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# Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

In its History, Shocks and Stresses,  
Favelas, and Resiliency

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Tropical Rainstorms



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South Atlantic Ocean

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# Characteristics

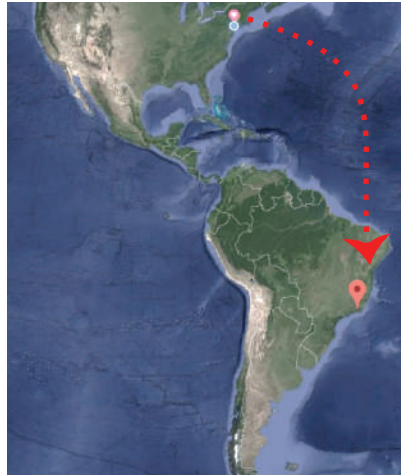


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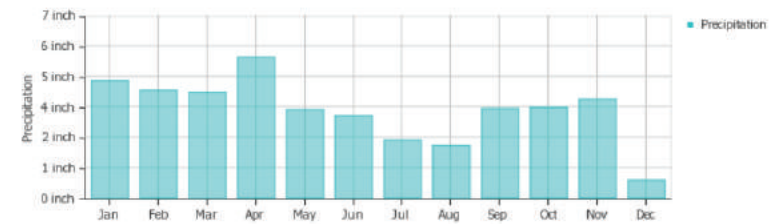
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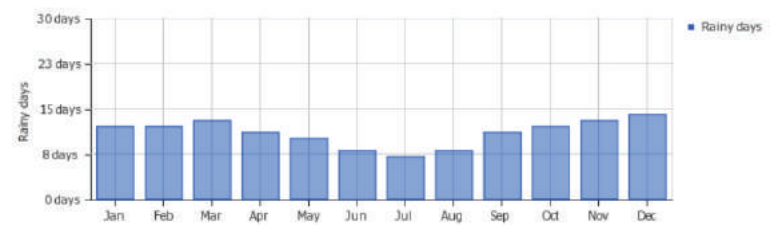


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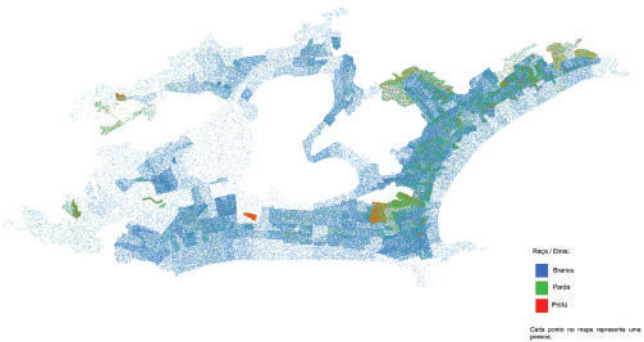
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Ethnicity



American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%
Asian	4%
Black/African American	11%
Hispanic/Latino	17%
Not Specified	8%
White	58%



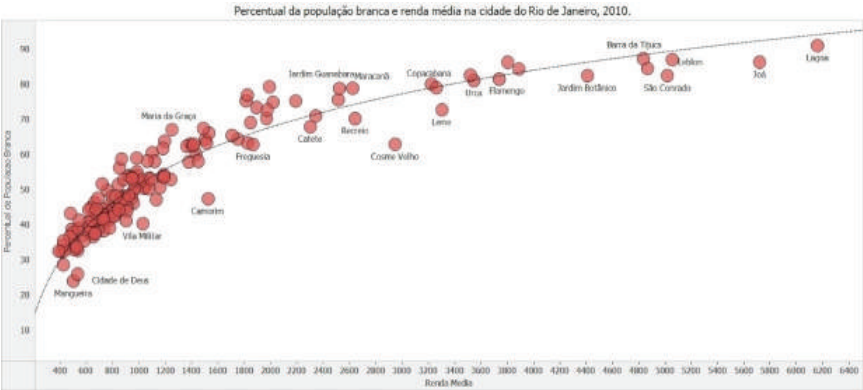
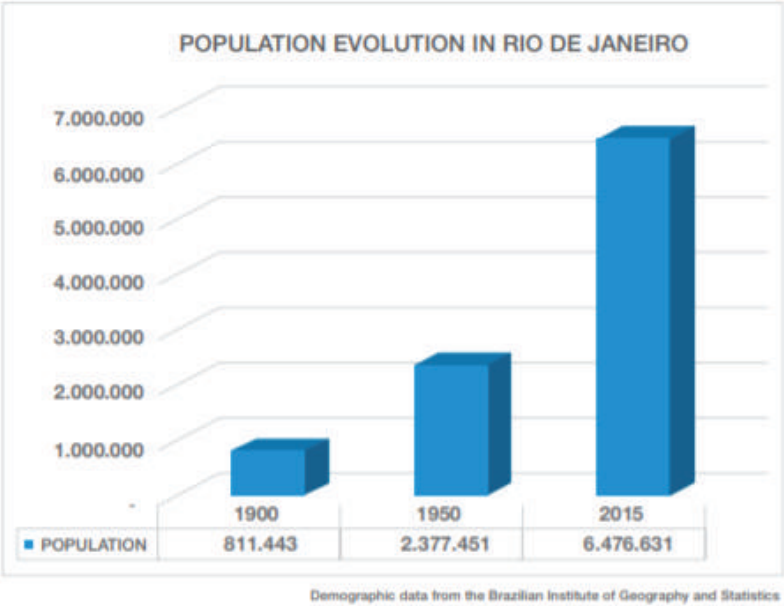
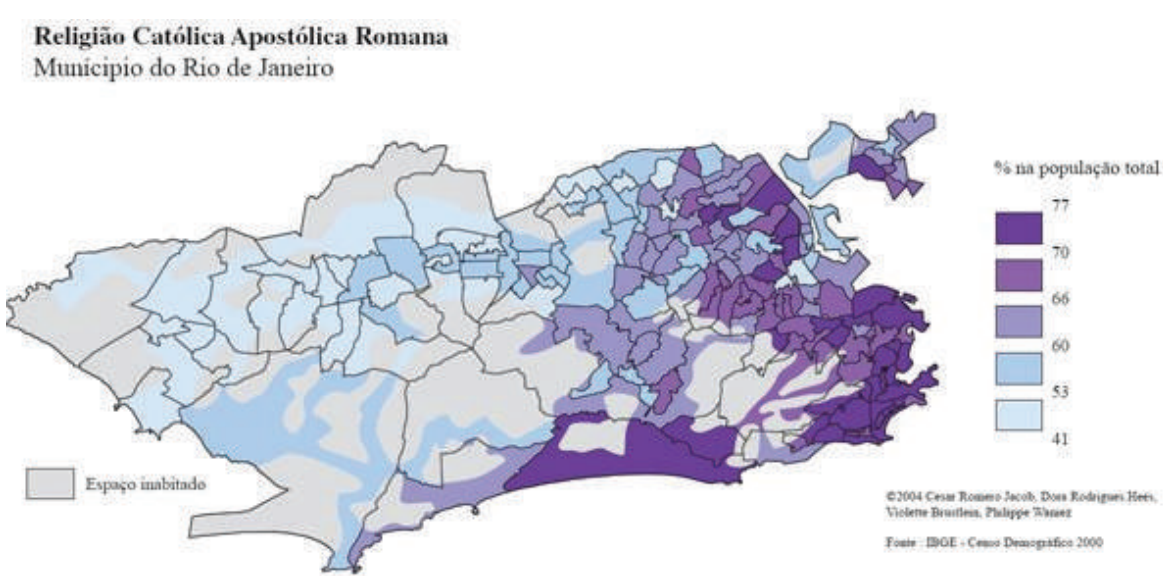


