

Engaging Youth in the Urban Environment



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“The Geography of Here”

Curriculum-based

Place-based & project-oriented

Environmental education

Authentic youth participation



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JAMES LYNG HIGH SCHOOL



MAKING MEGAPROJECTS WORK FOR COMMUNITIES
MÉGAPROJETS AU SERVICE DES COMMUNAUTÉS

Engaging Youth in Learning

« How many come to associate the learning with ennui and boredom? How many found what they did learn so foreign to the situations of life outside the school as to give them no power of control over the latter? »

- John Dewey,
Experience and Education, 1958



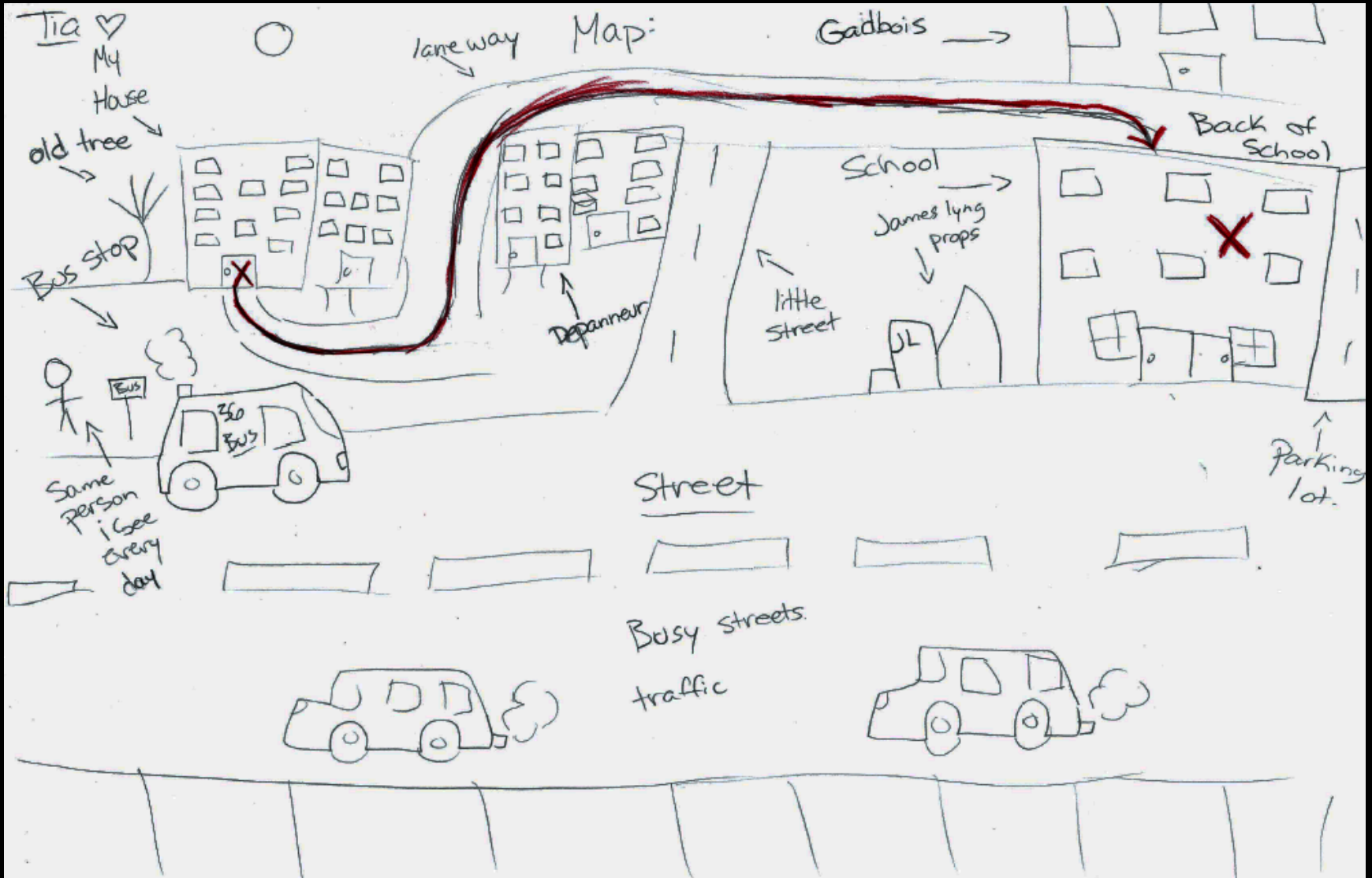
Why Youth Participation?

