

Black Rock City | Lessons in the Dust



An investigation on what permanent settlements can learn from a temporary city.



What if you were given the chance to build a city from scratch?

Where would you start?

What rules govern the design?

How would it function?

How would it grow?

This guy got the chance.



Rod Garrett



His canvas, the Black Rock Desert.

JEOPARDY!

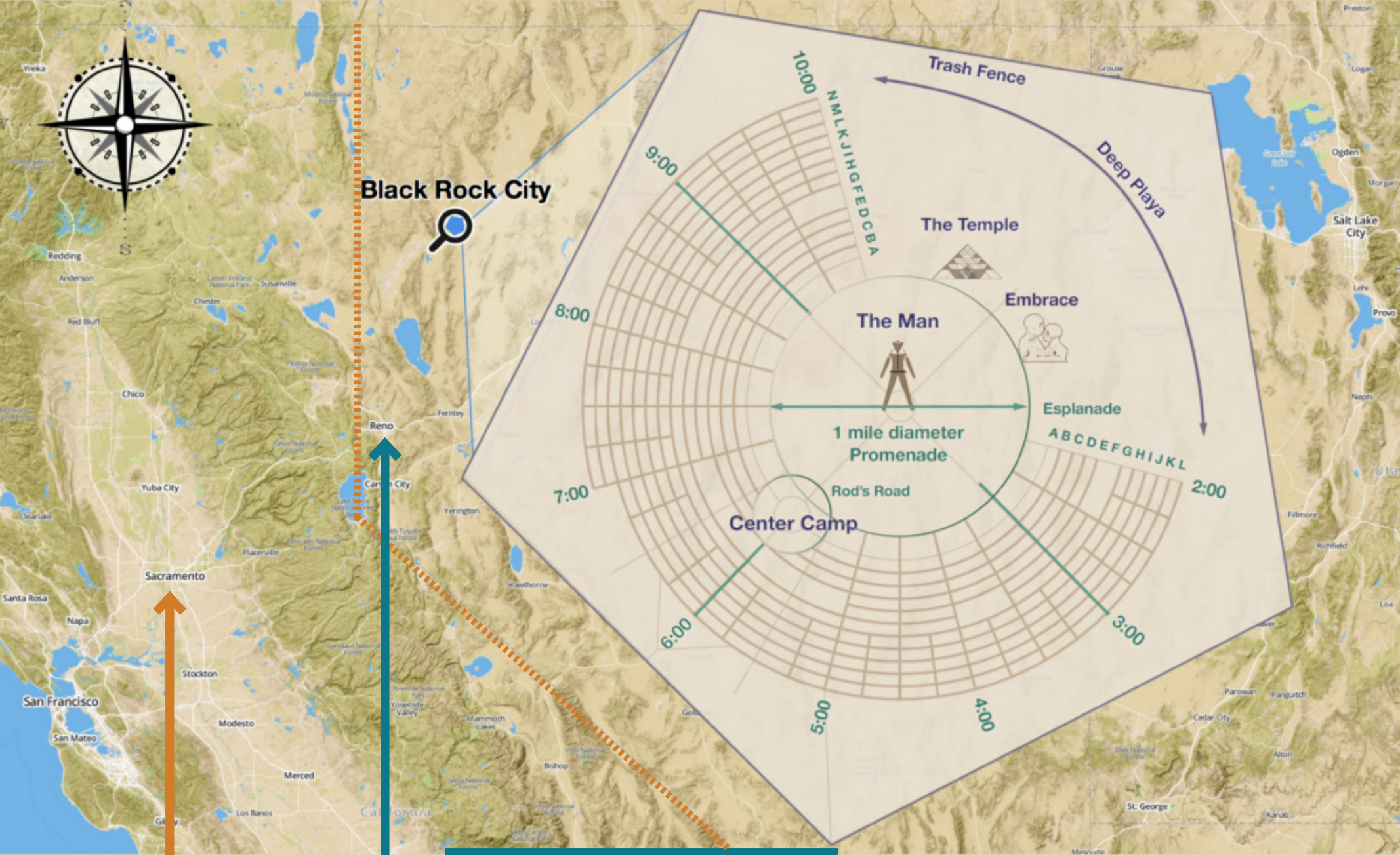
LAND FORMATIONS

In the Western US, this flat-bottom depression found in interior desert basins is periodically covered by water that slowly evaporates into the atmosphere, causing the deposition of salt along the bottom of the depression.



Answer:

What is “Playa”?



