

URBAN CLOUDS

CONFLUENCE OF SKY & EARTH

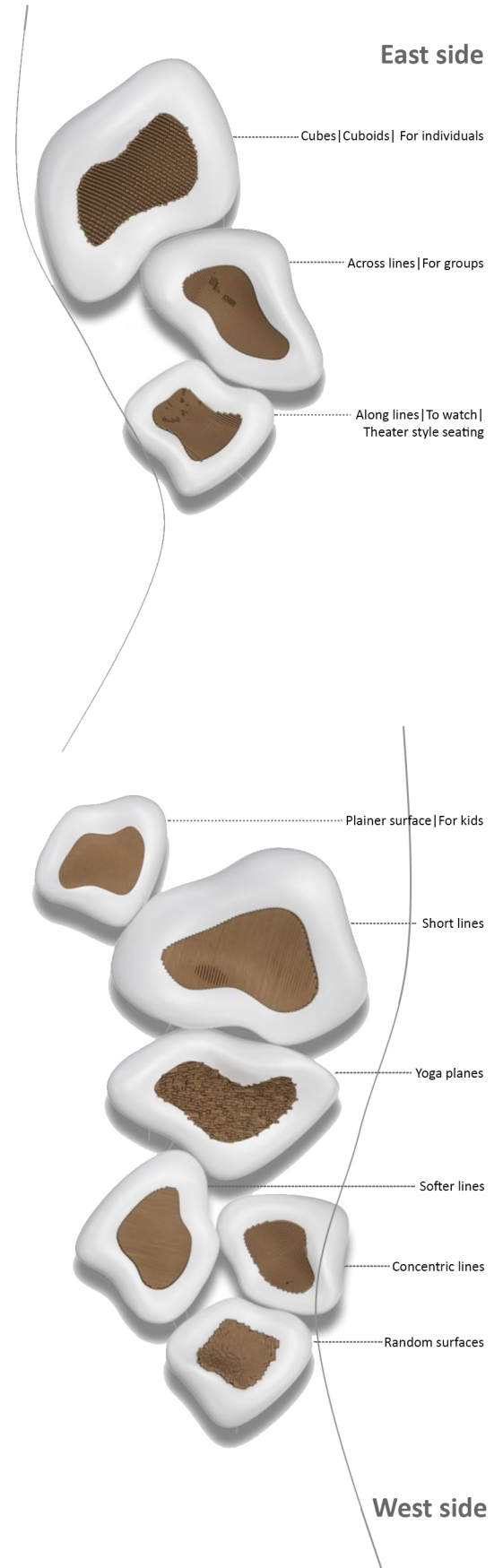
There is a need to be away, to breathe, break-away; a bit farther, than be lost; a little higher, than the ground. To gain a perspective- to break away from the monotony of everyday- to be able to deal with problems, and possible futures, to take up as challenges that we all face today. To lighten, unburden, unhook, unhinge away from the evolving challenges of today- we are suggesting an elevated space, to gain a perspective of the facts, factors, situations, context before we lose ourselves to the stresses of the everyday life.

This Self oriented space called CLOUDS is a retrospective space to meditate, be oneself; be with the other self to eventually figure out oneself. In the Ancient Indian Upanisad of Bhṛhadāraṇyaka there is a mention of Cloud and the *sloka* goes as

अयं स्तनयित्नुः सर्वेषां भूतानाम् मधु, अस्य स्तनयित्नुः
सर्वाणि भूतानि मधु; यश्चायमस्मिन्स्तनयित्नुः
तेजोमयोऽमृतमयः पुरुषः, यश्चायमध्यात्मं शाब्दः
सौवरस्तेजोमयोऽमृतमयः पुरुषः, अयमेव स योऽयमात्मा,
इदममृतम्, इदं ब्रह्म, इदं सर्वम् ॥ ९ ॥

“This cloud is the reaction to everything happening around, as everything has lead to the formation of the cloud. This intelligence of a person who is in the cloud is caused by the search for self; The Self that becomes immortal- in thought, and in idea. This is *Brahman* and that is the truth.” - **Verse 2.5.9**

This is the confluence of dualities faced every day. And the Clouds is where the ground meets the sky, where the green meets the blue, where the intelligence meets the Self. It is the place designed for Confluence of times, thoughts, & fundamentals of life.



TECHNOLOGY USED

With technology used to build air ships (Blimp) the 9 white Clouds stay afloat by anchoring them to the ground. The highest one reaches the imposed 200 feet above ground. Their undersides are at varying heights between 75 feet to 150 feet above the ground. People can be hoisted on to them via modified boom crane technology.

FUNCTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

The Clouds are designed to keep the ground clear to create possibilities such as, projections on the underside of these Clouds the Gardens and the banks can become drive-in, or concert spaces also light up during the festive times; Flee markets, concerts, exhibitions, art-curation around the gardens and under the Clouds can be held. On the Clouds the spaces are for meditation & retrospection with a view of the world around. The GRPC can engage the community for the active use of the Park & Gardens below as they see fit. The landscaping of the Park & the Gardens shall remain as they are to reduce the urban & economic impact.