Demographics

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Population Centers – Brazil 176,274,000			
(POPULATIONS FROM 2000 CENSUS)			
Name	Population	Name	Population
São Paulo	10,057,700	Curitiba	1,642,300
Rio de Janeiro	6,029,300	Manaus	1,524,600
Salvador	2,539,500	Recife	1,464,100
Belo Horizonte	2,307,800	Porto Alegre	1,355,100
Fortaleza	2,230,800	Belém	1,344,900
Brasília (capital)	2,089,500	Goiânia	1,132,600

SOURCE: Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE—Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics).

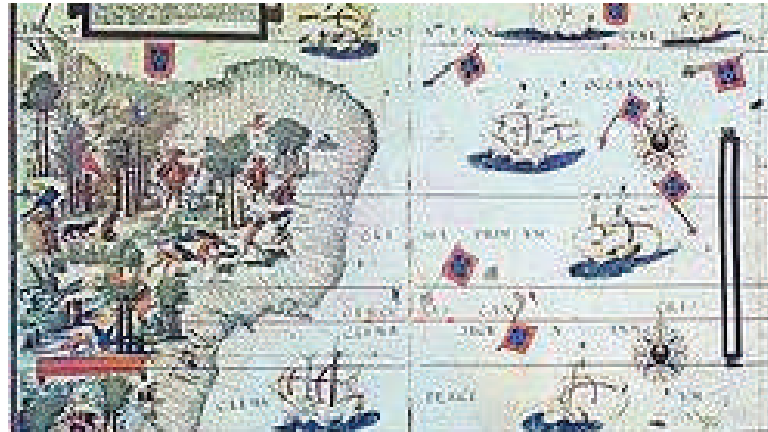






Indigenous Brazilians

Tupi  
Puri  
Botocudo  
and Maxakali Peoples



Portuguese Colony

Portuguese navigators discovered Rio in January 1502.  
They mistook Guanabara Bay for a river and named it:  
“January River” = Rio de Janeiro.  
The city was founded in 1565.



Guanabara Bay

This became a very active  
major trading port for Rio’s  
economy.  
For Sugar, Gold, Diamonds...  
and Slaves.

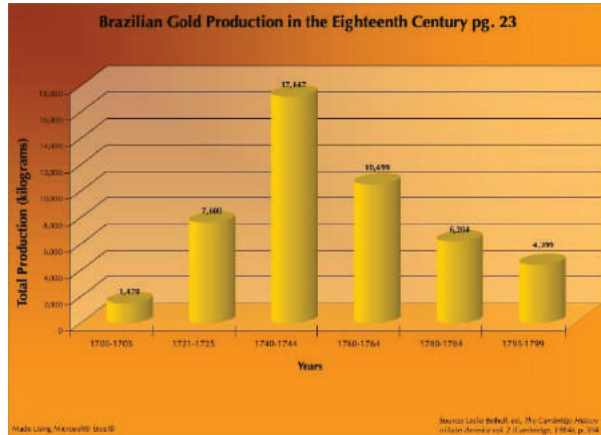
# History





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### All for Riches and Sugar

In the late 17th Century, Bandeirantes discovered gold and diamonds in addition to the sugar in Rio. This made Rio more appealing than the capital of the time. The city grew to 8,000 inhabitants, two thirds who were probably African slaves or Indians.

On 1763 the capital of Brazil was moved from Salvador to Rio.



### A Nation of Slaves

Between 1532 - 1888, Brazil imported over 5 MILLION enslaved Africans- more than any other country in world history during the Atlantic Slave Trade. Rio de Janeiro's port, the largest port of slaves in the Americas, imported 5 Million slaves. In 1888, Brazil was the last country to abolish slavery.



### Independence of Brazil

In 1822, Brazil declares independence from Portugal, who has neglected progressing the city. The Brazilians start to think of Urban Renovation.





Independence of Brazil

## PROGRESS OF RIO FROM 1822 UNTIL 1900

In 1829, oxcart traffic was banned from the Rua do Ouvidor, then the city's most elegant street.

In 1838, the first public transportation—horse-drawn buses—began to run to the districts of São Cristóvão, Engenho Velho, and Botafogo.

In 1868, the first tramcars, also drawn by animals, were introduced.

In 1835, a steamboat service to Niterói began to operate.

In 1852-8, the first railroad was built to Petrópolis, and a line reached Queimados in the Nova Iguaçu area.

In 1854, gas replaced oil for street lighting, and wireless telegraphy was inaugurated.

In 1864, a sewage system was installed.