Black Rock City



Reno

Carson City

Sacramento

The Man

The Temple

Embrace

1 mile diameter Promenade

Esplanade

Center Camp

Rod's Road

10:00 NMLKJIHGFEDCBA

9:00

8:00

7:00

6:00

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Deep Playa

Trash Fence

ABCDEFGHIJKLM

Reno

Sacramento

10 Principles

Radical Inclusion

Gifting

Decommodification

Radical Self-reliance

Radical Self-expression

Communal Effort

Civic Responsibility

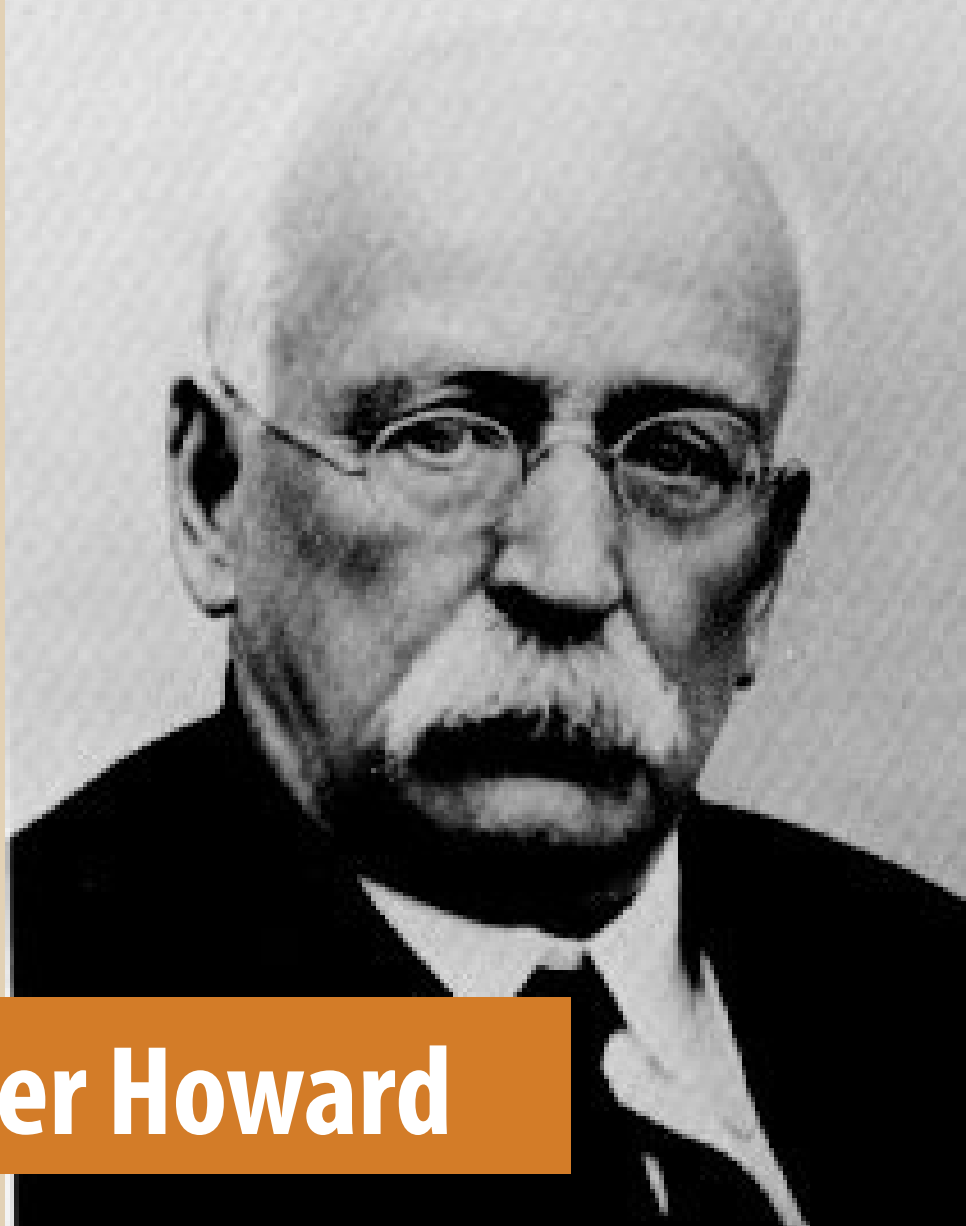
Leaving No Trace

Participation

Immediacy



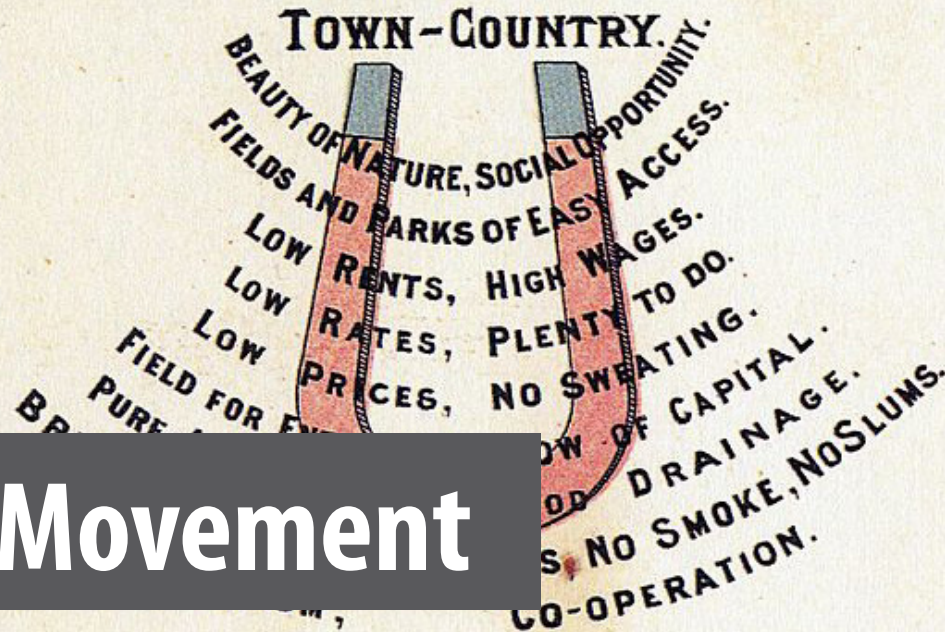
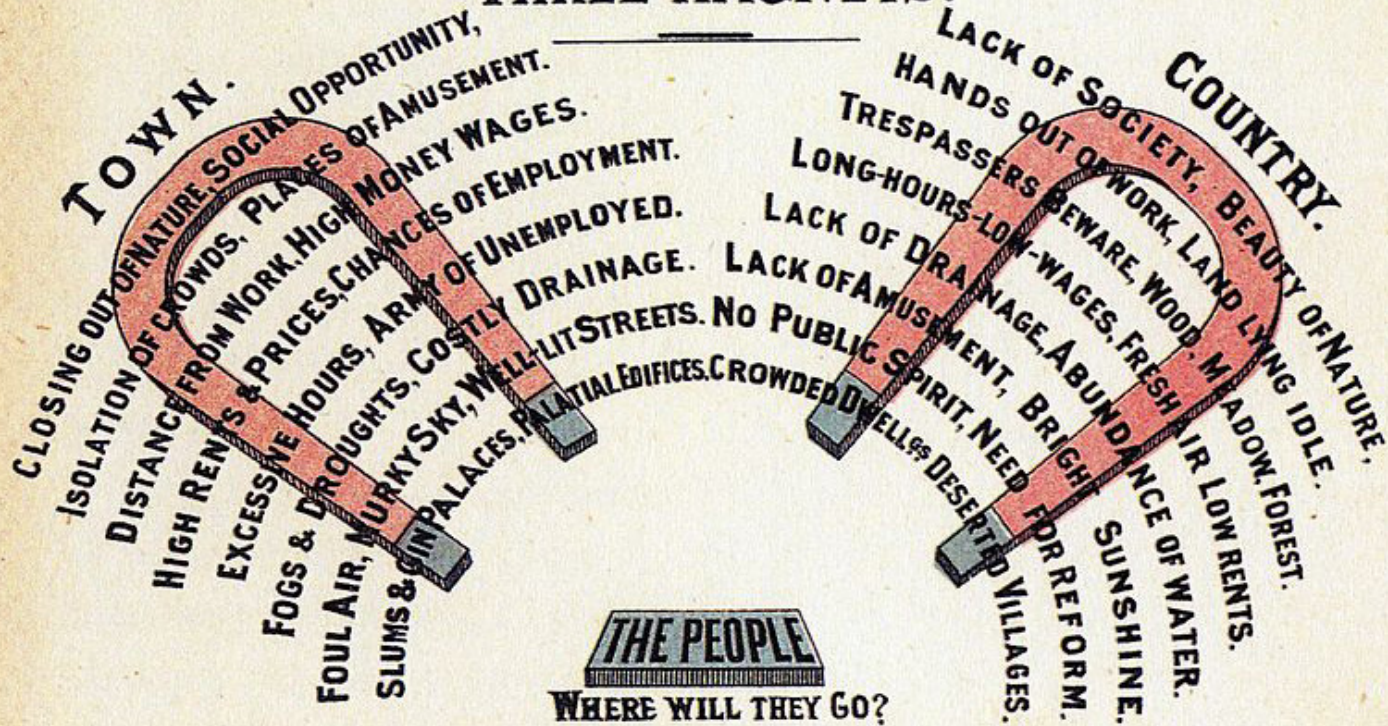
Who or what ideas might inspire your design?



Sir Ebenezer Howard

THE THREE MAGNETS.

No. 1.



Garden City Movement

GROUP OF SLUMLESS SMOKELESS CITIES.

GARDEN CITY.
TOTAL AREA 66,000 ACRES.
9,000 ACRES.
POPULATION 32,000.

GLADSTONE.
POPULATION 250,000
9,000 ACRES.
POPULATION 32,000

CONVALESCENT HOMES.

STONE QUARRIES
RESERVOIR & WATERFALL.

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BRICKFIELDS.

MUNICIPAL

EPILEPTIC FARMS.

CEMETERY.

RESERVOIR AND WATERFALL

HOMES FOR WAIFS.

NEW FOREST

RESERVOIR & WATERFALL

INTER

CENTRAL CITY.

CANAL

LARGE FARMS.

CORD ALLOTMENTS.

RESERVOIR AND WATERFALL.

ALLOTMENTS

GRAND AREA CANAL

POPULATION 58,000
ACRES 12,000

HOME FOR INEBRIATES.

