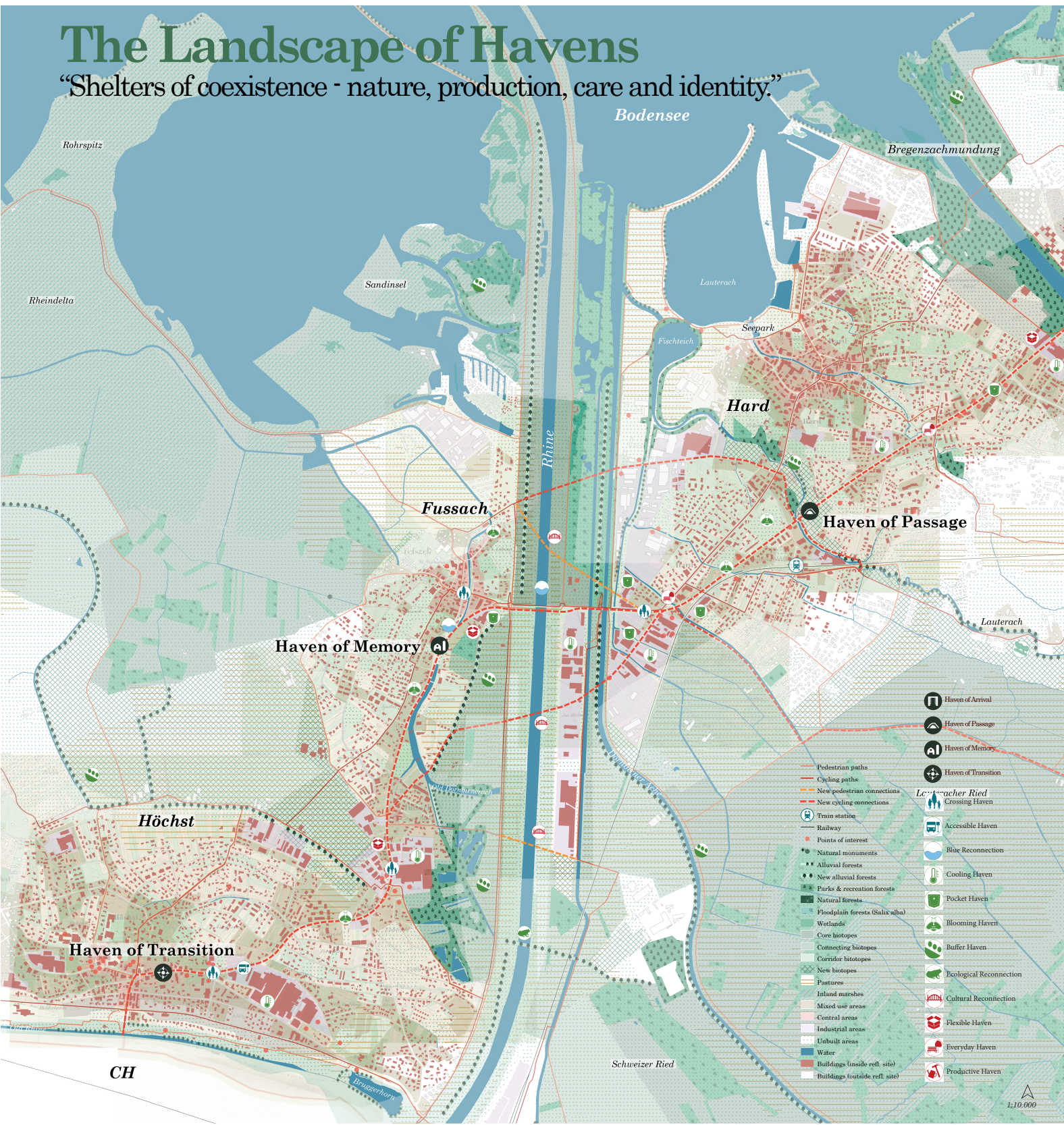


The Landscape of Havens

“Shelters of coexistence - nature, production, care and identity.”



Reclaim the road as connective tissue with care, stiffness and productivity with more dedicated space for social life (Erlebnisraum), placemaking, resourcing /regional centers and support shared identity that reveals heritage and memory.

Enable sustainable, inclusive access via safe, comfortable walking, cycling, and public transit routes, seamlessly integrated with everyday multimodal hubs.

Reconnect fragmented ecologies by strengthening blue-green infrastructure in the vicinity of the unique Mehrauer Delta, restoring ecosystems, and applying nature-based solutions like thresholds, noise buffers, additional flood forest and wildlife crossings tailored to urban, rural, and natural contexts.

Promote industrial heritage and open innovation by reinforcing manufacturing tradition identities from textiles to engineering by designing spaces that support innovation, that will be reinforced through spatial functions that foster innovation.

Create a landscape of havens, where site-specific interventions form a unified ecological and spatial strategy linking mobility, care, place of inspiration and identity.

