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These social and ecological corridors will have to breathe with the rhythm of the seasons and the flows. Thinking like water, thinking with water brings with it a renewal of methods, a major factor in the emergence of a new imaginary.
This new landscape, structured by the network of swales, will improve the quality of life for users in terms of ethics, aesthetics and health.
Gösting should enhance the heritage value of Graz and highlight the regions ability to meet the challenges of the future.

INNERVATING/ The aim of our project is to redefine the district's functions and its relation to the city. **The challenge is to make the site both accessible and visible to all.**
Indeed, our project consists of healing the urban fractures described above using a natural network to reconnect the district with the surrounding neighbourhoods. To achieve this we will weave the green, blue and brown networks in the service of this healing process.
The importance of the transport network is obvious in terms of connecting the site, and we want to offer a wide range of transport options to reconnect the Gösting district. It will be possible to come to Gösting by foot, by bike, by car, by bus, by tram or by train.
A second challenge is to drive the residents of Graz to Gösting, transforming the district into an attractive place to live and visit. Gösting has all the potential to be one of the most events-rooted heritage with a new programme for the different areas, including the Hub, the incubator, training courses, the ornithological museum and new housing, so that Gösting will no longer be a place for passing through, but a place for living.

RENATURATE / The landscape as a resource and the landscape as a project. We have decided to use the Mur and Gösting as an environmental opportunity to develop the entire project.
We want to trigger our intervention so that **it responds simultaneously to flooding and to the need for re-vegetation, new public spaces and cool islands, by integrating the living into the heart of urban planning.**
To achieve this, we are planning to cool the streets, reduce the impermeability of the soils, transforming existing impermeable areas such as car parks into permeable areas, integrating the living into the urban infrastructure throughout the project, guarantee the ecological management of watercourses and offer intelligent water management by regulating flooding and recovering rainwater.
All these interventions to promote biodiversity will be embodied in the design of the public space through which the residents of Gösting pass daily.

DENSIFY / Built heritage as a resource for densification. Gösting's urban fabric is dominated by detached houses and industrial warehouses, which means that the area is not very densely populated.
We want to conduct the existing layouts in order to restore a hierarchy in the axes of full and empty spaces. To achieve this, our project focuses on two major interventions: firstly, densification of the built-up front and secondly, a built-up front on the main Wiener Ave., and secondly, we want to create an urban centre, a real hub of activity and conviviality in Hobes 2, served by the major axis.
Densification will make it possible to restructure the area to create a new urban centre, with a mixed programme including shared public spaces, transport zones and residential areas, with the aim of making the area legible for the residents of Gösting.
This densification will make it possible to launch new programmes, and thus contribute to Gösting's new attractiveness.

GÖSTING, Revealing the genius loci

Fig. 1, From Graz to Gösting

The ambition of «Switch on the swales» is to reintegrate Gösting into the Graz landscape and give it a strong identity, so that it can be listed as a natural heritage site of outstanding interest.

Through its heritage interest, the project's ambition is to create a unique place by revealing the magic and uniqueness of the site, so that it becomes an unavoidable part of Graz tourism.

A visit to Gösting would then be essential for both Graz residents and tourists. The site would welcome many visitors seeking to explore the rich and singular biodiversity of its new layout.

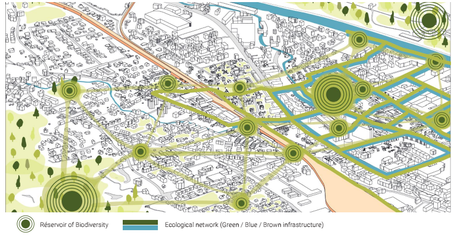
The Gösting district, the gateway to the city of Graz, will offer a new, welcoming and attractive image. A new landscape will emerge at the entrance to the city. Welcome to Gösting. Welcome to Graz!