1. Unique perspective
2. Unique priorities
3. Designing for youth promotes wellbeing

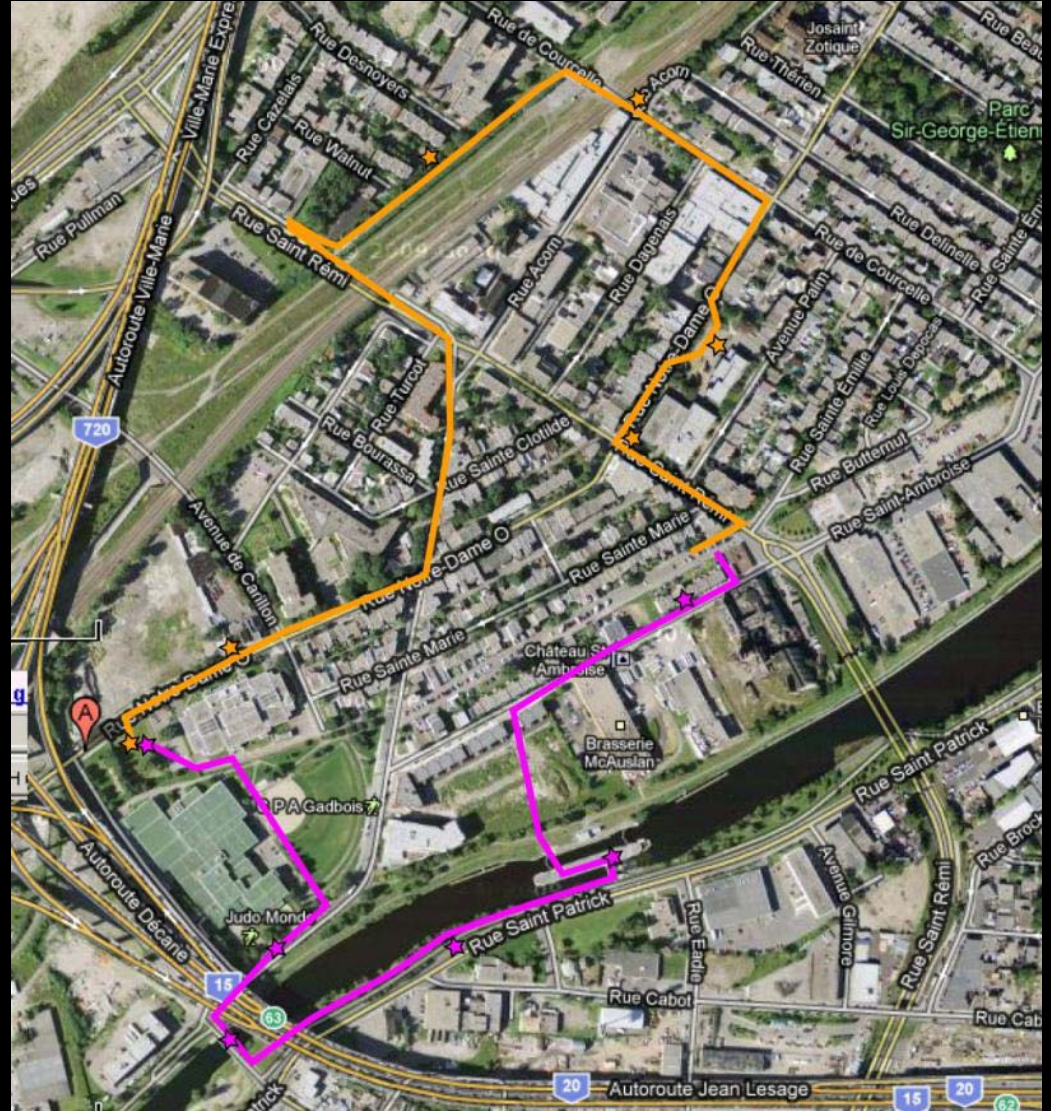
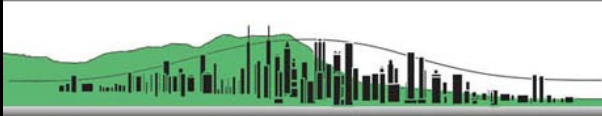
Louise Chawla and David Driskell,
UNESCO Growing up in Cities



