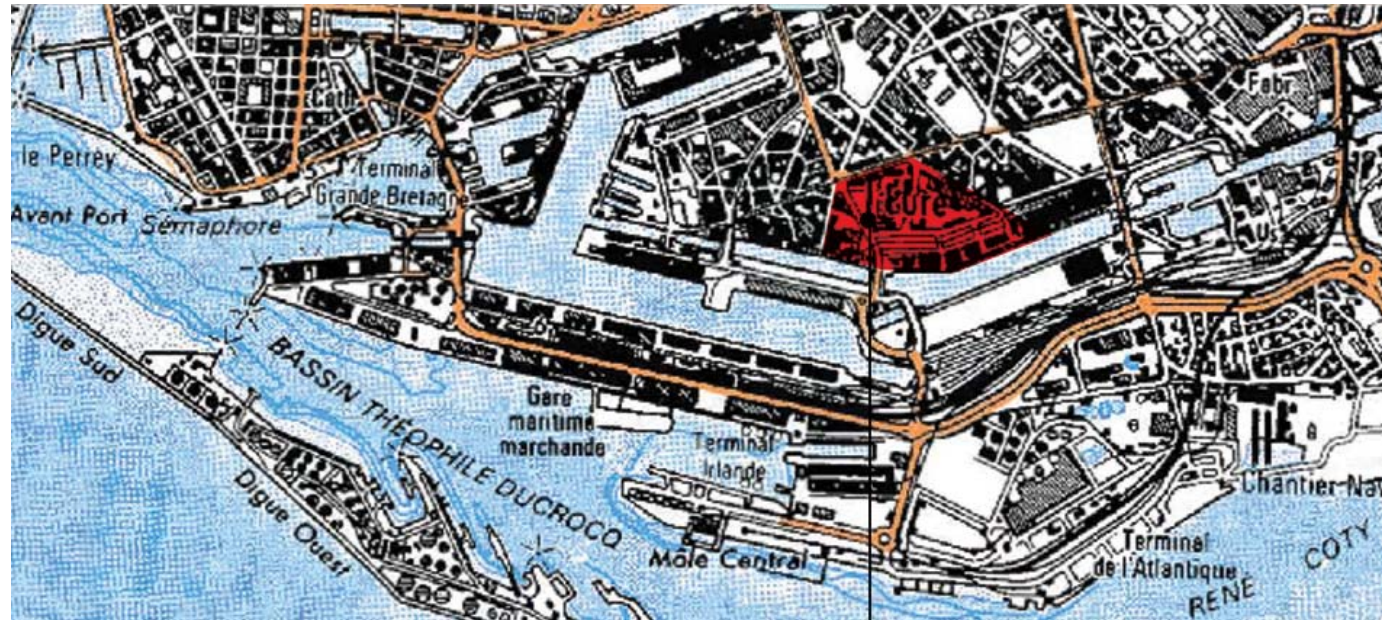




Sud Marceau



City	Le Havre
Location	Sud Marceau
Population	193 000 inhab.
Study site	22 ha
Site of project	9 ha

