

URBAN HOUSING SYNTHETIS

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THE CITY OF KEHL



Photos of the city Kehl



KEHL
GERMANY



About selected area

This selected area is situated in the city of Kehl that is located in Germany. Kehl is a small city of area of 75 thousand sq meters.

The site is located close to the river, the German-French border and the city centre of a municipality with 35,000 inhabitants and is at the heart of the “Axis of the Two River banks” project. The building is located on the line from Strasbourg to Offenburg, which are the two main stations in the Euro district.

The station was rebuilt after the Second World War in a functionalist style, it is in the immediate vicinity of the pedestrian areas of the Baden-Württemberg city, but also of the Jardin des Deux-Rives, which is one of the most important landscape areas in the conurbation, as well as of the industrial zone of the Port of Kehl, an important provider of employment on both sides of the Rhine. The site is served by a cross-border tramway line linking the heart of Strasbourg to that of Kehl, passing in particular close to the town hall, the bus station, the Kehl Arts Centre and a higher school of administration.

The station is well served by services and shops, and is also one of the stops for intercity buses, which link Kehl directly to major urban centres in the region.

In this studio project, the main task was to improve the area around the train station. Also to take in consideration the whole transport system and whether it is currently convenient or it needs some changes.

Orthophotomap of the selected area (location of the train station pointed out)





Proposal for changes in selected area

- Connection of East - West part (closer to nature)
- Improvement of safety
- Adding greenery to every part of selected area
- Filling in blank spaces in the selected area
- Additional housing buildings
- Longer tram line
- More cycling paths in the centre

Transport - tram (current situation)



Transport - tram (proposed solution for improvement)