Youth as Experts: Mental Mapping



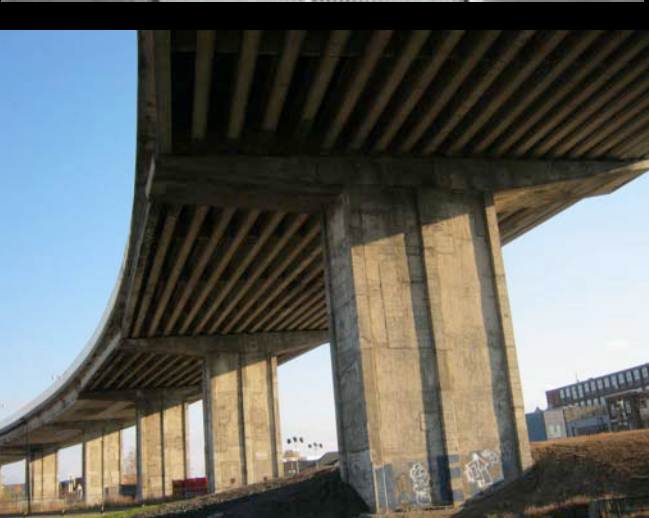
Intro to Planning & Mapping



Fieldwork



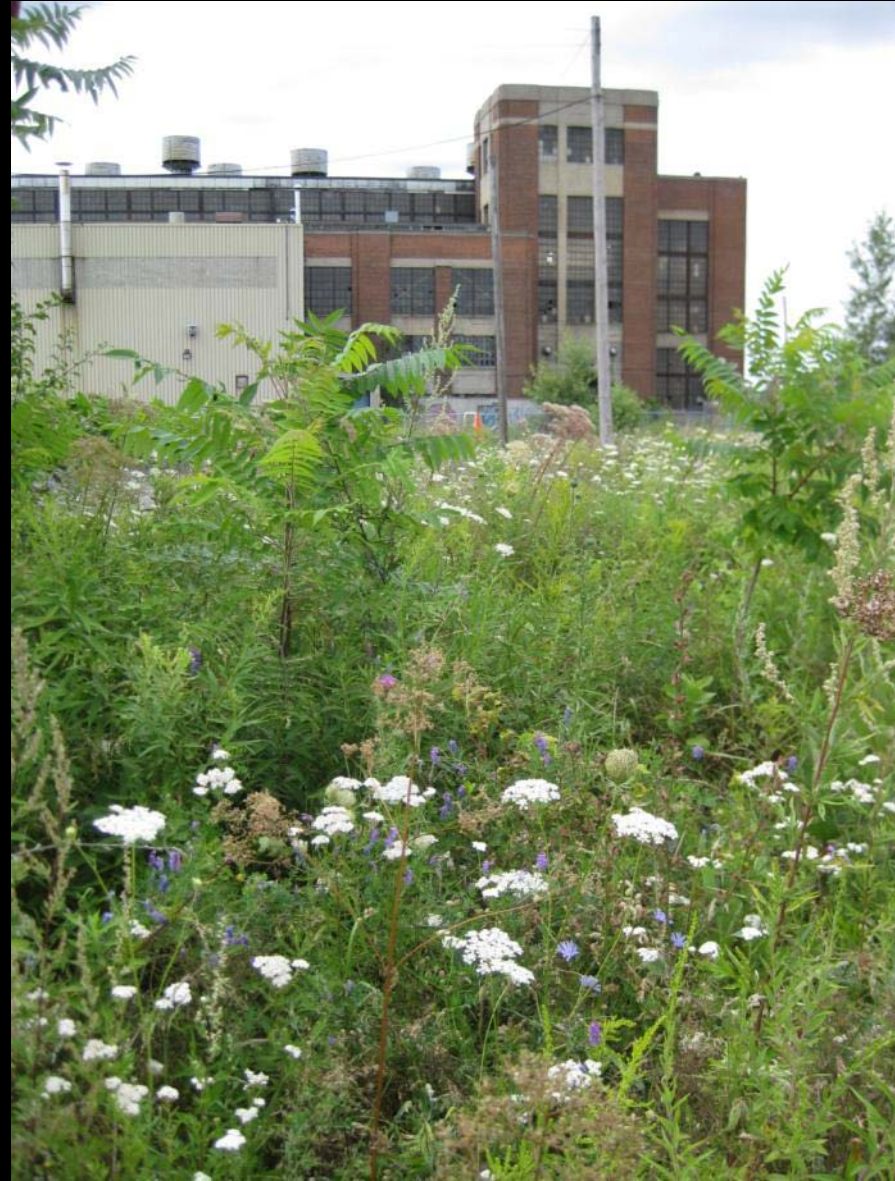
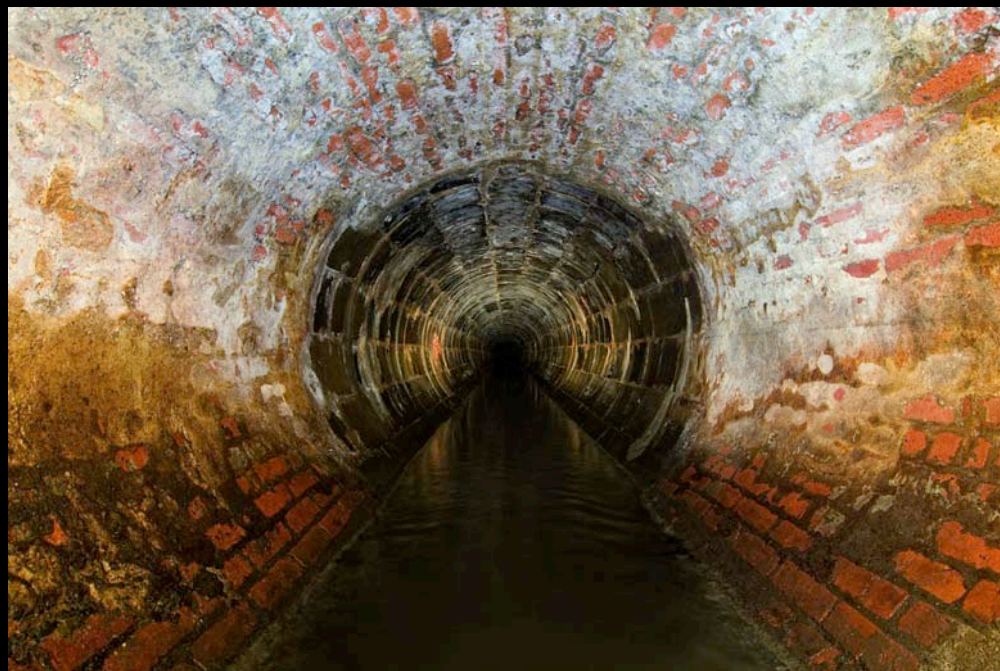