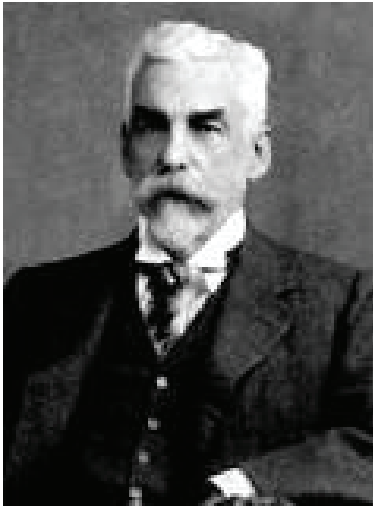
In 1877, telephone service began.

In 1889, the government in Brazil switches from a Monarchy to a Republic!





## PROGRESS OF RIO FROM 1902 UNTIL 2012



Francisco Pereira Passos  
Engineer  
Mayor of Rio



Lagoa da Glória, built by Avenida Beira-Mar, 1912. In the center of the square is a monument to Pedro Álvares Cabral, dated 1900. It left rows of 110 large concrete columns, inaugurated in 1904.



Fig. 1.4 Project of construction and pavement of streets for the area that was formed from the excavation of Castelo hill and for the land filled area from Glória up to Ponta do Calabouço, according to the proposal of a committee of engineers and architects appointed by the mayor of Rio de Janeiro, Carlos Sampaio, 1930-1922

From 1902 to 1906:

A team of administrators and technicians drained swamps, cleared slums, paved and widened streets, and markedly improved health conditions, notably by reducing cases of yellow fever and smallpox. (Haussmann Style)

The central avenue (called Avenida Rio Branco from 1912), still the most important of the Centre, was opened during that period; Avenida Beira-Mar, running parallel to part of the south shore, was built on reclaimed land; and several other important avenues were opened.



## PROGRESS OF RIO FROM 1902 UNTIL 2012

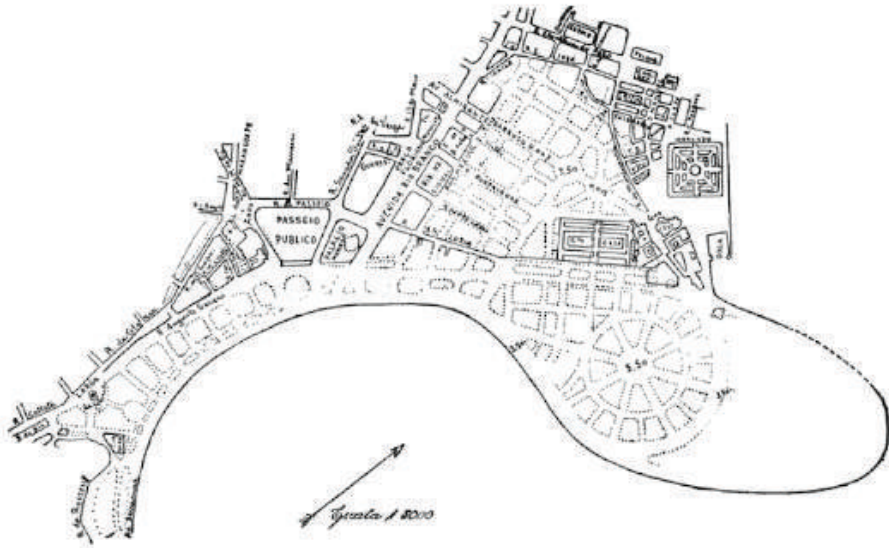


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This building at Praia da Sandade, on present-day Avenida Pasteur, already stood and served as a military academy. During the National Fair it housed the Palácio dos Estados and, afterward, the Ministry of Agriculture. Nowadays it is the Museu de Ciências da Terra, and is the only construction remaining from that memorable event.



Visitors stroll on the Cais da Urca, where fireworks were set off during the festivities of the 1908 National Fair.

Modernizing the Port of Rio de Janeiro, and  
beginning the construction of the Municipal  
Theater.

Water systems with aqueducts.

Sewage systems.

Street Infrastructure.



Fig. 3. Aqueduct bringing water to the city from Corcovado Mountain in the last decade of the nineteenth century. Photograph by Marc Ferrez. Jennings Hoffenberg

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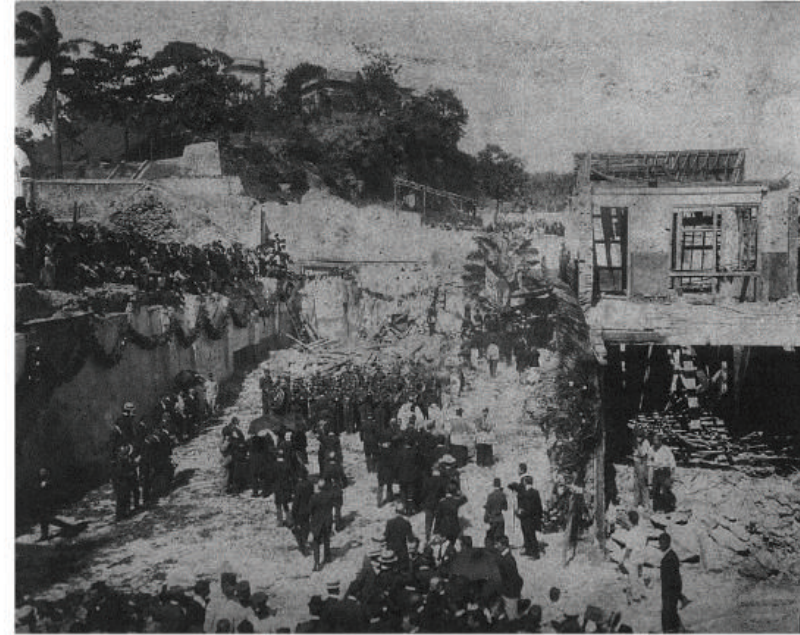


Fig. 5. Ceremony opening the demolition of São Bento Hill for the construction of Avenida Central (now Rio Branco), 1904. Photograph by Marc Ferrez, Jennings Hoffenberg Collection.

1960: Capital move to Brasília

1992: UN meeting

2012: Conference on Sustainable Development

Despite improvements in sanitation and urban development, Passos's plan neglected where the people who lived in these buildings were going to move to. This was one of the causes of the formation of Favelas.





