

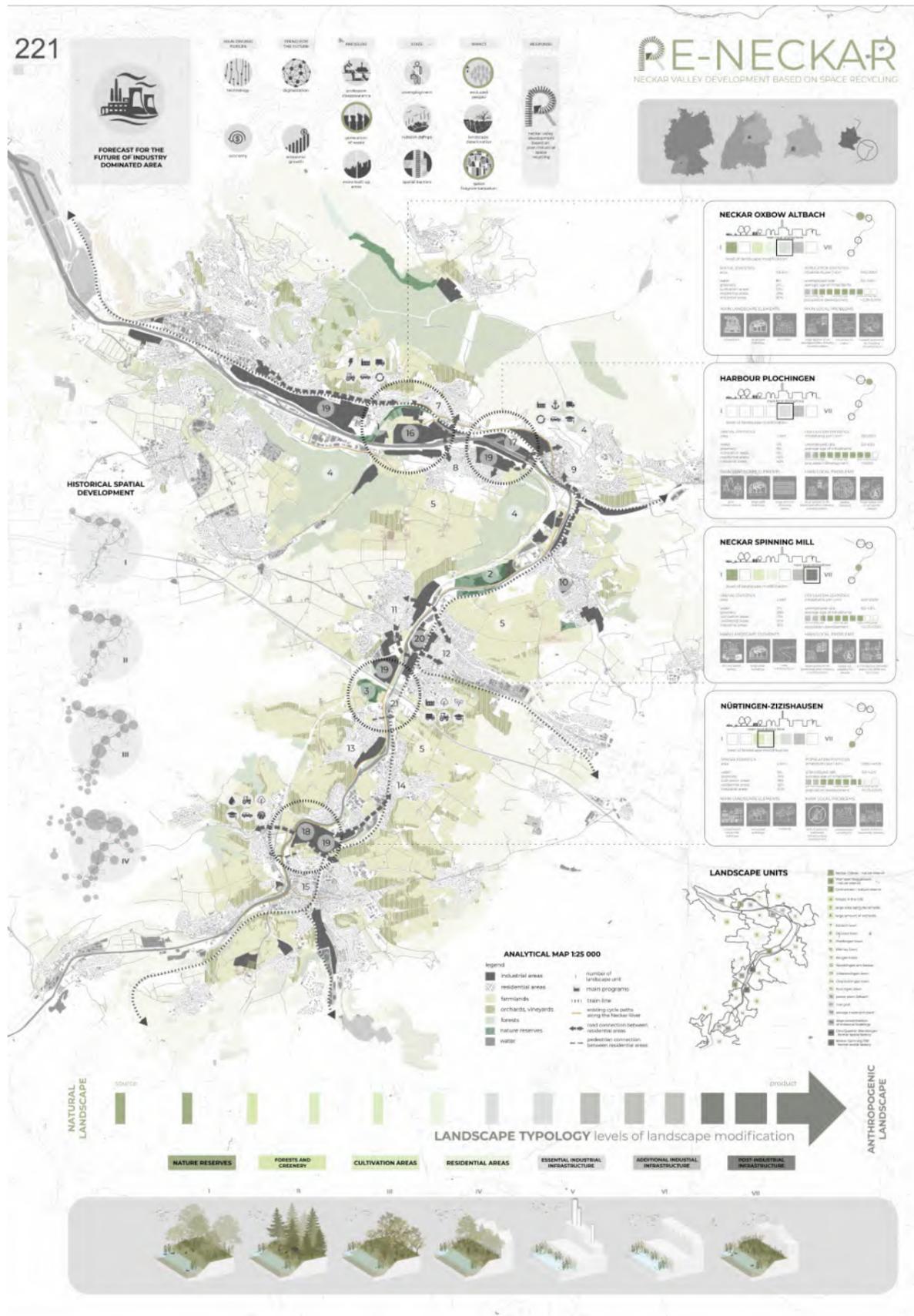
# International Student Competition

Neckar Landscape Park  
 Re-imagining the Productive City Region

Working Period: October 2022 - January 2023

## Winning teams and finalists





# First Prize

**Gdańsk University of Technology, Poland**

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## Re-Neckar. Neckar Valley redevelopment based on space recycling

Neckar is a river located in south-western Germany, going through the city of Stuttgart, but most importantly for our project it is going through cities of Altbach, Plochingen, Unterensingen and Wendlingen am Neckar and Nürtingen-Zizishausen. The whole concept of the project is to connect those cities by creating a circular link providing new healthy ideas for people, environment and economy.

Our idea of circular economy concerning all four areas is to create spaces for reusing non-decomposable building waste and creating new ways of using it again as a building material. First area, in which we will go into details later, is going to be an area of laboratories and science work. Moreover, the area will be enriched with new public spaces connected to the science, with an educational aspect. Second area, which is a harbour space, could be developed to become a storehouse for all the waste. The materials could be transported to the area by the train or by the river. The third area could be a part of the science process. Old manufactures could be reused as buildings for chemical and mechanical processes of transforming waste. Last area is going to be expanded and developed from the reused waste.

Coming back to the island near Altbach, the idea for this area is to create laboratories and a science centre from the powerplant building complex. In 50 years, a shift to green energy is very possible. A powerplant will no longer be needed, due to new ways of creating energy. Energy could be produced from wind, sun, water, vegetation or even plastic. Our complex will have its magazine area, laboratories for scientists and a science centre for educational and also fun purposes. Moreover, a conference centre is giving possibilities for other people connected to science to broaden their horizons and learn about new technologies.

On the east of the island there is going to be an area for tourists, where they can find places for sport and cultural activities. In the place of magazine halls we would like to

# RE-NECKAR

NECKAR VALLEY DEVELOPMENT BASED ON SPACE RECYCLING

## NECKAR VALLEY LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE NO. 1: SPACE FRAGMENTATION

RESPONSE:



**CONNECTIVITY**  
BEFORE: Industrial zones separated due to the linear railway and canal  
AFTER: Industrial zones transformed into attractive residential zones between green fields located in the Neckar river valley

**ACCESSIBILITY**  
BEFORE: Neckar river banks with no access for people due to the industrial zones scattered there  
AFTER: Neckar river banks adapted for public use, public spaces available for everyone and connected together to create green public corridor along river



### CONCEPT MAP 1:25 000

- Industrial areas
- Residential areas
- Formal plots
- Orchards, vineyards
- Forests
- Nature reserves
- Water
- Transformation of post-industrial landscape
- To residential and service areas
- To urban farming plots
- To recreational and green areas
- Transformation of program and mobility system
- Existing main programs
- New main programs on the site
- New accompanying programs on the site
- Stairs for
- New system of cycle paths along the Neckar
- Recreation and recreation within connections between residential areas

### STAGES OF THE NECKAR VALLEY DEVELOPMENT



NATURAL LANDSCAPE

ANTHROPOGENIC LANDSCAPE

### LANDSCAPE TYPOLOGY planned transformation of new landscape modification

- NATURE RESERVES
- FORESTS AND GREENERY
- CULTIVATION AREAS
- RESIDENTIAL AREAS
- ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- POST-INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE



create housing buildings that can also restore canal bank. Between the buildings there are neighbourhood gardens where residents can all together take care of vegetation. This is a way to create bonds between people and place. Lastly, green farming areas and garden plots are preserved and open for people. They are connected to the Heinrich-Mayer Park.

The park and buildings create a view axis that leads to the public space in the area of science centre and longshore promenade. The idea for the business is to create new working places for workers who used to work in the powerplant. Moreover, laboratories focus on the environment and help to preserving it by searching for new ways of reusing building waste. The resources could come from re-built areas near the Neckar river and be for example: concrete, window frames or light bulbs. It is a huge opportunity for science world, environment and local people.

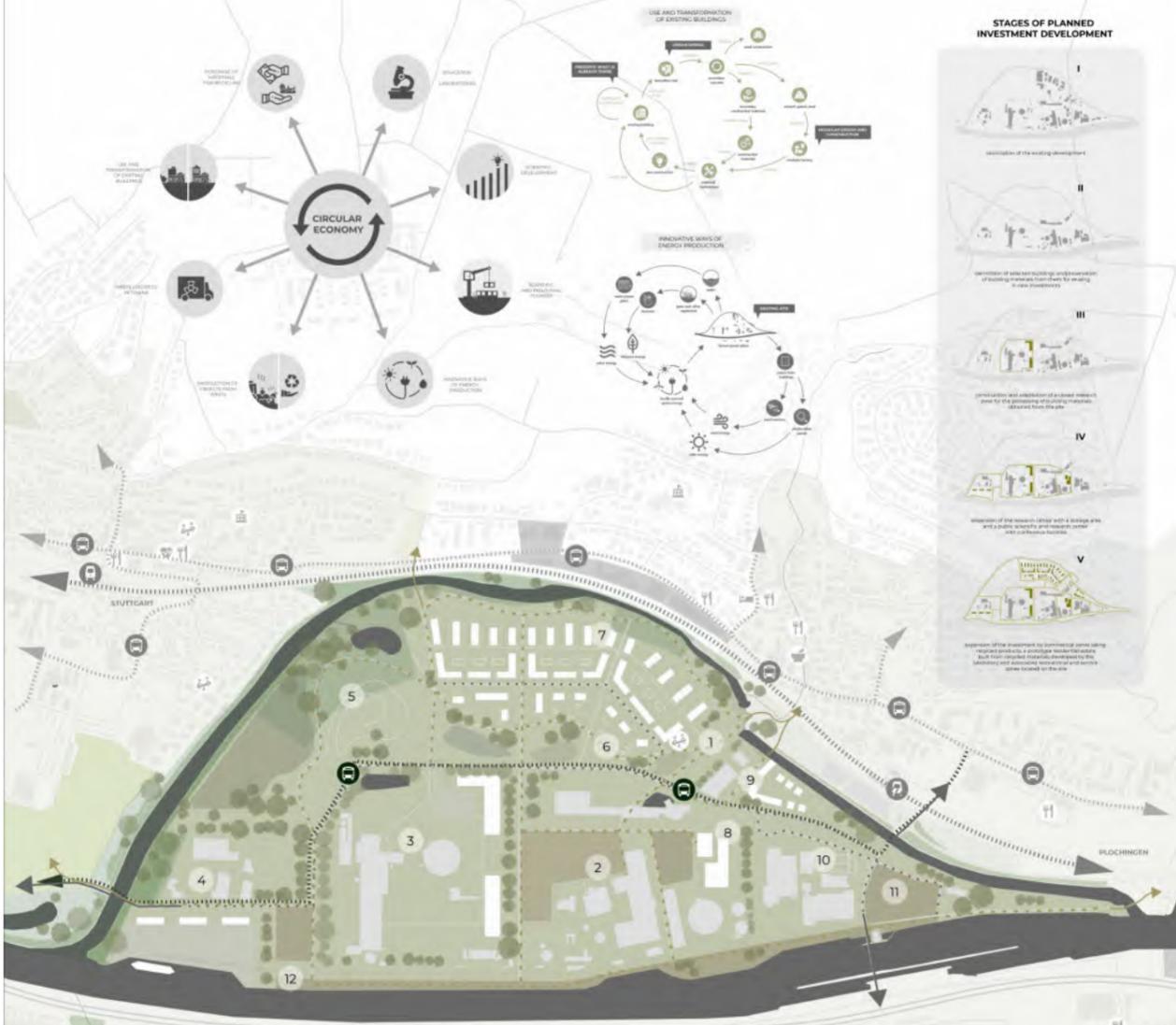
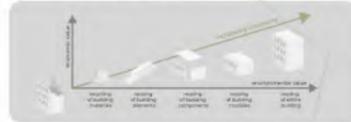
In conclusion, this change would make the area of Neckar river a cradle of circular economy. The complex of laboratories and science centre will bring new life to the beautiful area of the island by Altbach. Also, it will give new opportunities for economical growth of the region.

SPATIAL TRANSFORMATION



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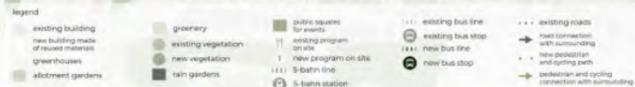
NECKAR VALLEY LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE NO. 2: GENERATION OF WASTE RESPONSE:



STAGES OF PLANNED INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT



MASTERPLAN OF THE NECKAR OXBOW ALTBACH SITE 1:3 000

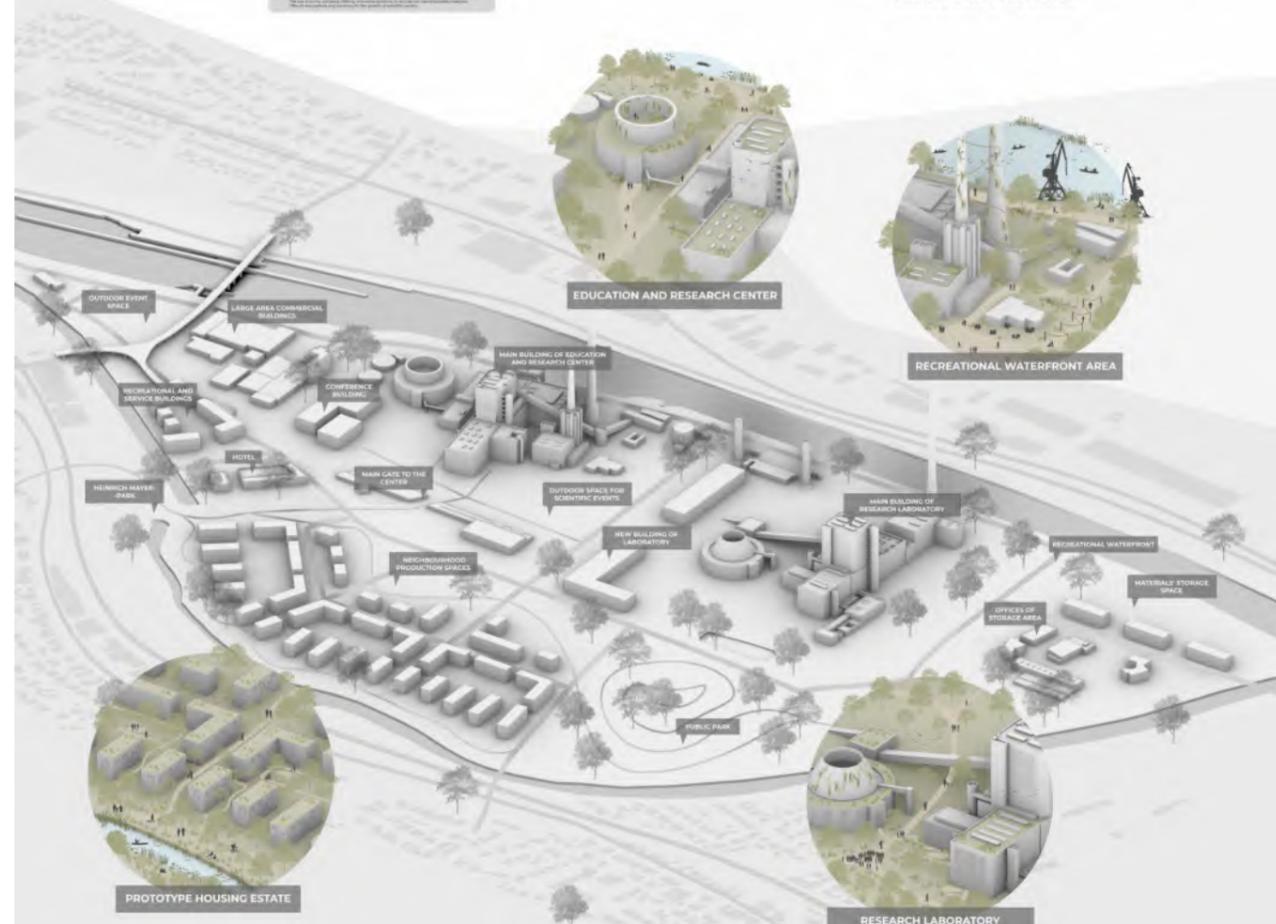
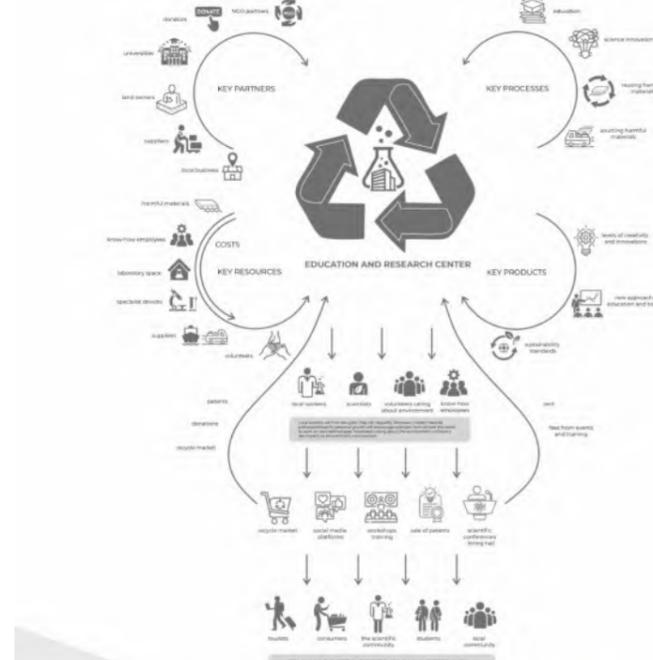


LANDSCAPE UNITS



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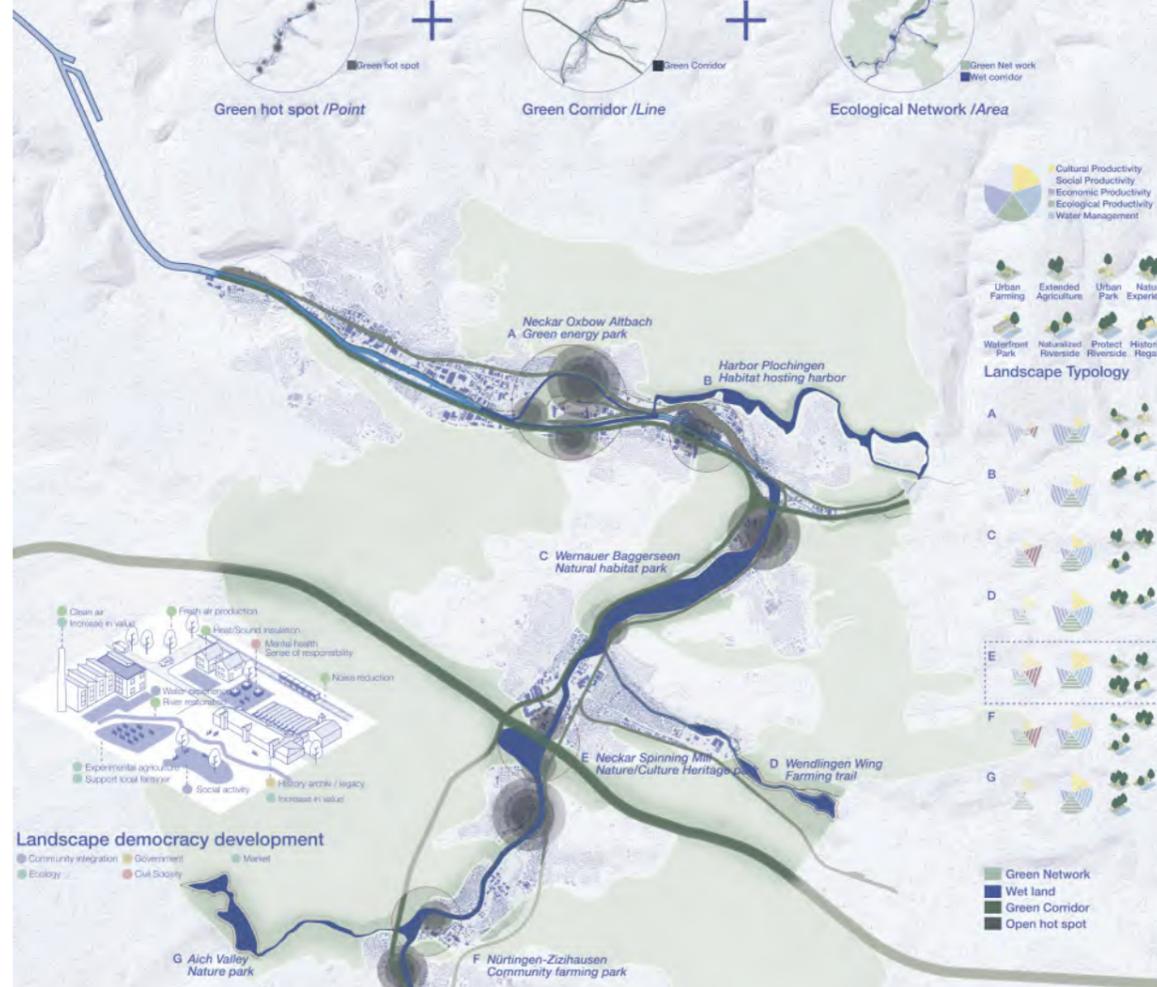
NECKAR VALLEY LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE NO. 3: EXCLUDED PEOPLE RESPONSE:





# Release the Surface

Concept Idea 0.5km



## Riverside Situation

### Industrial Area

Enormous space used for industrial recycle space transformed into the open space or vegetation succession will start. Huge building will be renovated into the scientific functions which support people's activities.

