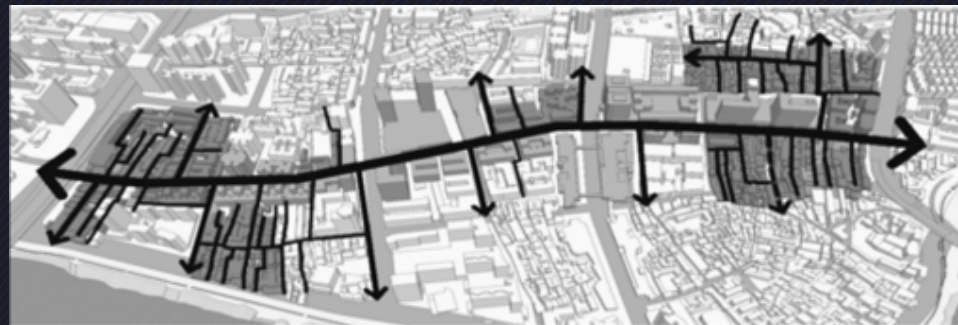


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PLANNING of **HANZHENG STREET**



*How to save a 500-year-old shopping street
with rare historical remains in Downtown Wuhan?*



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Why Hanzheng St. selected?

选题背景及意义

Formal vs. Informal

**Great Streets
Make
Great Cities**

- Allan Jacobs -

Sketch map of Great Wuhan



A snapshot at Zhongshan Ave.



source: the outlook of Wuhan 2016



Formal Historical District

long history and
abundant heritage,
legally protected and
funded by local gov.

e.g.

Zhongshan Ave.

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Informal Historical District

Long history but
rare heritage,
lack of regulations and
funds, mostly maintained
by non-profit org.

e.g.
Hanzheng St.

More common in rapid urbanization area



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HANZHENG STREET

A 500-year-old historical street

Root and soul of business industry of Hankow

汉正街 500年的商业老街

——是汉口商贸文化的发源地

——是汉口商业的根和魂

An old photo of Hanzheng St. in the 1900s



Source : Baidu image

STREET VIEW OF HANZHENG, HANKOU

觀街の正氣、街市の入口

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A street view photo of Hanzheng St. in 2015



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HANZHENG ST. PRECINCT

1.4 kilometers / 300,000 square meters / two traditional blocks included



Central issues of Hanzheng St.

汉正街老街保护更新的现实困境

more historical recordings, but less historical bldgs.

Long history of Merchant Shipping

悠久的历史水运历史 – 因水而兴,始于明成化年间,1470年(500年前)



汉正街
HANZHENG St.

Source : Google image

National trade hub in Central China



Source : Google image



Honored as
Top one Business street
of China in 18c.



Famous for
Small Commodity Market
In late 20c.

HANZHENG STREET

An alive business street full of opportunities and popularity.

18c to early 20c
Booming

Late 20c
Revitalizing

Present
Transforming



HZ St. in 1910s



HZ St. 1980s



HZ St. in 2010s

Voices coming from local famous persons, 'Go and Save the heritage of HZ St.'



承汉正文化 造
“汉正新街”
皮明麻

那不是一条街，
而是一条生物链。

开发商业地产的同时，
别忘了开发住宅。注意
娱乐场所的配套，促进
旅游、商贸一体
的小门面建设。如果只
顾批发没有零售，人气
就聚不起来。

何祚欢

徐明庭

如果把汉口比作一棵
树，**汉正街**就是它
的**根**。历史不能抛
弃，别让汉正街只剩
下“汉正街”三个字。

城市特色的保持
与营造，**根在
历史，魂为
文化。**

涂文学

码头所承载的**开放、
包容、创新**的文
化精髓具有独特的文
化气质。

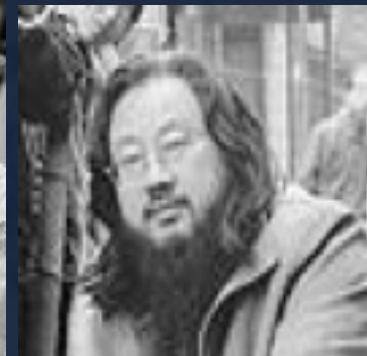
董宏猷

方方

希望开发商们
**“手下留
情”**，尽量
让新产品与老
房子融为一体。
道路别修成大
马路，否则就
不是汉正街了。

刘富道

城市让人称道的就
是它本身的历史和
文化，作为**汉口
的“正街”**，
汉正街**见证**了汉口
乃至武汉的沧桑变
化，这就是它对于
城市的意义。



However,

exhausted in three sincere fire disasters deliberately made by wars. And the most devastating fire happened in 1911.



