Rapid human growth and urbanization towards dense cities, causing less and less land left in the city and increased land prices. The remaining land in one urban layer tends to form abstract, organic, and sharp forms, which are not likely to be developed further. The residue from the previous development also produces urban waste in the form of land leftovers.

These land leftovers caused by building development all around the world become a no man’s land and tend to be used in an unpleasant, unfulfilled way, or left out just as a dead empty urban pocket. Increased land prices create a limit for all groups from being able to buy land to live, and cause new problems such as poverty, homelessness, and other social problems.

The challenge is how we can upcycle this ad hoc urban waste which actually has the potential to become a productive hive and can accommodate all groups, especially the lower middle class.

We propose a new way of approach of how we can build a new way of tall building typology that is more appropriate to the context and the problem, and how a tall building should take a stand against this new and rapidly changing urban context, especially to maximize a cramped land-use with ad hoc leftovers.

FILL IN THE GAPS
Triumph of the unwanted space

### Site Selection
W 164th St, New York, NY 10032, United States

### Increasing Land Price vs Decreasing Household Income

![Increasing Land Price vs Decreasing Household Income](image)

### Upcycling Urban Residual Space

What if we can optimize the leftover unused and dead land to become a productive urban building? We try to upcycle the urban residue, turn it around to become a well connected vertical urban habitat.

### Vertical Gaps Harvesting - Maximize Landuse

When the development has shifted towards the vertical, the leftover gaps also become residue vertically. It was here where we proposed to build a new way of high rise, non-isolated town towards its surroundings.

### Remodeling Typology

Breaking a ‘mix used’ high rise typology, by remodeling the mix-use program to be organically growing and dividing the housing horizontally, not vertically. This program is proposed to fulfill socio-economy reciprocity that now shifted organically.

### Renovating Typology

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### Land Optimization - Productive Space

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### Residue for the Remains - Modular Highrise

Making the lower middle class the target of this development, to reduce socio-economic disparities, so that there is no ‘residue’ of social class for those who are no longer able to own land. Making it modular to grow and detach and also well connected to its surroundings, to match the socio-economic needs.

### Multiple Plan Configuration

Atypical mix use Programming

### Modular Timber Type

Wood and steel as a modular platform, easily added and detached matching the society requirement in an irregular leftover space.

### Prototyping the Future

Making this development as a prototype to be applied in other leftover urban spaces. To re-think and upcycle the urban remains to tackle the increasing land price and rapid population growth. To propose a well connected-sustainable urban habitat.