### Mobility

Train railway will be transformed green railway, which will affect for noise absorption. Road roads will be transformed into water absorbed asphalt which will enrich the soil and resilient for heavy rainfall. River side will be open for people and river shape will be curvy to control the flow speed.

### Nature

After the flood or cultivation, the vegetation succession will start. Medium term will be the most variable species will co-exist, people can walk through the vegetation. After year by year, the landscape will be changed, eventually it will become forest.



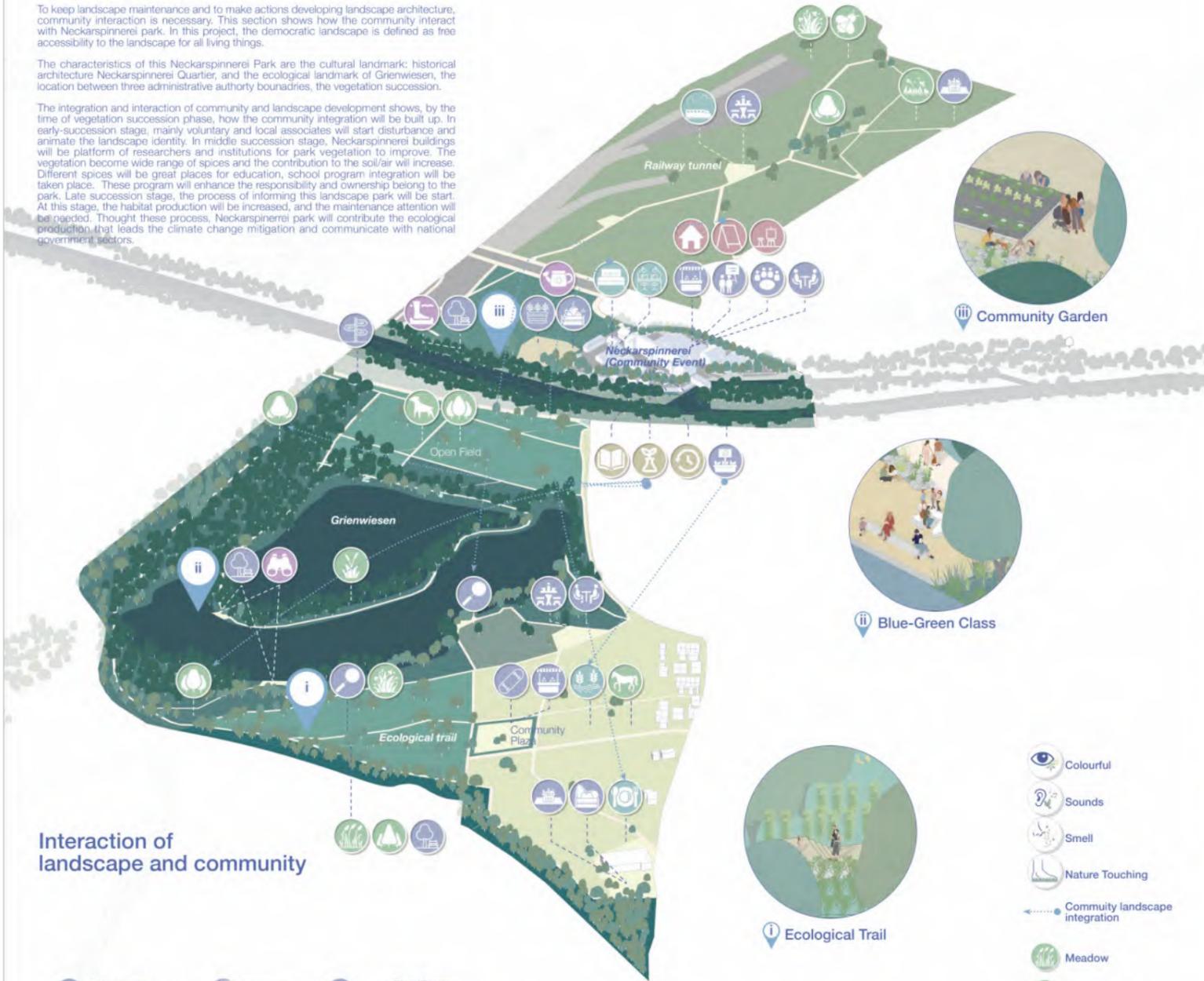
# Release the Surface

## Landscape Interaction

To keep landscape maintenance and to make actions developing landscape architecture, community interaction is necessary. This section shows how the community interact with Neckarspinnerei park. In this project, the democratic landscape is defined as free accessibility to the landscape for all living things.

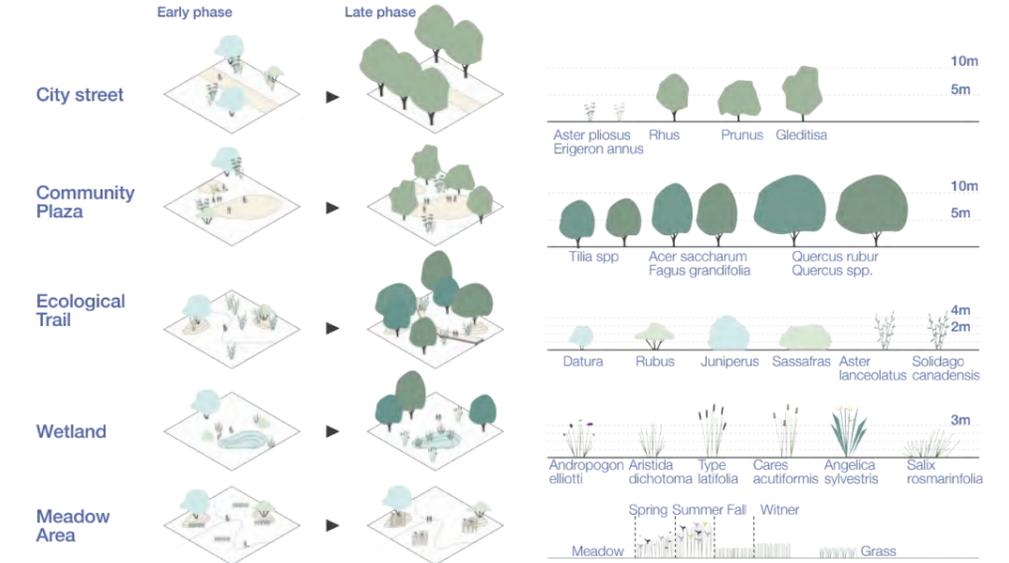
The characteristics of this Neckarspinnerei Park are the cultural landmark: historical architecture Neckarspinnerei Quarter, and the ecological landmark of Grienwiesen, the location between three administrative authority boundaries, the vegetation succession.

The integration and interaction of community and landscape development shows, by the time of vegetation succession phase, how the community integration will be built up. In early-succession stage, mainly voluntary and local associates will start disturbance and animate the landscape identity. In middle succession stage, Neckarspinnerei buildings will be platform of researchers and institutions for park vegetation to improve. The vegetation become wide range of species and the contribution to the soil/air will increase. Different species will be great places for education, school program integration will be taken place. These program will enhance the responsibility and ownership belong to the park. Late succession stage, the process of informing this landscape park will be start. At this stage, the habitat production will be increased, and the maintenance attention will be needed. Thought these process, Neckarspinnerei park will contribute the ecological production that leads the climate change mitigation and communicate with national government sectors.

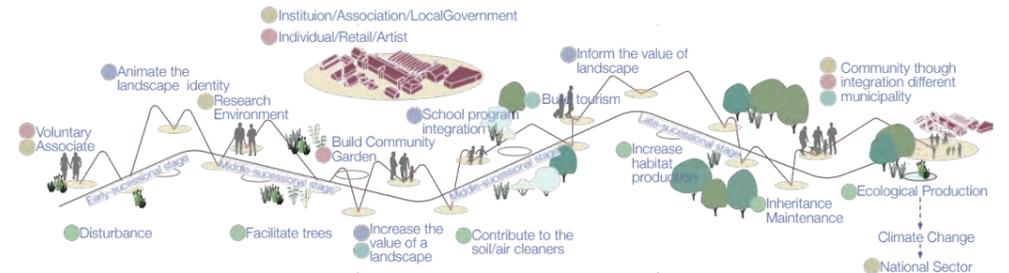


## Interaction of landscape and community

- Community Interaction
- Spatial Experience
- Government
- Private
- Economic
- Ecological
- Learning
- Meeting point
- Rest point
- Regional Signboard
- Experiment Farm
- Market
- Blue/Green classroom
- Café meeting
- Picnic table/area
- Skateboard
- Observation point
- Experiment Institute
- Art studio
- House
- Exhibition
- Short stay
- Co-working space
- Agriculture field
- Restaurant
- Railway view point
- Meadow
- Aquatic plant
- Habitat hotspot
- Dog run
- Horse Tracking
- Conifer tree
- Deciduous tree



## Landscape spacial transformation



## Integration and Interaction of community and landscape development



Ecological trail



Grienwiesen Green blue class

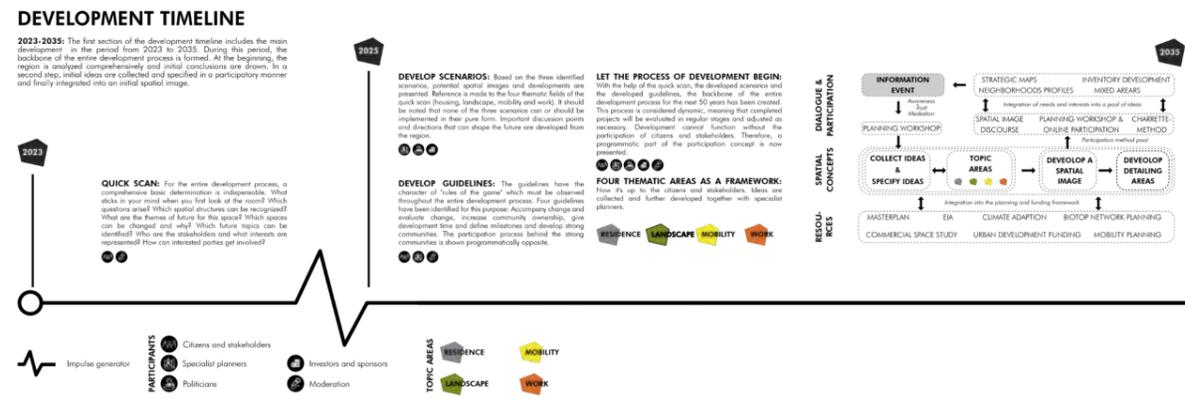
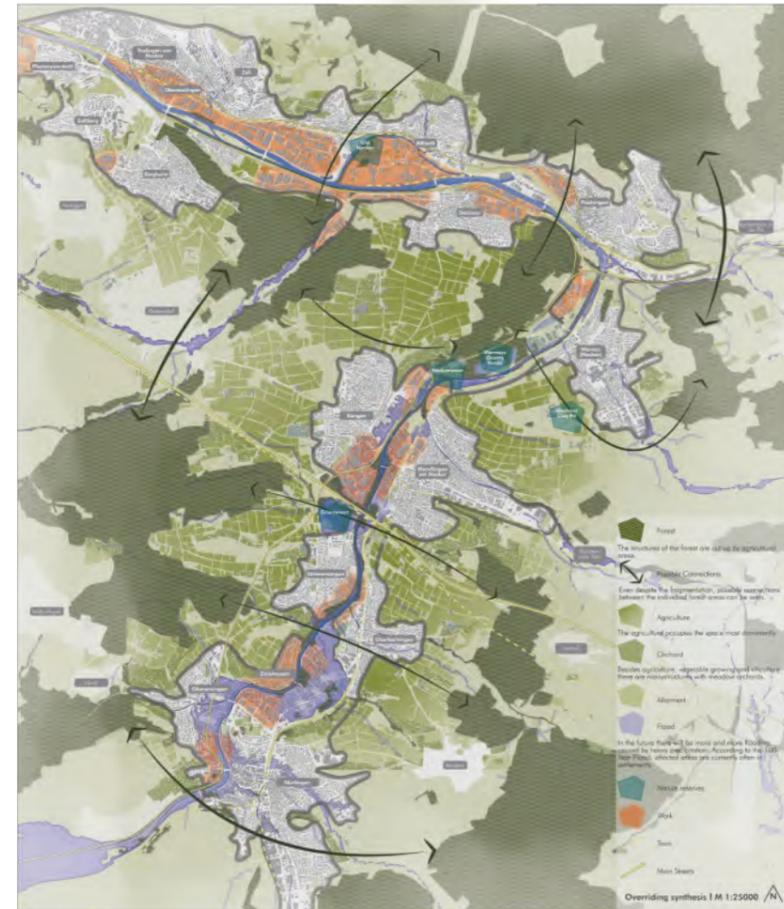
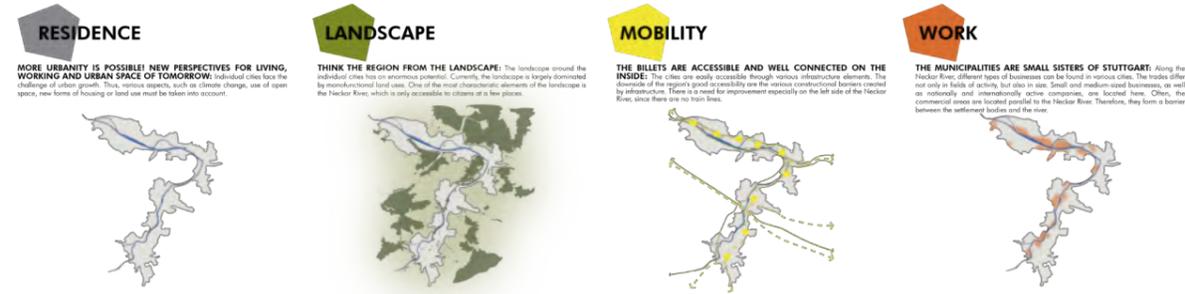


Neckarspinnerei Community Market



Railway tunnel park

# 123 SPINNING IDEAS FURTHER at NECKAR LANDSCAPE PARK



# Third Prize

## Hochschule Geisenheim University, Germany

Anke Otten, Konstantin Schmitt, Jonas Börner, Saskia Quint

### Spinning Ideas Further

In the period up to 2070, cities will face particular challenges. In analyzing the planning area, the subjects of residence, landscape, mobility and work emerged as key aspects with immense development potential. All of these are in conflict with the impacts of climate change.

Through the concept 'spinning ideas further' it is possible to strengthen the identity of the neighborhoods. Central is a quick access to green space, especially for the green-blue areas around the Neckar River. Here, a great potential for combining ecosystem services, flood prevention measures and local recreation becomes apparent. In addition, the renaturalized forests as well as the traditional vineyards and orchards are increasing. In the mobility sector, the existing infrastructure will be upgraded, especially for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. Due to digitalization, many people work in flexible places, in mixed-use neighborhoods.

Guidelines are needed to achieve these goals. These include monitoring and evaluating change, giving time to change and setting goals, creating strong communities and shared value.