<https://youtu.be/J8-CIG2enWg>

Renovated Port Maravilha (wonder)

Museum of Tomorrow (Calatrava)

Museum of Art in Rio

Demolish “highway” for underground tunnel, eliminates crime that was happening under the bridge

New Metro Line



# Olympic Renovations 2016







Intense Rainfall



Sea Level Rising



Flooding and  
Landslides



Poor Sanitation



Industrial Waste

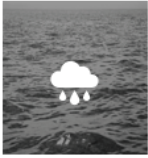
# Problem 1: Water



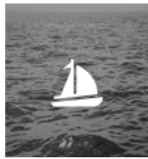
## Let's Talk about Flooding:

Severe Flooding Causes:

- 1) Feb-March rainstorms up to 78"
- 2) Sea level rising 1.5' - 5'
- 3) Mountain water
- 3) and a poor drainage system



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Sea Level Rising



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## 1966 Flash Flood

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, more than 10 inches of rain falls in 12 hours on this day in 1966, causing a flash flood. Four hundred people were killed and 50,000 needed to be evacuated due to the sudden influx of water

The first to suffer from the flash flood were the hillside shack dwellers. The water caused several mudslides that collapsed many homes. Scores of victims were buried and crushed by mud and debris. Within a day, however, nearly the entire city of Rio was feeling the effects of the flood. The Marciano River rose seven feet above flood level and nearly half the city lost power and water. The high-rise buildings were flooded and some lost their access completely, as mud and debris blocked the entrances. The official death toll was an estimated 400 people, making this one of the worst flood disasters in Brazil's history.



**400 people dead**

**50,000 people needed to evacuate**

## 2011 Flash Flood

In the 24-hr period between 11 and 12 of January 2011, the local weather service registered more rainfall than what is expected for an entire month. Flooding of many areas in the region followed immediately. The disaster caused a widespread property damage and supply of public utilities such as electricity, running water and phone lines were affected. Around 2960 people had their homes destroyed.

**903 people dead**

**2960 homes destroyed**



## Why is it so bad?

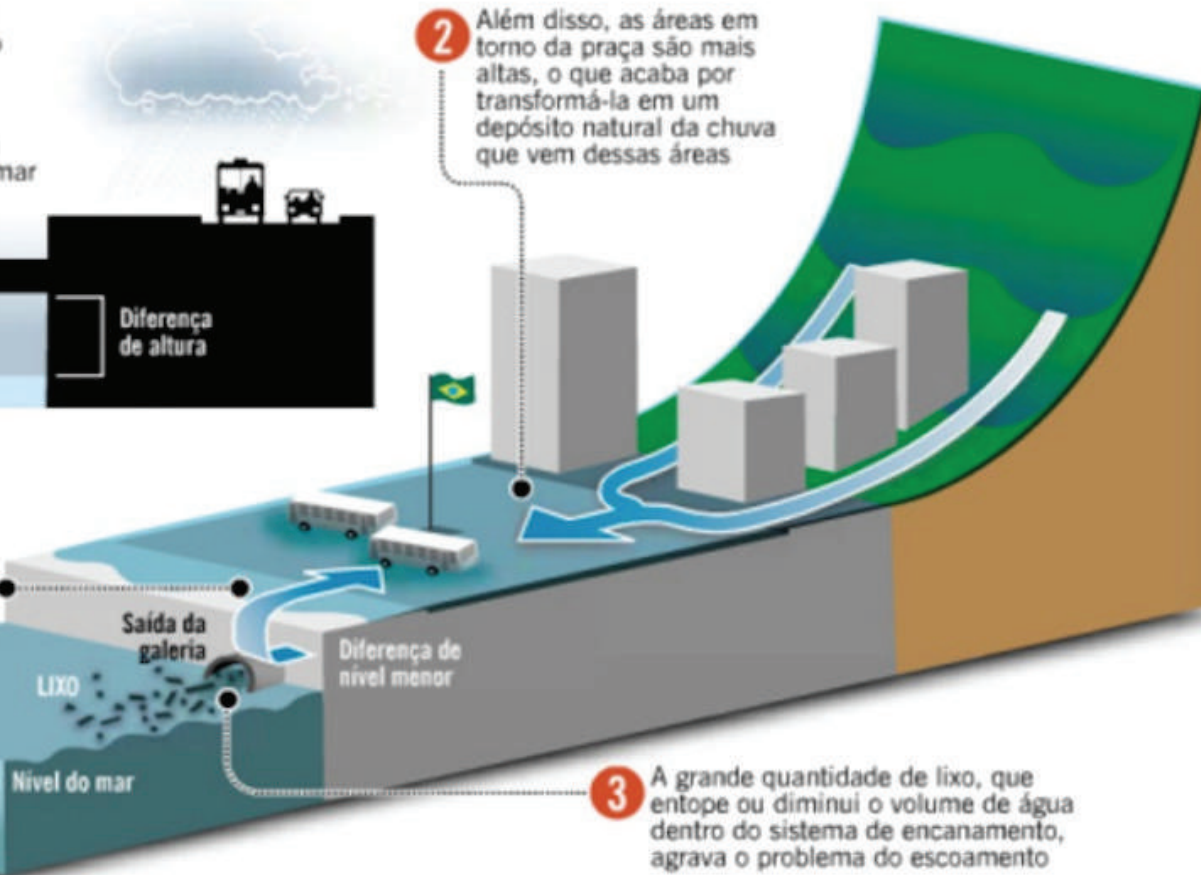
### POR QUE A REGIÃO ALAGA

Na maior parte da cidade, o nível das ruas é bem mais alto que o do mar, para onde é escoada a água das chuvas.

Com a diferença da altura, a saída das galerias pluvias joga água no mar em quantidade suficiente para permitir um rápido escoamento.



1 Na Praça da Bandeira, como o nível médio das ruas é um pouco mais alto do que o mar, o escoamento é mais lento. O volume de água que inunda a praça é maior que a vazão



2 Além disso, as áreas em torno da praça são mais altas, o que acaba por transformá-la em um depósito natural da chuva que vem dessas áreas

3 A grande quantidade de lixo, que entope ou diminui o volume de água dentro do sistema de encanamento, agrava o problema do escoamento

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## The Poor Drainage Sytem:

System is not equipped for so much water to drain at one shot.

Rainwater to gutters which go back to body of water like lagoon, or bay. It is not allowed to be mixed with the sewage system to preserve the grey water.

