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Population

Location

270,000

Reese Barracks

Study area 44 ha

Site area

Centerville Nord	(
Abraxas CulturalCentre	
Langemarckstrasse	

0.8 ha 3.7 ha 3.7 ha

Theme

The central aspect for future planning is to heal the breach in utilisation caused by the period of military use and to integrate the area into the urban network. The competition area offers the possibility of constructing urban intensity and variety of living on existing buildings or of realising this in the form of new architecture.





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Conurbation

The regional centre Augsburg, as the third largest town in Bavaria, is the historical, cultural and economic centre of the region with a commercial area of 600,000 inhabitants. Founded 2000 years ago as a Roman camp, Augsburg experienced its heyday as a trading city in the Fugger times. This historical context cannot be overlooked and is ever present in the many historical listed buildings.

The trade fair and university town which Augsburg is today has successfully survived the transformation from a town of the textile industry to one as services provider as well as being a town of ecological competency.

Site

The area of the former Reese Barracks with its approx. 44 hectares, lies in the western part of Augsburg in the middle of the town guarter of Kriegshaber. Because of the former military utilisation, the area is not interwoven with the surrounding areas. Three partial areas are on offer for reconstruction inside the site, in the middle of which a central green strip should be created. The area is connected through the tram to the north, and through the bus route of the public transport system to the east and south.



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Attractive residential space which looks on to the central green strip should be built.

The area of Centerville Nord, which is characterised by intact publicly funded housing in typical American residential style, should be offered further urban development through social and cultural projects as well as a housing project for elderly people. In the area between the Abraxas cultural centre and the School for the Hearing-Impaired the municipality is looking for an improvement of the surroundings of the residential area. In the north-west area, architectural measures should lead to an improvement of the site into an attractive residential area.

Issues

functional: The variety in residential life should be realised through new residential and building typologies as well as through complementary social and cultural offers.

SOCial : The residential range on offer should serve to improve the population and/or social structure (e.g. smaller flats for families after the children have left home, different generations living together and young families).

perceptual : An important element for the development of the whole area is the planned green strip, which will run from the south to the north covering all of the partial areas. This requires dealing with the theme "Life in nature in urban surroundings".













