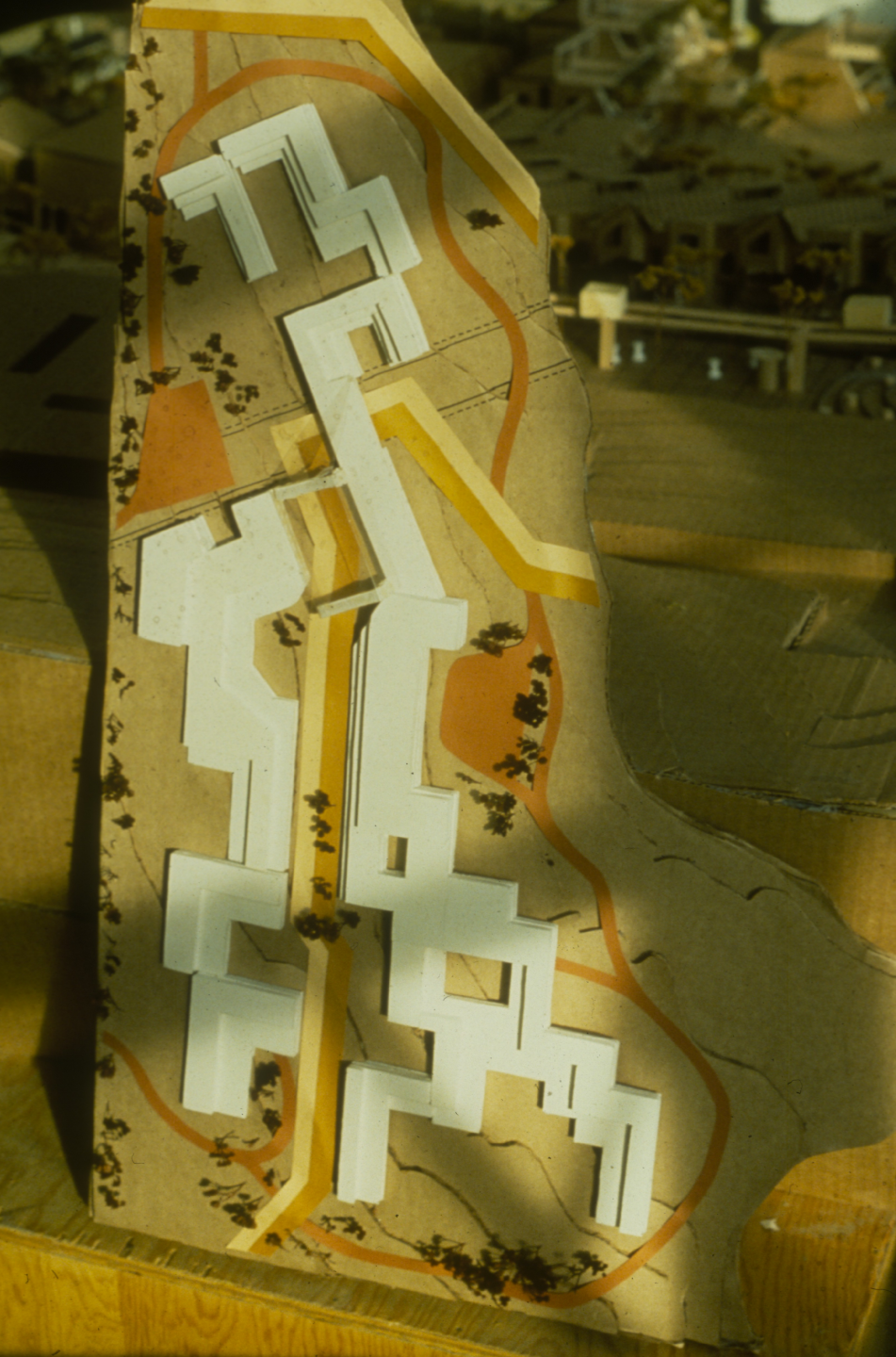


Environmental Design Studio

(A second-year studio, based on Maki's book
Investigations in Collective Form)

