GreenCityPuzzle

perspective Forest Belt

The newly planned urban district plays a central role in linking the landscape of Regensburg's northern urban area. The ambition was not only to create new urban qualities, but also to merge the surrounding natural structures more closely together. In particular, the surrounding forests are not cut up by the new district but deliberately connected.

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4,2km Forest trail

to enjoy right next to your doorstep

The concept envisages connecting the surrounding wooded areas. The connecting element is the Forest Belt, which surrounds the core area of the newly planned urban district. Targeted afforestation of the surrounding forest areas in the direction of the Forest Belt ensures that the previously individual structures are linked together. This results in a coherent biotope network that benefits both biodiversity as well as the inhabitants.

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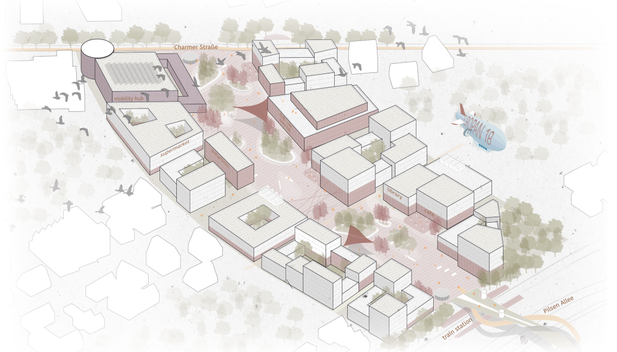

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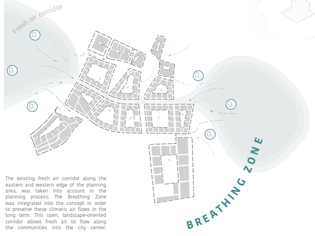
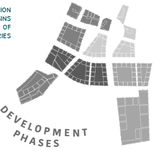


The existing fresh air corridor along the eastern and western edge of the planning area is to be kept free from any new planning projects. The Breathing Zone was integrated into the concept in order to preserve these climatic air flows in the long term. This open, landscape-oriented corridor allows fresh air to flow along the communities into the city center.

87% utilization of the retention basins during a rain event of a 100-year rain series

In the newly planned district, a retention basin system will be created. All rainwater that accumulates on non-drainable surfaces will be diverted into the retention basins, where it can seep away and evaporate. The retention basins are located in the Community Parks, which are also the largest green spaces in the Forest Belt. The distribution of the retention basins ensures an even distribution of rainwater runoff. This improves the urban microclimate and promotes biodiversity and sustainable urban water management.



1.980 people move in- the urban district comes to life

In the residential neighborhoods, future residents will have the opportunity to form a living community, to actively participate in shaping the space requirements and layout. The modular housing forms are built like a building kit system and can be flexibly adapted to different lifestyles.

phase I
phase II
phase III

10 Busstops to connect the area

In the urban design concept, three strategically positioned mobility hubs each serve specific functions. The northern hub, located near the commercial area, acts as a terminus for buses and a transfer point for freight traffic, thereby relieving adjacent residential zones. The hub at the train station focuses on central connectivity, efficiently linking various modes of transport such as rail, bicycle, and bus. The third hub, situated near schools and the swimming center, organizes school and leisure traffic. All three hubs also function as neighborhood garages for the surrounding areas and promote sustainable, lower mobility through shared mobility services and charging infrastructure.

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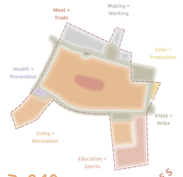

7.010 people find their home here

Main uses

In the central area, which is currently undeveloped, eight new communities are being created as well as the centre of the district with a train station, local amenities and other public facilities. The result is a diversely structured neighbourhood that meets the different requirements of its users.

Communities

1/3 sealed urban district breathes

The urban structure is divided into four overarching areas, each with different main uses. The south-western area is dominated by the existing development of detached houses and apartment blocks. A modern health centre is being built directly adjacent to the Forest Belt. In the transition to the Hasibach industrial estate, new commercial areas are being built. The south-eastern area is being developed into an educational and sports campus with a primary school.

