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When people think of a thriving, up and coming city, they don't usually think of Houston. People tend to associate the city with the smell of oil refineries, oppressive humidity, and the perennially underperforming Astros.

They should take another look. Houston's an economic juggernaut.

It's by far the country's number one job creator, the home of America's booming

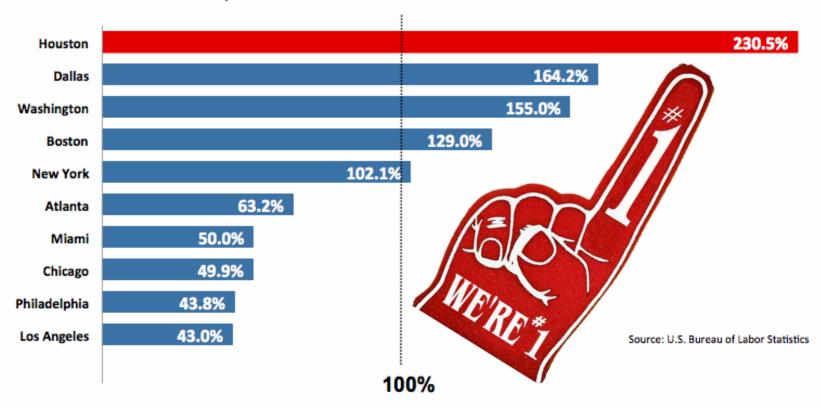


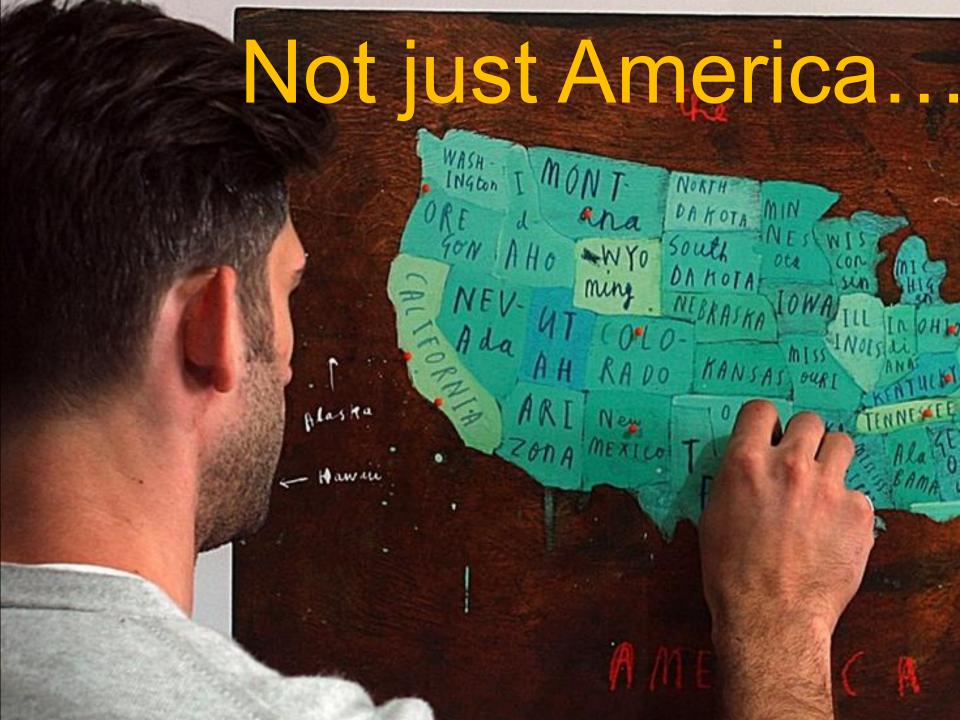
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It's got the jobs. Houston is the country's number one city for job creation. By a lot.

