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Upon site analysis two key constraints revealed themselves: 1) the fragmentation of the site due to the highway 2) the large amount of pollution in the Humber River, causing lakeside beaches to be closed. The design response in the project was to 1) Posit the void spaces as fill sites, then bridge those sites to create an elevated connected plane; 2) Posit lakeshore areas as fill sites, thereby creating inland lagoons that contain clean water. High Park just to the north is famous for its extremely rare Oak Savannah habitat. This project attempts a seamless integration into the currently existing ecology. A burn regime is instituted depending on the desired ecology, ranging from prairies to Oak forest. As a result, maintenance regimes play a vital role shaping spatial characteristics with living matter.



Example of productive use of highway void spaces

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