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PREVIOUS STATE
The lot is located in the immediate vicinity of the main railway and bus stations in Ljubljana. Despite being located next to the intersection of one of the more important roads of the core city with the inner ring road, it became a degraded urban area due to unfinished adaptations of the entire section.

It was separated from the public space with a high wall that served as an advertisement surface. Eventually the lot became an unauthorised dumping ground and wild trees grew among the refuse. The trees are very diverse regarding age and sort, but represent the highest value of the project next to the high quality location within the city.

BEFORE



AIM OF INTERVENTION
The wider area is, as designated in the municipal land use documents, predominately intended for commercial-residential buildings that have in part already been built. The area in question is reserved for park surfaces as a sort of a foyer to a larger commercial building. The purpose of the project is to sort out the current state with minimal intervention in a way that preserves all of the self-sown trees. The area is to become a high quality public open space catering to the needs of various users – the users of the nearby bus and railway stations, the surrounding residents, high school and university students, and the target public of skaters, because the city lacks in high quality informal urban surfaces that cater to this popular urban sport.

Actually, the entire area around the old Austro-Hungarian railway station and the modest bus station, built in the times of the former Yugoslavian state, is degraded and has been waiting for a complete renovation. The location is in dire need of new public open spaces that would, with modern design and through the implementation of new activities, ensure the area has a recognizable identity.