

Virtus in medium est History and Planning towards an urban-rural future

(Sustainable Cities)



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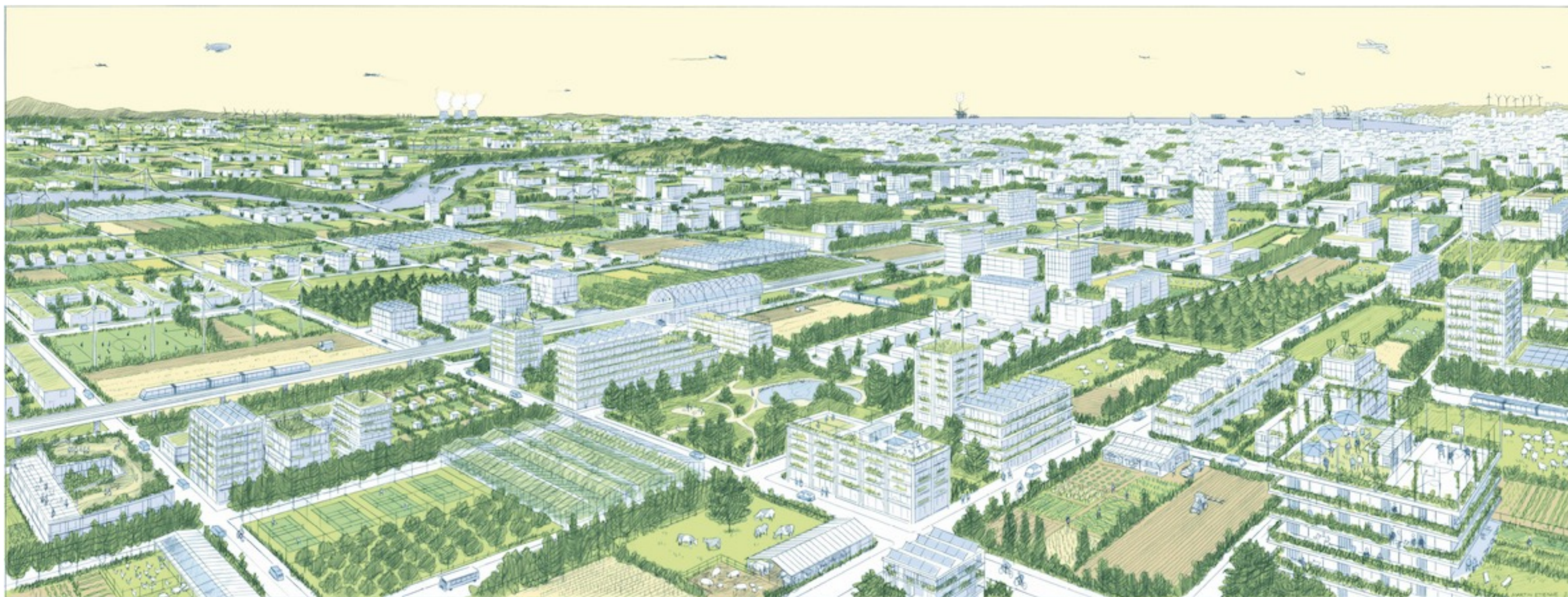
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The **future of cities** will depend on their formal and functional **relationship with nature**. Thus, operative concepts are needed for addressing specific realities and challenges, informing integrated strategies for sustainability. This investigation seeks to answer the following question:

