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# Temple Mountain

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## City Context



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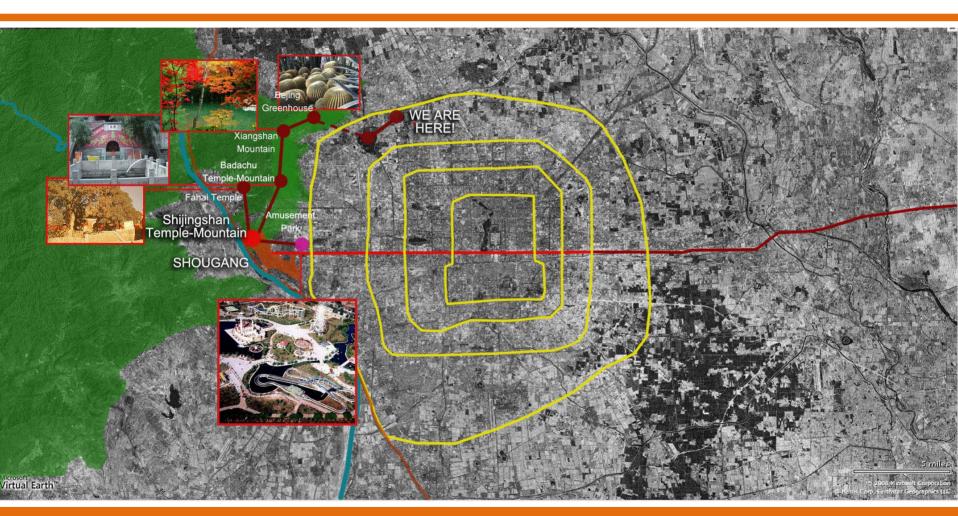
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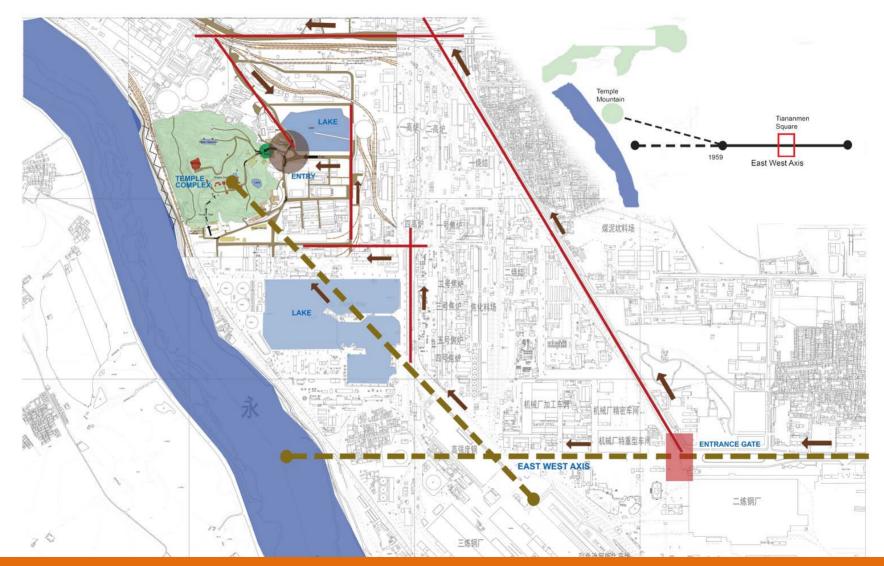
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### **Temple Mountain** Site Circulation Map



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#### Access Map



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### Places on Temple Mountain

#### Context Map: **Places on the Temple Mountain**



1. Pavilio Built in 1992 Traditional Chinese architectural style Similar to pavilion in Beijing Summer Palace Built in memory of those who dedicated themselve to the factory 40 meters high 3 stories of base/plinth: 3 stories of pavilion Should be preserved



Built in 1990s (probably) 2 buildings (2 stories each) Garage building (about 10 garages parking area in between condition: good











Brick, with ivy growing on outside of building Two - three stories high

15. Exhibition Hall of the Built in 1919 Four meters, one story Site is 33 meters, 7.8 meters Total area: 485 square meters

Quality: good Built for the American expert to work and live in during the early days of the factory. Changed to exhibition hall in 1999. Site also in-cludes storage



Four story and two story buildings Height: 10 meters or 6 meters Site area: 50 meters x 70 meters Total area: 1974 square meters

Built after the War Stores guns and ammunition

Hotel is in two sections: an older section (1970s) and a newer section (probably 1990s), the newer section is in good condition



Built in 1950s by PRC after the wa One story, 3 meters Worth preserving for historic qualities



Built in 1930s (uncertain), during the Anti-Japanese War Quality: poor Worth preserving, because of wartime heritage



# One story, 1.5 meters in height



4. Gate (west) 3. Gate (east) Qing period Height: 5 meters (one story) Height: 7 meters (two stories) Area: slightly smaller than east gate Quality: not as good as east gate; Area: 6.5 meters x 5.5 meters Quality: good Should be preserved should be preserved Stone footpath leads down mountain

Qing period



5. Temple (ruins) Qing period Includes stone monument, stone carvings well, pavilion, caves Area: 500 sq.meters Preserved as ancient architecture Quality: medium



6. Sky Temple With courtyard Built at end of Ming Dynasty Height: 5 meters, one story Area: 122 sq. meters Used to be poor condition, recently renovated.



