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# Jofeh Neighborhood Upgrading Project

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The Center for the Study of the Built Environment (CSBE) is a nonprofit, independent, private study and research institution that aims at addressing the challenges affecting the built environment.

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In order to accomplish its goals, CSBE engages in a variety of activities:

- Research projects with strong outreach component
- Design and implementation of pilot projects
- Working as a research arm for the local government

Community-based and feasible design solutions for a public space that faces common challenges. The project is a collaboration between public and private stakeholders. CSBE is funded by the Goethe Institute to play an advisory role where it facilitates the community's strong involvement in the decision-making process.

Assets

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- Unique urban fabric
- Strong sense of ownership among the community members
- GAM's commitment to engage local communities in the planning process

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# Challenges

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- Physical
- Non-physical

# CSBE Challenges: Green Pocket Sofeh Neighborhood Development Project



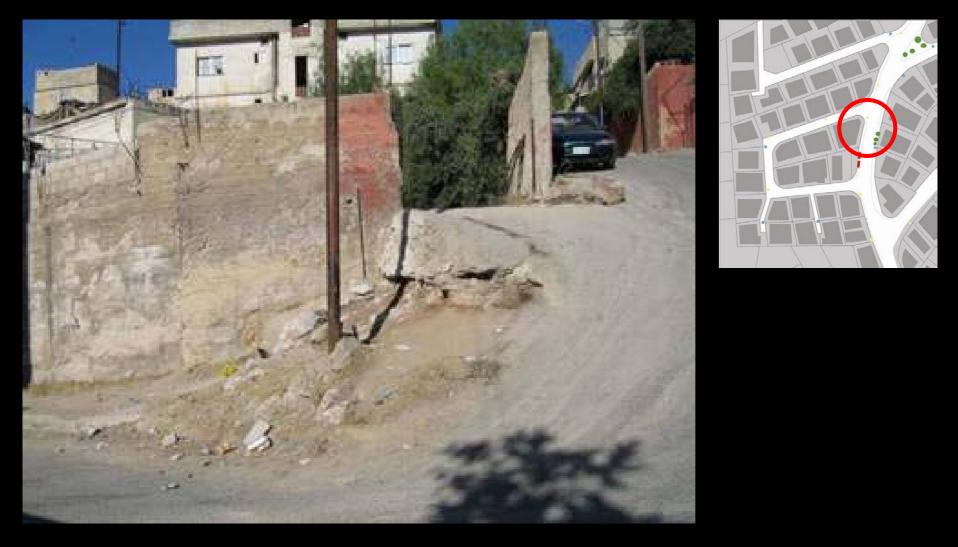
