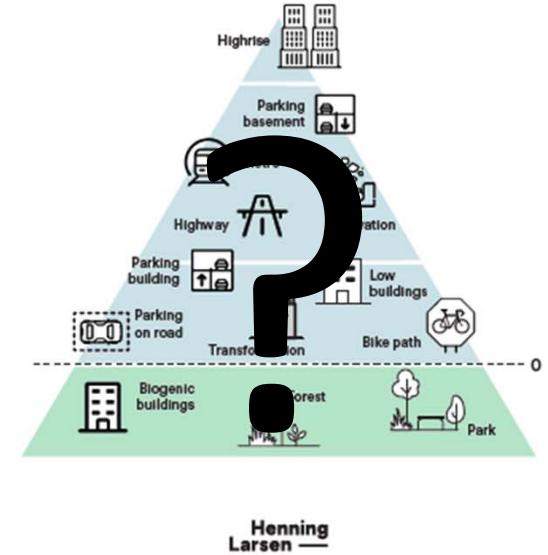
What should we prioritize to build and what should we limit?



Buildings material pyramid on CO2e



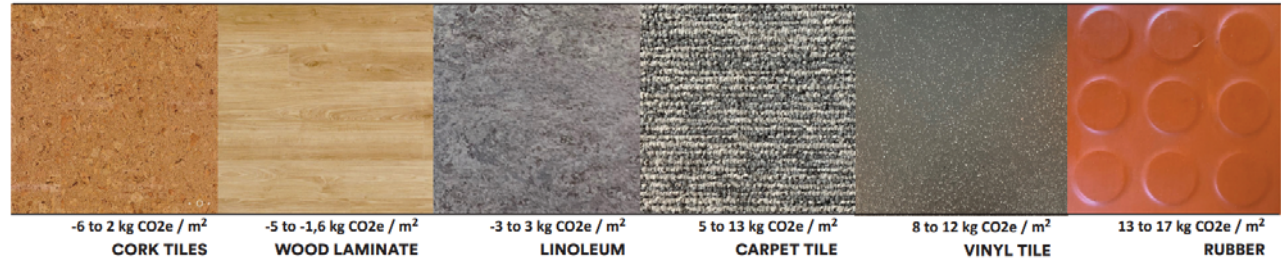
Urbansim material pyramid on CO2e



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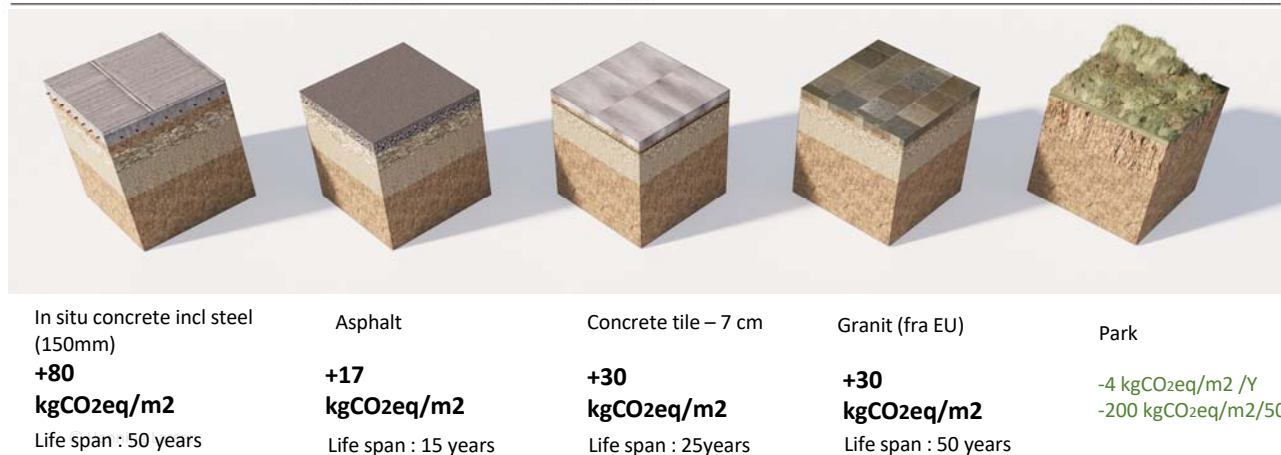
New materials - Flooring