Wendlingen's old Cotton Mill area in particular becomes a field of experimentation and a future best practice model illustrating the points mentioned above. Through temporary projects, new developments can be tested together with citizens and expert planners and incorporated into the spatial image. By preserving the factory buildings, an important contribution is made to the preservation of the industrial and cultural heritage. The urban reorganization creates a self-regulating social structure within the dense existing development, which can pursue various uses and activities

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## LANDSCAPE

- AGRARHUBS** Green centers | Organic farming | Nature education
- PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPE** Avoid monoculture and plant new cultures | Create small-sized landscape mosaics | Local products
- WATER LANDSCAPES** Renaturation | Develop tourism | Recreation right up the doorstep
- GREEN LABELS** New usage of fallow land | Support biodiversity | Forest conservation



### FOUR THEMATIC AREAS AS A FRAMEWORK:

- RESIDENCE**
  - KEEP CLEAR CONTOURS** Restrict growth and spread livable places | Create welcoming spots | Target networking
  - STRENGTHEN URBAN CENTERS** Avoid vacancies | Allow temporary use | Strengthen identification | Qualified green spaces
  - PRESERVE THE OLD AND USE THE NEW** Recognize inventory as an important resource | Develop landmarks
  - SUSTAINABLE RESIDENTIAL AND OPEN SPACE** Promote a mix of uses in the districts
- LANDSCAPE**
  - AGRARHUBS** Green centers | Organic farming | Nature education
  - PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPE** Avoid monoculture and plant new cultures | Create small-sized landscape mosaics | Local products
  - WATER LANDSCAPES** Renaturation | Develop tourism | Recreation right up the doorstep
  - GREEN LABELS** New usage of fallow land | Support biodiversity | Forest conservation
- MOBILITY**
  - BEING IN REACH** Reachability and movement on different scales
  - USAGE OF EXISTING STRUCTURES** Transform existing structures | Climate adaptation | Green paths connect the municipalities
  - URBAN MOTORS** Mobility HUBS on nodes
  - SHUTTLE** Shuttle buses are connecting the municipalities on the left side of the Neckar | Connection to the train stations
- WORK**
  - COOL WORKING** Climate-adapted workplaces | Green-blue commercial areas
  - PLACES OF INNOVATION** Commercial spaces as thinktanks of the settlements | Pulsing and dynamic creative centers
  - TRANSFORMING SPACES** Common process of a socio-ecological urban and open space development
  - SMART WORK** Remote work | Extensive digital infrastructure

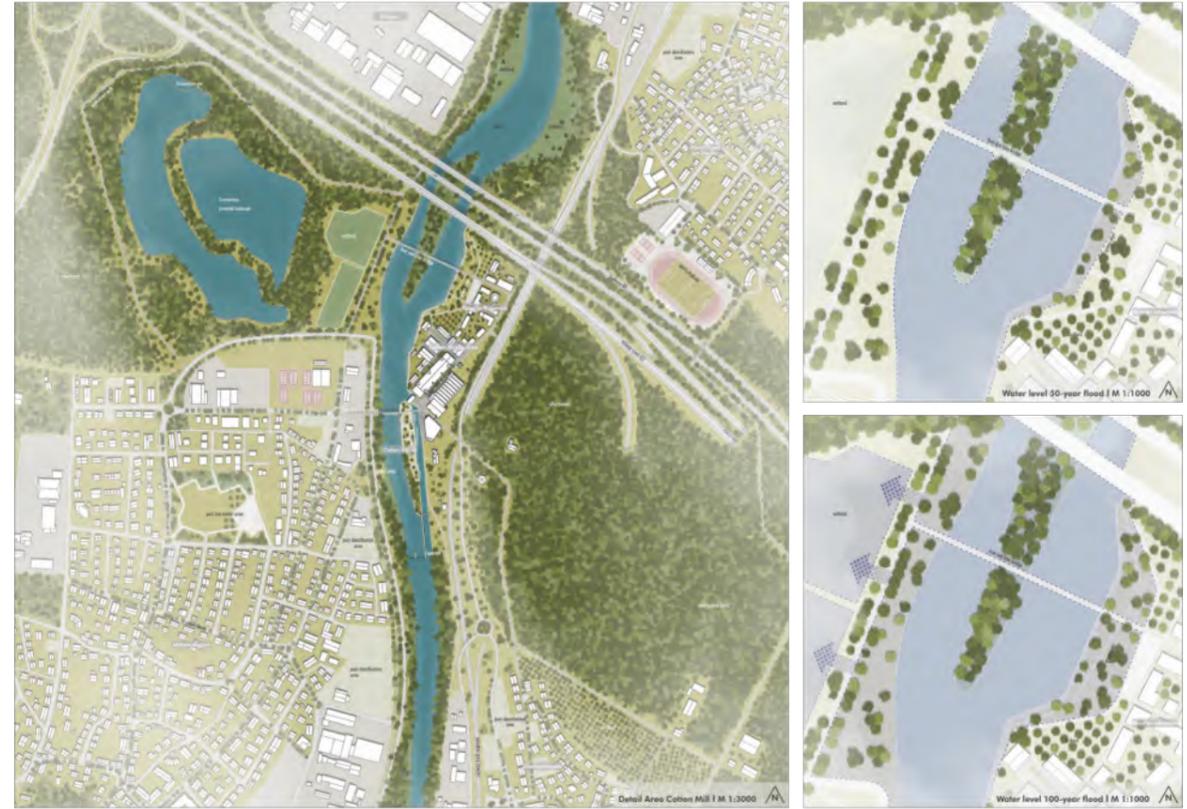
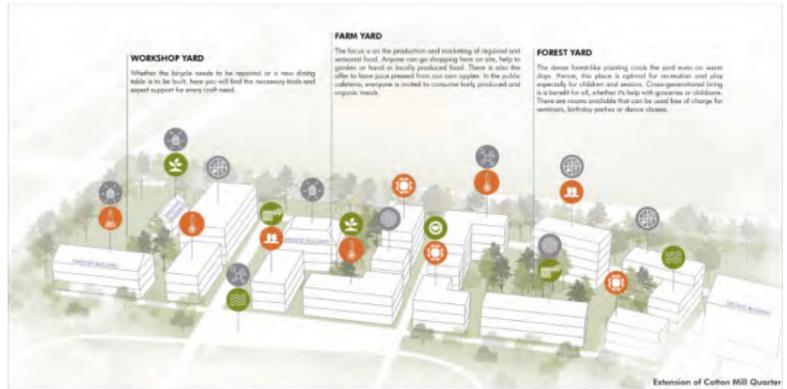
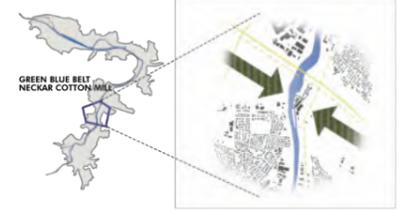
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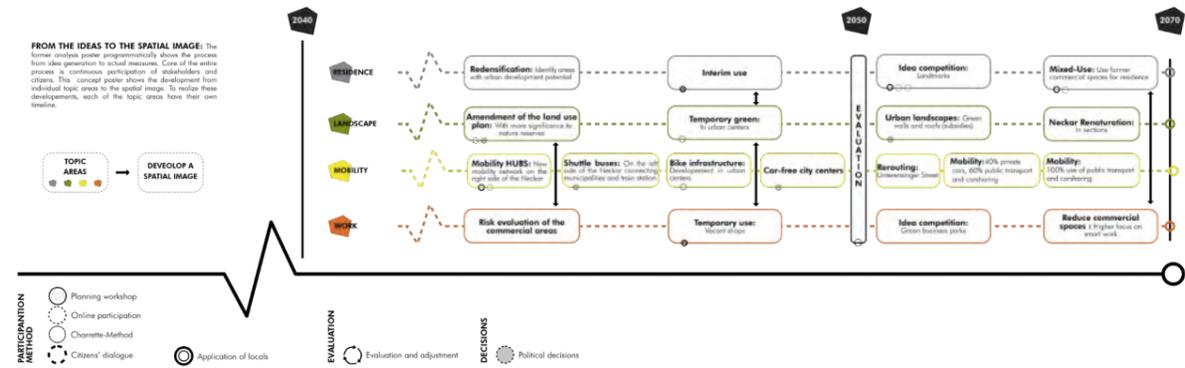
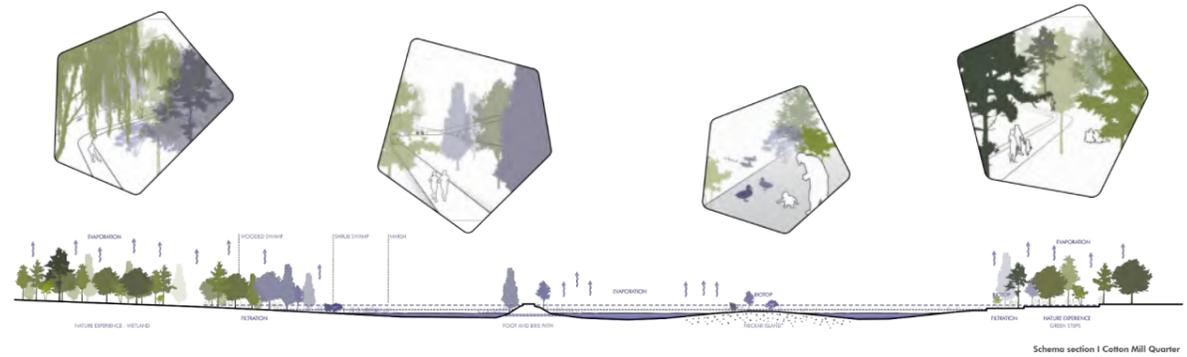
## GETTING ALL THREADS TOGETHER

**ESTIMATE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES:** Due to the impacts of climate change, prolonged drought and heat waves as well as heavy precipitation and flooding are expected. Therefore, it is necessary to prepare the region for such weather events. This is where ecosystem services become essential. To ensure that the region heats up less and cools down at night, a high amount of greenery and life-sustaining surface areas are necessary. This can be achieved by reducing roof and parking areas, greening buildings and planting numerous new shade-providing street trees. In order to be able to reduce the amount of water from precipitation, the creation of natural flood protection is necessary. To achieve this, the concept relies on the renaturation of forests and wetlands. This has the effect that the soil can absorb and store more water, so that surface runoff is reduced. In addition, the Neckar is given more room in the water corridor.

**USE THE OLD IN A FRESH WAY:** The area around the Cotton Mill is an important hub for the surrounding localities, where all the above subjects are combined. The natural spaces that arise bring not only climatic benefits, but also great added value for users. New paths connect the past and present and create the experience of nature on the doorstep. The bridge connects both banks of the Neckar River and the planned quarter extension of the Cotton Mill. There are seating areas that invite for recreation and activity and react flexibly to the water level in their use. Another highlight is the island that can be used for swimming in the Neckar.



## RECOGNIZE AN USE NATURAL FUNCTIONS



Schema section I Cotton Mill Quarter

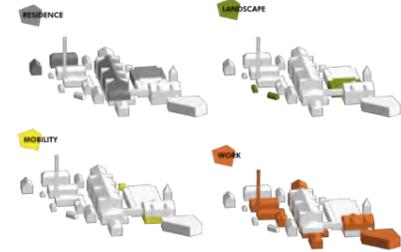
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## REVITALIZE THE COTTON MILL

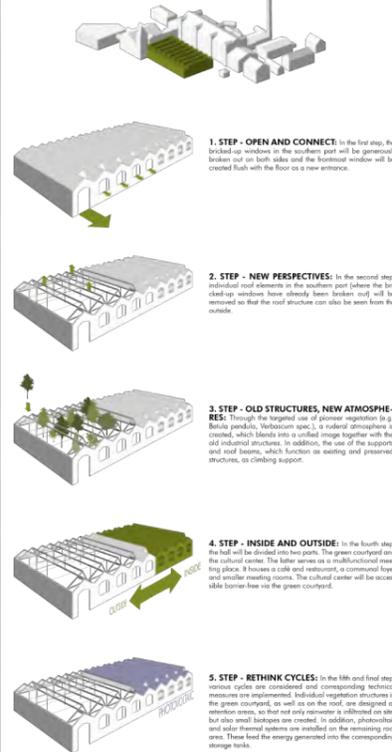
**THE COTTON MILL AREA AS AN EXPERIMENTAL FIELD:** The Cotton Mill site becomes an experimental field and future best practice model. Various fields of action from the four thematic areas are applied on the site. Through temporary projects, new developments can be tested and incorporated into the spatial image together with citizens and expert planners. The changes on the Cotton Mill can be seen from far away. By preserving the factory buildings, an important contribution is being made to the preservation of the industrial and cultural heritage. But how can the Cotton Mill site be used in the future and above all, made accessible to the public? The concept integrates many possible uses and addresses a broad spectrum of uses. The urban regeneration creates a self-regulating social structure within the dense existing buildings, which can pursue numerous uses and activities.

**MIXED USE:** The area of the old Cotton Mill serves as an example quarter for future use within the competition area. Here, the four future themes are applied too. A detailed specification of the individual uses can be found in the illustration within the individual themes.



## STEPS OF THE TRANSFORMATION

**OLD HALL - NEW USE:** The example of the shed roof hall shows how future uses of old industrial relics can be converted. A special focus is on the preservation of as many building structures as possible. The future use of the hall is shown on the basis of five development steps.



## RETHINK CYCLES

**SOCIAL:** In addition to the technical cycles (water, electricity and biomass), the social cycle is an important component for the Cotton Mill neighborhood. The social cycle consists, for example, of smaller projects in the four thematic areas (handicraft, living, working, mobility), such as small productive landscapes in the form of community beds and the benefits of vegetation structures. Here, the focus is on microclimate improvements through shading or evaporation and the experience of nature.

**WATER:** Increasing extreme rainfall often temporarily overloads the systems of the central stormwater management. To prevent this, decentralized stormwater management is a key component of stormwater management on the Cotton Mill site. This allows water to be stored at the point of origin and infiltrated with a time delay. Decentralized rainwater management can make a small contribution to improving the microclimate through evaporation. Rainwater from roofs, for example, is temporarily stored in cisterns. The collected water can be used to irrigate the green structures, especially in summer. Rainwater that is not discharged into the cisterns can be infiltrated in retention troughs with a time delay. This promotes groundwater recharge.

**ELECTRICITY:** A future increase in sunshine hours is seen as an opportunity and great potential for the Cotton Mill to be more independent with the help of a wide range of technical equipment (photovoltaics, solar thermal). In addition, the generated electricity can be fed into the power grid. Energy generation begins, for example, on the shed roof of the hall. Here photovoltaic and solar thermal systems are installed, which feed the generated heat or electricity into the corresponding storage tanks. The storage tanks are connected to the buildings so that the energy generated can be used or stored directly.

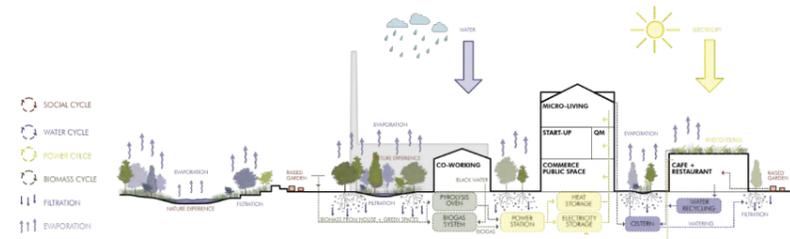
**FOOD AND BIOMASS:** Any biomass produced, whether from households or green waste, can either be composted or fed into the biogas plant. The latter is fed by black and grey water and passes the energy obtained to the power station, which generates heat or electricity and then feeds it to the appropriate storage facilities. In addition to the biogas system, the biomass can also be used to produce vegetable charcoal. Under very high temperatures and the exclusion of atmospheric oxygen, biomass is converted into plant carbon.

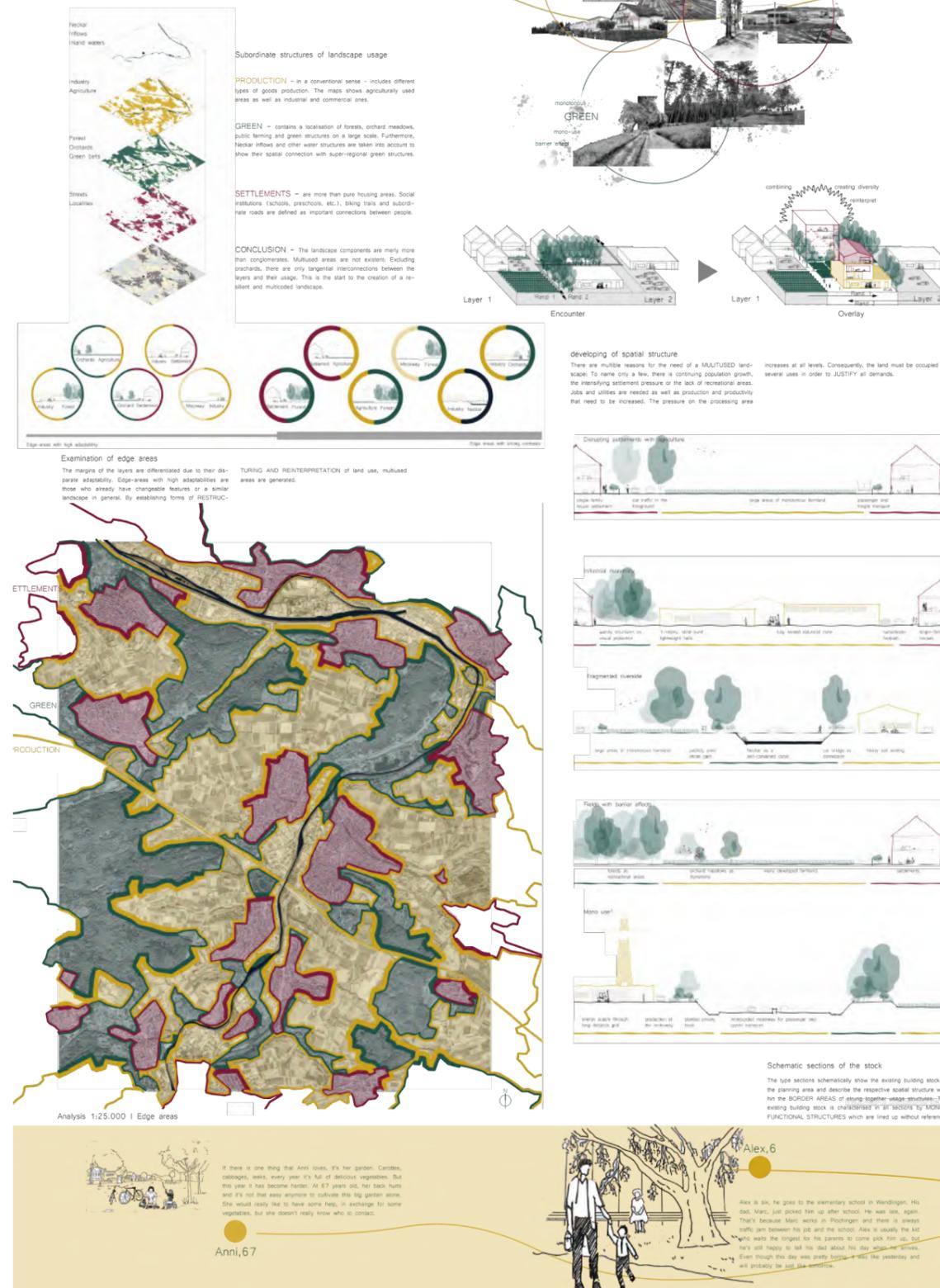
## VEGETATION CONCEPT

**NATURE AS INSPIRATION:** The vegetation concept in the area of the Cotton Mill site and in particular the shed roof hall is predominantly oriented towards a natural appearance, characterized by a few pioneer species. These include Baldu's perennials, which is characterized by a striking and attractive bark and Buddleja davidii, which has a long-lasting flowering period and is thus an important food source for bees and butterflies. The woody plants and shrubs are supplemented by various grasses and perennials. Through the increased use of perennials, for example Verbascum spec., different vegetation patterns are constantly created.

**ADAPTED TO THE LOCATION:** Especially in shady and wet areas, woody plants and perennials adapted to the site are used. Particularly in the retention areas, plants are used which can cope with both a dry site and a moist site.

**USE OF EXISTING STRUCTURES:** In addition to natural shrubs and perennials, climbing plants are an important design element. Here, the focus is particularly on the existing building structures, such as the supports and the steel girders of the roof construction. These are used as climbing aids and are supplemented by horizontally tensioned nets and wires. On these, the plants entwine themselves over individual sections of the inner courtyard and thus create a natural roof.





# Honorable Mention

## HSWT Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, Germany

Veronika Ort, Philippine Denies, Rebekka Heeg, Melanie Hofer, Felicia Wasmeier

### Connecting Contrasts

In the analysis, three different types of usages come together: green, production and settlements. They do not cross and barely overlap. The concept starts on the margin of functional spaces and offers a solution to the prospective surface pressure caused by space occupancy.

Currently, different limits have a varying adaptation tolerance and therefore differently-sized potential for overlapping uses. The idea is that contrasting usages generate interesting spaces. Since functions overlap, it's possible to connect further usage types unconventionally.

Connecting Contrasts are being joint.

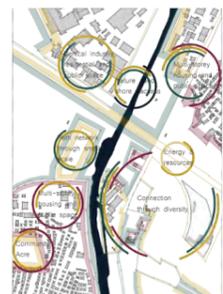
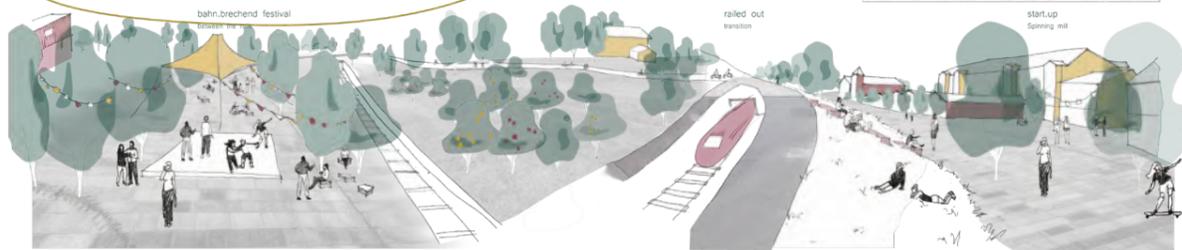
At first the edges are viewed in general sections and then equipped with possible changes in the sense of superimposition. For this, a toolbox is providing elements, which can be applied to the edge-areas. As a longterm development, it has to adapt to current aspects. There are three steps to it: Over the next 10 years, toolbox-elements are being tested and strengthened in five pilot projects. In 20-years time, additional intersections are being initiated in appropriate spots. The superimposition is being developed and individualised.