Urban Ecology Workshops



Environmental Messages



“There is somewhat of a struggle between nature and development. My hope is that more nature will be made around the school.”

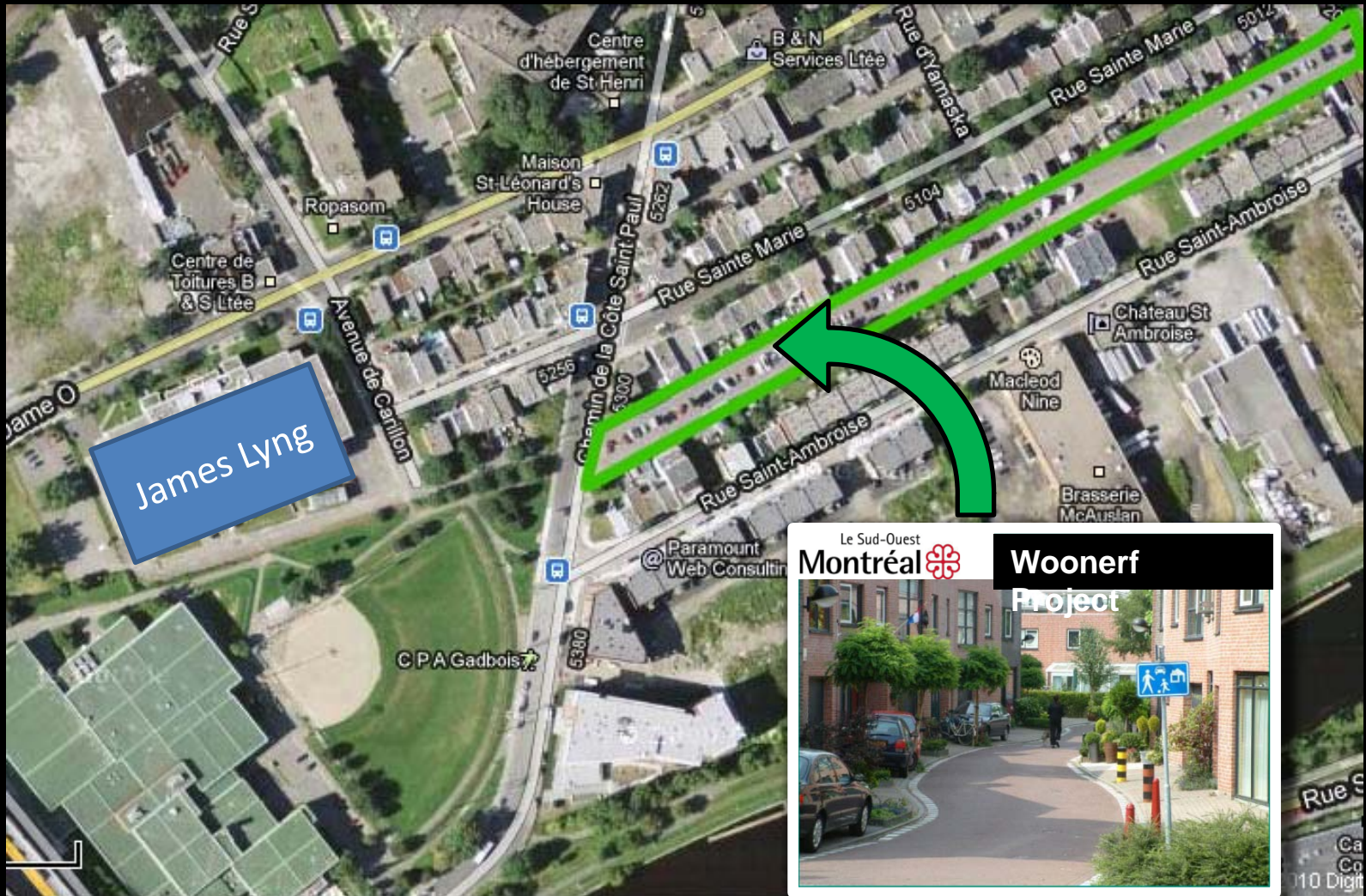
- Nathan