Sounds great and all but these waters are polluted so the grey water is not being perserved.

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## Poor Sanitation + A Broken Sewage System

### Poor Sanitation

In the city of Rio, 57% of people have access to the complete cycle of basic sanitation. The unequal access to sanitation causes various impacts in public health, increasing the number of infectious diseases, including those transmitted by *Aedes aegypti*, and infant mortality.



The Sewage System: Cedae, was continuously progressing until the games. Don't see the sewage system: underground- under polititions problems! Now, instead of making a better sewage system, the goverment makes new developers pay for the new system to connect to the old one.

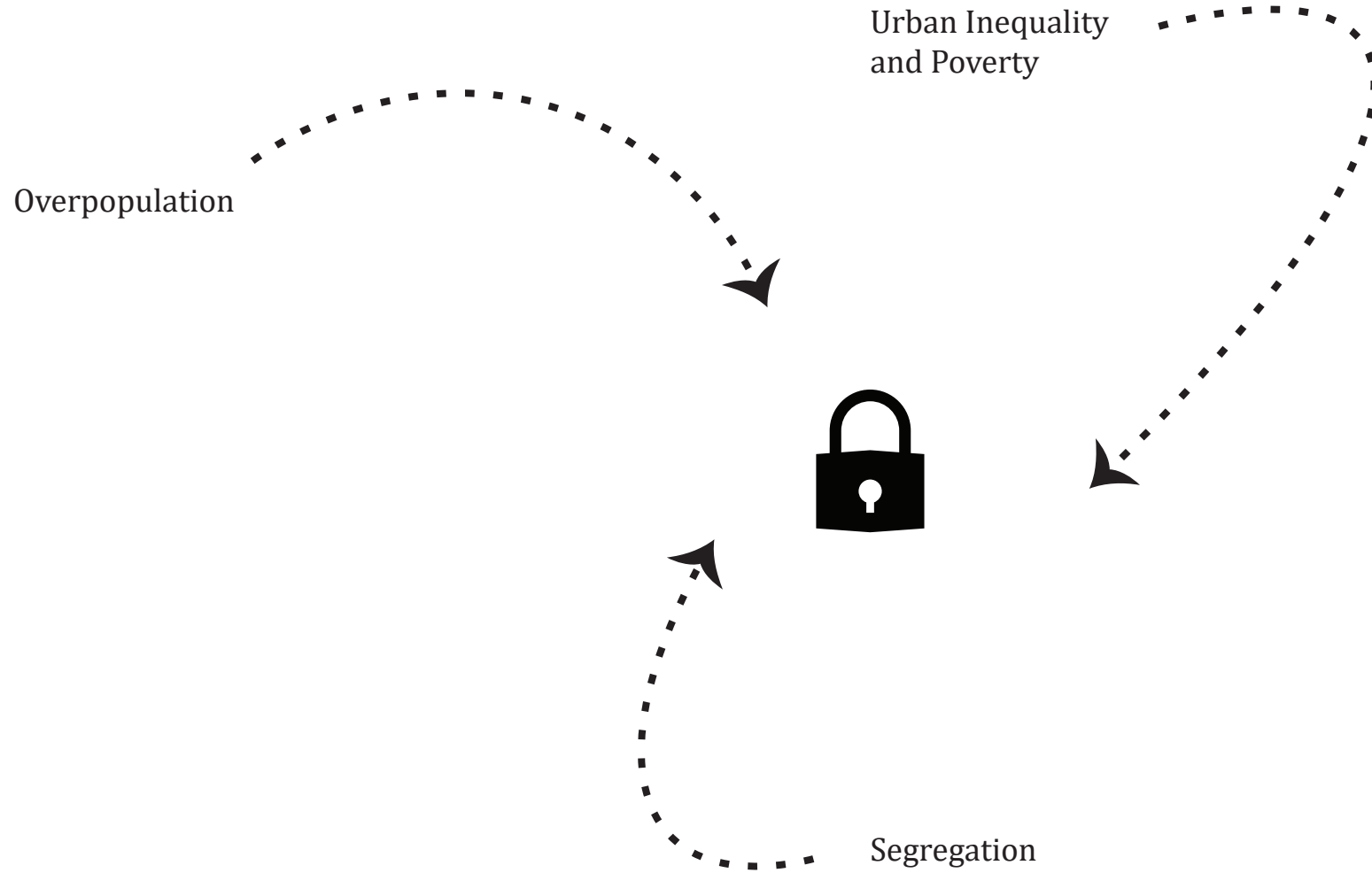




Industrial Waste

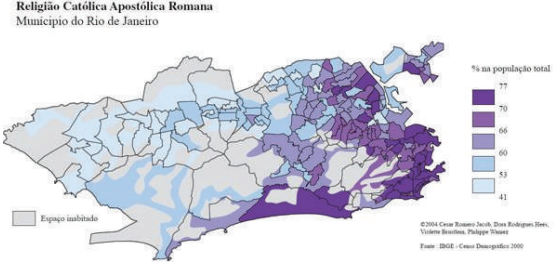
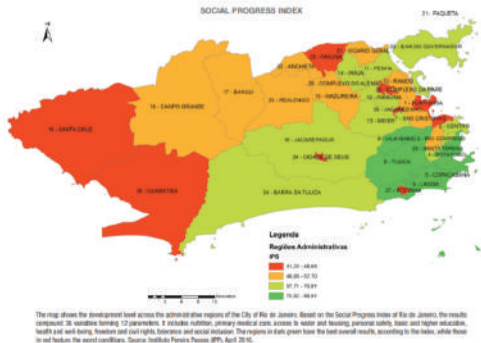
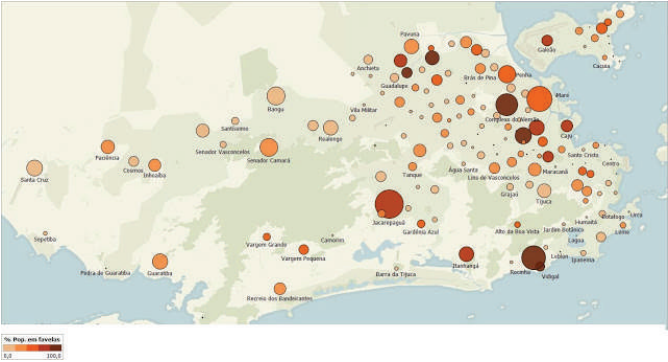


In the 70's-80's Industrial waste was being thrown into the water with the rainwater.  
Now illegal, but not controlled.



