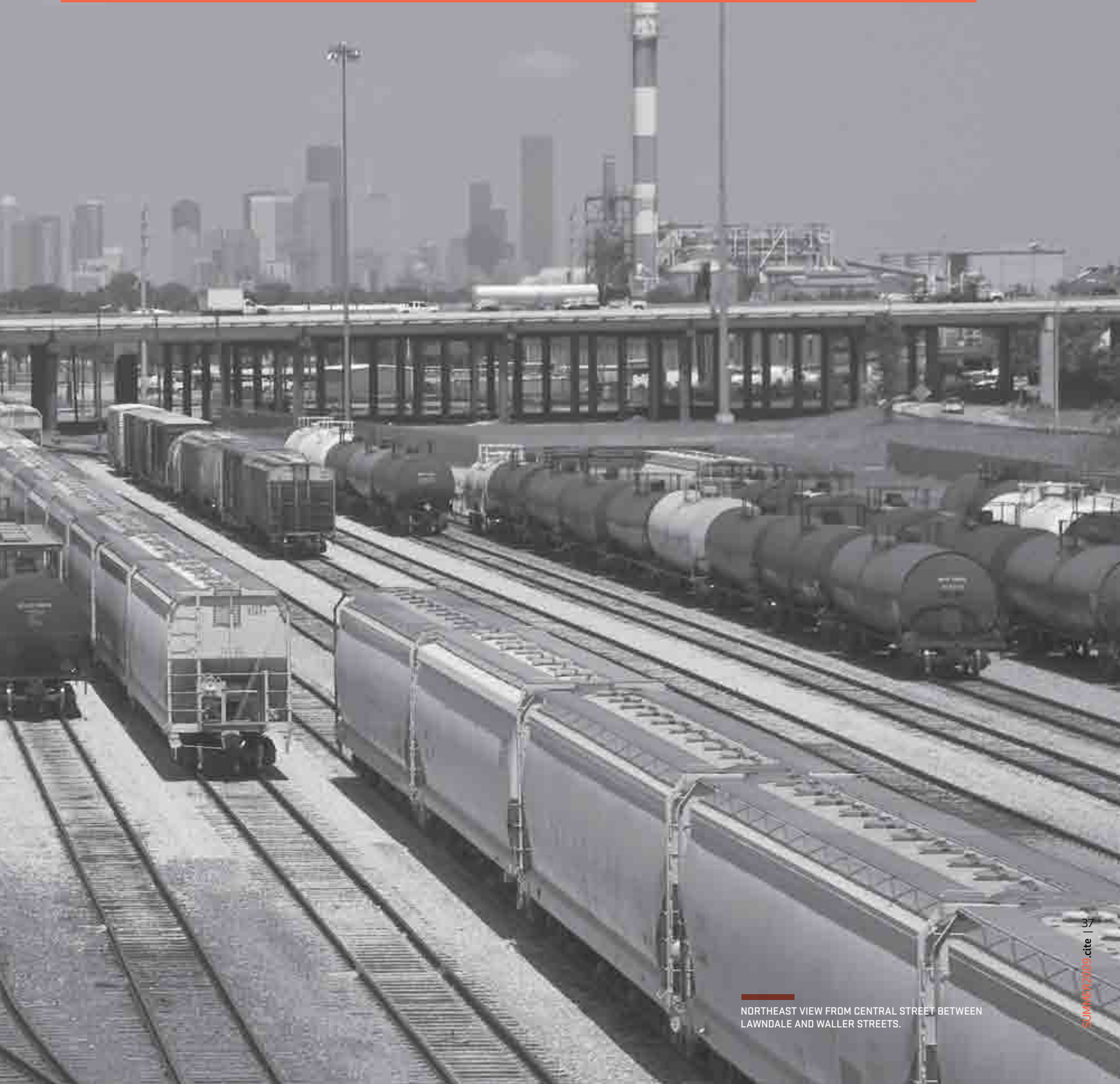




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ail horns, heard in the deep of night, are a ghostly reminder of a world not seen. Though infrastructure is rarely built with respect to human scale, the mind colludes with even the most minor attempts to disguise and shield huge storage tanks and towers, sprawling railroad yards and pipeline right-of-ways that occupy vast tracts of the city. The machines are increasingly automated. They are easy to forget. But if one's eyes are open to the adjacencies and jagged edges, the veil quickly falls. | photography Paul Hester

# Edge Conditions



NORTHEAST VIEW FROM CENTRAL STREET BETWEEN  
LAWDALE AND WALLER STREETS.



The "fields of honor" at San Jacinto are now surrounded by pipelines, rail lines, power pylons, and tankers: all monuments to interdependence. History gives way to infrastructure.

SAN JACINTO STATE PARK.



PASADENA BUFFALO  
BAYOU TRIBUTARY.



