LA 4/539 Art of the Landform
Reclaiming the Vance Pits

Time
MWF | 1:00pm - 4:50pm

Required weekend field trip on Friday/Saturday, October 11th-12th

Location
TBD

Credits
6

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Prerequisites
None

Studio Description
Primarily developed in the mid-20th century before state land-use planning, Rockwood is one of the densest and most diverse neighborhoods in the Portland metro area. Currently, the neighborhood is engaged in an innovative community-centered design process to retrofit their suburban urban form based on the needs of existing residents who aspire for “development without displacement.” At the edge of all of this is the Vance Pit, a former quarry and landfill. Continuing a partnership with Multnomah County DCS, students will develop schematic designs to reclaim this degraded site using the fundamental medium of earth, staging new conditions for its public use and ecological function.