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## DIPLOMA PROJECT EVALUATION : Štvanice Island in Prague : Markéta Sekerová

This diploma project involves substantial analysis and site research that supports a proposed landscape master planning and redevelopment of Štvanice Island in the Vlatva River. The goal of the project is to create a master plan that is built around existing features with significant economic, ecological or social value while proposing new features [built and un-built] that compliment the inherent qualities of the place.

With significant research and site analysis the candidate argues that Štvanice Island can be successful as an athletic and recreation amenity for the city of Prague, but is underutilized because of the lack of accessibility from neighboring districts particularly because of the conflict between vehicular roadways and accessible pedestrian and cycle ways. Therefore, with an improved mobility experience and direct linkages to its urban context, Štvanice Island can become a successful recreational node for citizens and visitors of Prague.

This diploma project is well structured and grounded with thorough research and design methodology. The English is good with few grammatical errors, though sometimes missing the point with wordy descriptions that do not adequately clarify intent. The candidate satisfied all of the requirements stated. It is clear that the topographic and site engineering has been done well. The main contribution of this project is the new vision for developing the pedestrian networks to adjacencies on the proposed Štvanice Footbridge while improving vehicular / pedestrian conflicts and fostering better overall connectivity with a proposed tram stop on Hlávka Bridge.

The project lacks clarity regarding annotation on plan and section drawings. The design execution of the main pedestrian and vehicular entry from Hlávka Bridge is unclear and could improve. The evaluator has to infer the proclaimed economic, ecological and social benefits of the solution. Practically speaking, the proposed athletic facility will need an operator who will inform its program and spatial characteristics. Specifically, the candidate did not provide detailed annotation and data for economic and ecological benefit. This data would significantly improve the proposed thesis.

Overall, the candidate shows good command of landscape planning principles and has produced original thought on the design proposition for Štvanice Island.

In conclusion, this project meets international standards for a diploma-level project. I recommend that the diploma project receives the grade of : B.



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