

ACUPUNTURA BUCARELI



AV. BUCARELI | COL. CENTRO | ALCADÍA CUAUHTÉMOC | MEXICO CITY

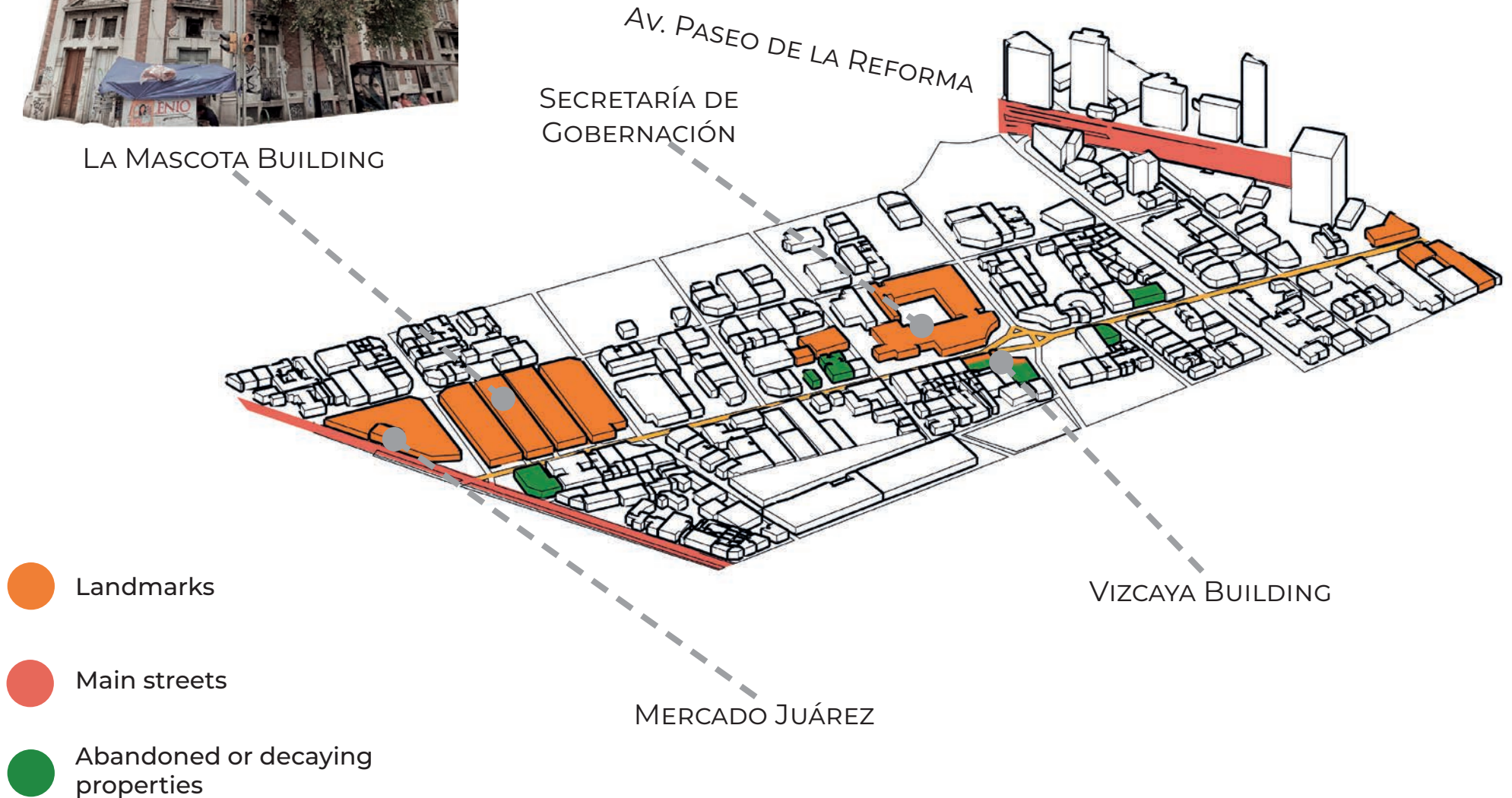
Av. Bucareli in Mexico City is one of the most important highways for the center of the city, since it is where Av Chapultepec and Av Paseo de la Reforma converge. It is also home to a great deal of historical buildings, which are also protected by the National Institute for Anthropology and History (INAH, by its initials in Spanish). Currently, several of the buildings in the area are abandoned and the street has become merely a transit space for cars. My project proposes the recovery and recycling of the historical architecture heritage as a possibility for the revitalization and rescue of truly public space within Mexico City.

