

MONTREAL

airport corridor redevelopment

The airport corridor of Montreal is, in its current form, a haphazardly woven confetti of infrastructure that has given rise organically to interstitial vegetation and vestigial industry in-between. If Montreal is to become the designed city of the 21st century, the urban design imperative must be intentionally and legible.

As developmental pressure exerts itself on the airport corridor, the urban design goal is to balance new development with environmental remediation and create a dense urban landscape. Post-industrial sites would require varying degrees of remediation and would not be available for immediate development. New development would be planned in phases. A new community would be planned one at a time as needed and reclaim remediated land.

New cultural institutions are neighborhood connectors, bridging across the divisive infrastructure. As iconic linear buildings set against the grain of the highway, they enrich the journey from Montreal to the airport while creating a series of discernable breaks in landscape and urban development.