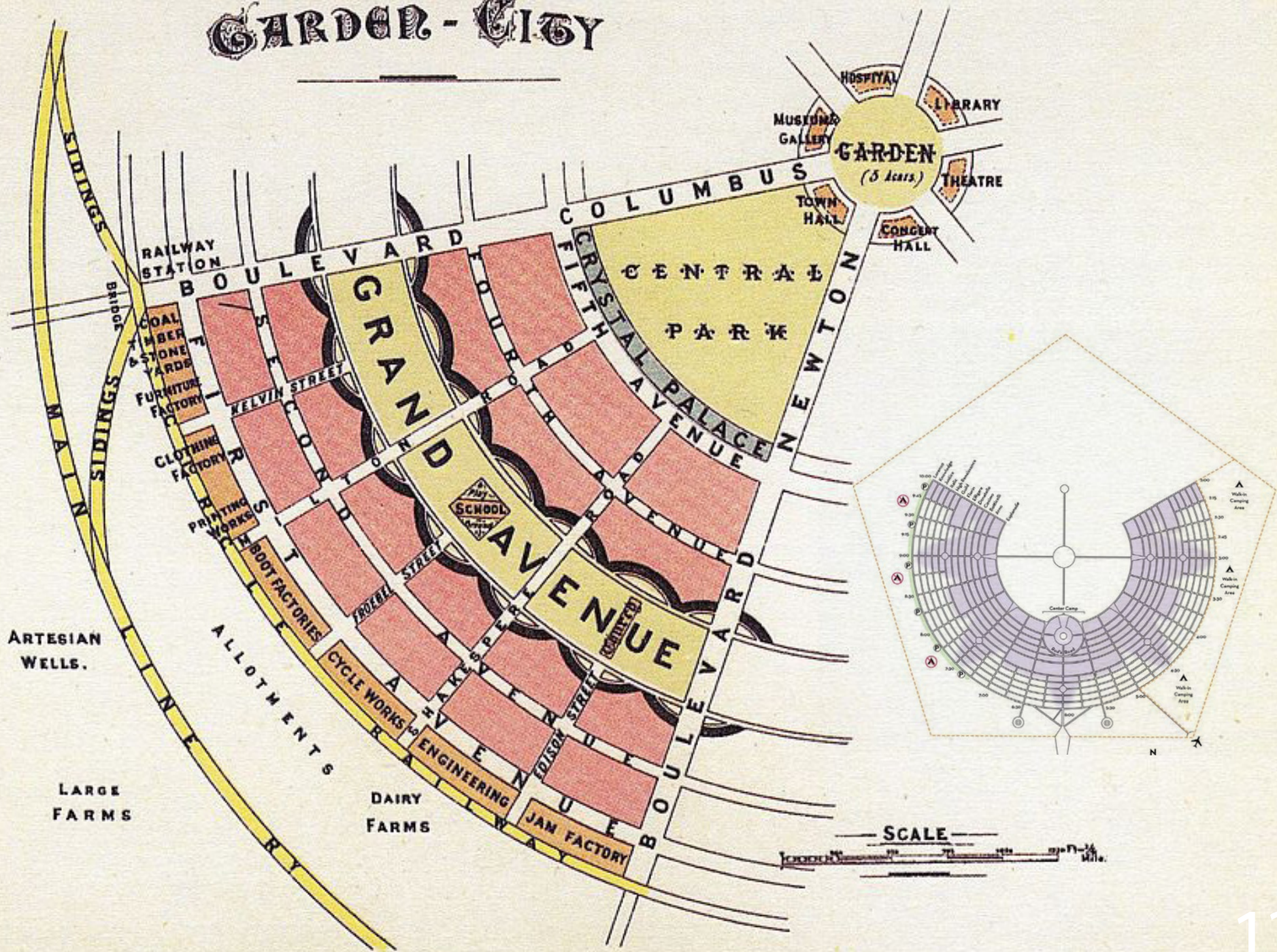
RESERVOIR AND WATERFALL

NEW FORESTS

RESERVOIR & WATERFALL

TO THE SEA

GARDNER - CITY





Palmanova, Italy

Paris, France



Brasilia, Brazil



Garden City



Post Apocalyptic City

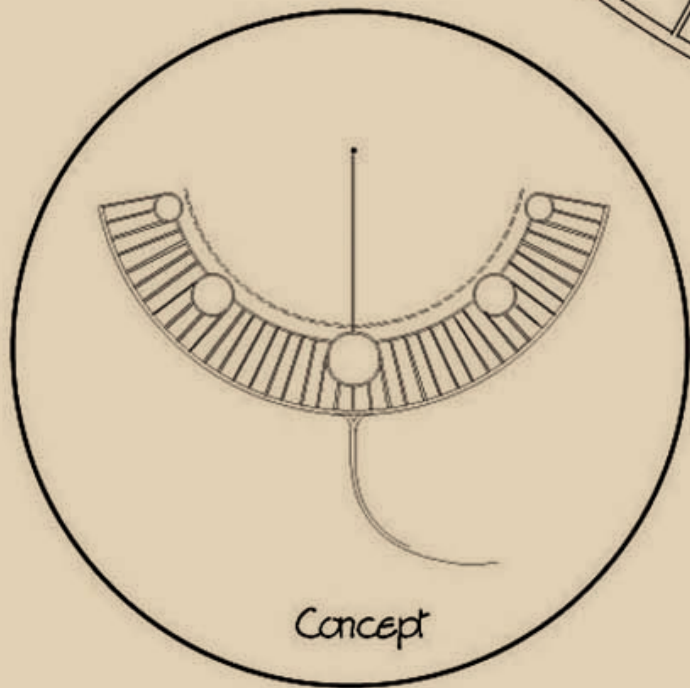
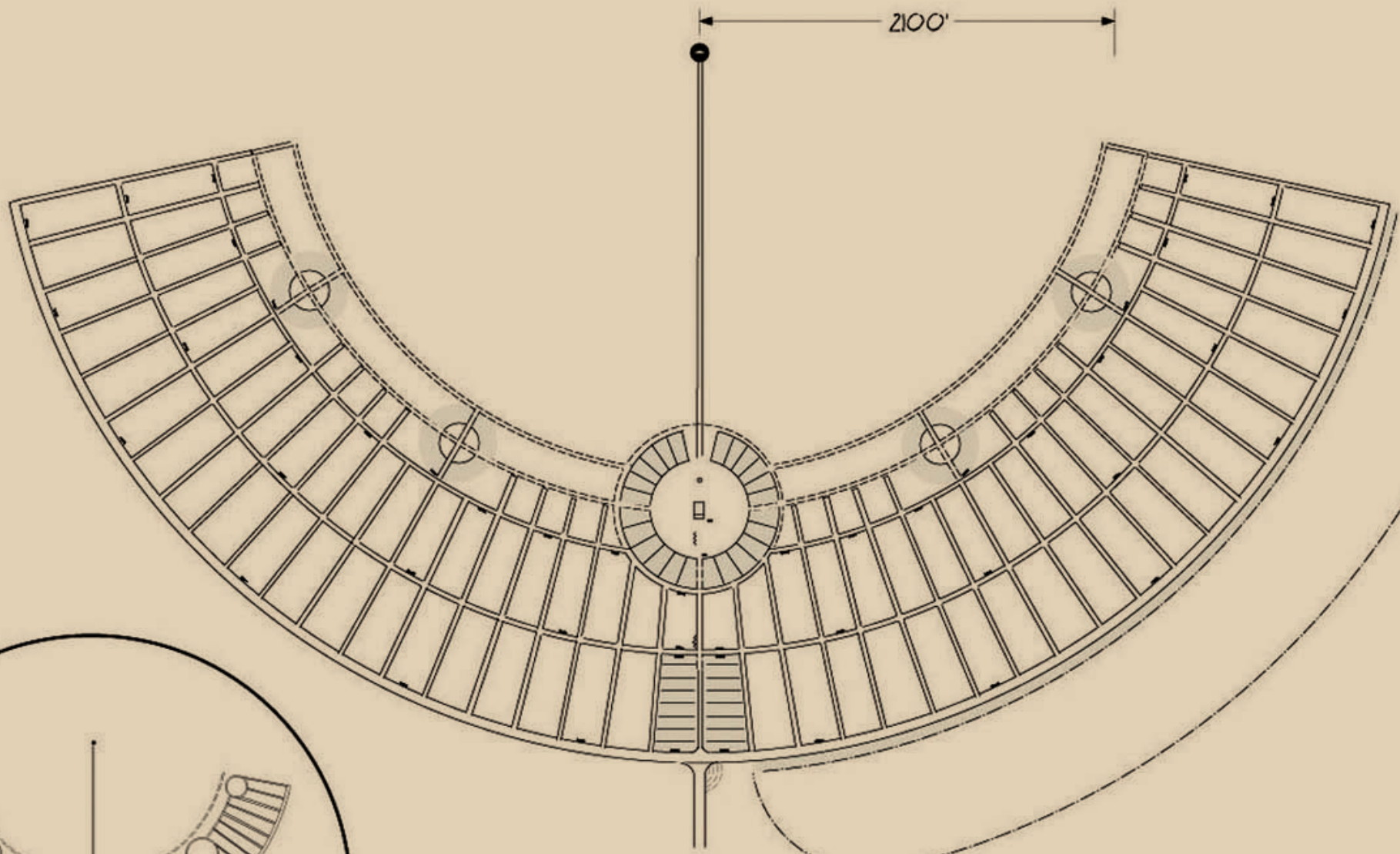


