

RE:GROUND

FROM PARKING LOT TO LIVING LANDSCAPE

CONCEPT

The planning area is a large, partially unused truck parking lot with sealed surfaces in an industrial environment with little recreational or ecological quality. At the same time, the site offers significant potential for climate-resilient open spaces. The project transforms the monofunctional parking area into a hybrid landscape that combines ecological functions, rainwater management, and recreation. A climate-active, biodiversity-promoting, and socially usable green structure is created that acts as a buffer between industry, people, and nature. Part of the site will be redesigned as a near-

natural park composed of differentiated landscape areas. Accessible recreational zones are combined with protected retreat areas for flora and fauna that allow natural processes to develop largely undisturbed. Central gathering places are conceived as spacious forest clearings: slightly elevated platforms embedded in dense vegetation that provide sheltered spaces for recreation and informal gatherings while being visually and acoustically screened from the surrounding industrial context. The park is structured into three interlocking vegetation zones with varying moisture levels, creating a

diverse mosaic of habitats and strengthening ecological value and spatial legibility. An integrated rainwater management system directs runoff from the remaining parking areas into the park, where it is collected in retention areas and released gradually into the natural cycle. The remaining truck parking area will be reorganized with green strips, trees, and permeable surfaces to improve the microclimate and reduce heat accumulation. Strategically placed entrances ensure easy access to the park for employees of the surrounding commercial buildings.

