

WATER

A SPRING OF
WATER THROUGH
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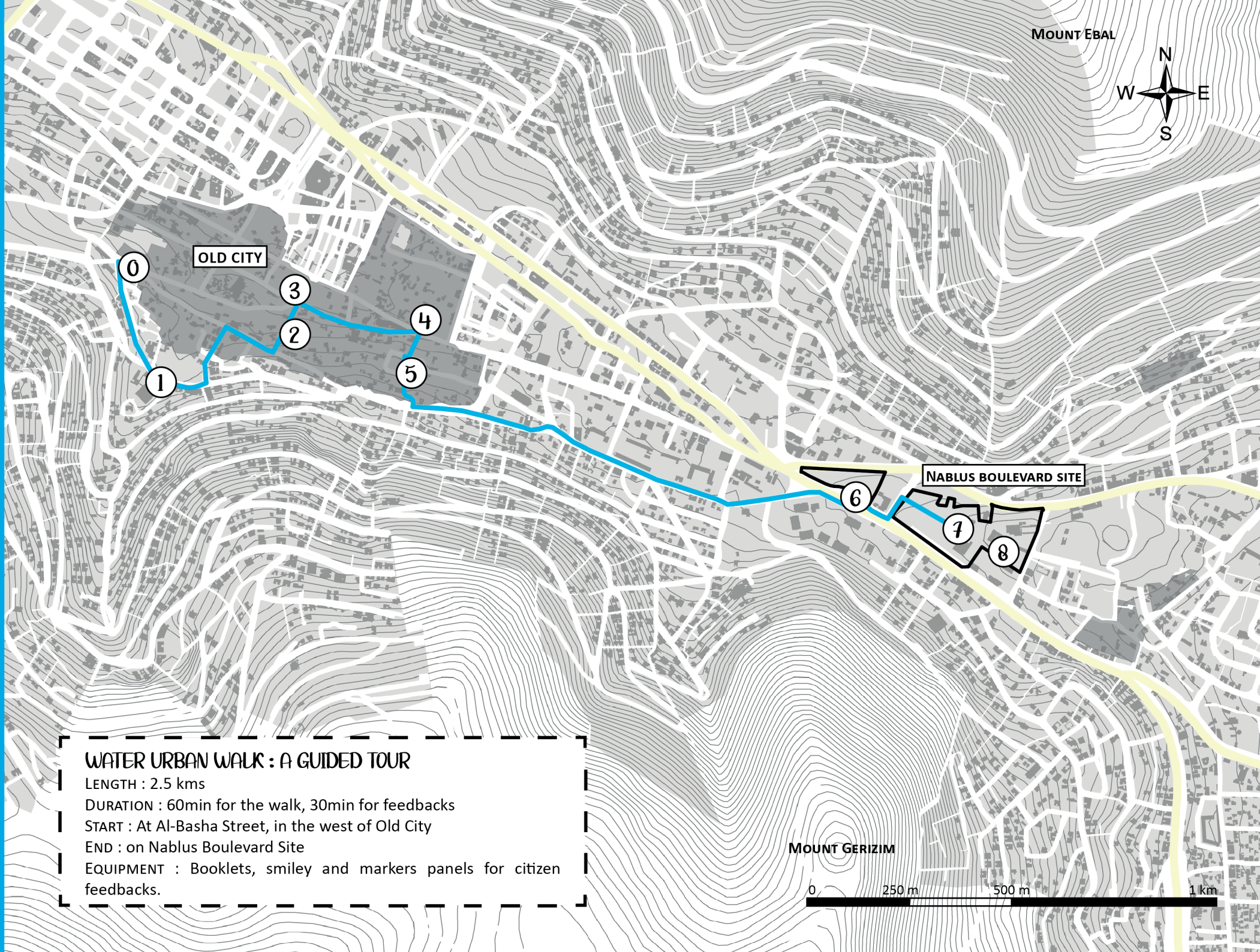
In the course of time, each city develops itself around five interacting thematic : **BUILDING HERITAGE**, **MOBILITY**, **NATURE**, **TRADITION** and **WATER**.