Celebration, FL

**Barter Town,
God Forsaken Desert**

Black Rock City

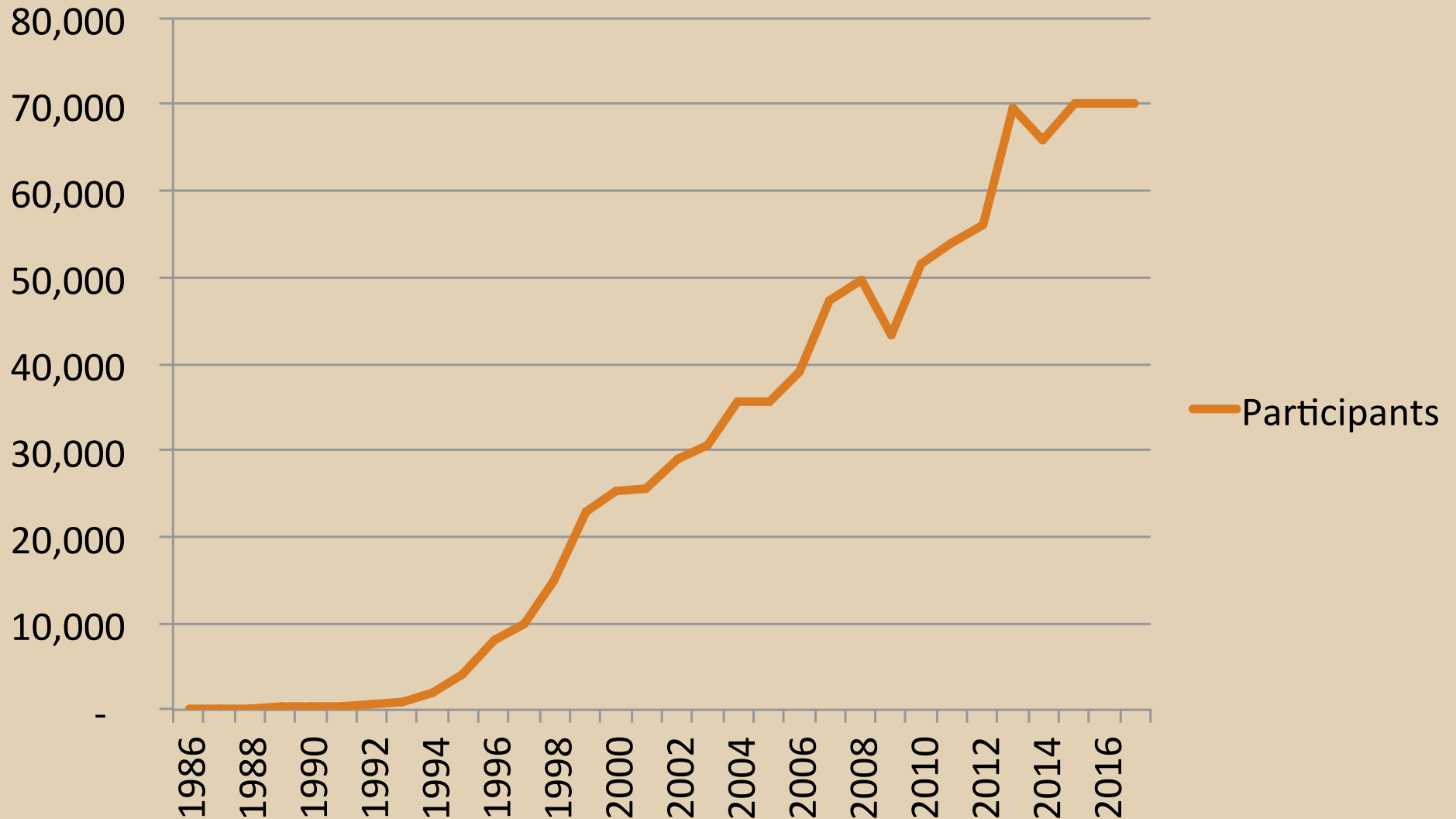




Black Rock City | 1998

The city grows.

