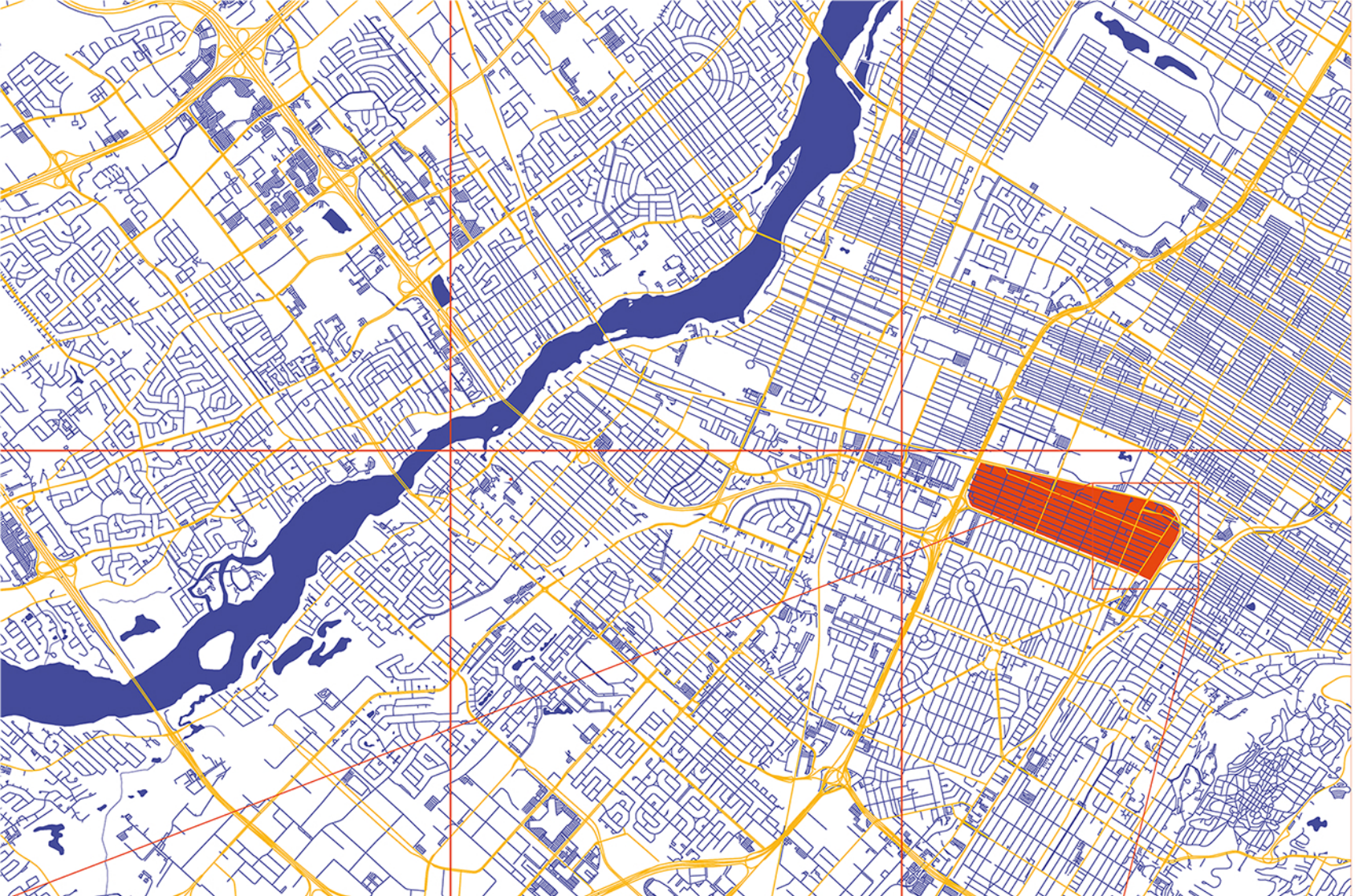


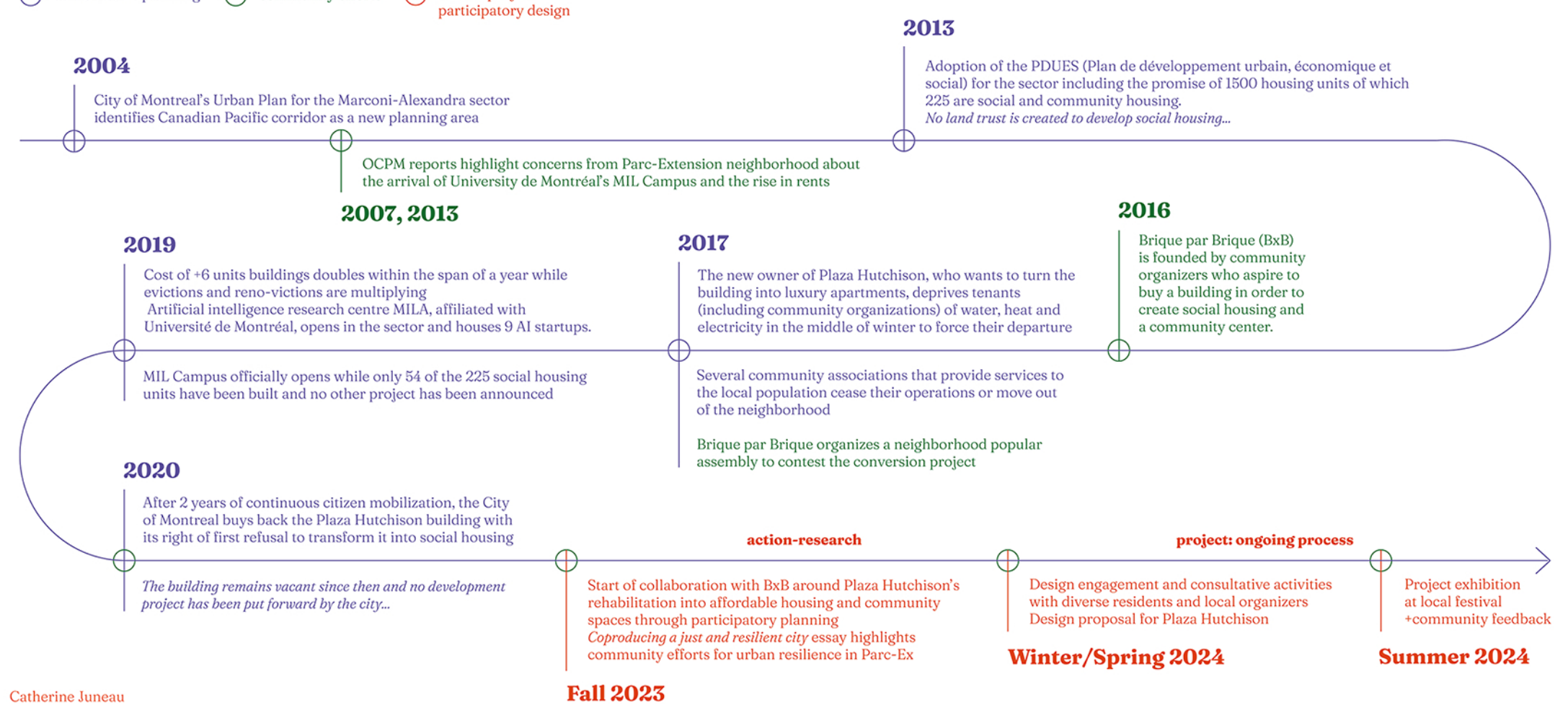
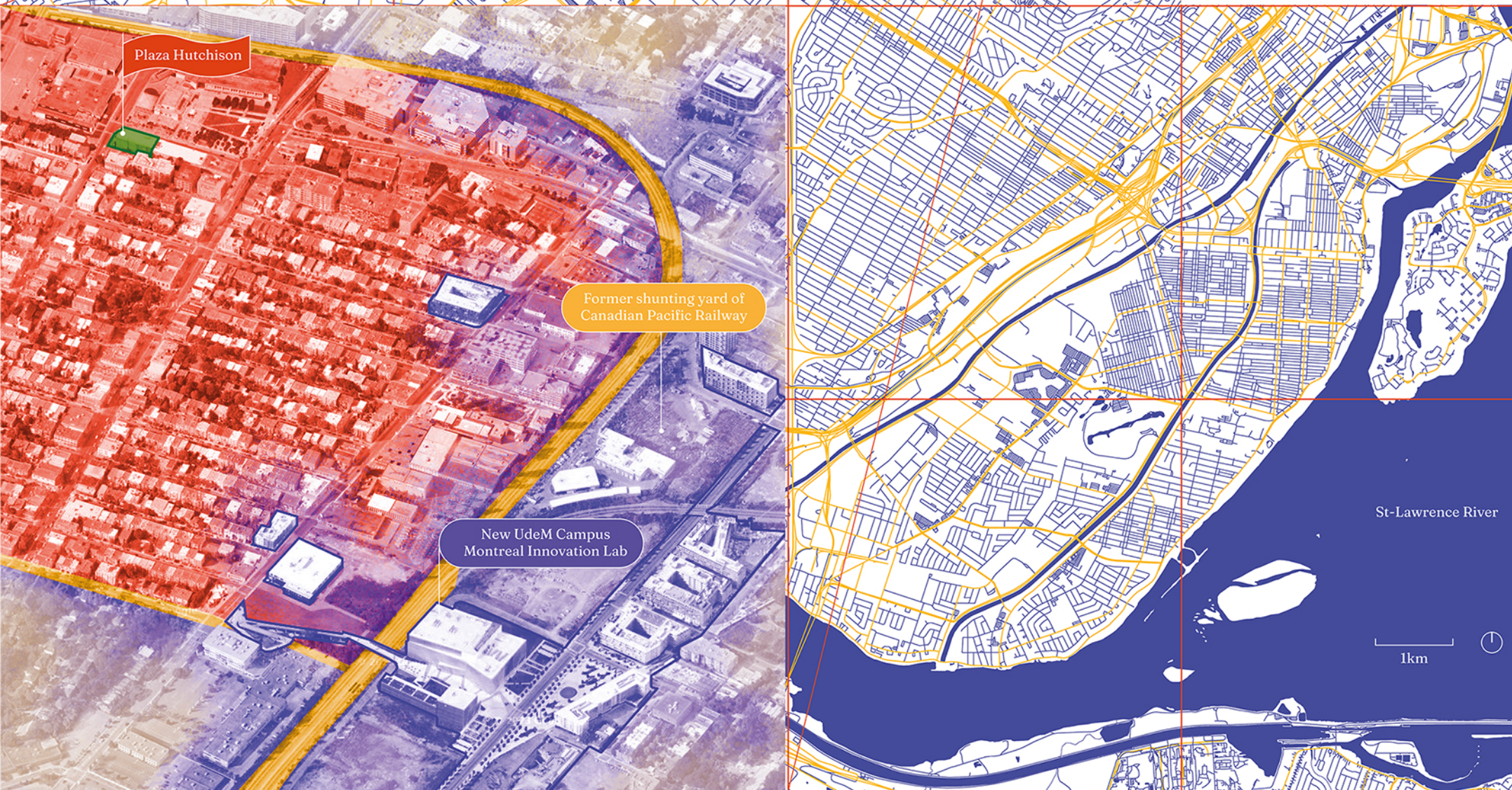


Reclaiming Plaza Hutchison A counter-project to state-led gentrification in Parc-Extension, Montreal

Based in Parc-Extension, one of Montreal's vibrant worker and immigrant neighborhood fighting for social justice, including Plaza Hutchison proposes to rehabilitate a vacant industrial building owned by the city into decommissioned community housing. Exploring various property as a vessel for various change from within, it attempts to redefine traditional urban planning research in ways governed by local expertise and aspirations.

The project stems from a collaboration with local organizations: Brigue par Brigue and a shared desire to formulate a reparative response to the current situation. As a first step in this process, the thesis Coprojecting a new and resilient City (investments, low costs, meet the challenges of suburban planning and state-led gentrification) by rolling several urban commons. It reveals a community working to preserve in cultural and collective memory, a territorial resistance women hoped and against all the boundaries imposed by the speculative city.

On-site workshops and consultative activities themselves provide parameters for design options building upon existing mechanisms of negotiation and materiality. A set of architectural interventions articulates new spaces for civic processes, social interaction as well as new spaces within and around the housing block. They urge us to rethink urban territory through a vision of equitable resource sharing and restore Parc-Extension towards their right to the inner city.



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