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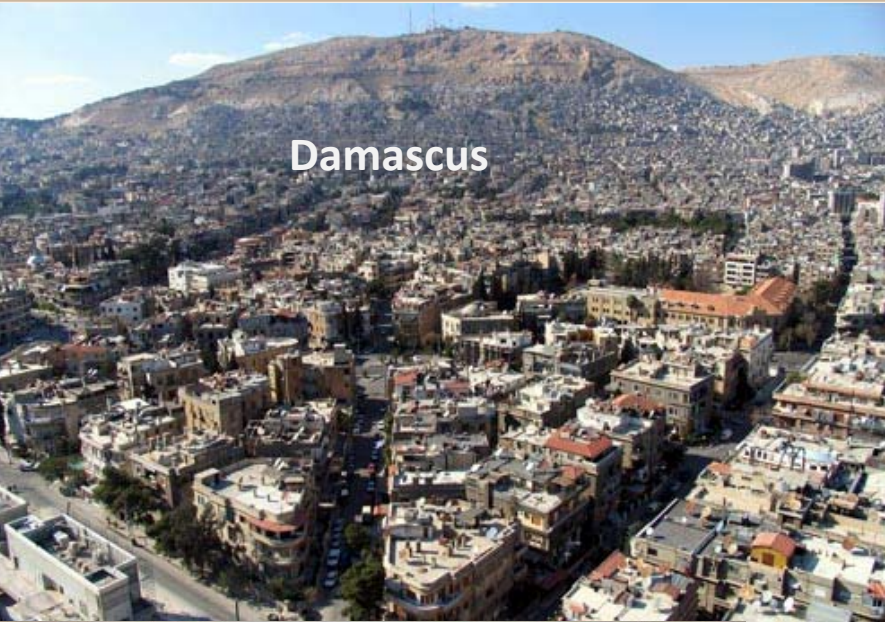


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“Amman: The City of Many Cities”

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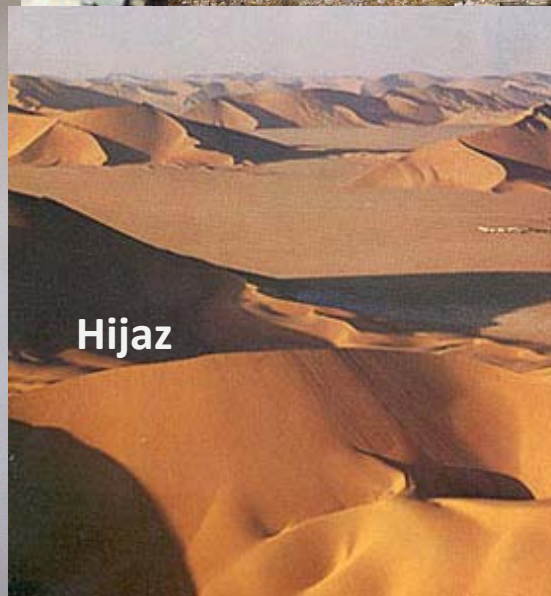
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Circassia



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Beirut

Transformation of a City



1 Socio-Economic Structure

Past



Present



Transformation of a City



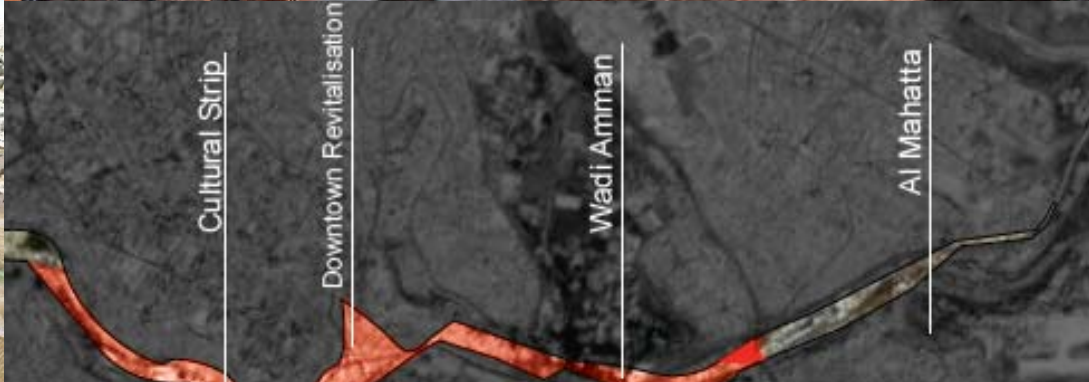
2 Physical/ Morphological or City Structure

