

Generative Care

Unlocking the true potential of Centralasmet of Vrije has been the driving force behind Generative Care's two-phase intervention. Phase One involved keeping the hospital operational while implementing three interventions to spark dialogue with citizens about the area's future, explore the value of existing structures, and envision new ways for them. Building on the insights gained, Phase Two will focus on a large-scale transformation of the existing structures, reusing materials, adding elements, and restructuring streets to breathe new life into the site.

The revitalized area will investigate Vrije's connection to the green belt and the lake, enhancing the public space for everyone's enjoyment. Taking care of the existing hospital is an opportunity for Vrije to build the way in urbanism, reinforcing its status as "Europe's premiere city" while considering economic and social perspectives. This endeavor not only has the potential to become a national attraction but also provides a new framework for the local community to thrive.

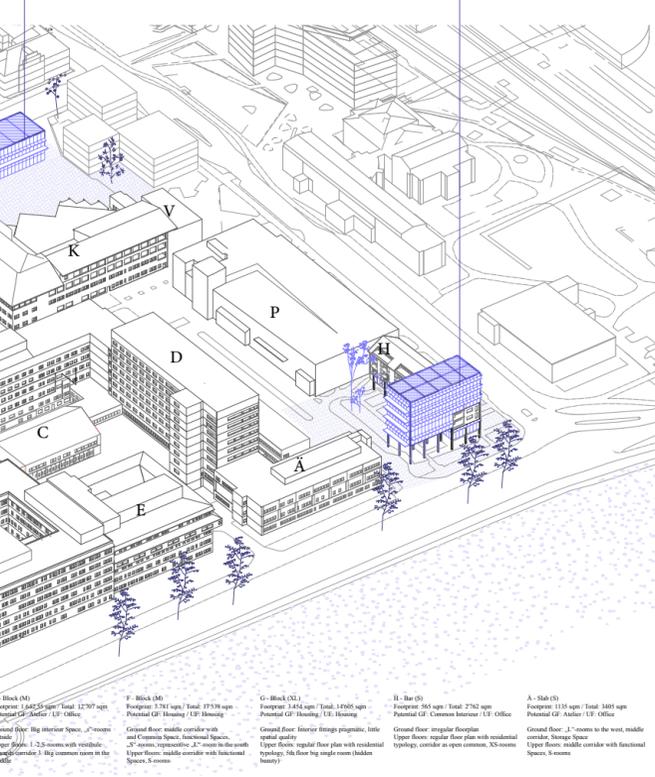
Reacting to the City
Strategically positioned in three corners of the hospital site, these poles are activating and opening up the area towards the city by creating direct connections with the park and the building path along the water, they serve as vital links, engaging citizens in envisioning the future development of the old hospital.

(C) Research of Landscape
Recreating natural soil on a former car park, the pole for Research of Landscape provides a space for professionals and the public to meet and explore new possibilities in the site's natural domain. Open to the park, it facilitates ongoing research and solutions are discussed, creating an environment of collaborative creation. Building Q is supported to create a double-height laboratory space, while the current program is moved to a new extension on the roof, also housing offices for landscape researchers. (section 1.500)



A Pathology of the Existing
Detailed studies of the existing structures reveal their potential and versatility. The building's fundamental "hardcore" and fluid qualities offer opportunities for diverse interventions and new uses. This work has just begun and will further evolve with Phase One's activities.

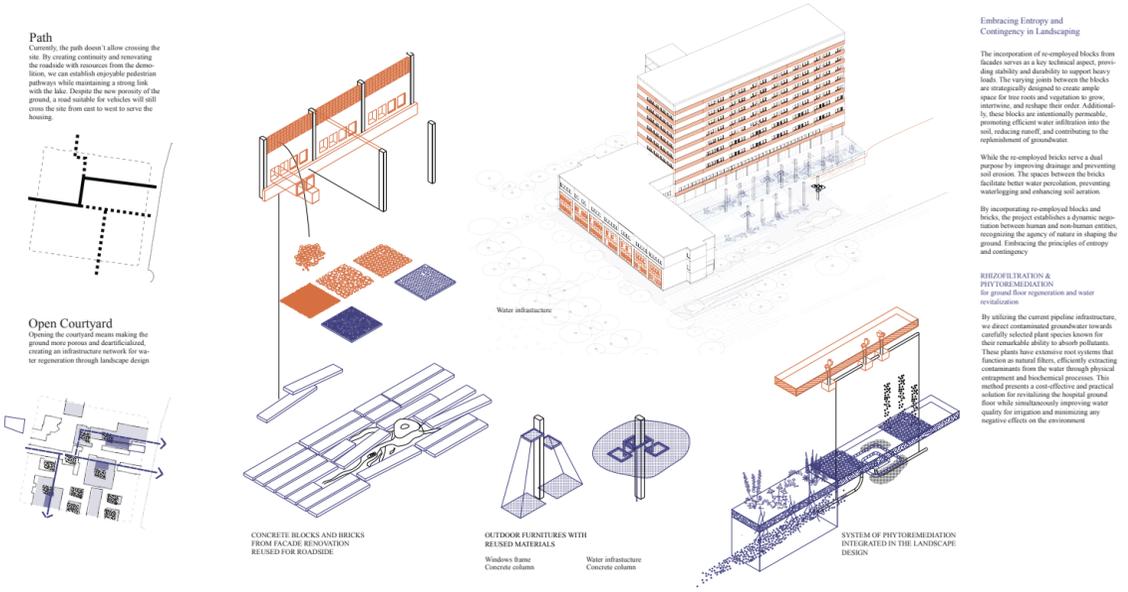
(B) Research of Reuse
The pole for Research of Reuse, with direct access to the street and a spacious courtyard, optimizes the building and existing garage in building M. Two floors of generous workshop spaces, high ceilings, and open space offer versatile potential for various uses. Existing materials found on-site, offices for different research activities are installed on mezzanine, fostering a collaborative and creative environment. (section 1.500)



Integrating the City



Toolbox for Metabolic urban landscape



Toolbox for Metabolic architecture

