

Novartis Campus Park, Basel

To The Rhine

Client | Novartis Pharma AG, Basel
Master plan | Vittorio Magnago Lampugnani,
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Period | 2006–2008
Work stages | All work stages
Surface area | 63'000 m²

Novartis Park is part of the Novartis St. Johann industrial park at the border triangle in Basel. It is being converted from a production site into a research and administration centre. Besides being the company headquarters, the campus should also serve as a functional and attractive place to work and meet.

Yet geological maps of the Basel area expose a hidden landscape. The design for Novartis Park traces it as a composition of the Upper Rhine Valley's geomorphic and vegetative phenomena. As in the naturally created surrounding landscape, these natural phenomena are sequentially reconstructed on a small scale and merged by means of design into an atmospheric park landscape.

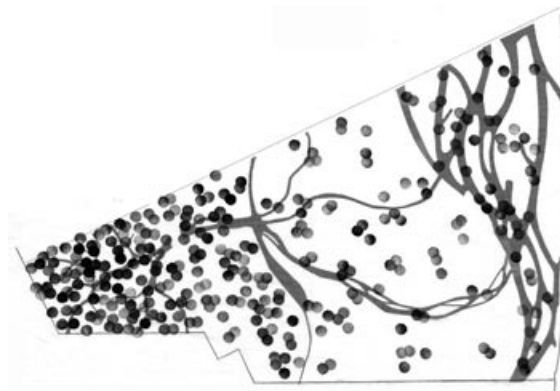
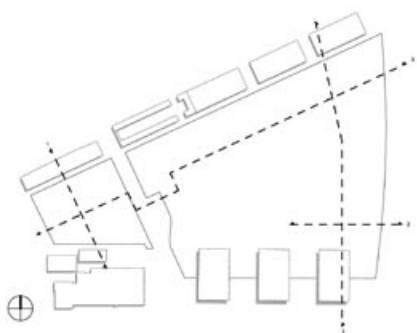
The park area, situated farthest from the river's shore, is designed as a forest of indigenous woody plants where huge glacial erratics have remained as the oldest evidence of glacial activity. Large expanses of lawns form the middle section of the park, which is planted with diverse, mainly exotic, solitary woody plants. The lower land terraces facing the Rhine extend outward. They are comprised of tall marsh vegetation and are largely free of trees.



plan view

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sections



model