Post-fire-disaster snapshot in 1911

Rare historical heritages survive, with incomplete form



Flagstone path being used for 300 years

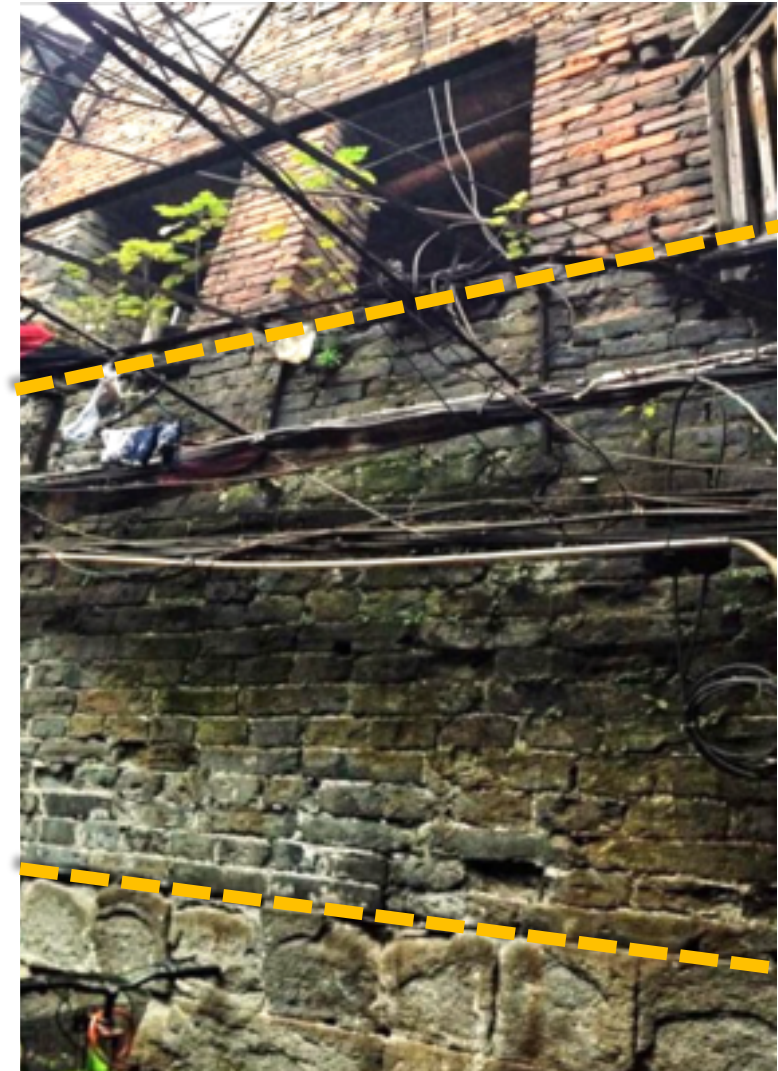
Yaobangyi alley

Heritage issued by local gov.



Historical bldg. used as hospital in 1920s, classic arch. Style, in good condition

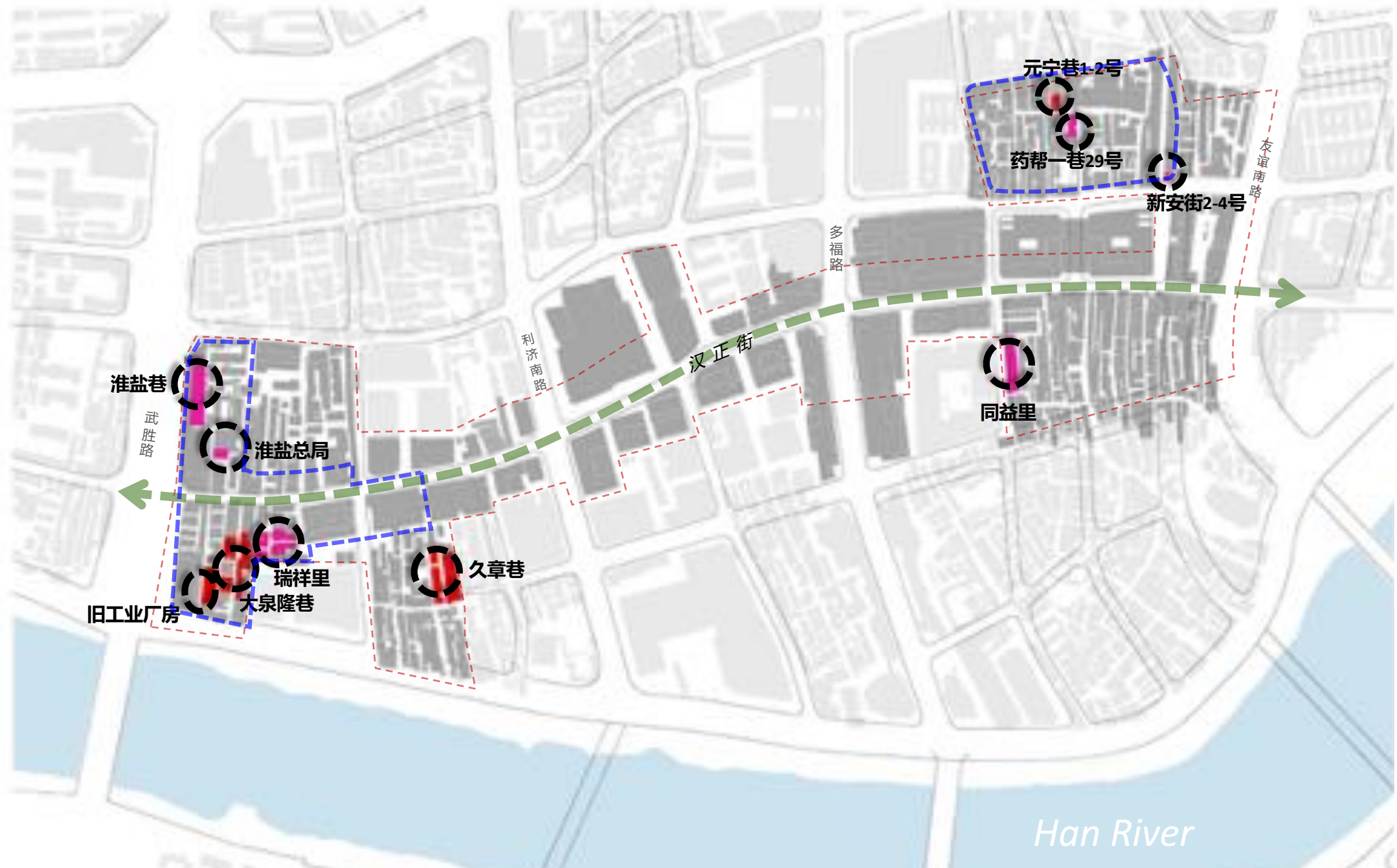
致富千日功 当时到



Historical brick wall, part of a College bldg. built 400 years ago

Heritage issued by local gov.

'bits and pieces' - Spatially separated from each other.



How to make 'more' from 'less'?

More historical records, but less historical remains,
Zero-sum game, or Non-zero-sum game



