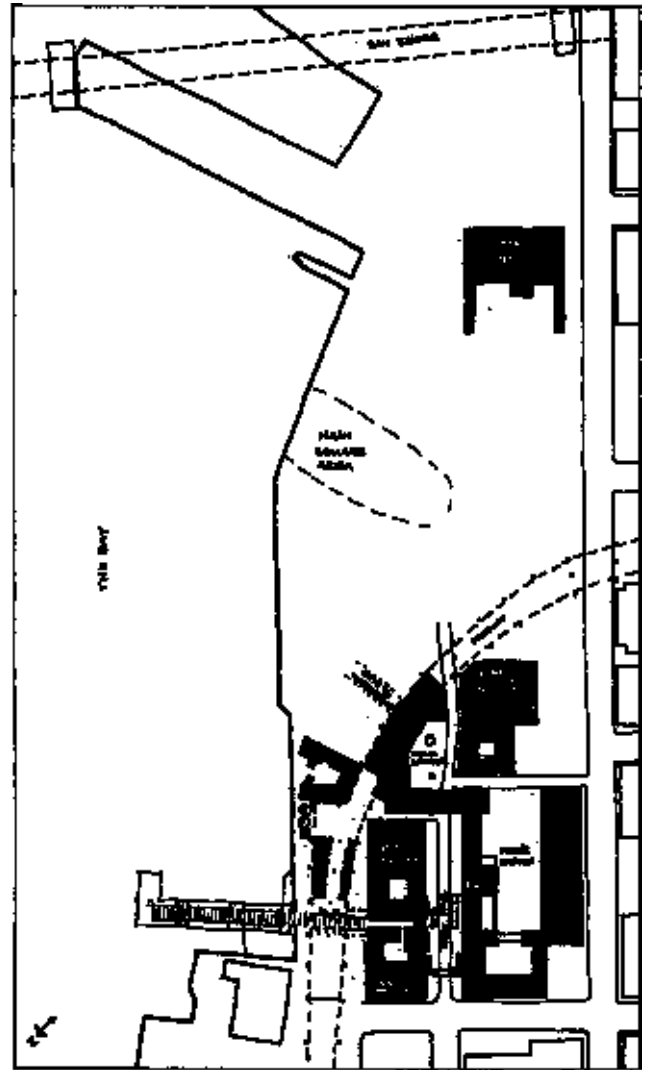


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the form is apparent from the beginning: the pattern is in the seed, that is, at the point of origin. For example, while the growth of any acorn results in an oak tree, no two trees are identical even though each tree is composed of similar elements. So, too, with the organic or sustainable city, its pattern is established by the principles used for the design and linkage of the parts.

Alexander developed a number of key principles for the design of organic cities. One of these principles of organic development states that growth should be piecemeal with a guaranteed mixed flow of various size projects. In detail he specifies that no single increment should be too large and that



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**Figure 5.11** Alexander: organic design process, the site.

**Figure 5.12** Alexander: organic design process, early stage in the process.