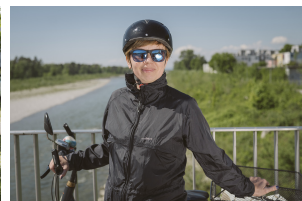
Voices Along the Line

Gym boys on the side of the L202: “We don’t use public transport. It doesn’t take us directly from point A to B, so we prefer using the car.”



To address this need, we imagined dedicated bus lanes and a high-capacity express bus line to improve direct connectivity and reduce travel times.

Amelia, lady on a bike: “I cycle regularly, but I mostly take the upper, more pleasant bike path.”



To respond to her needs, we designed safe, pleasant, and direct cycling route along the Magistrale, complemented by amenities like small markets, benches, drinking fountains, bike repair hub and shops where cyclists can stop briefly.

Schoolboys, on a walk: “We take the bus to school and walk everywhere else.”



We supported their mobility through safe pedestrian routes from bus stops to schools, well-maintained sidewalks with benches, trash bins, water fountains, and secure, clearly marked bus stops.

Jasmine, on her way for shopping: “I use all types of transport and walk a lot.”



To support her daily movement, we propose enhancing the pedestrian environment with safe walking and cycling routes, along with faster, more direct links to natural areas and essential services.

A group of friends spending time in a public square: “We live and work in Hard and usually get around by bike. We hang out on this bench in a kind of undefined space, but it has potential.”



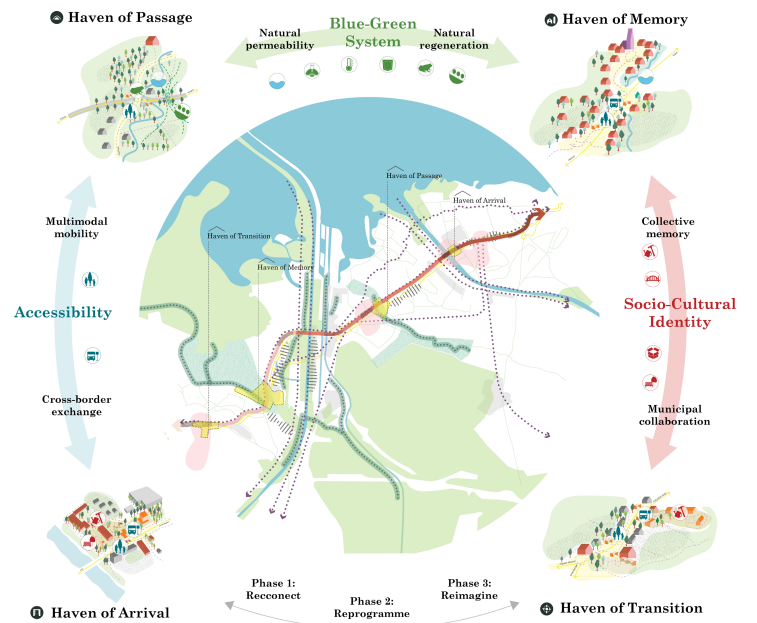
We envisioned transforming this area into a small plaza with integrated blue and green infrastructure to better support everyday use and foster community life.

A Catalogue of Havens



Haven of Transition - Public space with workshops, a bus stop and shared facilities in existing buildings for local production and knowledge sharing.

The Landscape of Havens



As shown in the conceptual diagram, Havens are linked by blue-green infrastructure that interact with the L202, enable wildlife passages and connect landscapes and ecological features (ecosystem services, water systems, cooling function, recreation). Transversal policies must strengthen ecological connectivity by supporting traditional management like extensive mowing of wetlands and ensuring agriculture and forestry protect key habitats in the Rhine delta Natura 2000 area. Havens operationalise the accessibility scheme with efficient dedicated bus lane and direct bike paths that reduce traffic congestion, larger space for slow mobility (walking, cycling) while also serving as educational trails. Havens are enhancing social system scheme that propose neighborhood centers, public equipment, learning site, care spaces and kindergartens to revive resilient place-based social identities considering heritage and strengthen community life.

