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Graz

population 280 000

Südgürtel

2.5 hectares



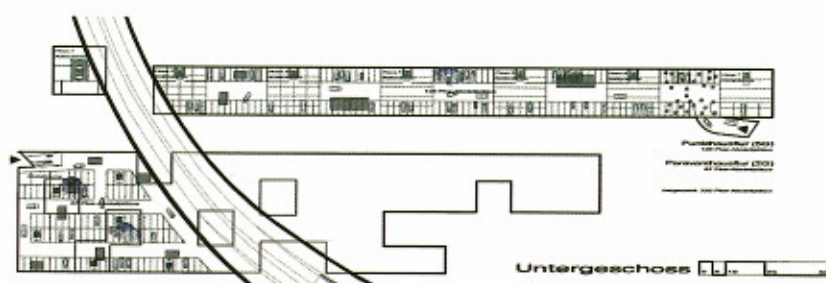
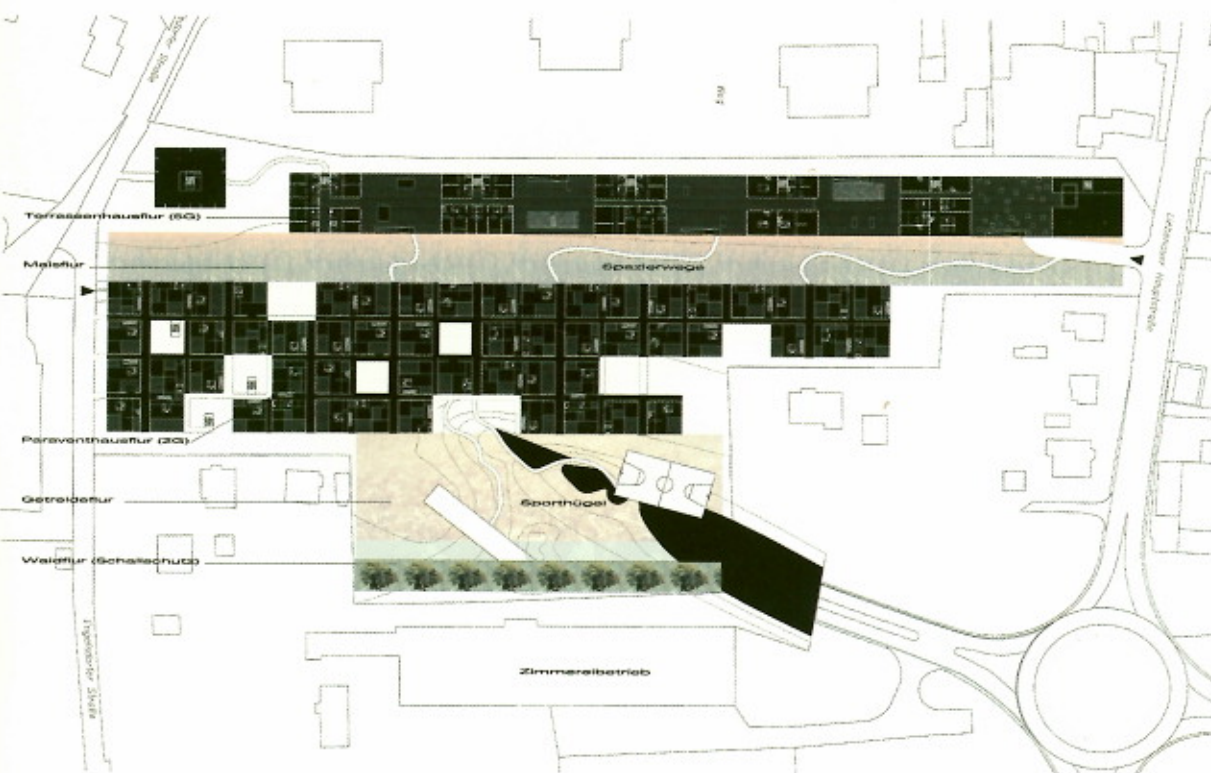
Graz, capital of the state of Steiermark, developed along the river Mur.

The site is to the south of Graz in a very dynamic area, linked to all the traffic systems, the airport, two railways, and two motorways. The most important road in the network is to be restructured in this area, by the creation of an underpass, and the site is situated at the point where this emerges.

The brief is for housing and public amenities, with consideration being given to structures and multiple uses. These structures must be adjusted to the identity of the site, but also to its links with the surrounding environment. Particular attention must be given to treatment of the ground.







**Field strips** Drawing upon the site's dynamic situation, the proposal seeks a diversity that provides the means to live, work, and play. It imagines a number of "fields" each with its own specificity and characterising elements. "Terrace/house field" comprises six individual houses in glass, wood and concrete on a wooden terrace. On the ground floor are semi-public areas, such as a café, restaurant, or a swimming pool. "Cornfield" is an agricultural area with pathways that connect two housing typologies. "Screen/house field" is a mix of green zones, services/retailers, cafés, and offices, with eleven double buildings of three to five dwellings, plus

33 detached buildings with one to three dwellings. "Recreation field" is an artificial hill, sewn with wild grasses, threaded with pathways, and studded with sports and leisure facilities. "Wood/field - noise/screen", to the south of the site, acts as a barrier against noise and a visual demarcation from the southern industrial elements.

