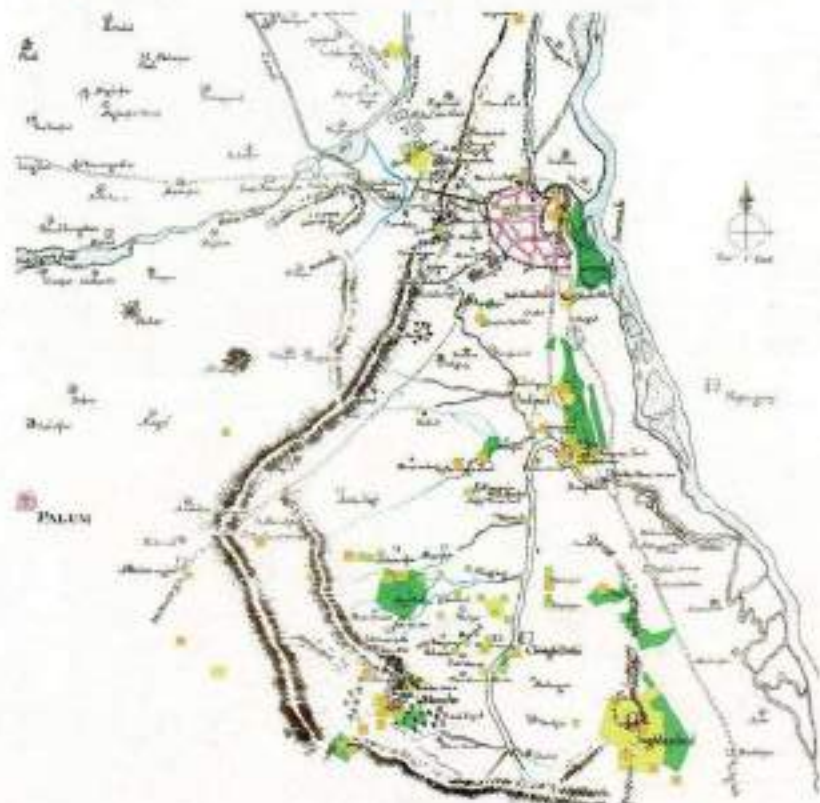


grand open spaces



The forests, lakes and the Yamuna are the soul of Delhi.

The River Yamuna and the outcrops of the Aravalli range form the geographic and environmental structure on which the city of Delhi settled.



The First Master Plan reserved large open spaces, many of them around historic monuments, and sought to protect the River Yamuna and the forests as ecological preserves. Delhi as a green city is cherished equally by its citizens and visitors alike.

Top Right: Shahjahanabad on the banks of the River Yamuna

Left: New Delhi from Raisina Hill to Purana Qila





As the city has grown, its open spaces have been dismembered and somewhat distanced from where we live and work.

As we face rapid growth and expansion to a city of more than 20 million, we fear for our "green city".

Scattered green spaces today.

Can we nurture Delhi's green spaces back to their potential so that they become an enjoyed and cherished part of our day-to-day experience?



Old Delhi and Central Delhi (Heritage)

Network of open spaces to be used as a tool to make heritage structures more visible and accessible.

The treatment should be responsive to the heritage value of the place and enhance the imageability of this part of the city.