INNERVATING, Connect the living

Fig. 2, Axis 1 - Development of the transversal axes connecting Gösting to the Mur

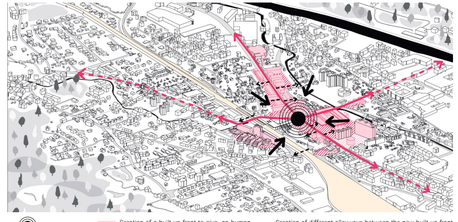
RENATURATE, Healing fractures

Fig. 3, Axis 2 - Creation of swales constituting the ecological network of Gösting

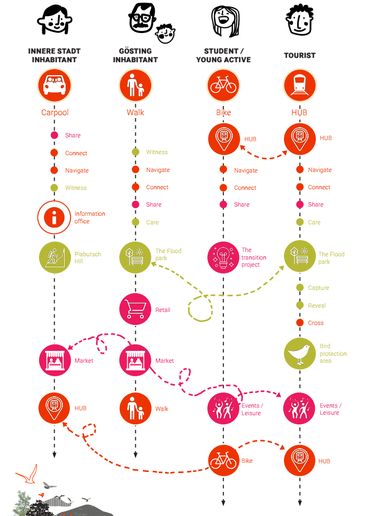


DENSIFY, Diversify uses

Fig. 4, Axis 3 - Creation of a built-up front around major axes to welcome new inhabitants



RESIDENTS, a new vision of Gösting



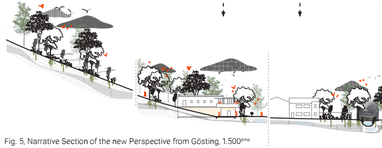


Fig. 5, Narrative Section of the new Perspective from Gösting, 1.500ème

Plattbusch Hill - Hiking information center

Plattbusch Hill through residential area

The Hub : gateway to Gösting and the city

The territory of Gösting suffers from its fragmentation into monofunctional areas. The juxtaposition of housing estates, industrial estates and large blocks of flats results in a rapid and continuous flow of traffic passing through or accessing these areas, which itself contributes to accentuating the fragmentation. The railway lines and major through roads help to create this fragmentation within the district. The car dominates daily commuting, as evidenced by the large number of car descriptions. Confined to the private space of their car, residents are limited to the landscape that separates home from work, the car park and the shopping centre.

Mobility time has to be fast, otherwise it becomes stressful. It is not conceived as a time for living; it is a non-time in a non-place. As a result, the region has a major lack of attractiveness. From our point of view, the development of Gösting should **consider contemporary phenomena in the definition of the landscape as well as reinforcing the functions of natural heritage elements in the dynamics of the area.**

INNERVATING /
As a first step, our guide plan proposes the creation of passageways and tunnels under the railway line to make it permeable and thus erase this infrastructural fracture. These passageways will cross the second fracture of the territory, the major traffic artery (Wiener Strasse).
The creation of these new passageways and the extension of an existing one) will enable the three transversal axes to irrigate the district from the hill to the Mur.
The guide plan targets a major development axis linking Hobes 1 and Hobes 2. This axis, common to the three areas we are planning to develop, will extend beyond the Hub to the opposite bank. In addition, the guide plan proposes a new departure point for hikers, with an information shelter in a disused building that will be renovated.
Beyond these three main axes, pathways will be created along the swales. These secondary axes may be used for jogging and trail running.

RENATURATE /
Renaturating the watercourses and irrigating the neighbourhood with landscaped ditches is our modus operandi. The technical system to use these different typologies to create a storage system at the heart of the city, to recharge the water table, to cool the streets and to create a multi, with each intervention facing the other. It is a network that complises itself and works together. Once the minor flows have been filled, they will feed the major flows and vice-versa.
We want to use this modus operandi to create a project situation. In fact, we want to create a project that is not a project but a process: project will be a public space that evolves with the rhythm of flooding. Whether submersible banks, floodable places or minor banks, they can be transformed from shared public spaces into water storage areas. These storage spaces are both technical and poetic.

Another major theme is to develop the continuity of the green, brown and blue infrastructure in order to preserve ecological corridors and maintain a continuity of biodiversity throughout the district. The role of vegetation will be of capital importance in ensuring this continuity.

DENSIFY /
The densification project focuses mainly along the Wiener's major axis, which is the main entrance to the neighbourhood. We want to create a new perspective that is significant on the scale of the district. This perspective will be a new urban landmark, and will help to make the overall design of the district more legible. The plan is to create an active base for shops and local services on the ground level, while the upper floors will be used for housing. The density will be increased to a high demand for housing in the district through the enhancement of the front built.
Another major densification operation will be carried out in Hobes 2, where the ourrent Interspar uses a very large surface to offer little density and little urban life. We propose densifying the site on several levels to create a a dynamic building, including the parking level. We want to increase the density of the block only on the existing surface so as not to further seal off the ground.

The challenge of this densification is to recreate a town heart, a new focal point for the residents of Gösting, in order to give a hierarchy to the overall urban design, which is currently lacking in this area on this site.