50 years from now, the development is spreading into the landscape. The concept is carried by the general public in a longterm participation concept. Spatial, it is being embedded in the Necker-festival, which will establish the "bahn.brechend" festival in the region later on.

On festival grounds between the track area a site of participation is being created in order to celebrate the diversity and connection of the landscape elements. Simultaneously, it is the epicentre for every superimposition and the connecting axis of the region.



063 **Connecting Contrasts** Analysis Concept Detail Libero



Punctual overlay of the edge areas



Open-Space-Programme Spinning Mill and Festival

Due to the building site there is no stock to be considered at the place. As a matter of fact the concept is designed for dealing with stock situations. Therefore the place is dealt with a different approach. To take the new function as well as the spatial situation seriously, it is important to connect the site with the context between the rails and with the Spinning Mill. Spatially the concept is oriented at the context whereas in terms of content the importance of the participation is emphasized and spatially located in the 'bahn.brechennd' Festival.

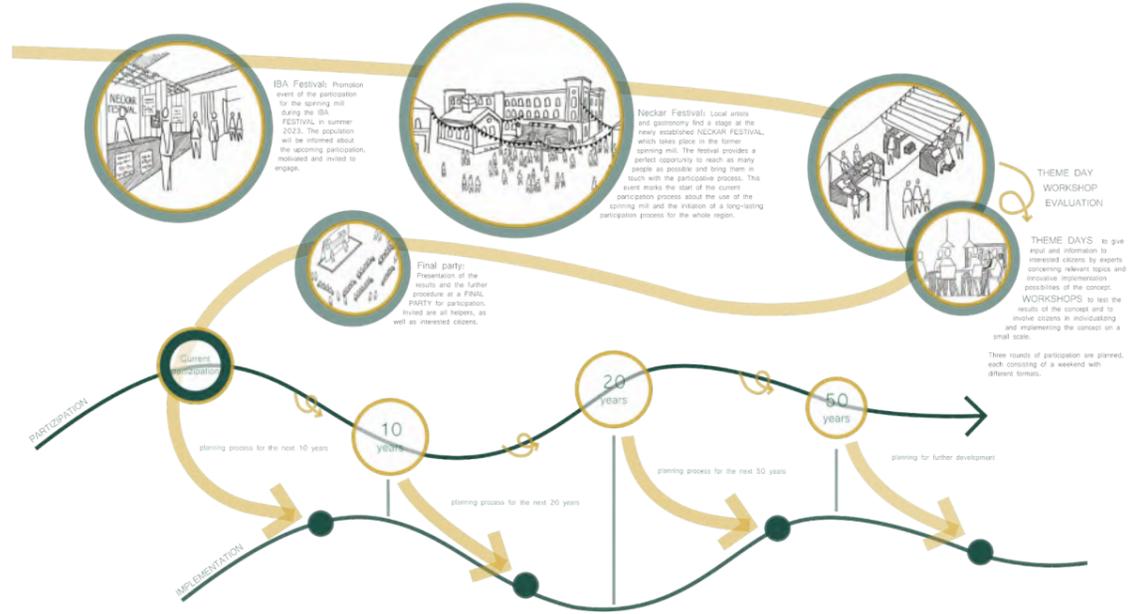
The spinning mill represents the centre of our new productivity - versatile use with different functions generates RESILIENCE AND VARIETY. By conferring different types of professions - just like science, culture and arts - in the newly built offices, we give them space to FEEL, INSPIRE and to benefit from each other. Buildings in the north of housing areas in combination with promenades along 'local and unique green structures' connect the new productivity with everyday life and recreational use. In its function as an established festival location with a connection to the BAHN.BRECHENND festival, the former cotton spinning mill becomes a GUIDELINE for democratic regional development and a hub for long-term participation as a driving force for concept implementation.

Democratic landscape design - in the existing area as the Spinning mill, participation is started on a small scale during the IBA and future participation is spatially located in the bahn.brechennd festival.

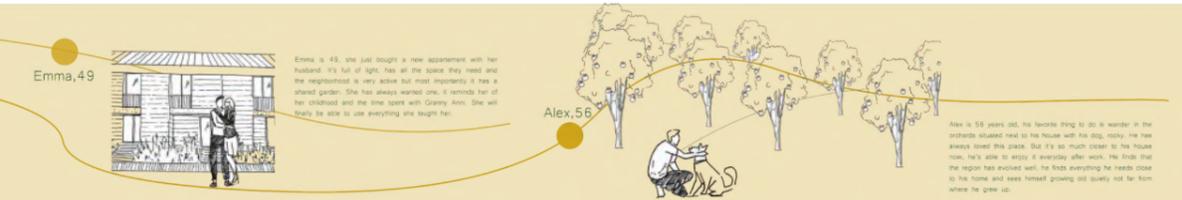
On a large scale, PARTICIPATION starts with the transfer of the overarching concept to the small scale. The dissemination of the concept with the further location of the cuts and their individual addition to the spaces happens through the citizens on site. People recognize potentials on their own doorstep and are encouraged to implement the proposed measures to equivalent places in the surrounding area.

The desired participatory output thus lies concretely in two things: Further, SELF-DESIGNED INITIAL POINTS of the concept idea, as well as suggestions for locally appropriate INDIVIDUALIZATION OF THE SCHEMATA.

To keep participation going, CONTROL MECHANISMS constantly record how well citizens are still involved in the transformation process and when the next round of participation needs to be launched.



Participatory process at two levels



**The following 7 projects reached the final evaluation round. This round was already at a significantly high quality level.**

**In total, we received 52 valid proposals out of which 25 were considered in the second evaluation round.**

**We aim at presenting all projects at least digitally and in different formats on site during the IBA'27 Festival and the Landscape Forum Stuttgart Region.**

**We will make all projects available online!**



# Final Evaluation Round

## La Sapienza University Rome, Italy

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### Stitching Together

The stitching concept of the landscape refers to the first form of the industrialization of the Neckar, the textile industry. Industrialization has shaped the Neckar river landscape. Whereas it used to appear as a calm and unified landscape, it is nowadays a fragmented landscape that needs to be stitched together. In addition to the fast industrialization, the inhabitants of the region are facing other barriers such as heavy commuting roads and railways preventing them to connect. The integration's problem is a real challenge the Stuttgart region is facing.

The proposed revitalization process starts with the identification of the centers or potential centers of the fragments. Based on the ability of the textile to unify, new enjoyable ways of commuting are used as the threads that reconnect the fragments by linking their centers.

The stitching paths aim to enhance the red thread of history by reactivating the river, reconnecting historical, cultural, recreational and natural areas and enhancing the river's initial appearance. The creation of a friendly environment for pedestrians and cyclists combined with a developed public transport network aim to incentivize a transition to low mobility. The stitching mobility network aims to reconcile the isolated communities and landscapes.

New functions punctuate the stitching network and requalify the centers. Nature based solutions that are beneficial from an economic, social as well as ecological and environmental point of view are used to stitch together the fragments and revitalize the river landscape. The stitching tools around the new recreational paths help fighting climate change while offering a new unified identity to the landscape and to the people.

The green infrastructure plan includes infiltration areas, carbon forests, floodable parks, renewable energy zones,... Urban beaches and floodable parks ensure the protection of



# STITCHING TOGETHER



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THE NECKAR LANDSCAPE PARK





# Final Evaluation Round

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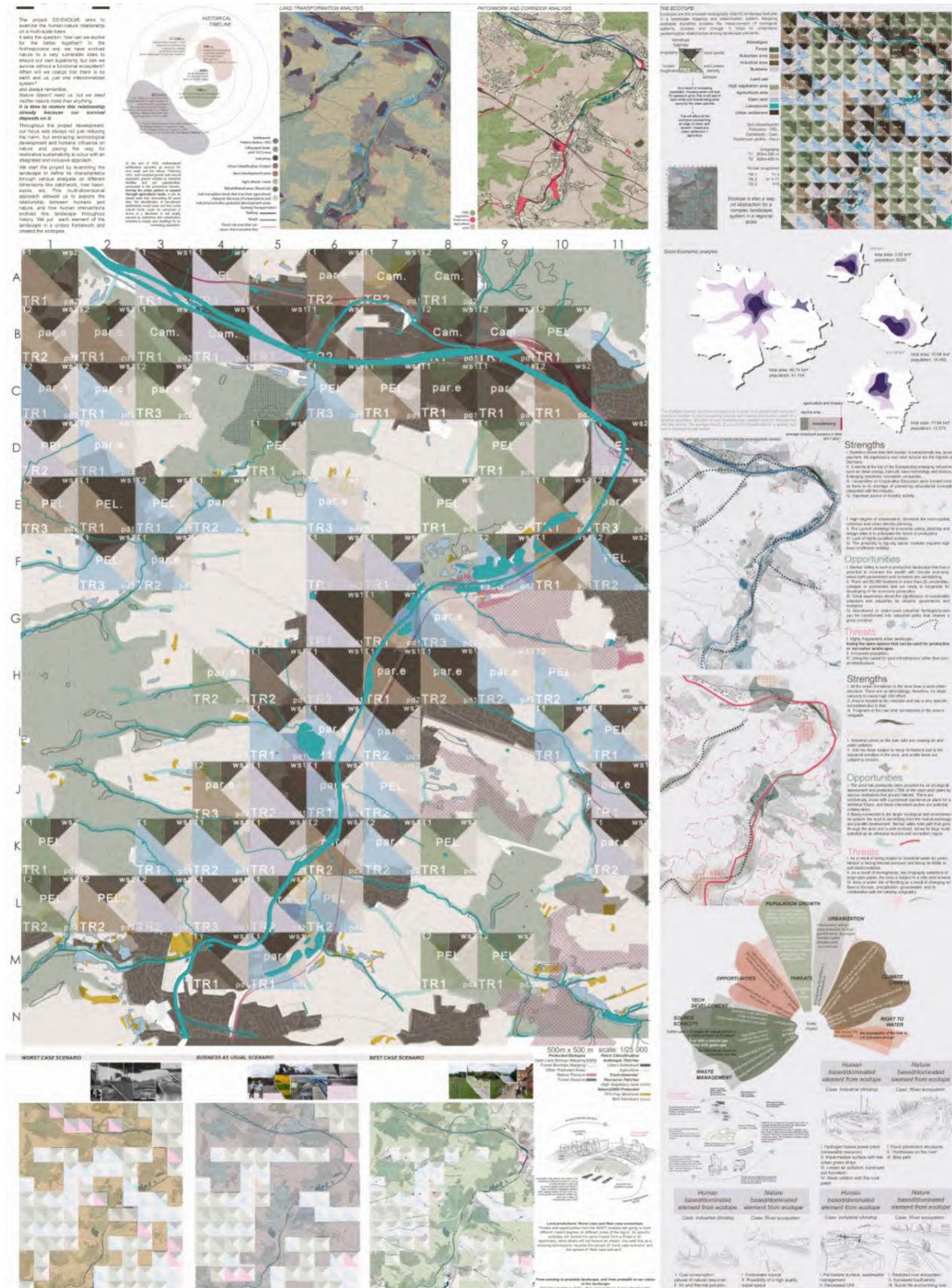
## Positive Anthropocene

The project aims to examine the human-nature relationship on a multi-scale basis. It asks the question, how can we evolve for the better together? In the Anthropocene era, we have transformed nature into a very vulnerable state to ensure our own superiority, but can we survive without a functional ecosystem? There is no earth and us, just one interconnected system. And we should always remember that nature doesn't need us, but we need mother nature more than anything.

Throughout the project development, our focus was always on not just reducing the harm, but paving the way for restorative sustainability to occur with an integrated and inclusive approach. We start the project by examining the landscape to define its characteristics through various analyses on different dimensions like patchwork, river basin, swots, etc.

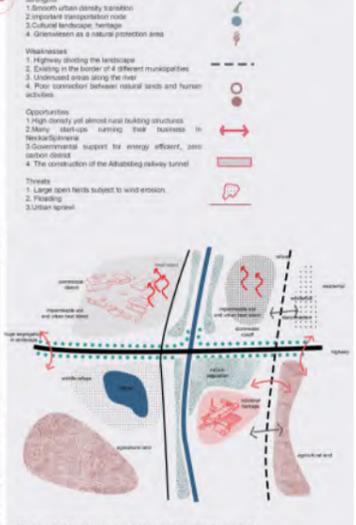
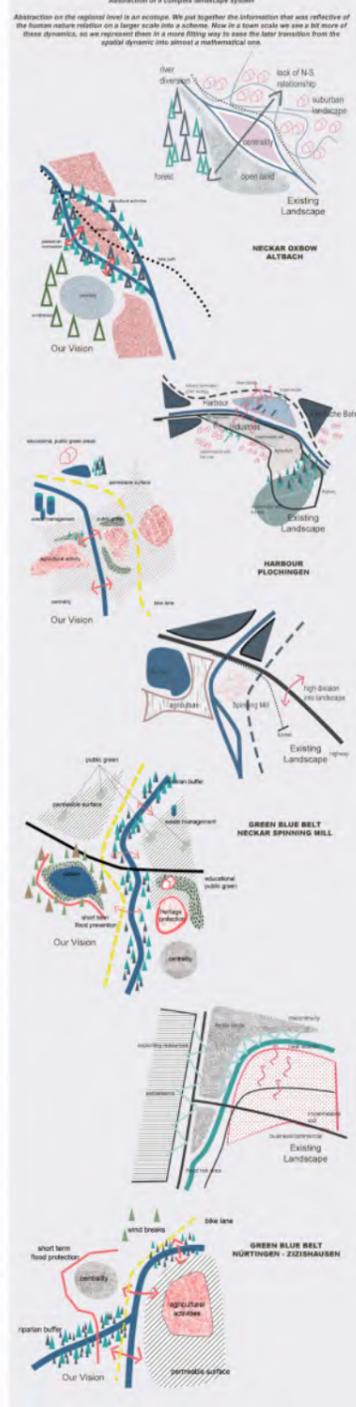
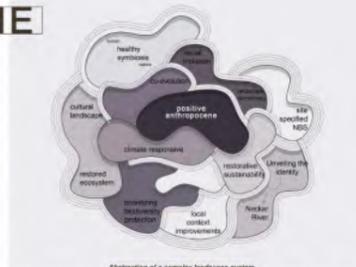
This multi-dimensional approach allowed us to explore the relationship between humans and nature, and how human interventions evolved this landscape throughout history. We put each element of the landscape in a unitary framework and we created the ecotopes. Afterward, we move into different scales of this relationship to create a system where we can see the “missing” aspects of these relationships that prevent them from being circular; mutually beneficial.

From this point, we can compose a site specific NBS (nature-based solutions) to implement in the landscape to generate the “missing aspect”. Additionally, we take advantage of the previously approved initiatives on the landscape and build our vision from a probable landscape with the additional cross-cutting strategies that would support the existing plans for the area





- Improve Risk Management**  
Reduce pollution  
New infrastructure for accessibility for all  
Flood protection measurement  
Wind erosion reduction  
Water erosion reduction  
Preventing further soil sealing (pavement, urban farming)  
Innovative agricultural practices
- Restore the Neckar River's ability to self-revitalize**  
REDUCE THE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE ON NATURAL AREAS  
1. Reduce water pollution—save potable water from getting contaminated  
2. Water treatment plants  
3. Absorption/detoxification  
4. Infiltration tanks  
5. Rain gardens  
6. Adapting the strategy of waste management system  
7. Reduce air pollution  
8. Analyze the factory waste  
9. Environmental impact assessments for the factories-crossing a river  
10. Implement management: faster and efficient actions and improve quality of life  
11. Improve the microclimate in urban areas  
12. Successful implementation of the Urban Green Infrastructure - reduce urban heat island effect
- Reduce Fragmentation (Urban/rural divide)**  
Creating a collaborative interface between agricultural and urban sectors  
→ cultural activity spaces/urban gardens  
Bring agricultural practices to urban and industrial lands  
→ improve productivity/resilience and successful implementation of sustainable mobility practices  
→ reduce car dependence/reduce environmental impacts
- Increase social inclusivity**  
Organizing collaborative projects, like workshops that would restore bringing people with different skills together  
"Collaborative Urban Farming" program that will be elaborated on the 4th entry, is an example. In such projects  
New quality public spaces, specifically public spaces around the river side, that is also accessible to everyone  
Improved accessibility, establishing a participatory democracy to ensure a cohesive social life in the region  
Educational, collaborative public activity spaces, as in botanical gardens, or natural parks
- Heritage conservation initiatives**  
Built heritage as in the building of the Neckar spinning mill and its surrounding district. Possible actions for a physical heritage: restoration, renovation, enhancement  
Natural heritage as in Oxbow river transforming still a lake  
New quality public spaces: Promoting, enhancement, safeguarding  
Cultural Landscapes of the region as the urban form and practices like in many of big cultural changes in the region  
The industrial landscape and the harbor. Actions are promotion, conservation, enhancement
- Primary Objectives**  
New quality public space  
Bios line  
Increased pedestrian mobility  
Waste management  
Innovative agriculture  
Collaborative working  
Agricultural center  
Educational, collaborative public space  
Urban agricultural practices  
Flood risk prevention  
Wind erosion prevention  
Permeable surface  
Water erosion prevention
- Existing land use**  
High-density Urban Settlement  
Low-density Urban Settlement  
Agricultural Lands  
Forest  
Water Elements
- Conservation Initiatives**  
Cultural landscape  
Natural heritage  
Built heritage
- Cross-cutting Objectives**  
New quality public space  
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Increased pedestrian mobility  
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- LEGEND**  
Permeable Soil  
Agricultural Land  
Forest  
Lake  
Sensory Garden  
Urban Park  
Permeable Soil  
Semi-intensive Green Roof  
Riparian Buffer  
Filter Strips  
Cultural Heritage Site  
Railway
- Solutions guide**
- Resource recovery**  
AES - Alternative energy systems  
RS - Renewable source  
Mred - Microclimates to reduce energy demand  
UF - Urban forest  
We - Water elements  
ST - Street trees
- Heritage Conservation**  
R - Restoration  
P - Promotion  
E - Enhancement  
Pr - Protection  
CM - Collaborative Management  
CC - Cultural Center  
PRF - Protecting Regional Flora  
RdF - Re-defined Functions  
PG - Productive Garden  
A - Accessibility for all
- Waste management/water rehabilitation**  
VGP - Vegetated grid pavement  
Sgr - Semi-intensive green roof  
Bsw - Bio swale  
LUP - Large Urban Parks  
UPG - Urban Pocket Gardens  
ST - Street Trees  
RB - Riparian Buffer  
Storm water/Rainwater management
- Risk Management**  
GB - Green belt  
W - Windbreaks  
UF - Urban forest  
RB - Riparian buffer  
SIF - Soil improvement techniques  
B - Biochar  
F - Floodplain  
DV - Detention vault  
EC - Erosion control
- Cross-cutting strategies**  
UF - Urban farming  
WmSt - Weekly market  
FS - Filter Strips  
DP - Detention Pond  
RH - Rainwater Harvesting

