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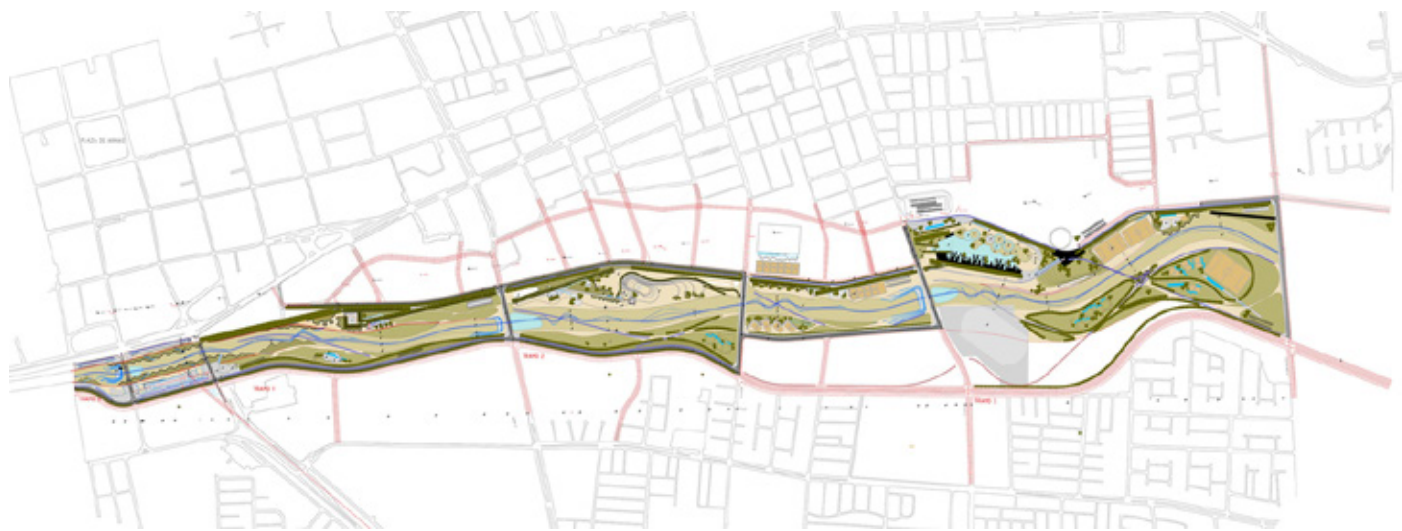
## KAUKARI URBAN PARK

Category: Parks/ Plazas  
Location: Copiapó, Chile  
Project Year: 2014



dms 27°22'12.9"S 70°20'11.0"W  
elevation 392 m

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Masterplan

The project for Kaukari Urban Park has been developed by Teodoro Fernández in 2014 for the city of Copiapó, in the desert region of Atacama, in the north of Chile.

As explained by the designer “the urbanization of the city of Copiapó South of its river left behind a void of more than 200 hectares corresponding to the river and its undeveloped terraces. This void, which has a privileged and central location, has now become a physical limit for the city and over the years has suffered a sharp deterioration mainly characterized by aggregate ex-

