

## CATEGORY 1: MUNICIPAL GREEN AREAS – ECOLOGICALLY DESIGNED AND CULTIVATED



© M. Rudolf, Stadtverwaltung Oelsnitz/Erzgeb.

### **MUNICIPALITY OF OELSNITZ/ERZGEBIRGE (DE, 2015) LINE IN THE LANDSCAPE - THE CITIZEN'S AND FAMILY PARK OELSNITZ/ERZGEBIRGE**

The new park covering an area of 15 hectares was created on a former freight yard in Oelsnitz in the German Erzgebirge. The linear structure, already existing vegetation, relics of its former use, as well as historic buildings have been taken up in the design. Species-rich shrub and meadow mixtures, the use of typical materials and the integration of areas of intensive use, as well as nature conservation areas create a landscape park with a high degree of diversity, combining the history of this location with today's needs regarding free spaces and keeping its memories alive. The park is characterised by different location conditions as well as by the adapted fauna and flora, reaching from flood areas of the pond landscape to dry railway wasteland. The fauna and flora should not be levelled but maintained instead, much like existing precious biotope structures for nature conservation. The central "Big Meadow" has been composed with a specific mixture. In the pond landscape, the flower formation of wild shrub fringes have been designed to have a remote effect; a nearby, perceptible abundance of flowers is also offered from the embankment. The railway wasteland is characterised by ruderal vegetation. In the track gardens, tree groups have been set up from pioneer shrubs and bushes and completed with individual plantings by using shrub plantings. Biotopes specified in compliance with planning law in the nursing concept are intended to maintain or enlarge the diversity of species in the long term. Volunteer helpers provide support to the gardener in the cultivation.

