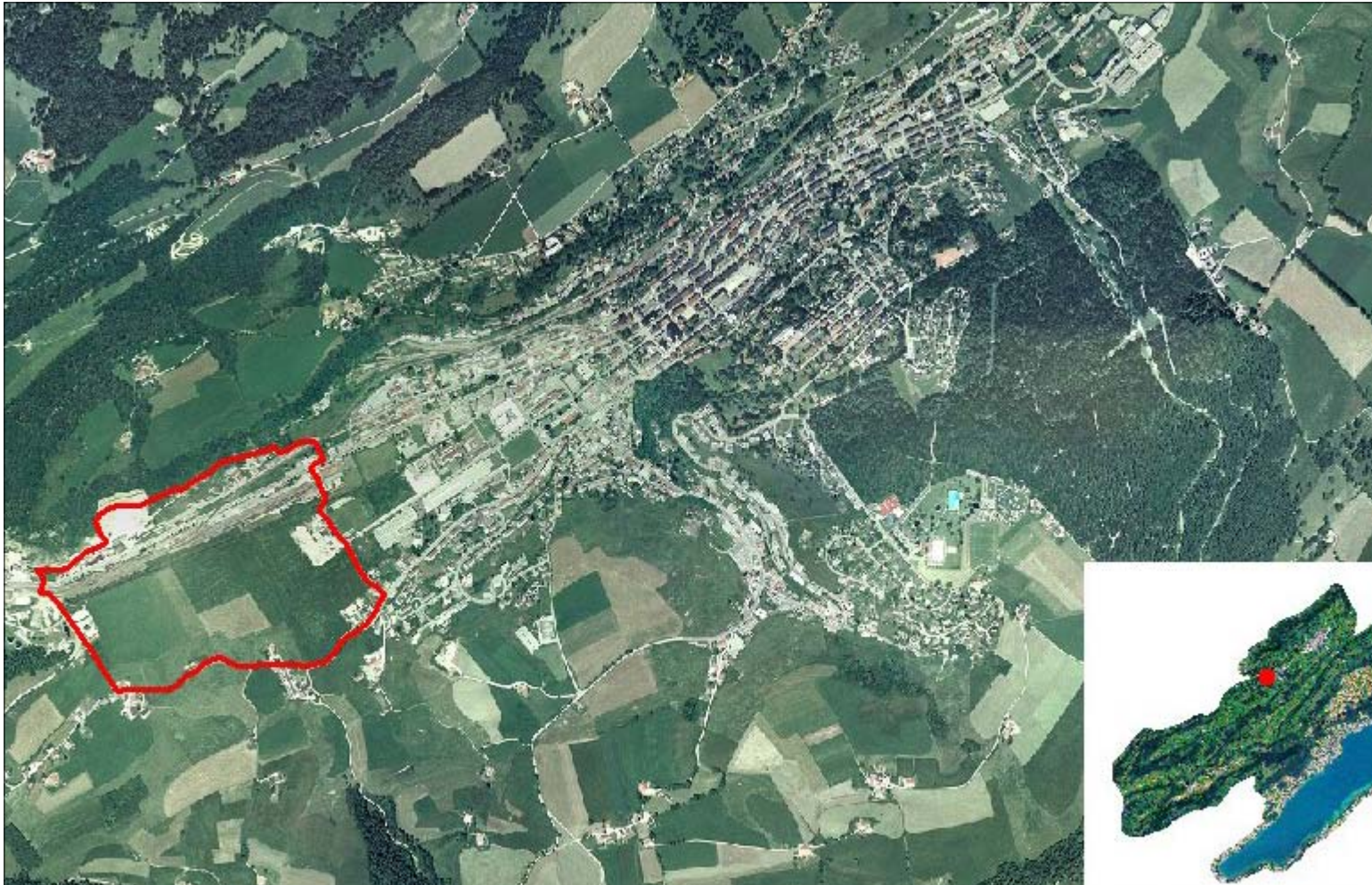




<b>City</b>	Le Locle
<b>Location</b>	Col-des-Roches
<b>Population</b>	10.300
<b>Study site</b>	46 ha
<b>Site of project</b>	23 ha

**TOPIC**

The city of Le Locle is part of a cross border urban area that spreads from La Chaux de Fonds to Morteau. There are large traffic flows between the various cities, caused mainly by commuting workers. As a result there is a significant amount of through-traffic in the city of Locle. While the city is interested in promoting economic development, it is intent in protecting the living environment for its inhabitants and boosting the city's image. The Col-des-Roches development is aimed at meeting these concerns. The plan calls for redevelopment of the site that links the city with the French border through an attractive development project that will boost the city's image. The city of Locle located 20 kms away from Neuchâtel, 80 kms from Besancon and 100 kms from Lausanne, can be easily accessed by rail and road. Nature everywhere, the fresh air of the mountains make it a unique and attractive place. First " City of Light " in Switzerland in 1890, its architecture reflects the development of that industry.



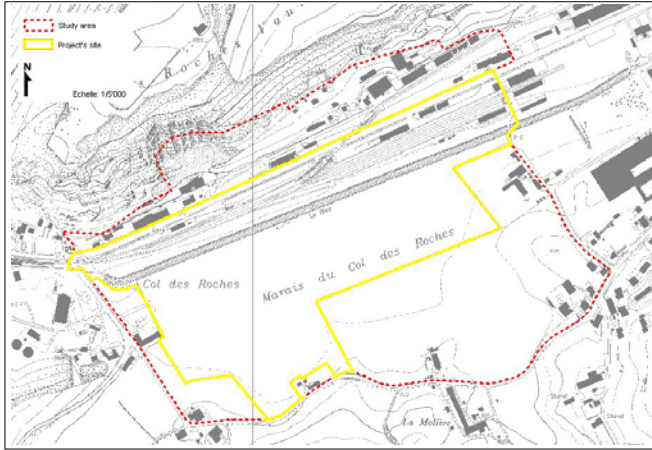
**TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION**

Locle and its neighbour La Chaux de Fonds have applied for registration in UNESCO's " World Heritage list ". They want to be protected as an urban landscape that plays a major role in the history of clock making. Surrounded by green valleys, the two cities have been used as models for " compact cities ". As the second largest manufacturing site of the Canton, Locle provides more than 6'000 jobs and is located at the centre of an urban area boosted by the implementation of the bilateral agreements.

