## "REURIS" REVITALIZATION OF URBAN RIVER SPACES

# Brno pilot project REVITALIZATION OF OLD PONÁVKA RIVER

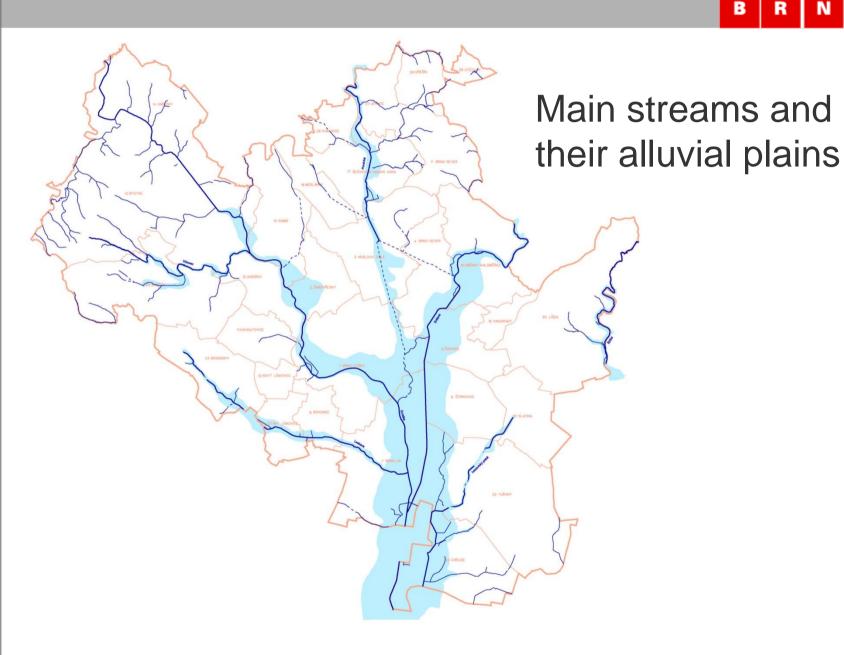
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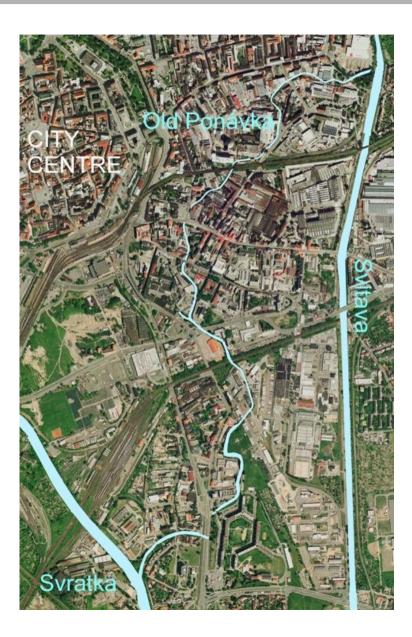




### History of water in the Brno city center



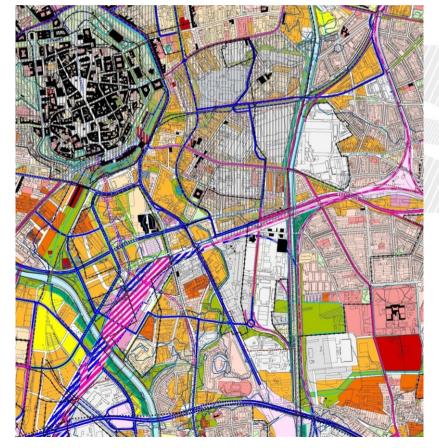
Water streams were gradually disappearing from the city center during last two centuries.