CONTEXT ANALYSIS



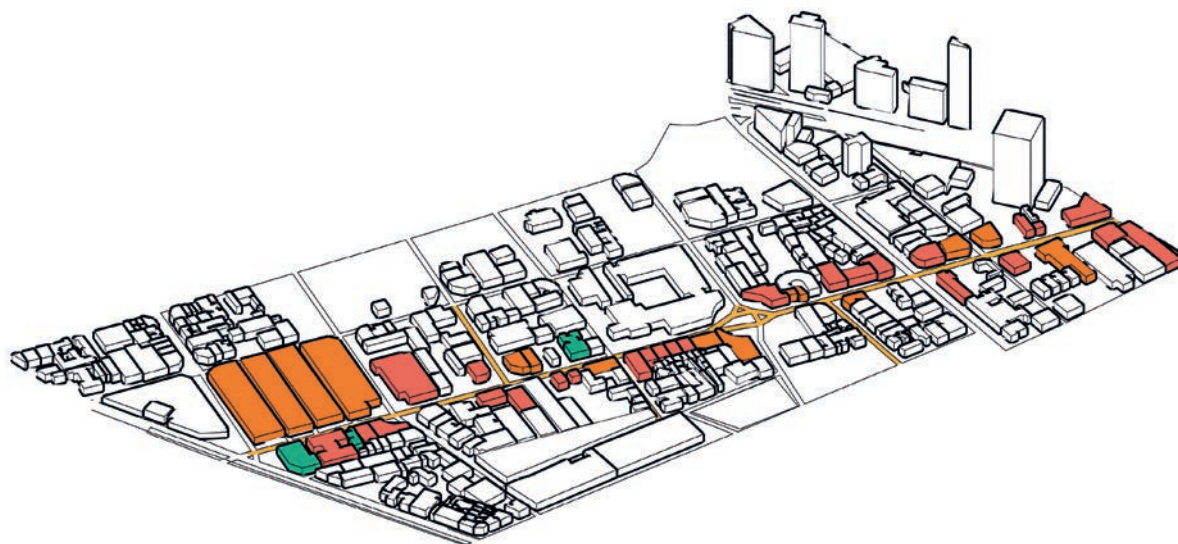
LA MASCOTA BUILDING

The entire avenue is filled with historic and iconic landmarks, many of which are part of the National Historical Estate Catalogue by Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH). Nonetheless, many have fallen to misuse and the decay of time, which has encouraged insecurity and overcrowding in the area. The zoning laws in the area have also resulted in encouraging the buildings in the area to be rented at high prices, available only for big companies to use as corporate offices, instead of housing, furthering the problem of reverse densification in downtown Mexico City.



The master plan proposes converting a segment of Av. Bucareli, between Av. Reforma and Av. Chapultepec, to a pedestrian-only street. This to eventually encourage changing the zoning laws in the area, emphasizing the need for mixed use buildings, including housing, while preserving the human scale and historical identity of downtown Mexico City.

