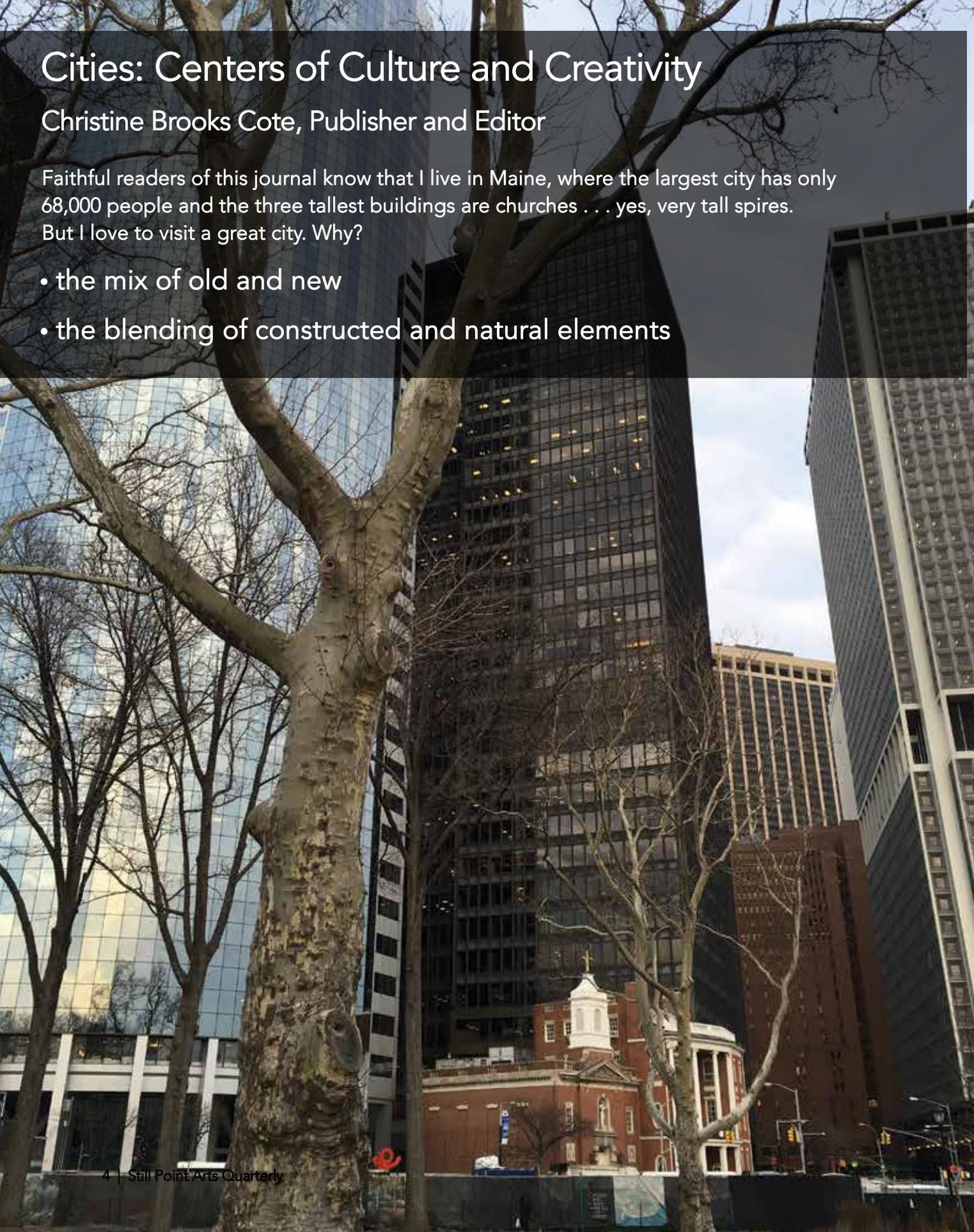


# Cities: Centers of Culture and Creativity

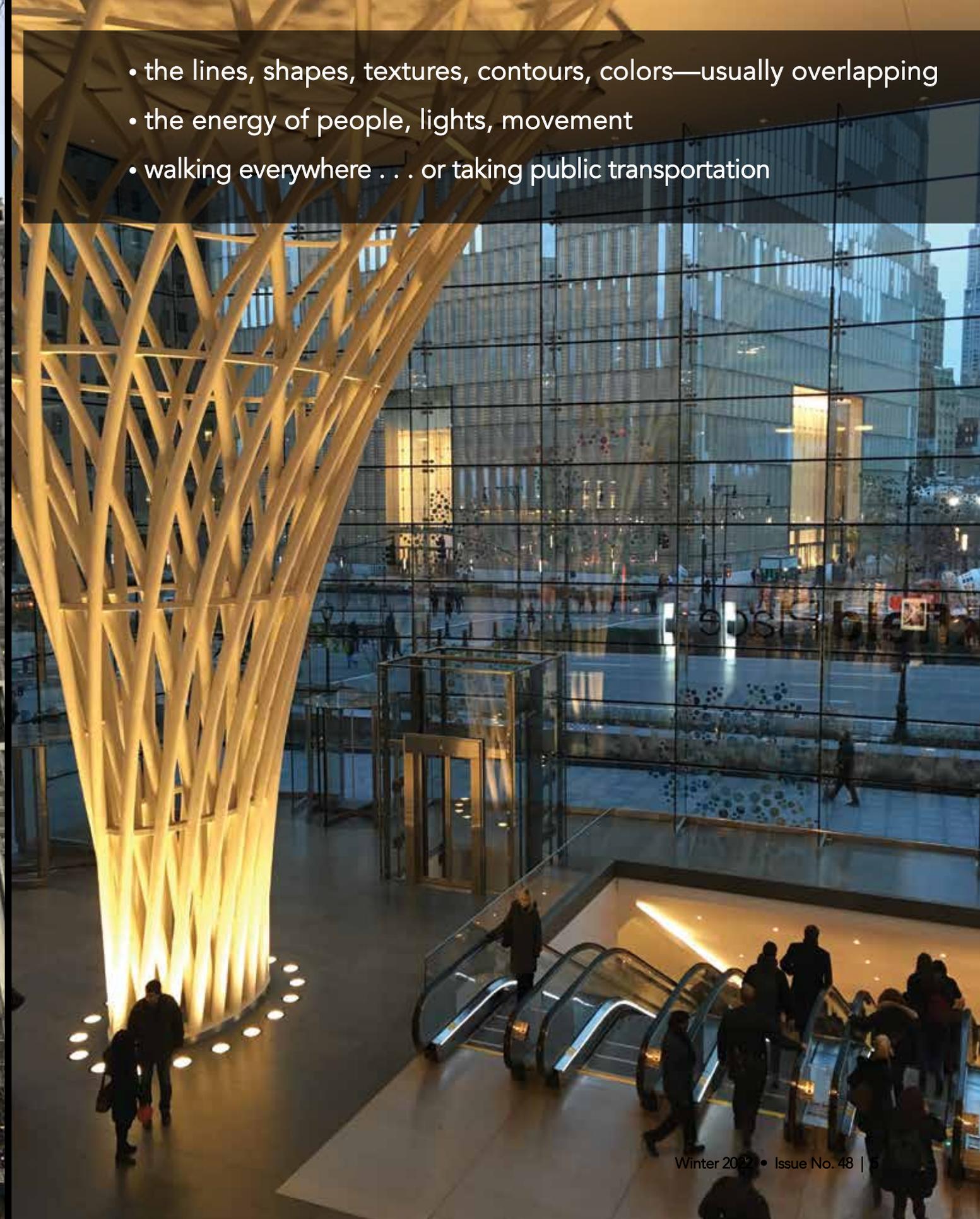
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Faithful readers of this journal know that I live in Maine, where the largest city has only 68,000 people and the three tallest buildings are churches . . . yes, very tall spires. But I love to visit a great city. Why?

