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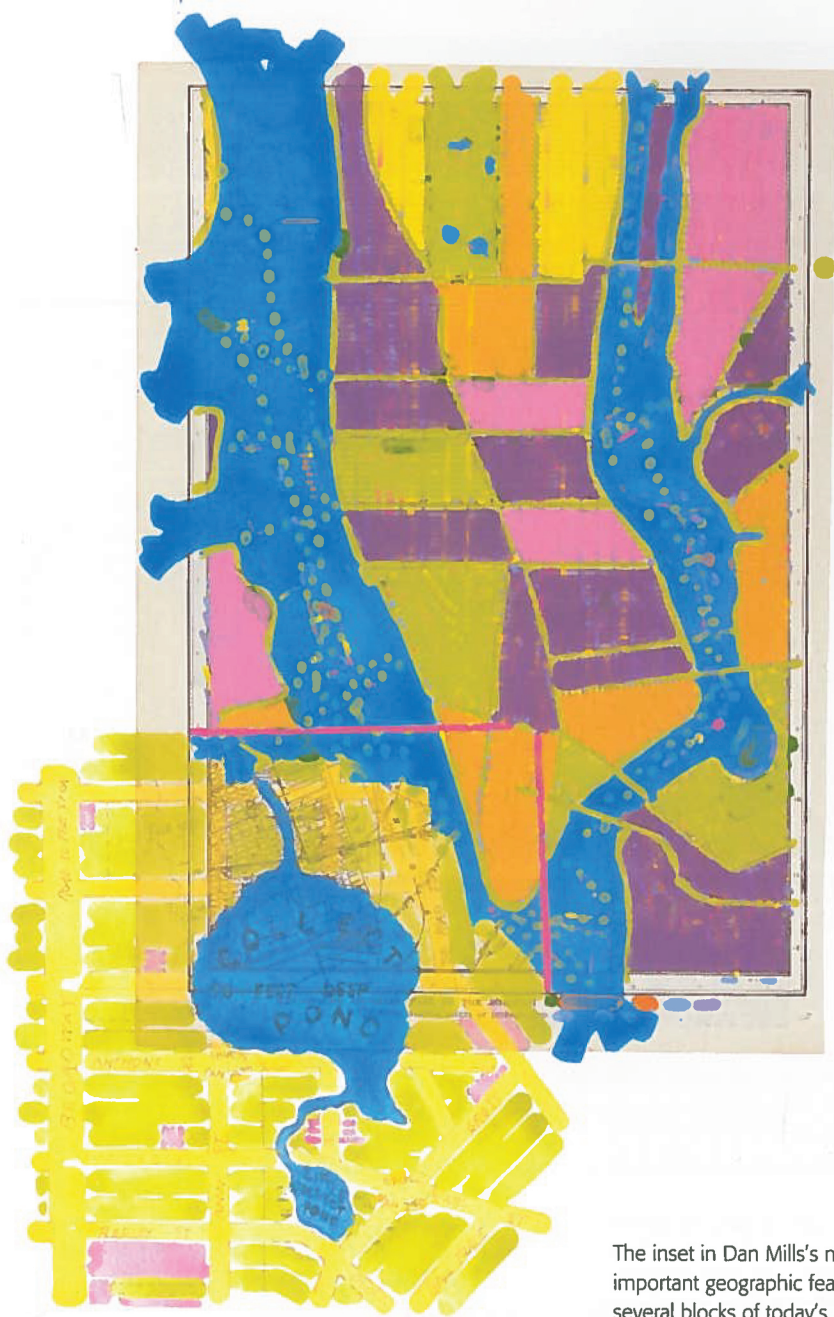
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MAPPING THE SOUL  
OF THE CITY

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**DAN MILLS**

*New York Excavation II, 2014*

Acrylic and graphite on printed map  
on paper

30 x 22½ in.

The inset in Dan Mills's map "excavates" an important geographic feature formerly covering several blocks of today's Chinatown. Collect Pond, sixty feet deep and fed by an underground spring, was for two hundred years the main source of water for Manhattan residents. Before that, its shores were—respectively—home to a band of Lenape Native Americans, a popular recreation area for colonists, and a site of polluting slaughterhouses and tanneries. In the early 1800s, to drain what had become an open sewer, engineers built a canal (part of which became Canal Street), yet the area remained for decades a swampy, disease-infested slum. On the site today, Collect Pond Park features a formal reflecting pool perhaps wishing to be a spring-fed pond again.