Creating a collaborative interface between agricultural and urban sectors  
"Collaborative Urban Farming" project

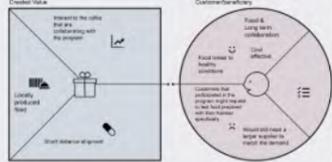


Value Proposition

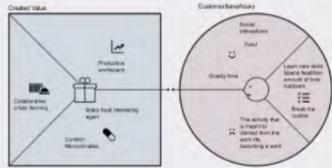


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

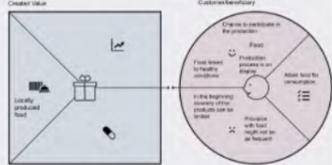
Long term relationship, customer is a cafe/restaurant



Co-creation with the customer, customer is a participant of the Urban farming program



Impersonal relationship, customer is an individual shopping from farmers market



WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKET



ORGANIC FOOD COURTS



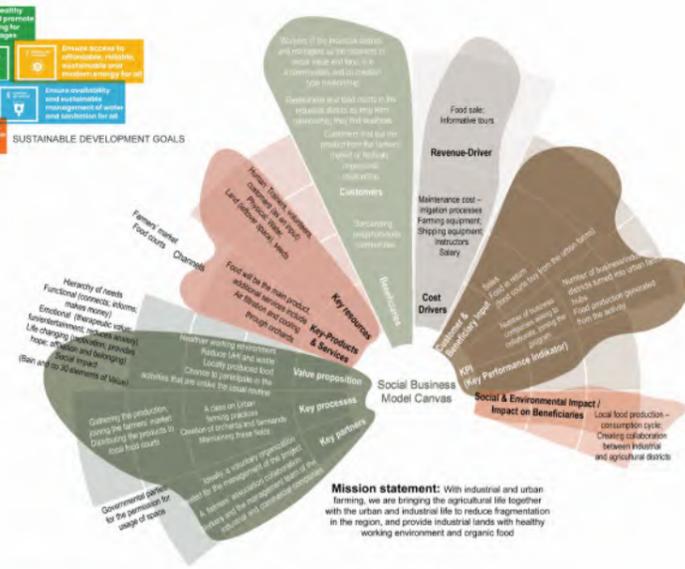
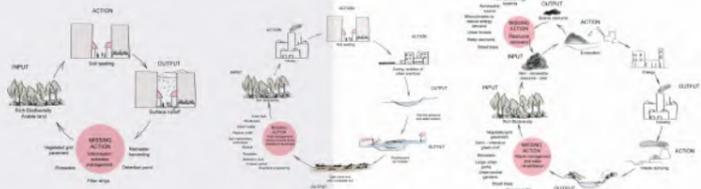
PRODUCT READY FOR HARVEST



SHIPMENT OF THE PRODUCT

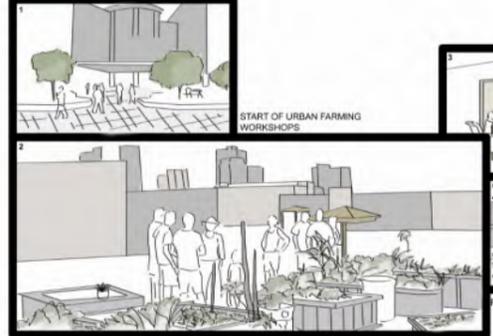


SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL FESTIVALS



Mission statement: With industrial and urban farming, we are bringing the agricultural life together with the urban and industrial life to reduce fragmentation in the region, and provide industrial lands with healthy working environment and organic food

BUSINESS DISTRICT



USUAL DAY IN THE OFFICE



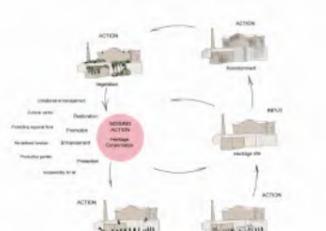
START OF URBAN FARMING WORKSHOPS

REFRESHING BREAK



Design approach

Following the concept "Positive Anthropocene" we developed a framework for the design stage. We draw the relationship of human-nature interactions, and aim to bring them into a closed circle. We identify the specific action required to close the circle, and apply the required, place specific NBS.



**077 FUTURE - LAB OUR VISION**

**RESEARCH MAPPING**

Our vision fundamentally questions the structure of the landscape along the Neckar (industry - areas for nature and people). For us, it was important to consistently relocate the productive axes along the Neckar River to the A8 highway, as we see less added value for nature and people here. This opens large areas along the Neckar that support and make feasible our goals of expansion of renewable energies, expansion of sustainable mobility, creation of large natural areas, creation of connections and vertical city expansion. This can significantly increase the accessibility of the river and the experience of the entire landscape along the Neckar.

**LOCATION**

**KNEE OF THE NECKAR**

**CONFLICTS**

**AIMS**

# Final Evaluation Round

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### Future Lab

Our vision fundamentally questions the structure of the landscape along the Neckar (industry - areas for nature and people) in order to minimize the ever-increasing pressure on the Neckar. For us, it was important to relocate the productive axes along the Neckar River that had emerged from the analysis by consistently clearing and consequently claiming land and relocating them to the A8 highway.

The primary goals are to increase the accessibility of the Neckar River, to contain motorized individual traffic, and to encourage vertical expansion of cities. This vision should be viewed as a Real World Experiment for the entire region. In the individual areas, eight subordinate Living Labs (our ideas) are thus created, in which the goals of the vision can be realized in different ways. In the process, the vacated buildings are to be made attractive for future user groups through conversion, which is shown in detail on poster 3 for the Hafen magnifying glass area (our harbour).

The current character and identity of the respective loupe areas should be entirely preserved and further developed - made fit for the future. The entire Real Labor is a lengthy process that must be financially subsidized by higher-level partners. However, the people of the region are to be involved in the project primarily through a participation process tailored to the Living Labs in order to be able to contribute ideas and create acceptance as well as motivation for the restructuring (our activation)

**URBAN SPACE EVOLUTION**

155,000 ha in the district of Esslingen

1930

389,000

1966

480,000

1989

534,000

2022

**PRODUCTIVE NECKAR**

As our analysis shows, the project area around the Neckar River has changed significantly over the past 100 years. The population density has increased enormously and the banks of the Neckar have largely developed into industrial sites. Due to main roads, such as national roads and highways, the area is also still heavily intersected and very small in size. However, due to the many wooded areas, protected landscape areas, and last but not least, the once picturesque Neckar River, the area actually offers so much potential for more than just meagre industrial sites with residential areas cut through. In addition, the charts still show that more and more young people are moving away and the population in the area is getting older. In our vision, we are addressing all of these problems and trying to make a lasting change in the area in the future.

**POPULATION DATA** in the district of Esslingen

I. Population evolution

II. Population migration

III. Population projection

IV. Shuttle traffic

**ANALYTICAL MAPS**

I. Potential industry conversion

II. Public transport and shuttle traffic

III. Nature and water protected areas

IV. Self-sufficiency areas, orchards

V. Physical barriers to accessibility

# 077 FUTURE - LAB OUR IDEAS

**REAL WORLD EXPERIMENT**

The basic idea of reconstructing any works through constant cleaning and conservation of land. This idea should be considered a real-world experiment for the entire region in which the goals of the vision can be realized in different ways. The main development is a clearly recognizable character and identity that must be preserved, supported, and developed in the future. The relationship to the historical and existing use must never be lost - conversion instead of demolition is the motto. All Living Labs are to be seen as a lengthy process supported by different sub-goals.

A superlinear mobility concept aims at a reorganization in the area and ensures the healthy and networking of the companies and the population. Mobility hubs adjacent to urban developments aim to manage incoming individual traffic and connect passenger traffic to the new industrial sites and existing cities by means of public transportation and an increasingly developed bicycle network. This concept is secured by the Connection Point. In the process, individual transport will be greatly reduced and completely banned from the sites and the newly emerging industrial locations.

In order to avoid replicating the problems of increasing and sealing and the structural quality of existing industrial sites in the highway, the new industrial sites should develop further in their structure and utility function. Social facilities for workers, green corridors and topographic recreational areas transform a purely industrial environment into a sustainable, productive and attractive working neighbourhood.

**MOBILITY CONCEPT**  
Mobility connections in the industrial buildings blocks

**PRODUCTIVE NECKAR**  
High industrial use by the Neckar  
High public utility  
High land use efficiency

**PRODUCTIVE HIGHWAY**  
High industrial use by the Neckar  
High public utility  
High land use efficiency

**EXPERIENCEABLE NECKAR**

The frost-free areas along the Neckar offer the population more access to the Neckar again. The highway has found a new location and therefore no longer represents a direct obstacle factor for many residential areas. Each Living Lab reports its own character, in which existing structures are preserved. However, the deficits in the Living Labs are being addressed and changed. The natural areas of the project area were previously dissected by barriers in such a way that people and animals could not easily move from one green space to another. This is also taken into account in our concept. In the case of non-sustainable barriers, such as the highway, green bridges should help to overcome them. In the case of dissected natural areas where there is no viable barrier, but the proximity to nature is missing, green structures are used in such a way that the natural areas are connected.

**INDUSTRIAL LIVING**  
Clean  
Urban gardening  
Autistic  
Self power supply  
Levy

**RESURRECTED INDUSTRY**  
Energy independence  
Cannex  
Multimed  
Acili  
Connected mobility

**PRODUCTIVE GREENWAY**  
Skillful  
Autonomic  
Energy  
Multifunctional  
Multilayer

**GREEN CITY**  
The living green city is a concept for a sustainable urban environment. It is based on a green infrastructure and a green city, supported by a green economy. The green city is a concept for a sustainable urban environment. It is based on a green infrastructure and a green city, supported by a green economy.

**RECREATION JUNGLE**  
The living green city is a concept for a sustainable urban environment. It is based on a green infrastructure and a green city, supported by a green economy.

**ENERGY PARK**  
Exciting  
Strong  
Stress district  
Innovation  
Relaxing

**TIMELESS HARBOUR**  
Chatty  
Living  
Amenities  
Rough  
Industrial space

**ART & CULTURE VENUE**  
Creative  
Artistic  
Lively  
Multifunctional  
Traditional

**Map of Esslingen am Neckar**  
Locations: Esslingen, Glemsingen, Alttürk, Deiskau, Plochingen, Wendlingen am Neckar, Wernau, Künzing, Wemdingen, Untertürkheim, Oberbofingen, Lohr, Nürtingen, Reuders.

**Legend:**  
Urban areas  
Biotope network  
Service companies  
Multifunctional highway  
Multi-generation living  
Hydrogen power plant  
IT and research companies  
Traders  
Neckar related recreation  
Mobility Hub  
Connection Point  
Improvement of the water quality  
Biotope network

# 077 FUTURE - LAB OUR HARBOUR

**LIVING-LAB PLOCHINGEN**

**LOCATION**  
NECKAR TRANSFORMATION  
IBBS  
2022

**CARGO SHIPPING HARBOUR**  
scully  
Dockyard  
Cannex  
Newport  
High industrial character  
Newly  
22

**TIMELESS HARBOUR**  
Esslingen am Neckar  
Open-Office  
High industrial character  
22  
72

The buildings will be transformed into offices and residences and will become habitable forms of housing as well as services such as the IT or research centres. The outdoor facilities with different usage, housing and transport functions retain their identity and are made accessible and experienceable for users. A metropolitan (biotope) district in an event location (Dachhaus), temporary container settlements, several recreational facilities (Cafépark, Deiskau Tower, BioVita Tower) as well as ecological green areas for leisure, recreation and being created. Likewise, the Neckar River will be made accessible and experienceable through stepped banks.

The functionality of the mobility connection Mobility Hub Connection Point as well as path functionalities for pedestrians and cyclists will also extend through concrete location. In addition, water also can contribute to increasing the attractiveness of the Living Lab Experiment.

By linking existing, developed and newly integrated structures, an attractive mixed-use neighbourhood can be created for existing and future residents and residents of the surrounding communities.

**ANALYTICAL MAPS**

**I. Axis**  
**II. Original Neckar**  
**III. Buildings uses**  
**IV. Space utilisation**  
**V. Space utilisation**

**STEP I - 2032**  
Connections and building functions

**STEP II - 2052**  
Connections and building functions

**INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS CONVERSION**  
Co-Working Spaces  
Multi-Generational Living

**Co-Working Spaces:** Open-Space Office & Chill Lounge, Open Plan Office, Culture Office, Group Office

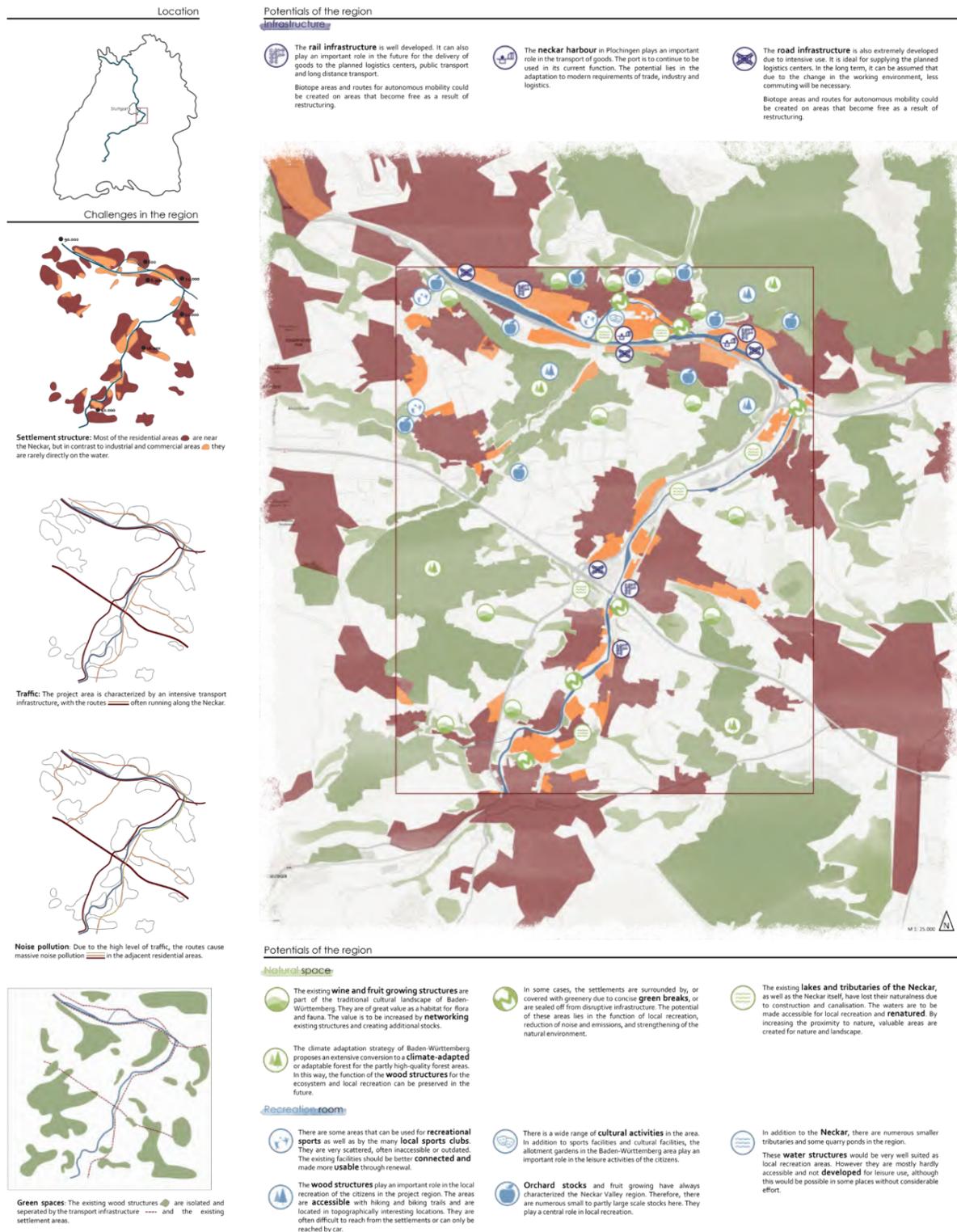
**Multi-Generational Living:** Individual apartments, Family apartments, Family apartments, Shipping opportunities / Serviced apartments

**2072**

**Map of Plochingen**  
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**Legend:**  
Main usage working  
Leisure  
Pedestrian / Cycle route  
Bus route  
Boat taxi  
Bike highway  
Multi-generation living  
Mobility connection  
Event location  
Marketplace  
Park  
Skatepark  
Climbing on tanks & other sports  
Outdoor activities  
Water activities  
Connection Point  
Mobility Hub





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### Productive Mobility

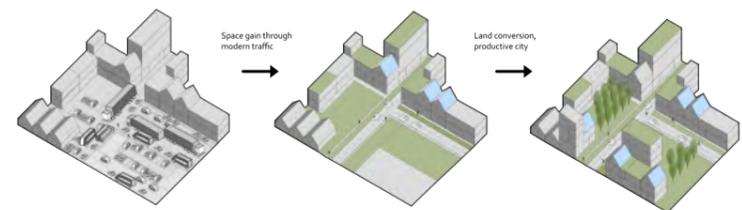
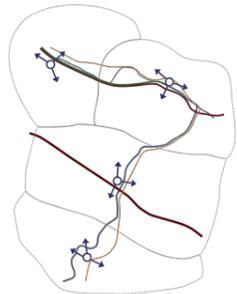
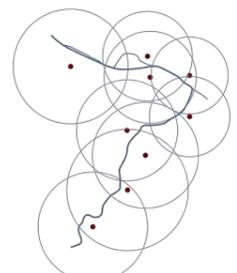
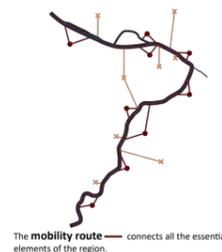
The greater Stuttgart area is characterized by a densely developed road and rail infrastructure. Due to the topography, the traffic roads are often located directly on the Neckar. The concept includes a comprehensive restructuring of traffic. A route is to be built along the Neckar, which will directly connect towns and local recreation areas. They are used for individual traffic and are driven at a lower speed of up to a maximum of 30 km/h. Goods will only be delivered to four planned logistics centers. From here, the goods are distributed autonomously to all consumers with small vehicles, so that heavy traffic does not have to drive to settlements. In the future, traffic will be autonomous, more efficient and space-saving. The street areas can be smaller and a larger part of the parking spaces will be eliminated. A strong gain in area can therefore be assumed.

Industrial and commercial areas are also often located directly on the Neckar.

