Cultural Landscapes of Orchha: Reclaiming the Lost Heritage
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The project is the result of a site workshop held in Orchha, India in January 2012 by faculty and students from the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, followed by a semester long design studio in campus. The site planning of Orchha, a small picturesque town in central India, reclaims lost heritage through conservation of its cultural landscape. Site readings and mappings are used as tools for the deciphering the yet unwritten landscape history and assessing its heritage. This heritage is interpreted through visual framing, increased urban legibility, and environmental remediation.