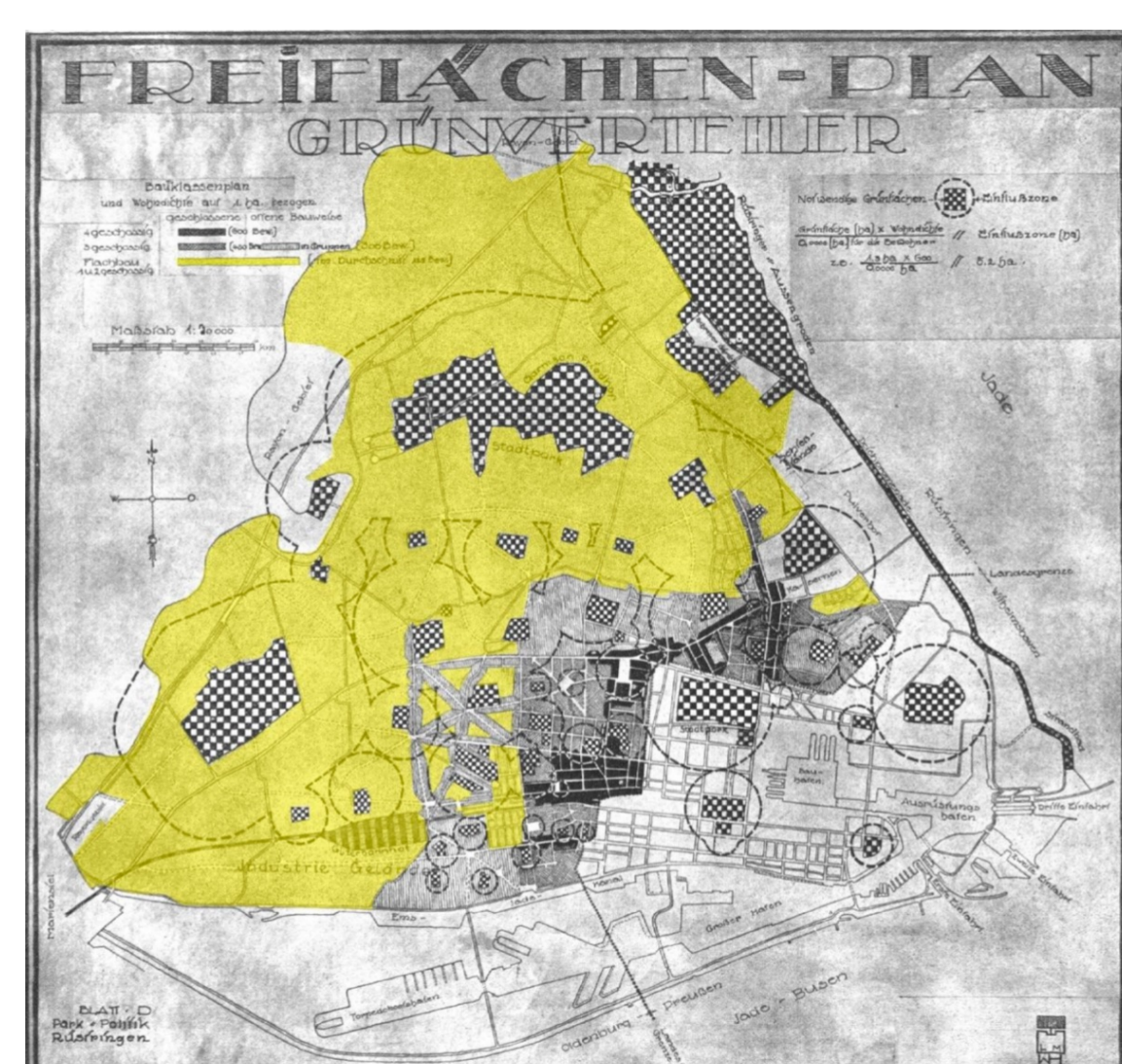
72. We commit ourselves to long-term urban and territorial planning processes and spatial development practices (...), considering the urban-rural continuum on the local and territorial scales and including the participation of relevant stakeholders and communities.

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What methodological and practical tools are suited to understand contemporary urban-rural relationships?



Source: martinettienne.com



Leberecht Migge's Rustringen Master Plan (1917), as an attempt to create sustainable grassroots planning.

Zoning plan and areas of influence of green spaces.

Source: Migges, 1997



"Green archive" of Rustringen by Leberecht Migge (1917), an inventory of green spaces and elements in the territory as a basis for urban planning.

Source: Migges, 1997

Thus, the present investigation is based on the idea that the future of cities will depend on their formal and functional relationship with biodiversity. In this way, it is proposed to rethink planning in the light of a different "territory culture" (Ferrão, 2011). If this designates the understanding of its morphological, historical, geographic and socio-political characteristics of the territory, here these dimensions are observed, questioning the traditional dichotomy between the countryside that produces and the city that consumes. **In this way, do we know the territory where we want to intervene? What are your potentials? And weaknesses?**

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