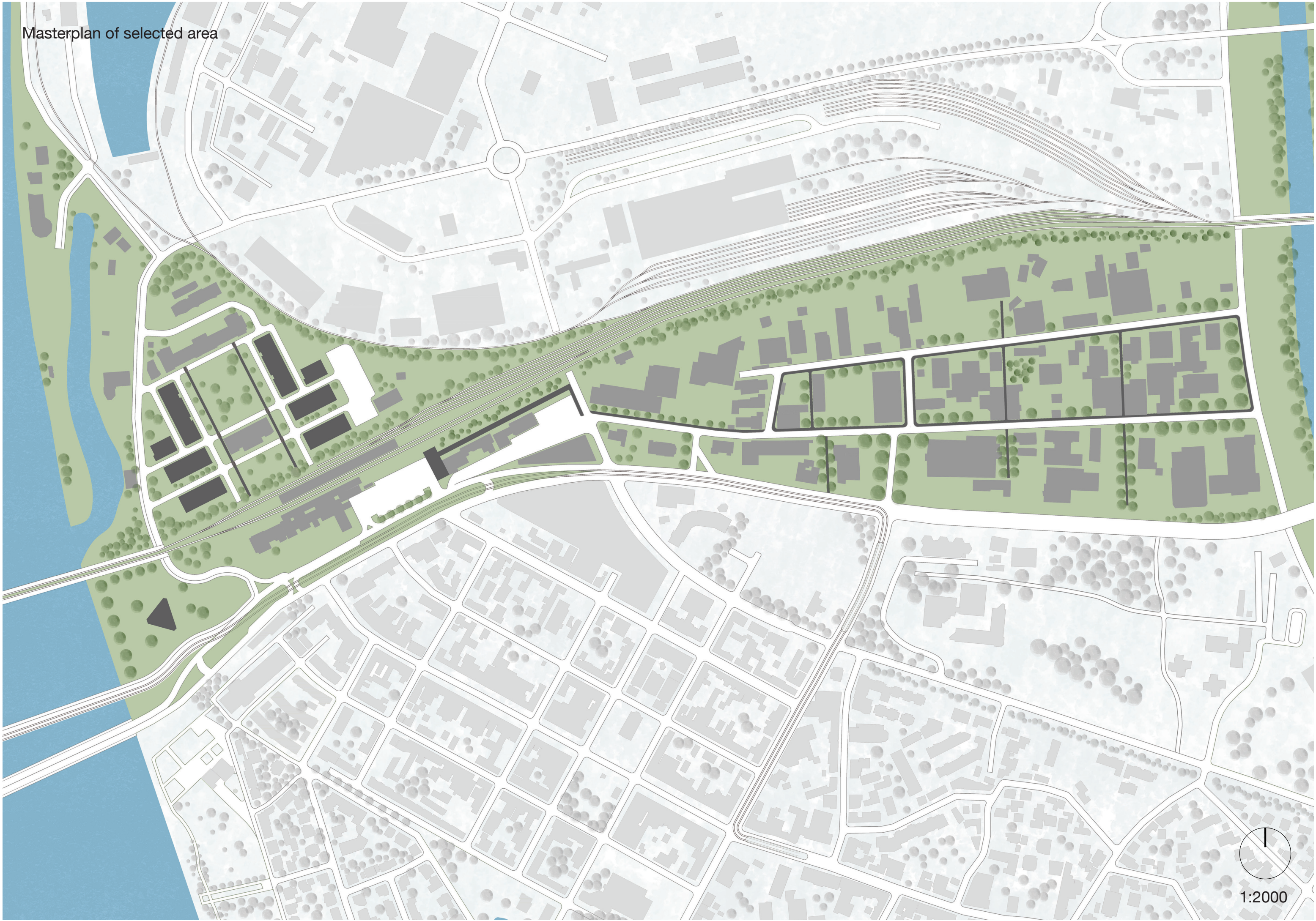
Existing cycle paths



Existing cycle paths + added cycle paths

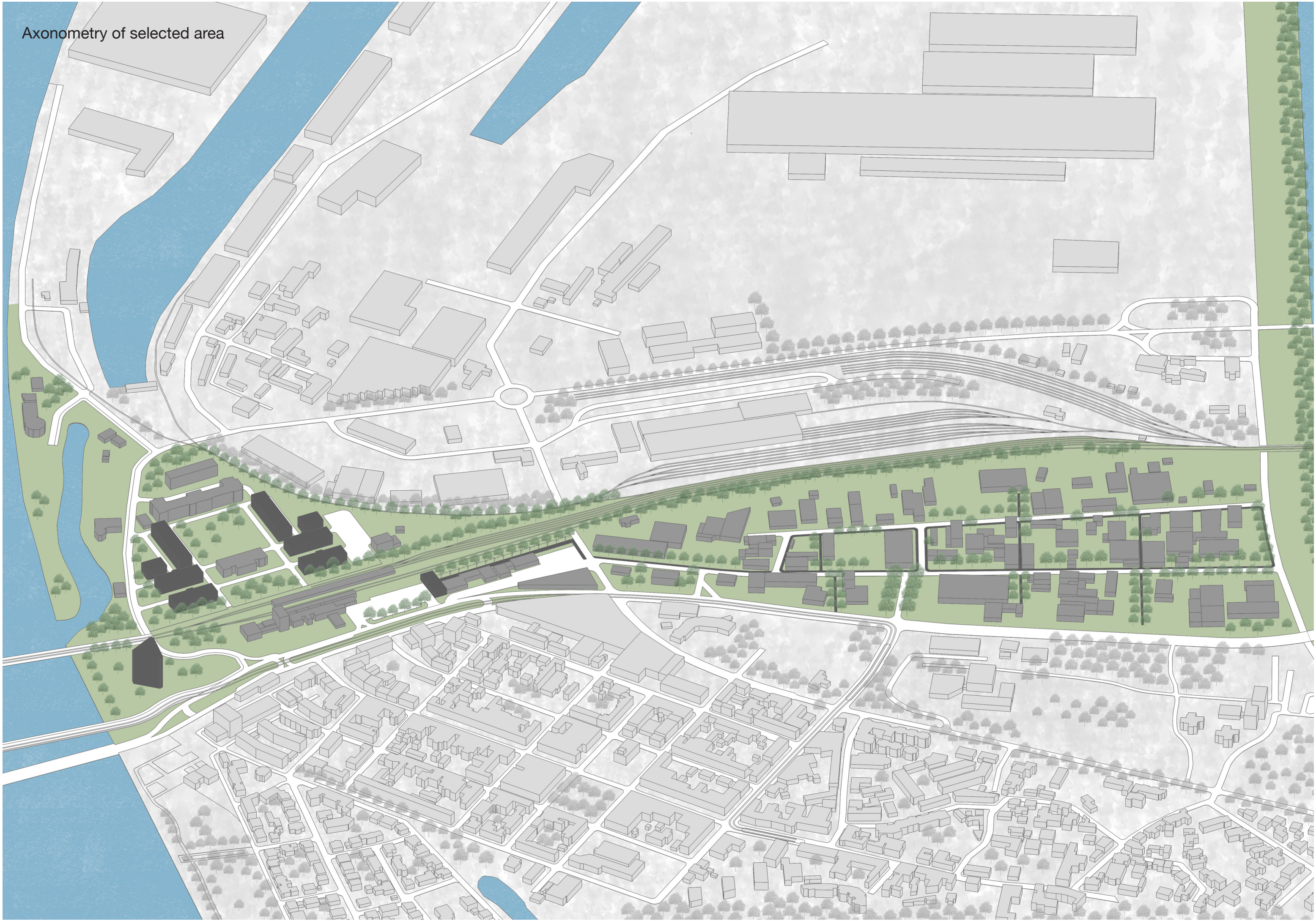


