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Tool-assisted design and comparative evaluation of sustainable land use alternatives for brownfield redevelopment

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Land consumption ("Land take") vs. Brownfields



Some numbers ...

- Land take in Germany 1992 - 2010:

~115 ha/day



- /~9 minutes
- ~420 km²/year
- \rightarrow size of Munich or nearly



- Land take in Europe (2000 - 2006):

> 1000 km²/year

- Area of available brownfields in Germany (2010): ~1,500 km²



Challenges

- Brownfield Revitalization (BR) often hampered by a lack of knowledge about site characteristics and related opportunities and risks.
- BR involves diverse stakeholders with differing expertise and potentially conflicting interests.
- Appropriate means of communication and harmonization (standardized and transparent procedures) are missing.
- BR involves a multitude of aspects that need to be considered.
- Lack of spatial Decision Support Systems (sDSS) that appropriately address the relevant aspects.



Scope of research: Early-stage planning of sustainable re-use of brownfields

- Provision of GIS-based software tool as decision support tool for sustainable brownfield redevelopment
- Enabling integrated evaluation of planning options
 - to date decision are most often driven by economic reasons
 - sustainability issues should also be accounted for
- Integrated assessment of brownfield-specific aspects
 - Subsurface remediation and site preparation costs
 - Market-oriented economic evaluation of revitalized site
 - Evaluation of sustainable development
- Facilitating information and participation of people/institutions involved in revitalization efforts



Main Goal: Finding the appropriate re-use options for a particular site



Shared redevelopment vision is crucial for successful initiation of BR process



What is the most appropriate re-use of the site?









Enabling/Facilitating Participation

- Interactive Land Use Map Creator: Module to allow quick and intuitive design of possible options for redeveloping a site
- Tool-assistance: More or less automatic evaluation of re-use options (after proper preparation of required data)
- □ Facilitation in two ways:
 - Support of discussion meetings and round tables via "live assessment" of re-use alternatives (desktop tool)
 - Involvement of non-experts, e.g. interested stakeholders via web-based tool



Tool-Assistance: Desktop Tool – MMT & Others



... to organize relevant data, to specify the assessment parameters and to evaluate re-use options in detail

MEGASITE

TOOLSUITE

MANAGEMENT



Tool-Assistance: Web-based Tool

... to share information about the site and possible re-use options

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Tool-Assistance: Web-based Tool

... to design re-use options and automatically assess them



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Tool-Assistance: Web-based Tool

... to quantify the consequences of particular re-use options





Tool-Assistance: Expert vs. Non-expert Tool



... to assist core group of stakeholders and experts



... to communicate results and to allow participation of further stakeholders



APPLICATION: KRAMPNITZ CASE STUDIES

- former military site in the outskirts of the city of Potsdam near Berlin
- 113 ha used by German and Russian armed forces until 1945 and 1991
- vast GW contamination from operation of gas stations and dry cleaning facility
 - dominated by chlorinated solvents





(1) Comparative evaluation of redevelopment options



- Initial option based on stakeholder discussions
- "Trial and error" iterative re-planning guided by evaluation results (maps)
- Seeking improvement by
 - minimizing remediation expenditures
 - maximizing site value
 - increasing sustainability

Schädler et al. (2011) J. Environmental Management, 92, 827 – 837.



(1) Comparative evaluation of redevelopment options

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Economic Evaluation [Mio €]										
$V_{L,theor}$	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.8	9.8	11.5	16.7	14.1	11.4	8.8
BDC	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
GW remediation costs	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
Soil remediation costs	0.9	0.6	7.2	7.8	8.2	10.6	10.6	5.2	1.8	1.8
Costs: GW flux site boundary	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Preliminary land value	3.1	3.6	-3.2	-2.9	-3.3	-4.2	1.0	3.9	4.7	2.1
MVR	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.4
Market value	2.6	2.9	(-3.2)	(-2.9)	(-3.3)	(-4.2)	0.8	3.2	3.9	1.7
Sustainability Evaluation [%]										
Housing Area	17	17	17	4	4	4	-13	7	11	-
Trade/Industry	8	-35	8	8	8	-	-	2	8	-4
High Tech Industry	30	30	30	30	30	-	-	30	30	30
Recreational	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
Sustainability Rating E_{tot}	9.4	-7.1	9.4	5.3	5.3	2.7	-13	6.6	10.1	-2.3
Sustainability Ranking	2	9	2	5	5	7	10	4	1	8



(1) Comparative evaluation of redevelopment options





"Trial and error" !!

How to get to a more effective i.e. targeted design of redevelopment options?



(2) Targeted design of sustainable redevelopment options

- → Integration of spatial data & evaluation tools for automatic targeted derivation of promising re-use options
- \rightarrow Splitting the search for promising re-use options
 - 1. Determination of option representing the economic optimum
 - 2. Targeted enhancement of option with respect to sustainability
- \rightarrow Guidance for iterative re-planning

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Uniform Use Options











RESULTS





Interim Conclusion

- BR is not inherently sustainable
- Economically attractive + sustainable options exist!!
- Integrated comparative assessment framework supports
 - Quick reproducible comparison of planning options
 - Identification of (initial) favorable options

BUT...

