The Unfinished Grid: Design Speculations for Manhattan

FEEDING MANHATTAN

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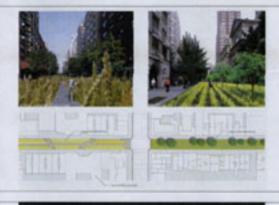
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How could Manhattan produce more of its own food?









13. The Great Manhattan Oyster Project — Kristina Sahlestrom, Daniel Spence. Oyster farms reintroduced along the edges of Manhattan could serve as natural filtration systems while also providing a high-protein food source for the city's residents that would offer an alternative to fash and ned meat.

14. Glocal Grid — Zahra Elahi, Mazdak Jalarian, Frederic Levrat, Farnaz Mansuri, Thomas Shea. New vertical parks, on sites measuring 100 by 100 feet in neighborhoods along Second and Tenth Avenues, could combine recycling, farmer's markets, social spaces, and agriculture for the benefit of local communities.

 Green Streets — Benjamin Albertson. Designated cross streets could be repurposed as vegetable gardens, orchards, wheat fields, and other forms of urban agriculture.
On the Grid — Austin + Mergold: Jason Austin, Aleksandr Mergold. The United States Land Ordinance Grid of 1785 could be superimposed over Manhattan's existing grid to create new sites for agriculture and juxtapose sites for food production with the city's existing sites of economic production.

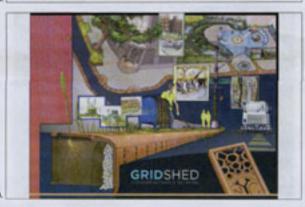
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REMEDIATING MANHATTAN

How could Manhattan's grid be adjusted to offset climate change and related environmental challenges?









 Creck and Drift — Blake Williams. Through-block basins and porcus surfaces could be overlaid on the entire grid, linking together riverfront wetlands with the aim of redressing years of industrial pollution.

18. deCentral Parks — David Shanks. Interior spaces of residential blocks could be reclaimed and opened up as public parks.

 GridShed — Dasiel P. Hattels. A new curb system of bioswales could be attached to the existing grid to filter contaminants and channel clean rainwater to parks and other green spaces.

20. OridScape — Oetto& Schmitt: Fabian Getto, Gunther Schmitt. A new green skin of grass and vegetation could be overlaid on all of Manhattan's rooftops, creating new opportunities for alternative energy, green areas for walking and hiking, and agriculture.

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