

In daily life, we often congregate to participate as either part of the populous or to participate in more tightly-knit, smaller groups. (we do this only to later leave them to participate in other ones) But, what happens when the idea of congregation is contextualized and attributed to a certain form of space? The space becomes a neighborhood—a physical place indicative of a certain type of participation. At this point of consensus, a regional collective mindset develops and becomes grounded in the location. The loss of context in this sense, through rapid development and gentrification, then becomes detrimental to both the flowering of collective mindset and those who participate in it. This series serves to quantify and document this issue not through income levels, but the types of spaces that acumulate during this process. (Starbucks) In a communal effort to document, we are able to learn first-hand about the development of our neighborhoods and take notice of those very changes.

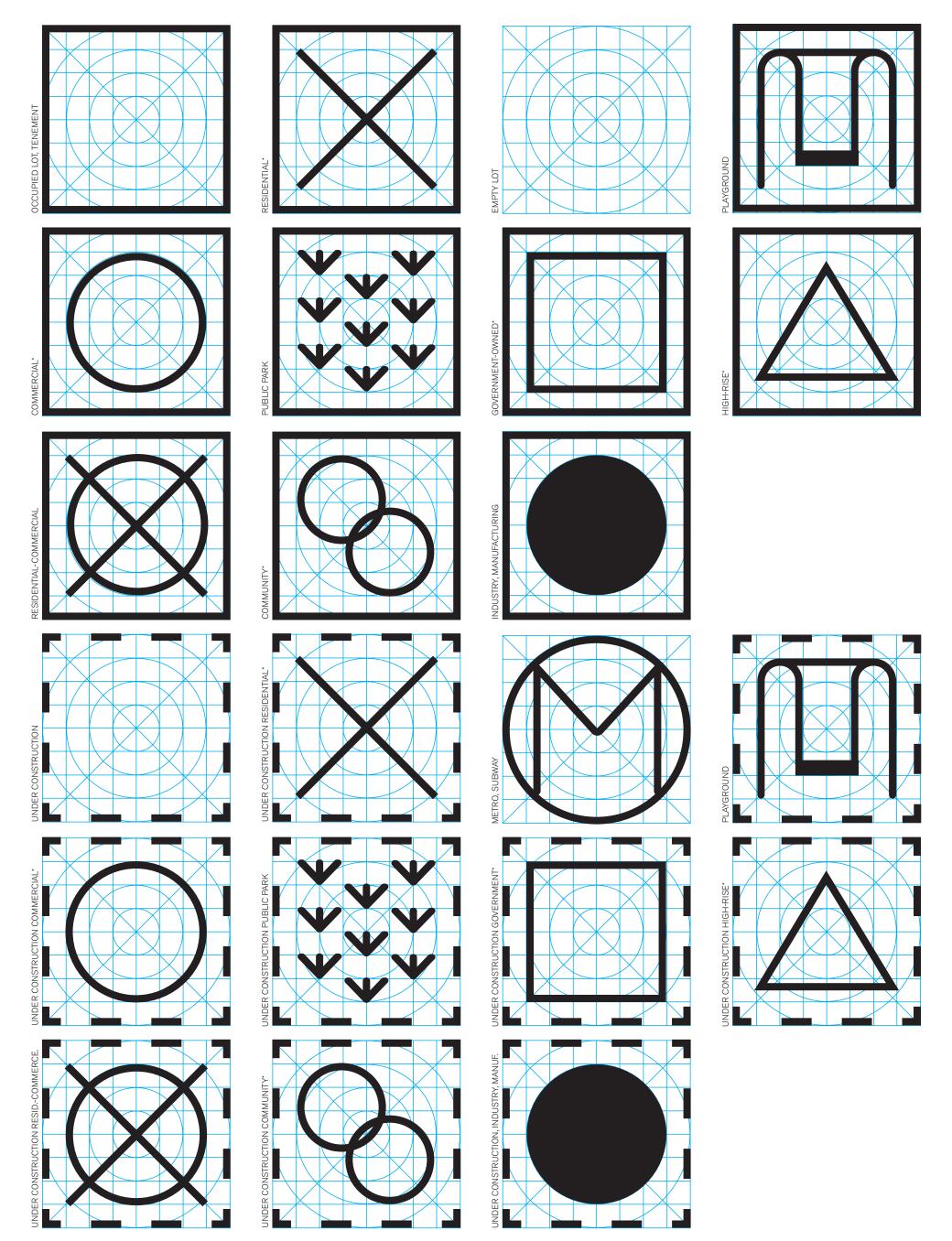
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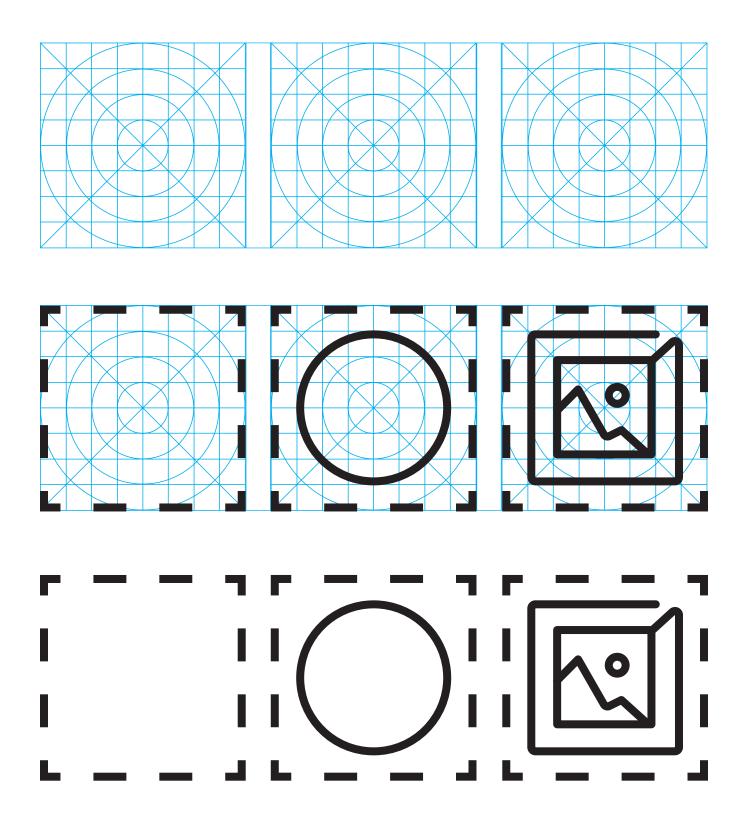
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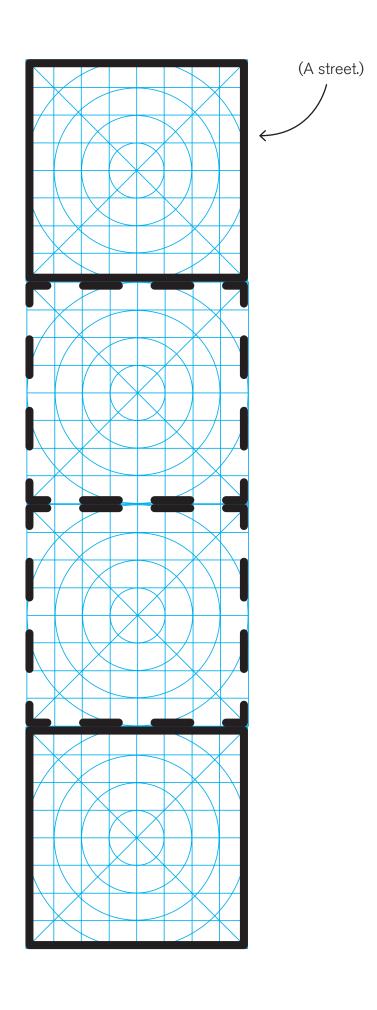
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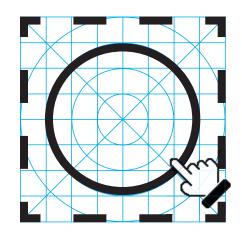