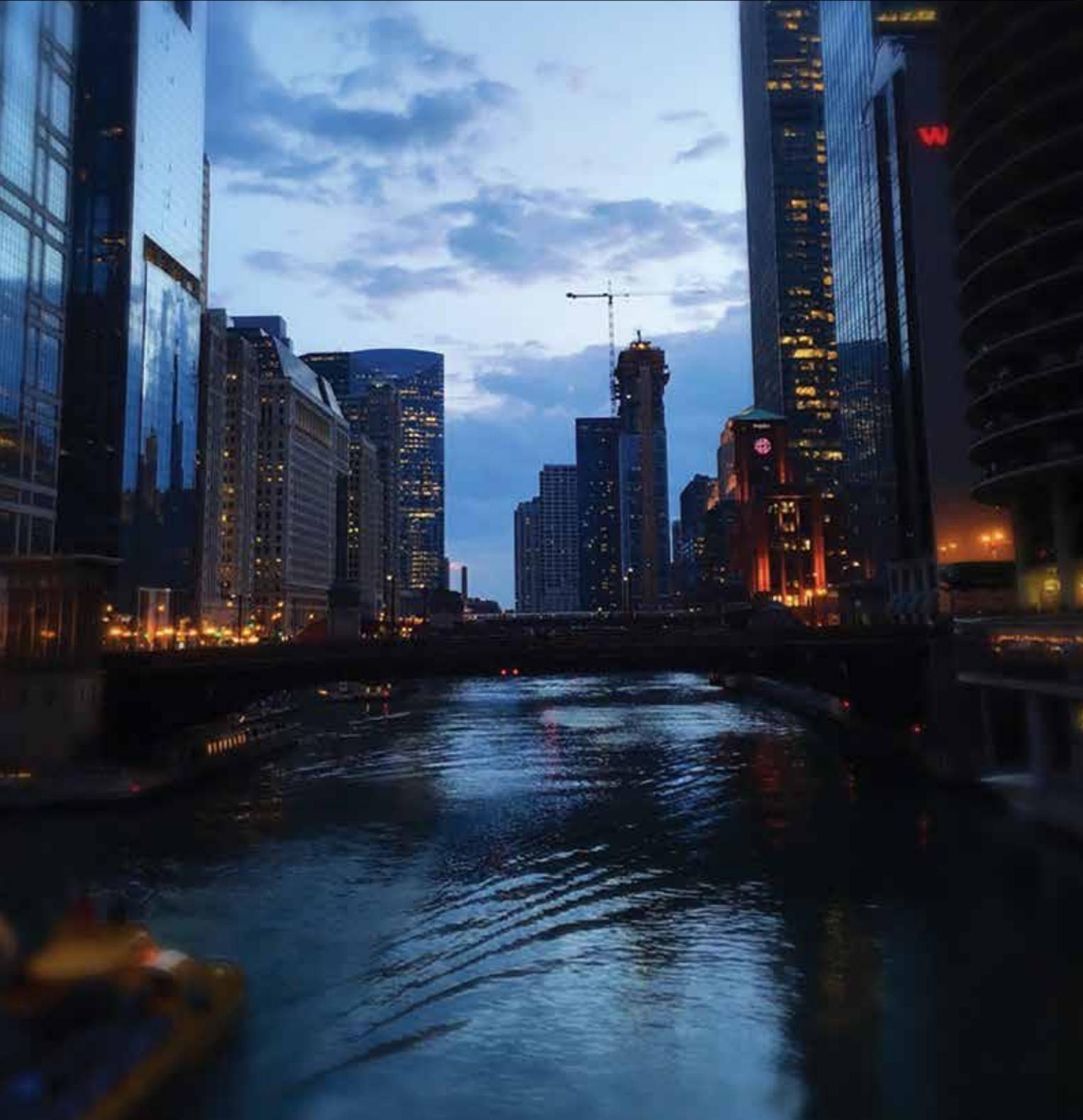
- the mix of old and new
- the blending of constructed and natural elements



- the lines, shapes, textures, contours, colors—usually overlapping
- the energy of people, lights, movement
- walking everywhere . . . or taking public transportation



- the cafes, restaurants, and coffee shops
- local foods . . . New York bagels, Chicago pizza . . .
- people watching, street entertainers, fashion



- the abundance of theaters, galleries, museums, and more
- the architecture . . . old and new
- getting to know what every city is famous for