This guide plan proposes to focus on two major axes of the district, the axis of the Wiener Str. and the axis of the Wall and the major road axis of the Wiener Str.(Gai Str.) remained intact.

The intervention on the axis linking the Centre to the Wall will be to restall it: it might «swaste» to demonstrate how the district has been transformed in the past and how it is transforming today. It will be a place where the ideas of metabolising and exhibiting the enhancement of the natural heritage. This new perspective will showcase our global project and demonstrate our interest in working in symbiosis with the blue, green and brown infrastructure.

This project involves a number of aspects: it's an educational project, it's a project to promote the area and it's a living project. In fact, these lights «wave» with every one time and with the flow of water. They are landmarks and meeting points that can be transformed, by the people who live there. The aim is to involve local residents who are at the heart of the transformation of the area.

This «symbolic» project will be brought to life through the involvement of the people who live in the neighbourhood. Participation in the project is welcomed. Events can be organised around these objects to involve the residents from beyond the district and make this unique project a part of the city of Graz. Come to Gösting and enjoy the magic of the place!

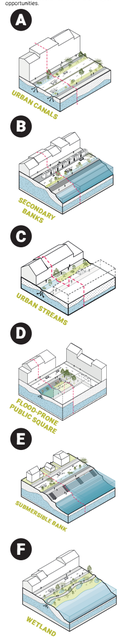
SWALES

Swales are closed ditches equipped with overflows that temporarily store run-off water at the top of plots, channel the water and allow it to infiltrate into the soil.

These geographical objects will be at the heart of the entire project. These canals will irrigate the entire neighbourhood, thereby preventing the inundation risk by managing the site's hydraulics during floods. The purpose of these floodgates will be to absorb the excess water when the Mur overflows.

Beyond the technical aspect, the irrigation of water within the district will also be the first step in the project to renaturalise the site. This action will be an opportunity to take hold of project situations of varying typologies, as demonstrated by the axonometries opposite.

Urban canals, minor riverbanks, urban streams, flood plains, submersible riverbanks and wetlands are as many different situations as there are project opportunities.



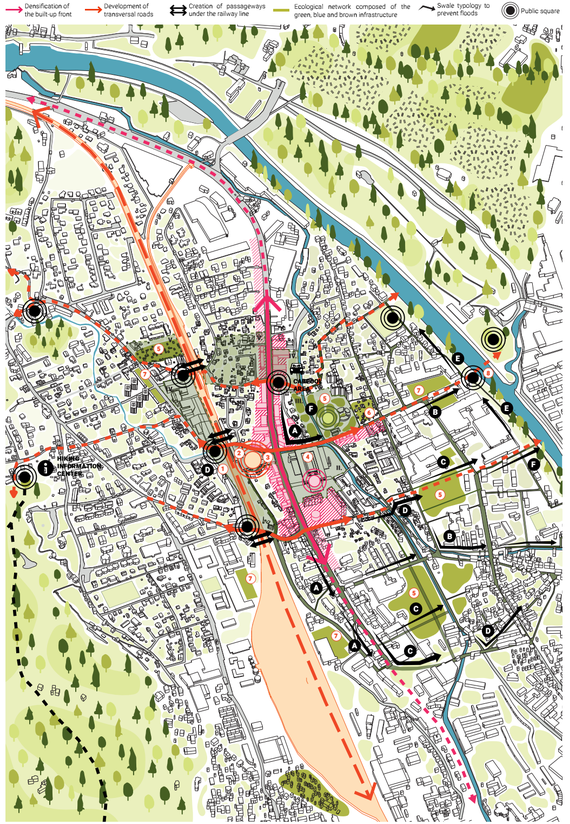


Fig. 6, Gösting Guide plan - A landscape with a rich and active natural heritage

Our projects to enhance the perspective from the HUB to the Wall is achieved by the installation of "Light-vessels", all of which bear witness to an intervention in relation to the living world.

These interventions will be like beacons that will punctuate the user's journey. They will play a meditation role. These elements will provide an opportunity to stop and enjoy a living experience at Gösting.

To **Witness** the rising water, to **signal** the gateway to the area, **Connect** one bank to the other, **Capture** rainwater, and open up the public gardens to everyone via public paths, **Revealing** wetlands, **crossing** a stream and densifying car parks, are just as many possible interventions as project opportunities.

