



# The fourth nature of the contemporary city From Rio de Janeiro to Seattle

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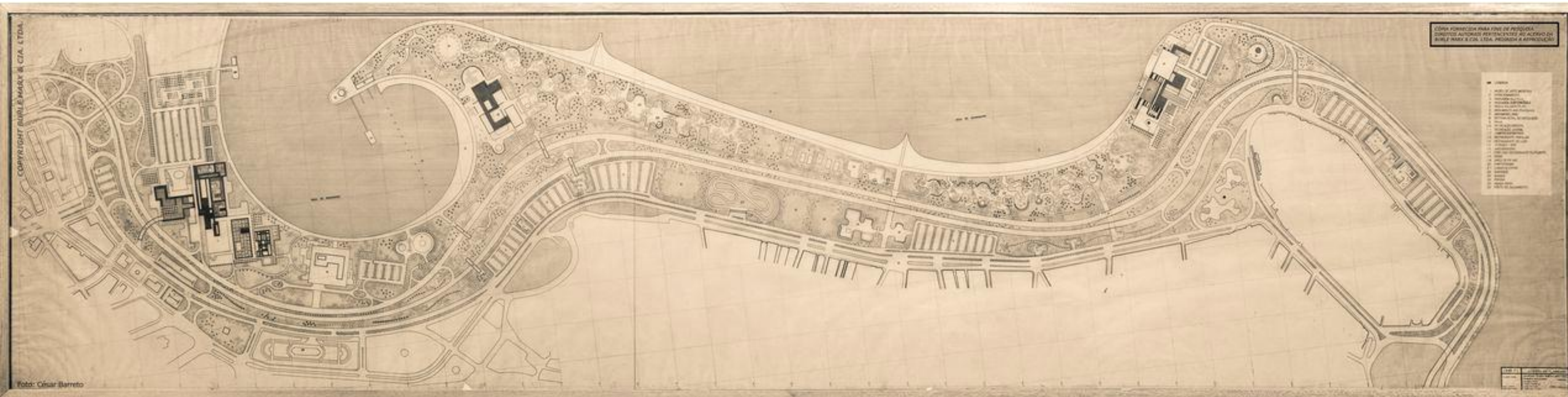


“We shall never again find the peace of Eden but we can try to get closer to it by creating restful and uplifting environments.”

Roberto Burle Marx



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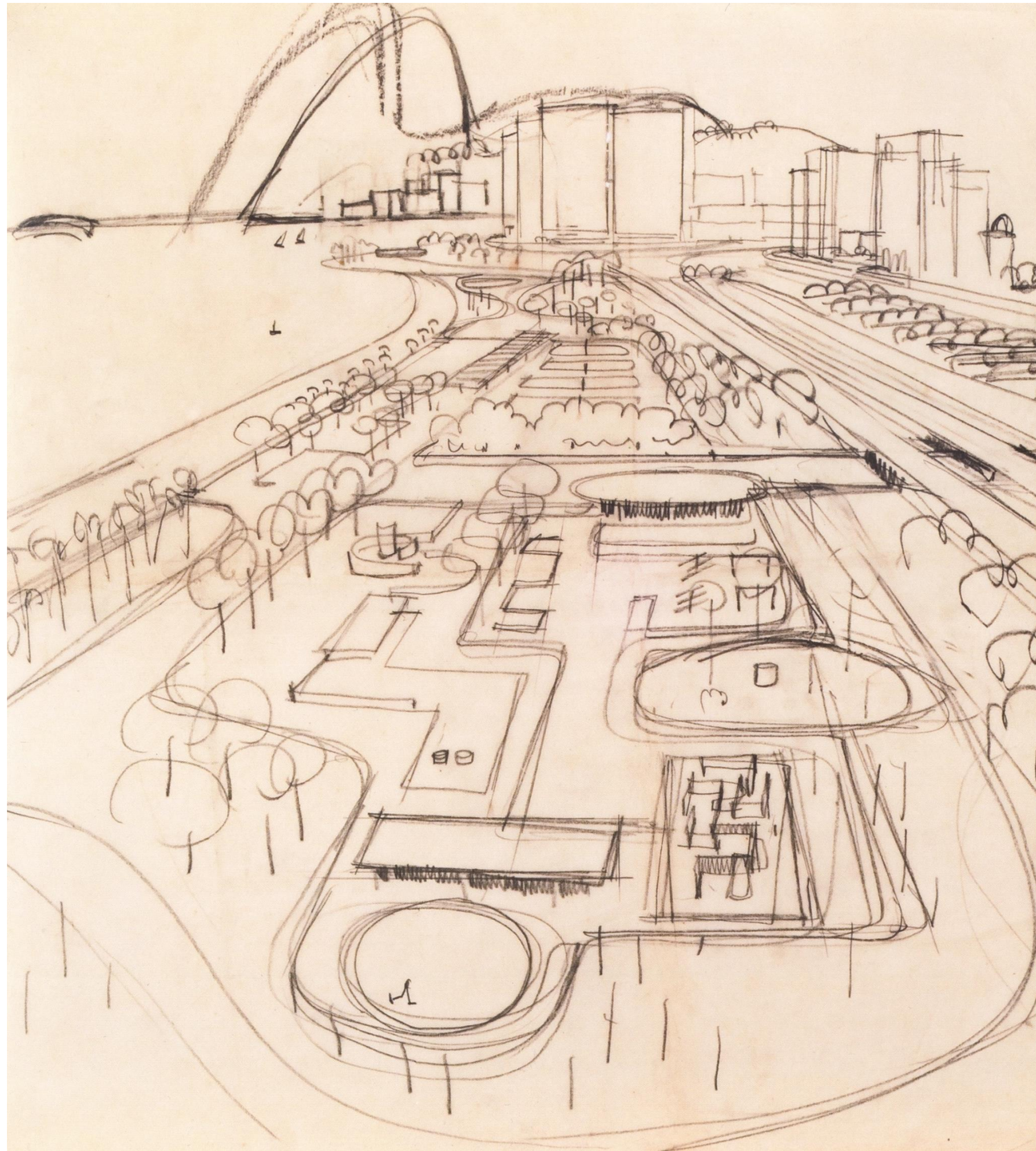