### Challenges: Speed

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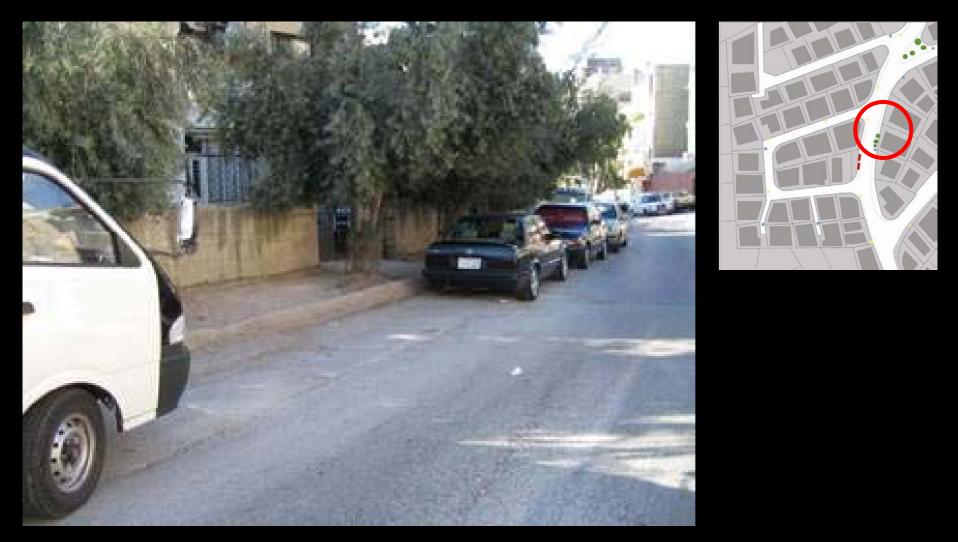
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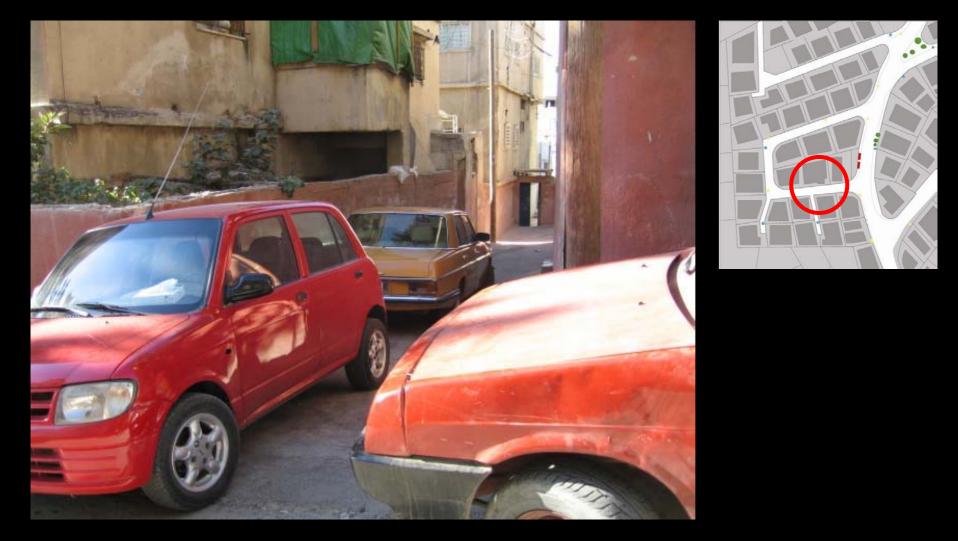
### Challenges: Garbage

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### **Challenges:** Parking

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- Lack of connection between the community and GAM. Information about the community's rights and duties is difficult to access
- Absence of institutional frameworks that would channel the community's efforts



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# Provide technical support to the community to reach its vision



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Create a series of processes that community-based organizations and local governments can adopt when designing public spaces



Raise awareness about channels through which local communities can improve their built environment and increase their sense of ownership Goals

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Raise awareness among designers, developers, and policy-makers about the ways through which local communities can engage in the decision-making processes

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## Goals

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- Four Community Meetings
- Windshield Survey
- Behavior Mapping
- Questionnaire
- Design Charrettes