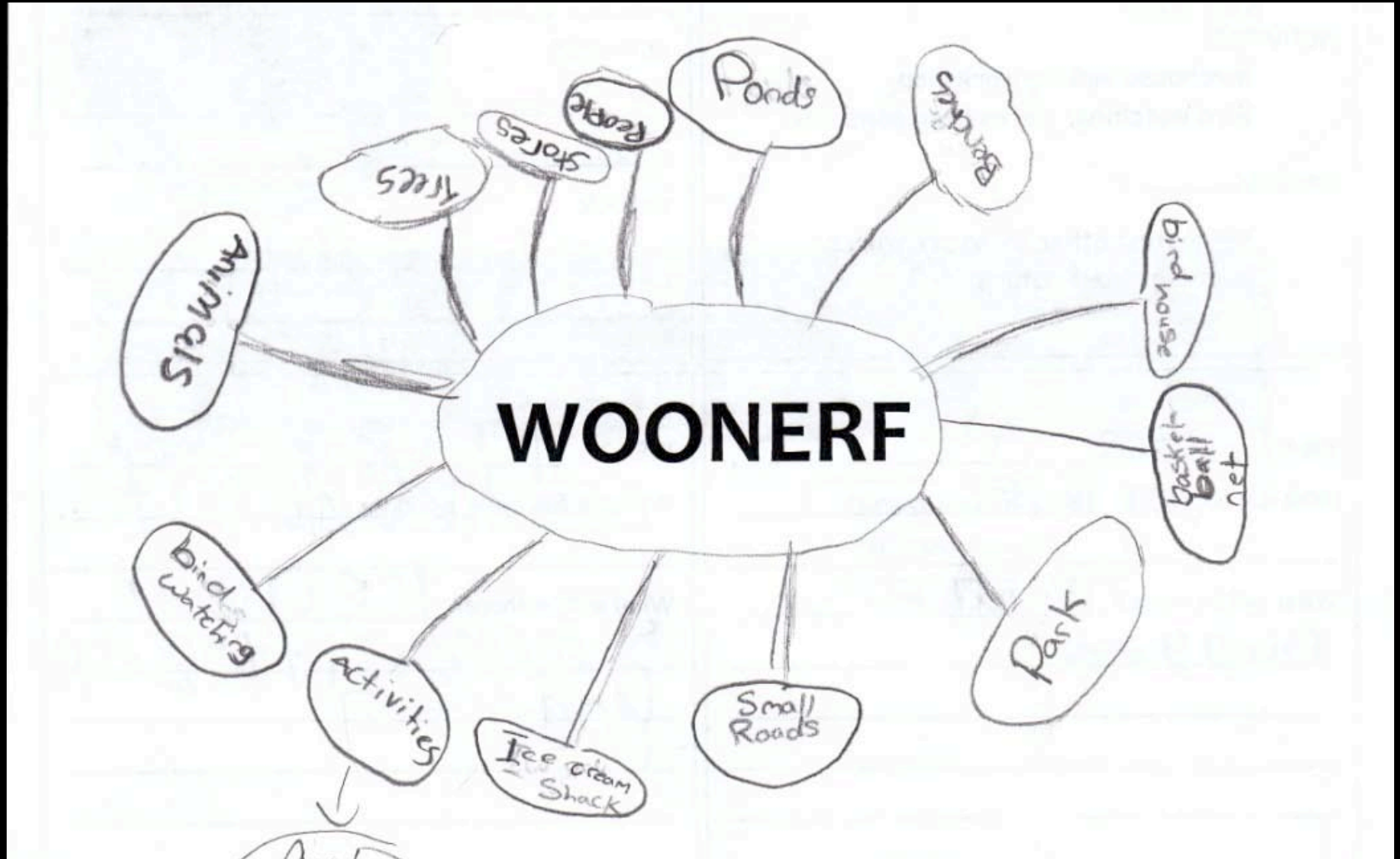
“I do like the malting building. It looks as if it has a story behind it. I think the environment around James Lyng is very polluted. I wish that people would help to make it green.”