Han River

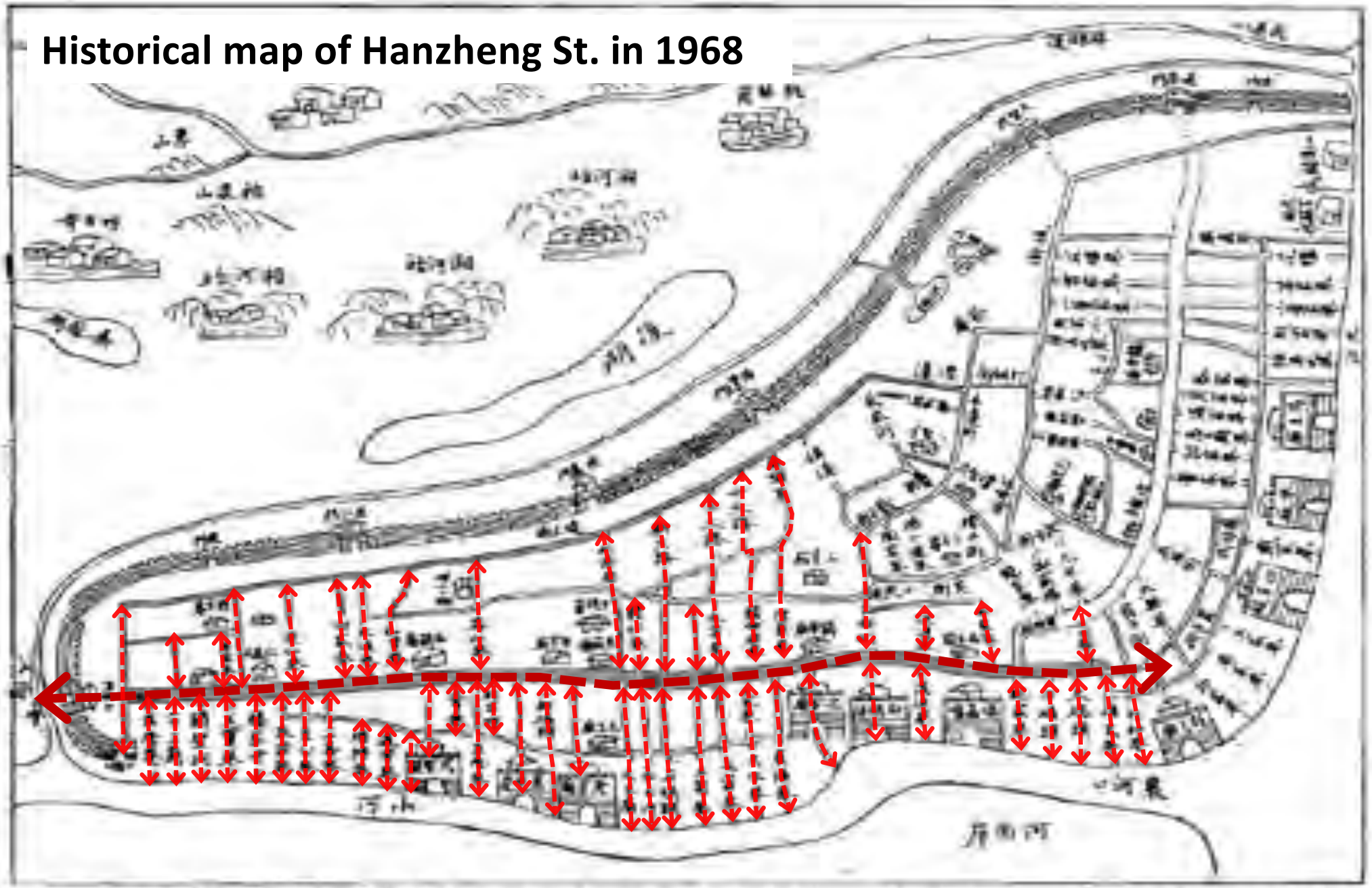
1st step: Digging deep into history and reviewing local context

第一步：历史文脉的提炼

Traditional urban fabric & remains from different stages

Traditional urban fabric – ‘a long street plus short alleys’

Historical map of Hanzheng St. in 1968



Traditional urban fabric – ‘a long street plus short alleys’

The main street keep its original direction regardless of rapid urbanization, and some traditional alleys located in the east and west block survive from large-scale urban renewal.