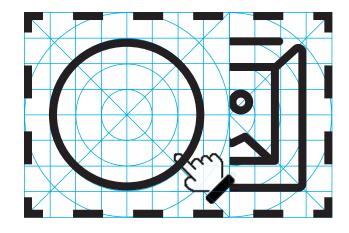
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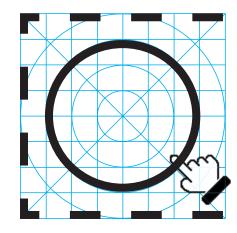
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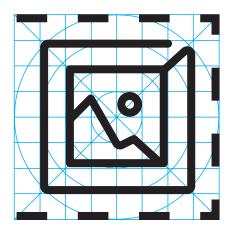


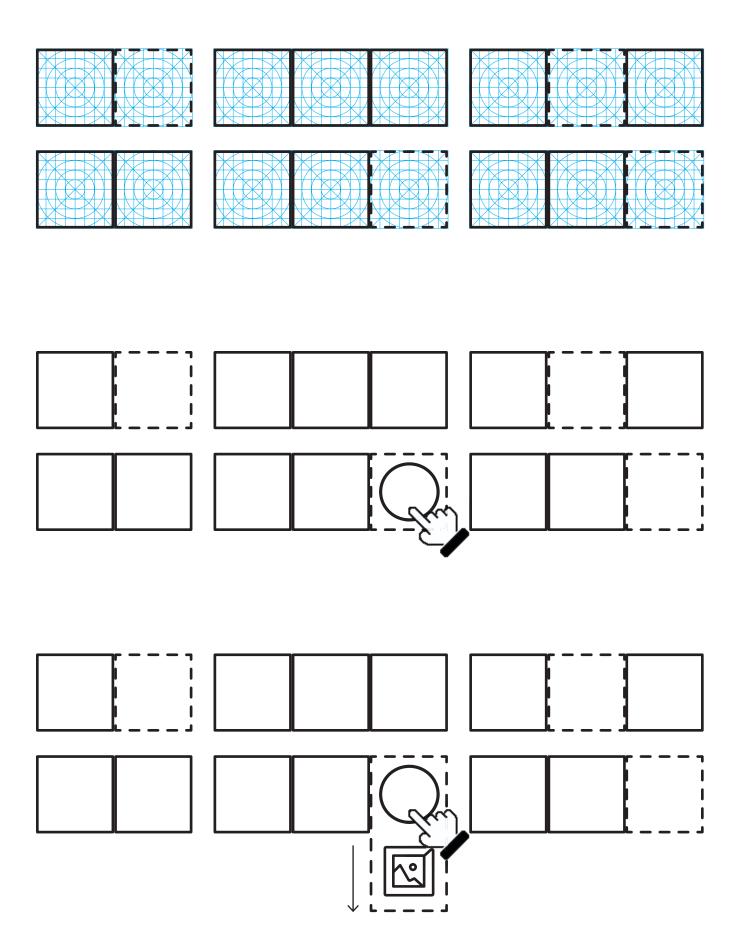
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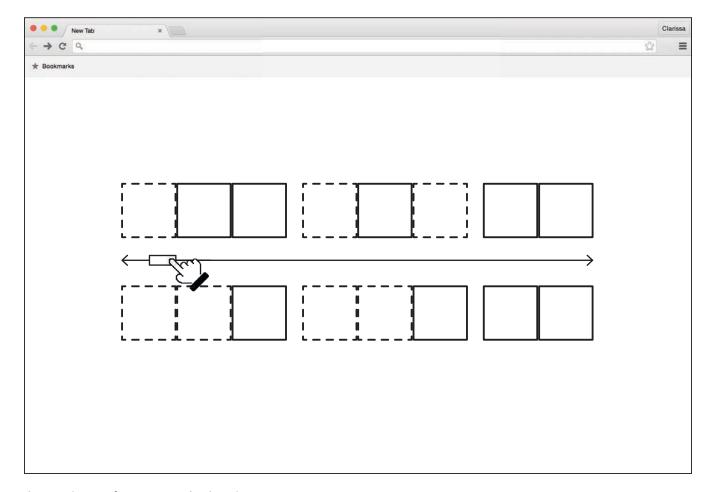




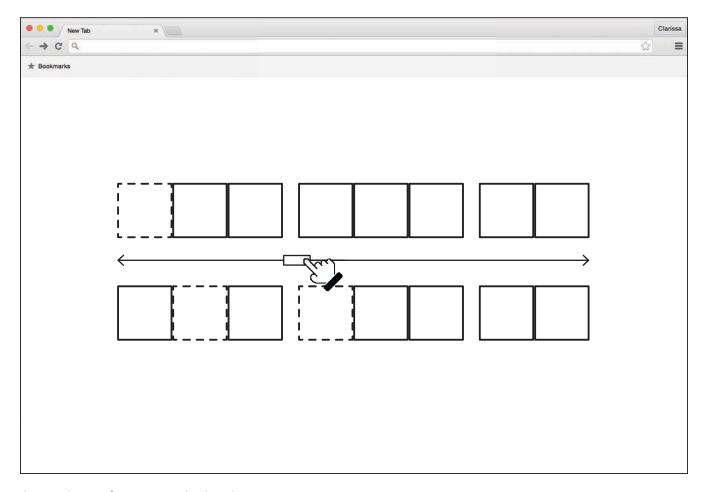




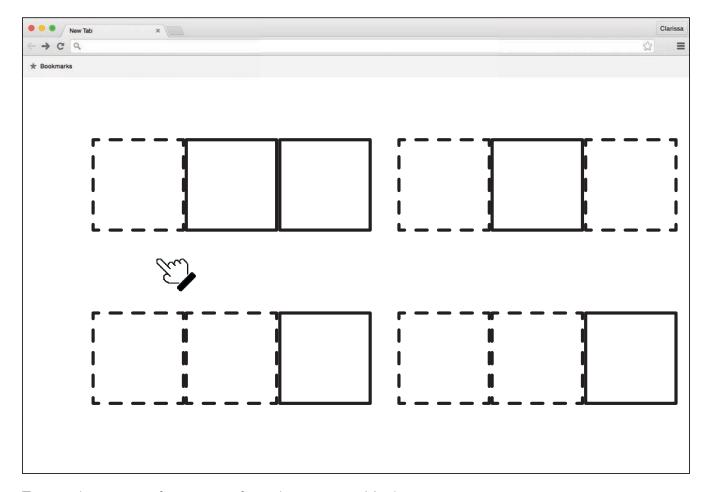




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Tracing the course of one street from downtown to Manhattan.