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FREE MÜHLGANG

Erosion

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BIRTH OF MÜHLGANG — 1300 C.
The 25km-long artificial waterway is built by the "Grazer Bäcker-Mühlen-Konsortium"

RÖSSELMÜHLE — 1270
Construction of Graz's oldest mill along the Mühlgang, which is active until 2014

MARIENMÜHLE — 1560 C.
Construction of the mill along the Mühlgang, which was active until 1989. Whilst the old mill is demolished in 2005, a small hydropower plant survives

BÄCKHAUS STROHMAYER — 1733
Opening of the bakery at Karlauplatz

MÜHLGANGBÄDER — 1835
Development of a circuit of swimmingpools fed by the Mühlgang

SORGER-STADTMÜHLE — 1880
Construction of the mill along the Mühlgang, which is active until 1995. In 1999 the mill is converted into an apartment building

POWERING THE TRAM — 1918
During WWII, due to a shortage of carbon, the energy produced by the Mühlgang is used to power the tram

CROSSING VOLKSGARTEN — 1920
The waterway is moved to become the central element of Volksgarten

SWIMMING IS FORBIDDEN — 1960 - 1970
Swimming in the Mühlgang becomes forbidden. In the following decade, the swimmingpools along the Mühlgang close

CITYPARK — 1971
DRYING THE MÜHLGANG
The Mühlgang loses its economic relevance and the city questions its future, which leads to the disappearance of Linker Mühlgang

CLEANING THE MÜHLGANG — 1976 - 1977
The AFV inaugurates the annual ritual of cleaning the waterway and rescuing its fauna, while the Mühlgang is drained for maintenance

OEVERSEEPARK — 1990

CLUB DER NICHTSCHWIMMER — 1995
Intervention, by Peter Arlt & Rotor, to reclaim the Mühlgang as a public waterway to be swimmed and enjoyed. It survives until 2010

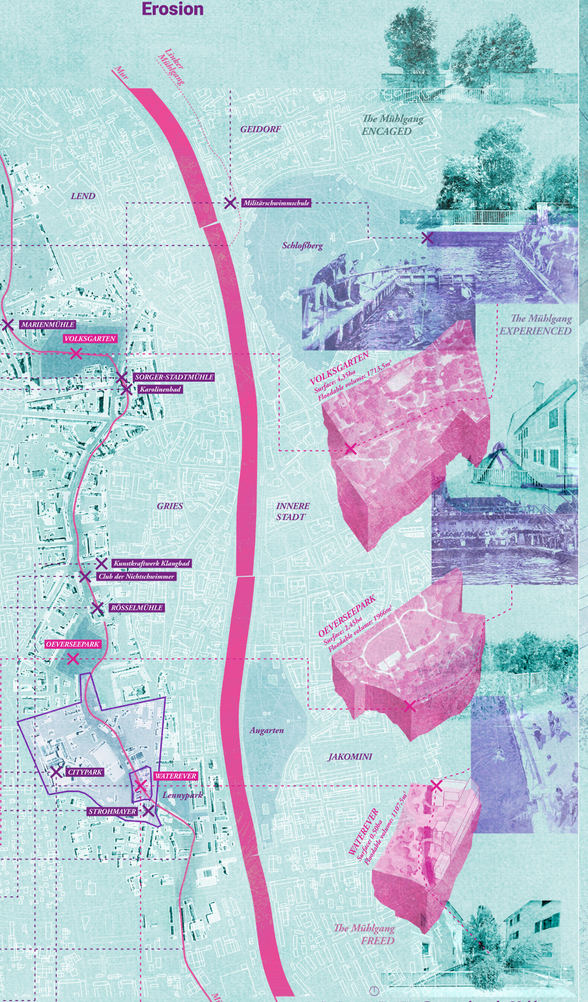
MÜHLGANG-ABSTECHER — 2003
Organization of cultural walks along the waterway to reclaim its cultural relevance

KUNSTKRAFTWERK KLANGBAD — 2014
Sound installation to make the Mühlgang, its water flow, and its energy generation audible

FLOODING CITYPARK — 2014
One of the numerous floodings that have historically been blamed on the Mühlgang

END OF MÜHLGANG ? — 2018
Proposal to dry and fill the waterway to create a cycle way, supported by mayor Siegfried Nagl

WATEREVER — 2019 / 2021



Detour along the Mühlgang

FREE MÜHLGANG unburies the traces of the past to reveal through a process of EROSION the stories, events, and people(s) that have been forgotten, excluded, and silenced. Through the materialization of new programs and exchanges, we will honor them and connect them to the present. From the territorial perspective, we propose to liberate the Mühlgang recovering it for the city and its citizens, whilst reasserting the significance of this unique urban element through an inclusive public green-blue corridor. This re-envisioned corridor will link the existing parks—Volksgarten and Oeverseepark—with our site, turning what are now two isolated intermezzos along an otherwise inaudible, untouchable, and invisible waterway, into an immersive detour along the Mühlgang.