This structure mirrored the socio-economic structure



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And the Transformation Continues



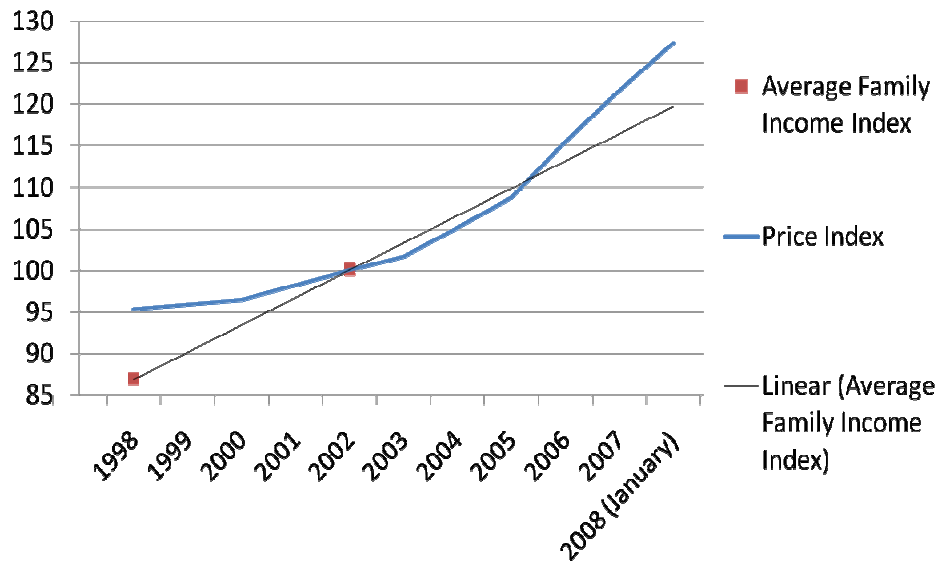
