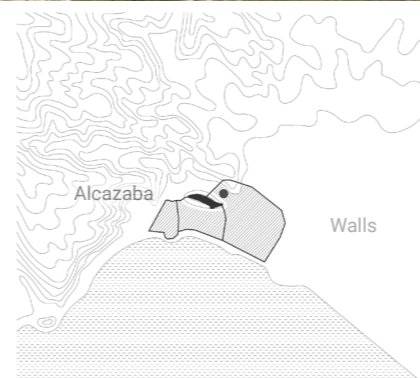
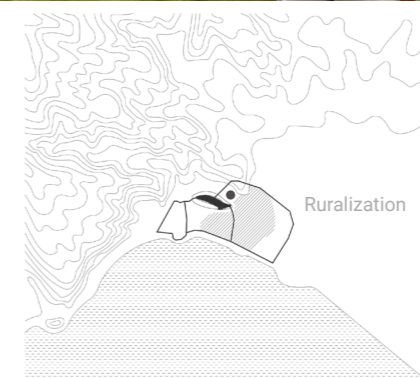


**Miocene. The territory**  
Geological formation of the gullies and dry stream beds reaching the sea.



**10th-12th centuries. Madīnat al-Mariyya**  
Foundation of the city, construction of the walls and settlement of the neighborhood.



**13th-14th centuries. Almería**  
Urban decline, abandonment and ruralization of the enclave.



**19th century. The infrastructural city**  
Arrival of the water channel and settlement of the farmhouse on the San Cristobal hillside.

## THE EVOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE AS THE BASIS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND REGENERATION

To intervene in La Hoya, it was necessary to understand its evolution, from the geological processes that molded it to the sequence of anthropic activities as part of the city of Almería. The presence or absence of water, its early settlement and abandonment, the splendor and decay of its agriculture, its location on the edge of the urban realm and in contiguity both with impressive monuments and an arid surrounding territory, conferred La Hoya with the qualities of a Historic Urban Landscape, the “result of a historic layering of cultural and natural values and attributes”, as defined by UNESCO.

The idea of creating a public park in La Hoya was therefore coherent with the preservation of the site and the highlighting of its diverse values as well as those of the adjacent monuments. The characterization of this landscape through detailed research as part of the design methodology provided the tools to carry out this contemporary intervention which we believe is harmoniously integrated into the context by naturally becoming another layer of its history.

**Early 20th century. The agriculture revolution**  
Splendor of the agricultural activity, first steps towards becoming the listed heritage site of the Alcazaba and Walls.

**Late 20th - Early 21st century. The backyard of the city and the claim for transformation**  
Decadence of the agricultural activity, abandonment and irregular activities, global protection of the heritage site, ideas competition for the design of a park.