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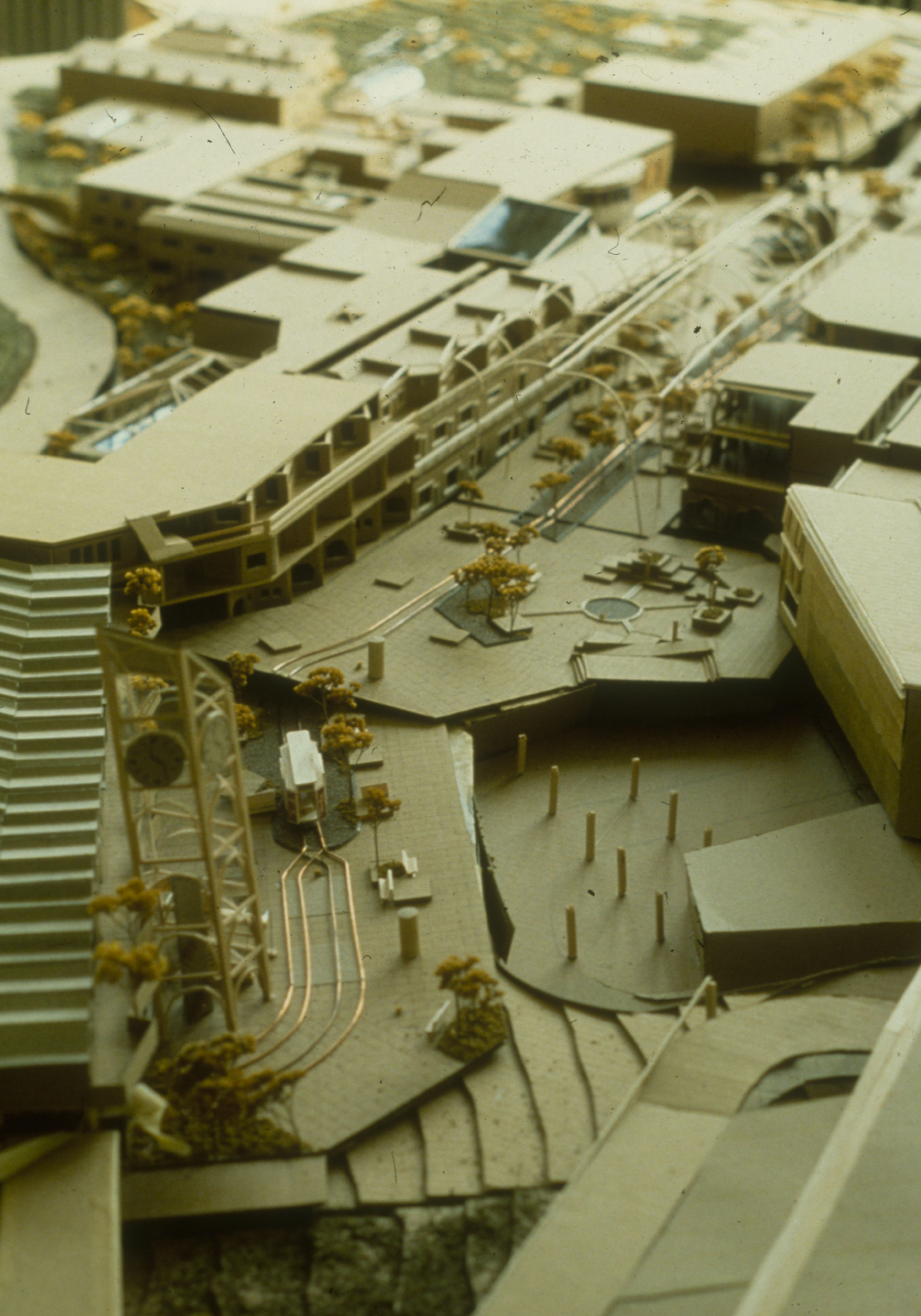


This undergraduate Environmental Design studio explored several issues based in large measure on Maki's little book Investigations in Collective Form (a Special publication, Number 2, The School of Architecture, Washington University, St. Louis, 1964).

in which he proposed three approaches to urban form:

- 1) Compositional Form
- 2) Megaform
- 3) Group form

Our group of four faculty agreed to use the "megaform" model to guide a group of 2nd year ENVD students on an urban design exercise for an extension of Denver. It would involve agreeing on a megaform, then distributing architectural development of sections of the form, each by a different student. The models were too big to remove from the studio, so most work was done in model, rather than drawings.



This is a detail of the study model, which measured approximately 10'x20'.

Each student had a section to develop, which necessitated intensive discussions between students about how their section would respect the overall massing concept (previous slide) and also how, in detail, each section would connect to its neighbor.

A separate team was responsible for the “connective” elements such as landscaping of the public space, the light-rail line running in the public space, parking and other common elements.