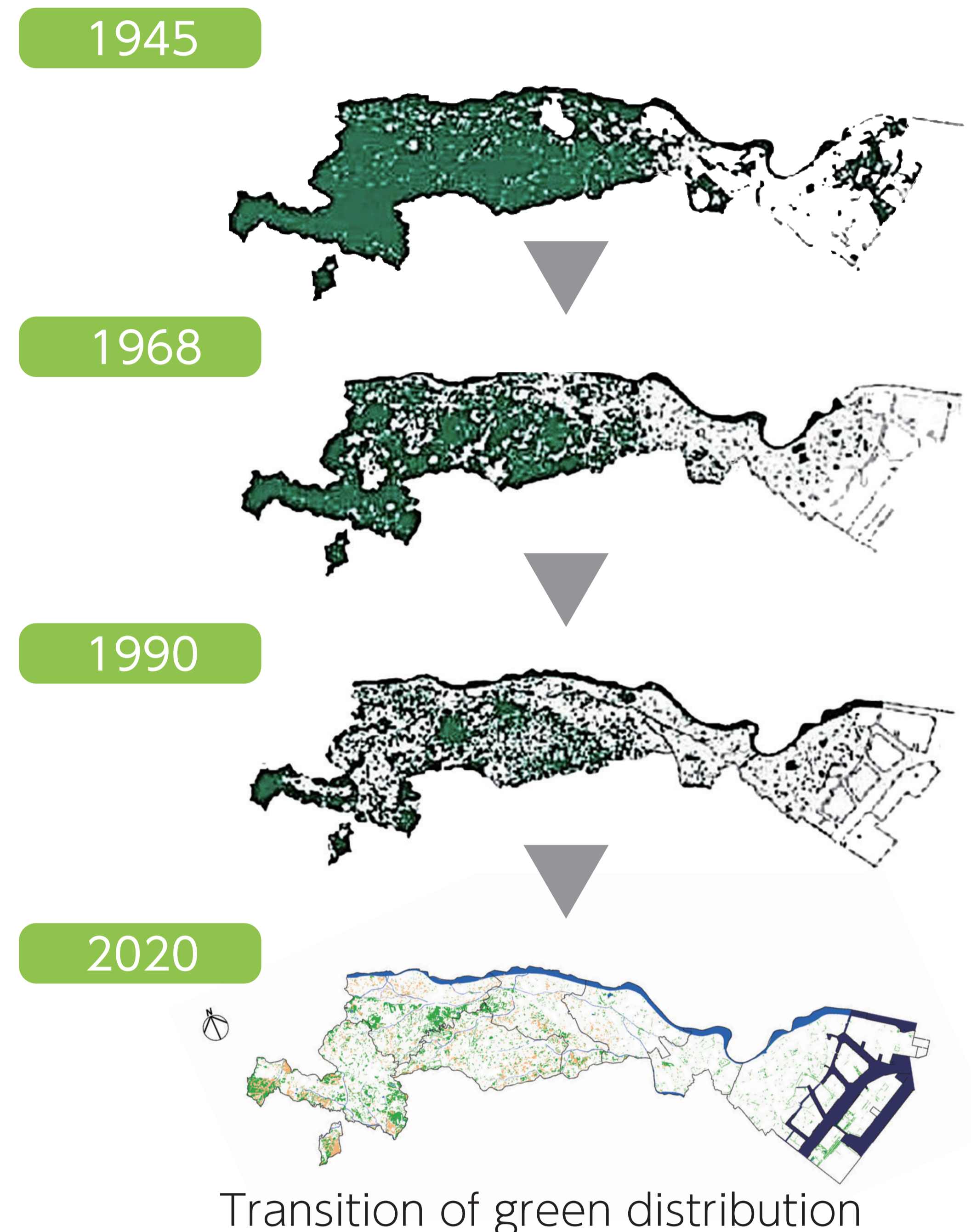


Symbiosis with Nature

Transition and current state of Kawasaki City Greenery

Kawasaki City is a long, narrow area about 30 km along the south bank of the Tama River, consisting of the Tama Hills in the northwest, alluvial lowlands in the southeast, and reclaimed land in the coastal area. In the past, the northwest was rich in greenery such as fields, orchards, secondary forests of sawtooth oak and pin oak, and slope forest. In the southeast, paddy fields were formed due to the completion of the Nikaryo irrigation works. These are the original green areas of Kawasaki City. However, from the latter half of the Meiji era, Kawasaki began industrialization, causing various urban problems such as pollution, modification of the natural environment, and particularly active residential developments which led to a decrease in valuable nature preserves.



In the northwest of Kawasaki City, the scenery of former "satoyama" remains. "Satoyama" are areas of protected ecosystems. Many of the "satoyama" in the city are maintained by citizens and various organizations but has become continually difficult due to the aging population and the lack of successors. To counter these issues, we are creating opportunities for people to experience a good, well preserved natural environment.



Satoyama scenery
(Kurokawa Yokomine Special Nature Preserve)

Protecting Greenery

Activities of residents

Through cooperative workshops with residents, we create conservation management plans that strive for the appropriate maintenance and management of conserved nature preserves. In addition, to management practices based on this conservation management plan, an activity group was formed of those who helped create the conservation management plan and supporters.

Higashi-Ikuta Greenery Space Conservation Area

