

View from above of the site



CATEGORY

LOCATION

POPULATION

STRATEGIC SITE

SITE OF PROJECT

SITE PROPOSED BY

OWNERS OF THE SITE

COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION:

Urban/architectural

Monthey (VS) - Site «Clos-Donroux»

Monthey : 16,350 inhabitants
Collombey-Muraz : 6,991 inhabitants

37 ha

10.1 ha

City of Monthey

City of Monthey, private owners

Project development mandate.

TRANSFORMATION OF SITE

The Clos-Donroux industrial area is straddling the Monthey /Collombey-Muraz limits. It covers a total area of 10 Hectares.

Until 2003 the area was used by the Giovanola Company whose buildings are still standing.

In 2008, the City of Monthey bought the land, and since then the buildings have been leased to various companies and associations. Formerly located at the urban periphery, the Clos-Donroux site is now part of a fast-expanding district.

The city intends to regain control over the development of the area and use it as a symbol of urban revival.

Considering the site constraints and the City’s expectations, we emphasize that relevant proposals and methods are needed achieve the expected result.

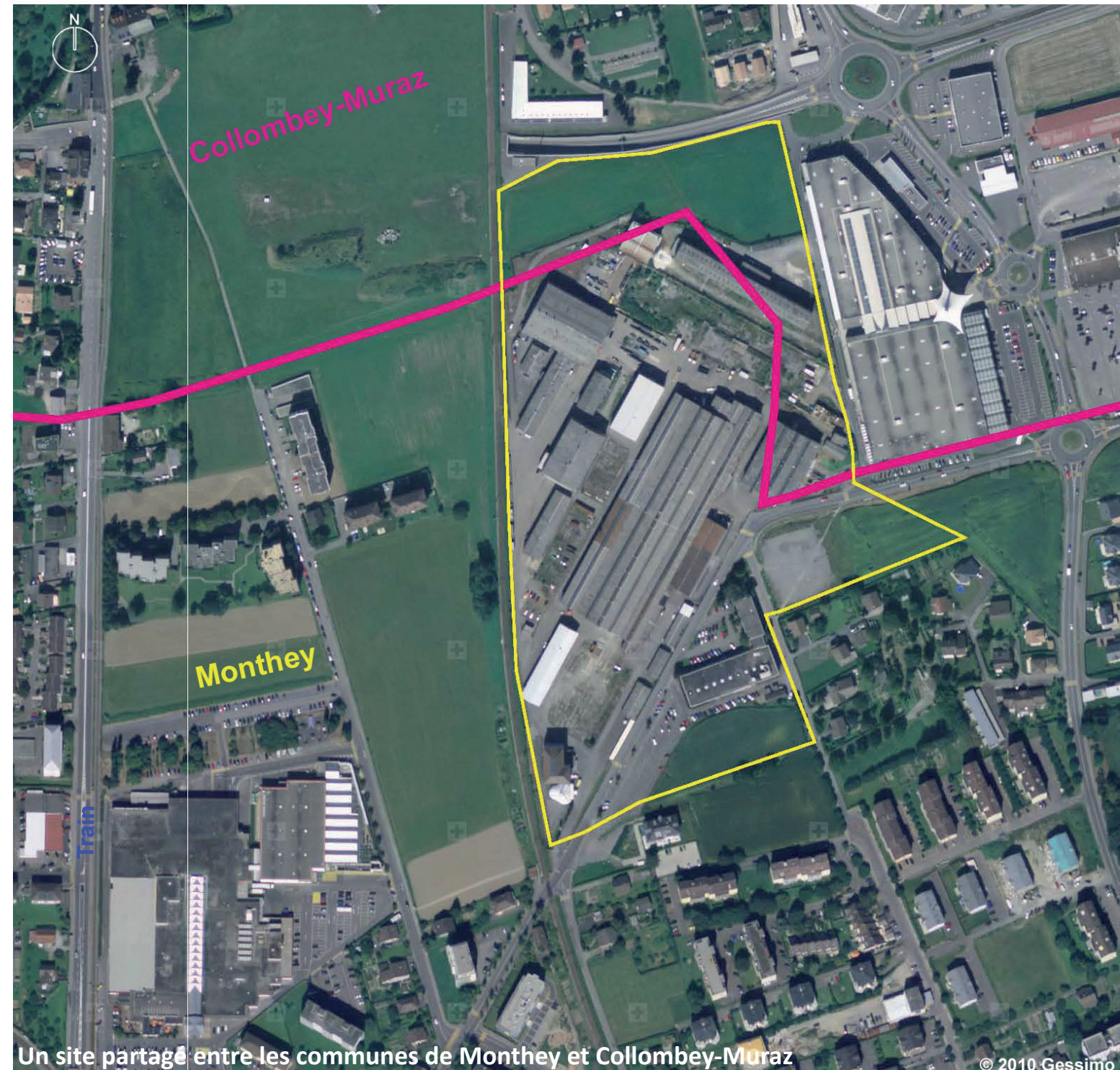
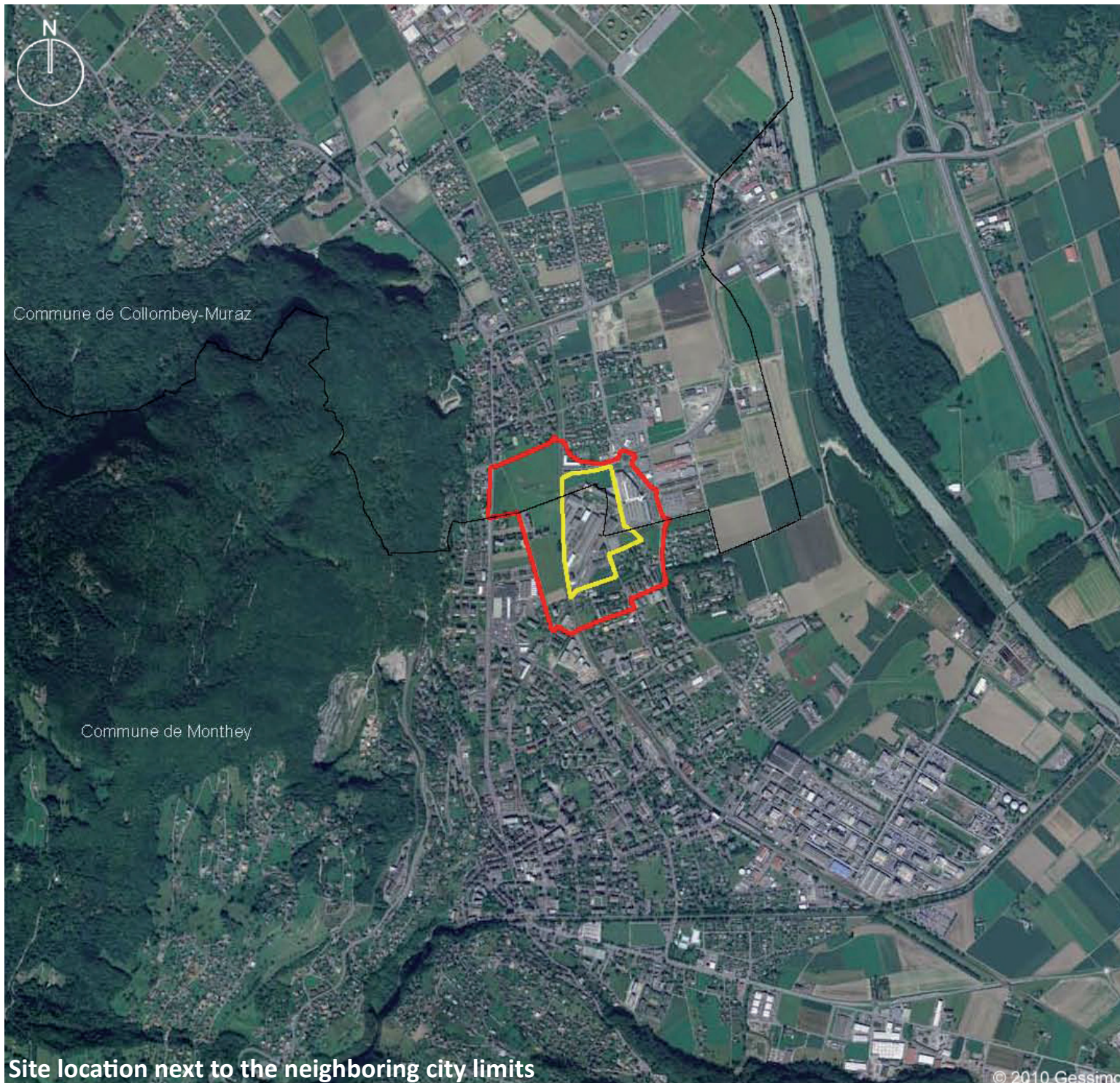
THE CITY’S STRATEGY

The project must provide a quality environment accessible to people from Monthey and the region.

