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Our site-based research was organized through the tool of the field guide, originally produced during a workshop at Salt & Cedar Letterpress in Detroit. With this tool, our research aimed to develop an image of both city's hypercomplexities and unstable geographies of water, while specifying the localized effects of the problem to act on them through design. The exhibition - NAVIGATING THE POSTNATURAL - returns the field guides, along with much of our visual documentation and analysis, to the Salt & Cedar Gallery as a means to reconsider the role of the field guide as a book-tool and share some the research and analysis collected from the field.

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