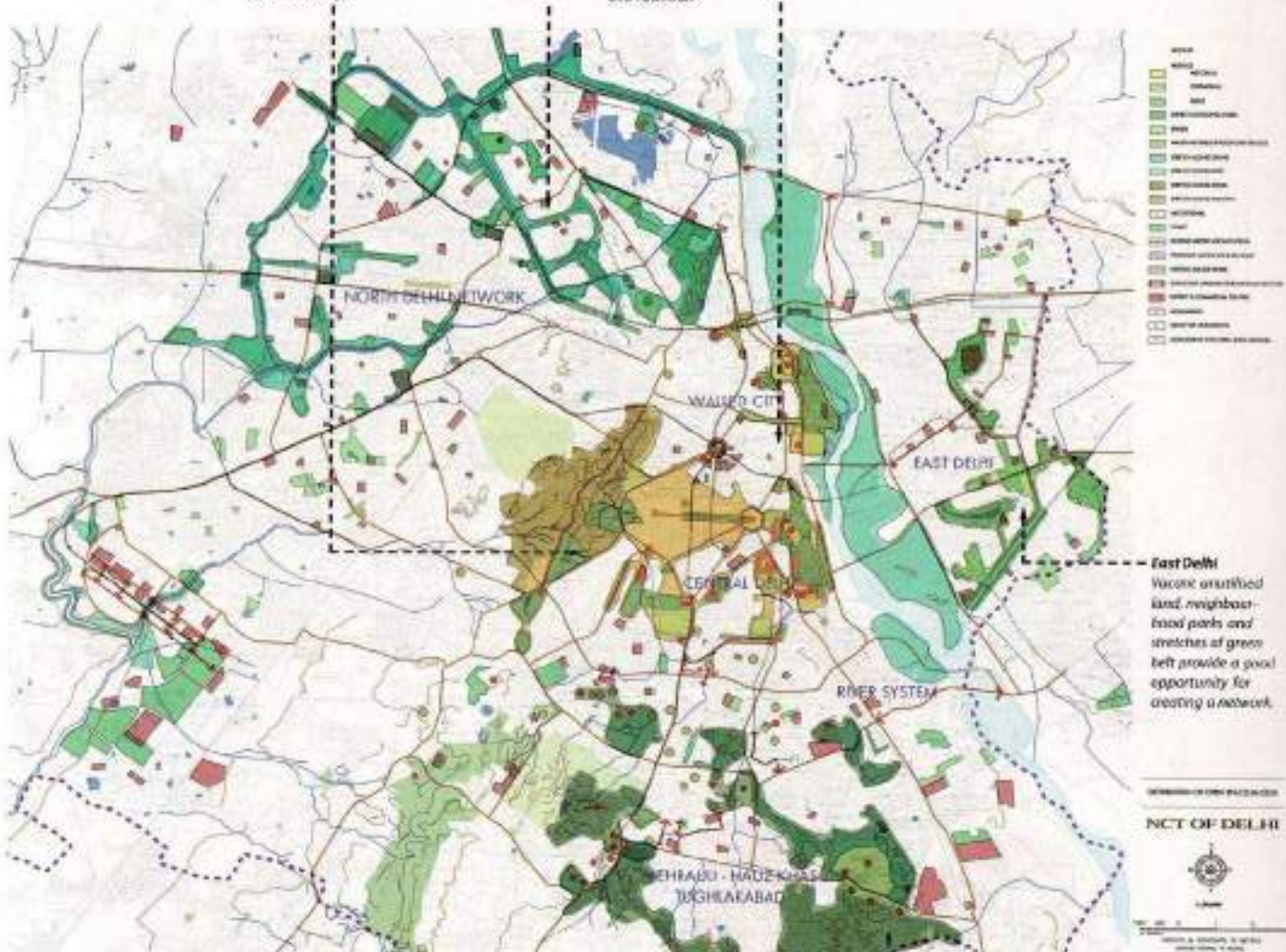
North Delhi Network

Characterised by pockets of open spaces plugged onto linear stretches along canals/drain.

The approach should be to reclaim the neglected systems and integrate them with existing greens and facilities.

River System

Requires a comprehensive approach involving experts from other related disciplines to improve the river ecology.



Mehrauli - Hauz Khas - Tughlakabad (Heritage and Forest)

The approach has to respond to encroachments, accessibility to heritage structures, safety of pedestrians and interface with old settlements (Urban Villages).



Networking green spaces for tomorrow.



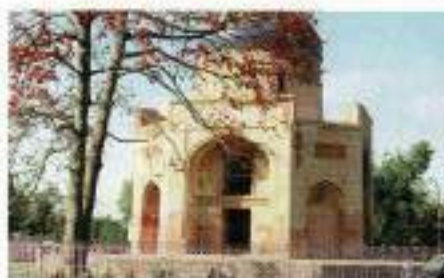
Central Delhi Network

The avenues and walks of central Delhi connect its many monuments and enliven their experience.



Enhanced Imageability: Redefining the entry to the forecourt of the monument as an extension of the green character of the street with appropriate street furniture.





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Continuous wide footpaths with parallel greens, strips for planting. Missing trees added to complete the avenue.



Maintaining a continuous walkway while taking care of parking.



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Looking through the fence at the golf course to enhance the green ambience.

