

PROJECT DETAILS FOR FINAL SUBMISSION

Project Title:

Last Memory Villages

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Studio Brief Title:

Memory and Imagination: Suseongmot Past and Futures

Short Project Description (100 words max.):

This project proposes a future strategy for Suseong, Daegu—South Korea's third-largest city—by integrating the past with memory and imagination to address its rapidly aging population. Recognizing the city's strong medical reputation, the strategy introduces a Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system to ensure seamless hospital access. It also develops elderly-friendly housing into well-equipped village communities, fostering social connection and independence. The goal is to create a sustainable, comfortable environment where seniors can thrive in the later stages of life.

Full Project Narrative/Text Description (300 words max.):

A future strategy for Suseong, a district in Daegu, the third-largest city in South Korea, facing the challenges of a rapidly aging population. By integrating the past with memory and imagination, the proposal reimagines urban development to support an elderly-friendly environment. Recognizing Suseong's strong medical reputation, the project emphasizes the importance of accessible healthcare for seniors through the introduction of a Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system. This transportation network is designed to connect key residential zones directly to hospitals and health facilities, ensuring fast and efficient medical access for the aging population.

In addition to transportation, the strategy focuses on transforming elderly housing into interconnected village-style communities equipped with complete facilities. These villages are designed to promote independent living while fostering social engagement among senior residents. Each community includes healthcare services, recreational areas, cultural spaces, and daily necessities within walking distance, creating a self-sustaining environment that supports physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

This project received cooperation from Suseong-gu Municipality by providing useful information and insights into existing problems and future developments expected in the area, helping to guide the direction of the project. It offers a vision of Suseong as a model district that not only addresses the practical needs of an aging society but also honors its cultural memory and identity. Through thoughtful integration of infrastructure, community, and care, the project aims to ensure that elderly citizens can live with dignity, connection, and comfort in the later stages of life.