Le Corbusier left a legacy of his creative genius there.

Dedicated to accuracy Locle, capitalising on an ancestral know-how, Le Locle is one of the world capitals of the watch making industry.



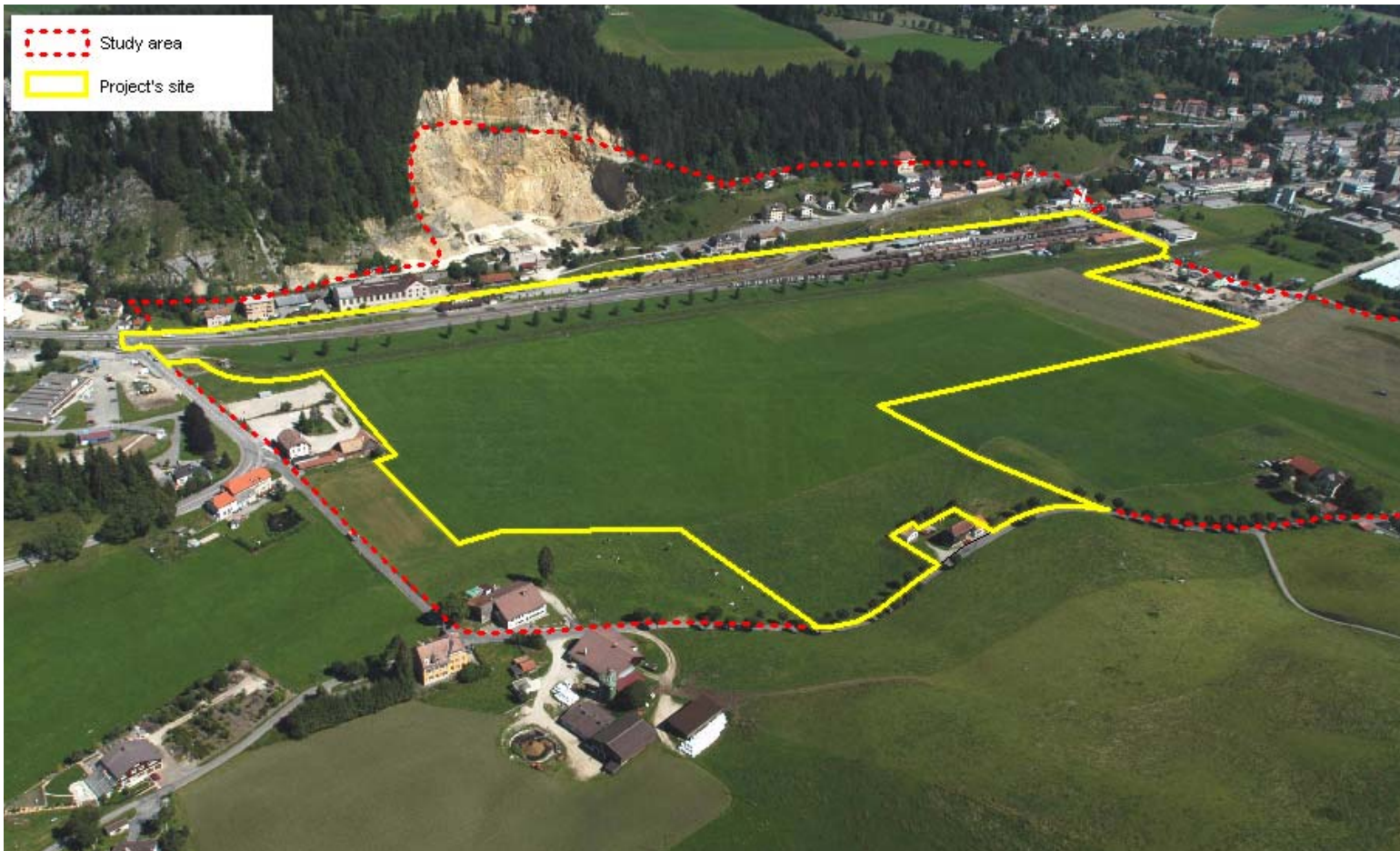


**URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE**

The project site is located at Col-des-Roches in the western suburbs of the city of Locle, near the French Swiss border. A road that links both countries and that carries cross-border commuters coming to work in Switzerland crosses it. The site is equipped with a passenger railway station and a freight terminal with limited traffic. The river Bied whose banks were rebuilt crosses the study area.

**Programmatic intentions:**

The study will focus on revitalising the passenger railway station area by reopening the station to traffic, creating a commuter car park, and re-designing the road used by transit traffic to France.



**PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT**

Land within the scope of the project belongs to the railway company and some plots of land south of the Bied River belong to the State of Neuchâtel. Land to the east is earmarked for industrial use, while the western part is intended for relaxation and leisure activities.

A condemned quarry, located opposite the leisure area may be included in the study in the form of an extension to the leisure area or a terraced housing development linked to the leisure area.

**Programmatic intentions:**

- Recreating a natural environment for the Bied River, with the addition of a lake used for fun and leisure activities.
- urbanisation of the industrial grounds: study on the work-habitat relationship in an industrial environment.