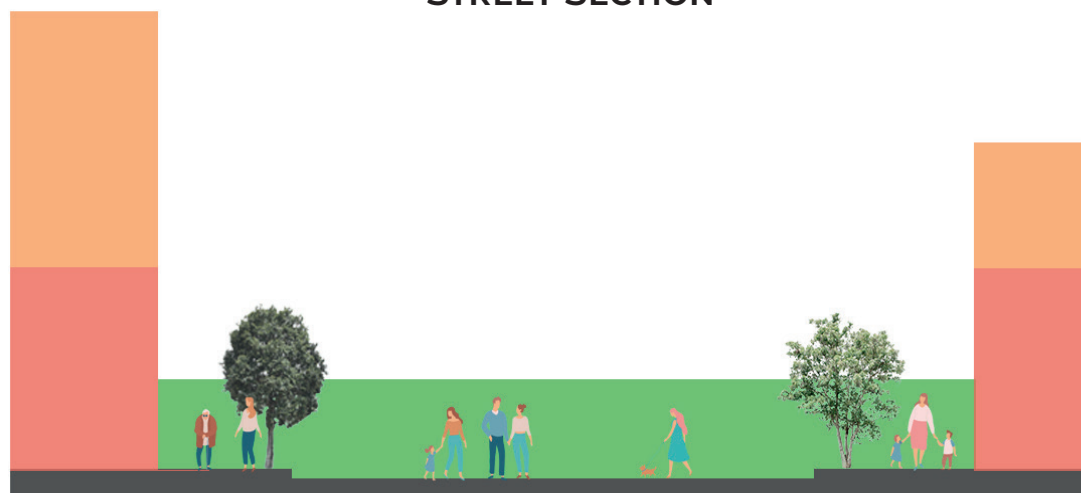
ZONING PROPOSAL



- Pedestrian
- Housing
- Mixed use, minimum 3 uses
- Estates considered for intervention

STREET SECTION

- Mixed use, specifically local commerce
- Housing
- Street as a public park



Maximum level for construction: 7 floors

CONCEPT

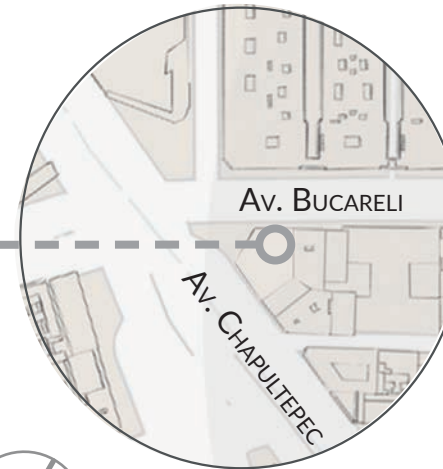
ESTATES TO INTERVENE



Address: Av. Bucareli #174, Col. Centro
 Area: 196 m2
 Zoning: Housing and Commercial
 Maximum no. of levels: 7
 Historical Monument according to INAH
 Historical Facts: Built in late XIX c.
 Facade: Made with cantera stone and covered with acrylic paint in the last decade.

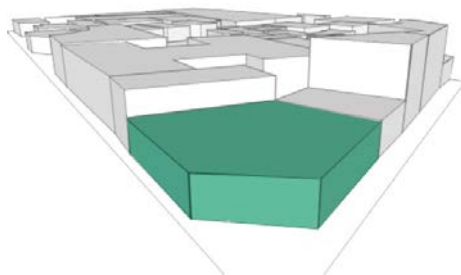


Address: Av. Chapultepec #79, Col. Centro
 Area: 264 m2
 Zoning: Housing and Commercial
 Maximum no. of levels: 7
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 Historical Facts: Built in late XIX c.
 Facade: Made with cantera stone.

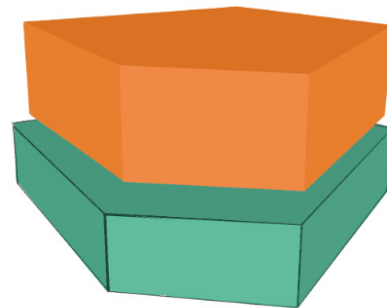


The selected estates are at the beginning of the pedestrian section of the street, marking the entrance. As such, the initial design intentions contemplated the permeability of the street-park on the ground floor of both buildings, maintaining its historical facades, restored and shown as the "skin" of the buildings themselves, generating a **garden amongst ruins**, from which you can access the contemporary intervention in the upper levels of the project.