Masterplan of selected area

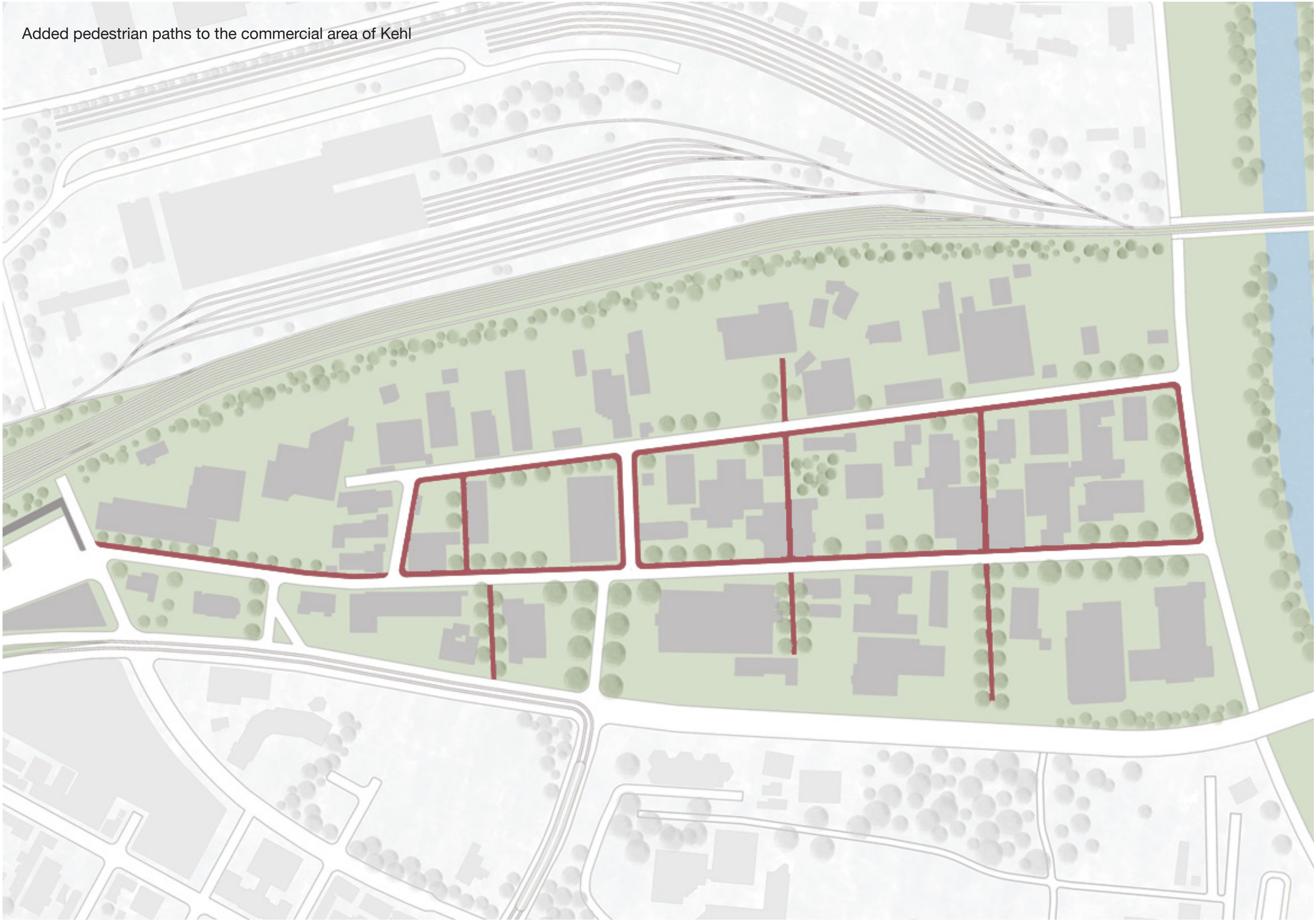


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Axonometry