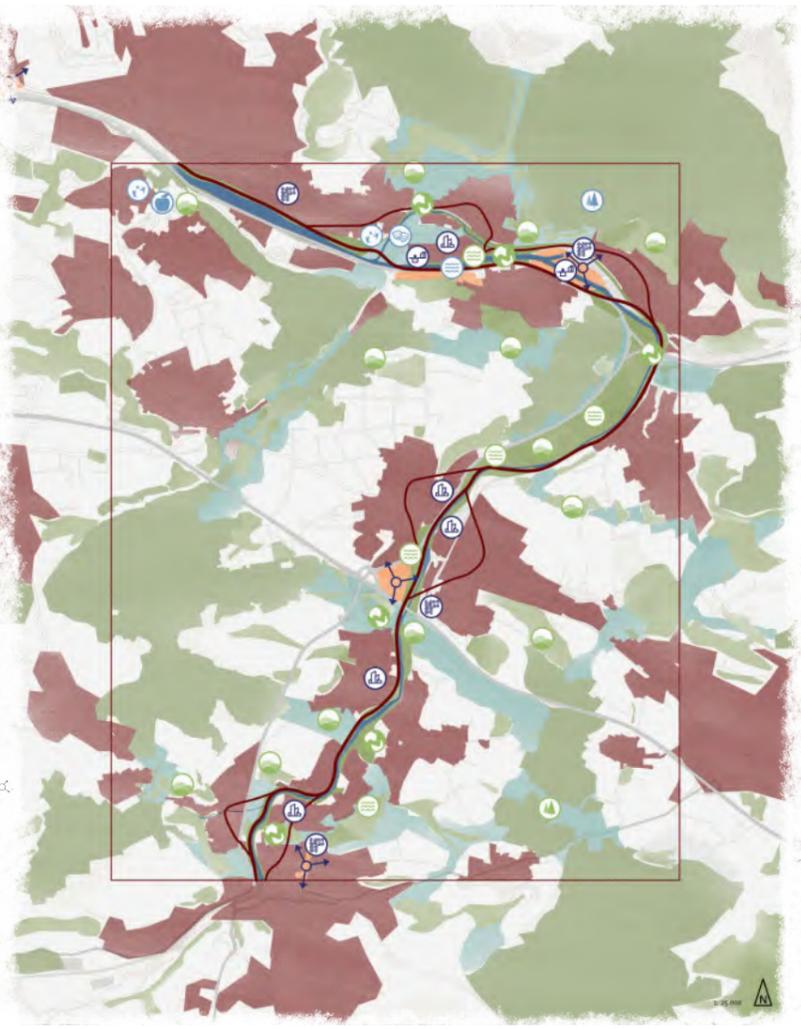
Therefore, heavy industry and disruptive trades should be combined in purely industrial areas as far as possible away from settlements and the course of the river.

Some trades, such as logistics companies, will also no longer be necessary due to the logistics centers. The logistics centers function as central warehouses for all goods. Logistics service provider ensures that the goods are distributed to all consumers.

Concept blocks



The greater Stuttgart area is characterized by industry, commerce and transport. It is burdened like no other in Germany. Due to limited space and difficult topographical terrain, there is an extremely dense infrastructure along the Neckar. Through a **restructuring of traffic** and also through the **relocation and elimination of industrial areas**, large areas along the Neckar are free from disruptive use and can be converted for the purposes of nature conservation, local recreation and modern settlement construction in combination with nearby jobs.



Recreation space

In general, when developing local recreation areas, the aim should be better **accessibility and experience**.

- The great potential of meadow **orchards** can be increased by linking existing structures with each other in order to achieve continuity for flora and fauna. New areas are to be created in a climate-resilient and natural way.
- For the preservation of existing areas, the owners should be trained in professional maintenance.
- Wood structures** have to be **rebuilt** and adapted to climate change in order to maintain their recreational value. The conversion takes place in state, private and municipal forests under the guidance and supervision of the responsible forest departments.
- In order to increase the potential of the existing bodies of **water** for local recreation, the quality of stay must be improved in addition to **accessibility**. In the course of this, riverbank renaturation can take place and the water quality can be improved.
- The project area already has a wide range of leisure and **cultural activities**. The facilities are often poorly connected. The aim should be good accessibility by bicycle, foot and public transport, as well as the creation of new offers. These should be versatile and as close as possible to residential areas and workplaces.
- The existing **sports facilities** must be **protected and expanded**. Where densification takes place and the population increases as a result, the supply must also increase. The main goal is to provide new, high-quality and easily accessible sports areas.

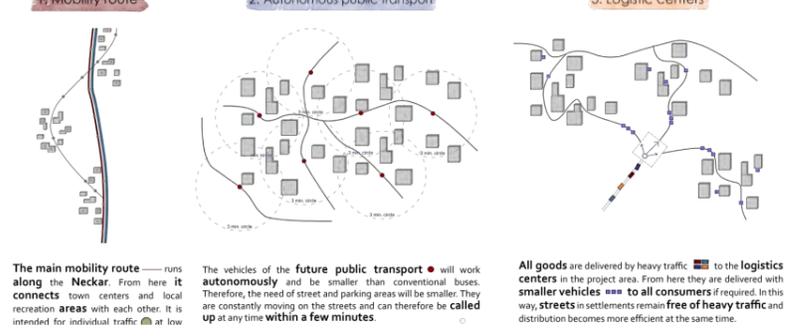
Economic area

- Four large **logistics centers** are planned to bundle the delivery of goods by truck and freight train to individual locations. All goods for private individuals, trade, industry, commerce and services are to be delivered to these centers and temporarily stored there. From here, the goods are transported autonomously and efficiently to all consumers as required. They are in a logistically sensible location on the railway and motorway routes.
- A **model settlement** for modern living and working under the motto "productive city" is to be created in the newly created area. The planned traffic concept is also included in the new design.
- In order to meet the modern requirements as a **port**, it has to be converted to **autonomous goods delivery**.
- The well developed **road network** also has the potential to be used to supply the planned logistics centers in the future. Therefore the transport network must be designed for **autonomous traffic** so that deliveries can be made more efficiently. As part of the conversion, it is expected that the space requirement will decrease and areas that will be freed up are available for the creation of new green structures.
- The existing **railways** should also continue to be used for the delivery of goods. In the future, the need for space will also decrease. Open spaces are ideal for creating high-quality biotopes and expanding the bicycle and footpath network.

Natural space

- A good **landscape** increases the quality of stay, living and leisure time. Its **protection** must be taken into account in future construction work of any kind.
- The appearance of the landscape will also be improved through the expansion of the existing natural areas.
- Wherever possible, existing **green structures** should be **connected** with each other by new green structures. In many places this is not possible because the existing transport infrastructure forms a barrier. If possible, these barriers should be removed.
- The potential of **water bodies** is to be massively increased. **Renaturations** improve the function as a habitat. Natural, flat riverbanks increase the water retention effect. The flood plain also often serves as valuable

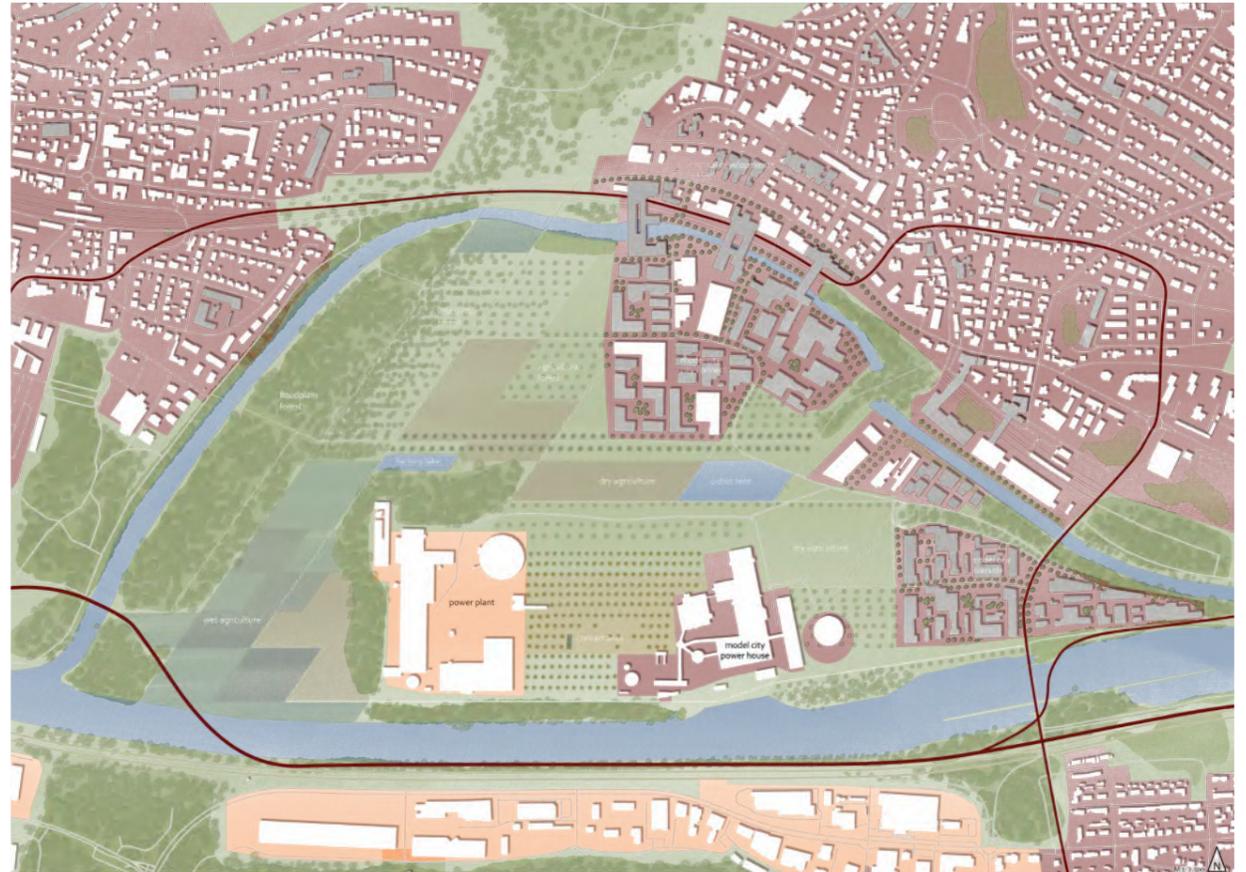
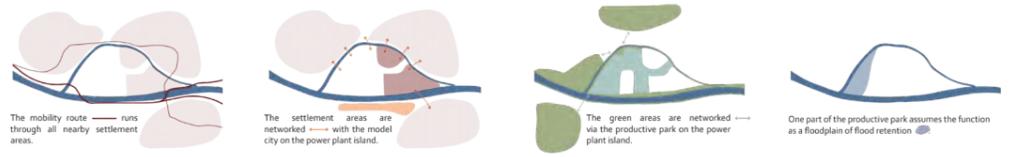
Elements for future mobility



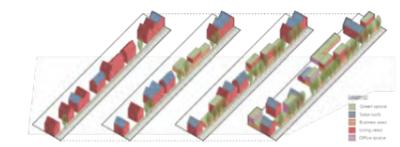
Location



Concept blocks



Internal city development



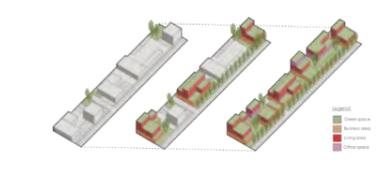
As part of the **internal development of existing settlement areas**, a similar mix of uses as in the model city is aimed for. Participatory methods can be used here. In the existing settlement areas, there will be an expansion towards autonomous public transport. In addition, the core areas will be connected to the mobility route in order to better network them in the future via private transport.



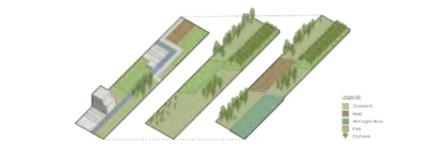
Model city



In the newly created area, a **model city** is to be created under the motto "productive city". The aim is a **multifunctional** mix of living, working, cultural and leisure activities, as well as green spaces.



Productive park



After the industrial areas have been relocated, a **productive park** will be created in here. **Wet agriculture** can take place on lower-lying areas. Conventional farming and **fruit growing** will also take place. Individual areas can be equipped with **energy wood** plantations. In addition to being used for food production, the entire park can be used for sports, leisure and local recreation.



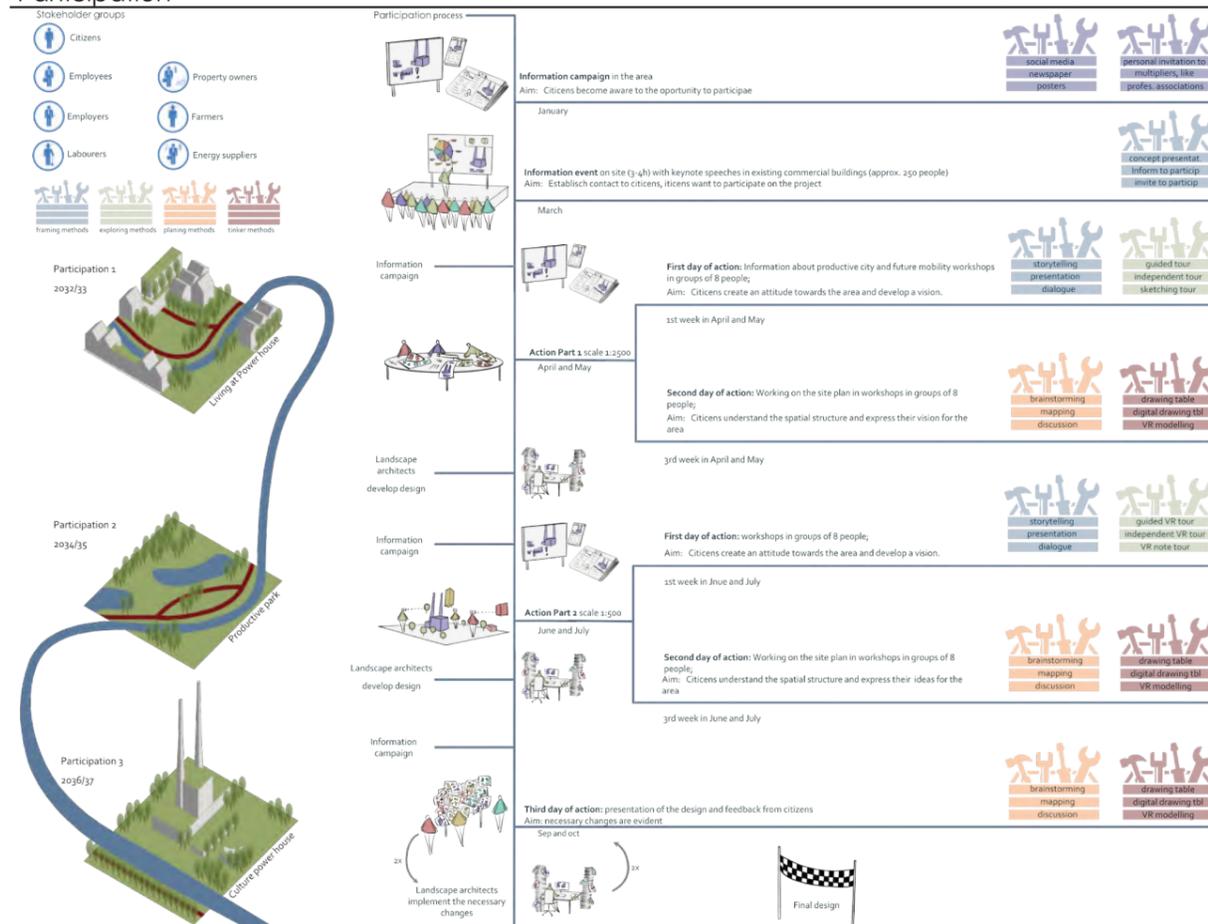


The restructuring of the commercial areas also ensures a large gain in space within towns and along the Neckar.

Within the framework of inner development and densification, a mix of uses is ensured in the settlement areas. Multifunctionality is achieved by locating jobs, (energy) production, housing, leisure activities and local recreation close to each other. The number of commuters is falling, commutes are becoming shorter and the quality of life is improving. Autonomous public transport ensures good and efficient accessibility. The areas gained through the restructuring of traffic and trade are used for densification, greening and buildings for modern living and working.

On the power plant island, a model city will be created in the space gained, which will demonstrate the mixing of the most diverse forms of use, as well as a modern way of living. The model city serves as a model for internal development. The layout of the model city and the inner development of existing settlement areas reflect a modern understanding of a sustainable and productive city

Participation



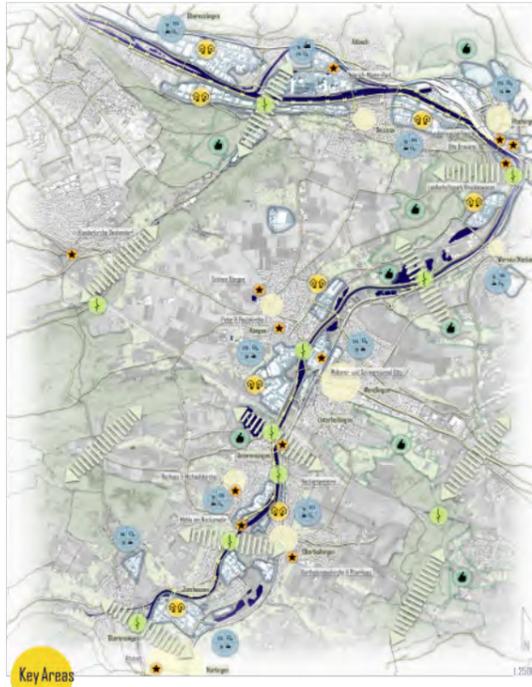


# Repowering the Neckar landscape & Producing new symbiotic urbanity

Analysis plan

**MORE THAN SUBURBIA**  
a region tied in  
symbiotic strings of the  
Stuttgart region

Included in the global Neckar Valley and with its geographical location, the Neckar region is a unique landscape region from Stuttgart to Ludwigsburg. It is a region of high cultural, historical and scientific value. Beyond the natural landscape, the Neckar region is a region of high economic, social and cultural value. The Neckar region is a region of high economic, social and cultural value. The Neckar region is a region of high economic, social and cultural value.



**THE PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPE** nature capital and waterstreams of potential

**ECONOMIC ROOTS** a region tied in symbiotic strings of the Stuttgart region

**CITY SYMBIOSIS** a strong spatial connection of cities

**ANALYSIS: Future Impacts**

**FUTURE CHALLENGES**

**CLIMATE CHANGE: REDUCING POLLUTION**

**ENERGY TRANSITION**

**EFFICIENCY & DIGITALISATION**

**DIVERSIFICATION**

**NEW BRANCHES OF ECONOMY**

**LIVING**

**MOBILITY REVOLUTION**

**...PRODUCING A NEW SUSTAINABLE URBANITY**

REPOWER  
Landscape  
Symbiosis  
Transformation  
Energy  
Street  
Mobility

# Final Evaluation Round

## Hochschule Geisenheim University

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### Future Factory

Our concept of Future Factory – metaphorically referring to the industrial identity of the region - considers the landscape as a complex and dynamic product of diverse processes, that are intertwined like gears in a factory. Central gears that fuel and shape the landscape are not only its ecological capital, but also the community of the urban population, its economic capital, and the cultural heritage.

The Repowering of the Region can only be successful through a dynamic development of all aspects:

Living: For a sustainable development of the city the main aim is to build on the existing, condense and stop the extension of its outlines.

Working: The future of economy will be shaped by new knowledge intensive work fields and a hybrid digitalisation. Working hubs and a network to connect are necessary.

Landscape: Connecting the green is the key to a spacial symbiosis of the region & future conservation of biodiversity.

Cultural heritage: Taking responsibility for the cultural and economic heritage of the region while carefully transforming the existing substance.

NECKAR NORTHWEST – a social city in-between nature and industry

As a model for a new sustainable living that intertwines the four gears of Future Factory, the island district of Altbach/ Deizisau is developed as a model district for a sustainable Neckar Region: where living, working and an experience of nature are closely connected - an autonomous city in a region where everything is in close reach.



# Repowering the Neckar landscape & Producing new symbiotic urbanism

The Neckar Landscape - an interdependent network... Considering landscape as an integral and direct network of ecological, social, economic and cultural processes...