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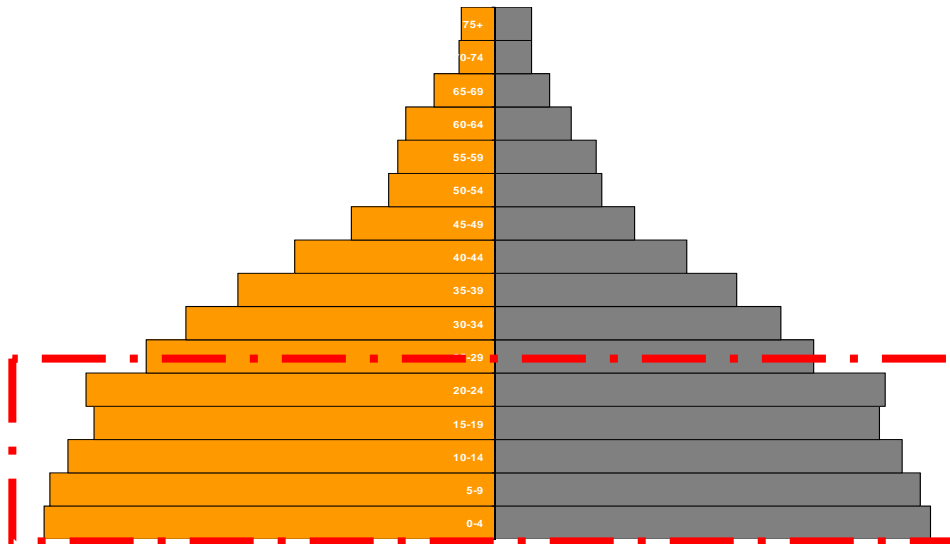
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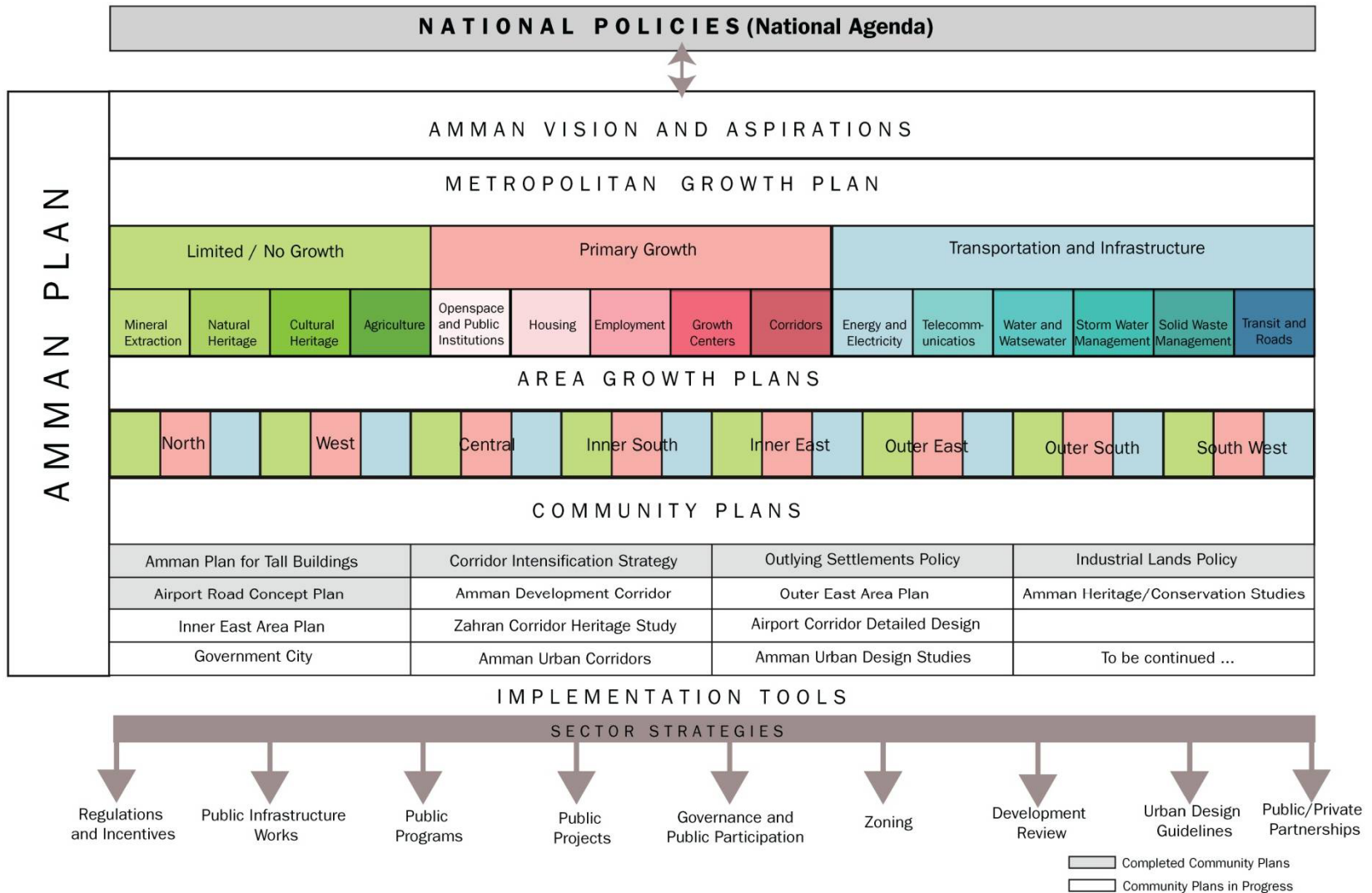


