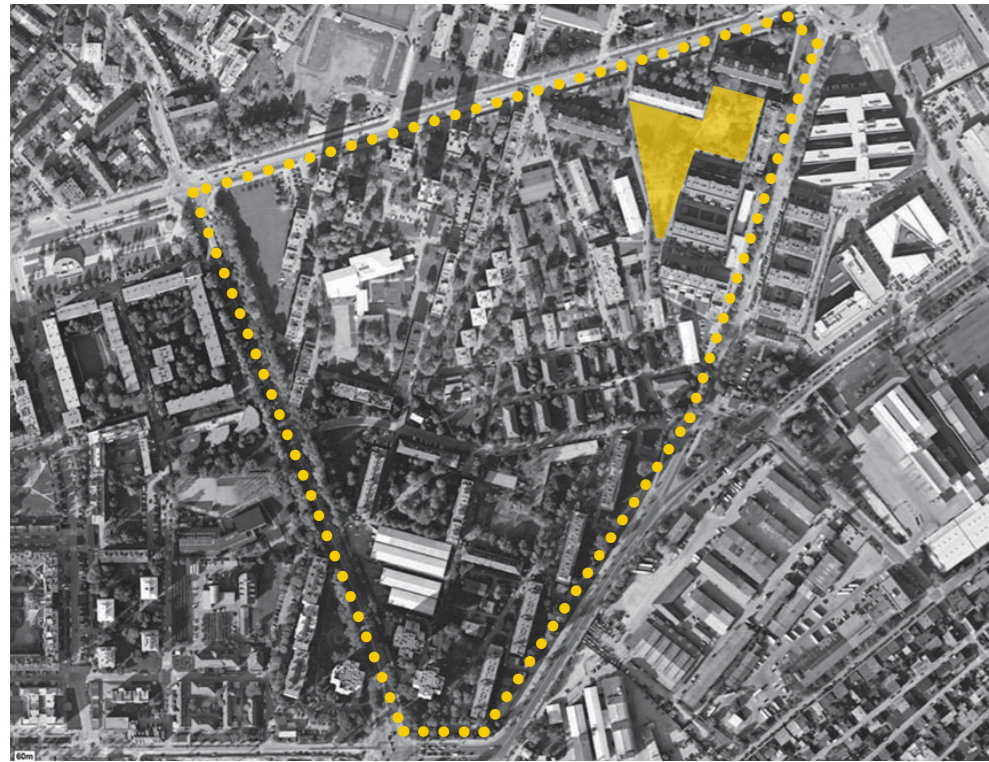
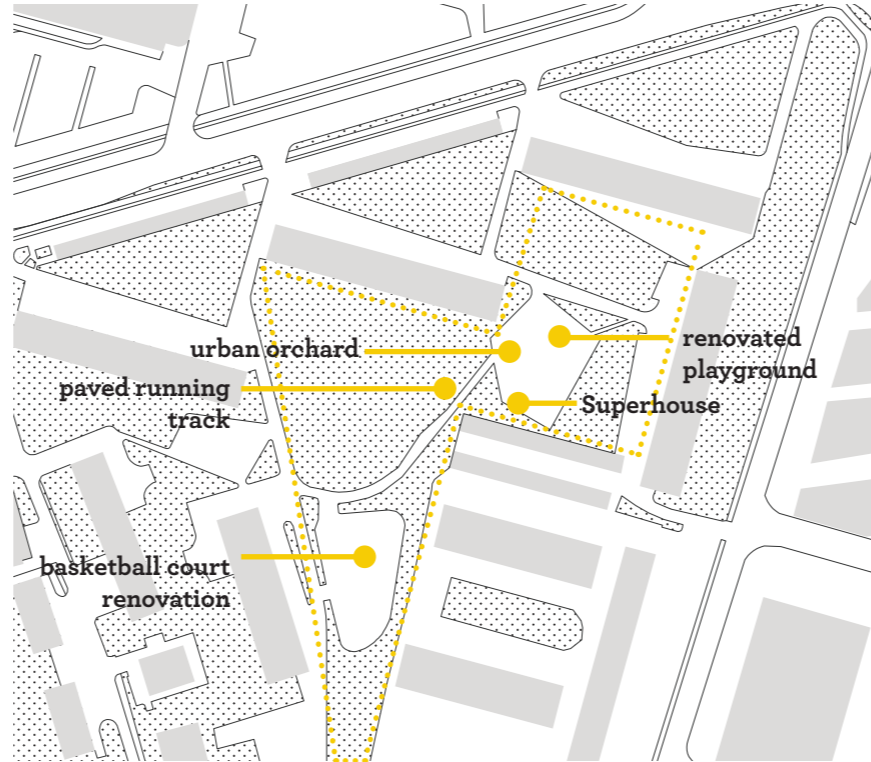


Savsko neighbourhood



Aerial view of Savsko neighbourhood and the Superhill area



The intervention concerns a public space surrounding Savsko hill (the “Superhill”) in Ljubljana’s first socialist neighbourhood, Savsko naselje. The neighbourhood was designed with a generous amount of public space and represents the immediate living environment for a high number of urban dwellers. However, the neighbourhood is facing a slow renewal process.

The “Superhill” area consists of a small artificial hill over an underground bunker, a basketball court, an old playground and a large lawn. The ownership of public space is fragmented and still partly unclear as a result of the transition from socialist to the capitalist system. Even though the area was pointed out as an important part of the neighbourhood during neighbourhood assemblies, organized in 2013, it was not maintained due to unclear ownership.

The aim of a series of interventions was, put simply, to renovate the space. Because of unclear ownership and lack of municipal strategy, no direct funds were available for the regeneration of public space. The regeneration project had to cleverly seize the opportunities for small interventions that, by the end of 2016, resulted in one single renovated public space. Another aim was to solve the problem of maintenance by creating a public space that requires as little maintenance as possible. To overcome maintenance issues in the long term, a good relationship between the users and the space had to be established by involving the users in the intervention process. Children, as the most important present and future users, were the key actors in the participatory regeneration process that lasted for three years.



Neighbourhood in the 60s



Situation today



Basketball court



Playground, lawn and hill in the background



One public space, several owners



Three pillars of “Superhill” regeneration process