Blue-Green System



Accessibility

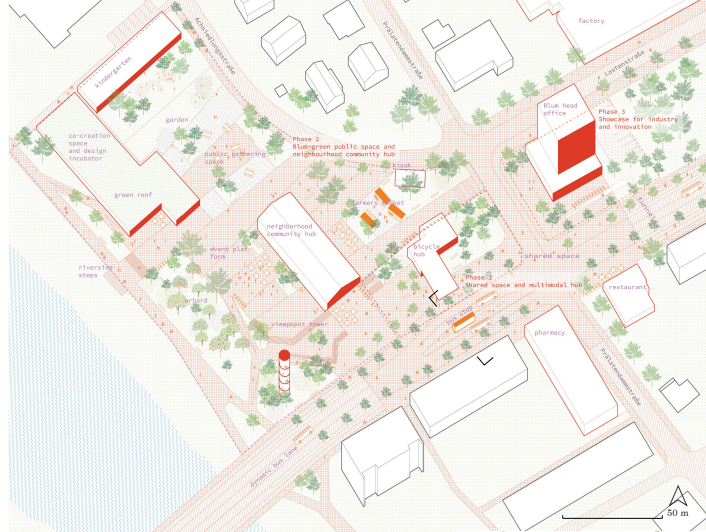
The Accessibility Scheme maps out the main connections (L202) equipped with multimodal mobility hubs that provide sustainable, efficient and safe access via cycle routes, high-capacity express buses, and pedestrian paths. These hubs are strategically linked to railway stations and everyday facilities to ensure seamless and convenient journeys. Cycling routes are designed to be as direct as possible, enabling efficient movement for cyclists on both sides of the main road. They are equipped with services and rest stops to ensure a comfortable journey, sheltered from stressful and accident-prone car traffic. Freight transport logistics are restructured to shift long distant transit from road to more sustainable rail solutions. This includes rail sidings providing access to industrial zones through roll-in/roll-off systems. The system is further by electric last-mile delivery networks including road freighters, cargo bikes and time restricted traffic policy at commuting hours reducing heavy truck traffic along the L202.

Social Infrastructure

The Social Infrastructure Scheme locates key community hubs, gathering spaces, and culturally or historically significant places. The strategy emphasises the thoughtful placement of social infrastructure in proximity to residential areas and existing commodities. It supports a diverse range of spatial programs, including heritage and community centers, kindergartens, craft-based workshops, and educational spaces that enable exchange, care, and local engagement. At its core, the concept aims to cultivate Erlebnisräume, spaces of lived experiences that carry community narratives, promote social inclusion of vulnerable groups (such as seniors, families, and people with disabilities), protection from heat, and reconnect people with nature.

Haven of Arrival

“A gateway hub that mirrors the city center’s vibe and facilities, welcoming people and foster community narratives.”



The “Haven of Arrival” transforms Bregenz’s overlooked city edge into a vibrant, welcoming gateway that blends mobility, nature, and community life. What was once a car-dominated zone becomes a shared, human-centered space where buses, bikes, and pedestrians move safely and fluidly.



Haven of Memory

“A soft entrance where memory flows back into the historic center.”



The “Haven of Memory” in Fussach reconnects a bypassed rural community with its historical roots and hidden natural features transforming forgotten spaces into places of meaning and recreation. Today, the magistrale bypass cuts the town off from its surroundings and buries a once-visible stream in a tunnel, erasing both physical and cultural connections. A proposed shared public space at this intersection reclaims the road’s original role not as a traffic conduit, but as a social and civic spine. The buried stream is uncovered and brought back to life, forming the heart of a new leisure park.

Towards a Landscape of Havens

Our project proposes a network of small but meaningful interventions that transform a fragmented corridor into a shared, caring and productive landscape. Through twelve typologies of havens, it reconnects people, nature, mobility and local economies — creating a framework where everyday life can flourish across boundaries.



Haven of Passage - Redesigned road section with a soft crossing for pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife.

Haven of Passage

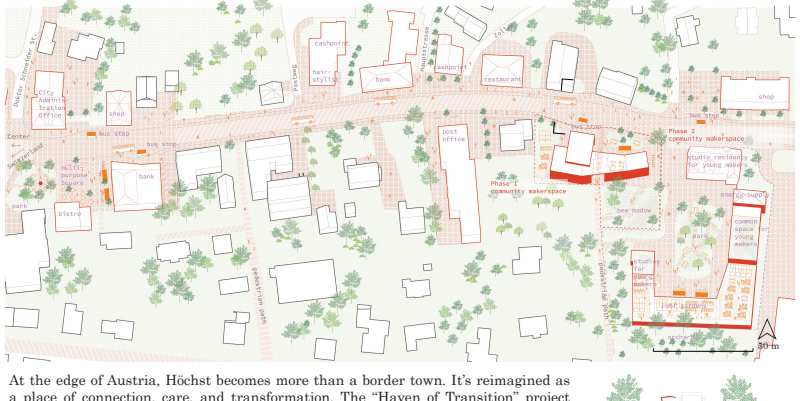
“Hard is life - where nature, people and animals can pass through together.”



The “Haven of Passage” in Hard reclaims a fragmented, traffic-dominated landscape and turns it into a safe, green corridor where people and nature can move freely. Today, the magistrale highway cuts off the town from the train station and disrupts one of the region’s last ecological corridors. This project flips that logic giving priority to the most vulnerable users: pedestrians, cyclists, and wildlife.

Haven of Transition

“Transforming a disconnected space into a porous, social and productive threshold - combining mobility, care, and local production.”



At the edge of Austria, Höchst becomes more than a border town. It’s reimagined as a place of connection, care, and transformation. The “Haven of Transition” project responds to the town’s layered identity: a crossroads between countries, land uses, generations, and ecosystems. It begins with simple yet powerful gestures, softening road edges, adding trees, shaded seating, and fountains to reconnect both sides of the community and support active, accessible mobility.