CELL PHONE TOWER, ALABAMA STREET BETWEEN  
HUTCHINS AND BASTROP STREETS.



SAN JACINTO STATE PARK.



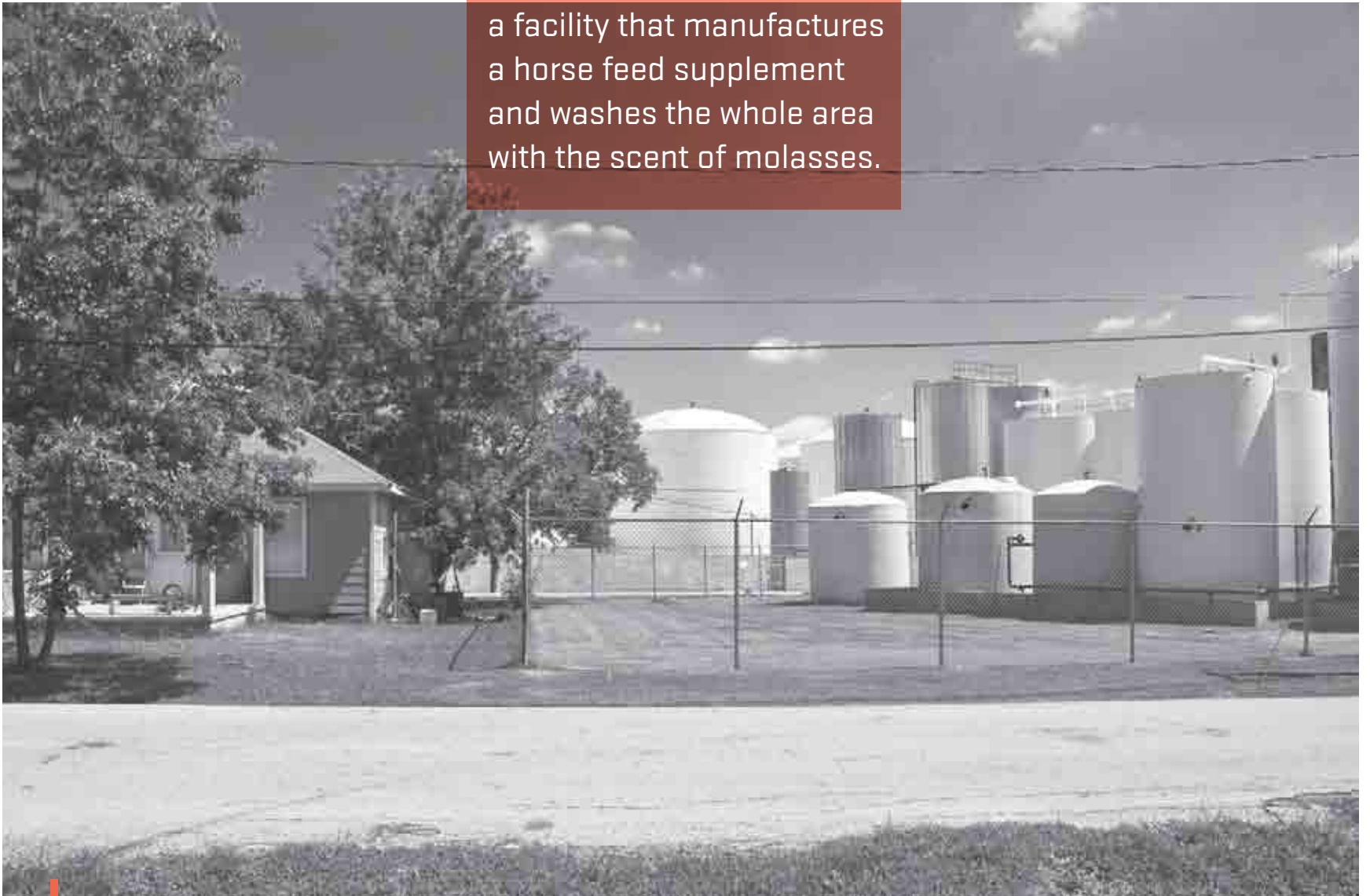
HILLCROFT TRANSIT CENTER AT ARMPIT OF THE  
SOUTHWEST FREEWAY AND WESTPARK TOLLROAD.



RIVER OAKS SHOPPING DISTRICT, WEST GRAY  
AND DUNLAVY STREETS.



On one side of Hartman Park, the 610 Loop begins its soaring arc over the Ship Channel. On another side, storage tanks tower over houses. The two remaining sides are bounded by railroad tracks. Every minute or two, a breeze blows through a facility that manufactures a horse feed supplement and washes the whole area with the scent of molasses.



EAST AVENUE R LOOKING NORTH  
FROM HARTMAN PARK.