Plan of the Aterro do Flamengo, Rio de Janeiro, 1961

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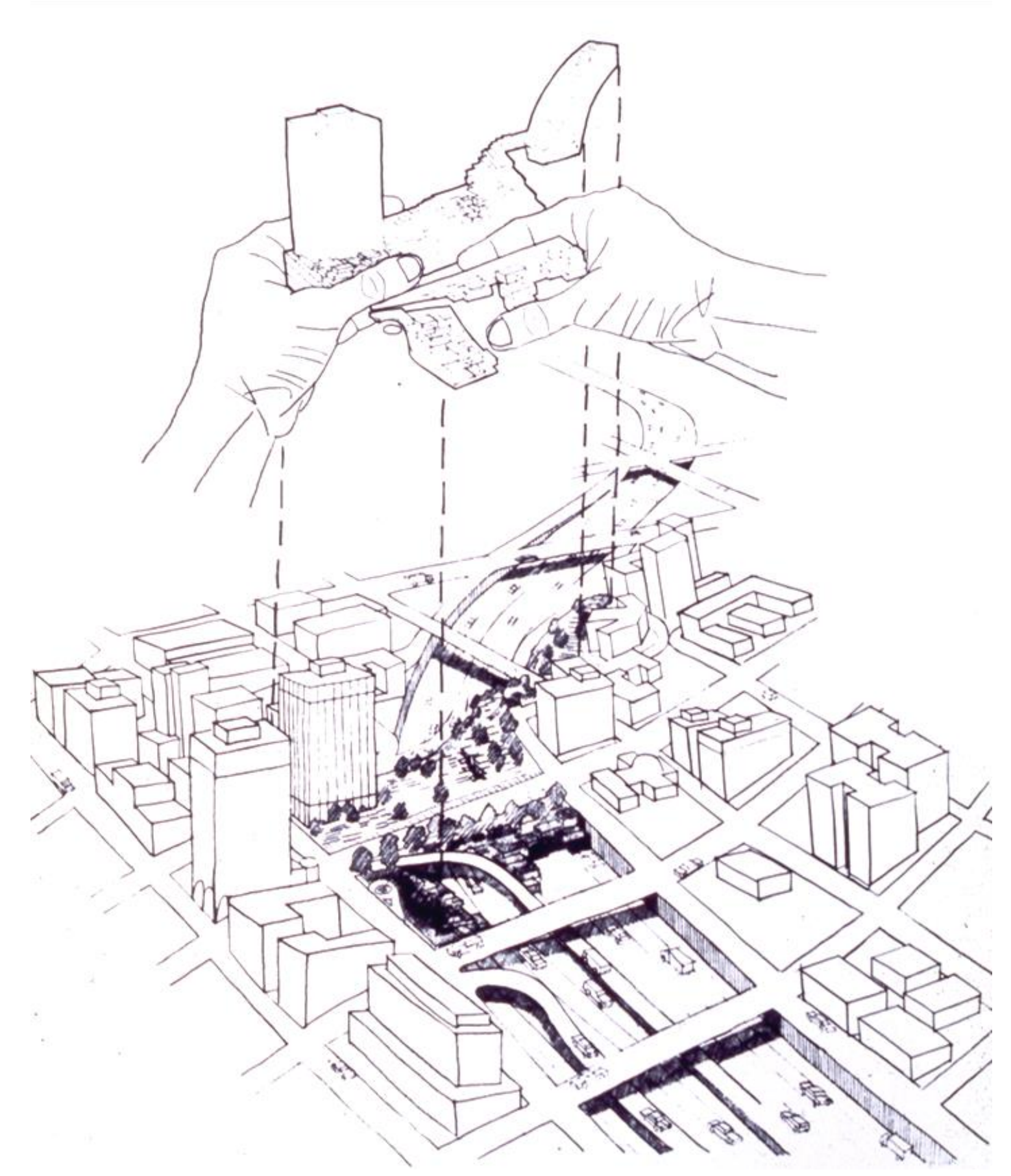
