

ONLY ONE SKY

MANHATTAN NEW YORK CITY USA

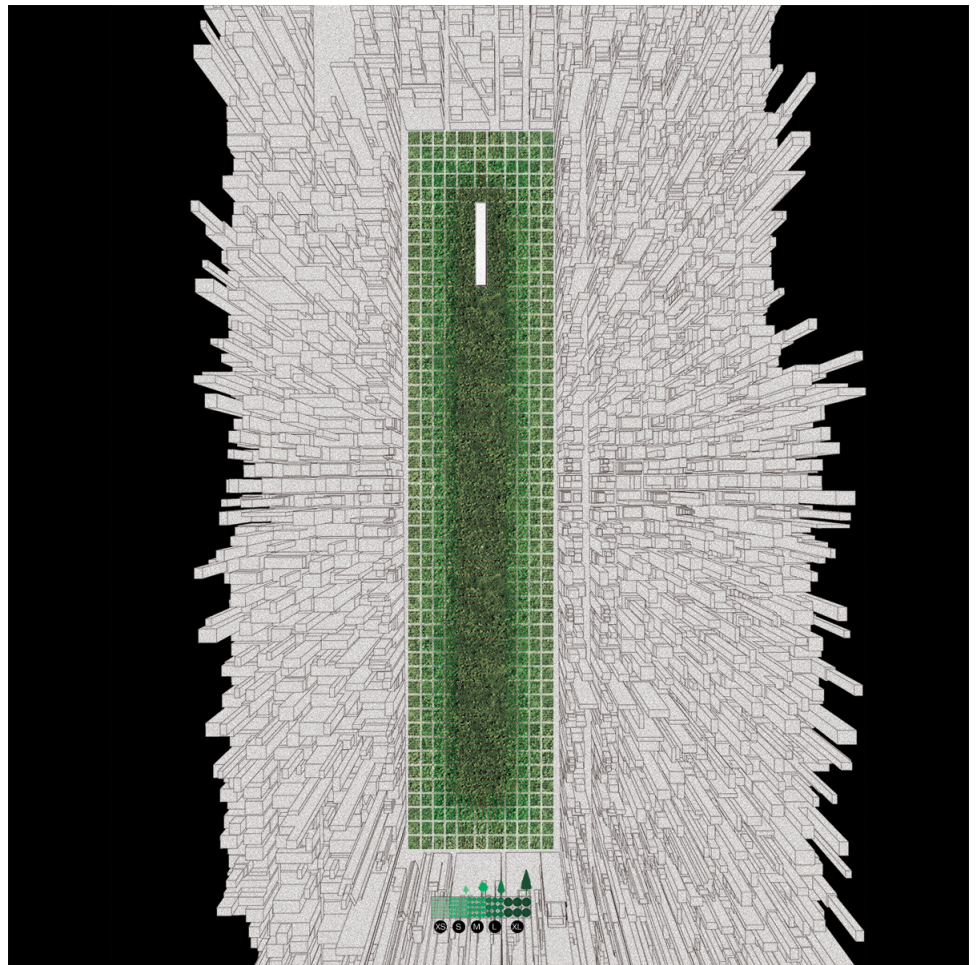
Project Credits

Client: LA+
Program: Urban Public Park
Location: Manhattan, New York City, USA

Structure: N/A
Lot Area: 341 ha
Size (GFA): 341 ha

Design: 2018
(Competition Entry)

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In proposing a new Central Park in New York, this proposal revisits the role of a park in today's metropolitan context and aims to restore the severed human relationships in cities. The design is inspired by two "gazes": one, the satellite view of the park, in which one sees buildings constantly competing for wealth, fame, and power, and the other, the mesa monuments in the Americas, on which the ancestors looked up at the sky and united as humanity. Based on the Manhattan grids and stepped setbacks, layers of trees are planted in the order of increasing heights towards the center, so that one can enter the park from every direction and point seamlessly, and gradually become immersed in it. At its center, a sacred platform offers an open view towards the sky, uninterrupted by the surrounding buildings. An abstract, monumental green monolith protecting a mesa, the park becomes a modern oasis, where people become aware as collective.