Population Growth 1986-2017



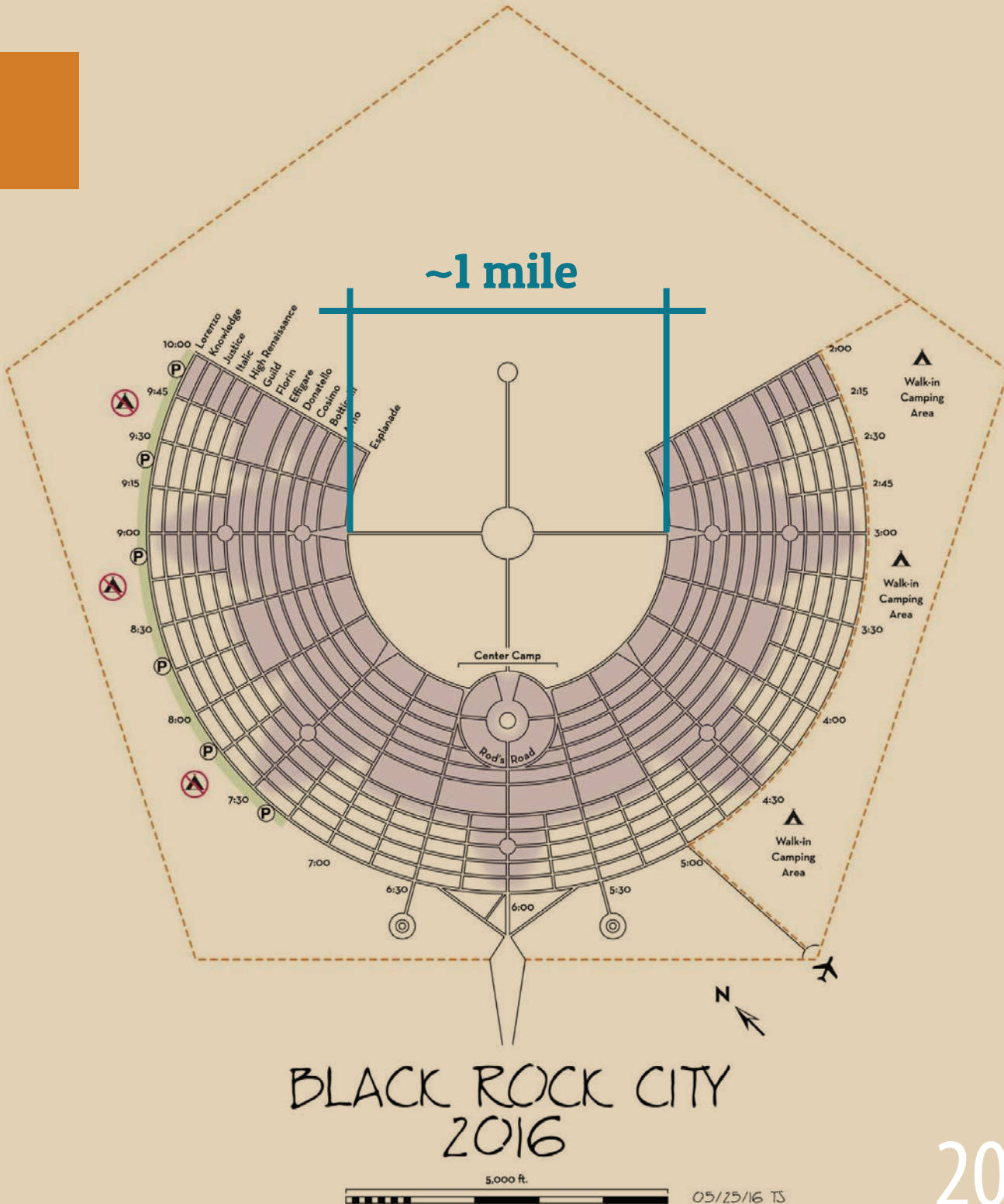
Factoids

**Total Area: 5.7 Mi²
Or 3,648 Acres**

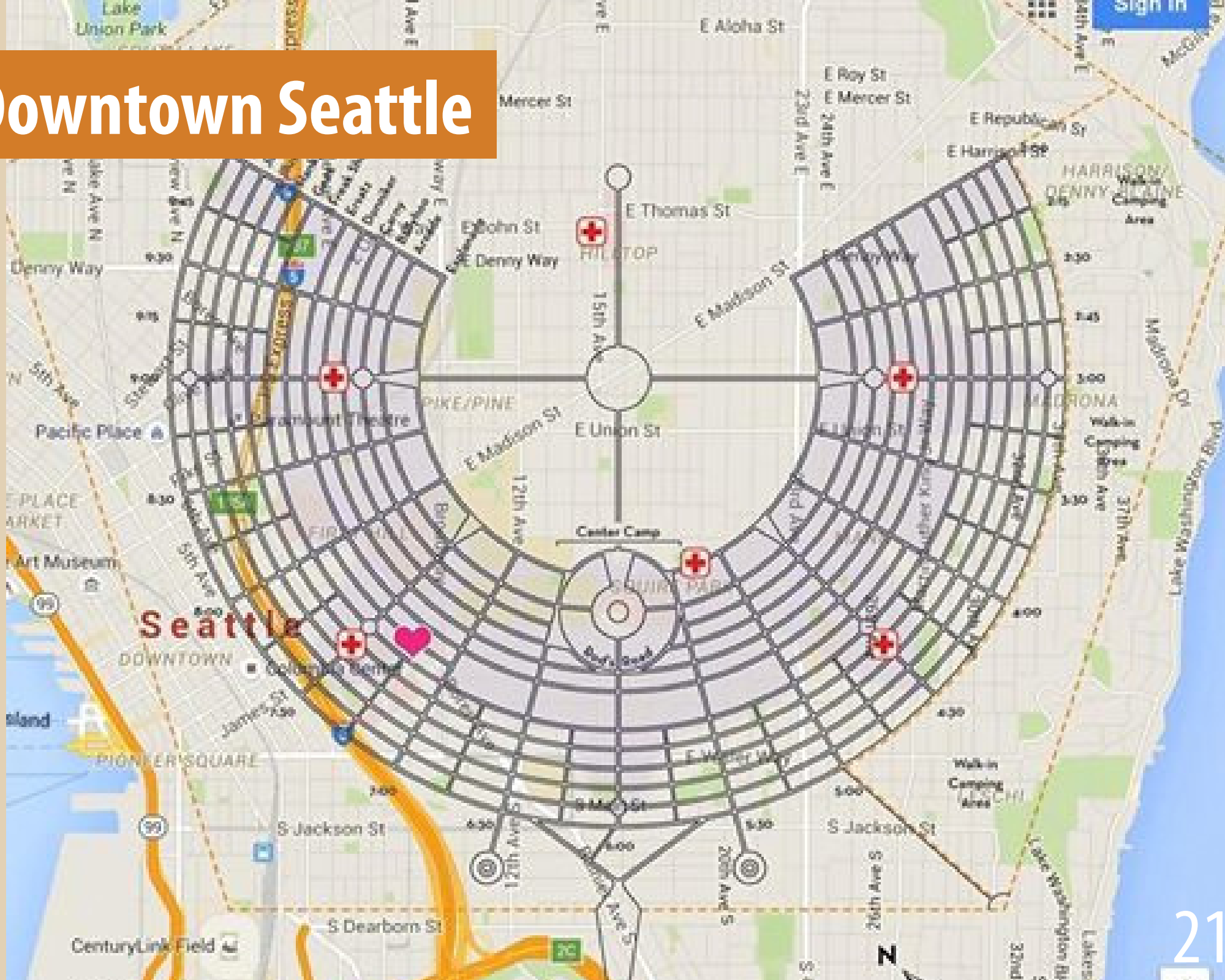
Infrastructure:

Airport, Post Office, Dept. Of Mutant Vehicles, Hospitals, Temple, Radio Stations, Rangers, Fire Fighters, City Planning Staff, Sanitation Dept., Burn Pits, 40-Foot Wide Streets, Recycling Center, a Heavy Equipment Yard, City Information and Greeting Stations, a Café, Newspapers, Street Lights, Theaters, Sound Stages, Mobile Food Trucks, Art Galleries, Sculpture Parks, Art Installation, Street Signs, Art Cars,