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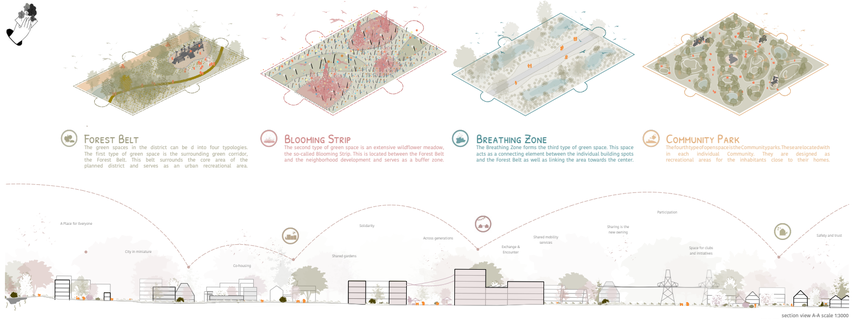

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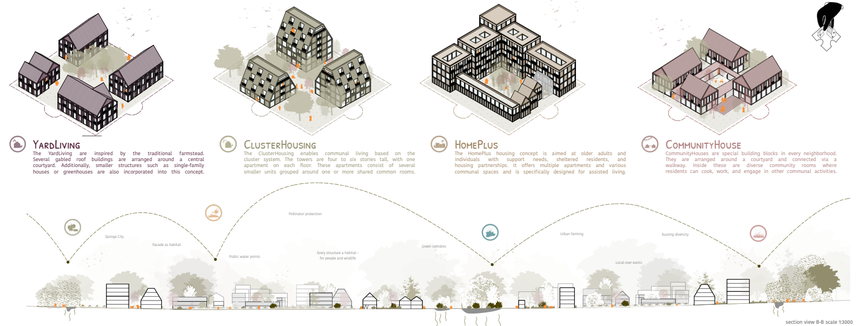
focus on the community infrastructure

Forest Belt
The green spaces in the district can be d into four typologies. The first type of green space is the surrounding green corridor, the Forest Belt. This belt surrounds the core area of the planned district and serves as an urban recreational area.

Blooming Strip
The second type of green space is an extensive wildflower meadow, the so-called Blooming Strip. This is located between the Forest Belt and the neighborhood development and serves as a buffer zone.

Breathing Zone
The Breathing Zone forms the third type of green space. This space acts as a connecting element between the individual building spots and the Forest Belt as well as linking the area towards the center.

Community Park
The fourth type of open space is the Community parks. These are located within each individual Community. They are designed as recreational areas for the inhabitants close to their homes.



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focus on the ecosystem

YardLiving
The YardLiving are inspired by the traditional farmstead. Several gabled roof buildings are arranged around a central courtyard. Additionally, smaller structures such as single-family houses or greenhouses are also incorporated into this concept.

ClusterHousing
The ClusterHousing enables communal living based on the cluster system. The towers are four to six stories tall, with one apartment on each floor. These apartments consist of several smaller units grouped around one or more shared common rooms.

HomePlus
The HomePlus housing concept is aimed at older adults and individuals with support needs, sheltered residents, and housing partnerships. It offers multiple apartments and various communal spaces and is specifically designed for assisted living.

CommunityHouse
CommunityHouses are special building blocks in every neighborhood. They are arranged around a courtyard and connected via a walkway. Inside these are diverse community rooms where residents can cook, work, and engage in other communal activities.

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Family Schulz, live in one the YardLiving. They chose this city district because of its public transport connections and proximity to the child daycare. Mr. Schulz usually commutes takes the bus, while the father and children cycle to school and work. In the afternoon, the children play together in the Community Park while the adults chat over a cup of coffee.

Dieter lives with other elderly friends in an age-appropriate assisted living facility. There, neighbors and elderly residents help each other. The neighbors in the district, the nursing staff and the older residents take care of the children. This creates a lively exchange between the residents, which enriches both sides and keeps the senior citizens fit.

Yusuf, a middle-aged man, can usually work from anywhere thanks to his job. He makes use of the diverse work opportunities in the district. Whether in the co-working spaces and cafés with Wi-Fi, he can also work in one of the four green spaces if he needs to go on a business trip, he can reach the train station from his home in just a few minutes.

Artist Aurelia lives in a shared apartment in one of the ClusterHouses with other creative minds. The nature on her doorstep inspires her artistic work, which is the main reasons she moved there. The neighbors encourage social interaction, and she regularly exhibits her Artworks in the multi-functional event hall, sometimes with sales success.

After Christian and Julius moved to their new home, the couple found the friendly neighborhood they had hoped for. They live together in a mixed-age and mixed-income groups and take part in community neighborhood activities such as gardening or cooking together. In addition to these activities, the two have also founded clubs.

Paul, Michelle, Clara & Theo, a group of friends, live in a shared apartment. They are enthusiastic about the wide range of social and economic opportunities that the area is studying in Regensburg and travel to university. They cultivate a small field together, grow their own vegetables and enjoy the nearby cafés and the diverse natural surroundings.