7. Temple for goddess: Phi xia yuan chuin Built at end of Ming Dynasty (renovated recently) Area: 130 sq.meters Height: 5 meters



Probably built at end of Ming Dynasty

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### **Places on Temple Mountain**

Temple Complex:

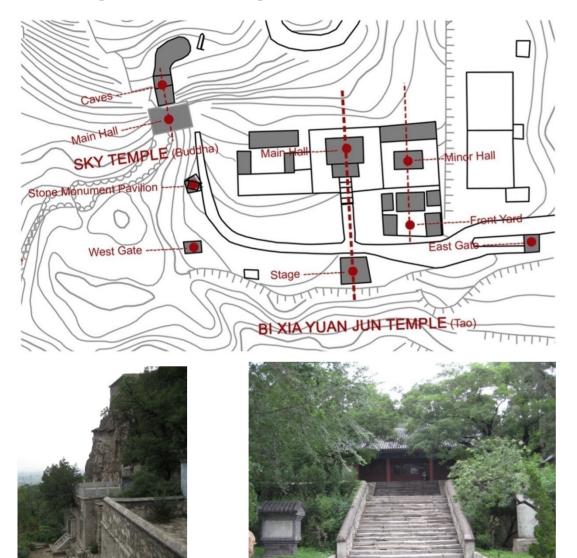
- Ming and Qing archeological sites
- Historic gateways, ancient trails
- Sites with religious and cultural significance

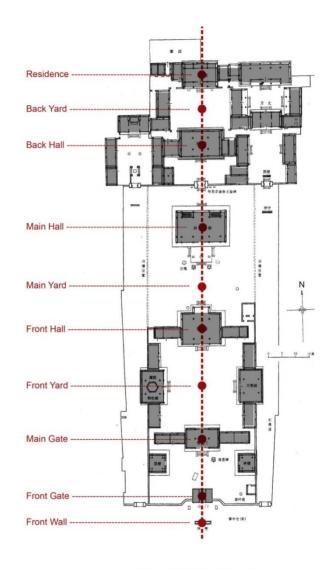


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#### Site Features

### **Temple Complex**





ZHIHUA TEMPLE (Buddhaism) Beijing, built in Ming Dynasty, 1443 A.D

**Temple Complex** 

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Natural Environment

- Multiple species of trees, plants and birds
- Numerous ancient trees
- Rocky outcroppings



Site Features

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Views:

- Best vantage point of Shougang Site
- 360 degrees of unobstructed views
- Views of important Western Mountains

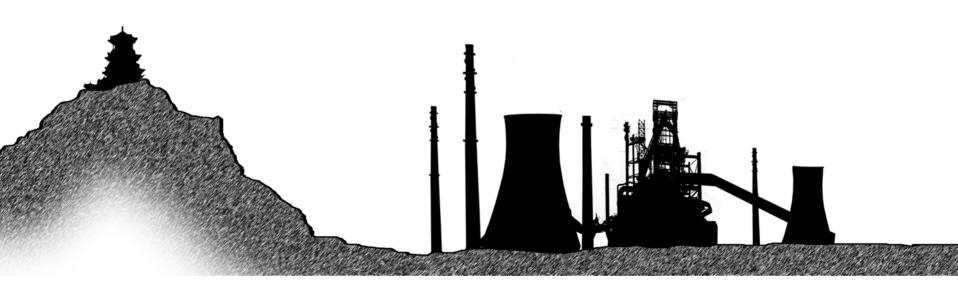


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### Site Features

Landscape Character:

- Unique dynamic between industrial and historical landscape
- Multiple vertical elements throughout factory site



#### Site Features

- Highlight environmental and industrial stewardship initiatives.
- Preserve and enhance temples.
- Feature vertical aspects of mountain and industrial landscape.
- Improve access to mountain and throughout site.

- Showcase superfund remediation practices.
- Highlight the preservation and reuse of industrial sites.

#### Conclusions

• Highlight environmental and industrial stewardship initiatives.

# • Preserve and enhance temples.

- Feature vertical aspects of mountain and industrial landscape.
- Improve access to mountain and throughout site.

- Commence an archaeological study.
- Leave preservation decisions up to archaeologists.

#### Conclusions

- Highlight environmental and industrial stewardship initiatives.
- Preserve and enhance temples.
- Feature vertical aspects of mountain and industrial landscape.
- Improve access to mountain and throughout site.

- Explore the dynamic between industry and history

#### Conclusions

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- Highlight environmental and industrial stewardship initiatives.
- Preserve and enhance temples.
- Feature vertical aspects of mountain and industrial landscape.
- Improve access to mountain and throughout site.

- -Locate and restore ancient paths.
- Establish regional network of cultural destinations.

#### Conclusions