- Only 13 out of 3²⁷ (trillions!) options considered...
- Spatial sustainability evaluation not automated
- Spatial sustainability optimization impossible



(3) Automated spatially explicit evaluation of sustainability

LIST OF 23 INDICATORS

L SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT	Weighting (%)	I. Residentital	II Local Services	III. Recreational	IV. Trade/ Industries	V. Emitting industries	VI. large-space business centres	VII. Monofunctional facilities w/ large open spaces	
1.1: Kealization of short distances by complementing land uses									
1.1.1 Residential Areas in the surrounding area	10	n	+1/-1	+1/0	+1/0	n	n	n	
1.1.2 Green spaces in the surrounding area	10	+1/0	n	n	n	n	n	n	
1.1.3 Local supplies within walking distance	10	+1/0	n	n	n	n	n	n	
1.1.4 Neighbouring uses are strongly emitting	20	-1/0	n	-1/0	n	n	n	-1/0	
1.2: Prevention from additional soil sealing									
1.2.1 Site contains <40% sealed soil	10	n	n	+1/-1	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	+1/-1	
1.3: Support for urban inner development									
1.3.1 Site location within urban area	40	+1/-1	+1/-1	n	+1/-1	n	n	n	
2. PRESERVATION OF NATURE AND LANDSCAPE									
2.1: Preservation of sites important for urban ecology									
2.1.1 Site is part of a local habitat	40	-1/0	-1/0	n	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	
2.1.2 High value tree or plant populations	20	n	n	n	n	-1/0	-1/0	n	
2.2: Conservation of natural reserves									
2.2.1 Direct vicinity to nature reserve	40	-1/0	n	n	n	-1/0	-1/0	n	
3 RESOURCE CONSERVING & EMISSION REDUCING MOBILITY MANAGEMENT									
2 1: Descenting another descent and desterm									
3.1.1 Low canacity of access roads	30	n	n	n	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	
3 2: Reduction of individual car use					-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	
3.2.1 Good access to public transport	40	+1/-1	+1/-1	+1/0	+1/-1	n	+1/-1	+1/-1	
3.3: Protection of residents from transport emissions									
3.3.1 Access to clearway	20	n	n	n	n	+1/-1	+1/-1	n	
3.4: Support for non-motorized mobility									
3.4.1 Good accessibility for bikers	10	+1/-1	+1/-1	+1/-1	+1/-1	+1/0	+1/0	+1/0	
4. HIGH QUALITY RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT									
4.1: Good local sumplies									
4.1.1 Local amenities in walking distance	10	+1/-1	n	n	+1/0	n	n	n	
4.1.2 Primary school in walking distance	10	+1/-1	'n	'n	n	'n	'n	'n	
4.2: Preservation and development of local recreational spa	ce								
4.2.1 Great impact on recreational areas	20	-1/0	-1/0	n	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	
4.3: Preservation and upscaling of historic cityscape									
4.3.1 Historically relevant buildings	10	+1/0	n	-1/0	+1/0	-1/0	-1/0	+1/0	
4.3.2 Great influence on cityscape	10	n	n	+1/0	n	-1/0	-1/0	n	
4.4: Minimizing land use conflicts									
4.4.1 Neighbouring uses sensitive to immissions	40	n	n	n	n	-1/0	-1/0	n	
5. STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL ECONOMY									
5.1: Small hurden for local hudget by investment/follow-up	costs rel	ated to loca	linfrastr	ucture					
5.1.1 Good supply and disposal infrastructure	20	+1/-1	+1/-1	n	+1/-1	+1/-1	+1/-1	+1/-1	
5.2: Small burden for local budget related to site remediatio	n								
5.2.1 Site strongly contaminated	30	-1/0	-1/0	-1/0	n	n	n	-1/0	
5.3: Enhancement of local attractiveness by innovative busi	nesses								
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FRAMEWORK FOR COMPLETE "TRANSLATION" OF THE INDICATOR SET INTO ALGORITHMS:

Examples

Indicator: number and description	Weight [%]	SD	Evaluation algorithm/result for PU <i>x</i>
1 Residential areas in the surrounding area	2	R	If $NND(\mathbf{A}_{res}; \mathbf{x}) < thres_{1}$ then $k_{1,x} = \text{TRUE}$ Else $k_{1,x} = \text{FALSE}$
2 Green spaces in the surrounding area	2	R	$k_2 = \text{TRUE}$
3 Commercial areas within walking distance	2	R	If $NND(\mathbf{A}_{comm}; \mathbf{x}) < thres_3$ then $k_{3,x} = TRUE$ Else $k_{3,x} = FALSE$
4 Neighboring uses strongly emitting	4	R	If PU TOUCHES $A_{emitting}$ then $k_4 = TRUE$ Else $k_4 = FALSE$

Schädler et al. (2013) Landscape & Urban Planning, 111, 34-45



(3) Automated spatially explicit evaluation of sustainability

(i) Identify the most beneficial ALLOCATION of complementary land use

- ⇒ Location of PU more important than its size!
- ⇒ Independent of the land use types, any addition of complementary use enhances sustainability!
- ⇒ Identified the most beneficial "allocation regions" for the different use types





(3) Automated spatially explicit evaluation of sustainability

(ii) Identify the most beneficial AREAL FRACTION of complementary land use





(4) Optimization: Genetic Algorithms for identification of optimal reuse options



Adapted a multicriterial **genetic algorithm** (GA) approach to support generation and assessment of BR options.

- Map represented by a genome (Holzkaemper et al., 2006).
- → GA utilizes stochasticity to create "populations" of individuals (i.e. maps)
 - evaluation of individuals
 - "better" individuals "mate" to build next generation
 - crossover and mutation create new individuals
 - evolution over generations until convergence

Morio et al. (2013), J. Env. Management, 130, 331-346



(4) Economically optimized allocation of 3 land-use types





(4) Multi-objective optimization: Pareto-curves





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