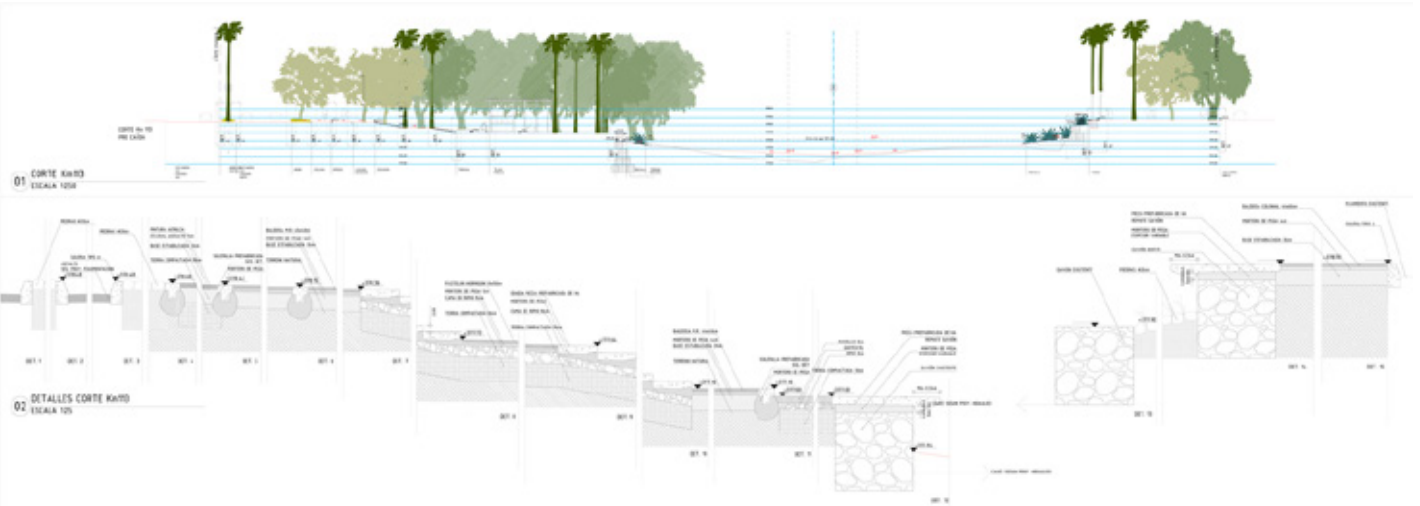
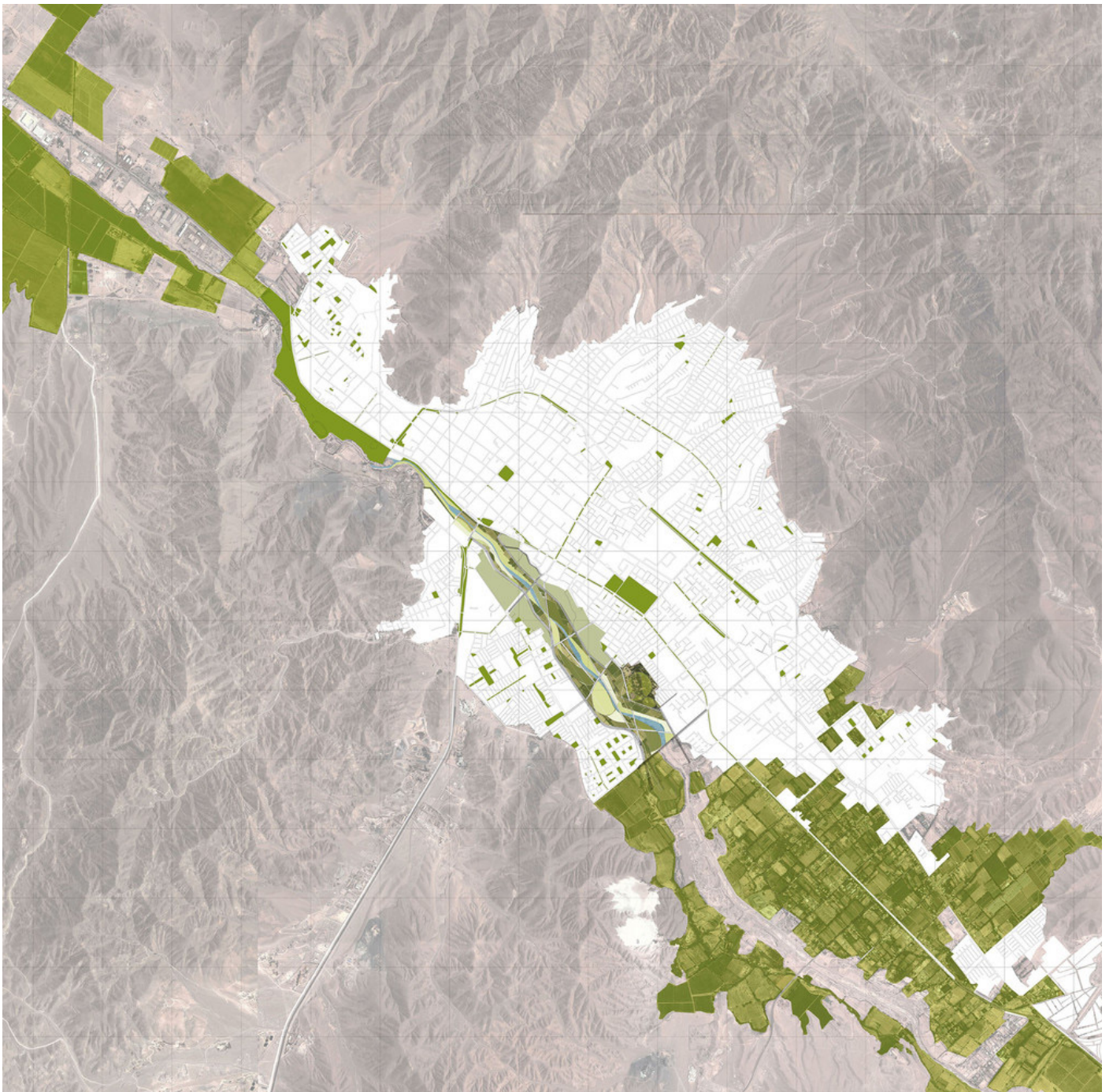
traction, the deposit of debris, placement of mining waste, and a low flow of water for a few years.”

The main purpose of the Kaukari Urban Park is to transform the Copiapó river shores into an accessible urban green space, capable of articulating both banks and providing a scenic and hydraulic solution simultaneously.

The park proposes a process of re-naturalization of Copiapó’s riverbed through a design that will contribute to flood control, thus ensuring safety of the inhabitants.

In urban terms, the project

designs the boundaries of the park, materialized through a road layout that conforms an urban suture for the city of Copiapó, which is today divided into two by the river. In terms of the park design, the project proposes a multi programmatic public and green area capable of accommodating different activities providing a sense of security, thus making the Kaukari Urban Park a unique civic, cultural, recreational, scenic and sports space for Copiapó.











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### KAUKARI URBAN PARK

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