Resued materials - Bricks



Urban pavement







Buildings



Parking



Roads



Landscape

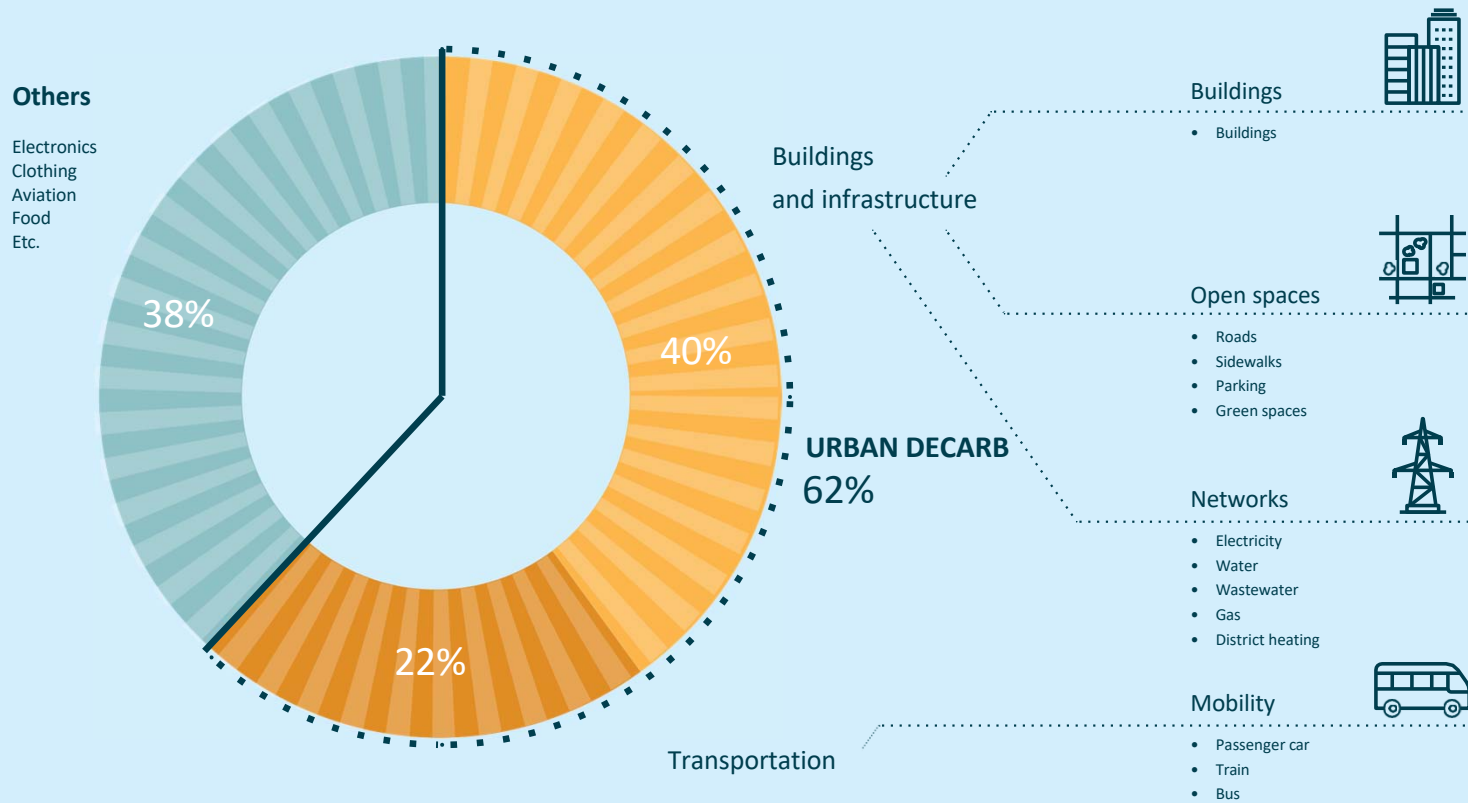


Technical infrastructure



Excavation

1. What are the most carbon intensive parts of urbanism?



Step 2: Assign attributes to visualize carbon footprint

The screenshot shows a software interface for visualizing carbon footprint in an urban model. The main view is a 3D rendering of a city block with various buildings and green spaces. A central building is highlighted in yellow. The interface includes a toolbar on the left, a top menu bar, and a right-hand panel titled "URBAN DECARB".

The right-hand panel contains the following settings:

- Scenarios:** Baseline, All out biogenic, All out solar cells, Proposal.
- Select geometry and assign attributes:** Building, Landscape.
- Building:**
 - Define typology: Residential
 - Number of basement floors: 4 m
 - Window-to-Wall Ratio (WWR): 35 %
 - Structure type: Glulam/CLT
 - Facade type: Timber

At the bottom of the interface, three circular icons display key carbon footprint metrics:

- 141.000 tons CO₂
- 5.3 kg CO₂ / m² / y
- 171 kg CO₂ / pers / y

Buttons for "Update" and "Carbon Goggles" are located at the bottom right of the panel.

Step 3: Scenario comparison - Examples

“Conventional”



- Concrete and brick buildings
- No transformation
- Parking below ground
- Primarily hardscapes

Transformation & Biogenic



41%

- Hybrid and biogenic buildings
- Transformation where possible
- Parking above ground
- Primarily hardscapes

Trees & Landscape



45%

- Reduced parking
- Primarily landscapes and trees

Step 4: Visualization “Carbon Googles”