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What is the Plan?



Ammanis Envisioning their City

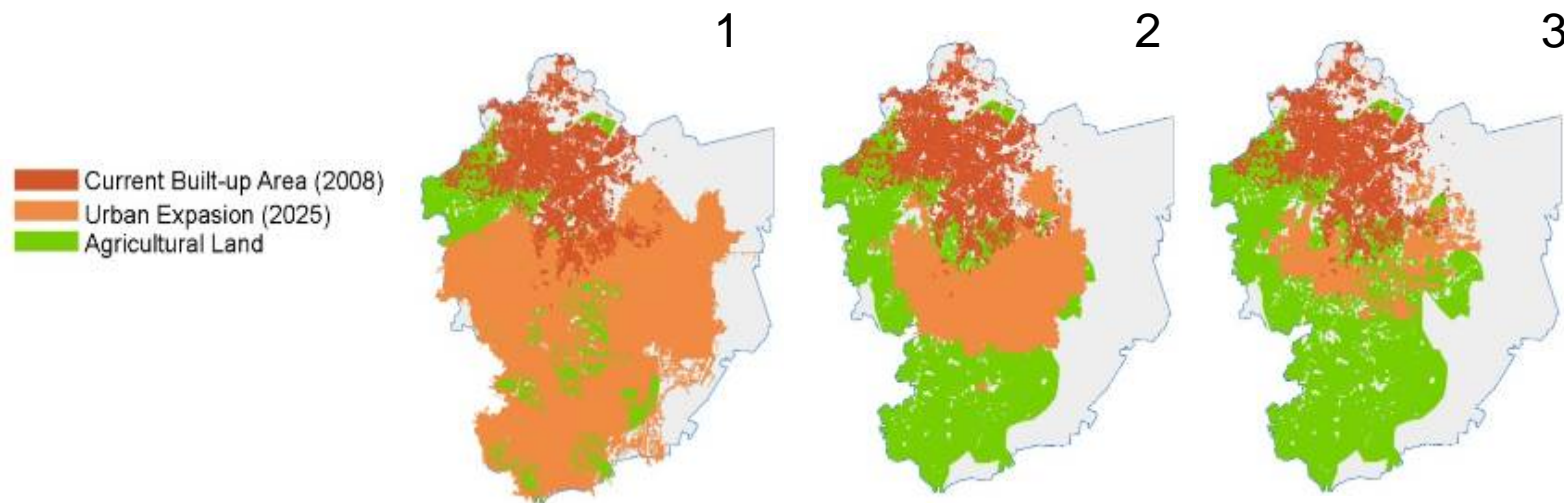


- *Amman celebrates its ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity*
- *Amman is one city rather than two*
- *Amman is a human city, where the poor and the rich can meet, the neighbors do interact, and the youth are encouraged to be creative*
- *Amman is a city of coincidence*
- *Amman is a city with middle class*
- *Amman is planned for all its citizens*
- *Amman has melted boundaries between the east and the west*
- *Amman is a city of walks for man, woman, child, and those that are physically challenged*



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Amman Envisioning Itself



	Status Quo: Expansion Only	Intensification + Expansion	Intensification + Densification + Expansion
Density (people/donum)	5	10	15
Urban Envelope (sq.km)	840	340	170
Prime Agriculture Land Impacted (sq.km.)	474	225	96
Cost of new road infrastructure (Billion JD)	3.5	1.5	1.0