### Old Ponávka

(Svitavský náhon)

Master Plan



### **Basic information:**

- artificial water stream but in ancient natural riverbeds
- origin: 13th century
- length: 3,67 km
- pouring through industrial zones in the north and in the south through residential and mixed areas
- in the past it was source of water for surrounding factories

### Positive aspects +

- connects Svitava with Svratka
- close to city center
- zone in transformation
- big potential for city improvement

### Negative aspects –

- stream in unsuitable condition
- partly covered
- old industrial zone (BF)
- problems with water quality

# Reasons for choosing Old Ponávka River as pilot project:

- last conserved mill-race in the proximity of historical city center
- historical reminder of water in the past in Brno
- connects Svitava with Svratka **new connecting element** in the territory for pedestrians and cyclists
- zone in transformation (old industrial areas) big potential for revitalization of wider area (increasing attractiveness, quality of living and working conditions)
- conception of revitalization grounded in Master Plan of Brno
- new green axes in the Brno system of green spaces

















### Old Ponávka River







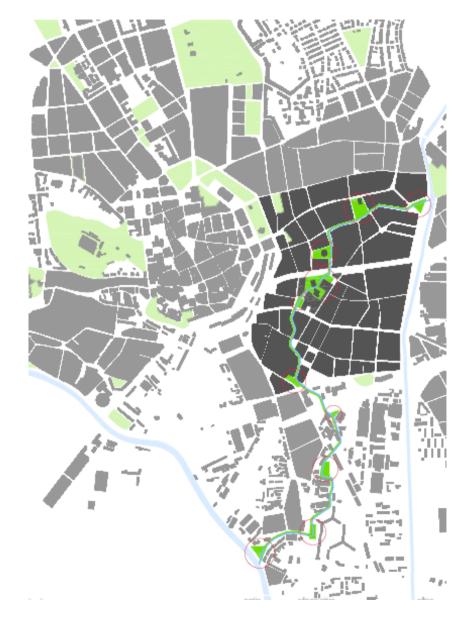












### **Objectives:**

- complex preparation of revitalization of Old Ponávka and its surroundings
- transformation of Old
   Ponávka river in a blue green axis integrated in the
   urban structure of the city
- we expect to take use of verified procedures and experience acquired within this project in revitalization of other urban river spaces of Brno

### **Expected positive impacts:**

- connection for pedestrians and cyclists between Svitava and Svratka rivers
- new connecting element between city center and country-side
- creation of new conditions for leisure and recreation
- building-up of connected system of public green spaces related with water stream
- revitalization of wider area (attractiveness, quality of living and working conditions, strengthening of business location)
- ecological reactivation of river and its waterfront
- allowing public access to river banks
- rise of public awareness of the problematic

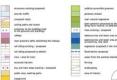
### **COMPLEX REVITALIZATION STUDY**

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- Complex Revitalization Study of Old Ponávka is the main output of the Brno pilot action.
- The aim of the Study is a complex proposal of revitalization measures on the water stream of Old Ponávka with its surroundings and its integration in the city life.
- The team elaborating the Study was composed of architects - town planners, revitalization - water management specialists, landscape architects and transport specialist.



### COMPLEX REVITALIZATION STUDY OF OLD PONÁVKA



COMPLEX DRAWING

### Main requirements for the proposal:

- vision for the whole stream
- connection for pedestrians and cyclists between Svitava and Svratka rivers
- public access to river banks
- connected system of public green spaces related with water stream (blue-green axis)
- ecological reactivation of river and its waterfronts



### **TEPLÁRNY**







### ŠKROBÁRNY







### KOMÁROV



### We have:

- Complex project documentation with the proposal for revitalization
- City of Brno became the administrator of the bigger part of the stream
- Local stakeholders involved
- Public awareness of the project
- Vision of revitalization grounded in Master Plan of Brno

### **Next steps:**

- Realization of the revitalization in the 3 selected localities
- Long-term gradual realization in other sections of the stream

### **Conditions:**

- Finding **financial sources** for realization out of the city budget is essential for successful achievement of the project due to the economic situation of the city
- Motivation of private investors to take part on the realization
- Continuous solution of property relations
- Keeping the vision in the long term!

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