## Problem 2: Security





From 1950 to 1980 the number of people living in favelas in Rio de Janeiro alone increased from about 170,000 to more than 600,000, and by the early 21st century it was estimated that there were as many as **1,000 favelas** there. According to the 2010 census, 6 percent of Brazil's total population lived in favelas.

<http://catcomm.org/what-is-a-favela/>

<https://youtu.be/c3BRTIHFpBU>

# Favelas



High crime areas

Crossfires between gang rivals

Government Neglect: No Public Infrastructure

No police protection/ police brutality

Not secure home/ land

Lack of Safety

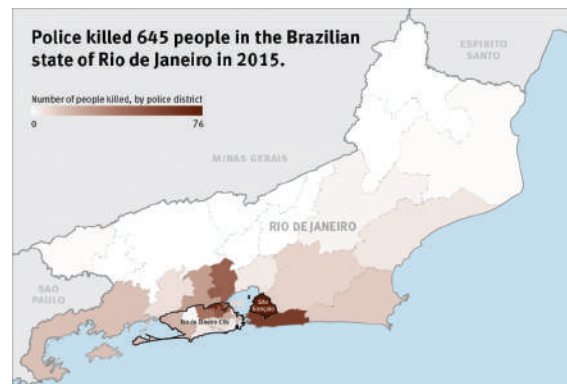
Poor to No Education System

Solution? Better Education

Public School Systems

1 Teacher per 60 kids, Limited Space

Teachers on strike for 6 months



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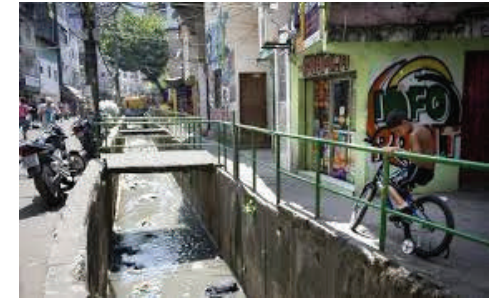
Strong Sense of Community

Gato Net: “Stealing” wifi, phone, electricity,  
water

Self-Made: Sewage and Housing

Organic growth

Safety: “Banks in Favelas were not being  
robbed.”

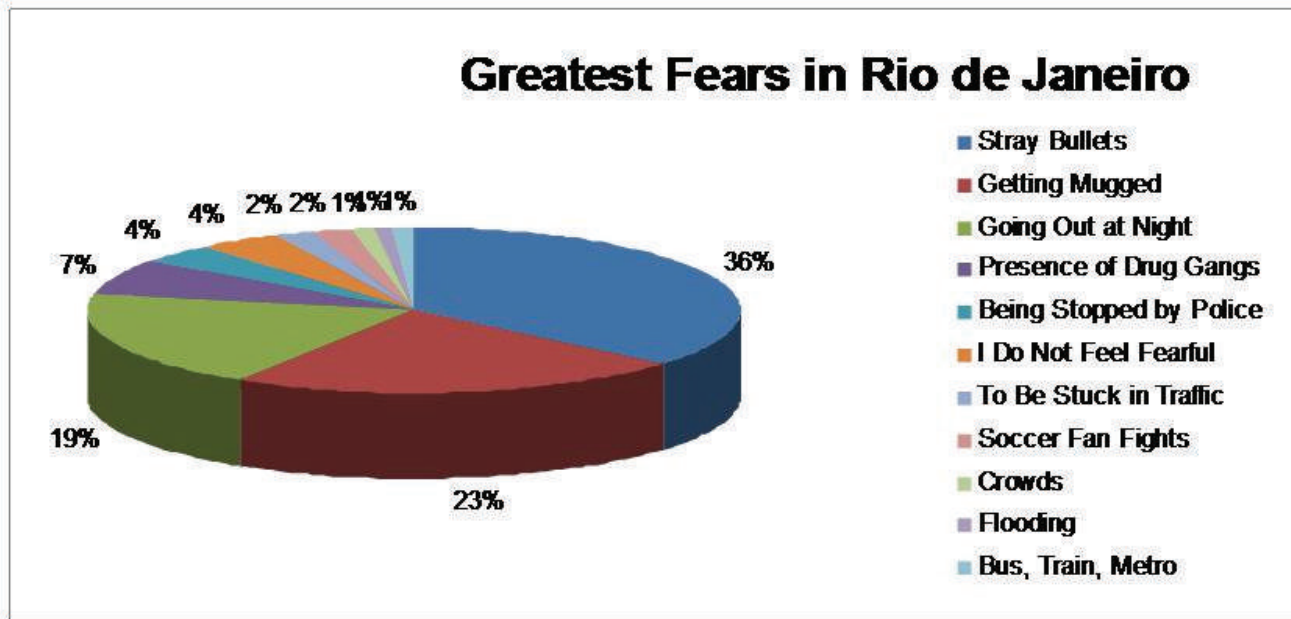




“Drive car, stop at a red light, shot.”

“Everyone has a story about being mugged.”

Security from the favelas or  
for the favelas?



### Homicides in Rio de Janeiro (2018)

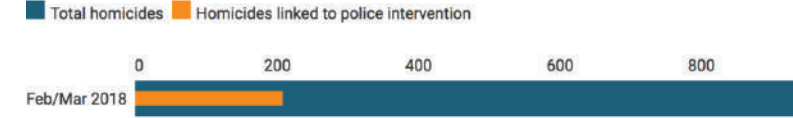


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## What are the people doing?

Catalytic Communities:

Helping favelas (more than 50% of Rio) with group meetings, fundings, housing material, community centers, and sanitation

“mutirao” = Mutual Collaboration

PreparaNem: education with meals and transportation for classes. Teachers are volunteers.

Activist of the Landless Movement (MST)

Terra Crioula “Creole Land” is a “space for small scale farming collectives to sell their produce while bringing urban dwellers closer to the struggle for land reform.”