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### Four Community Meetings

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### Windshield Survey

- 26 structures
- 89 households
- 400 residents
- 41 cars

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### **Behavior Mapping**

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### Questionnaire

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## Processes

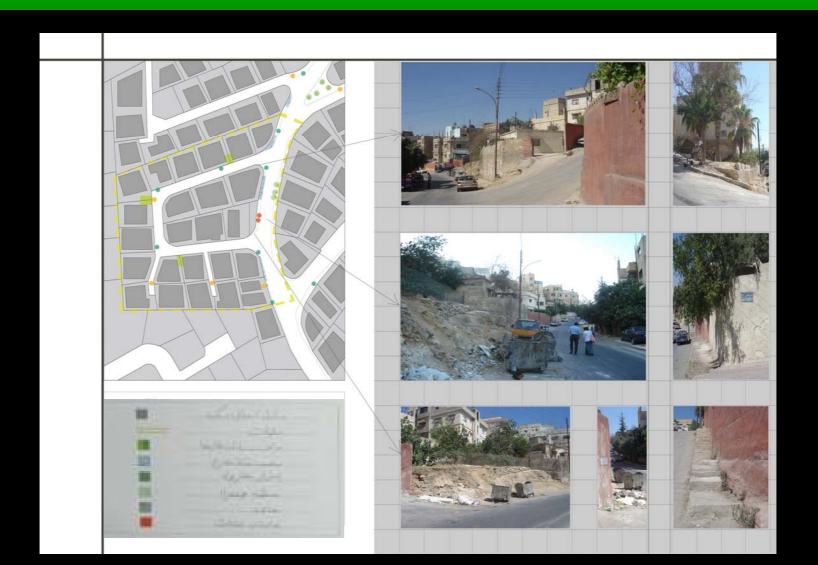
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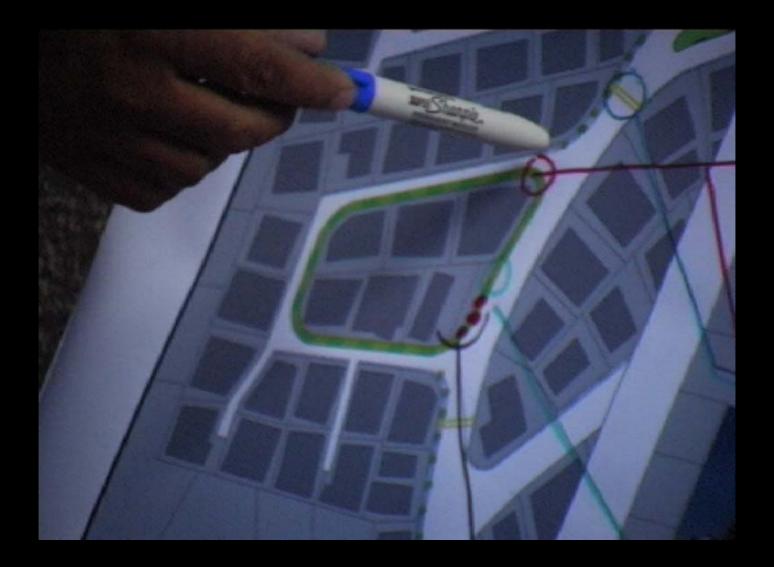
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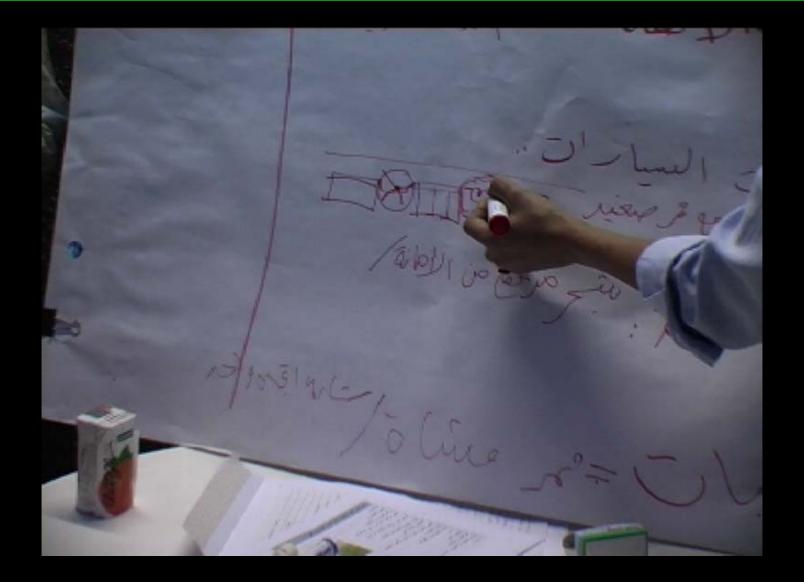
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# Next Steps

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- Movie production
- Final charrette
- Set of recommendations
- Website documentation
- Diwan session
- Public talk

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