- Kendra

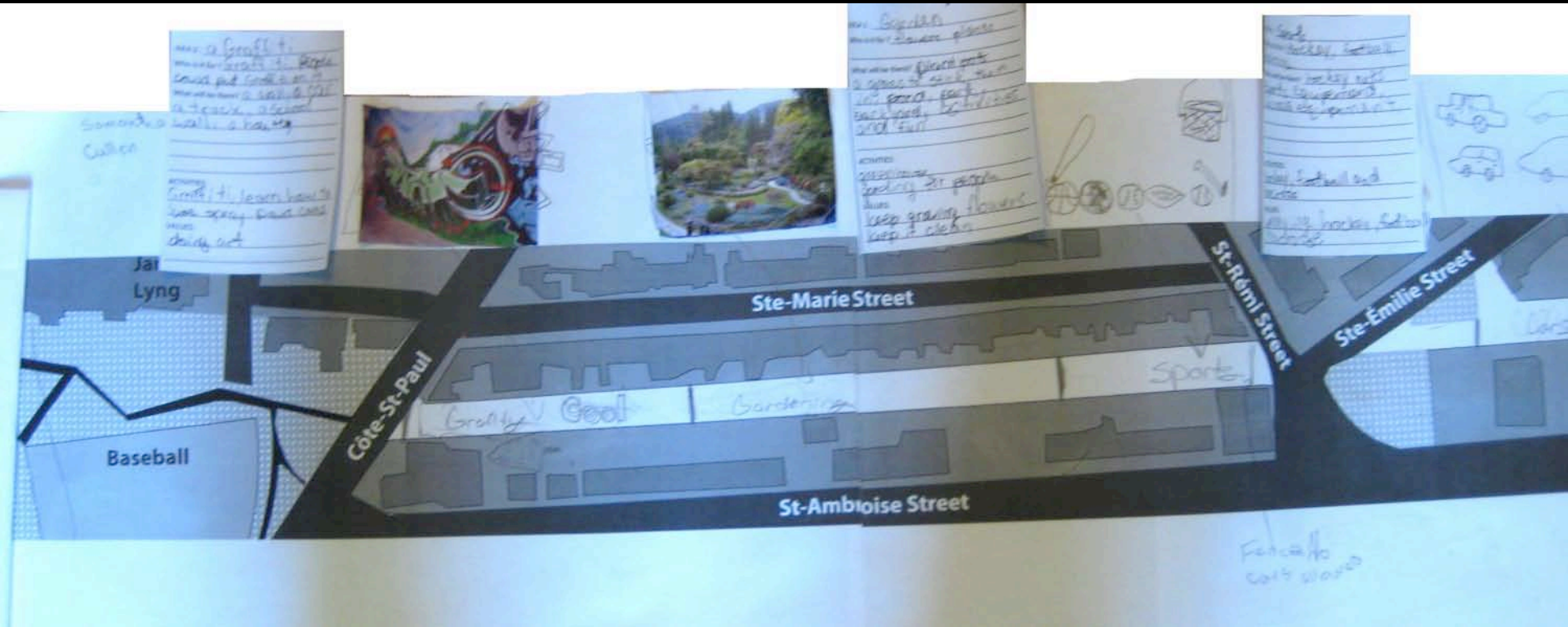
Local Project



Brainstorming



Developing & Mapping Ideas



Modeling



Working with city planners



Woonerf public consultation meeting

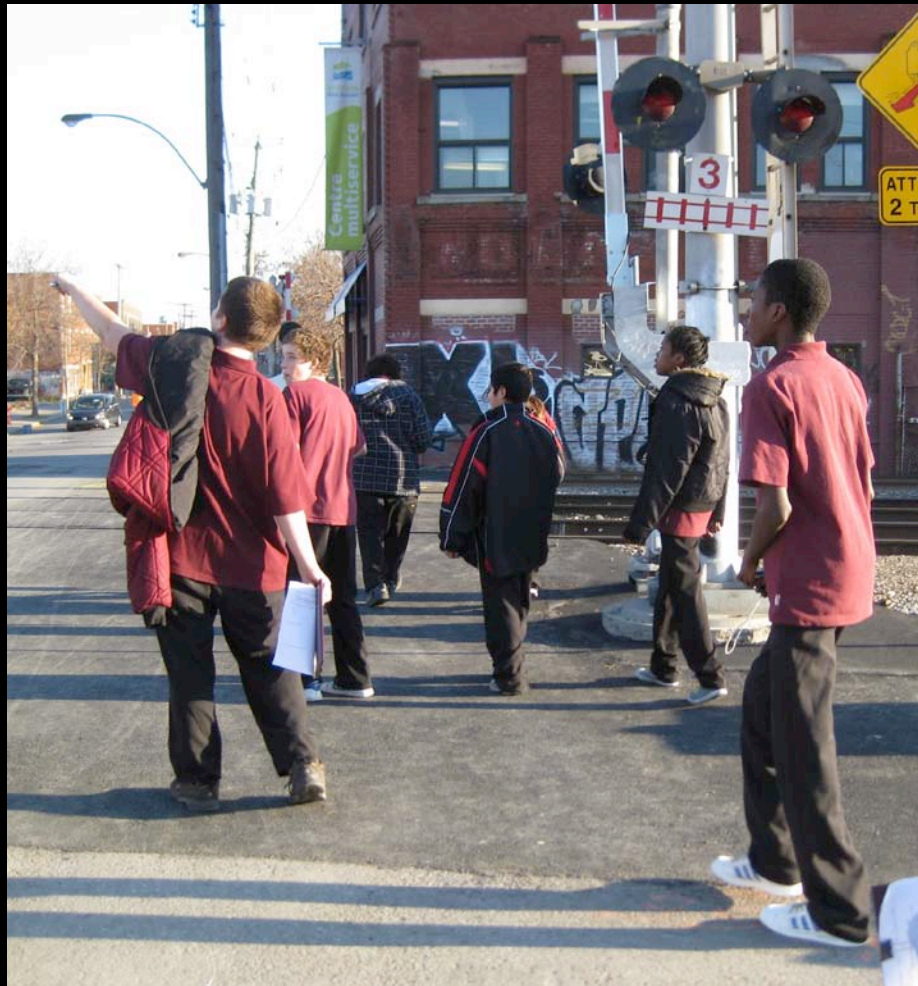


Classroom visit with project architect

Community presentation



Education for *Here and Now*





Youth Fusion is a charity organization that works to engage youth in learning and lower the drop-out rate in Quebec.

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