Shuttles, and **a Giant Burning Man**



Downtown Seattle



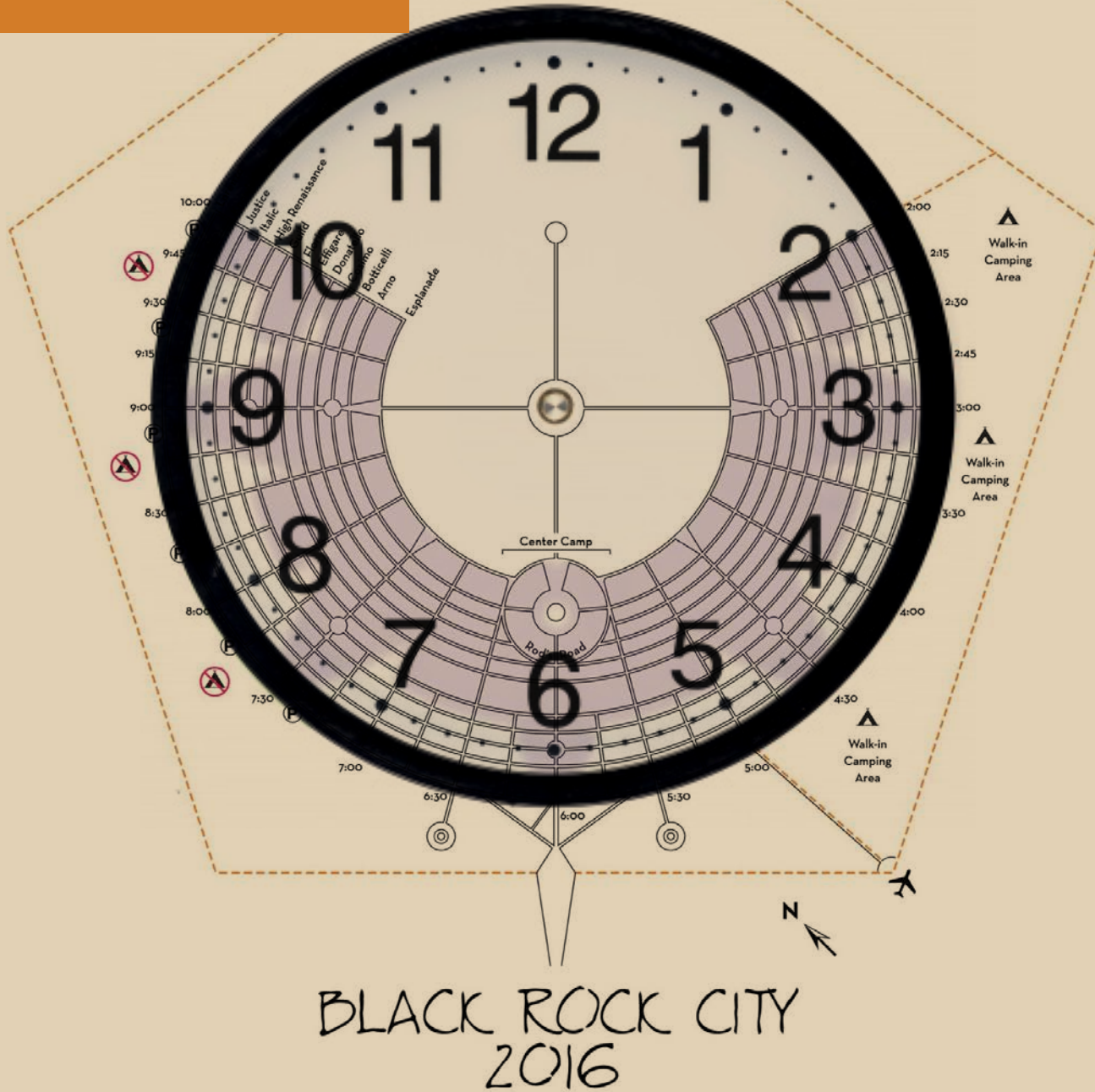


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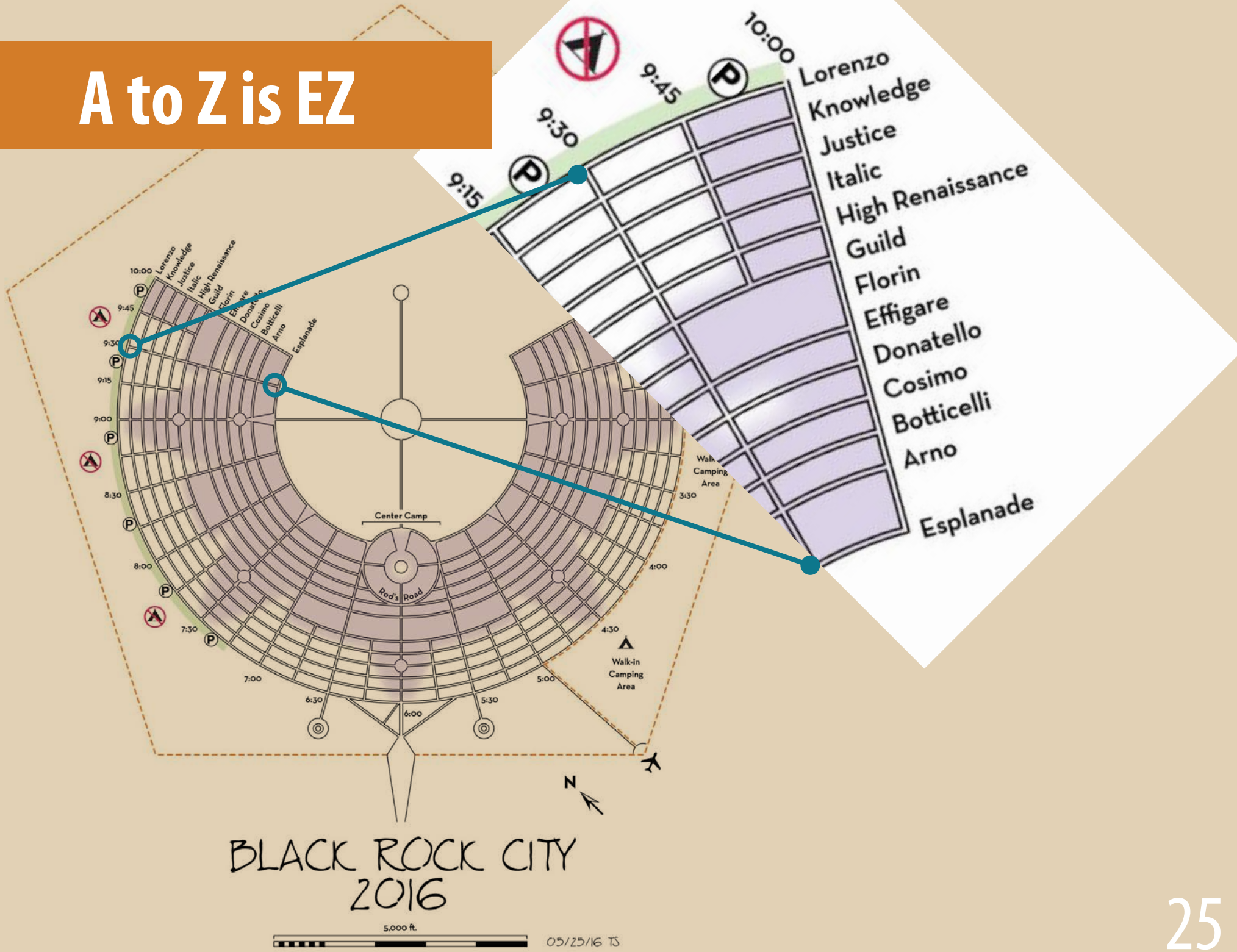
Wayfinding

Tick Tock



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A to Z is EZ



BLACK ROCK CITY
2016



Leave No Trace

Trashy Festivals



2016 BLACK ROCK CITY MOOP MAP

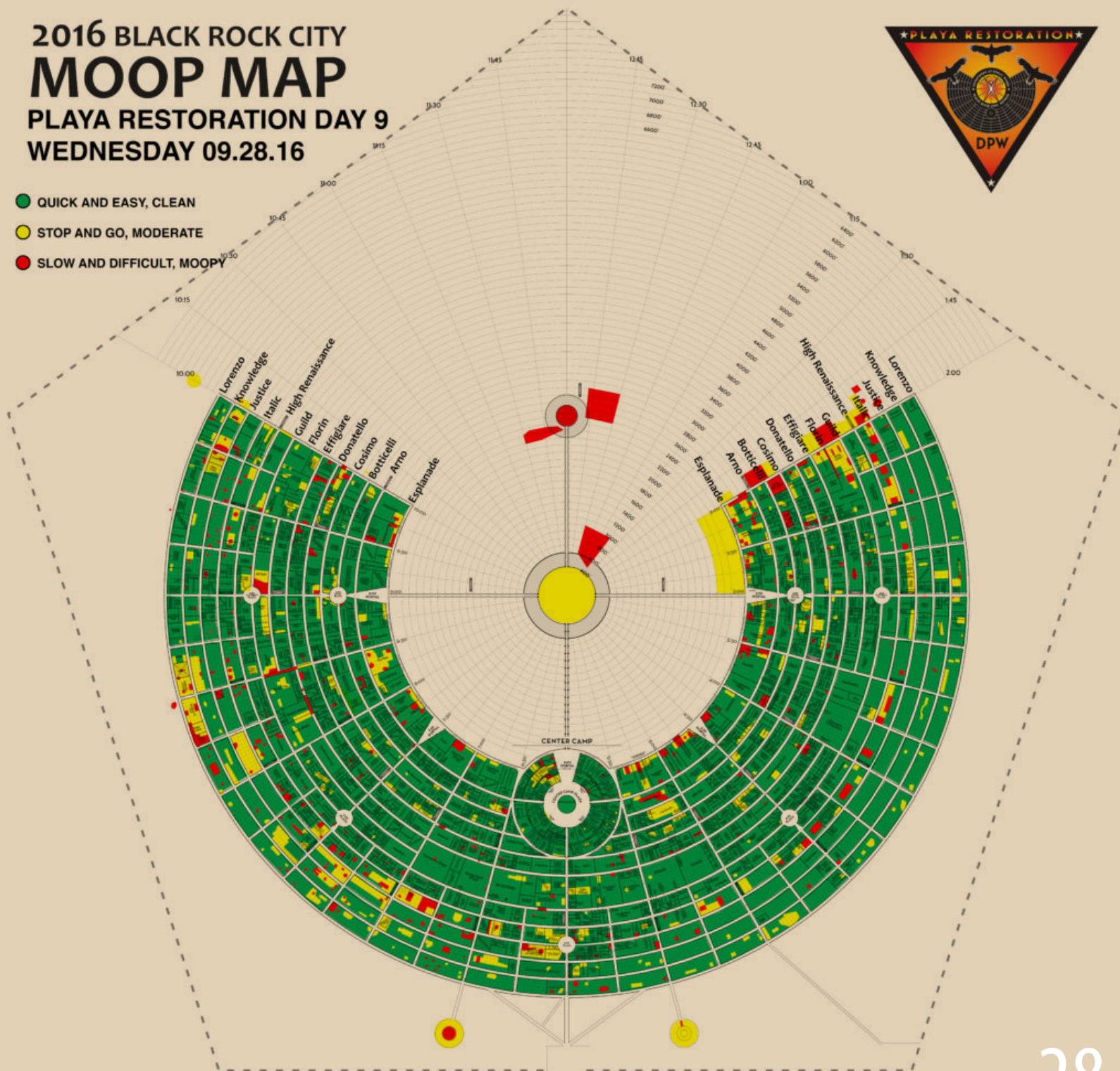
PLAYA RESTORATION DAY 9
WEDNESDAY 09.28.16



M.O.O.P.

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- QUICK AND EASY, CLEAN
- STOP AND GO, MODERATE
- SLOW AND DIFFICULT, MOOPY



10.05.16 Camp Placement Changes Updated

Bring your own Damn Cup!



Abandoned Property Registry

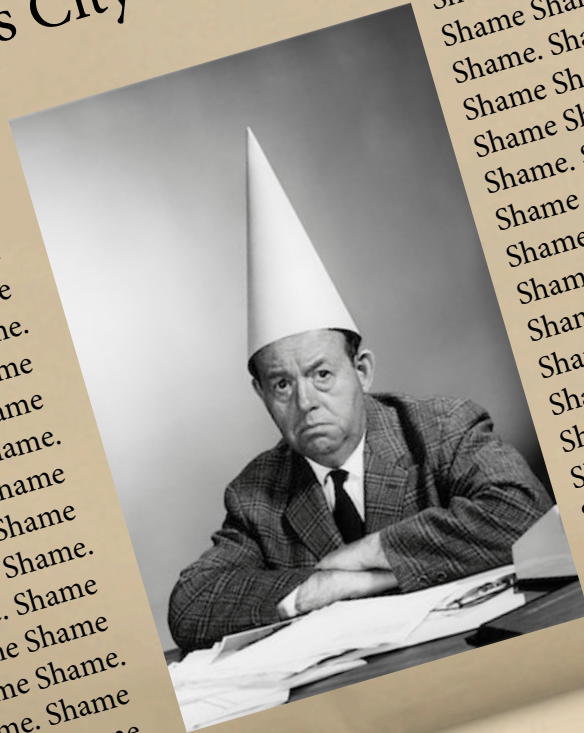


Hall of Shame

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

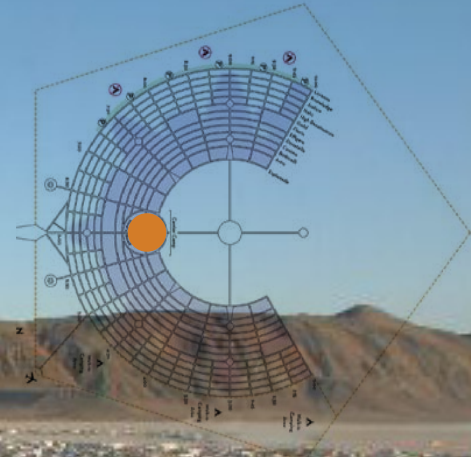
Developers Who Leave Trail of Dilapidated Houses Across City to Enter Hall of Shame

