

DECISION

ENVIRONMENTAL & VISIBILITY

➤ **Noise Mitigation**
Control urban spaces located close to reduce impact from highway noise.

➤ **Landmark Presence**
Leverage the site's visibility and heritage value to create a significant cultural landmark.

PROGRAM & VIEWS

➤ **Cultural Focus**

Prioritize cultural and educational programming, avoiding commercial developments.

➤ **Framed Views**

Encourage clear, unobstructed views toward the sea, river, and historic structures.

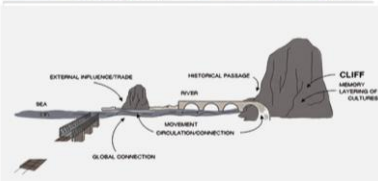
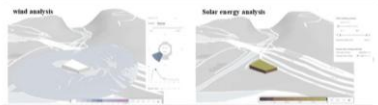
IDENTITY & ACCESS

➤ **Gateway Symbolism**

Reinforce state of Kaly's identity as Lebanon's heritage gateway through architecture and landscaping.

➤ **Framed Views**

Improve pedestrian access with cultural trails connecting key heritage points.



NARRATIVE TIMELINE OF NAHR AL-KALB MAN-MADE

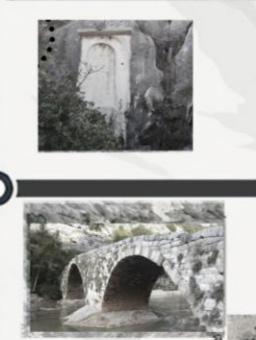
1 ANCIENT PHOENICIAN ERA (~3000-332 BCE)

THE PHOENICIANS, FAMED MARINERS AND MERCHANTS, TURNED NAHR AL-KALB INTO A KEY LAND-SEA LINE. CARAVANS CARRIED CEDAR TIMBER FROM MOUNT LEBANON, PURPLE DYE FROM COASTAL WORKSHOPS, AND GLASSWARE, FEEDING THE TRADE NETWORKS THAT REACHED EGYPT, CYPRUS, GREECE, AND BEYOND. THE GORGE WAS THE ECONOMIC THROAT OF A MARITIME CIVILIZATION.



2 EGYPTIAN, ASSYRIAN & BABYLONIAN INCURSIONS (~1000-500 BCE)

THE ROMANS, MASTERS OF ROADS AND ENGINEERING, CUT THE CLIFFS TO WIDEN THE TRACK, BRICK OVEN BRIDGES, AND TIED THE DOG RIVER CROSSING INTO THEIR EMPIRE-WIDE SYSTEM. THE VIA MARI BECAME A PAVED IMPERIAL HIGHWAY LINKING HEBROT, BEYRUT, DAMASCUS, AND ANTIOCH. BYZANTINE ADMINISTRATORS LATER MAINTAINED THE INFRASTRUCTURE, ENSURING THE GORGE REMAINED VITAL FOR COMMERCE AND ARMIES ALIKE.



4 CRUSADE PERIOD (1099-1291 CE)

EUROPEAN CRUSADERS, MARCHING TOWARD JERUSALEM, FORTIFIED THE DOG RIVER WITH TOWERS AND DEFENSIVE WORKS. CONTROLLING THE GORGE MEANT SECURING THE COAST, AND NO OTHER STONE MARKER SHOWS THE LATTER RECORDS OF CONQUEST. NAHR AL-KALB BECAME BOTH A BARRIAGE AND A FRONTIER IN THE CLASH BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.



6 FRENCH MANDATE INDEPENDENCE (1920-1943)

FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I, THE FRENCH MANDATE AUTHORITY CARRIED THEIR INSCRIPTION ONTO THE CLIFF, CONTAINING THE TRADITION OF BELIEFS LEADING THEIR CLAIM IN STONE. BY THE 1940s, NEW MARKS CELEBRATED LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE AND MODERNITY.



3 ROMAN & BYZANTINE ERA (64 BCE-637 CE)



5 OTTOMAN ERA (1516-1918)

