

GREATER METROPOLITAN REGION OF OSLO – OCCUPATION

Sources: Geovekst

Building





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Romerike region

Europaveg

----- Riksveg

Fylkesveg





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THE DISPERSED OSLO METROPOLIS The greater metropolitan region of Oslo is characterized by a dispersed settlement structure – referred to as a norwegian '*Città Diffusa*''. Among the spread structures are villages, towns and patches of detached houses in vast areas of agricultural land.

The region has a population of approx. 1.5 m, and includes Oslo municipality, Akershus county, and several municipalities in the counties of Buskerud, Oppland, Vestfold and Østfold. The region has a shared workand housing market with Oslo. The work market largely gravitates towards Oslo.

OCCUPATION LAYER

The agricultural landscape occupies the areas of marine depositions (black) originating from the end of the last ice-age, approx. 9500 years ago. In this period, the land was covered by the ocean, and as the ice cap

retreated, the land slowly rised, exposing rich, fertile soil consisting of clay, silt and sand.

2 ROAD NETWORK

The road network is characterized by a hierarchical structure, with Oslo as a dominant element.

PROBLEMATICS

The current model of mobility is characterized by a hierarchical network structure and a relatively low level of connectivity. This results in slow public transport and congested roads.

HYPOTHESIS

Proposed model of mobility. An isotropic – or mesh-like – network structure has a higher degree of connectivity, and could facilitate a public transport system with fast and dynamic routing of autnomous vehicles.

¹ Ellefsen, K.O., 'Città diffusa - den nye urbane tilstanden', Morgenbladet, 5 November 1999, https://morgenbladet.no/1999/11/citta-diffusa-dennye-urbane-tilstanden, (accessed 24 April 2017).



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GJERDRUM - KLØFTA, STUDY AREA

Source: Kartverket, Geonorge



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GJERDRUM - KLØFTA, AGRICULTURAL FIELDS e: Own mapping



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GJERDRUM - KLØFTA, GULLIES Source: Own mapping



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STUDY AREA: GJERDRUM – KLØFTA

Gjerdrum municipality is a typical forestry- and agricultural area with typical coniferous forest above the marine border¹, and a mosaic of cultivated areas and forest below the marine border.

7 THE AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

Prior to the Green Revolution², what is now the agricultural fields of the Romerike region, was mainly ravine/gully landscapes. In order to accomodate modern agricultural methods of production, the ravine/gully landscape was mechanically levelled out by means of bulldozers from the 1950's and up until recent years.

Prior to this radical intervention, however, the gullys structured the layout of farms across the region. Farms would be situated on top of the gullys to avoid running water, while the fields would benfit from nutritious manure running from the barns, down to the fields by means of gravitation³. Still today there are mainly farms to be found on hill tops and ridges amidst the agricultural landscape.

2 THE GULLIES

• A gully is a small V-shaped valley carved out of clay-rich soil by rivers and streams. Clayrich soil is the dominating substrate below the marine border (200 m.a.s.l.) in the region.

¹ The marine border is situated between 200-210m above the present sea level, and marks the level of the sea at the end of the previous ice age.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_Revolution (Accessed 6 March 2017).

³ H. Aall, et al., 'Norske Bygder Romerike III', Bergen, Norway, John Griegs Forlag, 1934 p. 14.





GJERDRUM – KLØFTA, A LANDSCAPE FRAMEWORK

Source: Geonorge, own mapping









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GJERDRUM – KLØFTA, EDGE SITUATIONS Source: Geonorge, own mapping





Bocager structure

Proposed network link

Existing forest

Water

Existing road



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A LANDSCAPE FRAMEWORK

1 By utilizing agroforestry concepts and tools, the network is capable of acting as a multifunctional space which integrates aesthetics, ecology, hydrology and mobility.

GUIDING MODELS

Ζ Based on topographical conditions and the agricultural context, a toolbox of agroforestry concepts and tools has been developed. to guide the design process. The toolbox is mainly based on principles found in the traditional european bocage landscapes.

EDGE POTENTIALS

Four edge conditions has been identified as possible carrying structures for the isotropic network. In the study area the field edges alone represents nearly 1000 Km edge length.

SCENARIOS

Through three scenarios possible network configurations and a consecutive model of urbanization is explored.

DESIGN

The scenarios are further explored through their potential integration in the landscape .