

Thurgauerstrasse

Interventions

The Thurgauerstrasse is split in two communes, the city of Zürich and Opfikon. The border is situated just in the middle, making it more complex in terms of master planning. The city of Zürich owns some parcels in Opfikon that remain to be unused. On the one hand because they are an interesting investment and give power to the city, and on the other one because the city of Zürich does not want to sell it to real estate investors like Opfikon did, but would rather like to exchange them for privately owned land within its borders. There are some Genossenschaft parcels in the area, notably the Oerlikerhus, and in Opfikon the Glattpark project. Otherwise the other parcels were acquired in the 80's and still remain in the investors hands.



The interventions take place	mostly on privat	e property and	in one cas
on a plot that is owned by th	e city of Zürich.		

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Fallow spaces in Thurgauerstrasse





On this same exact parcel, the neighbourhood and the Oerlikon commune are now using a composting centre. With four composting piles of 80x6 meters, it raises awareness for the inhabitants and produces fertilizer and soil. The composting is free and gives the opportunity to show the neighbourhood the quantity of waste they produce and use it for new purposes. With its bad reputation of smelling, it shows people that with correct processes their waste becomes another man's treasure, and doesn't emit odours. The parcel is mediated by the city of Zürich in its new program.

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Next to the composting centre, there is a market for products that have been dismissed and that would normally be thrown away. These products are sold at a cheaper price, and provide a good option for the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. They include ugly, damaged, but not rotten fruits and vegetables that have gone through the distribution centre next door and elsewhere in the city and have not been sold.

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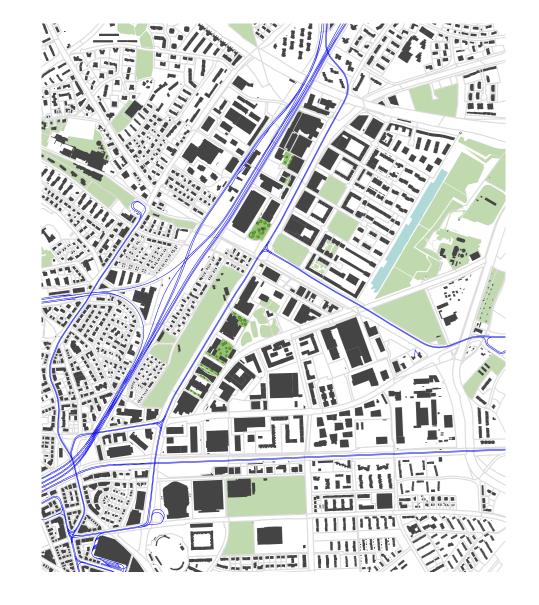
There are many unoccupied spaces in Thurgauerstrasse that have an immense potential.

Normally speaking, the ground floor of a city, or at least a street, is where social life takes place; where you find cafés, go to restaurants, buy the newspaper or get a manicure. In the Thurgauerstrasse, it is the opposite. The ground floor is mainly made of lobbies and atriums, left empty, a remain of the glamour dream of the 80's esthetic. Whereas the ground floor of the city is where the money is, in the Thurgauerstrasse, it is in the levels above. We can speculate that actually the whole ground floor of the Thurgauerstrasse is one big fallow space.

	Office	1368.2 m ²	
	Lobbys and Atriums	3973.2 m ²	
	Other	272.8 m ²	
	Empty parcels	31037.2 m ²	
	Parking lots	21025.9 m ²	
Total:		57'677.09 m ²	

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Green areas



The parcel will likely change through time, and therefore some parts of the building will also be used for other activities, such as exhibitions and cultural events for the neighbourhood.

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Alternative uses of the building

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