



# URBANCRACKS

16TH STREET STATION, OAKLAND

**CONTEXT/LOCATION**  
16TH STREET TRAIN STATION WITH AN ABANDONED AND FORGOTTEN PIECE OF HISTORY, ONCE CRUCIAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PEOPLE OF OAKLAND, SITTING ON A 500-YEAR-OLD SITE, THE STATION SERVES AS THE CENTRAL FOCUS WHERE THE PROJECT REINVENTS THE SITE IN A CONTEMPORARY WAY, INTEGRATING PARTS OF THE EXISTING AND NEW TO AVOID THE UNWANTED IMPACT OF THE SITE. THE DESIGN WEAVES PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCES AROUND THESE "ABANDONED" CONDITIONS. 16TH STREET STATION CAN NOW BE A SITE OF REINVENTION, A PROGRESSIVE PROMISE ALLOWING FOR NATURAL PLANT INTERVENTION, A SPACE FOR CREATIVITY, RECREATION, AND INTERACTION, AND THE NORTH-SOUTH PATHWAY THAT THE RAILROADS LEFT BEHIND MET AMONGST THE LIVES OF THE MARKETPLACE, LIVING SPACES, AND SUBURBAN LIFE IT WILL NOW SERVE. TO EMPTIFY BOTH OLD AND NEW SITE CONDITIONS, THE DESIGN FOLLOWS THE LINEAR OF THE HISTORICAL RAILROAD TRACKS THROUGH THE SITE, CREATING ORDER RATHER THAN DISORDER. THROUGH SPATIAL EXPERIMENTATION, EVALUATED SCENARIOS REVEAL THE HARMONIOUS PLAY OF NATURE AND INDUSTRIAL ARCHITECTURE. HERE, A SENSE OF COMMUNITY CAN BECOME AS THE PUBLIC RECONNECTS WITH ONE OF THEIR CITY'S HISTORICAL HERITAGES AS A DYNAMIC PUBLIC SPACE RATHER THAN A FULLY PRIVATIZED DEVELOPMENT.



**FO3**  
REINVENTED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DESIGN...  
**FO1**  
LANDING TO STREET WITH...  
**FO2**  
FACILITATE GROWTH THROUGH...  
**FO4**  
LINKS WITH NEAR AND OLD...  
**PROJECT LAYERS SAMPLE/SUBTRACTION**  
**FOREST GREENWAY SAMPLE**