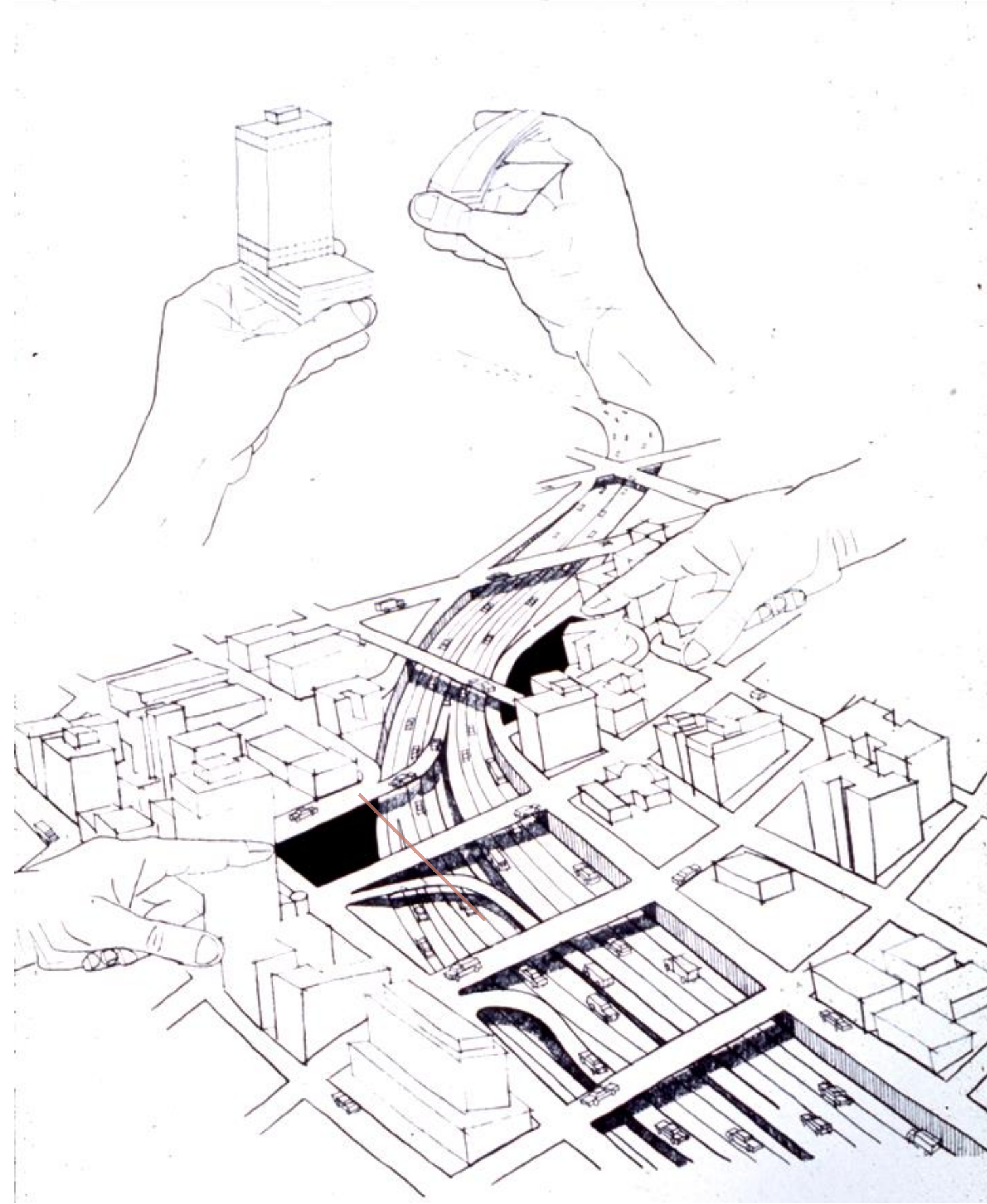
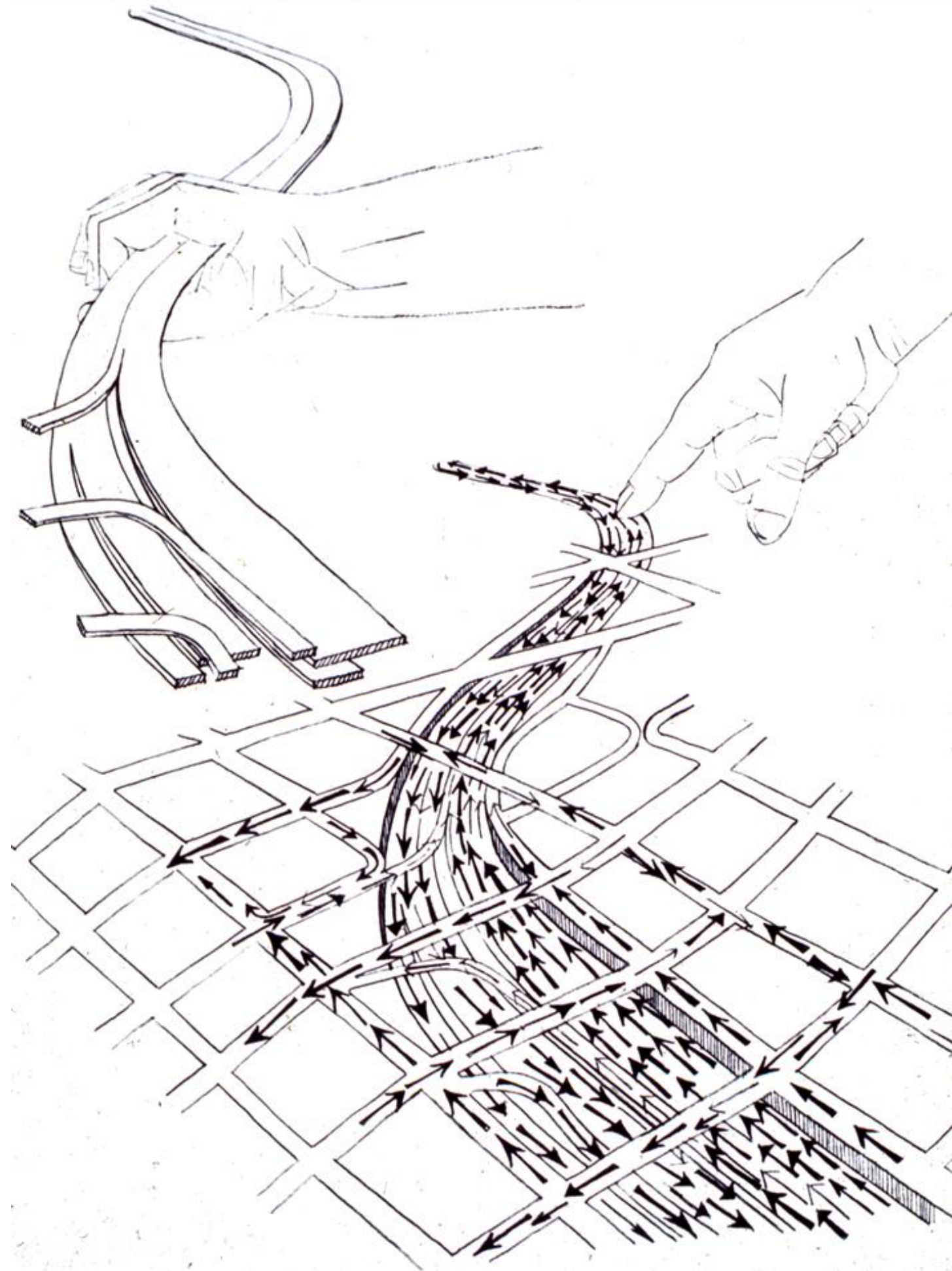