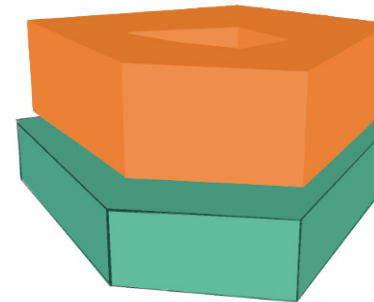
DESIGN PROCESS



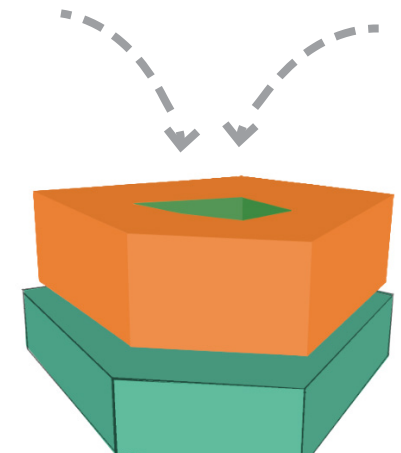
Pre-existing volumetric context



Pre-existing context with contemporary addition



Extraction of negative volume



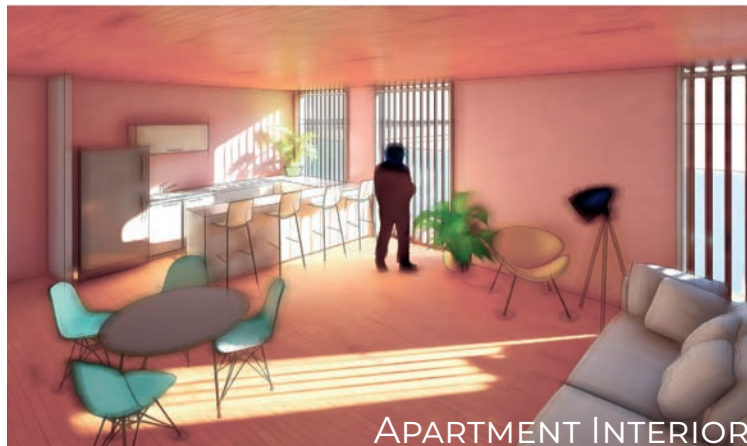
Garden insertion



VIEW FROM ENTRANCE ON AV. BUCARELI



INSIDE COURTYARD FROM HOUSING LEVELS



APARTMENT INTERIOR



VIEW FROM AV. CHAPULTEPEC TO AV. BUCARELI



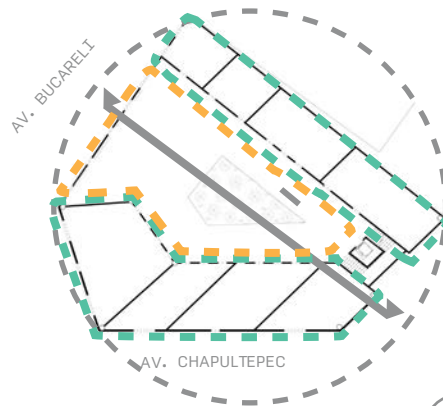
LOCAL
COMMERCE



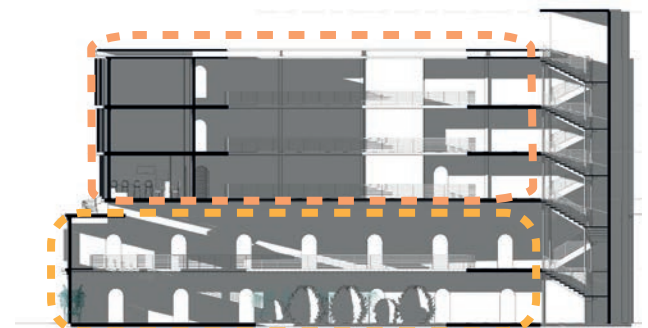
PUBLIC
COURTYARD



HOUSING



GROUND FLOOR



SECTION