

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: Celebrating Traces of History through Public Space Design in

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This creative project redesigns a site with ancient city wall fragments in Beijing. The intent is to reclaim the remaining wall and its history, and to make significant contribution to public spaces in the contemporary urban center. To achieve these goals, this work of this project included research into Beijing's history and urban patterns; and explored the development of international historic preservation guidelines, and specific standards for heritage sites in China. The site was selected through investigation of the historic city wall remnants. The creative project develops through site inventory and analysis, respects historic elements, and presents an innovative city wall urban park. The city wall in the site is reclaimed and re-presented as the recollection of a demolished heritage. The project promotes healthy public spaces in the urban center, and contributes to the surrounding neighborhoods and future generations.