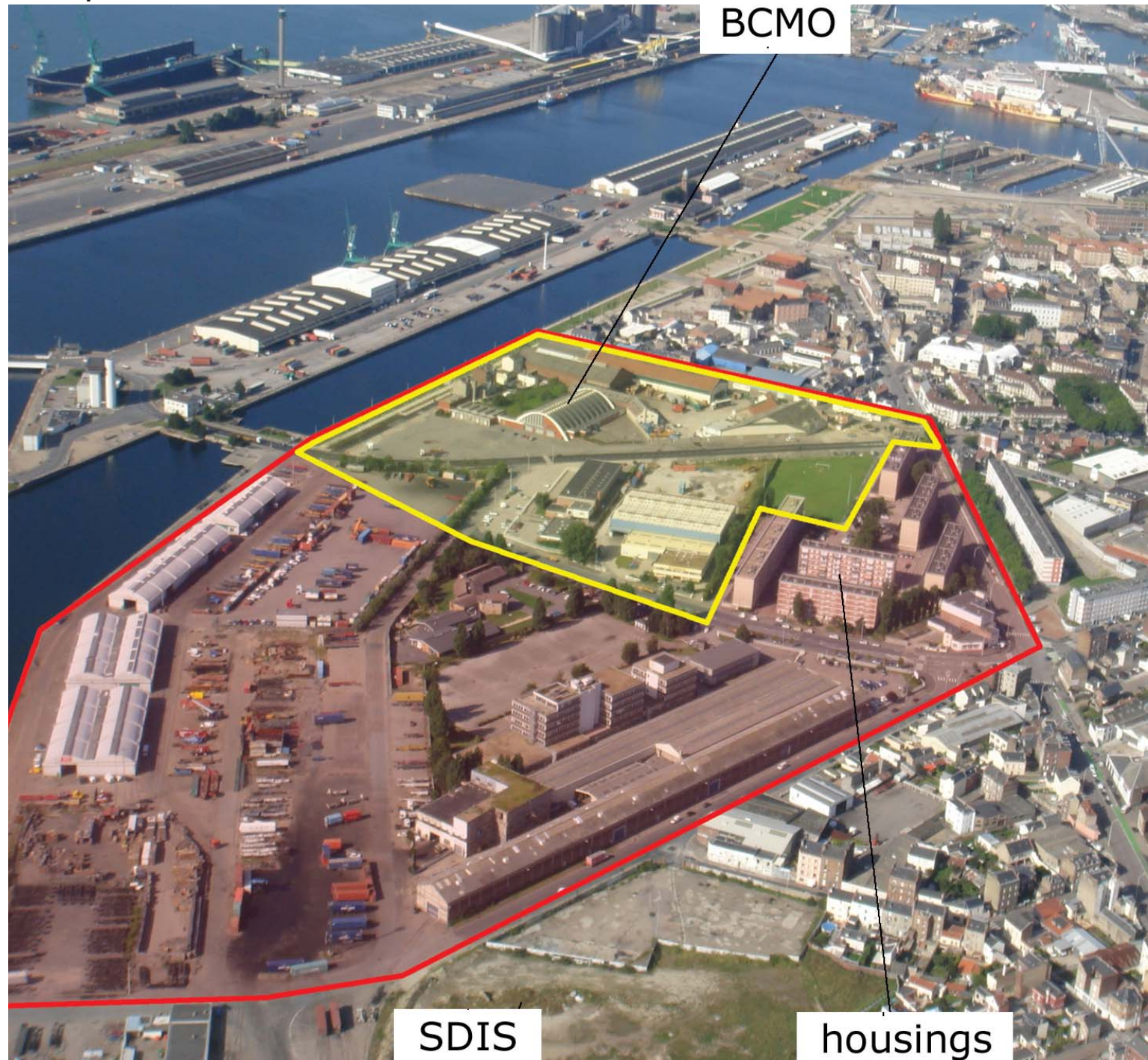
TOPIC

As a town with a history as a port, Le Havre is seeking to strengthen the connection between the town and the harbour, whose centre of gravity has gradually moved away from the town and further towards the estuary. Under these circumstances, the Town is beginning the refurbishment of the southern districts, at the interface between town and port. The "Sud Marceau" site is a transitional space in this plan to restructure the industrial-dockland areas: it is at the boundary between the town centre and the working docks.

TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION

Founded in the 16th century, the port moved away from the town centre in the mid-19th century, extending to the south and taking in part the Seine estuary. The centre, rebuilt after the war by Auguste Perret, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Le Havre is the economic capital of Upper-Normandy, and also France's leading port. The current Port 2020 extension scheme follows on from the completed and operating Port 2000 project.

Against this background, the Town of Le Havre has begun the process of reclaiming the interface between town and port, by regenerating the areas no longer used for dockland activity. The west to east regeneration process of these districts is part of the PIC URBAN procedure, a European scheme aimed at disadvantaged urban areas. It includes Bernard Reichen's conversion of the Vauban Docks into a shopping centre and Jean Nouvel's design for a Marine and Sustainable Development Centre and swimming pool.



URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE

Included in the second phase of the renovation of 800 hectares of the southern districts, this 22 hectare study site extends to the east of the Saint Nicolas district in an area now largely dedicated to economic activities. It stands at the interface between the extension of the town centre to the Vauban and Saint-Nicolas de l'Eure districts, and the working port.

Programmatic intentions

The mix of housing and economic activities is to be maintained and reinforced by the presence of businesses, offices and hotels. There are plans to build the new Merchant Navy school here. There is a strong wish to increase the focus on economic activities in order to establish a stronger connection with the working port, whilst in parallel, the Port 2020 scheme is looking to reclaim the southern open space of the Bellot dock, to the south of the site, for container traffic.

PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT

To the south of the Saint Nicolas de l'Eure district, the 9 hectare project site borders the Fluvial and Vétillard docks, which mark the current boundary between town and port.. Rue Marceau, which crosses the site from north to south, is one of the main accesses to the port. On both sides of it are different buildings, often housing port-related business; to the east are the edges of the docks; to the west, along the Saône quay, is the urban river park.

Programmatic intentions

Some buildings will be totally or partially preserved for their historical and architectural qualities (Central Labour Office, Shed 0, Holiday Pay Fund Building, the dock front buildings, the Dockers' Home) This area is to accommodate 400 dwellings and 2 to 3 units of 3000 m² for businesses and offices. What is expected is an open urban scheme, which maintains a line of sight to the docks and develops public spaces in the form of large expanses of open ground with a largely mineral composition.



semi aerial photo of the site



rue Marceau, sport space



BCMO surroundings



general view West