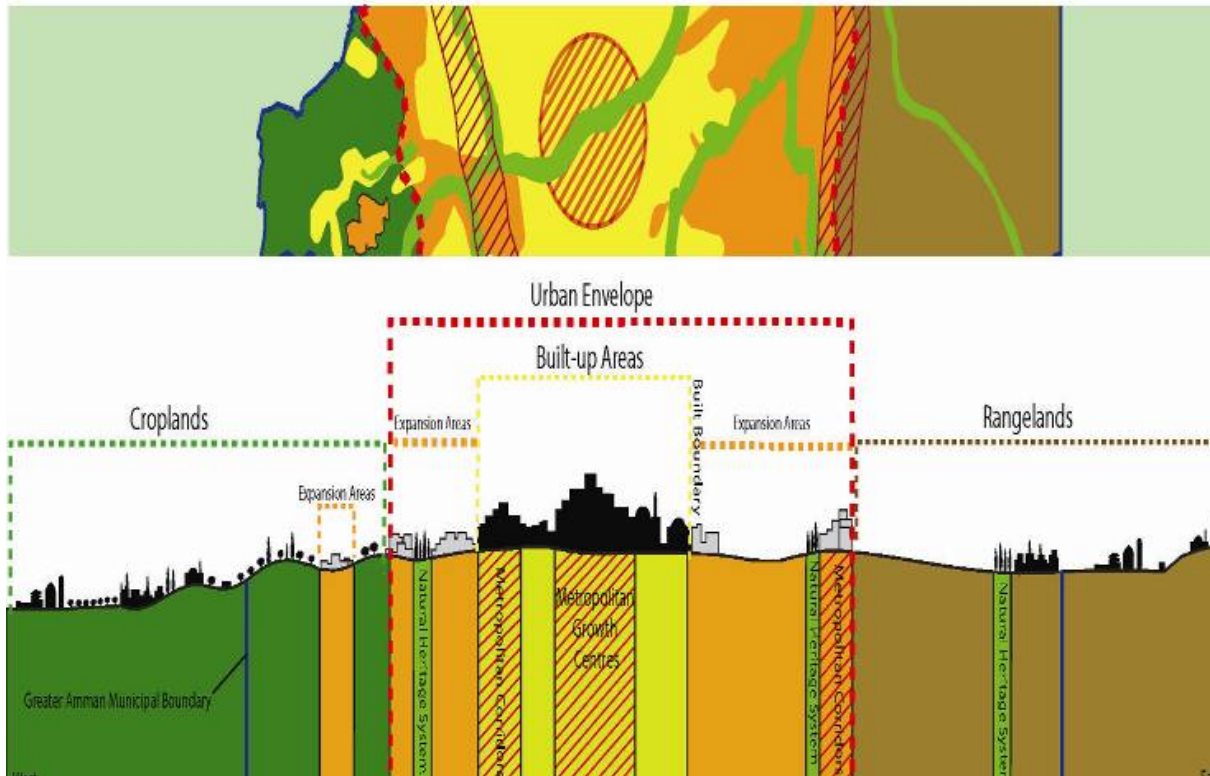
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- Encourage **compact urban growth** - efficient use of existing services - increased transit use - pedestrian accessibility – affordability to GAM and its residents.
- **Direct growth** to both existing built-up areas and to designated expansion areas
- Promote **mixed land use** - mix of residential & employment uses – reduce automobile dependence
