

City: Spremberg
Location: City centre and Georgenberg
Population: 26 000
Study site: 6.5 ha
Site of project: ca. 3.5 ha

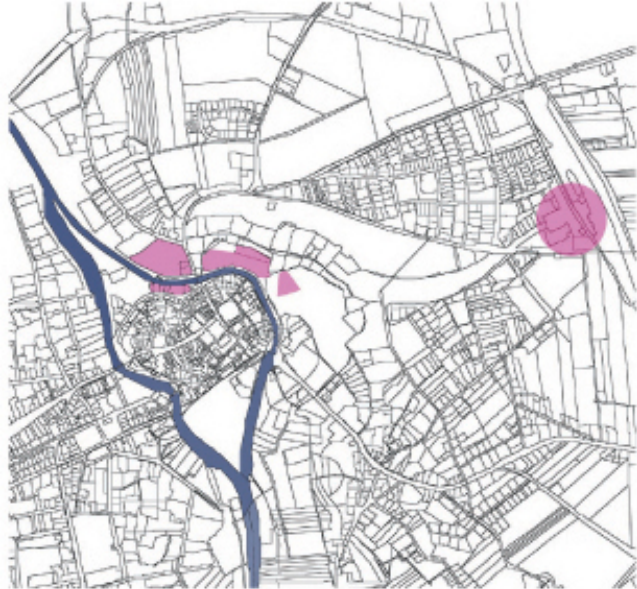
TOPIC

The city of Spremberg gives a relatively rugged impression. In addition to a compact city centre, a number of residential areas have come into being, separated from the city centre by green belts and the Spree river. The network of inner city areas plays an important role in the course of the conversion of the city. The city park on the Georgenberg, which is located between the railway station and the city centre, on an island in the Spree river, has to be developed as a hinge. Currently, the city park is a rather diffuse area, consisting of the green spaces, monuments, the Bismarck Tower, the cemetery, the fair ground, and the swannery. Urban development plans so far have focused neither on a network of functionalities, nor on the territorial network of the individual objects. It should be possible to experience the area, and to enhance its functionality on places that thrive with life and communication. With a view to pedestrian's traffic between the old city centre, and the railway station, the Georgenberg should become a more important element in the development of infrastructure and help link the areas in a better way. Different areas, including the area surrounding the railway station, the open-air stage, the fair ground, which is not used any longer, and an industrial wasteland north of the Spree river, offer themselves to architectural intervention.

CONURBATION

Spremberg is a regional growth area at the southern border of Brandenburg and Saxony. Its development has mostly been characterized by the industrial site of Schwarze Pumpe, which is experiencing currently a renaissance. The main task of urban development is the stabilization of the residential site. A further goal is to attract individual transit travellers, and have them stop-over in Spremberg.





STUDY SITE

The site in question stretches from the north shore of the Spree island up to the railway station at the northern edge of Georgenberg. The divide that exists between the Spree river island and the Georgenberg has been characterized by the river and Georgenstraße. This is a spatial divide that separates the urban fabric of the city centre on the Spree river island, which, then, separates the railway station from the city area.

Programmatic intentions:

Reevaluate the public space and extend offers, diversity, and attractiveness of the city centre. Overcome topographic barriers. Enhance the benefit of the „Spree river“ experience by means of a visual integration. Upgrade the bicycle tour route along the „Spree“ by integrating the leisure time area on the Georgenberg.

SITE OF PROJECT

Four project areas have been proposed for further studies on the site between the railway station and the city centre.

Identify and re-structure the area surrounding the railway station, including the railway station facilities (building), multifunctional use of the fairground, introduction of new programmes, upgrading of the existing open-air stage according to technical and programmatic requirements, development of the industrial wasteland north of the Spree river.





