

Südraum, Leipzig

Südraum Leipzig is a place that has experienced massive landscape devastation resulting from over sixty years of brown coal pit mining. The landscape at present is comprised of vast craters 200 meters deep that cover dozens of square kilometres.

It is destined to become a large water park for the city of Leipzig by the year 2050, replete with

lakes, "new rivers", wet prairies, forests and new residential areas. This winning project concept results from a complex topological study of the site's water infrastructure rehabilitation, which will extend over into the next half century. Beyond the restructuring of the hydrological system, a landscape regeneration program is defined as well as a circulation network that can insure the economical development of this region. Varied

topographic typologies are to be built by the same industrial technology that eradicated the landscape identity of this large territory.

The result design offers a complex reweaving, utilising machines on hand to regenerate, with time, a new landscape and economy.

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Client:
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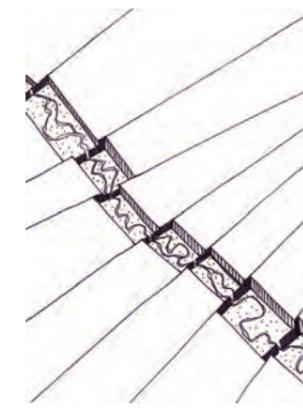
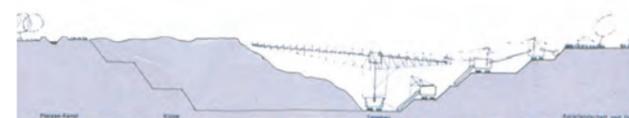
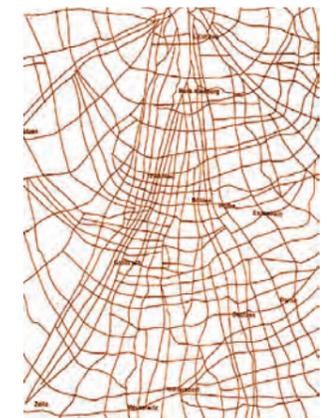
Project Phase:
Preliminary study

Selected Projects

Surface:
10' 000 ha

Dates:
Competition 1993
Study 1994

Budget:
100 Million Euros



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