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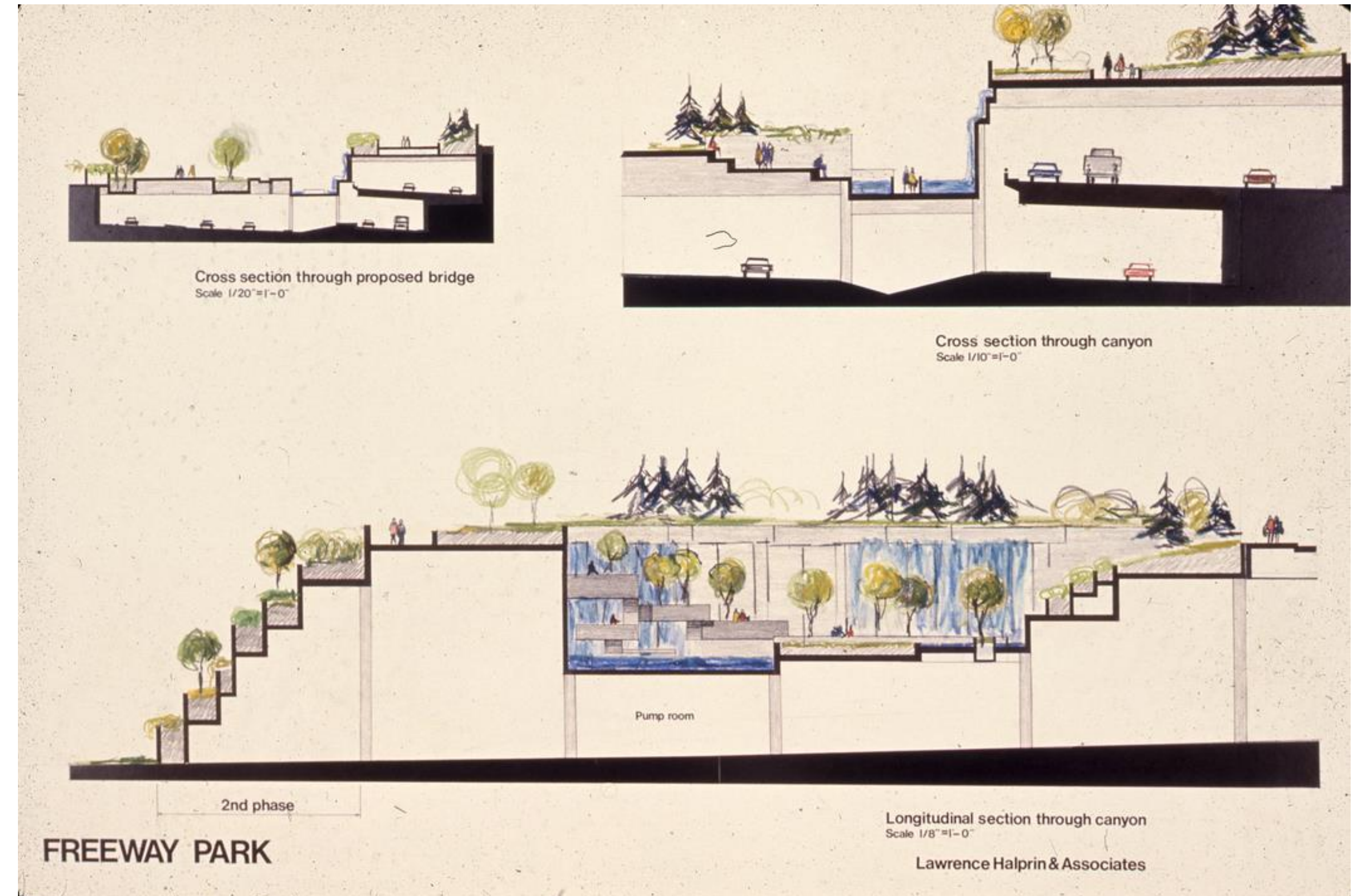


“The trick is to perceive the freeway as part of the cityscape and tame it, rather than complain about it.”

Lawrence Halprin



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**Freeway Park, Seattle, WA, 1970-1976**

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“The cities don't give us a chance to dream, to search out mysteries, to adventure, to imagine the most wonderful things  
– to fantasize. They lack places to hide, to play.”

Lawrence Halprin