Casa Brota “Sprout House” provides a “space for entrepreneurs to work in the heart of one of Rio’s largest favela complexes”  
Workshops, poetry slam, talks, crypto currencies, nutrition, self care

Staying Safe: Fogo Cruzado “is a collaborative data lab that brings together information to create a map of gunfire incidents and help people dodge getting caught in crossfire.



Bolsa Familia

Provides food monthly to families of no income. Calculates for each child.

Groups of friends pick up trash in lagoon  
and beaches.

# Resilient Strategic Plan 2017-2020

## A. EMBRACE OUR WATER

water in the rivers, lakes and beaches will be clean, fostering vibrant tourism and economic activities; it will be managed and consumed conscientiously and there will be potable water for the metropolitan region at all times.

## B. BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE

the urban spaces will be safe, green, climate-smart and will promote the well-being of citizens; no Carioca will live in a high-risk area; and housing and high-quality basic services, especially sanitation, will be available for all.

## C. EMPOWER OUR PEOPLE

Cariocas will have plenty of jobs within a diversified, inclusive, low-carbon and circular economy; they will participate actively in the decisions that affect them; and will be ready to learn, prevent, mobilize and grow from the shocks and stresses that affect the city and the planet.



## GOAL #1

Better understand and mitigate impacts of severe weather and climate change

**#A:** Establish Rio de Janeiro Panel on Climate Change

**#B:** Implement portfolio of climate mitigation and adaptation

**#C:** Monitor Climate Trends and Impacts

**#D:** Integrate Multi-hazard Risk Maps

## GOAL #2

Mobilize Rio to be prepared to respond to extreme weather events and other shocks

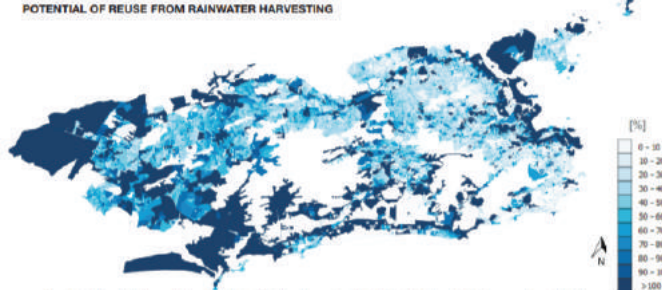
**#A:** Create a Disaster Recovery Plan for the Metropolitan Region

**#B:** Develop an Operational Olympic Legacy

**#C:** Execute Simulations for Crisis Response

**#D:** Expand the Program Resilient Communities

POTENTIAL OF REUSE FROM RAINWATER HARVESTING



The analysis of the potential for reuse of rainwater in the city of Rio de Janeiro was produced through the interpolation of rainfall volumes, as determined by System Hydro Rio in the period between 2010 and 2013, crossed with rainfall volume in possible harvesting areas (rooftops) and consequent reduced need for water from the underground distribution system, based on consumption data from the population. The consumption data was acquired from the Sanitation National System of Information (SINIS) and the 2010 demographic census from the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). The areas in dark blue show which parts of the city could benefit more from harvesting rainwater to lower consumption and water bills.



Develop a Water Strategy

using grey water and rainwater for irrigation  
consistent access to safe drinking water  
clean up other polluted bodies of water

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### GOAL #3

Cultivate green, cool, safe and flexible urban spaces

#A: Implement LED Street Lighting

#B: Stimulate Arbored - Squares

#C: Improve Resilience in Mobility

#D: Equal Access to Culture

#E: Carioca Forests

#F: Rio Always Olympic

notify authorities of traffic conditions, neighborhood microclimate, saturation of road infrastructure, and criminal activity

rapid transit and bike paths

50,000 trees

A green space for every 15 minute walk, fountain- reduce heat

### GOAL #4

Provide high quality basic services to all citizens, through sustainable and resilient use of resources