## Defining the PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPE

Landscape as production of material conditions... Landscape as production of social conditions... Landscape as production of economic conditions...

## REPOWERING

Repowering the LANDSCAPE as GREEN CAPITAL... Repowering the SOCIETY as SOCIAL CAPITAL... Repowering the economy / the energy sector as ECONOMIC CAPITAL...

HOW WILL WE LIVE? TRANSFORMATION from individual to collective living... BUILDING / SMART REDEVELOPMENT... PROVIDING ATTRACTIVE GREEN LIVING SPACES IN TOWNS...

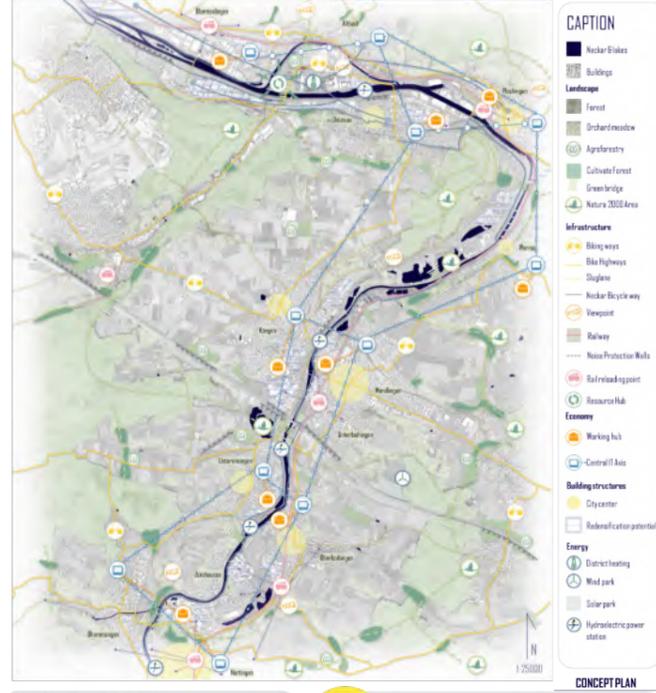
HOW WILL WE WORK? WORKING TYPOLOGIES: INTELLIGENT SWARMS... Digitally organized service industry... Flexible project oriented collaboration...

HOW WILL WE SHAPE THE LANDSCAPE? GROW TOGETHER: Landscape connection & development manifest... Green Parks, implementation of green structures...

HOW WILL WE FUEL THE REGION? REPOWER THE REGION with renewable energy... FUEL SWITCH DIVERSIFICATION... INFRASTRUCTURAL SYMBIOSIS...

HOW WILL WE MOVE? MICRO-MOBILITY IN THE DISTRICT... MOBILITY - Connect and grow together... Mobility transition: diverse and decentral solutions...

## NECKARNET: CONNECTING the Neckar Region on different scales



CAPTION: Neckar Stakes, Buildings, Landscape, Forest, Orchard/meadow, Agriculture, Cultivated forest, Green bridge, Nature 2000 area, Infrastructure, Biking ways, Bike Highways, Signage, Neckar Bicycle way, Viewpoint, Railway, Noise Protection Walls, Rainwatering, Resource Hub, Economy, Working hub, Central/Bus, Citycenter, Reurbanization potential, Energy, District heating, Wind park, Solar park, Hydropower station.



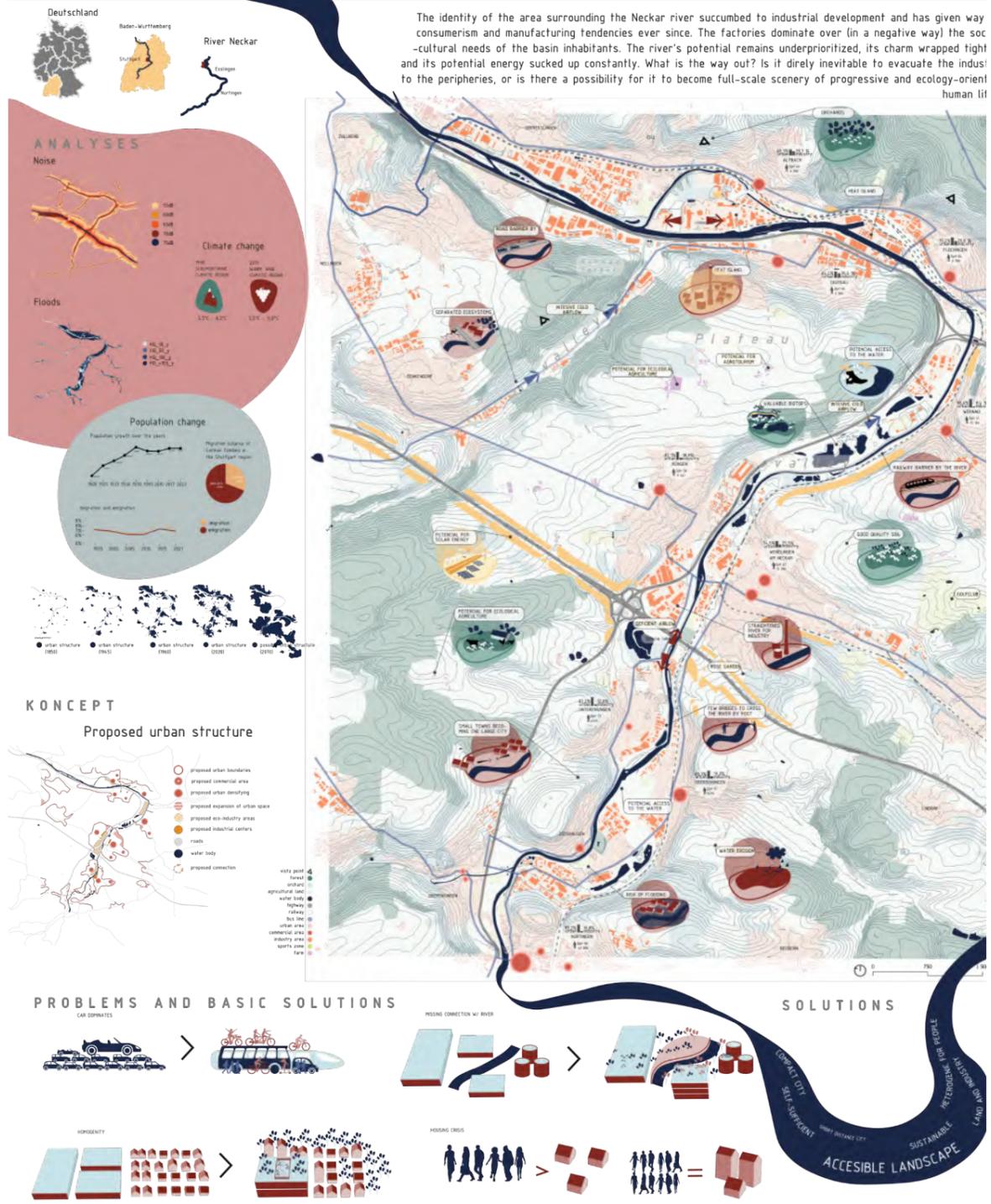
NECKAR-NORTHWEST: the catalyst of sustainability. LIFE ON THE ISLAND: activities & places to be. VISION 2050 Development Strategy. Includes detailed maps, zone descriptions, and a timeline from 2025 to 2050.



# Neckar : Factory of life

Water creates all life. It begins in water and it ends there. How we crave and worship water sources leads to our destiny in this globe. As we as a society grow, the tendency of respecting earth source (as water, land etc.) increase

The identity of the area surrounding the Neckar river succumbed to industrial development and has given way consumerism and manufacturing tendencies ever since. The factories dominate over (in a negative way) the socio-cultural needs of the basin inhabitants. The river's potential remains underprioritized, its charm wrapped tight and its potential energy sucked up constantly. What is the way out? Is it direly inevitable to evacuate the industry to the peripheries, or is there a possibility for it to become full-scale scenery of progressive and ecology-oriented human life?



# Final Evaluation Round

## Mendel University Brno and Brno University of Technology, Czech Republic

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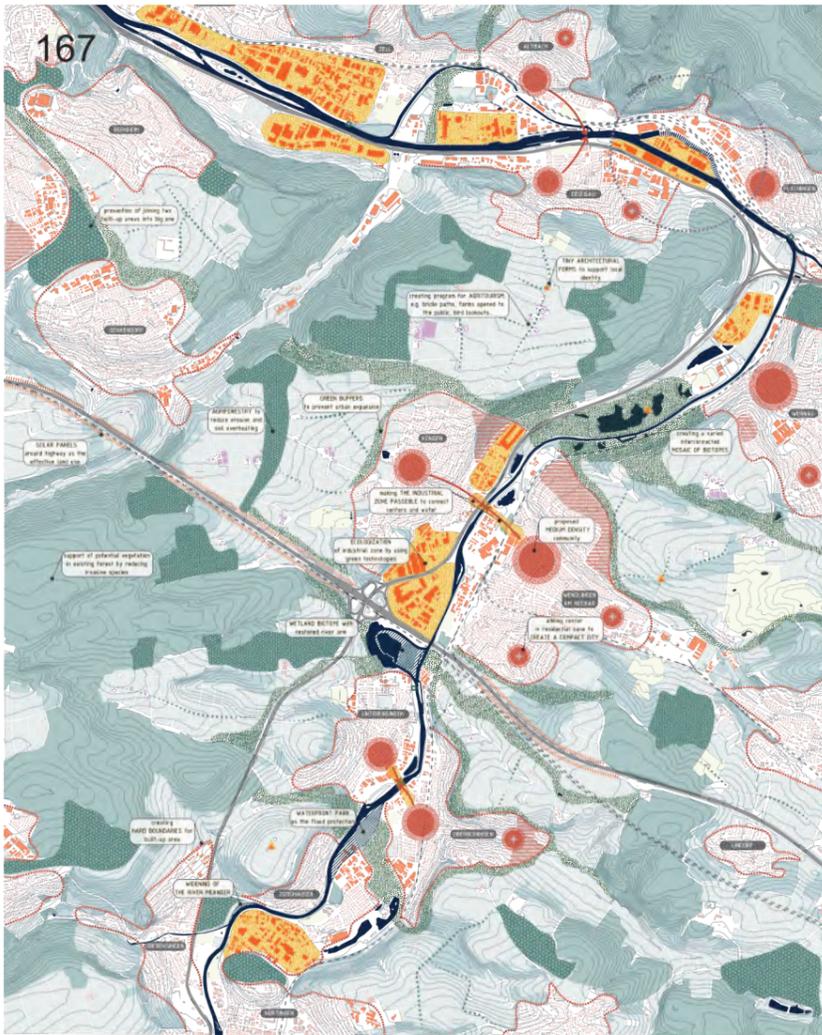
### Neckar - Factory for Life

The most prominent elements of the region are industry and the river Neckar. Industry > Buildings/Employment > Factory. River > Water > Life. Factory for Life. The river works as a factory which brings life not only in the sense of fauna and flora and the blue-green infrastructure, but it also brings life for people as a source of water, a source of energy, a source of livelihood.

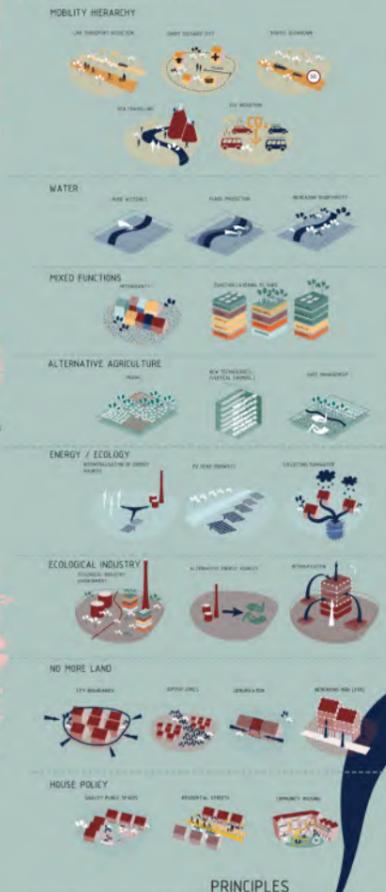
Even though the study area includes the river floodplain as well as the plain above, the greatest problems occur in the floodplain due to the concentration of life there. The dominance of car traffic, monofunctionality and low intensity housing, which leads to lack of development areas for industry and to a housing crisis, or barriers that lower the permeability and accessibility of landscape are just a few to mention.

Our concept focuses on several principles which support sustainability and viability of this region. We propose increasing heterogeneity of space and buildings (hubs) by mixing different functions, not only in industrial and urban areas but also in agriculture by creating a rich mosaic and by using new technologies e.g. in stacked farming.

Support for mixed functions and intensification of the use of already built-up areas ensure compliance with the no-more-land policy, the city boundaries are strictly defined, and construction is allowed only for densification or increment of height. Industrial sites should create a place for alternative energy sources and support ecological principles, just like within the energy industry where we support decentralization of energy sources and



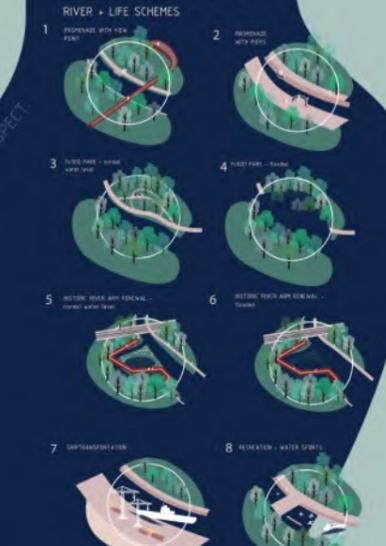
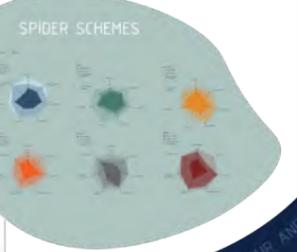
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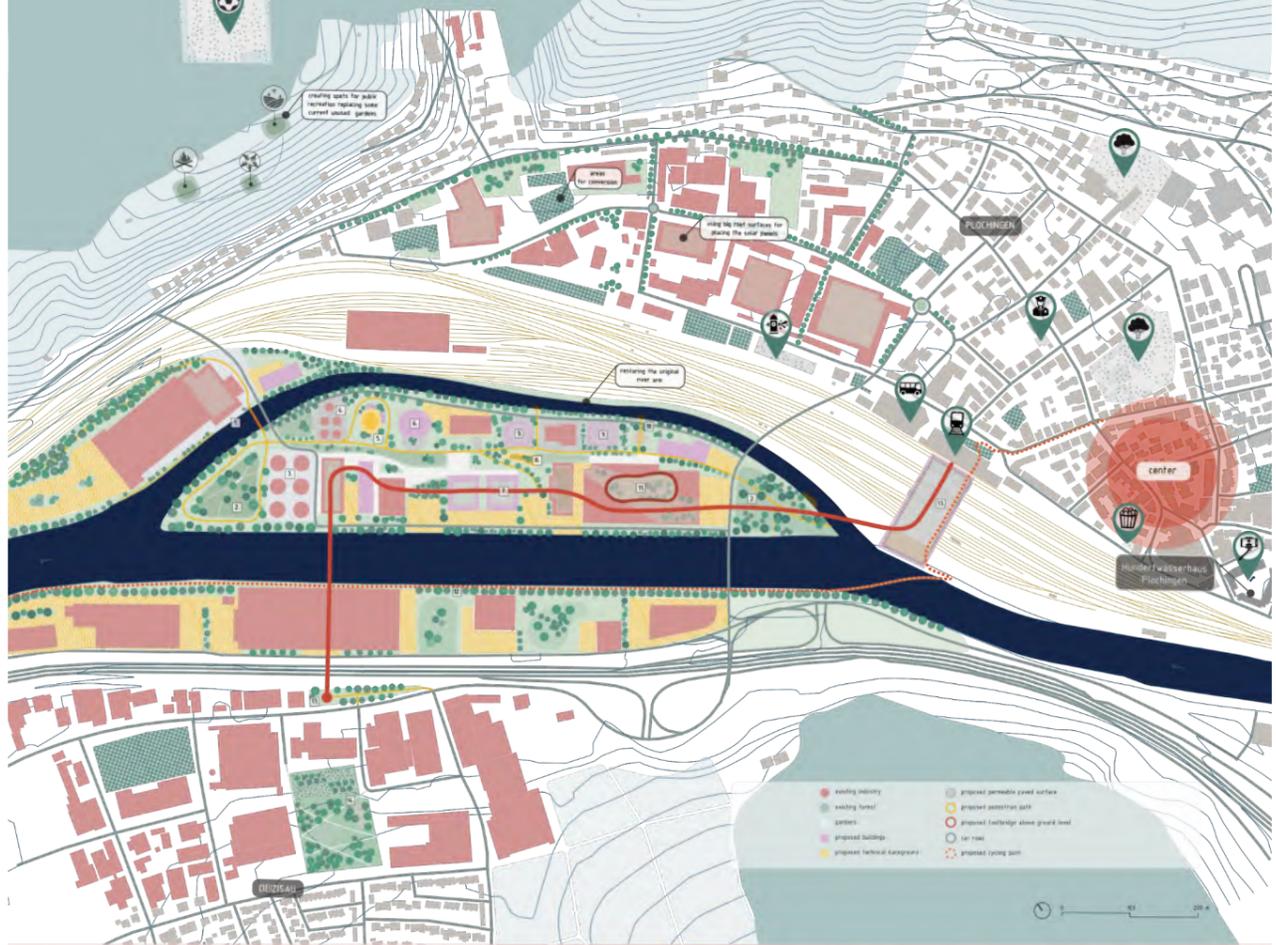
**LEGEND**

- Existing roads
- Existing buildings
- Existing vegetation
- Proposed roads
- Proposed buildings
- Proposed vegetation
- Proposed parking
- Proposed public spaces
- Proposed infrastructure
- Proposed water features
- Proposed green roofs
- Proposed solar panels
- Proposed green walls
- Proposed green facades
- Proposed green balconies
- Proposed green terraces
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Water is driving force of all nature.  
*Leonardo da Vinci*



# Neckar : Factory of life



1. RECOVERING SOME OF THE RIVER NECKAR OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS WATER SPORTS. PART OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IS TRANSFORMED INTO WATER SPORTS CENTRE.
2. SAVE THE USE OF EXISTING SPACE IS MADE MORE EFFICIENT BY BEING PART OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE UPPER FLOOR. THERE IS PROPOSED SPACE FOR PUBLIC SPACES WHICH OVERLOOK THE WATER EXTERIOR.
3. PART OF THE EXISTING IS LEFT FOR EXISTING USE, WITH THE BUILDINGS BEING REDESIGNED BY THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES. THE INDUSTRY IS SERVED BY AN AREA THAT FOR SOME REASONS IS THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE.
4. CYCLOPATHS AND BIKERS ARE TRANSFORMED INTO A COMMON CENTER AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PUBLIC.
5. THE BEST VIEW IS SERVED AS A SMALL SQUARE FOR THE QUALITY, WHICH IS IN CONTACT WITH THE RIVER AND WHICH IS MADE IN THE SUMMER MONTHS WITH SHADING AROUND THE BANKS.
6. PROPOSED SPACE WITH PUBLIC SPACES ON THE UPPER FLOOR PROTECTING THEM AND IS A STRUCTURE OF THE EXISTING TRENCH IN THE TRENCH.
7. THE PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACES ARE THE WATER AREA AND CREATING CONNECTION BETWEEN ALL OF THE EXISTING TRENCH PROGRAMS.
8. PUBLIC RECREATION AREA FOR THE PUBLIC AS AN ENTERTAINMENT ZONE.
9. THE TRUCKS DRIVING WITH FARMER PLATFORMS ARE SERVING SERVICE PURPOSES SUCH AS PARKING INFRASTRUCTURE, OPEN OFFICE SPACE, EVENT PARKING ETC.
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Industrialized areas have always been evasive of wide public access, but perhaps we reached a point where we should sacrifice less space for concrete or asphalt surfaces in favor of widely accessible and enjoyable landscape. Our design takes this as the priority, along with underlining the importance of industry itself through letting people find themselves surrounded by it – and giving them opportunity to soak in the atmosphere of these areas.





