LA MARGINAL: 
a Coastal Promenade Park

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ABSTRACT:

This thesis explores alternate typologies for a coastal promenade park in the town of Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The proposal acts as a link between the town, the park and the coastal edge. The coastal promenade park is created as a connector, defined mostly by the concrete walls that resemble the coastal edge. The concrete walls are used as connecting and defining elements of this entities.
“La Marginal”, Coastal edge
To my mother, for your unconditional love and support.

To my committee, for your patience and encouragement to remain true to my ideas.

To God, for sending me angels throughout this journey.
Layers of Memory, Concrete wall
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The site converges with the force of the Atlantic Ocean.
“The ocean's mist,
the sound of the waves crashing on the edge,
the salty smell of the ocean,
the sunsets that disappear on the horizon...”
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