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The *Waterscapes* pamphlet presents a selection of eight landscape architecture projects elaborated by students at the ETH Zürich. In the context of a design studio, students are asked to work topographically on existing sites, combining traditional landscape design with advanced CNC tools to develop new environments better adapted to flooding and natural erosion in the Alps.

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