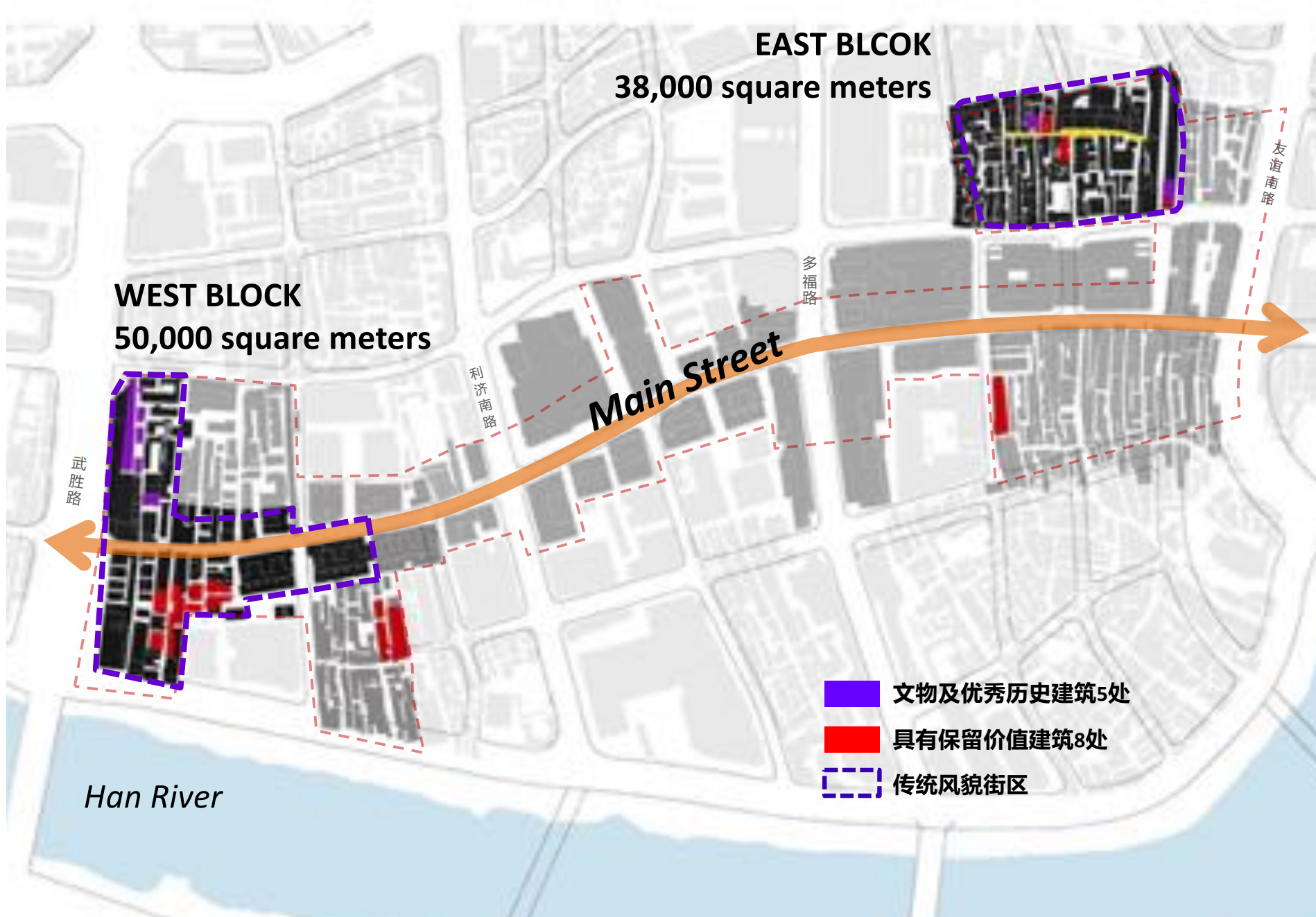


Figure-ground map of Hanzheng St. in 1927



Figure-ground map of Hanzheng St. in 2015

Two well-reserved districts with traditional urban fabric



Typical residential blocks built in early 20c



Besides of formal historical remains issued by the local gov.,



Flagstone path being used for 300 years

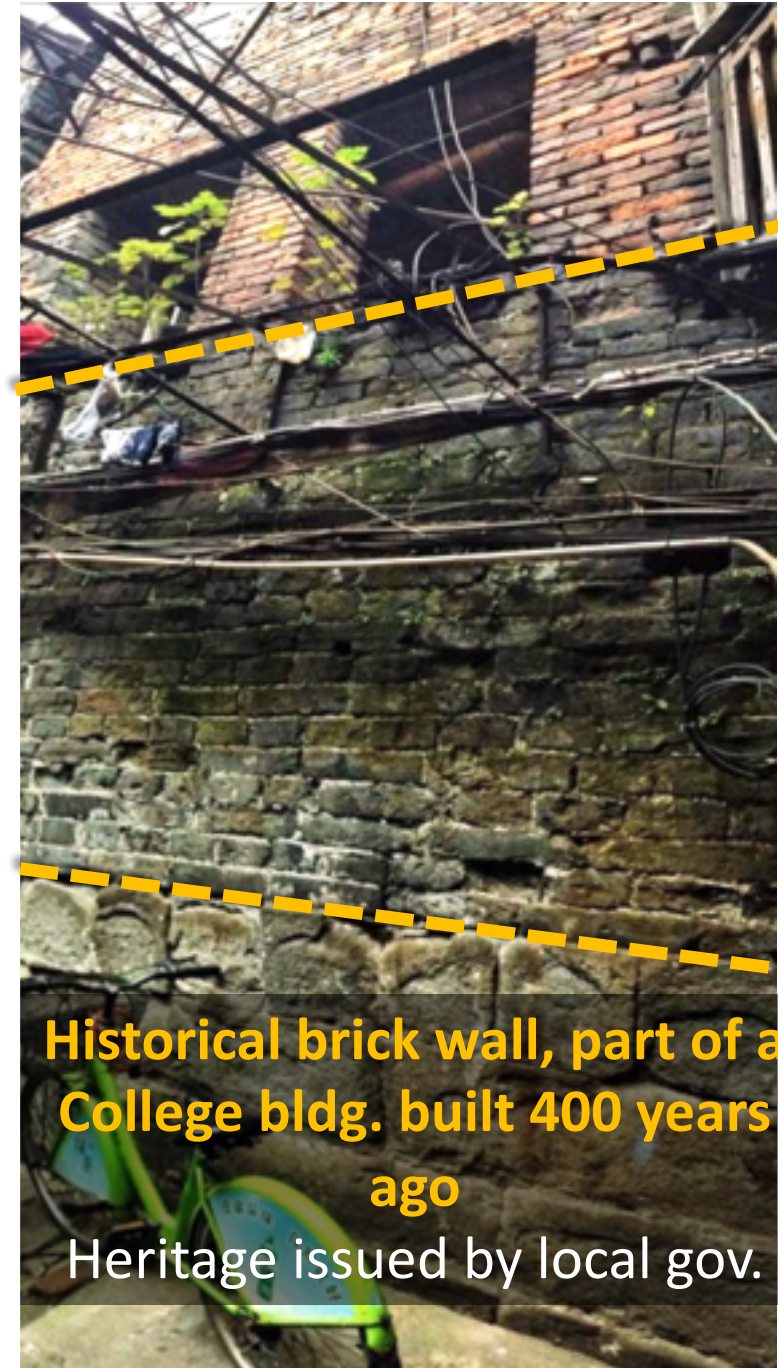
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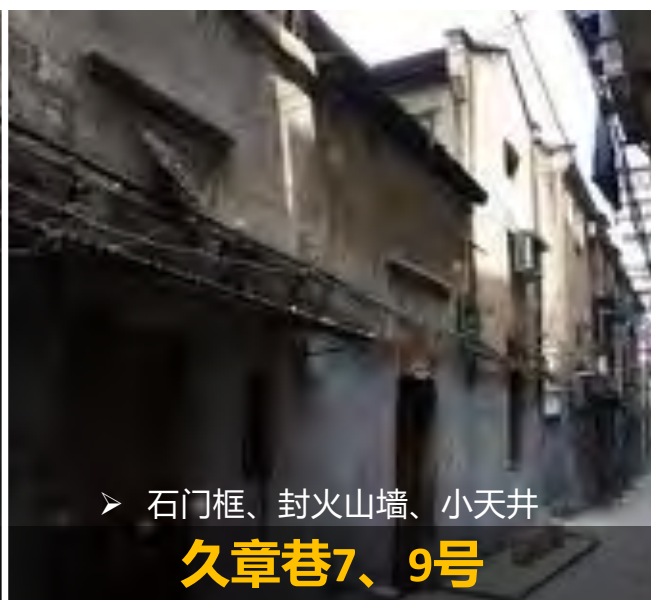
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Historical brick wall, part of a College bldg. built 400 years ago

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More historical bldgs. discovered through careful investigation