- Promote **public transit** & pedestrian movement - focus transportation policy on moving people & goods rather than moving vehicles.
- Create a “**Natural Heritage System**” that protects and connects important environmental features - with a network of public walking trails & urban parks
- Conserve the “**Cultural Heritage**” of the City - including Architecture & Antiquities



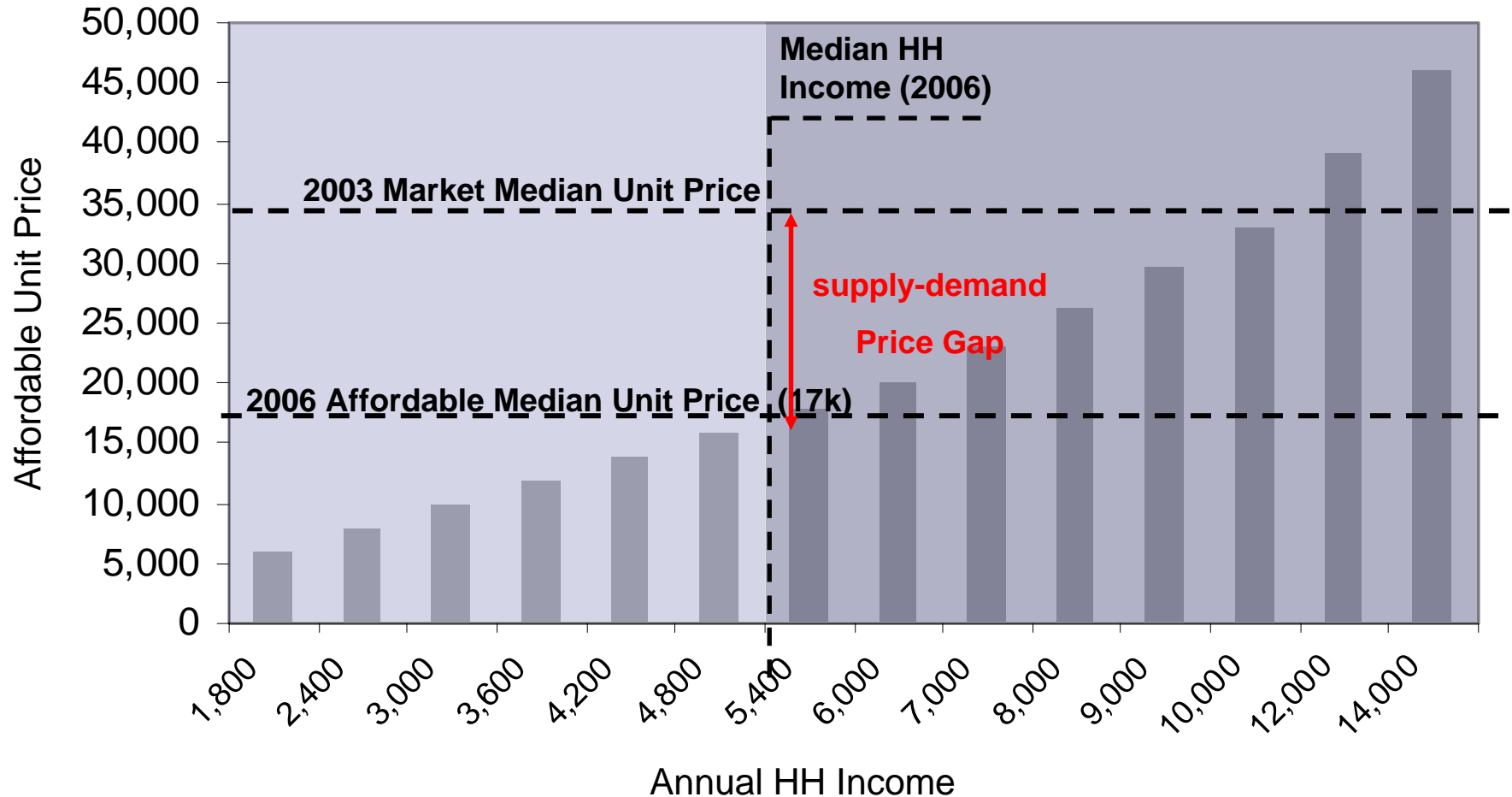
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How the Plan corrects Urban Inequality?