of selected area



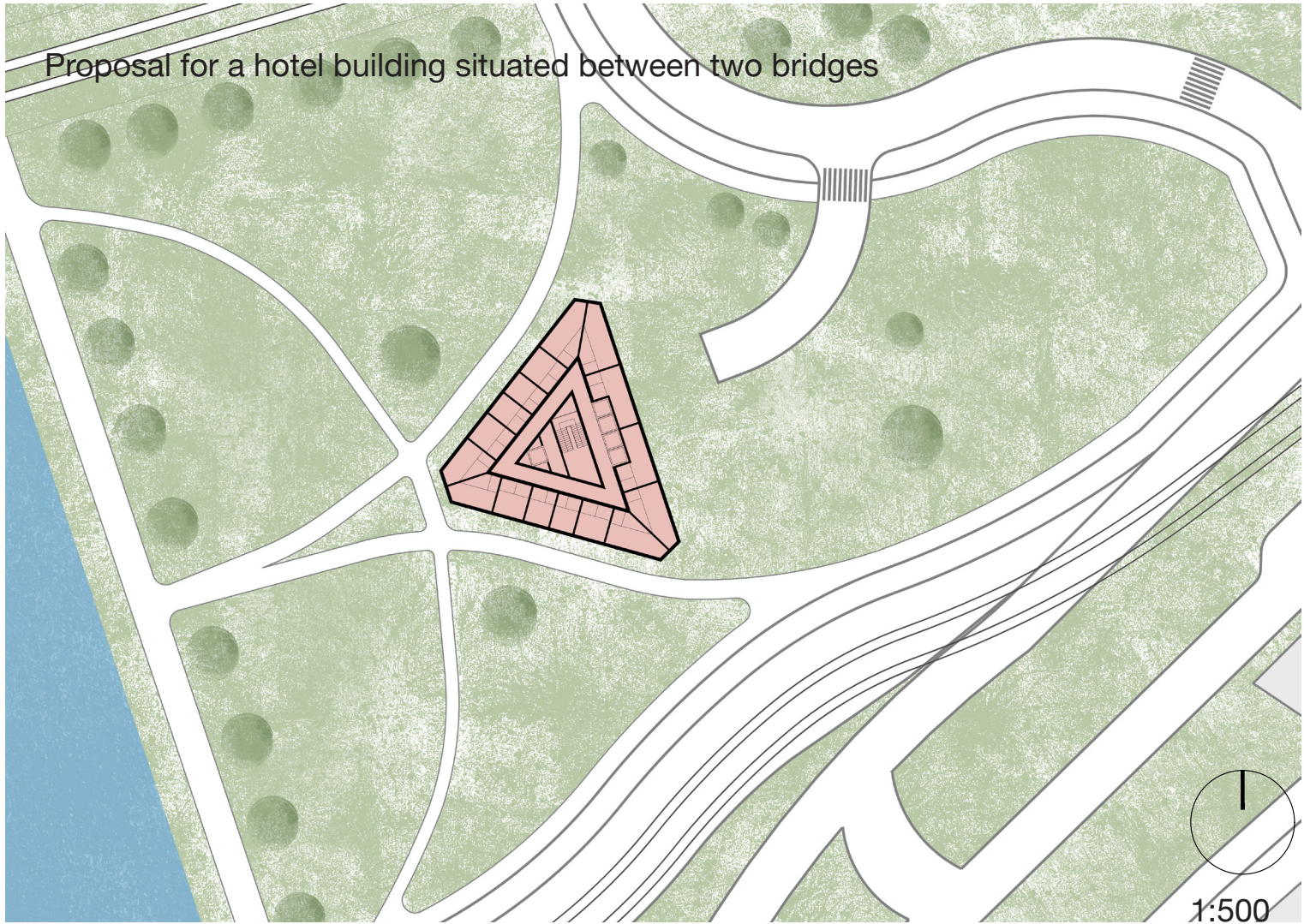
Added pedestrian paths to the commercial area of Kehl