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Overflow

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Diving into Waterever

In ancient Rome, the "thermae" was the place where people would gather to socialize around water. Our approach revisits the "thermae," looking to congregate the different realities and becomings that coexist in the Gries district and thus, in the city of Graz. Gently unveiling the complexities of the contemporary city and its unappreciated treasures, WATEREVER becomes a playful and exciting green and blue scenery. This new wetland landscape will filter the Mühlgang waters, keeping the waterway and its associated landscapes fresh and clean to welcome and support its own wildlife, that will change with the seasons.

The Hinge cross-sectioned

Karlauerstraße [New green corridor]

Waterever Plan

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Sedimentation

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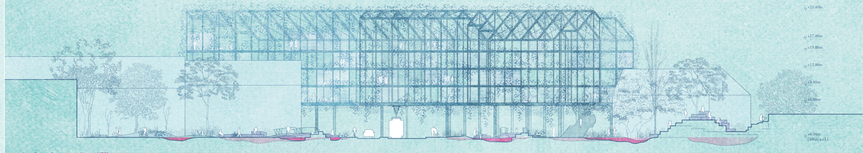
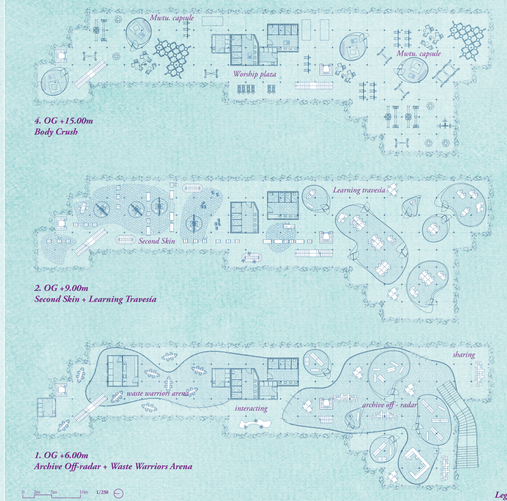


The Hinge seen from Waterever Wetland



Wandering through the Hinge

WATEREVER introduces a unique new gateway to the CityPark, connecting the existing shopping center and the redefined Karlauplatz with the new proposed green and blue detour along the Mühlgang.

As WATEREVER approaches Karlauerstraße, its natural morphology is mitigated to give prominence to the re-envisioned thermae—the HINGE—materialized in a permeable building with a green facade that extends the landscape upwards.

A program based on environmental awareness (alternative models of consumption), gender equality and LGTB Identity Development is displayed throughout the five levels (ground floor + 4) of the building. THE HINGE becomes a statement for an inclusive architecture, which involves and integrates a wide range of actants that will inhabit, discover, transform and enhance a new vision for Gries and the City.

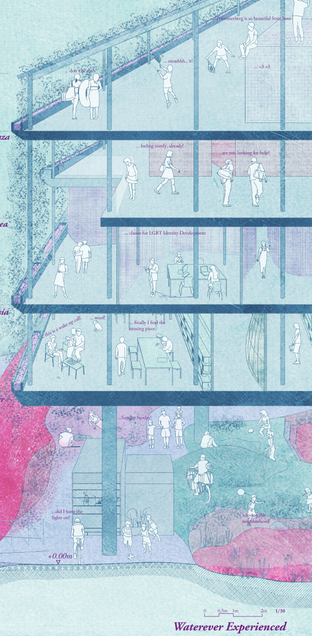
Someday on Waterever....

WATEREVER ECOSYSTEM

THE HINGE		WATEREVER	3859 m²
4.OG	**1142 m²**	Wetland (circulations)	1416 m²
Building core	74 m²	Wetland (planted)	1118 m²
Worship Plaza	955 m²	Trümmerberg	670 m²
Mingling with the Unknown	68 m²	Hinge Ground Floor	655 m²
Lower Sustainable Consumption	45 m²		
3.OG	**1110 m²**		
Building core	74 m²		
Office space	708 m²		
Finding help spaces	328 m²		
2.OG	**1142 m²**		
Building core	74 m²		
Learning Travesia	566 m²		
Second Skin { apparel stores }	502 m²		
1.OG	**1142 m²**		
Building core	74 m²		
Archive Off-radar	380 m²		
Waste Warriors Arena { food court }	324 m²		
Interacting and sharing ideas	458 m²		

Climbing plants

Wisteria floribunda (W)
Parthenocissus quinquefolia (F)
Hydrangea anomala (F,W)
Campsis radicans (W)
Clematis vitalba (V)
Actinidia chinensis (W)
Lonicera periclymenum (W)
Lonicera periclymenum (F)
Jasminum nudiflorum (V)
Vigorous (V), Fast (F), Slow (W)



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