

Hillside garden in the Wechsel region

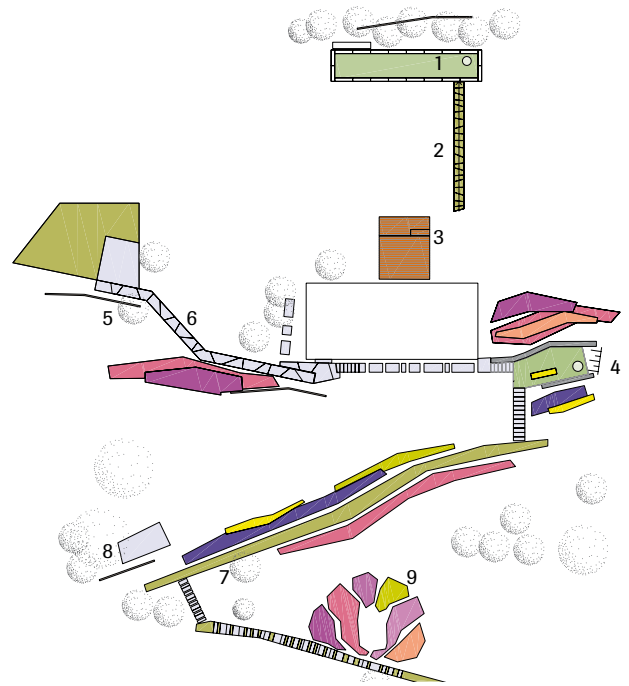
A 1900 sq. m. hillside plot near Hochwechsel in Lower Austria represented the starting point for the redesign and gentrification of an existing garden. Until that time, the owners primarily used the garden located above the existing house because of the markedly steep topography of the area.

3:0 Landschaftsarchitektur was commissioned with making the hillside garden more usable for various purposes and with leaving space for future extensions. The results of the subsequent analysis are nine design interventions, which transform the hillside plot into an atmospheric and poetic garden.



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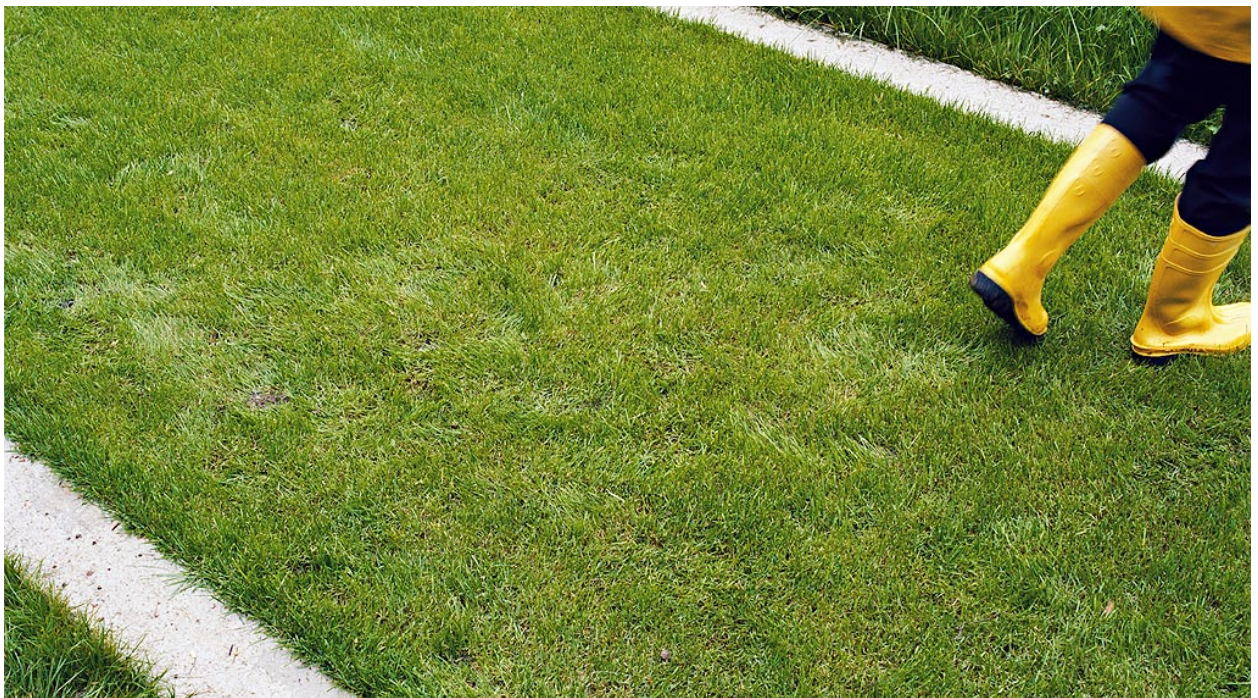
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Interventions

Together with our client, we developed nine spatial-functional interventions, which permit different uses of the plot:

- 1 A "Bowling Green" including a privacy shield screen
- 2 A hillside stairway with steel frames
- 3 A breakfast patio with fragrant roses at nose height
- 4 A stone wall with bergenia flowers and a carpet from lemon daylilies and broadleaf Uniola
- 5 Screens as privacy, wind and snow protection
- 6 A road to the house from in-situ concrete
- 7 A gravel turf road/path with a roadside strip from herbaceous perennials such as meadow rue, Solomon's seal, cohosh, ferns and forest grass
- 8 A concrete terrace, surrounded by geophytes and offering a view to the Schneeberg
- 9 A cottage garden divided into color segments





The interventions were designed so as to create different views and to allow for various micro-climatic conditions. Depending on the needs of the client, the individual thematic areas permit a calm or convivial setting, a retreat, proximity or distance to the house. In the semi-basement floor on the southern side of the building, there is a sauna, where the slope was terraced by means of two strata-stone walls. The resulting intermediate space can be used as another lounge area in the garden.



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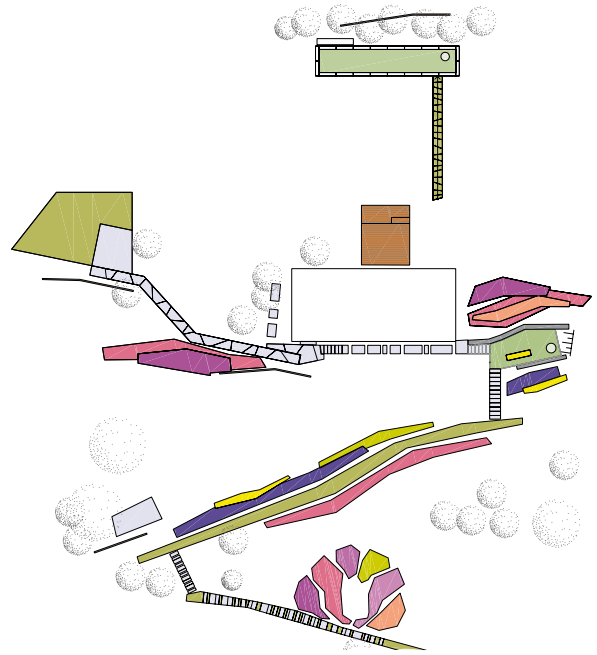
A gravel turf road in the hill section beneath the house combines functionality and the advantages of ecology with a haptically pleasing surface for barefoot walkers.

The linear concept is supplemented by lamellar wood screens offering both partial privacy and wind protection as well as protection against snow drifts during winter. These screens create additional sections and emphasize the specific characteristics of the individual interventions without isolating the area entirely.





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