LIGHT VESSELS

THE HUB /
A new gateway to the territory, a belvedere offering a first reading of the landscape as soon as you step off the train, an invitation to counterpoise the exceptional natural heritage that gives GÖSTING its identity and its uniqueness with the city of Graz.
Our participant was to welcome visitors to a space overlooking the tram and bus traffic, for the use of the HUB. As soon as they step off the train, visitors can enjoy a public space with unobstructed views of the skyline.
We decided to build an L-square shape, at the bottom of the pick, next to the railway line, in order to organise and concentrate exchanges within this volume, and free up a public space linked to the surrounding neighbourhood.
This L-square shape is built in extension with the platforms giving train users access to a vegetated roof that allows them to reach the lower level of the pick via two staircases. The project also provides covered area for the tramway and bus stops. We plan to install an information shelter in the form of a light vessel, a bike shed, a bike workshop, public toilets and a bicycle repair workshop. The definition of these programmes may evolve in consultation with the city.

THE FLOODABLE PARK /
At the heart of the network of swales, our plan to create a floodable park to cool the city and to offer a place for the residents to meet and relax and to address flooding issues. This public ecological center at the heart of the district will become a unique experience in Gösting.
Our project aims to create a park with various recreational areas. Our participant was to welcome visitors to a space overlooking the tram and bus traffic, for the use of the HUB. As soon as they step off the train, visitors can enjoy a public space with unobstructed views of the skyline.
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THE INCUBATOR / For colorado therm are the substance of the project is the starting point of our reflexion on the development of the Incubator. Indeed, the aim of our project is to reveal the **genius of the place, while maintaining visibility** between the existing and planned parts. We are building a two-storey wing to accommodate the following programmes: training courses, a bird-watching observatory, exhibition projects linked to ecological transition, projects related to climate change, the wastewater biodiversity loss, water management, the crucial economic and social issues.
The programme will include a meeting centre open to all. In addition, temporary accommodation will be available for entrepreneurs from the neighbourhood and elsewhere who want to develop projects that are compatible with multi-purpose rooms for washing activities. These will be installed as part of the supermarket's basement (the other part will remain open as a car park) and will be open to local residents to encourage meetings and interaction.
In addition to the ring, the project proposes to install a large greenhouse on the roof of Interspar to provide basic food supply for the Hub, with deals with the supermarket. This greenhouse will be accessible to the residents with the start-ups of the incubator. A covered public market area under the suspended ring will be available, creating a new dynamic like a village centre, a place where residents can come together and exchange ideas.

REVEALING THE GENIUS LOCI

All the interventions described above have a common objective: to reveal the **genius of the place**, to highlight the character specific to each of the sites was a «Ariadne» very juice in the design process.
Our aim is to provide visitors to Gösting with a unique experience throughout their journey. From one milieu to another, and to achieve this we will be paying particular attention to the design of the architecture, which will be the common denominator of the journey. To do this, we will **highlight the natural heritage and express them in the landscapes, landscapes and materials of the project!**

In Milieu 1, the «ideo was to create a seam between nature and infrastructure.
The infrastructure offers this relationship with the sky and the horizon, projecting the viewer into the Gösting landscape. As for the landscaping, it «seizes the atmosphere of a suspended garden, a calm and peaceful place to arrive and admire the nature.
In Milieu 2, the idea «ideo to work on «occasional shaded areas in order to keep the «old for the «Transition project» and to «Reveal» the wetlands mentioned. The ground will be semi-vegetated to provide «relative summer comfort».
In Milieu 3, our intention «ideo to take the visitor into a «magical place. The genius loci is expressed here by the aquatic «Genius of the environment», which «ve «reveal» through the design of an «organic ««ailway» that is more or «ess immersed in «ume with the season. In the heart of the flood park, we are lulled by birdsongs, the «sound of ««ater and the rich atmosphere of biodiversity.

SWITCH ON the swales – the new face

Metamorphosing the landscape to give it a new face.
Revealing the genius loci, highlighting the hidden potential of the site through the prism of the issue of Water and the City.
The project aims to transform the image of the district by **«revealing the qualities of its natural heritage.** The challenge is to use the ««ensitivity of the area's floodability to highlight a new landscape, new perspectives, and reveal the natural heritage that has been forgotten by ««ineralisation and transport network infrastructures.

Bringing ««ater into Gösting means giving it a new «fe. **Irrigating a new dynamic in terms of landscape, planning and economics.** Bringing ««ater into the district ««ans «««««ing the project in a long dynamic, that of «««««««.
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