Mutational Fluxuations: A Site Manifesto

During the past two decades we have seen a merging of natural and artificial constructs into hybrid entities which possess traits from both, yet cannot be classified in either group. Through this amalgamation we begin to see new organisms and materials that resemble the natural but are constructed from the artificial. This site is neither natural nor artificial, but created through a complex intermingling of time, human constructs and the resilience of nature to endure. The site expresses these characteristics in several different ways such as: the process of sedimentation through a human centric process, the transplantation of indigenous and non-indigenous vegetation, and the new type of ecosystem introduced within the bay. With the coexistence of the varying site conditions we begin to see the identity of the site as a product of our current culture, a combination of technologies, sciences and social obsolescence.

This new type of ecology yearns for a new type of site intervention. One that is not a process of installation but of growth. The growth process will be determined by conditional constraints and programmatic constraints which will work as a skeleton rather than an all determining factor. The intervention will be in a state of constant growth similar to the site.

Manifesto Key Ideas:

- 1. The built environment will not be characterized as natural or artificial
- 2. The built environment will acknowledge the site but will not dominate.
- 3. The site and built environment will be a state of constant growth.
- 4. Biology will become subjective.
- 5. Technology will dictate much of the site's environment.
- 6. The site will not be considered sacred.
- 7. The flux of the site will be embraced.
- 8. The site will acknowledge its occupancy but will not in servitude to it.
- 9. The site will increase in complexity.
- 10. The site and built environment will, over time, become indistinguishable.