

Graz

Location: Puntigam

Study site: 336.900m²

Project site: 35,000m²

Inhabitants : 280.000

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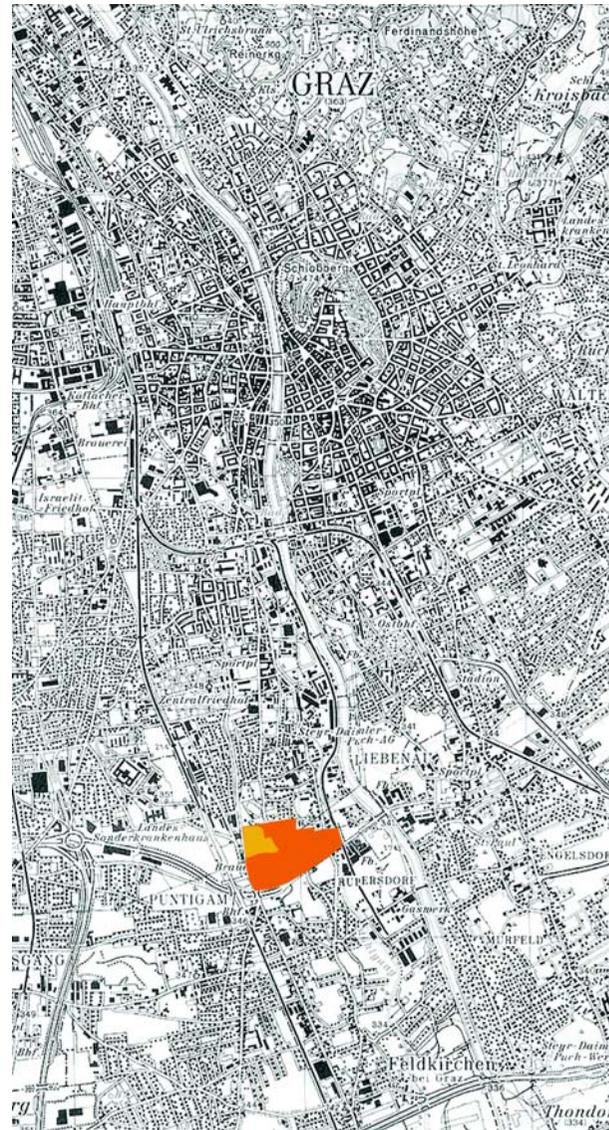
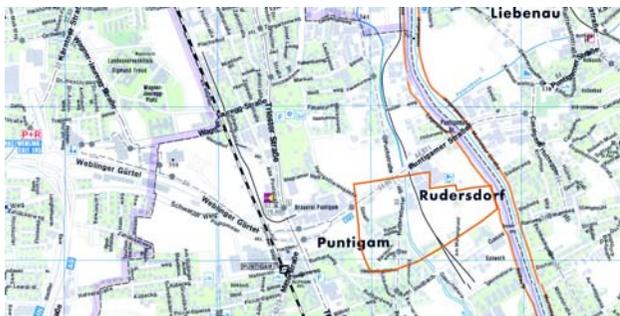
The site Graz-Puntigam definitely belongs to one of the potentially most valuable development areas in the southern part of Graz. The project site is designated as industrial zone which also hosts a traditional and renowned brewery. In the north the scarcely inhabited area is bordered by housing areas and sports facilities. Here the task is to consider, if the area should get a new designation or/ and if a buffer zone should be created which could mediate between the various and very diverse programs in the long term. The site could potentially act as an important urban gate to the city with its future park & ride facilities and potential of the intersection of two main streets (Puntigamerstraße, Triesterstrasse). That means, that this site offers a challenge between mobility, nature and multifunction.

TERRITORIAL SCALE: CONURBATION

Graz as capital of Styria and centre of a conglomeration of almost 900,000 inhabitants has structurally strongly developed toward the south and beyond the city limits. The town grew along the river Mur which divides the city in the historical center with its hilltop fortress, government, museums, universities on one side and the railway lanes with their industrial developments, jail, the central cemetery on the other, where the european site is located.

URBAN SCALE: STUDY SITE

In addition a naturally grown green corridor stretches along the escarpment pointing at the considerably higher situated level. This is where the project site is located, to the south of which park& ride facilities for about 500 cars are being erected. There is also a new tram station and close to that a subway station. The lower level leads to a huge open pumpkin, where urban qualities should be established as programs in future.



In general the project site and the surrounding area could be also considered as intersection between two main traffic axis, the main north-south connection and the east-west-connection of the Puntigamer Strasse, crossing each other on two levels.

Programmatic intentions

A large undeveloped field opens up from the project site following the Herrgottwiesgasse and representing some strategically important development potential for the city and for this reason it must be included in the urban development approach.

PROXIMITY SCALE: SITE OF PROJECT

A brewery is situated south of the project site at the edge of which a Park & Ride garage will be erected in the near future. The tram stop for this facility and the near-by railway station have already been finalised and are about to be completed. North of the project site there is a loose development structure and some sports grounds. There is an escarpment to the east of the site, where the terrain falls by some 10 metres leading to the ruins of a former brewery warehouse building.

programmatic intentions

In addition to dwellings, office and shop surfaces shall also be built on the plot itself. Cultural programmes have been conceived for the lower western part. – The development/building proposal should at all events enable a high degree of flexibility and multi-functionality.