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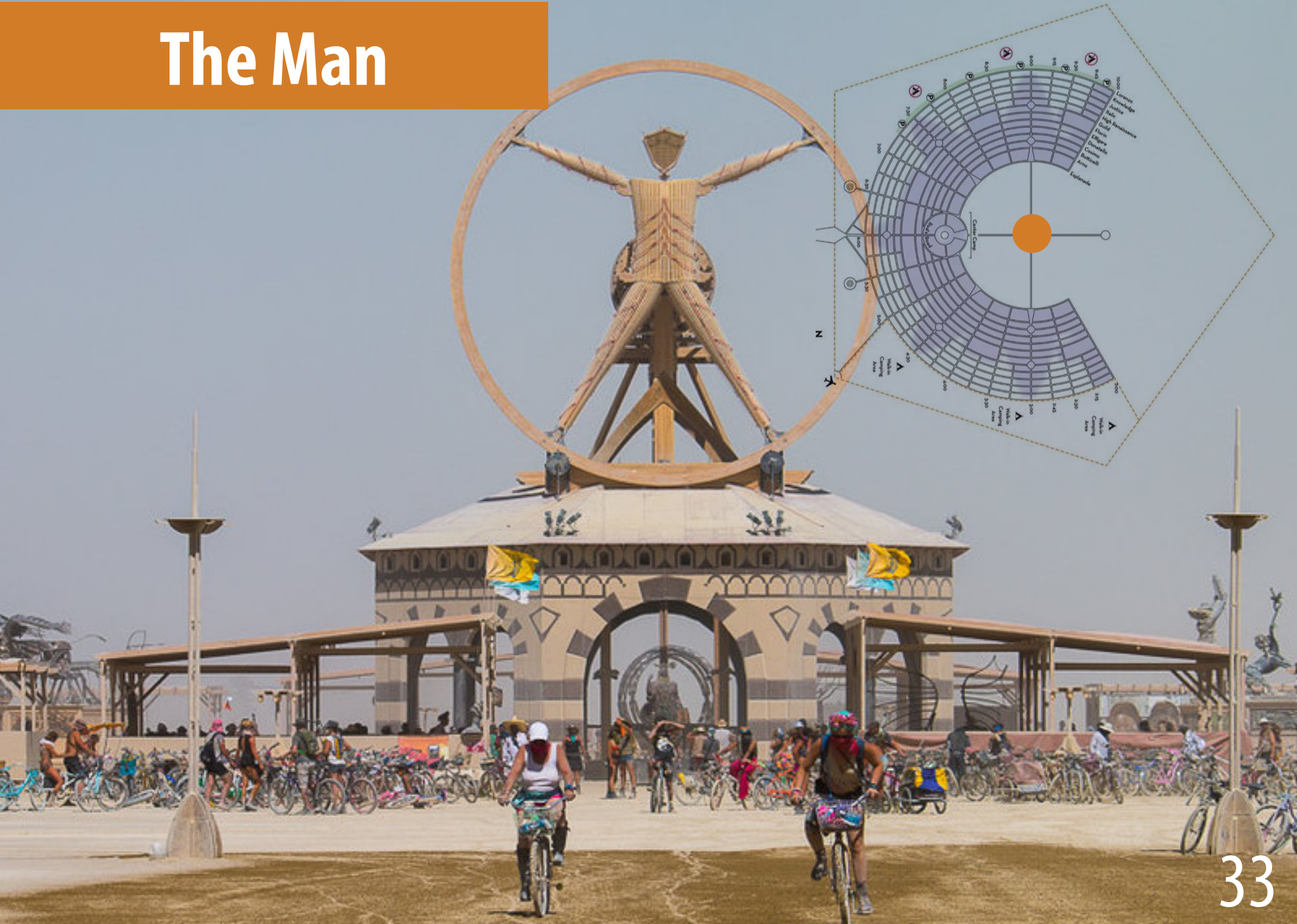
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Center Camp



Landmarks

The Man



The Temple



Zoning Out



Zoning Out

Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes

Spire Height 164 ft

Max Zone Height 70 ft





Myth and Legend.

