Reimagining the Future of Lycabettus Hill
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION
Through 100 Resilient Cities, Rebuild by Design worked with the City of Athens to:

- Develop an open and transparent planning process for the revitalization of Lycabettus Hill
- Create a comprehensive stakeholder engagement strategy
- Drive the collaboration between planning partners
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Interboro Partners built off the studio work to:

• Design engagement activities and workshops for various stakeholders, residents, and visitors
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- Created a framework for engaging stakeholders
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Students created three ‘open space frameworks’ that synthesized research compiled over the semester and addressed both the ecological needs of the Hill and the needs and desires of the diverse groups of stakeholders in Athens.

Students also partnered with local interdisciplinary UOA program to analyze specific stakeholder groups.
Lycabettus Stakeholders
Senior Citizens

DIMITRIA

- Overcame depression by joining the workforce after retirement
- Makes a positive impact in Athens Economy by keeping clean Lycabettus Hill, one of the most visited tourist destinations
- Spends time encouraging others to overcome their fear of joining their workforce for their disabilities
- Wishes more activities for elderly people to take place in the hill
- Although she knows the hill like the palm of her hand, she has fallen from her own feet due to the lack of illumination in the hill
- Walks back from work to home to save money to buy needs for her fellow friends in the Senior Shelter

- Working in the hill makes me feel useful
- A lot of us feel depressed and left out
- Everyday, I look at the newspaper with the hope of good news about our pensions
- Thanks for the balloons, DIMITRIA, they make the shelter more cheerful
- I don’t always have the money for the funicular
- I wish the paths were safer
- Same I don’t know how can we survive with 130 Euros a month
ATHENS 360

THROUGH THE EYES OF ARCHITECTS OF ATHENS

The 360-degree panoramic view of Athens provides a unique perspective of the city's history, architecture, and cultural landmarks. This view allows visitors to explore the city from multiple angles, offering insights into its rich heritage and modern-day developments.

Key Points:
- **Ancient Ruins**: Explore the imposing structures of the Acropolis and other ancient sites.
- **Modern Architecture**: Discover modern buildings and skyscrapers that coexist with historical landmarks.
- **Cultural Centers**: Visit museums, theaters, and galleries that showcase the city's cultural diversity.
- **Natural Beauty**: Admire the elegant gardens and parks that border the cityscape.

This panoramic view is a perfect blend of tradition and modernity, offering an immersive experience of Athens as seen through the eyes of its architects.
Signage strategy

Entrance Signage

Direction Signage

Identification Signage - Pocket Parks

Information Signage - Transverse path

Walk to Lycabettus Hill - Tzistarakis Museum - Πηγή Αθηναίων - Agora - Βουνό Λυκαβηττός - 10 min

Walk to Lycabettus Hill - National Garden - Πηγή Αθηναίων - Agora - Βουνό Λυκαβηττός - 8 min

Walk to Lycabettus Hill - National Garden - National Library - Syntagma Square - Βουνό Λυκαβηττός - 25 min

Walk to Lycabettus Hill - National Garden - National Library - Syntagma Square - Βουνό Λυκαβηττός - 15 min

Walk to Lycabettus Hill - National Garden - National Library - Syntagma Square - Βουνό Λυκαβηττός - 13 min

Walk to Lycabettus Hill - Syntagma Square - National Garden - National Library - Βουνό Λυκαβηττός - 17 min
Stakeholder, Resident & Tourist Engagement
LEVELS OF OUTREACH

July - October
Local residents, tourists & community groups

May - June
Issue-based focus groups

March - April
Municipal & NGO leaders
VISIONING WORKSHOP
April 2018

- Interactive exercises to create a collective vision for the Hill
- 40+ municipal and NGO leaders from diverse backgrounds
- Created basis for guiding principles
1. Presented the research
2. Discussed challenges, re-framed as opportunities
3. Every group created a vision statement for Lycabettus 2030
4. Everyone voted on the vision statements and priority challenges
VISION FOR LYCA贝TTUS

“Lycbettus 2030 will be a landmark reference point and a model of exemplar environmental, cultural, financial management and social participation.”
THEMATIC GROUP MEETINGS

June 2018

• Small group meetings with NGO’s and advocates to discuss the principles, enhance partnerships and collect their ideas and concerns.

• Themes: Culture, Economic Development, Environment, Tourism, Civil Society, Transportation

• 25+ organizations and over 60 participants
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
July – August

- Used creative tools and events to engage the wider community around the vision for Lycabettus
- Tools included digital surveys, physical model of the Hill and games
- ‘Mobile Street Team’ made of local students trained to facilitate activities and discussion
- Over 1,000 survey responses, 12 physical locations and 100+ people engaged
Mobile Engagement Station Locations

During the kickoff week of the mobile engagement station the street team engaged with nearly 60 people from the different neighborhoods around the hill.

The street team continued to travel the city and in July and visited a total of 10 different locations such as plazas, playgrounds, transit stations, parks, and market.
Lycabettus Hill Engagement Station
Embrace Lycabettus!

We are in the early stages of planning for the future of Lycabettus Hill, and we need your help. Your answers are essential to the planning process and will help the city plan for a better Lycabettus and respond to your needs as a citizen of Athens.

This survey will take approximately 3 - 5 minutes. All of your responses will be kept confidential and used only for our research.

Map of Lycabettus Hill and its surrounding neighborhoods.
Lycabettus Mix
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

September - October

- September 28th | Large stakeholder meeting to share proposals and receive feedback from groups that were previously engaged in the process
- October 5th – 7th | Weekend of events to activate the Hill and test proposals of the long term plan, in partnerships with NGO’s and community organizations
OUTCOMES

• Built leadership and alignment between key actors and the creation of a common vision
• Enriched the content of the long term plan
• Showed key stakeholders that the City is planning for holistic interventions and involved the public in the planning process
• Built capacity and skills in the City and universities for innovative planning strategies that are more receptive to a wide range of stakeholders and residents
• Created a replicable model for future planning in Athens