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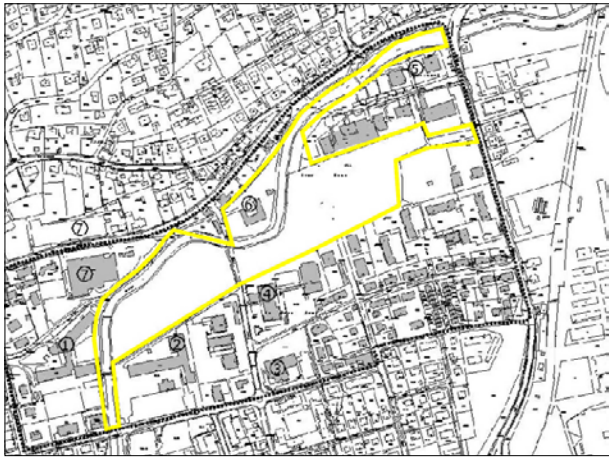
WAKKER PRIZE 2006
 A clear development strategy,
 a carefully planned and high quality
 urban development.

City	Delémont
Location	Gros Seuc
Population	12,000
Study site	5.5 ha
Site of project	3.5 ha

TOPIC
 The Canton of Jura, located in the western part of Switzerland belongs to the Jura mountain range and the Mittelland area lying between the two main economic centres of Europe: Bade-Wurtemberg and the area around Basle to the north-east, and the Rhone-Alps area and the Lemanic Area to the south-west.
 The Canton of Jura, enjoys a well-preserved natural environment. This favourable situation and its good quality of life is a key asset for the economic development of the urban area and the whole region in general.
 Delémont, capital of the Republic and Canton of Jura, is located at the centre of the quadrilateral formed by the nearby cities of Basle, Bienne, La Chaux de Fonds and Belfort.
 Beyond its urban limits Delémont is set in a natural environment and can be seen as a "countryside city". The scale of its urban and architectural components creates a particularly attractive lifestyle.

TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION
 With good railway connections and access in the near future to the A16 motorway (Transjurane), Delémont's population adds up to some 12,000 inhabitants and stands at the heart of an urban area comprising 10 municipalities and accounting for 25,000 inhabitants.
 Delémont is not only a capital but also the main business centre of the Canton and must, therefore, play a key-role in the implementation of the cantonal policy. It must develop a strong urban centre that will attract to the Canton as many economic, cultural and service activities as possible.
 The railway station retail district, and residential areas dedicated to relaxation and leisure activities have expanded around the beautifully renovated historical centre.





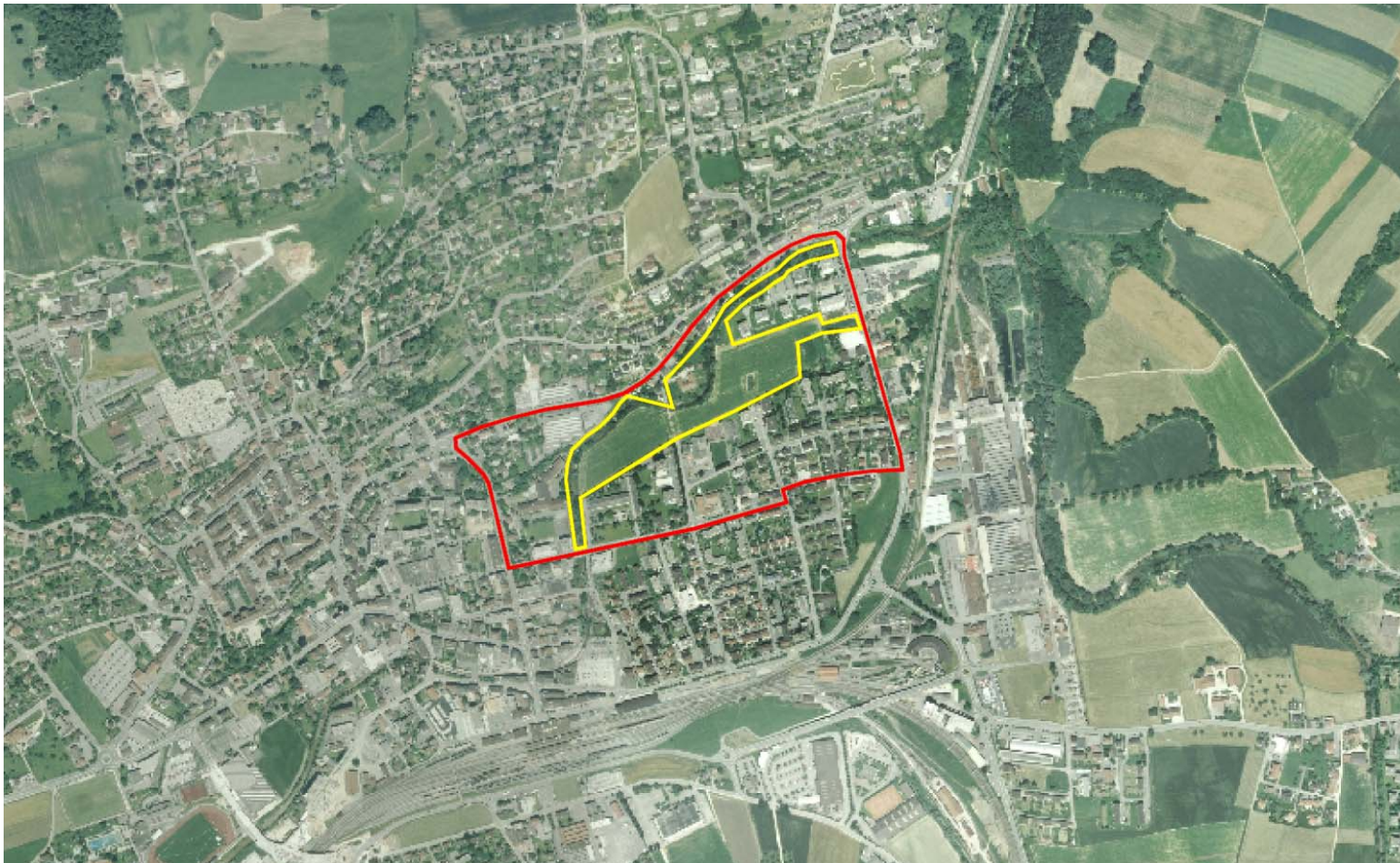
URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE

The site is located in the immediate vicinity of the strategic downtown area, in an environment made of built, natural and landscaped areas.

The land targeted for the project has been earmarked for development for several decades but remains unchanged. The existence of a river is to be noted at the northern and western limits of the study area. Due to potential river hazards, it is imperative that corrective works be carried out in years to come.

Programmatic intentions:

- Increase soft mobility between the various districts of the city.
- Make the best use of available land to develop surrounding public spaces (especially the waterways).



PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT

The river Sorne bounds the site within the scope of the project to north and the west. It includes a building that must be preserved and used for other purposes (an old slaughter-house). It includes a public utility zone as well as undeveloped land, the whole area lies in a flood plain.

With the exception of the building to be preserved, the site is construction free.

It is located 10 minutes away from the railway station and the residential buildings that border the site have enough parking spaces for the residents.

Programmatic intentions:

- Re-development of the public utility area into a space dedicated to relaxation (biotope flood plain, urban parkland),
- Development of mixed activities, innovative and exemplary housing
- Reassignment of the existing building for public facilities (cultural, social, etc).



