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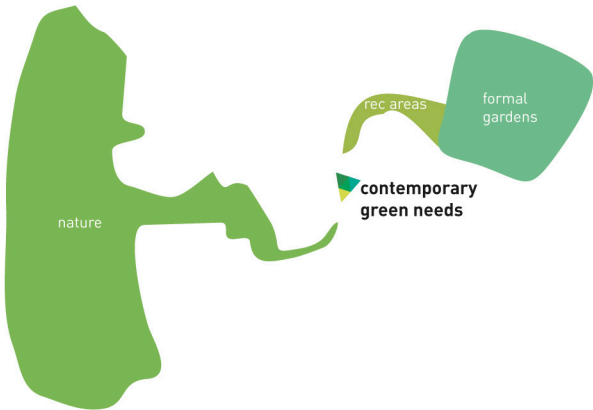
DREIECKSPLATZ IMPRESSIVELY SIMPLE

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“In every urbanism there exists an intricate web of codes and constraints of reality that governs over every design decision. Concurrently, these circumstances, taken not only as a starting point but also as an inspiration, present unique opportunities for discovering and recovering the fundamental nature of any given site, and therefore its successful alternative future depends on the innovative deciphering and reinterpretation of such conditions.”



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ERRATUM: “Dreiecksplatz” is the winner
of European 11 in Vienna, not a runner-up.
We apologize for our mistake, the editors.

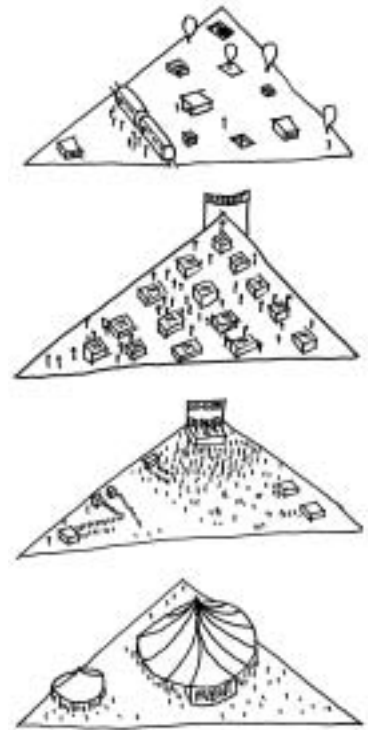




Varying building heights on and around Dreiecksplatz

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Located between the Vienna Ring and Vienna Woods, the site embraces the marks of both environment – urban and nature – as a basis for future development. Currently surrounded by houses with a large amount of private green space, what is needed in the site is a generous public space that will invite and sustain diverse groups of community to gather, live and work by. Major forms of transit – bus, tram and bicycle – anchor three corners of the triangle-shaped plaza with an integrated train platform in the middle. The invisible networks on site – Lainzer tunnel, ORF satellites, underground parking and Lainz River – are further revealed via use of local materials, highlighting the site within regional context. Various residential, commercial and social programmes both frame and spill out toward the public triangle and support its liveliness. Green space is maximized at all different scales, fostering health, education and social interactions, while each kind of nature – from “wild woods” to herb garden – defines the atmosphere of individual housing zone. Ultimately, the project offers a series of additional scales of nature that will induce new media for experience and exchange, all of which come together at the heart of the Dreiecksplatz.



Field Infrastructure





Site overview



Winter on Dreiecksplatz

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General housing, east of Dreiecksplatz



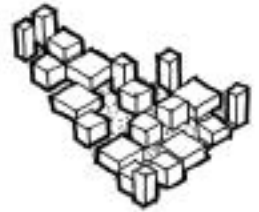
Fall in general housing



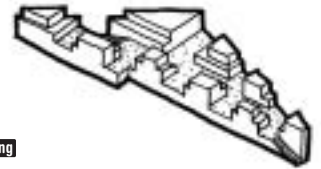
“The project offers a promising spatial concept which is “robust” enough to be adapted in phases and its respective parts by multiple authors. The quality of the project is the striking simplicity of the idea of a triangular space which is both public space and organizing principle; it succeeds in linking both sides of the railway without elaborate engineering.

The idea to group three different “landscapes” of housing around this square ensures a “malleable richness” for the future development. The three sub-areas promote a close interaction between buildings and landscape. The quality and process of interaction is quite different in each of the 3 areas, which the jury appreciates as an important way for evaluating the different housing programmes. Although certain adaptations will be necessary, the project offers an intelligent conceptual toolbox with which to work productively during a possible implementation process. >>

Housing community: diverse typologies



General housing



Courtyard building



Health centre



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» The project proposes an impressively simple but highly convincing solution: a triangular square smoothes out all the topographic differences and connects the street with the upper level of the rail tracks. The form of the square is dedicated to the concept of an easy connectivity. The solution seems easy and effortless. The proposal of the continuous open square would also offer itself as a test case for resolving the problems of shared space. In this way the development could become a pilot project, contributing to necessary transformations of existing planning regulations.”



Summer on the roofs of the courtyard building



Transversal section, general housing



Longitudinal section