Professional activities, high density housing, public infrastructure and public space, must be combined to create an internal cohesion as well as an external consistency with the periphery of the project.

The winning project will create - for the business/associations users and the new residents/ visitors - a vibrant and attractive district with a coherent relationship with the city center.

To increase the appeal of the new district, a multipurpose center for 3,000 to 5,000 people must be included in the project.



SITE DEFINITION

The city of Monthey is located at the foot of the Swiss Alps and close to Lake Geneva. This privileged geographical location entails major benefits. The project site is a legacy from an industrial era that left its mark on the region. The Giovanola Company owned most of the concerned site. The plot of land is surrounded by several urban elements. Two business areas of regional importance are located to the east and west of the site. A regional railway line runs along the west side of the site. Residential areas are located on both sides of the site.

NEW MOBILITY

The railway line bordering the project site on the west should be expanded with the addition of a second regional line currently located west of the study area. This will boost the development and integration of the future project. Soft mobility access is paramount. The quality of the lanes and footpaths, and their closeness to the business areas will be taken into account in the selection process.

NEW WAYS OF LIFE

The Municipality is looking for ways to build the first blocks of the city of tomorrow in the «Clos Donroux» site. The project should create a new urban focal point balancing the radio concentric configuration of the neighboring cities.

Thus, areas considered as peripheral will be integrated into a proactive development strategy. This is why quality public space is emphasized to enhance the livability of the area.

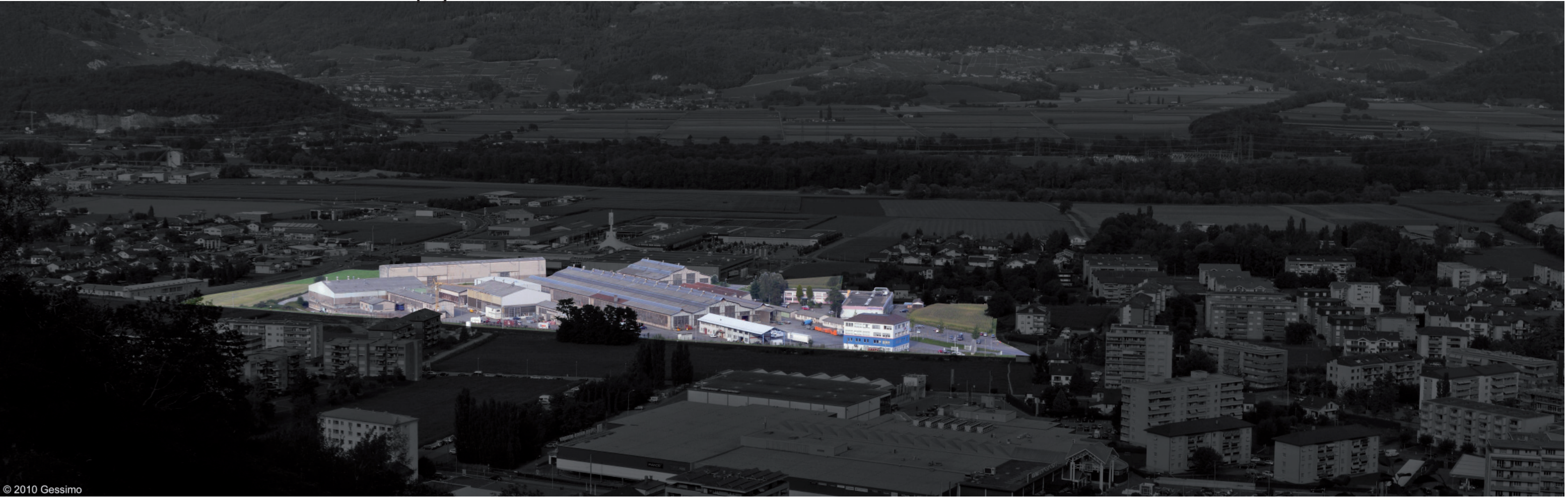
NEW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development must be part of the project approach and it should have a noticeable impact on the life quality of the users. The concept should be sustainable over the long term and remain clearly visible at each stage of the project. The use of a district heating network will enhance this approach.

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View from above without and with indications of the project site



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