# 169 Riverscape Renaissance

The story of a disconnected landscape, Analysis

## Introducing the challenges

The Neckar valley, in the south-western German state of Baden-Württemberg, has been lively since the beginning of time, with the river Neckar providing water and enabling life. The river and its water system have connected the forests, the meadows, and the people. However, in recent years, the river, the landscape and its inhabitants have become disconnected. Nowadays, the valley landscape seems divided due to the development of the industry and towns, which created harsh borders and impermeable barriers.

Apart from sprawling settlements, the valley is threatened by climate change, erosion, water pollution, reduced water buffer capacity and decreasing biodiversity. Furthermore, as of now the area is still dependent on fossil fuels, only having a few hydro-power stations and a small amount of solar power stations. For the landscape to become a fully functioning system again, the natural as well as the man-made elements to be reconstructed and principles of sustainability and self-sufficiency should be applied.

## Fragmentation of green areas

The gaps separating the key green corridors are still significant despite efforts to reduce them. The two main spatial factors that divide the green corridors to the areas are transport, infrastructure, settlements and industry along the river.

## Typical spatial typology

These sections on the right side represent typical spatial typology of the Neckar valley. They demonstrate that the closer to the river we get, the denser the settlements are. Agricultural and green belts are therefore mostly located on the slopes and hillsides.



## Development over time



## Flood prone in urban areas

Flooding will be a bigger issue in the future due to frequent droughts. Small floods will occur every 10 years and large floods every 50 years on average. This could have catastrophic consequences unless addressed accordingly.

## Groundwater availability and pollution in agricultural land

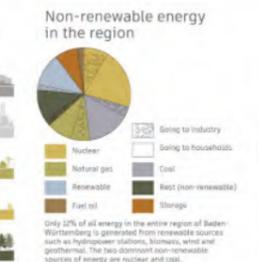
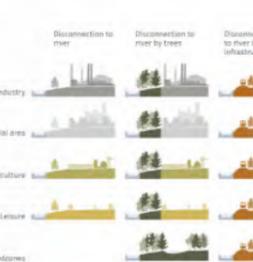
The groundwater supply for agricultural land in the area is either low or fluctuating, which could mean water shortage in the future. In certain parts, agriculture overlaps with water protection areas, which could cause water pollution.

## Water and wind erosion on arable land

Erosion is mostly present on large fields and slopes. Water and wind erosion will become more problematic in the future, due to severe weather conditions.

## Disconnection between land and river

The landscape around the river is largely visually detached from the river. The reason for this fragmentation is often a major road or railway but sometimes also a wide strip of trees.



**Legend**

- River and creeks
- Residential areas
- Industry
- Agriculture
- Forest
- Roads

**Challenges concluded**

- Find renewable alternatives for energy production.
- Efficiently utilize potential for renewable energy production.
- Implement measures to allow migration of fish.
- Minimize soil erosion to prevent nutrient run-off and water pollution.
- Improve green infrastructures.
- Create space for river to overflow.
- Care for the Neckar tributaries.
- Make Neckar river a prominent feature of the landscape.
- Improve water quality in the river.

# Final Evaluation Round

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## Riverscape Renaissance

The goal of our design is to achieve a gradual revival of the river landscape through thoughtful interventions across three fields: Energy, Land Management and most importantly, Water System. It is water that ties the whole valley together, therefore regenerating the Neckar and its tributaries means transforming the riverscape as a whole.

First, we strive to create more space for fluctuating water levels, which will provide new landscapes along the Neckar for socializing, production and for biodiversity. The areas at the river will eventually become multi-functional, supplying space for living, working, leisure and wildlife. Our next step is to rejuvenate and expand the creeks and thus form a strong green-blue infrastructure across the urban and agricultural areas.

We also suggest sustainable water management practices to improve the quality of aquatic habitats, which will make the river safe to swim and to fish in. To tackle the energy problem, we propose changes in infrastructure and urban planning to reduce energy consumption, as well as several options for local renewable energy sources, mainly agrovoltatics and biomass production making the region largely self-sufficient.

Our design also proposes revised land management that combines diverse agricultural practices and extensive green corridors to address soil degradation, uneven rainfall distribution and growing demand for food. The solutions in our design will make the riverscape productive, accessible and attractive, while also restoring the Neckar River to its rightful place as the lead aspect of the landscape.

# 169 Riverscape Renaissance

Bringing the Neckar riverscape together, Master plan

## The revival

We based our design around three pillars: **Energy, Land management and most importantly, Water system.** Focusing on these three aspects will accomplish a gradual revival of the Riverscape.

Within Energy, we are looking at satisfying the growing local demand **without adverse effect on the environment.** Generating renewable energy will be the key to achieving a **productive landscape.** Proposed sources of energy include solar power, hydropower and biomass.

The most extensive pillar is Land Management. It includes agriculture, where we want to **boost food production, improve soil quality and enhance biodiversity.** Hand in hand with agriculture comes ecology as it involves restoring and improving existing habitats, but also creating new ones. Land Management also includes **urban development and infrastructure,** where we are striving for a more convenient, people-friendly design.

The most significant pillar is the Water System, since water is **involved in every other aspect** of the design. Our approach revolves around improving water quality, creating space for the river and making water more **accessible** to both wildlife and people.

People have **lost touch with water** and the land, therefore our goal is to create a landscape that people will care about once again. We want to achieve this through **restoring connections and creating multifunctional spaces.** Restoring connections involves creating physical links such as green and blue infrastructure, but also breaking down barriers. Wherever direct access is not possible, we are attempting for a **visual connection** and for a feeling of **undivided space.**

A truly connected space is multifunctional as it brings together numerous activities and **naturally draws in visitors** – both humans and wildlife. This is manifested in the farmlands where food and energy production, biodiversity and recreation come hand in hand. The same goes for towns in the valley, because they **bring together** living and working environment, space for leisure as well as aquatic habitats.

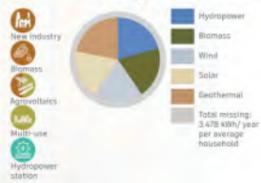
## Water, the driver of rebirth

The story of water starts **uphill** under the trees, where springs emerge to the surface and begin their journey through the **Riverscape.** First they **flow over** the farmlands where water is an essential ingredient for a **successful harvest.** After leaving the fields behind, springs enter the urban landscape, where they provide a **cool refuge from the busy towns** and bring nature into people's everyday lives.

They are now just a small distance away from their destination. The River Neckar, where water is free to expand, move around and is the **focus point, the backbone of the region.**

Through revitalizing the tributaries and the river itself, we shall bring about a **Renaissance of the whole Riverscape,** because the water system connects everything from the highlands to the wetlands and creates an amazing landscape along the way for us to **experience and enjoy.**

## Energy in the future



## Solutions for disconnection between land and river

Relocate infrastructure and change priorities to give space to new functions like city beaches.

Move infrastructure into tunnels. Creating space for leisure and people on ground level.

Move infrastructure slightly down for visual connections with the water.

Turn the big infrastructure into bicycle paths and use the remaining space for nature.

Lift infrastructure up to create more space for flooding areas.

Thinning down trees to restore a visual connection.

Create city beaches instead of trees for new flood zones.

Move industry to give more space to nature and recreation.

## Solutions

**Energy**  
Industry is scaled down and powered by renewable energy only. It no longer crosses the river.

Local biomass stations provide heating and hot water for whole neighborhoods.

Agrovoltaics provide locally sourced solar energy combined with crop production.

Agroforestry combines a hybrid green infrastructure with a productive landscape.

Compact living saves valuable outdoor areas for public space.

Variations in landscape create resilient habitats and exciting scenery.

Adding bike infrastructure gives more transport options and battles car dependency.

Urban multi-use areas combine living, working and leisure in one landscape.

Resilient creek structure forms ecological corridors and softens urban areas.

Gateways from the meadows to urban areas create connection with the Neckar and the valley.

Hydropower stations generate renewable energy. Flexibility in use changes fish habitats and winter energy production.

Fish systems allow fish migration, even though a hydropower plant is operating in the same stream.

A place for leisure at the waterfront and wetlands to enjoy the surrounding nature.

Wetlands create space for diverse fauna and flora, improve water quality and form attractive landscapes.

Properly filtered sewage systems to improve water quality in the river.

Renewable retention ponds for irrigation to overcome dry spells.

**Land management**  
Intensive agriculture utilizes space efficiently combining food, energy and biomass production.

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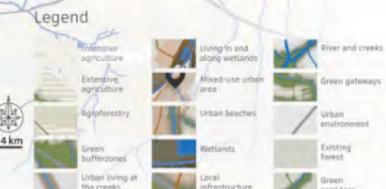
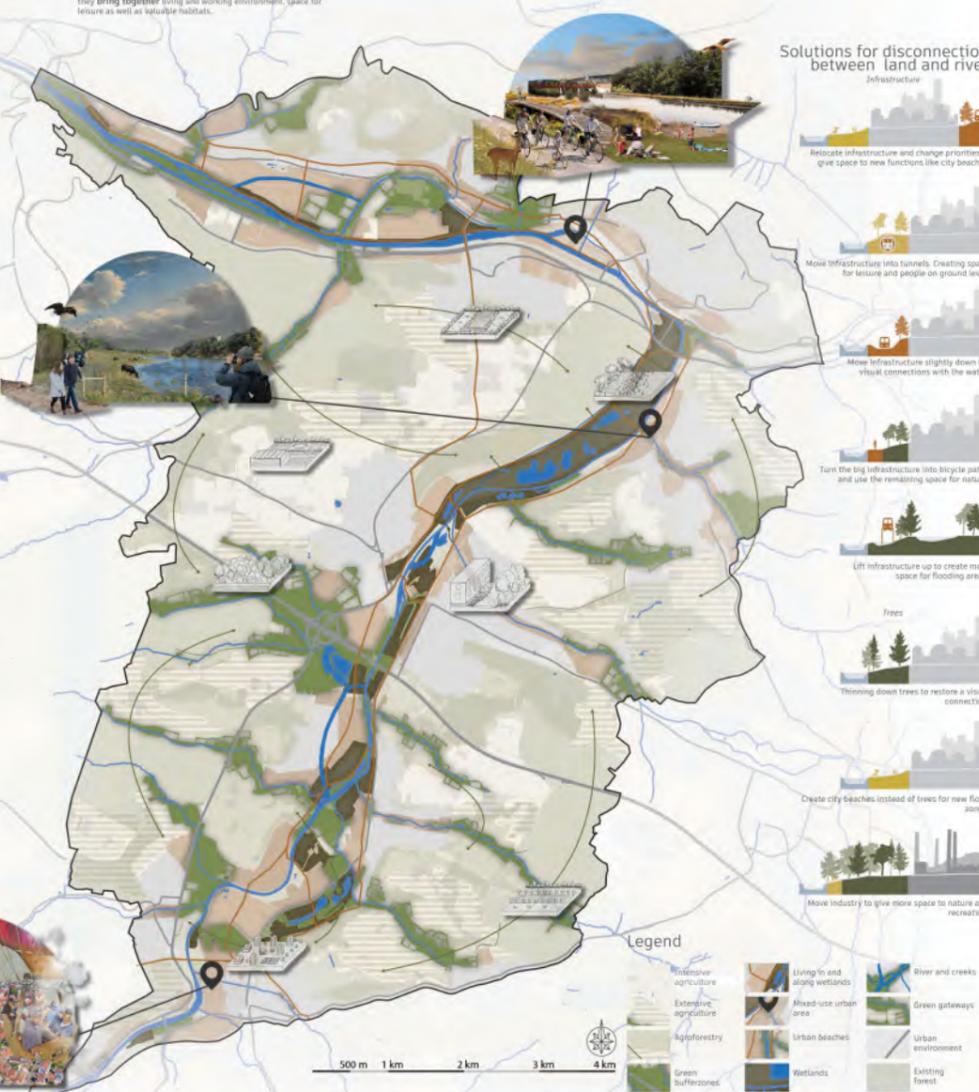
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# 169 Riverscape Renaissance

The Neckar in Depth, Elaboration

## Fluctuating river

We have chosen to elaborate on the area surrounding the **Neckar Spillways**, since it represents the center of the Neckar valley. This is where the **renaissance of the landscape begins.** We have redesigned both the lowlands and the upland, however our focus is on the **river system.** Its **fluctuating water levels** have a significant influence on how the landscape looks and provides the opportunity to create a second chance for **connection between people and nature.**



## Energy and biodiversity

Hydropower stations remain as an important source of renewable energy. They are adapted to the local biodiversity by implementing fish ladders that allow migration of fish.

## Living in flood zone

In flood zones, housing and industry are located on raised structures, which become islands in times of flooding. Individual islands are connected by bridges to allow the movement of people around. When the water is low, the area around the islands can be used for recreation or other farming.

# 169 Riverscape Renaissance

## Neckar's next chapter, Strategy

### Resolution

Our vision for the renaissance of the Neckar valley cannot be implemented all at once. Therefore, we propose a **timeline**, which introduces the major design moves **step by step** over the next 50 years. The steps are distributed over three main areas, namely the **river valley, the towns and hillsides and the rural areas uphill**. The timeline also functions as a graph, in which the **investments, costs and benefits** of the project are illustrated over the years. The costs and benefits include **economic profit, ecological gain** and the **participation** of the stakeholders. The final part is a visualization of the **ideal riverscape**.

### Legend

- Economy** (Green circle)
- Ecology** (Blue circle)
- Participation** (Red circle)
- Personal involvement and small business** (Green square)
- Investment** (Green square)
- Profit** (Green square)
- Reinvestment** (Green square)
- Channeling** (Green square)
- Corporations and NGOs** (Blue square)
- Governmental organisations (Local, regional, national and European)** (Blue square)

2030

#### River Revealed

The Renaissance of the riverscape begins with revitalizing the river and its tributaries. Once the water gets more space, the landscape gradually transforms, and new functions are introduced. The Neckar is no longer just a body of water, but a space for social activities, sports, and a place to explore and study nature. This alters the way people look at the valley and becomes the driver for future changes.

**Connection restored**  
Radical changes in infrastructure and reduction of traffic along the river restore visual connection and unhindered access to the river.

#### Creeks rejuvenated

**Improved creeks:** Existing creeks in the valley are restored and new waterways within the urban space are constructed. This brings water closer to people and not only acts as a recreational space, but also has a cooling effect on the city. Green buffers along the creeks protect water quality and provide corridors for wildlife.

**Societalizing near the water:** To boost support from locals, more space for leisure and socializing is created by constructing urban beaches and expanding the areas along the creeks. Their main function is to bring people together and create a connection between the locals and the water.

**Sewage systems:** Water quality is improved and the river and creeks are suitable for swimming thanks to water protection measures. New sewage systems recycle filtered water to be used locally.

#### Rural landscape regenerated

To allow locals get used to changes in the agricultural landscape, a pilot farm will introduce practices such as agroforestry, agrovoltaics and rainwater retention ponds. Local farmers will get the opportunity to learn new techniques and see their economic and environmental benefits. Agritourism will bring more people to the area and provide opportunities to enjoy fresh produce, attractive landscape and biodiversity.

2040

#### Build up, not out

Urban development no longer grows beyond its current borders. Urban expansion rather takes the form of high-rise buildings. The transition between landscape and city will be transparent. Build up, not out!

#### Dynamic living

1. Impermeable surfaces, some infrastructure and industry are removed from around the river and become valuable space for further development. For example, by freeing up space for a more accessible river people will experience the water again. Therefore be more connected to the city and local economy.

2. Soil is removed in certain parts to allow water to seep in and for the river to expand. New developments are built on mounds and the area in between the islands is used for leisure and social activities. Remaining space is dedicated to wetlands that increase biodiversity and make the area more resilient. These wetlands along the river are also used for agriculture and willow farming for biomass production in low water season.

3. The river is given the space it needs throughout the year. Islands make the housing and industry structures less susceptible to flood damage, which prevents future costs. Individual islands are interconnected with bridges and thus social cohesion and mobility are maintained.

#### Energy revised

Transition towards exclusively renewable energy is a gradual process that takes place over several decades. This is an essential transition for the resilience of the riverscape and all its industry and inhabitants.

**Less energy used:** Car dependency is reduced thanks to new cycling routes and convenient public transport. Housing is more energy-efficient and industry is scaled down.

**Renewable energy production upscaled:** Only renewable energy is produced in the area and the rate of production is increased.

**Residential areas adapted to renewable energy:** Local biomass stations provide heating and hot water per neighborhood.

**Diversified energy sources:** Agrovoltaics, biomass and water power are the main energy sources in the area. Geothermal energy, solar panels on roofs and wind energy are also part of the plan.

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#### Transport reconsidered

Availability of public transport and cycling infrastructure reduces traffic and allows more space for pedestrians. Multi-functional neighborhoods decrease distances between living and working environments, making it possible to commute to work on foot or by bicycle.

#### Challenges resolved

The valley landscape is restored through **rehabilitating the entire water system**. From the river itself to the smallest creeks in the upland. **Renewable alternatives** for energy production include solar power, biomass, and hydropower. Agrovoltaic systems and biomass production in wetlands and green corridors **utilize potential space** for renewable energy production **efficiently**. Improved **green infrastructure** in the countryside **minimizes soil erosion**, improves biodiversity, and protects creeks. The Neckar tributaries are **revitalized** and act as green-blue corridors through the urban landscape.

The **river itself is a prominent feature** of the landscape with plenty of space to overflow thanks to new wetlands and permeable urban spaces. **Water quality is excellent** and safe to swim in thanks to responsible water management and protection of water sources. **Fish population is healthy** as a result of fish passages and improved aquatic habitats.

The newly formed connection between the people and the river creates an awareness and desire to **live in harmony with the Neckar** and the surrounding nature. This makes the **Neckar the lead aspect of the landscape** once again.

#### Diverse countryside

Hedges and in the rural areas provide green corridors, through which species can migrate across farmland. The creek system also serves as a migration route from the valley up to the hills. This exchange of genetic material keeps local populations healthy and strong, which in turn makes the riverscape resilient and future-proof.

**Target species:** Large mammalian species like the European wolf (*Canis lupus*) and the Roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) and herbal plant species such as the Revenant gossypium (*Chenopodium bonus-henricus*) can once again be found in the area. This is thanks to improved environmental conditions and sustainable management of the landscape.

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#### Resilient agriculture

**Agroforestry:** Agroforestry combines growing crops and trees on the same plot. Trees stabilize slopes, reduce wind speeds and can be used for production of fuel or biomass.

**Extensive agriculture:** Broad network of green corridors and extensive pastures prevent soil erosion, protect vulnerable areas and retain water.

**Intensive agriculture:** Intensive agriculture utilizes space efficiently combining food, energy and biomass production. Solar panels installed over arable land protect crops from excess sunlight and torrential rain. Rainwater retention ponds and irrigation systems ensure stable water supply.