Accessible Housing to All

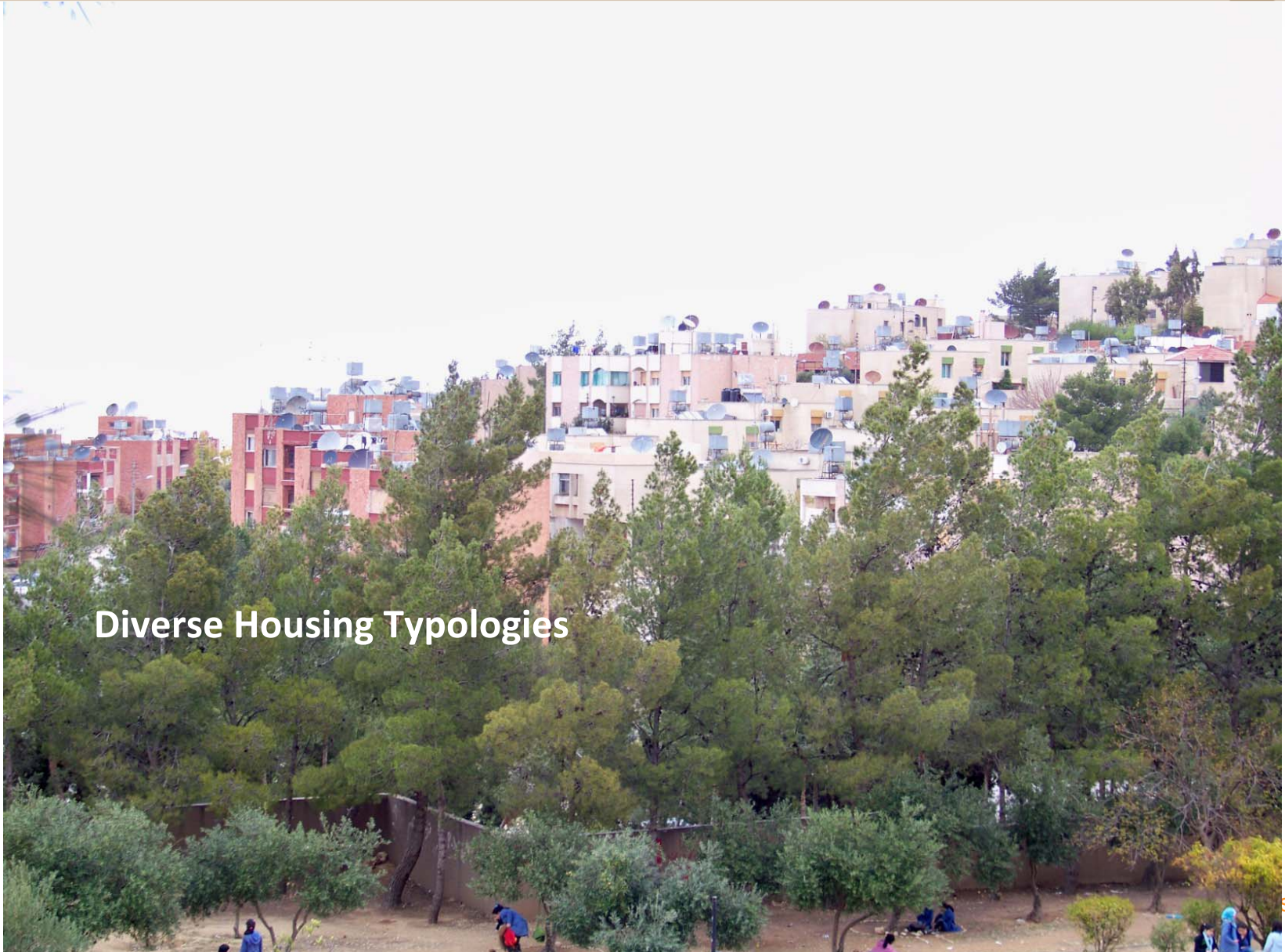


(interest = 8%, amortization period 20 yrs, utilities assumed 0)