Proposal for a set of buildings located in the area behind the train station



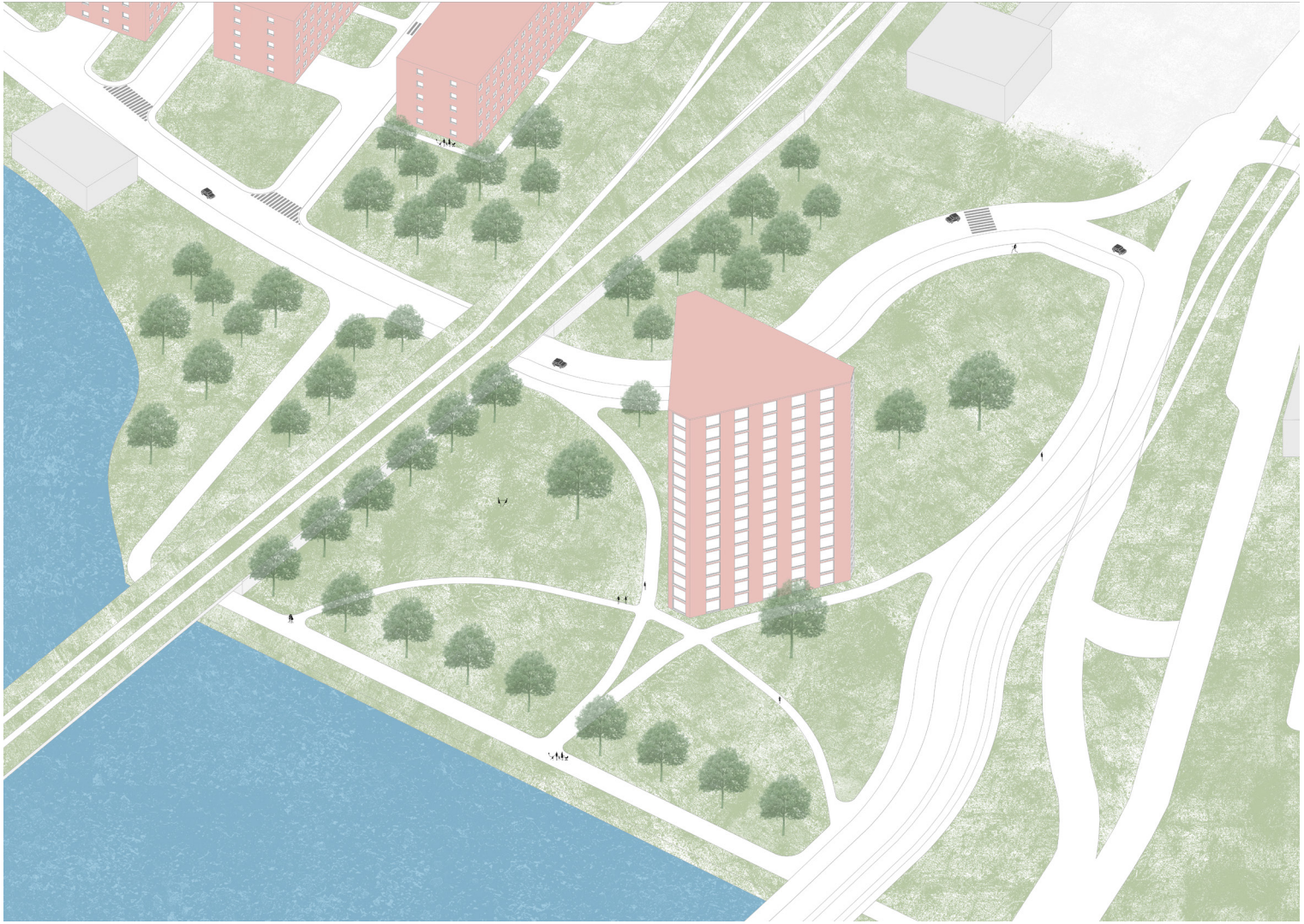
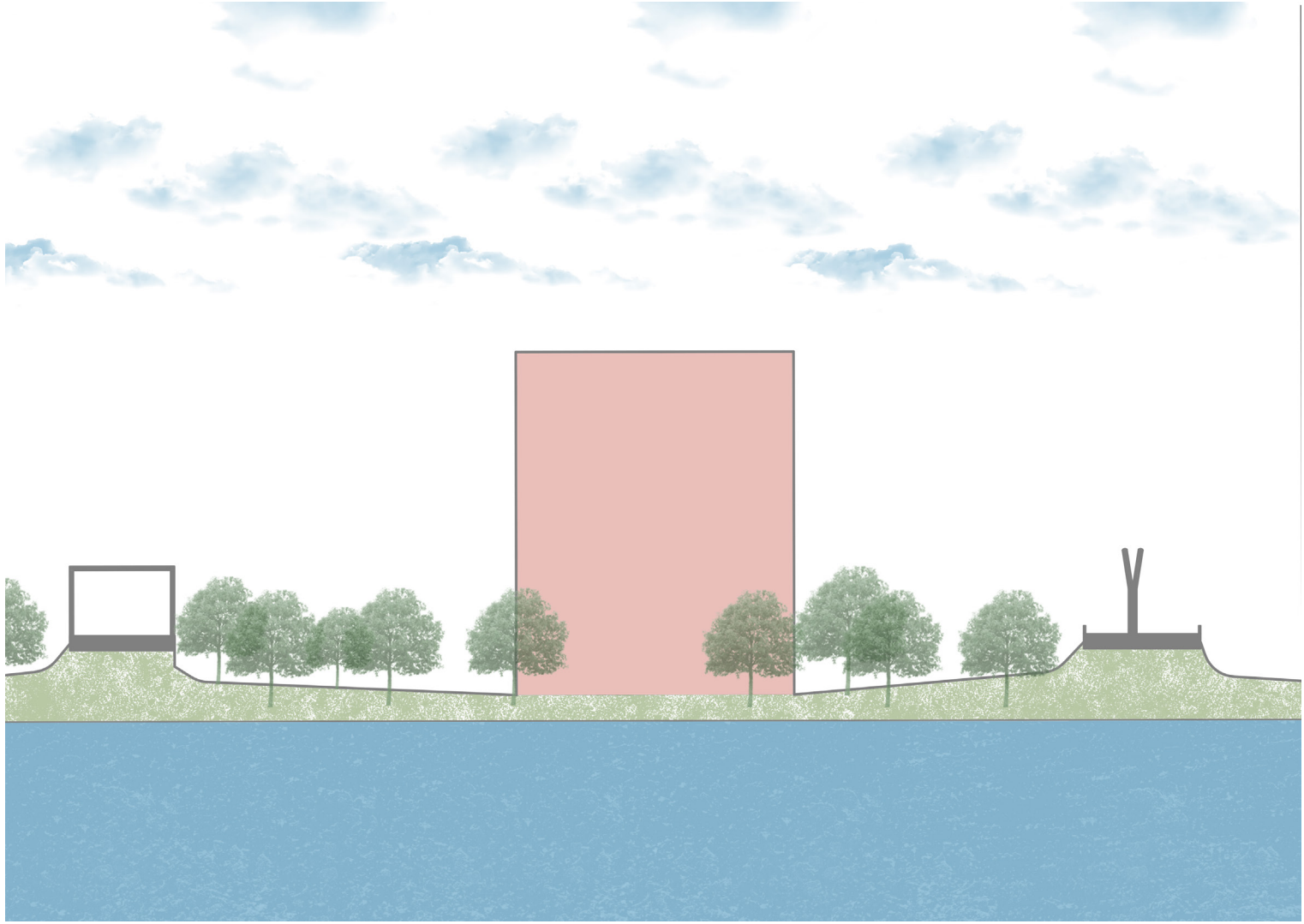