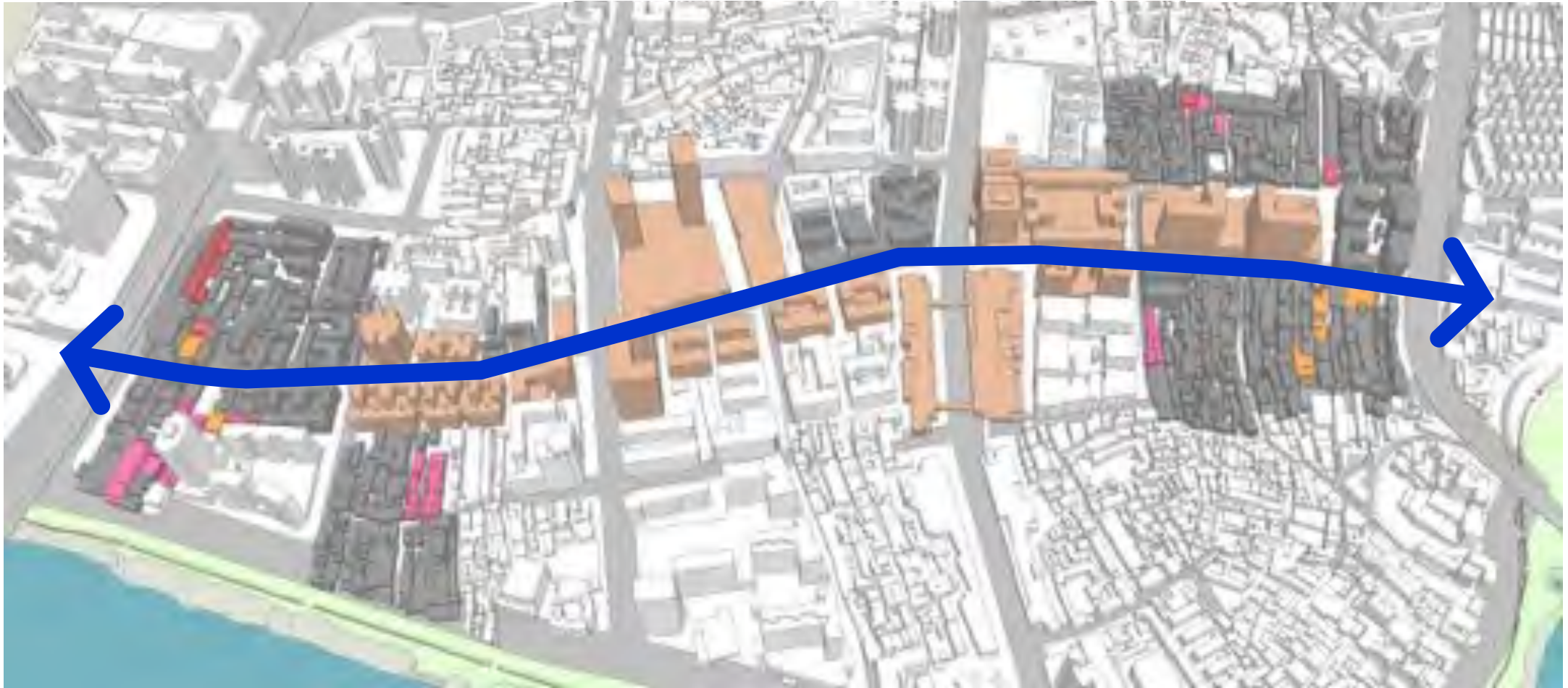
**2nd step: Building a connection among
remains built from different stages**

第二步：历史路径的串联

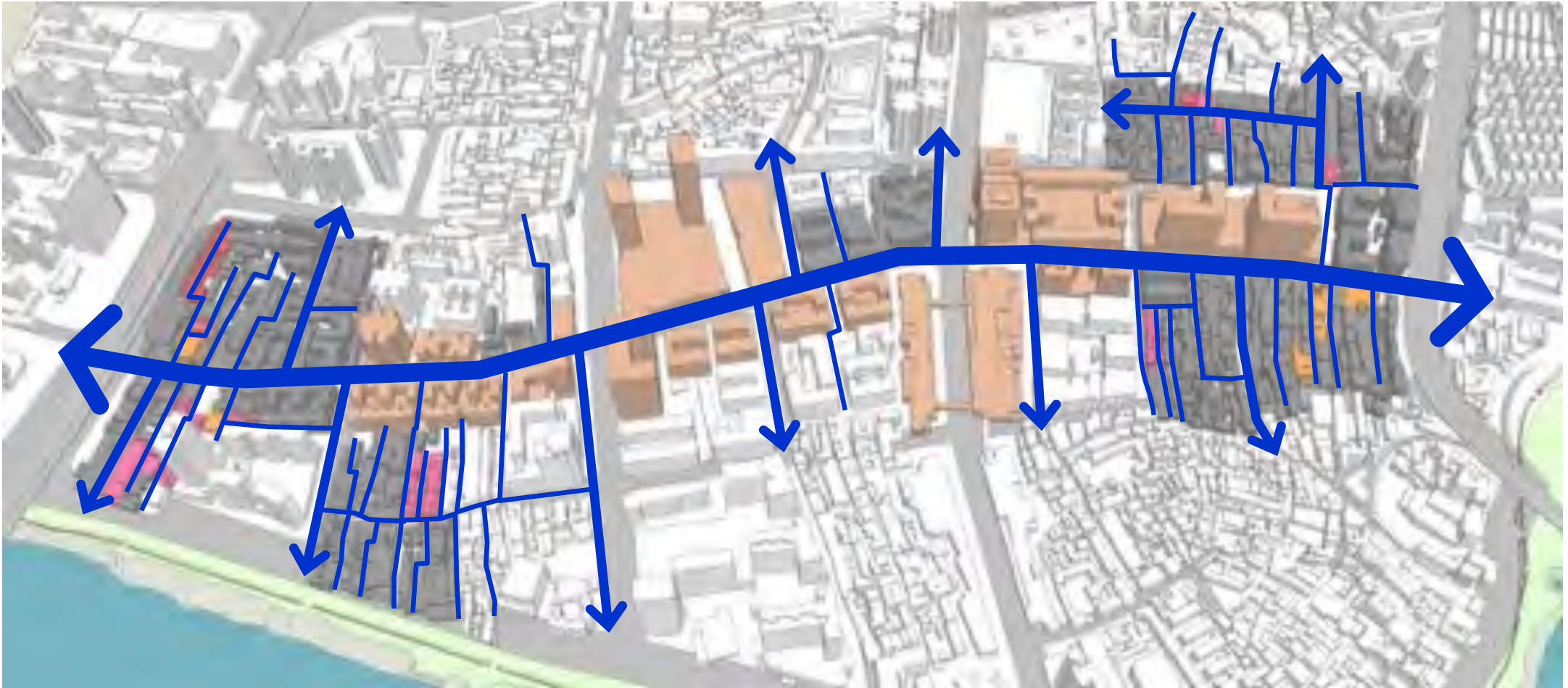


- Protected Building 文保单位和优秀历史建筑
- Historical Building 历史建筑和有保留价值
- Immovable Building 保留建筑
- Proposed preserved Building 建议保留建筑