Accessible Housing to All



Diverse Housing Typologies



Work - live

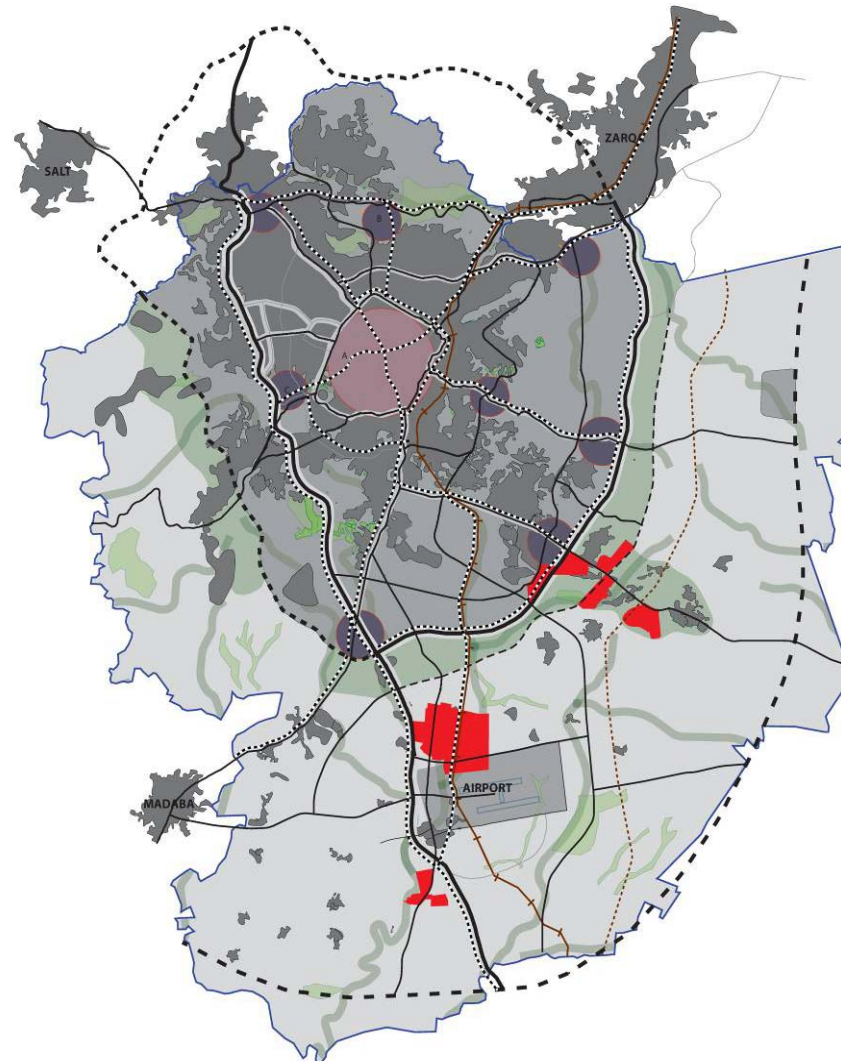


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Employment opportunities



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Accessibility



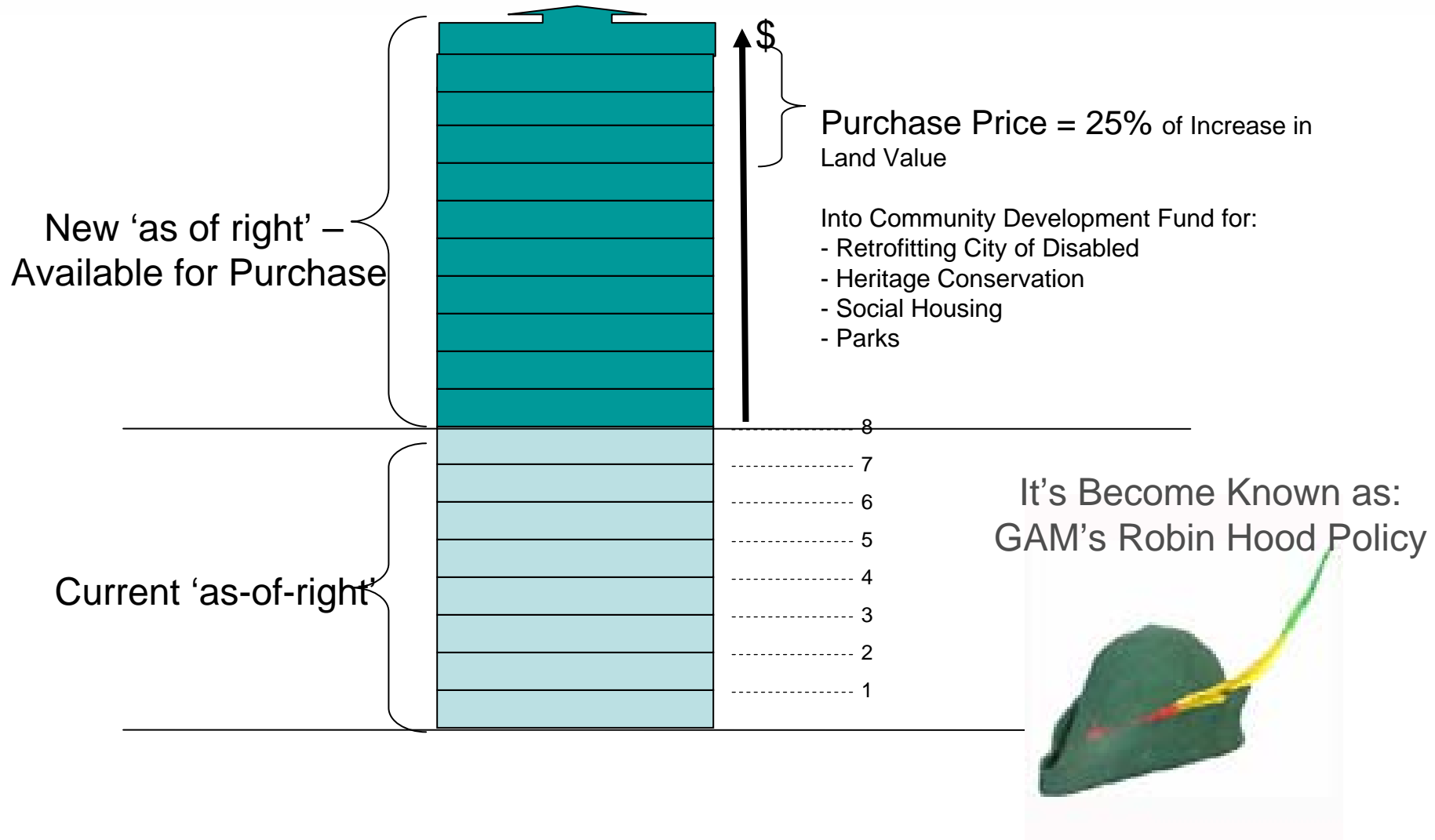
Equitable Infrastructure



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The Time to Act is Now