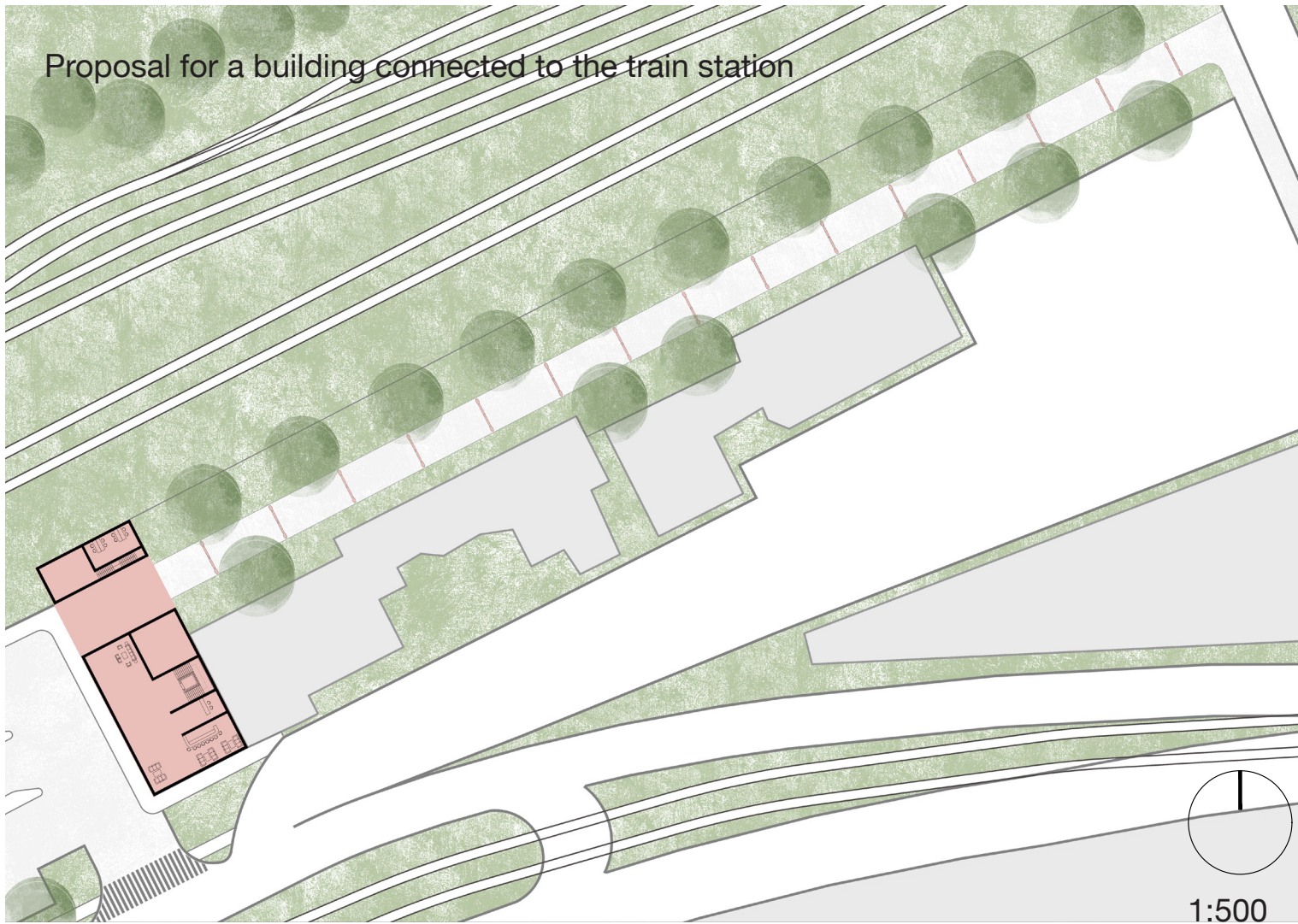
The goal of this project was to somehow make the area around the train station and mainly behind it more appealing to people. Nowadays, the area behind the train station is kind of left behind and forgotten about. It is caused mainly because the area behind the train station is mostly industrial and there are also a lot of harbour docks.

This is why I designed a set of buildings that are proposed to be used as units for housing and also for some kind of social gatherings, since the area is still big enough even with the added buildings.

Same thing applies also for the hotel building. The location of the hotel is between the two bridges, which is nowadays an abandoned place that has untapped potential. With such a big building it could also be more tempting for people to visit this area.



Proposal for a building connected to the train station



The last designed building that is in close proximity to the train station is supposed to connect in some type of way the area around the train station with a commercial area in Kehl. This connection would also mean a better connection with nature, because the path leads to the river Kinzig.

The commercial area of the city of Kehl was also taken into consideration, because nowadays it is mainly being approached by cars only, which is not the best option and I would like it to change. That is why a path was also designed with the building, which naturally leads a person to the commercial area and subsequently to the area of Kinzig river.