#A: Develop a Water Strategy

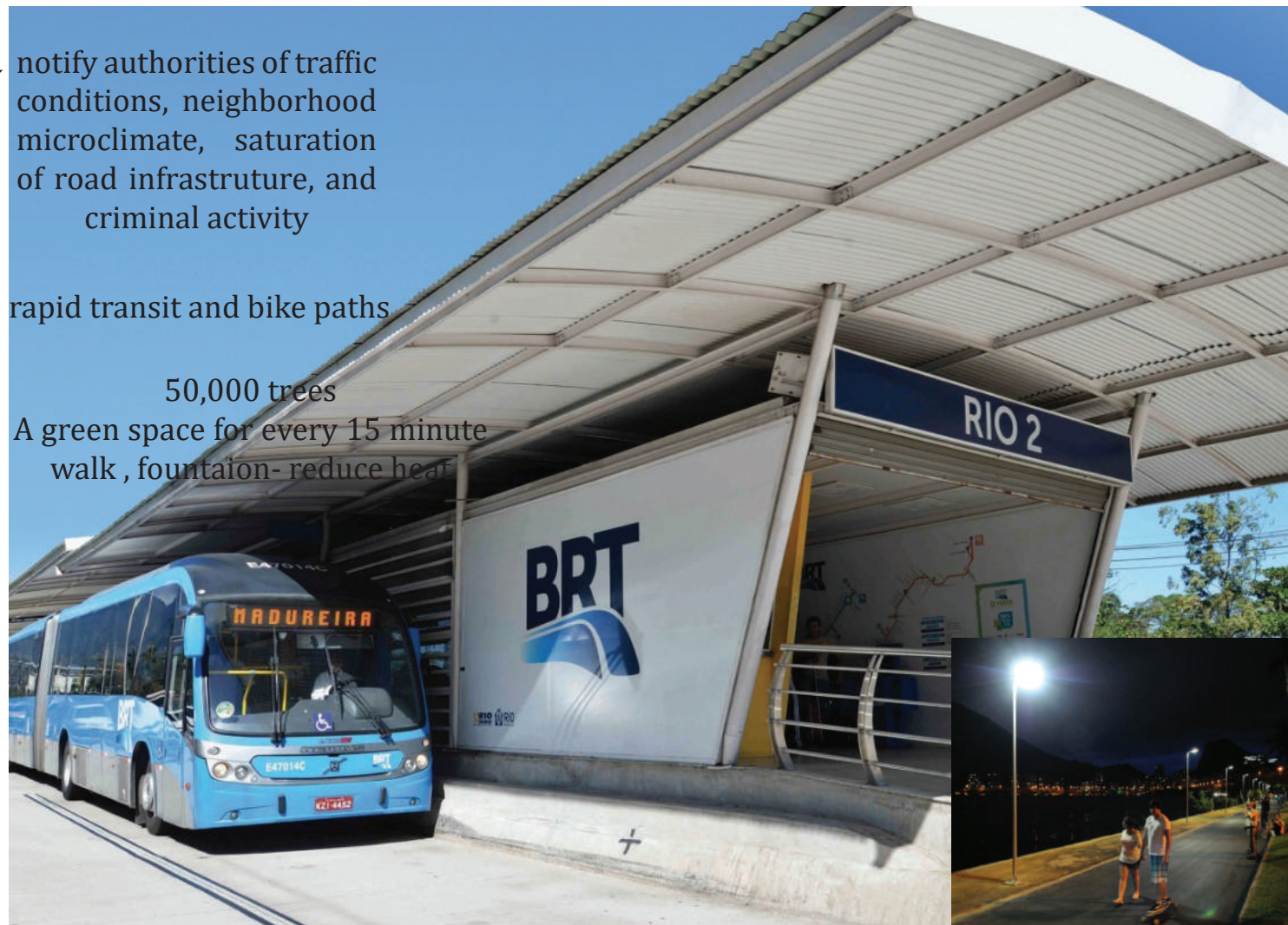
#B: Implement a Solar Energy Strategy

#C: Realize Energy and Water Efficiency in Public Buildings

#D: Universal Access to Sanitation

#E: Access to Safe Housing

#F: Public Authority for the Guanabara Bay



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#### GOAL #5

Promote an inclusive, diversified, circular and low-carbon economy

#A: Create an Agency for the Promotion of Circular Economy

#B: Valorization of Solid and Organic Waste

#C: Realize Rio + B

#D: Promote a Culture of Entrepreneurship

#E: Evaluate Social and Environmental Impacts of Investments

#### GOAL #6

Increase resilience of the population and promote social cohesion

#A Educate the Youth for Resilience

#B Create a MOOC for Urban Resilience

#C Develop Individual Resilience Indicators

#D Primary Health Care

#E Social Regions

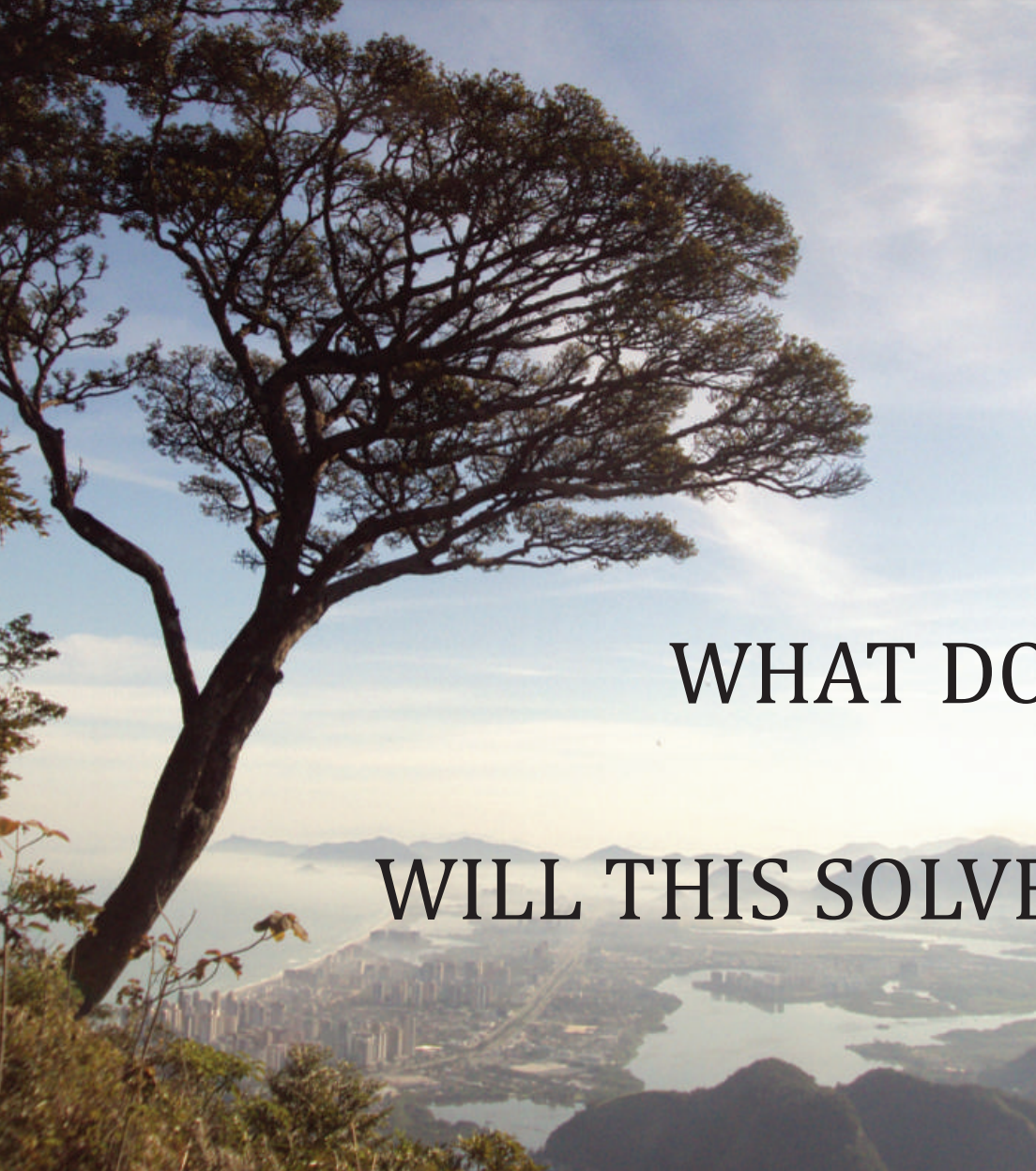
#F Right to the City

But when will it be completed?

2065



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WILL THIS SOLVE THE ISSUES IN RIO?