Today, in partnership between the city of Lille-France and Nablus-Palestine, the municipality of Nablus introduces you to the Nablus Boulevard project, which aims to improve the Eastern part of the city through the revival of an urban wasteland. For this project, your participation is needed ! This booklet invites you to follow a specific urban walk around one of the thematic of the city in order to take part in the understanding of the project and get involved.

Did you know that the development and establishment of Nablus occurred thanks to the natural profusion of water ? Do you know that the Romans created a water conveyance system under the ground of the Old city ? Do you know why there are so many fountains ?

The aim of this walk is to investigate the importance of the water resource and give different insights on the water management in Nablus. Water is a main thematic of the city's design through **NATURAL** layouts, streets (**MOBILITY**), old buildings (**HERITAGE**) and local economies (**TRADITION**). The interaction of the five thematic through this walk will help understand the importance of the water resource.

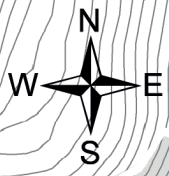
WATER URBAN WALK



WATER URBAN WALK : A GUIDED TOUR
LENGTH : 2.5 kms
DURATION : 60min for the walk, 30min for feedbacks
START : At Al-Basha Street, in the west of Old City
END : on Nablus Boulevard Site
EQUIPMENT : Booklets, smiley and markers panels for citizen feedbacks.

MOUNT GERIZIM

MOUNT EBAL



Welcome to the **guided tour** of **WATER**.

Ask yourself : How did the establishment of Nablus occur thanks to the water resource ? Why did water help develop the local economy ? How is the water management today in Nablus ?

Together with the **guide**, you will encounter many elements surrounding water. For each spot you will stop at, you are invited to **OBSERVE, FEEL** and **ANALYZE** it.

Answer the questions and feel free to explore the territory and give your opinion !

This walk will be accompanied by a **feedback phase** on Nablus Boulevard.

- ① Meeting in west of the Old City, start of the walk near the St. Philip's Arab Episcopal Church / Protestant Church.

Al-Basha Street

- ① Soap factories : The important role of the soap industry in Palestine and Nablus. Currently, twenty-eight soap factories in the Old City.

Al Yasmineh Quarter



- ② Ayn As-Sibat Spring, al Qaryun quarter. It is one of the four main water springs of the city of Nablus, which is a rich resource for the city.

Khaled Bin Al Walid Street



- ③ As-Sit Fountain, is one among the fourteen fountains in the Old city. Fountains were built in numbers in the old city to supply enough clean water to poor people.

Khaled Bin Al Walid Street



- ④ Al Khalili Public Baths (hammam) represents the importance of public baths in Islamic cities as it enlightens religious needs, social customs and traditions.

Khaled Bin Al Walid and Al Jame' Al Kabeer Streets



- ⑤ The Roman Aqueduct, located by the Zafir Al-Masri school. Under your feet is a typical Roman design of water management, which ends up at the other side of the Old City.

Zafir Al-Masri School



- ⑥ Ein Dafna spring is an on-site wastewater treatment plant, for the city of Nablus. It has an important role for the Boulevard site and project as it can supply plant development.

Inside the Nablus Boulevard Site



- ⑦ Greenhouses. Water has an important impact on the development of greenhouses on the Nablus Boulevard site. The trees growing there are to be used for the municipality of Nablus.

Inside the Nablus Boulevard Site



- ⑧ In the centre of Nablus Boulevard site, finish of this urban walk about **WATER**, in the front of the future Project House.

FREE PAGE FOR YOUR EXPRESSION !

For example, you can make a building analysis. You choose a building linked to the characteristics of the walk. Why is it interesting for you ?



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