Illuminating Courage

Spokane, WA



Deep Playa



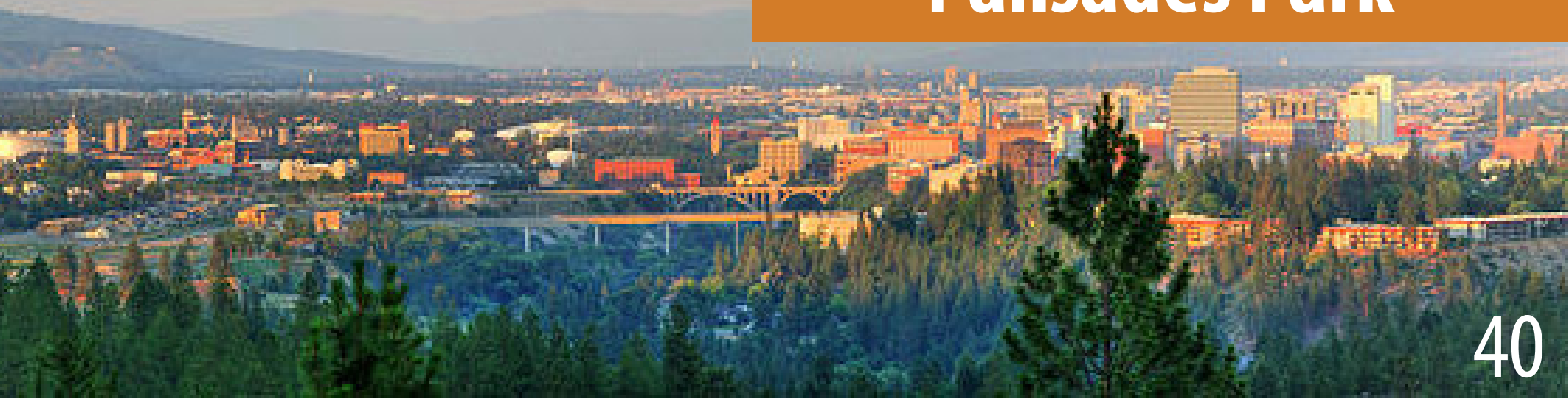
City Views



Centennial Trail

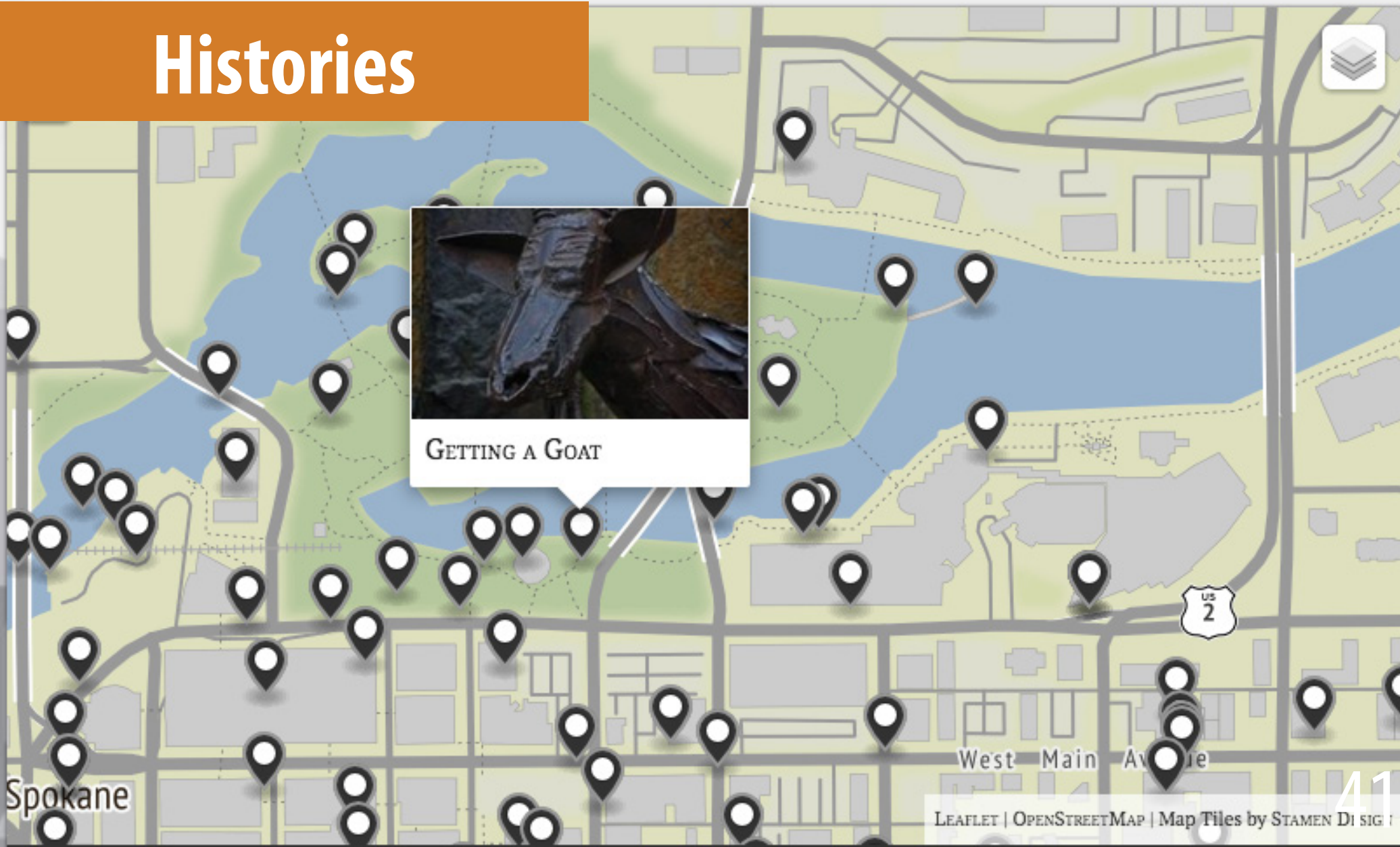


Palisades Park





Histories



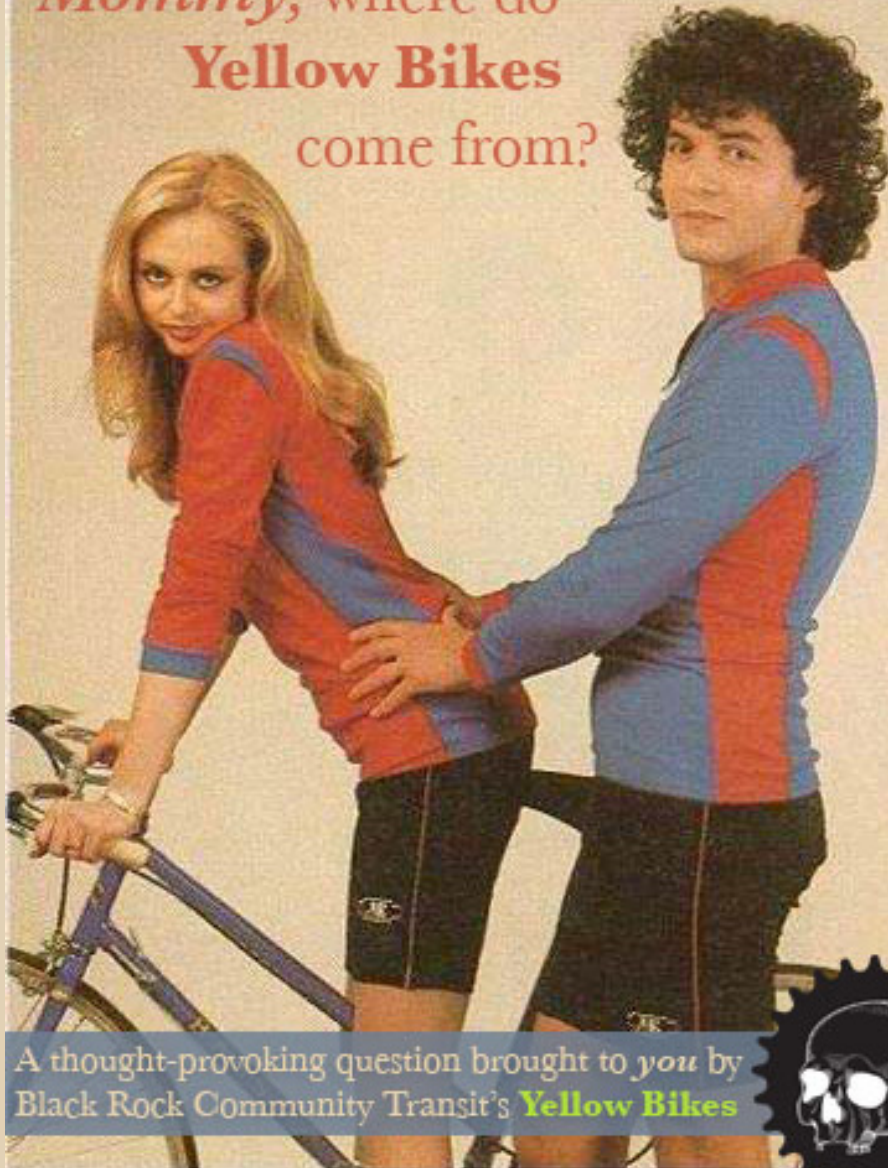
GETTING A GOAT



Keeping the Cars Out

Yellow Bike Program

Mommy, where do
Yellow Bikes
come from?



A thought-provoking question brought to you by
Black Rock Community Transit's **Yellow Bikes**





Art Cars



Super Blocks

Barcelona, Spain

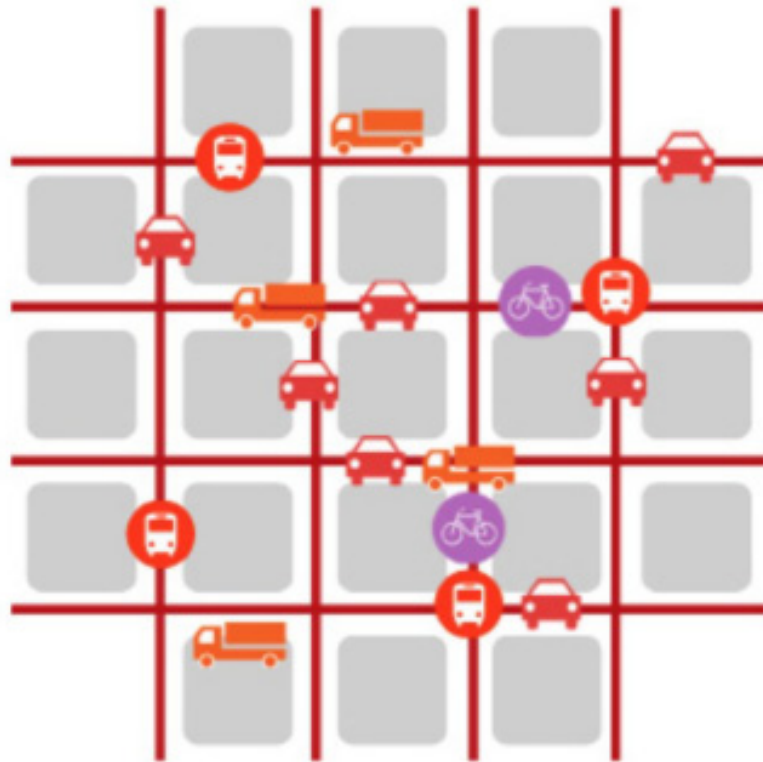


Save Alice







Room for More

Current Model



Superblocks Model



-  PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK
-  BICYCLES MAIN NETWORK (BIKE LANE)
-  BICYCLES SIGNPOSTS (REVERSE DIRECTION)
-  FREE PASSAGE OF BICYCLES
-  PRIVATE VEHICLE PASSING
-  RESIDENTS VEHICLES
-  URBAN SERVICES AND EMERGENCY
-  DUM CARRIERS
-  DUM PROXIMITY AREA
-  ACCESS CONTROL
-  BASIC TRAFFIC NETWORK
-  SINGLE PLATFORM (PEDESTRIANS PRIORITY)

Super Block

Barcelona, Spain





Experiment

Times Square

NYC, NY



Lighter, faster, cheaper

Times Square

NYC, NY



Alleys

Cherry St Columbus, OH



Parklets

Spokane, WA





Road Diet

W Main Ave, Spokane



Cultivation of Awe

900 Horses

Spokane Tribal
Gathering Place



Upper Falls

Spokane, WA



Garbage Goat

Spokane, WA





“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.” - Jane Jacobs



Questions?