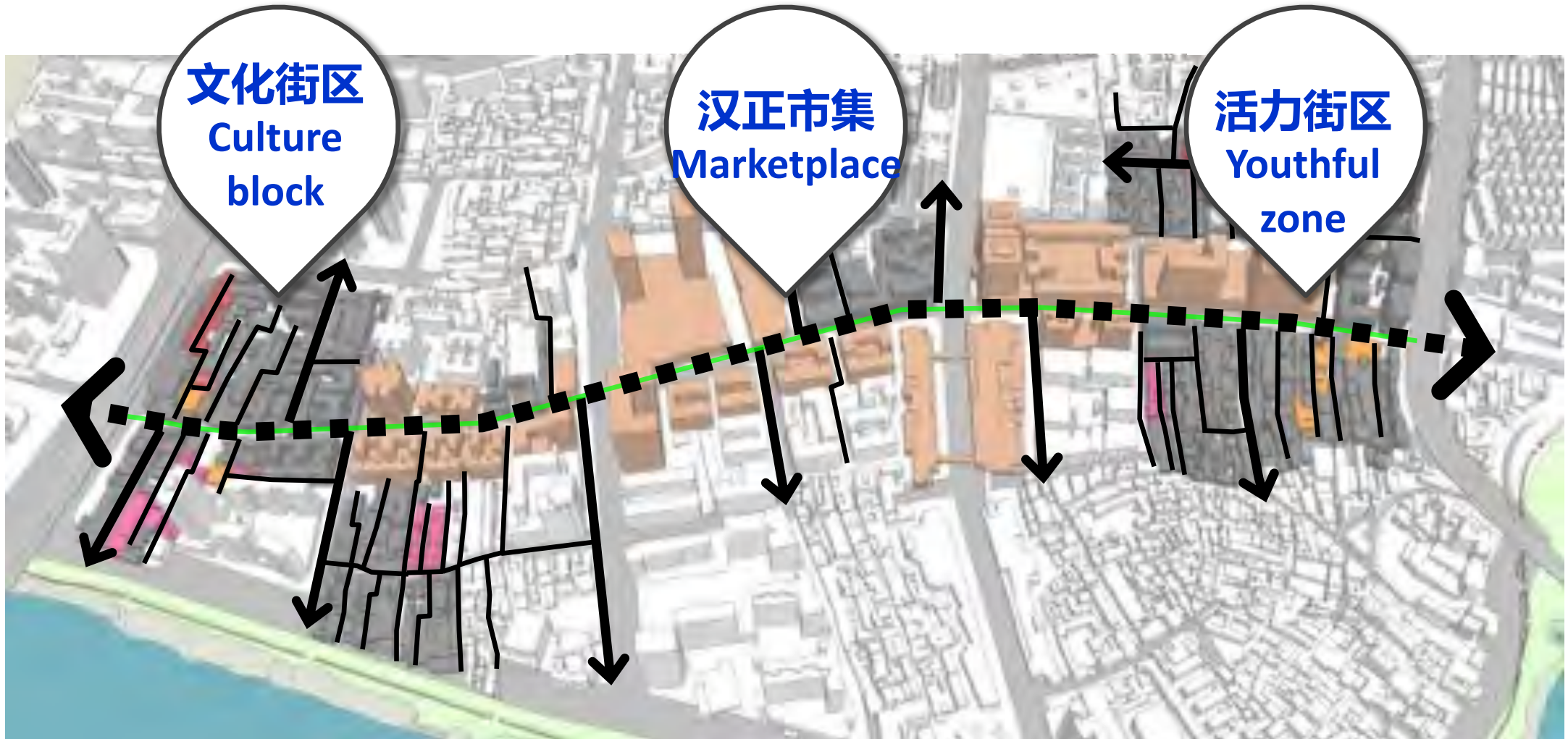
Start from the main street,



Then, to involve more valuable alleys



Making unique blocks by building a strong connection

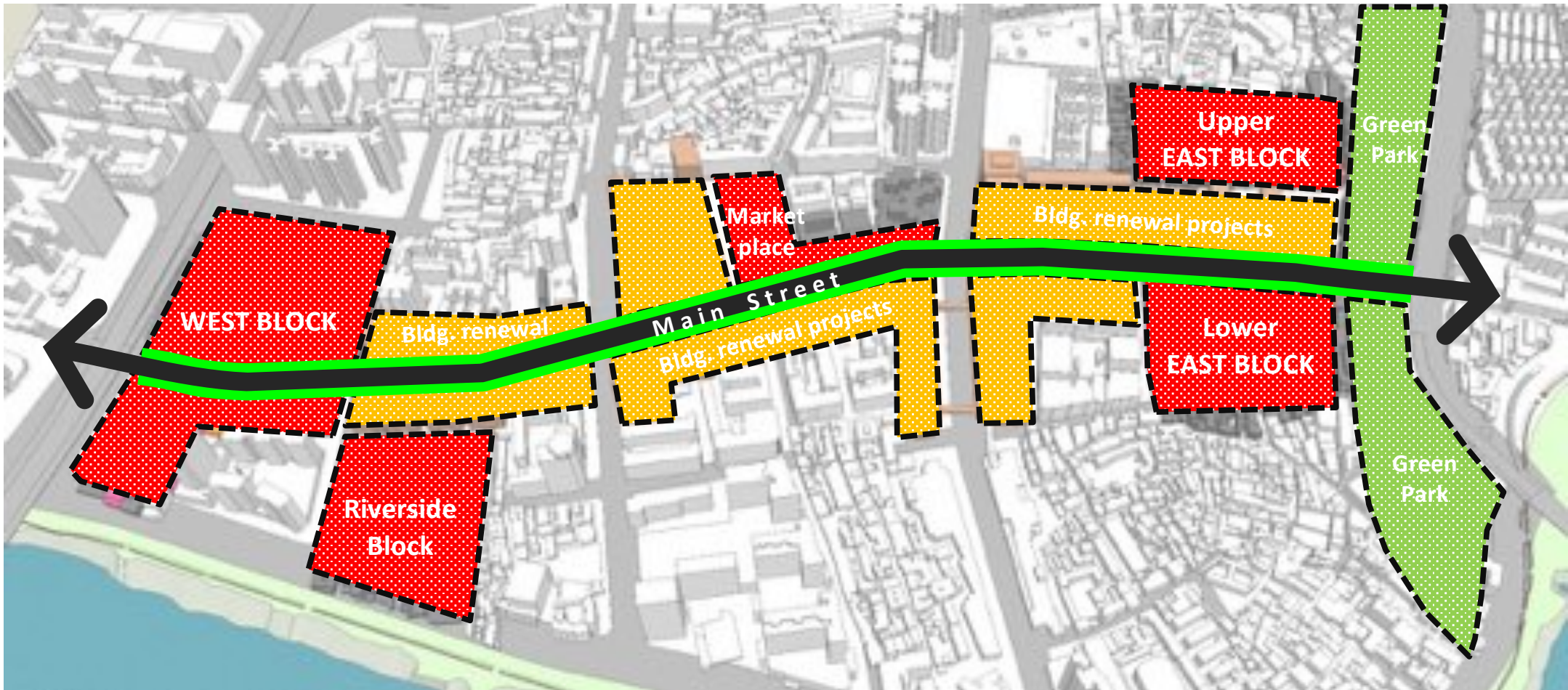


**3rd step: Making well-designed place to
balance public and private realm**

第三步：场所空间的重塑

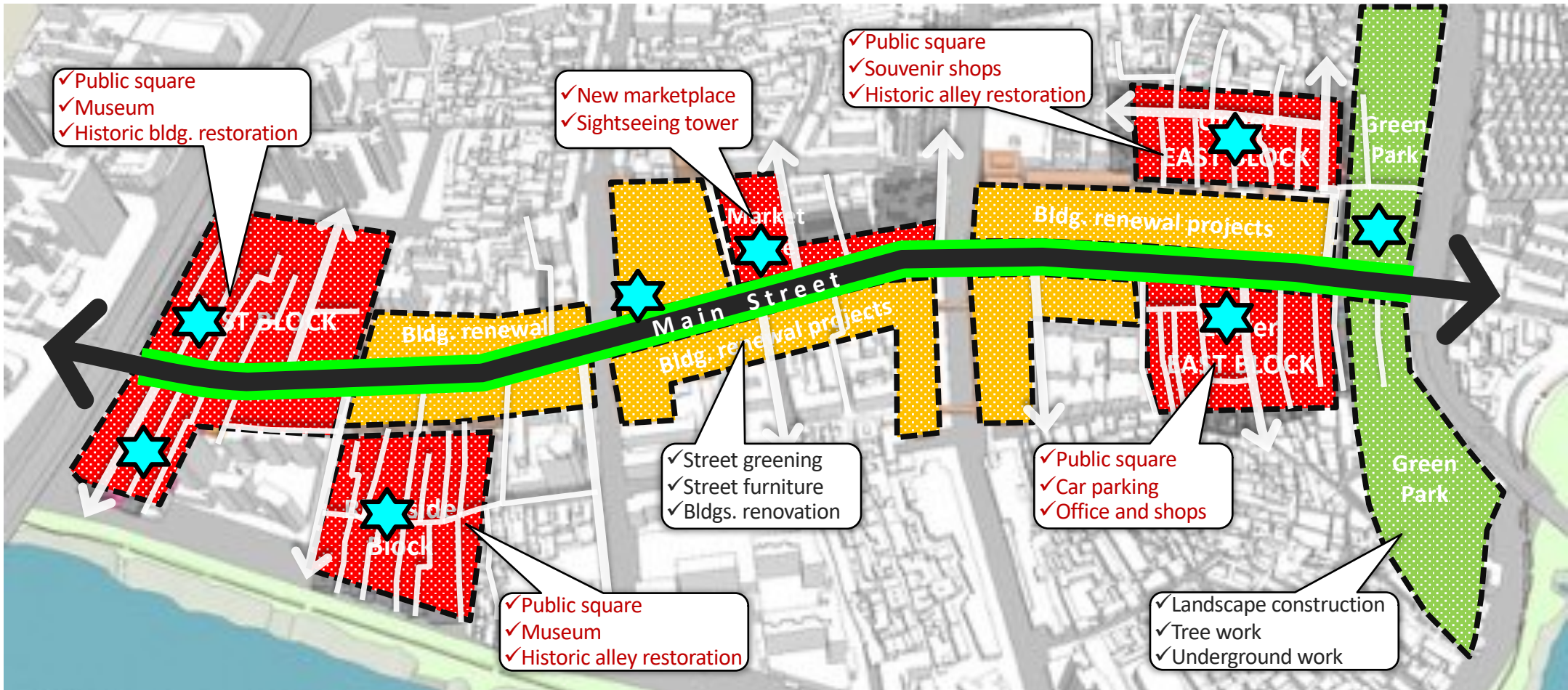
West Block & East Block

To involve different stakeholders along the main street, and strengthen public and private sector collaboration.



-  Real estate development projects - private sectors
-  Building renewal projects - public sectors
-  Green parks projects - public sectors

A non-zero-sum game by making more public space to benefit citizens, visitors, and developers.