Build densification 400 % Total:
16.500 people

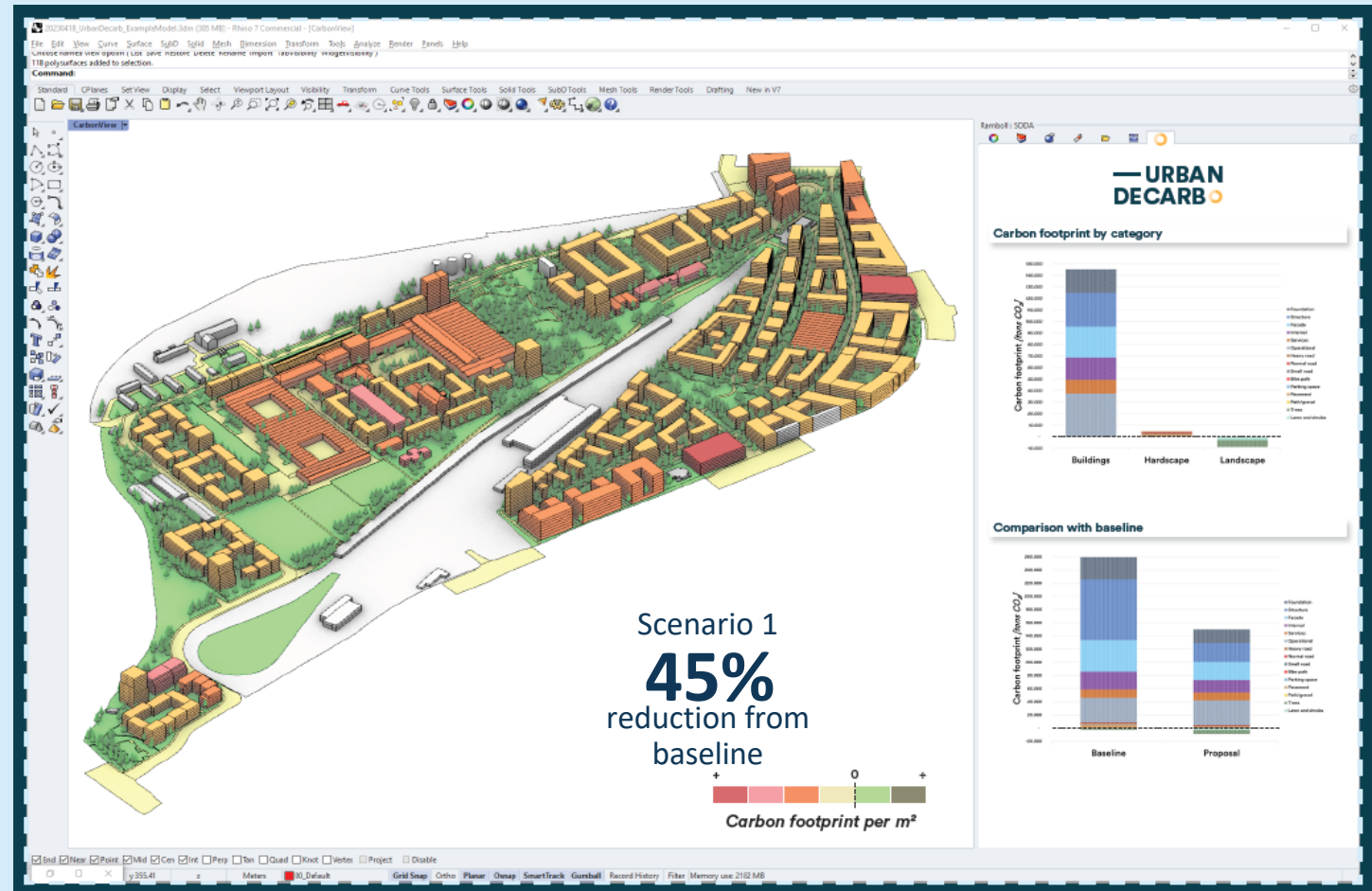
Plotratio from 23% to 101%

New Build: 506.000 m²

Repurposed buildings: 72.900 m²

Grass: 150 %

Trees: + 330 %



Scale matters

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Research and development...



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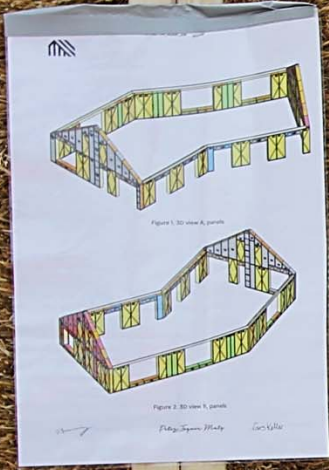


...to the industrial and buildable



