HAIDIAN DISTRICT: UNDERSTANDING THE LANDSCAPE + PEOPLE
Qing dynasty- Emperor Kangxi built and moved court to the old summer palace.

1868 - French and English armies invaded the area, destroyed the old summer palace, and area decayed and reverted to agriculture

Empress Cixi built the summer palace.

Because of the area’s reputation for beautiful landscape, wealthy residents began using area for Cemeteries.
During the turn of the century Tsinghua and Beijing University move to this area.
People's Rebulic of China (PRC) founded and land ownership reforms are made. Starting in 1949 land is no longer owned by individual families and the village government takes ownership of the land.

1955-1956: The government moved the cemeteries to make way for eight new universities that were moved into the area.

1956-1958: The government concentrated area farmers and residents into Wudoakou and Dazhongsi villages. Government built one story houses with pitched roof to house the relocated residents.
During 1958-1979 the development of this area remained relatively the stable.

On one side of the railroad was agriculture, market, and universities. The other side was for industrial and was a freight unloading yard with some residential.

With the new open economic policy of 1979 Beijing started to develop and the city began to relocate many citizens living in the city center. Some of these residents were moved onto our site.
Starting in 1988 citizens were able to lease land. This new policy caused an increase in development in Beijing that caused the relocation of many from the city center. New housing was developed on our site to house these residents.

During the second wave of land reform starting in 1992 the government started demolishing the area around the universities for new development.
One story housing created by the communist government during the 1950s starts to be demolished. This housing has been replaced by new resident housing, office, and commercial development. Many of the residents living in this communist housing were relocated outside of the city.
HAIDIAN: CHANGE OVER TIME
SITE INTERVIEWS
LONG-TERM RESIDENT

parking lot
VISUALIZATION OF ORAL HISTORY
TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTS
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MARKET RELOCATION
TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTS
ACADEMY OF SCIENCE HOUSING
TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTS
RESIDENT RELOCATION
CHANGPing

9000Rmb/m²
20 m²

4000Rmb/m²
45 m²

TONGZHOU
2280 Rmb/m²
78.95 m²

DAXING

5000Rmb*(13*3) = 180,000Rmb