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This proposal for the renewal of Green District South gives every zone an importance all its own, corresponding with its particular situation and destination.

Zone I Public Park

A cafe or restaurant should be established in the ruins of an old fort and the park should otherwise remain as it is.

Zone II Sports Facilities

There are four sports fields; the most northern one is completed by a small stadium. Each field is partly bordered by slopes to accommodate grandstands. The tramway ends in a double curve directly in front of the sports hall, which is also centrally located in respect to the sports grounds. Here also are the 500 parking places which, in accordance with the program's requirements, will have to be available for the ultimate use of the facilities.

Zone III General Relaxation and Residential Area

This area is central to the whole plan and is surrounded by the city freeway, the Vorgebirgstrasse and the beltway. Most of the residential housing is here. There is also a park for family use with buildings for community activities and an extensive green area for walking and relaxation.

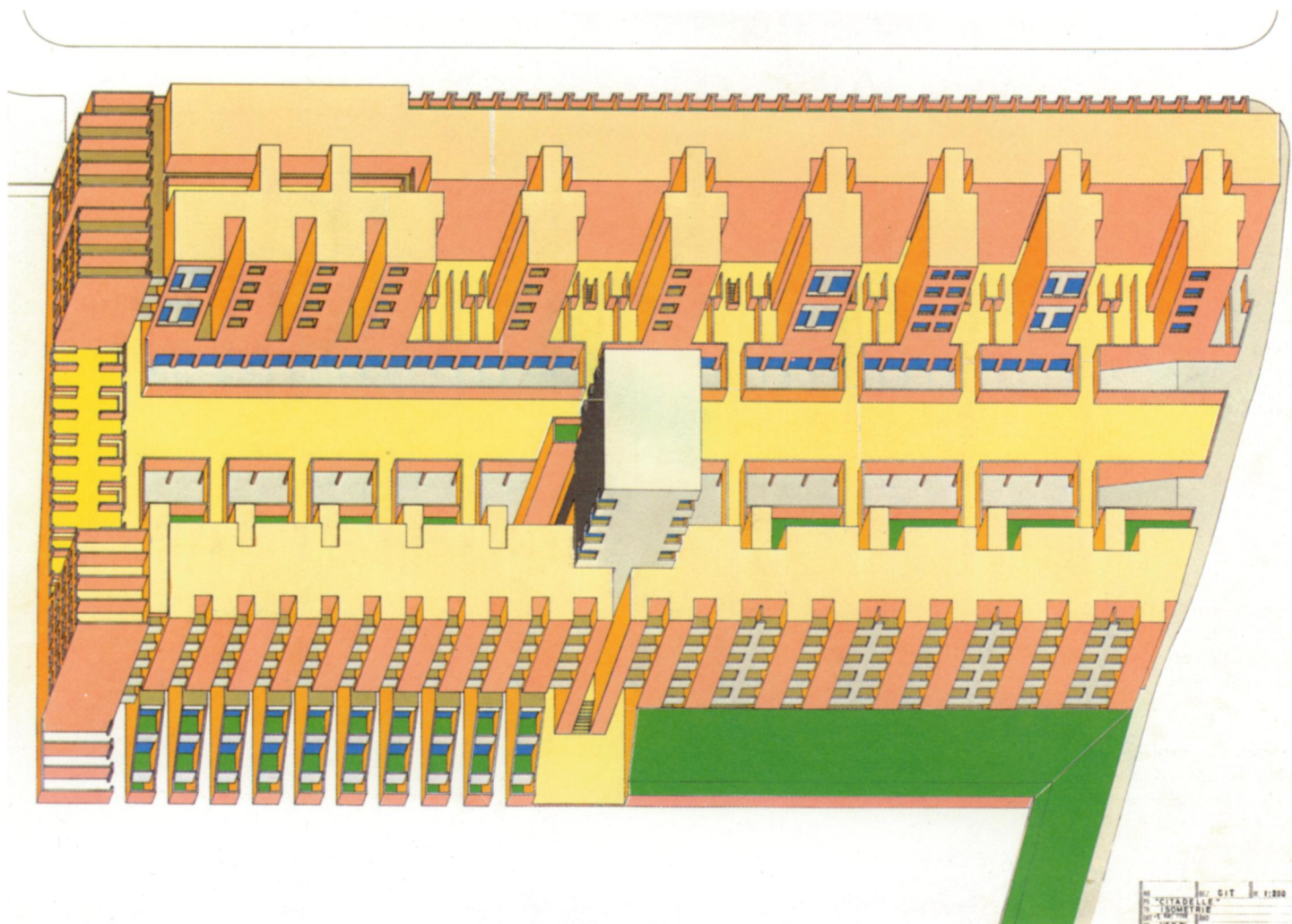
Zone IV Play Areas

Two 17 story high-rises on the beltway form the transition to Zone IV, which is surrounded by the Markusstrasse, the Vorgebirgstrasse and the beltway. This results in a widening of the street with several exits to the green area. Zone IV has been conceived as one park with many kinds of playgrounds.

Zone V Transition Zone to the Surrounding Green

This narrow green zone connects the whole area with the outer surrounding green. Therefore, only a pedestrian walk has been planned. The continuous pedestrian walk connecting all zones also comes to an end here in a wide staircase.

Continuous terracing will level out the natural unevenness of the terrain and will connect the areas physically and visually. At the same time the terracing will form the edge of a housing section that borders it on the west as well as a transition zone between this area and the parks. The terracing starts with the entrance stairs to the public park and ends in a big staircase and high-rise leading onto a surrounding green area. The wall has been taken into account and will be divided into a complex of staircase arrangements, water basins, plantings, ledges and recesses. Part of the terracing will run into the housing area, where it will consist of small flower shops, booths or display cases. There is a continuous promenade above the terracing in the residential area. OMU



Citadelle, Green Park