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A 'hippie material' made into an industrial building product



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6.7 kgCO₂eq/m²/year. That's the annual carbon footprint of the extension to Feldballe School. How did we get there?

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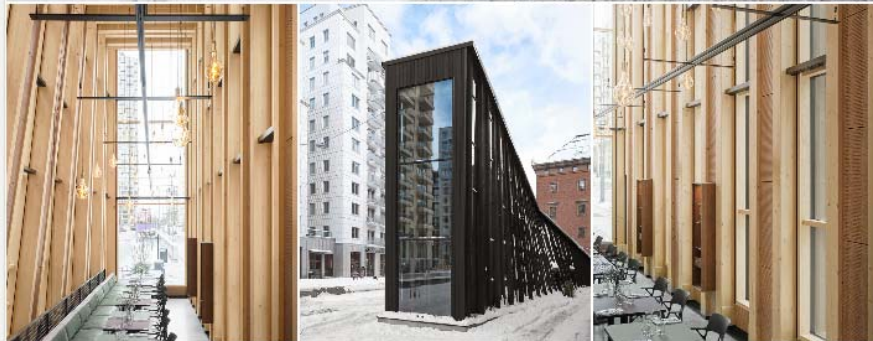
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At present, construction waste accounts for half of the world's solid waste, 90% of which comes from demolition.