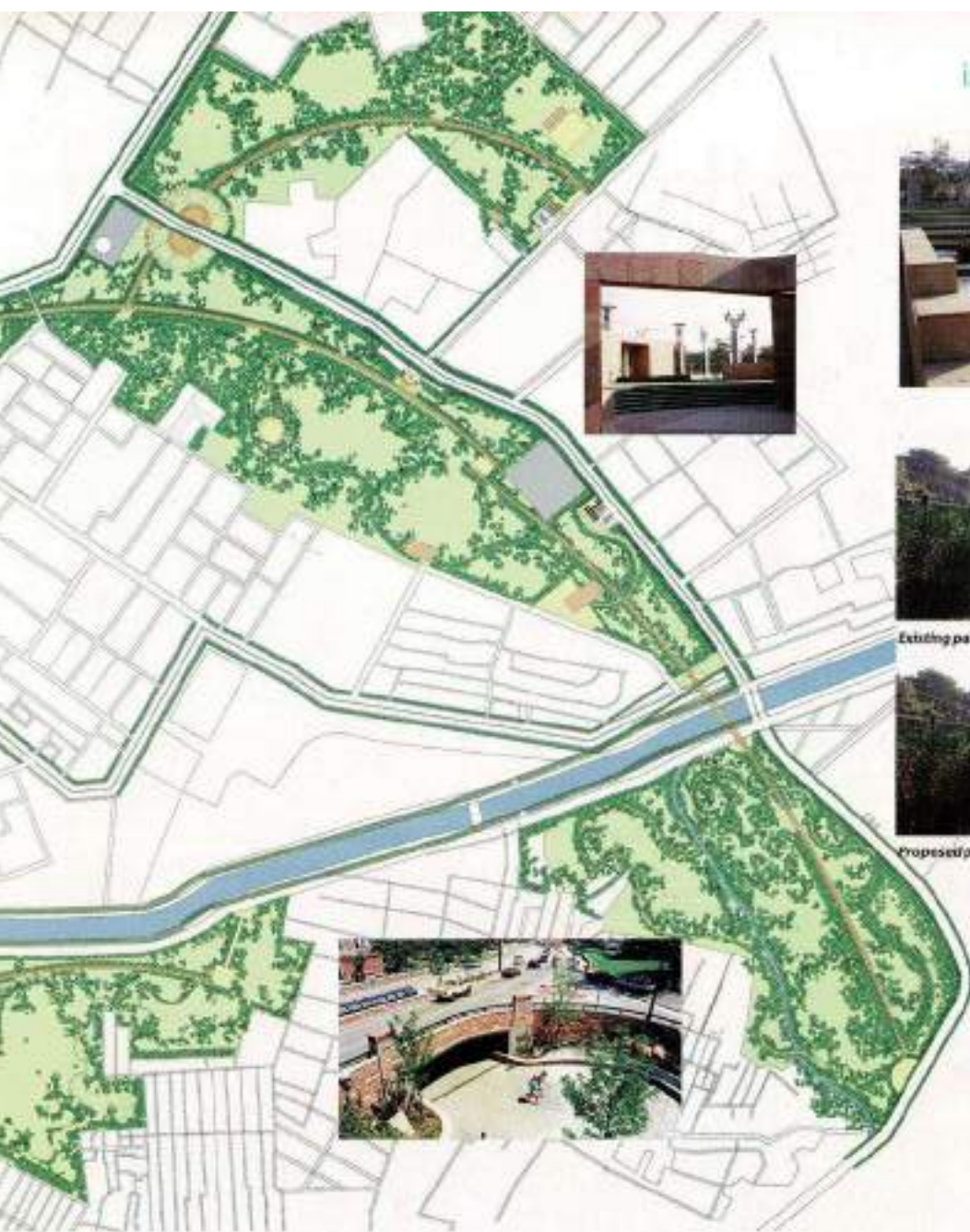


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Ashok Vihar Greens

At Ashok Vihar an opportunity for a unique city park has emerged. Travelling on the Metro line between the stations of Inderlok, Kanhayanagar and Keshavpuram, one can see a great city park revealed as an important landmark of North Delhi. The small parks and greens that already exist can be connected into a grand necklace of open spaces.





Existing park



Proposed promenade



The Metro will make these open spaces accessible from other parts of Delhi and can serve the entire city. The park will have *haats*, fair grounds, sports facilities, cycling and jogging tracks as well as space for outdoor cultural events and promenades.

Proposal for linking Metro Station with the park.