Percent of jobs recovered through March '13

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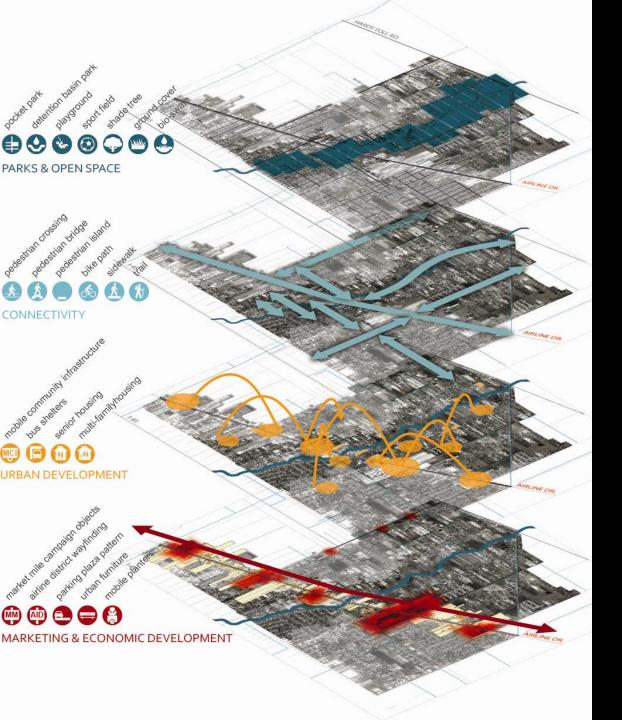


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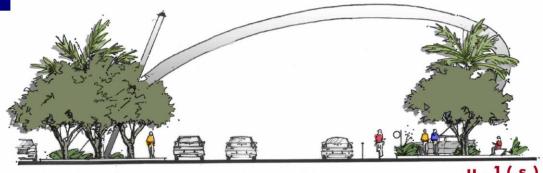


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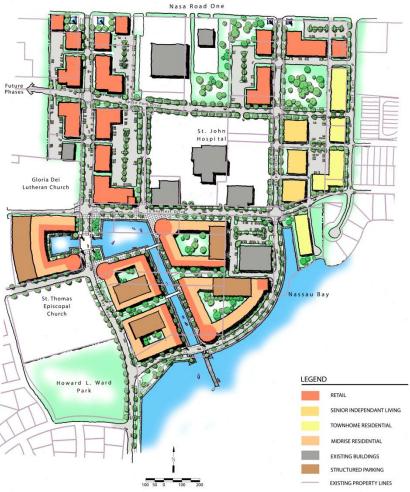








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EMPHASIZE SMALL TOWN FEEL.

CAPITALIZE ON WATEFRONT LOCATION.

LEVERAGE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

WITH SPACE PROGRAM.

CONSIDER USING ARTS AS A CULTURAL THEME.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

CREATE A WALKABLE MIXED-USE COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP 'URBAN' WATERFRONT HOUSING.

FOCUS DEVELOPMENT ON A VARIETY OF NEW PUBLIC OPEN SPACES (E.G. WATERFRONT, CANALS, PARKS).

RETAIL DEVELOPMENT:

CREATE 'GATEWAYS' ALONG NASA ROAD ONE TO INCREASE WARENESS, AND DRAW VISITORS INTO THE CITY.

ATTRACT SERVICES AND BOUTIQUE RETAIL TO PROVIDE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL ATTRACT
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CONCEPTUAL LAND USES FOR

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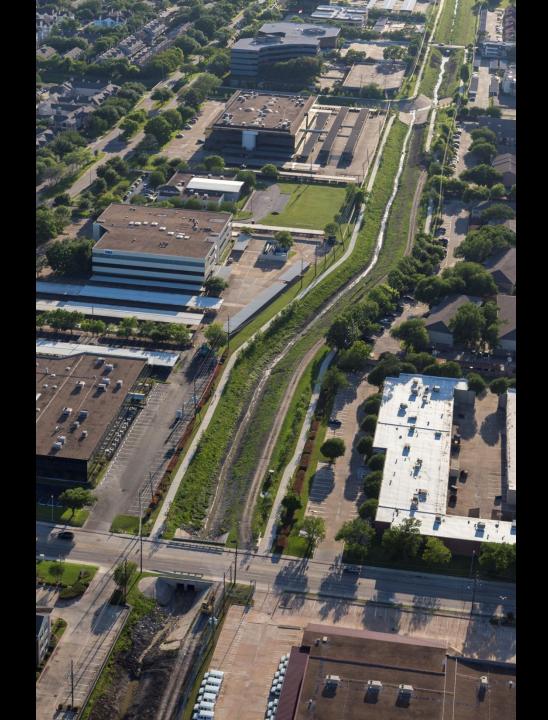












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