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How it started vs. how it's going.

Construction is underway at Sundby School - the first primary school in De ... se mere

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"We start by embedding sustainability and data-driven design into the core narrative of our early design concepts. This way, we can present our approach to clients from the very beginning, rather than adding sustainability as an afterthought." ... se mere

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#BTS at WoV

World of Volvo is currently under construction in Gothenburg, Sweden. ... se mere

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👍 Synes godt om

💬 Kommenter

🔄 Slå op igen

✉ Send

Riccardo Pedroni • 1.
Senior Associate at Ramboll
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Week 07 and 08 #Marmormolen Progress

In these two weeks we have started a new module while we go up!
Now the catch-up game starts!

And first time our Building Services Specialists climbed up on the timber levels:
Maria Tyrychtrova Nielsen, Kenken Aoshima and Lewis Hunter were quite excited!

#timber #timberconstruction #sustainablechange #sustainableconstruction

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We are designing the world's largest wood city in Stockholm, Sweden.

Spanning 25 city blocks in the south of the capital, this monumental mass: ... se mere

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Anders Park og 2.429 til

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Located west of the center of Reims, the site chosen for the new NEOMA school is part of a neighborhood in transfer: Port Colbert.

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Sydhavn

Amager Fælled

Ørestad Nord

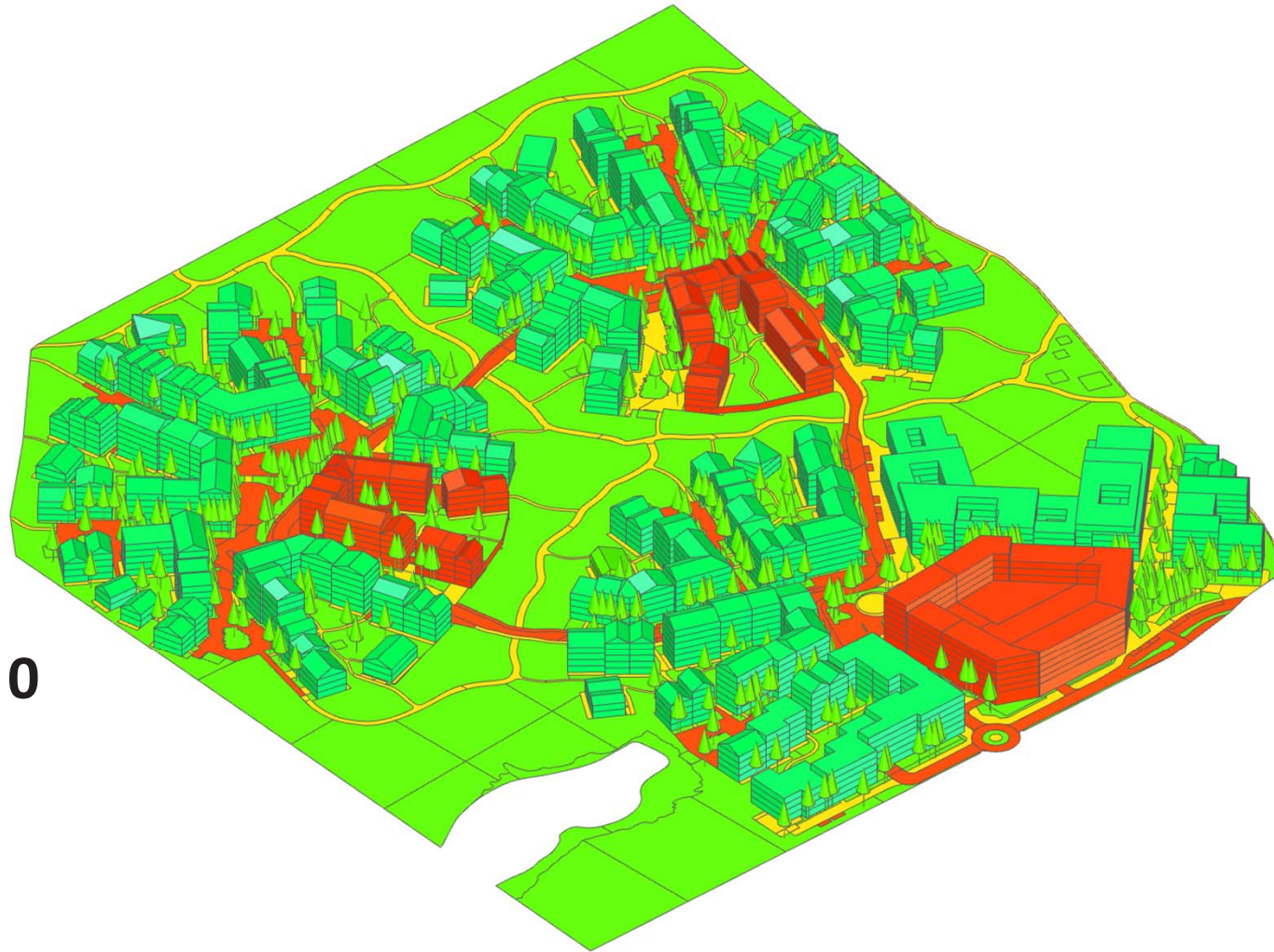
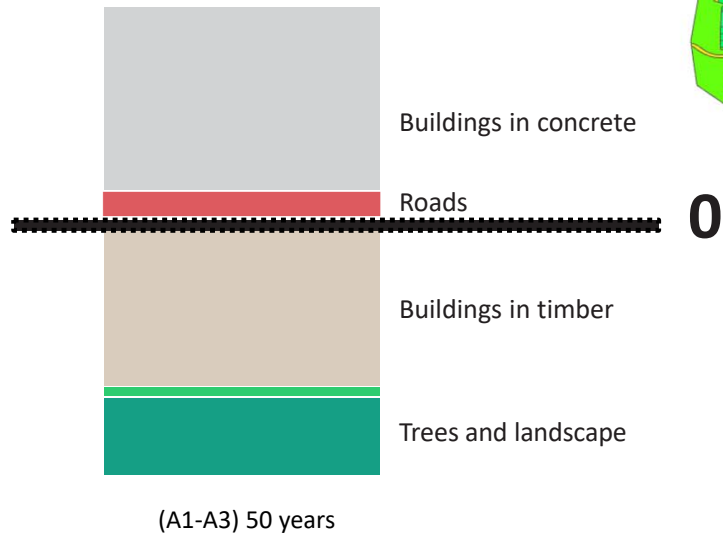
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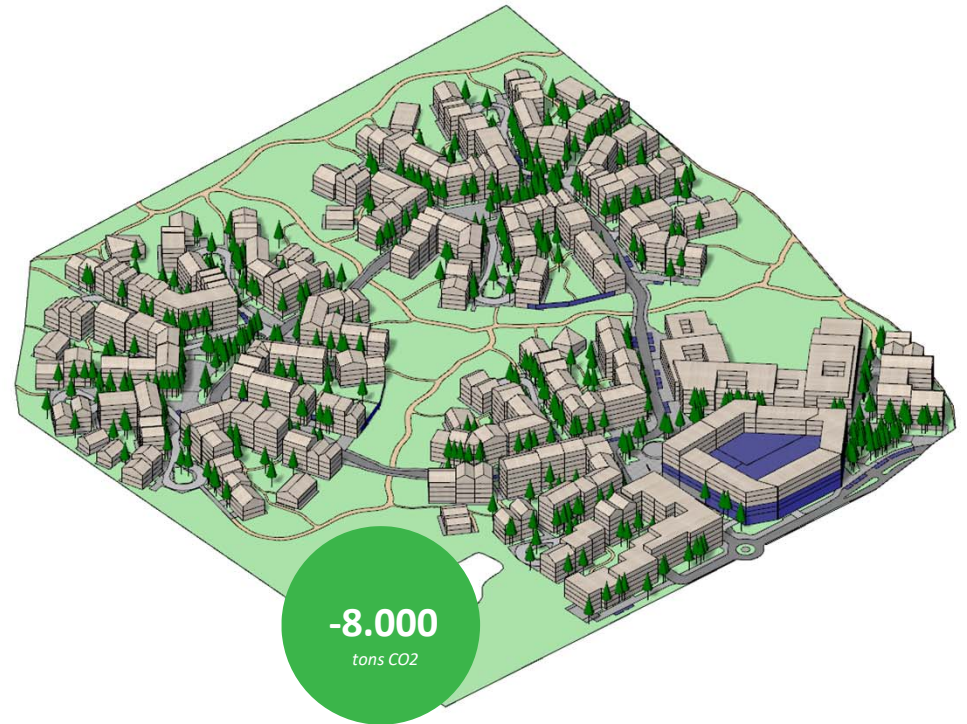
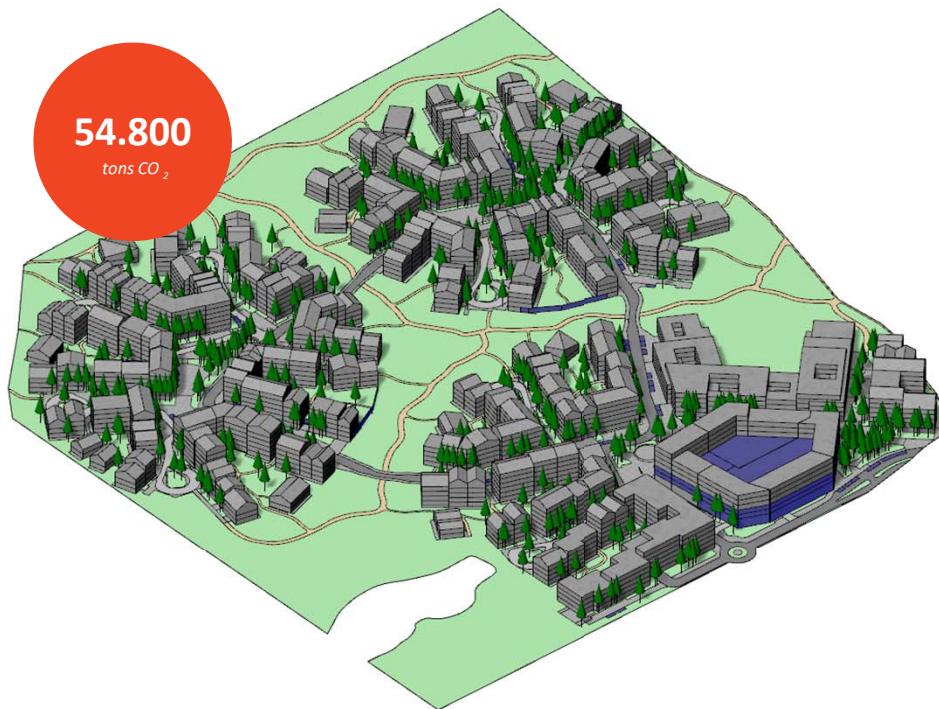
Carbon Googles

Reduces 62.800 tons of upfront carbon vs conventional



Conventional

- + CLT
- + Timber cladding
- + No burning after 50 years



Living together

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An aerial photograph of an industrial waterfront area during sunset. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light. In the foreground, there are several large, dark industrial buildings with flat roofs. A prominent crane stands near the water's edge. The middle ground shows a wide body of water with various structures and cranes along the shore. In the background, more industrial buildings and cranes are visible, partially obscured by a light haze. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet industry and potential.

The future urbanim starts in
unleashing hidden contextual
resources



...and decarbonizing through design

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VB58 decarbonize changed to decarbonizing
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...by recycling through
transformation of existing
buildings



...and reducing through
biogenics and increased
urban nature



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Thank you

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