### **Economic zones - the productive countryside**



SCALES: XL/S - territory / architecture + context TEAM REPRESENTATIVE: Urbanist / architect / landscaper LOCATION: Agglo du Pays de Dreux (28) POPULATION: 115,000 inhab. (Agglomeration) STRATEGIC SITE: Agglo du Pays de Dreux (1 047 km<sup>2</sup>) PROJECT SITES: St-Lubin-des-Joncherets (40 ha), Brezolles (10/15 ha), Tremblay-les-Villages (10/15 ha) SITES PROPOSED BY: Agglo du Pays de Dreux ACTORS INVOLVED: Agglo, cities, Region Centre-Val-de-Loire OWNERS OF THE SITE: Private and public land COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION: Urban study, master plan, urban project management with a developer common to the three sites

#### HOW CAN THE SITE CONTRIBUTE TO PRODUCTIVE CITY ?

Located at the entrance of both lle de France and Normandy, the Agglo du Pays de Dreux is an attractive territory (regular arrivals of households from lle de France settling in smaller towns in the area). This territory is also marked by numerous important roadways ; such as the North/South Rouen/Orléans axis, the RN154 road, the East/West Paris/Rouen axis and the RN12 road. The local authority has proposed sites that are focused on the integration of economic activity zones into its peri-urban and rural territory (outside the urbanised core that includes the towns of Dreux and Vernouillet), in view of the future A154 motorway axis and development opportunities (economic development, evolution of the mobility and residential policies) that come with this state infrastructure project.

#### **COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

The expected answers will aim at providing, in a prospective way, clarification for the municipality regarding how to develop its vast territory (l'Agglo du Pays de Dreux) in a way that will deal with new economic development perspectives and the change of its physiognomy. The answers should provide normative principles to guide the Agglo in the development of these « activity districts » that are to be built, extended, rehabilitated and managed. Therefore, through the 3 submitted sites, the municipality aims at showing exemplarity in dealing with the heavy economic developments of our territories within the peri-urban and rural context. The Agglo also wants to work on the ability of these territories to create tomorrow's « productive city » on the premise that these artefacts (road link, economic activities,...) are considered as the future components of resilient and active territories in the ecological transformation of the 21st century.



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#### SITE DESCRIPTION

The three sites form a North/South chain located along the future road alignment:

- creation of a 40ha economic activity zone (ZAE) included in the programme for territorial coherence (SCOT) near the expected motorway interchange of Saint-Lubin-des-Joncherets (4355 inhabs). This municipality is directly connected to the Paris-Normandy axis in Dreux's urban area's zone of influence.

- 10/15ha extension and regualification of an economic activity zone (ZAE) in the town of Brezolles (1850 inhabs), outside the influence of Dreux's urban area as it is located at the fringes of the Agglo and oriented towards the rural territories of the Perche

- 10/15 ha extension of an economic activity zone (ZAE) near the town of Tremblay-les-Villages, between Chartres and Dreux's urban areas' zones of influence

#### HOW IS PRODUCTION CONSIDERED IN THE URBAN **DIVERSITY PROGRAM**?

These three economic activity zones and their development in relation with the expected motorway axis, are questioning the mutation of forms and uses of an urban type that has been inherited from the 20th century. They lead to a transversal thinking on its evolution :

- landscape integration in agricultural territories and coexistence with heavy road infrastructure

- urban integration and coexistence with inhabited centres/borders
- conception that integrates logics of diversity of use,
- role of these areas in the life of rural peri-urban territories
- Role in the water cycle and the use of renewable energies
- management of built-up areas in a perspective of adaptability, resourceeconomy and resilience

question of mobility

The urban, landscape and architectural thinking on the development of these three sites is directly related to the issues of the Europan 15's theme : - impact of the development of road infrastructure and the industrial hold on agricultural lands endowed with nutritive and environmental functions (pollution, soil permeability, fauna-flora habitat...) : the question of resources - Proximity/distance issues, connection/disconnection between housing and employment districts, the issues of daily commutes and exchanges : the

- residential policies that can be developed in these sectors by targeting a strategy of local employment: the guestion of spatial and social equity

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Economic activity area of Saint-Lubin-des-Joncherets, future zone's perimeter







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Agricultural border (Tremblay-les-Villages site)