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WEST BLOCK

淮盐巷片

Present figure-ground map



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WEST BLOCK

淮盐巷片

Present figure-ground map



Future figure-ground map



WEST BLOCK

淮盐巷片

Present figure-ground map



Future figure-ground map





Han River

- Public square



- Museum



- Interesting alleys



Interactive view 新与旧的对话



To See the historical bldgs. from the new ones

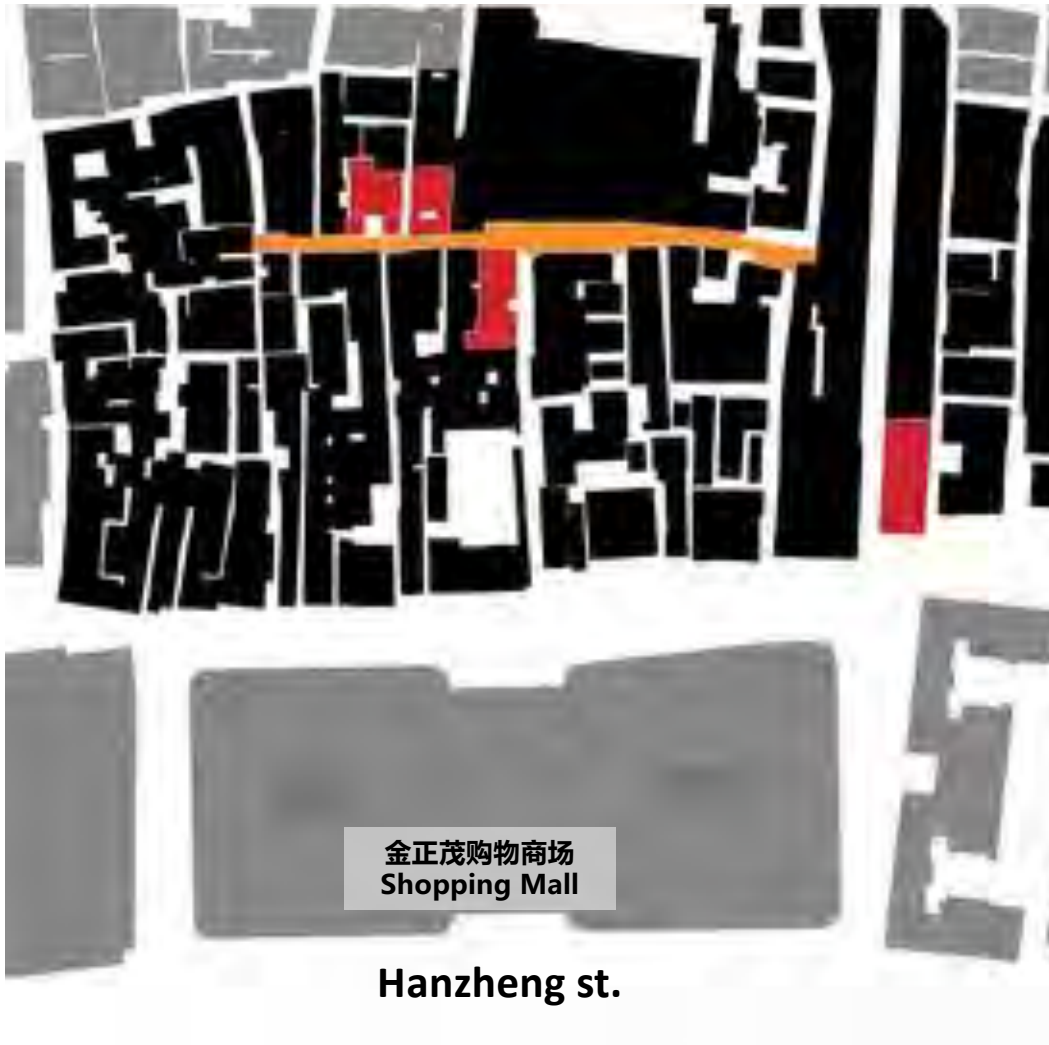


WEST BLOCK

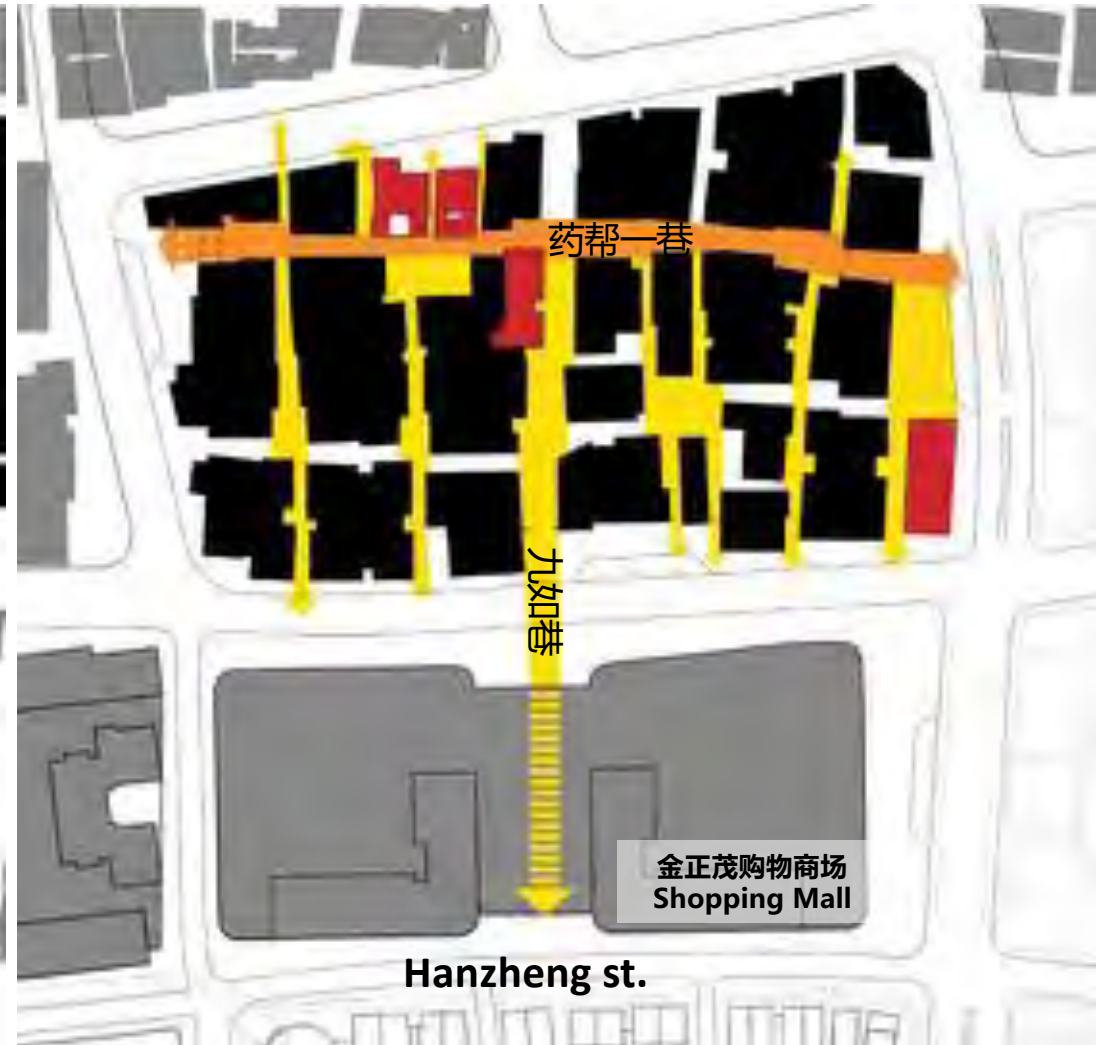
药帮巷片

To respect the former urban fabric and strengthen connection with the HZ St.

Before



After



WEST BLOCK

药帮巷片

renewal of an 300-year old alley



EAST BLOCK

药帮巷片



REBIRTH OF GREAT HANZHENG STREET

重塑场所空间、展现汉正文化



CONCLUSION

Introduction and thesis statement

Central issues of Hanzheng street - more historic records but less historical remains

Questions and viable solutions:

- Digging history and reviewing local context
- Building a connection among different remains
- Making better-designed place with cultural landscape



Thanks for all your attention.

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